Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-$ with B-tagging at Belle and Belle II experiments

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Flavor physics and EW penguins

By precisely measuring the parameters of the Standard Model (SM), we might find signatures of New Physics (NP) beyond the SM.

Or even discover processes that are forbidden in SM.

Flavour Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC) $b \rightarrow s(d)$ are one such precision measurements in flavor physics.

The FCNC processes proceed via one-loop diagrams in the SM at lowest order

Since NP particles may enter the loop diagrams or even mediate FCNCs at tree level, the $b \rightarrow s(d)$ are sensitive to physics beyond the SM.

Electro-weak penguins

Current anomalies in B-physics

Semi-leptonic B decays are showing tensions with the SM predictions \Rightarrow a possible violation of the Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU).

Different behavior for different lepton generations:

 $R_{K(^{*})}^{exp}$ **SM** $R_{K(*)}$

Current anomalies in B-physics (cont.)

Impact on $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-$ decays

 1.1

 1.2

B. Capdevila, A. Crivellin, S. Descotes-Genon, L. Hofer, et J. Matias, arXiv:1712.01919, PRL 120, 181802

 1.4

 1.5

 1.3

 R_X/R_Y^{SM}

SuperKEKB and Belle II detector

KEKB+Belle collected \sim 1ab⁻¹ in \sim 10 years (1999-2010)

SuperKEKB + Belle II plans to collect \sim 50ab⁻¹ in ~10 years.

Need to increase instantaneous luminosity substantially!

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 $d\overline{d}(\gamma)$, ss (γ) $c\overline{c}(g)$

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Signal events at B-factories

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happens along with:
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                         c\overline{c}(g)
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These are the events we are searching for among all the possibilities.

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 ${^\prime}\mathsf{B}_{\mathsf{sig}}$

 $f(4S)$

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Missing energy needs B-tagging

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So we fully-reconstruct the other B (B_{taq}) in the event to

- to distinguish B**B** event from others
- constrain the kinematics.

Analysis procedure

- We start by reconstructing one B (**B_{tag}**) completely.
- And look for a K and a combination pair of e, μ or π in the rest of the event.
- i.e., we reconstruct everything in the event except for the 2-4 neutrinos in the final state.
- The extra energy in calorimeter (E_{ECL}) should peak at 0.*

*If we do π^0 veto

 $BF(\tau^* \rightarrow e^* \bar{V}V) = 17\%$ $BF(\tau^* \rightarrow \mu^* \bar{V} \nu) = 17\%$ $BF(\tau^* \rightarrow \pi^* \overline{V}) = 10\%$

Just for illustration

B⁺ tagging

[T.Keck et. al, Comput Softw Big Sci (2019) 3: 6]

In FEI, Belle II's B-tagging algorithm: BDTs are trained on MC for some final states in a hierarchical structure starting from tracks and clusters.

 $/ \mathsf{B}_{\mathsf{sig}}$

 $Y(4S)$

 $\mathsf{B}_{\mathsf{tag}}$

 $\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}}$

 $e₁$

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B⁺ tagging: Effectively 12 final states!

In Hadronic tagging, we essentially reconstruct (12 decays) $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$ (n π^{+}) (m π^{0}) final states:

 $\overline{D}{}^0\pi^+$ $\overline{D}^{*0}\pi^+$ $\overline{D}{}^0\pi^+\pi^0$ $\overline{D}^{*0}\pi^+\pi^0$ $\bar{D}^0 \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^ \bar{D}^{*0}\pi^+\pi^+\pi^ \overline{D}{}^0\pi^+\pi^0\pi^0$ $\bar{D}^{*0}\pi^{+}\pi^{0}\pi^{0}$ $\bar{D}^0 \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ $\bar{D}^{*0}\pi^{+}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}$ $D^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{+}$ $D^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{+}\pi^{0}$

More $\pi \Rightarrow$ More complex, but higher Branching Fraction

> Tagging efficiency in data $(\epsilon_{\text{toq}} = \text{BF} \times \epsilon_{\text{reco}})$ is one of the limiting factor.

