

Combining $R(D^{(*)})$ measurements at Belle II

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Challenges in semi-leptonic B decays, Vienna



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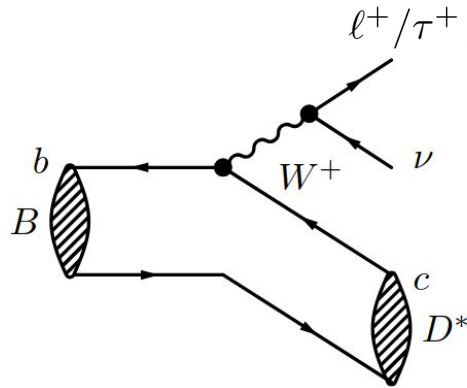


SM: Coupling strengths of e/μ and τ to the electroweak bosons are equal

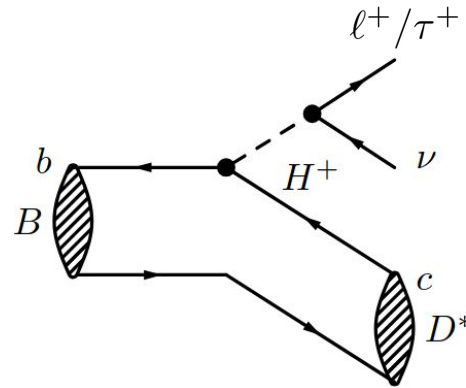
Challenged by experimental measurements
Any deviation would be a **clear sign of BSM** physics processes

Potential tree level contributions:

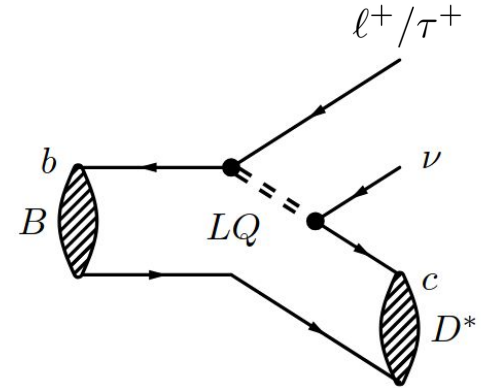
Standard Model



Charged Higgs doublet



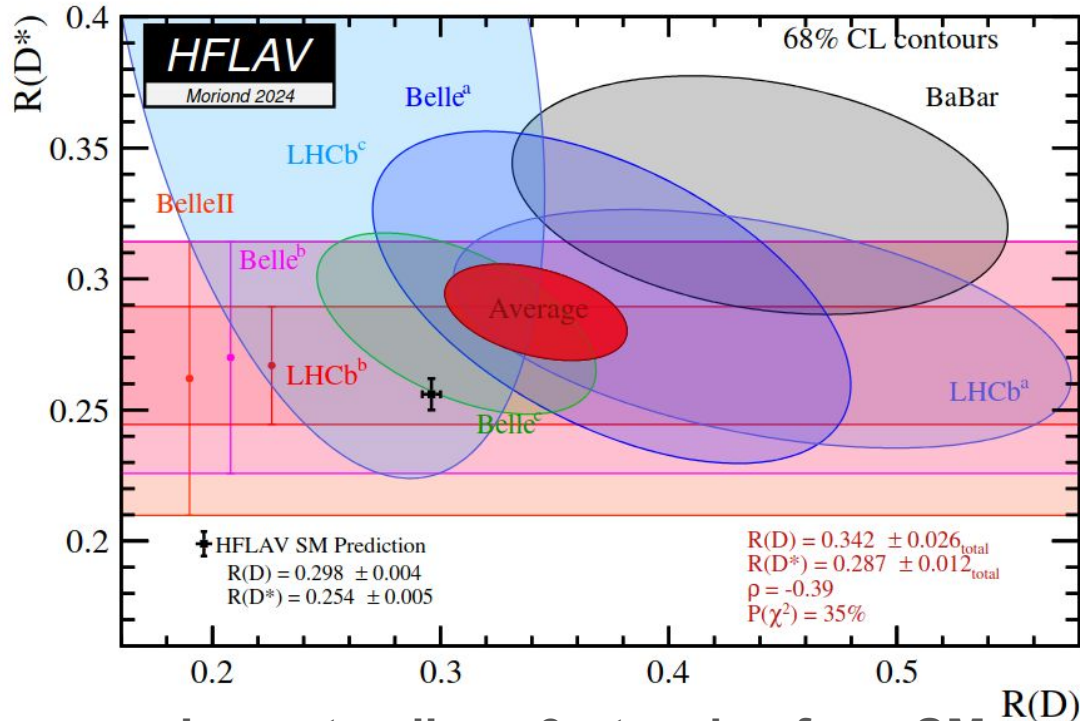
LeptoQuarks



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

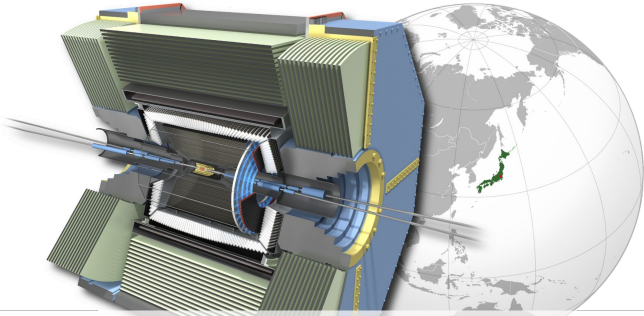
An excellent test of LFU

1. **Direct** test of LFU
2. Precise **theoretical** prediction
3. **Uncertainties** that partially **cancel out** in the ratio:
 - a. Hadronic $b \rightarrow c$ **Form Factor**
 - b. **BFs**
 - c. Experimental **efficiencies**

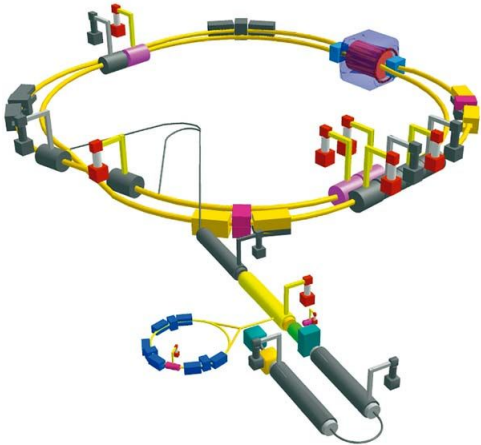


Longstanding $\sim 3\sigma$ tension from SM
measured by
LHCb, BaBar & Belle (II)

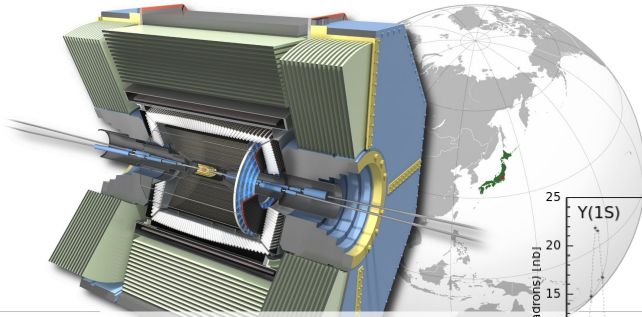
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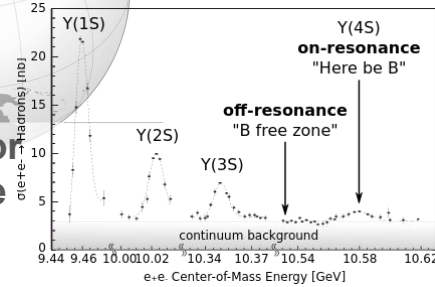
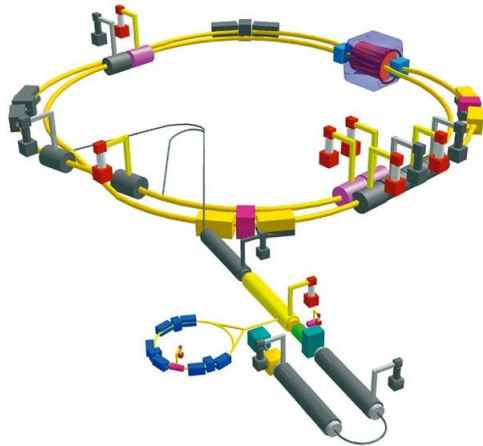
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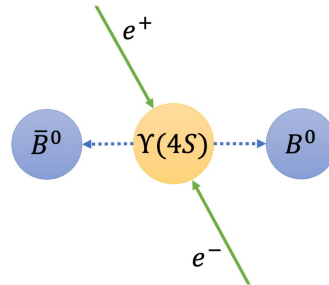
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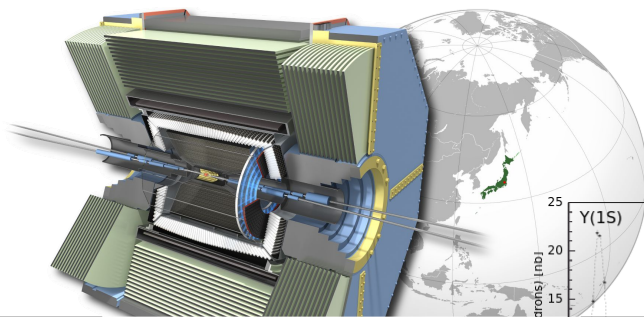
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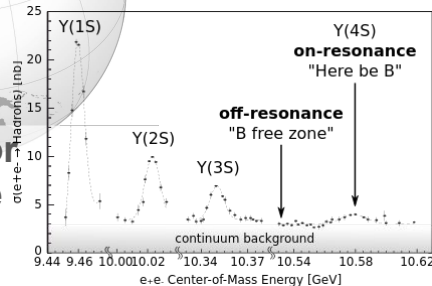
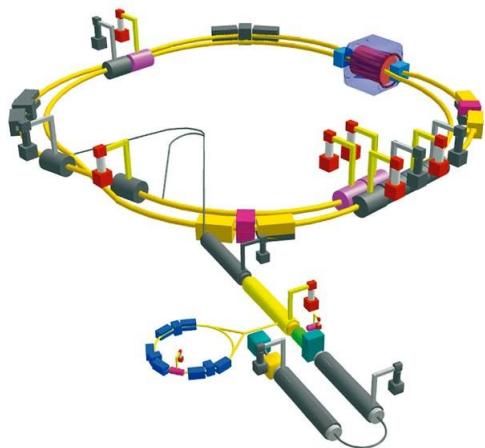
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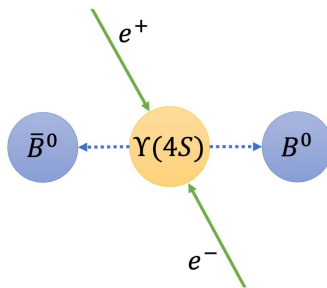
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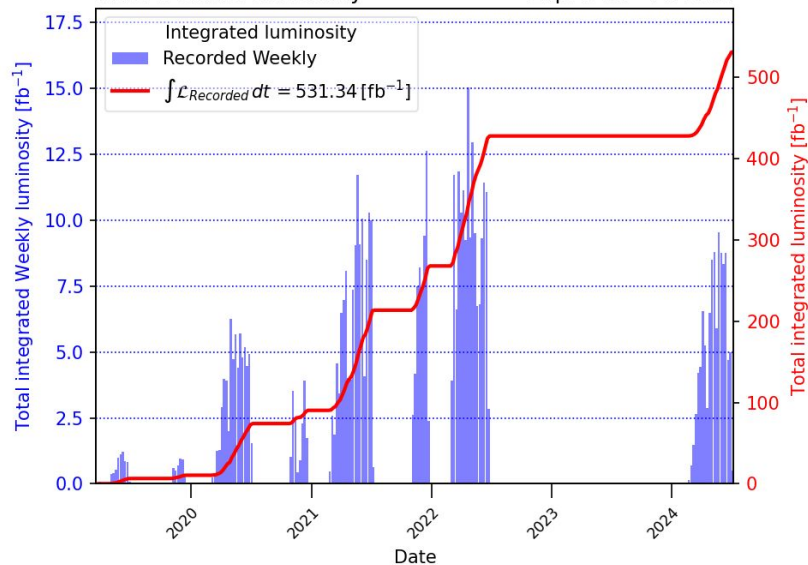


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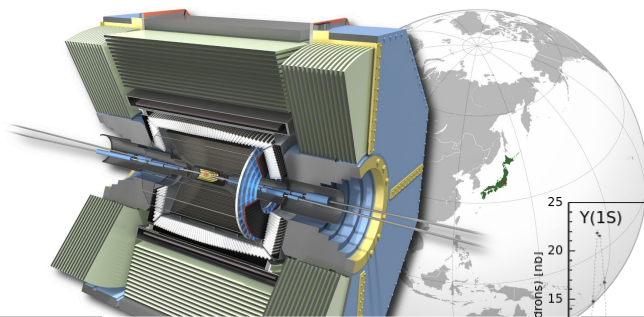
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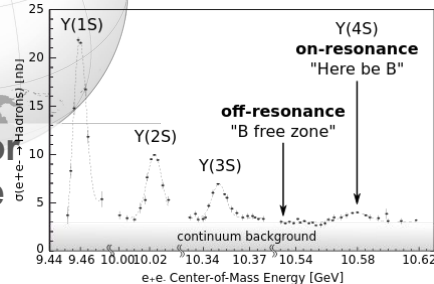
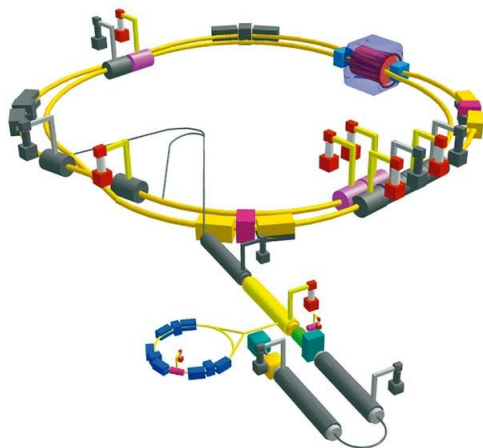
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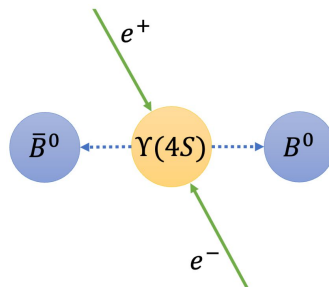
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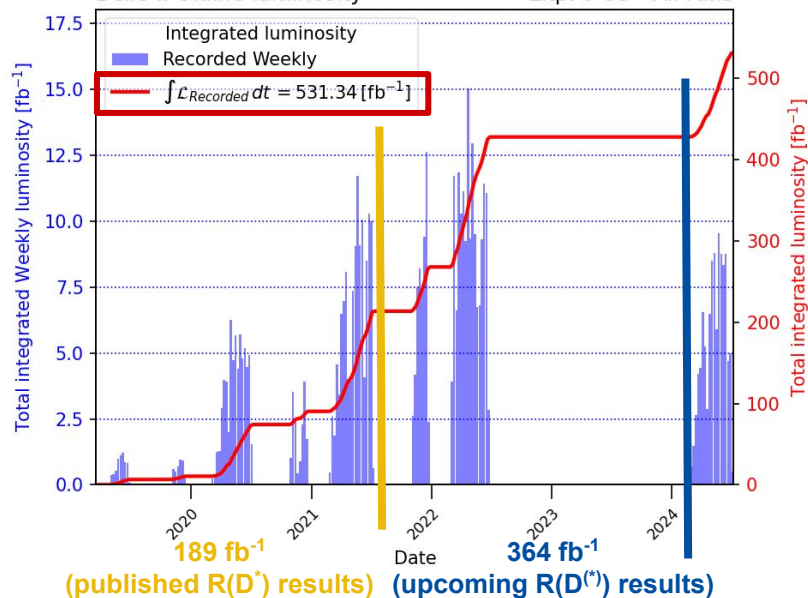


