

# Development of a hardware trigger using machine learning in the Belle II experiment

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# Belle II experiment

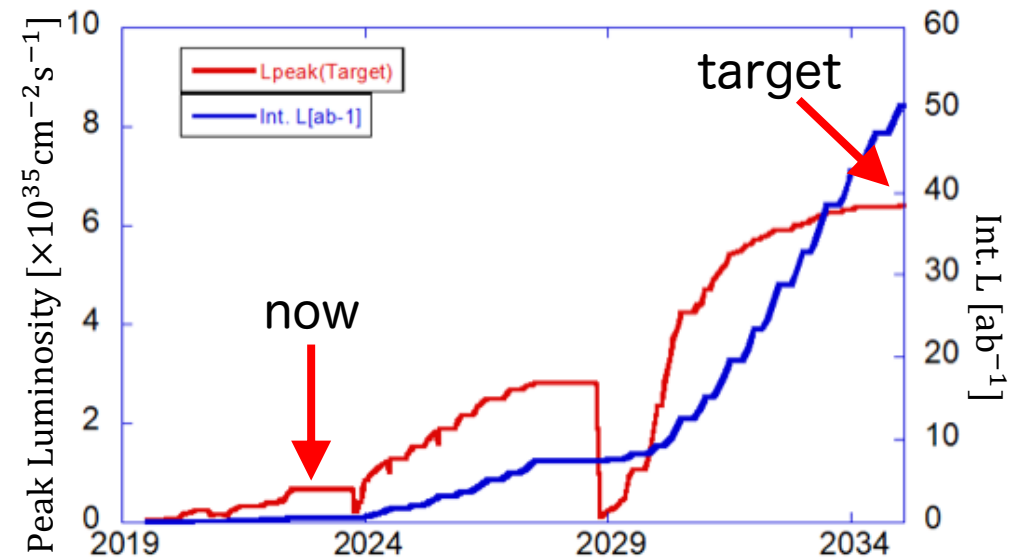
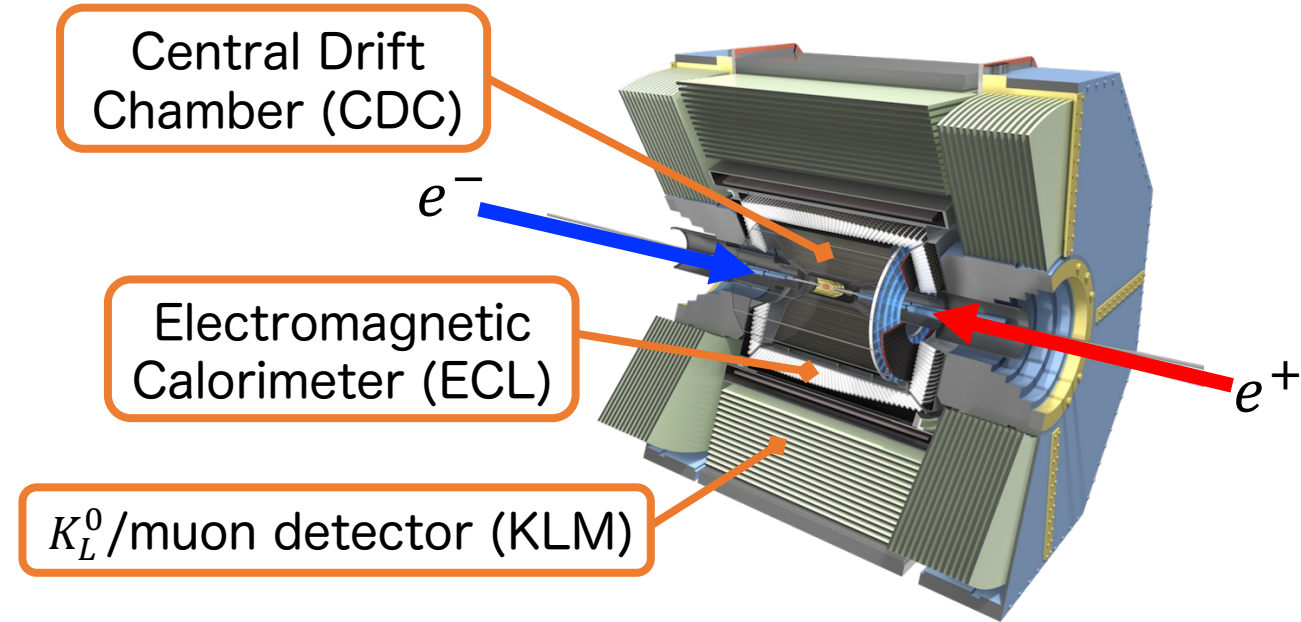
- High luminosity B factory experiment
- Collide 7GeV  $e^-$  and 4GeV  $e^+$  using the SuperKEKB accelerator
- Measure a huge amount of elementary particle reactions and search for new physics

