

Probing new physics with rare B decays at Belle II

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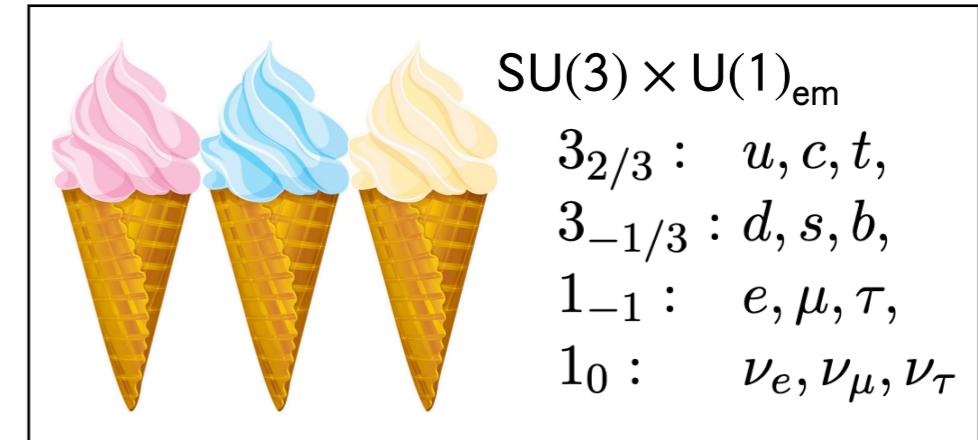
HEP Seminars



FLAVOUR

Flavour → species of Standard Model fermions

Flavour physics → investigates the properties of quarks & leptons



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Quark flavour physics → SM parameters

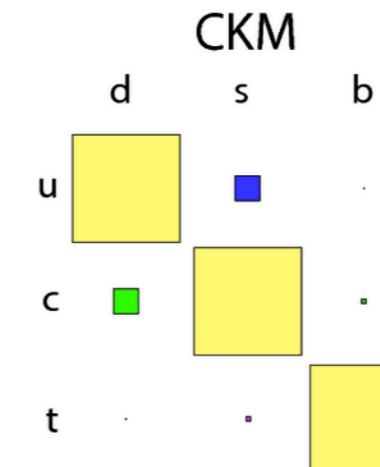
couplings, CKM params., masses

Symmetries

C, P, CP, CPT, flavour, CPV sources

QCD

dynamics, spectroscopy



Flavour physics allows to probe well above the electroweak scale

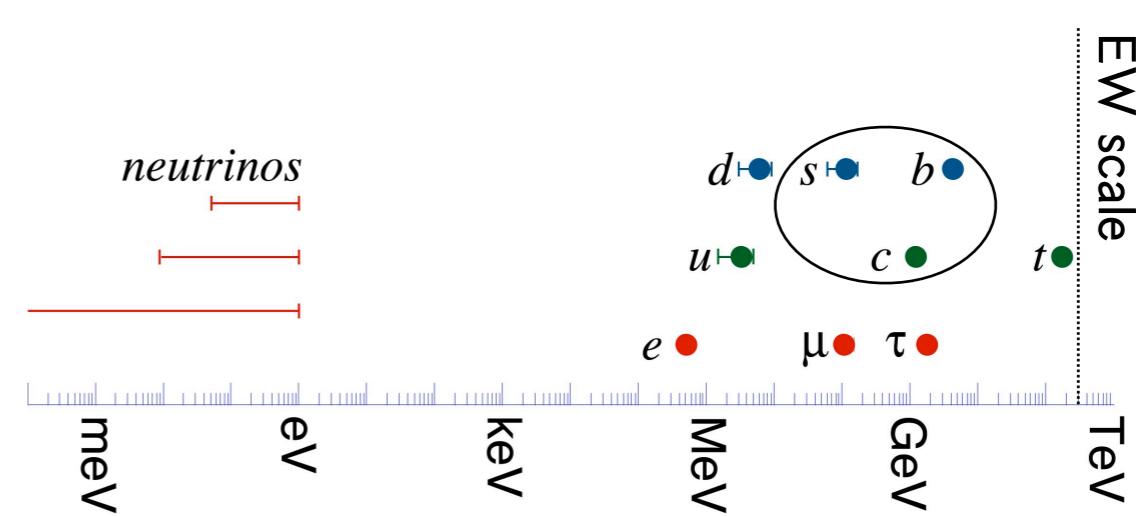
Flavour observables can provide constraints on New Physics

Main players (flavor quark physics)

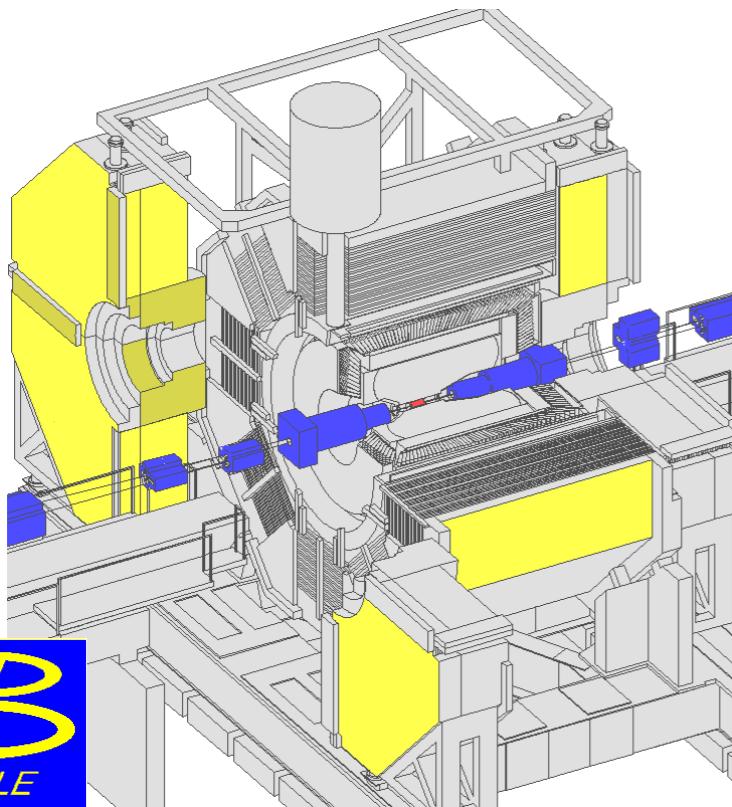
s — NA62, KOTO

c — BESIII

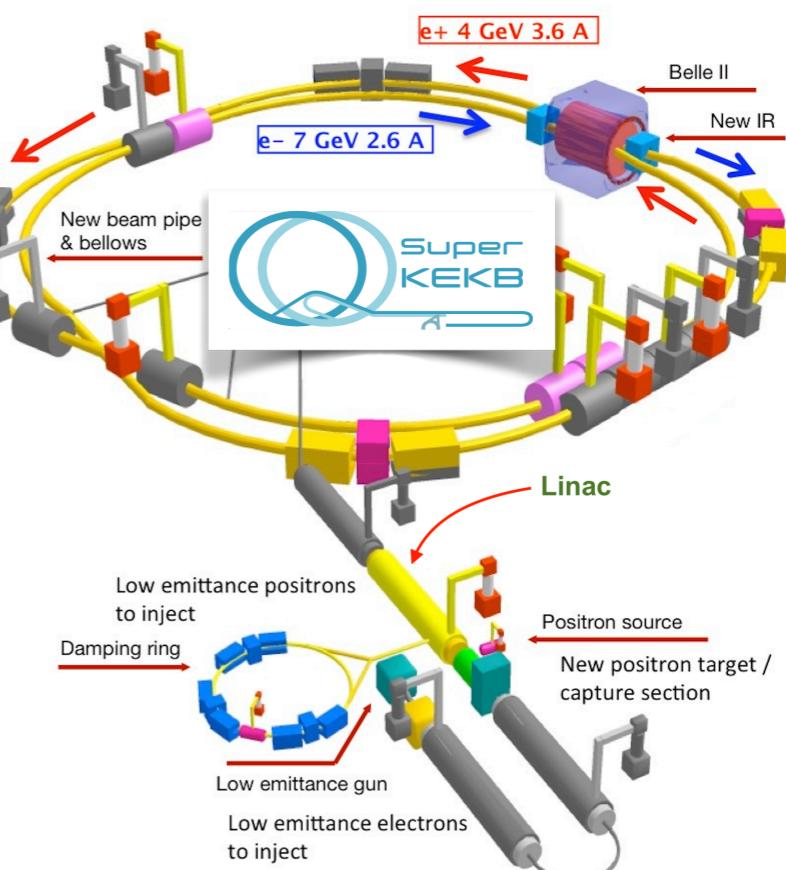
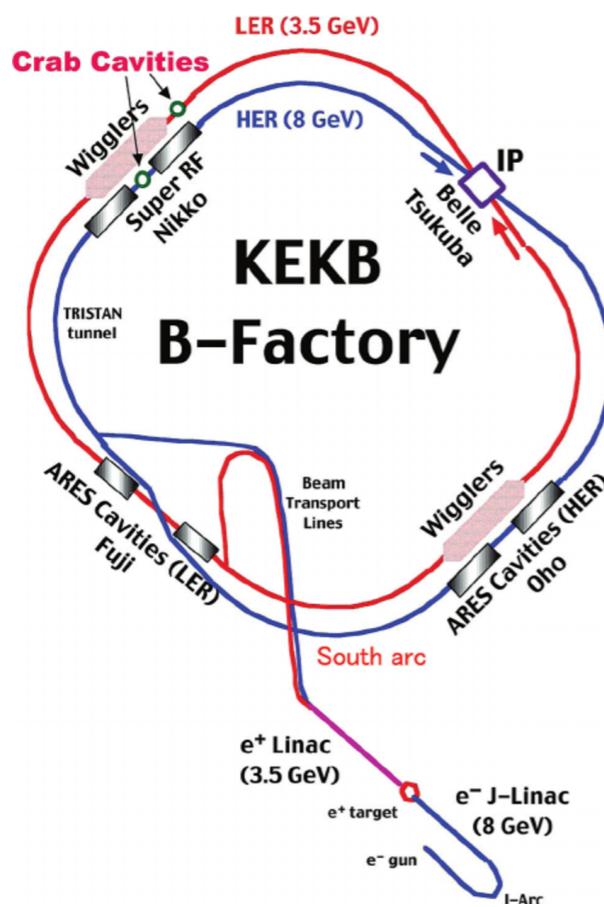
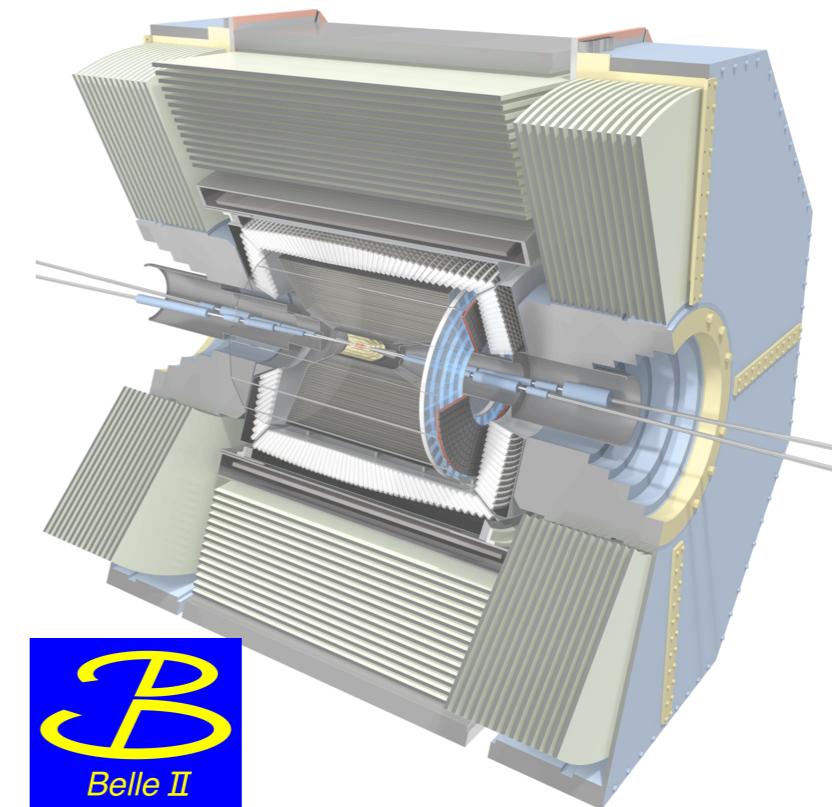
b — LHCb, **Belle II**



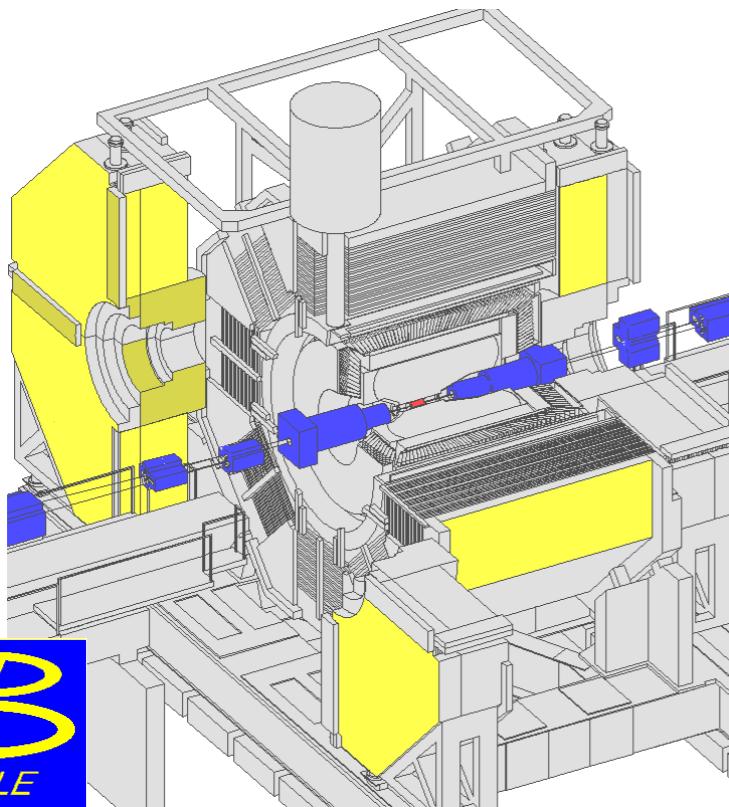
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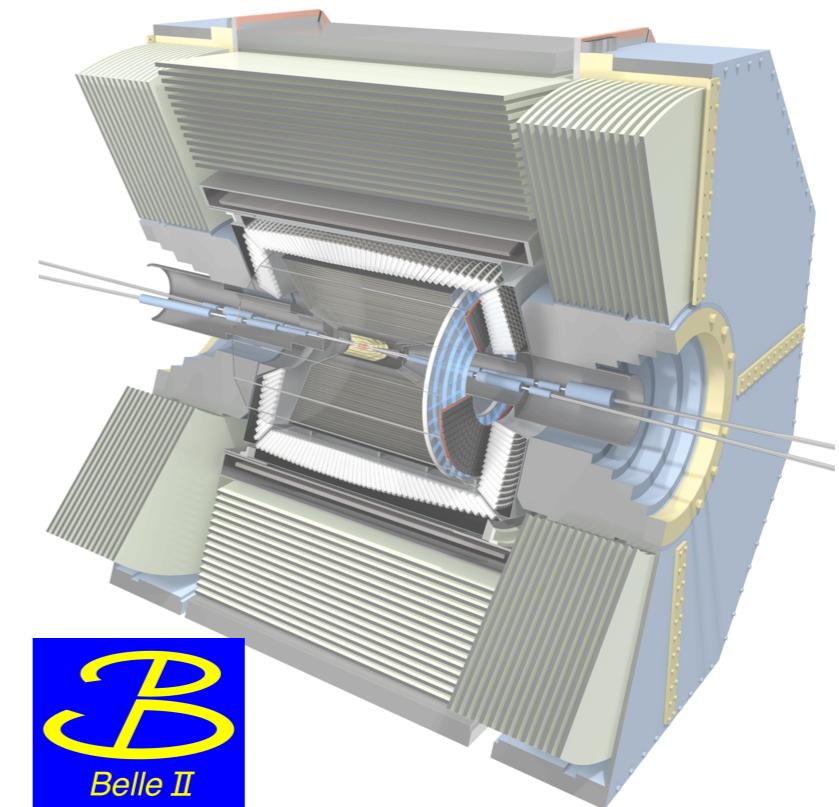
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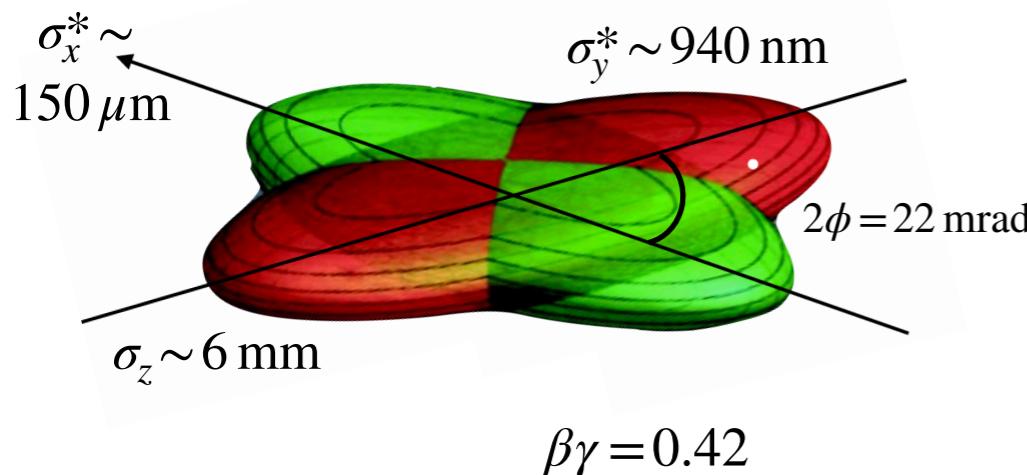
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(Currents 1.2/1.6 A) (June 2009)

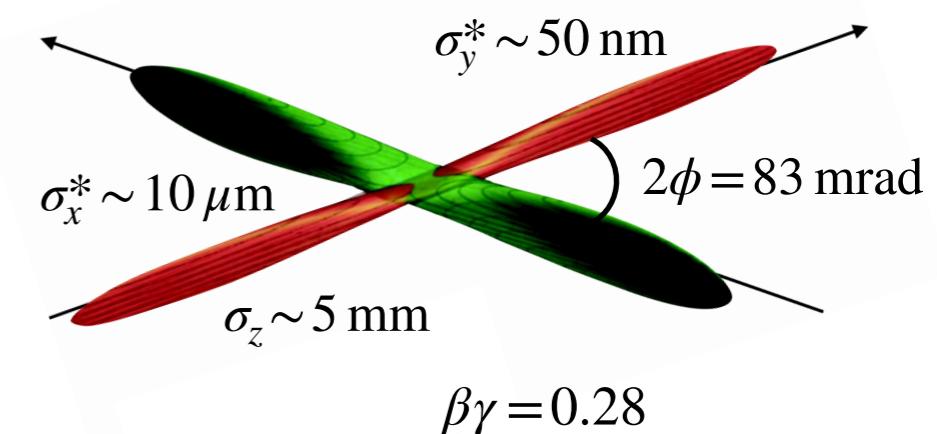
$$\beta_y^* = 6 \text{ mm}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2\epsilon r_e} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*} \right) \left(\frac{I_{\pm} \xi_{y\pm}}{\beta_y^*} \right) \left(\frac{R_L}{R_{\xi_{y\pm}}} \right)$$

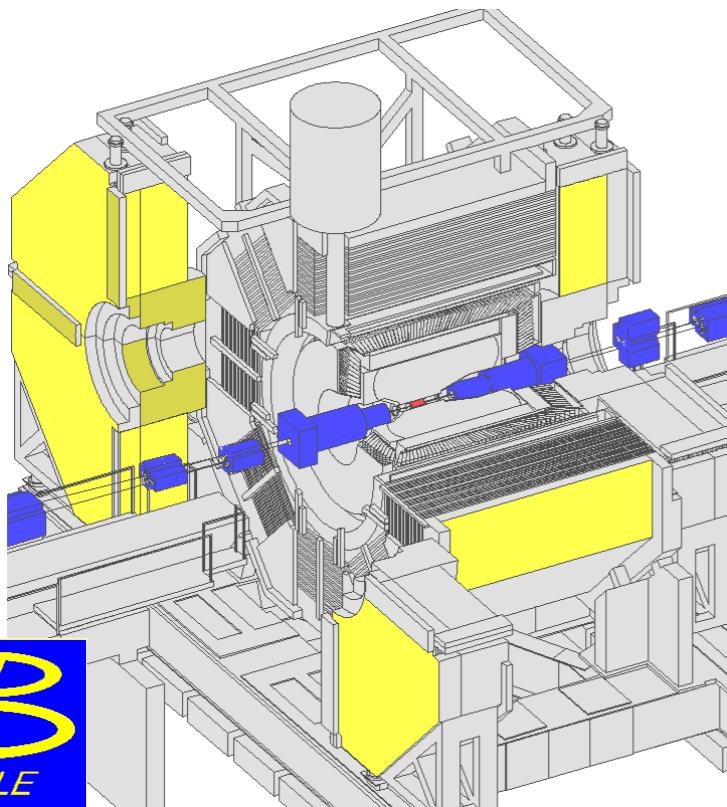


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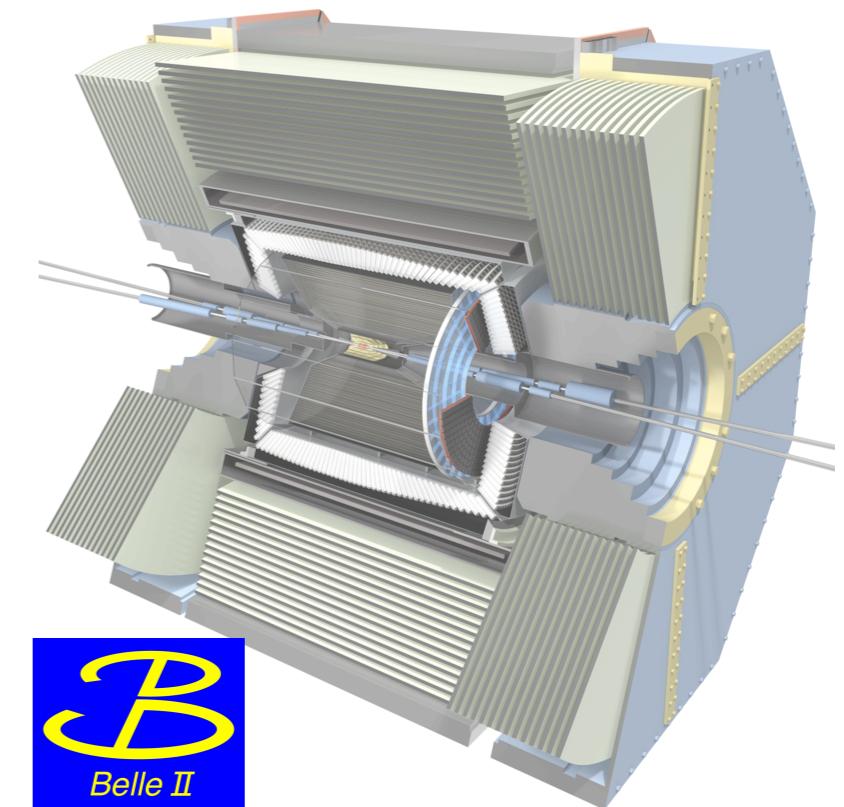
$$\beta_y^* = 1 \text{ mm}$$



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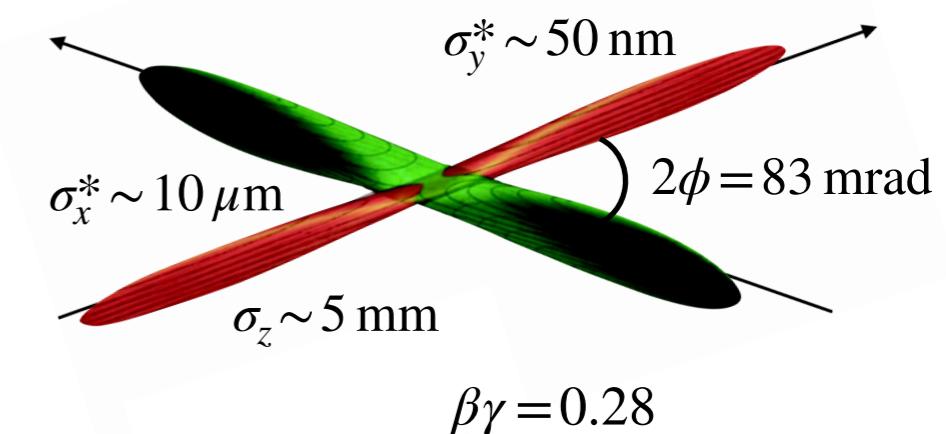
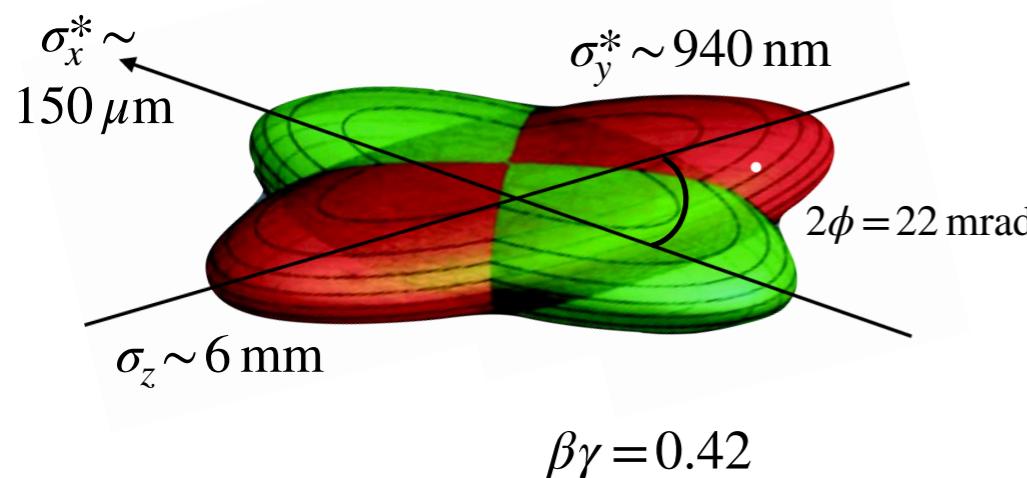
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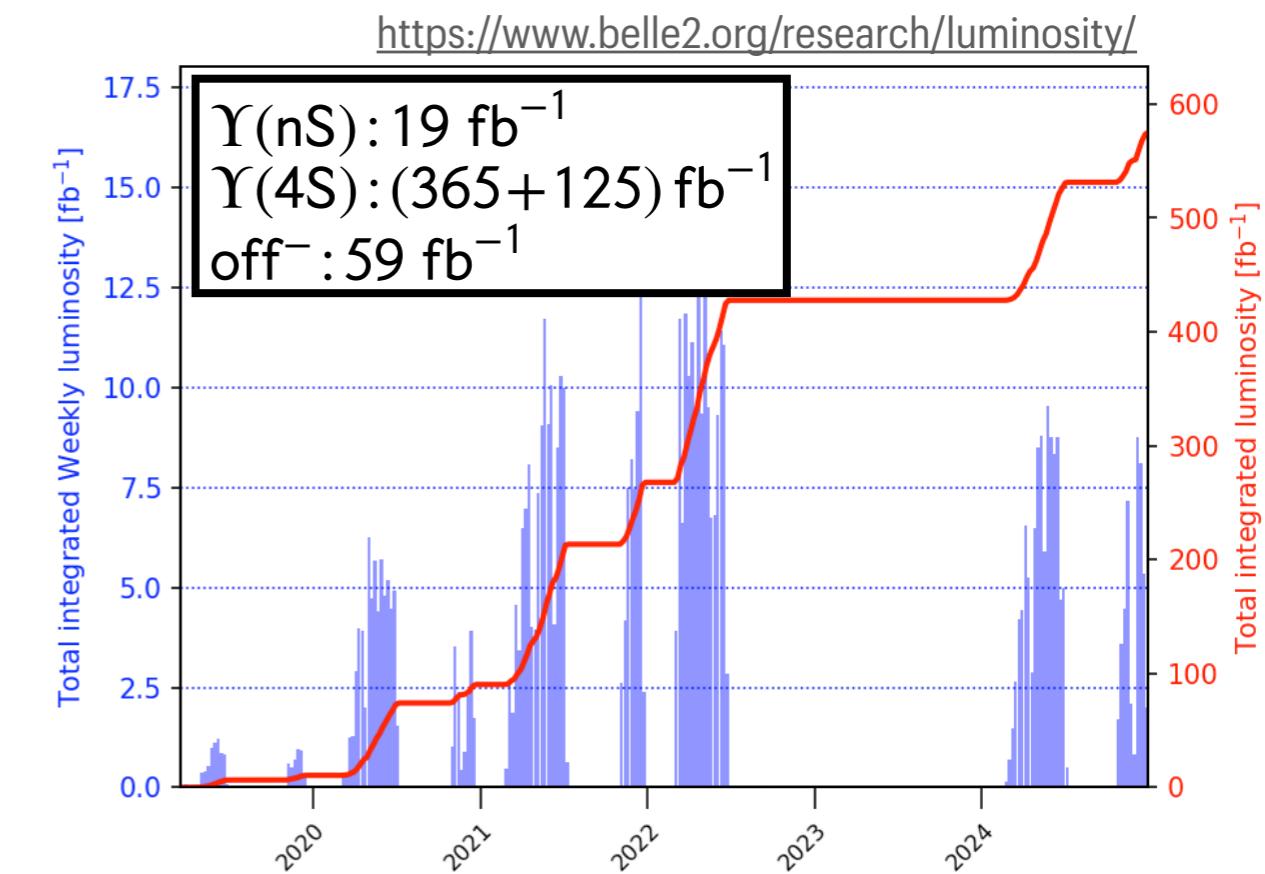
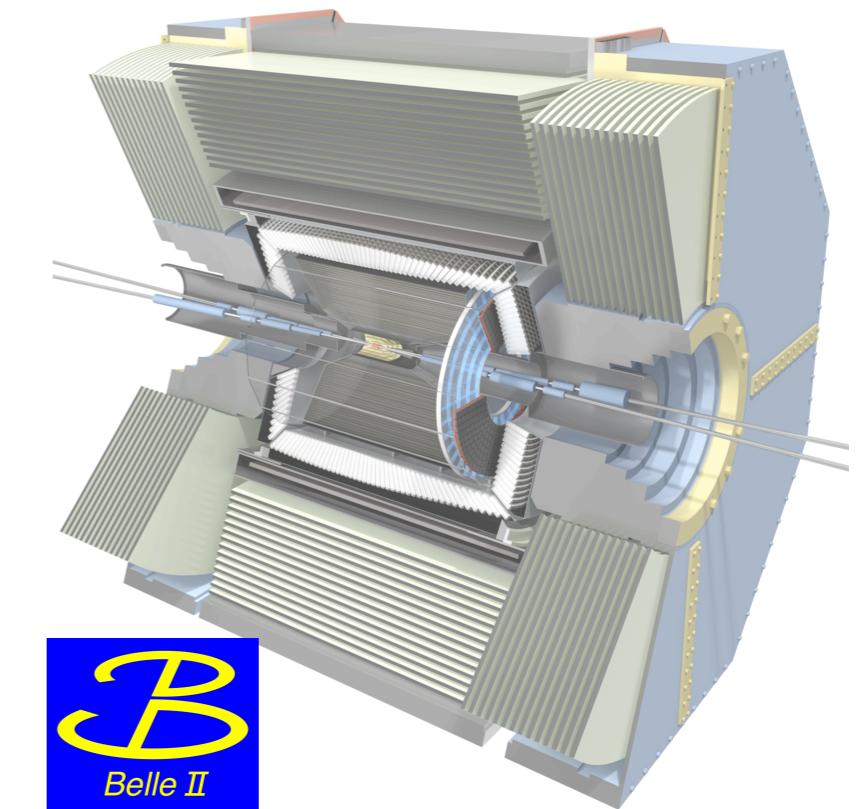
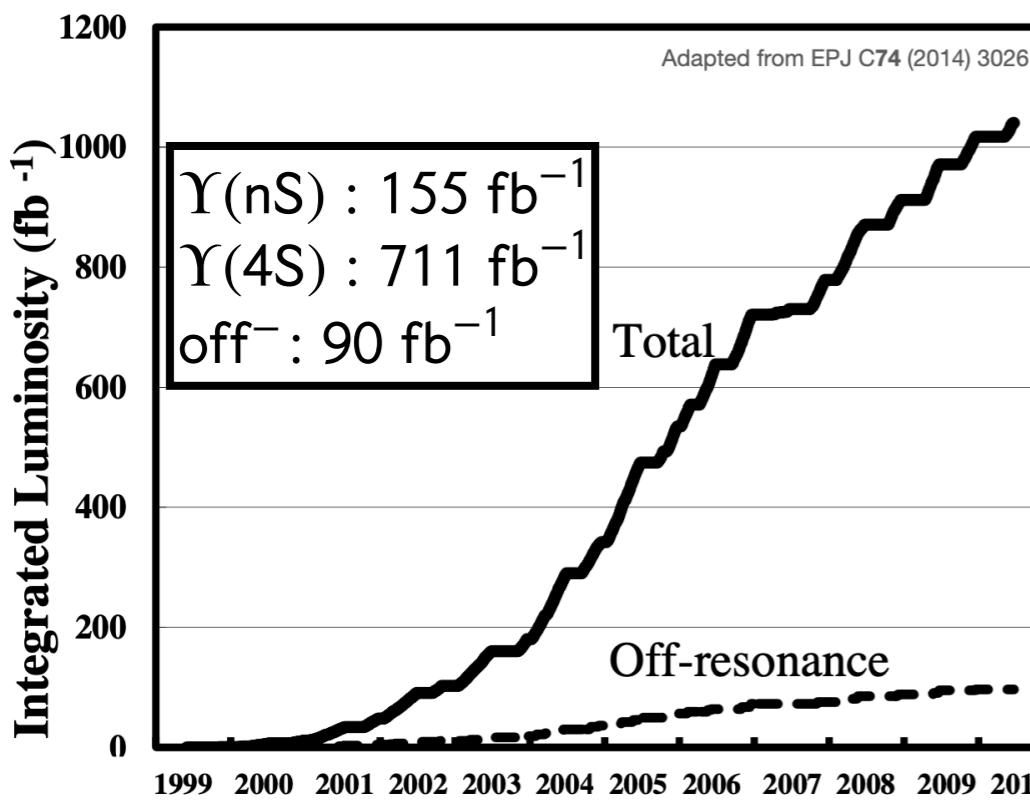
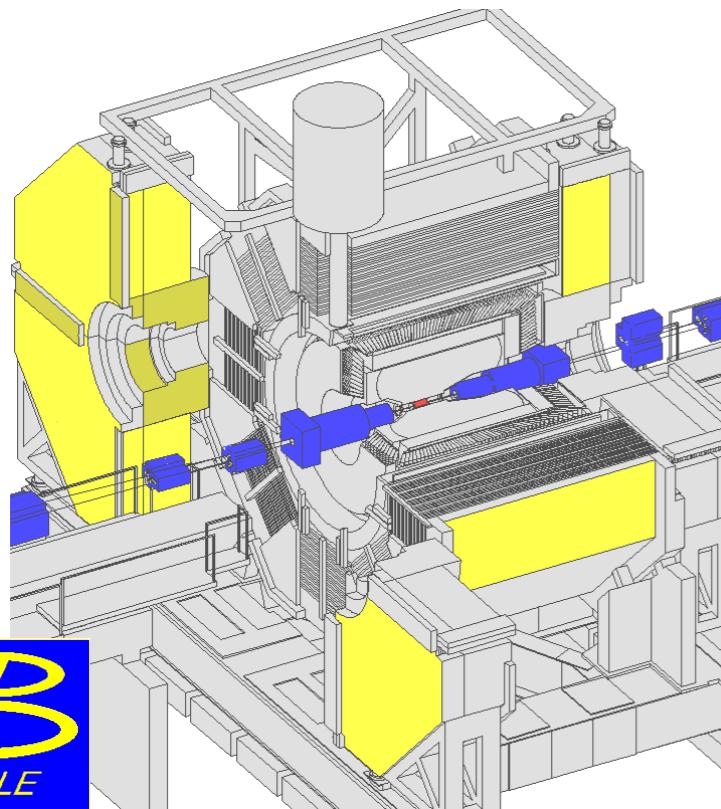
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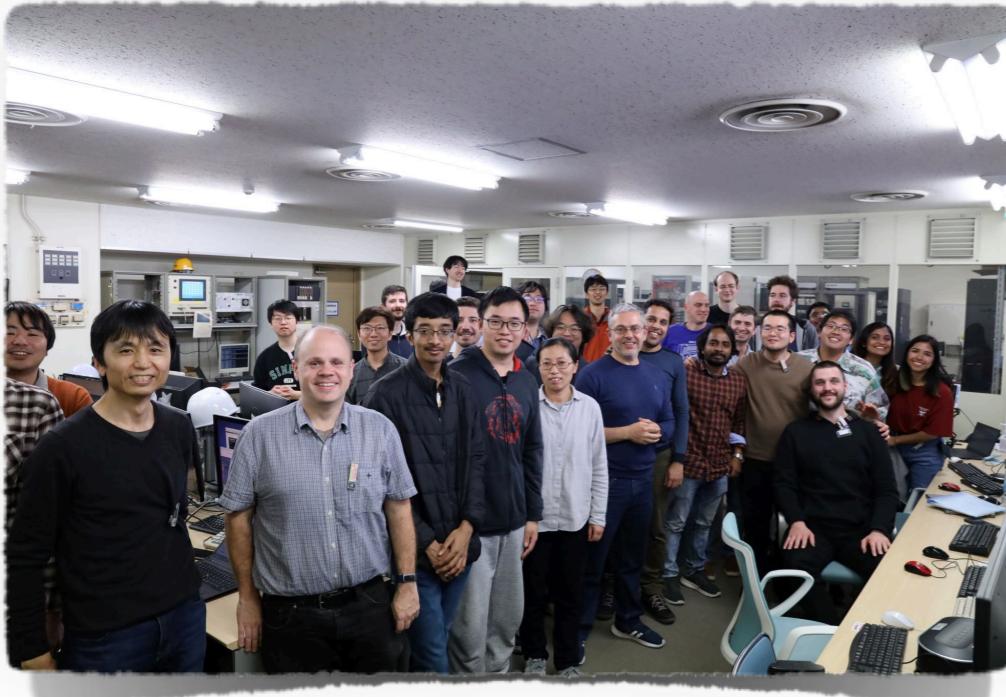


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- Belle II control room, start of Run2

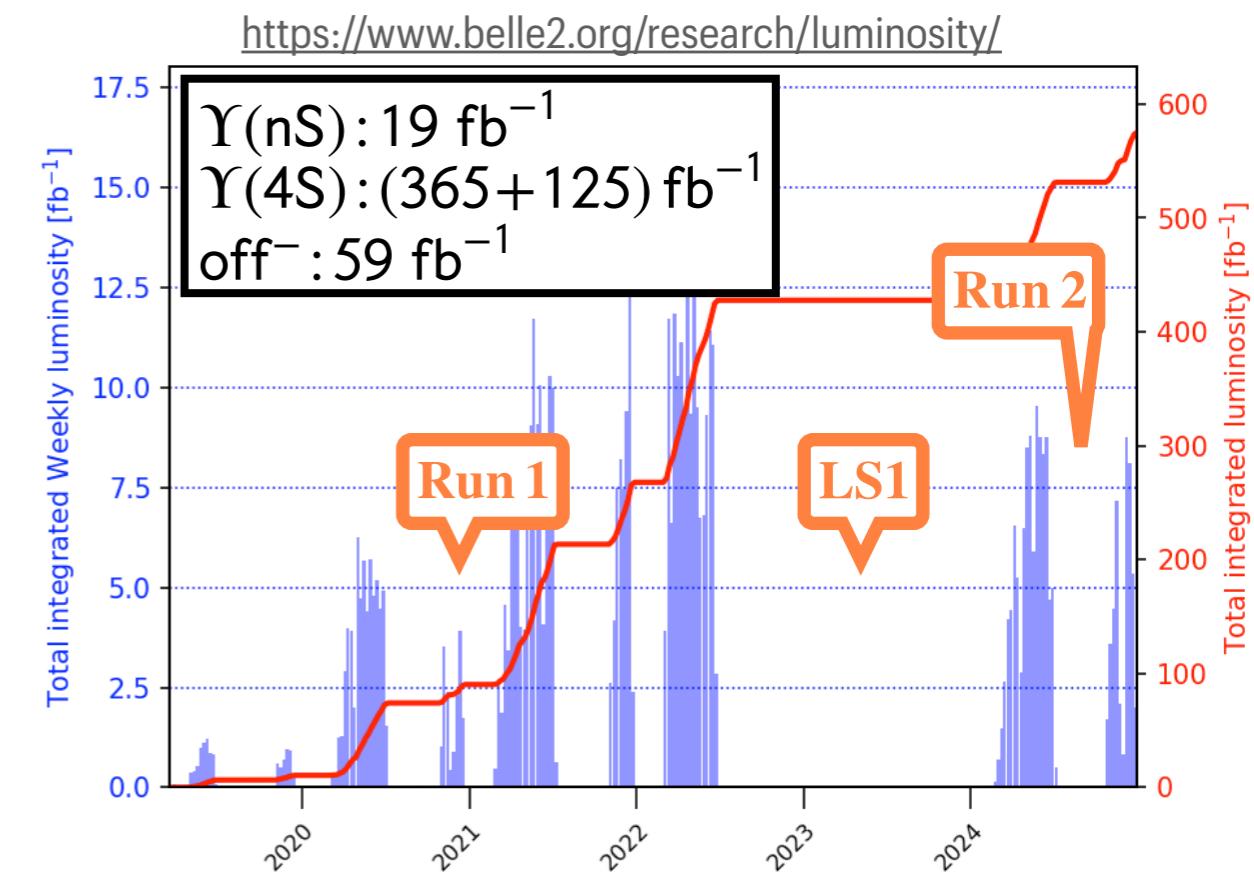


- SuperKEKB control room, last 2024 collisions



LS1 goals

- Detector upgrade**
PXD, TOP, backend readout COPPER→PCIe40
- Background mitigation**
Shields, non-linear collimator
- Protection of machine and Belle II**
collimator heads, abort systems
- Improvement of beam injection**



