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# Towards the Particle Collider Luminosity Frontier: The latest from the Belle II Experiment



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# The SuperKEKB accelerator is pushing the collider luminosity frontier for Belle II to study the matter/antimatter asymmetry

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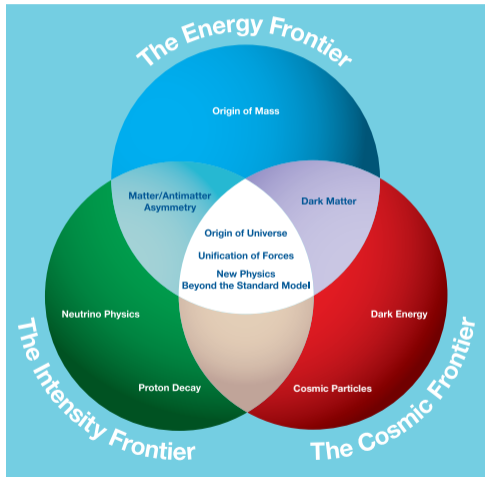
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Higher luminosities  $\rightarrow$  higher precision measurements at Belle II.  
LHC+ATLAS prioritize energy. All parts of the bigger picture.

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**Luminosity**



**Energy**

$$\text{Integrated Luminosity} = \int \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{dN_{\text{events}}}{dt} dt$$



# The SuperKEKB particle collider accelerates beams of electrons and positrons, stores them in a ring, and collides them.

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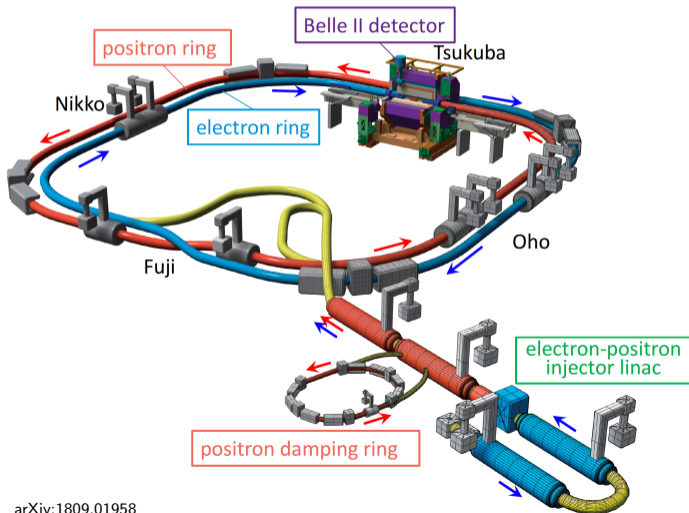
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- ▶  $e^-$  beam: 7 GeV
- ▶  $e^+$  beam: 4 GeV
- ▶ Centre of mass energy:  
 $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$  GeV
- ▶ Beam energies increased  
in the linear accelerator
- ▶  $\sim 3$  bunches per ring are  
topped up at  $\sim 50$  Hz for  
continuous collisions.

arXiv:1809.01958





# SuperKEKB set a world record for instantaneous luminosity in June 2020 while on our way to target nominal specifications

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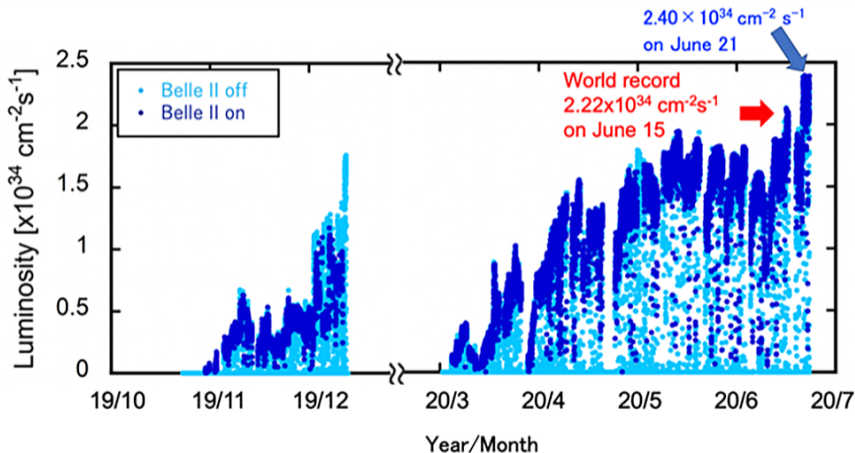
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Continuously improving... Unofficially on May 17th:  $L_{inst.}^{peak} = 2.957 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

<https://www.kek.jp/en/newsroom/2020/06/26/1400/>



Recorded  $> 180\text{fb}^{-1}$  of data but the target =  $50\text{ab}^{-1}$ . Early days for experiment but enough data for initial or new studies.

