



Hot Topic in Flavour at the B Factories

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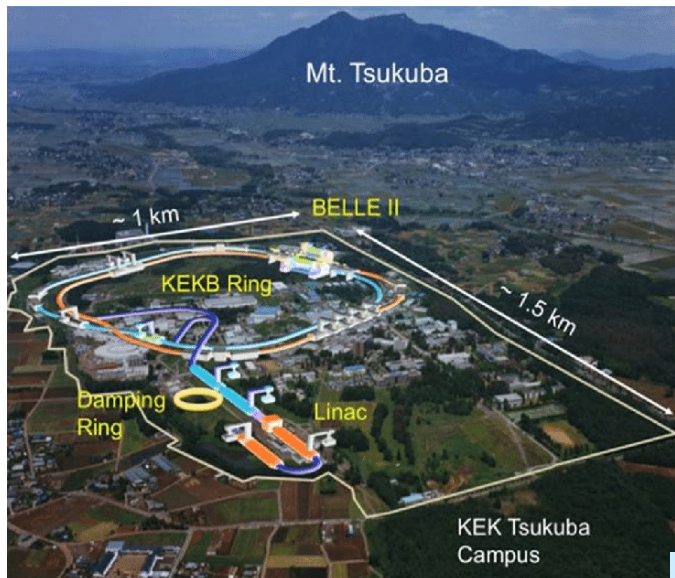
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The Belle II detector

Vertex detector (VXD)

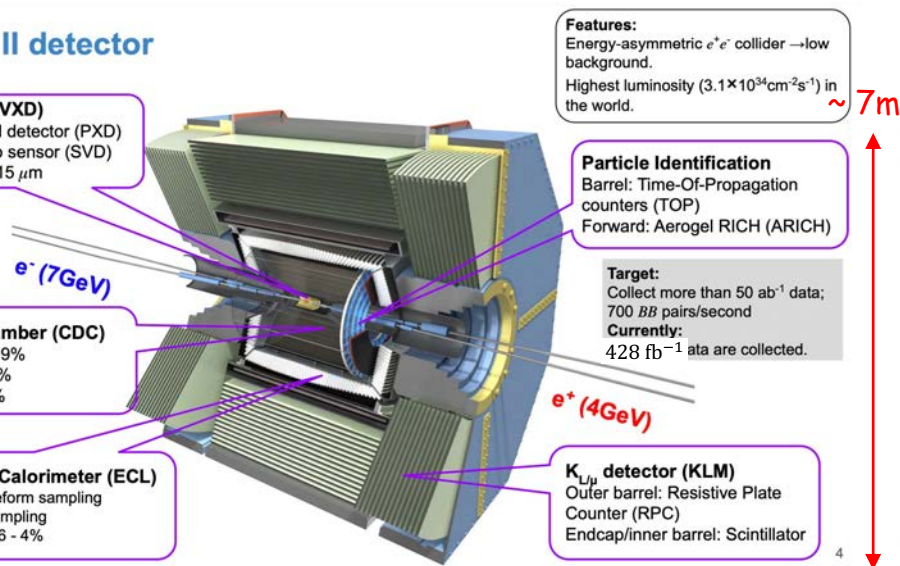
Inner 2 layers: pixel detector (PXD)
Outer 4 layers: strip sensor (SVD)
Vertex resolution : 15 μm

Central Drift Chamber (CDC)

Track efficiency ~ 99%
 dE/dx resolution : 5%
 p_T resolution : 0.4 %

ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter (ECL)

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



Features:
Energy-asymmetric e^+e^- collider \rightarrow low background.
Highest luminosity ($3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) in the world.

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

Target:
Collect more than 50 ab^{-1} data;
700 BB pairs/second
Currently:
428 fb^{-1} data are collected.

K_{L}^0 detector (KLM)
Outer barrel: Resistive Plate Counter (RPC)
Endcap/inner barrel: Scintillator

Belle II TDR: arXiv:1011.0352

$\sim 7.5\text{m}$ $\beta\gamma = 0.28$

- Asymmetric $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ with production cross section $\sim 1.1 \text{nb}$
 - ✓ Belle \rightarrow Belle II: $e^+(3.5 \text{ GeV})e^-(8 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow e^+(4 \text{ GeV})e^-(7 \text{ GeV})$
- Belle (1999-2010): 1.4ab^{-1} with 711fb^{-1} at $\Upsilon(4S)$, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 2.1 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Belle II collected 428fb^{-1} data for Run 1 with record $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
 - ✓ Restart data taking in 2024, Final goal: 50ab^{-1} data at $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 6.5 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
 - ✓ Improved detector performance and data analysis techniques

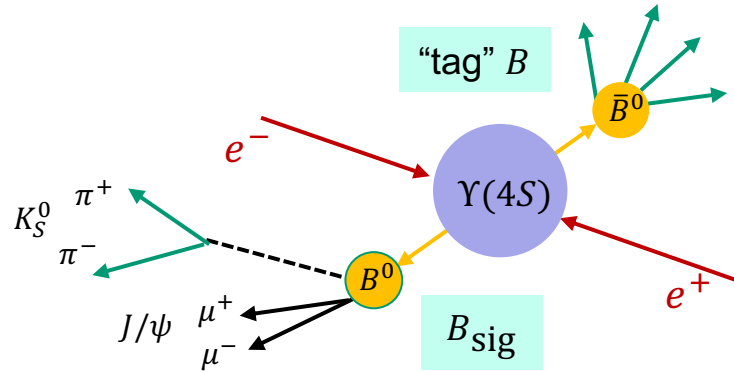
Outline of the talk

- This is not a review talk
 - ✓ Some selected recent results from Belle/Belle II
 - ✓ Focus on results sensitive to New Physics (NP)
 - ✓ Focus on measurements most sensitive at B factory
- Topics:
 - ✓ Measurements of CP Violation (CPV) in B decays
 - ✓ Rare and forbidden B, charm and Tau decays
 - ✓ Test of lepton flavor universality
 - ✓ No Dark Sector: see the talk by Martina Laurenza
- Avoid too much experimental details
- Comparison to previous results and **outlook in the future**

B Flavor tagging at Belle II



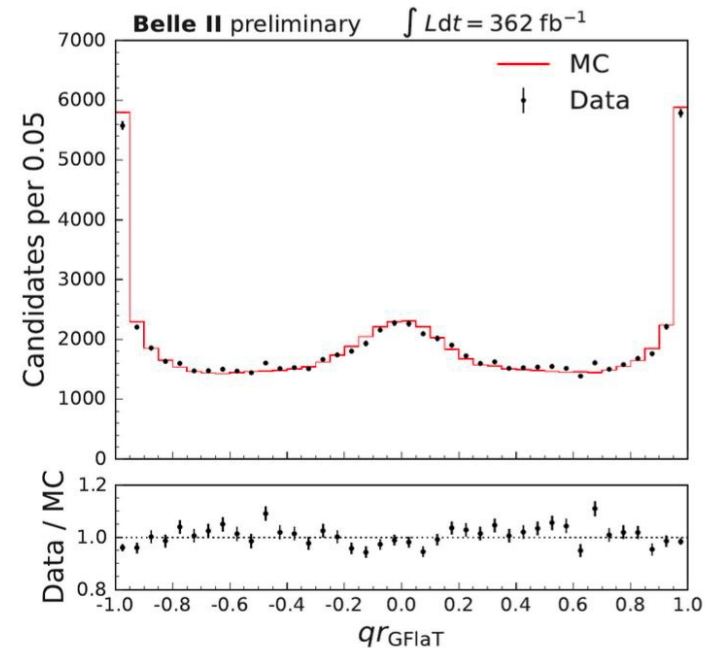
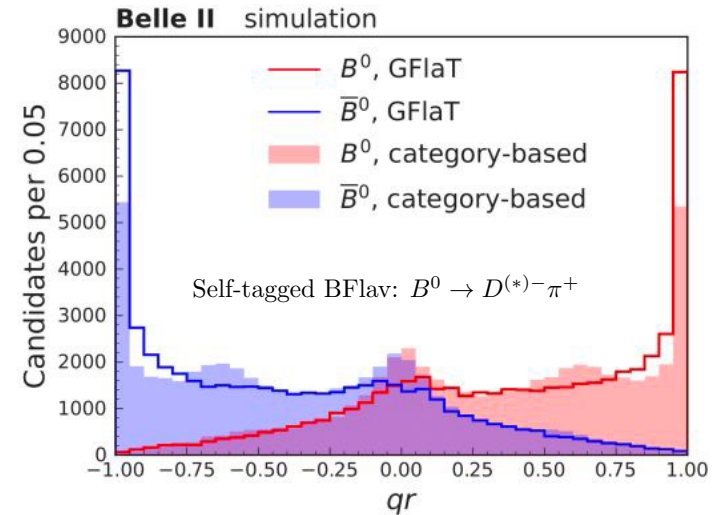
- B flavor tagging: Identify the flavor of the other B



- Belle II initial B tagging algorithm:
 - ✓ Category-based (CB): physics object as Boosted decision tree (BDT) input
 - ✓ Similar to Belle & BaBar experiments
- Newly developed B tagging algorithm: GFlaT
 - ✓ Graph neural network (GNN)
 - ✓ 25 variables for each track as GNN input
 - ✓ 18% improvement in performance

$$\epsilon_{\text{tag}}(\text{CB}) = (31.7 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.4) \%$$

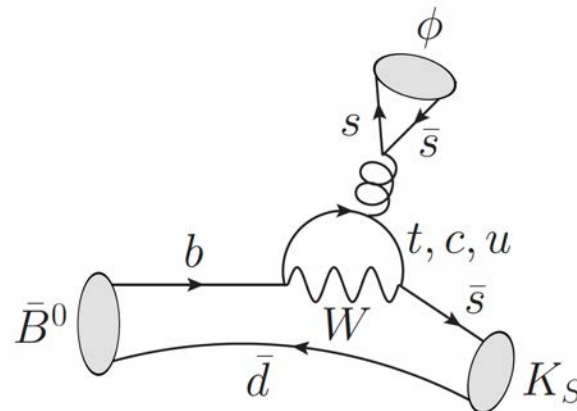
$$\epsilon_{\text{tag}}(\text{GFlaT}) = (37.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.3) \%$$



