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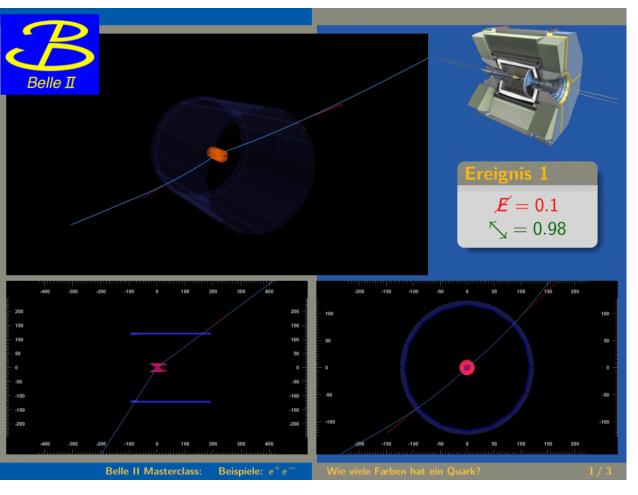
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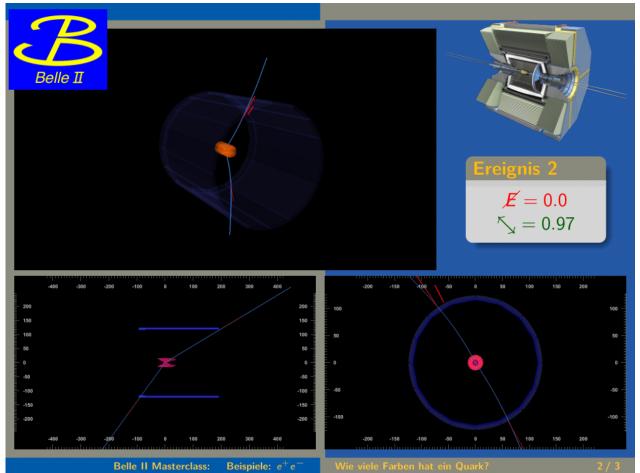
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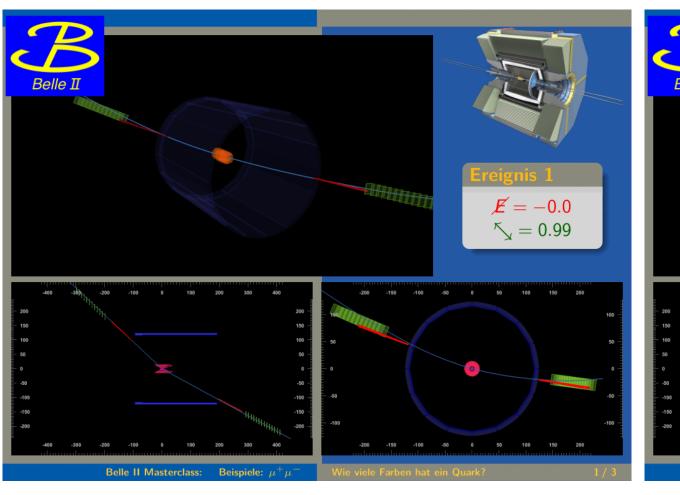
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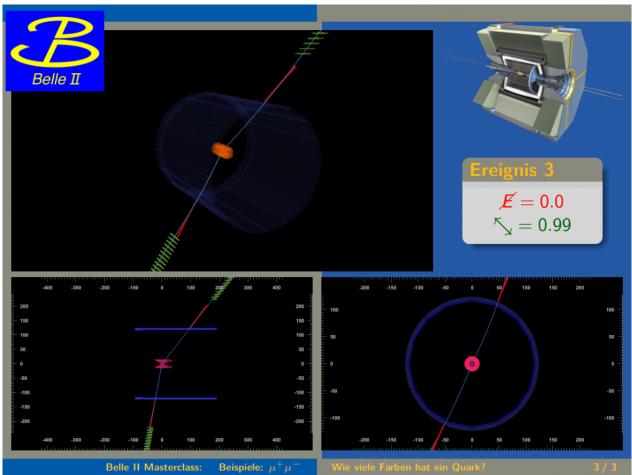
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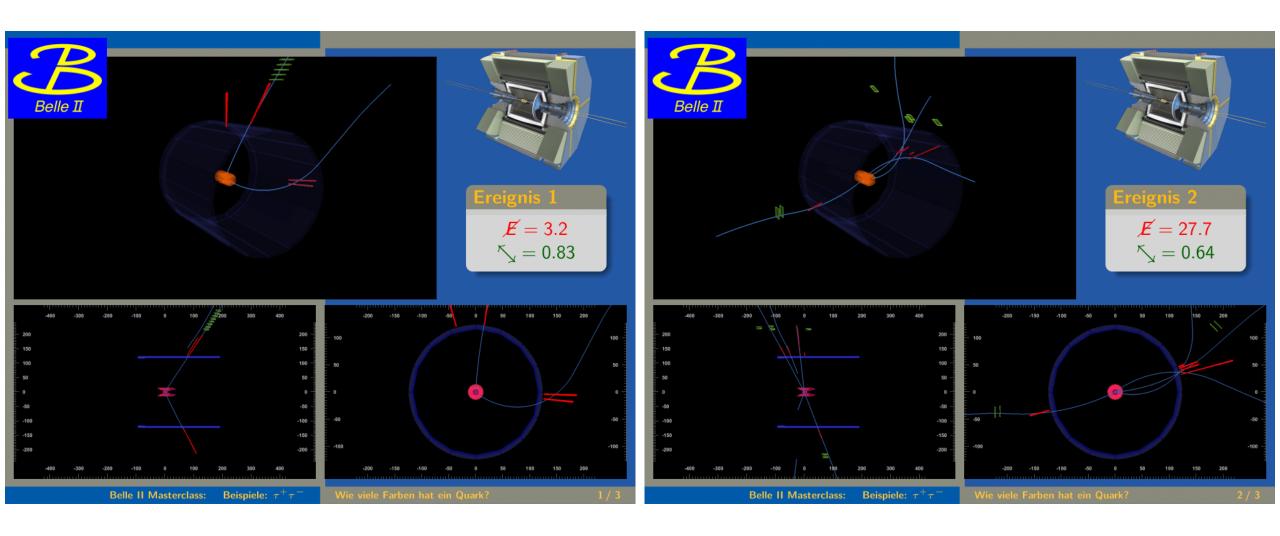


