## Flavor Physics with Belle and Belle II

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## **Flavor Physics**

#### Needs for new physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics

- What made the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe?
- What is dark matter? What gave masses to the neutrinos?
- What makes the Higgs boson so light? ...

#### **Approach to the NP of flavor physics**

- Study particle behaviors associated with the quark and/or lepton flavor change, and compare the measured parameters with the SM prediction → discrepancy = discovery of the NP.
- Measure **as many physics observables** as possible, develop a collection of discrepancies in the observables (right table), and infer the true model of the new physics from the collection.

"DNA" of flavor physics effects W. Altman								er <i>et al</i> .		
$\star \star \star$ large effects, $\star \star$ visible but small								cl. Phys. B <b>830</b> 17 (2010)		
	AC	RVV2	AKM	δLL	FBMSSM	LHT	RS	( <u>1</u> 010)		
$D^0 - \overline{D}^0$	***	$\star$	*	$\star$	*	***	?			
$\epsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle K}$	$\star$	***	***	$\star$	$\star$	**	***			
$S_{oldsymbol{\psi}oldsymbol{\phi}}$	***	***	***	$\star$	$\star$	***	***	Vev		
$S_{\phi K_S^0}$	***	**	$\star$	***	***	$\star$	?	v p]		
$A_{CP}(B \to X_{S}\gamma)$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	***	***	$\star$	?	hy		
$A_{7,8}(B\to K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	***	***	**	?	sic		
$A_9(B\to K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	?	n s		
$B \to K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	*	00		
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	***	***	***	***	***	$\star$	$\star$	de		
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\star$	×	$\star$	×	$\star$	***	***	S		
$K_L^0 \to \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	***	***			
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***			
$ au  ightarrow e\gamma$	***	***	$\star$	***	***	***	***			
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***			

Introduction

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## **Belle II Experiment**

In the quest for the new physics, we started an  $e^+$ - $e^-$  collider experiment Belle II in Japan in March 2019.



	<b>Current record</b>	Target / design
∫ Ldt	$424 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} \left[ \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \right]$	4.7×10 <sup>34</sup> (WR)	$60 \times 10^{34}$



- Silicon detectors for particle position measurement
- **Drift chamber** for  $p_t$  and dE/dx measurement
- **TOP counters** and **ARICH counters** for PID
- **CsI(Tl) crystals** for  $e^{\pm}$  and  $\gamma$  calorimetry
- **Iron/RPC sandwiches** for *K*<sub>*L*</sub> and *µ* detection



## **Test of the CKM Unitarity**

#### **CKM triangle**

- The 9 elements of the quark mixing matrix a.k.a CKM matrix form a triangle, CKM triangle, for their unitarity condition.



- The CKM unitarity is tested by measuring the interior angles and sides of the CKM triangle.

#### **CKM unitarity and new physics**

The new-physics particle propagated in the box diagram of the  $B^0$ - $\overline{B}^0$  mixing may violate the CKM-matrix unitarity.



By precisely testing the CKM unitarity, Belle II
 can search for the new physics in an energy
 scale of **up to ~200 TeV** (when the new
 physics does not have a generation hierarchy).



Motivation for the CKM unitarity test at Belle II

## **CKM Triangle Angle \phi\_1**

- The *CP* asymmetry of the proper time difference distribution  $\Delta t$  of the two *B* mesons:

 $\frac{\mathcal{P}_{B^0}(\Delta t) - \mathcal{P}_{\bar{B}^0}(\Delta t)}{\mathcal{P}_{B^0}(\Delta t) + \mathcal{P}_{\bar{B}^0}(\Delta t)} \equiv \mathcal{A}(\Delta t)$ 

 $\mathcal{A}(\Delta t) \text{ for } B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0 (b \rightarrow c\overline{c}s)$ 

-  $\mathcal{A}(\Delta t) = S_{J/\psi K_S^0} \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t) + A_{J/\psi K_S^0} \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$ 

-  $S_{J/\psi K_S^0} \approx \sin 2\phi_1$ 



#### Belle II 190 fb<sup>-1</sup>



-  $\sigma_{\text{syst}}^{\text{Belle II}} < \sigma_{\text{syst}}^{\text{Belle}}$  for Belle 140 fb<sup>-1</sup>  $(c\bar{c})K^0$ analysis thanks to improved  $\Delta t$  resolution.