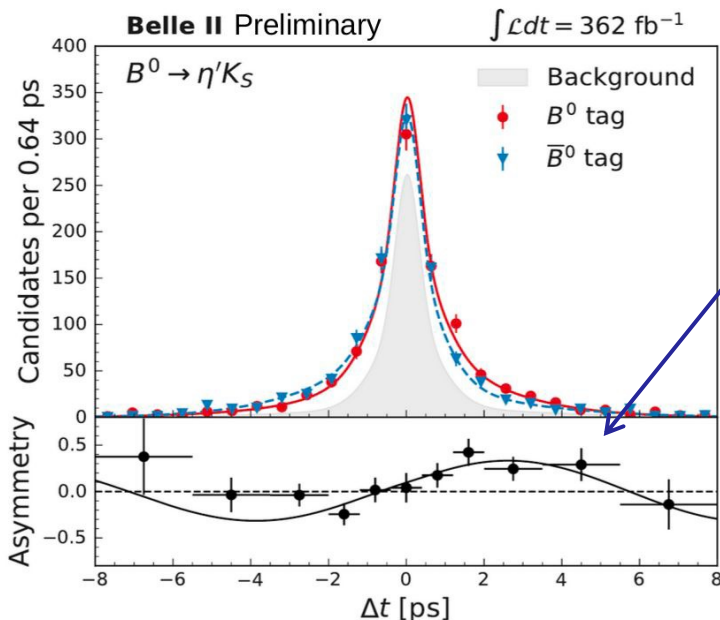
arXiv:2402.17260, Accepted by PRD

CPV in Penguin dominated B decays

NP may induce a large discrepancy between the CP Asymmetry in $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ and $b \rightarrow q\bar{q}s$, ($q = u, d, s$) transitions, such as $\eta' K_S^0$, ϕK_S^0 , $K_S^0 \pi^0$, $K_S^0 K_S^0 K_S^0$



$B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0$ with $\eta' \rightarrow \eta (\rightarrow \gamma\gamma, 3\pi) \pi^+ \pi^-$ or $\eta' \rightarrow \rho\gamma$



arXiv:2402.03713, PRD

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Delta t) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0) - \Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0) + \Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0)}$$

$$= S_{\eta' K_S^0} \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t) - C_{\eta' K_S^0} \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$$

➤ Still use the old Belle II CB tagging:

$$C_{\eta' K_S^0} = -0.19 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$$

$$S_{\eta' K_S^0} = +0.67 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.04$$

➤ Consistent with Belle measurement: 711 fb⁻¹

✓ Use more final states ($K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$, K_L)

✓ $\sigma_S = 0.07$

➤ Belle II expects ~10% improvement of σ_S for same data statistics using GF1aT

CPV in $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0 \gamma$



- Amplitude dominated by electro-weak penguin loop
- Expect very small mixed-induced CPV in the Standard Model (SM)
 - ✓ $b \rightarrow s\gamma_R$ is helicity suppressed by (m_s/m_b) w.r.t. $b \rightarrow s\gamma_L$
 - ✓ $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0 \gamma_L$ vs. $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0 \gamma_R$
- Measurements for resonance ($K^{*0} \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0$) and non-resonance final states

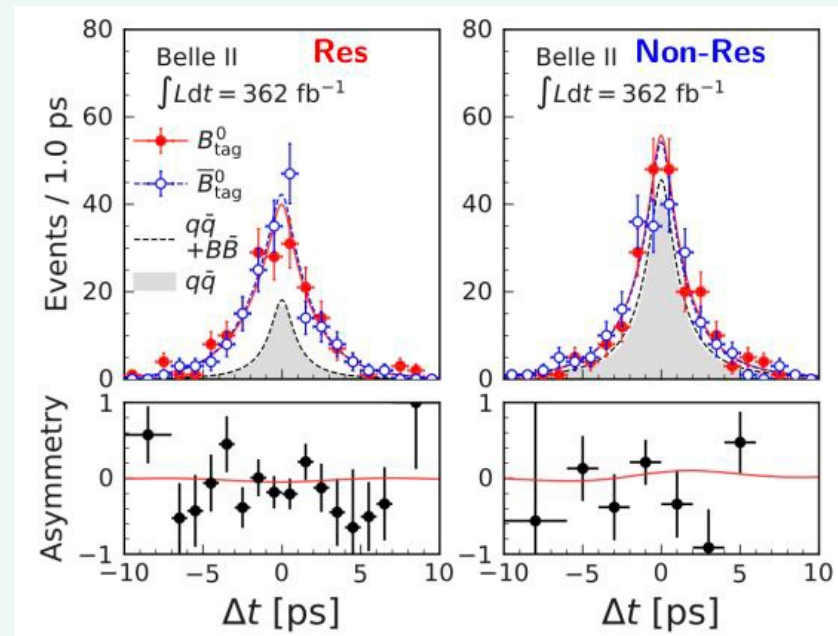
$$C_{\text{Res}} = 0.10 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.03$$

$$S_{\text{Res}} = 0.00^{+0.27}_{-0.26} {}^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$$

$$C_{\text{Non-Res}} = -0.06 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.07$$

$$S_{\text{Non-Res}} = 0.04^{+0.45}_{-0.44} \pm 0.10$$

- Most precise measurements
 - ✓ Use CB tagging
 - ✓ Belle (499 fb^{-1}) & BaBar (436 fb^{-1})
- Challenging measurement at LHCb



To be submitted to PRL

Direct CPV in $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$



- Update Belle II measurement of \mathcal{B} and A_{CP} with 189 fb^{-1}
- Improved analysis techniques
 - ✓ Better selections, GFlaT, reduction of systematic uncertainties
 - ✓ BDT photon selector, continuum suppression trained using off-resonance data
 - ✓ 4-D fit: M_{bc} , ΔE , continuum suppression BDT output, wrong B-tag probability

$$\mathcal{B} = (1.26 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$A_{CP} = 0.06 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.06$$

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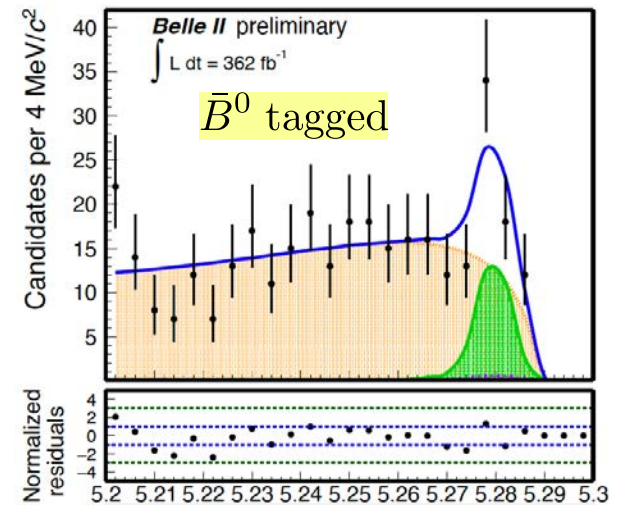
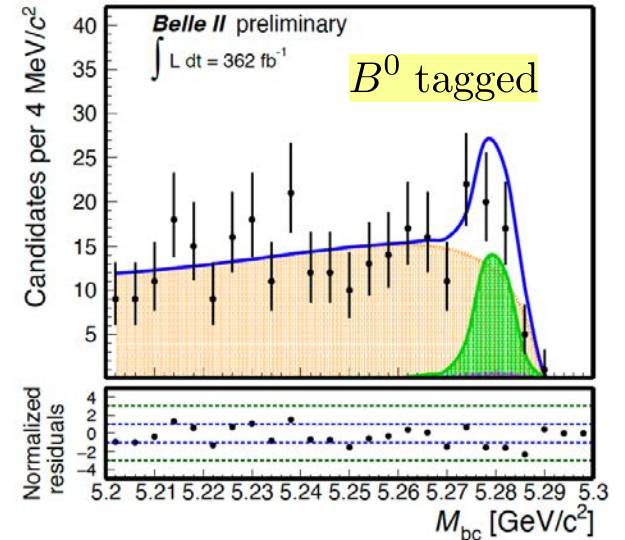
- Compatible Direct CP precision with world average

- ✓ Belle (499 fb^{-1}) & BaBar (436 fb^{-1})

$$\mathcal{B} = (1.59 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$A_{CP} = 0.30 \pm 0.20$$

- ✓ Very challenging measurement at LHCb

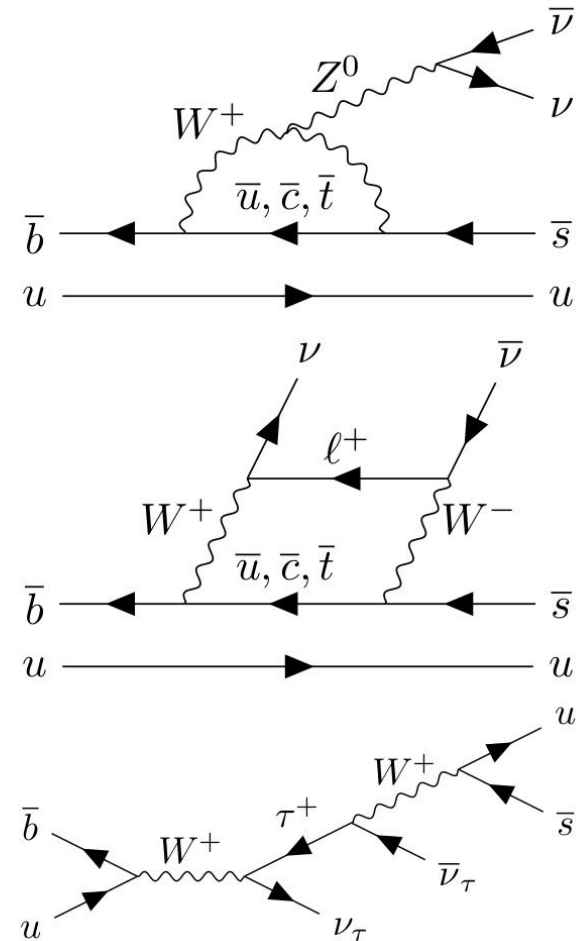
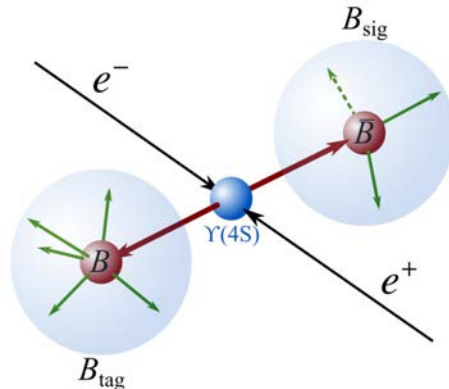


