

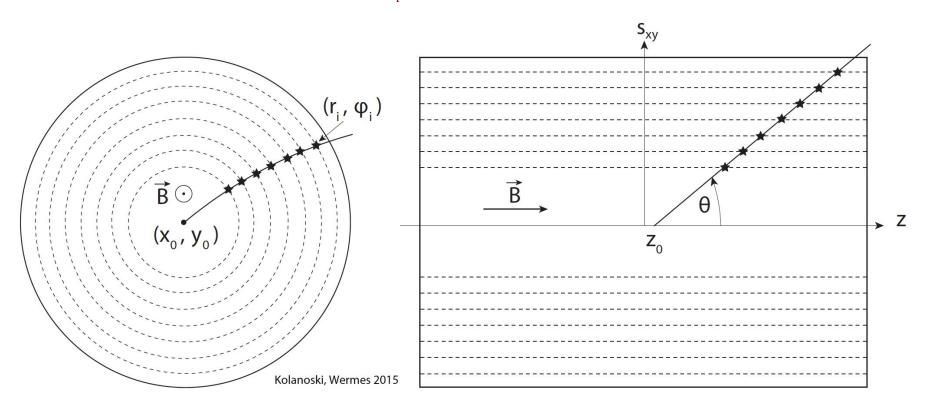
near-future of advanced particle tracking technology

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Basics of tracking

Multiple measurement points \star to determine p_{T} and (θ, ϕ)



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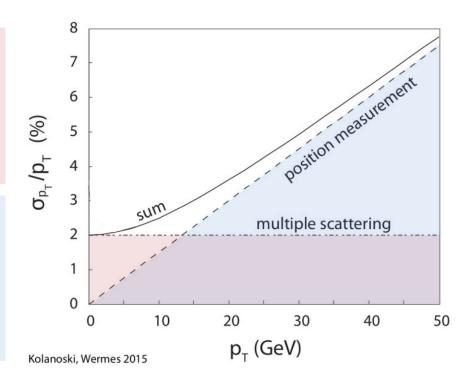
Considerations

Material budget:

- Absolute floor to p_T resolution
- Critical for low-*E* colliders like SuperKEKB (\sqrt{s} =10.58 GeV)
- Gas trackers preferred

Position measurement

- Mostly relevant for high- p_T tracks
- More measurement points
- Better resolution per point



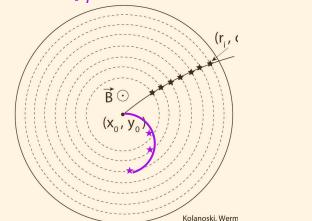
But that's not all that matters...

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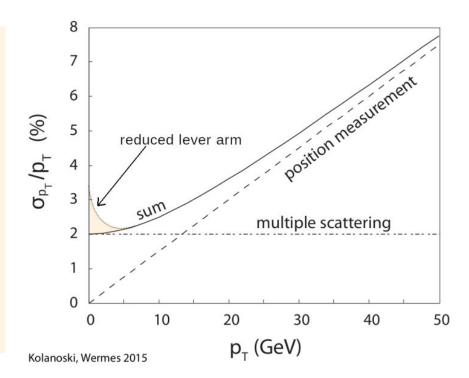
Further considerations

Reduced lever arm

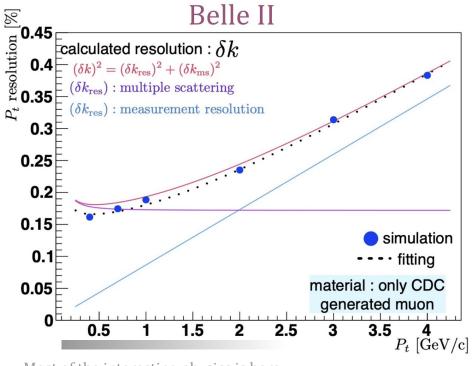
• **Low-***p_{<i>T*} **tracks** leave fewer hits



• Partially recovered by **reducing inner radius** of tracker



For Belle II, **multiple scattering** dominates...



