



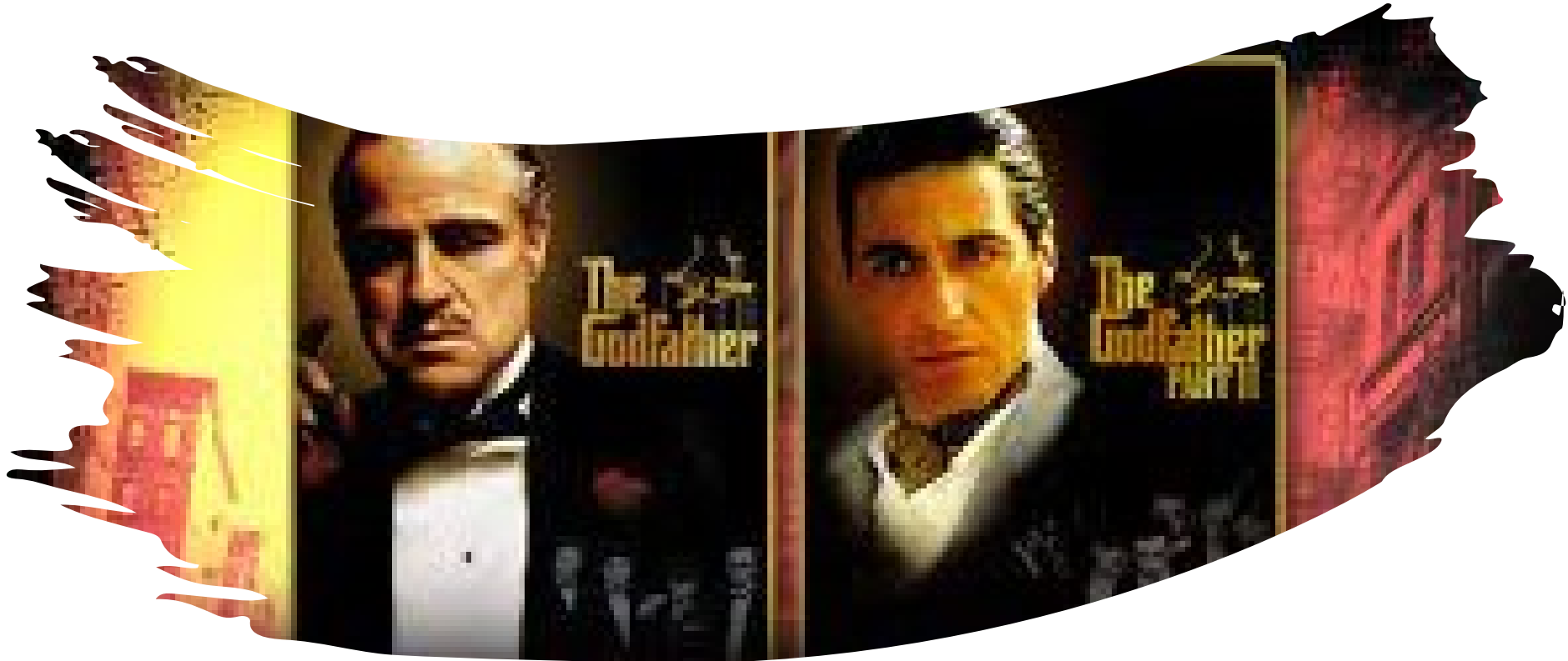
# CKM and flavour at Belle II

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# Outline

- Belle II
- Highlights so far
  - Lepton flavour:
    - tau physics highlights
  - $B$  physics highlights
    - $CP$  violation
    - Tests of lepton-flavour universality
    - Evidence for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \nu$
- Prospects

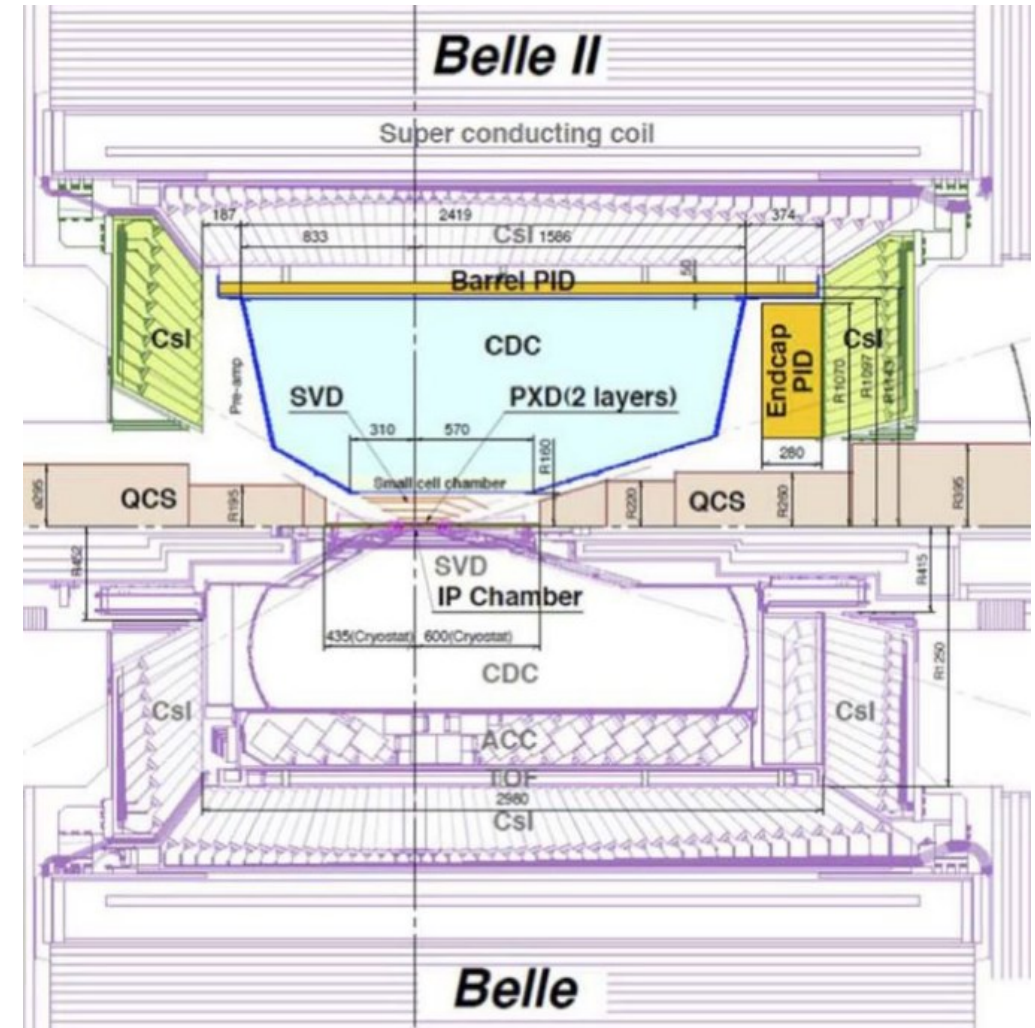


## Belle II

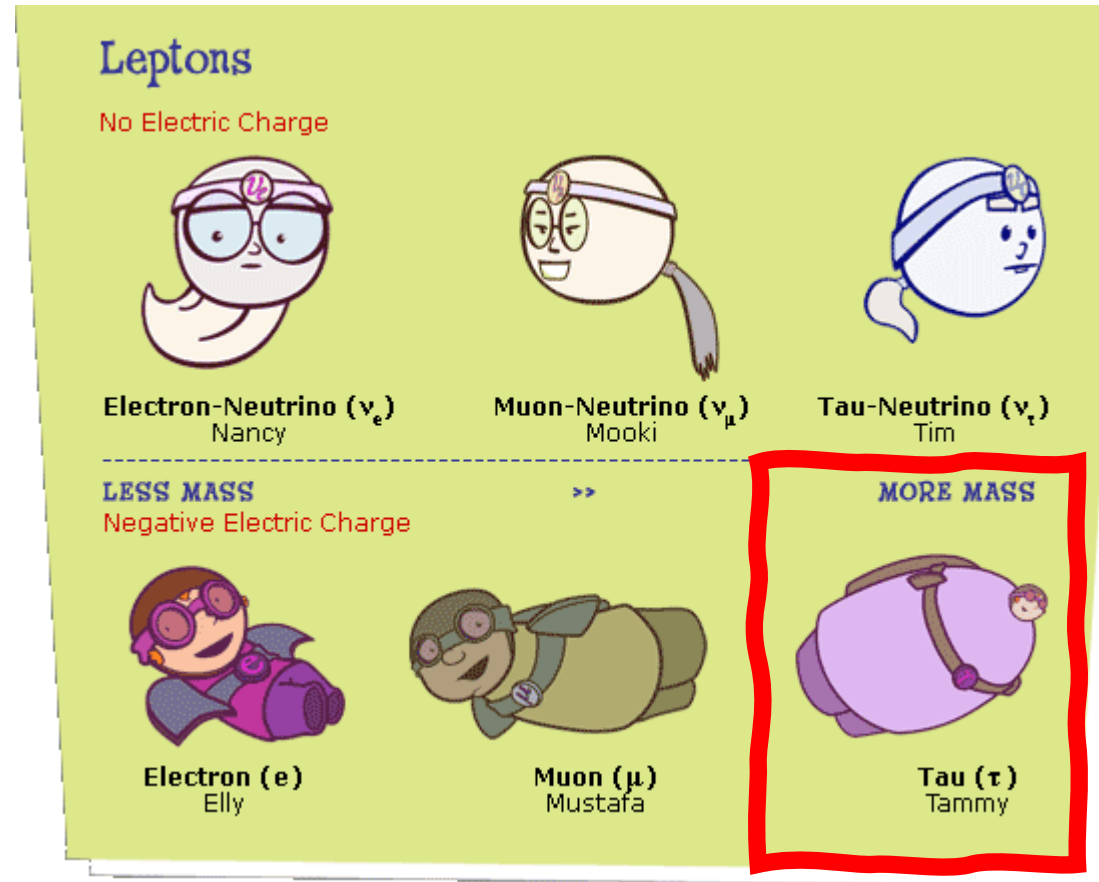
Will the next generation perform as well as the first?