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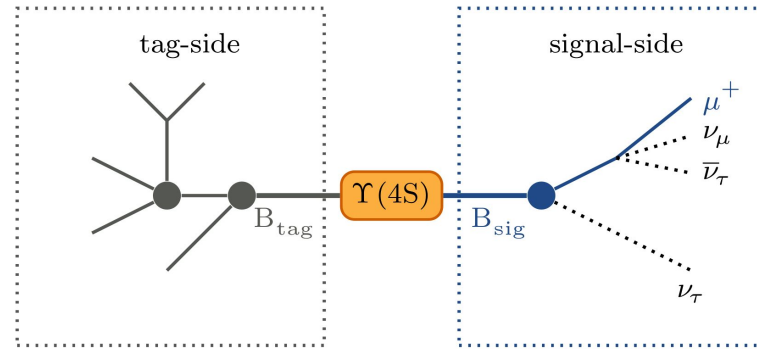


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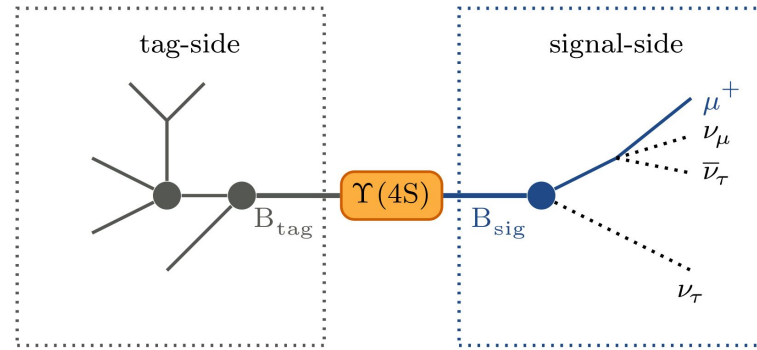


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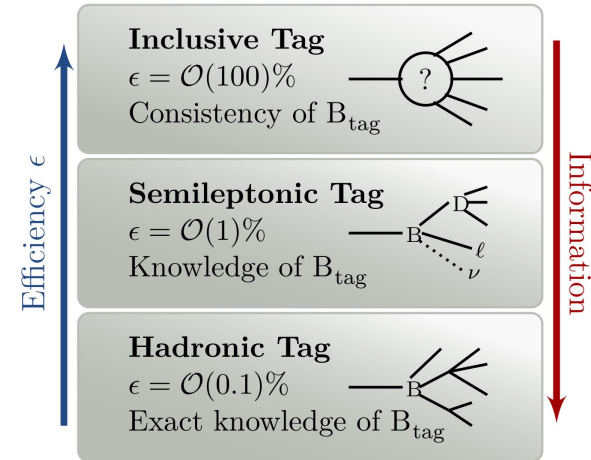
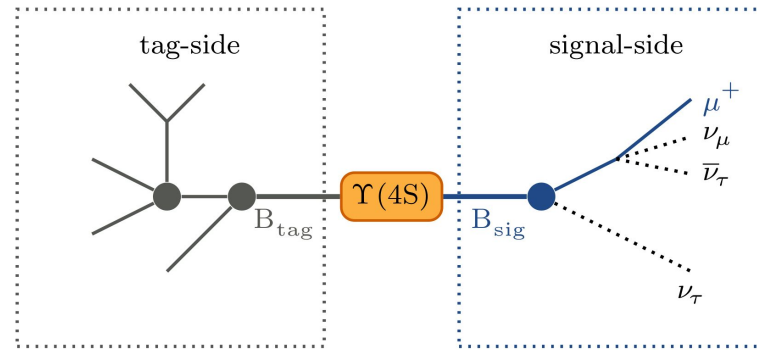


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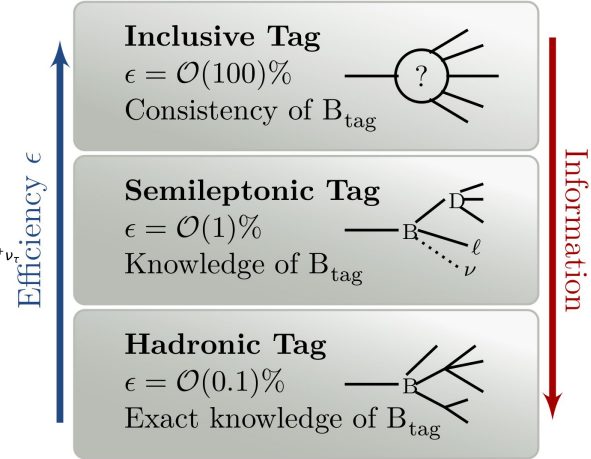
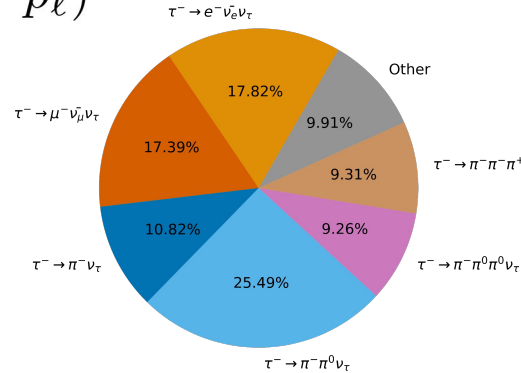
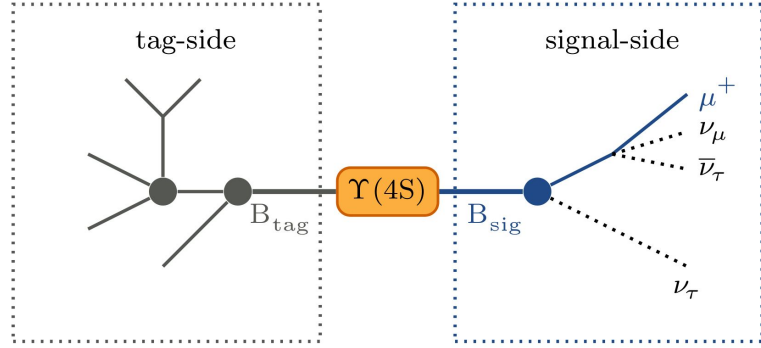


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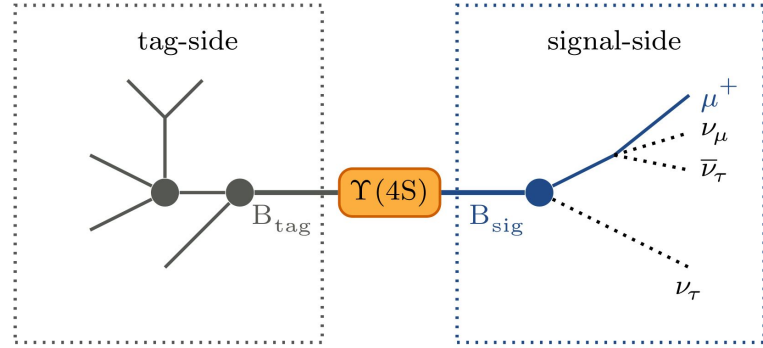
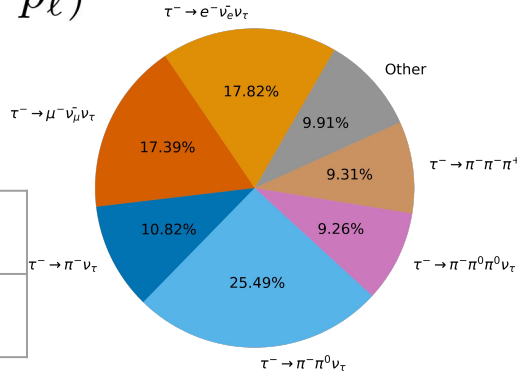
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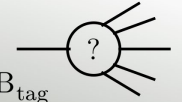
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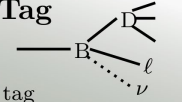
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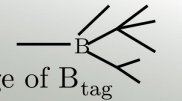
Knowledge of B_{tag}



Hadronic Tag

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Exact knowledge of B_{tag}



Efficiency ϵ

Information

τ decay

Not impossible but very challenging

Where do we stand on $R(D^*)$?

