

# Belle II experiment: status and prospects

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# Outline

- The case for probing non Standard Model physics in Belle II
- Introduction to Belle II
- Recent results
  - Charm lifetimes
  - CKM unitarity triangle angle  $\phi_2/\alpha$  and  $\phi_3/\gamma$  (B to charm and charmless decays)
  - $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  (Rare decays)
  - Inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$ , Exclusive  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$  (Semileptonic B decays)
- Outlook

# The case for probing non SM Physics in Belle II

## Issues addressable at flavour factory

→ NP beyond the direct reach of the LHC

- Baryon asymmetry in cosmology  
→ New sources of CPV in quarks and charged leptons
- Finite neutrino masses  
→ Tau LFV.
- Quark and lepton flavour & mass hierarchy  
→ higher symmetry, massive new particles, extended gauge sector
- Hidden and dark sectors at the GeV scale.

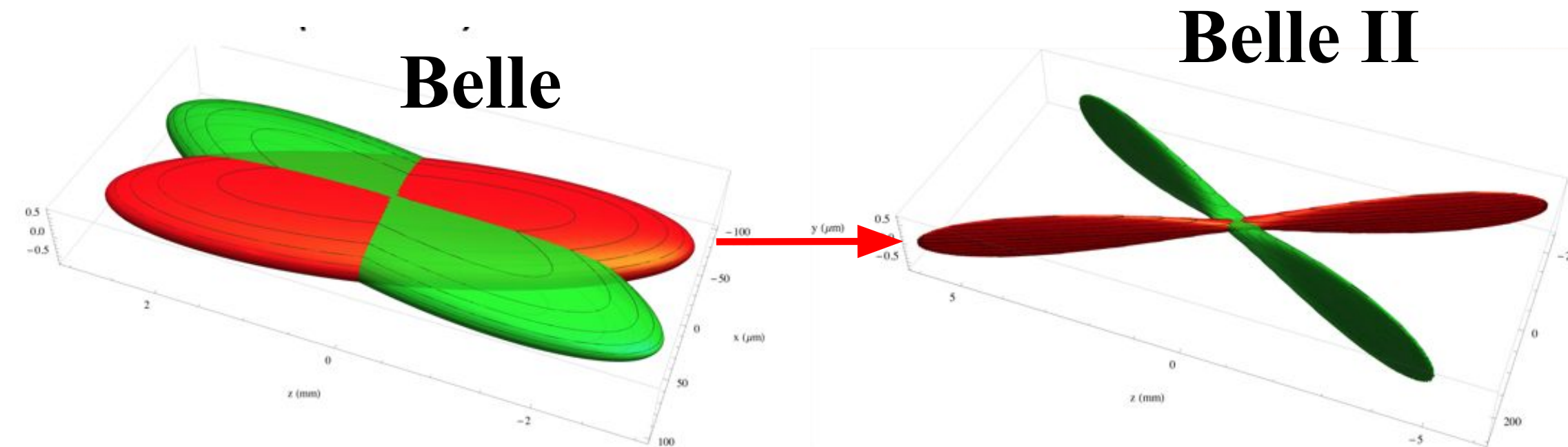
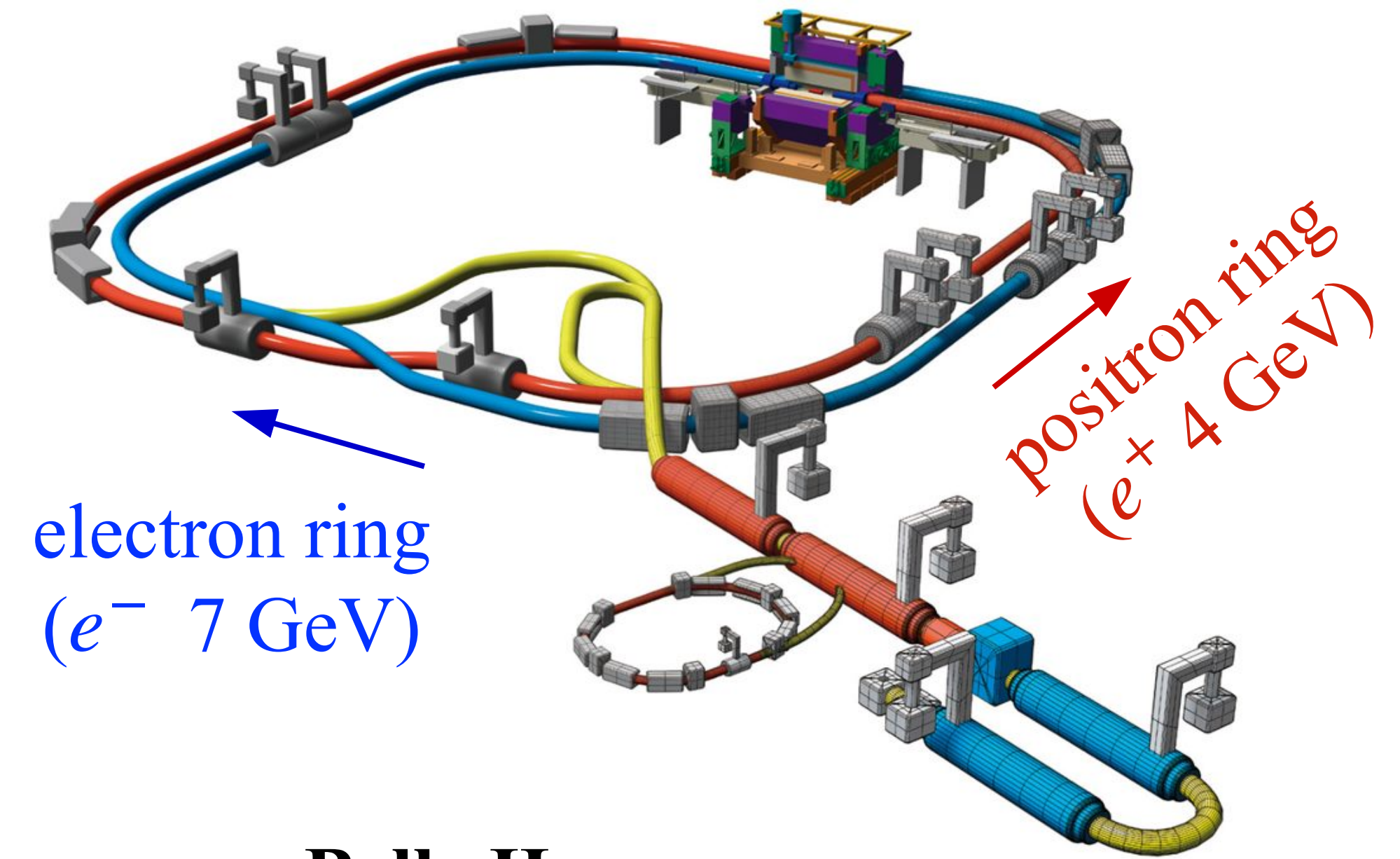
- **Direct** production at **energy frontier (LHC)** yielded no non-SM Physics evidence at the TeV scale
- **But indirect** searches at the **intensity frontier (Belle/BaBar)** probe higher scales.

BaBar + Belle experiments collected  $\sim 1.5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  at the first generation of B factories led to many discoveries



# SuperKEKB

- Asymmetric  $e^+e^-$  collider with main center-of-mass energy at  $B\bar{B}$  threshold (10.58 GeV)
- Upgrade of KEKB
- Aims at an integrated luminosity of  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  ( $50 \times$  Belle)  
→ Challenging harsh beam background conditions
- $30 \times$  KEKB best instantaneous luminosity is achieved by
  - $\times 1.5$  beam current increase
  - $\times 20$  beam size decrease



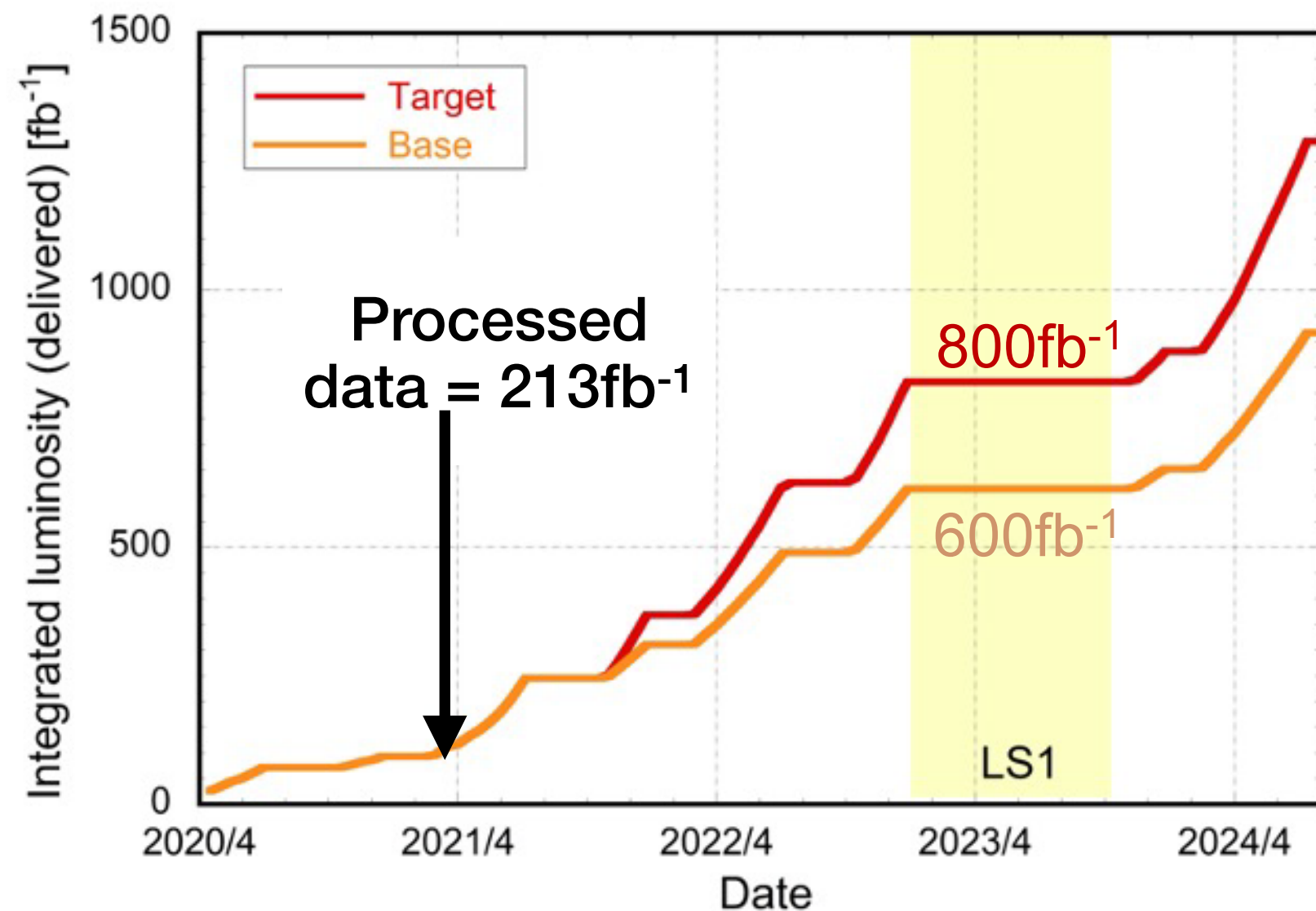
$e^+e^-$  collisions very clean compared to pp collisions



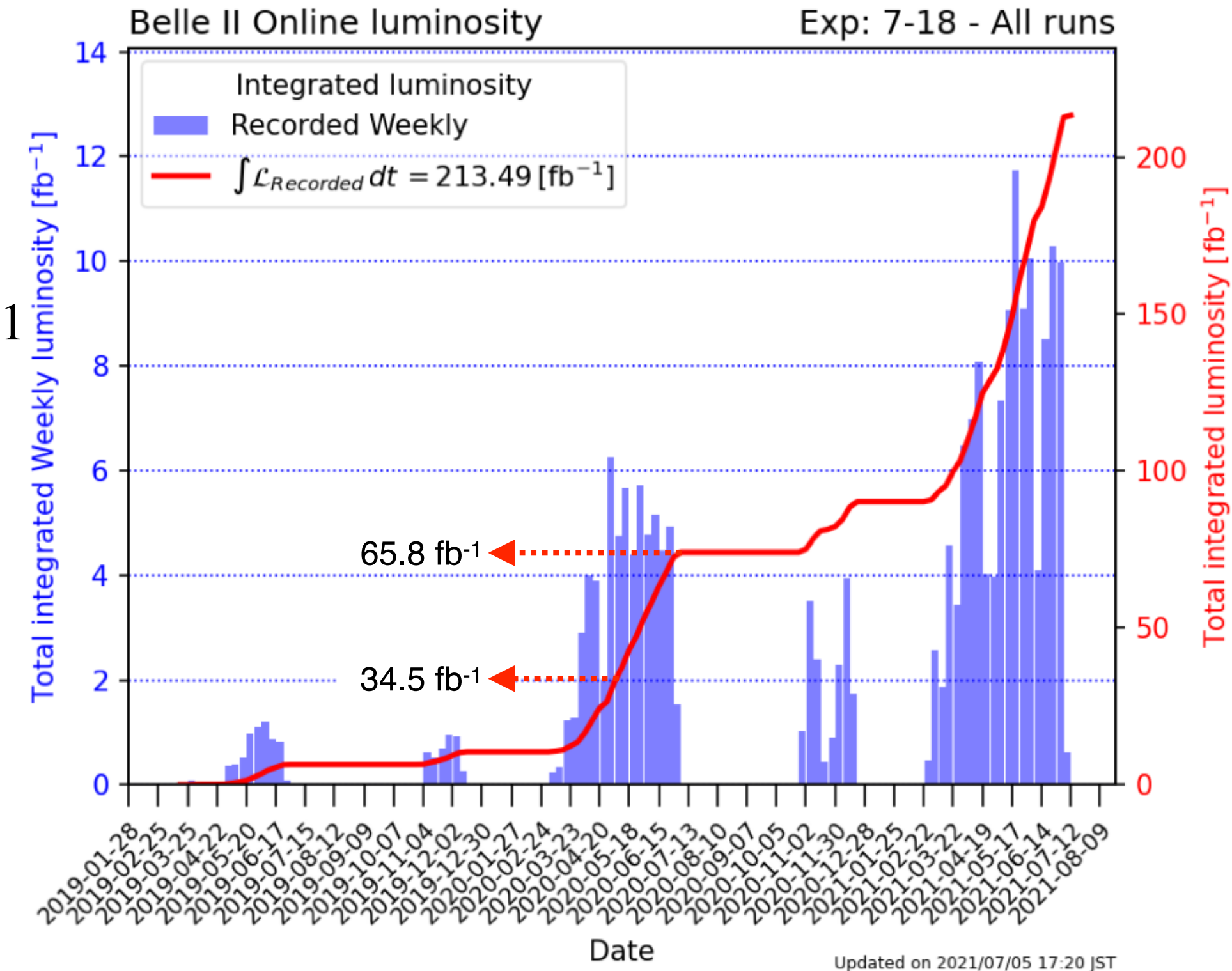
# Data Taking at Belle II

- Operation started in 2019
- Plan peak luminosity of  $6.5 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Peak luminosity
  - $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}}^{\text{KEKB}} = 2.1 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}}^{\text{SKEKB}} = 3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
(World record set on 22nd June 2021)

## Data taking plan for next 5 years



$nB\bar{B} = 10^{11}$



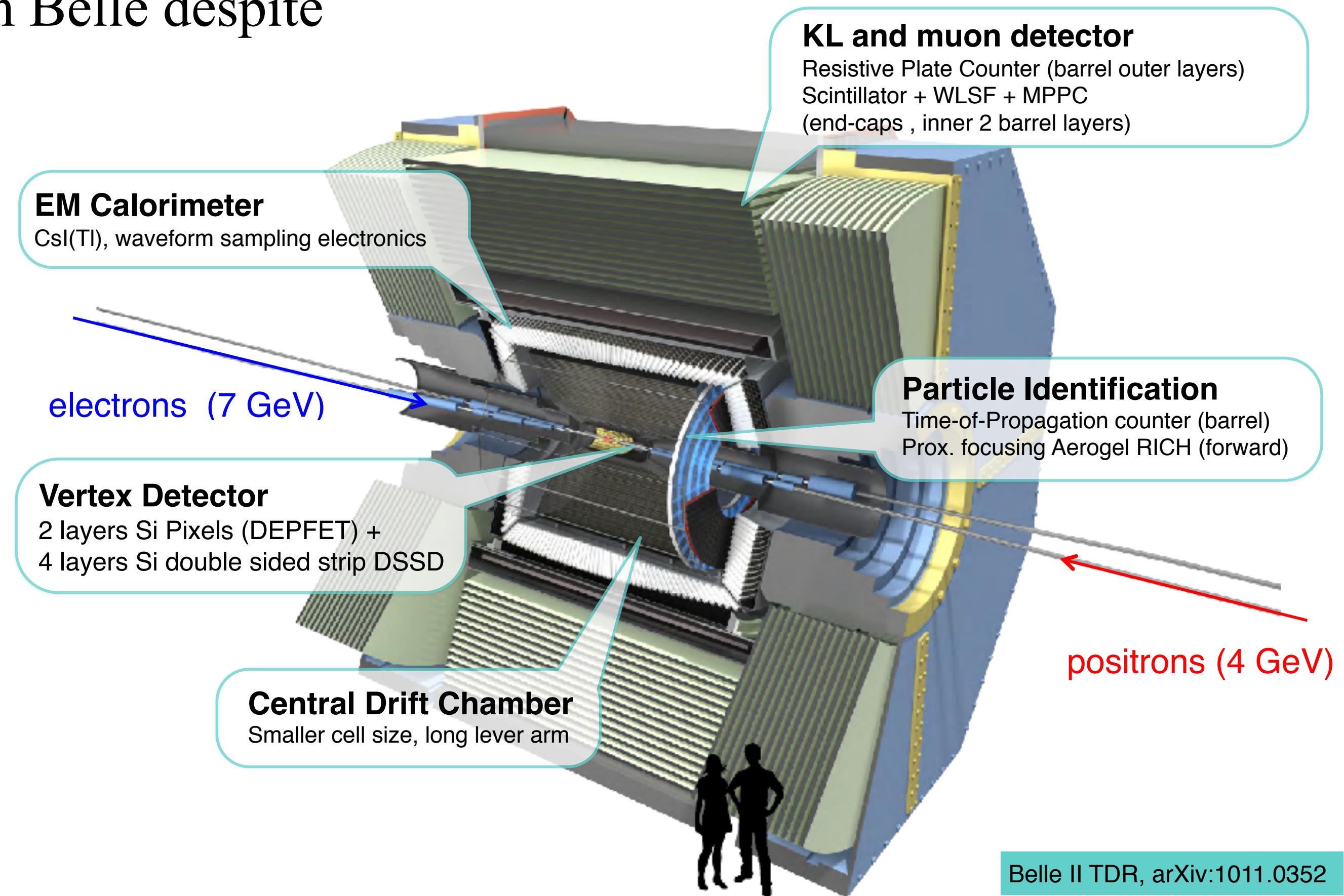
Data taking till Summer run 2021:  $213.49 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
with  $\sim 90\%$  data taking efficiency

Belle II has started taking after summer 2021 break ..