B⁺ tagging: Traditional calibration sample

BDTs are trained on MC \Rightarrow The performance has to be calibrated with data.

Traditionally, this calibration is done with semi-leptonic B on the signal side.

Which works well because it has large branching fraction.

But, if MC is not optimal, the BDT selection will not be optimal.

This cannot be studied with semi-leptonic B because there are no peaking structures.

 $\mathbf{B}_{\mathsf{sig}}$

 $f(4S)$

 \mathbf{B}_{tag}

Ideal control sample to study B-tagging

We can look for D^0 , D^{*0} and even D^{**0} in the recoil mass of a fully reconstructed B and a $\pi\pm$

Within a narrow region around the peak, we know that one B decays to $D^{\circ} \pi^{+}$ and we can study the other B (decaying hadronically)

Need to calibrate the algorithm, but more importantly, need to improve MC for training.

Let's take one final state for example: $\mathsf{B}^{\ast} \to \overline{\mathsf{D}}^0\, \pi^{\ast}\, \pi^{\ast}\, \pi^{\cdot}.$ It can be produced through many intermediate states:

The $\pi^* \pi^*$ could be directly qenerated, could come through ρ^οπ⁺ or through an intermediate a₁⁺ resonance.

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In 2011 (~20 years later), LHCb looked at this final state, but did not provide individual measurements.

15 So we are still suck with a 30 year old CLEO measurement in PDG.

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But looking at this plot, it looks like most contribution comes through a₁ª resonance (mass 1400 MeV/c²).

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Can be compared with data at Belle, **if** we reconstruct one B as **B**⁺ → \overline{D}^{o} $\boldsymbol{\pi}^{\text{+}}$ α **nd other B** α **s B**[−] → **D⁰ π** * **π** *

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Similarly, ÿor other final states

B^+ → \bar{D}^0 π⁺ π⁺ π[−] π^o

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blue means generated by **PYTHIA**

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 B^+

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 \overline{D} ^{*Ο} π⁺ π⁺ π[−]

TABLE VI: Contents of the DECAY file concerning the $B^+ \to \overline{D}^{*0} \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ final state and corresponding measurements in PDG [in %]. The rows in blue correspond to decays produced by Pythia.

Why is B-decay modeling so hard?

We already saw that we (and PDG) uses a 30-year-old measurement with ~75% uncertainty for one of the largest hadronic B-decay.

But on top of that, we don't know how B decays ~40% of the time! We ask PYTHIA to generate them.

Improving MC model \Rightarrow B⁺ tagging

Decay description is improved!

The improvement is not limited to calibration factors, but more importantly in the invariant masses (of intermediate particles), which are used as training variables in FEI

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Retraining FEI: Validation

Once we have a new model for how the $B \to D^{(*)}$ (n π^*) (m π^0) decays, we can train BDTs again with it and see performance:

Nothing changes in the FEI modes where we did not change anything. **UC**Lab

There is a significant background reduction in FEI modes where MC model is improved. $_{29}$

Retraining FEI: Effective cuts

Back to signal-side

Once we have a reliable **B_{tag}**
We add K + 2<e, μ or π> to it.

For the signal events, the extra energy left in the calorimeter will peak at 0, because neutrinos don't leave energy behind.

We next have to identify what other events when mis-reconstructed can mimic signal. And train BDTs to suppress such background. In our group, similar efforts have been

made for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+$ l⁻ reconstruction.

Estimated sensitivity: $BF: O(10^{-4})$ at 90% CL with Belle data BF: O(10⁻⁵) at 90% CL with full Belle II data **[1808.10567]**

So, in the order of NP predictions!