Most of the interesting physics is here

 \rightarrow material budget is the name of the game. Let's look closer at the Belle II tracking system...

Belle II tracker

Central beam pipe: diameter $3 \text{cm} \rightarrow 2 \text{cm}$ (Beryllium)

Vertexing: 2 layers of pixels + 4 double-sided strips

Tracking: 14K-wire drift chamber

PID: time-of-flight (barrel), threshold Cherenkov aerogel \rightarrow time-of-propagation (barrel), proximity focusing aerogel (endcap)

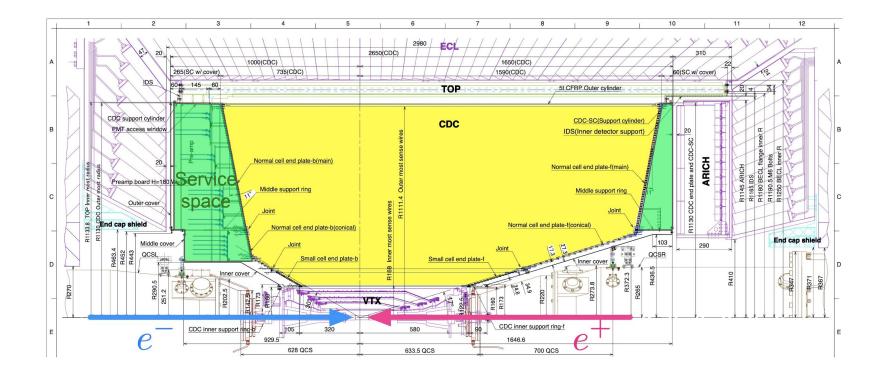
~7 m

Belle I

EM calorimetry: CsI \rightarrow same crystals upgrade of electronics and processing with legacy CsI(Tl) crystals

KL and μ : scintillators replace RPCs (endcap and inner two layers of barrel)

~ 7.5 m



Overview of Belle II CDC

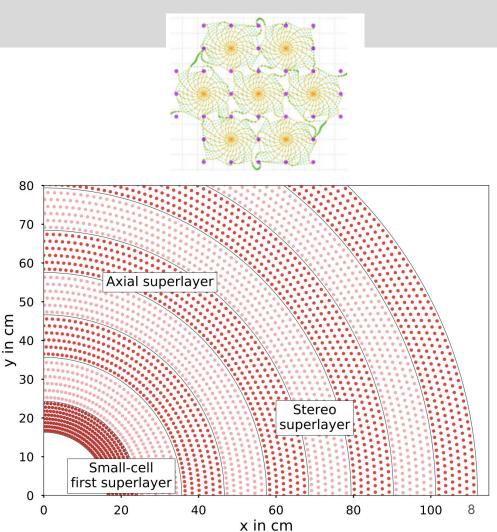
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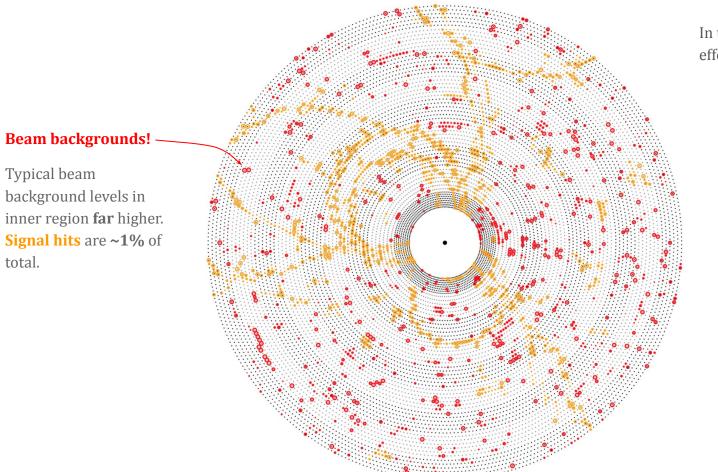
- Position via **drift time** of charge in drift cells
- Low-*Z* gas: 50% He, 50% C₂H₆

Wires:

- 14335 wires in 56 layers and 9 "superlayers"
- 30µm Tungsten (sense) and 120µm Aluminum (field)
- High density in inner layers (small-cell)
- Stereo superlayers provide *z* information

Let's look at a *simulated* event...