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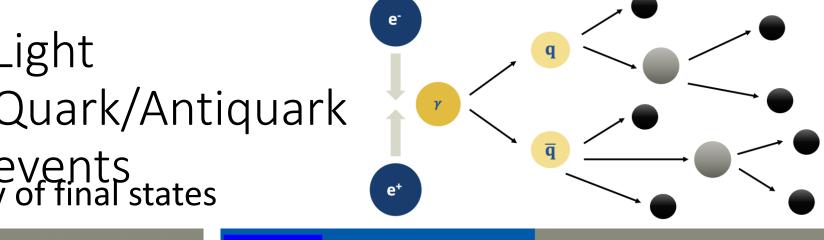


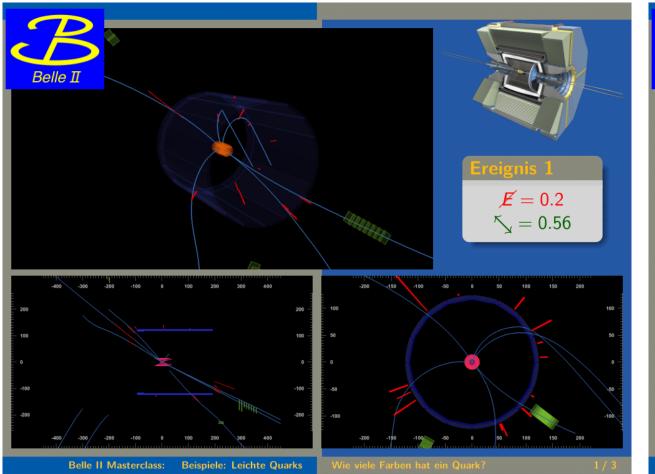
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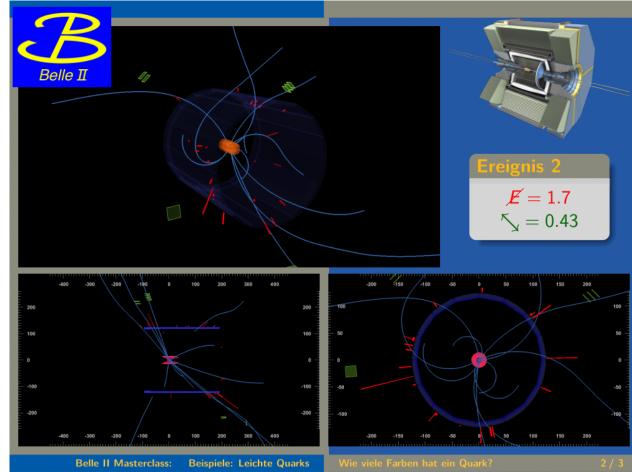


