

# Recent Belle II results on hadronic $B$ decays

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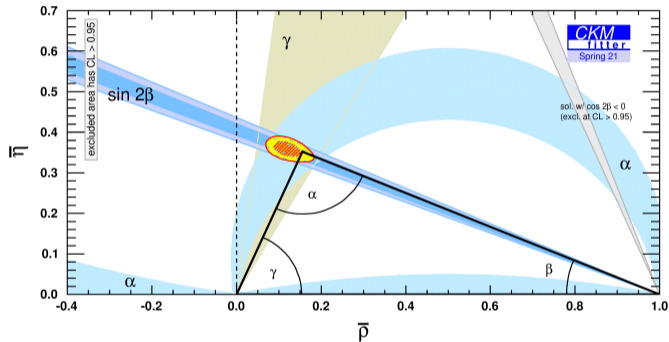
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# Motivation

CKM angles  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are significantly less well measured than CKM angle  $\beta$ .



Strength of Belle II: can access a very wide variety of decays, in particular final states with neutrals

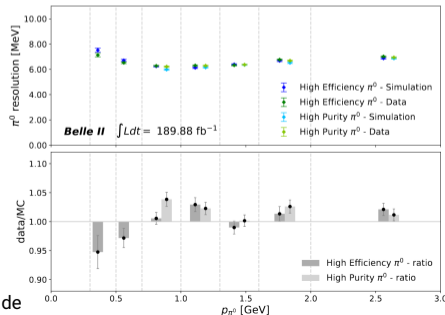
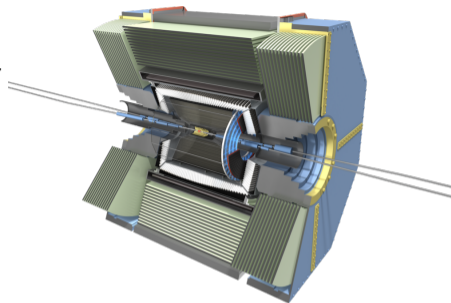
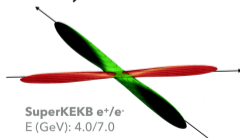
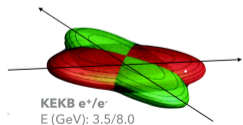
# SuperKEKB and Belle II

**Belle II:** general purpose detector situated at the interaction point of SuperKEKB.

**SuperKEKB:** asymmetric  $e^+ - e^-$  collider operating at  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance.

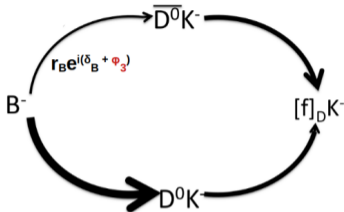
## Operation:

- ▶ Recorded  $\approx 424 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ▶ Achieved world record:  
 $\mathcal{L} = 4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
(more than twice of KEKB/Belle)



# Measurement of $\gamma$ in $B^+ \rightarrow D(K_S^0 h^+ h^-)K^+$

Measure  $\gamma$  via interference of  $b \rightarrow c$  and  $b \rightarrow u$  transition.



Measurement dependent on  $D$  decay physics:

- ▶ Bin  $D$  Dalitz plot (model-independent)
- ▶ Require external input (BESIII, CLEO)

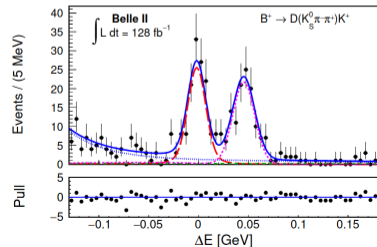
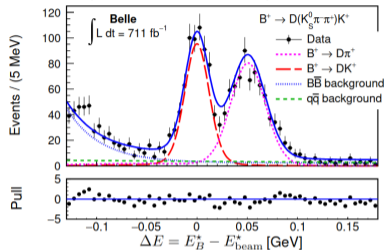
$$\gamma = (78.4 \pm 11.4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 1.0 \text{ (ext.)})^\circ$$

WA:  $\gamma = 65.9^{+3.3}_{-3.5}$

First joint Belle ( $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) and Belle II ( $128 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) analysis!