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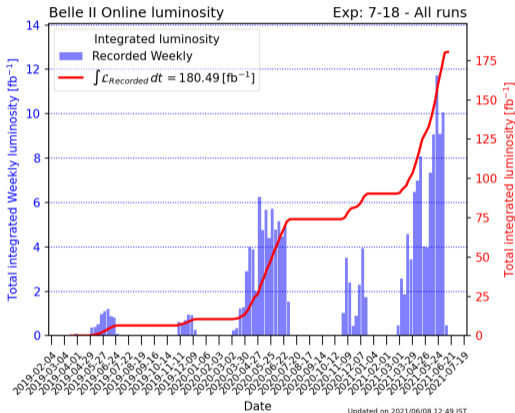
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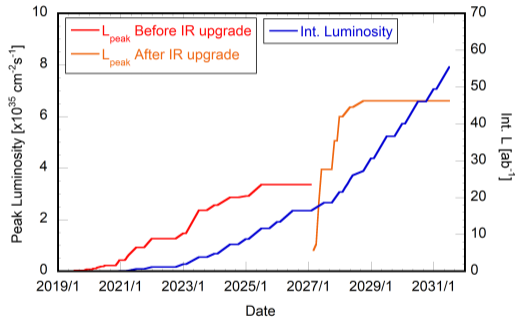
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# Belle II is the only detector along the collider ring

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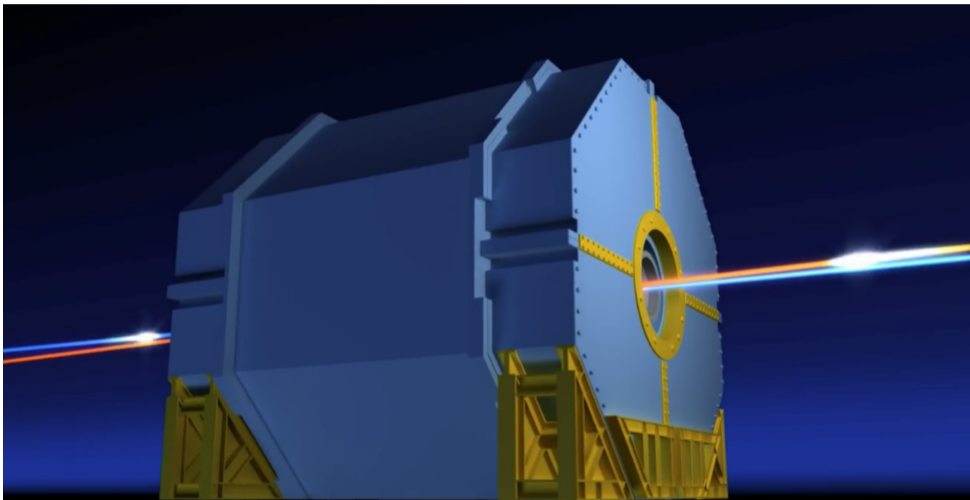
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The accelerator collides the beams at the centre of the Belle II detector, nominally every 4 ns

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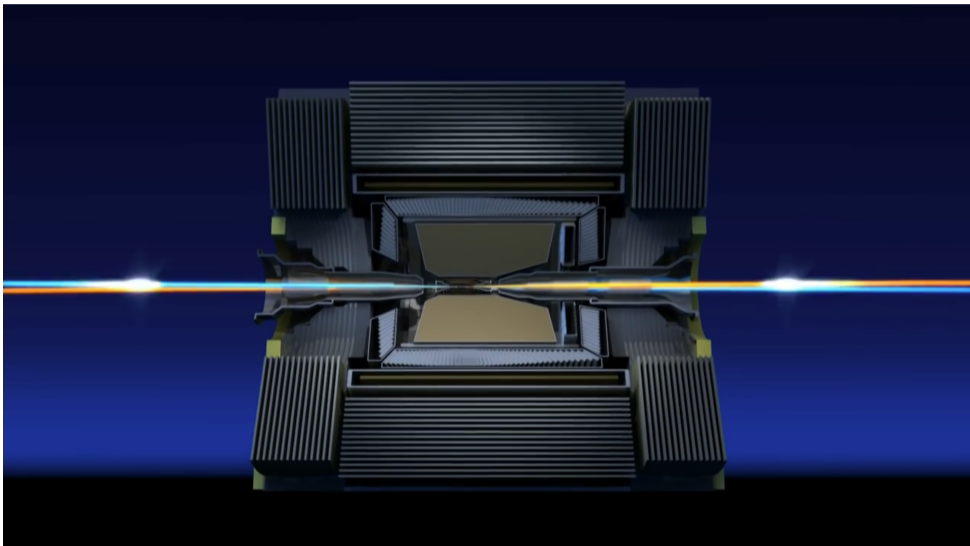
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# The final state particles are measured by Belle II.

