



Introduction to Belle II Physics

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what do we mean by “physics”?

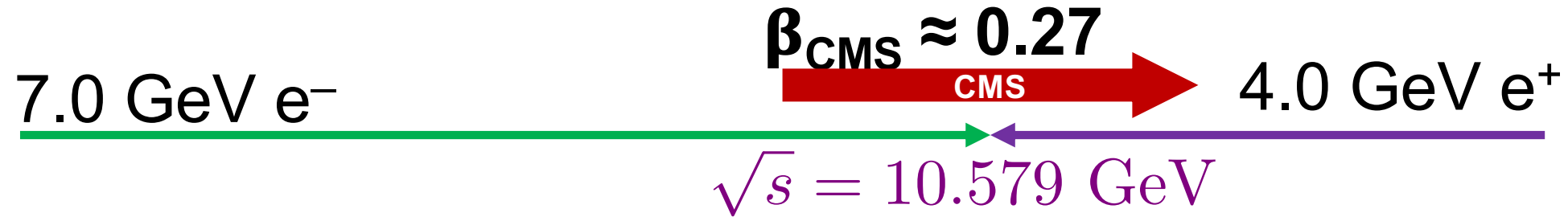


(in particle physics)

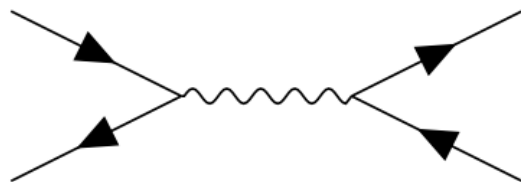
- Fundamental laws of particles and interactions
 - Standard model {quarks, leptons, bosons, Higgs + ??}
 - coupling constants, interaction vertices, (masses)...
- discovery: extraction of couplings, vertices, masses,... through phenomena involving particles & interactions
 - hadron/lepton/boson: production/scattering/decay ...

QUARKS	Mass: 2.2* Charge: 2/3 Spin: 1/2 u Up	1,270 2/3 1/2 c Charm	173,100 2/3 1/2 t Top	GAUGE BOSONS (VECTOR BOSONS)	0 0 1 g Gluon	SCALAR BOSONS 125,180 0 0 H Higgs boson
	4.7 -1/3 1/2 d Down	96 -1/3 1/2 s Strange	4,180 -1/3 1/2 b Bottom		0 0 1 γ Photon	
	0.511 -1 1/2 e Electron	105.66 -1 1/2 μ Muon	1,776.8 -1 1/2 τ Tau		91,188 0 1 Z Z boson	
LEPTONS	<0.00000012 0 1/2 ν_e Electron neutrino	<0.00000012 0 1/2 ν_μ Muon neutrino	<0.00000012 0 1/2 ν_τ Tau neutrino		80,379 +/-1 1 W W boson	* All masses are given in MeV/c ²

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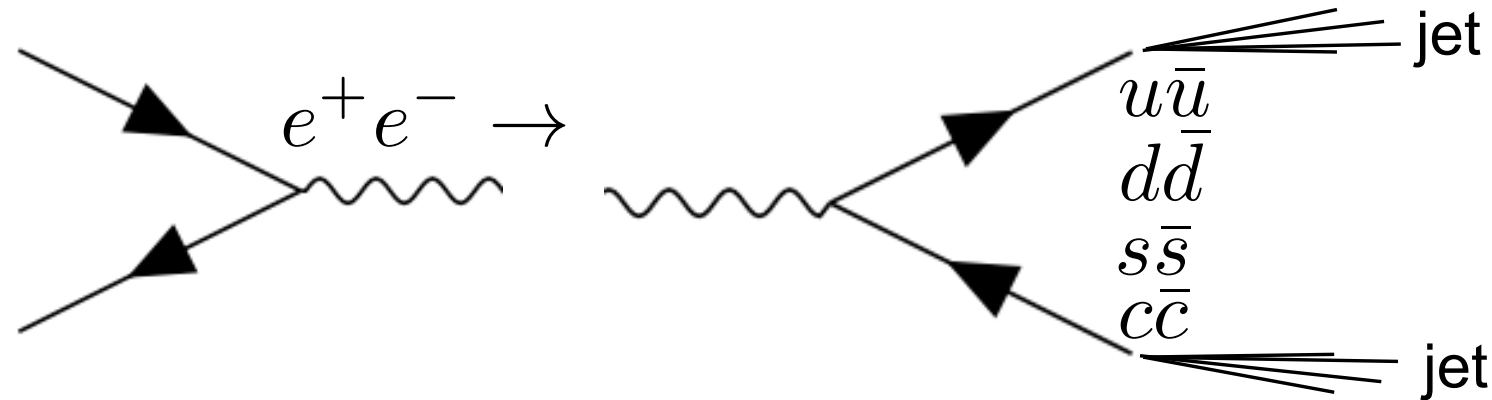


- Event rate $w = \mathcal{L} \times \sigma$
 - Instantaneous Luminosity $\mathcal{L}$, now $\approx 5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ SuperKEKB
 - σ cross section depends on process type
- Unit: barn = 10^{-24} cm^2
 $\rightarrow \text{nb} = 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^2$
- e.g. lepton pair production at $\approx 10 \text{ GeV}$ (QED) $\mu^+\mu^-$, $\tau^+\tau^-$
 - each type $\sigma \approx 1 \text{ nb} \rightarrow w \approx 5 \times 10^{34} \times 10^{-33} = 50 \text{ Hz}$



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- quark pair production (QED) $\rightarrow$ hadron jets (QCD)
 - $\sigma \approx 1 \text{ nb} \times (\text{charge})^2 \times 3(\text{color}) \times (1 + \text{QCD corrections})$
 - $u+d+s: \sigma \approx 2 \text{ nb} \rightarrow w \approx 100 \text{ Hz}$
 - $c: \sigma \approx 1.3 \text{ nb} \rightarrow w \approx 73 \text{ Hz}$



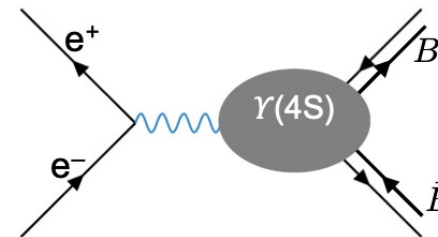
- continuum: $\sigma \propto 1/s$ [$s=(\text{CME})^2$]
- $b\bar{b}$ quark pairs: $\approx$ mass threshold; σ complex structure vs s
 - resonances, phase space, hadronic effects

These appear as hadronic events (multiparticle, vs pair)

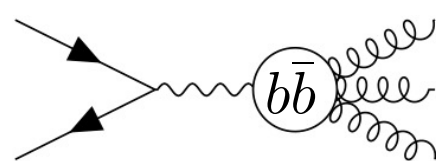
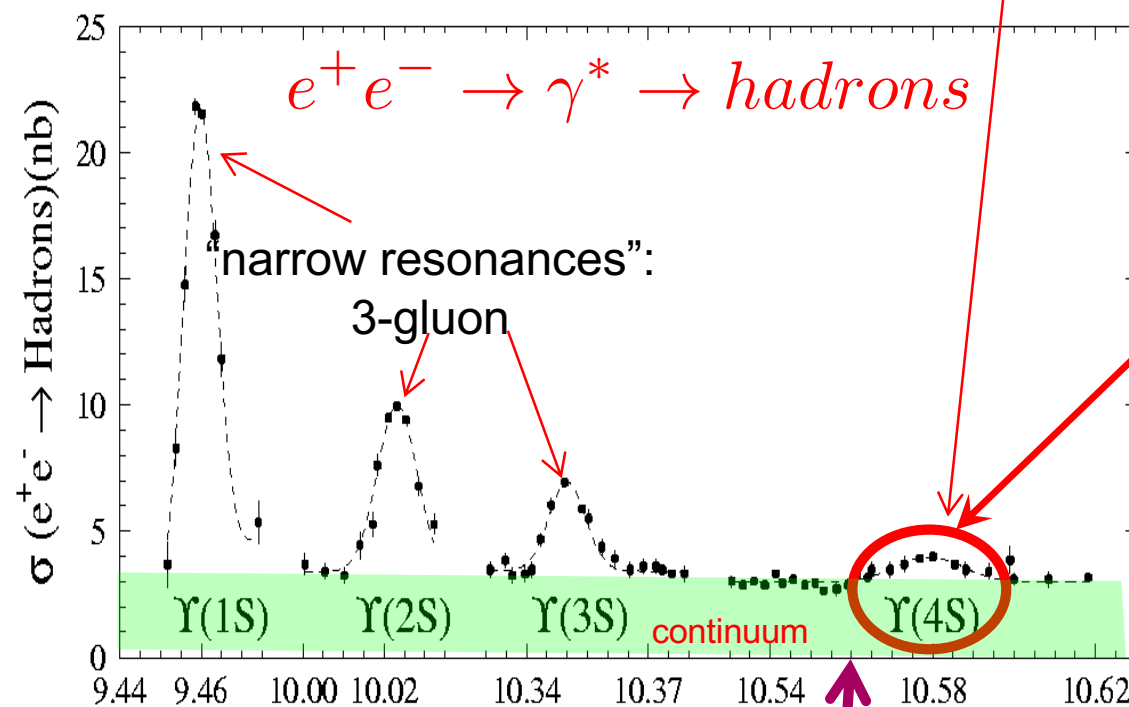
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Upsilon (Υ) $b\bar{b}$ resonances

