



Leptonic and semileptonic decays with taus at the Belle II experiment

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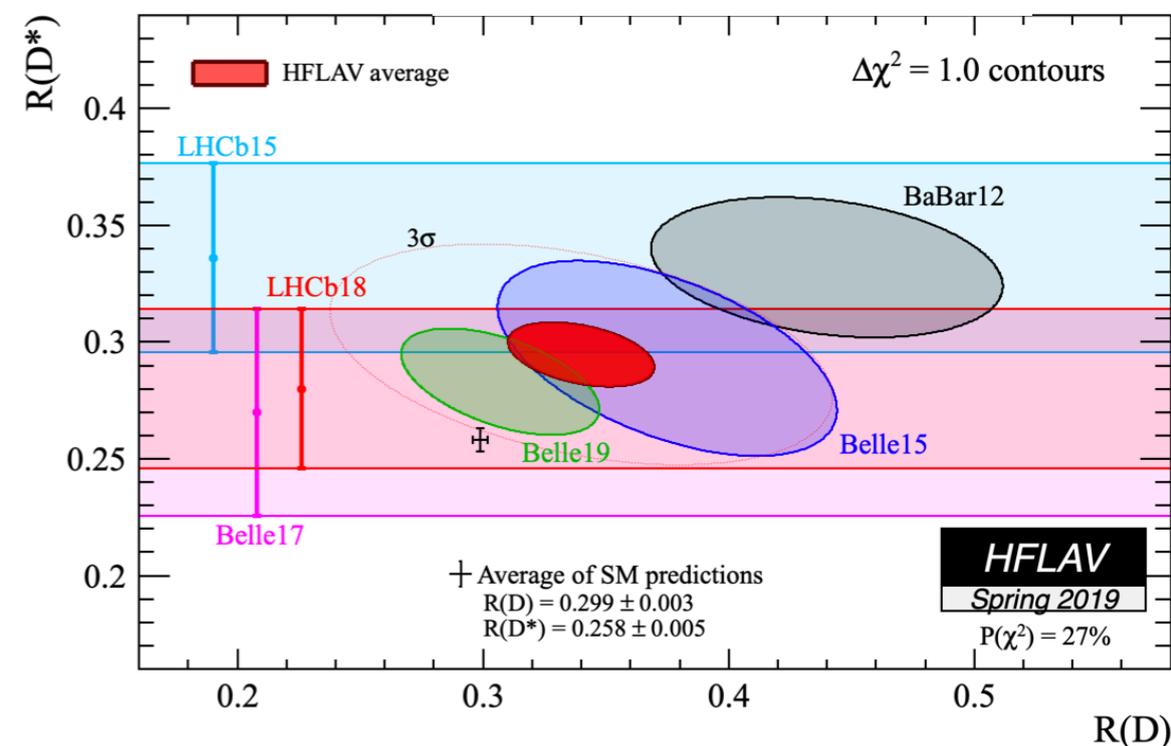
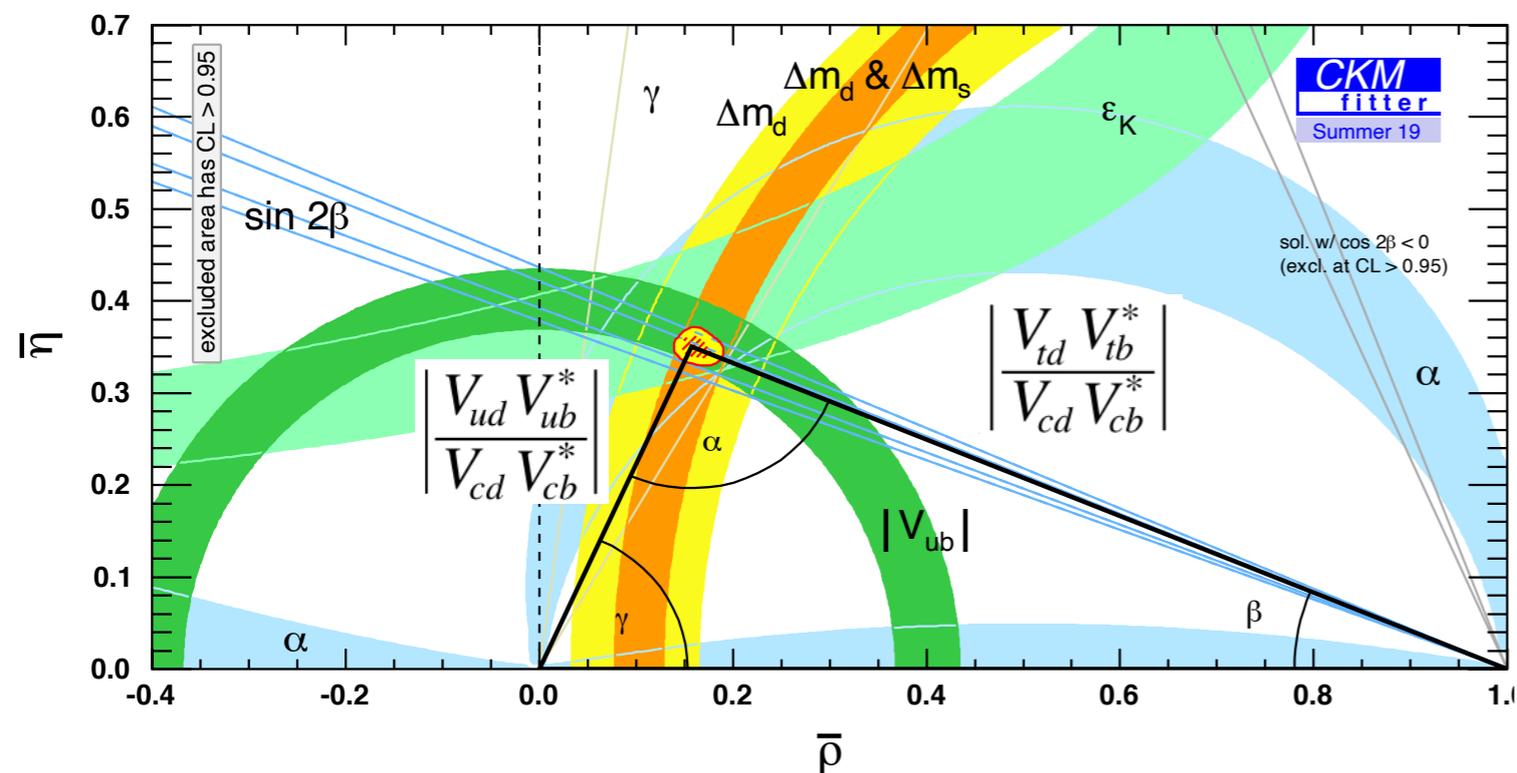
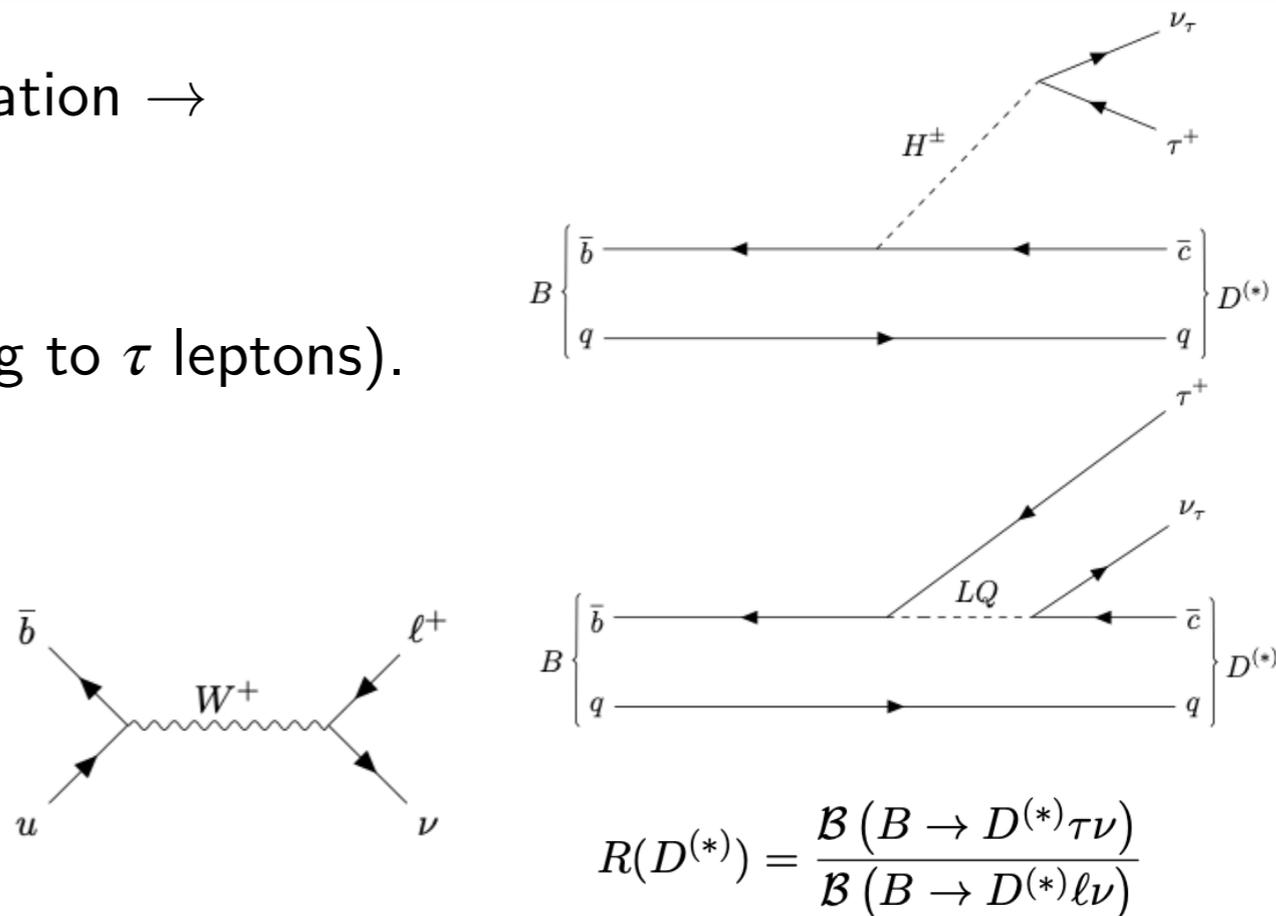
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Motivation for $B \rightarrow \tau\nu, B \rightarrow (X)\tau\nu$

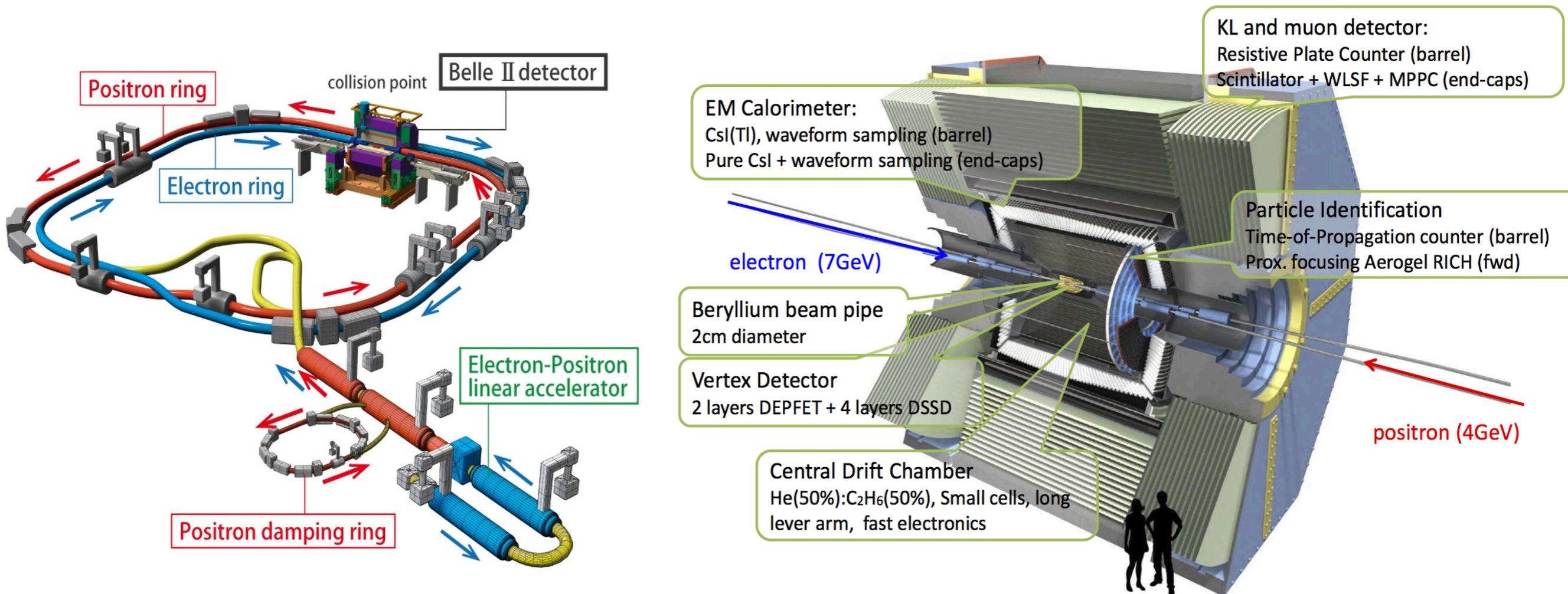
1. Powerful test for lepton flavour universality violation \rightarrow
 $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$ portal to new physics:

- Two-Higgs doublet models (stronger coupling to τ leptons).
- Leptoquarks.