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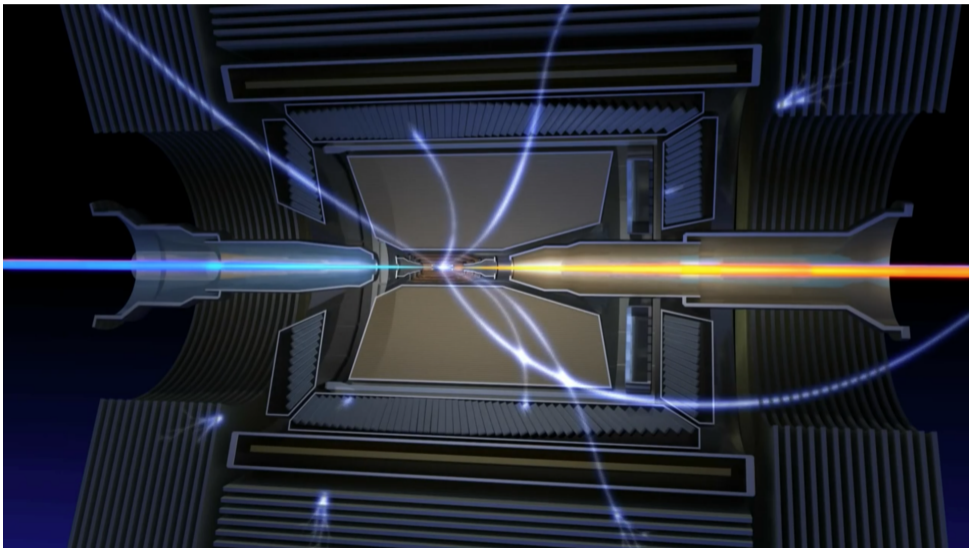
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# Various sub-detectors measure the trajectories of charged particles, the energies of particles, and perform particle identification

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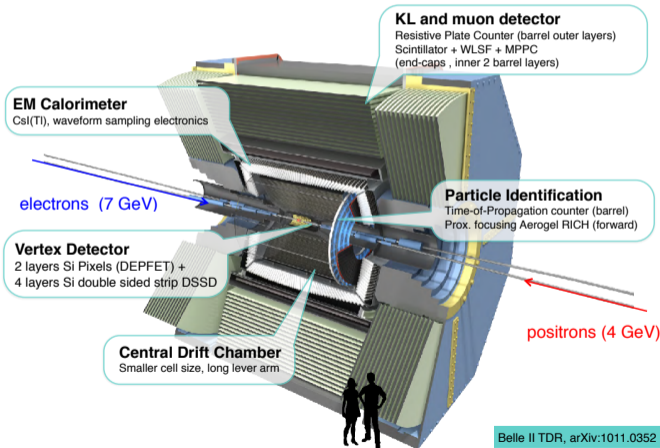
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- ▶ Asymmetric particle beam energies + detector
- ▶ Cylindrical layout of layers of detectors
- ▶ Solenoid (1.5 T) bends trajectories of charged particles in  $\phi$  (in plane orthogonal to beam axis)
- ▶ The K Long and Muon detector is a tracking detector with alternating layers of iron and detectors: make  $K_L^0$  shower for more hits.
- ▶ Particle identification detectors to distinguish  $K^\pm$  from  $\pi^\pm$  etc.

Belle II TDR, arXiv:1011.0352



# SuperKEKB will produce a relatively large number of $B^0$ and $B^\pm$ mesons

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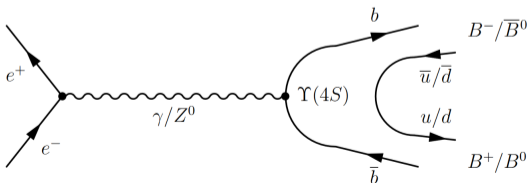
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- ▶ The collider centre of mass energy =  $10.58 \text{ GeV} \sim m[\Upsilon(4S)]$   
→ large cross-section for producing  $\Upsilon(4S)$ .
- ▶  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ 
  - ▶  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^0\bar{B}^0$  : 47% of decays
  - ▶  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^+B^-$  : 49% of decays
- ▶ SuperKEKB is a “B factory” ....  $b$ -quarks !!!



$\Upsilon(4S) = b\bar{b}$  meson  
 $B \equiv B^\pm, B^0, \bar{B}^0$   
 $B^+ = u\bar{b}$  meson  
 $B^0 = d\bar{b}$  meson



# Goals are to study matter/anti-matter asymmetry, perform precision measurements, and search for new physics

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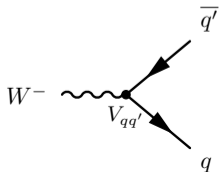
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## Belle II physics goals:

- ▶ Search for new physics through precision measurements that are sensitive to the presence of heavy virtual particles (e.g. through studies of the  $\tau$ -lepton and rare  $B$  decays)
- ▶ Direct searches for physics beyond the standard model (e.g. Axion-like particles, Dark matter)
- ▶ Matter/antimatter asymmetry: Investigation of CP violation and the weak force largely by looking at  $B$  decays (e.g. through decay time dependent studies of the  $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$  system)



CKM matrix  $V = \begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix}$ , where some  $V_{qq'}$  contain a CP violating complex phase,  $\delta$ .