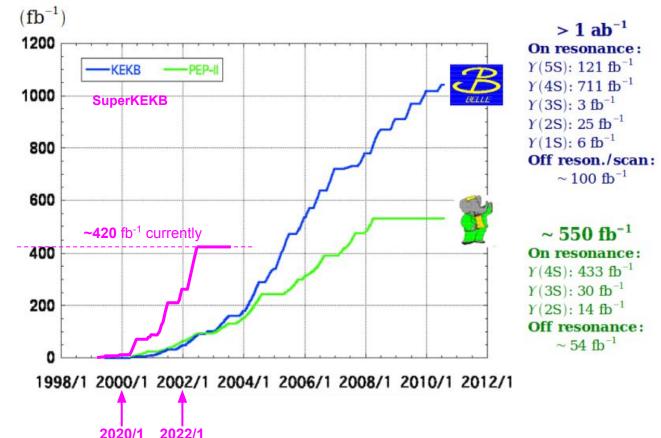


In terms of **occupancy**, this is effectively a **2D** detector

Operational experience

2+ years of running now

- World-record luminosities (but still far from design)
- Challenging beam-background environment
- A dataset already comparable to BaBar's



How did the CDC do?

Well.... not great

- Very high occupancy in inner layers (beam backgrounds)
 - Many injections of water vapor as quencher
- Significant short-and long-term gain drops
 - Some aging?
 - Too much water (+ broken sensor)
 - Oxygen contamination (+ broken sensor)
 - Inadequate fresh gas distribution (+ broken hose)
- Chronic personnel shortage

What can we do from here?



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Short term (*now*)

Immediate intervention with competent technical leadership

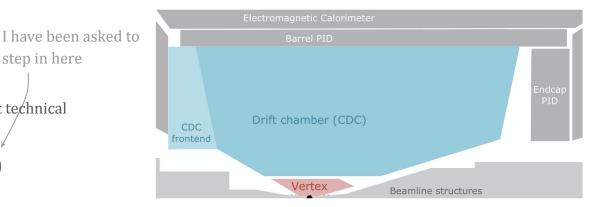
step in here

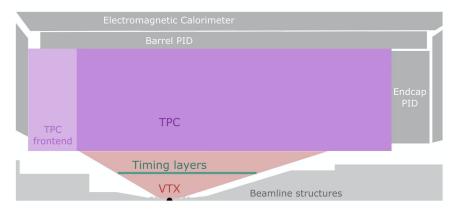
Test vessel studies (aging, gain, gas, etc.)

Medium-term (by 2026)

- Expansion of upgraded silicon detector?
- Other ideas? I'm somewhat involved here Longer-term (by 2032)
 - Full silicon tracker

Let's look at these options in more detail...





Belle II CDC upgrade scenarios: 2026

2026: Expansion of upgraded silicon pixels?

Current upgrade concept

- Replace both inner detectors (silicon pixels + strips)
- Depleted Monolithic Active pixels (CMOS)
- Smaller pitch (\sim 30µm²), reduced integration time (25-100 ns), thinner sensors (\sim 0.5%X₀/layer)

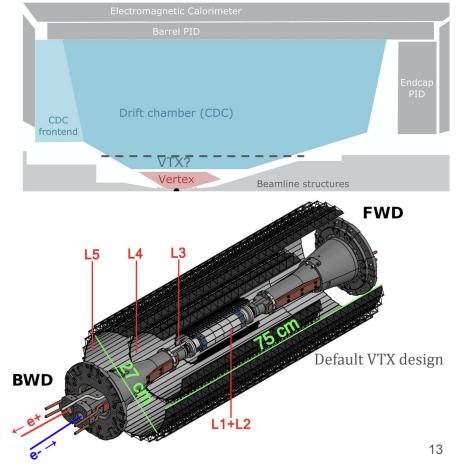
Extension possibility

- Replace CDC small-cell superlayer (modular)
- Far lower background occupancy

Drawbacks

- (Marginally?) more material
- Huge technical (and economic!) challenge on short timeline

Nobody is seriously working on this "expanded VTX" scenario, but I think it's the most plausible solution



Belle II CDC upgrade scenarios: 2032

2032+: Full silicon tracker?