- Instantaneous luminosity

Current value =  $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

↓ 10 times more

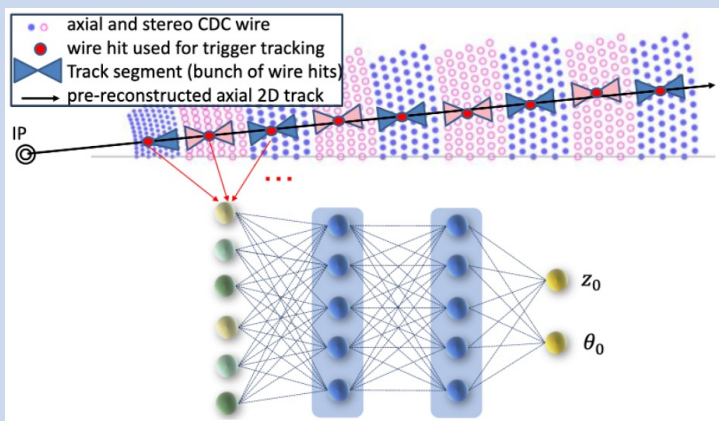
Target value =  $6.0 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



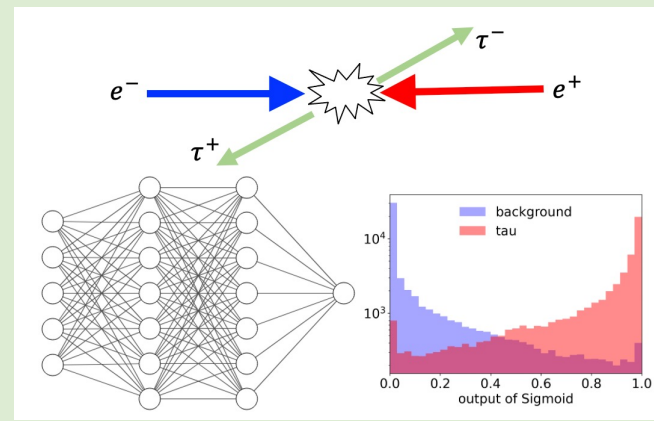
# Machine Learning in Belle II trigger

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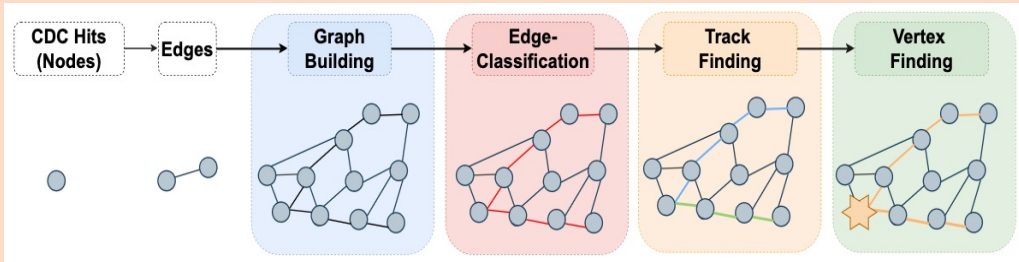
## Neural network for 3D tracking (CDC)



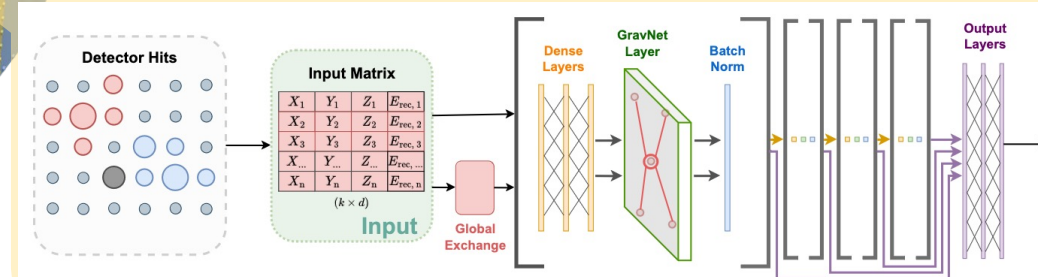
## Neural network for low-multi physics Trigger



## Graph neural network for tracking (CDC)



## Graph neural network for clustering (ECL)



# Tau particle decay

■ Belle II experiment is also Tau factory and Tau is very important for physical analysis

■ Focus on the  $e^-e^+ \rightarrow \tau^-\tau^+$  event

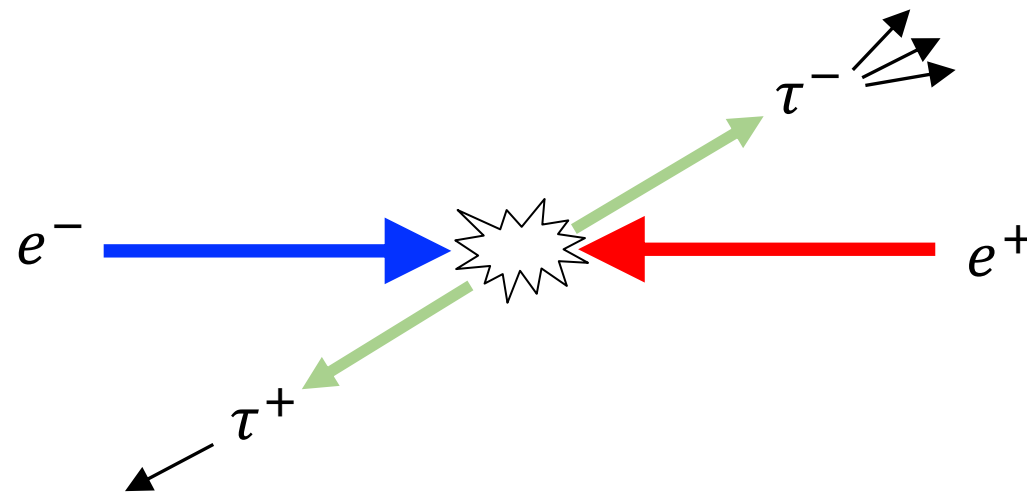
## 1 charged particle

$$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau \text{ etc}$$

## 3 charged particles

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- \nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau \text{ etc}$$



→ The total number of charged particles must be an even number.

