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Rare decays at Belle and BaBar

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B-factory: KEKB and PEP-II

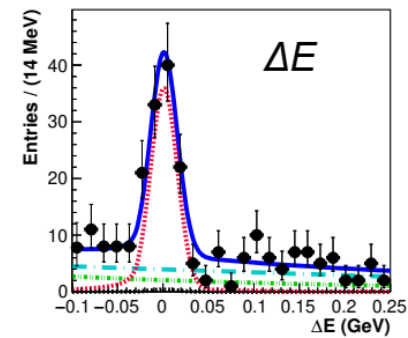
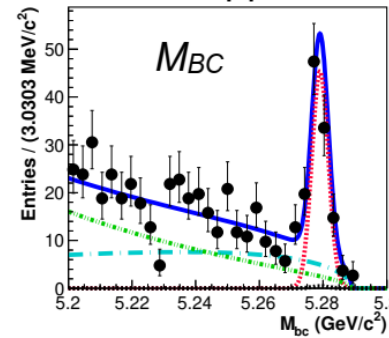
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B} \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$$

- Energy of the B-mesons are know.

Beam-constrained mass:

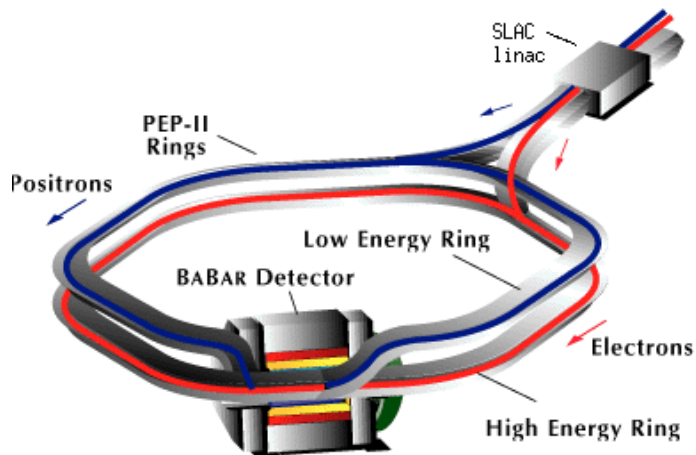
$$M_{bc/ES} = \sqrt{(E_{beam}/2)^2 - \vec{p}_B^2}$$

