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# The operation and performance of the TOP detector at the Belle II experiment

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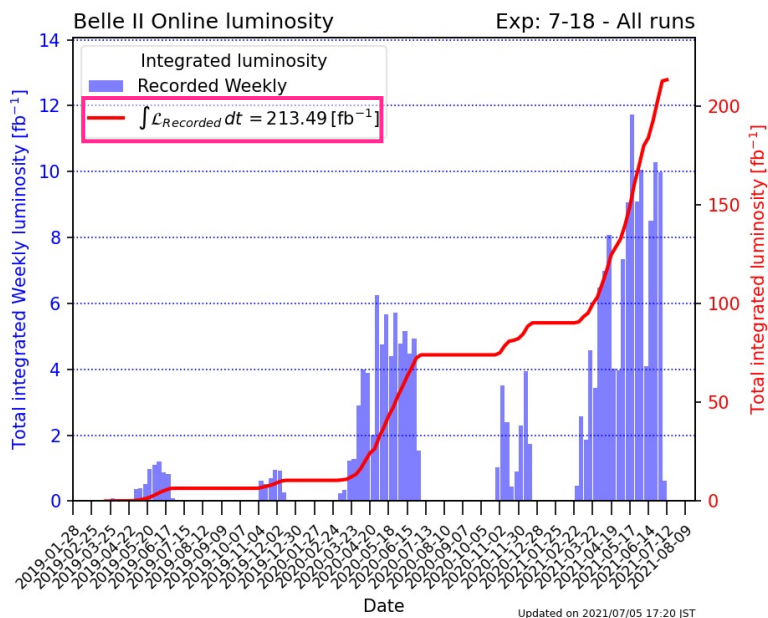
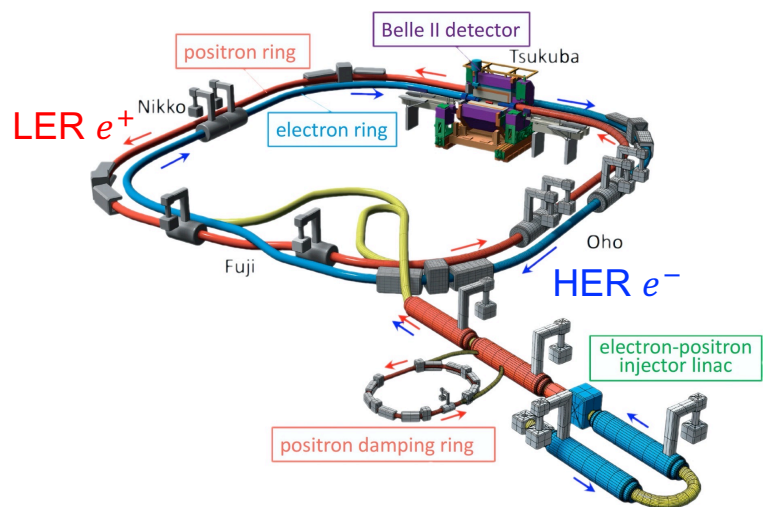
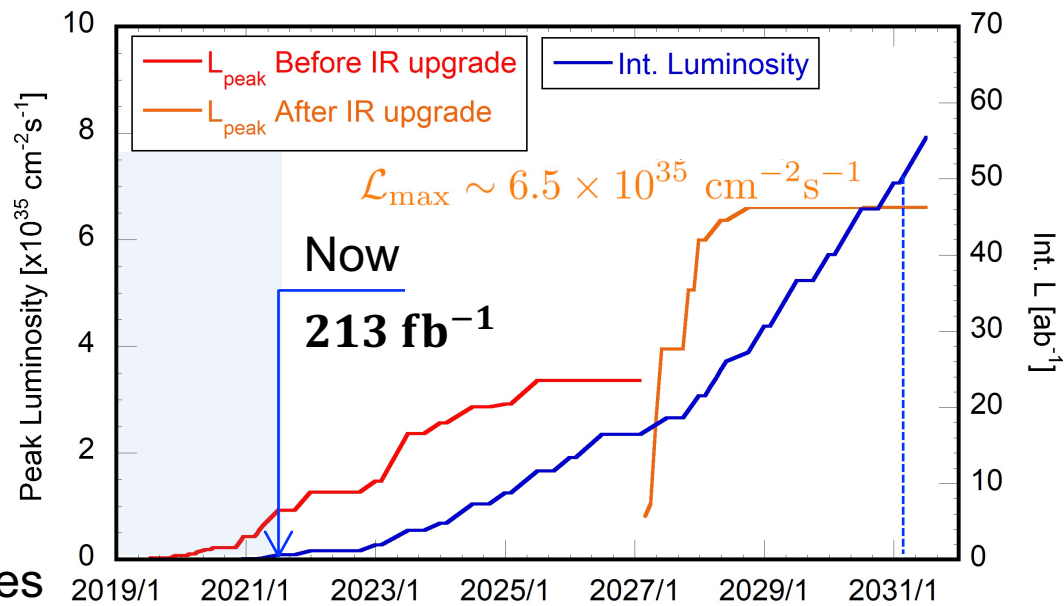
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# The SuperKEKB/Belle II Experiment

Electrons and positrons are collided at a center of mass energy of 10.58 GeV

We have achieved the world highest instantaneous luminosity of  $3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

To search for physics beyond SM through precise measurements of decays of  $B$  mesons,  $\tau$  particles, etc., using the world's largest dataset at B-factories

