Measurements of R(D^(*)) and other missing energy decays at Belle II

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Overview of Belle II physics so far

- Belle II is an e⁺e⁻ collider experiment operating primarily at the Y(4S) resonance
 - Produces $B\overline{B}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$ pairs, as well as $q\overline{q}$ background
- Phase 2 is currently in progress:
 - All Belle II subdetectors except vertex detector
 - D and B meson "rediscovery" in progress





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Belle II and new physics prospects







- In this talk: Phase 3 prospects for R(D^(*)) and missing energy
 - Improved vertex resolution
 - Higher statistics
 - Belle II studies complementary to LHC high P_T direct searches
 - Different set of systematics for e⁺e⁻ collider
 - Full reconstruction of all particles in an event allows effective calculation of missing energy/momentum to constrain signal



Phase 3 (Feb 2019)

Full detector Target 40x Belle luminosity

Hadronic full reconstruction



- Reconstructing the event in full is very useful in missing energy studies to constrain the event and reduce backgrounds
- Multiple channels for tag-side B are used to increase efficiency
- Hadronic full reconstruction expected to be used for:
 - Semi-leptonic and semi-tauonic modes for R(D^(*))
 - $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ decays
- These studies will use Belle II's new algorithm

Hadronic full reconstruction at Belle II

Particle	# channels (Belle)	# channels (Belle II)
D ⁺ /D ^{*+} /D _s ⁺	18	26
D ⁰ /D* ⁰	12	17
B+	17	29
B ⁰	14	26

•	More modes use	d for	tag-side	hadronic
	B than Belle, an	d mu	ltiple cla	ssifiers

• Good performance on Belle II predicted beam background conditions

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Coming soon:

- Paper on the new Belle II algorithm
- Studies of generic B mesons in Belle II Phase 2 data!

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Search for new physics in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau v$

- In the Standard Model, $B \rightarrow D\tau v$ and $B \rightarrow Dl v$ are expected to differ only because of the mass of the tau lepton.
- The ratio of these decays is highly sensitive to new physics effects:
 - Possible models: 2HDM, leptoquarks...
- Additional observables to determine type of NP:
 - Measurements of the tau polarisation $\mathsf{P}_\tau(\mathsf{D}^*)$ can be combined with $\mathsf{R}(\mathsf{D}^*)$
 - q² distribution
- Current world average combination for R(D), R(D*) is at 3.78σ tension with SM! (HFLAV summer 2018)
 - Next talk: Kodai Matsuoka, recent results from Belle



$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\operatorname{Br}(B \to D^{(*)} \tau \nu_{\tau})}{\operatorname{Br}(B \to D^{(*)} \ell \nu_{\ell})}$$

Projections for Belle II R(D^(*))

 Predictions of uncertainty using hadronic full reconstruction:

	ΔR(D) [%]		ΔR(D*) [%]		%]	
	Stat	Sys	Total	Stat	Sys	Total
Belle 0.7 ab ⁻¹	14	6	16	6	3	7
Belle II 5 ab-1	5	3	6	2	2	3
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Other measurements from $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau v$



- Extra measurements like $P_{\tau}(D^*)$ and the q² distribution may be able to help describe possible new physics in detail.
- This will have the best discrimination with the full dataset, but hints may be available earlier

New Physics and $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$

- Standard Model:
 - Helicity suppression means branching ratio depends strongly on lepton mass
 - $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ allows direct measurement of f_B and $|V_{ub}|$
- New Physics:
 - Significant suppression or enhancement of branching ratio is possible (e.g. due to charged Higgs in 2HDM)
 - Reduced uncertainty needed to observe new physics!



$$Br(B \to \tau\nu)_{SM} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2}{8\pi} \tau_B f_B^2 m_\tau^2 m_B \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2$$
$$Br(B \to \tau\nu) = Br_{SM} \times \left(1 - \tan^2 \beta \frac{m_B^2 \pm}{2}\right)$$

Current world average for Br(B $\rightarrow \tau \nu$) ,HFLAV December 2017: (144 ± 31) x 10⁻⁶

Belle I average: (91 \pm 19 \pm 11) x 10⁻⁶ (24 % uncertainty, 4.6 σ total significance)

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Prospects for $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ at Belle II

Extra energy in calorimeter (beam background included)



- Signal yields to be extracted from fit to extra neutral energy
 - The expected extra energy resolution for Belle II is better than for Belle, despite increased beam background.
 - Cluster timing information used to remove beam background in calorimeter

Comparison with Belle hadronic tag. 1 ab⁻¹ equivalent statistics

	All March 2010 March 2		- Si
$E_{ m ECL}$	<	0.25 Ge	V
	# background events	1348	
Belle II	# signal events	136	
	signal efficiency (‰) <	1.6	>
	# background events	365	
Belle	# signal events	60	
	signal efficiency (‰) <	0.7	>

- First study will use:
 - 1-prong tau decay
 - Hadronic tag-side B for full reconstruction

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Prospects for $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ at Belle II



$B \rightarrow K(*) \nu \overline{\nu}$ predictions

- Standard Model:
 - Flavour changing neutral current prohibited at tree level
 - Measurement of $B \to K(^*) \ \nu \overline{\nu}$ would allow high accuracy extraction of $B \to K(^*)$ form factors
 - SM estimate of branching fraction known to ~10% uncertainty
- New Physics:
 - Contribution from NP may be similar in size to SM contributions, decreasing time required to make discovery.
 - Light dark matter scenarios:
 - $B \to K \nu \overline{\nu}$ is identical in the detector to $B \to K$ + invisible searches for light dark matter
 - Increased $B \to K \, \nu \overline{\nu}$ branching ratio may suggest a light dark matter component



Projected precision on branching ratios at 50 ab⁻¹ Belle II data, with FEI hadronic tag

Mode	Stat. uncertainty	Total uncertainty
$B^{*} \rightarrow K^{*} \ v \overline{v}$	9.5%	10.7%
$B^{+} \rightarrow K^{*+} V \overline{V}$	7.9%	9.3%
$B^{*} \rightarrow K^{*0} \ v \overline{v}$	8.2%	9.6%

Standard model observations of these modes could be made with ~18 ab⁻¹

Summary of Belle II prospects

- New hadronic full reconstruction algorithm improves efficiency, improving time to discovery in Phase 3 physics prospects
- We calculate:
 - 5σ confirmation of R(D^(*)) anomalies at 5 ab⁻¹
 - 5 σ significance of $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ branching ratio at 1-3 ab⁻¹
 - SM observation of $B \rightarrow K(*) \nu \overline{\nu}$ at ~18ab⁻¹

Total uncertainty	5 ab-1 (2020)	50 ab-1 (2025)
R(D)	6%	3%
R(D*)	3%	2%
B →τν with hadronic tag full reconstruction	15%	6%
B →τν with semileptonic tag full reconstruction		5%
$B \rightarrow K(*)v\bar{v} modes$ (average)		10%