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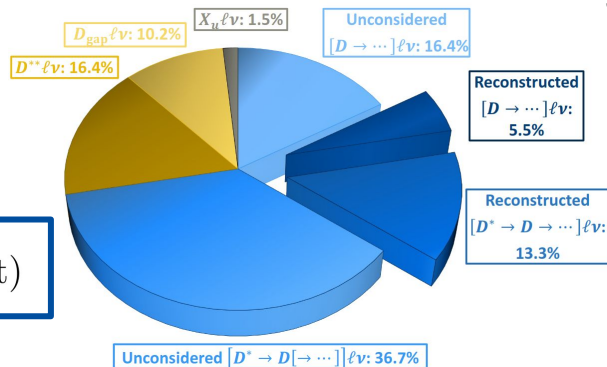
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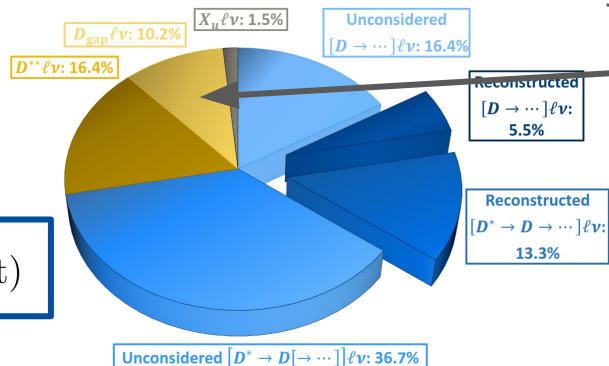
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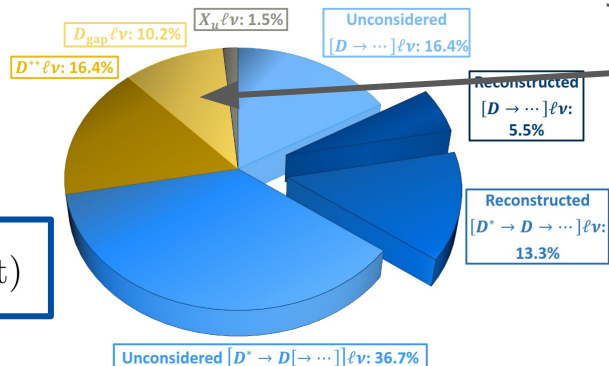
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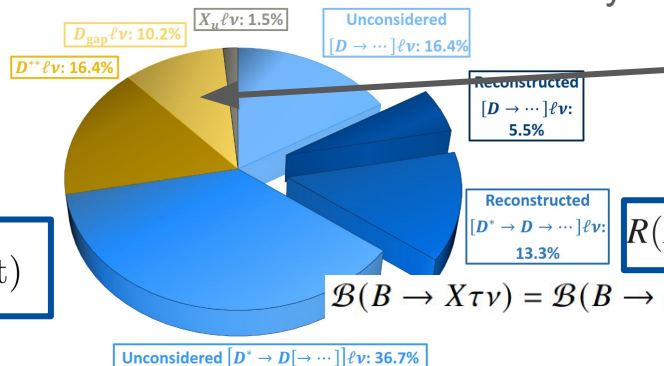
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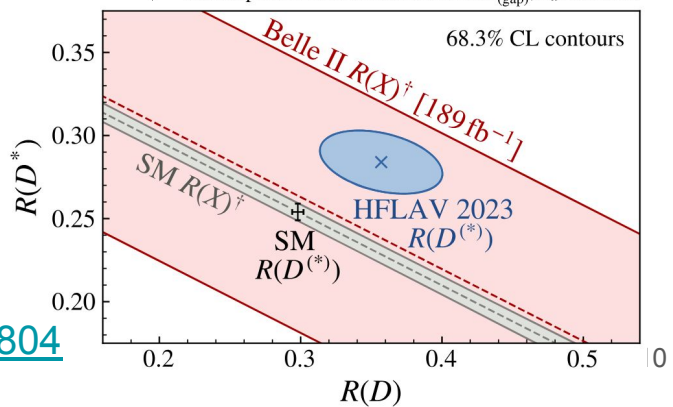
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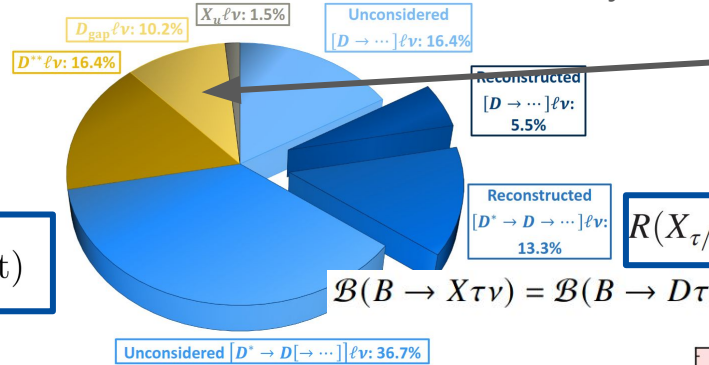
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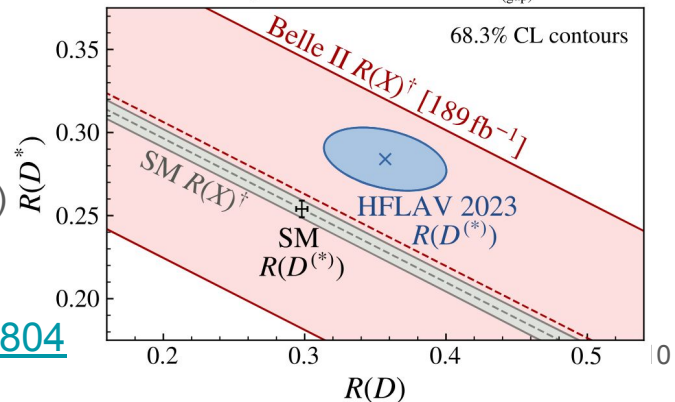
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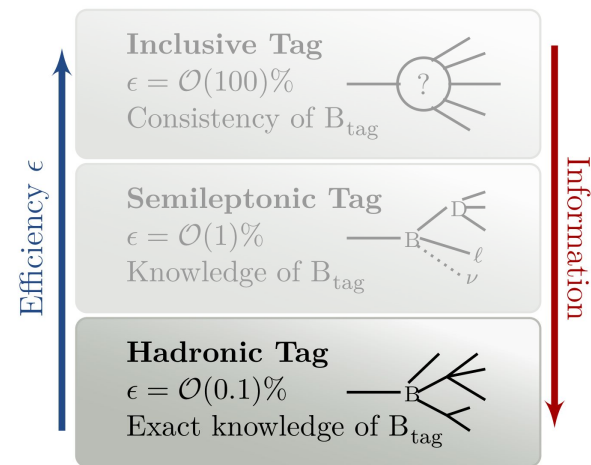
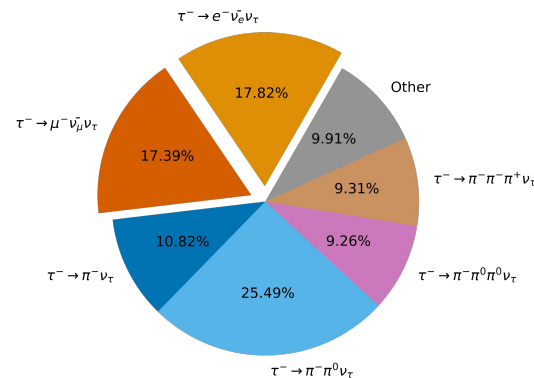
Systematic correlation (mainly D^{**} BFs)
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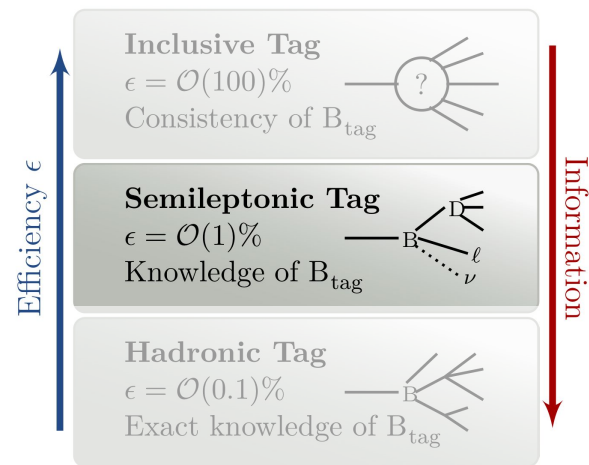
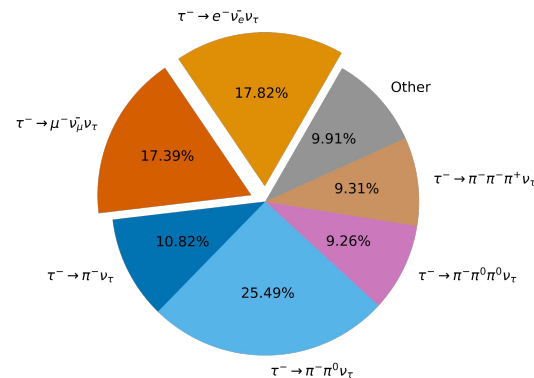
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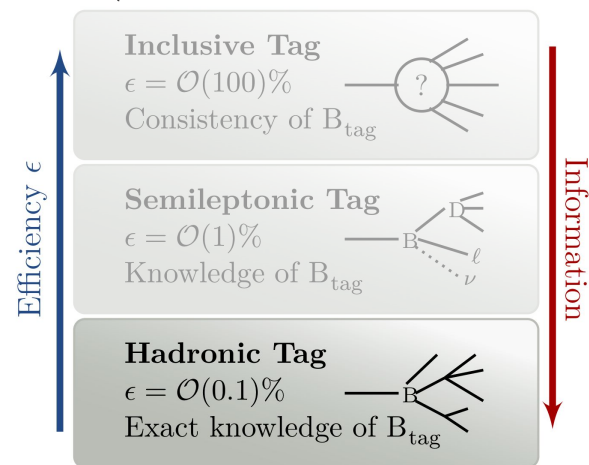
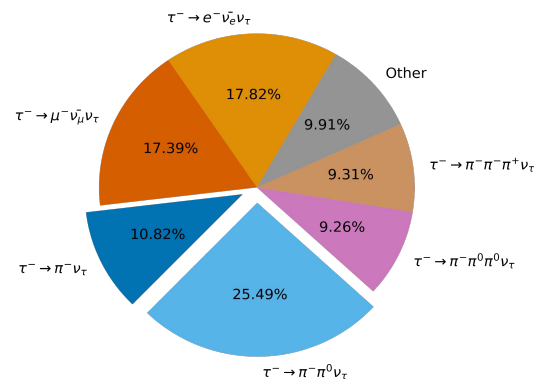
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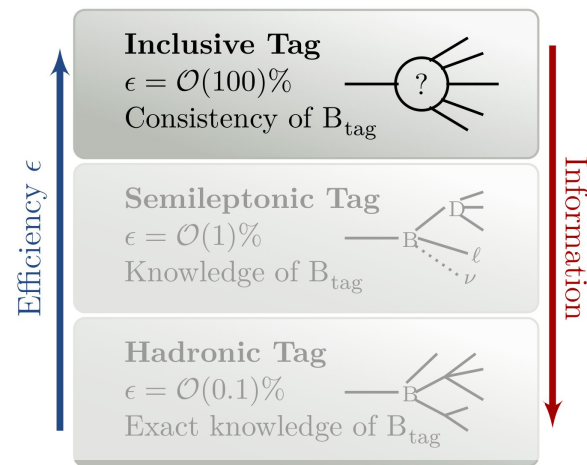
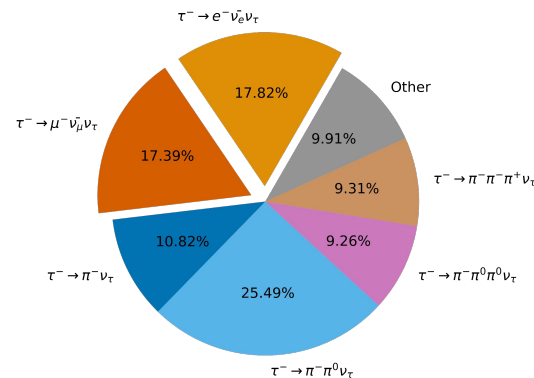
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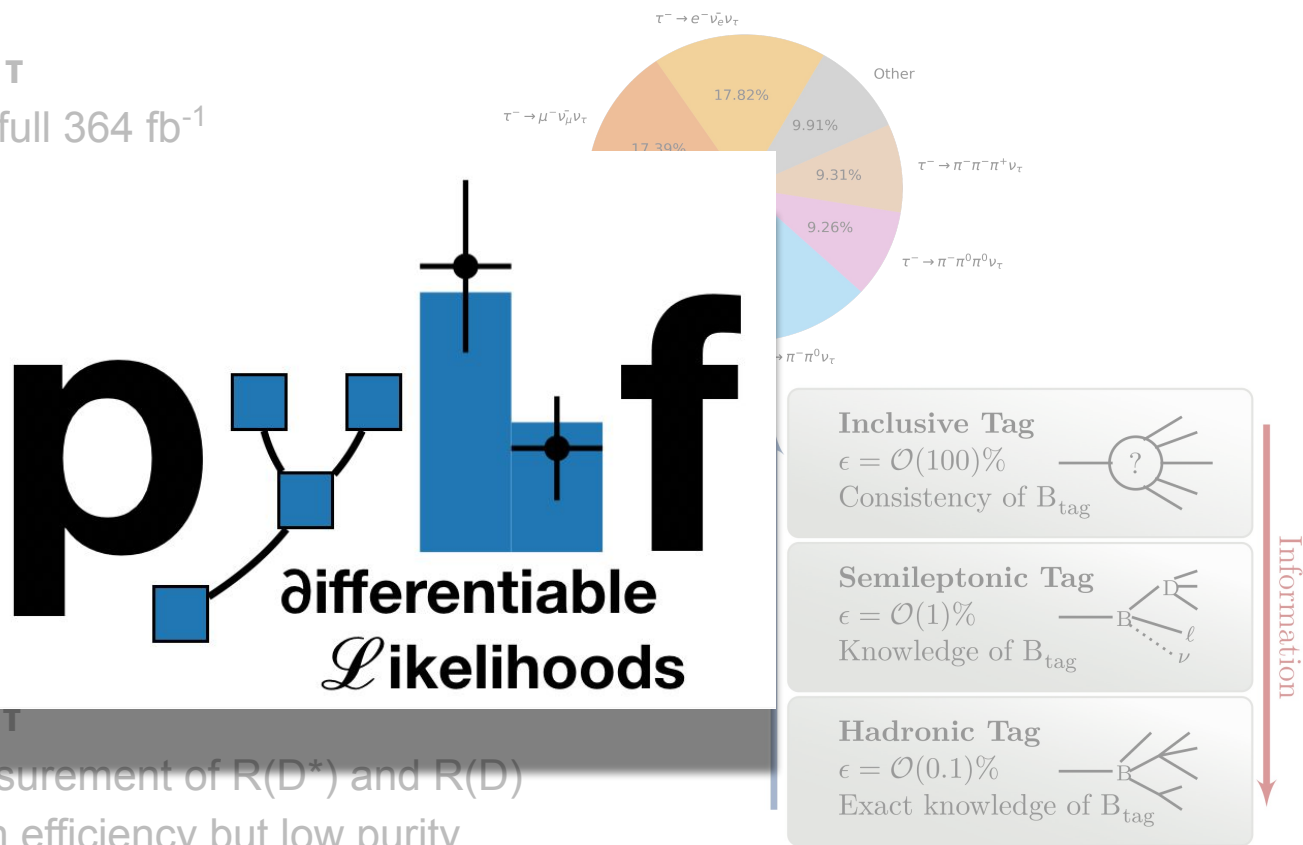
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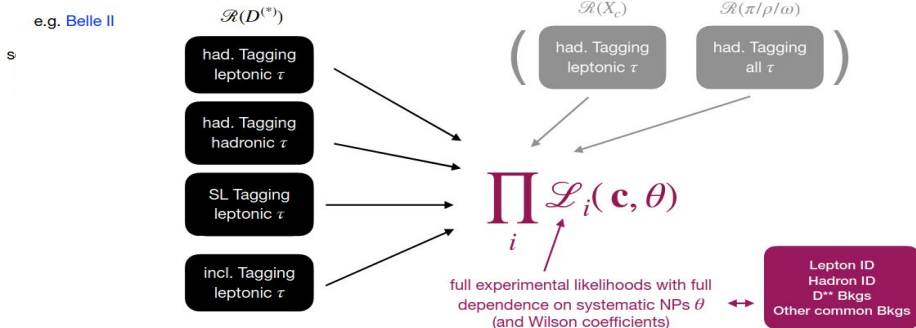
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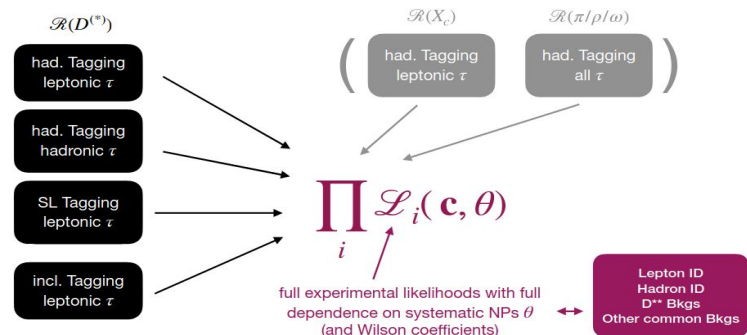
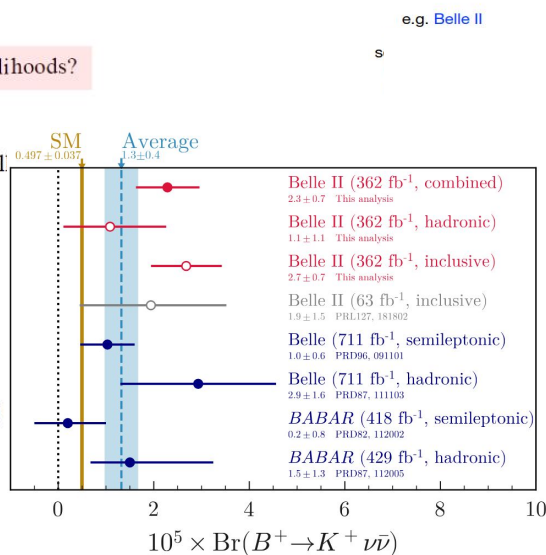
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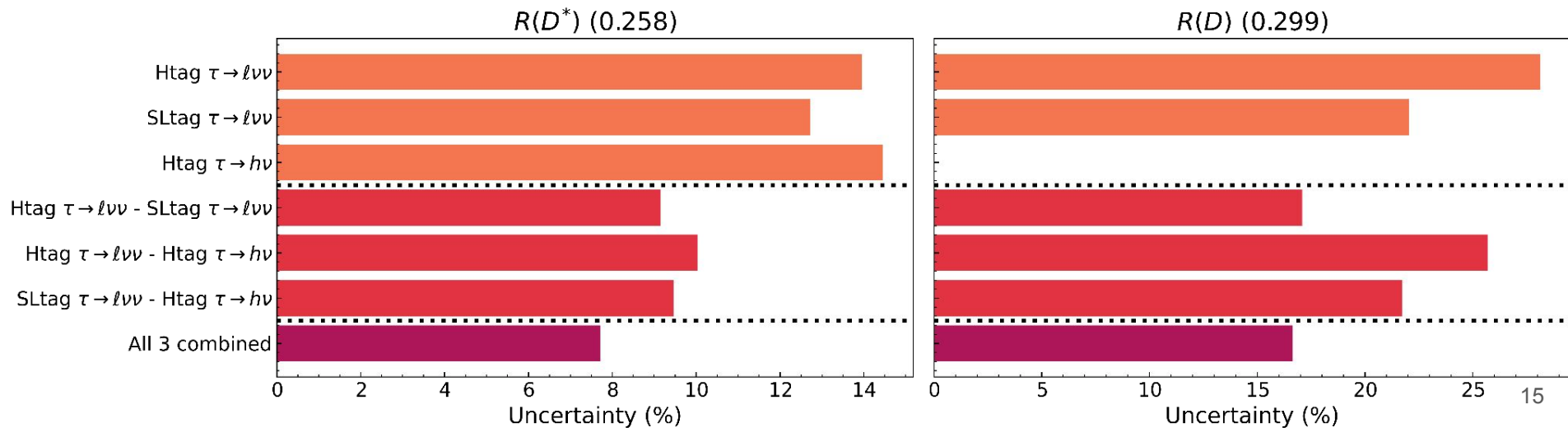


