



Beauty physics at Belle II

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The beauty of B physics

- The power of indirect searches
 - GIM mechanism (1970): charm presence invoked from the suppression of $K^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ before the discovery of J/ ψ (1974)
 - Kobayashi-Maskawa (1973): 3 generation quark mixing needed to explain CP violation in neutral kaon decays
 - Top mass limit >50 GeV inferred from $B^{0}-\overline{B^{0}}$ mixing (1987) before actual top discovery top (1995)
- Because of the large b-quark mass, loop and rare B decays offer a rich potential for indirect searches of New Physics (NP)



SuperKEKB and Belle II

The SuperKEKB machine

- Asymmetric e⁺e⁻ collider optimized for luminosity
 - On-threshold production of BB (10.58 GeV)
 - Aims at an integrated luminosity of 50/ab (about 50 times the B factory data samples)
 - This is achieved by a x20 times smaller β_y* (nano-beam scheme) and x1.5 times higher beam currents compared to KEKB







Belle II luminosity status

- SuperKEKB/Belle II have been operating since 2019 including the COVID-19 pandemic period
- Instantenous luminosity record: 2.957 x 10³⁴/cm2/s (May 18, 2021)
- Total recorded: 162.27/fb (May 24, 2021)



Luminosity prospects

- Long shutdown from Summer 2022
 - For PXD layer 2 installation and TOP PMT replacement
 - Belle II luminosity will reach to about the Belle data sample (711/fb)
- Long shutdown 2026
 - For IR upgrade (QCS final focussing magnets upgrade)
 - About 15/ab recorded by 2026
- Ultimate luminosity goal is 50/ab by ~2030



Belle II physics covered in this talk

• $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \overline{\nu}$ with inclusive tagging

 \rightarrow Cyrille Praz "Search for rare electroweak decay B⁺ -> K⁺ $v\overline{v}$ in early Belle II dataset" (DM VI, May 26)

• Towards R(K) in Belle II

→ Soumen Halder "Results and Prospects of Radiative and Electroweak Penguin Decays at Belle (II)" (Higgs III, May 26)

- Measurements of the CKM angles
 - → Chiara La Licata "The re-discovery of the decays for the CP violation measurements at Belle II" (Flavor II, May 24)

 \rightarrow Sebastiano Raiz "Charmless B decays at Belle II" (Flavor I, May 24)

Search for ${\rm B^+} \rightarrow {\rm K^+} \nu \bar{\nu}$

Theory ${\rm B^+} \rightarrow {\rm K^+}\nu\nu{\rm bar}$

- Electroweak penguin and box diagram contributions
- SM branching fraction: (4.6 +/- 0.5) x 10⁻⁶ (arXiv:1409.4557)
- Not observed yet, best upper limit (BaBar) <1.6 x 10⁻⁵



Belle II inclusive tag

- 1. Reconstruct signal = the highest p_T track with at least 1 PXD hit (~80% ϵ_{sig})
- 2. All other tracks and clusters reconstructed as rest-of-event (ROE) object
- 3. Discriminating variables are identified and used later as an input to Boosted Decision Trees (BDTs)
 - Event-shape, ROE dynamics, Kinematics of signal B, Vertexing variables





In comparison with tagged approaches this inclusive tag approach leads to **higher signal efficiency but also larger background contributions** from *B*decays (Neutral/Charged *B*) and continuum production (e+e- $\rightarrow c\bar{c}, s\bar{s}, u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, \tau$ pair)



Belle II inclusive tag (2)

MVA Selection and Measurement Region Definition:

4. Two consecutive BDTs are trained and applied to suppress the backgrounds

(signal: $\mathbf{B}^+ \to \mathbf{K}^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$, background: generic B decays + continuum)

5. Identify signal region (SR) with BDT₂ output and bin further in 2D: BDT₂ x $p_T(K^+)$ to maximise sensitivity



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Belle II preliminary result

- Signal extracted using a binned ML fit to on- and off-resonance data with 175 nuisance parameters
- Preliminary 90% CL upper limit: 4.1 x 10⁻⁵
- Submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett. (arXiv:2104.12624)