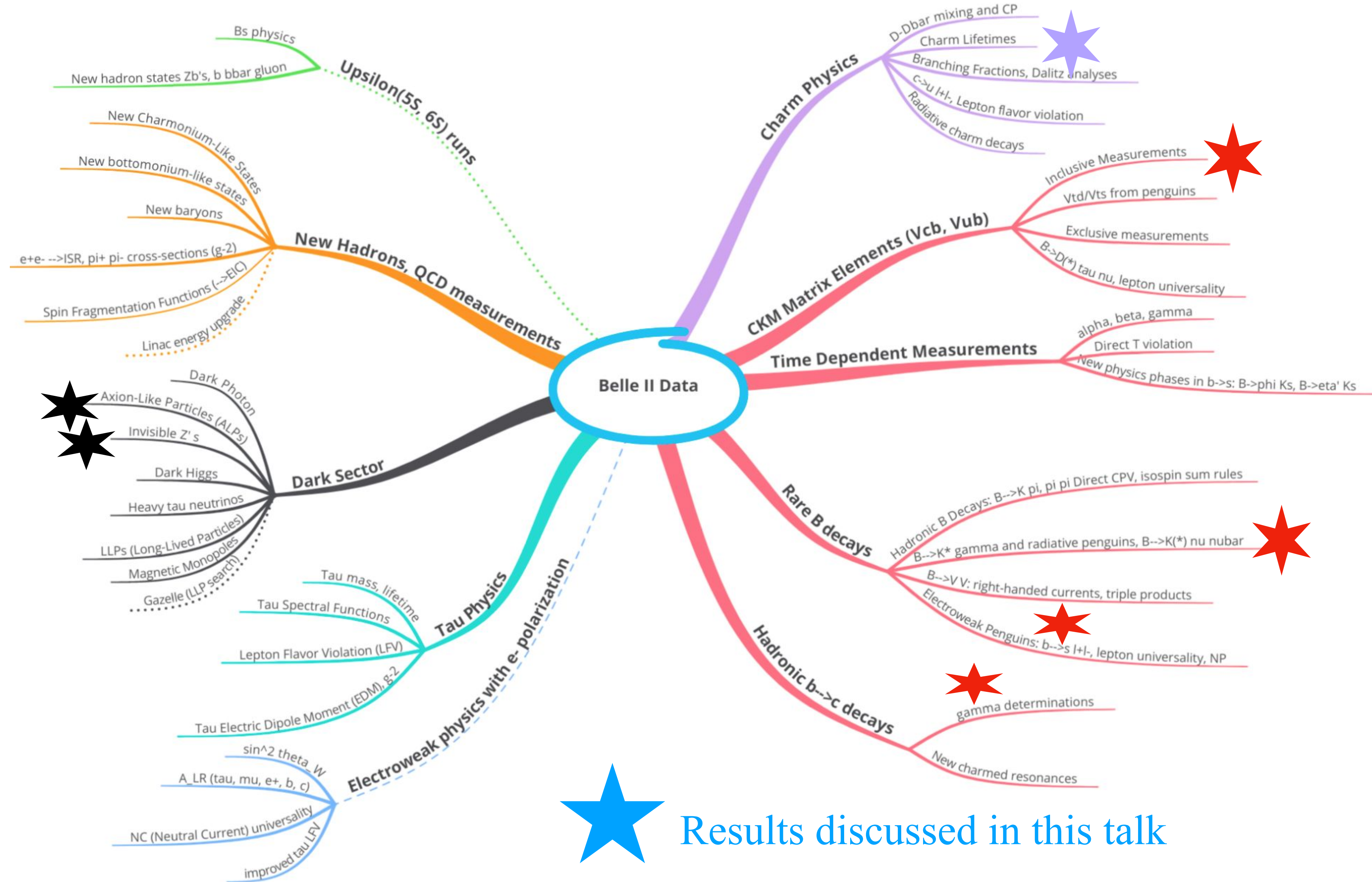
# The Belle II Detector

- Designed to operate with a performance better than Belle despite higher beam backgrounds
- Belle II enables us
  - High reconstruction efficiency with very low trigger bias
  - Uniform performance in reconstruction of final states containing photons from  $\pi^0$ ,  $\rho^\pm$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $K_S$  etc
  - Good vertex resolution
  - Analyses of missing mass since initial state perfectly known
  - Production of large sample of charm mesons and  $\tau$  leptons





# The Belle II Physics Program

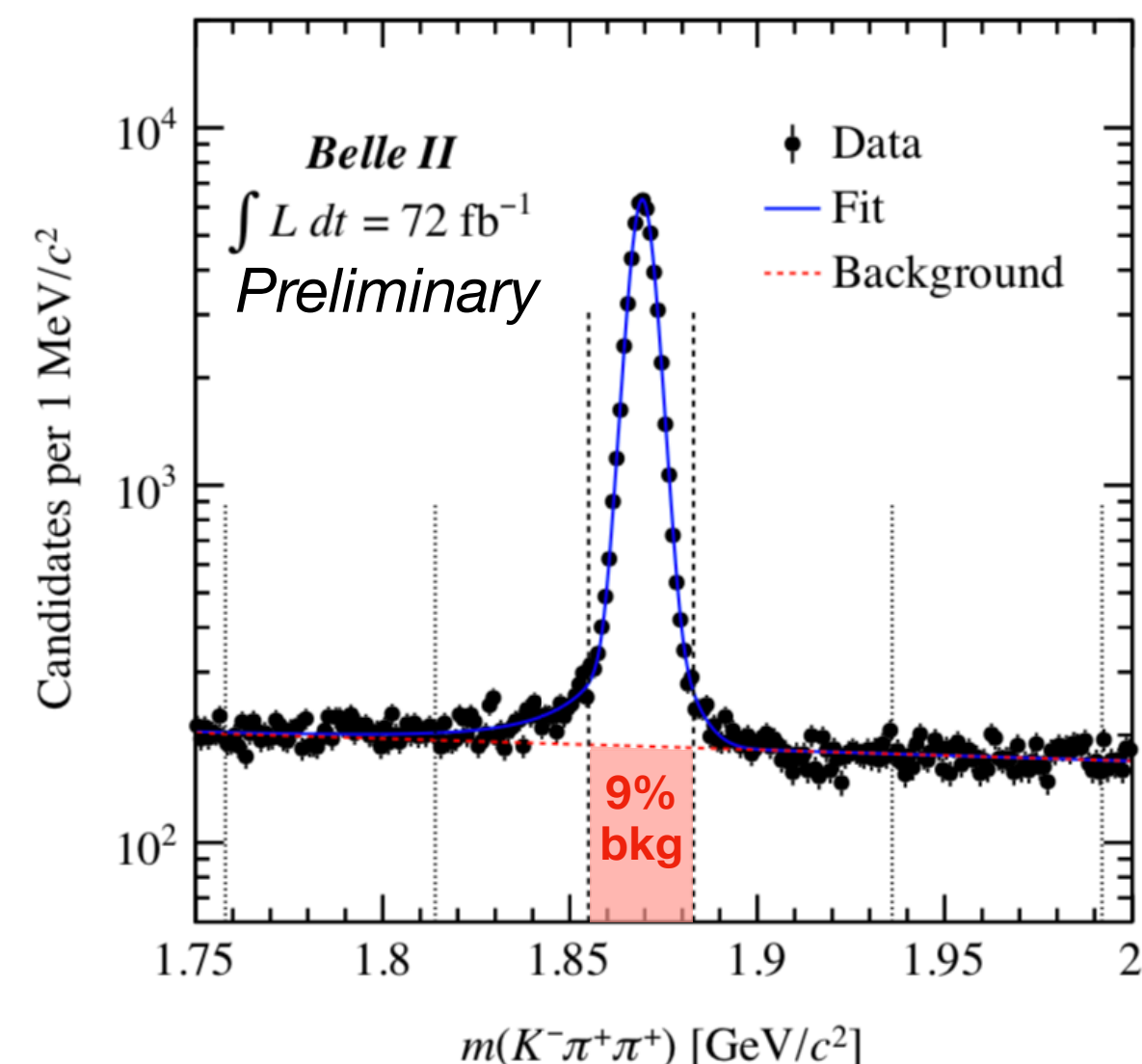
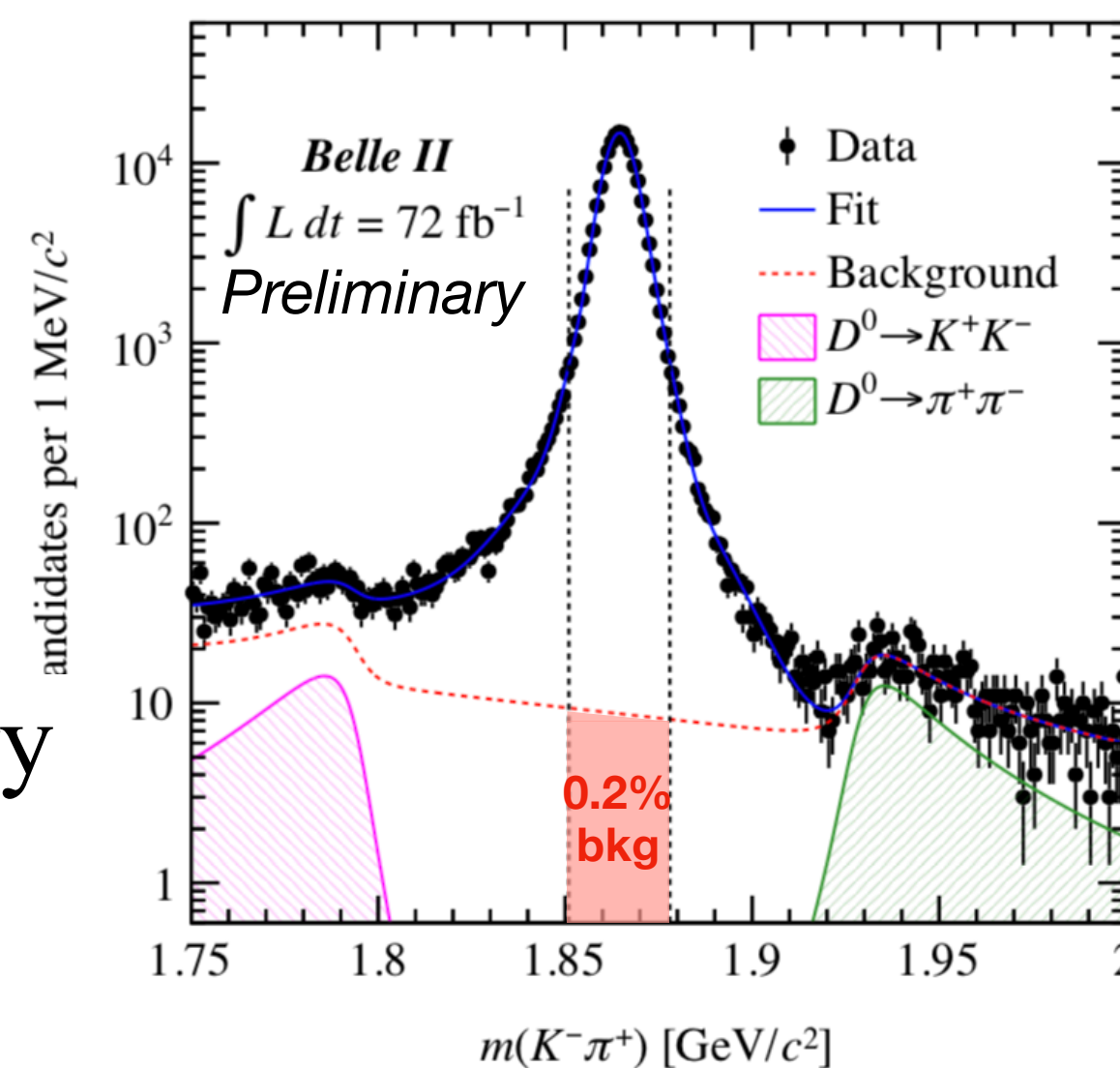
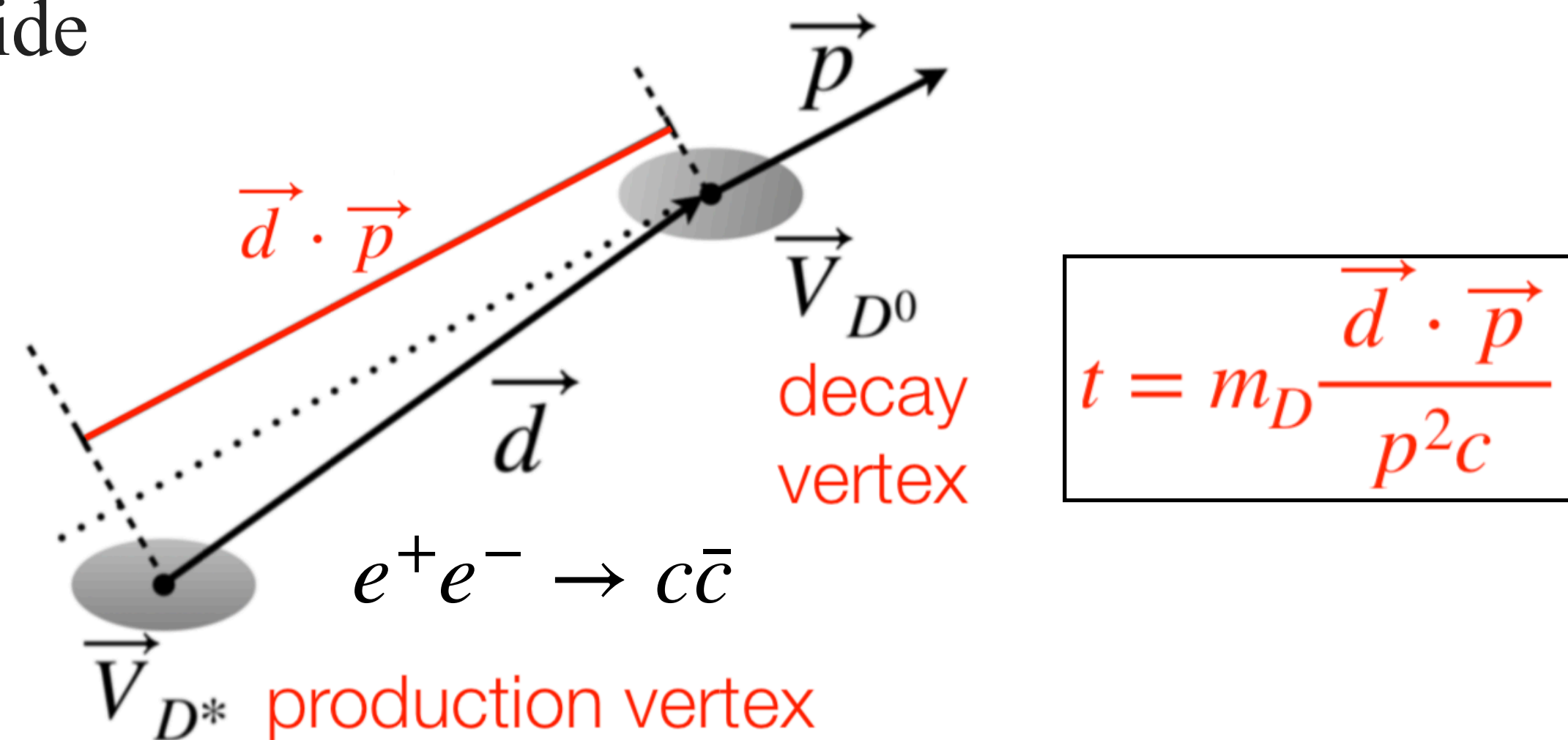


