

Monte Carlo studies of Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) $B \rightarrow K\tau l$ decays at *Belle* and *Belle II*

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Motivation

- Lepton Flavor (LF) conservation is challenged in various measurements [1], and some extensions of the Standard Model (SM) predict LF violation.
- Its violation in the neutral lepton sector is confirmed.

- Decays which we are searching violates it

$$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \tau^\pm l^\mp$$

$$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \nu_\tau$$

- Upper limit on branching ratios for them, is 2.45×10^{-5} (main contributions by the τ leptonic decay modes) [2].
- Any evidence for such decays will be a direct evidence of physics beyond SM.

1. D. London and J. Matias, B Flavour Anomalies: 2021 Theoretical Status Report, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 72 (2022) 37–68, [2110.13270].

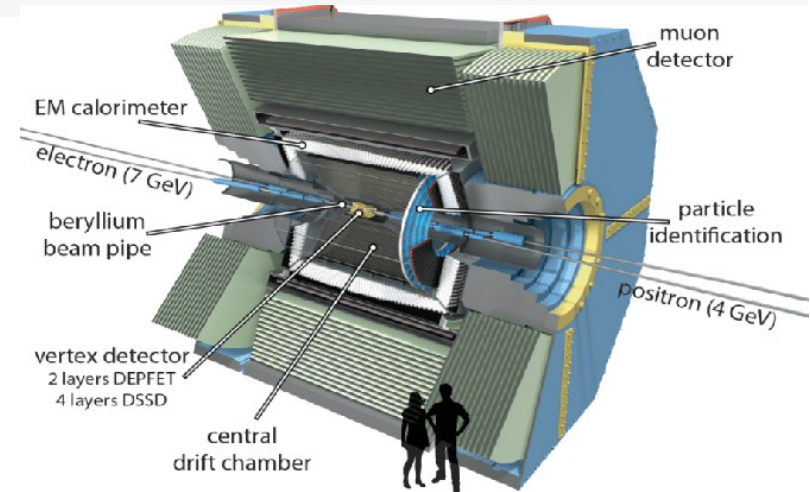
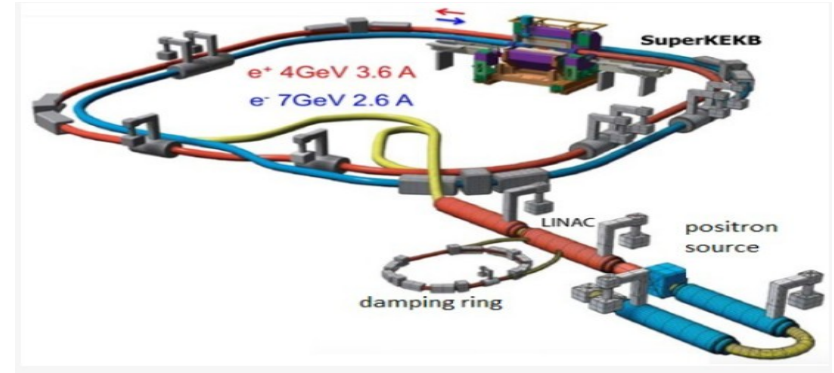
2. S. Watanuki et al.(Belle Collaboration), Search for the Lepton Flavor Violating Decays $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$ ($\ell = e, \mu$) at Belle PhysRevLett.130.261802

Belle II Experimental setup

- Asymmetric e^+e^- collider.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$$

- One B is named as signal B (B_{sig}) and the other as tag B (B_{tag}).
- Upgraded Belle detector and clean environment makes it an ideal place to study B physics.
- Well defined kinematical constraints to study the produced B mesons.
- Belle has collected 1 ab^{-1} data and Belle II has collected 362 fb^{-1} data so far.
- Belle II has achieved the peak luminosity of $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ which is current world record.



Reconstruction of B_{sig}

- In B factories, when we have a single missing particle, we can constrain the momentum of the missing particle on a cone. e.g

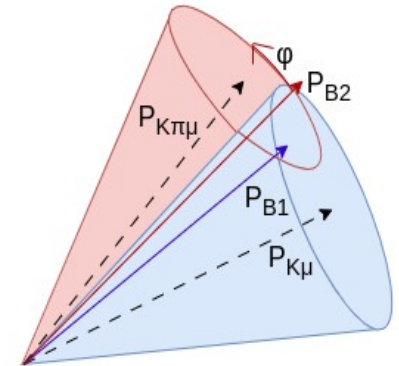
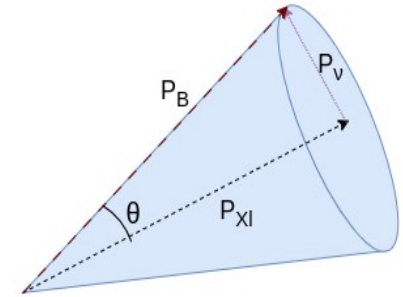
$$B^+ \rightarrow Xl^+\nu_l \quad E_{\text{miss}} = E_B - E_{Xl}$$

