

# High Statistics B Decays

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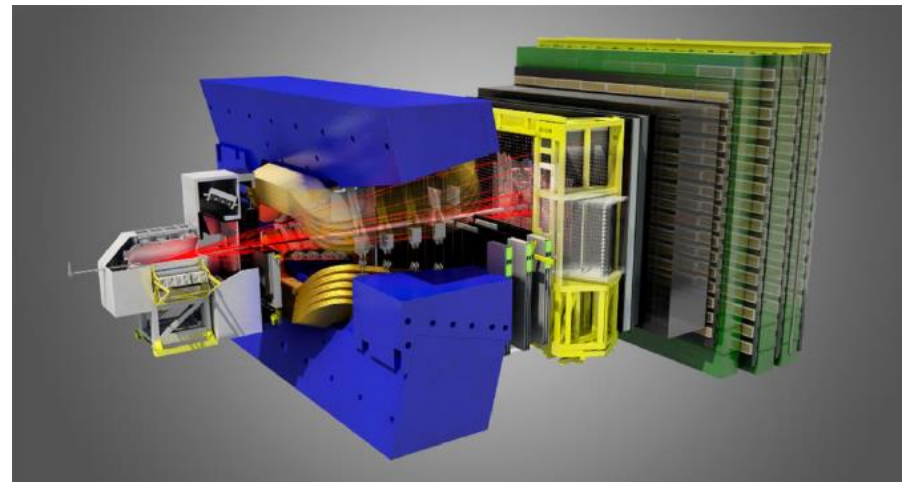
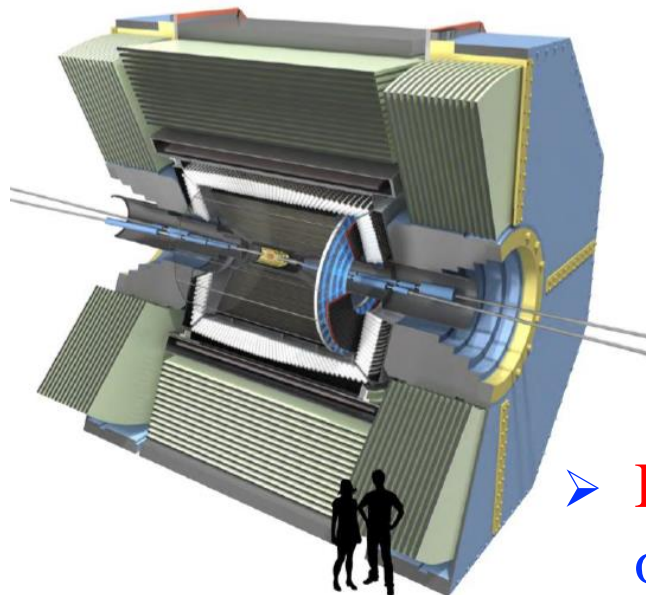
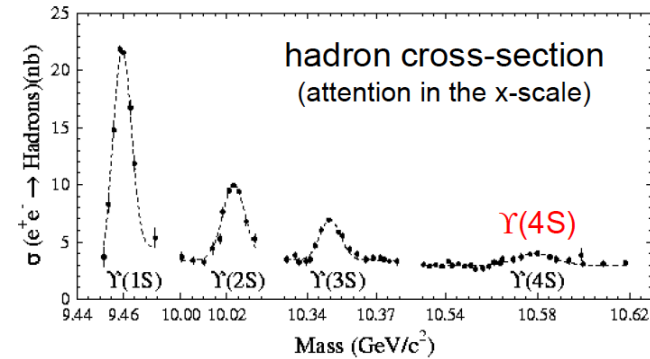
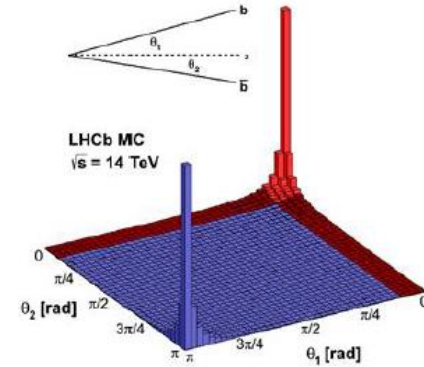
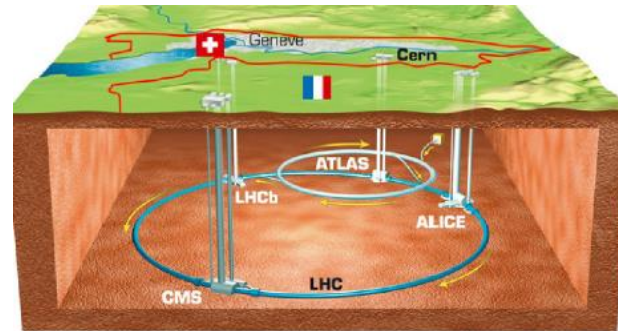


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# Story of two players...

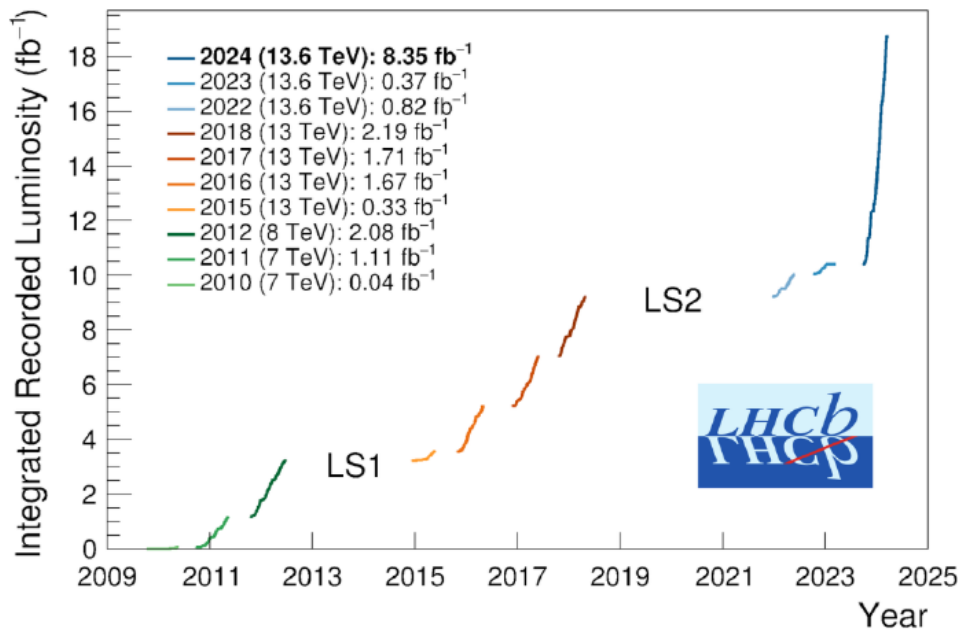
- **LHCb**: a general-purpose spectrometer in the forward direction at the LHC, optimized for precision flavor physics



- **Belle II**: second-generation  $e^+e^-$  flavor factory operating near the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance

