

Rare B Decay Analyses at Belle

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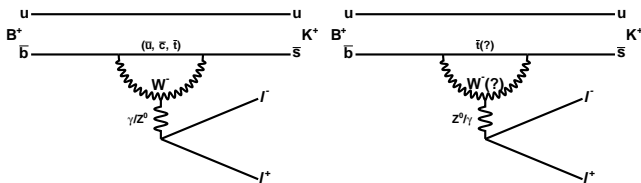
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- The rare decay $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell \ell$ involves $b \rightarrow s$ quark level transition, which are flavor changing neutral currents. These processes occur through penguin loop and box diagrams in standard model (SM).



- Global analysis of B decays hints at lepton flavor non universality.
- These decays are highly suppressed and very small BR ($\mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$).
- They are very sensitive to new physics.
- The new physics can contribute by enhancing or suppressing the decay rates or modifying the angular distribution of the final state particles.

Introduction

- The amplitude of a hadron decay process [arXiv:hep-ph/9806471] is described as:

$$A(M \rightarrow F) = \langle F | \mathcal{H}_{eff} | M \rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i V_{CKM}^i C_i(\mu) \langle F | O_i(\mu) | M \rangle$$

CKM couplings Wilson Coefficients Hadronic Matrix Elements
 ($\mu = \text{scale}$)

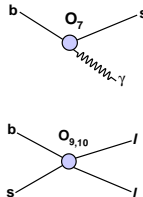
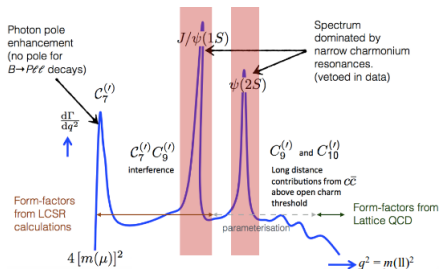
Wilson coefficients $C_i =$ Perturbative short distance effects

Operators $O_i =$ non-perturbative long distance effects.

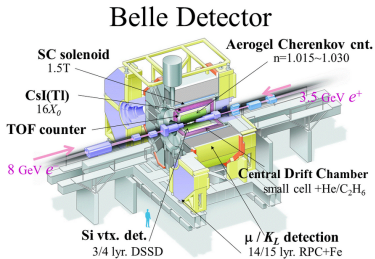
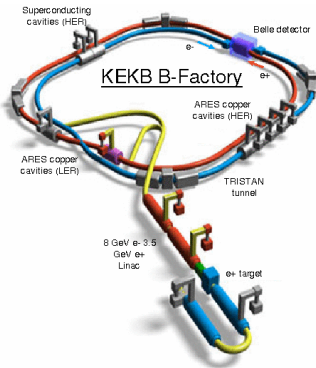
$i = 7$: Photon penguin

$i = 9, 10$: Electroweak penguin

- NP can affect SM operator contributions (Wilson coefficients) and/or enter through new operators.



- Contribution of C_7 , C_9 and C_{10} depends on q^2 (invariant mass square of two leptons).



- The Belle experiment was located at the KEKB accelerator in Tsukuba, Japan.
- Data taking from 1999 to 2010.
- Data collected at $\Upsilon(4S)$: $711 \text{ fb}^{-1} = 772 \text{ million } B\bar{B} \text{ pairs}$.

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

Test of LFU (R_K) in $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$

- SM prediction is very accurate. $R_K^{(SM)} = 1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$ [Eur. Phys. J. C76, 440 (2016)]

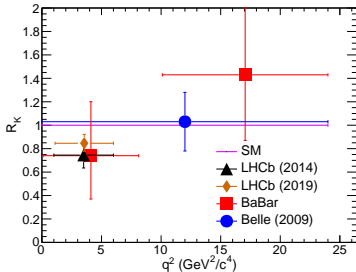
- LHCb [PRL 113, 151601(2014)] shows deviation from SM

$$R_K = \frac{BR(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{BR(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)} = 0.745_{-0.074}^{+0.090} \pm 0.036$$

in $q^2 = [1 - 6] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$: 2.6σ tension for 3fb^{-1} data sample (2011-12 data).

