

Semileptonic B decays at Belle

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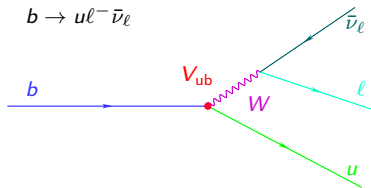
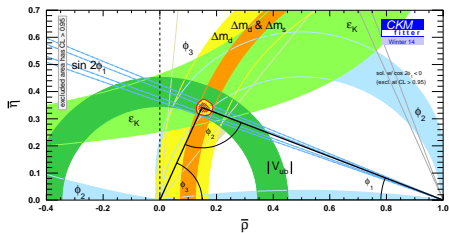
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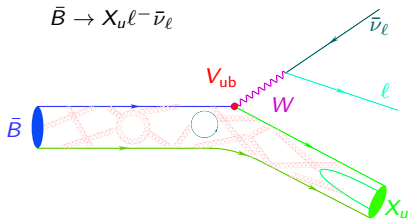
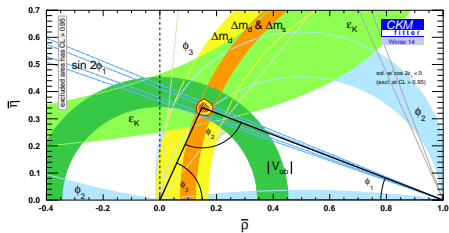
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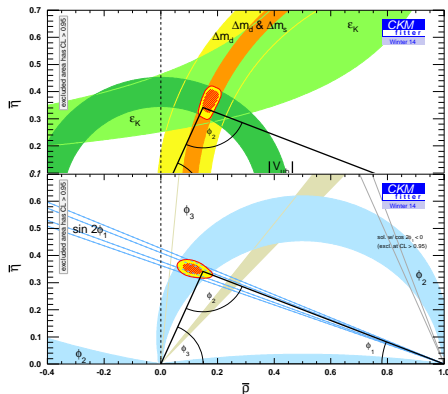
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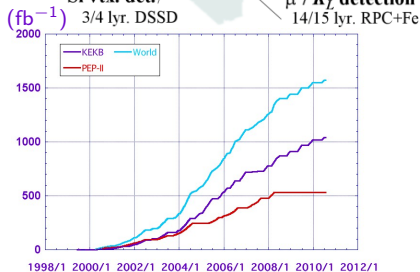
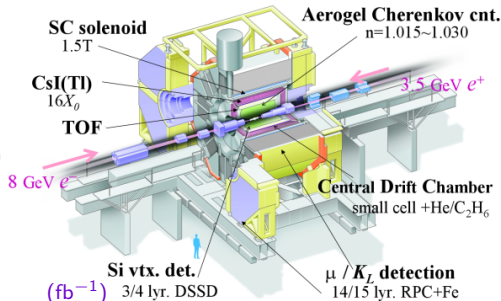
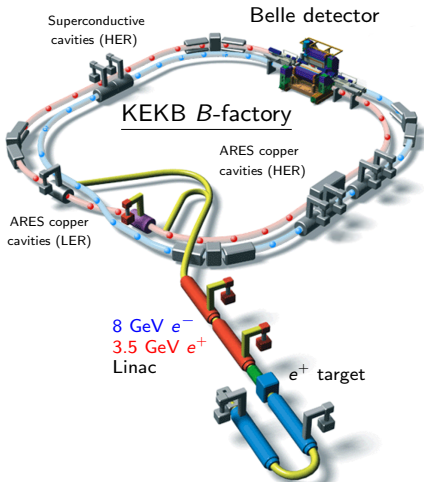


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Sides of the UT are still less accurate than angles \Rightarrow we need more precise measurements of semileptonic decays especially charmless for $|V_{ub}|$ element.

Belle detector and KEKB accelerator (1999-2010)



Energy region	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	$\Upsilon(4S)$	$\Upsilon(5S)$	Off reson./scan	Total
$\mathcal{L}, \text{fb}^{-1}$	6	25	3	711	121	100	> 1000

Matrix element of $B \rightarrow X_q \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ decay at the first order

$$\mathcal{M}(B \rightarrow X_q \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{qb} L^\mu H_\mu, \quad L^\mu = \bar{u}_\ell \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) \nu_\ell$$

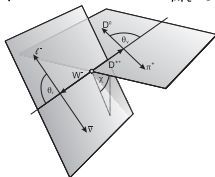
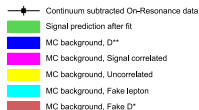
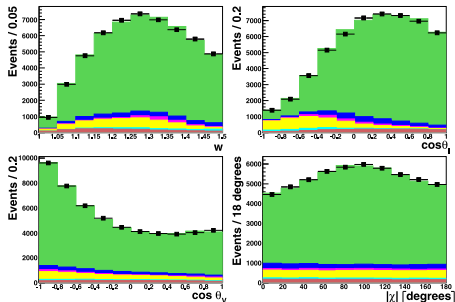
Hadronic current H_μ depends on a specific final state.

