



# Belle II — Intensity, the quark way

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# The Standard Model success

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SM as we know it

Matter dominance in Universe?

Gravity at Planck scale?

Dark matter?

Dark energy?

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These and many other questions fuel a strong and wide-spread prejudice that the SM is completed at high-energy by new particles and interactions

# Two ways out

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A more powerful collider (may not be sufficiently powerful or imminent)



Direct high-energy production of non-SM particles

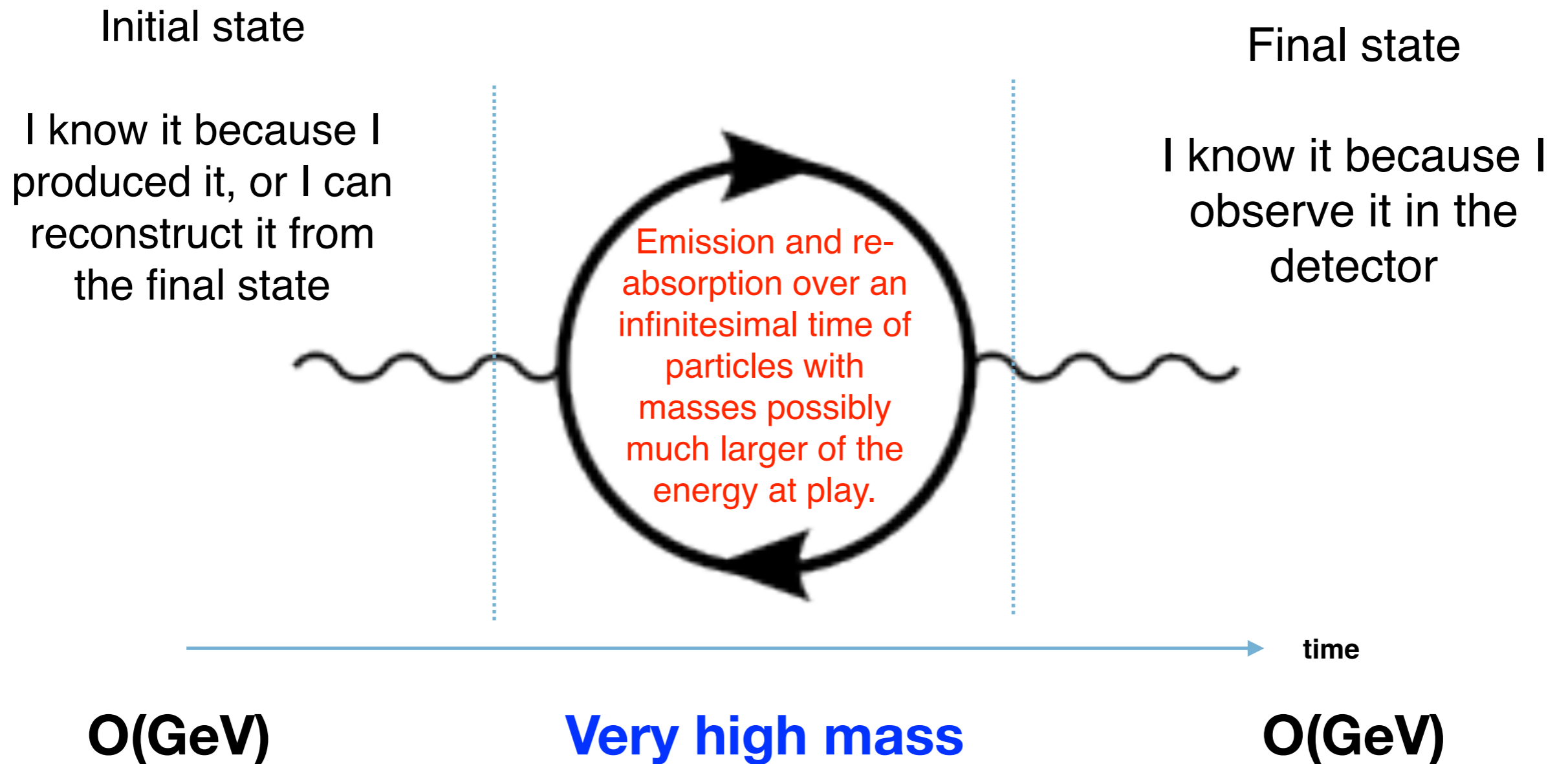
Get smarter



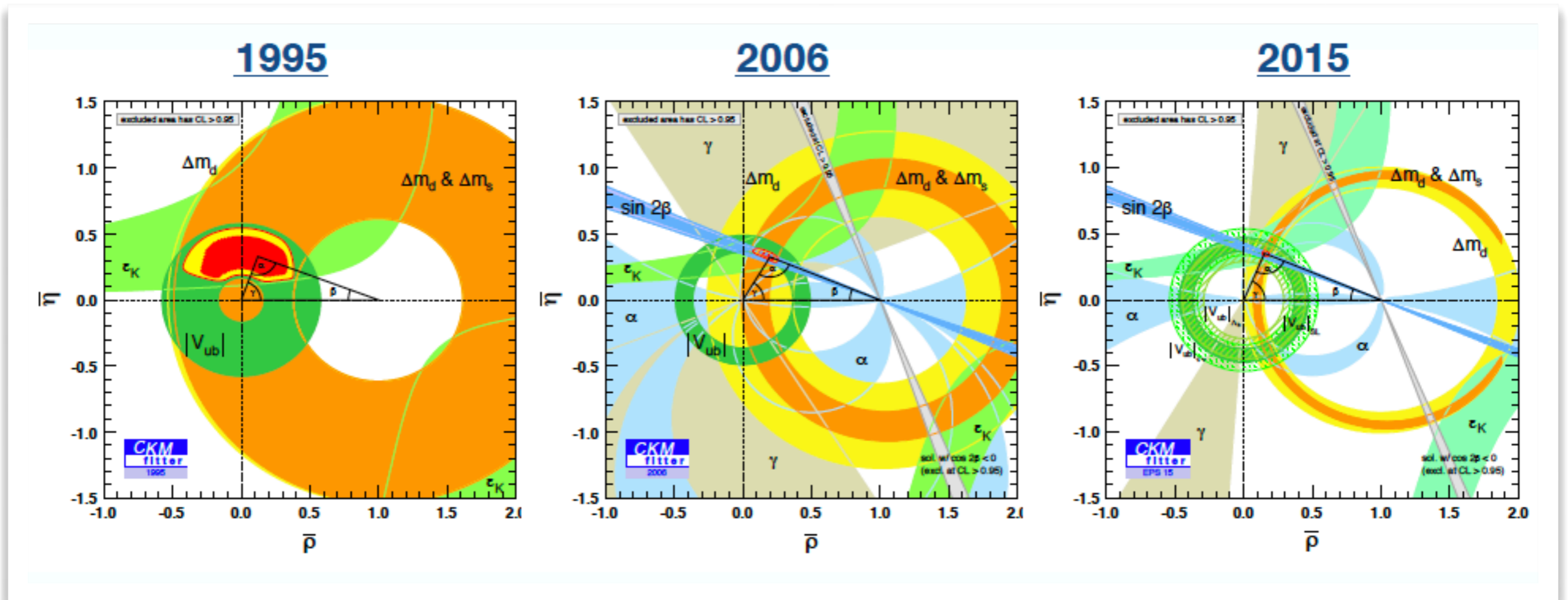
Quantum probing of virtual non-SM particles that contribute to known lower-energy processes

# The precision frontier

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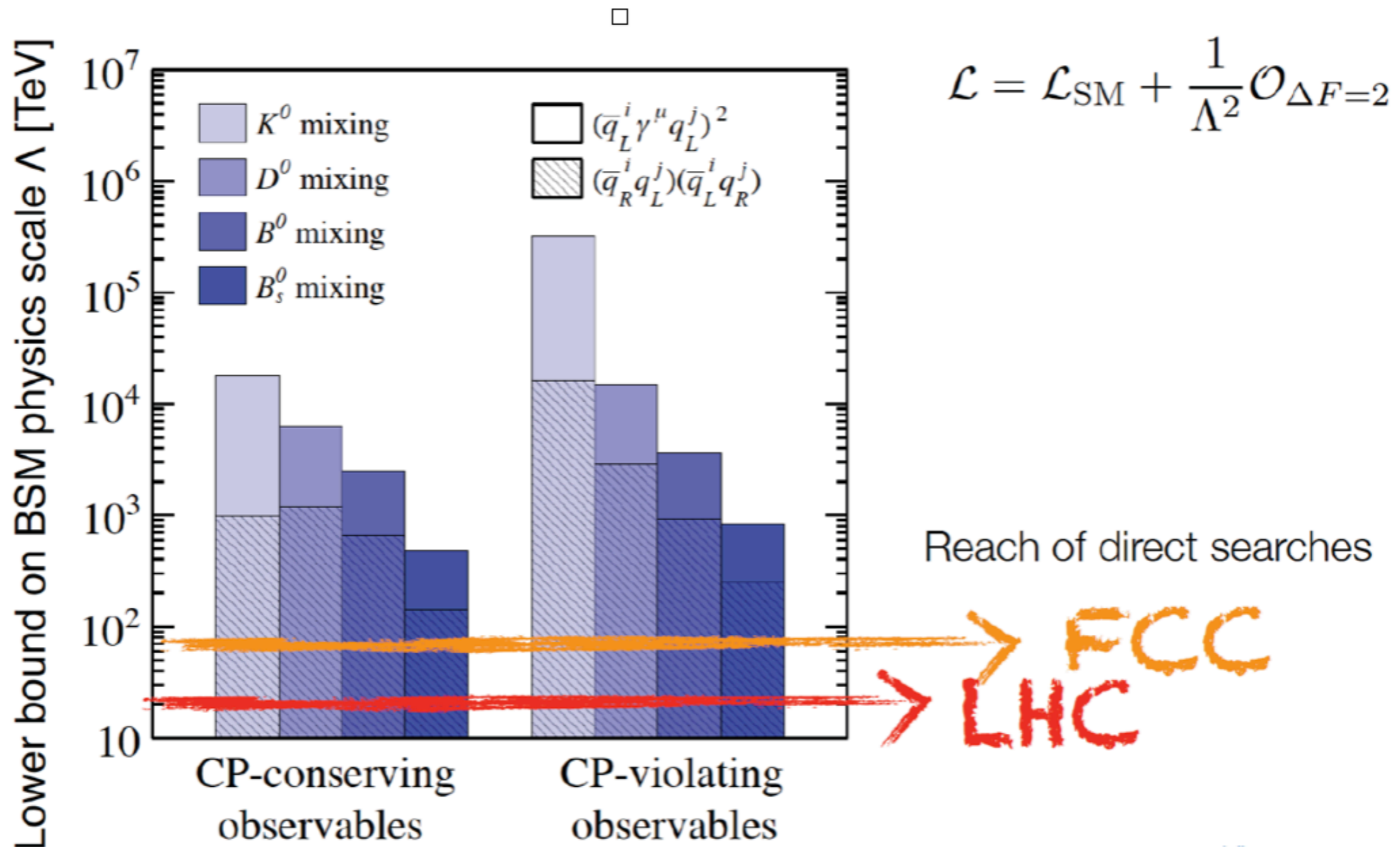
# Flavor come a long way



CKM mechanism predicts all observations to within 10-15% uncertainties.

Explore suppressed processes, approach precision of favored ones.

# But gotta finish the job



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# Who we are

## SuperKEKB

Goal: 30x luminosity wrt KEKB thanks to nanobeams: squeeze beta fcn in the luminous region and minimize longitudinal beam overlap.

Modest (1.5x-2x) increase in currents. Large (20x) increase in beam cross section. Increase x-ing angle to 83 mrad

Achieving 50 nm vertical size requires low emittance and powerful and sophisticate final focus

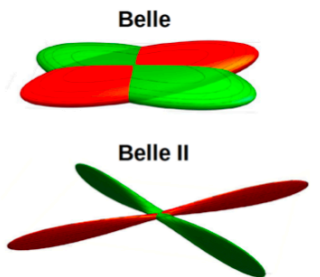
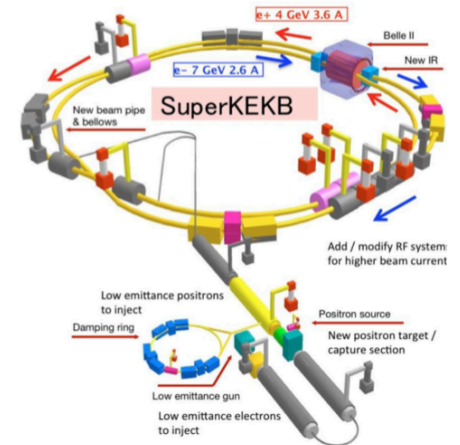
So far 10x below design, improving steadily

$4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ Hz}$  record

(w/ currents 2-3x lower than at PEP-II)

90% data taking efficiency 1-2 fb<sup>-1</sup>/day, 8-12 fb<sup>-1</sup>/week, 20-40 fb<sup>-1</sup>/month.

430 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected (>50% of Belle, ~Babar).  
Half of Babar's sample in just one year.



7 GeV electrons on 4 GeV positrons at the Y(4S) mass. About 30 (now) to 600 (design)  $B\bar{B}$ ,  $D\bar{D}$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$  per second — with 3x background from light quarks

# The instrument

It looks like the “old” Belle, but it is effectively a brand new detector

Only structure, magnet and calorimeter crystals are re-used

## Vertex detector (VXD)

Inner 2 layers: pixel detector (PXD)  
Outer 4 layers: strip sensor (SVD)  
Vertex resolution :  $15 \mu\text{m}$

$e^-$  (7GeV)

## Central Drift Chamber (CDC)

Track efficiency  $\sim 99\%$   
 $dE/dx$  resolution : 5%  
 $p_T$  resolution : 0.4 %

## Particle Identification

Barrel: Time-Of-Propagation  
counters (TOP)  
Forward: Aerogel RICH (ARICH)

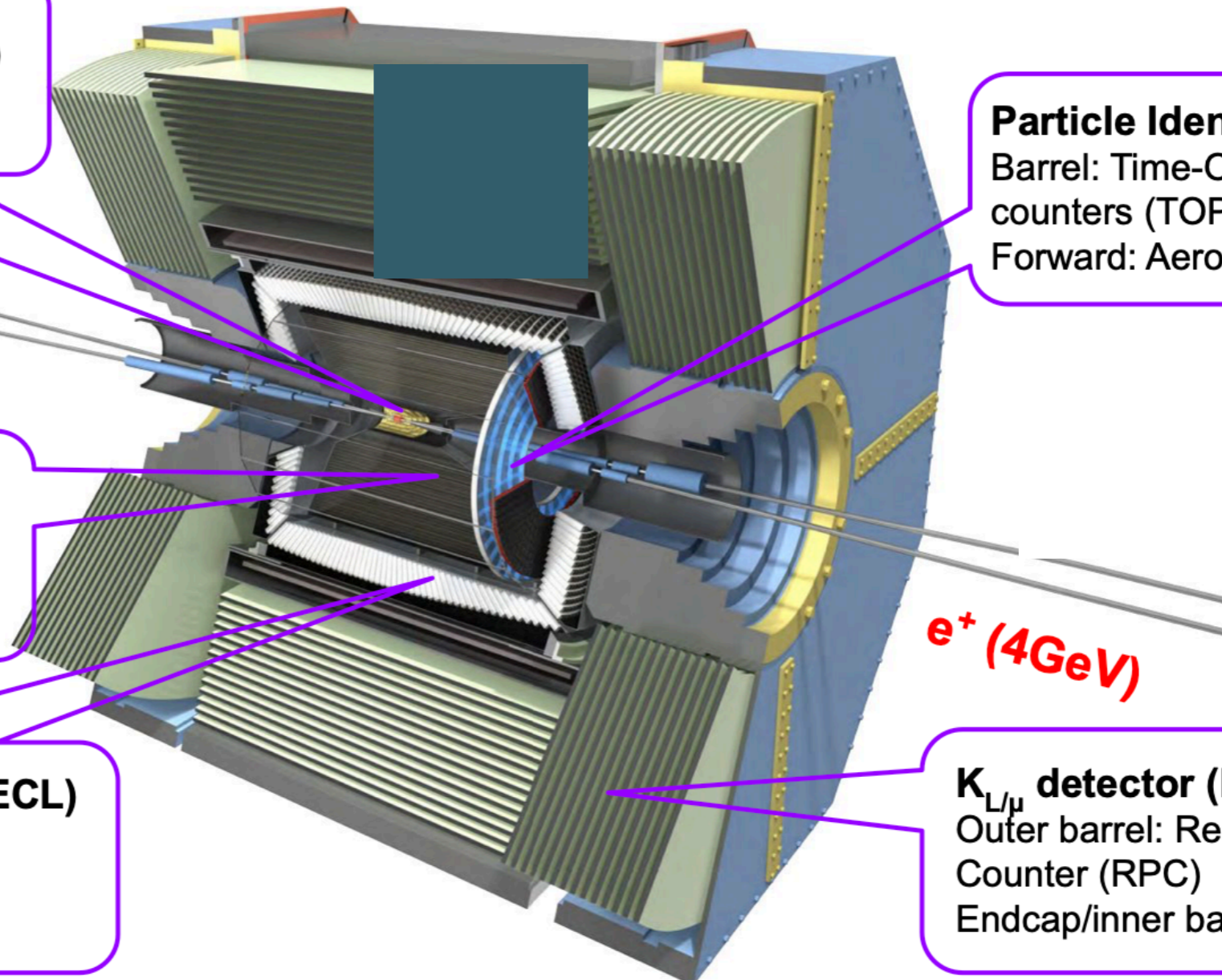
$e^+$  (4GeV)

## $K_{L/\mu}$ detector (KLM)

Outer barrel: Resistive Plate  
Counter (RPC)  
Endcap/inner barrel: Scintillator

## ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter (ECL)

Barrel: CsI(Tl) + waveform sampling  
Endcap: waveform sampling  
Energy resolution : 1.6 - 4%





# $B$ factory analysis 101

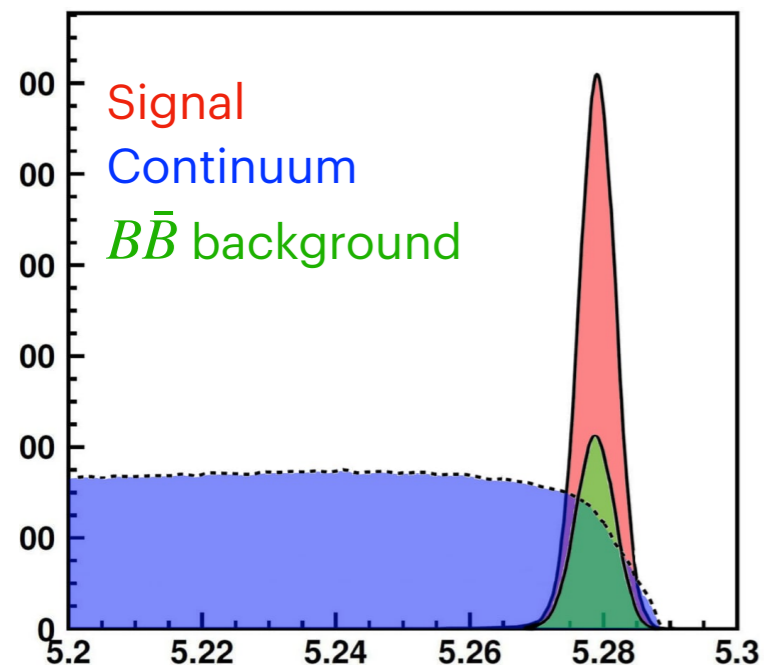
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Point-like particles colliding at  $B\bar{B}$  threshold:

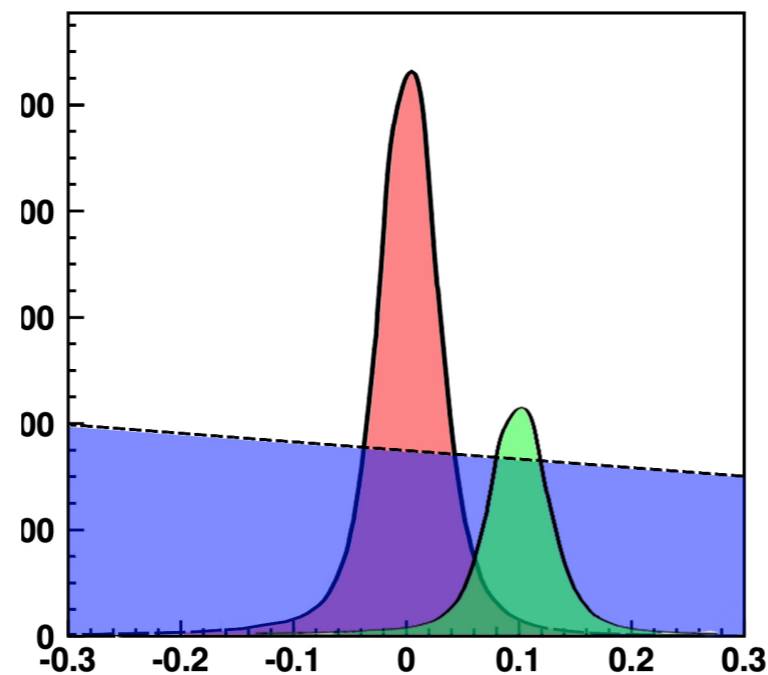
Low background and knowledge of initial state: stringent kinematic constraints.

