

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Trieste, Italy, reflected in a body of water. The buildings are illuminated, and the sky is a mix of dark blue and orange from the setting or rising sun. The water in the foreground is calm, creating a clear reflection of the city lights and buildings.

Charm physics at Belle and Belle II

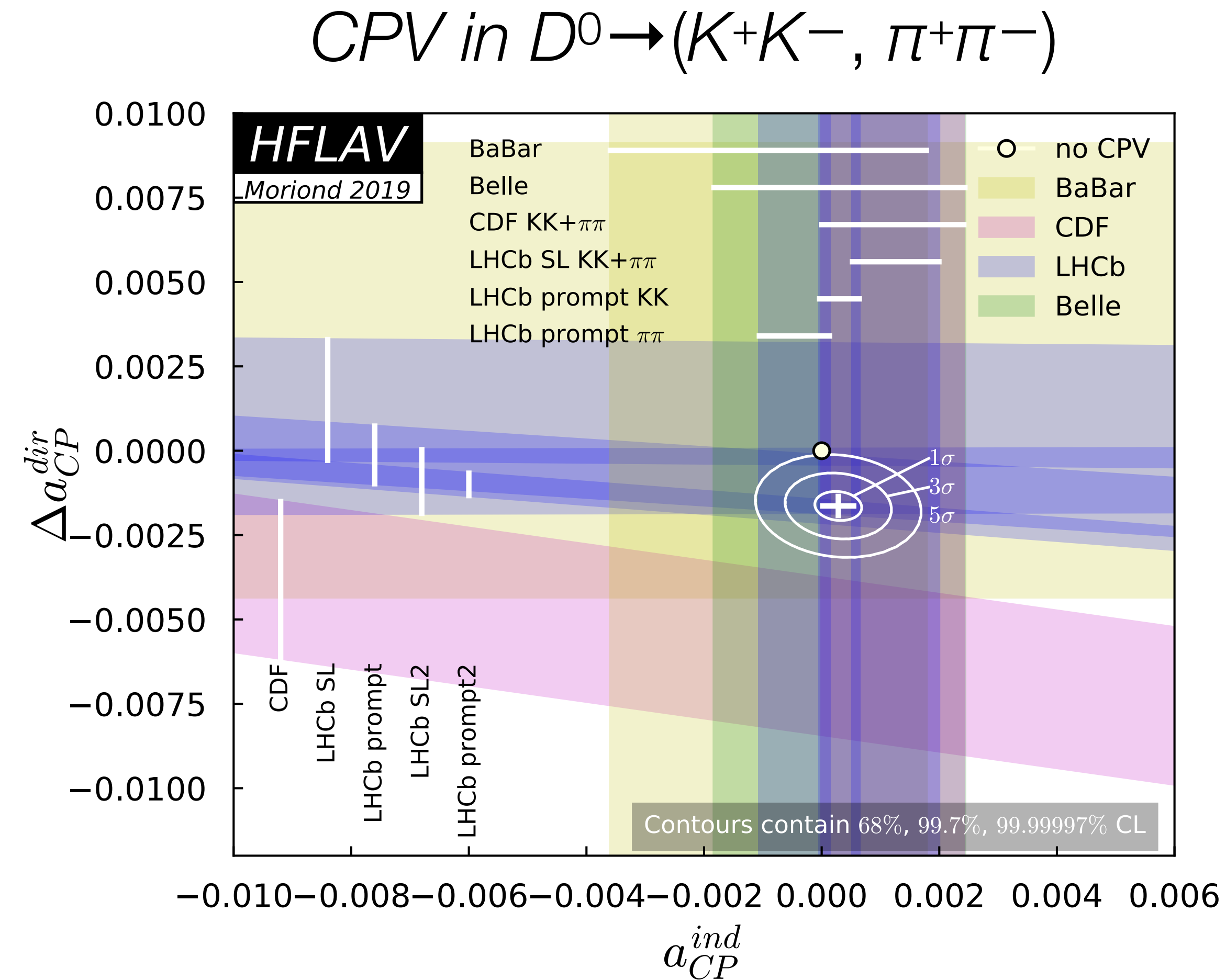
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CP violation in charm

- Highly suppressed in the standard model. Discovery tool for new physics.
- Observed in $D^0 \rightarrow (K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-)$ decays [PRL 122, 211803 (2019)], value in the standard model ballpark. Need better control of QCD to get its origin.
- Expand the search: look for CPV in radiative decays, test isospin sum-rules and SU(3) related modes...
- Huge program of measurements, where Belle/Belle II role with neutrals is crucial



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Today results from *Belle* and *Belle II*

- **Belle II**, getting ready for mixing and decay-time-dependent *CPV* analyses



Precise measurement of D^0 and D^+ lifetimes

Brand new, exclusive for EPS!

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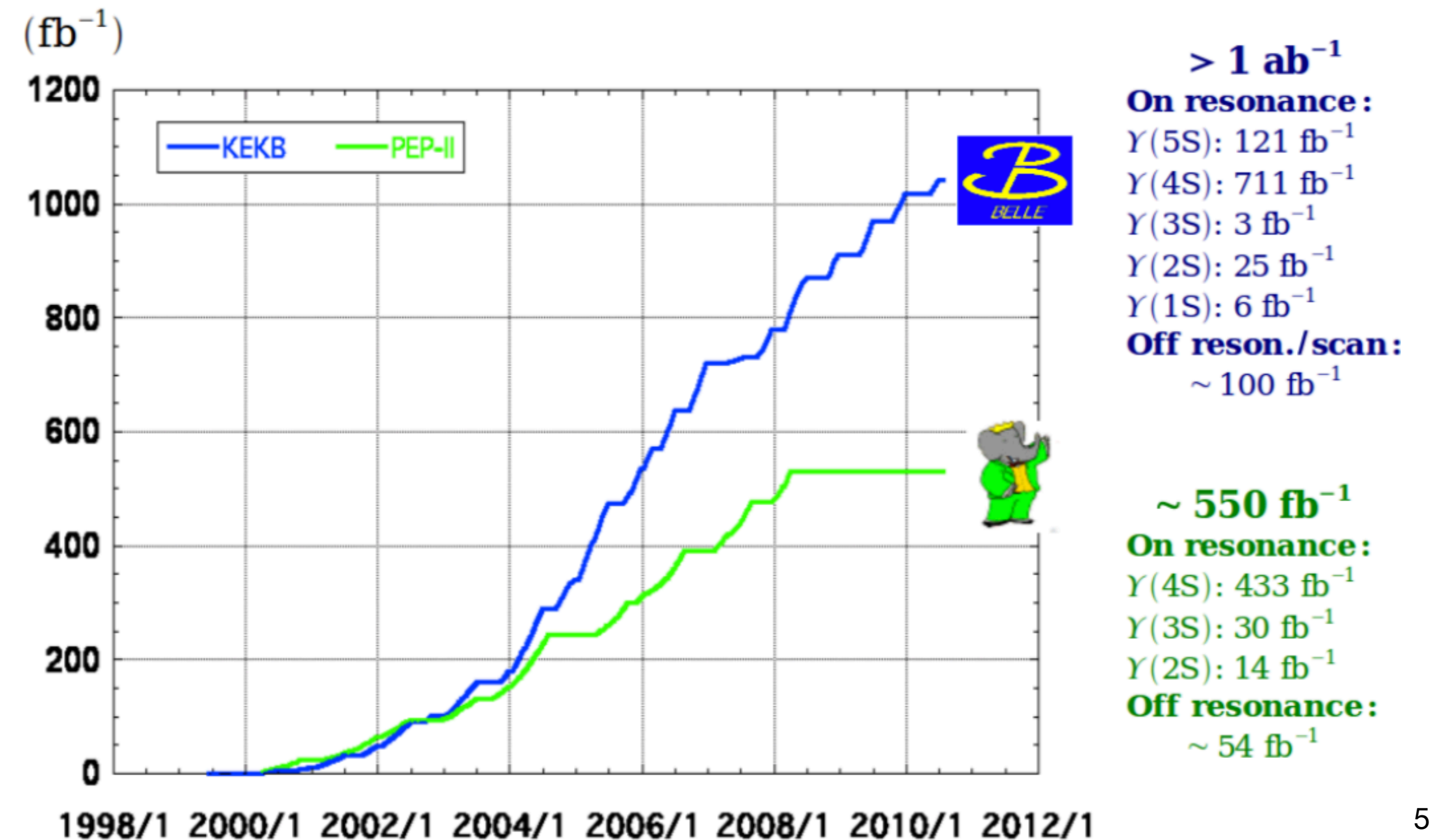
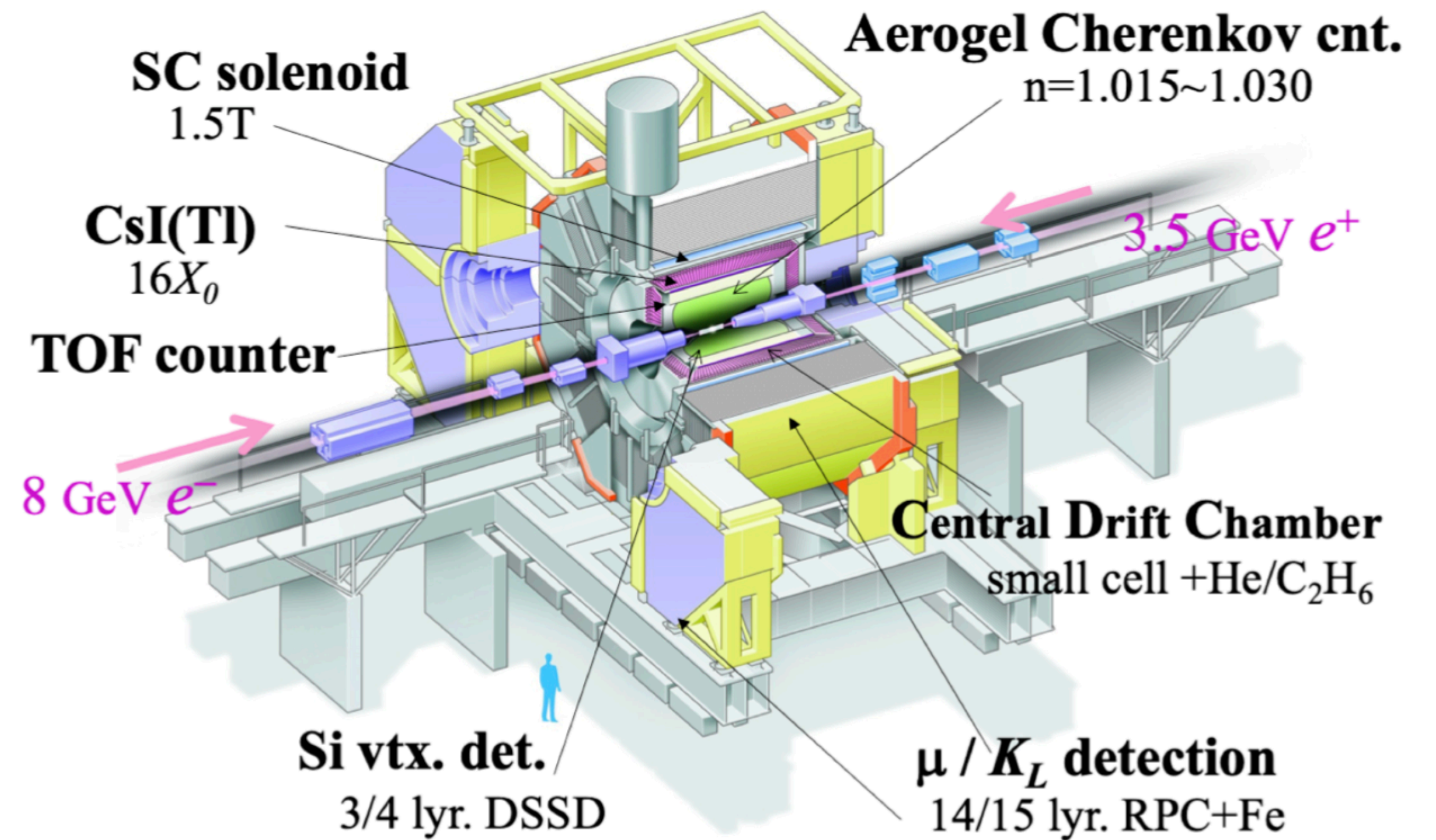
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Belle