The differential decay rate for $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ processes ($\ell = e, \mu$) are parametrized in terms of $w = v_B \cdot v_D = (m_B^2 + m_D^2 - q^2)/2m_B m_D$, ($1 \leq w \leq w_{\max}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu})}{dw} &= \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{48\pi^3} m_{D^*}^3 \sqrt{w^2 - 1} P(w) |\mathcal{F}(w)|^2 \\ \frac{d\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow D \ell \bar{\nu})}{dw} &= \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{48\pi^3} m_D^3 (w^2 - 1)^{3/2} (m_B + m_D)^2 |\mathcal{G}(w)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

In the heavy-quark limit at zero recoil, corresponding to $w = 1$, the form factors are normalized to $\mathcal{F}(1) = 1$ and $\mathcal{G}(1) = 1$. In the work [Nucl.Phys. B530, 153-181] the form factor $\mathcal{G}(w)$ is constrained and controlled by the overall scale $\mathcal{G}(1)$ and the slope ρ_D^2 at zero recoil to an accuracy better than 2% as well as $\mathcal{F}(w)$ with the two additional parameters R_1 and R_2 .

$B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ untagged analysis at Belle



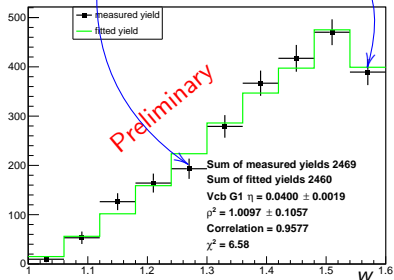
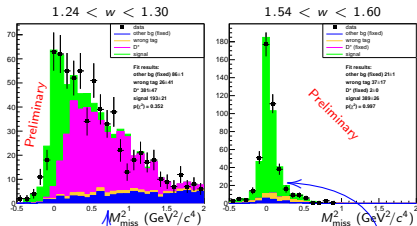
- Phys. Rev. D **82** (2010) 112007 [arXiv:1010.5620].
- Data sample is **710** fb^{-1} , 123427 ± 636 signal events.
- Fit in 40 bins of w , $\cos \theta_\ell$, $\cos \theta_V$ and χ to obtain phenomenological form factor parameters based on Nucl. Phys. B **530**, 153 (1998) [hep-ph/9712417].
- Fit result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}(1)|V_{cb}| &= (34.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3} \\
 \rho_{D^*}^2 &= 1.214 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.009 \\
 R_1 &= 1.401 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.018 \\
 R_2 &= 0.864 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.008 \\
 \chi^2/\text{ndf} &= 138.8/155
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) = (4.58 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.26)\%$$

$B \rightarrow D\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle (preliminary)

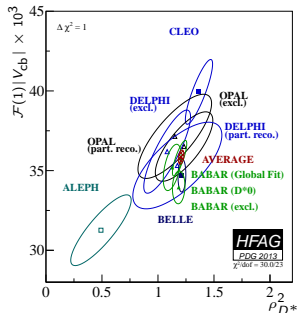
$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ e \bar{\nu}$$



- Results are preliminary.
- Data sample is 711 fb^{-1} .
- Inclusive semileptonic decays are used to correct tag efficiencies.
- D is reconstructed in multiple hadronic states.
- Branching fractions extracted:
 $\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ \ell \bar{\nu}) = (2.49 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-2}$
 $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \ell \bar{\nu}) = (2.70 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-2}$
- Binned maximum likelihood fit to the M_{miss}^2 distribution in 10 w regions.
- w distribution fit results:

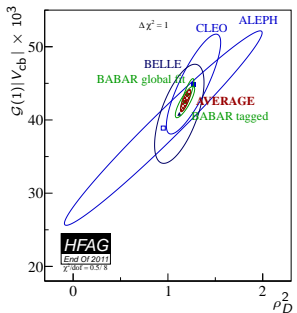
Sample	$\eta_{EW} \mathcal{G}(1) V_{cb} $ 10^{-3}	ρ_D^2	corr.
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ e \bar{\nu}$	$40.0 \pm 1.9 \pm 1.7$	$1.01 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.03$	0.69
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ \mu \bar{\nu}$	$40.7 \pm 2.1 \pm 1.7$	$1.08 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.03$	0.71
$B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 e \bar{\nu}$	$43.7 \pm 1.9 \pm 1.7$	$0.91 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.01$	0.71
$B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \mu \bar{\nu}$	$46.7 \pm 1.9 \pm 1.8$	$1.08 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.01$	0.68
$B \rightarrow D\ell\bar{\nu}$	$42.6 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.4$	$1.00 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.02$	0.49

$|V_{cb}|$ average by HFAG



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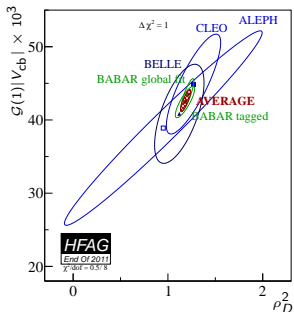
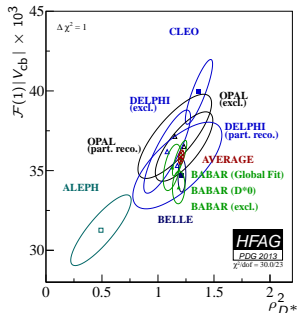
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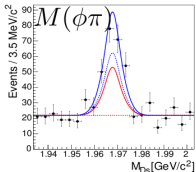
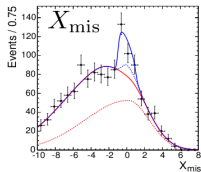
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The tension between exclusive $|V_{cb}|$ with the new LQCD calculation of $\mathcal{F}(1)$ and inclusive $|V_{cb}| = (42.42 \pm 0.86) \times 10^{-3}$ from the recent global fit in the kinetic scheme [Phys. Rev. D **89**, 014022 (2014)] becomes now more significant ($\sim 3\sigma$).