Extract signal using kinematics

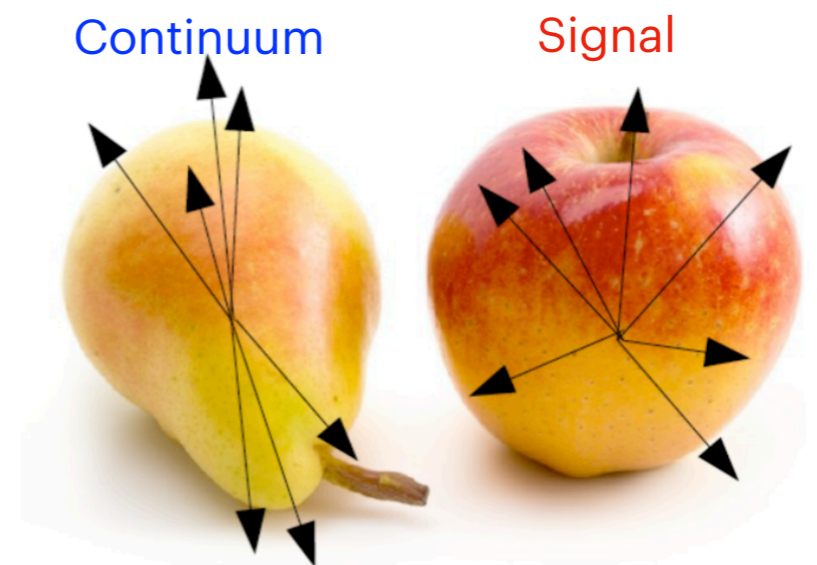
..and event shape



Invariant  $B$  mass with  $B$  energy replaced by half of the collision energy.



Difference between expected and observed  $B$  energy





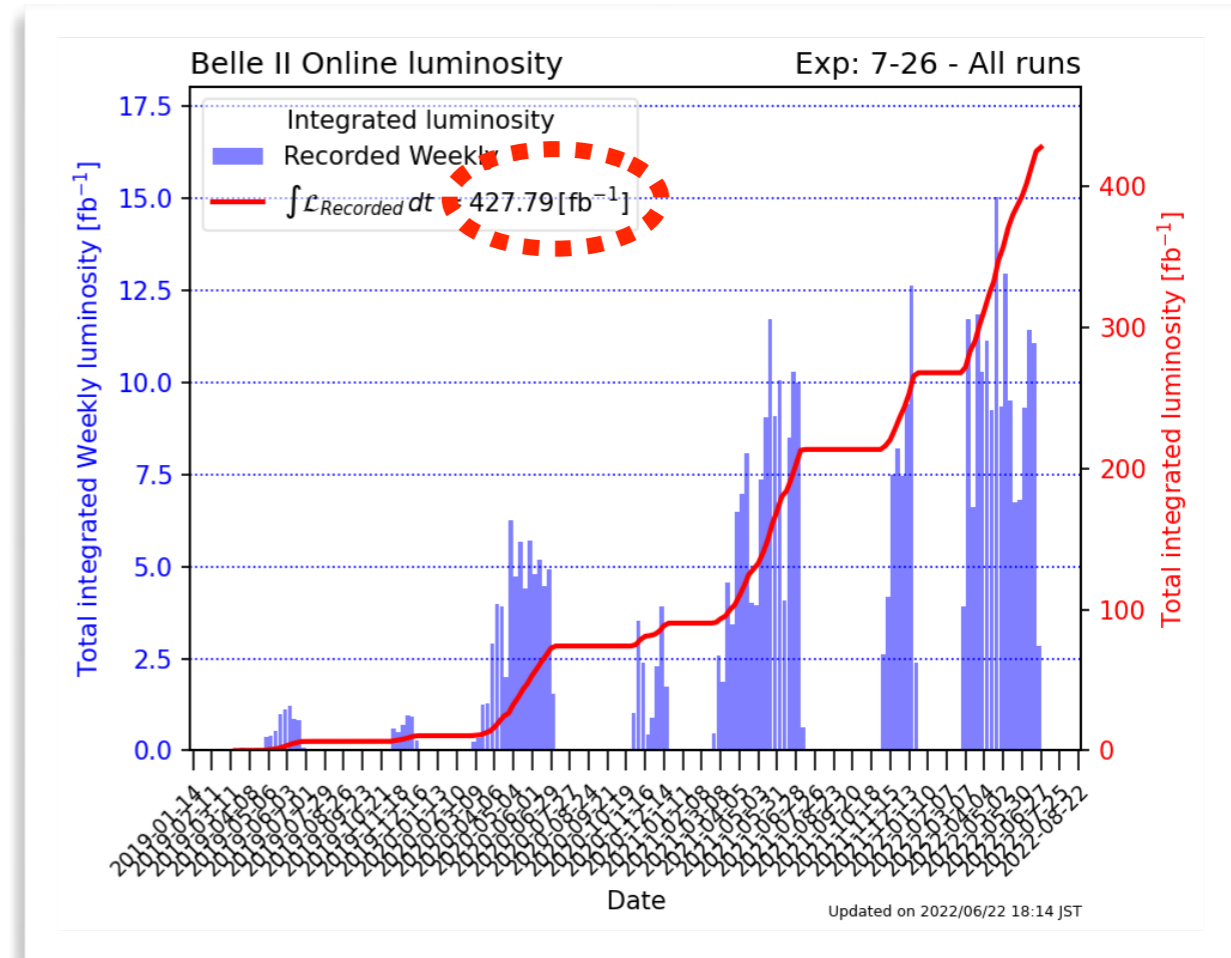
# 428 fb<sup>-1</sup> after 4 years

Shortcomings in injection, collimation, beam stability, control of beam-backgrounds etc

SuperKEKB integrated luminosity ~10x off with respect to plans (Tip: SuperKEKB is exploring uncharted territory)

Issues getting addressed as we speak

Still, we only got a sample equivalent to Babar's and to 50% of Belle's so far

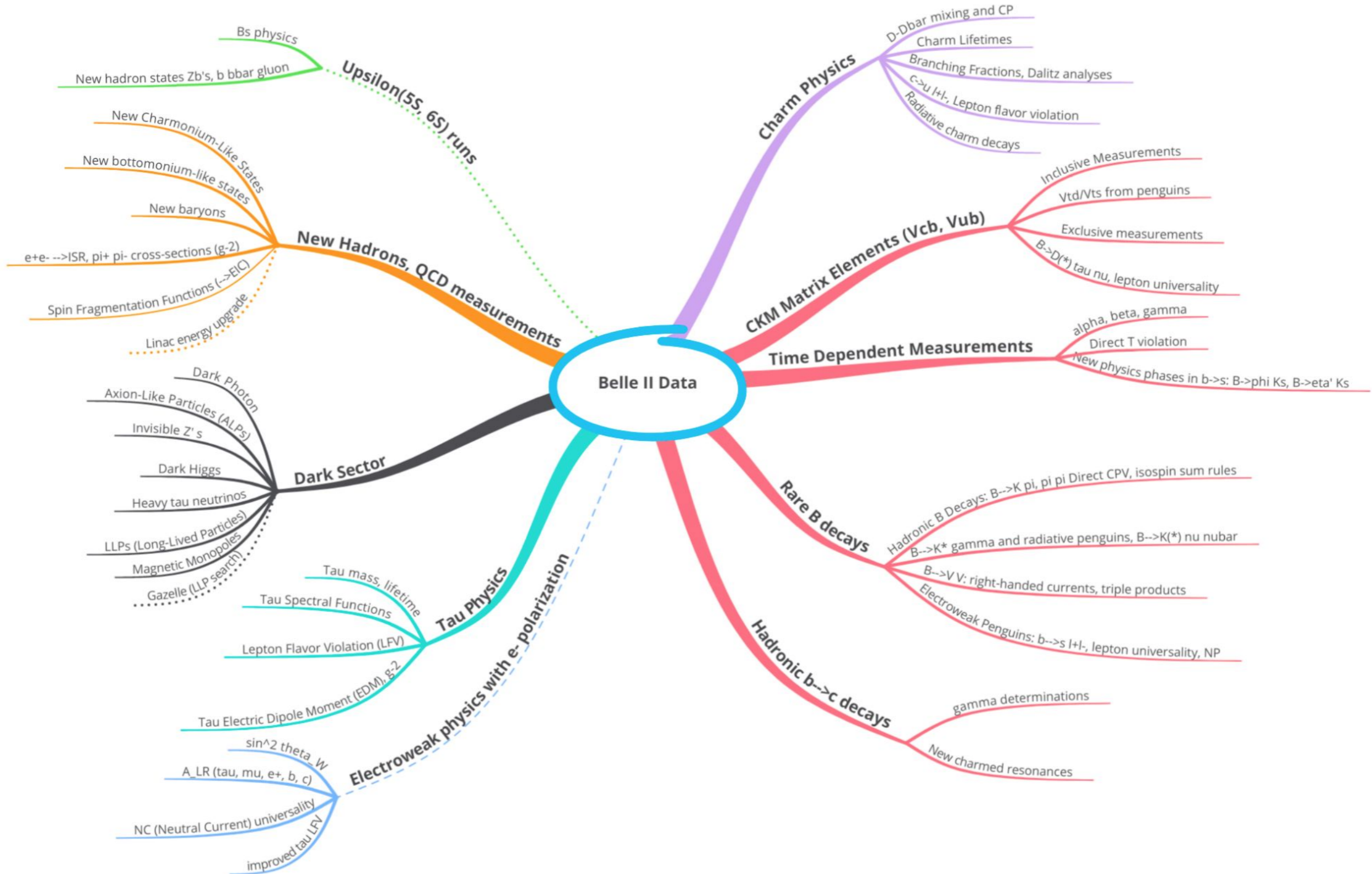


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We have a larger and stronger collaboration than our predecessors

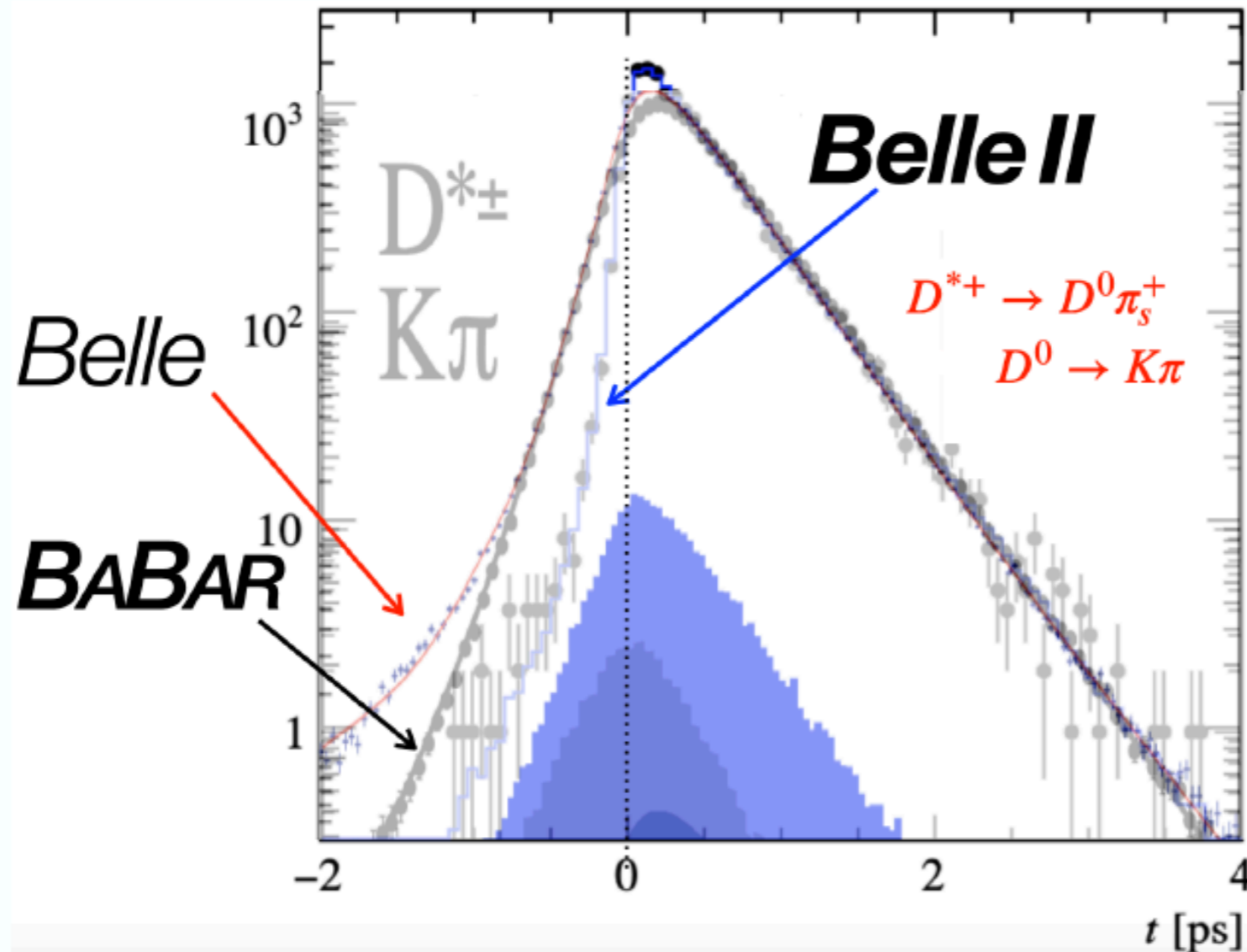
We benefit from 20+ years of progress in analysis and tools.

What we did so far



Ramping: in the past year, 40 new results that quadruple paper count  
 Today: sampler aimed at underlying relevant “common themes”

# Pushing the detector envelope — vertexing



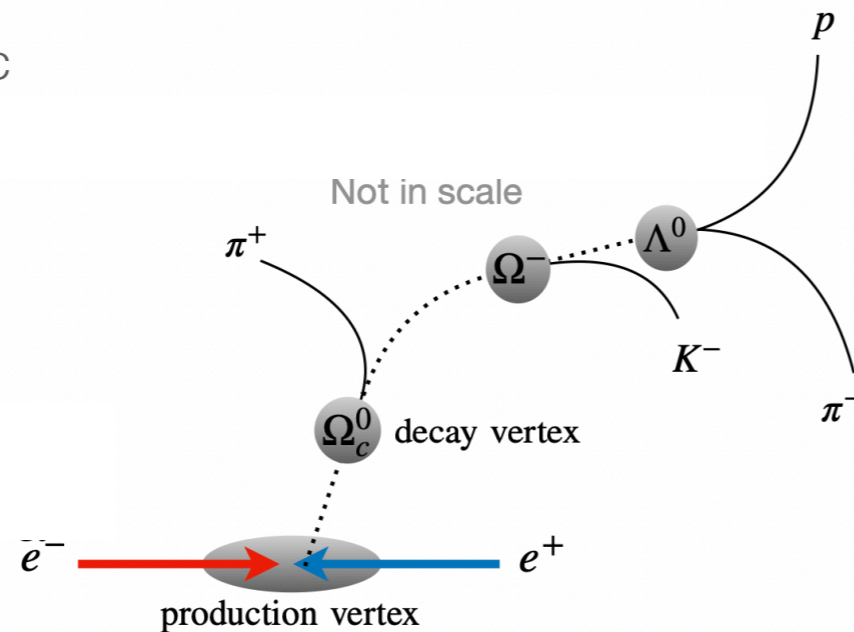
Greatly improved time resolution compared to previous B-factories.

# Pushing the detector envelope — vertexing

## Systematic charmed lifetime program

$\tau(D^0) = 410.5 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.8$  fs most precise [Phys. Rev. Lett 127 \(2021\) 21801](#)  
 $\tau(D^+) = 1030.4 \pm 4.7 \pm 3.1$  fs most precise [Phys. Rev. Lett 127 \(2021\) 21801](#)  
 $\tau(\Lambda_c^+) = 203.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.$  most precise [Phys.Rev.Lett. 130 \(2023\) 071802](#)

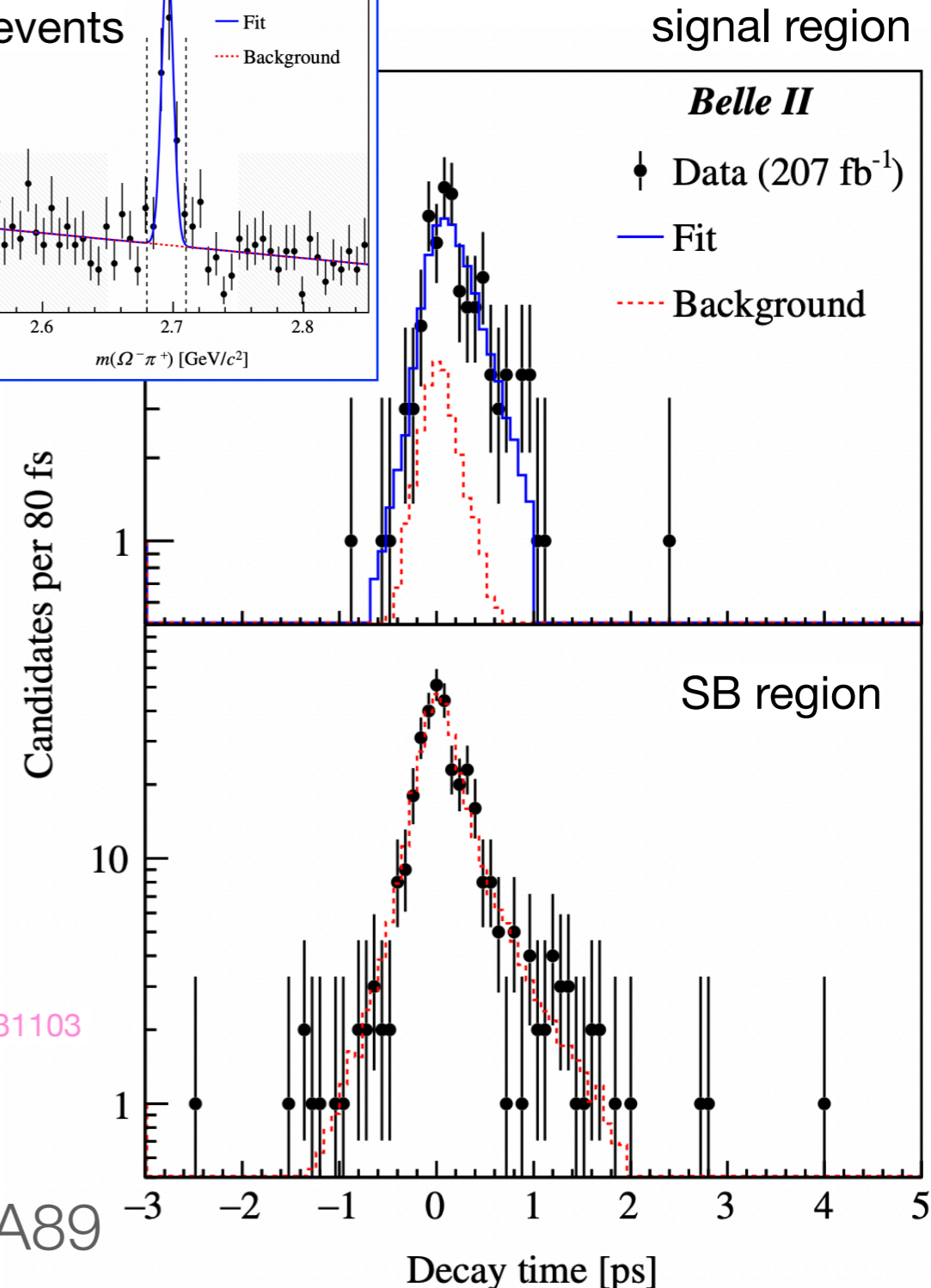
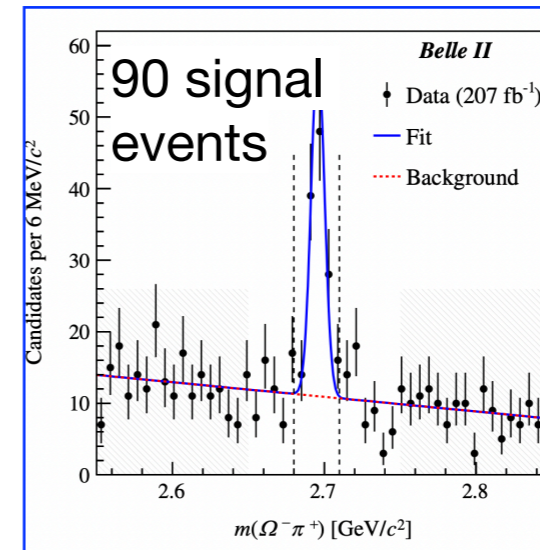
Latest entry:  $\Omega_c^0$



$$\tau(\Omega_c^0) = 243 \pm 48 \pm 11 \text{ fs} \quad \text{Phys. Rev. D 107 (2023) L031103}$$

Not the shortest-lived singly charmed baryon.