Energy difference: $\Delta E = E_B - E_{beam}/2$



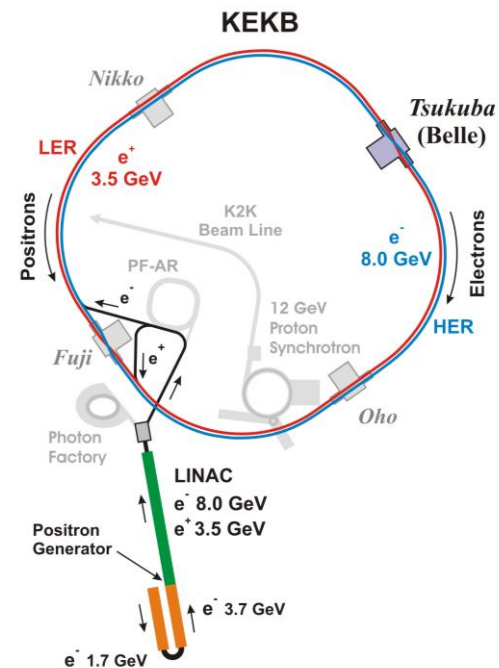
PEP-II at SLAC

Energy: $e^-/e^+ = 9/3.1 \text{ GeV}$



KEKB at KEK

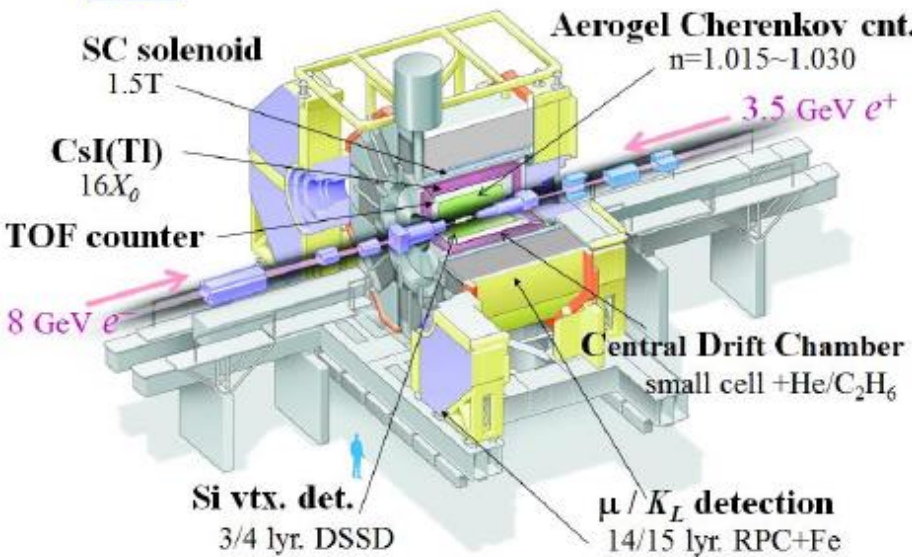
Energy: $e^-/e^+ = 8/3.5 \text{ GeV}$



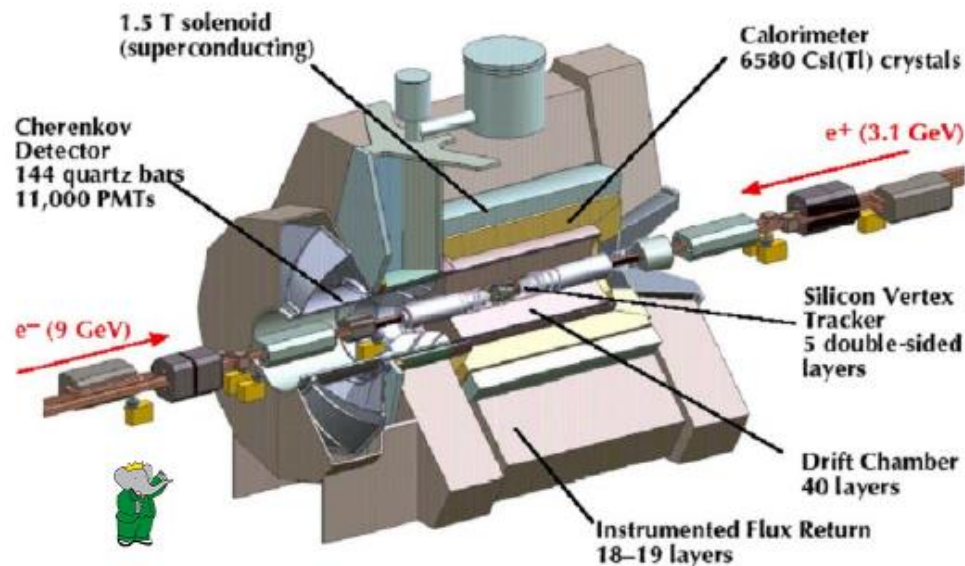
Belle and Babar detectors



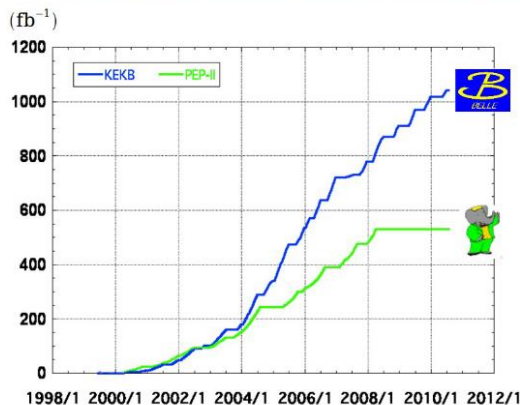
Belle Detector



The BaBar Detector



Integrated luminosity of B factories



> 1 ab⁻¹
On resonance:
 Y(5S): 121 fb⁻¹
 Y(4S): 711 fb⁻¹
 Y(3S): 3 fb⁻¹
 Y(2S): 25 fb⁻¹
 Y(1S): 6 fb⁻¹
Off reson./scan:
 ~ 100 fb⁻¹

~ 550 fb⁻¹
On resonance:
 Y(4S): 433 fb⁻¹
 Y(3S): 30 fb⁻¹
 Y(2S): 14 fb⁻¹
Off resonance:
 ~ 54 fb⁻¹

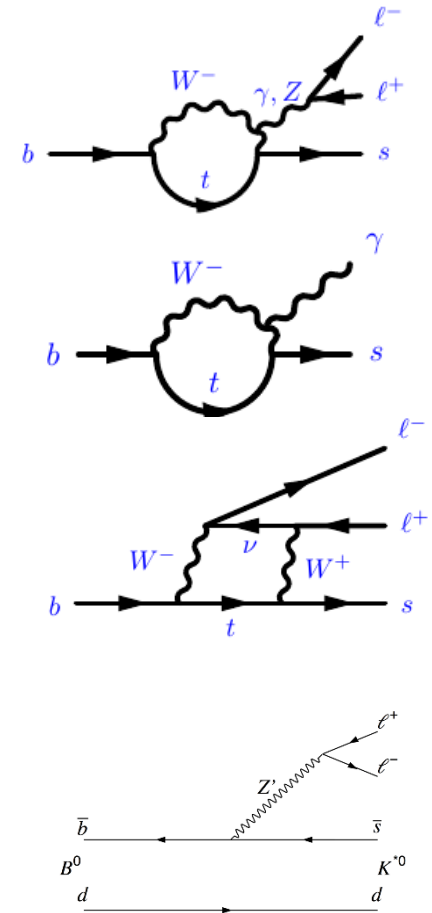
- Belle and Babar collected data of 711 + 433 fb⁻¹ at Y(4S)
- → more than 1 Billions BB pairs, → high statistics for rare decay searches

Radiative and Electroweak Penguin decays

- In the SM:
 - forbidden at tree level.
 - only process via box and loop diagrams.
 - branching fractions are very small, e.g. $<10^{-5}$

==> sensitive to search for NP beyond the SM.

- New particle might appear in the loop
- Can also decay via tree diagram for some of the new particles.
 - ➔ the branching fraction can be different with the SM prediction.
- Provide many observables to probe for new physics: angular, asymmetries, q^2



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 ΔA_{cp} and Δ_{0-} in inclusive decay $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ 

- ΔA_{CP} is good quantity for testing the SM, the ratio will cancel the systematic errors.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta A_{cp} &= A_{cp}(B^+ \rightarrow X_s^+ \gamma) - A_{cp}(B^0 \rightarrow X_s^0 \gamma) \\ &\approx 0.12 \left(\frac{\tilde{\Lambda}_{78}}{100 \text{ MeV}} \right) \text{Im} \left(\frac{C_8}{C_7} \right) \begin{cases} = 0 \text{ in SM} \\ \neq 0, \Rightarrow NP \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad \text{PRL106, 141801}$$

- The measured $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ is consistent with the SM. However, the uncertainty of the theory is larger $\sim 7\%$.

=> Reduce the theoretical uncertainty is crucial to tighten constrain the NP.

- The dominance source of theoretical uncertainty is due to resolved photon and depend on spectator quark => relate to isospin asymmetry

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{RP}^{78}}{\mathcal{B}} \approx \frac{1}{3} \Delta_{0-}$$

→ measurement of Δ_{0-} help to reduce the theory uncertainty.



