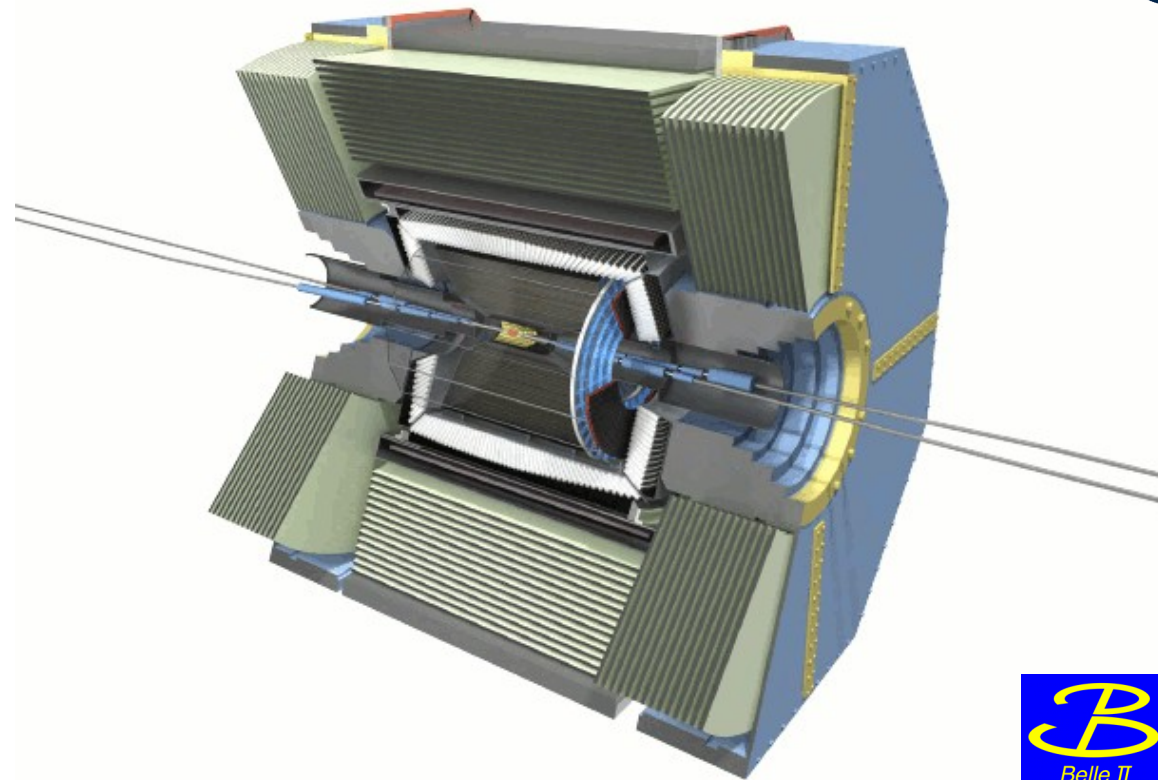
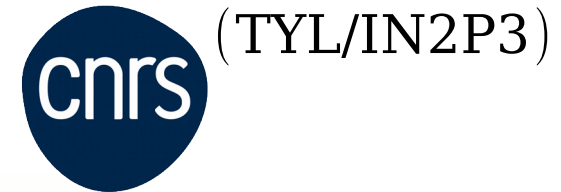


BSM discovery potential at Belle II

Session E: QCD and New Physics

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Belle II, a flavour-factory,

(Belle $\sim 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$)

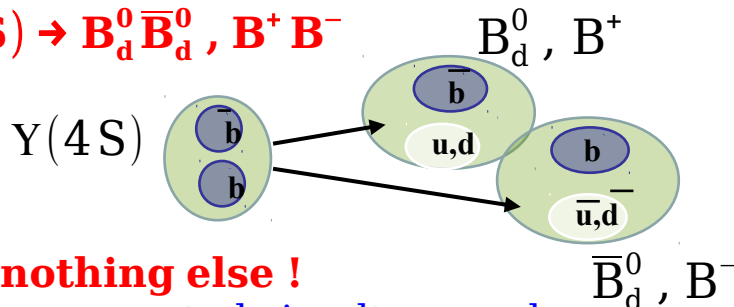
a rich physics program...

- We plan to collect (**at least**) 50 ab^{-1} of e^+e^- collisions at (or close to) the $Y(4S)$ resonance, so that we have:

– a (Super) B-factory ($\sim 1.1 \times 10^9 \text{ B}\bar{\text{B}}$ pairs per ab^{-1})

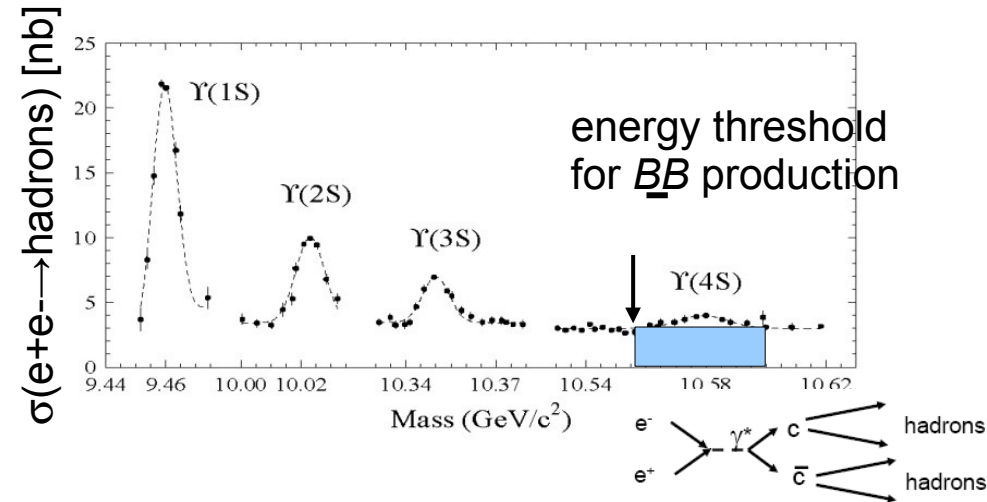
"on resonance" production

$e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4S) \rightarrow \text{B}_d^0 \bar{\text{B}}_d^0, \text{B}^+ \text{B}^-$



◦ **2 B's and nothing else !**

◦ 2 B mesons are created simultaneously in a $L=1$ coherent state



– a (Super) charm factory ($\sim 1.3 \times 10^9 \text{ c}\bar{\text{c}}$ pairs per ab^{-1})

(but also charmonium, X, Y, Z, pentaquarks, tetraquarks, bottomonium...)

(see ChengPing Shen and Bruce Yabsley's talks)

– a (Super) τ factory ($\sim 0.9 \times 10^9 \text{ }\tau^+\tau^-$ pairs per ab^{-1})

– exploit the clean e^+e^- environment to probe the existence of exotic hadrons, dark photons/Higgs, light Dark Matter particles, ALPs, LLPs ...

\Rightarrow to reach $6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

\Rightarrow cumulate 50 ab^{-1} by ~ 2035

Belle II run I (2019-2022)

data taking from March 2019 to June 2022

→ despite difficult conditions since March 2020 (Covid, war in Ukraine, energy cost...)

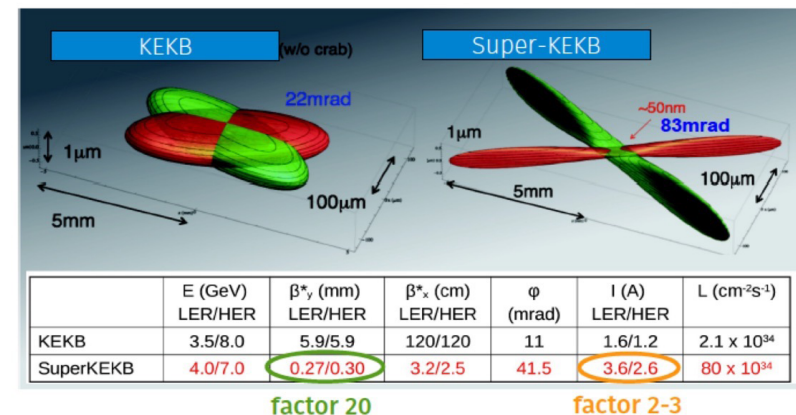
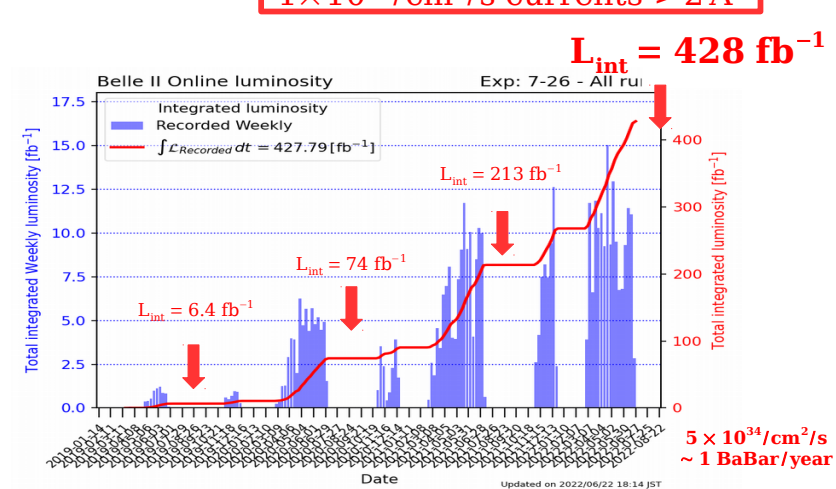
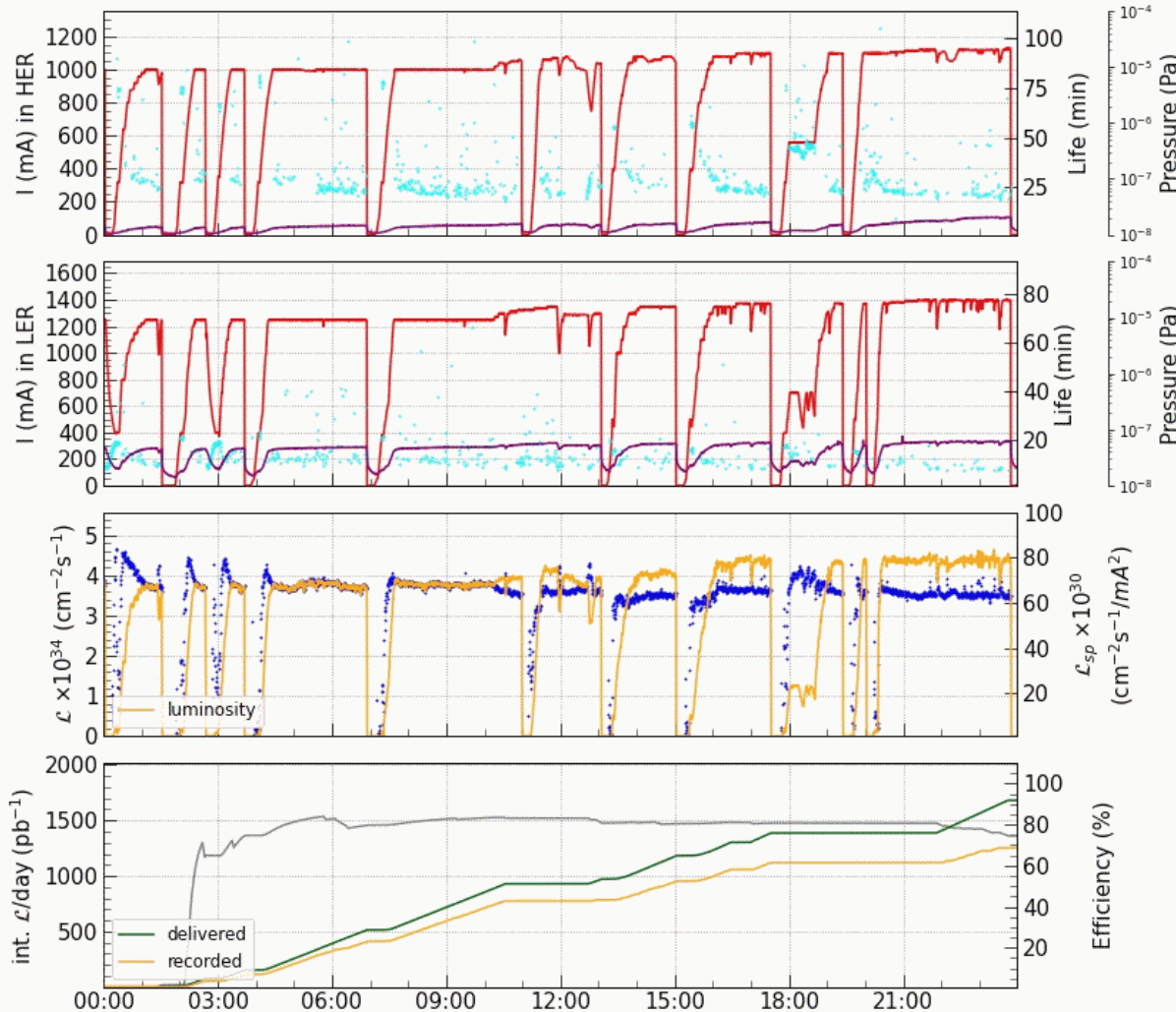
luminosity: $4.7 \times 10^{34} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$! $> 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ per day!

$\beta_y^* = 1 \text{ mm}$, $I_{\text{LER/HER}} = 1.4/1.2 \text{ A}$

June, 2022

record of KEKB/Belle
 $2 \times 10^{34} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$ currents $> 1 \text{ A}$
record of PEP-II/BaBar
 $1 \times 10^{34} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$ currents $> 2 \text{ A}$

06/07 23:59:36 - 06/08 23:59:36, 2022 JST
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 4.653 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ @ 22:58:08 06/08
 HER $I_{\text{peak}} = 1127 \text{ mA}$ $n_b = 2249$ $\beta_x^* / \beta_y^* = 60 / 1 \text{ mm}$
 LER $I_{\text{peak}} = 1405 \text{ mA}$ $n_b = 2249$ $\beta_x^* / \beta_y^* = 80 / 1 \text{ mm}$



squeezing further β_y^* ($\rightarrow 0.6 \text{ mm}$)
doubling (or more) the currents
 $\Rightarrow L > 10^{35} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$ after LS 1

Belle(II), LHCb side by side

Belle (II)

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow Y(4S) \rightarrow b \bar{b}$$

at Y(4S): 2 B's (B⁰ or B⁺) and nothing else \Rightarrow clean events

(flavour tagging, B tagging, missing energy)

\Rightarrow **initial conditions are precisely known**

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} \sim 1 \text{ nb} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ produces } 10^6 \text{ B}\bar{\text{B}}$$

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}/\sigma_{\text{total}} \sim 1/4$$

LHCb

$$pp \rightarrow b \bar{b} X$$

production of B⁺, B⁰, B_s, B_c, Λ_b ...

but also a lot of other particles in the event

\Rightarrow lower reconstruction efficiencies

$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$ much higher than at the Y(4S)

	\sqrt{s} [GeV]	$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$ [nb]	$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$
HERA pA	42 GeV	~ 30	$\sim 10^{-6}$
Tevatron	2 TeV	5000	$\sim 10^{-3}$
LHC	8 TeV	$\sim 3 \times 10^5$	$\sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$
	14 TeV	$\sim 6 \times 10^5$	$\sim 10^{-2}$

$b \bar{b}$ production cross-section at LHCb $\sim 500,000 \times$ BaBar/Belle !!

higher luminosity

$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}/\sigma_{\text{total}}$ much lower than at the Y(4S)

\Rightarrow lower trigger efficiencies

B mesons live relatively long

mean decay length $\beta \gamma c \tau \sim 200 \mu\text{m}$

mean decay length $\beta \gamma c \tau \sim 7 \text{ mm}$

(displaced vertices)

data taking period(s)

$$[1999-2010] = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

$$[2019-...] = \dots$$

$$[\text{run I: } 2010-2012] = 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$[\text{run II: } 2015-2018] = 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

(near) future

$$[\text{Belle II from } 2019] \rightarrow 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

$$[\text{LHCb upgrade from } 2022]$$

How do we search for new particles ?

Direct vs Indirect Searches

complementarity with LHC

1 TeV

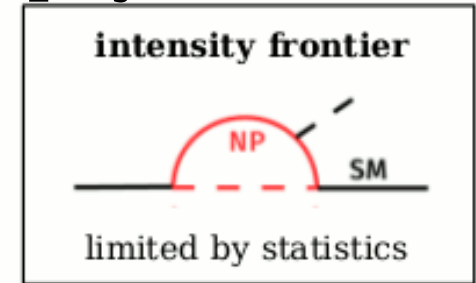
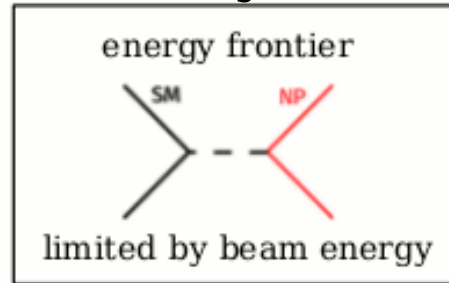
ATLAS SUSY Searches - 95% CL Lower Limits
December 2017

Model	\sqrt{s} , T, τ	Jets	A_{eff} (%)	ϵ (%)	Mass limit	\sqrt{s} , T, τ	ϵ (%)	Reference
Resonance production	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	1.0	100	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$ (compressed)	0	2.0	300	30.1	710 GeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	2.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	3.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	4.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	5.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	6.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	7.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	8.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	9.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026
$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$	0	2.0	300	30.1	10.00 TeV	1.0	ATLAS-CONF-2017-026	

ATLAS Preliminary $\sqrt{s}=7, 8, 13$ TeV

Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models; cf. ref. for the complete results.

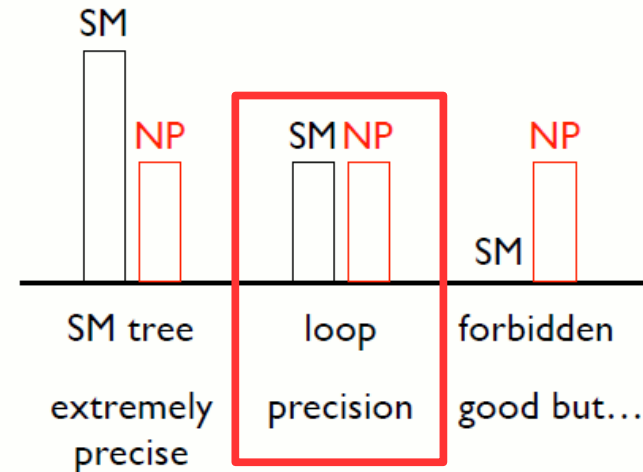
Why flavor physics ?



→ NP beyond the direct reach of the LHC

Three classes of SM processes

$$O_{\text{obs}} = O_{\text{SM}} + O_{\text{NP}}$$

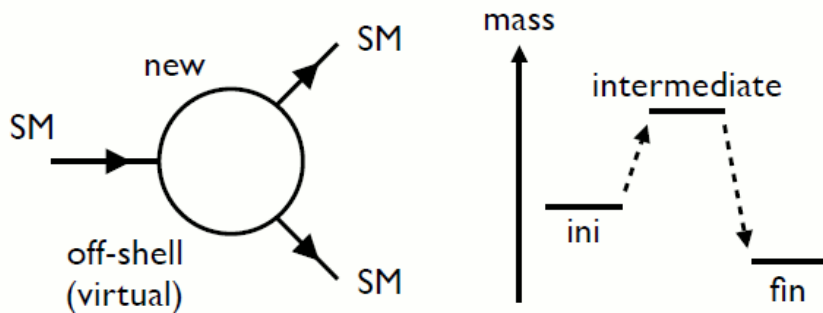


New particles can for example contribute to loop or tree level diagrams

by enhancing/suppressing decay rates, introducing new sources of CP violation or modifying the angular distribution of the final-state particles

> ~100GeV (1 TeV), if interaction is weak (strong)

New particle via quantum effects

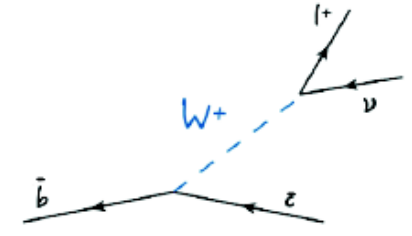
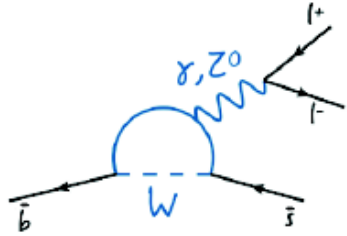


No sharp cutoff for energy scale (cf. LHC search)

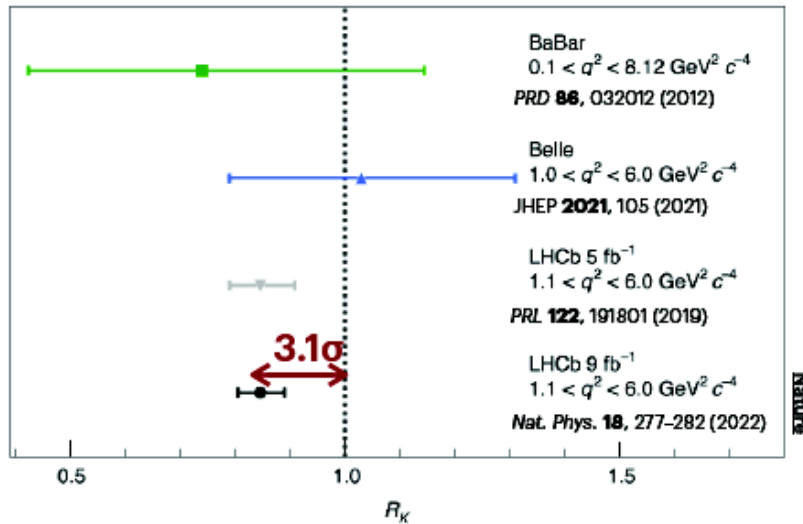
— suppressed by $(E/\Lambda)^n$

What happened with the B anomalies... ?

