



# Recent Results from Belle & Belle II experiments

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# Beyond the SM physics

*Open question unexplained by SM → New Physics beyond the SM*

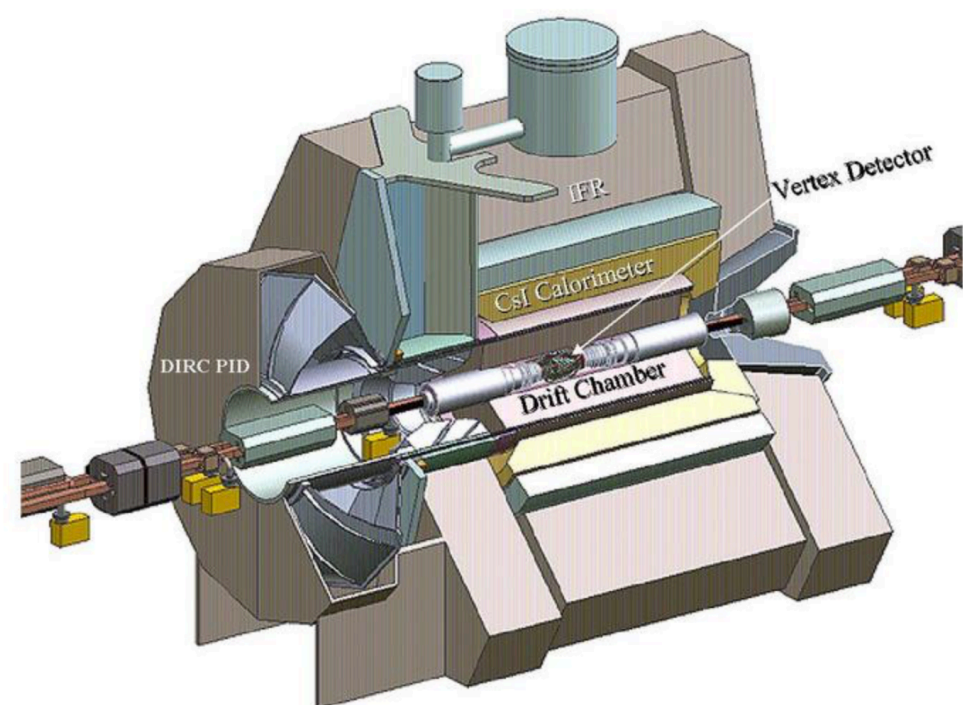
*Belle & Belle II operates at the “Intensity Frontier”*

High precision measurements , probing SM indirectly

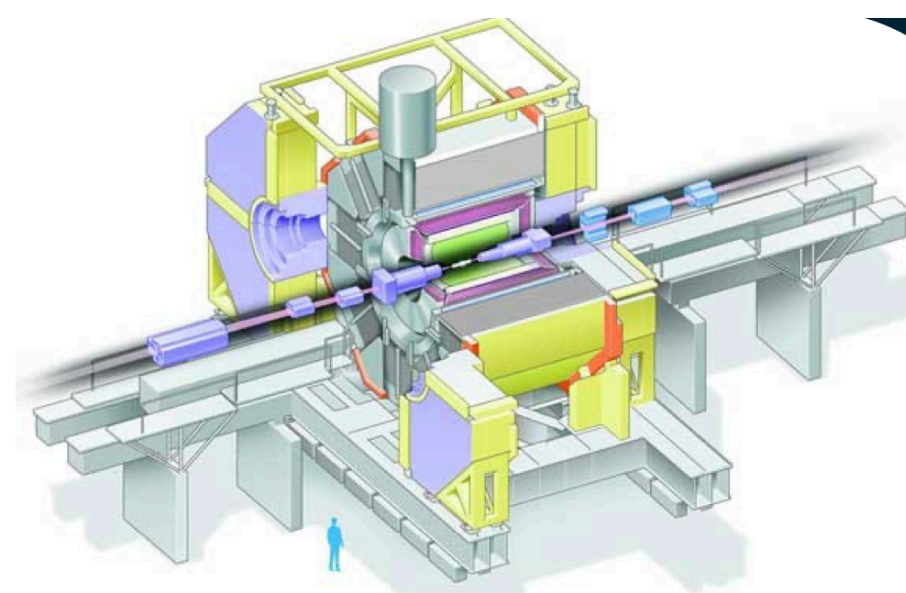
- as measurements of the SM-forbidden or suppressed process

B-factories:

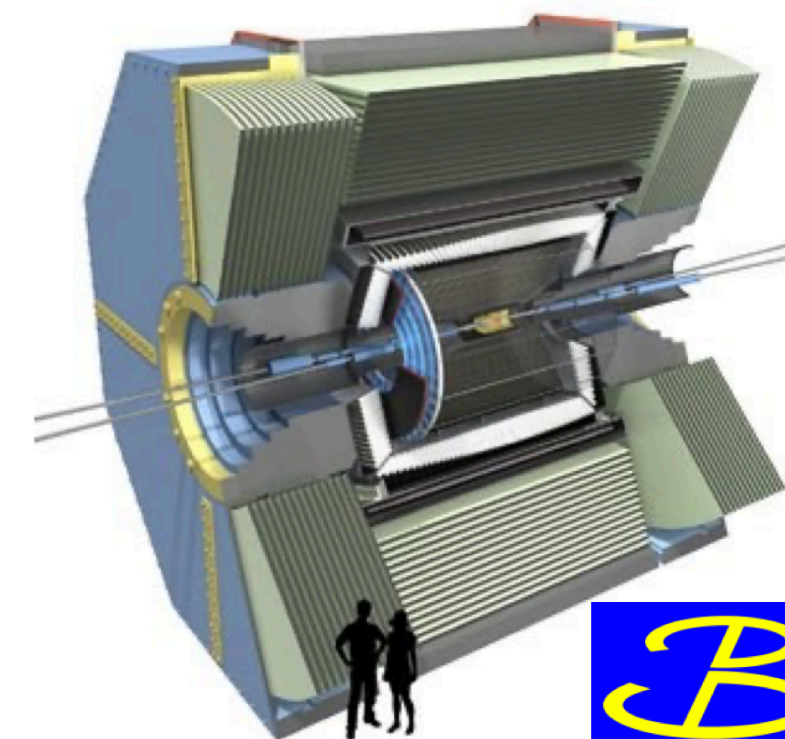
$e^+e^-$  collider @  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$



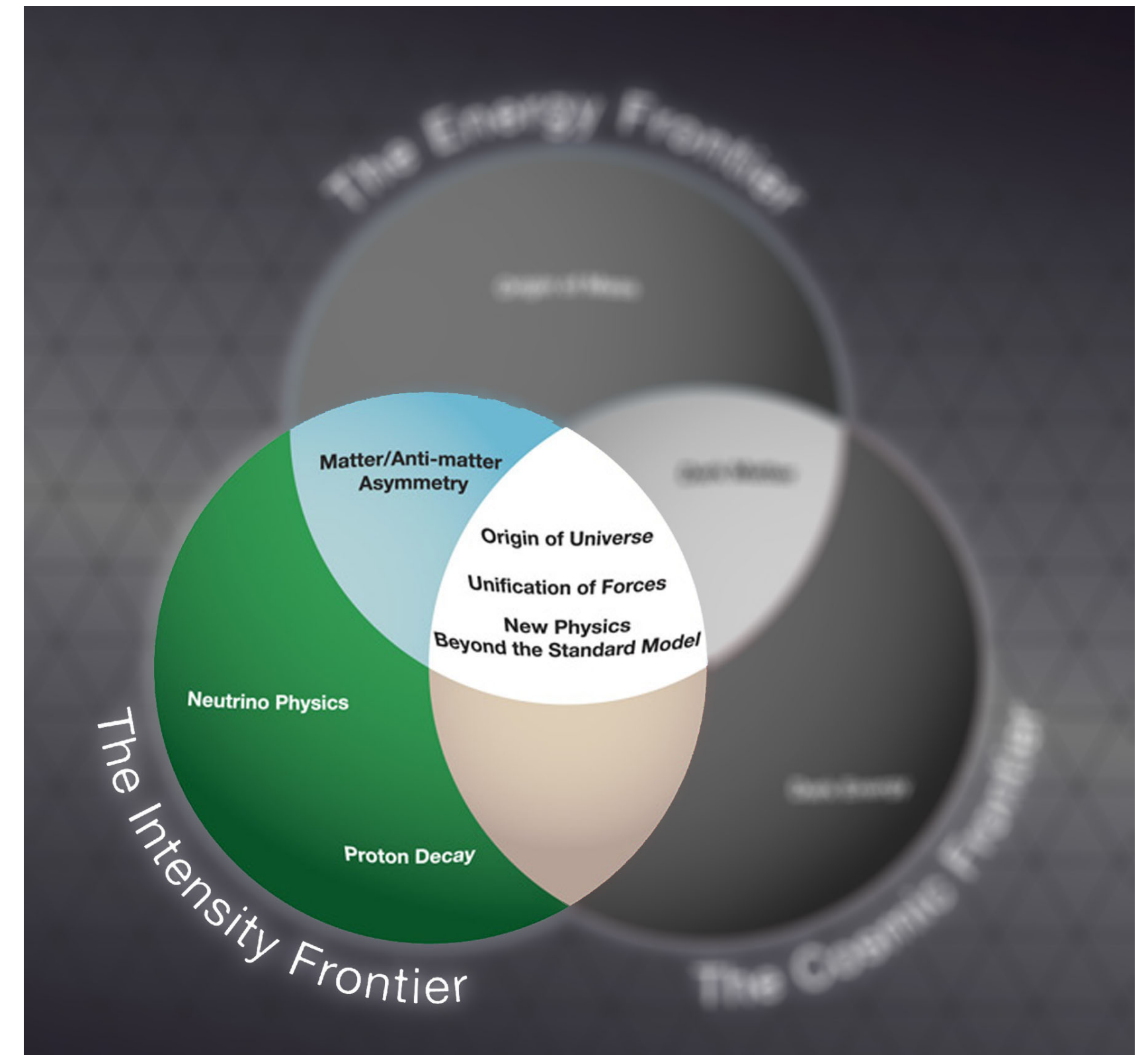
SLAC-PEP II collider :  $462 fb^{-1}$   
@  $\Upsilon(4S)$  [1999-2008]



KEKB collider :  $711 fb^{-1}$  @  
 $\Upsilon(4S)$  [1999-2010]



SuperKEKB collider :  $530 fb^{-1}$  @  
 $\Upsilon(4S)$  [2019-current]



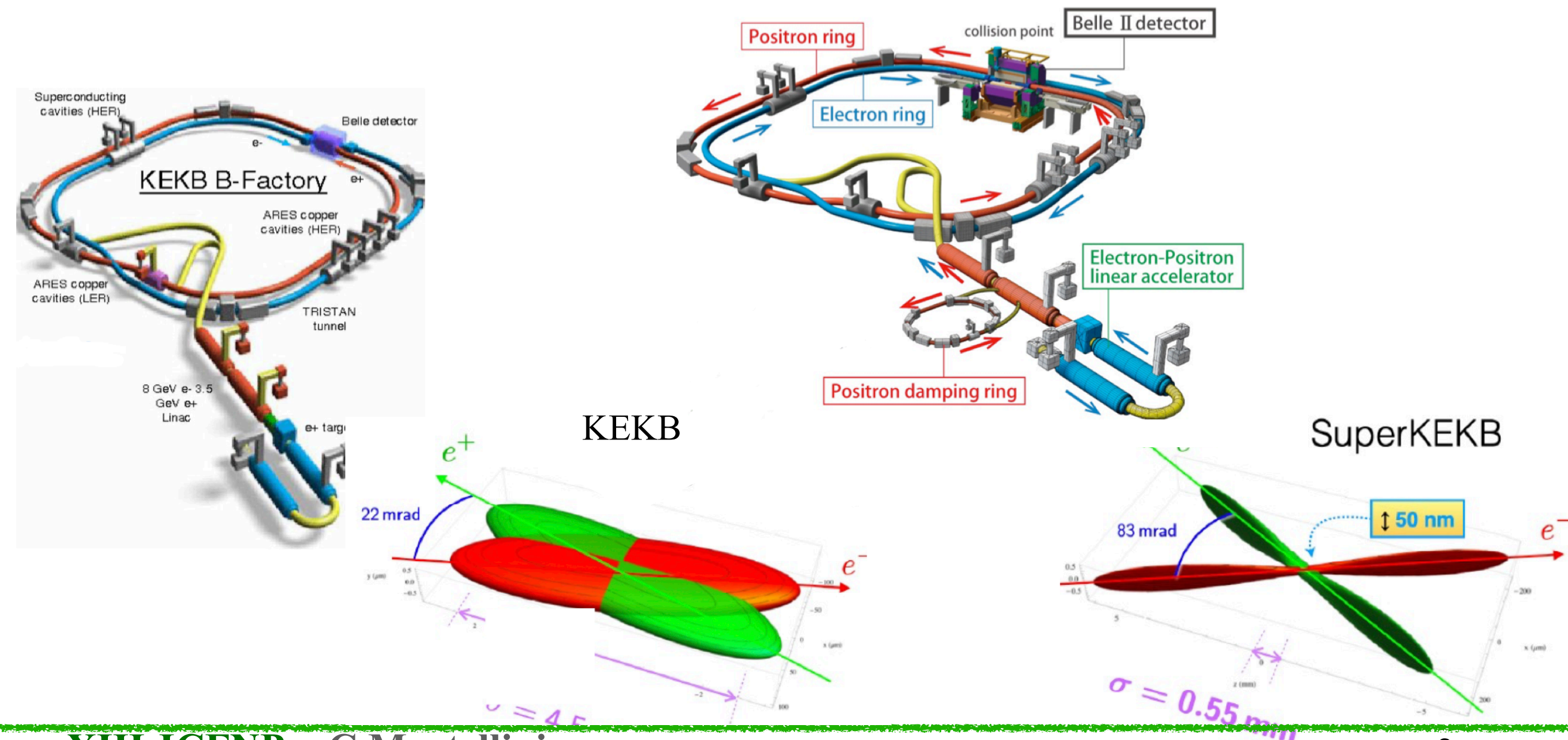
# KEK-SUPERKEKB complex

- Asymmetric  $e^+e^-$  colliders
- Collisions mainly at 10.58 GeV, i.e. at  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance

## KEKB

1999-2010

- $e^+$  (3.5 GeV)  $e^-$  (8 GeV)
- $L_{peak}$ :  $2.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  [achieved]



## SuperKEKB

2019-current

- $e^+$  (4 GeV)  $e^-$  (7 GeV)

Target:

$$\int L dt = 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

$$L_{peak} = 6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

Achieved:

$$\int L dt > 530 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$L_{peak} = 4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

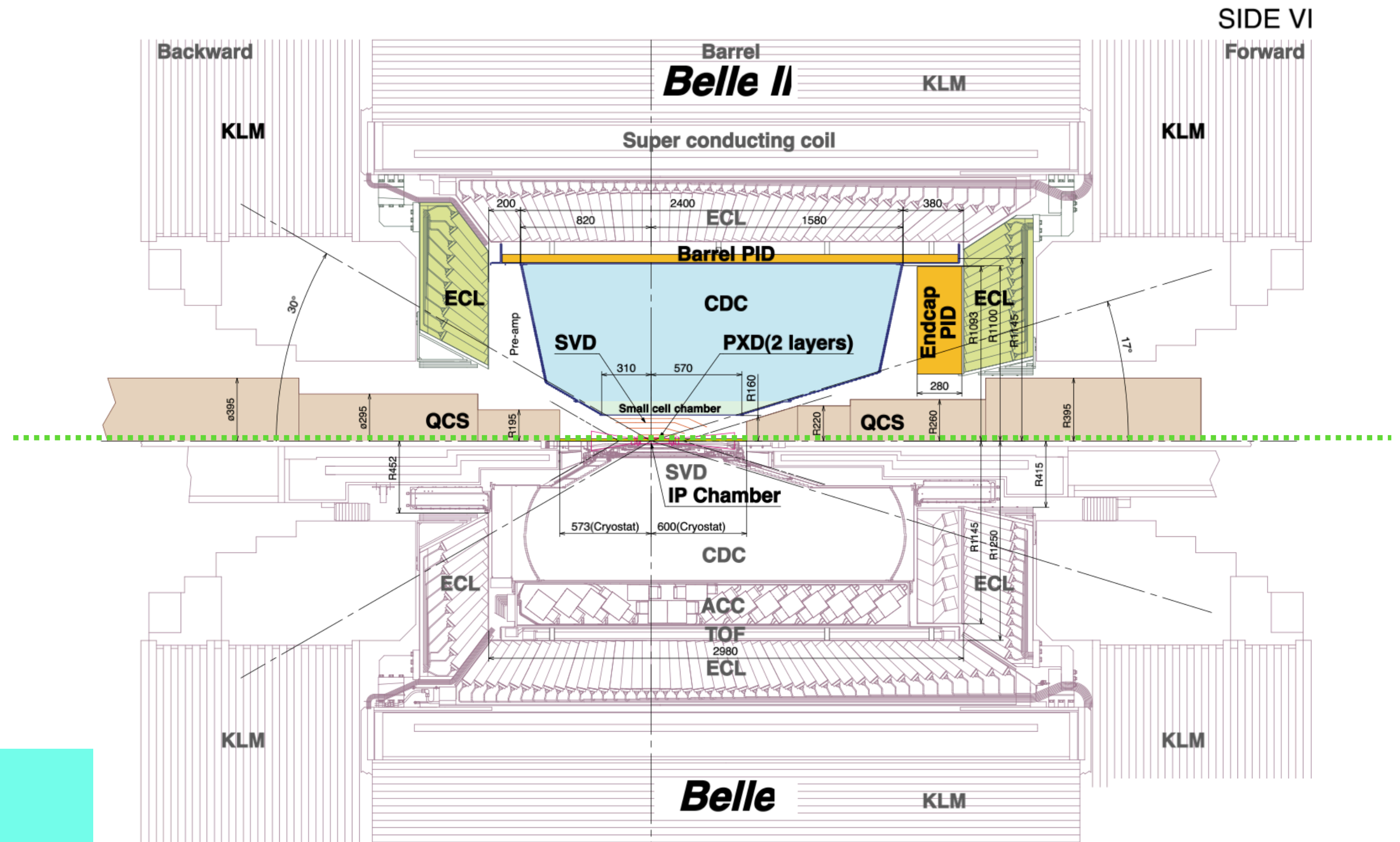
**Current world record**



# Belle & Belle II detectors

**PID** (Particle Identification): Better  $K/\pi$  separation under higher bkg level

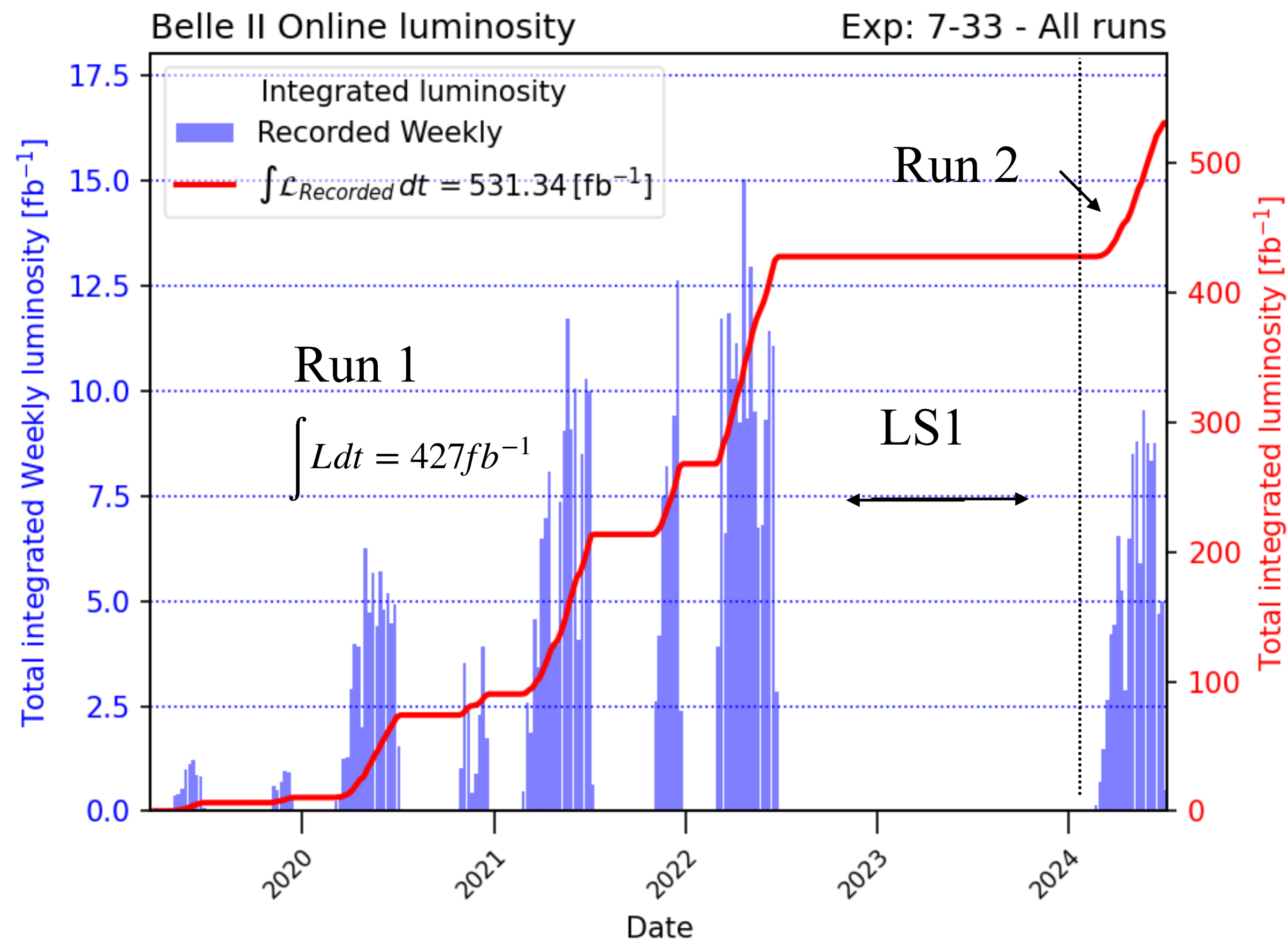
**VTX:** + 2 layers PXD (pixel detector)  
+ 4 layers SVD (Silicon vertex detector)



[Belle II TDR](#)

- Well-known initial state condition
- Benefits from clean environment
- Efficient reconstruction of **neutrals**
- Boosted center of mass that allows for time-dependent measurements
- Hermetic detectors → ideal for studying neutral or invisible decays

# Belle II data -taking



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We are suffering from **sudden beam loss events**, with large doses at the interaction region.

In a couple of them two channels of **PXD** were **damaged**

- as a precaution, it has been decided to **keep PXD off** while investigating the sources of the sudden beam loss and implement countermeasures to stabilize the beam operation

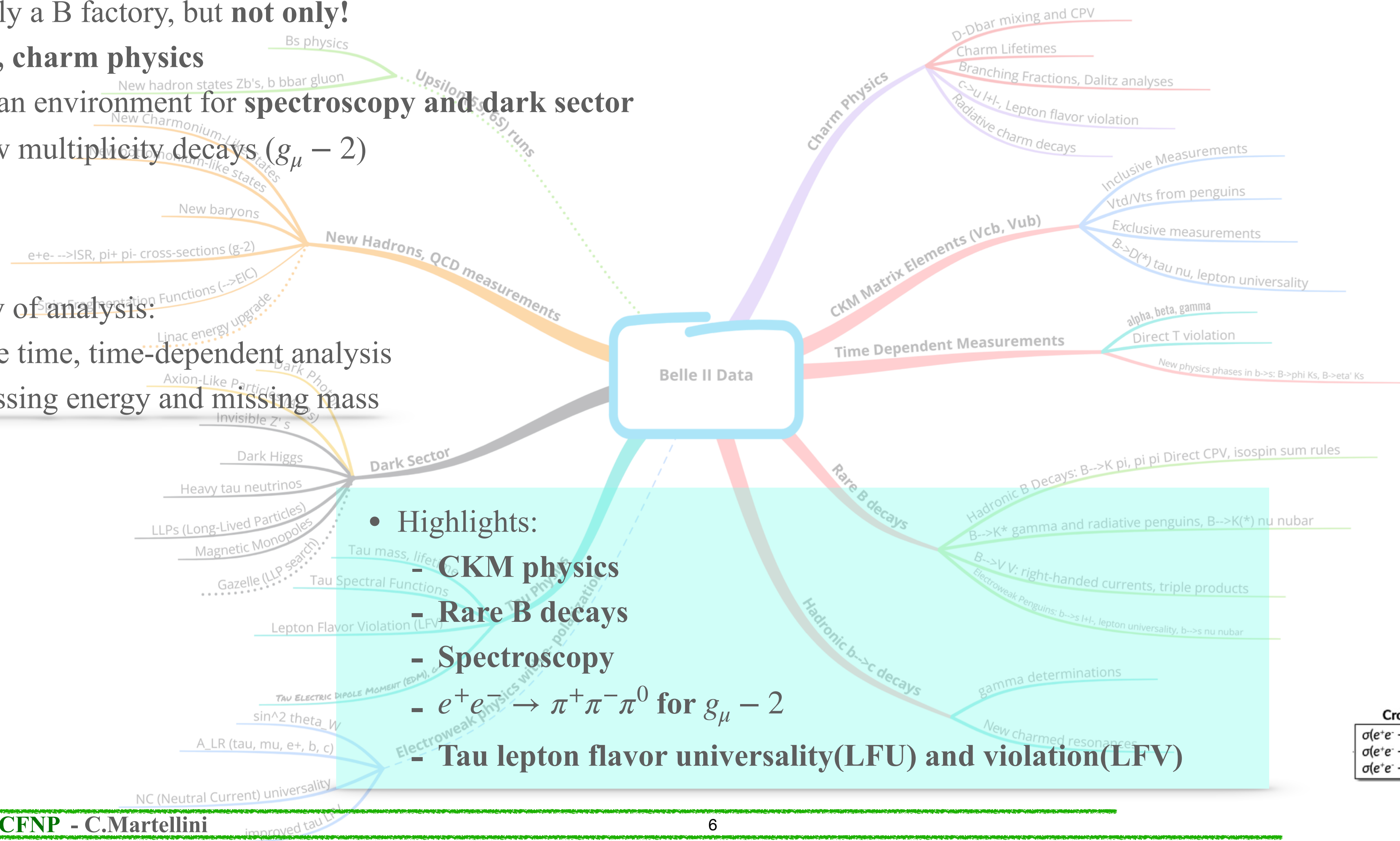
# Belle & Belle II Physics Program

- Primarily a B factory, but **not only!**

- **tau, charm physics**
- Clean environment for **spectroscopy and dark sector**
- Low multiplicity decays ( $g_\mu - 2$ )