EVENTS AT THE B-FACTORIES

Products of e^+e^- collisions at $\sqrt{s} \approx 10.58$ GeV:

- Low multiplicity Bhabha+QED, $\mu^+\mu^-$, $\tau^+\tau^-$
- Continuum $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}, c\bar{c}$
- $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ $B^+B^-, B^0\bar{B}^0$

Process	$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow X)$ [nb]
$\sigma[\Upsilon(4S)]$	1.11
$\sigma[u\bar{u}(\gamma)]$	1.61
$\sigma[d\bar{d}(\gamma)]$	0.40
$\sigma[s\bar{s}(\gamma)]$	0.38
$\sigma[c\bar{c}(\gamma)]$	1.30
$\sigma[\tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)]$	0.919
$\sigma[e^+e^-(\gamma)]$	300
$\sigma[\gamma\gamma(\gamma)]$	4.99
$\sigma[\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)]$	1.148
$\sigma[e^+e^-e^+e^-]$	39.7
$\sigma[e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-]$	18.9
$\sigma[v\bar{v}(\gamma)]$	0.00025

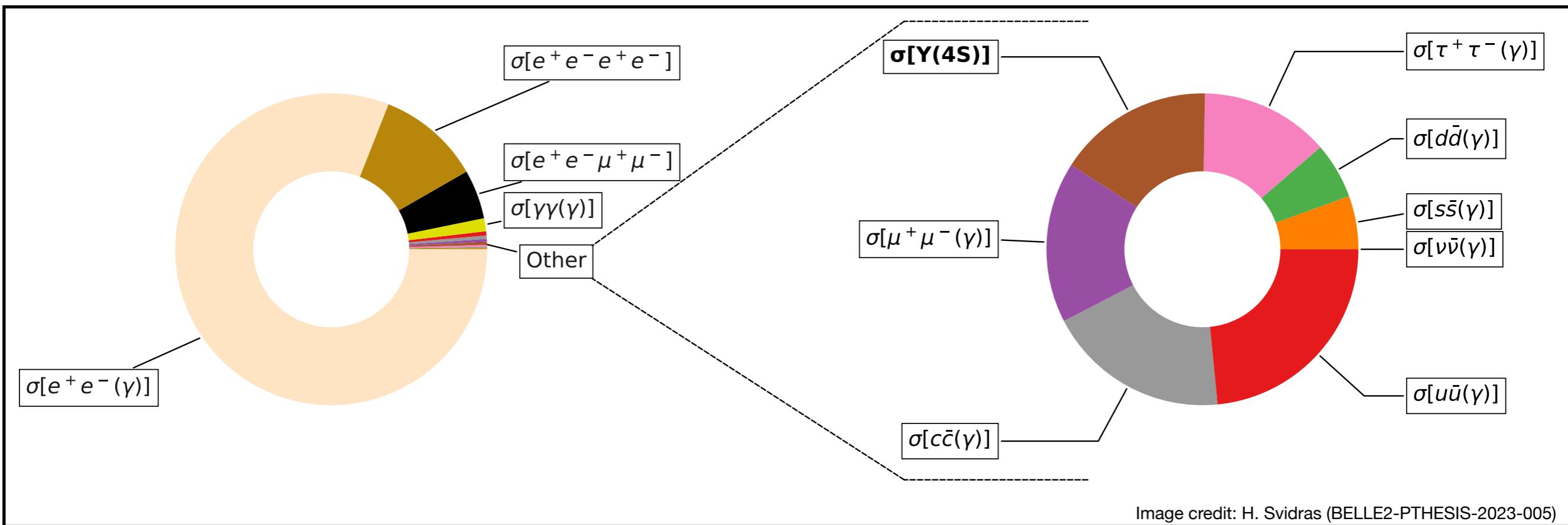
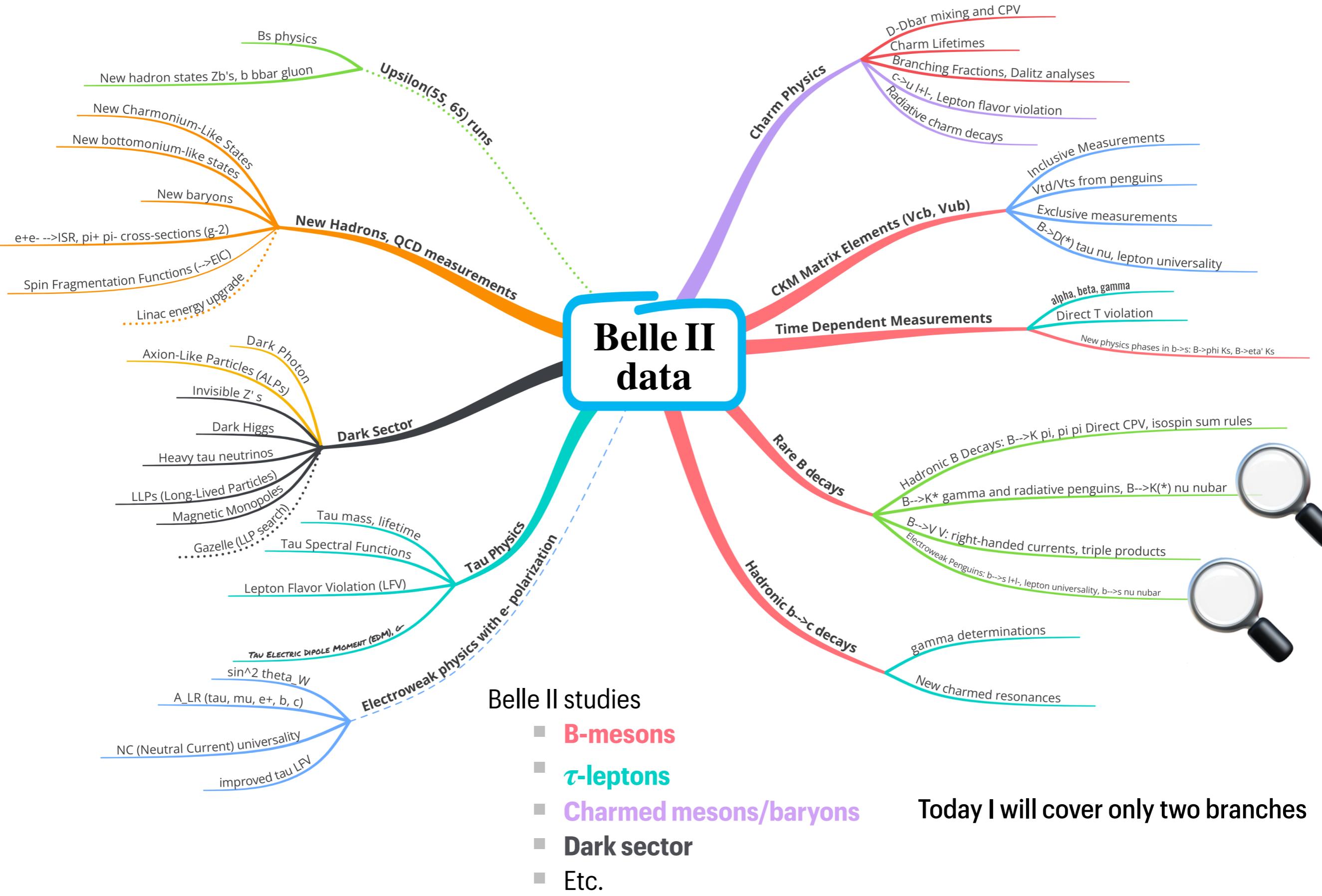


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A RICH PHYSICS PROGRAMME

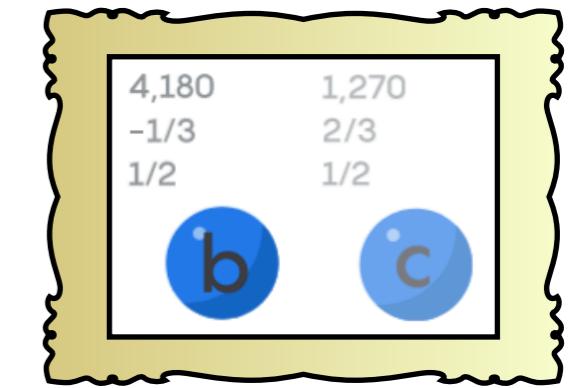
>50 publications (see [here](#))



B-PHYSICS

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- lighter than the *t*-quark \Rightarrow decays to quarks of other generations

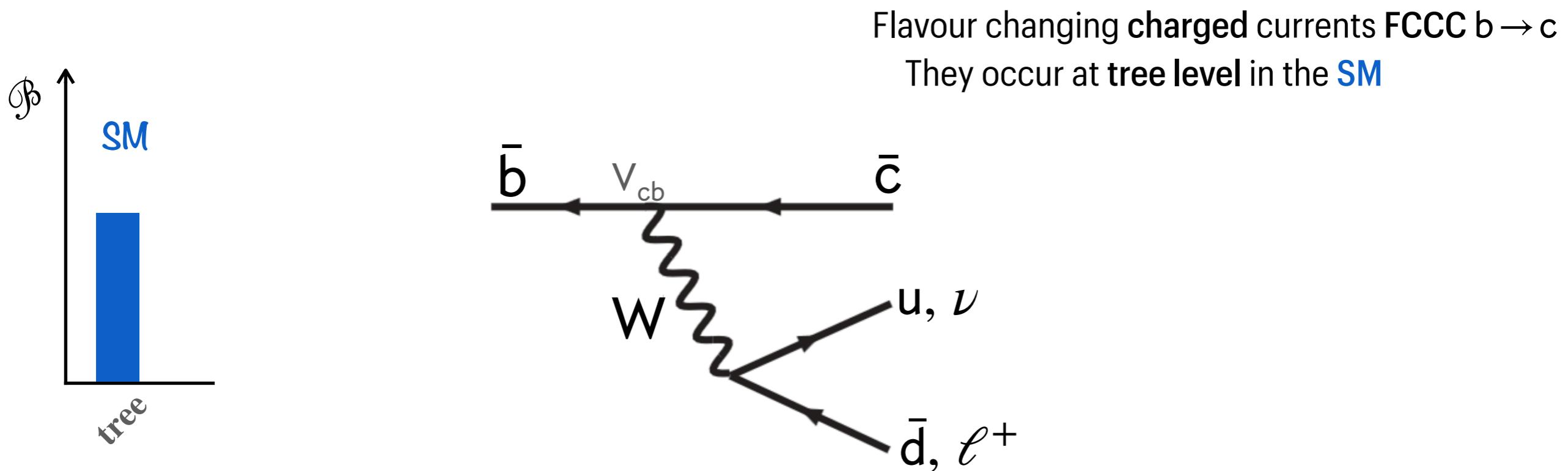


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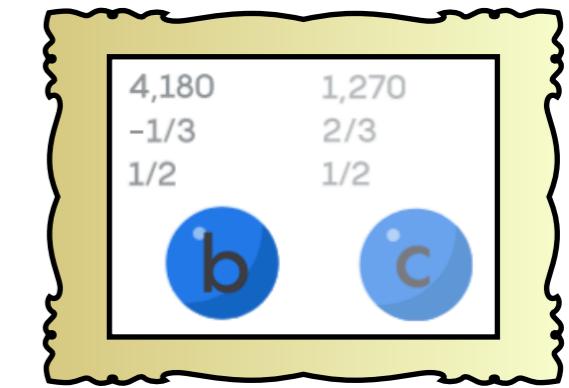
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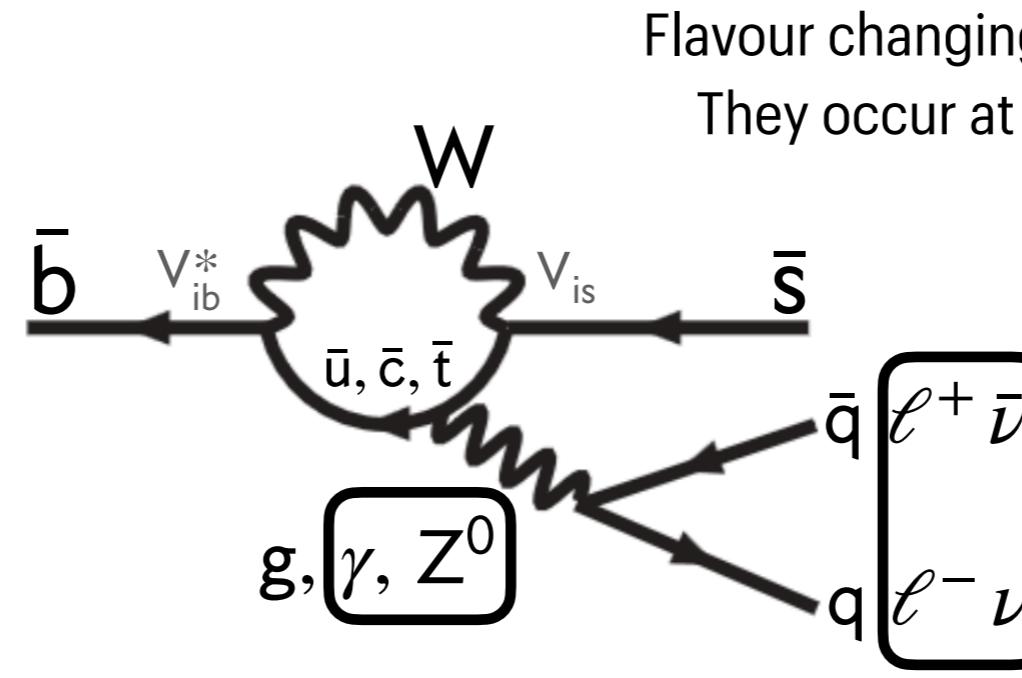
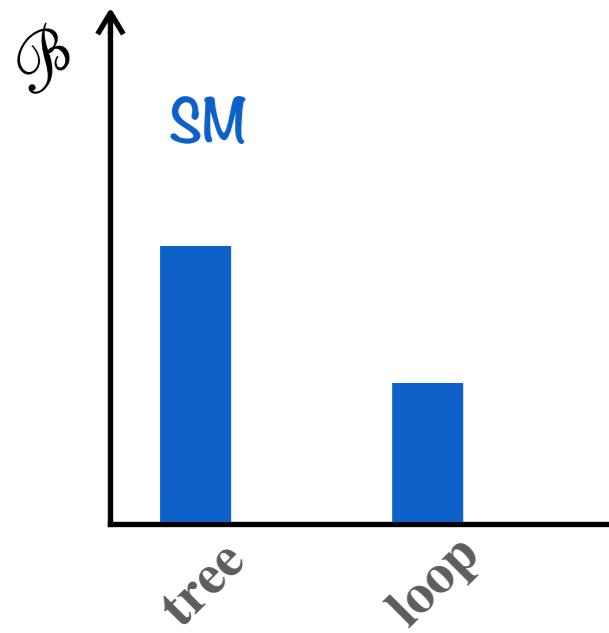


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Flavour changing neutral currents FCNC $b \rightarrow s/d$
They occur at loop level in the SM

Suppressed by

GIM m_i^2/m_W^2

CKM $V_{ib} V_{is}^*$

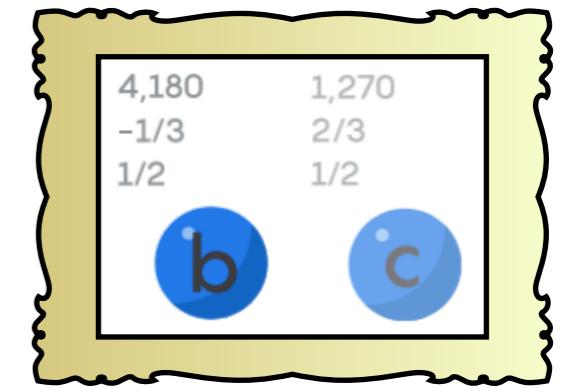
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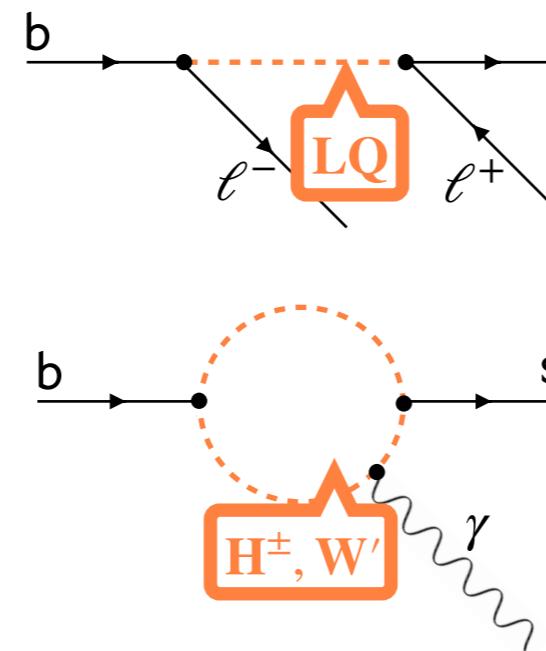
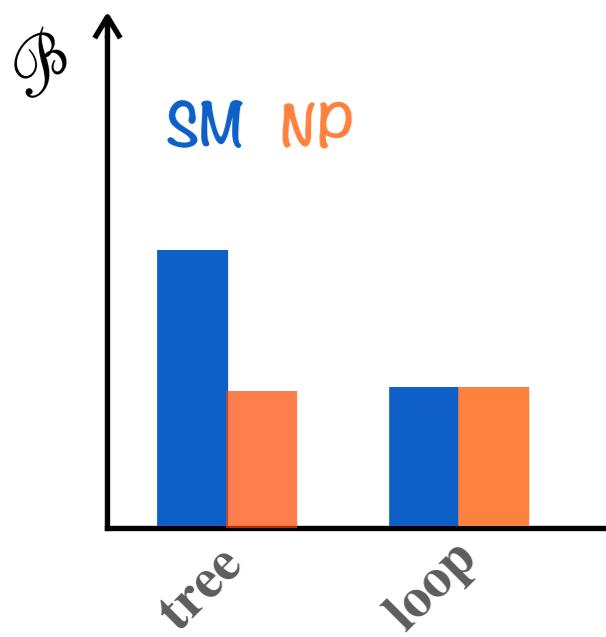
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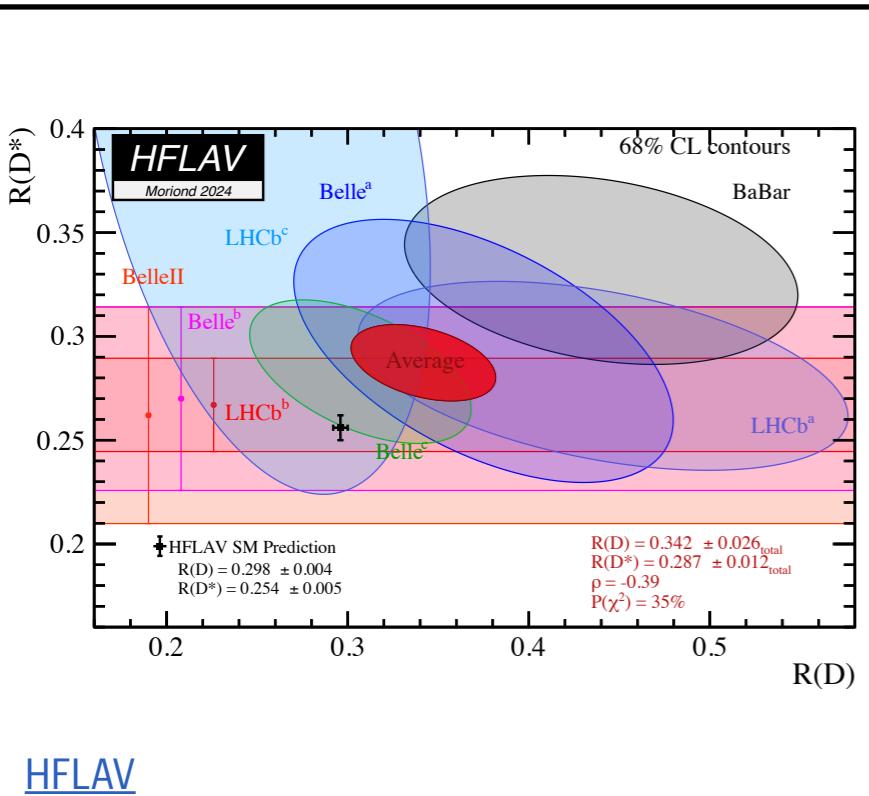
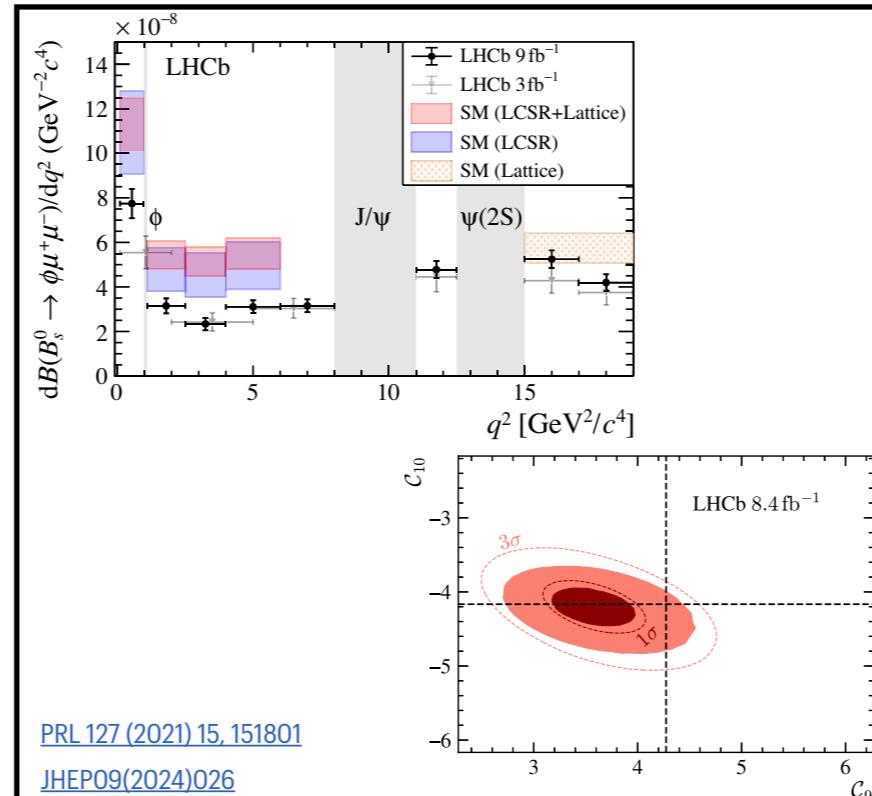
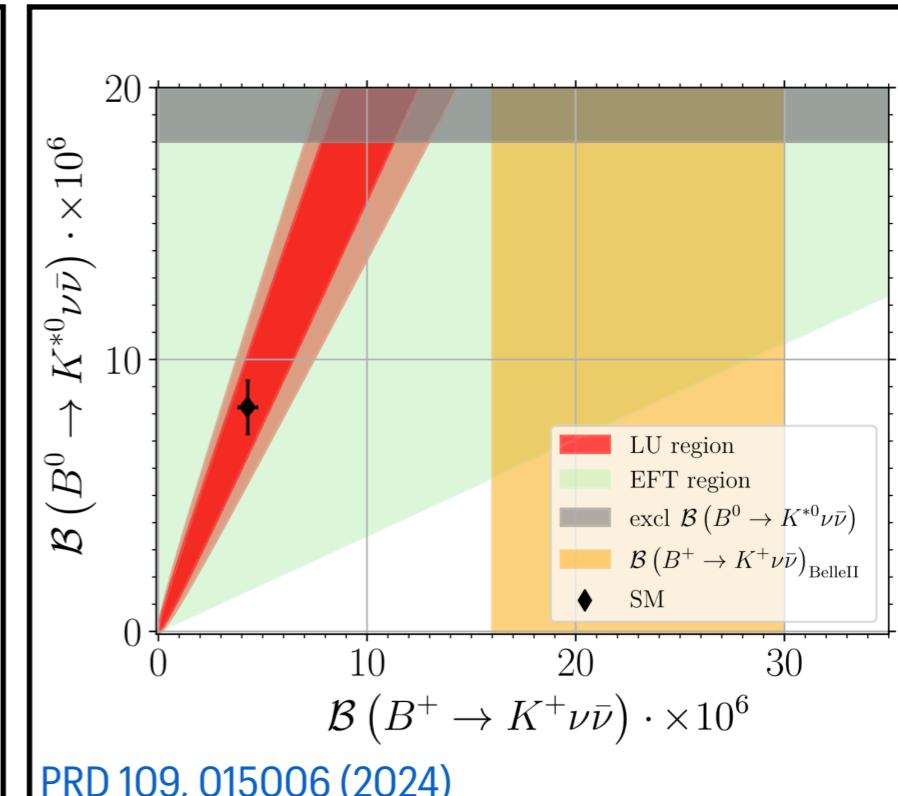
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Alterations/enhancements in FCNC due to NP contributions:



- New interactions at tree level
- Weaker GIM cancellations due to new particles in loop corrections

B-ANOMALIES

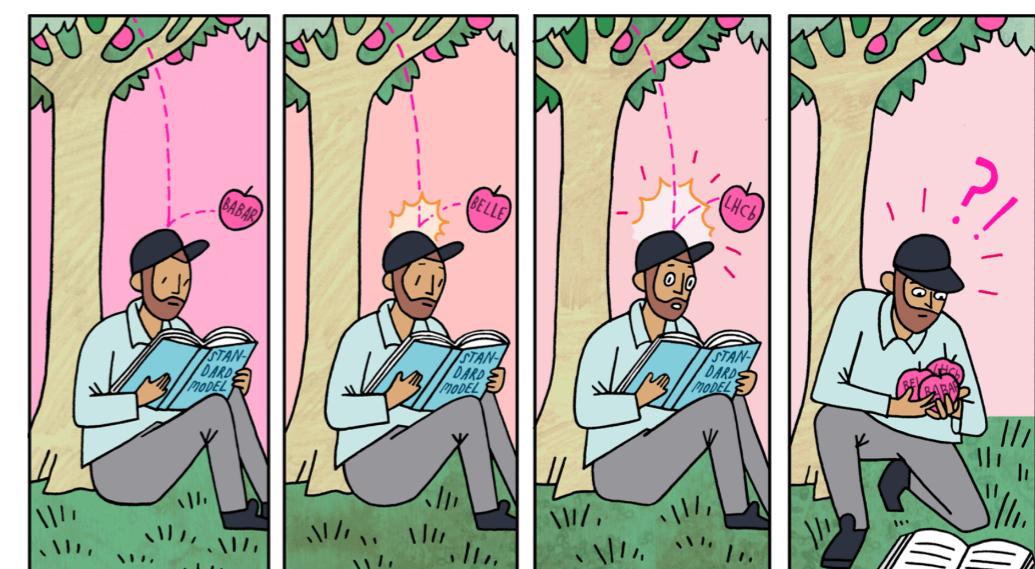
 $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  $b \rightarrow s\nu\nu$  3.31σ for $R(D) - R(D^*)$

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu)}$$

1-3 σ tensions in several observables

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\nu\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\nu\nu)^{\text{SM}}} = 5.4 \pm 1.5 \quad (2.7\sigma)$$

Is there a joint explanation?

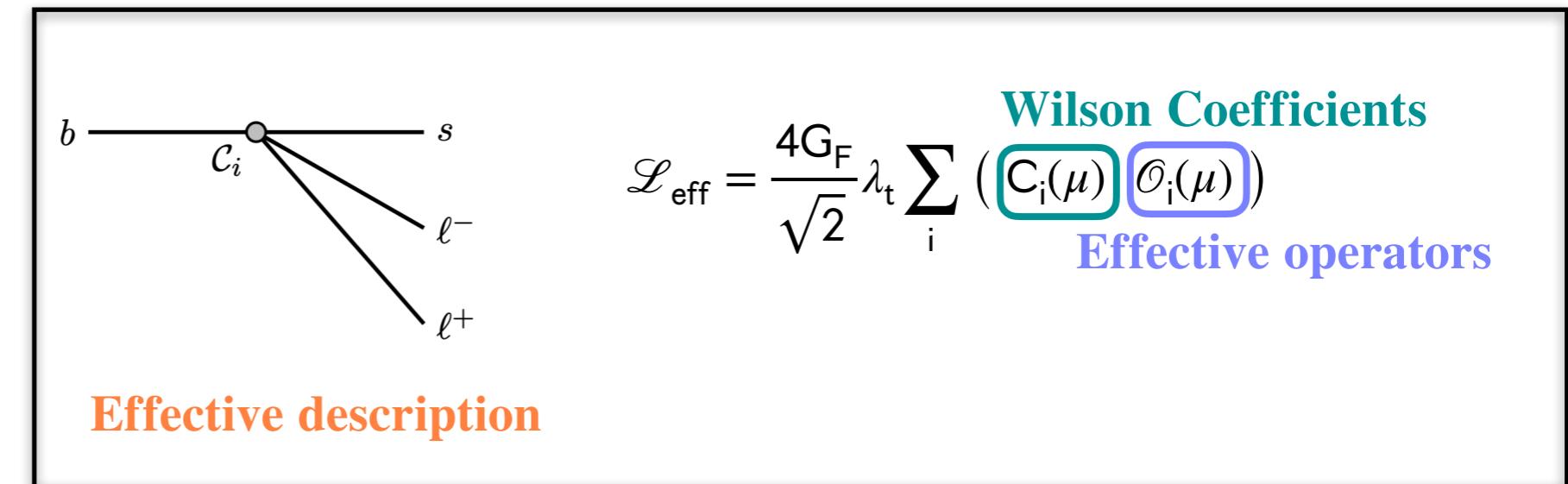
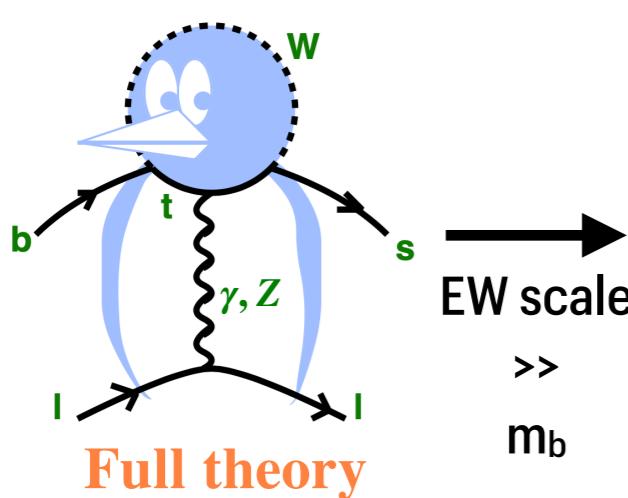


THE FLAVOUR WAY

Rare decays: more sensitive to NP and less limited by collision energy

but

- harder to interpret compared to a bump



SM operators

Dipole operator

$$\mathcal{O}_7^{ij} = \frac{e m_{d_j}}{(4\pi)^2} (\bar{d}_i \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_R d_j) F^{\mu\nu}$$

SL operators

$$\mathcal{O}_9^{ij;\ell\ell'} = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} (\bar{d}_i \gamma^\mu P_L d_j) (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell') \quad \mathcal{O}_{10}^{ij;\ell\ell'} = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} (\bar{d}_i \gamma^\mu P_L d_j) (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell')$$

(pseudo)scalar operator

$$\mathcal{O}_P^{ij;\ell\ell'} = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} (\bar{d}_i P_R d_j) (\bar{\ell} \gamma_5 \ell') \quad \mathcal{O}_S^{ij;\ell\ell'} = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} (\bar{d}_i P_R d_j) (\bar{\ell} \ell')$$

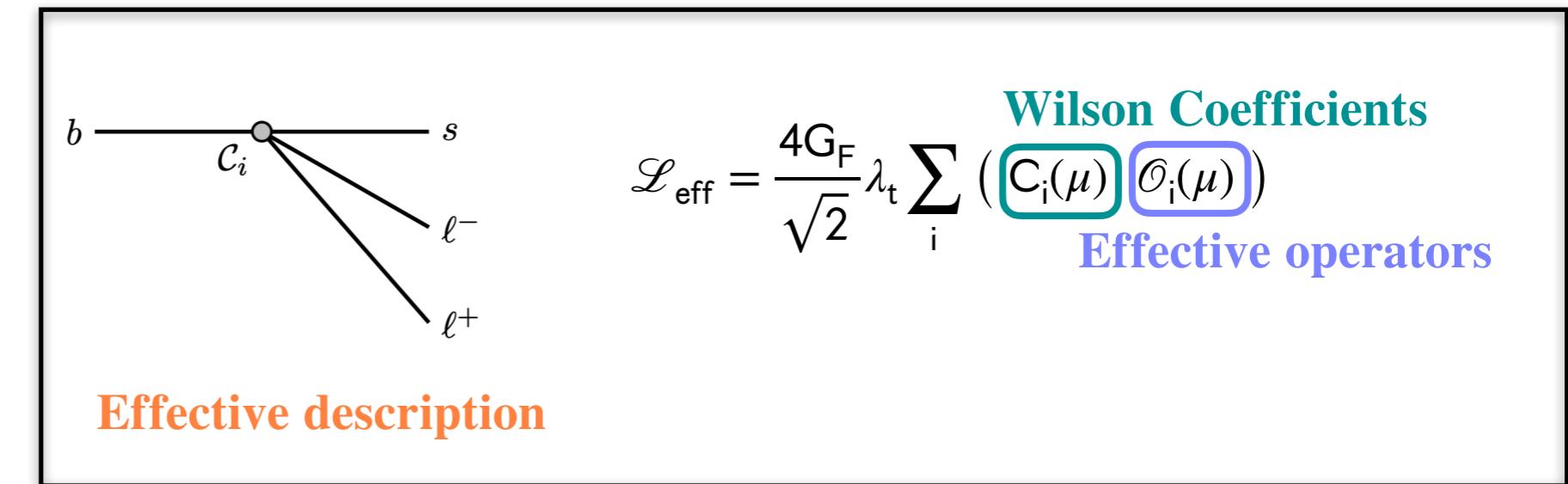
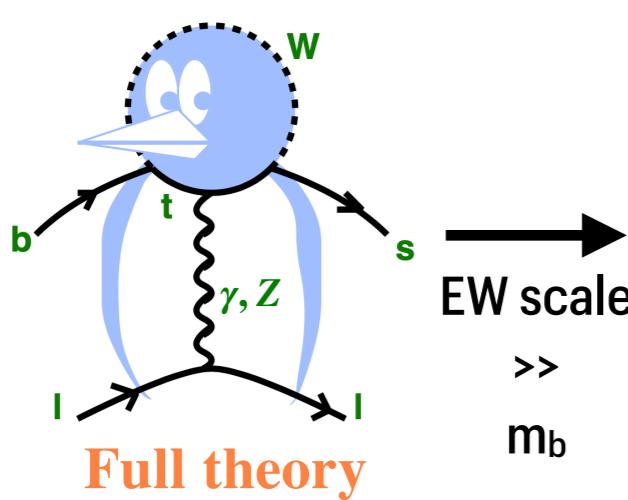
$$P_{L/R} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \mp \gamma_5)$$

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NP can manifest through

- Alterations of SM couplings

$$C_9^{\text{eff}} = C_9^{\text{SM}} + C_9^{\text{NP}}$$

- Additional operators

$$\mathcal{O}'_{9,10}^{\ell\ell}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_R^{\nu_i\nu_j}$$

$$\mathcal{O}'_7$$

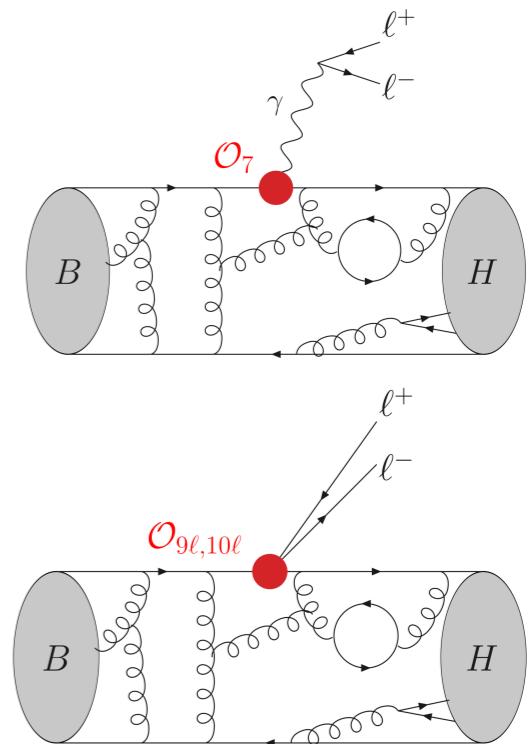
$$\mathcal{O}_{C,P}^{(\ell)}$$

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- predictions for SM observables must be well-known



Theoretical uncertainties arise from

- WC and constants (e.g. V_{CKM})
→ small uncertainties

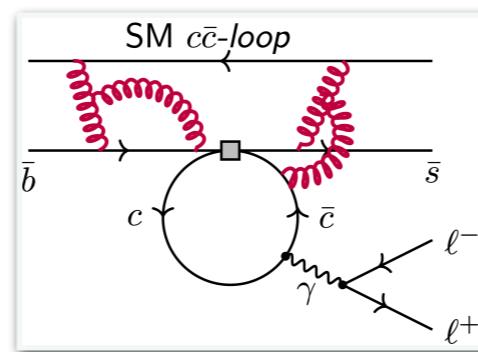
$$|\lambda_t| = |V_{tb} V_{ts}^*| = |V_{cb}| (1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2))$$

- Local hadronic ME
→ Moderate uncertainties (3-15%)

$$\langle H | \mathcal{O}_{7,9,10} | B \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{7,9,10} = (\bar{s}\Gamma b)(\bar{c}\Gamma c)$$

- Non-local hadronic ME
→ Large uncertainties



$$i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \left\langle K^{(*)} | T \{ j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x) \mathcal{O}_{1,2}^c(0) \} | B \right\rangle \mathcal{O}_{1,2} = (\bar{s}\Gamma b)(\bar{c}\Gamma c)$$

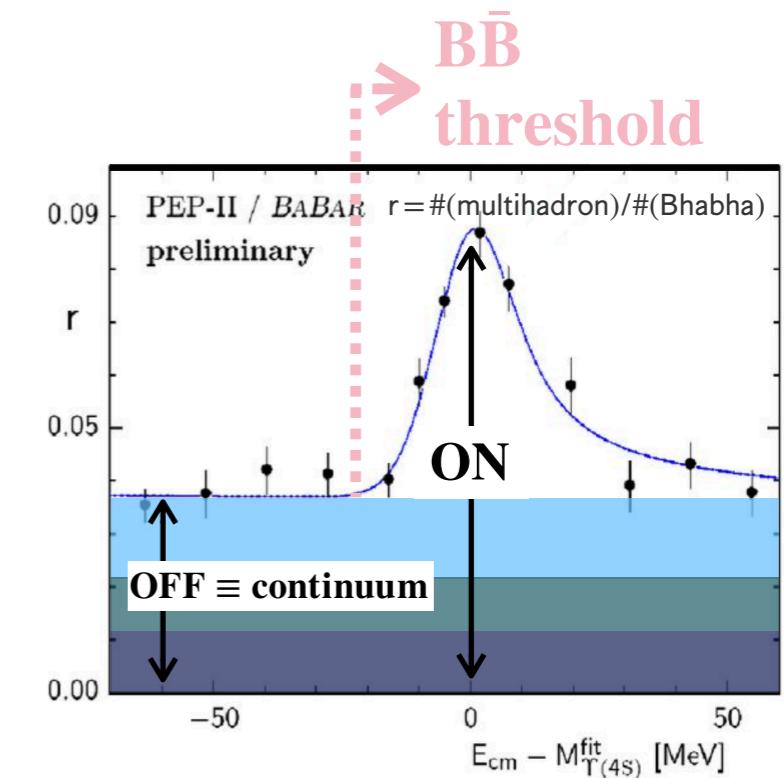
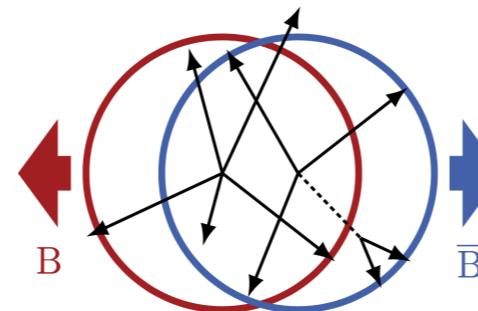
Use ratios for (partial) cancellation of uncertainties —
both theoretical and experimental

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\mu\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Kee)}$$

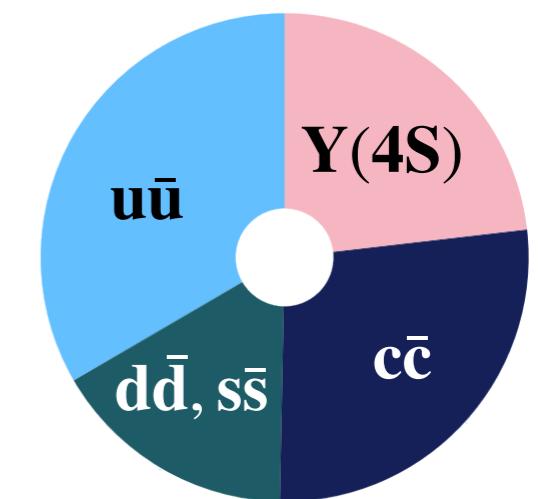
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{f}) - \mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow f)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{f}) + \mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow f)}$$

B-PHYSICS AT B-FACTORIES

- Threshold $B\bar{B}$ production → Relatively low backgrounds
- Known initial kinematics + almost- 4π detector coverage → reconstruct final states with neutrinos
- OFF-resonance data → $B\bar{B}$ -free sample