2. Complementary measurements of V_{ub} to light lepton ($\ell = e, \mu$) semileptonic channels \rightarrow input to CKM global fits.

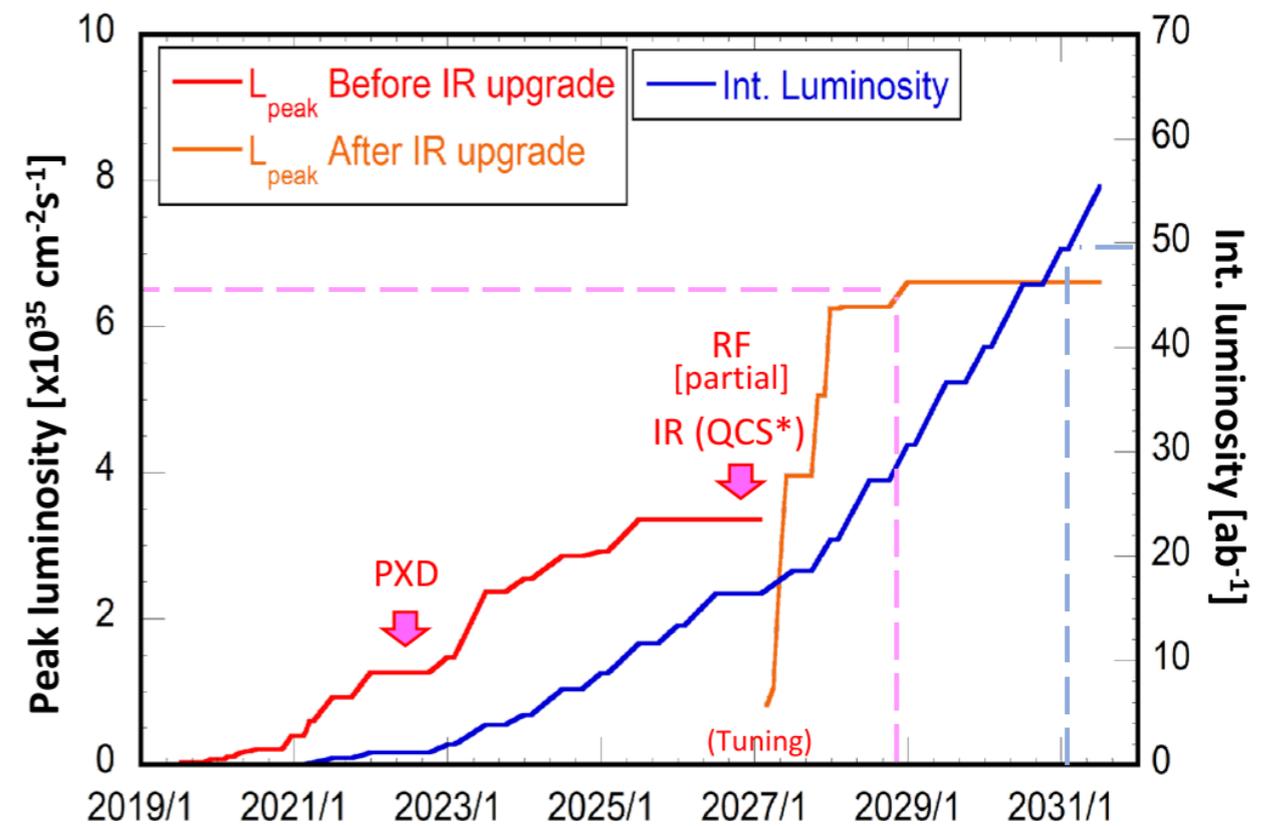
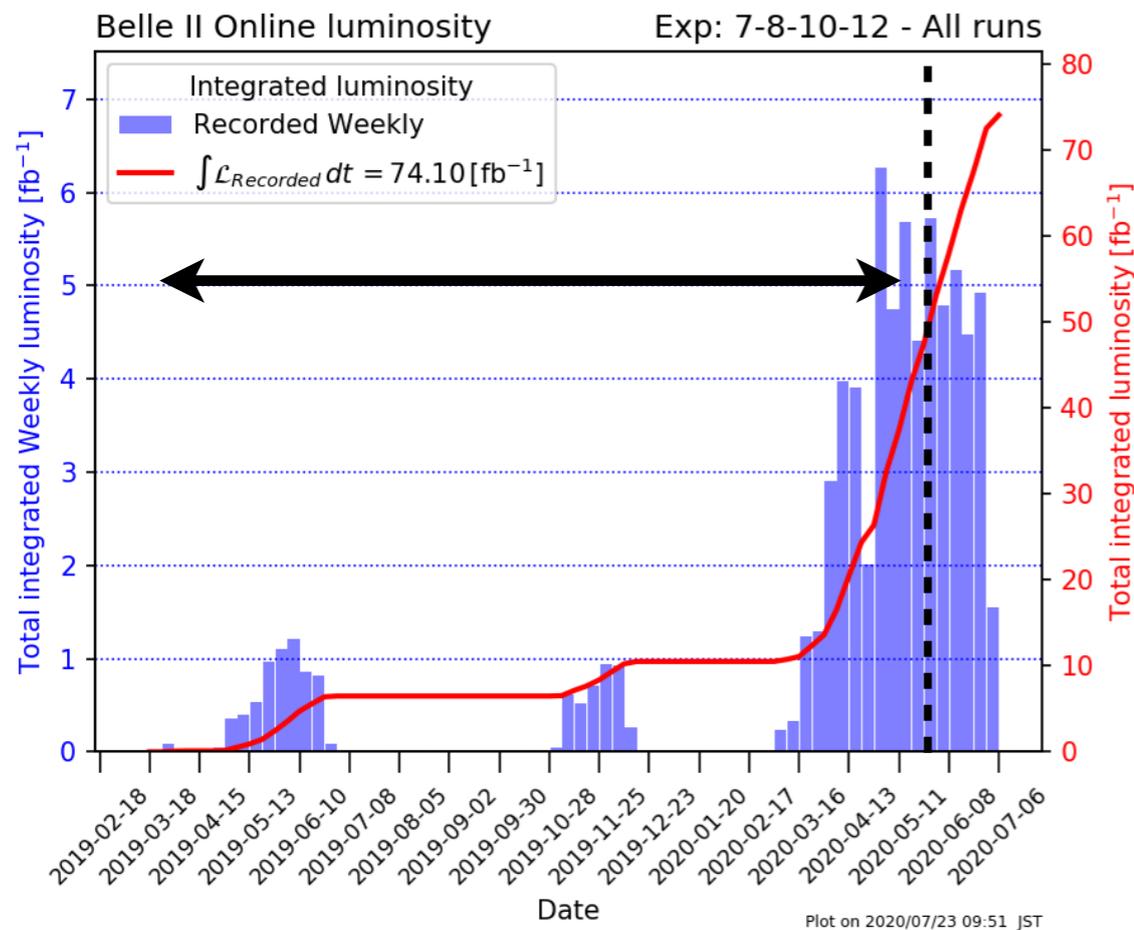


SuperKEKB and the Belle II detector



- *SuperKEKB*: 40x higher instantaneous luminosity than KEKB $\rightarrow \mathcal{L} = 6 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- *Belle II*: major upgrade of Belle detector to cope with harsher beam background conditions.
- Improvements in reconstruction algorithm, esp. tracking, vertexing and particle identification.

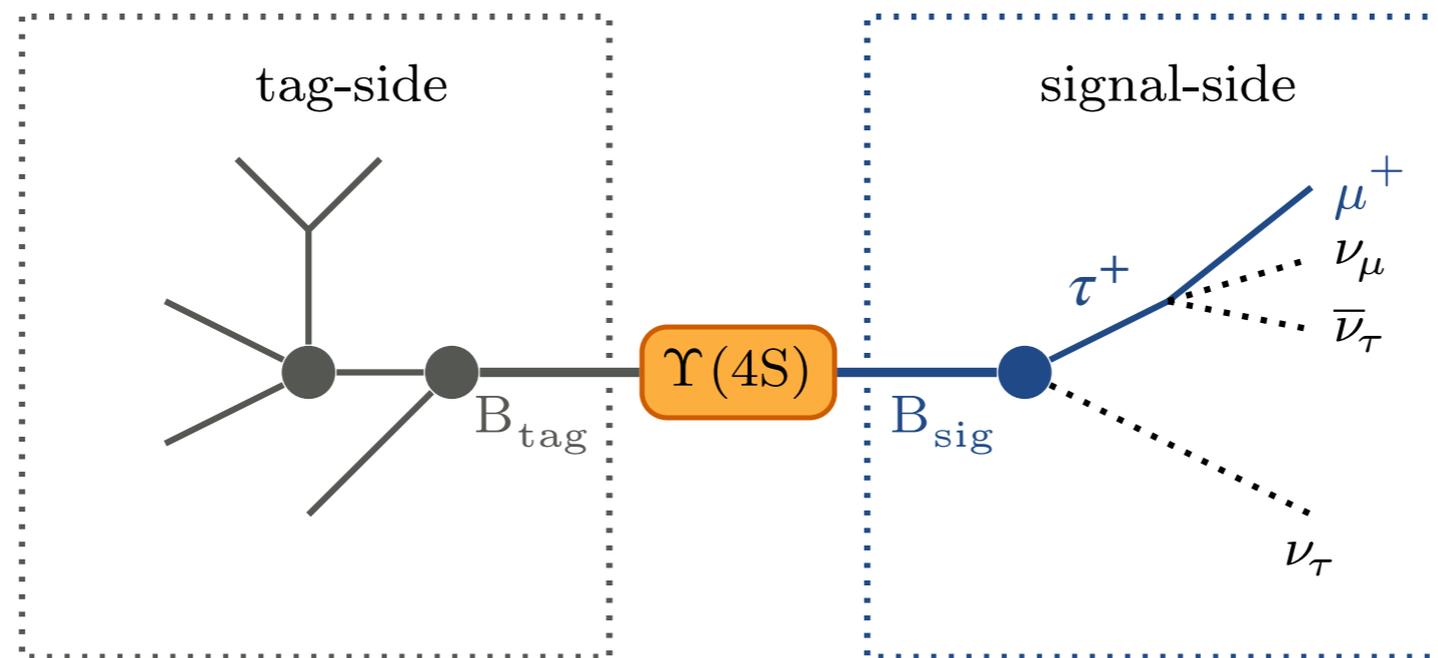
Current Belle II dataset and projected luminosity



ICHEP 2020 dataset: $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 34.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

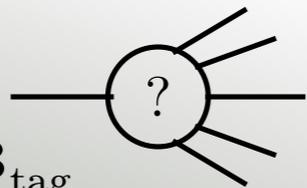
- Present data sample too limited for performing B (semi)tauonic physics measurements.
 - Studied data/MC comparisons to demonstrate understanding of detector performance.
- Expecting first measurements with τ 's with $\mathcal{O}(200 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ in 2021.

