



Recent highlights from Belle II

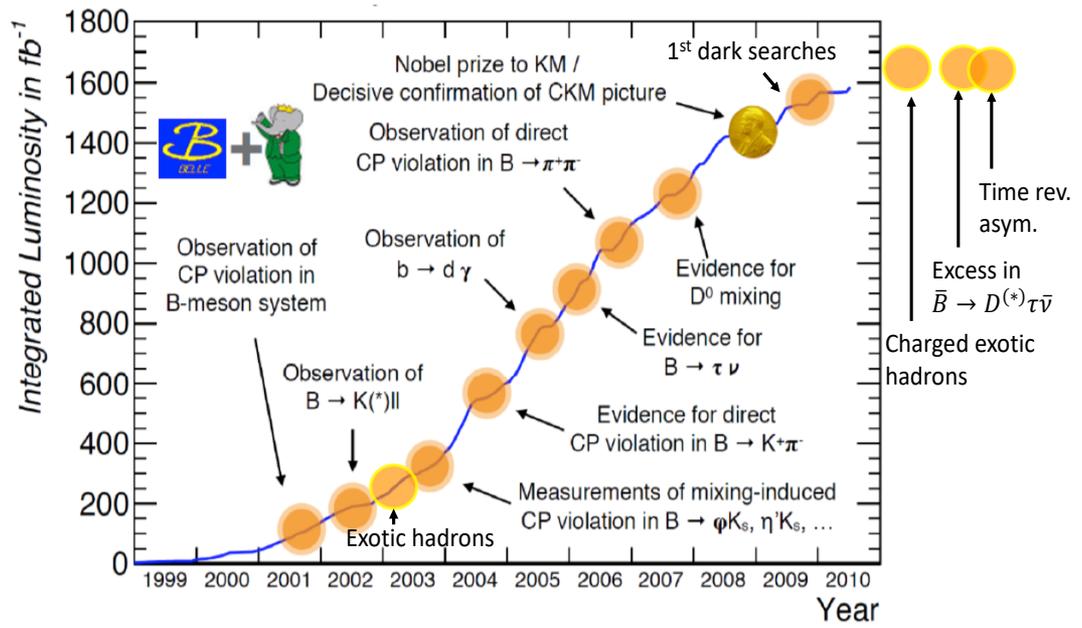
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To: PEP-II/BaBar and KEKB/Belle

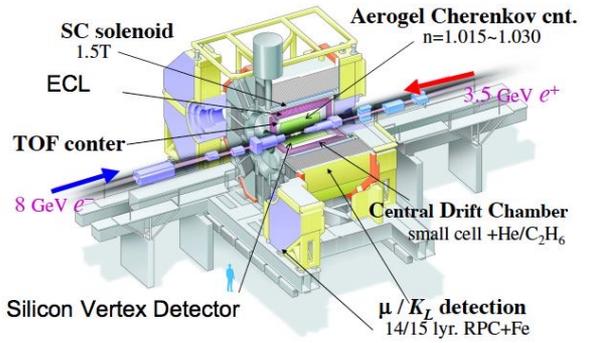
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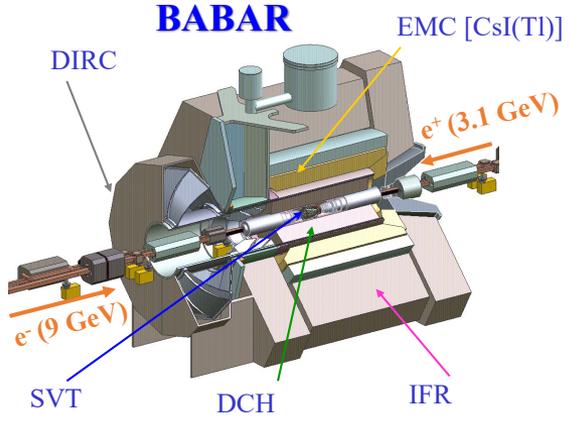


**Kobayashi, Maskawa
nobel prize in 2008**

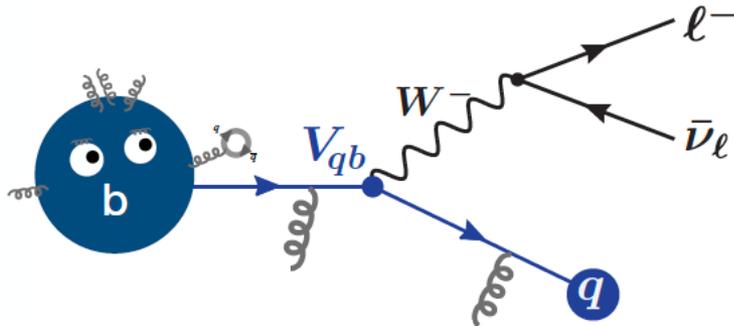
Belle Detector



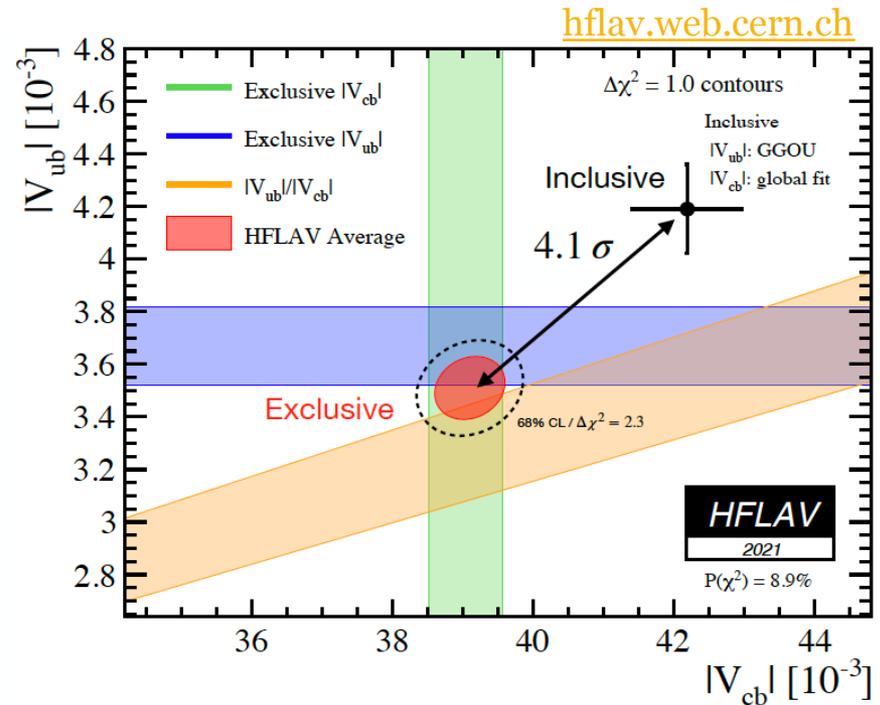
BABAR



Successful experimental program
Established CP violation in B system and remarkable consistency of the CKM mechanism of the SM

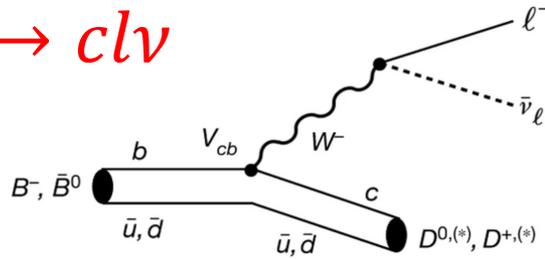


- **Tension** between inclusive and exclusive determinations via semileptonic B decays: $\sim 3\sigma$ for both $|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$
- $X_c l \nu$ decays are a clear test of the SM LFU: **NP** (charged Higgs in 2HDM models or Leptoquarks) can affect the BR and $|V_{cb}|$



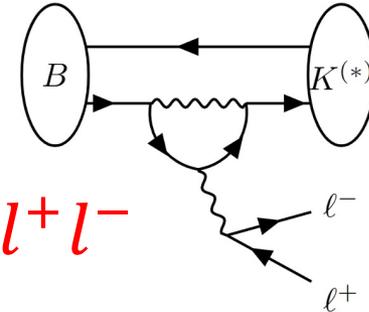
New physics or theoretical issue ?

$b \rightarrow cl\nu$

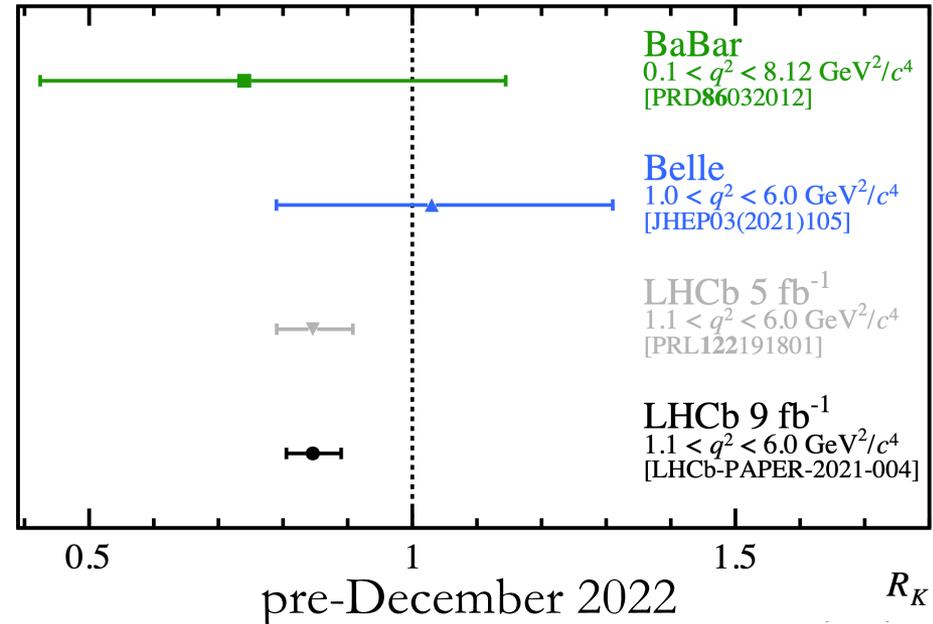
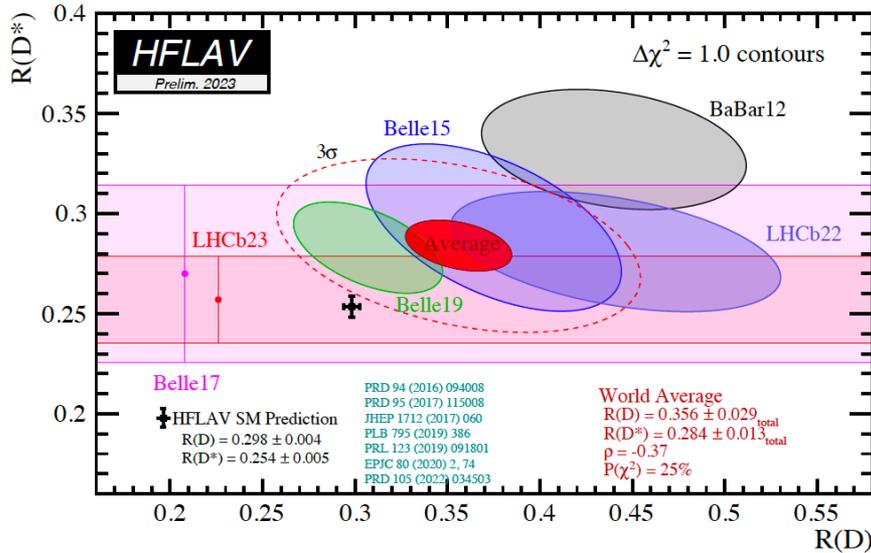


$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu)}$$

$b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$

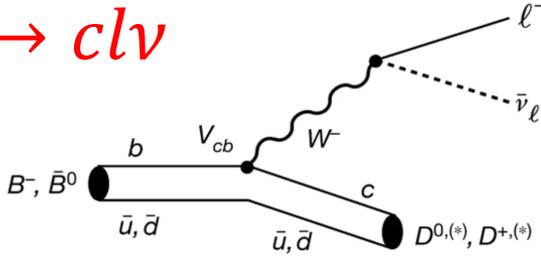


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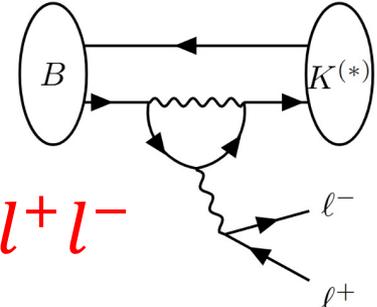
Hot topics (2): LFV in B decays

$b \rightarrow clv$

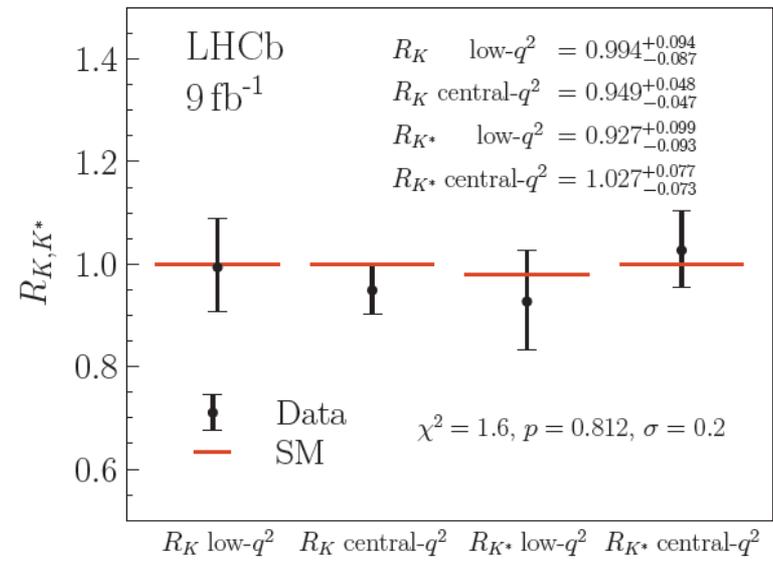
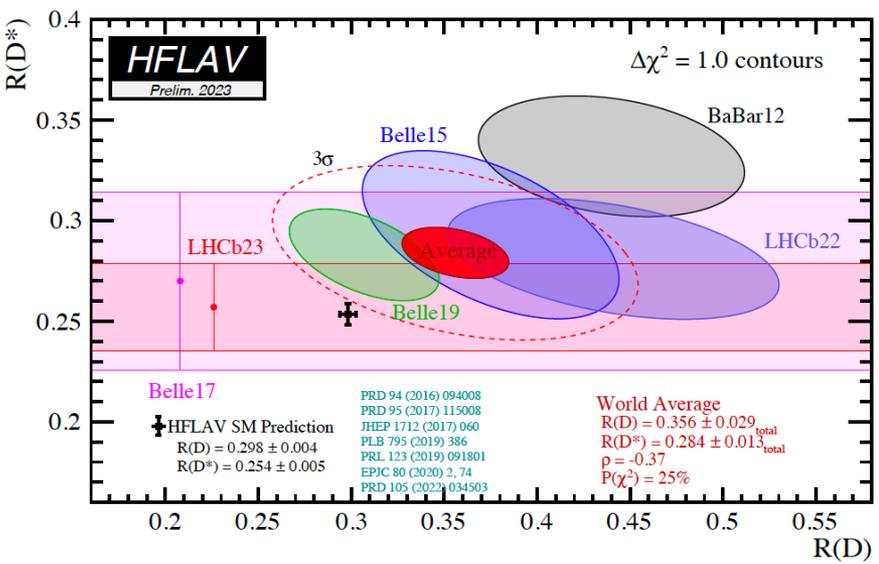