Deviations from SM have been measured, among several observables, in universality tests of lepton interactions in $b \rightarrow s$ and $b \rightarrow c$ transitions

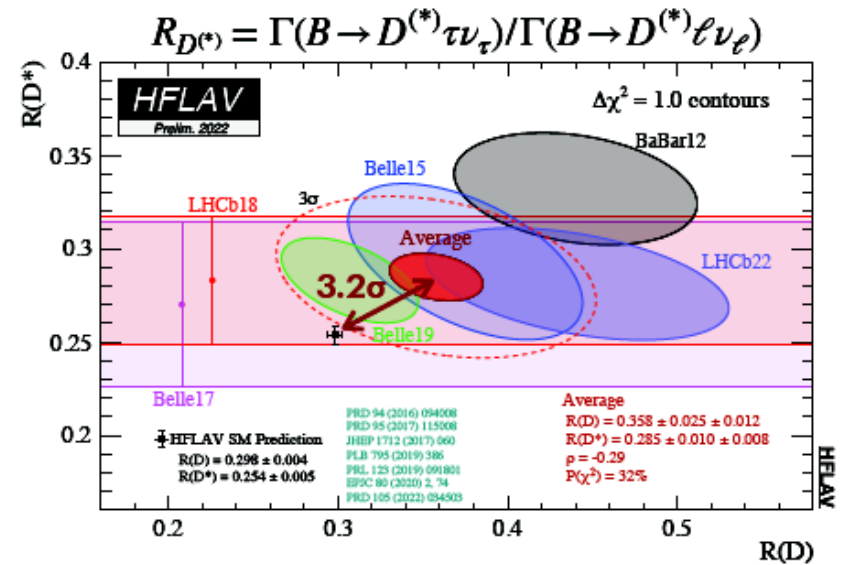


$$R_K = \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) / \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$$



μ vs e : $R_H^{\text{exp}} < R_H^{\text{SM}}$

Lepton Flavor Universality Violation

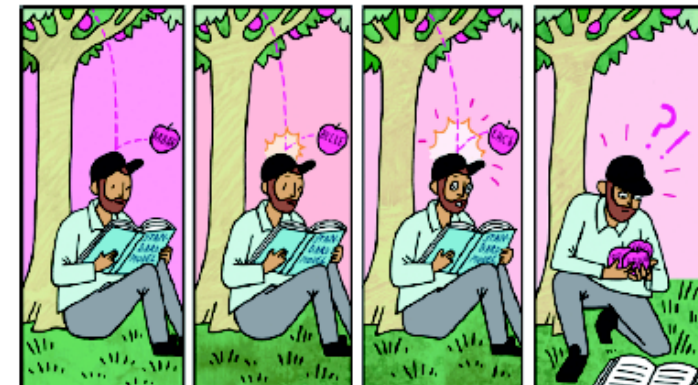


τ vs e/μ : $R_{D^{(*)}}^{\text{exp}} > R_{D^{(*)}}^{\text{SM}}$

Main players in B-physics

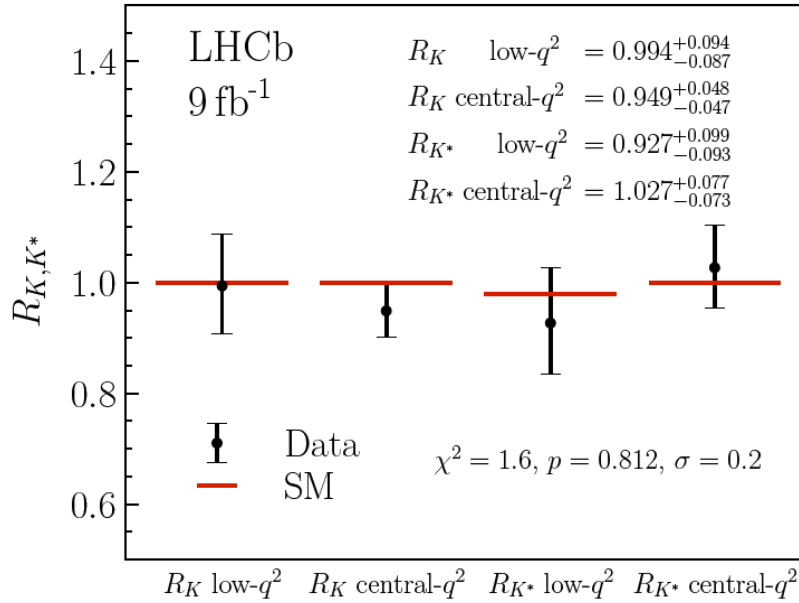
Belle (II), BaBar \rightarrow B-mesons in e^+e^- collisions

LHCb \rightarrow b-flavored hadrons in pp collisions



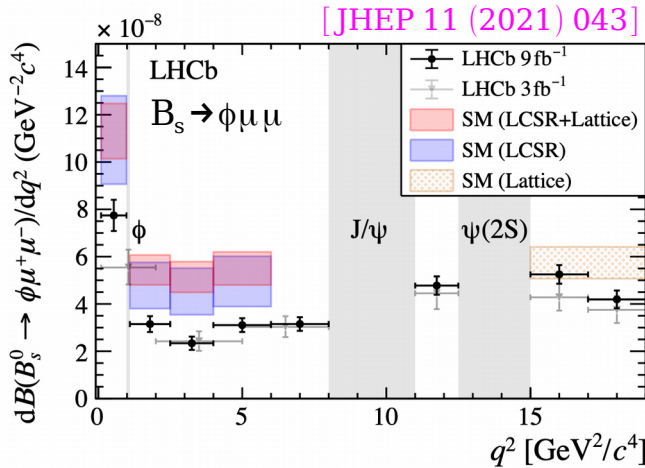
Lepton flavor universality (LFU) in $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$

[PRL 131 (2023) 051803, PRD 108 (2023) 032002]

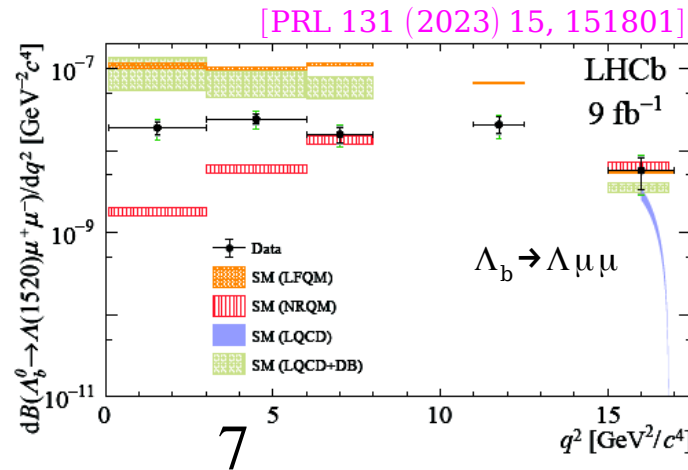


**Significant change of the landscape
 ⇒ Compatible with SM**

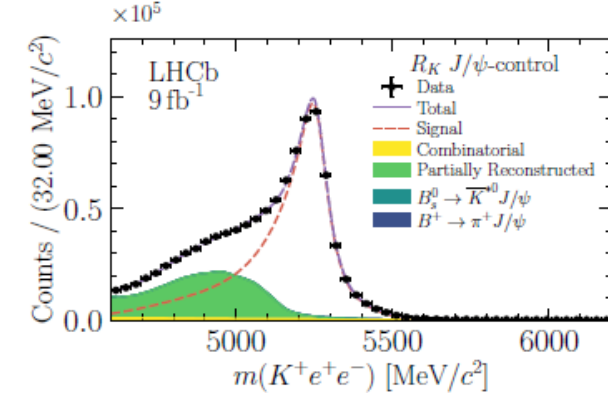
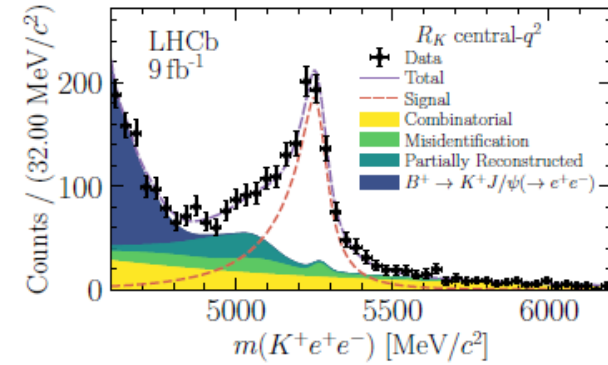
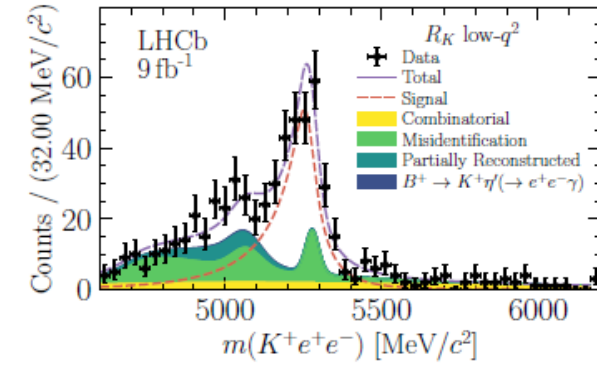
- BR measurements differ from predictions



[JHEP 11 (2021) 043]



[PRL 131 (2023) 15, 151801]



Test of lepton universality using $B^+ \rightarrow K^{(*)} l^+ l^-$ decays

Model candidates

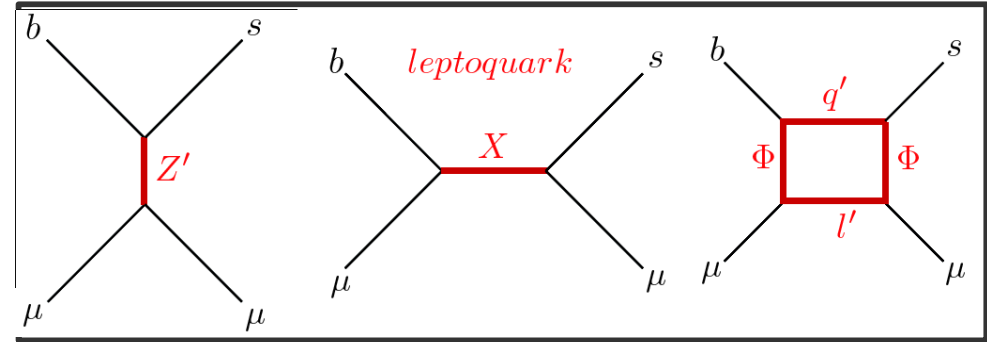
- ✓ Effective operator from Z' exchange
- ✓ Extra $U(1)$ symmetry with flavor dependent charge

✧ Models with leptoquarks

- ✓ Effective operator from LQ exchange
- ✓ Yukawa interaction with LQs provide flavor violation

✧ Models with loop induced effective operator

- ✓ With extended Higgs sector and/or vector like quarks/leptons
- ✓ Flavor violation from new Yukawa interactions



Leptoquarks are color-triplet bosons that carry both lepton and baryon numbers

Lot of those models predict also LFV $b \rightarrow s e \mu, b \rightarrow s e \tau, \dots$

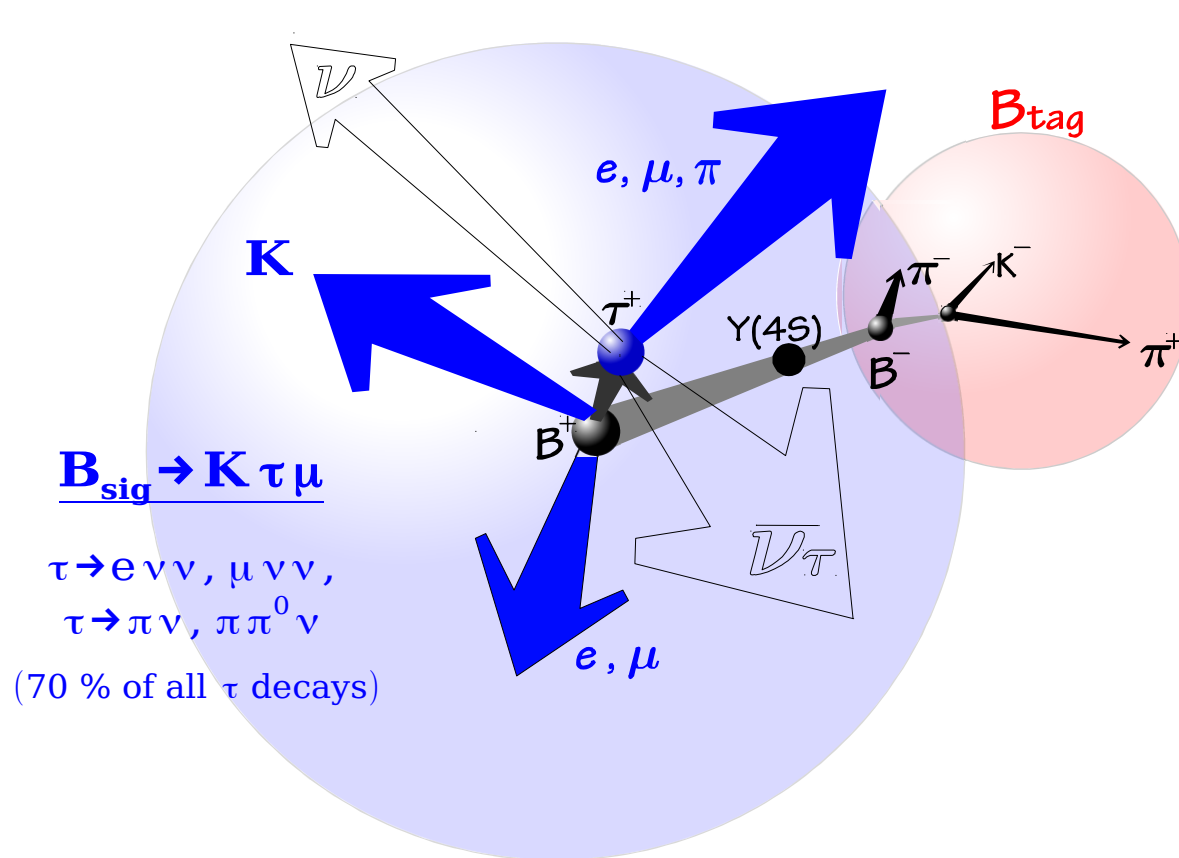


G. Isidori, FPCP 2020: correlations among $b \rightarrow s(d) l l'$ within the (2)-based EFT

	$\mu\mu$ (ee)	$\tau\tau$	$\nu\nu$	$\tau\mu$	μe
$b \rightarrow s$	R_K, R_{K^*} $O(20\%)$	$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \tau\tau$ $\rightarrow 100 \times SM$	$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu\nu$ $O(1)$	$B \rightarrow K \tau\mu$ $\rightarrow 10^{-6}$	$B \rightarrow K \mu e$ $???$
$b \rightarrow d$	$B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu$ $B \rightarrow \pi \mu\mu$ $B_s \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu\mu$ $O(20\%) [R_K=R_\pi]$	$B \rightarrow \pi \tau\tau$ $\rightarrow 100 \times SM$	$B \rightarrow \pi \nu\nu$ $O(1)$	$B \rightarrow \pi \tau\mu$ $\rightarrow 10^{-7}$	$B \rightarrow \pi \mu e$ $???$

Missing energy modes and B-tagging

Many interesting B-physics studies involve missing energy: $D^{(*)}\tau\nu$, $K\tau l$, $K^{(*)}\tau\tau$, $K^{(*)}\nu\nu$, $\pi l\nu$, τl , $\tau\nu$, $\mu\nu$... which require B-tagging.

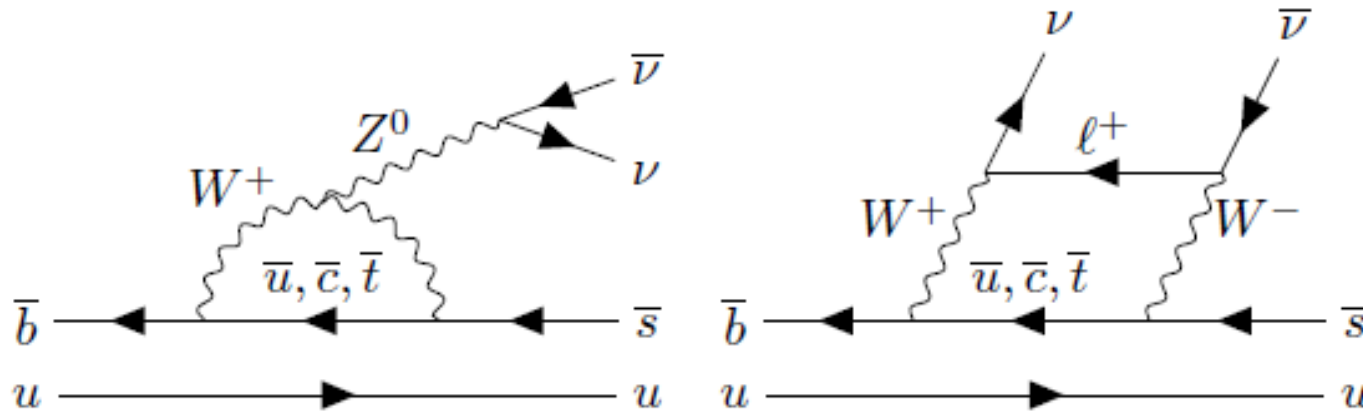


hadronic tag
 $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\pi, D^{(*)}\rho \dots$
 $\epsilon < 1\%$

semileptonic tag
 $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu X$
 $\epsilon \sim 2\%$

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

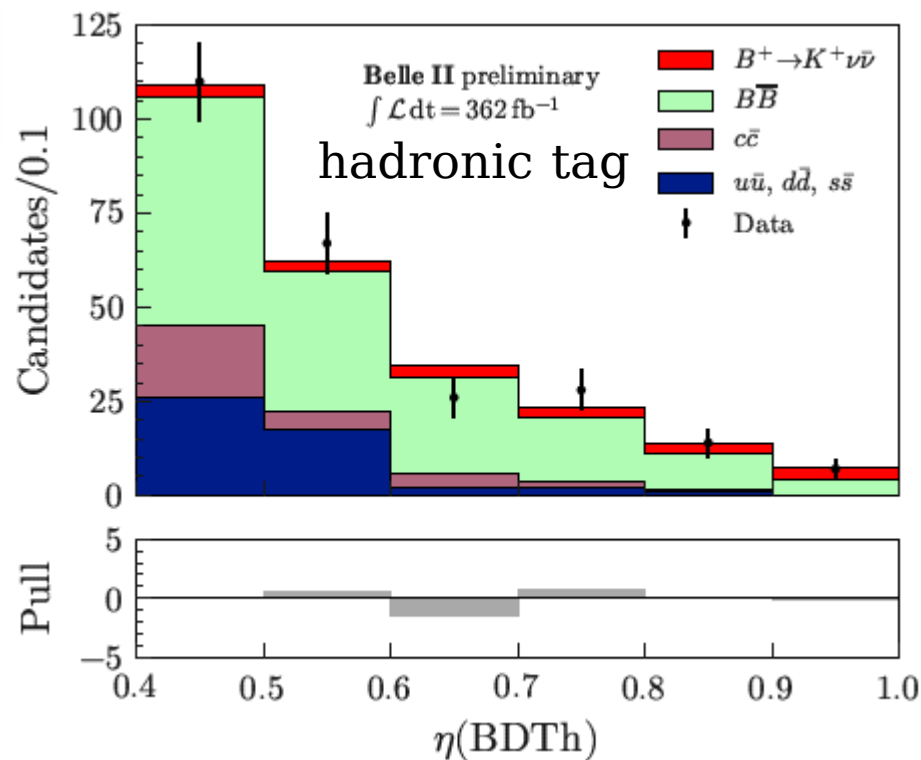
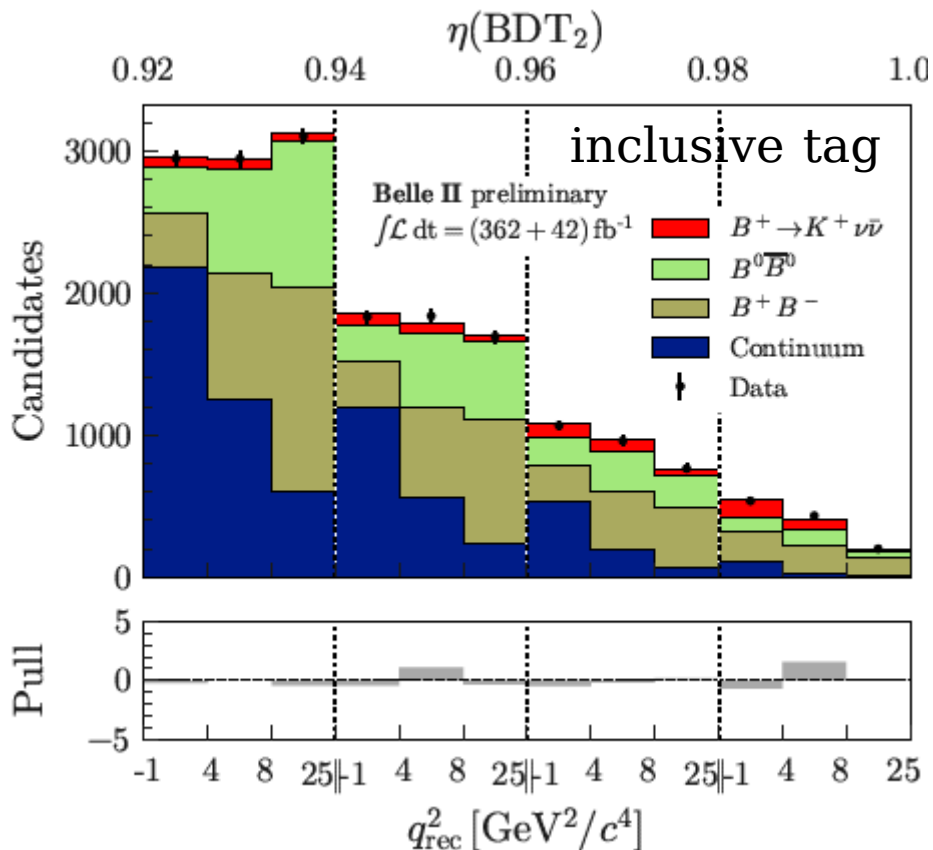
[arXiv:2311.14647]
Phys. Rev. D 109, 112006 (2024)



- $B \rightarrow K \nu \nu$ is known with high accuracy
 $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \nu) = (5.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$ [arXiv:2207.13371]
- Extensions beyond SM may lead to significant rate increase
- Very challenging experimentally, not yet observed
 - Low branching fraction, high background contributions
 - 3-body kinematics, no good kinematics
- Unique for Belle II
- Two analyses:
 - more sensitive **inclusive** (eff = 8%), conventional **hadronic** tagging (eff = 0.4%)
- Use event properties to suppress background with multiple variables combined
- Use classifier output as (one of) the fit variables, use simulation for signal and background templates
- Use multiple control channels to validate simulation with data

Evidence of $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$

[arXiv:2311.14647]
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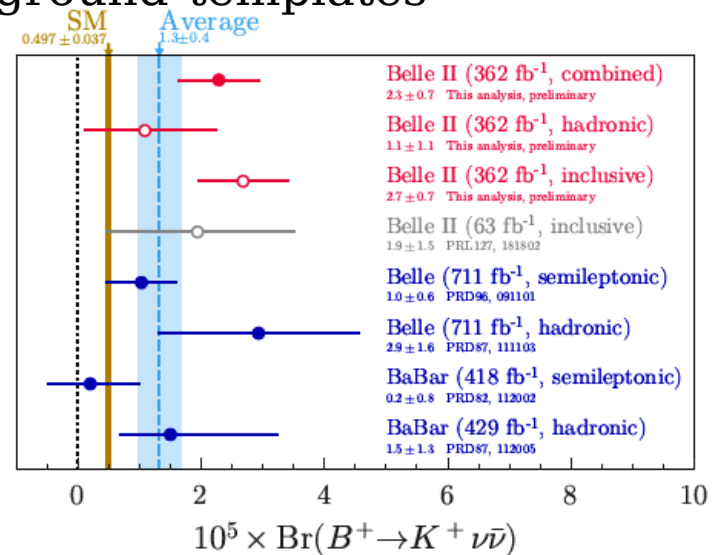
- Maximum likelihood fit to data using signal and background templates

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{incl}} = (2.7 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst)}) \times 10^{-5}$$

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

- For inclusive analysis, evidence for $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ at 3.5σ branching fraction within 3σ of SM
- For hadronic tag, the result is consistent with null hypothesis and SM at 1.1σ and 0.6σ

\Rightarrow Combination of two analyses provides first evidence of the decay at 2.7σ from SM



Search for $B \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau \tau$ decays

- FCNC processes are suppressed in SM at tree level

$$BF_{SM} = (1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$$

[PRD 53, 4964 (1996)]

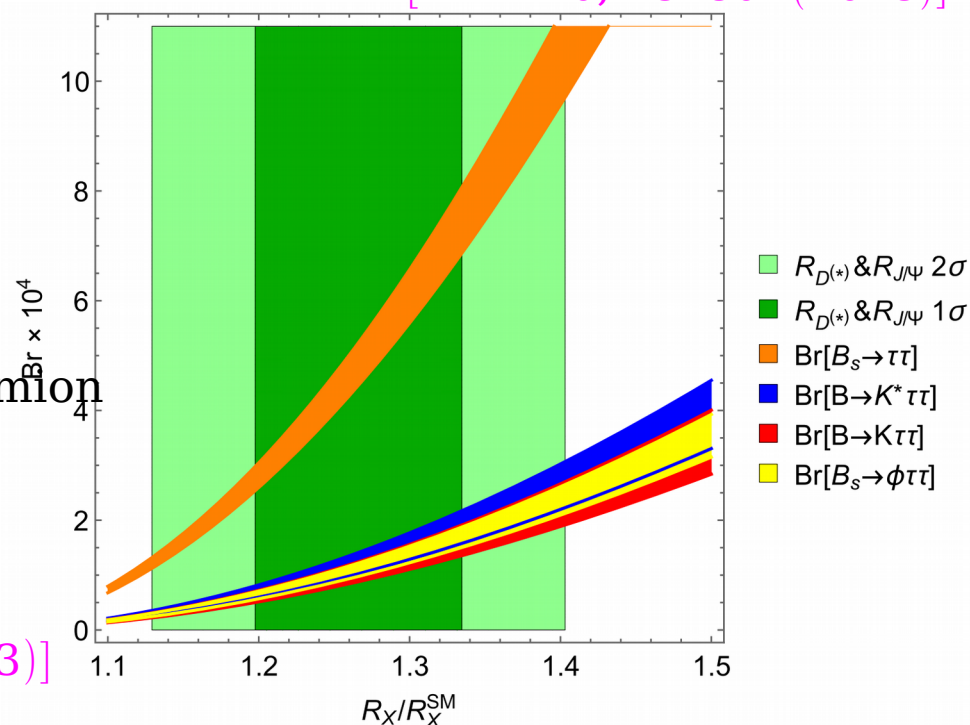
- NP models that accommodate the $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$ anomalies predict an enhancement of several orders of magnitude with $\tau \tau$ pair in final state

NP couplings are those involving the third-fermion generation

Belle (711 fb^{-1}) $BF < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$ @ 90% C.L.