2 charged particles : 72%      4 charged particles : 25%

fewer tracks

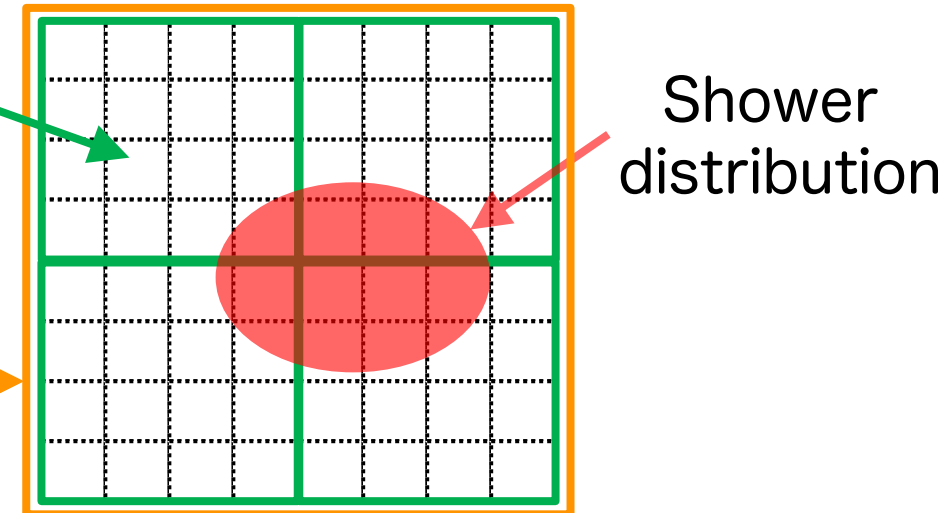
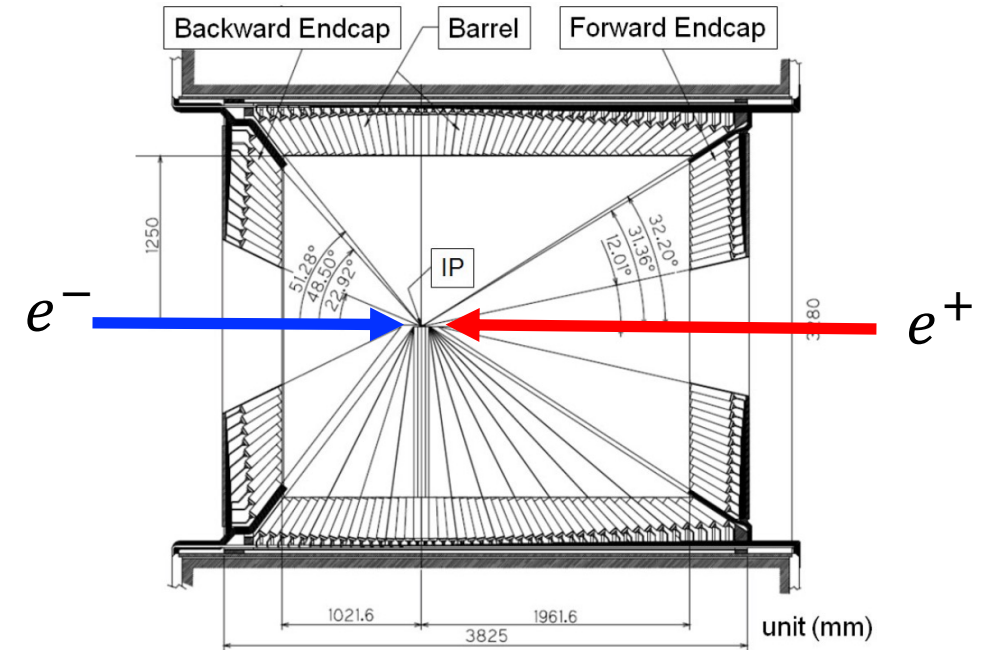
■ Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL) is mainly used to select tau decay events.

# Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL)

- Combination of Thallium doped Cesium Iodide scintillator and photodiode

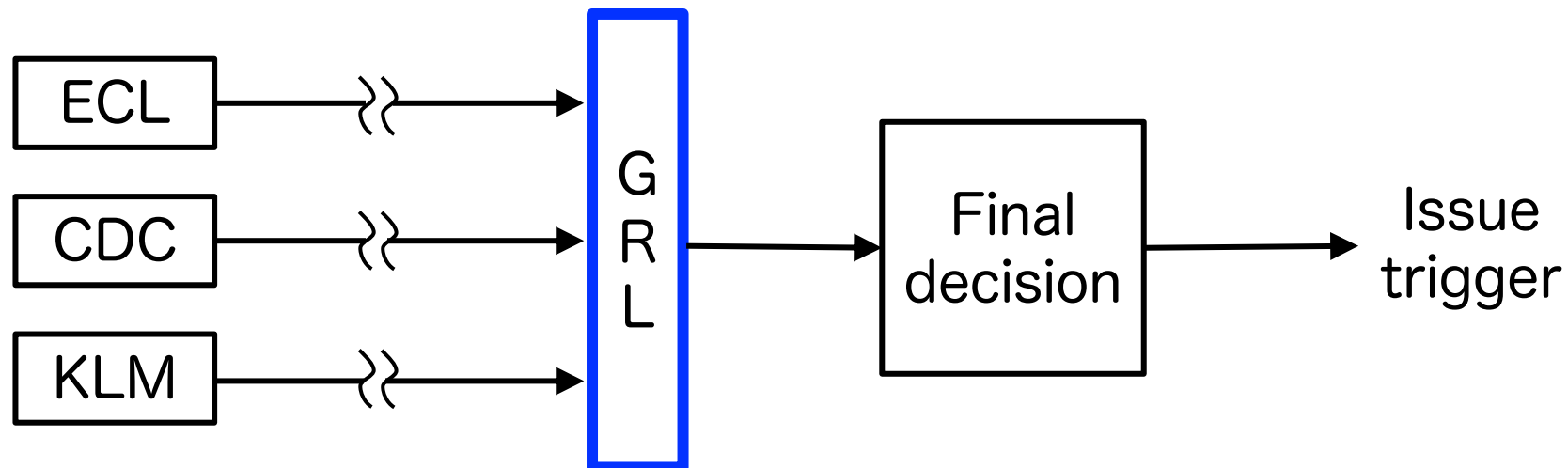
## Measurable Information

- Energy loss of particles
  - Position where the particle passed
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- 4x4=16 crystals are combined as a "trigger cell" for hardware trigger purpose
  - The entire trigger cells triggered by a single particle is called a "cluster"



# Hardware trigger system

- Select events to reduce DAQ readout rate and data volume
- Total latency must be below  $4.4\mu s$  → Online data processing using FPGA



GRL (Global Reconstruction Logic)

- Combine information from each detector to identify particles, etc.
- Limitation { Trigger rate of ECL < 15kHz  
Latency < 500 ns

# Motivation and purpose of this research

- Tau generate fewer daughter particles than B mesons and are difficult to trigger.
- Current trigger for tau particle decay is susceptible to background events ( $\sim 1\text{kHz}$ )

## Challenge

When luminosity improves in the future, trigger rate will reach the limit of **15kHz**

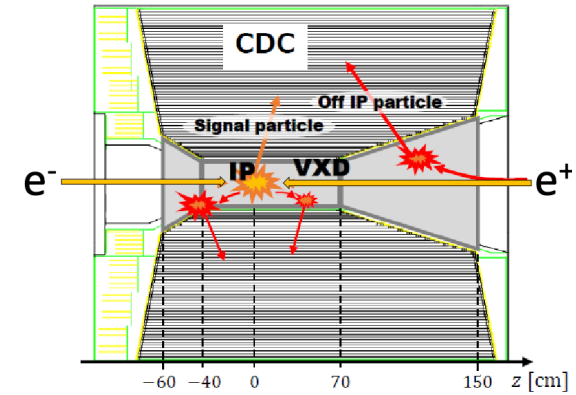
↓ focus on machine learning

## Purpose of this research

Make low rate and high purity hardware trigger

Develop a new tau decay event trigger using **neural network** and implement it in GRL

Main component is beam background from beam pipe near the detector.