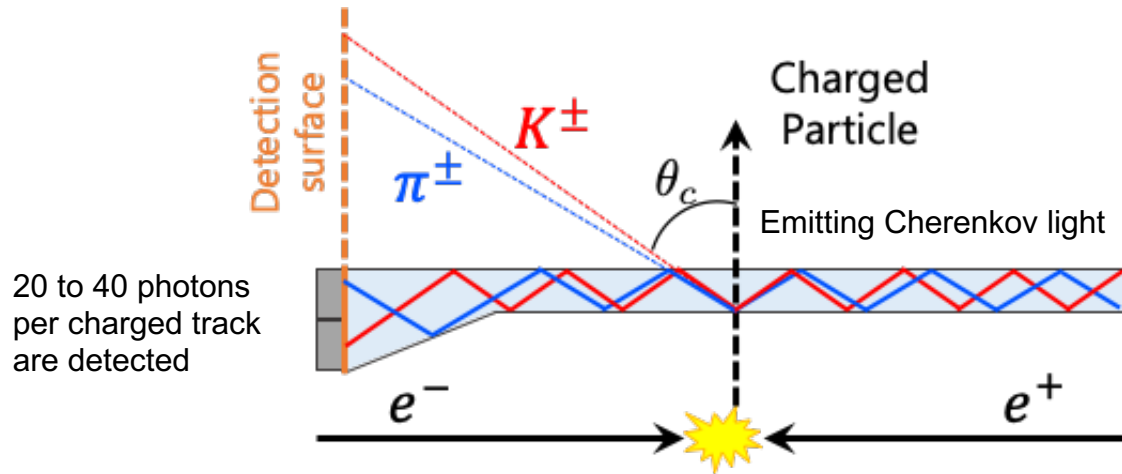


Target data amount  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  by 2031

Belle II Luminosity  
<https://confluence.desy.de/display/BI/Belle+II+Luminosity>

# The Time-Of-Propagation (TOP) Detector

Belle II barrel particle identification system with Cherenkov ring imaging, which consists of 16 TOP modules.

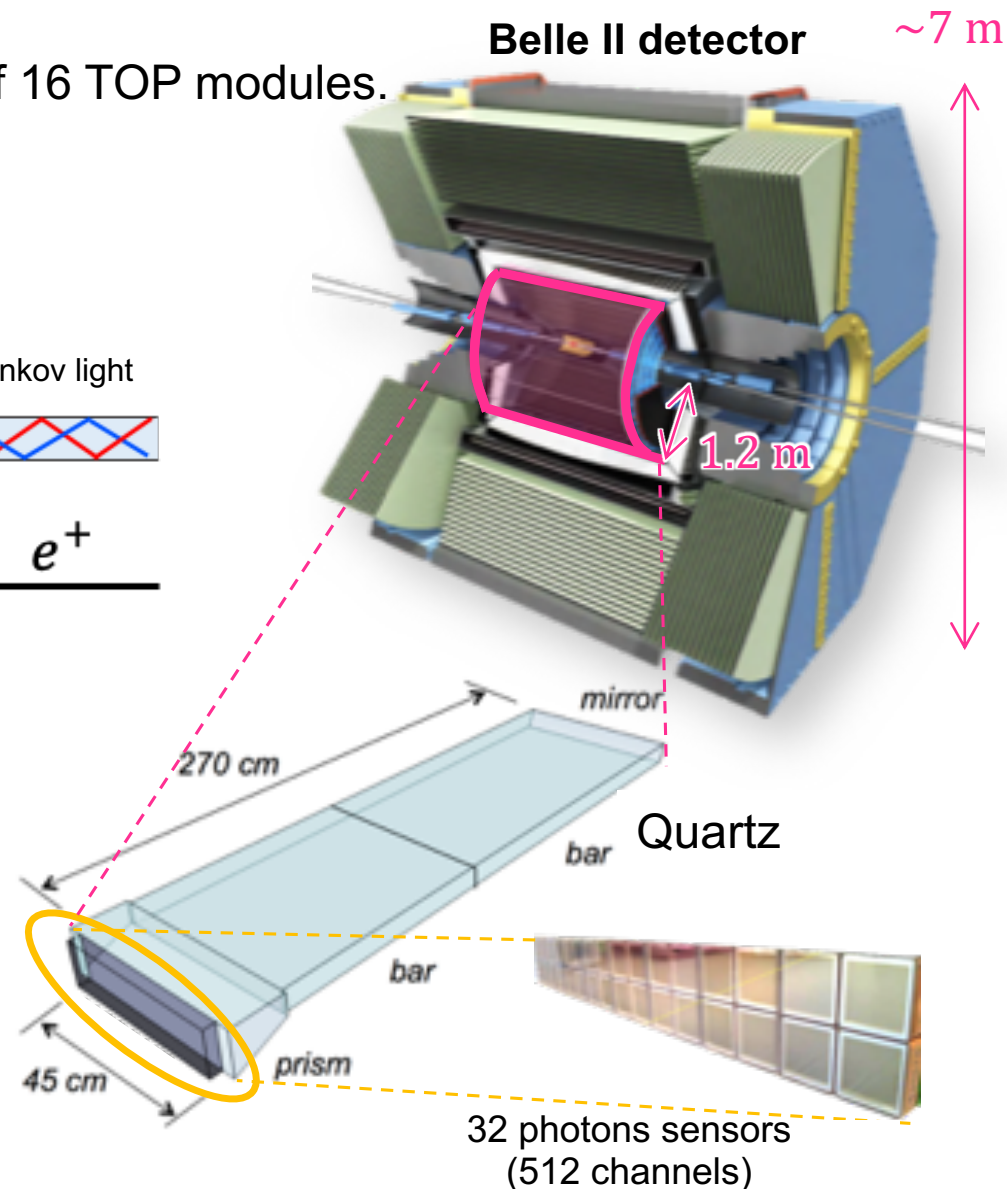


$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta} = \frac{\sqrt{m^2 + p^2}}{np}$$