[PRD 108, L011102 (2023)]

[PRL 120, 181802 (2018)]

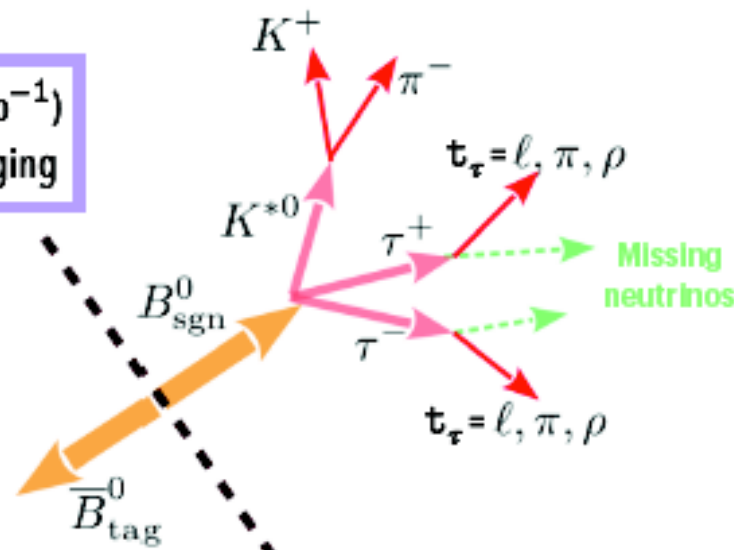


Challenges

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

- Low BF
- No signal peaking kinematic observable
- Large backgrounds + more than 3 prompt track
- Up to 4 neutrinos originating from τ
- K^{*0} has low momentum due to the phase space

Belle II (364 fb^{-1})
hadronic B-tagging

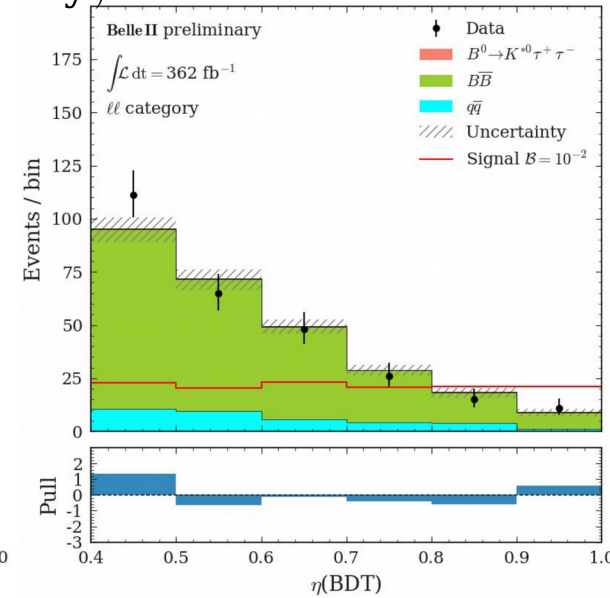
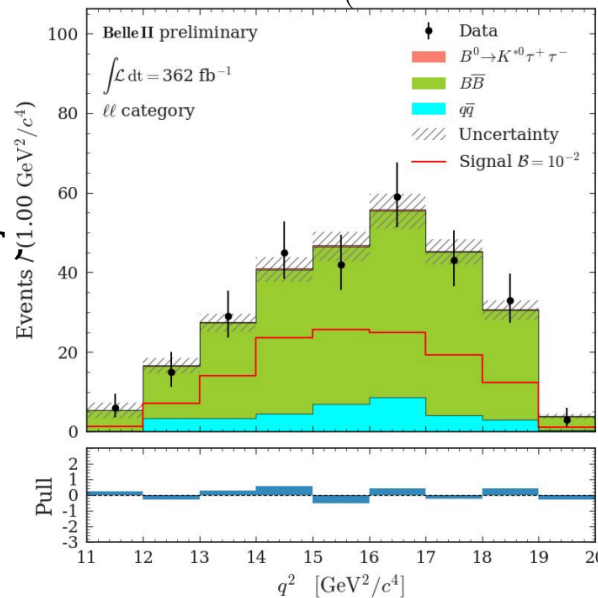


Search for $B \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau \tau$ decays

[PRELIMINARY]

$l^+ l^-$ as illustration (best sensitivity)

- Combinations of 4 categories: $l^+ l^-$, $l\pi$, $\pi\pi$, ρX
- BDT trained using missing energy, extra cluster energy in EM calorimeter $M(K^{*0} t_\tau)$, q^2 , ...
- BDT output $\eta(\text{BDT})$ is used to extract signal yield with a simultaneous fit to 4 categories



Validation

- total efficiency and peaking $B^0 \bar{B}^0$: $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ sample, replace $J/\psi K^{*0}$ with $K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ (14% uncertainty)
- Non-peaking $B\bar{B}$: sample with B_{sig} and B_{tag} having same flavor
- $q\bar{q}$ background is scaled by off-resonance data

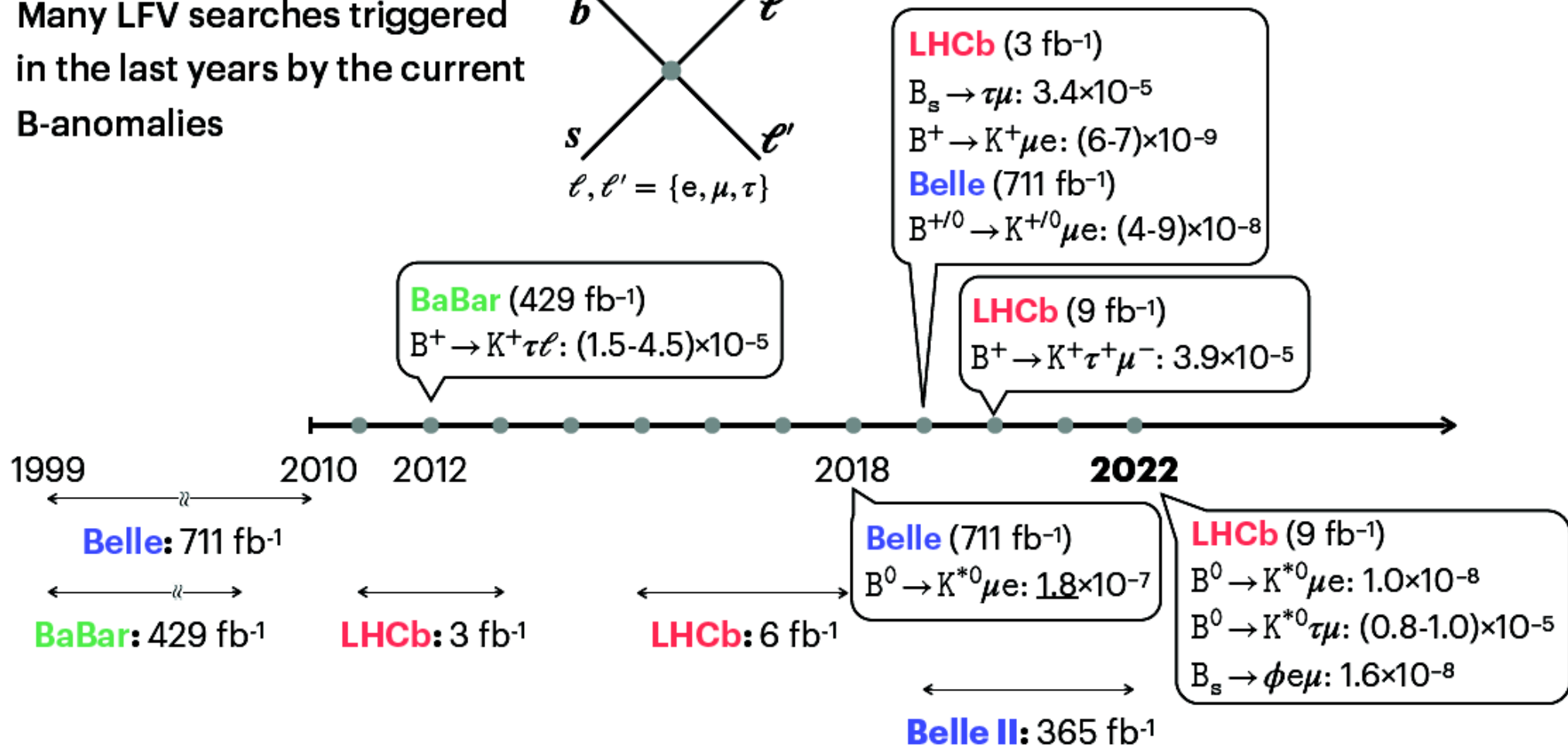
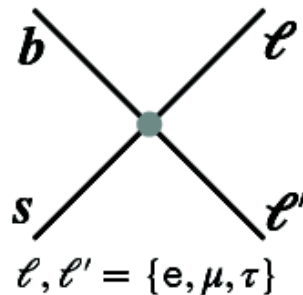
Belle II (364 fb^{-1}) $\text{BF}(B \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau \tau) < 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ @ 90% C.L.

The most stringent limit among the results for $b \rightarrow s \tau \tau$ transition

Twice better with only half sample wrt Belle!
Better tagging + more categories + BDT classifier...

EXPERIMENTAL STATUS ON $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell'$

Many LFV searches triggered in the last years by the current B-anomalies



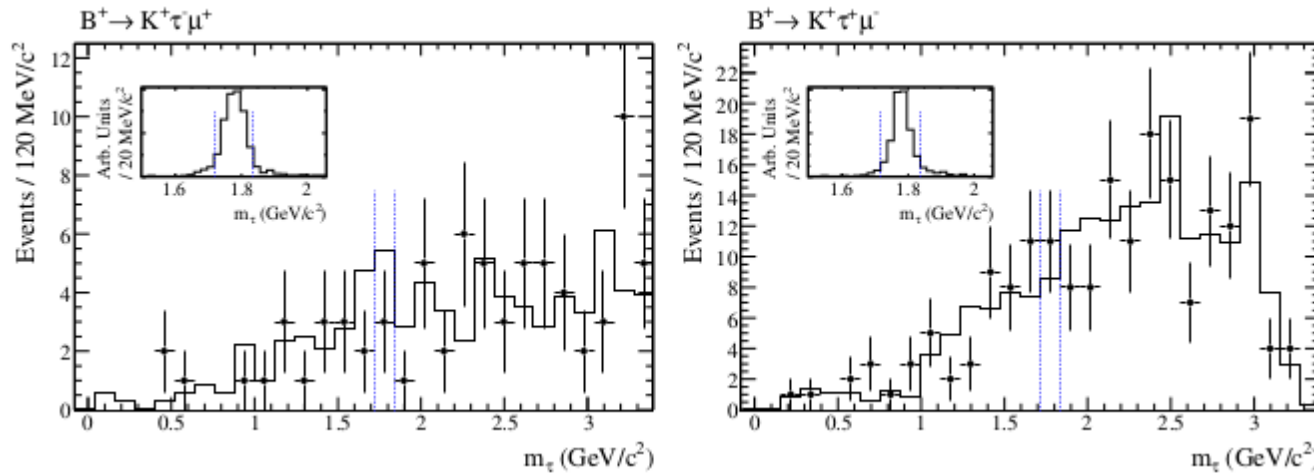
Limits on modes with τ 's are not as constraining as those with μe because of the more challenging τ reconstruction

- $(2-5) \times 10^{-5}$ range for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau \ell$ (BaBar and LHCb)

LFV $B \rightarrow K \tau l$ ($l = e, \mu$) decays

[BaBar, arXiv:1204.2852]

strategy used: B fully reconstructed (had tag), $\tau^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l \nu_\tau$, $(n\pi^0)\pi\nu$, with $n \geq 0$
 using momenta of K, l and B, **can fully determine the τ four-momentum**
unique system: no other neutrino than the ones from one tau ($\neq B \rightarrow \tau \nu, D^{(*)} \tau \nu \dots$)



$B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^- \mu^+) < 4.5 \times 10^{-5}$ at 90%CL, $B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \mu^-) < 2.8 \times 10^{-5}$ at 90%CL
 (also results for $B \rightarrow K^+ \tau^\pm e^\mp$, $B \rightarrow \pi^+ \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$, $B \rightarrow \pi^+ \tau^\pm e^\mp$ modes)

[Belle II, arXiv:1808.10567]

Observables	Belle 0.71 ab^{-1} (0.12 ab^{-1})	Belle II 5 ab^{-1}	Belle II 50 ab^{-1}
$Br(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^\pm e^\mp) \cdot 10^6$	—	—	< 2.1
$Br(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^\pm \mu^\mp) \cdot 10^6$	—	—	< 3.3
$Br(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm e^\mp) \cdot 10^5$	—	—	< 1.6
$Br(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp) \cdot 10^5$	—	—	< 1.3

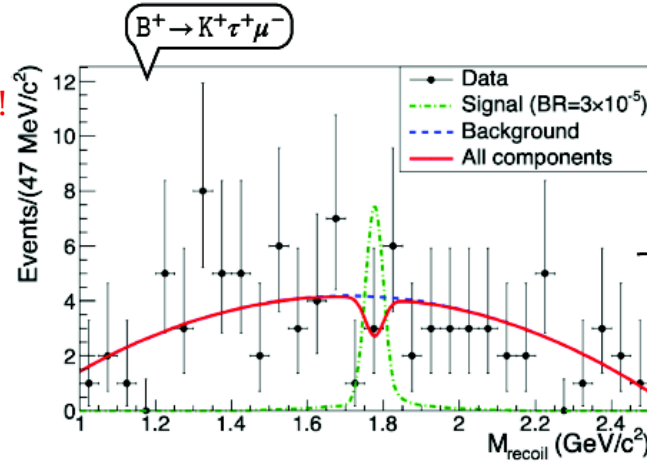
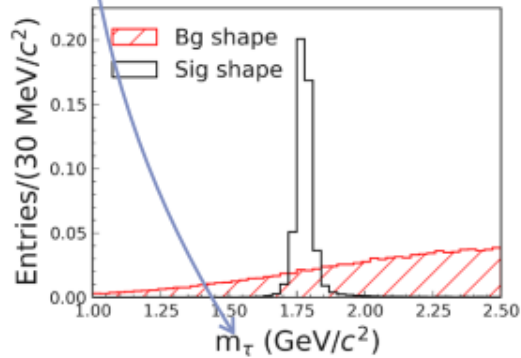
- \Rightarrow can we do better? combining hadronic tag with an more inclusive tag...
- \Rightarrow can do $K^* \tau e, K^* \tau \mu$ with similar sensitivity...

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$$m_{\tau}^2 = (p_{e^+e^-} - p_K - p_{\ell} - p_{B_{\text{tag}}})^2$$

neutrinos are all coming from the τ !

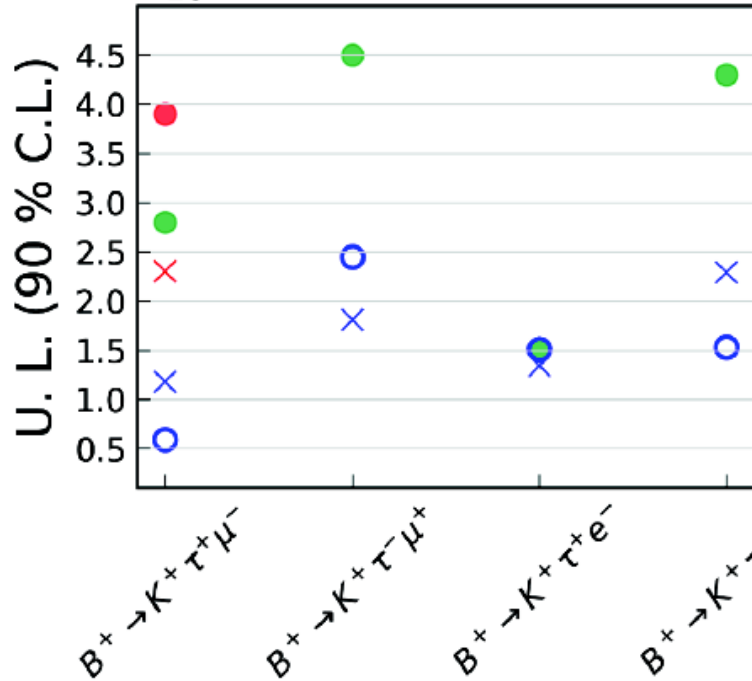


[Belle, PRL 130, 261802 (2023)]

Mode	N_{sig}	ϵ (%)	\mathcal{B}^{UL} (10^{-5})	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{NP}}^{\text{UL}}$ (10^{-5})
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \mu^-$	-2.1 ± 2.9	0.064	0.59	0.65
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ e^-$	1.5 ± 5.5	0.084	1.51	1.71
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^- \mu^+$	2.3 ± 4.1	0.046	2.45	2.97
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^- e^+$	-1.1 ± 7.4	0.079	1.53	2.08

PHSP

Results with PHSP model



- BaBar (426 fb⁻¹)
- × LHCb (9 fb⁻¹) - expected
- LHCb (9 fb⁻¹)
- × Belle (711 fb⁻¹) - expected
- Belle (711 fb⁻¹)

Hadronic B-tagging
 $B_{s2}^* \rightarrow B^+ K^-$
 tagged
 Hadronic B-tagging

with less than 1 ab⁻¹ ...competitive with LHCb !

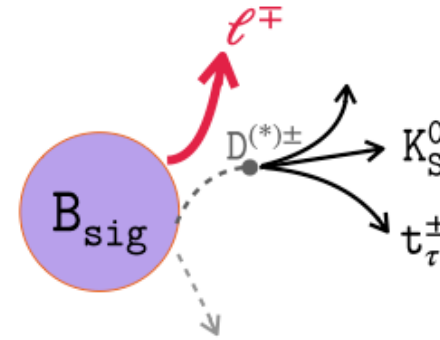
World's best limits for the $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau \ell$ modes

- More to come:
- $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau l$
 - $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau \tau$

LFV $B \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau l$ ($l = e, \mu$) decays

[PRELIMINARY]

- Belle + Belle II ($711 + 364 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
- K_S^0 purity is larger than 98%
- Dominant bkg: B semi-leptonic decay
- BDT for remaining bkg suppression



First searches in $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm l^\mp$

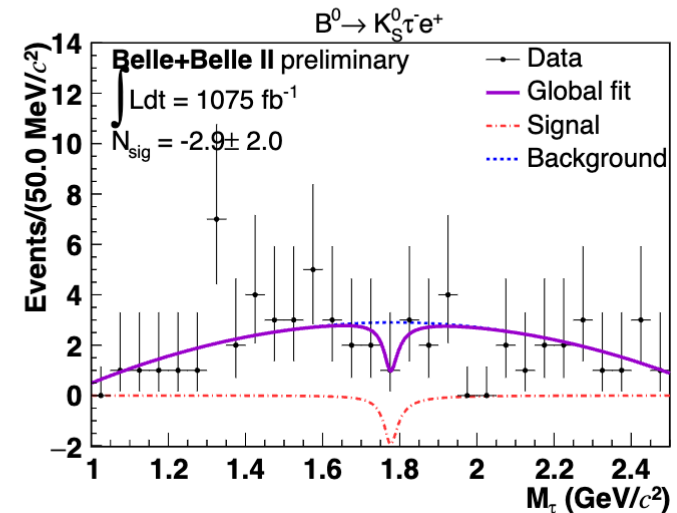
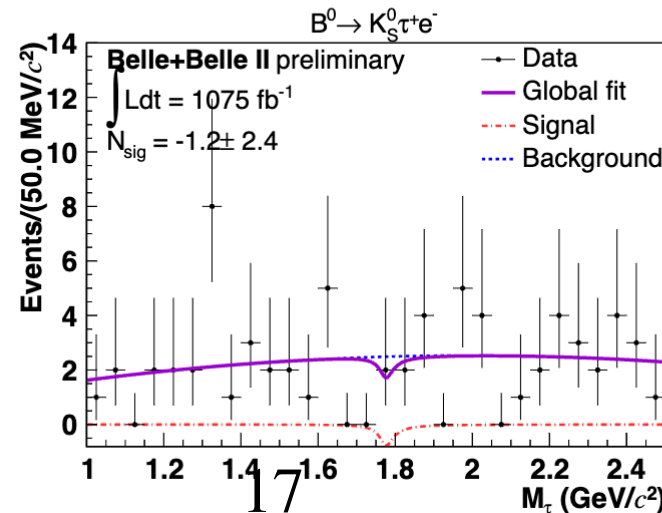
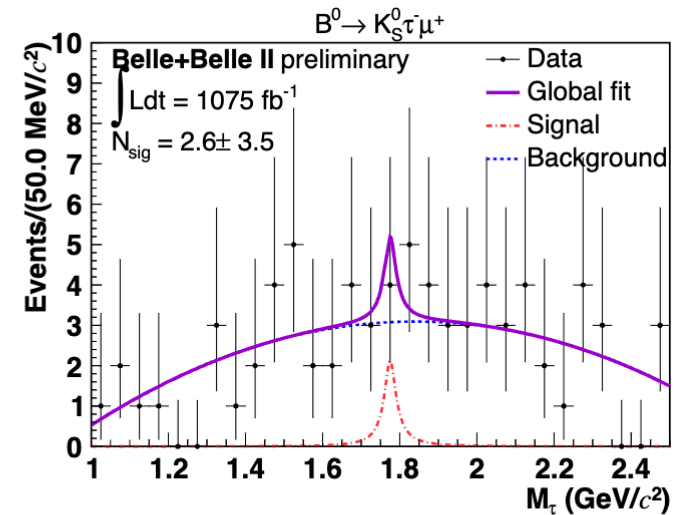
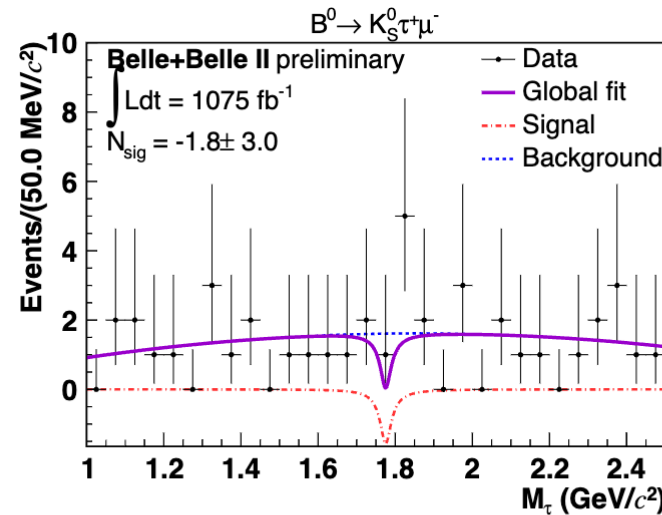
90%CL upper limits:

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^+ \mu^-) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^- \mu^+) < 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

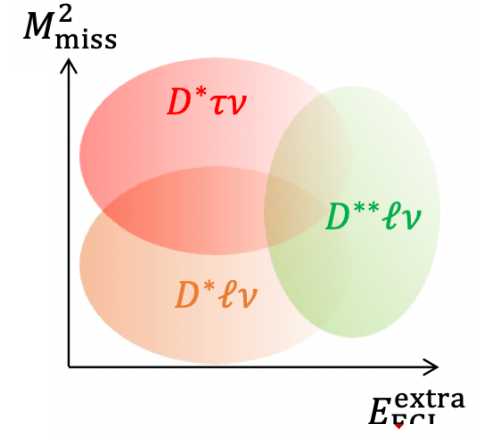
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^+ e^-) < 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^- e^+) < 0.8 \times 10^{-5}$$



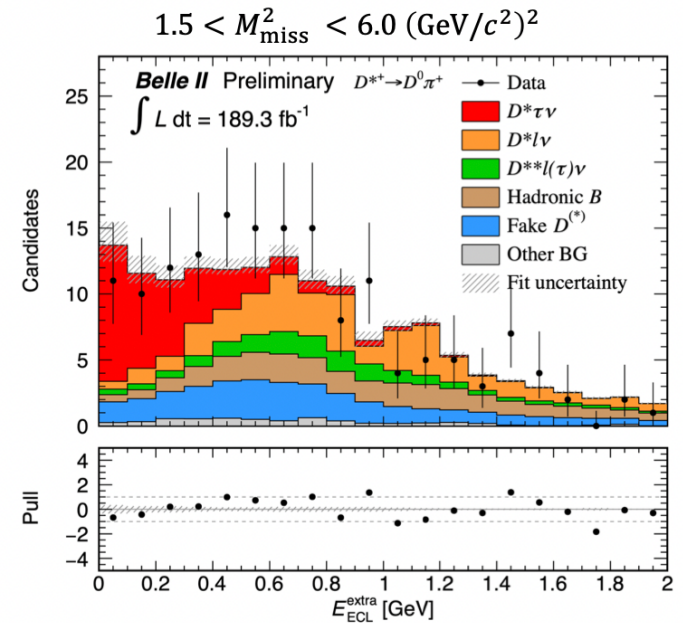
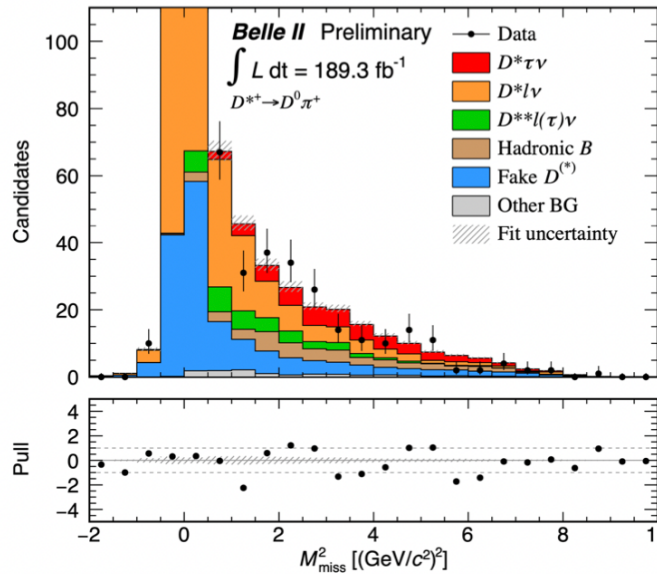
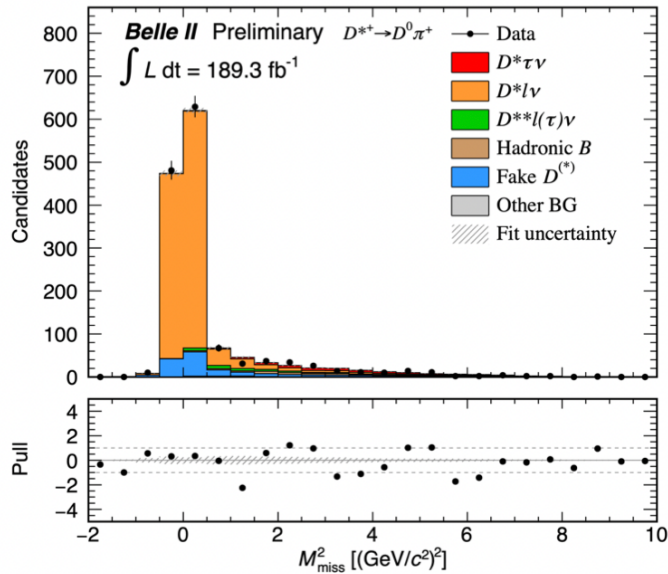
First Belle II result on $\mathbf{B(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu) / B(B \rightarrow D^* l \nu)}$

- Half of available sample (200 million $B\bar{B}$ pairs)
- Fully reconstruct the partner B in the event to suppress bckg
- Reconstruct numerator and denominator with \sim same selections
- Two-dimensional fit of missing mass and total residual energy in calorimeter determines signal yields
- Data sidebands validate understanding of sample composition



