



# Recent results from Belle II

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# Leap seminar: outline

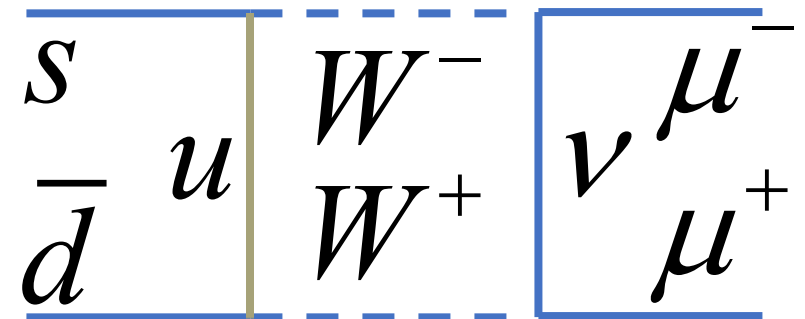
- Why flavour physics?
- Why flavour physics in  $e^+e^-$ ? Belle II
- Interlude: more than  $B$  physics
  - $\tau$  measurements
  - hadronic cross sections for hadronic vacuum polarization to  $g-2$
- Back to the  $B$ 
  - Latest CP violation results
  - Tests of lepton-flavour universality
  - Evidence for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Current status and plans

# Why flavour physics? – history of discovery

- Particle zoo of mesons and baryons discovered in 1950s and early 1960s lead to the quark model
  - up (u)
  - down (d)
  - strange (s)
- An allowed but rare decay such as

$$K_L^0 (s\bar{d}) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

was predicted **but not seen!**



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**G**lashow



**I**liopoulos



**M**aiani

Phys. Rev. D 2, 1285 (1970)

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$$-\sin \theta_c$$

$$2 \propto \text{Rate} \sim 0$$

$$m_c \sim 3 m_K$$

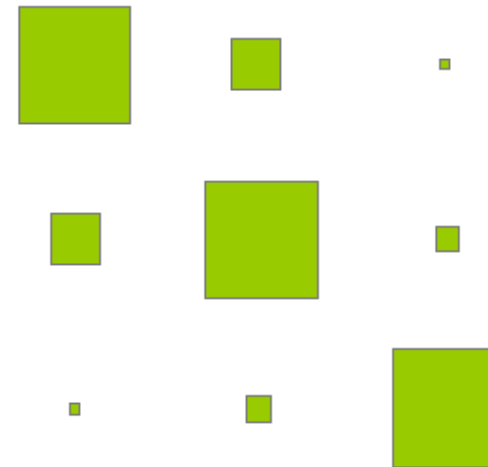
**Such rare virtual processes tell you about higher energy particles**

# CKM matrix

- Two by two mixing matrix proposed by Cabibbo
  - Kobayashi-Maskawa proposed third generation to explain observed CP violation by Cronin and Fitch
- $3 \times 3$  unitary complex matrix
  - 4 parameters
  - 3 mixing angle and 1 phase
- Intergenerational coupling disfavoured

$$(u \ c \ c) \begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Relative magnitude of elements

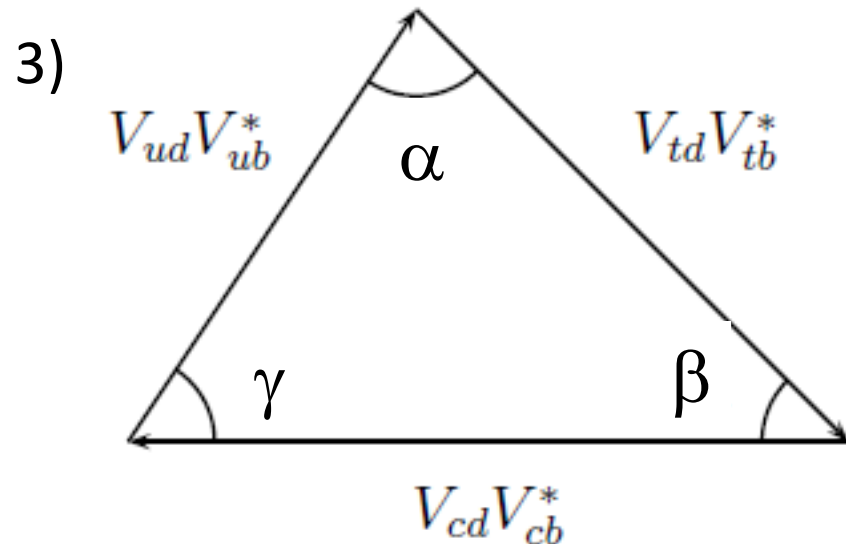


**Responsible for CP violation**

# Visualising CP violation: the unitarity triangle

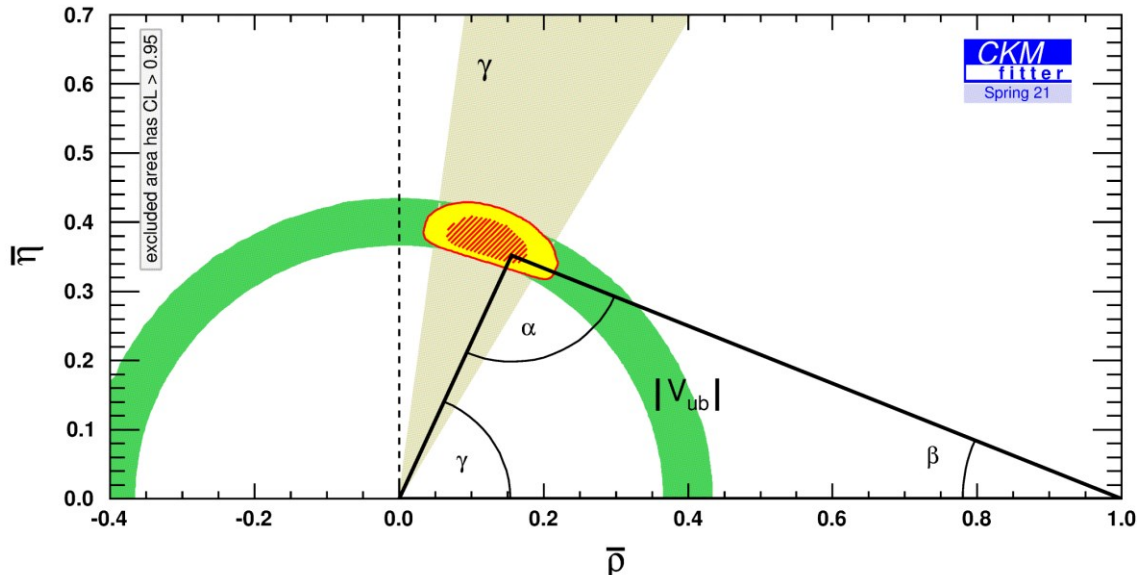
$$1) \left( \begin{array}{cc} \boxed{\begin{matrix} 1 - \lambda^2 / 2 & \lambda \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2 / 2 \end{matrix}} & \boxed{\begin{matrix} A\lambda^3 (\rho - i\eta) \\ A\lambda^2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}} \right) + O(\lambda^4) \quad \lambda = \sin \theta_c = 0.22$$

$$2) \text{ Exploit unitarity (1}^{\text{st}} \text{ and 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ col.) } \quad V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

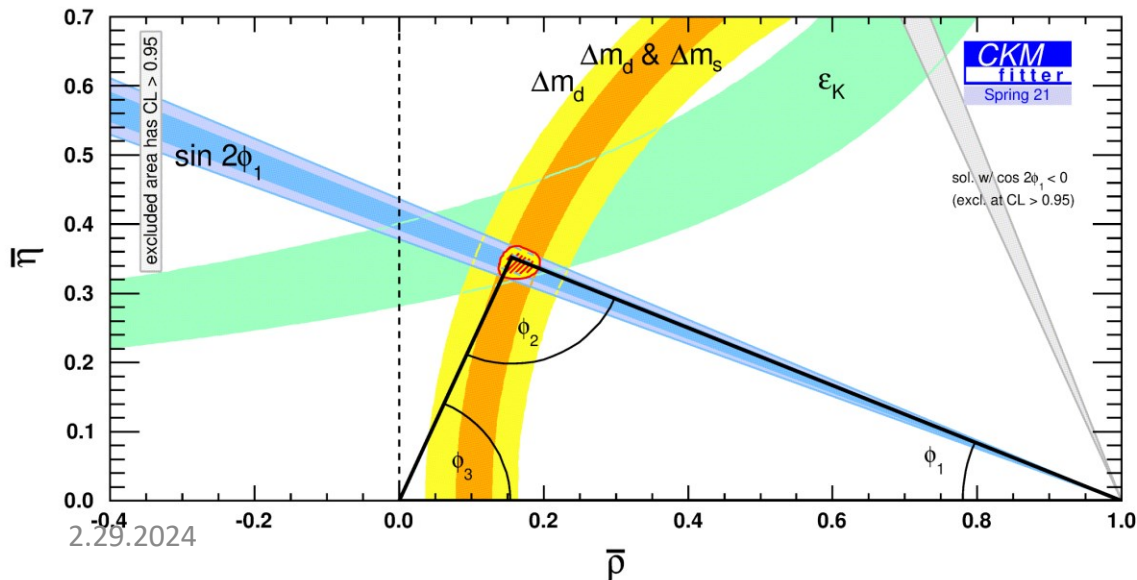


$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 &= \beta \\ &= \arg \left( -\frac{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}{V_{td}V_{tb}^*} \right) \\ &\simeq \arg \left( \frac{1}{1 - \rho - i\eta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

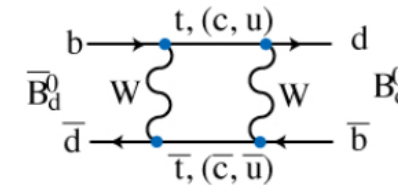
# Over constraint – loop sensitivity



Tree level only



Loop-level only



NP at  
 $O(>TeV)?$



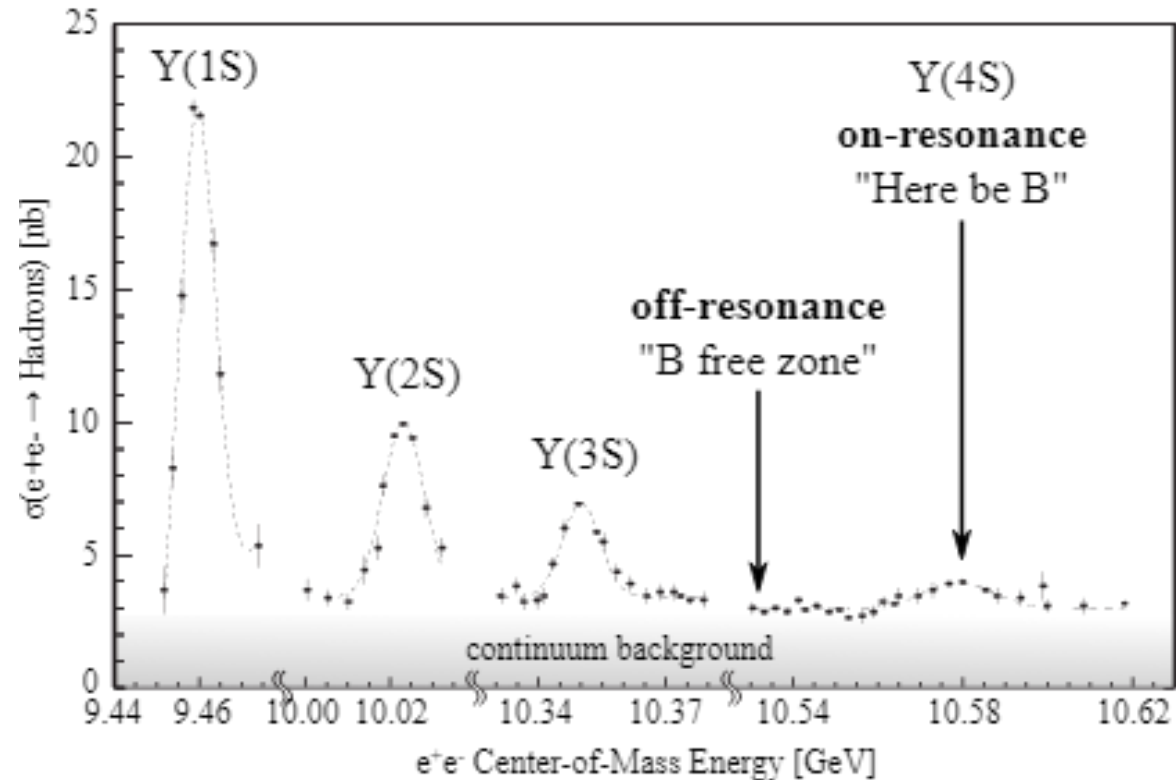
## Belle and Belle II

Will the next generation perform as well as the first?



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  - **Cross section – 150,000 times smaller**
  - No  $B_s, B_c,$  or  $\Lambda_b$  produced – can run at  $Y(5S)$  for  $B_s$
  - No boost in the c.m. frame – **partially overcome by the asymmetric beams**

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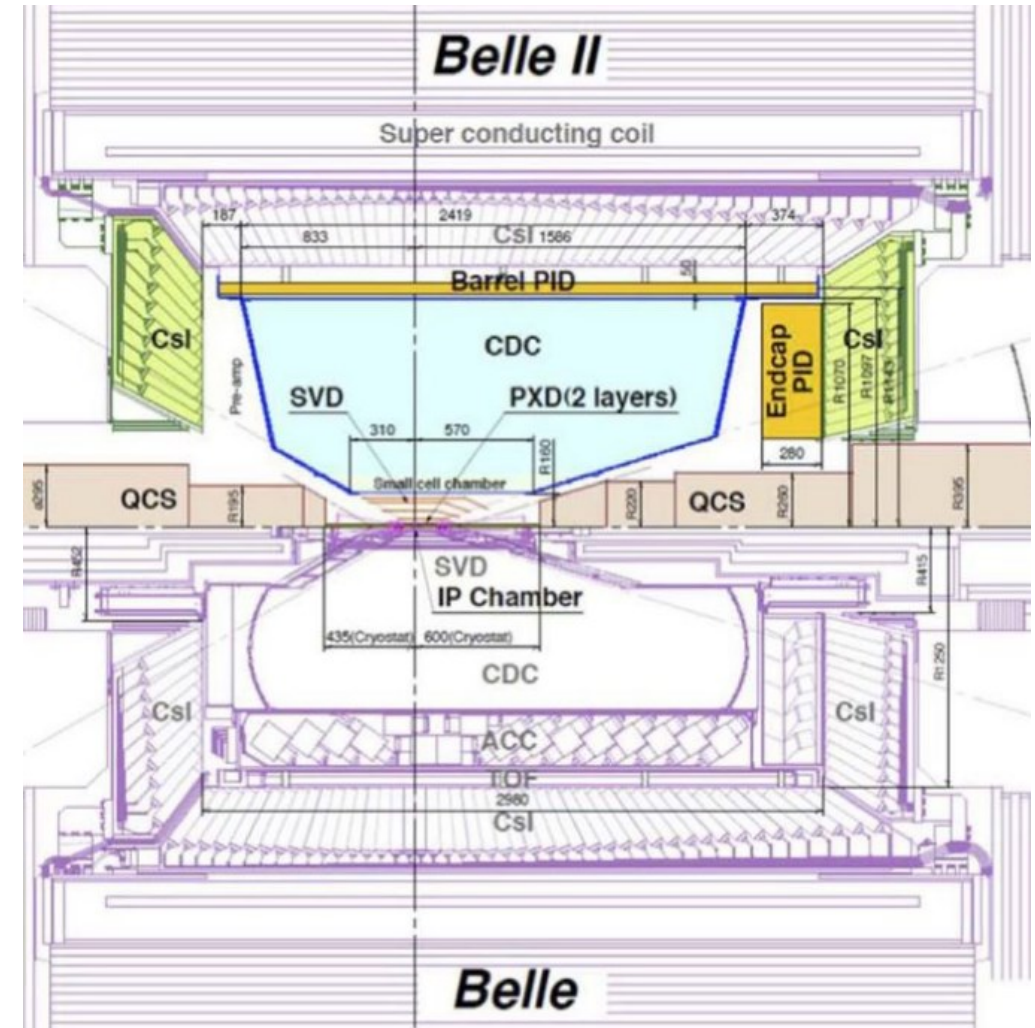
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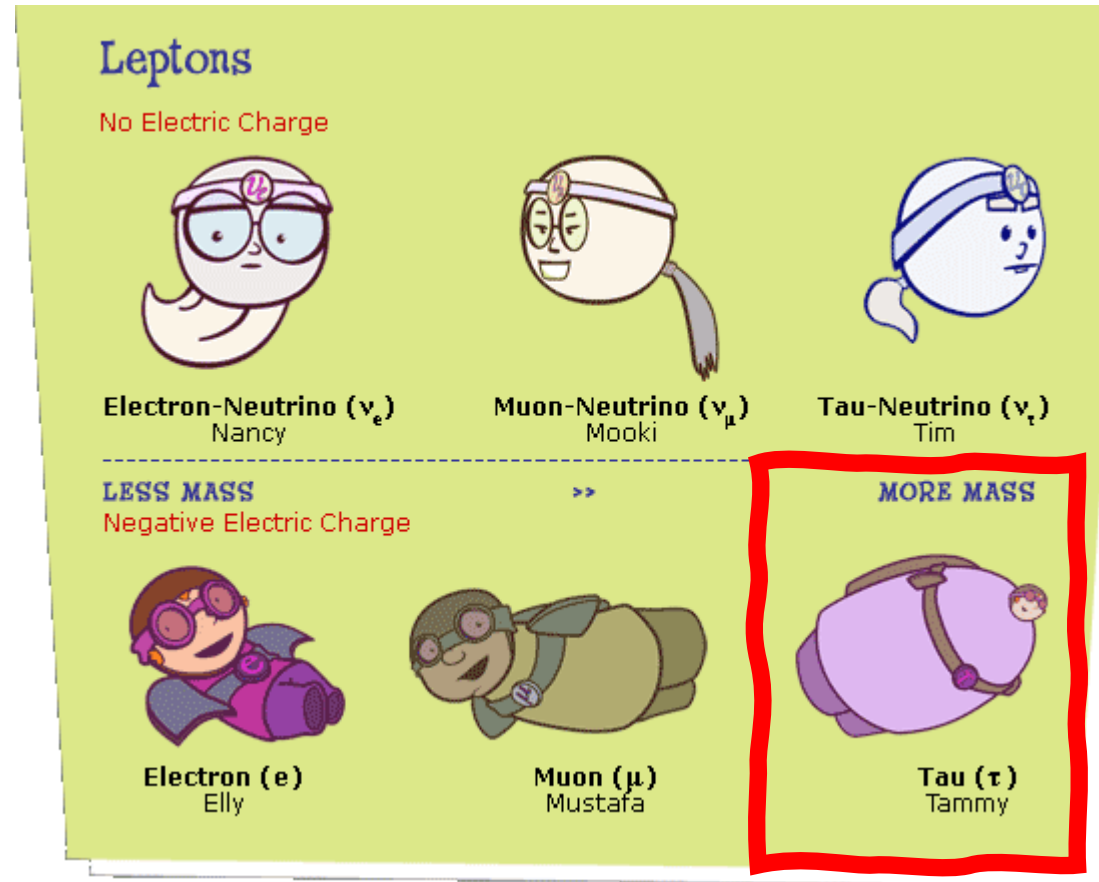
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# Interlude:

More than the B

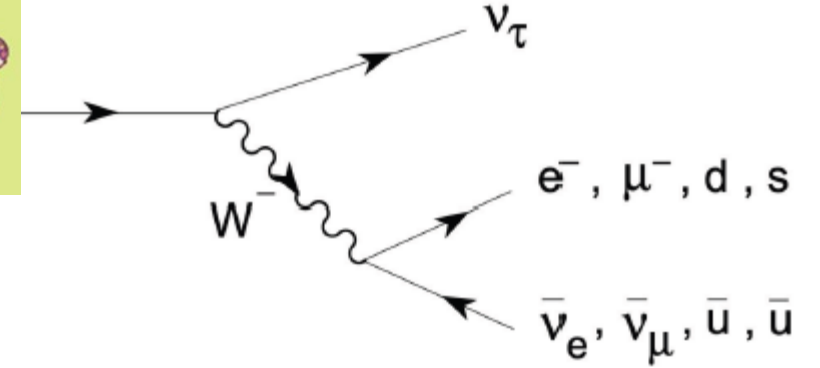
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## 2) Why $\tau$ ? Why Belle (II)?



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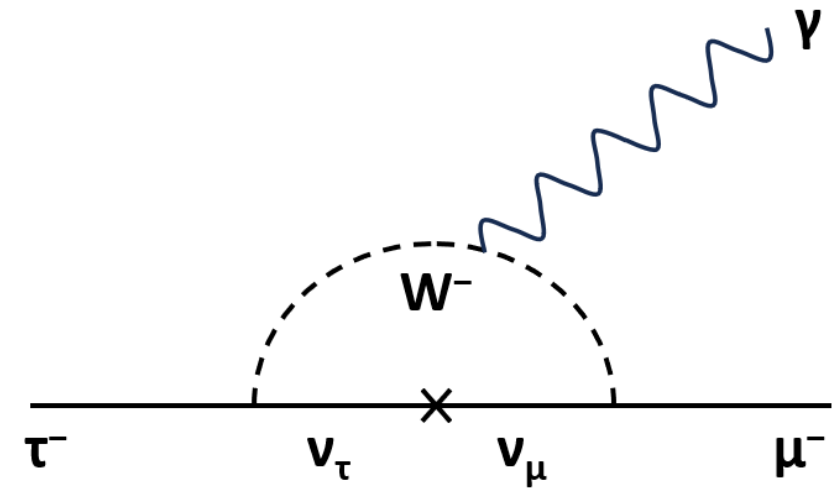
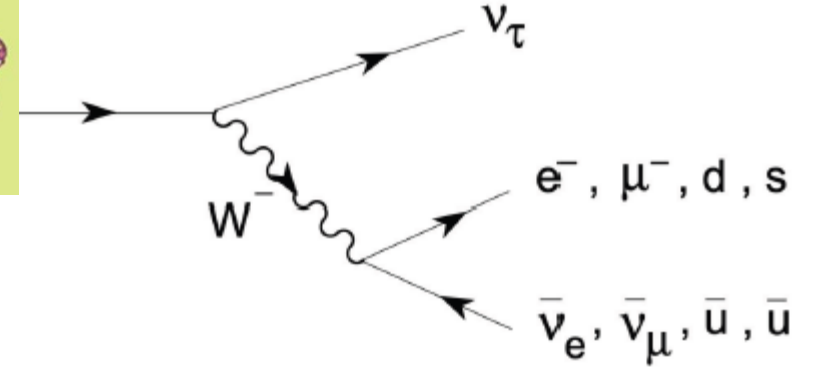


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- Third-generation therefore beyond-SM-sensitivity anticipated
  - Any observation of lepton-flavour violation in  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow l\phi$  etc **new physics**
  - SM highly suppressed
- Connections to g-2 and lepton universality violation in b decay

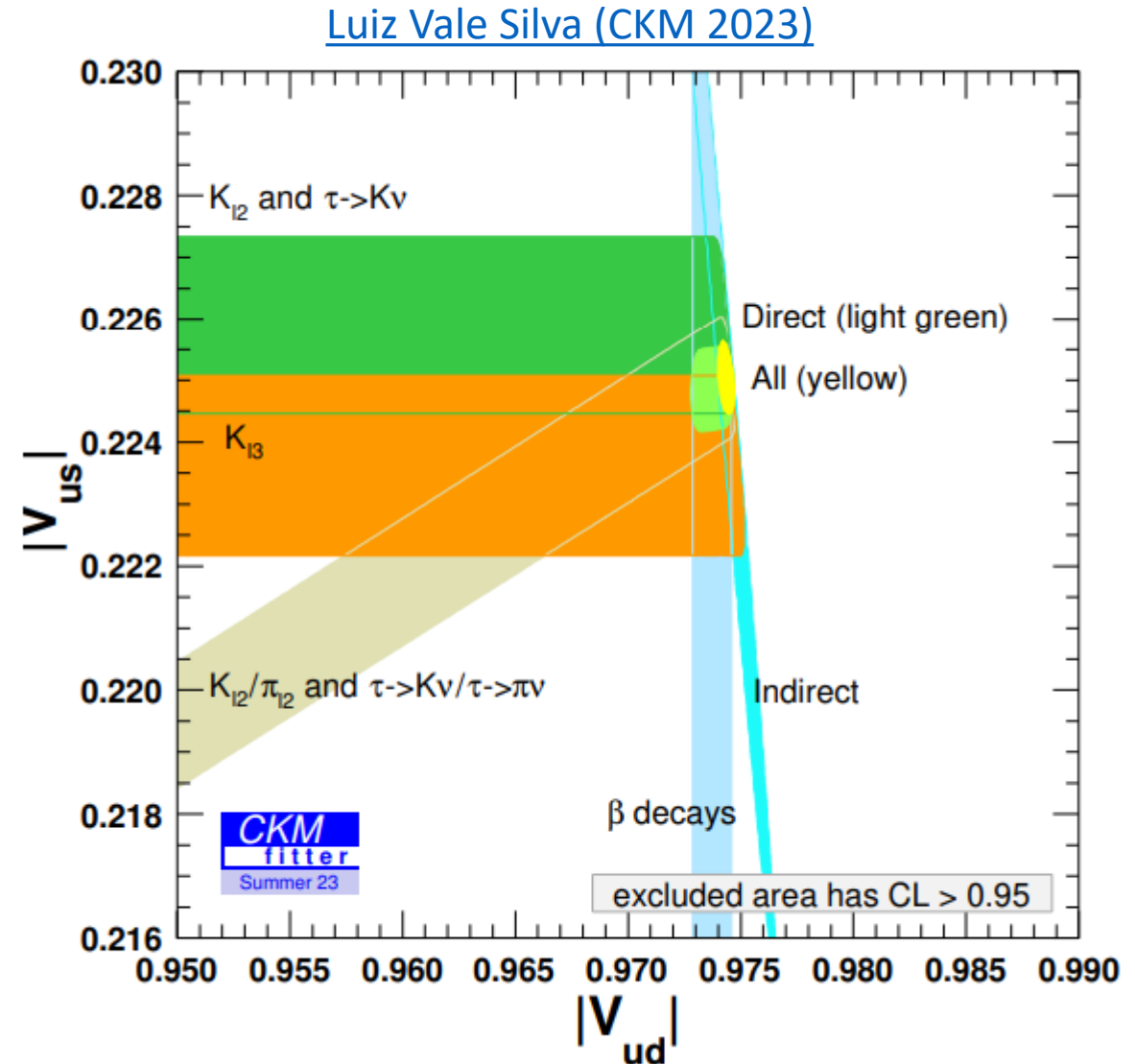


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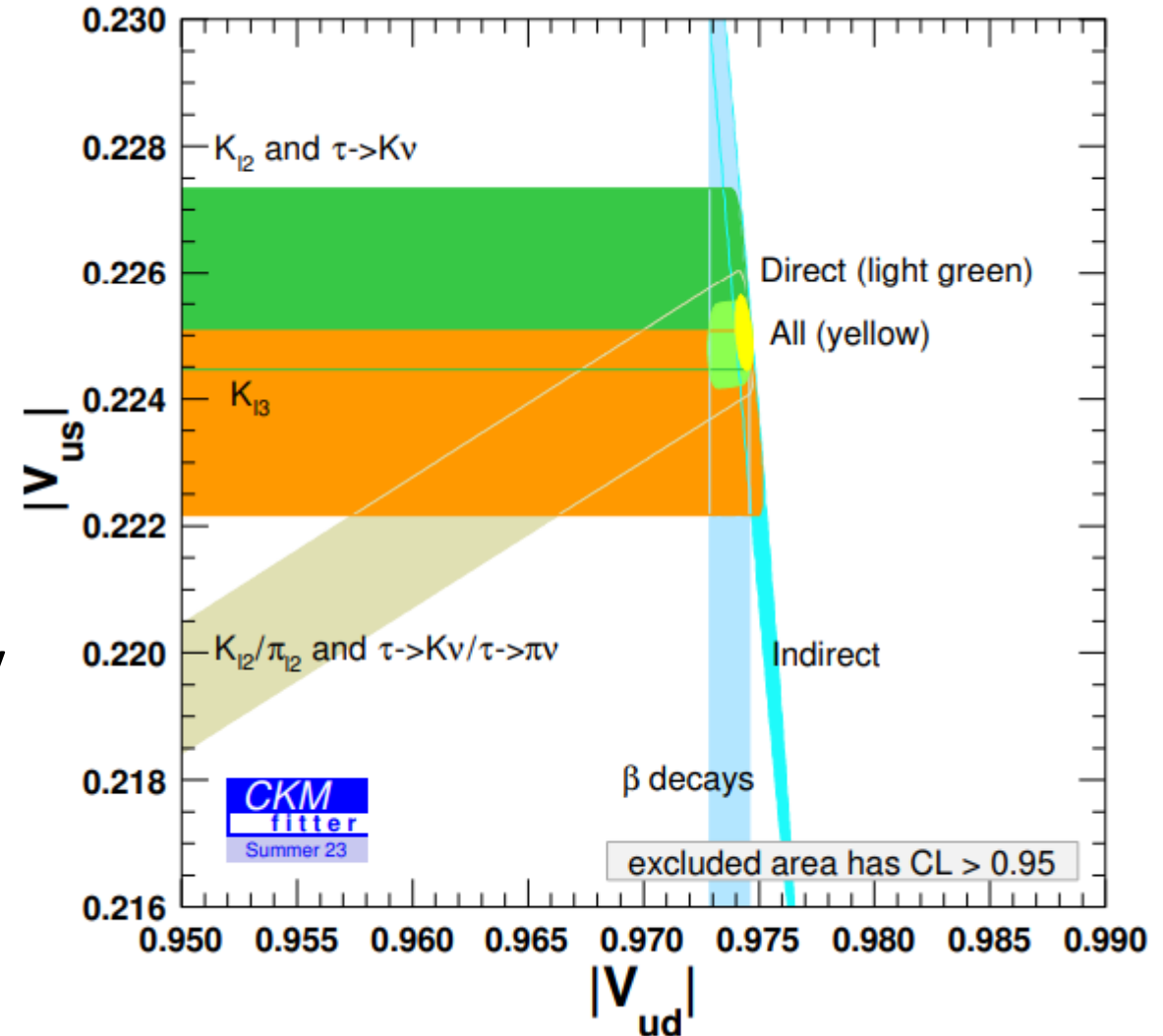
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- Additionally, lepton-flavour universality and dipole moments
- **Mass** and lifetime important inputs to these calculations