- LHCb [PRL 122, 191801 (2019)] shows $R_K([1.1 - 6]) = 0.846_{-0.054}^{+0.016} {}_{-0.014}^{+0.060}$, 2.5σ deviation for 5fb^{-1} data sample (2011 - 2016 data).

- The value of R_K for Belle [PRL 103, 171801 (2009)] was consistent with unity for the whole q^2 region within the uncertainty limit, measured for a data sample of 605fb^{-1} .



Bin (GeV^2/c^4)	R_K	Collaboration
$1 < q^2 < 6$	$0.745_{-0.074}^{+0.090} \pm 0.036$	LHCb (2014)
$1.1 < q^2 < 6$	$0.846_{-0.054}^{+0.016} {}_{-0.014}^{+0.060}$	LHCb (2019)
whole q^2	$1.03 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.06$	Belle
$0.10 < q^2 < 8.12$	$0.74_{-0.31}^{+0.40} \pm 0.06$	BaBar
$q^2 > 10.11$	$1.43_{-0.44}^{+0.65} \pm 0.12$	BaBar

- We want to exploit maximum from the data already collected (711fb^{-1}) and make the extrapolation to Belle II reliable.

- This measurement of R_K is with Belle full data sample of 711 fb^{-1} , while the previous measurement was with 605 fb^{-1} .
- We perform a multi-dimensional fit using M_{bc} , ΔE and background suppression variable to extract the signal yield.
- The R_K values are given in five q^2 bins and also the whole q^2 region.
- We calibrate the signal component with $B \rightarrow J/\psi K$ sample and continuum ($e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$) background with off-resonance data sample (89 fb^{-1}).
- The leptonID systematics (major source) were improved significantly.

Particle Selection Criteria

- The decay mode reconstructed are $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell\ell$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \ell\ell$, where $\ell\ell = \mu\mu$ or ee .
- K^\pm , μ^\pm and e^\pm particles satisfying PID are selected from tracks near IP. K_S^0 are selected using K_S^0 displaced vertex properties and with a mass window, 3σ about K_S^0 nominal mass.
- Kinematic variables which distinguish signal from background are

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2/c^4 - |p_B|^2/c^4}$$

$$\Delta E = E_B - E_{beam}$$

- The requirement on kinematic variables are
 $5.20 < M_{bc} < 5.30 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $-0.1 < \Delta E < 0.25 \text{ GeV}$

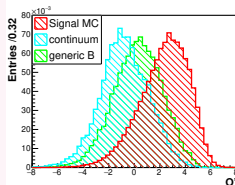
Background suppression and NN translation

- The irreducible peaking background coming from $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \ell\ell)K$ and $B \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\rightarrow \ell\ell)K$ are removed by q^2 veto.
- The peaking background are reduced by applying invariant mass veto.

Mode	Peaking source	Veto
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$	$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)\pi^+$	$M_{K^+\mu^-} \notin [1.85 - 1.88]$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$	$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K^+$	$M_{K^+\mu^-} \notin [3.06 - 3.13]$

- Small contribution of $B \rightarrow K\pi\pi$ decay is studied with all intermediate resonances and fixed in the fit.
- The NN is trained with some event shape, vertex quality and kinematic variables to suppress the background from continuum and generic B decays.
- The NN output (\mathcal{O}) is translated to \mathcal{O}' using the formula

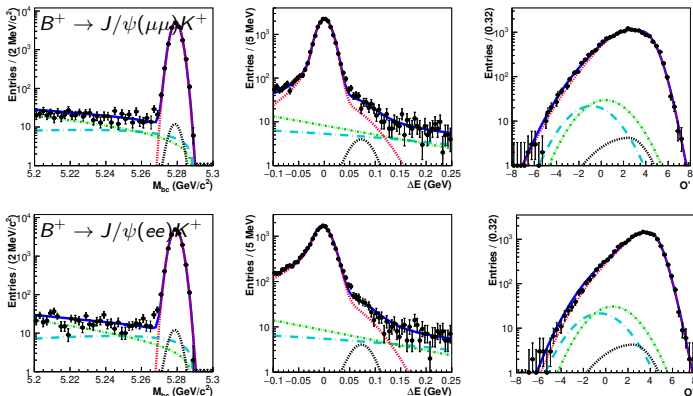
$$\mathcal{O}' = \log \frac{\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}_{\min}}{\mathcal{O}_{\max} - \mathcal{O}}$$



- $\mathcal{O}_{\min} = -0.6$ reduces the background $\sim 75\%$, with signal efficiency loss of 4 – 5%.