Reconstruction and background suppression

- Data: 711 fb^{-1} at $\Upsilon(4S)$
- Reconstruct of Xs with 38 exclusive modes, modes with asterisk which that is non-specific-flavor are only used for Δ_0 measurement

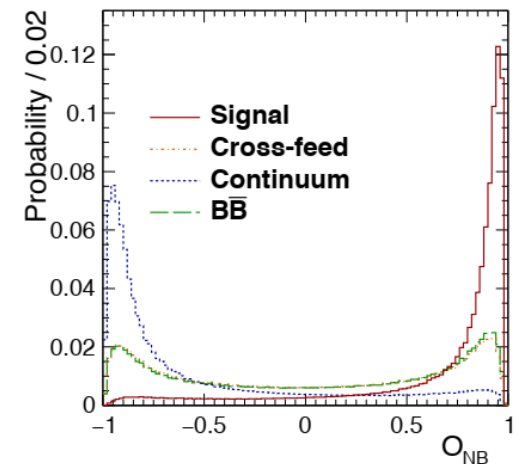
| Mode ID | Final state | Mode ID | Final state |
|---------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | $K^+\pi^-$ | 20 | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^0\pi^0$ |
| 2 | $K_S^0\pi^+$ | 21 | $K^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ |
| 3 | $K^+\pi^0$ | 22* | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ |
| 4* | $K_S^0\pi^0$ | 23 | $K^+\eta$ |
| 5 | $K^+\pi^+\pi^-$ | 24* | $K_S^0\eta$ |
| 6* | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$ | 25 | $K^+\eta\pi^-$ |
| 7 | $K^+\pi^-\pi^0$ | 26 | $K_S^0\eta\pi^+$ |
| 8 | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^0$ | 27 | $K^+\eta\pi^0$ |
| 9 | $K^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-$ | 28* | $K_S^0\eta\pi^0$ |
| 10 | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-$ | 29 | $K^+\eta\pi^+\pi^-$ |

| Mode ID | Final state | Mode ID | Final state |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 11 | $K^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ | 30* | $K_S^0\eta\pi^+\pi^-$ |
| 12* | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ | 31 | $K^+\eta\pi^-\pi^0$ |
| 13 | $K^+\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-$ | 32 | $K_S^0\eta\pi^+\pi^0$ |
| 14* | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-$ | 33 | $K^+K^+K^-$ |
| 15 | $K^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^0$ | 34* | $K^+K^-K_S^0$ |
| 16 | $K_S^0\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ | 35 | $K^+K^+K^-\pi^-$ |
| 17 | $K^+\pi^0\pi^0$ | 36 | $K^+K^-K_S^0\pi^+$ |
| 18* | $K_S^0\pi^0\pi^0$ | 37 | $K^+K^+K^-\pi^0$ |
| 19 | $K^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ | 38* | $K^+K^-K_S^0\pi^0$ |

Backgrounds:

+ Continuum (qq) \rightarrow suppressed by Neural network

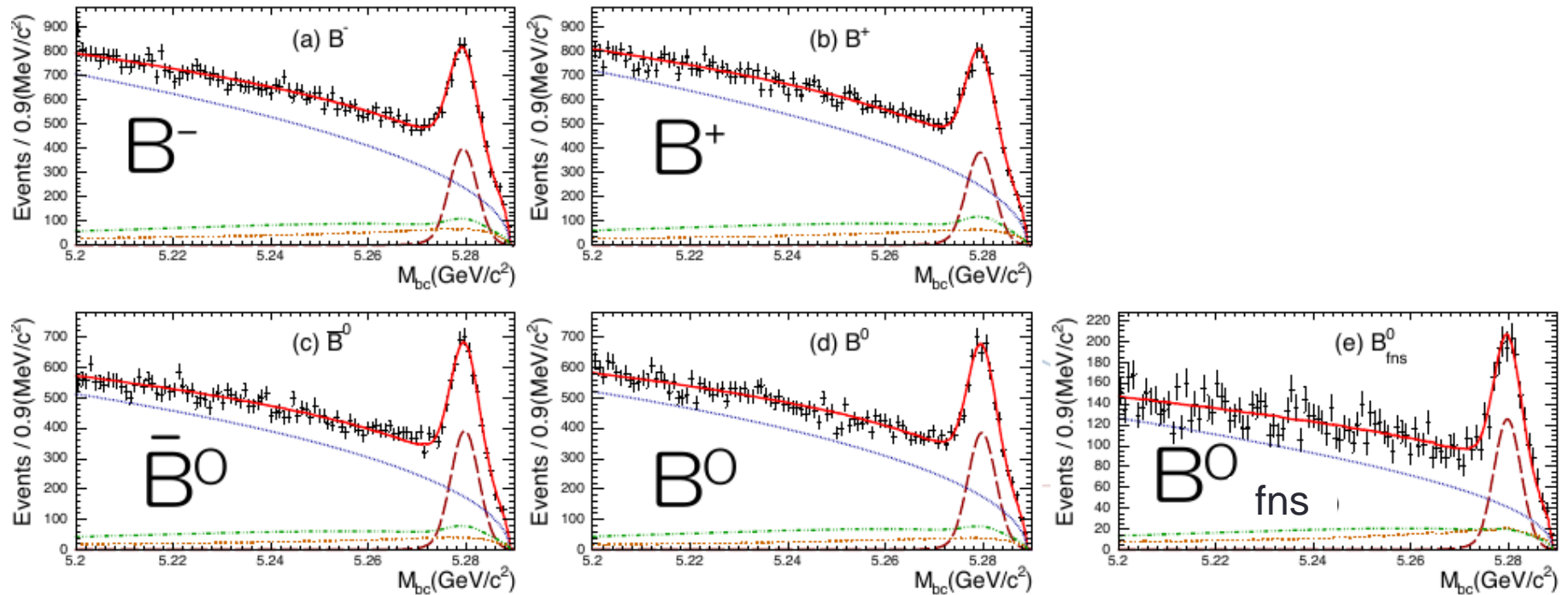
+ $B \rightarrow D(^*)\rho \rightarrow$ suppressed by D veto