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# MEASUREMENT OF THE TAU MASS

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# The tau mass is a SM quantity that needs measuring and will help test the SM.

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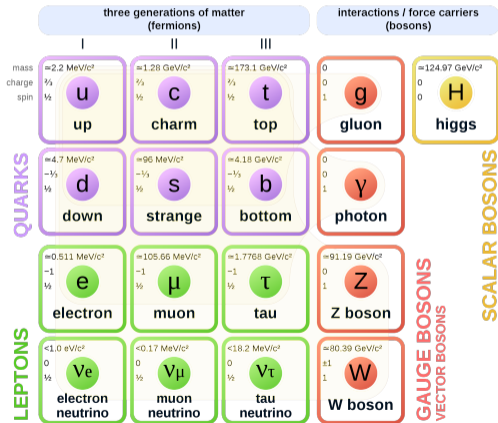
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## Standard Model of Elementary Particles



- ▶  $m_\tau$  is a SM quantity that needs measuring.
- ▶ Deviations from certain relations involving the lepton masses in the SM could (indirectly) signal the presence of physics beyond our current understanding. e.g.
  - ▶  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e \text{ or } \mu) \propto m_\tau^5$

SM branching ratio of  $\tau \rightarrow e \text{ or } \mu$  is highly sensitive to the tau mass.



# Look at di-tau events with one 1-prong tau decay and one tau decay to 3 charged pions

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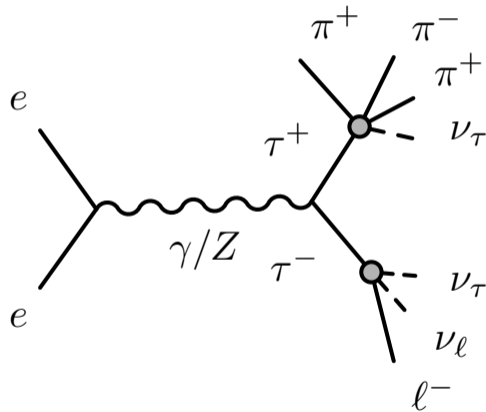
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Measure  $m_\tau$  in:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  events

Require four track final state:

- ▶ two tau decays = 1-prong decay + 3-prong decay
- ▶ Selected 3-prong tau decays:
  - ▶  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$
- ▶ A variety of 1-prong tau decays are selected
- ▶ Only one  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  allowed in final state (on the 1-prong side).

Assume charge conjugates throughout





# Measure $m_\tau$ in just the 3-prong decays by determining the endpoint of the distribution of $M_{\min} \leq m_\tau$

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Measure the mass of the  $\tau$  that underwent the 3-prong decay.

Pseudomass,  $M_{\min}$ , method developed by the ARGUS Collaboration.

Take  $p_\tau = p_{3\pi} + p_{\nu_\tau}$

... Assume  $\cos \alpha = 1$ ,  $m_\nu = 0$  ...

$$M_{\min} \equiv \sqrt{m_{3\pi}^2 + 2(E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{COM}} - E_{3\pi})(E_{3\pi} - |\mathbf{p}_{3\pi}|)} \leq m_\tau$$

- ▶ Fit the  $M_{\min}$  distribution for the end-point  $\rightarrow m_\tau$ .
- ▶ Apply corrections to compensate for the neutrino assumptions etc.

Apply somewhat simple event selection to  $8.8\text{fb}^{-1}$  of data taken in 2019....



# Correct end-point position by $0.72 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ to get tau mass measurement.

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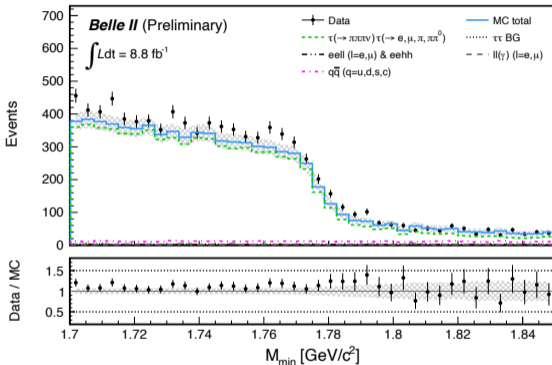
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- ▶ Fit  $M_{\min}^{\text{MC}}$  distribution to determine end-point.
- ▶ Difference between measured MC end-point and  $m_{\tau}^{\text{MC truth}}$  is  $0.72 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ .
- ▶ Use this measured bias in MC to convert measured end-point in data to  $m_{\tau}$  measurement.



