Dear Belle II colleagues,

As some of you already heard through media, Professor Toshihide Maskawa passed away on July 23, at the age of 81.

His great work on the CP violation problem motivated us to do the B-factory experiments, and then led us together here to go beyond the Standard Model by Belle II.

It is really sad news, but let's keep in mind his encouragement and push forward to the success of the project.

I would like to express the deepest condolences on behalf of the Belle II collaboration.

— Toru lijima



Toshihide Maskawa 1940-2021

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Highlights from the Belle II Experiment and Flavour Physics in e⁺e⁻

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Complementary Pathways to New Physics



Direct production of new particles





Indirect sensitivity through loops

- Presently no unambiguous evidence for Beyond Standard Model (BSM) physics at the high energy frontier
- Intensity frontier offers indirect sensitivity to very high scales: recent observation of "Flavour Anomalies"



Experiments and Data Sets

B factories



- Flavor physics: CKM/UT, CPV in B decays
- Hints for New Physics in rare processes
- New particle discoveries: "XYZ" states









BES III @ BEPC II, IHEP China: 2009 - ongoing

Energy range $\sqrt{s} = 2.0 - 4.6$ GeV (~5 GeV since 2019)





- Charmonium physics
- Spectroscopy of light-hadron states
- Open charm physics
- Probing QCD predictions and New Physics

Advantages of Flavor Production in e+e- Collisions

- High luminosity can be achieved more easily
- Coherent and well defined initial state without additional interactions
- Low (physics) backgrounds, high trigger efficiency, little bias
- Excellent neutral reconstruction (γ , π^0 , η , K_S, K_L)
- Rather uniform efficiency in Dalitz plot
- Good kinematic and vertex resolution
- High flavor-tagging efficiency with low dilution
- Many channels are unique to e+e- flavor factories
- Absolute branching fractions can be measured
- Can study
 - rare and forbidden decays, invisible decays (incl. tau decays)
 - asymmetries (CP, isospin)
 - angular distributions
- Systematics quite different from hadron machines \Rightarrow in many areas complementary to LHCb



F.Muheim: Highlights from the LHCb Experiment

Ambitious Next Step at Luminosity Frontier: SuperKEKB





SuperKEKB and Nano-Beam Scheme



Y. Ohnishi: Status and perspectives of the SuperKEKB project

LER / HER	KEKB	SuperKEKB	Effect
Energy [GeV]	3.5 / 8	4.0 / 7.0	boost x 2/3
Crossing angle $2\phi_x$ [mrad]	22	83	
β_y^* [mm]	5.9 / 5.9	0.27 / 0.30	L x 20
<i>I</i> ± [A]	1.64 / 1.19	2.8 / 2.0	L x ~1.5
$\varepsilon_y = \sigma_y \times \sigma_{y'}$ [pm]	140 / 140	13 / 16	
$\xi_y \thicksim (\beta_y{}^*\!/\epsilon_y)^{1/2}/\sigma^*{}_x$	0.129 / 0.09	0.09 / 0.09	L x 1
Luminosity [10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	2.1	60	L x 30

Nano-Beam scheme (P. Raimondi):

Squeeze beta function at the IP (β_x^*, β_y^*) and minimize longitudinal size of overlap region to avoid hourglass effect



Strong focusing of beams down to vertical size of ~ 50 nm requires very low emittance beams and large crossing angle (83 mrad) \Rightarrow Need powerful and sophisticated final focus system (QCS)

SuperKEKB Achievements



- Ramping up machine performance proved more challenging than initially hoped for
 - vertical beam size blow-up due to beam-beam effect (\rightarrow crab-waist scheme)
 - shorter than expected beam lifetime limitations of injector power
 - lower than expected bunch-current limit due to Transverse Mode Coupling Instabilities (TMCI)
 - abnormal beam aborts, sometimes leading to damage of collimators
- Despite these difficulties: world record reached in instantaneous luminosity of 3.12 x 10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹ on June 22nd