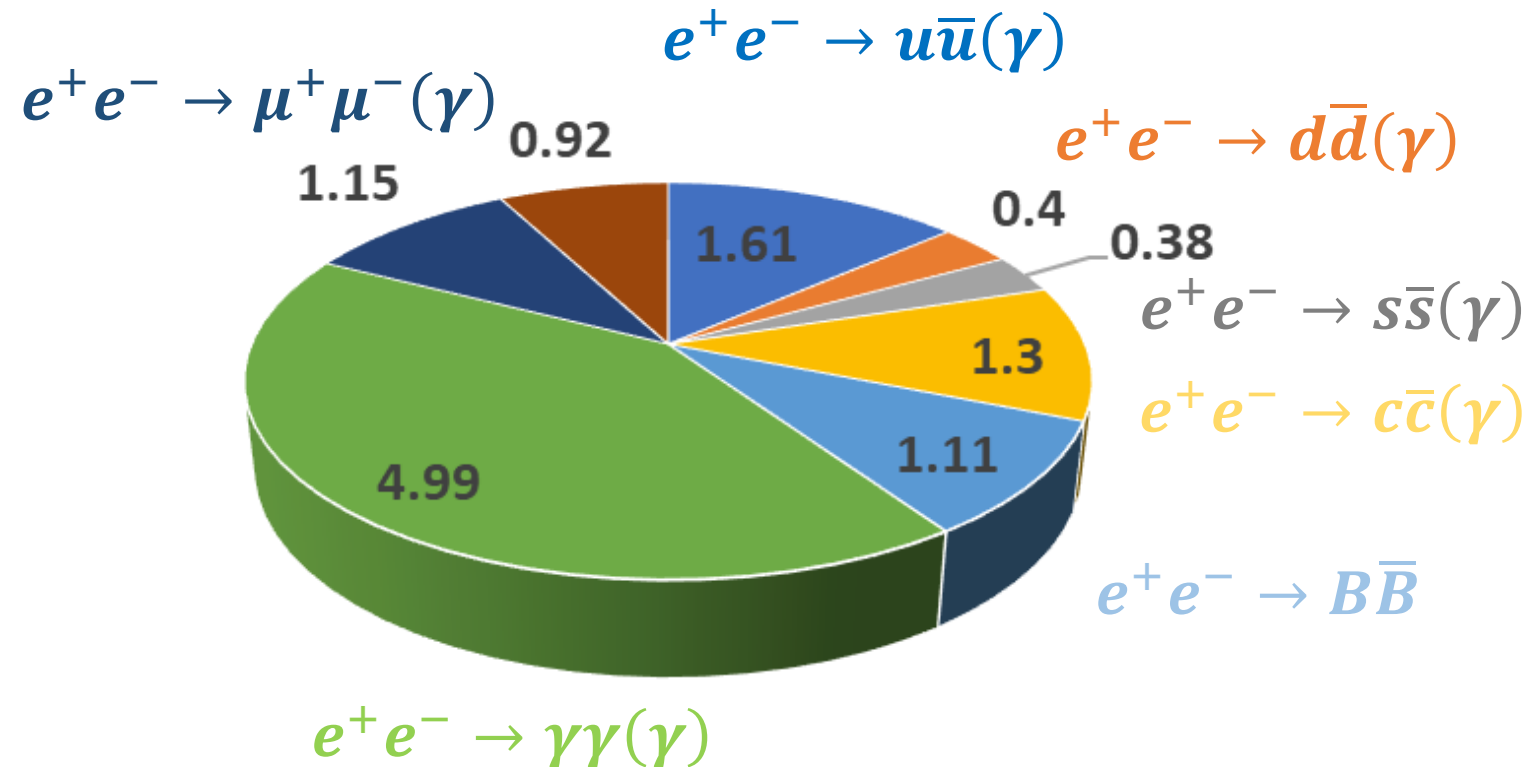
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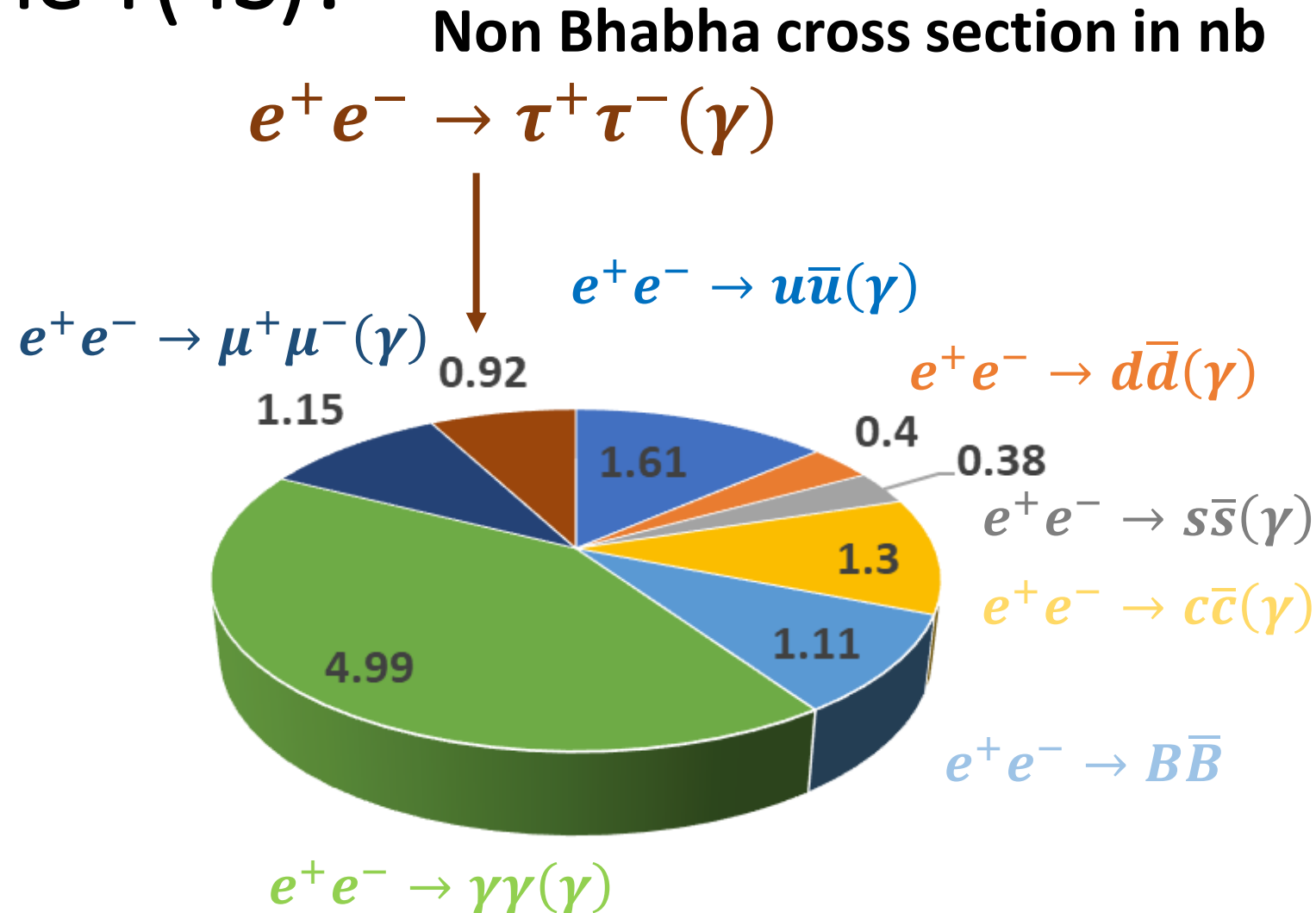
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Non Bhabha cross section in nb



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- Similar cross section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$
- 920 million tau pairs per  $\text{ab}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity



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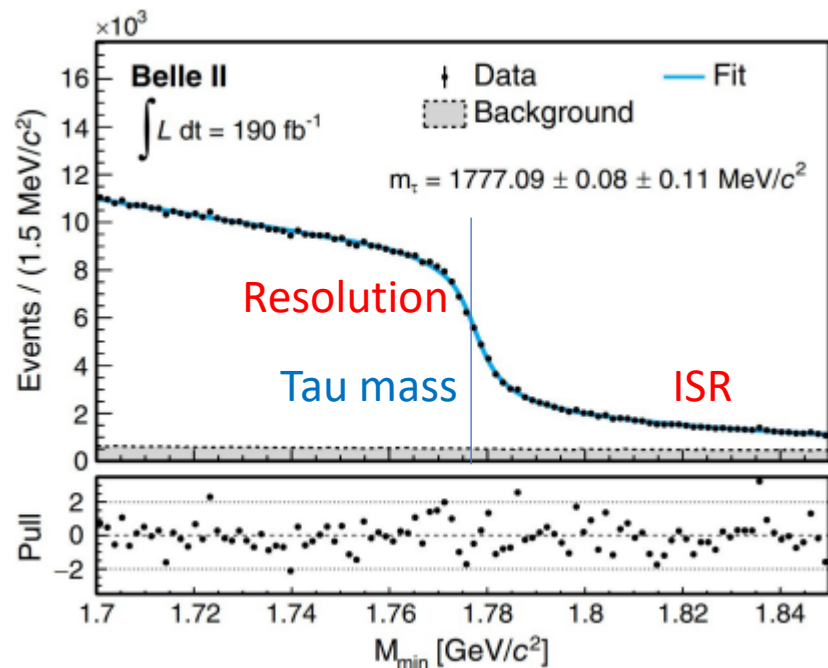
- We use the pseudomass variable to determine mass

The diagram shows a decay chain starting from a vertex on the left. A red line represents the tau lepton, which decays into a lepton  $\ell$  and neutrinos  $\nu_\ell$  and  $\nu_\tau$ . The tau lepton then decays into a tau lepton ( $\tau_{\text{tag}}$ ) and a tau lepton ( $\tau_{\text{sig}}$ ). The  $\tau_{\text{sig}}$  then decays into three pions ( $\pi$ ) and a neutrino ( $\nu_\tau$ ).

$$M_{\min} = \sqrt{m_{3\pi}^2 + 2(\sqrt{s}/2 - E_{3\pi})(E_{3\pi} - |\vec{p}_{3\pi}|)} \leq m_\tau$$

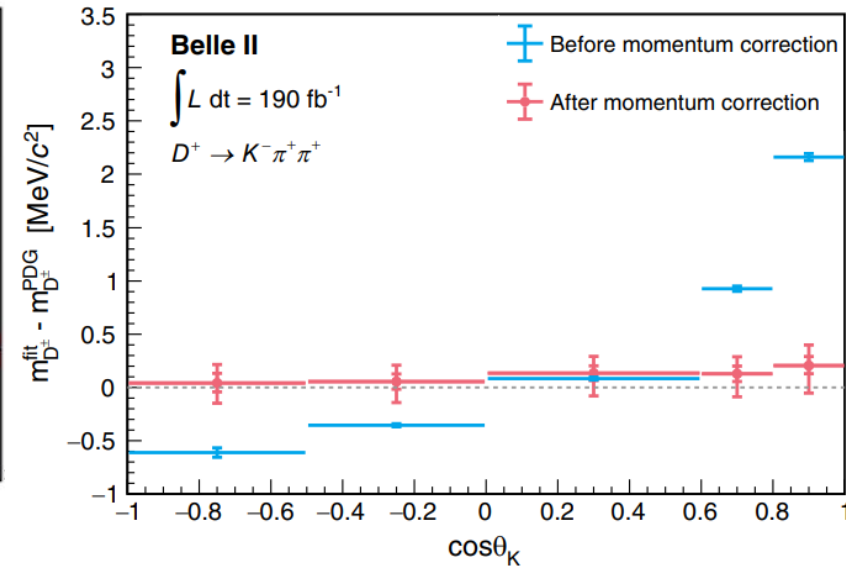
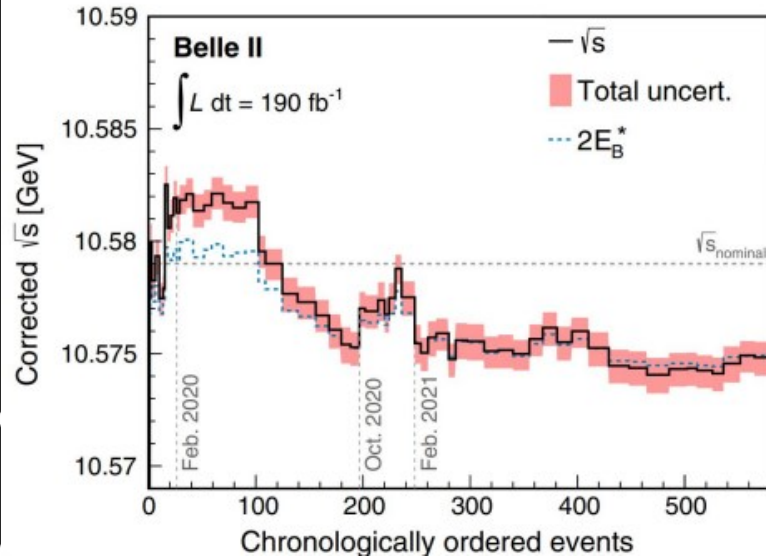
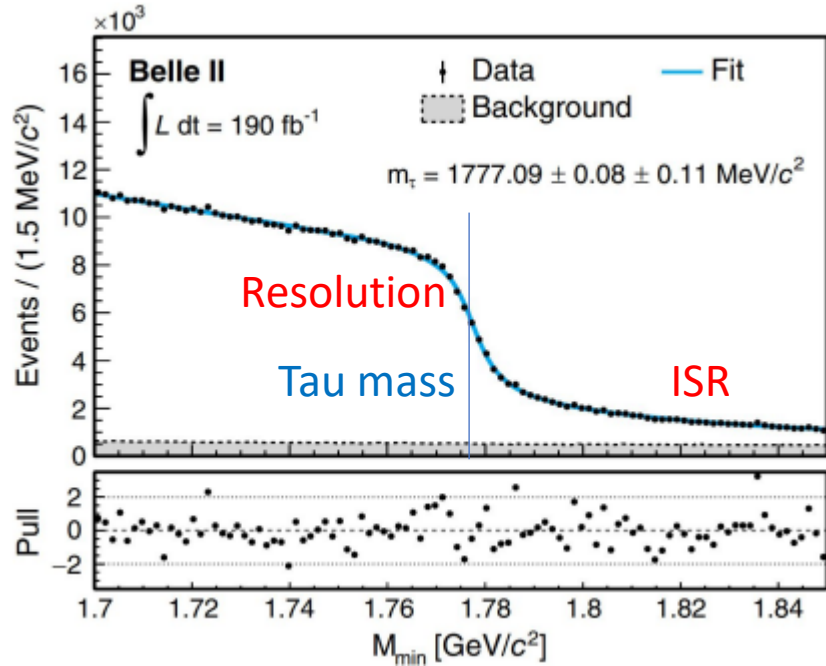
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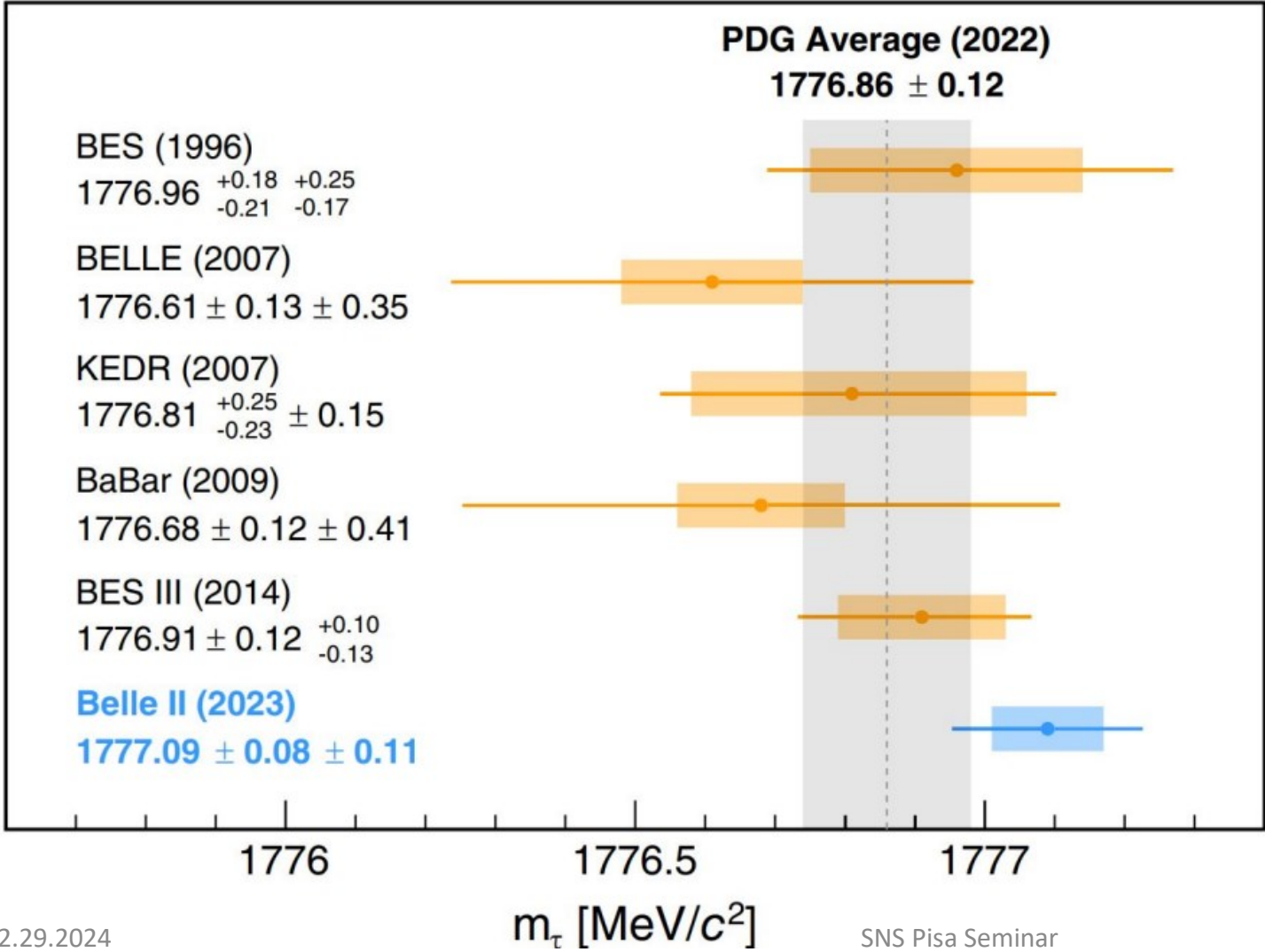
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- Knowing the scale key: beam energy (from  $E_B^*$ ) and momentum (from D mass)

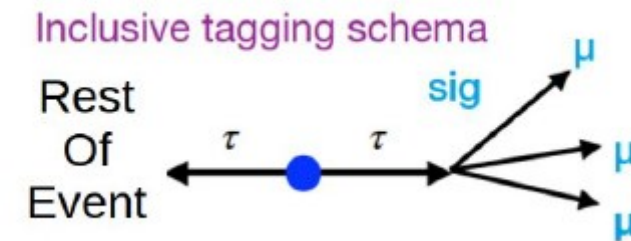
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**World's most precise measurement to date**  
**- dominant systematics from beam energy and momentum scale**

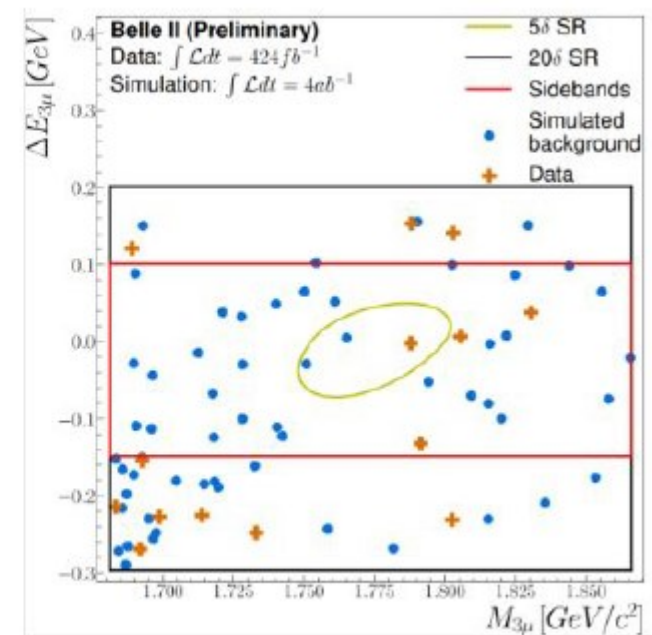
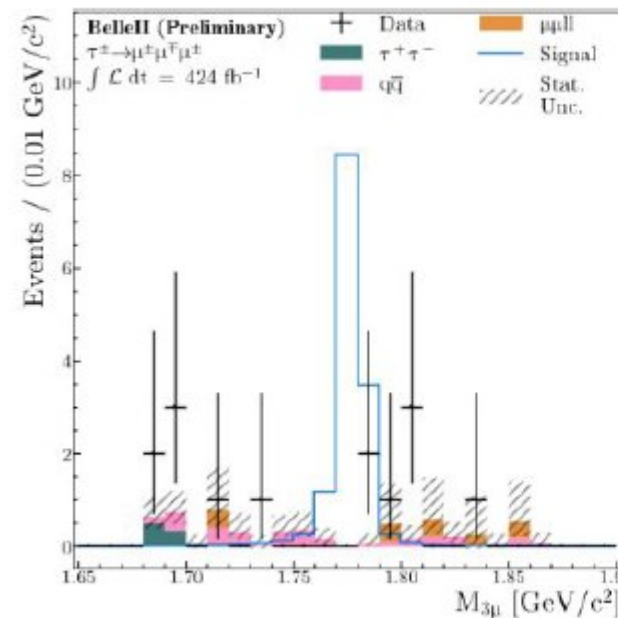
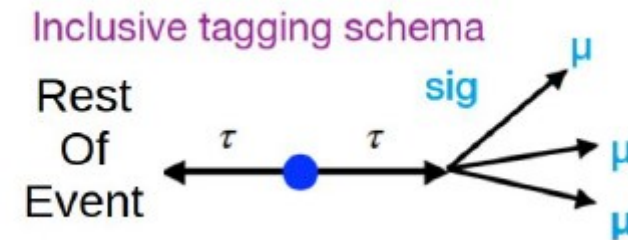
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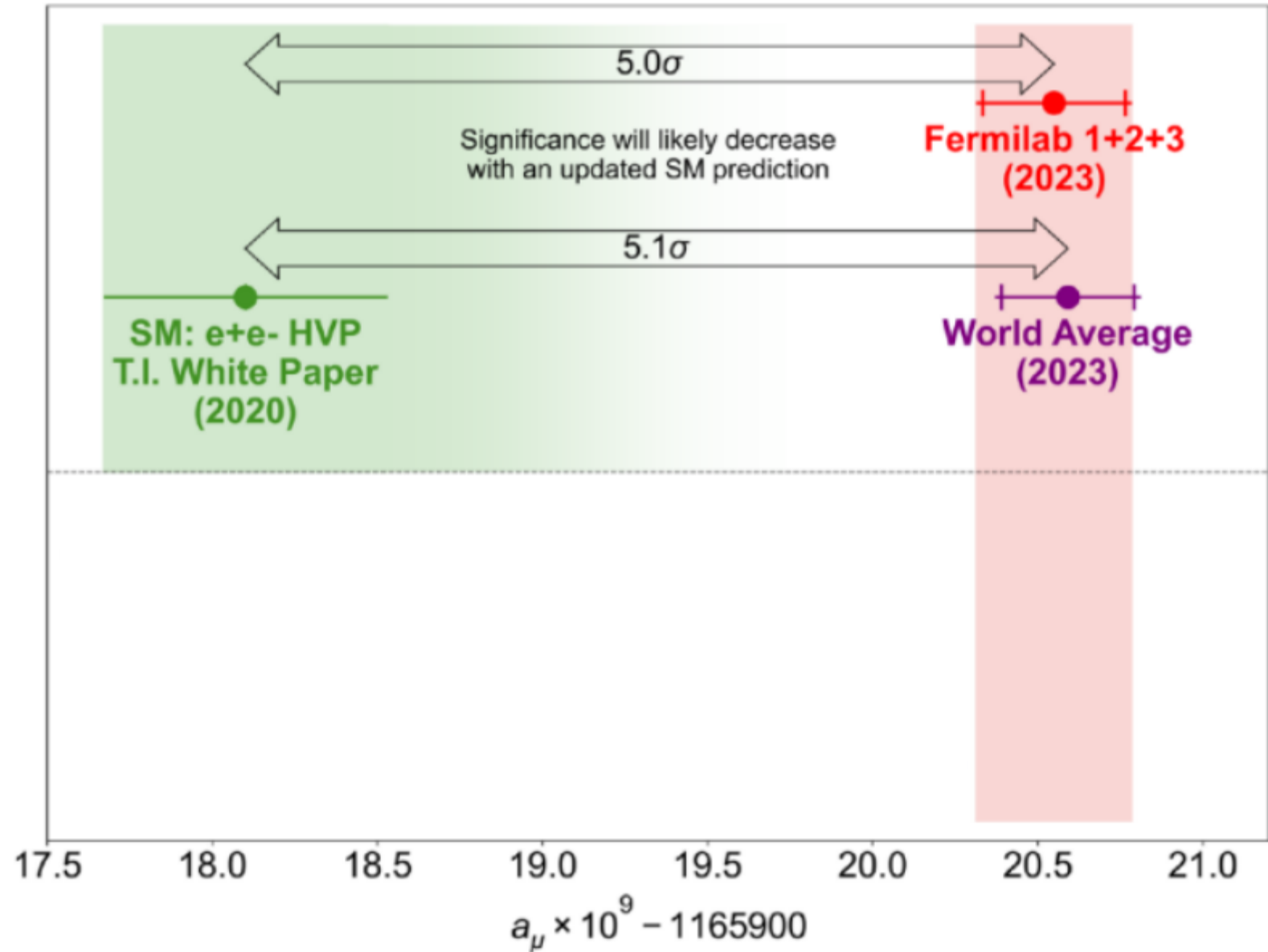


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- Cut ‘n’ count in 2D plane of
  - $M_{3\mu}$  and  $\Delta E = E_{3\mu} - E_{\text{beam}}$  (in c.m.)
  - Sideband derived background estimate  $0.5^{+1.4}_{-0.5}$  events
- One event observed
- World best limit
  - **BF <  $1.9 \times 10^{-8}$  (90% c.l.)**
- Area of competition
  - [LHCb](#) BF <  $4.1 \times 10^{-8}$  (Run 1 only)
  - [CMS](#) BF <  $2.9 \times 10^{-8}$  (Run 1+2)