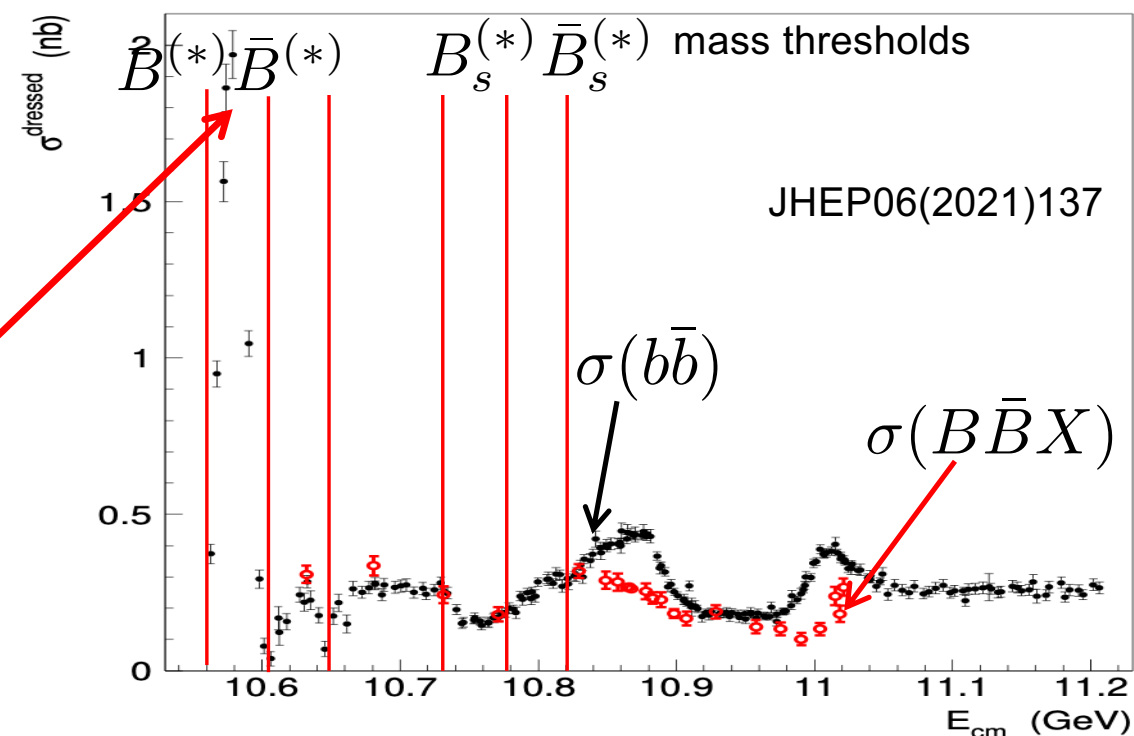
$$\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B_q \bar{B}_q$$



$$B_q = \{B_d^0, B_u^+\}$$



Mass (GeV/c²) $2M_B$



above $\Upsilon(4S)$, udsc subtracted

Uniqueness of $\Upsilon(4S)$ for B meson studies



- $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^+ B^-, B^0 \bar{B}^0$ (mostly)
 - $B^+ + B^0$: $\sigma \approx 1 \text{ nb} \rightarrow w \approx 50 \text{ Hz}$
 - $\rightarrow \text{events/year} \approx 50 \text{ Hz} \times 3 \times 10^7 \text{ sec} \times \text{efficiency} (\approx 0.6) \approx 10^9$
(1 Belle dataset; SuperKEKB aiming for 5X over 10 yrs)
- **exclusive B pairs** (no additional particles) $\rightarrow$
 - clean events
 - kinematic constraints
 - in CMS



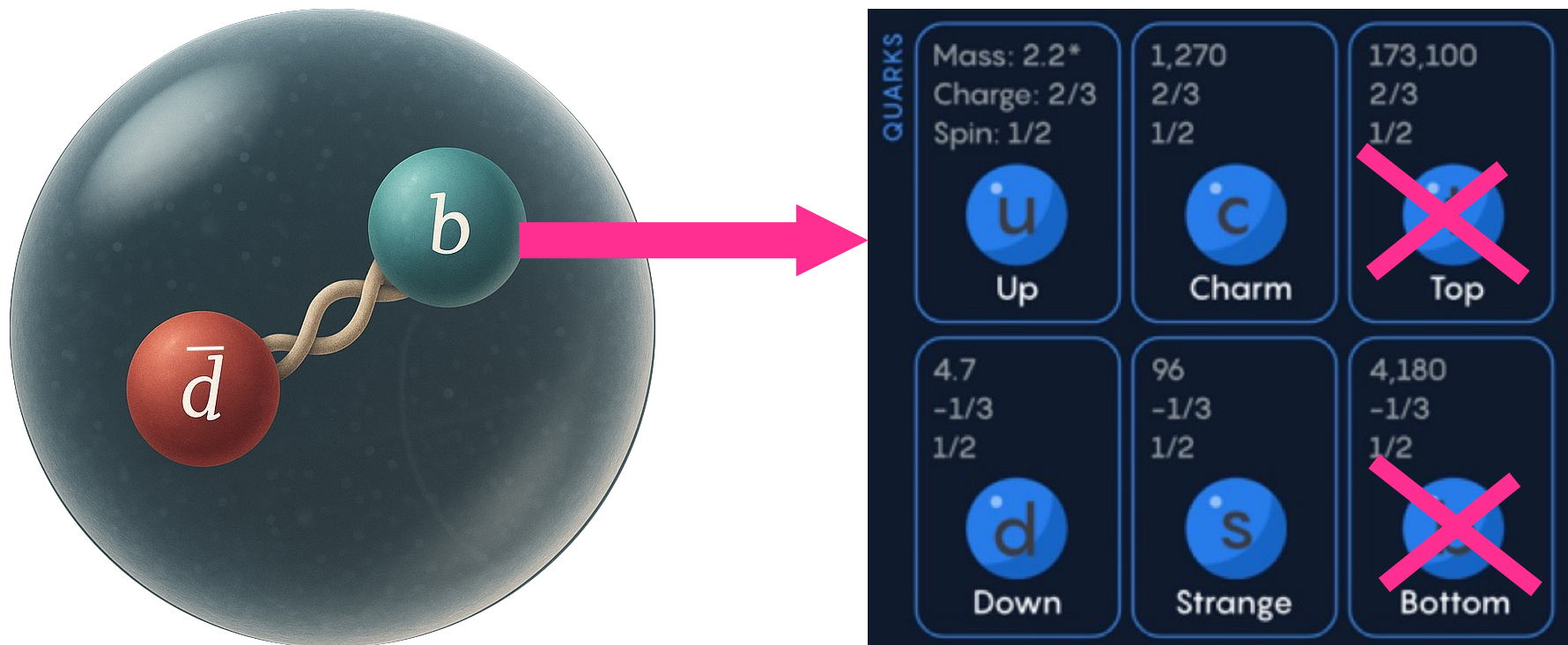
Features of SuperKEKB/Belle II data



- e^+e^- : event cleanliness, high luminosity
 - $O(10^9)$ events/year (each, several types) .. and rising!
- of high current interest
 - B mesons
 - charm hadrons
 - τ pairs
 - $\{\bar{b}b\}$ resonances
 - missing energy (dark matter) in the above events

How do B's decay? some basics

- B meson: $\{\bar{b}q\}$ where q is u or d
 - pseudoscalar; $S=0$, $L=0$
 - “stable” $\rightarrow$ b-quark decays by weak force to lighter quarks