- Operated in asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collisions provided by *KEKB*
- Good performances on momentum/vertex resolution and particle identification.
- In about 10 years, accumulated a sample of $\sim 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

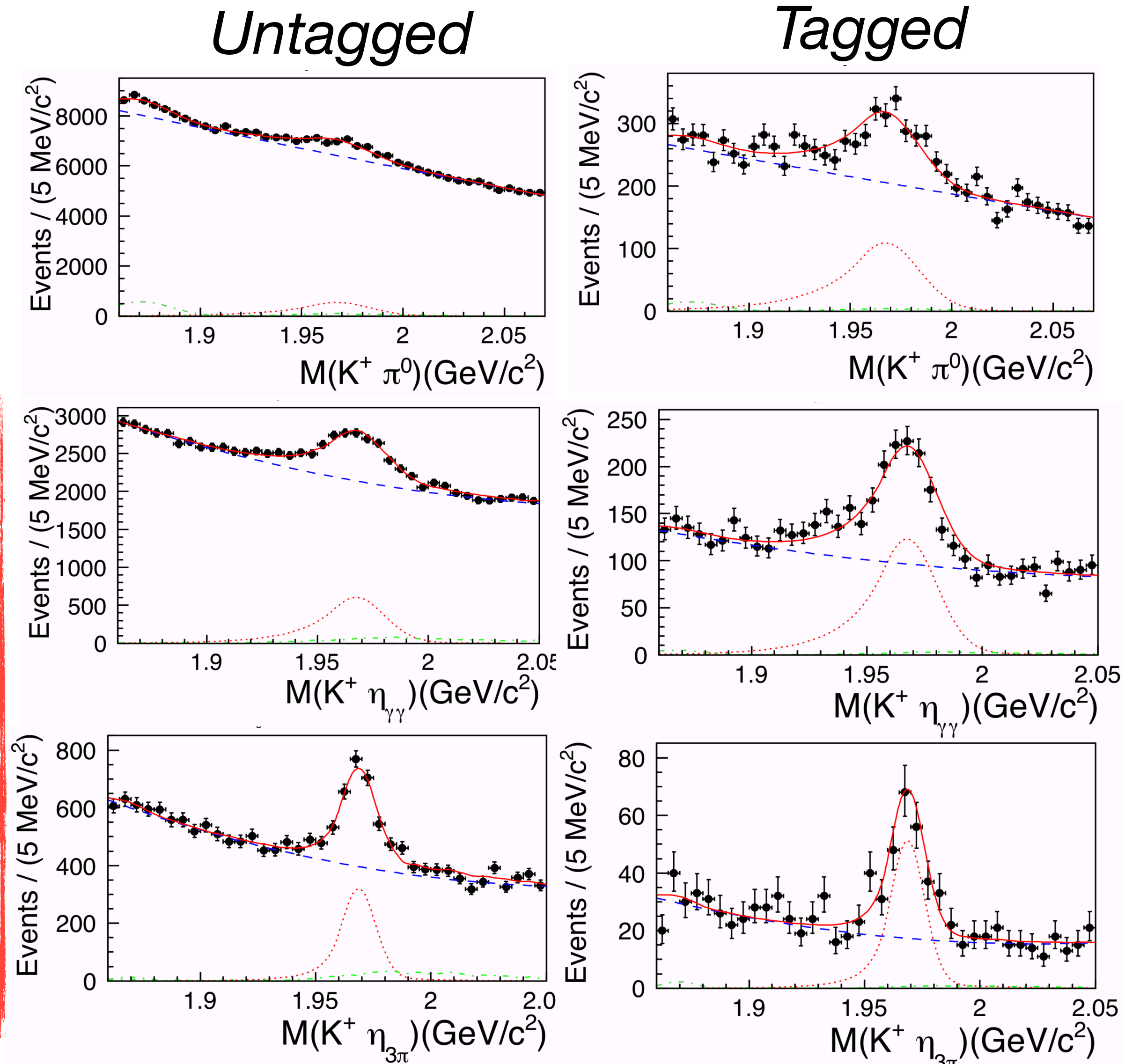


CPV and BR for $D_s^+ \rightarrow (K^+\eta, K^+\pi^0, \pi^+\eta, \pi^+\pi^0)$

- Reconstruct both $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma$ tagged and *untagged* D_s^+ decays from 921 fb⁻¹ of data.
- Measure CP asymmetries and branching fractions (relative to $D_s^+ \rightarrow [\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-]\pi^+$).
- Suppress background with neural-net classifiers exploiting signal kinematic and topology.
- Measures raw asymmetries from fitted signal yields, and correct for K^+ and π^+ efficiency asymmetries.

$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$

$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\eta$



CPV and BR for $D_s^+ \rightarrow (K^+\eta, K^+\pi^0, \pi^+\eta, \pi^+\pi^0)$

- Obtain world's best results for both BR and CP asymmetries.
- No evidence of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$, set an upper limit on its BR.
- No evidence of CP violation in these decays.

[Phys. Rev. D 103, 112005 (2021)]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) &= (0.735 \pm 0.052 \pm 0.030 \pm 0.026) \times 10^{-3} \\ \mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\eta) &= (1.75 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3} \\ \mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0) &= (0.037 \pm 0.055 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.001) \times 10^{-3} \\ \mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\eta) &= (19.00 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.59 \pm 0.68) \times 10^{-3},\end{aligned}$$

Uncertainties: stat, syst, and from $BR(D_s^+ \rightarrow [\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-]\pi^+)$

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0) < 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$

$$\begin{aligned}A_{CP}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) &= 0.064 \pm 0.044 \pm 0.011 \\ A_{CP}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\eta) &= 0.021 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.004 \\ A_{CP}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\eta) &= 0.002 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.003.\end{aligned}$$

