

# The Belle II Pixel Vertex Detector

## Operational Experiences and Commissioning of the New Fully Populated Two Layer Detector

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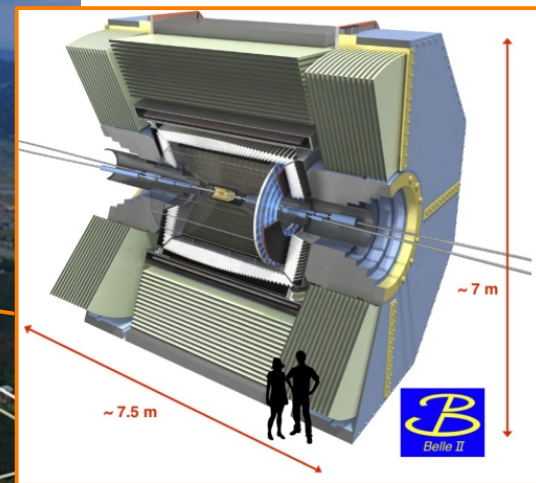
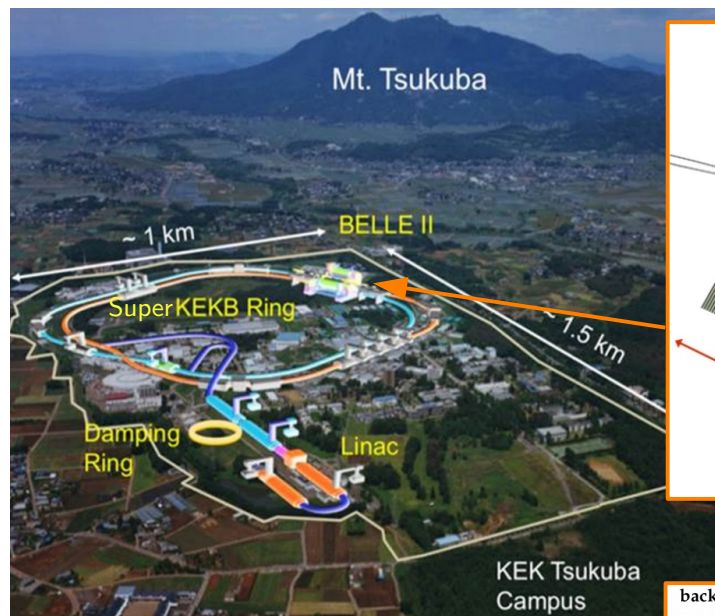
# SuperKEKB Accelerator and Belle II Detector

## SuperKEKB e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Collider:

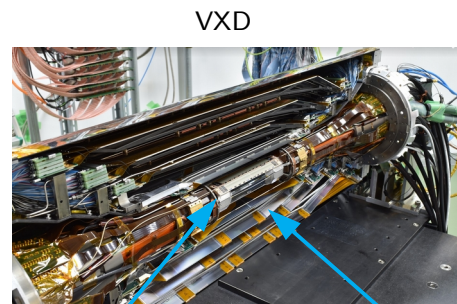
- Asymmetric beam energies  
e<sup>+</sup>: 4 GeV, e<sup>-</sup>: 7 GeV
- Y(4S) resonance (10.58 GeV)
- Target lumi.:  $6.3 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- 4 years with operation (2019-2022)

## Belle II Detector:

- Vertex detector (VXD)
- Tracking system (CDC)
- Identification of charged particles (TOP + ARICH)
- Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL)
- K<sub>L</sub> and Muon detector (KLM)

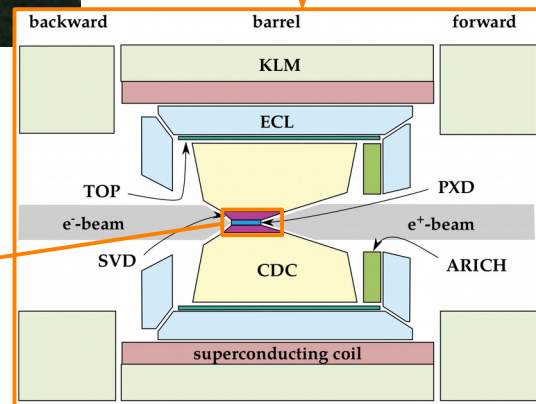


Belle II detector



Pixel (PXD)

Strip (SVD)



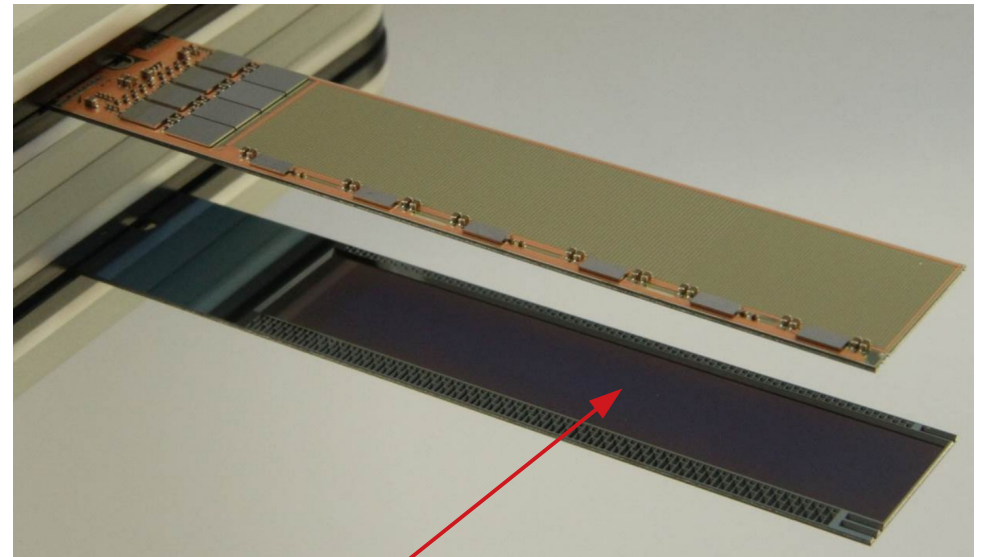
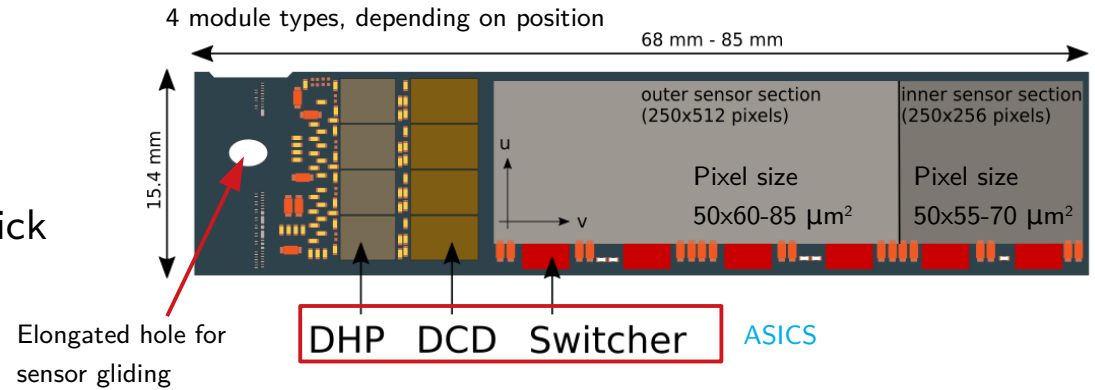
# The Pixel Vertex Detector (PXD) Module

## Properties:

- Self-supporting “**all-silicon**” structure
  - Support frame  $\sim 500 \mu\text{m}$  thick
  - **Monolithic** active area  $75 \mu\text{m}$  thick
- **Low material budget** ( $\sim 0.21\% X_0$ )
- Pixel sizes  $50 \times 55\text{--}85 \mu\text{m}^2$   
( $250 \times 768$  pixels)

## Rolling Shutter Readout:

- **Switcher**: consecutive row selection for signal digitization of columns (10 MHz)
- **DCD**: 8-bit AD conversion of signal
- **DHP**: zero suppression, data formatting
- $20 \mu\text{s}$  integrated readout time  
( $2\times$  beam revolution)



Thinned backside at active sensor area

# The Pixel Vertex Detector (PXD)

## 2 Modules = 1 Ladder:

- Glued together
- In total 20 ladders

## 10 Ladders = 1 Half-Shell:

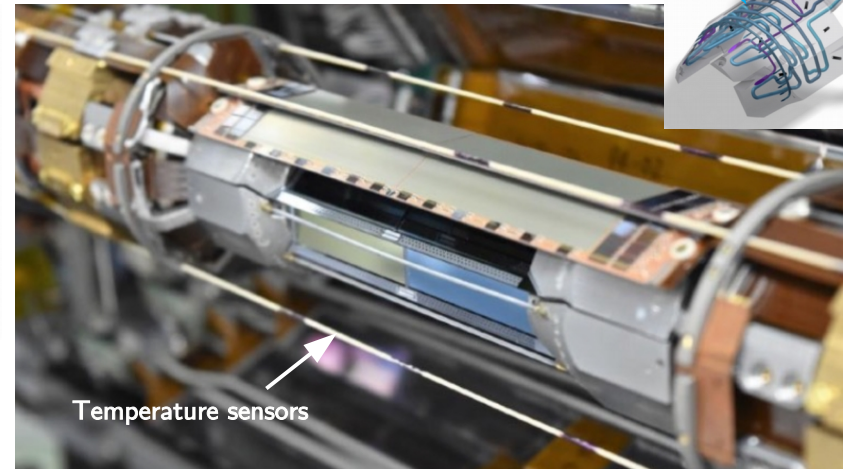
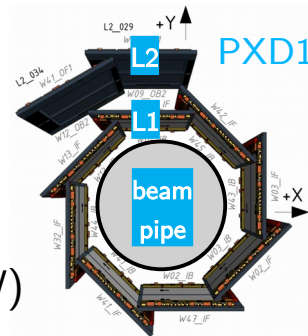
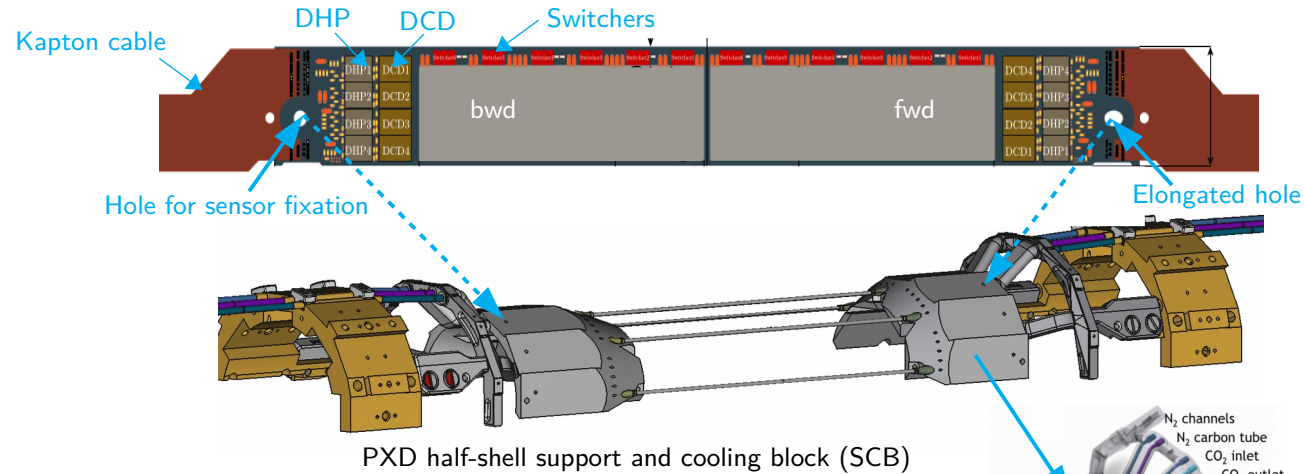
- Ladders screwed on cooling block
  - Radii:  $r_{L1}=14\text{mm}$ ,  $r_{L2}=22\text{mm}$
- Half-Shell mounted on beam pipe