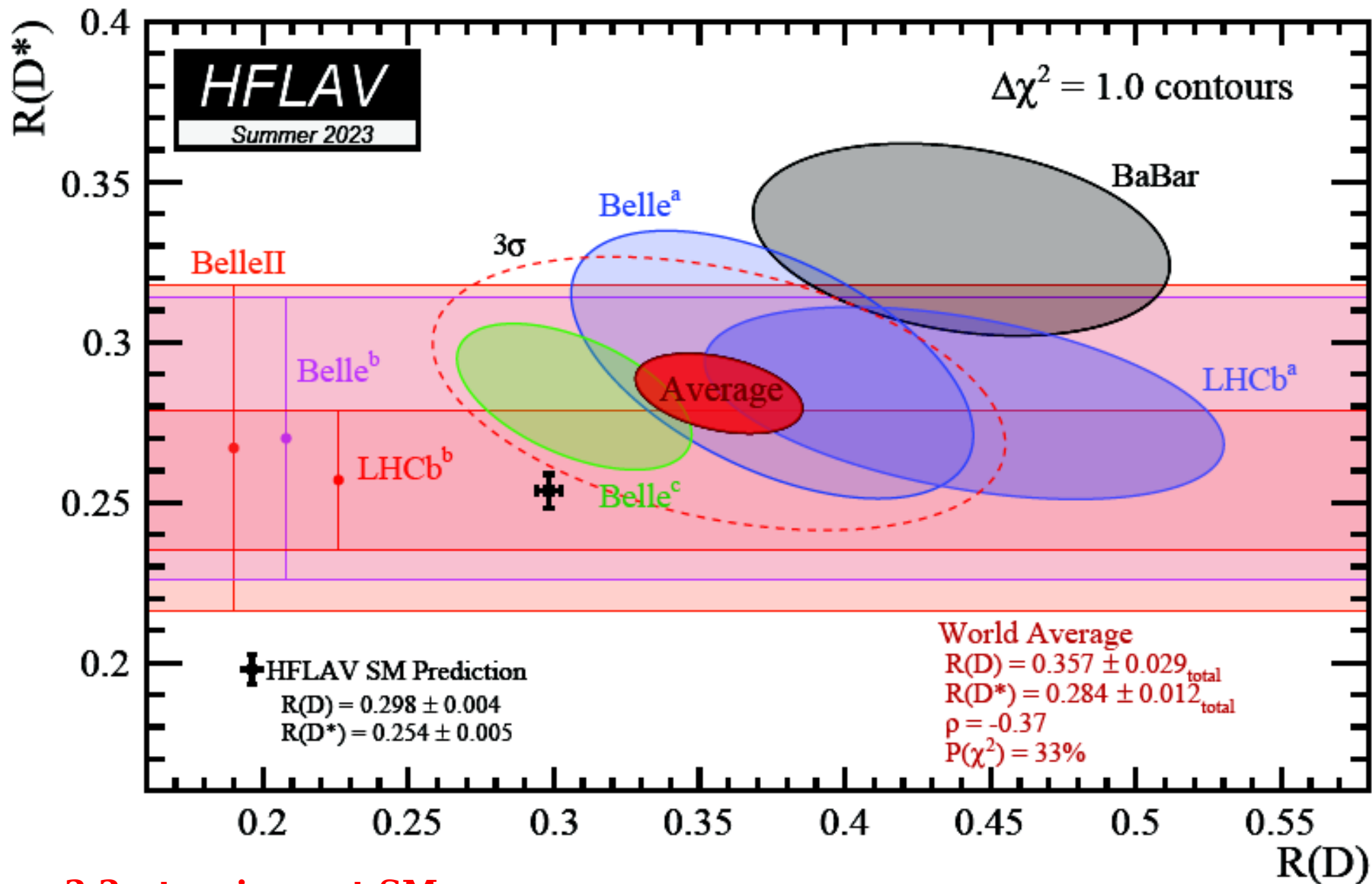
Post-fit distributions for $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$

$$M_{miss}^2 = (p_B - p_{X_c} - p_{\mu})^2$$



$$\mathbf{R(D^*)} = \mathbf{0.267}^{+0.041}_{-0.039} (\mathbf{stat})^{+0.028}_{-0.033} (\mathbf{syst})$$

Not leading, 40% improvement in statistical precision over Belle at the same sample size
Consistent with WA



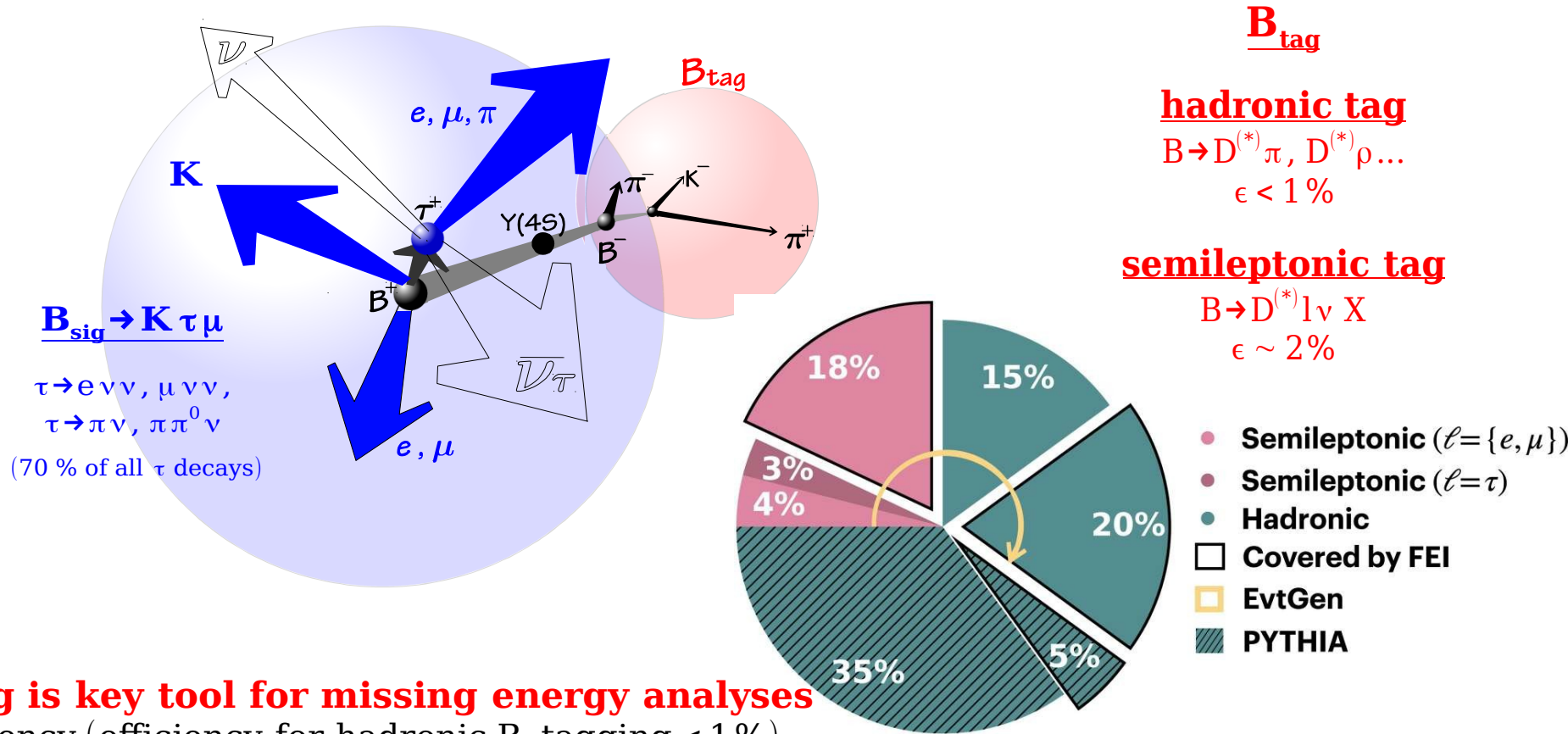
⇒ **3.3 σ tension wrt SM**

More measurements to come from LHCb and Belle (II)

More observables (e.g. D^* polarization [LHCb, arXiv:2311.05224; Belle, arXiv:1903.03102])

Missing energy modes and B-tagging

Many interesting B-physics studies involve missing energy: $D^{(*)}\tau\nu$, $K\tau l$, $K^{(*)}\tau\tau$, $K^{(*)}\nu\nu$, $\pi l\nu$, τl , $\tau\nu$, $\mu\nu\dots$ which require B-tagging.



B-tagging is key tool for missing energy analyses

- low efficiency (efficiency for hadronic B-tagging < 1 %)
 - and ML can't save you... B-tagging algorithms are trained using MC samples
 - 40% of hadronic B decays generated by PYTHIA...
 - and even among the EvtGen part... most BF's measured are old measurements from ARGUS, CLEO...
- **calibration is an important and delicate task**

Lot of on-going improvements:

- improve our simulation of all B_{tag} modes included → better B-tagging performance
- also some opportunities to remeasure/study those B decays and intermediate states

Branching fraction of $B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \rho^+$ at Belle II

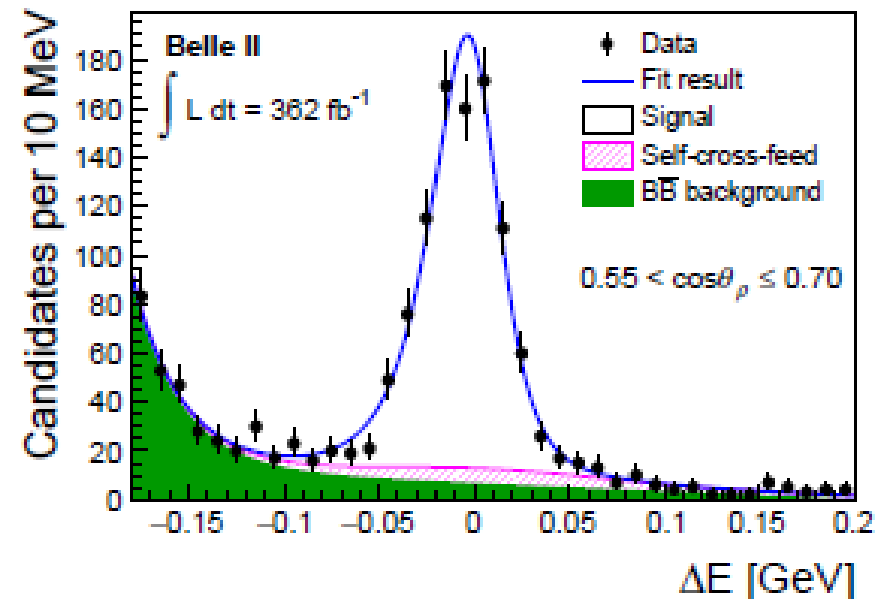
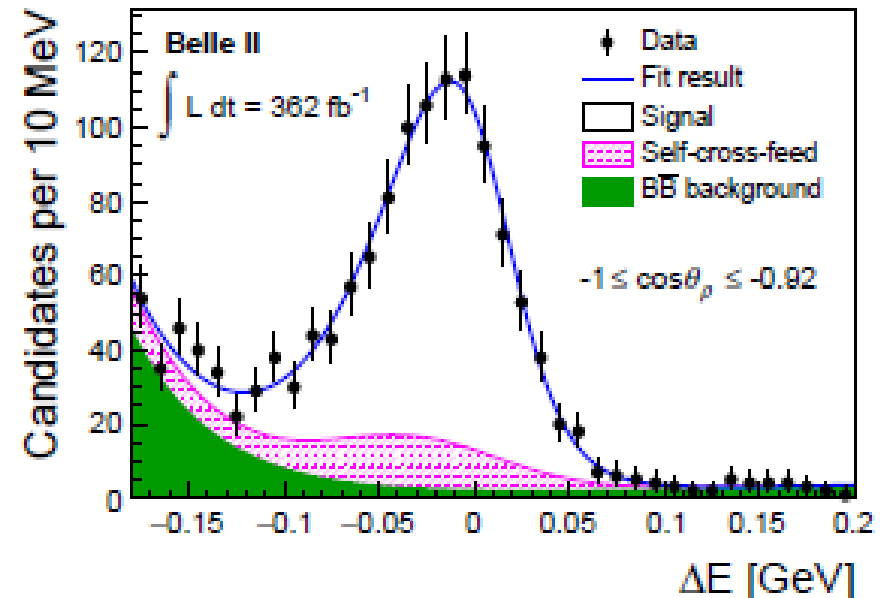
- Test heavy-quark limit and factorization models
[Nucl. Phys. B 591, 313 (2000)]

WA BF = $(1.35 \pm 0.18)\%$ driven by CLEO measurement with large uncertainty (14%)
[CLEO, PRD 50, 43 (1994)]

- Signal extracted from fit to ΔE

Challenge: separate $B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \rho^+ (\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0)$ resonant and $B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$ non-resonant components
Fit performed in bins of helicity angle ($\cos\theta_\rho$)

θ_ρ : angle between π momentum and direction opposite to B momentum in ρ rest frame



Branching fraction of $B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \rho^+$ at Belle II

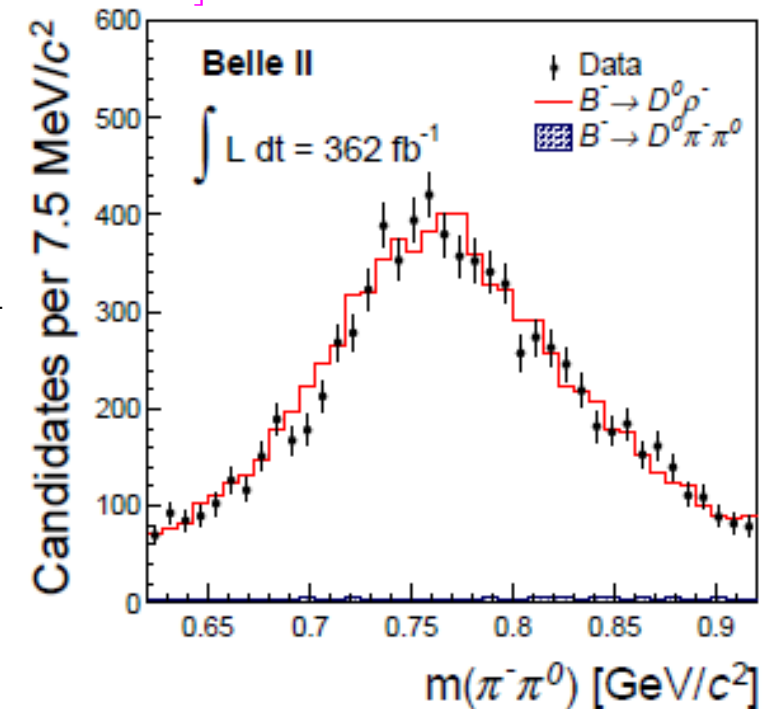
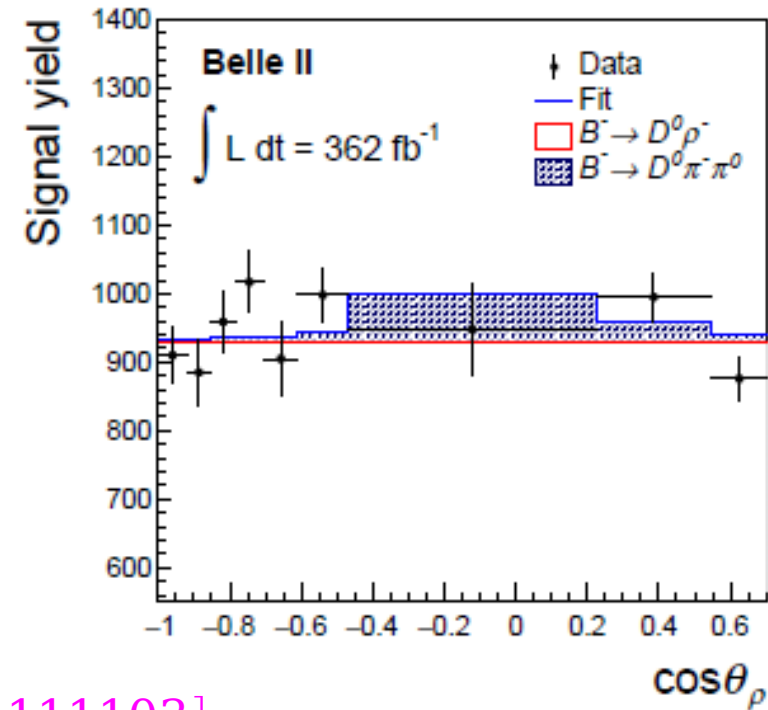
Template fit in $\cos\theta_\rho$

- Flat $\cos\theta_\rho$ distribution for $B \rightarrow D\rho$
- Less than 2% contribution of $B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$ S-wave component

$$\text{BF}(B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \rho^+) = (0.94 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.05)\%$$

[arXiv:2404.10874 , Phys Rev D. 109, L111103]

- World's best result with more than $2\times$ improvement
- Factorisation test: in agreement with prediction
- Systematically limited by uncertainty on π^0 efficiency

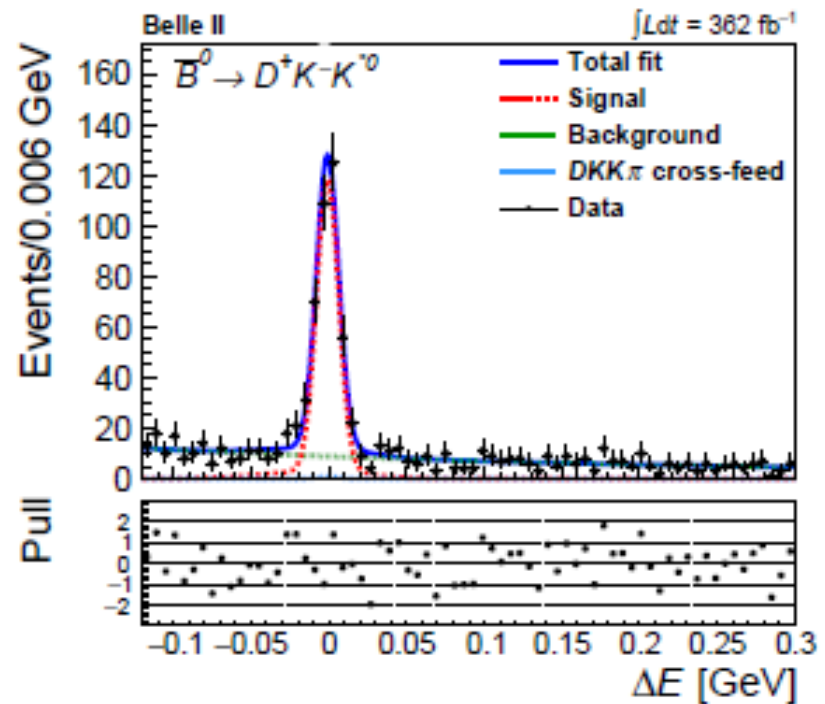
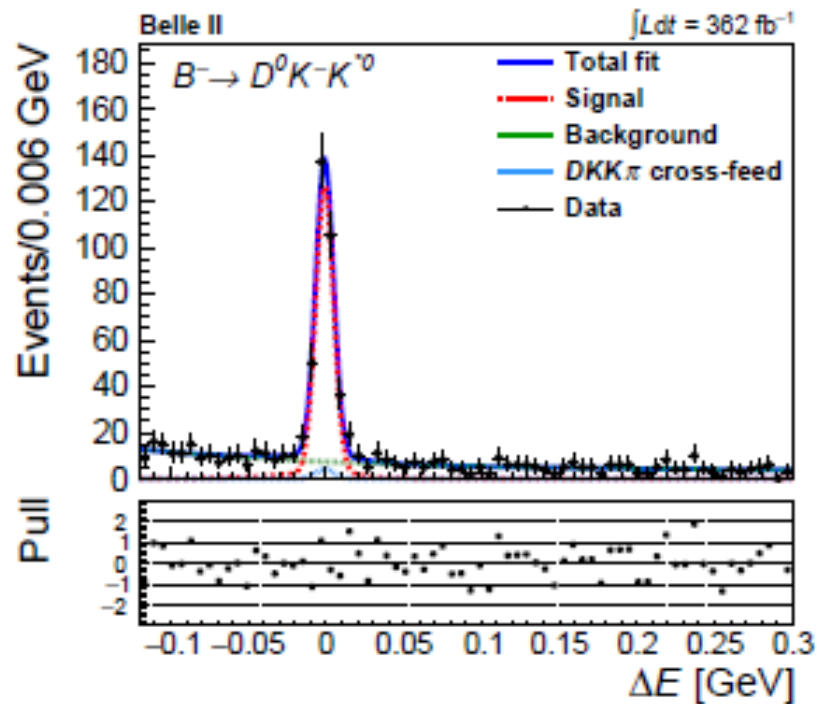


$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} K K_{(S)}^{(*)0}$ at Belle II

[arXiv:2406.06277,
accepted by JHEP]

$B \rightarrow DKK$: largely unexplored sector

- few % of B branching fraction expected
- Only 0.3% measured so far

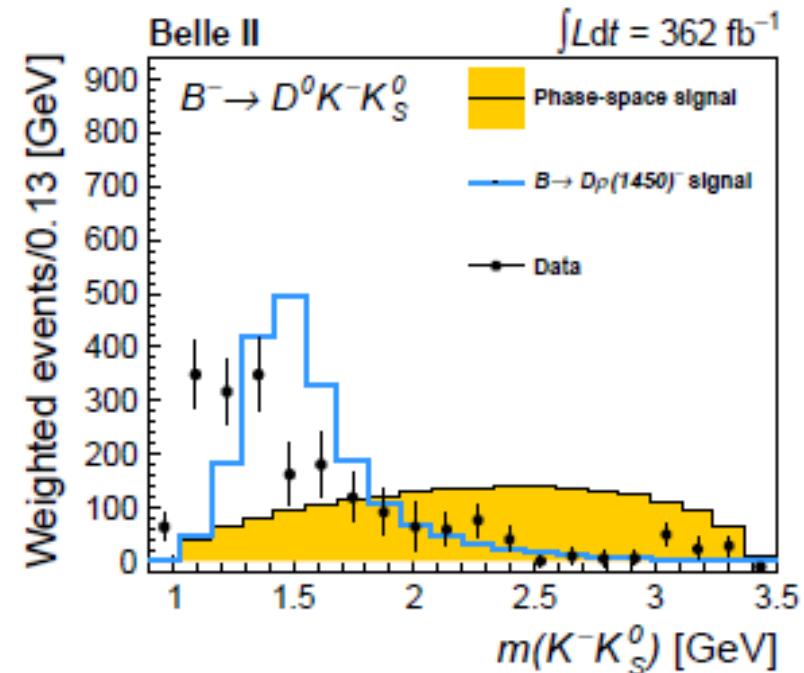
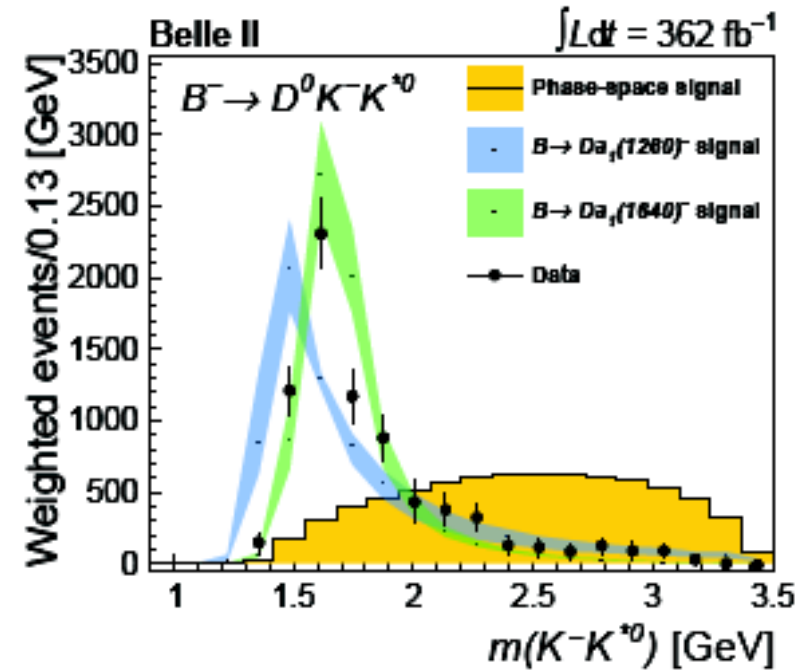


- Challenge: estimate non-resonant $B \rightarrow DKK\pi$ modes (non K^*)
- Signal extracted from fit to ΔE
- Subtract background, and look at invariant mass and Dalitz distributions

$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} K K_{(S)}^{(*)0}$ at Belle II

[arXiv:2406.06277, accepted by JHEP]

- Efficiency correction applied in the planes $m(D^{(*)} K^-)$ and $m(K^- K_{(S)}^{(*)0})$
- Extraction of bkg-subtracted and efficiency corrected invariant mass and helicity
- Dominant transitions $J^P = 1^{-/+}$
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} D_s (\rightarrow K K^{(*)})$ are used as control modes



$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} K K_{(S)}^{(*)0}$ at Belle II

[arXiv:2406.06277, accepted by JHEP]

