

# Latest results on $\tau$ LFV and perspectives



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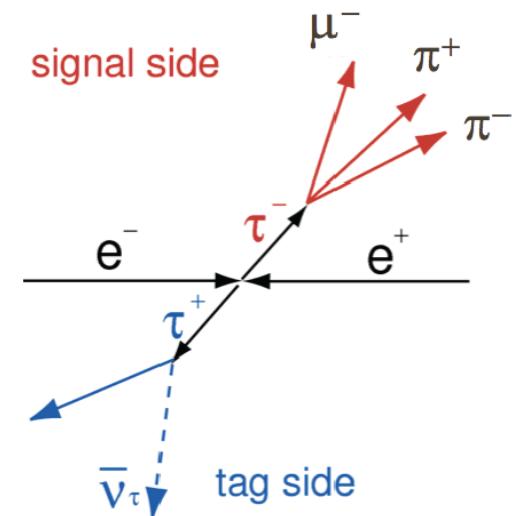
# Outline:



- Most of what we know about the  $\tau$  comes from  $\tau$  pair samples produced in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation
- $\tau$  decays provide an excellent laboratory for LFV studies. Even at current sensitivity, observed branching fraction patterns (or limits) serve to discriminate between New Physics models

I will discuss:

- A very brief introduction
- The Belle experiment
- $\tau$  LFV results from Belle
- The Belle II upgrade
- Prospects for  $\tau$  LFV at Belle II



# Motivation:

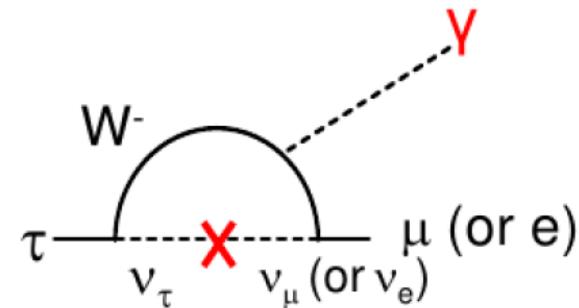
Probability for Lepton flavor violation (LFV) in charged leptons

in the Standard Model (SM)  $\Rightarrow$  negligible even if neutrino oscillations are taken into account

$$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow l\gamma)_{\text{SM}} < \mathcal{O}(10^{-54})$$

$$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow lll)_{\text{SM}} < \mathcal{O}(10^{-14})$$

( PRL95 41802(2005), EPJC8 513(1999) )



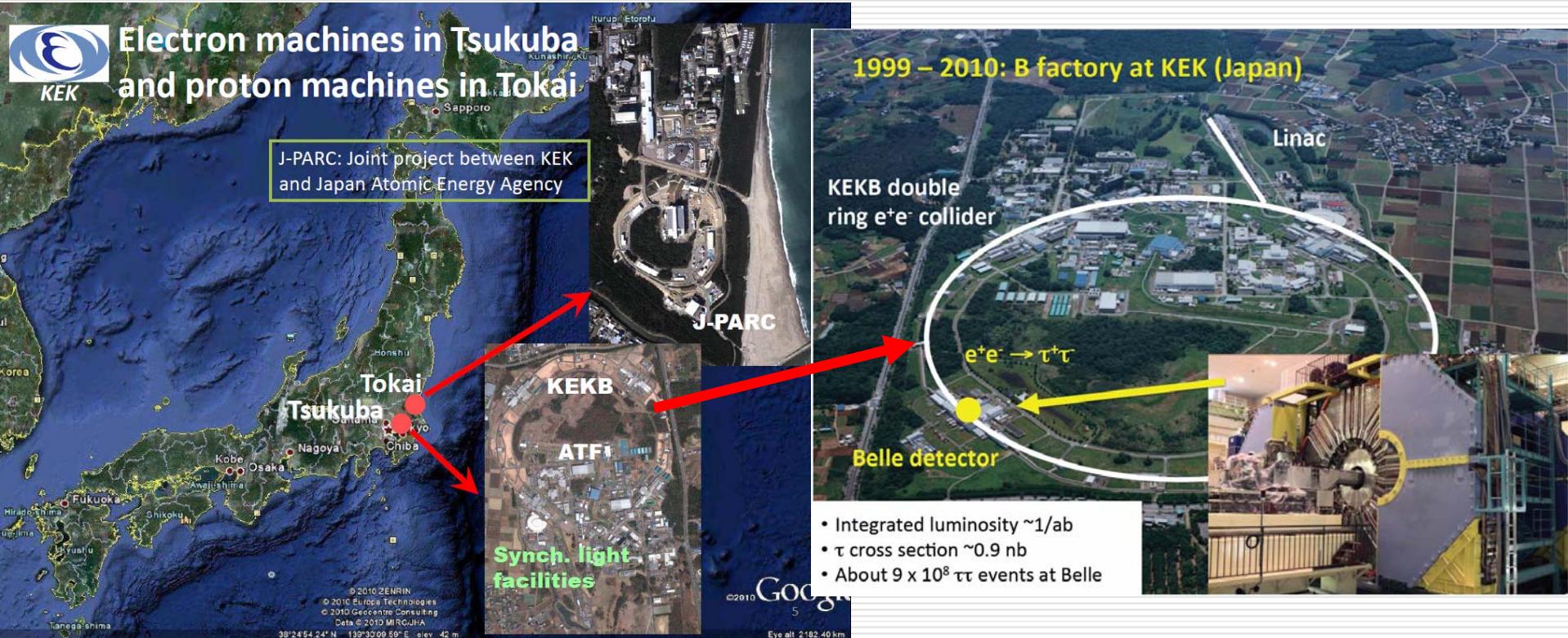
Many extensions of the SM predict LFV decays with enhanced branching fractions that could be measured at current experimental facilities with sensitivities  $\sim 10^{-8}$

Observation of LFV is a clear signature of New Physics (NP)

	Reference	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$
SM + $\nu$ mixing	PRD 16(1977)1445, EPJ.C8,513(1999)	undetectable	
SM + heavy Majorana	PRD 66 (2002) 034008	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-10}$
Non-universal $Z'$	PLB 547 (2002) 252	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-8}$
SUSY SO(10)	PRD 68 (2003) 033012	$10^{-8}$	$10^{-10}$
mSUGRA + seesaw	PRD 66 (2002) 115013	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-9}$
SUSY Higgs	PLB 566 (2003) 217	$10^{-10}$	$10^{-7}$

$\tau$  - the heaviest charged lepton  
strong coupling to NP expected  
It has many possible LFV decay modes  $\Rightarrow$  Ideal to search for LFV

# KEKB/Belle



# KEKB/Belle

B-factory: E at CM =  $\Upsilon(4S)$

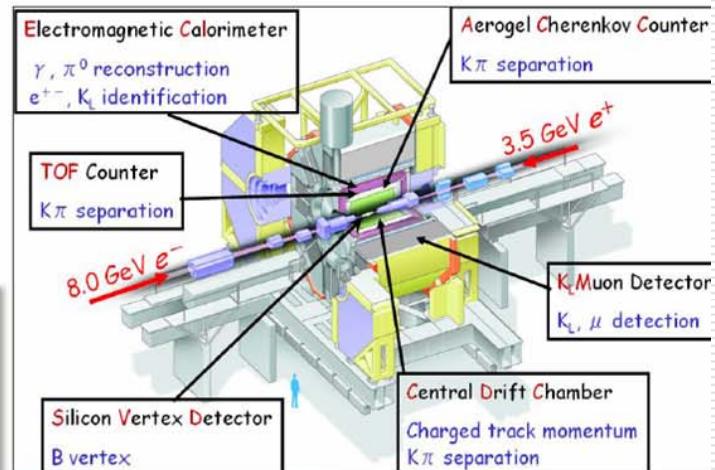
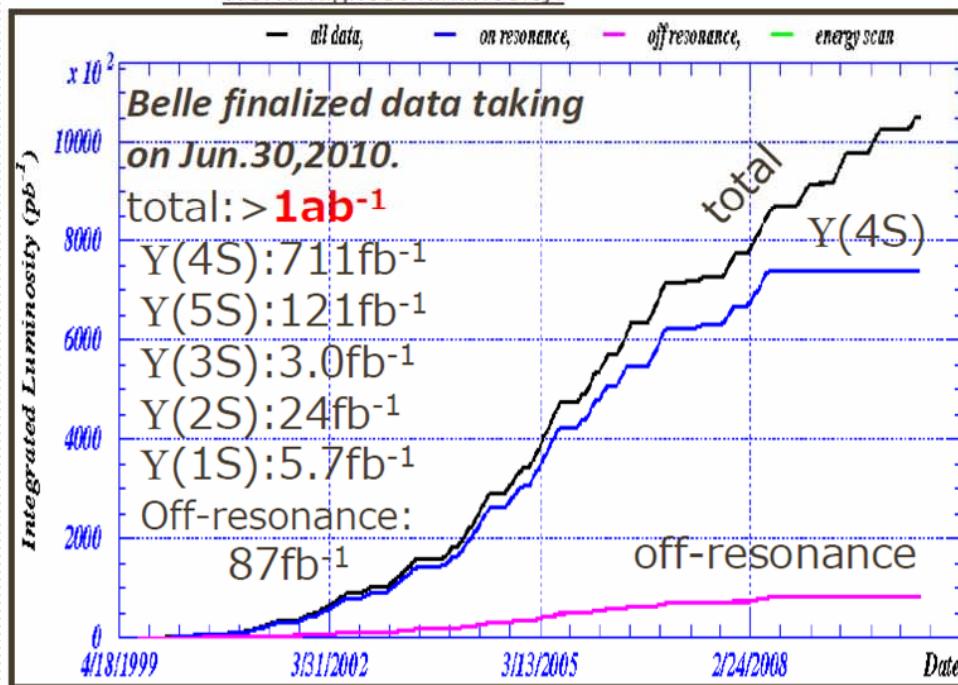
$e^+(3.5 \text{ GeV}) e^-(8 \text{ GeV})$

$\sigma(\tau\tau) \sim 0.9 \text{ nb}, \sigma(bb) \sim 1.1 \text{ nb}$

A B-factory is also a  $\tau$ -factory!