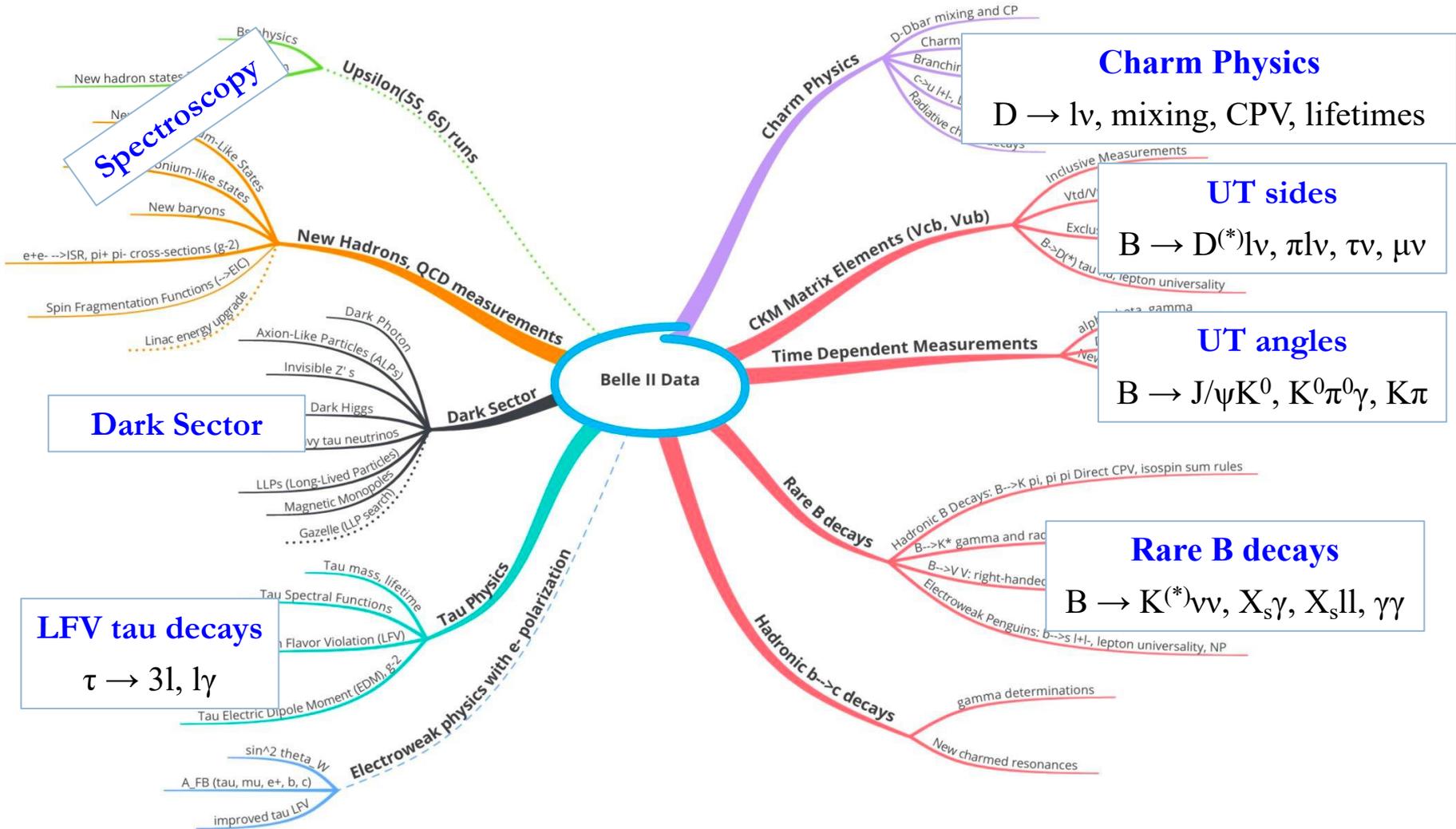
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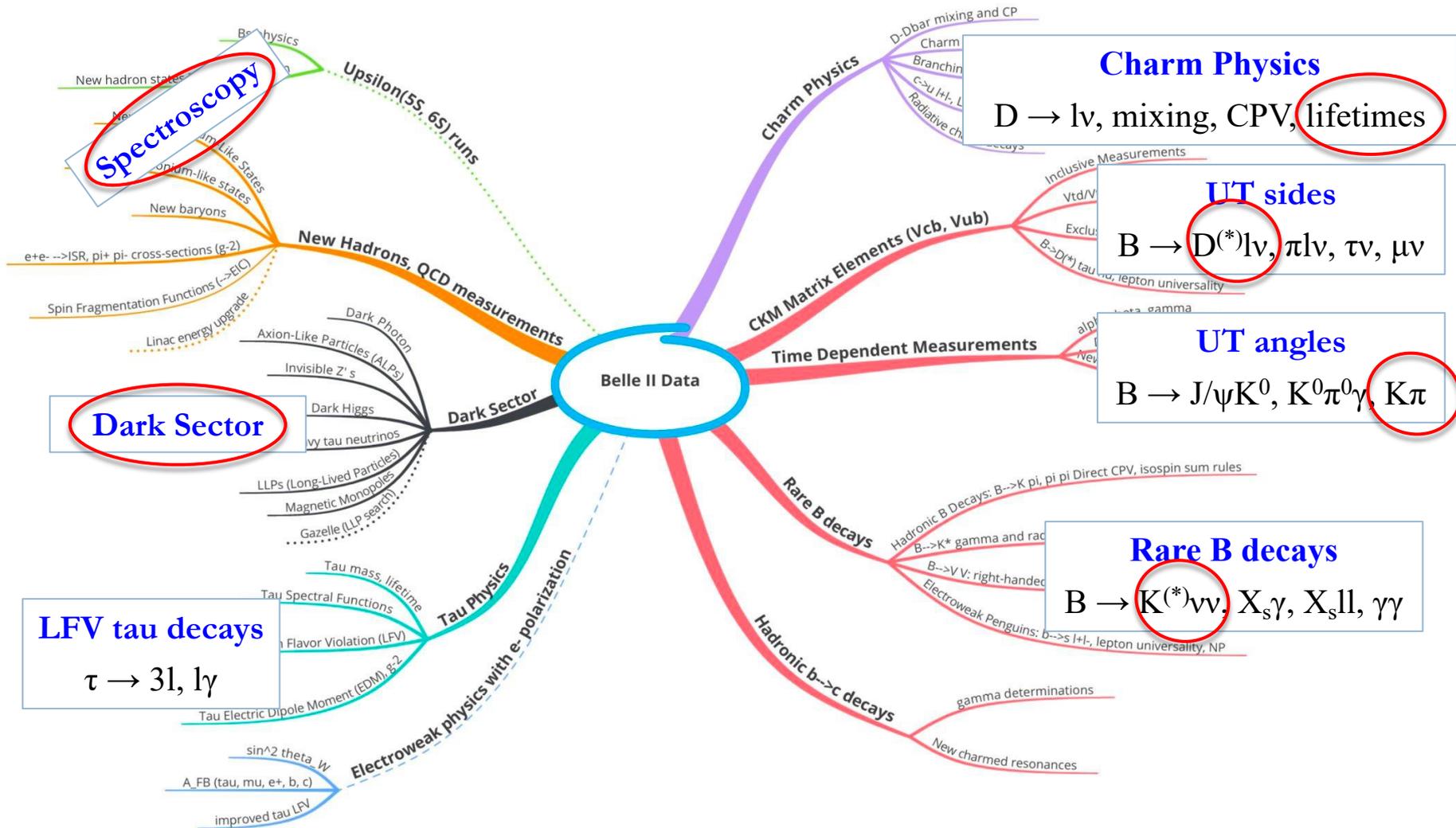
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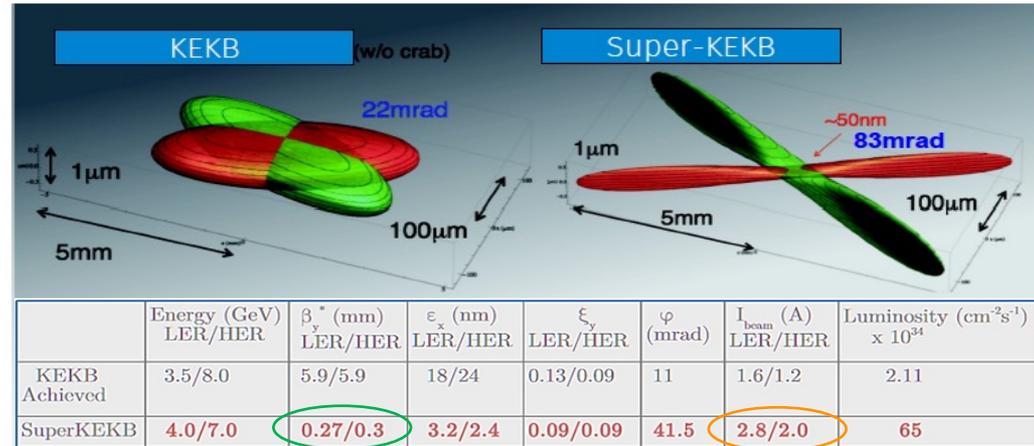
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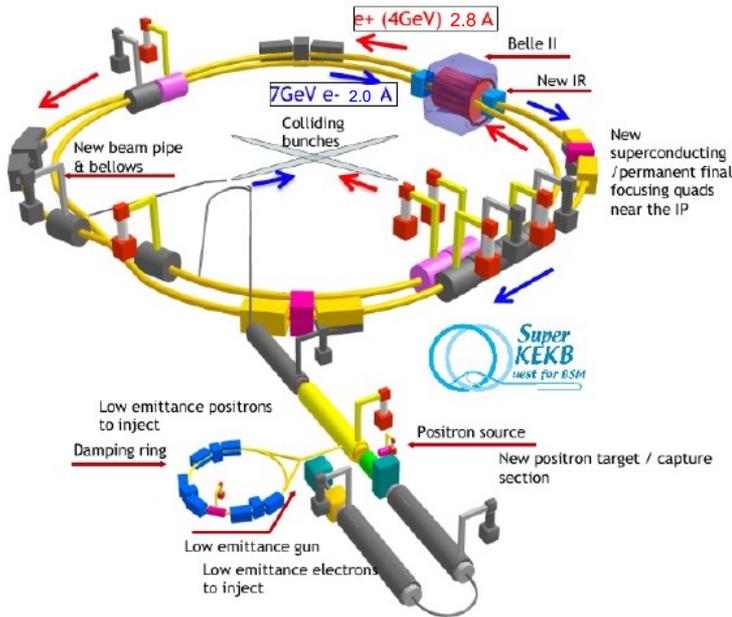


- Asymmetric energy $e^+(4\text{ GeV}) e^-(7\text{ GeV})$ collider, at $Y(4S)$ mass
- Situated at KEK (Tsukuba, Japan), upgrade of KEKB

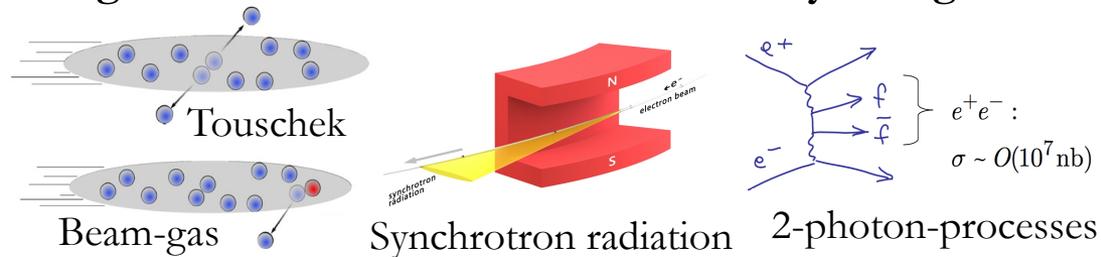


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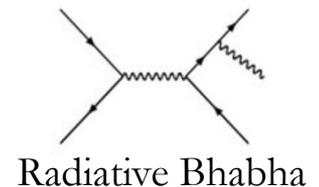
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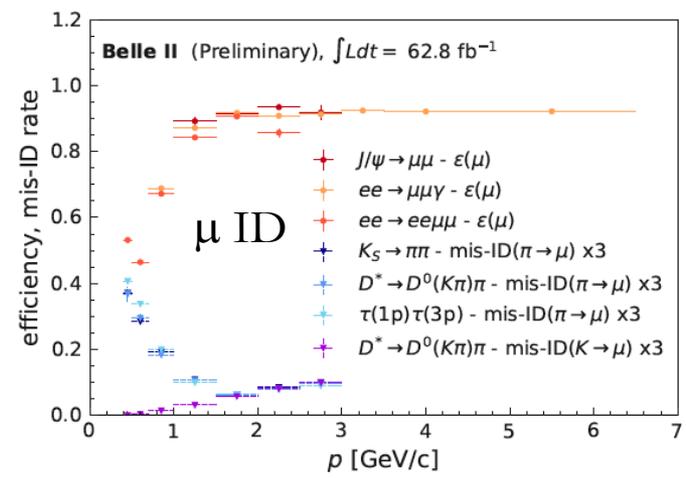
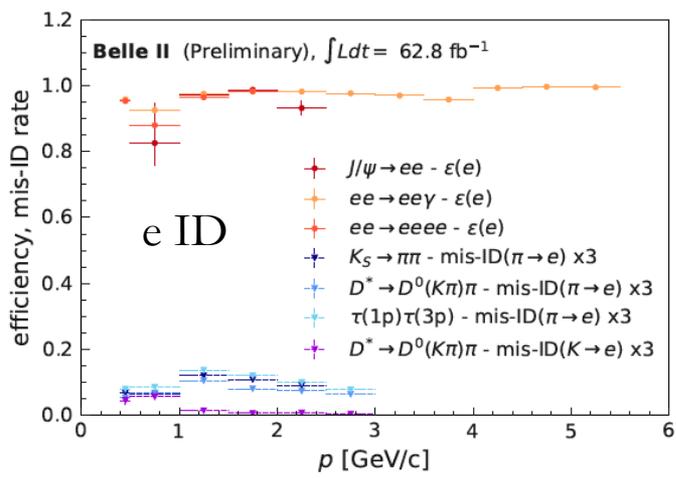
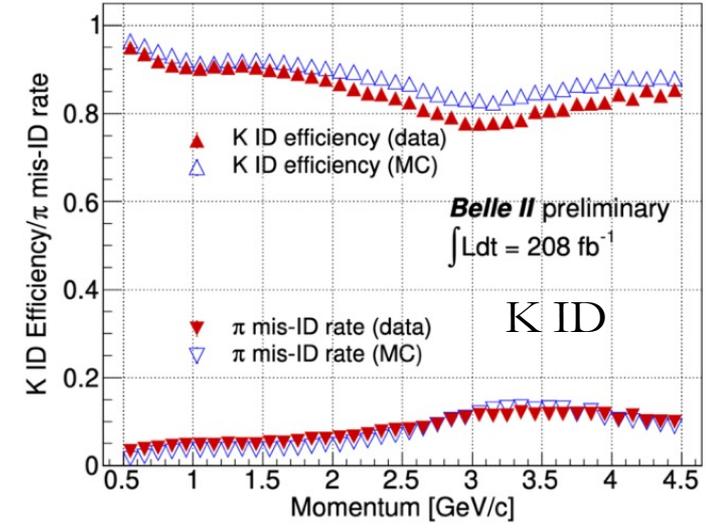
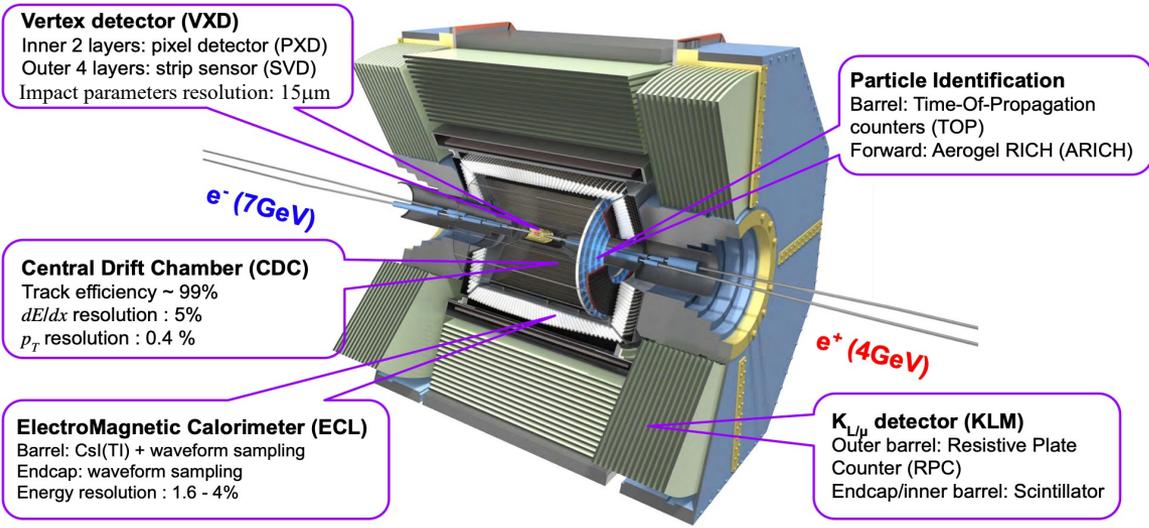