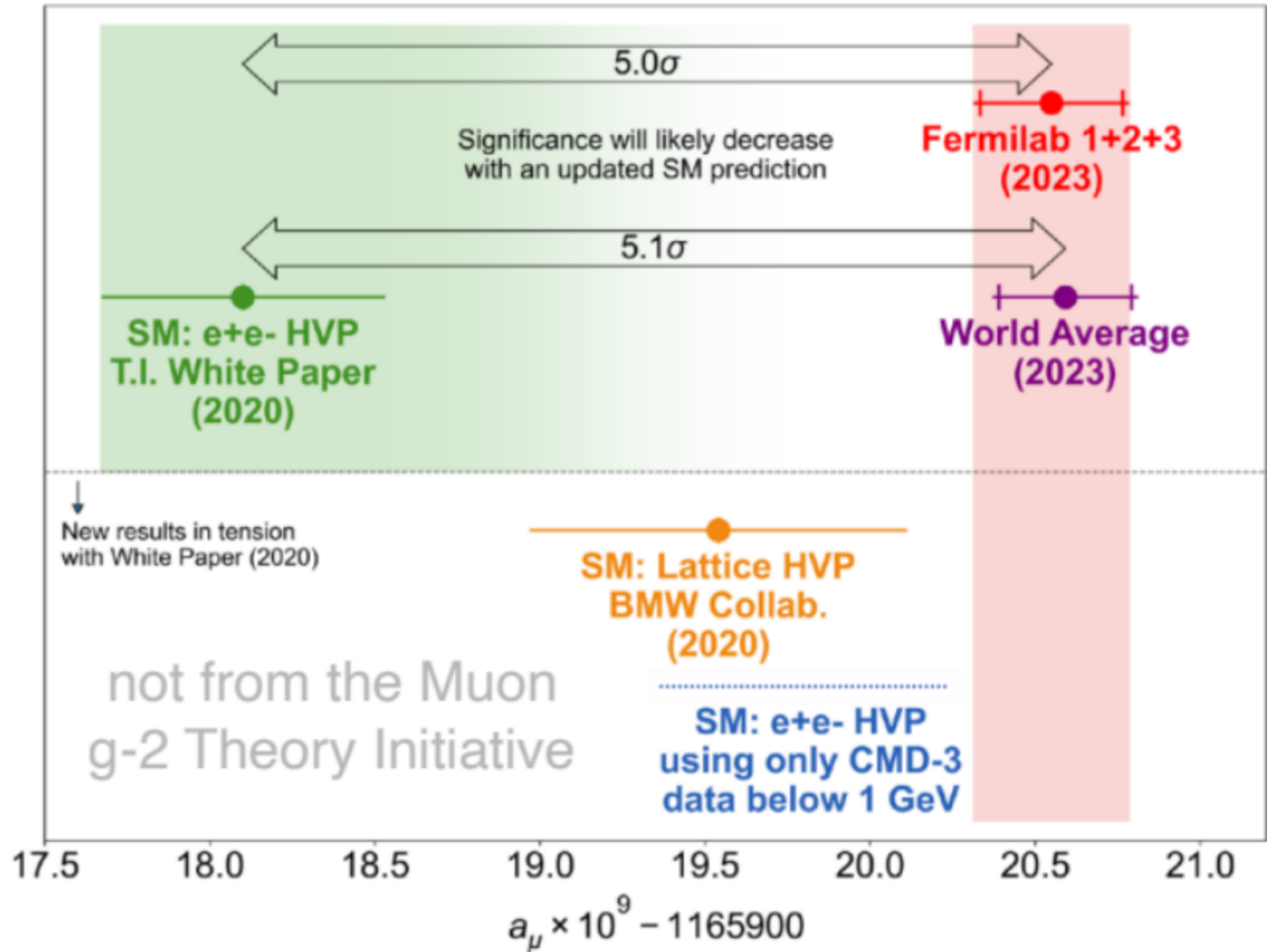


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$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$$

Muon anomalous magnetic moment

$$a_\mu = \frac{g-2}{2} = a_\mu^{\text{QED}} + a_\mu^{\text{EW}} + a_\mu^{\text{QCD}}$$

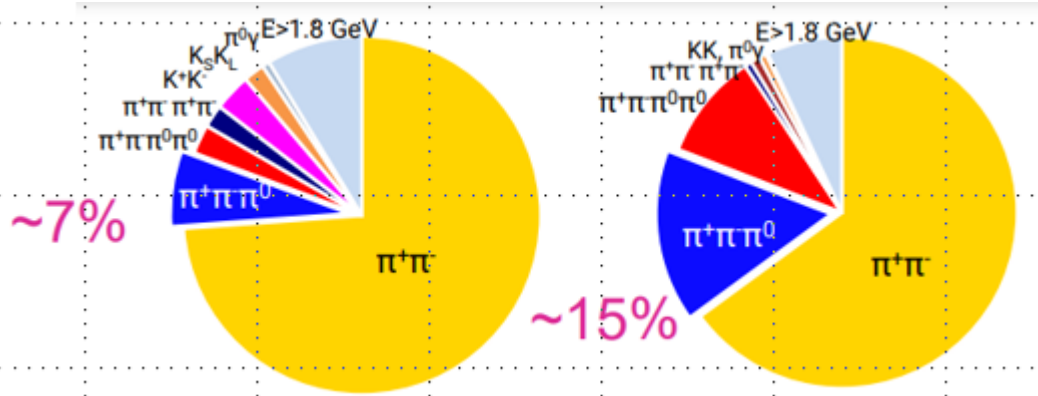
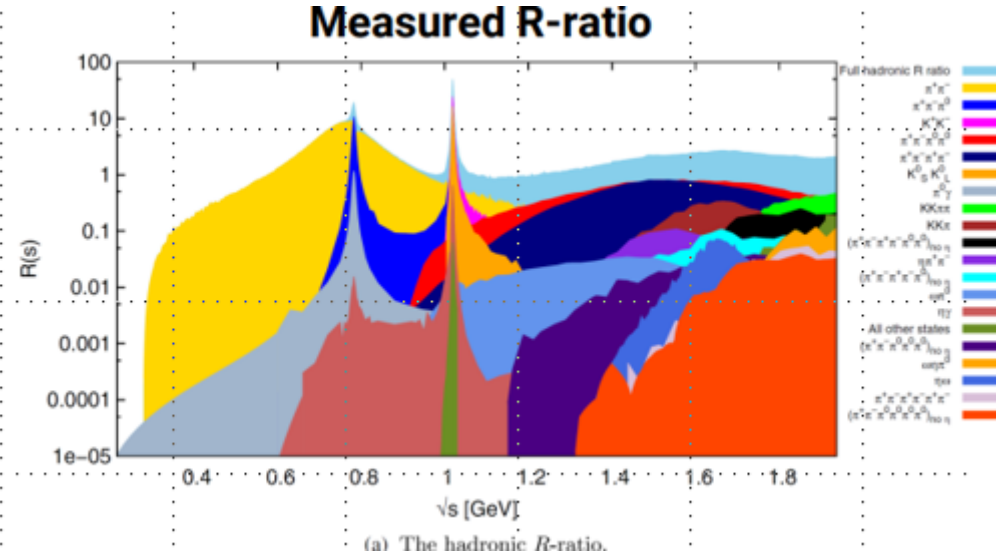
$\hookrightarrow$  Hadron contribution term  
 $a_\mu^{\text{QCD}} = a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$

Leading-order HVP term

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}} = \frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^2} \int_{m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} R(s) K(s)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Hadronic R-ratio  
 $R(s) = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$

2<sup>nd</sup> largest contribution to the hadronic vacuum polarization estimate as region below 1 GeV in c.m. energy dominates



$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$$

- Initial-state radiation technique – wide invariant mass range
- Partial Run 1 data set –  $191 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Selection via kinematic fits
- Key challenge is  $\pi^0$  efficiency
  - Custom determination using  $\omega$  decay
- Background control samples for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma_{ISR}$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}\gamma_{ISR}$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0\gamma_{ISR}$

Signal process :  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{ISR}\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

Signal spectrum

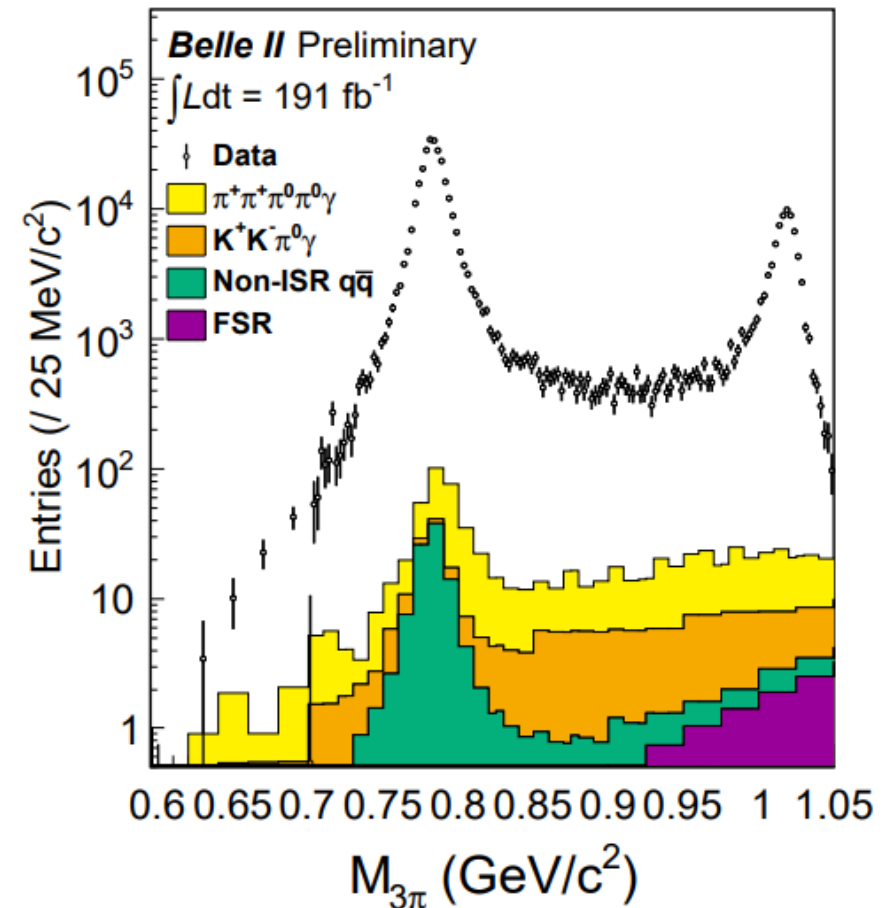
$$\frac{dN_{\text{signal}}}{dm} = \sigma_{ee \rightarrow 3\pi} \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}}{dm}$$

$3\pi$  mass

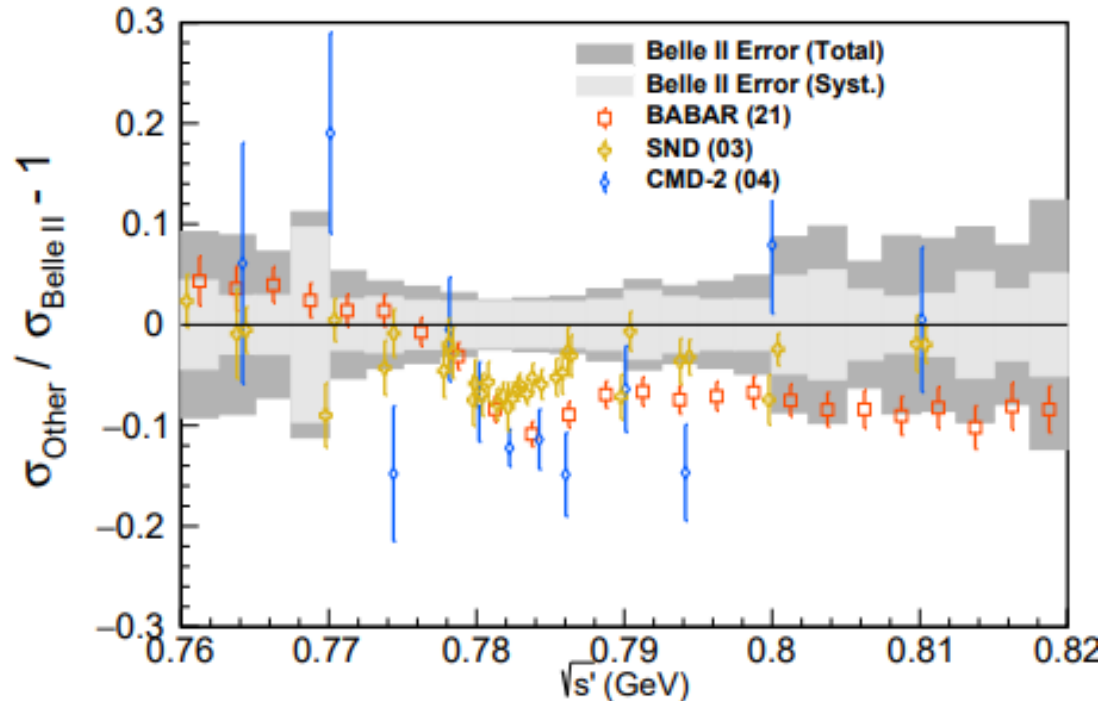
Cross section

Efficiency

Effective luminosity



$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$$



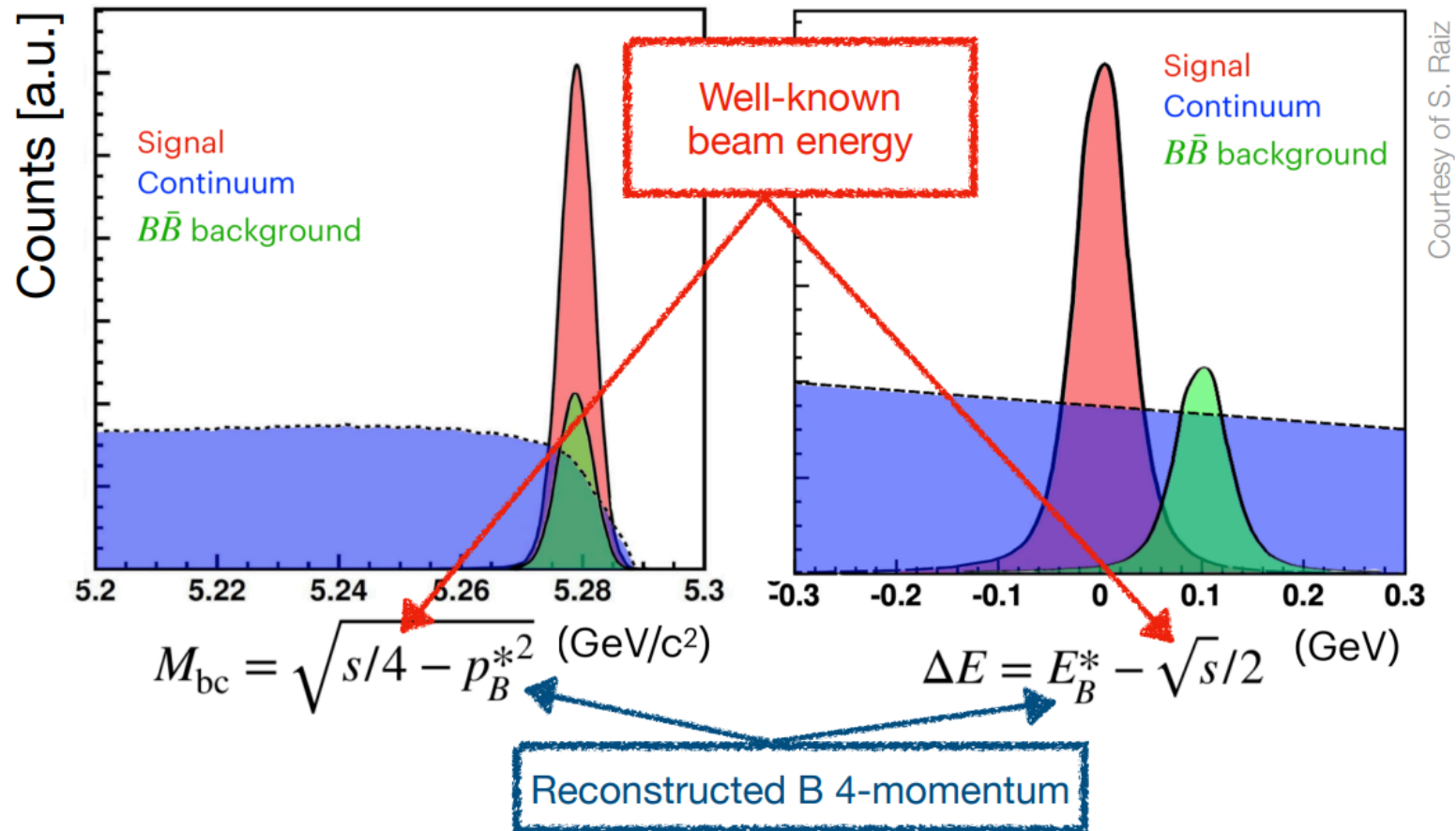
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Trigger	0.1	(−0.09)
ISR photon detection	0.7	(+0.15)
Tracking	0.8	(−1.35)
$\pi^0$ detection	1.0	(−1.43)
Kinematic fit ( $\chi^2$ )	0.6	(+0.0)
Event selection	0.2	(−1.90)
Generator	1.2	
Integrated luminosity	0.6	
Radiative corrections	0.5	
MC statistics	0.2	
Background subtraction	0.3–0.5	
Unfolding	0.7–15	
Total uncertainty (Total correction $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{MC} - 1$ )	2.2-15	(−4.61)

$$a_{\mu}^{3\pi} = (49.02 \pm 0.23 \pm 1.07) \times 10^{-10},$$

2.6 $\sigma$  tension with BaBar

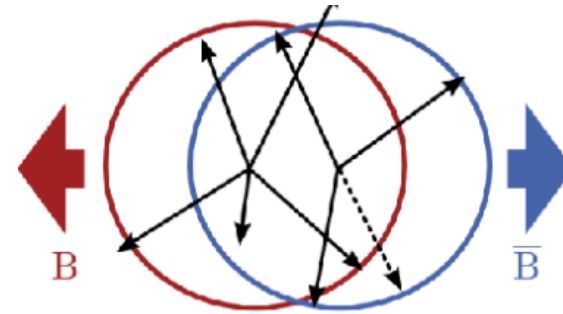
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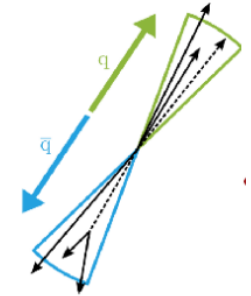


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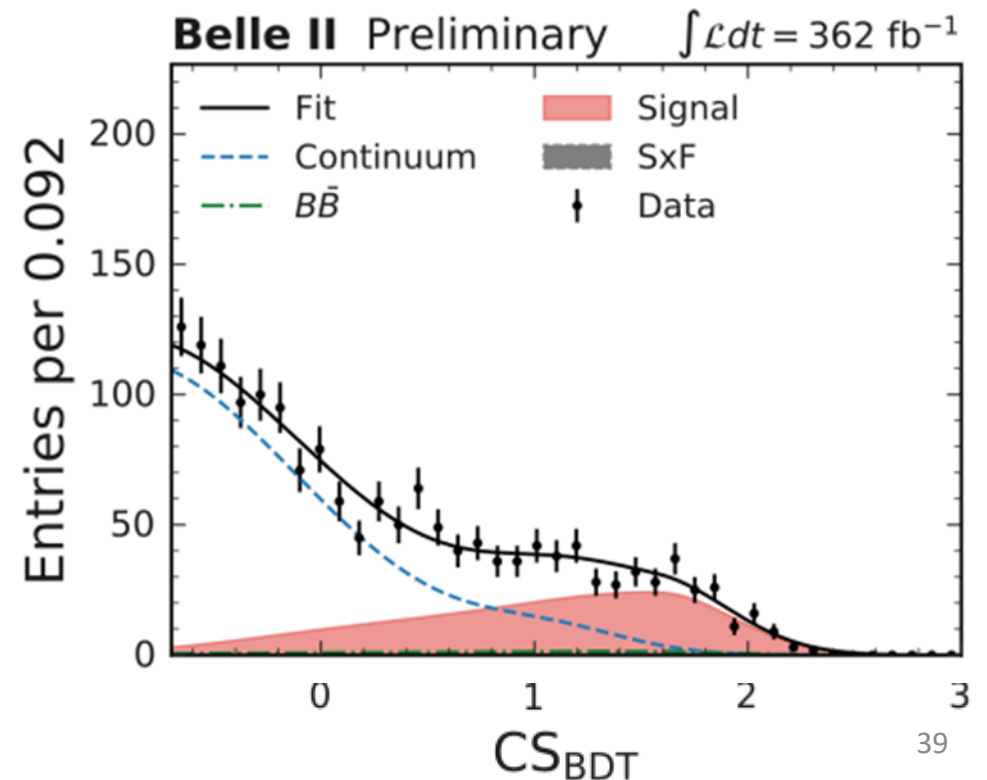
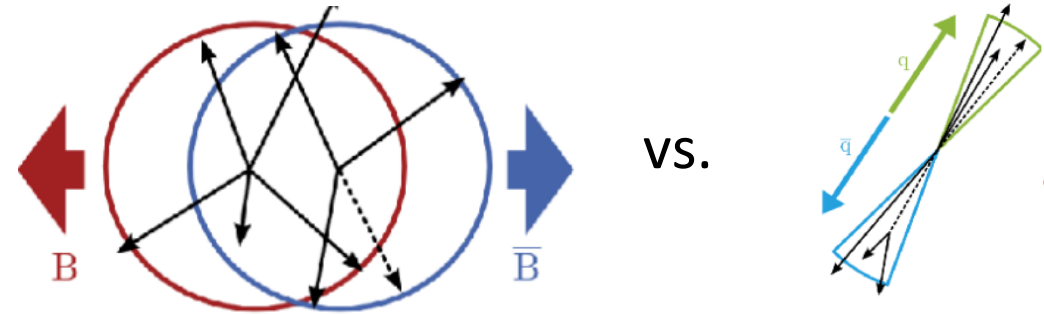


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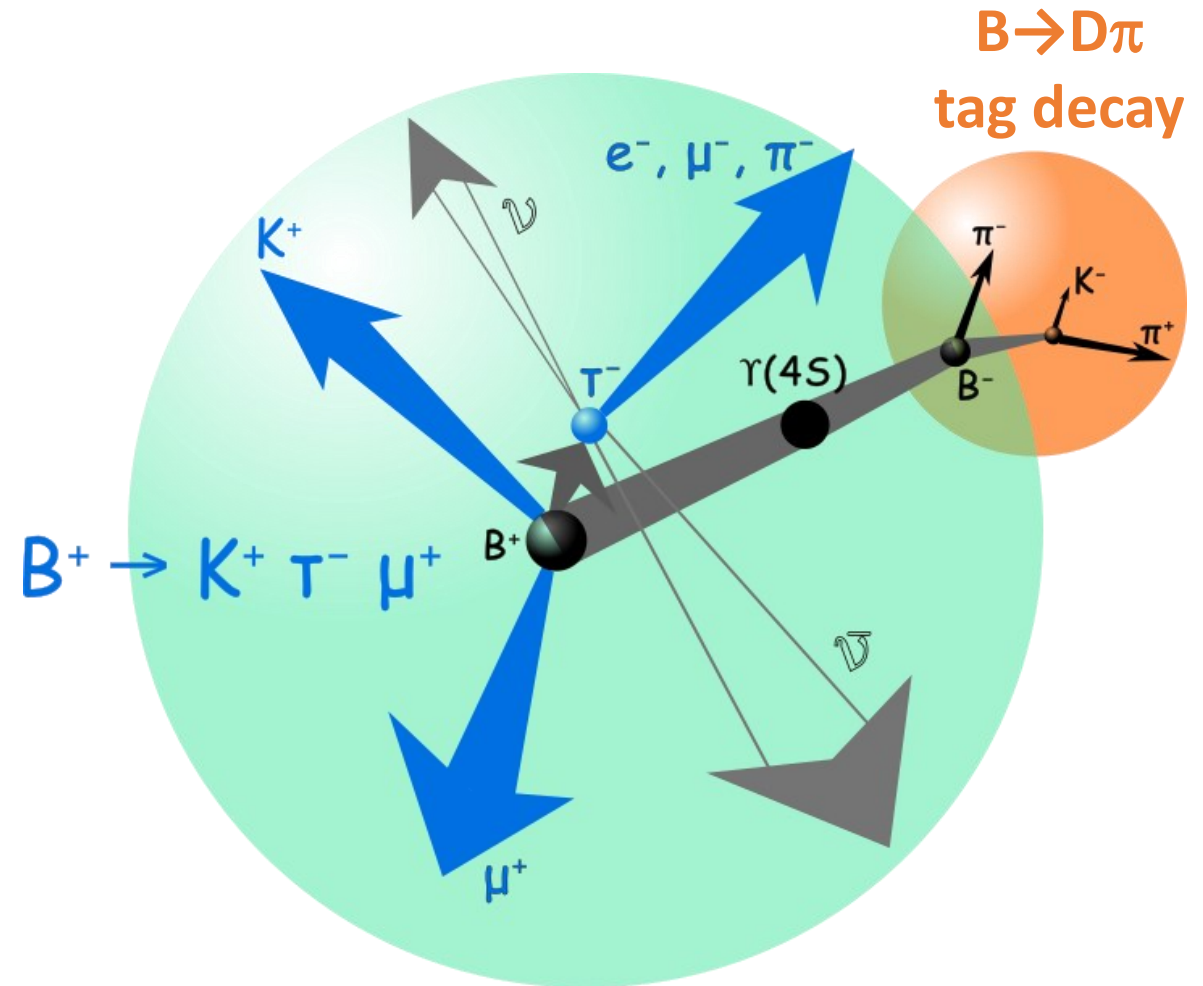
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- Ideal task for machine-learning
- Output oft used as a fit variable



# B-factory analysis essentials 3: hadronic tag

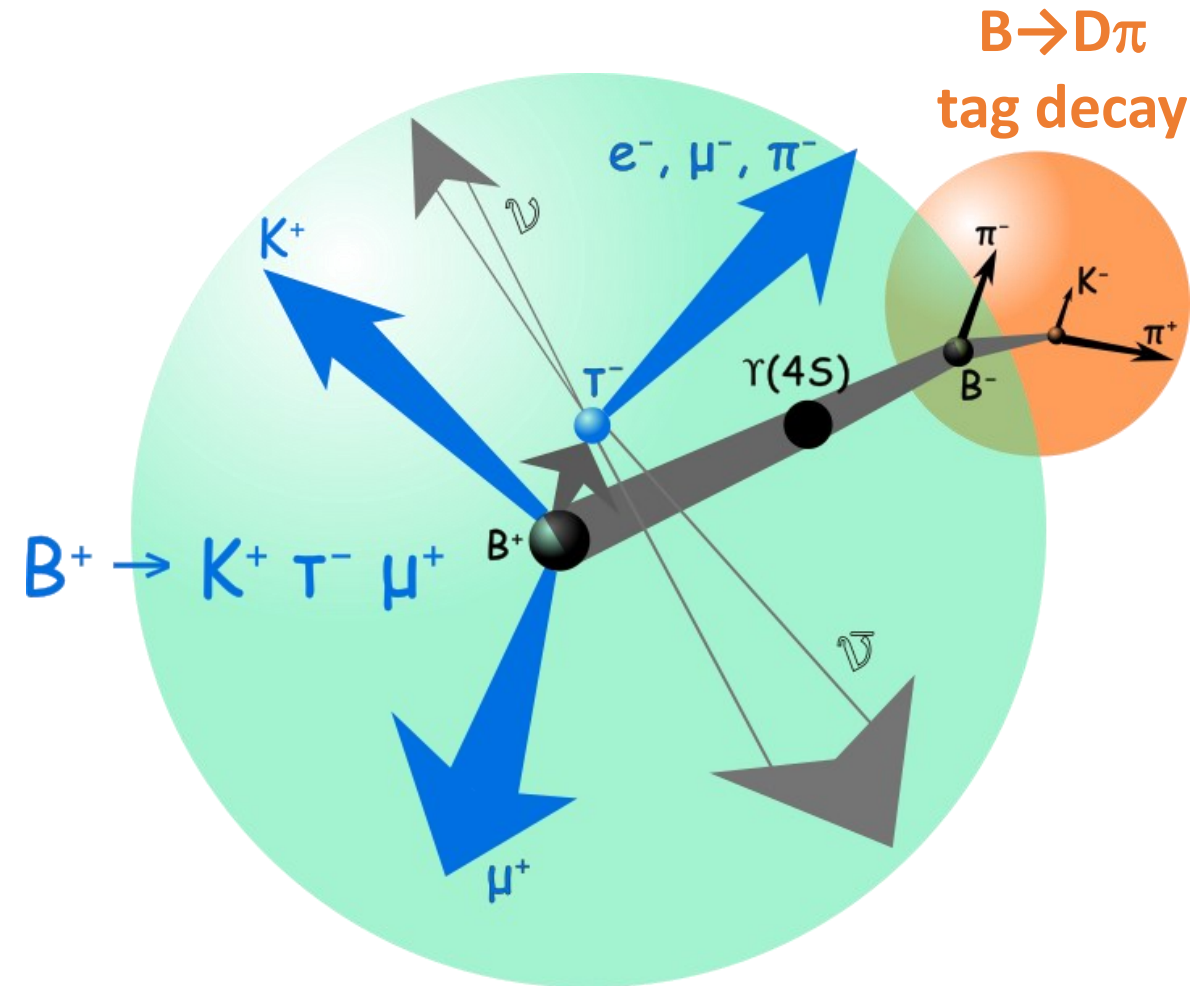
- Full-reconstruction of one B decay in a large number of high BF modes on one side
  - $B \rightarrow D^{(*)0} m\pi^{\pm}n\pi^0$ , where  $m \geq 1$   $n \geq 0$
- Reconstruct other B as signal with missing energy