Peak luminosity:  $2.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

World highest luminosity!



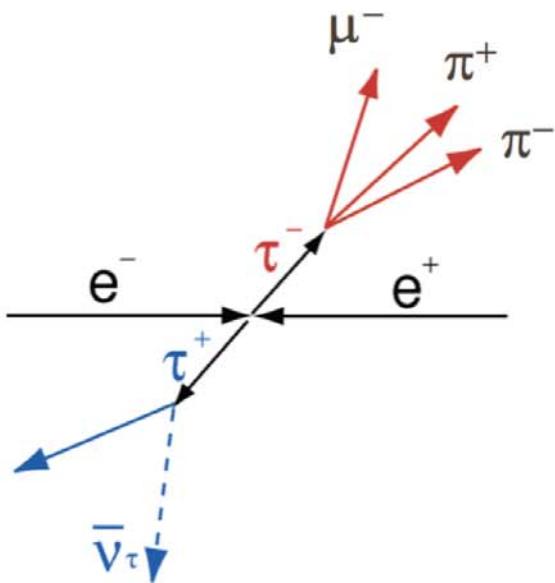
Belle Detector:

Good track reconstruction  
and particle identifications

Lepton efficiency: 90%  
Fake rate : O(0.1) % for e  
O(1)% for  $\mu$

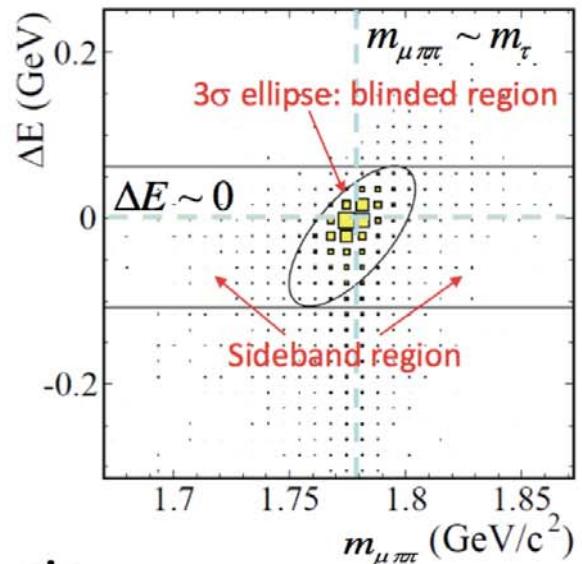
$\sim 9 \times 10^8 \tau\tau$  at Belle

# Analysis method



**Signal side:** extract signal from  $M_\tau$  vs.  $\Delta E$  plane

$$m_{\mu\pi\pi} = \sqrt{(E_{\mu\pi\pi}^2 - p_{\mu\pi\pi}^2)}$$
$$\Delta E = E_{\mu\pi\pi}^{CM} - E_{beam}^{CM}$$

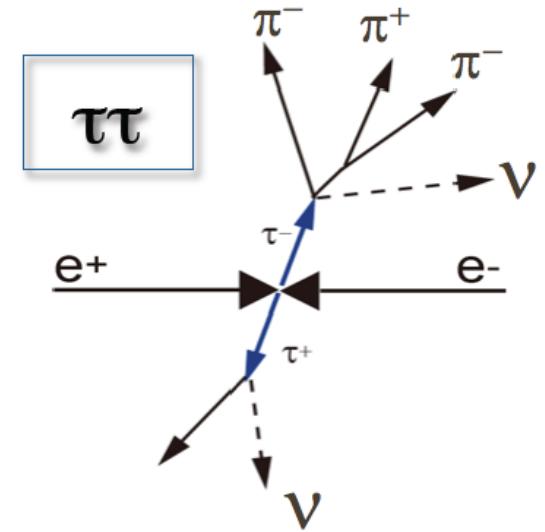
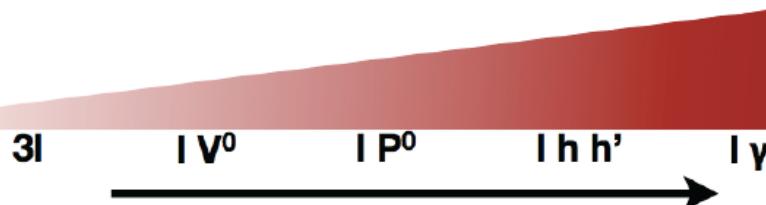


**Tag side:** select 1-prong decay  
( $\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu$ ,  $h\nu$ , BR  $\sim 85\%$ )

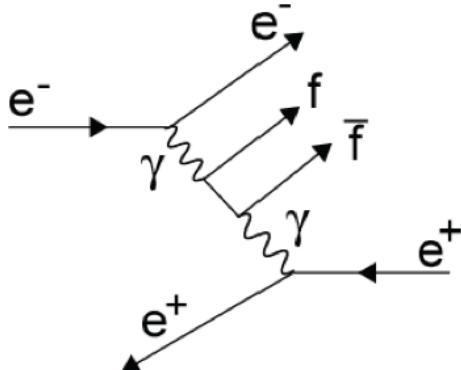
- Blind analysis (blinded signal region)
- Background estimated from sideband or MC simulation
- 90% C.L. upper limit set using **Feldman-Cousins** approach