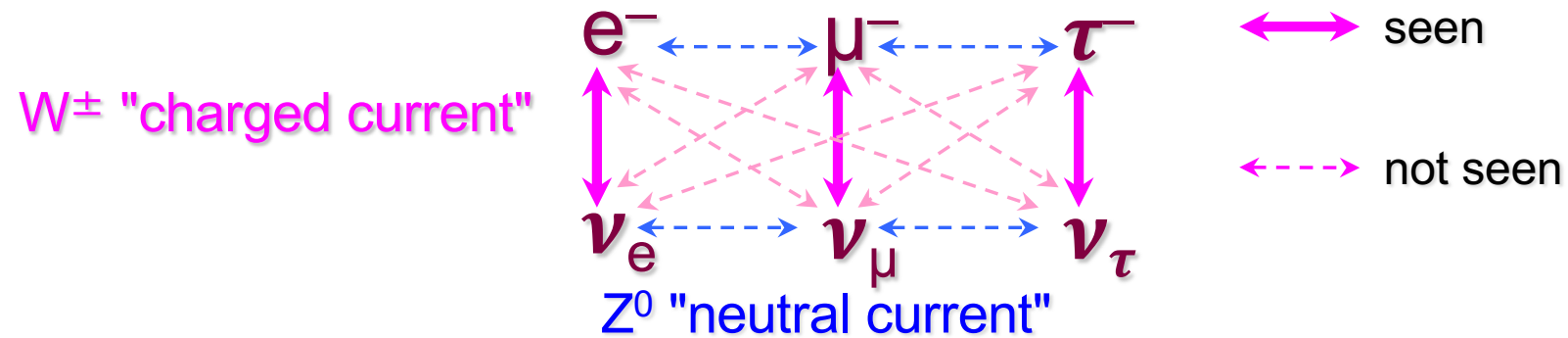


- rate of transitions depend on weak couplings, phase space

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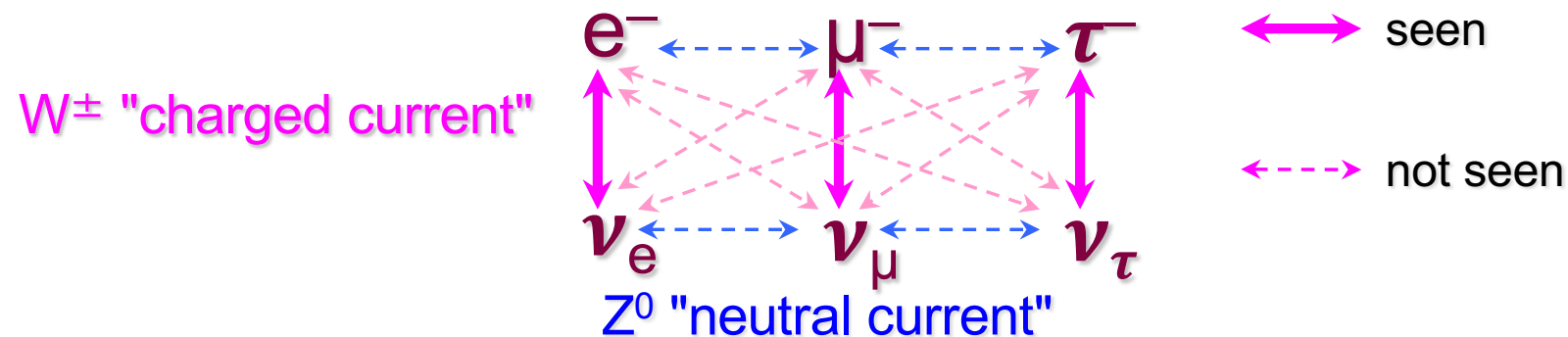
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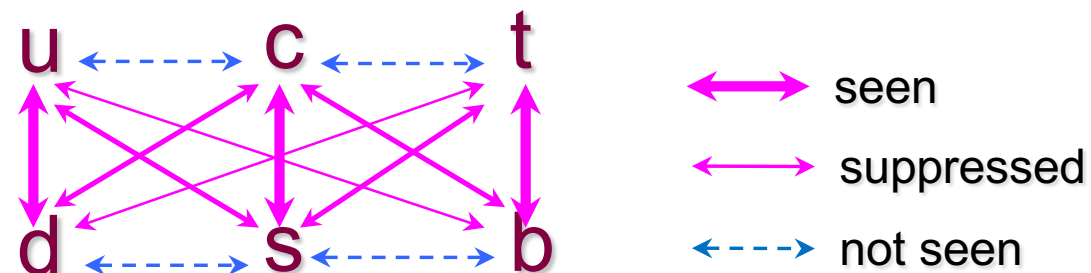
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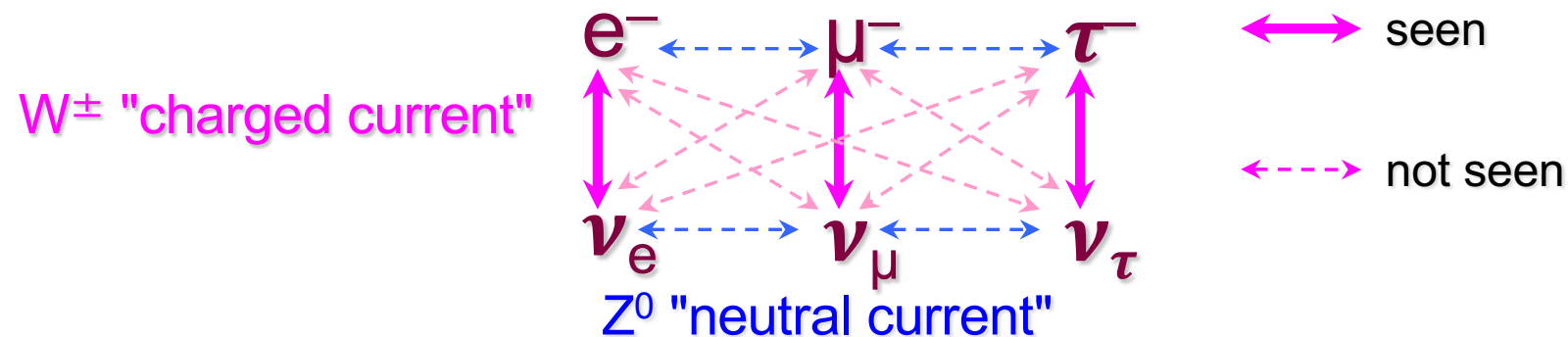
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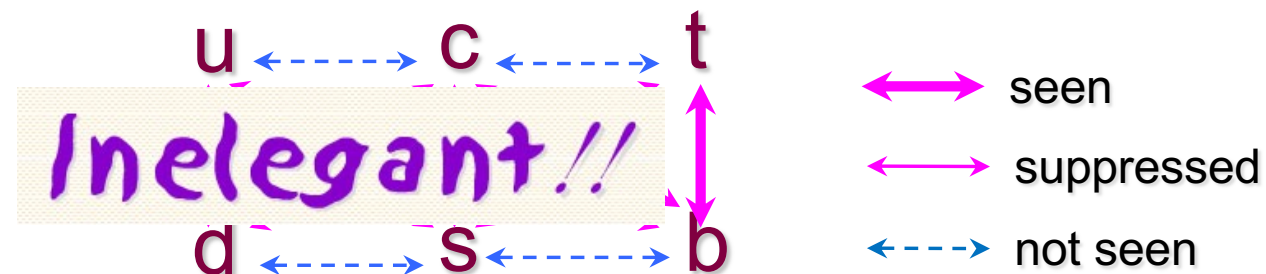
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GIM (Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani) picture:

“weak eigenstates” $\neq$ mass eigenstates $\{d, s, b\}$

-> linear transformation between 2 bases: matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{M} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix

complex
preserves metric
“orthogonality” $\equiv$ unitary

in this picture, the charged-current couplings look universal:

$$g_F \times \begin{matrix} & d' & s' & b' \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- generation conservation
- suppression of FCNC
- multiplicity of charged couplings
- CP violation for ≥ 3 generations

A mini-History of flavor physics

- GIM mechanism $\rightarrow$ prediction of 4th (charm) flavor (1970)
 - discovery of J/ψ (1974) $\rightarrow$ B. Richter, S. Ting 
- GIM+CP violation in $K_L \rightarrow$ prediction of 3rd generation (1973)
 - discovery of τ (1975) $\rightarrow$ M. Perl 
 - Υ (1977)
 - CP violation in B decay (Belle, Babar 2002)
 $\rightarrow$ M. Kobayashi, T. Maskawa 

Unitarity of CKM is central to the 3-generation Standard Model

How does CP violation show up?

- CKM: 3x3, complex $\rightarrow$ 9 real + 9 imaginary parameters

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix} =$$

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 - unitarity constraints $\rightarrow$ 3 real + 1 irreducibly complex parameters

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Wolfenstein parametrization (unitary to $O(\lambda^4)$)