$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{s}/2)^2 - |\vec{p}_B^*|^2} \text{ [GeV}/c^2]$$

Electroweak Penguin dominated B decays

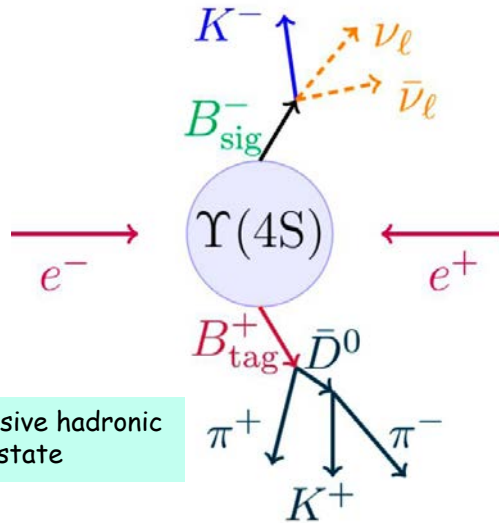


- NP may contribute, eg: the EWP loops
 - ✓ $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-, b \rightarrow sv\bar{\nu}$, and $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ transitions
 - Some measurements have tension with SM
 - ✓ Branching fraction and angular observables
 - Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$ at Belle II
 - ✓ Theoretically clean (no photon exchange)
 - ✓ Experimentally challenging: two neutrinos in the final state, high background and small branching fraction
- $$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}} = (5.58 \pm 0.37) \times 10^{-6}$$
- ✓ Only accessible at B-factories (constraint using well-know initial kinematics)



Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

Two parallel reconstructions



Exclusive hadronic final state

Hadronic Tag Analysis (HTA):

- Fully reconstruct “tag” B:
 - ✓ Better measurement of B_{sig} kinematic variables
- Full-Event-Interpretation (FEI) at Belle II
 - ✓ Multivariate classification using BDT
 - ✓ 50% tag efficiency improvement vs Belle
- Small efficiency but significantly reduce bg
 - ✓ Signal eff = 0.4%, purity = 3.5%
- Extract signal via a BDT output

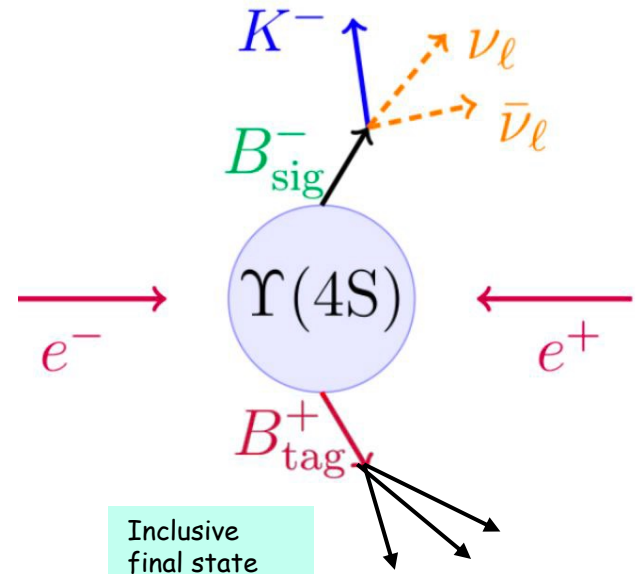
Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 3, 6 (2019)

Inclusive Tag Analysis (ITA):

- Non-exclusive reconstruction of “tag” B:
- Select signal kaon that minimize ($\sim 96\%$ correct)

$$q_{\text{rec}}^2 = s/(4c^4) + m_K^2 - \sqrt{s}E_K^*/c^4$$

- Larger efficiency but significantly more bg
 - ✓ Signal eff = 8%, purity = 0.9%
- Extract signal using BDT output and q_{rec}^2



Inclusive final state

Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

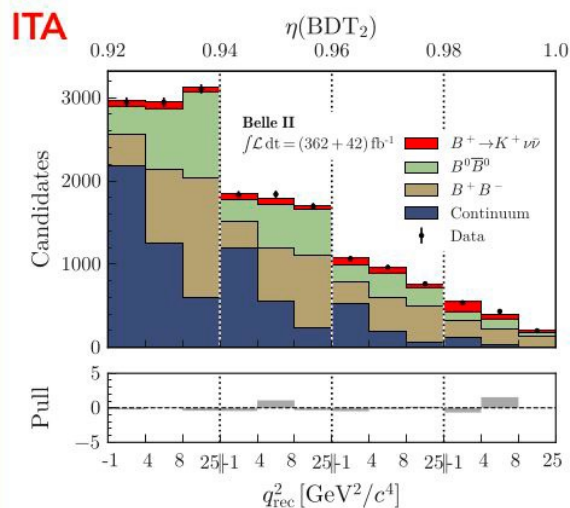
Data driven approach with many validations

- Signal efficiency check using $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)K$
 - ✓ Remove J/ψ and correct kaon kinematics to match signal distributions



- Continuum validation with off-resonance data
- $B \rightarrow X_c(\rightarrow K_L^0)$ validate from pion enriched sideband
- Signal like $B \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$ check with $B \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_S^0$
- Similar validation for $B \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_L^0$ and $B \rightarrow K^+ nn$
- Validated the method to measure $B \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+$
 - ✓ $\mathcal{B} = (2.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$
 - ✓ Consistent with PDG: $(2.38 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$

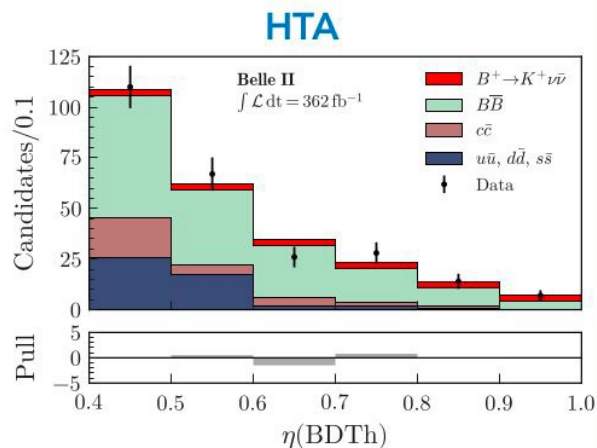
Results of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$



$\mu = 5.4 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 1.1(\text{syst})$
corresponding to

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = 2.7 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst}) \times 10^{-5}$$

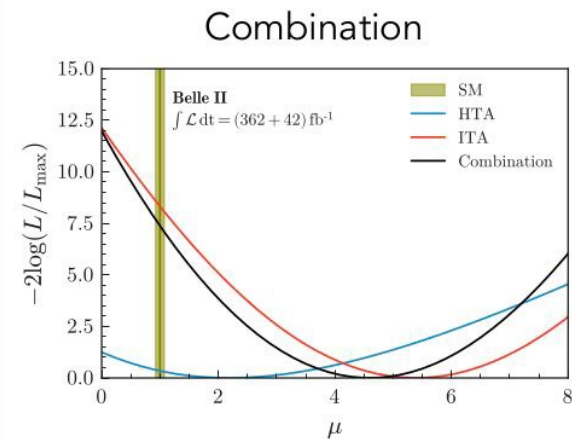
- 3.5σ compatibility wrt bkg only
- 2.9σ compatibility wrt to the SM



$\mu = 2.2_{-1.7}^{+1.8}(\text{stat})_{-1.1}^{+1.6}(\text{syst})$
corresponding to

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = [1.1_{-0.8}^{+0.9}(\text{stat})_{-0.5}^{+0.8}(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-5}$$

- 1.1σ compatibility wrt bkg only
- 0.6σ compatibility wrt to the SM



$\mu = 4.6 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst})$
corresponding to

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = [2.3 \pm 0.5(\text{stat})_{-0.4}^{+0.5}(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-5}$$

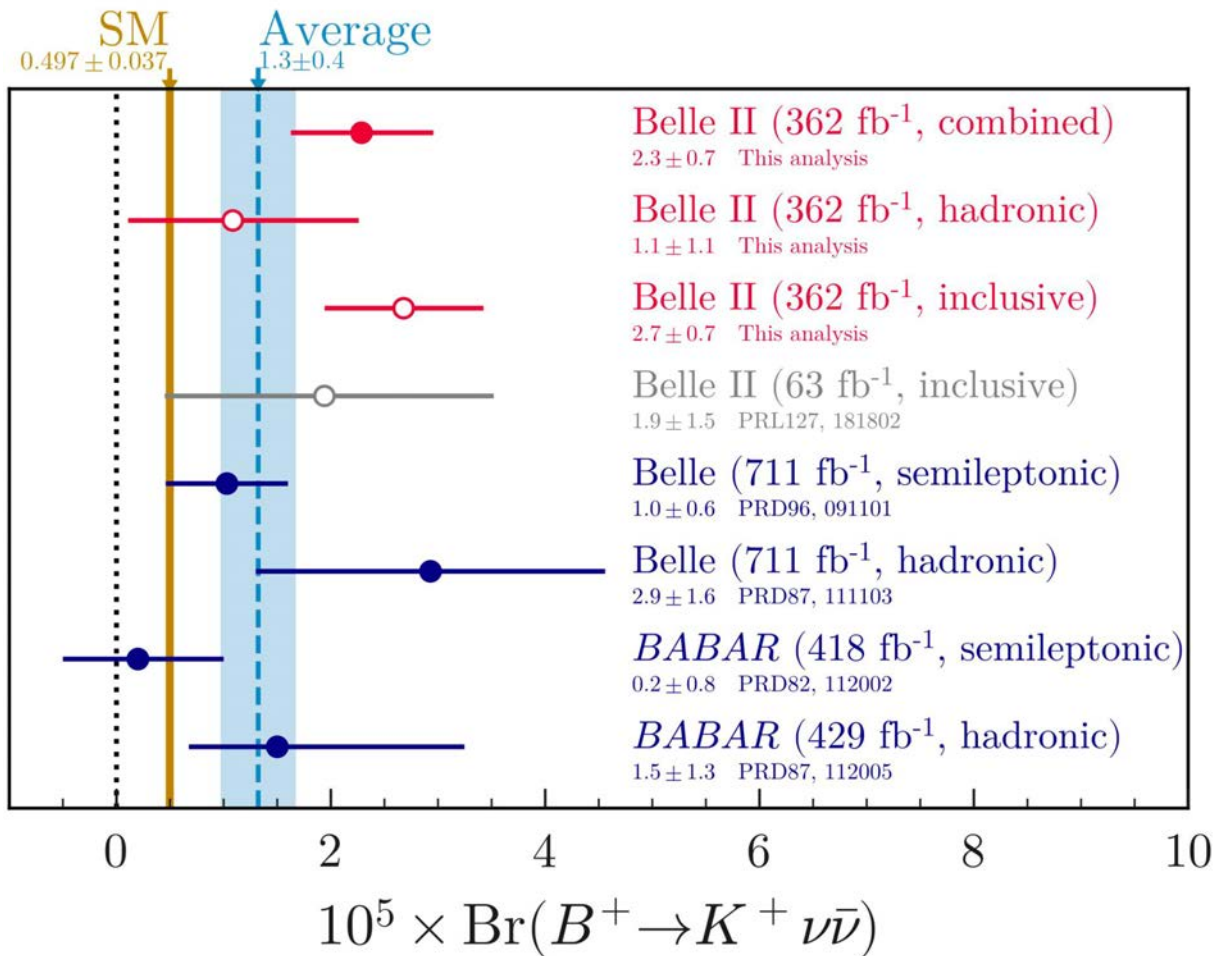
- Combination improves the ITA-only precision by 10%
- 3.5σ significance wrt bkg
- 2.7σ significance wrt SM

$$q_{\text{rec}}^2 = s/(4c^4) + m_K^2 - \sqrt{s}E_K^*/c^4$$

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- First evidence of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ (3.5σ), branching fraction in excess of SM 2.7σ
- Measurement enabled by new inclusive techniques

