

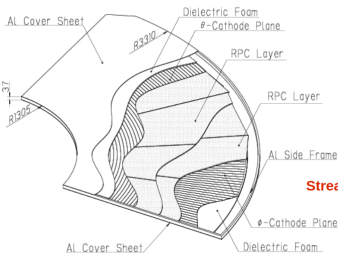
# The experience of construction, production and exploiting of the Belle II muon system

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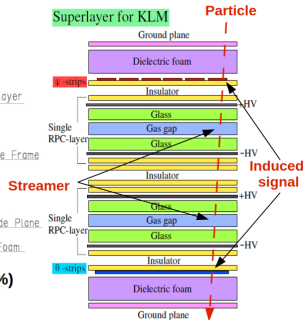
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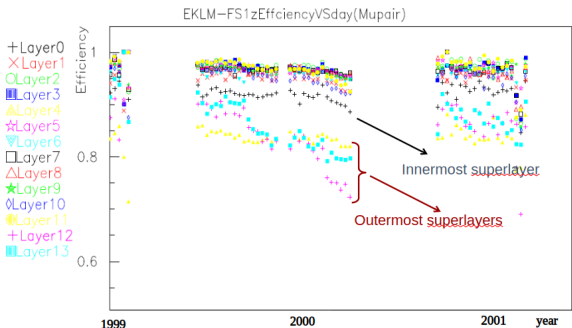
# Belle endcap muon system



Gas:  $\text{Ar}/\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}/\text{HEC-134a} = 30/8/62$  (%)  
Voltage  $\approx 7\text{kV}$

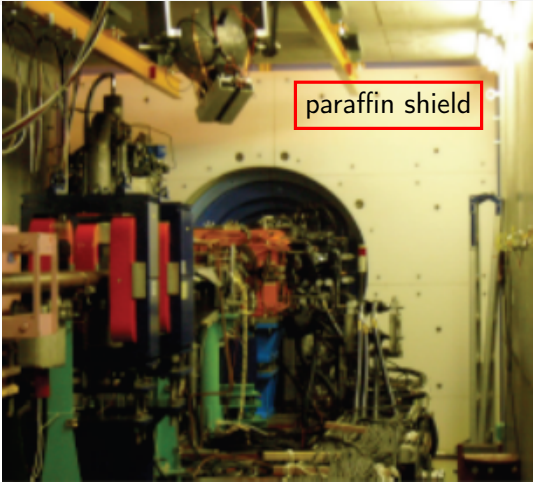
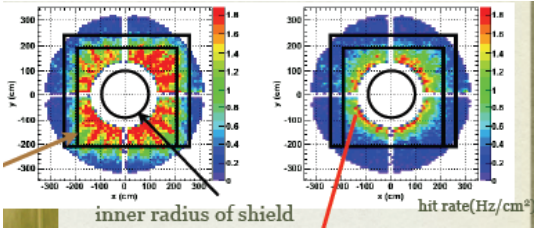
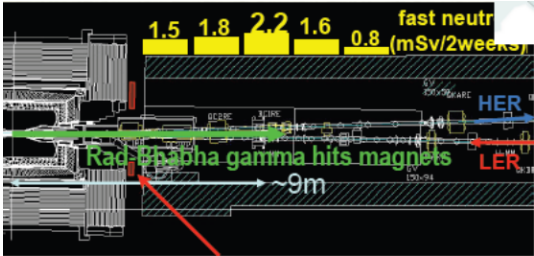


- RPC technology
- 14(BW) or 15(FW) layers btw. Fe plates
- RPC HV 7kV



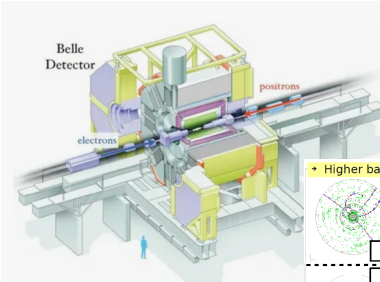
By the end of the first year of operation and efficiency degradation became evident. the effect was especially noticeable in the outermost layers. **Main reason: RPC dead time due to neutron background.**

# Shielding

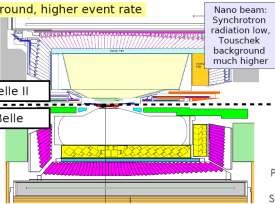


View from inside the accelerator tunnel

# From Belle to Belle II



Higher background, higher event rate



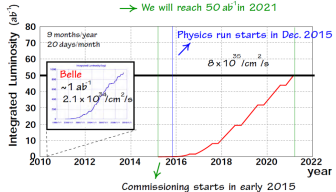
Luminosity increases  
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Background rises