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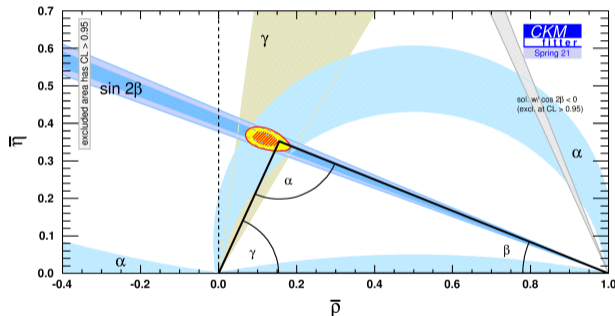
Belle:  $N(K_S^0 \pi \pi) = 1467 \pm 53$ ,  $N(K_S^0 K K) = 194 \pm 17$



Belle II:  $N(K_S^0 \pi \pi) = 280 \pm 21$ ,  $N(K_S^0 K K) = 34 \pm 7$

# Charmless hadronic $B$ decays

Access  $\alpha$  in  $b \rightarrow u$  transition of charmless hadronic  $B$  decays ( $B \rightarrow \rho\rho, B \rightarrow \pi\pi, \dots$ ).  
 $\Rightarrow$  Significant penguin pollution



Isospin sum-rules allow to test SM in loop decays at 1% precision.

## $K\pi$ puzzle

$K\pi$  puzzle: unexpected large difference between  $\mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^-}^{\text{CP}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0}^{\text{CP}}$ .

**Isospin sum rule** provides null test of standard model:

$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^-}^{\text{CP}} + \mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^+}^{\text{CP}} \frac{\mathcal{B}_{K^0\pi^+}}{\mathcal{B}_{K^+\pi^-}} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0}^{\text{CP}} \frac{\mathcal{B}_{K^+\pi^0}}{\mathcal{B}_{K^+\pi^-}} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^0}^{\text{CP}} \frac{\mathcal{B}_{K^0\pi^0}}{\mathcal{B}_{K^+\pi^-}} \approx 0$$

Belle II is a unique place to measure all involved decays!

Previous tests of sum rule at Belle II using  $62.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :

Measurements of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+$  (arXiv:2106.03766),  
 $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^0$  (arXiv:2104.14871) and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$  (arXiv:2105.04111).

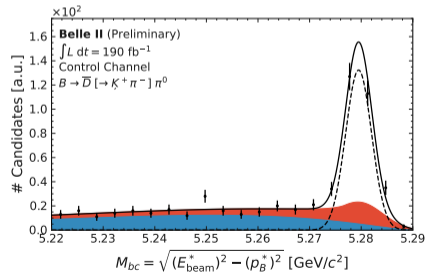
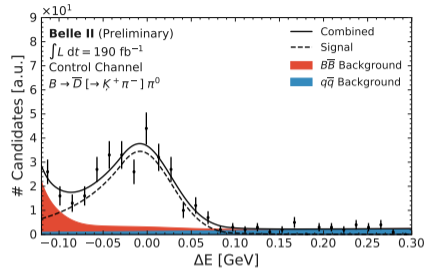
**Today:** **New** measurement of  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}$  of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$  based on  $190 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

Update on  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^0$  in Chiara La Licata's [talk](#) later today.

# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$ and $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ Analysis

- ▶ Reconstruct  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$  events using common selection
- ▶ Divide into pion- and kaon-enhanced sample
- ▶ Large background from  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$   
⇒ Reduced with multivariate algorithm
- ▶ Simultaneous fit to both samples  
⇒ All fit shapes but  $B\bar{B}$  are controlled from data using off-resonance data and  $B \rightarrow \bar{D}\pi$  decays

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# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$ and $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$ Result

