

# Studying leptonic and semileptonic $B$ decays at the Belle II experiment

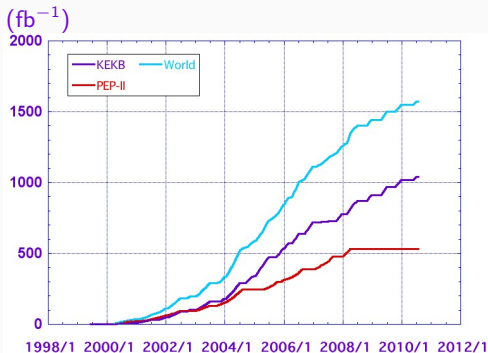
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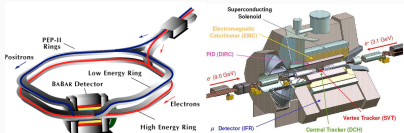
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# The first decade of this century was the “Age of the $B$ -factories”



## PEP-II/BABAR (1999-2008)



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On resonances:

$$\Upsilon(4S): 433 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\Upsilon(3S): 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\Upsilon(2S): 14 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

Off reson./scan:

$$54 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Total: } 550 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

## KEKB/Belle

On resonances:

$$\Upsilon(5S): 121 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\Upsilon(4S): 711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\Upsilon(3S): 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\Upsilon(2S): 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

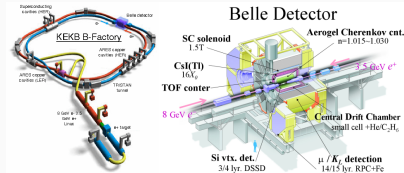
$$\Upsilon(1S): 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

Off reson./scan:

$$100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Total: } > 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

## KEKB/Belle (1999-2010)



# $B$ -factories exploit the $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance ( $b\bar{b}$ bound state)

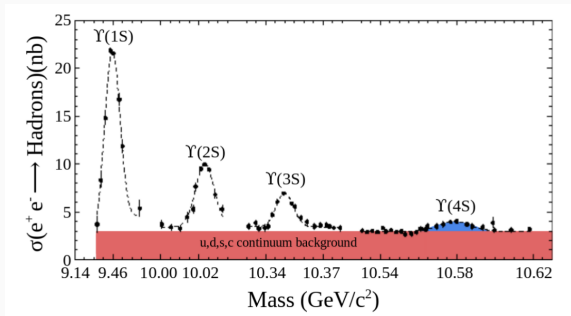


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$$\begin{aligned}
 e^+ + e^- &\rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^0 + \bar{B}^0 & (51.4 \pm 0.6)\% & (B^0 : d\bar{b}) \\
 e^+ + e^- &\rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^+ + B^- & (48.6 \pm 0.6)\% & (B^+ : u\bar{b})
 \end{aligned}$$

Belle :  $772 \times 10^6 B\bar{B}$  pairs

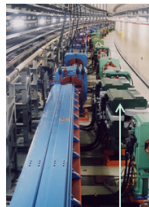
## KEKB to SuperKEKB



Colliding bunches



New superconducting / permanent final focusing quads near the IP

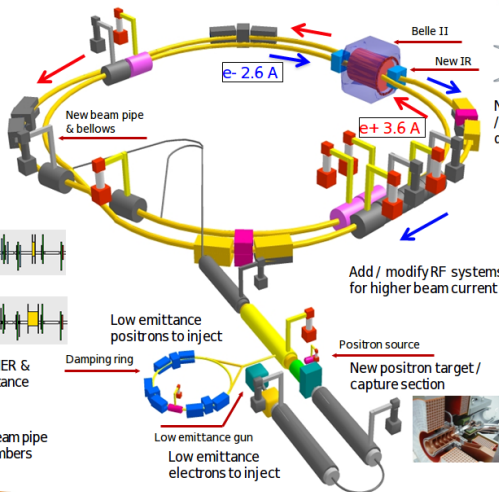
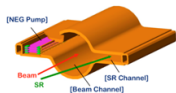