KEKB

Belle II Detector



ARICH

1st layer of PXD fully installed

Very Diverse Belle II Physics Program



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Status of Integrated Luminosity and Long-term Operation Plan



- Very successful data taking throughout the pandemic
 - overall data taking efficiency of 89.5%
 - collected up to 12 fb⁻¹ per week: Super-B factory mode

- Current working plan follows the KEK Roadmap2020
 - LS1 in 2022 for PXD & TOP-PMT replacement
 - options for a possible IR upgrade \gtrsim 2026 under study

Towards Measurements of CKM Matrix Elements IV_{ub}l and IV_{cb}l

- Long-standing discrepancy between inclusive and exclusive determinations of CKM matrix elements
 IV_{ub}I and IV_{cb}I
- Analysis of inclusive and exclusive semi-leptonic B decays using both tagged and untagged approach
 - $IV_{ub}I: B \rightarrow X_u \ell \nu, B \rightarrow \pi(\rho, \eta) \ell \nu \ (\ell = e, \mu)$
 - $|V_{cb}|: B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$, $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)
- Tagged approach exploits Belle II Full Event
 Interpretation (FEI) algorithm Comput Softw Big Sci 3, 6 (2019)
 - hierarchical multivariate technique (>200 BDTs) to reconstruct the B-tag side (semi-leptonic or hadronic) through O(10³) different decay modes
 - results in significantly increased tagging efficiency compared to Belle





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Inclusive and Exclusive $b \rightarrow (c, u) \ell v$ Branching Fractions



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 $M_{\rm miss}^2$ in GeV²/ c^4

 $m_{\rm miss}^2$ [GeV²/c⁴]

 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 34.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Data

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Belle II Preliminary

- A large variety of different analysis strategies will help **Resolve the remaining**
- Alternative $\Gamma = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^5}{192\pi^2} |V_{cb}|^2 \left(1 + \frac{c_5(\mu) \langle O_5 \rangle(\mu)}{m^2} + \frac{c_6(\mu) \langle O_{c5}^{[\frac{1}{9}]} 0.1 |}{m^2} + \frac{c_6(\mu) \langle O_{c5}^{[\frac{1}{9}]$ as the recently proposed use of inclusive q²-moments, are \mathbb{Z} expected to further enhance sensitivity to V_{cb}

 $\mathcal{B}(B \to X_c \ell \nu) = (9.75 \pm 0.03(stat) \pm 0.47(syst))\%$



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arXiv:2106.13547



The measurement of sin(2φ₁/β) using B⁰→J/ψK⁰_L complements the one from B⁰→J/ψK⁰_S

- signal yield compatible with Belle result (no sys. error yet)
- next to come: precise measurement of B⁰ lifetime and mixing frequency
- First Belle II measurement of rare charmless hadronic penguin diagram mediated decay B → η'K
 - particularly sensitive to new physics in the hadronic loop
 - measured branching ratio in good agreement with world average



 $N_{\rm sig} \ (\mu^+\mu^-) = 267 \pm 21({\rm stat}) \pm 28({\rm peaking})$ $N_{\rm sig} \ (e^+e^-) = 226 \pm 20({\rm stat}) \pm 31({\rm peaking})$

	This analysis	World average [9]		
Channel	${\cal B}~(imes 10^6)$			
$B^{\pm} \to \eta' K$	$63.4 + 3.4_{-3.3}(\text{stat}) \pm 3.4(\text{syst})$	70.4 ± 2.5		
$B^0 \to \eta' K^0$	59.9 $^{+5.8}_{-5.5}(\text{stat}) \pm 2.7(\text{syst})$	66 ± 4		

arXiv:2104.06224

S.Duell: Measurement of χ_d and other time-dependent B decay measurements at the Belle II experiment