## Power Consumption:

- $\sim 9\text{ W}$  per module  
→  $\sim 360\text{ W}$  (full detector)
- Cooling
  - 2 phase  $\text{CO}_2$ : DHP/DCD (8W)
  - $\text{N}_2$  gas: sw.+sensor area (1W)

## PXD1:

- PXD1 incomplete (effectively 1 layer)



# DEPFET Pixel Cell

## DEPFET Working Principle

- **DE**pleted **P**-channel **F**ield **E**ffective **T**ransistor
- Field Effective Transistor (FET) on depleted Si bulk
- **Internal gate** charge modulates source-drain current
- Clear-mechanism to empty internal gate

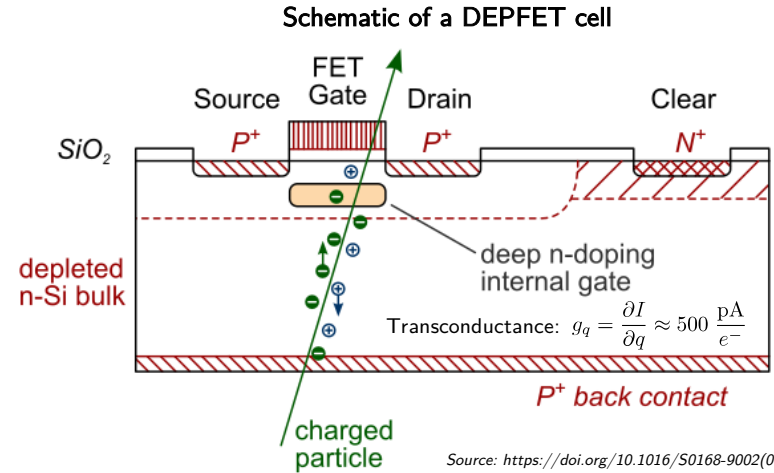
## Charge Collection

- Relevant voltages:

$$V_{\text{HV}}, V_{\text{drift}}, \text{ and } V_{\text{clear-off}}$$

## Characteristics

- High signal/noise ratio (low internal capacities)
- Internal charge integration
- Low power consumption
- Thin sensor (75  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- **Low material budget**

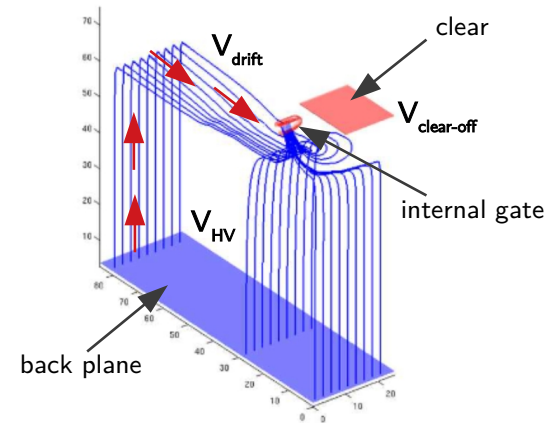


### Typical values:

$$V_{\text{HV}}: -50\text{V} - -70\text{V}$$

$$V_{\text{drift}}: -3\text{V} - -6\text{V}$$

$$V_{\text{clear-off}}: 2\text{V} - 4\text{V}$$



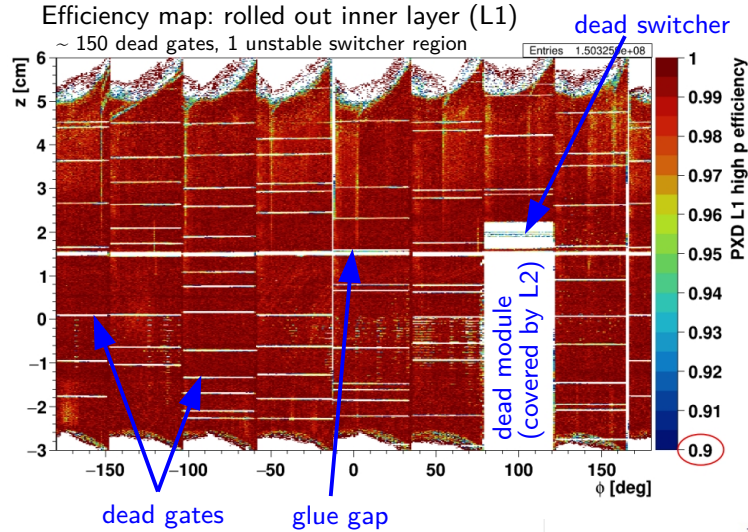
# PXD1 Efficiency

## Di-Muon Hit Efficiency:

- ~99 % in fiducial regions
- ~96 % in physics region

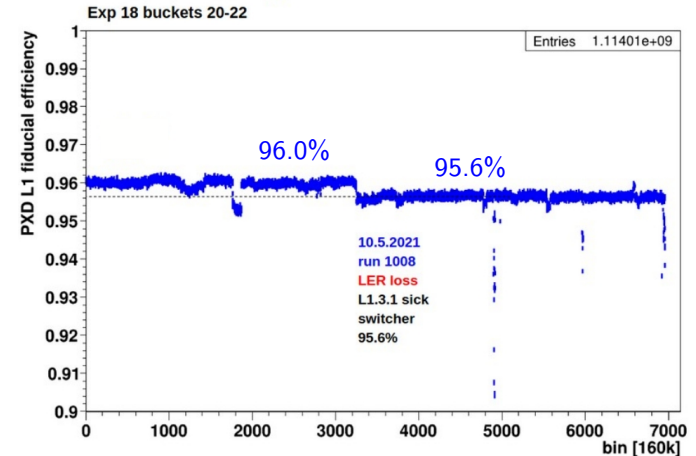
## Sudden Beam Losses:

- Cause: unknown
- High instantaneous radiation doses ( $O(10)$  Gy in 40  $\mu$ s)
- Can damage switchers
  - Verified at MAMI electron beam
- Improve detection and PXD power shutdown
  - Power off: switchers safe
- During LS1: focused by machine group



Lost beam hitting collimator  
→ high inst. radiation

## May 2021 beam loss



# PXD1 Performance

## Impact Parameter Resolution:

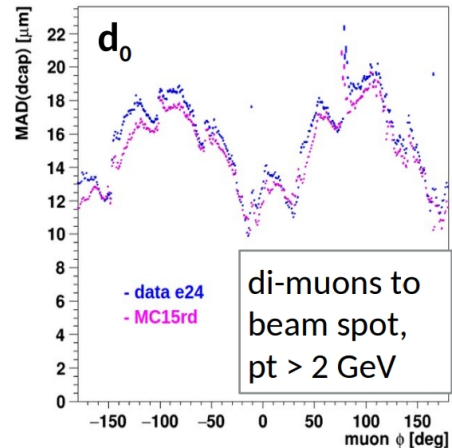
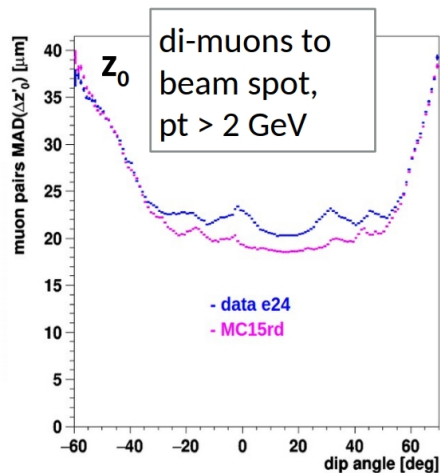
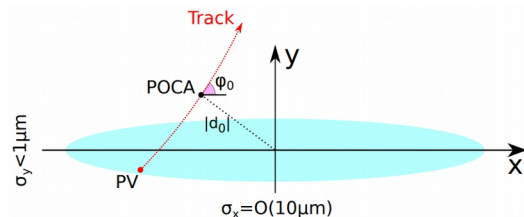
- Di-muon events ( $pt > 2 \text{ GeV}$ )

- $z_0$ : 20 – 40  $\mu\text{m}$
- $d_0$ : 10 – 22  $\mu\text{m}$

- MC describes data

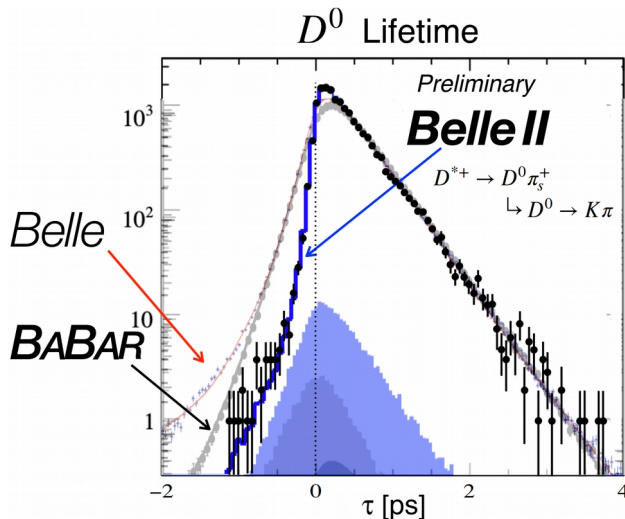
- MC slightly too optimistic ( $z_0$ :  $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $d_0$ :  $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ )

- $\sim 1.5 - 2$  times better than Belle



## $D^0$ Lifetime Resolution:

- Impact of better vertex detector
- Belle II  $D^0$  lifetime resolution  $\sim 2$  times better



Belle II lifetime measurements with high PXD impact:

$D_s^+$ : arXiv:2306.00365  $\rightarrow$  PRL  
 $B^0$ : PRD 107, L091102 (2023)  
 $\Omega_c^+$ : PRD 107, L031103 (2023)  
 $\Lambda_c^+$ : PRL 130, 071802 (2023)  
 $D^0/D^+$ : PRL 127, 211801 (2021)

# Beam Background

## Continuous Injection (25 Hz):

- **Synchrotron radiation:**  
betatron oscillations (HER)  
→ full and gated **veto**s