CPV and BR for $D^0 \rightarrow (K^+K^-\eta, \pi^+\pi^-\eta, \phi\eta)$

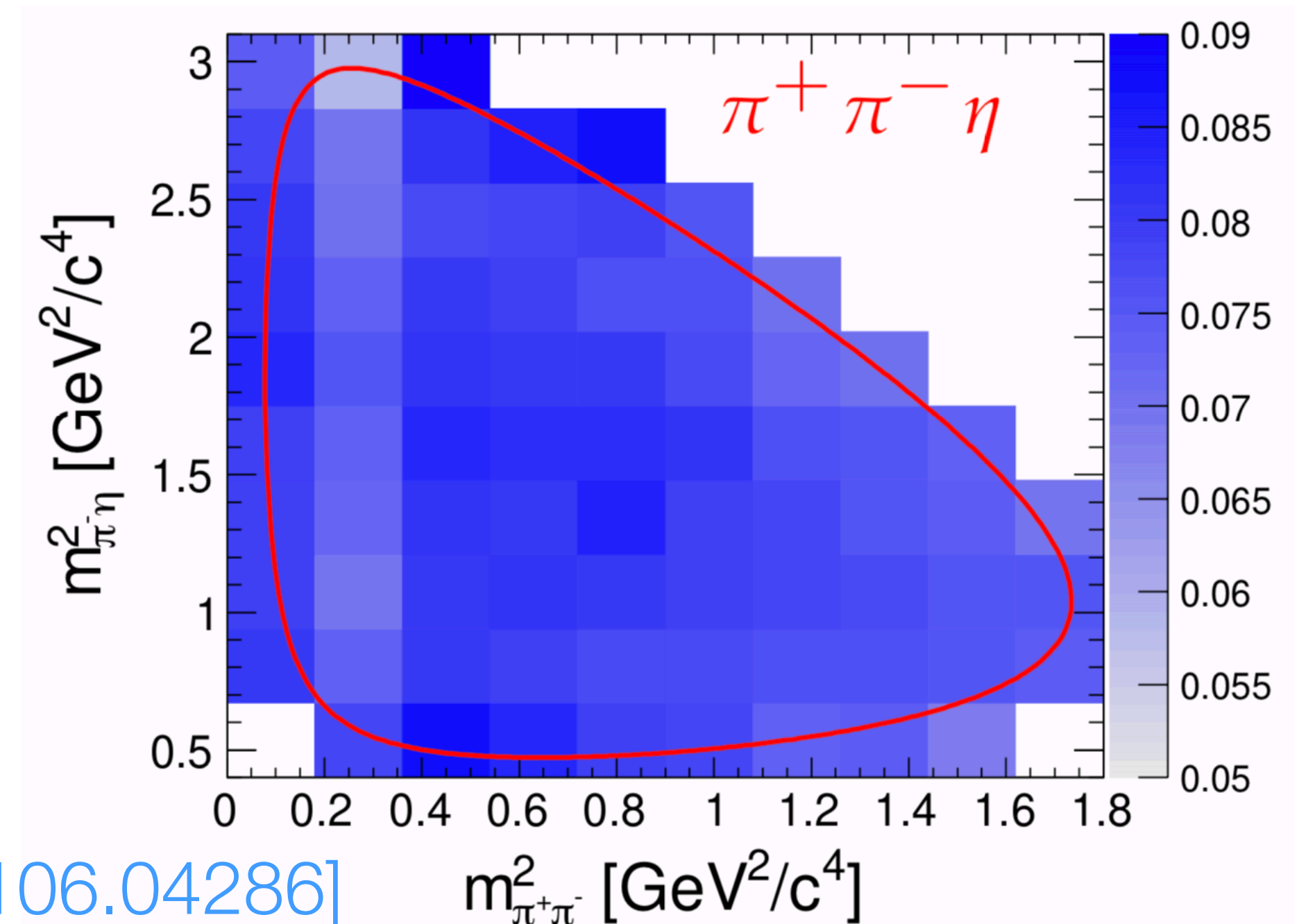
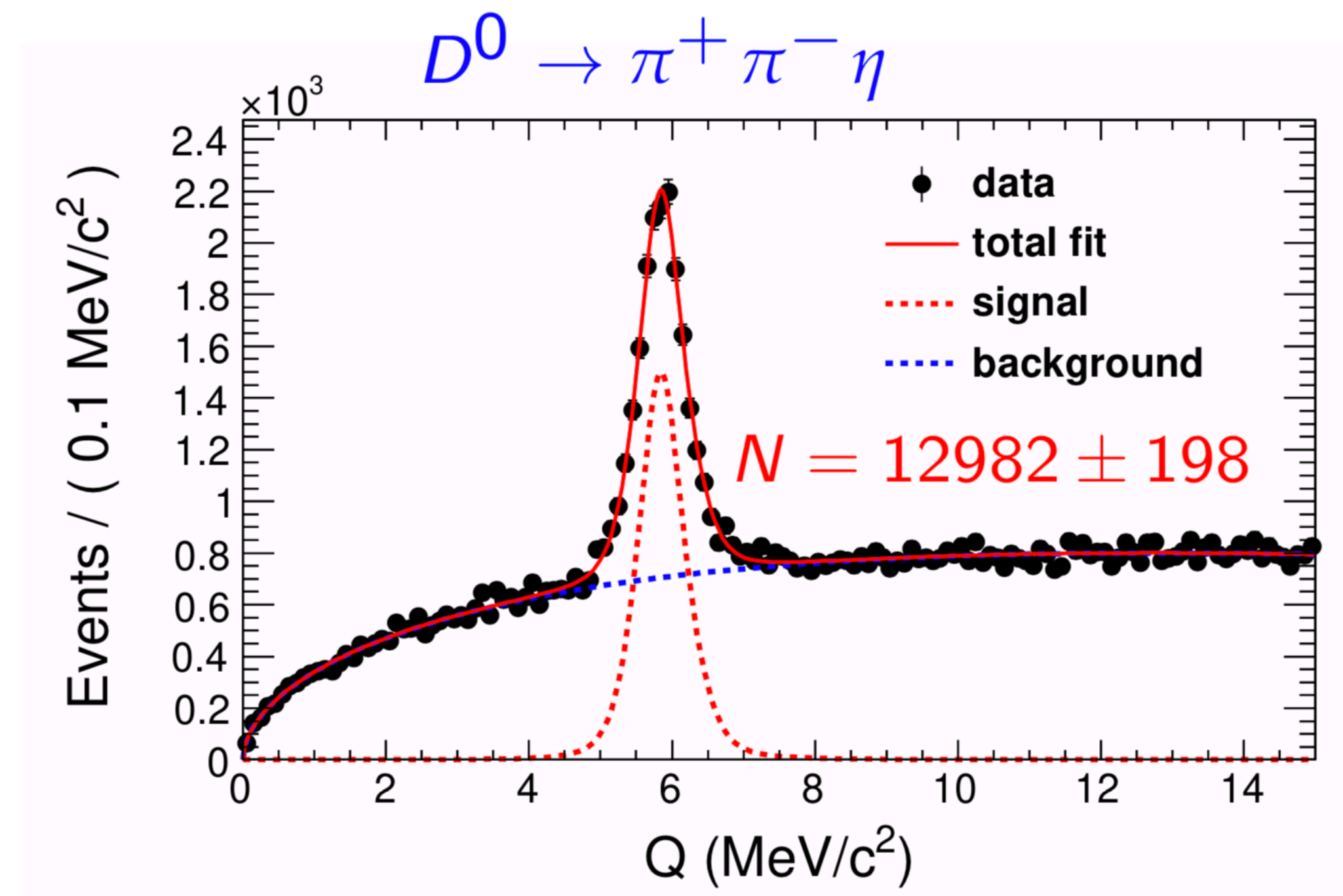
- D^* -tagged decays from 980 fb⁻¹ of data.
- Measure CP asymmetries and branching fractions (relative to $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\eta$).
- Fit the Q-values distributions and correct the signal yields in bins of the Dalitz plot

- Measure $A_{\text{raw}} = A_{CP} + A_{FB} + A_{\pi_{\text{soft}}}^{\varepsilon}$

What we want

γ -Z interference, odd in $\cos\theta^*$

Cancel with weights for $\pi_{\text{soft}}(\rho_T, \cos\theta)$



CPV and BR for $D^0 \rightarrow (K^+K^-\eta, \pi^+\pi^-\eta, \phi\eta)$

- First search for CPV in $D^0 \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^-\eta, \phi\eta)$.
No evidence of asymmetries found.

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta) = [0.9 \pm 1.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)}]\%,$$

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\eta) = [-1.4 \pm 3.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.0 \text{ (syst)}]\%,$$

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow \phi\eta) = [-1.9 \pm 4.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.6 \text{ (syst)}]\%.$$

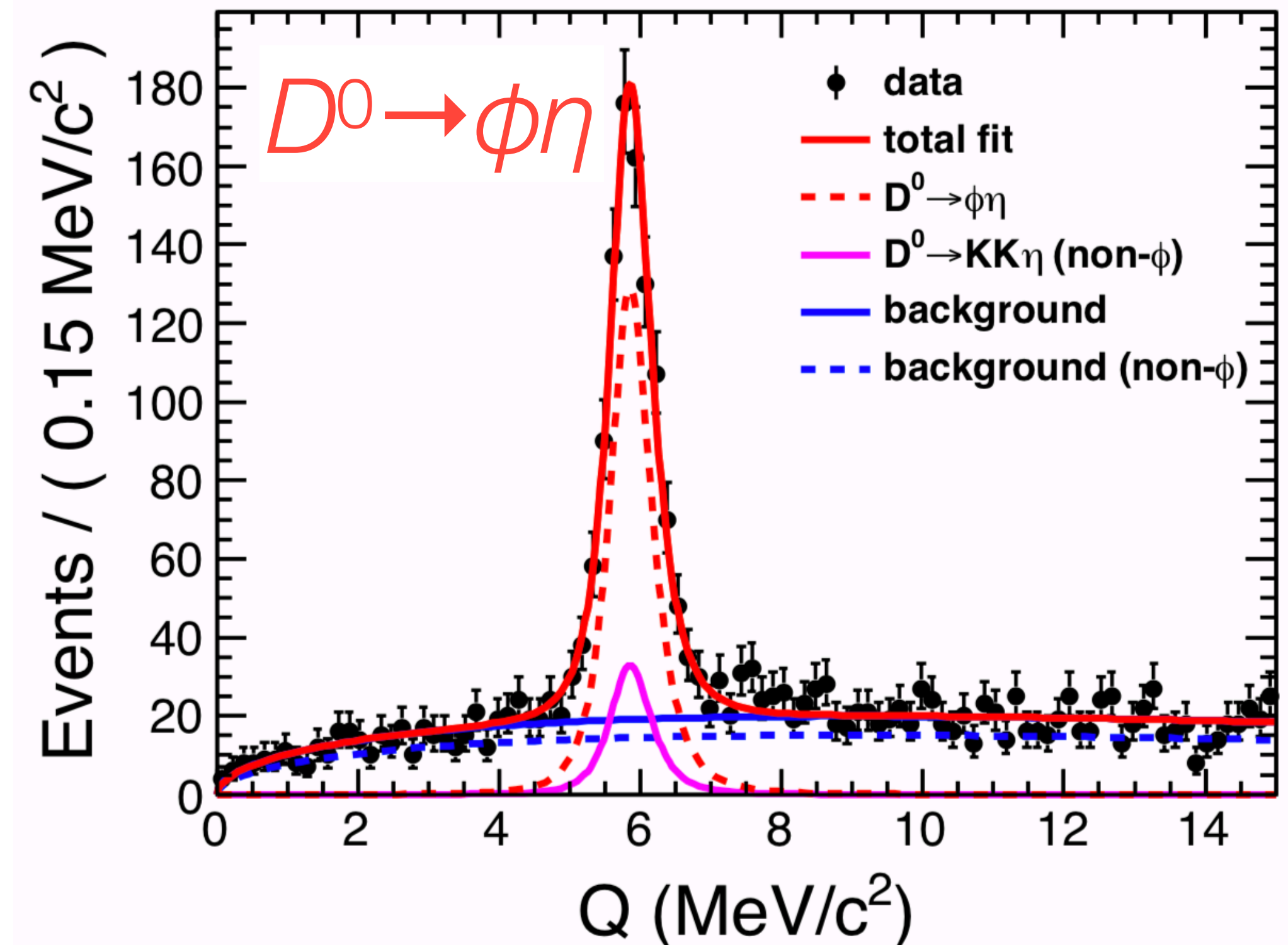
- First observation of the color-suppressed decay $D^0 \rightarrow \phi\eta$. Improved determination of the branching fractions of $D^0 \rightarrow (K^+K^-\eta, \pi^+\pi^-\eta)$