$B^+ \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} K^+ l \bar{\nu}_l$ at Belle



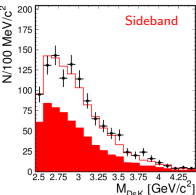
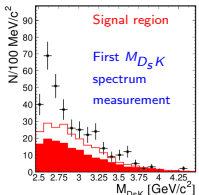
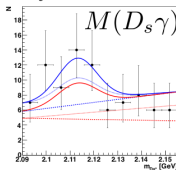
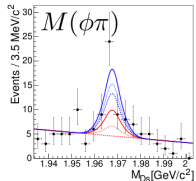
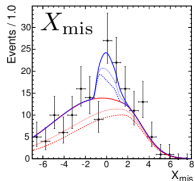
D_s mode



$$X_{\text{mis}} = \frac{E_{\text{beam}} - E_{\text{vis}} - |P_{\text{vis}}|}{\sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^2 - m_B^2}}$$

Data set 605 fb⁻¹

D_s^* mode



PRD **86**, 072007(R) (2012)

[arXiv:1207.6244]

High mass region (above $D_s K$) of charm semileptonic decays is not well known. Theory can use new measurement to improve description of this region.

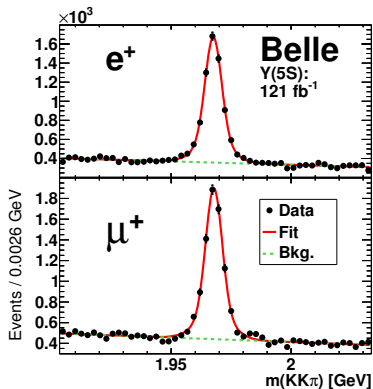
Select signal in $D_s \rightarrow \phi(K^+ K^-)\pi$ mode, remaining particles must be consistent with B meson decay hypothesis in semileptonic mode.

X_c	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^4$	significance
$D_s^- K^+$	$3.0 \pm 0.9^{+1.1}_{-0.8}$	3.4σ
$D_s^{*-} K^+$	$2.9 \pm 1.6^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$	< 5.6 at 90% CL
Combined	$5.9 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.5$	6σ

consistent with the BABAR result [PRL107(2011)041804]

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} K^+ l \bar{\nu}_l) = [6.13^{+1.04}_{-1.03}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.43(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.51(\mathcal{B}(D_s))] \times 10^{-4}$$

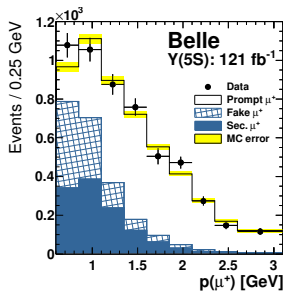
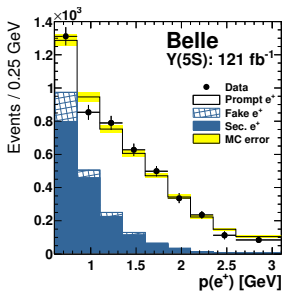
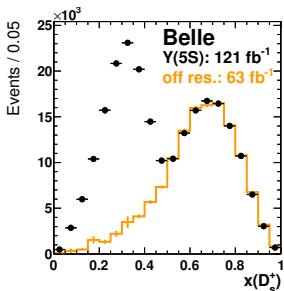
$\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow X^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ at Belle



ℓ	$N(D_s^+ \ell^+) \times 10^{-3}$	$\mathcal{R} \times 10^4$
e	4.26 ± 0.19	$428 \pm 20 \pm 13$
μ	4.76 ± 0.23	$470 \pm 23 \pm 16$

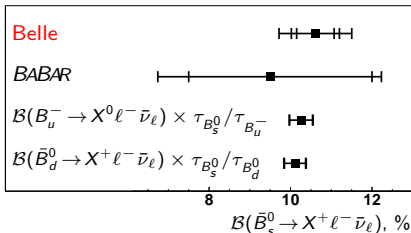
- 121 fb^{-1} @ $\Upsilon(5S)$ or $(7.1 \pm 1.3) \times 10^6 B_s^{0(*)} \bar{B}_s^{0(*)}$ pairs.
- B_s^0 meson is tagged by a D_s^+ meson reconstructed in the mode $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi(K^+ K^-) \pi$.
- To suppress continuum events low momentum D_s^+ meson is required $x(D_s^+) = p_{D_s^+} / p_{D_s^+}^{\text{max}} < 0.5$
- Same charge for the lepton and D_s^+ meson to ensure they come from different B_s^0 mesons.
- Branching fraction from the $\mathcal{R} = N(D_s^+ \ell^+) / N(D_s^+)$ ratio.
- Total number of selected D_s^+ mesons is $N(D_s^+) = (12.42 \pm 0.08) \times 10^4$ among which $N_{\text{cont}}(D_s^+) = (2.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^4$ mesons are expected from continuum.