Consistent with LHCb. Not with FOCUS, E687, WA89



# Pushing the envelope — $p$ scale and collision energy

SuperKEKB is a  $\tau$  factory too: sizable cross section and constrained kinematics

$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- \nu$  (signal) and

$\tau^+ \rightarrow 1$  charged particle + ( $\pi^0$ ) (other “side”)

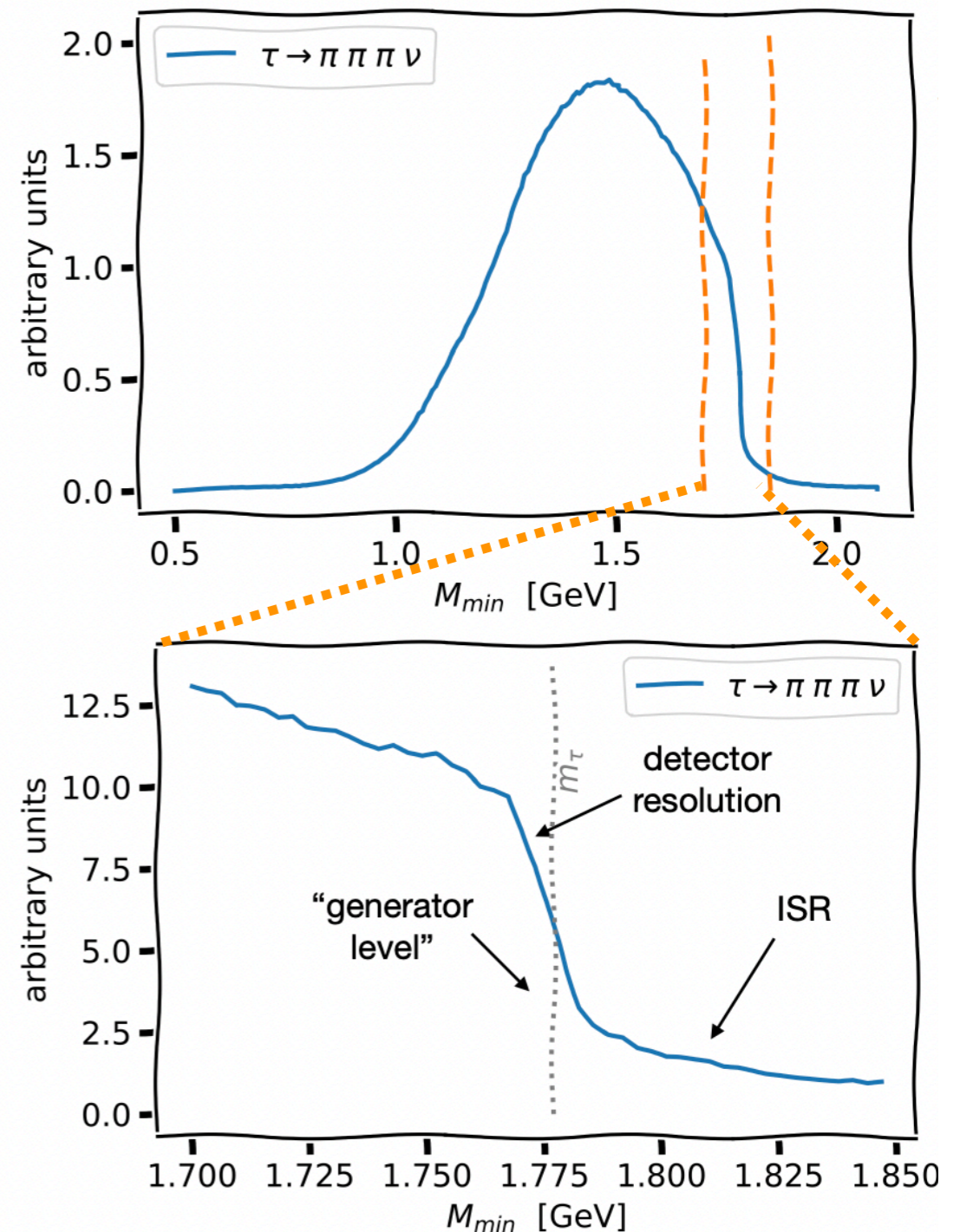
4 tracks. No additional high-energy photons

Empirical fit to reconstructed  $\tau$  mass

Assume  $\tau$ -energy being 1/2 of collision energy and neutrino collinear with  $3\pi$  syst.

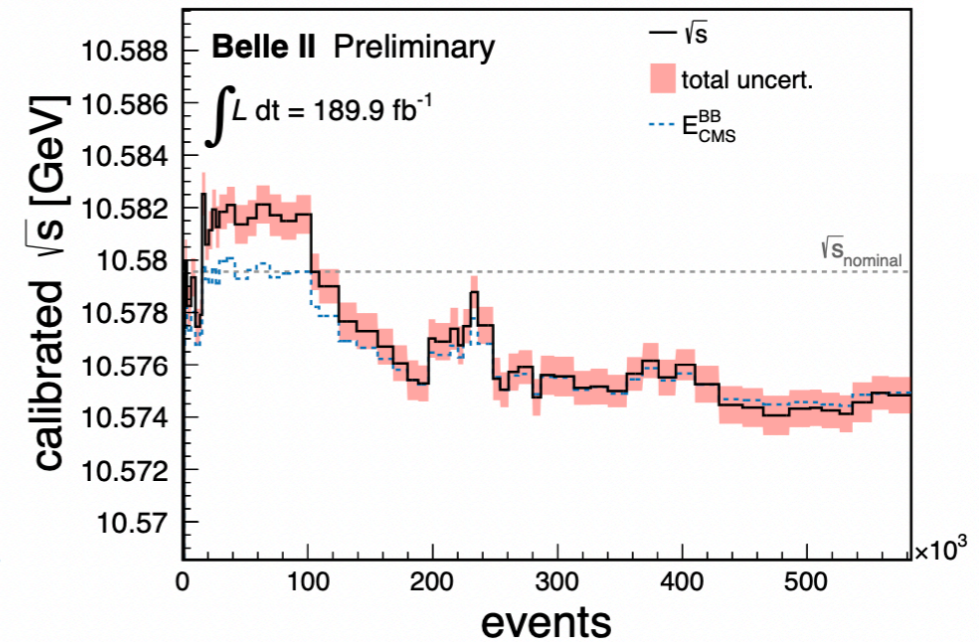
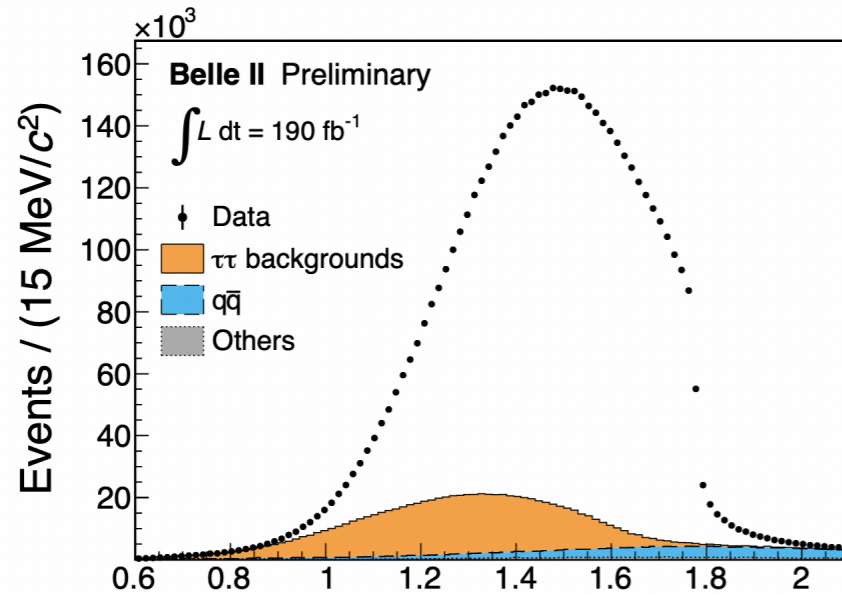
$$M_{\min} = \sqrt{M_{3\pi}^2 + 2(\sqrt{s}/2 - E_{3\pi}^*)(E_{3\pi}^* - P_{3\pi}^*)} \leq m_\tau$$

Benchmark for precise knowledge of momentum scale and collision energy



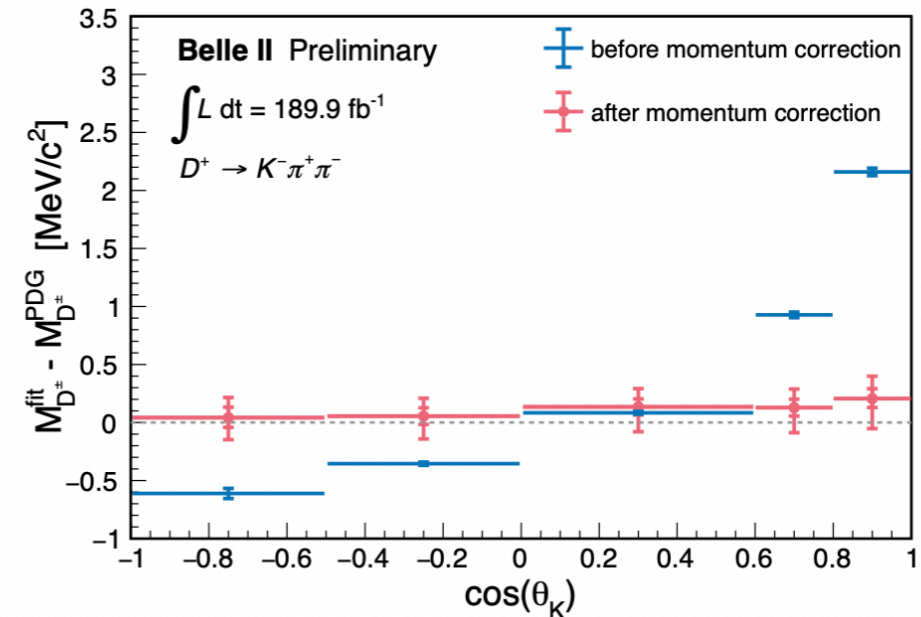


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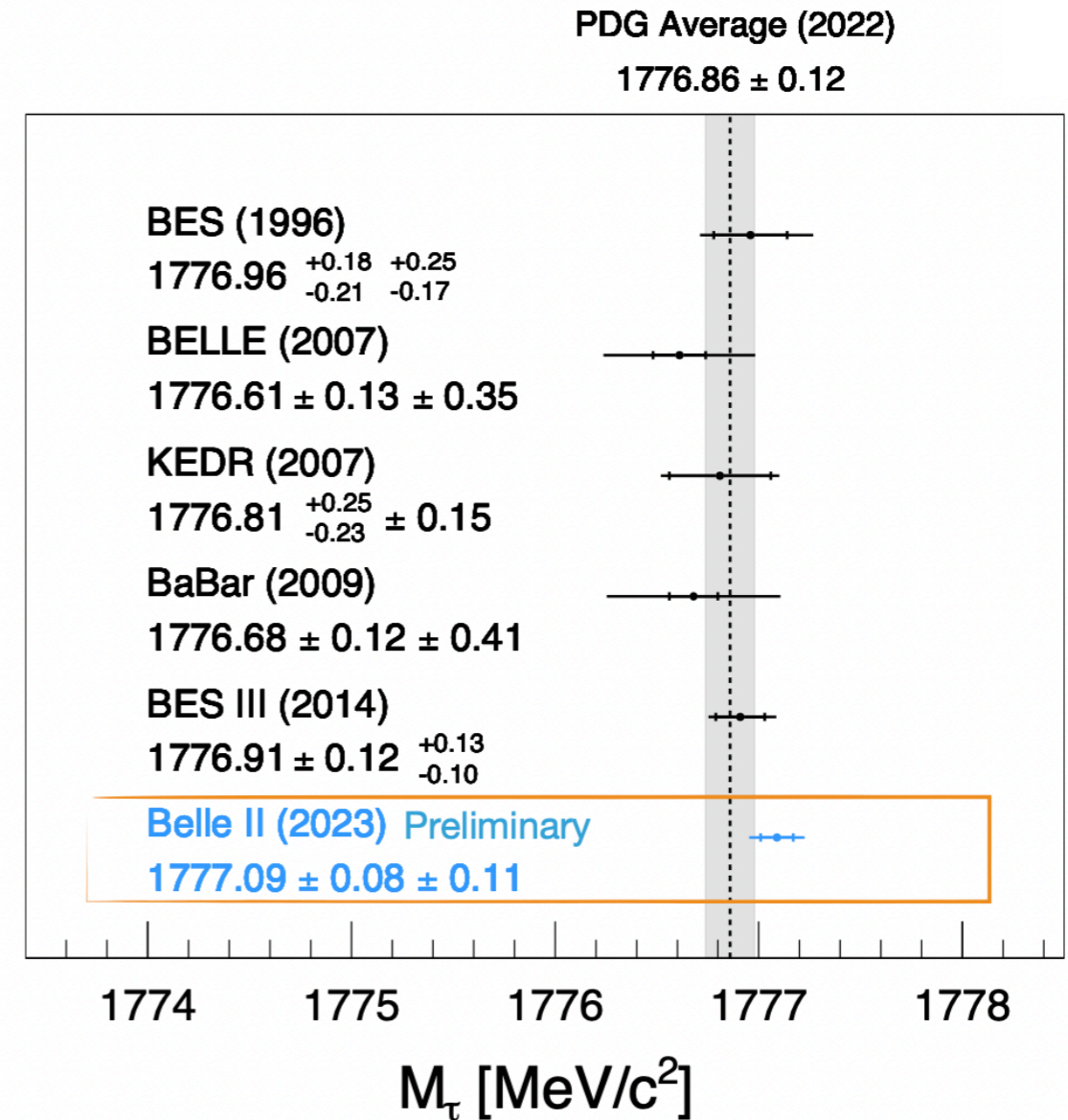
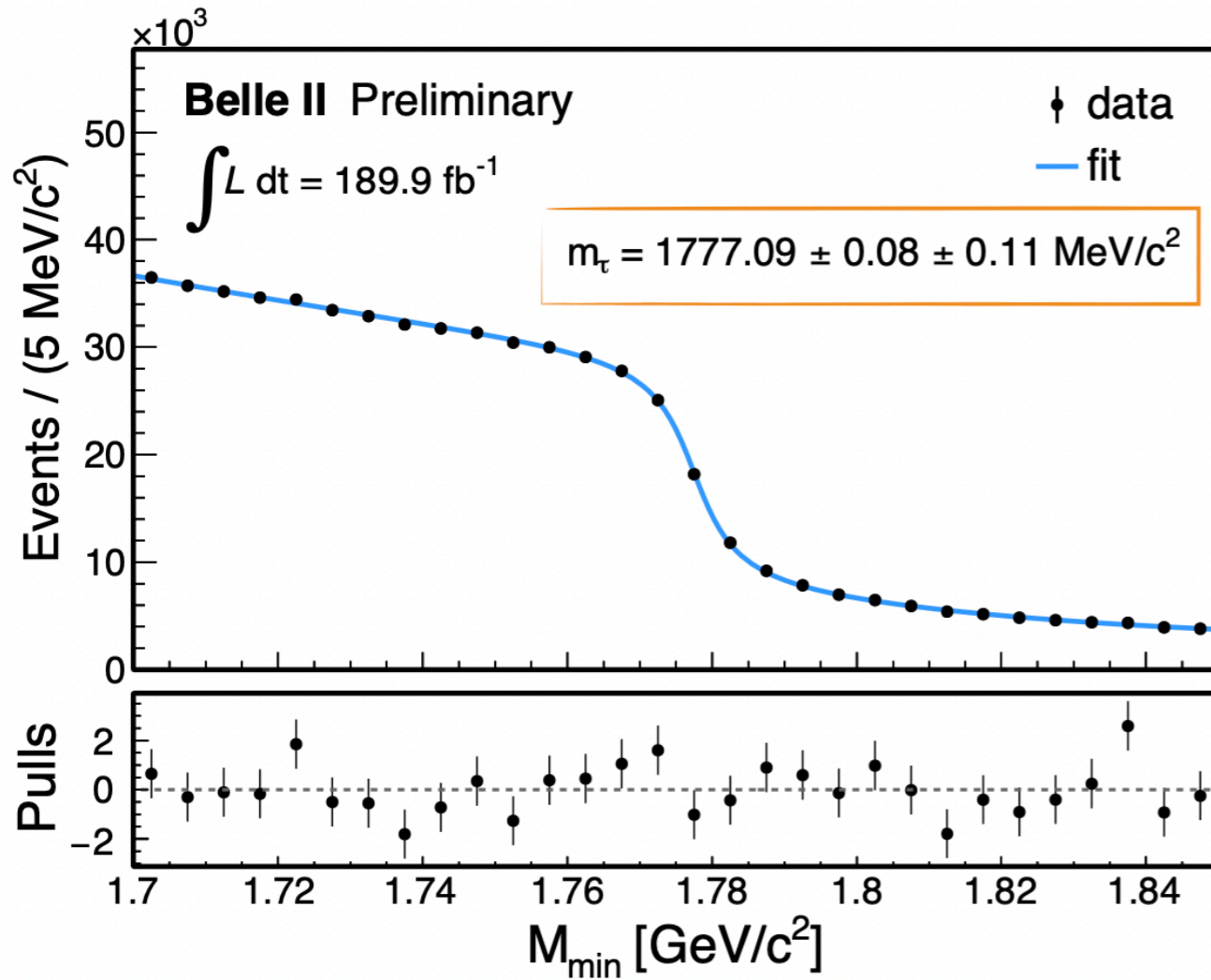


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Source	Uncertainty [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Knowledge of the colliding beams:</b>	
Beam energy correction	0.07
Boost vector	≤ 0.01
<b>Reconstruction of charged particles:</b>	
Charged particle momentum correction	0.06
Detector misalignment	0.03
<b>Fitting procedure:</b>	
Estimator bias	0.03
Choice of the fit function	0.02
Mass dependence of the bias	≤ 0.01
<b>Imperfections of the simulation:</b>	
Detector material budget	0.03
Modeling of ISR and FSR	0.02
Momentum resolution	≤ 0.01
Neutral particle reconstruction efficiency	≤ 0.01
Tracking efficiency correction	≤ 0.01
Trigger efficiency	≤ 0.01
Background processes	≤ 0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.11</b>