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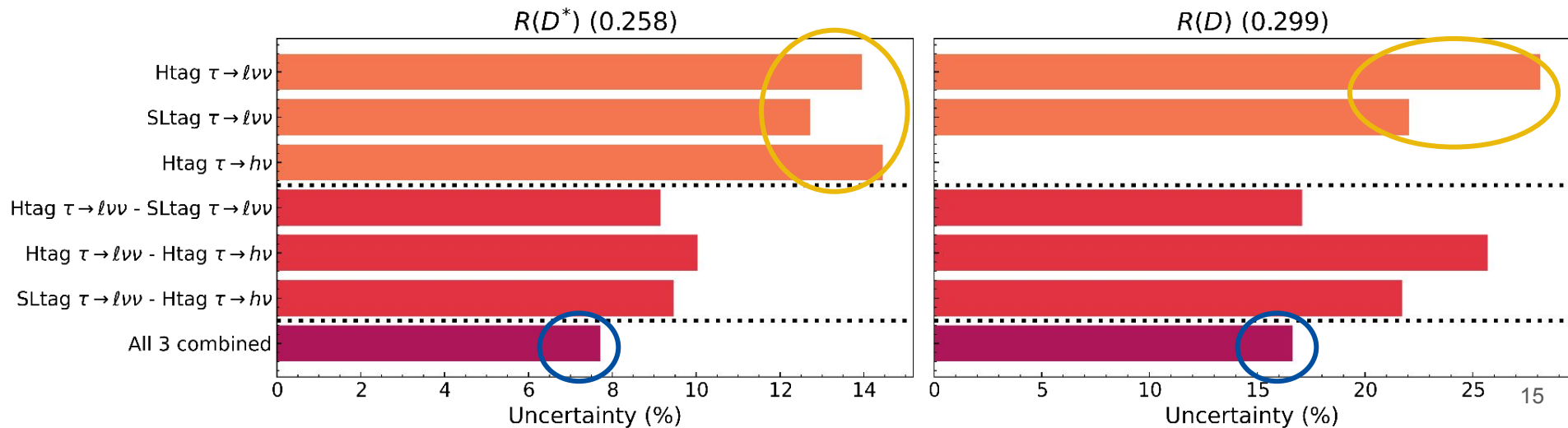
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What about systematic uncertainties ?

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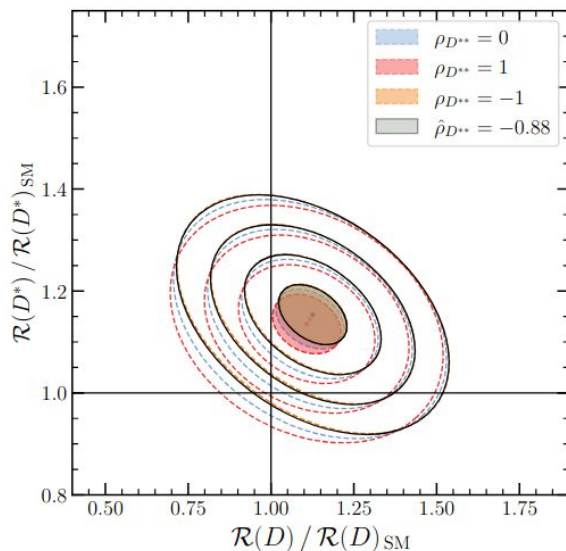
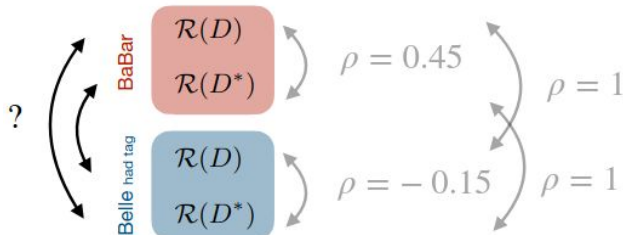
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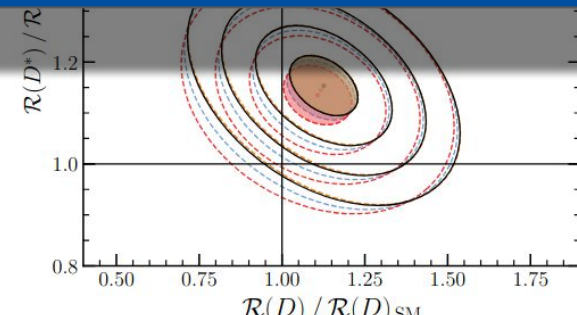
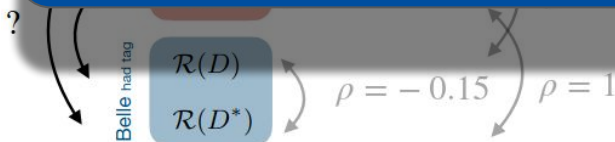
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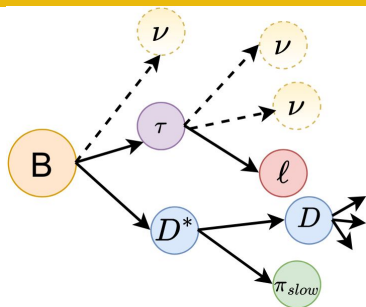
Let's take it a step back.
How do we even calculate the systematic uncertainty in one analysis?



and/or approximations regarding the correlation between two systematic uncertainties

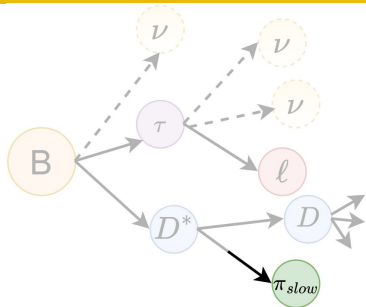
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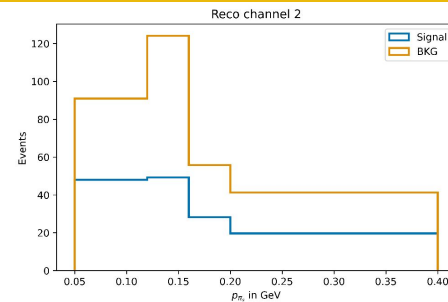
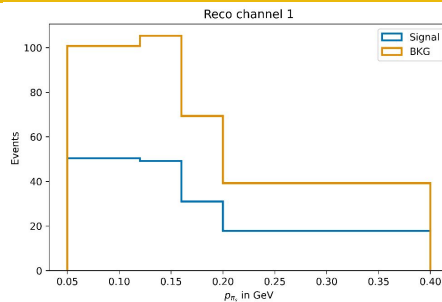


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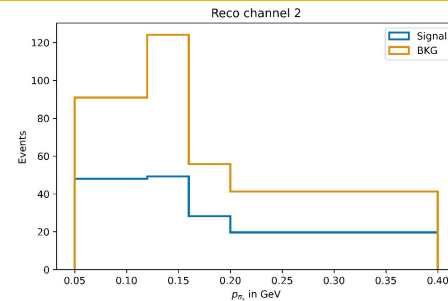
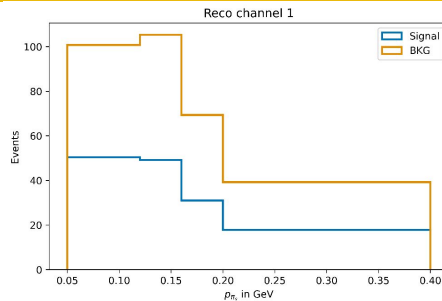
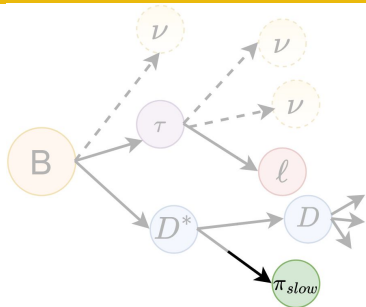
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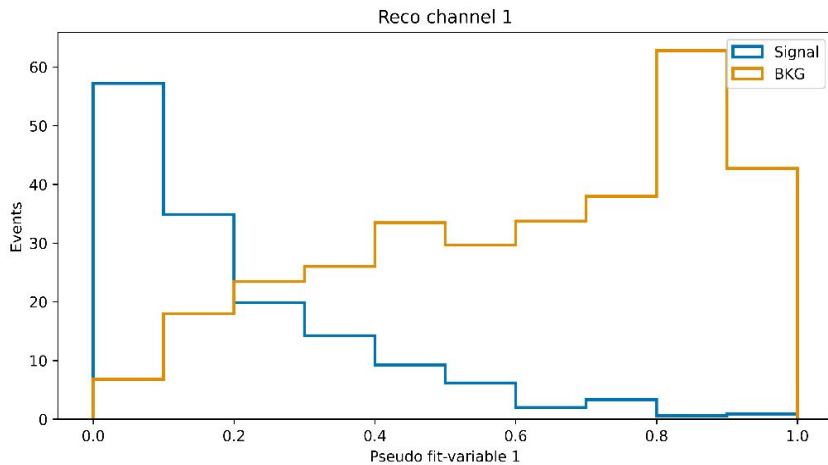
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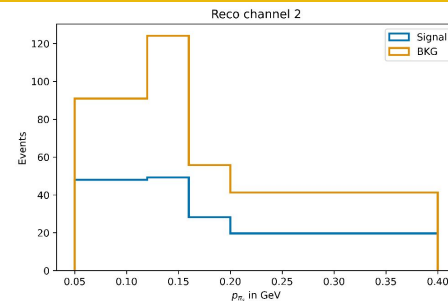
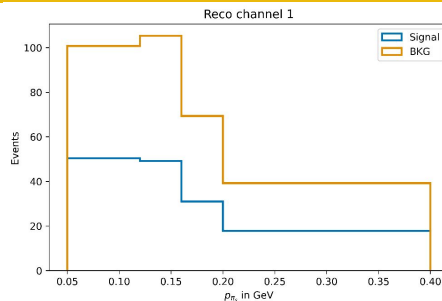
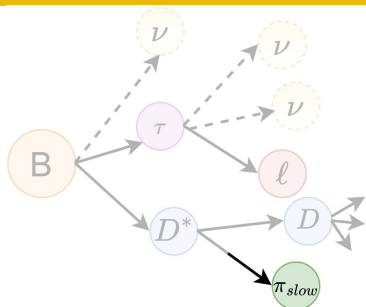


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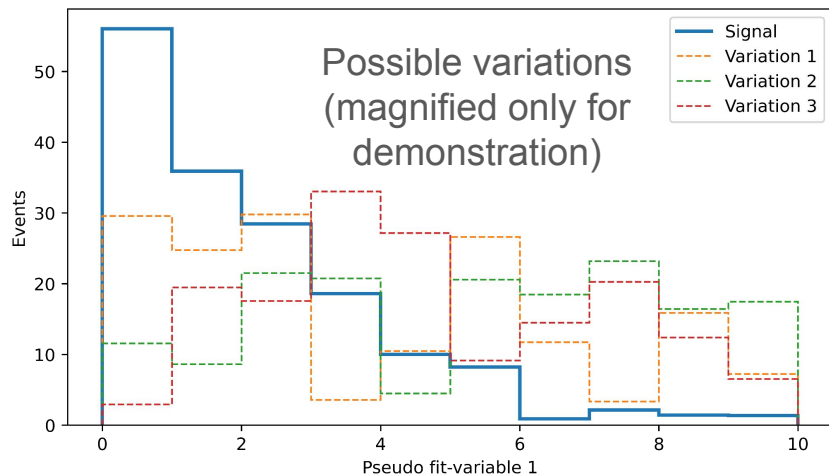
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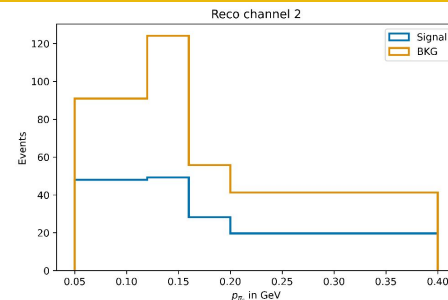
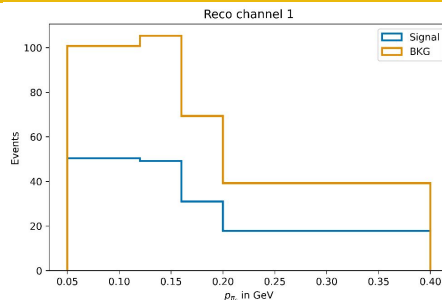
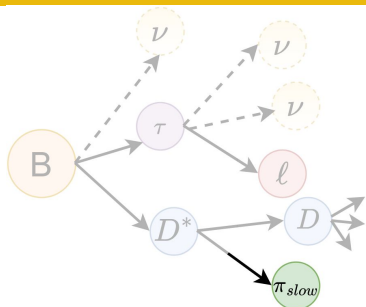
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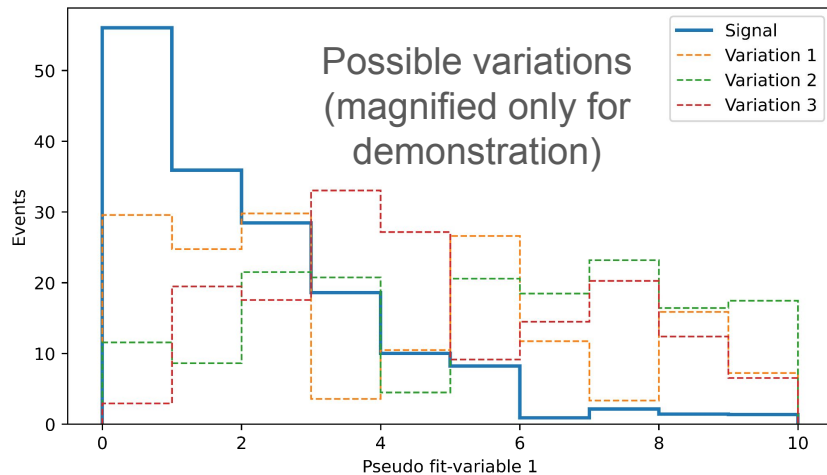
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In case no arbitrary correlation matrices can be used in the fitter to **properly correlate the different bins** (like in pyhf) one has to

