

$b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ transitions at Belle II, status and prospects

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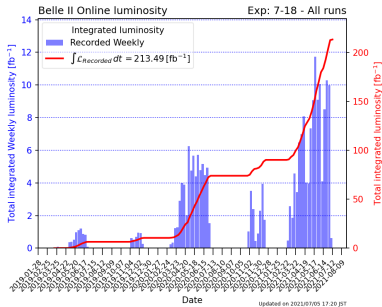
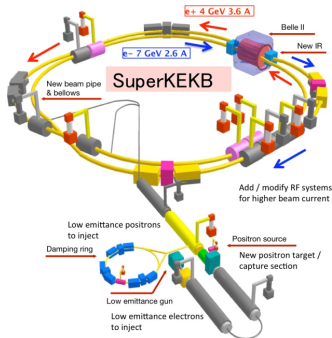
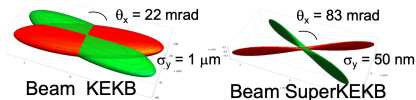
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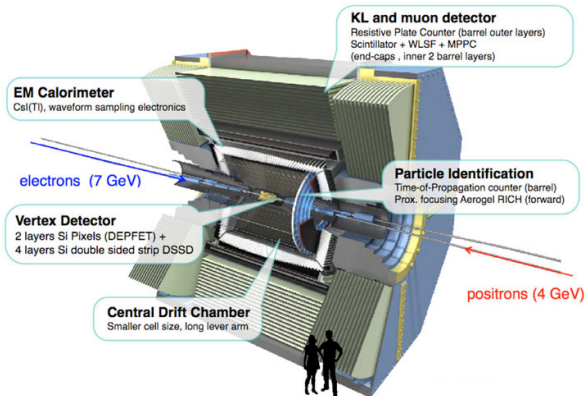
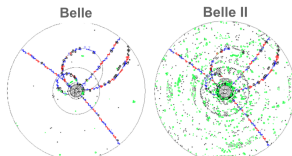
- Asymmetric e^+e^- collider with center-of-mass energy at $B\bar{B}$ threshold, 10.58 GeV.
- Aims to collect 50 ab^{-1} ($50 \times \text{Belle}$) of data sample by 2031.
- Plan to deliver collision at a peak luminosity of $6.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (30 times that of KEKB) by:
 - reducing beam size by 20 times.
 - increasing beam current by 1.5 times.



- Recorded luminosity: 213.49 fb^{-1} till summer 2021.
- Set world record: Highest instantaneous luminosity of $L = 3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$: Entering the regime of a “Super B factory”.

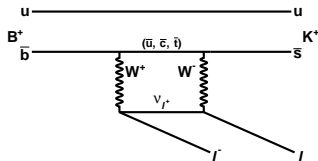
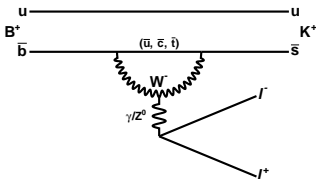
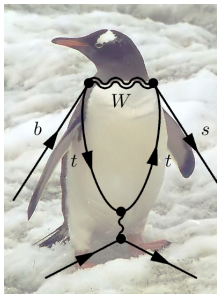
Belle II detector

- Designed to operate with a performance similar or better than Belle.
- New detector (only the structure, the super conducting magnets and the crystals of the calorimeter are re-utilized).
- Increases beam background ($\times 10 - 20$)
 - Upgraded trigger system and sub-detectors.

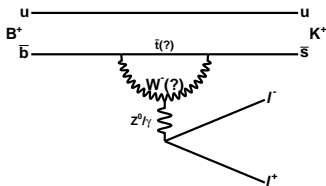


$b \rightarrow sll$ transitions

- Rare decay $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$ involves $b \rightarrow s$ quark level transition, which are flavor changing neutral currents. These processes occur through penguin loop and box diagrams in standard model (SM).



- These decays are highly suppressed and have very small BRs ($\mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$).
- They are very sensitive to new physics [PRD 69, 074020 (2004), JHEP 12, 040 (2007)].
- New physics can contribute by enhancing or suppressing the decay rates or modifying the angular distribution of the final state particles [PRD 96, 055008 (2017), PRD 96, 093006 (2017), JHEP 01, 093 (2018)].