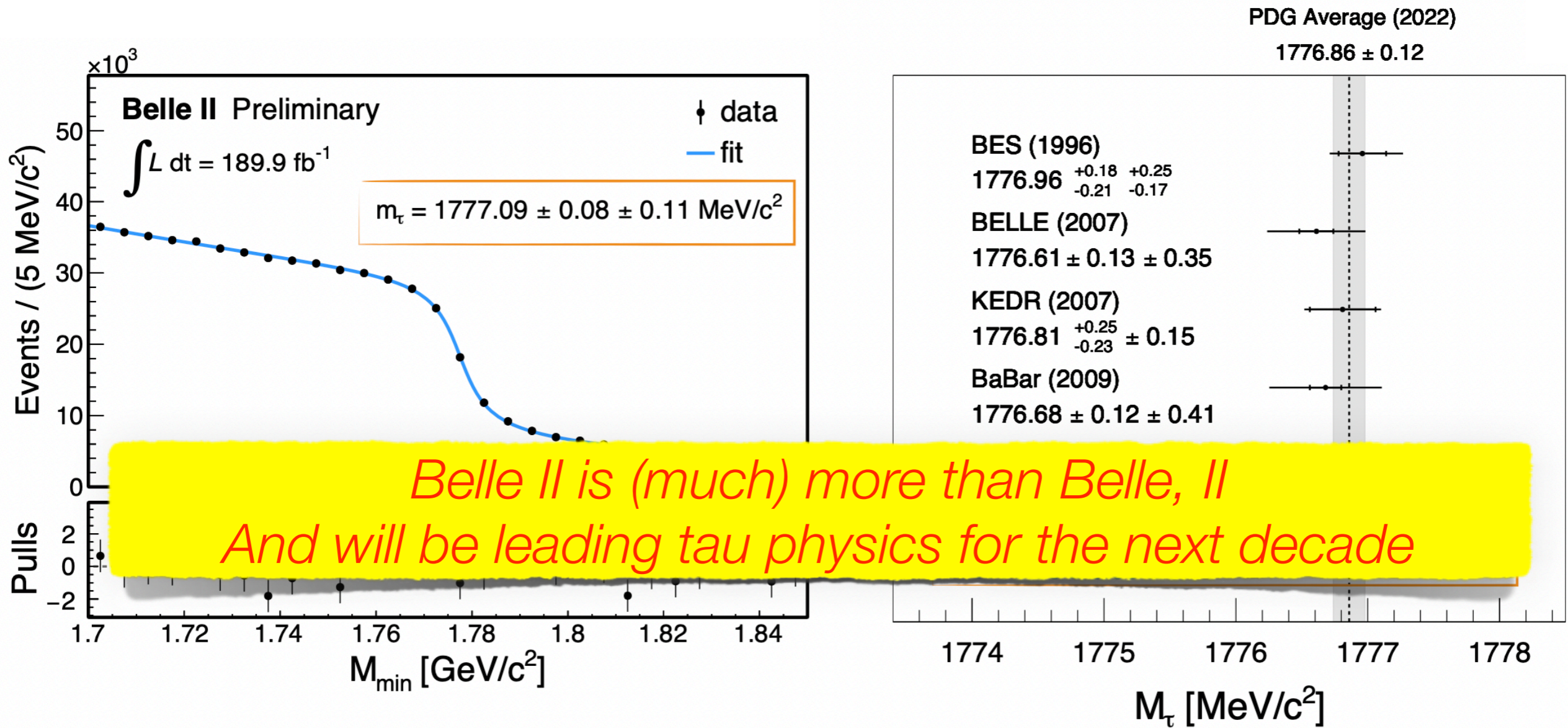


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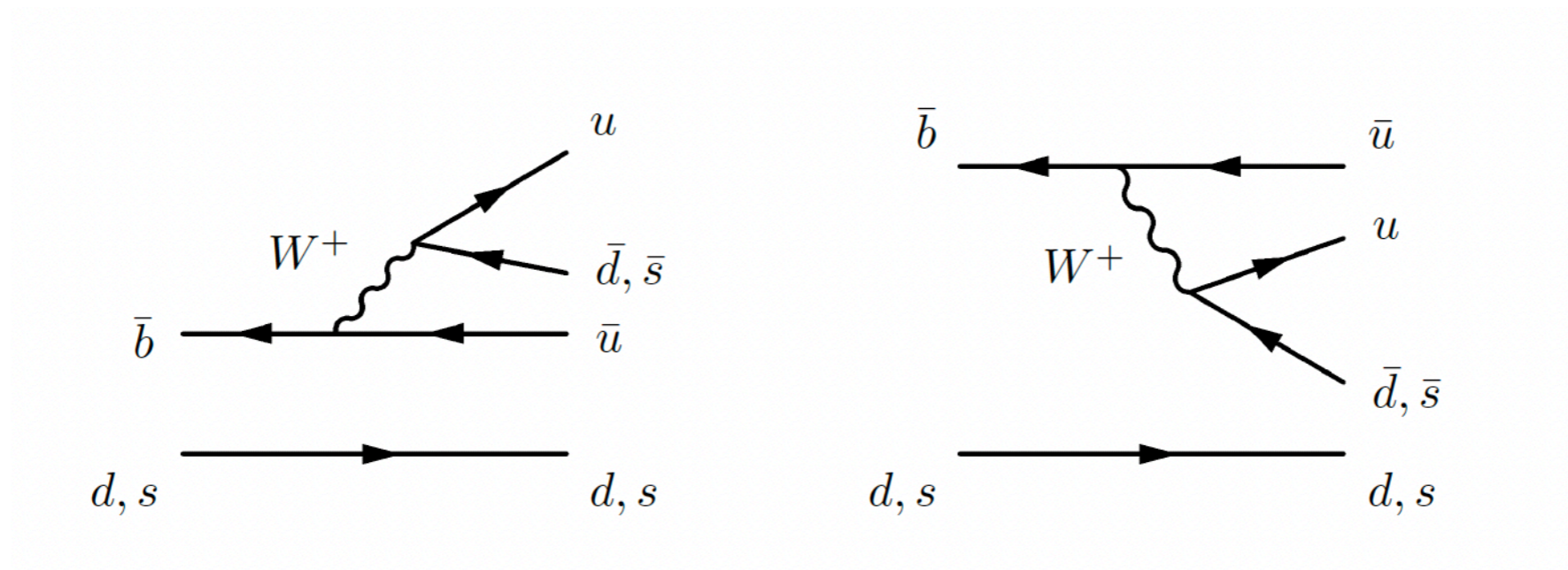
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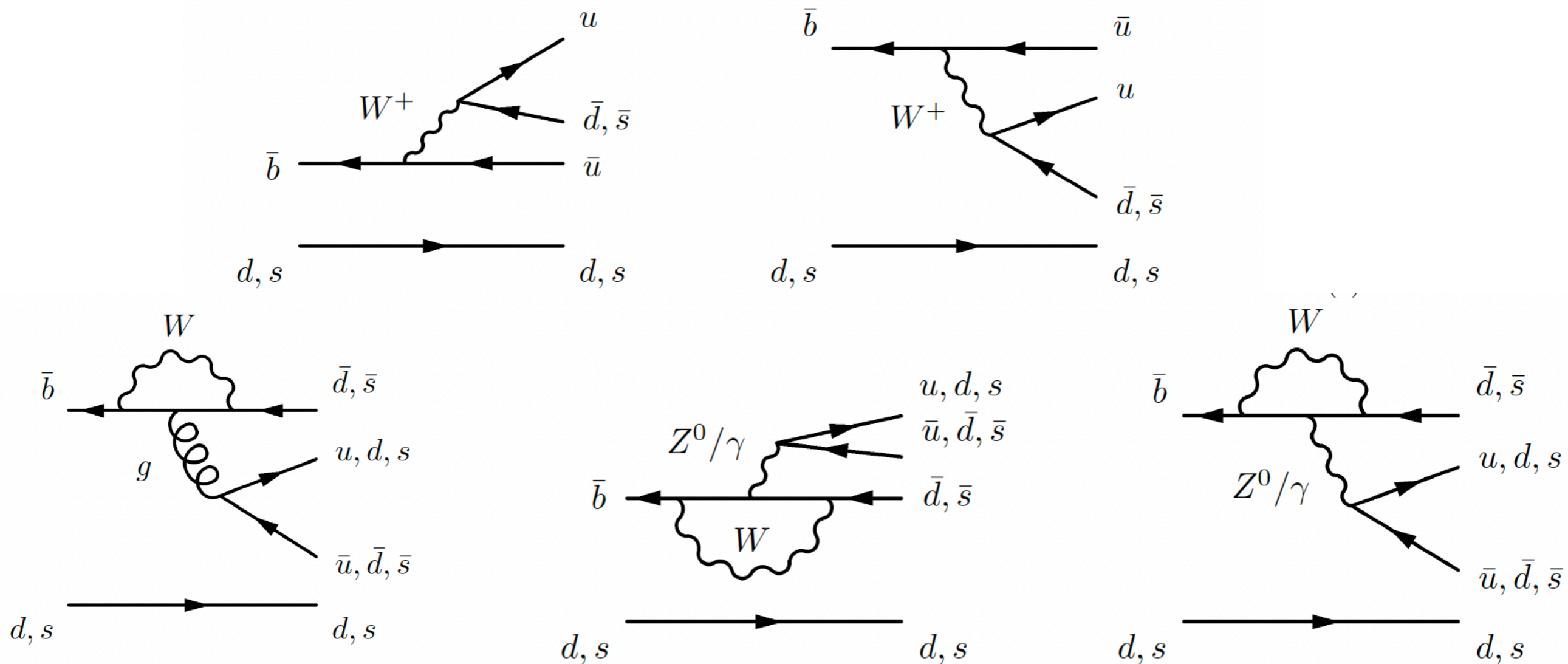
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However, most are poor probes of BSM, since soft gluon exchanges make prediction intractable

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The  $B \rightarrow K\pi$  family is an exception

Dynamical symmetries (isospin, heavy-quark, and SU(3) flavor) relate CP asymmetries and BF into a **reliable and precise SM null test**

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

(Phys.Lett. B627 (2005) 82-8)

Holds to 1% precision in the SM.

Current experimental precision is 11%, fully limited by  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^0$

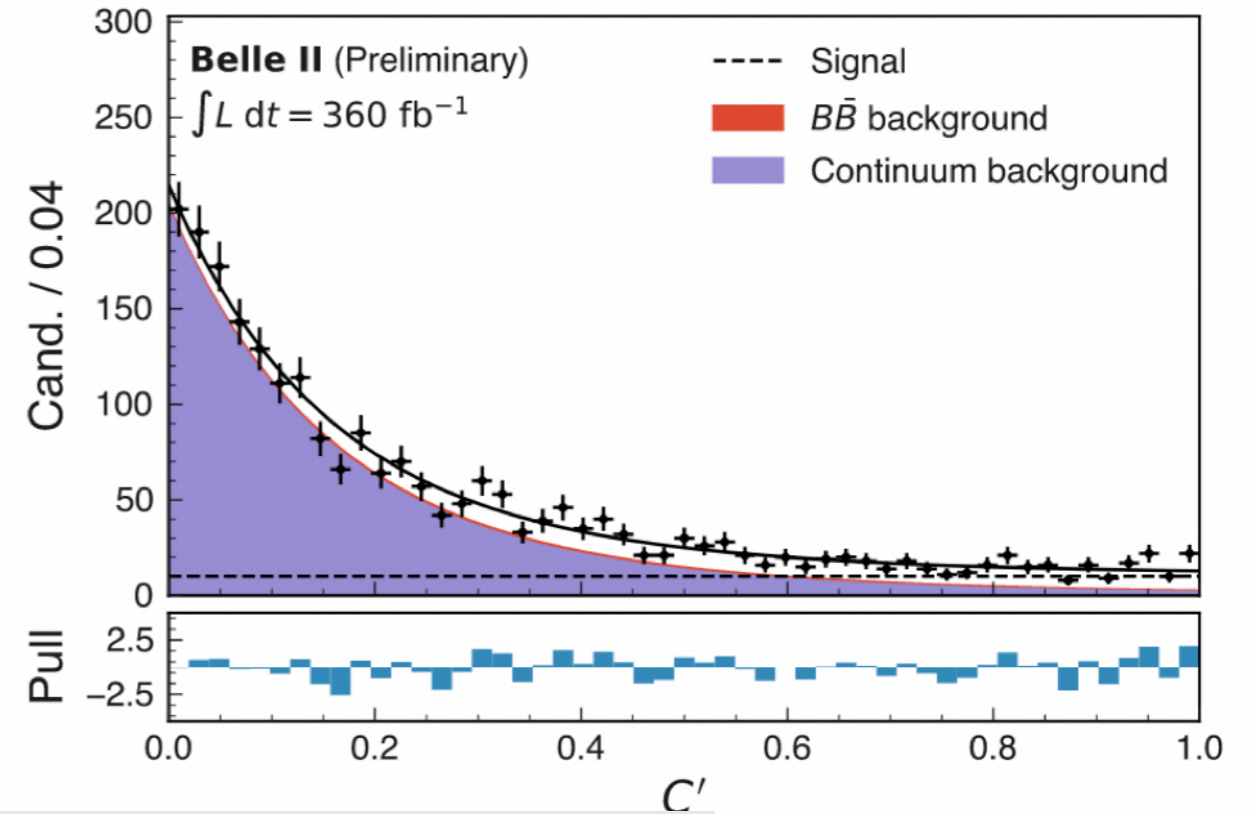
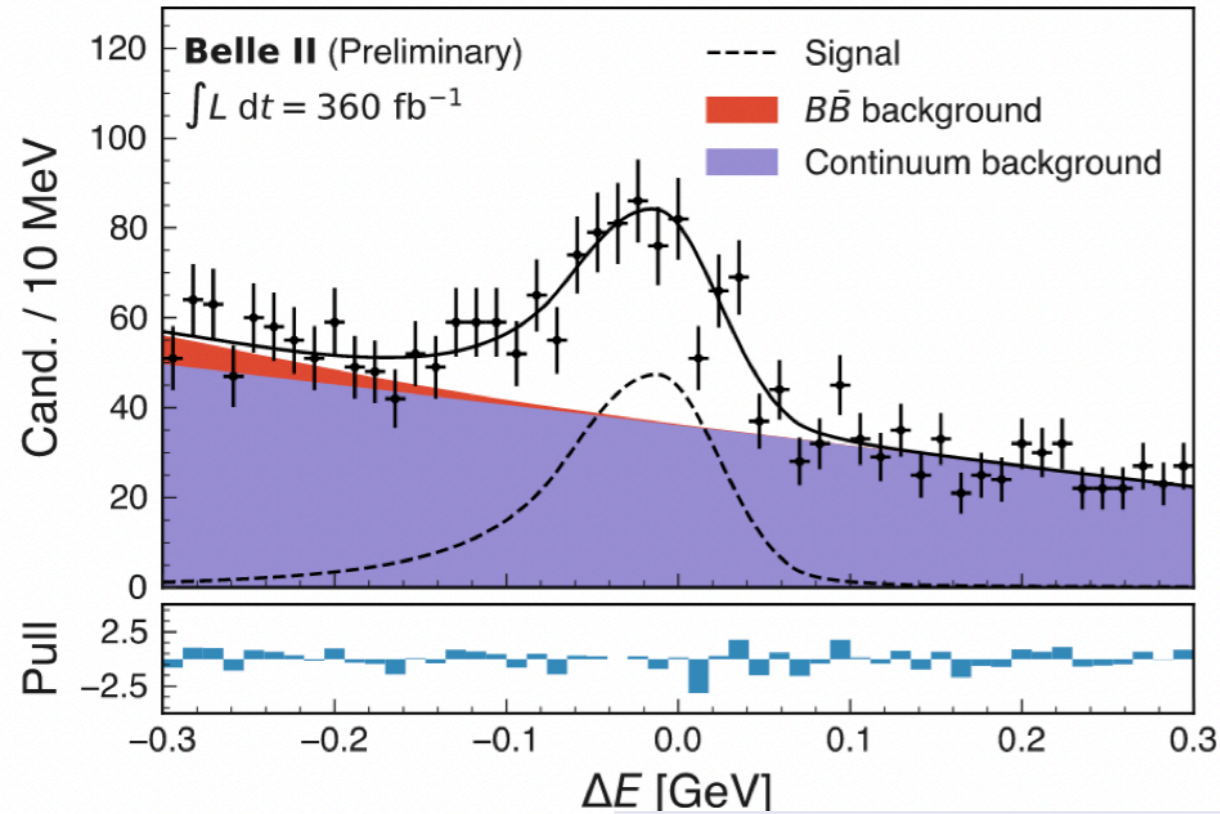
Unique to Belle II but hard: it's rare, it involves  $\pi^0$  and  $K^0$  (worse resolutions, worse vertex information) and know if  $B^0$  or  $\bar{B}^0$  was produced.

Tell signal (kinematics, vtx, event shape) from background from light-quarks

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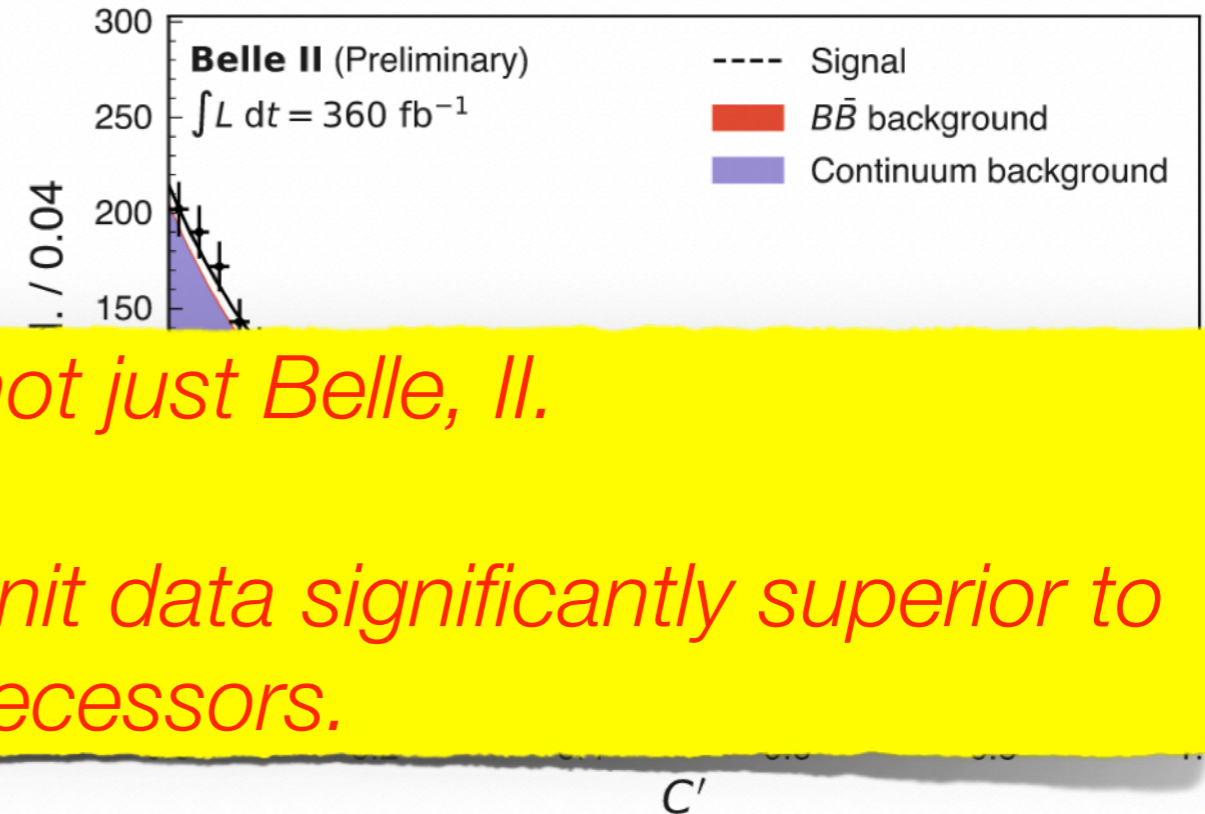
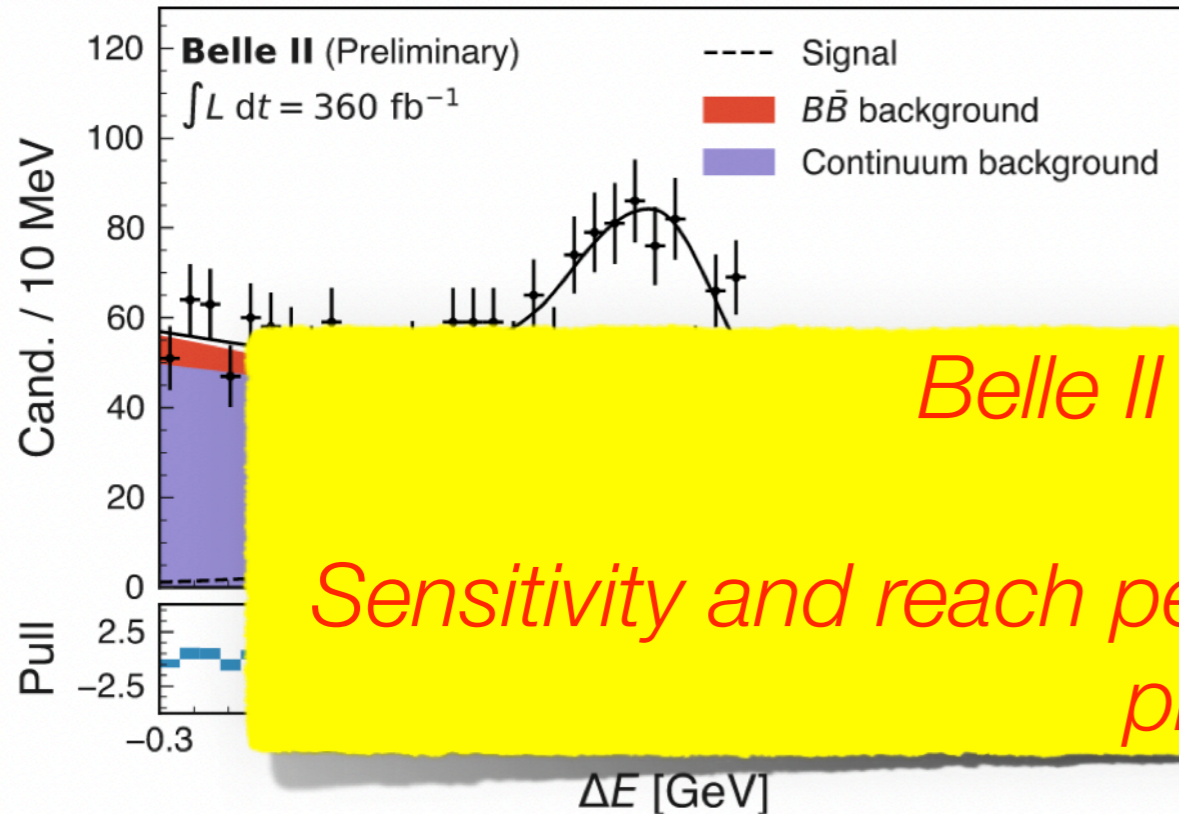
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*Belle II is not just Belle, II.*

