

Belle II

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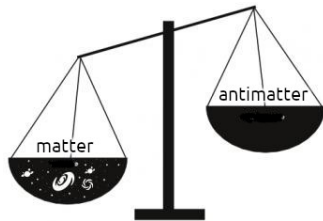
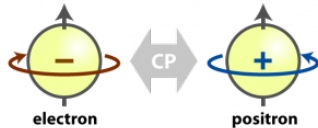


Physics motivation

Exploring our universe

- » **Big questions**
 - origin of particles generations and the role of flavour
 - CP violation and matter-antimatter asymmetry
 - not addressed by the Standard Model
 - we need New Physics

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		
Quarks	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon	H Higgs Boson
	d down	s strange	b beauty	W^{\pm} W boson	
Leptons	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z^0 Z boson	Gauge Bosons
	ν_e neutrino electron	ν_{μ} neutrino muon	ν_{τ} neutrino tau	g gluon	



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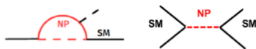
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» Where to look for NP at colliders?

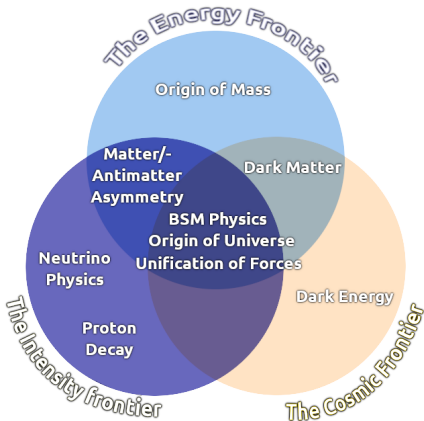
- direct searches at the Energy Frontier → direct production of new particles, limited by the collision energy



- indirect searches at the Intensity Frontier → new virtual particles, even if no new particles are found, the NP effects can still appear in high precision measurements as deviation from SM predictions



- » Belle II is a leading Flavour Physics experiment at the Intensity Frontier



B-factories

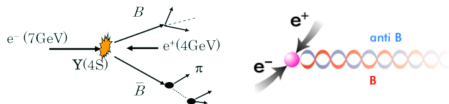
First generation B-factories

» Asymmetric beam energies

- boosted collision products

» Collision energy at $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance 10.6 GeV

- $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}) = 1.05 \text{ nb}$
 \rightarrow 50% decays: coherent production of $B^0\bar{B}^0$
- full reconstruction of one of the B 's, tagging the flavor of the other B



» Assets of B-factories

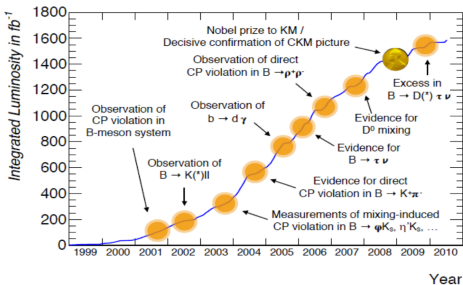
- well-defined kinematics of initial state
- high vertex resolution and excellent calorimetry
- sophisticated particle ID

» Belle@KEKB and BaBar@PEP-II

- past B-factory experiments
- high luminosities:
 711 fb^{-1} @Belle, 424 fb^{-1} @BaBar

» Wide physics program

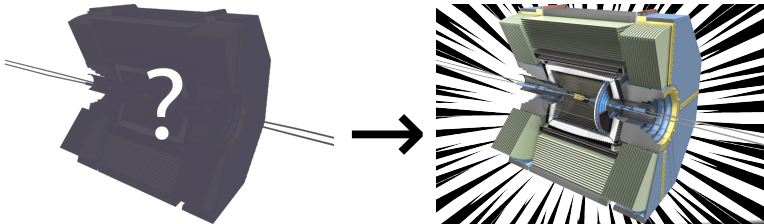
- \rightarrow success culminated in 2008 Nobel prize in Physics
- \rightarrow rich legacy left for next generation experiments



