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Tau properties in B decays from final-state kinematics

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The semileptonic decays $B \to D^{(*)} \tau \nu$ have received lots of attention recently, due to an observed discrepancy between standard-model predictions and measurements. Experimentally, these processes are challenging due the fast decay of the tau lepton, which is indirectly observed through its decay products. From a theory perspective, the tau lepton is exactly what makes $B \to D^{(*)} \tau \nu$ decays interesting: The massive lepton offers the possibility to study its polarization states individually and thereby learn about the details of its production. I will show how to obtain tau properties directly from kinematics of the visible decay products in $\tau \to \pi \nu$, $\tau \to \rho \nu$, and $\tau \to \ell \nu \bar{\nu}$ decays. These new observables provide us with an analytical framework to fully explore the properties of $B \to D^{(*)} \tau \nu$ at BELLE II.

Summary

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