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Testing the Standard Model in rare decays of B mesons at the Belle experiment

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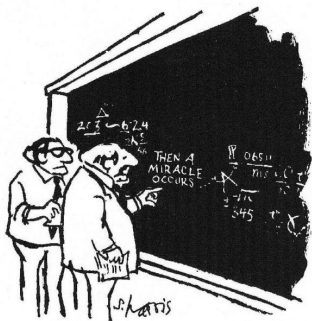
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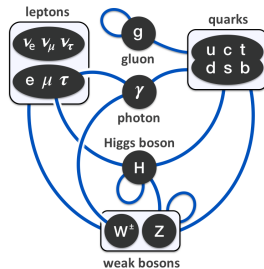
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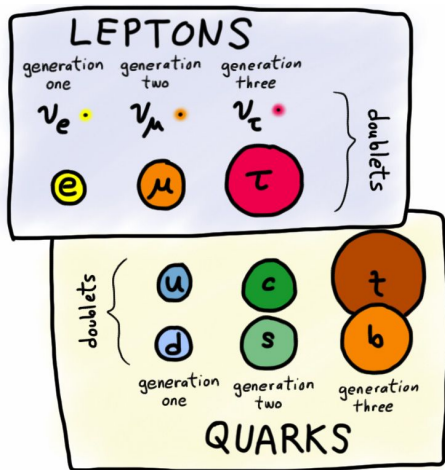


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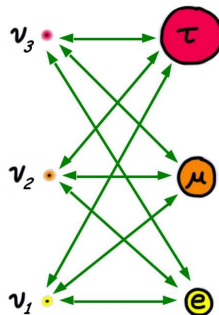
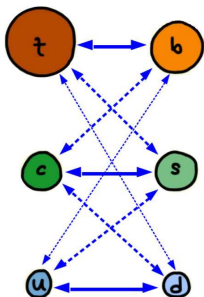
Particle Physics Today

- ▶ The Standard Model leaves many questions
- ▶ Why do we have three generations of leptons and quarks?
- ▶ Hierarchy, masses, 22 free parameters



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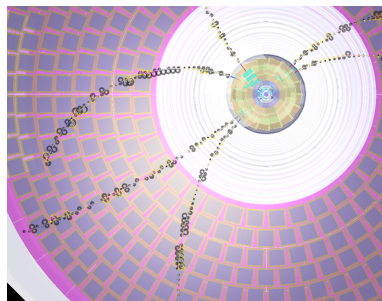
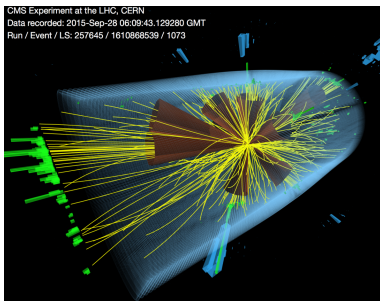
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- ▶ Can we find New Physics to understand the structure of the SM ?
- ▶ With flavor physics we soon might be a step closer..

Frontiers



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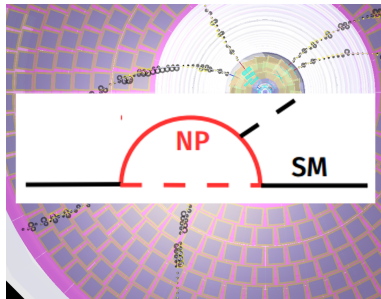
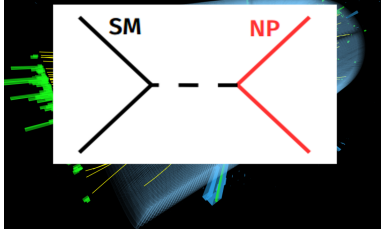
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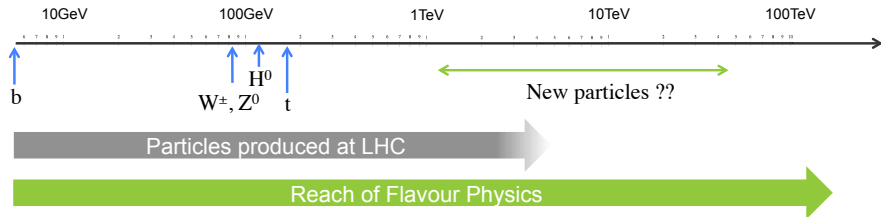
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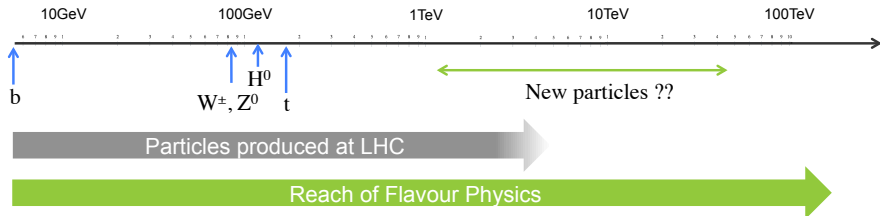
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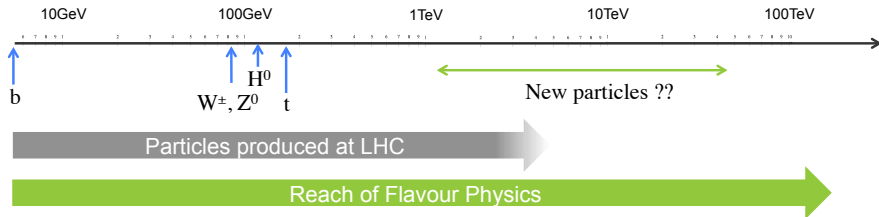


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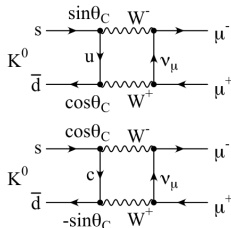
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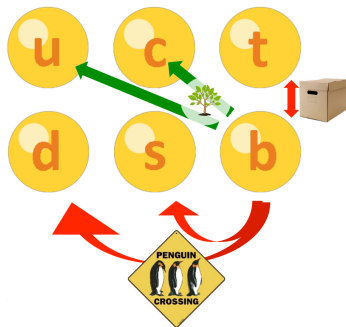
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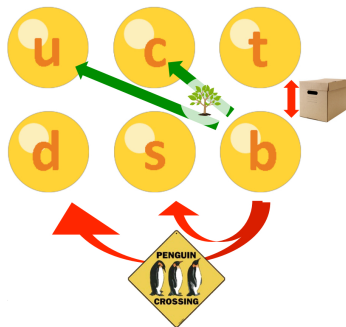
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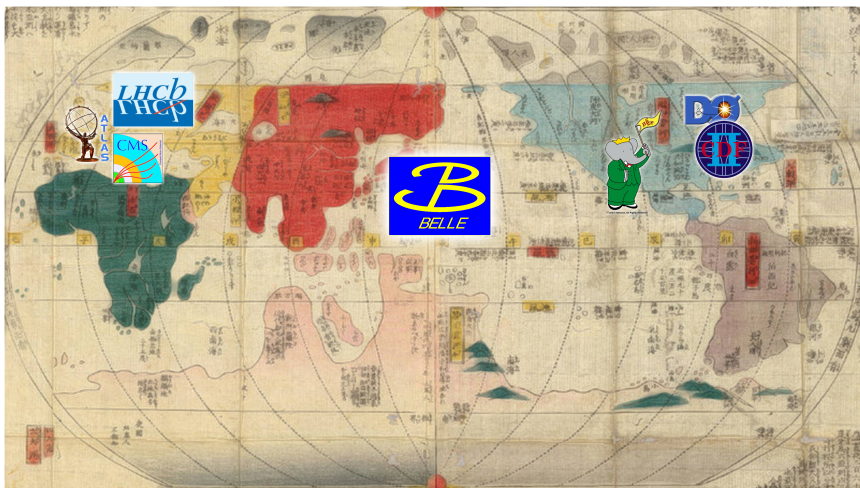
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- ▶ All forces of the Standard Model involved in B meson decays