Higher machine induced and luminosity backgrounds

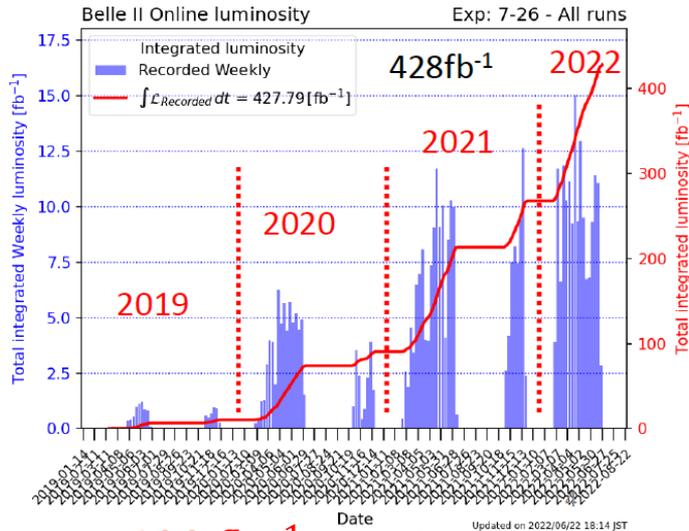


- Radiation damage
- Occupancy in inner detectors
- Fake tracks

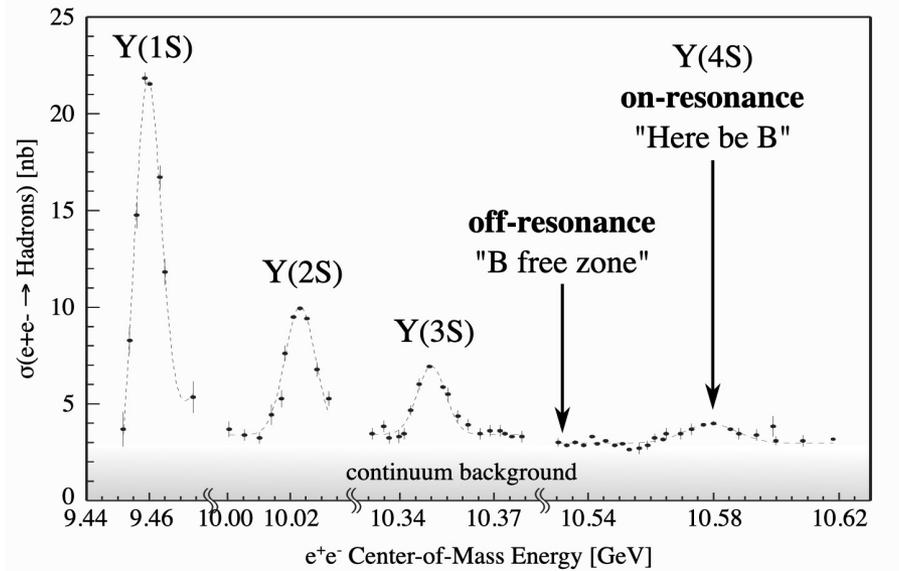
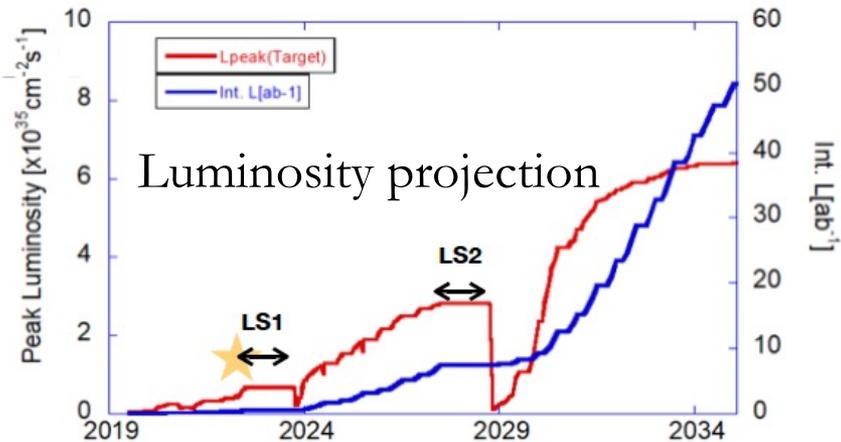




- Particle ID and separation**
- K/π : $\epsilon \sim 90\%$ @ 5–10% fake
 - μ/π : $\epsilon \sim 90\%$ @ 7% fake
 - e/π : $\epsilon \sim 86\%$ @ <1% fake



$L_{int} = 428 \text{ fb}^{-1} \sim \text{Babar dataset}$
 $L = 4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ Hz record}$



85% taken at Y(4S) peak – **BB pairs**

10% taken 60 MeV below Y(4S) – **continuum (qq, ll, 2γ)**

5% taken around 10.75 GeV - **spectroscopy**

A long journey ...

- 1st Long shutdown (LS1) in 2022-2023 (PXD, beam pipe, TOP)
- 2nd Long shutdown (LS2) in ~2028 (QCS, RF)

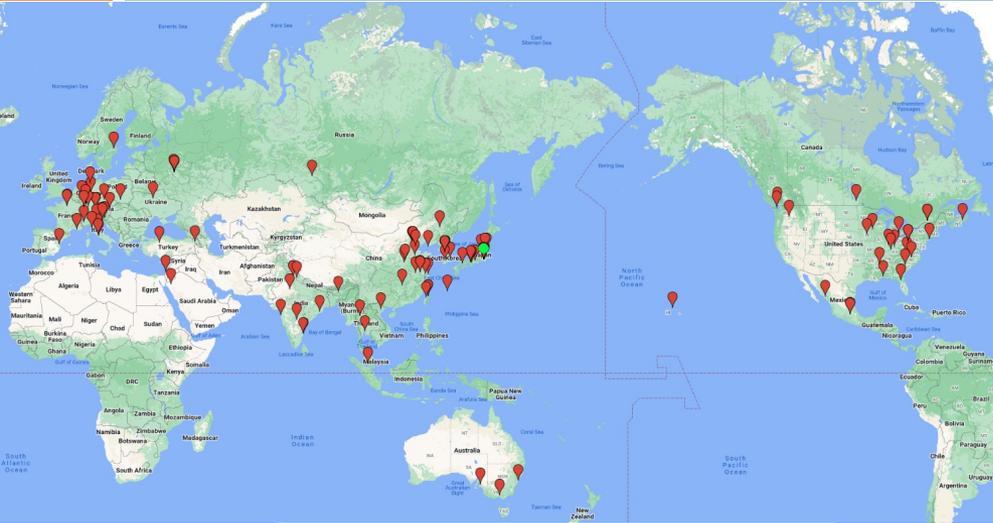
Goal is to accumulate 50 ab⁻¹



Belle II collaboration

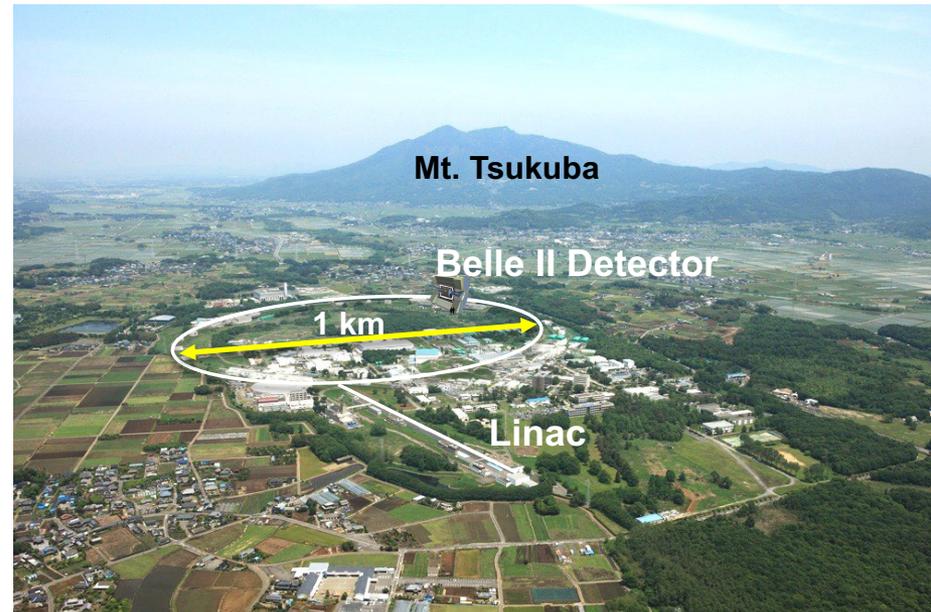
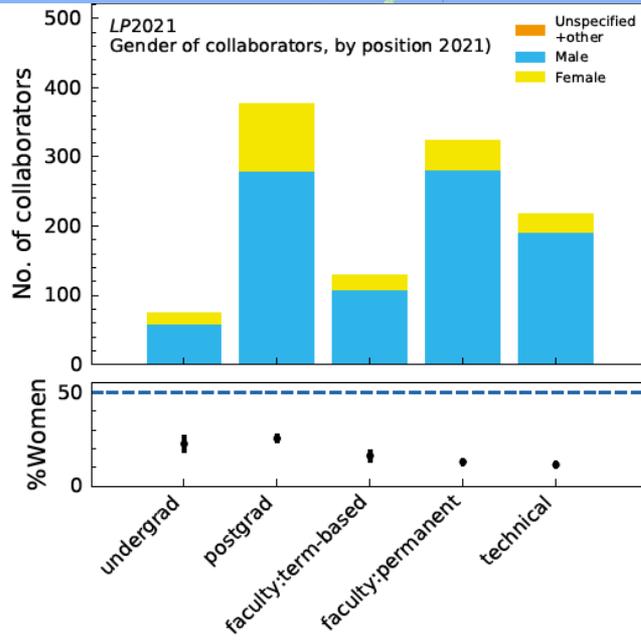


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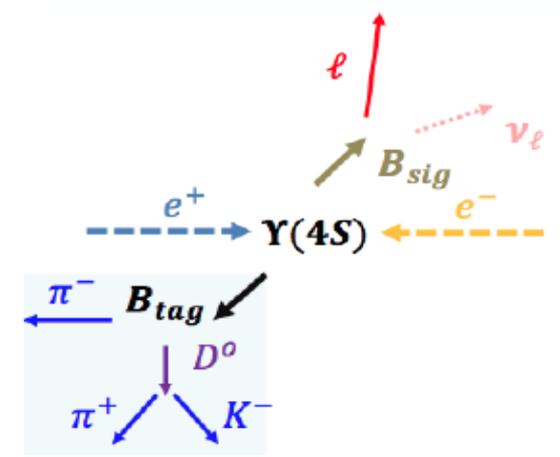
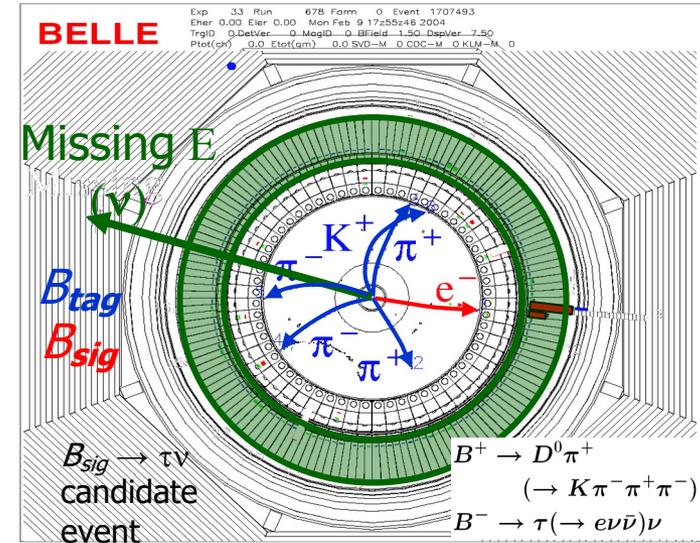
Belle II: ~1160 collaborators
124 institutions
27 regions/countries

250 PhD students
150 postdocs

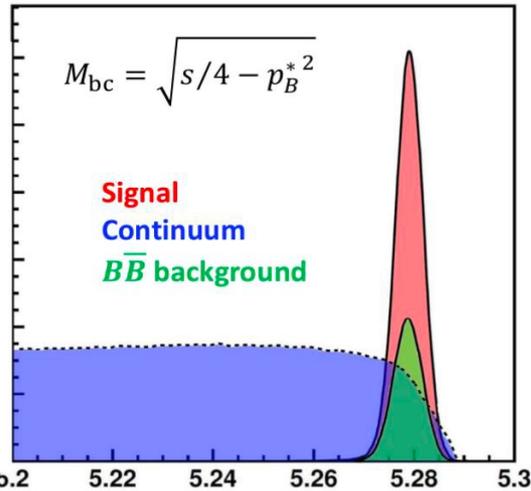


- **Beam energy constraint**
- **Clean experimental environment:** high B, D, K, τ lepton reconstruction efficiency
- Long lived particles (e.g. K_S), π^0 s and **photons** well reconstructed
- Capability of **inclusive measurements**
- **BB produced in quantum correlated state:** high flavour tagging effective efficiency (30% vs 5% @ LHCb)
- The **full reconstruction of one B (B_{tag})** constraints the 4-momentum of the other B (B_{sig})
- Reconstruction of **channels with missing energy**

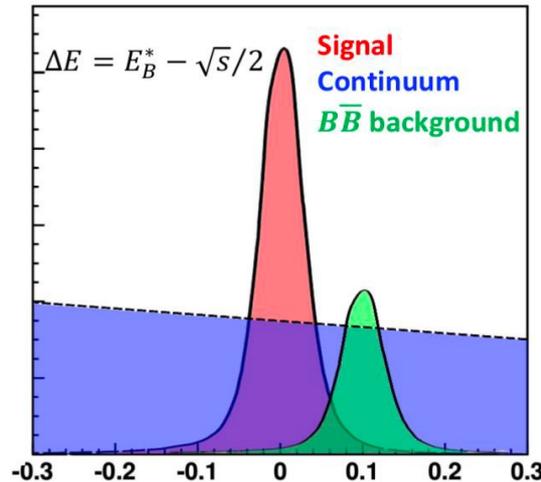
$$p_\nu = p_{e^+e^-} - p_{B_{tag}} - p_{B_{sig}}$$



Stringent kinematic constraints

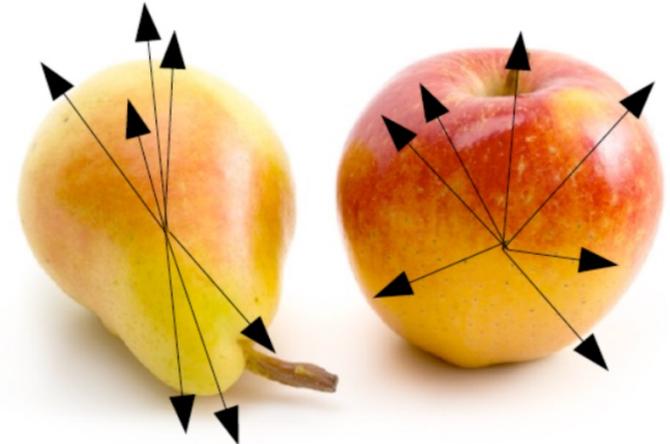


Invariant B mass with B energy replaced by half of the collision energy



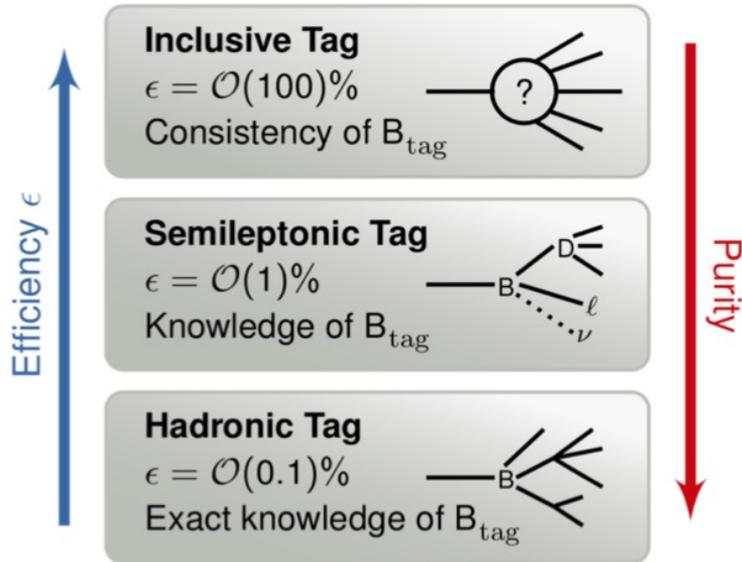
Difference between expected and observed B energy

