



Recent Results from Belle & Belle II

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1st generation *B*-factory experiments



KEKB to SuperKEKB nanobeams





Belle II Detector





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Lepton Flavor Violation

- Observed neutrino oscillations signal violation of lepton flavor in the neutral leptonic sector.
 - What about LFV in the charged leptons?
- LFV violation in the charged leptons is highly suppressed in the SM even after the inclusion of neutrino masses:
 - Neutrino masses are expected to be much smaller compared to the electroweak scale, $M_W \approx 80.4$ GeV.
 - Searches of LFV in the SM is beyond experimental reach:

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \to \ell \gamma) \propto \left(\frac{M_{\nu_{\tau}}^2 - M_{\nu_{\ell}}^2}{M_W^2}\right)^2 \approx 10^{-50} \sim 10^{-54}$$

- Observation of LFV in the charged lepton is a clear signal for NP beyond SM:
 - Many extensions of the SM such as SUSY, little Higgs models, extra dimensions predict enhanced LFV.
 - LFV in τ decays can be as high as $O(10^{-8})$
 - Within the reach of Belle II
- Searches for charged LFV is currently dominated by BaBar and Belle experiments. Most of the results are in τ decays
 - Heaviest lepton: less GIM suppression compared to muon
 - Strong coupling to NP contributions
 - many possible LFV decays







Lepton flavor violation in tau decays

Search for LFV decays $\tau \rightarrow l \gamma$ ($l = e, \mu$) using total integrated luminosity of 988 fb⁻¹. Largest • number of tau pairs recorded by a single e^+e^- experiment so far.

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0.01

-0.01

-0.02

-0.03

- Require $N_l = 1$, $N_{\gamma} = 1$ on the signal side, Tag side: 1-prong decay (Eq. $\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu, \pi\nu, \rho\nu$)
- Improved analysis techniques, including additional variables to improve the signal to noise ratio. Blind analysis techniques.
- Un-binned maximum likelihood fit to:
 - $M_{bc} = \sqrt{[(E_{beam}^{CM})^2 (\vec{p}_{lv}^{CM})^2]}$
 - $\frac{\Delta E}{\sqrt{s}} = (E_{l\gamma}^{CM} \sqrt{s}/2)/\sqrt{s}$
- Major backgrounds:
 - $\tau \rightarrow l \nu \nu + ISR$ or beam background
 - $ee \rightarrow ll + ISR$ or beam background

Channel	$ au ightarrow \mu \gamma$	$ au ightarrow e\gamma$
Signal efficiency	3.7%	2.9 %
Exp. # bkgs.	5.8 ± 0.4	5.1 ± 0.4
Obs. event	5	5
$N_{ m sig}^{ m UL}$	2.8	3.0
UL (90% CL)	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 5.6 \times 10^{-8}$

Most stringent limit on the muon channel so far.







See Hulva Atmacan's talk LFV and LFU at Belle



Lepton flavor violation in $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^{\pm} l^{\mp}$

- $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^{\pm} l^{\mp}$ can occur in principle via neutrino mixing.
 - Rate is ~ 10⁻⁵⁴. Beyond experimental reach
- NP models such as Pati-Salam vector leptoquarks of mass 86 TeV/c² give rise to BF ~10⁻⁹.
- Full Belle data set is used: ~711 fb⁻¹.
- No exclusive reconstruction of the signal side τ .
 - *B_{tag}* is reconstructed via hadronic decays. Use the reconstructed *B_{tag}* momentum and the *e⁺e⁻* initial momentum to determine the *B_{sig}* momentum.
 - Calculate "missing mass" as,

$$M_{miss} = \sqrt{\left[\left(E_{sig} - E_l\right)^2 - \left(\vec{p}_{B_{sig}} - \vec{p}_l\right)^2\right]}$$

 M_{miss} should peak at τ mass.

- Background mostly from $b \rightarrow c$ and $b \rightarrow u l v$ decays.
- Signal yields are extracted by performing an unbinned maximum likelihood fit

to the M _{miss}	
distributions	



See Hulya Atmacan's talk LFV and LFU at Belle



Prospects of LFV at Belle II



- Belle II will collect about $10^{11} \tau$ leptons compared to 10^9 presently available.
- Sensitivity depends on the background
 - $\tau \rightarrow 3$ leptons mode is still very clean at Belle II
 - For $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ better understanding and control of the background will be necessary.