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Flavor Physics around the World



The Belle Experiment

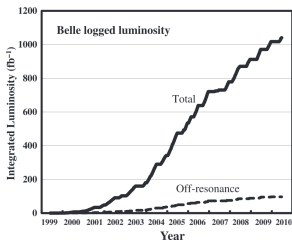


- ▶ The Belle experiment is located at the KEKB accelerator in Tsukuba, Japan
- ▶ Data taking from 1999 to 2010
- ▶ It is designed as a “B factory”
- ▶ **772 million** $B\bar{B}$ meson pairs

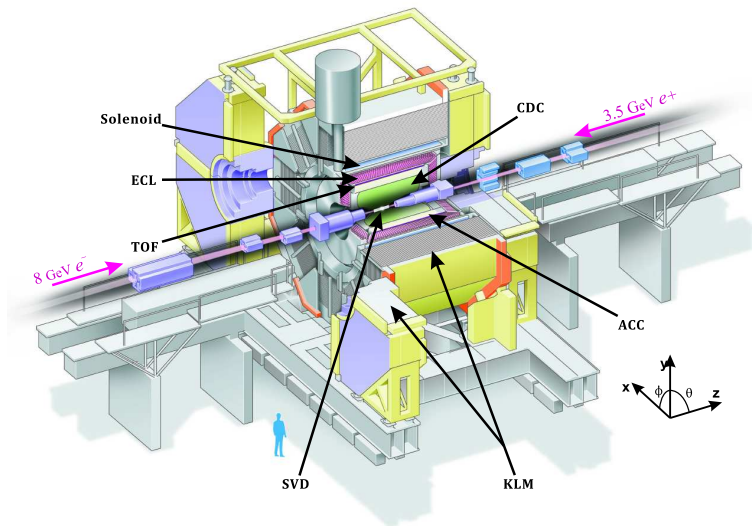
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$$

- ▶ World record for integrated luminosity

$$\int L dt = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$



The Belle Detector



Flavor Anomalies



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- 3.3σ suppressed branching ratio of $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$
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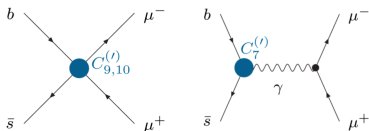
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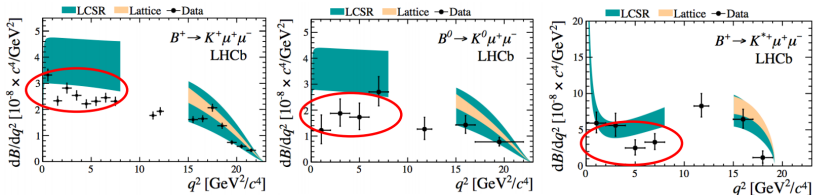
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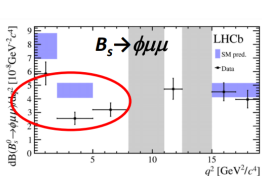


Same effective couplings
(Wilson Coefficients $C_{7,9,10}$)

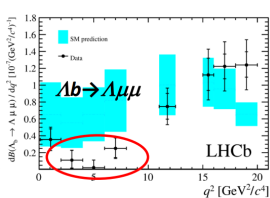
The Flavor Anomalies Overview - Branching Ratios



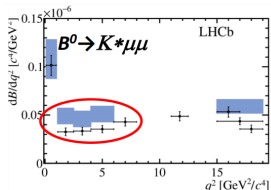
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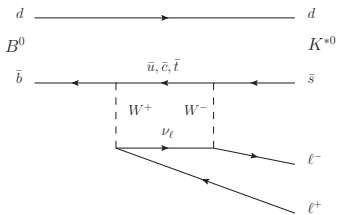


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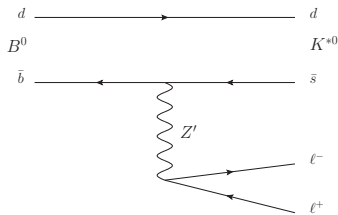
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From Justine Serrano EPS2017

Flavor Changing Neutral Currents $b \rightarrow sll$



(b) SM example



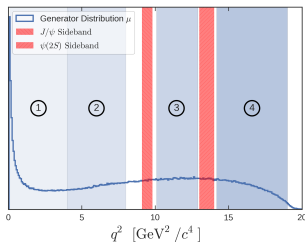
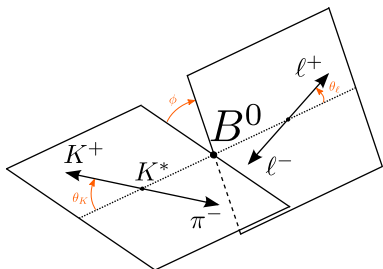
(c) NP example

- ▶ Branching ratios of $\mathcal{O}(1 \times 10^{-6})$
- ▶ In my thesis I analyzed $b \rightarrow sll$ in the decay of $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\ell^+\ell^-$
- ▶ In all three lepton modes:

e, μ An angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$

τ Upper limit to $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-$

Angular Analysis of $B \rightarrow K^* \ell \ell$



The observables are dependent on $q^2 = M_{\ell^+ \ell^-}^2$

The differential decay rate for $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$ can be written as

$$\frac{1}{d\Gamma/dq^2} \frac{d^4\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_L d\cos\theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2\theta_K + F_L \cos^2\theta_K \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2\theta_K \cos 2\theta_L \right. \\ \left. - F_L \cos^2\theta_K \cos 2\theta_L + S_3 \sin^2\theta_K \sin^2\theta_L \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_L \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_L \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_6 \sin^2\theta_K \cos \theta_L + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_L \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_L \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2\theta_K \sin^2\theta_L \sin 2\phi \right],$$

Folding Procedure

$$P'_4, S_4 : \begin{cases} \phi \rightarrow -\phi & \text{for } \phi < 0 \\ \phi \rightarrow \pi - \phi & \text{for } \theta_L > \pi/2 \\ \theta_L \rightarrow \pi - \theta_L & \text{for } \theta_L > \pi/2, \end{cases}$$

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- ▶ With a transformation of the angles, the dimension is reduced to **three free parameters**
- ▶ Each transformation remains three observables S_j , F_L and S_3
- ▶ The observables

$$P'_{i=4,5,6,8} = \frac{S_{j=4,5,7,8}}{\sqrt{F_L(1-F_L)}},$$

are considered to be largely free from form-factor uncertainties ([J. High Energy Phys. 05 \(2013\) 137](#)).

- ▶ Transverse polarization asymmetry

$$A_T^{(2)} = \frac{2S_3}{(1-F_L)}$$

Introduced by LHCb in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 191801](#).

