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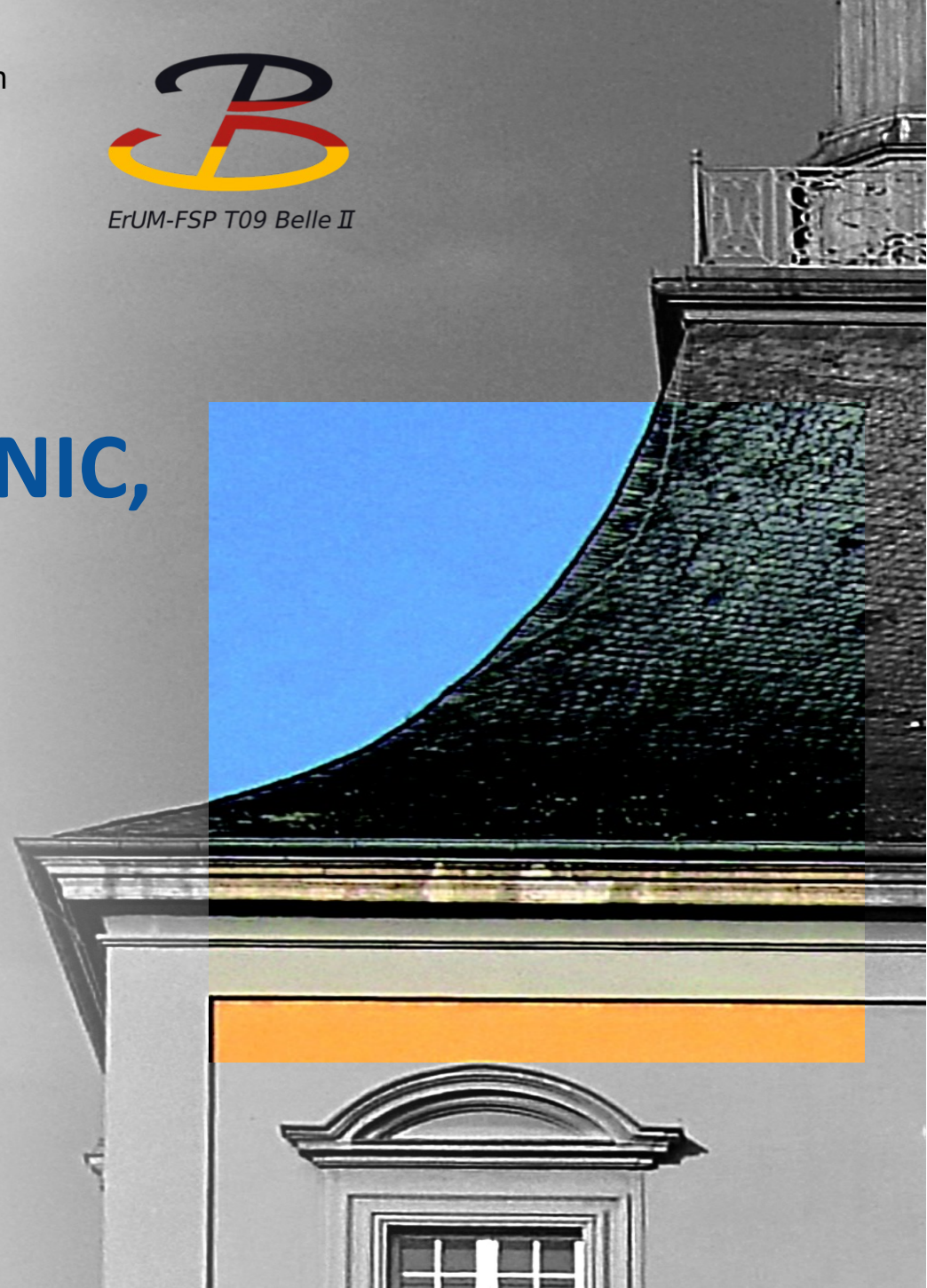
# RECENT RESULTS ON SEMILEPTONIC, RADIATIVE, AND ELECTROWEAK PENGUIN DECAYS AT BELLE II

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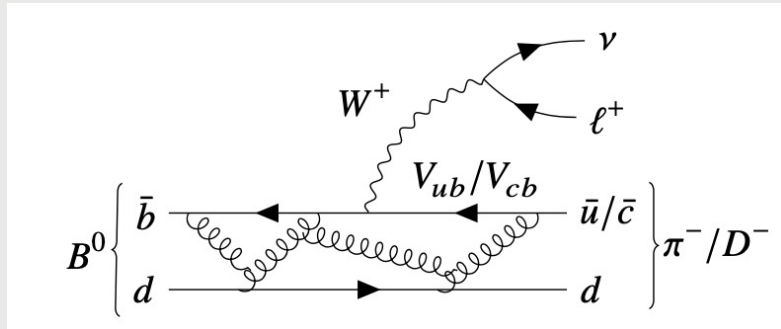
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## SEMILEPTONIC DECAYS



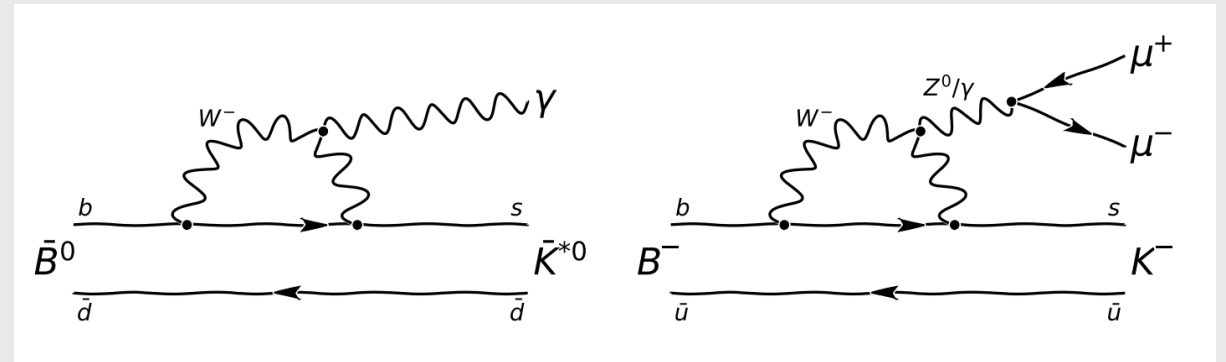
- SM precision measurements

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{CKM Matrix}}$$

- Lepton flavor universality (LFU) tests

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## ELECTROWEAK + RADIATIVE PENGUINS



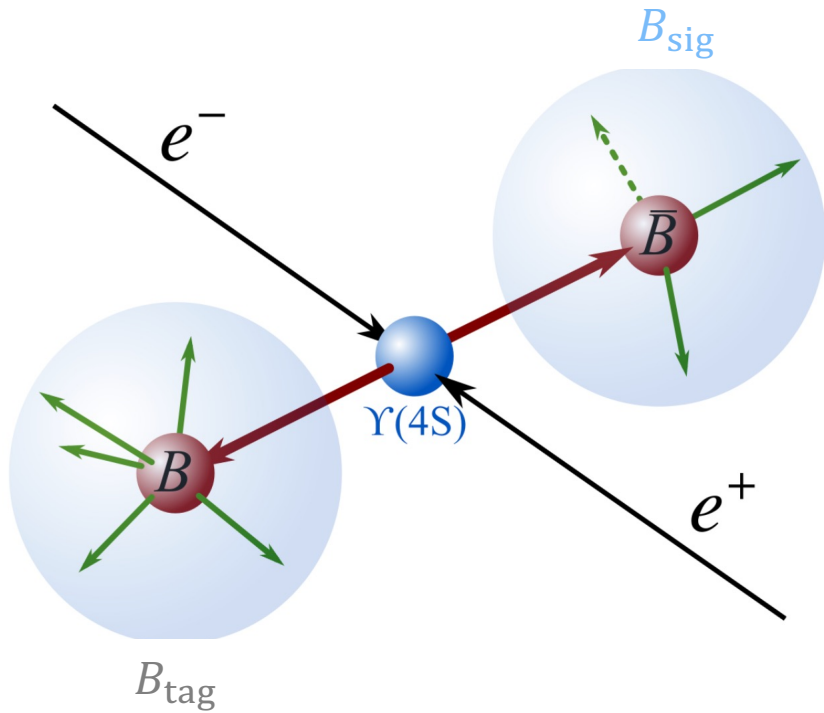
[arXiv: 2205.05222v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.05222v1)

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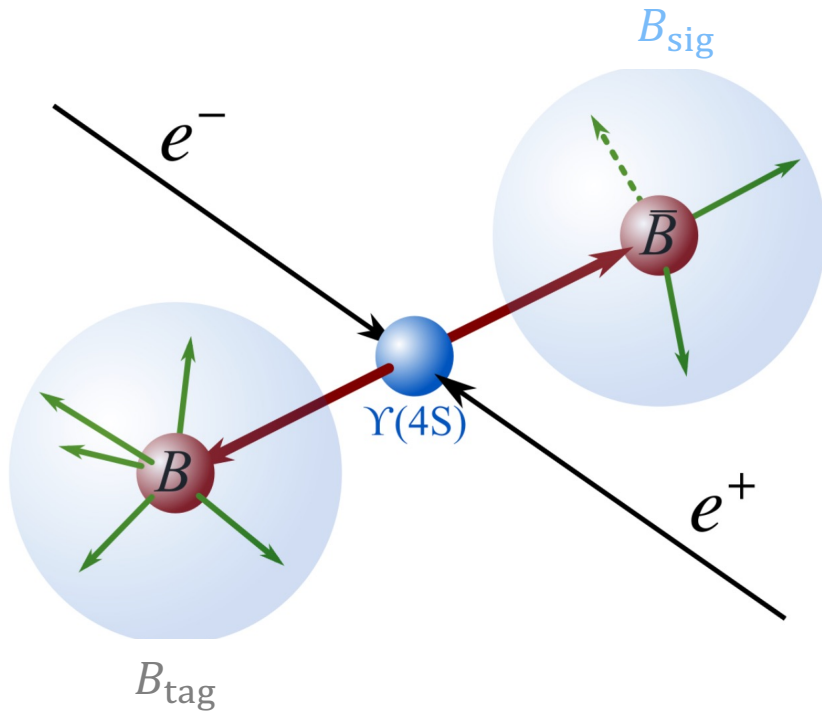
- Non-SM physics probes

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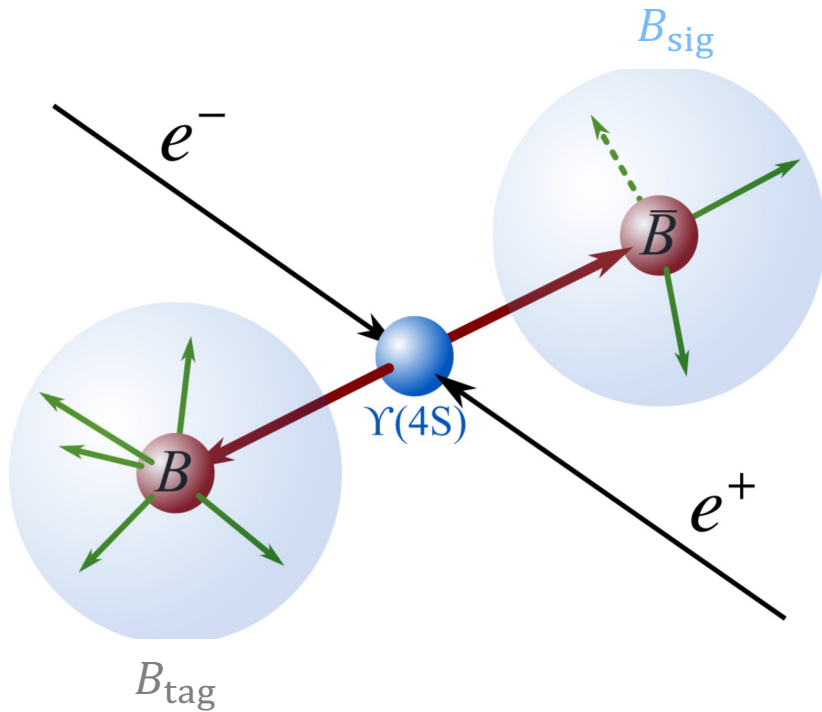
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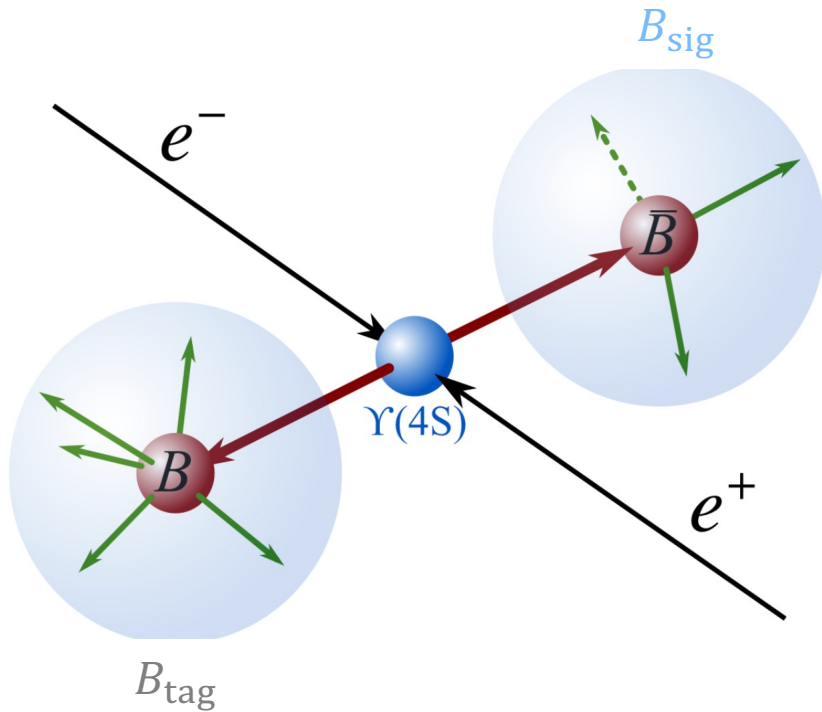