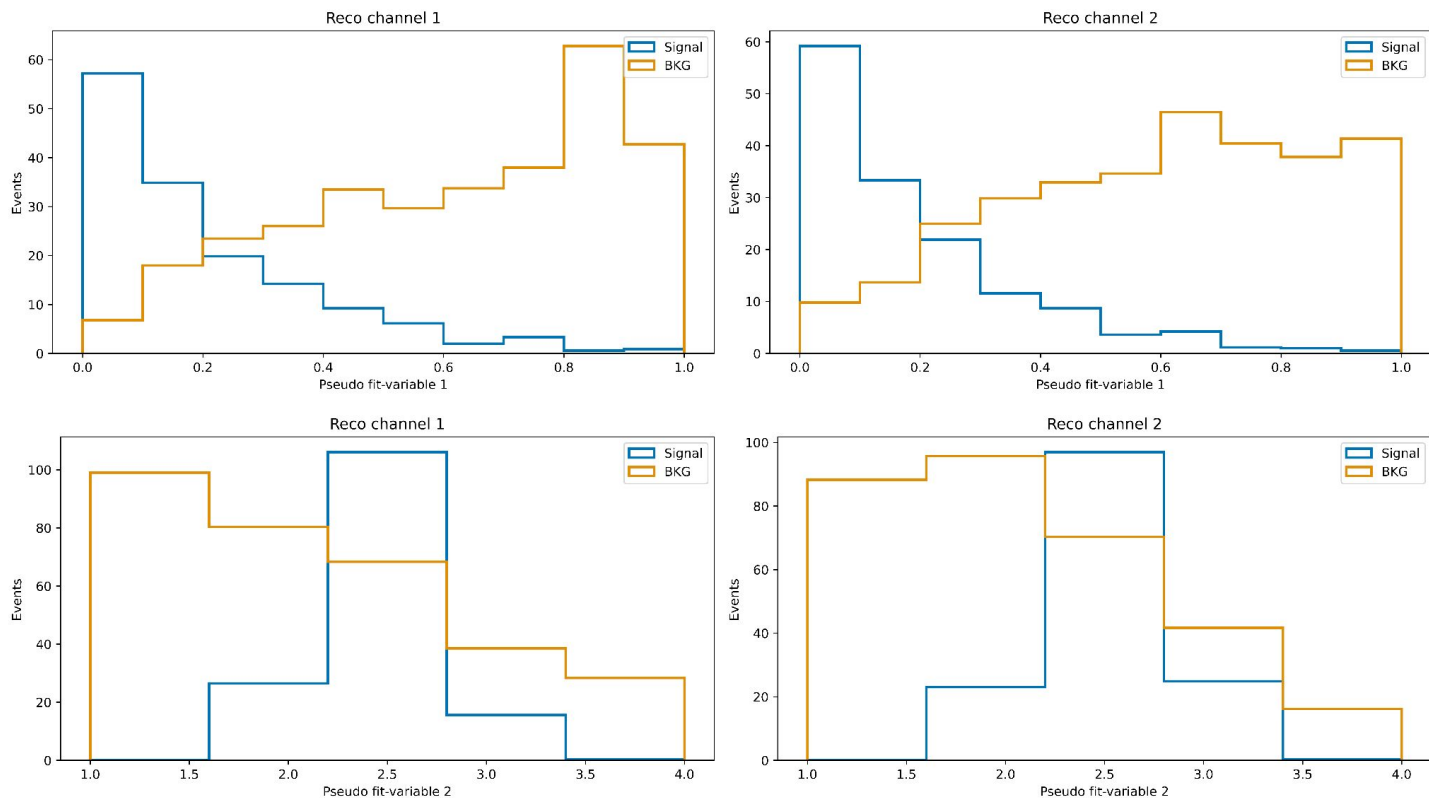
1. Build a **covariance matrix** between all the bins
Dimensions: (channels x templates x bins)
2. **Diagonalize** it
3. Calculate the **eigenvariations** of those.

Every eigendirection is then implemented as **a fully correlated nuisance parameter across all bins.**

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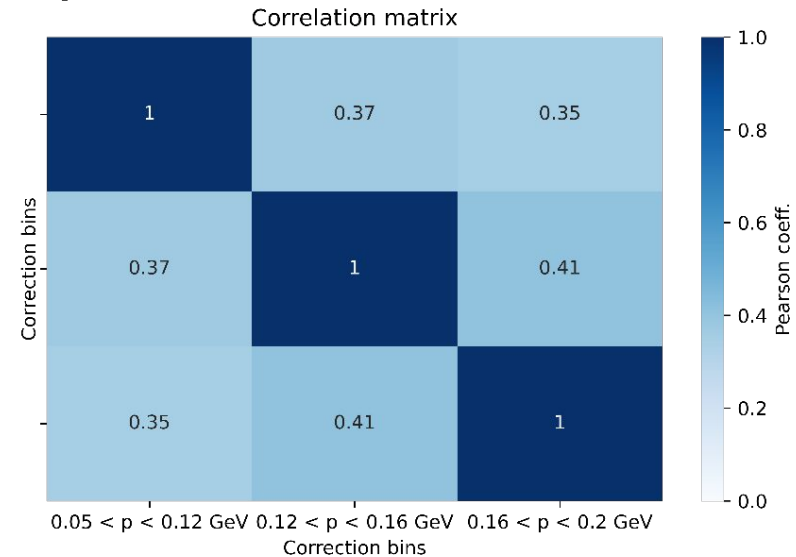
For demonstration let's consider a 2D simultaneous fit in two reconstructions channels



Slow π efficiency systematics need to be considered

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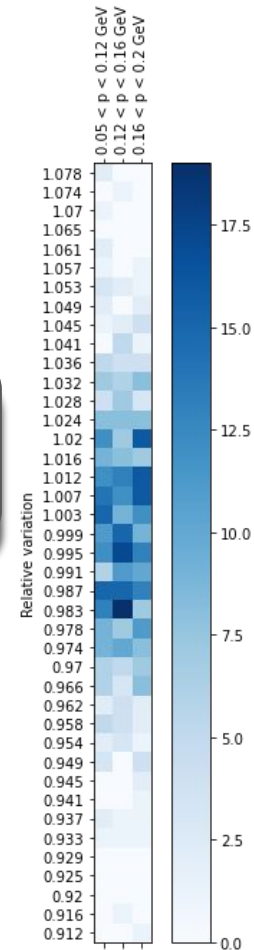
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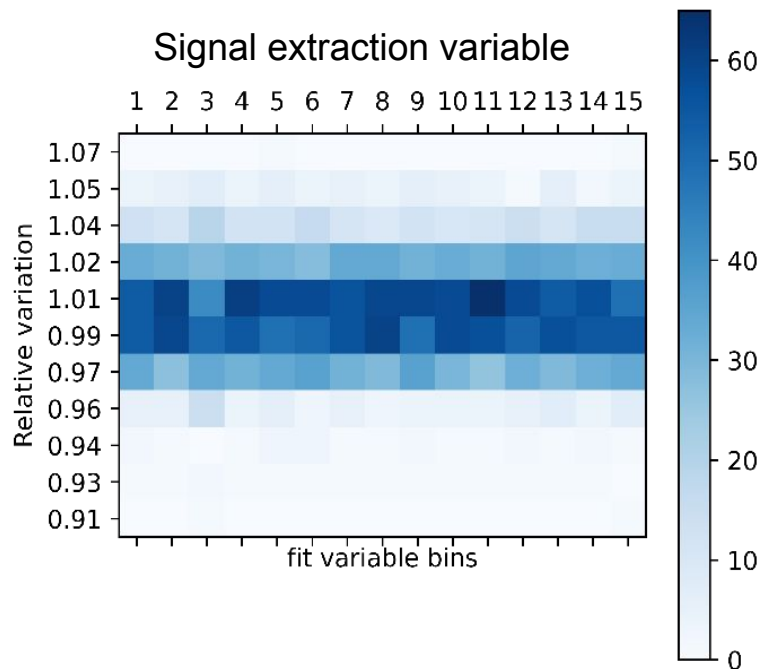
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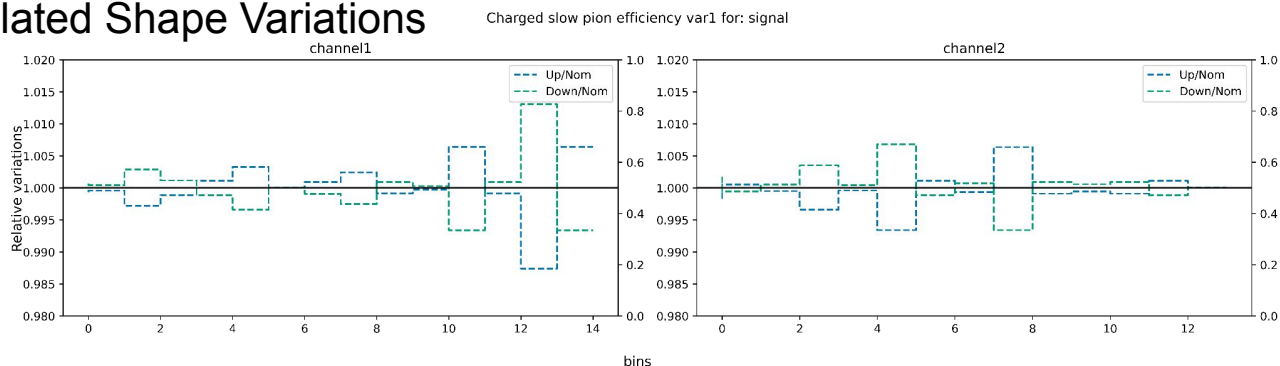
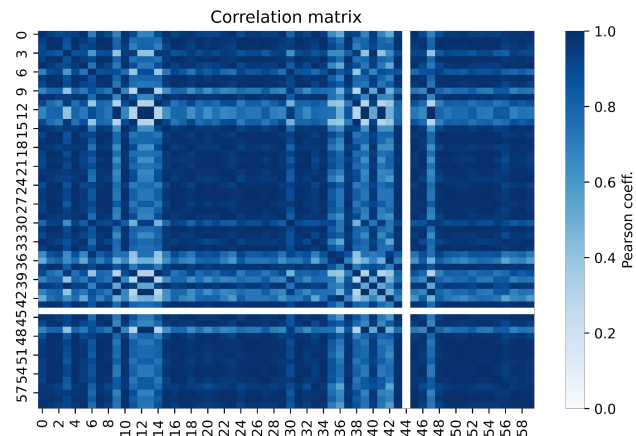
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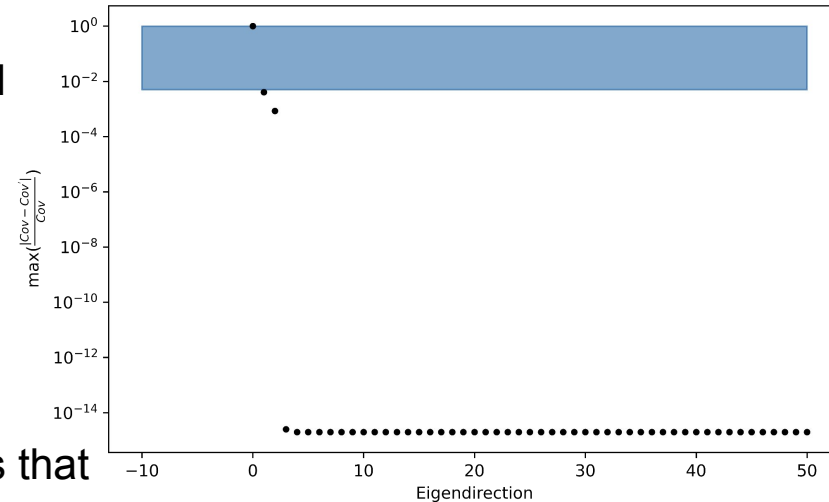
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Let's combine some $R(D^{(*)})$ measurements

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Two independent measurements

Preliminary Asimov fits

Similar statistical precision (assuming 364 fb^{-1})

Similar effect of slow π systematics

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Not a full HFLAV style global χ^2 fit here

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The simultaneous MLE reduces the combined systematic uncertainty

For a simultaneous MLE we have a smoother likelihood, avoiding extreme fluctuations in the NP

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Full correlation in HFLAV style
is a conservative approach

$$\rho_{ij} = \min \left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_j}, \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i} \right)$$

NP don't float
independently leading to
a smaller reduction of the
systematic uncertainty

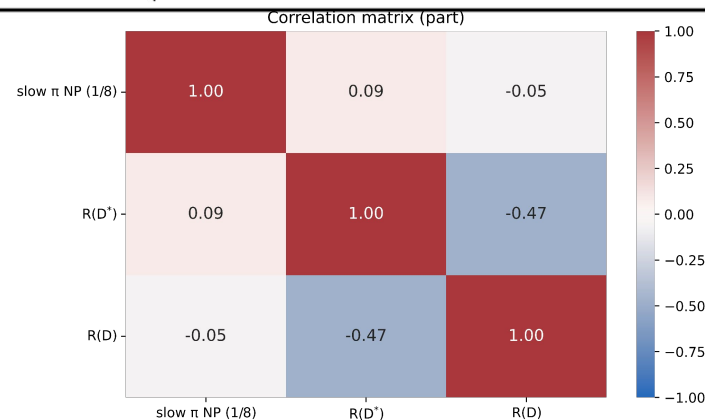
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from MLE takes into
account both
normalization and
shapes

Comparison of combination methods

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Shared NP constrain the uncertainties more tightly