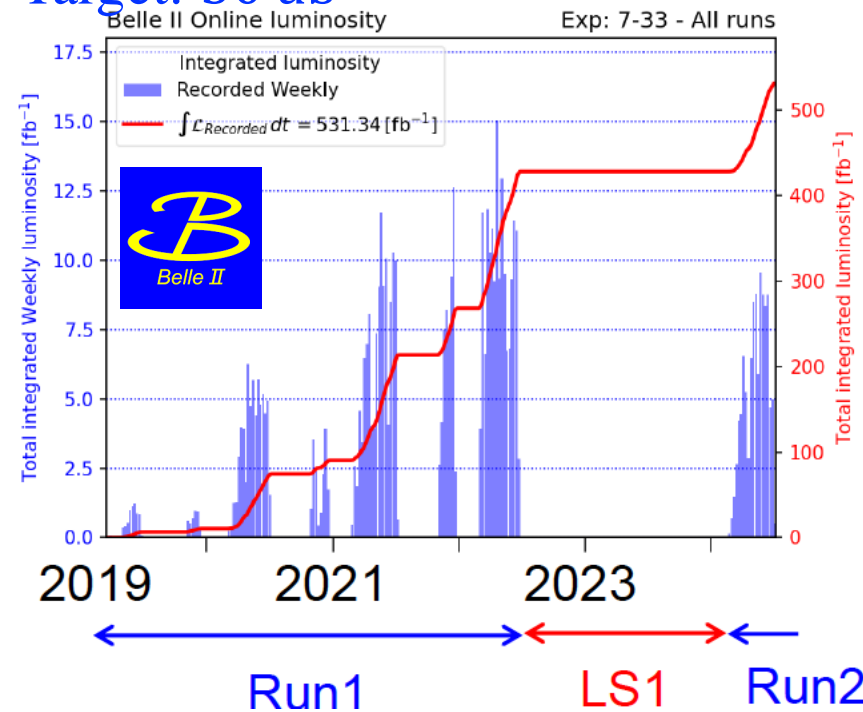
# In their kitty, they have got

- Integrated luminosity:  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of pp collisions (+ pPb, PbPb, fixed target mode)
- Recorded  $\sim 8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in 2024 alone!



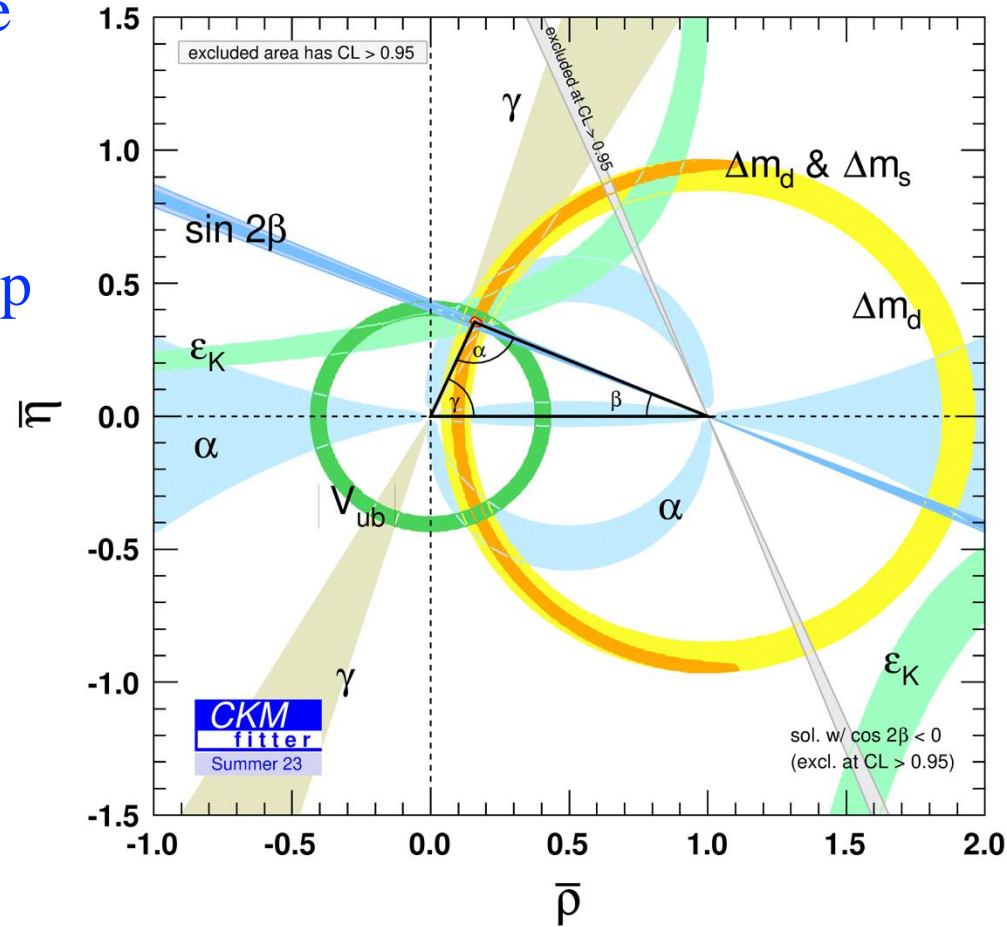
- Roughly,  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of LHCb corresponds to  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  of Belle II
- Belle II has an upper hand for the final states with neutrals ( $\gamma, \pi^0, \nu \dots$ )

- Peak luminosity:  $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
  - World record ( $\sim \times 2$  of KEKB)
  - Aiming an order higher
- Integrated luminosity:  $530 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - Similar to BABAR data set and half of what Belle recorded in 11 years
- Target:  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$



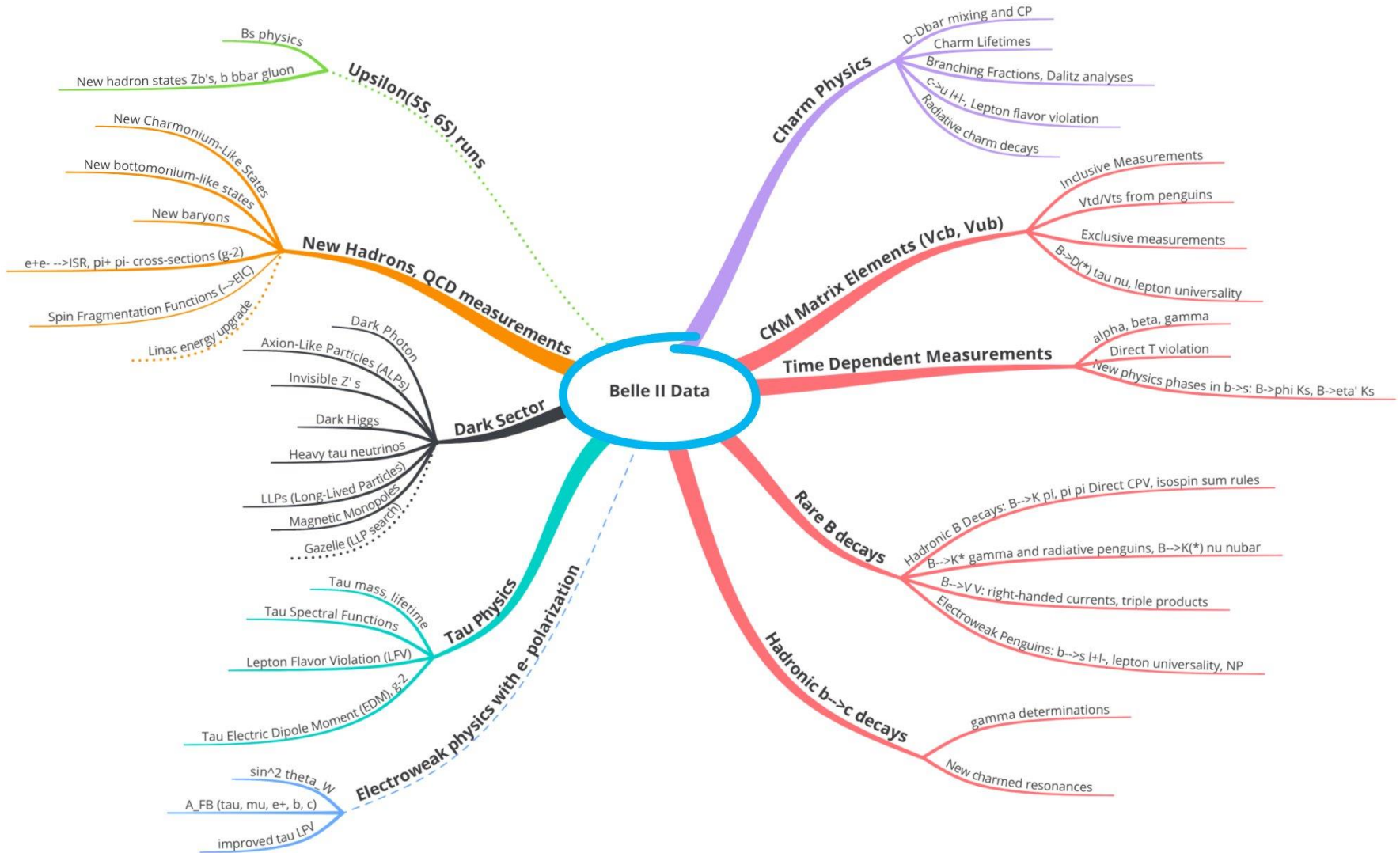
# Their main goals

- 1) Precision test of the standard model (SM): measure the angles and sides of the Unitarity Triangle
- 2) Indirect searches for beyond-the-SM physics mostly in loop dominated decays
  - See the talk by C. Kar