## **Effective** $\phi_1$ for $b \rightarrow sq\overline{q}$

- $\mathcal{A}(\Delta t) = S_{sq\bar{q}} \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t) + A_{sq\bar{q}} \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$
- $S_{sq\bar{q}} \approx -\eta_{CP}S_{J/\psi K_S^0}$  in the SM since no *CP*-violating phase in the leastorder  $b \rightarrow sq\bar{q}$  diagram;  $S_{sq\bar{q}} \neq -\eta_{CP}S_{J/\psi K_S^0}$  may happen if a NP particle propagated in the  $b \rightarrow sq\bar{q}$  loop affects the decay.





Challenge: no prompt

 $\rightarrow$  uniquely possible at

 $S_{3K_{\rm S}^0} = -1.37^{+0.35}_{-0.45} \pm 0.03$ 

 $A_{3K_S^0} = +0.07^{+0.15}_{-0.20} \pm 0.02$ 

On par with the most

precise result for  $A_{3K_{S}^{0}}$ .

... consistent with  $-\eta_{CP}S_{I/\psi K_S^0}$ 

tracks from *B* decay

Belle II.

## $S_{sq\overline{q}}$ and $A_{sq\overline{q}}$ results for $\phi K_S^0$ ( $\eta_{CP}$ =-1) and $K_S^0 K_S^0 K_S^0$ ( $\eta_{CP}$ =+1)

Belle II (preliminary)

 $Ldt = 362 fb^{-1}$ 

 $B^0 \rightarrow K^0_S K^0_S K^0_S TD$ 

-6

-4 -2

∆ t [ps]

50

40

30

20

Asymmetry 0 0 -0.2

Events / 3.0 [ps]

🔶 q = +1, B<sup>0</sup><sub>tag</sub>

 $rightarrow \mathbf{q} = -1, \ \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{rm}^{\mathbf{0}^{\circ}}$ 





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## Toward CKM Triangle Angle $\phi_2$

## **CKM Triangle Angle** $\phi_3$

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- $\phi_3$  can be measured through the interference between the  $b \rightarrow c$  and  $b \rightarrow u$  transitions.
- The absence of the loop contribution allows extremely clean theoretical prediction of  $\phi_3 \rightarrow \text{good}$  probe of the NP.

$$B^{\pm} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm} K^{\pm} \text{ results } (D_{CP+} \rightarrow K^{+}K^{-}, D_{CP-} \rightarrow K_{S}^{0}\pi^{0})$$

$$- \mathcal{R}_{CP\pm} = \frac{\mathcal{B}r(B^{-} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm}K^{-}) + \mathcal{B}r(B^{+} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm}K^{+})}{\mathcal{B}r(B^{-} \rightarrow D_{flav}K^{-}) + \mathcal{B}r(B^{+} \rightarrow D_{flav}K^{+})}$$

$$= 1 + r_{B}^{2} + 2r_{B} \cos \delta_{B} \cos \phi_{3}$$

$$- \mathcal{A}_{CP\pm} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(B^{-} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm}K^{-}) - \Gamma(B^{+} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm}K^{+})}{\Gamma(B^{-} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm}K^{-}) + \Gamma(B^{+} \rightarrow D_{CP\pm}K^{+})}$$

$$= \pm 2r_{B} \sin \delta_{B} \sin \phi_{3} / \mathcal{R}_{CP\pm}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{CP+} = \mathbf{1}.\mathbf{164} \pm \mathbf{0}.\mathbf{081} \pm \mathbf{0}.\mathbf{036} \quad \mathcal{R}_{CP-} = \mathbf{1}.\mathbf{151} \pm \mathbf{0}.\mathbf{074} \pm \mathbf{0}.\mathbf{019}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP+} = (+\mathbf{12}.5 \pm \mathbf{5}.8 \pm \mathbf{1}.4)\% \qquad \mathcal{A}_{CP-} = (-\mathbf{16}.7 \pm \mathbf{5}.7 \pm \mathbf{0}.6)\%$$
... best  $\mathcal{A}_{CP-}$  measurement

**4.**  $7^{\circ} < \phi_3 < 175.8^{\circ}$ , **0.**  $069 < r_B < 0.560$  ... @ 95.4% CL



## **CKM Triangle Side** |V<sub>cb</sub>|

#### $B^0 \to D^{*-} \ell^+ \nu_{\ell}$ differential cross section



- Split  $w, \chi, \cos \theta_V$ distributions into 10 and  $\cos \theta_\ell$  into 8 slices.
- Estimate the signal yield from kinematic variable distributions for each slice.



#### |V<sub>cb</sub>| result



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## **CKM Triangle Side** |V<sub>ub</sub>|

#### $B \rightarrow X_u \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ reconstruction

- Hadronic tagging with neural networks (efficiency  $\sim 0.2-0.3\%$ ).
- Background suppressed in the hadronic mass  $M_X$
- The signal probability is calculated on the momentum transfer  $q^2$ .



