



Overview of the Belle II experiment

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SuperKEKB and Belle II





Nano-beam design: Beam squeezing: ×20 smaller; Beam current: ×2 larger Target peak luminosity: KEKB×30



Belle and Belle II Datasets

- Belle (1999 2012)
- Belle II RUN-I (2019 2023)
- Belle II RUN-II (2014 2025)

Integrated luminosity of B factories



17.5

Most data at or near the $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance, and 19.6 fb⁻¹ near $\Upsilon(10753)$.

WORLD RECORD: 5. 1×10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹

Exp: 7-35 - All runs

In December 2024

Belle II Online luminosity

International Belle II collaboration



Belle II now has grown to 1229 researchers from 28 countries/regions.

USTC: Univ. of Science and Technology of China(USTC)

XJTU: Xi'an Jiaotong University

ZZU: Zhengzhou University

Belle II physics



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The Belle II Physics Book: [PTEP 2019 (2019) 12, 123C01]



Hadronic, leptonic, and semi-leptonic B decays

Strategy for CP measurements

 $B\overline{B}$ -pair entanglement \rightarrow B-meson flavour is opposite to its pair at time of decay, then oscillates in time.



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

[arXiv: 2412.19624]

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Goal: Branching fraction (\mathcal{B}), polarisation (f_L), CP asymmetry (S and C), ϕ_2 measurement

This decay gives stringent constraints of ϕ_2 due to small contribution from loop amplitude (bightarrowd).



[arXiv: 2412.19624]

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}A_{+-} + A_{00} = A_{+0}$

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{A}_{+-} + \bar{A}_{00} = \bar{A}_{-0}$

$B^0 o ho^+ ho^-$

Extend ML fit to Δt to extract S and C:



Constraining ϕ_2

- Perform isospin analysis based on the amplitude of longitudinally polarized $B \rightarrow \rho^i \rho^j$, Aij
- Constrain using this measurement + World Averages (BaBar, Belle, and LHCb)



Good agreement with previous <u>BaBar (2007)</u> and <u>Belle (2016)</u> with equivalent BaBar and \sim 50% of Belle equivalent luminosity !

Search for $B^+ o au^+ u_ au$

- [arXiv: 2502.04885]
- Precise BF value is important to check consistency with SM predictions / constrain new physics

$$\mathscr{B}(B \to \tau \nu) > \mathscr{B}(B \to \mu \nu) > \mathscr{B}(B \to e\nu)$$

- Potential modes to precisely measure |V_{ub}|
- Challenging (particularly, au mode) due to undetected neutrinos in the final state

Validate simulations/efficiency/modelling using control channels $B\to X\ell\nu,B\to D^{(*)}\pi$, and $B\to D^{*0}\ell\nu_\ell$, then





$\mathcal{R}(D)$ and $\mathcal{R}(D^*)$

$$\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)+}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\overline{B}^0 \to D^{(*)+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_{\tau})}{\mathcal{B}(\overline{B}^0 \to D^{(*)+} \ell^- \bar{\nu}_{\ell})}$$

- In SM, the W boson couples equally to $\tau, \mu, e \Rightarrow$ Lepton-Flavor Universality (LFU)
- Ratio measuremnts provide strigent LFU tests: branching fractions, angular asymmetry, etc.
 - Normalization ($|V_{xb}|$) cancels
 - Part of theoretical, experimental uncertainties cancels

Goal: $\mathcal{R}(D^+)$ and $\mathcal{R}(D^{*+})$ measurement using semileptonic tagged approach (First results)

Reconstruction:

- Use semi-leptonic FEI to reconstruct the B_{tag}
- B_{sig} is reconstructed from $D^{(*)}$, leptons, and leptonic τ decays



Combined deviation from SM stands at 3.3σ

$\mathcal{R}(D)$ and $\mathcal{R}(D^*)$

Signal extraction

- 2D binned log-likelihood fit to z_{τ} and $z_{\text{diff}} = z_{\ell} z_{\text{bkg}}$
- The three classification scores are denoted as z_{τ} , z_{ℓ} , and $z_{\rm bkg}$ for semitauonic, semileptonic, and background events, respectively.
- Input BDT variables: angular, momenta of ℓ and $D^{(*)}$, and E_{ECL} extra.