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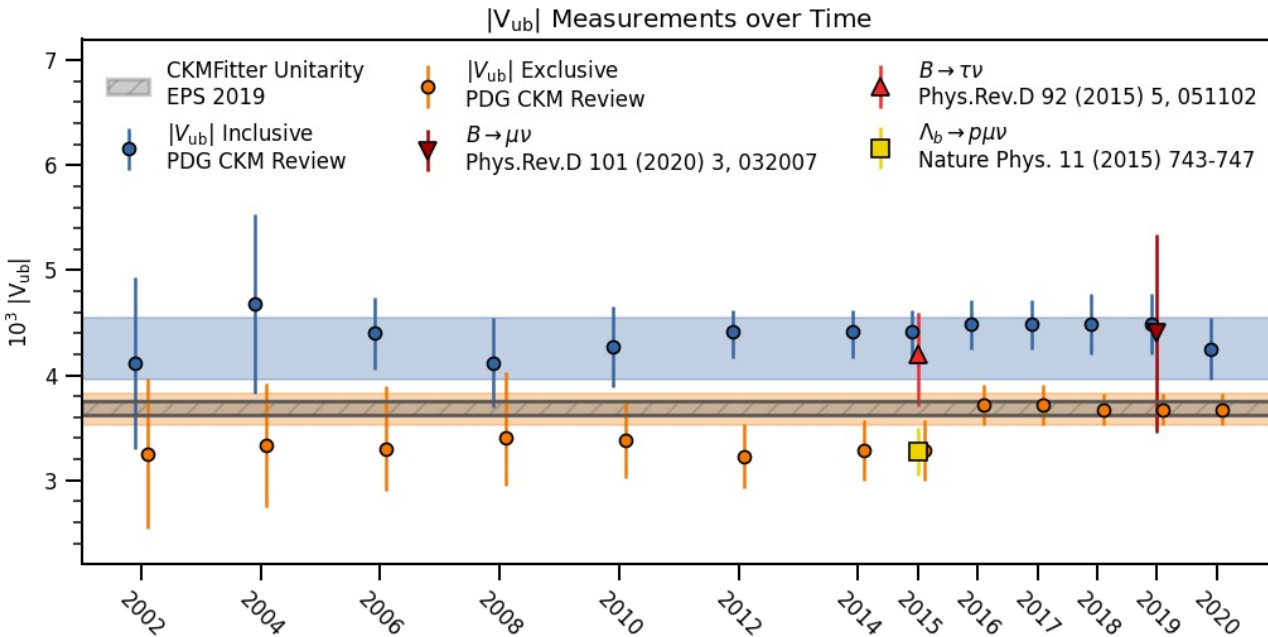
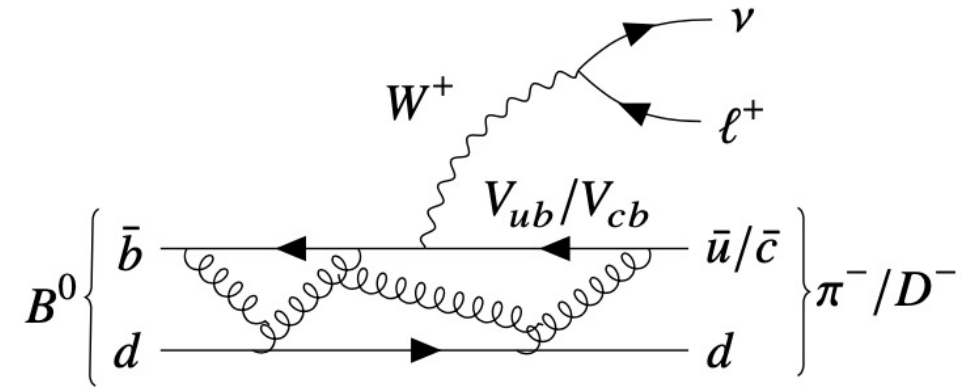
Approaches are theoretically and experimentally independent

## Inclusive:

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# MOTIVATION: CKM MATRIX ELEMENTS

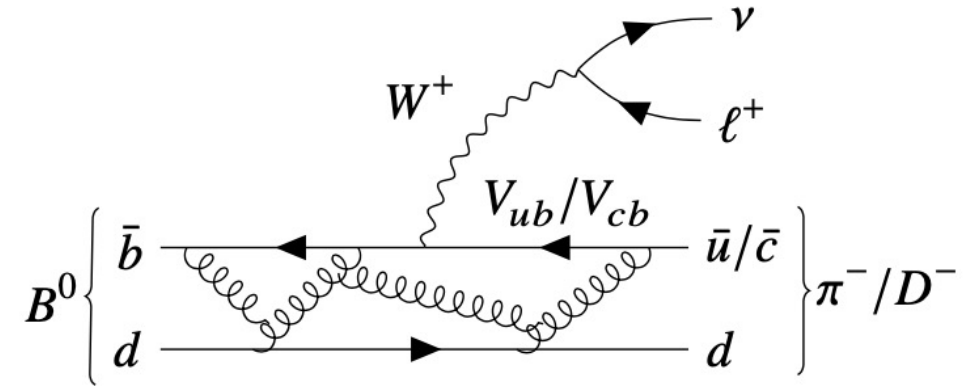
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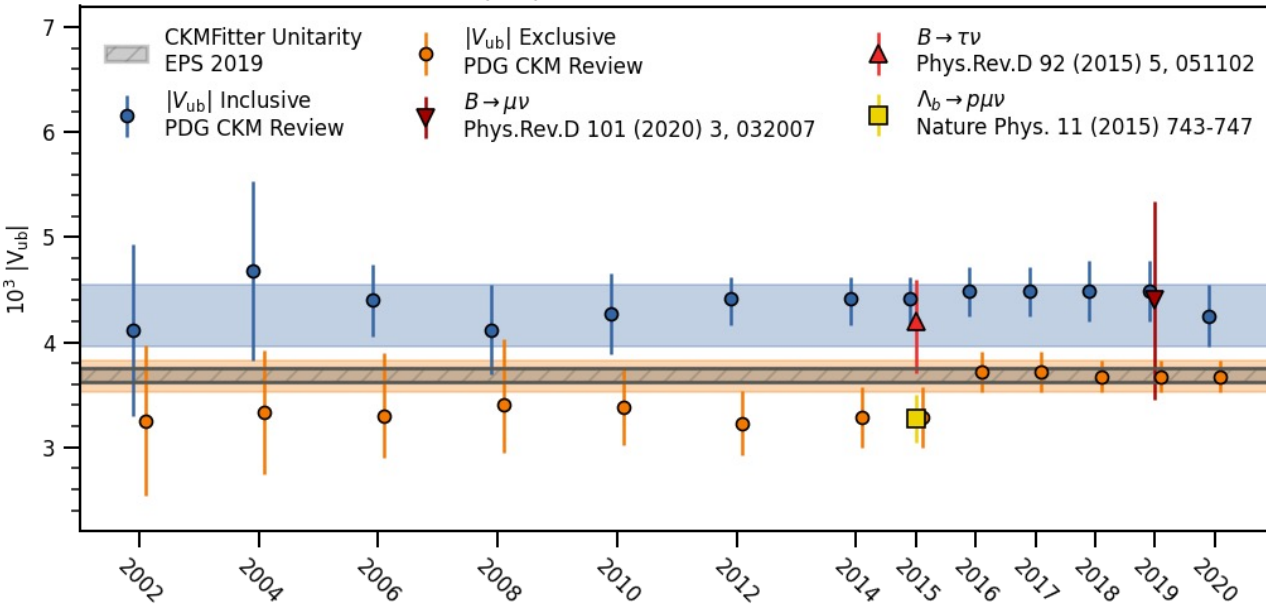


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$|V_{ub}|$  Measurements over Time



Measure decay rates:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} \propto |V_{ub}|^2 \times |FF(q^2)|^2$$

Momentum transfer squared:  
 $q^2 = (p_B - p_X)^2$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dw} \propto |V_{cb}|^2 \times |FF(w)|^2$$