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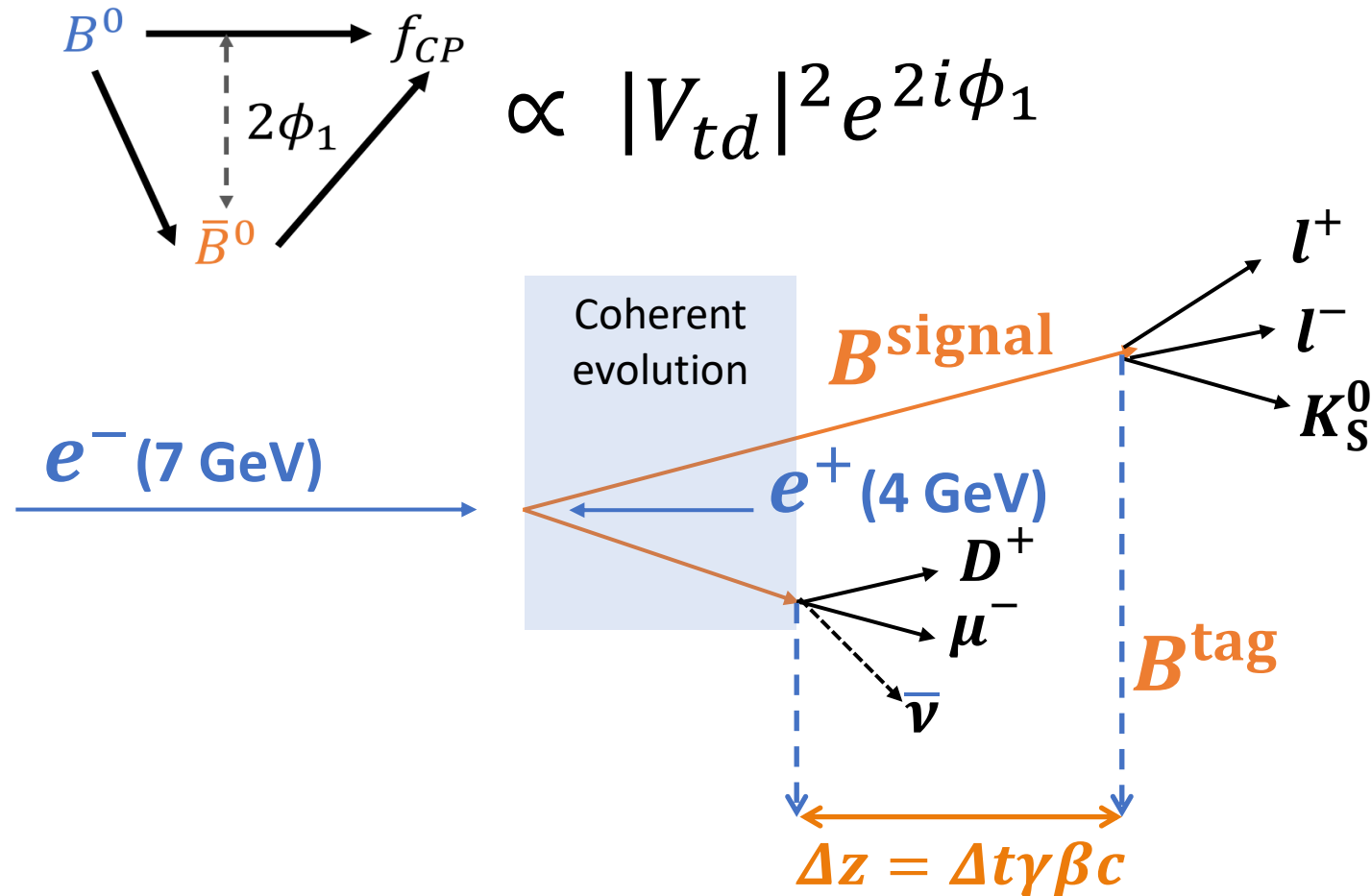
- Full-reconstruction of one B decay in a large number of high BF modes on one side
  - $B \rightarrow D^{(*)0} m\pi^{\pm}n\pi^0$ , where  $m \geq 1$   $n \geq 0$
- Reconstruct other B as signal with missing energy
- Machine learning algorithm used to boost efficiency as much as possible
  - [Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 3 \(2019\) 1, 6](#)
- Total efficiency < 1% but a powerful tool
- Requires calibration



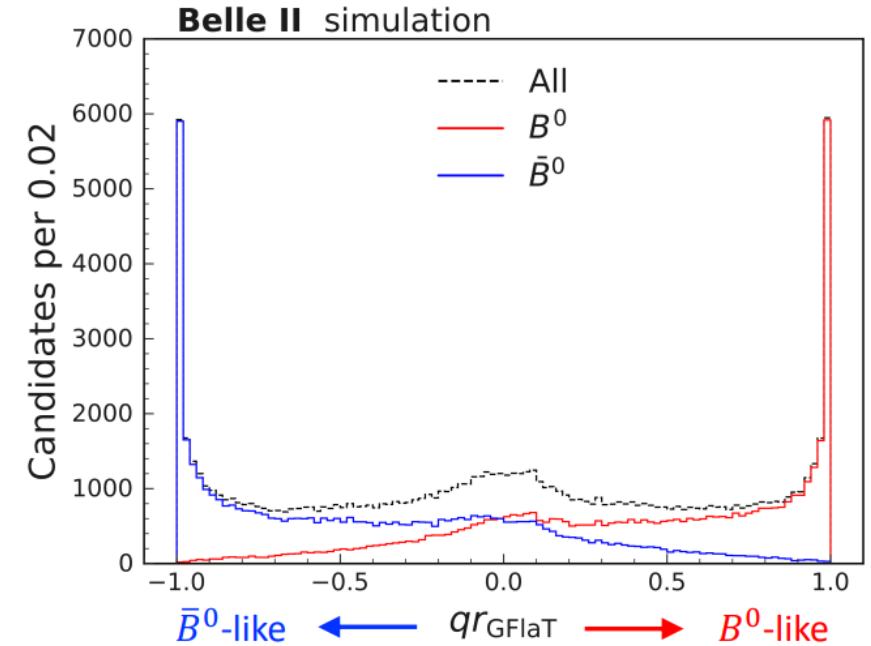
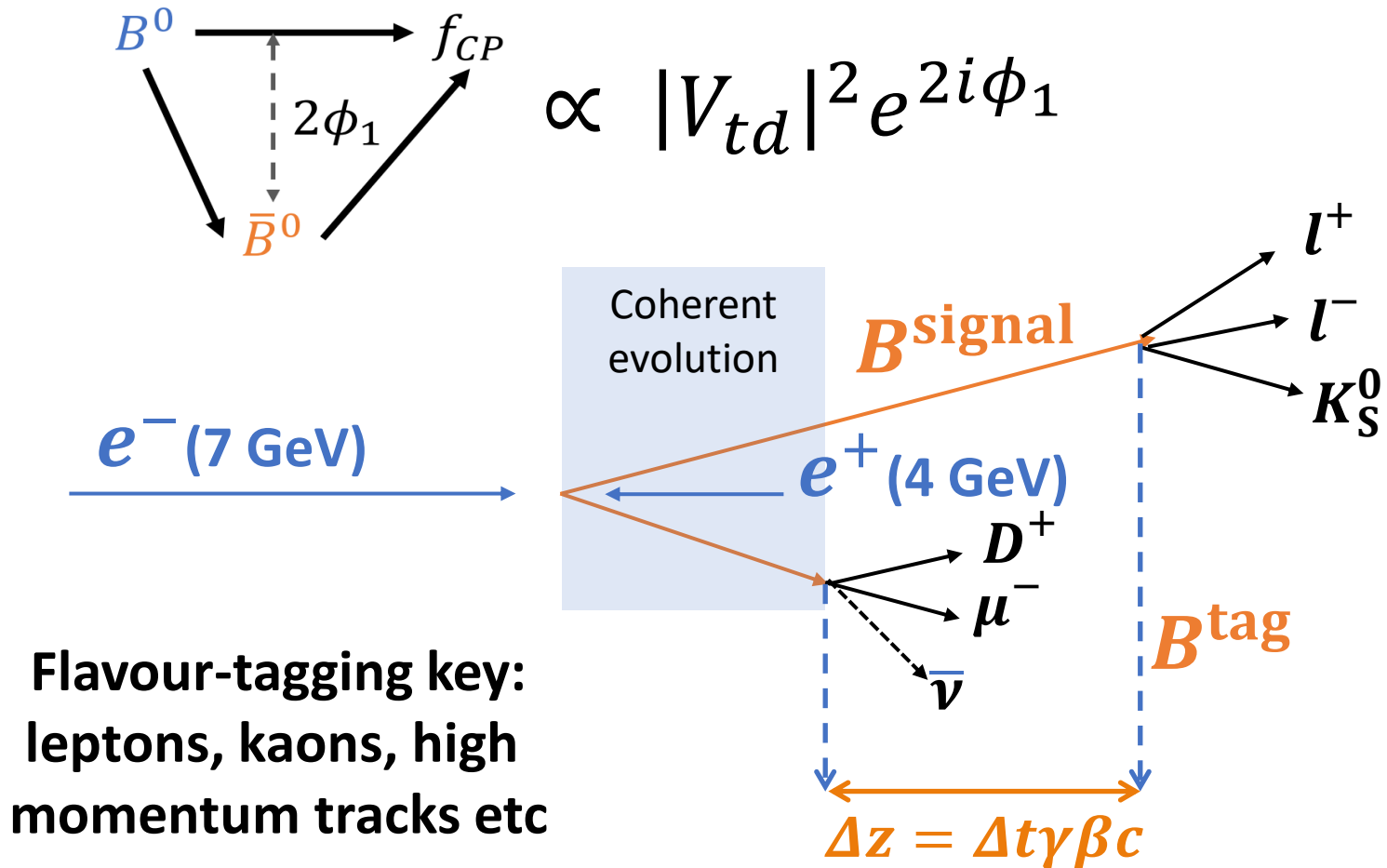
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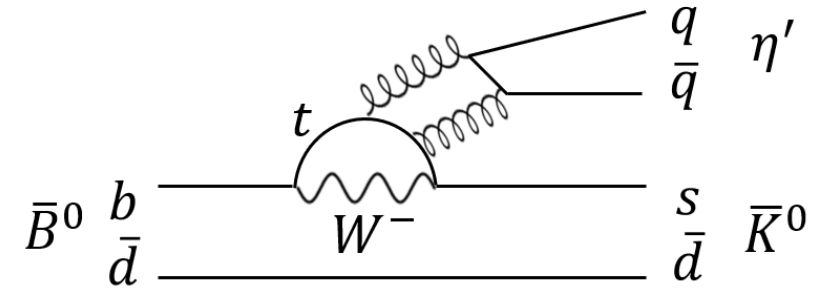
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Graph-neural-network approach has improved our tagging by 18%  
 $\epsilon(1 - 2\omega) = 37.4\%$

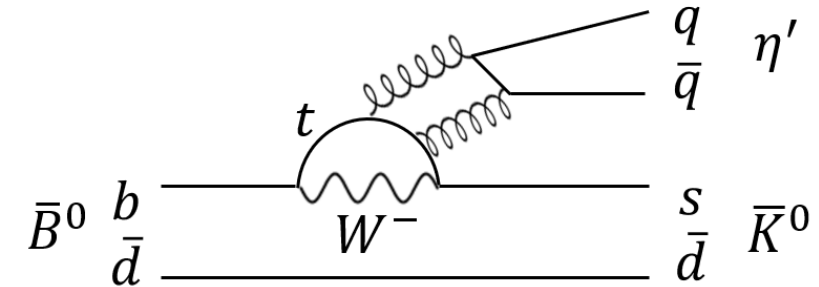
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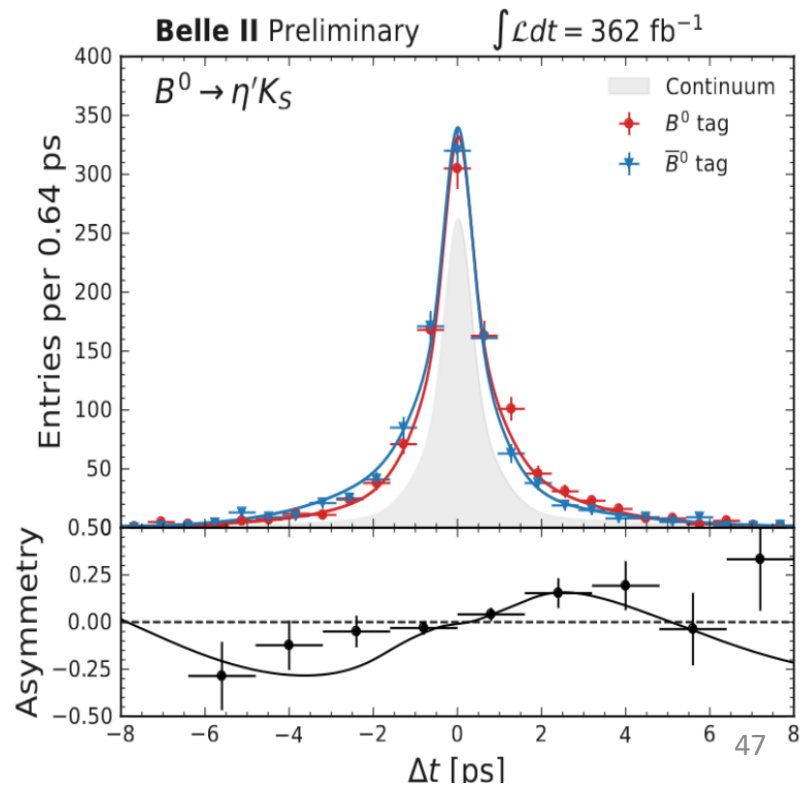
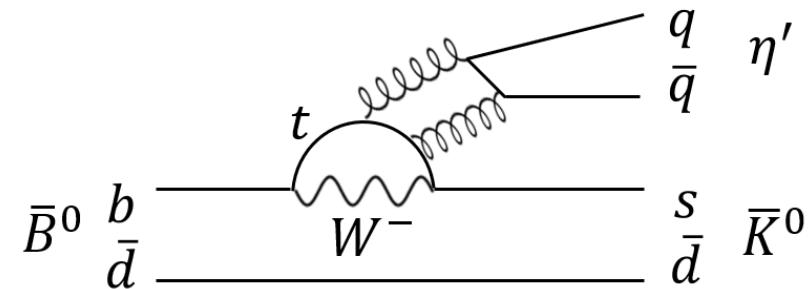
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- Consistent with current HFLAV average and that from  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  result



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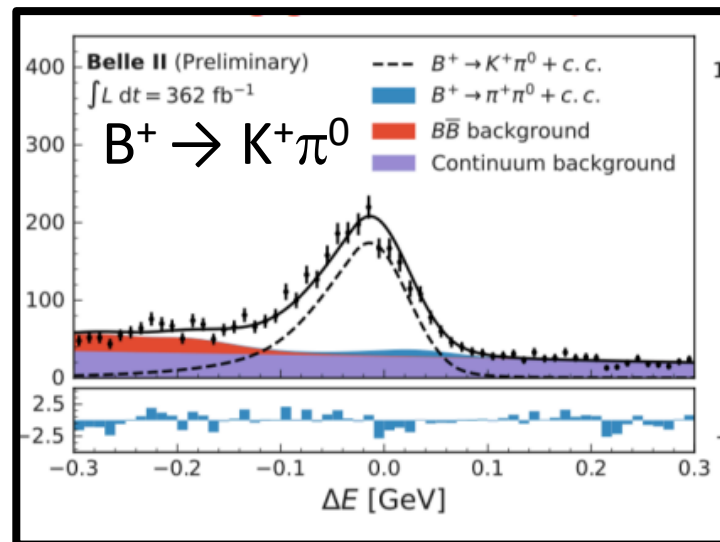


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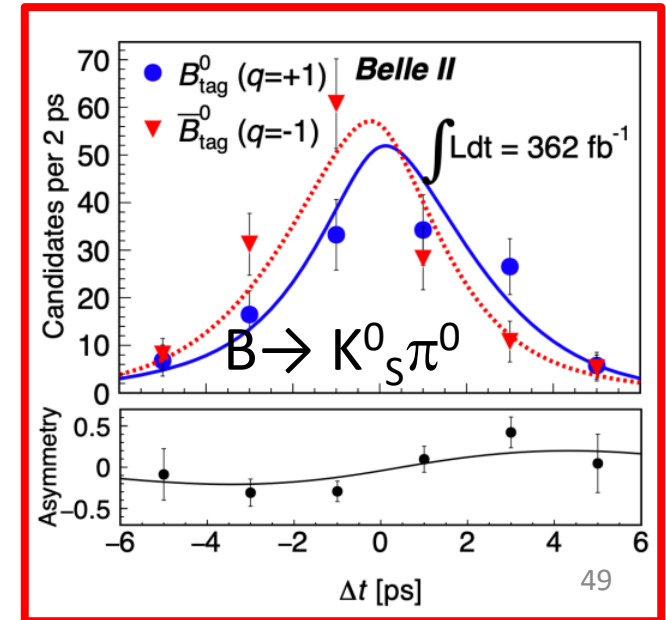


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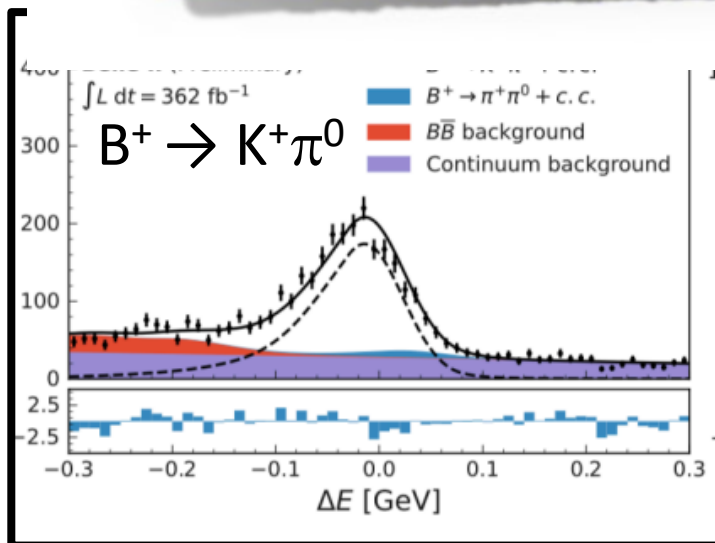


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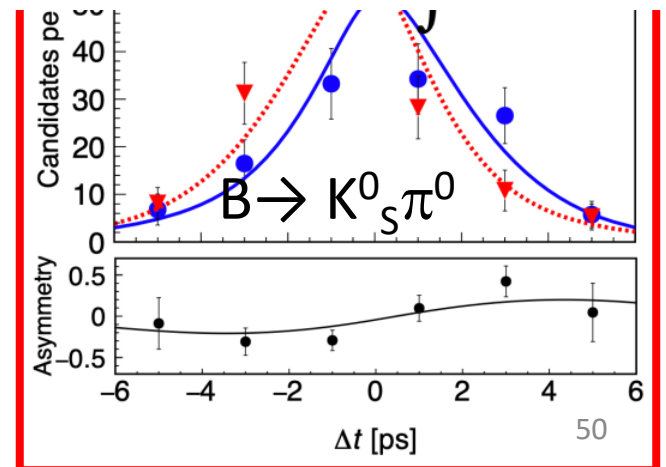
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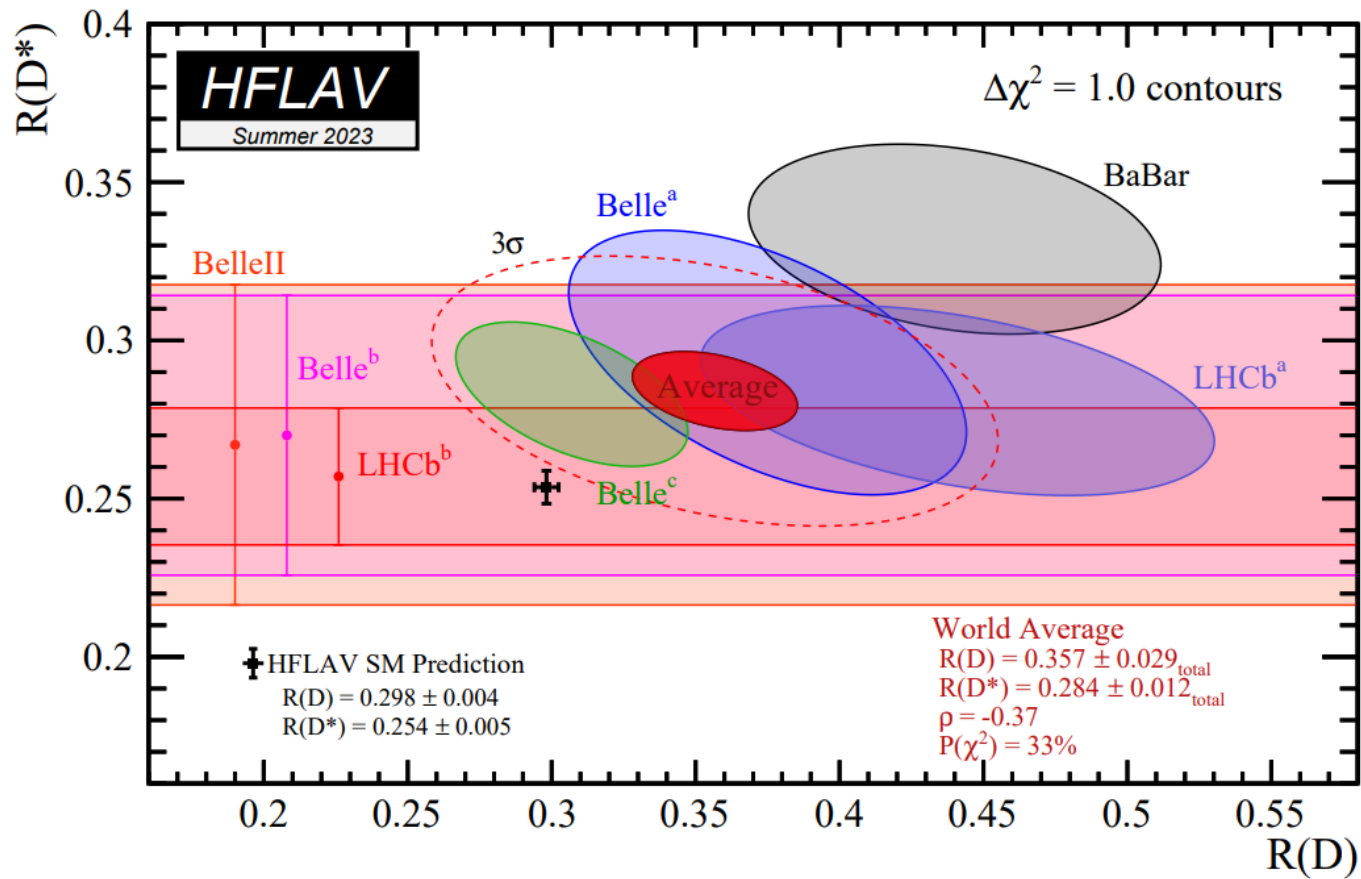
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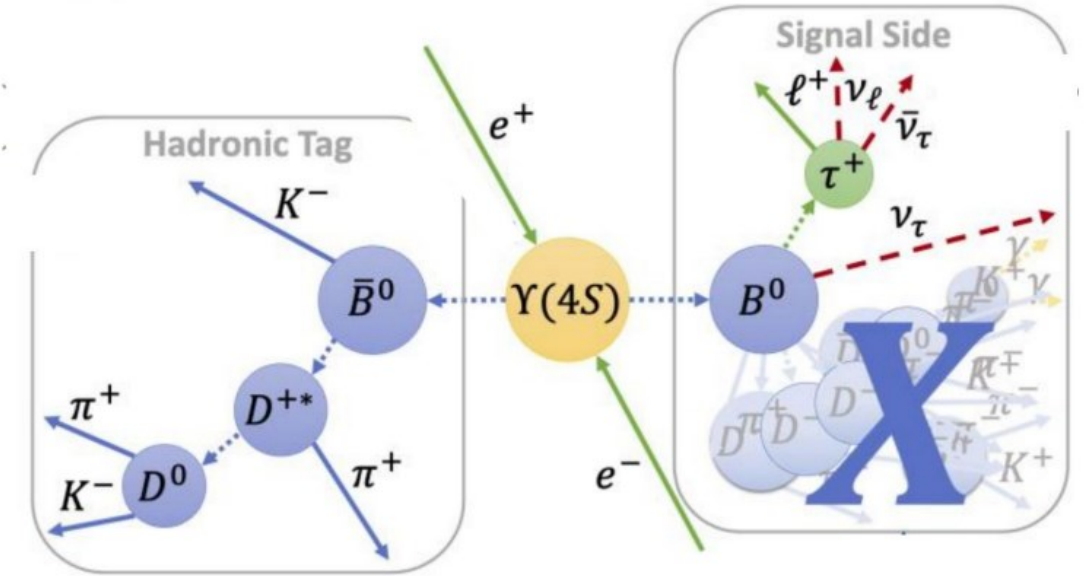