$$p = 3 \text{ GeV } \pi/K$$

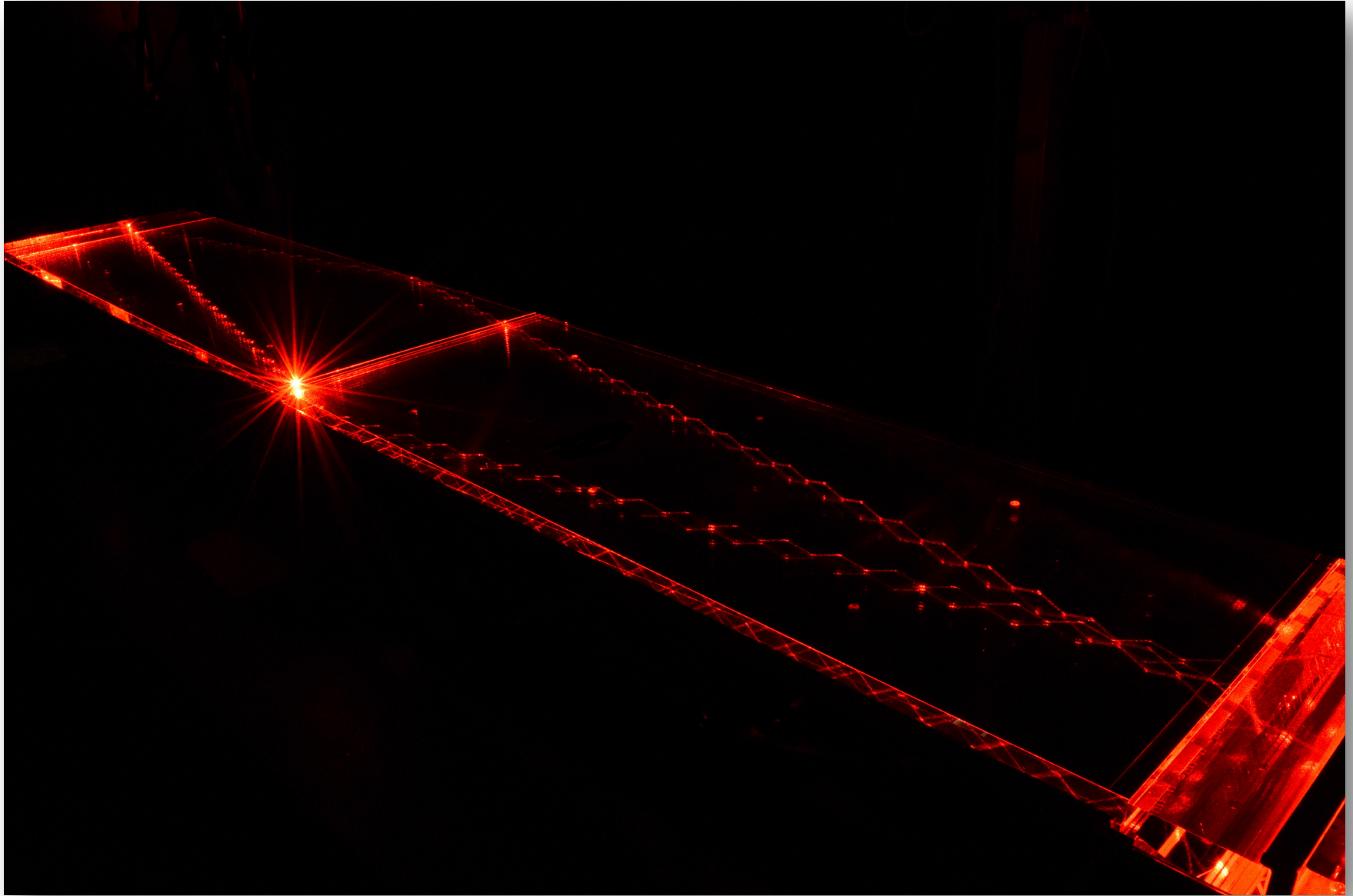
$$\Delta\theta_c \simeq 0.6^\circ \implies \Delta t = \mathcal{O}(100) \text{ ps}$$

$$\text{Performance} \propto \frac{\sqrt{\# \text{ of photons}}}{\text{Time resolution}}$$