# Background sources

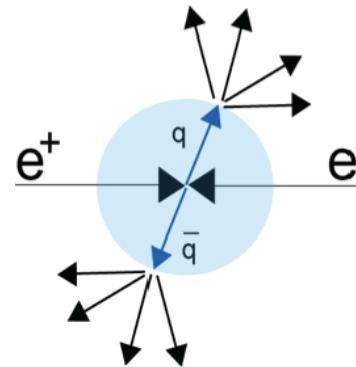
## Difficulty of $\tau$ LFV analyses



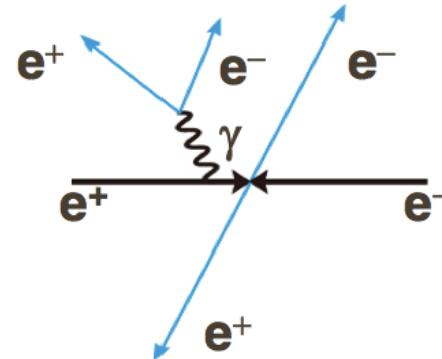
### Two-photon



### qq



### Radiative Bhabha

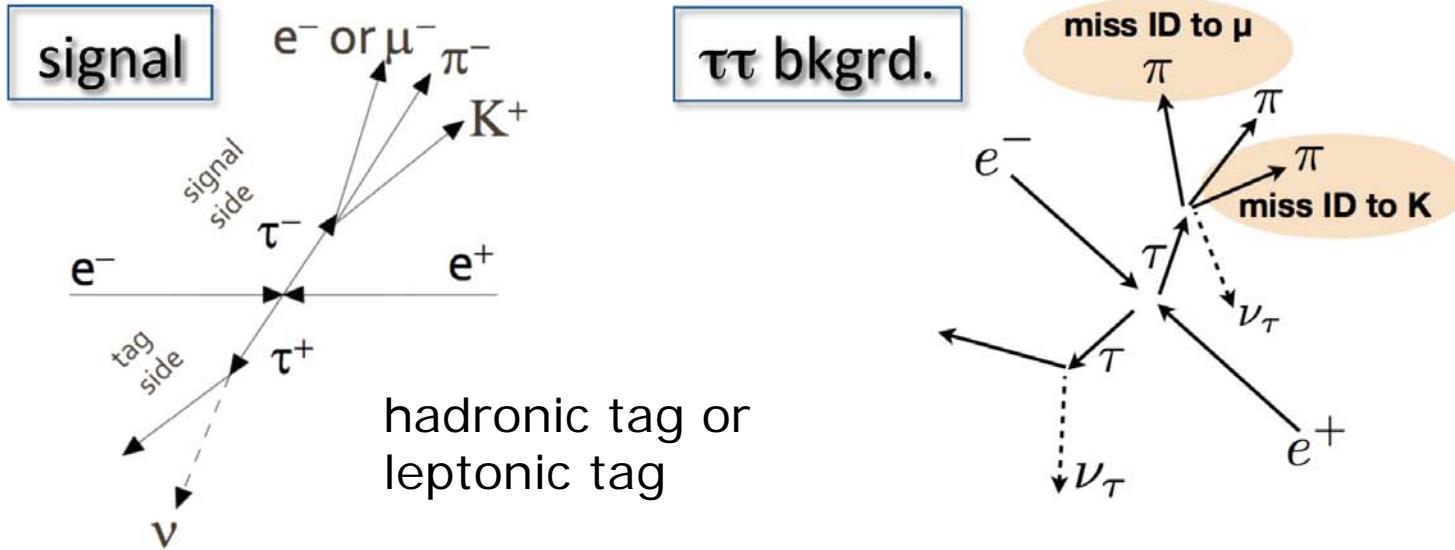


# $\tau \rightarrow l^- h^- h'$

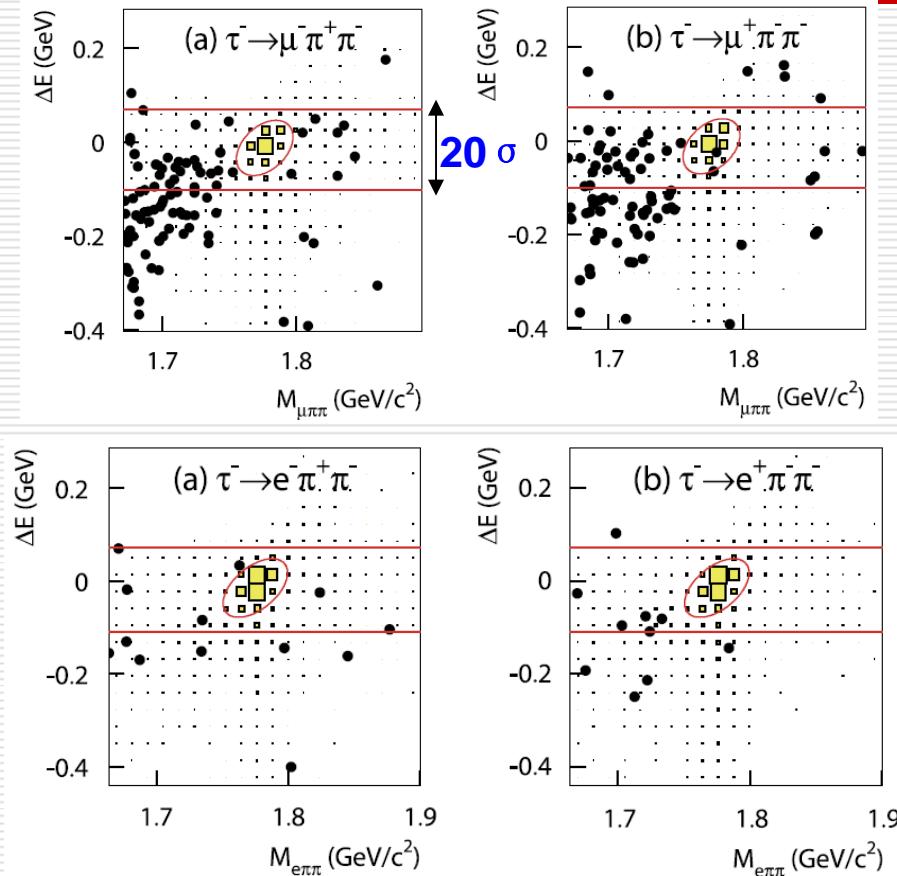
- Based on 854/fb of Belle data
- 14 modes are searched for ( $h, h' = \pi, K$ )
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow l^- h^+ h'^-$  (8 lepton flavour violating modes)
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow l^+ h^- h'^-$  (6 lepton number violating modes)

For the updates, we have:

1. a larger data sample;
2. better method to reject specific backgrounds



# $\tau \rightarrow l h h'$ results



For other plots, please see **PLB719,346**

90% C.L. upper limits

$$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow lhh') < (2.0-8.6) \times 10^{-8}$$

These results improve upon our previous upper limits by factors of about 1.8 on average.

- In the signal window
  - 1 event in  $\mu^+ \pi^- \pi^-$  and  $\mu^- \pi^+ K^-$
  - Zero events in the other modes

Mode	$\varepsilon$ (%)	$N_{\text{BG}}$	$\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ (%)	$N_{\text{obs}}$	$s_{90}$	$\mathcal{B}$ ( $10^{-8}$ )
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	5.83	$0.63 \pm 0.23$	5.7	0	1.87	2.1
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	6.55	$0.33 \pm 0.16$	5.6	1	4.01	3.9
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	5.45	$0.55 \pm 0.23$	5.7	0	1.94	2.3
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	6.56	$0.37 \pm 0.19$	5.5	0	2.10	2.0
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- K^+ K^-$	2.85	$0.51 \pm 0.19$	6.1	0	1.97	4.4
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ K^- K^-$	2.98	$0.25 \pm 0.13$	6.2	0	2.21	4.7
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- K^+ K^-$	4.29	$0.17 \pm 0.10$	6.7	0	2.29	3.4
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ K^- K^-$	4.64	$0.06 \pm 0.06$	6.5	0	2.39	3.3
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^+ K^-$	2.72	$0.72 \pm 0.28$	6.2	1	3.65	8.6
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \pi^+ K^-$	3.97	$0.18 \pm 0.13$	6.4	0	2.27	3.7
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- K^+ \pi^-$	2.62	$0.64 \pm 0.23$	5.7	0	1.86	4.5
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- K^+ \pi^-$	4.07	$0.55 \pm 0.31$	6.2	0	1.97	3.1
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ K^- \pi^-$	2.55	$0.56 \pm 0.21$	6.1	0	1.93	4.8
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ K^- \pi^-$	4.00	$0.46 \pm 0.21$	6.2	0	2.03	3.2

— The lowest UL  
— The highest UL

# $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda h, \bar{\Lambda} h$ ( $h = \pi^-, K^-$ )

- Based on 904/fb of Belle data
- 4 modes are searched for
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} h^-$  (B-L conserving)
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda h^-$  (B-L violating)
- Select three hadrons on signal side, require  $\Lambda$  vertex



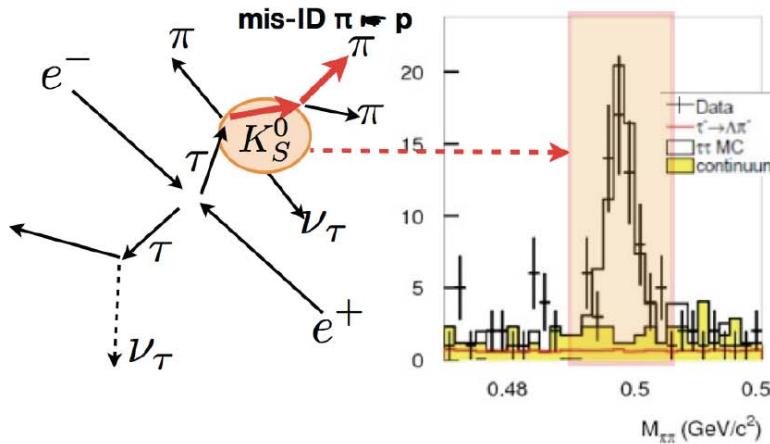
	$\tau^-$	$\bar{\Lambda}$	$\pi^-, K^-$
B	0	-1	0
L	1	0	0
B-L	-1	-1	0

(B-L) conserving

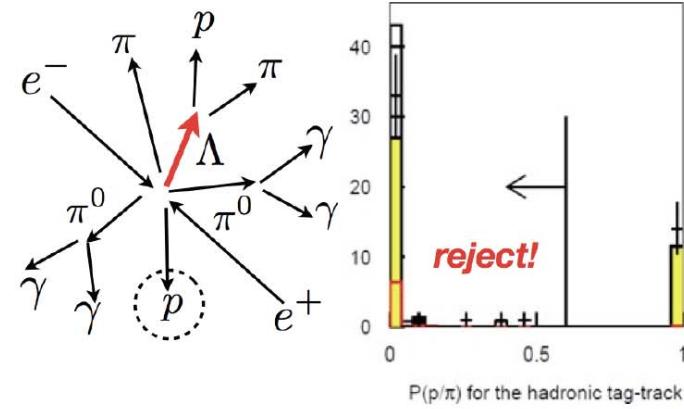
	$\tau^-$	$\Lambda$	$\pi^-, K^-$
B	0	1	0
L	1	0	0
B-L	-1	+1	0