 1×10^{-5}

					CLs upper limit scan	
					Belle II preliminary Expected	
Experiment	Year	Observed limit on ${ m BR}(B^+ \to K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$	Approach	$Data_{[fb^{-1}]}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ \vdots \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\int \mathcal{L} dt = (63 + 9) fb^{-1}}{=} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{Expected} \pm 1\sigma \\ \vdots \\ \text{Expected} \pm 2\sigma \\ \hline \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ \vdots \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ \vdots \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0$	
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Belle	2013	< 5.5 × 10 ⁻⁵ [Phys.Rev.D87,111103(R)]	Had tag	711	$0.2 \begin{bmatrix} \text{Expected: } 2.3 \times 10^{-5} \\ \text{Observed: } 4.1 \times 10^{-5} \end{bmatrix}$	
Belle	2017	< 1.9 × 10 ⁻⁵ [Phys.Rev.D96,091101(R)]	SL tag	711	$0.0 \frac{1}{0} \frac{2}{2} \frac{4}{4} \frac{6}{6} \frac{8}{8}$	
Belle II preliminary	2021	$< 4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	Inclusive tag	63	$ \begin{bmatrix} D^{*} \rightarrow K^{*} \nu \nu \text{ branching fraction} \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} $	

R(K) and R(K*)

Searching for New Physics in $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$

1. Branching Fractions

 $B
ightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B_s
ightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$, $\Lambda_b
ightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$

- 2. Angular analyses $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-, \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda\mu^+\mu^-$
- 3. Lepton Flavour Universality involving μ/e ratios $B^0 \to K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-$, $B^+ \to K^+\ell^+\ell^-$



R(K) and R(K*) – testing lepton universality

In the SM couplings of gauge bosons to leptons are independent of lepton flavour

 \rightarrow Branching fractions differ only by phase space and helicity-suppressed contributions

► Ratios of the form:

$$egin{aligned} R_{\mathcal{K}^{(*)}} &:= rac{\mathcal{B}(B o \mathcal{K}^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B o \mathcal{K}^{(*)} e^+ e^-)} \stackrel{ ext{SM}}{\cong} 1 \end{aligned}$$

- ► In SM free from QCD uncertainties affecting other observables $\rightarrow O(10^{-4})$ uncertainty [JHEP07(2007)040]
- ▶ Up to $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ QED corrections [EPJC76(2016)8,440]

\rightarrow Any significant deviation is a smoking gun for New Physics.

LHCb measurement of R_K [LHCb-PAPER-2021-004]



R(K) prospects at Belle II

First Belle II measurement of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$

- Signal yield extracted with 2D ML
 - fit to M_{bc} and ΔE : $8.6^{+4.3}_{-3.9}(stat) \pm 0.4(syst)$
- Significance: 2.7 sigma
- \triangleright Peaking background from $B^+ \to K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$

Prospects for R(K)

- Measurement is going to be statistically limited for foreseeable future with leading systematics due to lepton ID~0.4%
- In order to confirm LHCb's R(K) anomaly (5 sigma) need at least 20 ab⁻¹





R(K) Belle II vs. LHCb



In comparison to LHCb, 3 different aspects to consider: efficiency, statistics and resolution

	Belle II	LHCb
Signal	K⁺, K₅	K+
Same K e e Statistics	l ab -1	1 fb-1
B->K mu mu Efficiency	30 %	~5 %
B->K e e Efficiency	30 %	<5% Lower due to tracking and trigger
B->K e e Resolution	Better thanks to M _{bc}	Worse because of Brems
High q ² bin	Accessible	Hard

Angular analysis $B \longrightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ $\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d\vec{\Omega}} \bigg|_{\Gamma} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \Big[\frac{3}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \Big]$

CP-averaged rate

 $\frac{9}{2\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4} (1 - F_{\rm L}) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_{\rm L} \cos^2 \theta_K \right] \\ + \frac{1}{4} (1 - F_{\rm L}) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l \\ - F_{\rm L} \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \cos 2\phi \\ + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \cos \phi \\ + \frac{4}{3} A_{\rm FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_l + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \sin \phi \\ + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \sin 2\phi \right]$

$$P_5' = S_5 / \sqrt{F_{\rm L}(1 - F_{\rm L})}$$

Angular analysis of $B \to K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$

► Orthogonal experimental systematics and more precise theory predictions Left: $B^{0} \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$ [PRL125011802(2020)], Right: $B^{+} \rightarrow K^{*+}\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$ [arXiv:2012.13241]