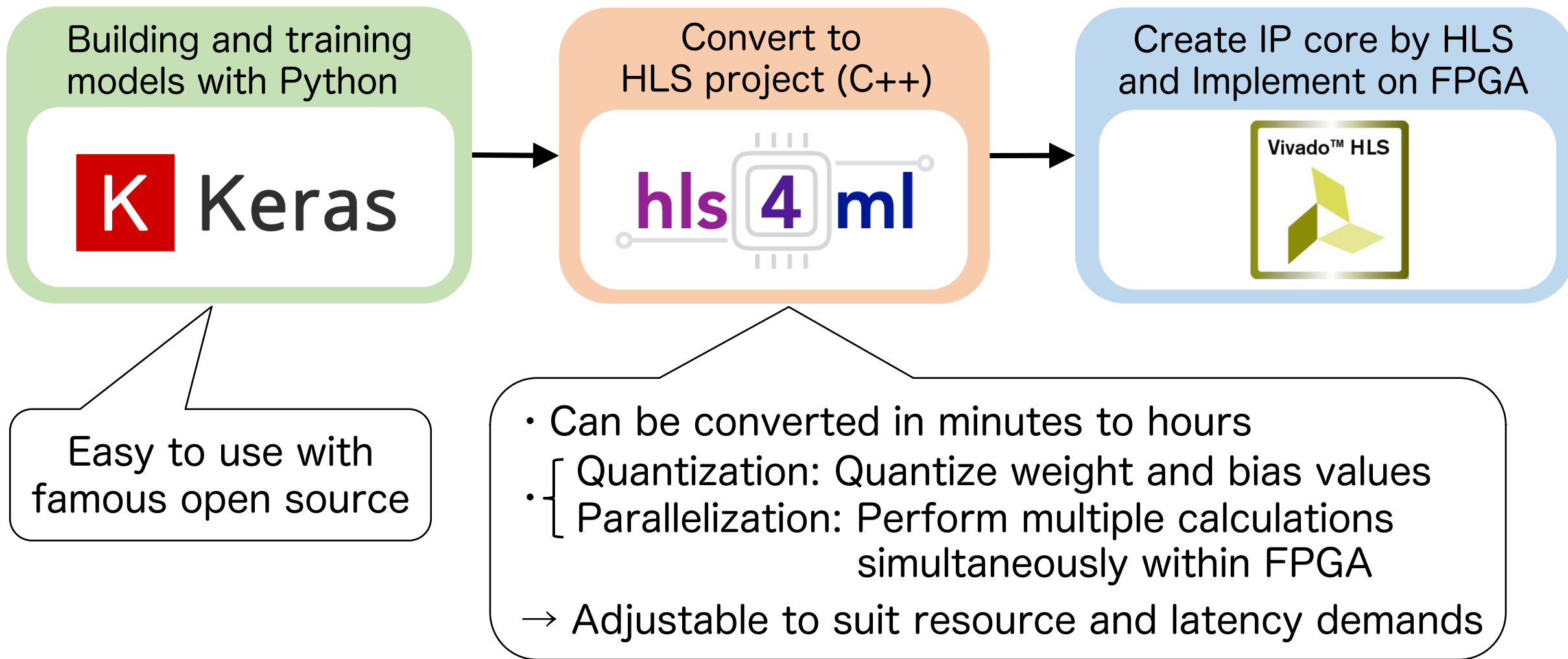
## Neural network performance goal

Trigger rate	less than <b>15kHz</b> at instantaneous luminosity $6.0 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
Latency	below <b>500 ns</b>
Resource	Fits inside GRL's FPGA

# Convert neural network to hardware

## ■ hls4ml (high level synthesis for machine learning)

automatically converts Python machine learning models to FPGA firmware



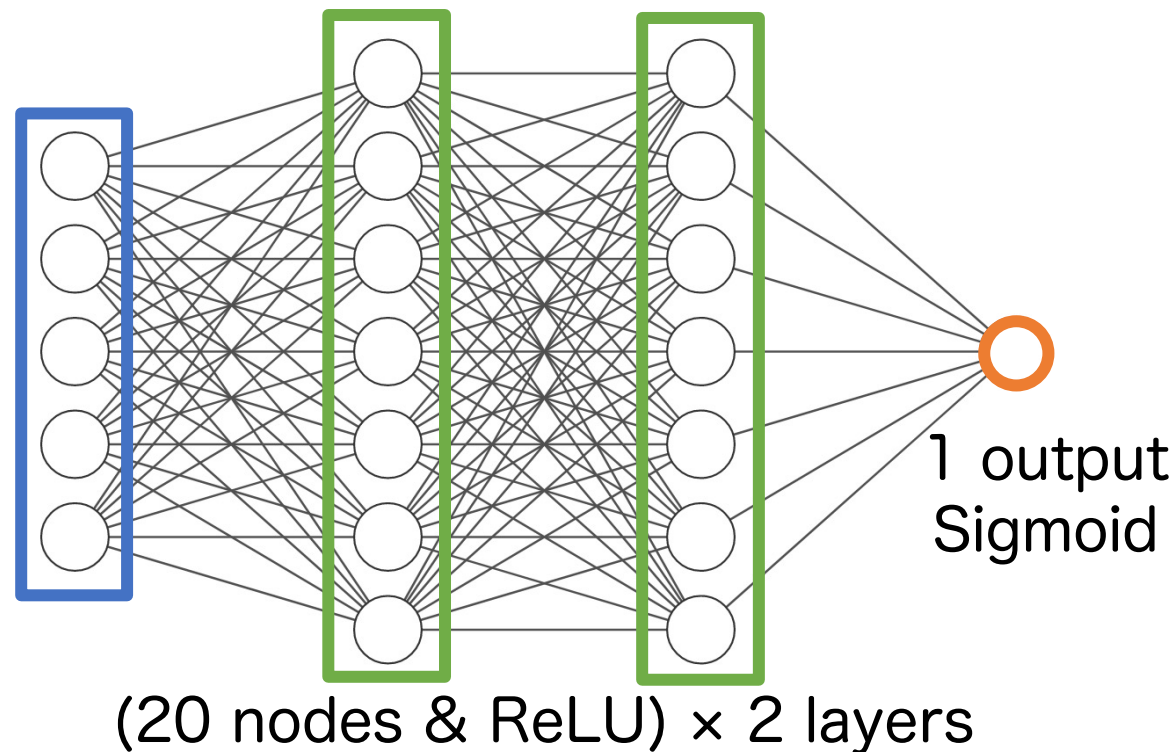


# Neural network model and training data

Input only information from ECL

Input data	Num
Number of clusters	1
Energy of clusters	6
Polar angle of clusters	6
Azimuth angle of clusters	6