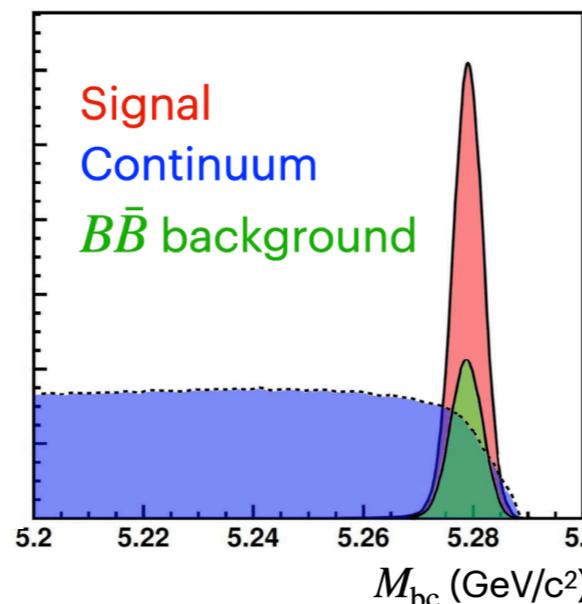
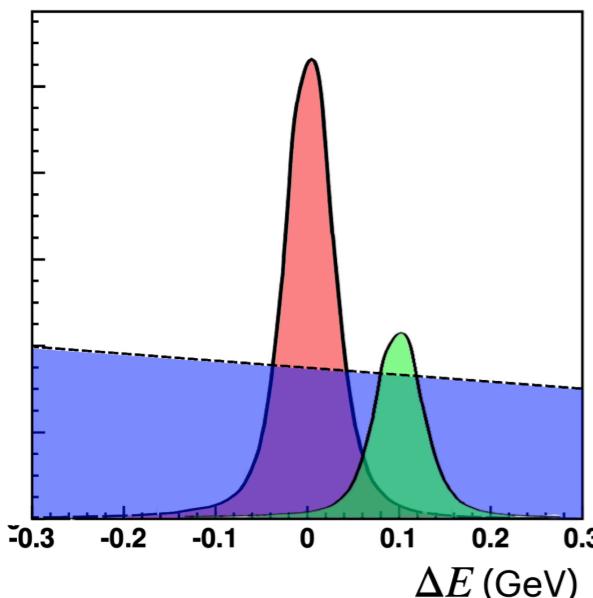


Hadronic cross-section
 $\text{@ } \sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$



$$\Delta E = E_B^* - E_{\text{beam}}^*$$

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{(E_{\text{beam}}^*/c^2)^2 - (p_B^*/c)^2}$$



- Energy difference ΔE and beam-constrained mass M_{bc} and as discriminative variables against **combinatorial** and **peaking** backgrounds

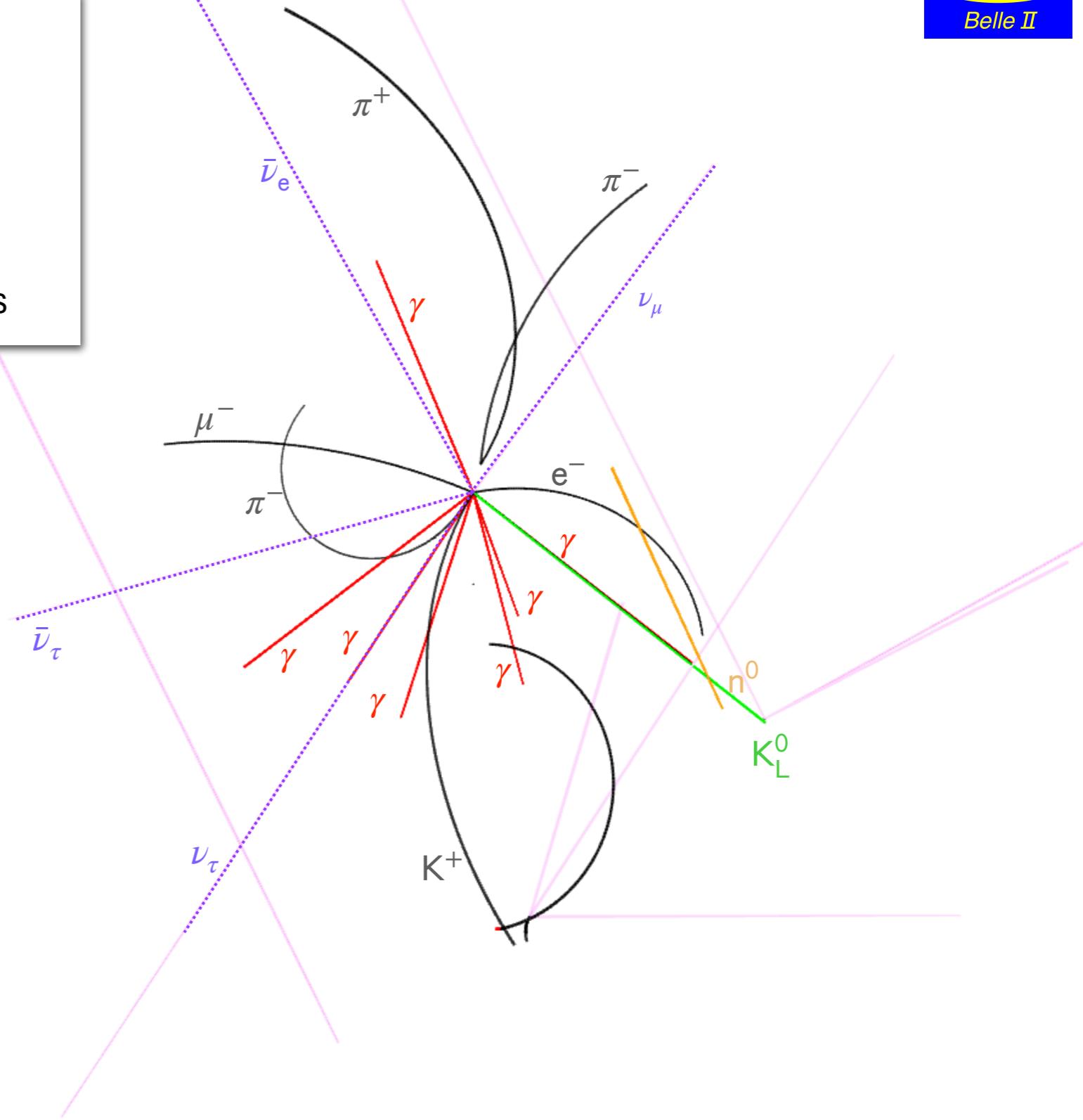
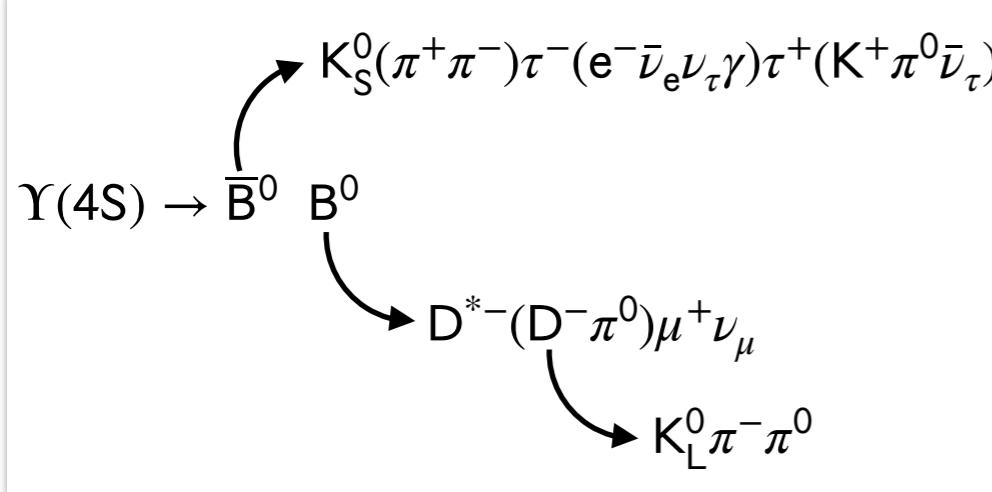
B \bar{B} EVENT DISPLAY

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What we need for a B \bar{B} event

- Identify charged particles
- Distinguish different species (e, μ, π, K)
- Reconstruct neutrals (γ, K_L^0)
- Overcome the presence of missing energy - ν 's

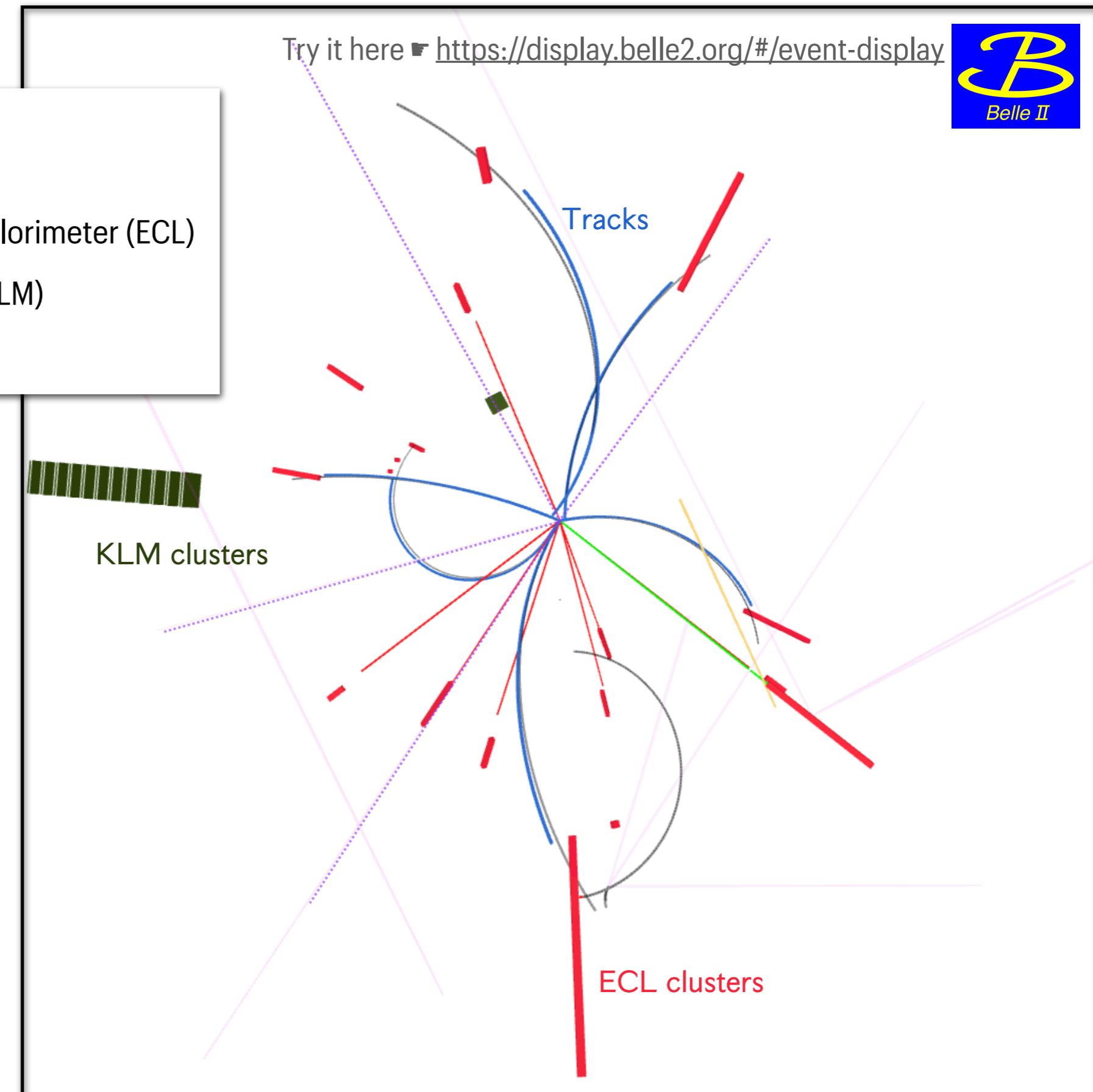


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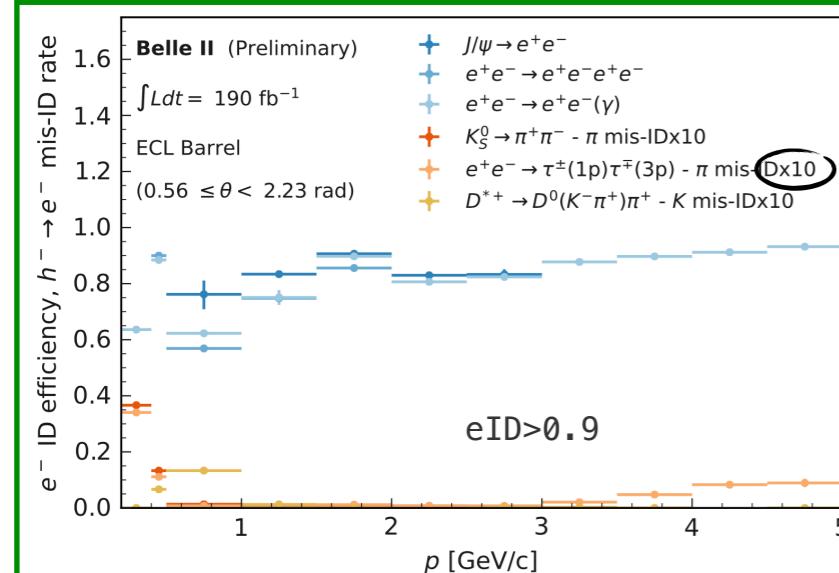
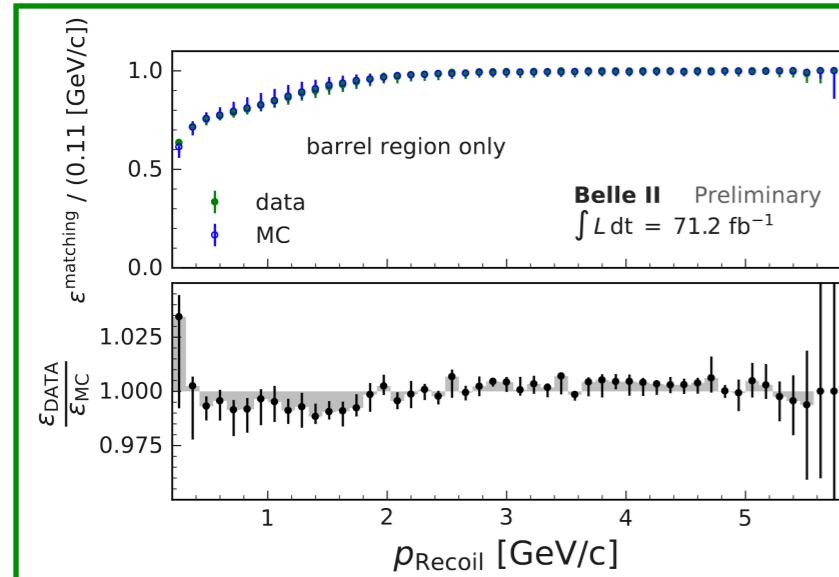
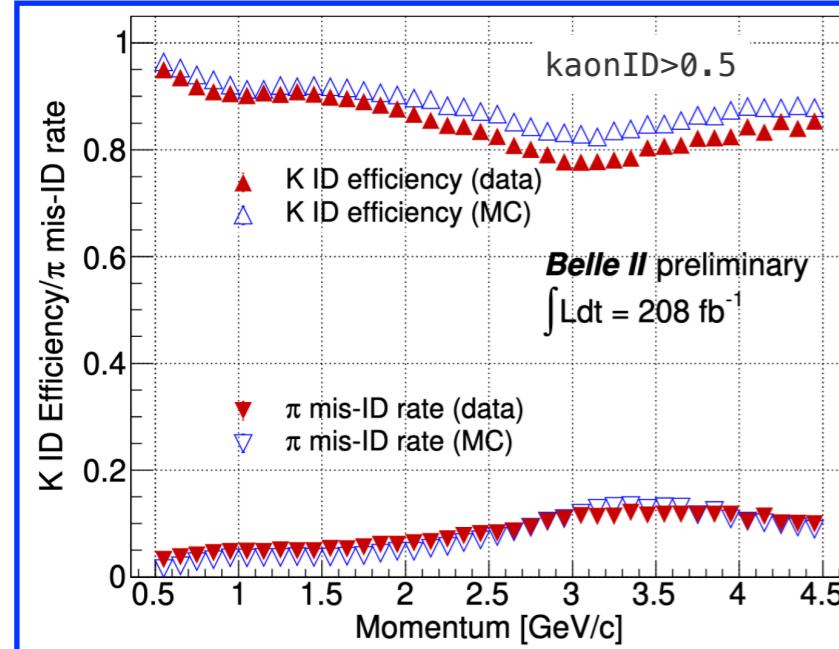
What we get

- Tracks
- Clusters in the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL)
- Clusters in the $\mu + K_L^0$ detector (KLM)
- (+ PID objects: see next slide)

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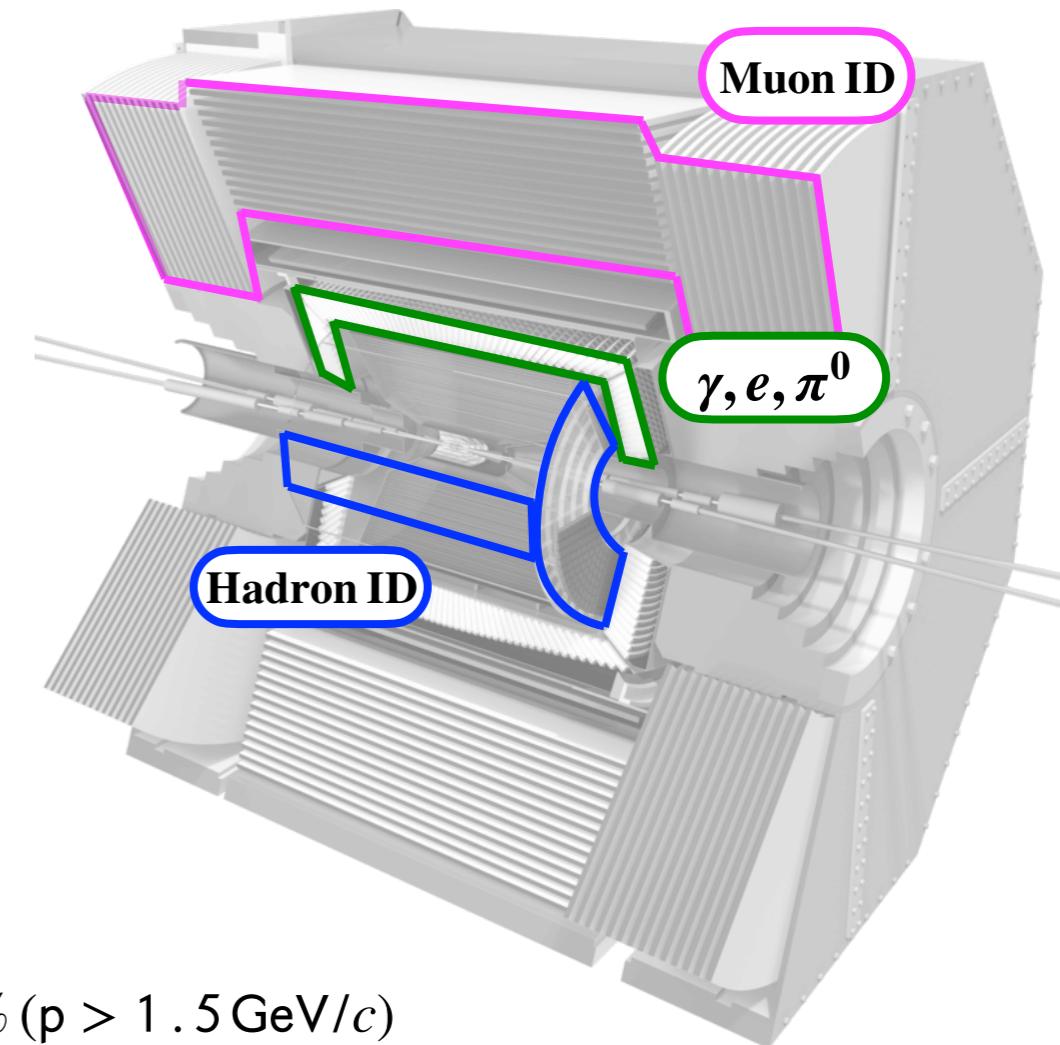
KEY-PERFORMANCE AT BELLE II



KID

$\epsilon \sim 90\%$
 $\pi \rightarrow K \sim 6\%$

Good kaon identification in full momentum range



γ, π^0

High photon efficiency $\epsilon > 90\%$ ($p > 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$)

Belle-like resolution on π^0 mass

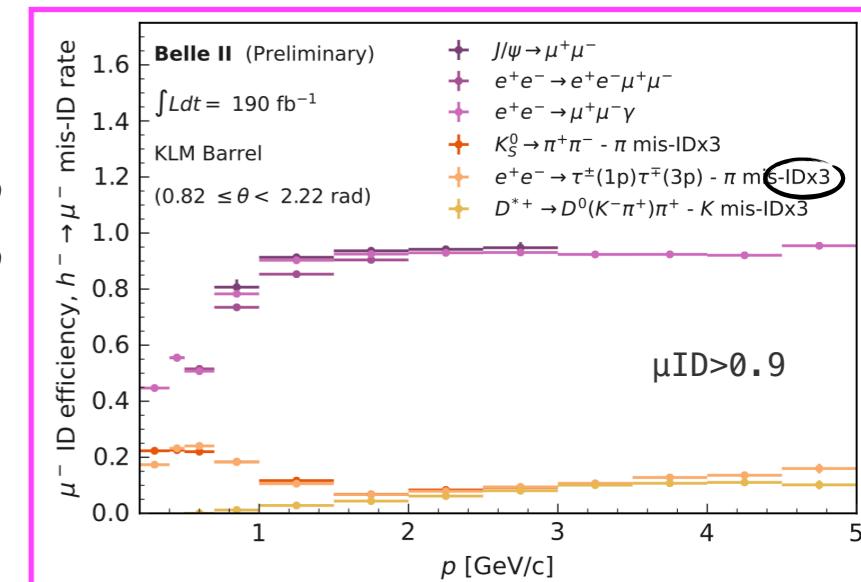
e ID

$\epsilon \sim 86\%$
 $\pi \rightarrow e \sim 0.4\%$

Good lepton ID and similar $e - \mu$ performance

μ ID

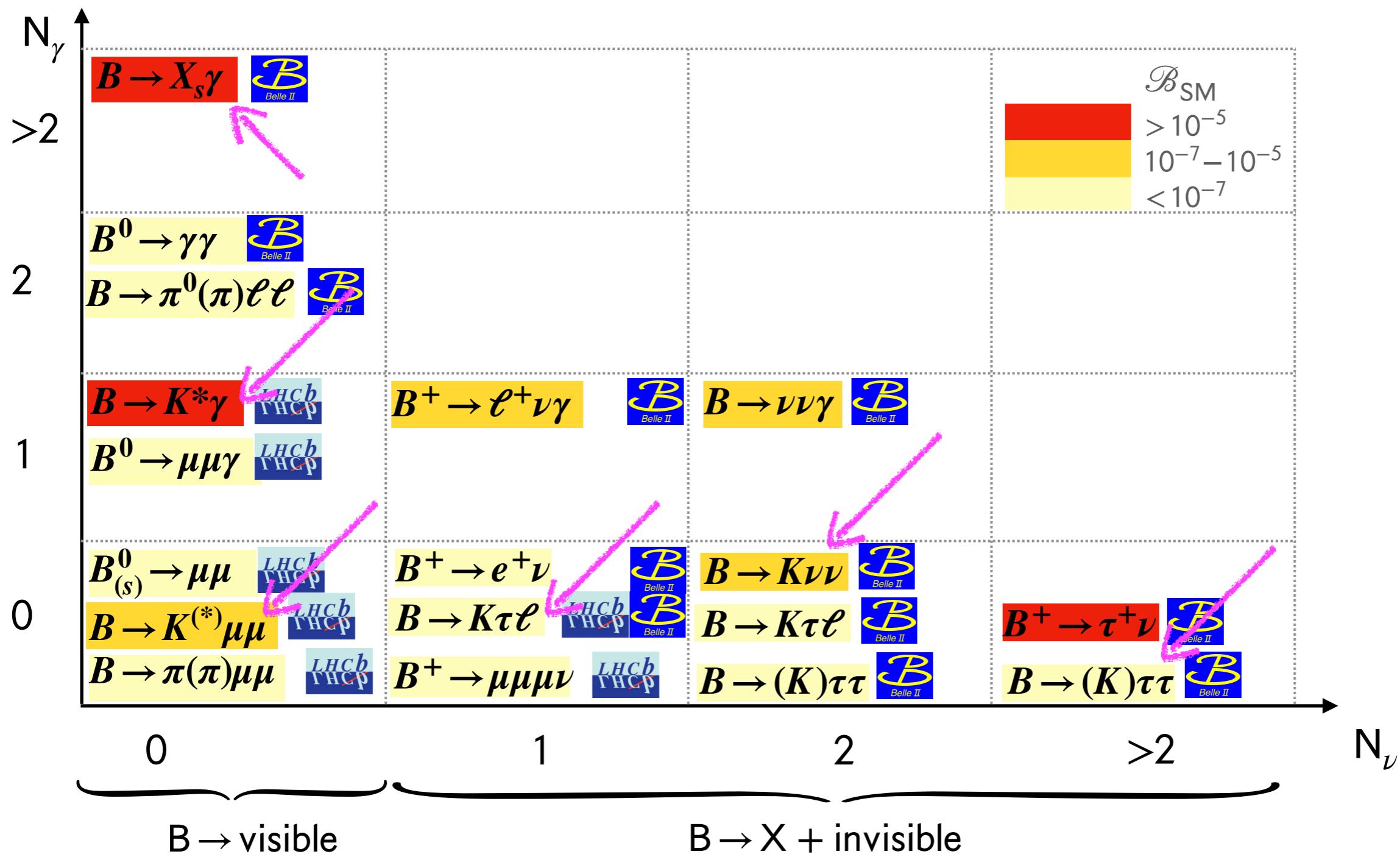
$\epsilon \sim 90\%$
 $\pi \rightarrow \mu \sim 7\%$



PLENTY OF DECAYS

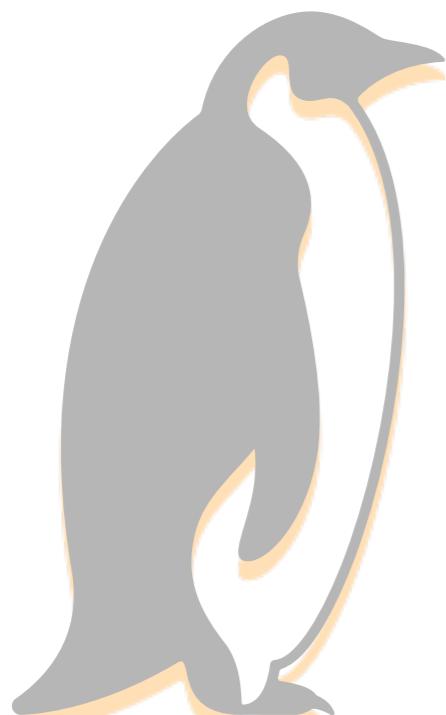
Many decay modes to measure/search for at B -flavour experiments

- LHCb Better with muons/charged particles that can be vertexed
- Belle II Better with e, γ and ν



B → VISIBLE

- Radiative B-decays
- $b \rightarrow (s, d)\ell\ell$ decays



RADIATIVE B-DECAYS

Exclusive measurements

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- ✓ Explore photon properties/asymmetries that could reveal NP effects

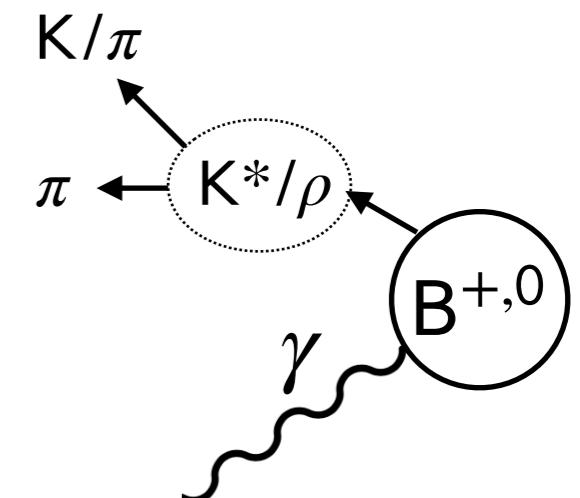
- ✗ Predictions suffer from large theoretical uncertainties (form factors estimation)

Observables

- Exclusive BF $b \rightarrow (s/d)\gamma$
- CP, isospin asymmetry
- Photon up-down asymmetry
- ...

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{V}\gamma) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow V\gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{V}\gamma) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow V\gamma)}$$

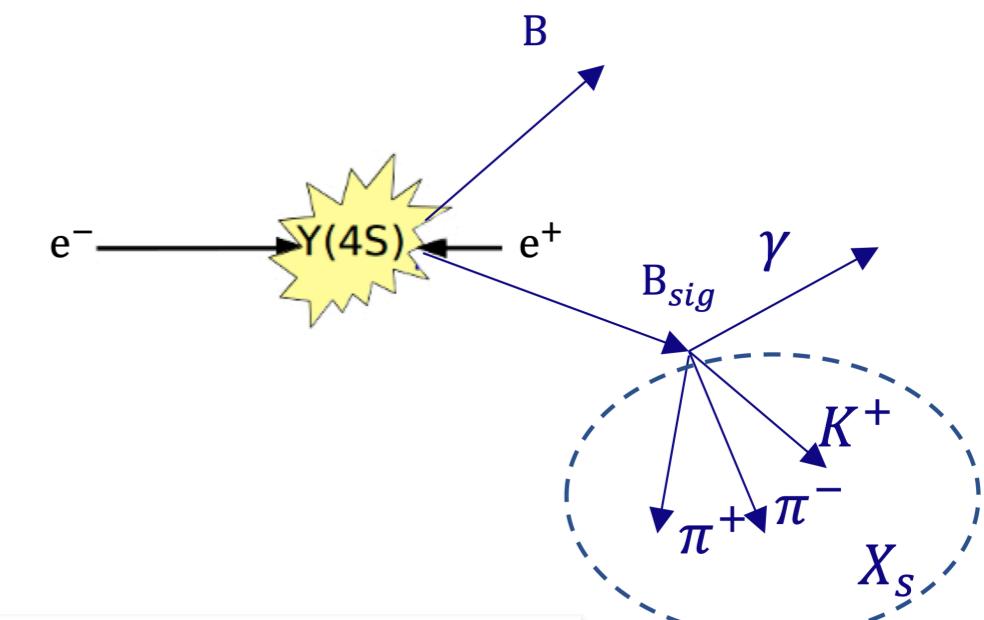
$$\mathcal{A}_I = \frac{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow V^0\gamma) - \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow V^+\gamma)}{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow V^0\gamma) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow V^+\gamma)}$$



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- ✗ Experimentally more challenging but **only possible in the clean environment of B factories**



For $E_\gamma > 1.6$ GeV:

$$BF_{HFLAV} = (3.49 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$BF_{th} = (3.40 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{JHEP06(2020)175}$$

RADIATIVE B-DECAYS

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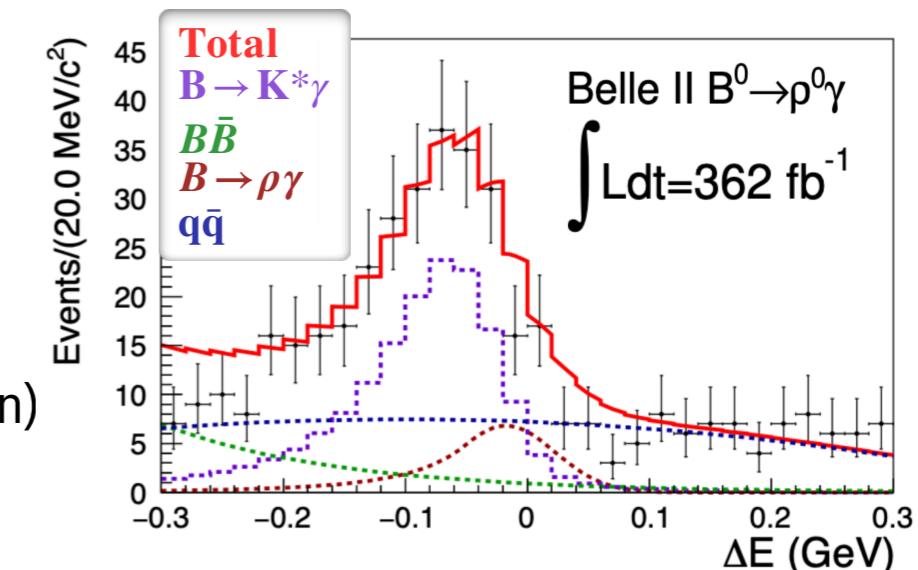
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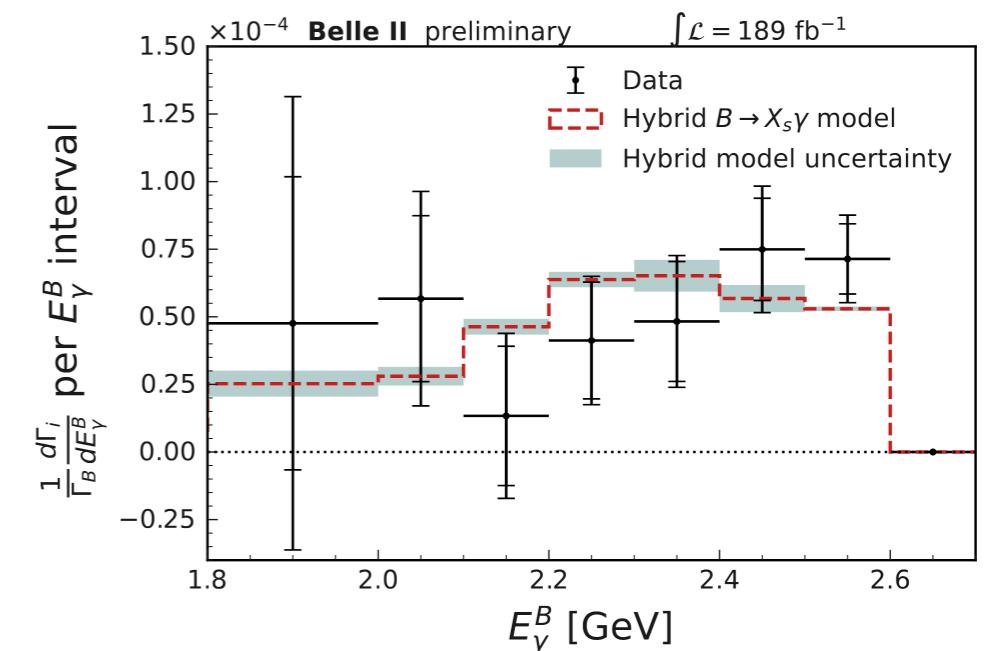
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$B \rightarrow \rho\gamma$: Belle+**Belle II** (Preliminary) [2407.08984](#) Most precise measurement!
 $B \rightarrow K^*\gamma$: **Belle II** (Preliminary) [2411.10127](#) Need more data!



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$B \rightarrow X_s\gamma$: **Belle II** [2210.10220](#) Need more data!

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LFU test $R_{K^{(*)}}$

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3% precision at 50 ab^{-1}

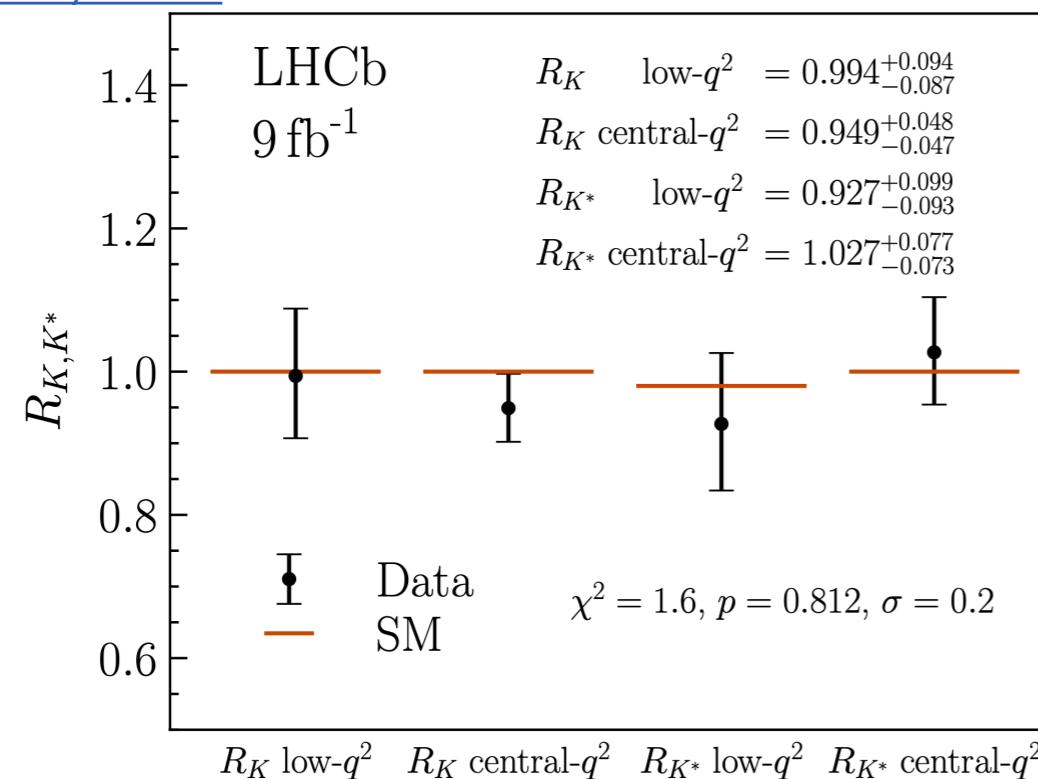
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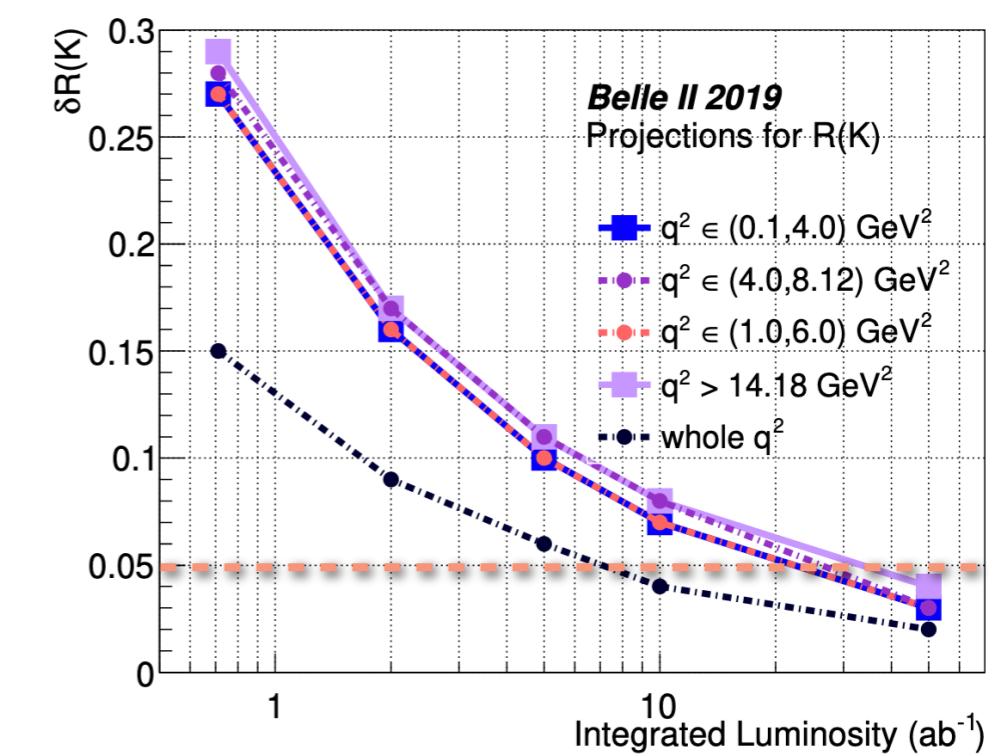
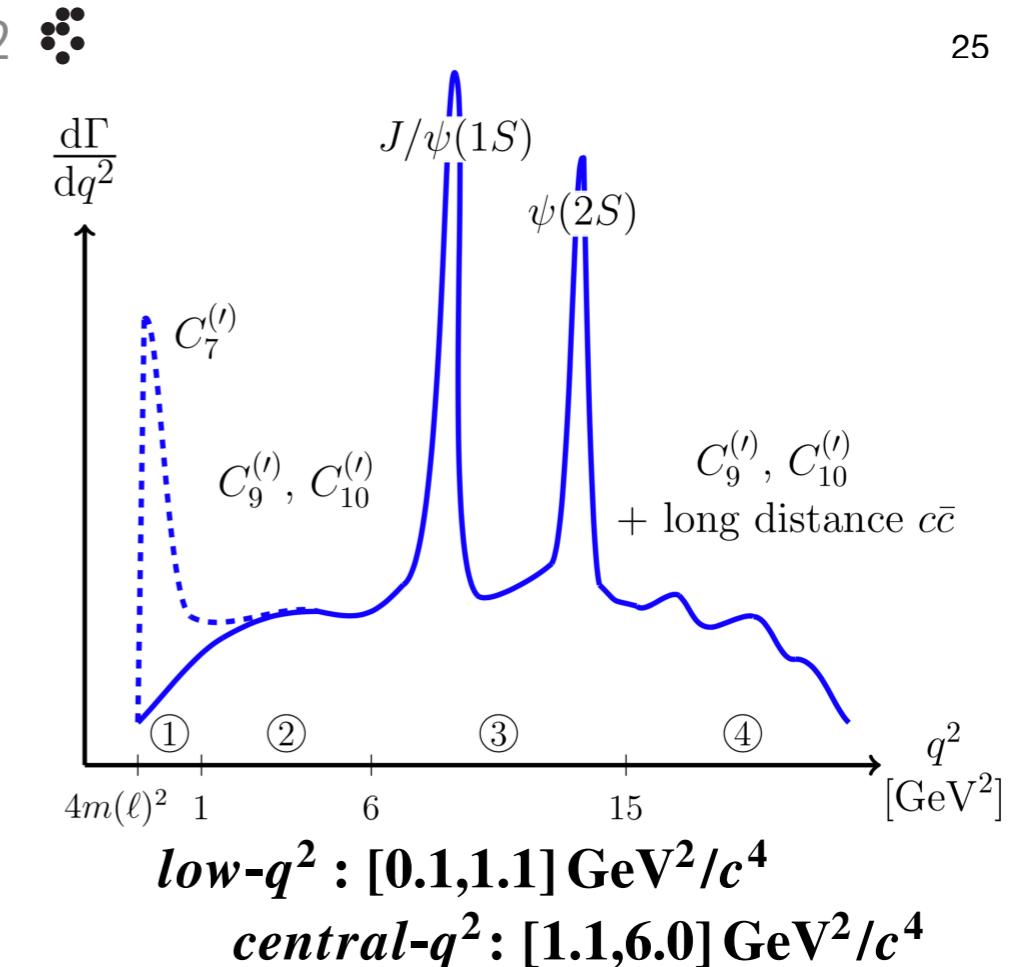
[PRD 108 \(2023\) 032002](#)