*Sensitivity and reach per unit data significantly superior to predecessors.*

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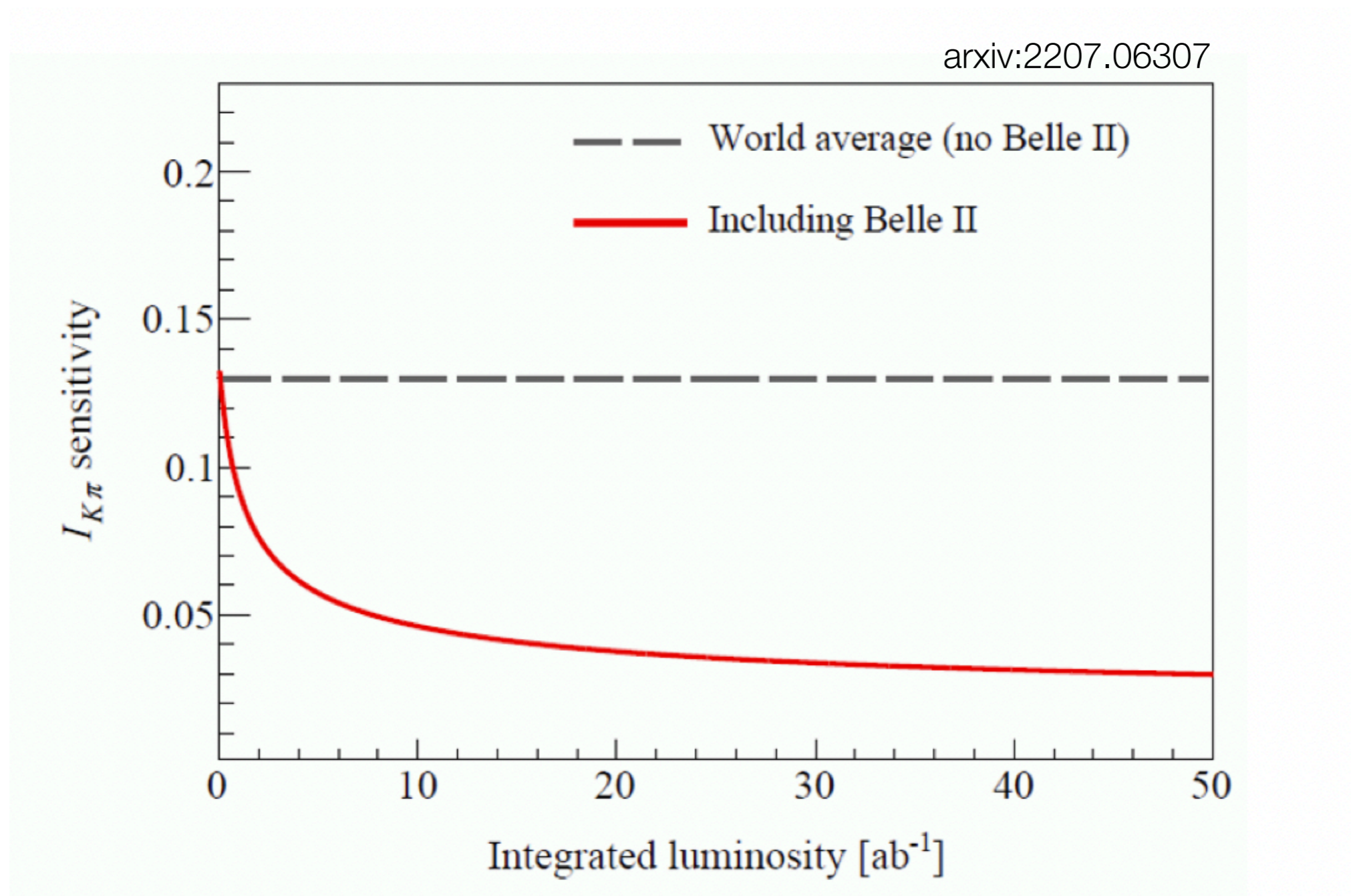
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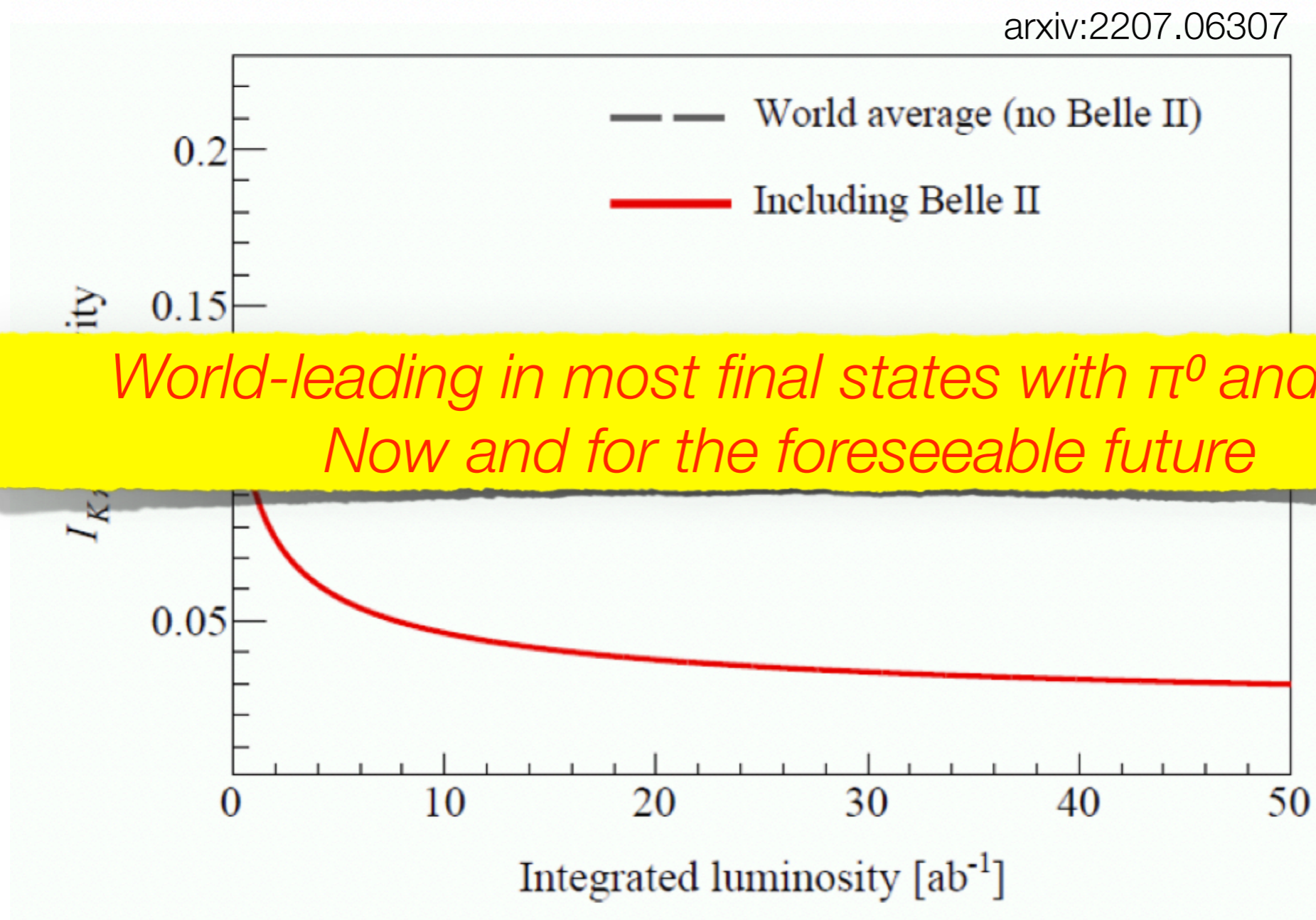


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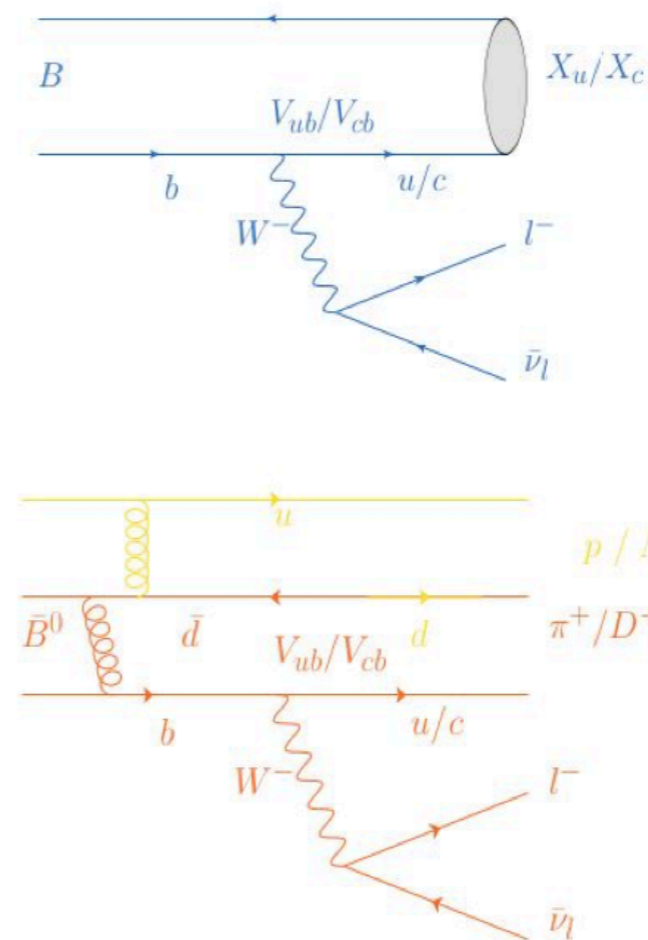
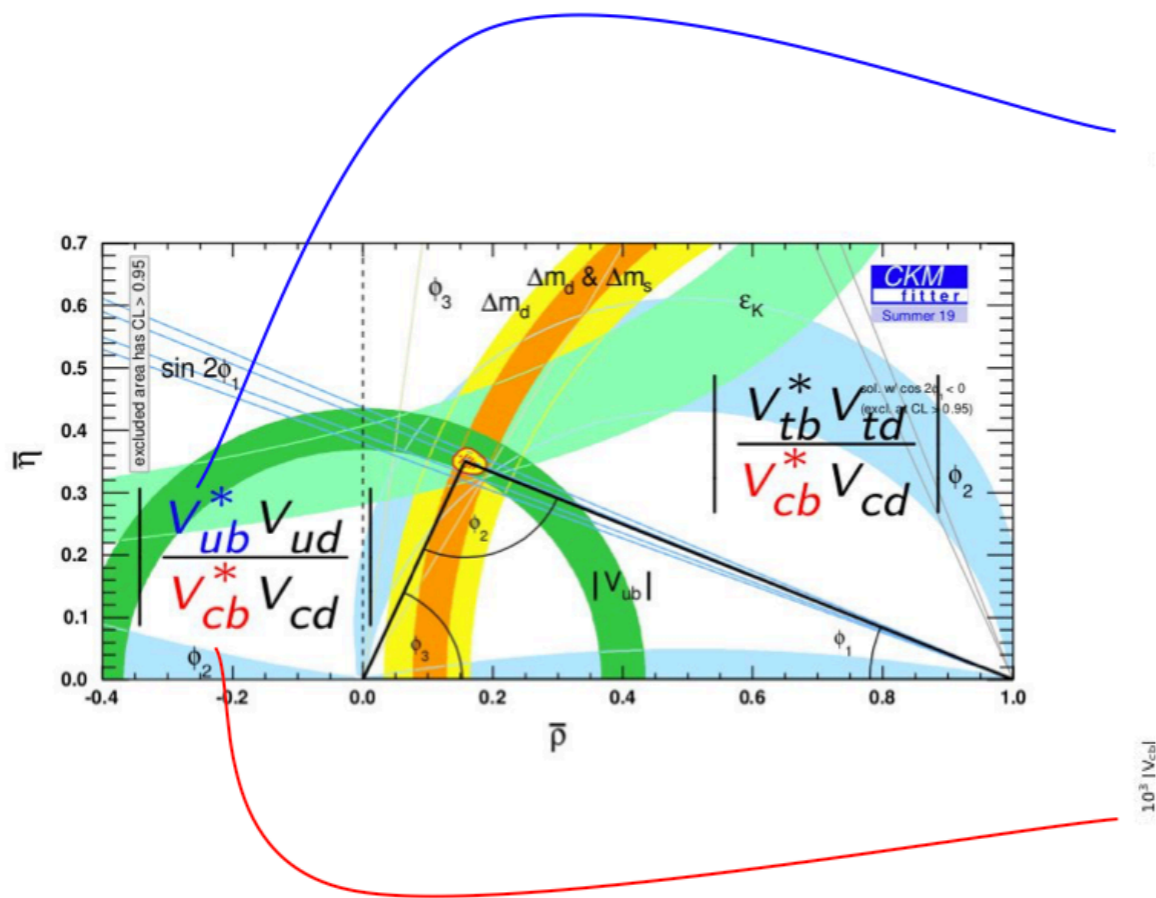


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# B-factory playground: semileptonic B decays

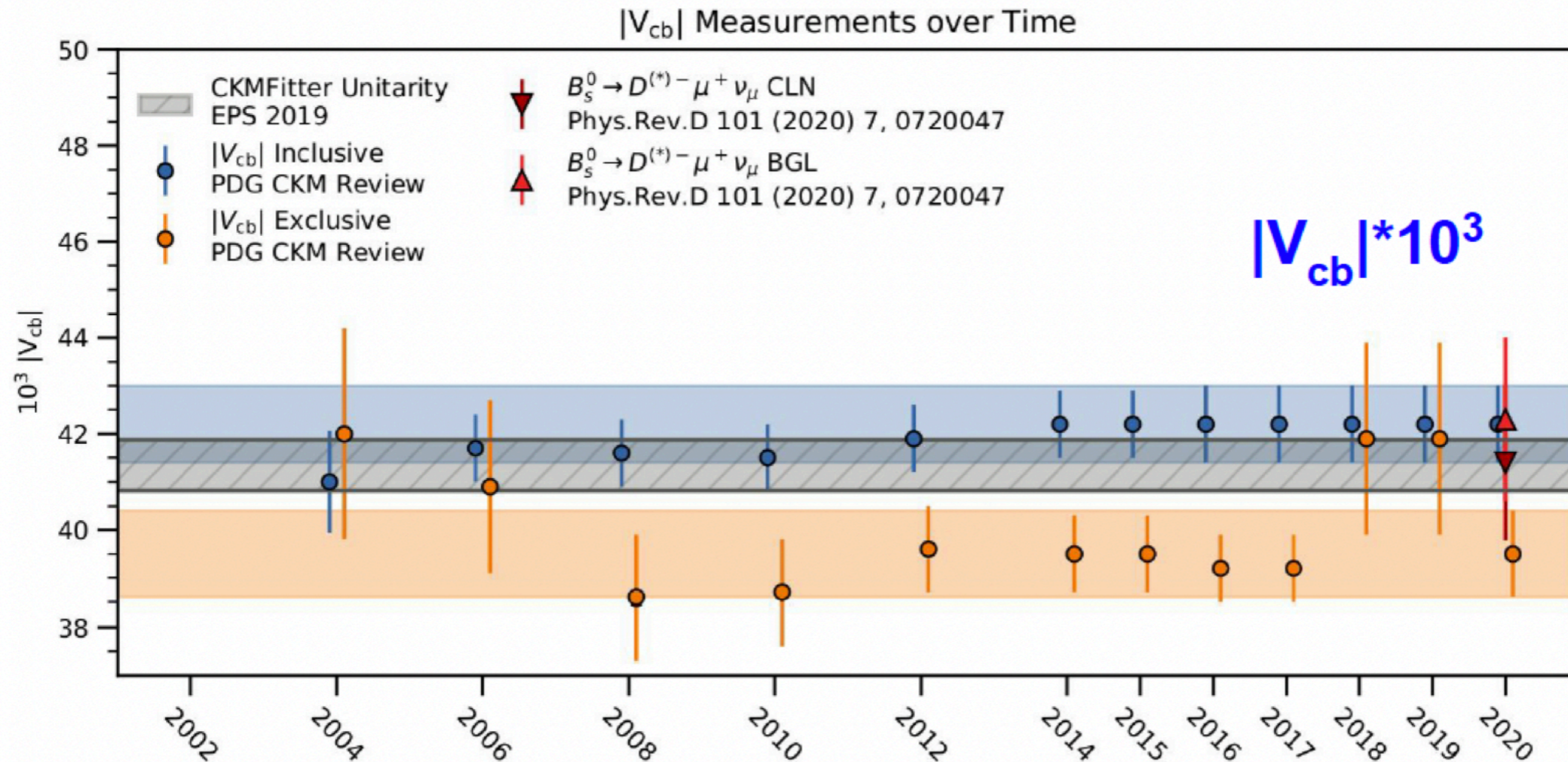
$B \rightarrow [\text{charm or } u] \ell \nu$  determine sides of unitarity triangle. In plenty of ways:

Reconstruct (or not) the other  $B$  in the event to suppress background. Use exclusive charm ( $D^*$ ,  $D\dots$ ) or light ( $\pi$ ,  $\rho$ ) meson (easier measurement, tougher theory) or look at hadronic system inclusively (harder measurement, easier theory).



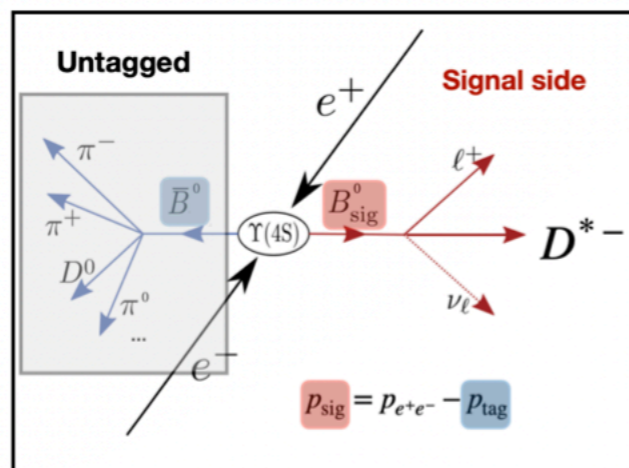
Then use theory/lattice transform BF or moments into  $|V_{ub}|$  or  $|V_{cb}|$

# Things that should be equal differ...

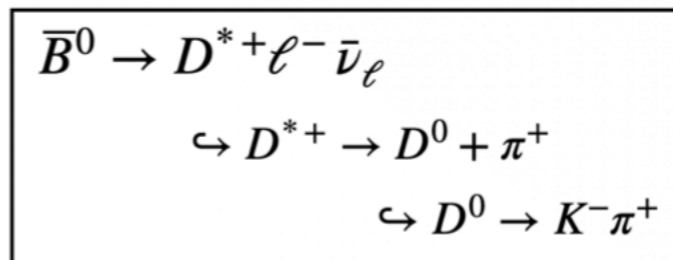


Individual precision of about 3-5% crippled by systematic disagreement between inclusive and exclusive determinations

# Back to basics — exclusive $|V_{cb}|$ from $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \ell^+ \nu$



Untagged analysis focussing on experimentally **cleanest mode**:



Extraction in **2D fit**:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dwd \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_V d\chi} \propto |V_{cb}|^2 \times |F(w, \cos \theta_\ell, \cos \theta_V, \chi)|^2$$

This is what one measures using signal yields

Fully differential decay rate hard to measure in one shot.

Focus on one-dimensional partial decay rates

This is what one wants

“Form factors” incorporate the effects of strong interactions

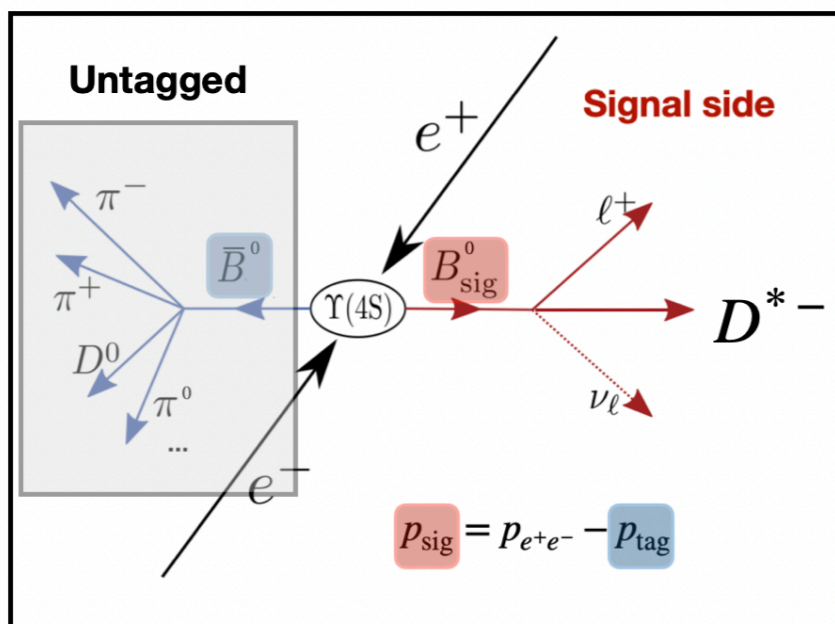
Experimentally one gets only the shape of the function. Need at least one point from theory (lattice) to set normalization. Various choices:

- fewer parameters but strong theory assumptions
- no theory assumption, but arbitrary # of parameters

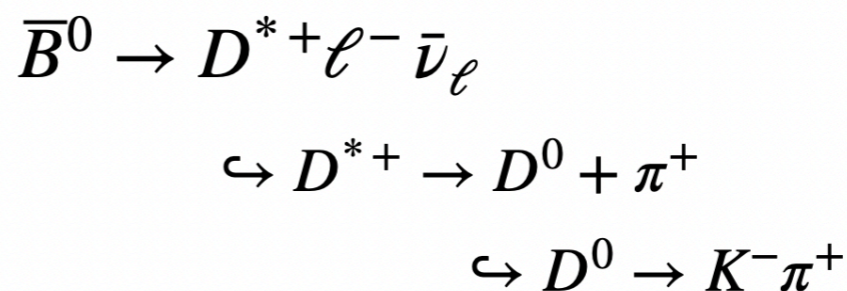
Makes results model dependent

Recently experiments offer data distributions that can be fit with the various models. More flexibility but reliance on unfolding and proper usage of data by “others”.