19 inputs



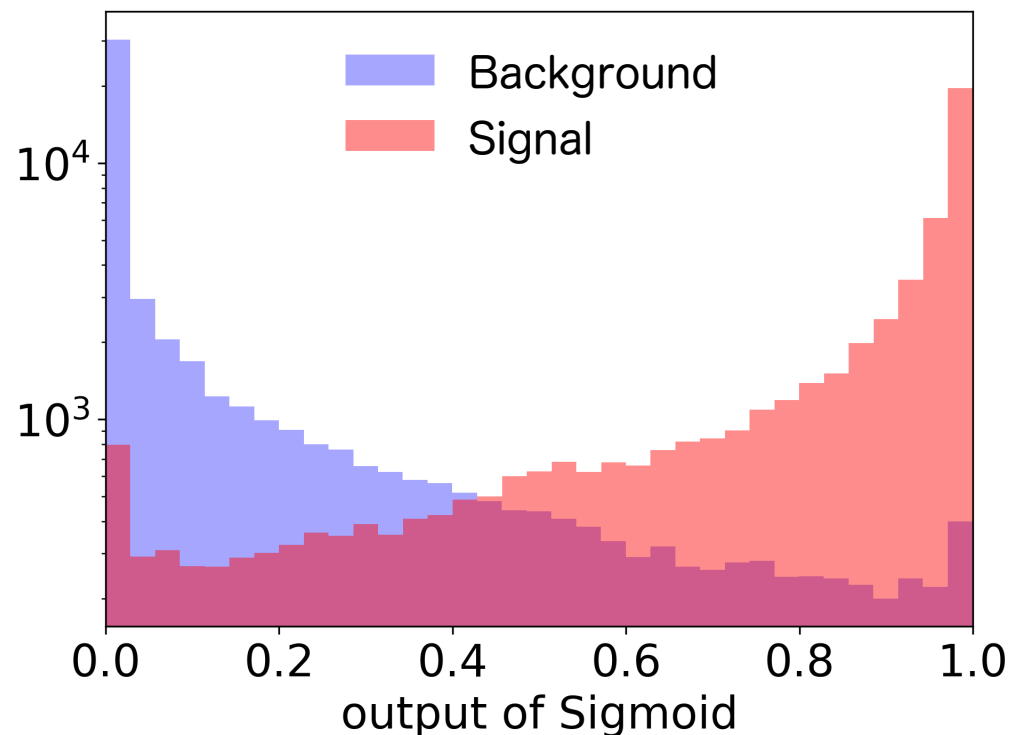
※Information of up to 6 clusters is sent from ECL.

■ Dataset : Analyze experimental data and adding flags

Name	Detail	Flag	Training data	Test data
Signal	Tau decay like events, selected by initial offline event tagging	1	280k events	70k events
Background	All others triggered by the current hardware trigger	0	280k events	70k events

# Neural network output

Output when inputting test data

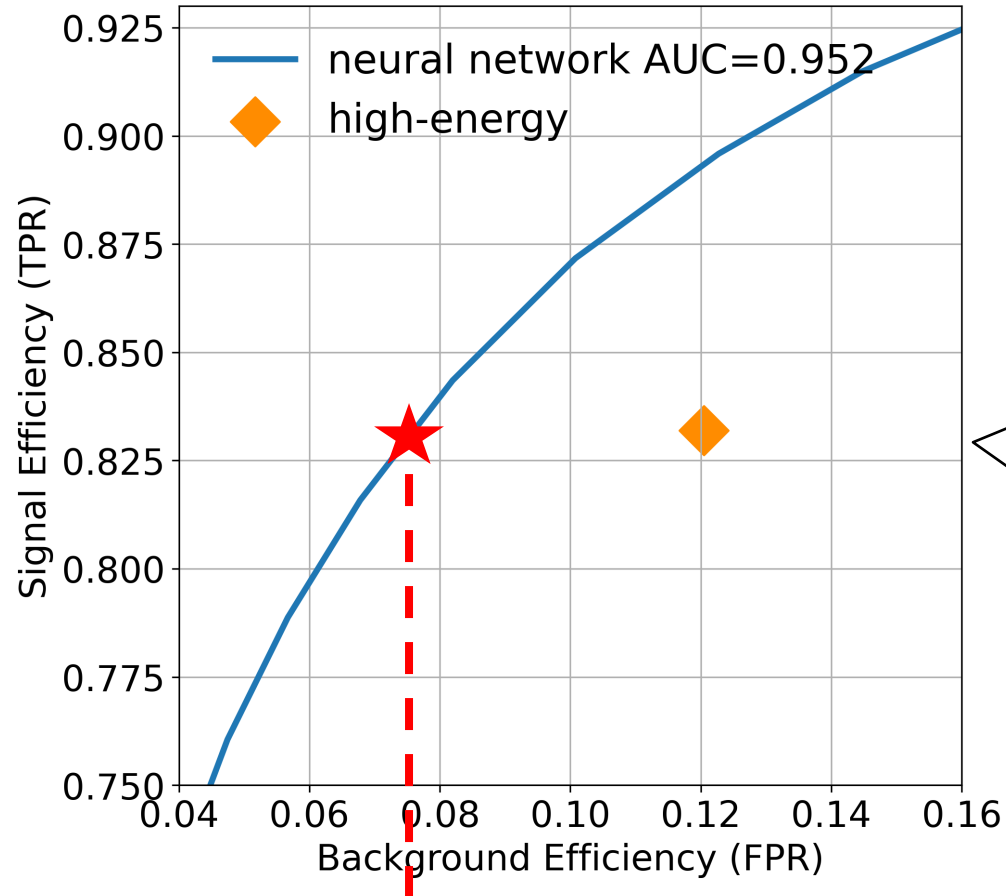


← During physics data taking, we set a threshold value on the output to decide whether to issue a trigger or not.