Simultaneous determination of exclusive |V<sub>ub</sub>| and inclusive |V<sub>ub</sub>|



Exclusive:  $|V_{ub}|_{excl} = (3.78 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-3}$ Inclusive:  $|V_{ub}|_{incl} = (3.90 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-3}$  $|V_{ub}|_{excl} / |V_{ub}|_{incl} = 0.97 \pm 0.12$ 

The weighted average of  $|V_{ub}|_{excl}$  and  $|V_{ub}|_{incl}$  is consistent with the global fit of the CKM triangle within 0.8 $\sigma$ .

#### arXiv:2303.17309

## **Isospin Sum-Rule**

Isospin sum-rule: relation among the products of  $\mathcal{B}r$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{CP}$  for  $B \to K\pi$ 

 $I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{B}r(K^{+}\pi^{-})\mathcal{A}_{K^{+}\pi^{-}} + \mathcal{A}_{K^{0}\pi^{+}}\mathcal{B}r(K^{0}\pi^{+})\frac{\tau_{B^{0}}}{\tau_{B^{+}}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^{+}\pi^{0}}\mathcal{B}r(K^{+}\pi^{0})\frac{\tau_{B^{0}}}{\tau_{B^{+}}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^{0}\pi^{0}}\mathcal{B}r(K^{0}\pi^{0}); \quad I_{K\pi}^{SM} = 0$ M. Gronau, Phys. Lett. B **627**, 82(2005).



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## Isospin Sum-Rule – Cont'd

## $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0$ time-integrated results

- Challenge: only long lived particle + neutral particle in the signal-side final state  $\rightarrow$  uniquely possible at Belle II.

 $\mathcal{B}r = (10.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-6}$  $\mathcal{A}_{CP} = -0.06 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05$ 

**B**<sup>0</sup> → **K**<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup> (η<sub>CP</sub>=-1) time-differential results - K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup> is a CP eigenstate and the effective φ<sub>1</sub> is defined for K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup> → A(Δt) = S<sub>K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup></sub> sin(Δm<sub>d</sub>Δt) + A<sub>K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup></sub> cos(Δm<sub>d</sub>Δt)

$$S_{K_{S}^{0}\pi^{0}} = +0.75_{-0.23}^{+0.20} \pm 0.04 \text{ ... consistent with } -\eta_{CP}S_{J/\psi K_{S}^{0}}$$
$$A_{K_{S}^{0}\pi^{0}} = +0.04 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05$$

# New for 2023Belle II 362 fb<sup>-1</sup>Belle II (Preliminary)---- Signal $\int L dt = 362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $B\bar{B}$ backgroundContinuum background





#### **TI + TD combination and constraint to** $I_{K\pi}$

 $\mathcal{B}r = (10.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$  $\mathcal{A}_{CP} = -0.01 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05$ 

 $I_{K\pi} = -0.03 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.05$  ... consistent with the SM

120

100

Cand. / 10 MeV

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## **Test of the LFU** $(b \rightarrow x \ell \nu_{\ell})$

## $\mu v_{\rho}$ ) Signal extraction with $p_{\rho}^{*}$





## $R(X_{e/\mu}) \equiv \mathcal{B}r(B \to Xev_{\mu})/\mathcal{B}r(B \to X\mu v_e)$

- The  $R(X_{e/\mu})$  measurement complements the LFU tests made with  $\mathcal{B}r(B \to D^{(*)}\tau\nu)/\mathcal{B}r(B \to D^{(*)}\ell\nu)$ .
  - The inclusive approach reduces the systematic uncertainty.

- The SM predicts 
$$R(X_{e/\mu}) = 1 + O(10^{-3})$$
.

C. Bobeth et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 984 (2021)

#### **Event reconstruction**

 $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{P}}$ 

 $P^{0/\overline{+}}$ 

'tag

 $D^{0/\pm}$ 

sig

 $\Upsilon(4S)$ 

Reconstruct  $B_{tag}$  with multivariate technique through  $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$  modes.

#### X (inclusive)

Loose cuts on tracking detector and calorimeter signals.

high momentum  $\ell$  ( $p_{\ell}^* > 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c$ )

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## Test of the LFU (angular asymmetries)

#### Angular asymmetries $A_x$ in $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\ell^+\nu_{\ell}$

- $A_x^{\ell}$  values are measured for 3+2 angles *x* and for  $\ell^+ = e^+$  and  $\ell^+ = \mu^+$ .
- The SM predicts  $\Delta A_x \equiv A_x^{\mu} A_x^e = 0$  while the NP may modify  $\Delta A_x$  to  $\neq 0$ .
  - $A_x^{\ell}$  values are separately measured for zero  $D^{*-}$  recoil samples (low *w*) and maximum  $D^{*-}$  recoil samples (high *w*).