- The signal yield is extracted by performing extended maximum likelihood fit in 3-dimensions *i.e.*, M_{bc} , ΔE and O' .

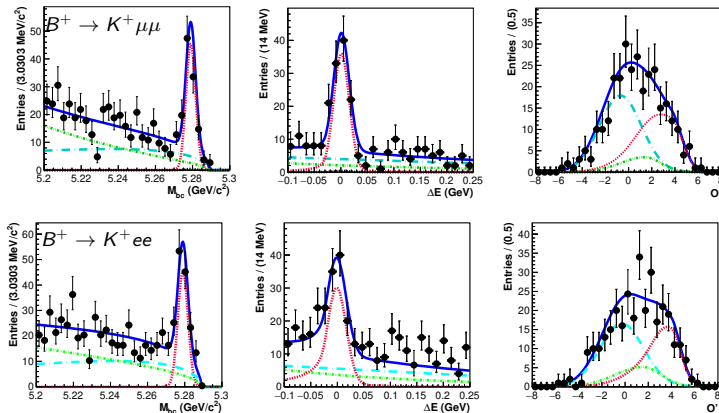
continuum, generic B, $[\pi^+ J/\psi]$, signal, total



Sample	$\mathcal{B} (10^{-3})$	PDG (10^{-3})
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)$	$1.032 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.024$	1.006 ± 0.027
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^0)$	$0.902 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.026$	0.868 ± 0.030

- These are world's most precise measurements because of dramatic improvement in systematic uncertainties (especially leptonID systematic is $< 1\%$).
- $R_K(J/\psi) = 0.994 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.010$ is consistent with SM expectation.

- Extended maximum likelihood fit is performed in 3-dimensions *i.e.*, M_{bc} , ΔE and \mathcal{O}' .
- $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \ell\ell)K$ is used as a control sample to calibrate the signal PDF of $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$.
- Example fit of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu\mu$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-$ for $q^2 > 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$.

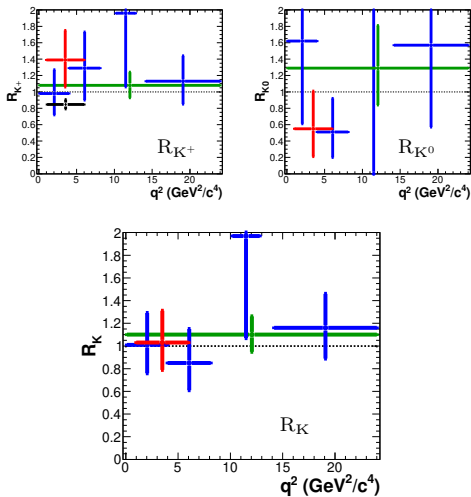


- 137 ± 14 and 138 ± 15 events in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-$ modes.
- $27.3^{+6.6}_{-5.8}$ and $21.8^{+7.0}_{-6.1}$ events in $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\mu^+\mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0e^+e^-$ modes.

$$B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell\ell) = (5.99^{+0.45}_{-0.43} \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-7}$$

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow K^0\ell\ell) = (3.51^{+0.69}_{-0.60} \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-7}$$

- $R_K(J/\psi)$ is $0.994 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.010$.
- R_{K^+} , R_{K^0} and R_K are measured for $[0.1, 4.0]$, $[4.0, 8.12]$, $[1.0, 6.0]$, $[10.2, 12.8]$, > 14.18 , and > 0.1 q^2 bins.

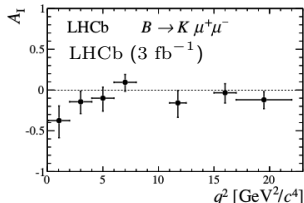
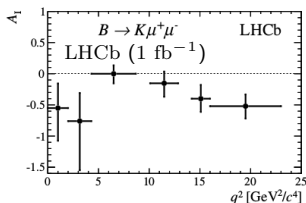


- The measurements are found to be consistent with SM prediction.
- The R_{K^+} result of Belle for $q^2 \in [1.0, 6.0]$ GeV^2/c^4 bin is consistent with SM expectation within 1.1σ and deviates from LHCb [PRL 122, 191801 (2019)] by 1.6σ .