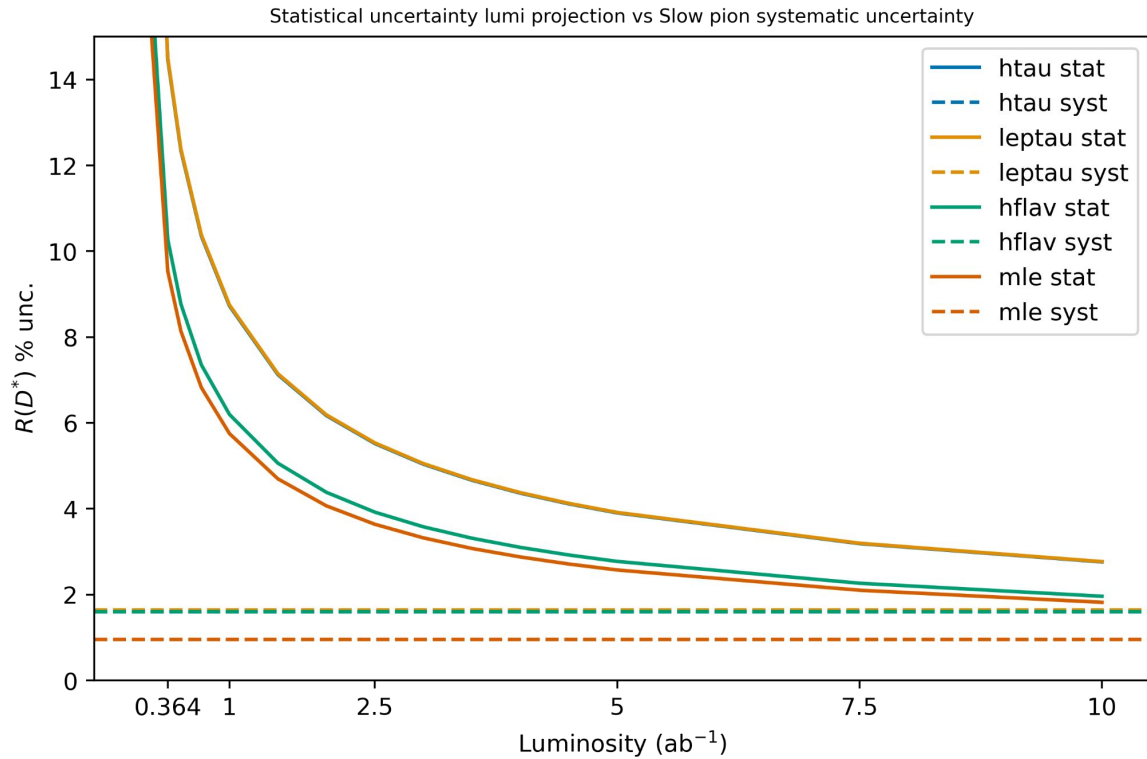
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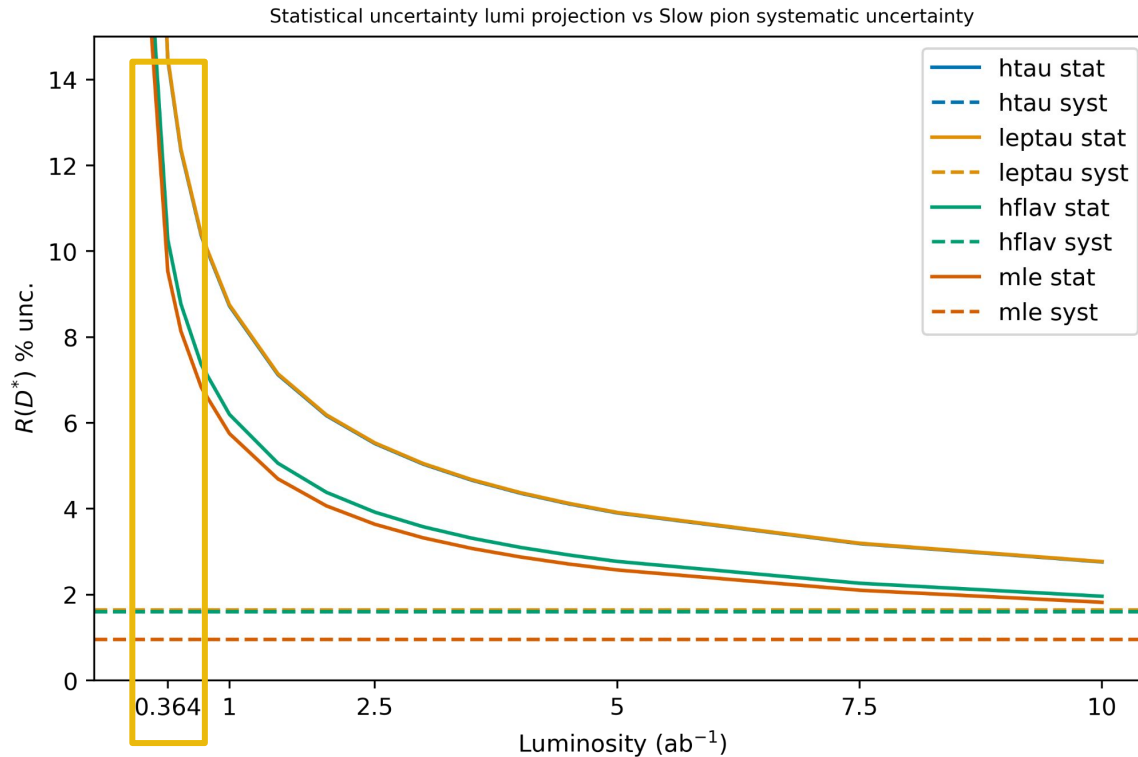
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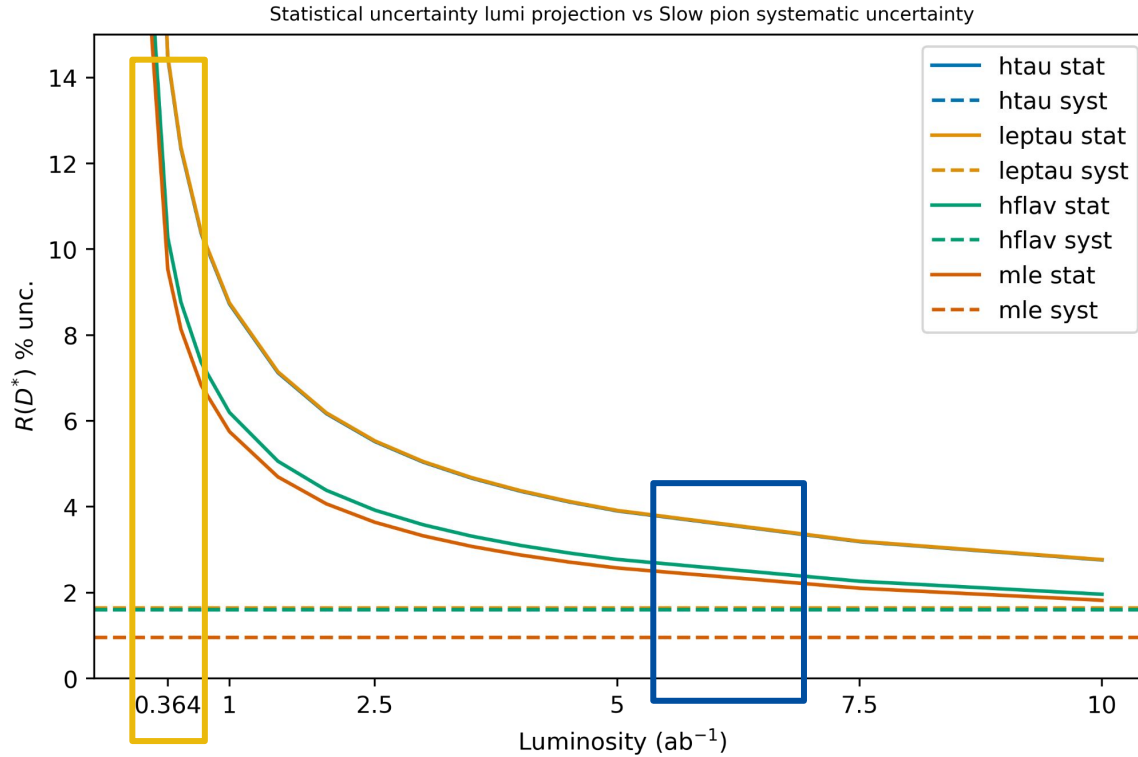
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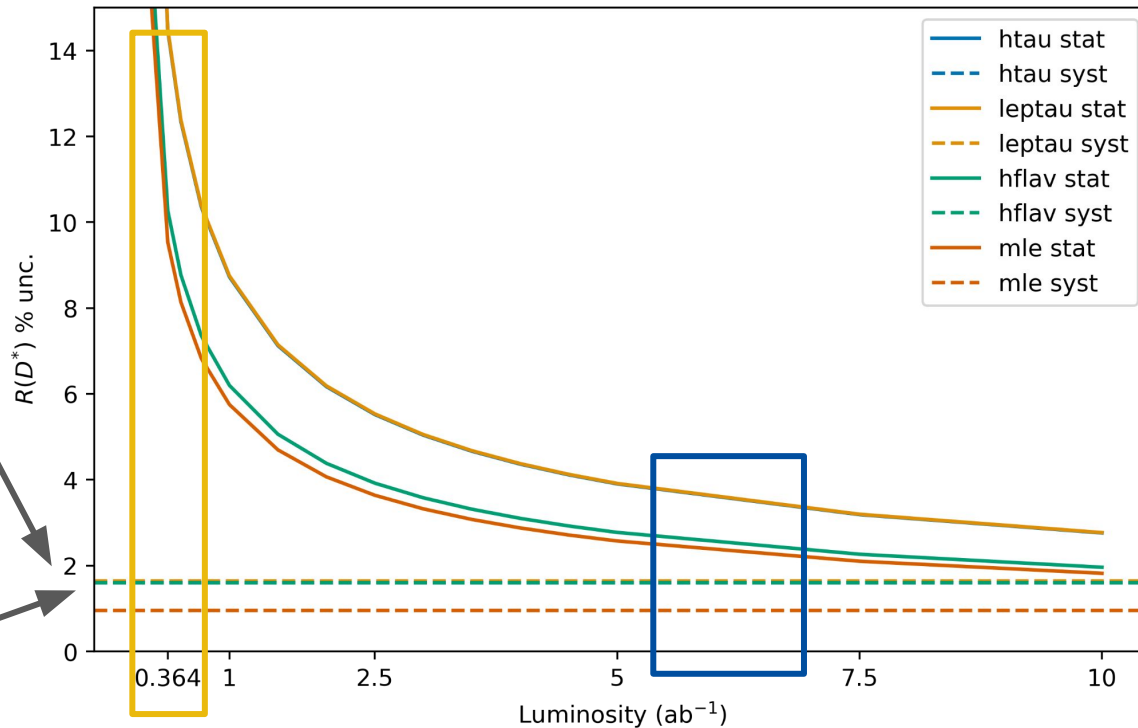
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Statistical uncertainty lumi projection vs Slow pion systematic uncertainty



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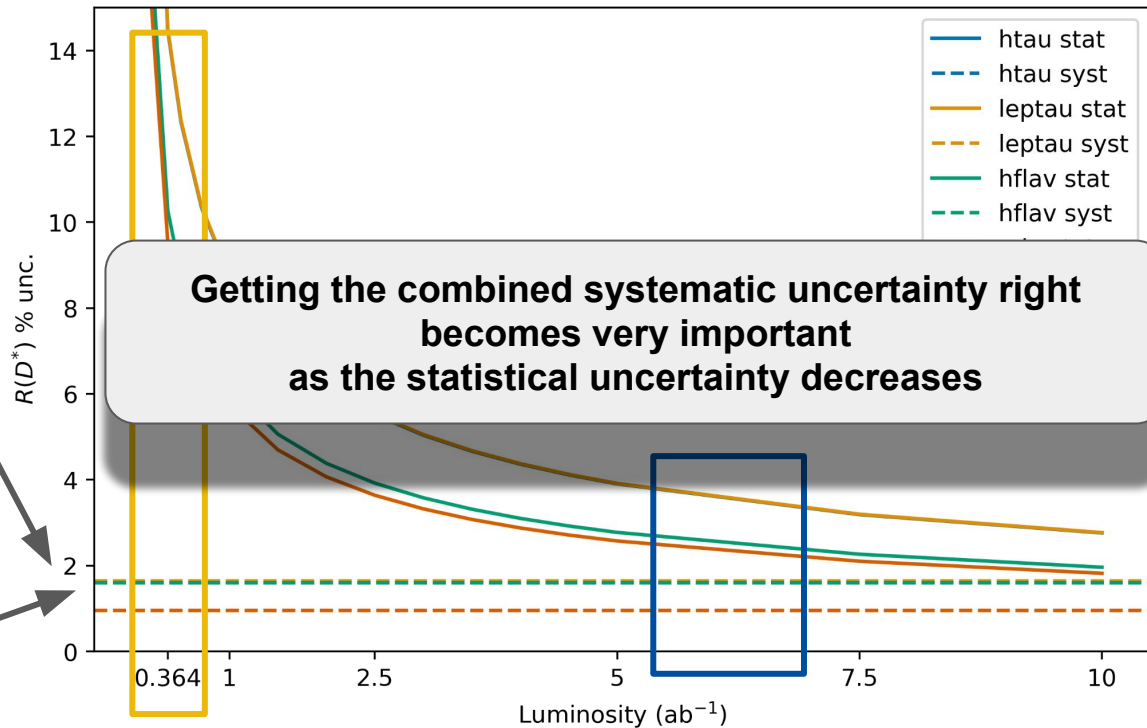
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Getting the combined systematic uncertainty right becomes very important as the statistical uncertainty decreases

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Full systematic budgets of $R(D^*)$ measurements

Belle II $R(D^*)$ with hFEI		189 fb^{-1}
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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	
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If the unconstrained likelihoods $\mathcal{L}_k(x, y_1, y_2, \dots)$ for each of the measurements are available, the exact method is to minimize the simultaneous likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{comb}}(x, y_1, y_2, \dots) \equiv \prod_k \mathcal{L}_k(x, y_1, y_2, \dots) \prod_i \mathcal{L}_i(y_i), \quad (4)$$

with an independent Gaussian constraint

flat constraint $\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_i(y_i) = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - y'_i}{\Delta y'_i} \right)^2 \right] \quad (5)$

However, most publications do not include the full likelihood, in which case we use an approximate method

The **HFLAV** approximate method is valid in most cases but **fails to profit** from any information encoded in the **shape effects** of the **correlated systematics**

Arbitrarily correlated systematic uncertainties

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tagging
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LID

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HFLAV's conservative approach: $\rho_{ij} = \min\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_j}, \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i}\right)$

With collaboration internal knowledge and the **proper tools** (i.e. SysVar) the **exact correlation** can be obtained to treat common systematics consistently and **benefit from shape effects**

As different measurements often quote different types of systematic uncertainties, achieving consistent definitions in order to properly treat correlations requires close coordination between HFLAV and the experiments. In some cases, a group of systematic uncertainties must be combined into a coarser description in order to obtain an average that is consistent among measurements.

And in practice ?

Belle II analysts



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Minimal config files with
essential analysis specific
information

Belle II member



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```
reco_channel_id_column: channel
reco_channels:
  channel1: [0]
  channel2: [1]
```

```
template_id_column: template
templates:
  - signal
  - bkg
```

```
total_weight: total_weight
MC_prod: MC15r1
Nvar: 500
```

```
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Possible combination scheme

Belle II analysts



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A few months time

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Full likelihood

$$\prod_i \mathcal{L}_i(\mathbf{c}, \theta)$$

statistically validate fit!

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**Belle II
combined $R(D^*)$**

Can we handle all the data ?

Eigendecomposition on the likelihood level should not be preferred

SysVar's Combination API: A Powerful Tool for Streamlined Combined EigenDecomposition

1. Selective column collection

- Automatically retrieve only essential columns, as defined in the cfg file, minimizing memory consumption. Currently supporting a growing list of file formats.

2. Input merging and unification

- Combine and standardize input data structures to ensure consistency across analyses.

3. Automatic cfg generation

- Build a new cfg file for all analyses, simplifying configuration management.

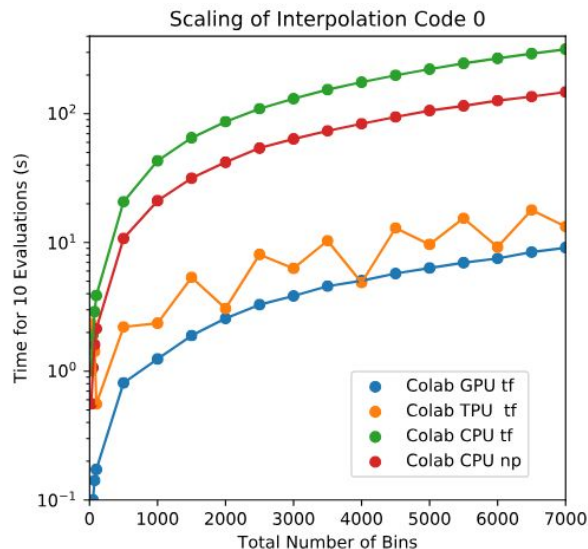
4. Flexible multi-channel processing

- Handle multiple reconstruction channels (even from different analyses) as a single unified workflow.

