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## **Belle II Commissioning, First Results, and Future Prospects**

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The Belle II experiment has begun its main physics running with a fully instrumented detector in Tsukuba, Japan. With the SuperKEKB asymmetric-energy  $e^+e^-$  collider producing collisions with an ultimate design luminosity of  $8 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and a planned  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  data set, the Belle II/SuperKEKB facility is poised to become the world's first Super B Factory. Belle II plans to perform a broad range of high precision measurements in flavor physics while also exploring hints of new physics along with a robust program for dark matter searches. This talk will present the results of the commissioning stages performed to prepare for long-term running in a challenging high-luminosity environment, first results from the Belle II physics program, and future prospects.

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