[PRL 131 \(2023\) 051803](#)

$$\mathcal{R}_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}ee)}$$



Precisely predicted to be ~1 in the SM - unc $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$



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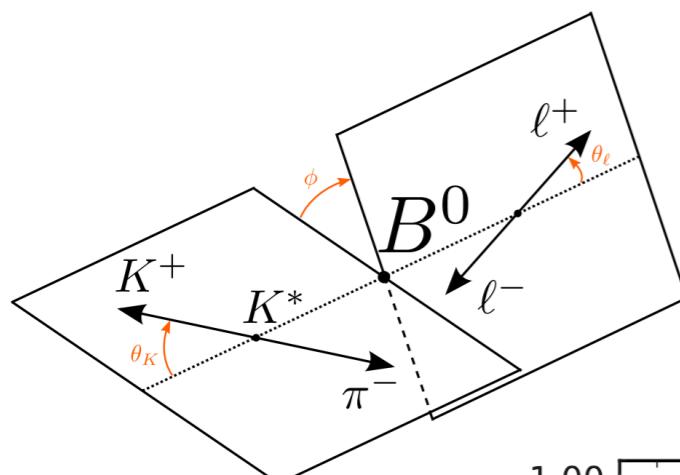
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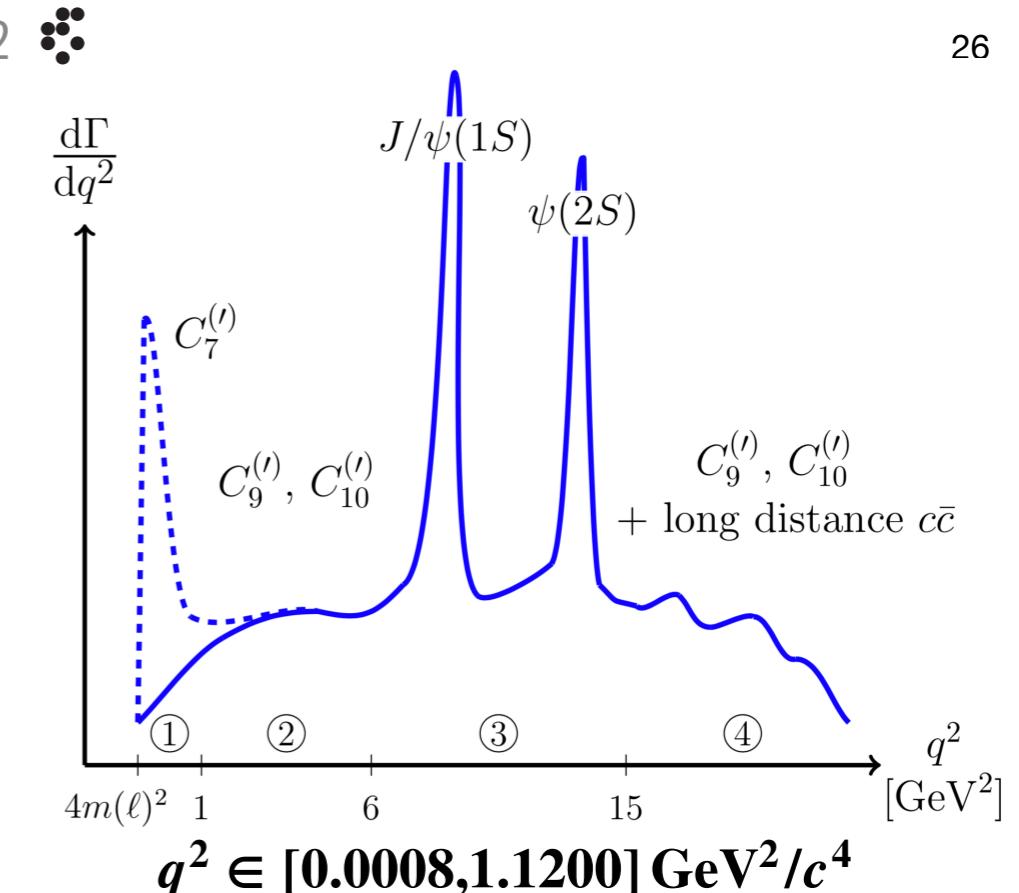
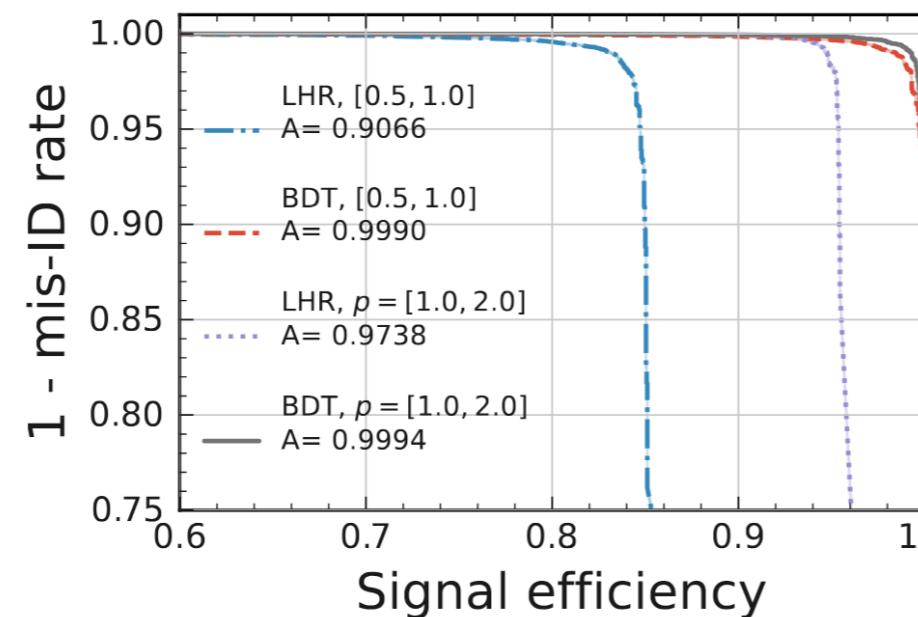
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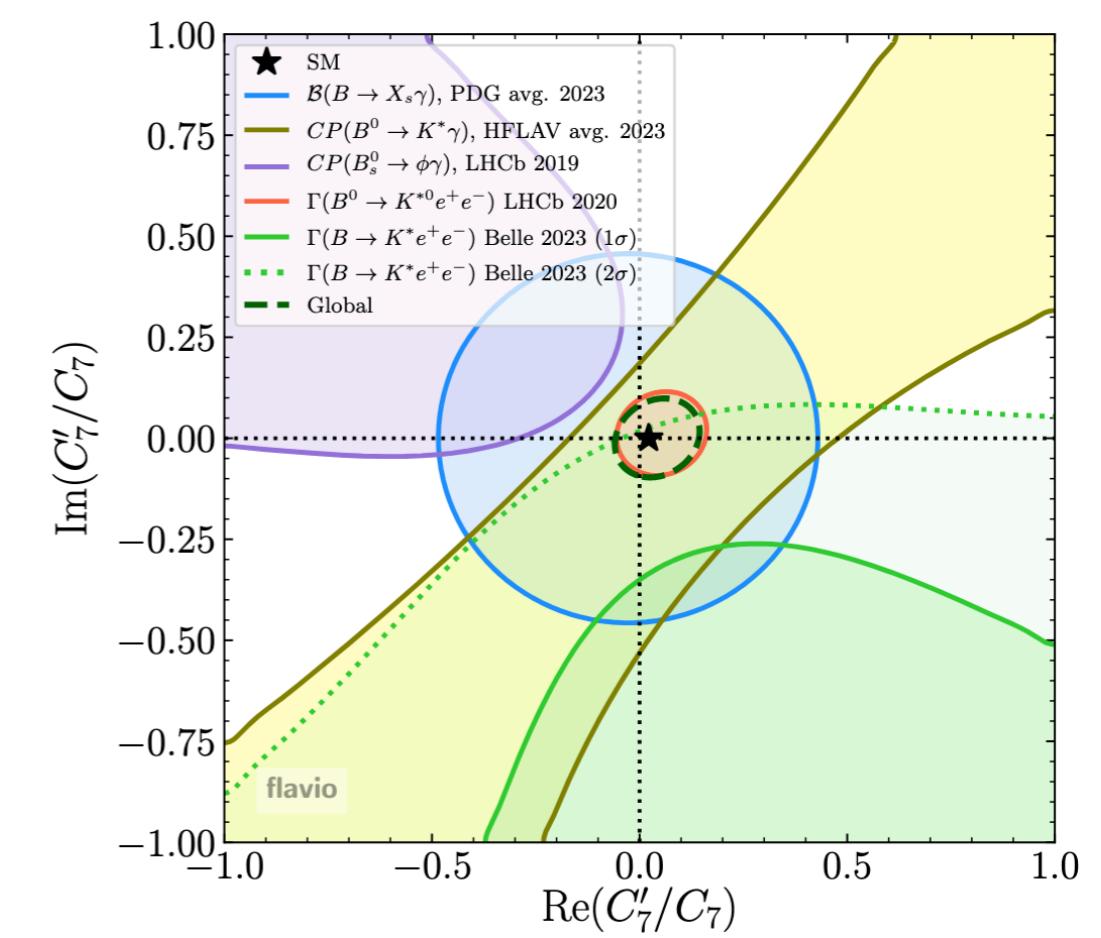


$$A_T^{\text{Im}}(q^2 = 0) = \frac{2\text{Im}(\mathcal{C}_7^{\text{eff}} \mathcal{C}_7'^{\text{eff}*})}{|\mathcal{C}_7^{\text{eff}}|^2 + |\mathcal{C}_7'^{\text{eff}}|^2}$$

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$$q^2 \in [0.0008, 1.1200] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$$



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Search for rarer $b \rightarrow d\ell\ell$ decays Belle, [PRL 133, 101804 \(2024\)](#)

Channel	UL or BR	Collaboration
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta ee$	$< 10.8 \times 10^{-8}$	BaBar
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta \mu\mu$	$< 11.2 \times 10^{-8}$	BaBar
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 ee$	$< 8.4 \times 10^{-8}$	BaBar
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu\mu$	$< 6.9 \times 10^{-8}$	BaBar
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ ee$	$< 8.0 \times 10^{-8}$	Belle
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu\mu$	$(1.78 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-8}$	LHCb
$B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \mu\mu$	$(1.98 \pm 0.53) \times 10^{-8}$	LHCb

Obtained \mathcal{B}^{UL} in the range $(3.8 - 47) \times 10^{-7}$

First search

$B^0 \rightarrow \omega \ell^+ \ell^-$

$B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 e^+ e^-$

$B^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$

$\pi^+/\rho^0 ee$ stat limited but consistent with $\pi^+/\rho^0 \mu\mu$ from LHCb

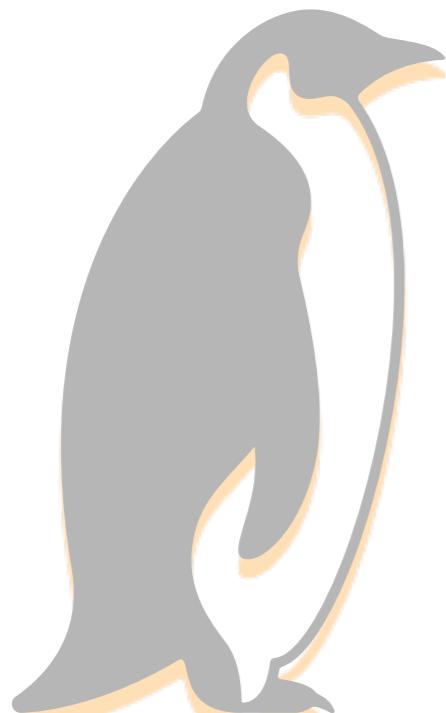
No sign of LFUV

Approaching SM!

channel	N_{sig}	$N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{UL}}$	ε (%)	$\mathcal{B}^{\text{UL}} (10^{-8})$	$\mathcal{B} (10^{-8})$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-$	$0.0^{+1.4}_{-1.0}$	3.1	3.9	< 10.5	$0.0^{+4.9}_{-3.4} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta \mu^+ \mu^-$	$0.8^{+1.5}_{-1.1}$	4.2	5.9	< 9.4	$1.9^{+3.4}_{-2.5} \pm 0.2$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta \ell^+ \ell^-$	$0.5^{+1.0}_{-0.8}$	1.8	4.9	< 4.8	$1.3^{+2.8}_{-2.2} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \omega e^+ e^-$	$-0.3^{+3.2}_{-2.5}$	3.7	1.6	< 30.7	$-2.1^{+26.5}_{-20.8} \pm 0.2$
$B^0 \rightarrow \omega \mu^+ \mu^-$	$1.7^{+2.3}_{-1.6}$	5.5	2.9	< 24.9	$7.7^{+10.8}_{-7.5} \pm 0.6$
$B^0 \rightarrow \omega \ell^+ \ell^-$	$1.0^{+1.8}_{-1.3}$	3.6	2.2	< 22.0	$6.4^{+10.7}_{-7.8} \pm 0.5$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	$-2.9^{+1.8}_{-1.4}$	4.0	6.7	< 7.9	$-5.8^{+3.6}_{-2.8} \pm 0.5$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	$-0.5^{+3.6}_{-2.7}$	6.1	13.7	< 5.9	$-0.4^{+3.5}_{-2.6} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$	$-1.8^{+1.6}_{-1.1}$	2.9	10.2	< 3.8	$-2.3^{+2.1}_{-1.5} \pm 0.2$
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	$0.1^{+2.5}_{-1.6}$	5.0	11.5	< 5.4	$0.1^{+2.7}_{-1.8} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 e^+ e^-$	$5.6^{+3.5}_{-2.7}$	10.8	3.2	< 45.5	$23.6^{+14.6}_{-11.2} \pm 1.1$
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ e^+ e^-$	$-4.4^{+2.3}_{-2.0}$	5.3	1.4	< 46.7	$-38.2^{+24.5}_{-17.2} \pm 3.4$
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$3.0^{+4.0}_{-3.0}$	8.7	2.9	< 38.1	$13.0^{+17.5}_{-13.3} \pm 1.1$
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$	$0.4^{+2.3}_{-1.8}$	3.0	2.0	< 18.9	$2.5^{+14.6}_{-11.8} \pm 0.2$

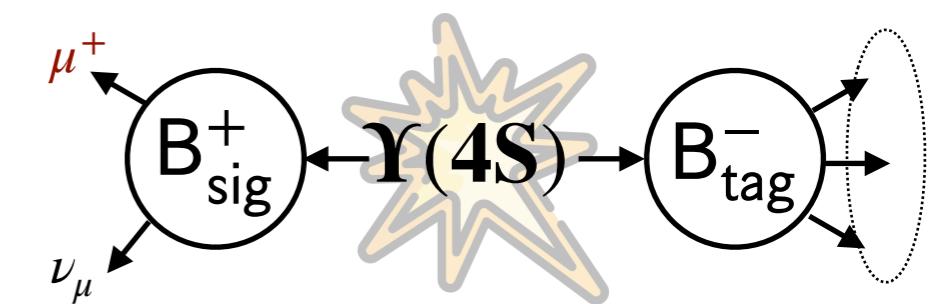
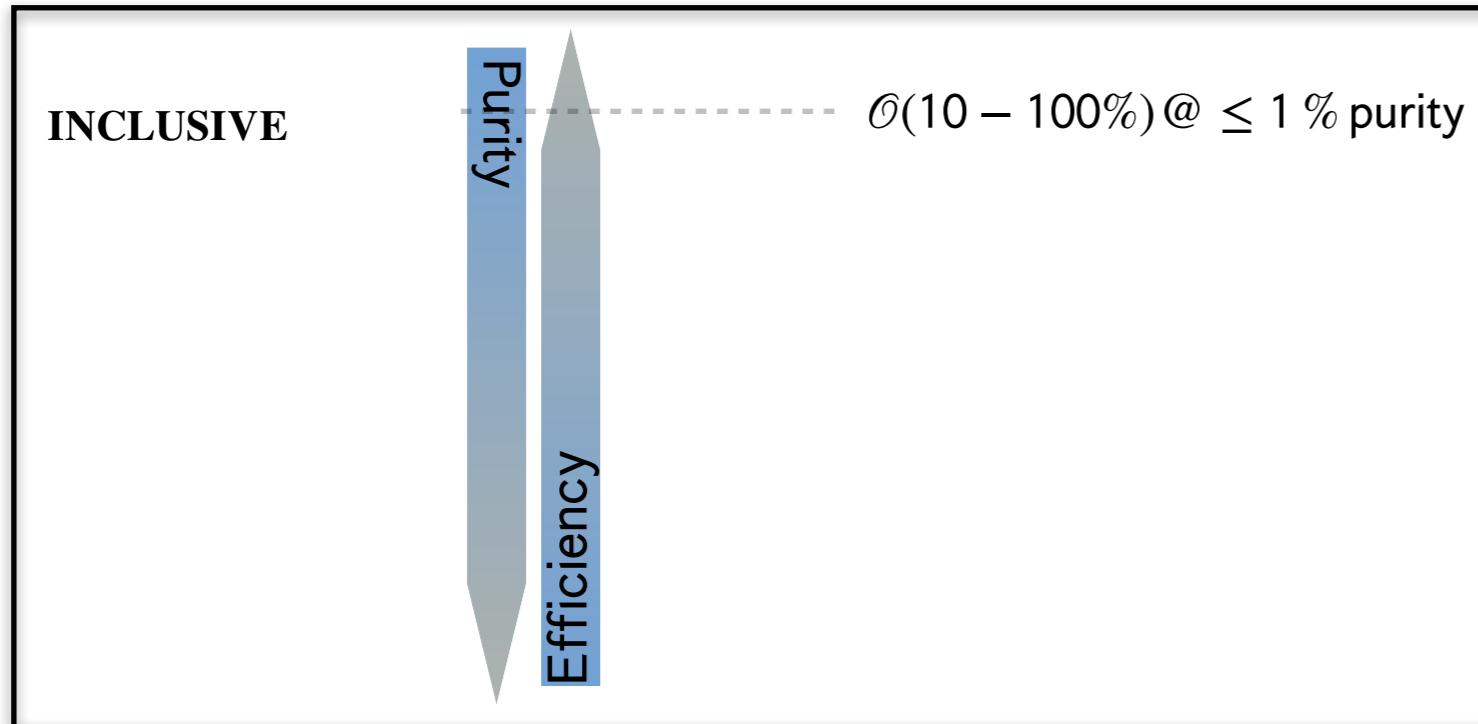
90% CL upper limits

B → VISIBLE + MISSING ENERGY



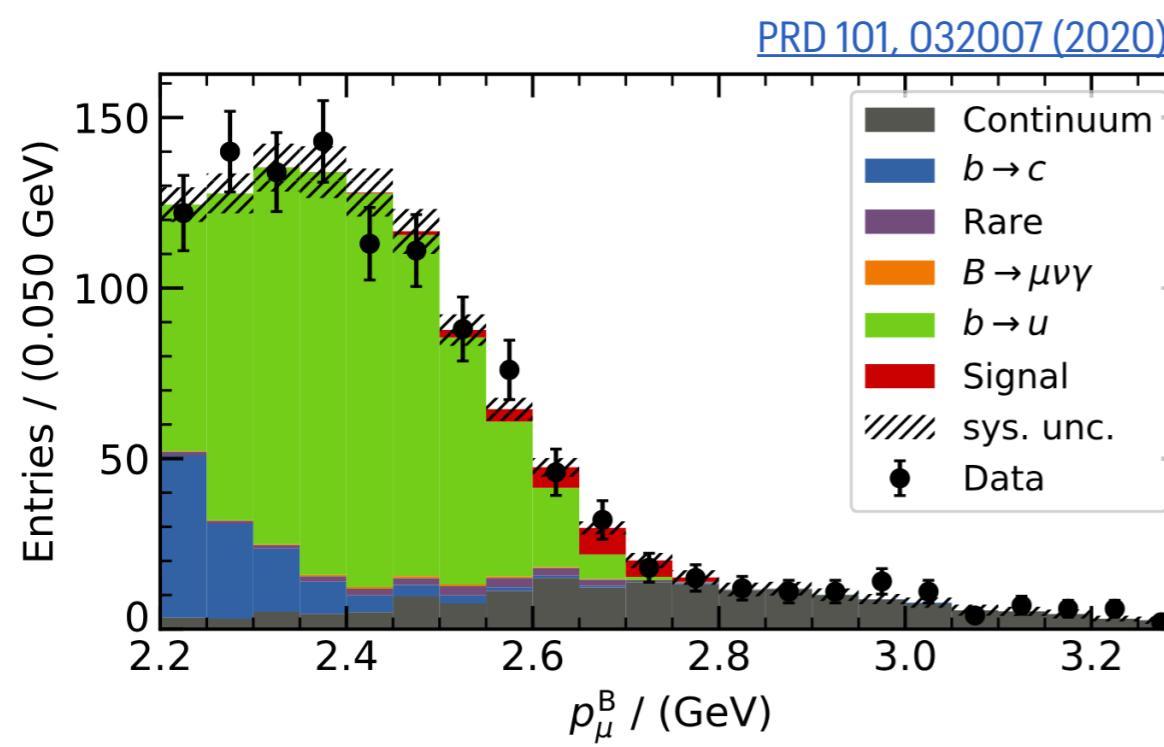
- B-tagging strategies
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ observation
- $B \rightarrow K\tau\tau$ searches
- LFV in B

B-TAGGING FOR MISSING-ENERGY MODES



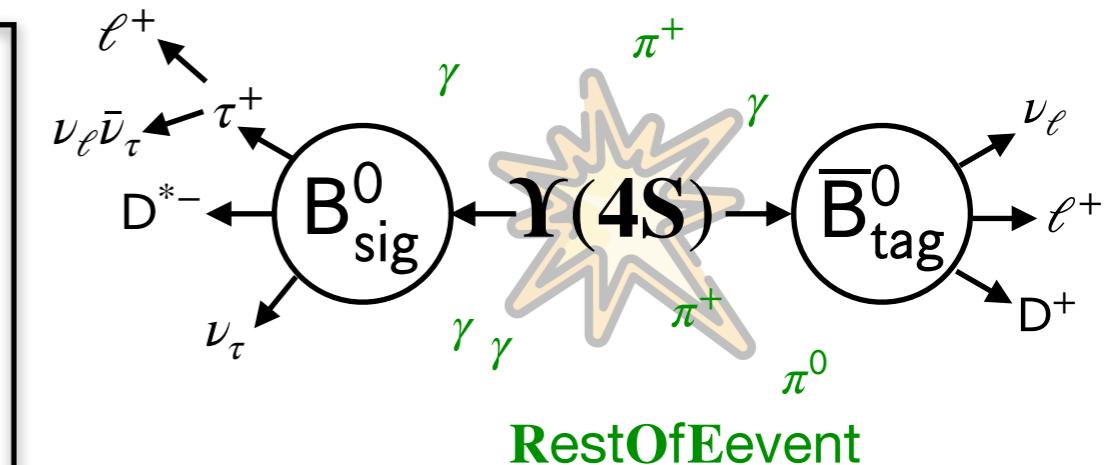
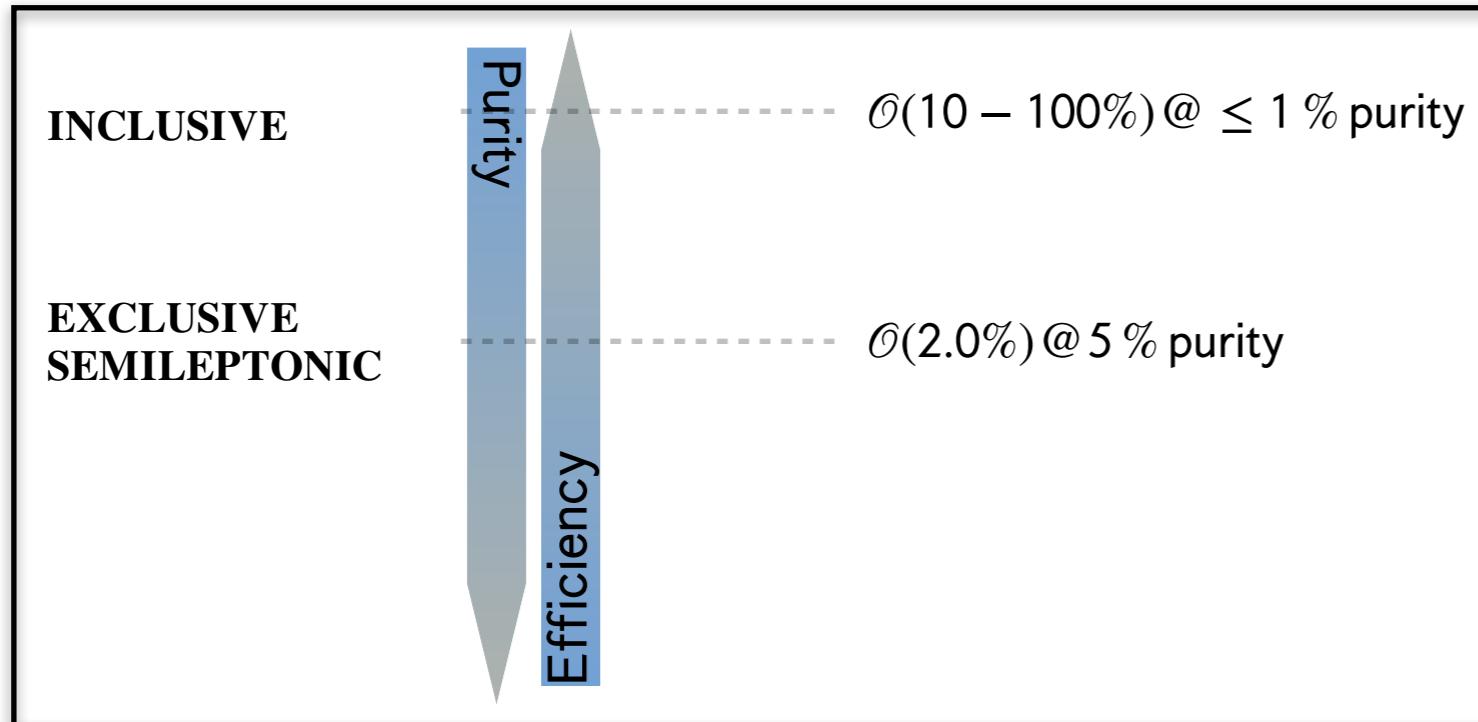
B-tagging used for

- **Background filtering**
- Partial kinematic info

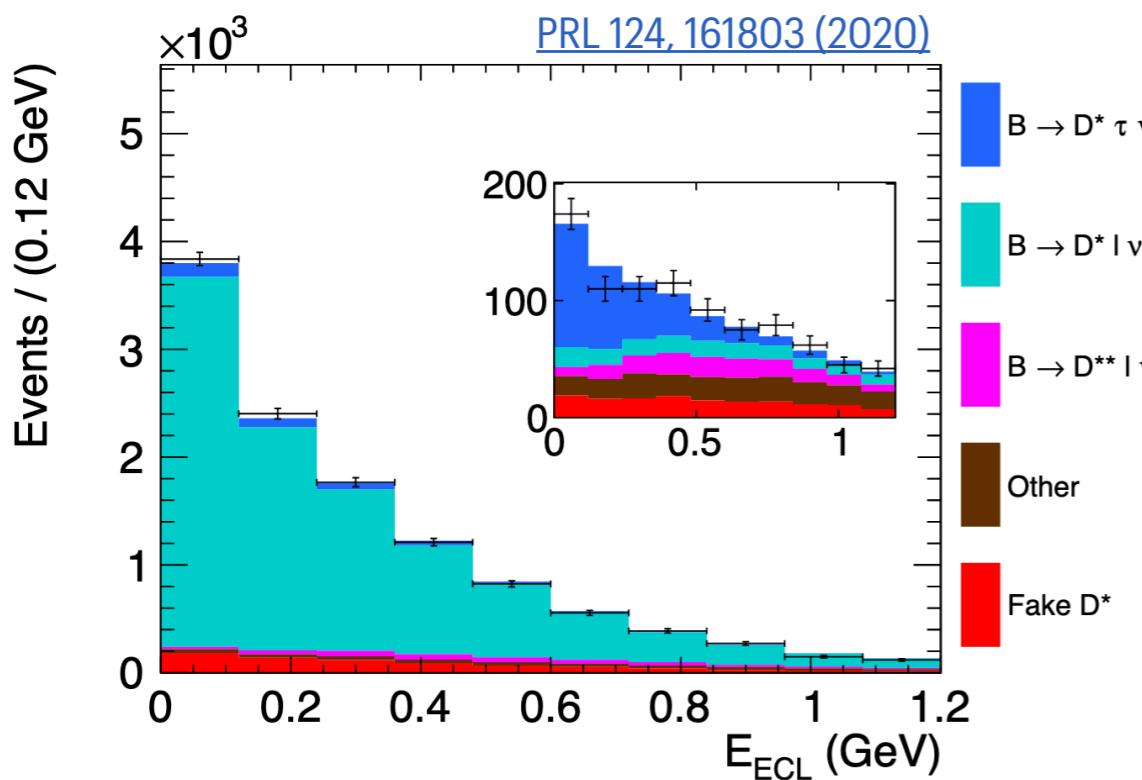


- Maximise sensitivity for decays with specific signatures (e.g. single track)
- The directional information from the B_{tag} , despite the poor experimental resolution, is used to boost the μ^\pm into the signal B_{sig} rest-frame

B-TAGGING FOR MISSING-ENERGY MODES



- B-tagging used for
- Background filtering
 - **Partial kinematic info**
 - Flavour info

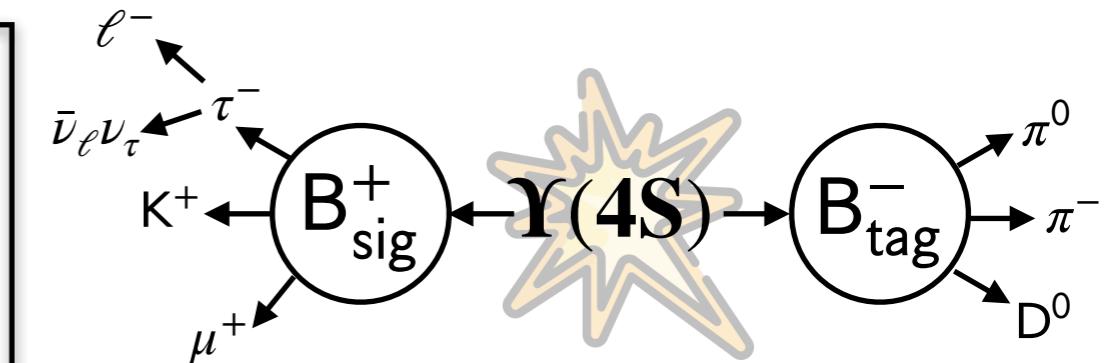
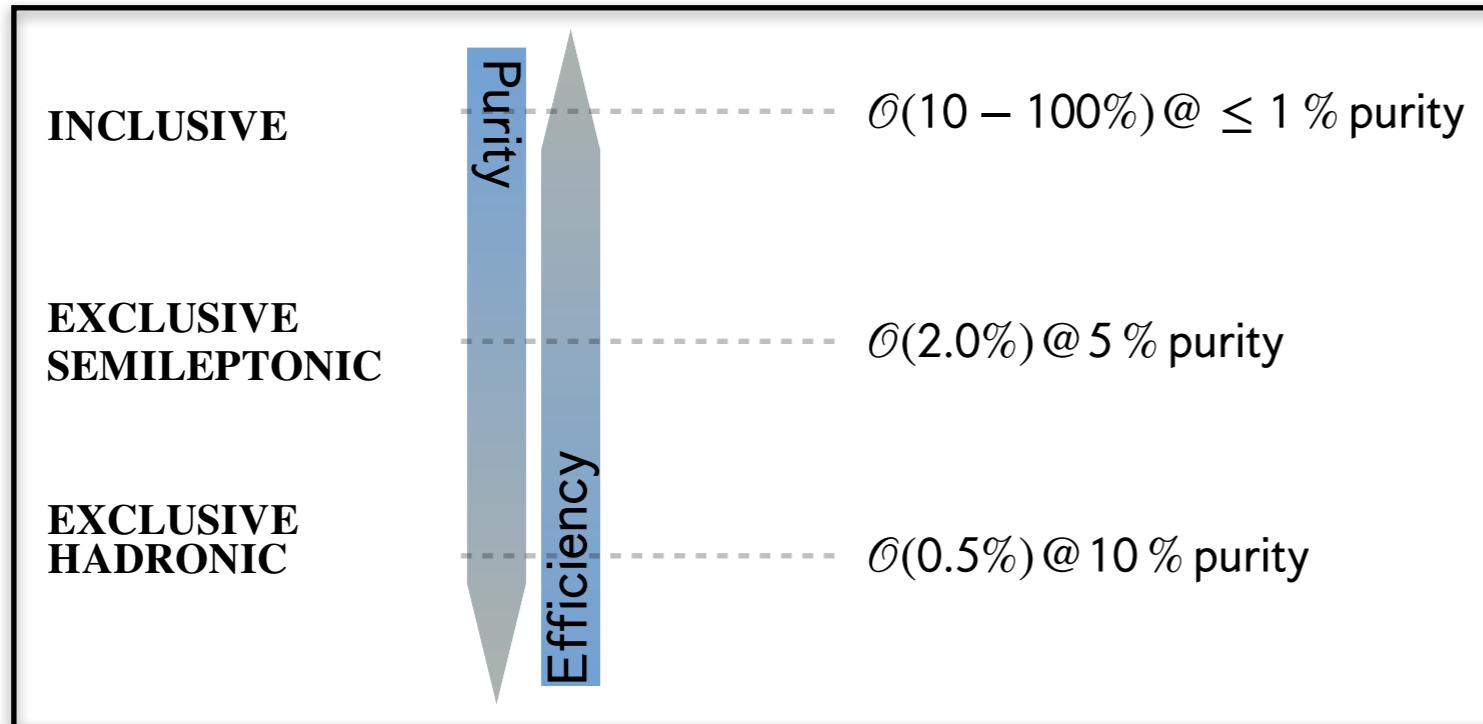


E_{ECL} → Sum of the energy deposits in the calorimeter that cannot be associated with the reconstructed daughters of the B_{tag} or the B_{sig}

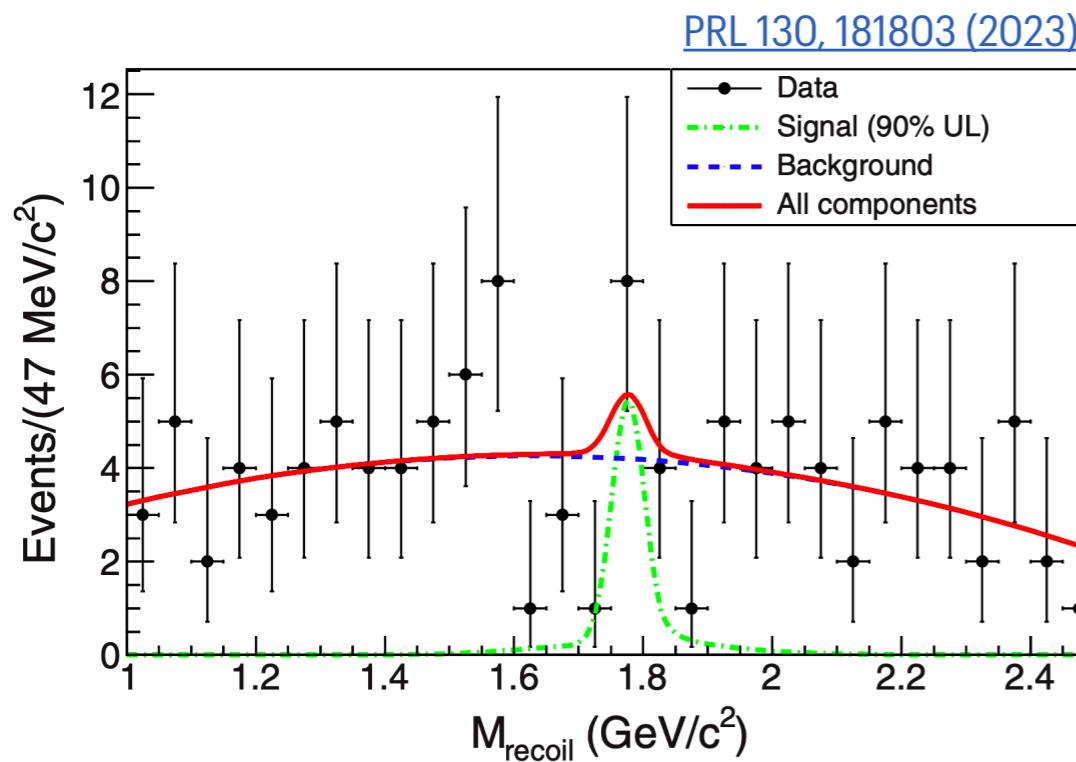
Signal events → $E_{ECL} \sim 0$

Background events → Additional neutral clusters from unreconstructed particles

B-TAGGING FOR MISSING-ENERGY MODES



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 - Full kinematic info



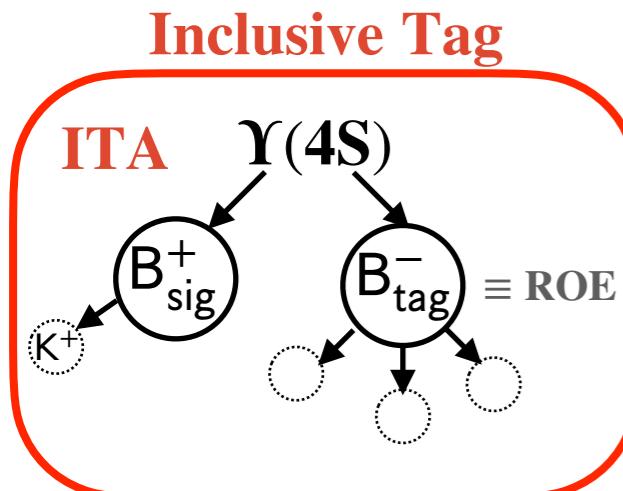
The two B's are produced back-to-back in the CM frame
 ↪ the reconstruction of the B_{tag} allows to know the 3-momentum of the B_{tag} on an event-by-event basis with excellent resolution

$$M_{\text{recoil}} = \left[m_B^2 + m_{K\ell}^2 - 2(E_{\text{beam}}^* E_{K\ell}^* + |\vec{p}_{B_{\text{tag}}}^*| |\vec{p}_{K\ell}^*| \cos \theta) \right]^{1/2}$$

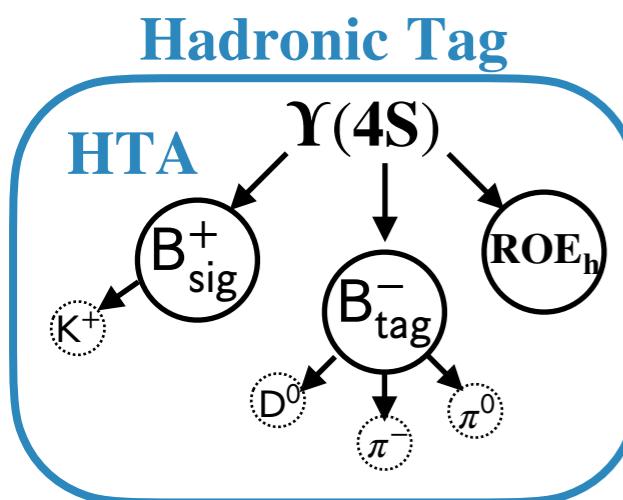
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ SEARCH WITH BELLE II

[PRD 109, 112006 \(2024\)](#)

Two tagging approaches leading to almost statistically independent samples



- Leading the final sensitivity
- Two classifiers pre-filter (BDT_1) + BDT_2
- Fit to $q_{\text{rec}}^2 \times \eta(\text{BDT}_2)$ (ON+OFF data)

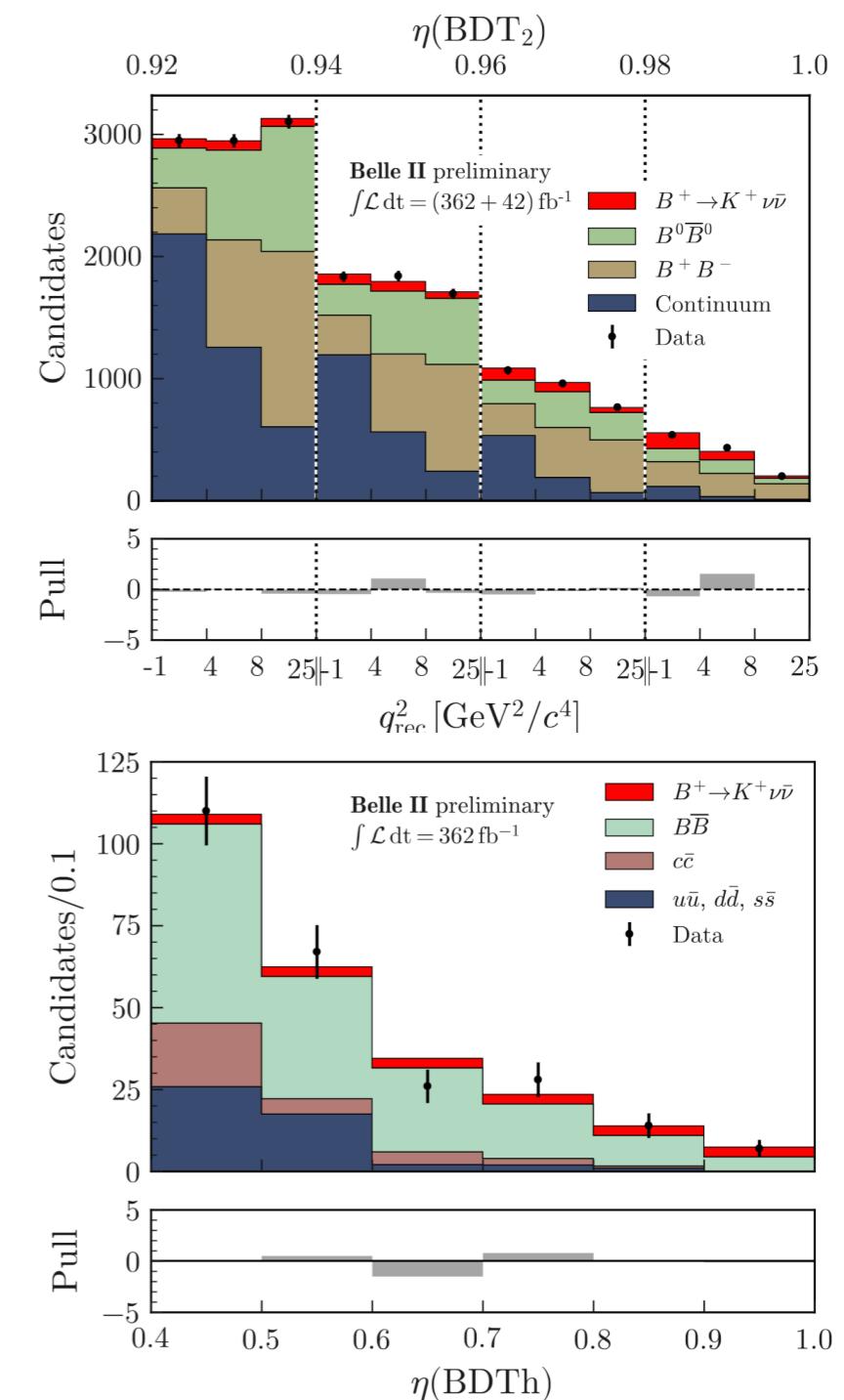


- Less sensitive, used for consistency check
- Single classifier BDT_h
- Fit to $\eta(\text{BDT}_h)$ for ON resonance data