# Detectors and data samples

- Belle + BaBar collected  $0.71+0.43=1.14 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   $Y(4S)$  samples
  - Many achievements: confirmation of KM mechanism,  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ , direct CPV in B decay
- SuperKEKB + Belle II@KEK, Tsukuba
  - nanobeam scheme to increase instantaneous luminosity by factor 30 to collect multi- $\text{ab}^{-1}$  sample
  - **World record  $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$**
  - Target  $6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - So far integrated  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $Y(4S)$
  - +  $42 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  off-resonance to characterize continuum



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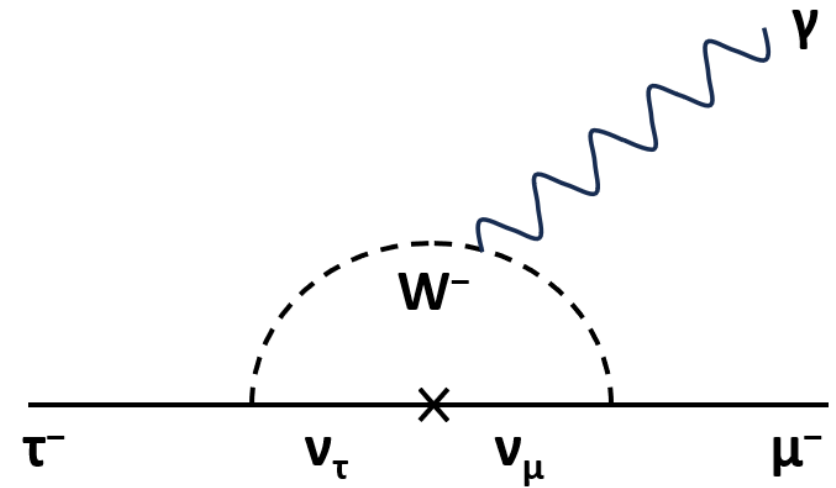
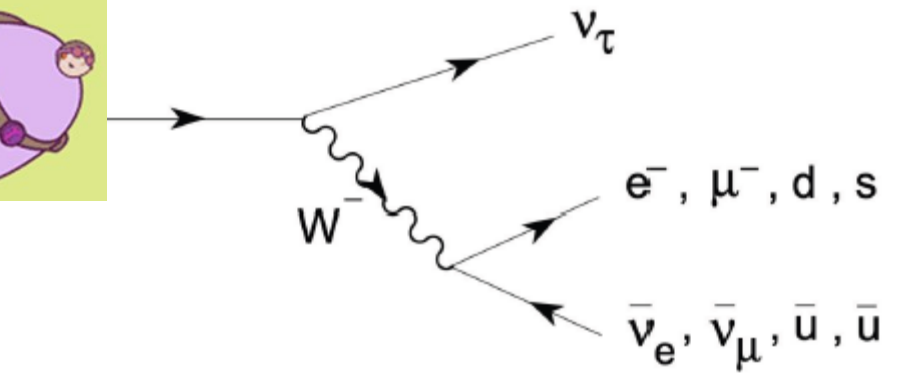


# $\tau$ physics

# Tau physics



- 185 standard model decay modes studied
  - principally hadronic final states
- Unique laboratory to study weak interaction
- Third-generation therefore beyond-SM-sensitivity anticipated
  - Any observation of lepton-flavour violation in  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow l\phi$  etc **new physics**
  - SM highly suppressed
- Connections to g-2 and lepton universality violation in b decay
- Also, precision measurements of lepton universality in lepton decay,  $V_{us}$ , moments, lifetime and **mass**



# $\tau$ mass measurement

- Fundamental parameter of the standard model
  - Important input to lepton-flavour universality tests

$$R_e = \frac{\mathcal{B}[\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau]}{\mathcal{B}[\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu]} \quad \left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)_e = \sqrt{R_e \frac{\tau_\mu}{\tau_\tau} \frac{m_\mu^3}{m_\tau^3} (1 + \delta_W)(1 + \delta_\gamma)} \quad (\delta\text{s are radiative corrections})$$

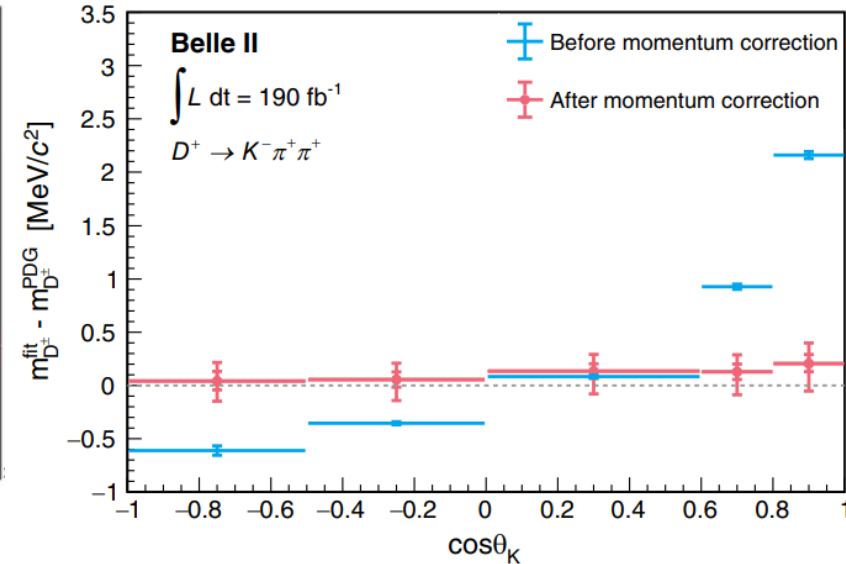
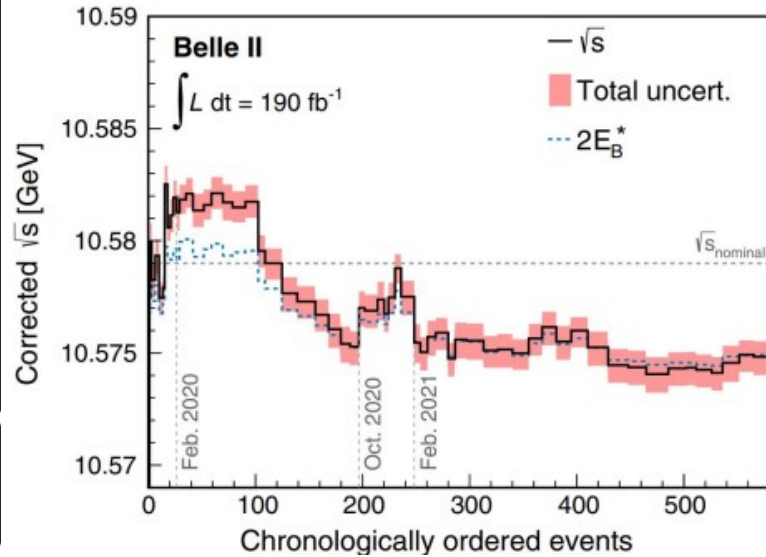
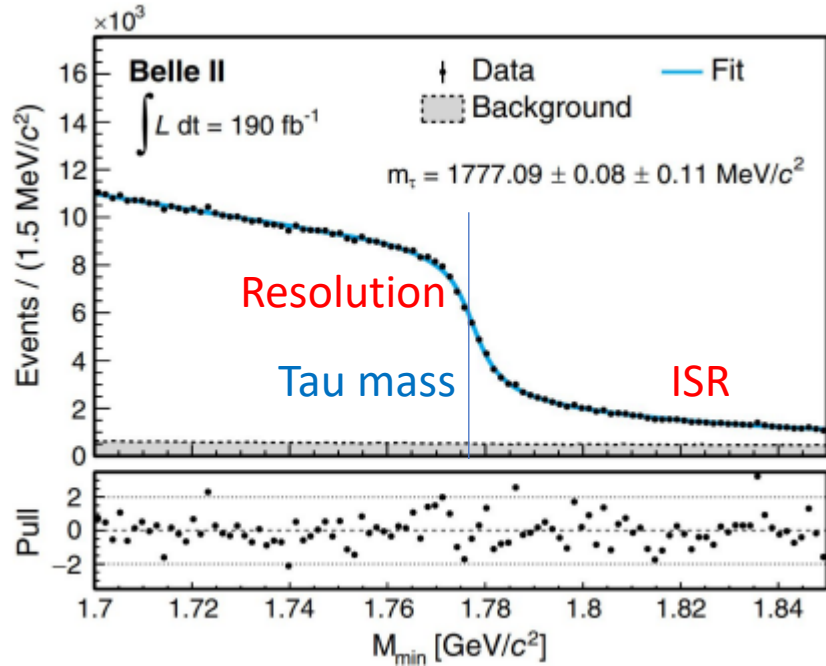
- We use the pseudomass variable to determine mass

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

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

Fit to the endpoint with empirical function

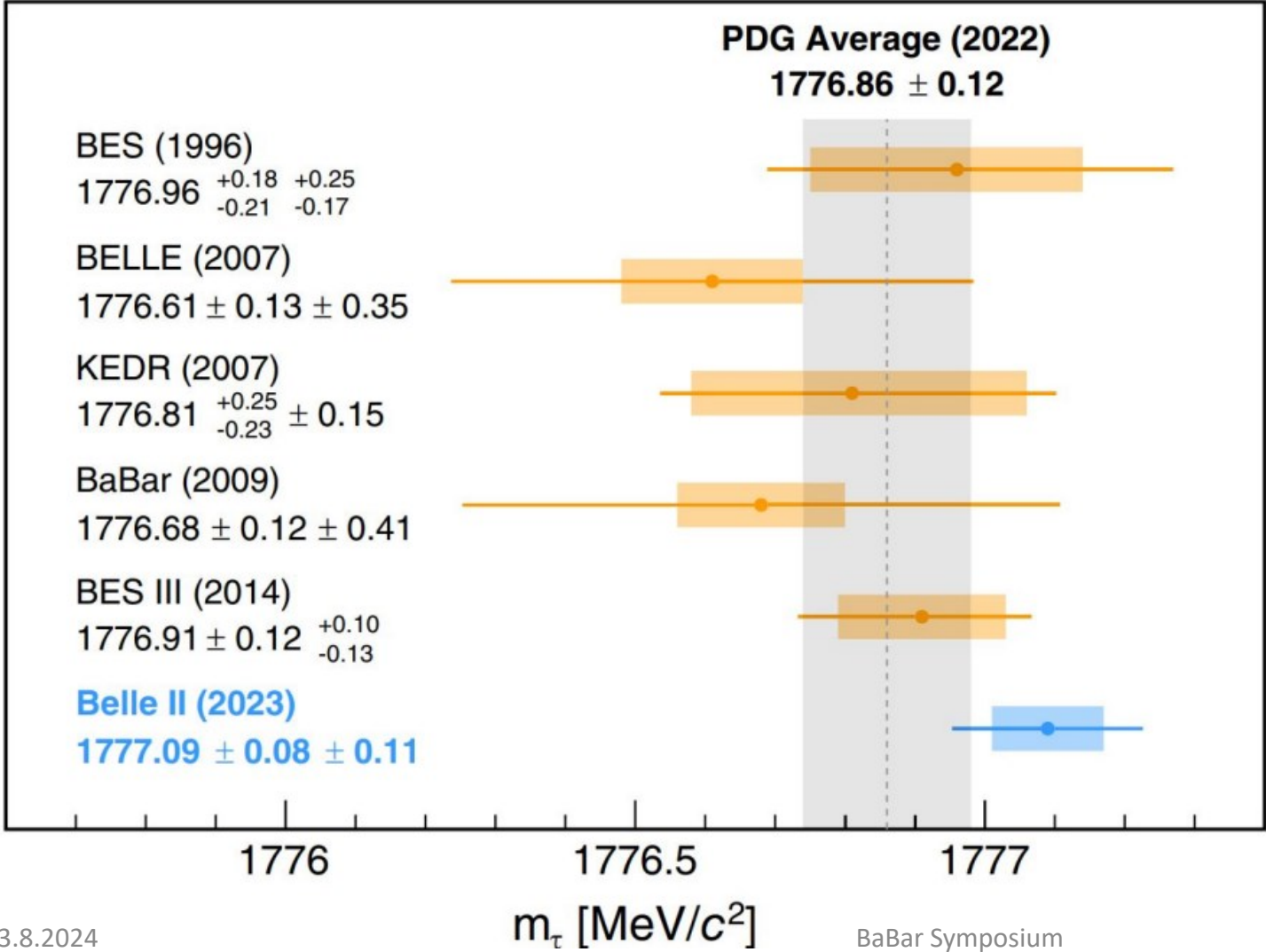
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- Fit to distribution with analytic form that accounts for ISR and resolution
- Knowing the scale key: beam energy (from  $E_B^*$ ) and momentum (from D mass)