Results

Signal is extracted by fit to M_{bc} distributions



B_{fns} = flavor-non-specific neutral B

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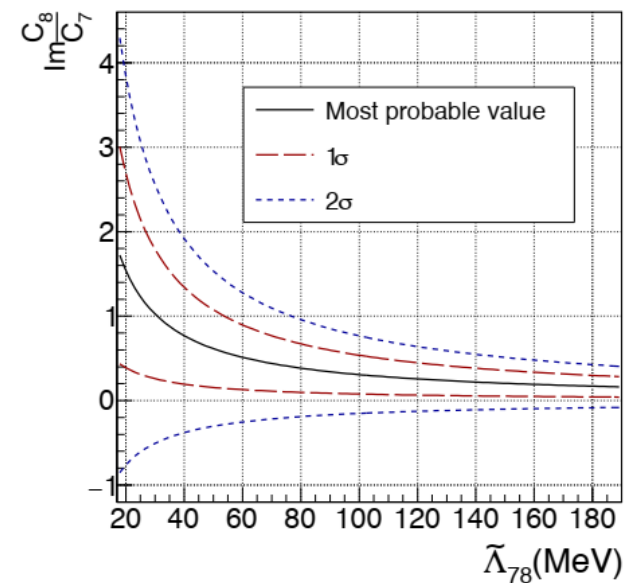
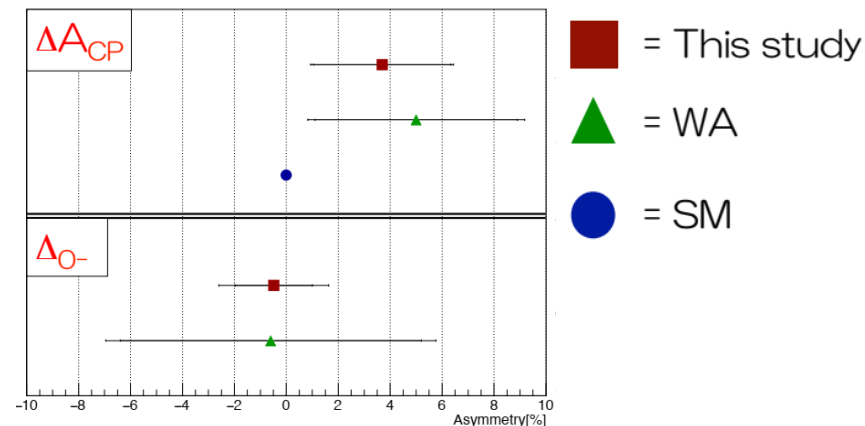
Results



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{0^-} &= (-0.48 \pm 1.49 \pm 0.97 \pm 1.15)\%, \\ \Delta A_{CP} &= (+3.69 \pm 2.65 \pm 0.76)\%, \\ A_{CP}^C &= (+2.75 \pm 1.84 \pm 0.32)\%, \\ A_{CP}^N &= (-0.94 \pm 1.74 \pm 0.47)\%, \\ A_{CP}^{\text{tot}} &= (+1.44 \pm 1.28 \pm 0.11)\%, \\ \bar{A}_{CP} &= (+0.91 \pm 1.21 \pm 0.13)\%,\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{\text{RP}}^{78}}{\mathcal{B}} \simeq (+0.16 \pm 0.50 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.05)\%$$

- Measurement of ΔA_{CP} consistent with zero as expected by the SM. The improvement in uncertainty help to constrain NP tighten
- Measurement of Δ_{0^-} is also consistent with zero, constrain the contribution of resolved photon in $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ decays, $\sim 1.45\%$ by taken 2sigma.





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Measurement R_K^* from $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$

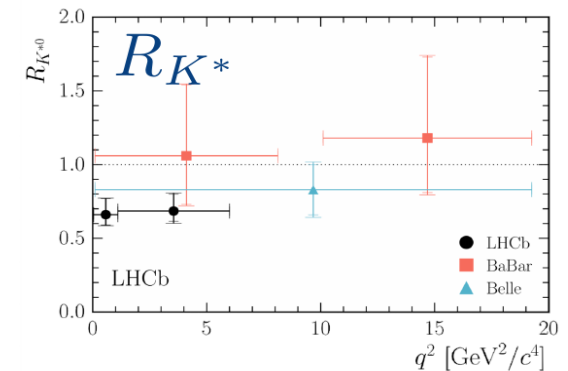
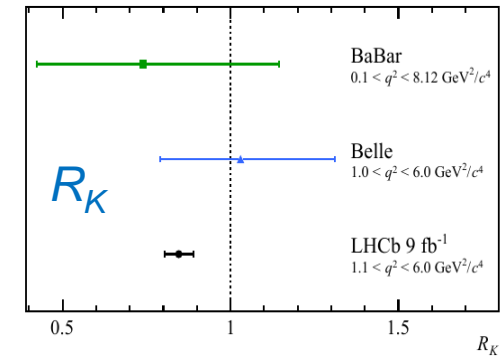
$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e^+ e^-)} \approx 1 \text{ in the SM}$$

[arXiv:2103.11769](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11769)

- Belle and Babar results are consistent with the SM.
- LHCb observed a deviation from SM for both R_K and $R_{K^*} \sim 2.5\sigma$ (2018).