Reconstruction of $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$

- ▶ Reconstructing B^0 and B^+ modes
- ▶ Using **muon** and **electron** modes
- ▶ K^* is reconstructed in (K^+, π^-) , (K_S^0, π^+) and (K^+, π^0)

Electron Modes

- ▶ $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0 e^+ e^-$
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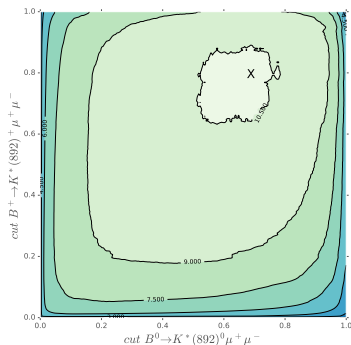
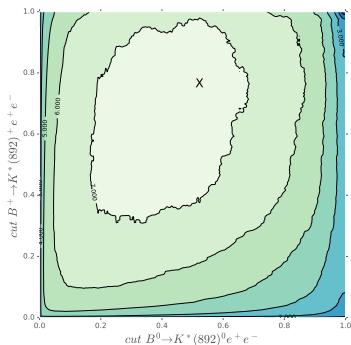
Muon Modes

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- ▶ $B^+ \rightarrow K^*(892)^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

Signal selection:

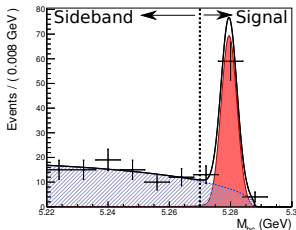
- ▶ Neural network (NN) classifier for all particles in the decay chain
- ▶ Final signal selection on four B meson NN
- ▶ NN cut optimization on 2D figure of merit separate for the lepton flavor

Cut Optimization



- ▶ Most straight forward strategy:
- ▶ Optimize a combined FOM for ee and $\mu\mu$ channels
- ▶ $FOM = N_s / \sqrt{(N_s + N_b)}$

Fit Procedure



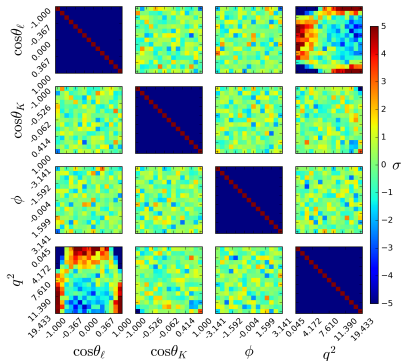
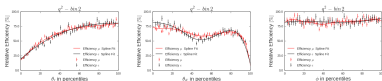
- ▶ **Signal:** Transformed differential decay rate
- ▶ **Background:** Kernel Density Estimation
- ▶ independent 3D unbinned maximum likelihood fit for:
 - ▶ q^2 bin: (1, 6), (0.1, 4), (4, 8), (10.09, 12.9), (14.18, 19)
 - ▶ P'_4 and P'_5

1. The data is split into bins of q^2
2. M_{bc} is fitted to determine the signal and background fractions
3. The data is split into a **sideband** and **signal** region
4. The shape of the background is determined and fixed in the sideband with smoothed histograms
5. The final fits are performed as 3D maximum likelihood fit in θ_L , θ_K and ϕ for $P_{4,5,6,8}$ each treated as an independent measurement

Efficiency/Acceptance is critical to understand(!)

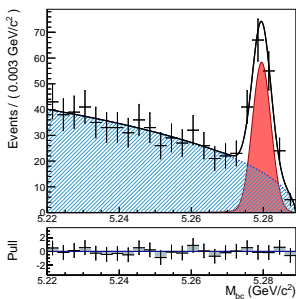
- ▶ We compare the generated distribution with the reconstructed
- ▶ The difference is fitted with a spline-fit

$$f_{\text{eff}}^{\text{bin}}(\cos \theta_{\ell}, \cos \theta_K, \phi, q^2) = f_{\text{eff}}^{\text{fit}}(\cos \theta_{\ell}) \otimes f_{\text{eff}}^{\text{fit}}(\cos \theta_K) \\ \otimes f_{\text{eff}}^{\text{fit}}(\phi) \otimes f_{\text{eff}}^{\text{fit}}(q^2),$$

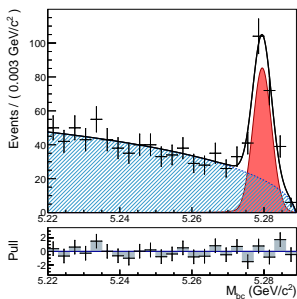


Signal Extraction $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$

- ▶ Signal is extracted in Beam Constrained Mass: $M_{bc} \equiv \sqrt{E_{\text{Beam}}^2 - |\vec{p}_B|^2}$
- ▶ Signal pdf: **Crystal Ball shape**, Background pdf: **Argus shape**

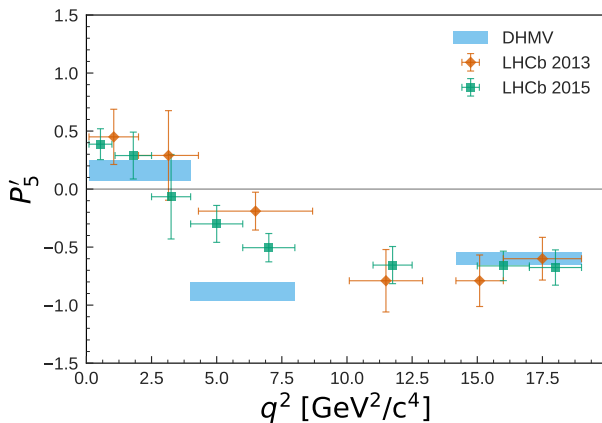


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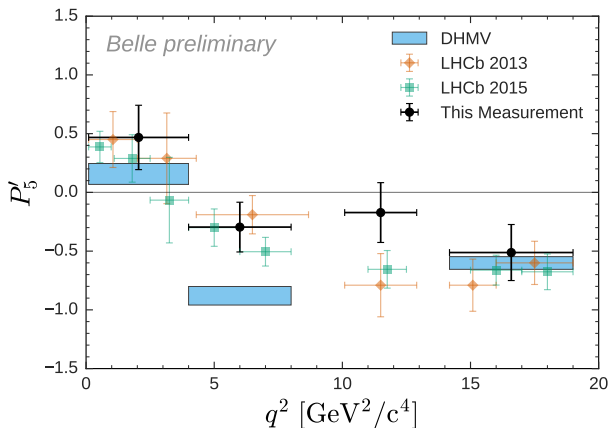


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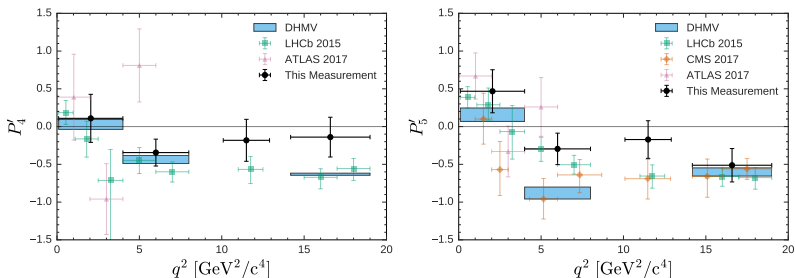
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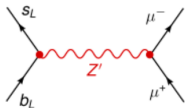
Result - Result for Combined Data