 Results discussed in this talk



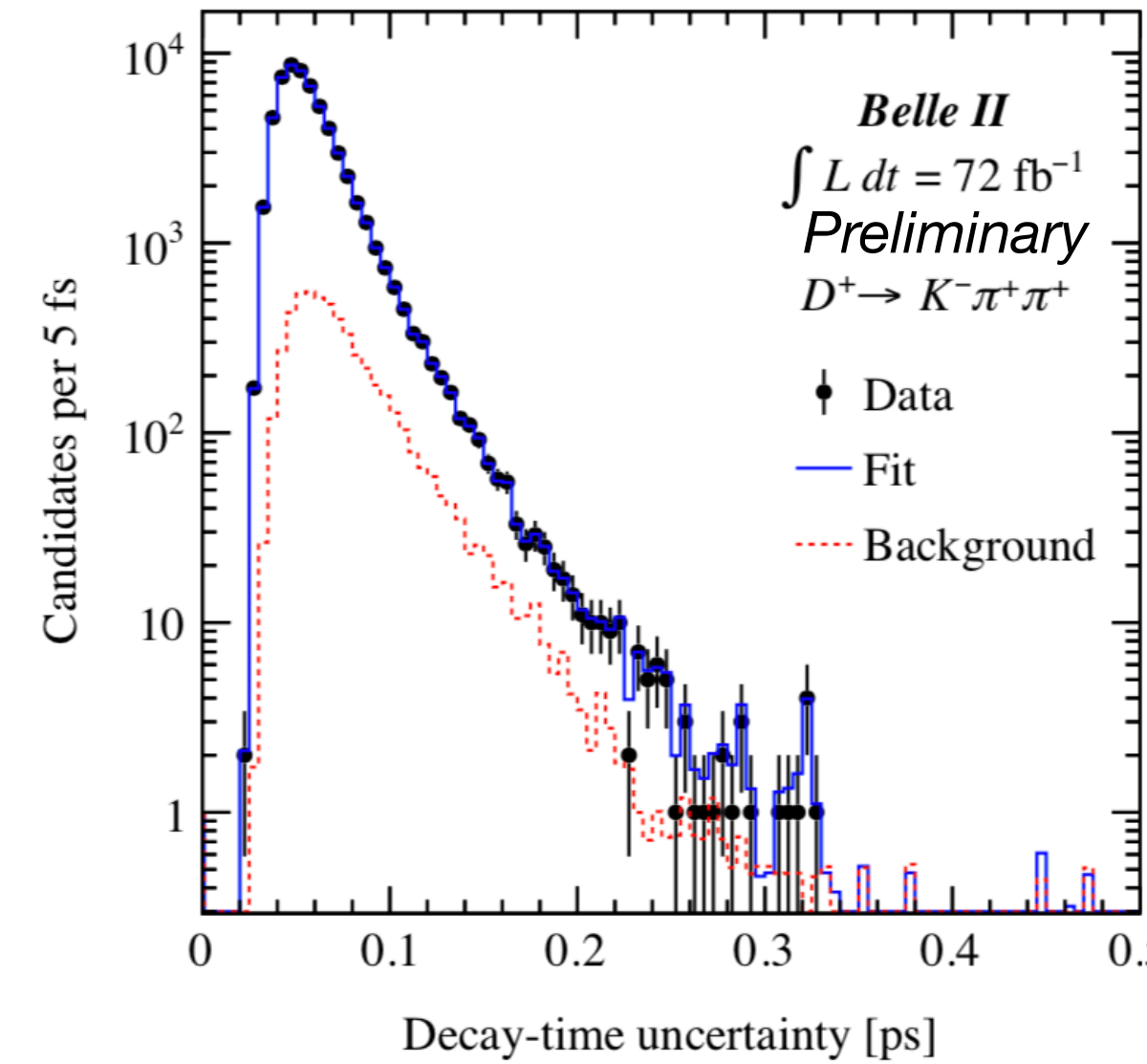
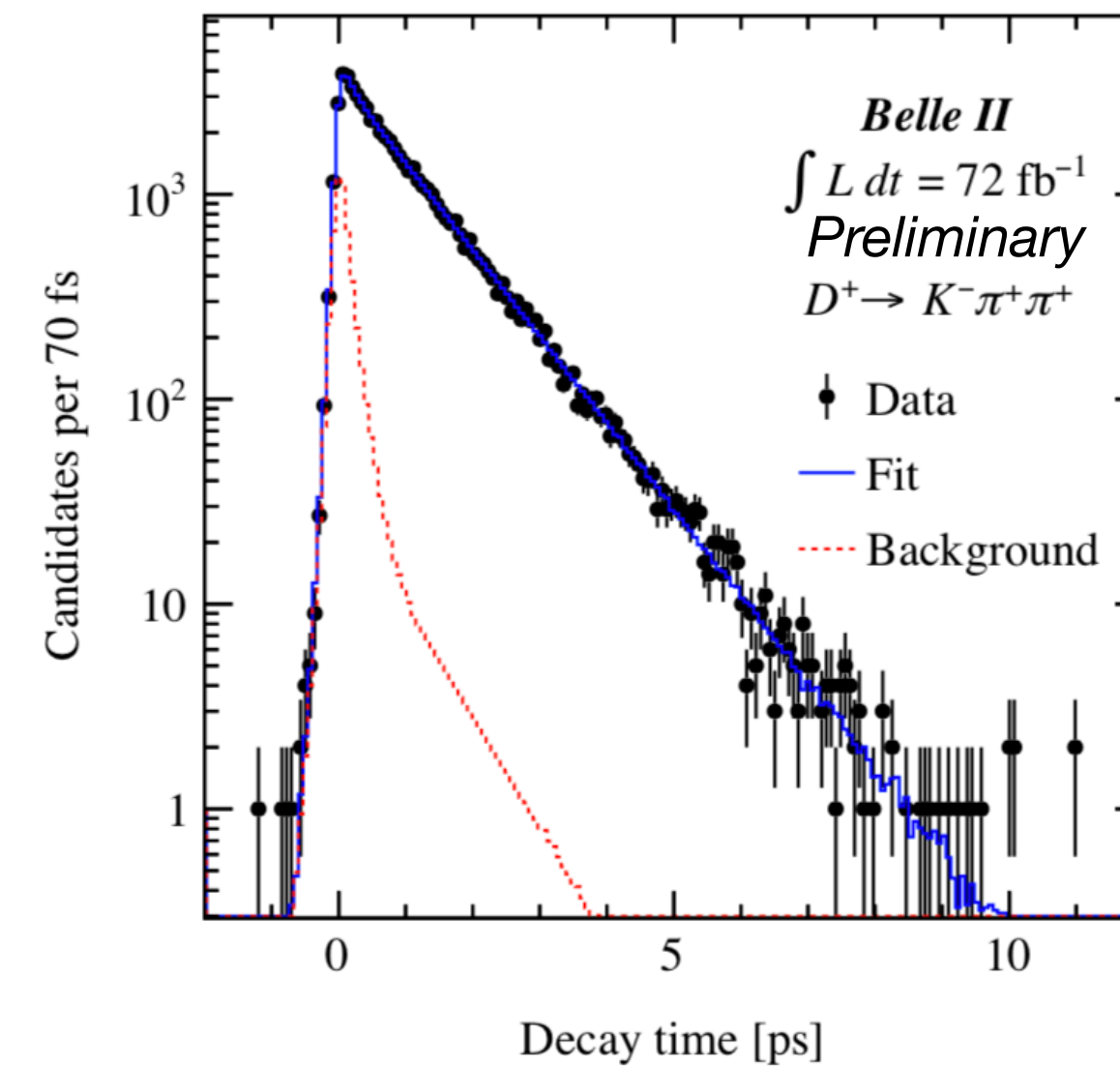
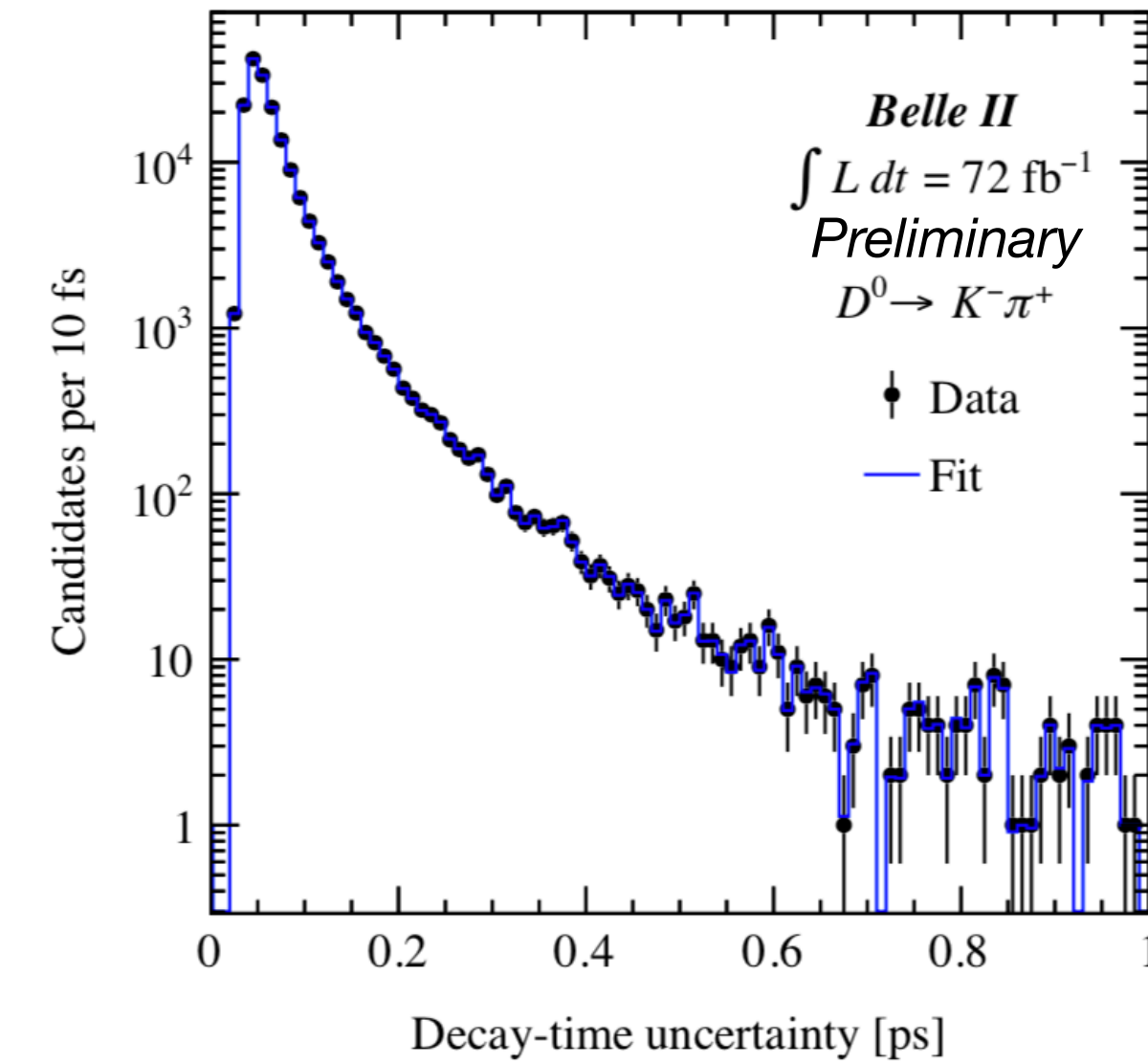
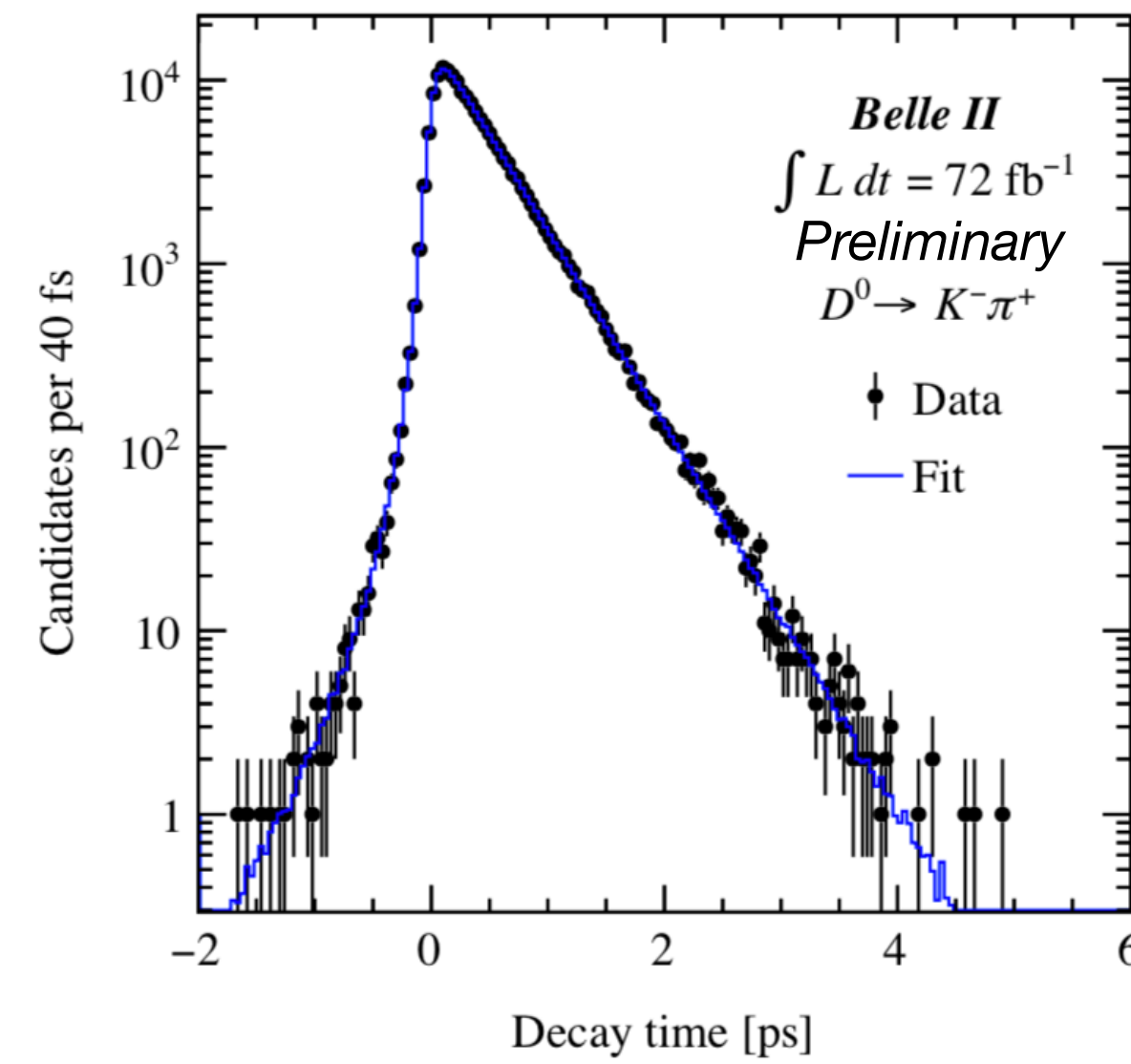
# Charm Lifetimes

- Lifetimes measurements test non-perturbative QCD and provide guidance to describe strong interactions
- High-precision measurement of  $D^{0/+}$  lifetimes rely on
  - excellent vertex-detector alignment,
  - Precise calibration of final state particle momenta
- Early Belle II dataset already competitive → Challenge is to control systematics
- High-purity samples, large BF decay modes selected to limit background-related systematic uncertainty.
- Reconstructed  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$  and  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+)\pi^0$  from  $D^*$ -tagged.
- Removing  $D$  from  $B$  decays (originating from a secondary vertex) with  $p(D^{*+}) > 2.5(2.6)$  GeV requirement avoids bias in  $D^0(D^+)$  production vertex position



# Fit Strategy for Lifetime Measurement

- Unbinned maximum-likelihood fits to the  $(t, \sigma_t)$ 
  - $[1.855, 1.833]$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$  for  $m(K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)$
  - $[1.851, 1.878]$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$  for  $m(K^- \pi^+)$
- Resolution function:  $\rightarrow$  (2 gaussians for  $D^0$ , 1 gaussian for  $D^+$ ) determined directly from fit
- For  $D^0$ : background neglected in the fit  $\rightarrow$  systematic assigned.
- For  $D^+$ : background included in fit  $\rightarrow$  modeled using data sidebands
- Width:  $\sim 60\text{-}70$  fs.
- Systematics:
  - Mostly from misalignment of vertex detector
  - Background modeling of  $D^+$





# Results

- Most precise and consistent with previous measurements
- Few-per-mille accuracy excellent vertexing capability