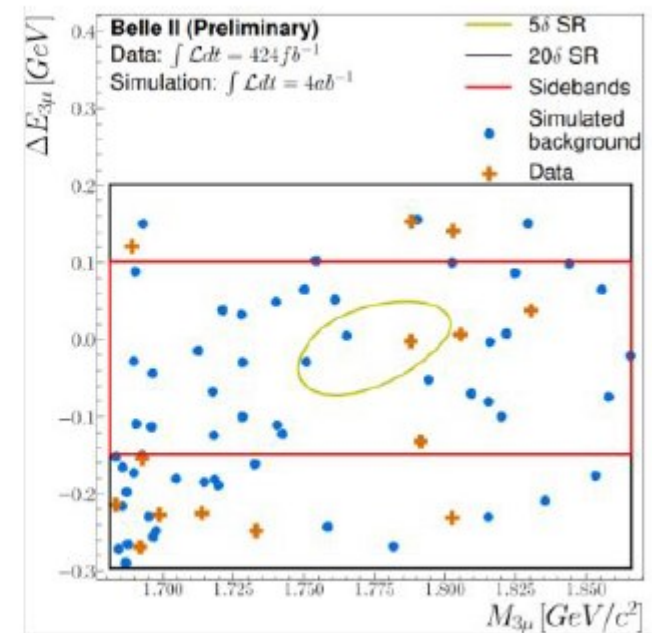
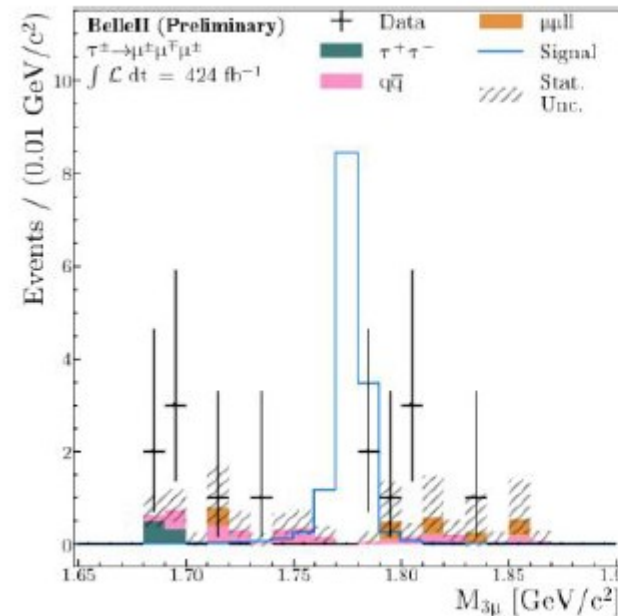
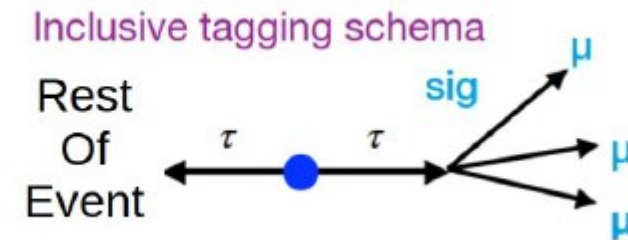
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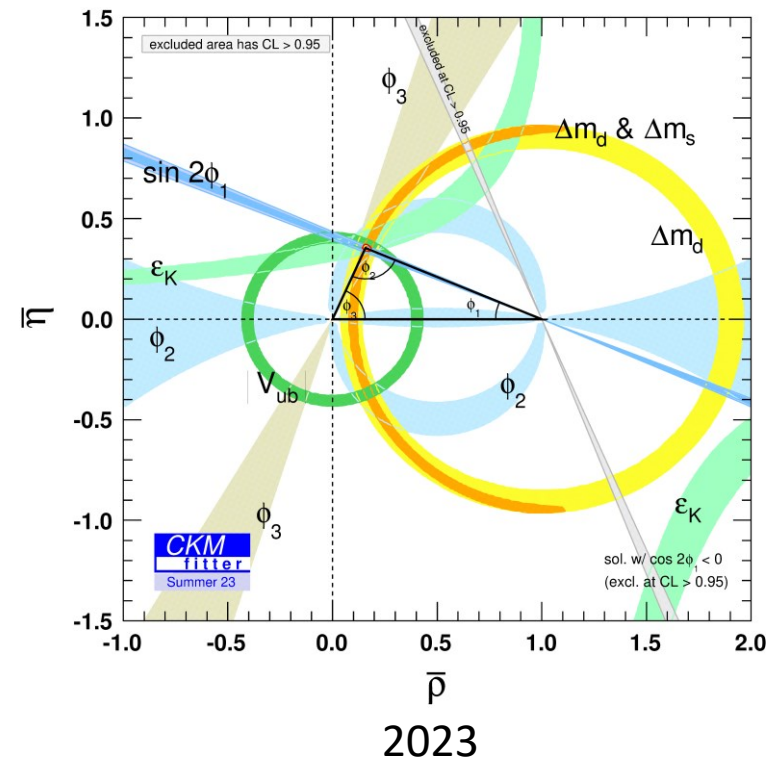
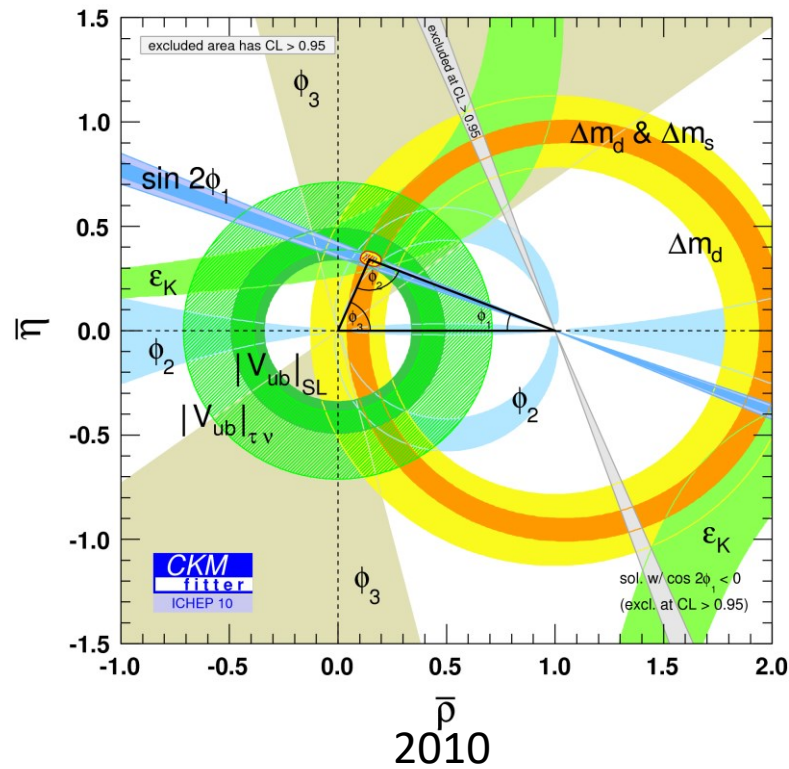
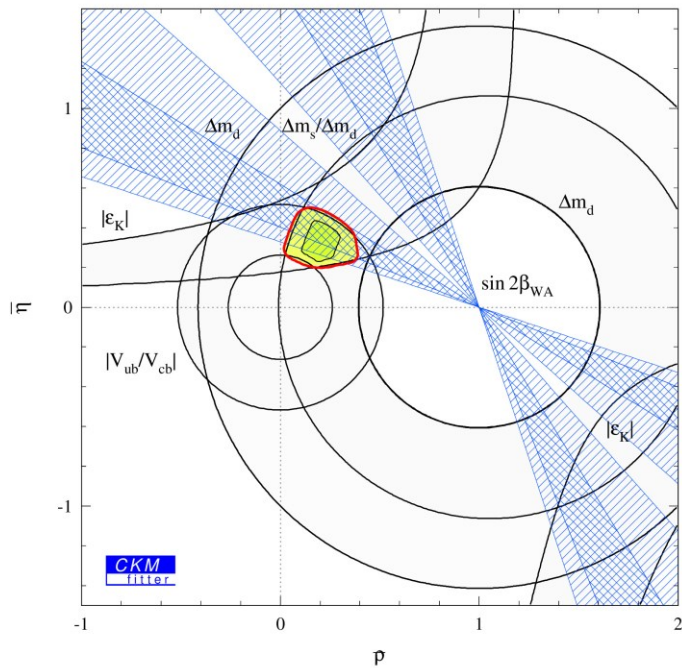


**World's most precise measurement to date**  
**- dominant systematics from beam energy and momentum scale**

# $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu^-$ lepton flavour violation search

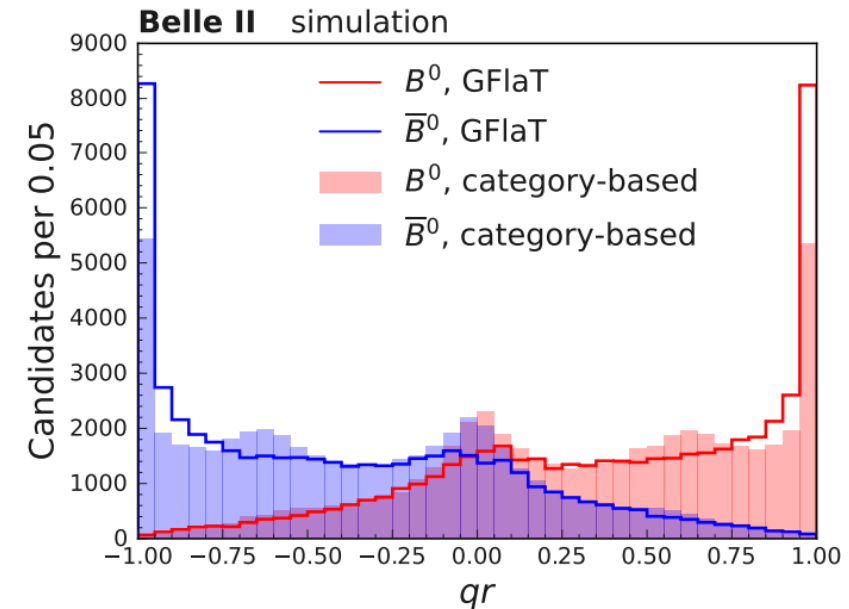
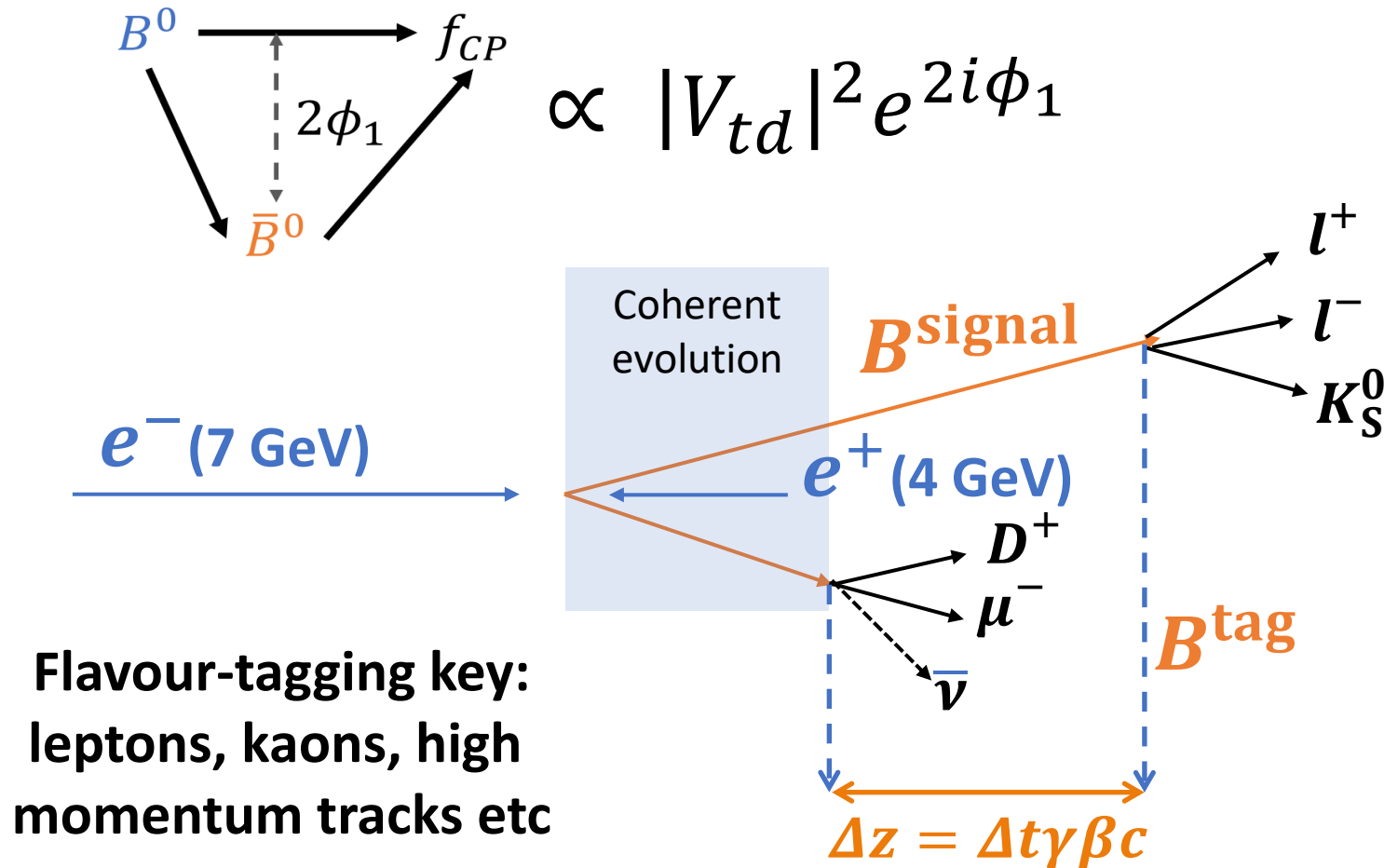
- Inclusive tag of the non-signal  $\tau$  to increase efficiency – multivariate
- Cut ‘n’ count in 2D plane of
  - $M_{3\mu}$  and  $\Delta E = E_{3\mu} - E_{\text{beam}}$  (in c.m.)
  - Sideband derived background estimate  $0.5^{+1.4}_{-0.5}$  events
- One event observed
- World best limit
  - **BF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