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$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta) = [1.22 \pm 0.02 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.03 (\mathcal{B}_{\text{ref}})] \times 10^{-3},$$

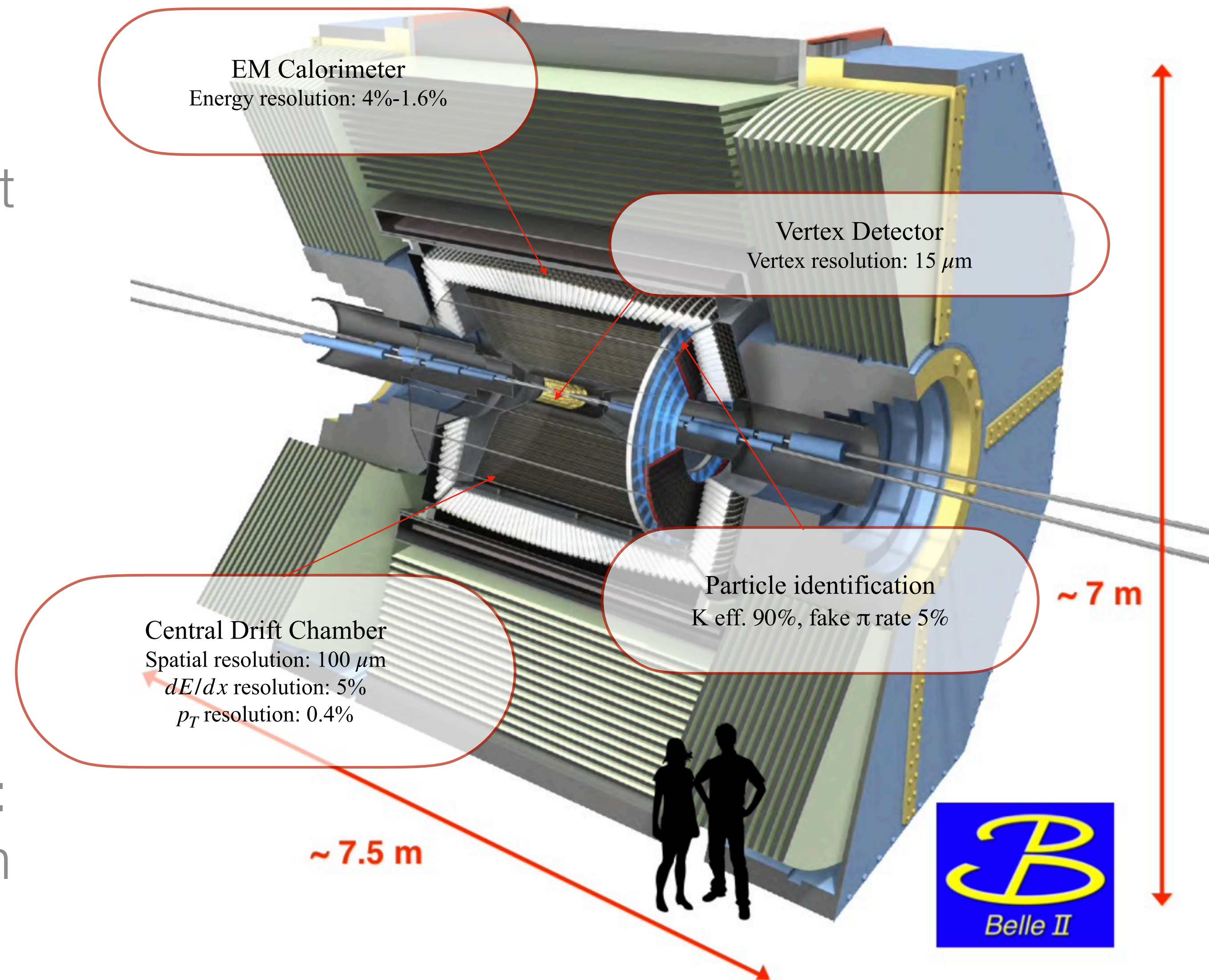
$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\eta) = [1.80^{+0.07}_{-0.06} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.05 (\mathcal{B}_{\text{ref}})] \times 10^{-4},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \phi\eta) = [1.84 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.05 (\mathcal{B}_{\text{ref}})] \times 10^{-4},$$

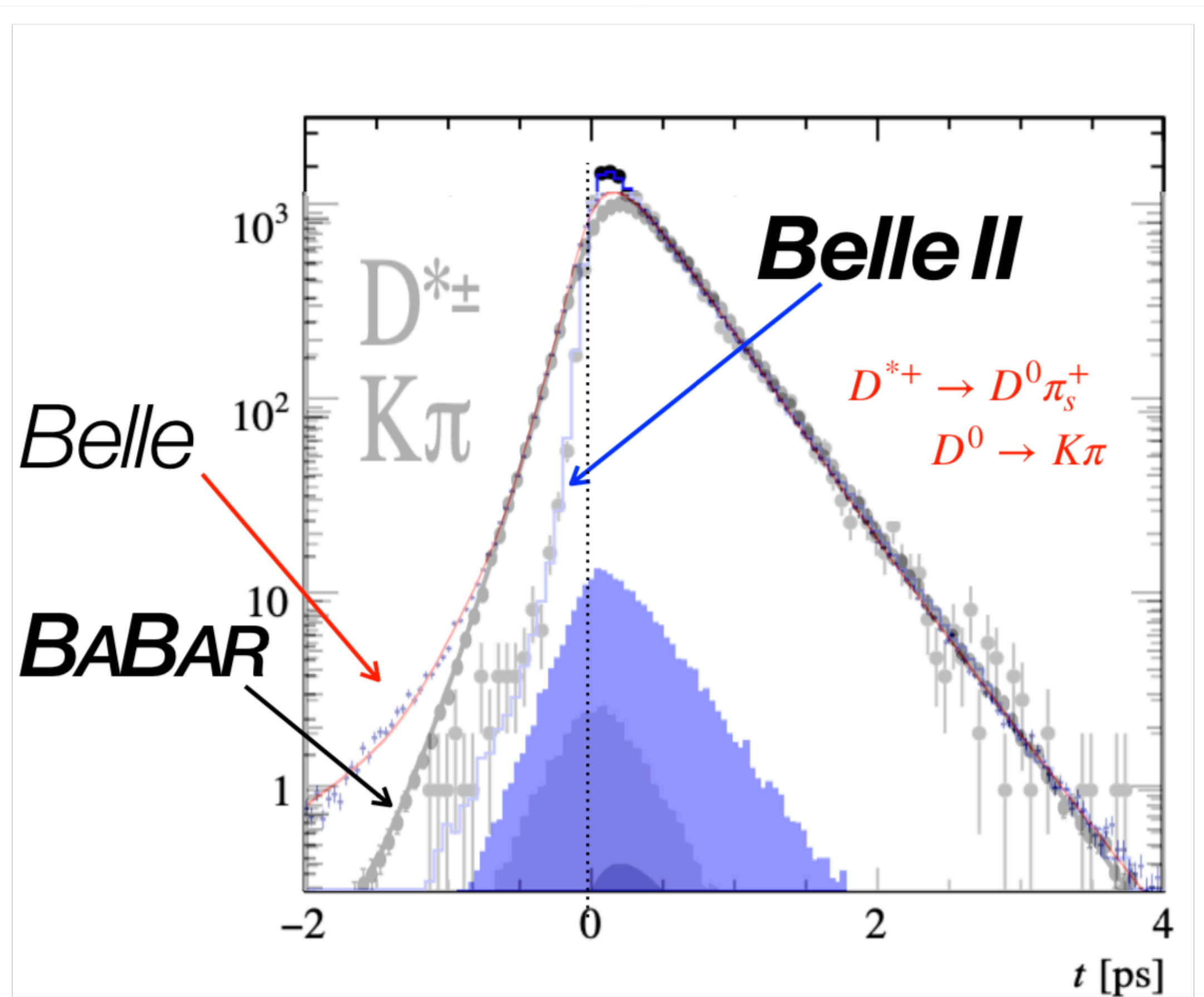


Belle II

- 2nd generation *B*-factory detector, aiming at collecting 50x *Belle* dataset
- *SuperKEKB*: nano-beams scheme with aggressive vertical focusing, holds *world luminosity record* of $\sim 3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Data-taking started in 2019. *Currently $\sim 210 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of data on disk.*
- *Much improved vertexing w.r.t. Belle*: first silicon layer (pixel) at only 1.4 cm from the interaction region.