- Variety of analysis:

- Life time, time-dependent analysis
- Missing energy and missing mass



• Highlights:

- **CKM physics**
- **Rare B decays**
- **Spectroscopy**
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  for  $g_\mu - 2$
- **Tau lepton flavor universality(LFU) and violation(LFV)**

**Cross sections**

|  |
|--|
| $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \approx 1.1$ nb     |
| $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}) \approx 1.3$ nb     |
| $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) \approx 0.9$ nb |

# CKM matrix - elements $|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$

- Determine the  $|V_{xb}|$ :

**Exclusive :**  $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu, B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$ , etc

**Inclusive :**  $B \rightarrow X_u l \nu, B \rightarrow X_c l \nu$

Different measures carried out by Belle and Belle II

-  $|V_{cb}|$  angular coefficient of  $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$  Belle [arXiv.2310.20286](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.20286) (PRL accepted)

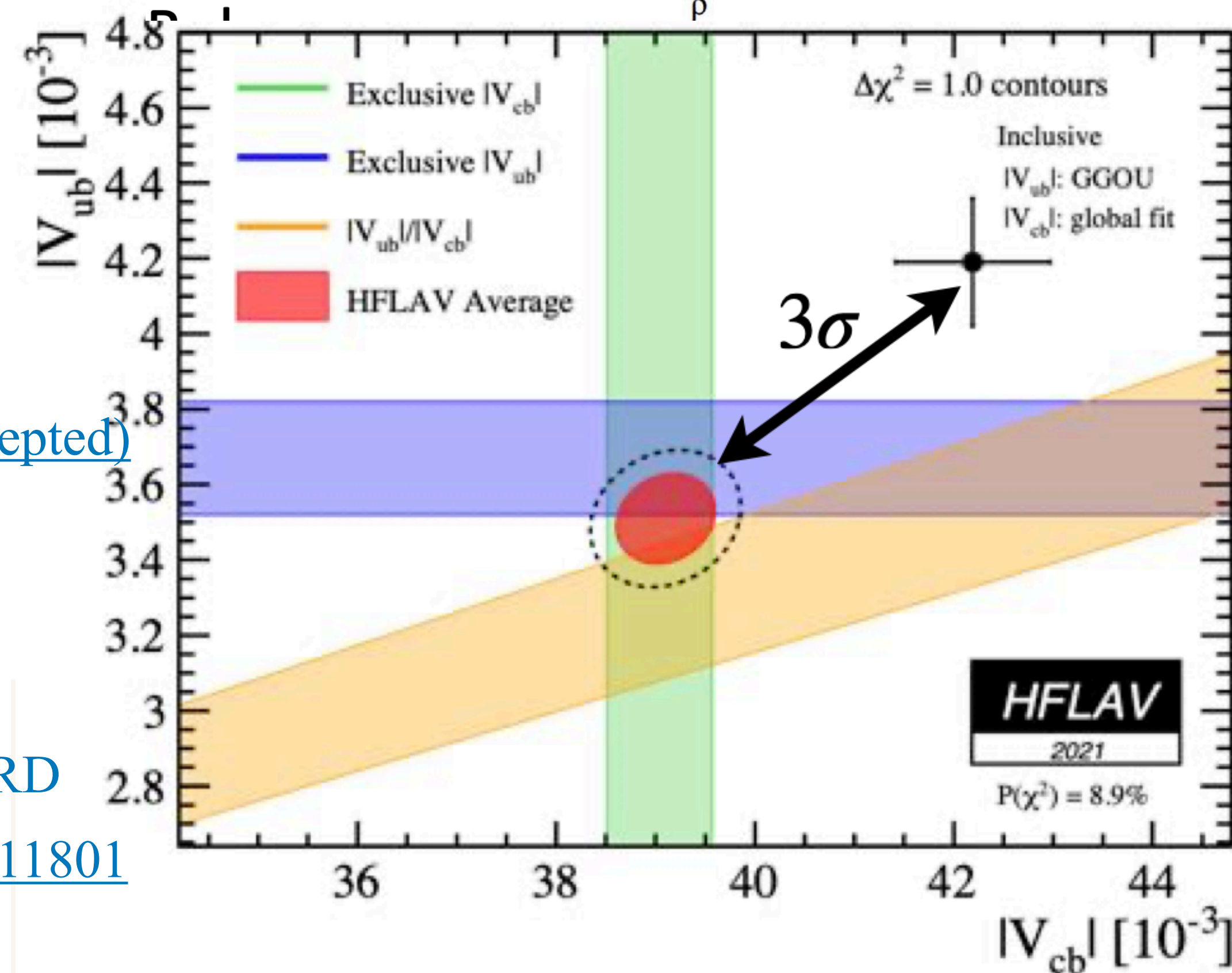
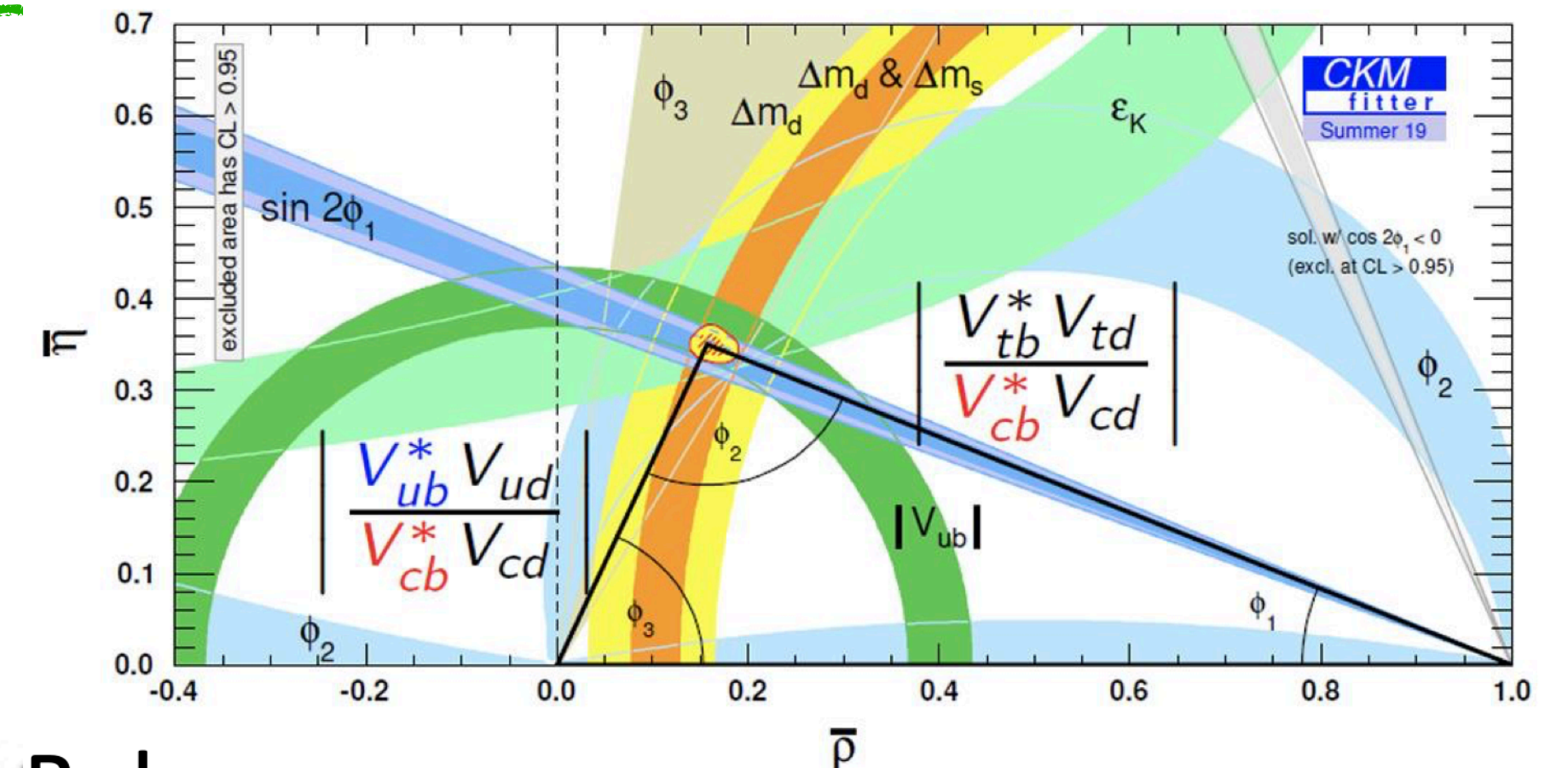
-  $|V_{ub}|$  a. from  $B \rightarrow (\pi/\rho) l \nu$  simultaneous analysis

[arXiv.2407.17403](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.17403)

submitted to PRD

b. Simultaneous inclusive and exclusive  $|V_{ub}|$

Belle [PRL.131.211801](https://arxiv.org/abs/131.211801)



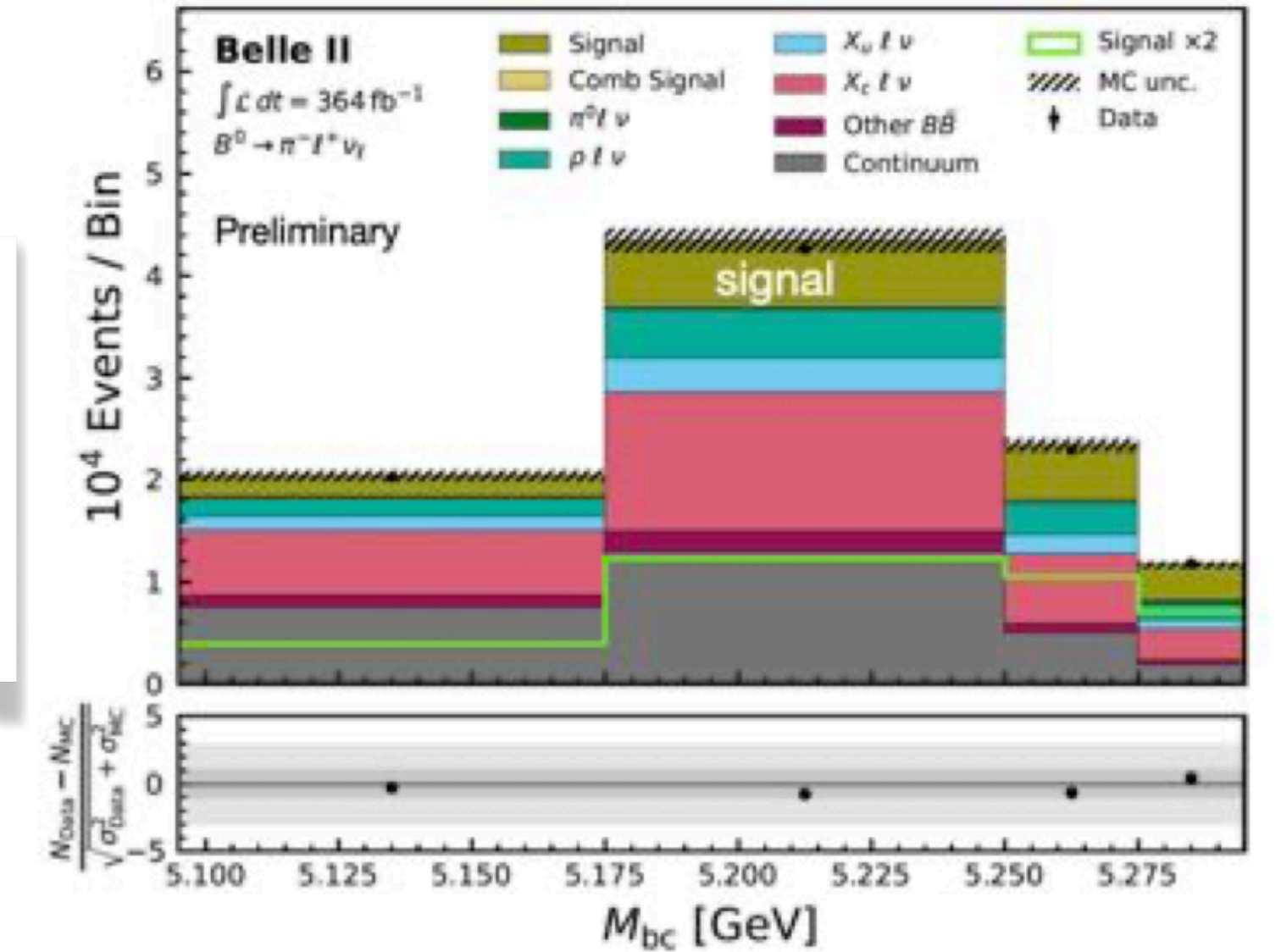
## New measurements from Belle II

Full Run1 data of  $364 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  with inclusive tagging strategy