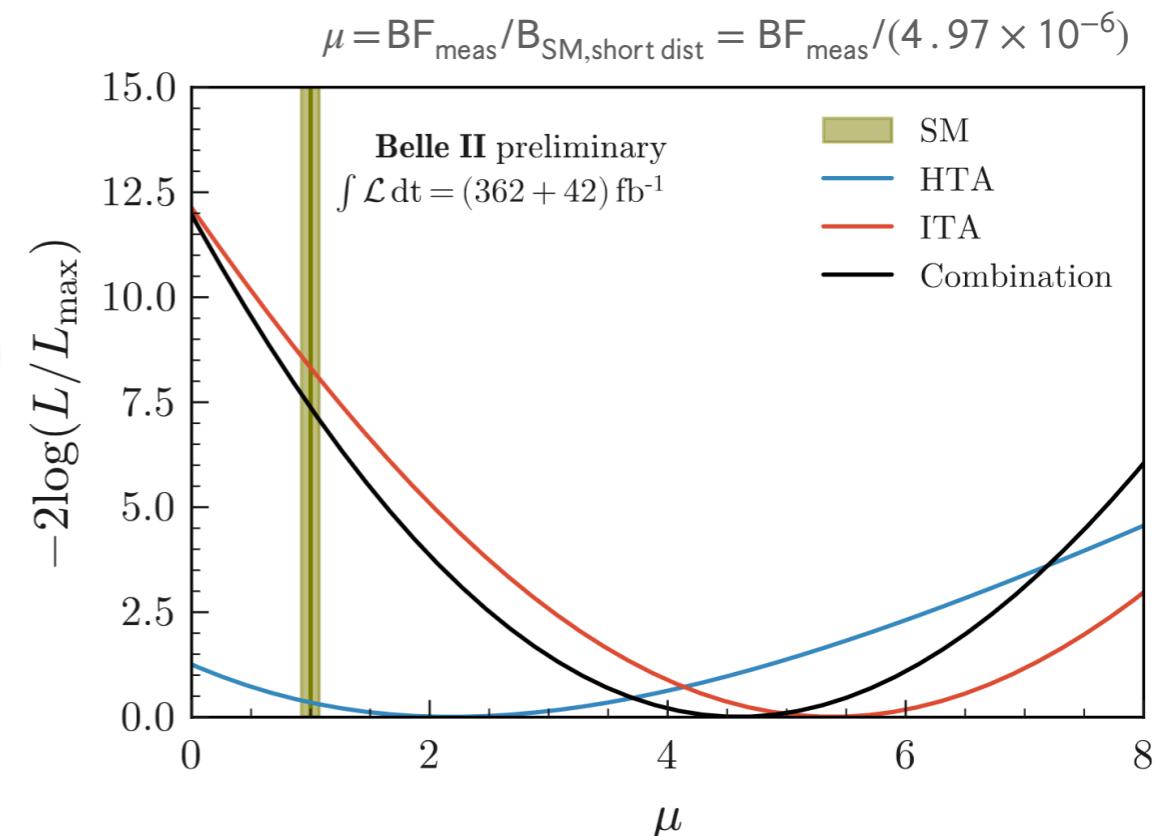
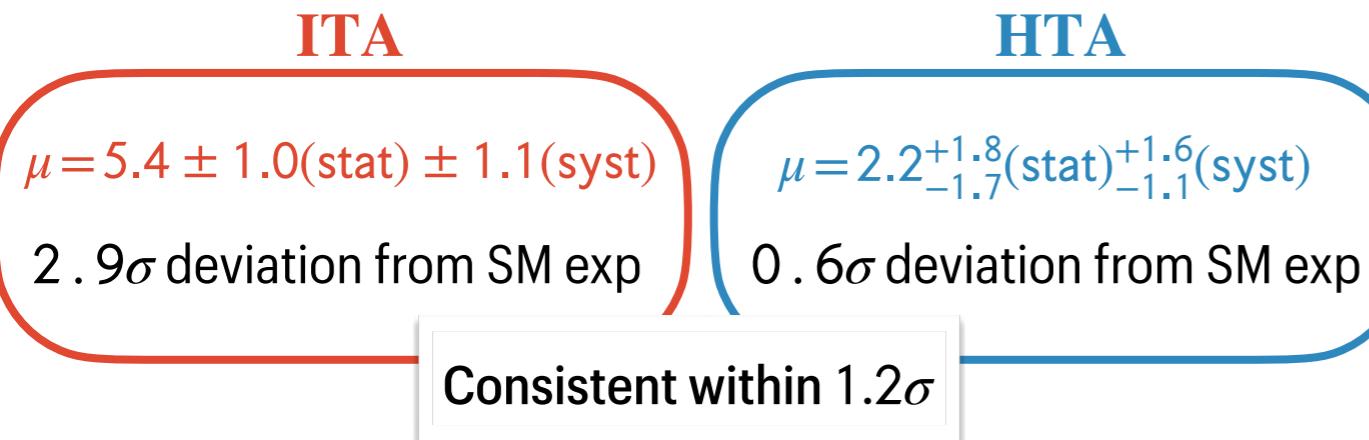
K^+_{sig} : reconstructed applying kaon-enriching selection

$$q_{\text{rec}}^2 = s/(4c^4) + M_K^2 - \sqrt{s} E_K^*/c$$

$\text{BDT}_{2,h}$: uses information of signal kaon, ROE and event topology



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



ITA + HTA Likelihood-level combination:

- Include correlations among common syst unc.
- Common data events excluded from ITA sample

$$(2.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5} \text{ (ITA + HTA)}$$

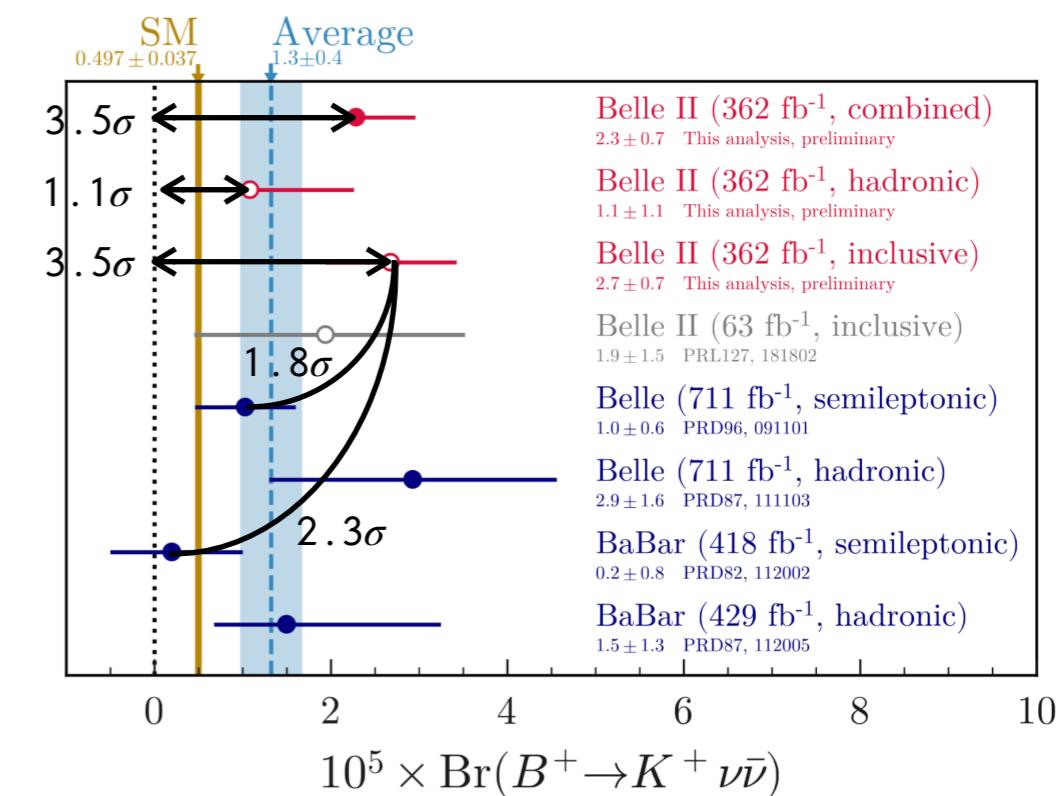
$$(1.1^{+1.2}_{-1.0}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ (HTA)}$$

$$(2.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5} \text{ (ITA)}$$

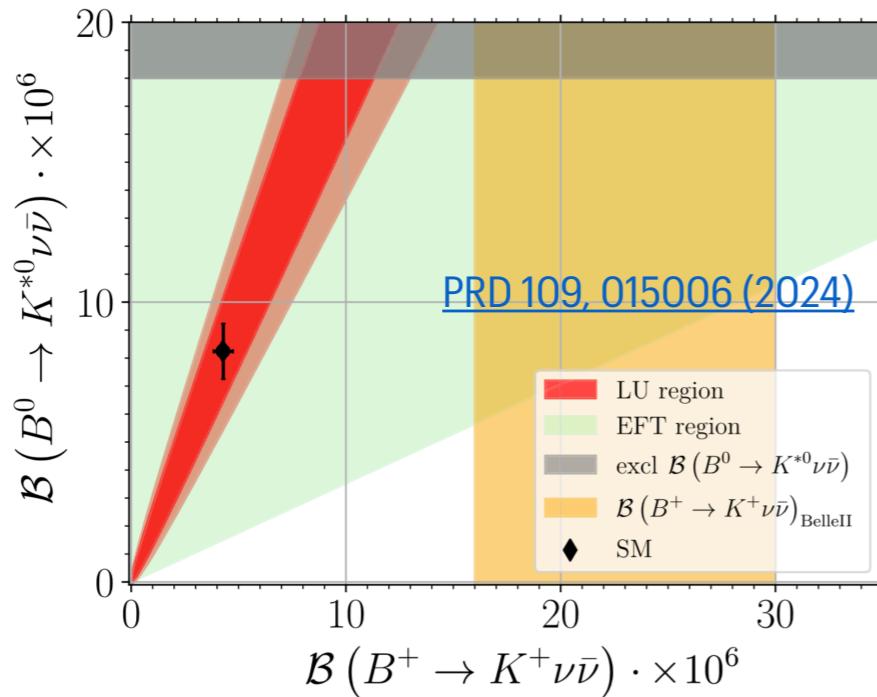
First evidence of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

3.5σ deviation from background-only hypothesis

2.7σ deviation from SM exp

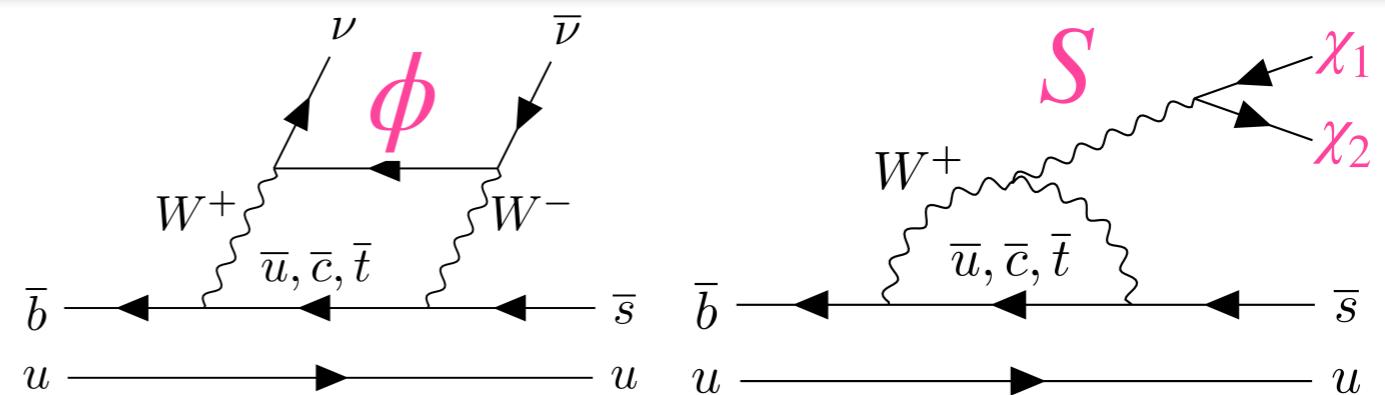


WHAT FOLLOWS $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$



Lepton flavour universality does not intersect with
Belle II data below the excluded region from Belle

Is lepton flavour universality violated?
Multi-TeV-scale? Light new physics?



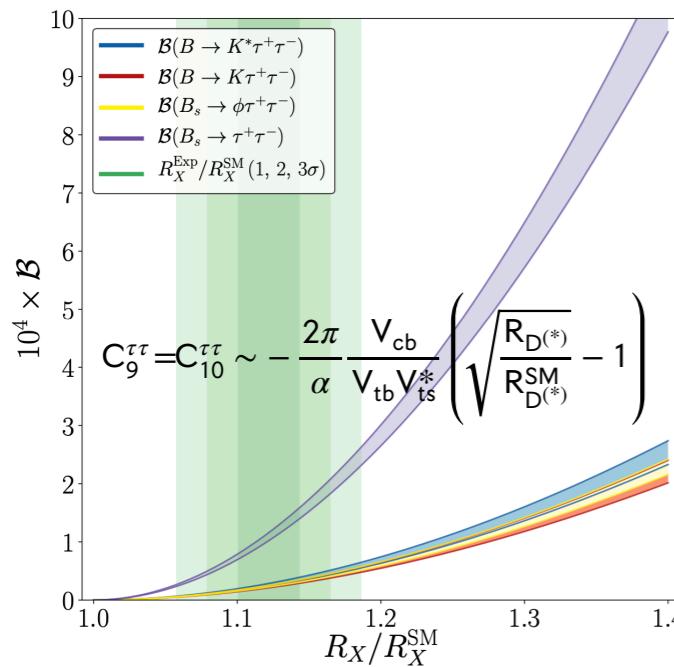
LQ, [PRD 98, 055003 \(2018\)](#)

ALPs, [EPJC 79 \(2019\) 5, 369](#)

Important to corroborate the 2023 result

- More data (ITA: stat~syst, with some syst being statistical in nature)
- Additional $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$ channels (NP can couple differently to K, K^*)
- Additional tagging approaches (uncertainty SL~ITA)

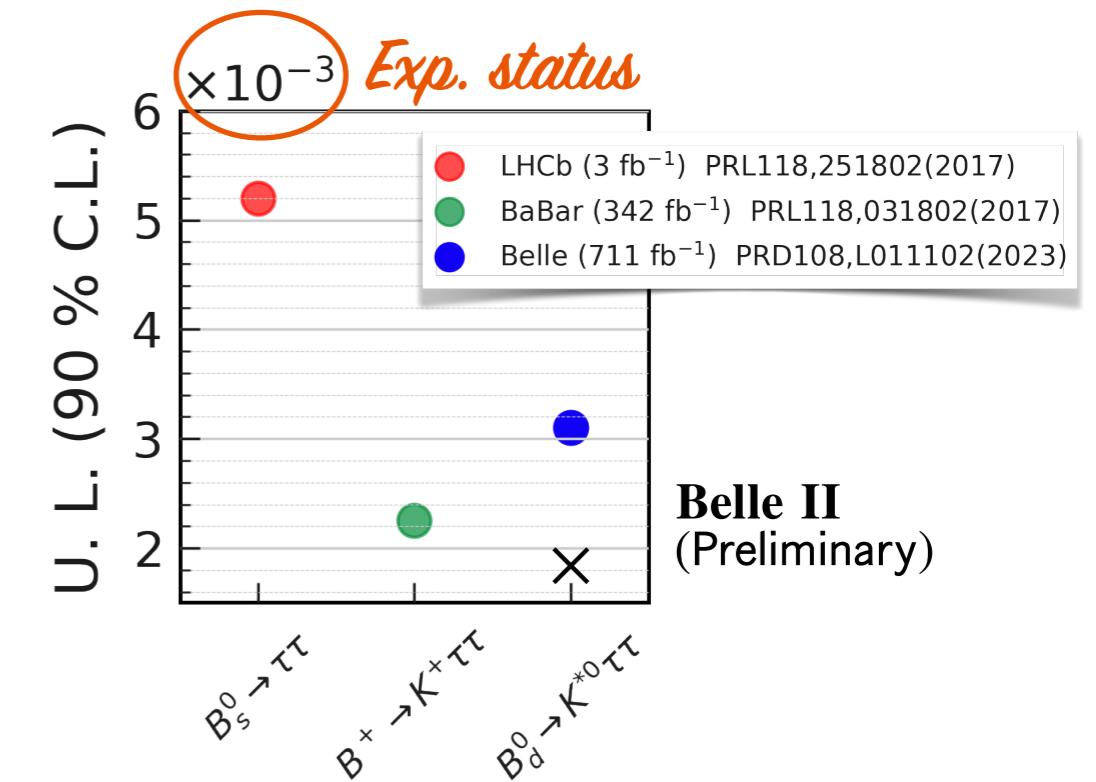
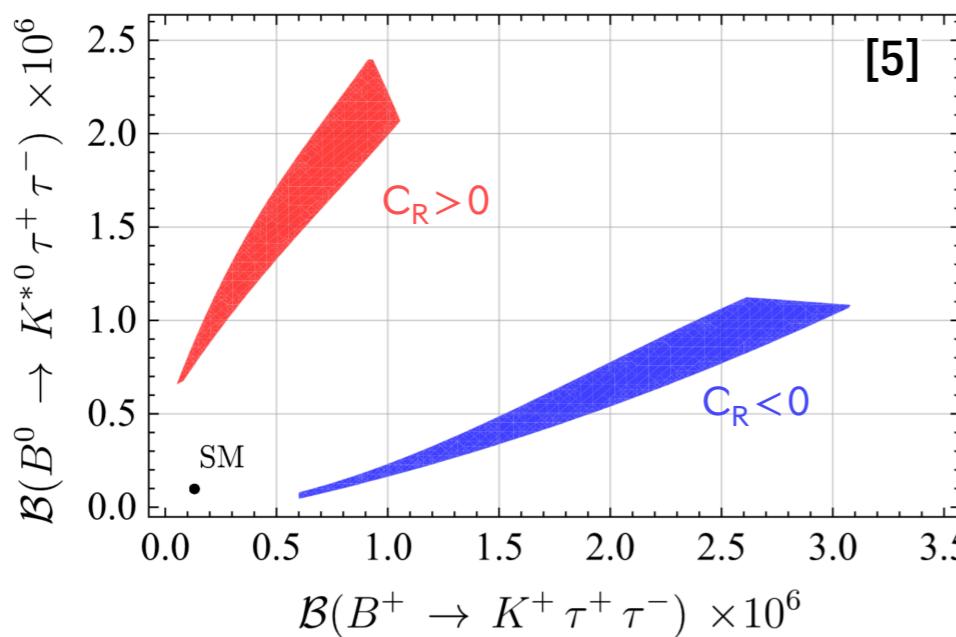
MOTIVATION FOR $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ SEARCHES



- $\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$ [1]
- Correlation with $R_{D^{(*)}}$ [2] → Large enhancements to SM BF $\mathcal{O}(10^2 - 10^3)$ [3]
- Recent $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$ excess, combined with R_{K^*} constraints, suggest LFUV in τ 's [4,5]

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}}} = 5.4 \pm 1.5 \text{ (Belle II)}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\tau\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\tau\tau)^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^*\tau\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^*\tau\tau)^{\text{SM}}} \in [16, 48]$$



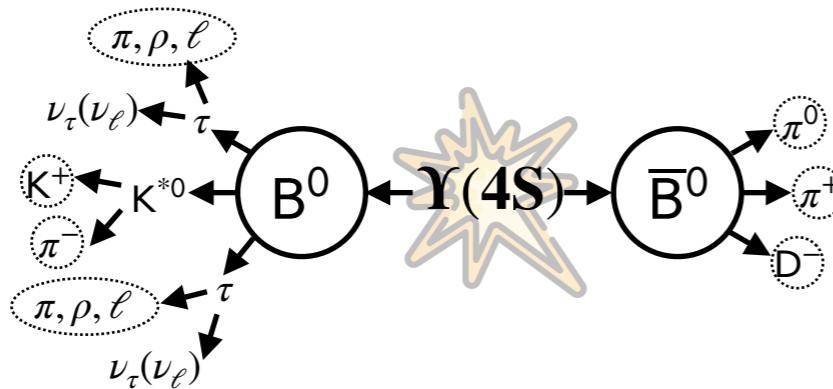
Unique opportunity for Belle II

$B \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau\tau$ AT BELLE (II)



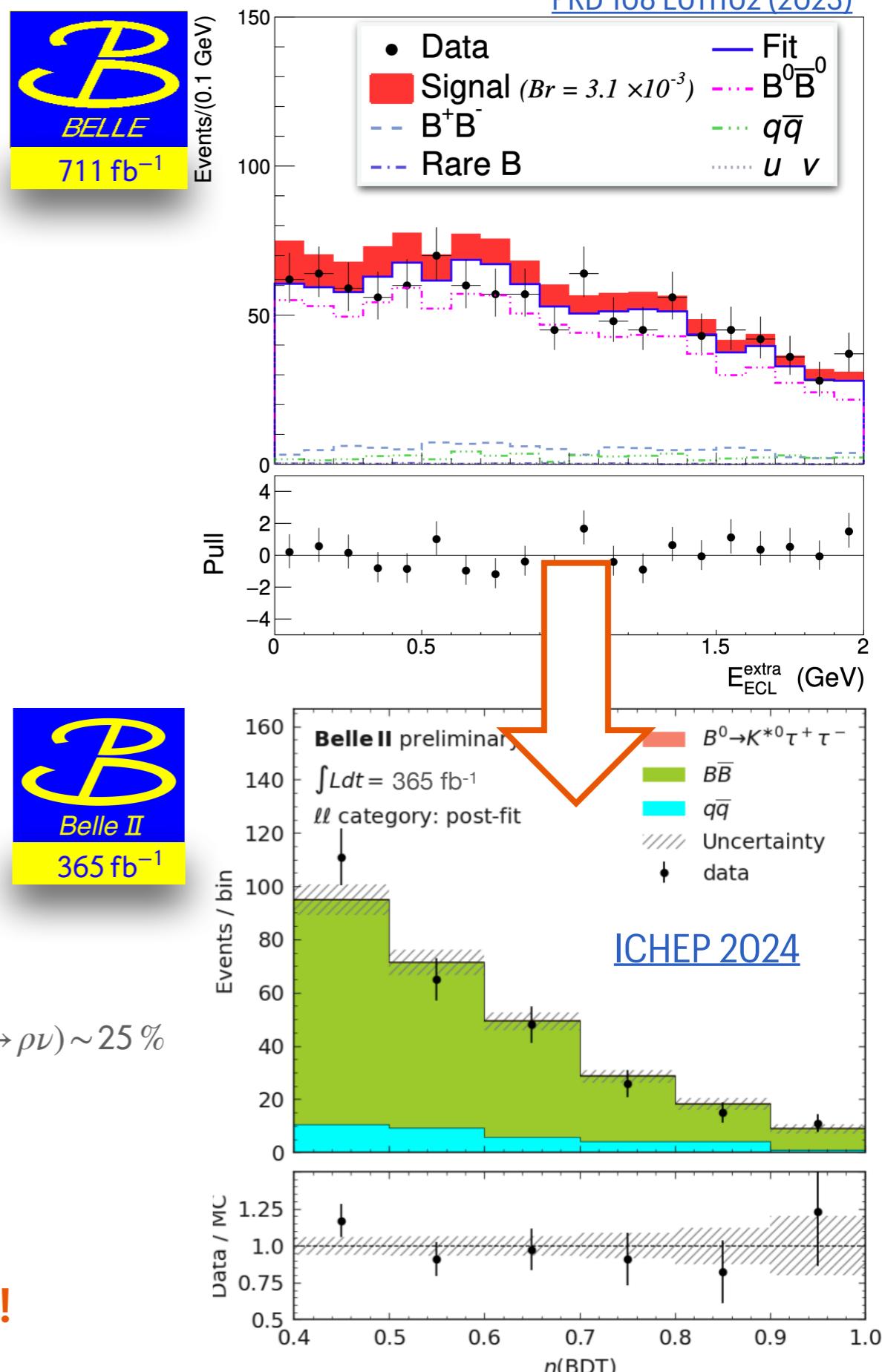
[PRD 108 L011102 \(2023\)](#)

- Hadronic B-tagging Belle neurobayes-based algorithm
- Cut-based analysis
- $\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \bar{\nu}, \pi \nu$ combined template fit in E_{ECL}
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau\tau) < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$ (90 % CL)



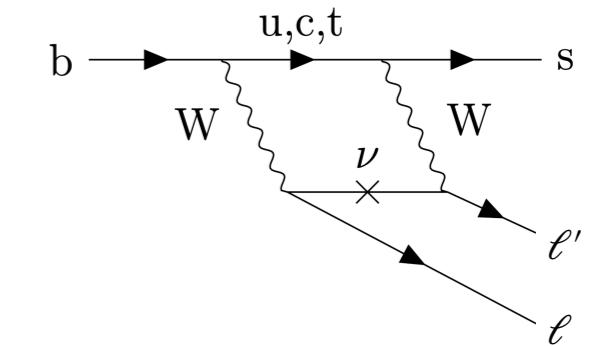
- Hadronic B-tagging Belle II BDT-based algorithm $\times 2$ eff.
- Multivariate analysis
- Simultaneous fit for $\ell\ell, \ell\pi, \pi\pi, \rho X$ in BDT output $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \rho\nu) \sim 25\%$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau\tau) < 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ (90 % CL)

Better UL with less data!



CHARGED LEPTON FLAVOUR VIOLATION IN B DECAYS

- Lepton Flavour Violating (LFV) decays can occur in the SM via ν mixing but are highly suppressed (m_ν^2/m_W^2) – well beyond any experimental sensitivity



- Extensions to the SM explaining the B-anomalies can connect the LFUV to the LFV

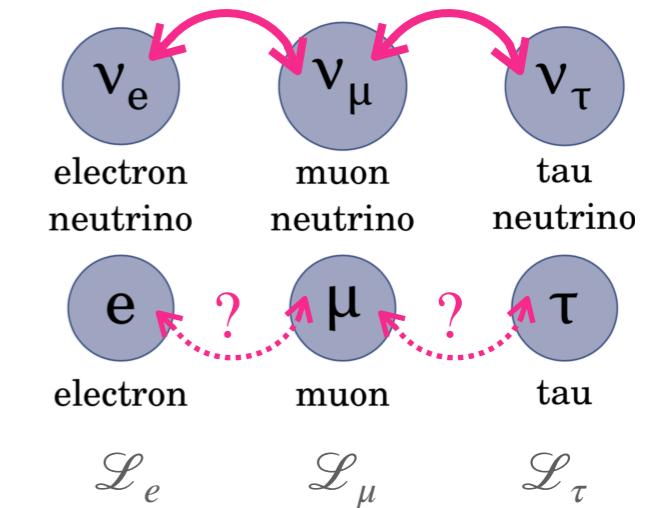


[PRL 114, 091801 \(2015\)](#)

- Enhanced decay rates in, for example, $b \rightarrow s\tau\ell$ transitions

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\mu\tau) \in [2, 3] \times 10^{-6}$$

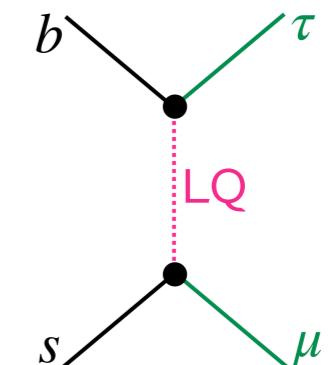
[PLB 848, 138411 \(2023\)](#)



- The specific NP models that can lead to LFV must obey the constraints from other flavour observables

$B_{(c)}/W \rightarrow \tau\nu$, $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$, $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma(\phi)$...

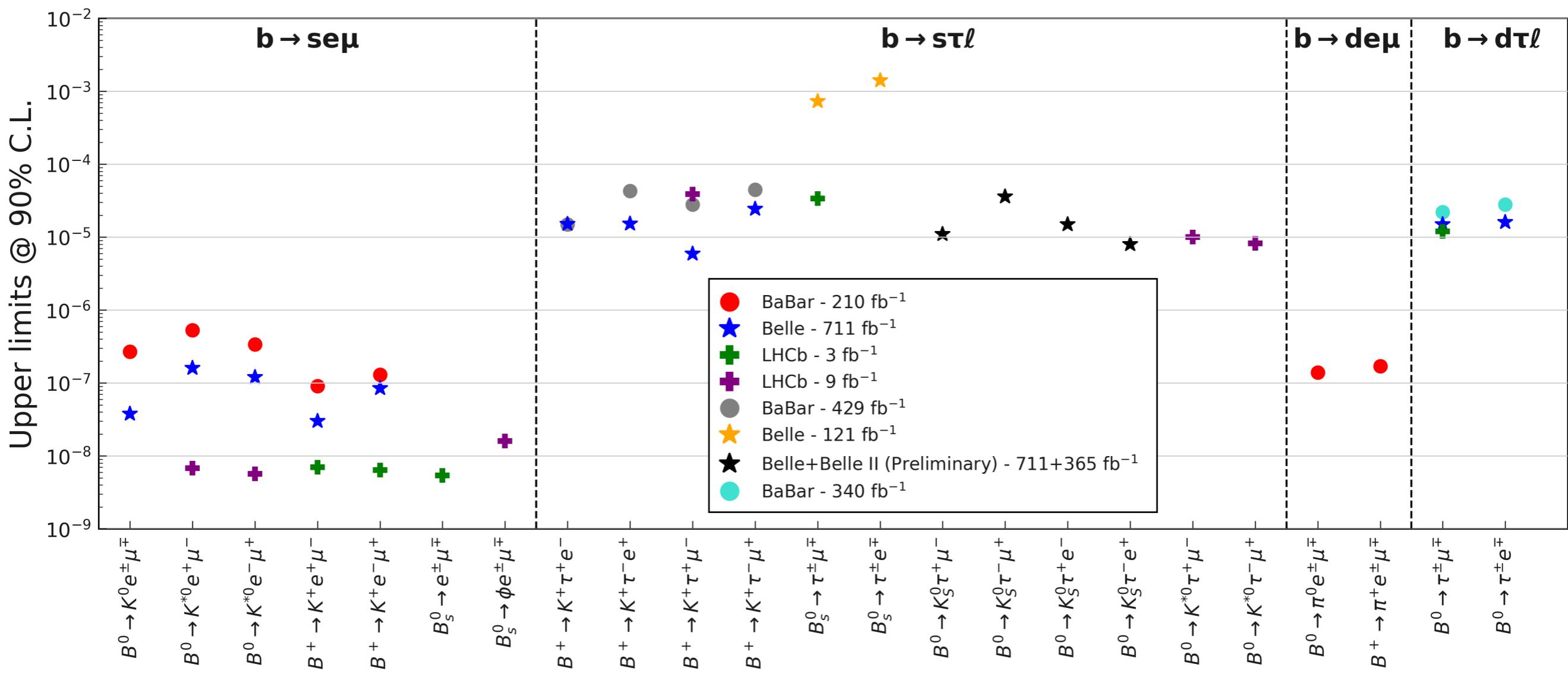
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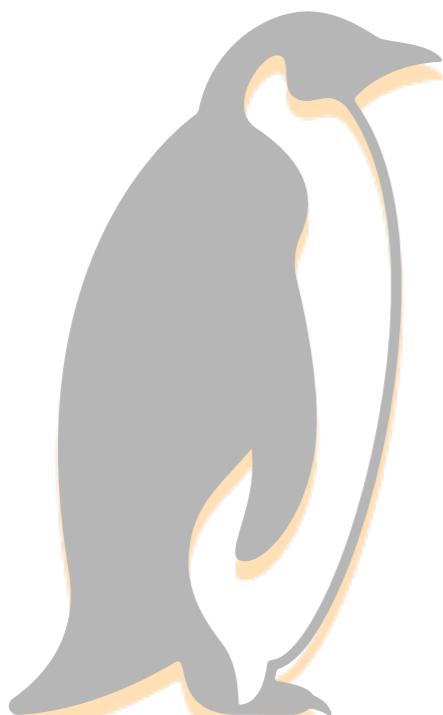
The observation of LFV in the charged sector would be a clear sign of physics beyond the Standard Model!

EXPERIMENTAL STATUS

- Searches of $b \rightarrow s e \mu$ decays are dominated by LHCb and UL's are $\mathcal{O}(10^{-8} - 10^{-9})$
- $b \rightarrow s \tau \ell$ are the most searched for, given the connection with the B -anomalies
 - UL are $\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$ and Belle(II) and LHCb have similar sensitivities
- B -factories perform better with $b \rightarrow (s, d)\tau e$ modes

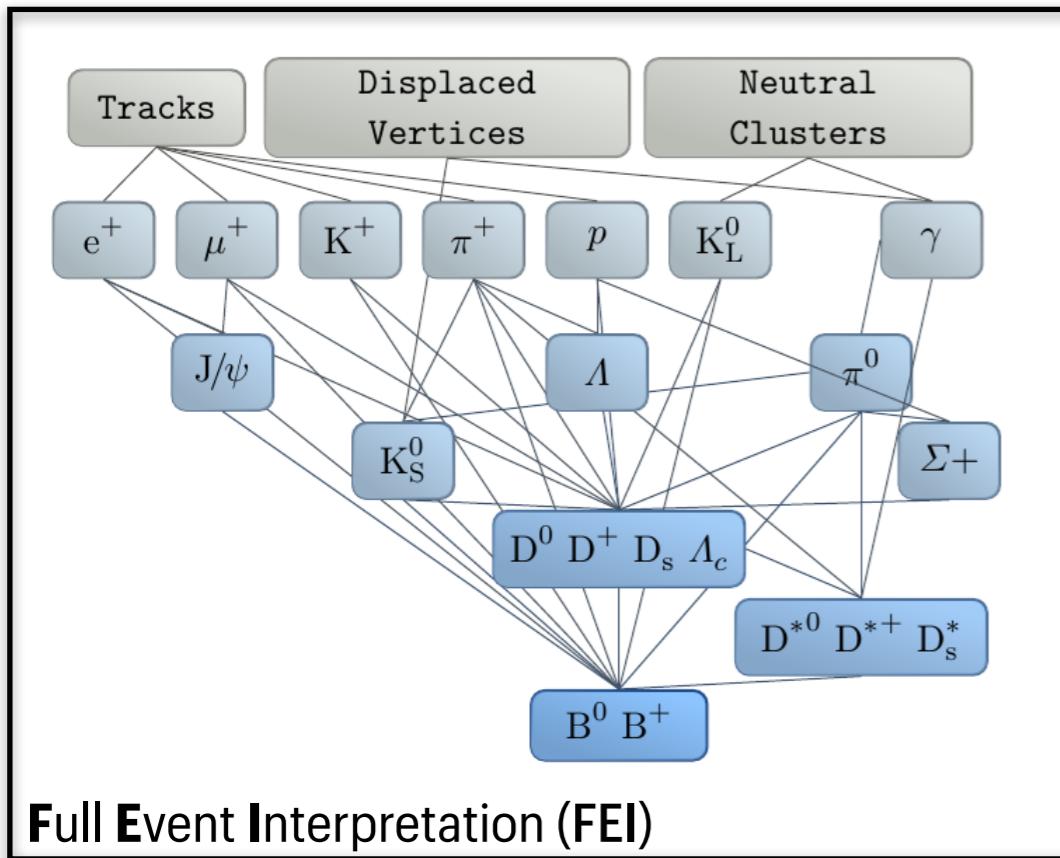


THE CHALLENGES



- Modelling of $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}d$
- Modelling of (signal-like) backgrounds
- Neutrals reconstruction

EXCLUSIVE B-TAGGING AT BELLE II



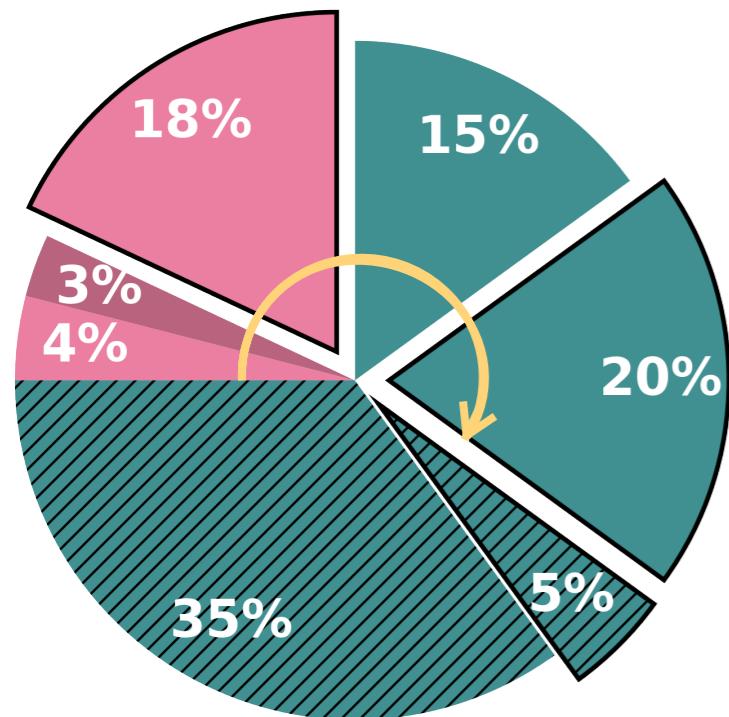
FEI is the algorithm for HAD B_{tag} reconstruction at Belle II [1]

- Mostly $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} m \pi^\pm n \pi^0$
- ~2x higher efficiency wrt previous algorithms [2]
- Employs BDTs trained on MC $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ events
- \mathcal{P}_{FEI} used to select best B_{tag}

Main challenges

1. Large data/MC efficiency discrepancies
→ Improve the modelling of B-decays 
2. Hadronic B-tagging: pure but very low efficiency
→ Add more decay modes
→ New algorithms: Graph Neural Network FEI [ACAT2022](#)

B-MESON DECAYS

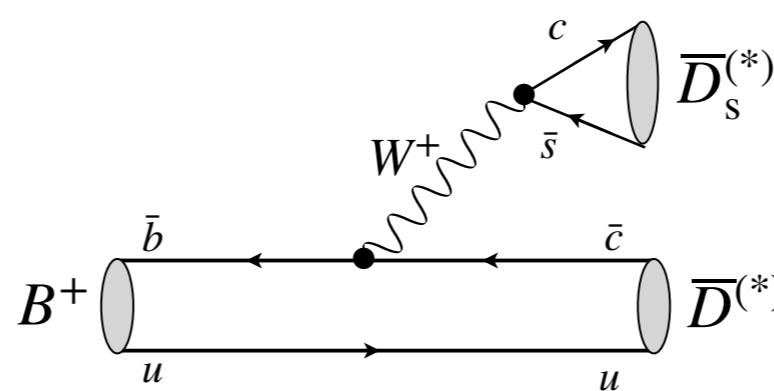
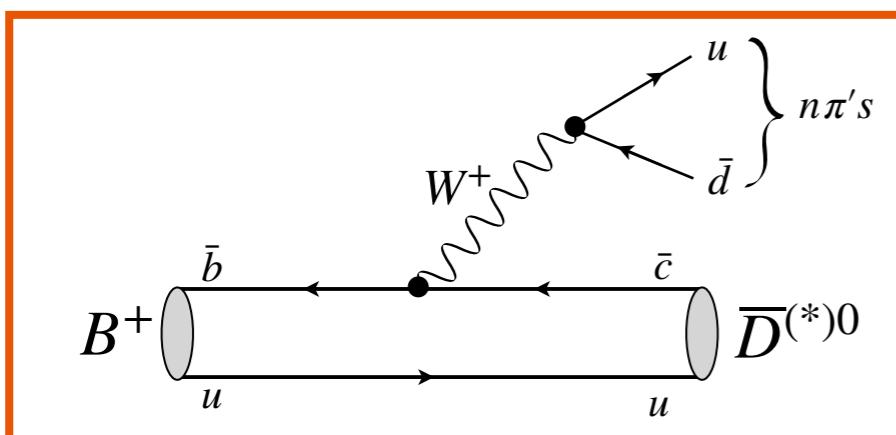


- **Semileptonic** ($\ell = \{e, \mu\}$)
- **Semileptonic** ($\ell = \tau$)
- **Hadronic**
- **Covered by FEI**
- **EvtGen**
- **PYTHIA**

From

- PDG (i.e. measurements, though most are performed with small data sets → large statistical uncertainties, some poorly implemented in the simulation)
- symmetry principles

Quark fragmentation (i.e. no control over the final states and their BF, difficult to tune)



A. Lenz, [0011258](#)

- $\bar{b} \rightarrow c W^+ (\rightarrow \bar{u}d)$ (~60% of had B)
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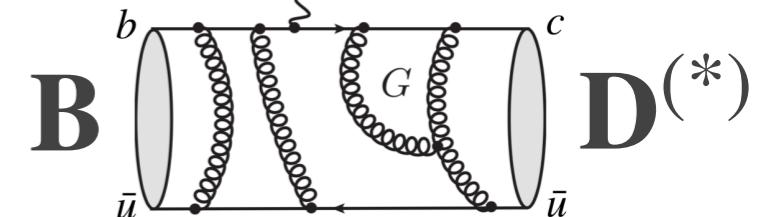
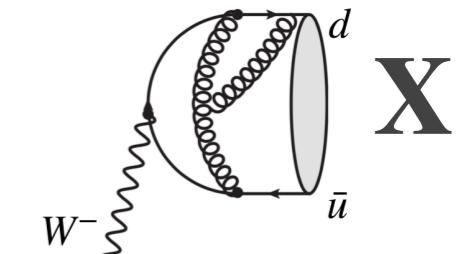
Poor knowledge of hadronic $B \rightarrow D n\pi$ decays
⇒ Poor MC

⇒ Poor hadronic B-tagging

⇒ Limits our reach to exciting physics 😞

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[PRD 105 \(2022\) 7, 072007](#) (15, 19)]

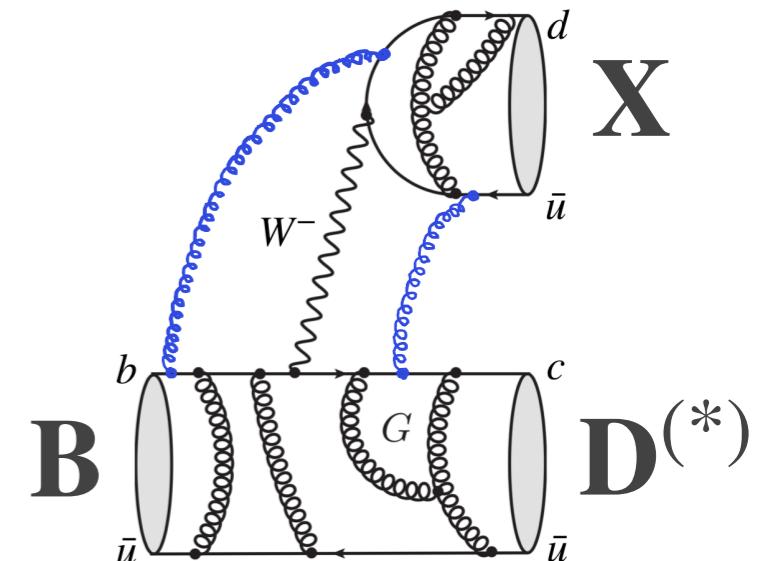
$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \rho^+$ (Belle II) [PRD 109, 111103 \(2024\)](#)

- $\mathcal{B}_{\text{Belle II}} = (0.939 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.05) \%$
- FEI calibration factor 0.75 → 1.07

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Failure of the factorisation?