Event reconstruction strategy



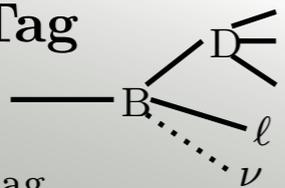
Inclusive Tag

$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(100)\%$
Consistency of B_{tag}



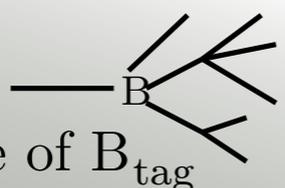
Semileptonic Tag

$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(1)\%$
Knowledge of B_{tag}



Hadronic Tag

$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(0.1)\%$
Exact knowledge of B_{tag}



- Exploit flavour and kinematic constraints on “signal” B system by *tagging* the other.

* \rightarrow C.M. frame

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}\right)^2 - p_{B_{tag}}^{*2}} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^{*2} - p_{B_{tag}}^{*2}} \quad \Delta E = E_{B_{tag}}^* - E_{beam}^*$$

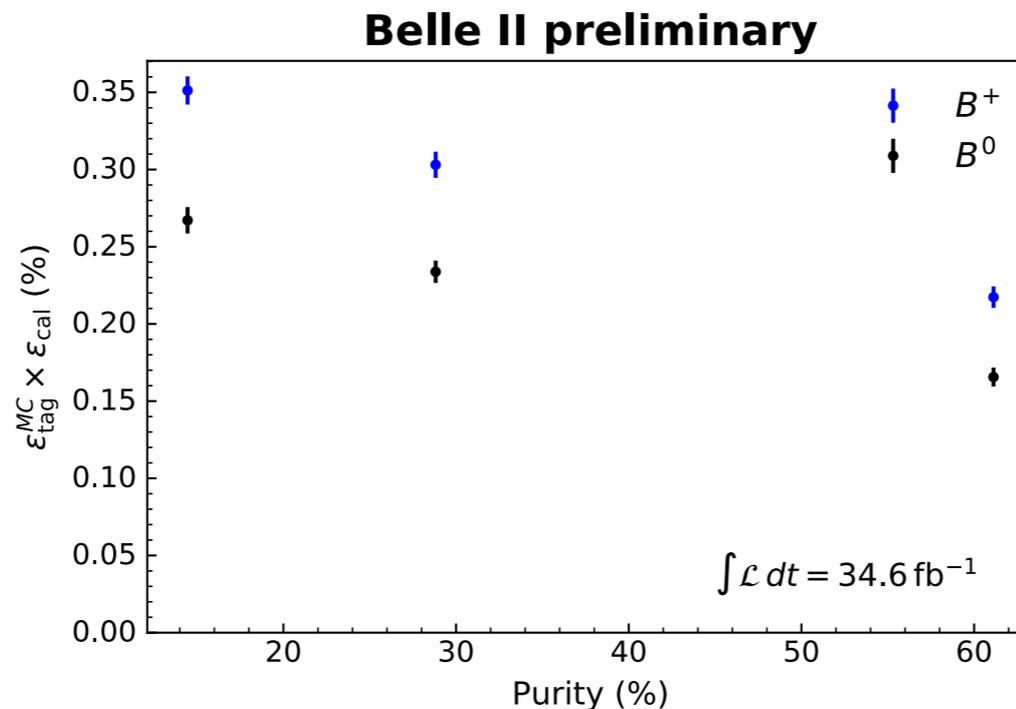
- B_{sig} most often reconstructed through leptonic decays of the τ ($\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu) \approx 34\%$) to further minimise background.

Information

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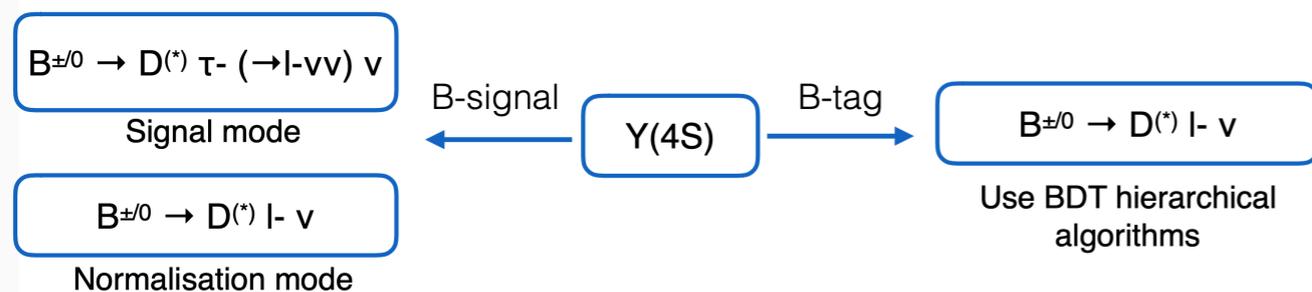
Full Event Interpretation algorithm for B_{tag} reconstruction

- Full Event Interpretation (FEI) algorithm developed in Belle II software $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(200)$ BDT classifiers trained on $\mathcal{O}(10,000)$ B decay channels to identify the B_{tag}



W. Sutcliffe's talk

- FEI successfully exploited in $R(D^{(*)})$ “semileptonic tag” analysis on Belle data analysed with the Belle II software.

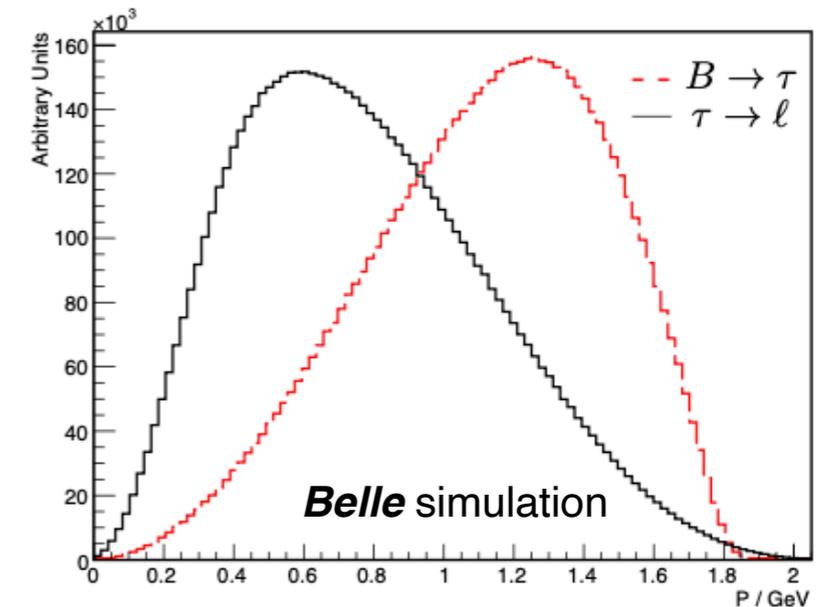


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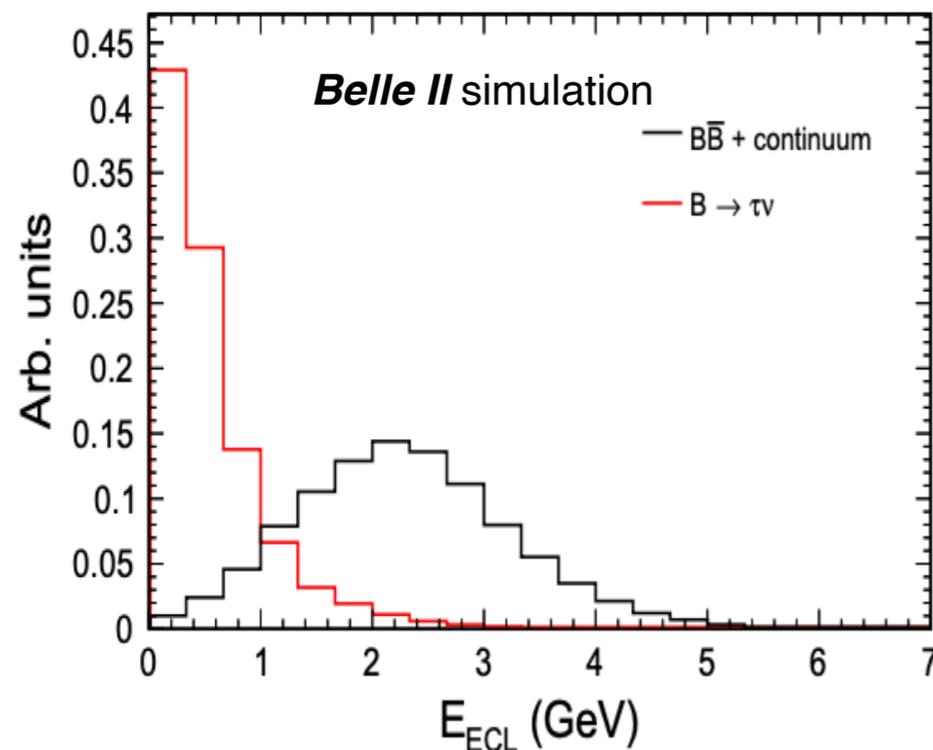
Experiment	Tag method	τ mode	R(D)	R(D*)	
Babar '12	Hadronic	$\ell \nu \nu$	0.440 ± 0.058 ± 0.042	0.332 ± 0.024 ± 0.018	
Belle '15	Hadronic	$\ell \nu \nu$	0.375 ± 0.064 ± 0.026	0.293 ± 0.038 ± 0.015	
LHCb '15	-	$\ell \nu \nu$	-	0.336 ± 0.027 ± 0.030	
Belle '16	Semileptonic	$\ell \nu \nu$	-	0.302 ± 0.030 ± 0.011	B^0
Belle '17	Hadronic	$\pi \nu, \rho \nu$	-	0.270 ± 0.035 ± 0.027	
LHCb '18	-	$\pi \pi \pi \nu$	-	0.291 ± 0.019 ± 0.029	
Belle '19	Semileptonic	$\ell \nu \nu$	0.307 ± 0.037 ± 0.016	0.283 ± 0.018 ± 0.014	B^0, B^+
Average (2018)	-	-	0.407 ± 0.039 ± 0.024	0.306 ± 0.013 ± 0.007	
Average (2019)	-	-	0.340 ± 0.027 ± 0.013	0.295 ± 0.011 ± 0.008	
SM			0.299 ± 0.003	0.258 ± 0.005	

Relevant observables for B decays with τ 's

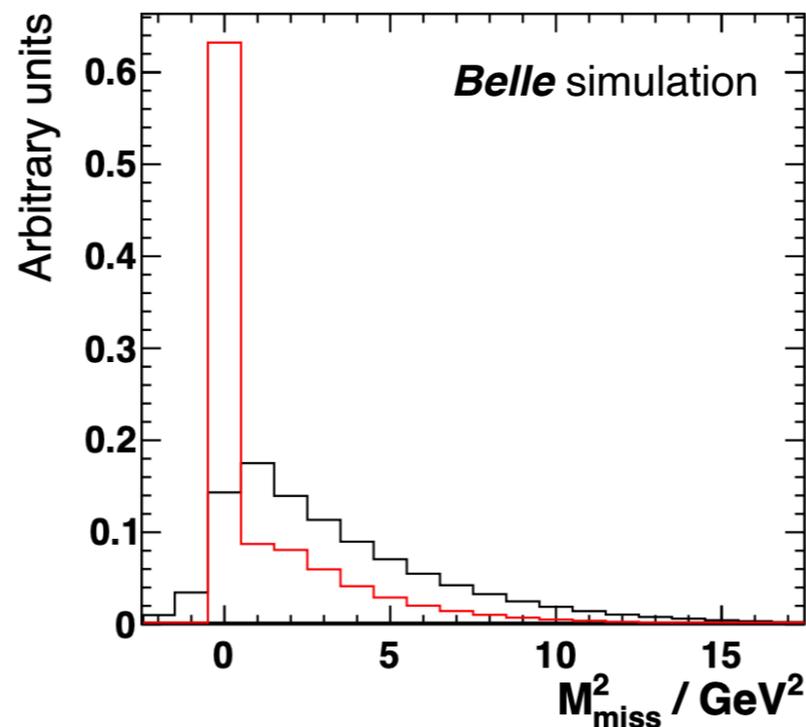
- p_ℓ^* (in B_{sig} r.f.) \rightarrow crucially dependent on good lepton identification performance.
 - Challenging due to low momentum of lepton daughters.
- m_{miss}^2 \rightarrow separates signal from $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$, pure hadronic final states.
- E_{ECL} \rightarrow energy in the calorimeter of neutral particles not used in the reconstruction of the signal or tag.