Replace short dipoles with longer ones (LER)



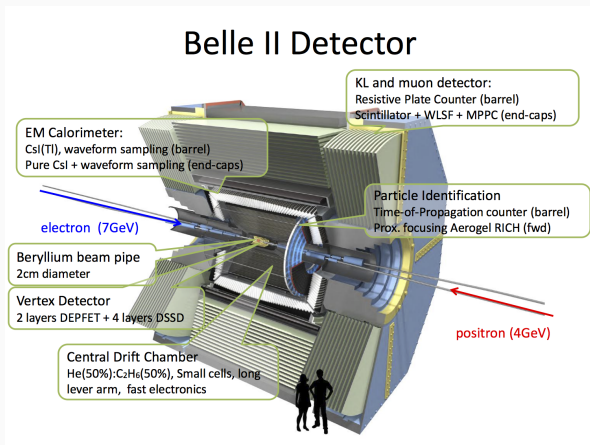
Redesign the lattices of HER & LER to squeeze the emittance

TiN-coated beam pipe with antechambers



*To obtain x40 higher luminosity*

# Belle II is an improved version of Belle, largely to handle higher luminosity

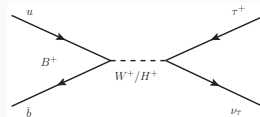
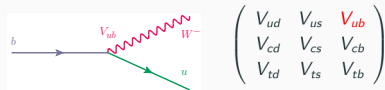
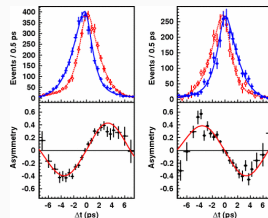


- Aiming for  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1} = 50000 \text{ fb}^{-1} \approx 50 \times \text{Belle data}$
- 2018: “Phase II” commissioning run - no vertex detector -  $0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- 2019: “Phase III” full Physics run commenced

# Belle II has a number of physics aims relating to “Flavour Physics”

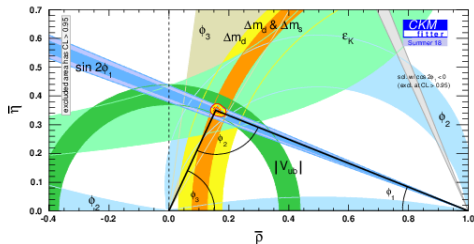
Here are three:

- $CP$  violation in  $B$  decays  
(continue the Belle legacy)
- Explore the CKM matrix governing weak transitions e.g.  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$
- Search for deviations from the Standard Model using rare  $B$  decays  
e.g.  $B^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ , e.g.  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$

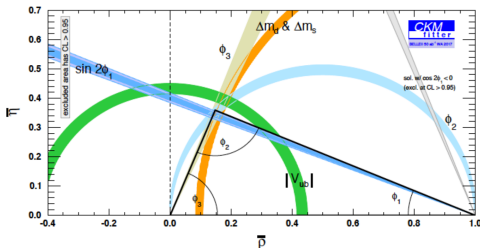


# We would like to test unitarity of CKM matrix more precisely

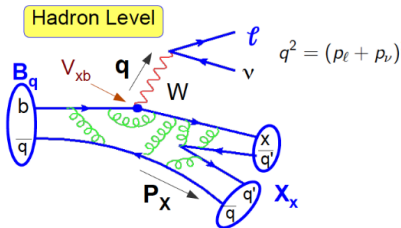
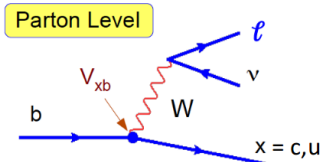
Currently



Belle II 50  $\text{ab}^{-1}$

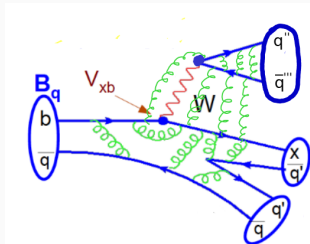


Leptonic and semileptonic decays are cleaner than hadronic decays, both theoretically and experimentally