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



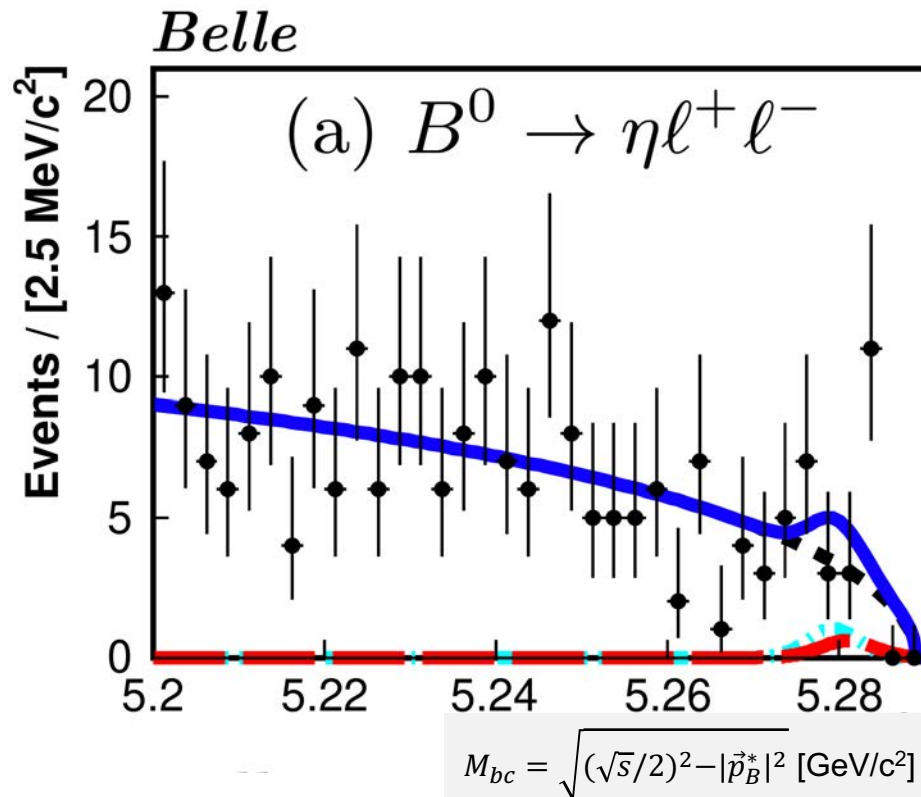
Other $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ analysis ongoing at Belle II
Expect some results soon

Search for rare $b \rightarrow dl^+l^-$ transition



- $b \rightarrow dl^+l^-$ process via loops and highly suppressed, $\mathcal{B}_{SM} \sim O(10^{-8})$
 - ✓ LHCb (3 fb^{-1}) observed final state with π^\pm in dimuon mode
- Sensitive to NP contribution in the loop
 - ✓ Rate measurement, lepton flavor universality

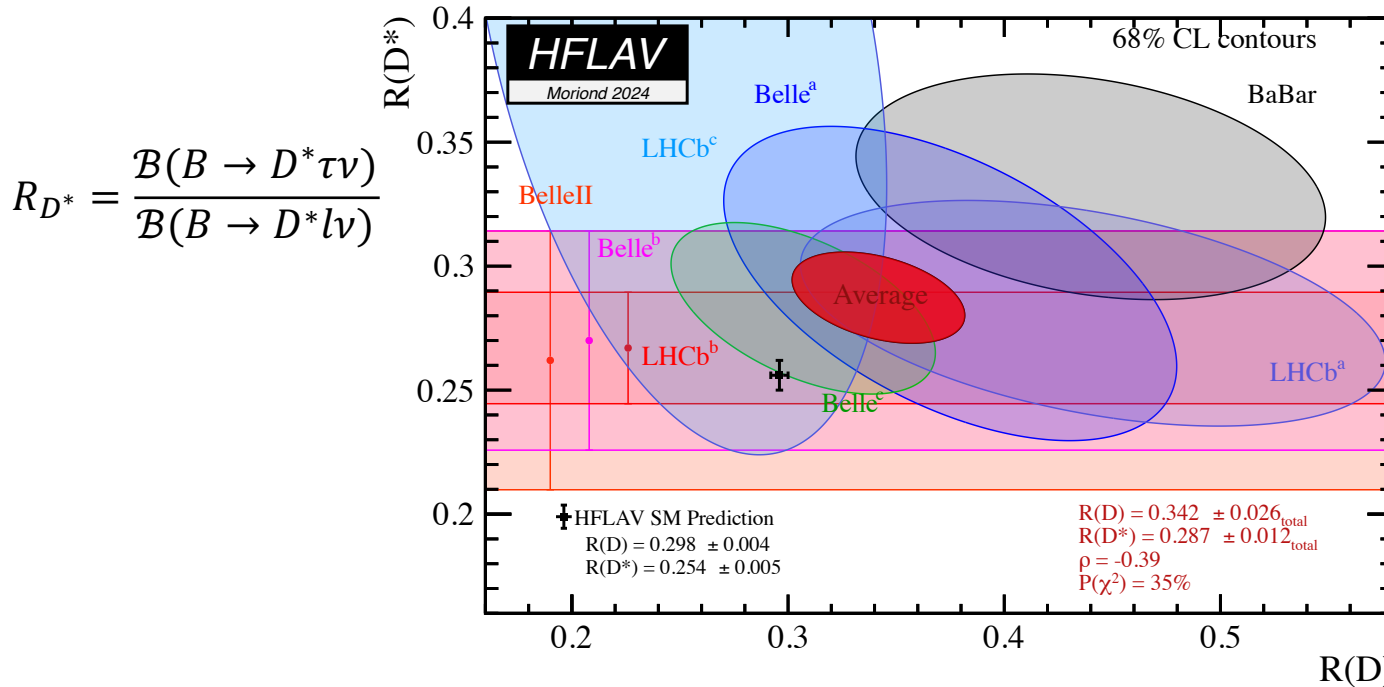
	$\mathcal{B}^{\text{UL}} (10^{-8})$	$\mathcal{B} (10^{-8})$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta e^+e^-$	< 10.5	$0.0_{-3.4}^{+4.9} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta \mu^+\mu^-$	< 9.4	$1.9_{-2.5}^{+3.4} \pm 0.2$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta l^+l^-$	< 4.8	$1.3_{-2.2}^{+2.8} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \omega e^+e^-$	< 30.7	$-2.1_{-20.8}^{+26.5} \pm 0.2$
$B^0 \rightarrow \omega \mu^+\mu^-$	< 24.9	$7.7_{-7.5}^{+10.8} \pm 0.6$
$B^0 \rightarrow \omega l^+l^-$	< 22.0	$6.4_{-7.8}^{+10.7} \pm 0.5$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+e^-$	< 7.9	$-5.8_{-2.8}^{+3.6} \pm 0.5$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+\mu^-$	< 5.9	$-0.4_{-2.6}^{+3.5} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+l^-$	< 3.8	$-2.3_{-1.5}^{+2.1} \pm 0.2$
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+e^-$	< 5.4	$0.1_{-1.8}^{+2.7} \pm 0.1$
$B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 e^+e^-$	< 45.5	$23.6_{-11.2}^{+14.6} \pm 1.1$
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ e^+e^-$	< 46.7	$-38.2_{-17.2}^{+24.5} \pm 3.4$
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \mu^+\mu^-$	< 38.1	$13.0_{-13.3}^{+17.5} \pm 1.1$
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ l^+l^-$	< 18.9	$2.5_{-11.8}^{+14.6} \pm 0.2$



Belle (711 fb^{-1})
 World best limits in all channels. First
 search for ωl^+l^- , $\rho^0 e^+e^-$, $\rho^\pm l^+l^-$ modes

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Test lepton Universality using $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$



Measurement of R_D and R_{D^*} exceed the SM predictions by 1.6σ & 2.5σ , respectively, the combined deviation above the SM is 3.31σ