unitarity condition $\sum_k V_{ik} V_{jk}^* = \delta_{ij}$

Focus on generations 1 & 3



- Applying the unitarity condition
- for $i=1, j=3$

$$\sum_k V_{ik} V_{jk}^* = \delta_{ij}$$

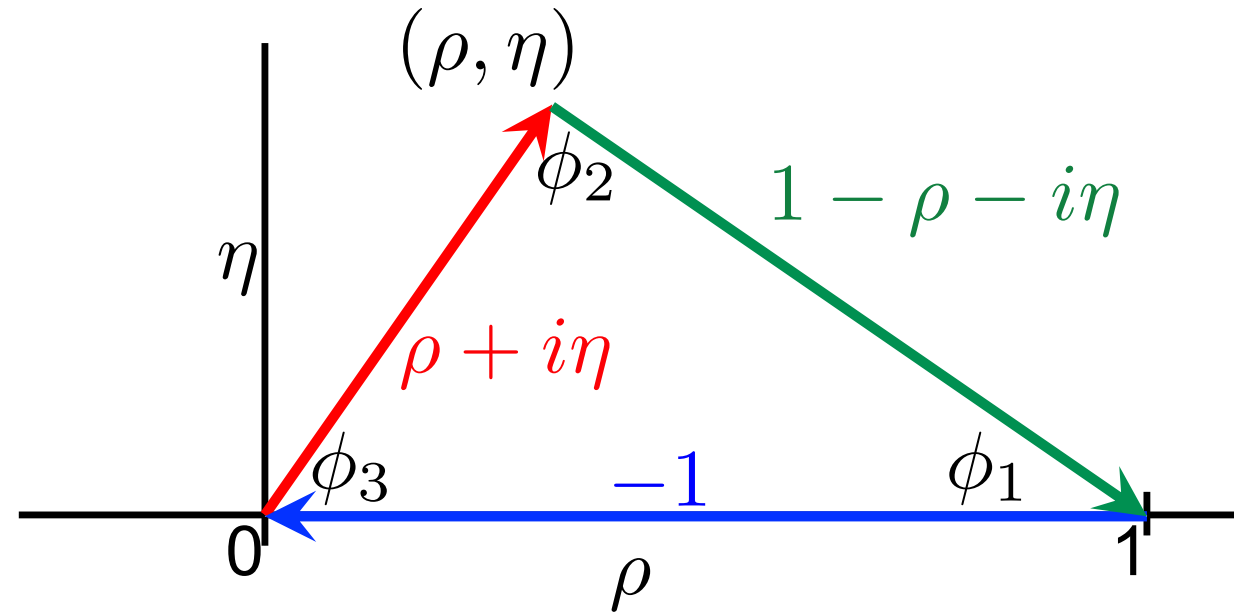
$$V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{u} \\ \text{c} \\ \text{t} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{d} \\ \text{s} \\ \text{b} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & \lambda^3 A(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda^2 A \\ \lambda^3 A(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -\lambda^2 A & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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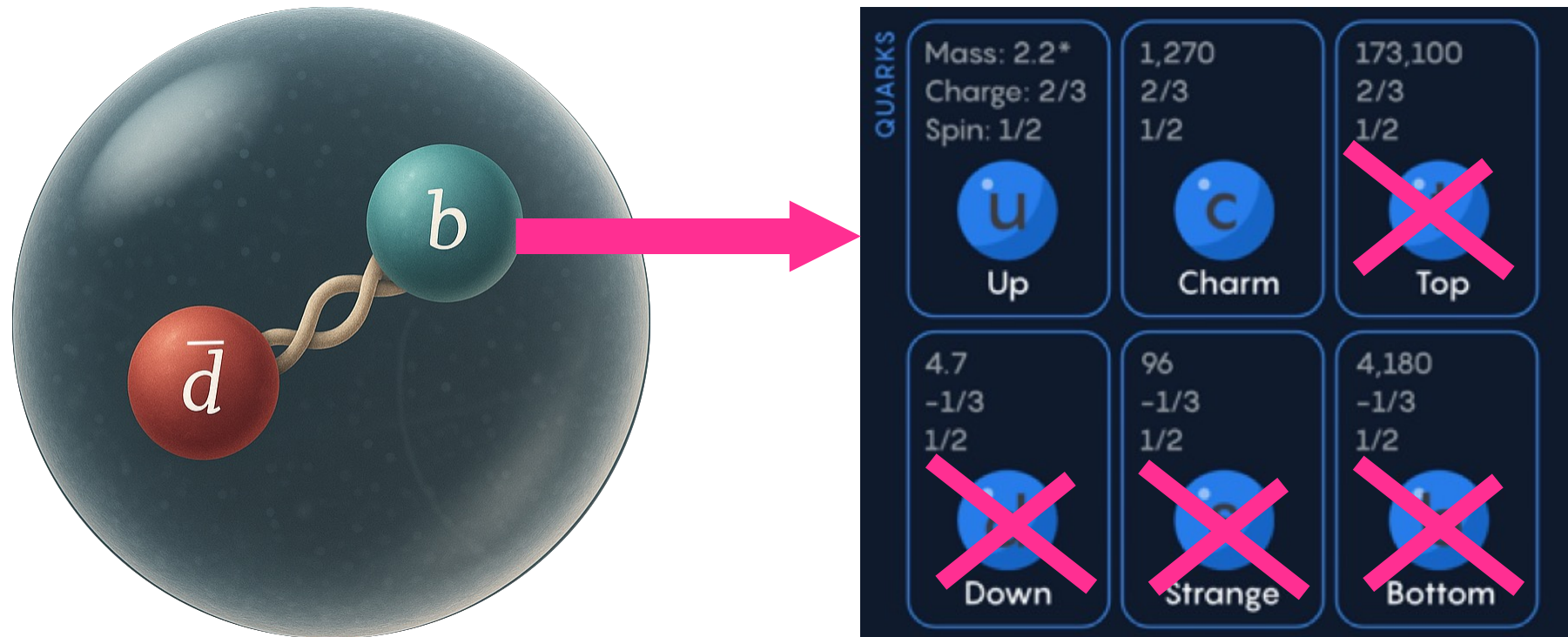
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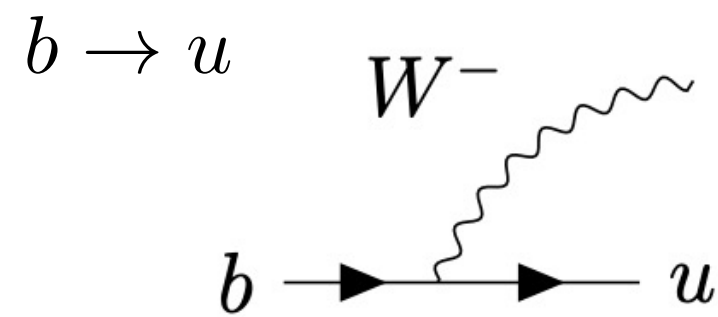
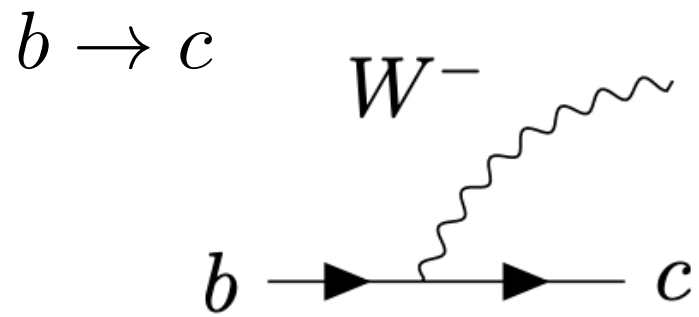
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return to B decay

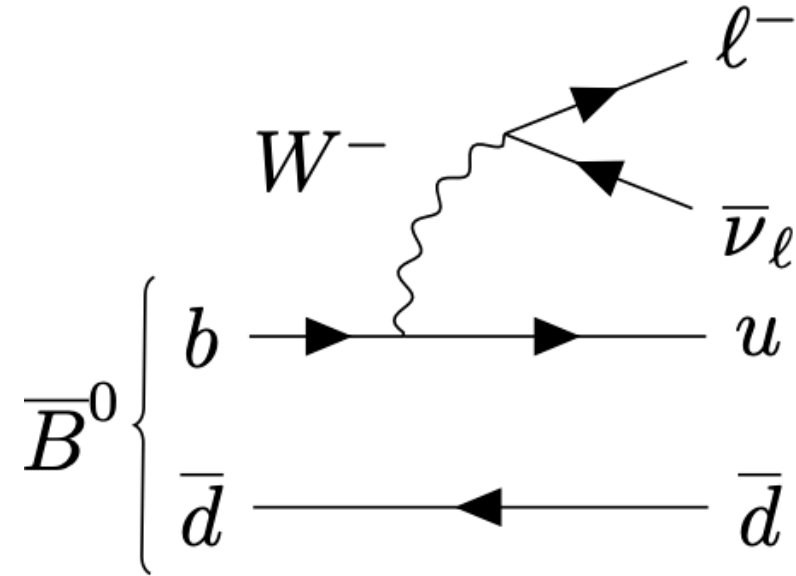
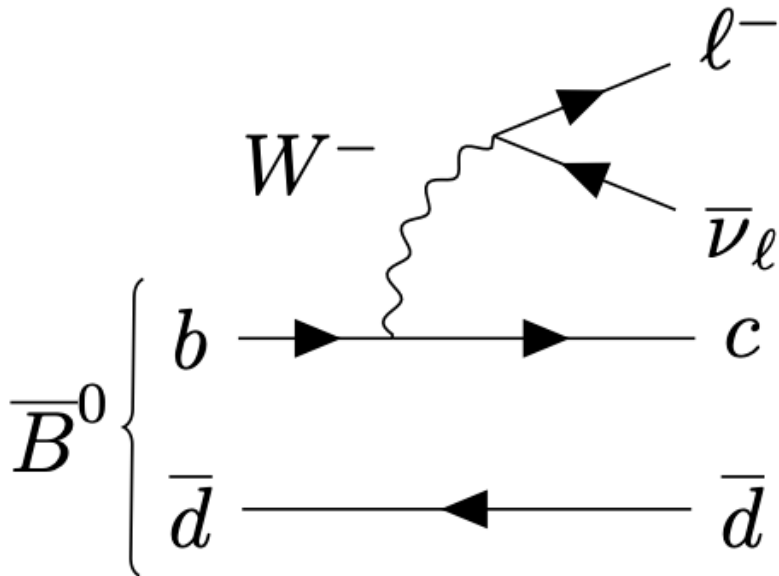