(B-L) violating

$K_S$  veto

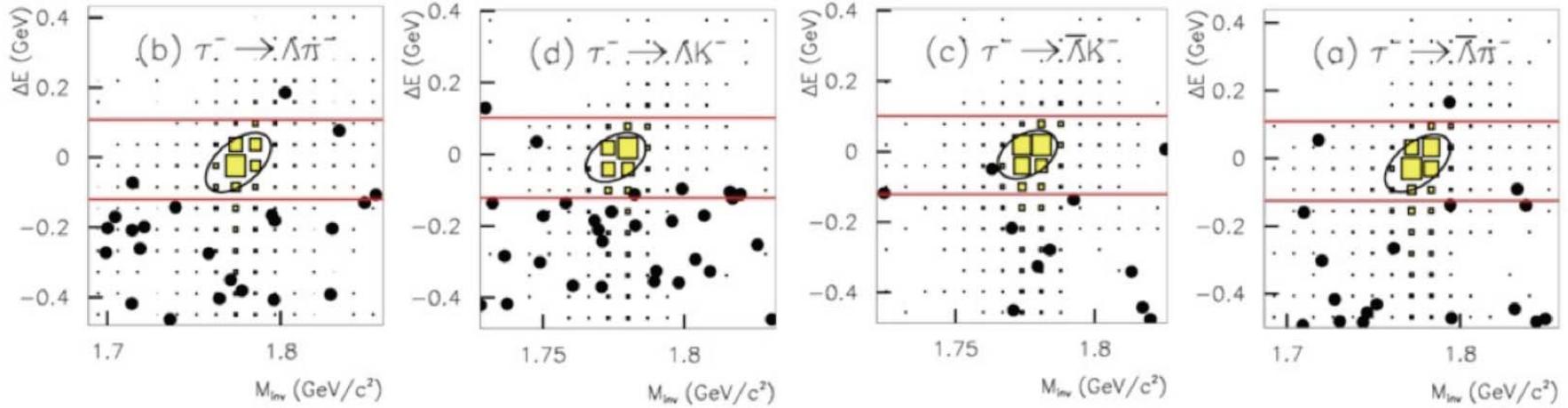


Proton veto tag side



# $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda h, \bar{\Lambda} h$ results

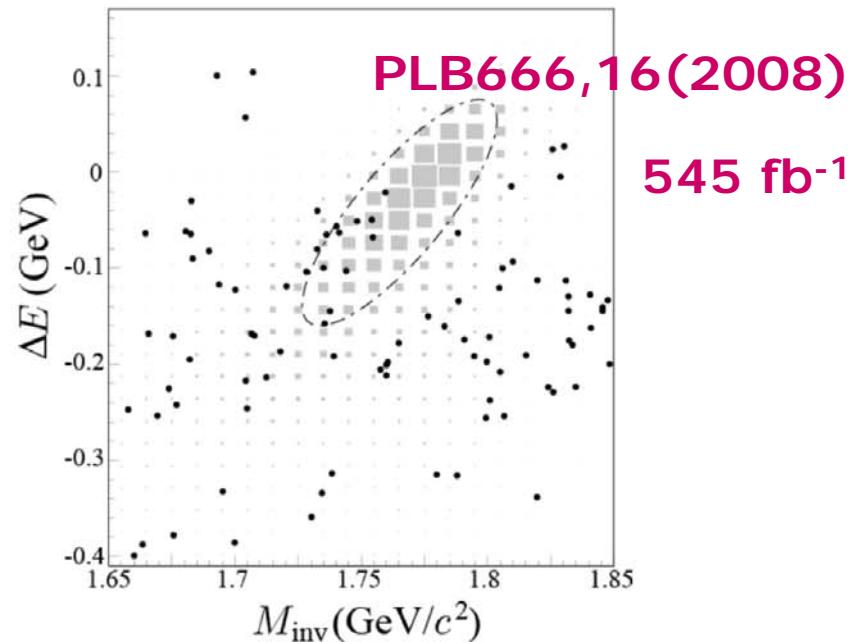
preliminary



	Mode	$\epsilon(\%)$	$N_{BG}$	$\sigma_{\text{syst.}}$	$N_{\text{obs}}$	$s_{90}$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-8})$
<b>B-L conv.</b>	$\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$	4.80	$0.21 \pm 0.15$	8.2	0	2.3	< 2.8
	$\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}K^-$	4.39	$0.31 \pm 0.18$	8.2	0	2.3	< 3.1
<b>B-L viol.</b>	$\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$	4.11	$0.31 \pm 0.14$	8.6	0	2.2	< 3.0
	$\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$	3.16	$0.42 \pm 0.19$	8.6	0	2.1	< 4.2

# $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$

- Based on 545/fb data
- Main backgrounds:  
 $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$  and dimuon events with ISR
- 94 events found in the  $5\sigma$  signal region, while expecting  $(88 \pm 7)$
- 90% C.L. upper limits
  - Expected:  $7.8 \times 10^{-8}$
  - Observed:  $4.5 \times 10^{-8}$

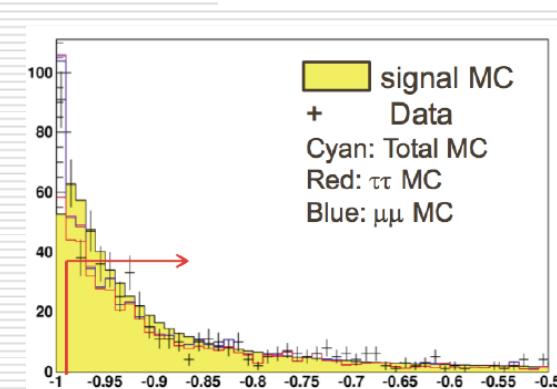
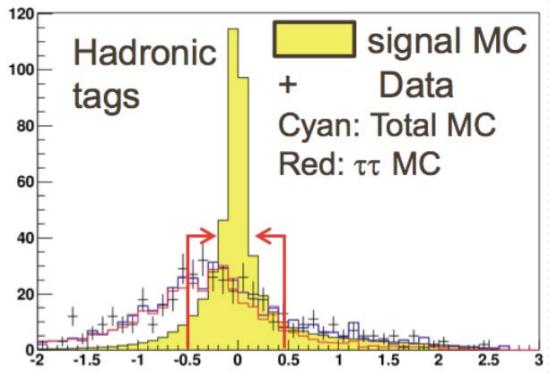


Now updating to the full  
Belle dataset (980/fb)...

# $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ results

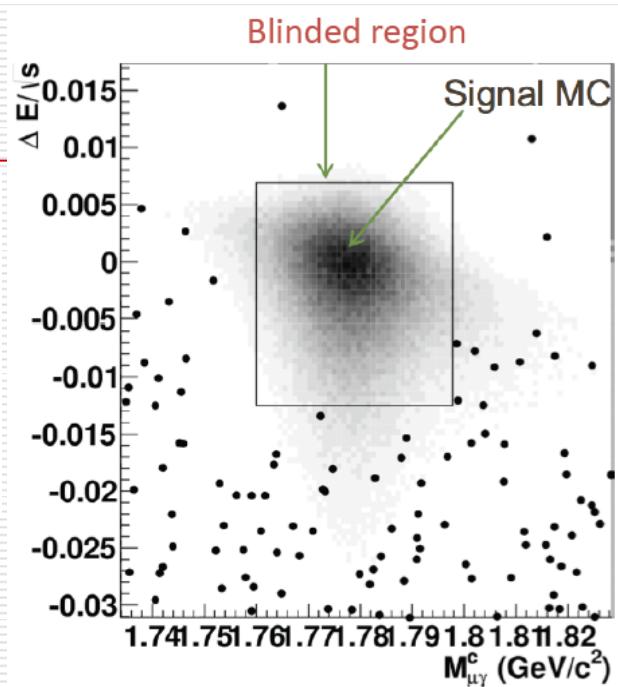
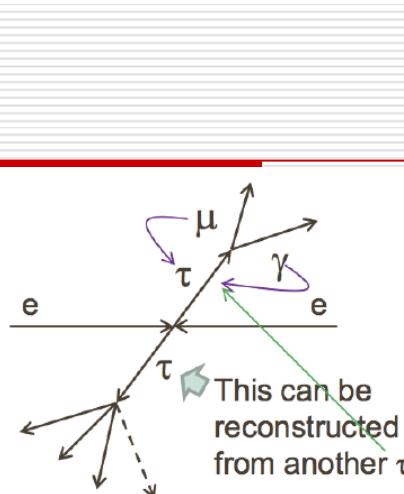
- To reduce  $\tau \tau$  background, we used missing mass:

$$M_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_\tau - p_{\text{tag}})^2$$