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All  $\Delta A_x$  are consistent with zero. No evidence of the LFU violation with at least the *p*-value of 0.12.

## **Long-Lived Scalar Particle:** $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}S$

- A new (pseudo) scalar particle *S* mediating between SM  $\leftrightarrow$  DM only weakly interacts with the SM particles  $\rightarrow$  the *S* lifetime tends to be long.
- Fully reconstruct a signal *B* in  $B^+ \to K^+ S$  and  $B^0 \to K^{*0}(K^+\pi^-)S$ with a subsequent *S* decay to  $\ell^+ \ell^-, \pi^+ \pi^-$ , and  $K^+ K^-$ .

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Dark-sector particle search

- Search for *S* with  $0 \le c\tau \le 400$  cm in  $M_S$  distribution.



No evidence of a new (pseudo) scalar, but the first limits on *S* decaying to hadrons.



## Long Shutdown

- Belle II stopped data taking in summer 2022 for the rise of the electricity rate.

#### Installation of the pixel detector





 The current pixel detector is only partially instrumented → the installation of the fully instrumented pixel detector is ongoing.

#### **Replacement of PMTs for the PID detector**

MCP-PMTs for the PID detector are replaced before their quantum efficiency gets deteriorated.



#### **Countermeasures to a sudden beam loss**

- The frequency of a sudden beam loss was increasing along with the increase of the SuperKEKB currents
   → may damage accelerator/detector components.
- A new beam-loss monitor and a fast beam-abort system are being developed.

On track to resume the data taking coming winter

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## **Integrated Luminosity Prospects**

50 ab<sup>-1</sup> in the next decade



We aim for achieving  $\mathcal{L}_{peak} = 24 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  by 2026.

## **Summary**

Plentiful physics results have been produced by the Belle II (and Belle) data analyses. Several of them are already world leading. Highlights of the new and recent results have been presented today, which include:

- Test of the CKM unitarity,
- Test of the isospin sum-rule,
- Test of the lepton flavor universality, and
- Search for dark-sector particles.



## **B-Meson Lifetime** $\tau_{B^0}$ and Mixing $\Delta m_d$

CKM unitarity test

- Test of the machinery readiness for the following CPV measurements based on the *B*-flavor and  $\Delta t$  information.

#### **Event reconstruction**

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-  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}(\overline{D}{}^0\pi^-)\pi^+, D^-\pi^+$ -  $\overline{D}{}^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-n\pi, D^- \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^-$ 

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The *B* energy is expected to peak at the half of the collision energy.

#### $au_{B^0}$ and $\Delta m_d$ results



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## **CKM Triangle Side** |V<sub>ub</sub>|

#### $B^0 o \pi^- \ell^+ u_\ell$ reconstruction

- Challenges: large background (low BR) and lack of clean kinematic signatures
- $q\bar{q}$  and combinatorial BG rejection with a BDT.

$$|V_{ub}|$$
 exclusive result:  $\frac{d\Gamma(q^2)}{dq^2} \propto |V_{ub}|^2$ 

- Calculate the recoil momentum  $q^2$  by inferring the  $\vec{p}_B$  with a modified *diamond-frame* approach.
- Obtain the differential cross sections in 6  $q^2$  bins.

$$\begin{split} |V_{ub}|_{\pi^-\ell^+\nu_\ell} &= (3.55\pm 0.12\pm 0.13\pm 0.17)\times 10^{-3}\\ &\dots \text{ consistent with the WAs} \end{split}$$

arXiv:2210.04224

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 $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}K^-K_S^0$ 



3.5 4 4.5 5 m(D<sup>(\*)</sup>K) [GeV]

3.5

1.5

 $m(K^{-}K^{0}_{S})$  [GeV]

2

2.5 3

- The  $D^{(*)}KK$  sector is mostly unexplored; a few % Br is expected while only 0.28% is measured.
- Better knowledge of this sector is useful to extend the *b*-tagging modes.



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- First  $\mathcal{B}r$  measurement for  $D^+$ ,  $D^{*0}$ , and  $D^{*+}$ .
- $\times$ 3 precision of the last  $\mathcal{B}r$  measurement for D<sup>0</sup> [Phys. Lett. B 542 (2002)].

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Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 091902 (2023).

**Belle** II

## Search for $\Upsilon(10753)$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{bJ}$

-  $\Upsilon(10753)$ : a resonance-like structure discovered in the energy dependence of cross sections for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\pi^+\pi^-$ .