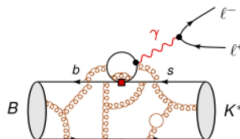
- ▶ Measurements are compatible with the SM
- ▶ Similar central values for the P'_5 anomaly with 2.5σ tension

Complications - Doubts

Optimist's view point



Pessimist's view point



- ▶ Although, overall uncertainty on $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ form-factors decreased – significance of anomalies increased

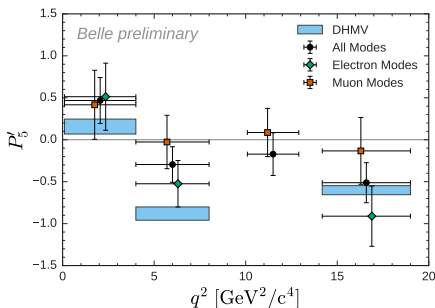
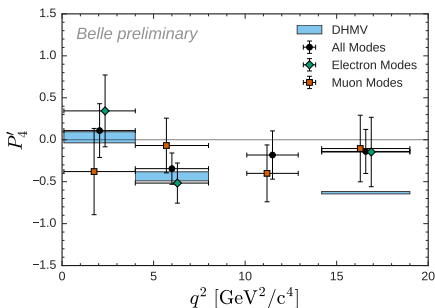


Lepton Flavor Universality

- ▶ Fundamental in of the Standard Model
 - ▶ Very well tested
- ▶ **Clean observables**
- ▶ Only new particles can lead to LFU violation



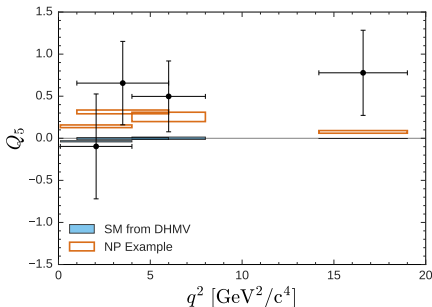
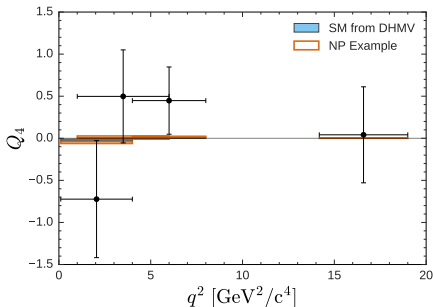
Result - Separate Lepton Flavor!



- ▶ The Largest deviation in the muon mode with 2.6σ
- ▶ Electron mode is deviating with 1.1σ
- ▶ Test on Lepton flavor universality

Lepton Flavor Universality in Angular Observables

- ▶ Test lepton flavor universality
- ▶ Observables $Q_i = P_i^\mu - P_i^e$, [JHEP 10, 075 \(2016\)](#)
- ▶ Deviation from zero very sensitive to NP

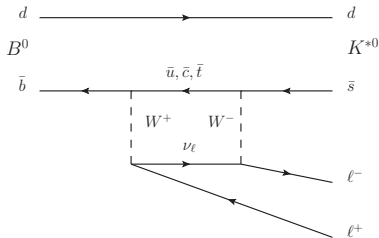


- ▶ Published recently in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 111801 \(2017\)](#)

Simple Lepton Flavour Universality Tests

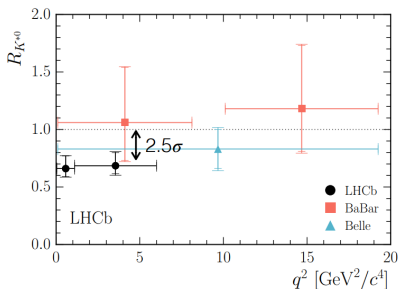
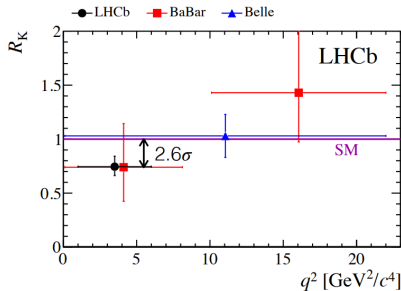
$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}$$

$$R_K^* = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)}$$



- ▶ Theoretically very clean
- ▶ Uncertainties from form factors cancel in the ratio
- ▶ Control mode $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^{(*)}$

Experimental Results for R_K



- ▶ Consistent experimental results
- ▶ Updated Belle result in preparation
 - ▶ Possible results for R_K^{*0} and R_K^{*+}
- ▶ **25% effect against SM for muons in electroweak penguins**

Effective Hamiltonian Approach

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i (C_i \mathcal{O}_i + C'_i \mathcal{O}'_i)$$

left-handed part
right-handed part
suppressed in SM

$i=7$: photon

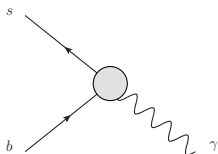
$i=9$: vector current

$i=10$: axial-vector current

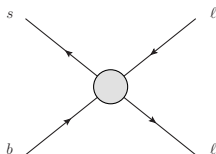
$i= S, P$: scalar, pseudo scalar operators

- ▶ The $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decay can be described by an effective field theory
- ▶ Model independent description:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} \propto \sum_i (C_i^{\text{SM}} + C_i^{\text{NP}}) \cdot \mathcal{O}_i$$



(a) \mathcal{O}'_7



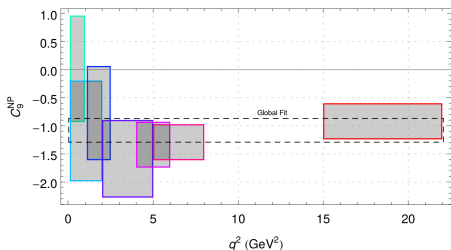
(b) \mathcal{O}'_9 and \mathcal{O}'_{10}

Constraining Wilson Coefficients

- ▶ Look across all different measurements of $b \rightarrow sll$
- ▶ Short distance effects can be described by Wilson Coefficients C_i
- ▶ $C_{7,9,10}$ important for $b \rightarrow sll$ processes

- ▶ F_L from ATLAS and LHCb
- ▶ A_{FB} from ATLAS and LHCb
- ▶ R_K from BaBar and LHCb
- ▶ Branching ratios for $b \rightarrow sll$
- ▶ $P'_5 \dots$

→ constrain Wilson Coefficients C_i across measurements and experiments

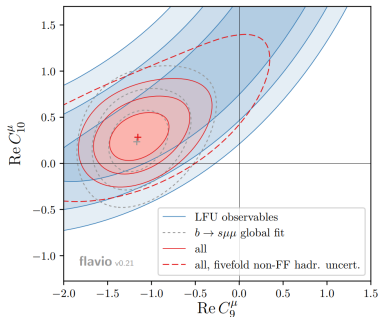
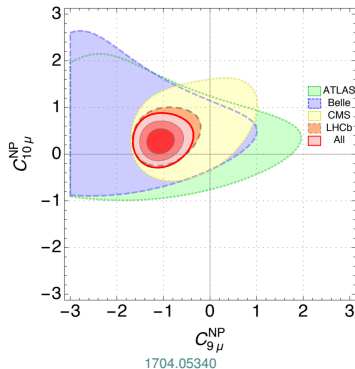