B-factories

Motivation for another e^+e^- flavour factory

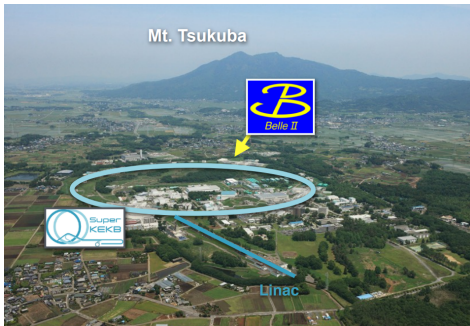
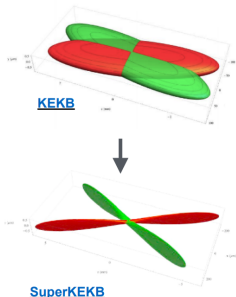
- › probing the Standard Model? → high precision measurements of CKM matrix element
 - › looking for new CP violating phases? → study CP violation in B and D decays
 - › imprint of new physics in FCNC transitions? → examine radiative and electroweak penguin decays
 - › charged Higgs boson? → study tree-level decay $B \rightarrow \tau\nu$ or $B \rightarrow D^*\tau\nu$
 - › new physics in τ sector → search for lepton flavor violating τ decays
 - › dark matter? → search for hidden dark sector, invisible decays
- Belle II @ SuperKEKB will address these and other questions with almost two orders of magnitude larger dataset than Belle+BABAR



SuperKEKB

@ KEK, Tsukuba, Japan

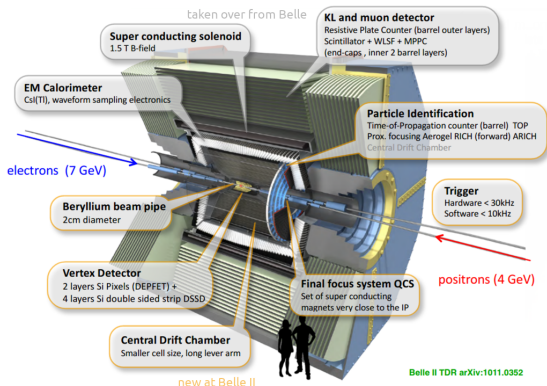
- » **major upgrade of KEKB, first collision in 2018**
 - 3 km long circular e^+e^- collider + linac
 - asymmetric beam energies of 7.0 GeV (e^-) and 4.0 GeV (e^+)
 - nano-beam focusing, small interaction point, increased currents
- » **Design luminosity of $6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$**
- higher background
- higher trigger rates



B-factory of the next generation

» Belle II

- successor of the Belle experiment
- upgraded trigger system
 - allows for the selection of signals that were not possible to trigger at Belle
- excellent tracking efficiency and improved vertex resolution
 - enables for new measurement approaches



Luminosity status and plans

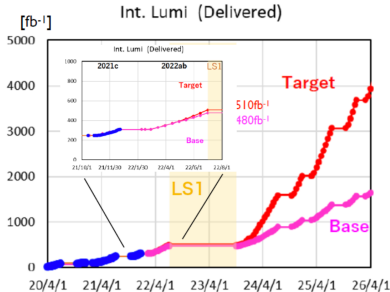
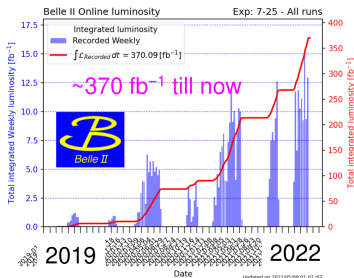
- » Despite the global pandemic, SuperKEKB managed to set new peak luminosity records in the past year

<https://cerncourier.com/a/superkekb-raises-the-bar/>

- luminosity above the B-factories and LHC, with a product of beam currents 3.5 times lower than KEKB
- new record $3.93 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ reached just days ago!

» Operation plans

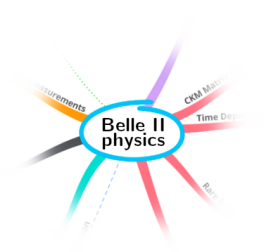
- long shutdown (LS1) starts from summer 2022 for 15 months to replace the vertex detector (VXD)
- additional improvements are being discussed
- long shutdown for machine improvements could happen on the time frame of 2026-2027



Belle II physics results



Only a small fraction of recent Belle II results will be presented!