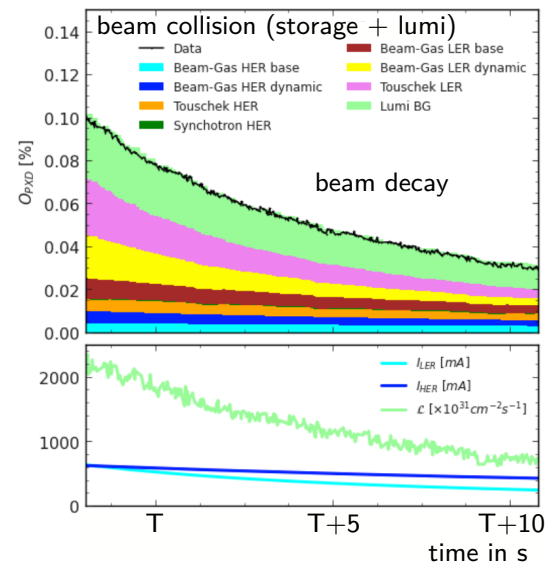
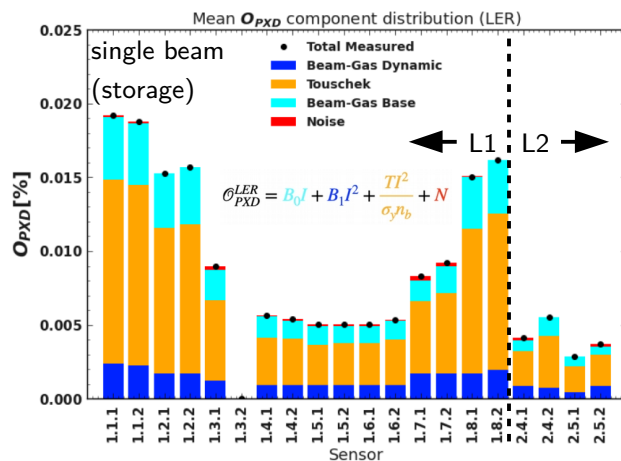
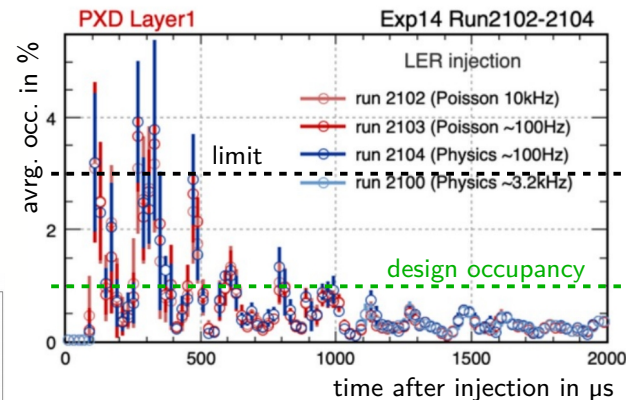
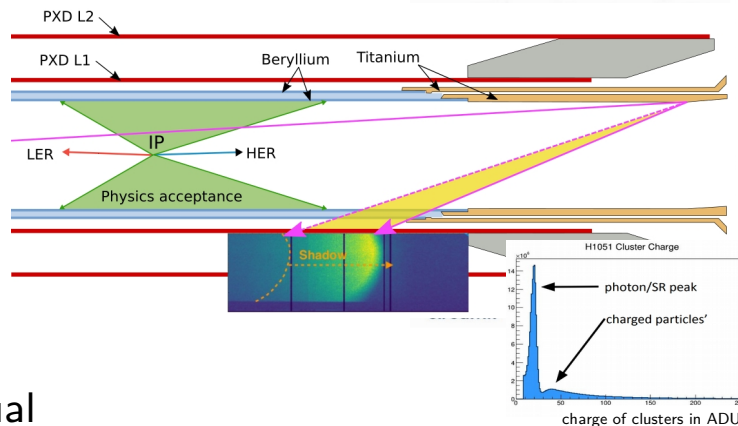
## Beam Storage:

- **Beam-gas:**  
beam interaction with residual  
gas molecules
- **Touschek:**  
intra-bunch coulomb scat.

## Luminosity (Beam Collisions at IP):

- **Two-photon interaction**
- **Radiative Bhabha**

Measured and projected beam backgrounds in the Belle II experiment at the SuperKEKB collider: [arXiv:2302.01566](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.01566)

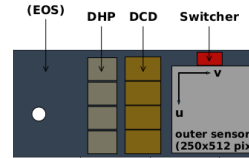




# Radiation and Aging

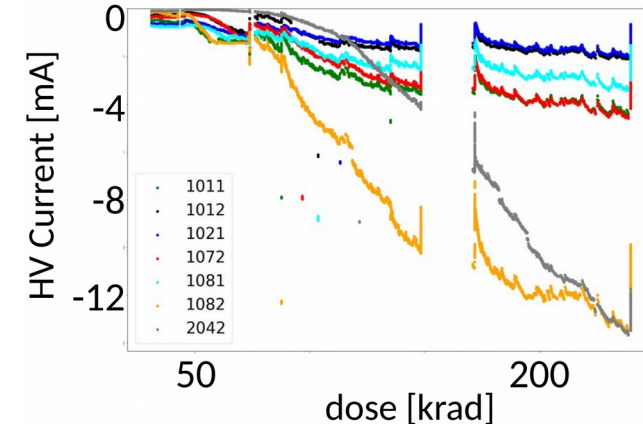
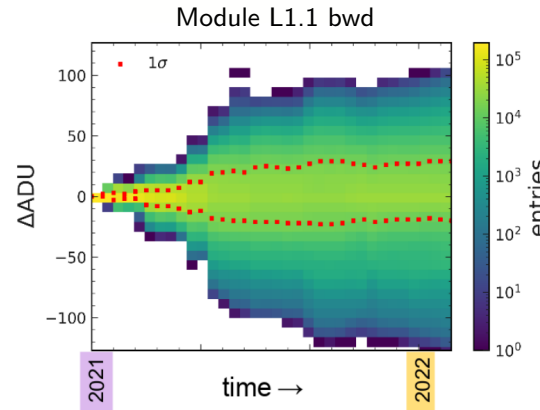
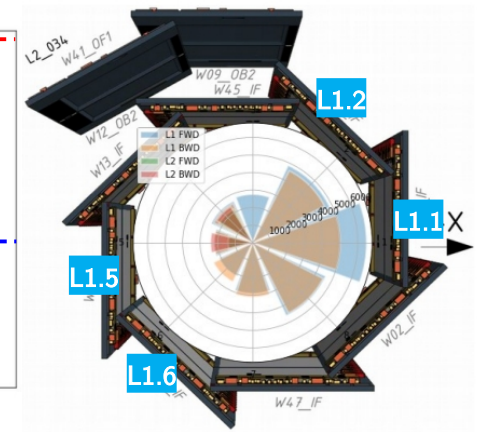
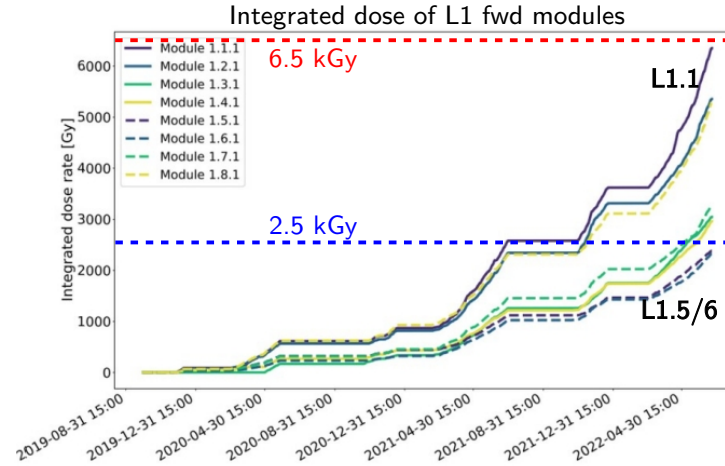
## Estimation Based on Module Occupancy:

- Module dependent TID  
→ ~2.5-6.5 kGy (2019-2022)
- Expected lifetime exposure of PXD is ~200 kGy (10 years)
- Radiation tolerance limited by DCD and switcher



## Detector Aging:

- Trapped oxide charges  
→ DEPFET gate threshold shifts
- Steadily increasing backside currents
  - Leakage in guard ring structures
  - Performance not affected
- Broadening of pedestal distribution
- DCD irradiation: slight noise increase



# Fully Populated 2 Layer Pixel Detector (PXD2)

PXD1 Was Good, PXD2 Will Be Better:

- Modest improvement of impact parameters (L1 highest impact)
- Higher probability to select correct PXD hits in 1<sup>st</sup> PXD layer at higher background levels

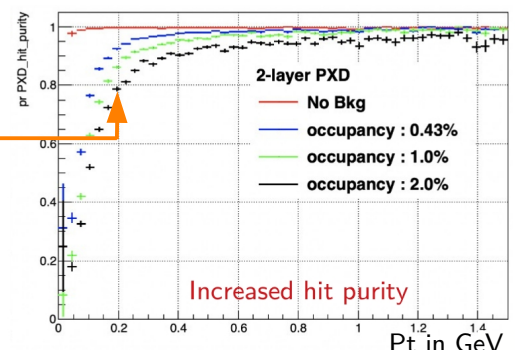
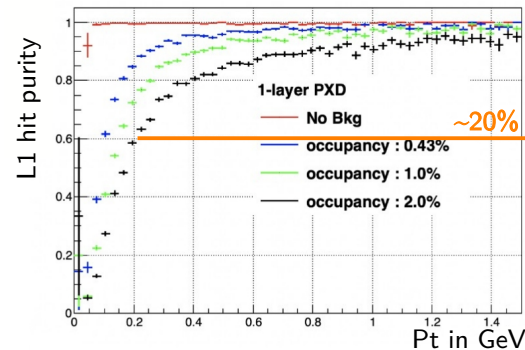
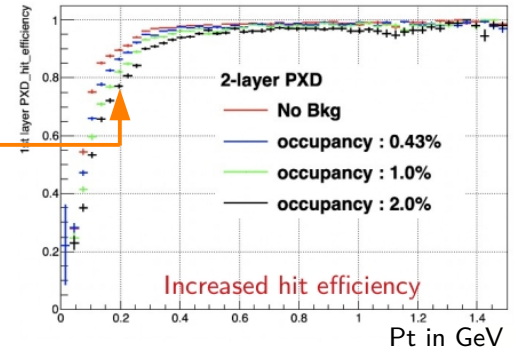
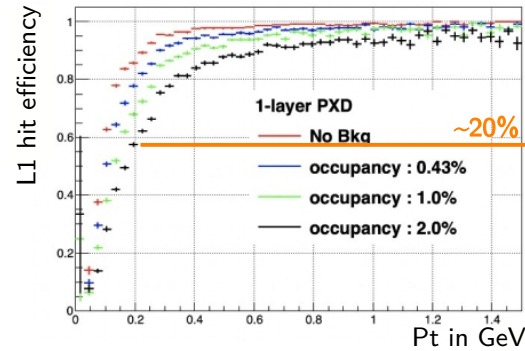
- Fraction of MC hits found in the reconstructed track

$$\text{hit efficiency} = \frac{N_{\text{mc\_hits\_in\_reco\_track}}}{N_{\text{hits\_mc\_track}}}$$

- Fraction of MC hits in the reconstructed track hits (how much background was picked up?)

$$\text{hit purity} = \frac{N_{\text{mc\_hits\_in\_reco\_track}}}{N_{\text{hits\_reco\_track}}}$$