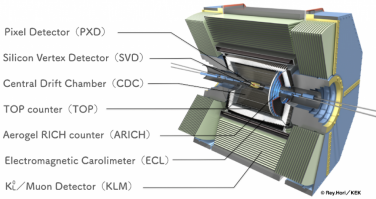
## SuperKEKb luminosity plans

50  $ab^{-1}$  by the end of 2020 JFY =  $\times 50$  present

→ We will reach 50  $ab^{-1}$  in 2021



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# Belle RPC efficiency in Belle II environment

Belle2 TDR

	Moderate	Higher luminosity	Higher background	Larger dead time	Lower efficiency	
Layer	KEKB	Barrel SuperKEKB	KEKB	SuperKEKB	KEKB	SuperKEKB
0	0.91	0.70	0.91	0.0	0.90	0.0
1	0.94	0.81	0.93	0.0	0.90	0.0
2	0.96	0.87	0.94	0.0	0.90	0.0
3	0.98	0.91	0.94	0.0	0.90	0.0
4	0.98	0.94	0.94	0.0	0.89	0.0
5	0.99	0.95	0.92	0.0	0.88	0.0
6	0.99	0.95	0.93	0.0	0.89	0.0
7	0.99	0.96	0.92	0.0	0.87	0.0
8	0.99	0.94	0.92	0.0	0.86	0.0
9	0.99	0.96	0.90	0.0	0.85	0.0
10	0.99	0.98	0.87	0.0	0.82	0.0
11	0.99	0.97	0.82	0.0	0.80	0.0
12	0.99	0.96	0.78	0.0	0.81	0.0
13	0.99	0.97	0.77	0.0	0.76	0.0
14	0.99	0.96	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Acceptable

Inacceptable

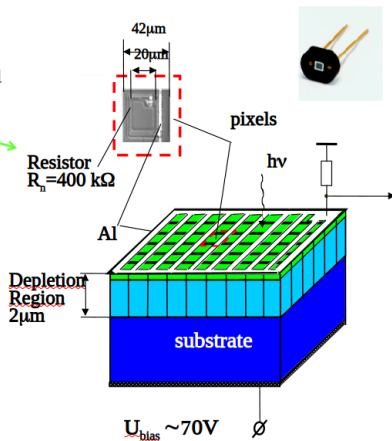
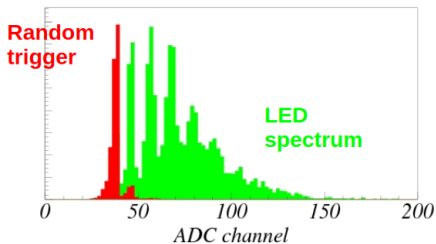
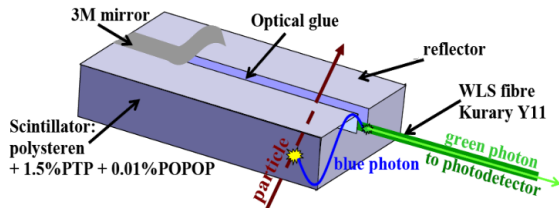
RPC efficiency measured in KEKB and extrapolated to SuperKEKB.

## Requirements to the Belle II KLM system

- High ( $> 98\%$ ) MIP efficiency
- Large geometrical acceptance ( $> 95\%$ )
- Fast detector to diminish integration time (bg raise linear with integration time)
- Low efficiency to neutrons
- Geometrically compatible with existing frames (4 cm thick)
- As cheap as possible (largest detector in Belle II,  $S \approx 1600 \text{ m}^2$ )

**Solution: Scintillator-based detector with WLS light-collection with independent operation of X and Y layers, utilizing SiPM as a photodetector**

# Scintillator option for the Belle II KLM



# Plastic scintillator+ WLS +SiPM scheme: pros and cons

## Technology

The technology had never been tested in such large device

## Neutron background

Contains a lot of hydrogen – effective neutron target

## Adjustable threshold

In contrast to RPC, which produces hit at  $\sim 100\text{keV}$  protons, scintillator sensitivity is justable and usually set at a half of MIP ( $\sim 1\text{MeV}$ )

## Birks's law

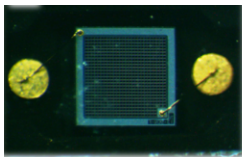
Protons from the neutron background are relatively slow and Birk's law reduces effective signal by factor of  $\sim 5$

## Two-layer scheme

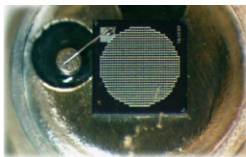
Independent operation of the two layers makes possible to use hit time information to from 2D hits and reduce neutron background which always produces 1D hits.