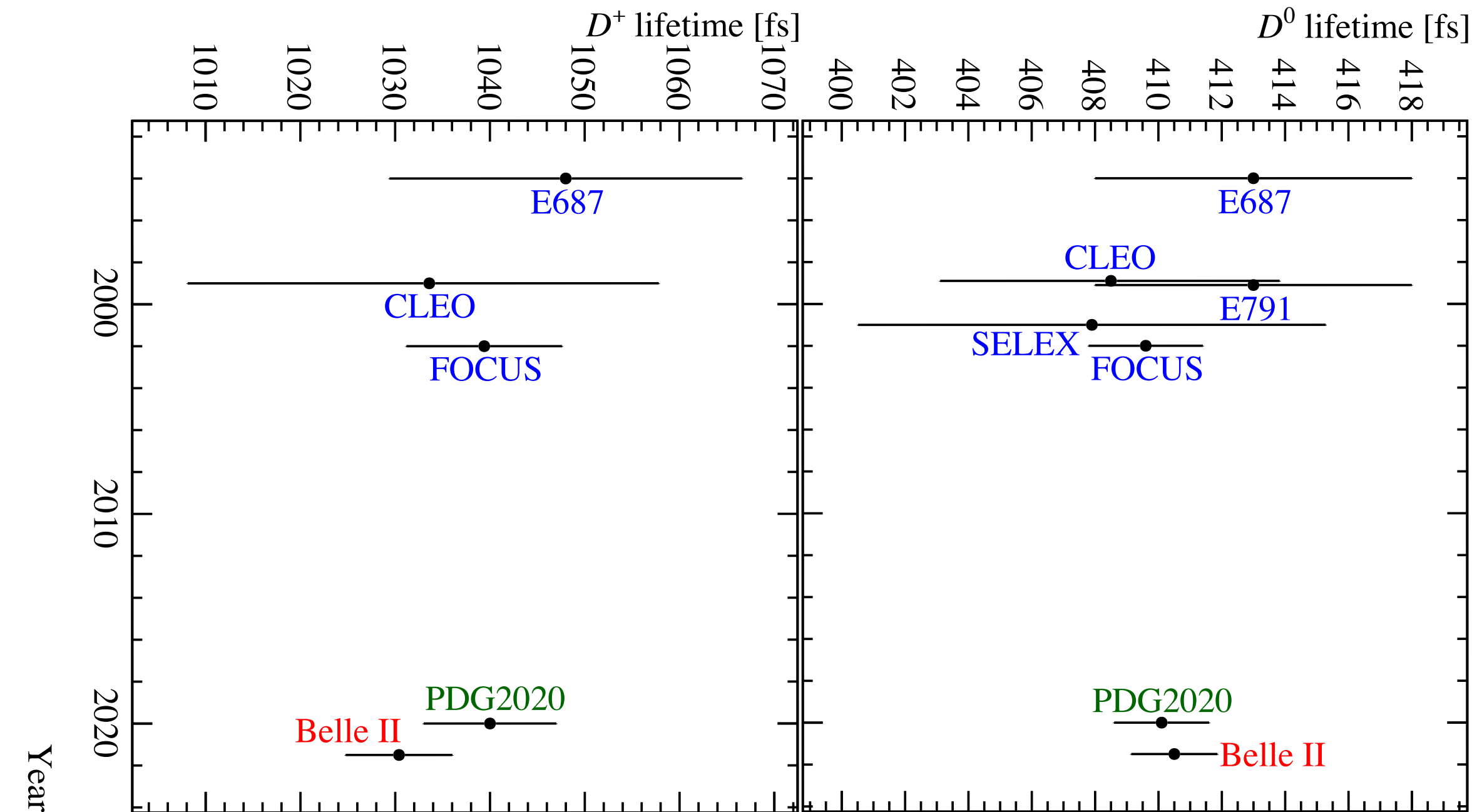
$$\tau(D^0) = 410 \pm 1.1(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst}) \text{ fs}$$

$$\tau(D^+) = 1030.4 \pm 4.7(\text{stat}) \pm 3.1(\text{syst}) \text{ fs}$$

- Assuming systematic uncertainties fully correlated  $\rightarrow$  correlation coefficient is 18%

$$\frac{\tau(D^+)}{\tau(D^0)} = 2.510 \pm 0.013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.007(\text{syst})$$

Expected excellent vertexing performance is established and will guarantee improved precision of time-dependent measurement, beyond the increase of luminosity

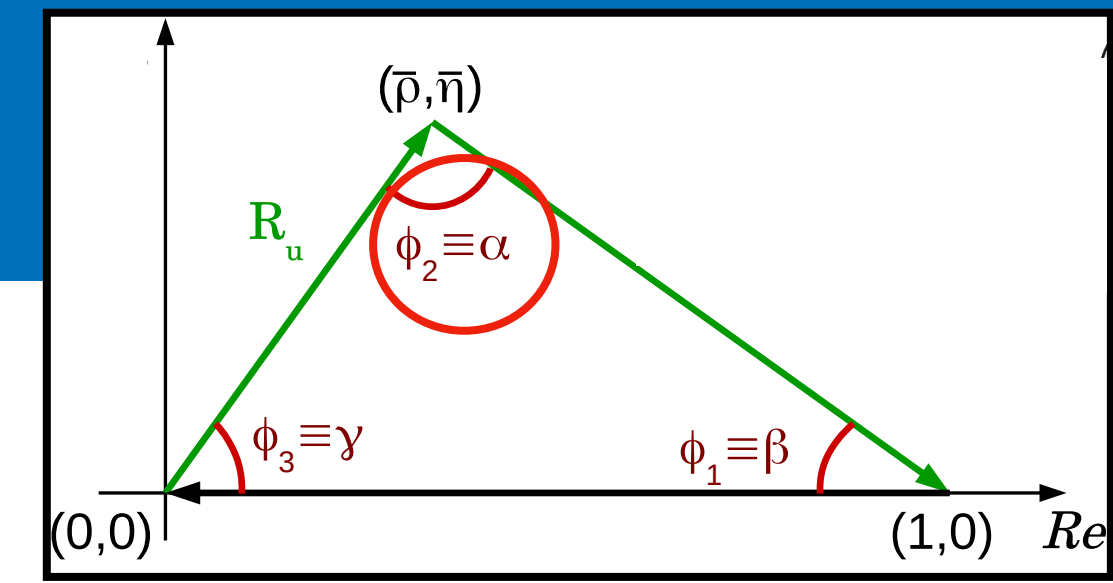


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# Towards $\phi_2/\alpha$

- Accessible via  $b \rightarrow u$  transitions with large contribution from penguin ( $b \rightarrow d$ ) diagrams



- Unique Belle II capability to determine  $\phi_2/\alpha$  by  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\rho^0$

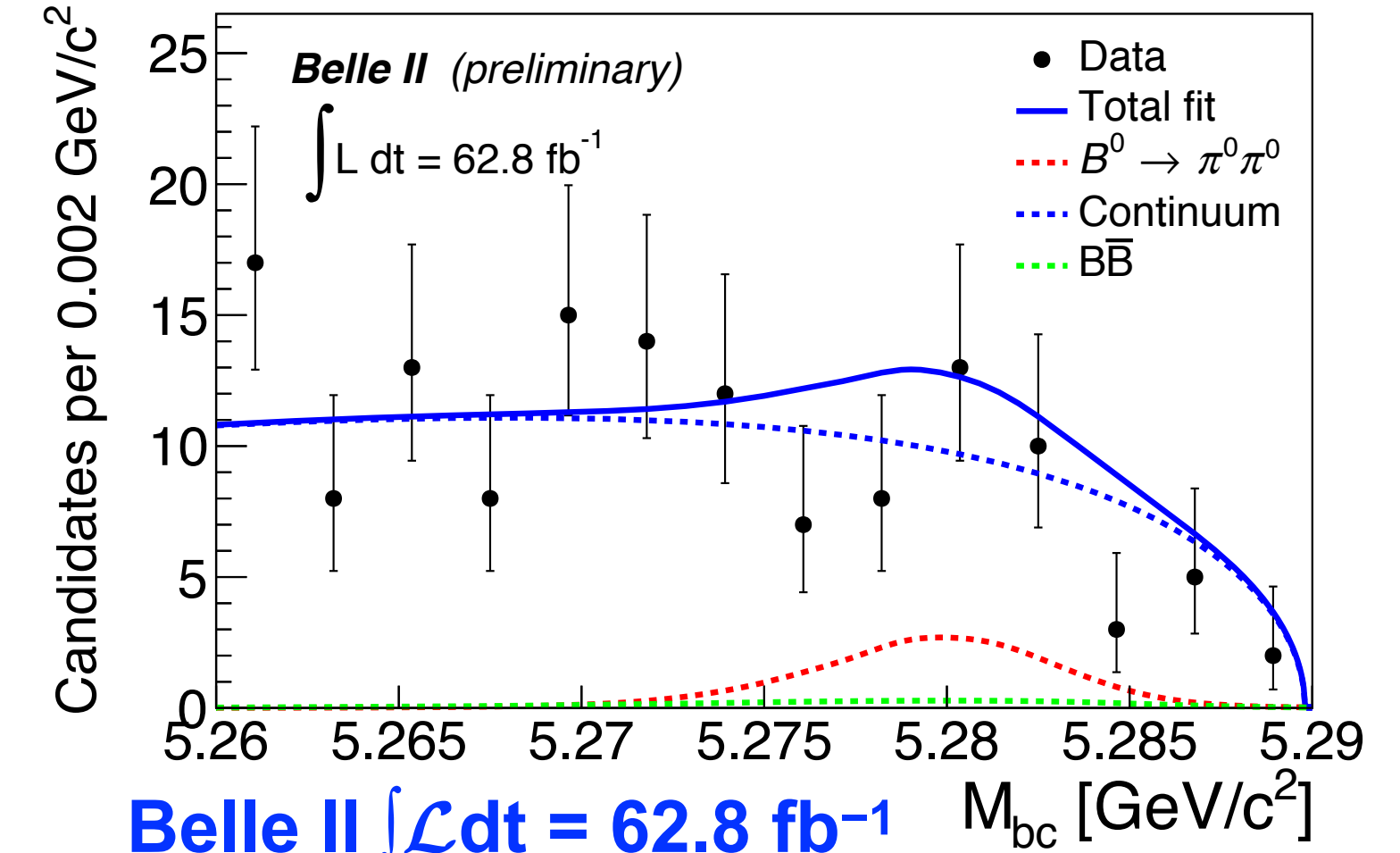
- $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$  is very challenging due to four photons in final state

- Main background is from continuum  $\pi^0$

- Dedicated MVA for photon selection

[arXiv:2107.02373](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.02373)

- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0) = [0.98_{-0.39}^{+0.48}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6}$



- $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\rho^0$  is pion only final state

$$\Delta E = E_B^* - E_{beam}$$

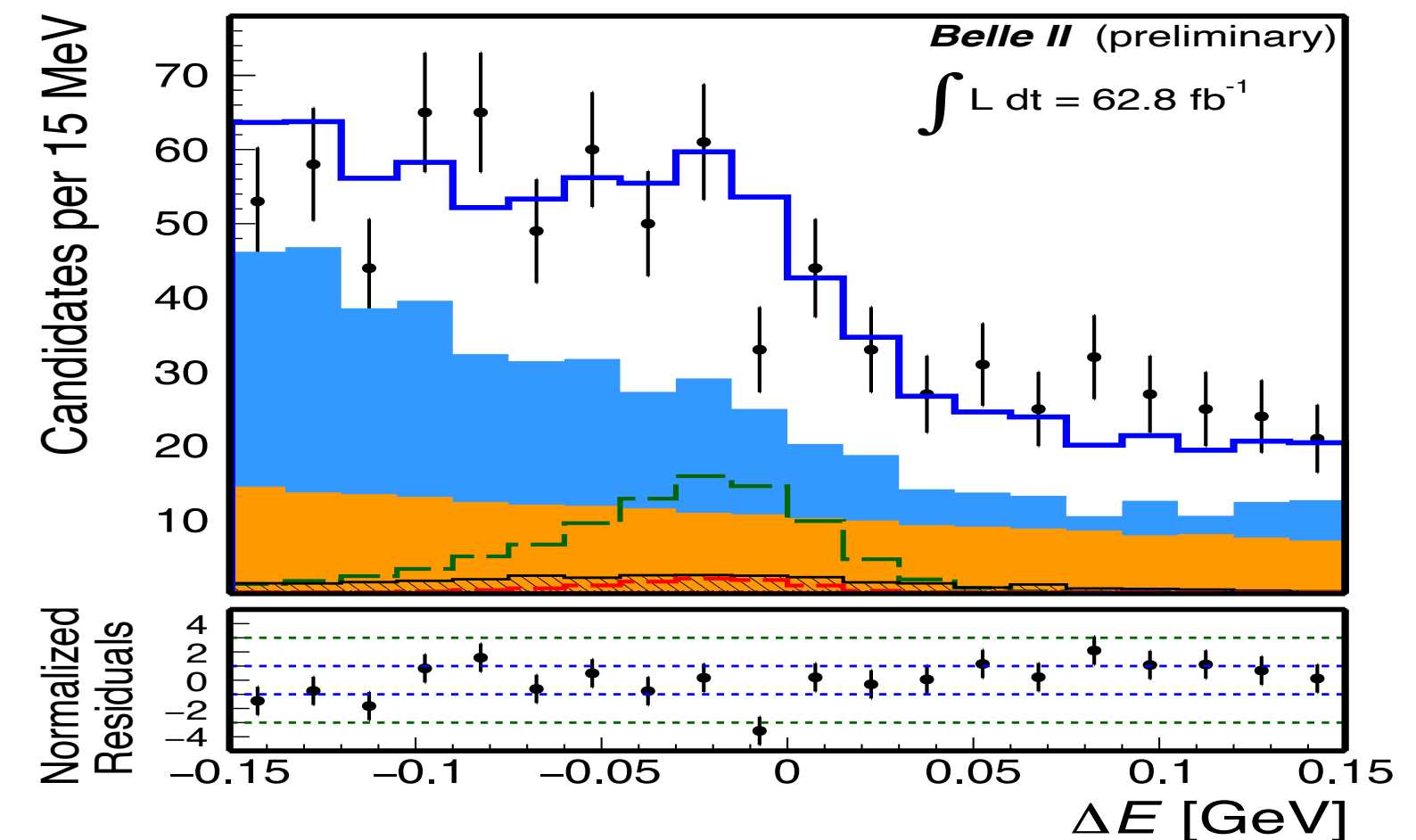
$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2 - \vec{p}_B^2}$$

- Main background due to  $\rho$  mass width

- Branching ratio is compatible with WA

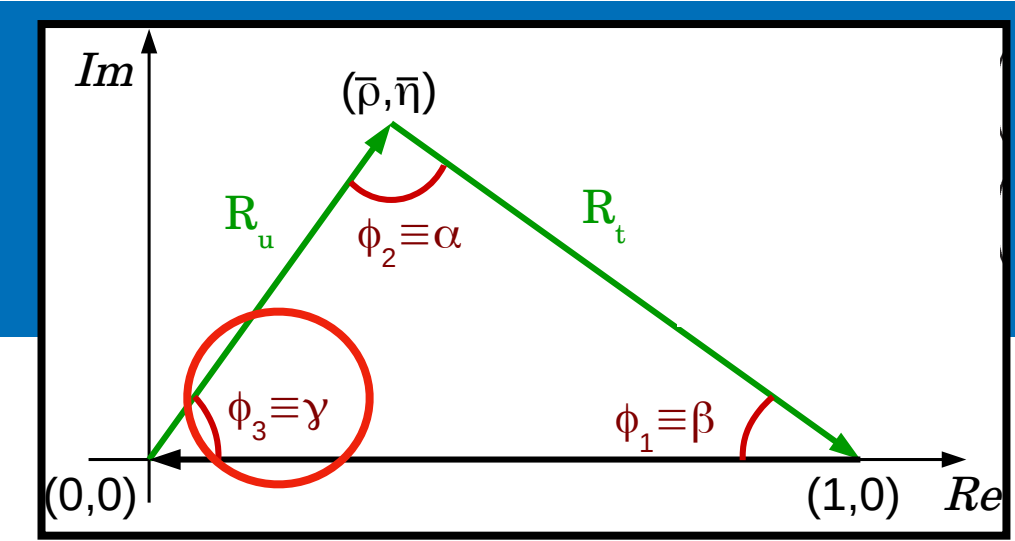
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- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\rho^0) = [20.6 \pm 3.2(\text{stat}) \pm 4.0(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6}$



First reconstruction in Belle II data  $\rightarrow$  preparing for measurement of  $\alpha/\phi_2$

# $\phi_3/\gamma$ Measurement with Combined Belle + Belle II Data



- $B^- \rightarrow D^0(K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-)K^-$  is the **golden** mode for  $\gamma/\phi_3$  measurement for Belle/Belle II.
- Using BPGGSZ model independent approach