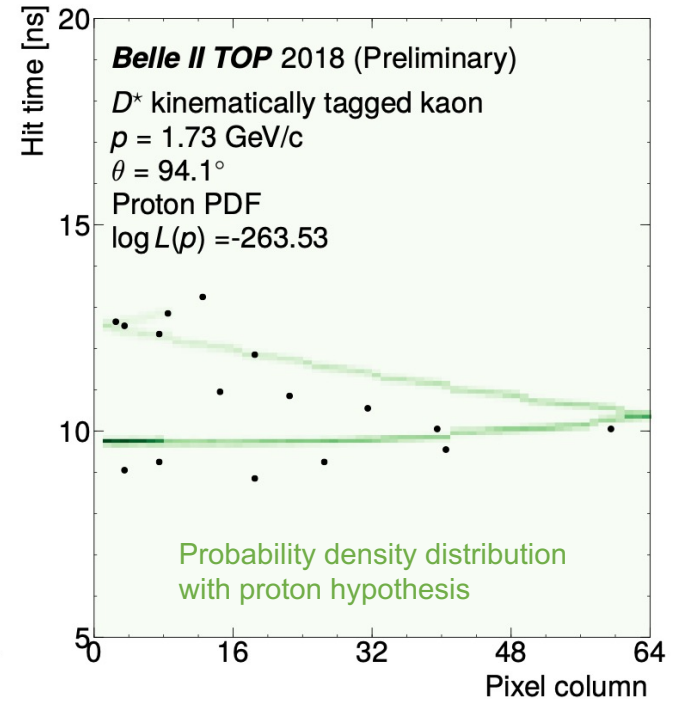
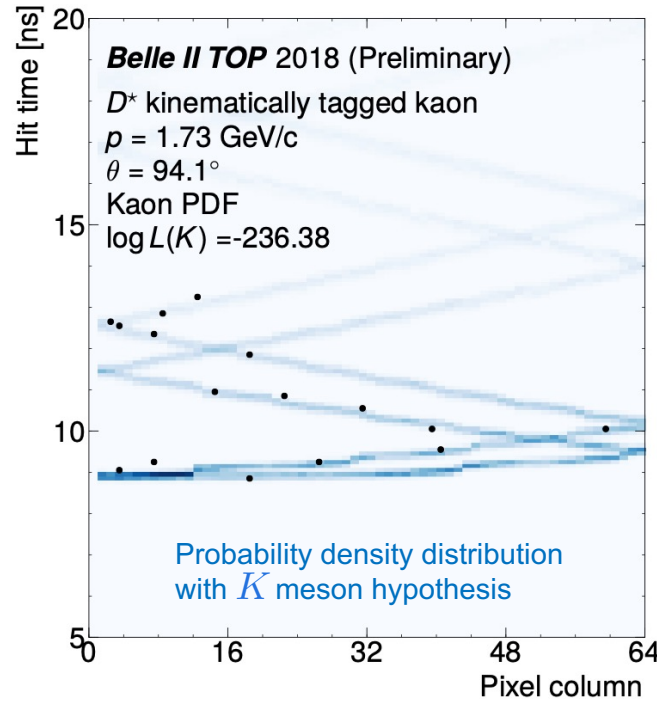
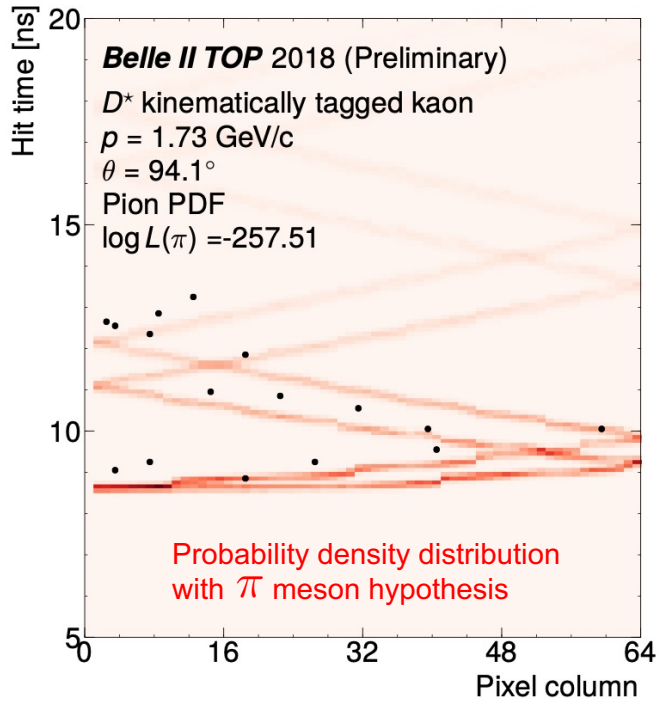
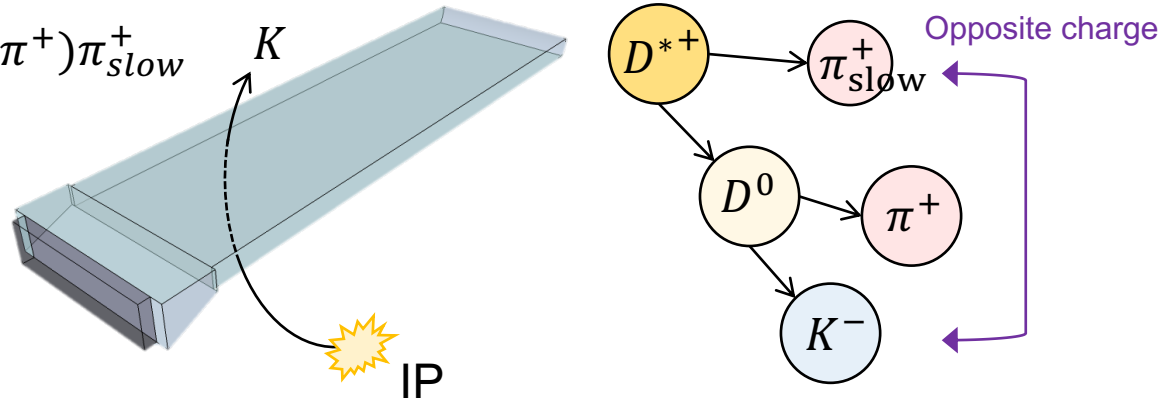
# Internal Reflection of Light in the Quartz Bar

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# Photon Hit Patterns in the Real Data

Kinematically tagged  $K$  with  $\pi_{\text{slow}}$   
 in the reconstruction of  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi_{\text{slow}}^+$