Use of event shape variables

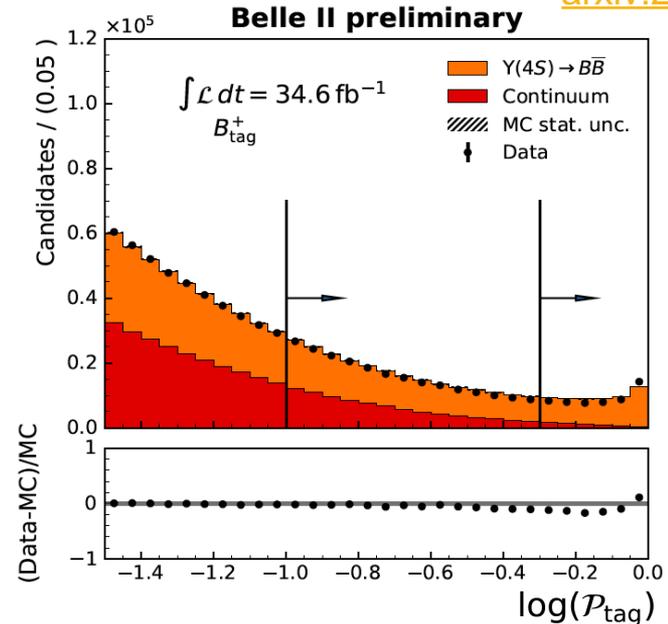


Continuum

BB



The FEI uses a **multivariate technique** to reconstruct the B-tag side (semileptonic or hadronic) through $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ decay modes in a $Y(4S)$ decay.



Tagging efficiency (evaluated on Belle MC) @10% purity

Tagging Algorithm	Had B^+/B^0 (%)	SL B^+/B^0 (%)
Full Reconstruction Belle	0.28/0.18	0.67/0.63
FEI Belle	0.78/0.46	1.80/2.04

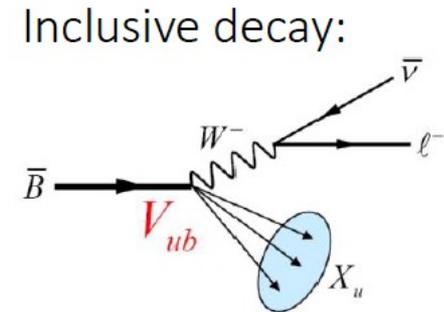
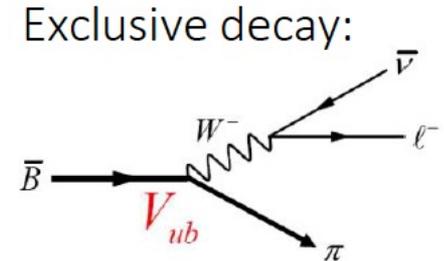
Belle algorithm: NIM A 654, 432-440 (2011)

Belle II FEI: Keck, T., Abudinén, F., z, F.U. et al.

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<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41781-019-0021-8>

	Experiment	Theory
Exclusive	1. Lower signal efficiency 2. Lower background	Lattice QCD
Inclusive	1. Higher signal efficiency 2. Higher background	Heavy Quark Effective Theory (HQET)



I will focus on:

- Inclusive $B \rightarrow X_{c,u} \ell \nu$
- Exclusive $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$



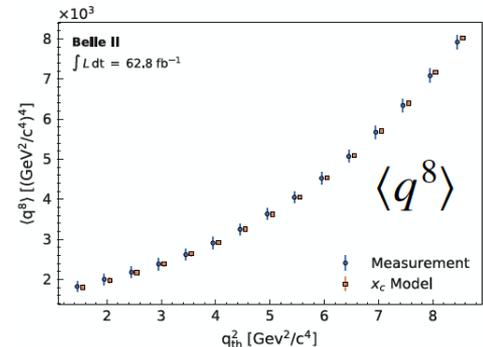
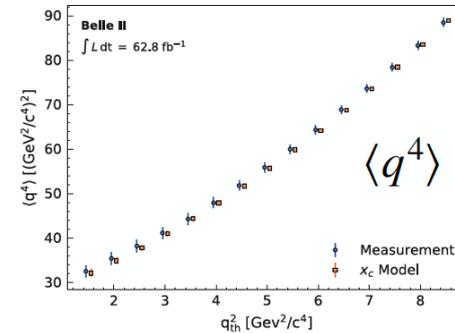
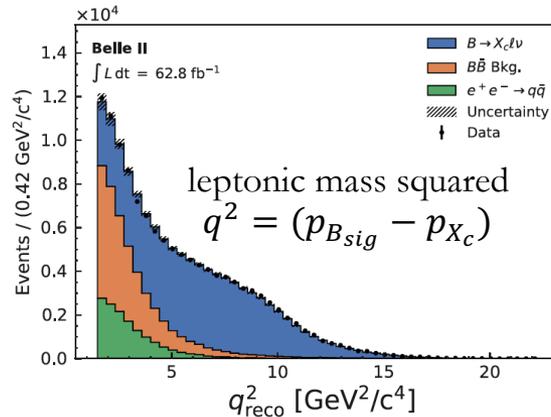
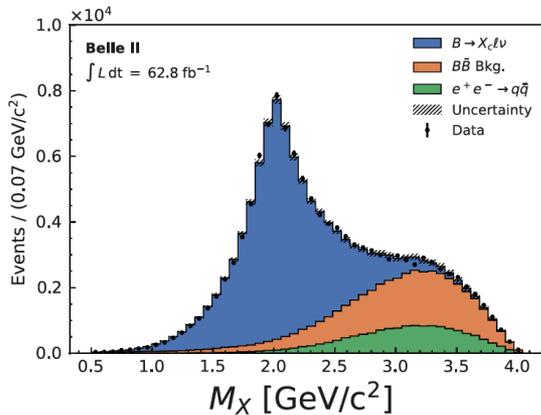
$|V_{cb}|$ measurement and test of LFUV

Total decay rate expressed as expansion of non-perturbative matrix elements (heavy quark expansion, HQE)

Hadronic tagged analysis

$$\Gamma = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^5}{192\pi^2} |V_{cb}|^2 \left(1 + \frac{c_5(\mu)\langle O_5 \rangle(\mu)}{m_b^2} + \frac{c_6(\mu)\langle O_6 \rangle(\mu)}{m_b^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_b^4}\right) \right)$$

Measure the **spectral moments** (moments of lepton energy or hadronic mass) in order to simultaneously determine the non perturbative elements and $|V_{cb}|$



Novel approach to determine $V_{cb} \rightarrow |V_{cb}| = (41.69 \pm 0.63) \cdot 10^{-3}$

Competitive with world average $|V_{cb}^{incl}| = (42.19 \pm 0.78) \cdot 10^{-3}$

$$R(X_{e/\mu}) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Xe\nu) / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\mu\nu)$$

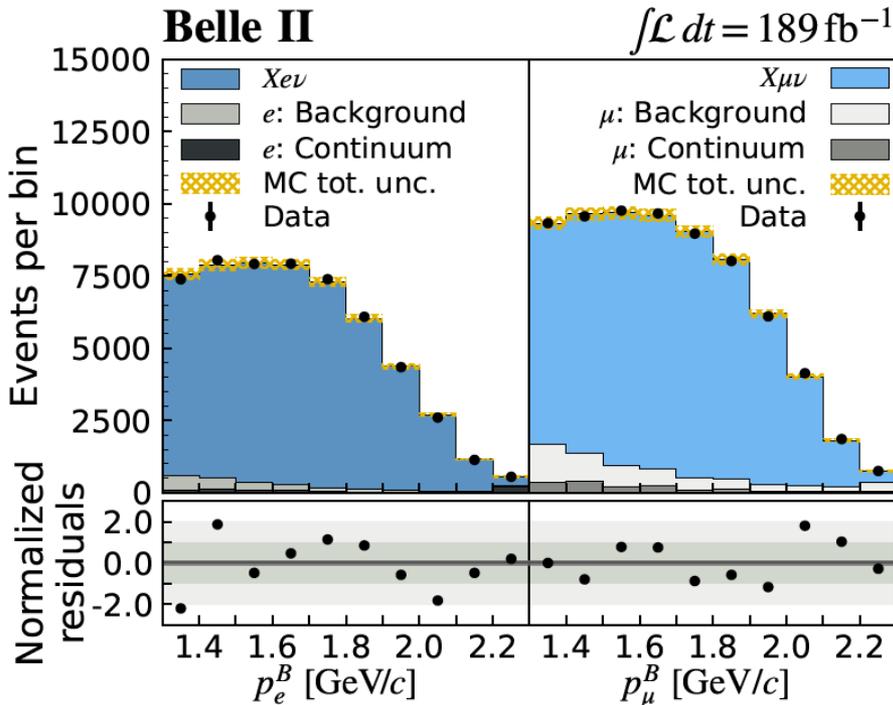
Hadronic tagged
analysis

Signal extraction from a binned log-likelihood fit in p_l^B with backgrounds constrained in the incorrect charge sideband

$$R(X_{e/\mu}) = 1.007 \pm 0.009 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (syst)}$$

Source	Uncertainty [%]
Sample size	0.9
Lepton identification	1.9
$X\ell\nu$ branching fractions	0.2
$X_e\ell\nu$ form factors	0.1
Total	2.1

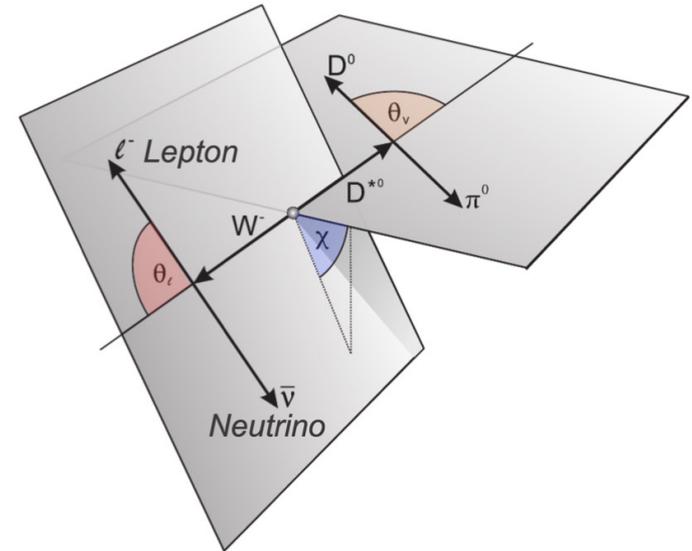
$$\text{SM: } R(X_{e/\mu}) = 1.006 \pm 0.001$$



We tested lepton universality by comparing five angular asymmetries of e and μ

$$\Delta \mathcal{A}_x(w) = \mathcal{A}_x^\mu(w) - \mathcal{A}_x^e(w)$$

Recoil parameter $w = \frac{m_B^2 + m_{D^*}^2 - q^2}{2m_B m_{D^*}}$



$$A_{FB} : dx = d(\cos \theta_\ell)$$

$$S_3 : dx = d(\cos 2\chi)$$

$$S_5 : dx = d(\cos \chi \cos \theta_\nu)$$

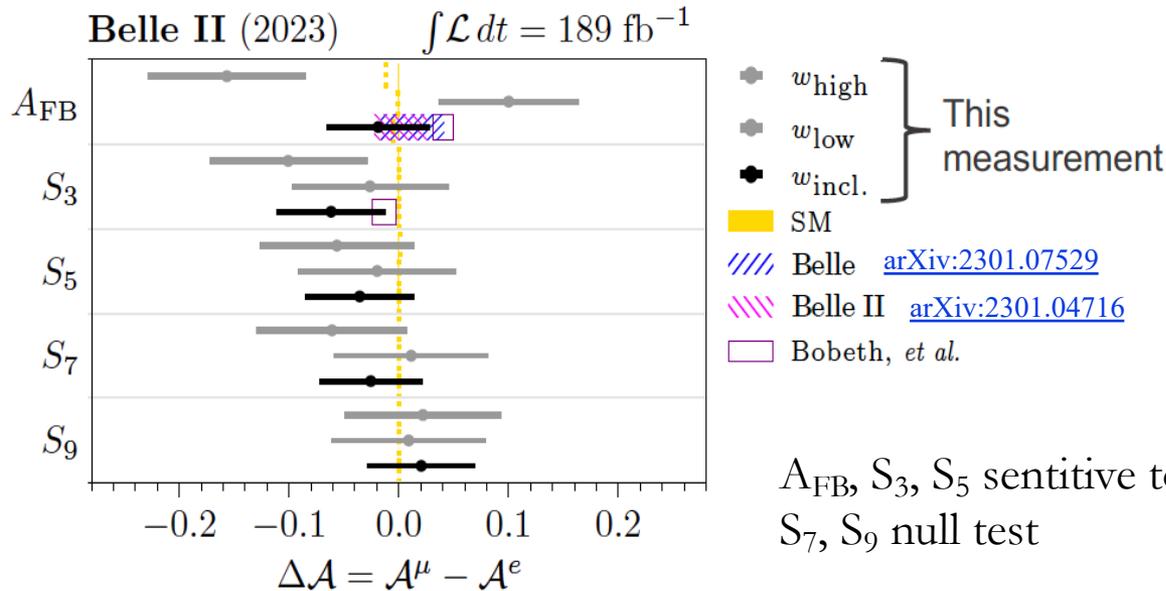
$$S_7 : dx = d(\sin \chi \cos \theta_\nu)$$

$$S_9 : dx = d(\sin 2\chi)$$

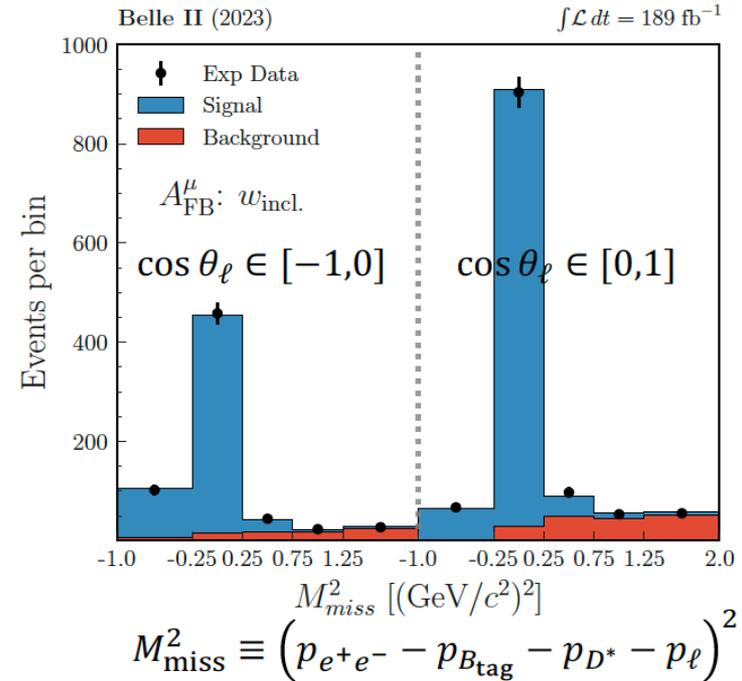
$$\mathcal{A}_x(w) = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} \text{ forward backward asymmetry}$$

Signal events determined with fits of the missing mass distribution - peaks at zero (neutrino mass) for signal