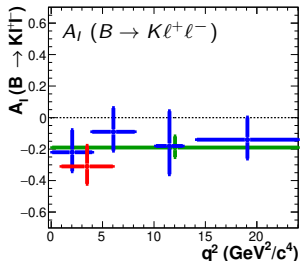
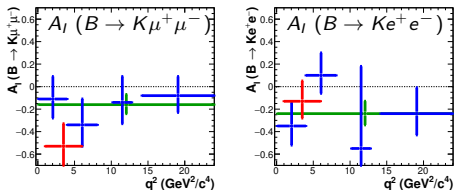
Isospin Asymmetry (A_I) in $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$ decays

$$A_I = \frac{(\tau_{B^+}/\tau_{B^0}) \times \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0\ell\ell) - \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell\ell)}{(\tau_{B^+}/\tau_{B^0}) \times \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0\ell\ell) + \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell\ell)}$$

- The SM prediction for A_I is $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ [JHEP 01, 074 (2003), JHEP 02, 010 (2013), PRD D88, 094004 (2013)].
- BaBar [PRL 102, 091803(2009)] has reported 3.2σ in $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$ for low q^2 bin using 384 million $B\bar{B}$ pairs.
- Belle [PRL 103, 171801 (2009)] measurement with 657 million $B\bar{B}$ pairs, shows a deviation of 1.75σ from null value.
- LHCb [JHEP 07, 133 (2012)] shows deviation in $A_I(B \rightarrow K\mu\mu)$ measured for 1 fb^{-1} data sample, the deviation below $q^2 < 4.3\text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ and above $q^2 > 16\text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ bin more significant. The significance of the deviation from zero integrated across q^2 is 4.4σ .
- LHCb [JHEP 06, 133 (2014)] shows $A_I(B \rightarrow K\mu\mu)$ with 3 fb^{-1} data sample and found negative asymmetry but the results are more consistent with SM expectation.

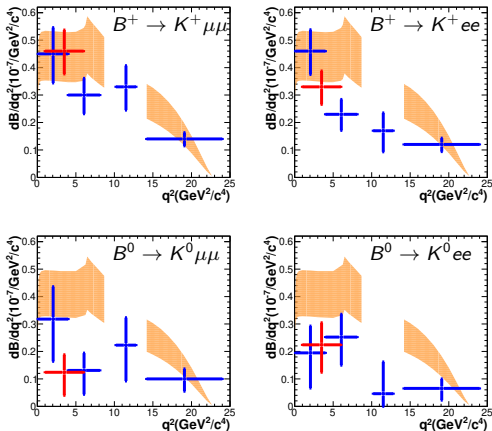


- The $A_I(B \rightarrow J/\psi K)$ is $-0.002 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.014$.
- A_I is measured for $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$, $B \rightarrow Ke^+e^-$ and $B \rightarrow Kl^+l^-$ in $[0.1, 4.0]$, $[4.0, 8.12]$, $[1.0, 6.0]$, $[10.2, 12.8]$, > 14.18 , and > 0.1 q^2 bins.



- The A_I values for all bins show negative asymmetry.
- The isospin asymmetry is found for $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$ at a level of 2.6σ for the bin of $1 < q^2 < 6$ GeV²/c⁴.

- dB/dq^2 is measured for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell^+\ell^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K^0\ell^+\ell^-$ in [0.1 , 4.0], [4.0 , 8.12], [1.0 , 6.0], [10.2, 12.8], and > 14.18 bins.
- The theoretical predictions is from the light-cone sum rule and lattice QCD calculations [JHEP 07, 067 (2011), JHEP 01, 107 (2012)].