## Choice of the photodetector

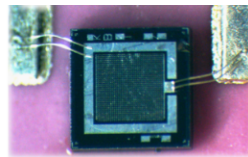
- A strong magnetic field inside the magnet yoke forbids the use of the PMT inside the module
- OPERA experiment used clear fibers to transport light from the WLS fiber to multi-channel PMT
- In the Belle II layout (reuse of RPC frames) the use of clear fibers seemed to be technically complex
- SiPM was chosen (Hamamatsu MPPC S10362-13-050)



MPPC S10362-13-050



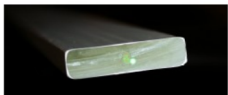
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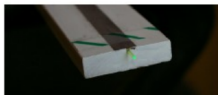
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# Choice of the scintillator producer

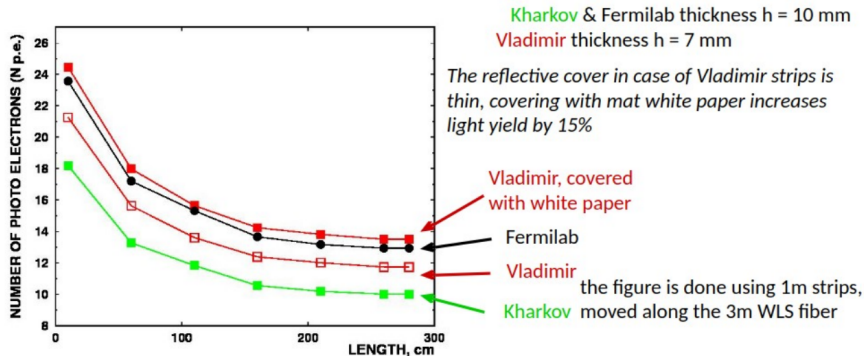
Fermilab (USA)  
(used in T2K ND)



Kharkov (Ukraine)  
(used in OPERA)



Vladimir (Russia)  
(used in T2K ND)

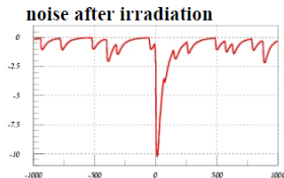
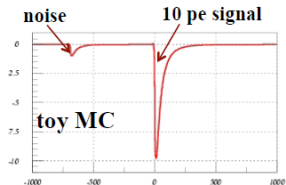


Chosen technology:

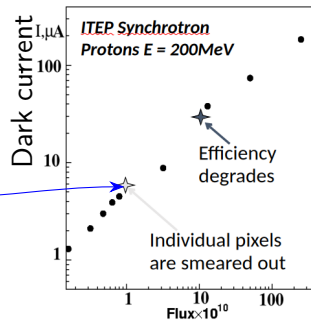
- Producer:  
Vladimir (UNIPLAST)
- Size:  
7mm x 40 mm
- Reflective cover:  
diffusive,  
by chemical etching
- Groove for fiber:  
milled
- Fiber:  
Kuraray WLS  
Y-11(200)MSJ
- Optical contact:  
SUREL SL1 optical gel

# Radiation hardness

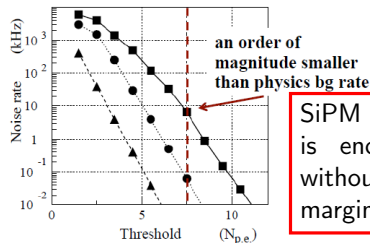
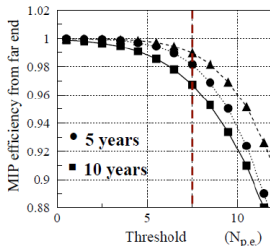
## SiPM radiation damage



5 year Belle II  
dose estimation



Scintillation plastic and  
WLS fibers are known  
not to degrade at such  
doses

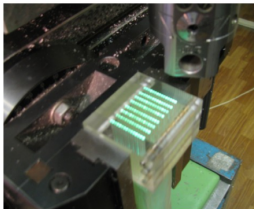


SiPM radiation hardness  
is enough for Belle II,  
without large safety  
margins, though

# Improvement of the strip performance

## Improving performance: WLS fiber

Milling with diamond cutter provides sufficient edge quality (both ends).