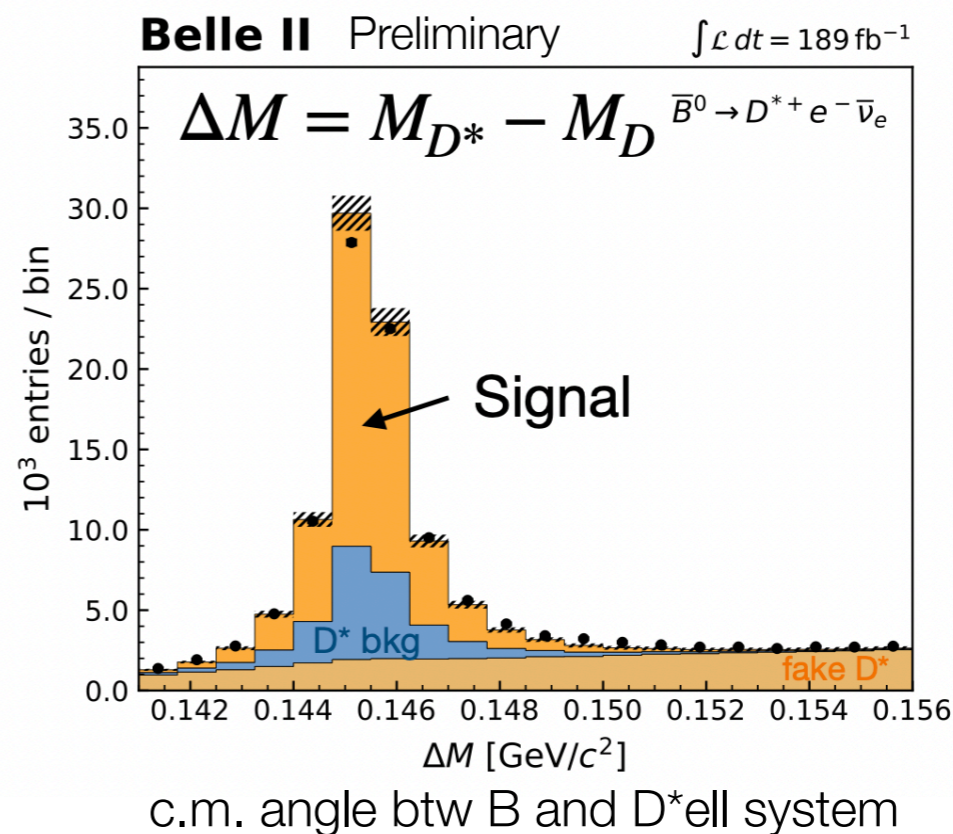
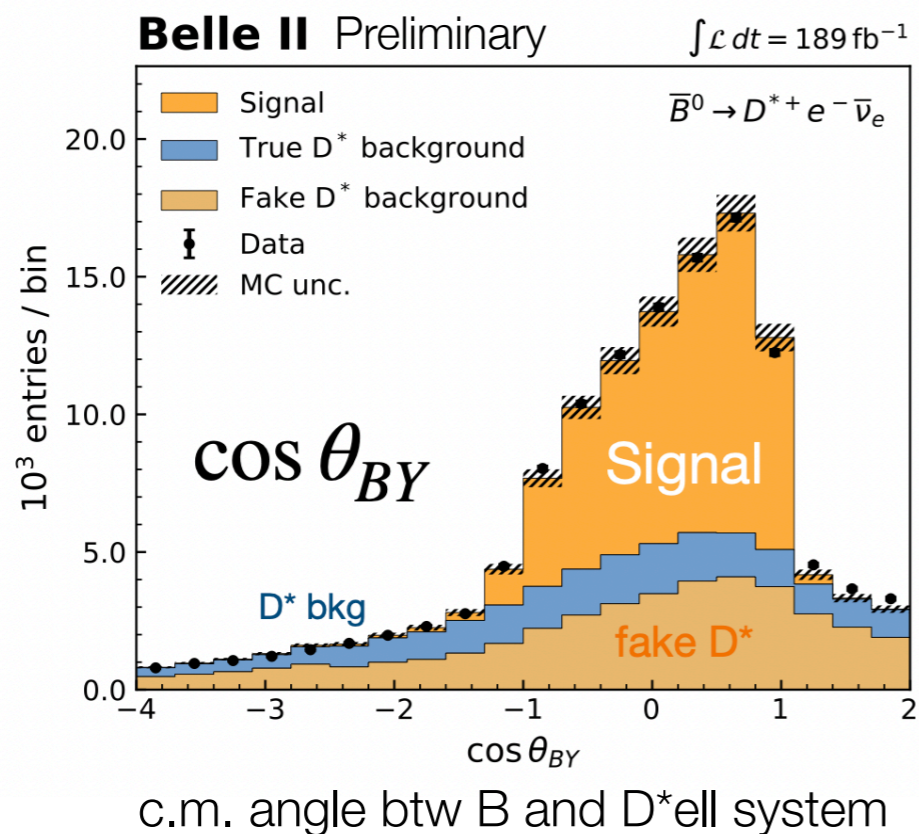
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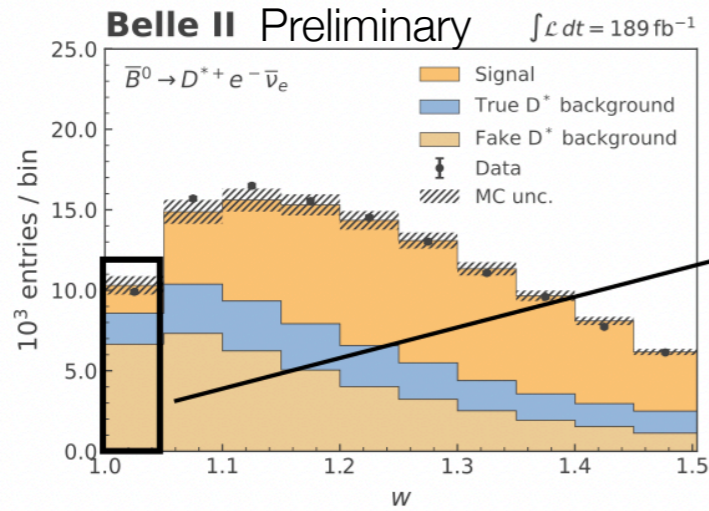


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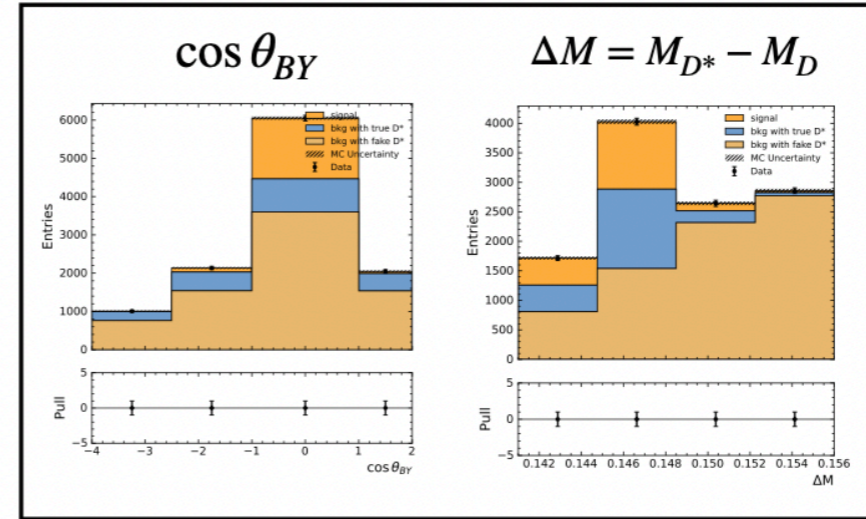
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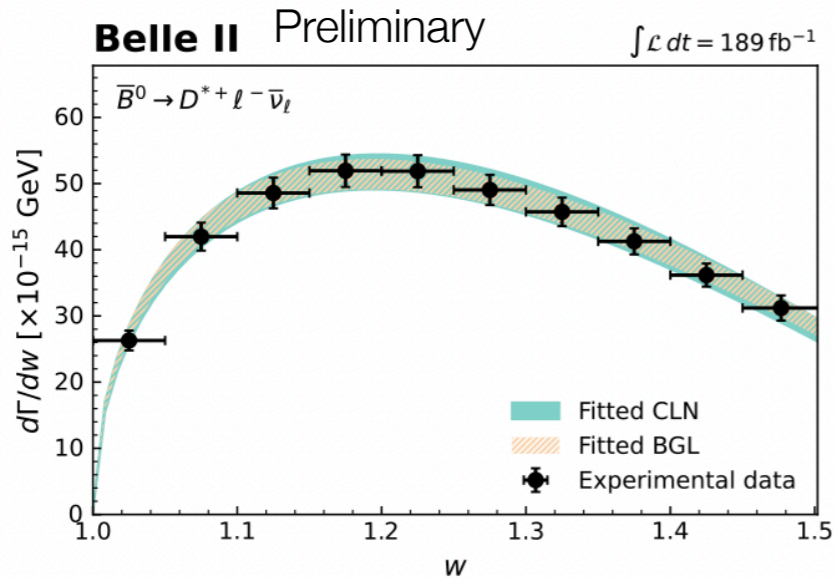


Fit

Preliminary

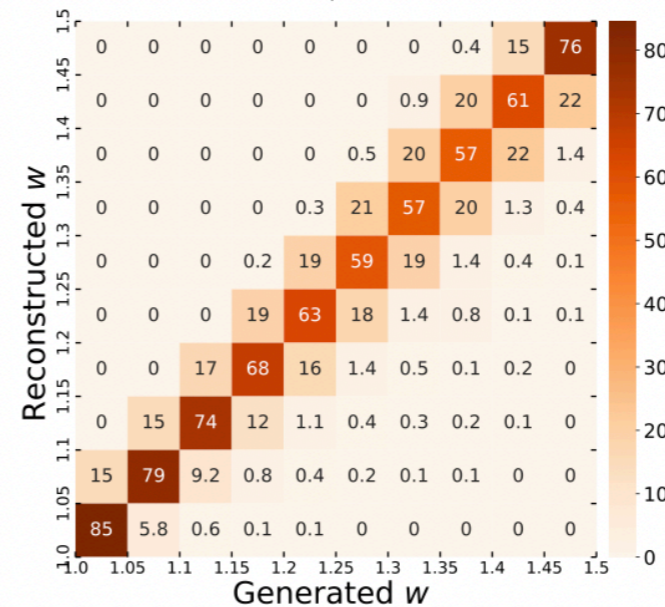


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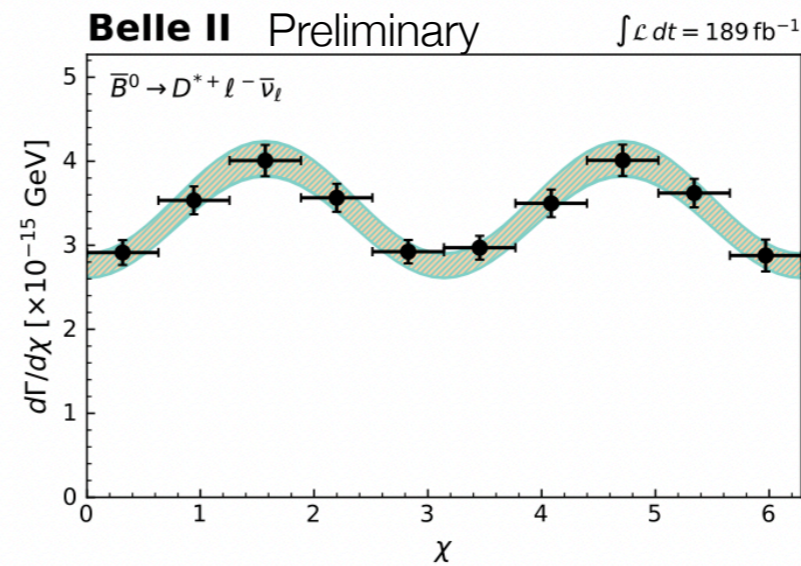
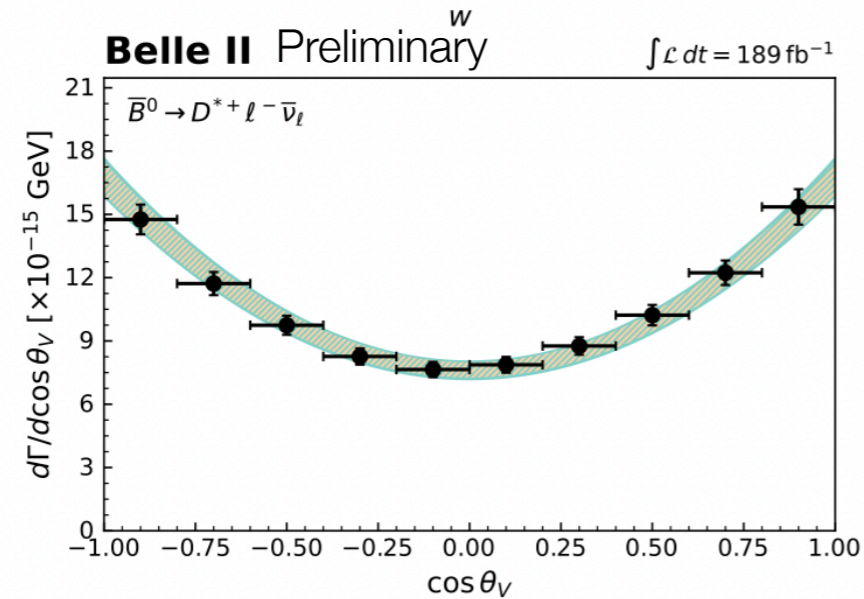
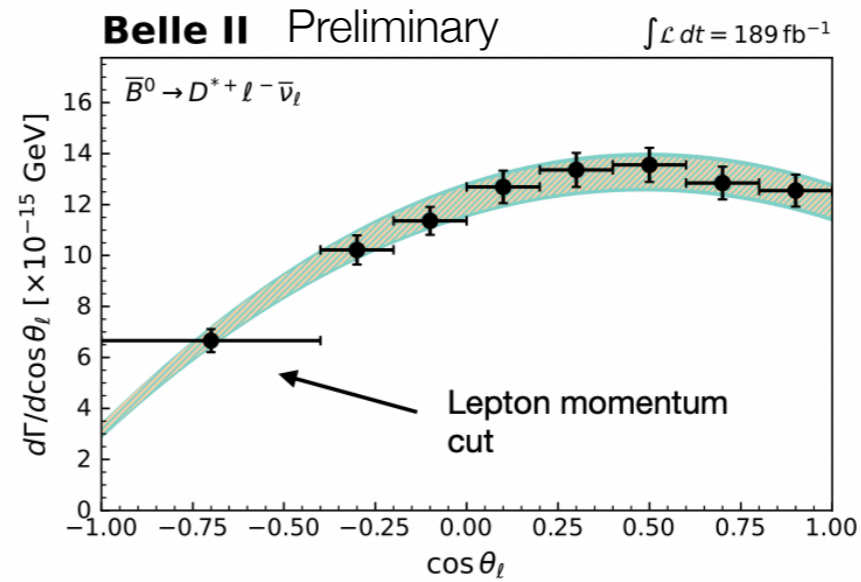
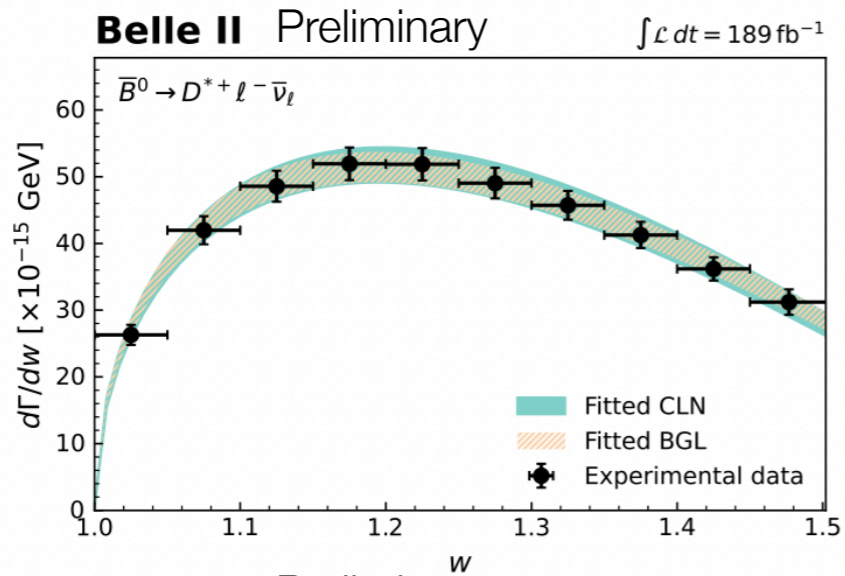
Correct for acceptance & efficiency

“Reco”



“True”

# The b-to-c quark coupling



$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{CLN}} = (40.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{BGL}} = (40.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}.$$

stat syst LQCD



# Semileptonic brought us **anomalies** too...

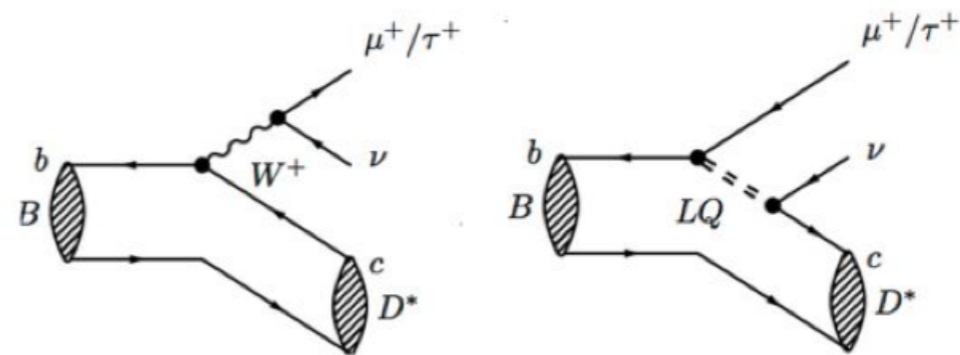
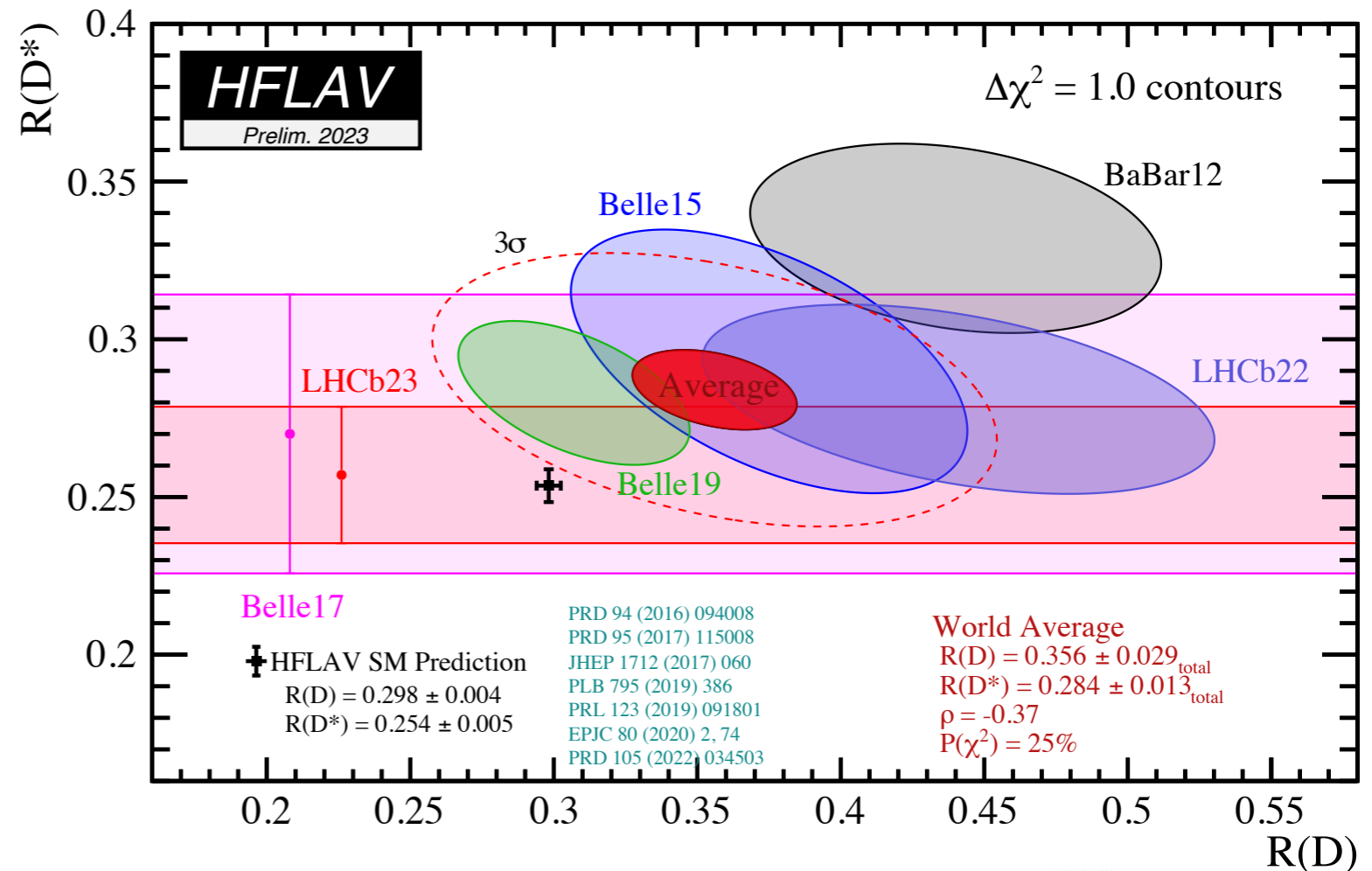
$$R(D^*) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{*+} \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell)}$$

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Many experiments see  $3\sigma$  tau excess in  $b \rightarrow c$

$$A = A_0 \left( \frac{c_{\text{SM}}}{m_W^2} + \frac{c_{\text{NP}}}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

$$c_{\text{SM}} \approx V_{cb} \Rightarrow \frac{\Lambda^2}{c_{\text{NP}}} \sim (3 \text{ TeV})^2$$



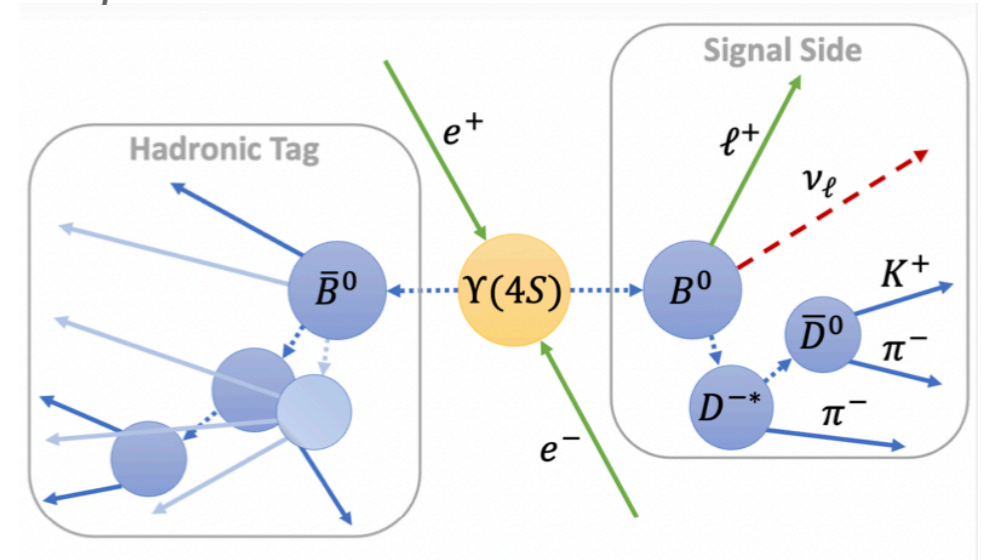
Multiple neutrinos, no narrow peak to fit in any distribution, multiple harsh bckgs  
**Significant advantages for Belle II**