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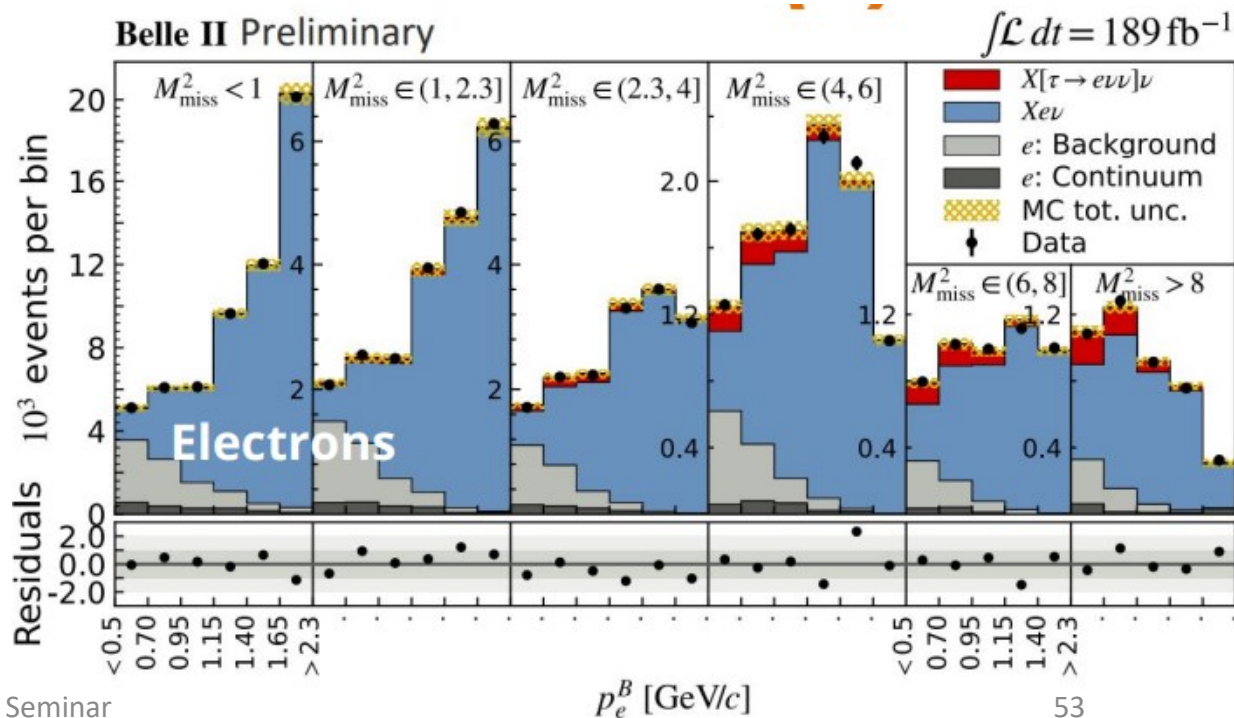
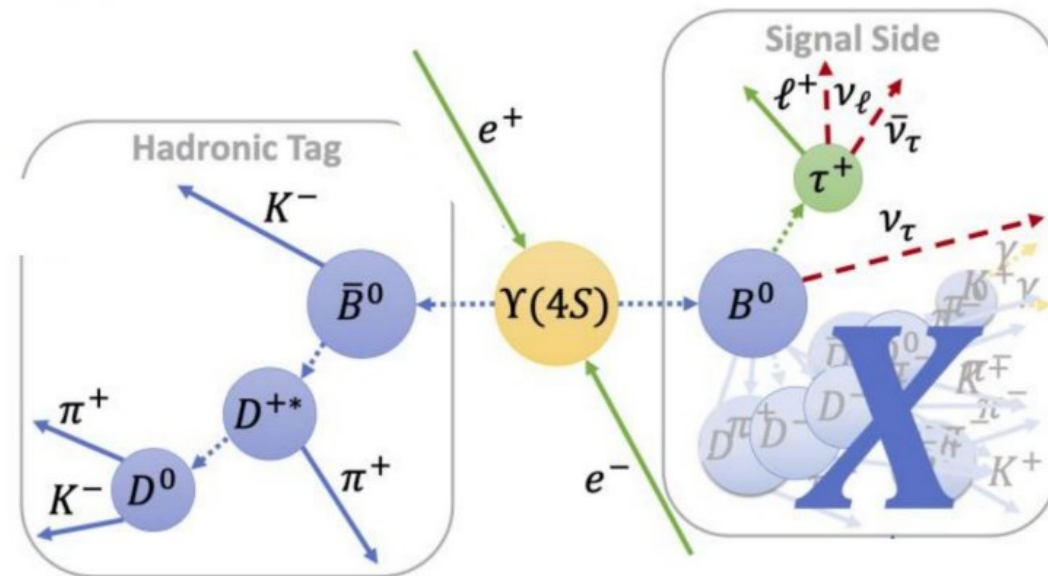
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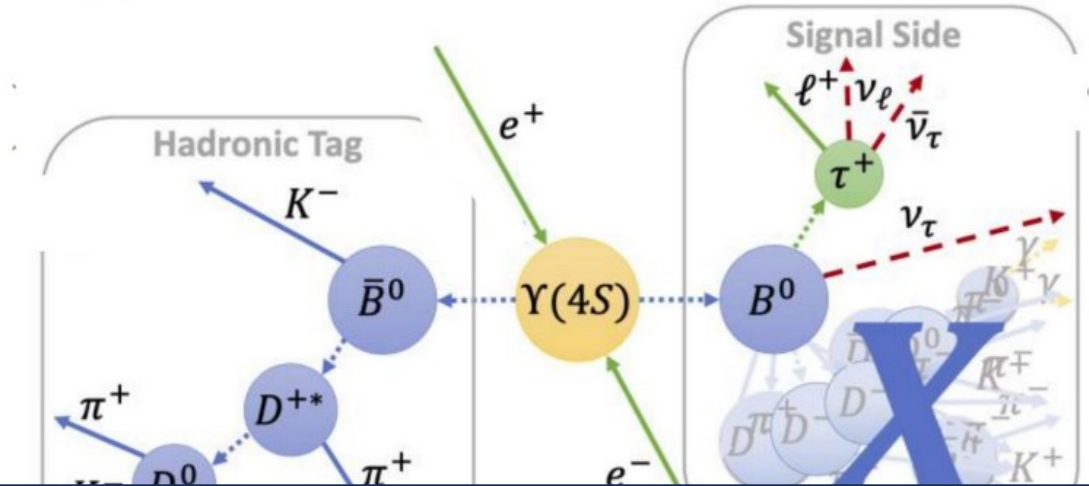
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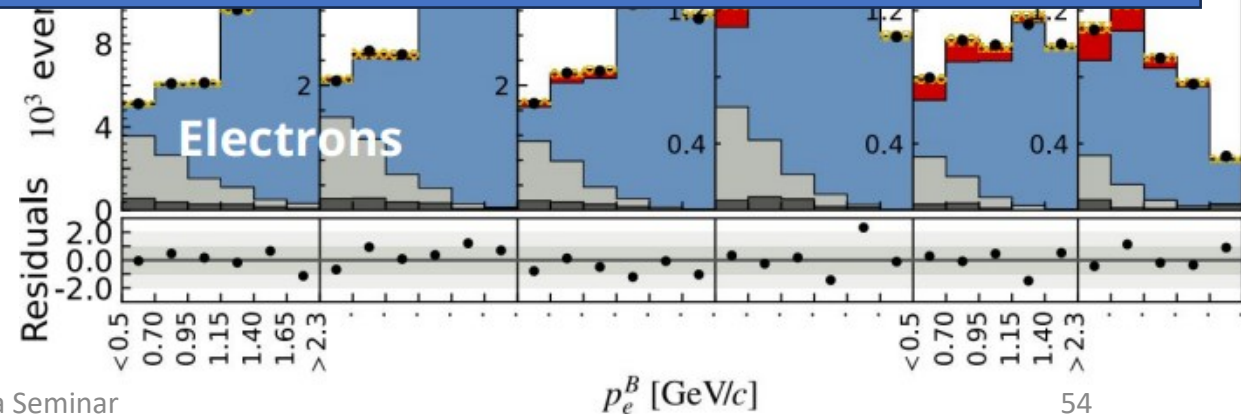
$$R(X) = 0.228 \pm 0.016 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.036 \text{ (syst)}$$

Systematics dominated by control sample reweighting procedures

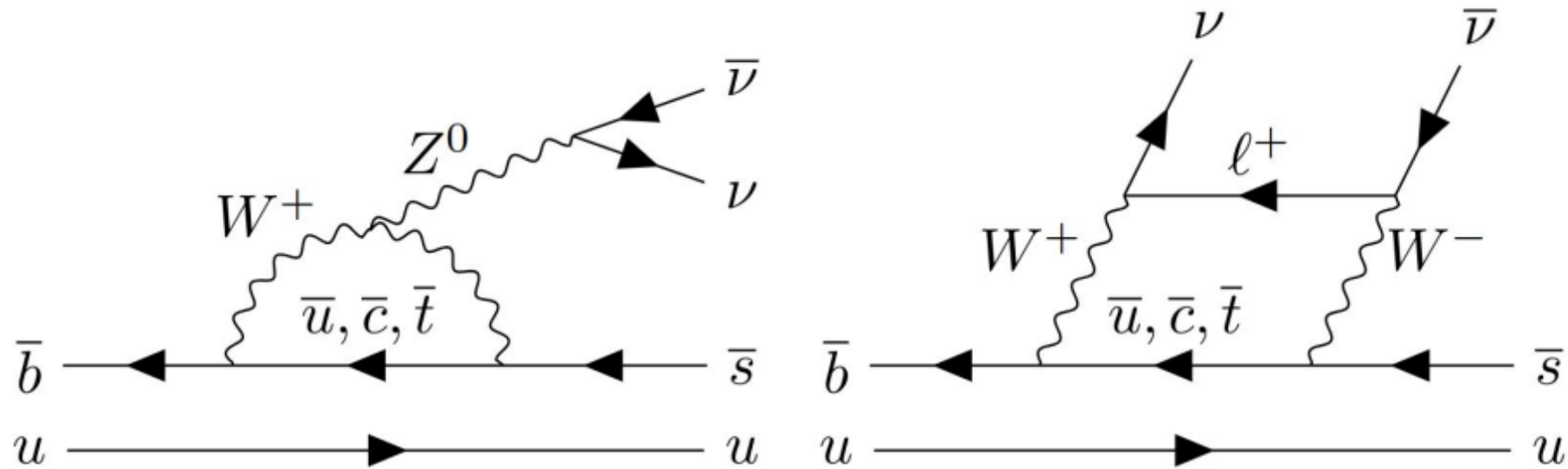
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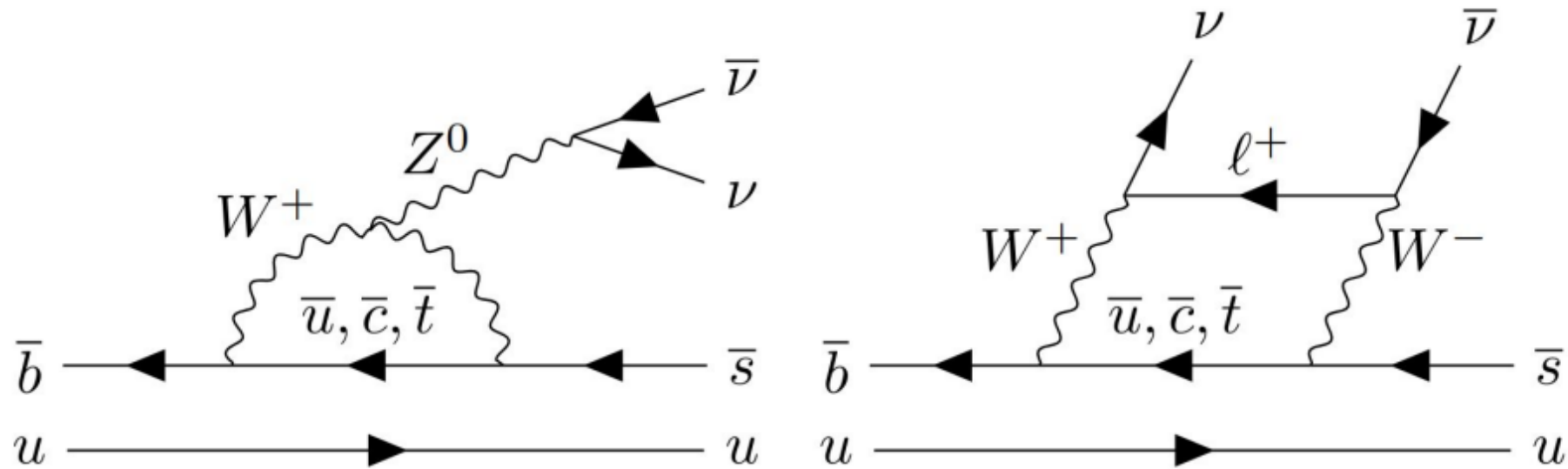


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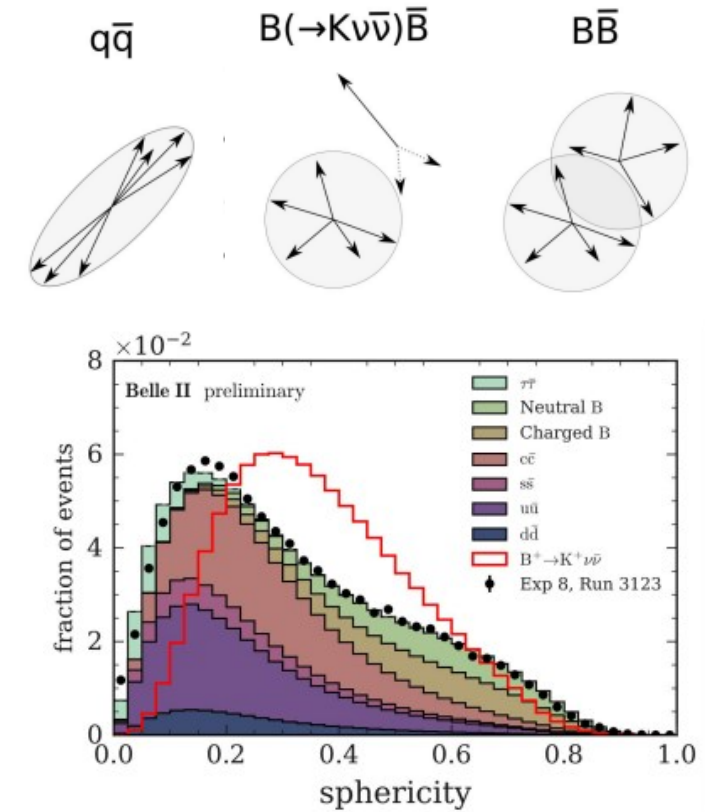


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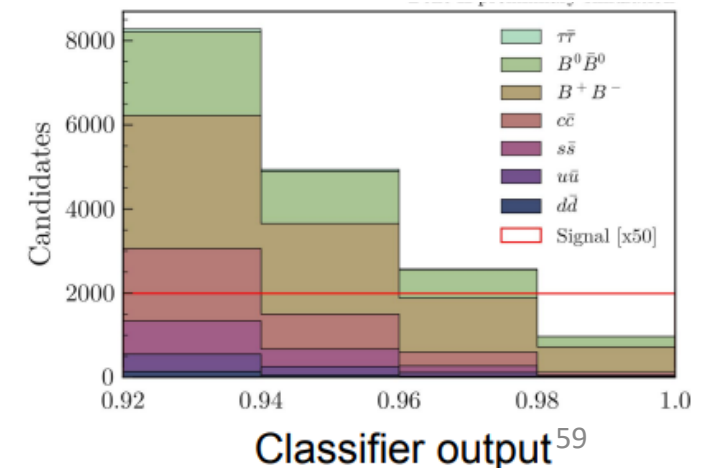
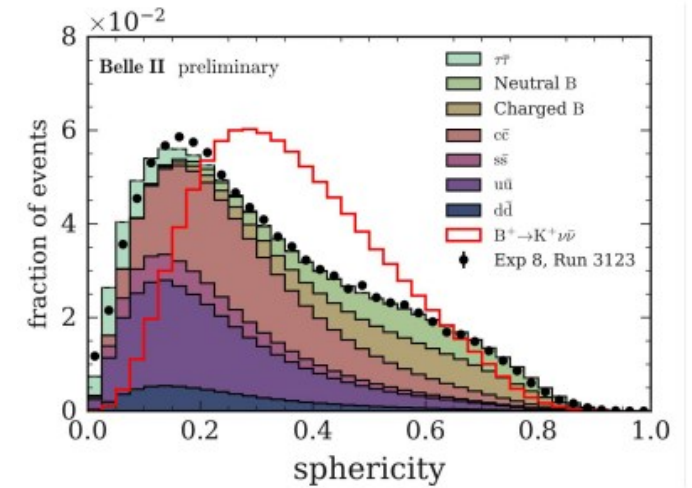
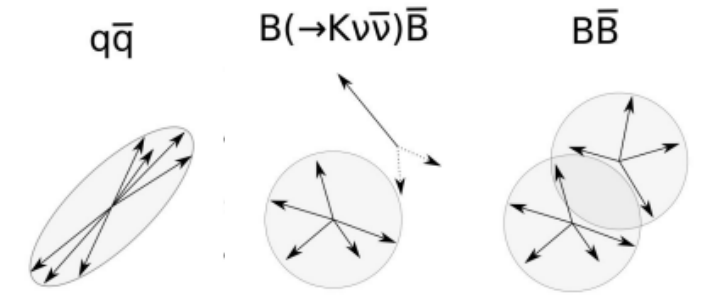
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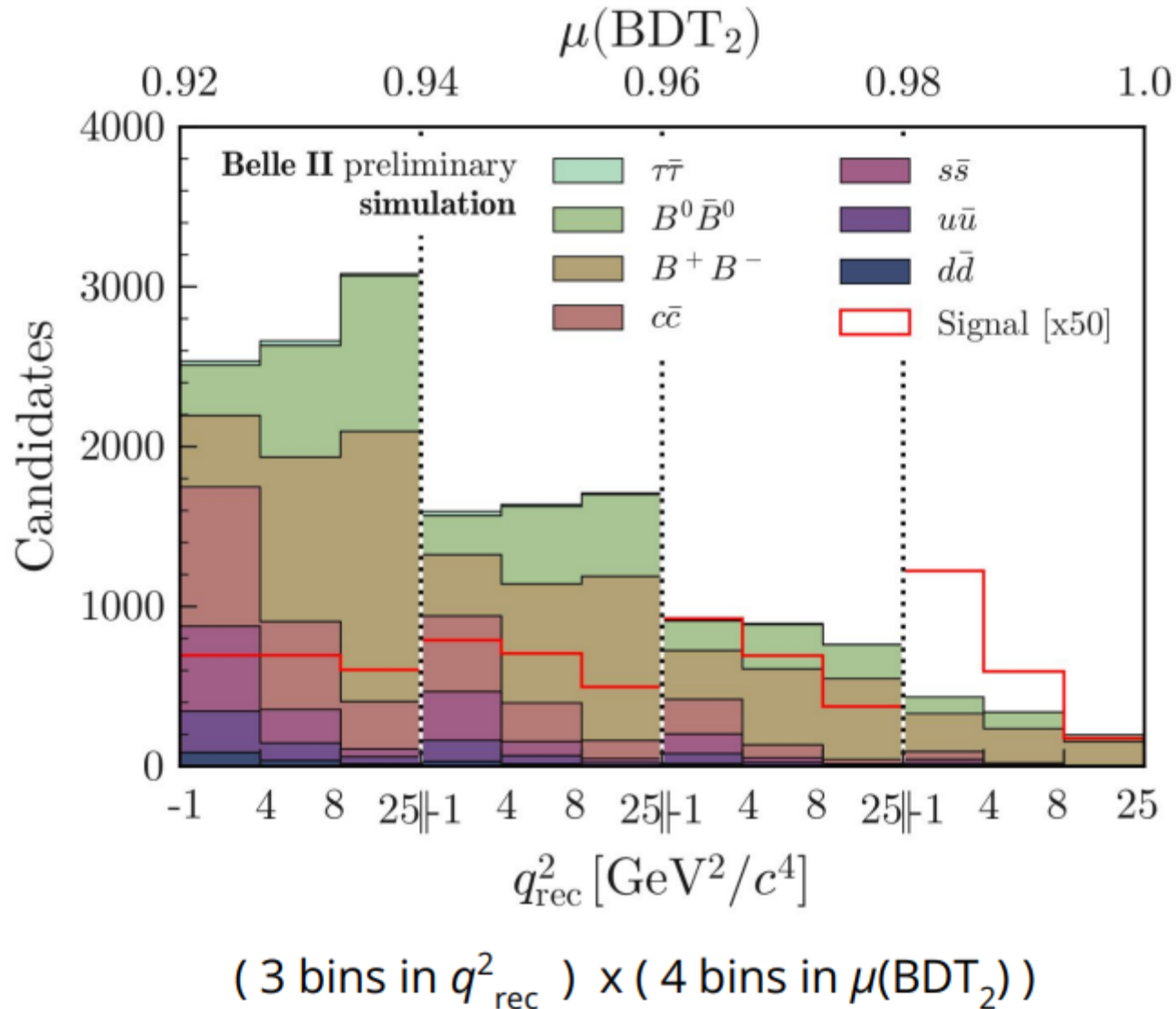


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    4. BDT2 fit extraction variable in bins of  $\nu \bar{\nu}$  mass-squared –  $q^2$
  - Hadronic tag: single BDT for fit
    - key variable any additional calorimeter energy other than K+tag

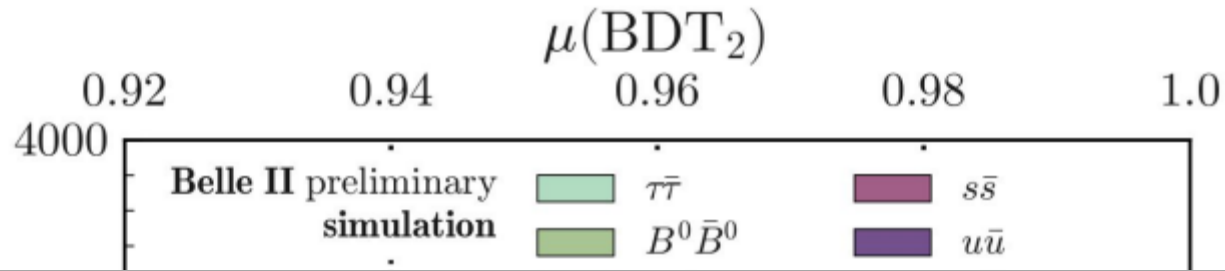


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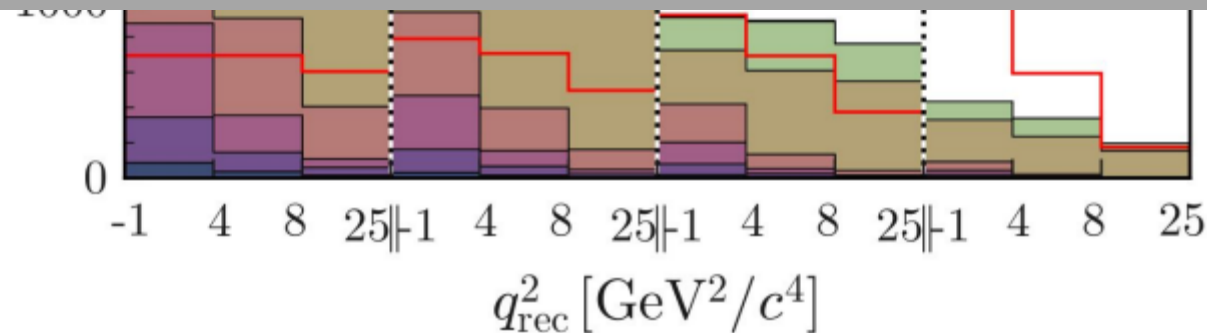


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Candidates

Two questions

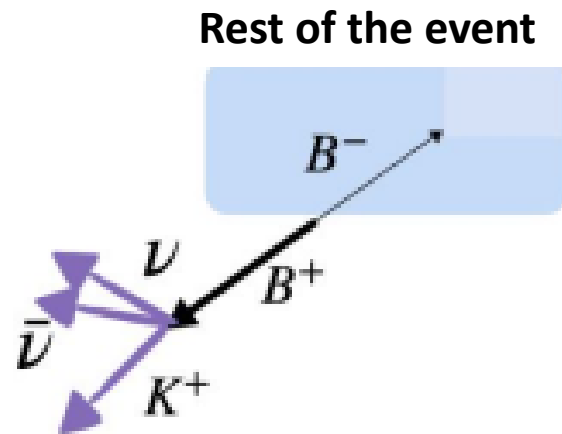
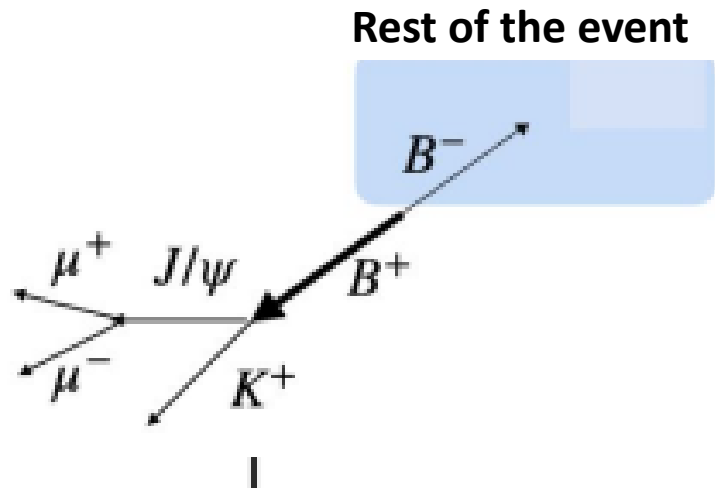
1. Is the signal efficiency, i.e., BDT, well modelled?
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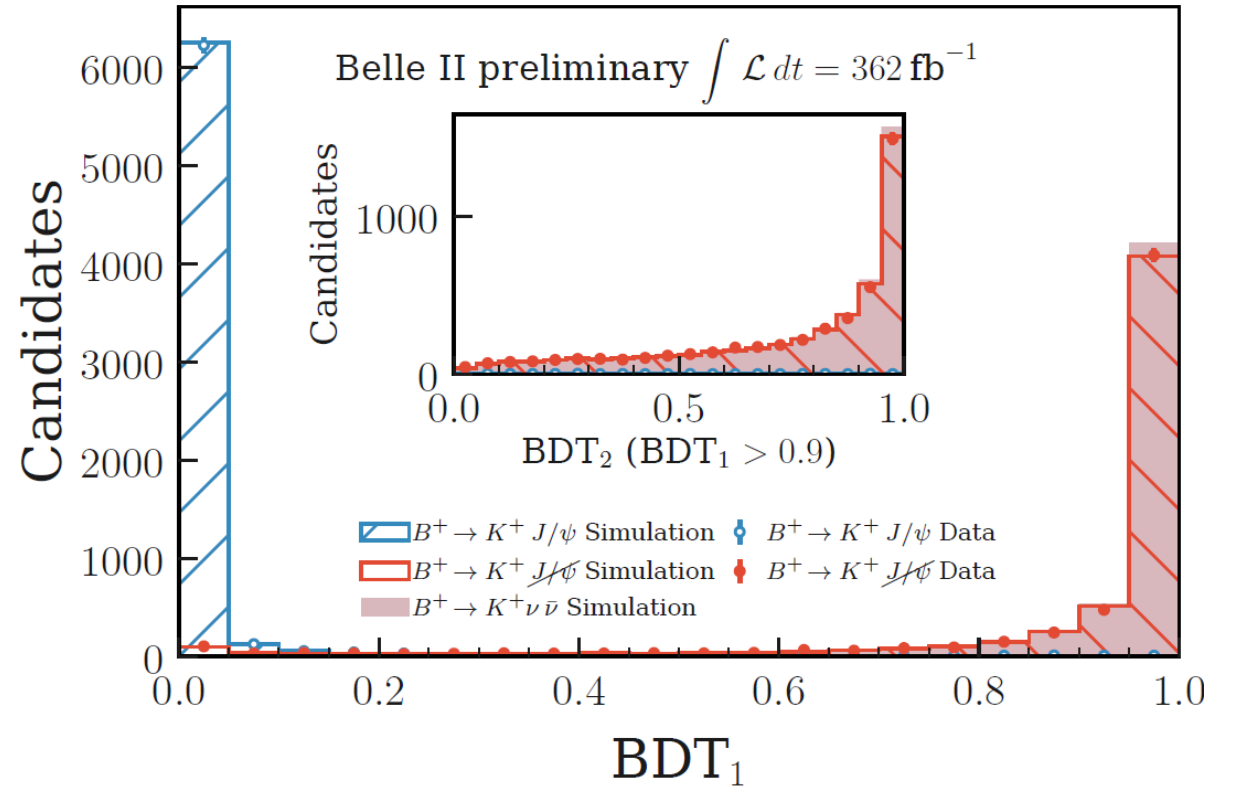
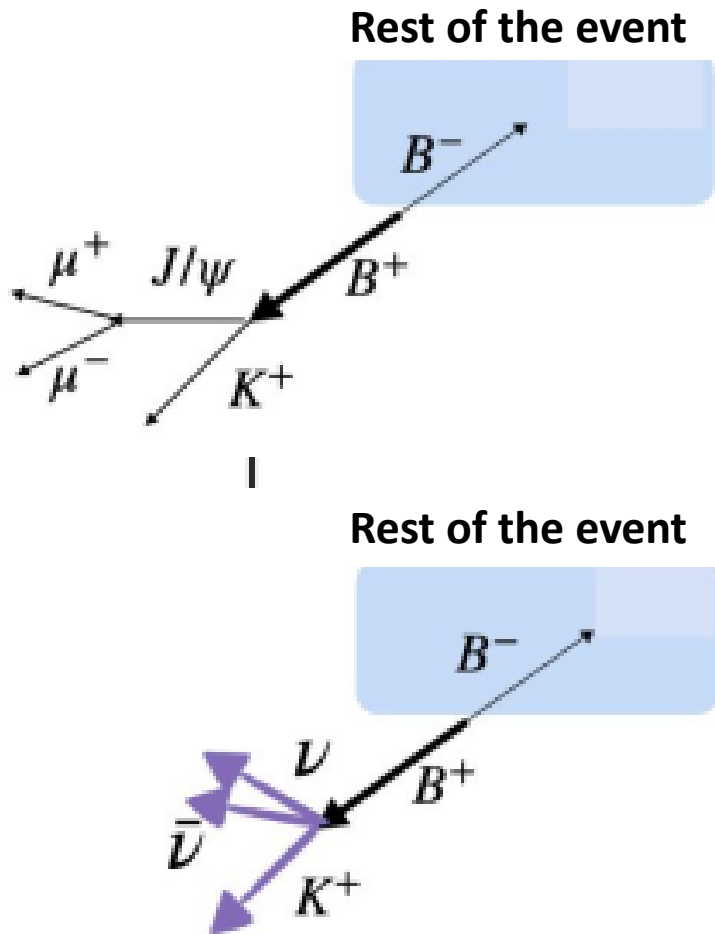
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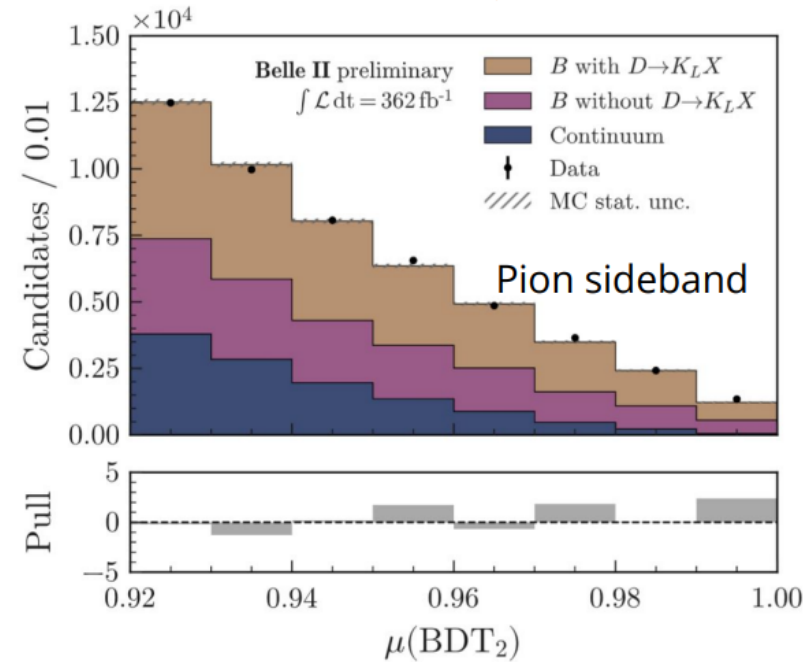
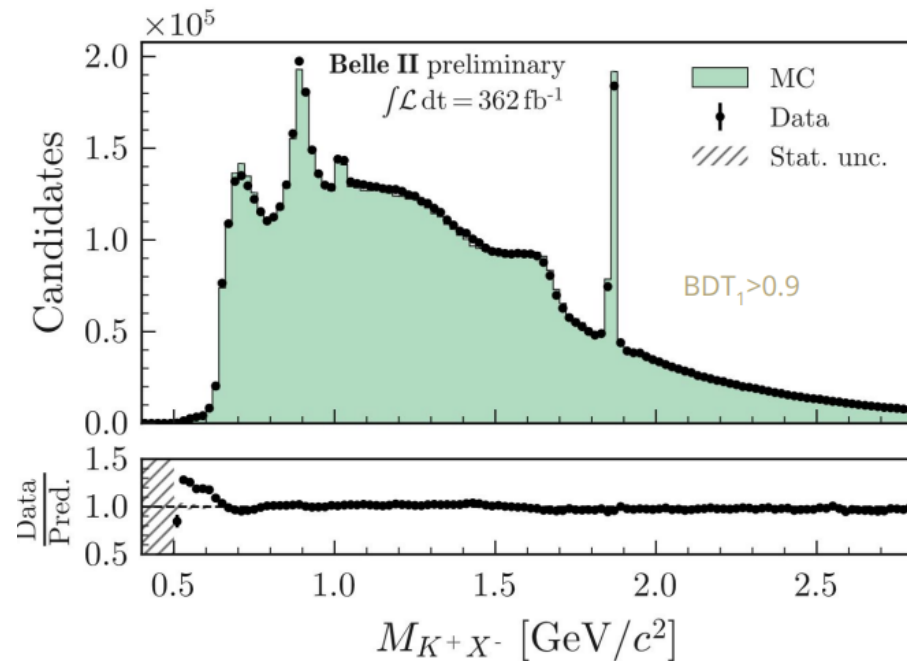
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Ratio between selection on data and simulation for the control sample 1 with 3% uncertainty