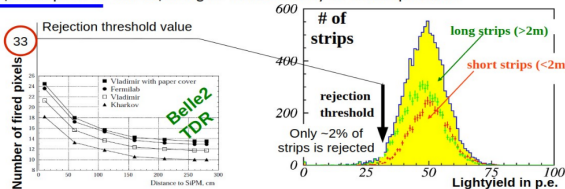


Mirroring far edge: study first T2K experience:

- use glueing of a mirroring foil as SMRD – effective but timeconsuming
- vacuum aluminization as FGD – low efficiency 70%.

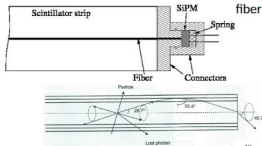
We tried many other options including spying of silver, until

fast and efficient solution was found: just paint with silver shine paint (textile paint for fabrics) and get >90% efficiency for 1 sec operation.

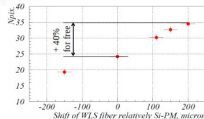
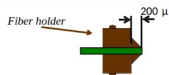


## Improving performance: SiPM-fiber connector

Connector is required to fix SiPM to fiber with 100 micron alignment



to reduce air gap between fiber end and SiPM modify the SiPM-fiber connector

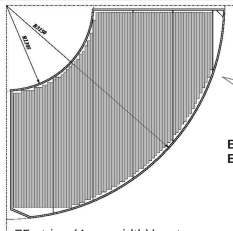
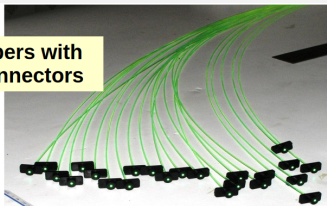


- Light yield is twice larger than at TDR
- For many strips the statistics is nice: good Gaussian distribution with a small RMS



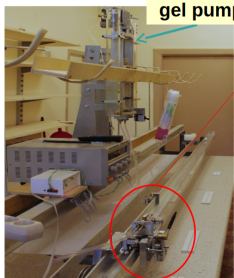
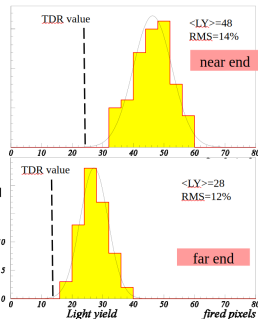
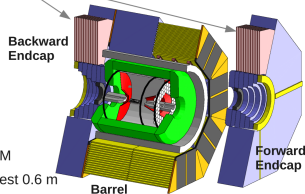
# Strip mass production

Fibers with connectors

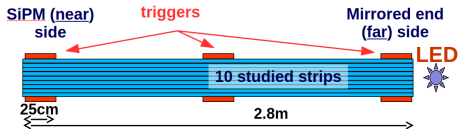
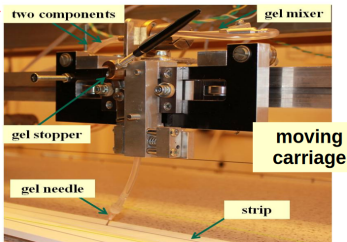


75 strips (4 cm width)/sector  
16800 strips for F&B Endcap KLM  
the longest strip 2.8 m; the shortest 0.6 m

- WLS fiber in each strip
- SiPM at one fiber end
- mirrored far fiber end



gel pump



# Assembly and installation

15 strips are glued to polystyrene substrate (1.5mm, both sides)

Pneumatic presses providing pressure  $> 1000$  kg/segment

Support structure made of I-beam profiles

gluing in junction

screwing to the net

Close up view to assembled superlayer

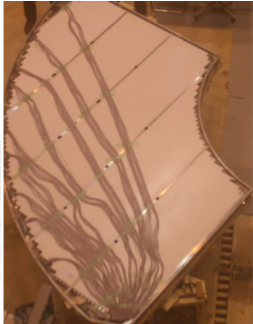
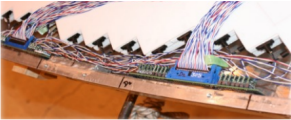
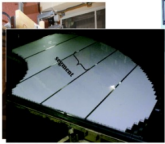
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SiPM connectors