Impact on decay-time-dependent analyses

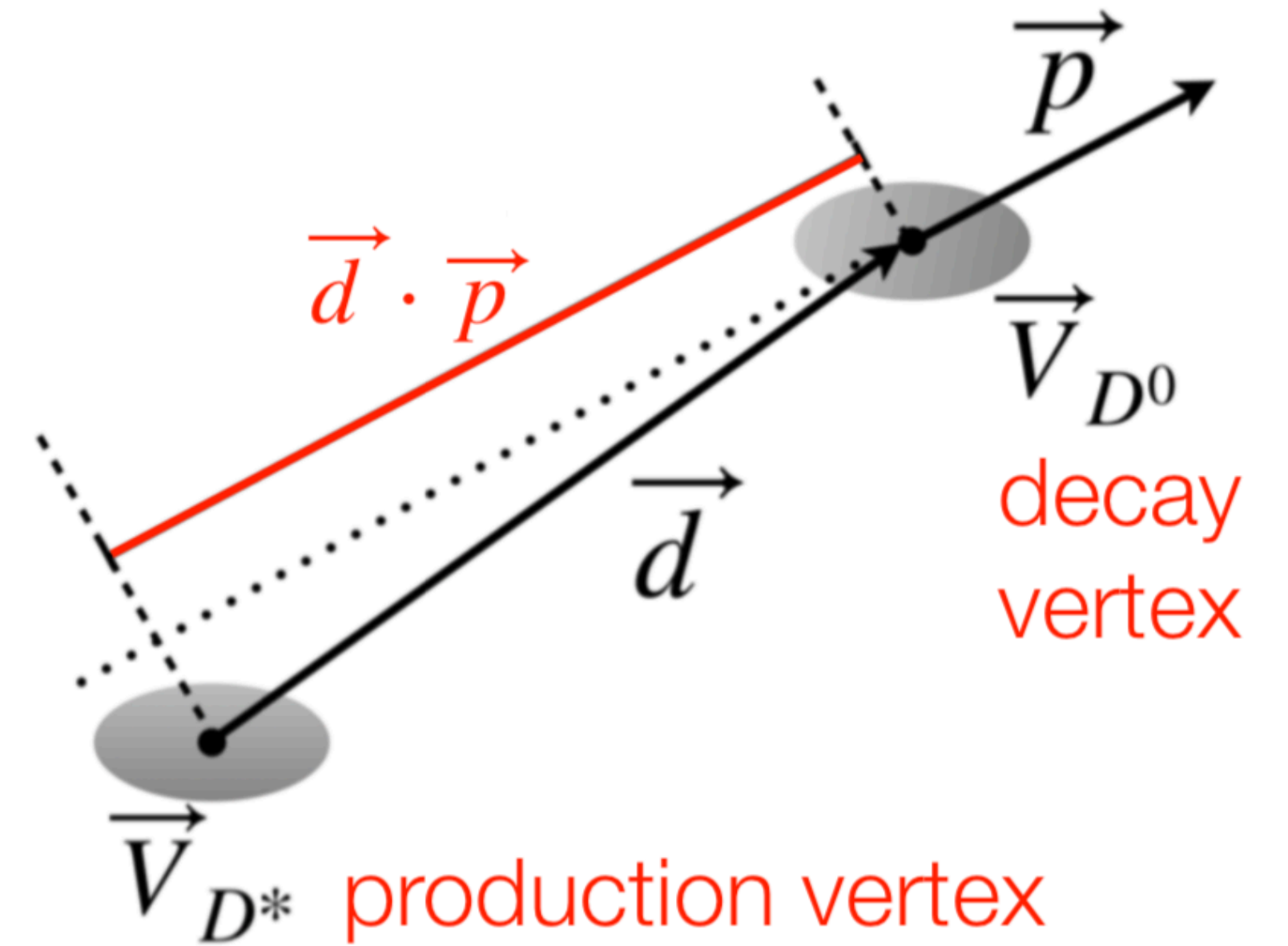


G. Casarosa, ICHEP 2020
(Belle II with 9 fb⁻¹)

- High-precision measurement of D lifetimes proves excellent vertexing performance and in-depth understanding of systematic effects for time-dependent CPV/mixing analyses.
- World's best D lifetimes from FOCUS: sub-1% precision dominated by systematic uncertainty. No update since then (~20 years).
- Early *Belle II* dataset already competitive. *Controlling systematics is crucial.*

At a glance

- Select high-purity samples of D^* -tagged $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ and $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ decays.
Avoid any cut that biases the decay time.
- Get the decay-time (and its uncertainty) from the displacement between the decay vertex and the interaction region (and the D momentum).
- Fit the distribution of the decay time with accurate modelling of the resolution
- Check, check and check... any systematic bias associated to the measurement



$$\langle d_{D^0} \rangle \sim 200 \mu m$$

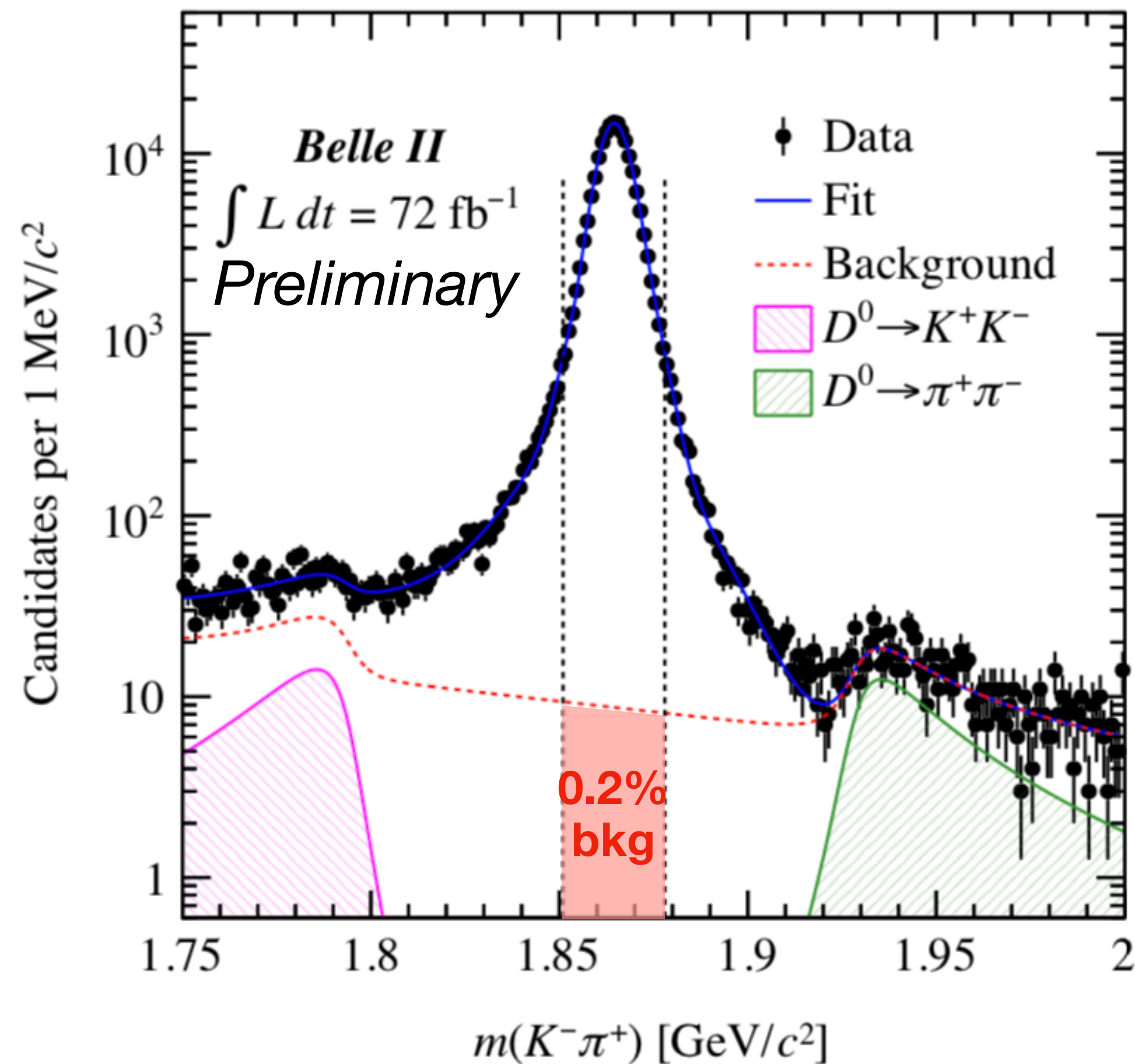
$$\langle d_{D^+} \rangle \sim 500 \mu m$$