- Extract signal yield by combined fit of  $M_{bc}$  and  $\Delta E$  for each bin of  $q^2$ :
  - 13 bins for  $\pi$ -mode
  - 10 bins of  $\rho$ -mode
  - Build up BDT discriminator to suppress  $B \rightarrow X_c l \nu$  and continuum

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E^{*2} - |\vec{p}_B|^2}$$

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



$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^- l \nu_l) = (1.516 \pm 0.042(stat) \pm 0.059(sys)) \times 10^{-4}$$

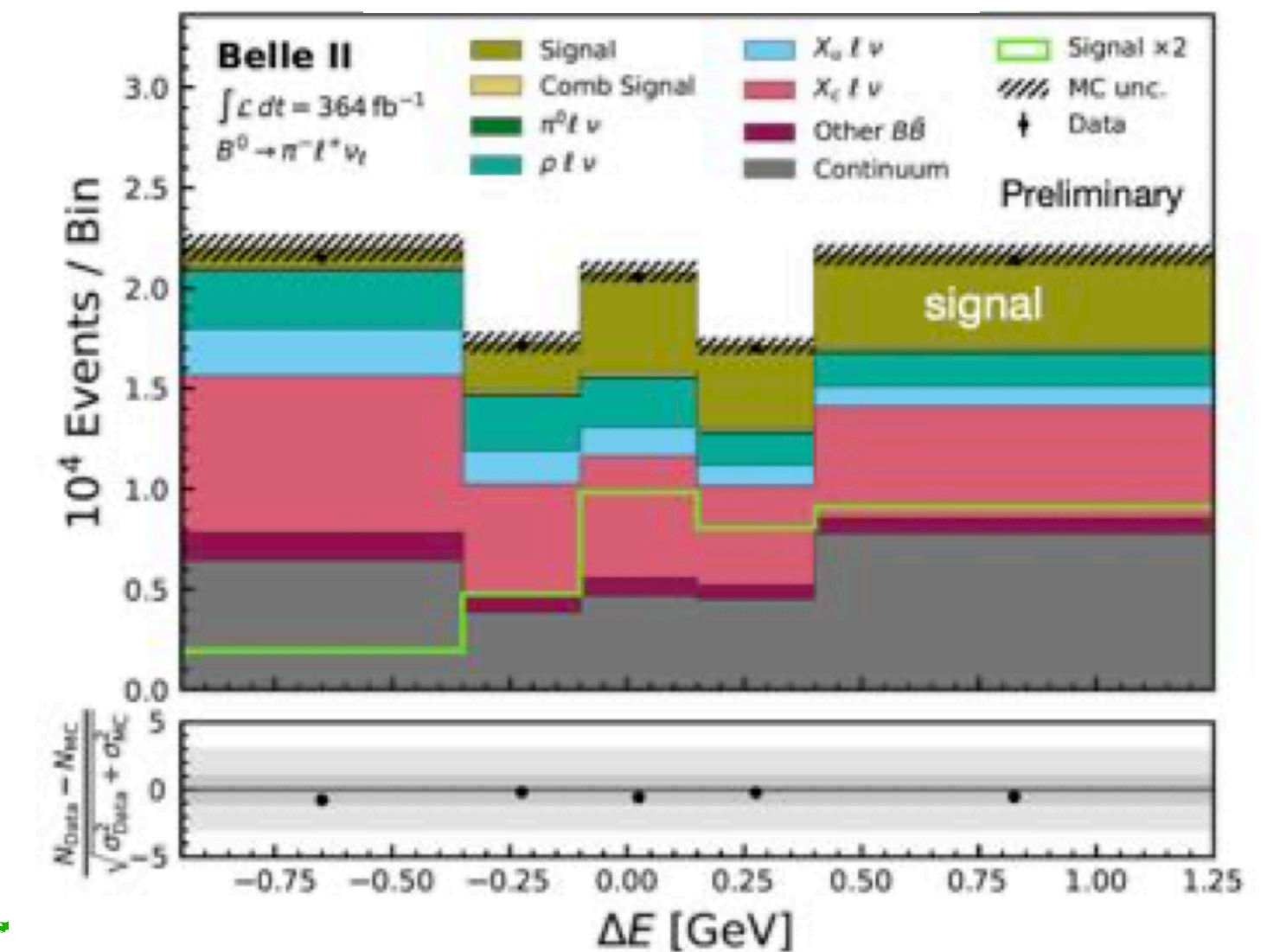
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 l^+ \nu_l) = (1.625 \pm 0.079(stat) \pm 0.180(sys)) \times 10^{-4}$$

**Consistent with World Average**

Compatible precision w.r.t. Belle and BaBar

$$|V_{ub}|_{B \rightarrow \pi l \nu} = (3.73 \pm 0.07(stat) \pm 0.07(sys) \pm 0.16(theo)) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{ub}|_{B \rightarrow \rho l \nu} = (3.19 \pm 0.12(stat) \pm 0.17(sys) \pm 0.26(theo)) \times 10^{-3}$$

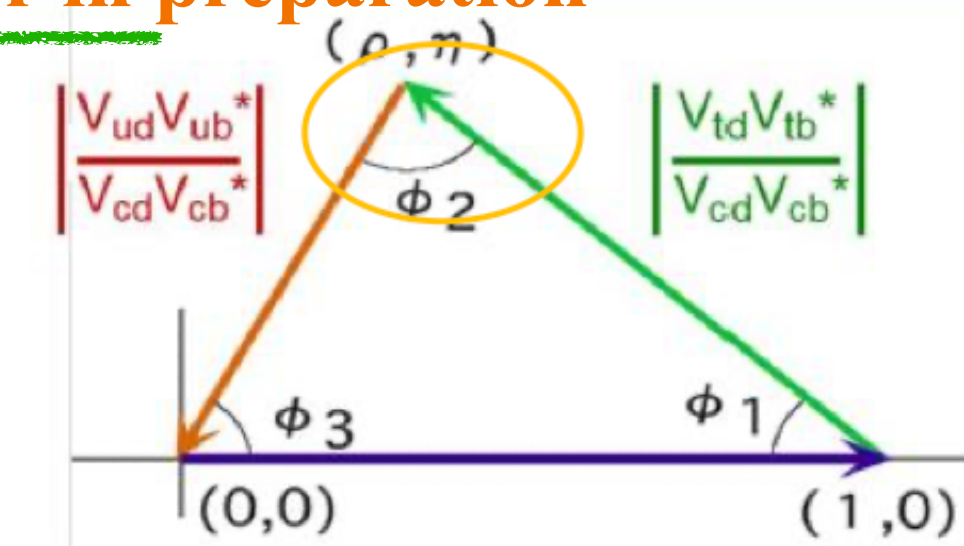




# $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ at Belle II : overview

Preliminary,  
paper in preparation

Tree level  $b \rightarrow u$  processes allow extraction of  $\phi_2$  ( or  $\alpha$  ) (least precise CKM angle)



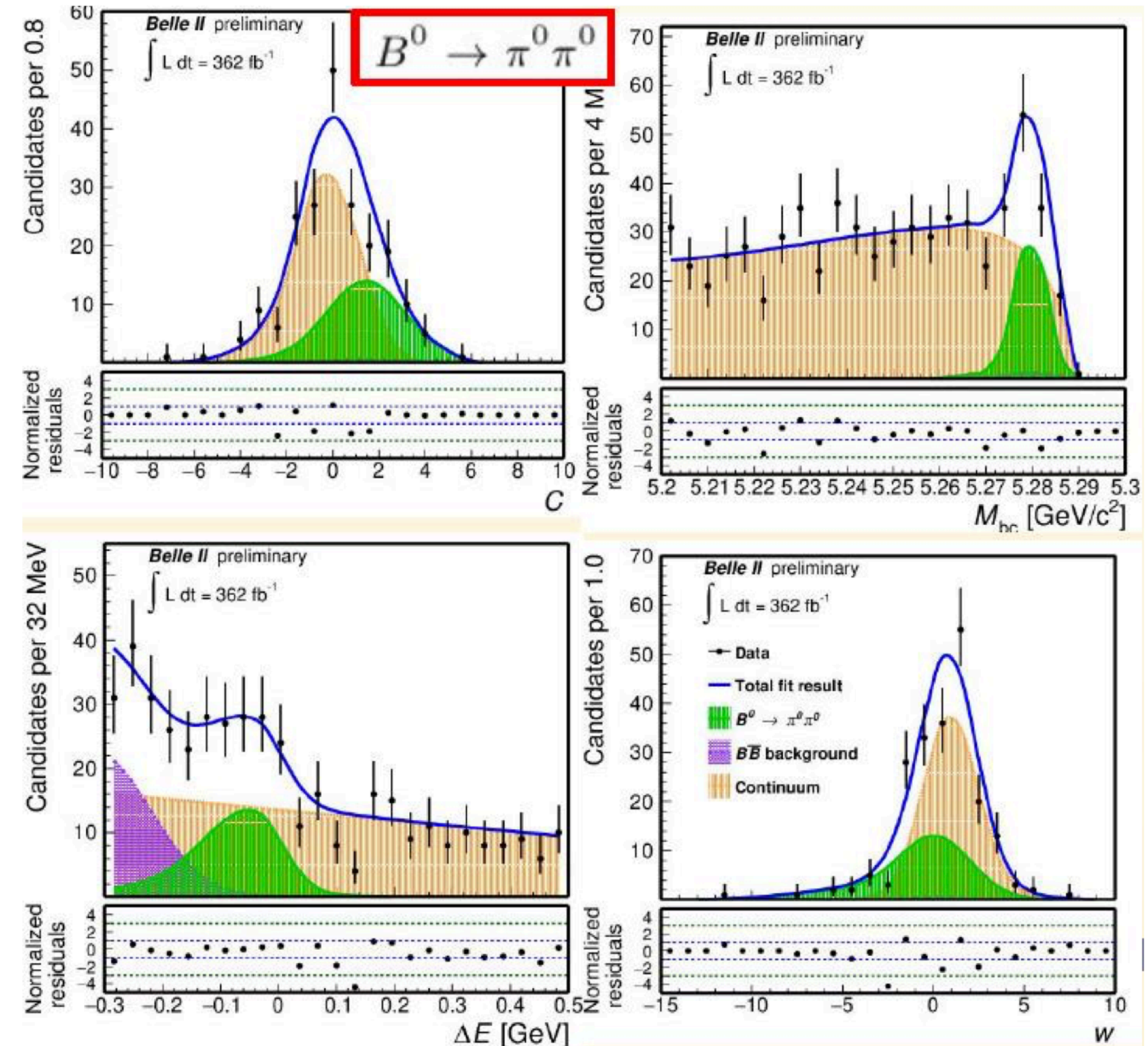
Build upon previous Belle II effort and extend to full **RUN1 data sample with improvements:**

- Improved **photon** selection
- Bkg mostly from continuum and  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \pi^0$ ;  $B^0 \rightarrow K_s \pi^0$

- Statistical and systematic uncertainty reduced by 10% and 50% respectively on BF and absolute uncertainty on  $A_{CP}$
- Simultaneous fit to  $M_{bc}$ ,  $\Delta E$ ,  $C$ ,  $w$  : - where **C is the continuum variable**  
- and **w is the wrong tag probability**

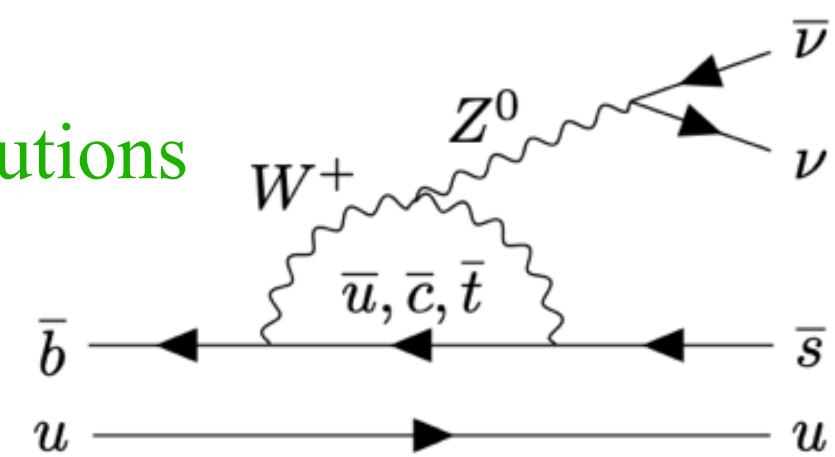
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = (1.26 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = (0.06 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.05)$$



- Agreement with previous measurements
- Comparable precision with world best result from BaBar