$R_D = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu)}$

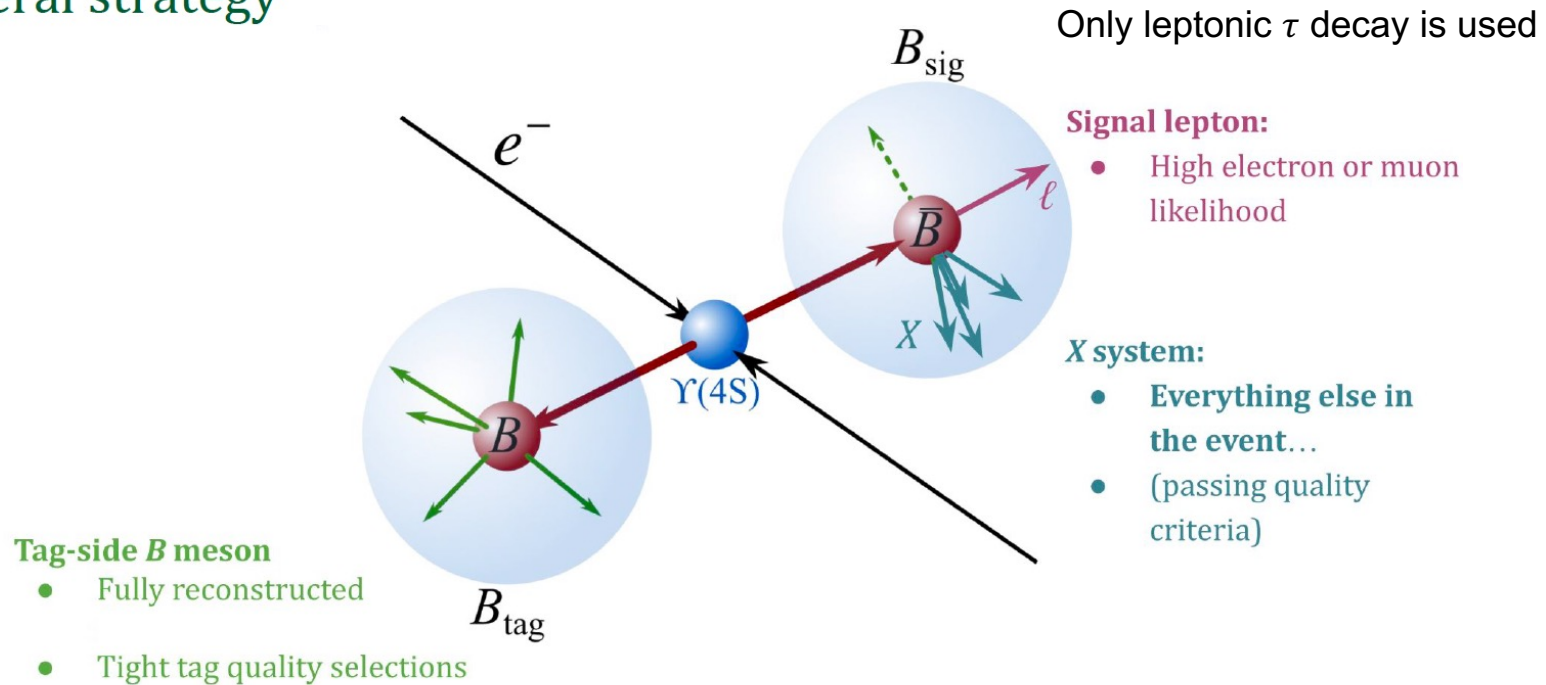
- First measurement of $R(X_{\tau/\ell})$ as an inclusive test of the $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ anomaly

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

- Recent measurement by Belle II: 189 fb^{-1}
 - Small statistical uncertainty due to large signal decay branching fraction
 - Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 211804 (2024) Editor's suggestion

Test lepton Universality using $R(X_{\tau/\ell})$

General strategy



Using data-driven corrections for the “non-well-known” stuffs

Test lepton Universality using $R(X_{\tau/\ell})$

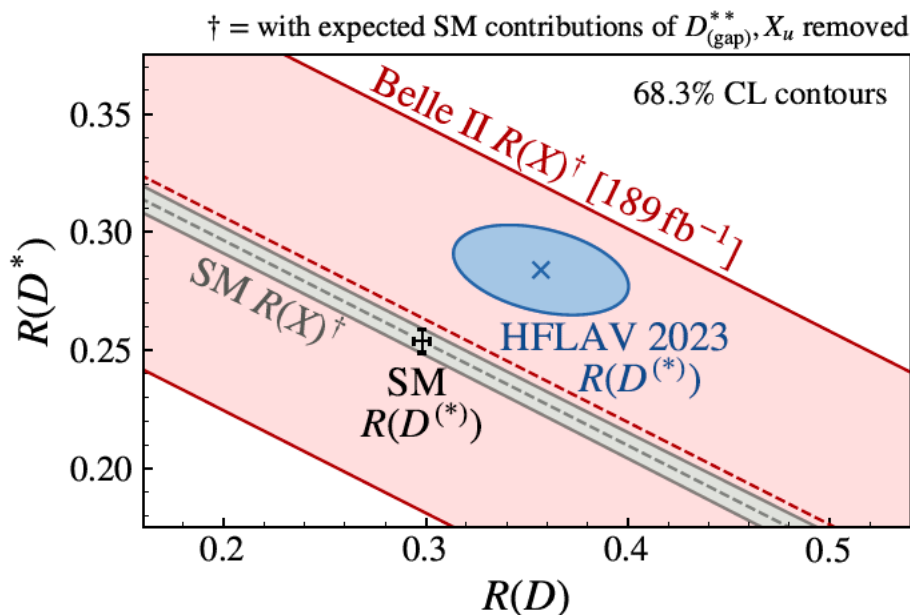
$$R(X_{\tau/\ell}) = 0.228 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst})$$

SM prediction: 0.223 ± 0.005

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PRD 92,054018(2015)
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Table I: Relative statistical and systematic uncertainties on the value of $R(X_{\tau/\ell})$ for electrons, muons, and their combination (ℓ). Detailed descriptions of each source are provided in the text.

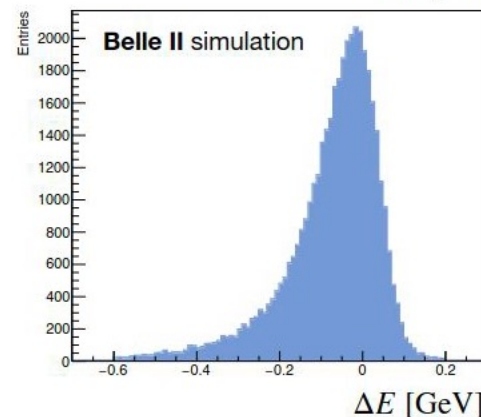
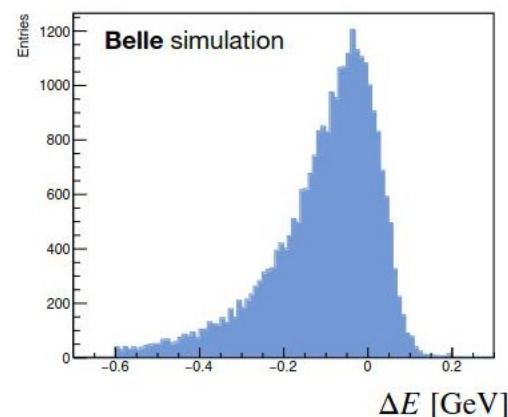
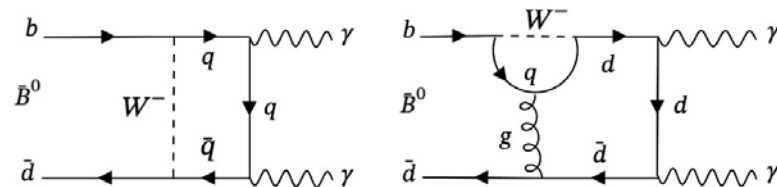
Source	Uncertainty [%]		
	e	μ	ℓ
Experimental sample size	8.8	12.0	7.1
Simulation sample size	6.7	10.6	5.7
Tracking efficiency	2.9	3.3	3.0
Lepton identification	2.8	5.2	2.4
$X_c \ell \nu$ reweighting	7.3	6.8	7.1
$B\bar{B}$ background reweighting	5.8	11.5	5.7
$X \ell \nu$ branching fractions	7.0	10.0	7.7
$X \tau \nu$ branching fractions	1.0	1.0	1.0
$X_c \tau(\ell) \nu$ form factors	7.4	8.9	7.8
Total	18.1	25.6	17.3



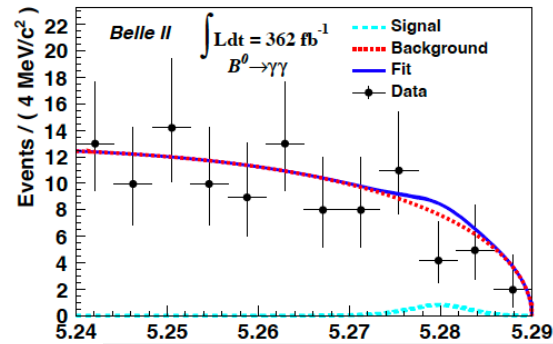
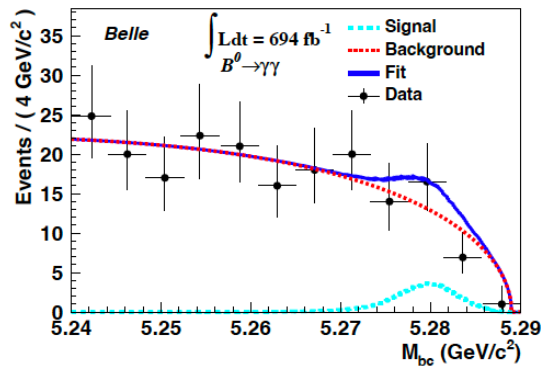
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Editor's suggestion

- Belle II has developed a powerful and independent new test of the $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$ anomaly using new inclusive techniques
- Measurement limited by systematic errors, some of them can be reduced with more data/MC events

- Combined Belle (694 fb^{-1}) and Belle II (362 fb^{-1}) measurement
- Small branching fraction & high background
- Analysis strategy:
 - ✓ Dedicated BDT to suppress continuum, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $\eta^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - ✓ Multivariable fit to: $\Delta E, M_{bc}$, and BDT output
 - ✓ Control sample: $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)[K^+\pi^-]\gamma$
- Significant improvement at Belle II vs Belle
 - ✓ Better signal efficiency
 - ✓ Improved ΔE resolution



	Belle	Belle II
Sig efficiency	23%	31%
Exp. bkg/fb ⁻¹	~ 0.8	



arXiv:2405.19734,
submitted to PRD

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{s}/2)^2 - |\vec{p}_B^*|^2} \text{ [GeV}/c^2\text{]}$$

- Combined signal yield: $11.0_{-5.5}^{+6.5}$
- ✓ Significance $\sim 2.5\sigma$ and Expected UL: $\mathcal{B} < 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$

TABLE III. Summary of $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ measurements and UL's at 90% credibility level.