$\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow X^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ fit results at Belle



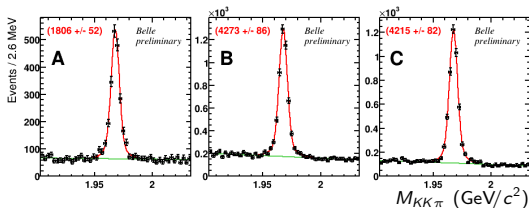
ℓ	$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow X^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell)$, %
e	$10.1 \pm 0.6_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.6_{\text{ext}}$
μ	$11.3 \pm 0.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.5_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.7_{\text{ext}}$
Combined	$10.6 \pm 0.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.6_{\text{ext}}$

BABAR	3.2 fb^{-1}	PRD 85 , 011101 (2012)
Belle	121 fb^{-1}	PRD 87 , 072008 (2013)

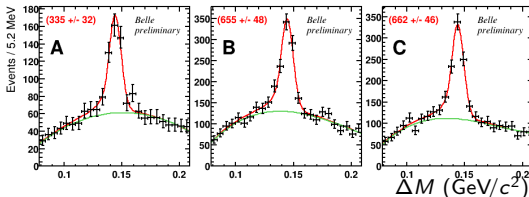


$\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} X \ell^- \bar{\nu}$ at Belle (preliminary)

$\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ X e^- \bar{\nu}$

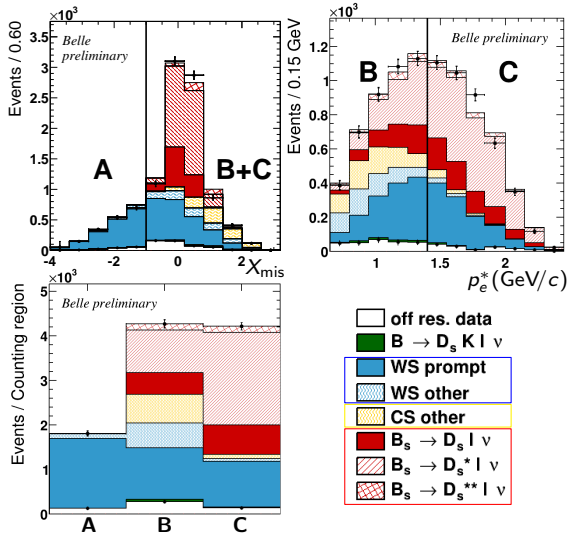


$\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} X e^- \bar{\nu}$



- 121 fb⁻¹ @ $\Upsilon(5S)$.
- Number of B_s^0 is estimated from the luminosity $N_{B_s^0} = \mathcal{L} \sigma_{\Upsilon(5S)}(b\bar{b}) f_s$. Main uncertainty comes from $f_s = 0.172 \pm 0.03$.
- D_s^+ meson reconstructed in the mode $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi(K^+K^-)\pi$ and D_s^{*+} in $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow D_s^+\gamma$.
- To enhance semileptonic decays a lepton with the opposite charge to the reconstructed D_s^+ is required.
- Yields of D_s^+ and D_s^{*+} are from the fit to $M_{KK\pi}$ and $\Delta M = M_{KK\pi\gamma} - M_{KK\pi}$ distributions respectively.
- Fits are performed separately for the electron and muon modes.

$$\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ X e^- \bar{\nu}$$



The decay phase space is divided in three regions (A, B, C) using the variables

$$X_{\text{mis}} = \frac{(E_B^* - E_{\text{vis}}^*) - p_{\text{vis}}^*}{p_B^*} \text{ and } p_{\ell}^*$$

Extracted components

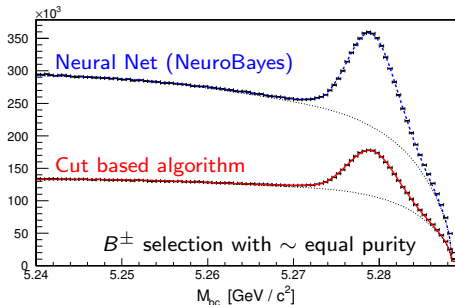
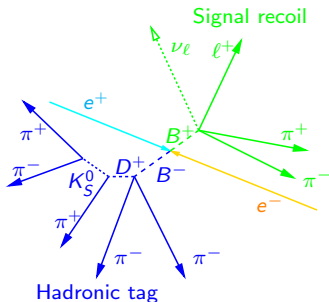
- Wrong B_s^0 assignment – lepton and D_s^+ are from different B_s^0 .
- Secondary and fake leptons
- Signal

Combined result

$$B(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ X \ell^- \bar{\nu}) = [8.2 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.8_{\text{sys}} \pm 1.5_{N_{B_s^0}}] \%$$