The latest result of R_K is 3.1σ (2021)

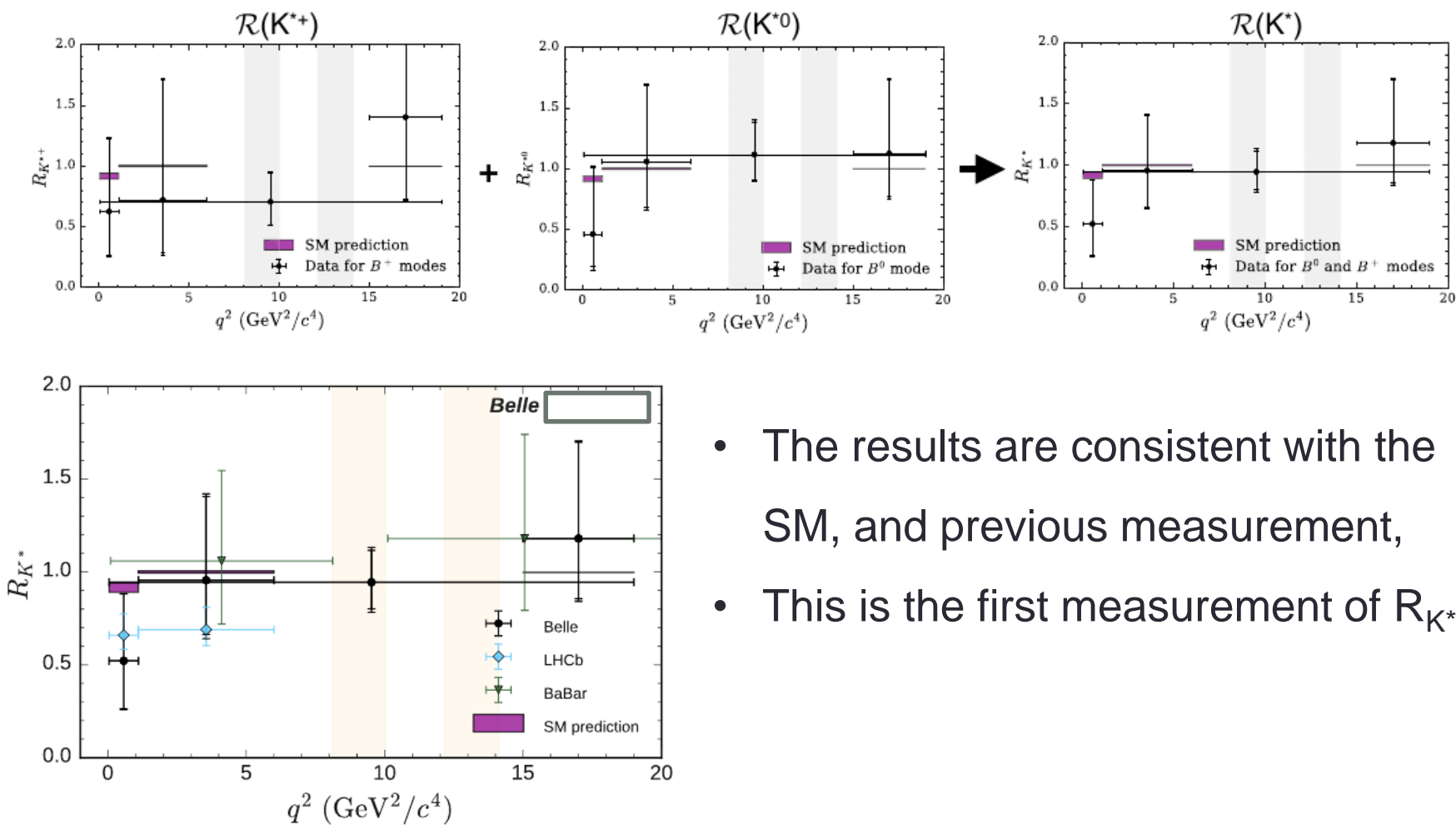
- Data: 711 fb^{-1} at $\Upsilon(4S)$
- Study for both B^0 and B^+ .
 - K^* modes: $K_S^0 \pi^0, K^+ \pi^-, K^+ \pi^0, K_S^0 \pi^+$
- vetos $M_{\ell\ell} \sim M_{J/\psi}, M_{\psi(2S)}$.
- Employed neural network for reconstruction and background suppression.



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Measurement R_{K^*} from $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$



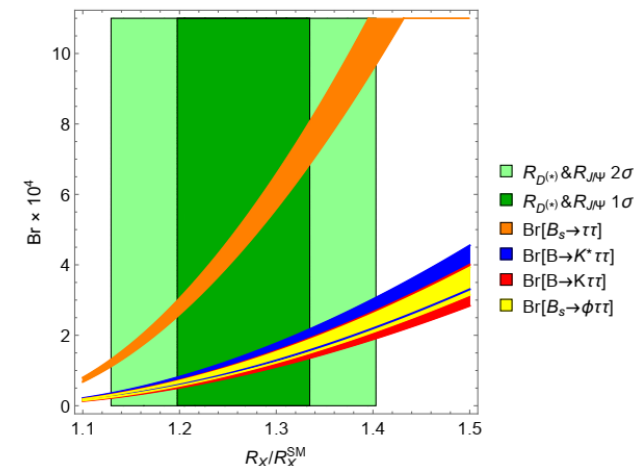
- The results are consistent with the SM, and previous measurement,
- This is the first measurement of $R_{K^{*+}}$