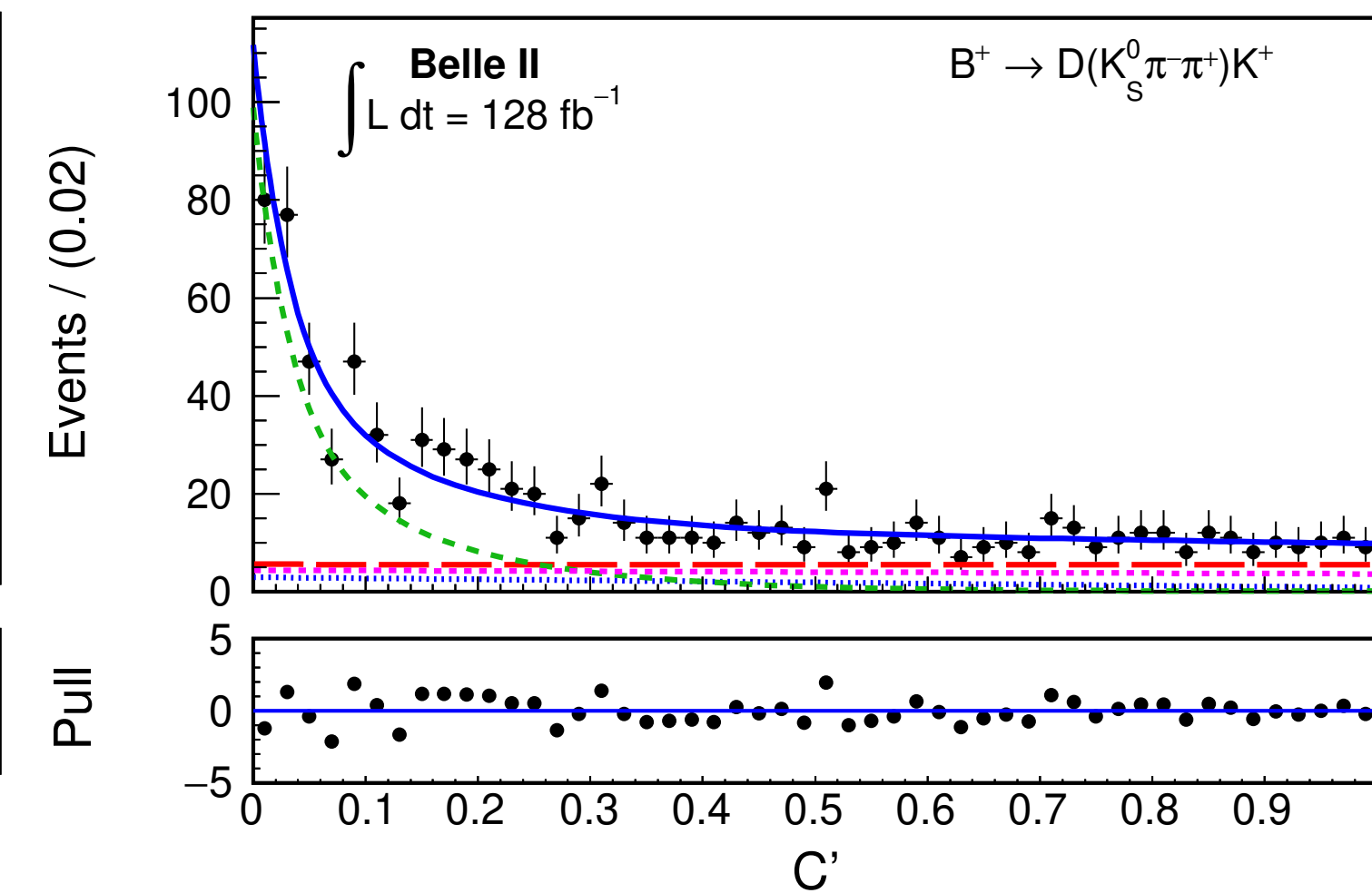
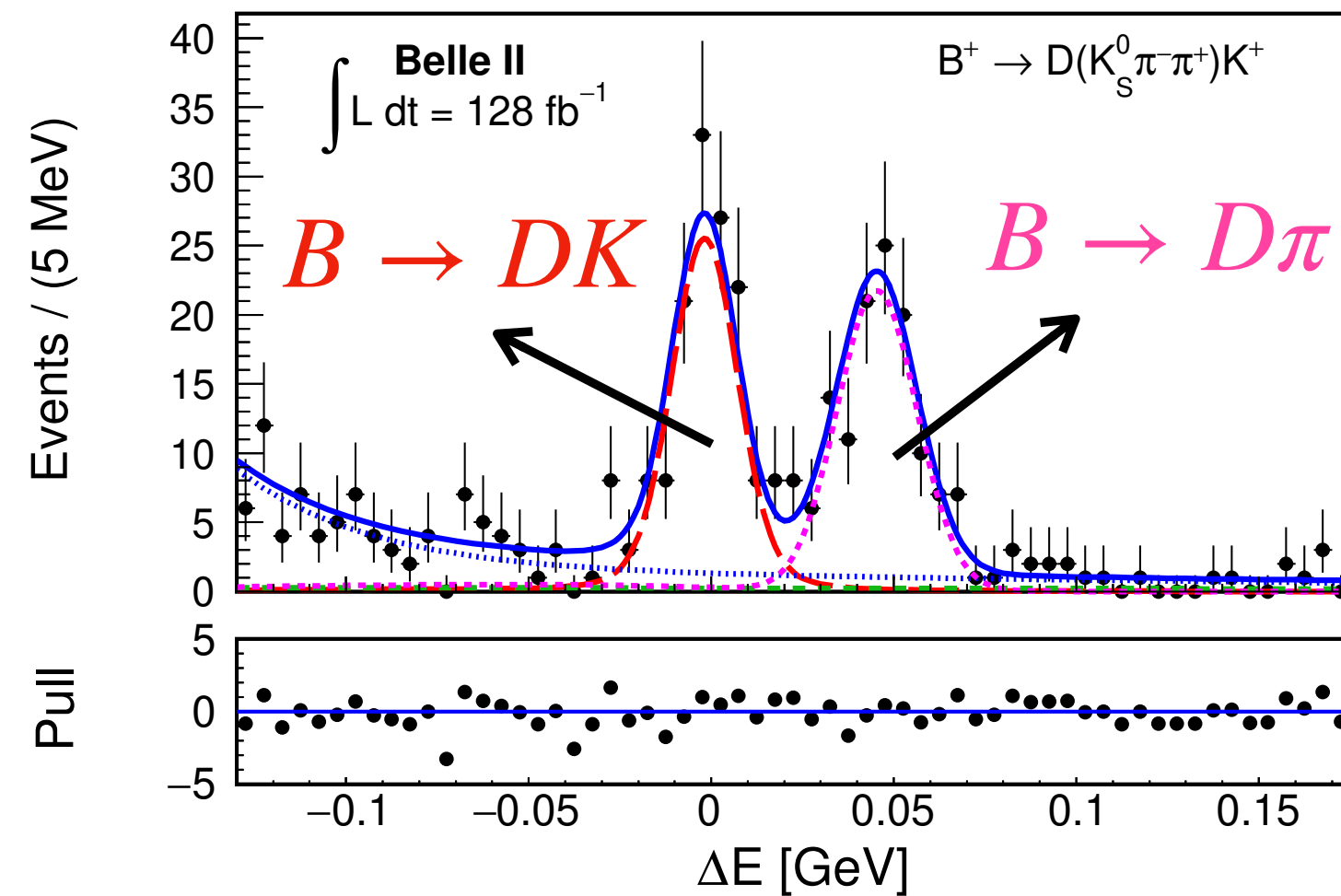
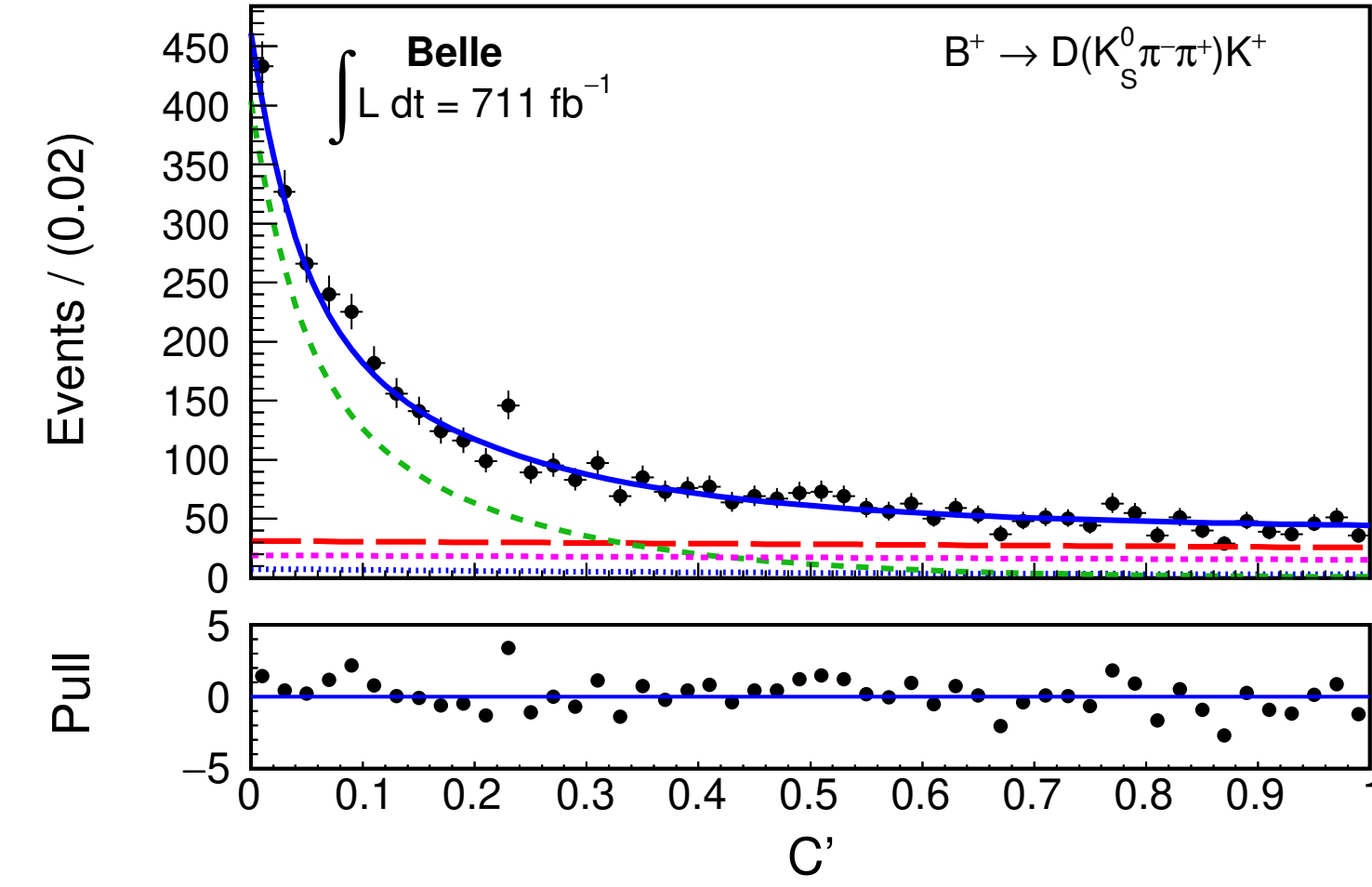
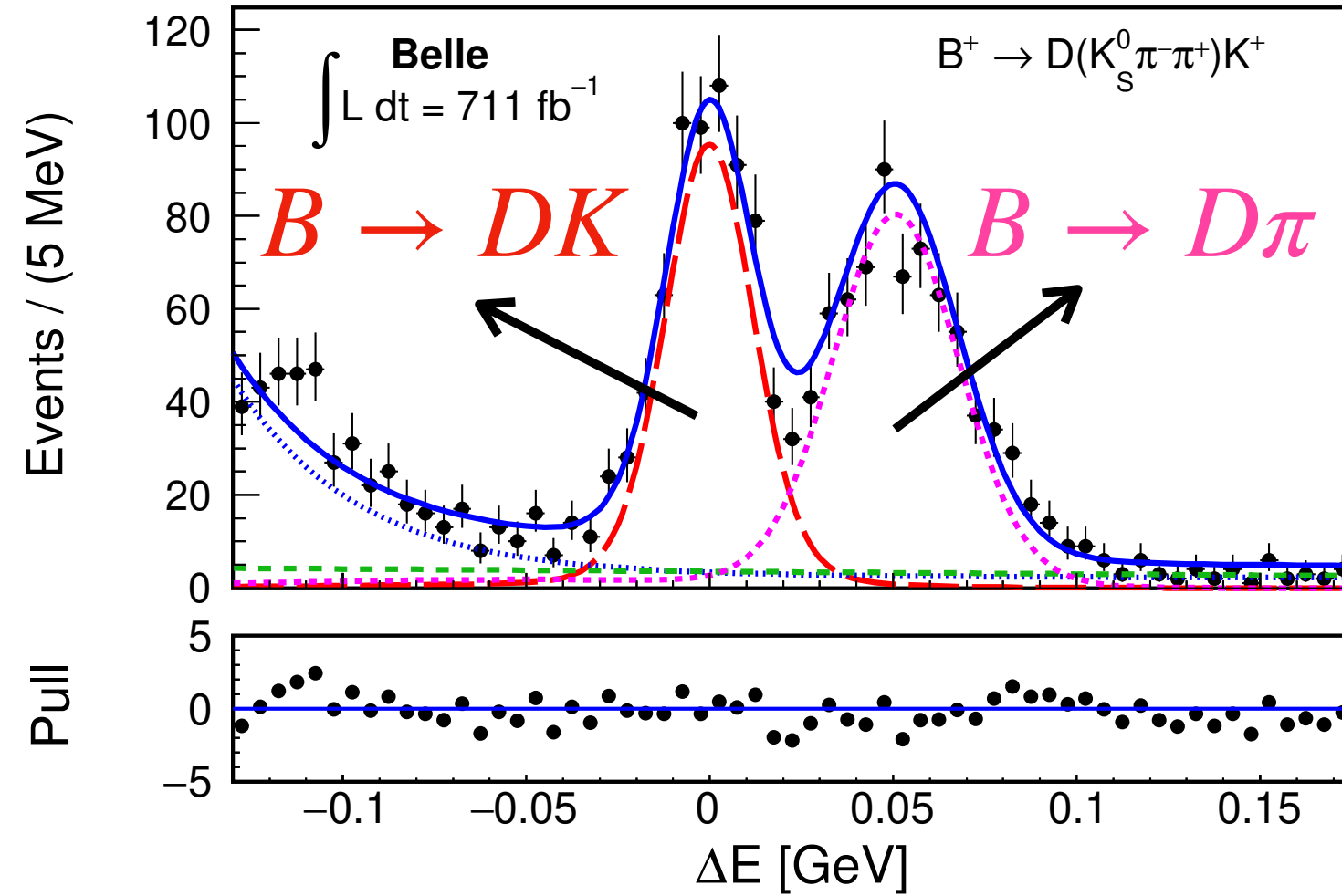
$$\frac{\mathcal{A}^{suppr.}(B^- \rightarrow \overline{D^0}K^-)}{\mathcal{A}^{favor.}(B^- \rightarrow D^0K^-)} = r_B e^{i(\delta_B + \phi_3)}$$

- $r_B$ : magnitude of the ratio of amplitudes
- $\delta_B$ : strong phase difference

- Dominant and clean decay  $B^- \rightarrow D^{(*)0}\pi^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+}\pi^-$  provide good **control sample**.

Signal enhanced with  $M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and PID to  $K/\pi$  from signal B

- Unbinned ML fit in  $\Delta E$  and MVA output (with event shape variables).



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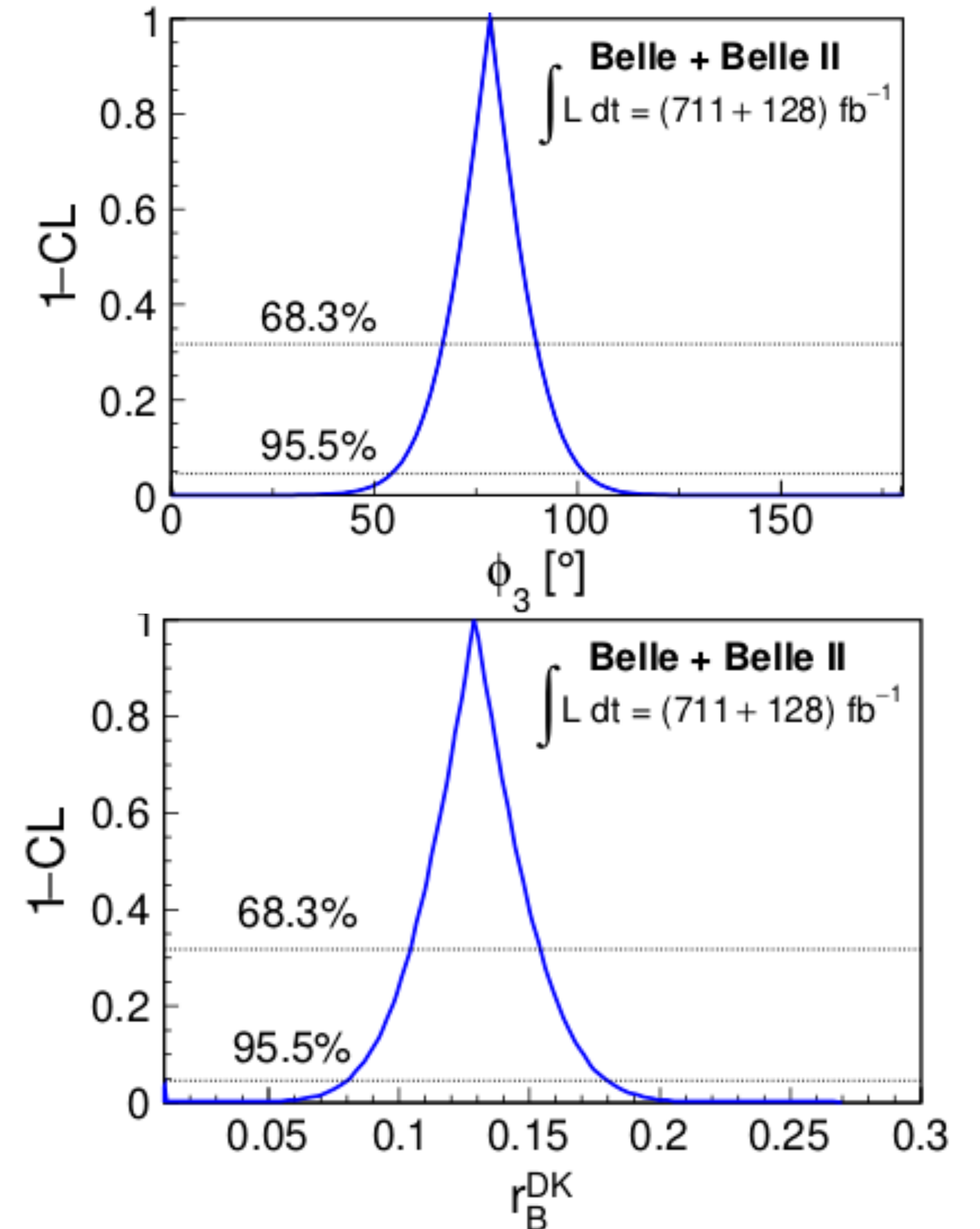
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Submitted to JHEP

- First Belle and Belle II combined measurement

**Belle+Belle II  $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (711 + 128) \text{ fb}^{-1}$**

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_3 &= (78.4 \pm 11.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.0)^\circ, \\ r_B^{DK} &= 0.129 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.002, \\ \delta_B^{DK} &= (124.8 \pm 12.9 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.7)^\circ.\end{aligned}$$

- Statistical uncertainty improved by 30 % with just 20 % more data
- Experimental systematics reduced from  $4^\circ$  to  $0.5^\circ$
- Systematics associated with inputs reduced from  $4^\circ$  to  $1^\circ$  due to recent updates from by BESIII