NP contributions? [[JHEP 10 \(2021\) 235](#),
[PRD 102.071701 \(2020\)](#)]

Things get even more complicated for $n\pi$, $n > 2 \dots$

Need more measurements!

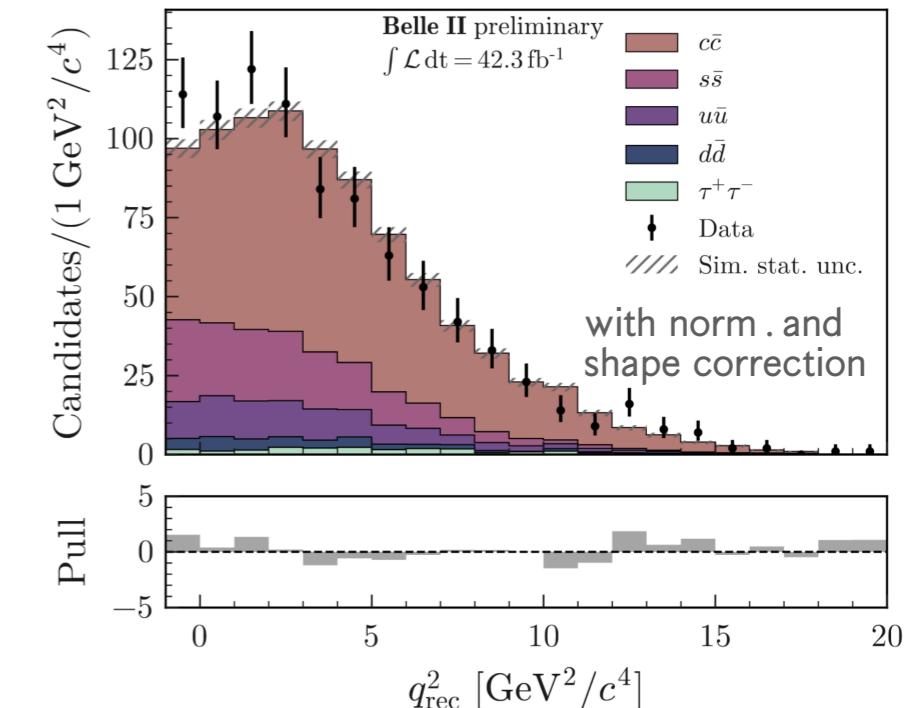
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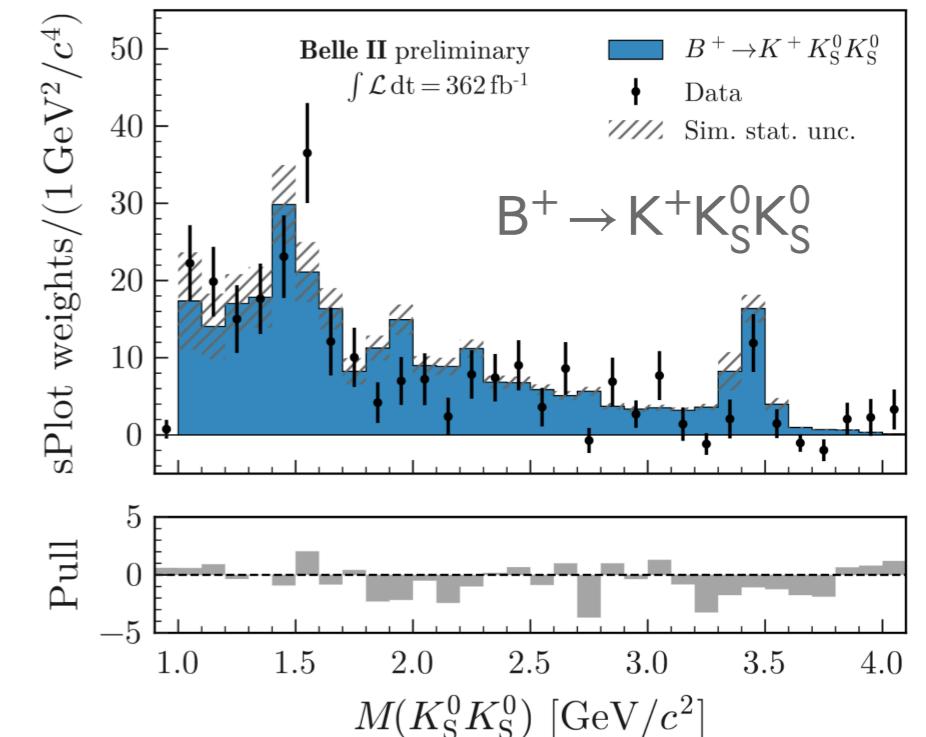
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$B \rightarrow$ hadronic for B_{sig}

Improved simulation of rare decays like $B \rightarrow K n\bar{n}$, $KK^0\bar{K}^0$
 (total BF and decay model)

- using experimental inputs and
- incorporating isospin assumptions

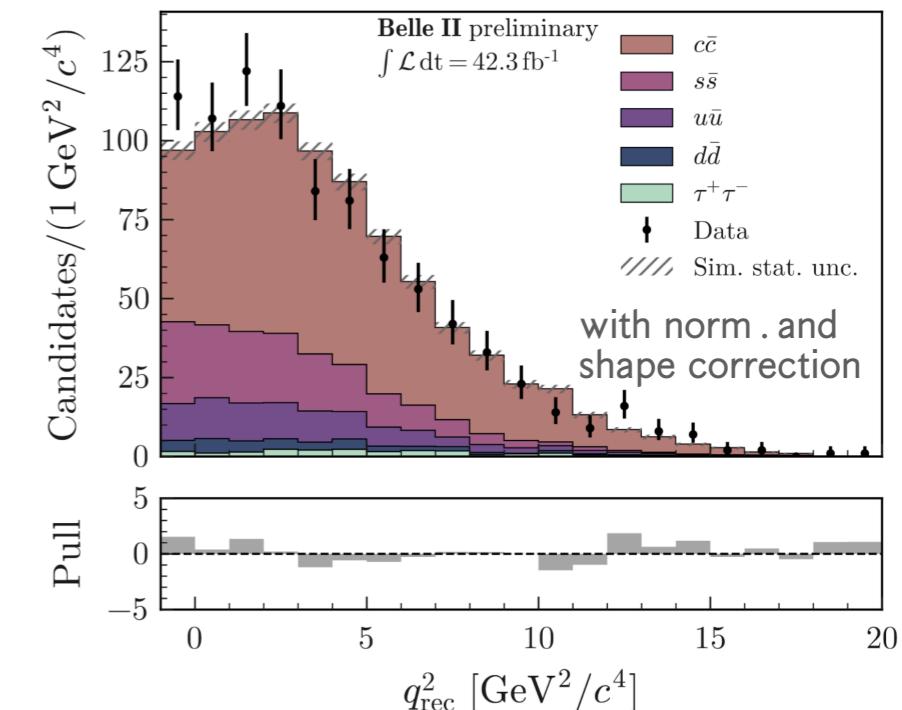


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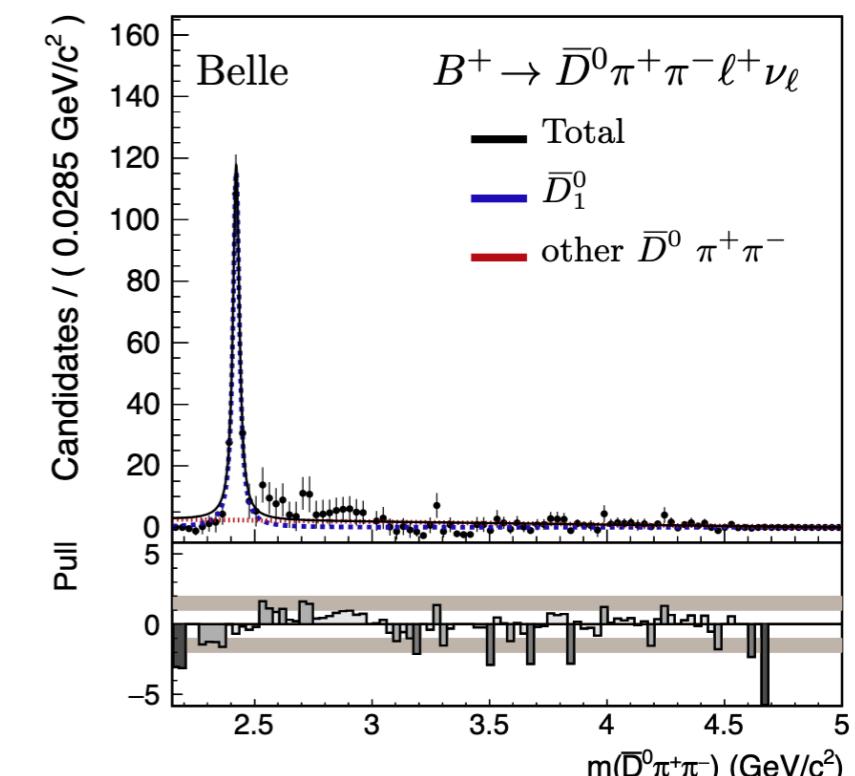
$B \rightarrow$ semileptonic for B_{sig}

$B \rightarrow D n \pi \ell \nu$ events are often a source of background

The BF's are not well known (see SL gap)

Effort in Belle (II) to measure those modes and improve the simulation

- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \pi(\pi) \ell \nu$ [Belle, [PRD 107 \(2023\) 9, 092003](#)]
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \eta \ell \nu$ via $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \eta \pi$

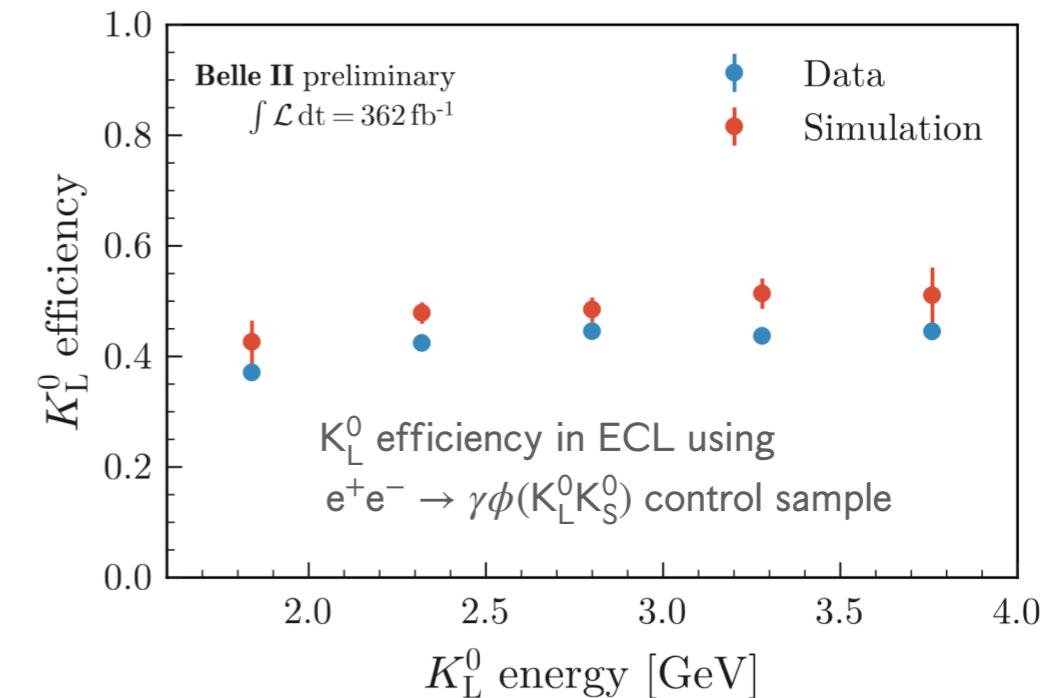


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K_L^0 reconstruction and simulation

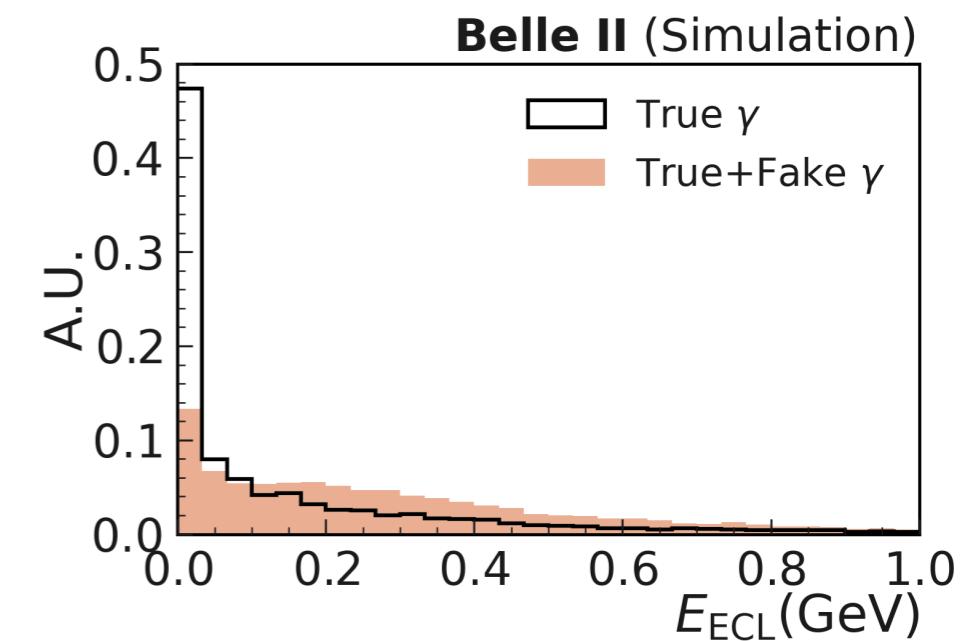
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→ ad-hoc MVA (needs calibration)

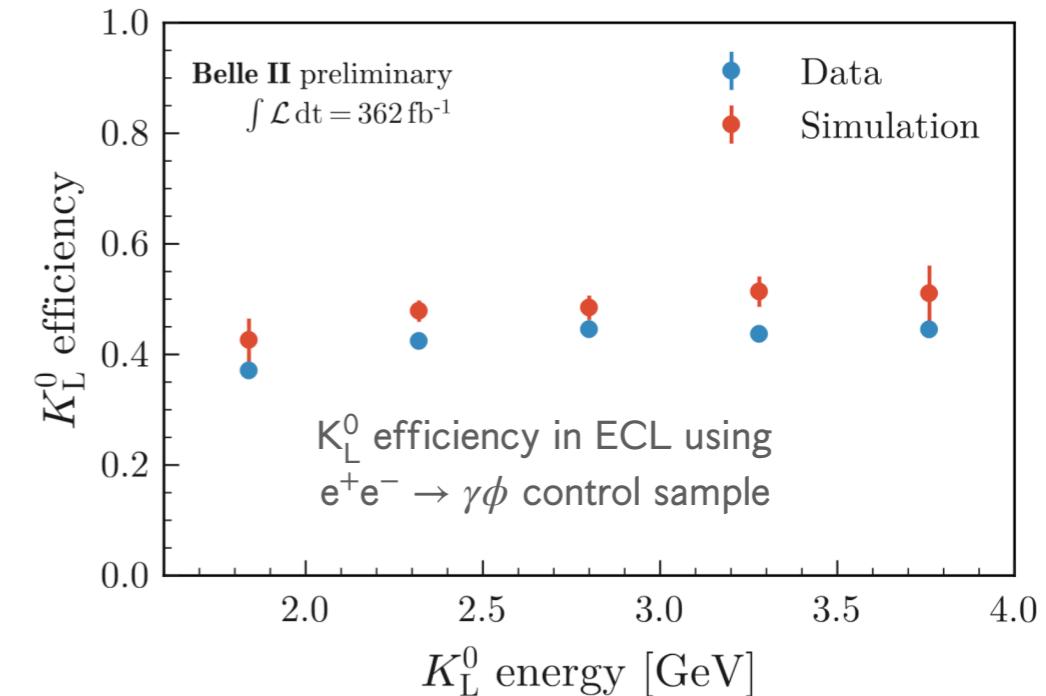


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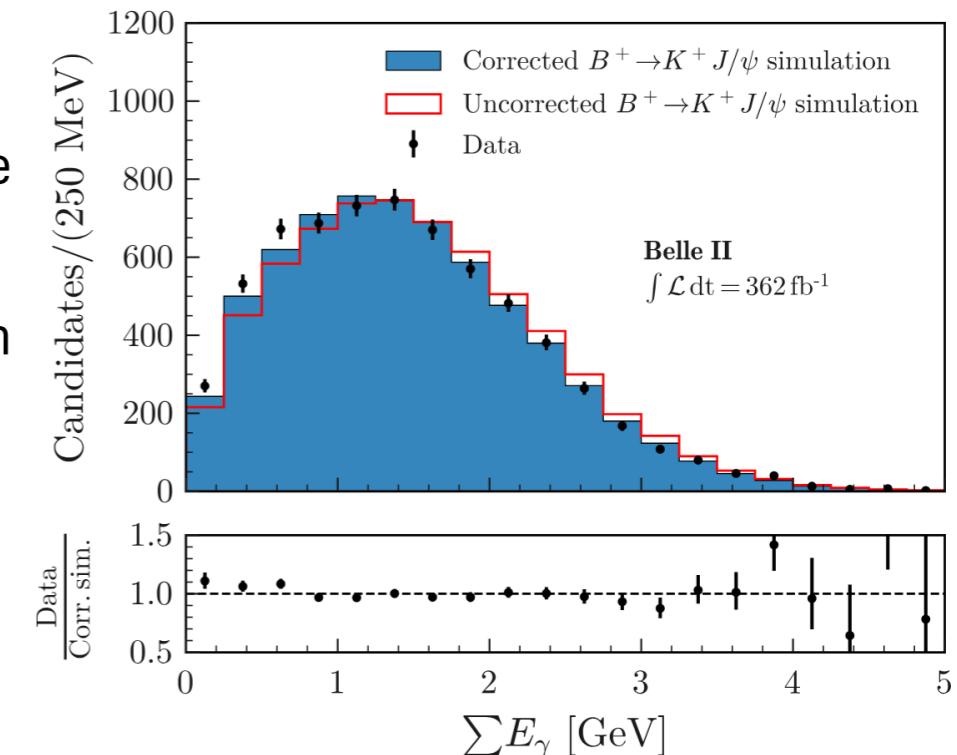
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Rescaling of the fake photon component in MC needed!



CONCLUSION

- Rare B decays allow to test SM and probe NP
- (Belle+)Belle II producing world-leading results

Best precision $B \rightarrow \rho\gamma$ $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$

Best UL $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$ $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau\ell$ $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau\tau$

- While waiting for more data, working on the tools to boost even further our sensitivity
- More to come $B \rightarrow X_s\gamma, B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau\tau, B \rightarrow X\ell\ell, B \rightarrow (K^*/\rho)\nu\bar{\nu}, \dots$

*Thank you for
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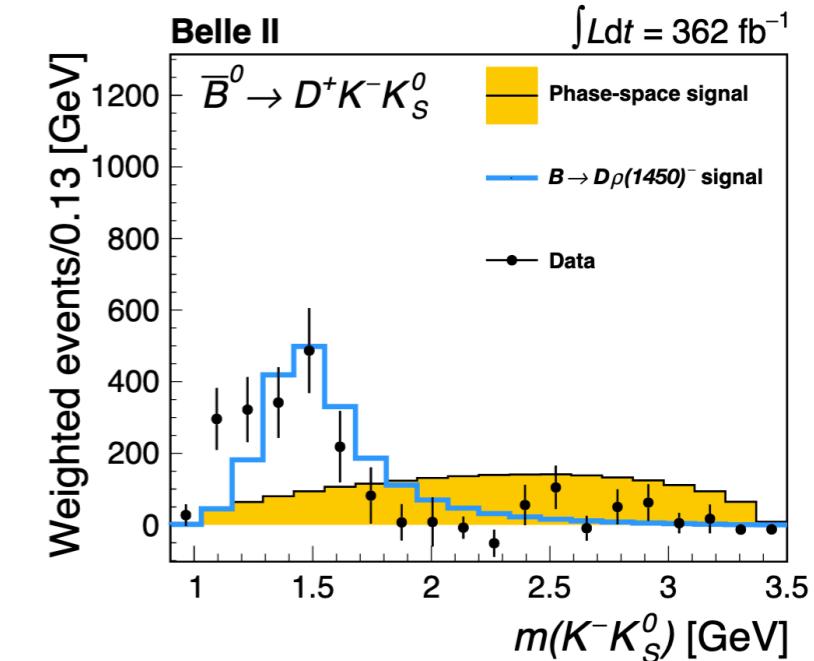
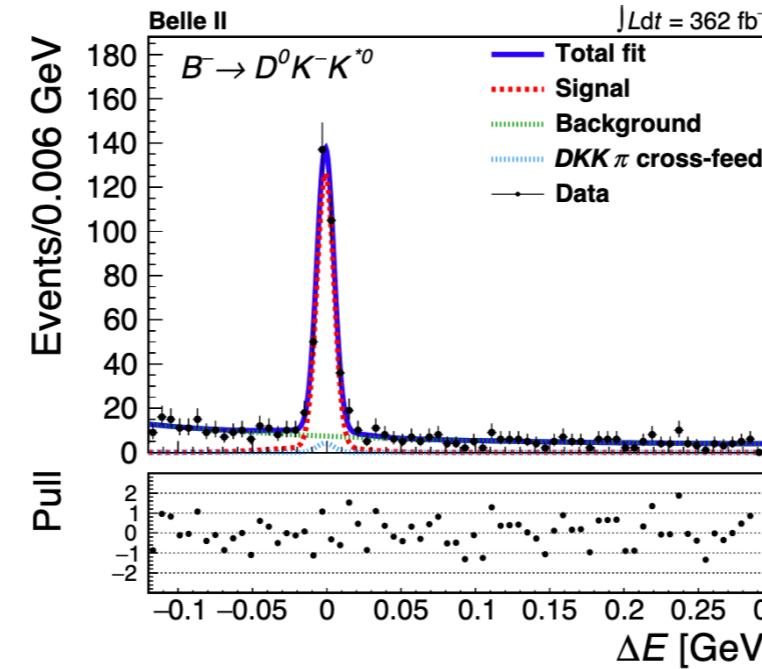
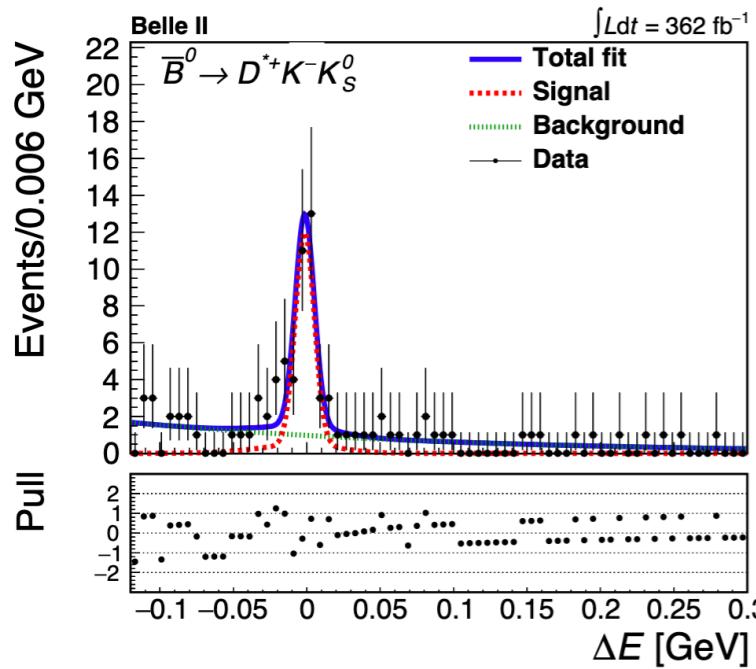


ADDITIONAL MATERIAL



ADDITIONAL MODES FOR FEI

$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} K^- K_{(S)}^{(*)0}$ [JHEP08\(2024\)206](#)



Low-mass enhancement of kaon pairs
in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} K K^0$ decays

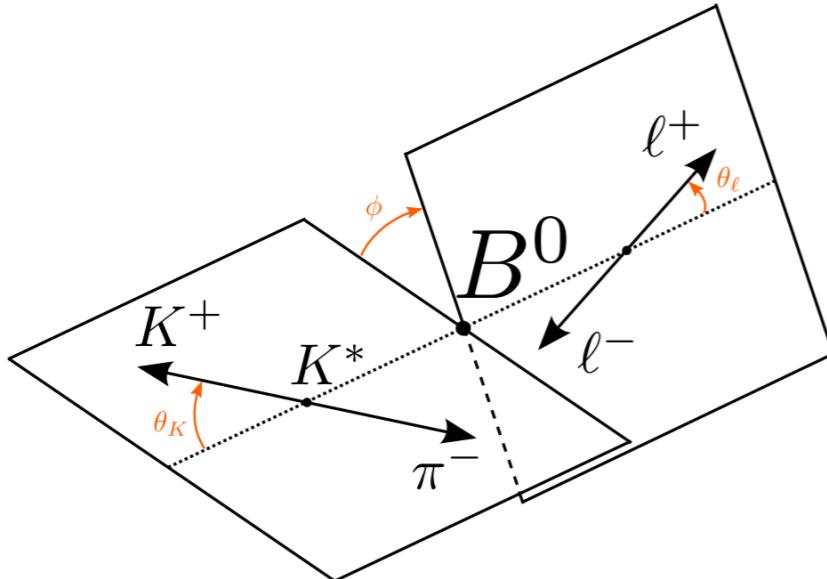
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Channel	Yield	Average ε	$\mathcal{B} [10^{-4}]$	Stat. significance [σ]
$B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^- K_S^0$	209 ± 17	0.098	$1.82 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.08$	> 10
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ K^- K_S^0$	105 ± 14	0.048	$0.82 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05$	10 *
$B^- \rightarrow D^{*0} K^- K_S^0$	51 ± 9	0.044	$1.47 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.10$	8 *
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} K^- K_S^0$	36 ± 7	0.046	$0.91 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.05$	9 *
$B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^- K^{*0}$	325 ± 19	0.043	$7.19 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.33$	> 10
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ K^- K^{*0}$	385 ± 22	0.021	$7.56 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.38$	> 10
$B^- \rightarrow D^{*0} K^- K^{*0}$	160 ± 15	0.019	$11.93 \pm 1.14 \pm 0.93$	> 10
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} K^- K^{*0}$	193 ± 14	0.020	$13.12 \pm 1.21 \pm 0.71$	> 10

* First observations



ANGULAR ANALYSIS OF $B \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$



$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d\cos\theta_\ell d\cos\theta_K d\phi} =$$

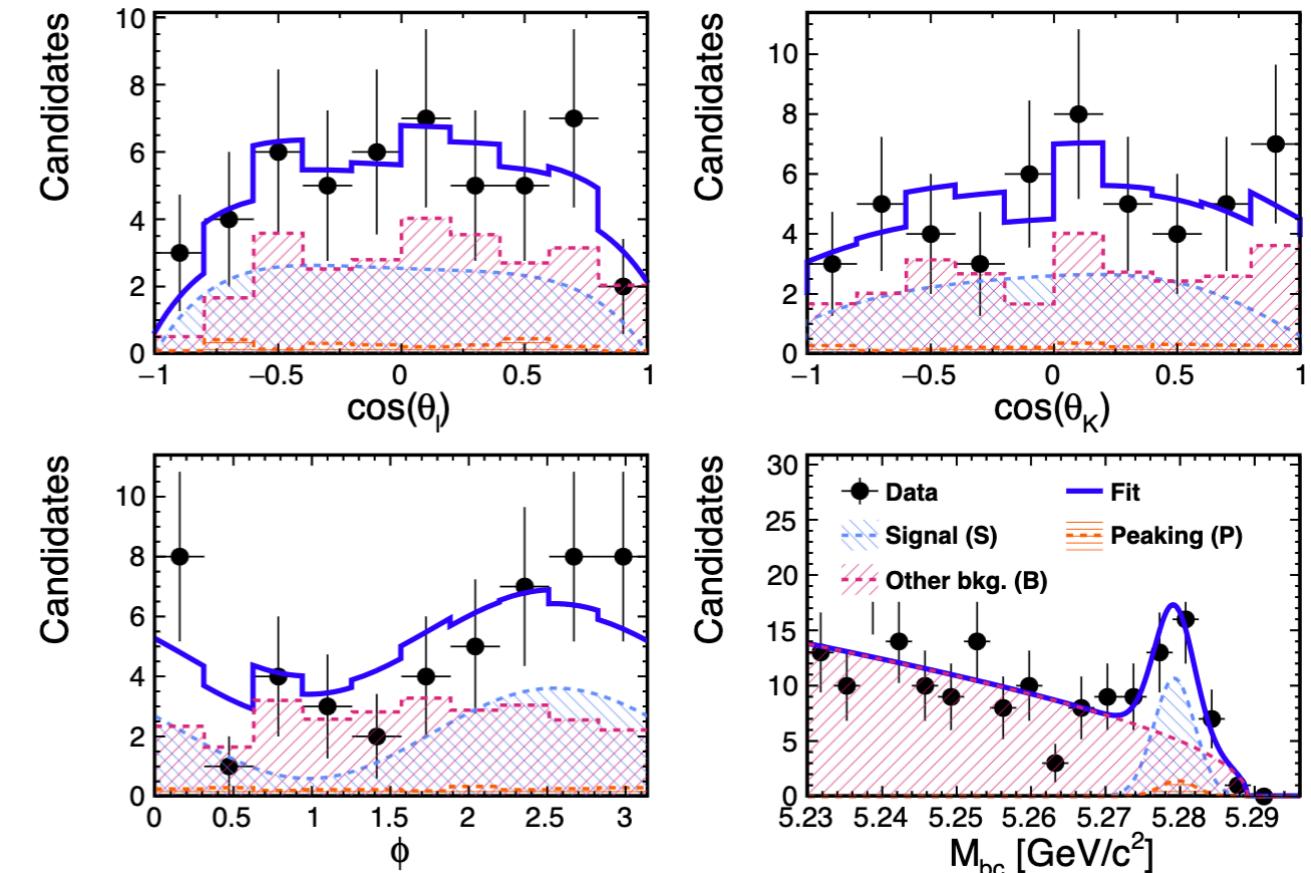
$$\frac{9}{16\pi} \left(\frac{3}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right.$$

$$+ \left(\frac{1}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right) \cos 2\theta_\ell$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (1 - F_L) A_T^{(2)} \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi$$

$$+ (1 - F_L) A_T^{\text{Re}} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2} (1 - F_L) A_T^{\text{Im}} \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right), \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{floated} \\ \text{fixed} \end{array}$$

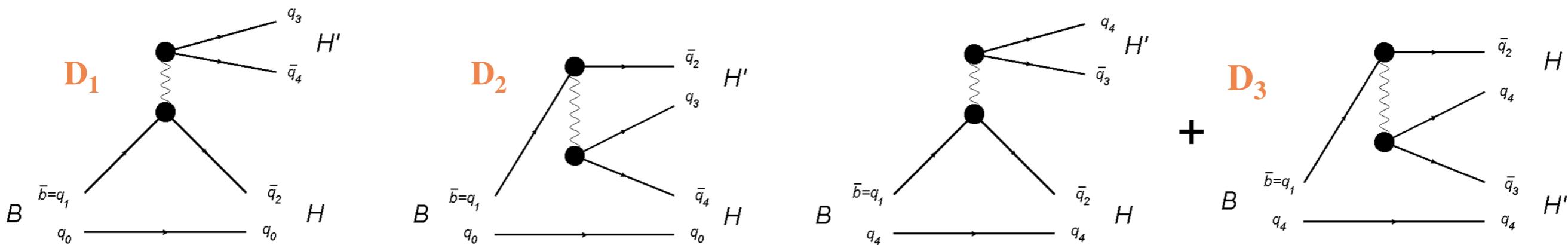


$$A_T^{(2)} = \frac{I_3}{2I_2^s} \xrightarrow{q^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\Re(\mathcal{C}_7^{\text{eff}} \mathcal{C}_7'^{\text{eff}*})}{|\mathcal{C}_7^{\text{eff}}|^2 + |\mathcal{C}_7'^{\text{eff}*}|^2}$$

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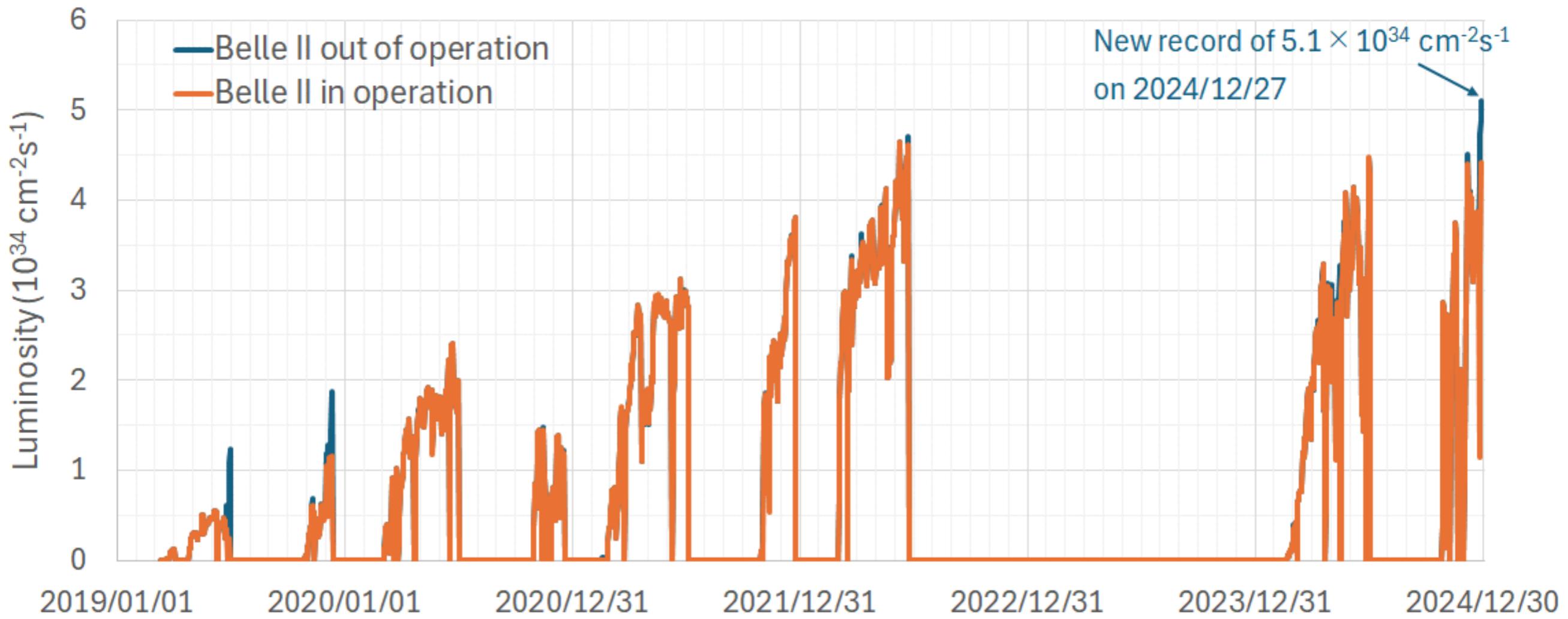
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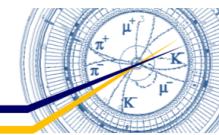
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Comparison of machine parameters



	KEKB achieved		IPAC2020 K. Shibata		IPAC2022 at present		SuperKEKB design	
	LER	HER	LER	HER	LER	HER	LER	HER
I_{beam} [A]	1.637	1.188	0.438	0.517	1.321	1.099	3.6	2.6
# of bunches	1585		783		2249		2500	
I_{bunch} [mA]	1.033	0.7495	0.5593	0.6603	0.5873	0.4887	1.440	1.040
β_y^* [mm]	5.9	5.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.27	0.30
ξ_y	0.129	0.090	0.0236	0.0219	0.0407 (0.0565) ^a	0.0279 (0.0434) ^a	0.0881	0.0807
Luminosity [$10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$]	2.11		1.57		4.65		80	
Integrated Luminosity [ab^{-1}]	1.04	0.03 doubled		0.40		50		

a) High bunch current collision study



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	LER	HER	
Beam Energy	4.0	7.0	GeV
Circumference	3016		m
Crossing angle	83		mrad
Crab waist ratio	80	40	%
Beam current @Maximum Luminosity	1.321	1.099	A
Number of bunches	2249		
Bunch current @Maximum Luminosity	0.5873	0.4887	mA
Total RF voltage V_c	9.12	14.2	MV
Synchrotron tune v_s	-0.0233	-0.0258	
Bunch length σ_z	5.69	6.03	mm
Momentum compaction α_c	2.98E-4	4.54E-4	
Betatron tune v_x / v_y	44.524/46.592	45.532/43.575	
Beta function at IP β_x^* / β_y^*	80/1	60/1	mm
Measured vertical beam size (XRM) @IP σ_y^*	0.224	0.224	μm
Vertical beam-beam parameters ξ_y	0.0407	0.0279	
Beam lifetime	8	24	min.
Luminosity (Belle 2 Csl)	4.65		$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

← Touschek dominant



BELLE II AND LHC b : COMPARISON

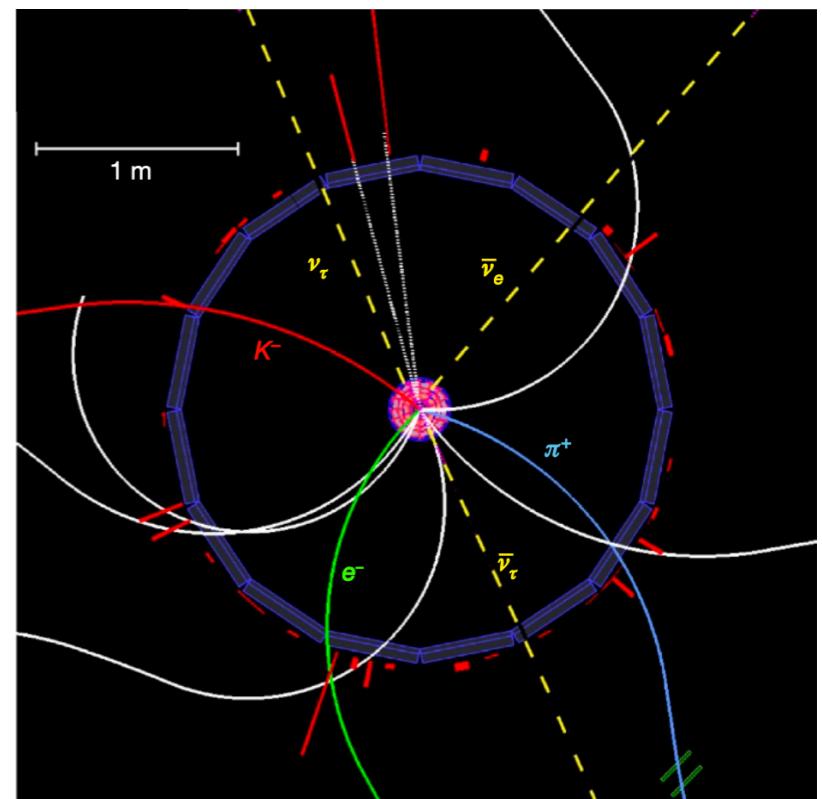
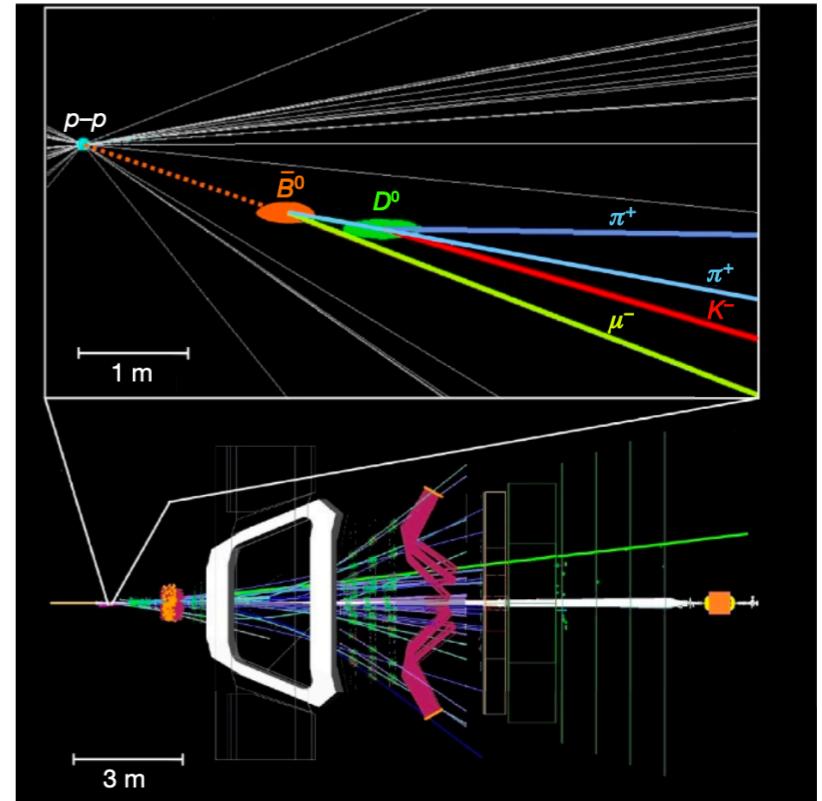