Channel	Yield	Average ε	\mathcal{B} [10^{-4}]	
$B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^- K_S^0$	209 ± 17	0.098	$1.82 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.08$	World's best
$\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ K^- K_S^0$	105 ± 14	0.048	$0.82 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05$	
$B^- \rightarrow D^{*0} K^- K_S^0$	51 ± 9	0.044	$1.47 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.10$	
$\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} K^- K_S^0$	36 ± 7	0.046	$0.91 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.05$	First observation
$B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^- K^{*0}$	325 ± 19	0.043	$7.19 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.33$	
$\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ K^- K^{*0}$	385 ± 22	0.021	$7.56 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.38$	World's best
$B^- \rightarrow D^{*0} K^- K^{*0}$	160 ± 15	0.019	$11.93 \pm 1.14 \pm 0.93$	
$\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} K^- K^{*0}$	193 ± 14	0.020	$13.12 \pm 1.21 \pm 0.71$	
$B^- \rightarrow D^0 D_s^-$	$144 \pm 12 / 153 \pm 13$	0.09 / 0.04	$95 \pm 6 \pm 5$	Precision compatible with WA
$\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ D_s^-$	$145 \pm 12 / 159 \pm 13$	0.05 / 0.02	$89 \pm 5 \pm 5$	
$B^- \rightarrow D^{*0} D_s^-$	$30 \pm 6 / 29 \pm 7$	0.04 / 0.02	$65 \pm 10 \pm 6$	
$\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} D_s^-$	$43 \pm 7 / 37 \pm 7$	0.04 / 0.02	$83 \pm 10 \pm 6$	

Total 12 channels, first observation for 3 channels
World's best precision for the rest

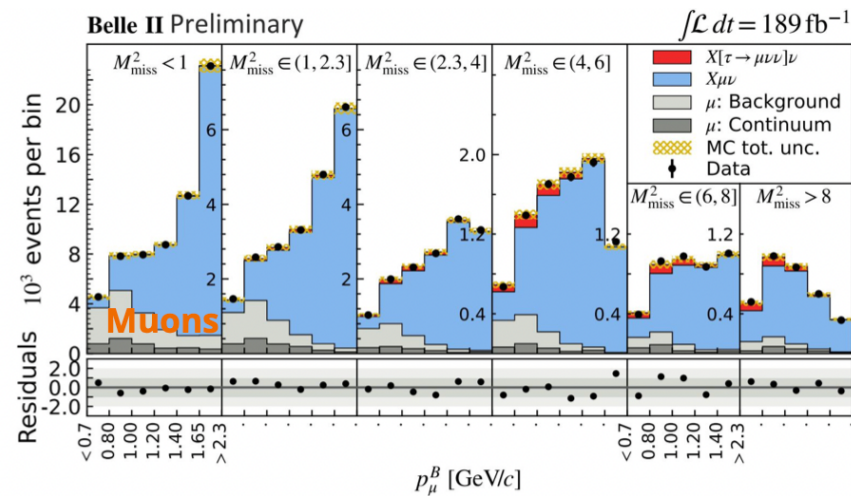
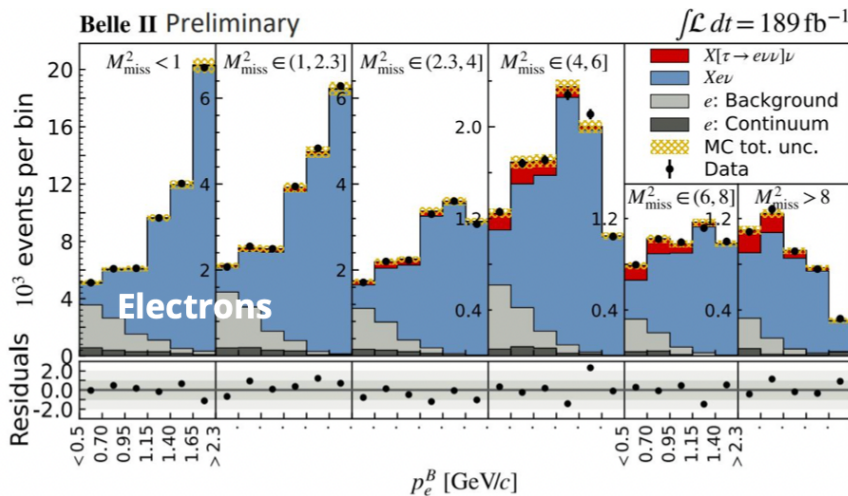
Summary

- Very active field: many more results than shown (with run 1 data $\sim 400 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
- Importance to have both the $e^+ e^-$ and pp environments
- Belle (II) is a unique environment to study B decays with missing energy
 $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}, K \tau \tau, K \tau l, \tau \tau, \tau l, D^{(*)} \tau \nu, \tau \nu, \mu \nu \dots$
(and urgently improving our understanding of hadronic B decays and consequently our B-tagging efficiency)
and τ sector ...
...but also perform precise measurements of CKM UT (CPV or not),
low multiplicity, dark sector... and many other opportunities
- Resumed data taking (run 2) in 2024, goal is to reach $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$,
and $\mathcal{O}(5 \text{ ab}^{-1})$ by 2029

First B factory result on $B(B \rightarrow [c] \tau \nu) / B(B \rightarrow [c] l \nu)$

[arXiv:2311.07248]

- BF ratio without explicitly reconstructing the charm meson offers an unique, supplementary and theoretically more reliable probe, than $R(D^{(*)})$
- Half of available sample (200 million $B\bar{B}$ pairs)
- Fully reconstruct the partner B in the event to suppress bckg
- Sophisticated event weighting to ensure proper sample-composition, validated in multiple sidebands.
- Two-dimensional fit of lepton momentum and missing mass provides signal yield:



Complex analysis, requiring multiple corrections/reweighting to simulated samples
 Excellent agreement between electron and muon channel measurements:

$$R(X_{\tau/e}) = 0.232 \pm 0.020 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.037 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$R(X_{\tau/\mu}) = 0.222 \pm 0.027 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.050 \text{ (syst)}$$

Systematics is largely from data-driven corrections in control regions

Combined result

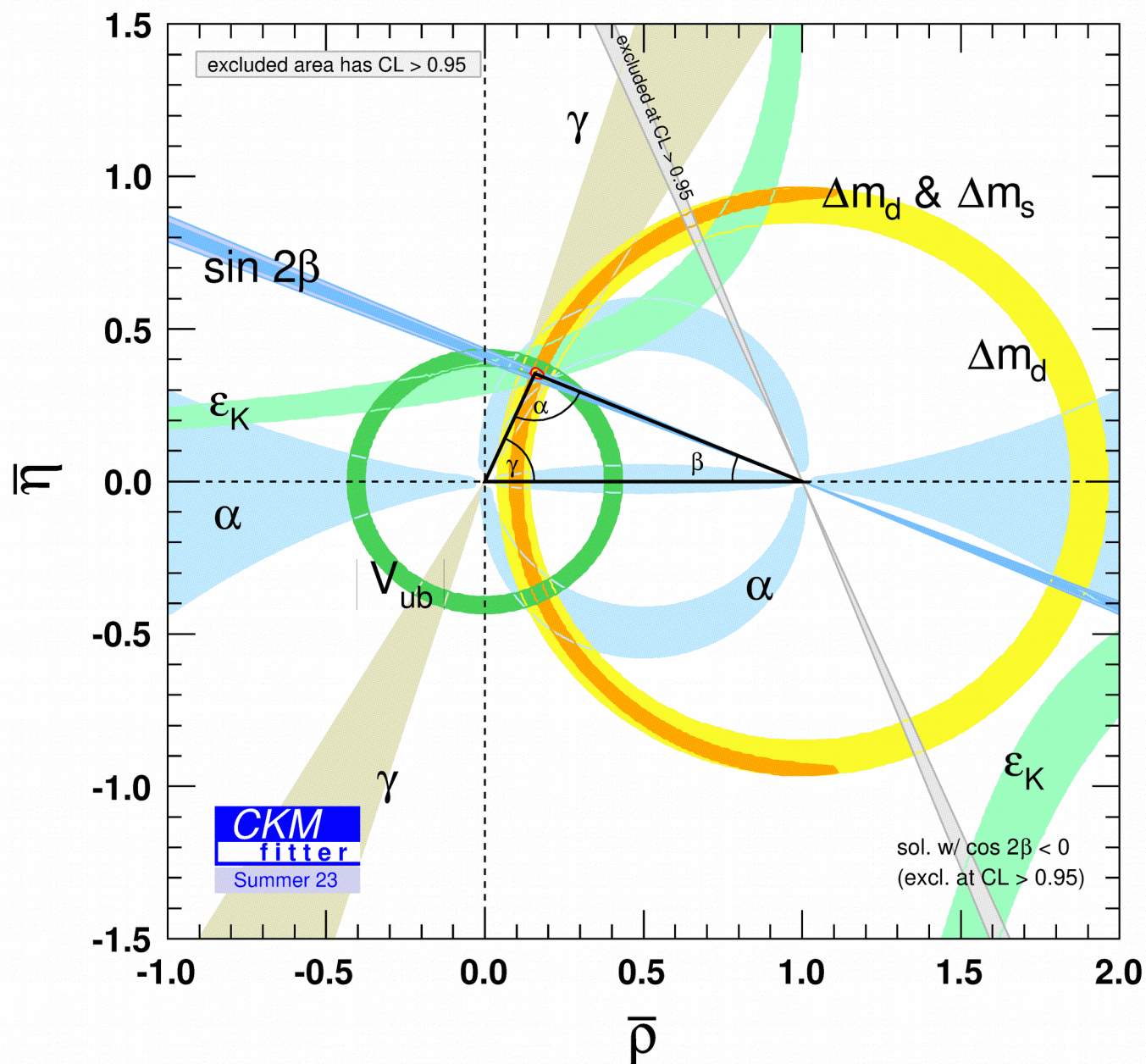
$$R(X) = 0.228 \pm 0.016 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.036 \text{ (syst)}$$

is consistent with SM 0.223 ± 0.006 , but also with measurements of $R(D^{(*)})$

First ever such result from B factories

The current status of CKM

(CKMfitter 2023)



$$|V_{ud}|, |V_{us}|, |V_{cb}|, |V_{ub}|_{SL}$$

$$B \rightarrow \tau \nu, |V_{ub}|_{\Lambda_b}$$

$$\Delta m_d, \Delta m_s, \epsilon_K$$

$$\alpha, \sin 2\beta, \gamma$$

$$\mathbf{A = 0.822^{+0.005}_{-0.008}}$$

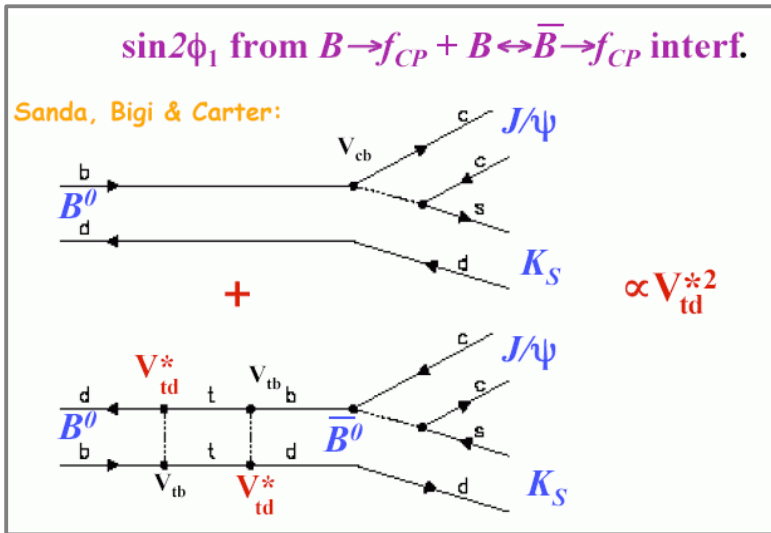
$$\mathbf{\lambda = 0.22498^{+0.00023}_{-0.00021}}$$

$$\mathbf{\bar{\rho} = 0.156^{+0.011}_{-0.004}}$$

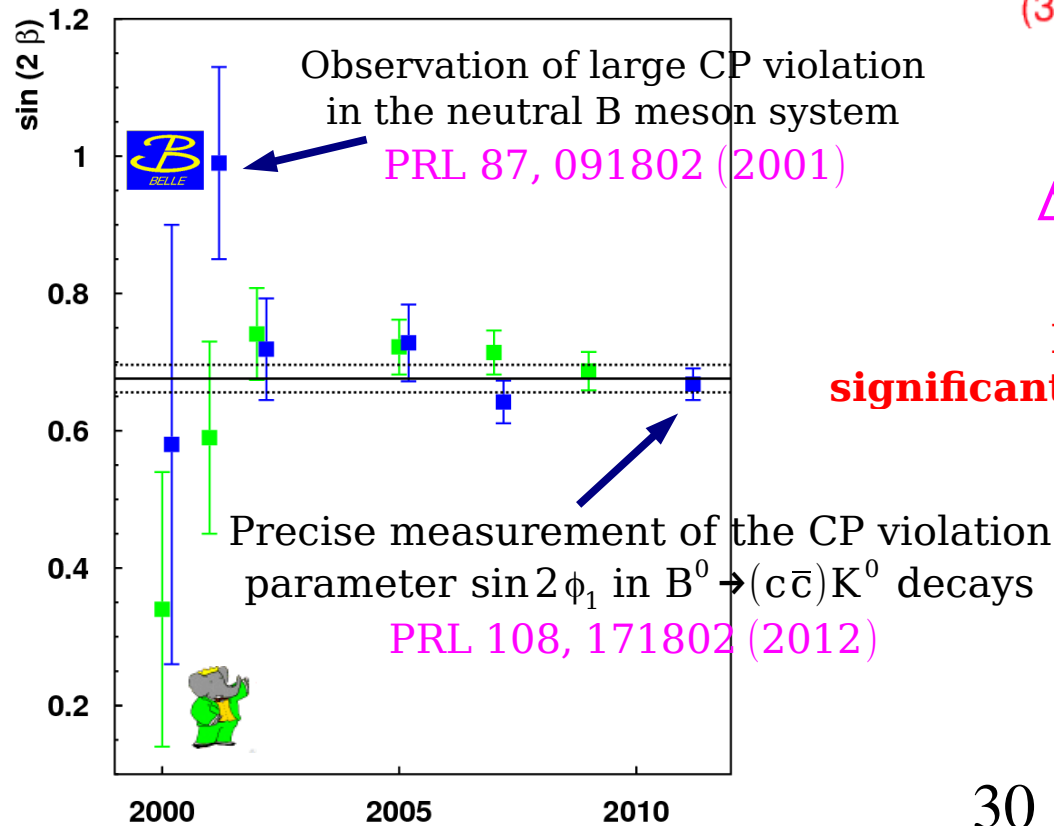
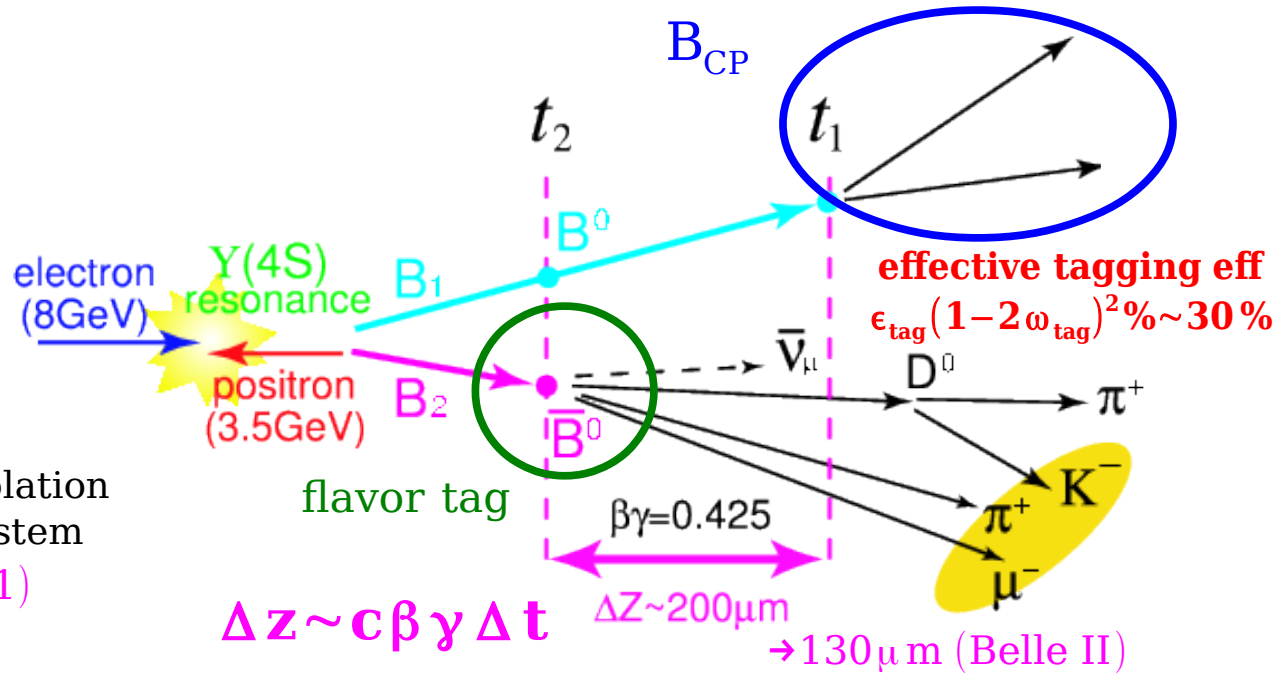
$$\mathbf{\bar{\eta} = 0.355^{+0.005}_{-0.006}}$$

(68% CL)

Time-dependent CP asymmetries in decays to CP eigenstates



$$\frac{dP_{\text{sig}}}{dt}(\Delta t, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{e^{-|\Delta t|/\tau_B}}{4\tau_B} (1 + \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{S} \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t) - \mathbf{C} \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)))$$



Raison d'être of SVD+PXD
significant resolution improvement for Belle II
 (but also improvement of flavour tagging)

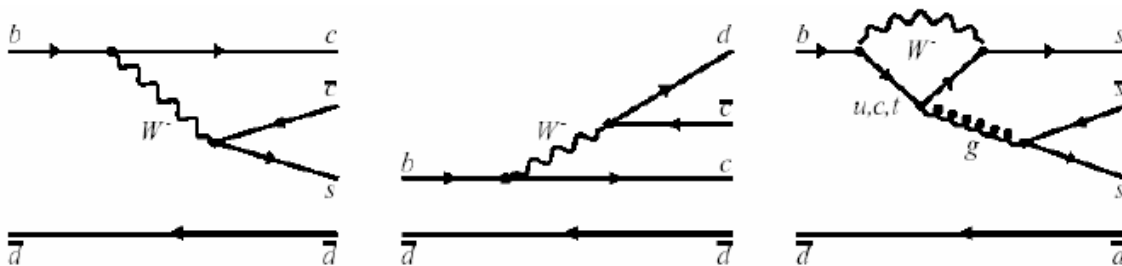


A single irreducible phase in the weak interaction matrix accounts for most of the CPV observed in kaons and B's

Critical role of the B factories in the verification of the KM hypothesis

sin 2β with b → s penguins

dominated by
B-factories



$J/\psi K_S^0, \psi(2S) K_S^0, \chi_{c1} K_S^0,$
 $\eta_c K_S^0, J/\psi K_L^0,$
 $J/\psi K^{*0} (K^{*0} \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0)$

$D^{*+} D^-, D^+ D^-$
 $J/\psi \pi^0, D^{*+} D^{*-}$

$\phi K^0, K^+ K^- K_S^0,$
 $K_S^0 K_S^0 K_S^0, \eta' K^0, K_S^0 \pi^0,$
 $\omega K_S^0, f_0(980) K_S^0$

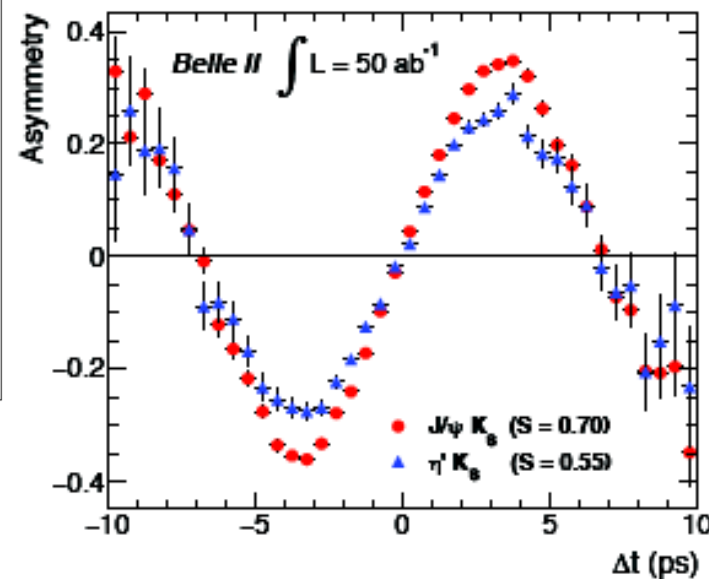
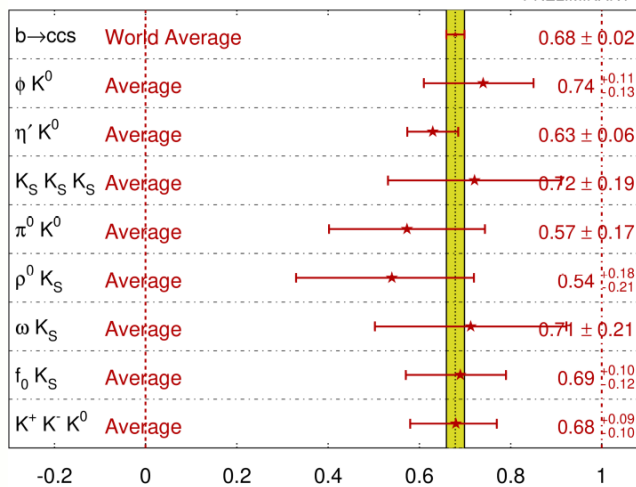
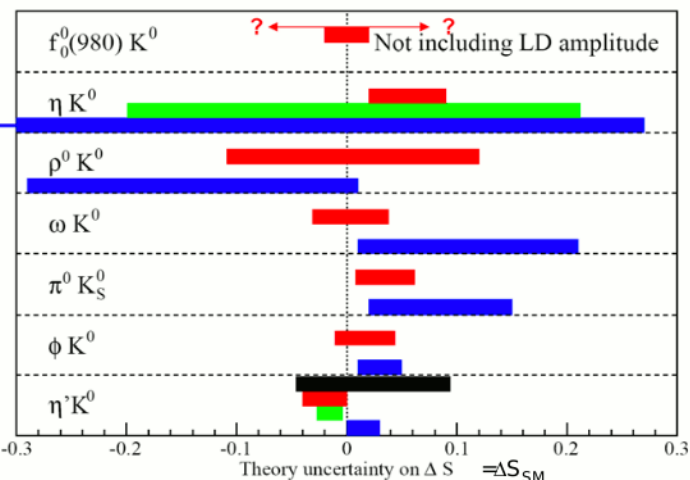
**More statistics crucial
for mode-by-mode studies**

Channel	$\int \mathcal{L}$	Event yield	$\sigma(S)$	$\sigma(A)$
ϕK^0	5 ab ⁻¹	5590	0.048	0.035
$\eta' K^0$	5 ab ⁻¹	27200	0.027	0.020
ωK_S^0	5 ab ⁻¹	1670	0.08	0.06
$K_S \pi^0 \gamma$	5 ab ⁻¹	1400	0.10	0.12
$K_S \pi^0$	5 ab ⁻¹	5699	0.09	0.10

← increasing tree diagram amplitude

→ increasing sensitivity to new physics

$\sin(2\beta^{\text{eff}}) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1^{\text{eff}})$ **HFAG**
Moriond 2014
PRELIMINARY



- QCDF Beneke, PLB620, 143 (2005)
- SCET/QCDF, Williamson and Zupan, PRD74, 014003 (2006)
- QCDF Cheng, Chua and Soni, PRD72, 014006 (2005)
- SU(3) Gronau, Rosner and Zupan, PRD74, 093003 (2006)

First Belle II measurement of CPV in $B \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0$

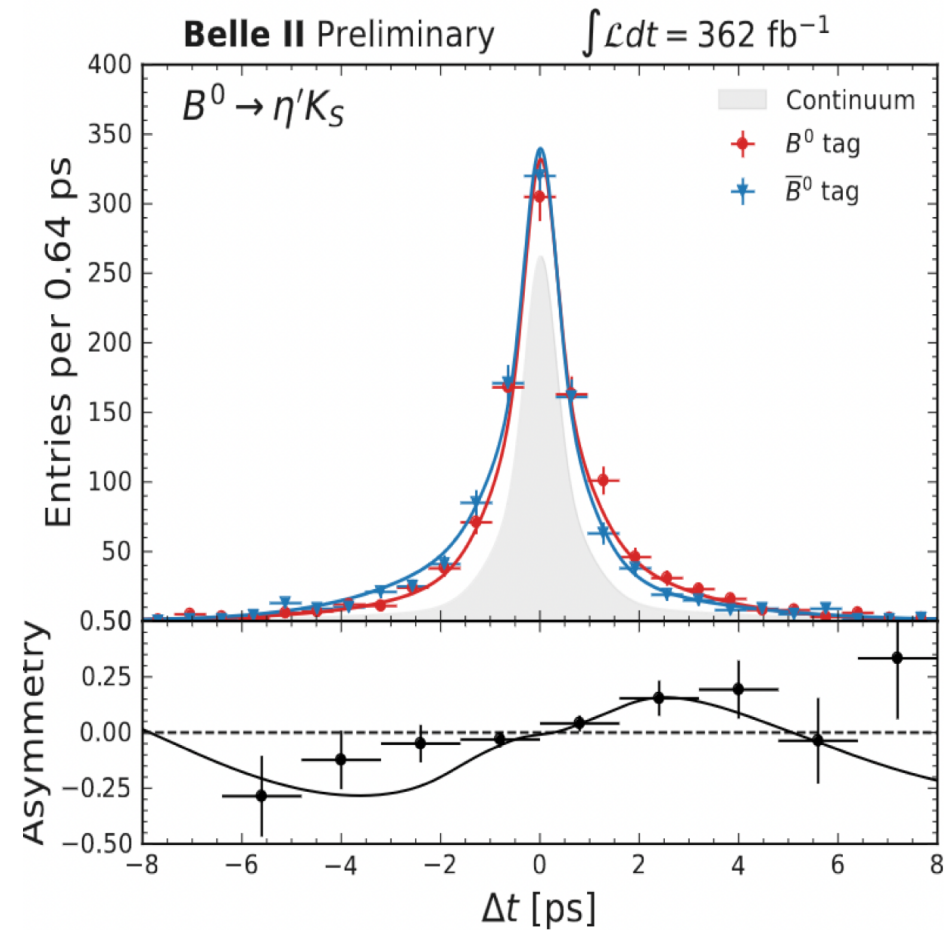
B^0 mixing phase well measured to be SM using CPV in tree-dominated $B \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$
 Checking consistency with penguin-dominated decays probes generic non-SM and is a central flavor goal unique to Belle II