# CKM and $CP$ violation

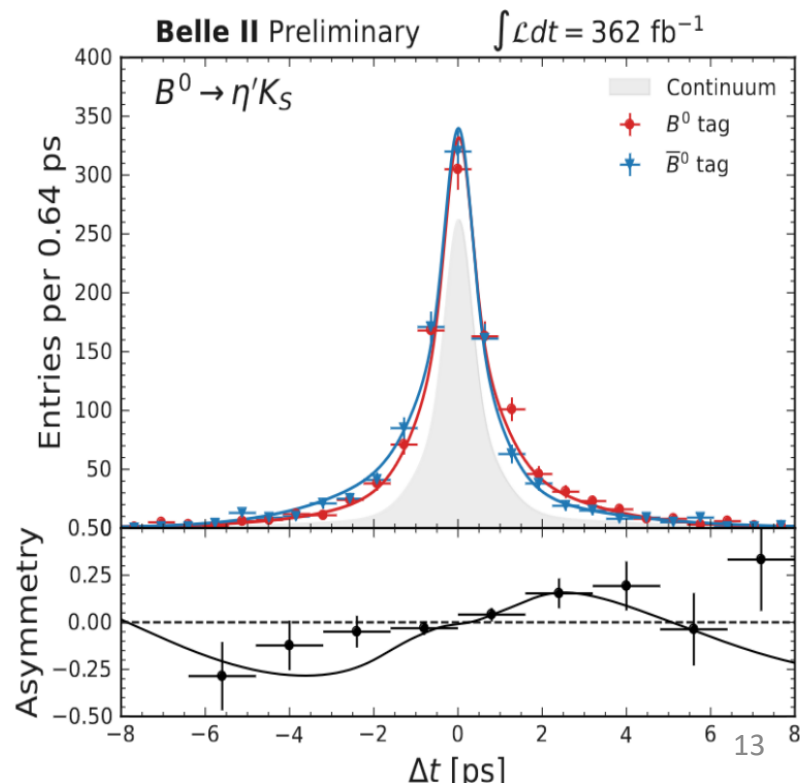
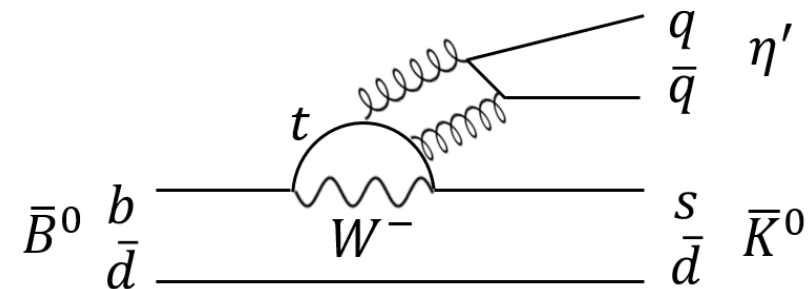
# Flavour tagging improvements

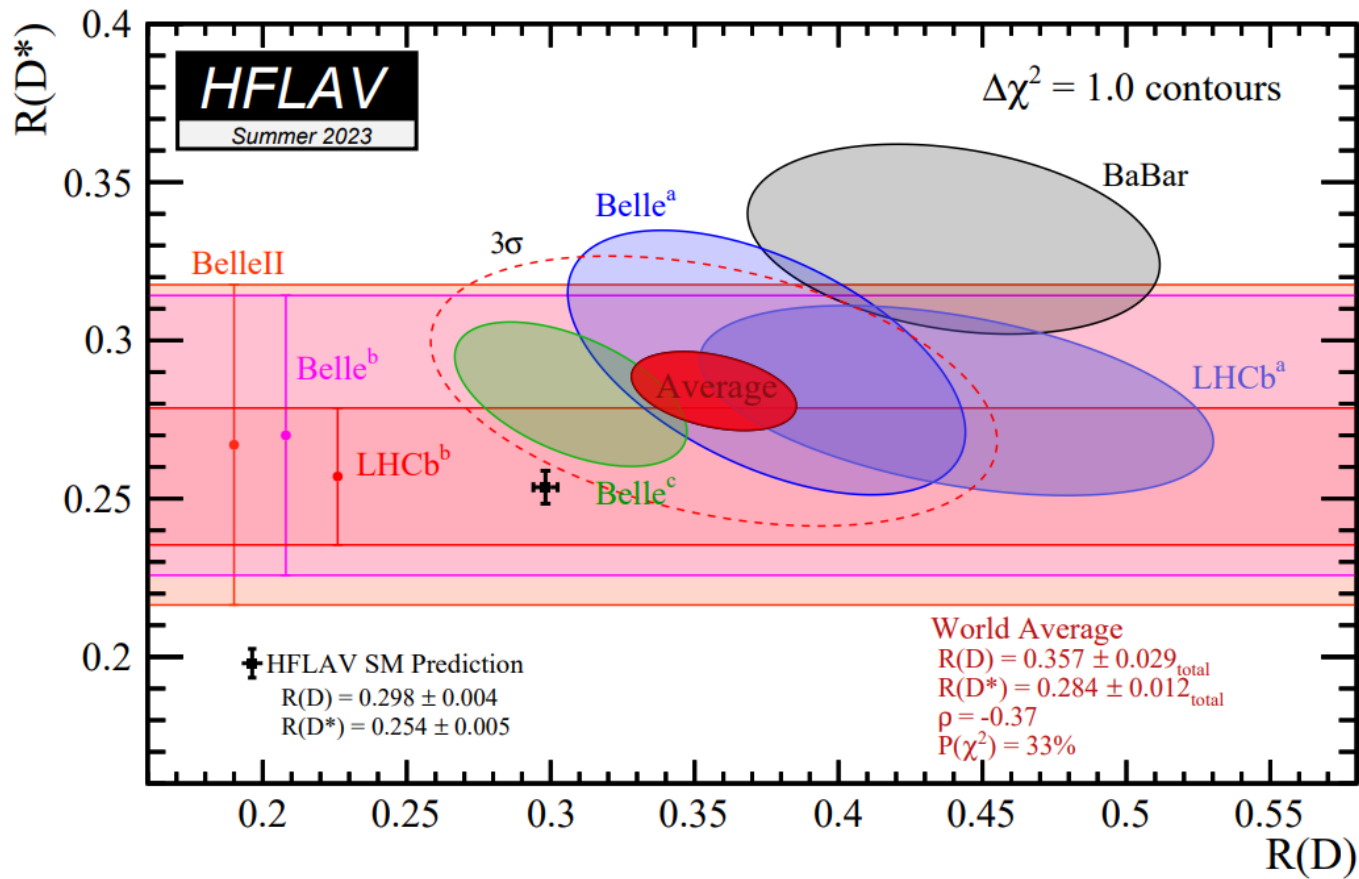


Graph-neural-network approach has improved our tagging by 18%  
 $\epsilon(1 - 2\omega) = 37.4\%$

# Time-dependent $CP$ violation - $B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0$

- Decay may also have a BSM phase as it is a gluonic penguin
  - alter the value of  $\phi_1$  from that measured in  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  transitions such as  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$
- Reconstructing  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta(\gamma\gamma)\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $\eta' \rightarrow \rho(\pi^+\pi^-)\gamma$  we select  $829 \pm 35$  events in  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  sample
  - 3D fit to  $\Delta E$ ,  $m_{BC}$  and continuum suppression output
- **$\sin 2\phi_1 = 0.67 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.04$**
- Consistent with current HFLAV average and that from  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  result