# MCP-PMT & Readout System for the TOP Detector

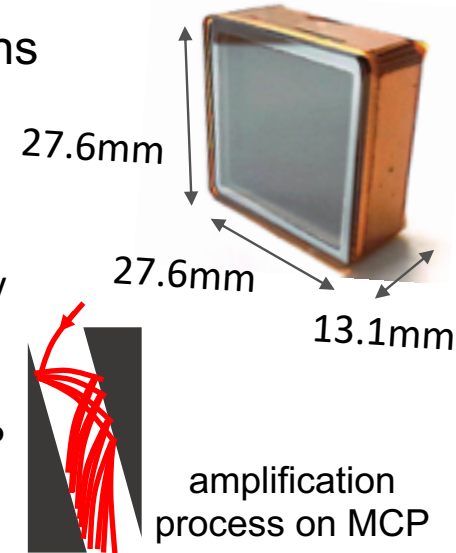
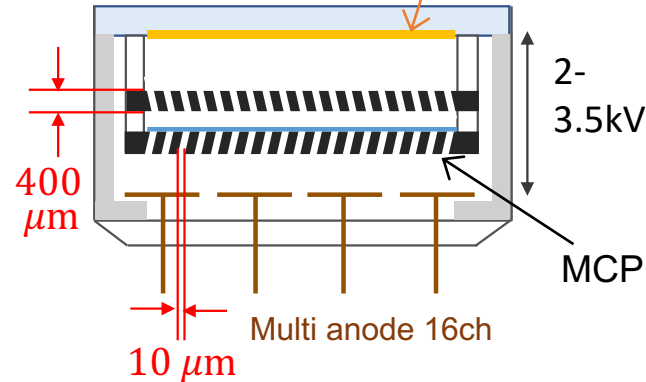
Photomultiplier tube with micro channel plates (MCPs) amplifying electrons

## Performance for Single Photon

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Average time resolution                                | 34.3 ps         |
| Gain (Nominal)   | $3 \times 10^5$ |
| Average quantum efficiency (QE) at the peak wavelength | 29.3 %          |

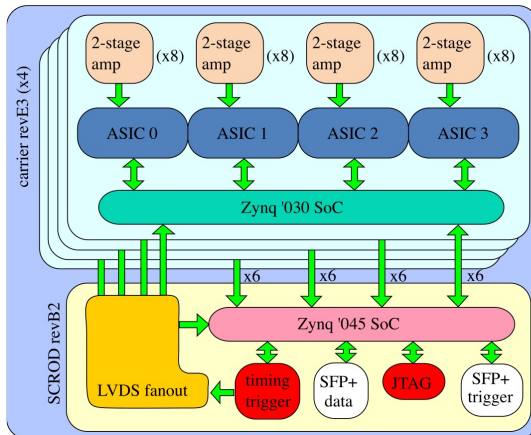
[JPS Conf. Proc. 27, 011020 \(2019\)](#)

Multi-Alkali photocathode (NaKSbCs)



Waveform readout modules with 2.7 GSamples/s on 8192 channels  
Average time resolution: 27.6 ps

[NIM A 941, 162342 \(2019\)](#)

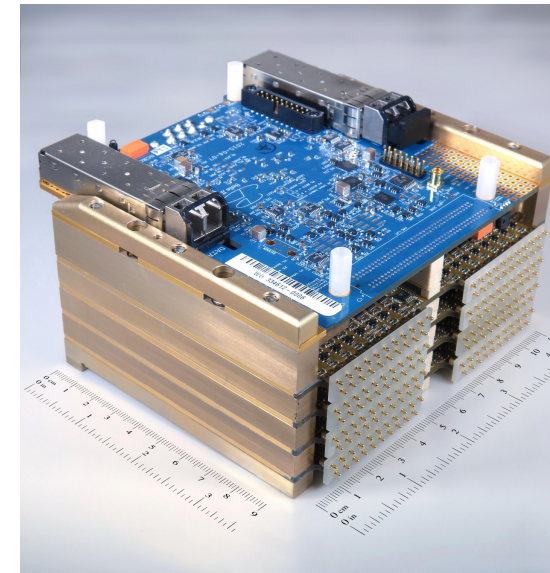


### Carrier board:

Custom-designed amp waveform sampling ASICs for 8 channels, "Ice Ray Sampler version X" (IRSX) Storing waveform in a 11  $\mu\text{s}$ -long analog ring buffer with switching capacitor arrays.

### SCROD board:

Performing Feature extraction of waveform data. Transferring data to downstream components of the Belle II data acquisition system



# Operation & Performance

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# MCP-PMT Lifetime and Accumulated Output Charge

The decrease of QE follows the following function of accumulated charge  $\Sigma_Q$  in MCP-PMT.

$$R_{QE} = \frac{QE(\Sigma_Q)}{QE(0)} = 1 - 0.2 \left( \frac{\Sigma_Q}{\tau} \right)^2$$

| Type              | Lifetime $\tau$ ( $R_{QE} = 0.8$ ) |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Conventional      | 1.1 C/cm <sup>2</sup> (average)    |
| ALD               | 10.4 C/cm <sup>2</sup> (average)   |
| Life-extended ALD | > 13.6 C/cm <sup>2</sup>           |

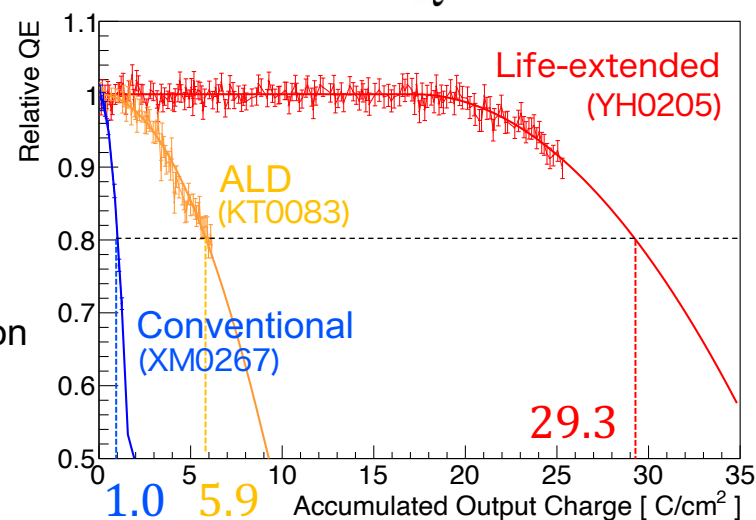
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→ Replace in 2022

Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) coating on MCP

Additional countermeasures

Reduced residual gas

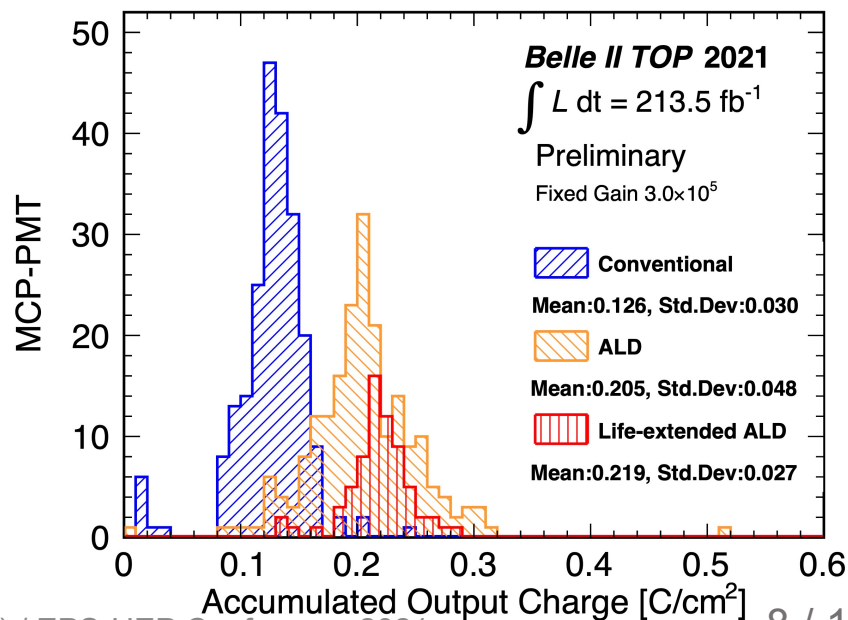


Monitoring accumulated output charge using scaler rates in physics run

$$\text{Output charge } \Sigma_Q = \int_{t_0}^t G(t) \cdot F(t) dt$$

↑  
gain

$\Sigma_Q = 0.126 \text{ C/cm}^2$  on  $\tau = 1.1 \text{ C/cm}^2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Expected QE decrease is 0.3%





# The Relative Detection Efficiency of MCP-PMTs by 2021

Relative detection efficiency is evaluated from the hit rate of Cherenkov photons per  $\mu$  track in di-muon events from Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, to Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with corrections by threshold efficiency.

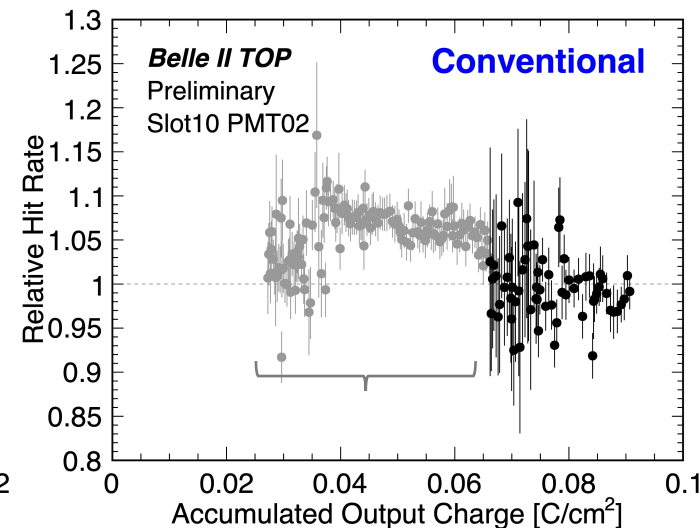
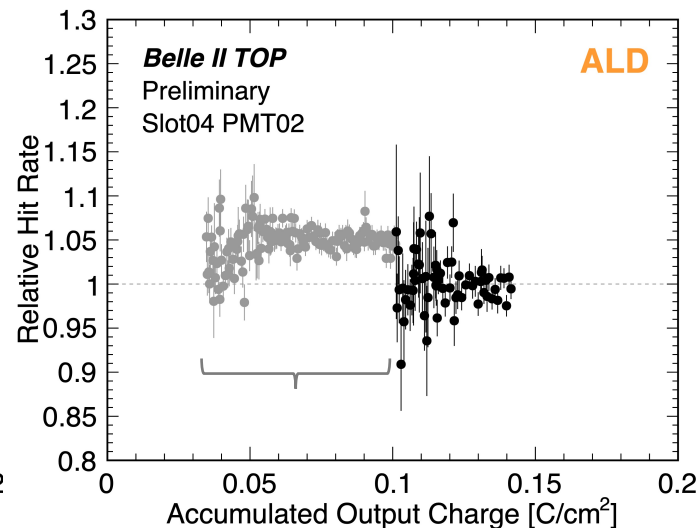
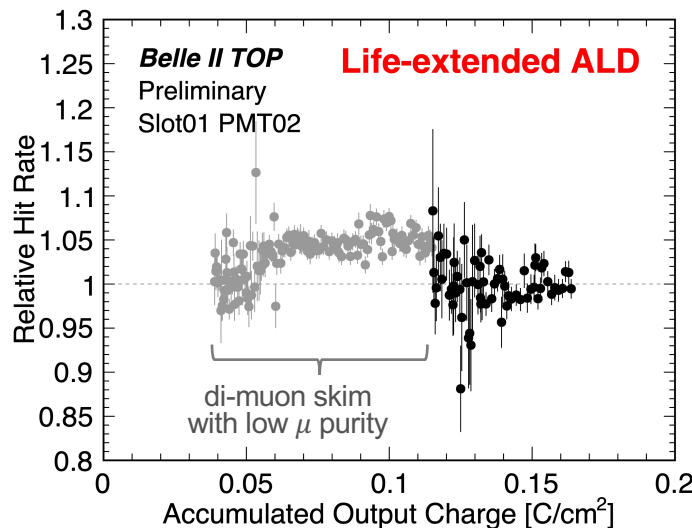
Two di-muon skims with low and high (> 98%)  $\mu$  purity are used before and after Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, respectively.