$$t = m_D \frac{\vec{d} \cdot \vec{p}}{p^2 c}$$

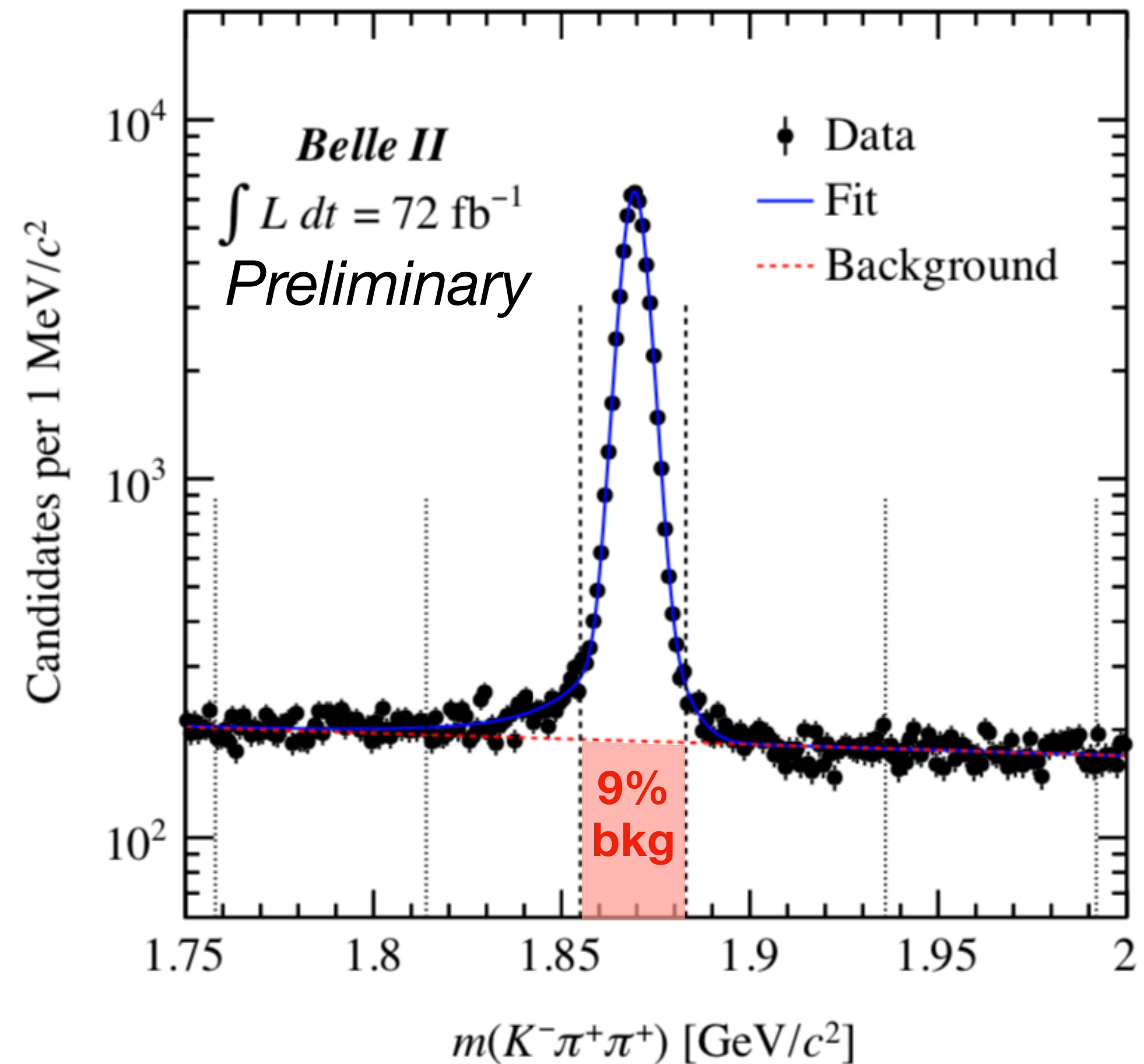
Signal decays

- High-purity samples, selected to limit background-related systematic uncertainty.