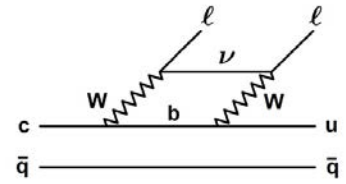
	$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	UL on $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$
Belle	$(5.4_{-2.6}^{+3.3} \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$	$< 9.9 \times 10^{-8}$
Belle II	$(1.7_{-2.4}^{+3.7} \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8}$	$< 7.4 \times 10^{-8}$
Combined	$(3.7_{-1.8}^{+2.2} \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$	$< 6.4 \times 10^{-8}$

- Sensitivity approaches SM prediction: $\mathcal{B} = (1.4_{-0.8}^{+1.4}) \times 10^{-8}$
- UL has 5x improvement over previous best UL by BaBar: $\mathcal{B} < 3.2 \times 10^{-7}$
- Possible observation with more data in near future

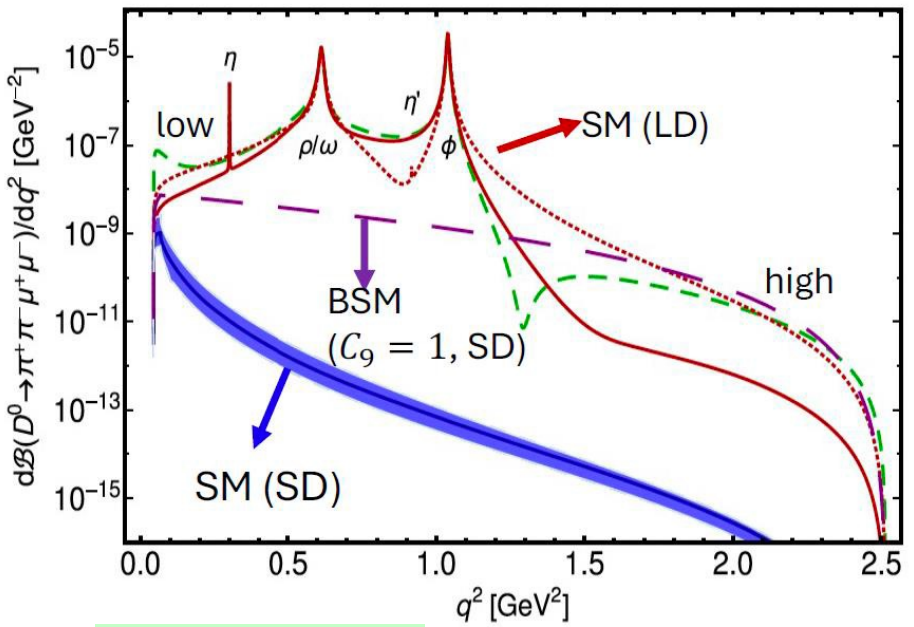
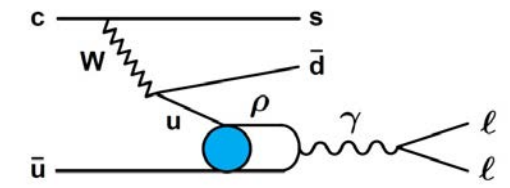
Search for Rare Charm decays: $D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^- e^+ e^-$

- Flavor changing neutral current (FCNC) $c \rightarrow ull$ process is highly suppressed in the SM
- LD mainly from vector meson dominated mode
- Search for NP and Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU) test

Short distance (SD)



Long distance (LD)



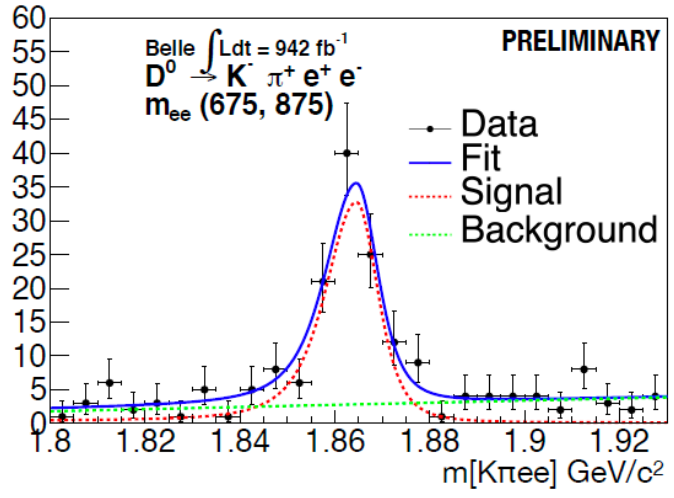
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Some previous results of Br and UL (10^{-7}) @90%

Experiment	$K^- K^+ e^+ e^-$	$\pi^- \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	$K^- \pi^+ e^+ e^-$
Babar (2019)			$40.0 \pm 5.0 \pm 2.3$ (ρ^0/ω) stat syst
BESIII (2019)	< 110	< 70	< 410
	$K^- K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\pi^- \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$K^- \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$
LHCb (2016-2017)	$1.54 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.19$	$9.64 \pm 0.48 \pm 1.10$	$4.17 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.40$ (ρ^0/ω)

BaBar: PRL 122, 081802 (2019)
 BESIII: PRD 97, 072015 (2019)
 LHCb: PLB 517, 558 (2016); PRL 119, 181805 (2017)

Search for rare charm decays: $D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^- e^+ e^-$



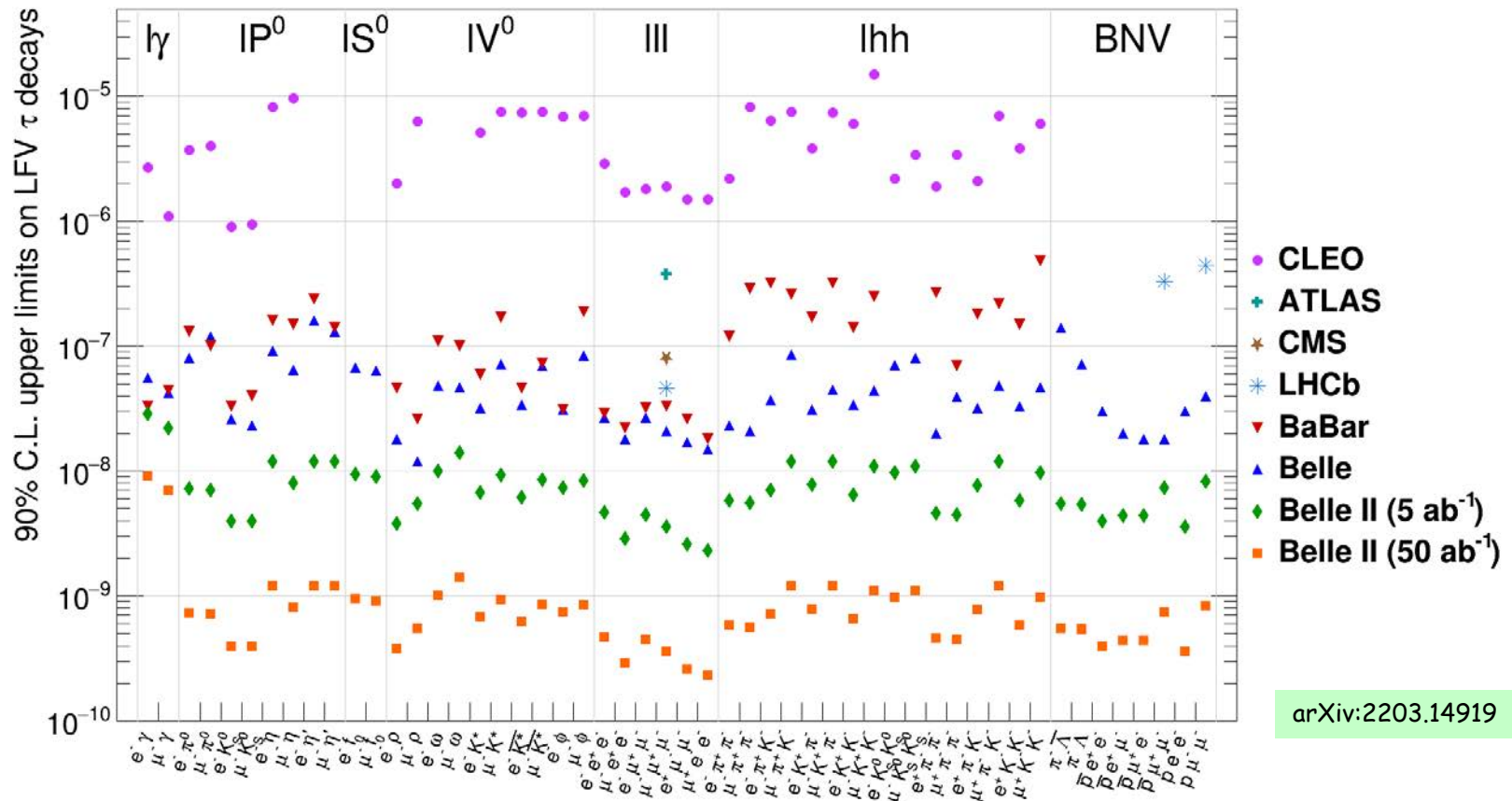
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- Belle measurement with 942 fb^{-1} data
- Observe $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ e^+ e^-$ in ρ/ω region (11.8σ)
 - ✓ Compatible with Babar and SM expectation
$$\mathcal{B} = (39.6 \pm 4.5(\text{stat}) \pm 2.9(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-7}$$
- No significant signal on other final states
 - ✓ UL at 90% around $(2.3 - 7.7) \times 10^{-7}$
 - ✓ World's best limits to date

m_{ee} region	[MeV/ c^2]	Yield	Significance	\mathcal{B} [10 ⁻⁷]	UL @ 90% CL [10 ⁻⁷]	Efficiency
$K^- K^+ e^+ e^-$						
η	520-560	-	$< 0.1\sigma$	-	< 2.3	3.53 ± 0.04
ρ^0/ω	> 675	2.6 ± 1.8	2.0σ	$1.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.1$	< 3.0	6.00 ± 0.06
non-resonant	> 200 ^a	3.5 ± 3.3	1.5σ	$3.1 \pm 3.0 \pm 0.4$	< 7.7	3.19 ± 0.04
$\pi^- \pi^+ e^+ e^-$						
η	520-560	0.6 ± 2.3	0.3σ	$0.4 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.2$	< 3.2	5.31 ± 0.05
ρ^0/ω	675-875	3.7 ± 4.1	0.9σ	$2.0 \pm 2.2 \pm 0.8$	< 6.1	5.69 ± 0.05
ϕ	995-1035	3.6 ± 3.2	1.1σ	$1.1 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.2$	< 3.1	9.41 ± 0.06
non-resonant	> 200	-0.2 ± 4.1	$< 0.1\sigma$	$-0.2 \pm 3.4 \pm 0.9$	< 7.2	3.69 ± 0.04
$K^- \pi^+ e^+ e^-$						
η	520-560	4.0 ± 2.7	1.6σ	$2.2 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.5$	< 5.6	5.09 ± 0.04
ρ^0/ω	675-875	110 ± 13	11.8σ	$39.6 \pm 4.5 \pm 2.9$	-	8.01 ± 0.06
ϕ	990-1034	4.6 ± 2.4	2.5σ	$1.4 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.3$	< 2.9	9.19 ± 0.06
non-resonant	> 560	2.2 ± 4.2	0.4σ	$1.3 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.6$	< 6.5	4.89 ± 0.09