- ▶ Global fit
- ▶ Fit NP contribution

$$C_9 = C_9^{\text{SM}} + C_9^{\text{NP}}$$

- ▶ 4.5σ deviation in C_9 from SM
S. Descotes-Genon et al.
arXiv:1605.06059v1

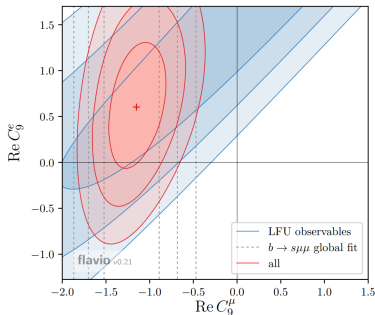
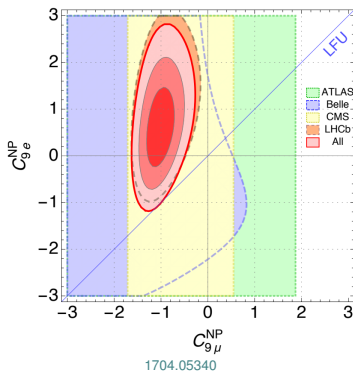
Fits for New Physics in Wilson Coefficients



Phys. Rev. D 96, 055008 (2017)

- ▶ Many theorists perform global fits of $\mathcal{O}(150)$ measurements
- ▶ Pull for the SM at the level of 4.4-5 σ

Fits for Lepton Flavor Universality



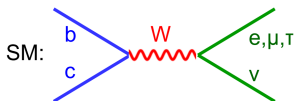
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- ▶ Lepton Flavor Non Universality favored with $> 3\sigma$

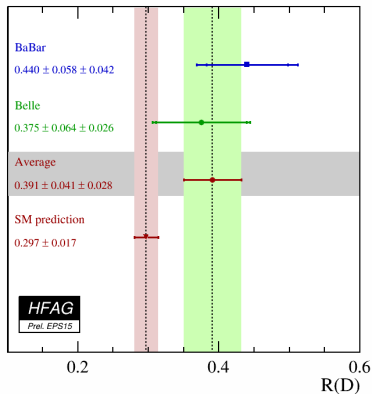
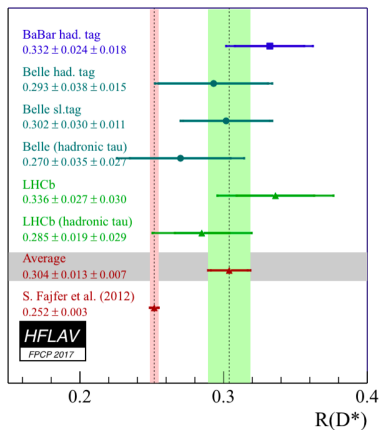
Lepton Flavor Universality in $R_{D^{(*)}}$

$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu \nu)}$$

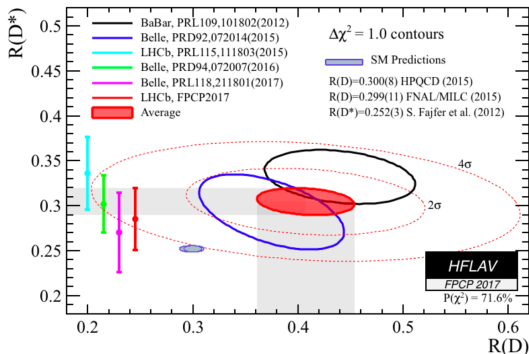
- ▶ Tree level decay
- ▶ Theoretically very clean observable
- ▶ **Neutrinos in final state**



Lepton Flavor Universality in $R_D^{(*)}$



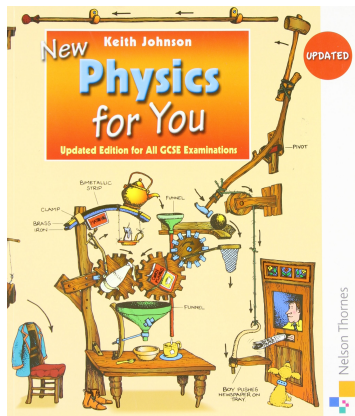
Lepton Flavor Universality in $R_{D^{(*)}}$



- ▶ Tension with SM $> 4\sigma$
- ▶ 30% effect against SM for taus in tree level decays

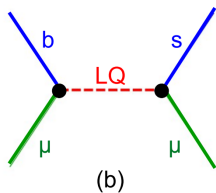
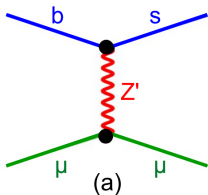
Did we find new Physics?

What does it mean?



Did we find new Physics?

- ▶ The anomalies are difficult to explain at once
- ▶ Two models are favored:



- ▶ Both cases may enhancement $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$
- ▶ LQ: large enhancement of $b \rightarrow s\mu\tau$

Motivation for $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ at Belle

Motivation

- ▶ New Physics may couple to mass of the τ
 \rightarrow enhance sensitivity by $|m_\tau/m_\mu|^2 \simeq 286$
- ▶ Both Z' and leptoquark models predict large enhancements [1704.05340]

The $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau^+\tau^-$ Decay

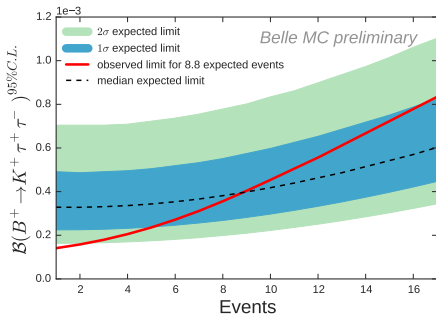
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau\tau)^{SM} < 1.44(15) \times 10^{-7}$
- ▶ Some models may lead to a strong enhancement
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\tau^-\tau^+)^{MLFV} < 2 \times 10^{-4}$

Alonso, R., Grinstein, B. & Camalich, J.M. J. High Energ. Phys. (2015) 2015

- ▶ Only experimental constraints by BaBar with
 $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau^+\tau^-) < 2.25 \times 10^{-3}$ at 90% C.L..

Simulation for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-$ at Belle

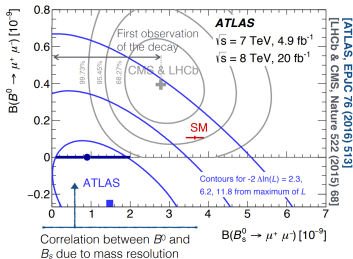
- ▶ Signal is Identified in calorimeter energy related observable E_{ECL}
- ▶ All systematic uncertainties are calculated
- ▶ Expected upper limit: $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-) < 3.17 \times 10^{-4}$ at 90% C.L. on MC



Important recent Measurements

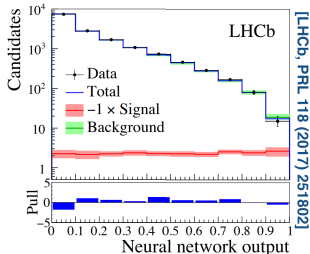
$B_{d,s} \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- ▶ Golden mode to study at LHC(b)
- ▶ LHCb: Single experiment observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ with more than 7σ
- ▶ Powerful probe of models with enhanced (pseudo)scalar interactions



$B_{d,s} \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- ▶ LHCb measurement using $\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 6.8 \times 10^{-3}$ (95%CL)
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B_d^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$ (95%CL)

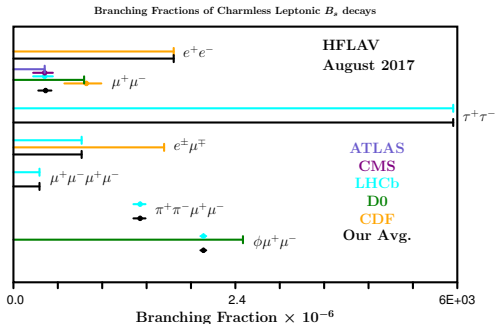


Important Measurements Wish-List

Wish
List

B_S^0

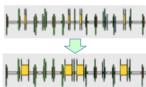
1. $B_S \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$
2. $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \tau \tau$
3. $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu \tau$
4. $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \nu$
5. $B_S \rightarrow l^+ l^-$
6. $B_S \rightarrow l^+ l'^-$
7. ...