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}:$$

>90% background from  $B \rightarrow D(K^+ X) l \nu + B \rightarrow D(K_L X) K^+$



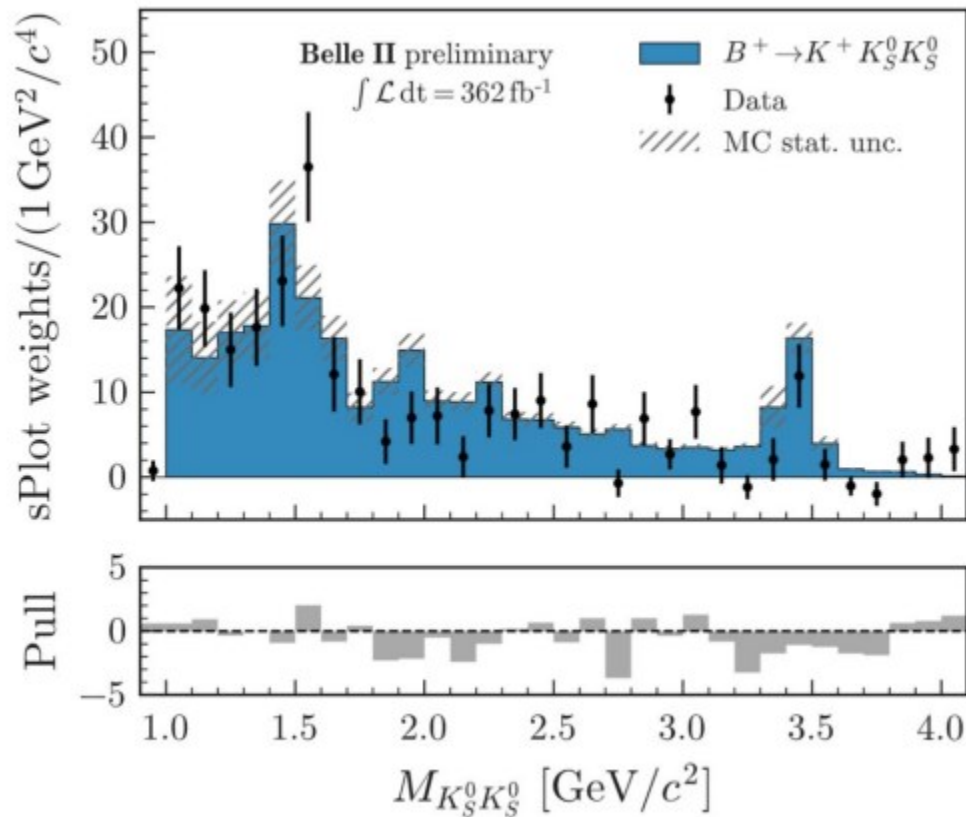
- KX system agrees well between data and MC
- Prompt  $K^+$  production studied using prompt  $\pi^+$  from  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$  decays
- Systematic uncertainties on decay branching fractions, enlarged for  $D \rightarrow K_L X$  and  $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$



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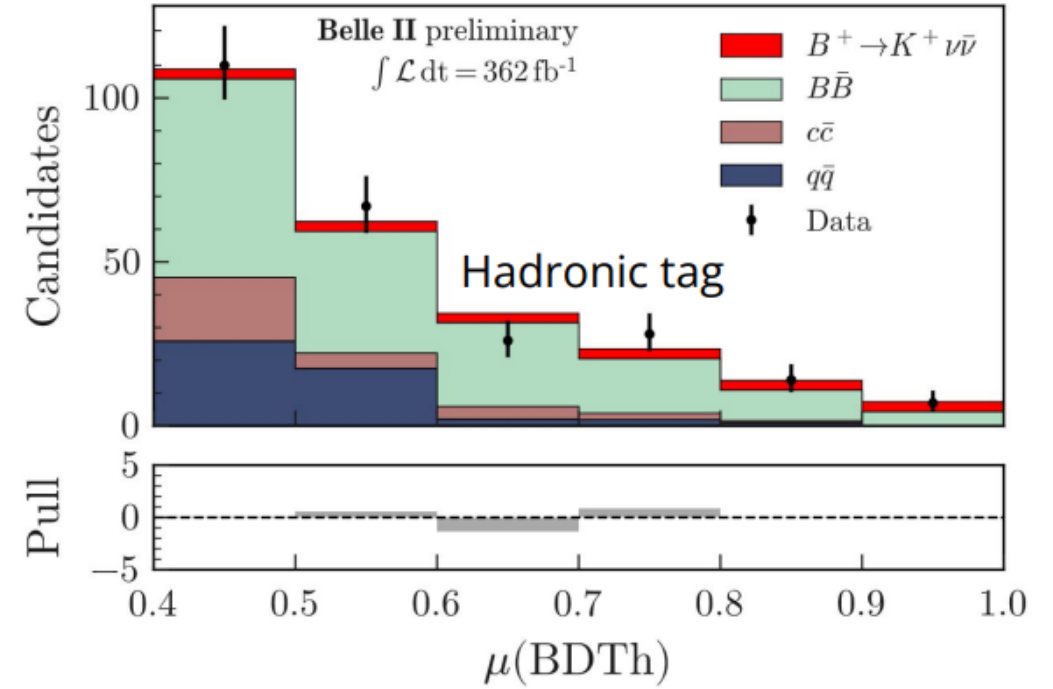
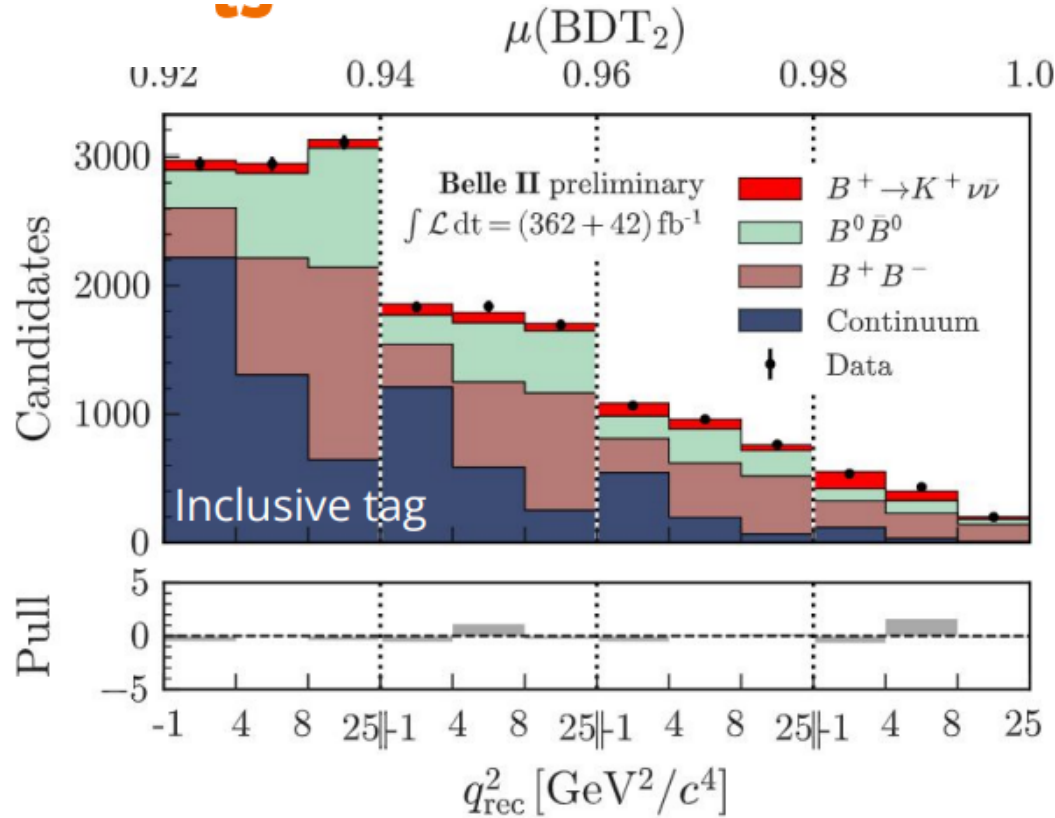
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- Dedicated studies  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_S^0$  show good modelling
  - generous systematics assigned
- Similar studies for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ n \bar{n}$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_S^0$

# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Systematic uncertainties

Source	Correction	Uncertainty type	Uncertainty size	Impact on $\sigma_\mu$
Normalization of $B\bar{B}$ background	—	Global, 2 NP	50%	0.88
Normalization of continuum background	—	Global, 5 NP	50%	0.10
Leading $B$ -decays branching fractions	—	Shape, 5 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.22
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$	$q^2$ dependent $O(100\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	20%	0.49
$p$ -wave component for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_L^0$	$q^2$ dependent $O(100\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	30%	0.02
Branching fraction for $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$	—	Shape, 1 NP	50%	0.42
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow n\bar{n}K^+$	$q^2$ dependent $O(100\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	100%	0.20
Branching fraction for $D \rightarrow K_L X$	+30%	Shape, 1 NP	10%	0.14
Continuum background modeling, BDT <sub>c</sub>	Multivariate $O(10\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	100% of correction	0.01
Integrated luminosity	—	Global, 1 NP	1%	< 0.01
Number of $B\bar{B}$	—	Global, 1 NP	1.5%	0.02
Off-resonance sample normalization	—	Global, 1 NP	5%	0.05
Track finding efficiency	—	Shape, 1 NP	0.3%	0.20
Signal kaon PID	$p, \theta$ dependent $O(10 - 100\%)$	Shape, 7 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.07
Photon energy scale	—	Shape, 1 NP	0.5%	0.08
Hadronic energy scale	-10%	Shape, 1 NP	10%	0.36
$K_L^0$ efficiency in ECL	-17%	Shape, 1 NP	8%	0.21
Signal SM form factors	$q^2$ dependent $O(1\%)$	Shape, 3 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.02
Global signal efficiency	—	Global, 1 NP	3%	0.03
MC statistics	—	Shape, 156 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.52

# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Results

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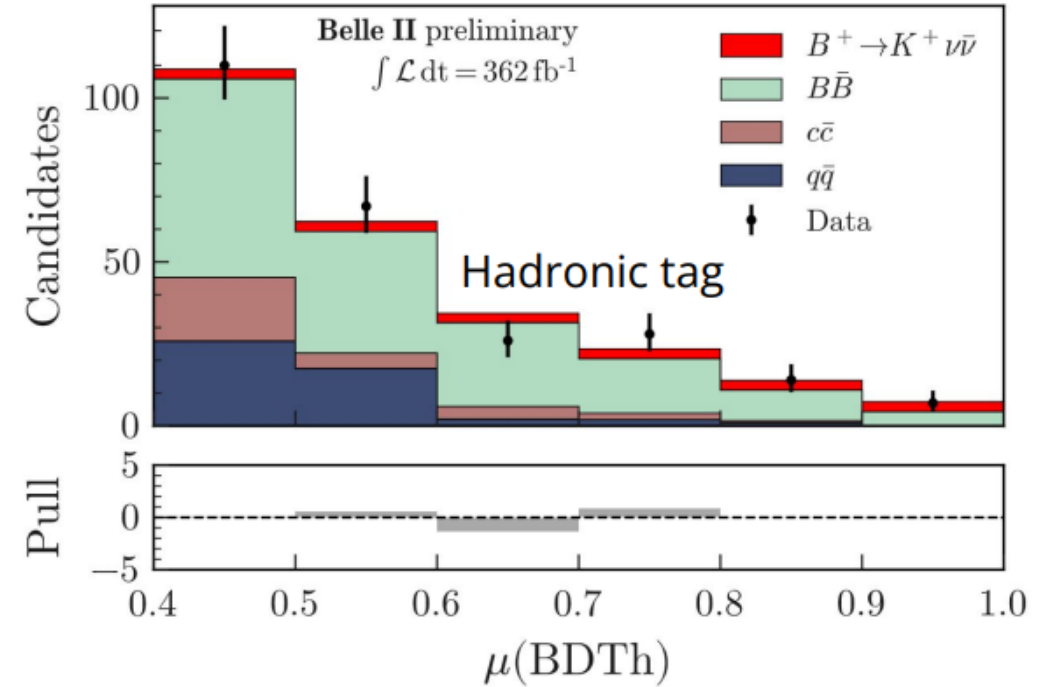
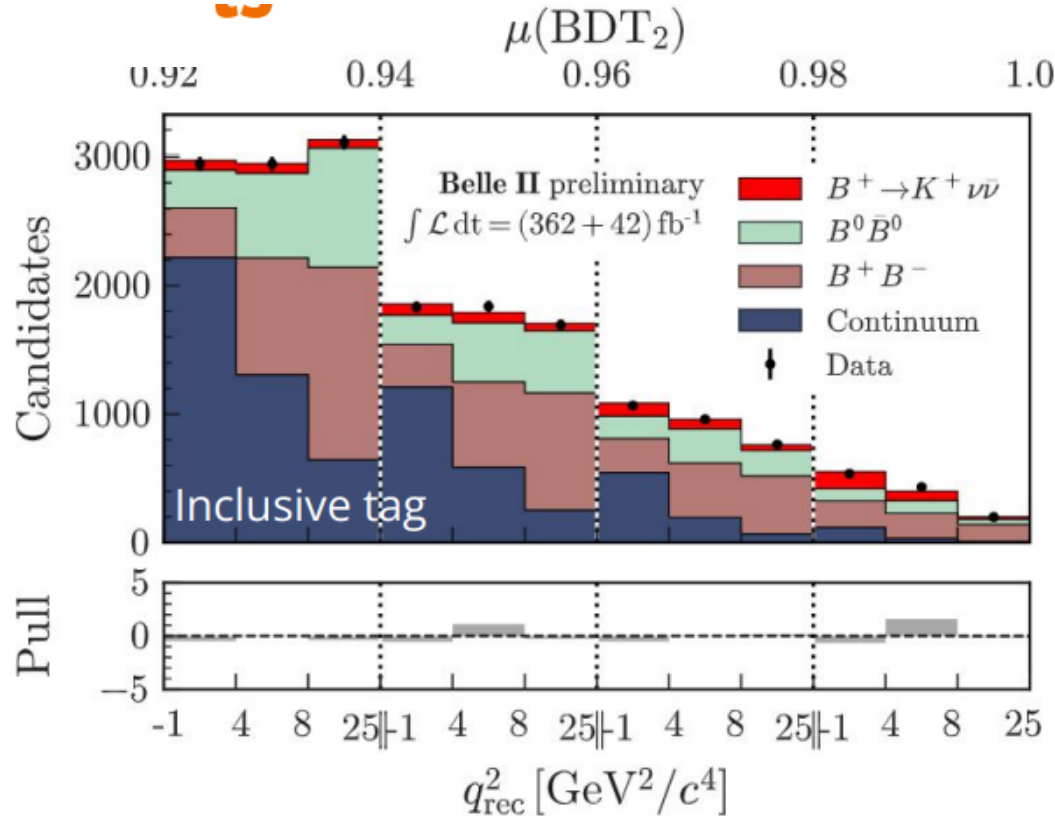
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**Combined result**

**Evidence @ 3.6 $\sigma$**

**Tension with SM ( $0.6 \times 10^{-5}$ )**

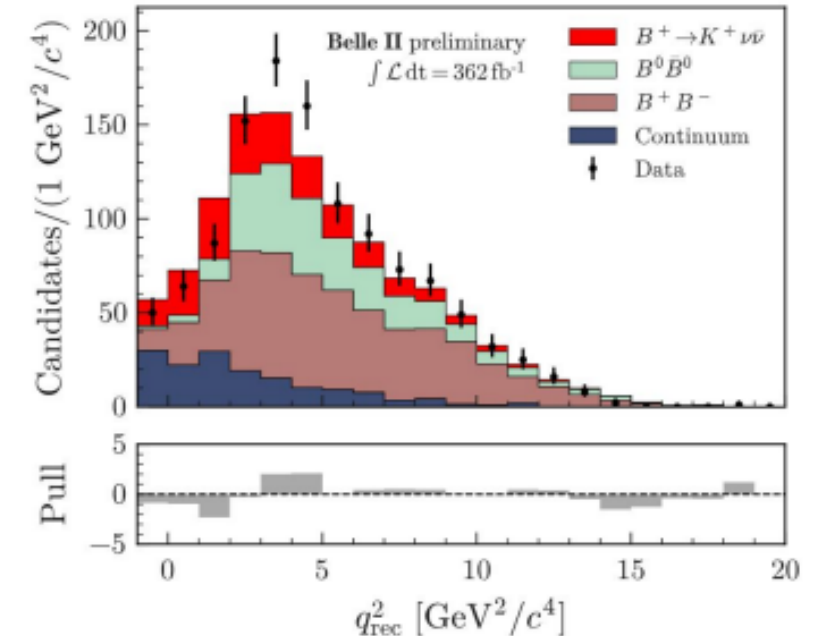
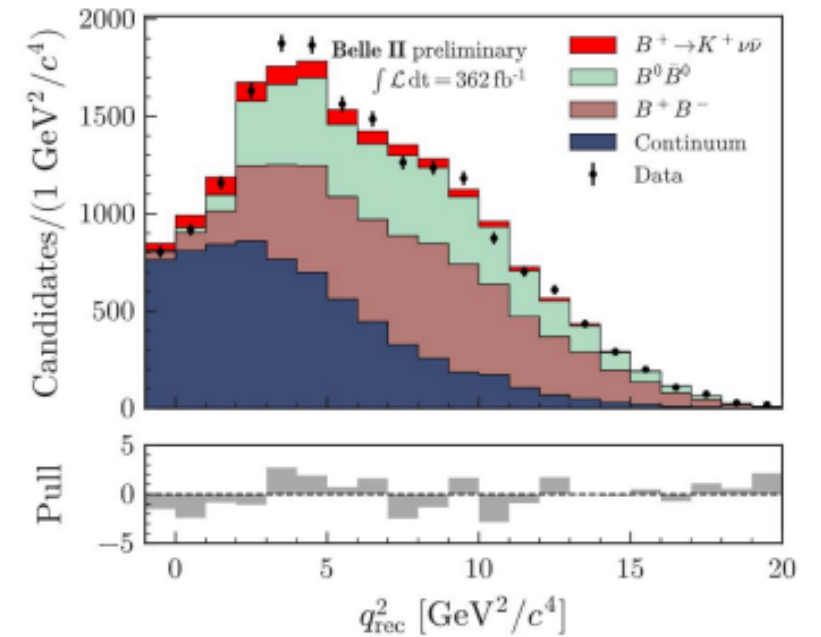
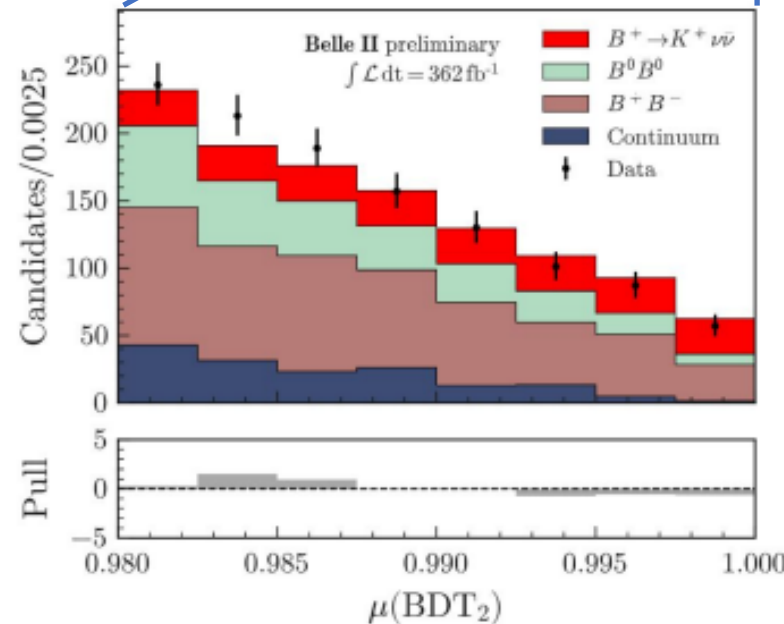
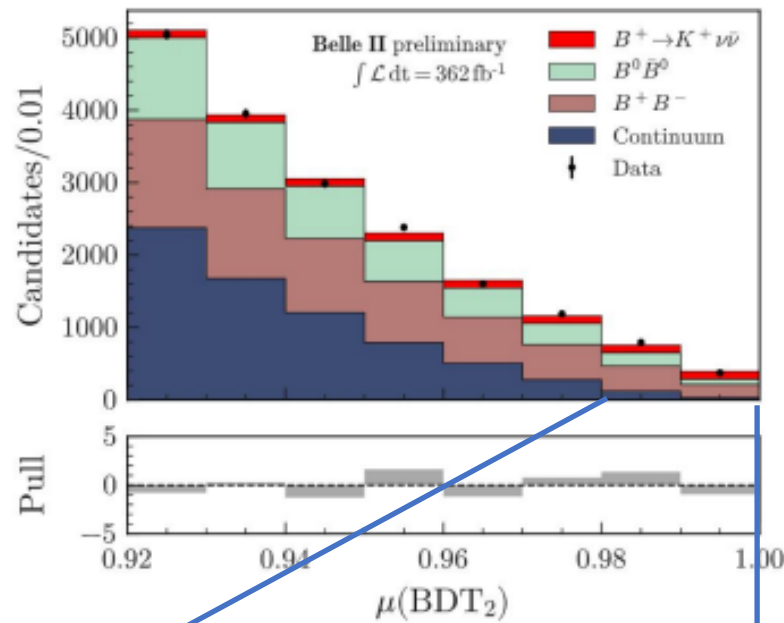
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# Post-fit distributions

Upper: full fit region

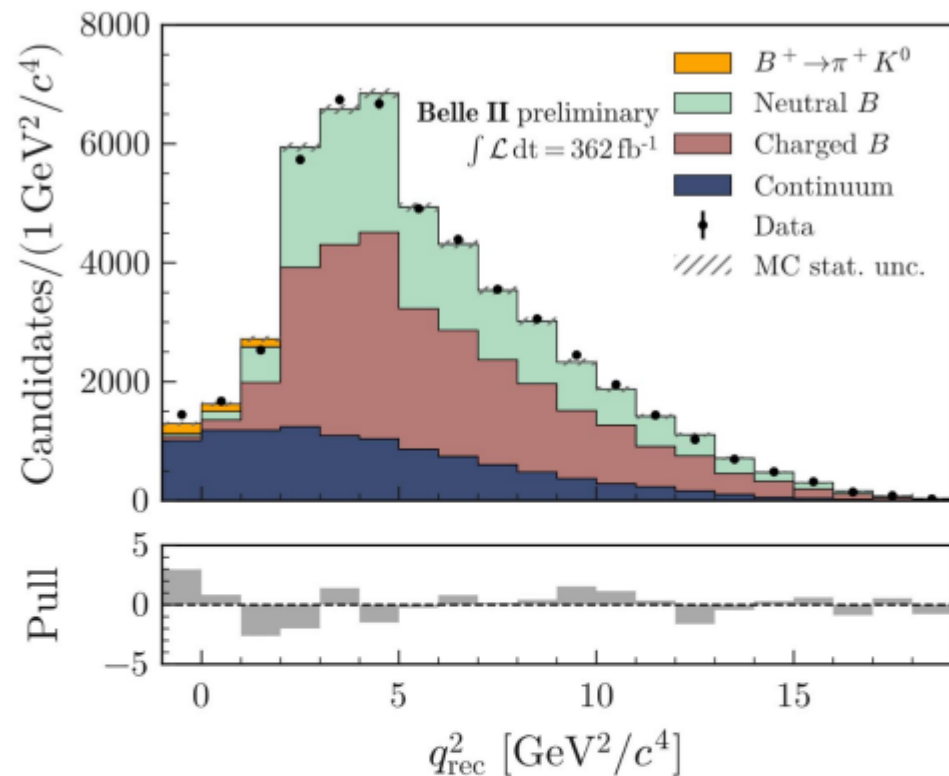
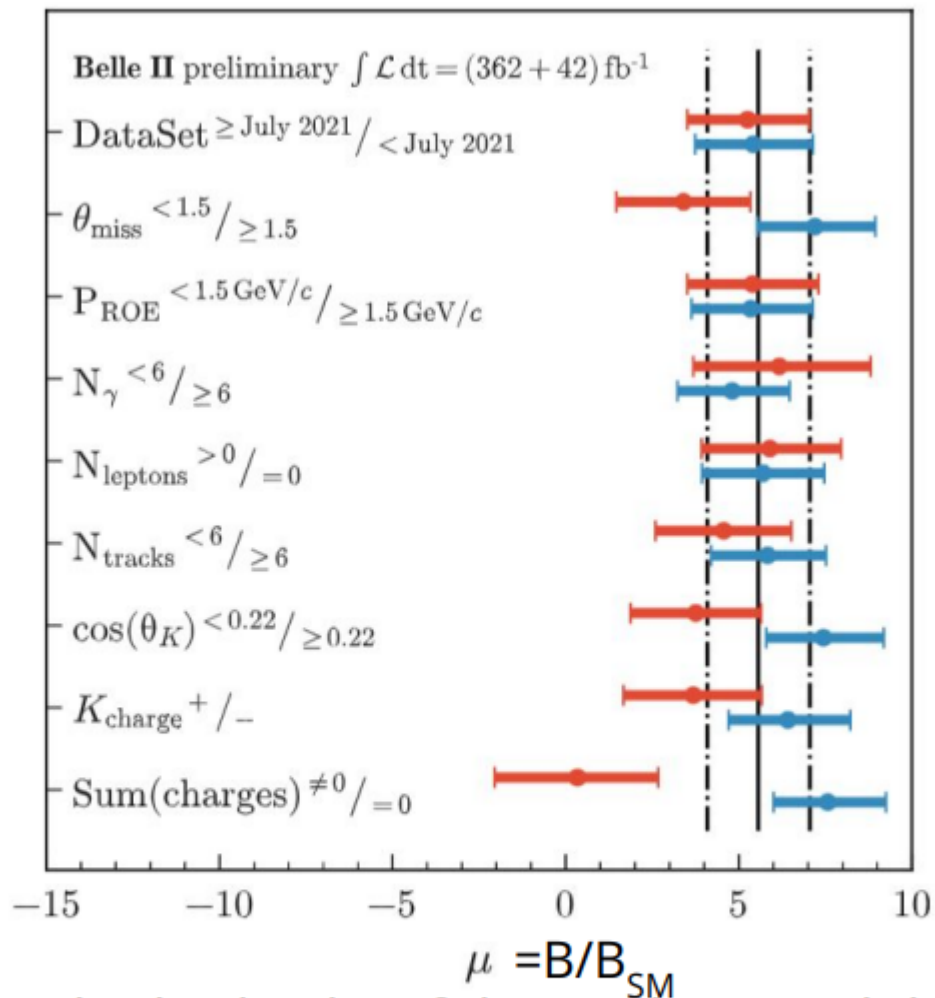
Lower: most sensitive region