- In our case

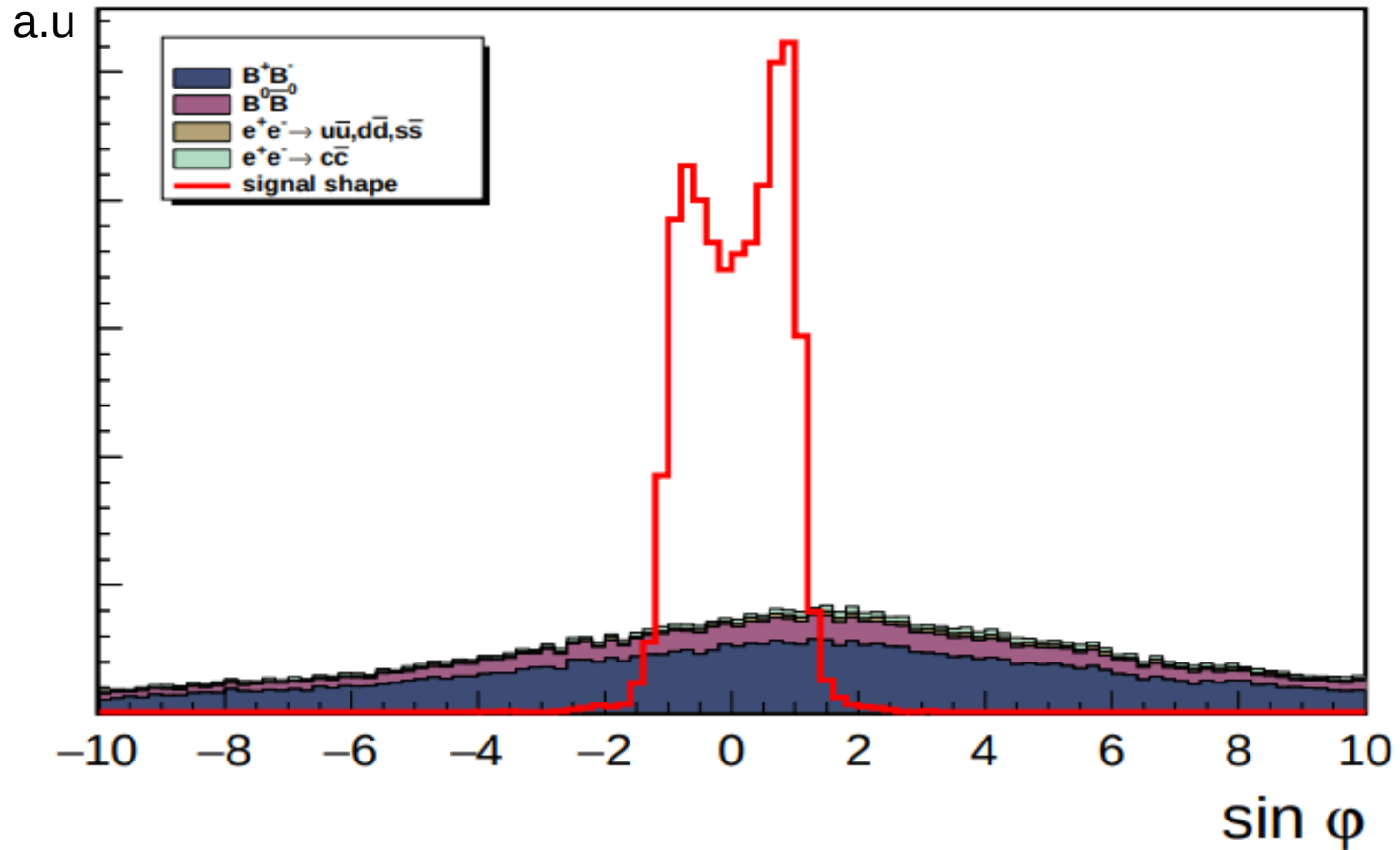
$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^- \mu^+$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_{\tau} \quad (\text{single missing neutrino})$$

- We can reconstruct the B_{sig} momentum from the two cones and their intersection leads to two possible solutions.
- By this approach, **we can recover the B_{sig} momentum without reconstructing the B_{tag}** .
- Intersection of two cones, gives us a discriminator variable which can be used for background suppression((0.5-0.7)% background, signal eff:77%)[4].