Hadronic recoil:  
 $w = \frac{p_B \cdot p_X}{m_B m_X}$

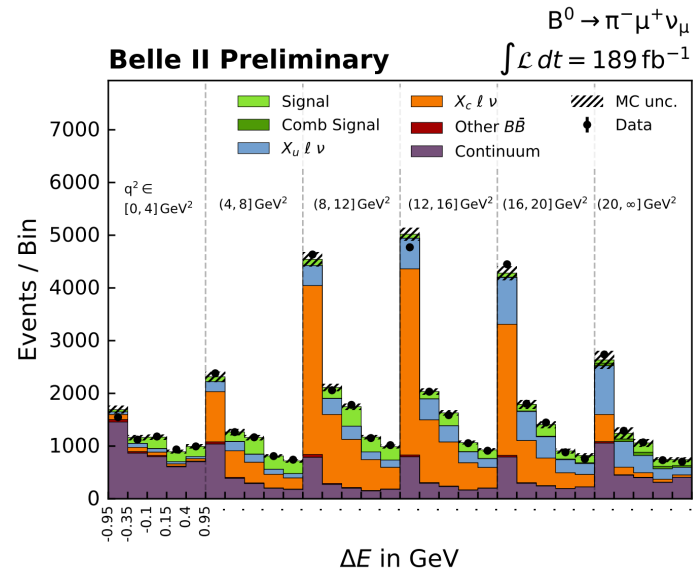


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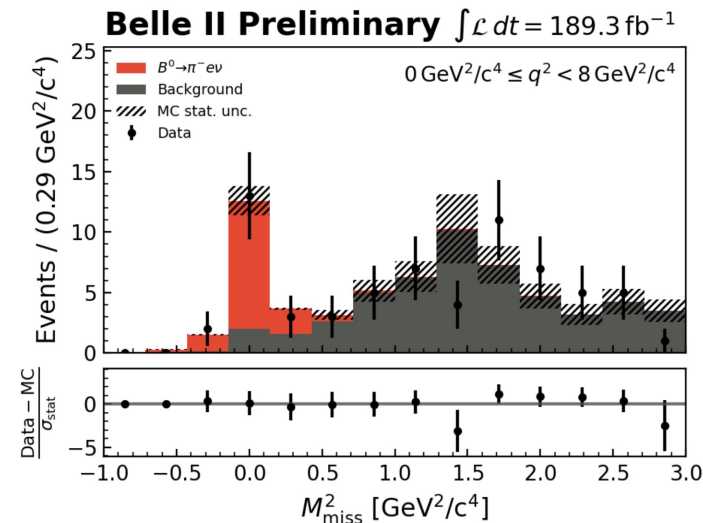
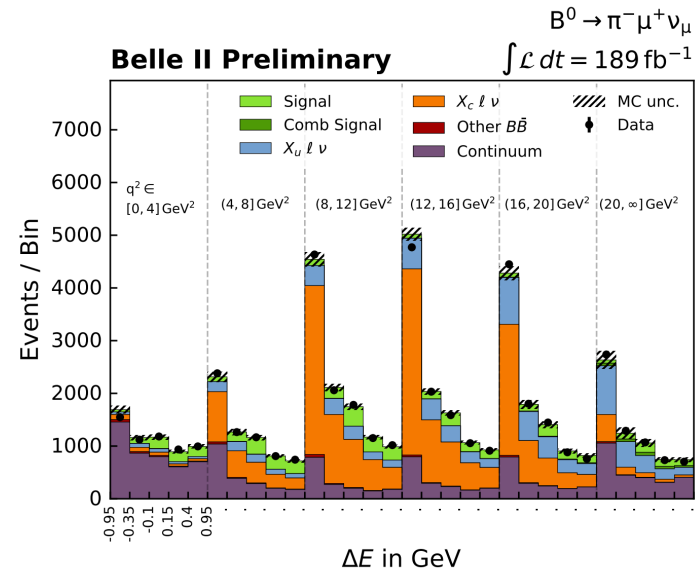
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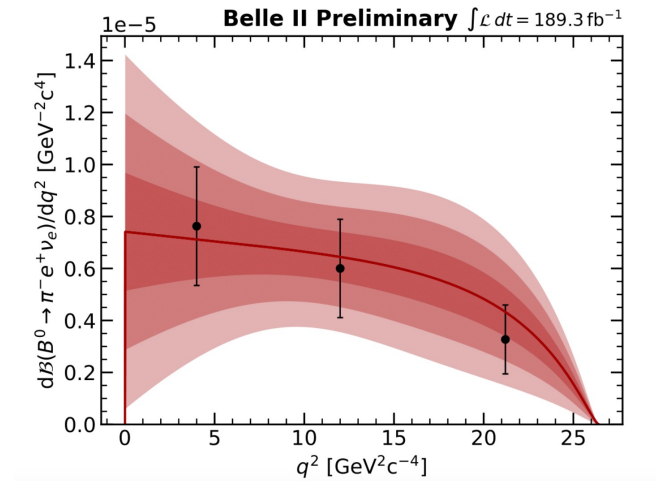
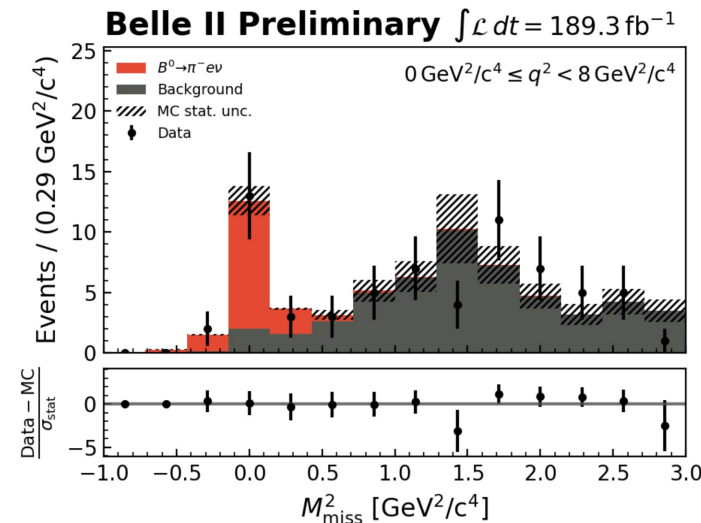
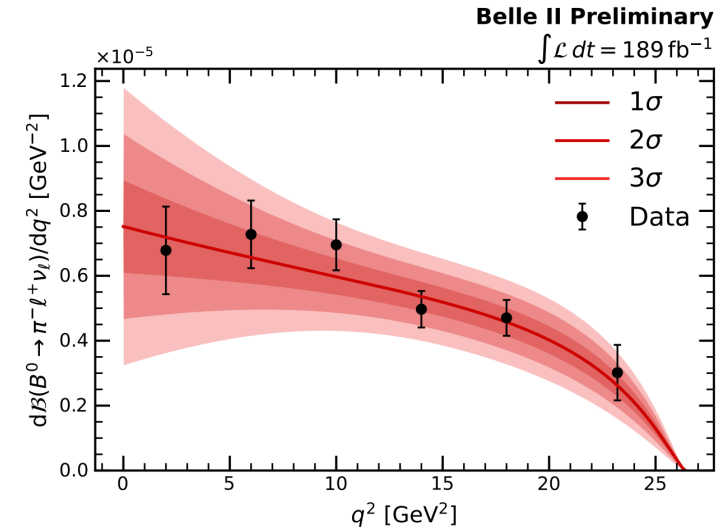
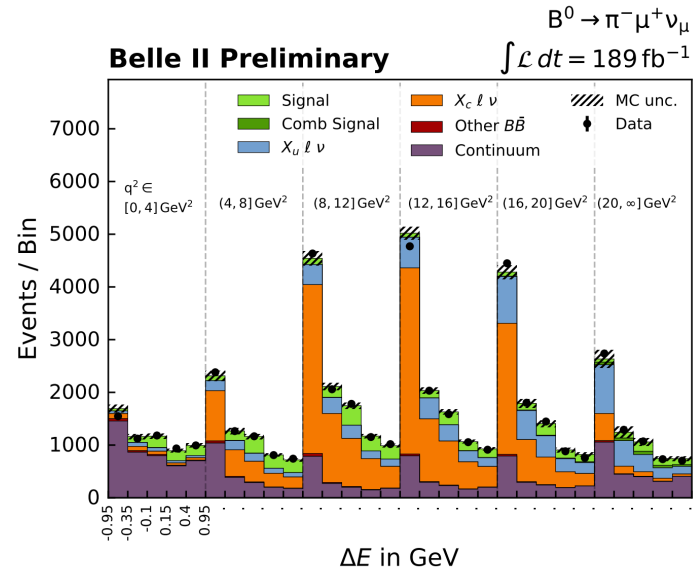
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[Phys. Rev. D 82, 099902](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.04224)

[Phys. Rev. D 92, 014024](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.08102)



$$|V_{ub}| = (3.55 \pm 0.12_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.13_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.17_{\text{theo}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

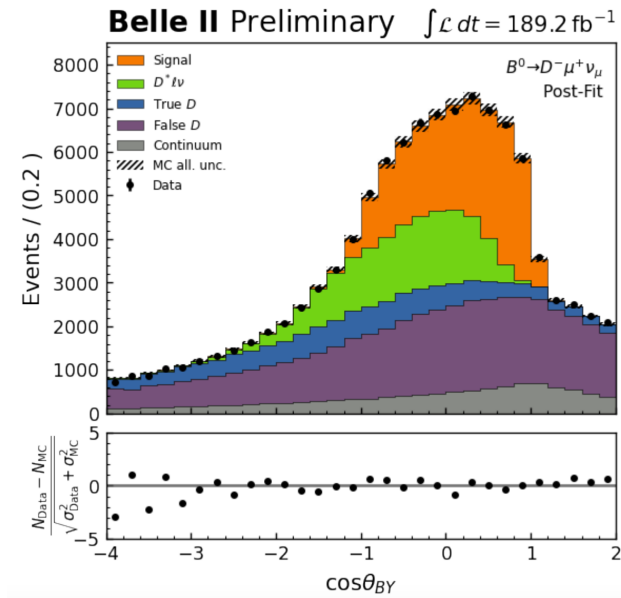
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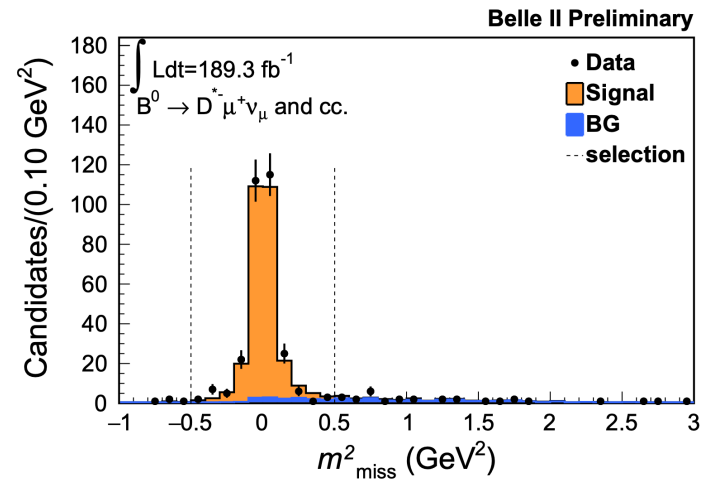
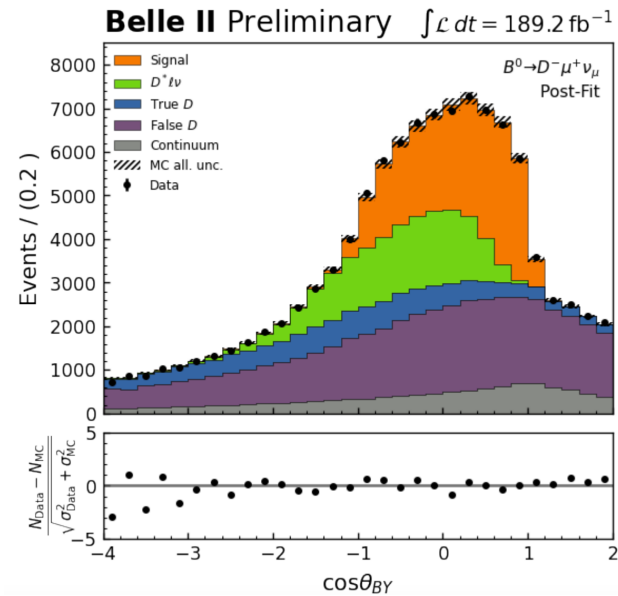
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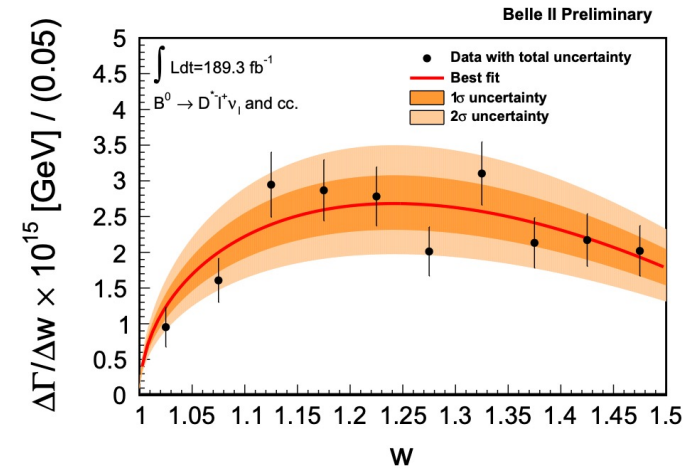
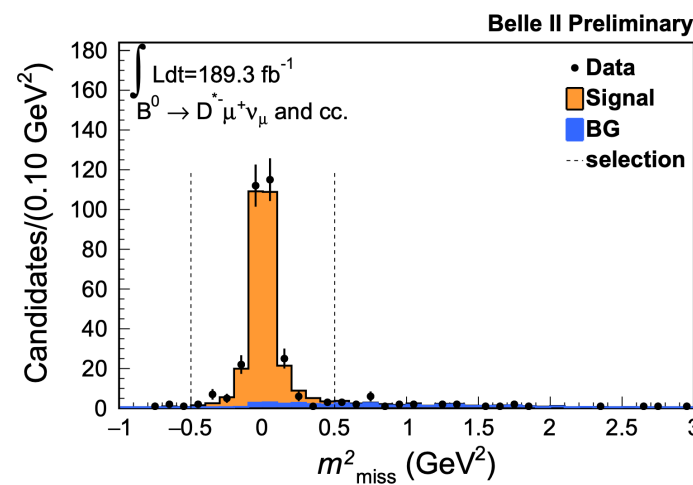
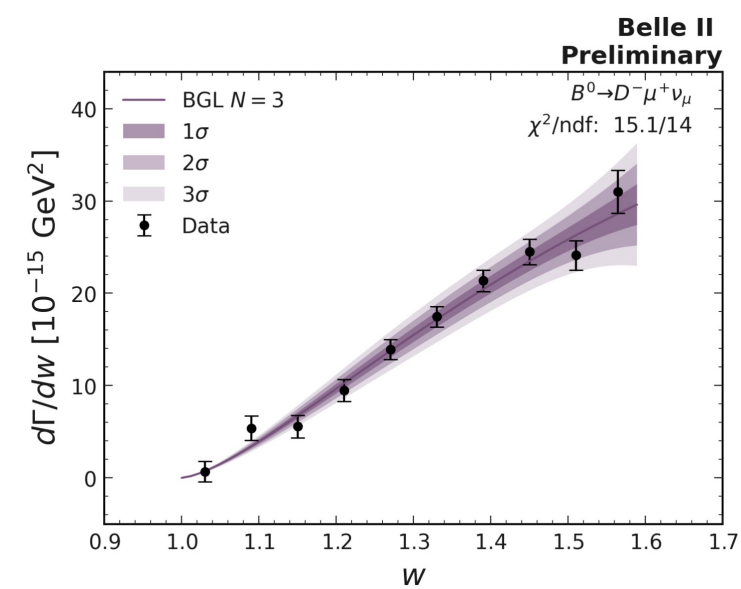
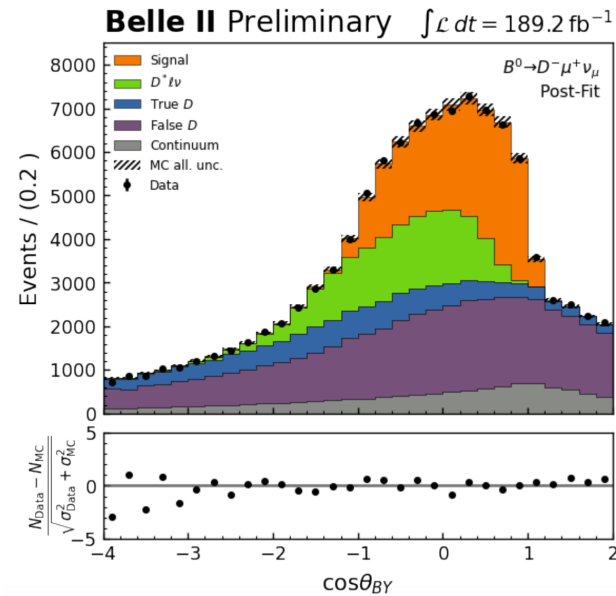
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- Fit CLN parametrized form factor to differential decay rates [NPB530, 153 \(1998\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/9805010)