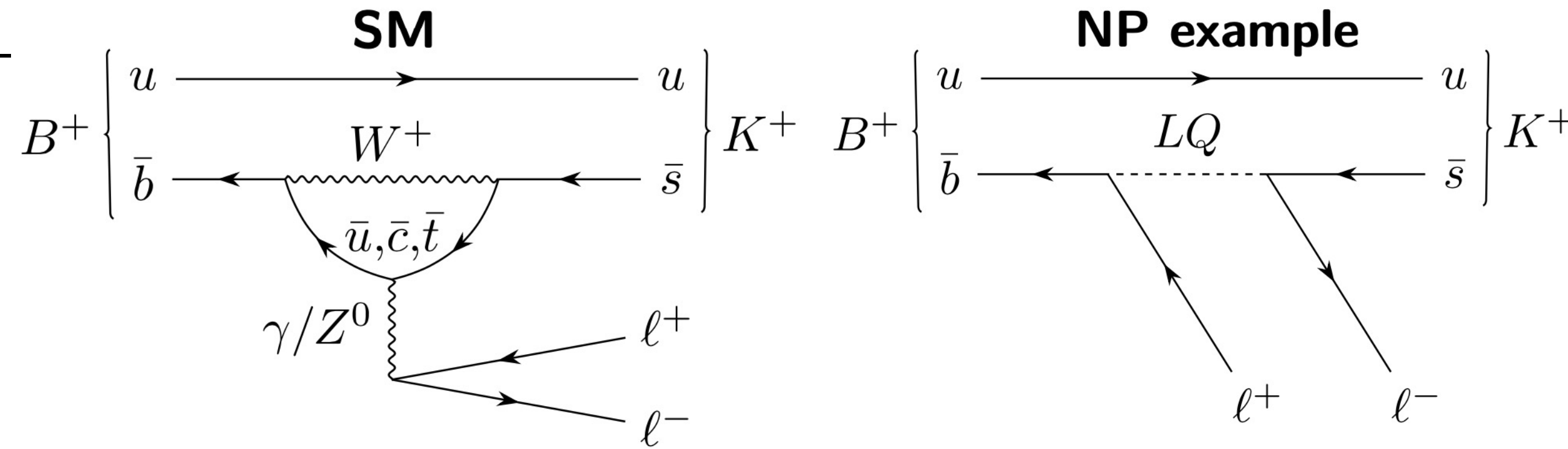




# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$

$B.F \sim 10^{-7}$

- Important FCNC decay measurement  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$  ( $l = e, \mu$ ) sensitive to many SM extensions.
- BDT (event shape, vertex related and missing energy variables) to suppress background from **light quark** and **inclusive  $B$  decays**.



$$R_{K^{(*)}} := \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e^+ e^-)} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{\approx} 1$$

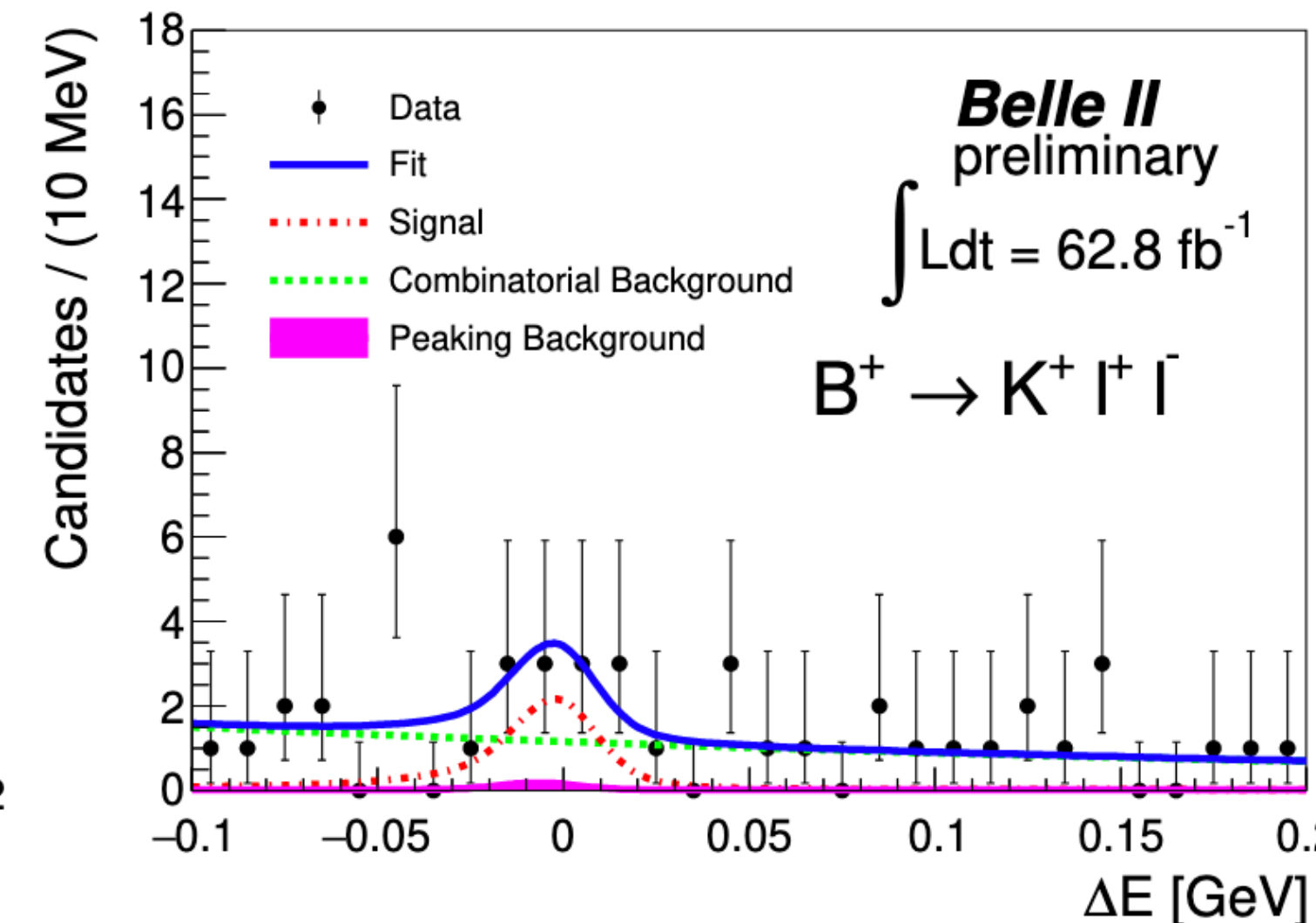
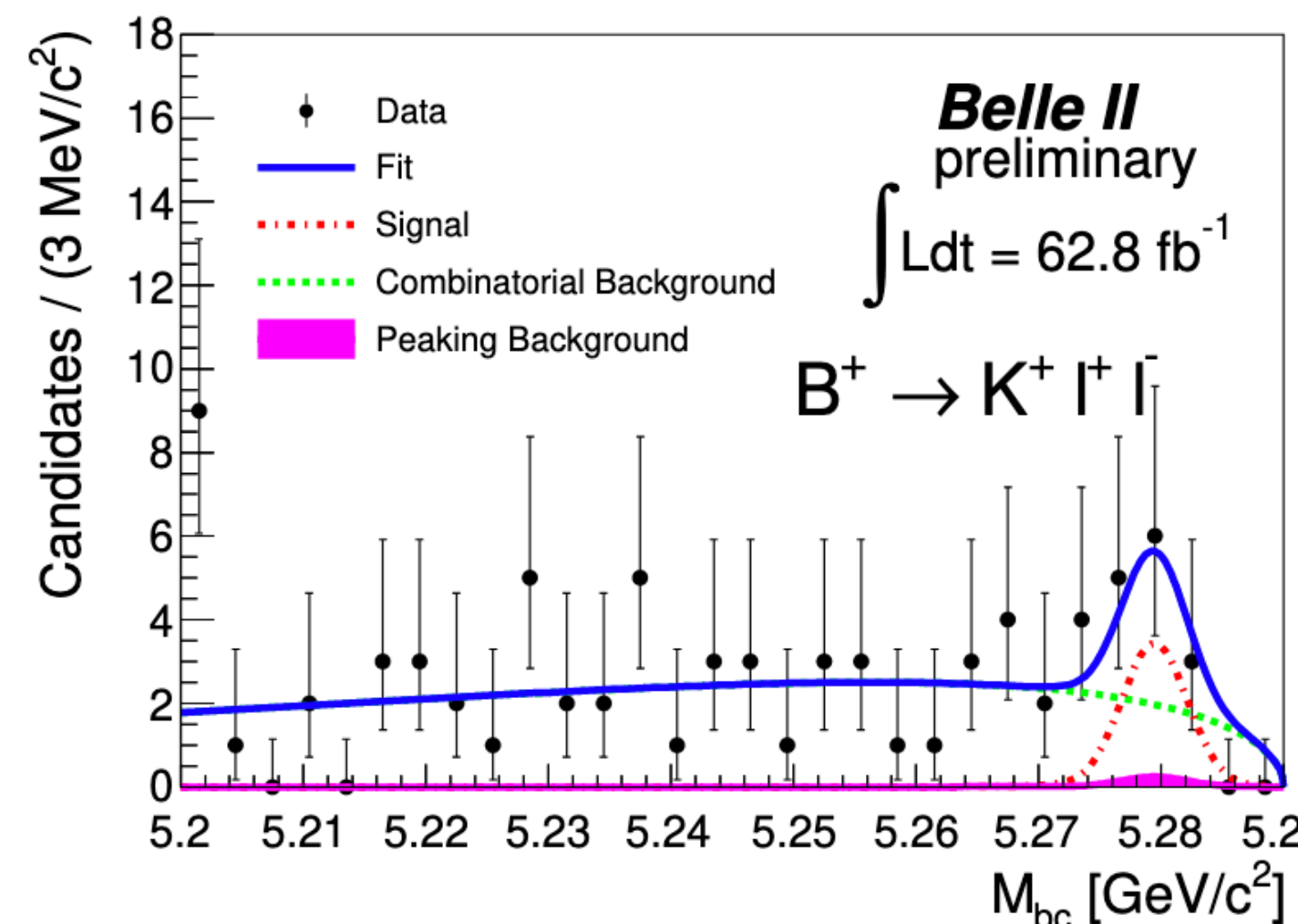
Any significant deviation is hint for non-SM Physics!!

- First look with 63 fb<sup>-1</sup> data
- 2D fit to  $\Delta E = E_B^* - E_{beam}$  and

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2 - \vec{p}_B^2} \text{ distribution}$$

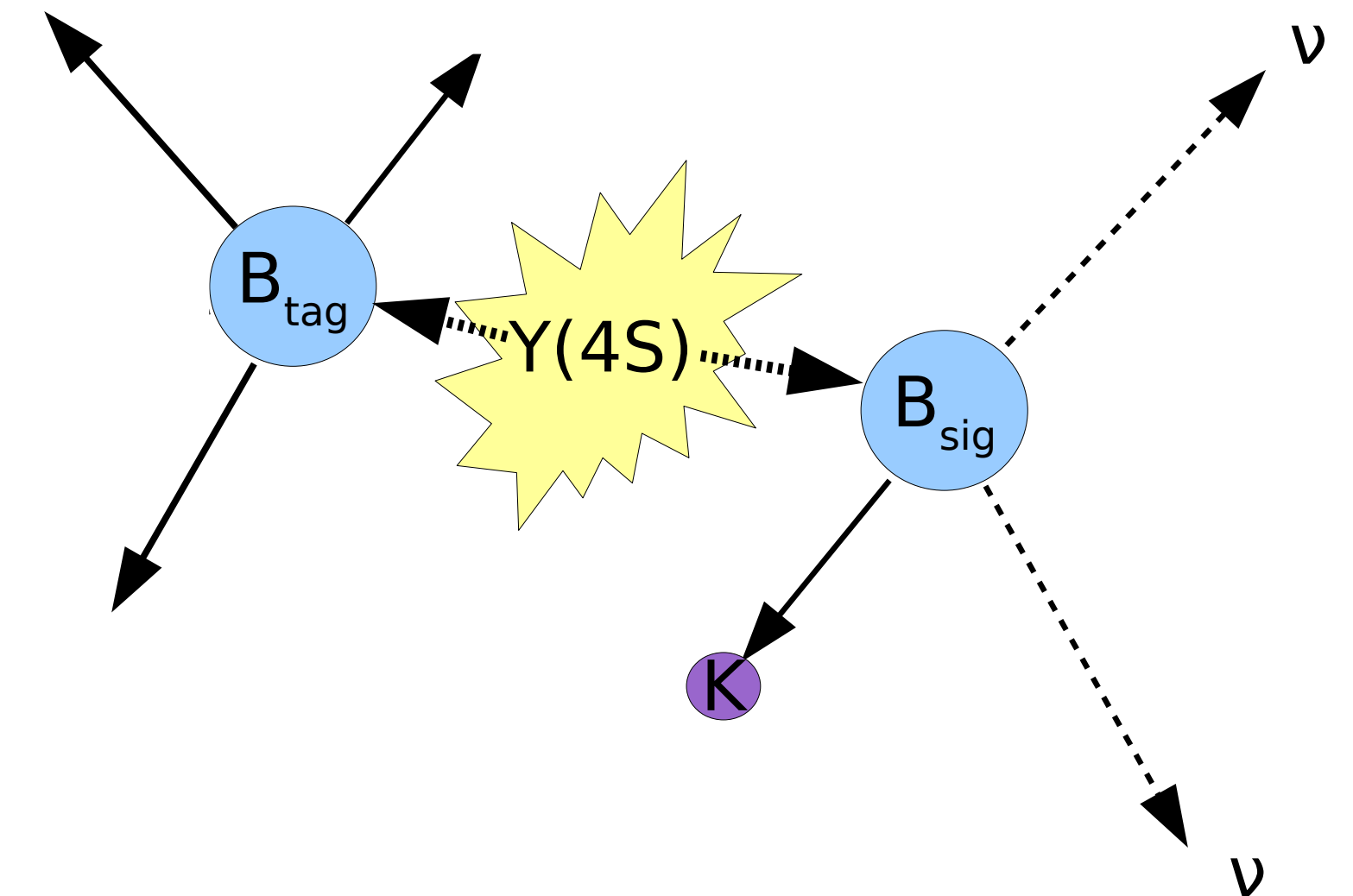
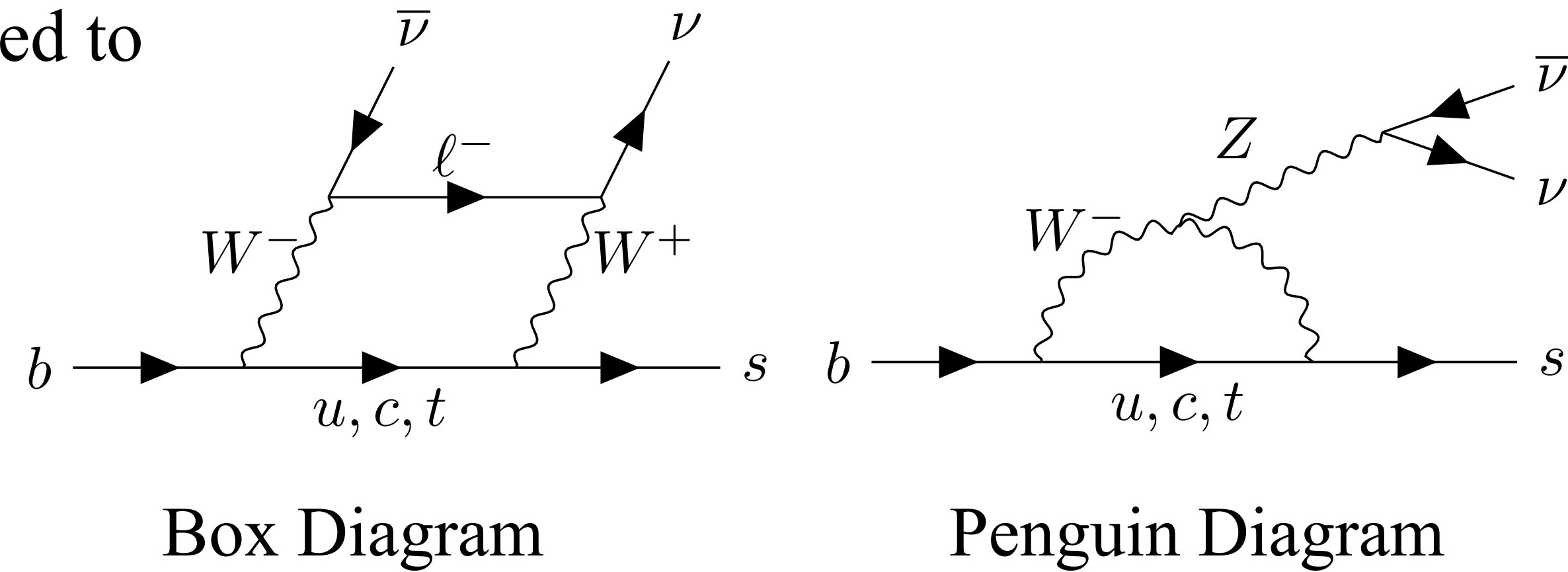
- Signal Yield :  $8.6_{-3.9}^{+4.3} \pm 0.4$  events

More data needed for  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $R_K$  measurement