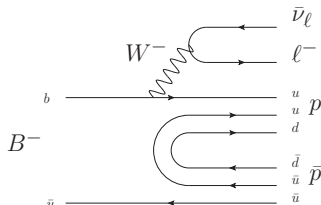
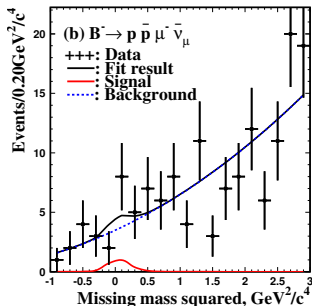
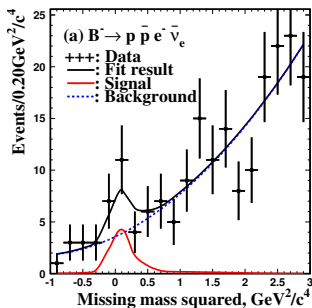
$$B(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} X \ell^- \bar{\nu}) = [5.4 \pm 0.4_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.5_{\text{sys}} \pm 1.0_{N_{B_s^0}}] \%$$

- Recently new reconstruction procedure of B hadronic decays based on NeuroBayes package has been introduced in Belle. [NIM A654, 432 (2011)]
- New procedure tries to reconstruct B meson in more than 1100 exclusive hadronic decay channels.
- Compared to the previous cut based algorithm it offers roughly twice efficiency gain and about 2.1×10^6 of B^\pm and 1.4×10^6 of B^0 with 711 fb^{-1} collected at $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance.
- Hadronic tag has been calibrated with charm semileptonic decays with precision 4.2 % for B^+ and 4.5 % for B^0 .



First evidence of the $B^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell$ decay with hadronic tag at Belle

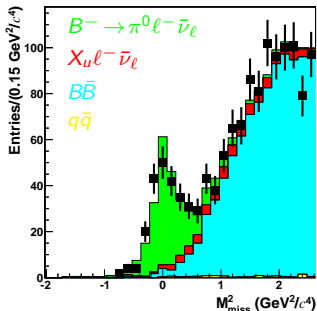
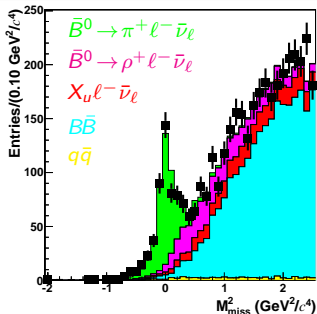
Phys. Rev. D **89**, 011101(R) (2013) [arXiv:1306.3353]



- No previous measurements
- U.L. from CLEO [PRD **68**, 012004 (2003)]:
 $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell) < 5.2 \times 10^{-3}$
- \mathcal{B} prediction is $\sim 10^{-4}$ in [PLB **704**, 495 (2011)]
- Yield from unbinned maximum likelihood fit

Mode	\mathcal{B} (10^{-6})	U.L. (10^{-6})
$B^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}e^-\bar{\nu}_e$	$8.2^{+3.7}_{-3.2} \pm 0.6$	13.8
$B^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$3.1^{+3.1}_{-2.4} \pm 0.7$	8.5
Combined sample	$5.8^{+2.4}_{-2.1} \pm 0.9$	9.6

$\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle



- PRD **88**, 032005 (2013) [arXiv:1306.2781]
- 711 fb^{-1} @ $\Upsilon(4S)$ + 79 fb^{-1} off-peak data
- Yield from binned maximum likelihood fit

X_u	Yield	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^4$
π^+	462.6 ± 27.7	$1.49 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.07$
π^0	232.2 ± 22.6	$0.80 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.04$

Test of isospin symmetry:

$$2 \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) \tau_{B^0}}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) \tau_{B^+}} = 1.00 \pm 0.13$$

Combined branching fraction:

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) = (1.49 \pm 0.08_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.07_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-4}$$

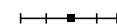
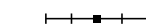
Belle had. tag

Belle untagged

PRD **83**, 071101(R)(2011)

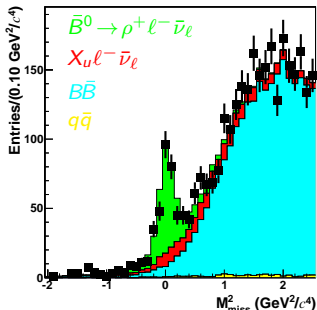
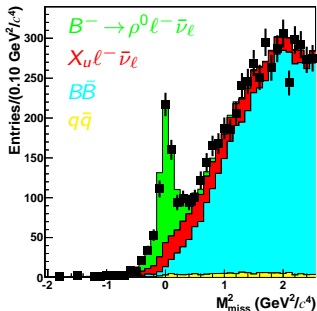
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PRD **86**, 092004(2012)



$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) \times 10^4$

$\bar{B} \rightarrow \rho \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle



- PRD **88**, 032005 (2013) [arXiv:1306.2781]
- 711 fb^{-1} @ $\Upsilon(4S)$ + 79 fb^{-1} off-peak data
- Yield from binned maximum likelihood fit

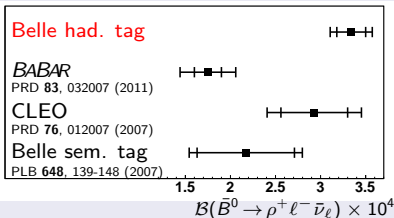
X_u	Yield	$B \times 10^4$
ρ^+	343.3 ± 28.3	$3.22 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.24$
ρ^0	621.7 ± 35.0	$1.83 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.10$