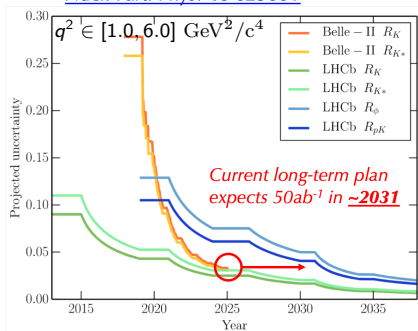


Lepton-flavor-universality (R_K & R_{K^*})

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

- SM gauge bosons don't discriminate between different lepton flavors.
- SM prediction is very accurate. $R_{K^{(*)}}^{(SM)} = 1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$ [Eur. Phys. J. C76, 440 (2016)].
- LHCb reported a series of anomalies with several modes, $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K \ell^+ \ell^-$.
- LHCb [arXiv:2103.11769] shows 3.1σ deviation with 9 fb^{-1} in $q^2 \in [1.1, 6] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ in $R_{K^+} = 0.846^{+0.042+0.013}_{-0.039-0.012}$.
- LHCb [JHEP 08 (2017) 055] R_{K^*} values are compatible with SM predictions at levels of $2.1 - 2.3\sigma$ for low $q^2 \in [0.045 - 1.1] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ and $2.4 - 2.5\sigma$ at central $q^2 \in [1.1, 6.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ for a data sample of 3 fb^{-1} .

[Nucl. Part. Phys. 46 023001](#)



Belle II : stat. + syst.

LHCb : stat.

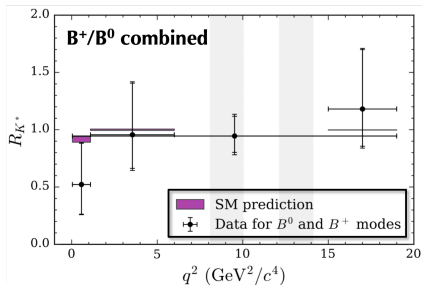
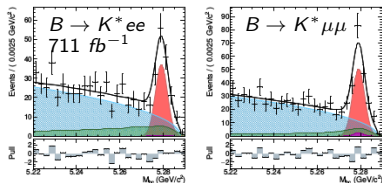
- R_{K^*} tests the lepton-flavor-universality in $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$.
- Reconstructed 4 decay modes;
 $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}(K^+ \pi^0, K_S^0 \pi^+) \ell^+ \ell^-$
 $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-, K_S^0 \pi^0) \ell^+ \ell^-$.
- Kinematic variables to distinguish signal from background;

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2/c^4 - |p_B|^2/c^4}$$

$$\Delta E = E_B - E_{beam}$$

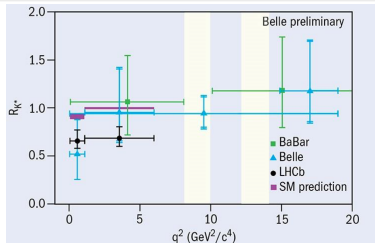
- Background is suppressed using a Neural Network.
- $103_{-12.7}^{+13.4}$ and $139.9_{-15.4}^{+16.0}$ events for electron and muon modes.
- $R_{K^{*+}}$, $R_{K^{*0}}$ and R_{K^*} are measured for both low and high q^2 bins.
- Results consistent with the SM predictions.
- First result for $R_{K^{*+}}$ measurement.

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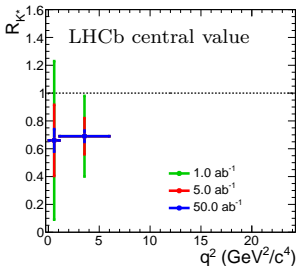
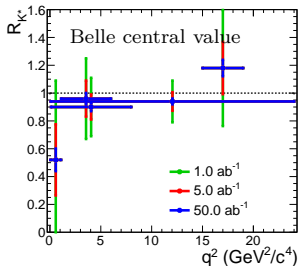


R_{K^*} Projections for Belle II

- Statistical uncertainty projections for 1 ab^{-1} , 5 ab^{-1} and 50.0 ab^{-1} data samples of Belle II.
- Belle and LHCb central values are used for plotting.
- Expected sensitivity with 1 ab^{-1} , 5 ab^{-1} and 50.0 ab^{-1} data samples are $\sim 15\%$, $\sim 6\%$ and $\sim 2\%$ for the whole q^2 region.