Alternative notation  $\beta \equiv \phi_1$ ,  $\alpha \equiv \phi_2$ ,  
and  $\gamma \equiv \phi_3$  exists

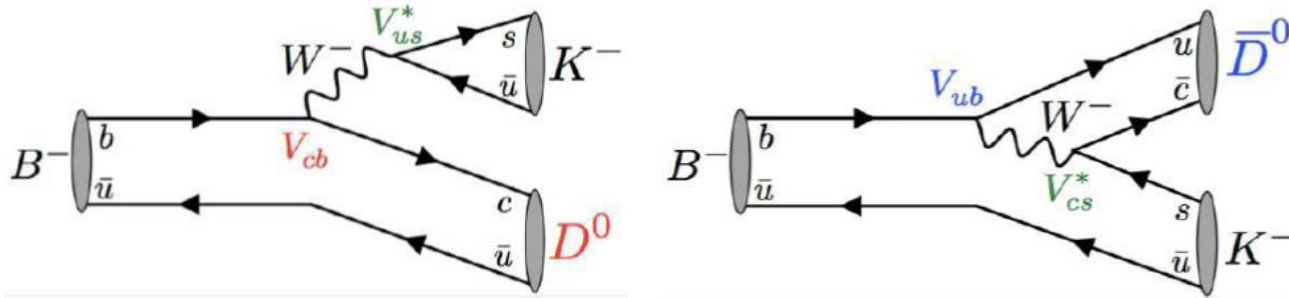
# They do much more



➡ LHCb has access to all kinds of heavy hadrons:  $B^0$ ,  $B^+$ ,  $B_S^0$ ,  $B_C^+$ ,  $\Lambda_b$  ...

# Checking an SM candle: $\gamma/\phi_3$

- Exploit the interference between  $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}s$  and  $b \rightarrow u\bar{c}s$  transitions

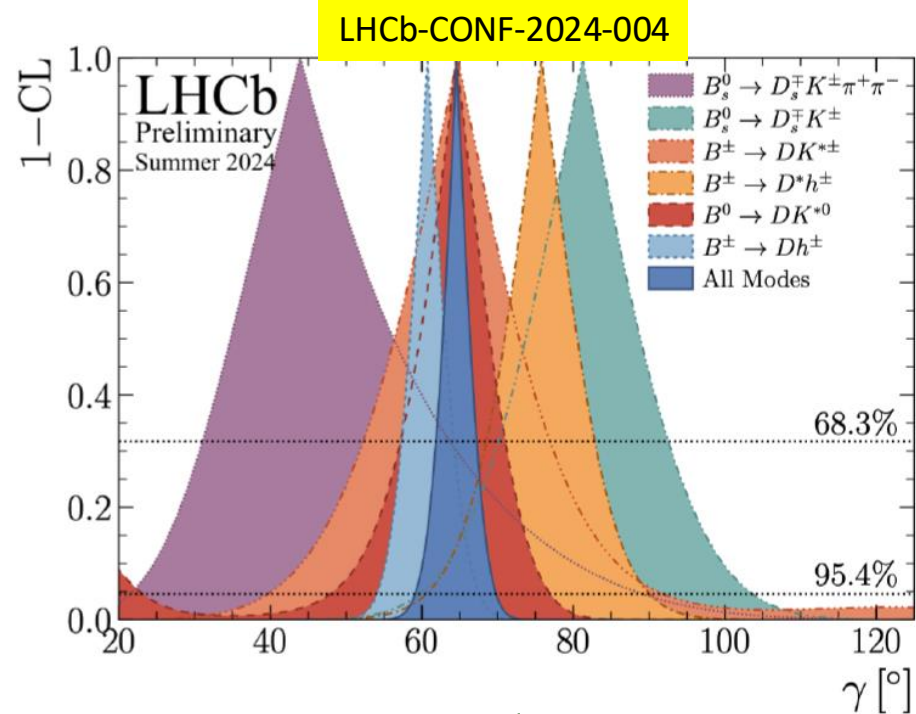


- Combination of

- 19 B decay results
- 11 D decay results
- 4 new and few updated results
- 198 input observables to determine 53 parameters



$$\gamma = (64.6 \pm 2.8)^\circ$$



- Most precise determination from direct measurements to date

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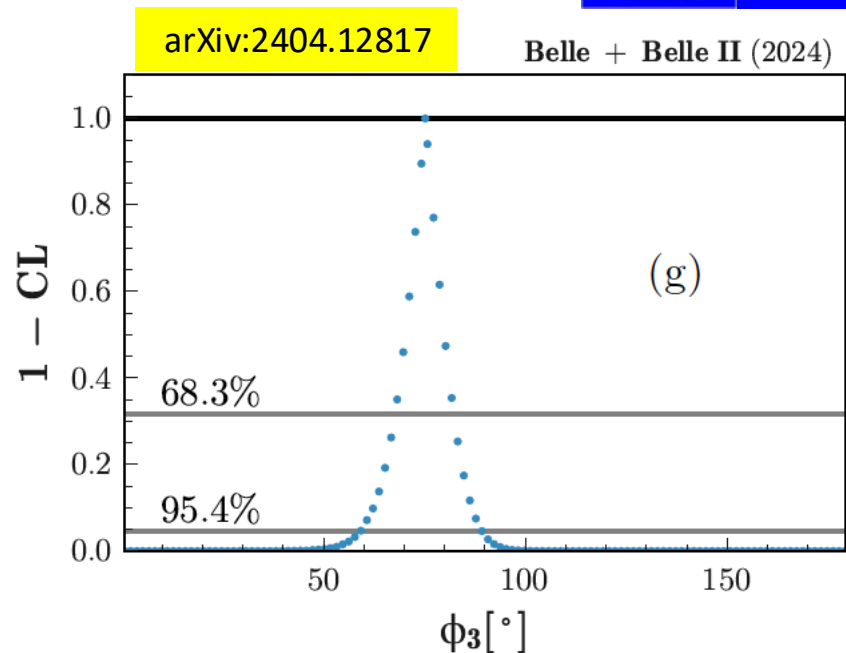
- Combine measurements based on data ( $771 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) from Belle with those based on data (up to  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) from Belle II

<i>B</i> decay	<i>D</i> decay	Method	Data set (Belle + Belle II)[ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ]
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0, K^- K^+$	GLW	711 + 189
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-, K^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	ADS	711 + 0
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^- \pi^+$	GLS	711 + 362
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^- h^+$	BPGGSZ (m.i.)	711 + 128
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	BPGGSZ (m.i.)	711 + 0
$B^+ \rightarrow D^* K^+$	$D^* \rightarrow D \pi^0, D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0, K_S^0 \phi, K_S^0 \omega,$ $K^- K^+, \pi^- \pi^+$	GLW	210+0
$B^+ \rightarrow D^* K^+$	$D^* \rightarrow D \pi^0, D \gamma, D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^- \pi^+$	BPGGSZ (m.d.)	605 + 0