Search for Rare τ lepton decays

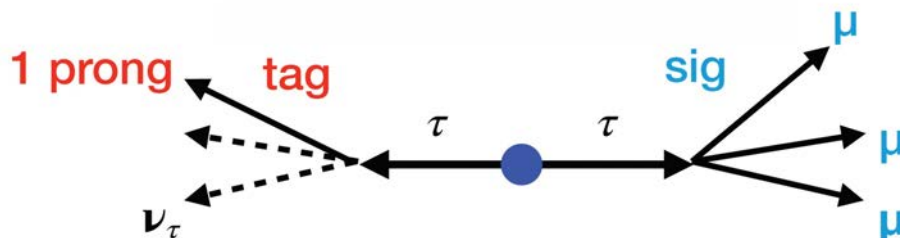
- Many rare or forbidden τ decays are excellent probes to NP beyond the SM
- B-factories generated large τ decay data samples
 - ✓ Searches in many different final states with high precisions
 - ✓ Not limited by systematics, sensitivities increases with higher luminosity
 - ✓ Better sensitives than other experiments in many final states



Search for LFV $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ decay

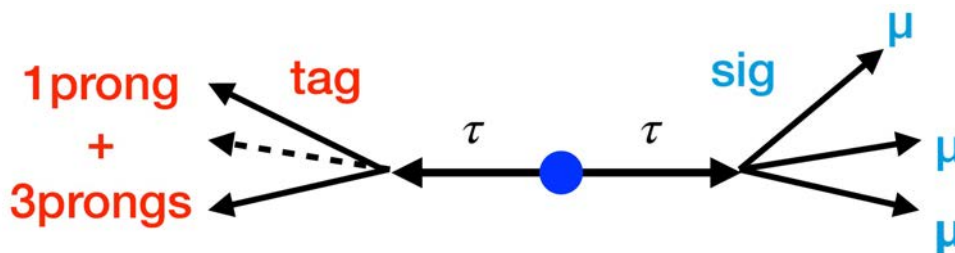
Belle II measurements: 424 fb^{-1} data

1-prong: Belle & BaBar method



- Cut-based selection
- Signal efficiency: 14.9% ($2 \times$ Belle efficiency)
- Expected background: 0.43 (simulation)

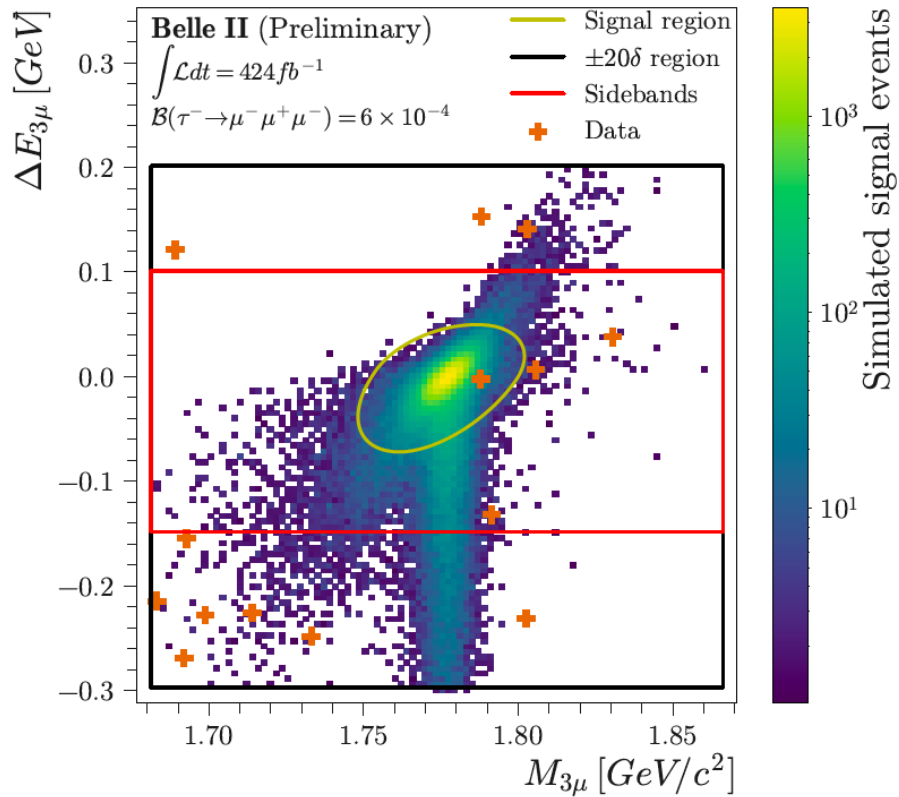
Inclusive approach: Belle II



- Boost Decision Tree based selection
- Signal efficiency: 20.4% ($2.7 \times$ Belle efficiency)
- Expected background: 0.5 (simulation)



Search for LFV $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ decay



$$M_{3\mu} = \sqrt{E_{3\mu}^2 - |\vec{p}_{3\mu}|^2}$$

$$\Delta E = E_{3\mu}^{\text{CM}} - E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{CM}}$$

Signal:
 $M_{3\mu}$ close to τ mass,
 ΔE close to zero
 Tail due to initial and final radiations

Experiment	Upper Limit at 90% C.L.
ATLAS	3.8×10^{-7} ($\mathcal{L} = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
LHCb	4.6×10^{-8} ($\mathcal{L} = 3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
CMS	2.9×10^{-8} ($\mathcal{L} = 131 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

CMS - PLB 853 (2024) 138633

Experiment	Upper Limit at 90% C.L.
Belle	2.1×10^{-8} ($\mathcal{L} = 782 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
BaBar	3.3×10^{-8} ($\mathcal{L} = 486 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
Belle II	1.9×10^{-8} ($\mathcal{L} = 424 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

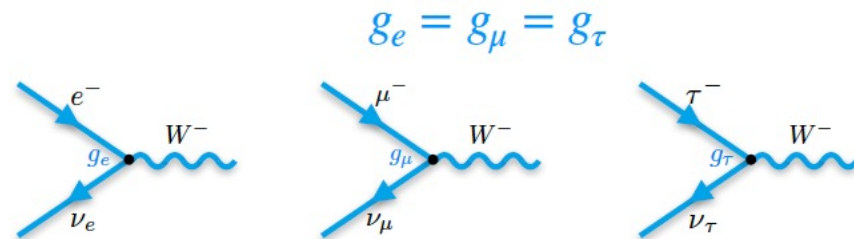
Belle II - arXiv:2405.07386

Most stringent limit to date

Test of Lepton flavour universality in τ decay

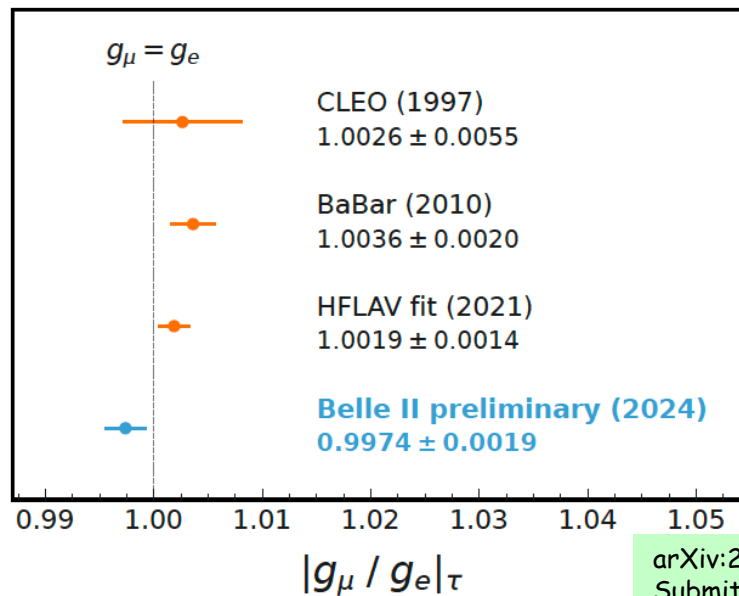
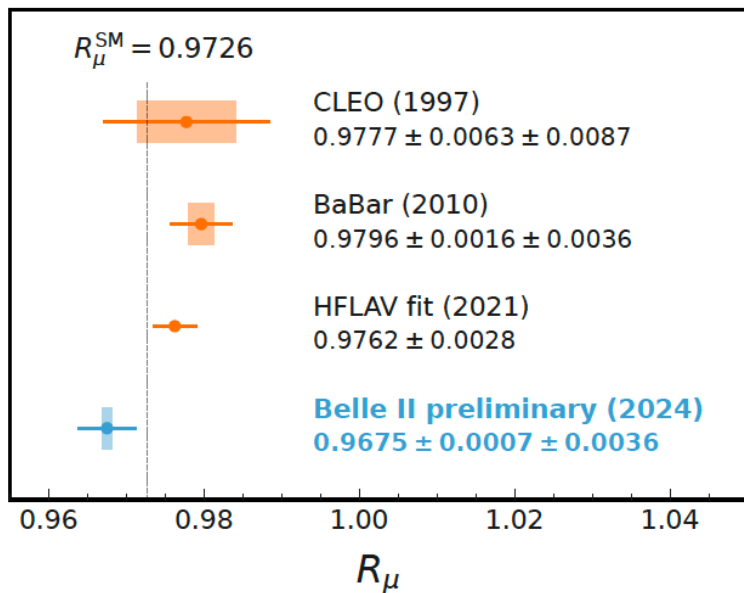


- Coupling between lepton and W is flavour-independent in the SM
- Test $\mu - e$ universality in τ decays by measuring decay rates (362 fb^{-1})



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

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau^2 \propto R_\mu \times \frac{f(m_e^2/m_\tau^2)}{f(m_\mu^2/m_\tau^2)} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} 1$$

