



# **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<sup>-1</sup> near  $\Upsilon(10753)$ .

WORLD RECORD: 5.  $1 \times 10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

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

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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), $\phi_2$ measurement

This decay gives stringent constraints of  $\phi_2$  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 $\Delta t$ to extract S and C:



### Constraining $\phi_2$

- 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<sub>ub</sub>|
- 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<sub>tag</sub>
- $B_{sig}$  is reconstructed from  $D^{(*)}$ , leptons, and leptonic  $\tau$  decays



#### Combined deviation from SM stands at $3.3\sigma$

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

### **Signal extraction**

- 2D binned log-likelihood fit to  $z_{\tau}$  and  $z_{\text{diff}} = z_{\ell} z_{\text{bkg}}$
- The three classification scores are denoted as  $z_{\tau}$ ,  $z_{\ell}$ , and  $z_{\rm bkg}$  for semitauonic, semileptonic, and background events, respectively.
- Input BDT variables: angular, momenta of  $\ell$  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  $1.7\sigma$ 

# 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 K<sup>0</sup><sub>s</sub> purity (>98%)
- Search in 1-prong  $\tau$  decays:  $\tau^+ \to \ell^+ \upsilon \overline{\upsilon}, \pi^+ \upsilon, \rho^+ \upsilon$
- Fit recoil  $\tau$  mass (M<sub> $\tau$ </sub>) 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  $\tau$ 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!

### $\Xi_c^+$ 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



# $\Xi_c^+$ branching fractions

### First or most precise measurements!

### [Preliminary results]



### [JHEP 03 (2025) 061]



# quarkoium

### 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<sup>-1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>
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 $\sigma$  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  $\tau$  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 $\tau$ 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  $\chi_1, \chi_2$ 







- 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  $\theta$

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





# Data-taking plan at Belle II



- Until 2026, about 1 ab<sup>-1</sup>
   data, comparable to Belle
- Until 2029, about 4 ab<sup>-1</sup> data.