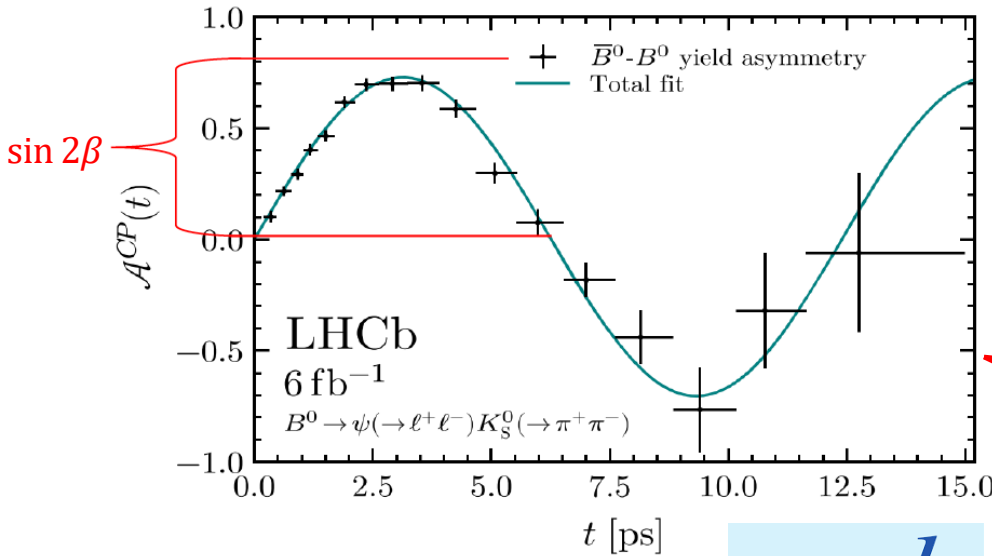
- 4 methods: GLW (CP eigenstates), ADS (doubly Cabibbo suppressed modes), GLS (Cabibbo suppressed modes), and BPGGSZ aka Dalitz

$$\phi_3 = (75.2 \pm 7.6)^\circ$$



# Improved determination of $\sin 2\beta$

- Flagship measurements from first-generation  $e^+e^-$  flavor factories (Belle and BABAR) confirmed the Kobayashi-Maskawa theory for CP violation
- LHCb performed the measurement in  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi[J/\psi, \psi(2S)]K_S^0$  decays



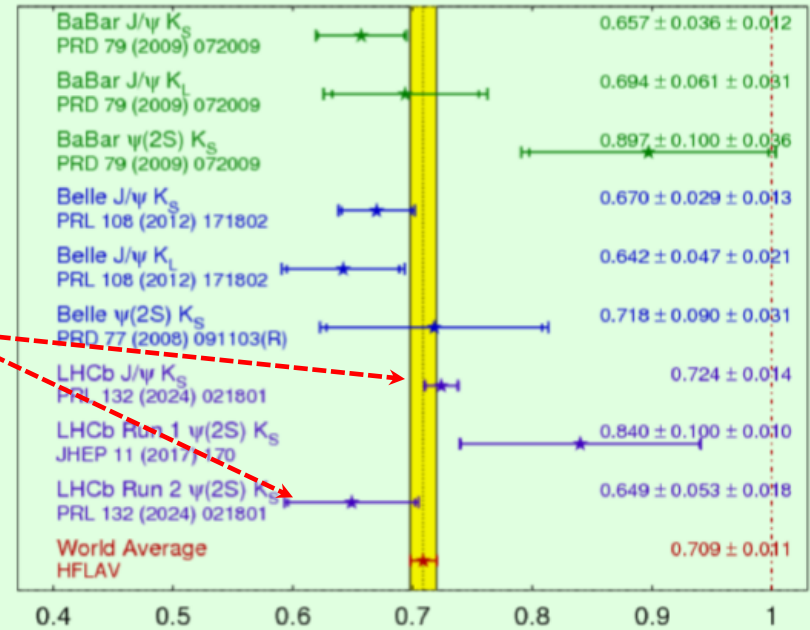
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$$\sin 2\beta = 0.717 \pm 0.013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst})$$

$\sin(2\beta) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1)$

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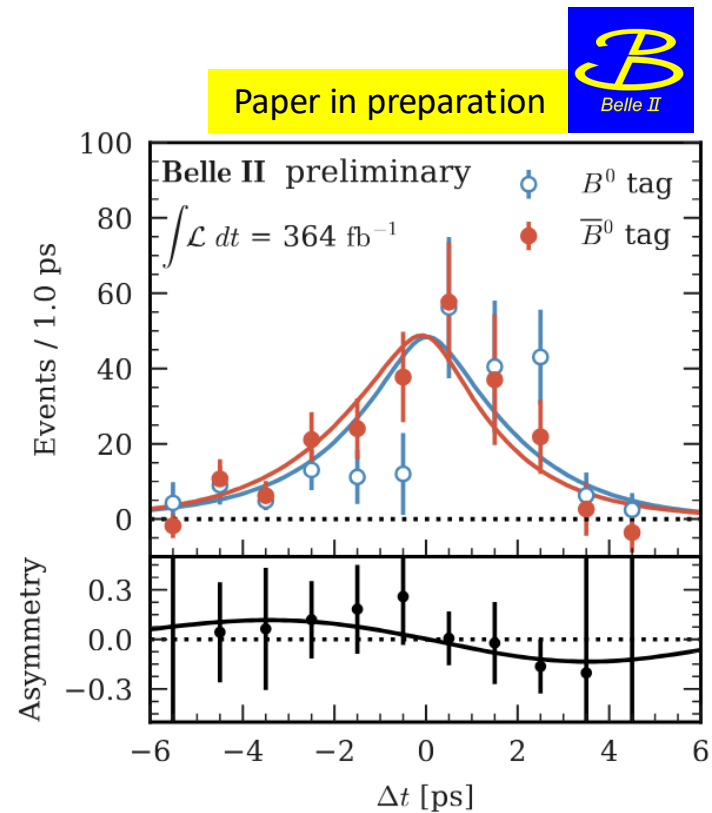
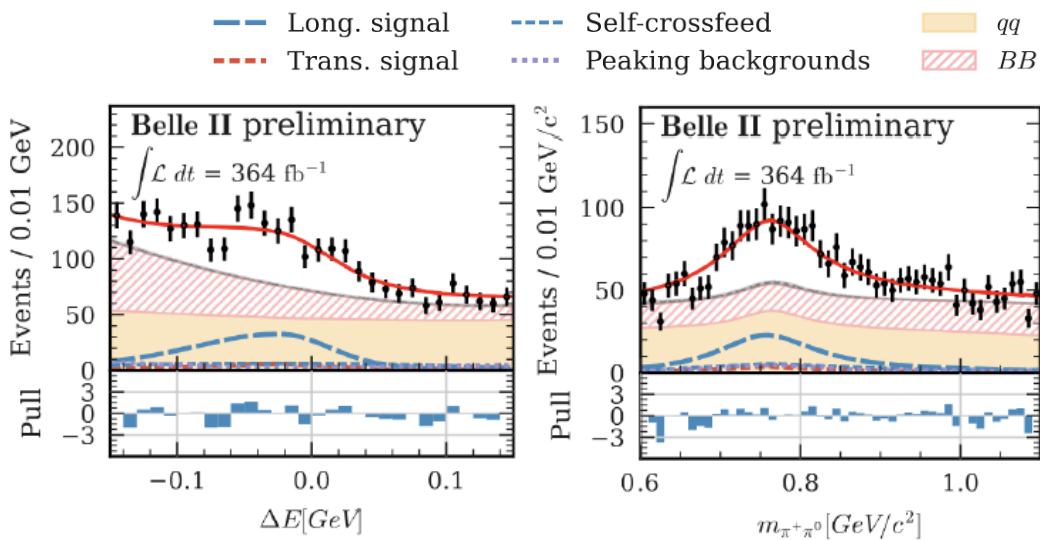


➡ Most precise single measurement of  $\sin 2\beta$  to date



# What about the angle $\phi_2$ ?

- Challenging measurement of  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$ 
  - $P \rightarrow VV$  decay (requires angular analysis)
  - Two soft neutral pions from  $\rho$  mesons
  - Large continuum and  $B\bar{B}$  backgrounds