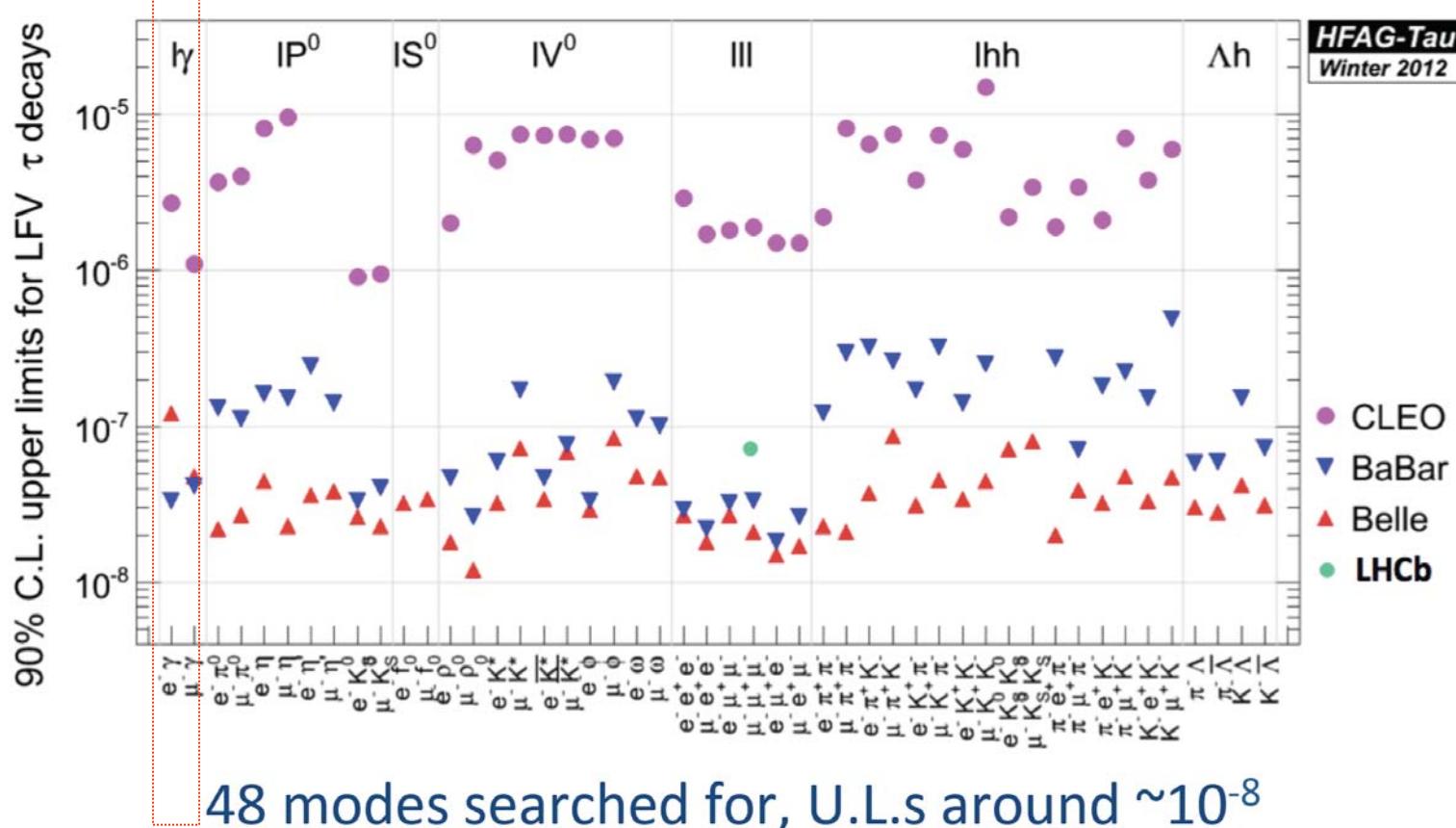
- To reduce ISR  $\mu\mu$  background, we added a cut on the open angle between signal and tag-side tracks in [yee CMS](#)

Expected:  $5.3 \times 10^{-8}$



- 6.5% efficiency
- 115 +/- 11 background events expected
- About a factor of 1.5 increase in sensitivity

# Summary Belle $\tau$ LFV results



*These results are under preparation with full data set*

# Future Facilities for $\tau$ LFV ...

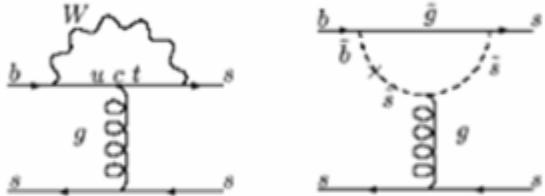
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- Belle-II/Super-KEKB/KEK
  - COMET+DeeMe/JPARC
  - LHCb+ATLAS+CMS/LHC/CERN
  - MEG+Mu3e/PSI
  - Mu2e+Mu3e/Fermilab/Project-X
  - NA62/SPS/CERN
  - Super Tau-Charm (?)
  - .....
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# Searching for New Physics with Belle II

Indirect searches for New Physics complement direct searches at LHC

**Flavor changing neutral currents**  
(virtual contributions of new, heavy particles in loops)



Precision test of **CKM unitarity**  
(search for new CP-violating phases)

New Physics  
???

Search for New Physics  
in B decays with  $\tau$  leptons  
(charged Higgs, ...)

Search for lepton flavor violation  
in B and  $\tau$  decays

For sensitive New Physics searches, need  $O(10^2)$  times more data

Belle / KEKB  $\Rightarrow$  Belle II / SuperKEKB

# Strategies to increase luminosity

$$L = \frac{\gamma_{e\pm}}{2er_e} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*}\right) \left(\frac{I_{e\pm}\xi_{y\pm}}{\beta_y^*}\right) \left(\frac{R_L}{R_{\xi_y}}\right)$$

Beam-beam parameter

Lorentz factor

Beam current

Classical electron radius

Beam size ratio@IP  
1 ~ 2 % (flat beam)

Vertical beta function@IP

Lumi. reduction factor  
(crossing angle)&  
Tune shift reduction factor  
(hour glass effect)  
0.8 ~ 1  
(short bunch)

- (1) Smaller  $\beta_y^*$
- (2) Increase beam currents
- (3) Increase  $\xi_y$

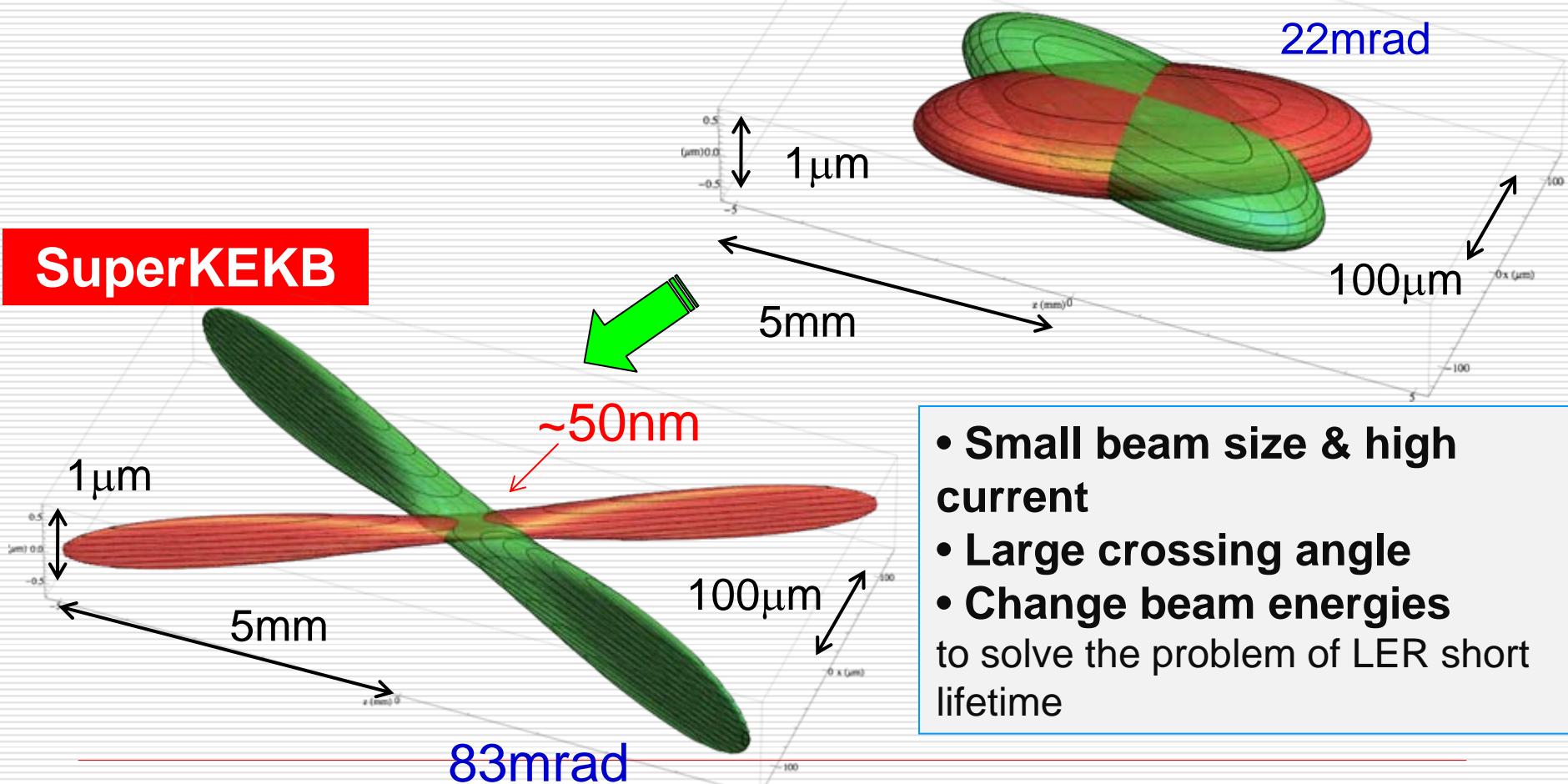
**“Nano-Beam” scheme**

**Collision with very small spot-size beams**

# Nano-Beam Scheme

**present KEKB**

(w/o crab)

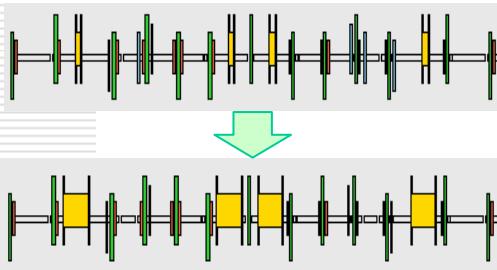


- Small beam size & high current
- Large crossing angle
- Change beam energies to solve the problem of LER short lifetime