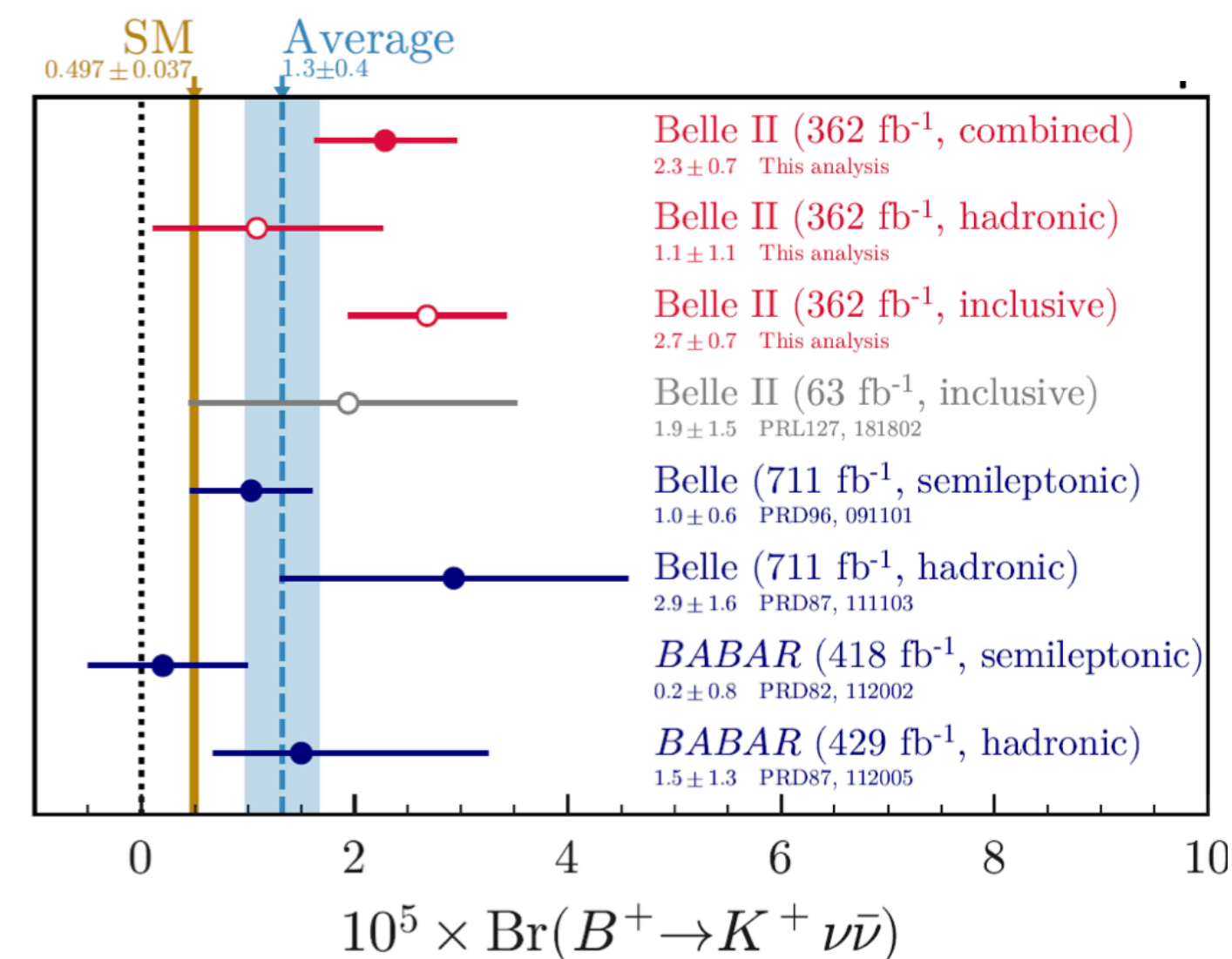
- $b \rightarrow s \nu \bar{\nu}$  are highly **suppressed** in the SM Highly sensitive to non-SM contributions



- Precise prediction in the SM:  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (5.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$  [arXiv 2207.13371](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.13371)

- Leading theoretical uncertainties from hadronic form factors

- Existing results are from BaBar ([PhysRevD.87.112005](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0508040)) and first analysis with Belle II ([Phys.Rev.Lett.127.181802](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.07152))



Belle reports upper limits only; branching fractions are estimated using published number of events and efficiency

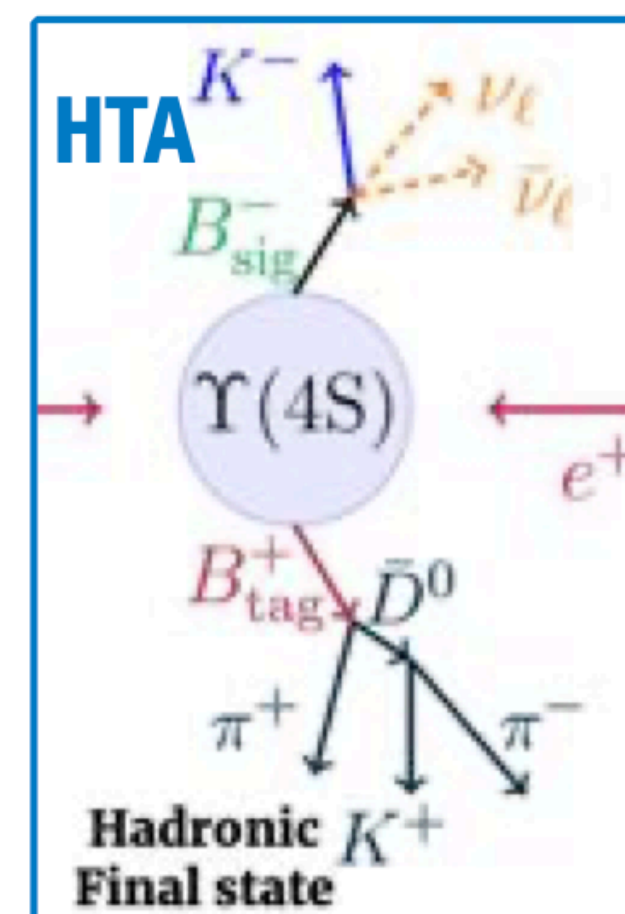
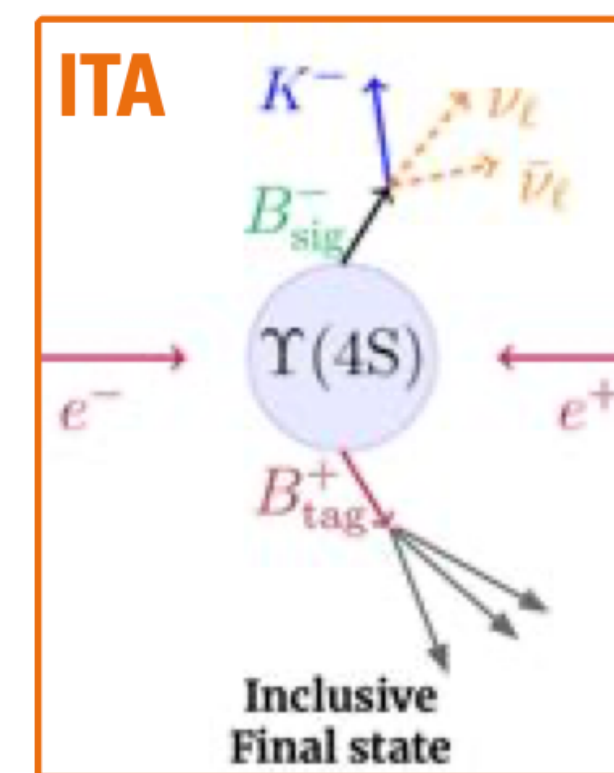
- Experimental challenges: Low BF with 2 neutrinos in the final state and high bkg contamination mainly from continuum

- **Used to complementary B tag approach** : low purity-high efficiency (0.8%-8%) and its opposite (3.5%-0.4%)

- Signal selection combines kaon , event topology and the rest of the event properties in MVA classifiers

- Bkg validation : from semileptonic B-decays: ( $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ n \bar{n}$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^0 \bar{K}^0$ )

- **Inclusive method validated by** closure test by measuring.  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0)$



○ Parameter of interest:  $\mu = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}_{SM}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}$

○ Binned fit to extract  $\mu$ :

- ITA : 2D fit on a classifier output  $[\eta(BDT_2)]$  bins and  $q^2$  bins
- HTA: fit on a classifier output  $\eta(BDT_h)$

○ Combining ITA & HTA we have a **10% increase in precision** w.r.t ITA alone

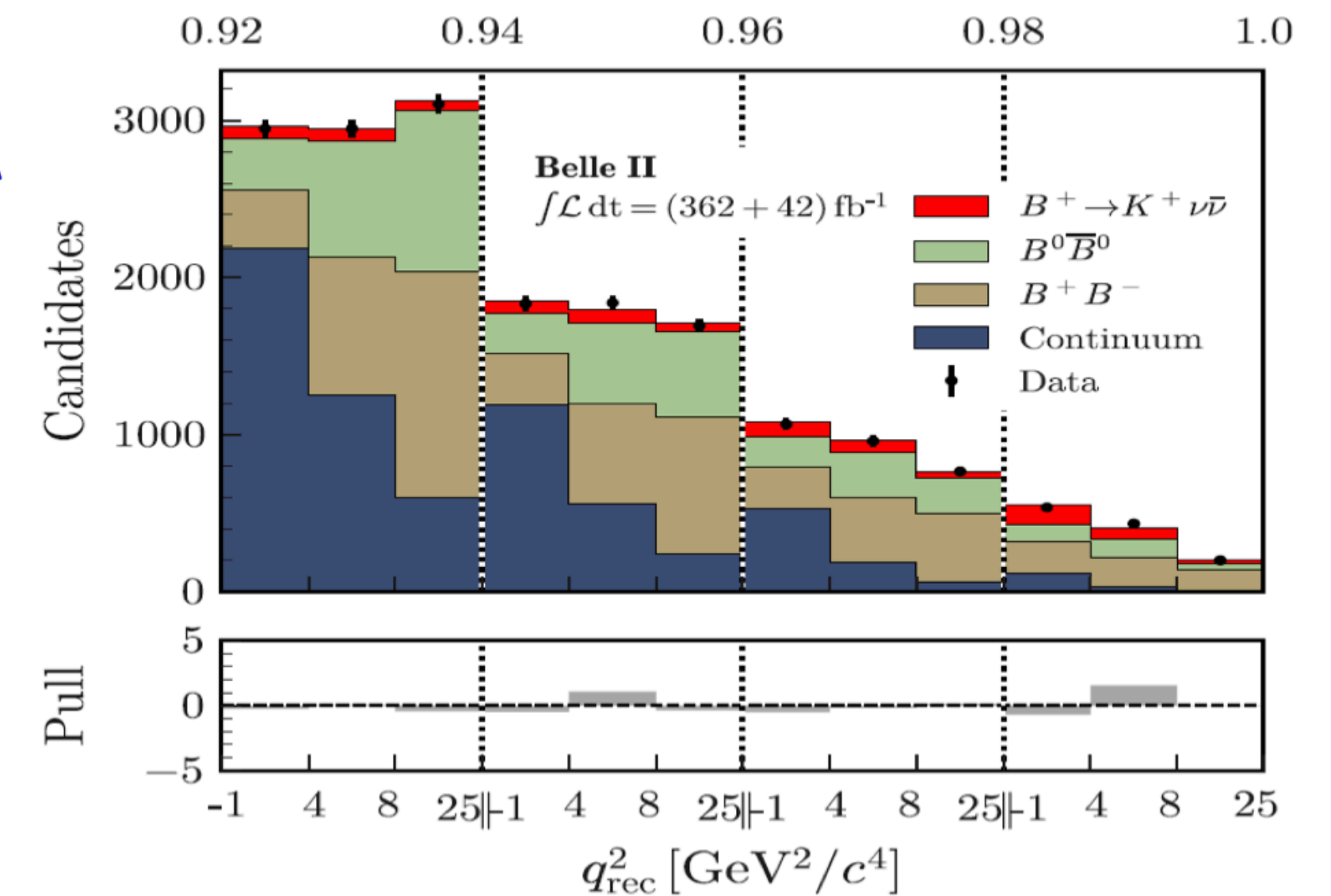
**Combined:  $\mu = 4.6 \pm 1.0(stat) \pm 0.9(sys)$**