Hadronic tagged analysis

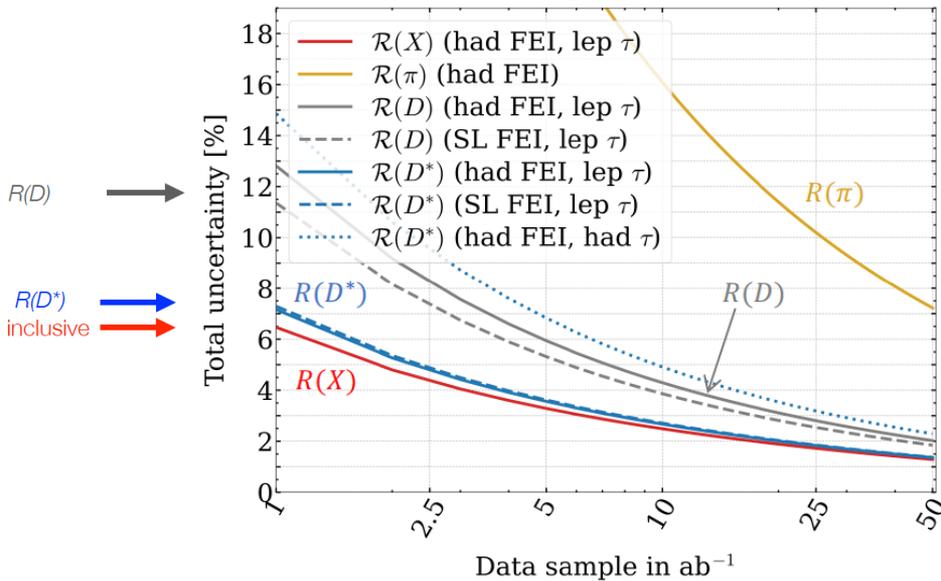


A_{FB}, S_3, S_5 sensitive to LFUV
 S_7, S_9 null test

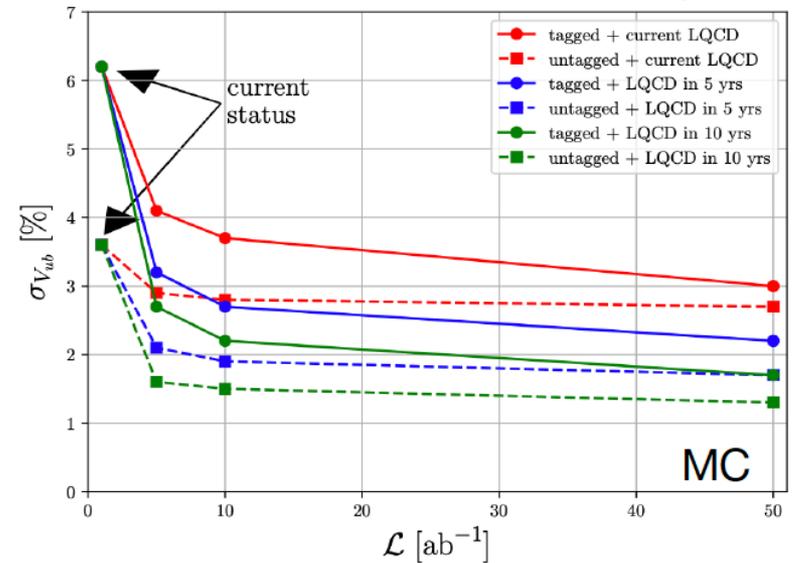


Consistent with SM within 5-10%

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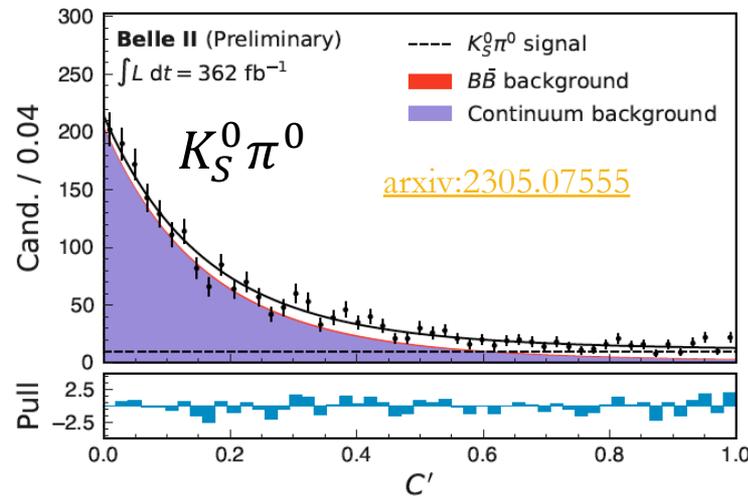
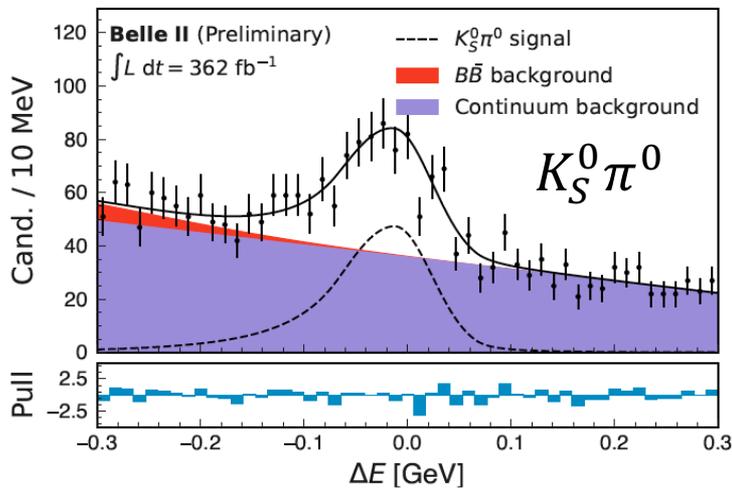
V_{ub} with $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$



CP asymmetries in $B \rightarrow K\pi$ decays. Dynamical symmetries (isospin, heavy-quark, and SU(3) flavor) relate CP asymmetries and BF into a reliable and precise SM null test

$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^+} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} = 0$$

Phys. Lett B627 (2005) 82-8



Fit to decision-tree combination of discriminating variables separates bkg

Belle II measures all final states, with unique access to $B \rightarrow K^0\pi^0$

$$A_{K^0\pi^0} = -0.01 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

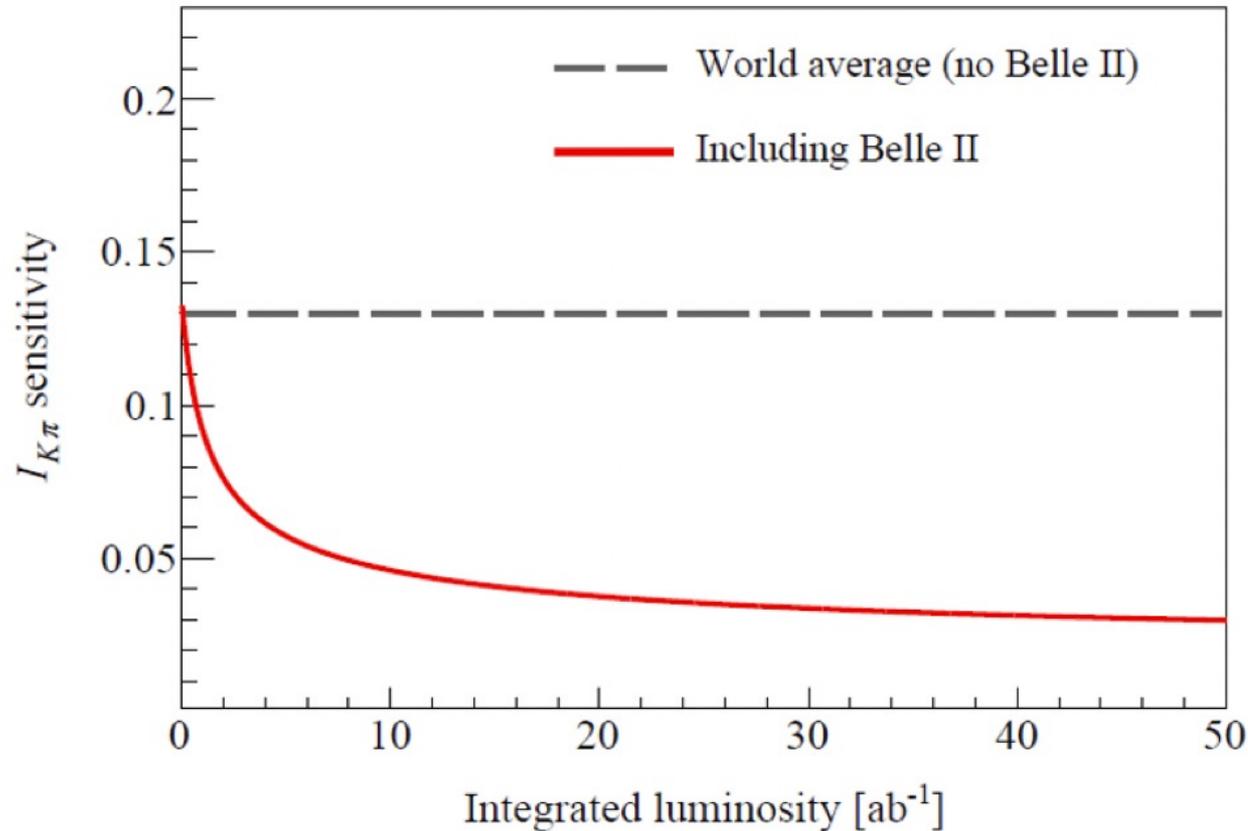
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^0) = [10.5 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6}$$

$$I_{K\pi} = -0.03 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

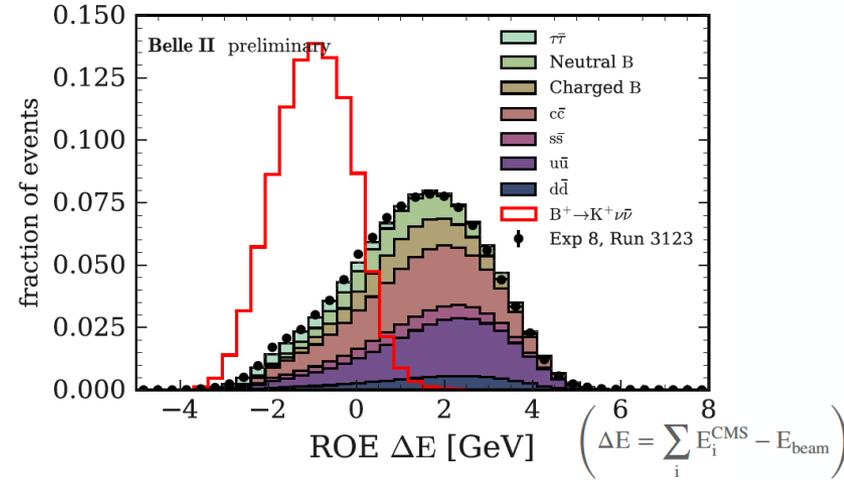
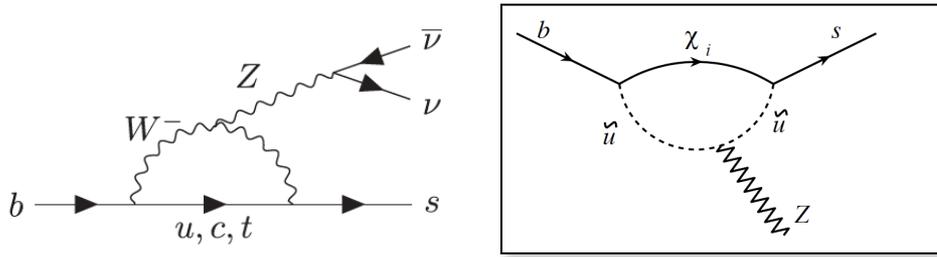
Competitive with world-average

$$-0.13 \pm 0.11$$

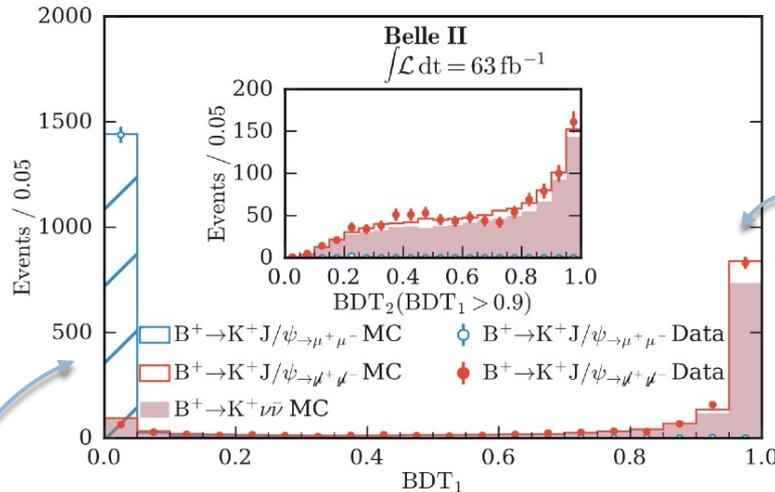
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Belle II world-leading in most final states with π^0
and/or K^0 now and for the foreseeable future



- Novel approach at Belle II: inclusive tagging
- Higher backgrounds suppressed with two BDTs exploiting event shape and kinematics



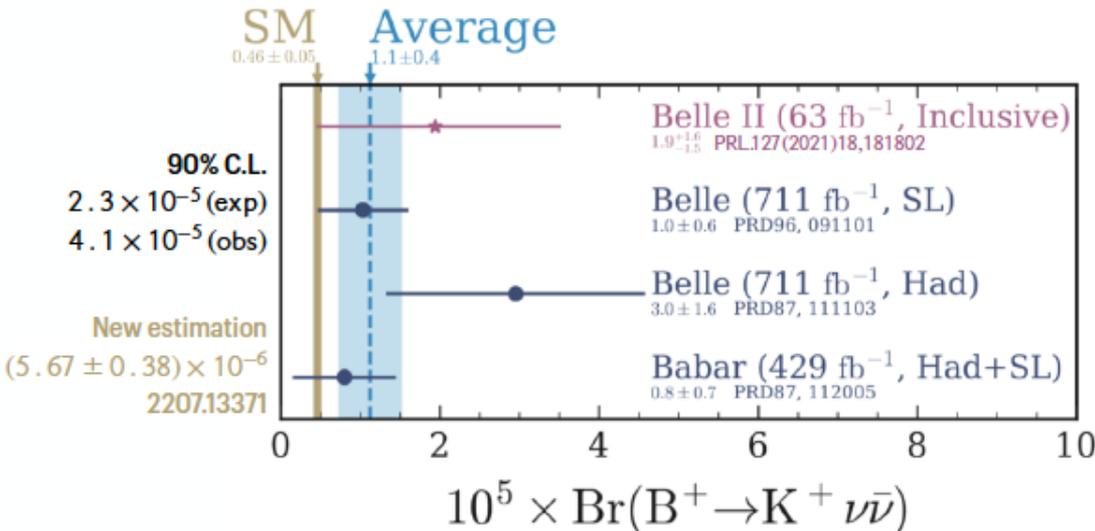
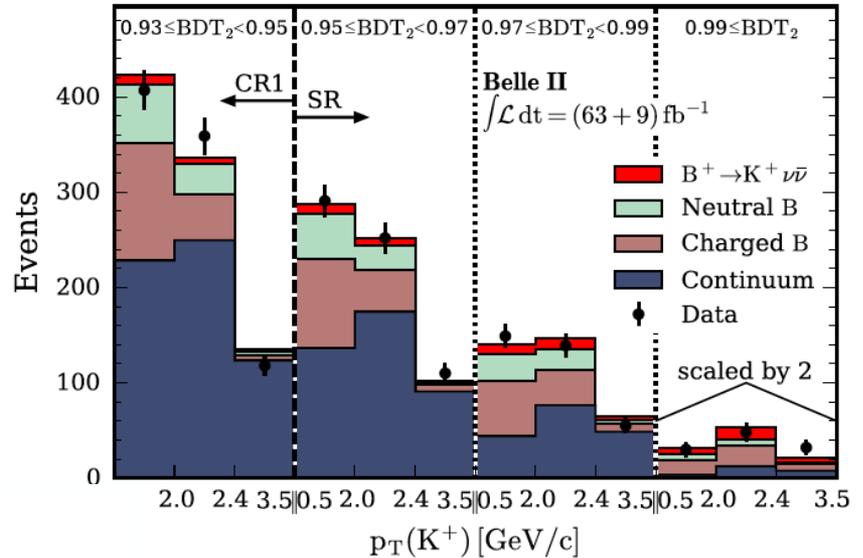
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ events

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ events where $\mu\mu$ are ignored and K^+ kinematics updated.