 \blacktriangleright Combination of all angular observables suggests $\sim 3\sigma$ tension with SM predictions in each channel

Belle II prospects for the angular analysis



- LHCb sees the largest tension in the muon channel (e channel is SM-like)
- At 2.8/ab the Belle II uncertainty in P'5 (both e & mu) will be comparable to LHCb 3/fb (mu only)

CKM angles

Probing the CKM unitarity triangle



Time-dependent CPV in $B \rightarrow J/\psi K_s$

$$A_{CP}^{raw} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}_{t=0}^0 \to J/\Psi K_S) - \Gamma(B_{t=0}^0 \to J/\Psi K_S)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}_{t=0}^0 \to J/\Psi K_S) + \Gamma(B_{t=0}^0 \to J/\Psi K_S)} = sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t) sin(2\phi_1)$$



- Three "ingredients"
 - Reconstructed decay
 - Time measurement Δt
 - Flavour tag
- Challenge
 - Reduced boost of SuperKEKB leads to Δz 200 $\mu m \rightarrow$ 130 μm

ICHEP 2020: 35 fb⁻¹

First Belle II sin $2\phi_1$ measurement



First measurement of $B \rightarrow J/\psi K_{I}$

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The event yield of (7.3±0.4)/fb⁻¹, consistent with Belle

Rediscovery of $B\to \eta' K$

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 $B^{\pm} \rightarrow \eta' K^{\pm}$ with $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$



Mode	B(10 ⁻⁶)
$B^{\pm} o \eta^{'} (o \eta (o \gamma \gamma) \pi^{+} \pi^{-}) K^{\pm}$	${f 63.9}^{+4.6}_{-4.4}\pm 4.0$
${\sf B}^{\pm} o \eta^{'} (o \eta (o \pi^{+}\pi^{-})\gamma) K^{\pm}$	$62.9^{+4.8}_{-4.8}\pm5.5$
$ \overline{ \mathbf{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta^{'} (\rightarrow \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma) \pi^{+} \pi^{-}) K_{S}^{0} } $	$61.6^{+8.6}_{-8.0}\pm3.9$
${\bf B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta^{'} (\rightarrow \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma) \pi^{+} \pi^{-}) K^{0}_{S}$	$58.5^{+7.9}_{-7.4} \pm 4.4$

- Penguin-dominated mode
- Time-dependent CPV is expected to be sensitive to NP in the penguin loop

Towards α/ϕ_1

 $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

 $R^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

 $A_{CP}(B^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^0) = -0.04 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst})$



 $\mathscr{B}(B^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-) = [5.8 \pm 0.7(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst})] \times 1$

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$$B^0 \to \pi^0 \pi^0$$



First reconstruction in Belle II data!

 $N(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0): 14 +6.8 -5.6$

 $\mathscr{B}(B^0 \to \pi^0 \pi^0) = [1.09^{+0.50}_{-0.41}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6}$

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 $N = 104 \pm 16$

 $\mathscr{B} = [20.6 \pm 3.2(\text{stat}) \pm 4.0(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6}$

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Summary

- The SuperKEKB machine and the Belle II detector have successfully started data taking in 2019
 - Peak luminosity: 2.957 x 10³⁴/cm2/s, Integrated: 162.27/fb (May 24, 2021)
 - Operation continues despite the COVID-19 pandemic
- Early Belle II physics
 - While the first publications are dominated by dark matter physics, competitive B physics results start to emerge
 - 90% C.L. upper limit on $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \overline{\nu}$ at 4.1 x 10⁻⁵ (submitted to PRL)
 - Belle II can also confirm the LHCb anomalies in R(K) and P' $_5$ but more integrated luminosity will be needed
 - Preparing for another round of tests of CKM unitarity
- Stay tuned
 - When reaching the Belle I luminosity by about summer 2022 Belle II will be even more competitive in the field of B, charm and tau physics

backup

Tagging techniques for Y(4S) events



- Tagging provides:
 - Background suppression
 - Information on B_{sig} (4-momentum)

PURITYEFFICIENCYUntagged•No requirement on B_{tag} •High efficiency,
low purity•Efficiency ~O(0.2%)•High efficiency,
low purity