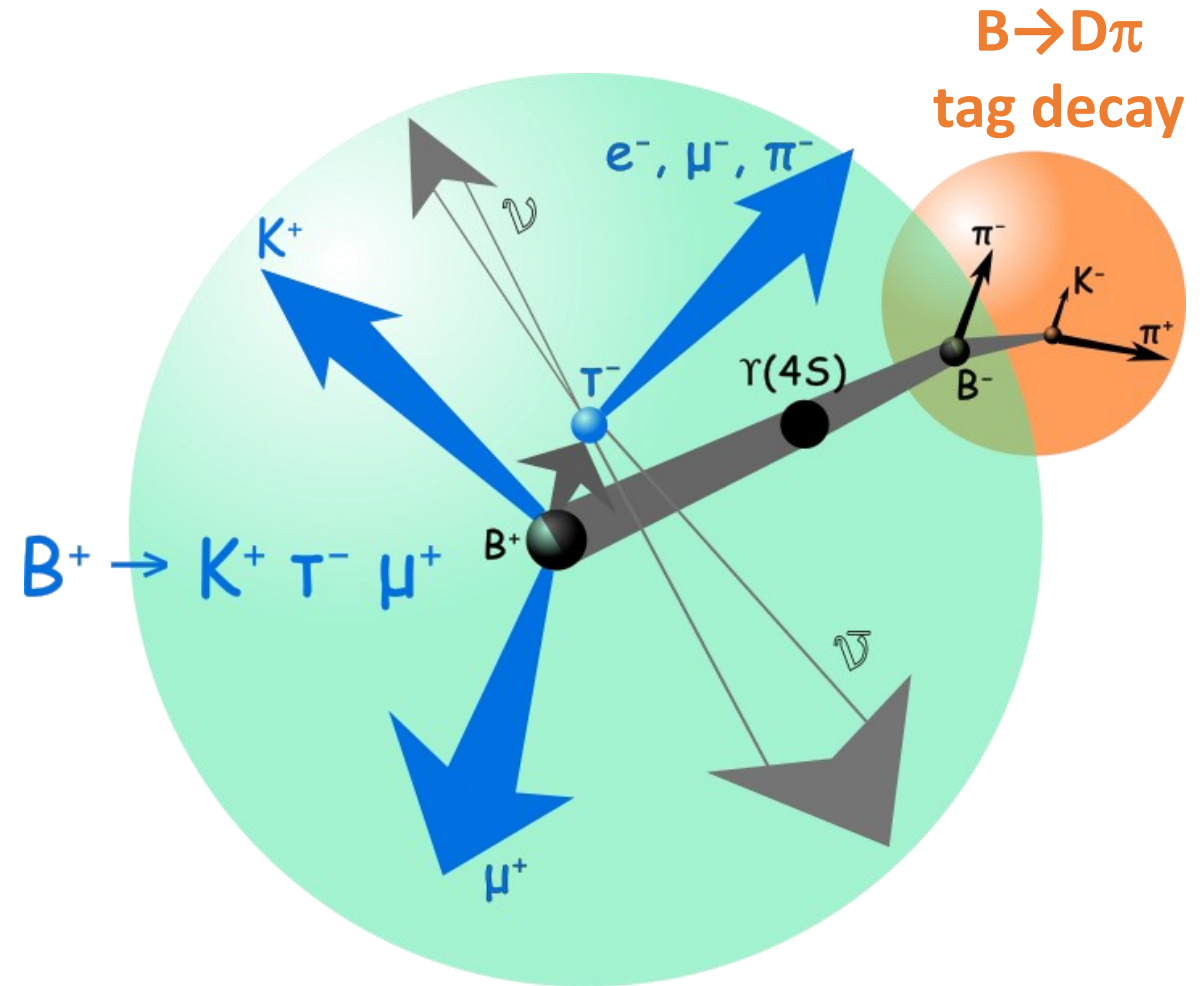




# Lepton flavour/universality violation and rare decays

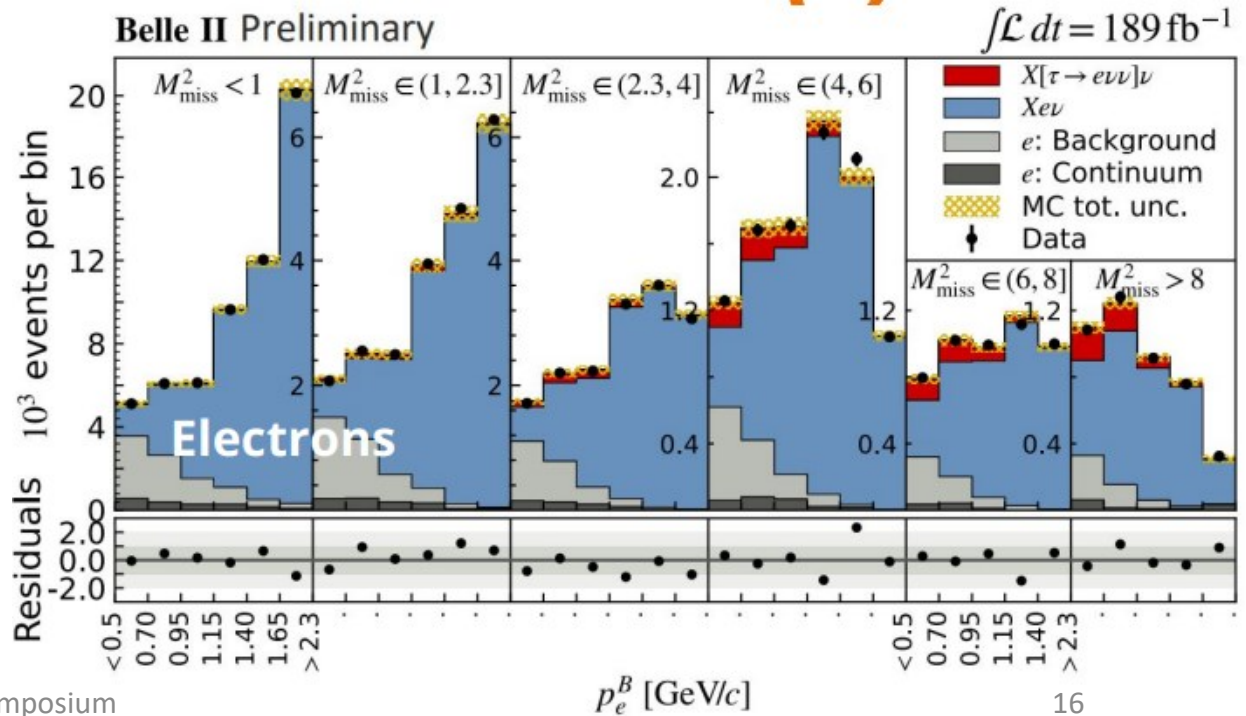
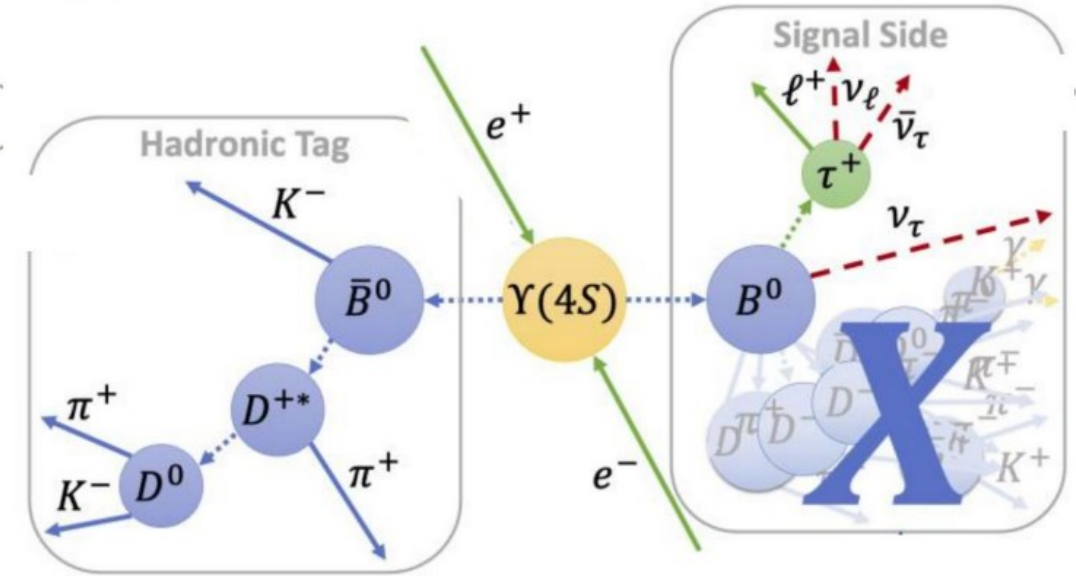
# Hadronic tag

- Full-reconstruction of one B decay in a large number of high BF modes on one side
  - $B \rightarrow D^{(*)0} m\pi^{\pm}n\pi^0$ , where  $m \geq 1$   $n \geq 0$
  - BaBar [PRL 92 071802](#)
- Reconstruct other B as signal with missing energy
- Machine learning algorithm used to boost efficiency as much as possible
  - [Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 3 \(2019\) 1, 6](#)
- Total efficiency < 1% but a powerful tool
- Requires calibration



# Measurement of $R(X)$

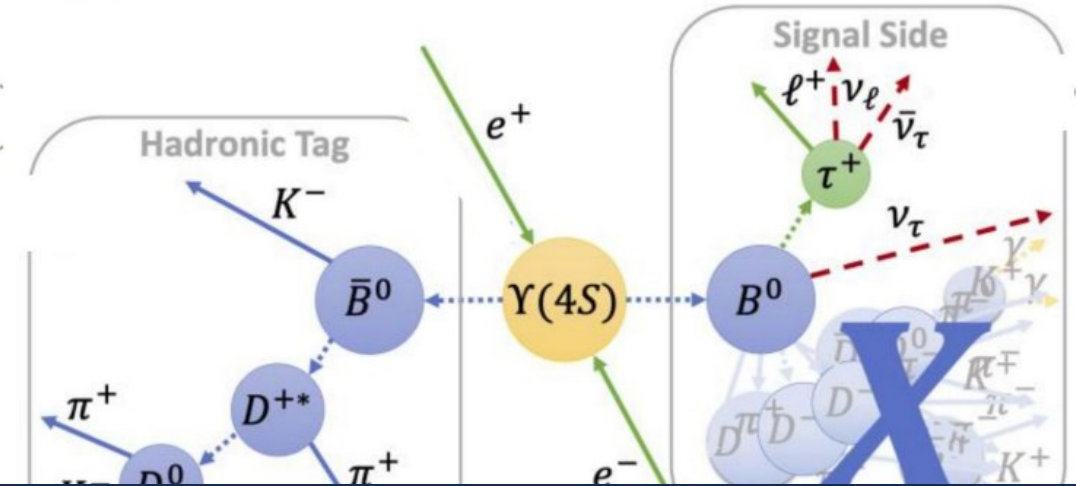
- Inclusive ratio  $R(X) = \frac{BF(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu)}{BF(B \rightarrow Xl\nu)}$ 
  - A complementary alternative to  $R(D^{(*)})$
- Hadronic-tagging method with a  $189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  Belle II sample
- Use missing-mass squared and lepton momentum to isolate **signal** above  $B \rightarrow Xl\nu$  background
- Background templates calibrated to control samples and sidebands