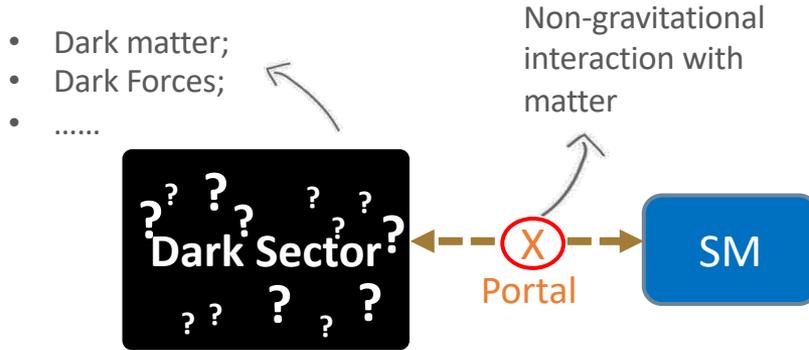
- Validation using $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \rightarrow$ data/MC agreement for both BDTs

Fitted signal strength (in SM $\mu = 1$)

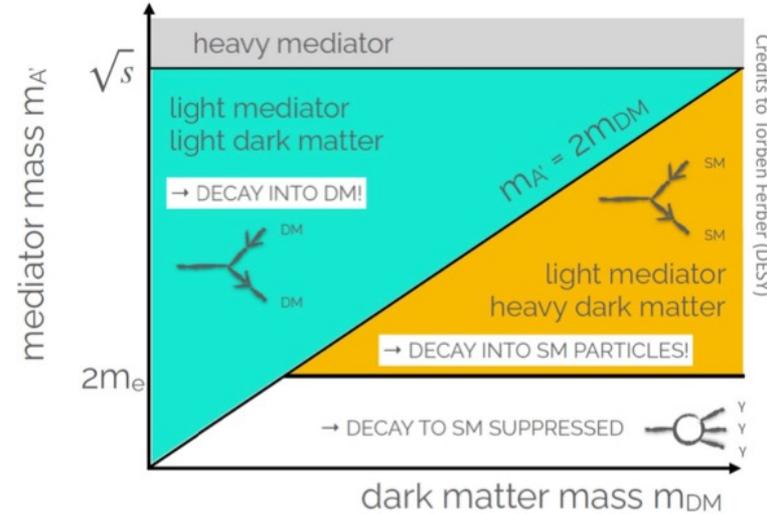
$$\mu = 4.2_{-2.8}^{+2.9}(\text{stat})_{-1.6}^{+1.8}(\text{syst})$$



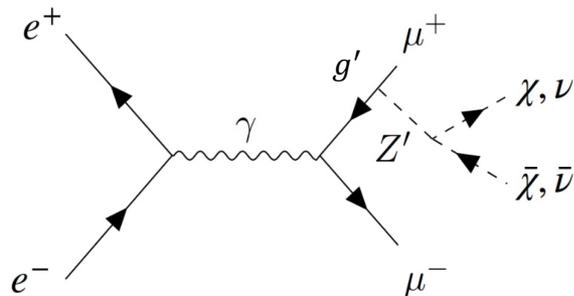
Competitive with previous measurement despite the much smaller dataset (63/fb vs 429/fb @BaBar and 711/fb @Belle)



Special triggers for low-multiplicity events: single track, muon, photon

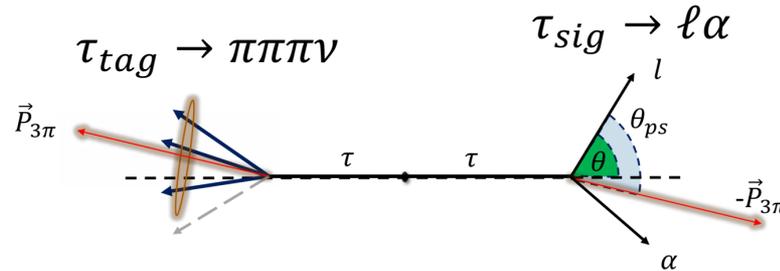


Search for a Z' invisible decay



Massive gauge boson Z' coupling only to the 2nd and 3rd generation of leptons
 Z' recoiling against $\mu\mu$ pairs

Search for axion-like particles in tau decay



ALP seen as a bump in lepton energy

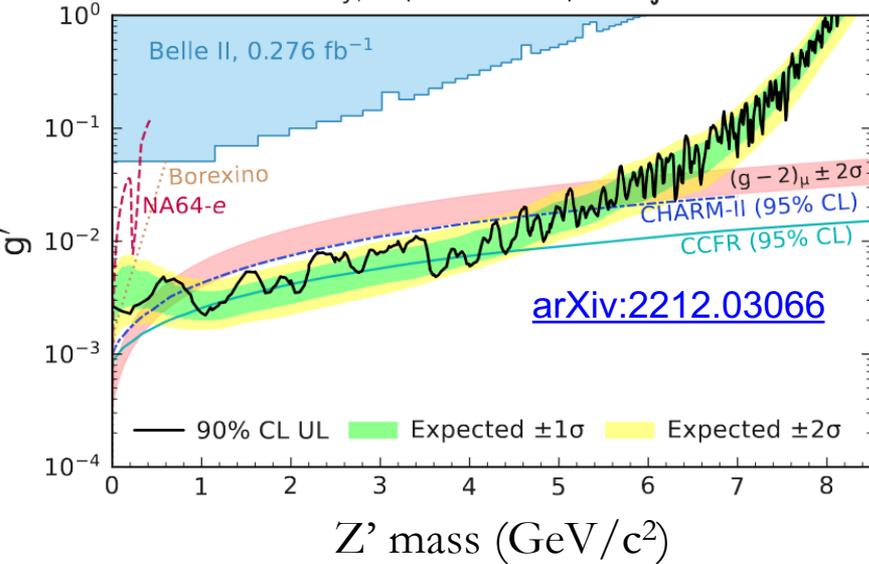
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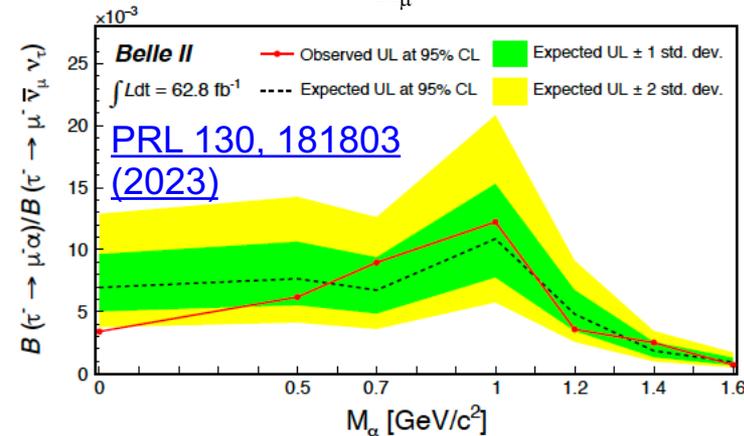
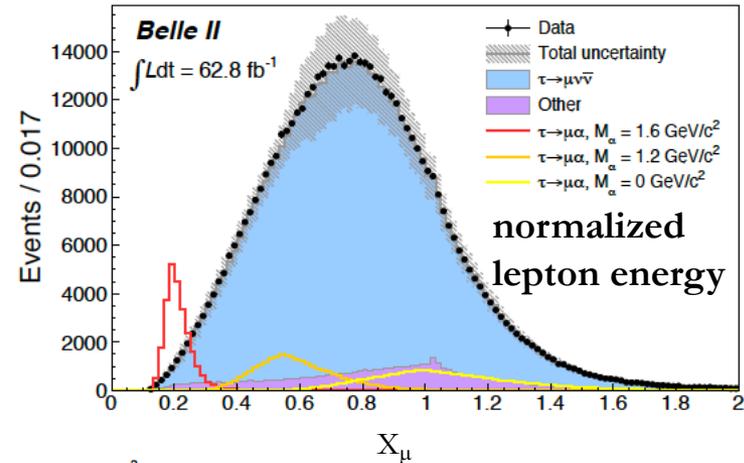
Search for a Z' invisible decay

Belle II Preliminary, $BF(Z' \rightarrow \text{invisible}) = 1$ $\int L dt = 79.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



- Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + \text{missing energy}$
- Excluding a fully invisible Z' boson as an explanation of the $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly for $0.8 < M_{Z'} < 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Search for ALPs in tau decay



These 95% CL limits are 2.2 to 14 times more stringent than best previous limits set by ARGUS

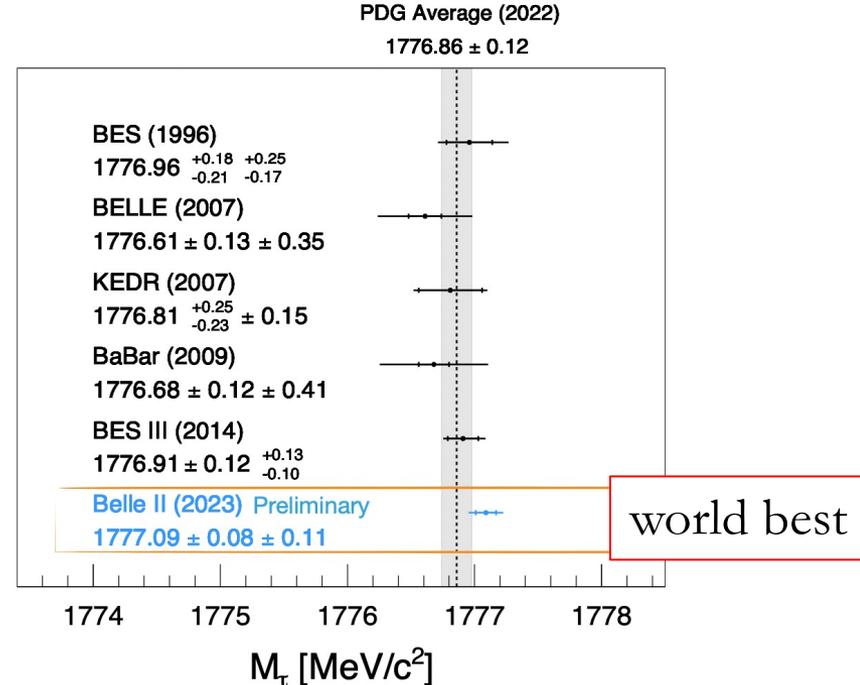
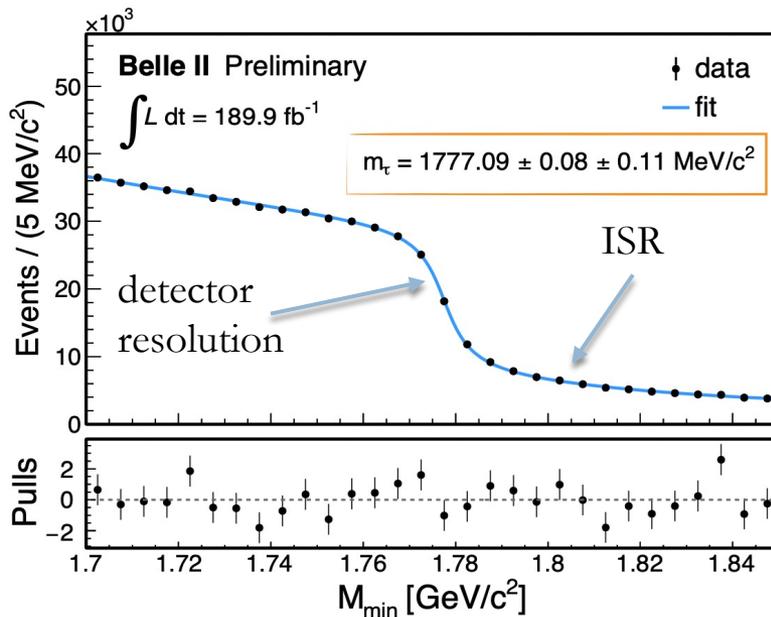
Belle II is also a tau-lepton factory !

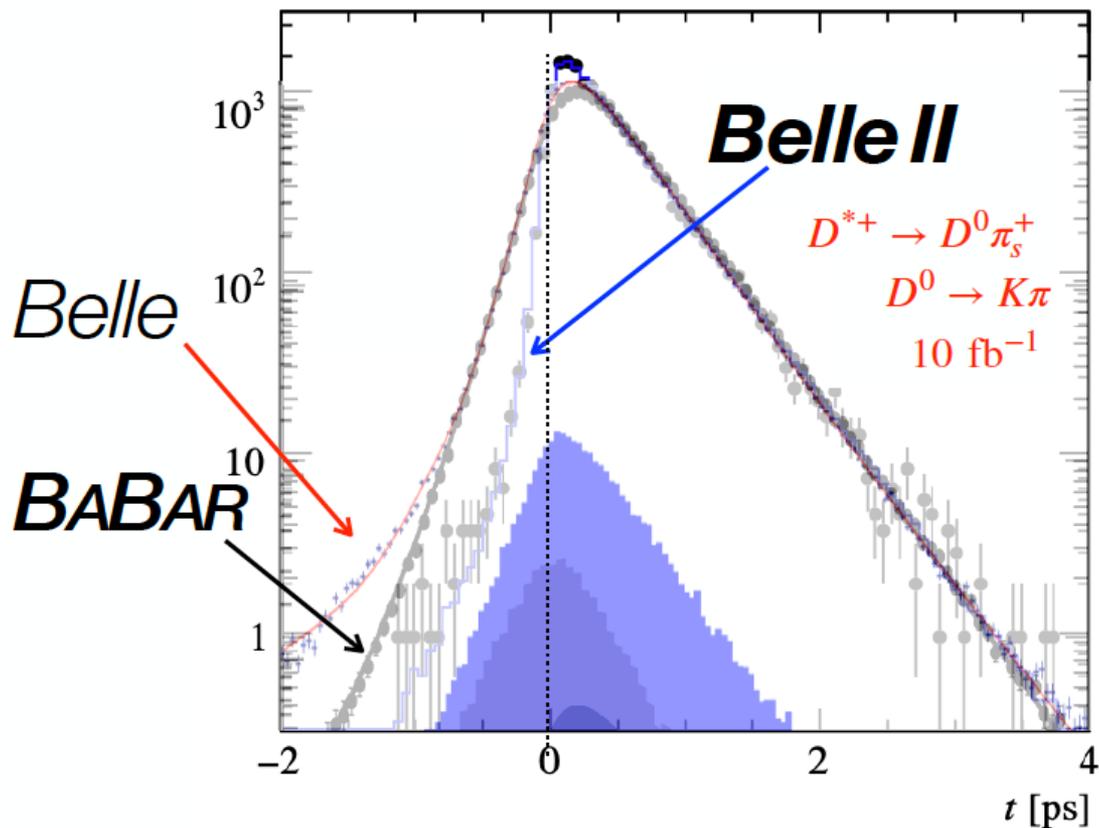
330M $\tau\tau$ pairs in Belle II dataset

Using 1-prong and 3-prong events for tag side

Crucial knowledge of beam energy and its resolution (ARGUS method)