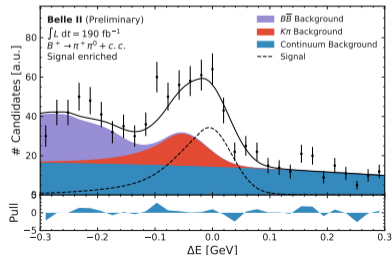
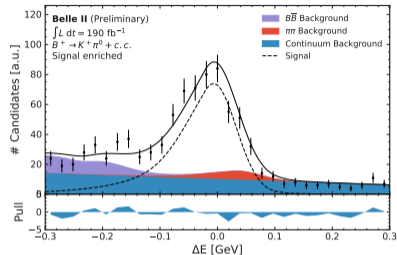
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$$N(K^+\pi^0) = 887 \pm 43, N(\pi^+\pi^0) = 422 \pm 37$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0}^{\text{CP}} &= 0.014 \pm 0.047 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.010 \text{ (syst)} \\ \mathcal{B}_{K^+\pi^0} &= (14.30 \pm 0.69 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.79 \text{ (syst)}) \cdot 10^{-6} \\ \mathcal{A}_{\pi^+\pi^0}^{\text{CP}} &= -0.085 \pm 0.085 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (syst)} \\ \mathcal{B}_{\pi^+\pi^0} &= (6.12 \pm 0.53 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.53 \text{ (syst)}) \cdot 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{WA: } \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0}^{\text{CP}} = 0.030 \pm 0.013, \mathcal{A}_{\pi^+\pi^0}^{\text{CP}} = 0.03 \pm 0.04$$

$\mathcal{B}$  precision limited by systematic uncertainties associated to size of control samples.





# Measurement of $\alpha$

CKM angle  $\alpha$  accessible in combination of sets of three decays:

$$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0, B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \rho^0, B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^- \text{ or} \\ B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-, B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0, B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$$

**Just shown:** Measurement of  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$  using  $190 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

Previous Belle II measurements using  $62.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :

$\Rightarrow$  Measurements of  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  (arXiv:2106.03766),  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$  (arXiv:2107.02373)  
and  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$  (arXiv:2206.12362)

**Today:** Updated measurement of  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$  and

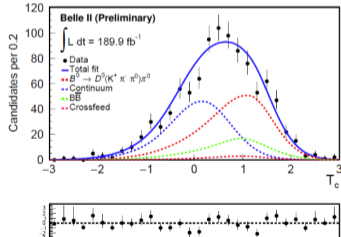
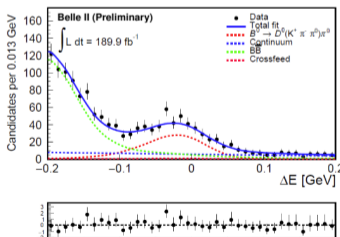
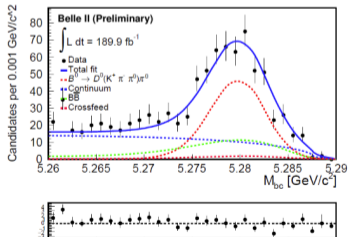
**New** measurements  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$  based on  $190 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ Analysis

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- ▶ Background from fake photons  
⇒ Dedicated multivariate algorithm
- ▶ Need to know flavor of  $B$  for  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}$   
⇒ Belle II's flavor tagger  $\epsilon_{\text{tag}} = (30.0 \pm 1.3)\%$
- ▶ 3D fit simultaneous in 7 bins of the flavor tagger quality
- ▶ Extract data-simulation correction factors using  $B^0 \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^0)\pi^0$

Control channel:



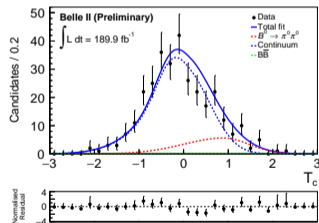
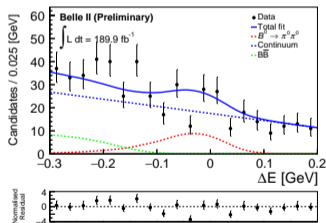
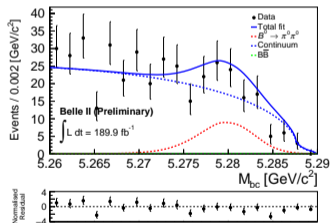
# $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ Result

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Results competitive with Belle with a data set of less than one third!