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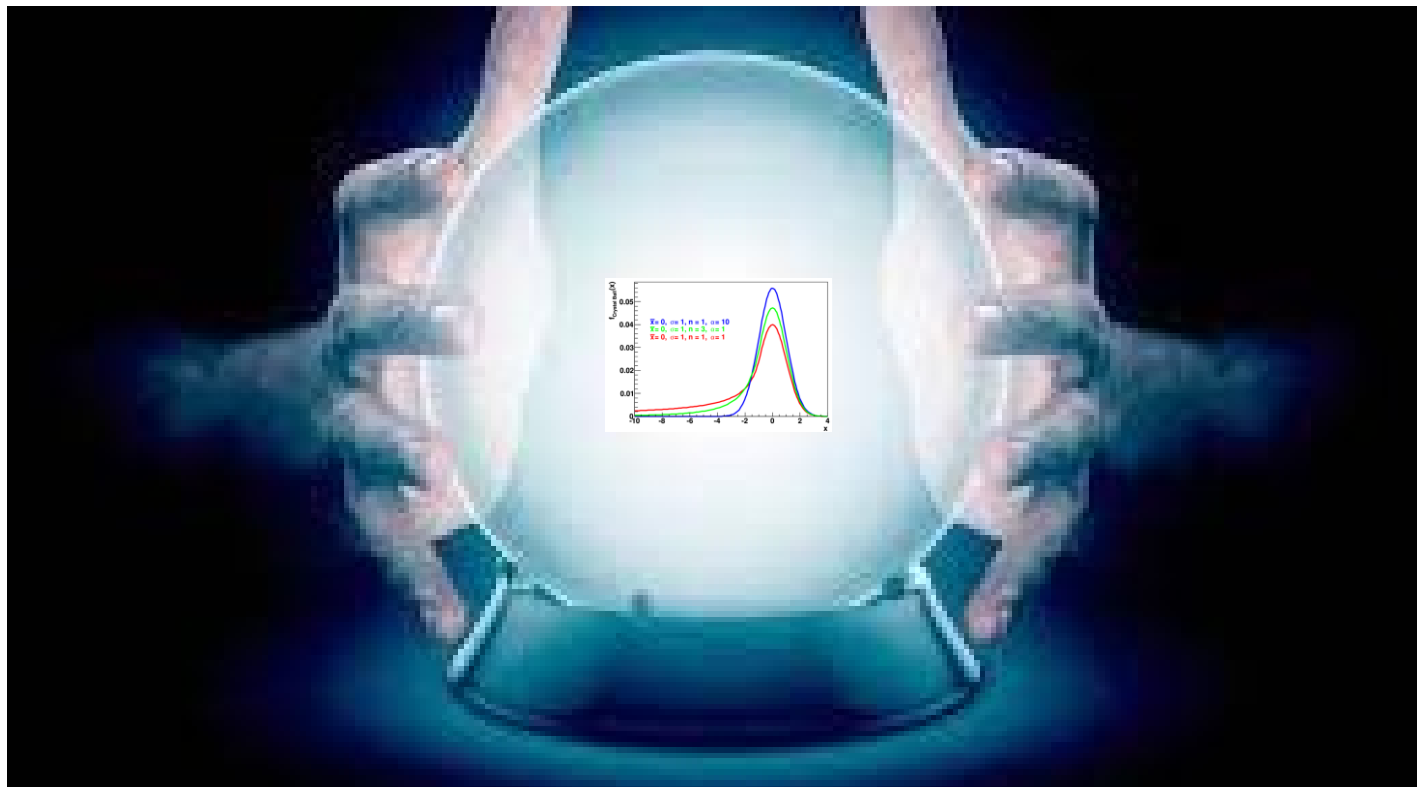
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$$B(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0) = (2.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{PDG: } (2.38 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$$

- Multiple checks of the analyses stability, including tests dividing data into approximately equal sub-samples. Reported here as measured branching fraction divided by SM expectation,  $\mu = B/B_{\text{SM}}$ .
- Control measurement of  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0$  decay

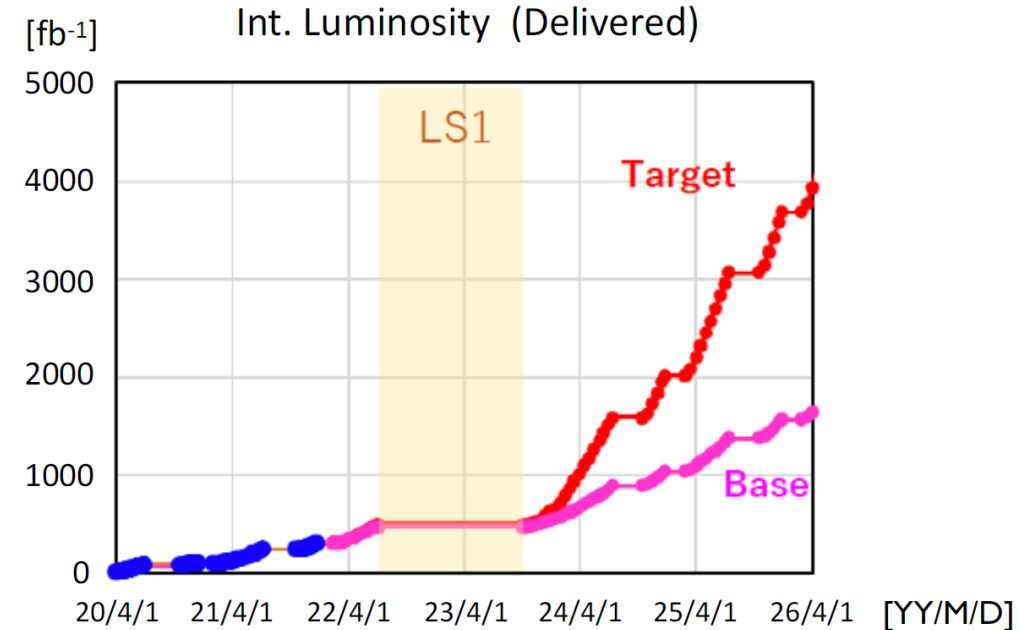


## 5) Prospects and conclusion



# Belle II: after current shutdown

- We have not collected the sample size planned to date
  - Beam conditions
- Since summer 2022 until **last week** shutdown for accelerator upgrades to mitigate background and increase luminosity
- Detector upgrades too
  - two-layer pixel detector installed
- On target to restart SuperKEKB in December
- **Path to  $2 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  but new final focus to go beyond**
- **Proposed upgrade from 2028+**
  - [J. Baudot FPCP 2023](#)



# Conclusion

- $e^+e^-$  has an important role to play and a bright future in flavour
  - Belle II is catching up to first generation sample size, we are producing competitive and exciting results
  - A lot more to come once we enter the “ $10^{35}$  era”
  - Not discussed today: dark sector, charm and spectroscopy
- Upgrade plans for reaching the 10s of  $ab^{-1}$

# Backup

# Belle II upgrade

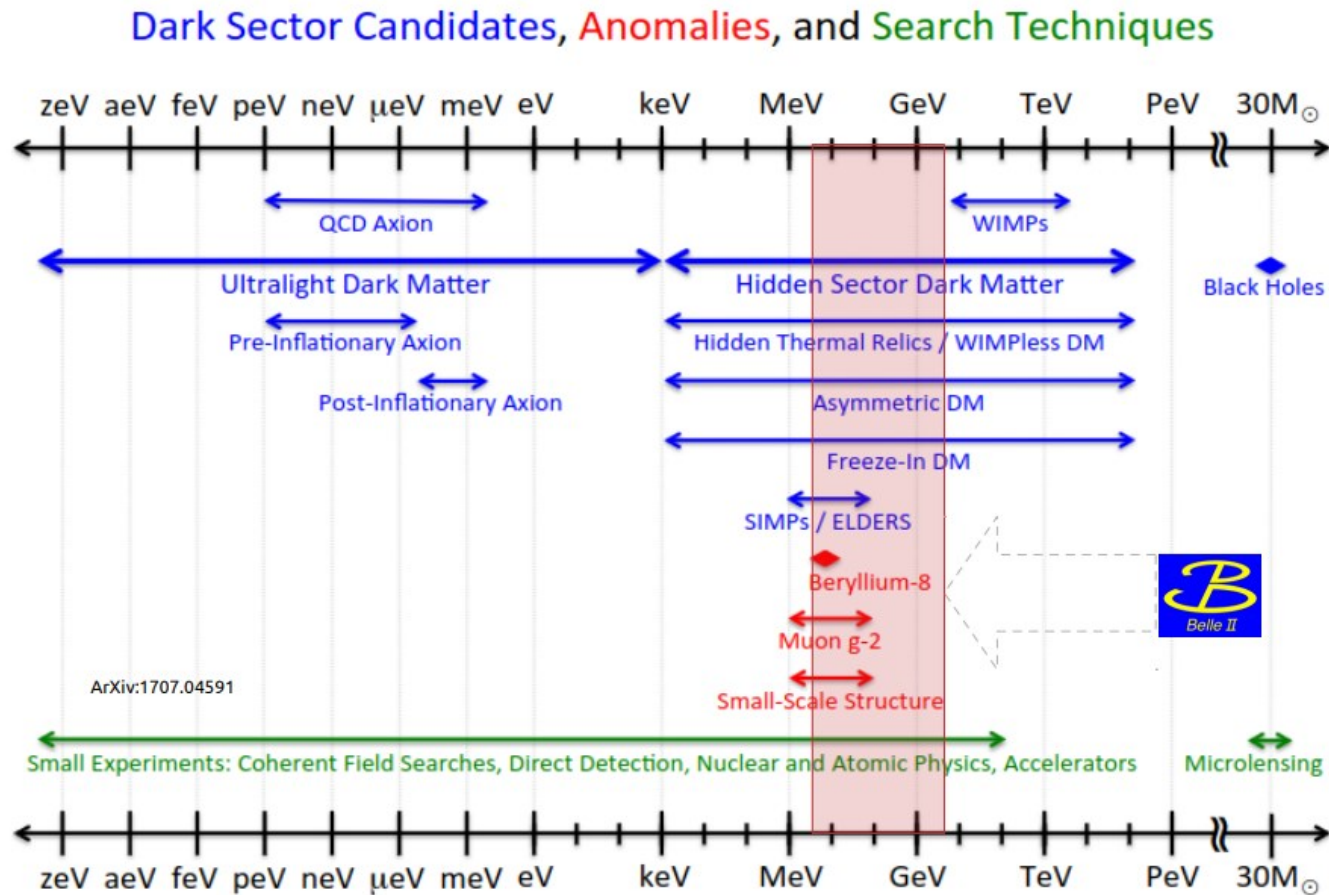
Belle III + ChiralSuperKEKB > 2030+

- Many plans and possibilities
- Work on a Conceptual Design Report begun to be delivered in 2023
- Followed by a Technical Design Report in 2024
- Shutdown end of 2027 for installation
- Accumulate 10s of  $ab^{-1}$  into the 2030s

EOI	Upgrade ideas scope and technology	Time scale
DMAPS	Fully pixelated Depleted CMOS tracker, replacing the current VXD. Evolution from ALICE ITS developed for ATLAS ITK.	LS2
SOI-DUTIP	Fully pixelated system replacing the current VXD based on Dual Timer Pixel concept on SOI	LS2
Thin Strips	Thin and fine-pitch double-sided silicon strip detector system replacing the current SVD and potentially the inner part of the CDC	LS2
CDC	Replacement of the readout electronics (ASIC, FPGA) to improve radiation tolerance and x-talk	< LS2
TOP	Replace readout electronics to reduce size and power, replacement of MCP-PMT with extended lifetime ALD PMT, study of SiPM photosensor option	LS2 and later
ECL	Crystal replacement with pure CsI and APD; pre-shower; replace PIN-diodes with APD photosensors.	> LS2
KLM	Replacement of barrel RPC with scintillators, upgrade of readout electronics, possible use as TOF	LS2 and later
Trigger	Take advantage of electronics technology development. Increase bandwidth, open possibility of new trigger primitives	< LS2 and later
STOPGAP	Study of fast CMOS to close the TOP gaps and/or provide timing layers for track trigger	> LS2
TPC	TPC option under study for longer term upgrade	> LS2

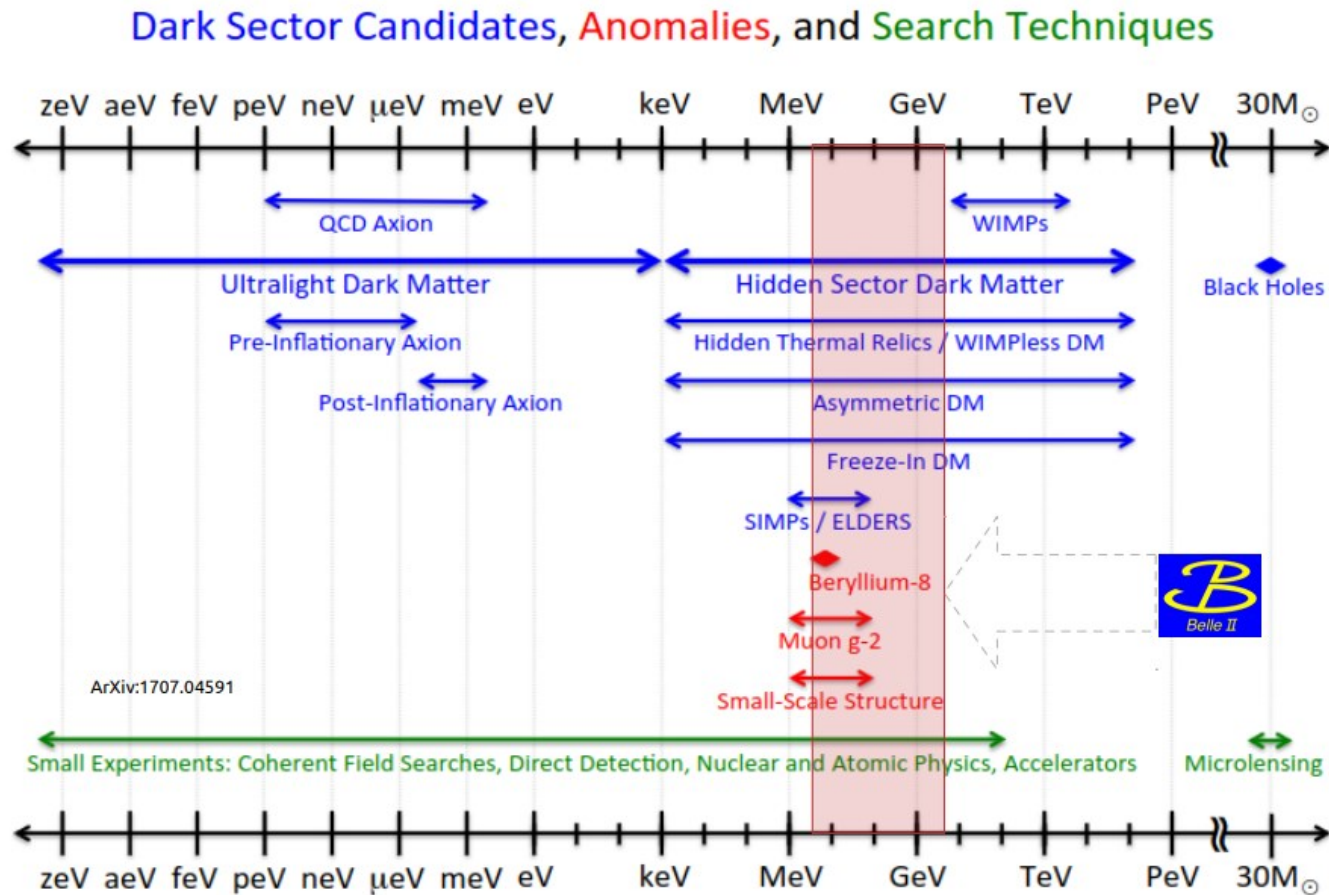
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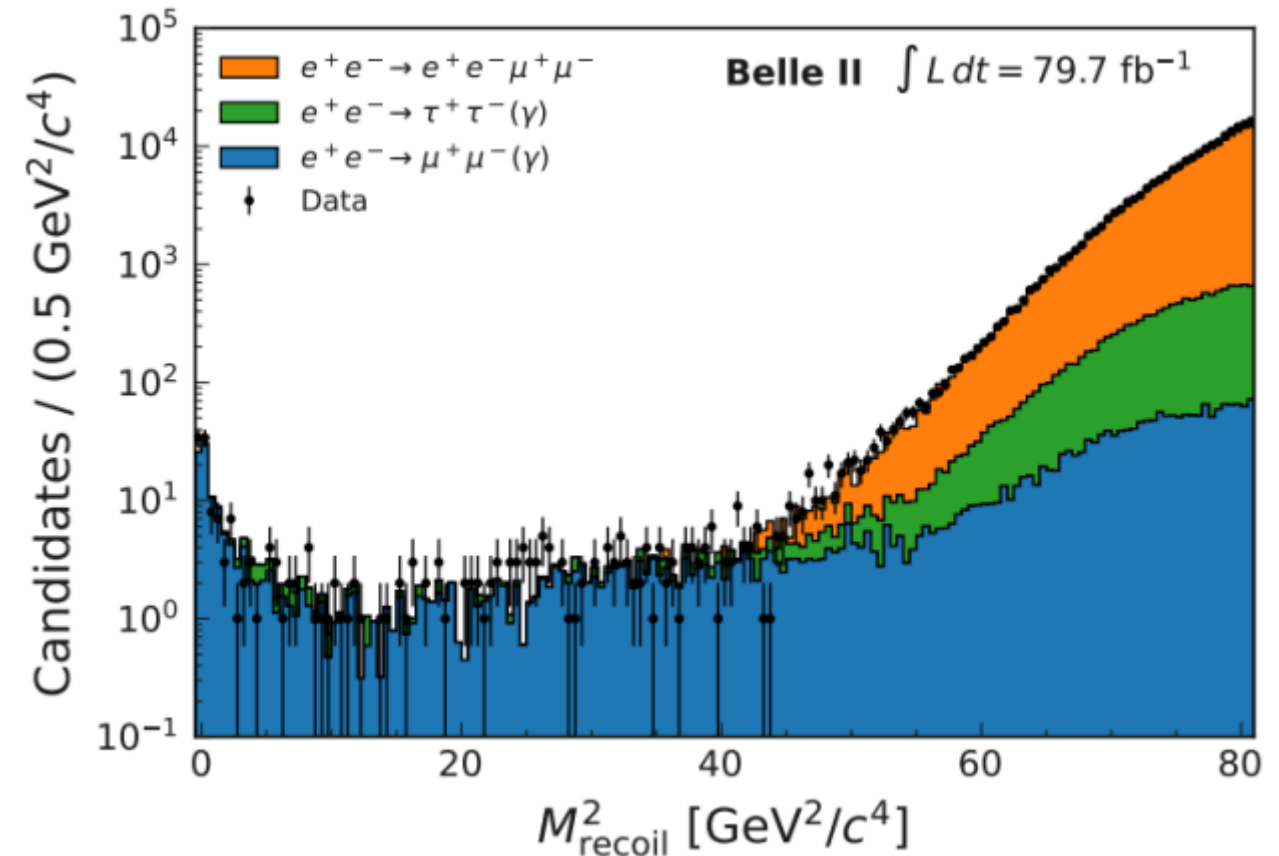
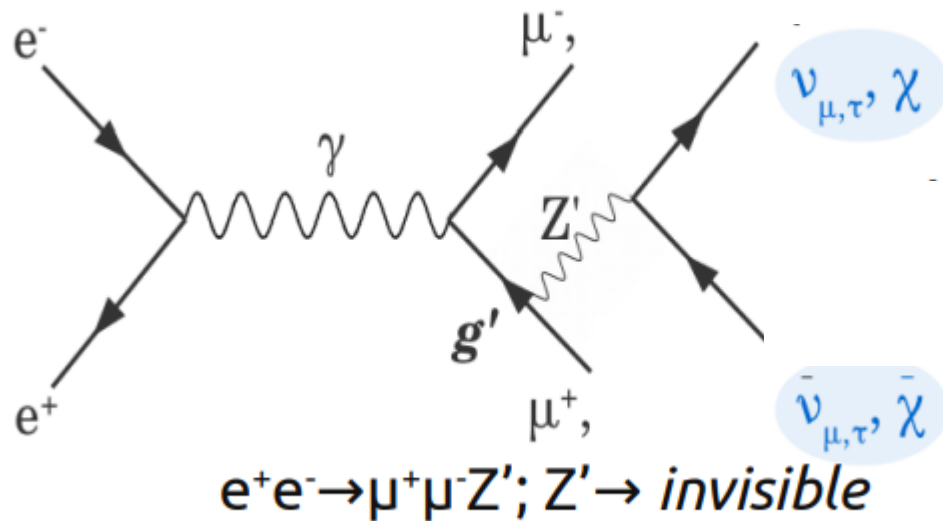
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- DM weakly coupled to SM through a light mediator  $X$ :
  - vector ( $Z'$ /dark photon), axion like particles (ALPs), scalar (dark Higgs) or fermions (sterile  $\nu$ )
- Some links to anomalies, e.g.,  $g-2$

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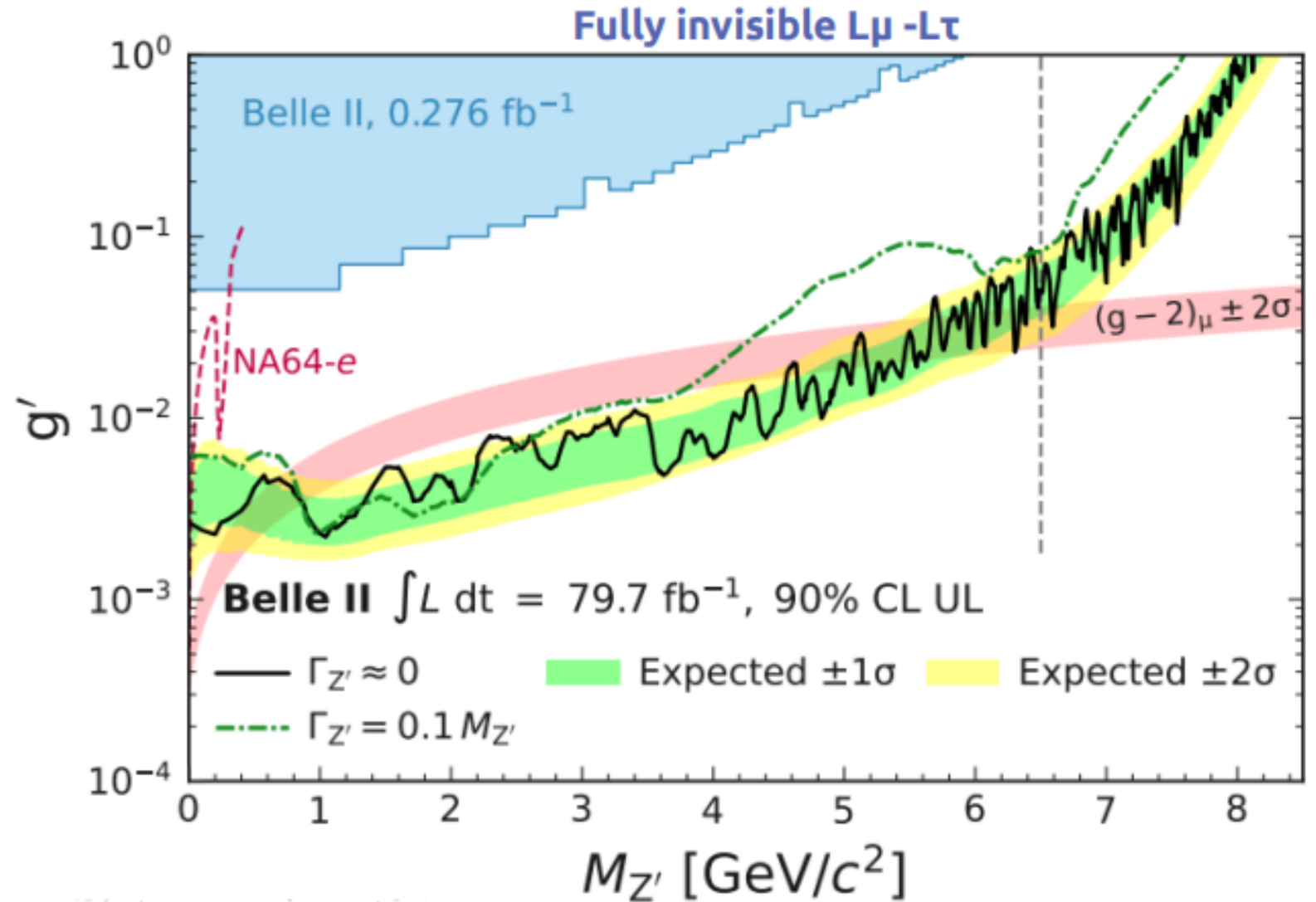
- Search for narrow peak in the recoil mass of dimuon pairs



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- Limits on  $Z'$  coupling  $g'$  and mass
- $g_\mu - 2$  region ruled out for masses from 0.8 to 5 GeV

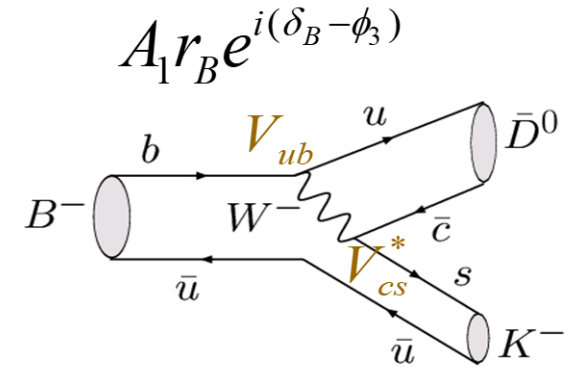
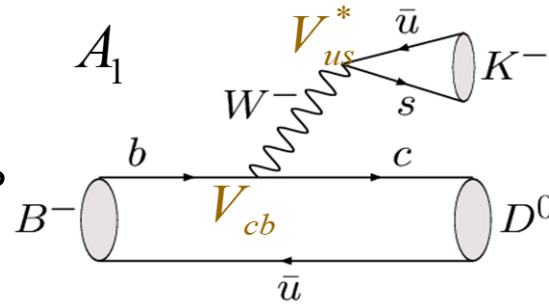
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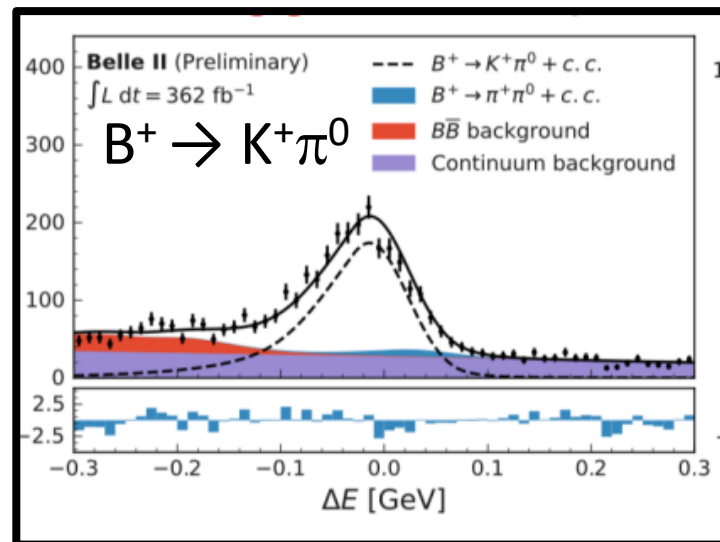