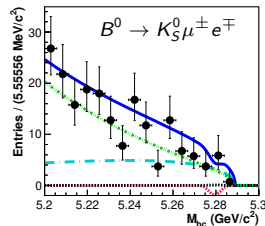
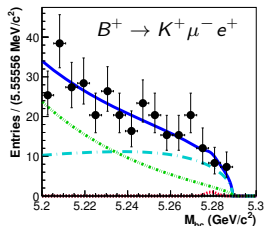
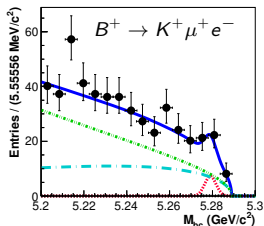
- The dB/dq^2 results for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$ is consistent with SM prediction for almost all q^2 bins, where LHCb [JHEP 06, 133 (2014)] seems to have lower values.

- In many theoretical models [[PRL 114, 091801 \(2015\)](#)], LFV accompanies LFU violation.
- With neutrino mixing, LFV is possible at rates far below the current experimental sensitivity [[Nucl. Phys. B853, 80 \(2011\)](#)].
- In case of signal, this will signify physics beyond SM.
- The most stringent upper limits on $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- e^+$ modes are 6.4×10^{-9} and 7.0×10^{-9} at 90% CL and set by LHCb [[PRL 123, 241802 \(2019\)](#)].
- The $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$ decays were searched by BaBar [[PRD 73, 092001 \(2006\)](#)] and 90% CL upper limit on BR is 2.7×10^{-7} .

- The $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell'$ analysis is done in the similar way as $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$ decays.
- Peaking backgrounds:
 - Background from $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow ee)K$:

Mode	description	Veto (GeV/c^2)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$	e is misidentified as K and K as μ	$M_{K^+ e^-} \in (2.95, 3.11)$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$	e is misidentified as μ	$M_{\mu^+ e^-} \in (3.02, 3.12)$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- e^+$	e is misidentified as μ	$M_{\mu^+ e^-} \in (3.02, 3.12)$
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$	e is misidentified as μ	$M_{\mu^+ e^-} \in (3.04, 3.12)$

- A tiny contribution from $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(K^+ \pi^-) \pi^+$ is removed by $M_{K^+ \mu^-} \in (1.85, 1.88) \text{ GeV}/c^2$.
- Small contribution of $B \rightarrow K\pi\pi$ decay is studied with all intermediate resonances and fixed in the fit.
- The signal yield is extracted by performing maximum likelihood fit in 3-dimensions, M_{bc} , ΔE and \mathcal{O}' .



- There are $11.6_{-5.5}^{+6.1}$, $1.7_{-2.2}^{+3.6}$ and $-3.3_{-2.8}^{+4.0}$ signal events for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- e^+$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$ modes, respectively.
- The significance of signal yield for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$ channel is 3.2σ considering statistical and systematic uncertainties.
- The excess in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$ is driven by one golden event.

Mode	ϵ (%)	N_{sig}	$N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{UL}}$	$\mathcal{B}^{\text{(UL)}} (10^{-8})$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$	29.4	$11.6_{-5.5}^{+6.1}$	19.9	8.5
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- e^+$	31.2	$1.7_{-2.2}^{+3.6}$	7.5	3.0
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$	20.9	$-3.3_{-2.8}^{+4.0}$	3.0	3.8

- The existing limit on the neutral decay mode is improved by an order of magnitude.

Summary

- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)$ and $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^0)$ are most precise measurements to date.
 - $R_K(J/\psi)$ and $A_I(B \rightarrow J/\psi K)$ are consistent with SM expectations.
- The R_K values for different q^2 bins are consistent with SM predictions.
 - Our result of R_{K^+} for $1.0 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ deviates from LHCb result by 1.6σ .
- The A_I values for almost all the bins show a negative asymmetry.
 - A_I shows 2.6σ deviation for $B \rightarrow K\mu\mu$ mode in $1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ bin.
- The dB/dq^2 results for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$ is consistent with SM prediction for all q^2 bins, where LHCb seems to have lower values.
 - The values for neutral B are lower than theoretical prediction.
- The upper limit on BR for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^\pm e^\mp$ modes are $\mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$.
 - We improves the existing upper limit on $B^0 \rightarrow K^0\mu^\pm e^\mp$ mode by an order of magnitude, i.e., 3.8×10^{-8} .
- We extracted the most from Belle data sample and pass the relay to Belle II.