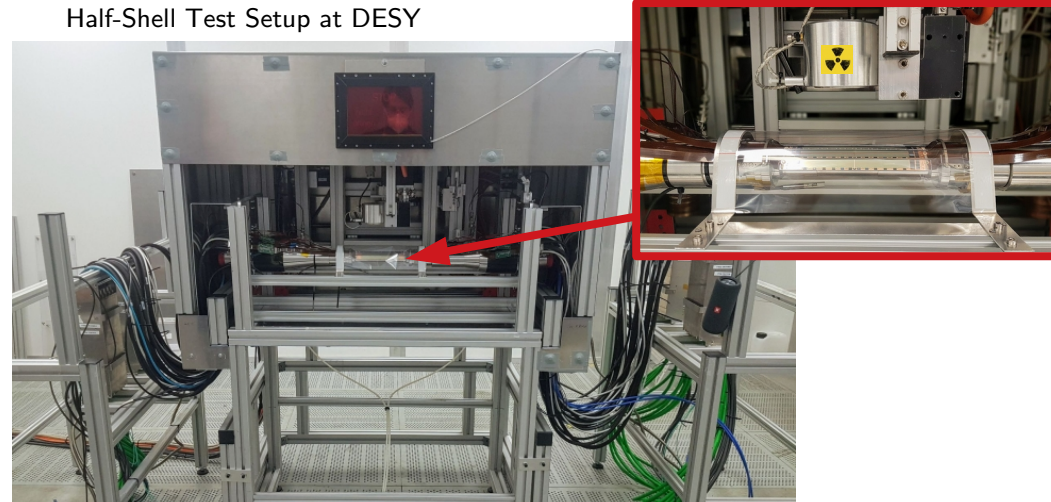
- Important: **physical redundancy**



# Commissioning of PXD2 (DESY)

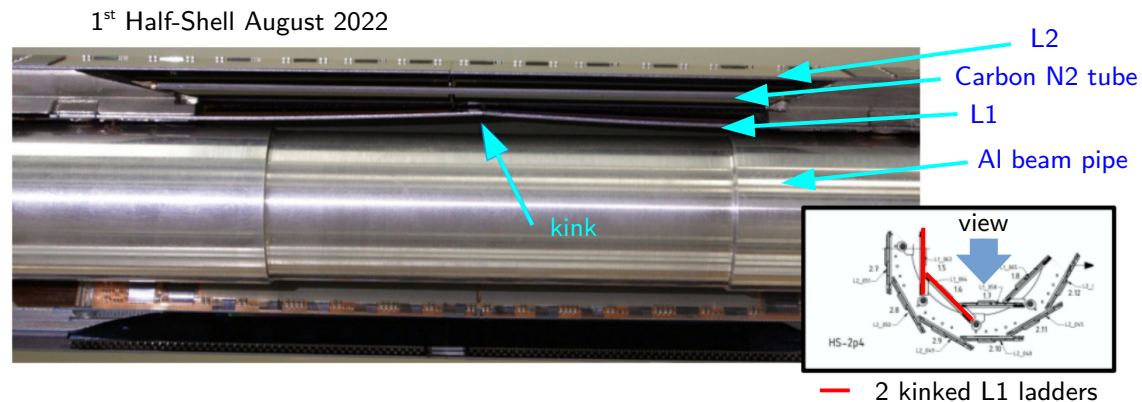
## Half-Shell Test Setup at DESY:

- Power Supply + DAQ
- CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> cooling
- Movable <sup>90</sup>Sr source holder
- Aluminum dummy beam pipe
- 1<sup>st</sup> half-shell damaged during long-term operation



## Problems Found After Investigations:

- No optimal PXD ladder gliding
- Elevated air temperatures  
→ expansion Al beam pipe



# Commissioning of PXD2

## Repair and Improvements of PXD2:

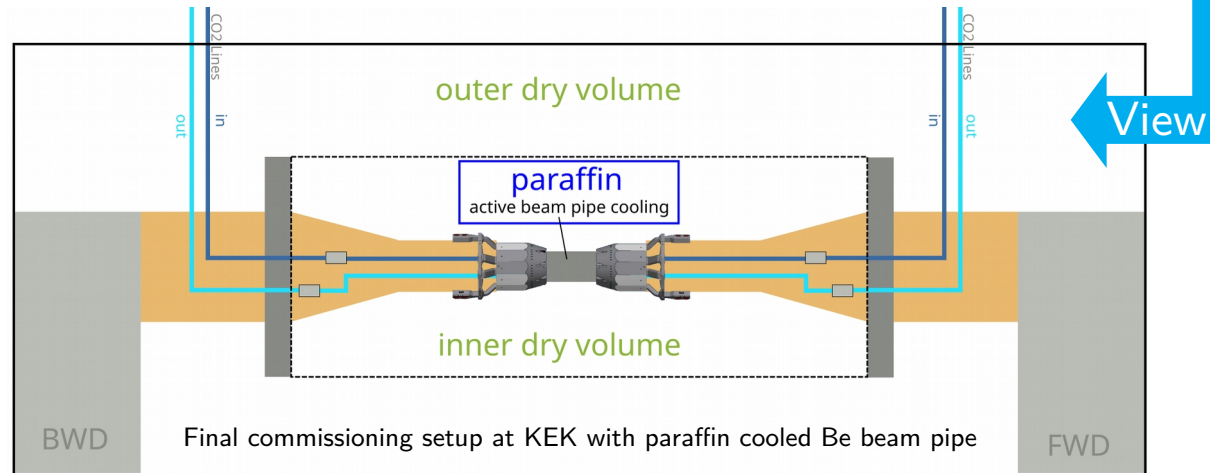
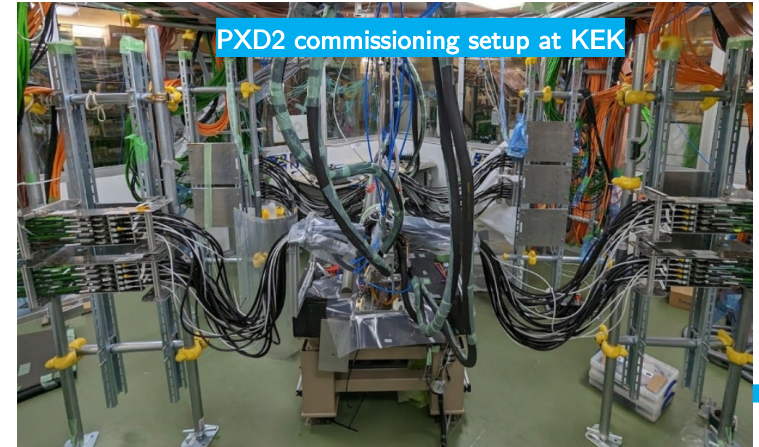
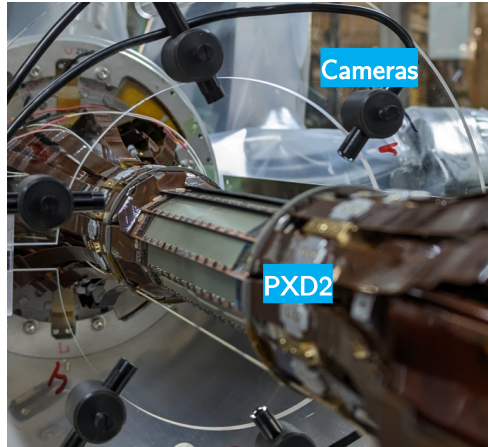
- Fully reassembled 1<sup>st</sup> half-shell
- Improved gliding mechanics

## Monitor Ladder Bending:

- Improved monitoring setup
- Careful cooling operation
- Step by step module operation
- Successive full detector operation
- Observed significant bending in 2 L2 ladders

## PXD2: Higher Power Consumption:

- PXD2 2x more modules than PXD1
- Needed adjustment of cooling



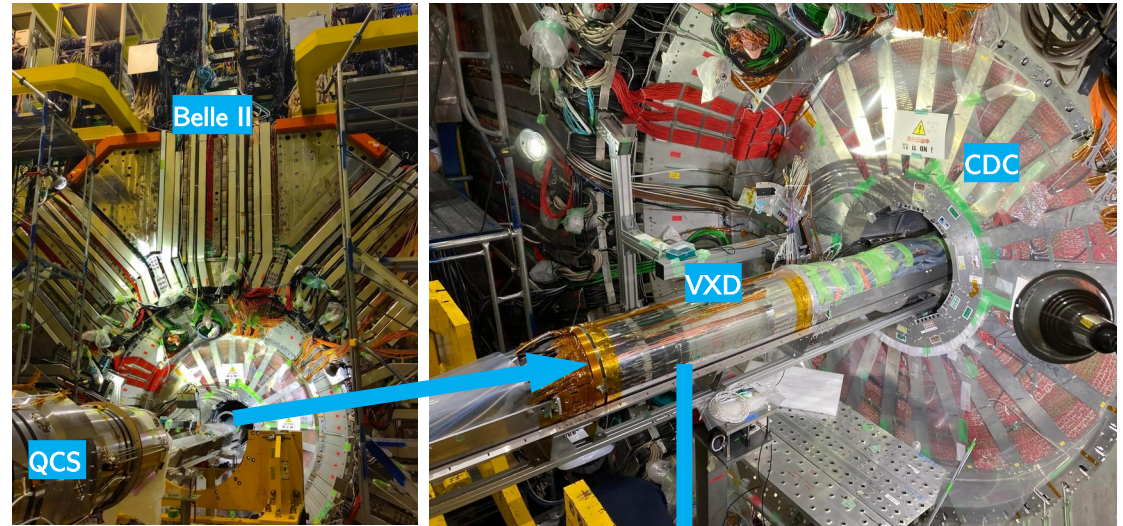
# Commissioning of The New Vertex Detector (VXD)

## PXD1 Extraction:

- Old VXD extracted from Belle II
- Strip Vertex Detector (SVD) reused in new VXD
- PXD1 inspection (mechanical state)  
→ No visible damage after 4 years of operation

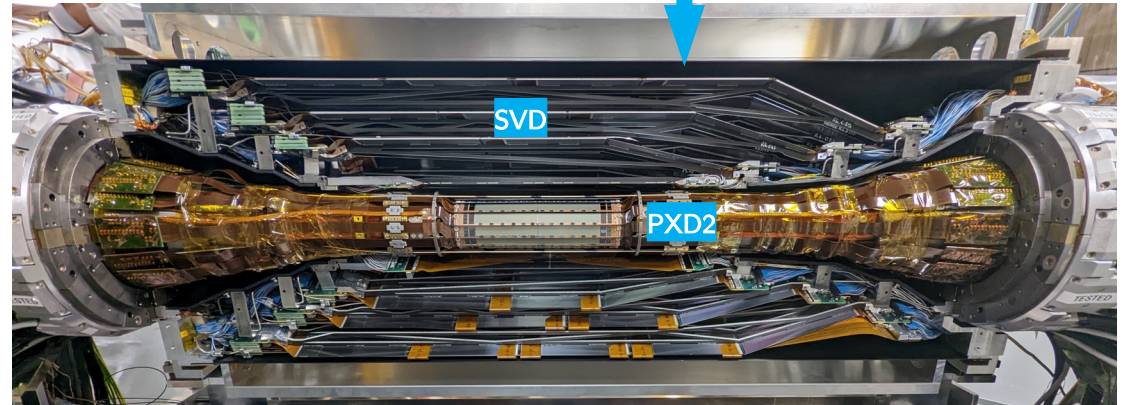
## New VXD:

- Extracted SVD halves installed around PXD2
- Combined standalone VXD test
- Installation in Belle II
- First data: cosmic particles