Allowed direct couplings are



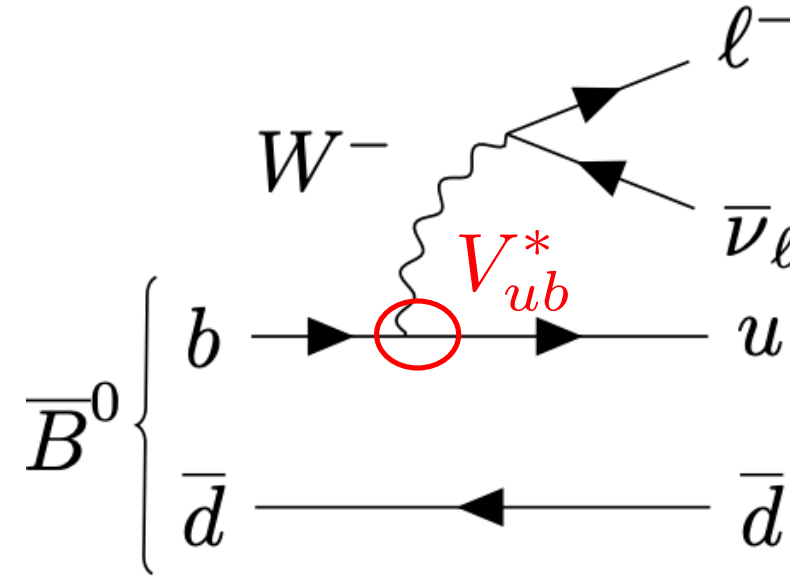
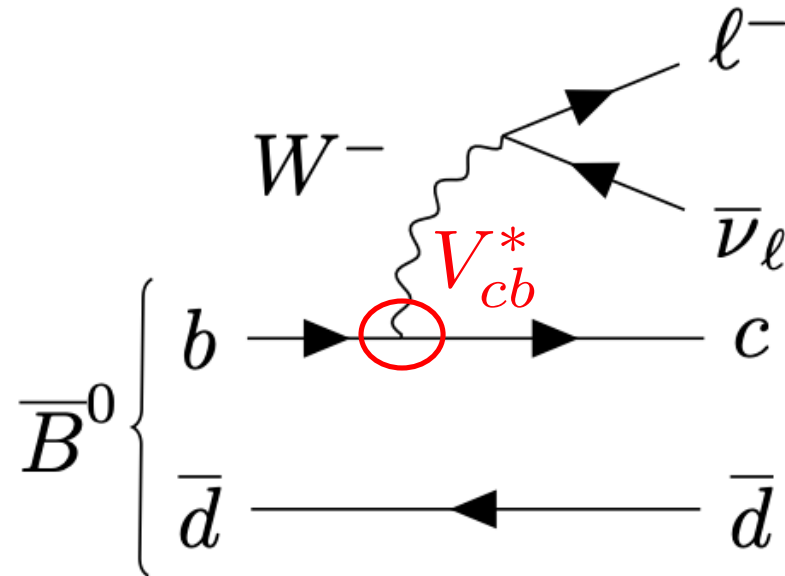
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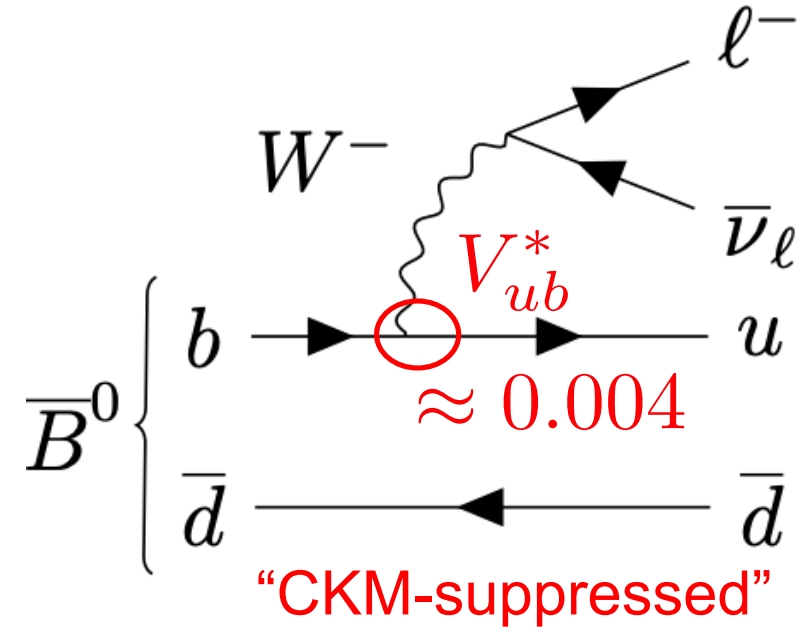
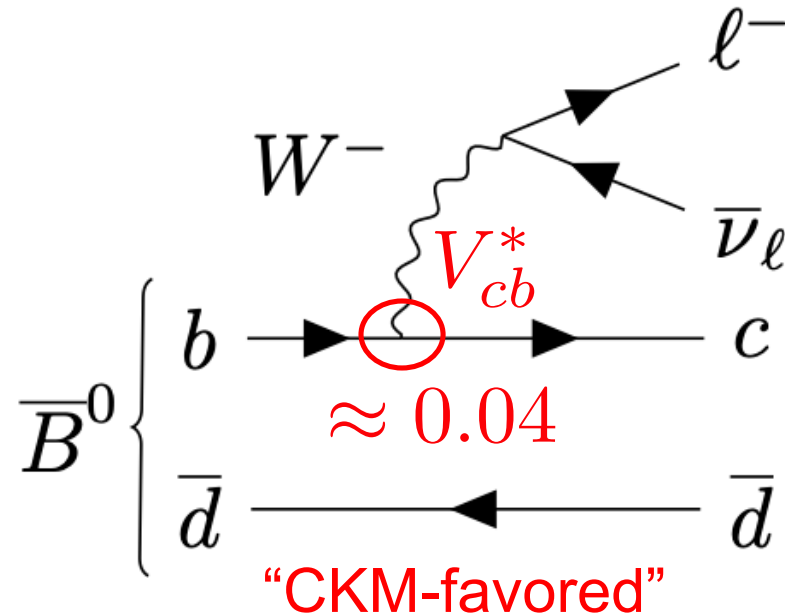


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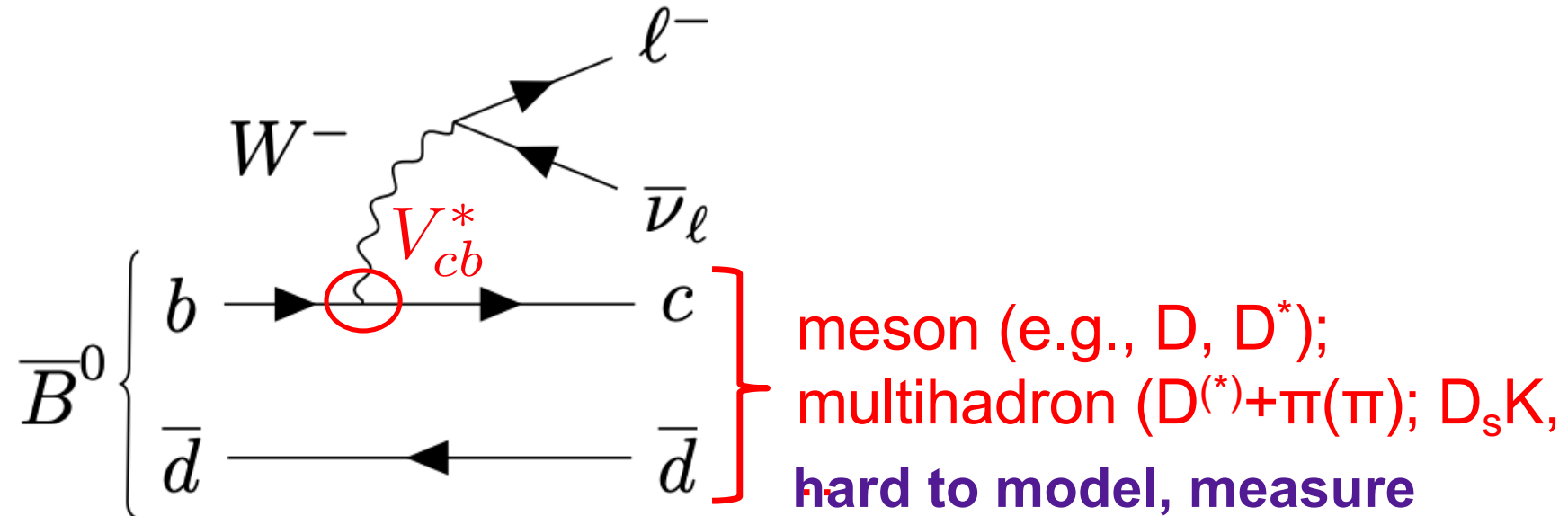