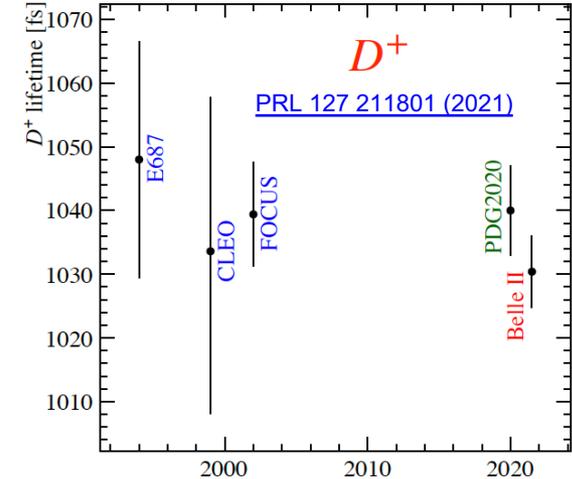
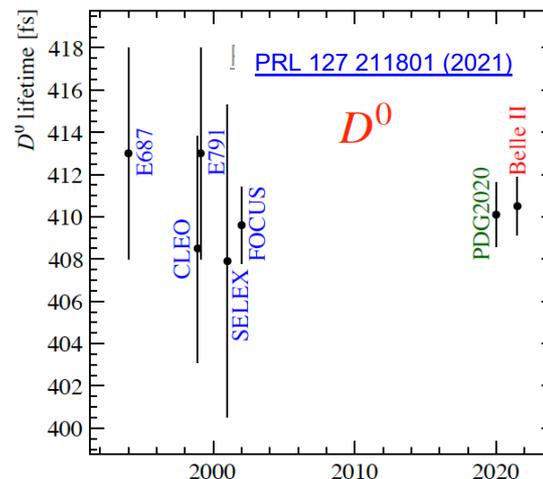
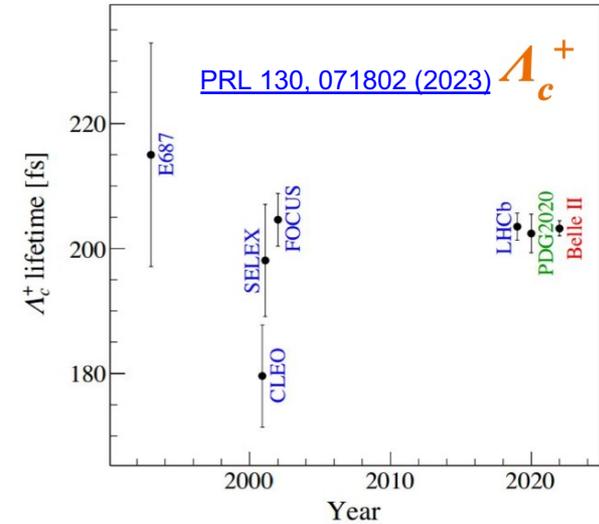
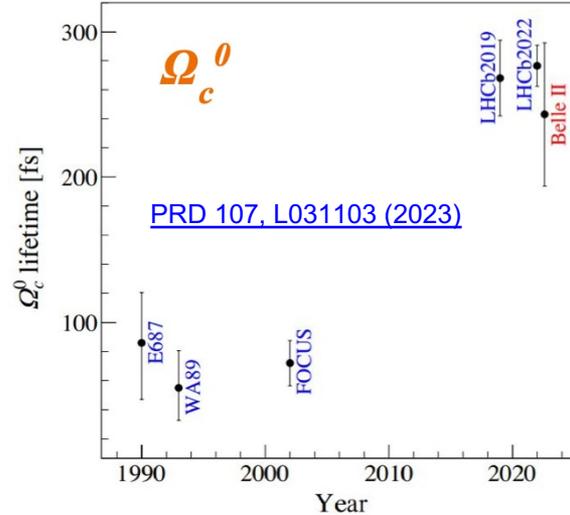
$$M_{\min} = \sqrt{M_{3\pi}^2 + 2(\sqrt{s}/2 - E_{3\pi}^*)(E_{3\pi}^* - P_{3\pi}^*)} \leq M_{\tau}.$$





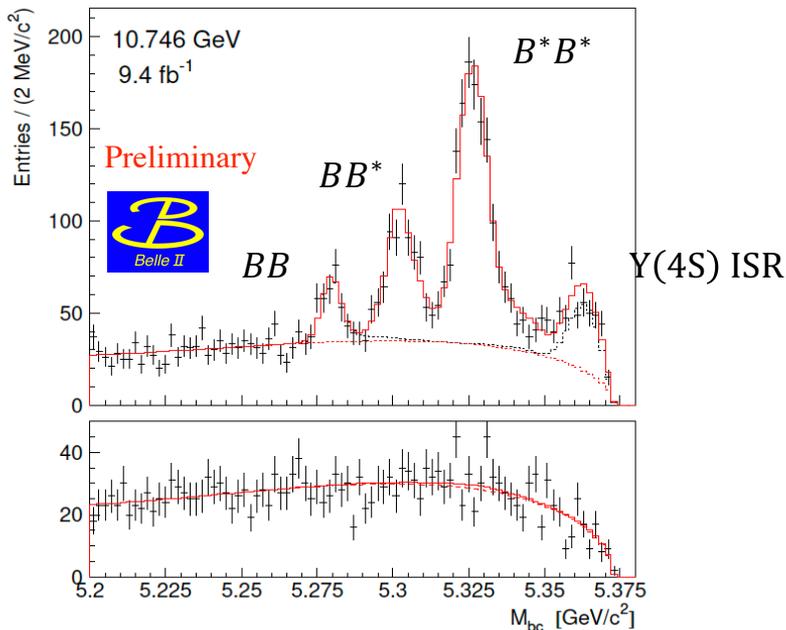
Improved proper time resolution:
 2x better decay time resolution than Belle

- HQE predicted hierarchy of hadron lifetimes, disproved by LHCb Ω_c lifetime measurement*
- Belle II confirms the new picture !
- World's most precise measurements of the Λ_c ($\sim 200/\text{fb}$), D^0 and D^+ lifetimes ($72/\text{fb}$)
- Few per-mill accuracy establishes the excellent performance of our detector!

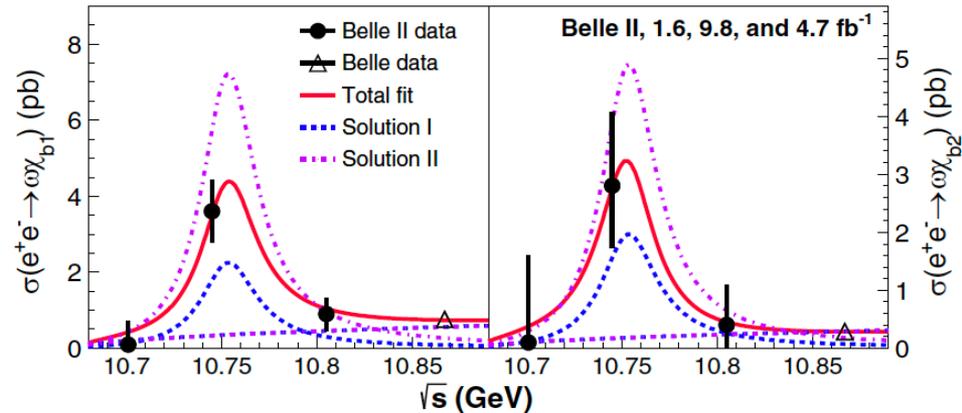
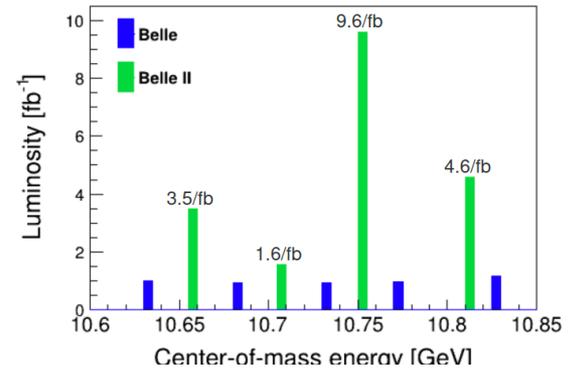


*PRL, 121, 092003 (2018)

In 2021 SuperKEKB ran above $Y(4S)$ resonance



Measurement of the energy dependence of the $ee \rightarrow BB, BB^*, B^*B^*$ cross sections

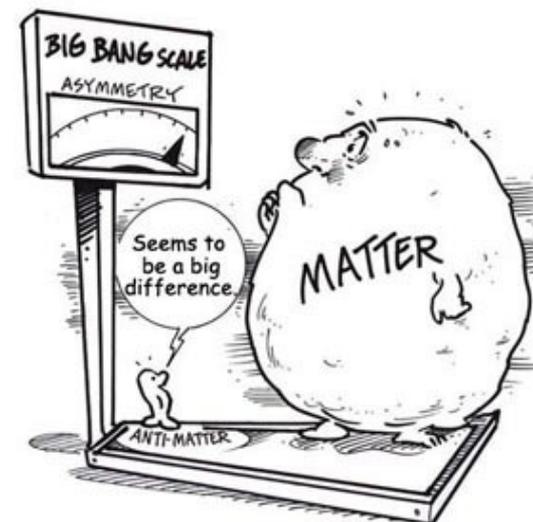


- Measurement of cross-section peak, consistent with $Y(10753)$ state
- First observation of $\omega\chi_{bj}(1P)$ signal at 10.745 GeV

Belle II experiment has collected a sample that matches the size of BaBar's and is half the size of Belle's.

Belle II is not only a high luminosity Belle Experiment. With the use of novel analyses techniques we have already achieved results that compete with previous measurements and some results that are exclusive to us.

We plan to resume collisions next winter and in few years Belle II will get the sensitivity to shed light on the anomalies in the Standard Model



Luminosity matters

Observable	Past	Soon	Target	Dream
Observable	2022 Belle(II), BaBar	Belle-II 5 ab ⁻¹	Belle-II 50 ab ⁻¹	Belle-II 250 ab ⁻¹
$\sin 2\beta/\phi_1$	0.03	0.012	0.005	0.002
γ/ϕ_3 (Belle+BelleII)	11°	4.7°	1.5°	0.8°
α/ϕ_2 (WA)	4°	2°	0.6°	0.3°
$ V_{ub} $ (Exclusive)	4.5%	2%	1%	< 1%
$S_{CP}(B \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0)$	0.08	0.03	0.015	0.007
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow \pi^0 K_S^0)$	0.15	0.07	0.025	0.018
$S_{CP}(B \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)$	0.32	0.11	0.035	0.015
$R(B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-)^\dagger$	0.26	0.09	0.03	0.01
$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)$	0.018	0.009	0.0045	< 0.003
$R(B \rightarrow D \tau \nu)$	0.034	0.016	0.008	< 0.003
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$	24%	9%	4%	2%
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})$	–	25%	9%	4%
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma)$ UL	42×10^{-9}	22×10^{-9}	6.9×10^{-9}	3.1×10^{-9}
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu)$ UL	21×10^{-9}	3.6×10^{-9}	0.36×10^{-9}	0.073×10^{-9}

Table 2: Projected precision (total uncertainties, or 90% CL upper limits) of selected flavour physics measurements at Belle II. (The † symbol denotes the measurement in the momentum transfer squared bin $1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.)

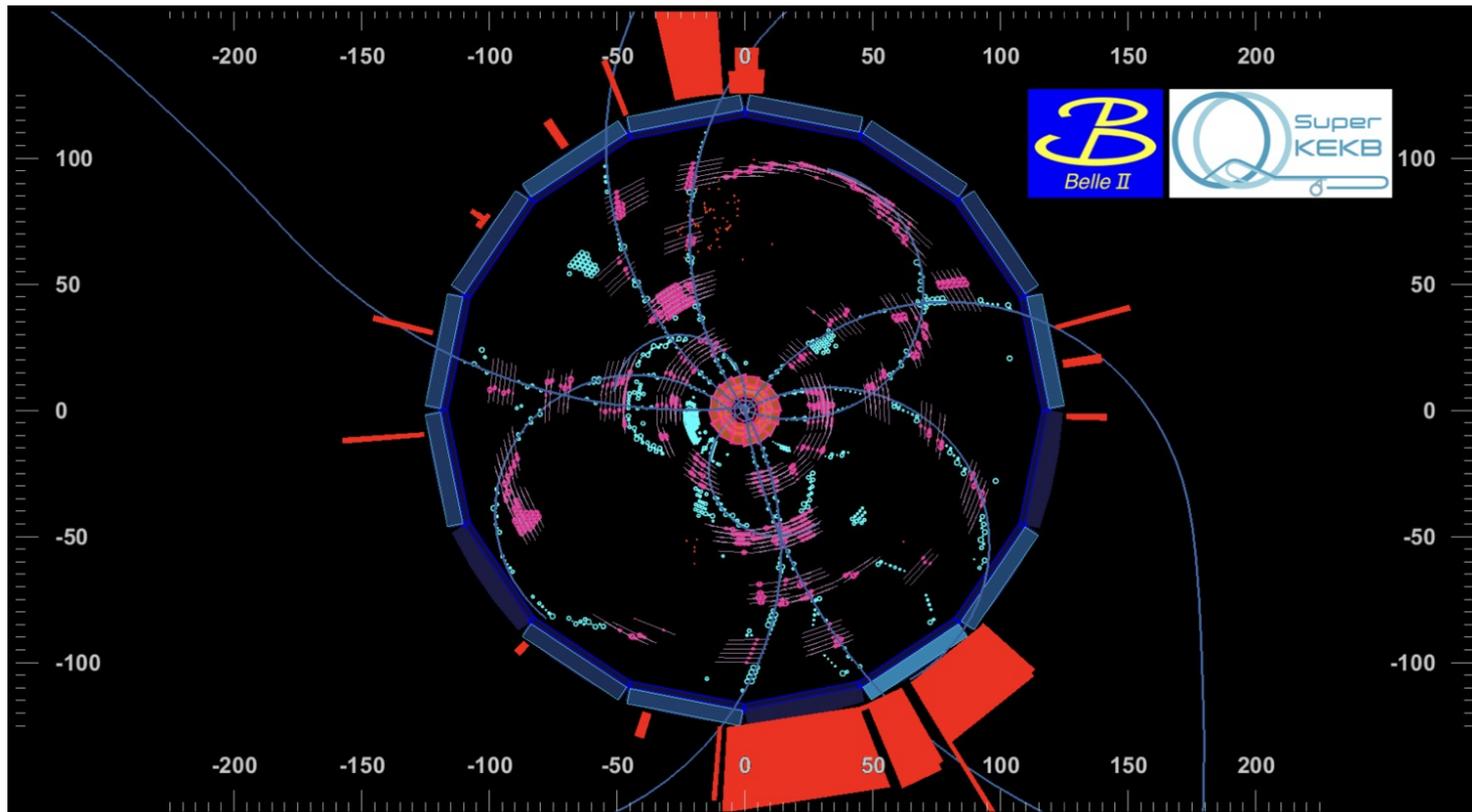
Snowmass White Paper:
Belle II physics reach and plans for
the next decade and beyond

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06307>

Snowmass Whitepaper:
The Belle II Detector Upgrade Program

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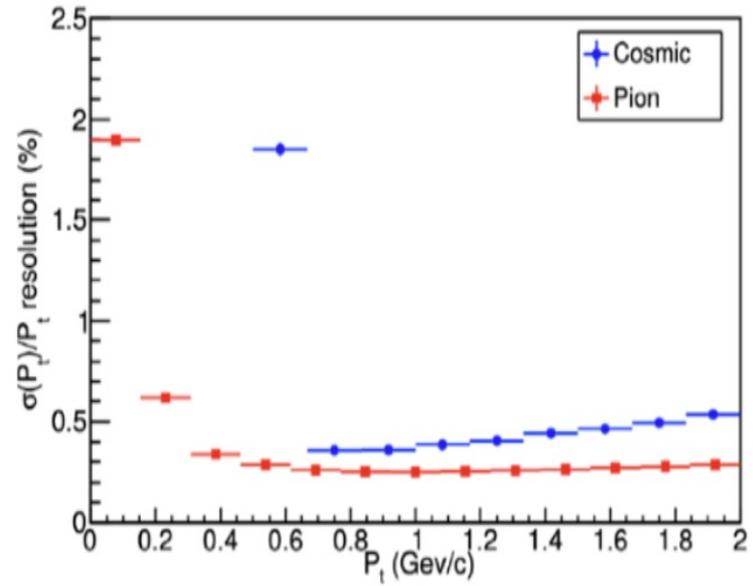
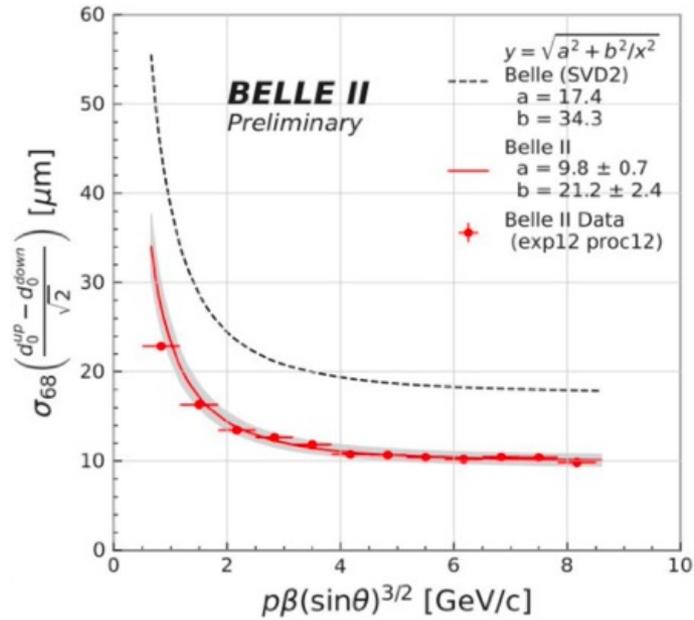
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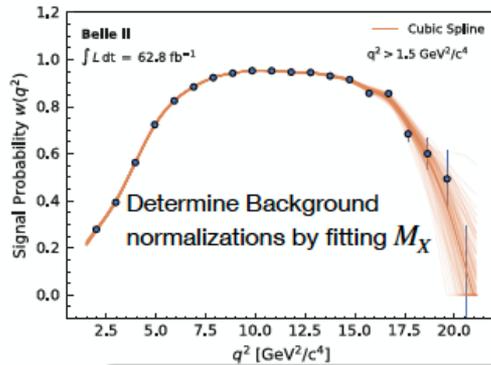