QCS: Final Focus Quadrupole Magnet

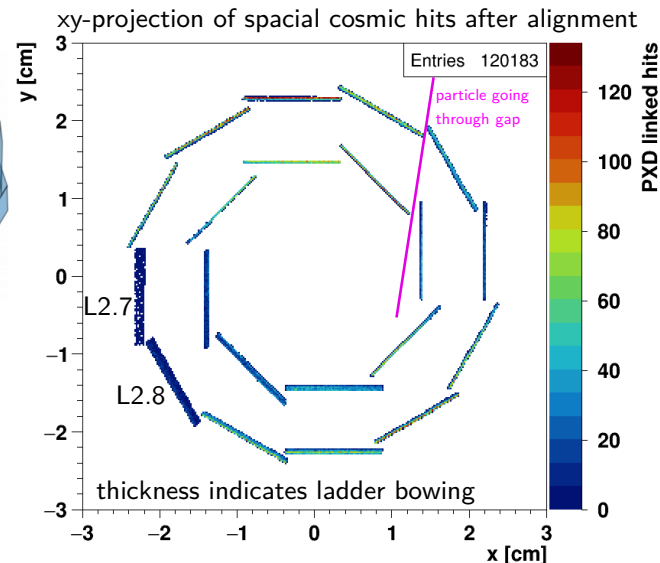
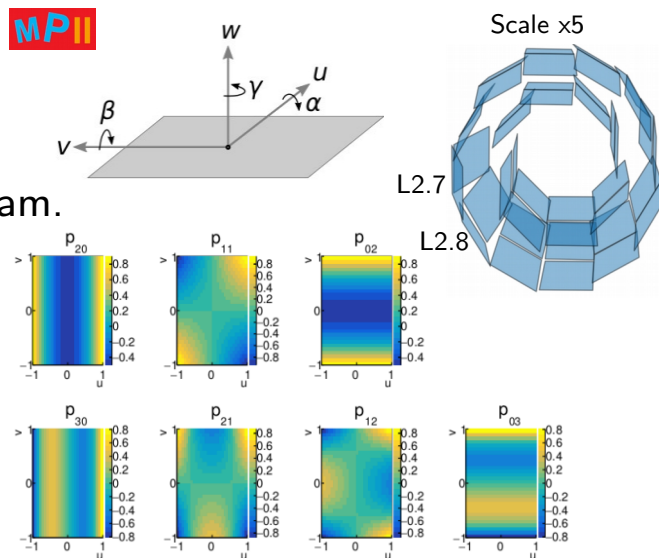
CDC: Central Drift Chamber



# First PXD2 Cosmic Data in September 23 (B-Field Off)

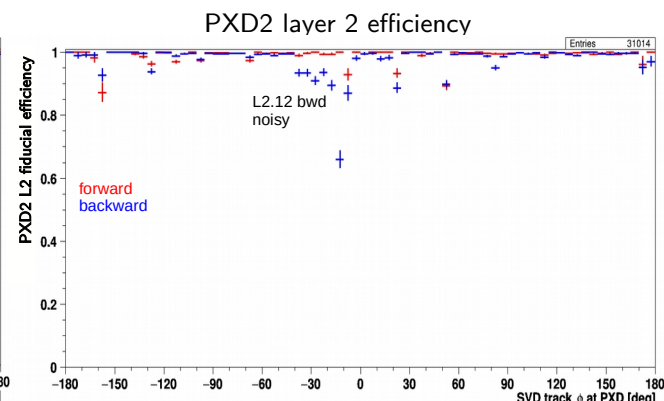
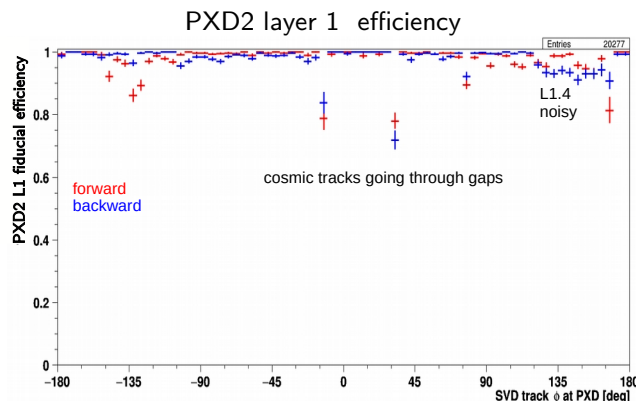
## Alignment:

- Extrapolate CDC tracks
- Per module:
  - 6 rigid body alignment param.
  - 7 deformation parameters
- Ladder bowing visible
  - Up to  $\sim 1$  mm



## Efficiency:

- Extrapolate SVD tracks
- Efficiency drops
  - Gaps for external cosmics
  - Masked noisy pixels (esp. L2.12 bwd)
- Reaching  $>98\%$  in most regions
- Further module tuning ongoing



# Summary and Outlook

## PXD1 (2019 - 2022):

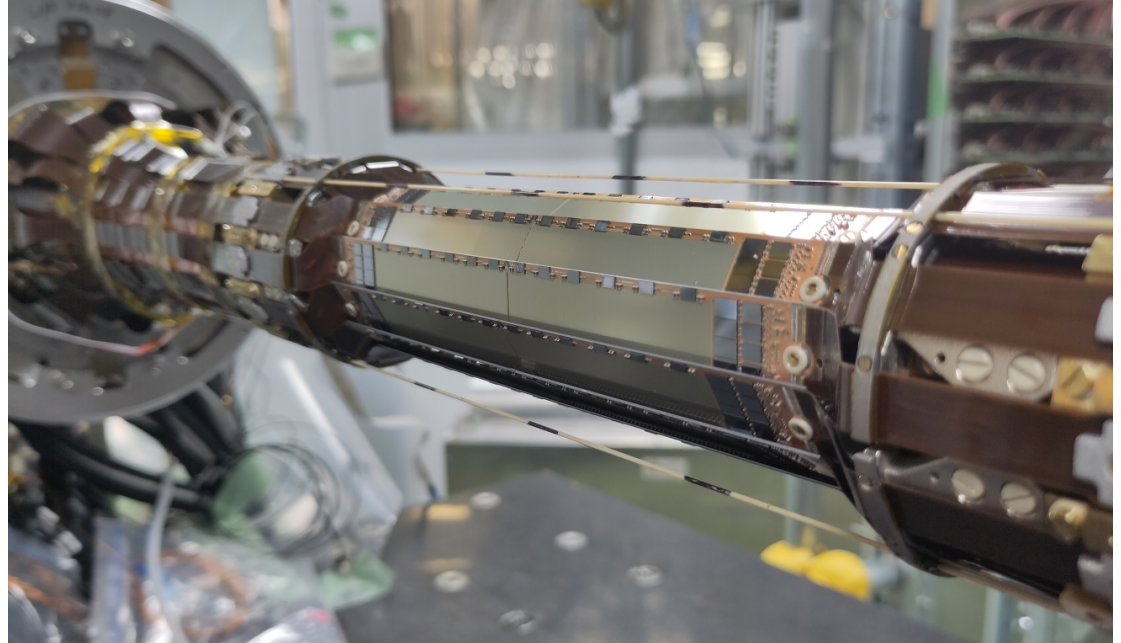
- Single layer
- 4 years successful operation
- Overall efficiency  $\sim 96\%$
- $D^0$  lifetime resolution 2x better than previous experiments
- Challenges: beam backgrounds and beam losses

## PXD2 (Since 2023):

- Successful commissioning after some throwbacks
- All 40 modules operable
- 4 modules need further tuning
- First cosmic data  $\rightarrow$  mostly efficiency  $>98\%$
- 2 ladders show significant bending  $\rightarrow$  optimize cooling
- PXD2 operation expected at least until LS2

## Outlook:

- Belle II experiment under commissioning
- **Resume beam operation this winter**



Thank You!

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# Backup



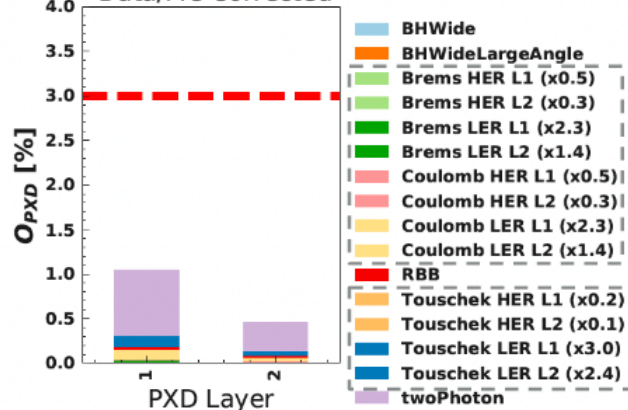
# Backup: Background Extrapolation

Based on single beam Data/MC @ Dec 20 2021

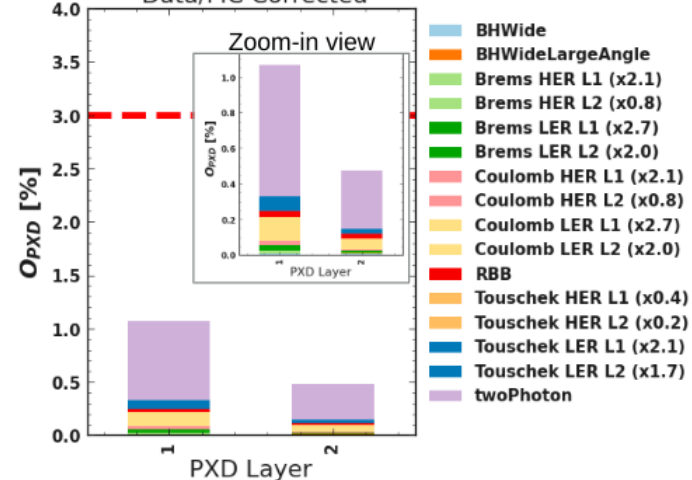
Parameters @ Original Design Optics	LER	HER
Beam current [A]	3.6	2.6
N. of bunches	2500	2500
Vertical beam size [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	24	10
$\beta_x^*/\beta_y^*$ at IP [mm]	32/0.27	25/0.30
Pressure [nTorr]	1	1

- Updated LER & HER components using current Data/MC factors
- Small changes** expected for the total extrapolation → dominated by **two-photon** background

Luminosity BG19c(HER)a(LER,Lumi):  
Data/MC Corrected



Full Luminosity BG19c(HER)a(LER,Lumi):  
Data/MC Corrected



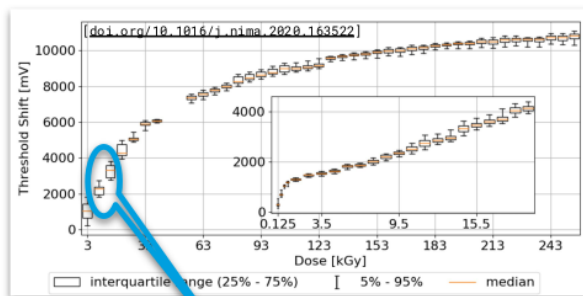
Use data/MC 27.06.2020 bugfix2 ratios to correct the BG19c sample  
[taken from Sally's talk @ PXD Background Workshop, 17.08.2021]

## Operational Challenges

### radiation effects and “aging”

#### threshold shift

- radiation damages oxide layer
  - causes shift of MOSFET threshold voltage
  - can be compensated by continuous adjustment of gate voltage
- investigated / expected already from X-ray radiation campaign @ 200 krad/h:

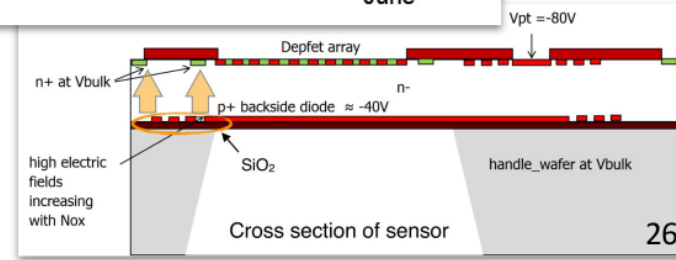
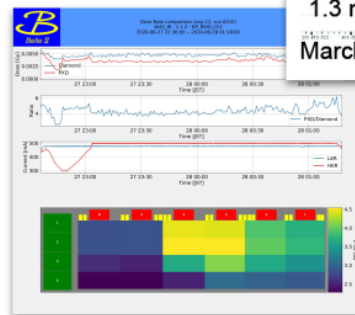
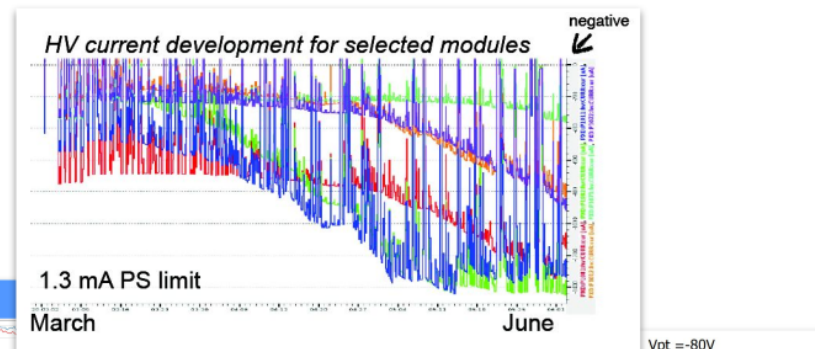


- integrated dose in PXD
  - rough estimate < 20 kGy until end of 2020
  - more precise measurements in progress

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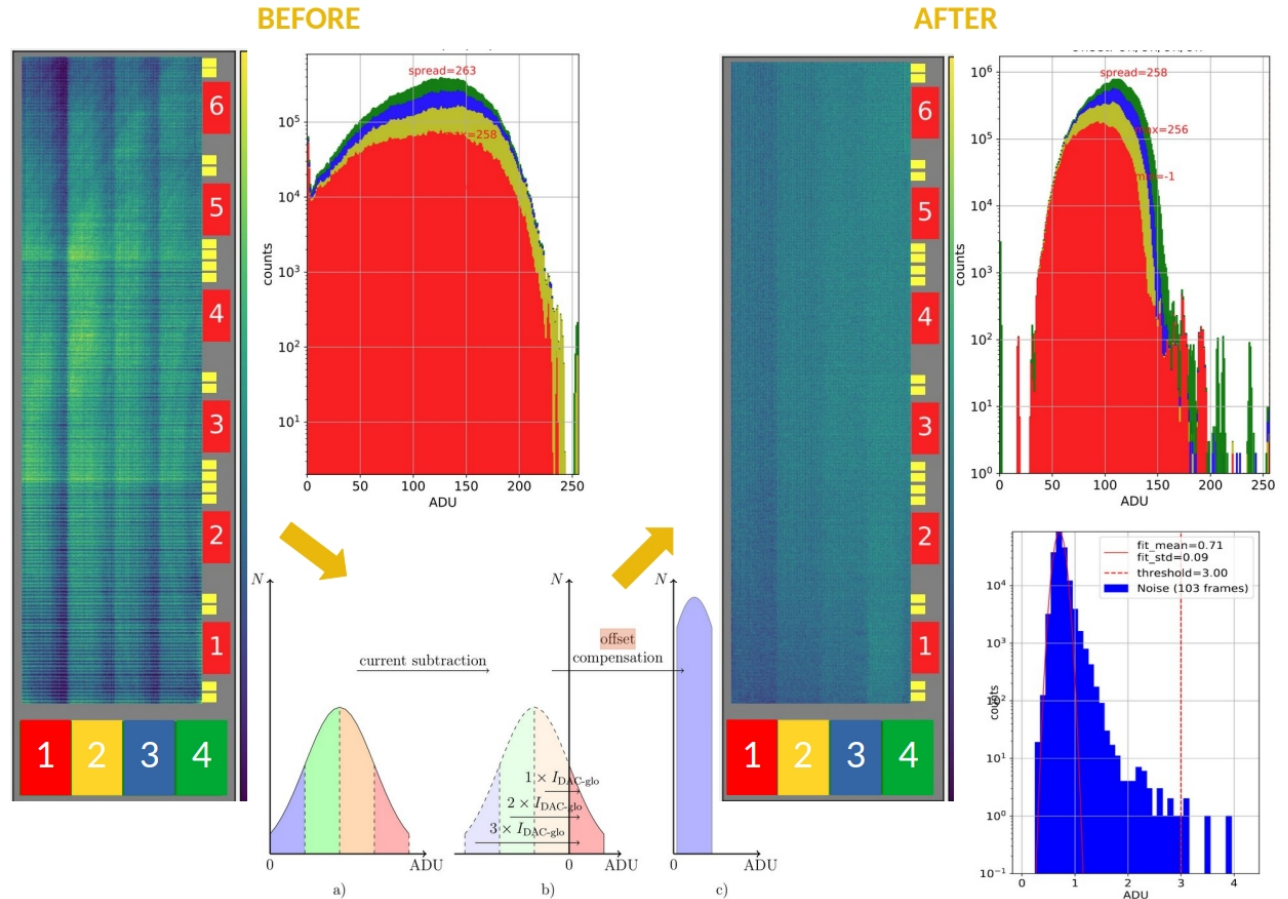
#### increasing HV currents

- observed increased HV currents
  - some modules reached power supply limits
  - can not reach set voltage → worse SNR and efficiency
- interpretation: charge-up effect at handle wafer bond oxide and avalanches at bulk
  - some annealing during beam off times
  - currents saturate at certain dose
- could be mitigated by modifying power supplies



# Backup: PXD Calibration

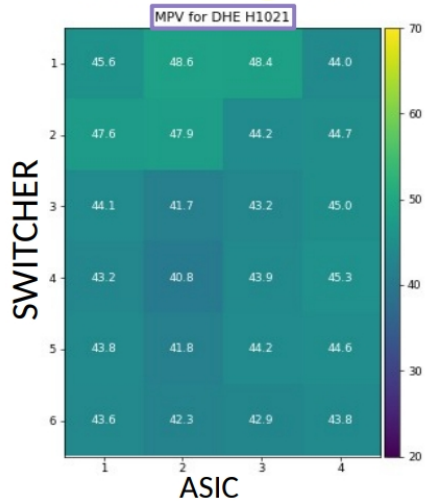
- Characterized modules before installation
  - Further optimization during operation
  - Improved/automated operation, monitoring and calibration procedures
- DCD calibration
- Biasing optimization
- Pedestal optimization on DCD
  - Pedestal compression via 2-bit DAC
  - Analog Common Mode Correction (ACMC) for noise reduction
  - Low noise  $< 1 \text{ ADU} \approx 200 \text{ ENC}$
- Stress tests
  - Power cycling
  - Thermal cycling



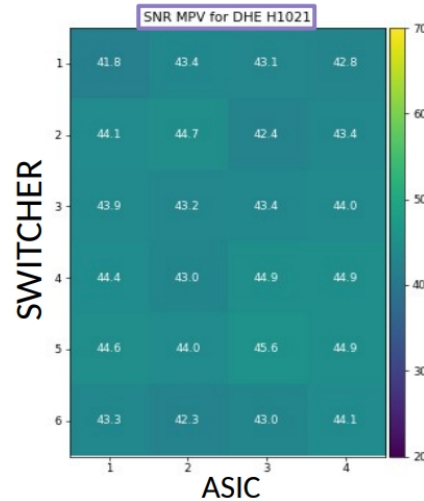
# Backup: PXD Performance

- Homogeneous noise and signal response across the module matrix
- Stable throughout 2019-2022
- Slight increase in noise with DCD irradiation
  - Maybe more extensive DCD calibration is needed
  - Under investigation

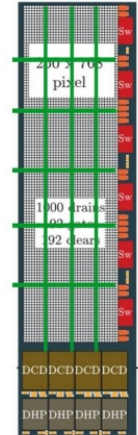
cluster charge MPV



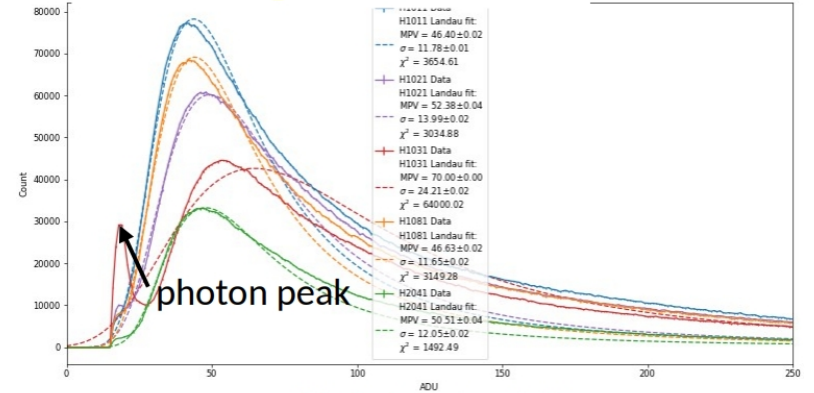
SNR MPV



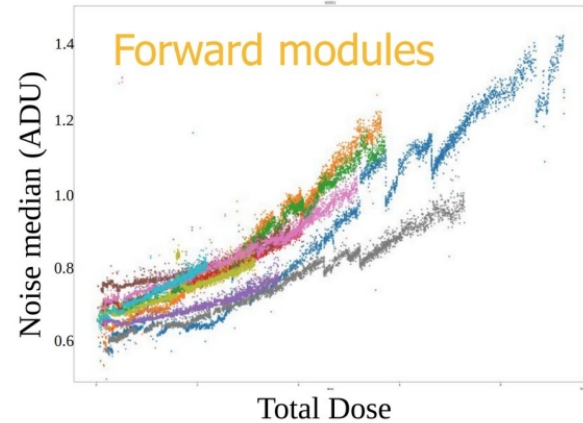
half ladder



cluster charge distribution



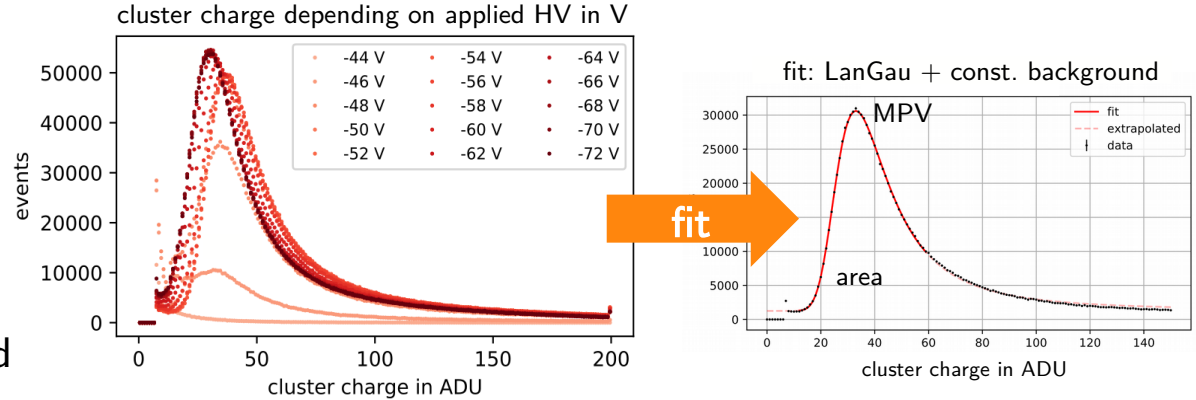
multi pixel cluster ADU



# Backup: PXD2 Optimization of Charge Collection

## Source Scan:

- Modules individually optimized (Mass-Testing)
  - Different test sites
  - Large time span (4 years)
  - Best parameters not always found
- Repeat source scan for each half-shell