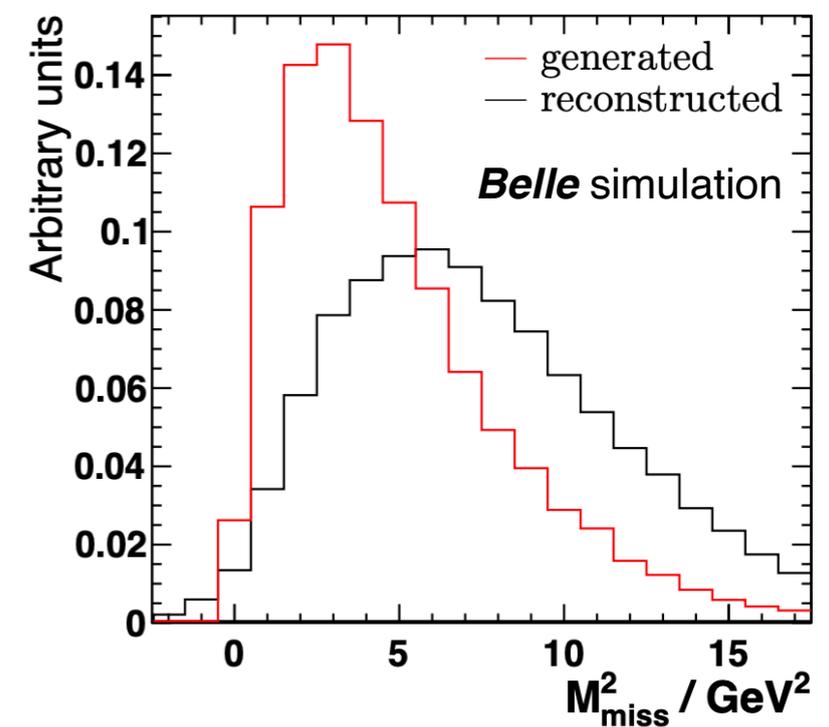
$B \rightarrow \tau\nu$ (MC reco only)



$B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$



$B \rightarrow X\tau\nu$



Lepton identification performance in 2020 data

- Lepton identification & hadron mis-id performance in simulation calibrated to data using several “standard candles” to cover broad p range.

Likelihood ratio (w/ inputs from all sub-detectors)

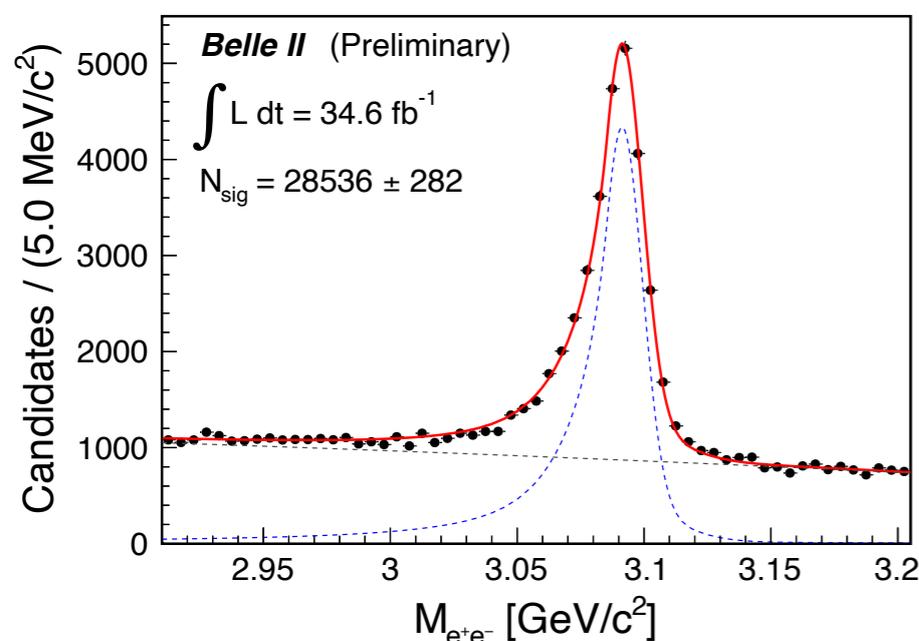
$$\ell_{\text{ID}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_\ell}{\mathcal{L}_e + \mathcal{L}_\mu + \mathcal{L}_\pi + \mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_p}$$

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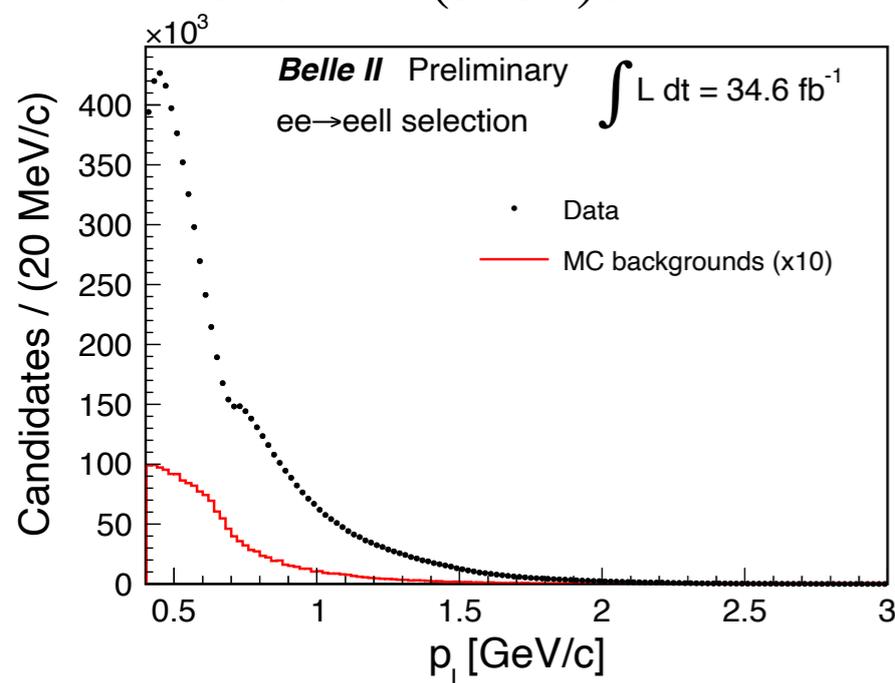
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Lepton ID efficiency ($\ell=e,\mu$)	Hadron mis-id.
$J/\psi \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$ee \rightarrow ee\ell\ell$	$ee \rightarrow \tau(1p)\tau(3p)$
$ee \rightarrow ee(\gamma)$	$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$
$ee \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$	$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$

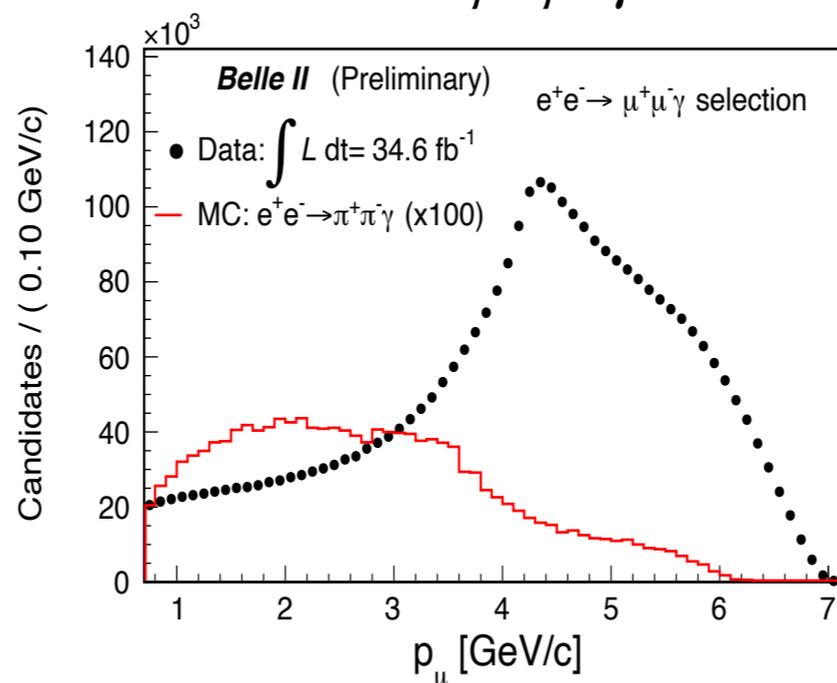
$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$



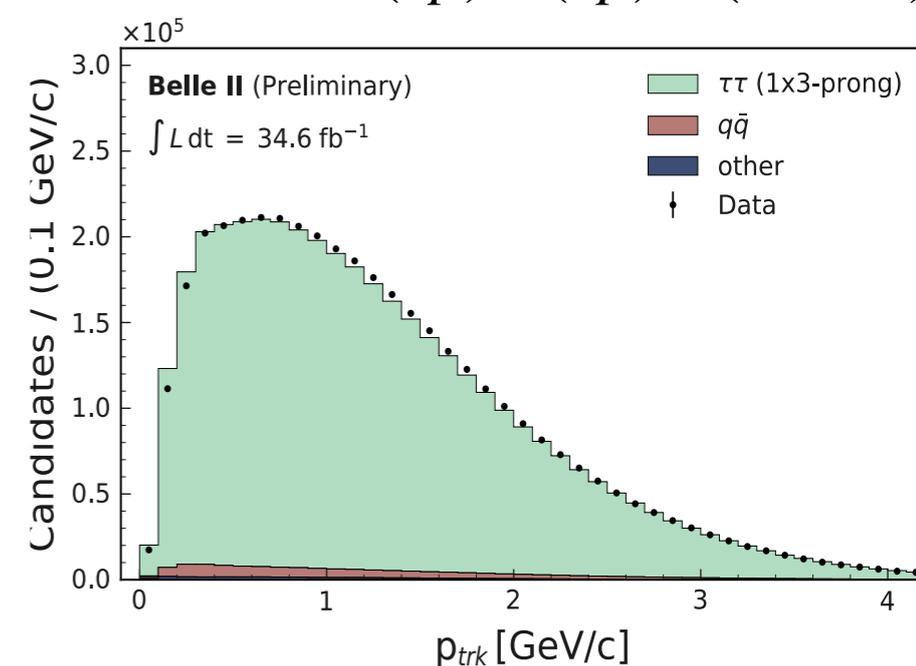
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow (e^+e^-)e^+e^-$$



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$$



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+(1p)\tau^-(3p) \quad (\pi \rightarrow \ell)$$