See Marcela Garcia Hernandez's talk



Lepton Flavor Universality

- In the SM, gauge bosons couplings to the three generations of leptons are independent of flavor 🖙 LFU
- Several discrepancies are already observed in the *B*-decays related to LFU.



Lepton Flavor Universality: $B^0 \to K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$

- LFU can be further explored by studying $B^0 \to K^{*0}\tau^+\tau^-$.
- Highly suppressed in the SM, FCNC process, BF $\mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$.
 - Sensitive to BSM models in which coupling is proportional to mass or only couples to the third generation.
- Full data set (~711 fb⁻¹) from the Belle experiment is used.
 - Experimentally difficult. Presence of the neutrinos in the final state makes the full reconstruction of the decay difficult.
 - *B_{tag}* is reconstructed completely from hadronic decay modes. Tagging efficiency ~0.24%.
 - Signal τ is reconstructed from: $\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \overline{\nu_e} \nu_{\tau}$, $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \overline{\nu_{\mu}} \nu_{\tau}$ and $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_{\tau}$. Signal selection efficiency: 1.2×10^{-5}
 - N_{sig} is determined from a fit to the extra energy in the ECL, not associated either with B_{tag} or B_{sig} . Signal region is defined by $E_{ECL}^{extra} < 0.2 \ GeV$.

Observation: $N_{sig} = -4.9 \pm 6.0$ $N_{bkg} = 122.4 \pm 4.9$





Dark Sector Physics

- Zwicky, 1933: first suggestion for the existence of unseen "dark" matter after the analysis of the velocity dispersion of galaxies in the Coma cluster.
- Since then: numerous astrophysical evidences for its existence all based on gravity Structure of Cosmic Microwave Background
 Gravitational Lensing
 Galactic Rotation Curves
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- But its nature is still a mystery.
 - Most favorable candidate so far: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMP)
- So far null results from direct detection experiments and LHC
 - New ideas needed to go beyond the standard WIMP paradigm.
- Dark sectors can include one or more mediator particles coupled to the SM via *portal*:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \begin{cases} -\frac{\epsilon}{2\cos\theta_W} B_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu} \\ (\mu\phi + \lambda\phi^2) H^{\dagger}H , \\ y_n LHN , \\ \frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu} , \end{cases}$$

Vector portal, mediated by A['] with Spin 1 and odd-parity Higgs portal, mediated by a scalar Neutrino portal, mediated by a fermion N Axion portal, with a pseudoscalar *a*





Recent Dark Sector Physics Results at Belle

- Several results are already published on the vector *portal* as it is the most viable for thermal models of light DM.
 - Introduce a new symmetry group U(1)_D for the dark sector if the mediator is a vector boson, A'.
 - The "kinetic mixing" interaction $(\varepsilon / 2\cos\theta_W)B^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu}$ is invariant under gauge transformations of both U(1)_D and U(1)_Y.
- New results on the Higgs portal: $B^0 \rightarrow A'A'$ [JHEP 04 (2021)191]
 - SM: BF for the 4*l* channel is $O(10^{-12})$
 - Low SM signal and background. Ideal to search for BSM.
 - Assume that A' decays promptly and all dark sector particles coupling to A' are heavier than A'
 - Image: A' can decay only to SM particles.
 - 5 decay modes (4e, 2e 2μ, 4μ, 2e 2π, and 2μ 2π) for the reconstruction of A'.
 - Search for A' in the mass range of (10 MeV 2.6 GeV) with 10 20 MeV interval.
 - Major backgrounds:
 - SM resonances mis-identified as $A' : J/\psi, \psi(2S), D^0$, light mesons $(K_s, \rho^0, \phi, etc.)$
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q}$, especially for $l^+l^-l^+l^-$ modes
 - Suppressed by the Fisher discriminant
 - Combinatorial, leptons mostly from semi-leptonic decays of quarks.

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$B^0 \rightarrow A'A'$ Results



- No significant signal yield observed.
- Calculate 90% CL upper limits using Feldman-Cousins unified approach (clean background)
 - UL mostly $\mathcal{O}(10^{-8} 10^{-7})$. Up to $\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$ near the light meson rejection region.