Light Quark/Antiquark

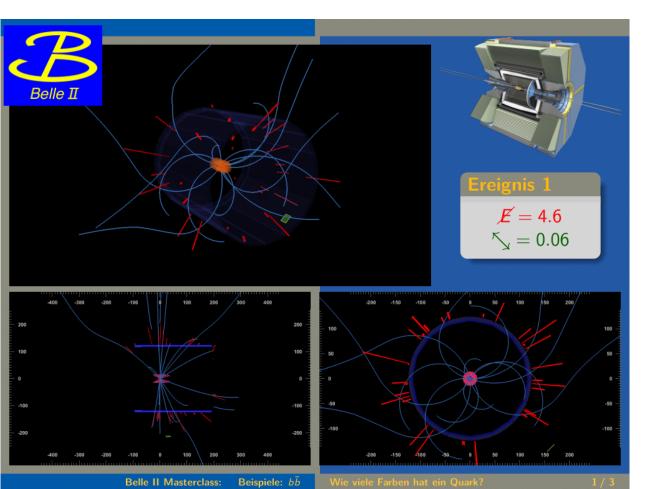
eventsDecay into a large variety of final states

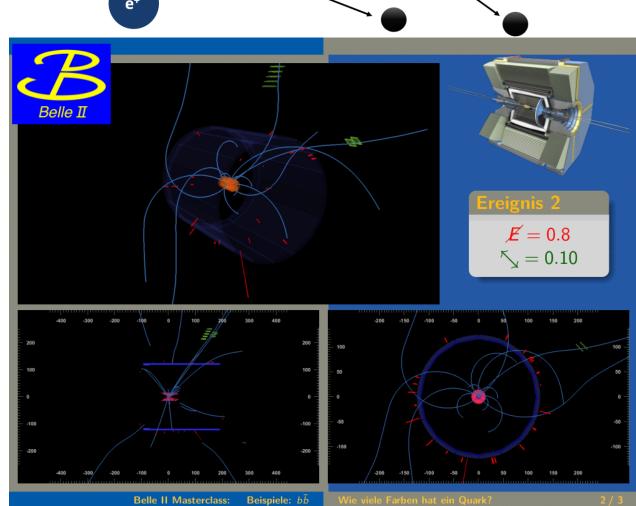




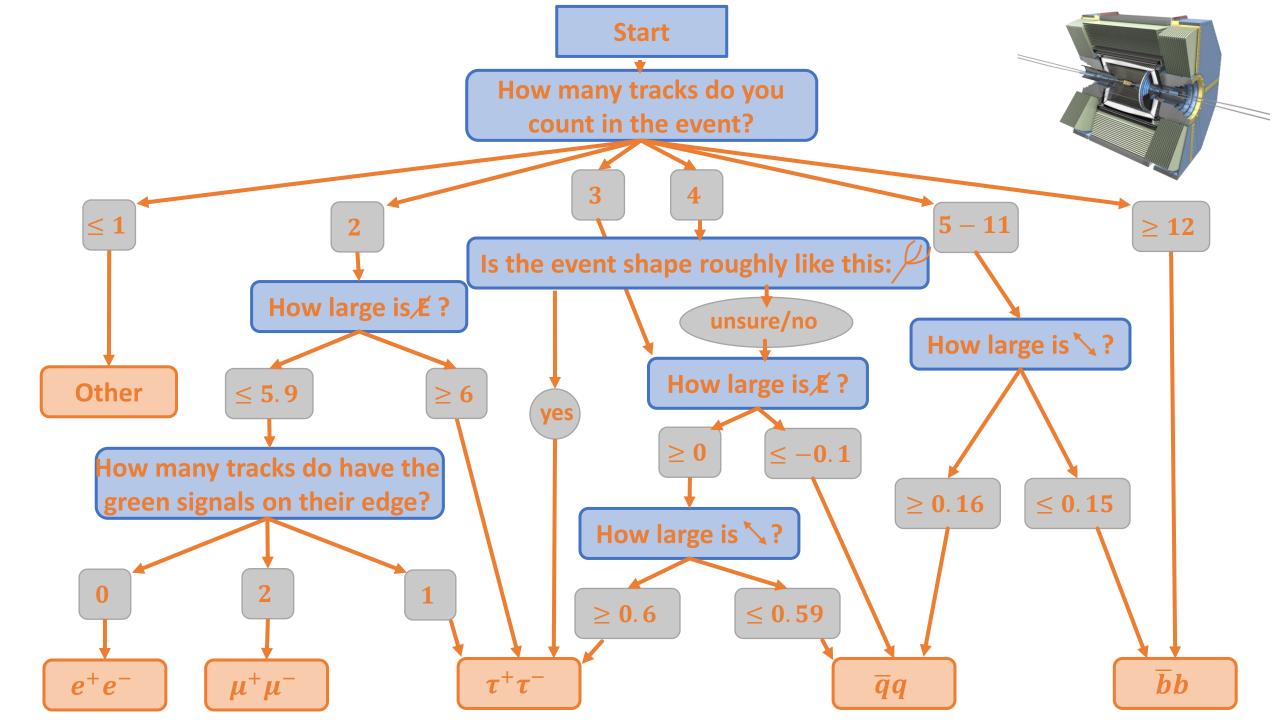


b/Anti-b Quark events



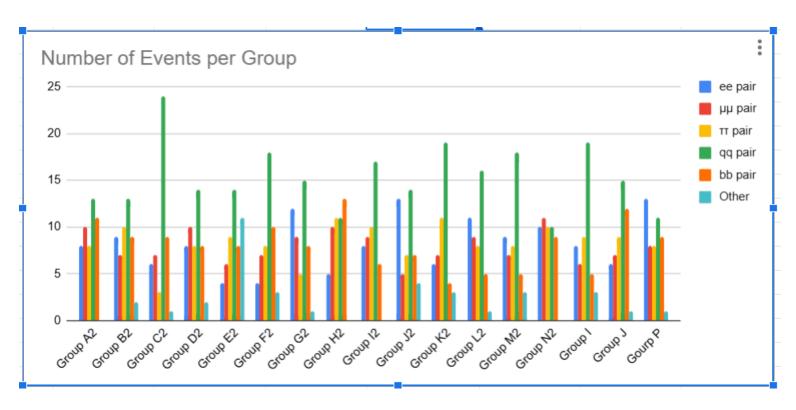


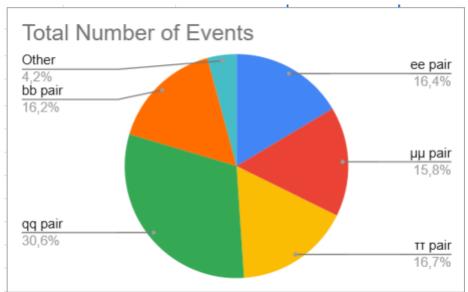