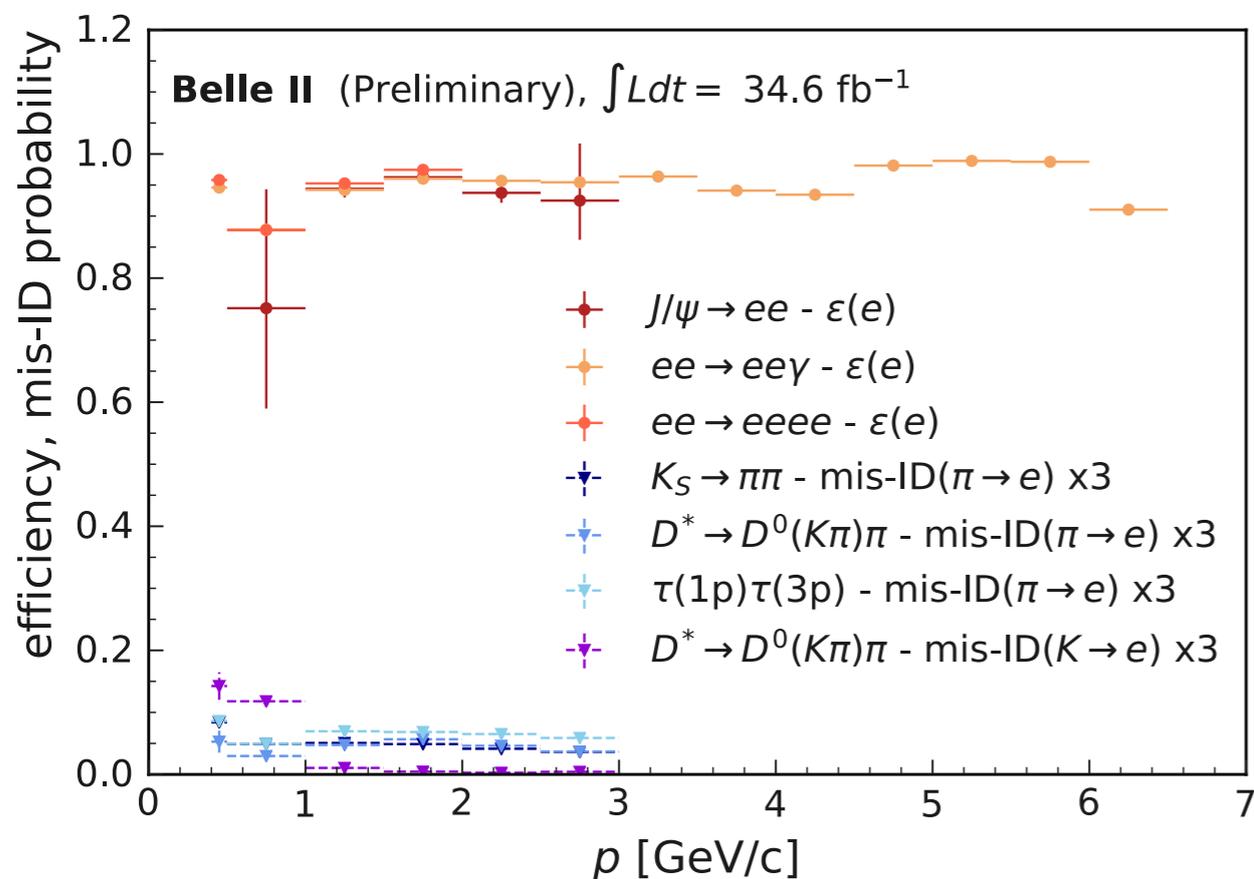


Lepton identification performance in 2020 data

- Results for a representative bin in the detector “barrel” region.

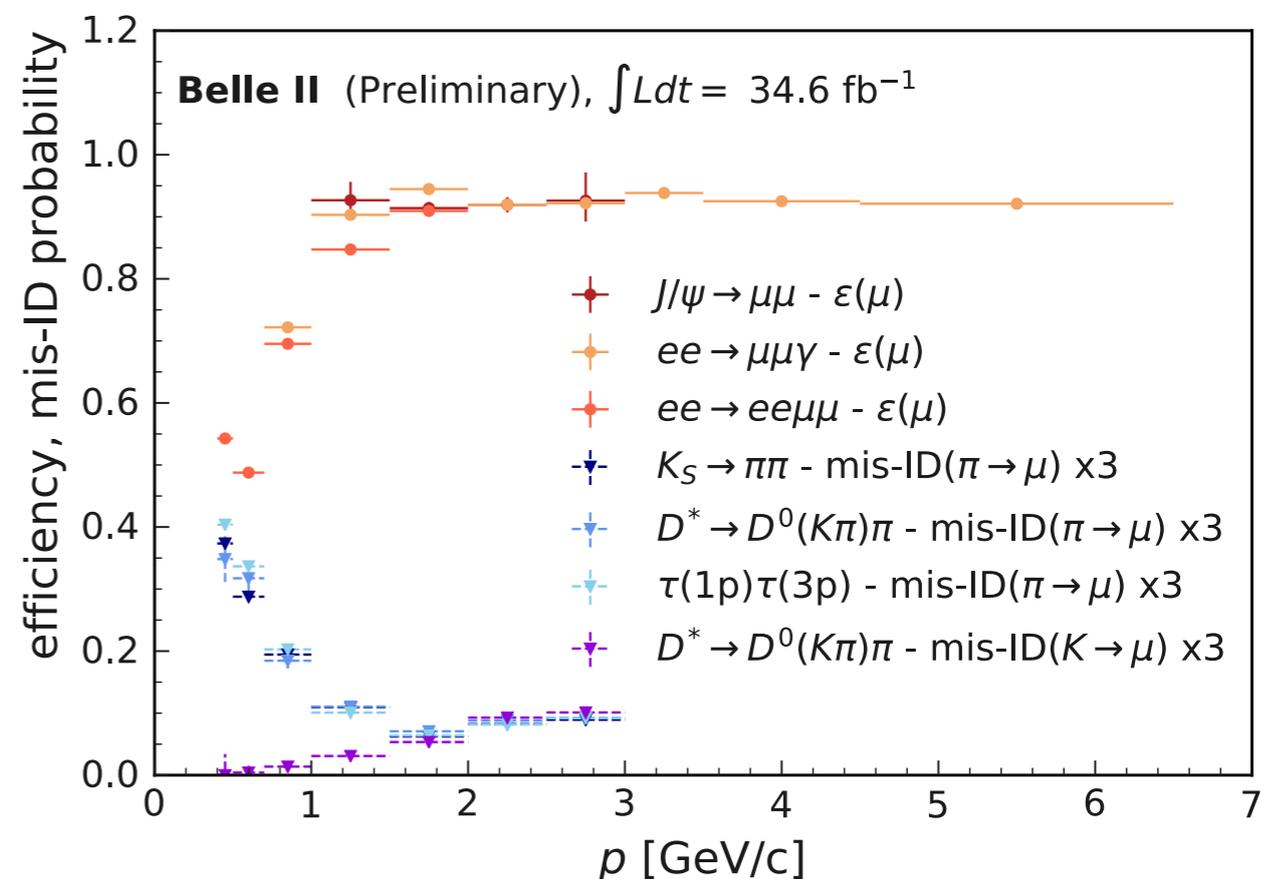
Electrons

$1.13 \leq \theta < 1.57$ rad, electronID > 0.9



Muons

$0.82 \leq \theta < 1.16$ rad, muonID > 0.9

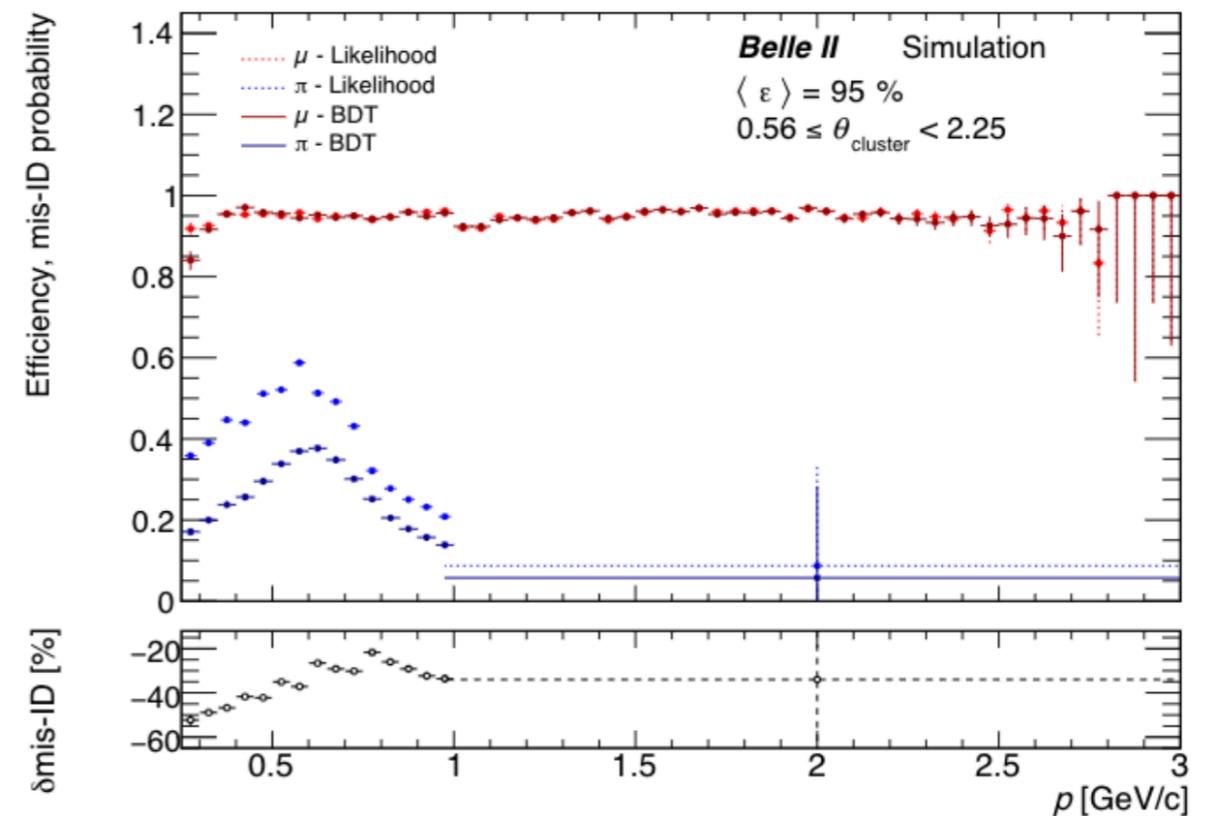
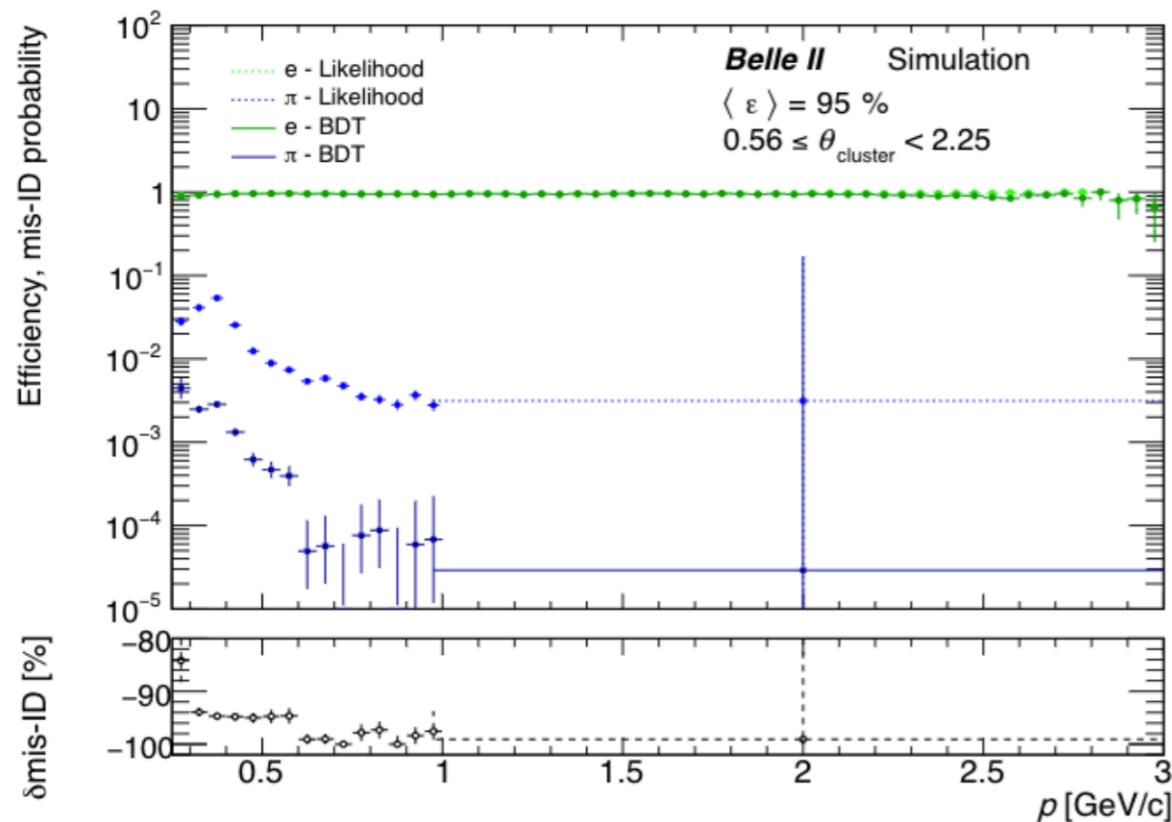
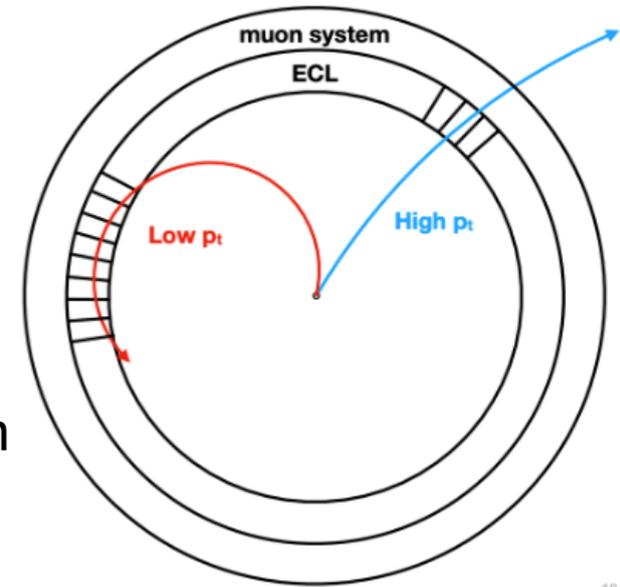