# SuperKEKB

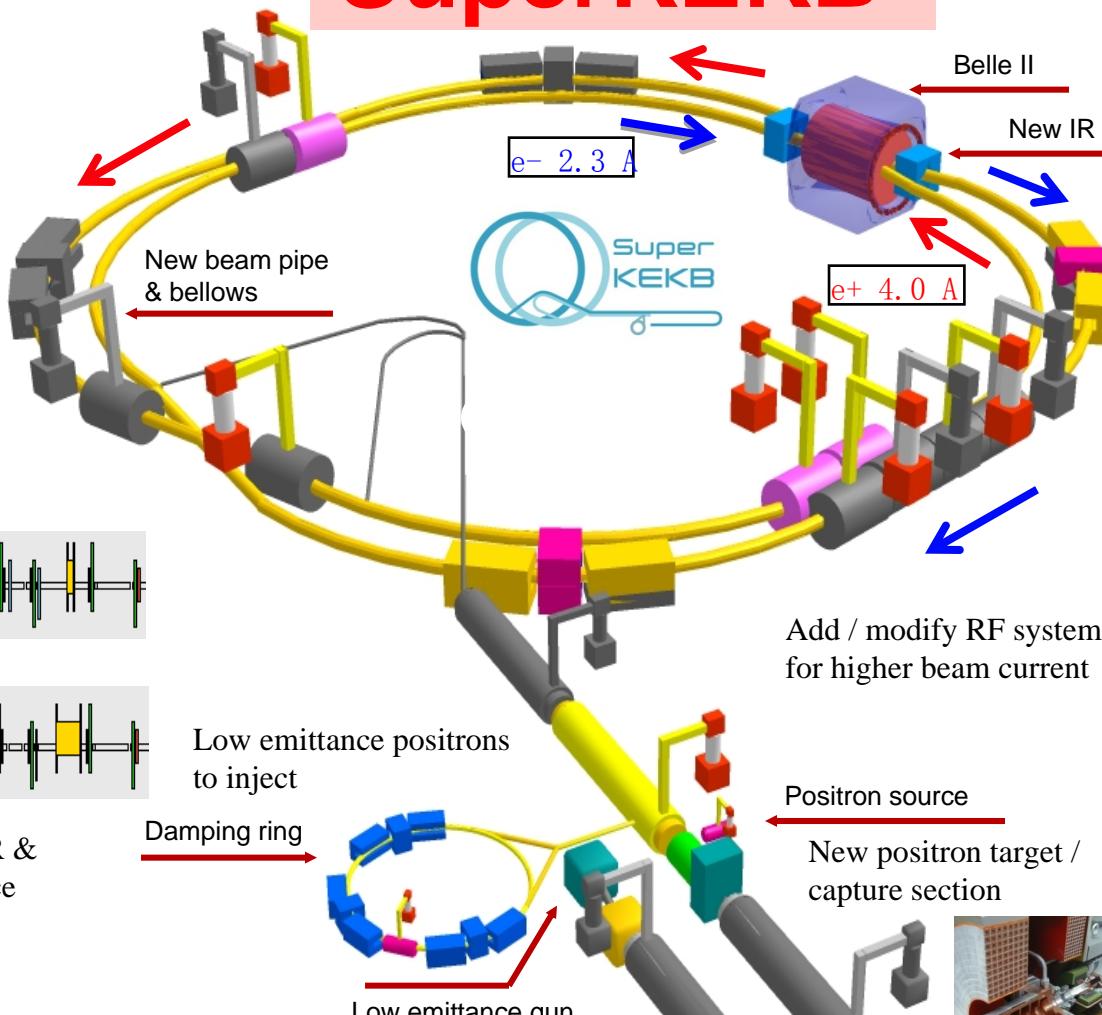
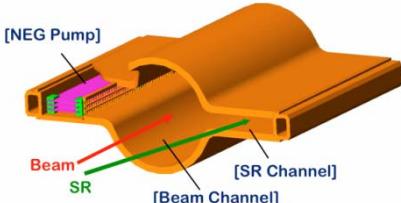


Replace short dipoles  
with longer ones (LER)



Redesign the lattices of HER &  
LER to squeeze the emittance

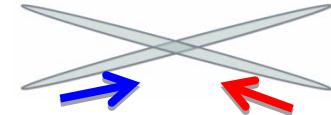
TiN-coated beam pipe with  
antechambers



$$L = 8 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$$

x 40 Gain in Luminosity

Colliding bunches



New superconducting /permanent final focusing quads near the IP



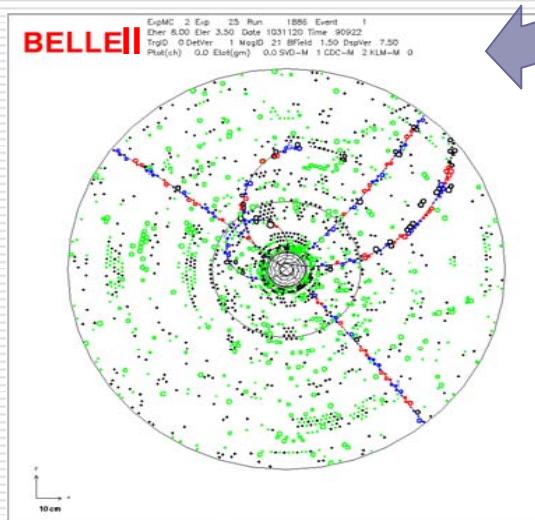
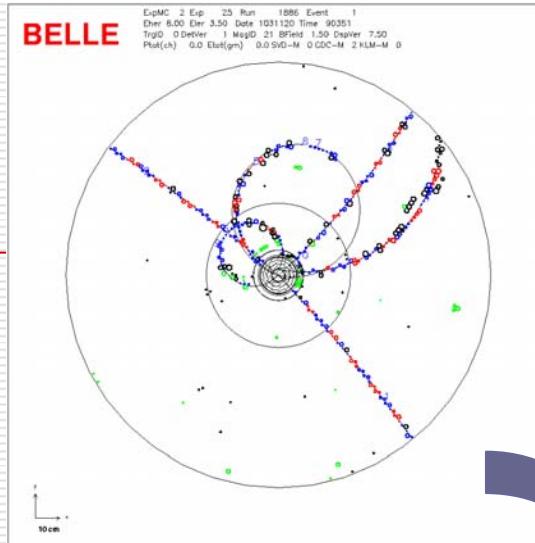
$$L = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2er_e} \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*} \right) \frac{I_{\pm} \xi_{\pm} y}{\beta_y^*} \left( \frac{R_L}{R_y} \right)$$

# Detector upgrade

TDR:  
arXiv:1011.0352

Critical issues at  $L = 8 \times 10^{35} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ :

- Higher background ( $\times 10\text{-}20$ )
  - radiative Bhabha dominate
  - radiation damage and higher occupancy
  - fake hits and pile-up noise in EM calorimeter
- Higher event rates ( $\times 10$ )
  - higher rate trigger (L1 trigg.  $0.5 \rightarrow 30 \text{ kHz}$ )
  - DAQ, computing
- Targeted improvements:
  - increase hermeticity
  - improve IP and secondary vertex resolution
  - improve  $K_s$  and  $\pi^0$  efficiency
  - improve  $K/\pi$  separation
  - add  $\mu$ -ID and PID in end-caps



Higher luminosity → higher background → the **Belle** detector has to be upgraded

# Belle II detector upgrade

## Belle II

CsI(Tl) EM calorimeter:  
**waveform sampling**  
electronics,  
pure CsI  
for end-caps

4 layers DSSD →  
**2 layers PXD**  
(DEPFET) +  
4 layers DSSD

Central Drift Chamber:  
**smaller cell size,**  
**long lever arm**



RPC  $\mu$  &  $K_L$  counter:  
**scintillator + Si-PM**  
for end-caps

Time-of-Flight, Aerogel  
Cherenkov Counter →  
**Time-of-Propagation**  
**counter (barrel),**  
**prox. focusing Aerogel**  
**RICH (forward)**