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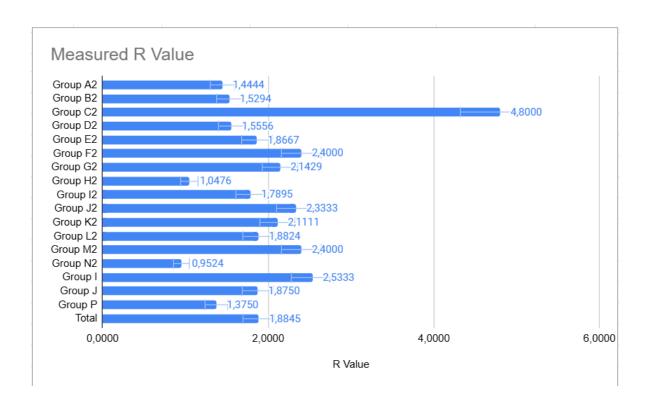


Results

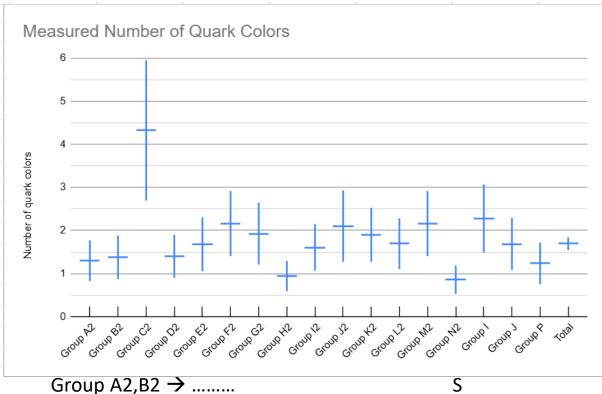
24 students, 17 groups, 50 events each: 850 events in total







$$R = 1.885 \pm 0.163$$



$$N_{color} = 1.696$$

 $N_{color} - 1 \sigma = 1.550$
 $N_{color} + 1 \sigma = 1.842$