$B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0$ is best:
 high BF and $\mathcal{O}(\%)$ theoretical uncertainty

$$C = 0.19 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$$

$$S = 0.67 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.04$$

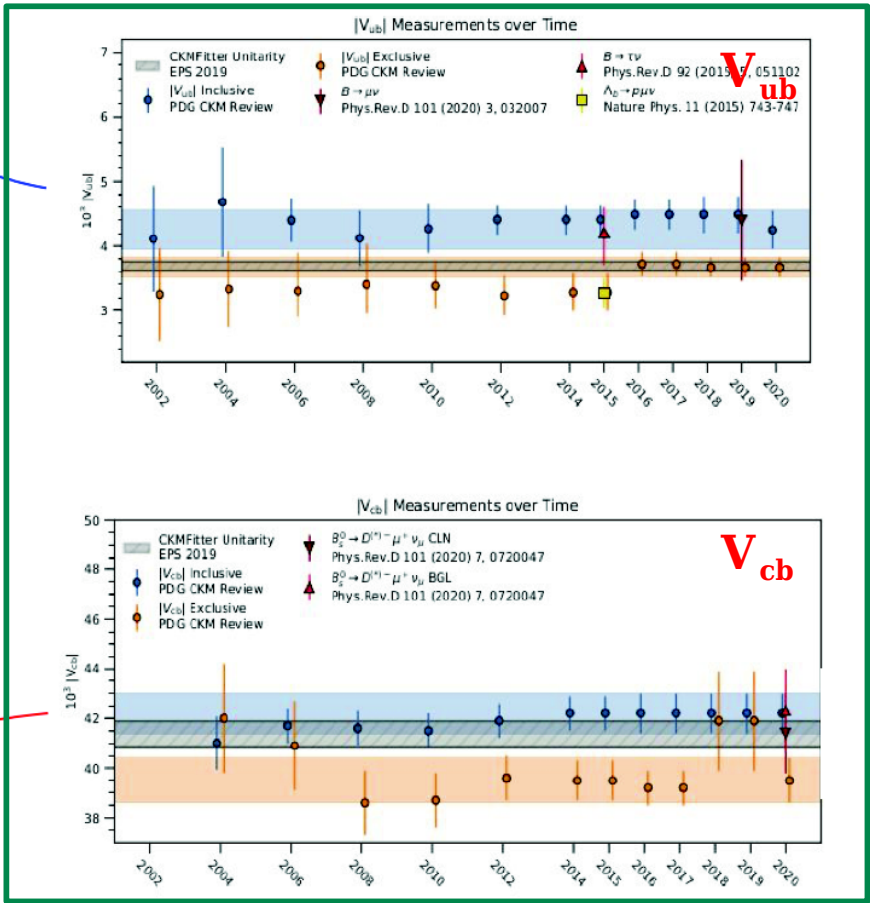
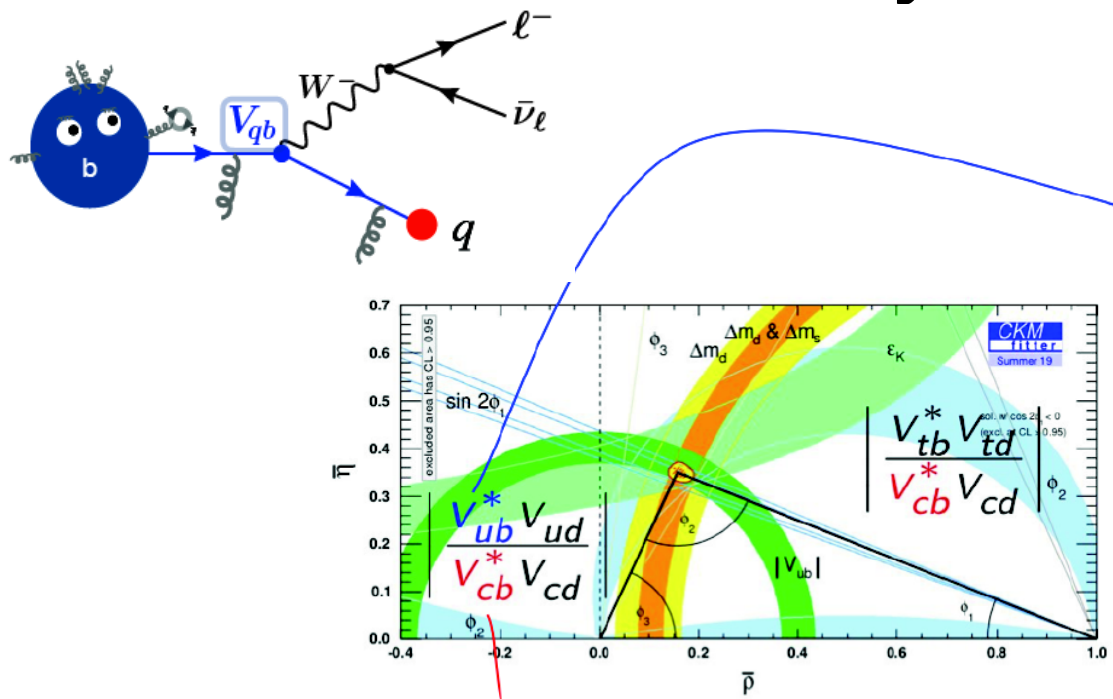
Contributes to world average with sensitivity close to Belle's and BaBar's



Mode	Experiment	$\sin(2\beta^{\text{eff}}) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1^{\text{eff}})$	C_{CP}	Correlation	Reference
$\eta' K^0$	BaBar N(BB)=467M	$0.57 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.02$	$-0.08 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.02$	0.03 (stat)	PRD 79 (2009) 052003
	Belle N(BB)=772M	$0.68 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.03$	$-0.03 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$	0.03 (stat)	JHEP 1410 (2014) 165
	Average	0.63 ± 0.06	-0.05 ± 0.04	0.02	HFLAV correlated average $\chi^2 = 1.3/2$ dof (CL=0.53 \Rightarrow 0.6 σ)
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Semi-leptonic B decays

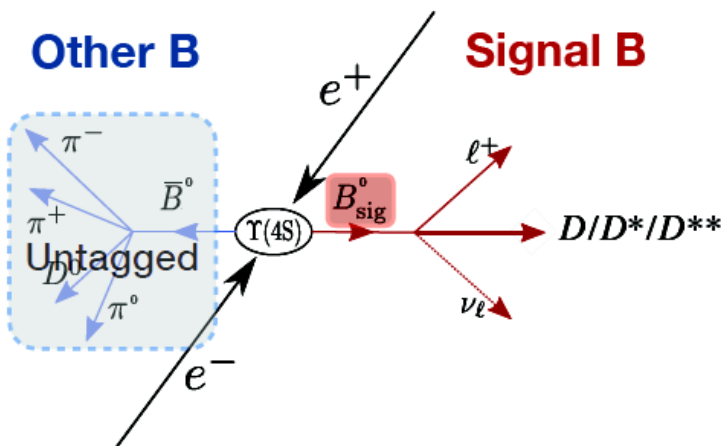
responsible for some of the long-standing discrepancies since about a decade



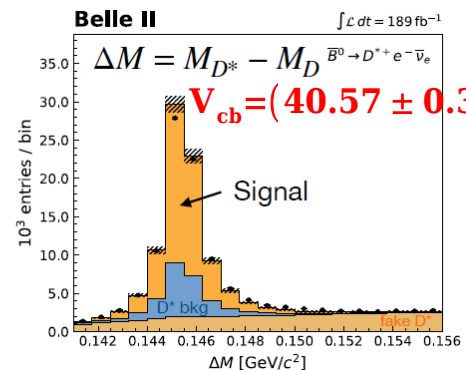
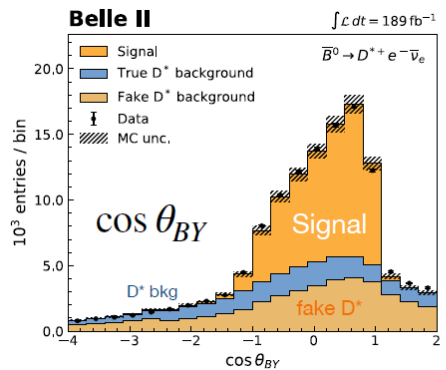
$$V_{cb}^{\text{exc}} = (39.10 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-3}, \quad V_{cb}^{\text{inc}} = (42.16 \pm 0.51) \times 10^{-3}$$

high efficiency, can't directly access signal B rest frame

[Belle II, arXiv:2310.01170]



$$2\text{D Fit of } \cos \theta_{B,D^* \ell} = \frac{2E_B E_{D^* \ell} - m_B^2 - m_{D^* \ell}^2}{2|\vec{p}_B||\vec{p}_{D^* \ell}|} \quad \Delta M = m_{D^*} - m_D$$



$$V_{cb} = (40.57 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.95 \pm 0.58) \times 10^{-3}$$

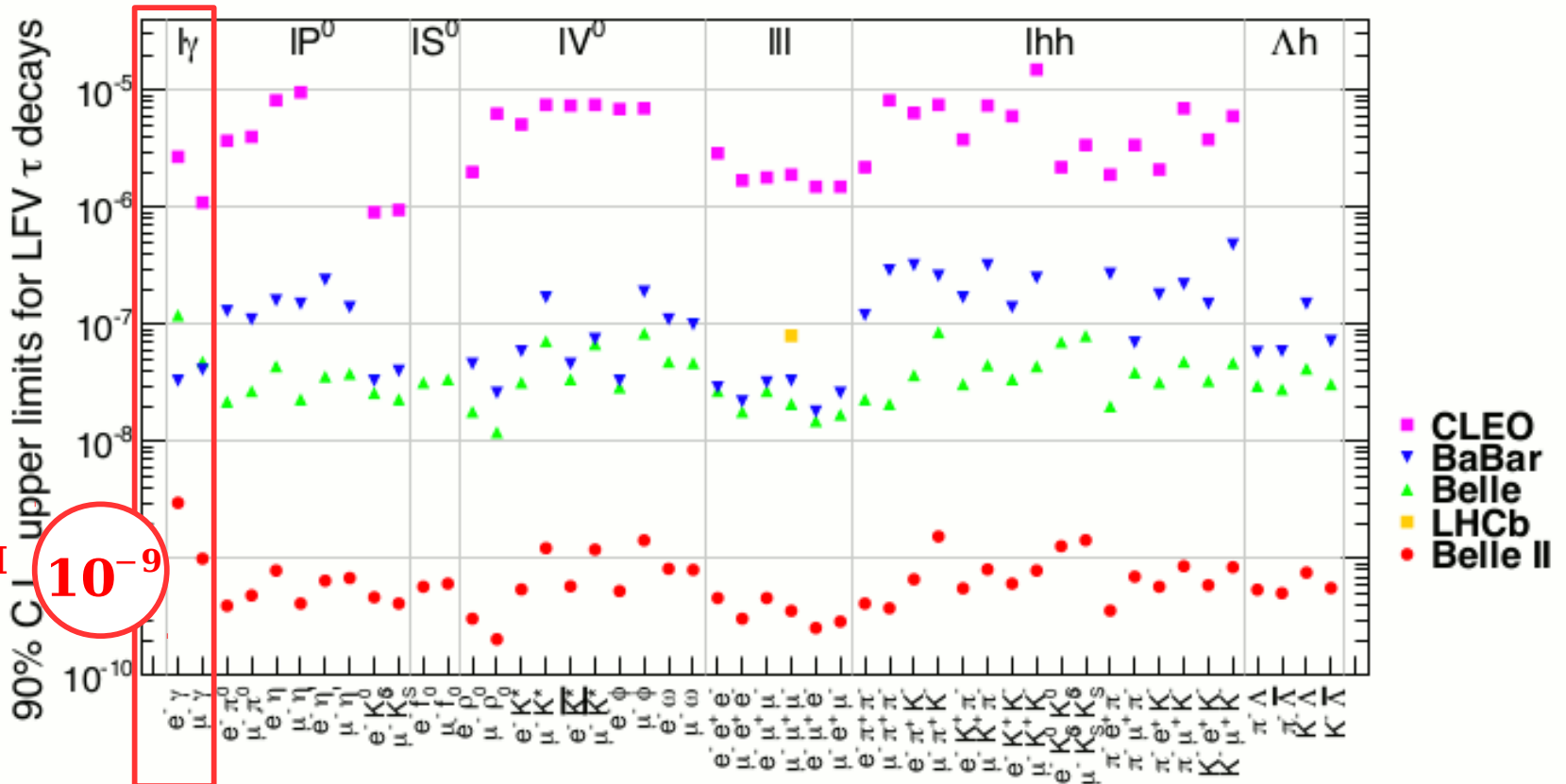
with more stat
=> tagged analyses

"τ center"

- Belle II is also a τ-factory!
- lepton flavour violating decays of the τ as NP probe

⇒ LFV accidental symmetry of SM, many NP models can naturally break this symmetry

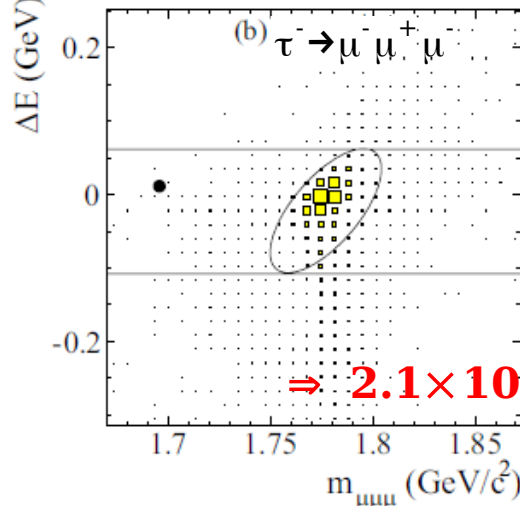
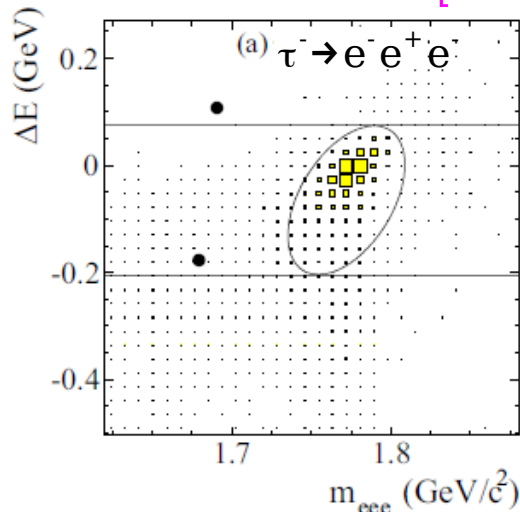
Model	Reference	$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$
SM+ ν oscillations	EPJ C8 (1999) 513	10^{-40}	10^{-40}
SM+ heavy Maj ν_R	PRD 66 (2002) 034008	10^{-9}	10^{-10}
Non-universal Z'	PLB 547 (2002) 252	10^{-9}	10^{-8}
SUSY SO(10)	PRD 68 (2003) 033012	10^{-8}	10^{-10}
mSUGRA+seesaw	PRD 66 (2002) 115013	10^{-7}	10^{-9}
SUSY Higgs	PLB 566 (2003) 217	10^{-10}	10^{-7}



cLFV : beyond the Standard Model

τ LFV searches at Belle II will be extremely clean with very little background (if any), thanks to pair production and double-tag analysis technique.

[Belle, PLB 687 (2010) 139]



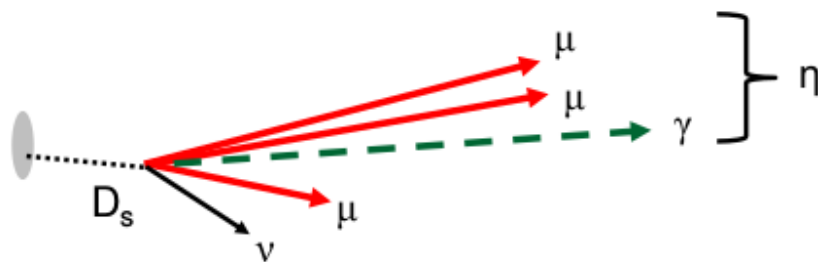
$\Rightarrow 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$ at 90% CL

how to improve further ?

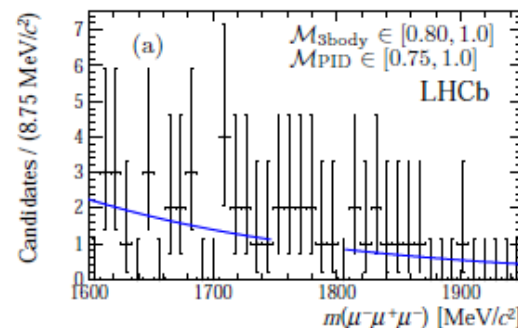
... considering $\tau \rightarrow \mu / e h^+ h^-$
 in function of one prong
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 ... for $\tau \rightarrow 3$ muons,
 improve μ -ID at low mom
 (ECL info)

In contrast, hadron collider experiments must contend with larger combinatorial and specific backgrounds

Background modes normalised to $D_s \rightarrow \eta(\mu\mu\gamma)\mu\nu$ (BR $\sim 10^{-5}$)



[LHCb, JHEP02(2015)121, 2 fb^{-1}]



$\Rightarrow 4.6 \times 10^{-8}$ at 90% CL

Decay channel	Relative abundance
$D_s \rightarrow \eta(\mu\mu\gamma)\mu\nu$	1
$D_s \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\mu\nu$	0.87
$D_s \rightarrow \eta'(\mu\mu\gamma)\mu\nu$	0.13
$D \rightarrow \eta(\mu\mu\gamma)\mu\nu$	0.13
$D \rightarrow \omega(\mu\mu)\mu\nu$	0.06
$D \rightarrow \rho(\mu\mu)\mu\nu$	0.05

CMS, full Run 2 dataset: 2.9×10^{-8} at 90% CL

Most improvement in coming decade is expected from Belle II, which can reach 1×10^{-9} [arXiv:1011.0352] and will do even better if can achieve \sim zero bckgd

$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ at Belle II

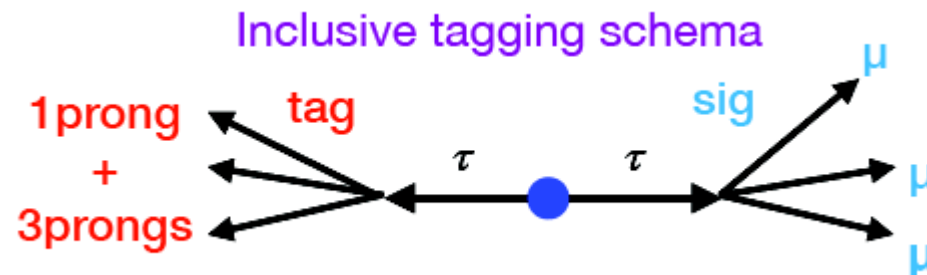
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accepted by JHEP

Analysis selection and results: inclusive approach

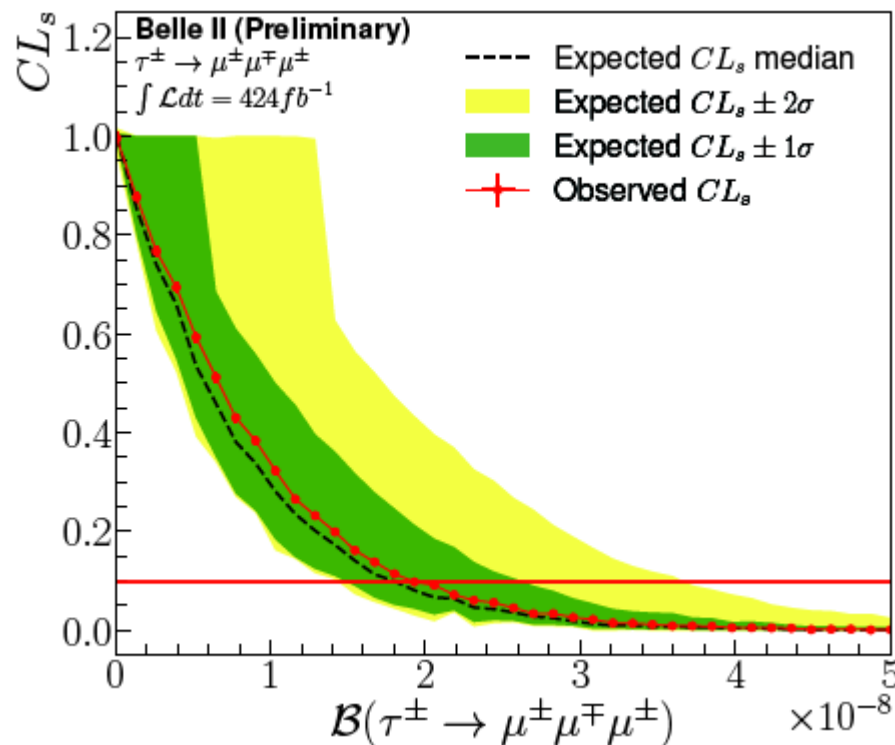
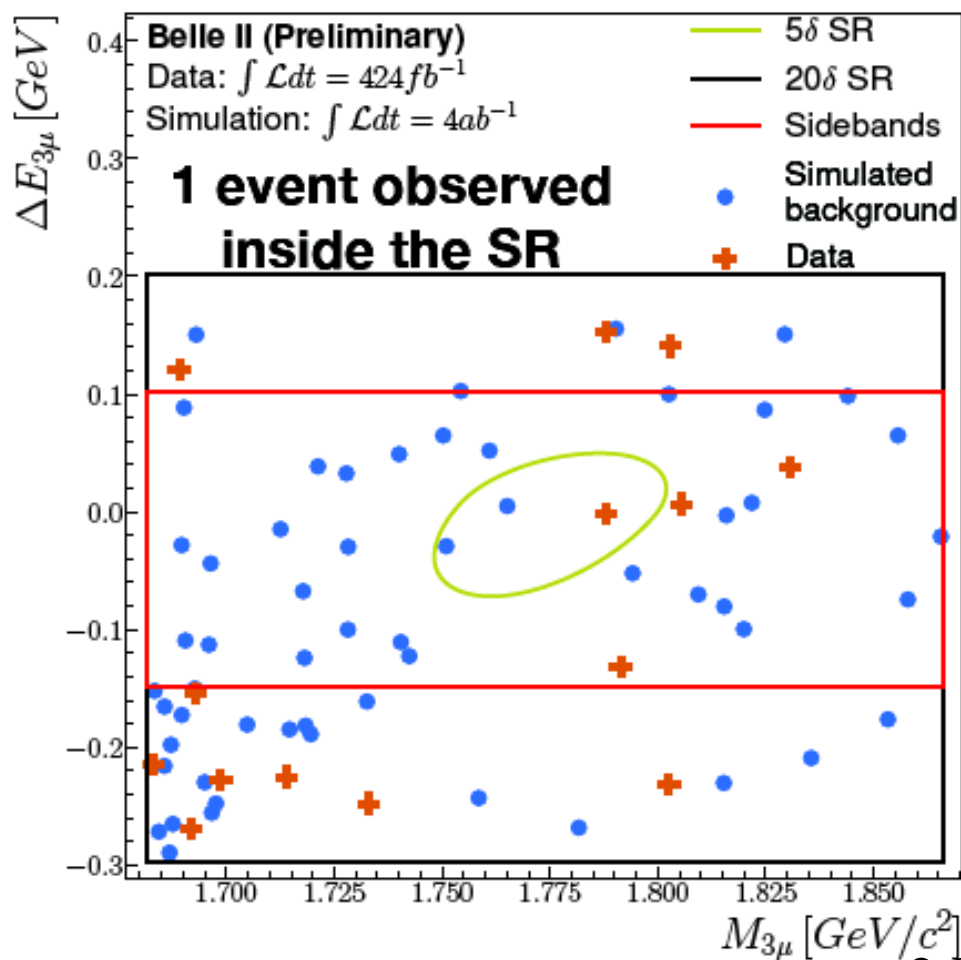
BDT trained on 32 variables:
inputs from signal τ^- , event tag side,
event shape and kinematics

$$\epsilon_{\text{sig}} = (20.42 \pm 0.06)\% \quad (3 \times \text{larger than Belle})$$

$$\text{Expected BKG: } 0.5^{+1.4}_{-0.5} \text{ evts}$$



No significant excess in 424 fb^{-1} of data



Obtained most stringent limit
 1.9×10^{-8}

more results coming: $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda \pi$ (arXiv:2407.05117),
and soon $\tau \rightarrow e l^+ l^-$ modes