...and the selection of the presented analyses is also slightly biased

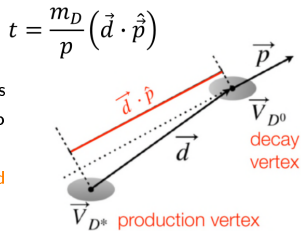


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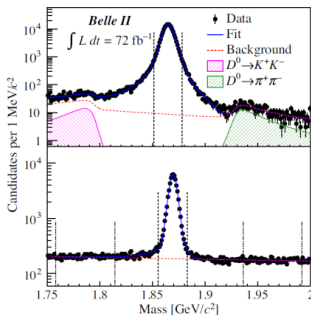
» Motivation

- test of non-perturbative QCD
- large number of charm mesons are produced at B-factories
- no D^0, D^+ lifetime measurement from Belle/BaBar/LHCb
- no Λ_c^+ measurement from Belle/BaBar

→ Belle II has better vertex resolution compared to Belle and BaBar thanks to new vertex detectors located at a closer position to the IP



Decay vertex displaced by $\sim 200/500 \mu\text{m}$ for D^0/D^+



72 fb⁻¹

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$

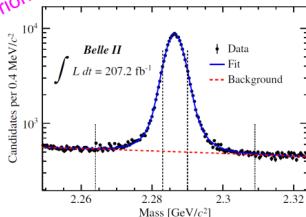
$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

D from D^* are selected
($D^* \rightarrow D + \text{slow pion}$)

Preliminary
(Moriond)

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$

207 fb⁻¹



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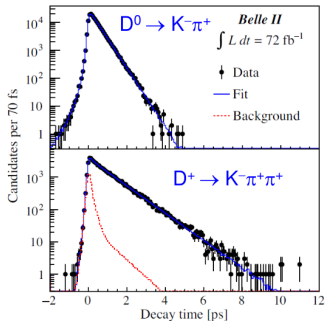
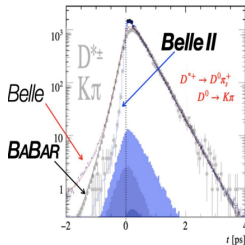
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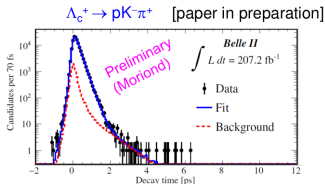
» Strategy

- 2D fit of decay time and its uncertainty
- all PDF parameters extracted directly from the data without simulation input

PRL 127, 211801



[PRL 127, 211801]



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» Results

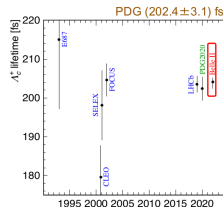
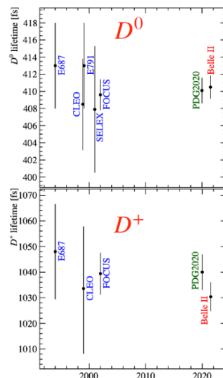
- consistent with and the world average
- still statistically limited, dominant syst. uncertainties come from detector alignment and modelling of background (for D^+)
- first and most precise measurement in last 20 years
- demonstration of Belle II vertexing capabilities compared to its predecessors

Belle II	World average
$\tau(D^0) = (410.5 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.8) \text{ fs}$	$(410.1 \pm 1.5) \text{ fs}$
$\tau(D^+) = (1030.4 \pm 4.7 \pm 3.1) \text{ fs}$	$(1040 \pm 7) \text{ fs}$
$\tau(\Lambda_c^+) = (204.1 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.7 - 1.4) \text{ fs}$	$(202.4 \pm 3.1) \text{ fs}$

	$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
Source	$\tau(D^0)$ [fs]	$\tau(D^+)$ [fs]
Resolution model	0.16	0.39
Backgrounds	0.24	2.52
Detector alignment	0.72	1.70
Momentum scale	0.19	0.48
Total	0.80	3.10

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^- \pi^+$	Uncertainty [fs]
Source	
Resolution model	0.46
Backgrounds	0.20
Detector alignment	0.46
Momentum scale	0.09
Ξ_c contamination	1.39
Total	$0.69_{-1.39}$

systematic uncertainties



B^0 lifetime and mixing frequency

» Goal

- one of the main targets of Belle II – mixing-induced CP asymmetry
- B^0 and \bar{B}^0 decay to a common CP eigenstate f_{CP}
- CP violation appears as a decay time difference

$$A_{CP}(\Delta t) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(\Delta t) \rightarrow f_{CP}) - \Gamma(B^0(\Delta t) \rightarrow f_{CP})}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(\Delta t) \rightarrow f_{CP}) + \Gamma(B^0(\Delta t) \rightarrow f_{CP})}$$