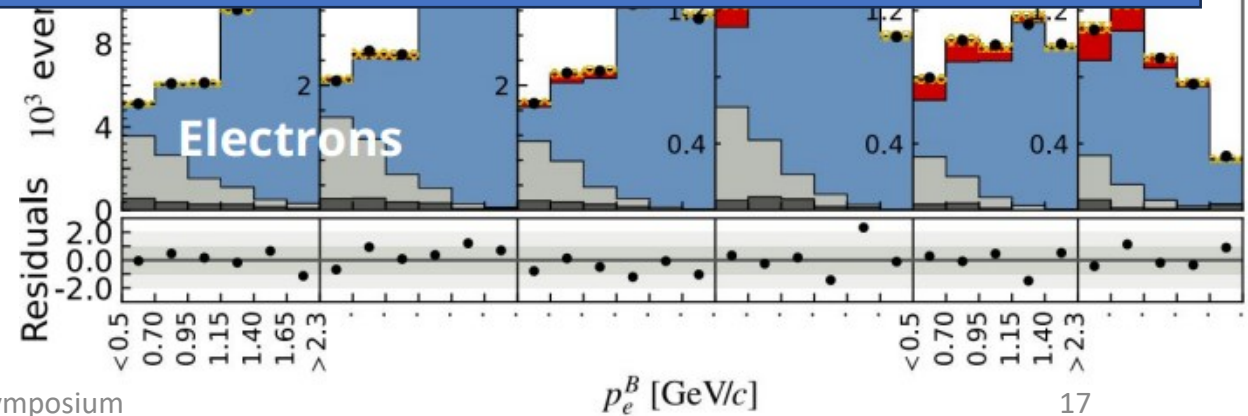
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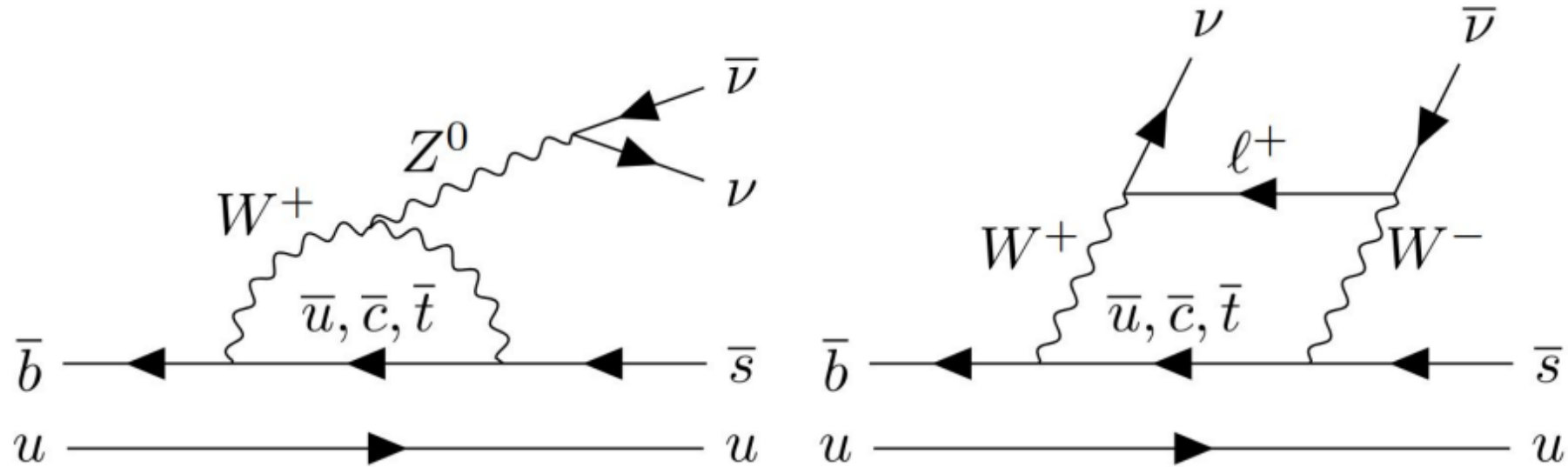


**$R(X) = 0.228 \pm 0.016$  (stat)  $\pm 0.036$  (syst)**  
 Systematics dominated by control sample reweighting procedures  
 First at B factories  
 Agrees with SM prediction and the WA  $R(D^{(*)})$  values

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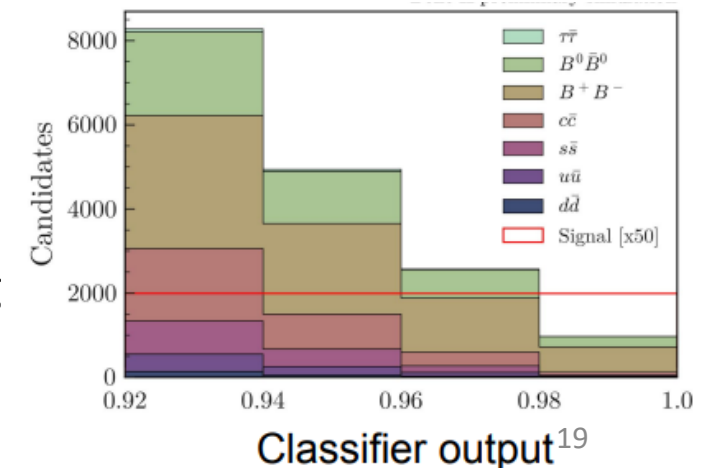
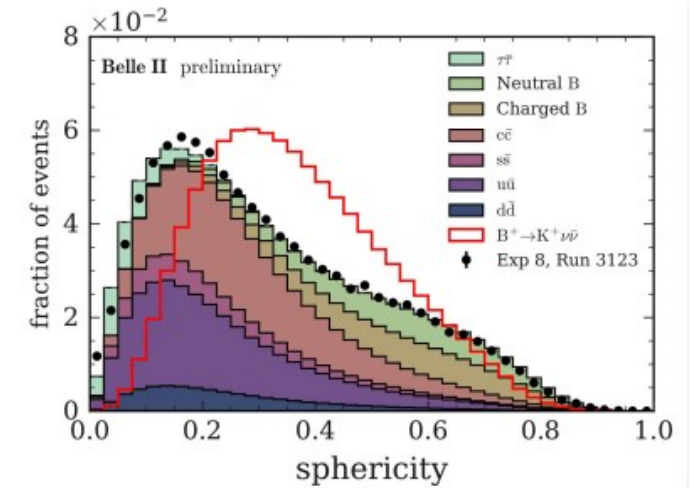
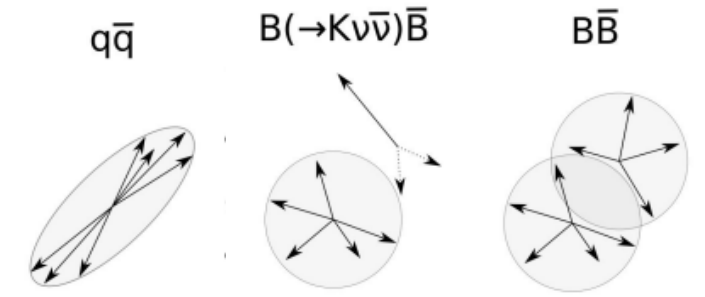
# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Motivation



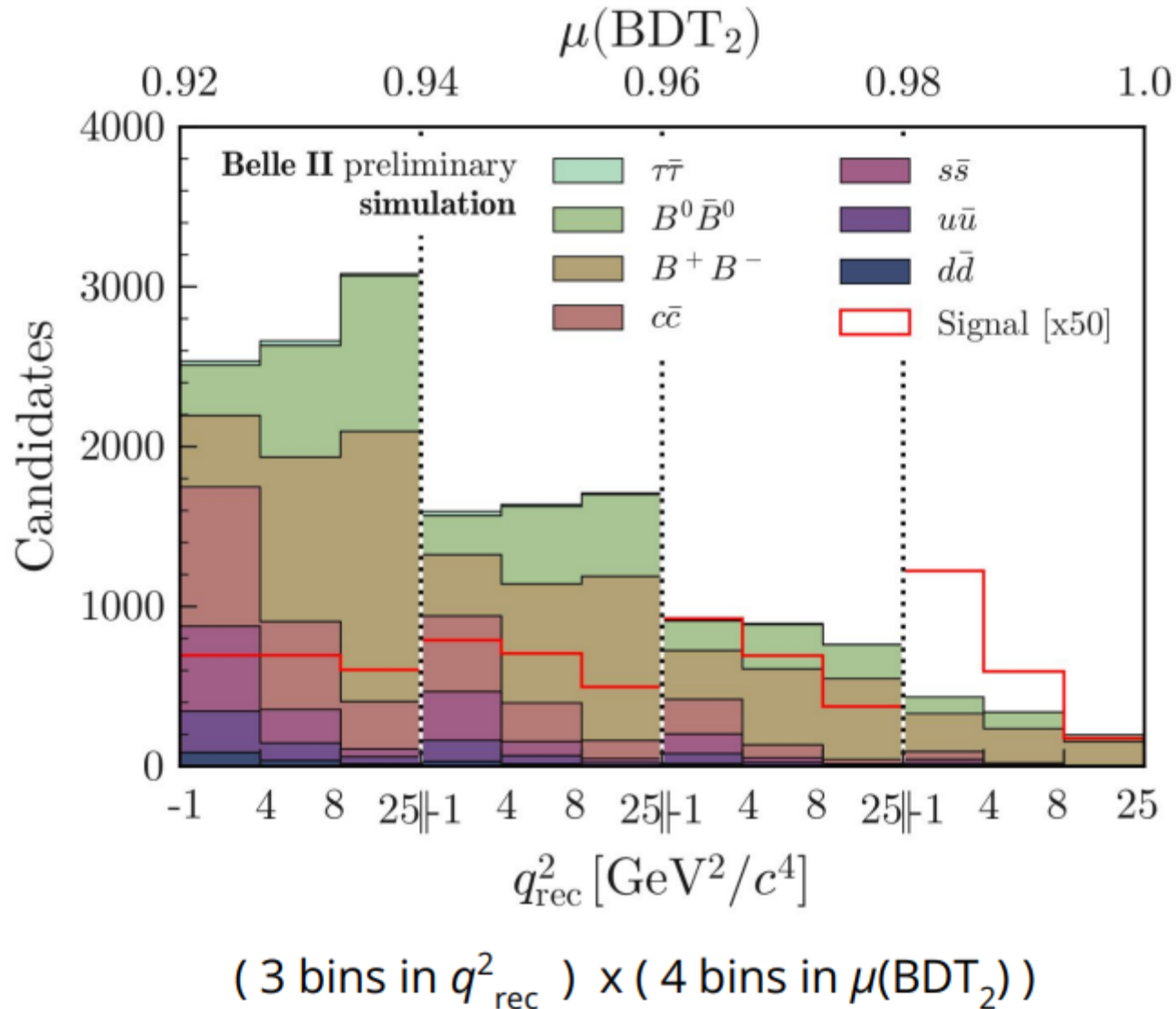
- Well known in SM but very sensitive to BSM enhancements – 3<sup>rd</sup> gen
  - $B(B \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (5.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$  [[arXiv:2207.13371](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.13371)]
- Challenging experimentally
  - Low branching fraction with large background
  - No peak – two neutrinos leads to no good kinematic constraint

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

- Two methods: an inclusive tag (8% efficiency) and conventional hadronic tag (0.4% efficiency)
  - many common features except tag
- Use event variables to suppress background
  - Inclusive:
    1. preselect events where missing momentum and signal kaon well reconstructed
    2. First boosted decision tree (BDT1): 12 variables
    3. Second BDT2: 35 variables – 3 times sensitivity
    4. BDT2 fit extraction variable in bins of  $\nu \bar{\nu}$  mass-squared –  $q^2$
  - Hadronic tag: single BDT for fit
    - key variable any additional calorimeter energy other than K+tag

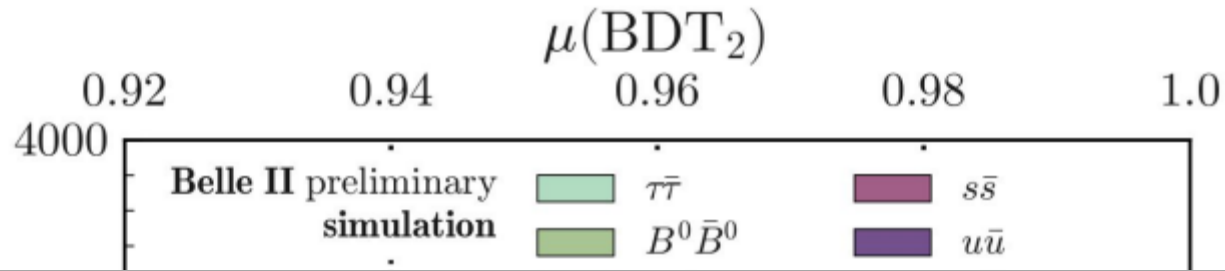


# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Inclusive signal extraction