Preliminary

Search for the decay $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$



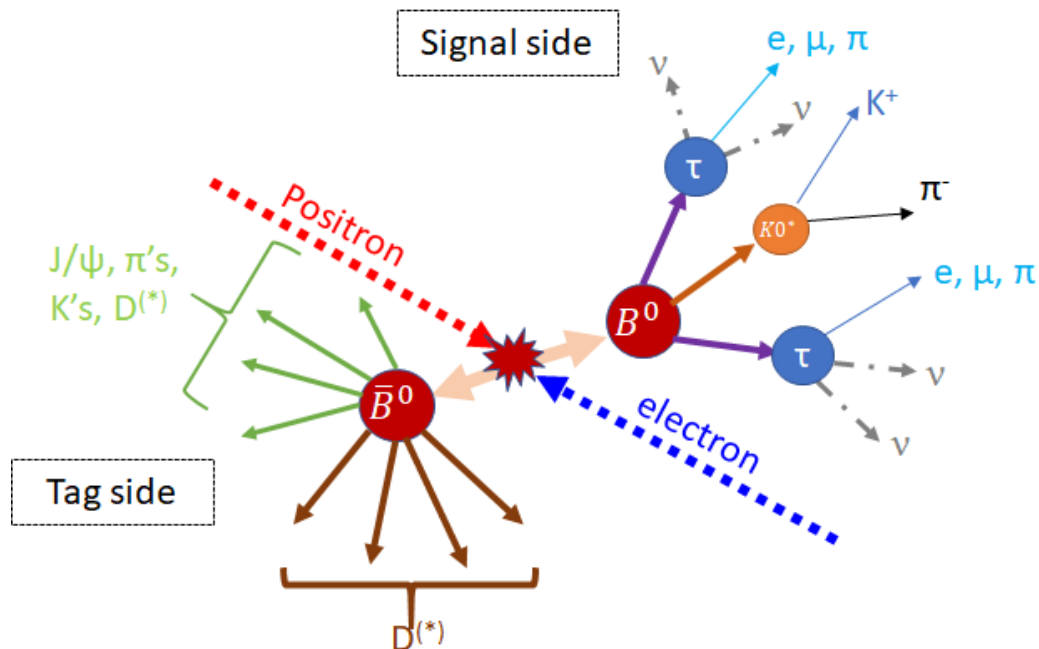
- The decay is third family equivalent of the $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$ decay, hence expected to be more sensitive to NP due to the large mass of τ lepton.
- In the SM the branching fraction $\text{Br} \sim 10^{-7}$.
- When including NP effect to explain the R_D , R_{D^*} , $R_{J/\psi}$ and R_K anomalies $\text{Br}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-) \sim 10^{-4}$ *PRL* 120, 181802 (2018).
- Currently, no limit is set for this decay mode (due to the presence of 2-4 neutrino in final state)



Preliminary

Analysis strategy

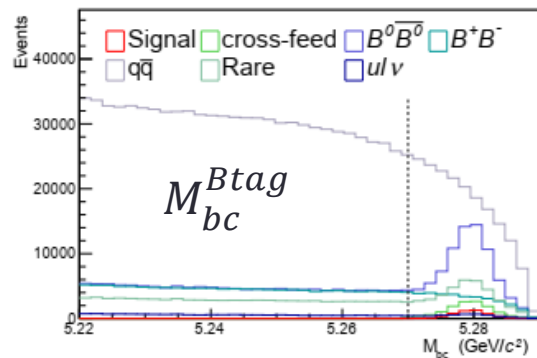
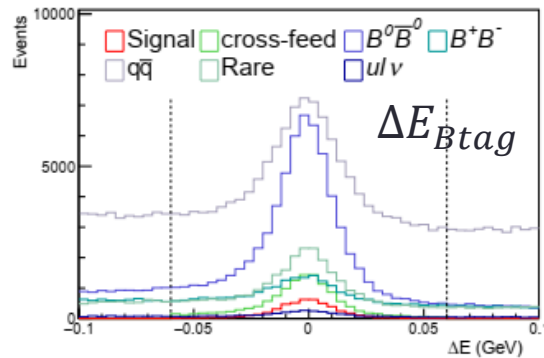
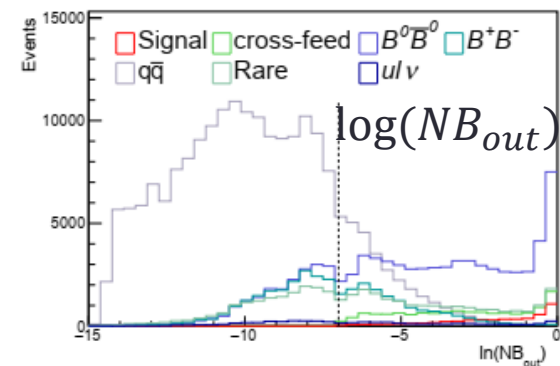
- Data: 711 fb^{-1} at $\Upsilon(4S)$.
- Tag side (Btag) is reconstructed with the hadronic decays using hierarchal neural networks based algorithm. Signal is searched for in the Rest of Event.
 - continuum suppression is enabled and employed event shape variables.