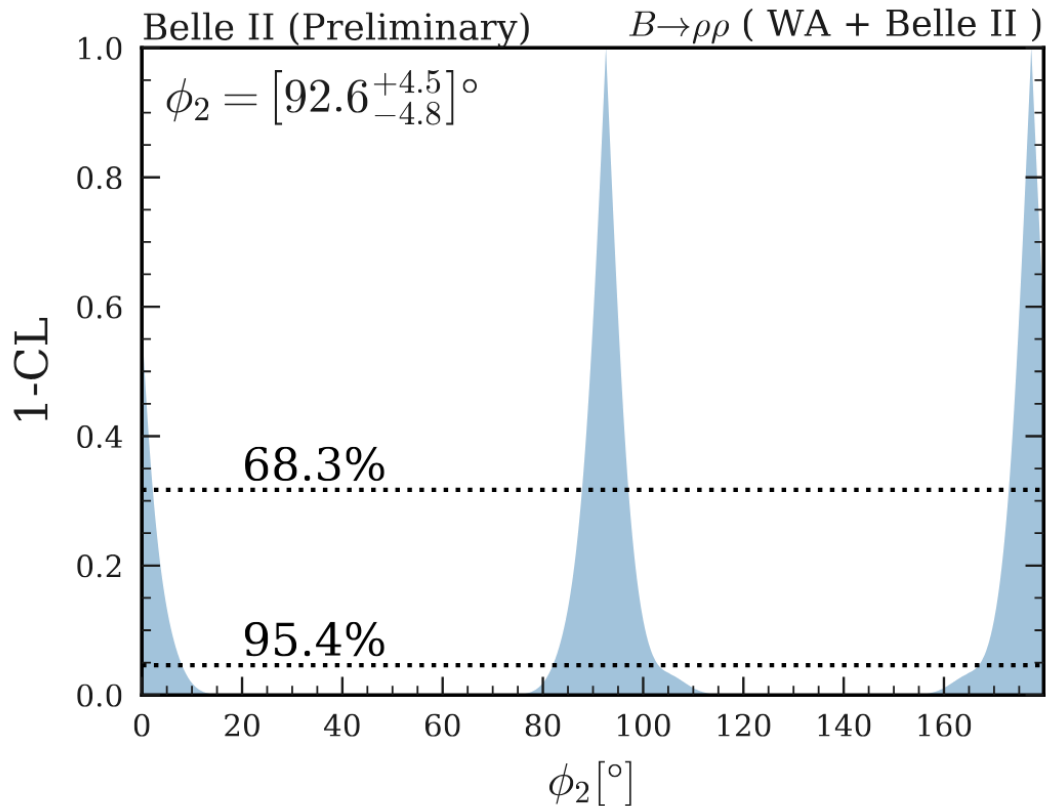
Experiment	$\mathcal{S}$	$\mathcal{C}$	$N_{B\bar{B}}$
Belle II	$-0.26 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.08$	$-0.02 \pm 0.12^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$388 \times 10^6$
Belle	$-0.13 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05$	$0.00 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.06$	$772 \times 10^6$
BABAR	$-0.17 \pm 0.20^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$0.01 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.06$	$384 \times 10^6$

➡ Agree with previous  $e^+e^-$  experiments (will be difficult for LHCb)

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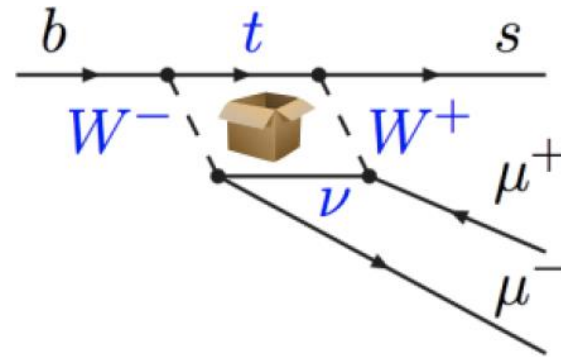
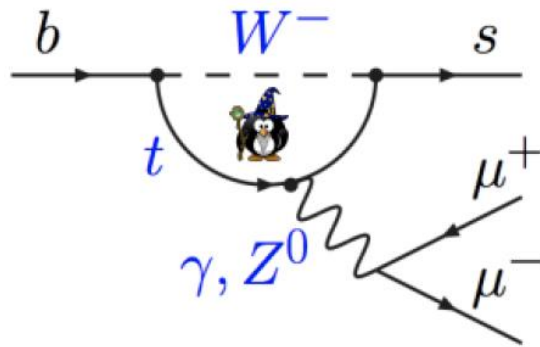
- Inclusion of the Belle II  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$  result yields 6% improvement in the world average

$$\phi_2 = (92.6^{+4.5}_{-4.8})^\circ$$



# From CKM angles to anomalies

- Two types: first one in decays mediated by the flavor-changing neutral current  $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$  transition



- Tensions of 2-3 standard deviations in absolute branching fractions and angular distributions (remember the famous  $p'_5$ )
  - Potential long-distance contributions weaken these tensions
- Lepton flavor universality (LFU) violation in the famous  $R(K^*, K)$  ratios died off around 2022 Christmas
  - For details see PRD 108 (2022) 032002

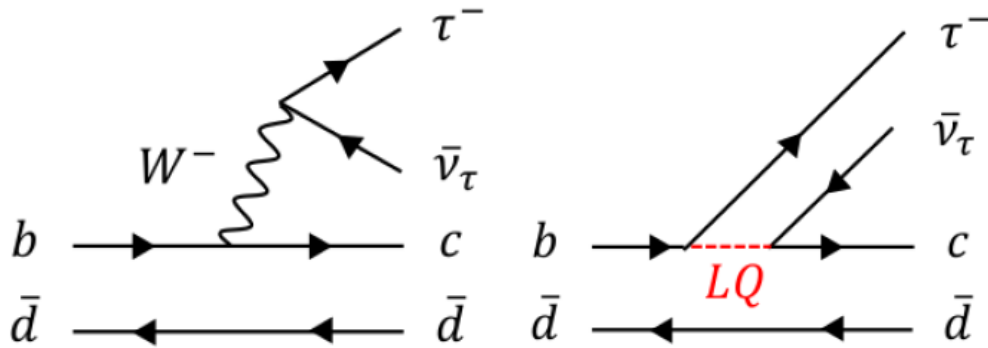


There is another one →

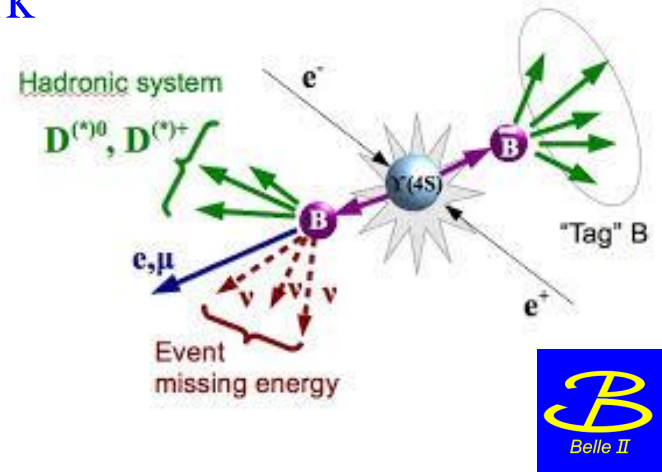
# $R(D^*)$ : subject of great interest

- Measure the LFU ratio:

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



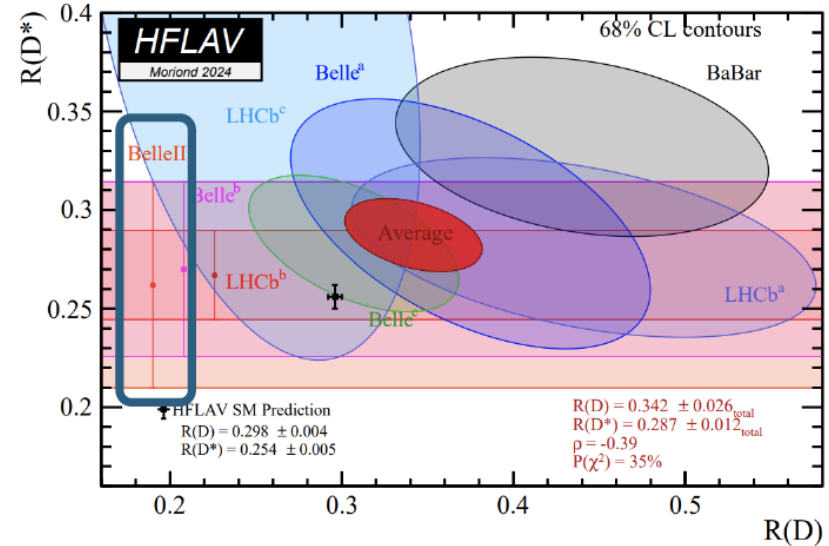
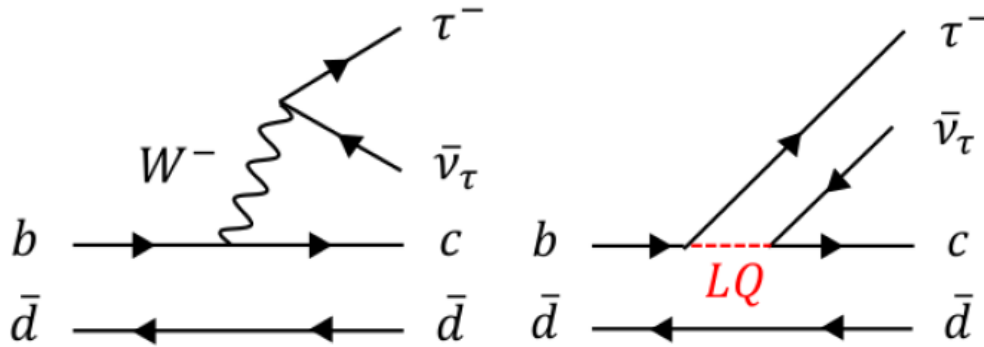
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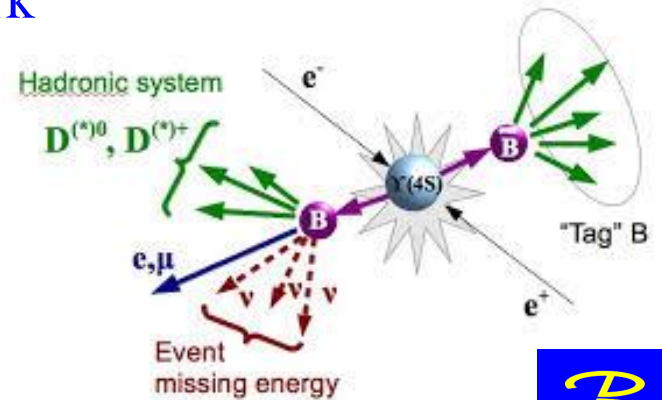
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$$R(D^*) = 0.262^{+0.041}_{-0.039}(\text{stat})^{+0.035}_{-0.032}(\text{syst})$$

- Control sample statistics is the main source of systematic uncertainty

➡ Comparable statistical precision as Belle with only 1/4 the data

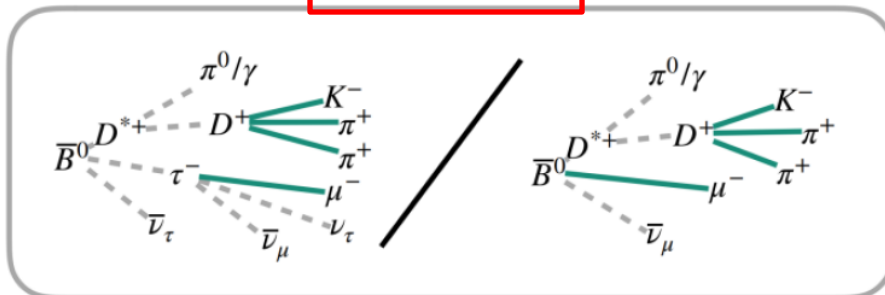
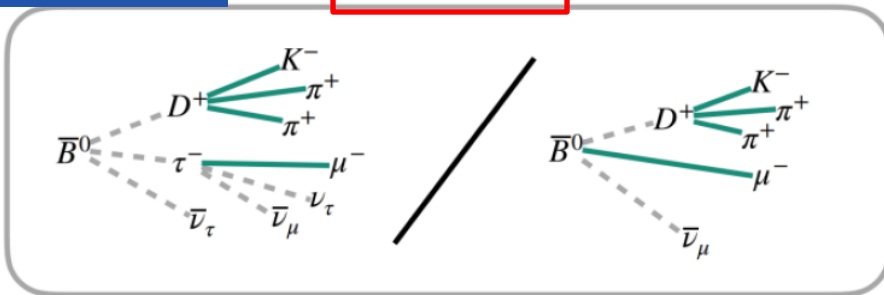


# What does LHCb say?



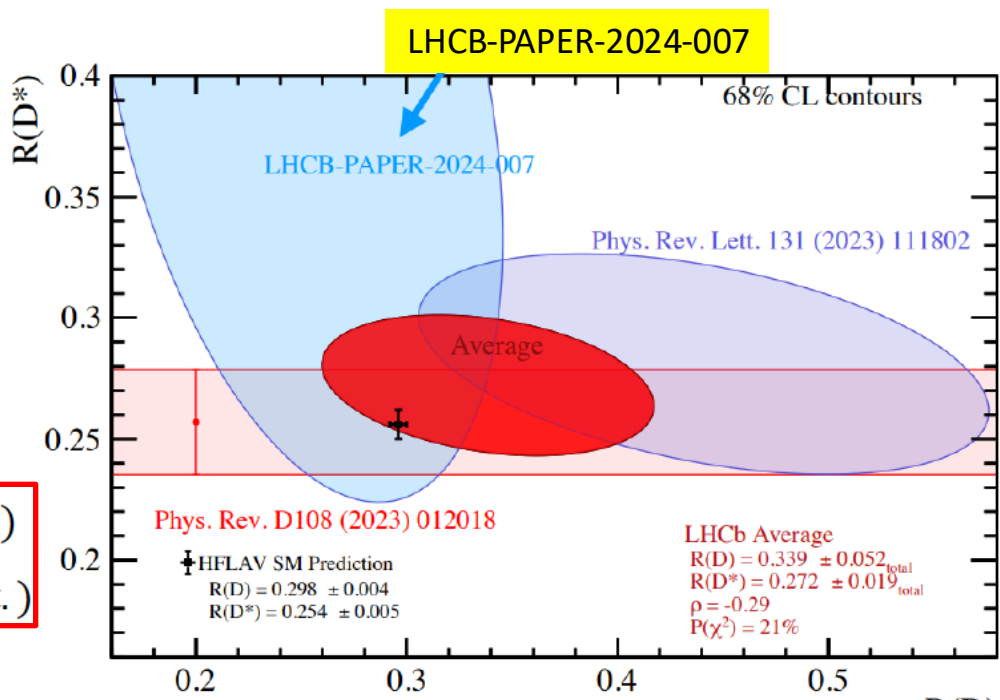
$R(D^+)$

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- At one point, I was bit unsure if LHCb could really do this measurement involving multiple neutrinos...
- Feed-down from  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ \pi^0, D^+ \gamma$  with  $\pi^0/\gamma$  not reconstructed gives access to  $R(D^{*+})$  in the same final state

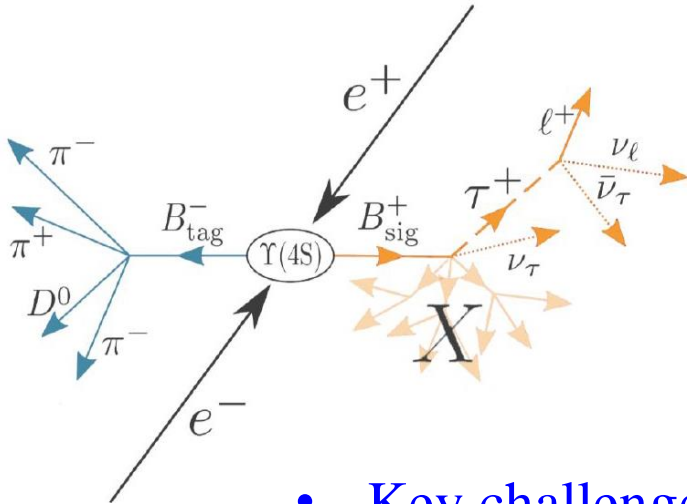
$R(D^+) = 0.249 \pm 0.043$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.047$  (syst.)  
 $R(D^{*+}) = 0.402 \pm 0.081$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.085$  (syst.)