Test of isospin symmetry:

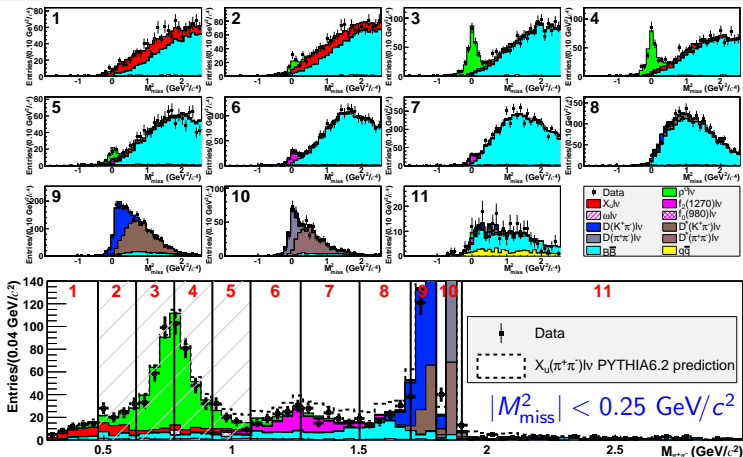
$$2 \times \frac{B(B^- \rightarrow \rho^0 \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) \tau_{B^0}}{B(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) \tau_{B^+}} = 1.06 \pm 0.13$$

Combined branching fraction:

$$B(\bar{B} \rightarrow \rho \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) = (3.34 \pm 0.16_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.17_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-4}$$

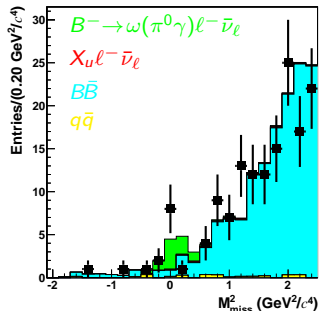
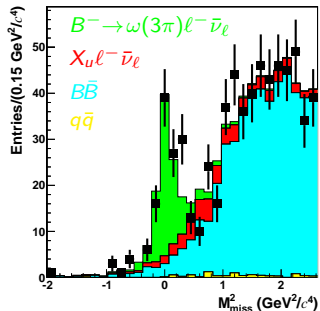


$\bar{B} \rightarrow \rho \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle in bins of $M_{\pi\pi}$



- The extracted yield of the $B^- \rightarrow \rho^0 \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ decay nicely agrees with the M_{miss}^2 fit alone.
- Belle does not see the $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u(\pi\pi) \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ non-resonance decay predicted by PYTHIA6.2 in data: $N_{\pi\pi\ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell}^{\text{PYTHIA6.2}} = 334.9$, $N_{\pi\pi\ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell}^{\text{fit}} = 45.8 \pm 45.4$
- The extracted yield of the $B^- \rightarrow f_2 \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ decay is 2-3 times higher than the ISGW2 model prediction: $N_{f_2 \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell}^{\text{ISGW2}} = 58.4$, $N_{f_2 \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell}^{\text{fit}} = 154.4 \pm 22.2$

$B^- \rightarrow \omega \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle



- PRD **88**, 032005 (2013) [arXiv:1306.2781]
- 711 fb^{-1} @ $\Upsilon(4S)$ + 79 fb^{-1} off-peak data
- Yield from binned maximum likelihood fit

X_u	Yield	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^4$
$\omega(3\pi)$	96.7 ± 14.5	$1.07 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.07$
$\omega(\pi\gamma)$	9.0 ± 4.0	$1.06 \pm 0.47 \pm 0.07$

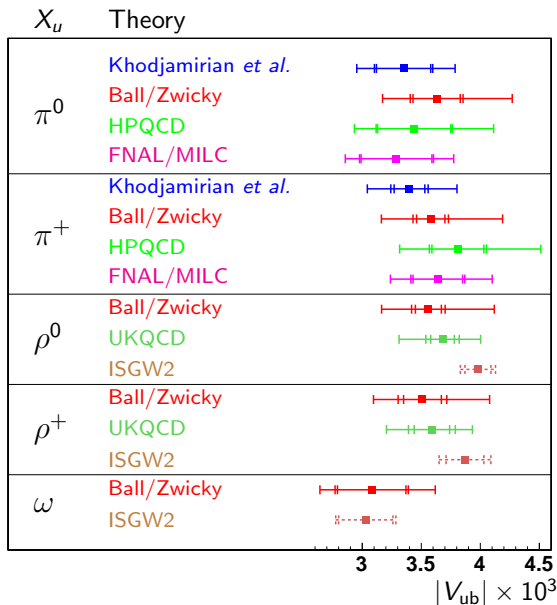
Belle had. tag

BABAR combined
PRD **86**, 092004(2012)

Belle untagged
PRL **93**, 131803 (2004)

$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \omega \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) \times 10^4$

$|V_{ub}|$ from exclusive $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle



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PRD **83**, 094031 (2011)