- e , $\mathcal{L}_{ratio} > 0.9$, $p > 1 \text{ GeV}/c \rightarrow \langle \text{efficiency} \rangle$ of 94% for 2% pion mis-id probability.
- μ , $\mathcal{L}_{ratio} > 0.9$, $p > 1 \text{ GeV}/c \rightarrow \langle \text{efficiency} \rangle$ of 90% for 4% pion mis-id probability.

Upgrades to lepton identification using the ECL

- At low momentum, limit in KLM acceptance and large energy losses for electrons before the ECL make lepton identification a challenge.

→ Combine several calorimetric observables (lateral shower shapes, extrapolated track depth in the ECL...) in a BDT to improve lepton-hadron separation.



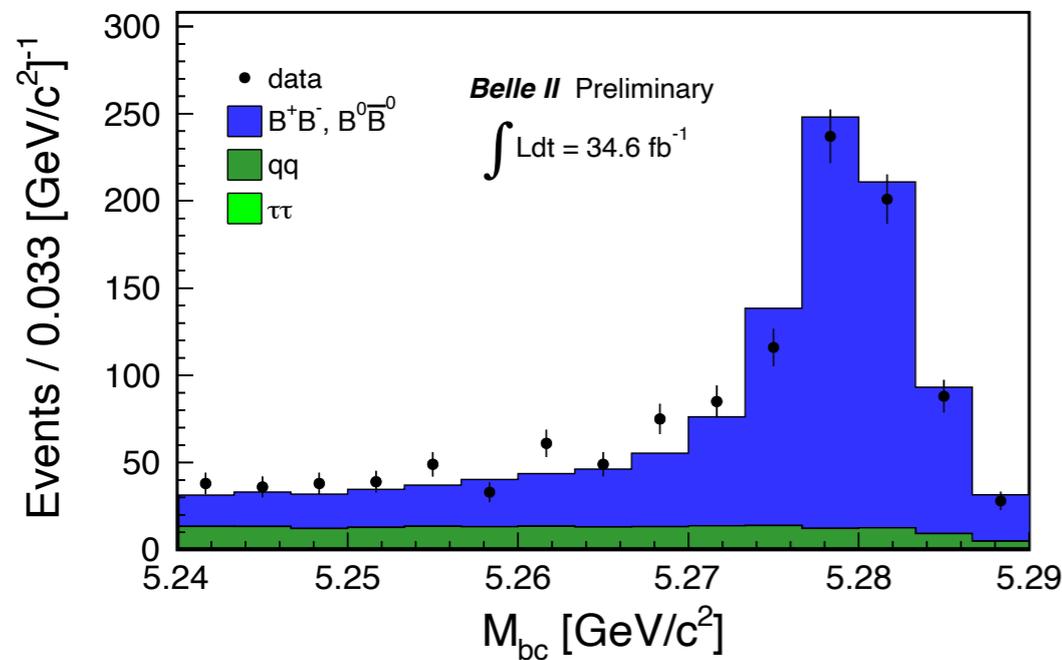
- Factor 10 reduction in $\pi - e$ fake rate, and a factor 2 in $\pi - \mu$ fake rate for $p < 1$ GeV/c (MC)

Full leptonic $B^- \rightarrow \tau^- (\rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau) \bar{\nu}_\tau$ - Preliminary results

- First pure tauonic result of Belle II \rightarrow test-bench for event reconstruction capability.
- Only $\tau \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\tau$ channel considered. Use hadronic FEI tagging.

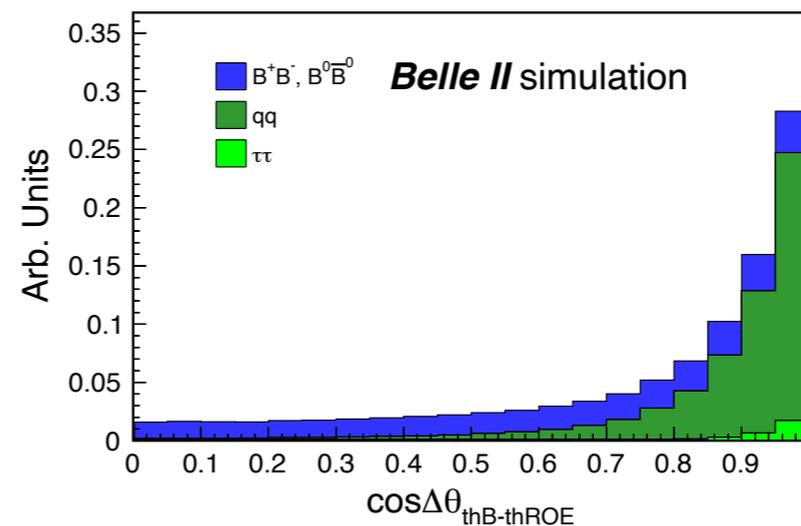
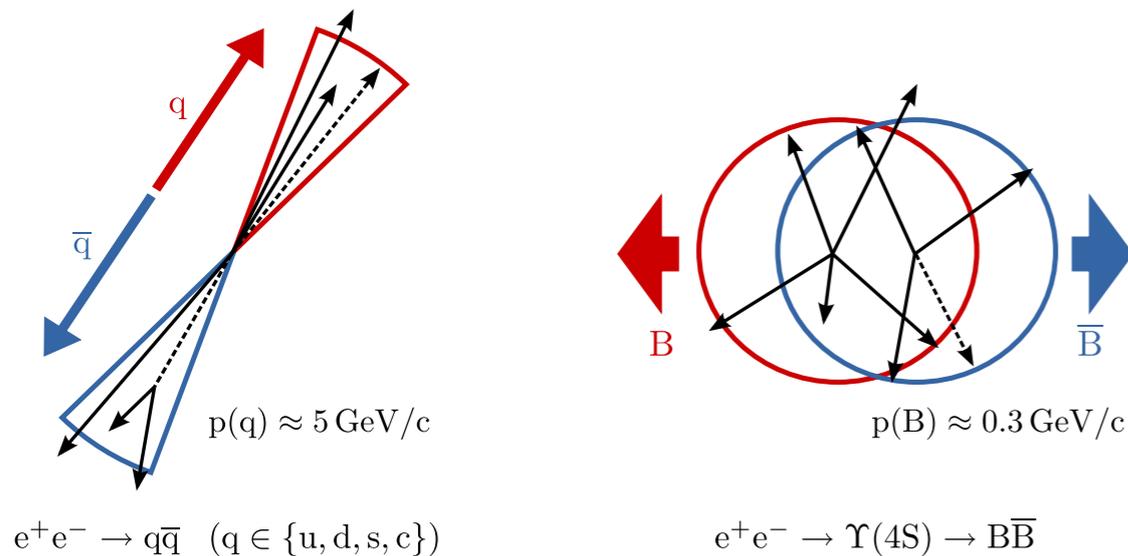
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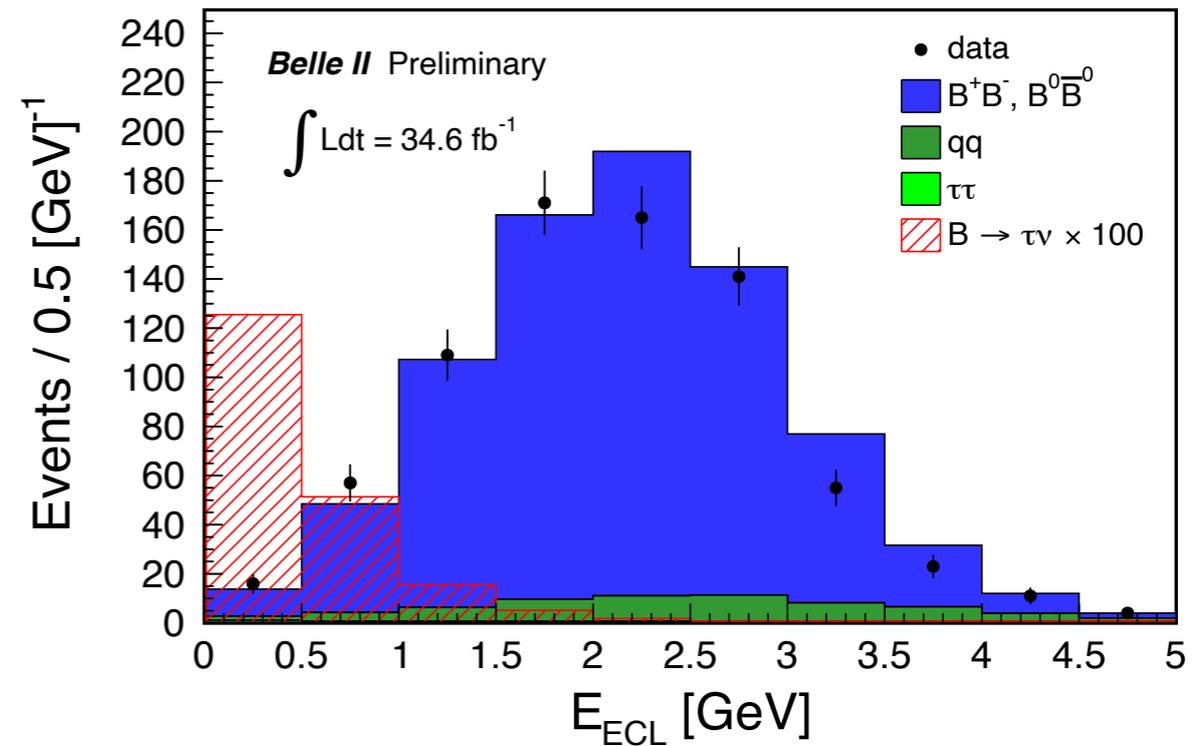
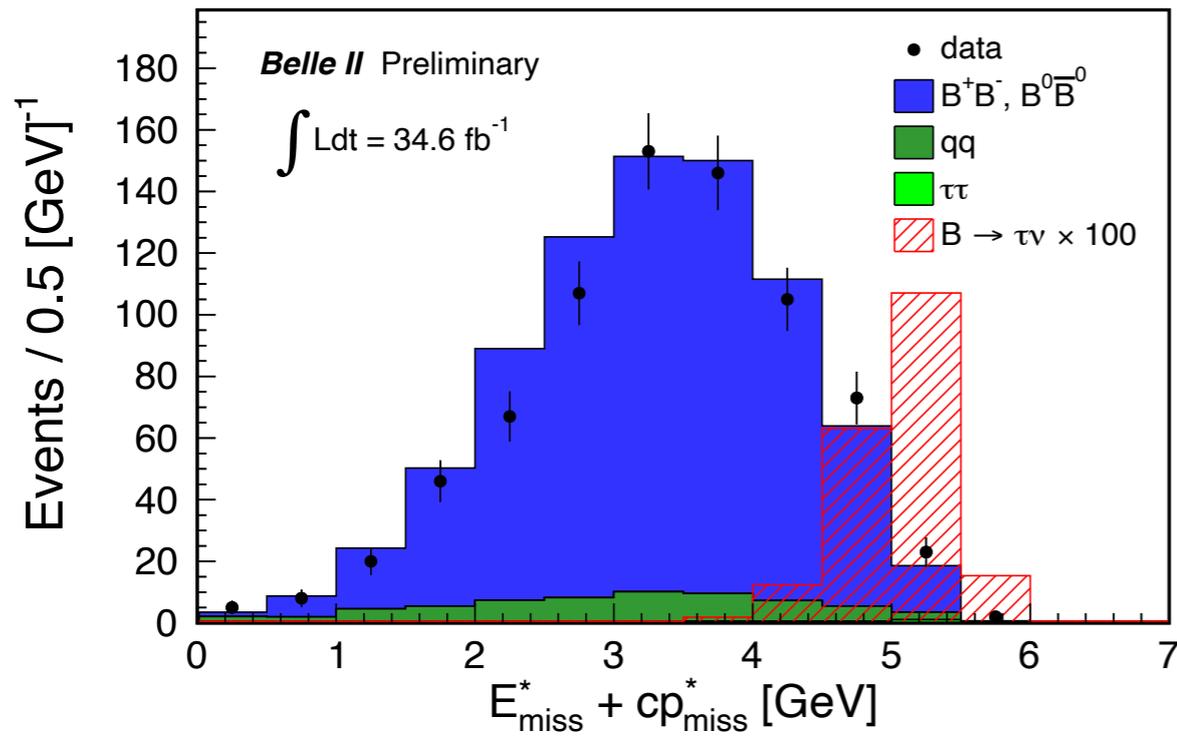
$\approx 50\%$ purity for correctly reconstructed B_{tag} candidates
estimated from fit to M_{bc}