Concept

- Completely replace CDC volume with VTX or future silicon detectors
- (similar to other next-generation trackers)

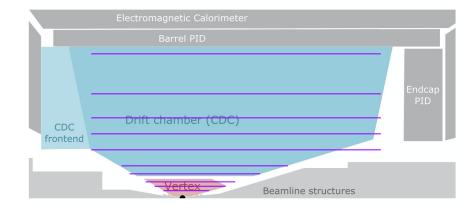
Benefits

- Reduced occupancy
- Better position resolution
- Single technology/detector everywhere

Drawbacks

- (even) more material \rightarrow worse $p_{\rm T}$ resolution (?)
- \$\$\$

Some support within Belle II, but my view is this is not feasible for Belle III...



Belle II CDC upgrade scenarios: 2032

2032+: Tracking TPC?

Concept

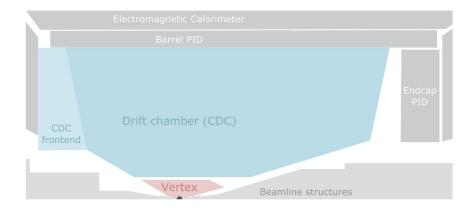
- Expand VTX as in first scenario
- Replace rest of CDC with single-volume tracking TPC

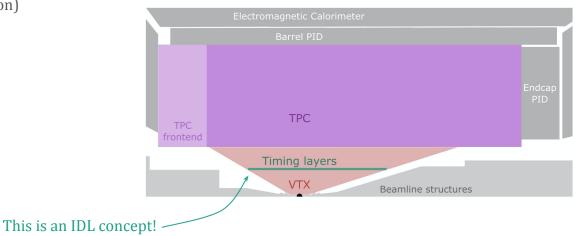
Benefits

- $2D \rightarrow \text{finely segmented 3D}$ (lower occupancy)
 - 14*K* wires \rightarrow 1*T* voxels (200 µm)³
- Minimum material (improved p_{T} resolution)

Drawbacks

- Diffusion \rightarrow degraded resolution
- No trigger output \rightarrow add timing layer*
- Event and background pileup
 - Entangled events
 - Huge number of background hits





Let's look at this closer...

Leveraging ILD TPC design

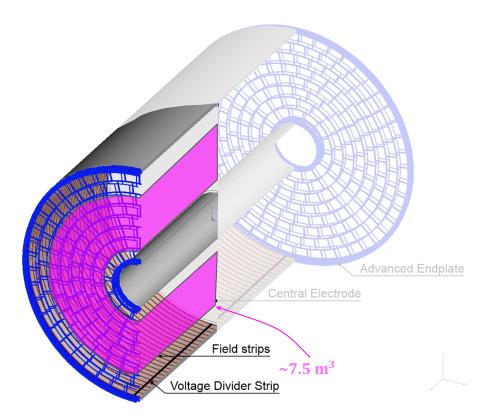
Surprisingly similar technical requirements

- Higher energy, but higher B-field \rightarrow comparable typical track curvature
- Comparable resolution targets
- Same drift lengths