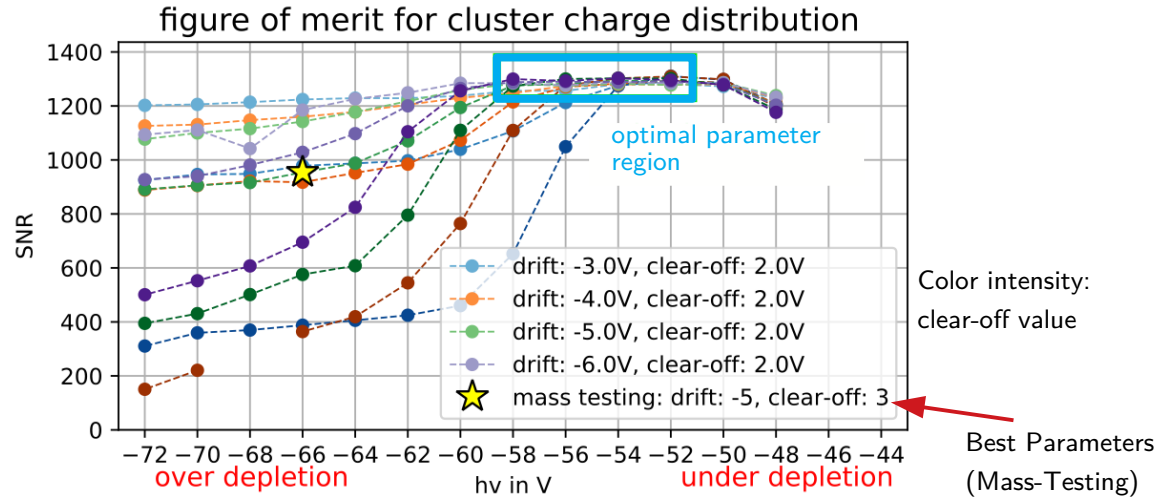
## Figure of Merit:

- Based on signal to noise ratio (SNR)

$$SNR = \frac{MPV}{noise_{pedestal}} \cdot \frac{area}{1000}$$

## Optimal Parameters:

- Stable plateau region
- Large HV variation between modules
  - -50 V – -70 V

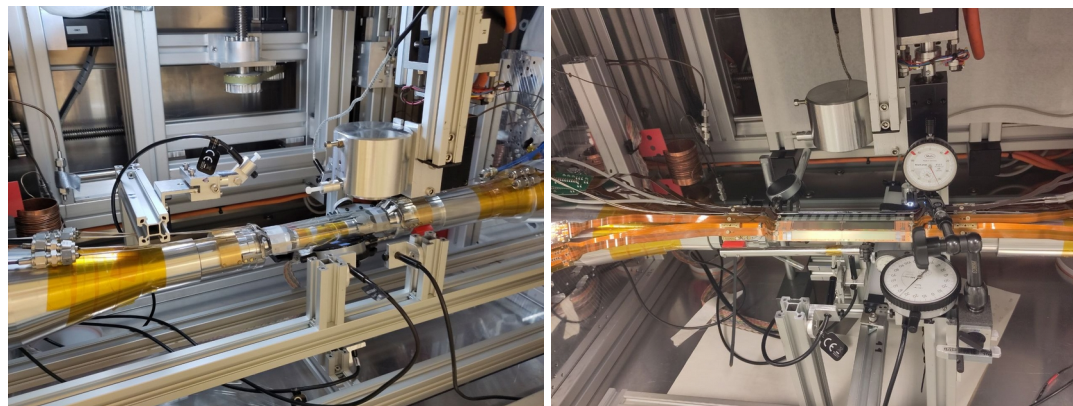


# Backup: Camera Monitoring Setup



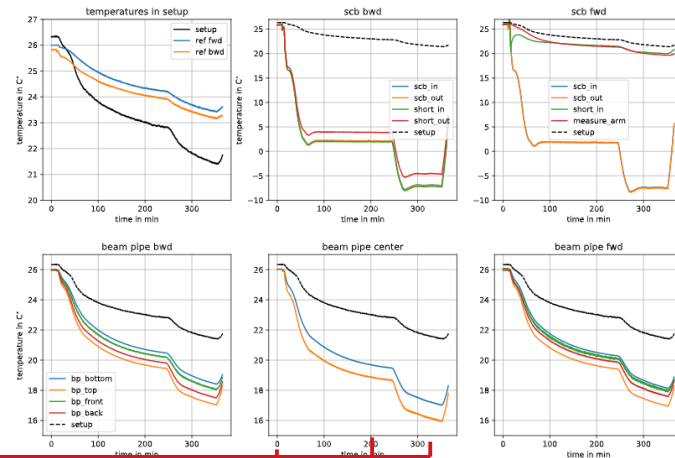
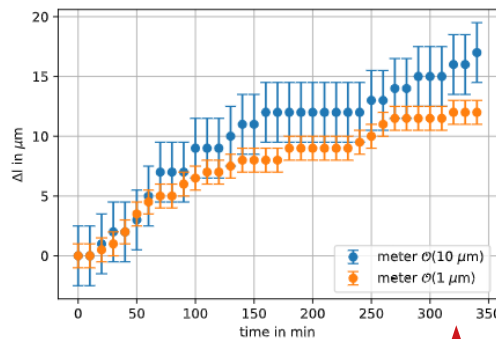
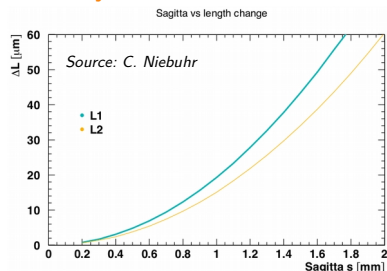
## Understanding the Mechanical Behavior

- Improved environmental/BP monitoring
- Installed dial gauges to measure BP deformation
- Installed cameras
- Observed large length change of the AI BP
  - 1-2  $\mu\text{m}/\text{K}$
  - Reached extension up to 60  $\mu\text{m}$



## Using BP Length Change to Study PXD Mechanics

- SCB gliding
  - Ladder gliding
- ### Results
- Ladders glide
    - Good at room temperature
    - Worse at  $-10^\circ\text{C}$
  - Gave up on SCB gliding (probably contra productive)
  - Some L2 ladders bent strong



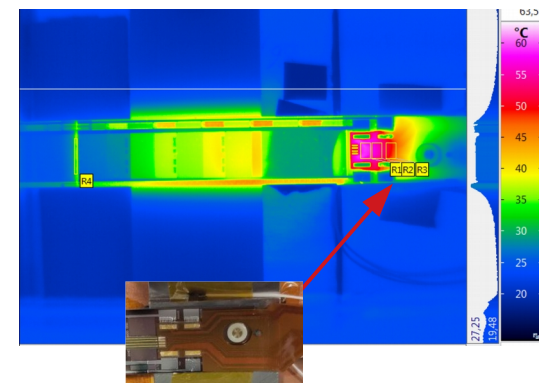
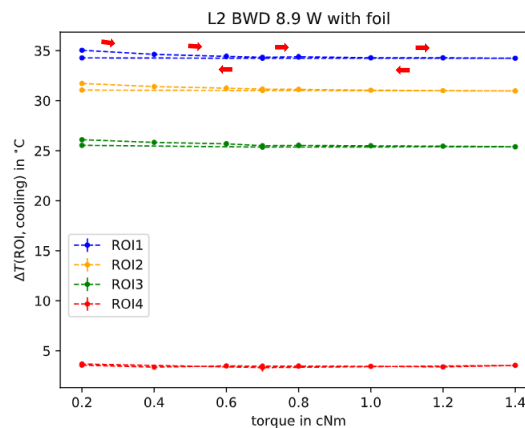
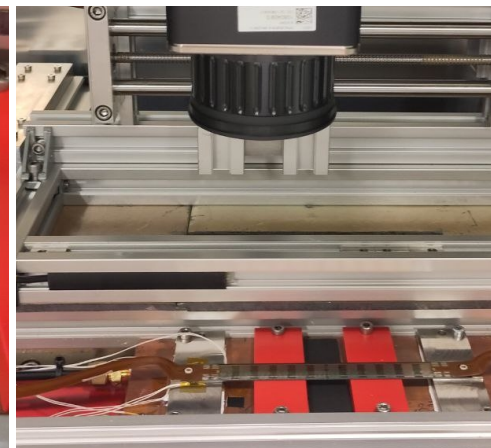
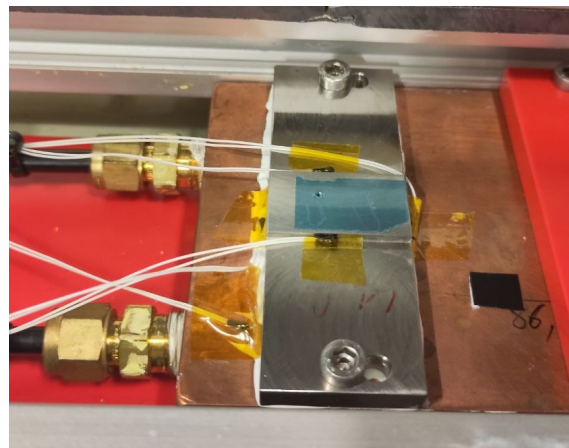
# Thermal Torque Measurements

## From the Thermal Mock-up

- Dummy Si ladder with resistors for heating
  - 8.9 W the design power consumption
  - 8 W DHP/DCD

## Thermal Impact of the Screw Torque

- Screwed Ladder to cooling block
  - 0.2 cNm  $\rightarrow$  1.4 cNm  $\rightarrow$  0.2 cNm
- IR camera: Temperature of DHP/DCD area
  - 4 ROIs: 3 DHP/DCD, 1 glue joint
  - Kapton: emission 0.9
- Impact observed:  $< 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