D⁰ and D+ Lifetime Measurements

New for this conference, to be submitted to PRL



	Source Uncertainty (fs)				
		$D^0 \to K^- \pi^+$	$D^+ \to K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$		
	Statistical	1.1	4.7		
	Resolution model	0.16	0.39		
	Backgrounds	0.24	2.52		
	Detector alignment	0.72	1.70		
	Momentum scale	0.19	0.48		
	Total systematic	0.8	3.1		
	Belle	World avera	ge		
$\tau(D^0) = (410.5 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.8)$ fs			(410.1 ± 1.5)	fs	
τ(Ε	(1030.4 ± 4)	(1040 ± 7) fs			

M.Dorigo: Charm Status and Prospects at Belle II

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- Select high-purity samples of D^* -tagged $D^0 \to K^-\pi^+$ and $D^+ \to K^-\pi^+\pi^+$ decays
- Fit the distribution of the decay time with accurate modelling of the resolution
 - dominant systematic uncertainties come from residual mis-alignment (D^0) and from background modelling (D^+)
 - results not yet limited by systematics
- Preliminary results consistent with, and more precise than, respective world averages
- Demonstration of excellent vertexing capabilities of Belle II

Expected Impact of Belle II on the Longstanding "K π " **Puzzle**

- A significant difference is seen between direct CP asymmetry in $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$ decays: $\Delta A_{\rm CP} = 0.124 \pm 0.021$
- An Isospin sum rule has been proposed which provides a sensitive null-test: PLB 627, 82 (2005)

$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{K^{+}\pi^{-}} + \mathcal{A}_{K^{0}\pi^{+}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{+})}{\mathcal{B}(K^{+}\pi^{-})} \frac{\tau_{B^{0}}}{\tau_{B^{+}}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^{+}\pi^{0}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^{+}\pi^{0})}{\mathcal{B}(K^{+}\pi^{-})} \frac{\tau_{B^{0}}}{\tau_{B^{+}}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^{0}\pi^{0}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{0})}{\mathcal{B}(K^{+}\pi^{-})} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{0})}{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{-})} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{0})}{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{-})} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{-})}{\mathcal{B}(K^{0}\pi^{-})} \frac{\mathcal{B}($$

- a violation of the sum rule would be evidence for New Physics
- precision on $A_{\kappa}o_{\pi}o$ is the most limiting input for test of sum rule





Belle II (Preliminary)

arXiv:2104.14871

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Belle II (preliminary)

Towards Belle II Measurement of ϕ_3 / γ with $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}K/\pi$ Transitions

- $B^- \rightarrow D^{(*)0}\pi^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+}\pi^-$ are the most abundant hadronic B decays
- $B^- \rightarrow D^{(*)0}K^-$ are sensitive to CKM unitaritytriangle angle ϕ_3 (or γ)
 - "golden" mode: $B^- \rightarrow D^0(K^0 \otimes \pi^+\pi^-)K^-$
- Many systematic uncertainties cancel in the ratio of decay rates
- Results agree with world average (LHCb)
- Re-optimization of Belle ϕ_3 -analysis ongoing
 - precision of favoured BPGGSZ method strongly depends on recent BES III results on strong phases between D^0 and \overline{D}^0 decays to $K_{S}\pi\pi$
 - aiming for first Belle+Belle II combined result by end of summer





Phys. Rev. Lett. 124.241802 (2020); Phys. Rev. D 101, 112002 (2020)

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Test of Lepton Flavor Universality in h-



Search for $B^\pm \to K^\pm \nu \bar \nu$

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arXiv: 2104.12624, submitted to PRL







- Flavour-Changing Neutral Current process that has not yet been observed
 - no photon contribution \rightarrow much cleaner theoretical prediction $\mathscr{B}(B^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm}\nu\bar{\nu}) = (4.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$
- Previous searches based on tagged analyses
 - semi-leptonic tag: $\varepsilon_{sig} \sim 0.2\%$ (Belle)
 - hadronic tag: $\epsilon_{sig} \sim 0.04\%$ (BaBar)
- New approach by Belle II based on an inclusive tag
 - no explicit reconstruction of the second B-meson
 - use BDTs to exploit distinctive topological features of $B^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm} \nu \bar{\nu}$
 - much higher efficiency of $\epsilon_{sig} \sim 4.3\%$ resulting in increased sensitivity per luminosity
- Further improvements are underway
 - more data (already have 3x more on tape)
 - additional channels $(B^0 \to K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}, B^0 \to K^0_S \nu \bar{\nu}, ...)$
 - improved/extended classifiers (neural networks)
- Events of different tagging methods are statistically independent and can be combined