- 1 signal and 7 background templates from simulation
  - corrected using control samples
- Profile maximum likelihood fit inc. systematic uncertainties
- Continuum template constrained by off-resonance

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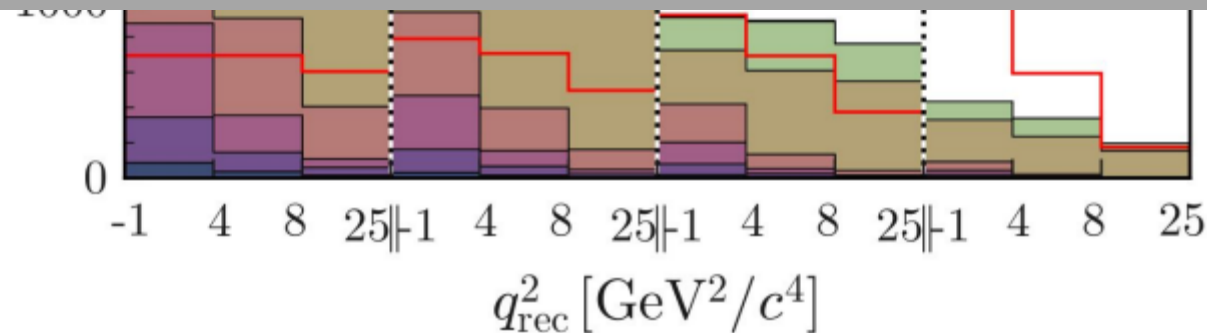


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Candidates

Two questions

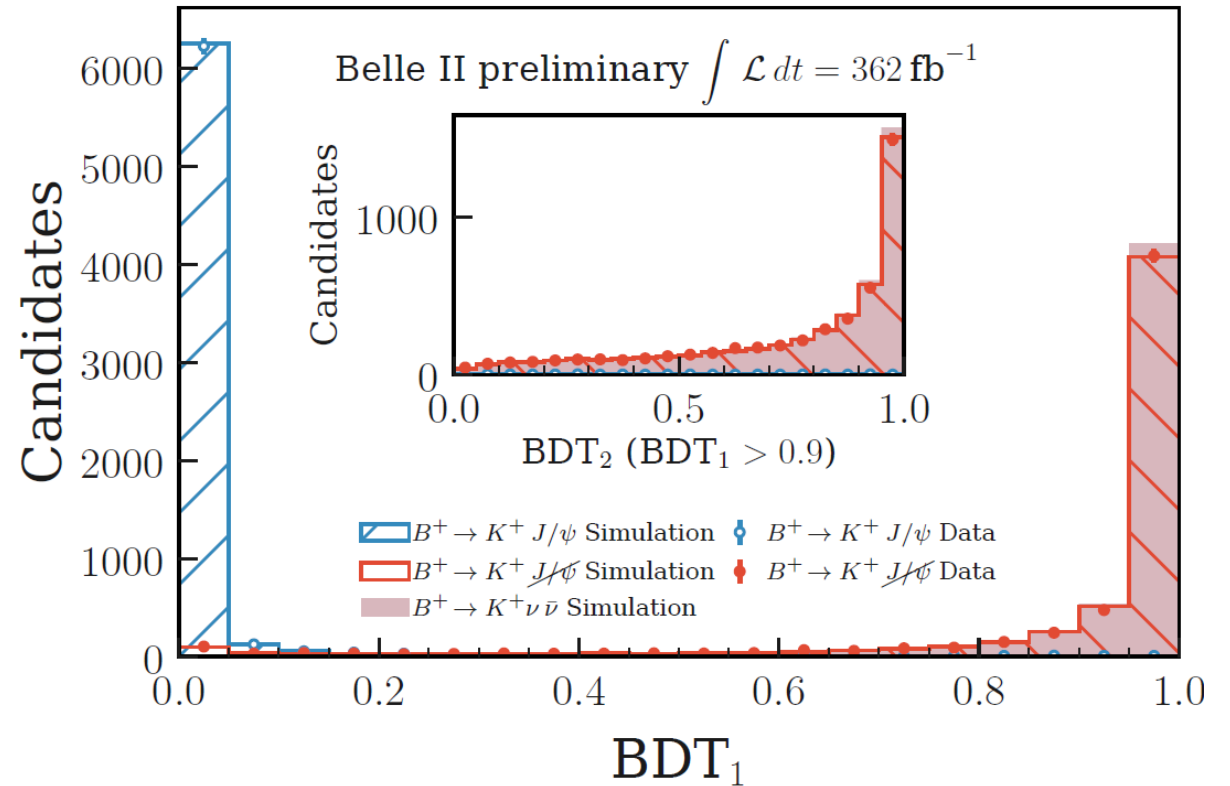
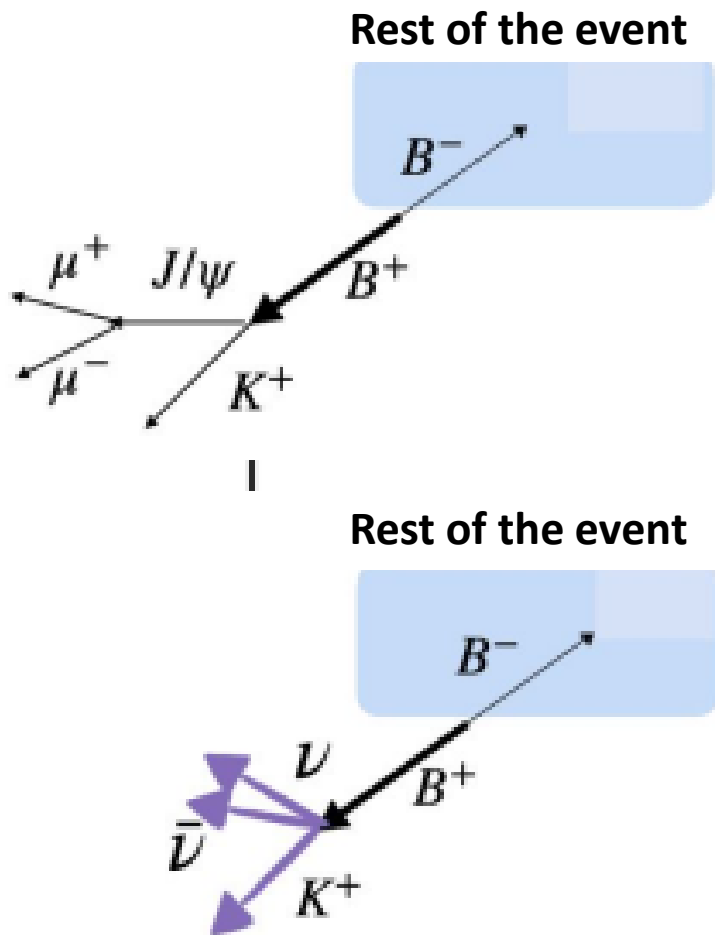
1. Is the signal efficiency, i.e., BDT, well modelled?
2. Is the B background understood?



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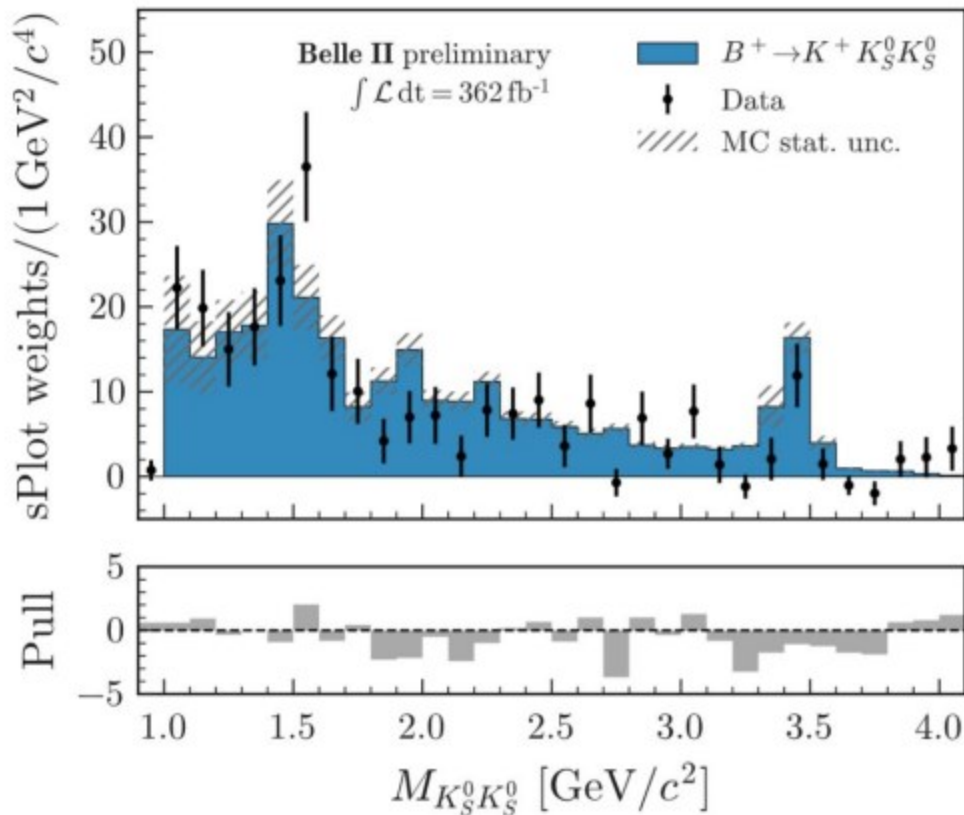
( 3 bins in  $q_{rec}^2$  ) x ( 4 bins in  $\mu(\text{BDT}_2)$  )

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



Ratio between selection on data and simulation for the control sample 1 with 3% uncertainty