Compatible with SM at the level of  $0.78\sigma$

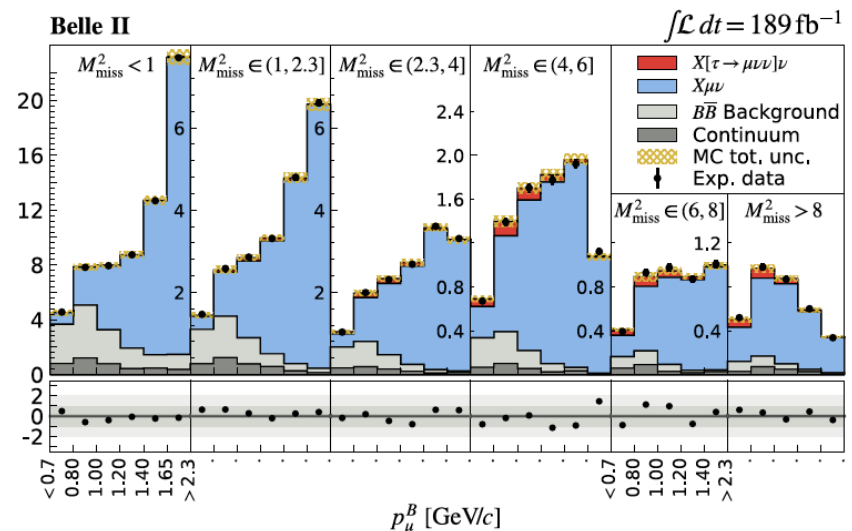
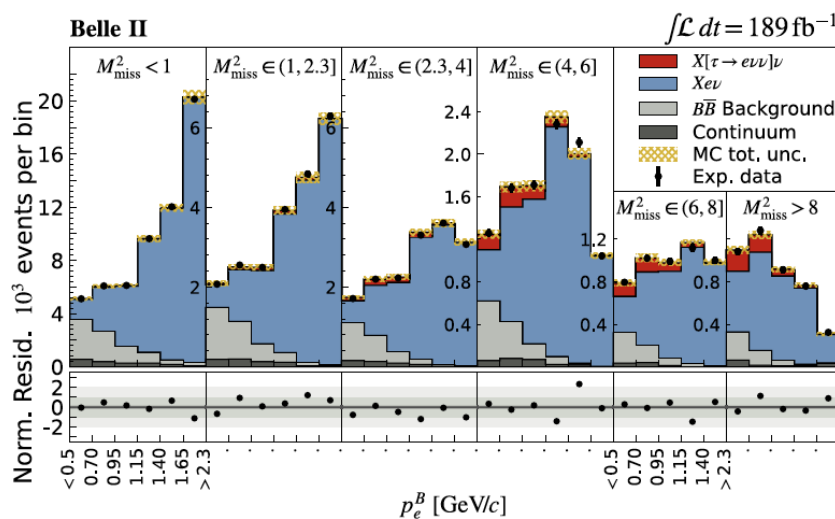
# A related observable: $R(X)$

- Using Run 1 data ( $189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) Belle II has measured inclusive LFU ratio:



$$R(X) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X \tau \nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X \ell \nu)}$$

- Exploit the hadronic tagging method
- Use the missing mass squared and  $B$  candidate momentum to extract signal
- Key challenge: accurate modeling of backgrounds
  - Their templates calibrated with control samples and sidebands



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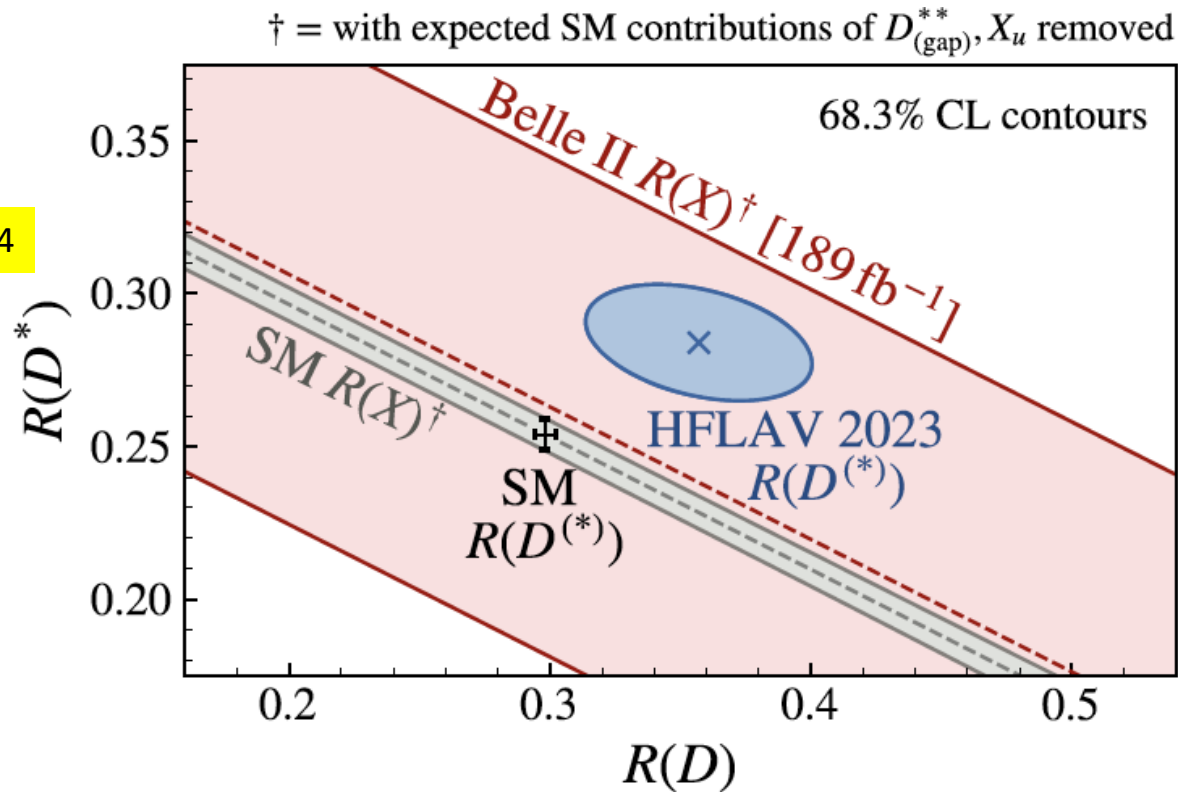
$$R(X_{\tau/\ell}) = 0.228 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst})$$