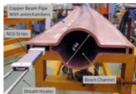
Move Towards Belle 2



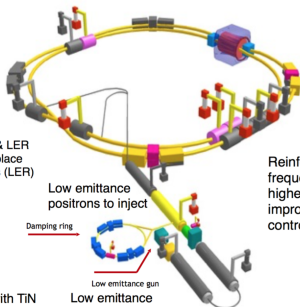
Redesign the lattices of HER & LER to squeeze the emittance. Replace short dipoles with longer ones (LER)



Replaced old beam pipes with TiN coated beam pipes with antechambers



New superconducting final focusing magnets near the IP

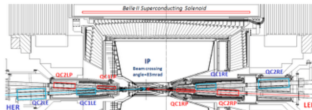
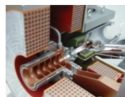


Low emittance positrons to inject

Damping ring

Low emittance gun
Low emittance electrons to inject

Upgrade positron capture section



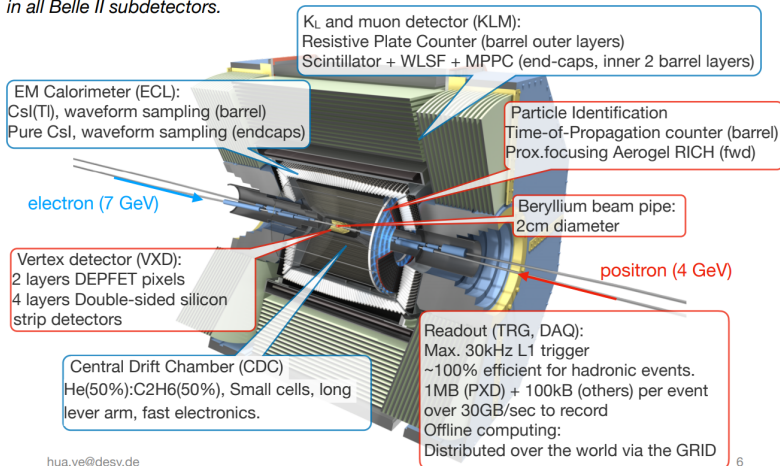
Reinforced RF (radio frequency) system for higher beam currents, improved monitoring & control system



(Credit: F. Bernlocher)

Belle II Detector Upgrade

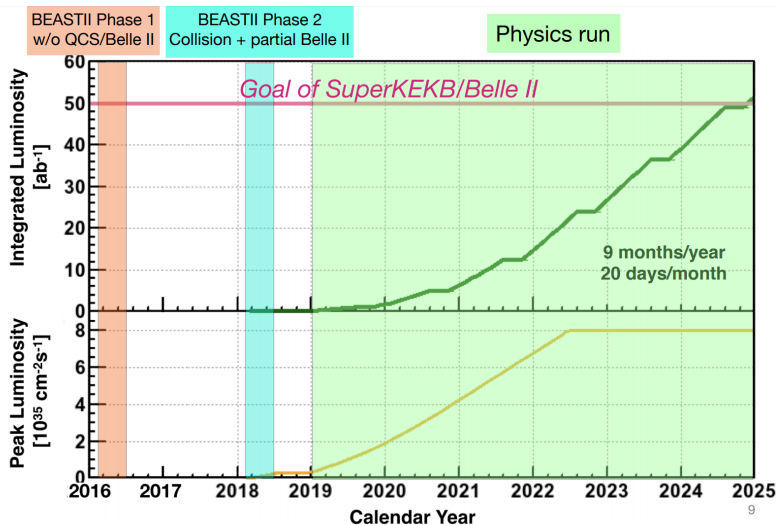
40x instantaneous luminosity is expected to represent significantly higher background levels in all Belle II subdetectors.



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(Credit: F. Bernlocher)

Super B Project - Highlights



(Credit: F. Fleuret)

Phase I: SuperKEKB first turns 2016

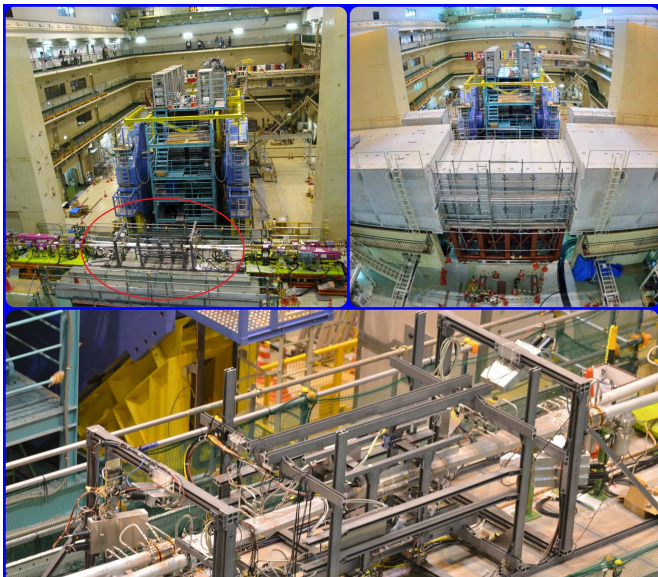
Feb 2016 News: First Turns at SuperKEKB (4 GeV e^+ 's and 7 GeV e^- 's)



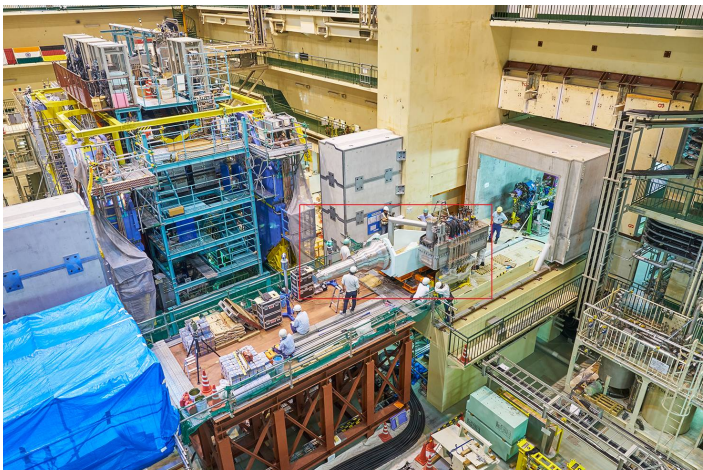
April 19, 2016 (LER beam current at 540 mA, HER at 480 mA)

(Credit: T. Browder)