# $B \rightarrow K\pi$ isospin sum rule

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$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^+} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^+) \tau_{B^0}}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-) \tau_{B^+}} - 2 \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0) \tau_{B^0}}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-) \tau_{B^+}} - 2 \mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)}$$

- All inputs measured at Belle II including ‘no vertex’ time-dependent  $CP$  asymmetry for  $B \rightarrow K^0_S \pi^0$  – 362 fb<sup>-1</sup> sample

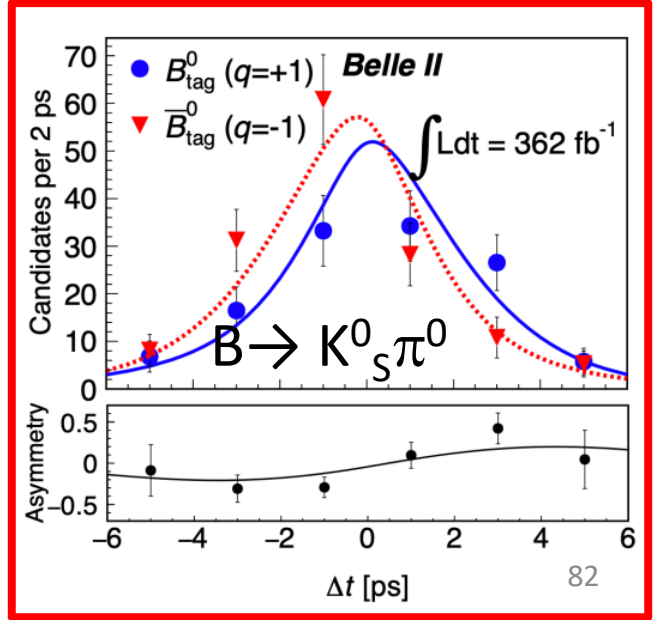


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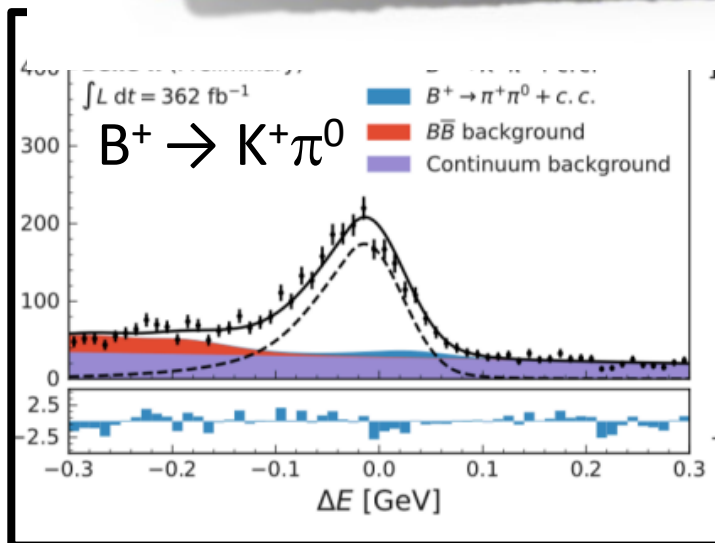


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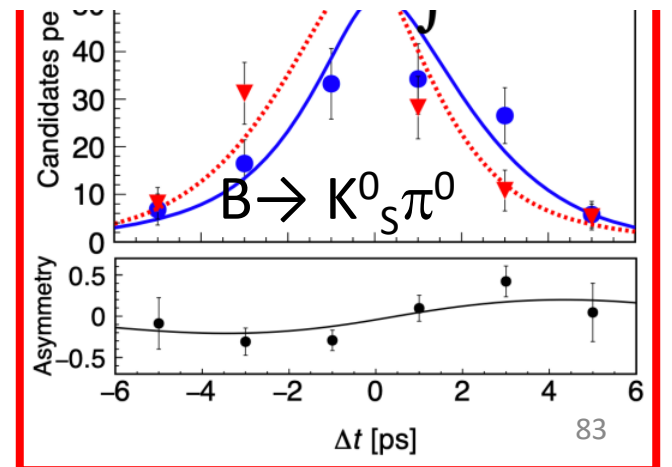
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Agrees with SM. Competitive with WA:  $(-13 \pm 11) \%$ .



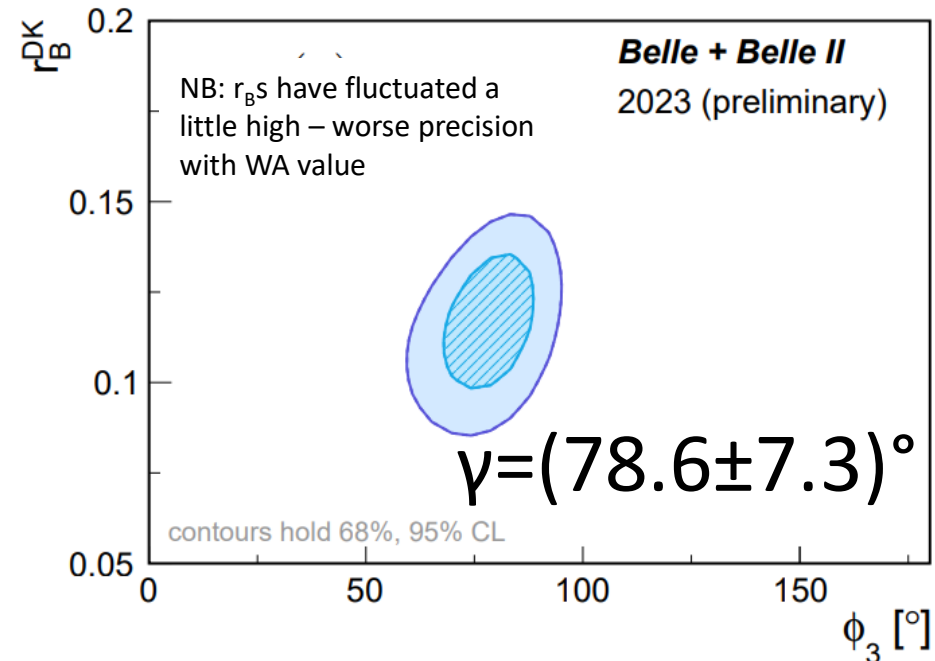
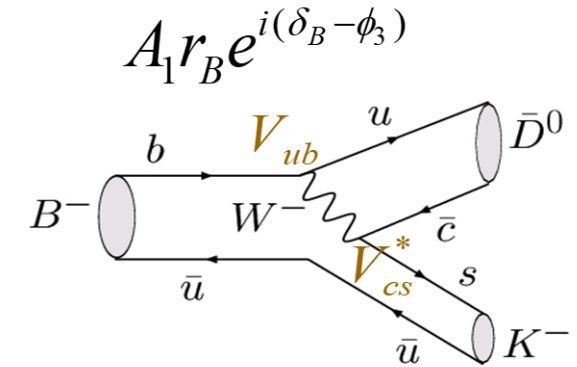
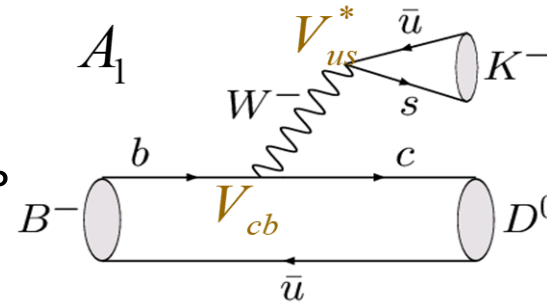
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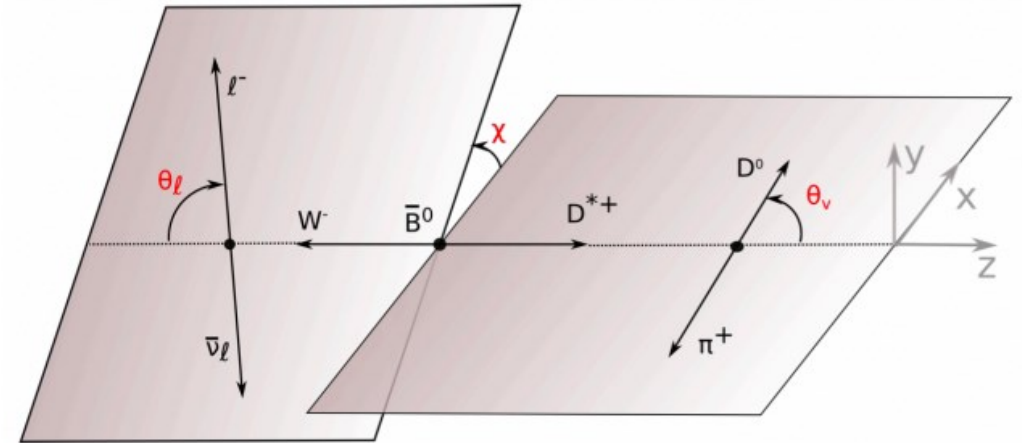
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  - $D \rightarrow K_S^0 K\pi$  - [accepted by JHEP](#)
  - $D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0, KK$  - [arXiv:2308.05048](#)
  - + Belle-only  $D \rightarrow K\pi$  and others
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Belle paper in preparation

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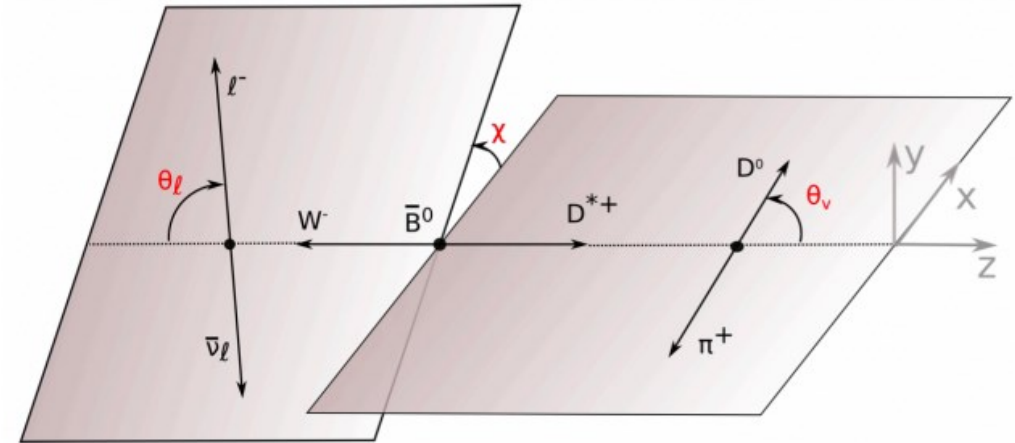
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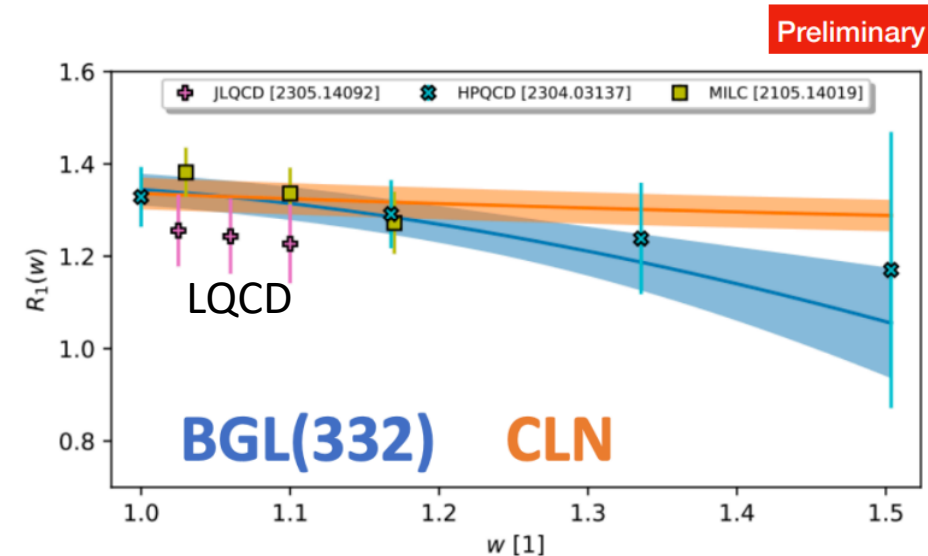
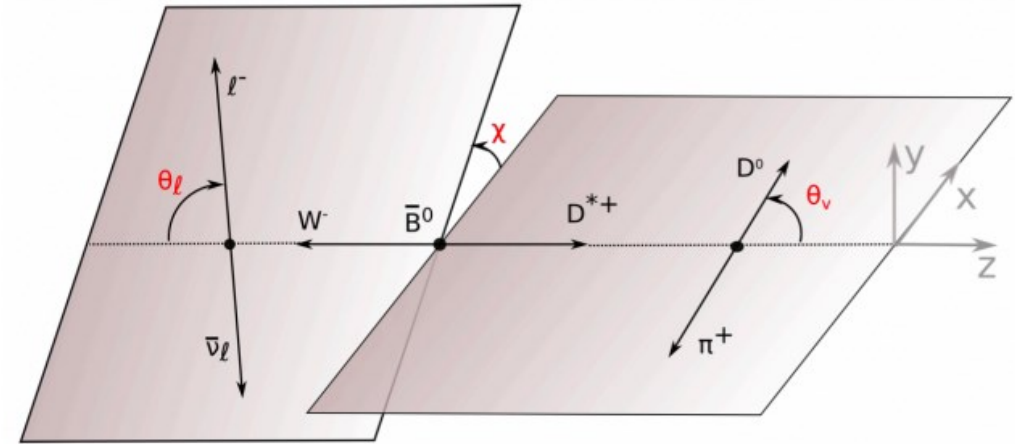
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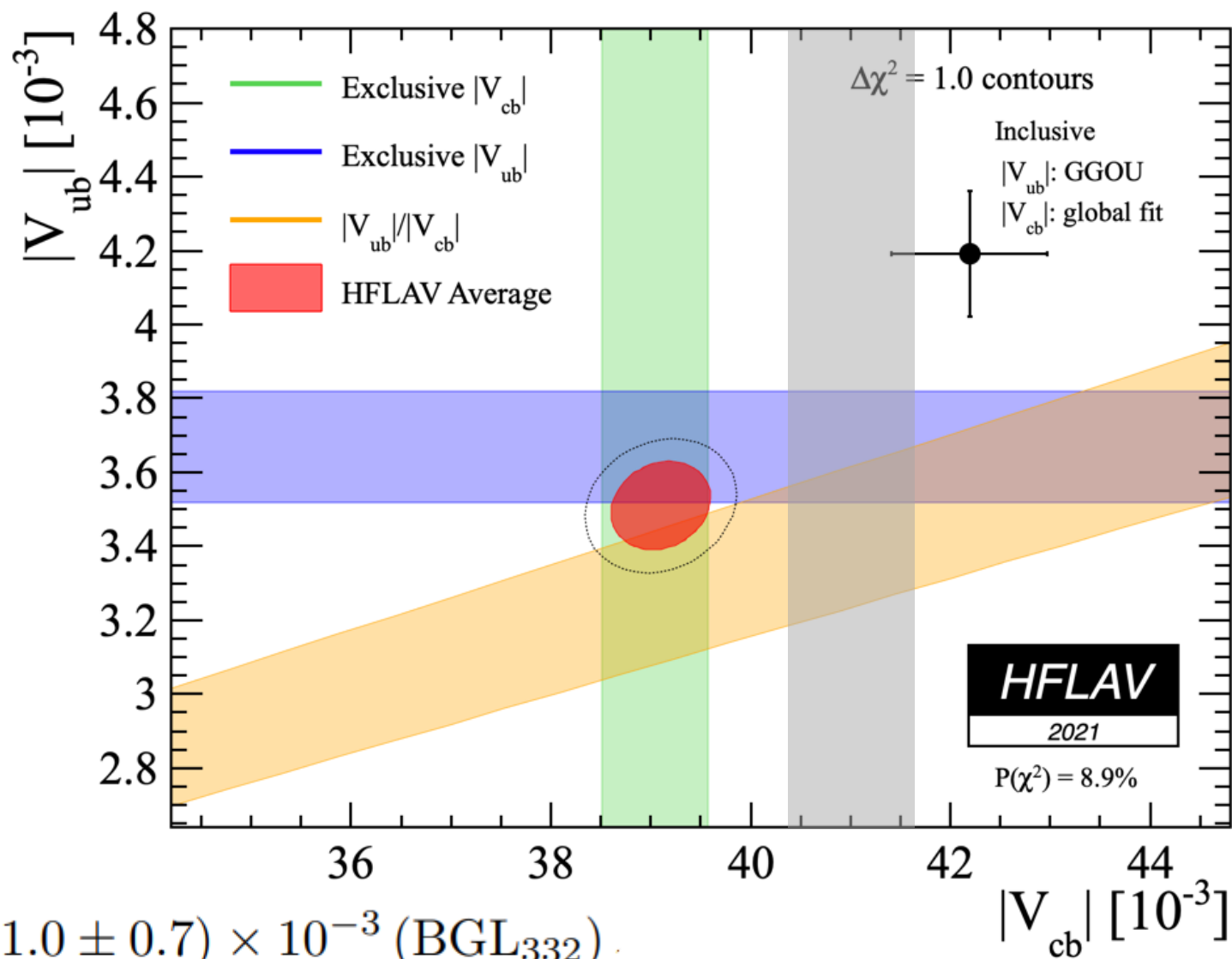


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  - WA BF also taken externally





$$|V_{cb}| = (41.0 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (BGL}_{332}\text{)}$$

$$|V_{cb}| = (40.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (CLN)}$$

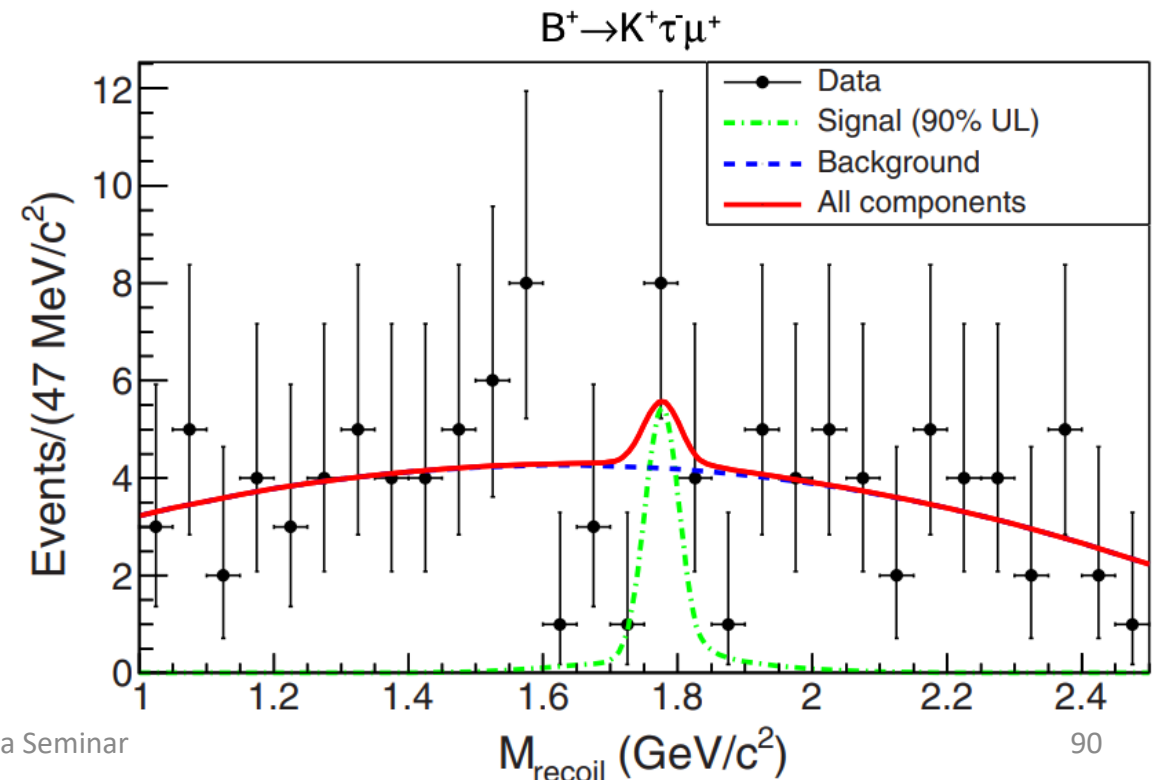
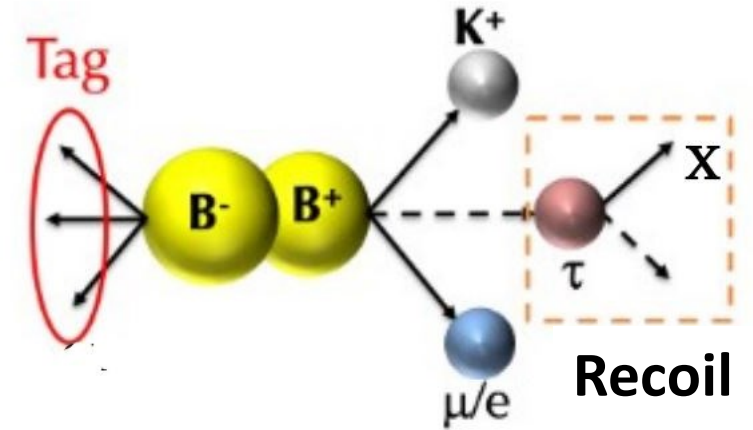


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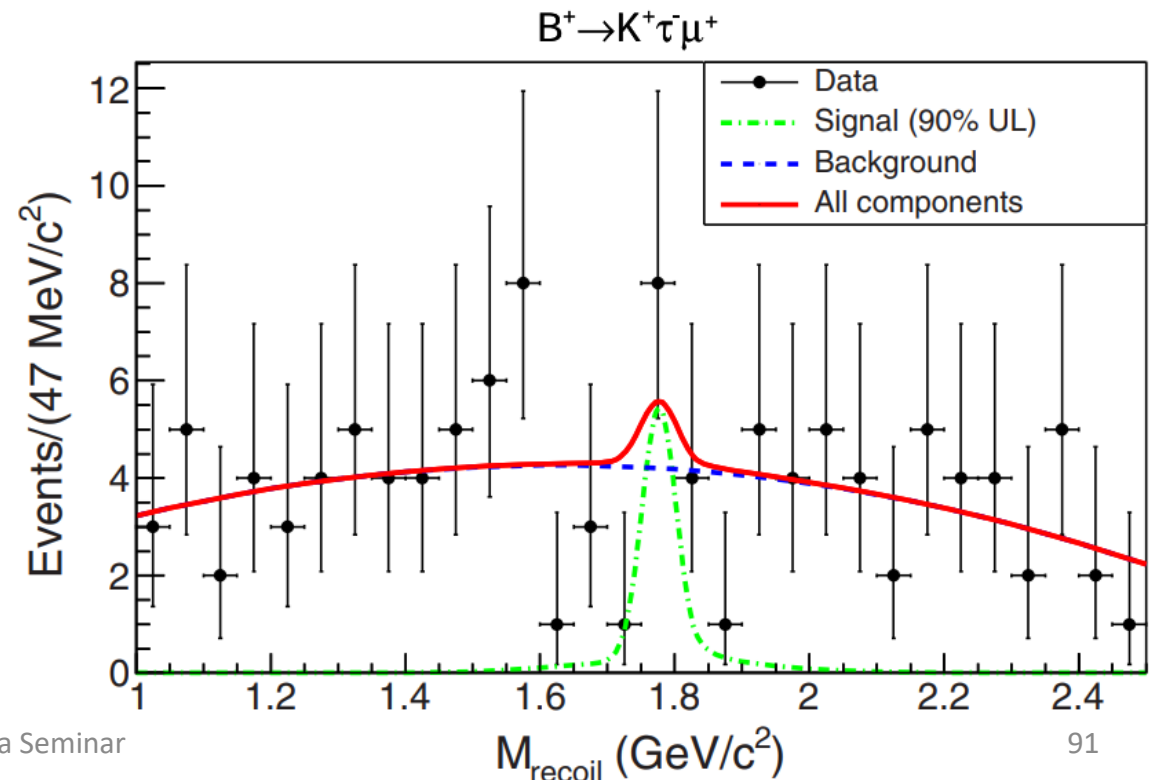
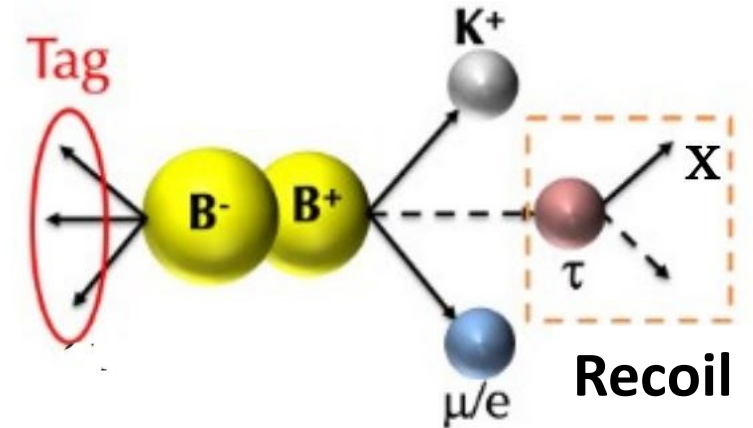
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**World leading**



# 2023 results

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1. Measurement of the Ds lifetime — [world leading](#), [arXiv: 2306.00365](#). Accepted
2. Y(nS) dipion transitions— [unique](#), [paper in preparation](#)
3. Search for  $ee \rightarrow \omega\eta_b$  at 10.75 GeV — [unique](#), [paper in preparation](#)
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6. Improved B flavor tagging and  $\sin 2\phi_1$ — [paper in preparation](#)
7. R(D\*) — [high profile](#) — [paper in preparation](#)
8. R(X) — [high profile](#), [unique](#) — [paper in preparation](#)
9. Evidence for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu\bar{\nu}$  — [high profile](#), [unique](#) — [paper in preparation](#)
10. BF and asymmetries in  $B \rightarrow \rho \gamma$  — [unique](#), Belle + Belle II — [paper in preparation](#)
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12. Energy-dependence of  $B^{(*)}B^{(*)}$ bar cross section — [unique](#) — [paper in preparation](#)
13. Test of light-lepton universality in  $B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu$  decays — [unique](#) — [arXiv: 2308.02023](#). Accepted.
14. Determination of the CKM angle  $\gamma$  from a combination of Belle and Belle II results— [paper in preparation](#)
15. Measurement of CKM angle  $\gamma$  using GLW — Belle + Belle II, [arXiv: 2308.05048](#)
16. Measurement of CKM angle  $\gamma$  using GLS — Belle + Belle I, [JHEP 09 \(2023\) 146](#)
17. Search for long-lived spin-0 mediator in  $b \rightarrow s$  transitions— [world leading](#), [arXiv: 2306.02830](#)
18. Measurement of the  $\tau$  mass — [world leading](#), [PRD 108, 032006 \(2023\)](#)
19. BF and ACP in  $B^0 \rightarrow h^+h^\sigma$  decays and isospin sum rule — [world leading](#) — [paper in preparation](#)
20. ACP in  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0 K_S^0$  — [paper in preparation](#)
21.  $|V_{cb}|$  using untagged  $B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu$  decays — [competitive](#) — [paper in preparation](#)
22. CPV in  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^0$  decays — [competitive](#), [PRL 131, 111803 \(2023\)](#)
23. CPV in  $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$  — [arXiv: 2307.02802](#). Accepted
24. Novel method for charm flavor tagging — [unique](#), [PRD 107, 112010 \(2023\)](#)
25. Search for  $\tau \rightarrow \ell\phi$  — [arXiv: 2305.04759 \(conf note\)](#)
26. Observation of  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}KKs$  — [world leading](#) [arXiv: 2305.01321 \(conf note\)](#)

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