$$|V_{cb}| = (38.3 \pm 1.2_{\text{tot}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

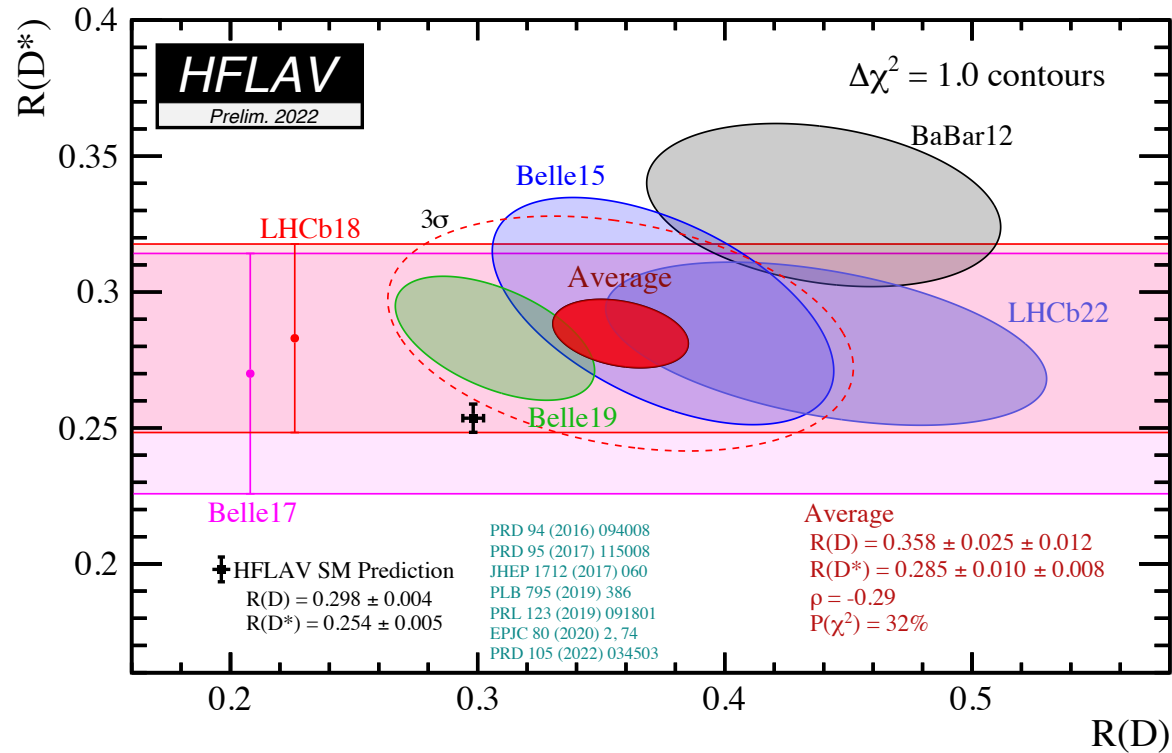
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Tension with SM at  $\approx 3\sigma$

arXiv:2206.07501



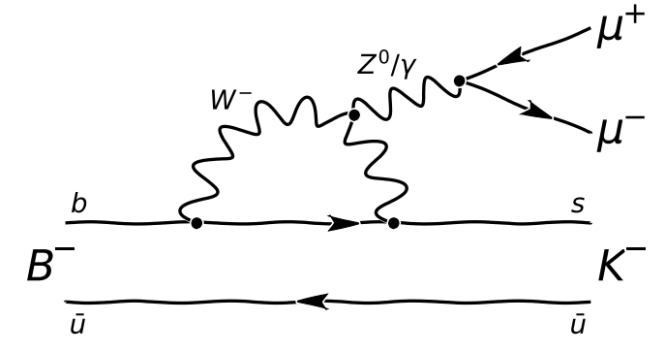


# MOTIVATION: LFU TESTS AND EW PENGUINS

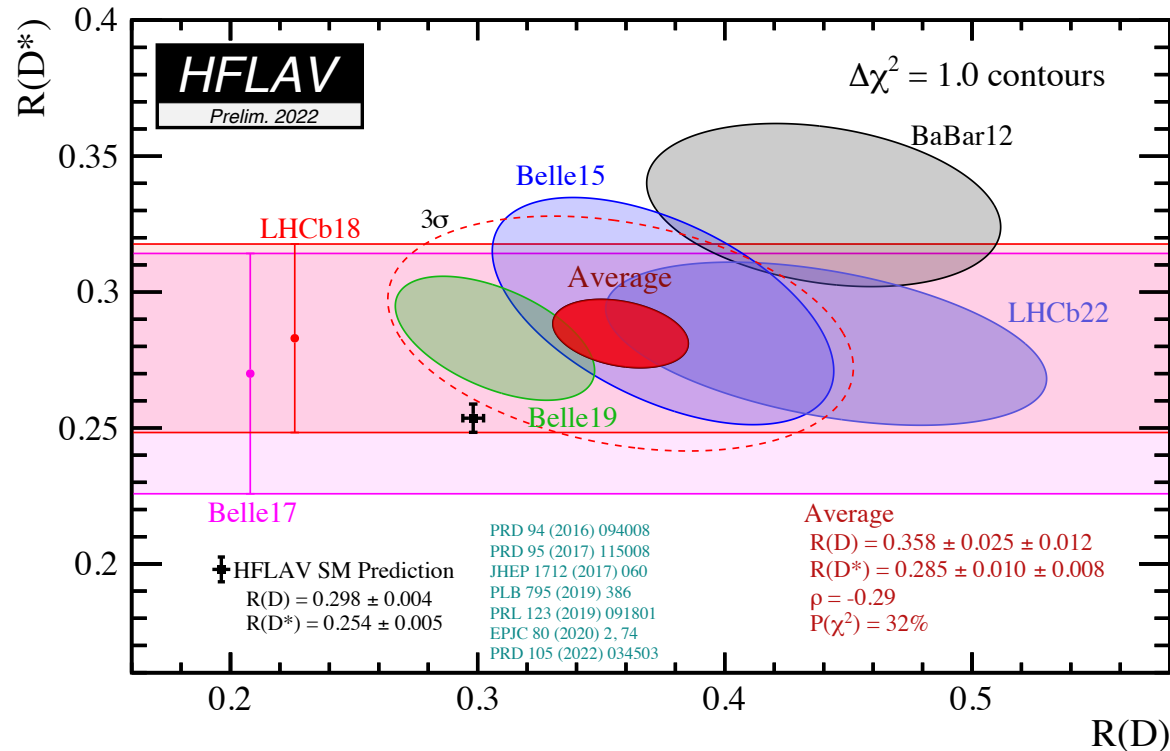
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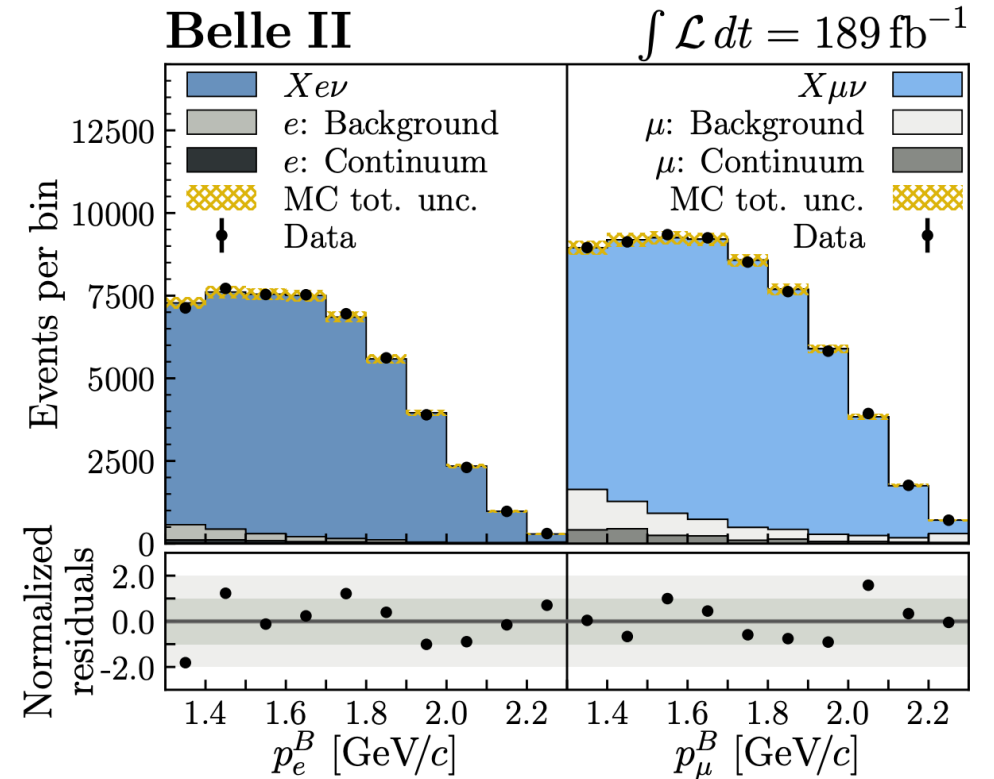
$$R(K^{(*)}) = \frac{B(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{B(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)}$$

- Flavor changing neutral current suppressed at tree level
- But allowed in SM through loops
- Sensitive to non-SM contributions