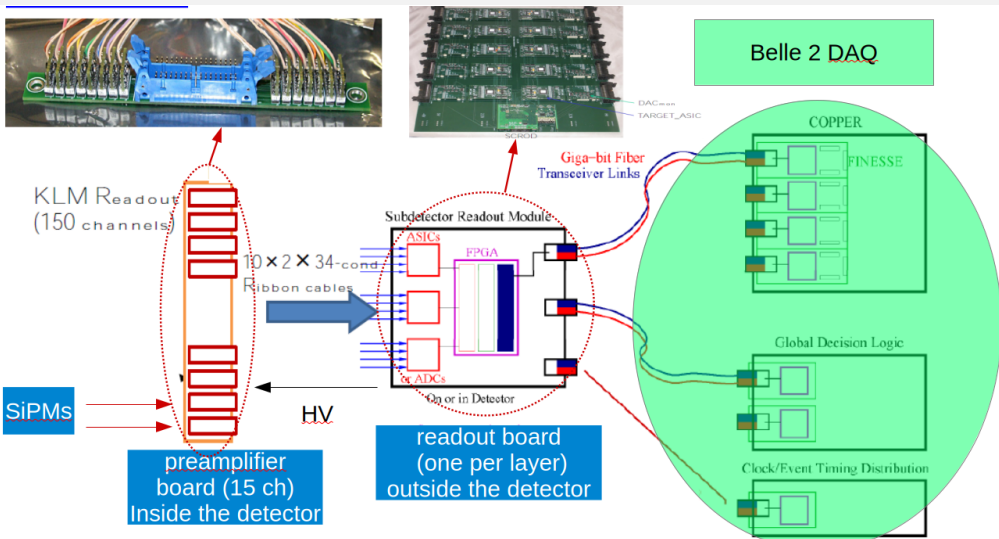
Y-plane

Strips

Polystyrene substrate



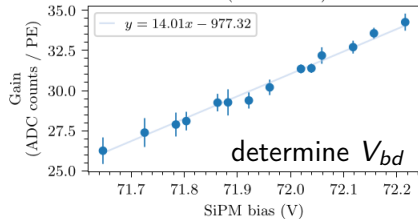
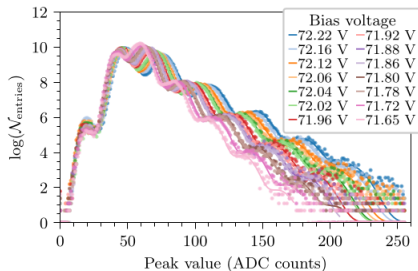
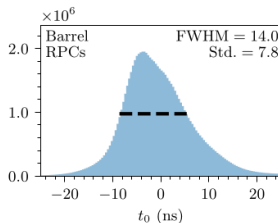
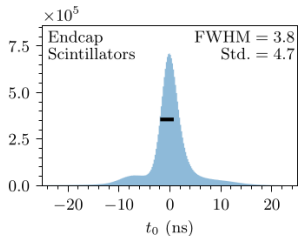
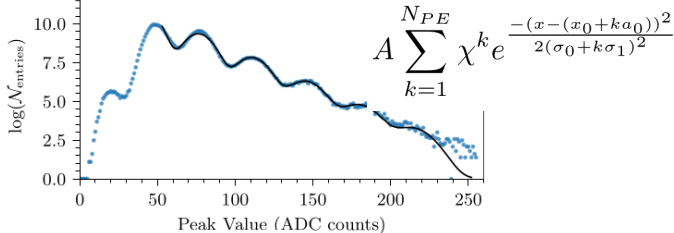
# Readout electronics



# Calibration

## Single photon spectrum

1st and 2nd peaks suppressed by the trigger



# Current RnD activities

## Long-term stability

The last Belle II muon system component was installed  $\sim 10$  years ago.  
Now is the very time to test it long-term stability.

- Disassemble spare segments
- Re-test strips to compare parameters with data collected during mass production

## Neutron background measurement

- The neutron background is poorly known and highly depends on the focusing magnets/masks etc.
  - Polystyrene scintillator strip is sensitive to the neutrons
- turn Belle 2 muon system to the neutron detector by strip response calibration with known source.
- Waveform-based analysis can distinguish btw. neutron and MIP hits

# Conclusion

- First used for the muon detector at the large-scale accelerator experiment in Belle II, **organic scintillator – WLS – SiPM** technology is now matured and well-established
- Good time resolution, tiny dead time and ability to measure signal amplitudes allows to cope with higher background and be efficient at flavor superfactories, including STCF.
- Huge expertise in developing, producing and assembling has been collected during Belle II KLM production
- R'n'D works aimed to better understanding long-term stability of the technology and its future developments are ongoing