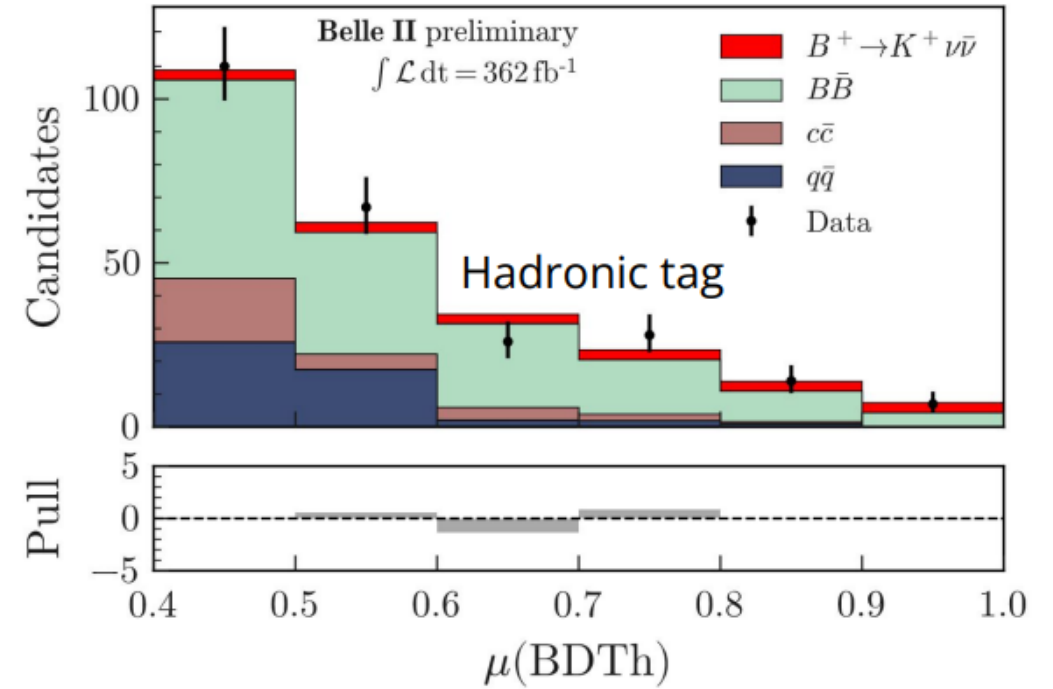
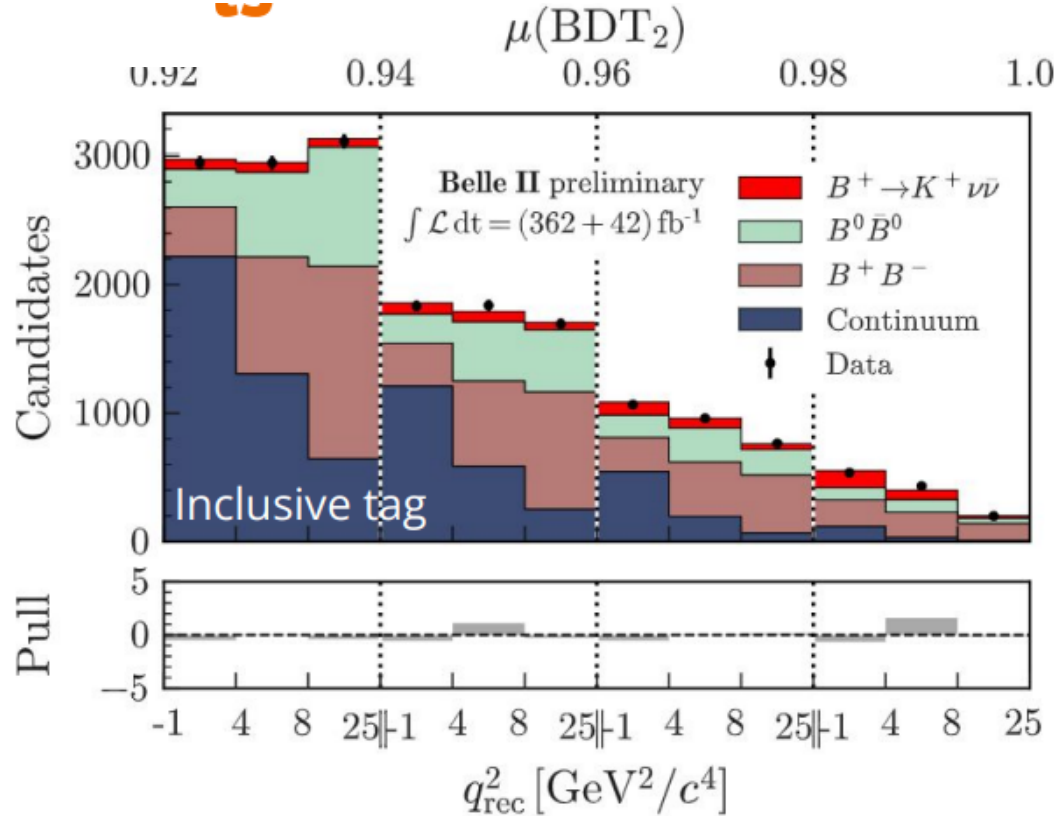
# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Background validation example



- An example of a difficult background is charmless  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$ , where  $K_L^0$  mesons escape detection
  - has an order of magnitude larger BF than signal
- Dedicated studies  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_S^0$  show good modelling
  - generous systematics assigned
- Similar studies for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ n \bar{n}$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_S^0$

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

[arXiv:2311.14647 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.14647)



$$\text{BF}_{\text{inc}} = (2.8 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{BF}_{\text{had}} = \left( 1.1_{-0.8}^{+0.9}(\text{stat})_{-0.5}^{+0.8}(\text{syst}) \right) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{BF}_{\text{comb}} = \left( 2.4 \pm 0.5(\text{stat})_{-0.4}^{+0.5}(\text{syst}) \right) \times 10^{-5}$$

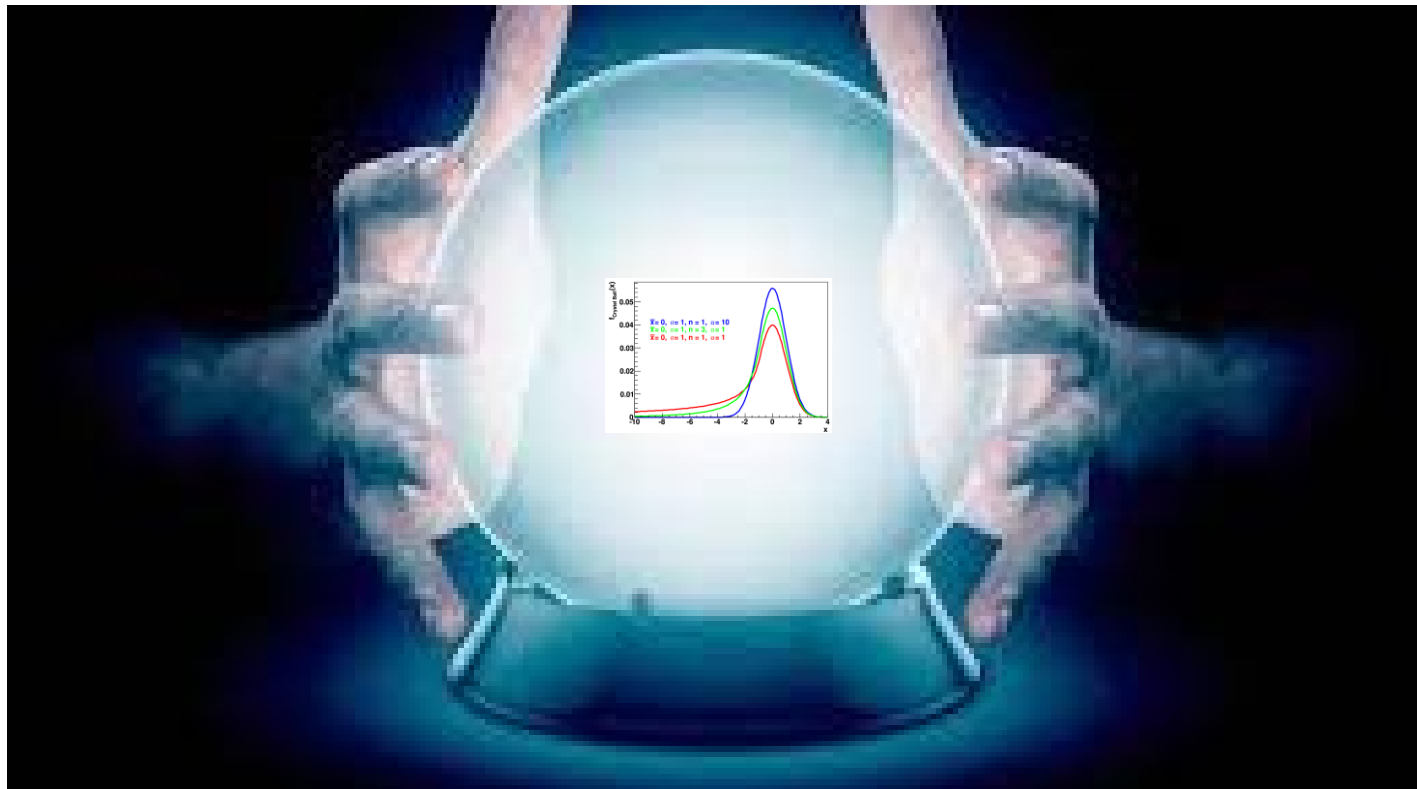
**Combined result**

**Evidence @ 3.6 $\sigma$**

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

**@ 2.8 $\sigma$**

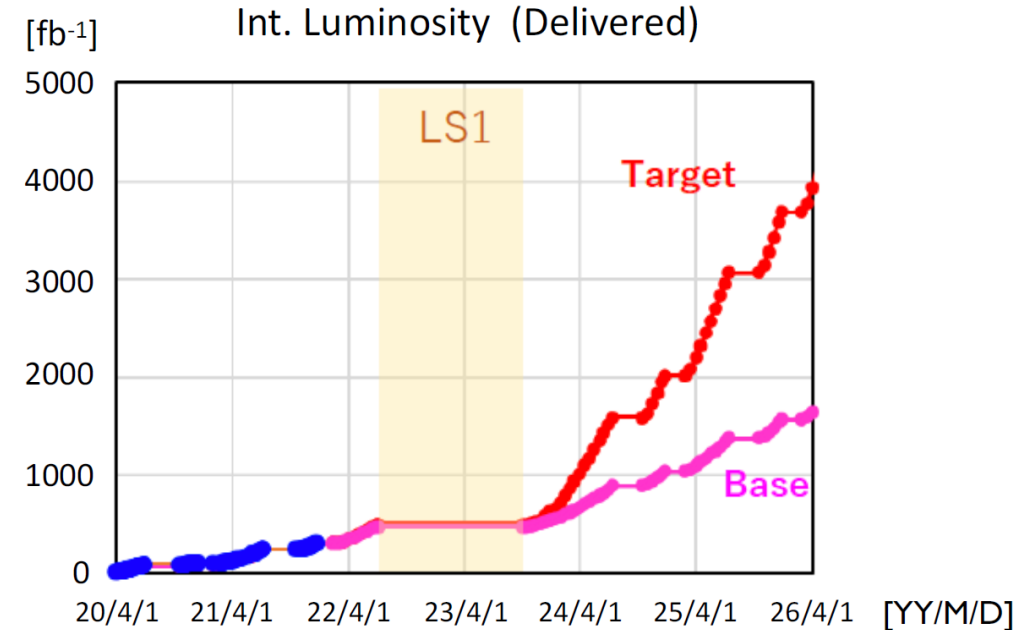




## 5) Prospects and conclusion

# Belle II: after current shutdown

- We have not collected the sample size planned to date
  - Beam conditions
- Since summer 2022 until **Feb 2004** shutdown for accelerator upgrades to mitigate background and increase luminosity
- Detector upgrades too
  - two-layer pixel detector installed
- **Path to  $2 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  but new final focus to go beyond**
  - Proposed upgrade from 2028+
  - see C. Checci and M. Roney next



# Goals with current data to a few inverse $\text{ab}^{-1}$

- Semileptonic decay:
  - $V_{cb}$  can we make progress on the inclusive vs. exclusive tension
    - KEK report in preparation
  - **$R(D)-R(D^*)$**
- Electroweak penguin
  - **Missing energy modes** like  $B \rightarrow K\tau\tau$  and  $K\nu\nu$
- CP violation
  - $\alpha$  and the **gluonic penguins**
- tau
  - **LFV and precision**
- Charm
  - final states with neutrals, e.g.,  $D \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$
- Quarkonium
  - $Y(10753)$  scan and isospin partners (ISR and  $B$  decay)
- Dark sector and low multiplicity
  - dark photon and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

Our Snowmass submission is the most up to date prospects document

# Conclusion

- $e^+e^-$  has an important role to play in the future of flavour
  - Belle II is catching up to first generation sample size, we are producing competitive and exciting results
    - [35 papers](#) and 12 preliminary results with a paper in preparation
    - More before the summer with the Run 1 data
  - A lot more to come once we enter the “ $10^{35}$  era” of Run 2 which is just starting