Event preselection + tag selection	Description
$ d_0 < 0.5 \text{ cm}, z_0 < 2 \text{ cm}, p > 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c,$ $N_{\text{trk}} \geq 3$	track preselection
$E_{\text{cluster}} > 100 \text{ MeV}, 0.29 < \theta_{\text{cluster}} < 2.61 \text{ rad},$ $N_{\text{cluster}} \geq 3$	ECL cluster preselection
$2 < E_{\text{ECL}}(\text{tot}) < 7 \text{ GeV}, E_{\text{vis}} > 4 \text{ GeV}$	total energy in event
$\log_{10}(p_{\text{FEI}}) > -2$	FEI sig. prob. cut for B_{tag}
$\cos\Delta\theta_{\text{thrust}} < 0.8$	continuum suppression [*]
$M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	selection on $B_{tag} M_{bc}$



[*] angle between thrust axes of B_{tag} and the “rest of the event”

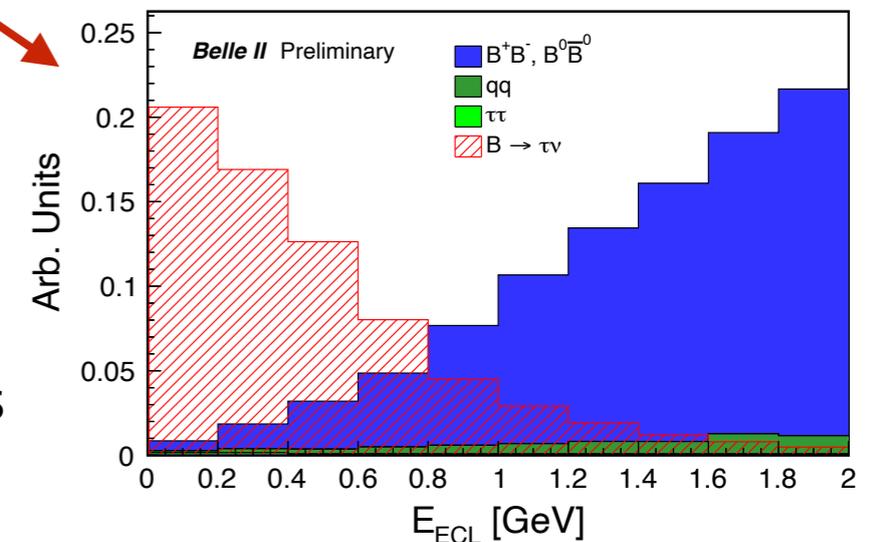
Full leptonic $B^- \rightarrow \tau^- (\rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau) \bar{\nu}_\tau$ - Preliminary results



- Selection on electron candidates: $p_e > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$, $\text{electronID} > 0.9$.

- E_{ECL} , $E_{miss}^* + cp_{miss}^*$ (*: c.m. frame)

- Fair modelling of background in the signal-enriched regions with the available statistics.



→ demonstrate potential for observation of $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ with larger dataset.

Beam background suppression algorithm for E_{ECL}

- Tail in E_{ECL} distribution:

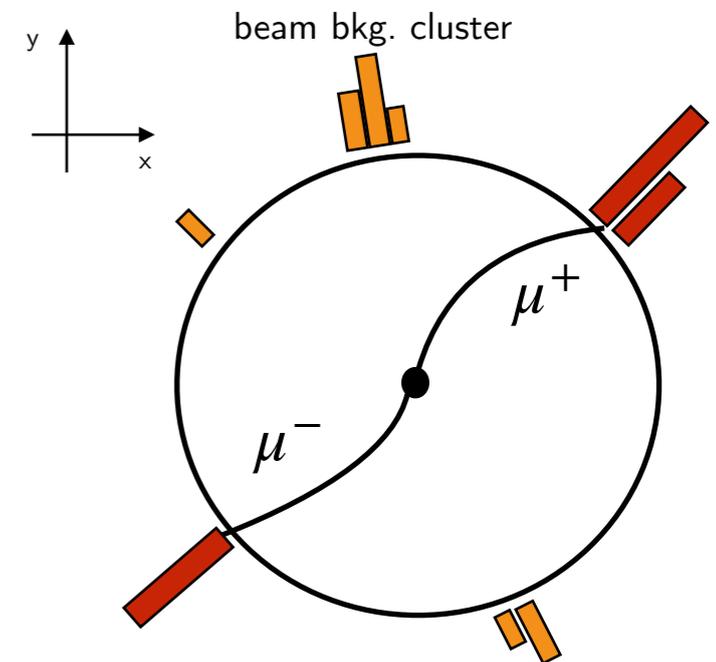
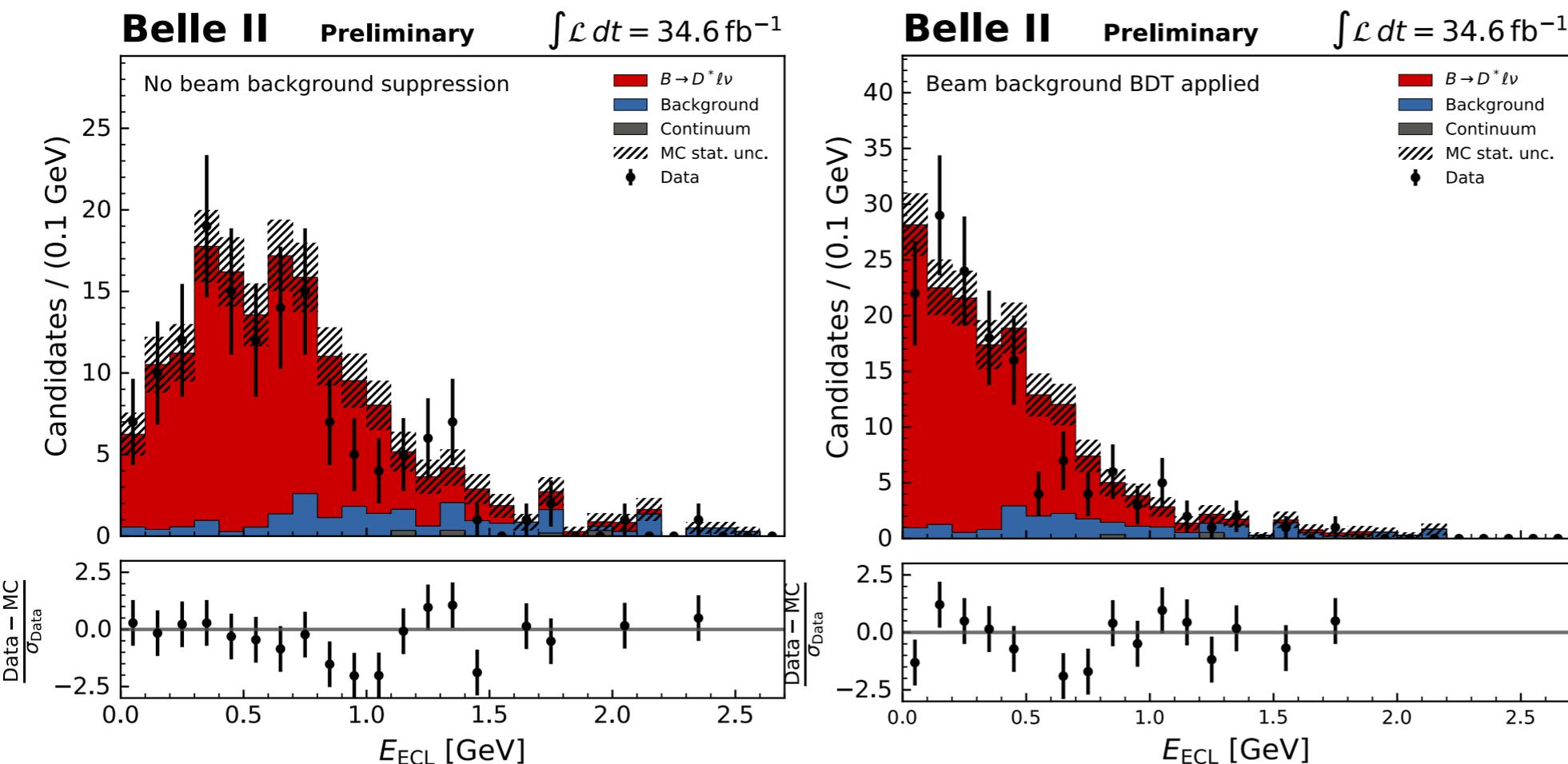
- Background ($B, q\bar{q}$) \rightarrow mis-assigned K_L 's and γ 's.
- Signal \rightarrow resolution effects, *beam background*.

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- BDT developed to reduce beam background neutrals on E_{ECL} in the $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}\ell^{-}\nu$ analysis, based on 6 calorimetric clusters shower shapes and angular positions ($E_{cluster} > 100$ MeV).
- Algorithm trained on $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ control sample.