 $p_{\rm T}({\rm K}^+)\,[{\rm GeV/c}]$



Search for Lepton Flavor Violatio



- Search for LFV decays τ[±] → ℓ[±]γ (ℓ = e, μ) using full Belle data set (988 fb⁻¹)
- Improvements compared to previous Belle analysis
 - about twice more data than previous analysis
 - new requirements on observables energy asymmetry and beam-energy-constrained mass
 - photon energy calibrated using radiative muon events
- Perform unbinned maximum-likelihood fit to
 - $M_{\rm bc} = \sqrt{(E_{\rm beam}^{\rm CM})^2 |\overrightarrow{p}_{\ell\gamma}^{\rm CM}|^2}$
 - $\Delta E/\sqrt{s} = (E_{\ell\gamma}^{\rm CM} \sqrt{s}/2)/\sqrt{s}$
- Upper limits are set on branching fractions: $\mathscr{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm}\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ and } \mathscr{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to e^{\pm}\gamma) < 5.6 \times 10^{-8}$ at 90% confidence level
 - the $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \gamma$ limit is the most stringent to date
- Another search for lepton-number- and baryon-numberviolating tau decays, such as τ → pℓℓℓ', improves existing LHCb limits or even yields first-ever limits for some channels

S.Patra: New physics searches through τ decays at Belle arXiv:2103.12994, submitted to JHEP





Channel	ϵ (%)	$N_{\rm bkg}$	$N_{\rm obs}$	$N_{\rm sig}^{\rm UL}$	$\mathcal{B}(\times 10^{-8})$
$\tau^- \to \overline{p} e^+ e^-$	7.8	0.50 ± 0.35	1	3.9	< 3.0
$\tau^- \rightarrow p e^- e^-$	8.0	0.23 ± 0.07	1	4.1	< 3.0
$\tau^- \to \overline{p} e^+ \mu^-$	6.5	0.22 ± 0.06	0	2.2	< 2.0
$\tau^- \to \overline{p}e^-\mu^+$	6.9	0.40 ± 0.28	0	2.1	< 1.8
$\tau^- \to p \mu^- \mu^-$	4.6	1.30 ± 0.46	1	3.1	< 4.0
$\tau^- \to \overline{p}\mu^-\mu^+$	5.0	1.14 ± 0.43	0	1.5	< 1.8

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Probing τ - μ **Universality and LFV in** Y(3S) Decays

- The decay widths of a qq bound state into a pair of leptons can be precisely calculated
- The ratio of decay widths in τ pairs and μ pairs, R_{τμ}, is therefore a sensitive probe for New Physics, such as
 - light CP-odd Higgs in 2HDM (Type-II) models with large tanβ
 - New Physics contributions that might resolve tensions in R(D*) measurements
- Based on Y(3S), Y(4S) and off-resonance data the Babar analysis exploits differences between resonant and offresonant di-muon processes to improve the precision
- The result of $R_{\tau\mu}^{\Upsilon(3S)} = \Gamma_{\tau^+\tau^-}/\Gamma_{\mu^+\mu^-} = 0.966 \pm 0.008_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.014_{\text{syst}}$ is six times more precise than previous measurement and agrees with the SM prediction of 0.9948 within $\pm 2\sigma$
- The data are also used f limit on electron-muon fl $\Re(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}) < 3.6 \times$ or, if interpreted as a lim $\Lambda_{\rm NP}/g_{\rm NP}^2 \ge 80$ TeV at 90% UL



N.Tasneem: Tests of the Standard Model by means of Y(3S) meson decays with the BABAR detector

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First observation of Z_{cs} (3985) in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D^-{}_sD^{*0}$, $K^+D^*{}_sD^0$