Lepton universality tests at Belle II

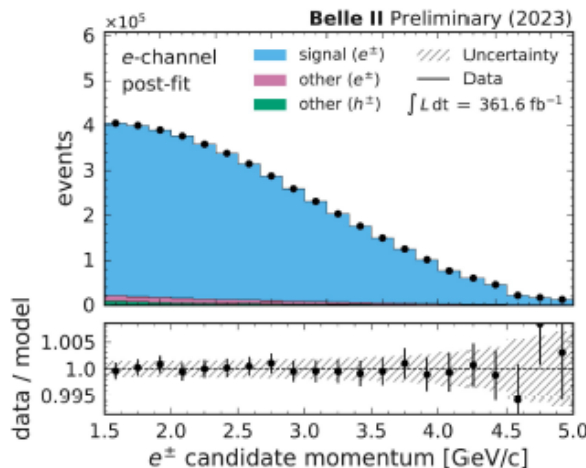
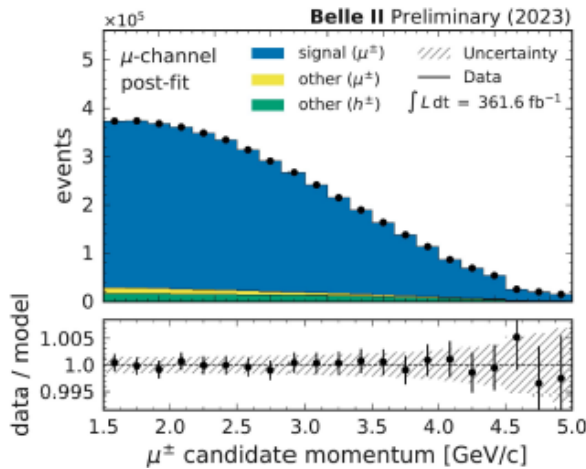
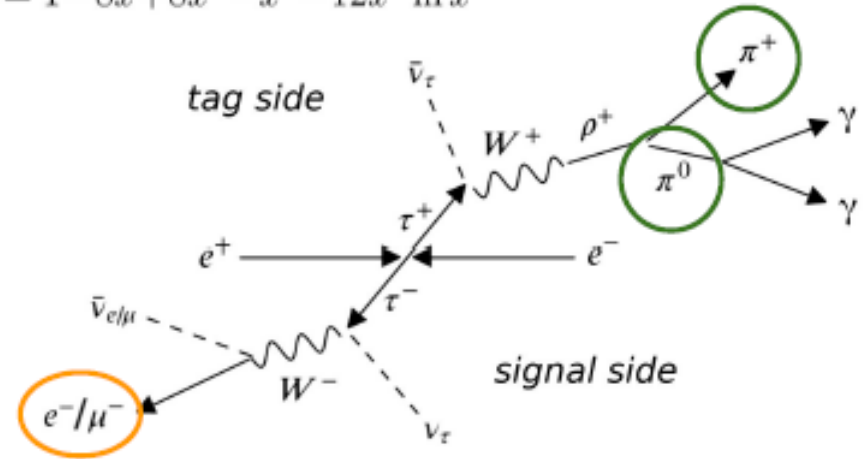
precise test of μ - e universality by measuring

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau = \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu(\gamma)) f(m_e^2/m_\tau^2)}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e(\gamma)) f(m_\mu^2/m_\tau^2)}}$$

$$f(x) = 1 - 8x + 8x^3 - x^4 - 12x^2 \ln x$$

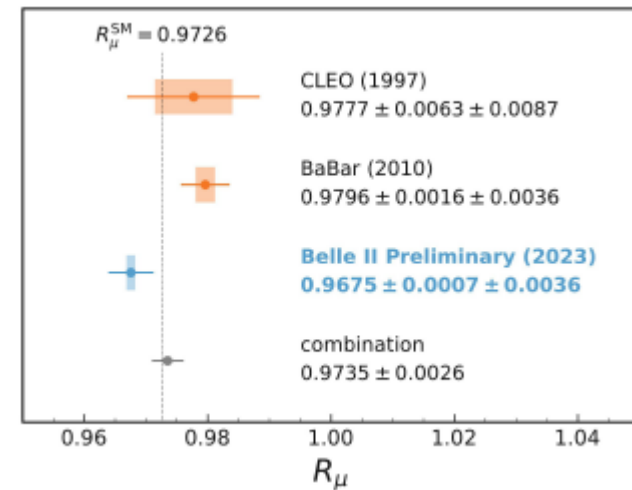
ratio of leptonic branching fractions

$$R_\mu \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu(\gamma))}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e(\gamma))} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} 0.9726$$

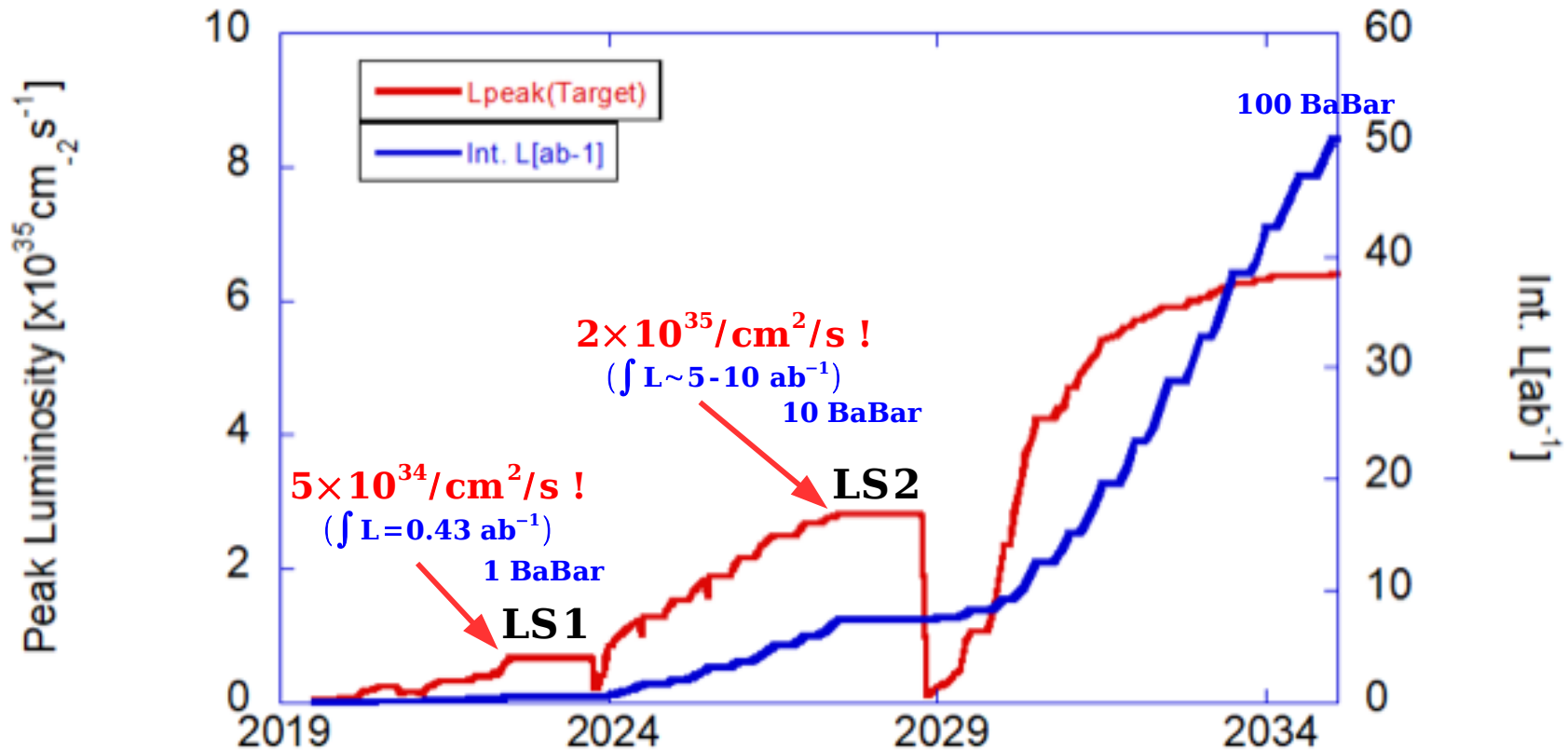


Source	Uncertainty [%]
Charged-particle identification:	
Electron identification	0.22
Muon misidentification	0.19
Electron misidentification	0.12
Muon identification	0.05
Trigger	
Trigger	0.10
Imperfections of the simulation:	
Modelling of FSR	0.08
Normalisation of individual processes	0.07
Modelling of the momentum distribution	0.06
Tag side modelling	0.05
π^0 efficiency	0.02
Modelling of ISR	0.01
Photon efficiency	< 0.01
Photon energy	< 0.01
Size of the samples	
Simulated samples	0.06
Luminosity	0.01
Charged-particle reconstruction:	
Particle decay-in-flight	0.02
Tracking efficiency	0.01
Detector misalignment	< 0.01
Momentum correction	< 0.01
Total	0.37

$$R_\mu = 0.9675 \pm 0.0037$$



Belle II calendar



run 1 (\rightarrow June 2022): integrated luminosity $\sim 0.43 \text{ ab}^{-1}$, $4-5 \times 10^{34} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$
 PXD complete (2 layers) to be installed during **LS1** (2022-2023)
 (+beampipe + TOP PMTs)

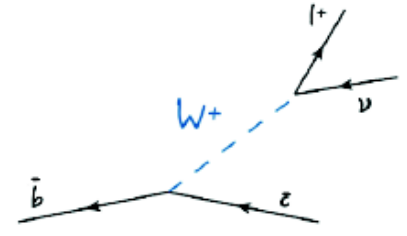
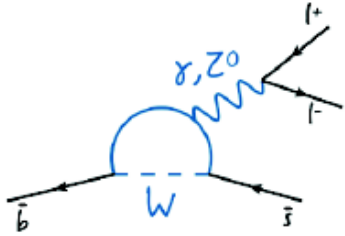
run 2 (\rightarrow 2027): integrated luminosity $5-10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$, $2 \times 10^{35} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$

2028: collider upgrade (QCS+RF) \rightarrow installation upgraded detector

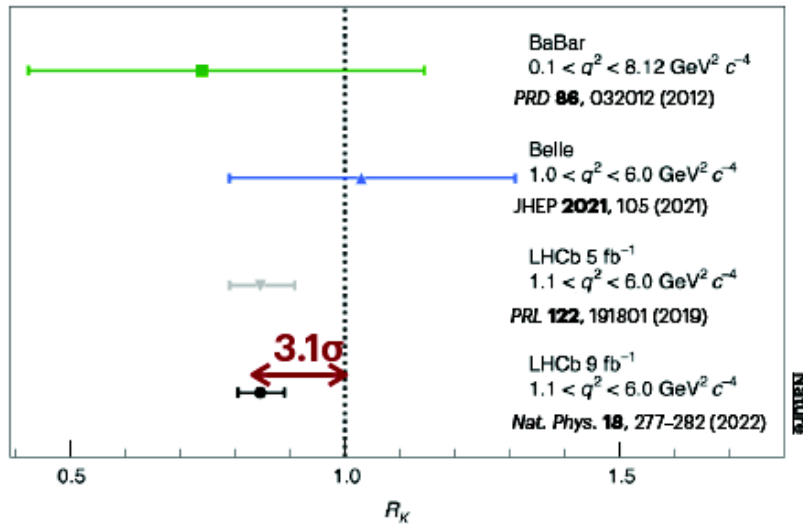
run 3 (\rightarrow 2035): 50 ab^{-1}

what happened with the B anomalies... ?

Deviations from SM have been measured, among several observables, in universality tests of lepton interactions in $b \rightarrow s$ and $b \rightarrow c$ transitions

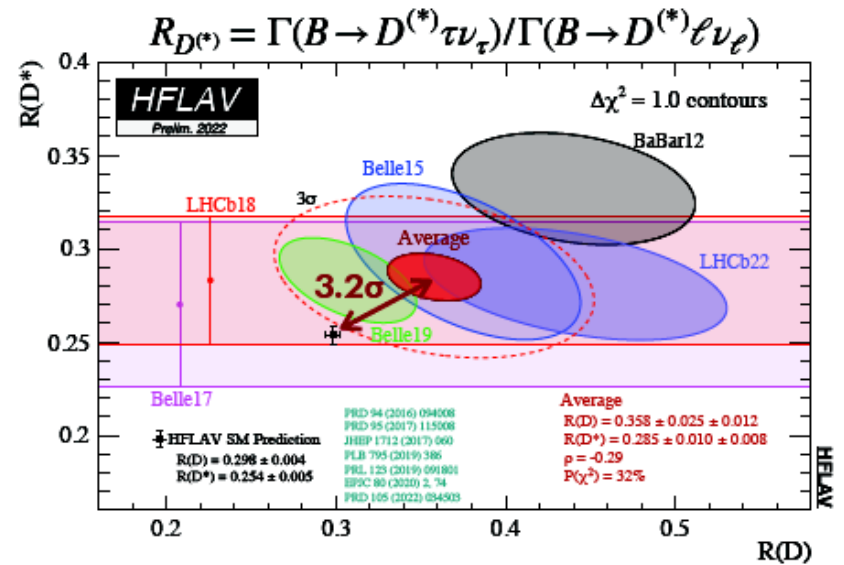


$$R_K = \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) / \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$$



μ vs e : $R_H^{\text{exp}} < R_H^{\text{SM}}$

Lepton
Flavor
Universality
Violation

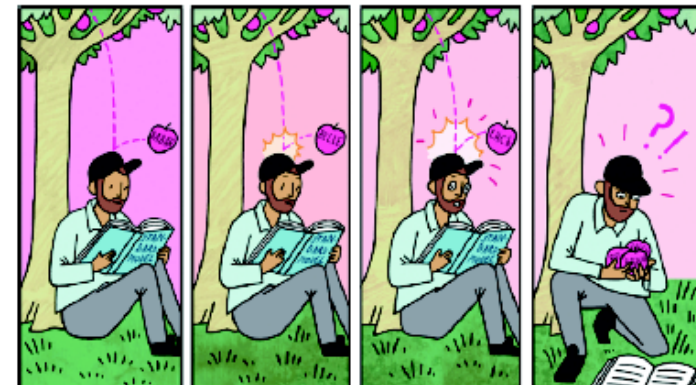


τ vs e/μ : $R_{D^*}^{\text{exp}} > R_{D^*}^{\text{SM}}$

Main players in B-physics

Belle (II), BaBar \rightarrow B-mesons in e^+e^- collisions

LHCb \rightarrow b-flavored hadrons in pp collisions



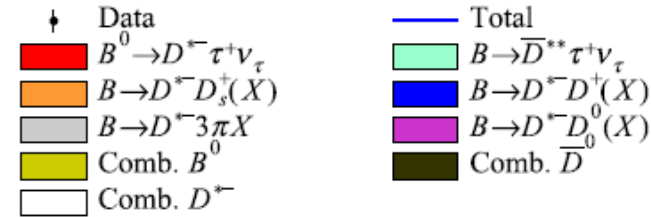
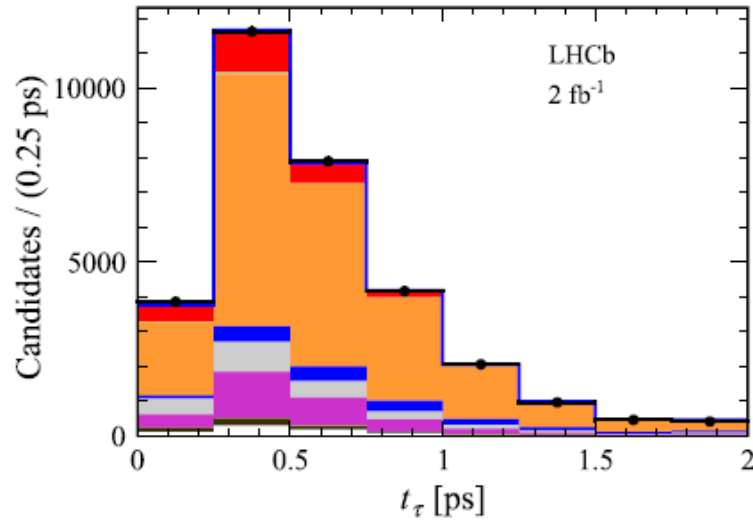
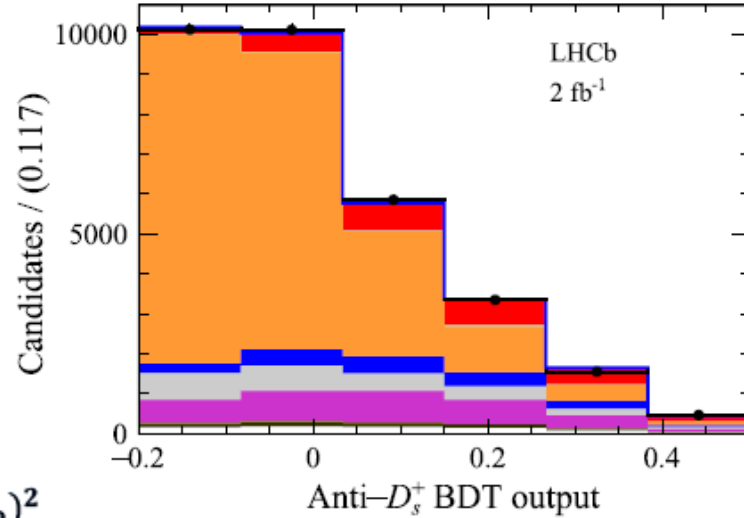
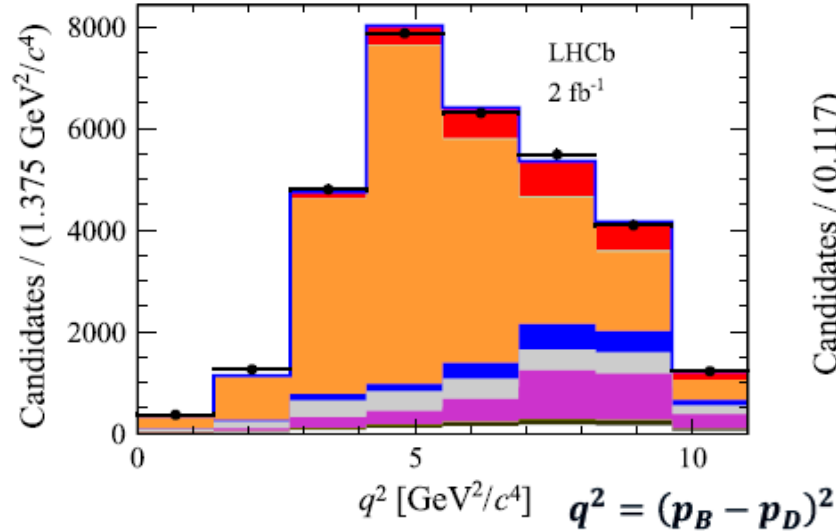
$R(D^*)$ at LHCb

$$B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau, \quad \tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi(\pi^0) \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

Run 2: 2 fb^{-1}

[PRD 108 (2023) 012018]

$$\mathcal{K}(D^{*-}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi)} = \frac{N_{\text{sig}} \epsilon_{\text{norm}}}{N_{\text{norm}} \epsilon_{\text{sig}}} \times \frac{1}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi \bar{\nu}_\tau) + \mathcal{B}(\tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi \pi^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau)}$$

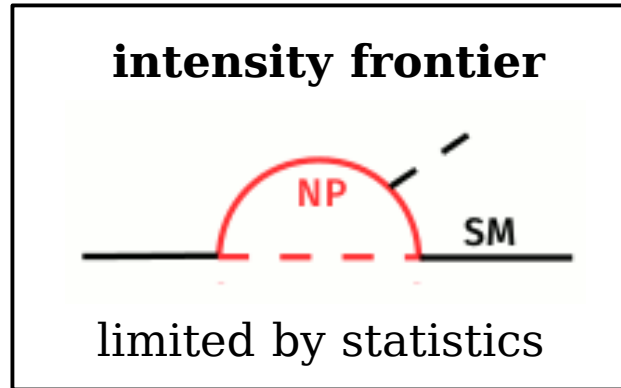
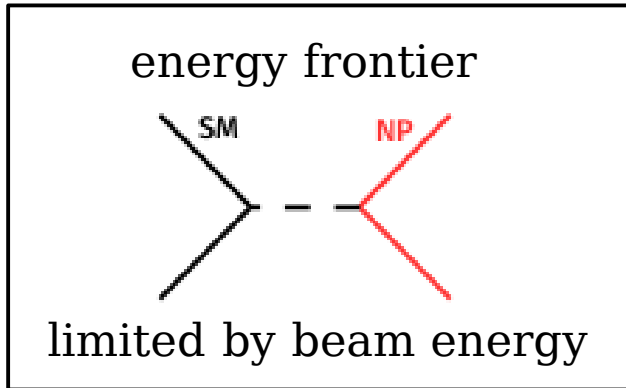


$$R(D^*) = 0.247 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.012 \text{ (ext)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{R(D^*)_{\text{comb}} = 0.257 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.012 \text{ (ext)}}$$

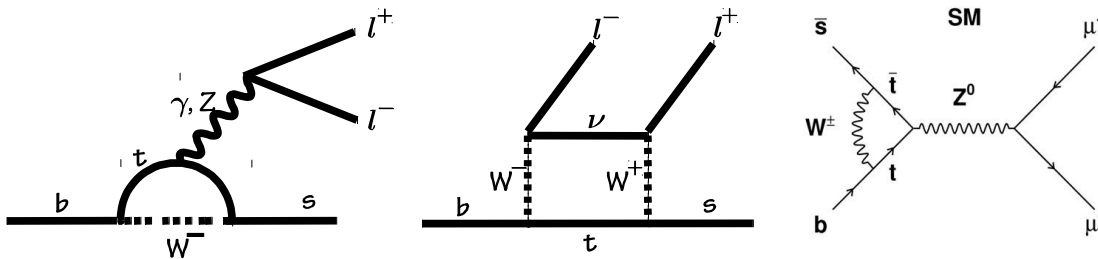
Rare B decays

- FCNC are strongly suppressed in the SM: only loops + GIM mechanism
- Any new particle generating new diagrams can change the amplitudes

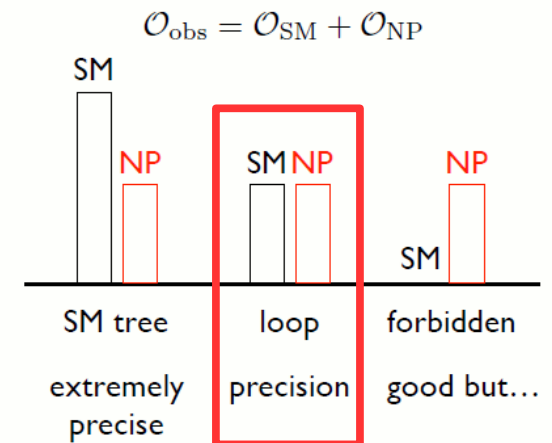


→ NP beyond the direct reach of the LHC

New particles can for example contribute to loop or tree level diagrams **by enhancing/suppressing decay rates, introducing new sources of CP violation or modifying the angular distribution of the final-state particles**

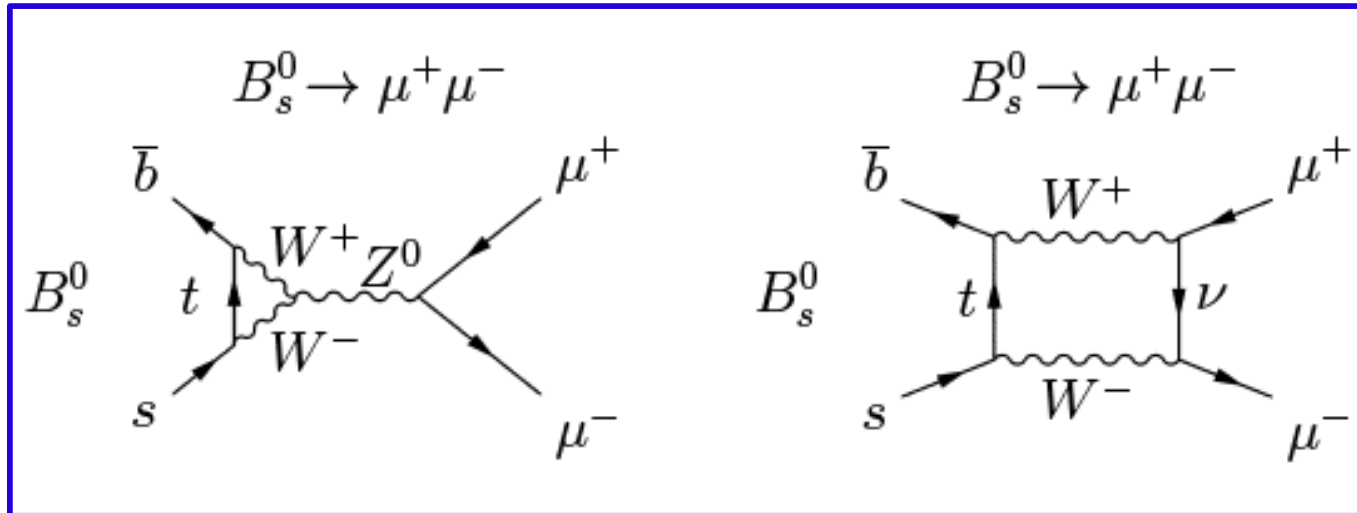


Three classes of SM processes



$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu\mu$: ultra rare processes ...

loop diagram + suppressed in SM + theoretically clean =
an excellent place to look for new physics