- Inclusive test in tagged semileptonic decays

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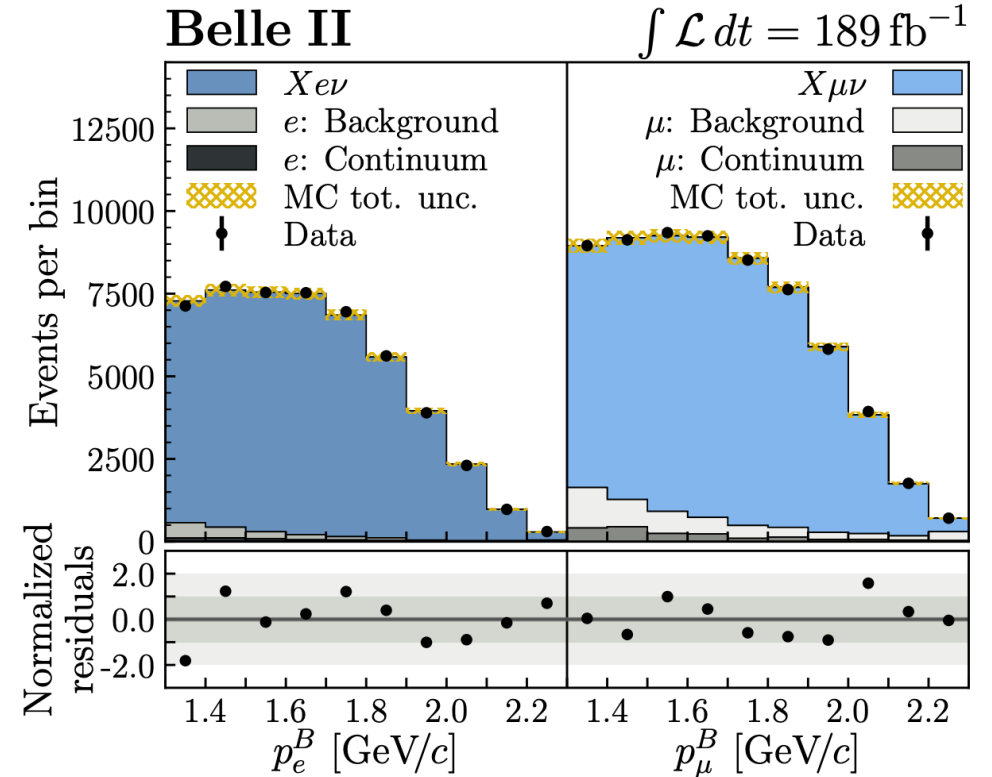
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$$R(X_{e/\mu}) = 1.033 \pm 0.010_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.019_{\text{syst}}$$

- Compatible with SM prediction [arxiv:2207.03432](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.03432)

- Most precise BF-based LFU test with semileptonic decays

- Next: measurement of  $R(X_{\tau/l})$



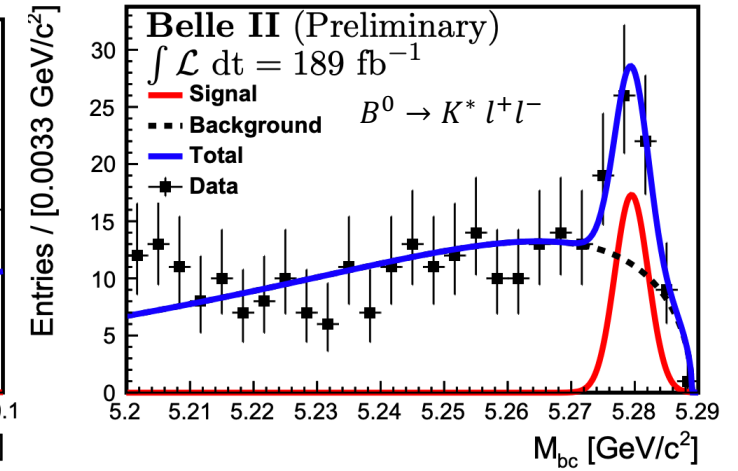
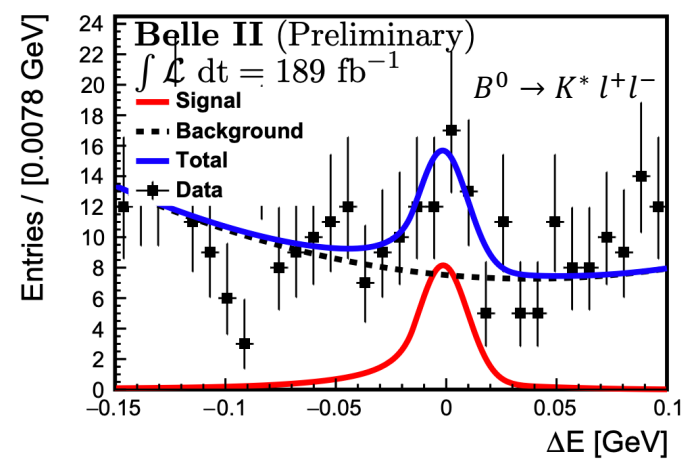
Source	Uncertainty [%]
Sample size	1.0
Lepton identification	1.9
$X_c l \nu$ branching fractions	0.1
$X_c l \nu$ form factors	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.2</b>

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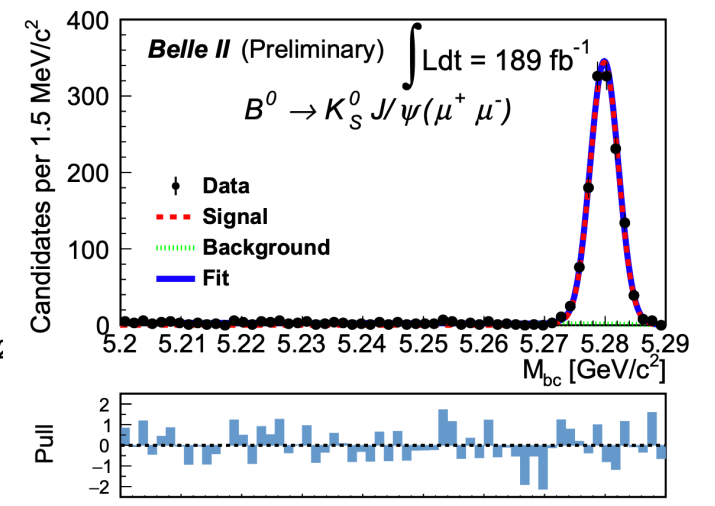
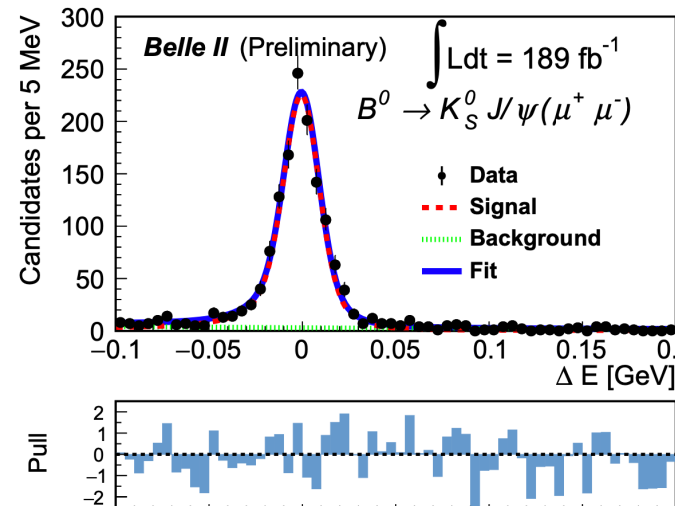
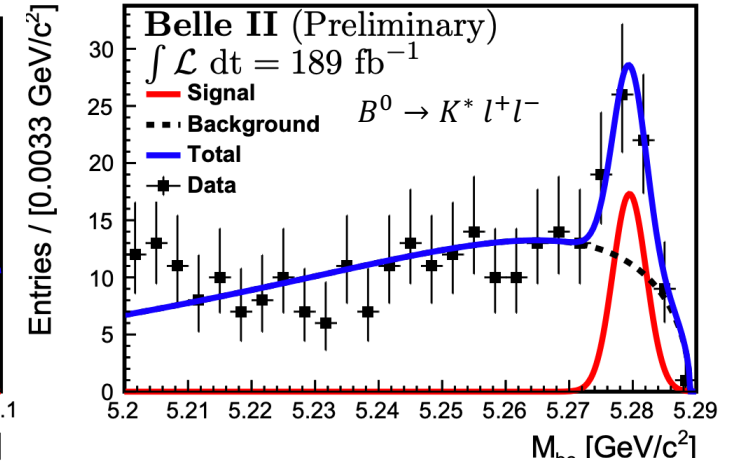
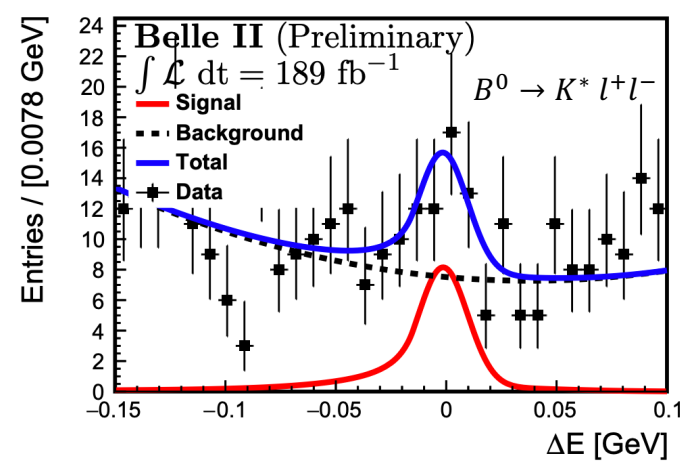
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$$B \rightarrow J/\psi K \quad \text{arxiv: 2207.11275}$$

- No  $b \rightarrow s$  transition
- Important control channel  $\rightarrow$  very pure

$$R_K(J/\psi) = \frac{B(B \rightarrow J/\psi[\mu^+ \mu^-]K)}{B(B \rightarrow J/\psi[e^+ e^-]K)}$$

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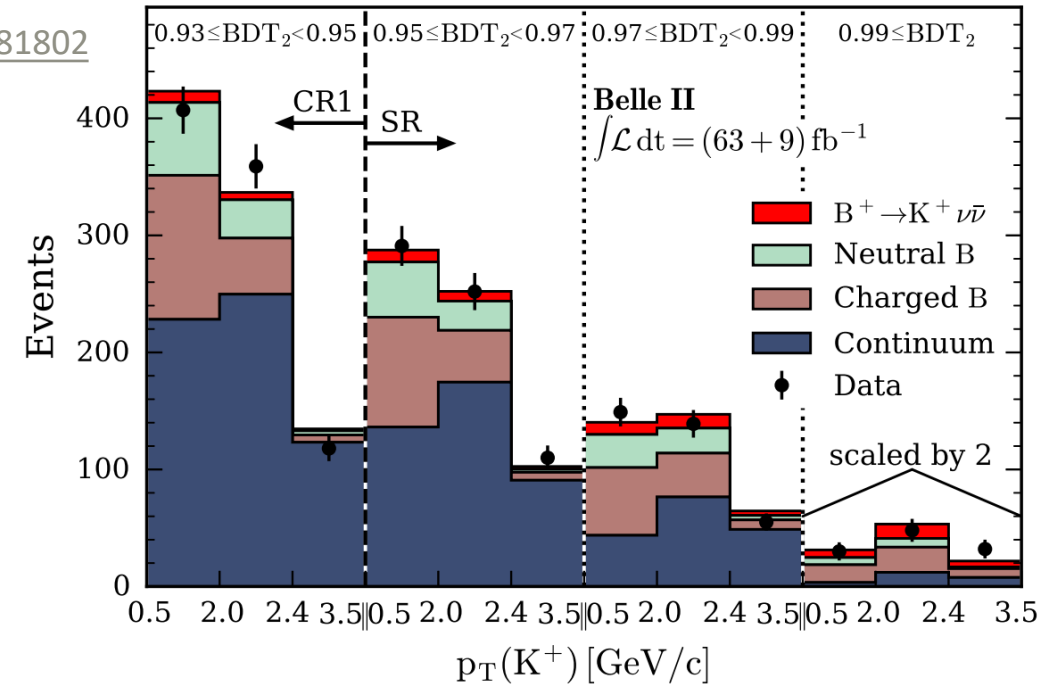


$$R_{K^*}(J/\psi) = 1.009 \pm 0.022_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.008_{\text{syst}}$$