[arXiv: 2504.11220]

Results (Preliminary)

| $\mathcal{R}(D^+) = 0.418 \pm 0.074 \; (\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.051$ | (syst) |
|---|--------|
| $\mathcal{R}(D^{*+}) = 0.306 \pm 0.034 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.018$ | (syst) |

- Results are compatible with SM within 1.7σ

rare B decays

$B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}$

Belle II is measuring the rare decay of a B meson, created by SuperKEKB, into a K meson and two neutrinos.

The high-precision calculability of the probability of this decay makes it easy to validate the Standard Model.

- The process is known with high accuracy in the SM: $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \overline{\nu}) = (5.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$ [PRD 107, 014511 (2023)]
- Extensions beyond SM may lead to significant rate increase.
- Very challenging experimentally, not yet observed

Two ways of tagging

 <u>New technique</u> from Belle II with inclusive ROE (Rest of Event) tagging (× 10-20 efficiency, but large backgrounds)

• Add some ML/AI (boosted decision trees or BDTs) to help suppress the large backgrounds. 16

First evidence for $B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Extract signal from maximum likelihood fit
 - Inclusive tag: in bins of q_{rec}^2 and $\eta(BDT_2)$
 - Hadronic tag: in bins of $\eta(BDT_h)$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{B}(B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}) &= (2.7 \pm 0.5 (stat) \pm 0.5 (syst)) \times 10^{-5} \text{ (inclusive tag)} \\ \mathcal{B}(B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}) &= (1.1^{+0.9}_{-0.8} (stat)^{+0.8}_{-0.5} (syst)) \times 10^{-5} \text{ (hadronic tag)} \end{split}$$

[PRD 109, 112006 (2024)]

Combination and comparisons with other measurements:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{B}(B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}) &= (2.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5} \\ \text{Significance: } 3.5 \sigma \end{split}$$

SM expectation.

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Search for $B^0 o K_s^0 au^\pm \ell^\mp$

[arXiv: 2412.16470]

- Flavor changing neutral current processes are forbidden in SM at tree level.
- NP models that accommodate the b → cτℓ anomalies predict an enhancement of several orders of magnitude with τ.
- Never searched for before
- High K⁰_s purity (>98%)
- Search in 1-prong τ decays: $\tau^+ \to \ell^+ \upsilon \overline{\upsilon}, \pi^+ \upsilon, \rho^+ \upsilon$
- Fit recoil τ mass (M_{τ}) for signal extraction

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{B}(B^{0} \to K_{S}^{0}\tau^{+}\mu^{-}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathscr{B}(B^{0} \to K_{S}^{0}\tau^{-}\mu^{+}) < 3.6 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathscr{B}(B^{0} \to K_{S}^{0}\tau^{+}e^{-}) < 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathscr{B}(B^{0} \to K_{S}^{0}\tau^{-}e^{+}) < 0.8 \times 10^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

at 90% CL

First search for $B^0 \to K_s^0 \tau^{\pm} \ell^{\mp}$ decays

Search for $B^0 o K^{*0} au^+ au^-$

- Non-SM particles, explaining recent anomalies, would enhance BF upto $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ due to presence of two τ s
- Main challenge: no signal peaking kinematic observable due to multiple undetected neutrinos
- Relies on missing energy information and residual calorimeter energy; Belle II is ideally suited

[arXiv: 2504.10042]

BDT is trained using missing energy, extra cluster energy in EM calorimeter, $M(K^{*0}t_{\tau}), q^2$,etc

Twice better with only half sample wrt Belle! Better tagging + more categories + BDT classifer...