# First Belle II tau mass measurement:

$$m_\tau = 1777.28 \pm 0.75 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.33 \text{ (syst.) MeV}/c^2$$

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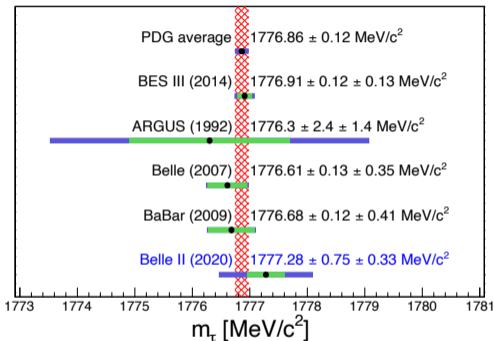
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- ▶ Largest systematic uncertainty: momentum shift due to B field map =  $0.29 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ▶ Second largest systematic: estimator bias for conversion from end-point to mass =  $0.12 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ▶ Each remaining systematic  $< 0.1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ▶ Comparatively small overall  $\sigma_{\text{syst.}}$ ; BES III better having done an energy scan.

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# MEASUREMENT OF THE BRANCHING FRACTIONS OF $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ DECAYS

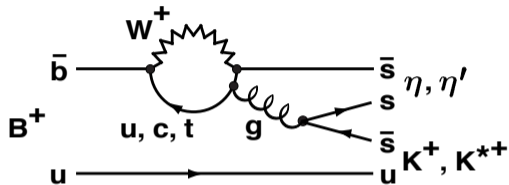
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# $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ branching ratios sensitive to new physics and a good channel for CP violation measurements

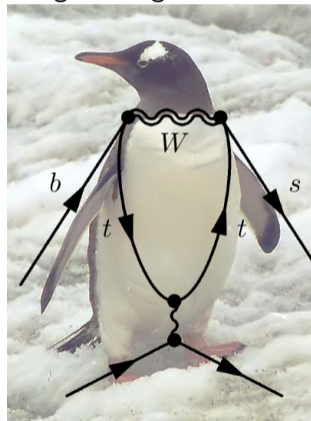
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$B \rightarrow \eta' K$  decays are:

- ▶ rare charless hadronic  $B$  decays
- ▶ sensitive to new physics via the hadronic loop
- ▶ good for precise measurements of CP violation parameters because of relatively large branching fractions ( $\mathcal{O} [10^{-5}]$ )

Penguin diagrams ! :D



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penguin\\_diagram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penguin_diagram)

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# Measure branching ratio for four different decay chains

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Look at four specific decays chains:

- ▶  $B^+ \rightarrow \eta' K^+$
- ▶  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_s^0, \quad K_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- ▶ with two selected  $\eta'$  decays:
  - ▶  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-, \quad \eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
  - ▶  $\eta' \rightarrow \rho \gamma, \quad \rho \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

$B^+$  final state:  $K^+$ , charged pions, and photons

$B^0$  final state: charged pions and photons

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# Maximum likelihood fit performed on several variables like mass and energy

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Use multidimensional maximum likelihood fit to data to determine number of signal events. Inputs:

- ▶  $\Delta E = E_B^{\text{COM}} - E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{COM}}$ 
  - ▶ Difference in the energies of the beam and the  $B$ .
  - ▶  $\Delta E \sim 0$  for true  $B$  since all particle-antiparticle decays leave each with half the centre of mass energy.
- ▶  $M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{COM}} - \mathbf{p}_B^{\text{COM}}}$ 
  - ▶ Measurement of the reconstructed  $B$  mass.
  - ▶  $M_{bc} = m_B$  for true  $B$
- ▶ Output classifier from a Boosted Decision Tree trained to remove the  $ee \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  background ( $q = u, d, s, c$ ).



# Mass and energy plots look reasonable

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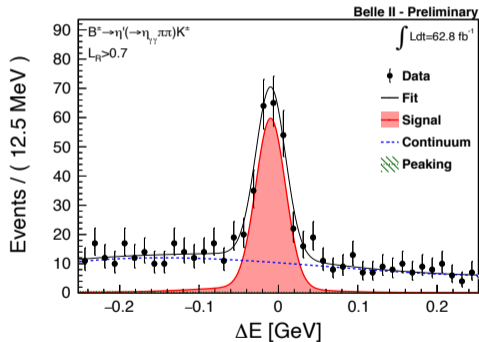
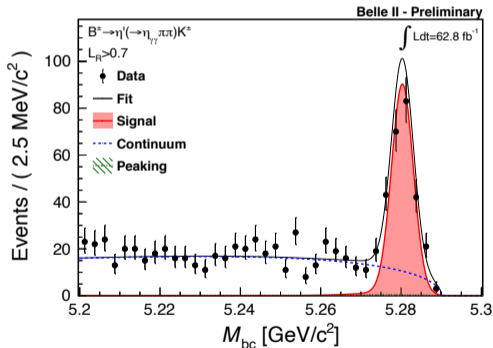
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For likelihood ratio,  $\mathcal{L} > 0.7$  and the decay chain:

$$B^+ \rightarrow \eta' K^+, \quad \eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-, \quad \eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$



PDG world average:  $m_{B^+} = 5279.25 \pm 0.26 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

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# Measured branching ratio consistent with world averages to within the uncertainties

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TABLE 1. Summary of results for the four decay channels, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $\mathcal{L} = 62.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . Measured signal yields ( $N_{sig}$ ), statistical significances ( $sig.$ ), efficiencies ( $\epsilon$ ), total efficiencies including the secondary branching ratios ( $\epsilon\mathcal{B}$ ), and the measured  $\mathcal{B}$  are reported. The uncertainties are statistical, the second uncertainty in the last column ( $\mathcal{B}$ ) is the systematic uncertainty.