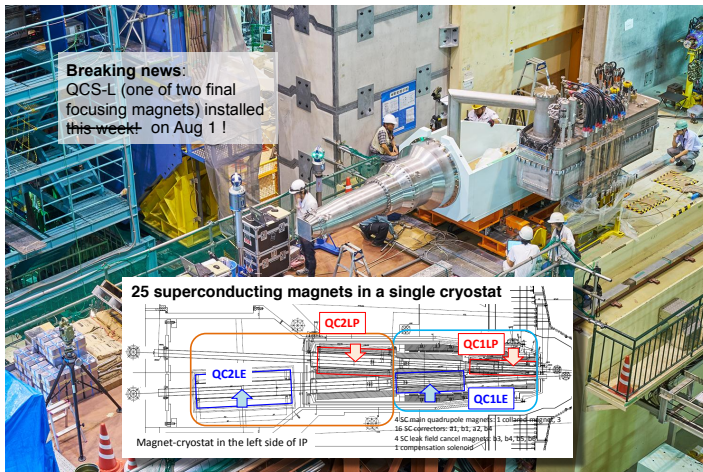
Phase I: The Beast



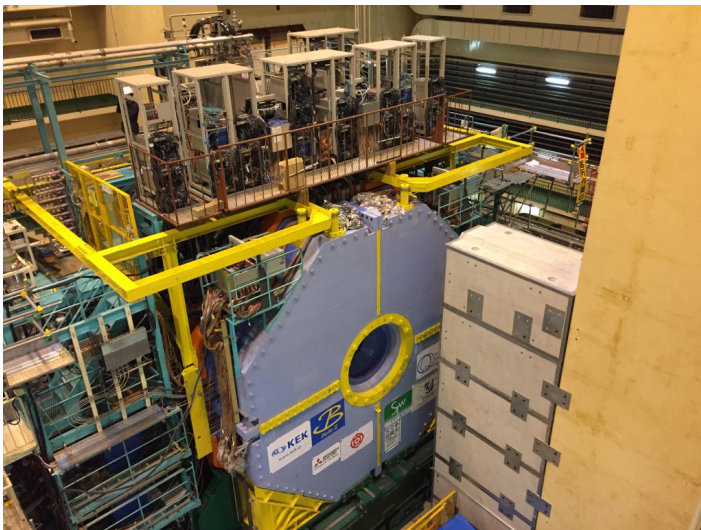
Phase II preparation: Final Focus Magnets Integration



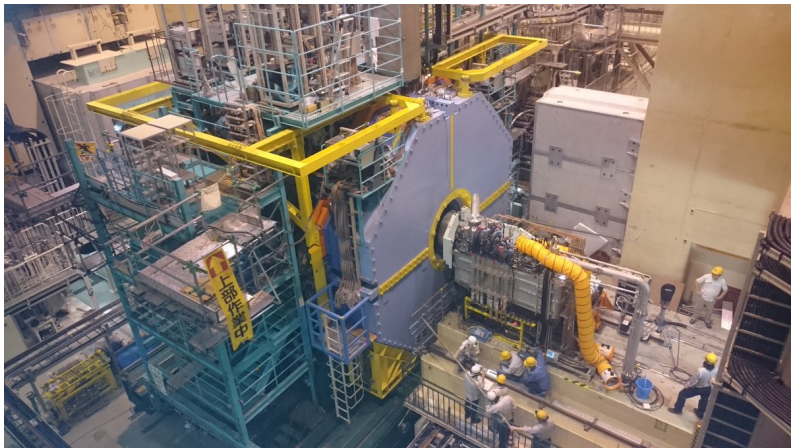
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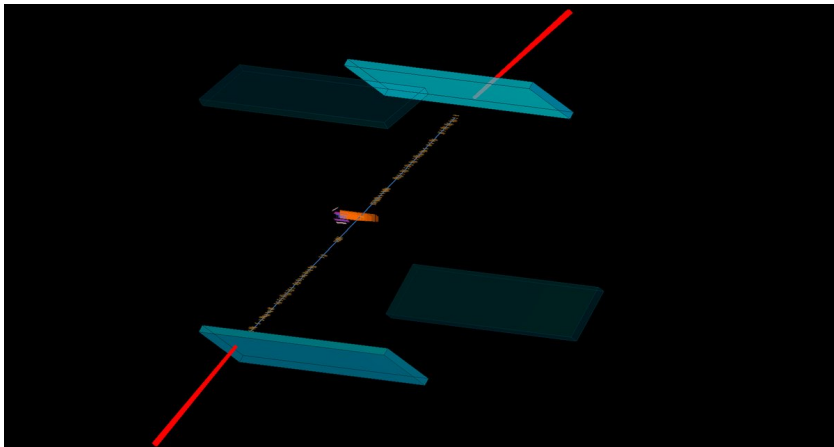
Phase II preparation: Detector Roll In



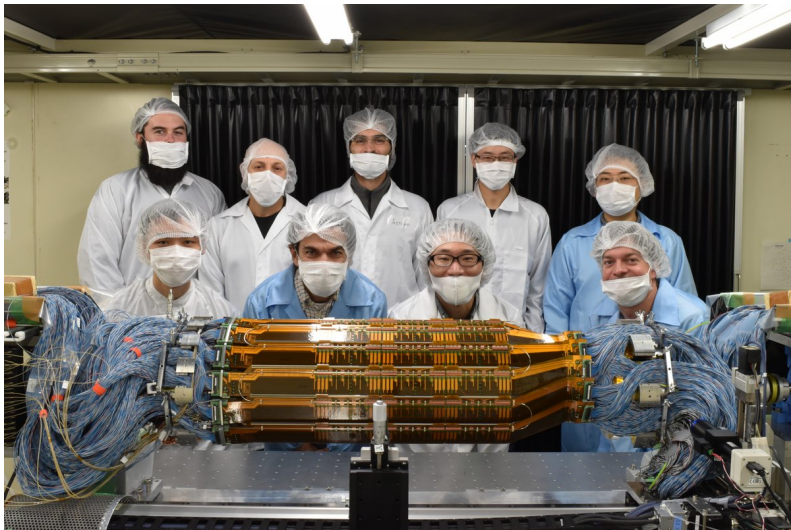
Phase II preparation: Detector Closed



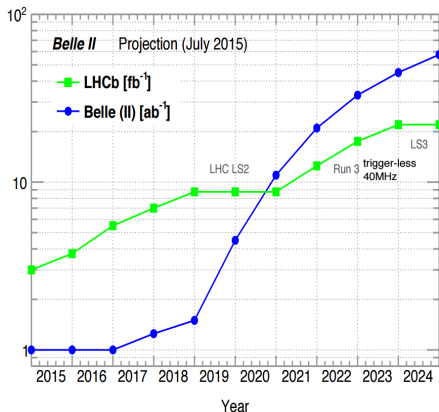
Phase II preparation: First Cosmic Events



Phase III preparation: Vertex Detector Assembly



The next Generation of Flavor Factories



- B_s System
- CPV in $J/\psi\phi$, $\phi\phi$,
- CPV in Mixing



B_s &
charged
tracks

- $B \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- CKM phase γ in $B \rightarrow DK$
- CPV in B_d
- $B \rightarrow X_s \text{ II}$ (exclusive)
- $B \rightarrow X\gamma$ (exclusive)
- Charm physics
- Semi-leptonic B decays

Important
cross checks

- τ - physics: LFV

- $B \rightarrow D, D^* \tau\nu$

- $B \rightarrow X_s \text{ II}$ (inclusive)

- $B \rightarrow X\gamma$ (inclusive)