Ball/Zwicky
PRD **71**, 014015 (2005)
PRD **71**, 014029 (2005)

HPQCD
PRD **73**, 074502 (2006)

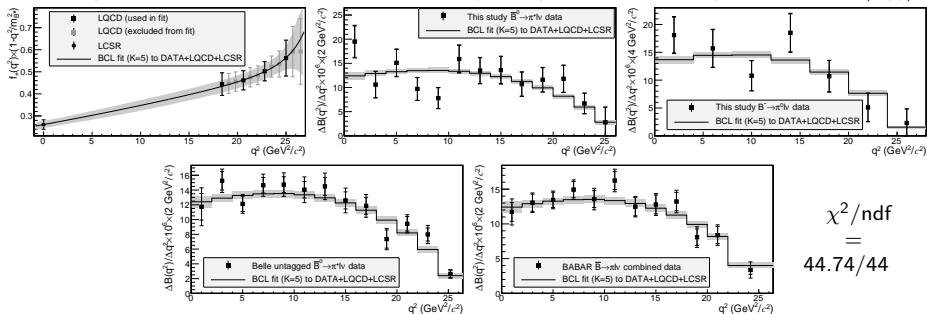
FNAL/MILC
PRD **79**, 054507 (2009)

UKQCD
PLB **416**, 392 (1998)

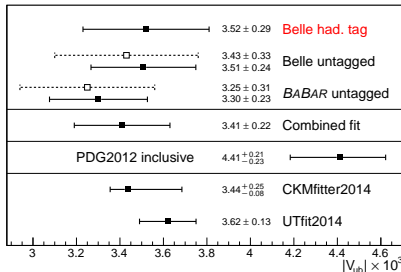
ISGW2
PRD **52**, 2783 (1995)
Theory error is not available.

Model independent extraction of $|V_{ub}|$ from exclusive $\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ decays

Simultaneous fit with the BCL parametrization [PRD79, 013008 (2009)] to the recent form factor predictions and the available $\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ data provides the most precise value of $|V_{ub}|$.



$$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 44.74/44$$



The dashed lines represent $|V_{ub}|$ values quoted in the original papers.

LCSR JHEP **1205**, 092 (2012) [arXiv:1203.1359]

LQCD PRD **79**, 054507 (2009) [arXiv:0811.3640]

Belle had. tag PRD **88**, 032005 (2013) [arXiv:1306.2781]

Belle PRD **83**, 071101(R) (2011) [arXiv:1012.0090]

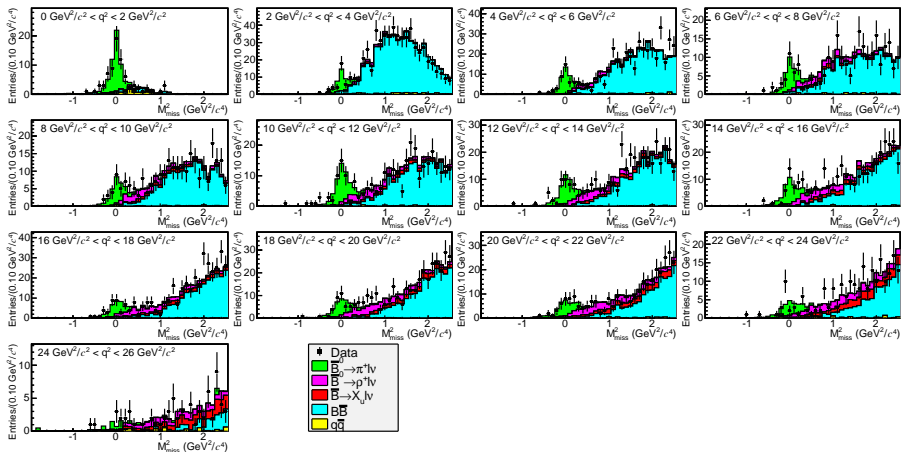
BABAR PRD **86**, 092004 (2012) [arXiv:1208.1253]



- Belle was decommissioned at 2010 but analysis of the collected data still improves our knowledge in B physics.
- Belle has significantly contributed to the $|V_{cb}|$ measurement.
- Belle has started to explore the poorly known region above $2.46 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ in hadronic recoil masses of semileptonic B decays.
- Belle has measured inclusive semileptonic decay rates of the B_s^0 meson.
- Using the new neural net based hadronic tag technique, Belle has measured exclusive branching fractions of a number of charmless semileptonic decays with low background and high accuracy.
- Using the pion modes, a recent LCSR calculation, lattice QCD results and a model-independent description of the hadronic form factor, a value of the CKM matrix element $|V_{ub}|$ is extracted.
- The tension between exclusive and inclusive measurements of $|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$ is now at 3σ level.

Backup

$\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle



$$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 813.165/1026$$

Differential branching fractions in bins of q^2 are also extracted!

$|V_{ub}|$ from exclusive $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ with hadronic tag at Belle

Normalized decay rate $\Delta\zeta = \int d\Gamma / |V_{ub}|^2$ is based on form factor prediction from theory.