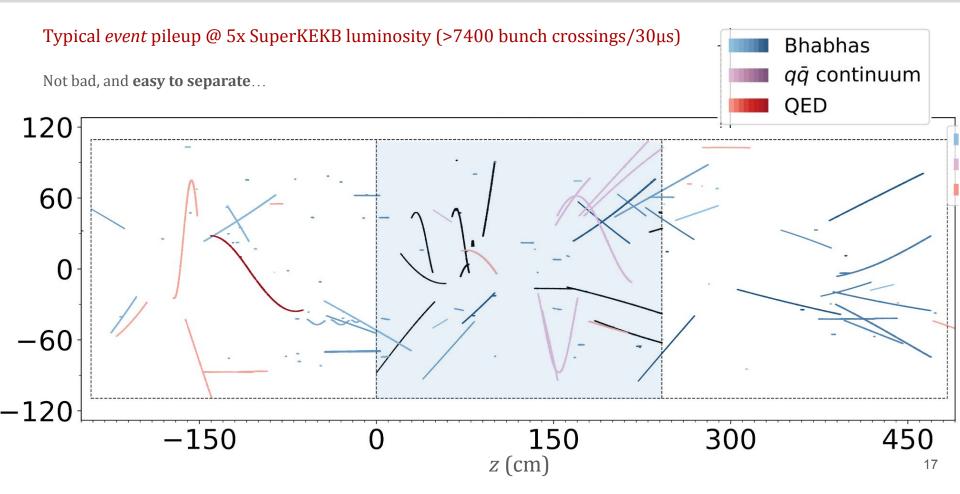
Still, some *major* differences

- SuperKEKB: continuous injection
- ILC: pulsed bunch trains, with 200ms gap between
 - ILD TPC can be gated, Belle TPC **cannot** be
- "HyperKEKB" will undoubtedly have huge beam backgrounds

Belle III TPC must be capable of continuous readout while integrating enormous background rates



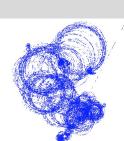
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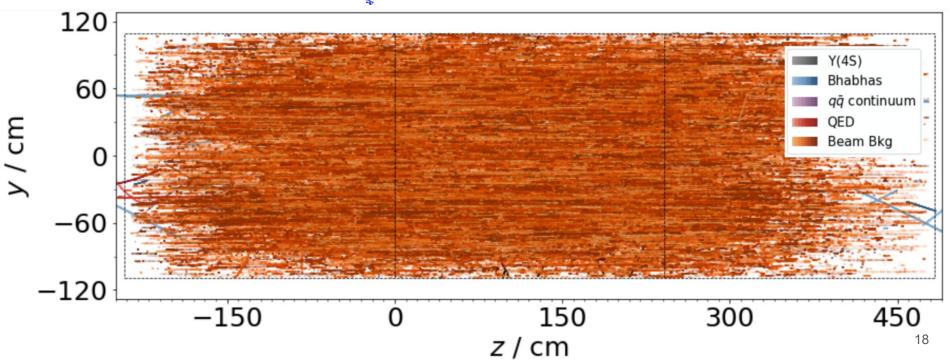


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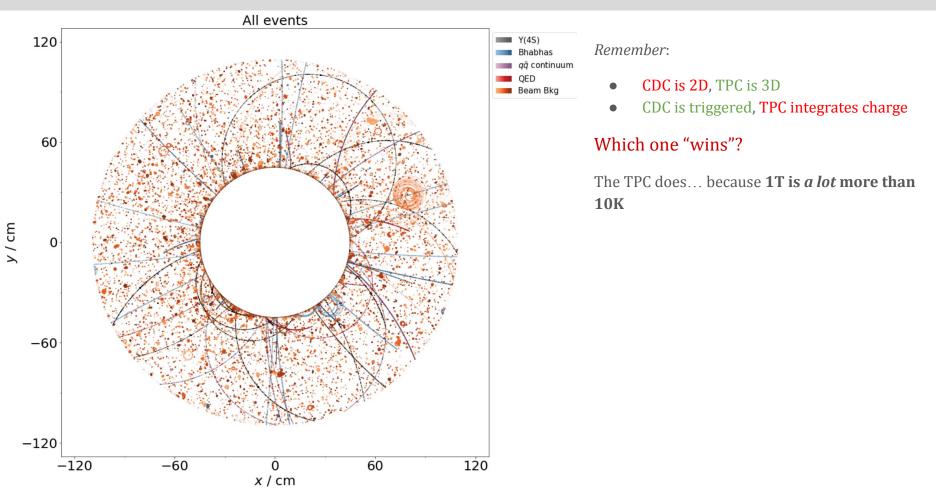
Typical *background* pileup

These are almost entirely *microcurlers*





Belle III TPC concept



Background pileup (@ 5x SuperKEKB lumi.)