- Result agrees with the prediction  $R(X)_{\text{SM}} = 0.223 \pm 0.005$

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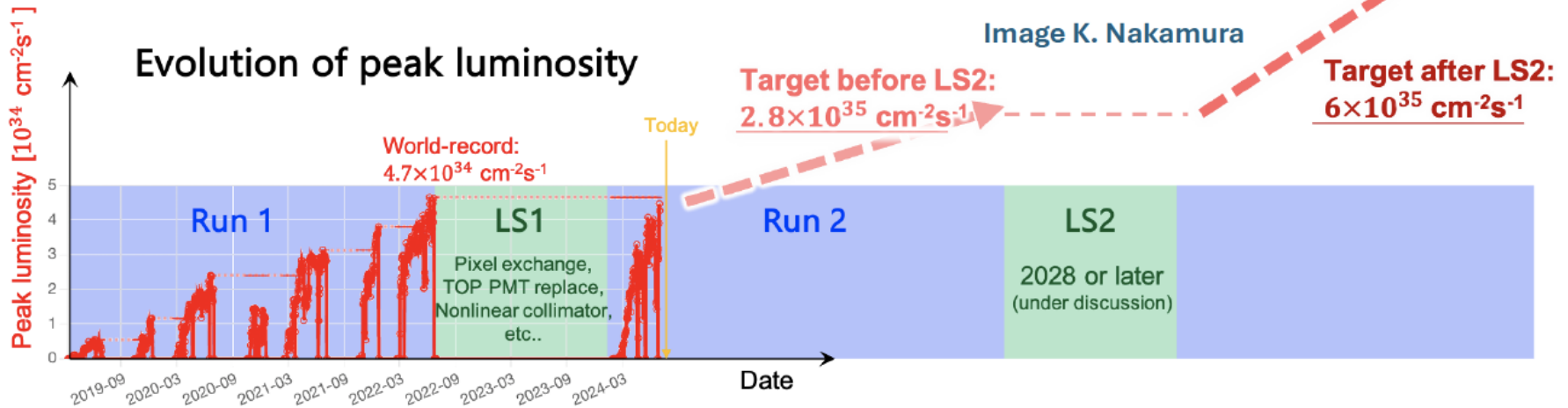


- The above plot tells us that the result is also consistent with world averages of  $R(D^{(*)})$



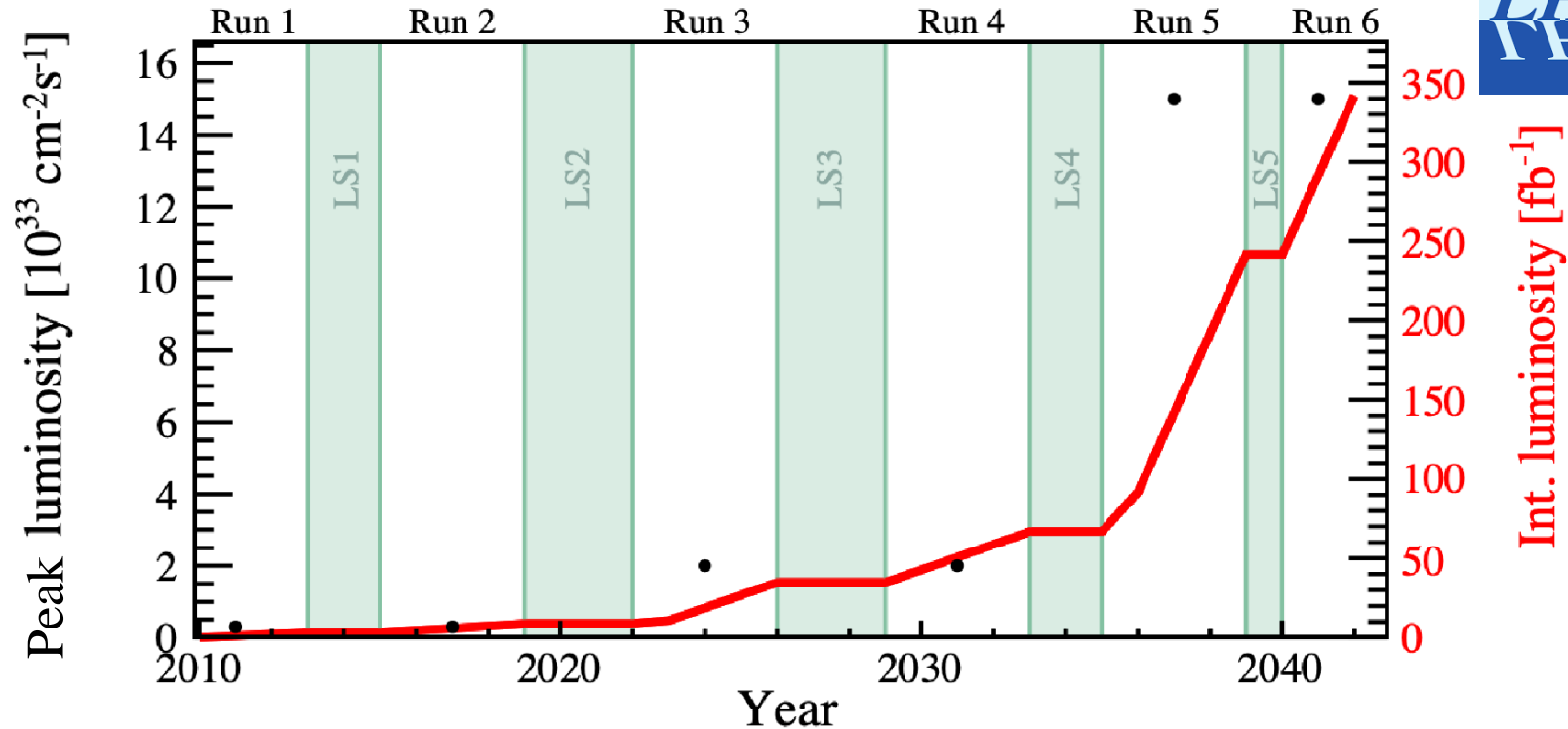
# What future holds for Belle II?

## SuperKEKB/Belle II status and plans



- Run 2 is expected to be long (may be end 2028 or later)
  - Steady integration at a peak luminosity of  $\sim 2 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for several  $\text{ab}^{-1}$  data
  - After Run 2, go for upgrade to reach the design luminosity ( $6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and accumulate tens of  $\text{ab}^{-1}$

# What about LHCb upgrade?

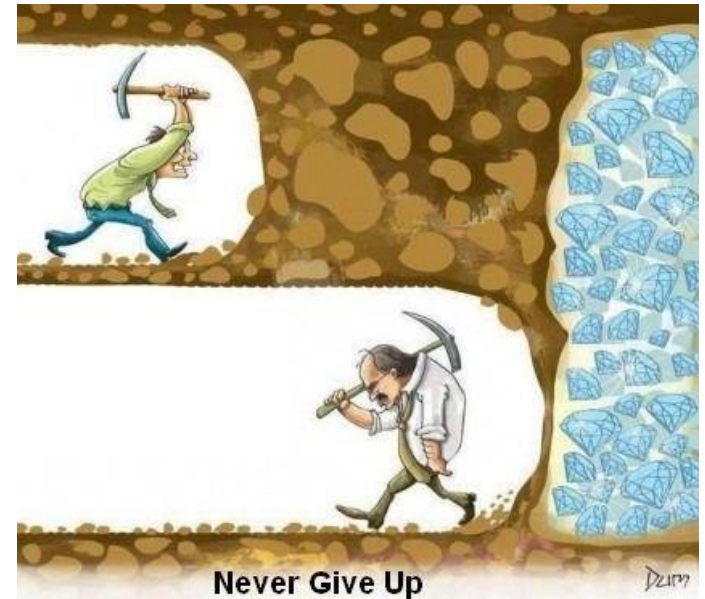


- Phase-I upgrade during LS2 for Run 3+4
  - Full software trigger and read out all detectors at 40 MHz
  - Replace vertex and tracking detectors as well as PID system; consolidate PID, tracking and ECAL during LS3
  - Target for  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} \sim 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} > 50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  by end of Run 4
- Phase-II upgrade during LS4 beyond Run 4 (for  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
  - New detector technologies and timing towards  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

# Summary

- ❑ Focus on some of the recent analyses from Belle II and LHCb related to the Unitarity Triangle and LFU test
- ❑ Number of interesting studies that I have been unable to cover in this talk can be accessed from the Belle II and LHCb publication pages:
  - <https://www.belle2.org/research/physics/publications>
  - <https://lbfence.cern.ch/alcm/public/analysis>
- ❑ Much more to come from these flavor frontier experiments

➤ Stay tuned ...



**Additional information**

**More to be added**