$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^-(\rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau) \mu^+$$



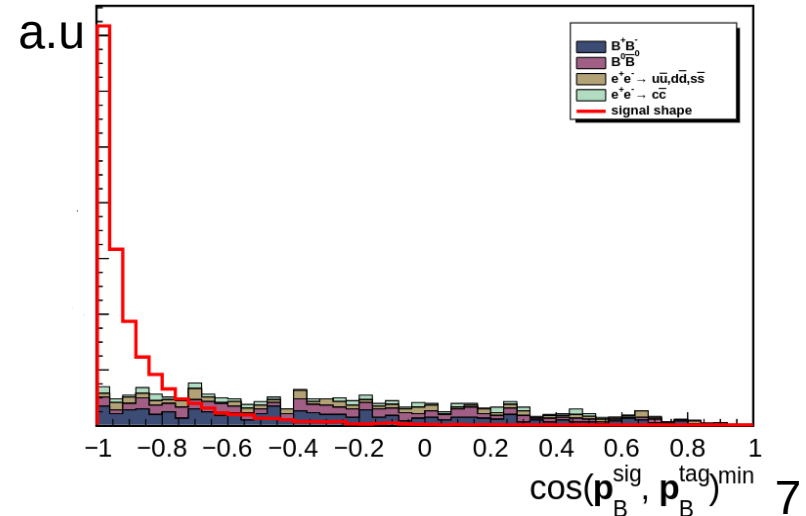
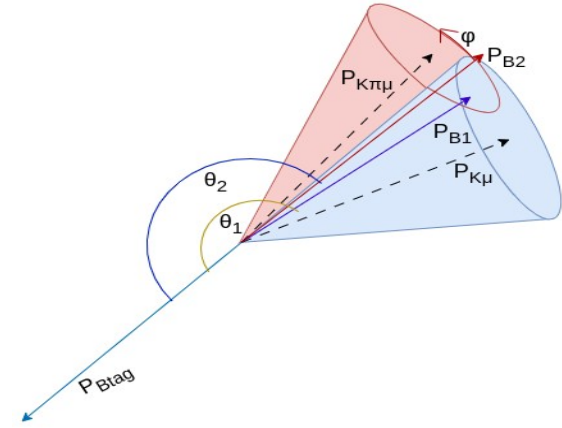
Signal Vs Hadronic tag side

- In this case, B_{sig} is reconstructed first and then we combine all the remaining tracks and clusters (rest of events (ROE)) to form the B_{tag} candidate.

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau (\rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau) \mu^+$$

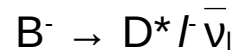
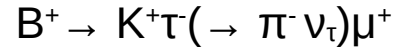
$$B^- \rightarrow \text{all possible final states (ROE)}$$

- When B_{tag} decays hadronically, we have the complete information about the B_{tag} momentum.
- Based on the best cosine angle distribution for θ_1 and θ_2 , we can further suppress the background events.

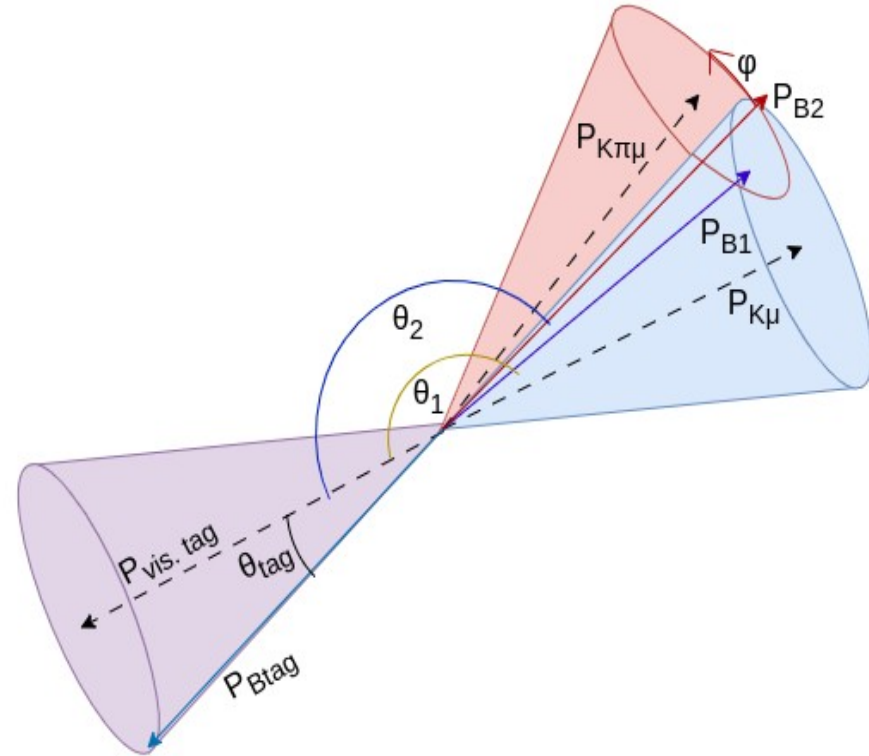


Signal Vs Semi-leptonic tag side

- In this case the B_{tag} decays to a hadron, lepton and a neutrino. For example