$$\sim 171\text{K } D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+) \pi^+$$

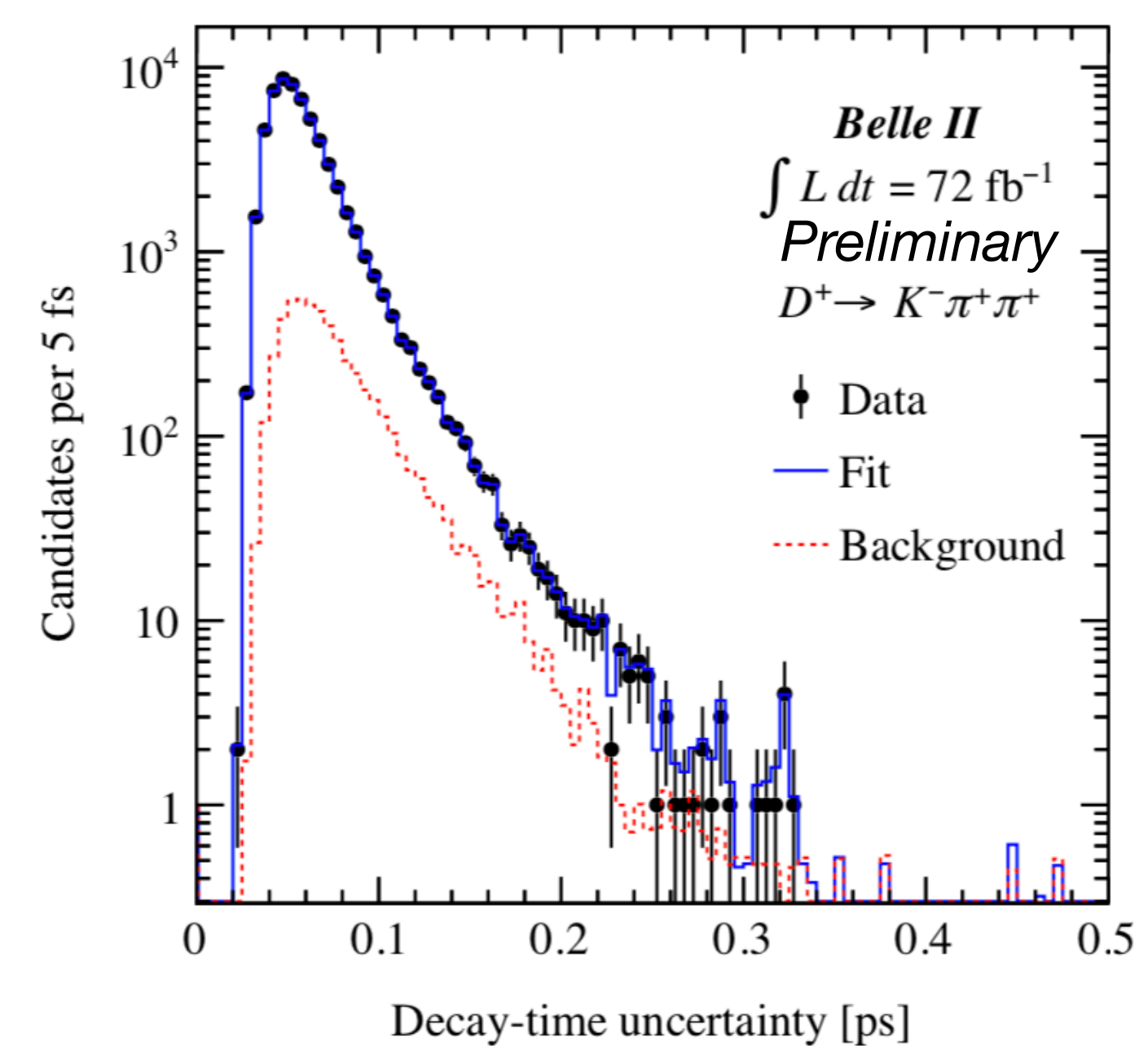
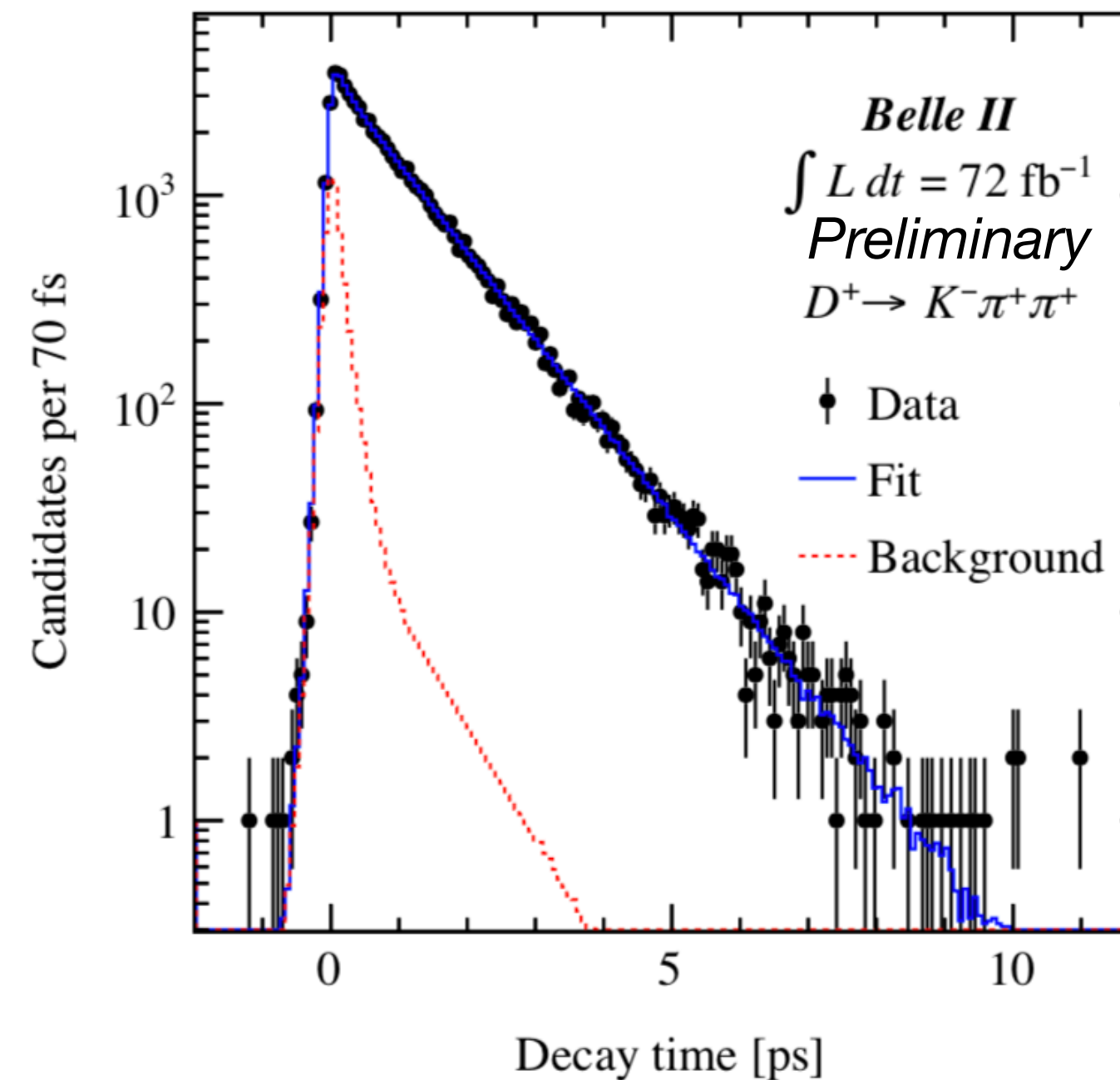
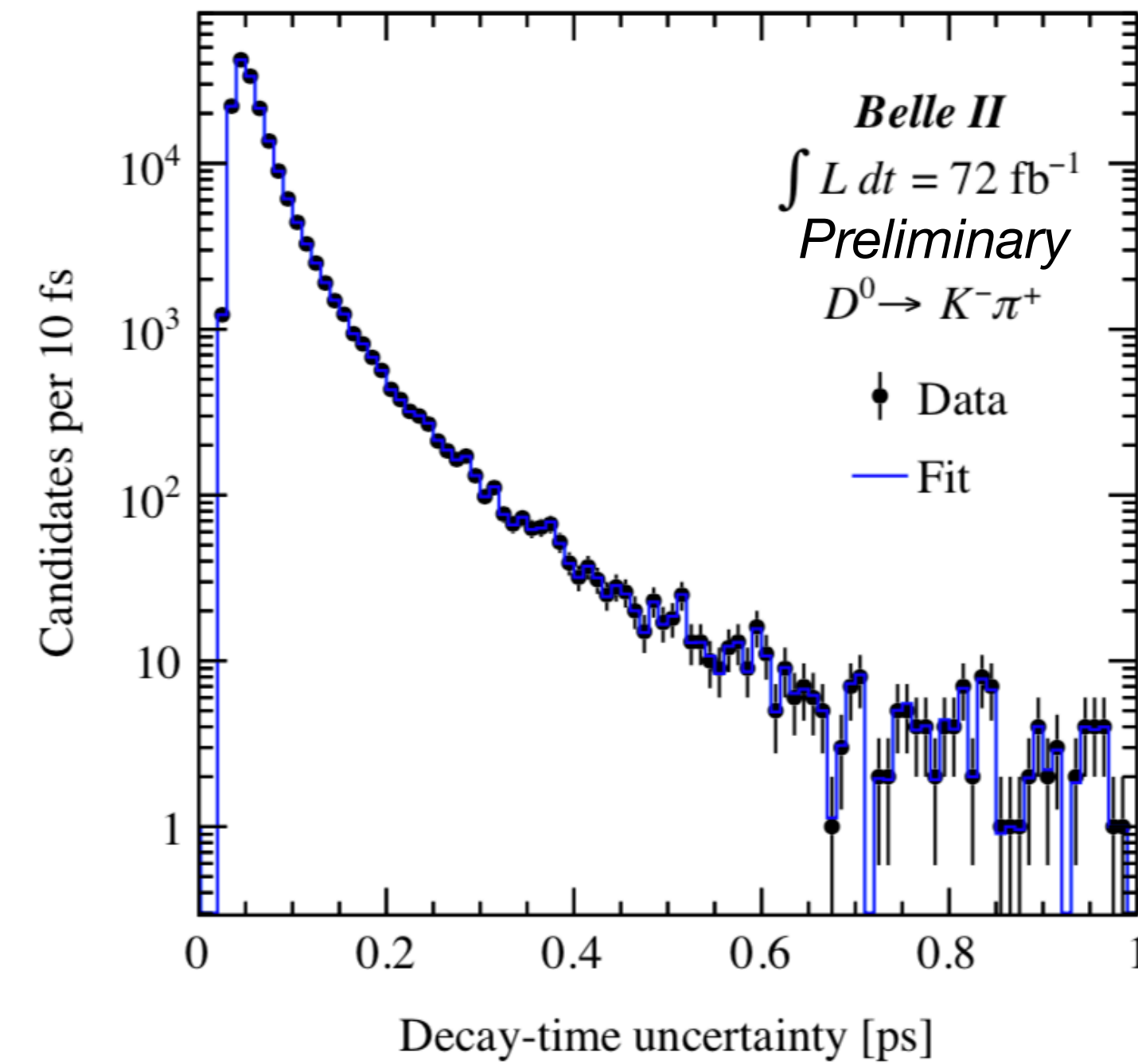
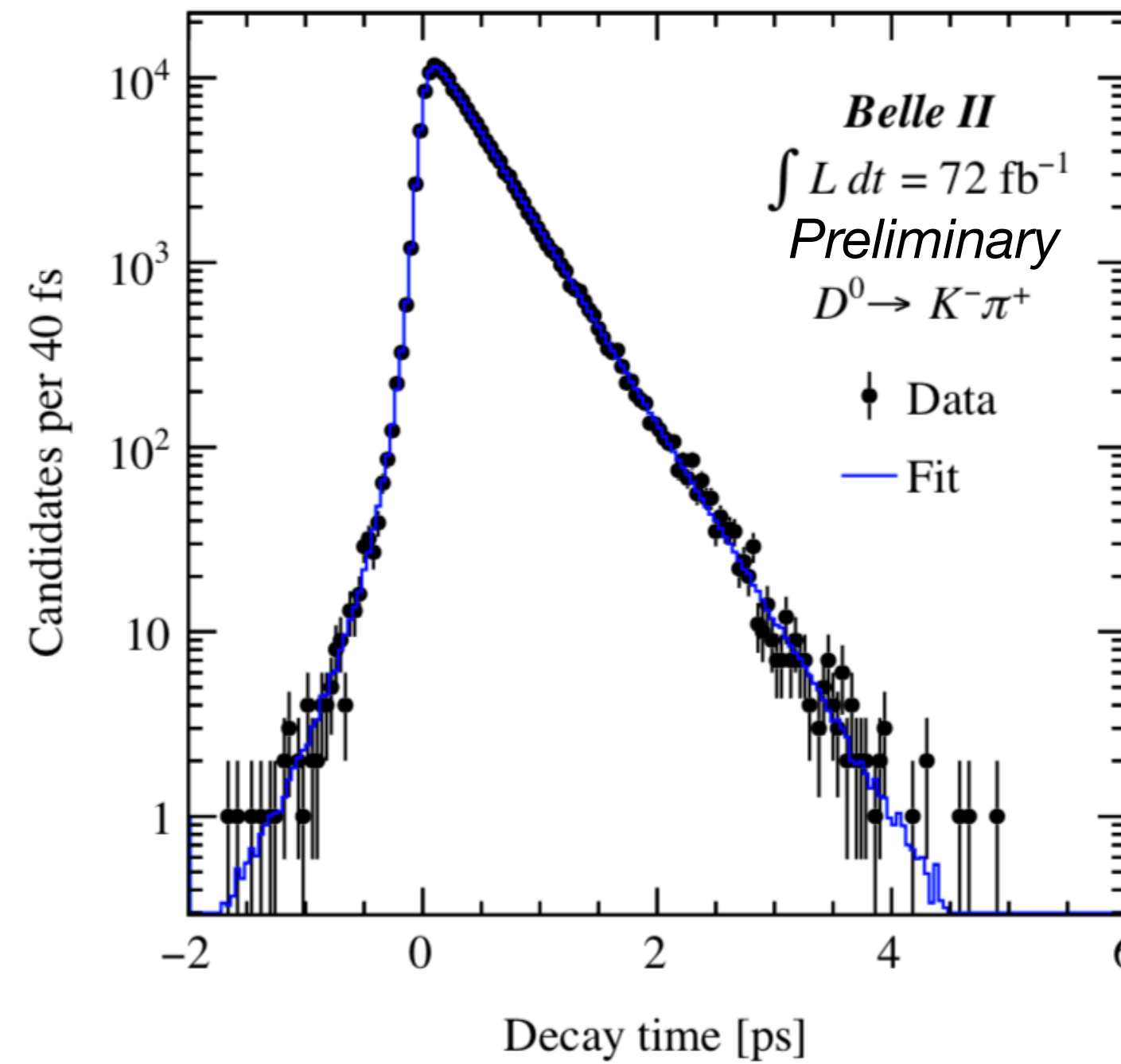