Better with muons/charged particles that can be vertexed
 Richer b -hadron program
 high backgrounds / high σ_b

Properties	LHC b	Belle II
σ_b	$\mathcal{O}(100\mu b)$	$\sim 1 \text{ nb}$
$\int \mathcal{L} dt (\text{fb}^{-1})$	$18 \rightarrow 300$	$(1+)0.6 \rightarrow 30-50$
Background level	$\sim 60 \text{ mb}$	$\sim 4 \text{ nb}$
Typical efficiency	Low	High
π^0, K_S^0 efficiency	Low	High
Initial state	Not well known	Well known
Decay-time resolution	Excellent	Good
Collision spot size	Large	Tiny
Heavy bottoms hadrons	$B_{u,d,s,c}, b-\text{baryons}$	$B_{u,d,(s)}$
B -flavour tagging capability	$\sim 5\%$	$\sim 35\%$
τ physics capability	Limited	Excellent

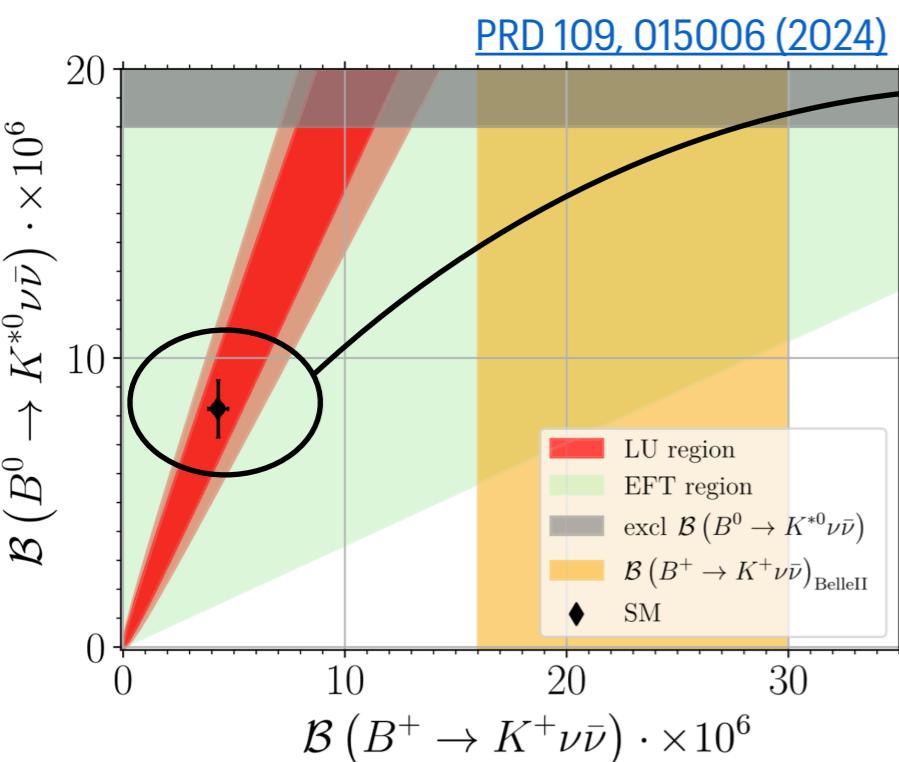


Better with γ and ν
 Higher tagging efficiency
 Low backgrounds / low σ_b





WHAT FOLLOWS $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

[2311.14647](#)

$\rightarrow B \rightarrow K$

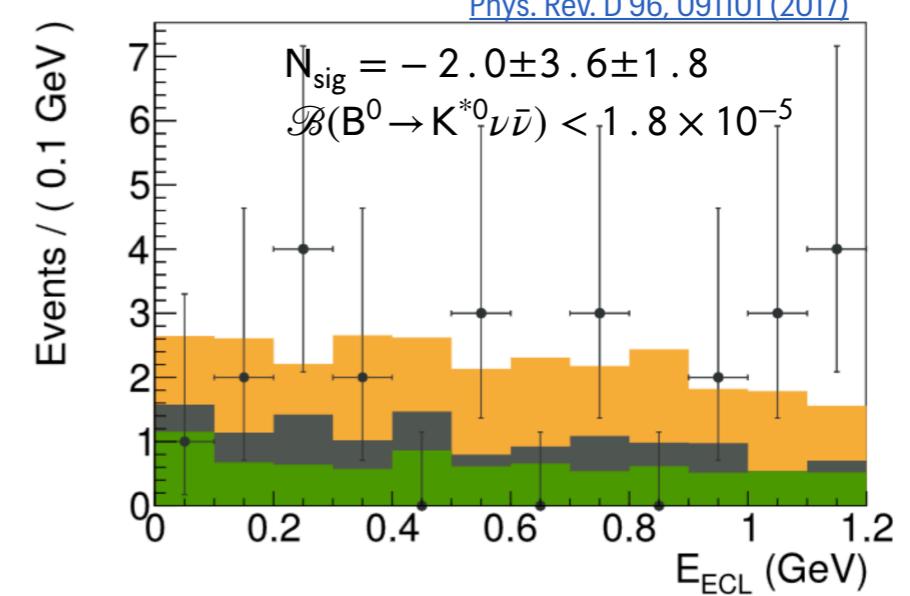
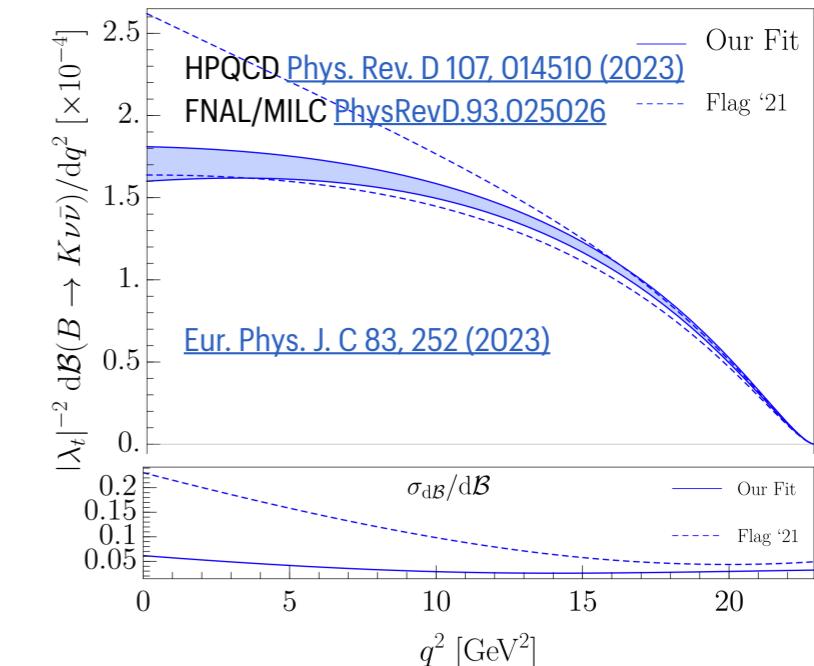
LQCD [PRD 107, 014510 \(2023\)](#)

LCSR [JHEP01\(2019\)150](#)

$B \rightarrow K^*$ — less precise (15% vs 3% of K^+)

LQCD [1501.00367](#)

LCSR [JHEP01\(2019\)150](#)





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

Analysis relies on simulation for background suppression and fitting (sample-composition fit)

The quality of simulation and corrections is validated via several control channels on data

- **Kaon ID selection with $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) h^+$, $h = \{\pi, K\}$**

- **Signal efficiency with $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi$**

Remove $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi$ and correct K^+ kinematics to match $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

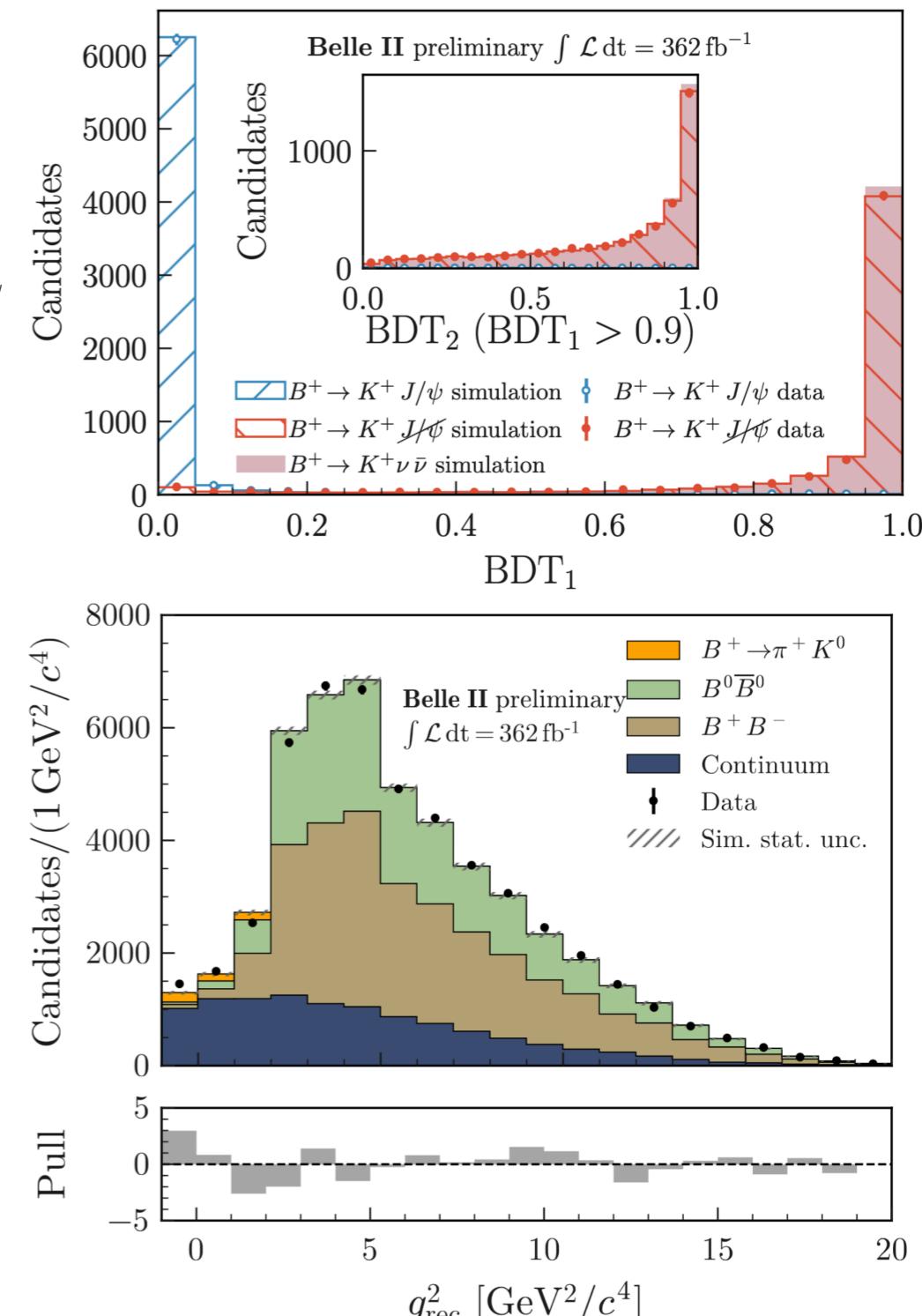
- **$B \rightarrow X_c(K_L^0 X) K^+$ background**

corrected/validated using pion-lepton-enriched sidebands

Measuring a known and rare mode with similar BF to $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ to further validate the inclusive analysis strategy

pion-ID instead of K-ID

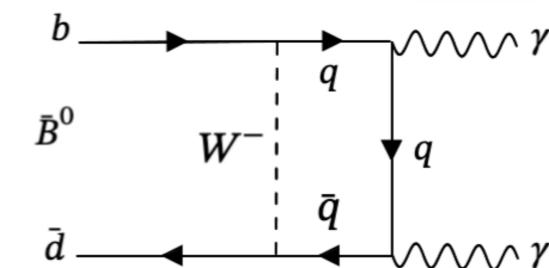
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0) = (2.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$, consistent with PDG



B → γγ SEARCH

Rarest decay searched at Belle II so far

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (1.43^{+1.35}_{-0.80}) \times 10^{-8} \quad [\text{JHEP12(2020)169}]$$



Sensitive to heavy NP [PRD 58, 095014 (1998)]

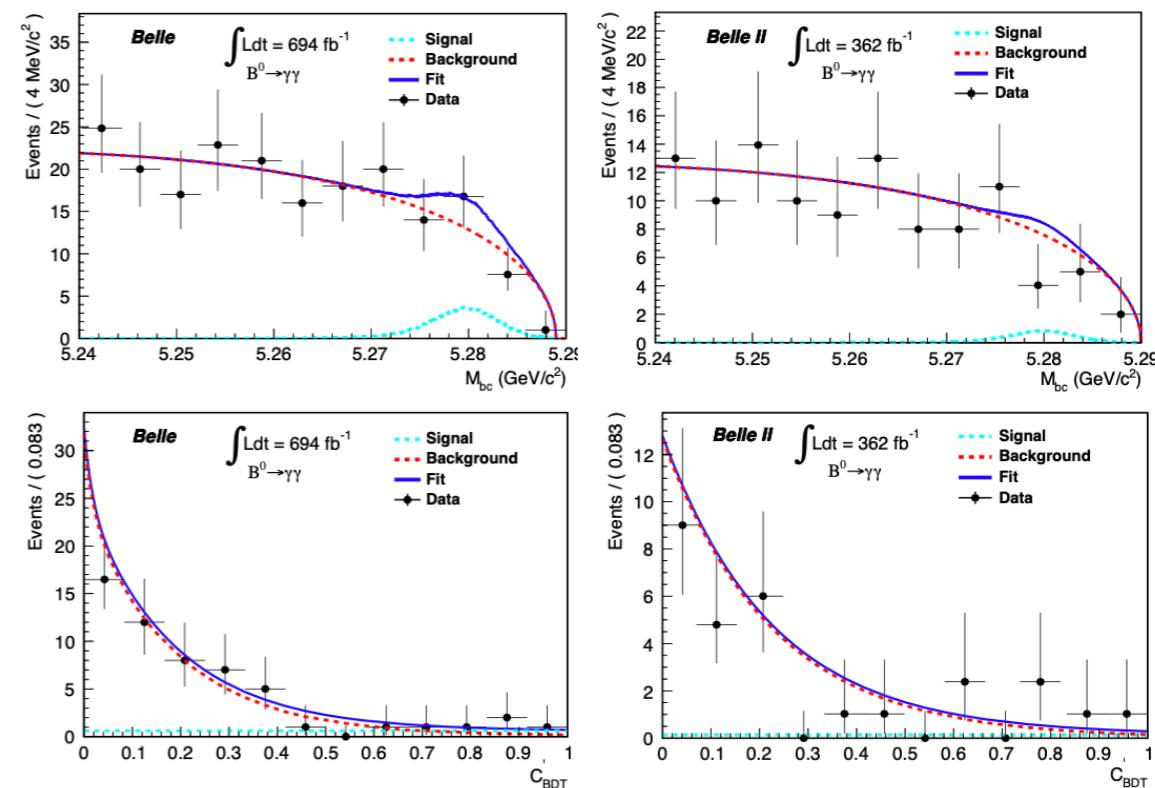
Require good quality high energy γ

Reject photon candidates from asymmetric η and π^0 decays

$$90\% \text{ qq} + B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$$

Main syst uncertainties: Photon eff (3%), f_{00} (2.5%)

Signal efficiency for Belle (II) is 23(31)% for ~0.8 bkg/fb⁻¹



$$N_{\text{sig}} = 11.0^{+6.5}_{-5.5} \quad 2.5\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (3.7^{+2.2}_{-1.8}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 6.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ @ 90 % CL (exp 4.4 \times 10^{-8})}$$

- Sensitivity approaching the SM prediction
- 5x improvement over previous best UL (BaBar) [PRD 83 032006 (2011)]

B → K*γ MEASUREMENT

Measure \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{A}_{CP} and isospin asymmetry

- Uncertainty on BF ~ 4%, close to Belle results [[PRL 119.191802](#)]

- stat ~ syst errors (\mathcal{B})

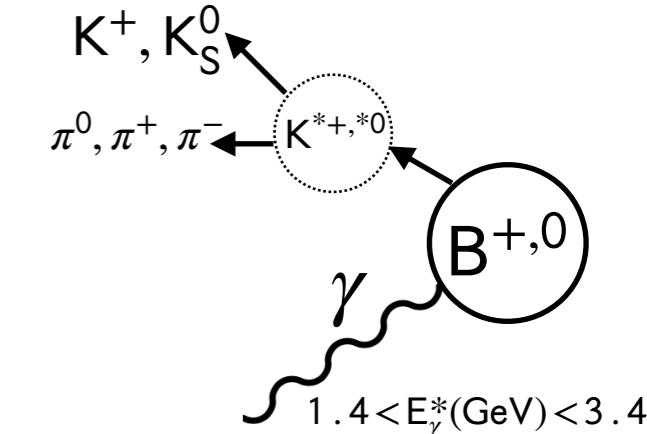
- stat > syst errors (\mathcal{A} , Δ_{0+})

- Belle had observed the isospin violation at 3.1σ $\Delta_{0+} = [+6.2 \pm 1.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst}) \pm 1.2(f_{+-}/f_{00})]\%$,

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^* \gamma) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow K^* \gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^* \gamma) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow K^* \gamma)}$$

$$\Delta_{0+} = \frac{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma) - \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma)}{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma)}$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma) - \mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)$$

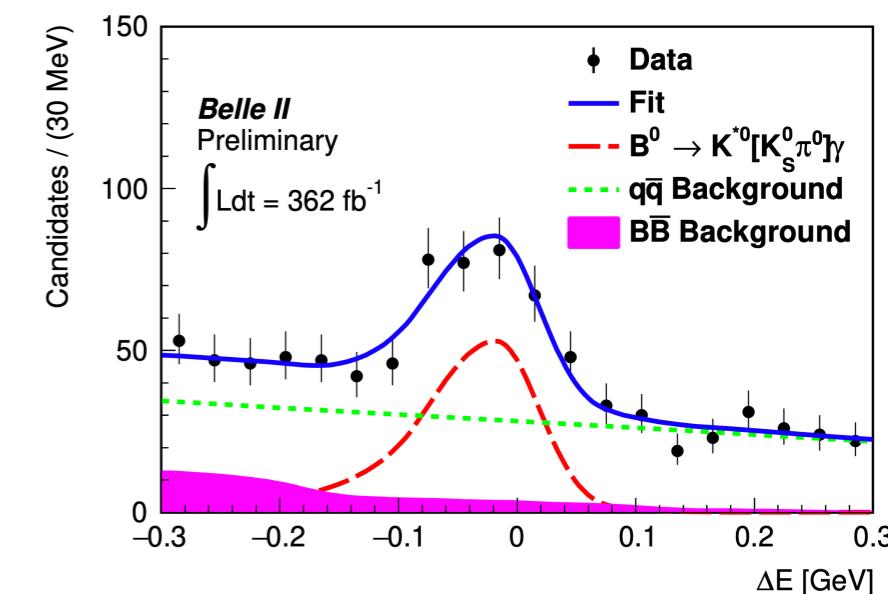
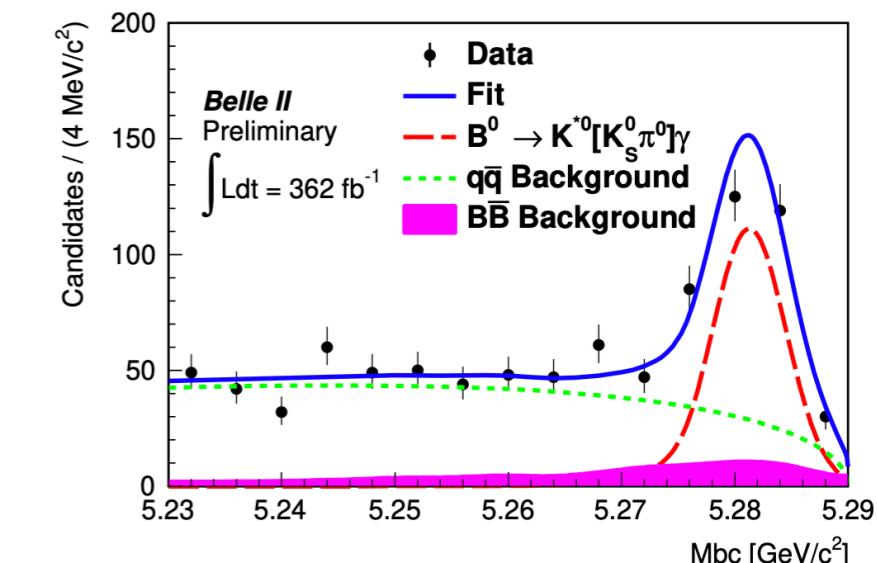


Channel	\mathcal{A}_{CP} (%)	\mathcal{B} (10^{-5})
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[K^+\pi^-]\gamma$	$-3.2 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.4$	$4.15 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.11$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[K_S^0\pi^0]\gamma$	—	$4.24 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.23$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma$	$-3.2 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.4$	$4.16 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.11$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[K^+\pi^0]\gamma$	$1.5 \pm 4.2 \pm 0.9$	$3.91 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.19$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[K_S^0\pi^+]\gamma$	$-3.5 \pm 4.3 \pm 0.7$	$4.13 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.13$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$	$-1.0 \pm 3.0 \pm 0.6$	$4.04 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.13$
$B \rightarrow K^*\gamma$	$-2.3 \pm 1.9 \pm 0.3$	$4.12 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.11$
	$\Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP}$ (%)	Δ_{0+} (%)
$B \rightarrow K^*\gamma$	$2.2 \pm 3.8 \pm 0.7$	$5.1 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.5$

SM: $(4.21 \pm 0.68)10^{-5}$ [1]

SM: $(4.9 \pm 2.6)\%$ [2]

- Consistent with WA and SM
- Similar sensitivity wrt Belle due to improved K_S efficiency and ΔE resolution



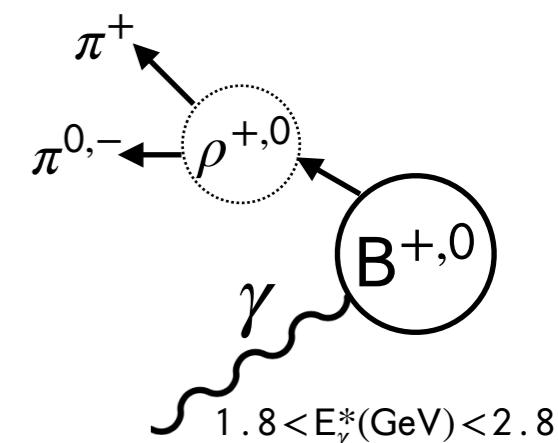
B → ργ MEASUREMENT

B → ργ decays previously observed at
Belle (605 fb⁻¹) [[PRL 101 \(2008\) 129904](#)] and BaBar (428 fb⁻¹) [[PRD 78 \(2008\) 112001](#)]

Sensitive to NP related to C₇
NP search independent from b → s counterpart
 \mathcal{A}_I WA shows a slight tension

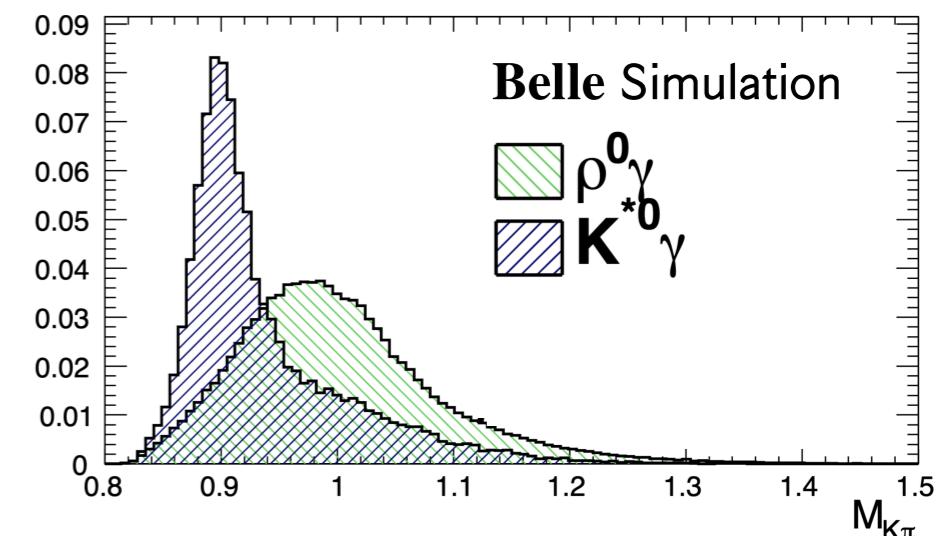
$$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow \rho\gamma) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{\rho}\gamma) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow \rho\gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{\rho}\gamma) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow \rho\gamma)}$$

$$A_I = \frac{2\Gamma(\overset{\leftarrow}{B^0} \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma) - \Gamma(B^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm\gamma)}{2\Gamma(\overset{\leftarrow}{B^0} \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma) + \Gamma(B^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm\gamma)}$$



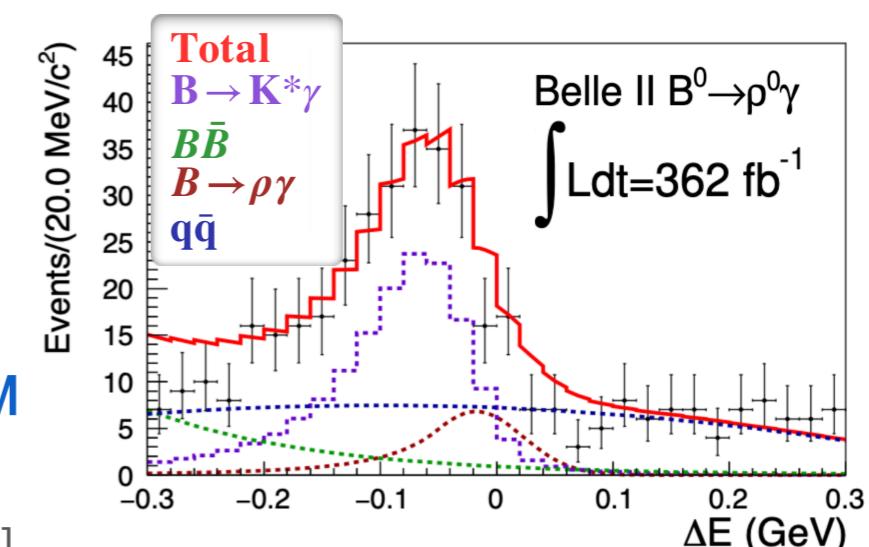
Challenge Low BF, large backgrounds from

- Continuum events: photon from largely asymmetric π⁰/η → γγ decays
→ 2 MVA classifiers, one for π⁰/η veto, the other for generic q̄q
- B → K*γ: K → π misID and much larger BF |V_{td}/V_{ts}|² ≈ 0.04
→ M(π*π), π* : kaon hyp. for the pion candidate with highest kaonID



	WA	B+BII 2023
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\gamma) \times 10^6$	0.98 ± 0.25	$1.29^{+0.20+0.10}_{-0.19-0.12}$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma) \times 10^6$	0.86 ± 0.15	$0.75 \pm 0.13^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$
\mathcal{A}_I	$0.30^{+0.16}_{-0.13}$	$0.14^{+0.11}_{-0.12} \pm 0.09$
$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\gamma)$	-0.11 ± 0.33	$-0.08^{+0.15+0.01}_{-0.15-0.01}$

→ Consistent with SM
0.052 ± 0.028
[[PRD 88, 094004 \(2013\)](#)]



b → dℓℓ

Better sensitivity to NP than b → sℓ+ℓ- ?

Previous results:

Belle (605 fb⁻¹) B → πℓ⁺ℓ⁻ [[PRD 78 011101 \(2008\)](#)]

BaBar (428 fb⁻¹) B → {π, η}ℓ⁺ℓ⁻ [[PRD 88 032012 \(2013\)](#)]

LHCb (3 fb⁻¹) observed B⁺ → π⁺μ⁺μ⁻, B⁰ → π⁺π⁻μ⁺μ⁻
[[JHEP 10 \(2015\) 034](#), [PLB 743 \(2015\) 46-55](#)]

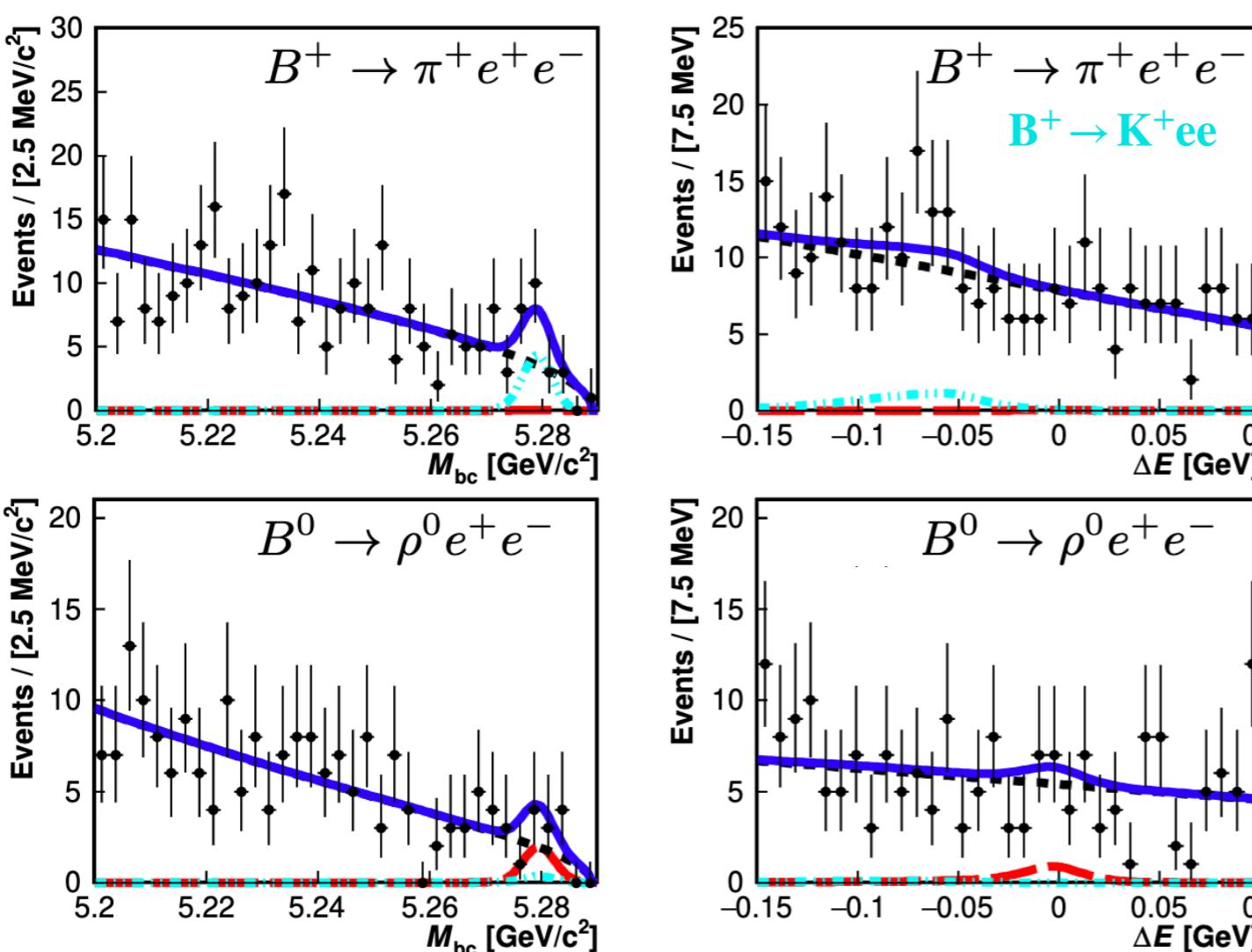
Many unexplored modes with

- Electrons

→ lepton-flavour universality in b → d transitions

- Neutrals

→ First search for B⁰ → ωℓℓ, B⁰ → ρ⁰ee, B[±] → ρ[±]ℓℓ



$$B \rightarrow \{\pi, \rho, \eta, \omega\} \ell \ell \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho^{+,0} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^{0,-} \\ \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \\ \omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \end{array} \right.$$

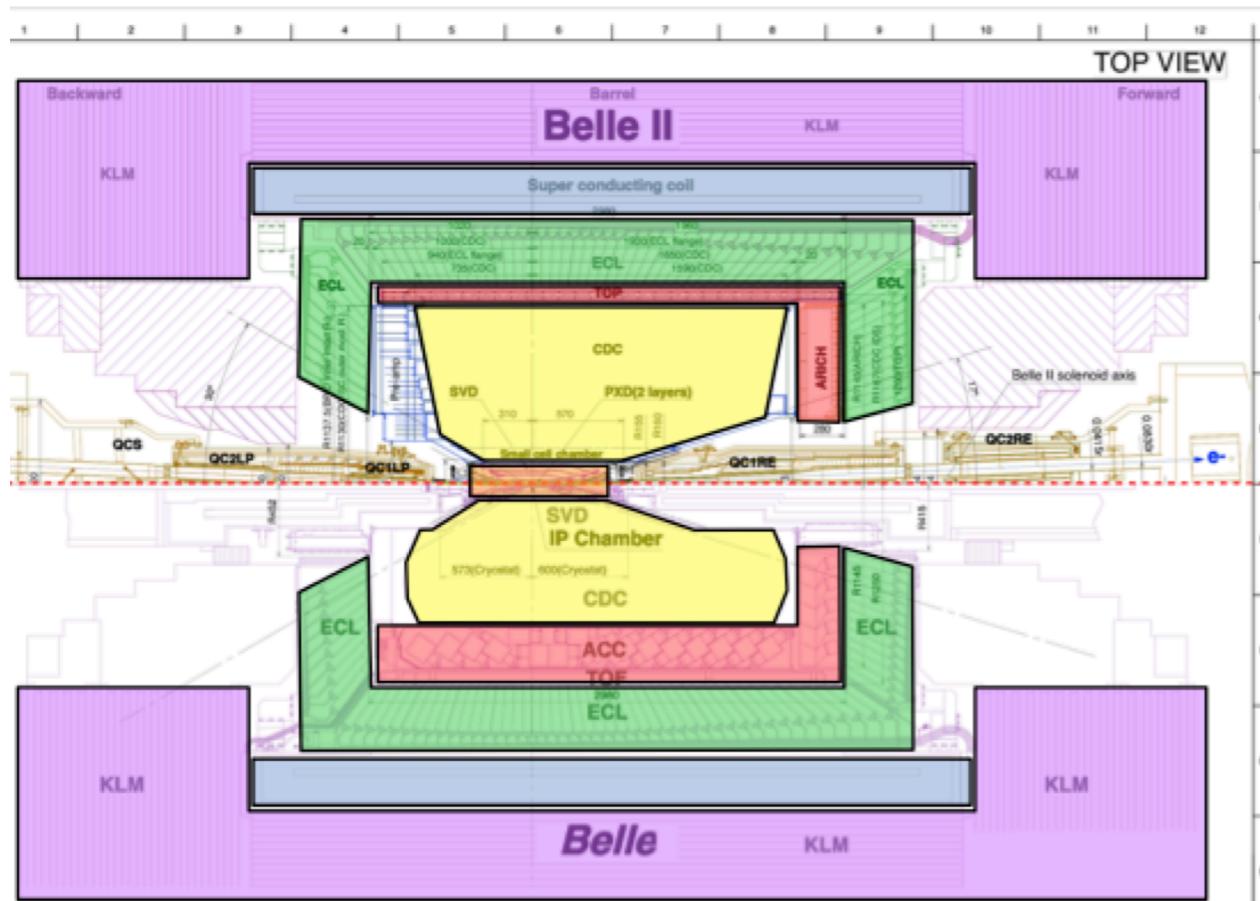
Total
Combinatorial bg
Peaking bg
Signal

Dominated by
continuum events

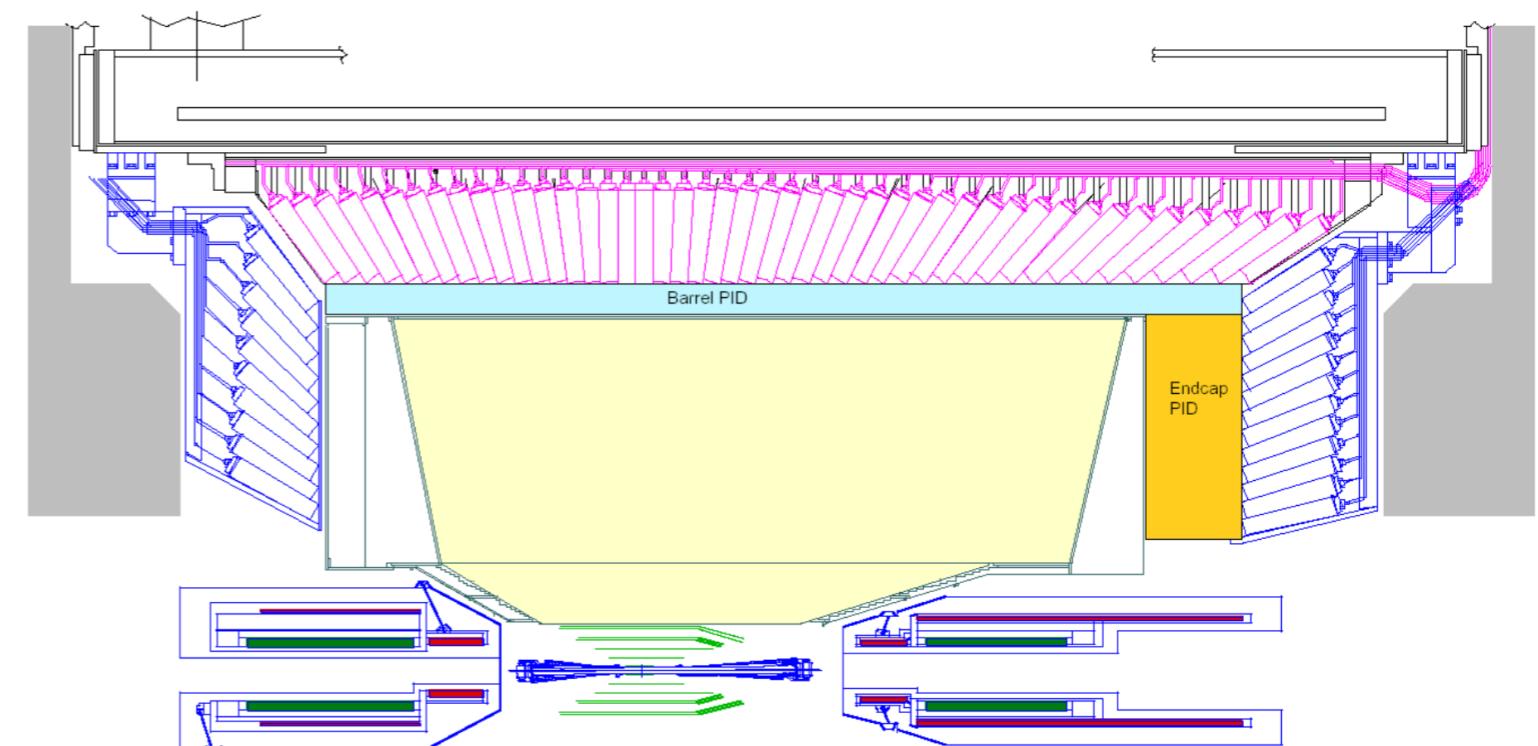
Peaking BB backgrounds
charmless/K^(*)ℓℓ/K^(*)c̄c(ℓℓ)
are either vetoed or included in the fit



BELLE II SECTION



- K_L/Muon System**
- Magnet Coil**
- EM Calorimeter**
- π/K Identification**
- Drift Chamber**
- Silicon Tracking**





OPE I

MW>>mb>>LambdaQCD(QCD scale)

Operator Product Expansion

Long-distance physics at scale lower than μ is contained in operator matrix elements

O_i are local effective operators renormalised at the scale $\mu=mb$

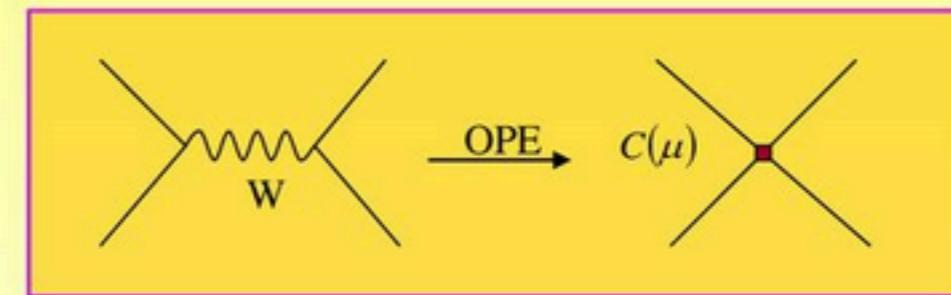
Short-distance physics at scale higher than μ is described by the Wilson coefficients

Operator Product Expansion (OPE)

OPE allows to disentangle SD and LD effects by “integrating out” the W boson and other fields with mass larger than a certain factorization scale.

$$A = \langle H_{\text{eff}} \rangle = \sum_i C_i(\mu) \langle Q_i(\mu) \rangle$$

Wilson coefficients,
determined by matching



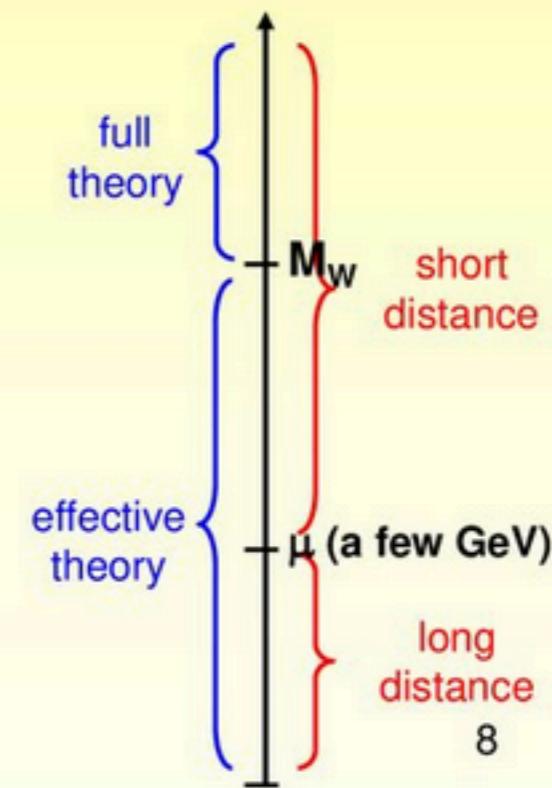
Due to asymptotic freedom of QCD, the strong interaction effects at short distances are calculable in perturbation theory.