X_u	Theory	q^2 GeV/c ²	N^{fit}	$\Delta\mathcal{B}$ 10 ⁻⁴	$\Delta\zeta$ ps ⁻¹	$ V_{ub} $ 10 ⁻³
π^0	LCSR1	< 12	119.6 ± 16.2	0.423 ± 0.057	4.59 ^{+1.00} _{-0.85}	3.35 ± 0.23 ± 0.09 ^{+0.36} _{-0.31}
	LCSR2	< 16	168.2 ± 18.9	0.588 ± 0.066	5.44 ^{+1.43} _{-1.43}	3.63 ± 0.20 ± 0.10 ^{+0.60} _{-0.40}
	HPQCD	> 16	58.6 ± 10.5	0.196 ± 0.035	2.02 ^{+0.55} _{-0.55}	3.44 ± 0.31 ± 0.09 ^{+0.59} _{-0.39}
	FNAL	> 16	58.6 ± 10.5	0.196 ± 0.035	2.21 ^{+0.47} _{-0.42}	3.29 ± 0.30 ± 0.09 ^{+0.37} _{-0.30}
π^+	LCSR1	< 12	247.2 ± 18.9	0.808 ± 0.062	4.59 ^{+1.00} _{-0.85}	3.40 ± 0.13 ± 0.09 ^{+0.37} _{-0.32}
	LCSR2	< 16	324.2 ± 22.6	1.057 ± 0.074	5.44 ^{+1.43} _{-1.43}	3.58 ± 0.12 ± 0.09 ^{+0.59} _{-0.39}
	HPQCD	> 16	141.3 ± 16.0	0.445 ± 0.050	2.02 ^{+0.55} _{-0.55}	3.81 ± 0.22 ± 0.10 ^{+0.66} _{-0.43}
	FNAL	> 16	141.3 ± 16.0	0.445 ± 0.050	2.21 ^{+0.47} _{-0.42}	3.64 ± 0.21 ± 0.09 ^{+0.40} _{-0.33}
ρ^0	LCSR3	< 16	476.5 ± 30.5	1.431 ± 0.091	13.7 ^{+3.4} _{-3.4}	3.56 ± 0.11 ± 0.09 ^{+0.54} _{-0.37}
	UKQCD	full range	621.7 ± 35.0	1.834 ± 0.103	16.5 ^{+3.5} _{-2.3}	3.68 ± 0.10 ± 0.10 ^{+0.29} _{-0.34}
	ISGW2	full range	621.7 ± 35.0	1.834 ± 0.103	14.1 ± ??	3.98 ± 0.11 ± 0.10 ^{+?.??} _{-?.??}
ρ^+	LCSR3	< 16	268.8 ± 25.0	2.574 ± 0.239	13.7 ^{+3.4} _{-3.4}	3.51 ± 0.16 ± 0.13 ^{+0.53} _{-0.36}
	UKQCD	full range	343.3 ± 28.3	3.222 ± 0.266	16.5 ^{+3.5} _{-2.3}	3.59 ± 0.15 ± 0.13 ^{+0.28} _{-0.33}
	ISGW2	full range	343.3 ± 28.3	3.222 ± 0.266	14.1 ± ??	3.87 ± 0.16 ± 0.15 ^{+?.??} _{-?.??}
ω	LCSR3	< 12	61.3 ± 11.4	0.611 ± 0.113	7.88 ^{+1.86} _{-1.86}	3.08 ± 0.29 ± 0.11 ^{+0.44} _{-0.31}
	ISGW2	full range	96.7 ± 14.5	1.069 ± 0.160	14.1 ± ??	3.03 ± 0.23 ± 0.11 ^{+?.??} _{-?.??}

LCSR1 PRD 83 (2011) 094031 HPQCD PRD 73 (2006) 074502 LCSR2 PRD 71 (2005) 014015 FNAL PRD 79 (2009) 054507
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Note nice agreement between $\bar{B} \rightarrow \pi \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ and $\bar{B} \rightarrow \rho \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ modes with LCSR(2,3) prediction.

Matrix element of $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ decay at first order

$$\mathcal{M}(B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ub} L^\mu H_\mu, \quad L^\mu = \bar{u}_\ell \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) \nu_\ell$$

Hadronic current H_μ depends on specific final state.

The differential decay rate for $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ process where $\ell = e, \mu$ can be expressed in terms of W boson momentum q :

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell)}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 p_\pi^3}{24\pi^3} |V_{ub}|^2 |f_+(q^2)|^2, \quad (1)$$

where all QCD uncertainties are hidden in the $f_+(q^2)$ vector form factor.

Model independent parametrization of $f_+(q^2)$, which satisfies unitarity, analyticity and perturbative QCD scaling has been suggested by Bourrely, Caprini and Lellouch (BCL) [PRD 79, 013008 (2009)]:

$$f_+(q^2, \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/m_{B^*}^2} \sum_{k=0}^K b_k z(q^2)^k, \quad z(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}, \quad (2)$$

where $m_{B^*} = 5.325 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $t_+ = (m_B + m_\pi)^2$. The optimal parameter $t_0 = 20.06 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$ provides fast series convergence since the physical q^2 region maps onto the disk $|z| < 0.28$. Unitarity and crossing symmetry properties of the form factor constrain the \vec{b} parameters:

$$\sum_{j,k=0}^K B_{jk} b_j b_k \leq 1. \quad (3)$$