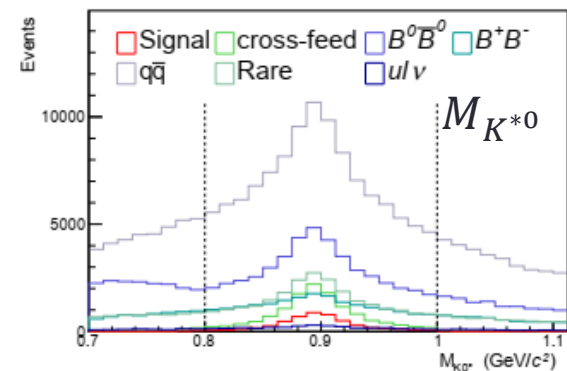
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Search for the decay $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$

- Select B-tag using M_{bc} , ΔE and the Neural network output

(a) Cut: $M_{bc} > 5.27$ (b) Cut: $|\Delta E| < 0.06$ 

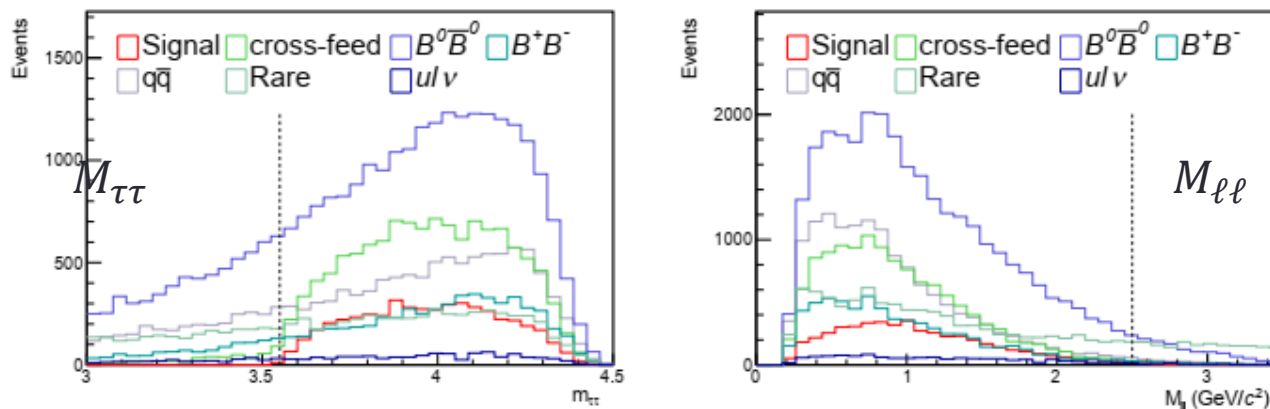
Require 4 charged tracks in RoE and net charge = 0
(after cleaning up the duplicated tracks)



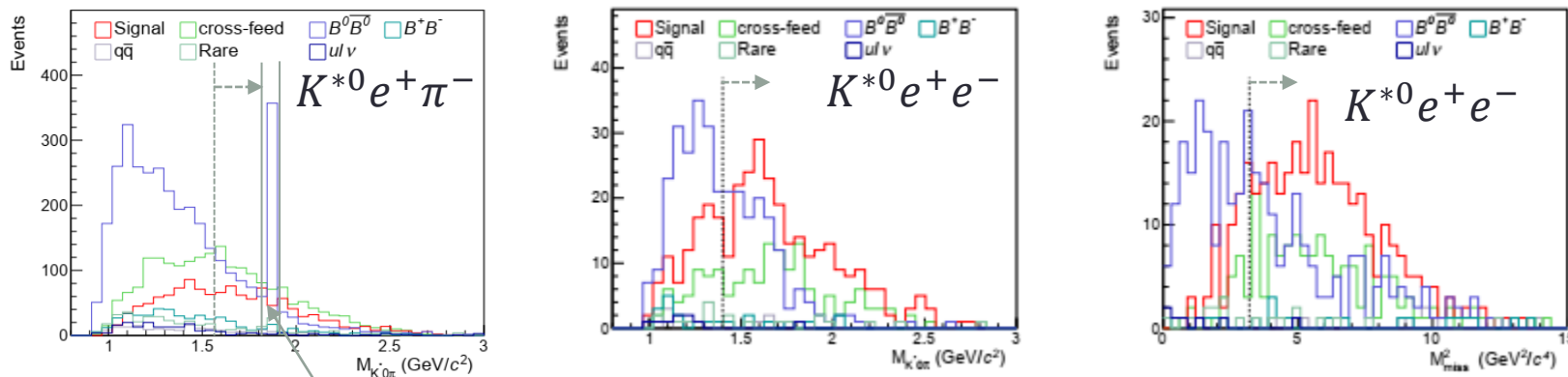
Preliminary

Search for the decay $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$

- Reject background by cut on $M_{\ell\ell}$, $M_{\tau\tau}$, Veto K_S^0 , π^0 , and at most K_L .



- Final background suppression is done for mode-by-mode depend on final state particles, using M_{miss}^2 and $M_{K^{*0}\pi}$ variables.

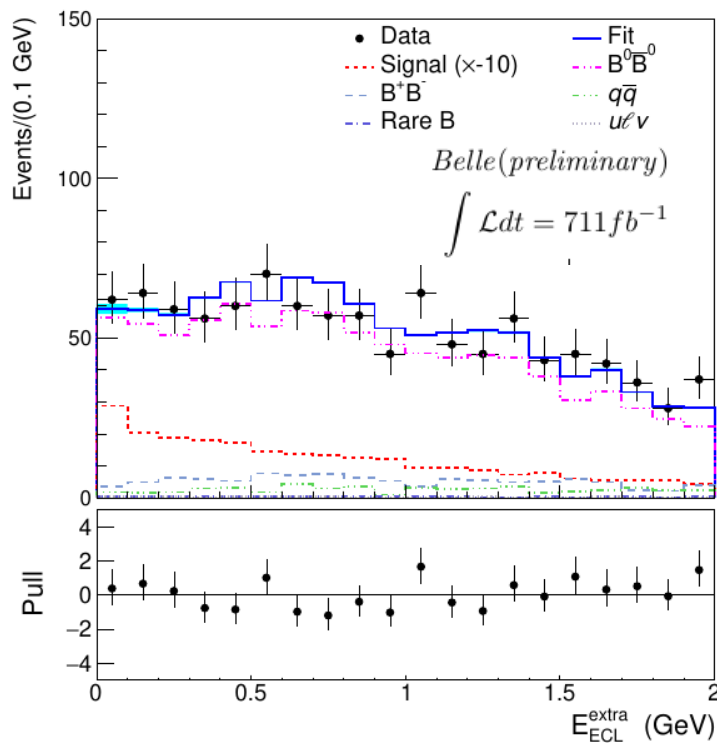


Veto D for $K^{*0} l^+ \pi^-$ and $K^{*0} \pi^+ \pi^-$ modes

Preliminary

Search for the decay $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$

- Signal is obtained by fitting to E_{ecl}^{extra} , the sum of cluster energy which are not associated in either B-tag or B-sig reconstruction.
- Validate procedure and fitting model using $B^0 \rightarrow D^- l^+ \nu$ with $D \rightarrow K^{*0} \pi$