However, as a result of matching procedure at the scale M_W and RG equations:

$$C_i(\mu) \text{ depend on } \alpha_s(\mu) \log \frac{M_W}{\mu}$$

LARGE!

spoils the validity of
the usual perturbation theory





OPE II

$b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$

$$H_W = 4 \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_{i=1}^{10} C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu)$$

Minimal Flavour Violation
(no new operators; CKM matrix)

current-current
operators

$$\begin{cases} O_1 = (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\alpha})(\bar{c}_{L\beta} \gamma_\mu c_{L\beta}) \\ O_2 = (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\beta})(\bar{c}_{L\beta} \gamma_\mu c_{L\alpha}) \end{cases}$$

long distance effects
(neglected)

$$q_{R,L} = \frac{1 \pm \gamma_s}{2} q$$

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$$

QCD penguin
operators

$$\begin{cases} O_3 = (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\alpha})[(\bar{u}_{L\beta} \gamma_\mu u_{L\beta}) + \dots + (\bar{b}_{L\beta} \gamma_\mu b_{L\beta})] \\ O_4 = (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\beta})[(\bar{u}_{L\beta} \gamma_\mu u_{L\alpha}) + \dots + (\bar{b}_{L\beta} \gamma_\mu b_{L\alpha})] \\ O_5 = (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\alpha})[(\bar{u}_{R\beta} \gamma_\mu u_{R\beta}) + \dots + (\bar{b}_{R\beta} \gamma_\mu b_{R\beta})] \\ O_6 = (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\beta})[(\bar{u}_{R\beta} \gamma_\mu u_{R\alpha}) + \dots + (\bar{b}_{R\beta} \gamma_\mu b_{R\alpha})] \end{cases}$$

small Wilson
coefficients

magnetic penguin
operators

$$\begin{cases} O_7 = \frac{e}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \sigma^{\mu\nu} b_{R\alpha}) F_{\mu\nu} \\ O_8 = \frac{g_s}{16\pi^2} m_b [\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda^a}{2} \right)_{\alpha\beta} b_{R\beta}] G_{\mu\nu}^a \end{cases}$$

main contributions
come from these
operators

semileptonic EW
penguin operators

$$\begin{cases} O_9 = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\alpha}) \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell \\ O_{10} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} (\bar{s}_{L\alpha} \gamma^\mu b_{L\alpha}) \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell \end{cases}$$

We only need the coefficients C_7 , C_9 , C_{10} .

The impact of the KK modes consists in an enhancement of C_{10} and a suppression of C_7 .



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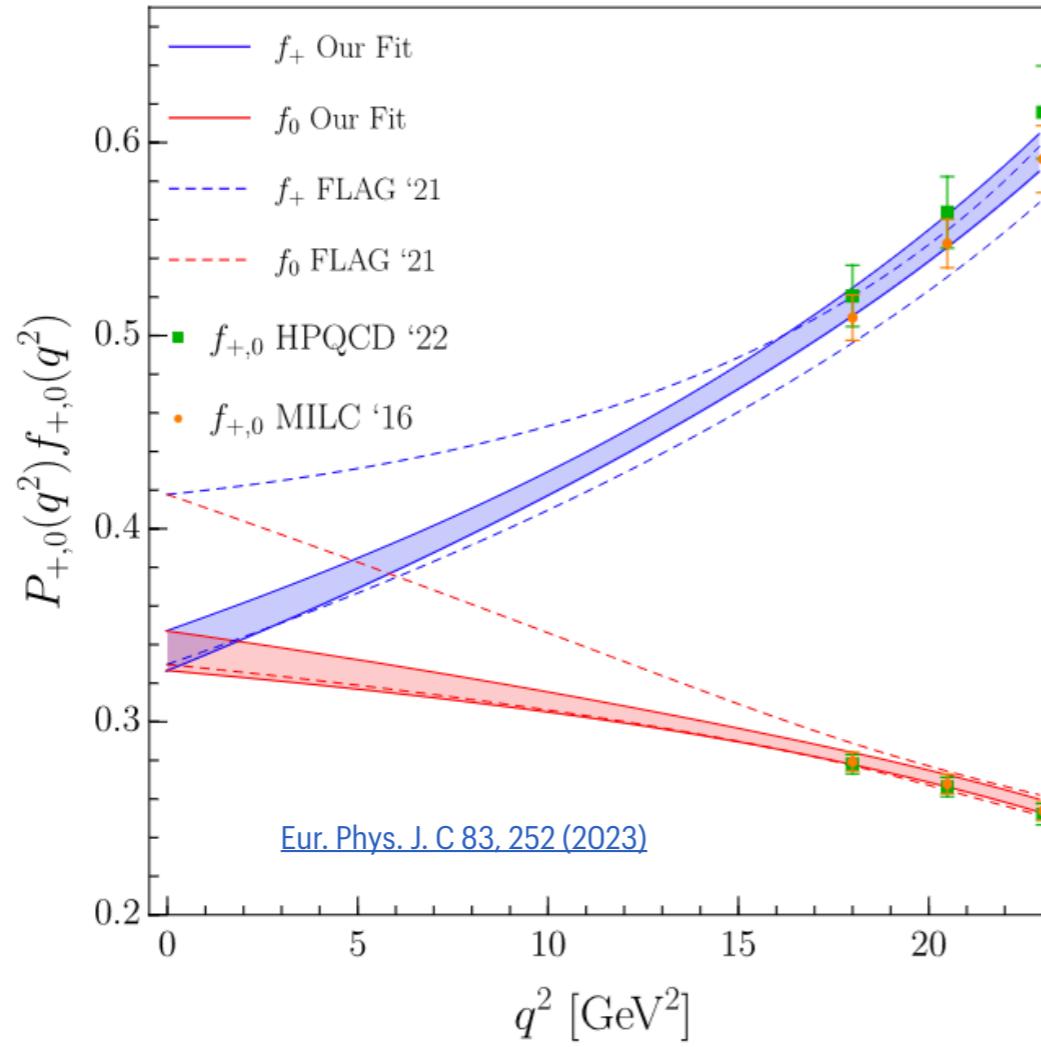
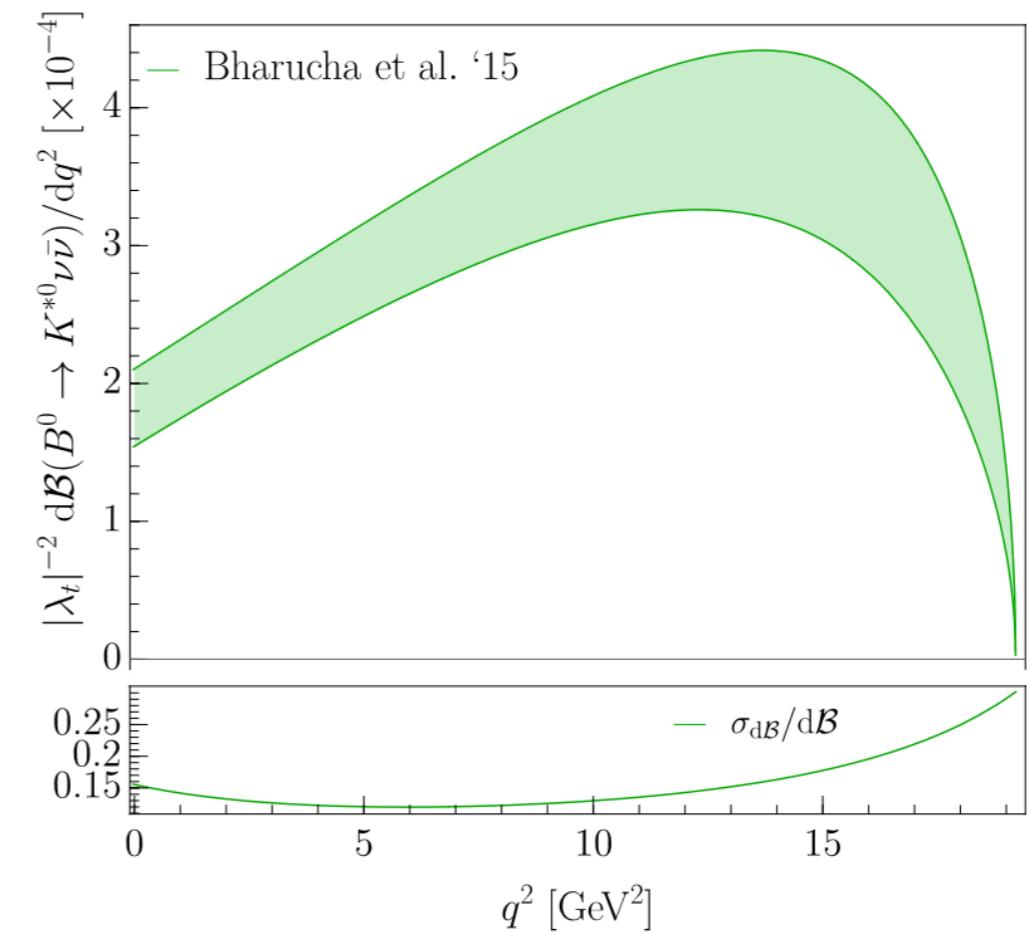
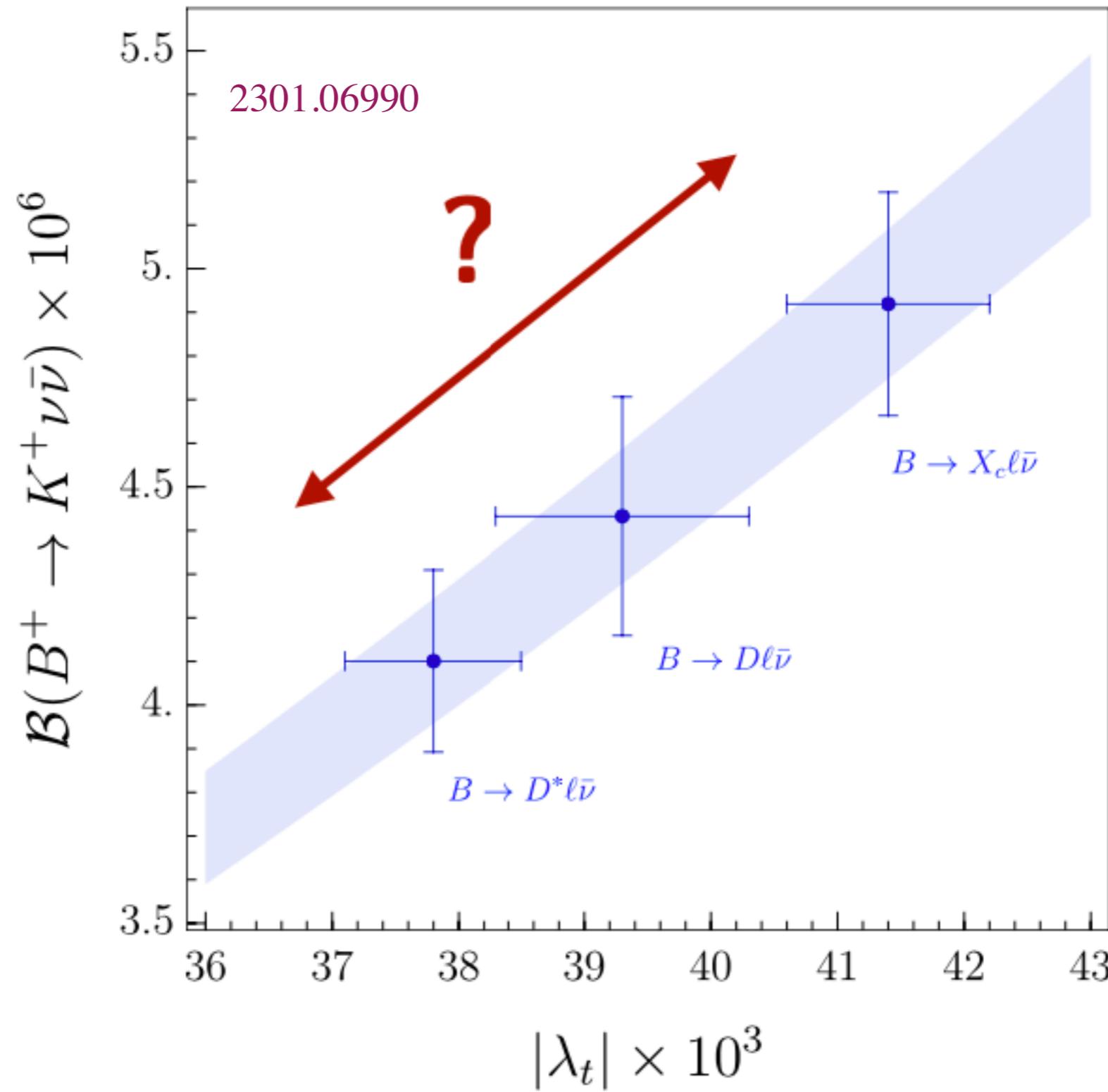


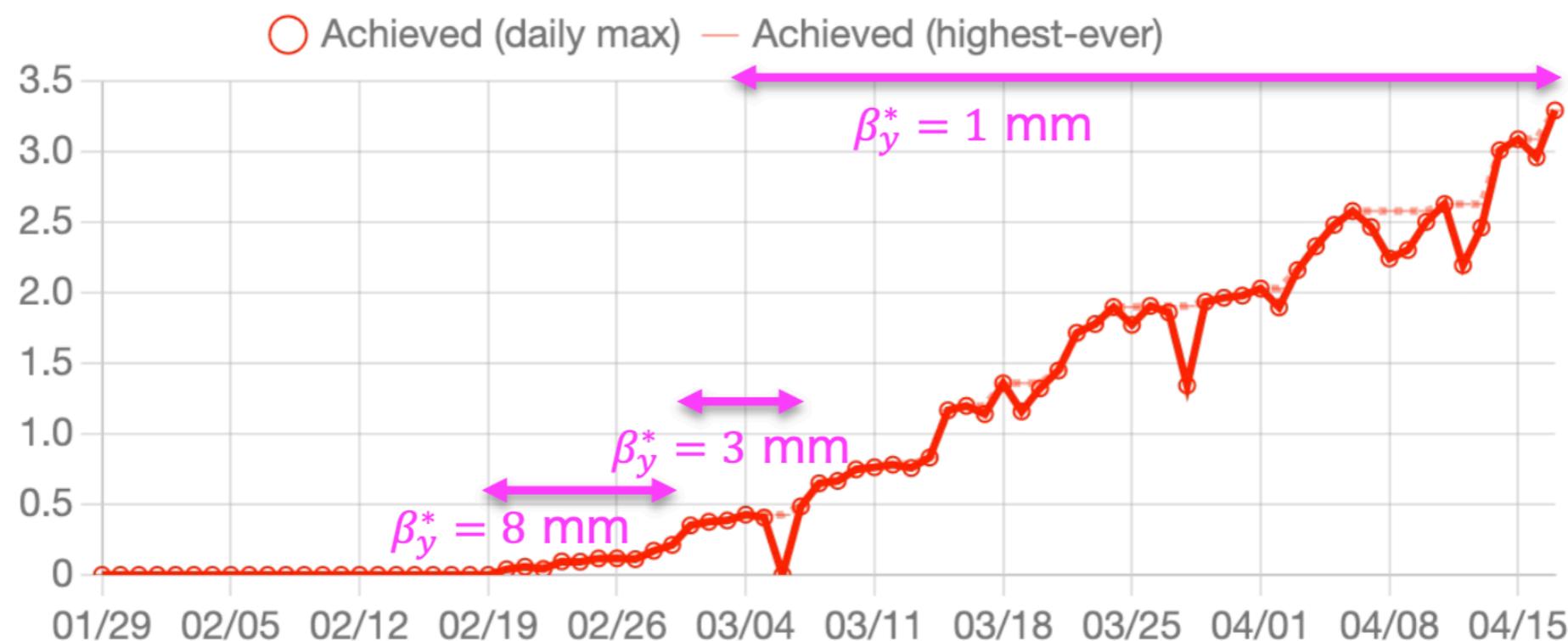
FIG. 1. The results of our fit for $f_+(q^2)$ and $f_0(q^2)$ form factors are depicted by the blue and red solid curves respectively. The dashed lines correspond to the results reported by FLAG [29]. The synthetic data points by HPQCD (green) [27] and by FNAL/MILC (orange) [28] are also shown for comparison. $P_{+,0}(q^2)$ are the inverse pole terms defined in Eq. (A5).





CKM



**RUN2** β_y^* **Delivered peak luminosity ($10^{34} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$)**



B → Kν̄ SYST ITA

TABLE I. Sources of systematic uncertainty in the ITA, corresponding correction factors (if any), their treatment in the fit, their size, and their impact on the uncertainty of the signal strength μ . The uncertainty type can be “Global”, corresponding to a global normalization factor common to all SR bins, or “Shape”, corresponding to a bin-dependent uncertainty. Each source is described by one or more nuisance parameters (see the text for more details). The impact on the signal strength uncertainty σ_μ is estimated by excluding the source from the minimization and subtracting in quadrature the resulting uncertainty from the uncertainty of the nominal fit.

Source	Correction	Uncertainty size	Impact on σ_μ
#1 Normalization of $B\bar{B}$ background	—	50%	0.88
Normalization of continuum background	—	50%	0.10
Leading B -decays branching fractions	—	$O(1\%)$	0.22
#3 Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$	q^2 dependent $O(100\%)$	20%	0.48
p -wave component for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_L^0$	q^2 dependent $O(100\%)$	30%	0.02
Branching fraction for $B \rightarrow D^{(**)}$	—	50%	0.42
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow n\bar{n}K^+$	q^2 dependent $O(100\%)$	100%	0.20
Branching fraction for $D \rightarrow K_L X$	+30%	10%	0.14
Continuum background modeling, BDT _c	Multivariate $O(10\%)$	100% of correction	0.01
Integrated luminosity	—	1%	< 0.01
Number of $B\bar{B}$	—	1.5%	0.02
Off-resonance sample normalization	—	5%	< 0.01
Track finding efficiency	—	0.3%	0.20
Signal kaon PID	p, θ dependent $O(10 - 100\%)$	$O(1\%)$	0.07
Photon energy scale	—	0.5%	0.07
Hadronic energy scale	-10%	10%	0.36
K_L^0 efficiency in ECL	-17%	8%	0.21
Signal SM form factors	q^2 dependent $O(1\%)$	$O(1\%)$	0.02
Global signal efficiency	—	3%	0.03
#2 MC statistics	—	$O(1\%)$	0.52

B → Kν̄ SYST ITA

Source	Correction	Uncertainty size	Impact on μ
#1 Normalization $B\bar{B}$ background	—	30%	0.91
#3 Normalization continuum background	—	50%	0.58
Leading B -decays branching fractions	—	$O(1\%)$	0.1
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$	q^2 dependent $O(100\%)$	20%	0.2
Branching fraction for $B \rightarrow D^{(**)}$	—	50%	0.0044
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ n\bar{n}$	q^2 dependent $O(100\%)$	100%	0.047
Branching fraction for $D \rightarrow K_L X$	+30%	10%	0.029
Continuum background modeling, BDT_c	Multivariate $O(10\%)$	100% of correction	0.29
Number of $B\bar{B}$	—	1.5%	0.07
Track finding efficiency	—	0.3%	0.013
Signal kaon PID	p, θ dependent $O(10 - 100\%)$	$O(1\%)$	0.0026
#2 Extra photon multiplicity	N_γ dependent $O(20\%)$	$O(20\%)$	0.61
K_L^0 efficiency	—	17%	0.31
Signal SM form factors	q^2 dependent $O(1\%)$	$O(1\%)$	0.056
Signal efficiency	—	16%	0.42
#2 MC statistics	—	$O(1\%)$	0.6

Systematic uncertainties

Incorporated in the fit as nuisance parameters

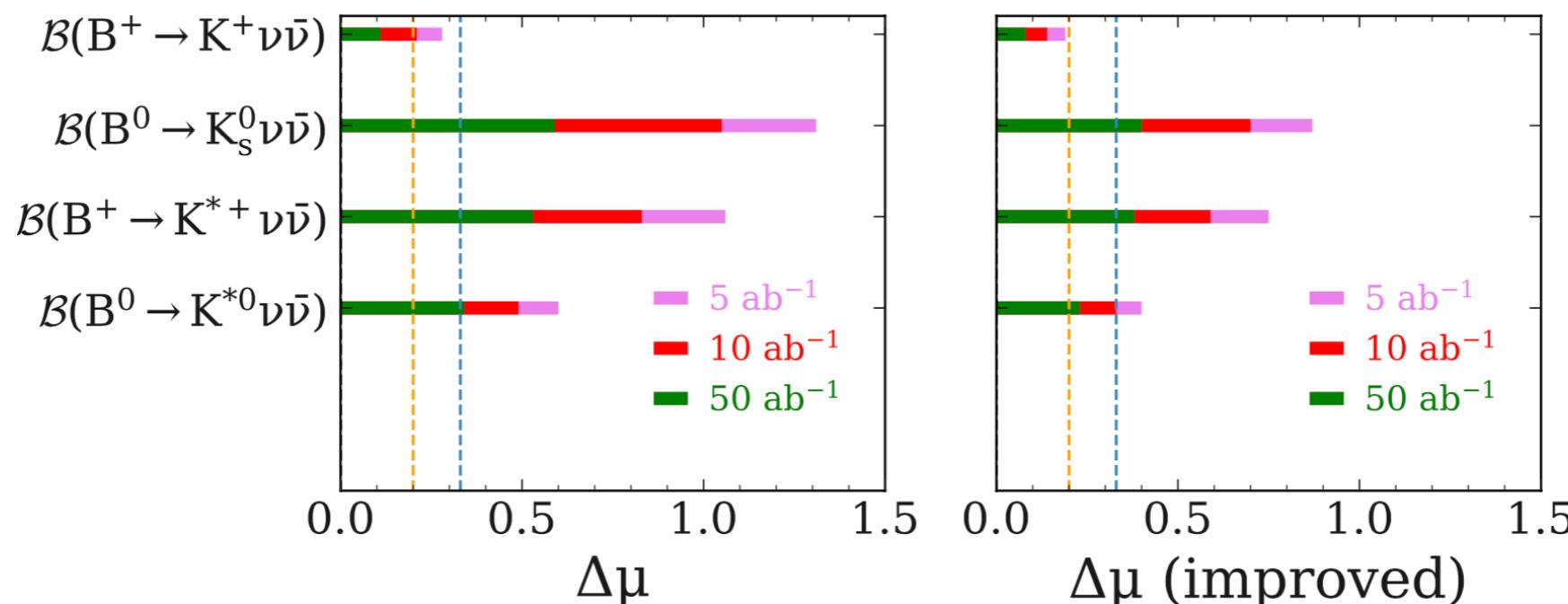
- Background normalisation $B\bar{B}$ (HTA, ITA)
- Limited size of simulation sample for the fit model (HTA, ITA)
- Knowledge of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$ BF and modelling of $B^+ \rightarrow D^{**} \ell\nu$ decays (HTA)
- ROE photon multiplicity mis-modeling (ITA)



$B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ PROJECTIONS

Belle II Snowmass paper : 2 scenarios baseline (improved*)

3σ (5 σ) for SM $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$ decays with 5 ab $^{-1}$



*The "improved" scenario assumes a 50% increase in signal efficiency for the same background level



PROJECTIONS

$B \rightarrow K^*\gamma$

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Observables	Belle II 5 ab^{-1}	Belle II 50 ab^{-1}
$\Delta_{0+}(B \rightarrow K^*\gamma)$	0.70%	0.53%
$A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma)$	0.58%	0.21%
$A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma)$	0.81%	0.29%
$\Delta A_{CP}(B \rightarrow K^*\gamma)$	0.98%	0.36%

$B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Belle II Physics Book

Observables	Belle II 5 ab^{-1}	Belle II 50 ab^{-1}
$\text{Br}(B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	30%	9.6%
$A_{CP}(B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	78%	25%
$\text{Br}(B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	23%	—

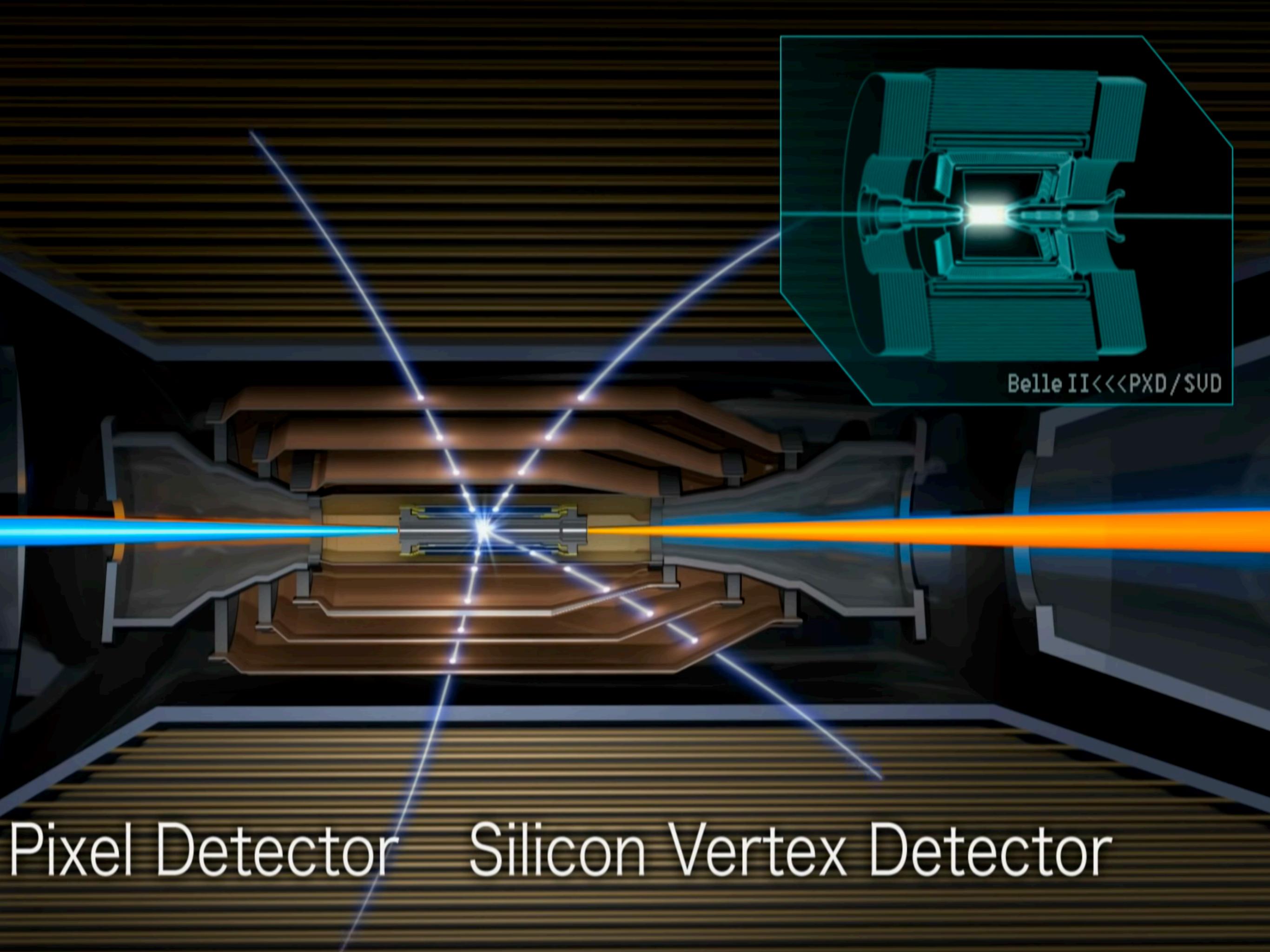
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$

more data will
result in a
observation of
this decay

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

Belle II snowmass paper : 2 scenarios baseline (improved*)
assuming SM

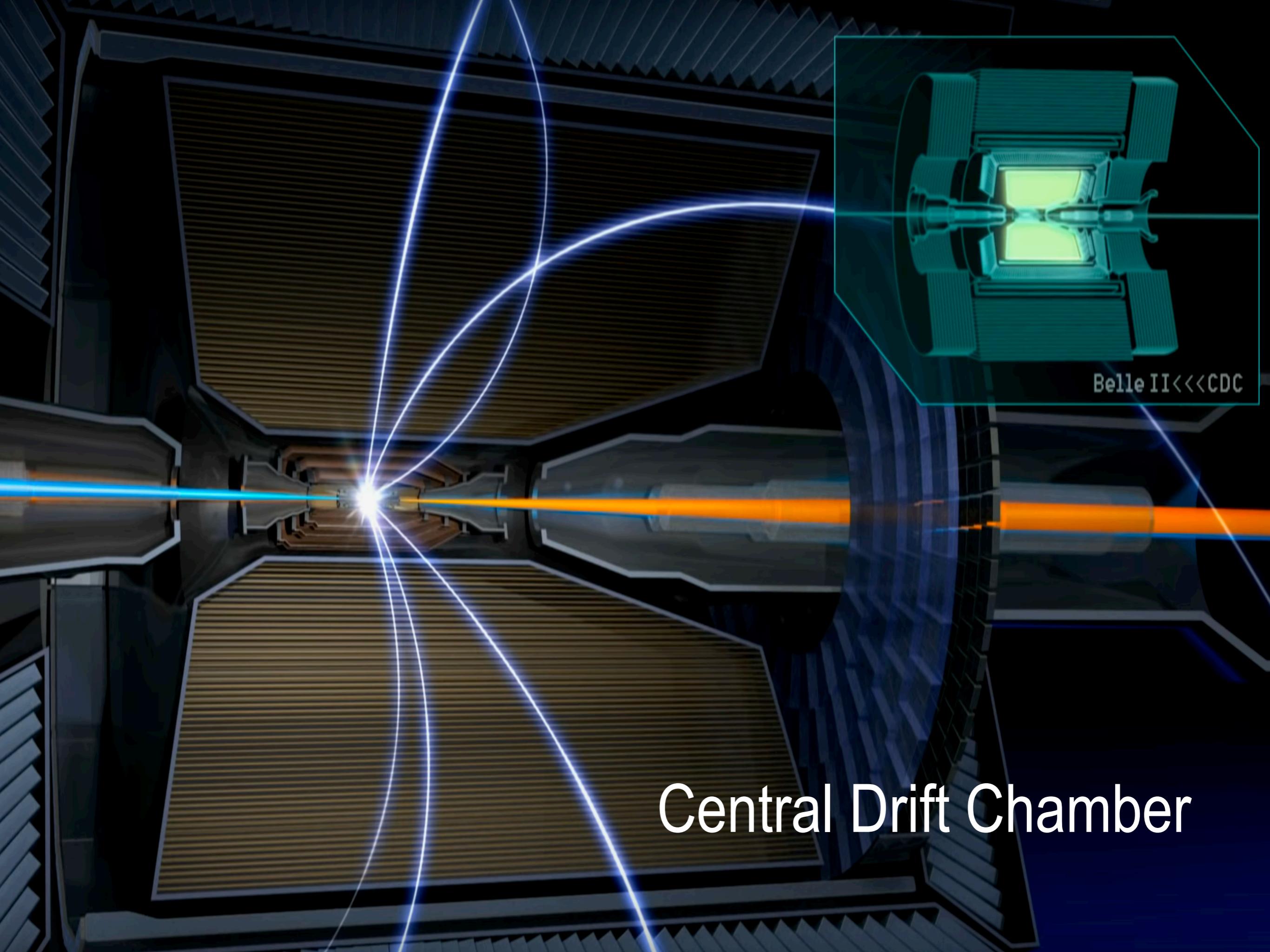
Decay	1 ab^{-1}	5 ab^{-1}	10 ab^{-1}	50 ab^{-1}
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$	0.55 (0.37)	0.28 (0.19)	0.21 (0.14)	0.11 (0.08)
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\nu\bar{\nu}$	2.06 (1.37)	1.31 (0.87)	1.05 (0.70)	0.59 (0.40)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\nu\bar{\nu}$	2.04 (1.45)	1.06 (0.75)	0.83 (0.59)	0.53 (0.38)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\nu\bar{\nu}$	1.08 (0.72)	0.60 (0.40)	0.49 (0.33)	0.34 (0.23)



Pixel Detector

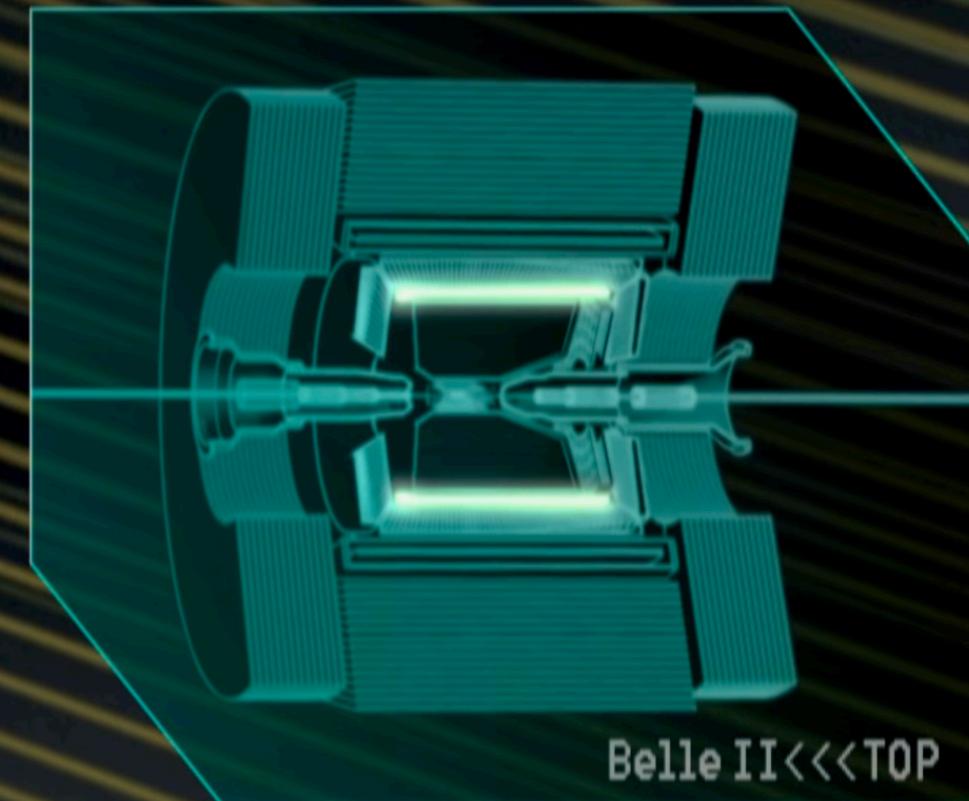
Silicon Vertex Detector

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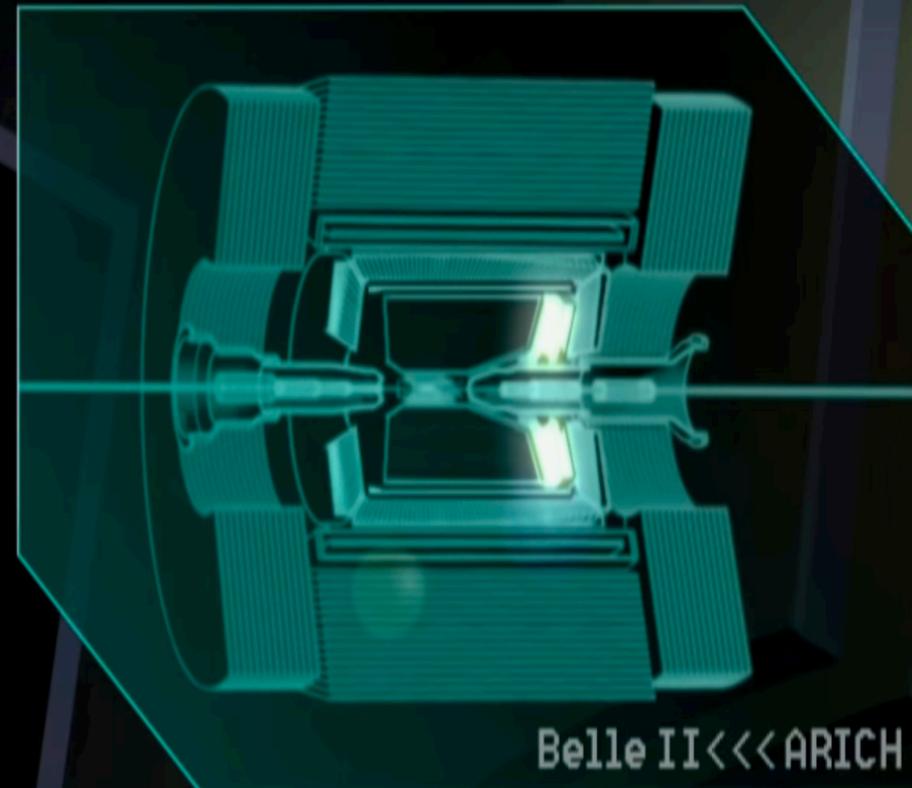


Central Drift Chamber

Time-Of-Propagation counter

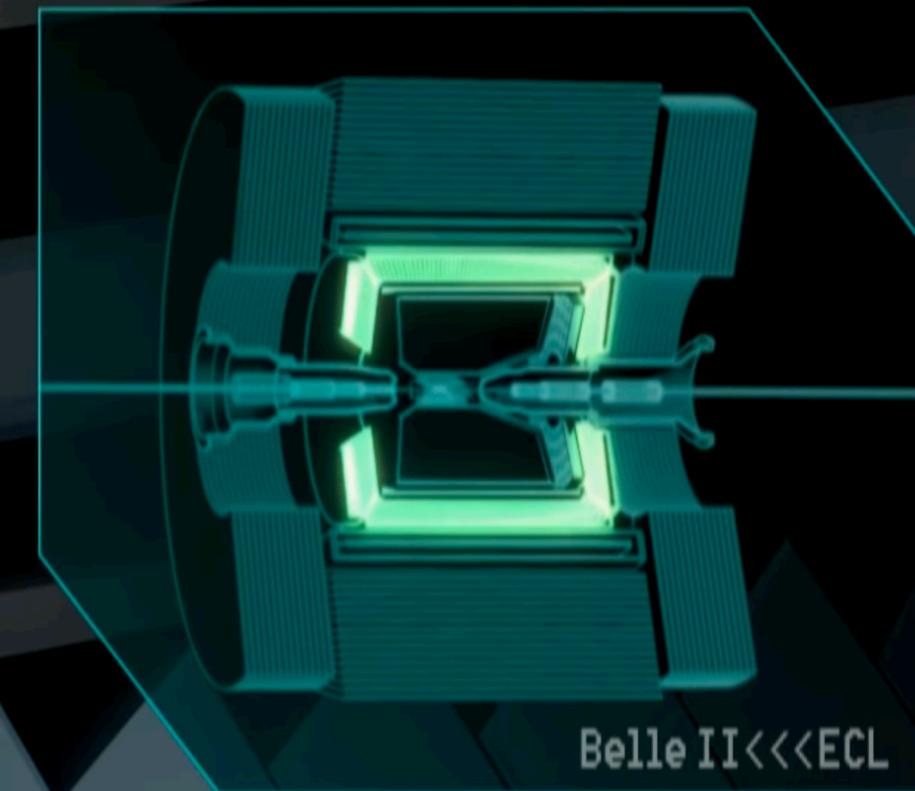


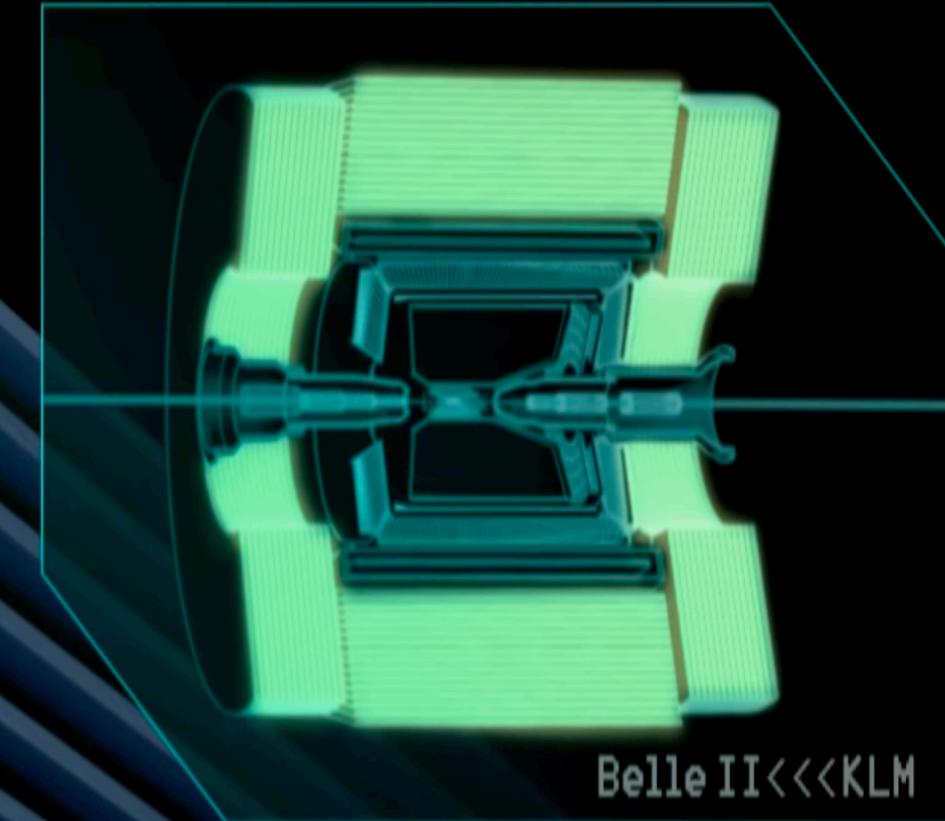
Aerogel Ring-Imaging Cherenkov detector



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Electromagnetic Calorimeter





K_L and Muon detector