See Sascha Dreyer's talk for Belle II prospects

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Radiative Penguin Decay: $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$

- $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ are FCNC processes, allowed only through loop diagrams in the SM.
 - BSM particles can enter the loop to alter the BF and other observables such as CP asymmetry, isospin asymmetry etc.



- $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ suffers from large uncertainties due to form factors.
 - Important observables are CP and isospin asymmetries. Most uncertainties cancel in the ratio.
 - Belle has already reported a 3.1 σ discrepancy in the isospin asymmetry. (PRL 119, 191802 (2017))

$$CP asymmetry A_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \to \bar{K}^*\gamma) - \Gamma(B \to K^*\gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \to \bar{K}^*\gamma) + \Gamma(B \to K^*\gamma)}$$
Results from Belle II on $B \to K^*\gamma$ are
Isospin asymmetry $\Delta_{+0} = \frac{\Gamma(B^0 \to K^{*0}\gamma) - \Gamma(B^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma)}{\Gamma(B^0 \to K^{*0}\gamma) + \Gamma(B^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma)}$

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Belle II 2021 Signal Bkg (Preliminary) Ldt = 62.8 fb AE [GeV]

(a)
$$B^0 \to K^{*0}[K^+\pi^-]\gamma$$



u, c, t



(c) $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[K^+\pi^0]\gamma$



Signal

Bka

Mode	Signal yield	Signal efficiency (%)	B.F (Fit) ×10 ⁻⁵	B.F (PDG) ×10 ⁻⁵
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[K^+\pi^-]\gamma$	454 ± 28	14.9	$4.6\pm0.3\pm0.3$	4.18 ± 0.25
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} [K^0_S \pi^0] \gamma$	50 ± 10	1.7	$4.4\pm0.9\pm0.6$	4.18 ± 0.25
$B^+ \to K^{\star +} [K^+ \pi^0] \gamma$	169 ± 18	4.7	$5.1\pm0.5\pm0.5$	3.92 ± 0.22
$B^+ \to K^{\star +} [K^0_S \pi^+] \gamma$	160 ± 17	4.1	$5.5\pm0.6\pm0.4$	3.92 ± 0.22

Results from Belle II on $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ are consistent with SM

See **Yo Sato's** talk



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(Preliminary)

.dt = 62.8 fb

EW Penguin: $B^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm} \nu \, \overline{\nu}$

BB

B(→Kvv)B



- FCNC process, yet to be observed experimentally.
 - No photon contribution, much cleaner theoretical prediction: $BF(B^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm}\nu\bar{\nu}) = (4.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$
 - Observation of this decay can help constrain BSM models: leptoquarks, axions, dark matter particles
- Previous searches are based on tagged analyses 🛱
 - B_{tag} is reconstructed completely from semi-leptonic $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{20}$ decay modes. Signal efficiency ~0.2%.
 - *B_{tag}* is reconstructed completely from hadronic decay modes. Signal efficiency ~0.04%.
- Belle II use a new approach based on inclusive tag
 - No explicit reconstruction of the second B-meson
 - Use BDTs to exploit the topological features of the signal vs background
 - Much higher signal selection efficiency: ~4.3%
- Further improvements are expected
 - Additional data (already 3x more on tape)
 - Additional channels such as the $K^{*0}\bar{\nu}\nu$, $K^0_s\bar{\nu}\nu$ etc.

arXiv:2104.06224 (submitted to PRL)



 $p_T(K^+)$ [GeV/c]





Rediscovery of $B \rightarrow \eta' K$

arXiv:2104.06224



First Belle II measurement of a rare charmless hadronic *B* decay, mediated via hadronic penguin diagram.

- Sensitive to new physics in the hadronic loop.
- Both charged and neutral modes, $B^0 \rightarrow$ $\eta' K_{\rm S}^0$ and $B^{\pm} \rightarrow \eta' K^{\pm}$ are studied.
 - η' is reconstructed from $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ with $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $\eta' \rightarrow \rho \gamma$.
 - 62.8 fb⁻¹ data collected in 2019 and 2020 are used.