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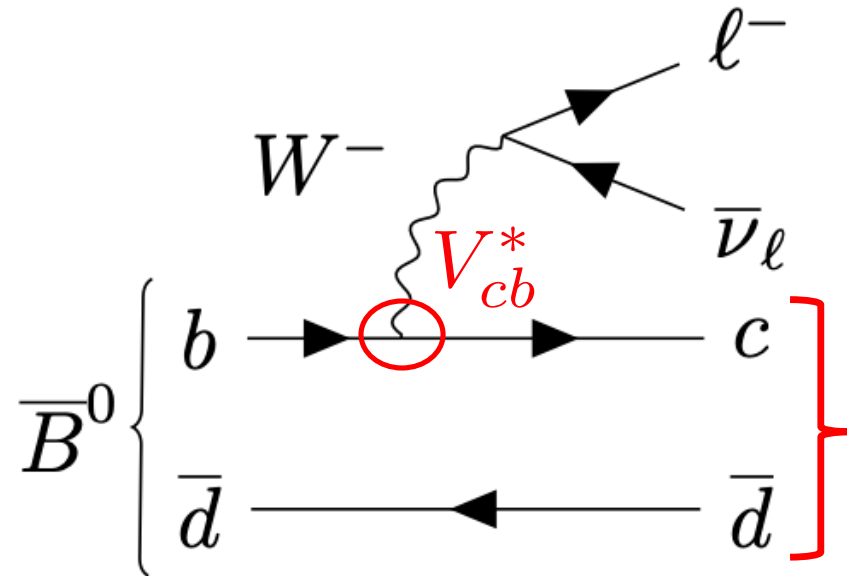
Measured & theoretical rates $\rightarrow V_{ij}$

precision is limited by pesky hadronic uncertainties



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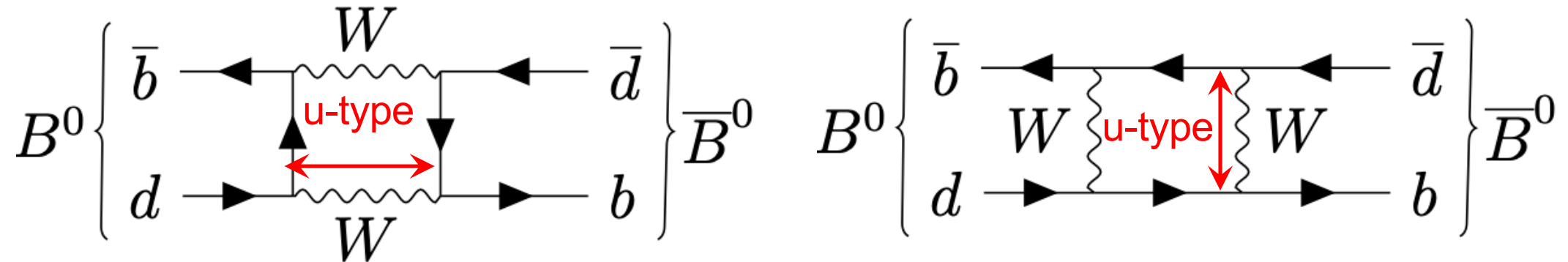
Measure in multiple ways, iterate w development of models until they converge

- mesons separately (exclusive)
- all together (inclusive)

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Meson-antimeson mixing



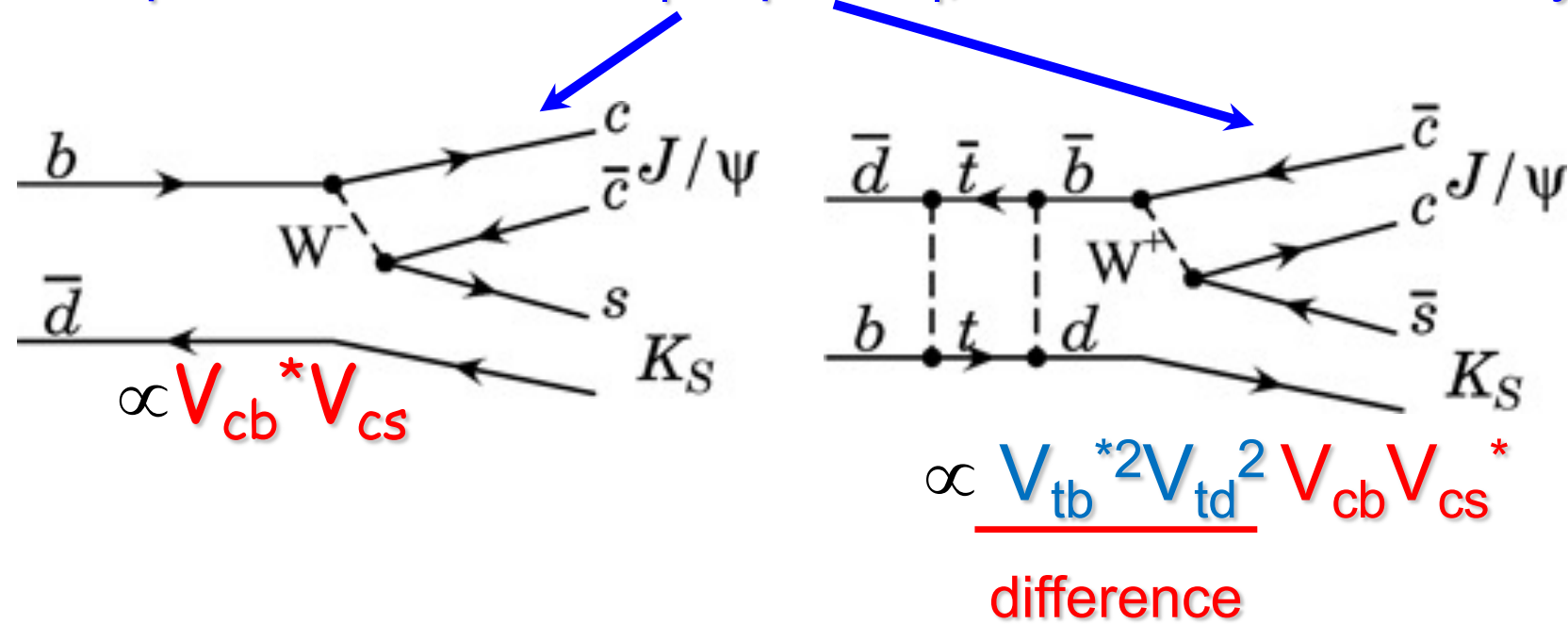
- largest contribution where internal quarks are t
- decay with time oscillation
 - observable in Belle II due to moving CMS



each B travels $\langle \beta \gamma c \tau \rangle \approx 130 \mu\text{m}$ before decaying