## Preliminary results

- Almost all of MCP-PMTs have equivalent hit rate in Apr of 2021 to that in 2019, and constant hit rate in skim data with high  $\mu$  purity.
- Relative hit rate is decreasing in about 5% of total MCP-PMTs.

We are developing an evaluation method of quantum efficiency using calibration laser runs for the cross check.

Typical examples:

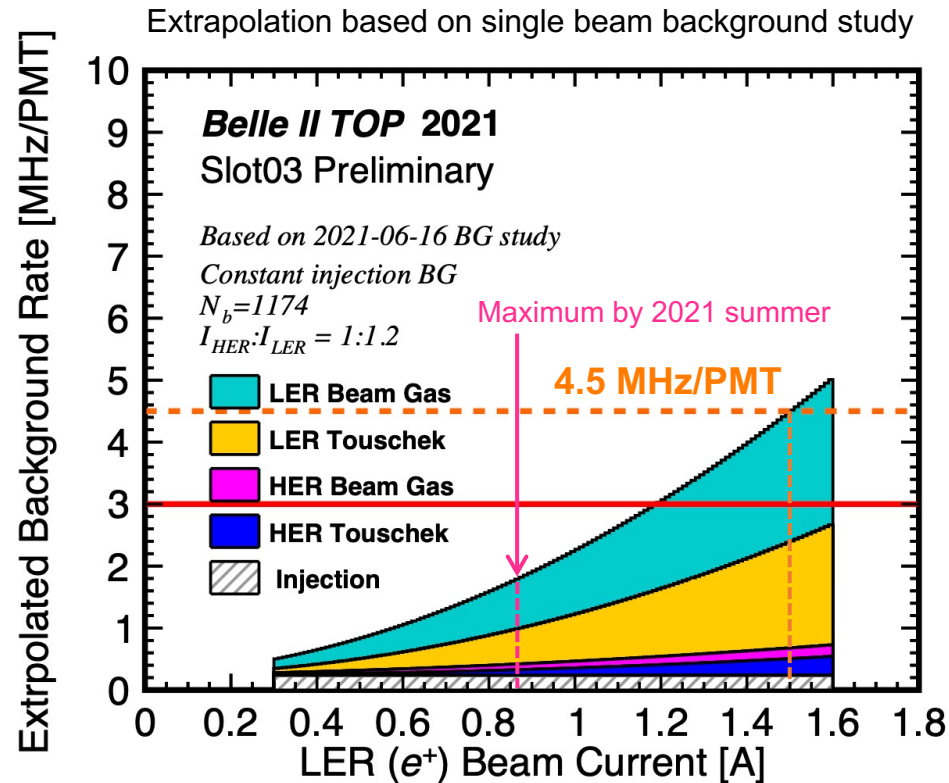


# Operation from Autumn 2021

We set a limit on MCP-PMT hit rate by converting expected output charge at Belle II. The hit rate limit was at **3.0 MHz/PMT** for beam background in the 2021 spring run.

We have revised acceptable PMT hit rate to **4.5 MHz/PMT** from 2021 autumn run based on the current accumulated charge and QE variation.