From J. Dingfelder, FPCP 2018 talk

More complicated form factors  $\Rightarrow$

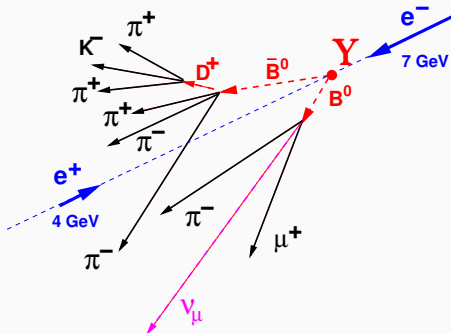




# In many cases, ideally we would like a beam of $B$ mesons ...

... but

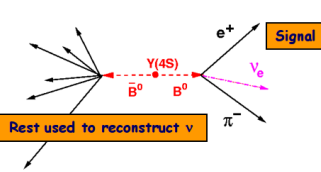
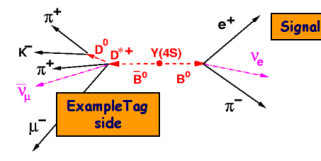
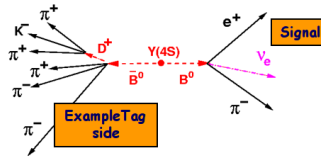
- not all collisions produce a  $B\bar{B}$  pair
- we get two  $B$  mesons when they do - which decay products came from which?



- Use “tagging”

# There are three approaches to “tagging”

Example signal:  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$

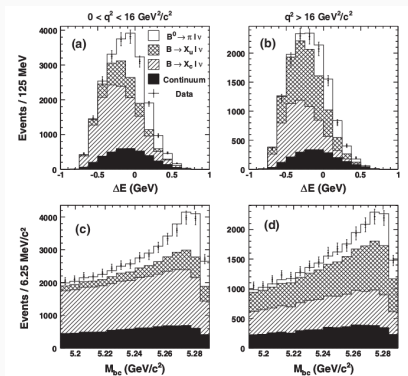
<p><b>Untagged</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initial 4-momentum known</li> <li>missing 4-momentum = <math>\nu</math></li> <li>Reconstruct <math>B \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu</math> and using <math>m_B</math> (beam-constrained) and <math>\Delta E = E_B - E_{\text{beam}}</math></li> </ul>	<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High efficiency</li> </ul> <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\nu</math> resolution problematic</li> <li>Rel. high backgrounds (rel. low purity)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Semileptonic (SL) Tag</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One B reconstructed in a selection of <math>D^{(*)} \ell \nu</math> modes</li> <li>Two missing <math>\nu</math> in event Use kinematic constraints</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower backgrounds (higher purity)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rel. low efficiency</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Full Recon Tag</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One B reconstructed completely in known e.g. <math>b \rightarrow c</math> mode. Many modes used.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very good <math>\nu</math> resolution</li> <li>Very low backgrounds</li> </ul> <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very low efficiency</li> </ul>	

# Full Recon Tagging is cleaner

Example signal:  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ ,  $\ell = e, \mu$

Belle **Untagged**

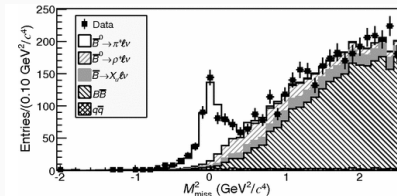
605 fb<sup>-1</sup>



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Belle **Full Recon Tag (FR)**

711 fb<sup>-1</sup>



Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 032005

# The Belle II Full Recon scheme is called Full Event Interpretation (FEI)

Hierarchical reconstruction of tags using machine-learning techniques

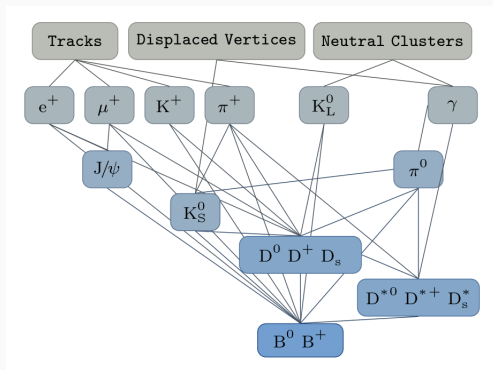


Image from [arXiv:1807.08680](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08680) [hep-ex]