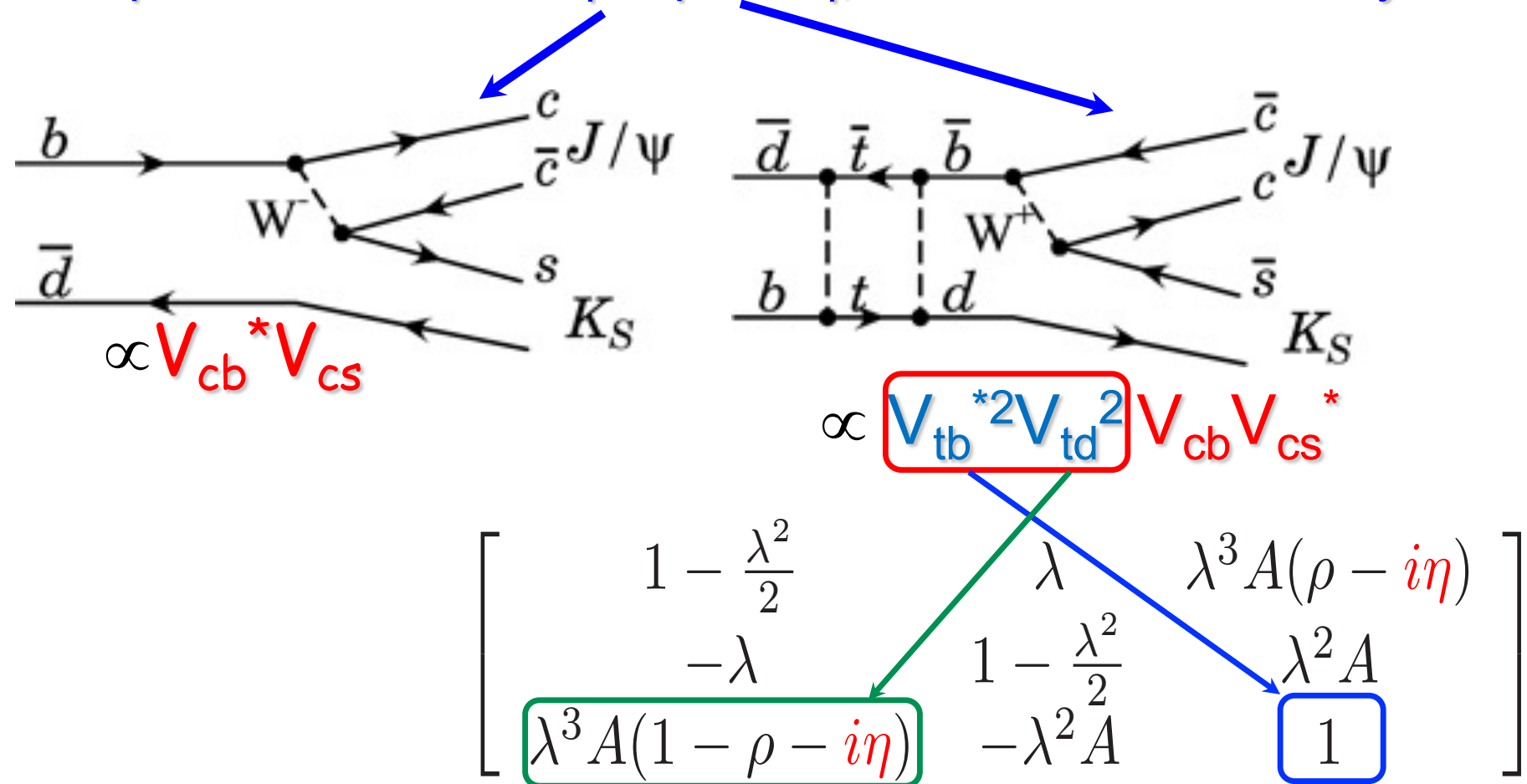
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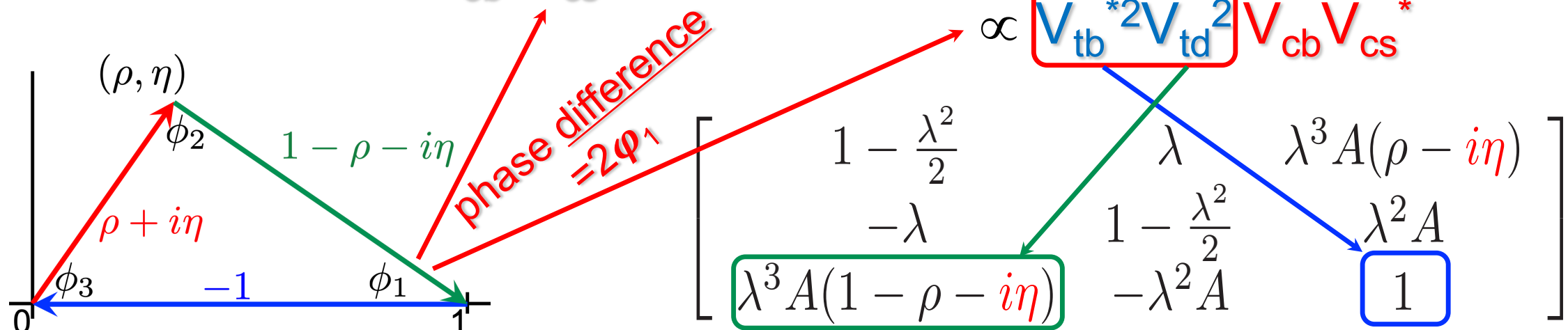
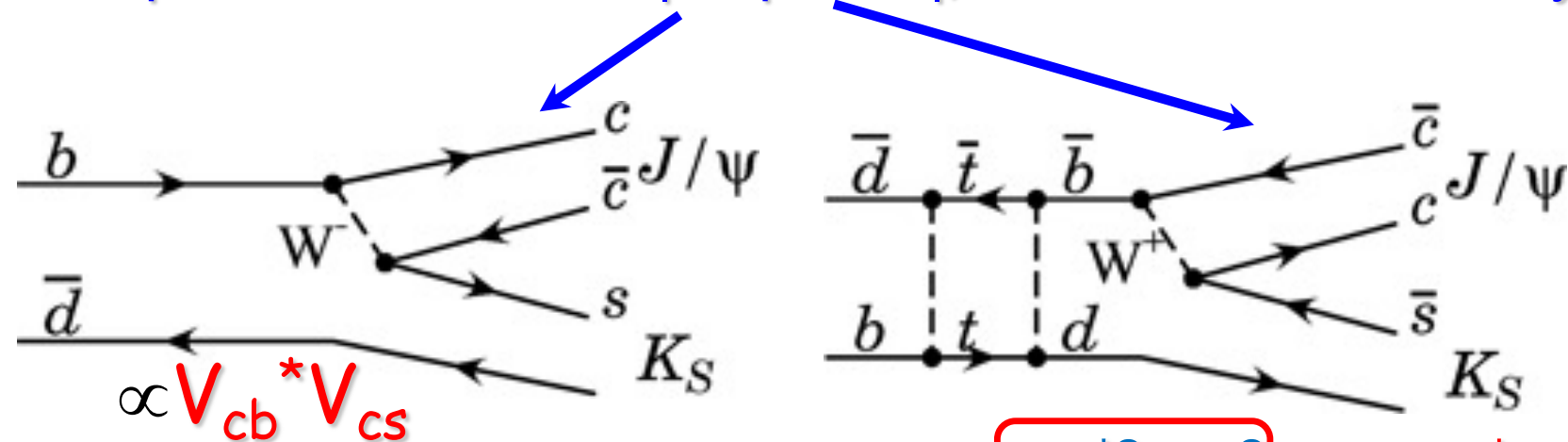
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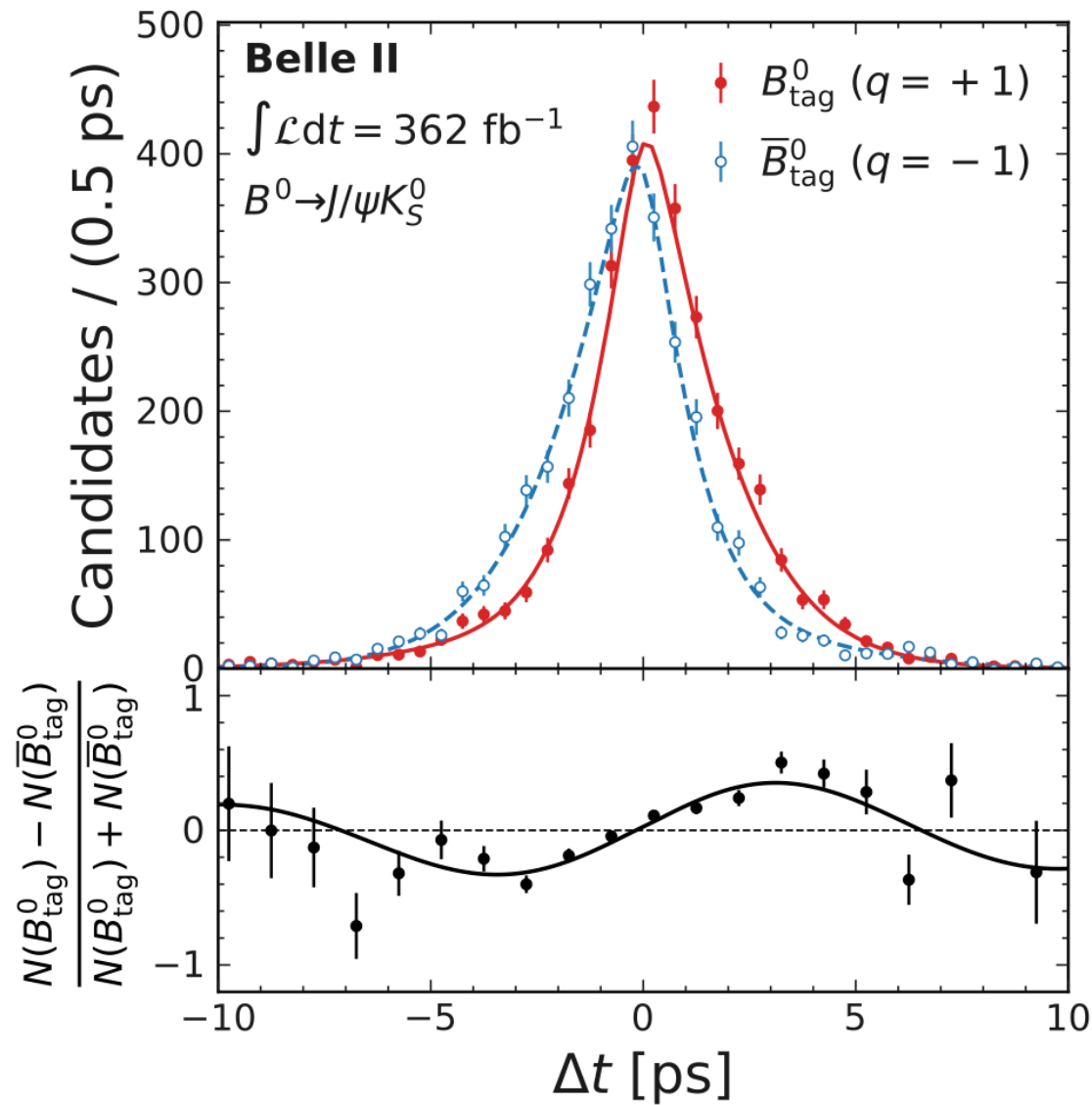
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$$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$$

- yields $\sin 2\varphi_1$ with smallest theory uncertainty



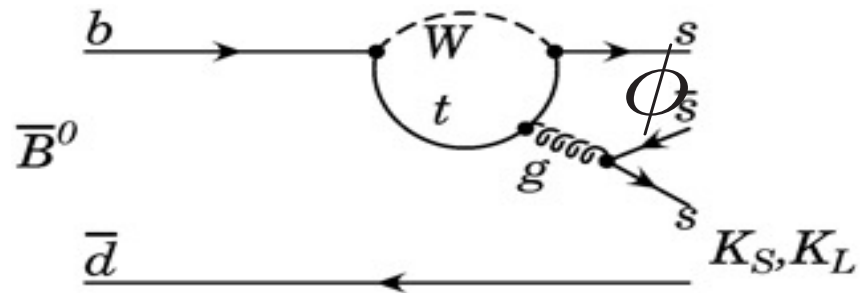
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$$\varphi_1 = (23.2 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.6)^\circ$$