**3.5  $\sigma$  significance w.r.t bkg-only hypothesis**

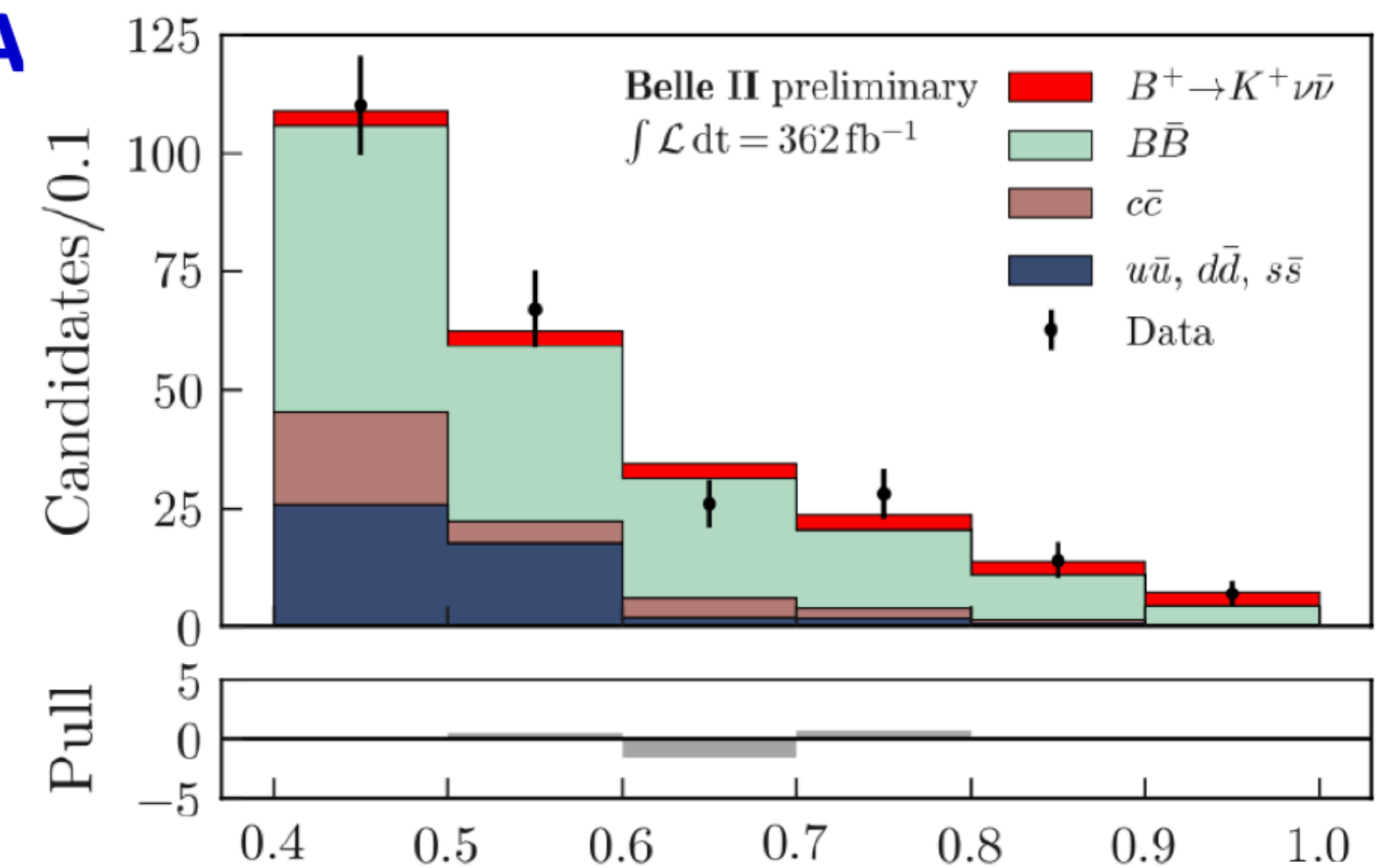
**2.7  $\sigma$  deviation above SM predictions**

**First evidence of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  process**

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# Rare Decays : $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ motivation

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- These processes are suppressed in the SM and occur only a loop level

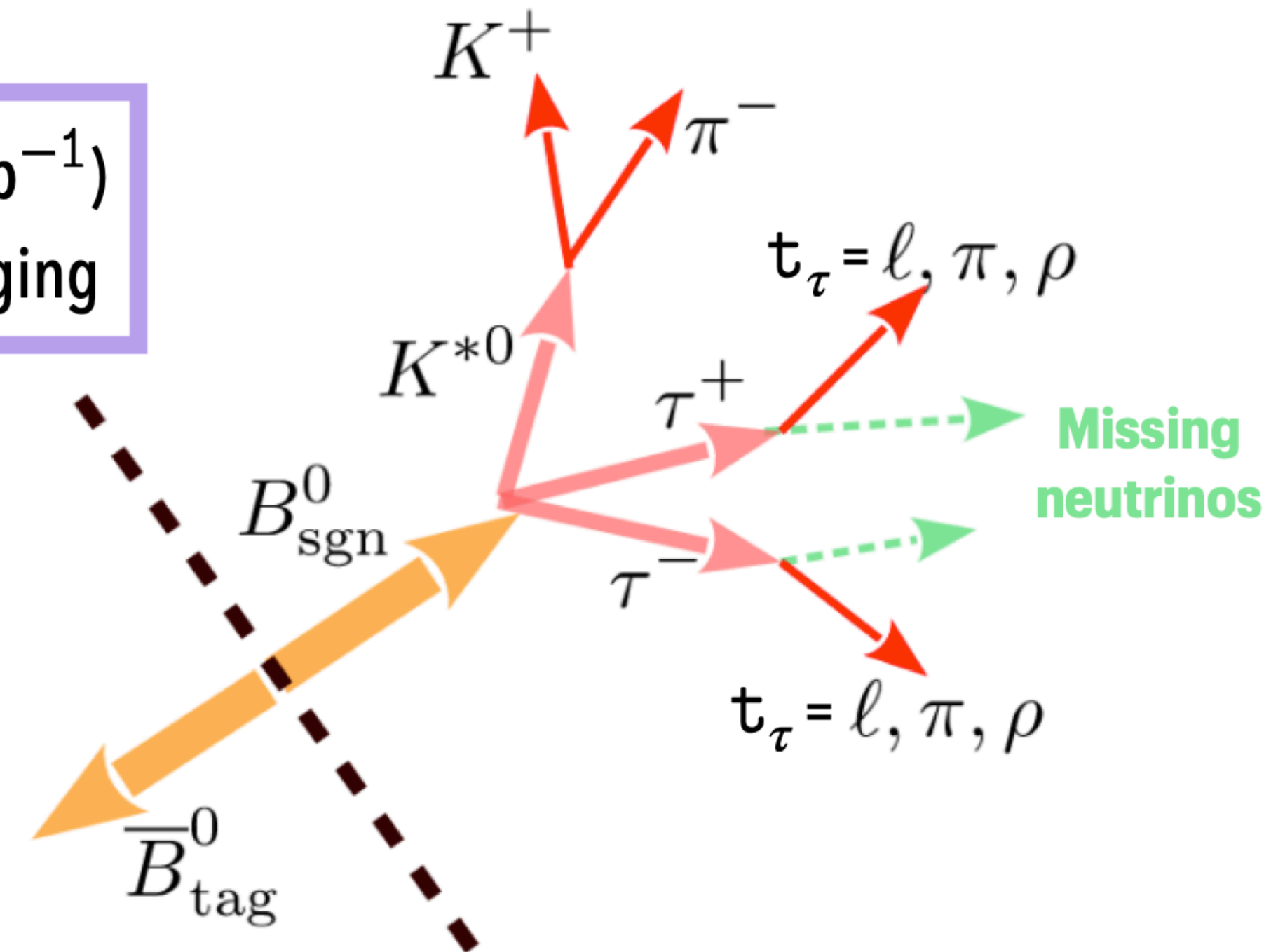
$$\mathcal{B}_{SM} = (0.98 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-7}$$

- Sensitive to new physics models accommodating the  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  anomalies

- Might correlate with enhanced  $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$  decay rates

- **Belle** ( $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) :  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-) < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$  @ 90% C.L.

**Belle II** ( $364 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
hadronic B-tagging



## Experimental challenges:

- Low branching fraction
- No signal peaking kinematic observable
- Large background + more than 3 prompt tracks
- Up to 4 neutrinos originating from  $\tau$
- $K^{*0}$  has low momentum due to the phase space

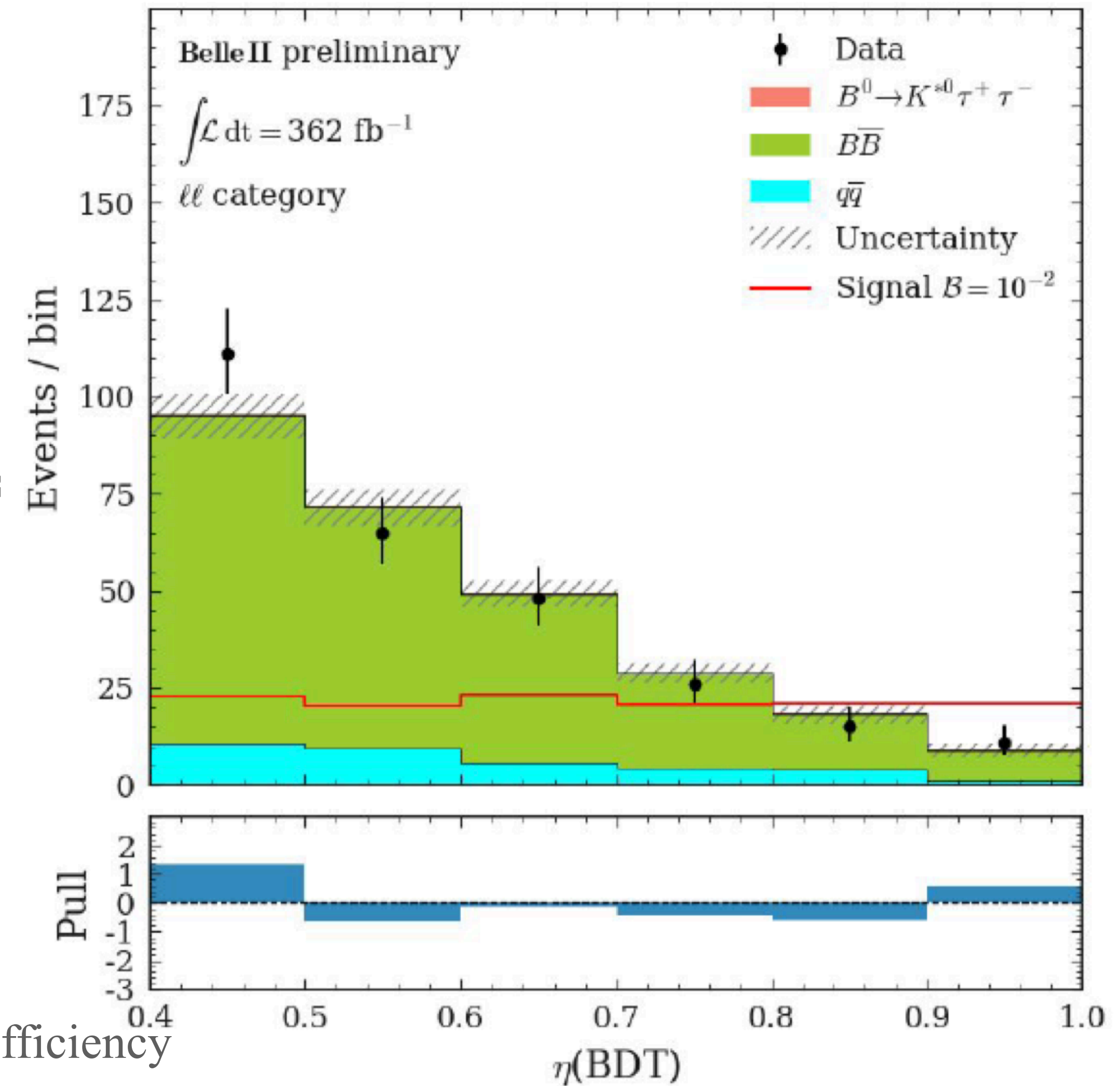
# Rare Decays : $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ strategy and results

- Combination of charged particle from  $\tau$  decay lead to 4 categories:

$$ll, l\pi, \pi\pi, \rho X$$

- BDT** is trained using missing energy, extra cluster energy in EM calorimeter,  $M(K^{*0} t_\tau)$ ,  $q^2$ , etc
- BDT output  $\eta(BDT)$  is used to extract the signal yield with simultaneous fit to 4 categories

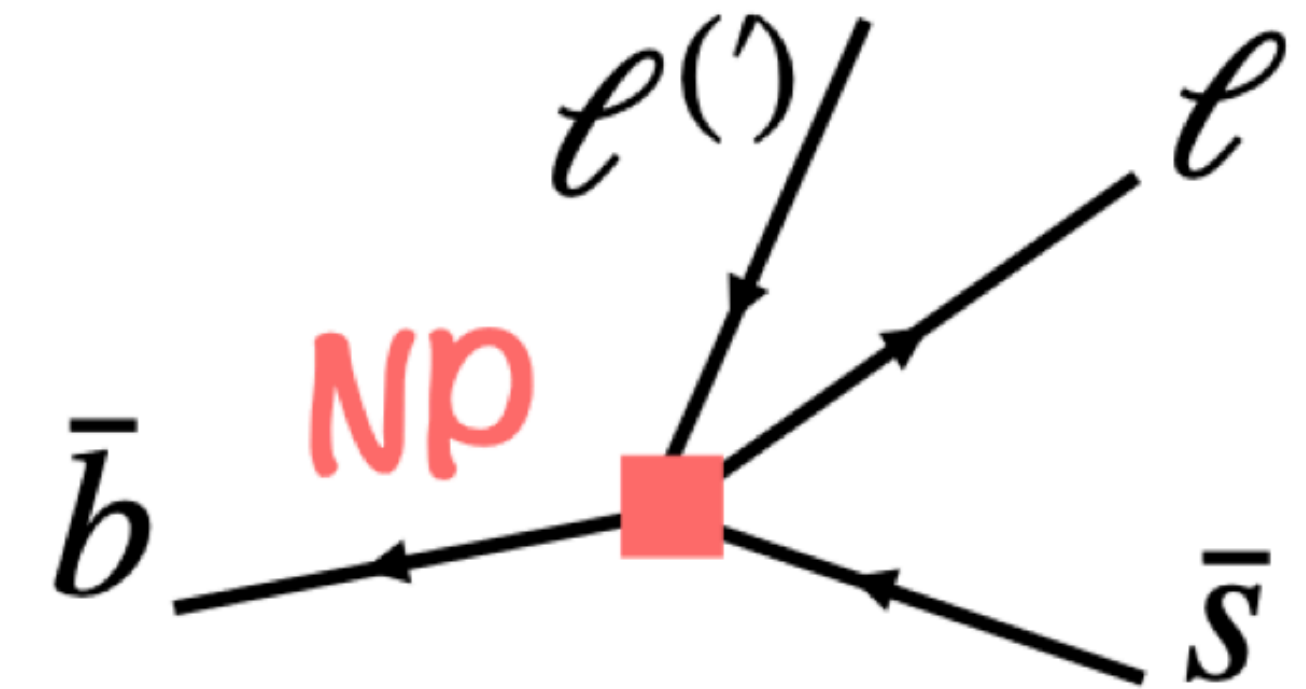
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-) = 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \quad @ 90\% \text{ C.L}$$