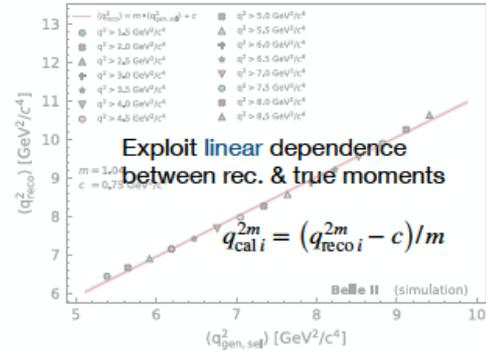
Backup







Step #1: Subtract Background

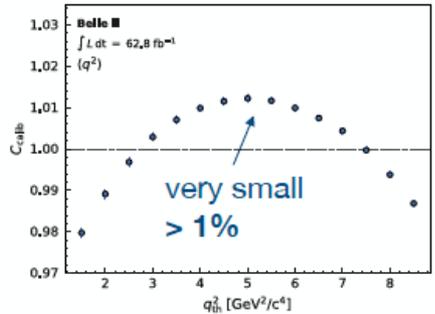


Step #2: Calibrate moment

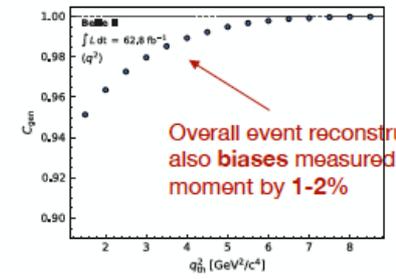
Event-wise Master-formula

$$\langle q^{2n} \rangle = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_i^2) \times q_{\text{calib},i}^{2n}}{\sum_j^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_j^2)} \times C_{\text{calib}} \times C_{\text{gen}}$$

Step #3: If you fail, try again



Step #4: Correct for selection effects



Search for a Z' invisible decay

Introduction

Hypothetical massive gauge boson Z' coupling only to the 2nd and 3rd generation of leptons in the framework of $L_\mu - L_\tau$ model [1,2].

Seek to explain:

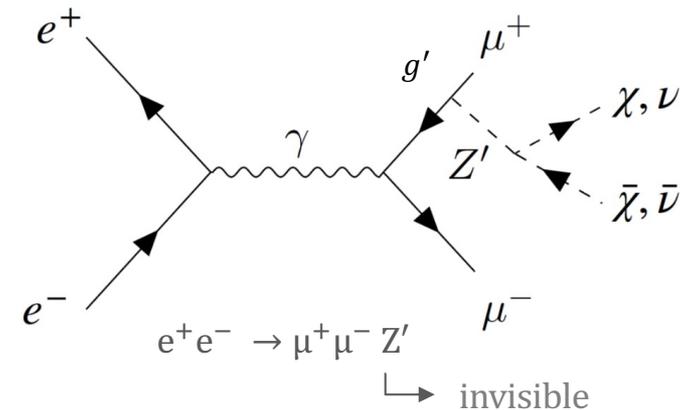
- $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly;
- anomalies in B decays to leptons;
- the Dark Matter puzzle;

State of the art:

- Existing limits from BaBar, CMS and Belle for a Z' visible decay into a couple of muons and from NA64-e for a Z' invisibly decaying;
- **Brand new searches Belle II for a Z' invisible decay;**

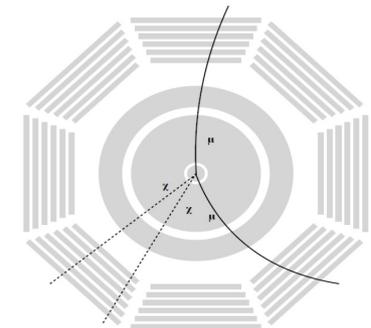
[1] Shuve et al., [Phys. Rev. D 89 \(2014\)](#)

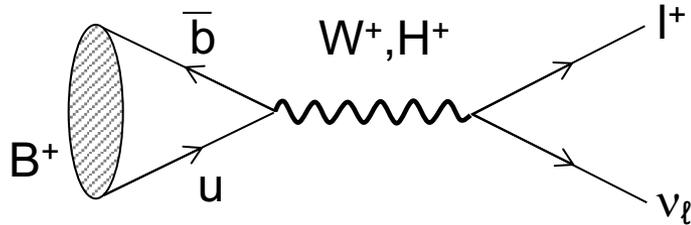
[2] Altmannshofer et al., [JHEP 106 \(2016\)](#)



Experimental signature:

Two opposite sign muons + missing energy
a peak in the recoil mass distribution against two muons



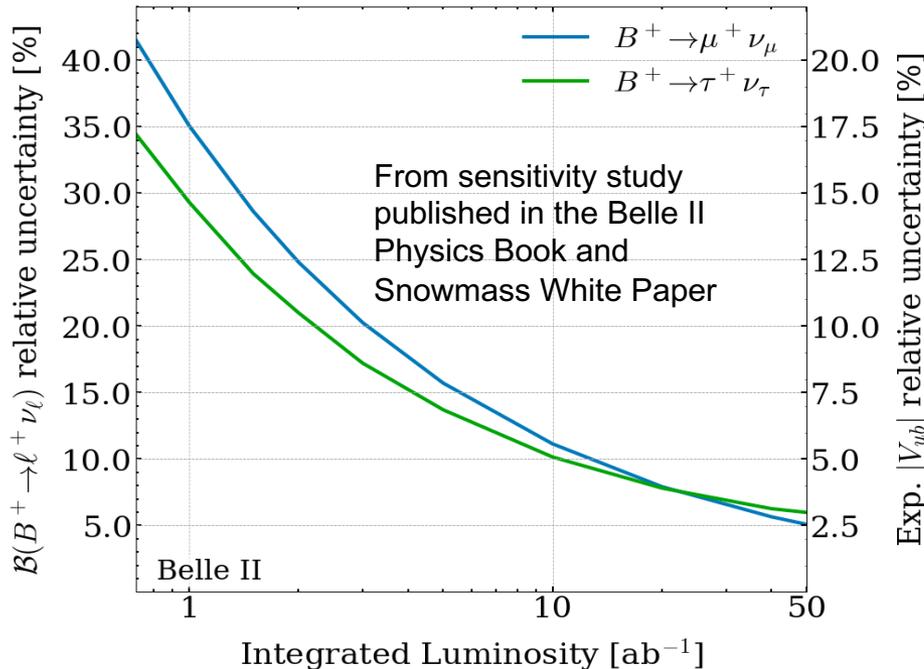


$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow l\nu) = \frac{G_F^2 m_B}{8\pi} m_l^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_l^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2 \tau_B$$

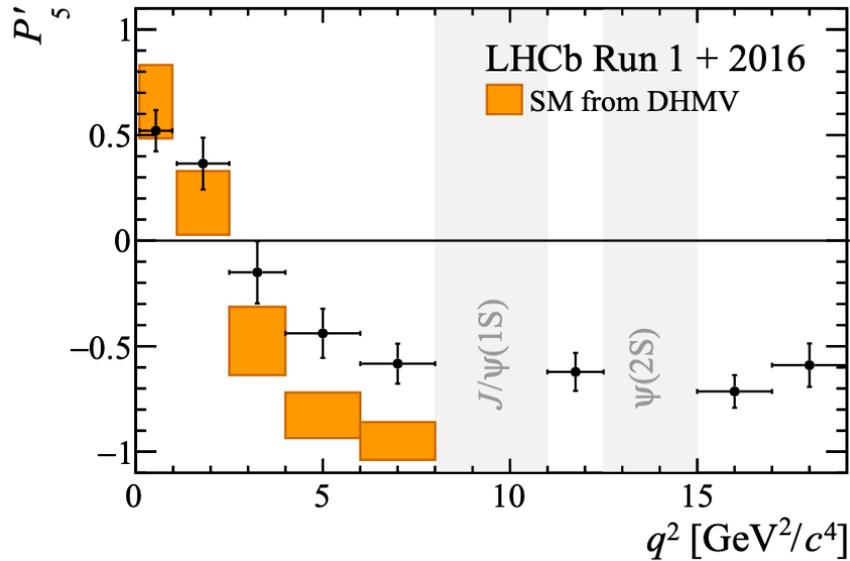
$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow l\nu) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow l\nu)_{SM} \times r_H$$

$$r_H = \left(1 - \tan^2 \beta \frac{m_B^2}{m_H^2}\right)^2$$

in 2HDM type II

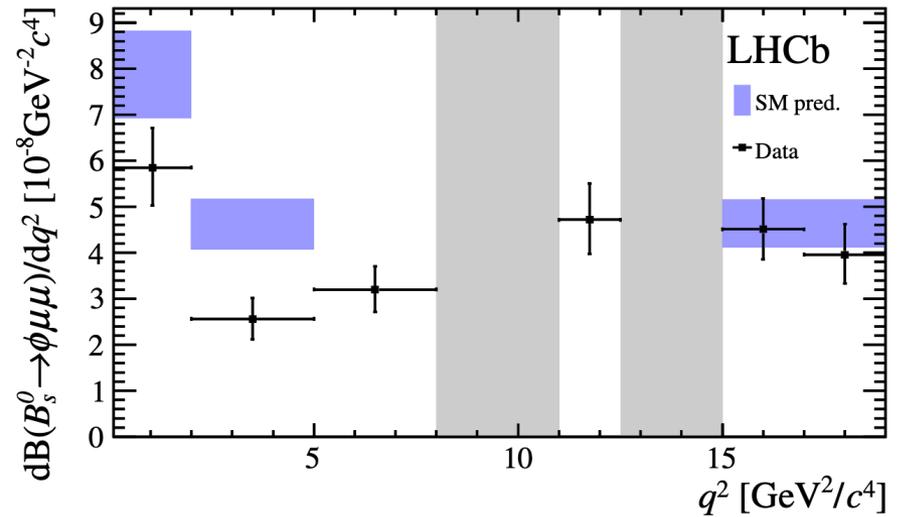


- Very clean theoretically, hard experimentally
- SM is helicity suppressed
- Sensitive to NP contribution (for ex: Charged Higgs)



$$B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$$

[LHCb, [2003.04831](#)]



$$B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$$

[LHCb, [1506.08777](#)]

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Unfolded result

- Consistent with theoretical expectations
- Uncertainty is comparable with other had-tagged measurement [BaBar 210 fb⁻¹ (E₀=1.9 GeV), [PRD.77.051103](#)]

E_γ^B threshold [GeV]	$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$ [10^{-4}]
1.8	3.54 ± 0.78 (stat.) ± 0.83 (syst.)
2.0	3.06 ± 0.56 (stat.) ± 0.47 (syst.)
2.1	2.49 ± 0.46 (stat.) ± 0.35 (syst.)

Reminder (For $E_\gamma > 1.6$ GeV)

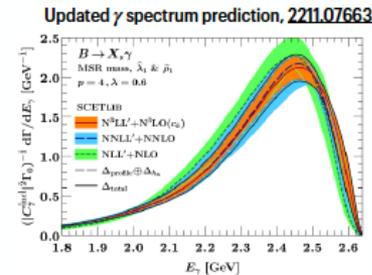
$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{TH}}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) = (3.40 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{EX}}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) = (3.49 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-4}$$

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All tagging approaches



Improved scenario relies on ongoing studies of $\pi^0/\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ veto modelling

Prospects [2207.06307](#)

Lower E_γ^B threshold	Statistical uncertainty				Baseline (improved)
	1 ab ⁻¹	5 ab ⁻¹	10 ab ⁻¹	50 ab ⁻¹	syst. uncertainty
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%)

Background

Theory unc.

Lower E_γ^B thresholds \Leftrightarrow more challenging analysis due to larger $B\bar{B}$ backgrounds

LS1 on-going work: SuperKEKB



■ Countermeasures against sudden beam loss

- Additional real-time monitoring
- Faster abort system

■ Additional shielding

- Against neutrons
 - around final focusing magnets (QCS)
 - Around end-caps

■ Collimators

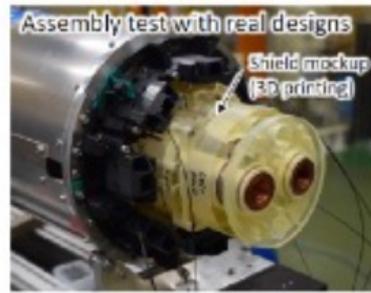
- Non-linear types → background mitigation
- Harder head material → better resilience

■ Injection

- New beam-pipe + faster kicker magnets + new quadrupole magnet
- Higher efficiency & mitigated background

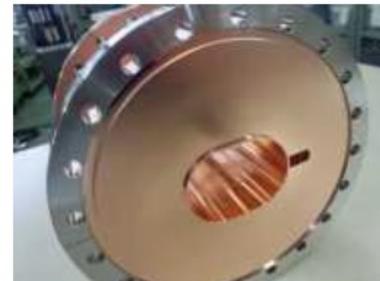
■ RF cavity replacement

- More stable operation and larger beam currents



Shielding on QCS bellow

Carbon collimator head

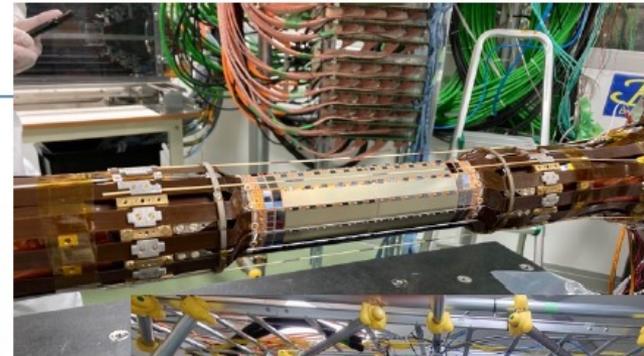
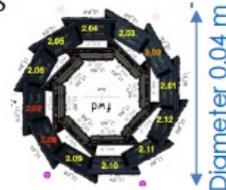


Larger pipe injection

LS1 work: Belle II

Completion of pixel layers

- Entirely new 2 complete layers of DEPFET sensors
 - Previously 2nd layer was 17% complete



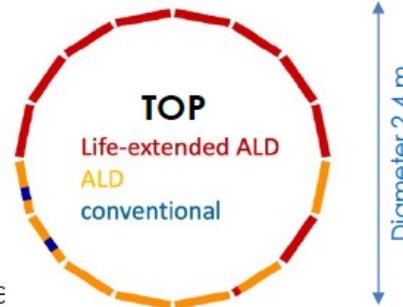
Time of Propagation robustness

- Replacement to Atomic Layer Deposited (ALD) Micro-Channel Plate PMT
 - Increased lifespan & hit rate limit (3→5 MHz/cm²)



DAQ

- New PCIe40 boards used by all subsystems
 - But PXD (specific data path)



CDC

- Improved gas distribution & monitoring system
 - Better gain stability