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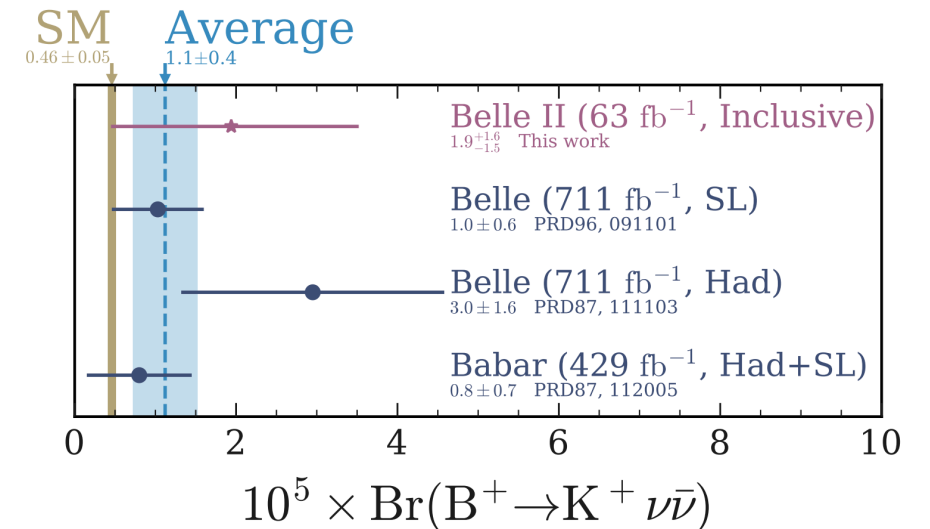
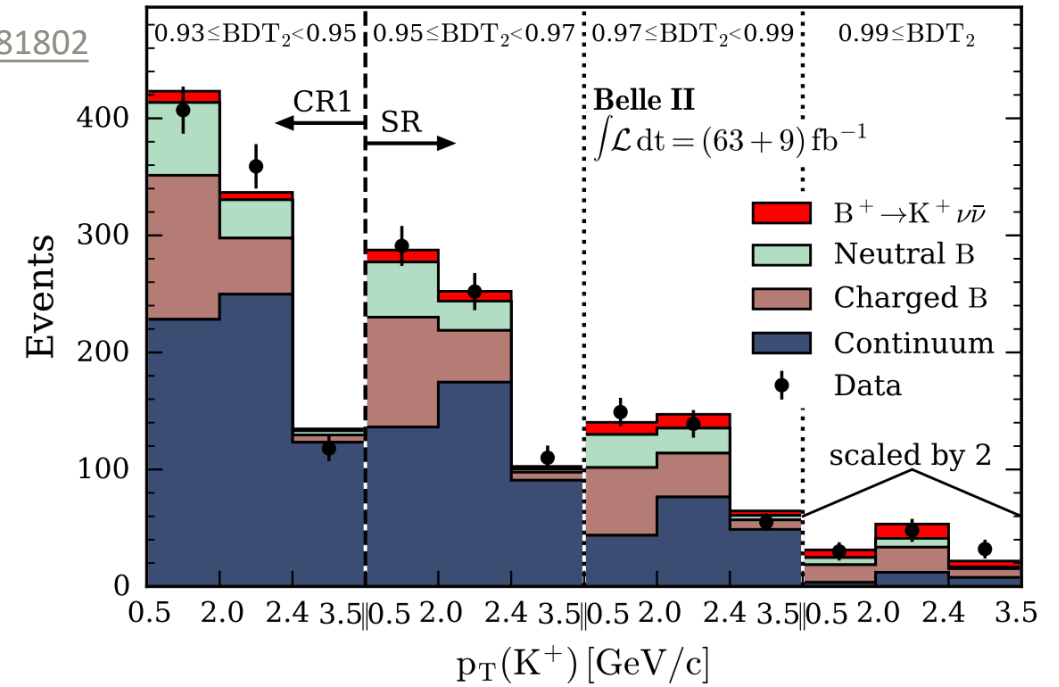
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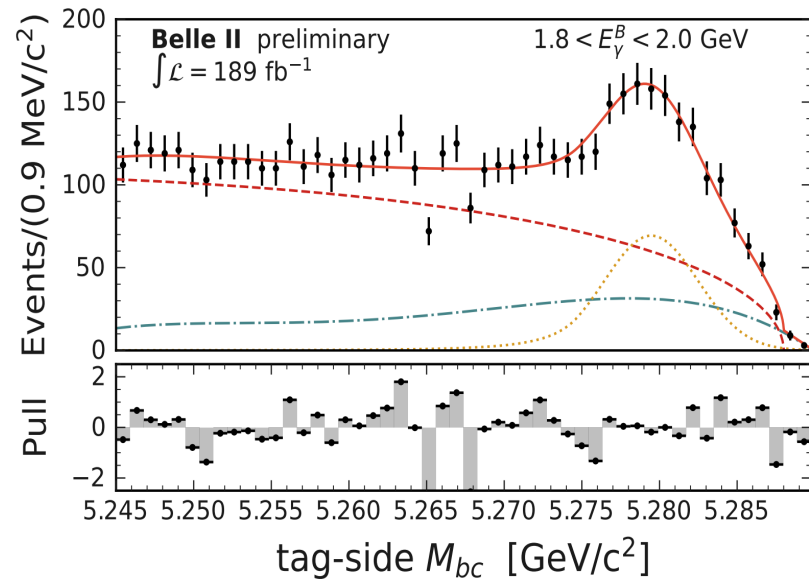
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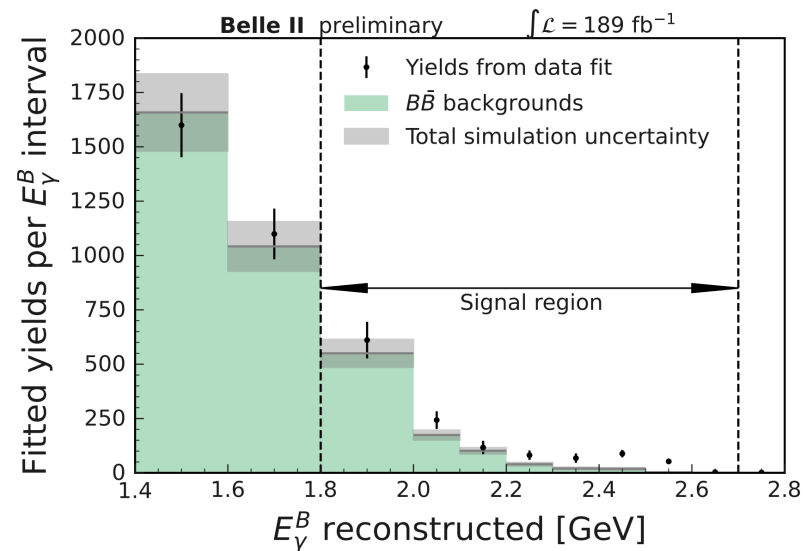
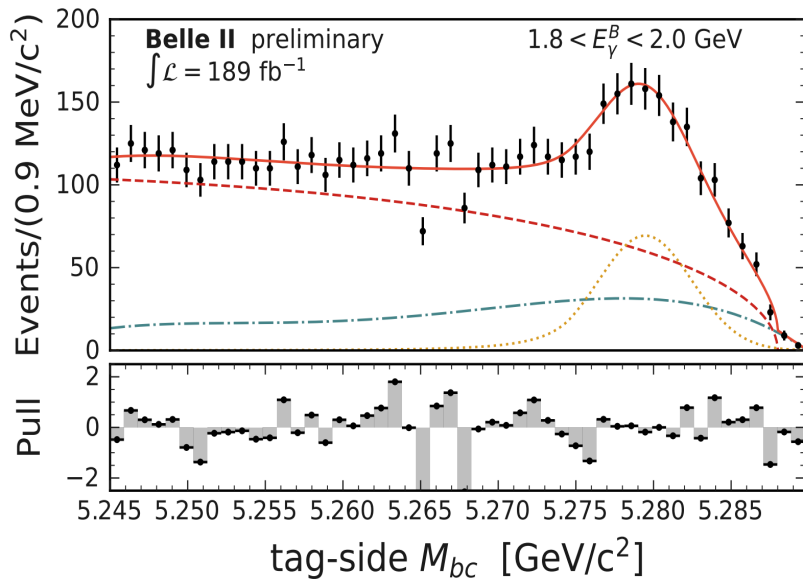
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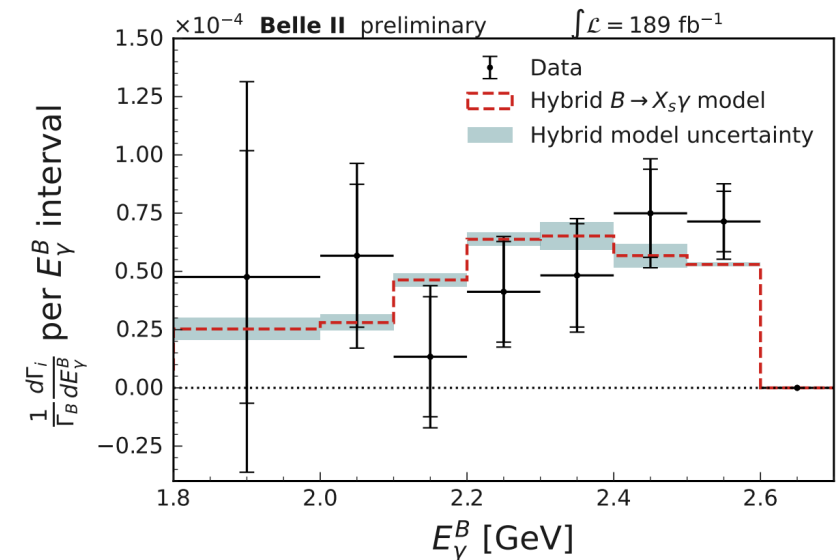
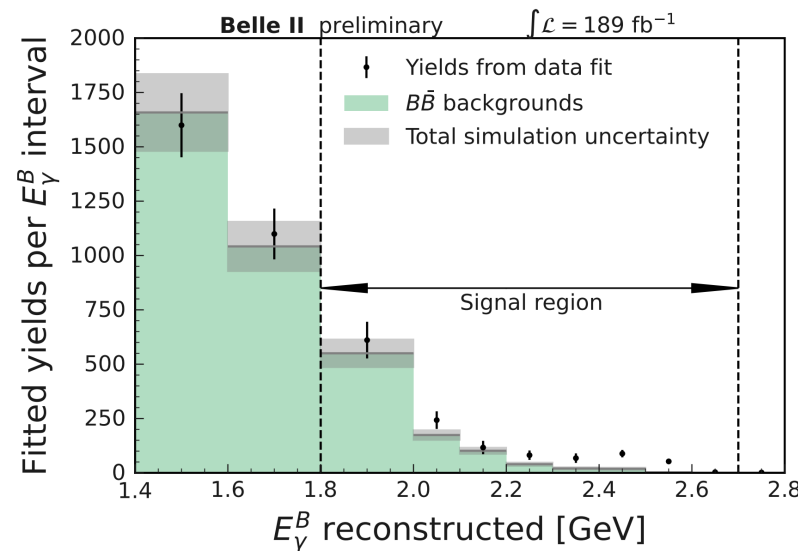
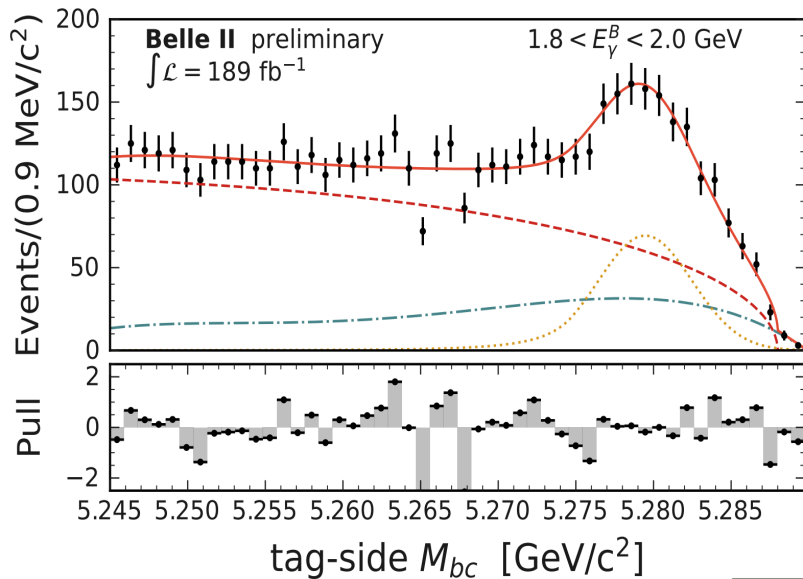
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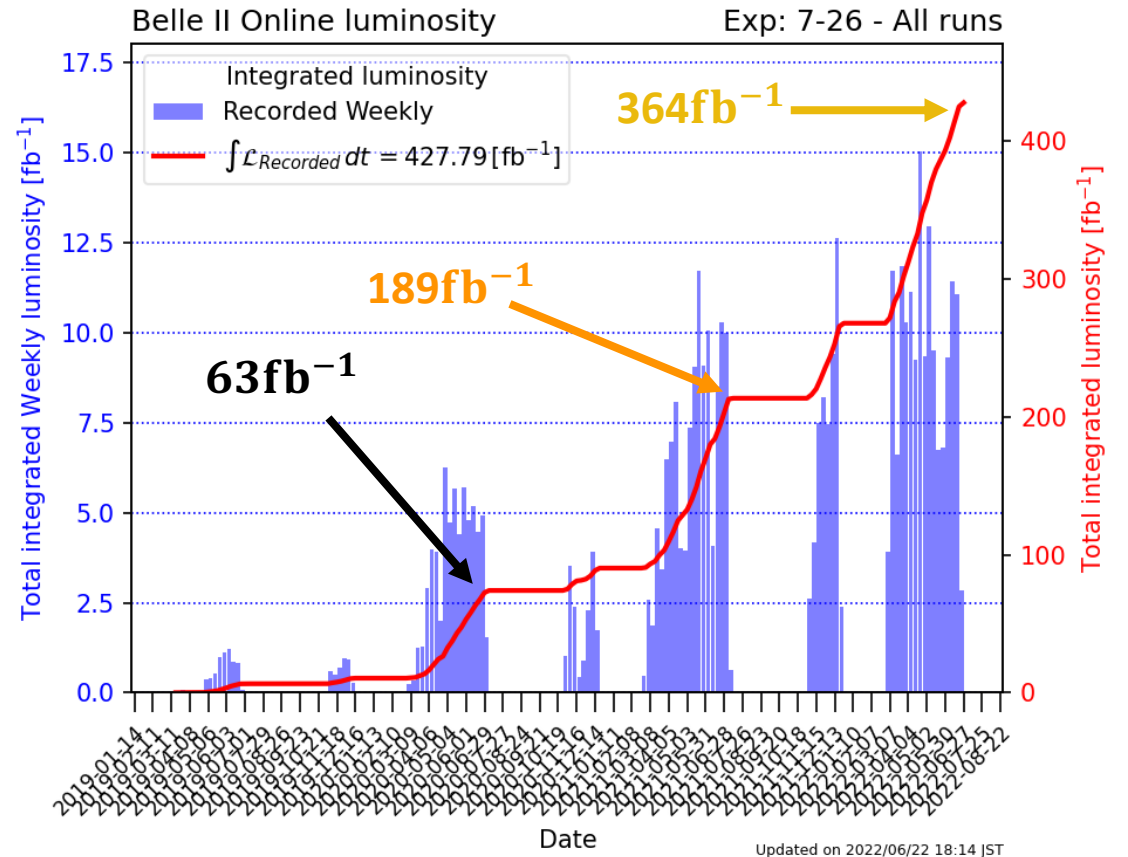
$$B(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)_{E_\gamma^B > 1.8 \text{ GeV}} = (3.54 \pm 0.78_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.83_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-4}$$