Efficiency can be easily changed by moving the threshold  
→ Much more flexible and adjustable than cut-based trigger logic

# Performance evaluation

## ROC curve



Expected to be about 9kHz (<15kHz)  
at luminosity  $6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

■ Main existing ECL trigger used for tau decay

Name	Concept
high-energy	Total energy > 1 GeV while eliminating Bhabha scattering

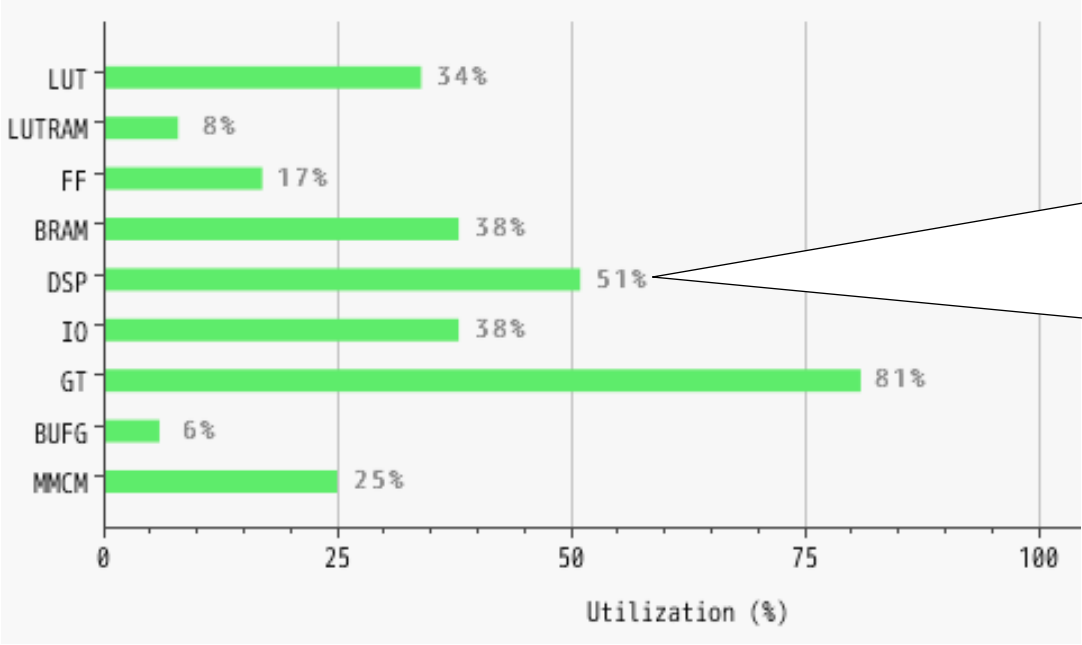
- Vertical axis : Signal Efficiency  
= ratio of tau events that were correctly determined
- Horizontal axis : Background Efficiency  
= ratio of background events that were incorrectly determined to be tau events

Neural network can reduce background by about 40% compared to 'high-energy'.