The most stringent limit on the $B^0 \to K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ decay

charm

A_{CP} in $D^0 \to K^0_s K^0_s$

Charm-flavor-tag (CFT) D^0 : exploits the correlation between the flavor of a D^0 meson and the electric charges of particles reconstructed in the rest of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ event [PRD 107, 112010 (2023)].

CFT-tag

Double the size of sample compered to D^* -tag

Fit $m(K_s^0K_s^0)$ and product of tagged flavor q and tag quality r:

[Preliminary results]

| Method | Аср [%] |
|--|------------------------|
| <i>D</i> *-tag [<u>PRD 111, 012015]</u> | $-1.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.1$ |
| CFT-tag | $1.3 \pm 2.0 \pm 0.3$ |
| Combination | $-0.6 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.1$ |

World's best determination!

Ξ_c^+ branching fractions

Reconstruct

- $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K_s^0$, $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^+$ (CF)
- $\Xi_c^+ \to \Xi^0 K^+, \Xi_c^+ \to p K_s^0, \Xi_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+, \Xi_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 \pi^+$ (SCS)

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Xi_c^+$ + anything

Ξ_c^+ branching fractions

First or most precise measurements!

[Preliminary results]

[JHEP 03 (2025) 061]

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Bottomonium

Conventional bottomonium (pure $b\overline{b}$ states) Bottomonium-like states (mix of $b\overline{b}$ and $B\overline{B}$) Exotic charged states (Z_b^+)

The $\Upsilon(10753)$ was first discovered in $\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(nS)$ final states using scan data by Belle [JHEP 10, 220 (2019)].

Recently, Belle II collected 19 fb⁻¹ of unique data around $\sqrt{s} \sim 10.75$ GeV to study the nature of the Y(10753). 25

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{bJ}$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)_{non-\omega} \chi_{bJ}$ at Belle and Belle II

| Ύ(10753) mass | (10756.1 <u>±</u> 4.3) MeV/c ² |
|----------------|---|
| Υ(10753) width | (32.2 <u>±</u> 18.7) MeV |

[Preliminary results]

The mass and width are consistent with those from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(nS)$ measuremnt [JHEP 07, 116 (2024)].

$$\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi_{bJ}(1P)\omega)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\pi^+\pi^-)}$$

1.5 at \sqrt{s} \sim 10.75 GeV 0.15 at \sqrt{s} \sim 10.867 GeV

This may indicate the difference in the internal structures of $\Upsilon(10753)$ and $\Upsilon(10860)$.

• The $(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)_{non-\omega}\chi_{bJ}$ excess maybe due the cascade decay of $\Upsilon(10860,11020) \rightarrow Z_b\pi \rightarrow \chi_{bJ}\rho\pi$ [PRD 90, 014036 (2014)]. 26

Evidence of $P_{c\bar{c}s}(4459)$ at Belle

[arXiv:2502.09951]

- OZI suppressed decays of $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ rich in gluons:
- enhanced baryon production
- Pentaquarks?
- Select inclusive $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda + X$ decays, then search for $P_{c\overline{c}s} \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda$ in $M(J/\psi\Lambda)$
- 4.0 σ local significance with free mass and width
- 3.3σ significance with the Gaussian constraints from LHCb measurement [Sci. Bull. 66, 1278 (2021)]

$$-2\ln\mathcal{L}+rac{(m-m_0)^2}{\sigma_{m_0}^2}+rac{(\Gamma-\Gamma_0)^2}{\sigma_{\Gamma_0}^2}$$

Tau and dark sector

au physics

SuperKEKB as a **t factory**

• e^+e^- collider produce τ lepton pairs at high rate

>> lepton favour/number violation, CKM unitarity, CP violation, ...

Taupair events are produced back-to-back and each tau is reconstructed via 1 or 3 charged tracks.