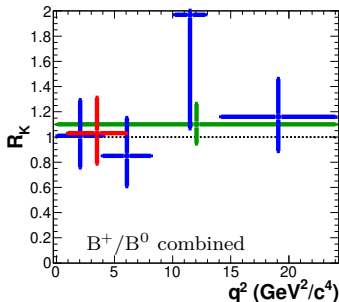
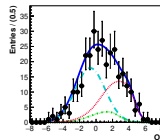
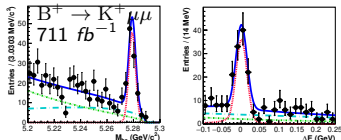
Belle II projections



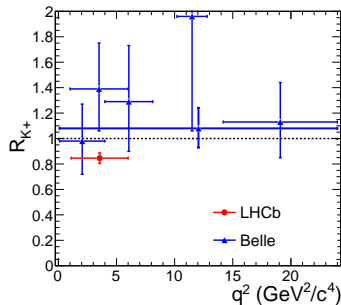
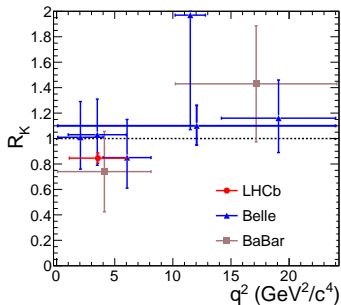
- With 50.0 ab^{-1} data sample of Belle II, the statistical uncertainty will be $\sim 2\%$ for whole q^2 region and within 3 – 4% for different q^2 bins, except for $[0.045, 1.1] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ bin, which will have an uncertainty of $\sim 7\%$.

- R_K tests the lepton-flavor-universality in $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$.
- Decay modes reconstructed, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell\ell$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\ell\ell$.
- Background from continuum and generic B are suppressed using Neural Network.
- Performed 3D fit in M_{bc} , ΔE , and modified NN output (O') to extract the signal yield.
- 137 ± 14 , 138 ± 15 , $27.3^{+6.6}_{-5.8}$, and $21.8^{+7.0}_{-6.1}$ signal events for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu\mu$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ee$, $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\mu\mu$, and $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0ee$.
- R_{K^+} , R_{K^0} , R_K are measured for both low and high q^2 bins.
 - $q^2 \in [0.1, 4.0]$, $[4.0, 8.12]$, $[1.0, 6.0]$, $[10.2, 12.8]$, > 14.18 , and $> 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
- R_K values for various q^2 bins agree with the SM prediction.

continuum, generic B, signal, total



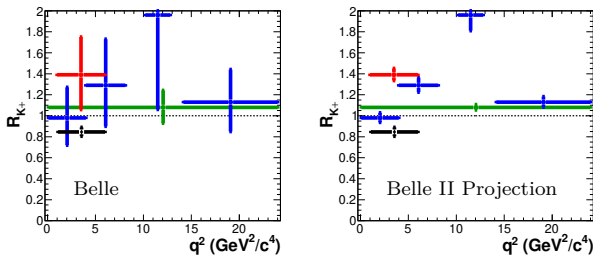
- LHCb shows result for only $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell \ell$.
- Belle and BaBar have results for both $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell \ell$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \ell \ell$.



- For R_{K^+} , LHCb result shows negative deviation, while Belle result is above unity (though statistically limited).
- Belle [JHEP 03 (2021) 105] result of R_{K^+} for bin of interest $[1.0, 6.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ agrees with LHCb [arXiv:2103.11769] by 1.6σ .

- Belle result of R_{K^+} is projected to Belle II.

$q^2 \in [0.1, 4.0], [4.0, 8.12], [1.0, 6.0], [10.2, 12.8], > 14.18$, and > 0.1 GeV^2/c^4 from Belle.
 $q^2 \in [1.1, 6.0]$ GeV^2/c^4 from LHCb (9 fb^{-1})

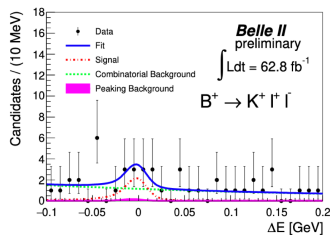
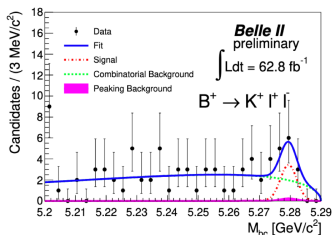


- Statistical sensitivity of Belle II will be $< 2\%$ for whole q^2 region and it will be 2.5 – 3.5% for different q^2 bins.
- For $q^2 \in [1.0, 6.0]$ GeV^2/c^4 bin, considering same central value of Belle, the R_{K^+} of Belle II will deviate from LHCb [[PRL 122, 191801 \(2019\)](#)] by $> 10\sigma$.