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}} = 0.14 \pm 0.46 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (syst)}$$
$$\mathcal{B} = (1.27 \pm 0.25 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.17 \text{ (syst)}) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{WA: } \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}} = 0.33 \pm 0.22, \mathcal{B} = (1.59 \pm 0.26) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

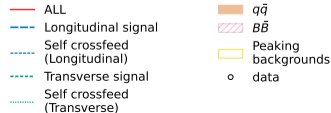
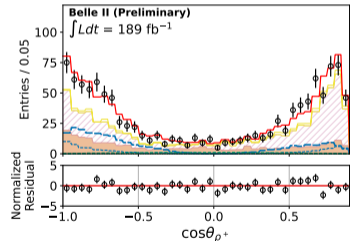
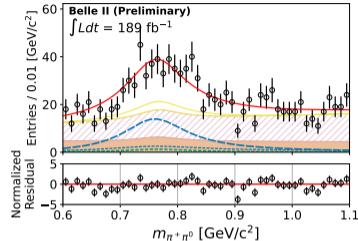


$$N(\text{sig}) = 93 \pm 18$$

# $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$ Analysis

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- ▶ Intermediate  $\rho$  is a vector meson:
  - ⇒ Need longitudinal polarization fraction  $f_L$
  - ⇒ Fit helicity angle of  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi^0$
- ▶ 6D ( $\Delta E$ , CS,  $2 \cdot m(\pi\pi)$ ,  $2 \cdot \cos(\theta_\rho)$ ) fit taking correlations into account
  - ⇒ Peaking background has a similar final state as signal ( $2\pi^0$ ,  $1\pi^+ + 1h^+$ )
  - ⇒ Yields of measured peaking backgrounds are fixed in the fit



# $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$ Result

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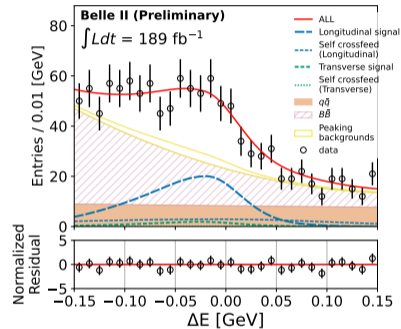
$$N(\text{long.}) = 235_{-23}^{+24}, N(\text{trans.}) = 21_{-17}^{+19}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = (2.67 \pm 0.28 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.28 \text{ (syst)}) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$f_L = 0.956 \pm 0.035 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.033 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$\text{WA: } \mathcal{B} = (2.77 \pm 0.19) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

Measurement of  $\mathcal{B}$  limited by systematic uncertainty.  
Largest contribution associated to  $\pi^0$  reconstruction.



$$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$$

- ▶ Similar analysis strategy as  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$
- ▶ 6D ( $\Delta E$ , CS,  $2 \cdot m(\pi\pi)$ ,  $2 \cdot \cos(\theta_\rho)$ ) template fit taking correlations into account  
 $\Rightarrow$  Fit distribution of helicity angles of  $\pi^+$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}} = -0.069 \pm 0.068 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.060 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \left( 23.2_{-2.1}^{+2.2} \text{ (stat)} \pm 2.7 \text{ (syst)} \right) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

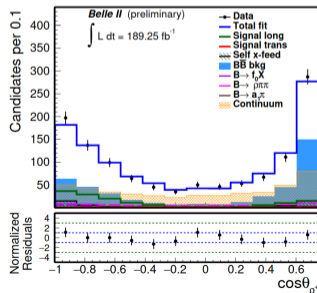
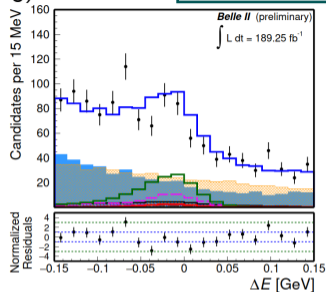
$$f_L = 0.943_{-0.033}^{+0.035} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.027 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$\text{WA: } \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}} = -0.05 \pm 0.05, \mathcal{B} = (24.0 \pm 1.9) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

- ▶ Largest systematic uncertainty from data-simulation discrepancies

$$N(\text{sig}) = 345 \pm 31$$

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# Conclusion

- ▶ Study of hadronic  $B$  decays gives access to  $\gamma$  and  $\alpha$  and probes non-SM in subleading amplitudes
- ▶ Showed five measurements:
  - ⇒ Measurement of  $\gamma$  using  $B^+ \rightarrow D(K_S^0 h^+ h^-) K^+$
  - ⇒ **New** Branching ratio and CP asymmetry of  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$
  - ⇒ **New** Branching ratio and CP asymmetry of  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$
  - ⇒ **New** Branching ratio and polarization of  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$
  - ⇒ Branching ratio and CP asymmetry of  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$
- ▶ Results demonstrate Belle II's capability to measure decays with neutrals
  - ⇒ Belle II is ready to offer key contributions