Mode	N_{sig}	sig.	$\varepsilon(\%)$	$\varepsilon \mathcal{B}(\%)$	${\cal B}~(10^{-6})$
$B^{\pm} \to \eta' (\to \eta (\to \gamma \gamma) \pi^+ \pi^-) K^{\pm}$	$263 \ ^{+18}_{-19}$	25.7	31.7 ± 0.03	5.45	$63.9 \ ^{+4.6}_{-4.4} \pm 4.0$
$B^{\pm} \to \eta'(\rho(\to \pi^+\pi^-)\gamma)K^{\pm}$	$335 \ ^{+26}_{-25}$	22.2	24.2 ± 0.04	7.05	$62.9 \ ^{+4.8}_{-4.8} \pm 5.5$
$B^0 \to \eta' (\to \eta (\to \gamma \gamma) \pi^+ \pi^-) K^0_S$	$80.0 \ ^{+11.2}_{-10.4}$	13.8	31.0 ± 0.03	1.80	$61.6 \ ^{+8.6}_{-8.0} \pm 3.9$
$B^0 \to \eta'(\rho(\to \pi^+\pi^-)\gamma)K_S^0$	$99.7 \ ^{+14.2}_{-12.7}$	14.2	23.6 ± 0.04	2.35	58.5 $^{+7.9}_{-7.4} \pm 4.4$

	This analysis	World average
Channel	$\mathcal{B}(imes 10^6$	³)
$B^{\pm} \to \eta' K$	$63.4 + 3.4 \\ -3.3 \\ (stat) \pm 3.4 \\ (syst)$	70.4 ± 2.5
$B^0 \to \eta' K^0$	$59.9 + 5.8_{-5.5}$ (stat) ± 2.7 (syst)	66 ± 4

Results are compatible with the world average.

Rediscovery of $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow J/\psi K_L$

- Mesurement of $\sin(2\phi_1/\beta)$ using $B^0 \to J/\psi K_L^0$ decay complements the one from $B^0 \to J/\psi K_S$.
 - Observed signal yield is consistent with the Belle measurement with similar purity
 - More to come: time-dependent CP violation and precise measurement of $sin(2\phi_1)$.

$$\begin{split} N_{\rm sig}~(\mu^+\mu^-) &= 267 \pm 21 ({\rm stat}) \pm 28 ({\rm peaking}) \\ N_{\rm sig}~(e^+e^-) &= 226 \pm 20 ({\rm stat}) \pm 31 ({\rm peaking}) \end{split}$$



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D^0 and D^+ Lifetime Measurements



- Select high purity samples of $D^{*+} \to D^0 (\to K^- \pi^+)\pi^+$ and $D^{*+} \to D^+ (\to K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)\pi^0$ decays.
 - 72 fb⁻¹ of data collected during 2019 and first half 2020 is used in the analysis.
- Fit the distribution of the decay time with accurate modelling of the resolution.
- Dominant systematic uncertainties come from residual detector mis-alignment (D⁰) and from background modelling (D⁺).
- Preliminary results are consistent with, and more precise than, respective world averages.
- Demonstration of excellent vertexing capabilities of the Belle II detector.
 - Combined PXD+SVD system provides average decay-time resolutions of about 70 fs and 60 fs, respectively for D⁰ and D⁺ decays.



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$B \rightarrow D^{(*)}K/\pi$ towards ϕ_3/γ measurement

- The decays $B^- \to D^{(*)0}\pi^-$ and $\overline{B}{}^0 \to D^{(*)+}\pi^-$ arise from the favored $b \to c$ transition.
 - Some of the most abundant hadronic *B* decays with BF between 0.25% and 0.5%.
- $B^- \rightarrow D^{(*)0}K^-$ are sensitive to CKM unitarity-triangle angle $\phi_3 \text{ or } \gamma$.
 - "golden" mode: $B^- \rightarrow D^0(K_s \pi^+ \pi^-) K^-$
- Ratio between decay rates are important observables:
 - Many systematics cancel in the ratio calculation.
 - Can test theoretical predictions: factorization, SU(3) symmetry breaking in QCD.
- Analysis is based on 62.8 fb⁻¹ of data.
 - Results are consistent with the world average.

Re-optimization of the Belle ϕ_3 analysis on-going

Aiming for first Belle + Belle II combined result shortly.