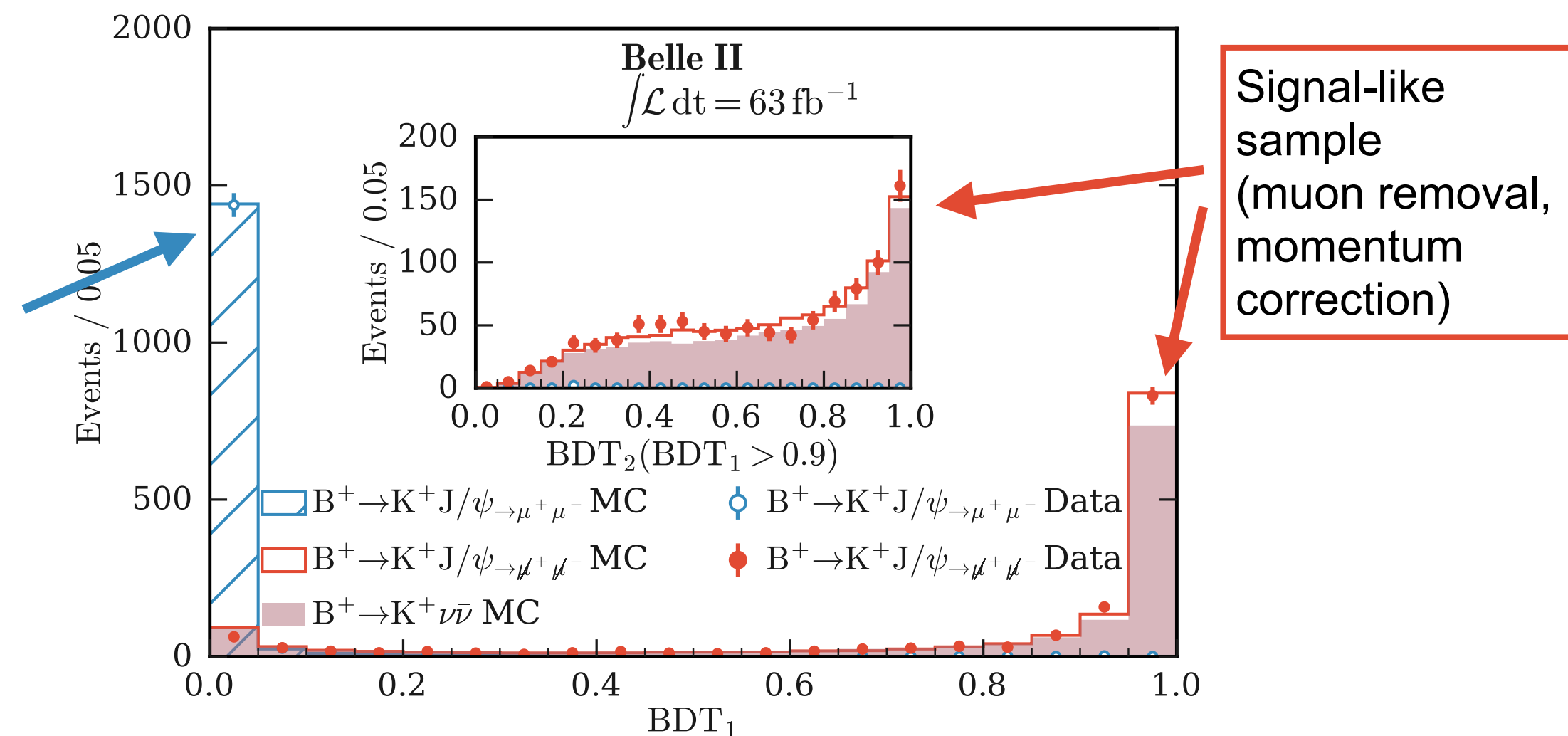
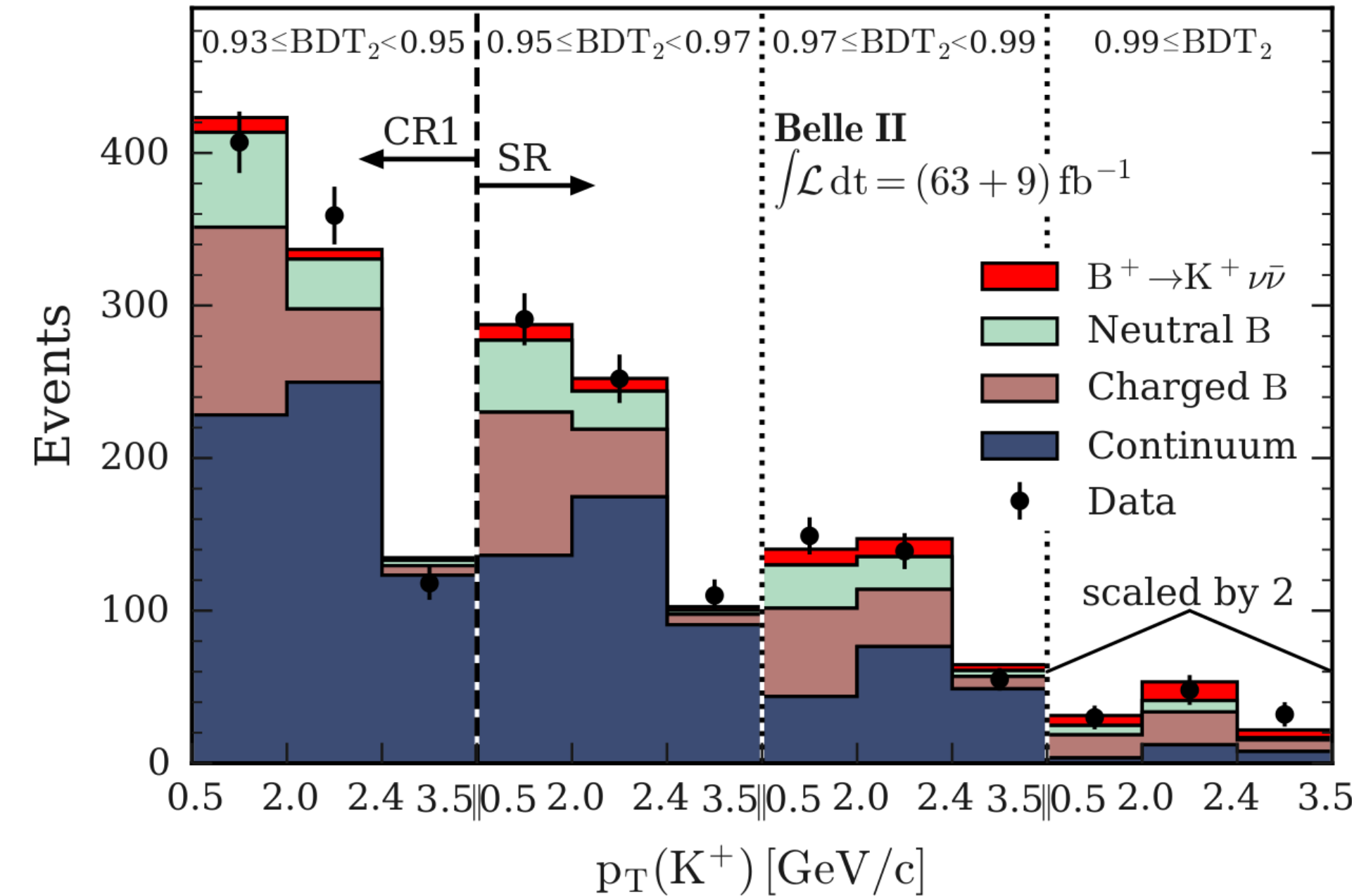
# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Complementary probe of BSM physics scenarios proposed to explain anomalies observed in  $b \rightarrow s l \bar{l}$  transitions
- Not observed yet
- SM prediction:  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (4.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$
- **but BSM could enhance its B.F**
- Experimentally very challenging with two **neutrinos**
- Previously measured using tagging (semileptonic, hadronic) approach
- Belle II approach: measured using **inclusive tagging**
  - Exploit distinct topology and kinematics to achieve higher **signal efficiency** ( $\sim 4\%$ )  $\rightarrow$  better compared to earlier approaches
  - Two nested boosted decision tree classifiers, to suppress various backgrounds



# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Select highest  $p_T$  track as signal kaon candidate
- Use off-resonance data to constrain yields from continuum processes ( $q\bar{q}, \tau\bar{\tau}$ )
- Validate BDT: using data of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  decays where the muons can be removed to mimic signal
- Compare response of BDTs in data and simulation
- Correct kaon momentum using simulated signal
- Fraction of events in signal region ( $BDT_2 > 0.95$ , data/simulation) =  $1.06 \pm 0.10$



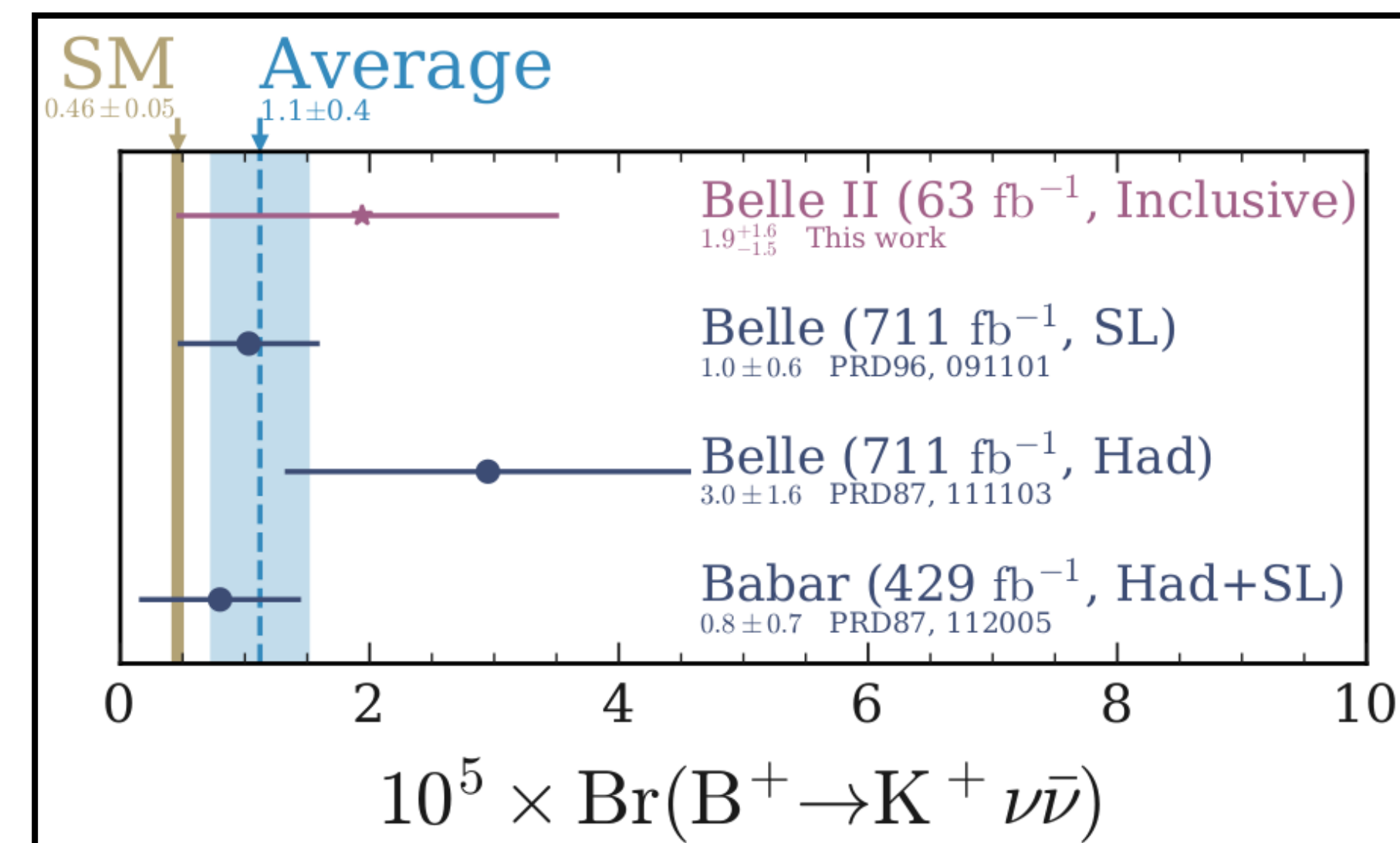


# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ Results

- No signal observed; CLs limit (assuming SM signal)

$$\mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \nu \bar{\nu}) < (4.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5} @ 90 \% \text{ CL}$$

- better than
  - semileptonic tagging by 10 – 20 %
  - hadronic tagging by a factor 3.5
- Future prospects:
  - more data
  - additional channels  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$
  - improved technique (neural net)



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Work in progress to improve the inclusive tag method and employ the same strategy for other modes  $b \rightarrow s \nu \bar{\nu}$

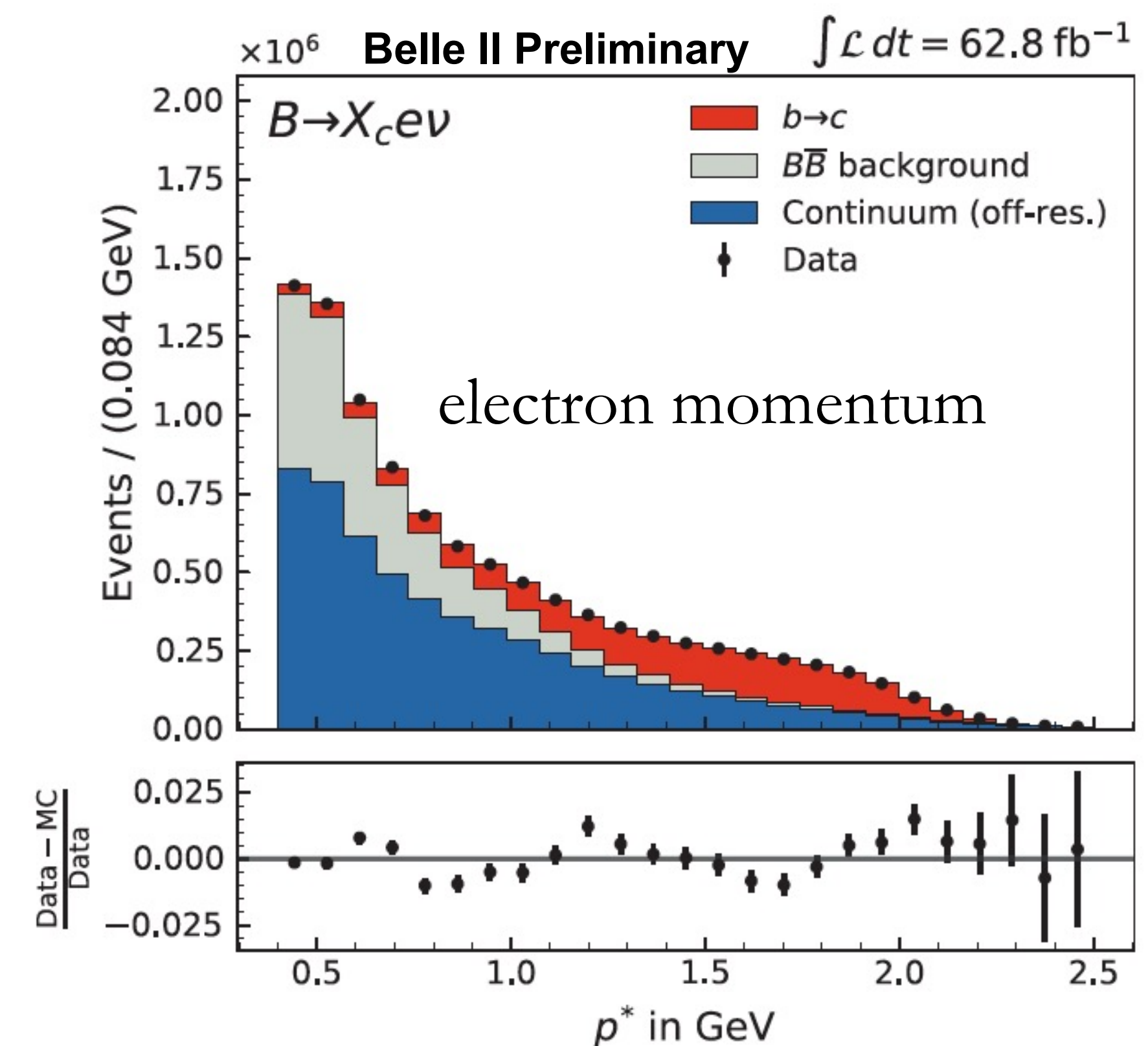
# Inclusive $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$

- Different strategies may help resolve the inclusive/exclusive discrepancy in  $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$  and  $b \rightarrow u \ell \nu$
- Measure  $q^2$ -moments (moments of lepton energy or hadronic mass) to simultaneously determine non perturbative elements and  $|V_{cb}|$
- Belle II performed both the **untagged** and the hadronic **tagged** analyses.
- **Untagged analysis**
- Require one well identified lepton
- Exploit missing mass and momentum to reject backgrounds
- Measure the branching fraction with a fit to  $p_l^*$

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu) = (9.75 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.47(\text{syst})) \%$$

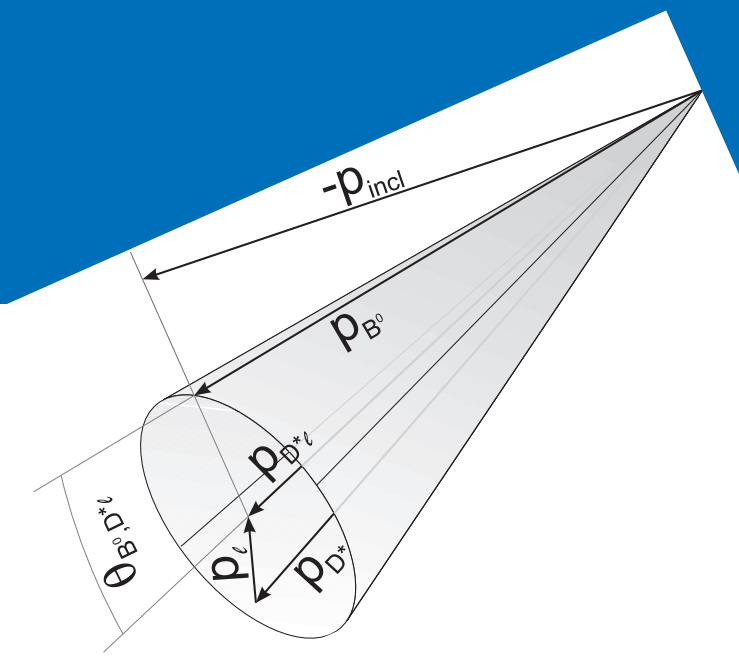
Next:  $|V_{cb}|$  from  $q^2$  moments

[arXiv: 2109.01685](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.01685)





# Exclusive $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu$



- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu$  has been explored with both **tagged** and **untagged** approaches