Can we fit an increasing number of nuisance parameters ?



pyhf is using **deep learning frameworks** as **computational backends** which allows for exploitation of auto differentiation (**autograd**) and **GPU acceleration**

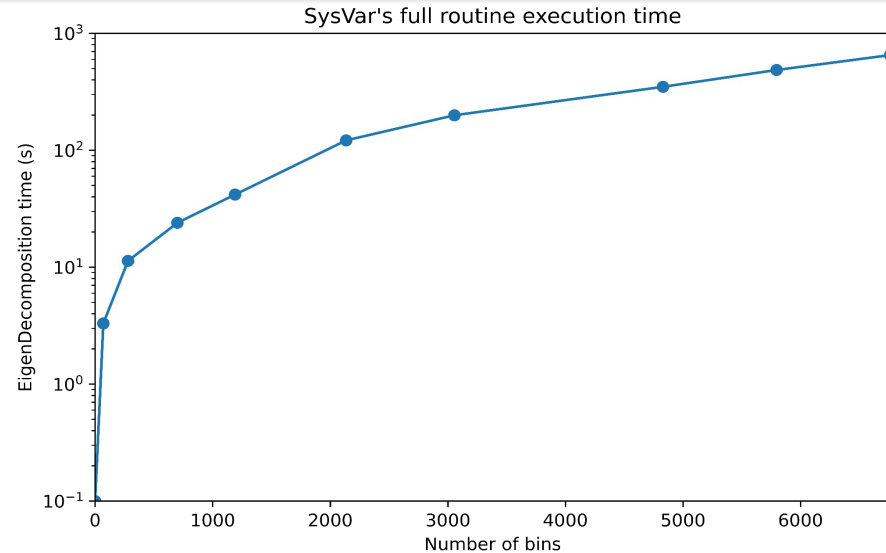


- Show hardware acceleration giving **order of magnitude speedup** for some models!
- Improvements over traditional
 - 10 hrs to 30 min; 20 min to 10 sec

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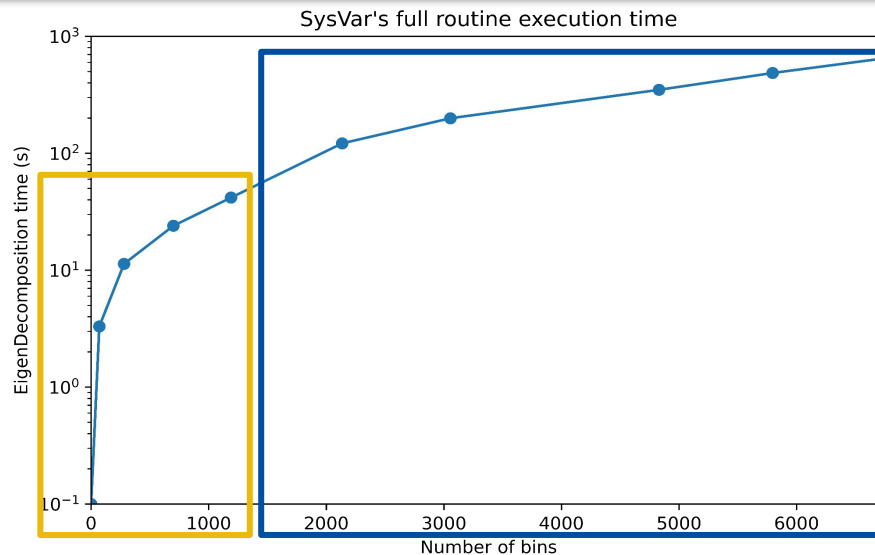
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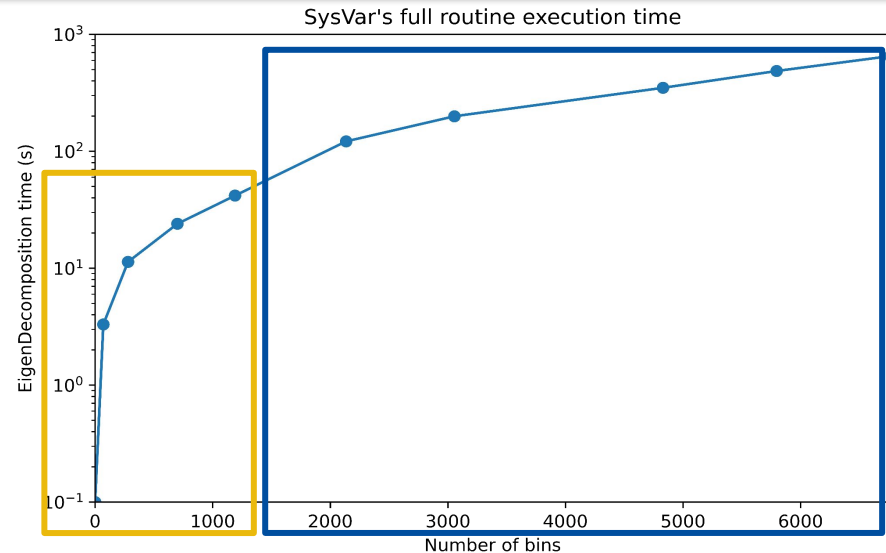
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Depends on the criterion used.

There's room for improvement in the implementation
but still the execution time doesn't make the task impractical

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Stay tuned for more exciting results on $R(D^{(*)})$ by Belle II !

Considering the true correlations when combining our measurements can improve our precision

Opens road for LHCb/Belle II combinations

Back-up

Hadronically tagged $R(D^*)$ at Belle II

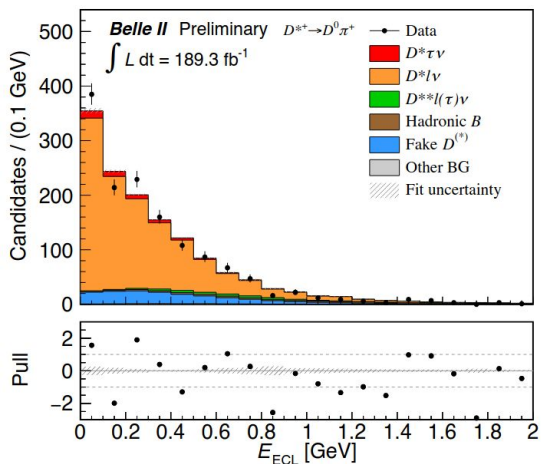
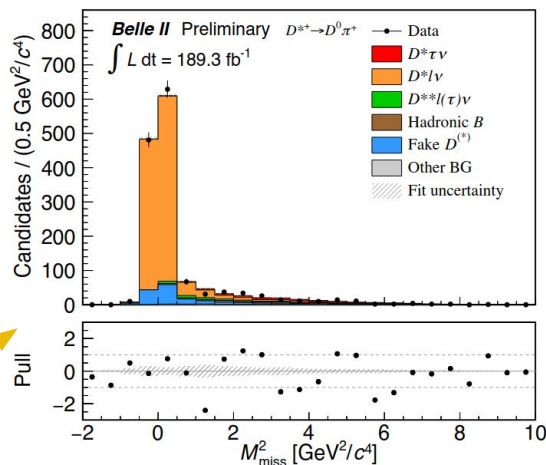
First $R(D^*)$ measurement at Belle II !

Using hadronic tag
Reconstruct $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$
with remaining tracks

leptonic τ decays in both
charged and neutral B mesons

missing mass squared
and
unassigned energy in the
calorimeter
to extract signal

Use control regions to constrain
main backgrounds
(fake D^* , D^{**} etc)



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

Consistent with SM !

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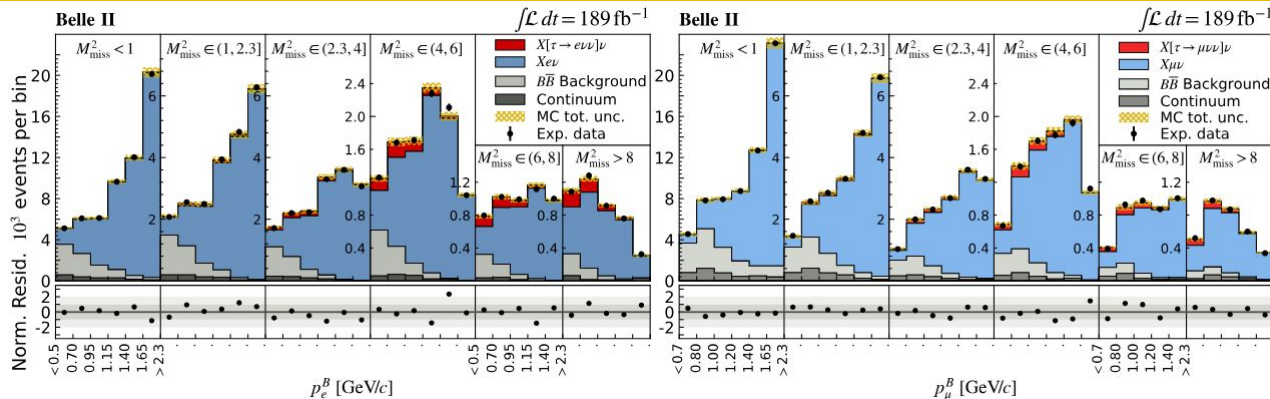
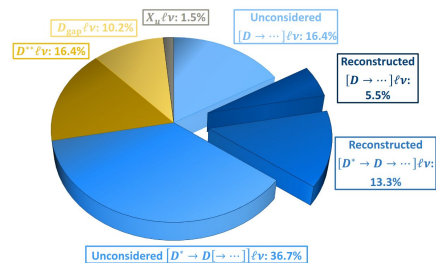
Similar precision to Belle
with **25%** of the data

[arXiv: 2401.02840](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.02840)

R(D*) from R(X) at Belle II

Using **hadronic tag** reconstruct a **single lepton** and combine the rest into an X system inclusively

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



missing mass squared
and
lepton momentum
for signal extraction

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

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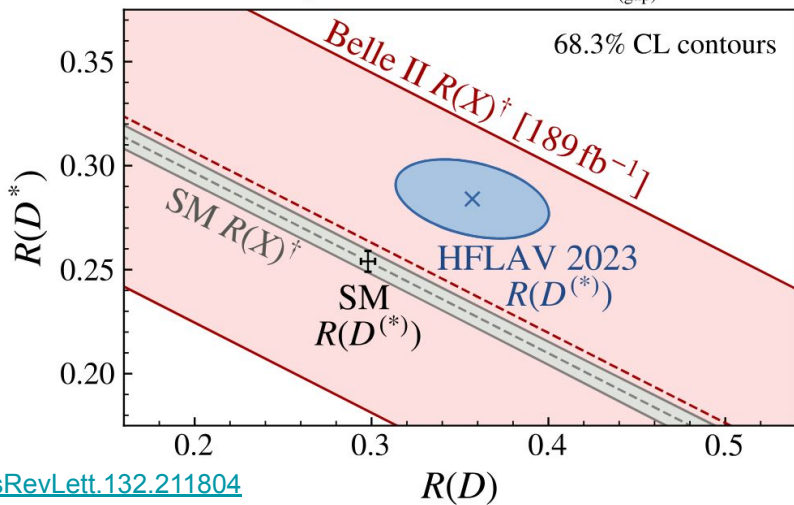
$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu) + \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^*\tau\nu) + \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D_{(\text{gap})}^{**}, X_u\tau\nu)$$

Assuming SM like D** BFs.

Statistical correlation with R(D*) ~0.02

Systematic correlation (mainly D** BFs) non trivial

† = with expected SM contributions of D*(gap), X_u removed



Extracting $R(D^*)$

Status quo: Fit the yields and combine them into an $R(D^*)$ ratio.

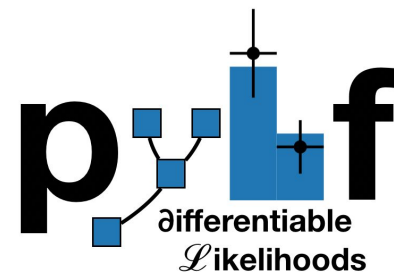
$$\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)}) = 2 \cdot \frac{\nu_{D^{(*)0}\tau^+} \cdot \epsilon_{D^{(*)0}\tau^+}^{-1} + \nu_{D^{(*)-}\tau^+} \cdot \epsilon_{D^{(*)-}\tau^+}^{-1}}{\nu_{D^{(*)0}\ell^+} \cdot \epsilon_{D^{(*)0}\ell^+}^{-1} + \nu_{D^{(*)-}\ell^+} \cdot \epsilon_{D^{(*)-}\ell^+}^{-1}}$$

2 light leptons \rightarrow yield reconstruction efficiency

Certain uncertainties associated to reconstruction efficiencies may not fully cancel as they don't fully factorize between B^0 and B^+