	$B^- \to D^0 (K^- \pi^+) h^-$	$B^- \rightarrow D^0 (K^0_{\rm S} \pi^+ \pi^-) h^-$	$\bar{B}^0 ightarrow D^+ h^-$
Belle II $R^{+/0}~(\times 10^{-2})$	$7.66 \pm 0.55 \ ^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	$6.32 \pm 0.81 \ ^{+0.09}_{-0.11}$	$9.22 \pm 0.58 \pm 0.09$
LHC b $R^{+/0}~(\times 10^{-2})$	$7.77 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07 \ [24]$	$7.77 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07 \; [24]$	$8.22 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.25$ [25]





Belle II Run Plan

- 2021: Already collected about 213 fb⁻¹
- 2021: Autumn run.
 - Y(4S): ~ 400 fb⁻¹
 - 10.75 GeV + Scan for 10 fb⁻¹ is planned.
- 2022 Summer: ~ 700 fb⁻¹ (equivalent to total Belle data)
- 2022 Long shutdown1 (LS1)
 - Full pixel in the 2nd inner most layer.
 - TOP PMT replacement
- 2026: ~15 ab⁻¹
- 2031: ~50 ab⁻¹





Summary

- Flavor physics at the electron-positron collider offers an extremely rich physics program with many opportunities to probe new physics beyond the SM.
 - Much cleaner environment: great for physics studies with π^0 , γ and ν . Inclusive analysis possible with full control on the event kinematics.
- Belle continues to produce interesting physics results which are sensitive to the BSM searches.
 - Will continue to do so for few more years before Belle II takes over.
- Belle II has already collected about 213 fb⁻¹ of data. Complimentary physics program to LHCb.
 - Started to publish competitive physics results. Several new ideas to increase the sensitivity per fb⁻¹ of data.
 - Planning to collect 50 ab⁻¹ of data by 2031.
 - Exciting time ahead in flavor physics.



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Precision Measurements at Belle II vs LHCb

Table 16. Expected errors on several selected flavor observables with an integrated luminosity of 50 ab^{-1} of Belle II data. Errors given in % represent relative errors. In the final column we denote where LHCb is expected to reach a highly competitive level of precision: if one experiment is expected to be slightly more accurate we list it first.

Observables	Exp. theor. accuracy	Exp. experim. uncertainty	Facility (2025)
UT angles and sides			
φ1 [°]	***	0.4	Belle II
φ ₂ [°]	**	1.0	Belle II
φ ₃ [°]	***	1.0	LHCb/Belle II
$ V_{cb} $ incl.	***	1%	Belle II
V _{cb} excl.	***	1.5%	Belle II
$ V_{ub} $ incl.	**	3%	Belle II
$ V_{ub} $ excl.	**	2%	Belle II/LHCb
CP violation			
$S(B \rightarrow \phi K^0)$	***	0.02	Belle II
$S(B \rightarrow \eta' K^0)$	***	0.01	Belle II
$A(B \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0)$ [10 ⁻²]	***	4	Belle II
$\mathcal{A}(B \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$ [10 ⁻²]	***	0.20	LHCb/Belle II
(Semi-)leptonic			
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu) [10^{-6}]$	**	3%	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu \nu) [10^{-6}]$	**	7%	Belle II
$R(B \rightarrow D\tau \nu)$	***	3%	Belle II
$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)$	***	2%	Belle II/LHCb
Radiative and EW penguins			
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	**	4%	Belle II
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_{s,d}\gamma)$ [10 ⁻²]	***	0.005	Belle II
$S(B \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^0 \gamma)$	***	0.03	Belle II
$S(B \rightarrow \rho \gamma)$	**	0.07	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B_s \to \gamma \gamma) [10^{-6}]$	**	0.3	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \overline{\nu}) [10^{-6}]$	***	15%	Belle II
$R(B \to K^*\ell\ell)$	***	0.03	Belle II/LHCb
Charm			
$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \mu \nu)$	***	0.9%	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \tau \nu)$	***	2%	Belle II
$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0) [10^{-2}]$	**	0.03	Belle II
$ q/p (D^0 \rightarrow K_{\rm S}^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)$	***	0.03	Belle II
$A_{CP}(D^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^0) [10^{-2}]$	**	0.17	Belle II
Tau			
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma [10^{-10}]$	***	< 50	Belle II
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma [10^{-10}]$	***	< 100	Belle II
$\tau ightarrow \mu \mu \mu [10^{-10}]$	***	< 3	Belle II/LHCb

- Details in "The Belle II Physics Book", Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 123C01.
- e^+e^- collider: much cleaner environment, good for final states with γ, π^0 and ν
- Possible to do inclusive analysis by exploiting event kinematics.