Mode	$N_{sig}$	$sig.$	$\epsilon(\%)$	$\epsilon\mathcal{B}(\%)$	$\mathcal{B} (10^{-6})$
$B^\pm \rightarrow \eta'(\rightarrow \eta(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)\pi^+\pi^-)K^\pm$	$263^{+18}_{-19}$	25.7	$31.7 \pm 0.03$	5.45	$63.9^{+4.6}_{-4.4} \pm 4.0$
$B^\pm \rightarrow \eta'(\rho(\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)\gamma)K^\pm$	$335^{+26}_{-25}$	22.2	$24.2 \pm 0.04$	7.05	$62.9^{+4.8}_{-4.8} \pm 5.5$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rightarrow \eta(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)\pi^+\pi^-)K_S^0$	$80.0^{+11.2}_{-10.4}$	13.8	$31.0 \pm 0.03$	1.80	$61.6^{+8.6}_{-8.0} \pm 3.9$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho(\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)\gamma)K_S^0$	$99.7^{+14.2}_{-12.7}$	14.2	$23.6 \pm 0.04$	2.35	$58.5^{+7.9}_{-7.4} \pm 4.4$

Each of the four channels has a different largest systematic uncertainty.

PDG world averages:

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta' K^+) = (70.4 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K^0) = (66 \pm 4) \times 10^{-6}$$

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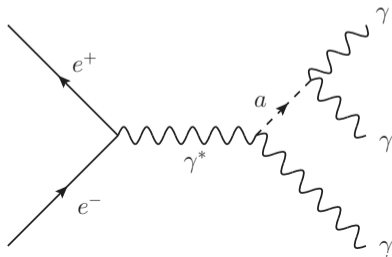
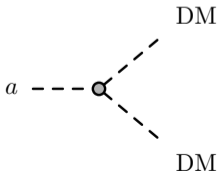
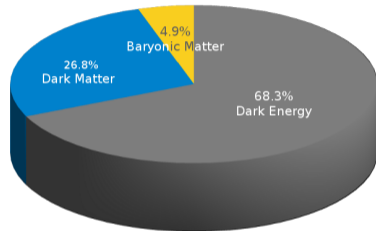
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# SEARCH FOR AXION-LIKE PARTICLES

## An Axion-like particle, $a$

- ▶ couples to bosons. Here focus on  $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- ▶ could be a “portal” or “mediator” to connect SM to Dark Matter candidates if  $m_a \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$
- ▶ has mass and couplings that are independent





# After selecting clean events with self-consistent photons, no excess observed and exclusions set

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- ▶  $445 \pm 3\text{pb}^{-1}$  of data taken in 2018
- ▶ Search for bump on large  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$  background
- ▶ Require that the photon  $t/\Delta t$  are all consistent with each other
- ▶ No tracks from the interaction point
- ▶  $0.88\sqrt{s} \leq m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma} \leq 1.03\sqrt{s}$
- ▶ No significant excesses observed
- ▶ Even with a small data set, results exclude previously unexplored parts of phase space.

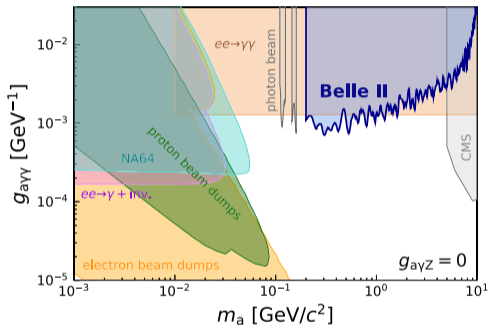


FIG. 5. Upper limit (95% C.L.) on the ALP-photon coupling from this analysis and previous constraints from electron beam-dump experiments and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma + \text{invisible}$  [6,9], proton beam-dump experiments [8],  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  [11], a photon-beam experiment [12], and heavy-ion collisions [13].



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# Early Belle II results show signs of promise for the future

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## Summary:

- ▶ Some early results already probing the unexplored
- ▶ Other early measurements show promise for the future
- ▶ The collider has set a new world record for instantaneous luminosity
- ▶ There is still a lot of work to be done to reach target of  $50\text{ab}^{-1}$

## To get to the future:

- ▶ Remove “draft” pixel detector and insert full one
- ▶ Upgrades to accelerator (shorter term)
- ▶ Upgrades to detector (longer term)
- ▶ Polarized beams?
- ▶ Me: Start applications for next postdoc position :D

For all the latest Belle II results see:

<https://docs.belle2.org/>

<https://arxiv.org/archive/hep-ex>



# AVENGERS: BELLE II - POST-CREDITS SCENE.... i.e. BACKUP SLIDES

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# The higher luminosities are largely achieved by squeezing the beams to be even smaller at the collision point