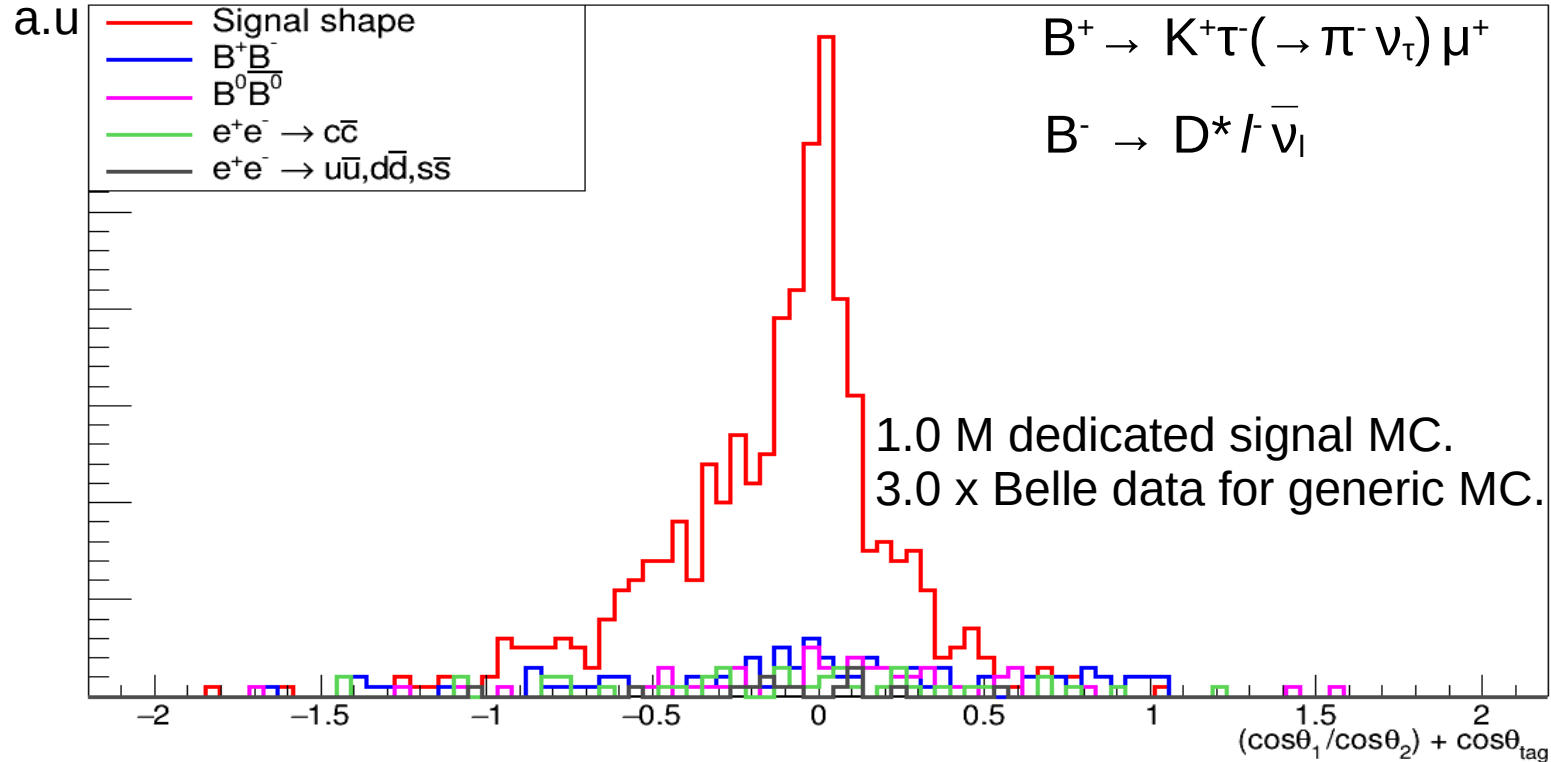


- Because of a missing neutrino on the tag side, we can only partially reconstruct B_{tag} momentum (cone around the visible momentum on tag side).
- Based on the sum of $\cos(\theta_1)/\cos(\theta_2)$ and $\cos\theta_{\text{tag}}$, we can extract signal over background.



Signal Vs Semi-leptonic tagging

Best case $((\cos\theta_1/\cos\theta_2) + \cos\theta_{\text{tag}})$ (closer to zero)



Summary

- By using the semi-leptonic tau decay ($\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$) mode and exploiting the kinematic conditions of the experiment, we have found the promising results for this approach in the Belle MC studies.
- We will include more decay modes in this study and validate our results on different control channel modes.
- Finally, we will apply this approach on the complete Belle and Belle II available dataset.