New approach: Parameterize the yields by assuming isospin symmetry and fit $R(D^*)$ directly
This leads to a safer treatment of the efficiencies that now appear directly as ratios

$$\nu_{D^{*-}\tau^+} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R}(D^*) \cdot \nu_{D^{*0}\ell^+} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{D^{*-}\tau^+}}{\epsilon_{D^{*0}\ell^+}} \cdot \tau_{0^+}$$
$$\nu_{D^{*0}\tau^+} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R}(D^*) \cdot \nu_{D^{*0}\ell^+} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{D^{*0}\tau^+}}{\epsilon_{D^{*0}\ell^+}}$$



df with kinematic
information

Quick flow chart of producing EigenVariations

df with kinematic
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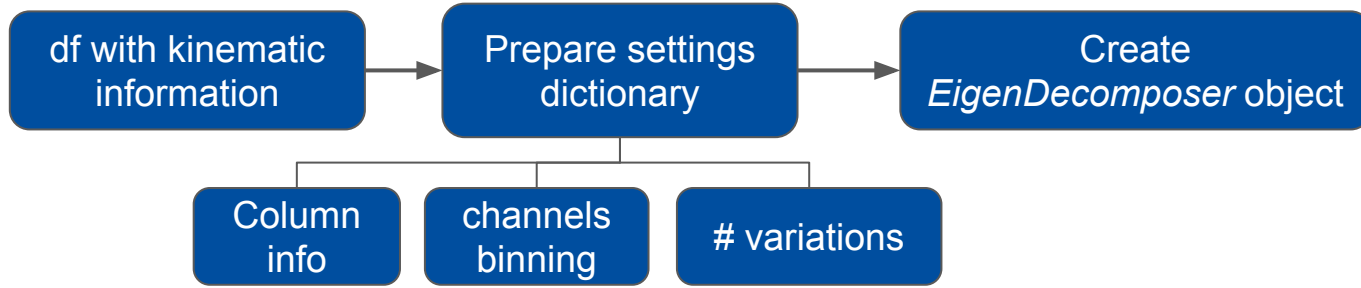
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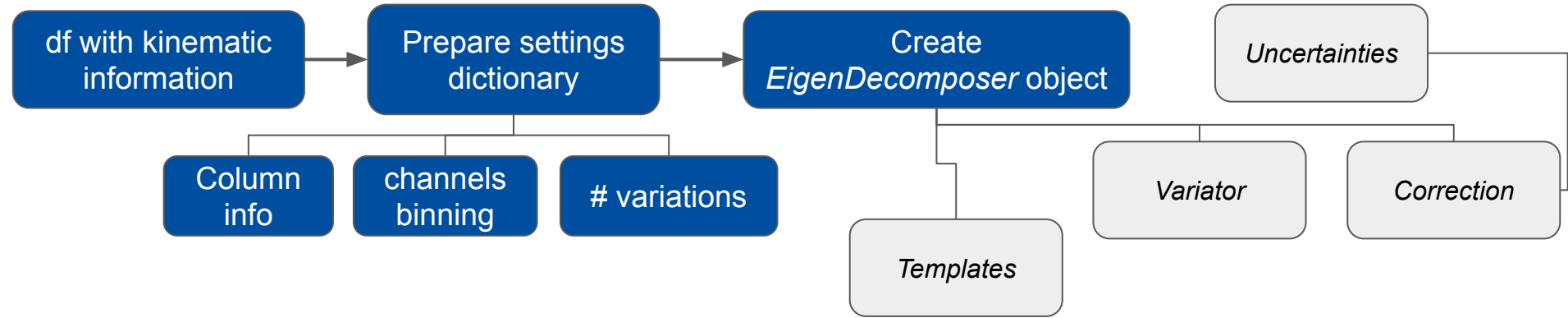
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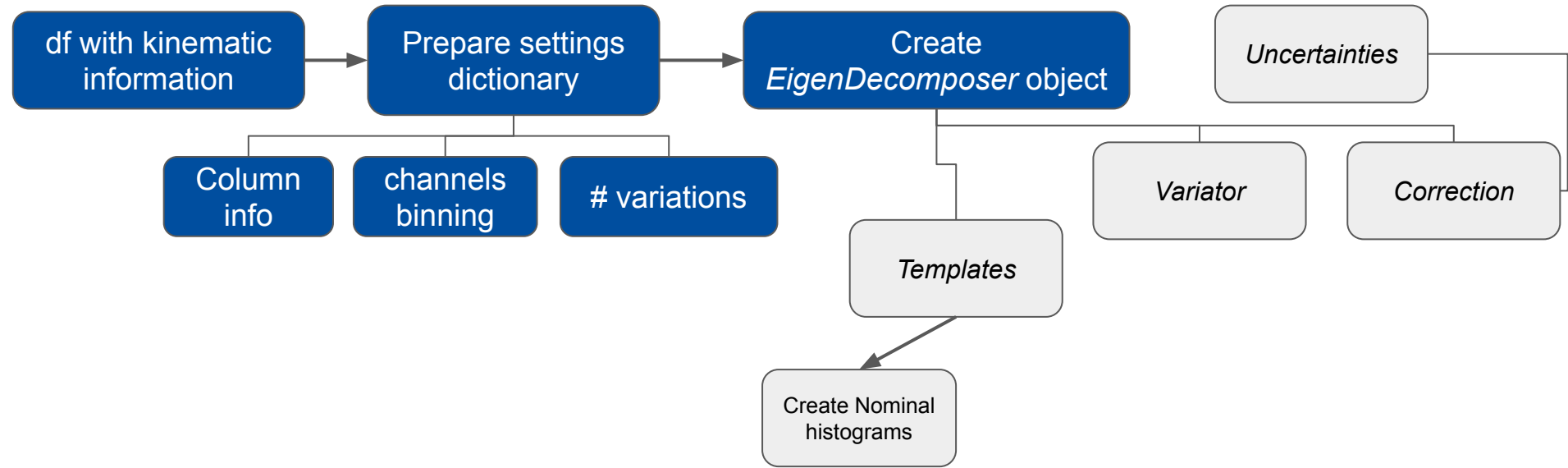
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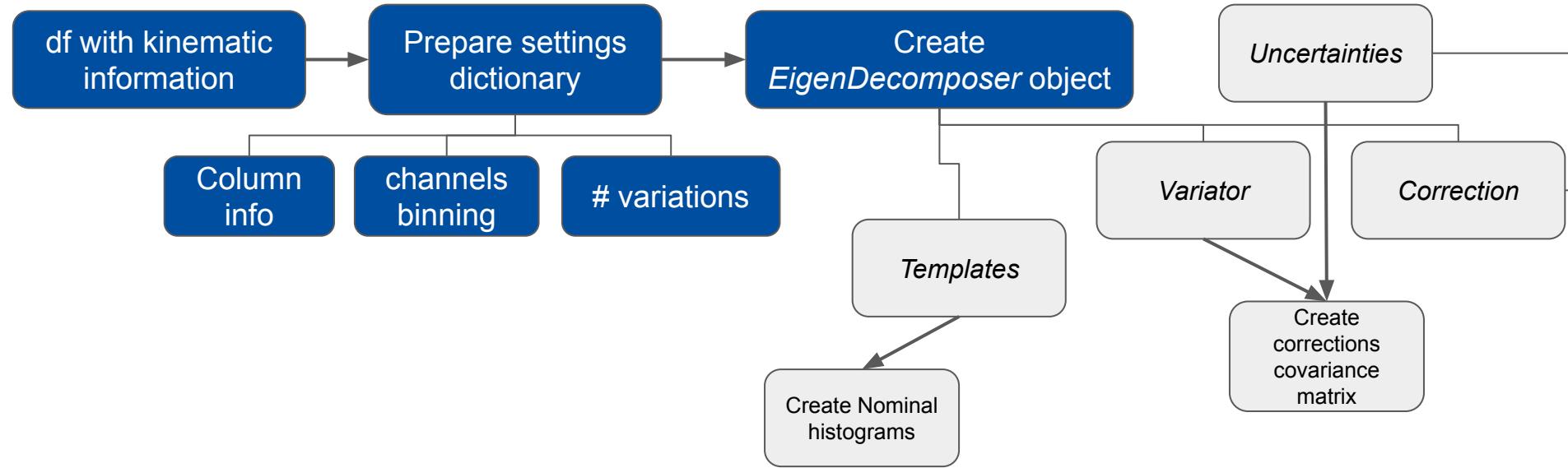
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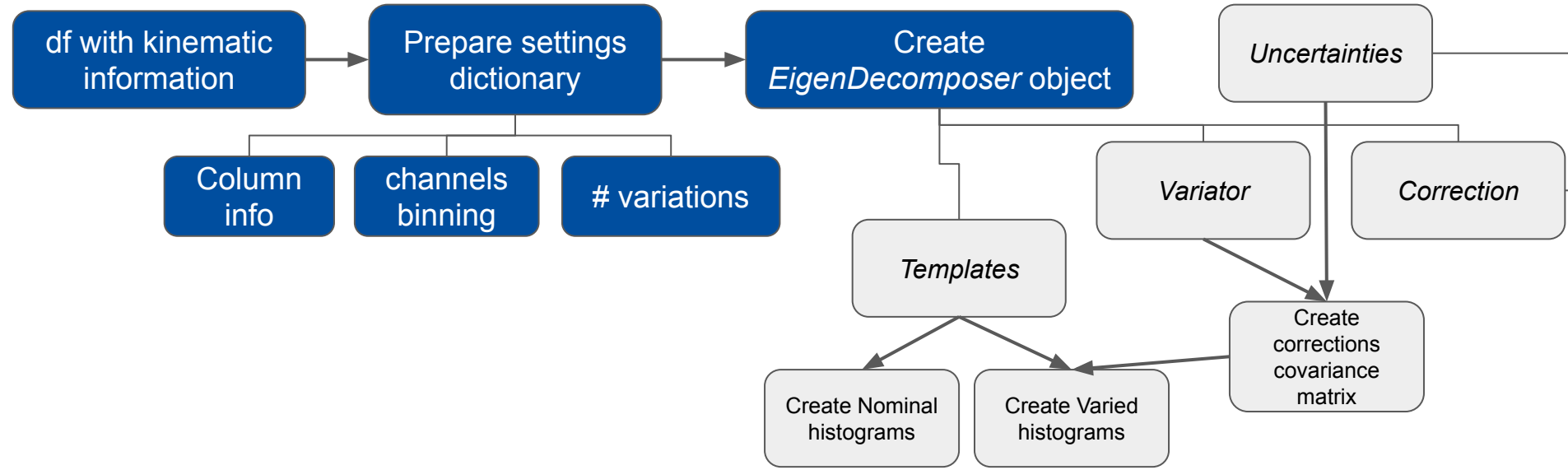
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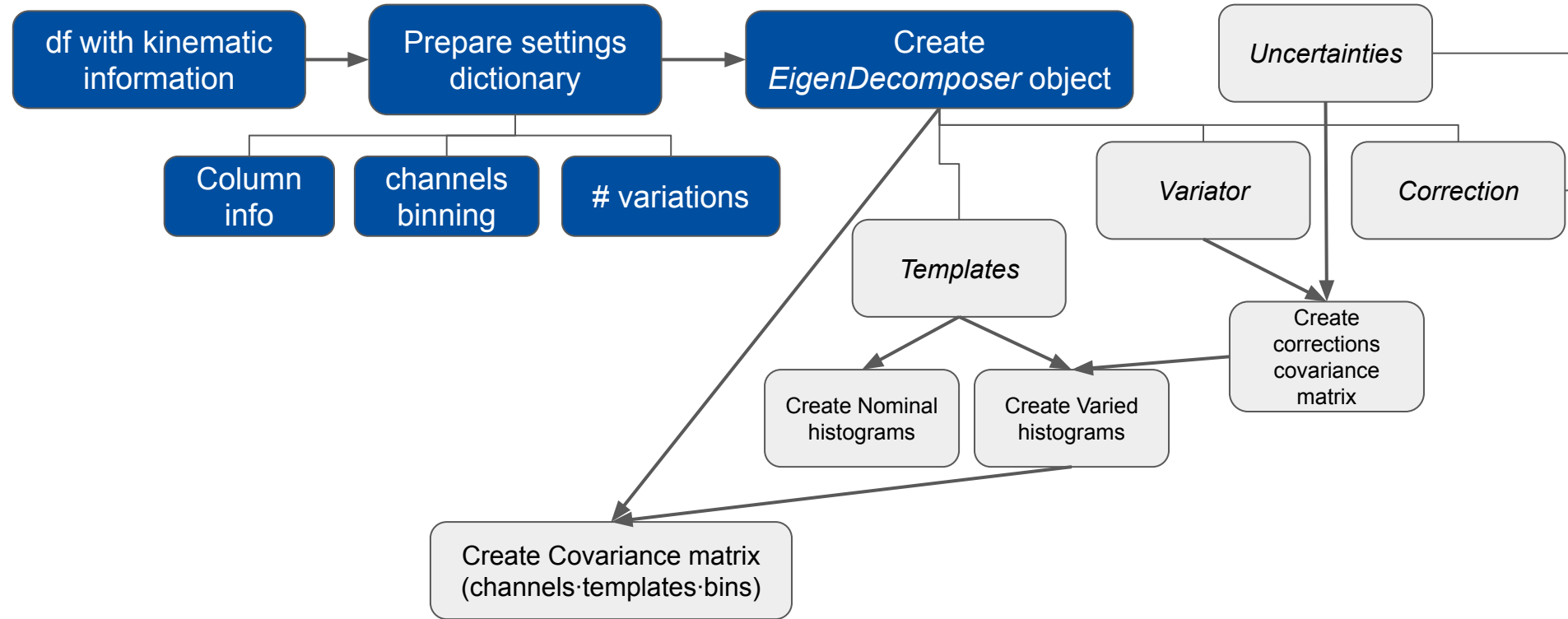
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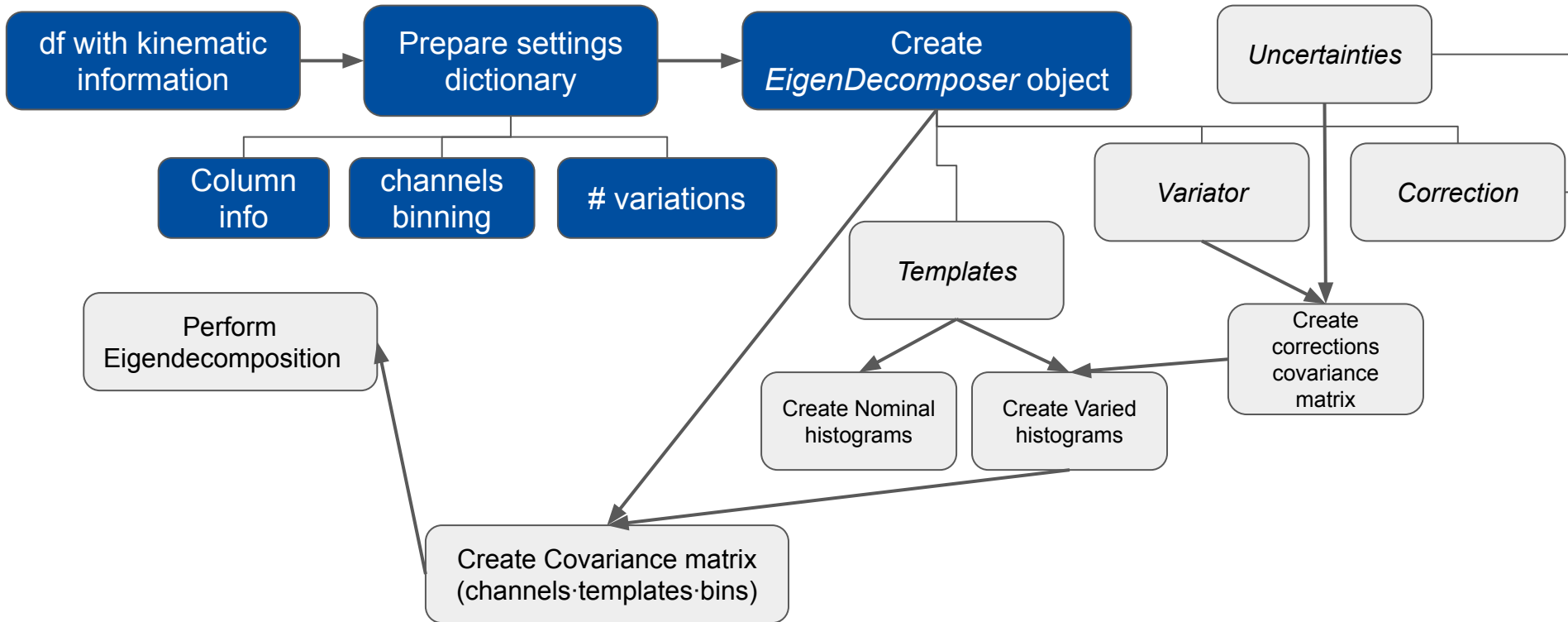
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