# Backup: Air Temperatures Inner Dry Volume

## PXD1 Cooling Parameters:

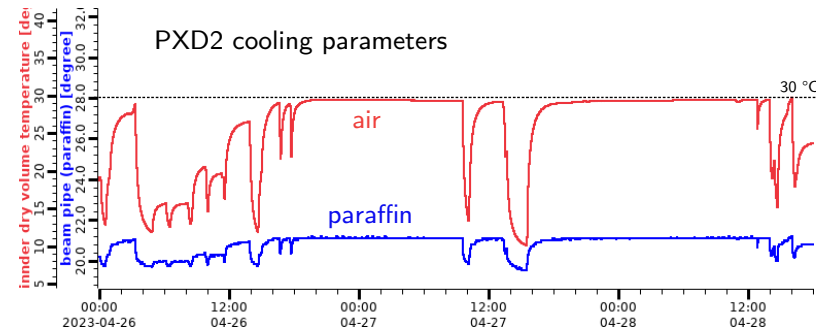
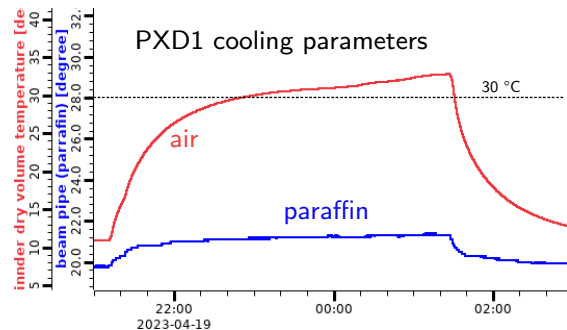
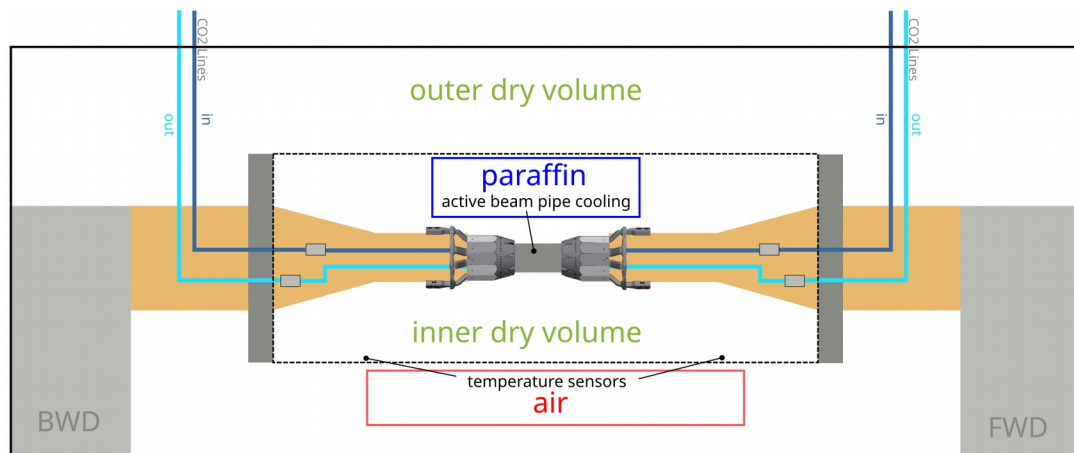
- CO<sub>2</sub>: -20 °C
- N<sub>2</sub>: 28 l/min

- Inner dry volume exceeded 30 °C
- No saturation observed → stop
- Elevated temperatures and mechanical stress can be problematic for ladder glue joint

## PXD2 Cooling Parameters:

- CO<sub>2</sub>: -25 °C
- N<sub>2</sub>: 32 l/min

- ~20 h permanent operation
- Air temperature saturated at 29 °C
- Paraffin (beam pipe) temperature stable at 21 °C
- Verify during VXD combined test operation





# PXD2 Module Status

## General:

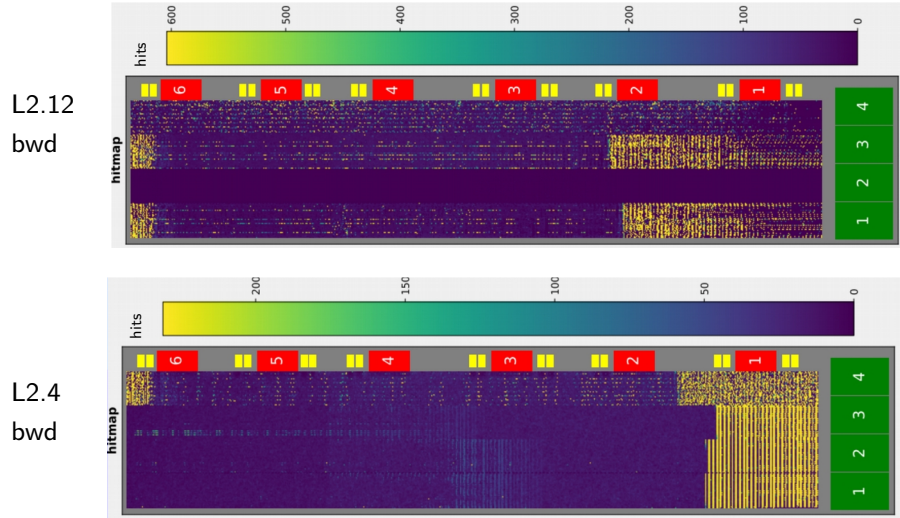
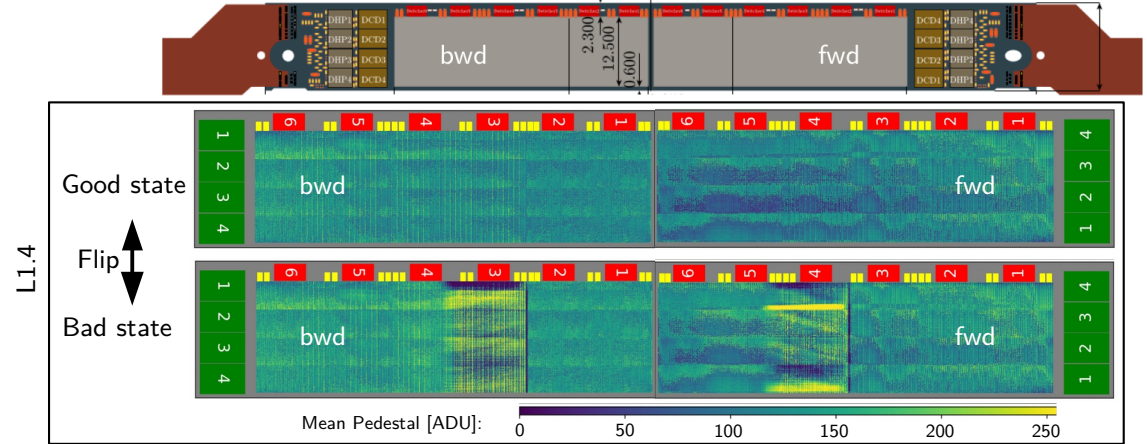
- All 40 modules operable

## Unstable Switcher States in L1.4:

- Two module states: “good” or “bad”
- Problematic gate(s) or broken switcher?
- Temporary solution: reducing gate-on voltage

## Pedestal Glitches:

- 2 modules with regions of significant pedestal shifts within individual frames
- Dominant structures in L2.4 bwd, L2.12 bwd → mask these pixels



# Ladder Bending Studies at DESY

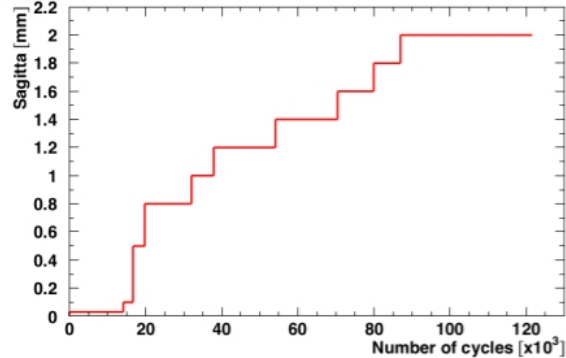
Thermal dummy L2 ladder bent with gradually increasing sagitta

- $\sim 4500$  cycles at  $\Delta 0.9$  mm
- $\sim 2500$  cycles at  $\Delta 1.1$  mm
- $>100$  cycles at  $1.8$  mm  
-> ladder developed two kinks

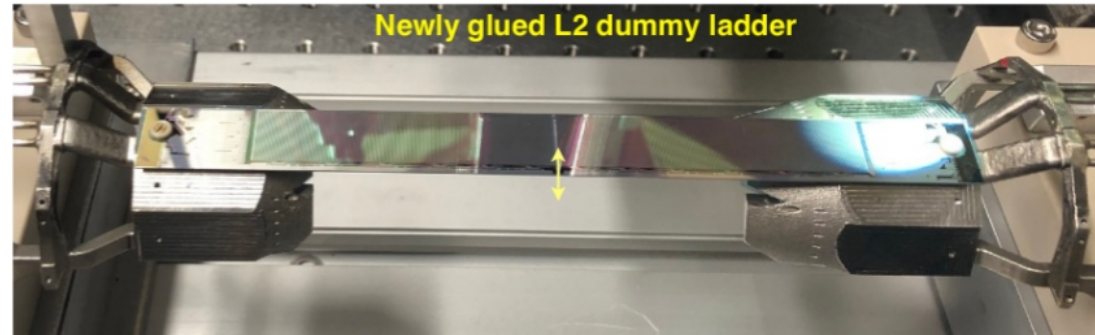
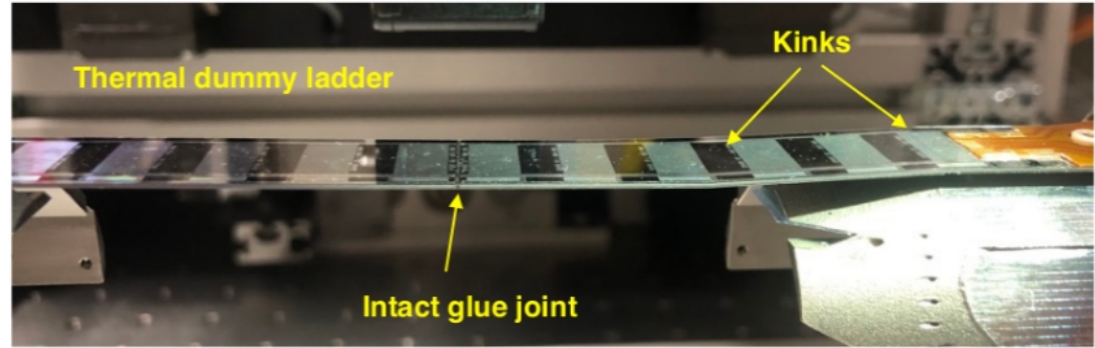
→ Thermal dummy ladder mechanically different  
→ Both kinks at resistor lines

Repeat with recently glued L2 dummy ladder

L2 glue joint endurance test



After more than two months with more than 90k cycles with sagitta  $\geq 1$ mm → Ladder still intact



# Backup: Tracking at Belle II

## Challenges

- **increased backgrounds** with instantaneous lumi
  - beam lifetime only few minutes  
⇒ continuous “top up” injection (for 2400 bunches)  
(50 Hz @ 4 ms cooldown ⇒ 4 ms damping time with particle losses)
  - “Synchrotron”, “Touschek intra-bunch scattering”, “Bhabha”, “2 photon”...
  - challenge for detector/tracking overall  
(challenges for PXD discussed explicitly later)
- **smaller Lorentz boost** (for better beam lifetime at 4 GeV > 3.5 GeV)
  - critical for time dependent measurements

## Track reconstruction and PXD role

- (HLT) **track finding seeded in CDC** ( $p_T > 100$  MeV) or else **SVD**
- **PXD hits** used in offline track fit → **improved vertex resolution**
- Regions of Interest (**ROI**) filtering:
  - HLT: extrapolates tracks to ROIs on PXD for readout to reduce data rate  
not needed yet
- PXD layer one crucial for *impact parameter resolution*
- PXD layer two (will be) important to retain performance at *higher backgrounds*