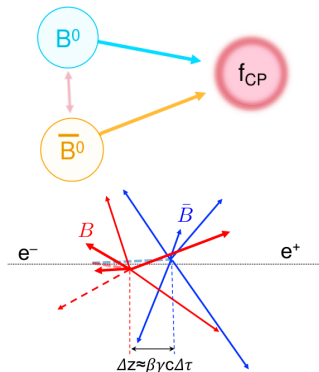
$$= S \sin(\Delta m \Delta t) + A \cos(\Delta m \Delta t)$$

$$S = -\xi \sin(2\phi_1) \text{ for } B \rightarrow J/\psi K_S \quad (\phi_1 = \beta)$$

S – mixing induced CPV, **A** – direct CPV

» Current analysis

- measuring decays to final state $D^{(*)-} K^+ / \pi^+$ (instead of f_{CP})
- fully reconstructed hadronic decay vertex
- measurement of mixing frequency (Δm) and lifetime



$$\beta \gamma \approx 0.27$$

→ mean vertex separation $\Delta z \approx 130 \mu\text{m}$

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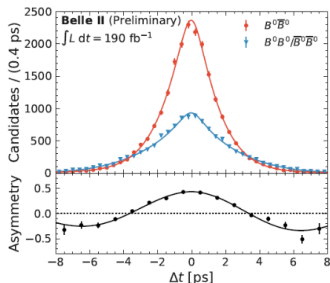
» Results

$$\tau_{B^0} = 1.499 \pm 0.013 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.008 \text{ (syst.) ps,}$$
$$\Delta m_d = 0.516 \pm 0.008 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (syst.) ps}^{-1}$$

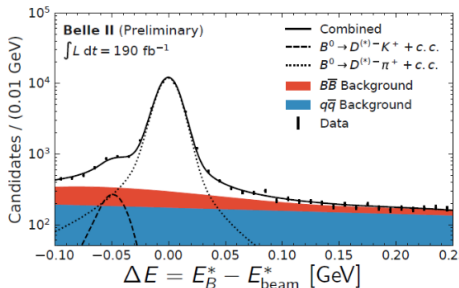
- similar uncertainty as Belle and BaBar

» Next steps

- include semileptonic mode $D^* \ell \nu$
- measure $\sin(2\phi_1)$ ($= \sin(2\beta)$)

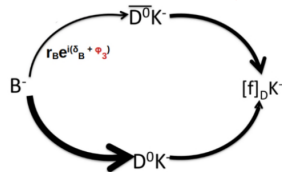


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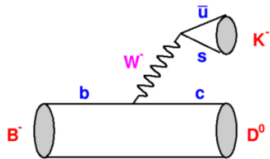


Measurement of ϕ_3

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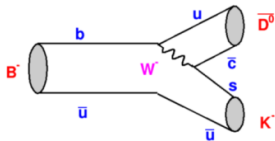
$$\frac{\mathcal{A}^{\text{suppr.}}(B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^-)}{\mathcal{A}^{\text{favor.}}(B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^-)} = r_B e^{i(\delta_B + \phi_3)}$$



color favored

$$B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^- \approx V_{cb} V_{us}^*$$

A_1



color suppressed

$$B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^- \approx V_{ub} V_{cs}^*$$

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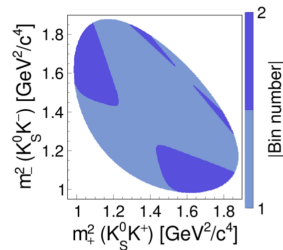
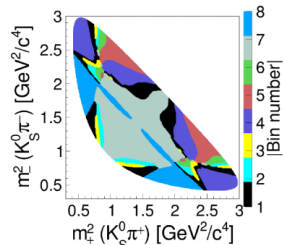
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- » Analytical approach
 - experimentally challenging due to small branching fractions
- Binned Dalitz plot analysis using $B^- \rightarrow D^0 h^-$ with $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ (GGSZ method [PRD 68. 054018 (2003)])
- this method is model-independent

yields in each bin

$$N_i^\pm = h_B^\pm \left[F_i + r_B^2 \bar{F}_i + 2\sqrt{F_i \bar{F}_i} (c_i x_\pm + s_i y_\pm) \right]$$