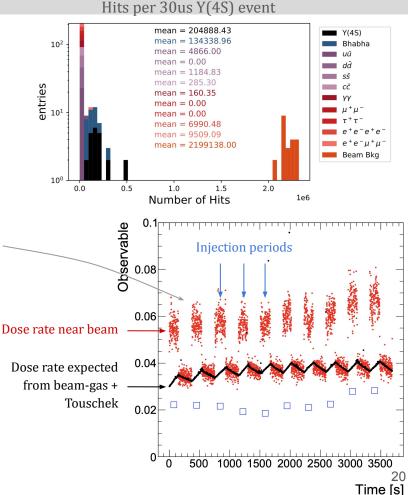
Total hit rate **completely dominated** by beam backgrounds (\rightarrow microcurlers)

However:

- **Occupancy** <10⁻⁴ with very conservative assumptions
- Microcurlers are easy to ID and ignore early in readout chain
- Injection background is not simulated and could be large; but we have a very large safety factor

Some demanding sensor requirements:

- Fully continuous readout @ >10Ghit/s
- Excellent resolution in presence of huge numbers of background hits
- Ion backflow does not significantly degrade p_T resolution



Enter InGrid detectors...

Integrated Grid (InGrid) detectors

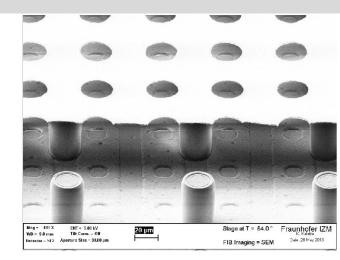
Model: GridPix

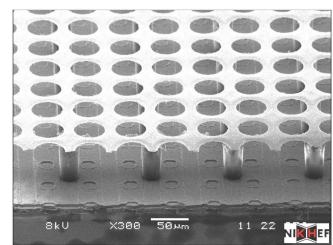
- TimePix3 ASIC ($55x55 \mu m^2$ pixels)
- Resistive layer on surface
- Integrated MICROMEGAS amplification grid

Key advantages:

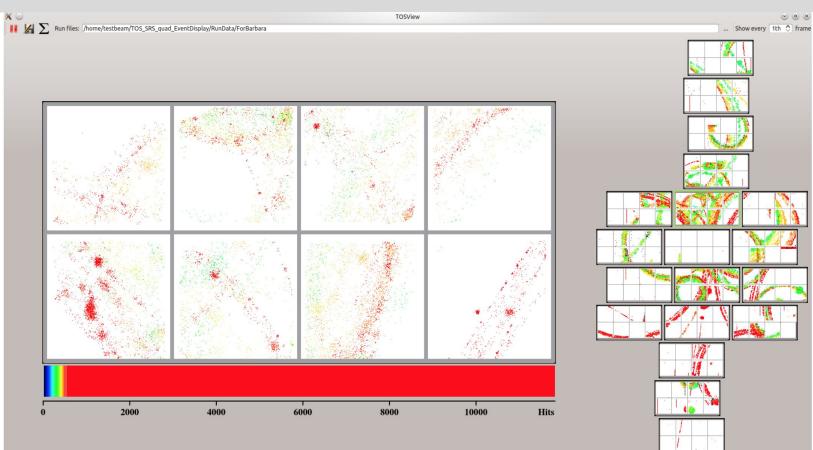
- *Ideal* resolution (55 μ m/ $\sqrt{12}$ = 16 μ m)
- **Single-electron counting** → *binary* readout possible → minimal throughput
- Low(-ish) ion backflow (~1% at gain of 2000); **20** backflowing ions per primary electron

Proof of principle from ILD TPC group @Bonn...