$$\sim 59\text{k } D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) \pi^0$$



Lifetime fit

- Fit to unbinned (t, σ_t) distribution
- Background neglected for $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$, while it is modelled using data sidebands for $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- Resolution function (2 gaussian for D^0 , gaussian for D^+) determined directly in data. Width of ~ 60 -70 fs.



Uncertainty budget

- Most critical contribution from misalignment of the vertex detector, as it affects the scale of the flight length.
Periodic calibration with control data measures misaligned sensors with few μm accuracy.

- For D^+ dominant systematic from background modelling.

- Both contributions can improve.

- *Validation with independent sample of $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+) \pi^+$.*

Different decay topology, larger ($\sim 1\%$) background contamination than $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$.

Measure D^0 lifetime with 1.2 fs precision (stat-only) in agreement with $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ result.

Source	Uncertainty (fs)	
	$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
Statistical	1.1	4.7
Resolution model	0.16	0.39
Backgrounds	0.24	2.52
Detector alignment	0.72	1.70
Momentum scale	0.19	0.48
Total systematic	0.8	3.1

(Preliminary) Results

$$\tau(D^0) = 410.5 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.8 \text{ fs}$$

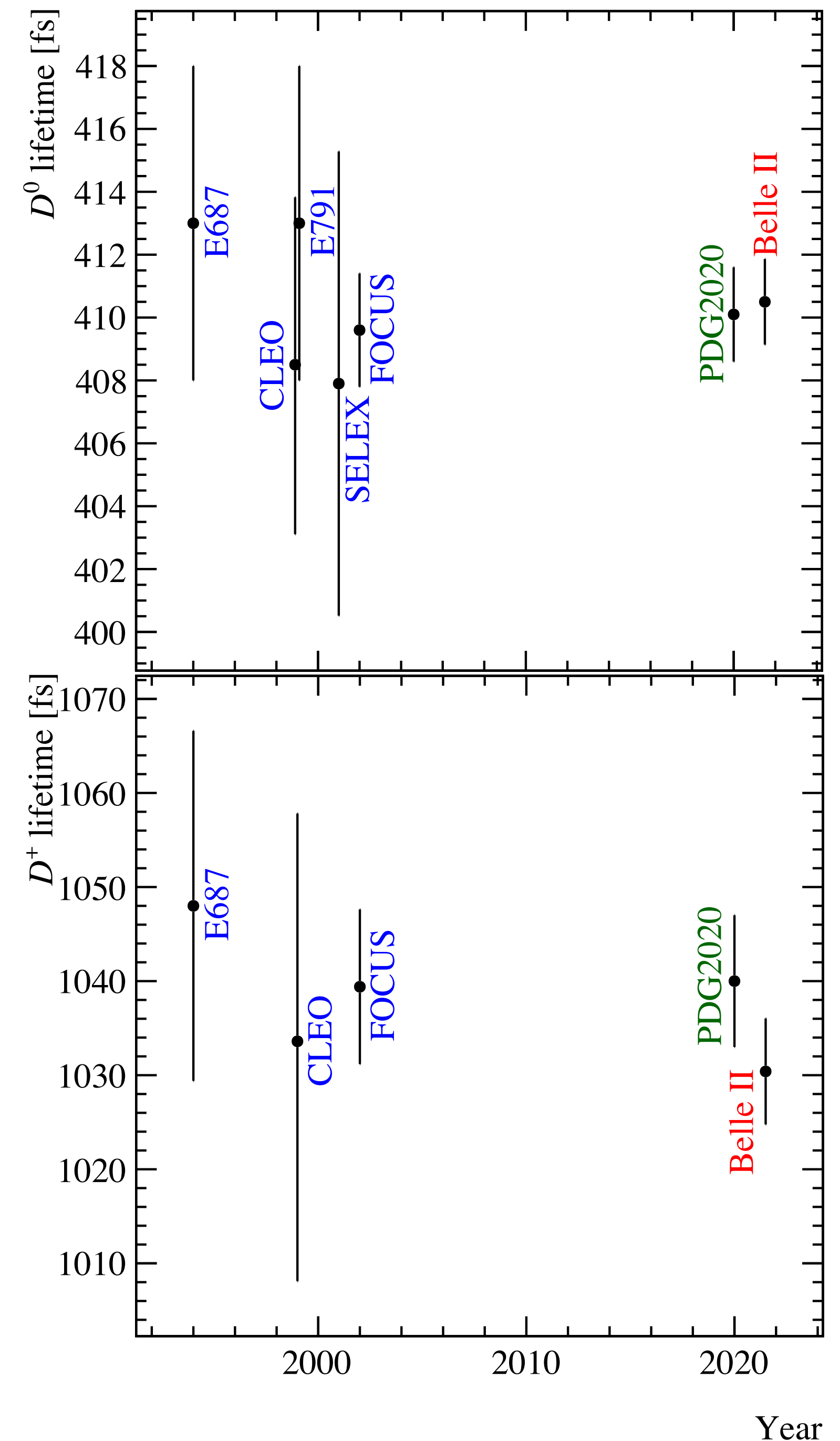
$$\tau(D^+) = 1030.4 \pm 4.7 \pm 3.1 \text{ fs}$$

More precise than, and consistent with,
the respective world-average values
(410.1 ± 1.5 fs and 1040 ± 7 fs).

*Few-per-mille accuracy establishes
excellent performance of our detector!*

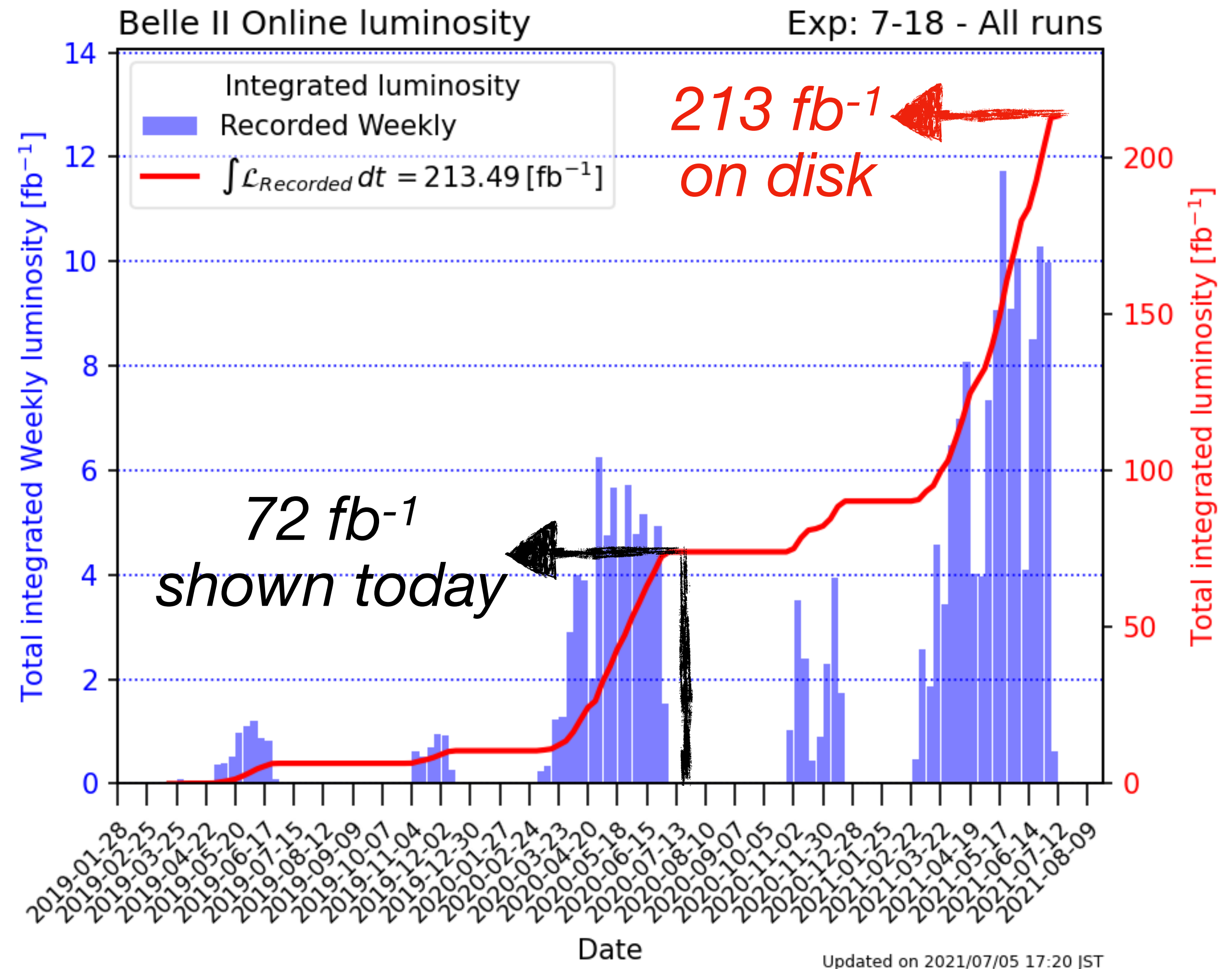
Determine also lifetimes ratio considering
correlations between uncertainties:

$$\tau(D^+)/\tau(D^0) = 2.510 \pm 0.015$$



Conclusion and prospect

- **Belle** continues to harvest new results on charm to improve *CPV* and *BR* measurements.
- **Belle II** in great shape: established excellent vertexing performance with world's best *D* lifetimes measurement.
- Have already $>200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of data on disk currently being analysed. New results soon to come!





Backup

$D_s^+ \rightarrow (K^+\eta, K^+\pi^0, \pi^+\eta, \pi^+\pi^0)$: systematic errors

Source	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(\phi\pi^+)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\eta_{\gamma\gamma})}{\mathcal{B}(\phi\pi^+)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\eta_{3\pi})}{\mathcal{B}(\phi\pi^+)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\pi^+\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(\phi\pi^+)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\pi^+\eta_{\gamma\gamma})}{\mathcal{B}(\phi\pi^+)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\pi^+\eta_{3\pi})}{\mathcal{B}(\phi\pi^+)}$
Tracking	0.7	0.7	–	0.7	0.7	–
Particle identification	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	4.0
$\pi^0/\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
O_{NN} requirement	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
D_s^{*+} fraction in ε	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
MC statistics	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Fitting	2.2	2.6	2.4	56.2	1.5	1.2
$\mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	–	0.5	–	–	0.5	–
$\mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$	–	–	1.2	–	–	1.2
Overall uncertainty	4.1	4.4	4.4	56.3	3.9	5.2

CP asymmetries

Source	$K^+\pi^0$	$K^+\eta_{\gamma\gamma}$	$K^+\eta_{3\pi}$	$\pi^+\eta_{\gamma\gamma}$	$\pi^+\eta_{3\pi}$	$\phi\pi^+$
Fitting	0.0056	0.0035	0.0020	0.0005	0.0005	0.0002
$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+(\pi^0/\eta)$ background	0.0062	0.0022	0.0031	–	–	–
$\cos\theta_{D_s}^{\text{CM}}$ binning	0.0068	0.0028	0.0068	–	–	–
A_{CP} in $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi\pi^+$	–	–	–	0.0027	0.0027	–
Overall uncertainty	0.0108	0.0050	0.0077	0.0027	0.0027	0.0002

$D^0 \rightarrow (K^+K^-\eta, \pi^+\pi^-\eta, \phi\eta)$: systematic errors

Systematic sources	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\eta)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\eta)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\eta)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-\eta))}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\eta)}$
PID efficiency correction	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%
Signal PDF	0.3%	0.5%	0.9%
Background PDF	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Mass resolution calibration	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%
Yield correction with efficiency map	0.3%	0.7%	–
MC statistics	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
K_S^0 veto	0.1%	–	–
Interference in M_{KK}	–	–	2.5%
Total syst. error	1.9%	2.1%	3.3%

Sources	$\sigma_{ACP}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta)$	$\sigma_{ACP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\eta)$	$\sigma_{ACP}(D^0 \rightarrow \phi\eta)$
Signal and bkg	0.004	0.010	0.006
$\cos\theta^*$ binning	0.002	0.004	0.002
$A_\varepsilon(\pi_s)$ map	0.001	0.001	0.001
Total syst. error	0.005	0.011	0.006