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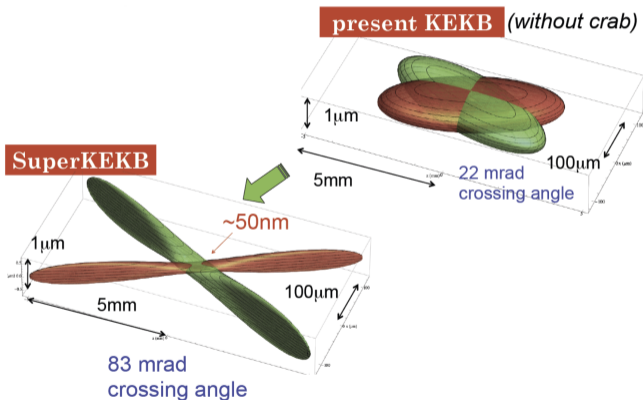
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Instantaneous luminosity of SuperKEKB  $\times 30$  that of KEKB (old collider):

- ▶  $\times 1.5$ : more particles per beam (increased current, number of bunches, etc.)
- ▶  $\times 20$ : squeezing the beams ("nano-beam" collision scheme)



# Test of lepton universality

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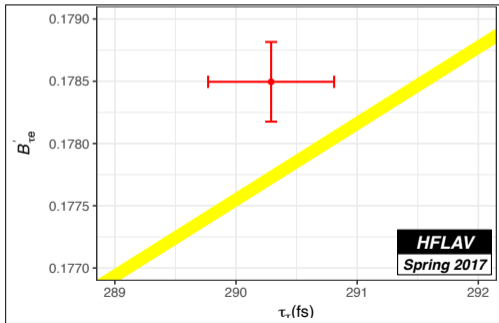
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I'm not entirely clear on this...

$$B_{\tau\ell}^{\text{SM}} = B_{\mu e} \frac{\tau_\tau}{\tau_\mu} \frac{m_\tau}{m_\mu} \frac{f_{\tau\ell} r_W^\tau r_\gamma^\tau}{f_{\mu e} r_W^\mu r_\gamma^\mu}$$

$$\dots$$
$$B_{\tau e}^{\text{SM}} \propto m_\tau^5 \tau_\tau$$



Skip most the definitions...

- ▶  $\tau_\tau$  is the lifetime of the  $\tau$
- ▶  $B_{\tau\ell}$  is the branching ratio of  $\tau$  decaying to  $\ell\nu\nu$
- ▶ We can measure  $B_{\tau e}$ ,  $m_\tau$ , and  $\tau_\tau$
- ▶ The  $B_{\tau e}^{\text{SM}}$  equation is what the Standard Model says on how  $B_{\tau e}$  varies with  $\tau_\tau$  after inputting  $m_\tau$ .
- ▶ The red point is  $(\tau_\tau^{\text{data measurement}}, B_{\tau e}^{\text{data measurement}}) = ((290.3 \pm 0.5) \text{ fs}, (17.85 \pm 0.04) \%)$ .
- ▶ The yellow line is  $B_{\tau e}^{\text{SM}}$ , based on the measured value of  $m_\tau$  with a width corresponding to the  $\tau$  lifetime uncertainty, which is dominated by the  $\tau$  mass uncertainty.

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# Look at di-tau events with one 1-prong tau decay and one tau decay to 3 charged pions

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Measure tau mass in di-tau events:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$

Require four track final state: Require one 1-prong decay and one 3-prong decay of the two taus:

▶ Selected 1-prong tau decays:

▶  $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau h^-, \quad h^- \equiv \pi^- \text{ or } K^-$

▶  $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^- \pi^0$

▶  $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau \ell^- \nu_\ell, \quad \ell^- \equiv e^- \text{ or } \mu^-$

▶  $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau (\leq 1\pi^0)$  (1 charged particle)

▶ Selected 3-prong tau decays:

▶  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$

▶ Results in at most one  $\pi^0$  in the final state.

Assume charge conjugates throughout



# A simple selection to pick out clean events and good charged pions is used

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8.8fb<sup>-1</sup> of data taken in 2019

Some of the event selections:

- ▶  $E_{\text{ECL}}/p_{\text{lab}} < 0.8$  for charged pions
  - ▶ Enhances the selection of  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$
- ▶ For  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ :
  - ▶ Require  $E_{\text{ECL}}(\gamma) > 100$  MeV
  - ▶ Require  $0.115 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.152$  GeV/ $c^2$
- ▶ Reject events with a photon of  $E > 200$  MeV that is not the daughter of a  $\pi^0$ 
  - ▶ Reduces background contamination from  $ee \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  processes.

After selections:

- ▶ Efficiency of reconstructing signal events = 16.6%
- ▶ Purity of sample = 84.5% (over non-zoomed  $M_{\text{min}}$  window).