- Twice better with only half sample w.r.t Belle : better tagging & signal efficiency

- The most stringent limit on the  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$  decay and in general on  $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$  transition**

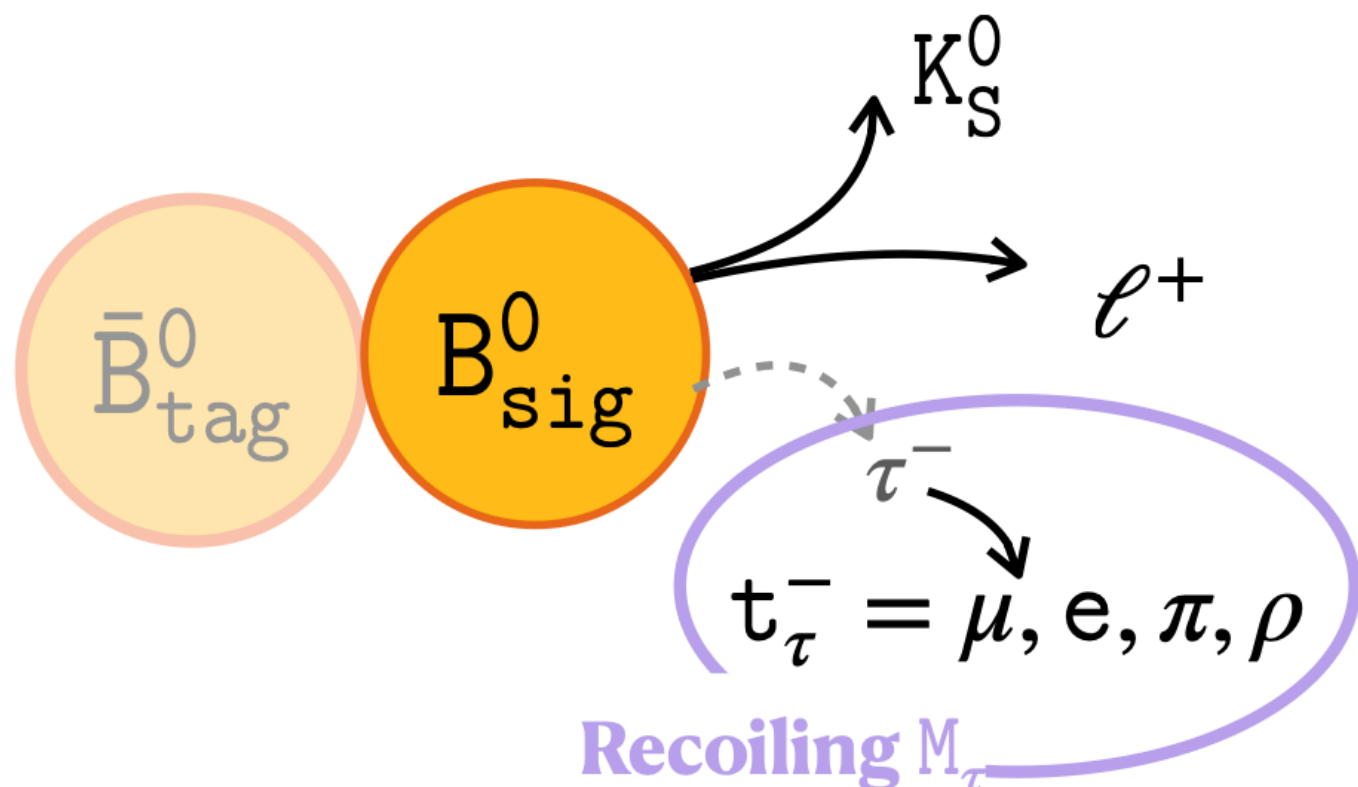
- New heavy particles might accommodate the  $\mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \bar{\nu} \nu)$  excess and  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$  anomalies
  - new physics coupling preferentially to 2nd and 3rd generation leptons could result in observable decays to  $b \rightarrow s \tau l$  (Lepton Flavor Violation-LFV)



- BaBar ( $428 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) :  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^\pm l^\mp$  [PRD.86.012004](#)
- LHCb ( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) :  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \mu^-$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$  [JHEP.06.129](#), [arXiv.2209.09846](#)
- Belle ( $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) :  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^\pm l^\mp$  [PRL.130.261802](#)



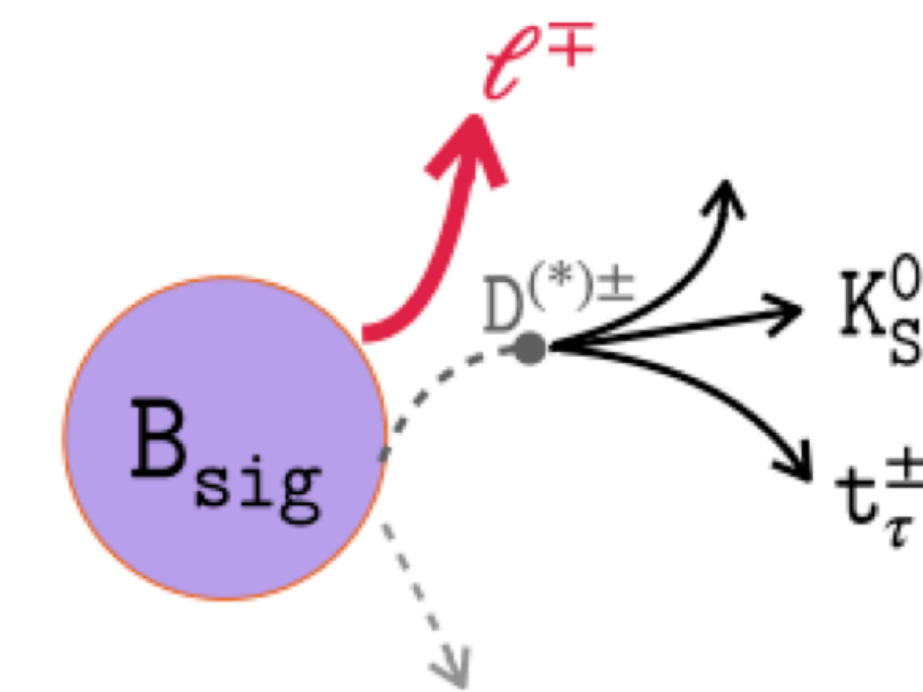
**Most stringent UL**



○ **First search in  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm l^\mp$**

- Belle + Belle II ( $711+364 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
+ hadronic B-tagging

# Rare Decays : $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm l^\mp$ strategy and results



- Final states involving **presence of neutrinos**  $\rightarrow$  can compute recoil mass of  $\tau$
- $K_S^0$  reconstructed from a pair of opposite charged pions  $\rightarrow$  after selections more than **98% purity**
- Semileptonic B decays are primarily **background**
- The remaining background is treated with the use of a **BDT**