Summary

- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-$ has two 3rd gen. leptons \Rightarrow Good probe for New Physics
- Search status:
	- Only 1 result (from BaBar) so far. \circ
	- Searching in Belle + early Belle II data with \circ hadronic B-tagging
	- Belle II is taking data! \circ

Better MC modeling of hadronic B decays can improve B-tagging performance (calibration factor and background rejection)

 $:$ ~420 fb⁻¹ Collected 10 year goal : 50 ab⁻¹

Analysis procedure

- There are two B in one event
- One B is fully reconstructed $2.$
- \mathcal{S} Many B modes, and as soon as more than two π in B \rightarrow D^(*)X. is complex but high BF.
- In other B you can probe modes with neutrinos (even 4!) 4.
- Belle (II) has a large advantage over LHCb for this search. $5₁$ (different situation than $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$)

Backup

Belle II vs LHCb

SuperKEKB vs LHC

LHC

B hadrons + $\mathcal{O}(100)$ charged particles Unconstrained kinematics

 \sim 20'000 B's per sec., 1% of total events low reconstruction efficiency, need trigger

Ideal for very rare decays to charged particles

 $p(B) \sim 100$ GeV flight distance \sim 1 cm \Rightarrow decay-time resolution \sim 0.05 ps

Retraining FEI: Effective cuts

Retraining FEI: Data-MC agreement

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After reconstructing all MC and data with the training based on new DEC, the Data - MC agreement improves too! (even at higher M_{recoil} !)

Improving B⁺ tagging

- \bullet Training is done on MC. If MC does not resemble data:
	- Biases enter in selection conditions.
	- The efficiency looks different in MC and data.

We are studying the main modes of hadronic tag and improving their MC model to look closer to data.

 \bullet Can we replace the last stage (B⁺ reconstruction) $BDT \rightarrow cut\text{-}based$ to avoid (re)training-time and be more robust?

$Model for B \rightarrow D^{(*, **)} \text{ nT mT}^{\circ}$ decays

2 primary rules:

- D^0 X: D^{*0} X : D^{**0} X \sim = 1 : 1 : 1 (based on observation from D π : D^* π : D^{**} π and D ρ : D^* ρ)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ π : Y ρ : Y $\frac{1}{2}$ \sim = 1: 2.5 : 2.5 (based on predictions and confirmed with $\tau \rightarrow$ h v decays)

Additional information:

- $\,$ 3π π^0 is hard to model without some sort of ρ' resonance
	- For **ωπ** we fix ÿrom measurements.
	- For **ρππ** and **ηπ**, we let PYTHIA generate it.
- Decays of D^{**} particles is synchronized with Belle II
- The fraction of 4 different D^{**} is fixed based on observations.

Happens through 2 channels, one with spectator quarks (call Y) and one from the W (call X).

> **We want to [modiÿy](https://stash.desy.de/users/vsagar/repos/dec_update/compare/diff?targetBranch=refs%2Ftags%2Fofficial&sourceBranch=refs%2Fheads%2Fmaster) the DECAY table to latest PDG/paper interpretations and this model to see the impact.**

Essentially validation, we do not want to fine-tune (except set 0 there is no signal*).

***See backup**

Pulls of calibration factors

per mode

Another way to visualize the improvement in the calibration factors:

Alternative FEI algorithm

Alternatively, using FEI particle list of \bar{D}^0 , we want to reconstruct B⁺ particle list manually

in orders of \overline{D}^0 (m π^+) (n π^0):

Reconstructing in this order, going to the next step only if it fails, \Rightarrow Simpler best candidate selection using the constraints of intermediate resonances when possible \Rightarrow Higher purity

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LFU violation in $b \rightarrow s$ | \vdash : Projection

- Belle II, enjoys nearly symmetric electron/muon reconstruction performance, and can:
	- provide independent check of R(K^(*)) anomalies with $> 5-10$ ab⁻¹

The Belle II Physics Book, PETP 2019, 123C01 (2019)