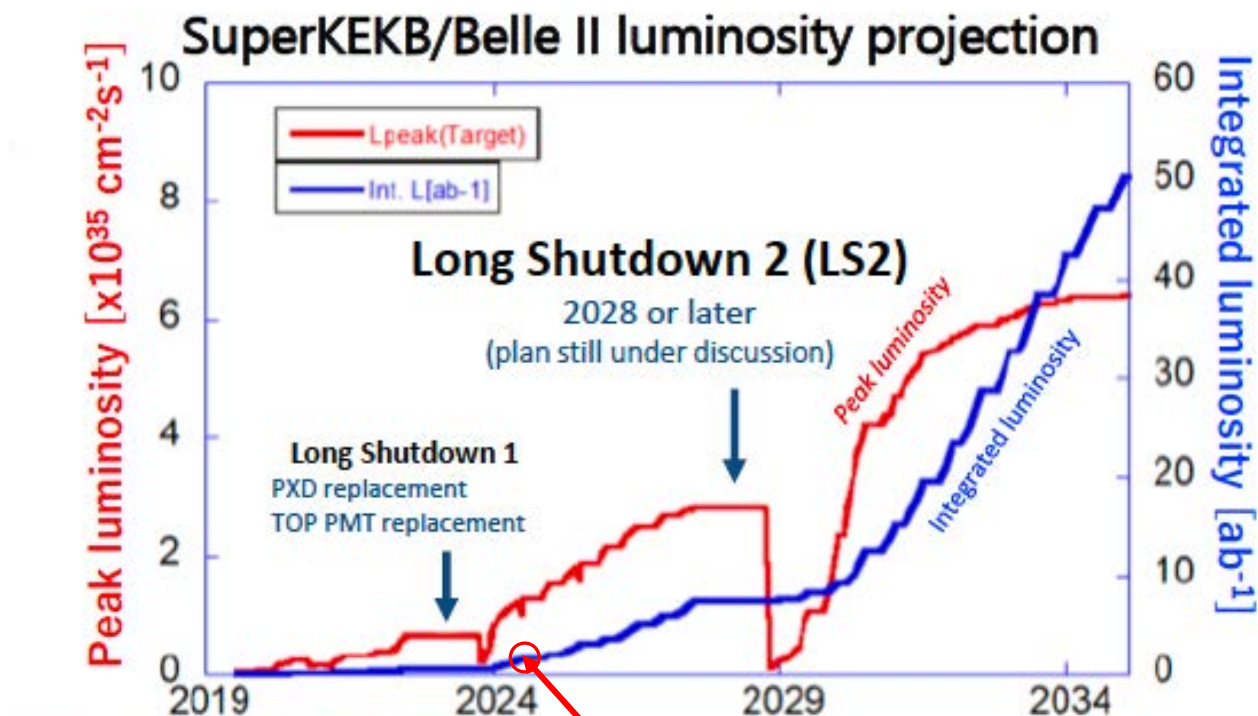


arXiv:2405.14625
Submitted to JHEP

- Most precise test of $\mu - e$ universality in τ decays by a single measurement
- Consistent with the SM expectation at 1.4σ level
- Dominated systematic uncertainty by Lepton ID corrections and correlations

Summary and Prospect

- A few selected recent highlights from Belle(II)
- Improved sensitivities at Belle II (better detector and analysis)
- **More exciting results will eventually come with more data (soon)**



We are here!

Backup

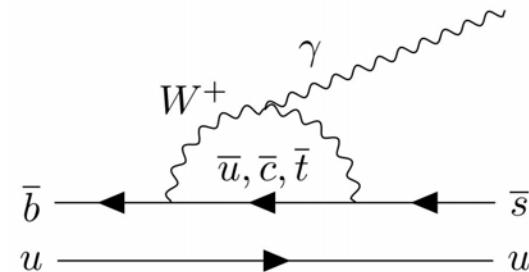
Measurements of $B \rightarrow K^*(892)\gamma$



Large branching fraction and clean experimental signal

$$\mathcal{B} = \frac{N_{\bar{B}}/\epsilon_{\bar{B}} + N_B/\epsilon_B}{2 \times N_{B\bar{B}} \times f^{+-}(f^{00})}, \quad \Delta_{0+} = \frac{(\tau_+/\tau_0) \times \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma) - \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma)}{(\tau_+/\tau_0) \times \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma) + \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma)},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \frac{N_{\bar{B}}/\epsilon_{\bar{B}} - N_B/\epsilon_B}{N_{\bar{B}}/\epsilon_{\bar{B}} + N_B/\epsilon_B}, \quad \Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma) - \mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma),$$



Belle II Results: 362 fb^{-1}

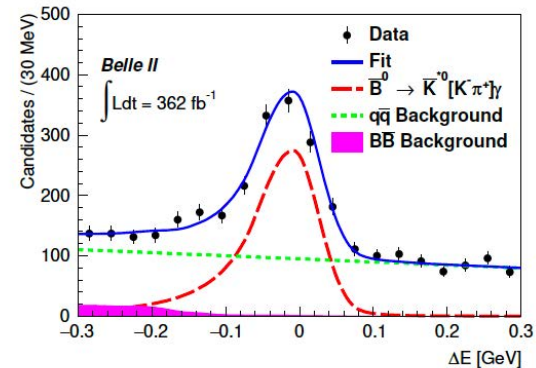
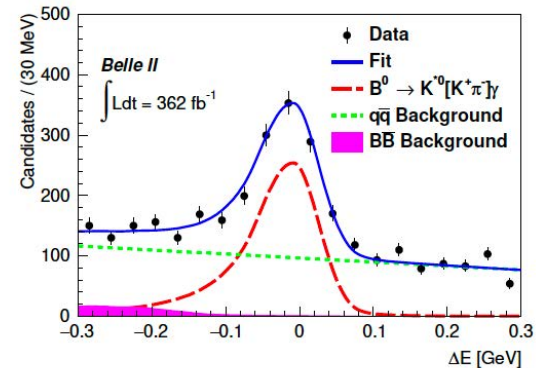
$$\mathcal{B}[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma] = (4.16 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-5},$$

$$\mathcal{B}[B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma] = (4.04 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma] = (-3.2 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.4)\%,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}[B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma] = (-1.0 \pm 3.0 \pm 0.6)\%,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP} &= (2.2 \pm \boxed{3.8} \pm \boxed{0.7})\% \\ \Delta_{0+} &= (5.1 \pm \boxed{2.0} \pm \boxed{1.0} \pm \boxed{1.1})\% \\ &\quad \text{Stat} \quad \text{Syst} \quad f^{+}/f^{00} \end{aligned}$$



To be submitted to JHEP

Consistent with the world average and the SM expectation
Systematic uncertainties can be reduced with more data

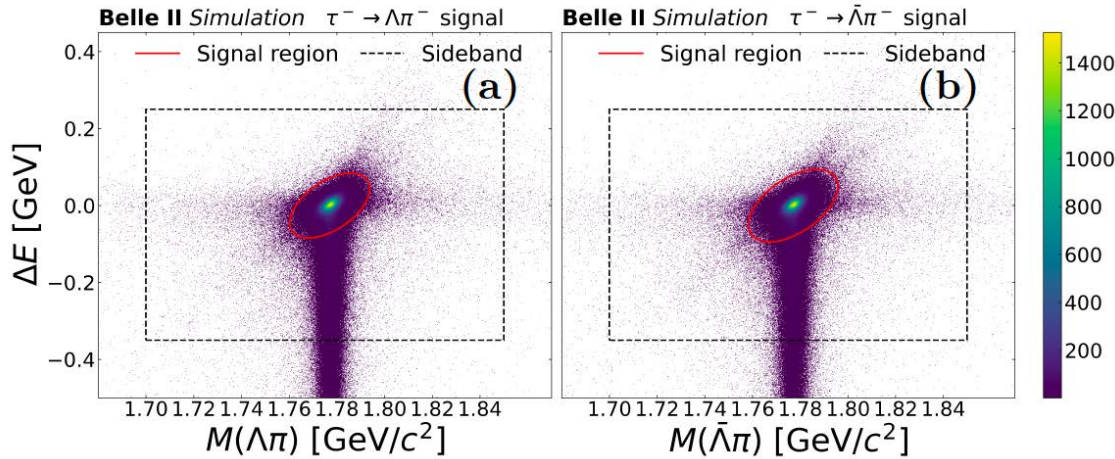
Lepton & baryon number violating τ decay



- Search for Lepton number & baryon number violating τ decays

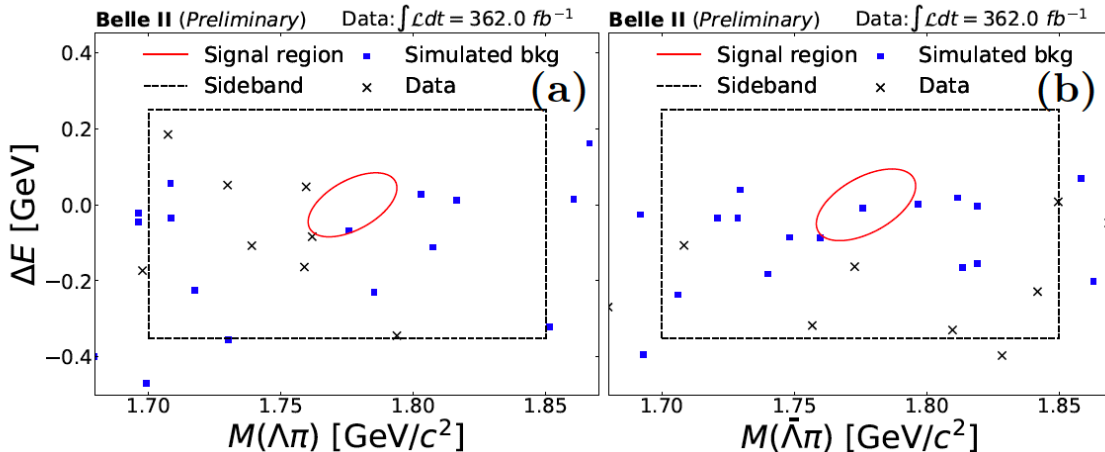
$$\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^- \quad \text{and} \quad \tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-$$

- Belle II measurements: 362 fb^{-1} data



$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-) < 4.7 \times 10^{-8} \quad @90\% \text{CL}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-) < 4.3 \times 10^{-8} \quad @90\% \text{CL}$$



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