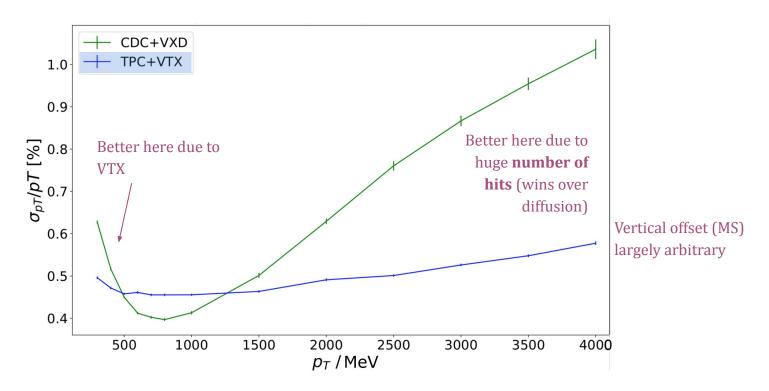




GridPix



How would it perform?



GridPix

What would the Belle III TPC sensor look like?

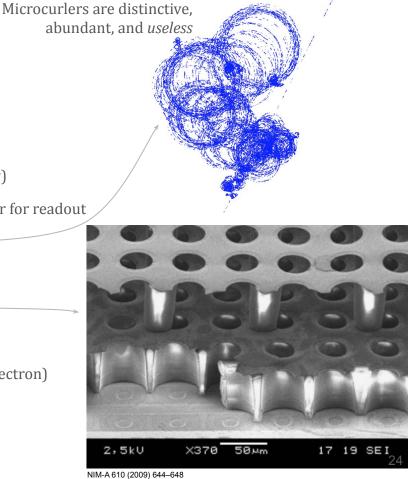
Pixel ASIC:

- "Large" pixels (200x200 μm² sufficient)
- 25ns time resolution sufficient
- TOT unnecessary; binary readout only (hit: time and pixel ID only)
- Hit buffering: continuous hit collection, but accept external trigger for readout
- Hit logic for microcurler suppression highly desirable

Amplification:

- Strong case for *TwinGrid*...
 - Still capable of single-electron counting...
 - ...but can drastically **reduce ion backflow** (to **~0.6** per electron)

InGrid sensors have many uses...



Synergies with Cygnus

InGrid sensors are also ideal for low-*E* nuclear recoil tracking

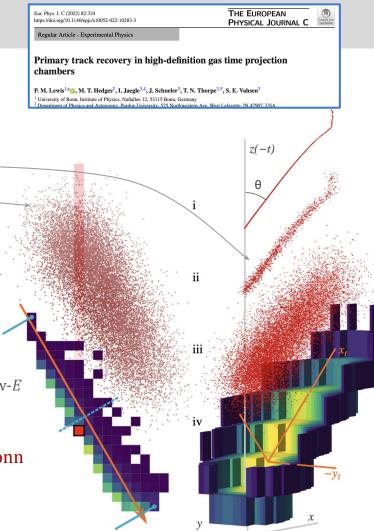
Compared to GEMs + pixels:

- Far better resolution [basically directly detect step ii]
- Bypasses all **charge integration** effects
- Avoids unparameterizable **Shockley-Ramo** dynamics
- Fully 3D electron counting (best with negative ion drift)

In the context of Cygnus

- Potentially significantly **better low-***E* **reach** for WIMP searches
- **Expensive at scale**; probably best used in R&D stages to understand low-*E* recoils

Ongoing collaboration with Vahsen lab @UH and Desch group @Bonn (NIGHT detector*)... super exciting work to be done!



Summary

Technical opportunities from tracking challenges in near-term

- 1. Ultra low- X_0 , high-resolution tracking detectors (like for "Belle III") \rightarrow **TPCs with MPGD readout**
- 2. *Ideal* sensor: **(Tw)InGrid** pixels
- 3. The technology now exists but is **under-utilized**
- 4. Huge potential for **synergies/other applications**:
 - a. Directional Dark Matter searches (Cygnus)
 - b. ILD TPC
 - c. Future colliders

Thank you! Questions?