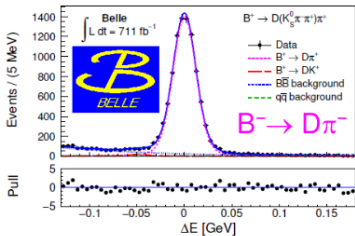
- $(x_\pm, y_\pm) = r_B (\cos(\gamma + \delta_B), \sin(\gamma + \delta_B))$
- c_i, s_i : D^0 - \bar{D}^0 strong phase differences (inputs from BES III/CLEO)
- F_i : fraction of D decays to i -th bin



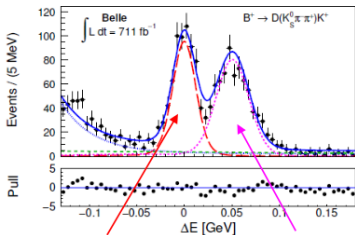
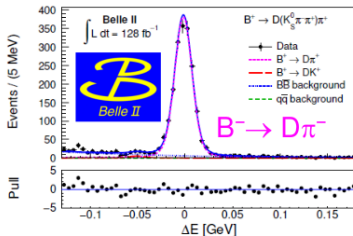
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» combined Belle (711 fb⁻¹) and Belle II (128 fb⁻¹) analysis [*JHEP* 02 (2022) 063]

Belle

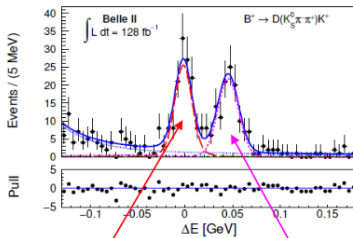


Belle II



$B^- \rightarrow DK^-$

$B^- \rightarrow D\pi^-$



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Belle:

$K_S^0 \pi \pi$: 1467 ± 53

$K_S^0 K K$: 194 ± 17

Belle II :

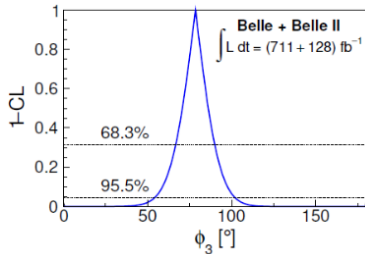
$K_S^0 \pi \pi$: 280 ± 21

$K_S^0 K K$: 34 ± 7

Measurement of ϕ_3

» Results

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_B[^\circ] &= 124.8 \pm 12.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.7 \text{ (ext)} \\ r_B^{\text{DK}} &= 0.129 \pm 0.024 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.001 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.002 \text{ (ext)} \\ \gamma[^\circ] &= 78.4 \pm 11.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.0 \text{ (ext)}\end{aligned}$$



» Many improvements with respect to the previous result from Belle

- use of $D(K_S^0 K^- K^+)$ channel
- improved suppression of continuum background
→ improvevent equivalent to doubling the statistics
- reduction of systematics thanks to latest inputs on strong phase from BESIII
- fractions F_i obtained directly from simultaneous fit to data (LHCb strategy)
- expected reduction of statistical uncertainty to $< 3^\circ$ with 10 ab^{-1} and using more D final states (but still will be statistically dominated)

Dark Higgsstrahlung

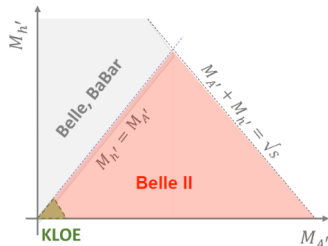
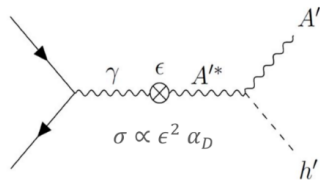
» Next-to-minimal dark photon model

- dark photon (A') couples to the SM photon via kinetic mixing parameter ϵ
- A' mass can be generated via spontaneous symmetry breaking mechanism
 - a dark Higgs boson (h') is added to the theory [PRD 79, 115008 (2009)]
- h' does not mix with the SM Higgs
- both particles A' and h' can be produced via dark Higgsstrahlung process

» Mass hierarchy scenarios

- $m_{h'} > m_{A'}$: $h' \rightarrow A'A' \rightarrow 4\ell, 4\text{had}, 2\ell + 2\text{had} \Rightarrow 6$ charged tracks
Investigated by [BaBar \(2012\)](#) and [Belle \(2015\)](#).
- $m_{h'} < m_{A'}$: h' is long-lived and thus invisible $\Rightarrow 2$ charged tracks
Partially constrained by [KLOE \(2015\)](#).