- Can do both hadronic and semileptonic tagging (Belle FR hadronic only)
- Provides a list of potential tags with associated **“Signal Probability”** which allows the purity of the selected decays to be controlled

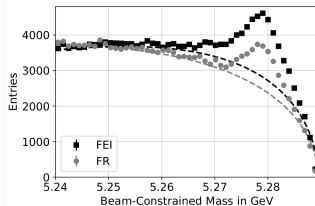
# The FEI has been validated using Belle MC and data

Details can be found in [Comput.Softw.Big Sci. 3 \(2019\) no.1, 6.](#)

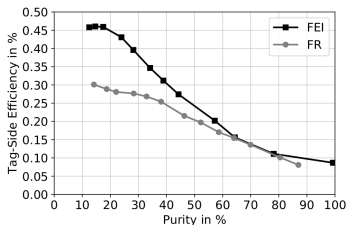
## Maximum tag efficiency

	$B^\pm$	$B^0$
Hadronic		
FEI with FR channels	0.53 %	0.33 %
FEI	0.76 %	0.46 %
Semileptonic		
FEI	1.80 %	2.04 %

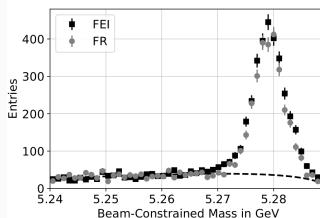
## Low purity



## Charged tags

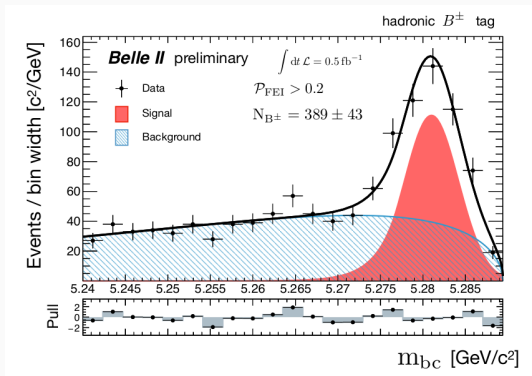


## High purity



# Belle II has “rediscovered” hadronic $B$ decays in Phase II running using the FEI

Based on the Phase II dataset of  $0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

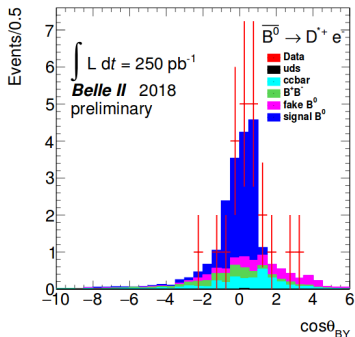


Ongoing work USyd/UAdel - validate FEI for semileptonic and hadronic tagging, early Phase III data

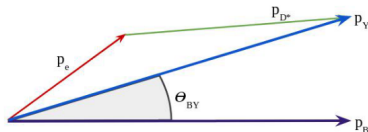
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# Semileptonic $B$ decays can be extracted by exploiting kinematics

Example:  $\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} e^- \bar{\nu}_e$  based on  $0.25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of the Belle II Phase II dataset



$$\cos\theta_{BY} = \frac{2E_B^* E_Y^* - m_B^2 - m_Y^2}{2p_B^* p_Y^*}$$



This result was verified by [Bernanda Telalovic](#) in a 2018 honours project.

# Conclusions

- Belle II is commissioned, running and ready to study rare  $B$ -meson decays and Flavour Physics
- A superior method of tagging  $B$ -meson decays (Full Event Interpretation) has been developed
- Our focus is currently to validate the method and help to “rediscover”  $B$ -mesons using early Phase III data from Belle II