# Muon-electron universality — exclusive

Seek lepton-flavor universality violation btw  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \mu^+ \nu$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} e^+ \nu$

Multibody: dynamics depends on  $\ell \nu$  mass  $q$

Spin-1  $D^*$  channels the V - A properties of interaction and virtual W spin in a rich angular structure. Rate depends on 4 quantities



Recoil parameter  $w = \frac{m_B^2 + m_{D^*}^2 - q^2}{2m_B m_{D^*}}$

Sensitive to LFUV

$A_{FB}(w) : dx = d(\cos \theta_\ell)$

propensity for  $\ell^\pm$  to travel in same direction of virtual W

$S_3(w) : dx = d(\cos 2\chi)$

propensity for alignment btw  $\ell^\pm$  and  $D^*$

$S_5(w) : dx = d(\cos \chi \cos \theta_V)$

coupled propensity for alignment btw  $\ell^\pm$  and D wrt  $D^*$

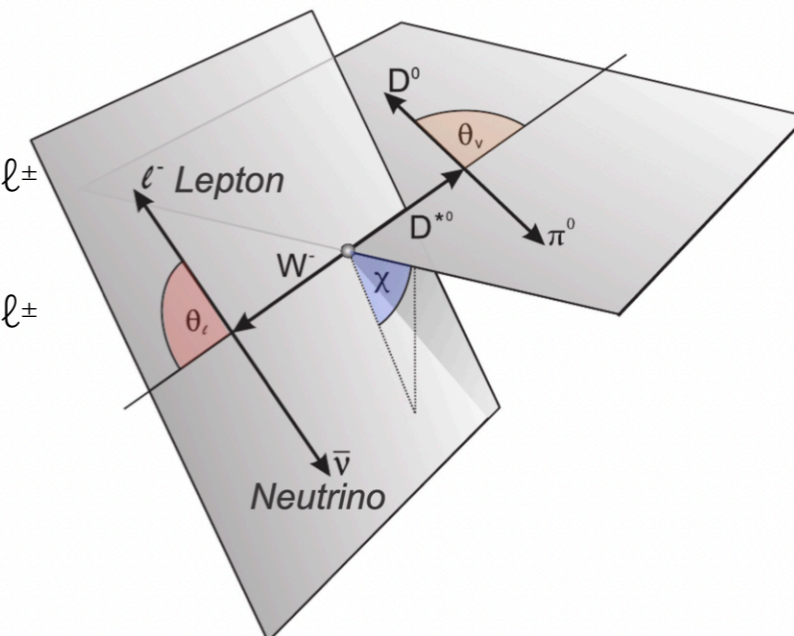
$S_7(w) : dx = d(\sin \chi \cos \theta_V)$

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Insensitive to LFUV (null test)

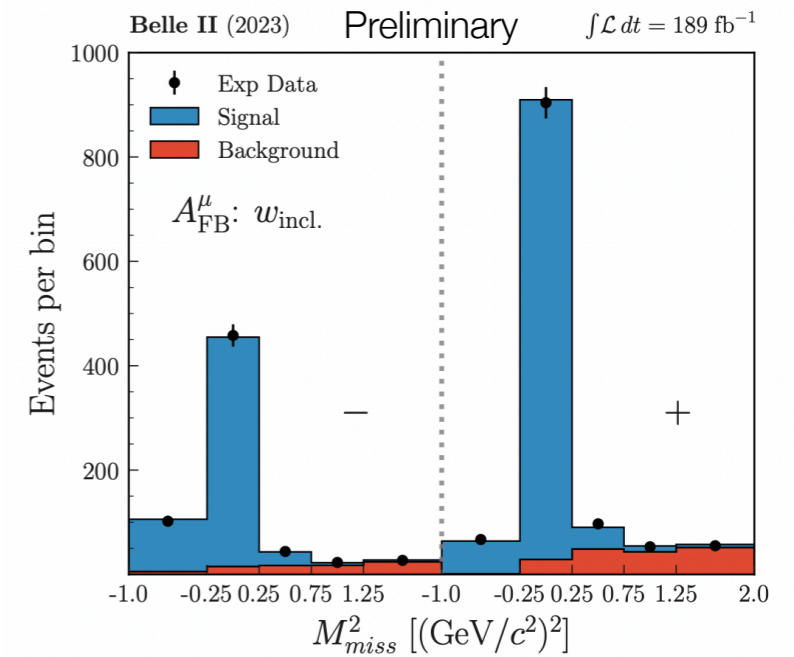


Differences of these asymmetries between e and  $\mu$  offer sensitivity to lepton-flavor universality violation

# Muon-electron universality exclusive

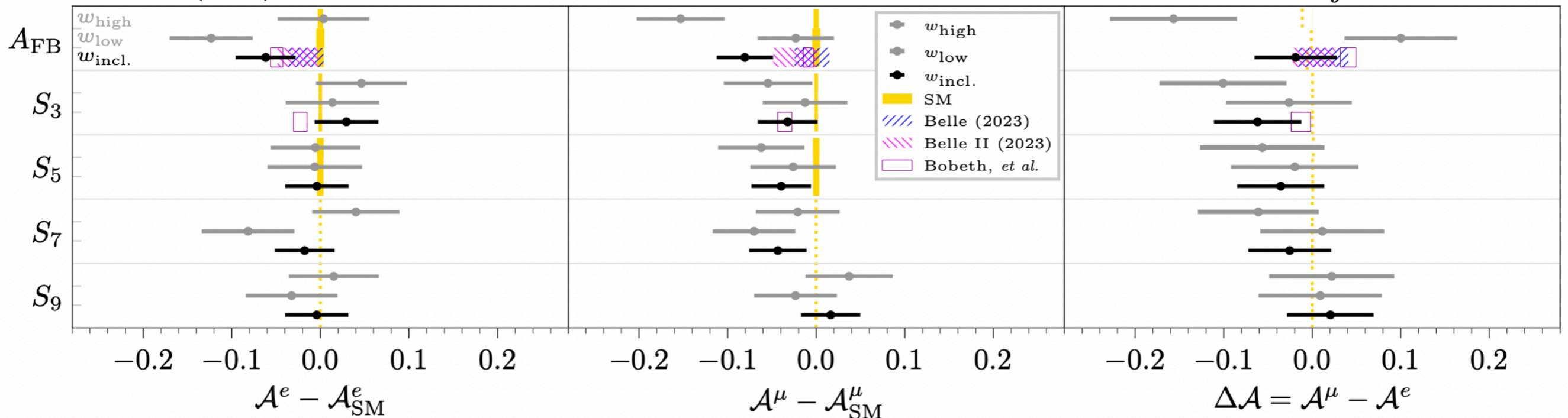
<https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/29681/contributions/122501/attachments/76478/110997/YSF01-KKazuki-v1.pdf>

Signal events determined with fits of the missing mass distribution (squared difference between 4-momentum of colliding particles and 4-momentum of all particles in the event) - peaks at zero (neutrino mass) for signal



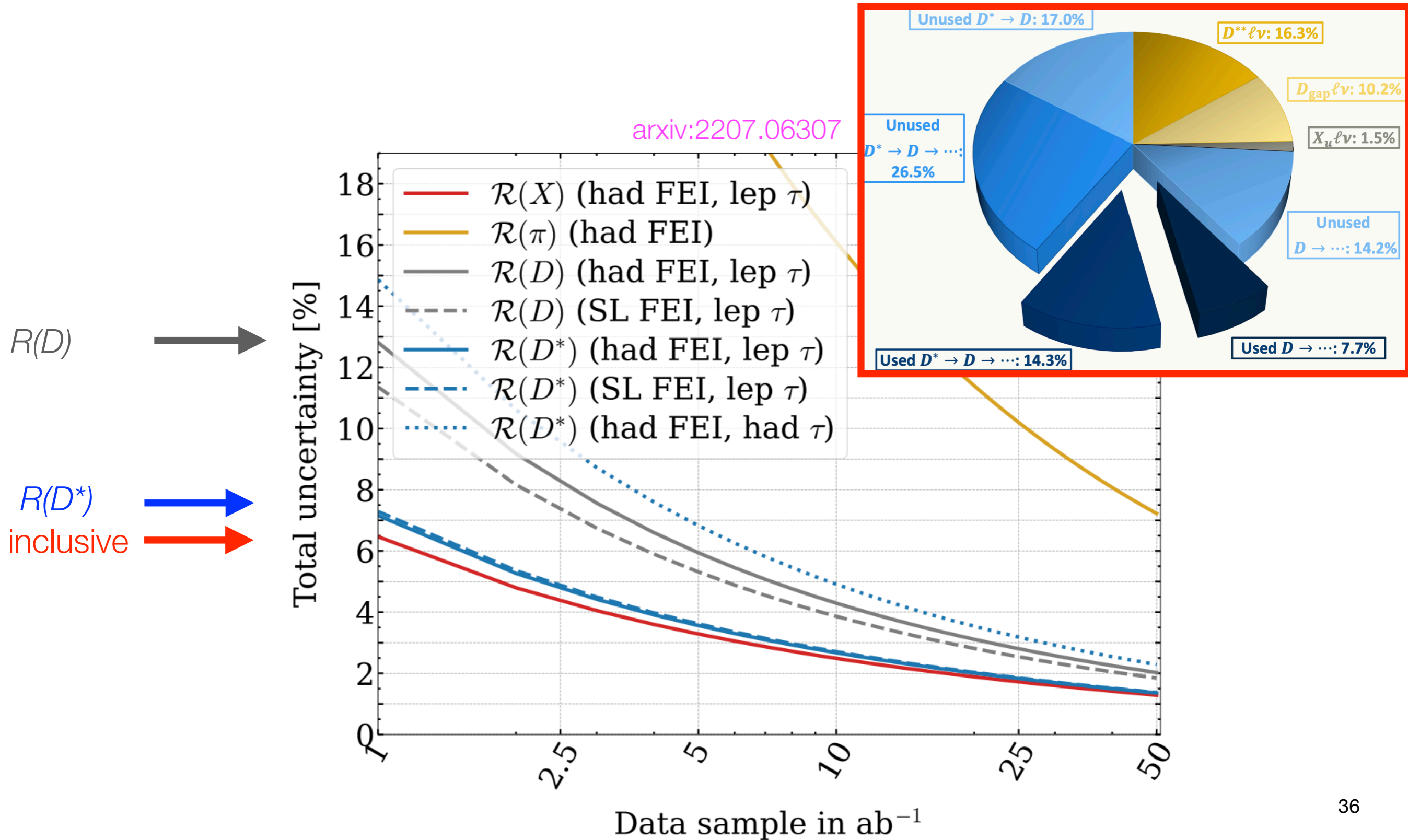
Belle II (2023)

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = 189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



All SM within 5-10% uncertainties

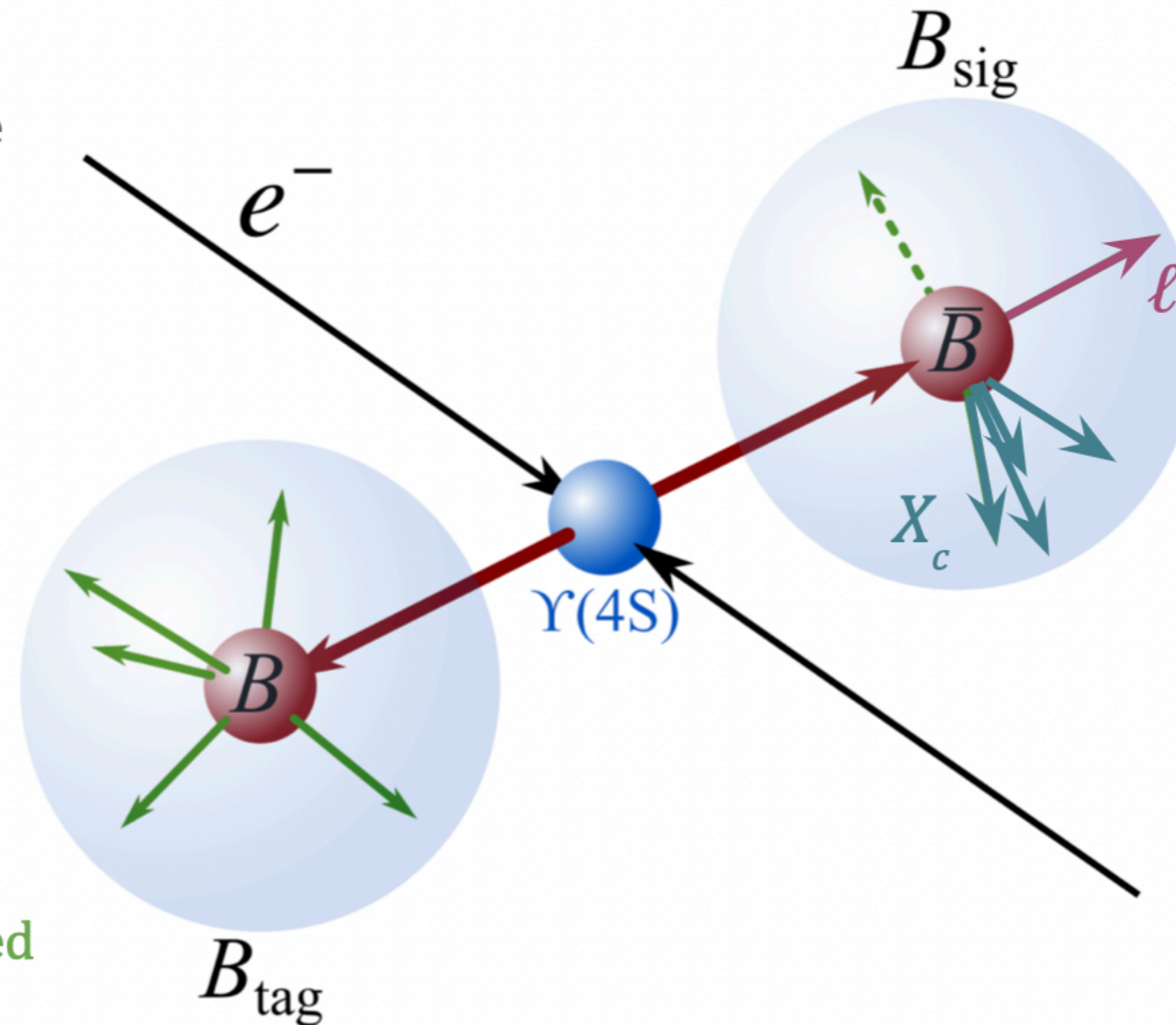
# Going inclusive — $R(X)$



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## Full event

Shape variables used to reduce continuum background with machine learning



## Signal lepton:

- Exactly one lepton with high electron or muon likelihood

## $X_c$ system:

- Everything else in the event...
- ...passing quality criteria

## Tag-side $B$ meson

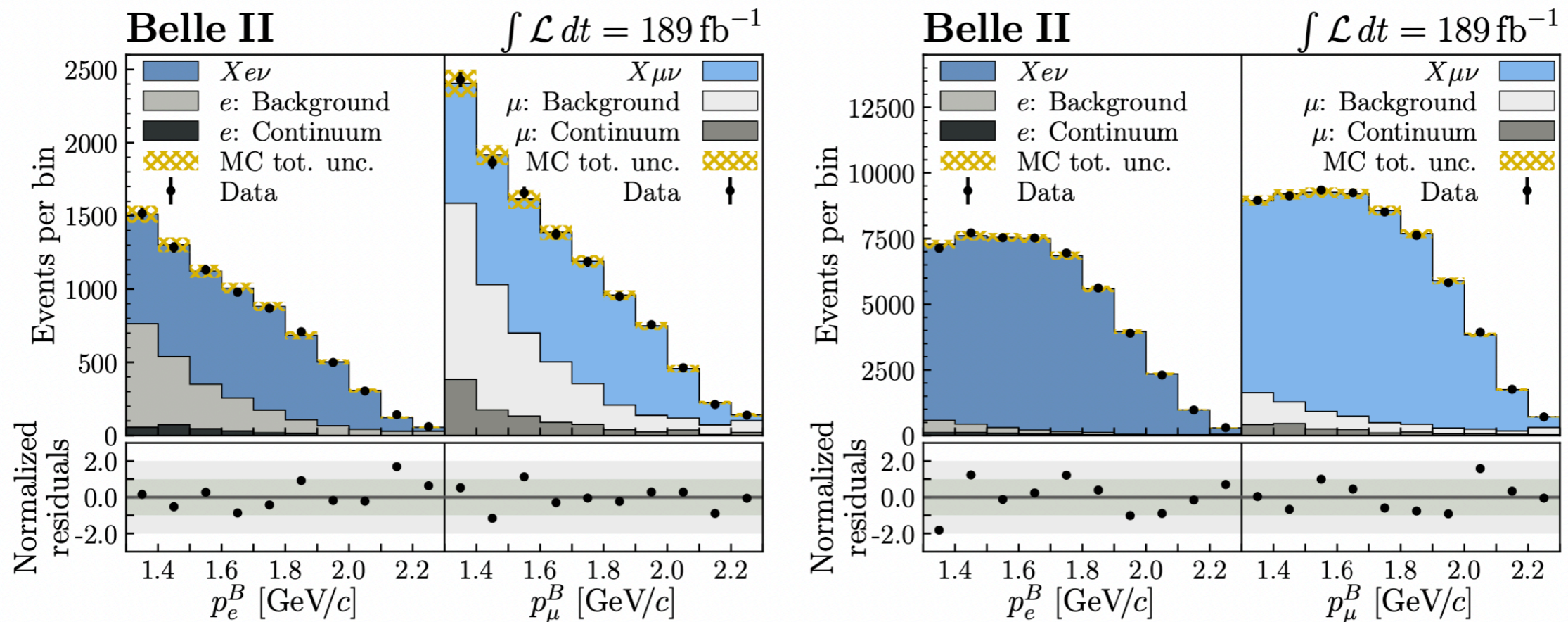
- Fully reconstructed (hadronic modes)
- Best tag selected by classifier value

# Muon-electron universality inclusive

Sample composition fit to lepton spectrum in signal and control regions

Control (Same-flavor B)

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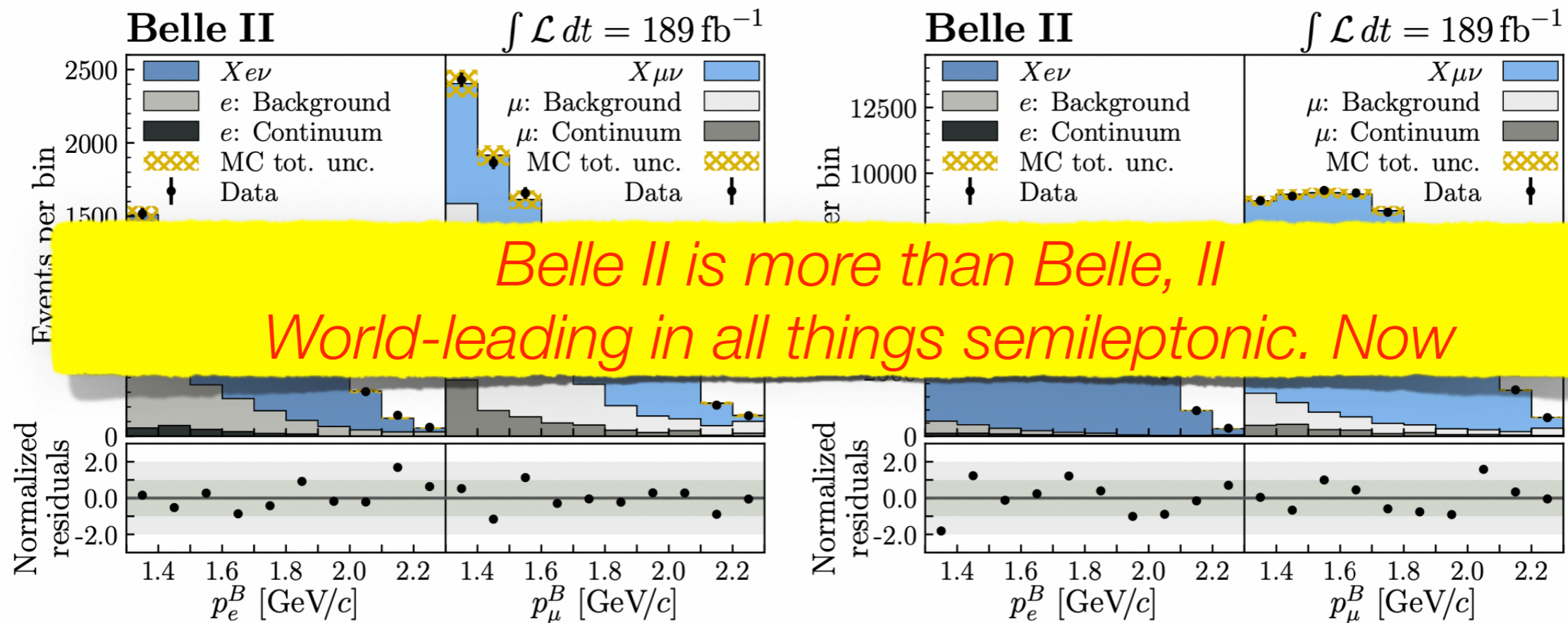
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# Epilogue