→ **~1.5 A** in LER ( $e^+$ ) ring at the limit of 4.5 MHz/PMT



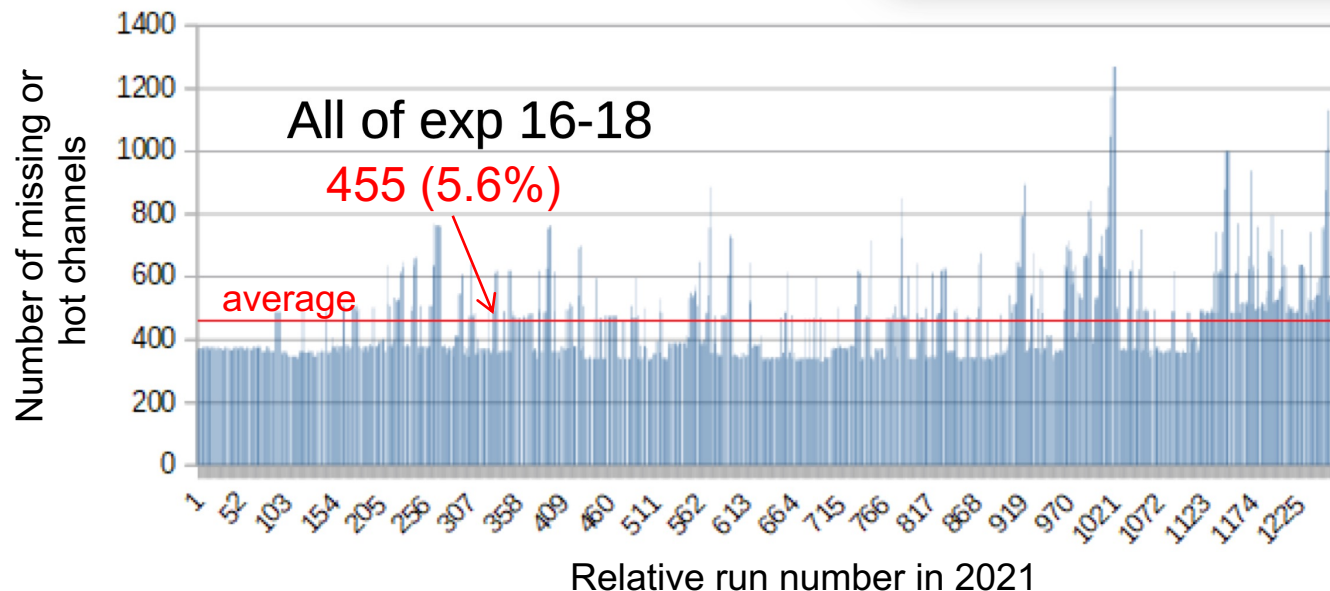
# TOP Operational Efficiency in 2021

The active channels were **94.4%** (7737 channels out of 8192 channels) on average.

- 94.8% is working while three board stacks, a quarter of a module, are disabled due to a hardware connection problem, or configuration failure.  
→ The disabled board stacks will be replaced in 2022 long shutdown.

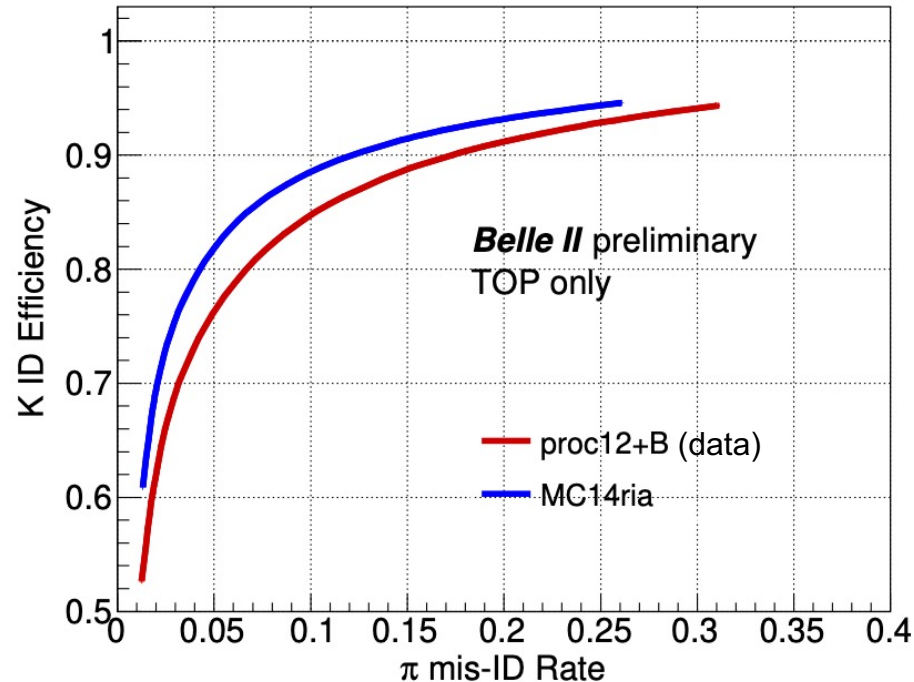
- Radiation-induced Single Event Upsets regularly cause stops of board stacks that require to be masked, at a few board stacks per day.  
→ Auto detection and recovery via GUI.

An error message automatically posted to channels on our operation chat tool



# Particle Identification Performance of the TOP Detector

The TOP detector provides 85%  $K$  ID efficiency at 10%  $\pi$  mis ID rate in data. The difference between data and MC mainly comes from the forward region.



## Future Improvement

- Waveform template fit
- Updates on software modules  
Improvement of beam bunch identification, etc.
- Development of neural networks for better PID performance than PDFs

# Summary

The SuperKEKB/Belle II experiment has targeted  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  by 2031

The highest peak luminosity is recorded this year:  $3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

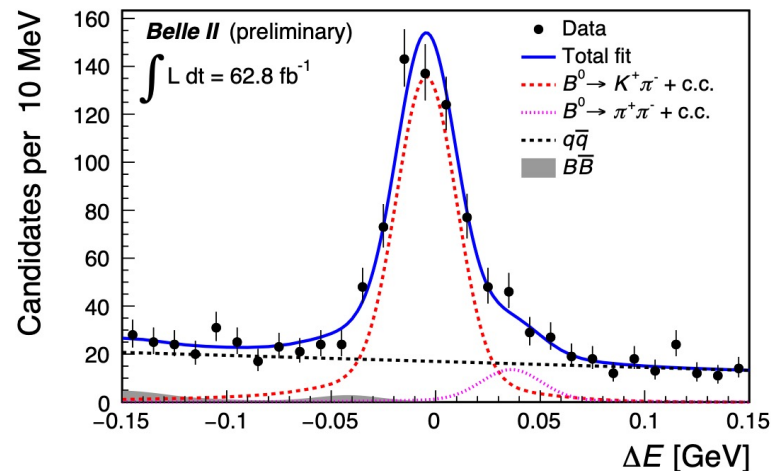
The TOP detector is an upgraded particle identification system in the barrel region.  
Microchannel plate PMTs + waveform readout modules with 2.7 GSample/s.

Concern: lifetime of MCP-PMTs in harsh beam background

- The accumulated output charge is about 10% of Conventional type's lifetime by summer 2021.
- The degradation of detection efficiency is not observed in 95% MCP-PMTs.

The TOP detector was operated **with 94.4% active channels** in 2021.

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$\Delta E \equiv E_B^* - \sqrt{s}/2$  distribution  
in the analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$   
with  $K/\pi$  identification

[arXiv:2106.03766](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.03766)