# Backgrounds small and flat in the end-point region

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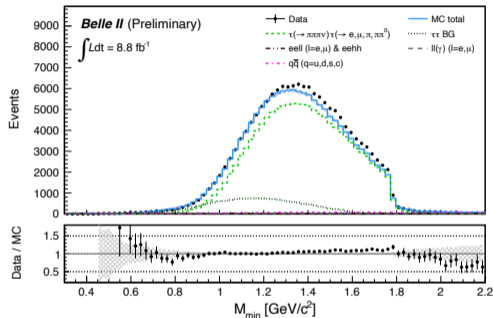
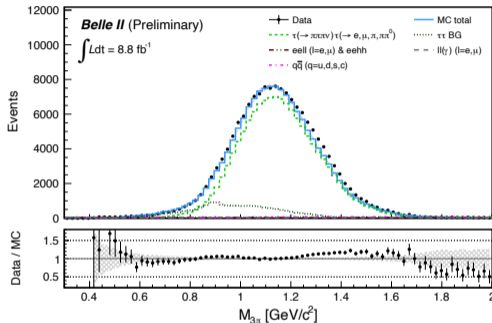
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- ▶ Dominant background in these plots is from other 3-prong tau decays but does not contaminate the end-point region where fit is performed.
- ▶ Small and flat background in the fit region



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Systematic uncertainty	MeV/ $c^2$
Momentum shift due to the B-field map	0.29
Estimator bias	0.12
Choice of p.d.f.	0.08
Fit window	0.04
Beam energy shifts	0.03
Mass dependence of bias	0.02
Trigger efficiency	$\leq 0.01$
Initial parameters	$\leq 0.01$
Background processes	$\leq 0.01$
Tracking efficiency	$\leq 0.01$

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# Future of the Belle II tau mass measurement

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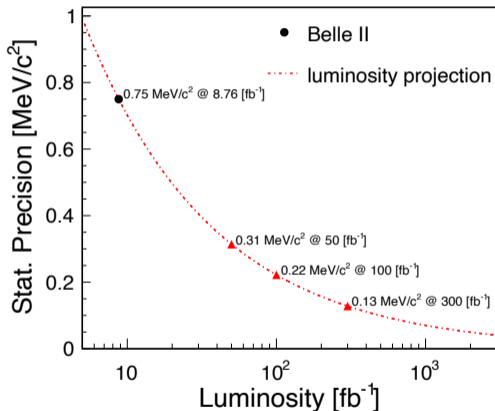
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- ▶ After improvements in the momentum scale factor systematic uncertainty, expect a future total systematic uncertainty of  $\sim 0.15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ .
- ▶ After that, need  $\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data for the measurement to become systematically dominated.

$$m_\tau = 1777.28 \pm 0.75 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.33 \text{ (syst.) MeV}/c^2$$



# Each of the four decay channels of the $B$ has a different largest systematic uncertainty

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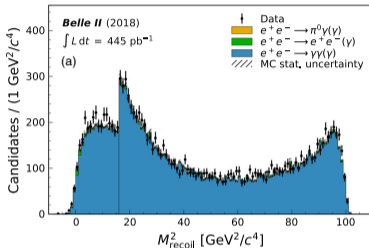
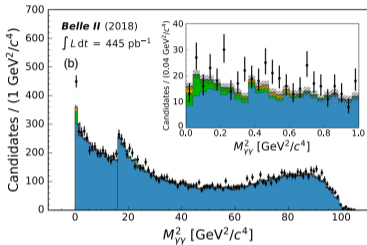
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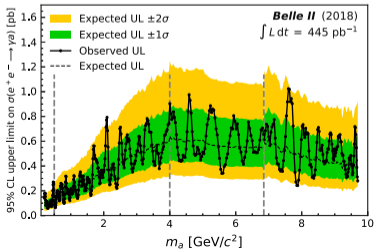
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TABLE 2. Summary of systematics uncertainties (in %) by category and channel.

Source	Channel $B^\pm \rightarrow \eta' K^\pm$	$B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0$	$B^\pm \rightarrow \eta' K^\pm$	$B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0$
	$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$		$\eta' \rightarrow \rho \gamma$	
Tracking efficiency	2.1	2.8	2.1	2.8
Photon efficiency	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$K_S^0$ efficiency	-	4.5	-	4.5
$\pi^\pm$ PID	-	-	2.4	2.4
$K^\pm$ PID	2.5	-	2.5	-
Cont. supp. modelling	5.0	1.0	5.5	2.3
SxF fraction	2.6	1.8	5.9	3.2
$N(B\bar{B})$			1.4	
Total	6.6	5.9	9.1	7.2



- ▶ Photon energy cuts:
  - ▶  $m_a > 4 \text{ GeV} : E_\gamma > 0.65 \text{ GeV}$
  - ▶  $m_a \leq 4 \text{ GeV} : E_\gamma > 1 \text{ GeV}$
  - ▶ Helps avoid shaping effects on the background mass distribution
- ▶ Look at  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ , and similar quantity calculated from recoil photon energy



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