[Preliminary results]

Search for $\tau \rightarrow \ell K_s^0$:

The most stringent constraints

Lepton-Flavour Violation in τ physics

Lepton flavour violation is only allowed by: • Neutrino oscillations $\mathcal{O}(10^{-55})$ far beyond current experimental sensitivities • New Physics models $\mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$ *e.g.* Leptoquarks for $\tau^- \to \ell^- V^\circ$ deals with $R(K^{*\circ})$ anomalies

 $\tau^-
ightarrow \Lambda(\overline{\Lambda})\pi^-$:

 $\mathcal{B}^{\text{UL}}(\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-(\overline{\Lambda}\pi^-)) < 4.7(4.3) \times 10^{-8}$

A dark Higgs boson in association with inelastic dark matter [Preliminary results]

Dark photon A', dark Higgs h', and two dark matter states χ_1, χ_2

- cut-and-count strategy in $M_{h'}(x^+x^-)$ distributions
- No signicant excess found
- 8 events observed consistent with expected background
- Convert UL at 90% C.L. of $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi_1\chi_2h') \times \mathcal{B}(\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1e^+e^-) \times$ $\mathcal{B}(h' \rightarrow x^+x^-)$ to mixing angle θ

Looking for simultaneous production of A' and h'

- 4 tracks in the final state
- 2 forming a pointing dispaced vertex
- mising energy

Summary

- Belle II and Belle hold a unique data sample. A number of interesting measurements have been already performed in different fields, such as
 - First evidence for $B \to K \nu \overline{\nu}$, first search for $B^0 \to K_s^0 \tau^{\pm} \ell^{\mp}$, and most stringent UL for $B^0 \to K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$
 - World's best determination for A_{CP} in $D^0 \rightarrow K^0_S K^0_S$, first or most precise measurements for some charmed baryon decays
 - Properties study of $\Upsilon(10753)$, unique in Belle II
 - τ factory! Precise property measurements and search for NP
- Only 1% of target luminosity collected so far. Stay tuned for more exciting results from Belle II.

Thanks for your attention!

Backup slides

CKM matrix element

Belle II important task:

Constrain CKM unitarity triangle & test SM

Exclusive: $B \to \pi l \nu, B \to \rho l \nu, B \to D^{(*)} l \nu, etc$ $\frac{dB}{dq^2} \propto |V_{xb}|^2 \times |FF(q^2)|^2$ Form factor from LCSR, LQCD

Inclusive:

$$B \to X_u l\nu, B \to X_c l\nu$$

$$B \propto |V_{xb}|^2 \times \left[\Gamma(b \to q l \bar{\nu}_l) + \frac{1}{m_b} + \alpha_s + \cdots \right]$$
From OPE

Several measurements carried out by Belle and Belle II:

 $|V_{cb}|$ - Angular coefficients of $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$ Belle: PRL 133, 131801 (2024)

 $| - |V_{ub}| \text{ from } B \to (\pi, \rho) l\nu \text{ simultaneous analysis} \text{ New from Belle II} \\ - \text{ Simultaneous inclusive and exclusive } |V_{ub}| \text{ Belle: PRL 131, 211801 (2023)}$

- Belle: PRL 131, 211801 (2023)
- Ratio of inclusive $b \rightarrow c$ and $b \rightarrow u$ decays Belle: arXiv: 2311.00458

must exceed 1 GeV. The cosine of the angle between the B meson's momentum and its visible decay products in the c.m. frame is defined as

$$\cos \theta_{BY} = \frac{2E_{\rm beam}E_{\rm Y} - m_B^2 - m_{\rm Y}^2}{2\,|\vec{p}_B|\,|\vec{p}_{\rm Y}|}\,,$$

where E_{beam} is the beam energy, m_B is the *B* meson mass, and $|\vec{p}_B|$ is its momentum, computed from m_B and E_{beam} . Here $Y = D^{(*)}\ell$ represents the system of visible

Data-taking plan at Belle II

- Until 2026, about 1 ab⁻¹
 data, comparable to Belle
- Until 2029, about 4 ab⁻¹ data.