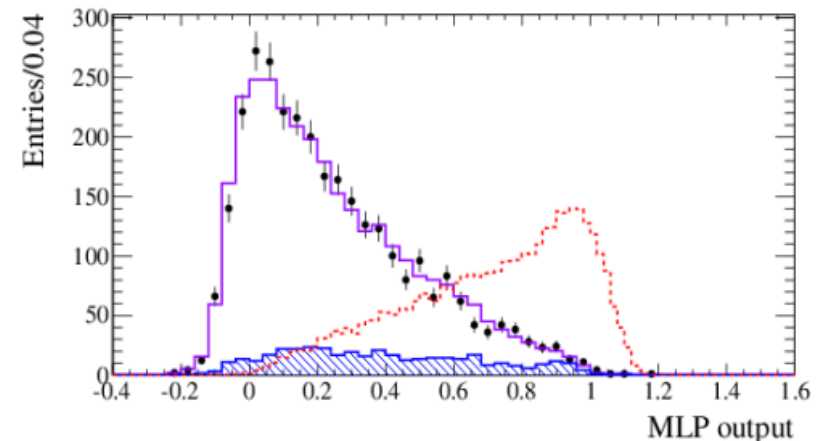
- $N_{sig} = -4.9$ Events
- \Rightarrow Setting the upper limit using CLs method.
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ at 90% C.L.
- This is the first experimental limit for $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \tau^+ \tau^-$.

PRL118, 031802 (2017)

Search for the decay $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-$ at Babar



- Data: 424 fb⁻¹ at $\Upsilon(4S)$
- B_{tag} is reconstructed with hadronic B decays and search for signal in the Rest of Event (RoE)
- Select B-tag by ΔE and M_{ES}
- Continuum suppression with multivariate likelihood selector with event shape variables
- Veto D, J/ ψ .
- Using A multi-layer perceptron (MLP) to suppress $B^+ \rightarrow D^* l^+ \nu$
- Signal efficiency and expected peaking bkg event are obtained from MC after corrected to reproduce B_{tag} data yield.
- Expected combinatorial bkg events are determined using data m_{ES} side band
- No signal is found

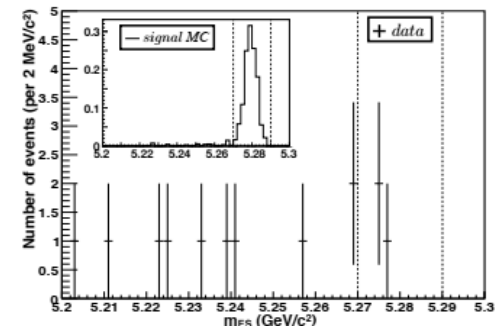
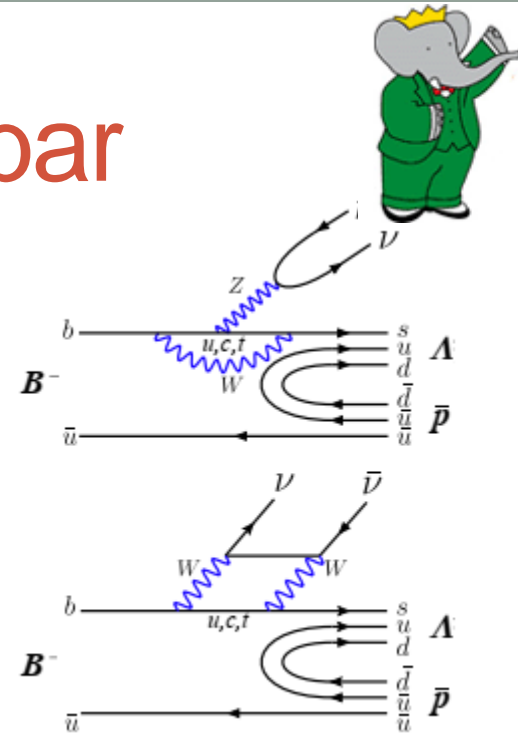


$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ at 90\% C.L.}$$

• PRD 100 (2019) 11, 111101

Search for $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \nu \bar{\nu}$ at Babar

- FCNC processes with $\nu\nu$ pairs theoretically clean
 - only Z penguin and W loop diagrams
 - no γ penguin, no charm loops, no resonances
 - SM prediction: $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \nu \bar{\nu}) = (7.9 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-7}$
- Data: 424 fb⁻¹ at $\Upsilon(4S)$
- Using Hadron tag method.
- Reduce background by MVA and cut on residual energy
- Remaining background is estimated using MC and side-band region.
- No significant is found,
 $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \nu \bar{\nu}) < 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$ @ 90% CL



Summary

- With the huge data sample taken at B-factories, Belle and Babar obtained many interesting result on rare decays.
 - Results are consistent with SM, and previous measurement.
 - Improve the precision of the previous measurement
 - help to constrain NP parameter more tighten.
 - The first result of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ search at Belle was presented. No signal is found, upper limit on branching fraction is
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ at 90\% C.L}$$
- For a long term, we can expect the contribution from Belle II with x50 of data and the improvement of detector performance.