- Tagged analysis

- Almost zero background after tag

- Signal selection from  $D^*$  and  $D^0$  invariant masses, and lepton momentum

- Untagged analysis

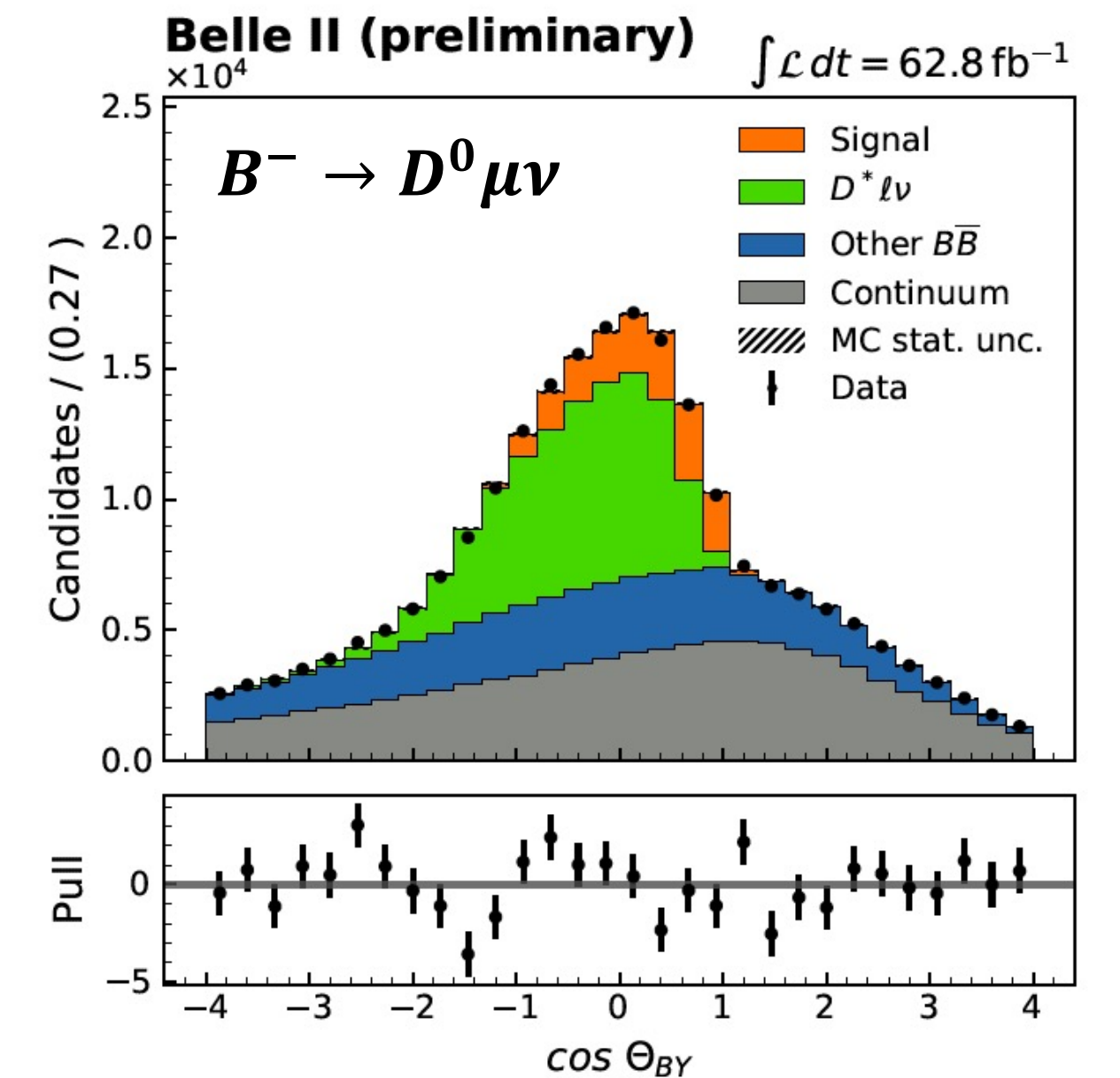
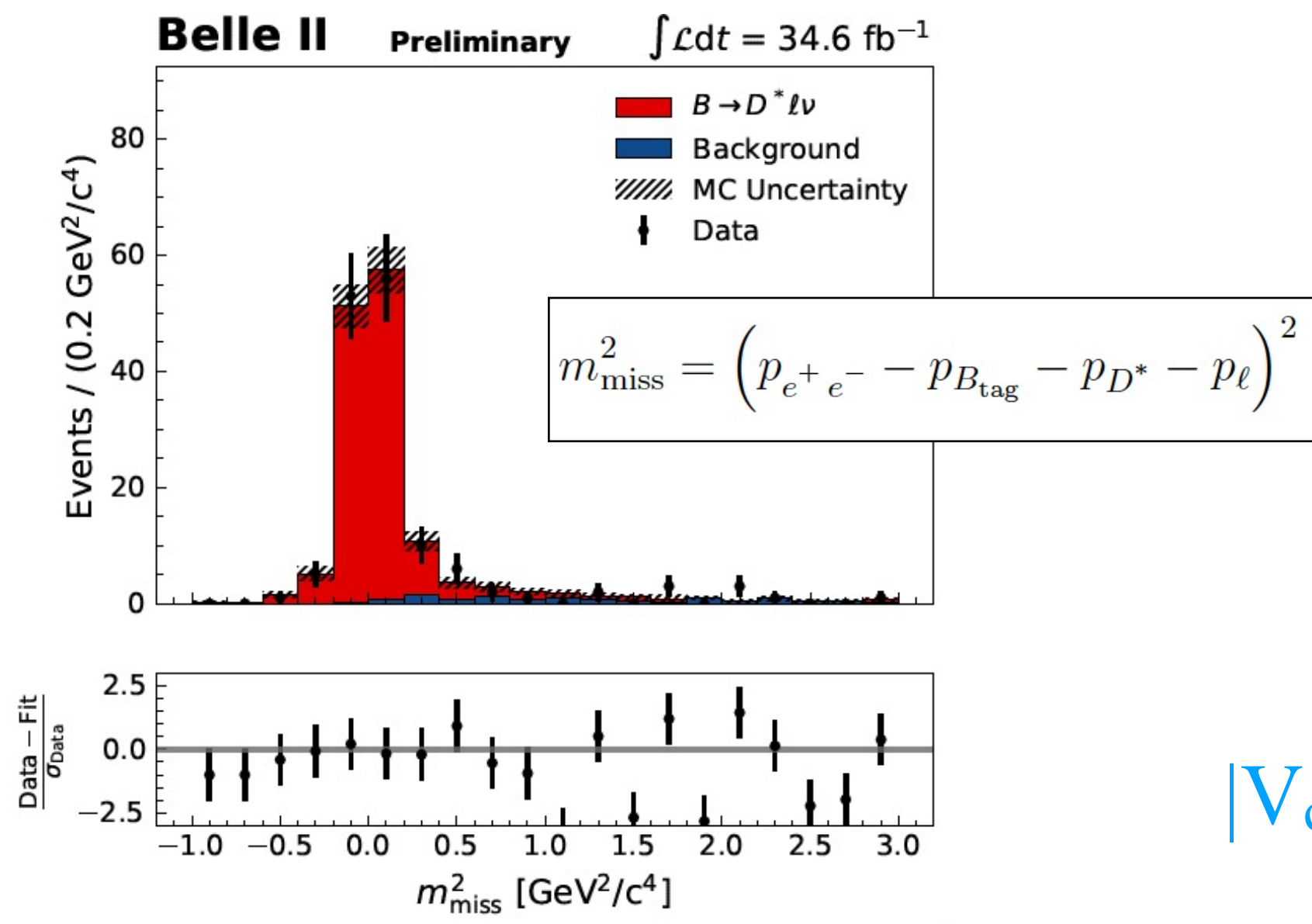
- Signal selection from  $\cos \theta_{B,Y}$  where  $\theta_{B,Y}$  is angle b/w  $B$  and direction of  $D^*\ell / D^0\ell$  system

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_l) = (4.51 \pm 0.41_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.27_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.45_{\pi_s}) \%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow D^0\ell^-\bar{\nu}_l) = (2.29 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}) \%$$

[arXiv:2008.10299v4](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.10299v4)

$$\cos \theta_{BY} = \frac{2E_B^*E_Y^* - M_B^2 - m_Y^2}{2p_B^*p_Y^*}$$



$|V_{cb}|$  measurement in progress ...

# Conclusions

- Belle II in great shape, has **already**  $>200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data being analyzed  $\rightarrow$  more new results coming soon
- Established **excellent vertexing performance** with world's best  $D$  lifetimes measurement
- Belle II preparing for a leading role in  $\phi_2$  measurement and first combined Belle + Belle II  $\phi_3$  measurement
- First observation of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  with just  $63 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data with prospects to do full measurement
- Within the next years Belle II will be able to address the **inclusive/exclusive**  $|V_{cb}|/|V_{ub}|$  tension by precisely measuring semileptonic B decays
- Very active and wide range program of searches for **dark sector**; Belle II will be leading the field of light Dark Matter searches in the GeV range in the coming years
- SuperKEKB has set a **new world record in peak luminosity** and is entering the regime of a “Super B factory”
- We have restarted data taking for winter 2021-2022 from mid October

Looking forward to an exciting era of discoveries and a healthy competition and complementarity of Belle II and LHCb





# Thank You

# Backup



# Tagging Techniques at Belle II

## Tagged Measurement

One B reconstructed completely in a known  $b \rightarrow c$  mode without  $\nu$ . “B-meson Beam”

Provide background suppression

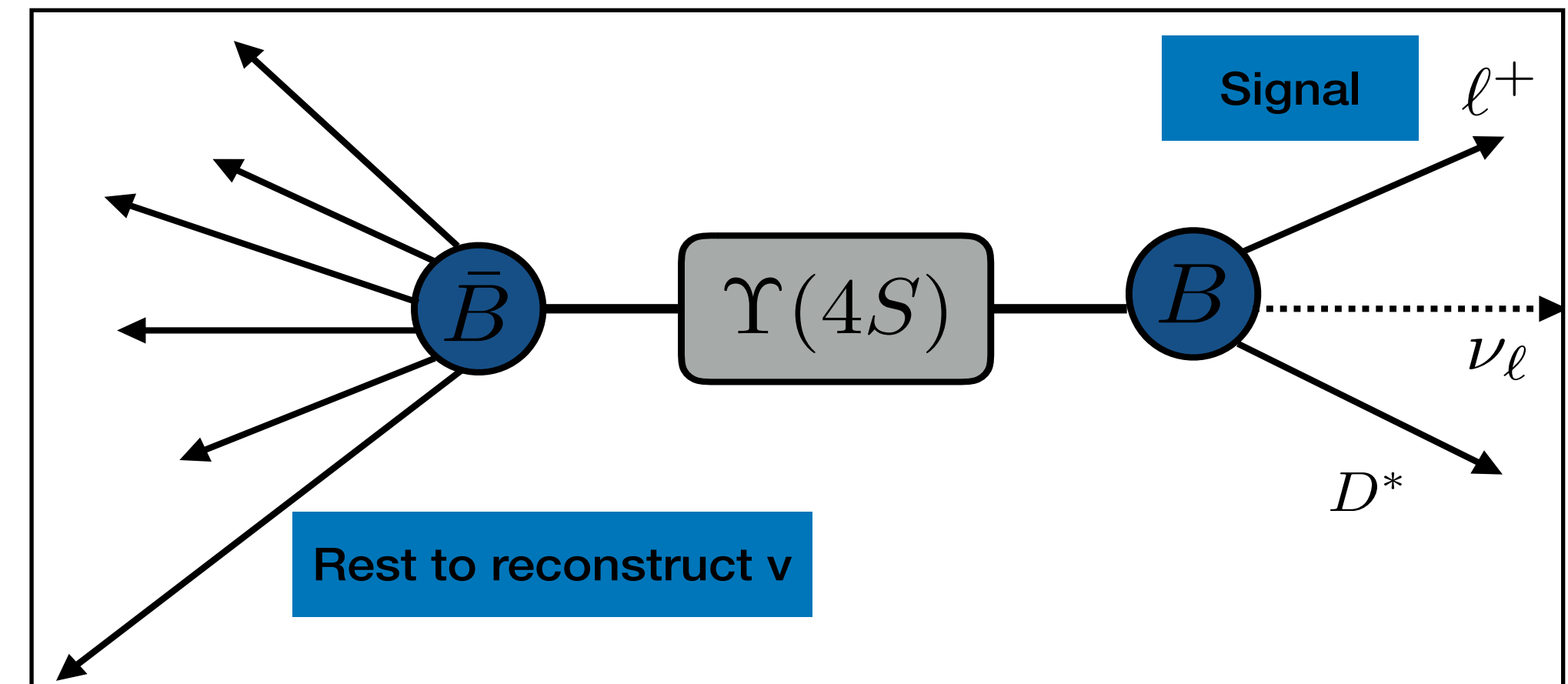
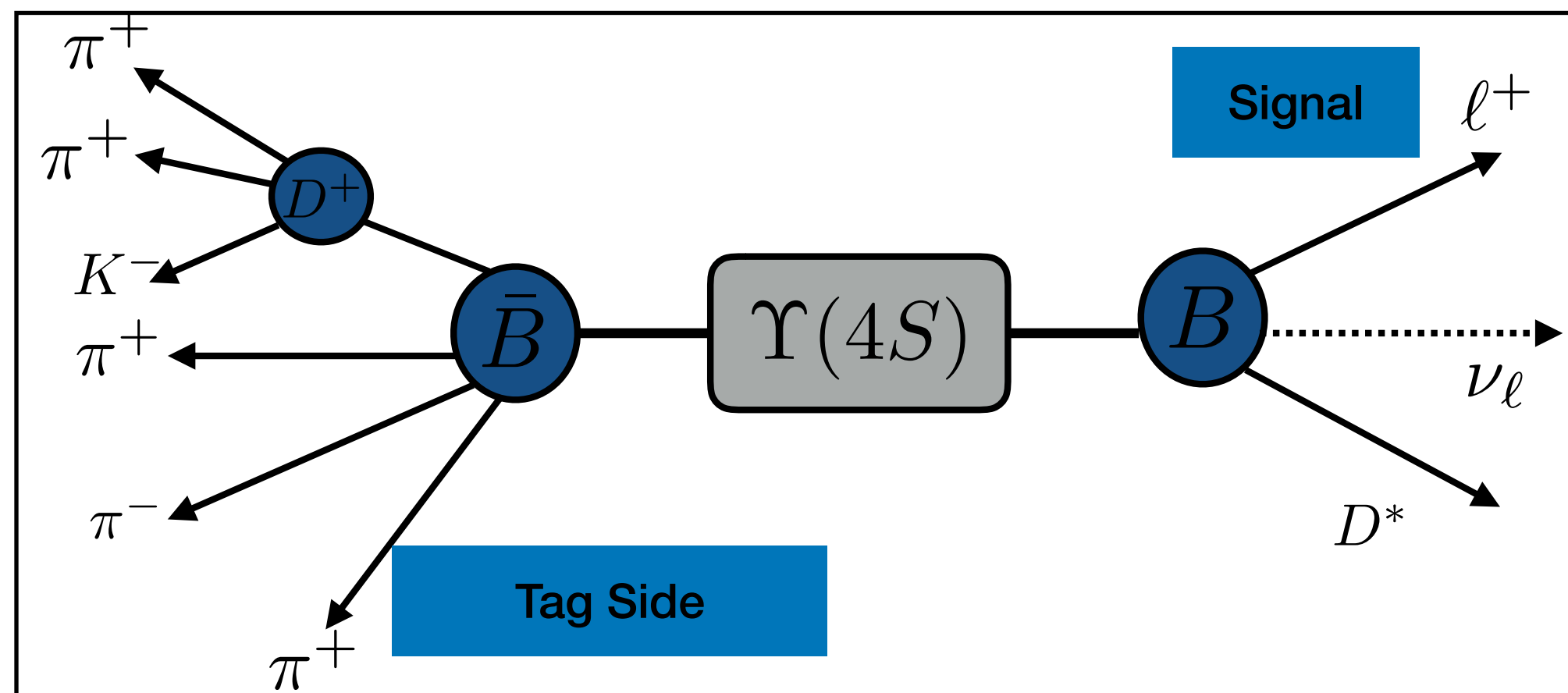
- High purity, very small background
- Low Efficiency, large stat. errors

## Untagged Measurement

Initial 4 momentum known, missing 4-momentum =  $\nu$   
Reconstructed  $B \rightarrow Xq l \nu$

Other side information to constrain B flight direction

- High efficiency
- Low purity, large background



Efficiency

Purity



# Summary of the Sensitivities: $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

Observables	Belle 0.71 ab <sup>-1</sup> (0.12 ab <sup>-1</sup> )	Belle II 5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	Belle II 50 ab <sup>-1</sup>
$\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$	< 450%	30%	11%
$\text{Br}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu})$	< 180%	26%	9.6%
$\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu})$	< 420%	25%	9.3%
$F_L(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu})$	–	–	0.079
$F_L(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu})$	–	–	0.077
$\text{Br}(B^0 \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^6$	< 14	< 5.0	< 1.5
$\text{Br}(B_s \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^5$	< 9.7	< 1.1	–

The Belle II Physics Book, [PTEP 2019 \(2019\) 12](#)



# Comparison with LHCb

Property	LHCb	Belle II
$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$ (nb)	~150,000	~1
$\int L dt$ (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	~25	~50,000
Background level	High	Low
Typical efficiency	Low	High
$\pi^0, K_S$ efficiency	Low	High
Initial state	Not well known	Well known
Decay-time resolution	Excellent	Good
Collision spot size	Large	Tiny
Heavy bottom hadrons	$B_S, B_C, b$ -baryons	Partly $B_S$
$\tau$ physics capability	Limited	Excellent
B-flavor tagging efficiency	3.5 - 6%	36%