Studies of hadron spectroscopy at Belle and Belle II

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Belle at KEKB accelerator (1999–2010)

Collected integrated luminosity of about 1000 fb⁻¹

- $\begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad 711 \, \text{fb}^{-1} \text{ at } \Upsilon(4S) \\ \bullet \quad 6 \, \text{fb}^{-1} \text{ at } \Upsilon(1S) \end{array}$
- 25 fb⁻¹ at $\Upsilon(2S)$

▶ 3 fb⁻¹ at
$$\Upsilon(3S)$$

• 121 fb
$$^{-1}$$
 at $argamma(5S)$

 $\blacktriangleright \approx 100 \, \mathrm{fb}^{-1} \, \mathrm{off}$ - Υ/scan



The Belle and Belle II Experiments



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Belle II at SuperKEKB accelerator (2019–)

Goals

- \blacktriangleright 50× Belle data-sample size by increasing luminosity
- Renewed detector, trigger, analysis techniques, ...

Run 1 (2019–2022)

Collected about $1/2 \times$ Belle data-sample size

- Run2 started in spring 2024
 - Upgraded detector
 - World-record luminosity: $5.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$





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Hadron spectroscopy



• Explore the nature of the $\Upsilon(10753)$	[see A. Bondar's EPS-HEP talk]
• Search for $h_b(1P,2P)$ decays to $\Upsilon(1S), \chi_{bJ}$	(this talk)
\blacktriangleright Search for $P_{car{c}s}$ states in $arphi(1S,2S)$ decays	(this talk)
▶ Precision measurement of the B^0 and B^+ mass difference	(in progress)
• Search for resonances in $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi h\bar{h}$ ($h = p, \pi, K$)	(in progress)
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[PRL 133 (2024) 26]

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Results

- No events in signal region
- First upper limits on branching fraction
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 - $\blacktriangleright \ \mathcal{B}[h_b(2P) \to \chi_{b1}(1P)\gamma] < 5.4 \times 10^{-3}$
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- Upper limits consistent with predictions from relativistic quark-model
- Limits in the range sensitive to hadronic loops





Search for $P_{c\bar{c}s}(4459)^0$ and $P_{c\bar{c}s}(4338)^0$

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 - Disfavors large hadronic loop contributions
 - ▶ No signal for $h_b(1P, 2P) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\pi^0$ and $h_b(2P) \rightarrow \chi_{bJ}(1P)\gamma$
- Evidence for $P_{c\bar{c}s}(4459) \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$ in inclusive $\Upsilon(1S,2S)$ decays

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Belle II restarts data taking in November 2025



Backup



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