BACKUP

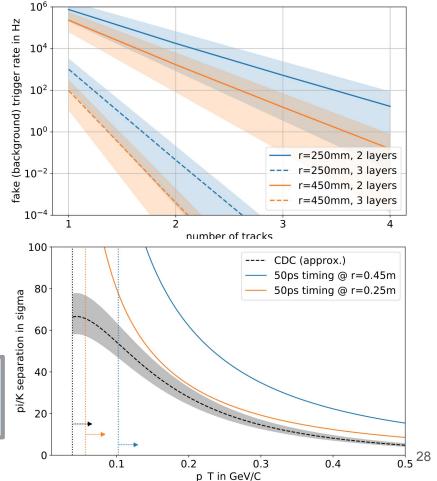
A tracking TPC for a future Belle II upgrade

Trigger

Timing layer findings

- Can replace trigger role of drift chamber with **tolerable fake trigger rate** (*top*)
- Major added bonus: PID via time-of-flight
 - *More than* replaces missing d*E*/d*x* info
 - Pion/kaon separation excellent for low-*p* tracks...
 - ...could significantly improve efficiency of slow pion reconstruction in D* decays

Conclusion: existing technology can solve triggering issue of TPC, *and* missing d*E*/d*x* issue, with significant physics performance benefits



Resources

Bonn Master's thesis from Andreas Loeschcke Centeno [https://docs.belle2.org/record/2631/files/BELLE2-MTHESIS-2021-073.pdf]

This whitepaper [arXiv:2203.07287]

Belle II upgrade whitepaper [https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.11349]

Timing layer [https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.04847] A TPC-based tracking system for a future Belle II upgrade

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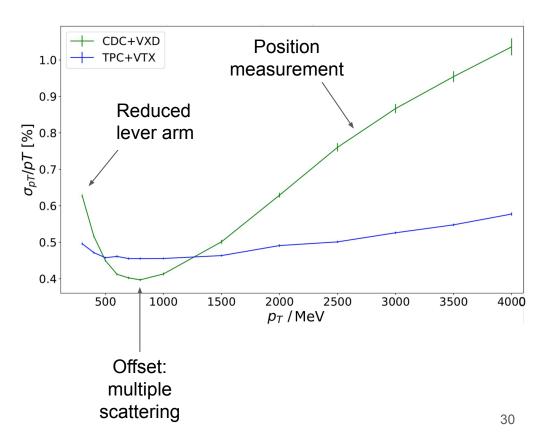
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Concern 4: diffusion

Suitable tracking performance?

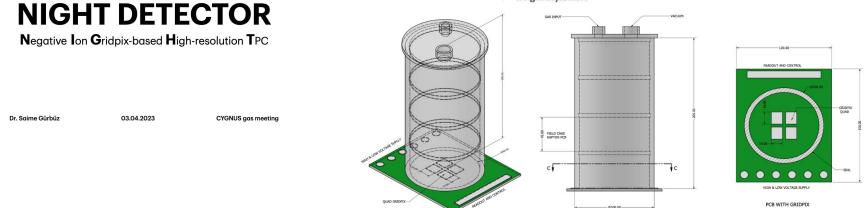
- Used modified basf2 track-finding and track-fitting algorithms fitting 3D space-points
- The key metric is p_T resolution (*right*)
- The high resolution of the TPC design gives better resolution everywhere...
- ...but we still lack a realistic *mechanical* design, which will affect multiple scattering



NIGHT detector

NIGHT (rough) design

Height adjustable



NIGHT DETECTOR

SCALE 1 : 1

Gaseous detectors: time projection chambers

Micro pattern gas detectors MICROMEGAS

- Notice some interesting features of the field lines
- The mesh is ~100% transparent to electrons even though the holes are far less that 100% of the surface of the mesh (provided that the amplification field is high enough)
- The mesh is **far less transparent** to **ions**, significantly reducing ion backflow (count the fraction of field lines at the bottom that end on the grid instead of in the drift gap)