# Implementation in GRL

■ GRL's FPGA : Xilinx Virtex UltraScale XCVU080

## FPGA resource usage



DSP= responsible for multiplication, addition and subtraction

Before adding neural net : 0%

After adding neural net : 51%

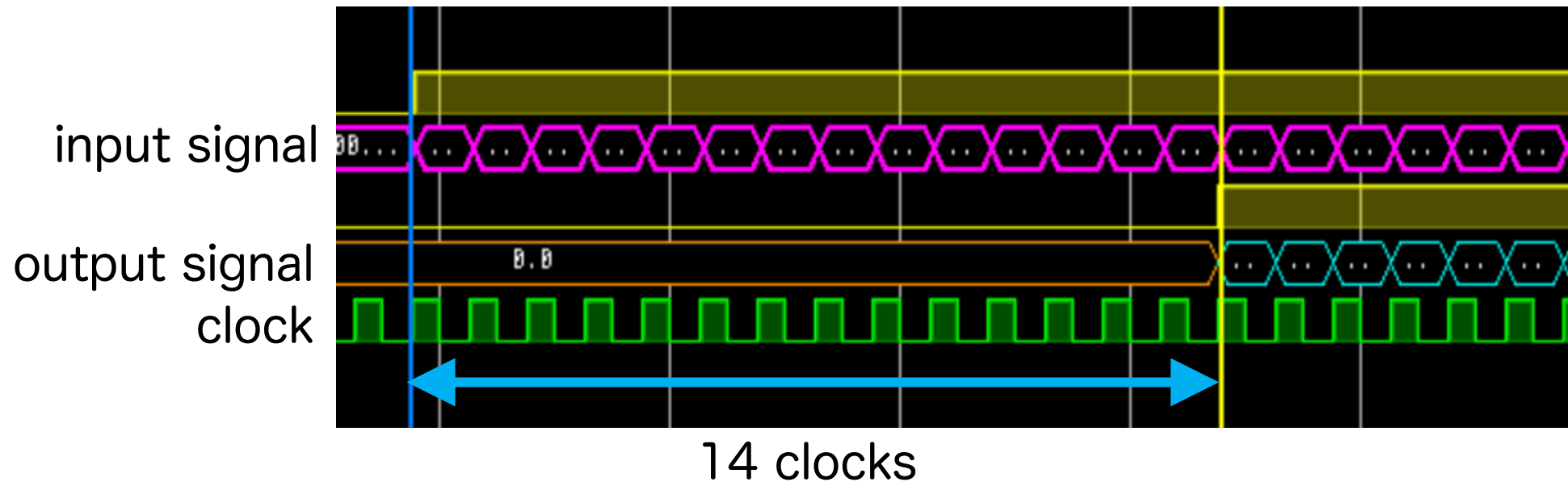
Often used in fully connected layers

This neural network fits within GRL's available resources and implementation completed.

# Implementation in GRL

## Timing

Clock freq = 127MHz



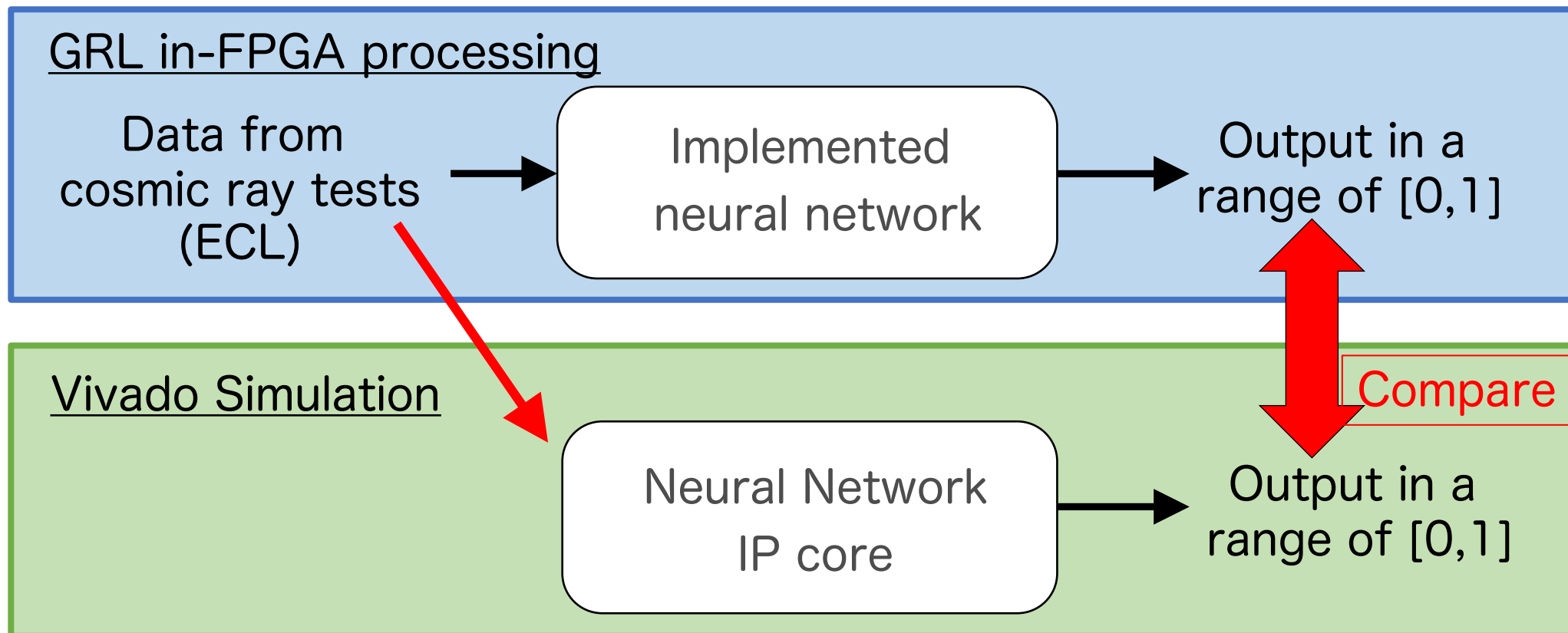
It takes 14 clocks from input to output  $\approx 110 \text{ ns}$  ( $< 500 \text{ ns}$ )

Computation time of neural network is below the GRL latency limit

※ Accepts new input every clock and outputs every clock (pipeline processing)

# Operation confirmation by cosmic ray test

- Actual measurements of cosmic rays with the Belle II detector and comparison of data with simulations



- We confirmed the implemented hardware functions as expected.
  - Plan to actually use it from the next physics run (from January 2024)

# Summary

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- In the Belle II experiment, we plan to significantly improve luminosity. Hardware triggers with low rate are required.
- We created a new trigger logic for tau particle decay with neural network.
  - It can reduce trigger rate compared to the existing one.
- Implementation has been completed in the Belle II hardware trigger system.
  - It cleared constraints of timing and resource.
- This trigger will be used from the next physics run (January 2024 ~).