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$ measurement at Belle II

- Preliminary measurement at Belle II on $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$.
- $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\ell\ell)K^+$ and $B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\ell\ell)K^+$ decays are rejected with di-lepton invariant mass vetoes.
- FastBDT (event shape, vertex quality, and kinematic variables) is used to suppress background from light quark and inclusive B decays.
- 2D fit in M_{bc} and ΔE to extract the signal yield.

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2/c^4 - |p_B|^2/c^4}$$
$$\Delta E = E_B - E_{beam}$$



- $8.6^{+4.3}_{-3.9} \pm 0.4$ signal events (2.7σ significance) with just 62.8 fb^{-1} of data sample (summer 2020).
- Available data was not enough to determine key observable like BR, R_K , A_I , etc..
- Updated $B \rightarrow K \ell \ell$ and $B \rightarrow K^* \ell \ell$ analyses are in progress.

$B \rightarrow X_s \ell \ell$ and R_{X_s} at Belle II

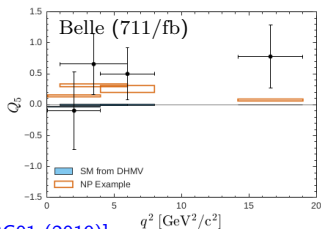
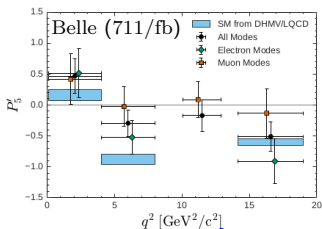
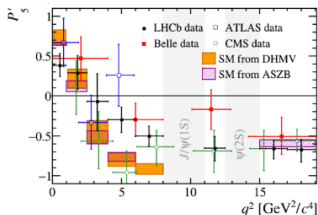
- Belle II can perform LFU test by measuring R_{X_s} in inclusive $B \rightarrow X_s \ell \ell$.
- $B \rightarrow X_s \ell \ell$ mode is the sum-of exclusive modes.
- Hadronic system X_s can be reconstructed from $K n \pi$ final state, with $n \leq 4$, allowing for at most one neutral pion. Three-kaon modes can also be included.
- Belle [PRD 93 (2016) 032008] measurements are based on $M_{X_s} < 2.0$ GeV to reduce combinatorial background.
- M_{X_s} constraint can be loosen to better understand the X_s spectrum.
- Belle II detector has certainly a good resolution to the e^+e^- mode and the R_{X_s} measurement is promising.

[PTEP 12, 123C01 (2019)]

Observables	Belle (0.71 ab^{-1})	Belle II (5 ab^{-1})	Belle II (50 ab^{-1})
R_{X_s} ([1.0, 6.0] GeV^2/c^4)	32%	12%	4.0%
R_{X_s} ($[> 14.4]$ GeV^2/c^4)	28%	11%	3.4%

- R_{X_s} performance will be similar to R_{K^*} measurement.
- Reduction in systematic due to large data sample is crucial for precise measurement.

- P'_i is free from form-factor uncertainty.
- Non-zero $Q_i = P_i^\mu - P_i^e$ [JHEP 05 (2013) 137] would suggest NP.
- Results on P'_5
 - LHCb P'_5 : $K^* \mu \mu$
 - 2.5σ in $q^2 \in (4.0, 6.0) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
 - 2.9σ in $q^2 \in (6.0, 8.0) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
 - Belle P'_5 : $K^* \ell \ell$
 - 2.6σ in $q^2 \in (4.0, 8.0) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$, $\ell = \mu$



[PTEP 12, 123C01 (2019)]

Observables	Belle (0.71 ab^{-1})	Belle II (5 ab^{-1})	Belle II (50 ab^{-1})
P'_5 ($[1.0, 2.5] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$)	0.47	0.17	0.054
P'_5 ($[2.5, 4.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$)	0.42	0.15	0.049
P'_5 ($[4.0, 6.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$)	0.34	0.12	0.040
P'_5 ($>14.2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$)	0.23	0.088	0.027

- Angular analysis for $B \rightarrow K^* e e$ mode in addition to $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ at Belle II.

- Flavor physics in e^+e^- collisions offers an extremely rich physics program with many opportunities to probe New Physics.
- Access to charged and neutral B with equal efficiency.
- Equal sensitivity for muon and electron channels.
- Access to inclusive decay modes in addition to exclusive modes.
- LHCb will have much higher cross-section compared to Belle II *i.e.*, more $B\bar{B}$ pairs, and will lead the precision on the $R_{K^{(*)}}$ measurements. With the full dataset, Belle II will have comparable precision w.r.t LHCb final measurements.
- Long way to go.... a beginning has been made!