7.4 m

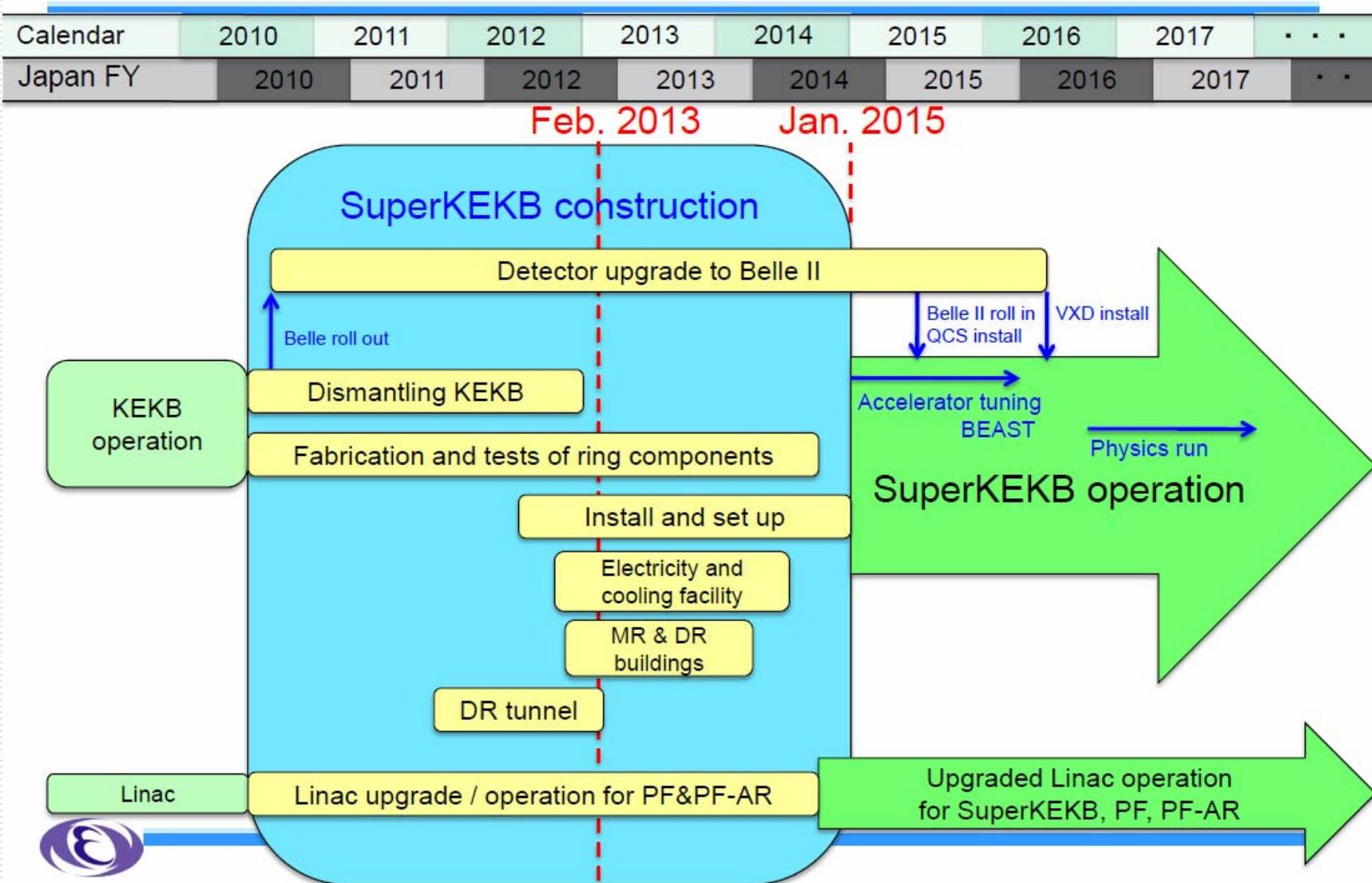
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1.5 m

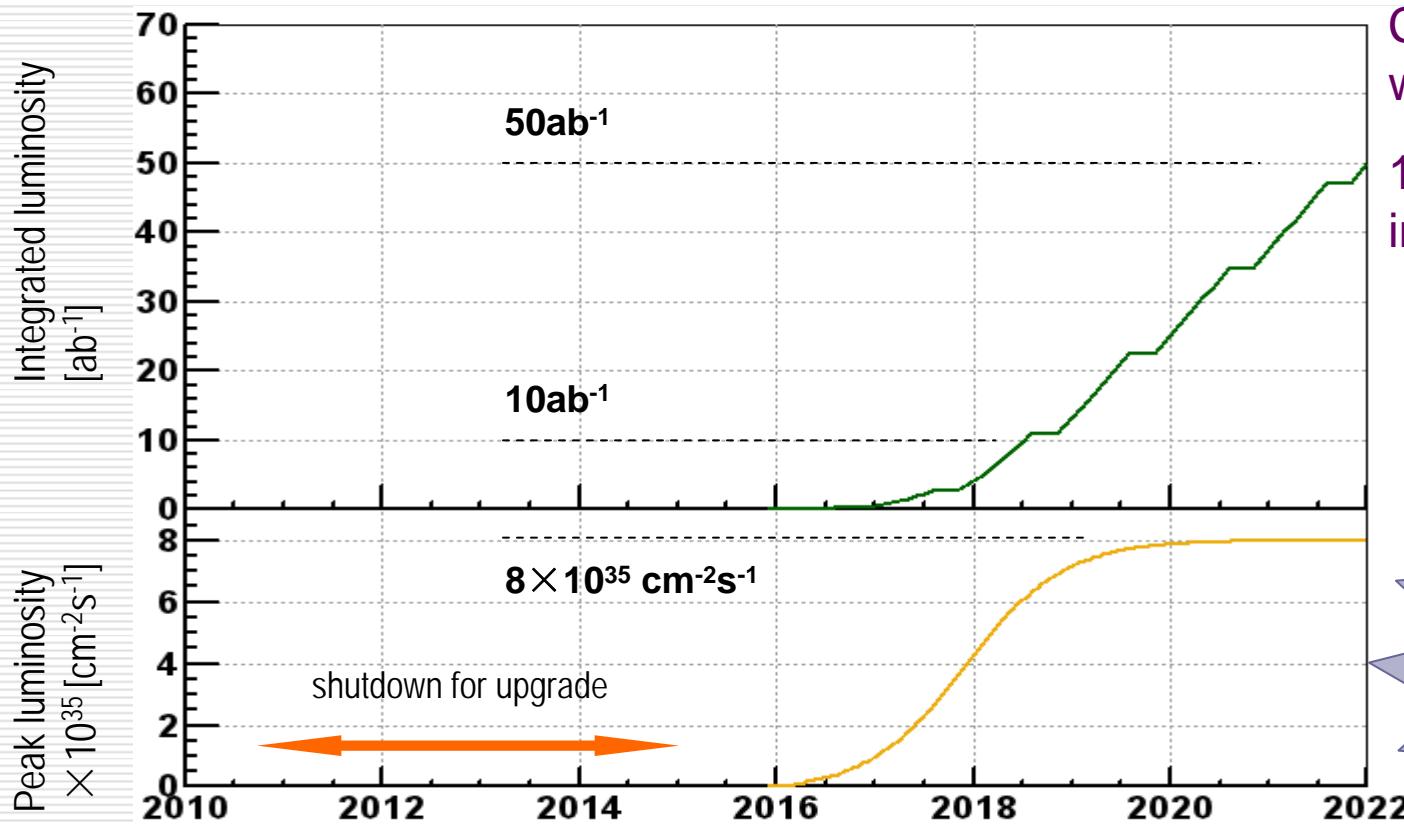
7.1 m

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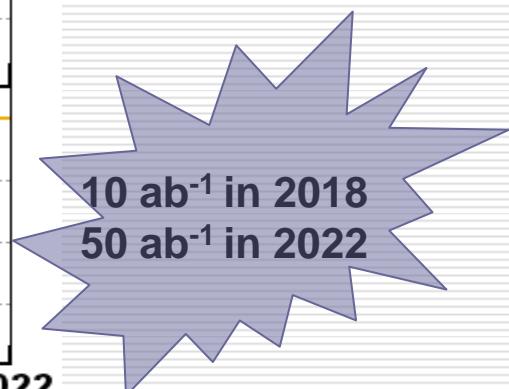
# SuperKEKB/Belle II schedule



# Luminosity prospects at SuperKEKB



Commissioning  
will start in early 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> physics run  
in 2016



# Belle II Collaboration



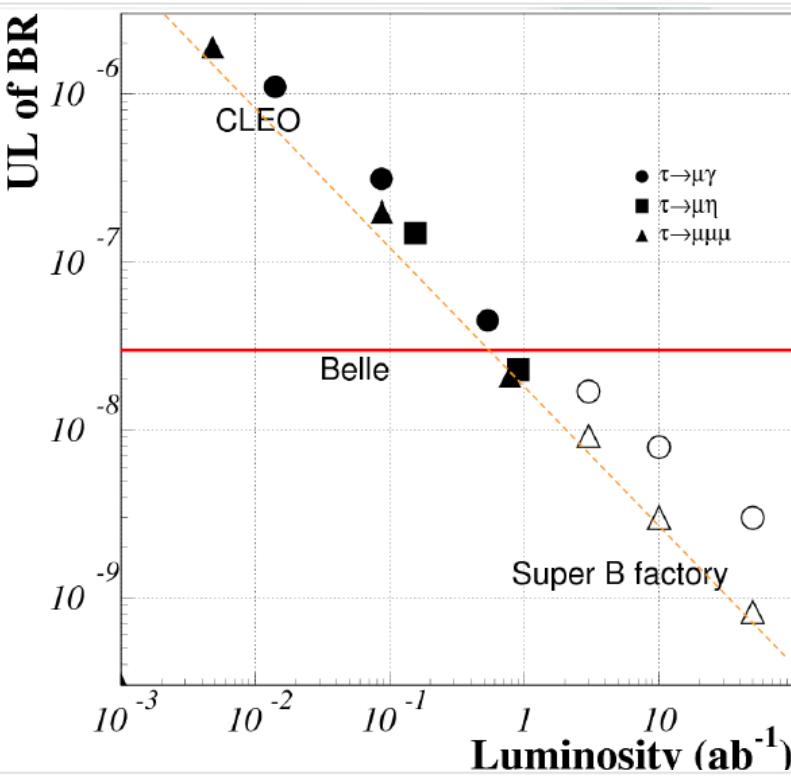
**23** countries/regions, **94** institutions, **560** collaborators

We welcome new collaborators!