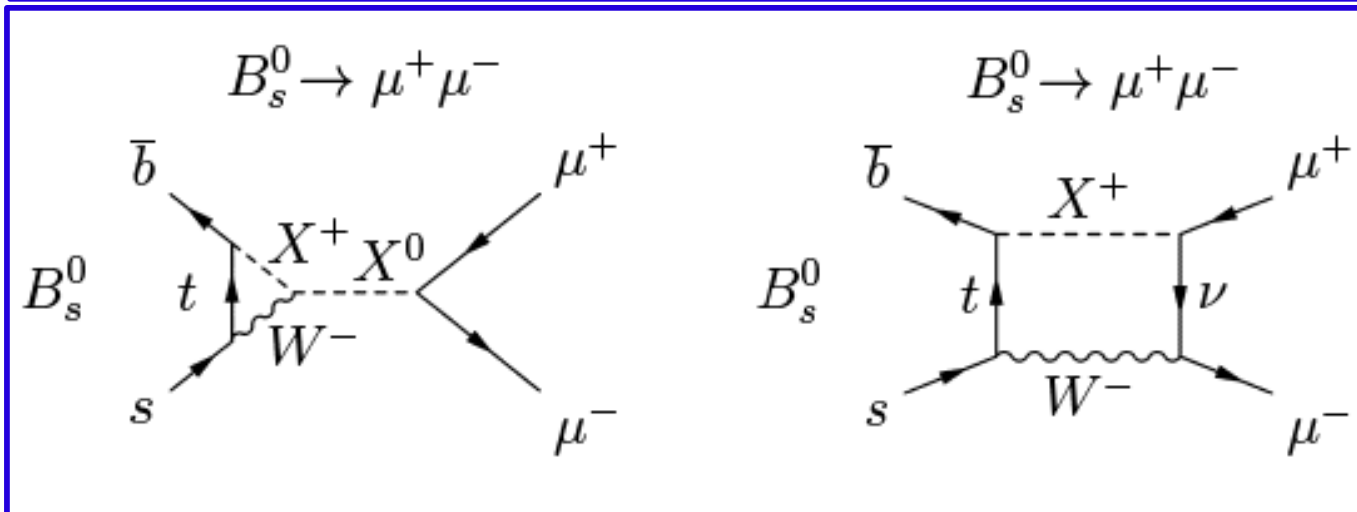


higher-order FCNC
 allowed in SM

$$B(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10}$$

[Beneke et al,
 JHEP 10 (2019) 232]

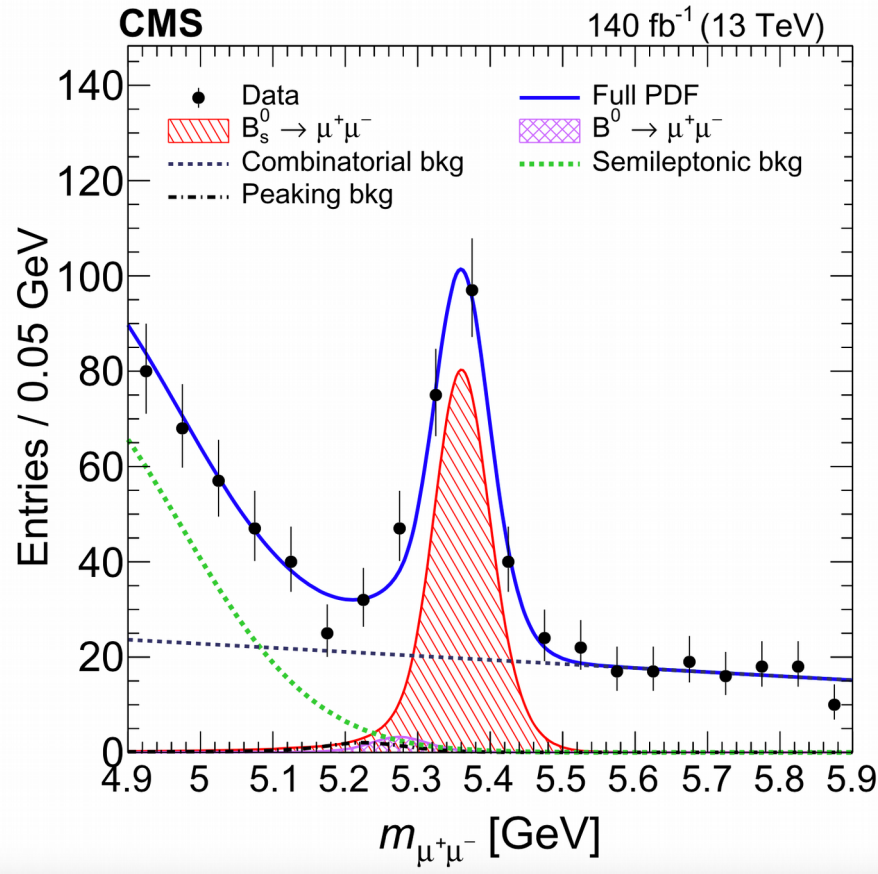


same decay in theories
 extending the SM
 (some of NP scenarios
 may boost the $B \rightarrow \mu\mu$
 decay rates)

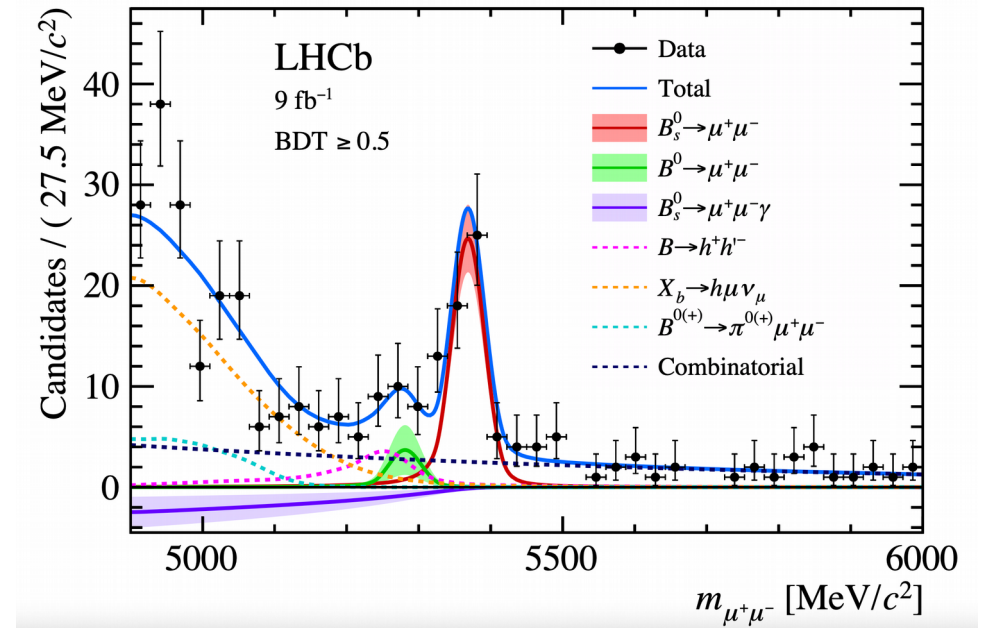
$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu\mu$: ultra rare processes...

- Observation by CMS and LHCb in 2014
- Clean experimental signature: ATLAS, CMS and LHCb

[PLB 842 (2023) 137955]



[PRL 128 (2022) 041801]



$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.83^{+0.38}_{-0.36} \text{ } ^{+0.19}_{-0.16} \text{ } ^{+0.14}_{-0.13} (f_s/f_u)) \times 10^{-9}$$

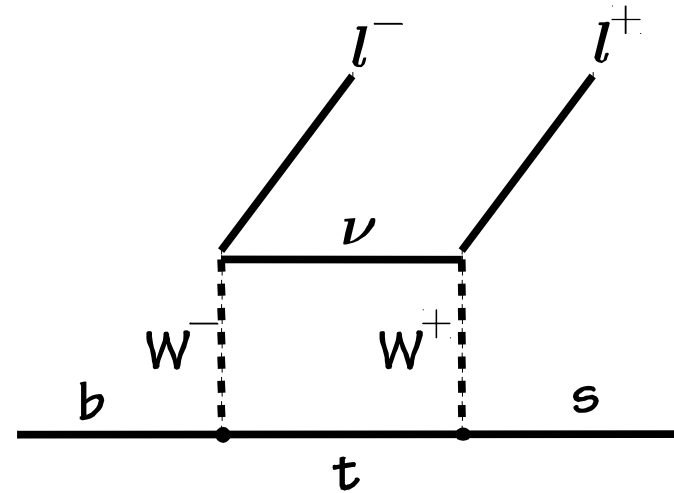
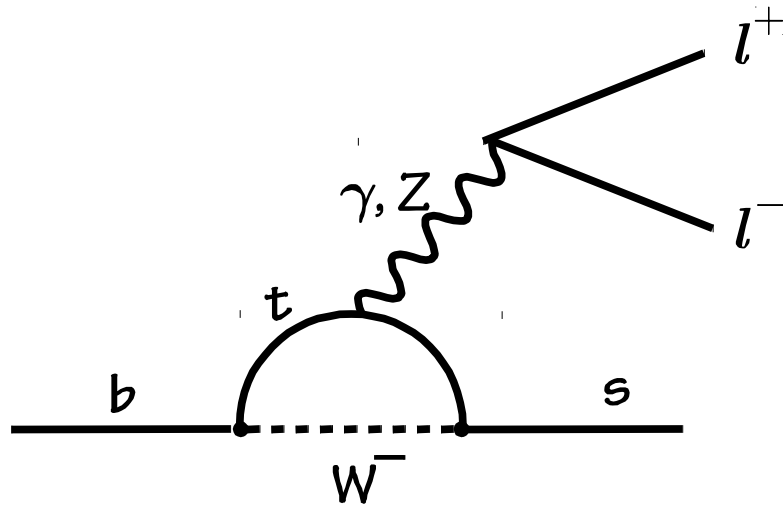
$$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ @ 95\% CL}$$

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.09^{+0.46}_{-0.43} \text{ } ^{+0.15}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ @ 95\% CL}$$

Pioneer measurements for effective lifetime already available

$b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$



\Rightarrow 2 orders of magnitude smaller than $b \rightarrow s \gamma$ but rich NP search potential

- Amplitudes from
- electromagnetic penguin: C_7
 - vector electroweak: C_9
 - axial-vector electroweak: C_{10}
- may interfere w/ contributions from NP

Many observables:

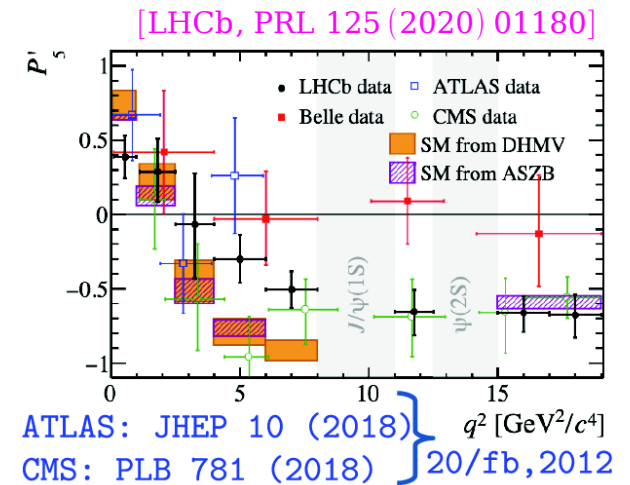
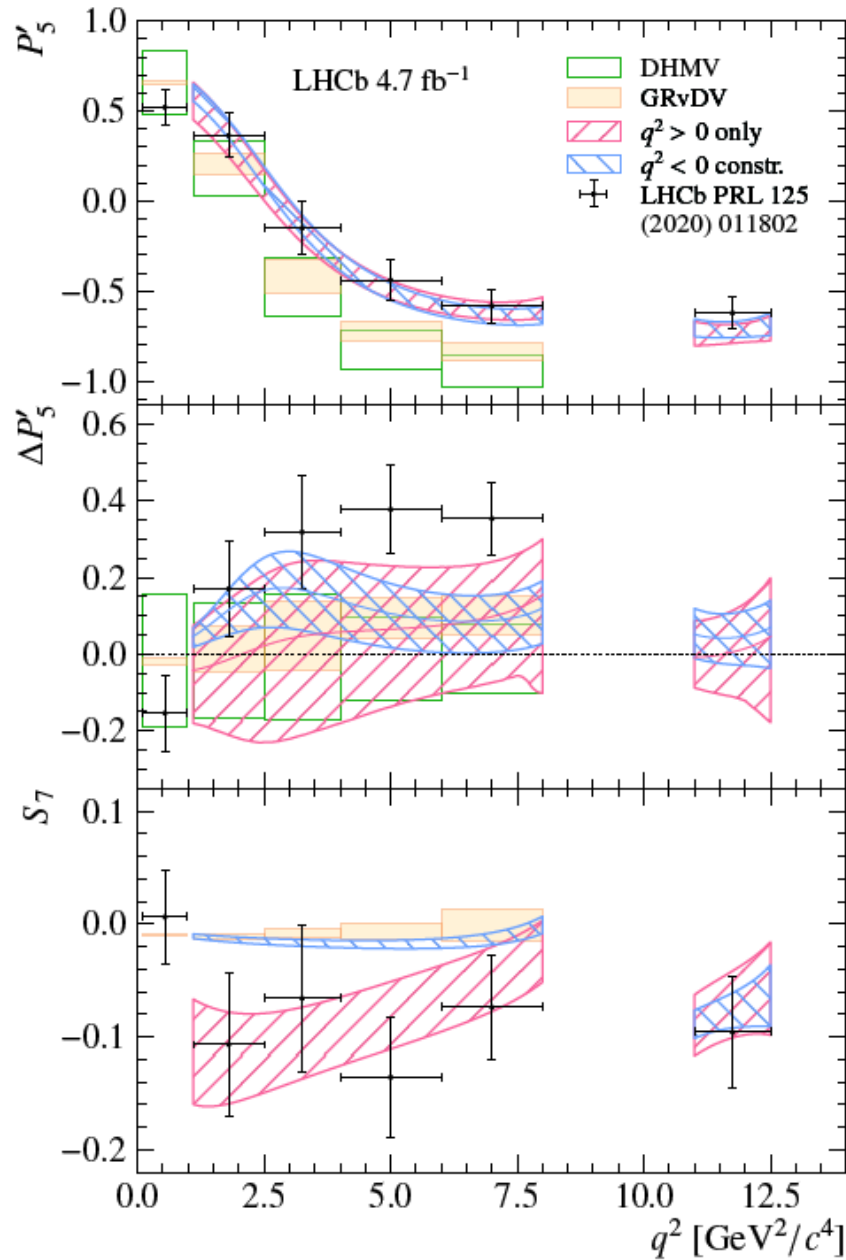
- Branching fractions
- Isospin asymmetry (A_I), Lepton forward-backward asymmetry (A_{FB}), CP asymmetry ...
- and much more...

\Rightarrow Exclusive ($B \rightarrow K^{(*)} l^+ l^-$), Inclusive ($B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^-$)

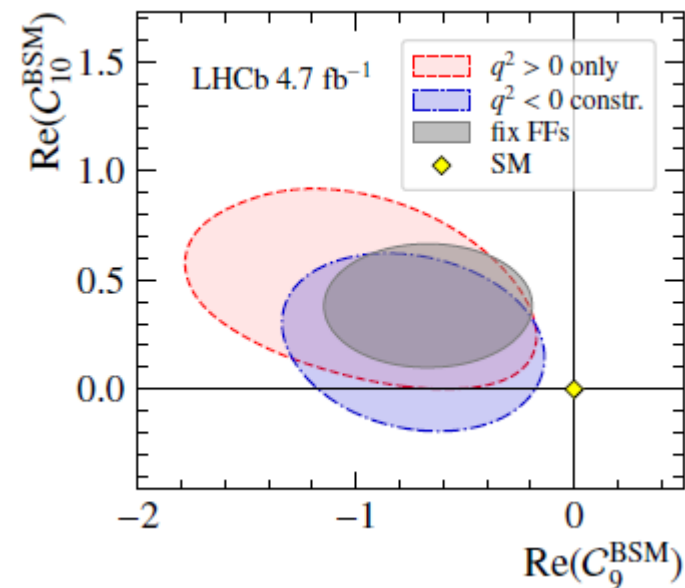
Unbinned $B \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$

[arXiv:2312.09102, arXiv:2312.09115]

first unbinned amplitude analysis of $B \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$ (same dataset as Run 1+2016 q^2 binned)
 \Rightarrow determines simultaneously the short- and long-distance contribution



Data still prefers negative C_9^{NP} , but tension in C_9 reduced to $\sim 1.8\sigma$ and 1.4σ global



Lepton flavor universality (LFU) in $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$

How do the SM gauge bosons couple to **charged leptons of different flavors**?

Universality in neutral current interactions

$$U^\dagger U = V^\dagger V = \mathbb{I}_{3 \times 3} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{nc}}^\ell \equiv \left(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu \hat{e} + \bar{\mu} \gamma_\mu \hat{\mu} + \bar{\tau} \gamma_\mu \hat{\tau} \right) (g_\gamma A^\mu + g_Z Z^\mu)$$

The photon and Z-boson couple
with the same strength to the three lepton families

Universality

How do we test this **feature of the Standard Model**?

$$R_Y = \frac{\text{BR}(X \rightarrow Y e_i^+ e_i^-)}{\text{BR}(X \rightarrow Y e_j^+ e_j^-)} \quad i \neq j$$

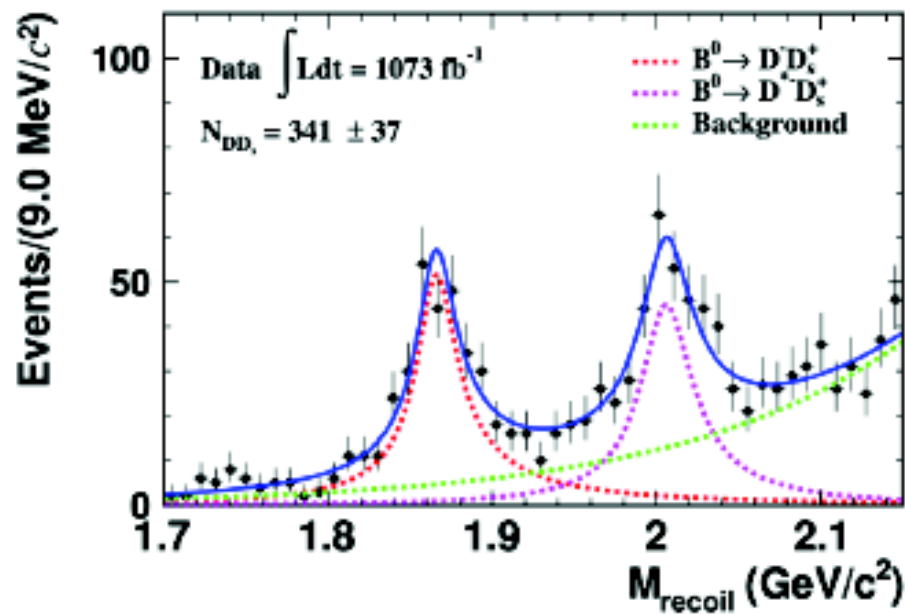
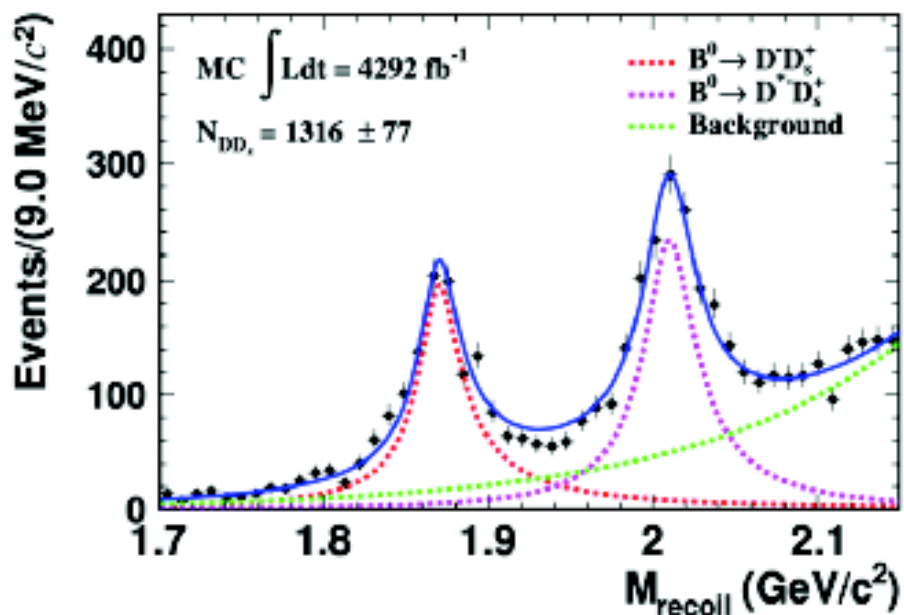
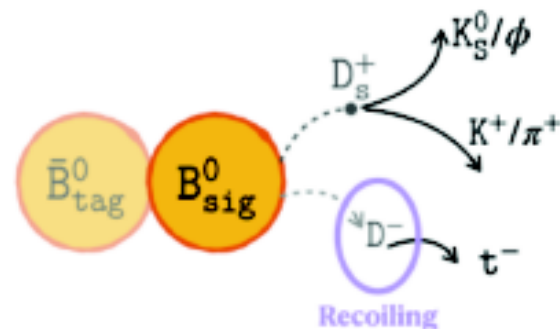
SM expectation

Experimental results

$$R_Y = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{i,j}^n}{m_X^n}\right)$$

Search for $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$: Validation

- Use $B^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D^-$ to validate recoiling signal PDF and BDT training:
 - consistent resolutions in data/simulation
 - obtain BDT efficiency correction factor

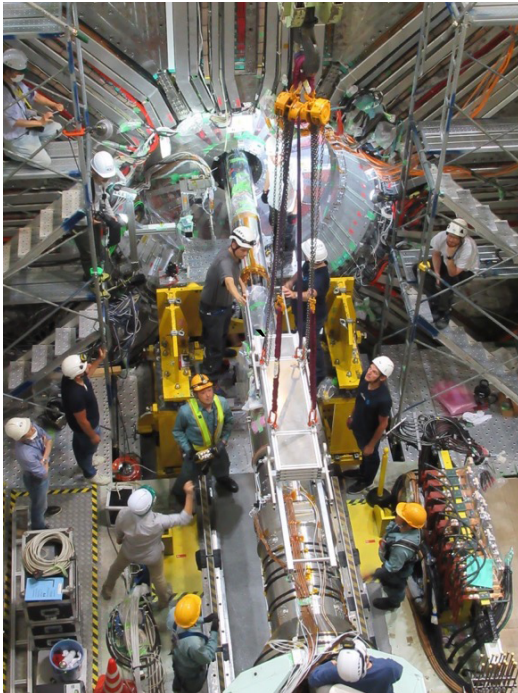


Long-shutdown (LS1) activity and plans

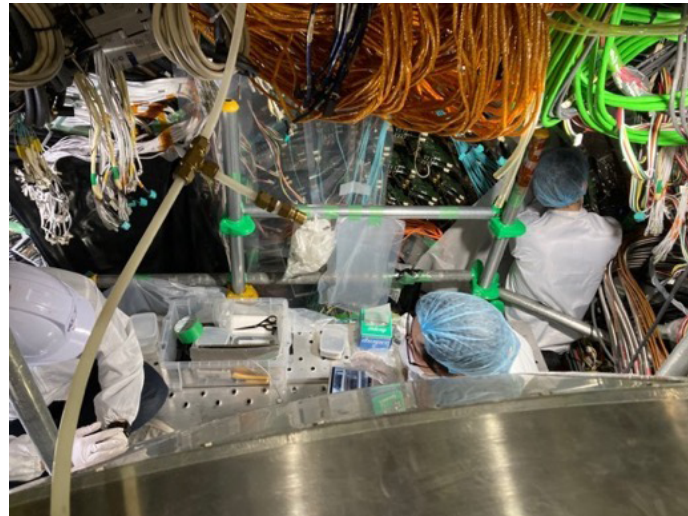
Belle II stopped taking data in Summer 2022 for a long shutdown

- accelerator improvements: injection, non-linear collimators, monitoring...
- additional shielding and increased resilience against beam bckg
- replacement of beam-pipe
- installation of 2-layered pixel vertex detector
- replacement of photomultipliers of the central PID detector (TOP)
- completed transition to new DAQ boards (PCIe40)
- work on other detectors as CDC, KLM...
- improved data-quality monitoring and alarm system

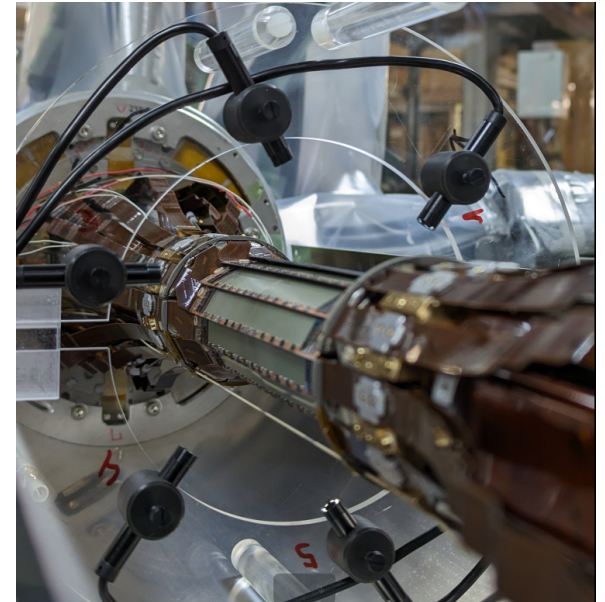
VXD extraction in May



TOP MCP-PMT replacement work



PXD2 at KEK since March



CDC FE reinstatement work



LHCb and Belle II datasets: present and future

(M.H. Schune)