Bin	R_{K^+}	R_{K^0}	R_K
[0.1, 4.0]	$0.98^{+0.29}_{-0.26} \pm 0.02$	$1.62^{+1.31}_{-1.01} \pm 0.02$	$1.01^{+0.28}_{-0.25} \pm 0.02$
[4.0, 8.12]	$1.29^{+0.44}_{-0.39} \pm 0.02$	$0.51^{+0.41}_{-0.31} \pm 0.01$	$0.85^{+0.30}_{-0.24} \pm 0.01$
[1.0, 6.0]	$1.39^{+0.36}_{-0.33} \pm 0.02$	$0.55^{+0.46}_{-0.34} \pm 0.01$	$1.03^{+0.28}_{-0.24} \pm 0.01$
[10.2, 12.8]	$1.96^{+1.03}_{-0.89} \pm 0.02$	$5.18^{+17.69}_{-14.32} \pm 0.06$	$1.97^{+1.03}_{-0.89} \pm 0.02$
> 14.18	$1.13^{+0.31}_{-0.28} \pm 0.01$	$1.57^{+1.28}_{-1.00} \pm 0.02$	$1.16^{+0.30}_{-0.27} \pm 0.01$
$q^2 > 0.1$	$1.08^{+0.16}_{-0.15} \pm 0.02$	$1.29^{+0.52}_{-0.45} \pm 0.01$	$1.10^{+0.16}_{-0.15} \pm 0.02$

Bin	$A_I(B \rightarrow K\mu\mu)$	$A_I(B \rightarrow Kee)$	$A_I(B \rightarrow K\ell\ell)$
[0.1, 4.0]	$-0.11^{+0.20}_{-0.17} \pm 0.01$	$-0.35^{+0.21}_{-0.17} \pm 0.01$	$-0.22^{+0.14}_{-0.12} \pm 0.01$
[4.0, 8.12]	$-0.34^{+0.23}_{-0.19} \pm 0.01$	$0.10^{+0.20}_{-0.16} \pm 0.01$	$-0.09^{+0.15}_{-0.12} \pm 0.01$
[1.0, 6.0]	$-0.53^{+0.20}_{-0.17} \pm 0.02$	$-0.13^{+0.18}_{-0.15} \pm 0.01$	$-0.31^{+0.13}_{-0.11} \pm 0.01$
[10.2, 12.8]	$-0.14^{+0.24}_{-0.19} \pm 0.01$	$-0.55^{+0.73}_{-0.60} \pm 0.01$	$-0.18^{+0.22}_{-0.18} \pm 0.01$
> 14.18	$-0.08^{+0.17}_{-0.15} \pm 0.01$	$-0.24^{+0.23}_{-0.19} \pm 0.01$	$-0.14^{+0.14}_{-0.12} \pm 0.01$
$q^2 > 0.1$	$-0.16^{+0.09}_{-0.10} \pm 0.01$	$-0.24^{+0.11}_{-0.10} \pm 0.01$	$-0.19^{+0.07}_{-0.06} \pm 0.01$

Systematics in $B \rightarrow J/\psi K$

Table: Relative systematic uncertainties (%) for $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow J/\psi K)$, $R_K(J/\psi)$, and absolute uncertainty for $A_I(B \rightarrow J/\psi K)$.

Sources	$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$	$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$	$R_{K^+}(J/\psi)$	$R_{K^0}(J/\psi)$	$A_I(J/\psi K)$
Lepton identification	± 0.68	± 0.68	± 0.97	± 0.97	—
Kaon identification	± 0.80	—	—	—	± 0.007
K_S^0 identification	—	± 1.57	—	—	± 0.002
Track reconstruction	± 1.05	± 1.40	—	—	± 0.002
Efficiency calculation	± 0.14	± 0.18	± 0.20	± 0.25	± 0.001
Number of $B\bar{B}$ pairs	± 1.40	± 1.40	—	—	—
$f^{+- (00)}$	± 1.20	± 1.20	—	—	± 0.012
\mathcal{O}_{\min}	± 0.16	± 0.28	± 0.24	± 0.39	± 0.001
PDF shape parameters	+0.15 -0.20	+0.05 -0.10	+0.22 -0.31	+0.10 -0.20	± 0.002
Total	± 2.38	± 2.90	+1.05 -1.07	+1.08 -1.09	± 0.014