Prospects for (semi)leptonic B decays with τ leptons

The Belle II Physics Book, PTEP 2019 no. 12, 123C01

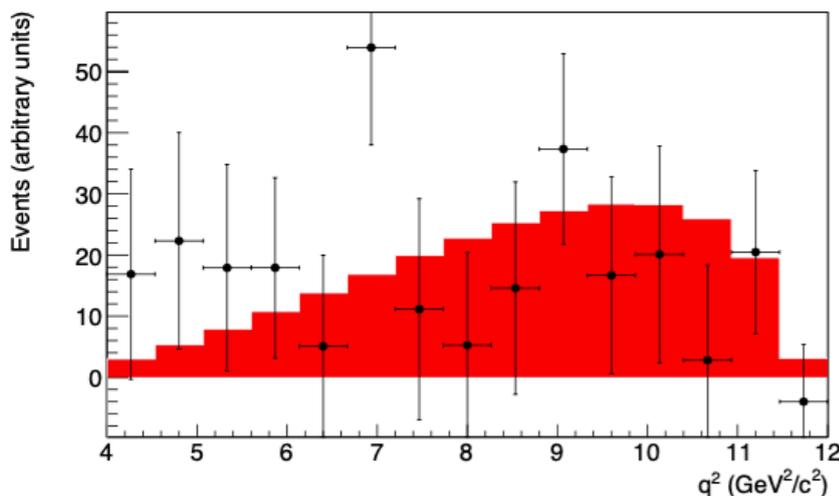
- $B \rightarrow \tau\nu$:
 - expecting 5σ observation with 2.6 ab^{-1}
 - $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau\nu)$ tot. uncertainty of (10%) with 5 ab^{-1}
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu$ ($R(D^{(*)})$):
 - $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$ precision (tot. uncertainty) with 5 ab^{-1}
- Measure observables sensitive to NP effects in $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$:
 - Polarisations: $P_\tau(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-}$, $P_{D^*} = \frac{\Gamma_L}{\Gamma_L + \Gamma_T}$
 - Kinematic distributions (q^2, p_ℓ)

	Integrated Luminosity (ab^{-1})	1	5	50
hadronic tag	statistical uncertainty (%)	29	13	4
	systematic uncertainty (%)	13	7	5
	total uncertainty (%)	32	15	6
semileptonic tag	statistical uncertainty (%)	19	8	3
	systematic uncertainty (%)	18	9	5
	total uncertainty (%)	26	12	5

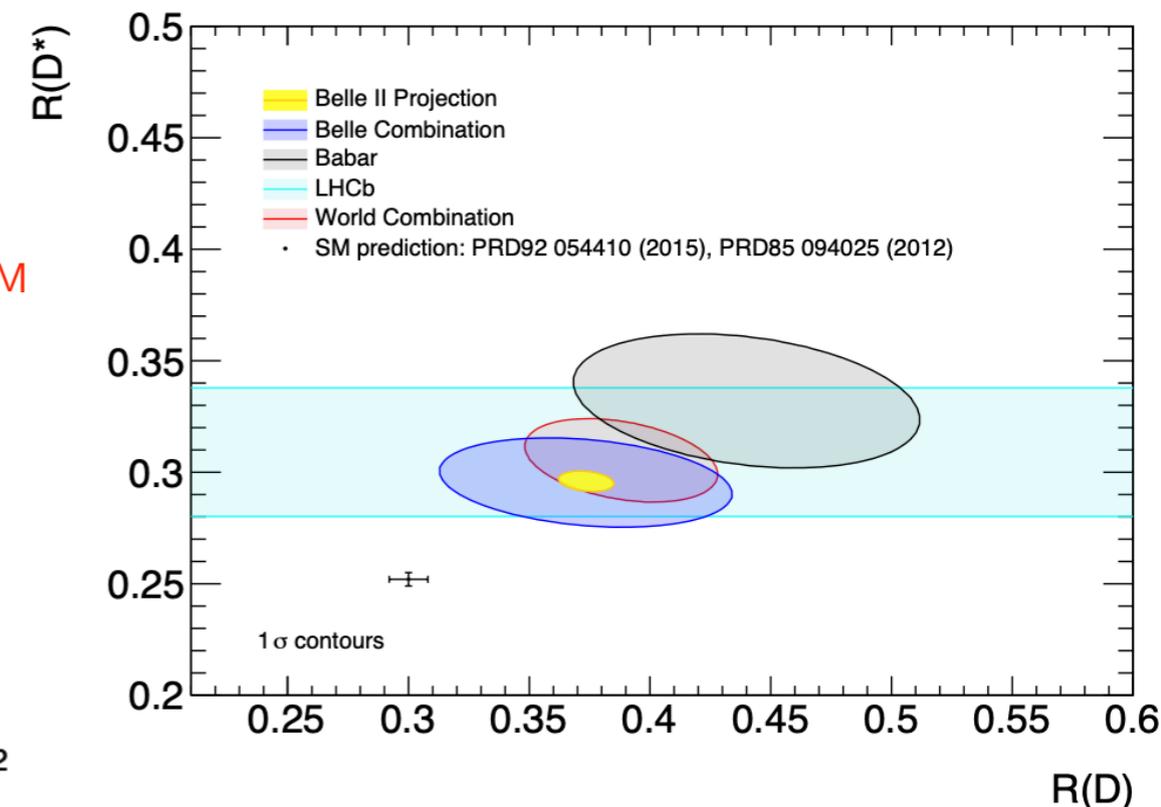
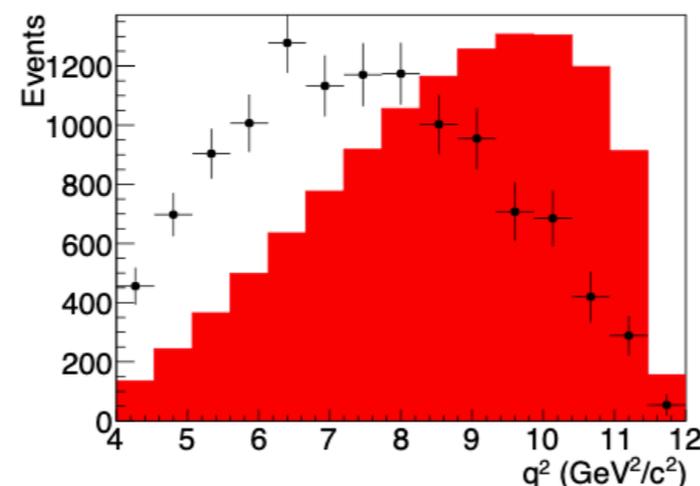
	5 ab^{-1}	50 ab^{-1}
R_D	$(\pm 6.0 \pm 3.9)\%$	$(\pm 2.0 \pm 2.5)\%$
R_{D^*}	$(\pm 3.0 \pm 2.5)\%$	$(\pm 1.0 \pm 2.0)\%$
$P_\tau(D^*)$	$\pm 0.18 \pm 0.08$	$\pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$

$B \rightarrow D\tau(\rightarrow \ell\nu\nu)\nu$, q^2 distribution

Belle data (711 fb^{-1}), type II 2HDM



Belle II (SM, 50 ab^{-1}), type II 2HDM



Experimental challenges

- Background from $B \rightarrow D^{**}\ell\nu_\ell$:

→ Measure branching ratios with higher precision.

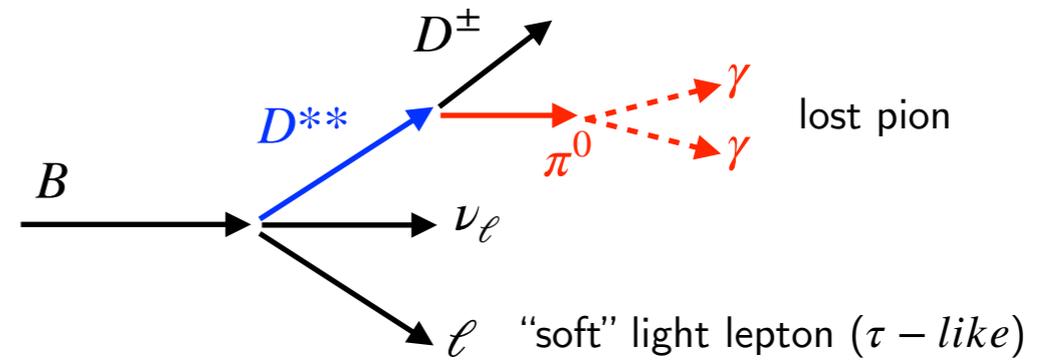
→ (For exclusive analyses) improve π^0 reconstruction efficiency.

- Fake lepton suppression at low momenta, and improved LID calibration.

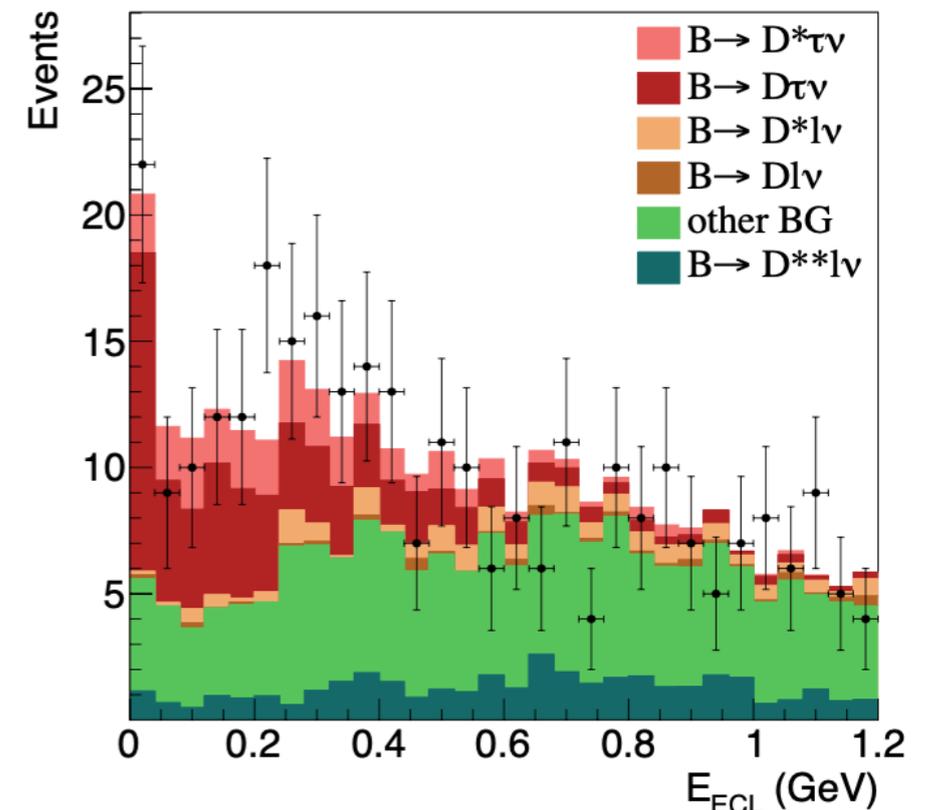
- Furthermore, for *inclusive* $B \rightarrow X\tau\nu$ analysis:

→ Handle background from leptonic charm decays $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow \ell$

→ large background yield implies *all* MC processes' \mathcal{B} 's must be measured with high precision.



Source	Belle (Had, ℓ^-) R_D	Belle (Had, ℓ^-) R_{D^*}	Belle (SL, ℓ^-) R_{D^*}	Belle (Had, h^-) R_{D^*}
MC statistics	4.4%	3.6%	2.5%	+4.0% -2.9%
$B \rightarrow D^{**}\ell\nu_\ell$	4.4%	3.4%	+1.0% -1.7%	2.3%
Hadronic B	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	+7.3% -6.5%
Other sources	3.4%	1.6%	+1.8% -1.4%	5.0%
Total	7.1%	5.2%	+3.4% -3.5%	+10.0% -9.0%



Belle hadronic tag $B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$ ($\tau \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell\nu_\tau$) analysis, $M_{miss}^2 > 2.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
 Phys. Rev., D92(7), 072014 (2015)

Conclusions

- Belle II operations are in full swing, with $\approx 70 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of data collected to date.
- First analyses on B (semi)leptonic decays with tau leptons successfully test improved techniques for event reconstruction (FEI).
- Preliminary studies of lepton identification in multiple channels show good performance, and exciting new developments will soon be tested in physics analyses.
- More intriguing results on B tauonic final states are on the way for 2021.