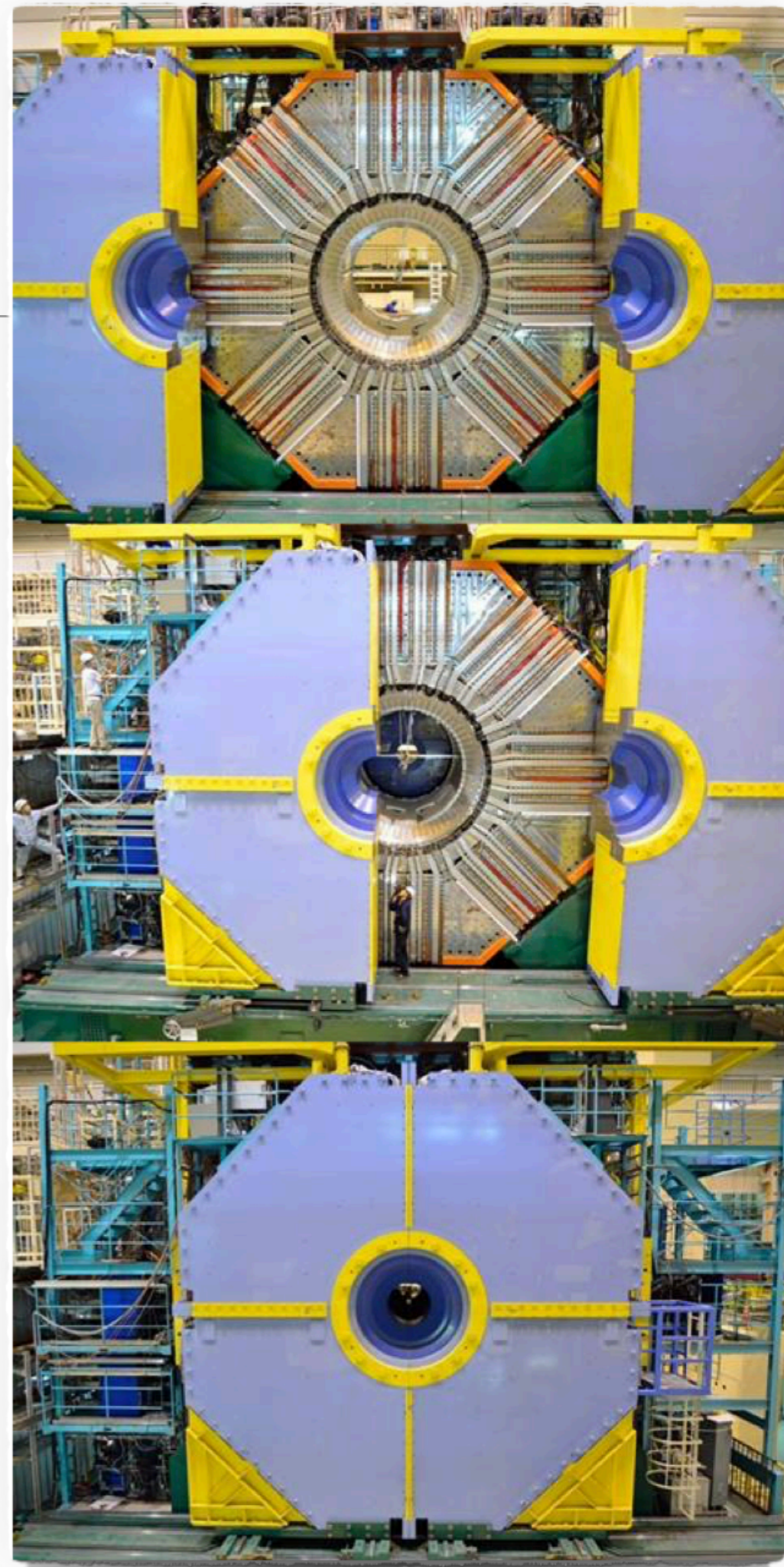


# There's more to it

## Journal-paper results approved in past 12 months

- Energy-dependence of  $B^{(*)}B^{(*)\bar{}}$  cross section — [unique](#)
- Observation of  $ee \rightarrow \omega \chi b$  at 10.75 GeV — [unique](#), [PRL 130, 091902 \(2023\)](#)
- Test of light-lepton universality in  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$  decays — [unique](#)
- Test of light lepton universality in inclusive  $B \rightarrow [Xc] \ell \nu$  decays — [unique](#), [arXiv: 2301.08266](#)
- Measurement of CKM angle  $\gamma$  using GLW — [Belle + Belle II sample](#)
- Measurement of CKM angle  $\gamma$  using GLS — [Belle + Belle II sample](#)
- Search for long-lived spin-0 mediator in  $b \rightarrow s$  transitions — [world leading](#)
- Measurement of the  $\tau$  mass — [world leading](#)
- BF and ACP in  $B^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^-$  decays and isospin sum rule — [world leading](#)
- BF and ACP of  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$  decays — [competitive](#), [arXiv: 2303.08354](#)
- ACP in  $B^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0 K_s^0$
- $|V_{cb}|$  using untagged  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$  decays — [competitive](#)
- CPV in  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0$  decays — [competitive](#), [arXiv: 2305.07555](#)
- CPV in  $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_s^0$
- Novel method for charm flavor tagging — [unique](#), [arXiv: 2304.02042](#)
- $B^0$  lifetime and oscillations in  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)} h$  decays [PRD 107, L091102 \(2023\)](#)
- Search for a dark-sector  $\tau$  resonance in  $ee \rightarrow ee \tau \tau$  decays — [world leading](#)
- Search for a dark-sector  $Z'$  to invisible — [world leading](#), [arXiv: 2212.03066](#)
- Search for  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$  — [world leading](#) [PRL 130, 181803 \(2023\)](#)
- Search for a dark  $\gamma$  and invisible darkHiggs in  $\mu\mu + \text{MET}$  — [world leading](#), [PRL 130, 071804 \(2023\)](#)
- Measurement of the  $\Omega_c$  lifetime — [PRD 107, L031103 \(2023\)](#)

(Plus a bunch of conference-note results)



# Conclusion

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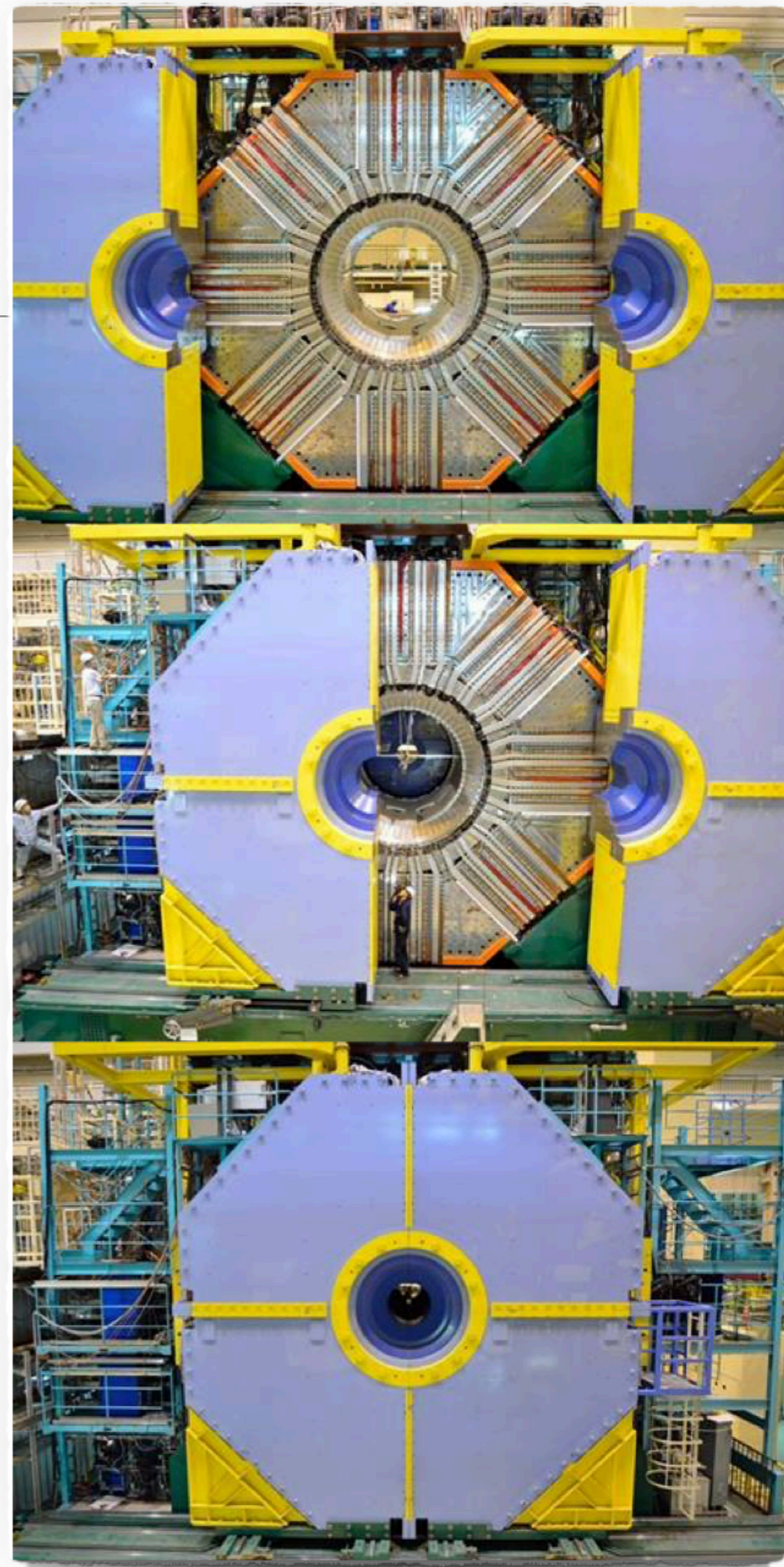
Quite special circumstances for flavor

- no BSM in high- $p_T$ , anomalies in indirect tests
- Two state-of-art experiments, at the  $Y(4S)$  and in  $pp$ , running together over the next decade

Belle II accesses suite of compelling measurements that are unique and world leading

- saturate semileptonic  $\tau$ -lepton and low-mass dark sector programs
- unique access to high-profile  $B$  and  $D$  decay measurements involving  $\pi^0/\gamma/\nu..$

...this might be the last opportunity to do them

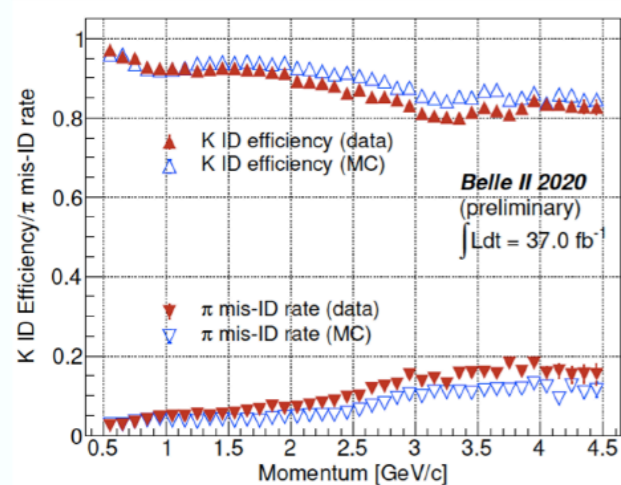


(Hopefully not) the end

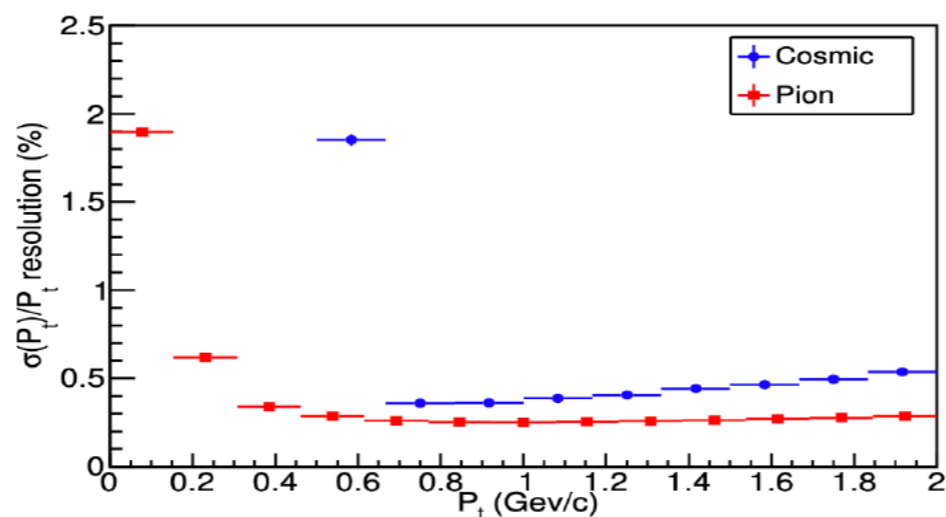
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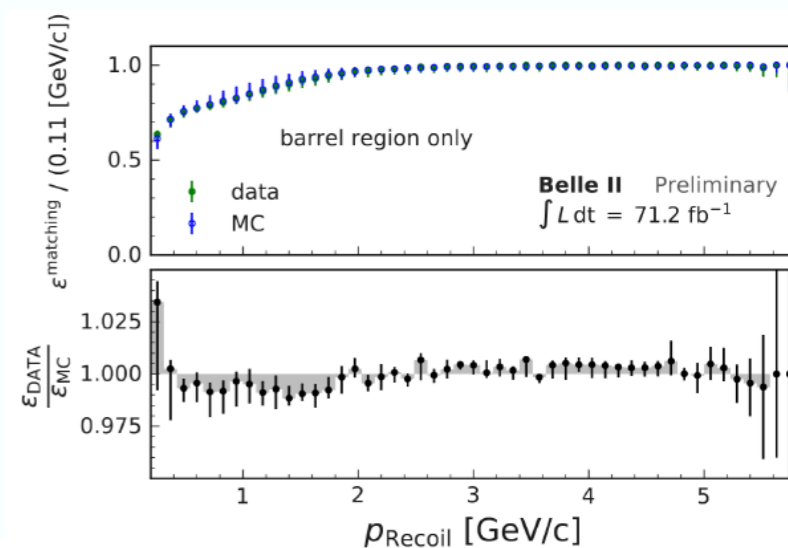
# Performance



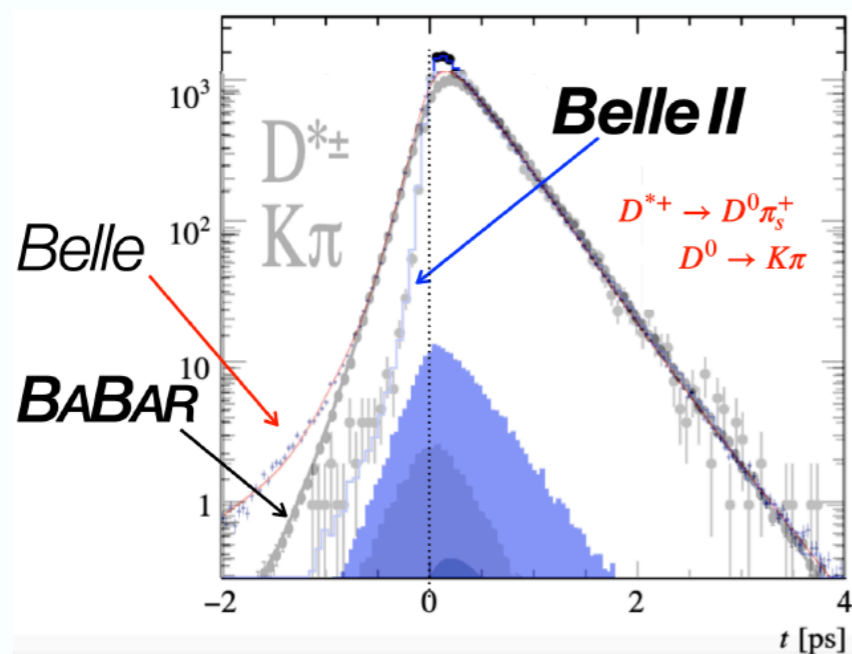
PID similar to Belle



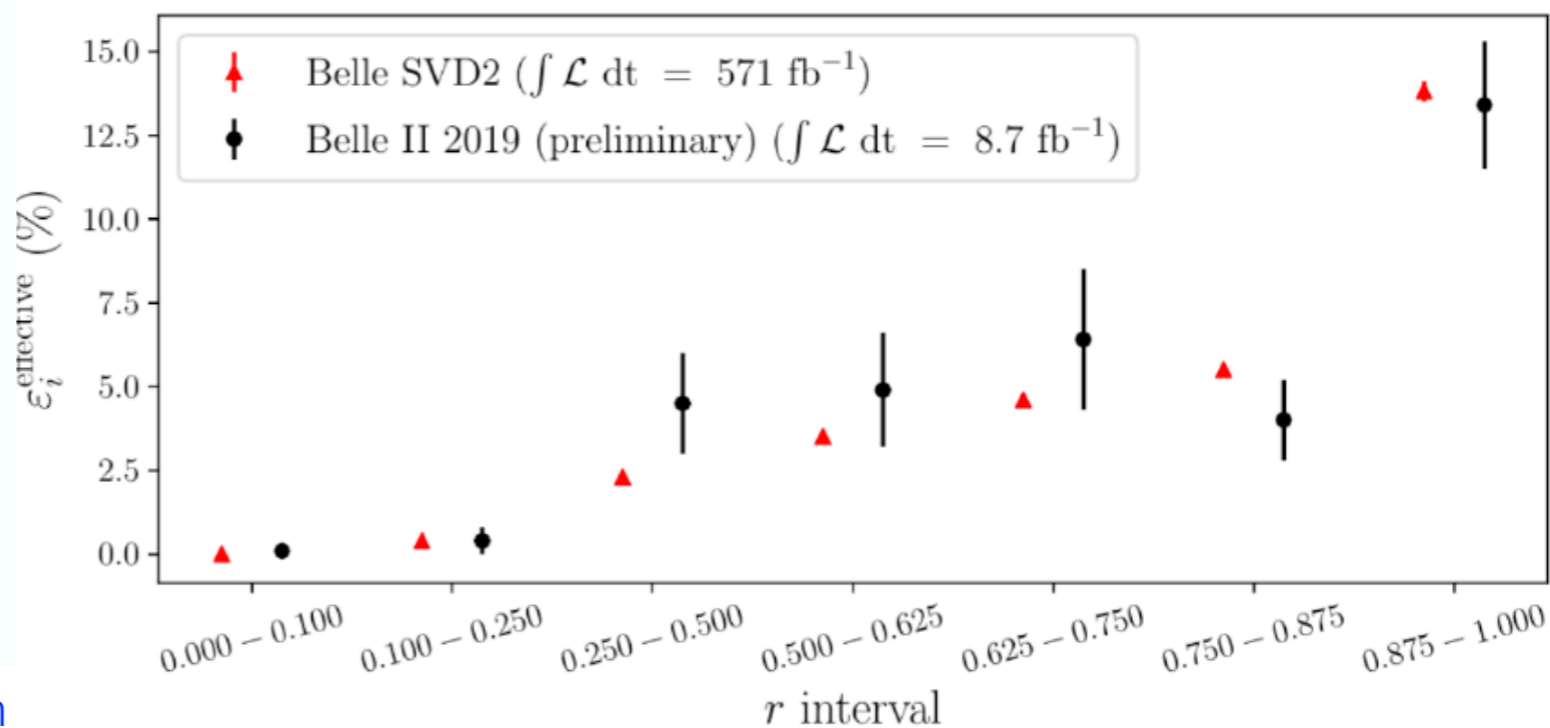
Momentum resolution 20% better than Belle



High photon efficiency,



Nearly 2x better decay-time resolution than Belle



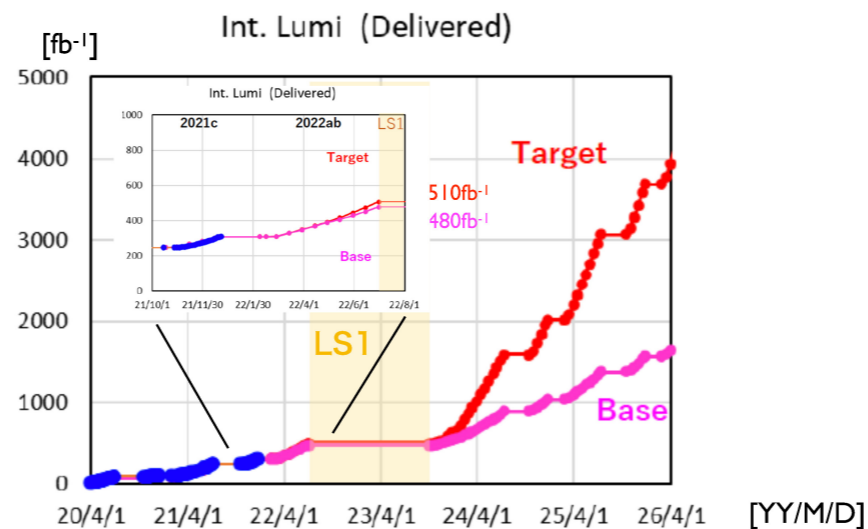
Tagging performance similar to Belle and improving

# Future

## Projection of integrated luminosity delivered by SuperKEKB to Belle II

Target scenario: extrapolation from 2021 run including expected improvements.

Base scenario: conservative extrapolation of SuperKEKB parameters from 2021 run



- We start long shutdown I (LSI) from summer 2022 for 15 months to replace VXD. There will be other maintenance/improvement works of machine and detector.
- We resume physics running from Fall 2023.
- A SuperKEKB International Taskforce (aiming to conclude in summer 2022) is discussing additional improvements.
- An LS2 for machine improvements could happen on the time frame of 2026-2027

Submitted to the Proceedings of the US Community Study  
on the Future of Particle Physics (Snowmass 2021)

## Snowmass White Paper: Belle II physics reach and plans for the next decade and beyond

Belle II Collaboration

### Abstract

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- Belle II Detector Upgrades White Paper, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.11349>
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- Beam Background Expectations for Belle II at SuperKEKB, <http://arxiv.org/abs/2203.05731>
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- Future HEP Computing Challenges (Belle II/DUNE joint paper), <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07237>
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