→ exploring unconstrained territories at Belle II



Dark Higgsstrahlung

➤ **New result from Belle II using 8.34 fb^{-1}**

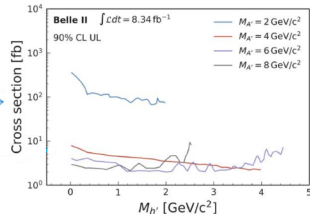
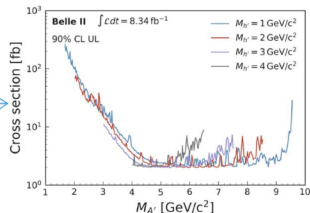
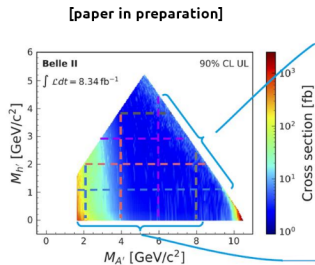
- upper limits are set on σ and $\epsilon^2 \alpha_D$
- covered region of masses $1.65 < M_{A'} < 10.51 \text{ GeV}$ and $M_{H'} < M_{A'}$

→ 90% CL UL on σ ranges from 1.7 to 5 fb

➤ **Sensitivity**

- $4 < M_{A'} < 9.7 \text{ GeV}$ the most sensitive region
- $M_{A'} < 4 \text{ GeV}$ low sensitivity due to trigger efficiency
- $M_{A'} > 9 \text{ GeV}$ large dimuon background

→ unique results in previously unexplored regions



The τ mass measurement

Lepton masses are fundamental parameters of the SM

$$m_e = (0.5109989461 \pm 0.000000031) \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\mu = (105.6583745 \pm 0.0000024) \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\tau = (1776.86 \pm 0.12) \text{ MeV}$$

→ the m_τ precision impacts LFU tests!

Pseudomass measurement at Belle II

- method developed by ARGUS collaboration

- measured in $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$ decay channel

- τ mass can be calculated as

$$(h \leftrightarrow 3\pi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_\tau^2 &= (P_h + P_\nu)^2 = \\ &= 2E_h(E_\tau - E_h) + m_h^2 - 2|\vec{p}_h|(E_\tau - E_h)\cos(\vec{p}_h, \vec{p}_\nu) \end{aligned}$$

- since the direction of the neutrino is unknown, $\cos(\vec{p}_h, \vec{p}_\nu) = 1$ is taken and M_{min} is defined as

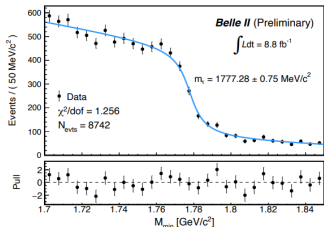
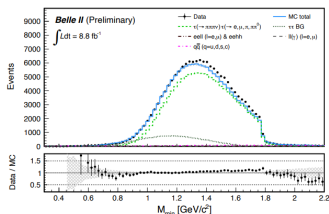
$$M_{min}^2 = 2E_h(E_\tau - E_h) + m_h^2 - 2|\vec{p}_h|(E_\tau - E_h) < m_\tau^2$$

- the M_{min} distribution is then fitted to an empirical edge function, and the position of the cutoff indicates the value of the τ mass

Challenges of the measurement

- find the most accurate empirical fitting function

- properly evaluate the estimator bias

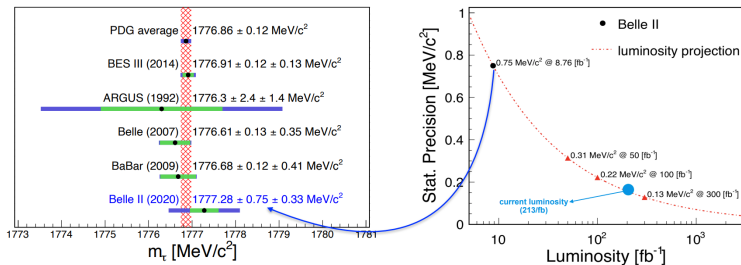


Belle II measurement from 2020

arXiv:2008.04665

The τ mass measurement

- **The goal is to achieve best precision among pseudomass measurements**
 - best measurement from pseudomass technique by Belle
 - world-leading result by BES III using a different method (measurement in the production threshold)
- **Belle II measurement from 2020**
 - statistically dominated and in agreement with the world average
 - we will match the statistical precision of Belle/BaBar with 300 fb⁻¹
 - systematic uncertainty at the level of Belle
 - we expect significant reduction in the main systematic uncertainties and further improvements of reconstruction efficiency



The τ lifetime measurement

» Important SM parameter

- its precision affects LFU measurements, $\alpha_s(m_\tau)$, etc.