# SUMMARY

- First results with data set smaller than data set of BaBar and Belle
- Only presented a subset of results
- Already produce highly competitive results:
 
$$R(X_{e/\mu}), B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}), \dots$$
- Soon results with data set 2 (to 6) times larger!

Thank you for your attention!

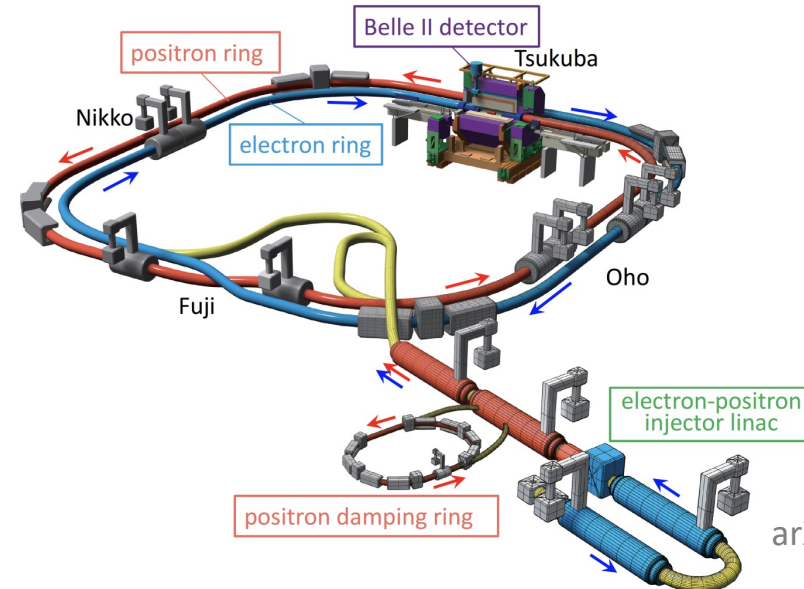
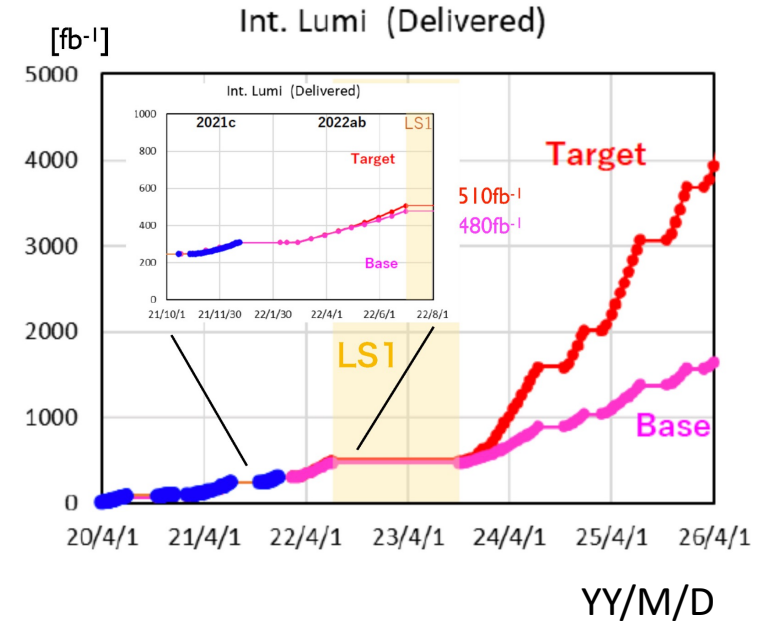
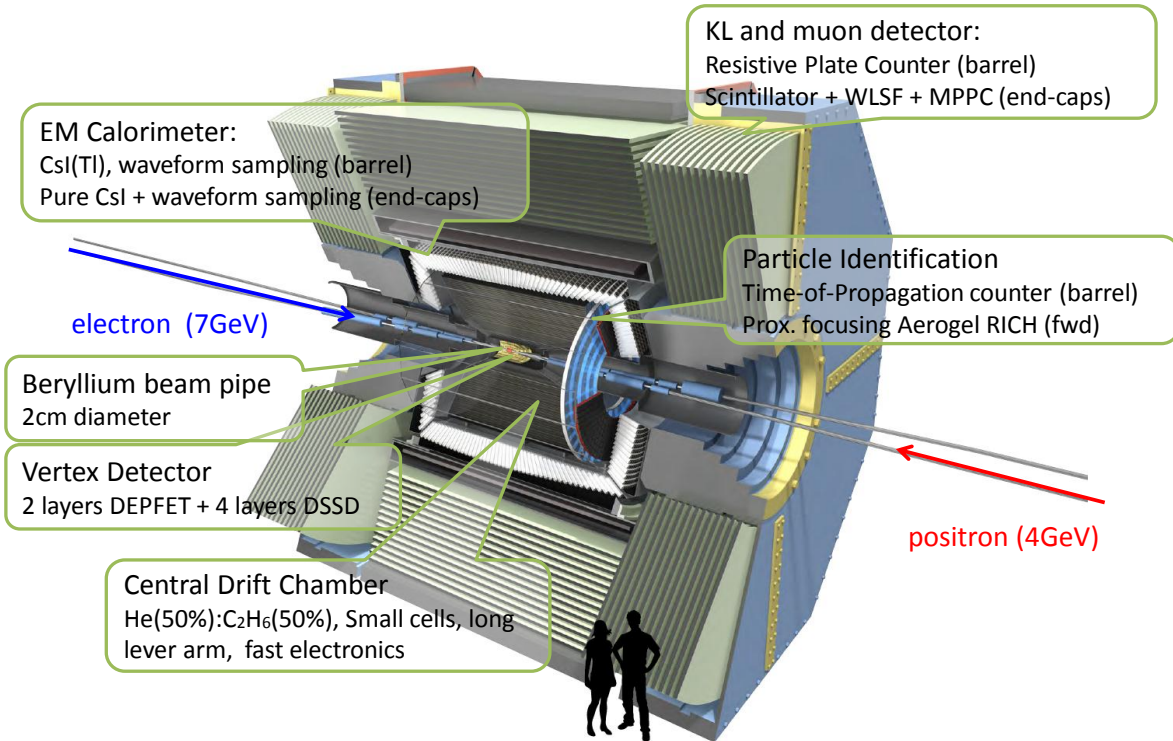
Tagged  $B \rightarrow \rho l \nu$ : [arXiv:2211.15270](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.15270)  
 Lepton mass squared moments:  
[arXiv:2205.06372](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.06372) (submitted to PRD)  
 Untagged  $B \rightarrow X_c l \nu$ : [arXiv:2111.09405](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.09405)  
 Untagged  $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ : [arxiv: 2110.08219](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.08219)  
 Mixing probability: [arXiv:2106.00482](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.00482)  
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# Backup

# SUPERKEKB, BELLE II DETECTOR

- Now in Long Shutdown 1 (15 months)
- Detector upgrades and beam-pipe improvement