- $\mathcal{B}r(\Upsilon(10753) \rightarrow \omega \chi_{bJ}) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  if the  $\Upsilon(10753)$  is a mixing state of conventional bottomonia (3D and 4S),
- $\Upsilon(10753)$  state is searched for in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{bJ}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 10701$ , 10745, 10805 GeV. -  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

- 
$$\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow \gamma \Upsilon(1S); \Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, e^+ e^-$$



2D fit on the  $M_{\gamma \Upsilon(1S)}$ - $M_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}$  distribution  $\rightarrow$  first observation of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{bJ}$  signal

-  $\Gamma_{ee} \mathcal{B}r(e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{b1} \text{ and } \chi_{b2})$  is found in the range of 0.20–2.9 and 0.05–2.0 eV.

## **BB**, **BB\***, and **B\*B\*** Cross-Sections

- A new  $b\bar{b}$ -resonant structure,  $\Upsilon(10750)$ , observed by Belle in 2019 needs confirmation  $\rightarrow$  Belle II collected  $e^+e^-$  data at  $\sqrt{s} = 10.653$ , 10.701, 10.746 and 10.805 GeV and measure the  $B^{(*)}B^{(*)}$  crosssections for better understanding of  $\Upsilon(10750)$ .



#### **Individual and total cross-sections**

**New for 2023** 

**Belle II** 



- The  $e^+e^- \rightarrow B^*B^*$  cross-section increases very rapidly just above the threshold (10.64852 GeV for  $B^{*+}B^{*-}$  and 10.65034 GeV for  $B^{*0}\overline{B}^{*0}$ ).
- The fact suggests the existence of a *B*\**B*\* bound state near the *B*\**B*\* threshold.

## $\tau$ Mass

Particle masses are fundamental parameters of the SM, and need to be measured with the highest precision. The precise determination of  $M_{\tau}$  is important for LFU tests.

#### **Pseudo-endpoint** *M*<sub>min</sub> **method**<sup>\*</sup>



- \* ARGUS, Phys. Lett. B 292, 221 (1992).
- Perform an unbinnedmaximum-likelihood fit of empirical distribution parameters including  $M_{\tau}$ to the  $M_{\min}$  distribution.  $F(M_{\min}) =$  $1 - P_2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{M_{\min} - M_{\tau}}{P_1} \right)$  $+P_3(M_{\min}-M_{\tau})$

 $+P_4(M_{\rm min}-M_{\tau})^2$ 



**New for 2023 Belle II** 190 fb<sup>-1</sup> hadrons

Belle II preliminary

PDG Average (2022)

1776.86 ± 0.12

1778



#### $M_{\tau}$ fit result

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## Lepton Flavor Violating $\tau^- \rightarrow \ell^- \phi$ Decay

- A vector leptoquark, which can accommodate for the LFU anomaly may enhance the  $\mathcal{B}r$  of the LFV  $\tau^- \rightarrow e^-\phi(K^+K^-)$  and  $\mu^-\phi(K^+K^-)$  decays to a level of  $10^{-11}$ - $10^{-8}$ .

#### **Event "reconstruction"**

- Previous searches at Belle were conducted with tagged approach ( $\tau_{tag} \rightarrow$  one charged track +  $\nu$ ).
- Increase the signal efficiency by dropping any requirement on  $\tau_{tag}$  and exploiting signal ( $\ell^- K^+ K^-$ ) and event kinematic features to BDT classifiers to suppress background  $\rightarrow \epsilon_{sig}^{\mu\phi} = 6.5\% \sim 2 \times Belle$ .

#### Poisson counting of signal events on the $M_{\tau}$ - $\Delta E_{\tau}$ plane



 $\mathcal{B}r(\tau^- 
ightarrow e^- \phi) < 23 imes 10^{-8}$  $\mathcal{B}r(\tau^- 
ightarrow \mu^- \phi) < 9.7 imes 10^{-8}$ @ 90% CL Successful first application of untagged approach in  $\tau$ -pair analysis at Belle II

## Cay Belle II 190 fb<sup>-1</sup> $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^ \tau_{\text{tag}}$ $\ell^+$ $\tau_{\text{sig}}$ $\ell^+$ LQ

**New for 2023** 

## **Charmed-Hadron Lifetimes**

#### **Debate on the charmed-baryon lifetimes**

- The hierarchy of the charmed-baryon lifetimes, recently measured by LHCb, is different from old measurements. It suggests a revision of the higher order correction of the HQE.



Belle II 207  $fb^{-1}$