» World-leading measurement by Belle

- uses a 3×3 topology, with both tau leptons decaying to $3\pi\nu$

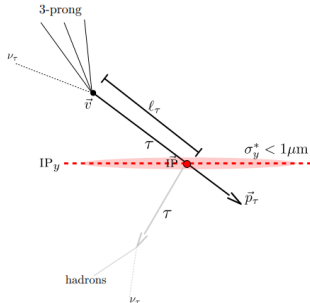
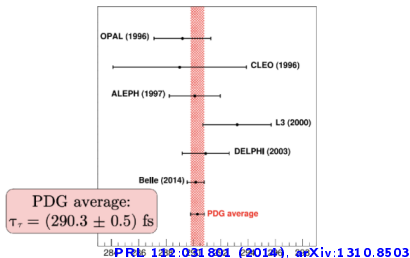
$$\tau_\tau = 290.17 \pm 0.53(\text{stat}) \pm 0.33(\text{syst}) \text{ fs}$$

» Belle II approach

1. reconstruct vertex for 3-prong τ
 - only one 3-prong $\tau \rightarrow$ higher statistics
 2. estimate the τ momentum
 - hadronic decays in both sides
 3. find the production vertex
 - intersection of τ momentum with the plane IP_y
- possible due to the tiny beamspot size at the IP at Belle II

» Greatest challenge of this method

- the τ momentum estimation and reconstruction of the production vertex



The τ lifetime measurement

» Belle II MC measurement

$$\tau_\tau = 287.2 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \text{ fs}$$

→ competitive statistical precision was reached already with 200 fb^{-1} (compared to 711 fb^{-1} used at Belle)

→ the resolution at Belle II is nearly $2\times$ narrower than at Belle

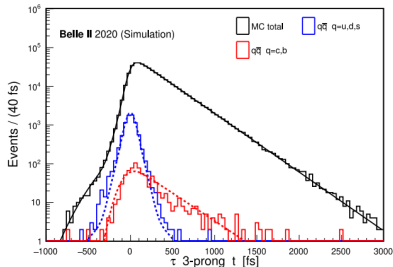
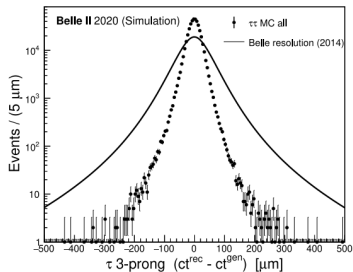
» The measured lifetime presents $\simeq 3 \text{ fs}$ bias (generated value: 290.57 fs)

- ISR/FSR losses → underestimation of the proper time
- an intrinsic bias in the measurement

» Further studies to estimate systematics

- test dependence on the resolution function in the fit
- beam-spot position
- ISR/FSR simulation
- vertex detector alignment (dominant systematic uncertainty at Belle)

Tau lifetime poster (TAU2021)



Lepton flavour universality in τ decays

- ▶ **Three lepton generations:** e, μ, τ
 - different masses
 - different and separately conserved lepton numbers
 - the coupling of leptons to W bosons is flavour-independent, $g_e = g_\mu = g_\tau$
- This is the SM picture of leptons, however various experimental results presented in the past years suggest LFU violation!

▶ Anomalies in quark sector

- $R(D) - R(D^*)$ plane (3.1σ),
- $R(K)$ (3.1σ), also P'_5 in $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ (3.4σ)
- and more..!