Latest collaboration meeting on July 4–7 at VT

# Prospects for $\tau$ LFV at Belle II

## experimental sensitivity



- Belle II will collect  $\sim 10^{11} \tau$ -leptons (50/ab)

Sensitivity depends on the BG level.

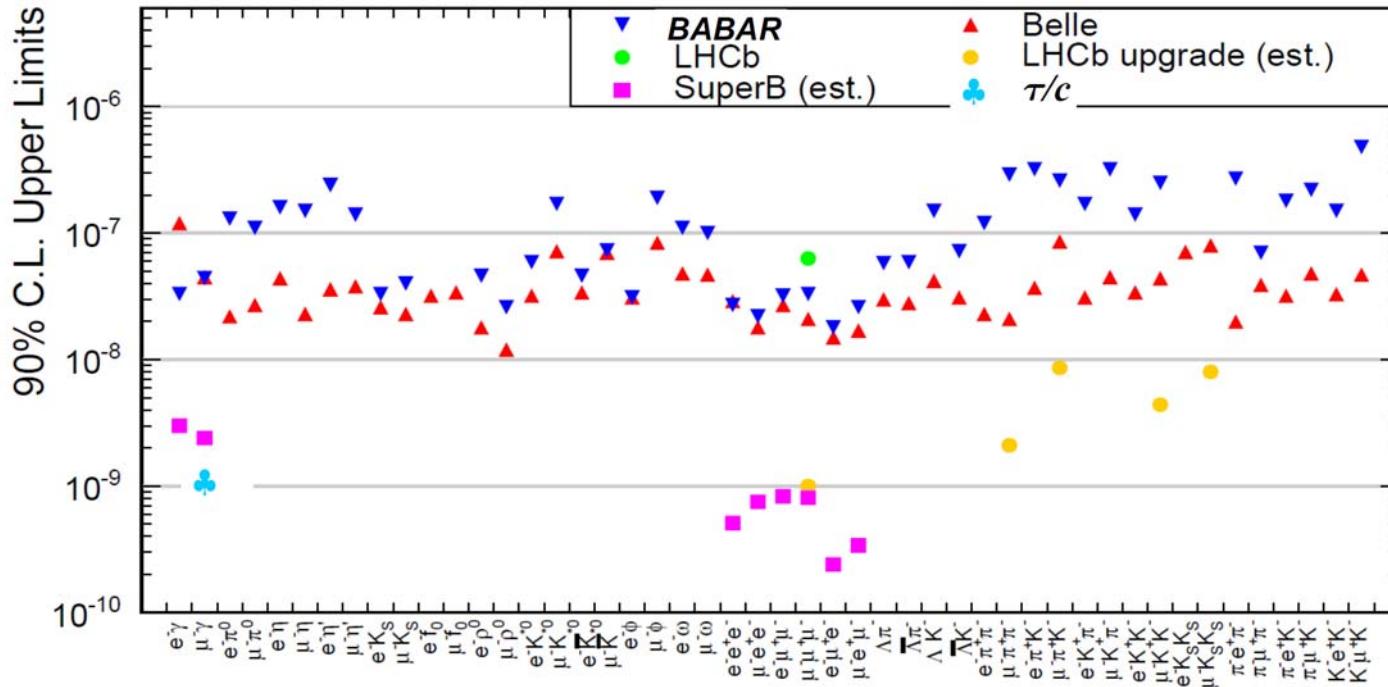
huge BG :  $\tau \rightarrow l\gamma$  ; scaling  $\sim 1/\sqrt{L}$

negligible BG at  $1\text{ab}^{-1}$ :  $\tau \rightarrow 3l$  ,  $l+\text{meson}$  ; scaling  $\sim 1/L$

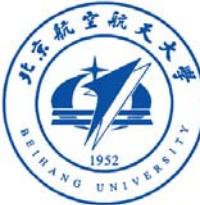
mode	$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$	$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow 3l)$
mSUGRA + seesaw	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-9}$
SUSY + SO(10)	$10^{-8}$	$10^{-10}$
SM + seesaw	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-10}$
Non-universal Z'	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-8}$
SUSY + Higgs	$10^{-10}$	$10^{-7}$

*The full range of  $\tau$  LFV modes is only accessible at a Super B factory!*

# Super $e^+e^-$ factory sensitivity of $\tau$ LFV



Mode	BABAR ( $\times 10^{-8}$ )	Belle ( $\times 10^{-8}$ )	SuperB ( $\times 10^{-8}$ )
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma$	3.3	12	0.3
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \gamma$	4.4	4.5	0.2
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$	3.3	2.1	0.08
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm e^+ e^-$	2.9	2.7	0.02

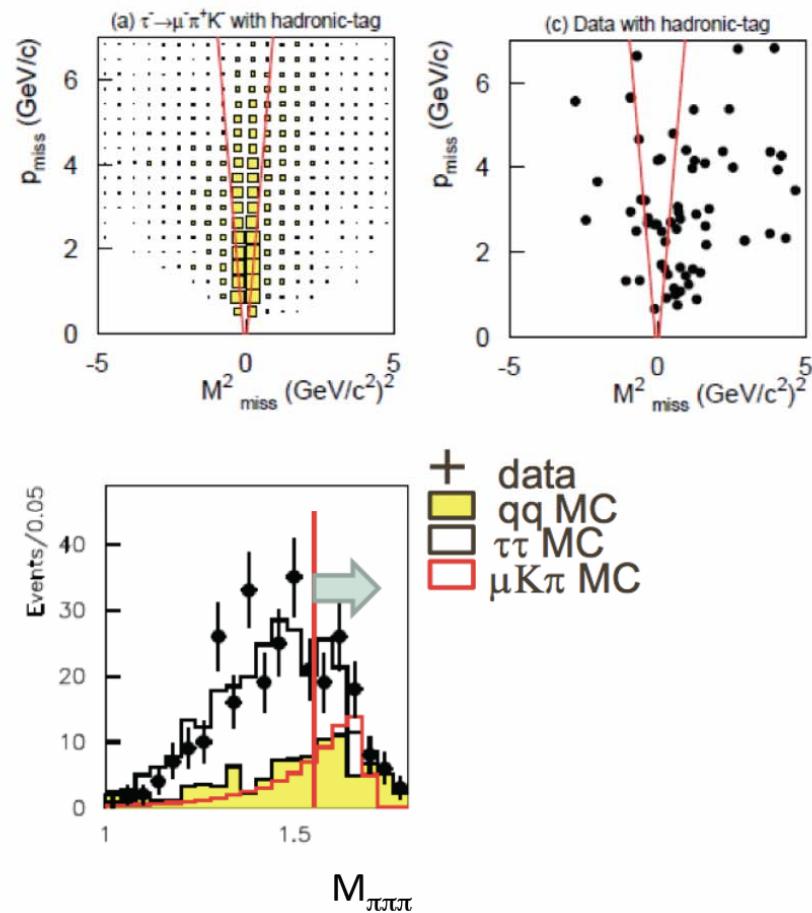


# Summary

- **Belle**
  - Belle data sample contains  $\sim 10^9 \tau$ -pairs, the world's largest sample
  - 48  $\tau$  LFV modes have been studied and 90% C.L. upper limits in the  $O(10^{-8})$  have been set
  - The final analysis of  $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma/\mu\gamma$  is ongoing and final results will come soon
- **Belle II**
  - Now the KEK B factory (KEKB and Belle) undergoes a major upgrade to become a Super B factory (SuperKEKB and Belle II)
  - The start of the physics run is foreseen for 2016, the luminosity goal is 50/ab by 2022, or  $\sim 5 \times 10^{10} \tau$ -pairs
  - This will allow to probe  $\tau$  LFV at the level of  $O(10^{-9})$

# Background rejection

- $\mu\pi K$  mode
  - $M_{\text{miss}}^2$  vs.  $p_{\text{miss}}$  2d cut  
75% efficient while 75% of the BG is rejected
- $e h h'$ ,  $\mu\pi\pi$  and  $\mu K K$  modes
  - $M_{\text{miss}}^2$  selection  
90% efficient while 50% of the BG is rejected
- $\pi\pi\pi\nu$  veto (for  $\mu\pi K$  mode)
  - Assign  $\pi\pi\pi$  mass for selected events
  - $M_{\pi\pi\pi} > 1.52 \text{ GeV}/c^2$   
65% efficient, 65% of the BG rejected



# Machine design parameters

parameters	KEKB		SuperKEKB		units	
	LER	HER	LER	HER		
Beam energy	$E_b$	3.5	8	4	7	GeV
Half crossing angle	$\phi$	11		41.5		mrad
Horizontal emittance	$\varepsilon_x$	18	24	3.2	4.3-4.6	nm
Emittance ratio	K	0.88	0.66	0.27	0.25	%
Beta functions at IP	$\beta_x^*/\beta_y^*$	1200/5.9		32/0.27	25/0.31	mm
Beam currents	$I_b$	1.64	1.19	3.60	2.60	A
beam-beam parameter	$\xi_y$	0.129	0.090	0.0886	0.0830	
Luminosity	$L$	$2.1 \times 10^{34}$		$8 \times 10^{35}$		$\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$