Similar (but different) paths to $\sin 2\varphi_1$

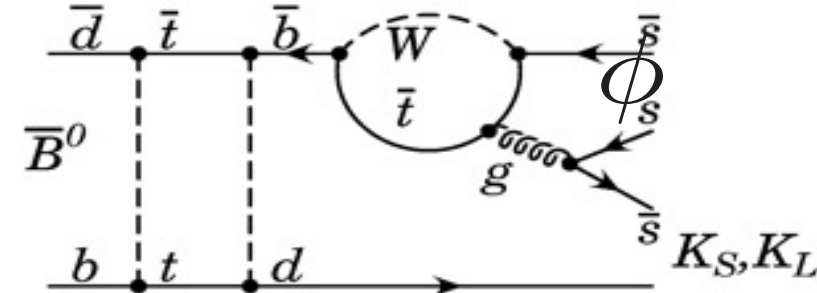
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mixing+penguin

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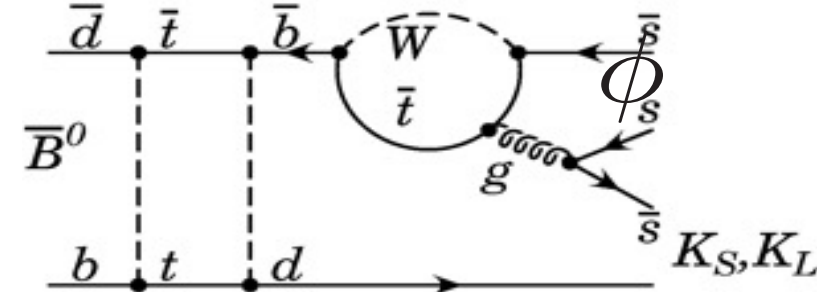
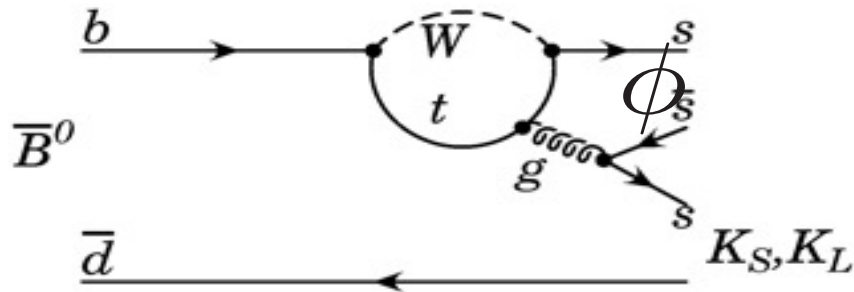
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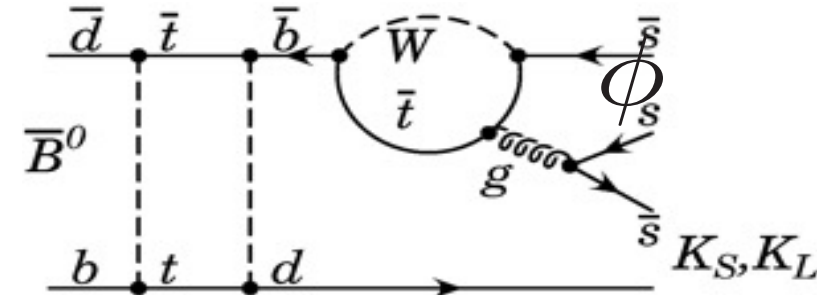
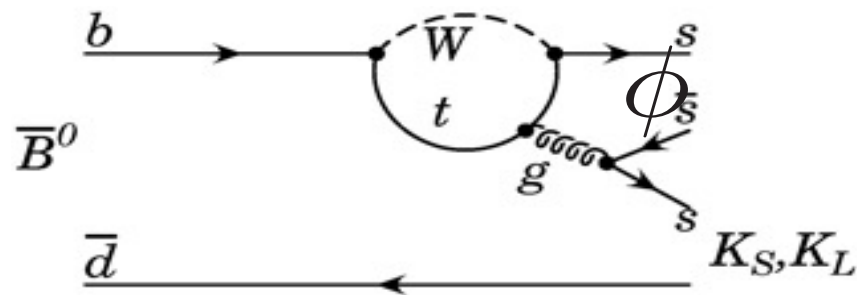
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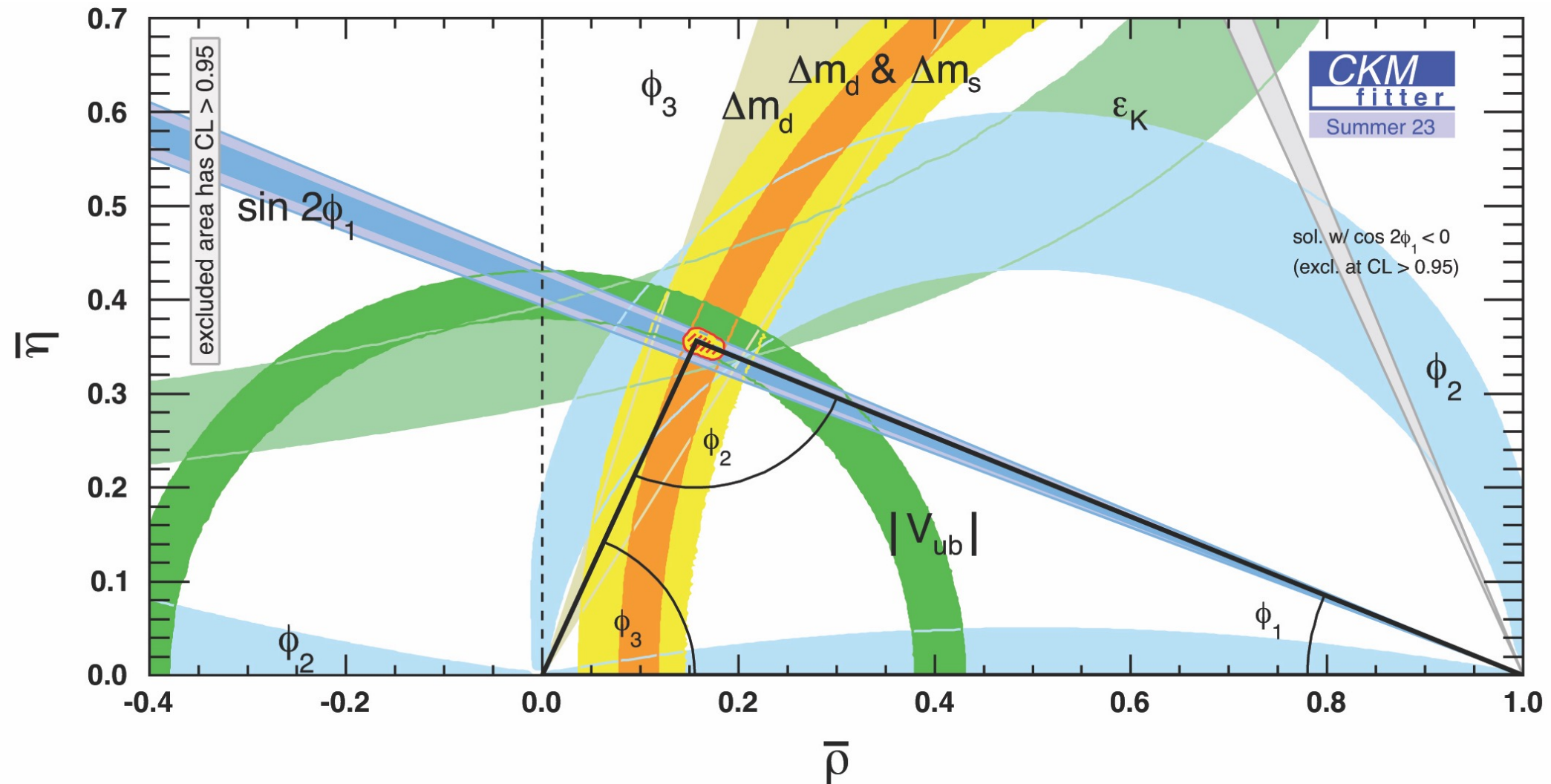
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- a different “ $\sin 2\varphi_1$ ” could indicate New Physics
- different paths compared for consistency (or not) w Standard Model



- “best” evaluation of (ρ, η) ... assuming no New Physics
- New Physics may appear as inconsistency or poor fit

Looking forward: improve statistics & resolution...



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... and hope for fun surprises!



Summary



- Belle II/SuperKEKB: e^+e^- at ≈ 10 GeV
- Core: precision to test CKM unitarity, probe beyond Standard Model at high mass scales in
 - B mesons
 - charm hadrons
 - τ leptons
- More to come this week: enjoy!
 - plenary
 - semileptonic decays, CP violation, τ , dark matter
 - many ECR talks!

- backup

Belle II: rich Physics program (not only NP)