▶ Significant tensions in lepton sector

- anomalous magnetic moment of μ (4.5σ) and e (2.5σ)

▶ LFU tests with τ decays

- $e - \mu$ universality

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau^2 \propto \frac{BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu_\mu \nu_\tau)}{BR(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_e \nu_\tau)}$$

- $\tau - \mu$ universality

$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)_h^2 \propto \frac{BR(\tau \rightarrow h \nu_\tau)}{BR(h \rightarrow \mu \nu_\tau)}$$

▶ Most precise measurements (BaBar)

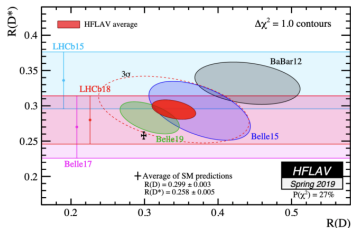
$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau = 1.0036 \pm 0.0020$$

→ in agreement with the SM

$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)_h = 0.9850 \pm 0.0054$$

→ 2.8σ below the SM prediction

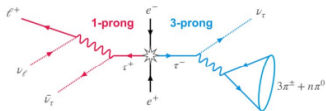
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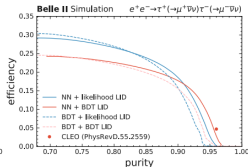
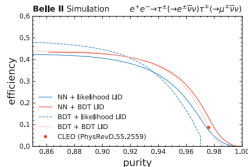
Lepton flavour universality in τ decays

- Use 3×1 -prong and 1×1 -prong τ -pair events

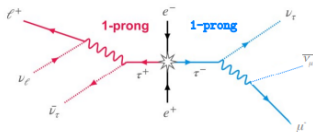
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- $4 \times$ higher efficiency with better purity compared to BaBar for 3×1



Belle II and CLEO performance for 1×1



- 1×1 not used at BaBar but possible at Belle II thanks to the trigger performance
- better performance for $e - \mu$ and very close for $\mu - \mu$ compared to CLEO

Main challenges of the analysis

- select signal with the highest possible purity
 - testing different lepton ID approaches (BDT-, likelihood-based)
 - employing MVA techniques (NN, BDT)
- reduce the LID systematic uncertainty
 - main systematics source at BaBar

$B \rightarrow$ charm, weak phases, forbidden decays, dark sector...

» $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$ [paper in preparation]

- new measurement of the inclusive $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$ with tagged method at Belle II
- novel idea: reduction of HQE parameters ($13 \rightarrow 8$) by reparametrization \rightarrow [arXiv:1812.00747]

» ϕ_2 [arXiv:2107.02373]

- unique capability of Belle II to study all the $B \rightarrow \pi\pi, \rho\rho$ decays to determine phase ϕ_2 (α)
- 20% precision improvement with respect to Belle at the same luminosity

» $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ [arXiv:2104.12624]

- probing of a FCNC decay
- novel inclusive tagging technique at Belle II \rightarrow signal efficiency 4.3% (compared to at best 0.2% efficiency of the previous measurements by Belle and BaBar)

» Dark sector studies

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-Z', Z' \rightarrow$ invisible (0.28 fb^{-1}) \rightarrow [PRL124 (2020), 141801]
- Axion-like Particle (ALP) search in $e^+e^- \rightarrow a(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)\gamma$ (0.44 fb^{-1}) \rightarrow [PRL125 (2020), 161806]

» $A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0), B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$ angular analysis

» electroweak penguin B decays $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$

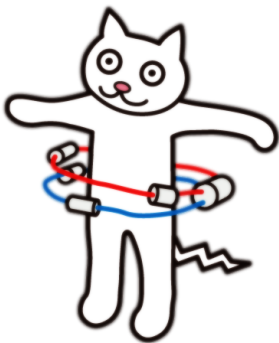
» hadron spectroscopy (Belle II took energy scan data above $\Upsilon(4S)$ in 2021)

...and more analyses published and in progress!

Summary

- » **Belle II is a B-factory of the next generation**
 - setting peak luminosity records thanks to nano-beam scheme
 - opening new possibilities for measurements thanks to upgraded trigger, vertex resolution and tracking efficiency
- since its first collision in 2018, Belle II has collected almost 400 fb^{-1} of data
- » **Belle II contributes to wide range of physics topics**
 - D^0 , D^+ and Λ_c^+ lifetime measurements
 - B^0 lifetime and mixing frequency
 - measurement of ϕ_3
 - dark Higgsstrahlung
 - the τ mass measurement
 - the τ lifetime measurement
 - lepton flavour universality in τ decays
 - ...and various other topics

Stay tuned for more exciting results!



Thank you for your attention