- $B \rightarrow \tau\nu, \mu\nu$

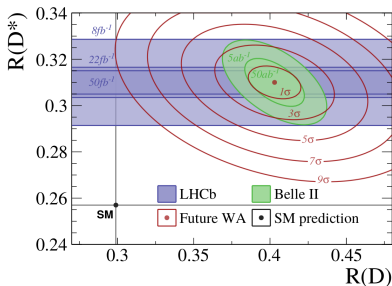
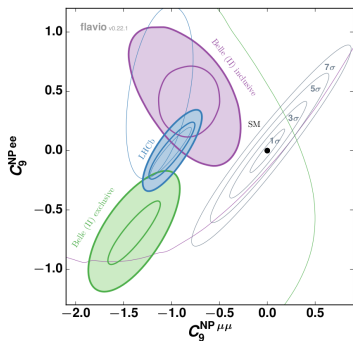
- $B \rightarrow K^* \nu\nu, B \rightarrow \nu\nu$



inclusive &
neutrals

Slide adapted from J.Albrecht, DESY Seminar 25.10.16

Belle 2 and LHCb Projections



J. Albrecht et al., Future prospects for exploring present day anomalies in flavour physics measurements with Belle II and LHCb

- Both Belle II and LHCb can individually verify the flavor anomalies

Next Generation of Experiments

- ▶ Both LHCb and Belle II have their strength and weaknesses
- ▶ **We need to have a confirming experiment!**

Conclusion

- ▶ We can find new physics
- ▶ In not too distant future

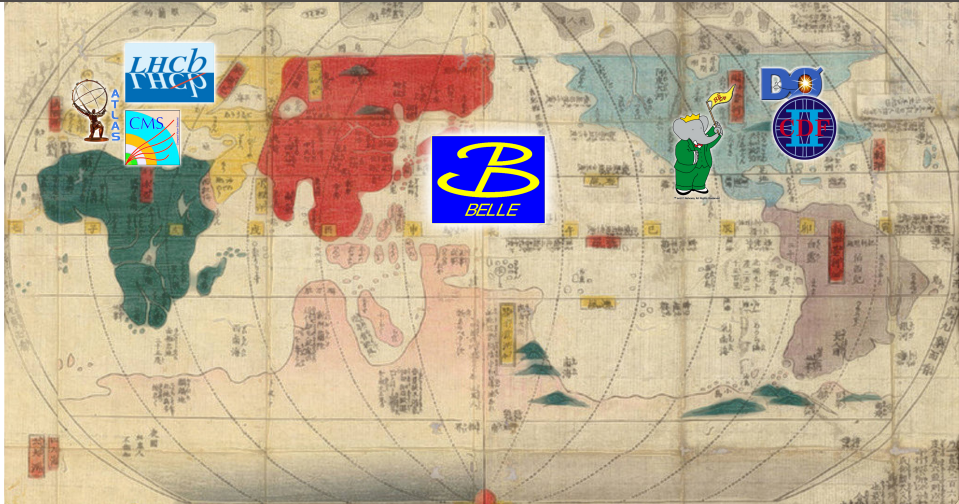
If there is new physics in the flavor sector, we will find it!

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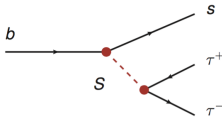
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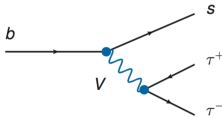
New Physics in $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ Transitions



scalars (e.g. in 2HDMs)

if scalar couplings to leptons are prop. to the masses
 $\Rightarrow B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ is the most important probe

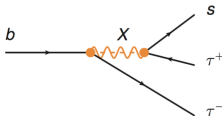
generic 2HDMs allow for much richer flavor structure
 $\Rightarrow b \rightarrow s\tau^+\tau^-$ transitions can give important info



vectors

photon and Z are couple lepton flavor universality
 \Rightarrow strong constraints from $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$

Z' gauge bosons can violate lepton flavor universality
 $\Rightarrow b \rightarrow s\tau^+\tau^-$ transitions are complementary probes



leptoquarks

generically no reason to expect
 lepton flavor universality

(Credit: W. Altmannshofer)

Background Suppression - Best Variables

$\mathcal{NB}(B_{tag})$ is the NeuroBayes output of the B_{tag} candidate.

$M_{K^+\tau^-}$ invariant mass of the K^+ and τ^- .

\hat{p}_{τ^+} the momentum of the positively charged τ in the rest frame of the signal B candidate.

decayhash Decay hash value corresponding to the six possibilities for the mass hypotheses of the children of the τ (ee , $e\mu$, $e\pi$, $\mu\mu$, $\mu\pi$ and $\pi\pi$).

$\mathcal{NB}(\tau^+ \times \tau^-)$ is the product of the NeuroBayes outputs of the children of both τ .

ΔE^{tag} the beam constrained energy of the B_{tag} candidate.

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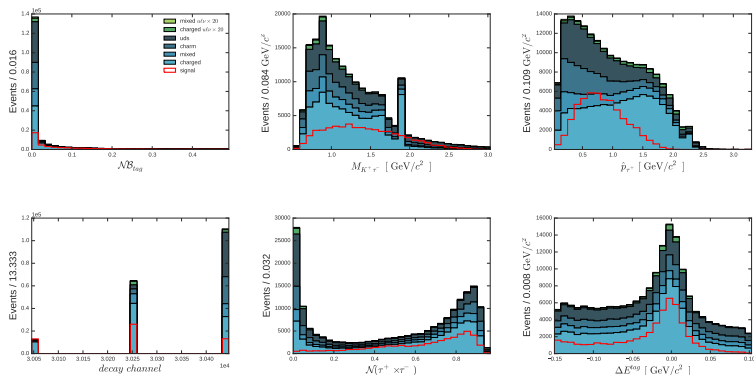
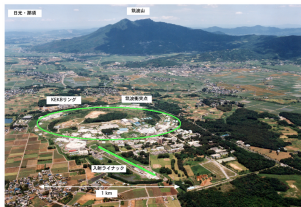
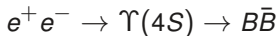


Figure: Some of the used input variables for the classifiers.

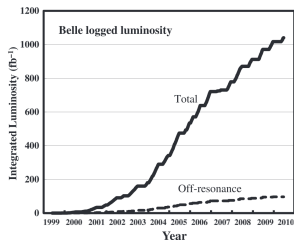
The Belle Experiment



- ▶ The Belle experiment is located at the KEKB accelerator in Tsukuba, Japan
- ▶ Data taking from 1999 to 2010
- ▶ It is designed as a “B factory”
- ▶ **772 million** $B\bar{B}$ meson pairs



- ▶ World record for integrated luminosity



$$\int L dt = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

Reconstruction of $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$

- ▶ Reconstructing **B^0 and B^+ modes**
- ▶ Using **muon** and **electron** modes
- ▶ K^* is reconstructed in (K^+, π^-) , (K_S^0, π^+) and (K^+, π^0)

Electron Modes

- ▶ $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0 e^+ e^-$
- ▶ $B^+ \rightarrow K^*(892)^+ e^+ e^-$

Muon Modes

- ▶ $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$
- ▶ $B^+ \rightarrow K^*(892)^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

Signal selection:

- ▶ Neural network (NN) classifier for all particles in the decay chain
- ▶ Final signal selection on four B meson NN
- ▶ NN cut optimization on 2D figure of merit separate for the lepton flavor