An exciting era of discoveries and precision measurements !!!

Thank
you!

Observables	Expected the. accuracy	Expected exp. uncertainty	Facility (2025)
UT angles & sides			
ϕ_1 [°]	***	0.4	Belle II
ϕ_2 [°]	**	1.0	Belle II
ϕ_3 [°]	***	1.0	LHCb/Belle II
$ V_{cb} $ incl.	***	1%	Belle II
$ V_{cb} $ excl.	***	1.5%	Belle II
$ V_{ub} $ incl.	**	3%	Belle II
$ V_{ub} $ excl.	**	2%	Belle II/LHCb
CP Violation			
$S(B \rightarrow \phi K^0)$	***	0.02	Belle II
$S(B \rightarrow \eta' K^0)$	***	0.01	Belle II
$\mathcal{A}(B \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0) [10^{-2}]$	***	4	Belle II
$\mathcal{A}(B \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) [10^{-2}]$	***	0.20	LHCb/Belle II
(Semi-)leptonic			
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu) [10^{-6}]$	**	3%	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu \nu) [10^{-6}]$	**	7%	Belle II
$R(B \rightarrow D \tau \nu)$	***	3%	Belle II
$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)$	***	2%	Belle II/LHCb
Radiative & EW Penguins			
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	**	4%	Belle II
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma) [10^{-2}]$	***	0.005	Belle II
$S(B \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0 \gamma)$	***	0.03	Belle II
$S(B \rightarrow \rho \gamma)$	**	0.07	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \gamma \gamma) [10^{-6}]$	**	0.3	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}) [10^{-6}]$	***	15%	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}) [10^{-6}]$	***	20%	Belle II
$R(B \rightarrow K^* \ell \ell)$	***	0.03	Belle II/LHCb
Charm			
$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \mu \nu)$	***	0.9%	Belle II
$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \tau \nu)$	***	2%	Belle II
$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0) [10^{-2}]$	**	0.03	Belle II
$ q/p (D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)$	***	0.03	Belle II
$\phi(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-) [^\circ]$	***	4	Belle II
Tau			
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma [10^{-10}]$	***	< 50	Belle II
$\tau \rightarrow e \gamma [10^{-10}]$	***	< 100	Belle II
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu [10^{-10}]$	***	< 3	Belle II/LHCb

Precision CKM Unitarity Triangle

CP Violation in $b \rightarrow s$ penguin decays

(Semi-)leptonic B decays

Radiative & EW Penguins

Charm

Lepton flavor violating τ decays
+ Dark sector & much more...

- Systematic table for R_K at Belle.

Sources	Value (%)
Lepton identification	0.97
signal MC efficiency	0.25
Background suppression	0.4
PDF shape parameters	0.1 – 0.3

- Systematics like lepton identification, signal MC efficiency, and systematic due to cut on background suppression variable will decrease with the increase in data sample.
- PDF shape systematic depends upon the modeling.
- R_K or R_{K^*} systematic will be very small for Belle II and the results will be dominated by statistical uncertainty.

The differential decay rate is given by:

$$\frac{1}{d\Gamma/dq^2} \frac{d^4\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} =$$

$$\frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{1}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + \right.$$

$$S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_6 \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell +$$

$$\left. S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$

- In the lepton massless limit there are eight independent observables:

F_L : Fraction of the longitudinal polarization of the K^*

S_6 : The forward-backward asymmetry of the dimuon system

$S_{3,4,5,7,8,9}$: The remaining CP-averaged observables

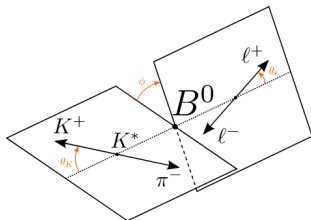
- F_L and S_i are function of q^2 .

- Observable P'_i and Q_i

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

$$Q_i = P'_i - P_i^e, \quad i = 4, 5$$

- P'_i are free of form-factor uncertainties.
- Any deviation from zero for Q_i , would be a hint for NP.



- 2021 July 5. Total data collected $> 213 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- 2021 summer shutdown
- 2021 Autumn run
 - $\Upsilon(4S)$: $\sim 400 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (BaBar equivalent)
 - 10.75 GeV+scan for 10 fb^{-1} is planned.
- 2022 summer $\sim 700 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (Belle equivalent)
- 2022 Long shutdown (LS1)
 - Full pixel in the 2nd inner most layer.
 - TOP PMT replacement
- 2026: $\sim 15 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
- 2031: $\sim 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