- Recent observations of nonstrange hidden-charm tetra-quark candidates with quark content ccqq' (Z_c states) have opened a new chapter in hadron spectroscopy
- BESIII reported on the first candidate for a charged hidden-charm tetraquark with strangeness, decaying into D⁻_sD⁰ and D^{*}-_sD⁰
- A number of different explanations for this new state have been proposed
- However, the properties of the excess need further exploration with more statistics
 - relation to the ~10x broader cc̄us̄ state decaying to J/ψK+, reported by LHCb, still needs to be understood



Significant (5.3 σ) enhancement at threshold over estimated backgrounds at 4.681 GeV

Conclusions

- Flavor physics in e⁺e⁻ collisions offers an extremely rich physics program with many opportunities to probe New Physics
- The first generation B-factory experiments Belle and BaBar and the Tau-charm factory experiment BES III continue to deliver first quality and highly relevant physics results
- SuperKEKB has set a new world record in peak luminosity and is entering the regime of a "Super B factory"
- The Belle II detector is working very well and is producing very promising physics results
- Looking forward to an exciting era of discoveries and a healthy competition and complementarity of Belle II and LHCb

Backup

LHCb-Belle II Comparison

	Observable	Current Belle/ Babar	2019 LHCb	Belle II (5 ab ⁻¹)	Belle II (50 ab ⁻¹)	LHCb (23 fb ⁻¹)	Belle II Upgrade (250 ab ⁻¹)	LHCb upgrade II (300 fb ⁻¹)
	CKM precision, new physics in CP	<u>Violation</u>						
	$\sin 2\beta/\phi_1 \ (B \rightarrow J/\psi \ K_S)$	0.03	0.04	0.012	0.005	0.011	0.002	0.003
	γ/ϕ_3	13°	5.4°	4.7°	1.5°	1.5°	0.4°	0.4°
	α/ϕ_2	4°	-	2	0.6°	-	0.3°	_
*	$ V_{ub} $ (Belle) or $ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $ (LHCb)	4.5%	6%	2%	1%	3%	<1%	1%
	φs	_	49 mrad	_	_	14 mrad	_	4 mrad
	$S_{CP}(B \rightarrow \eta' K_{S, gluonic penguin)$	0.08	0	0.03	0.015	0	0.007	0
	$A_{\rm CP}({\rm B}{\rightarrow}{\rm K}_{\rm S}\pi^0)$	0.15	_	0.07	0.04	_	0.02	_
	<u>New physics in radiative & EW Penguins, LFUV</u>							
	$S_{\rm CP}({ m B_d}{ ightarrow}{ m K^*}\gamma)$	0.32	0	0.11	0.035	0	0.015	0
*	$R(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^* l^+ l^-) (1 \le q^2 \le 6 \operatorname{GeV}^2/c^2)$	0.24	0.1	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01
*	$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau v)$	6%	10%	3%	1.5%	3%	<1%	1%
*	$Br(B \rightarrow \tau v), Br(B \rightarrow K^* v v)$	24%,-	_	9%, 25%	4%, 9%	_	1.7%, 4%	_
	$Br(B_d \rightarrow \mu \mu)$	_	90%	_	_	34%	_	10%
	<u>Charm and τ</u>							
* *	$\Delta A_{\rm CP}({\rm KK}-\pi\pi)$	_	8.5×10-4	_	5.4×10-4	1.7×10-4	2×10-4	0.3×10-4
	$A_{\rm CP}({\rm D}{\rightarrow}\pi^+\pi^0)$	1.2%	_	0.5%	0.2%	_	0.1%	_
	$Br(\tau \rightarrow e \gamma)$	<120×10-9	_	<40×10-9	<12×10-9	_	<5×10-9	—
	$Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu)$	<21×10-9	<46×10-9	<3×10-9	<3×10-9	<16×10-9	<0.3×10-9	<5×10-9

arXiv: 1808.08865 (Physics case for LHCb upgrade II), PTEP 2019 (2019) 12, 123C01 (Belle II Physics Book)