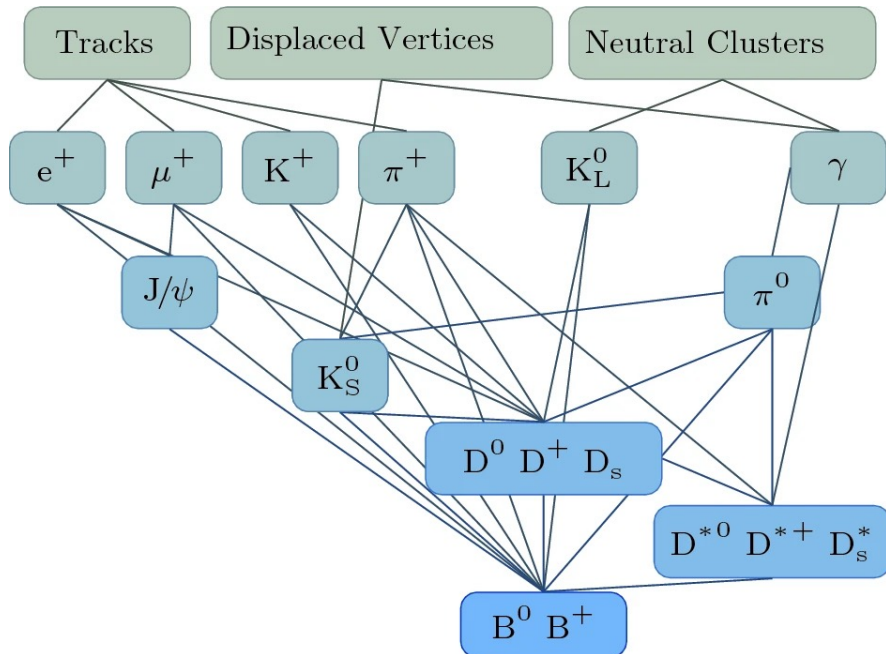
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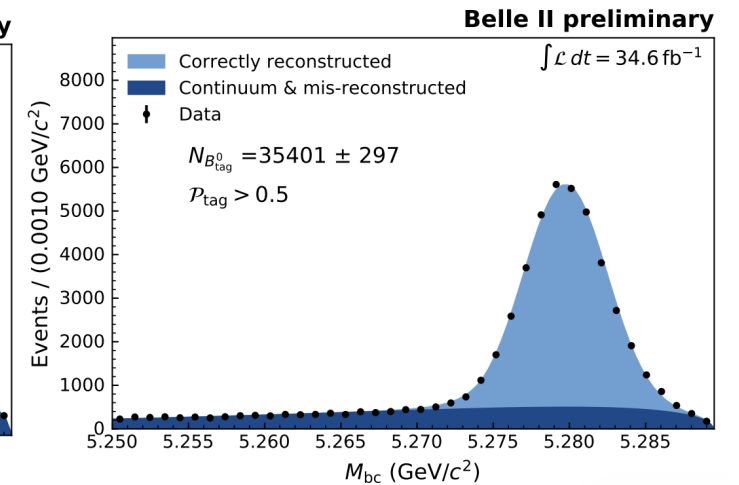
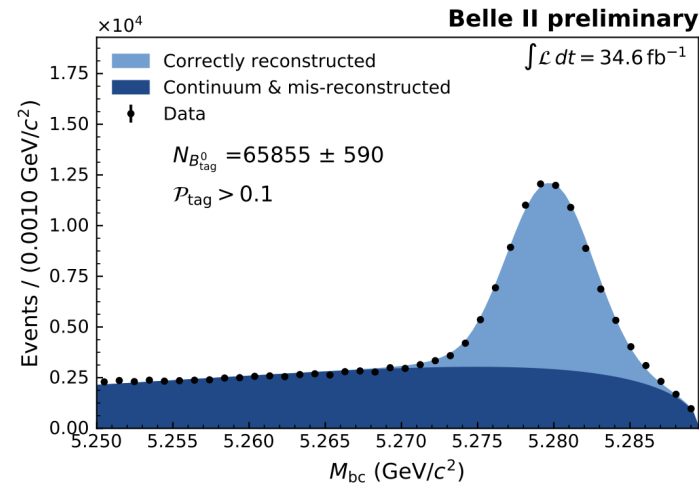
# FULL EVENT INTERPRETATION (FEI)

- FEI algorithm used to reconstruct  $B_{tag}$
- Uses  $\approx 200$  BDTs to reconstruct  $O(10000)$  different B decay chains
- Assigns signal probability of being correct  $B_{tag}$

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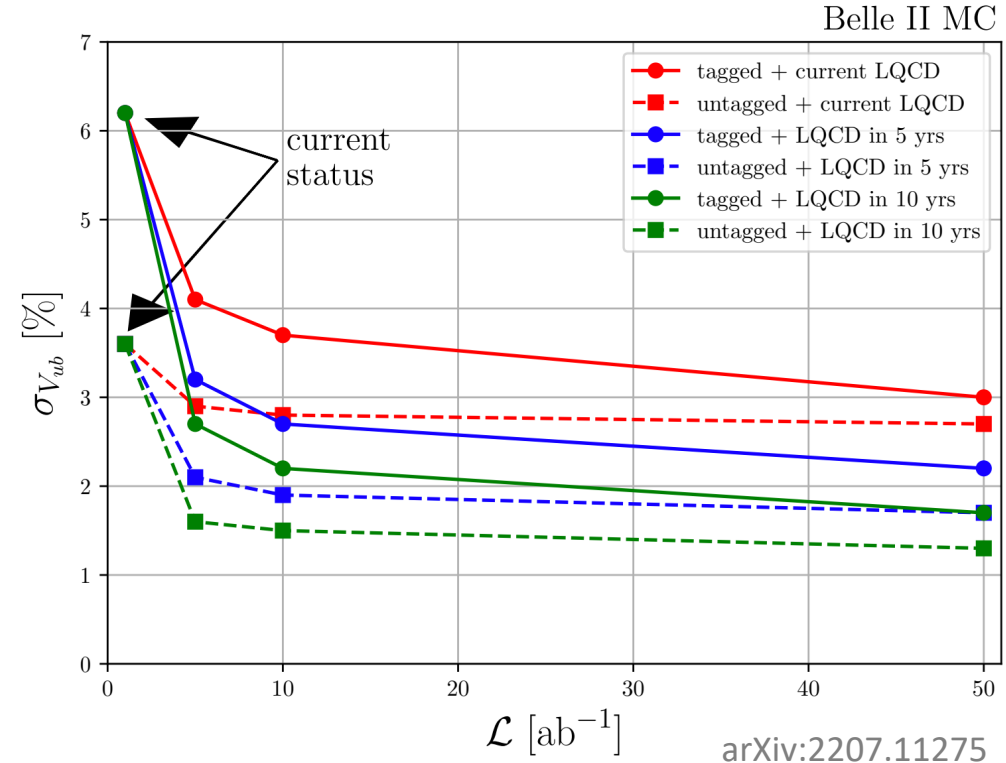


## Tension:

- Most indications point to inconsistent experimental/theoretical inputs
- Cannot exclude non-SM physics

## - Improvements:

- Theoretical understanding
- $B \rightarrow X l \nu$  background modeling
- Calibration of  $B_{\text{tag}}$  efficiency



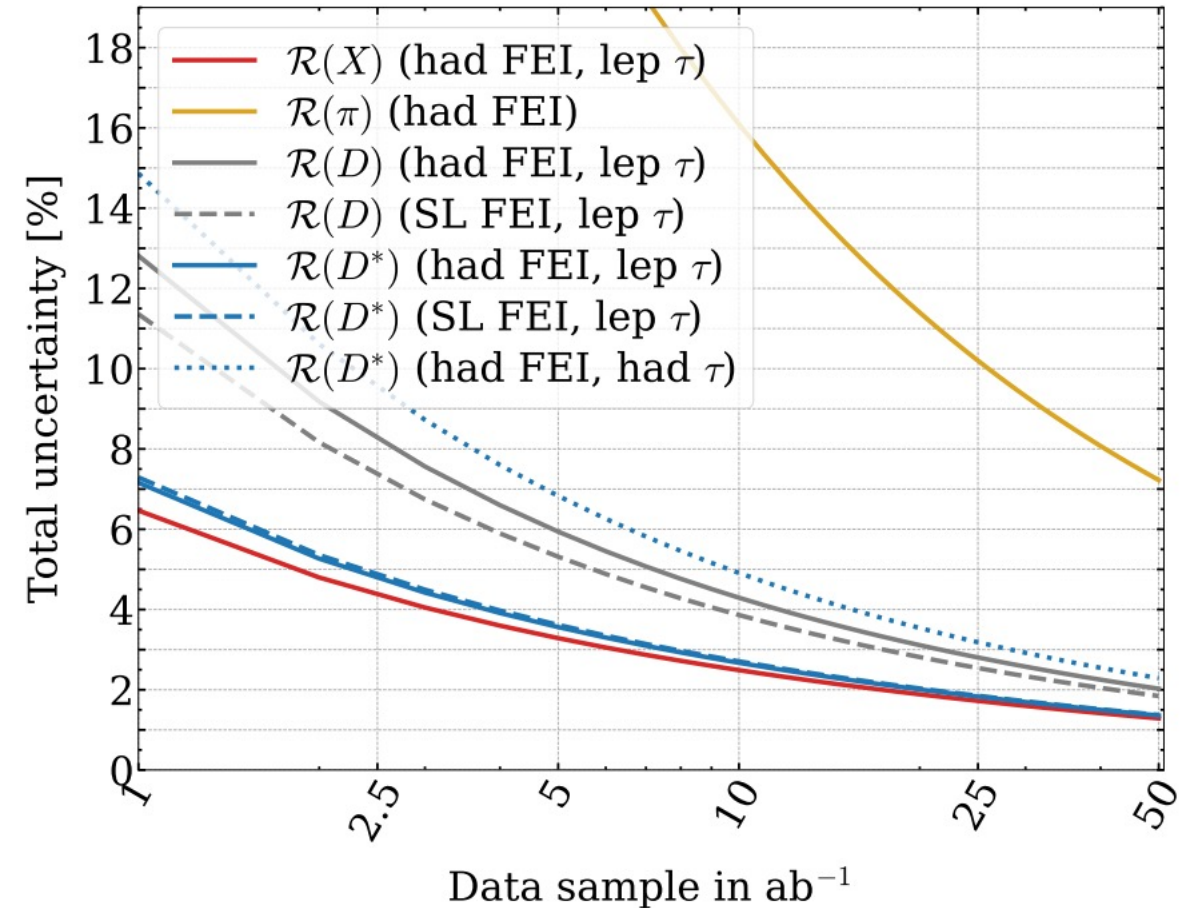
$\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$ :

- Understand  $B \rightarrow D^{**} l \nu$  downfeed

$\mathcal{R}(X_{\tau/l})$

- Control inclusive background composition

arXiv:2207.11275





- Reduced theoretical uncertainties compared to  $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$
- No virtual photon contribution

Decay	1 ab <sup>-1</sup>	5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	10 ab <sup>-1</sup>	50 ab <sup>-1</sup>
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	0.55 (0.37)	0.28 (0.19)	0.21 (0.14)	0.11 (0.08)
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	2.06 (1.37)	1.31 (0.87)	1.05 (0.70)	0.59 (0.40)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$	2.04 (1.45)	1.06 (0.75)	0.83 (0.59)	0.53 (0.38)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$	1.08 (0.72)	0.60 (0.40)	0.49 (0.33)	0.34 (0.23)

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Baseline: no further improvements

Improved: efficiency increases by 50% at same background level

For the  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay:

Baseline: 20% efficiency increase

Improved: 70% efficiency increase

# $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$

## Inclusive:

- $E_\gamma^B$  threshold
  - Lower: higher BB background
  - Higher: larger theoretical uncertainties
- Background from events with energetic  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  photon
- Systematic limit from  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  veto modeling

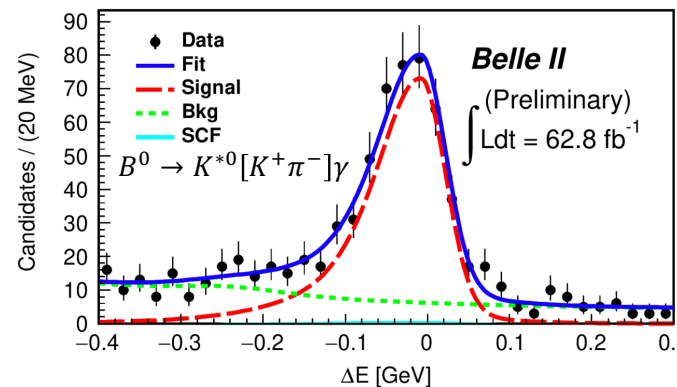
Lower $E_\gamma^B$ threshold	Statistical uncertainty				Baseline (improved) syst. uncertainty
	1 ab <sup>-1</sup>	5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	10 ab <sup>-1</sup>	50 ab <sup>-1</sup>	
1.4 GeV	10.7%	6.4%	4.7%	2.2%	10.3% (5.2%)
1.6 GeV	9.9%	6.1%	4.5%	2.1%	8.5% (4.2%)
1.8 GeV	9.3%	5.7%	4.2%	2.0%	6.5% (3.2%)
2.0 GeV	8.3%	5.1%	3.8%	1.7%	3.7% (1.8%)

Baseline: Background at 10% level  
Improved: Background at 5% level

## Exclusive: $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ arxiv: 2110.08219

- Untagged measurement
- Unbinned fit to  $\Delta E = E_B - E_{\text{beam}}$
- Experimentally more straightforward but larger theoretical uncertainties
- Ratios best  $\rightarrow$  uncertainties related to FF suppressed

Observable	1 ab <sup>-1</sup>	5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	10 ab <sup>-1</sup>	50 ab <sup>-1</sup>	Systematic uncertainty
$\Delta_{0+}(B \rightarrow K^* \gamma)$	1.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	1.2%
$A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)$	1.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
$A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma)$	1.9%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%
$\Delta A_{CP}(B \rightarrow K^* \gamma)$	2.4%	1.1%	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%



Mode	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{meas}} [10^{-5}]$	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{PDG}} [10^{-5}]$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma$	$4.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$	$4.18 \pm 0.25$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma$	$5.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.3$	$3.92 \pm 0.22$