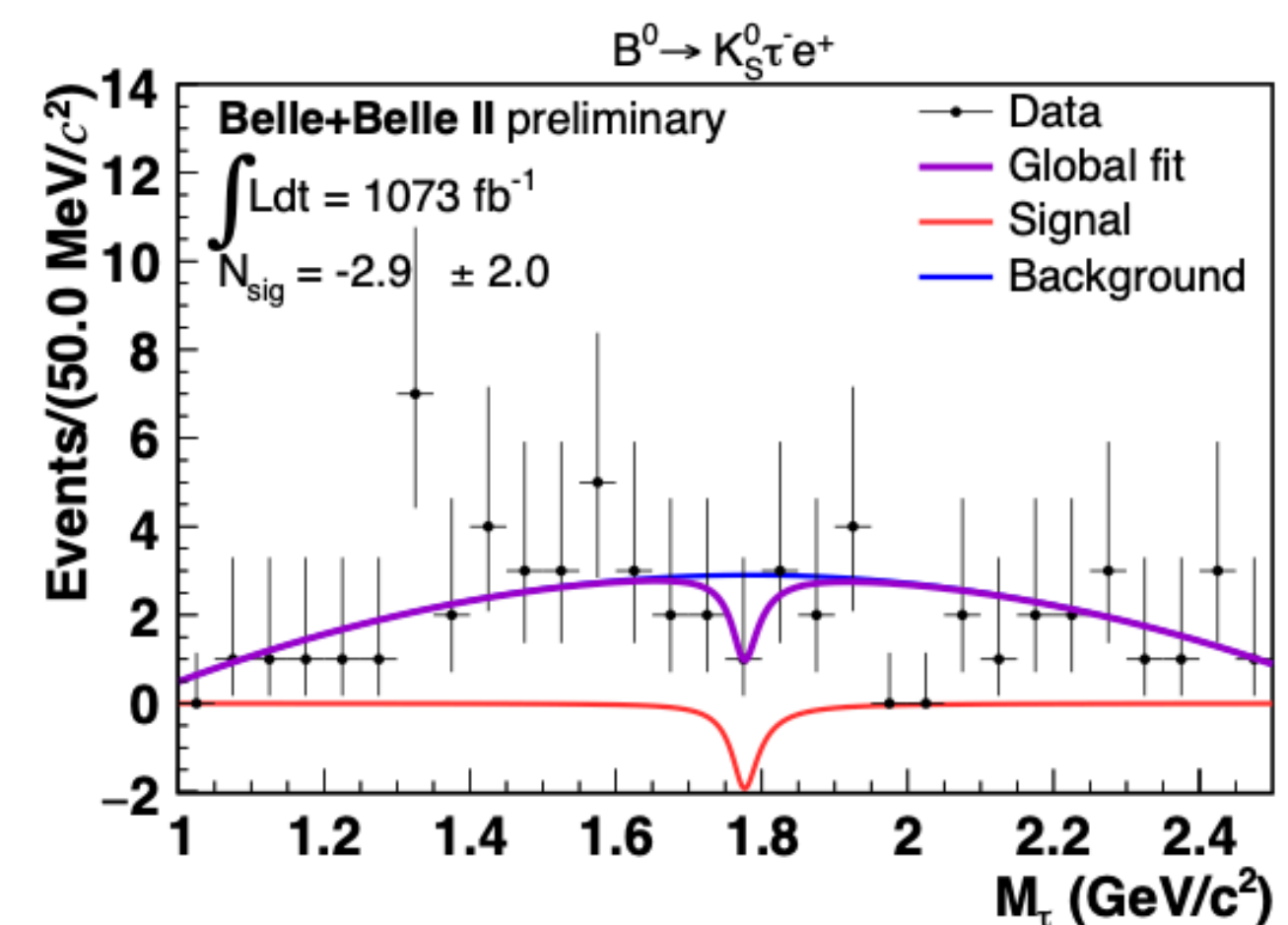
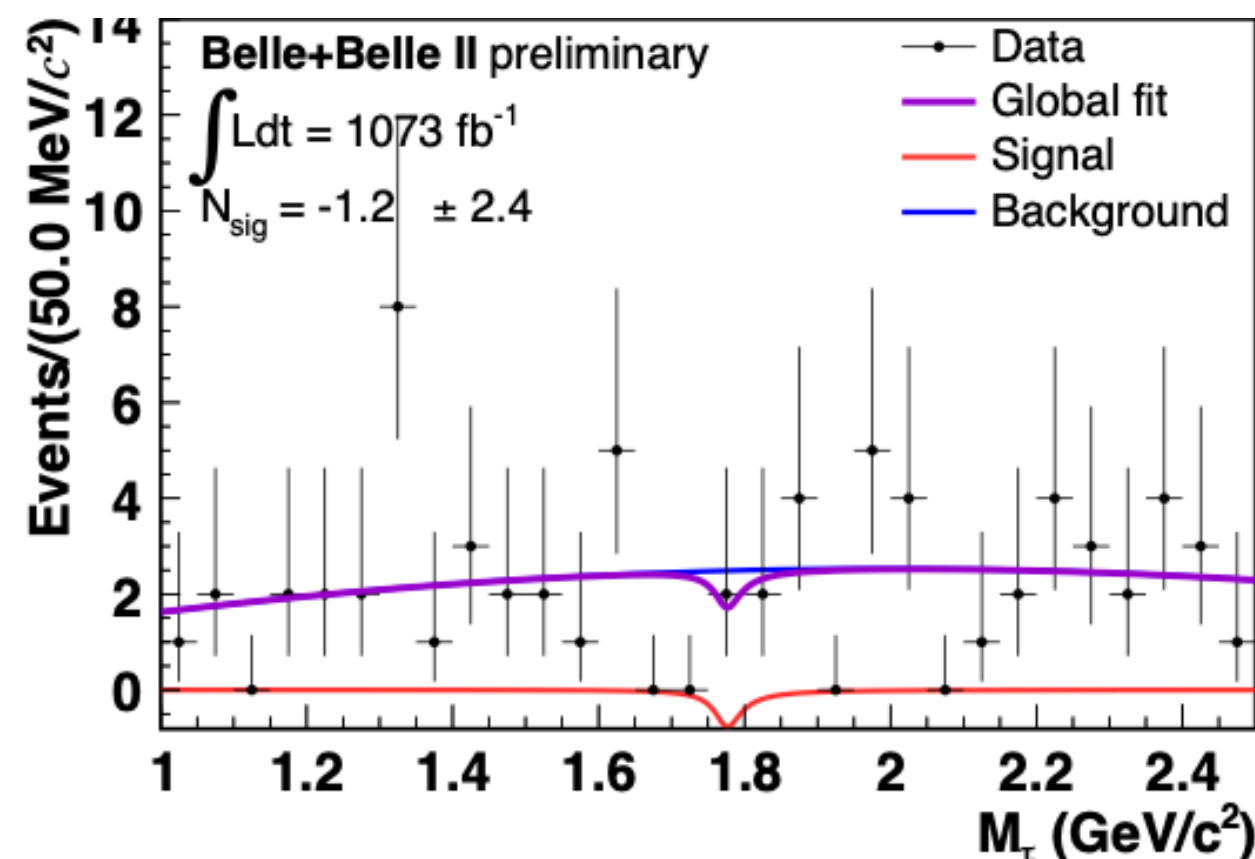
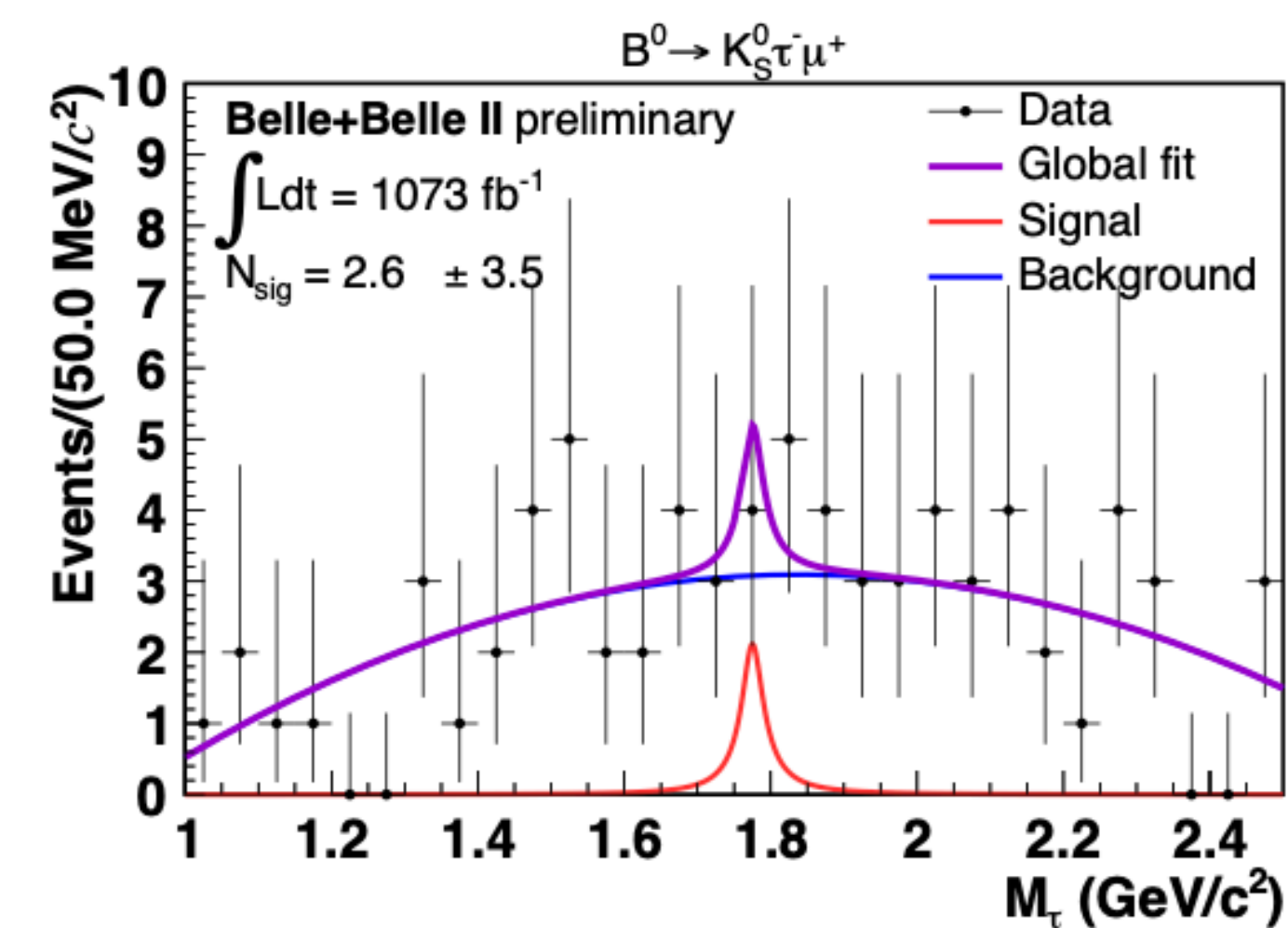
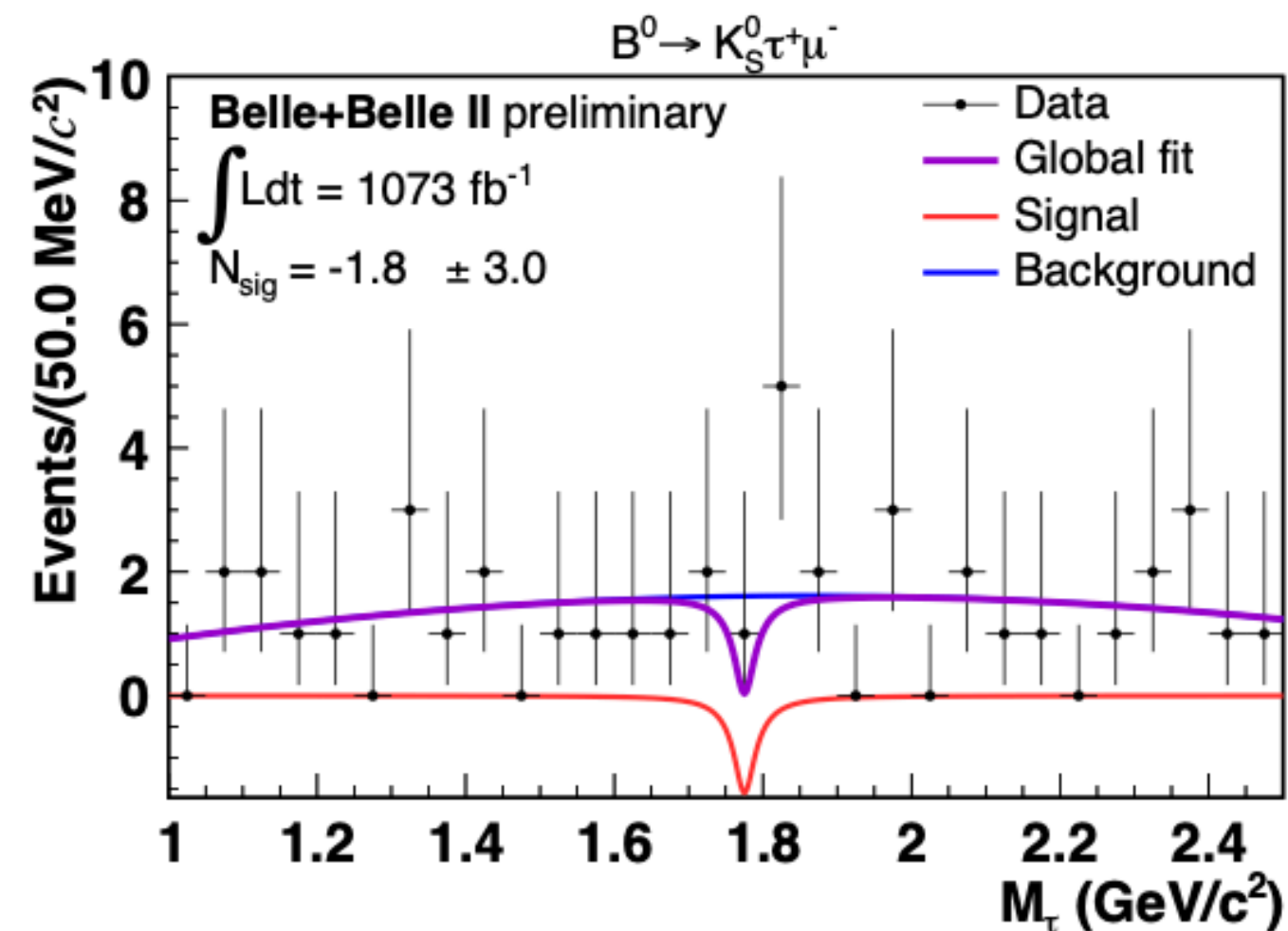
90% U.L. are derived:

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^+ \mu^-) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^- \mu^+) < 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

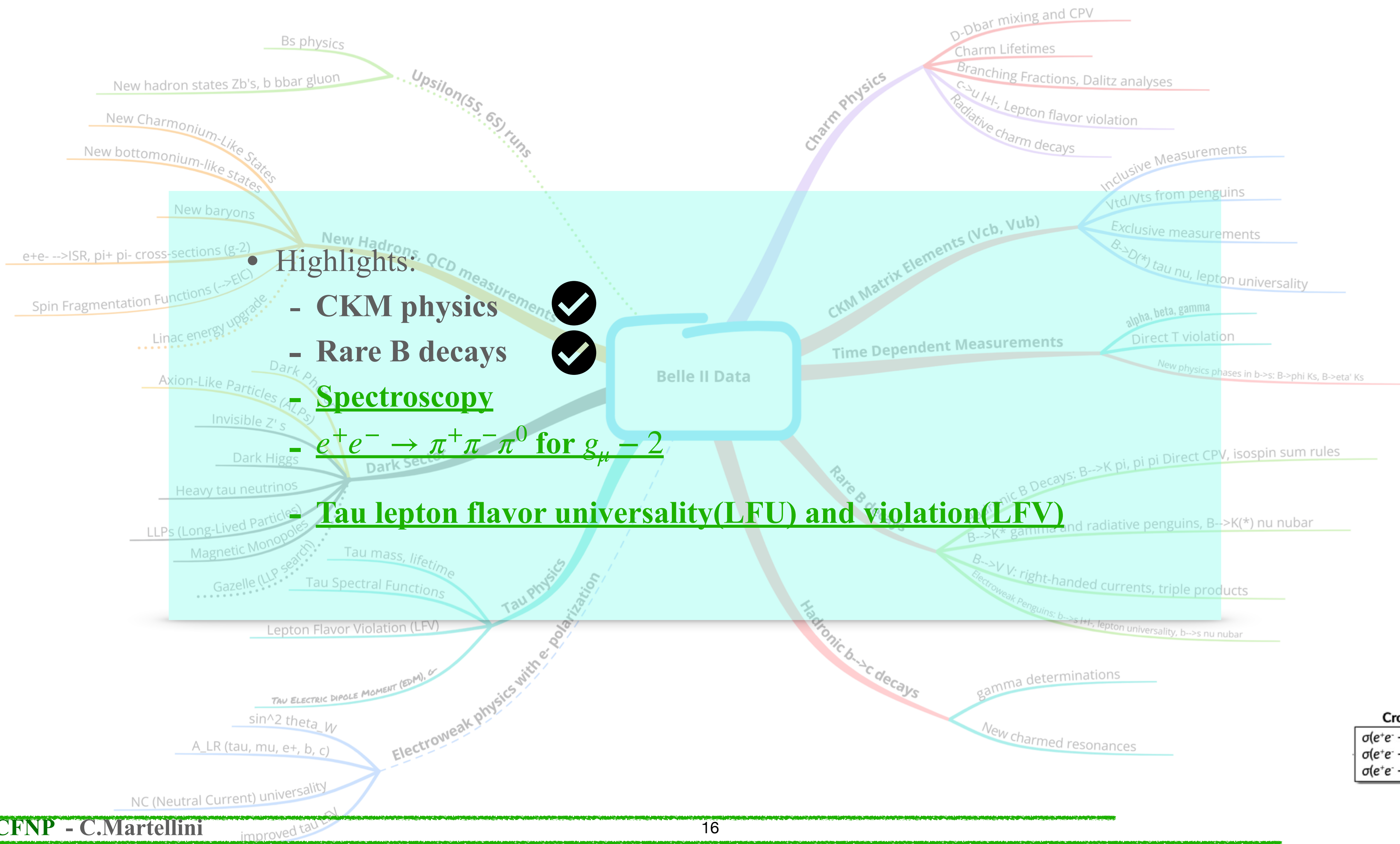
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^+ e^-) < 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^- e^+) < 0.8 \times 10^{-5}$$



**The results are among the most stringent limits**

# Belle II Physics Programs

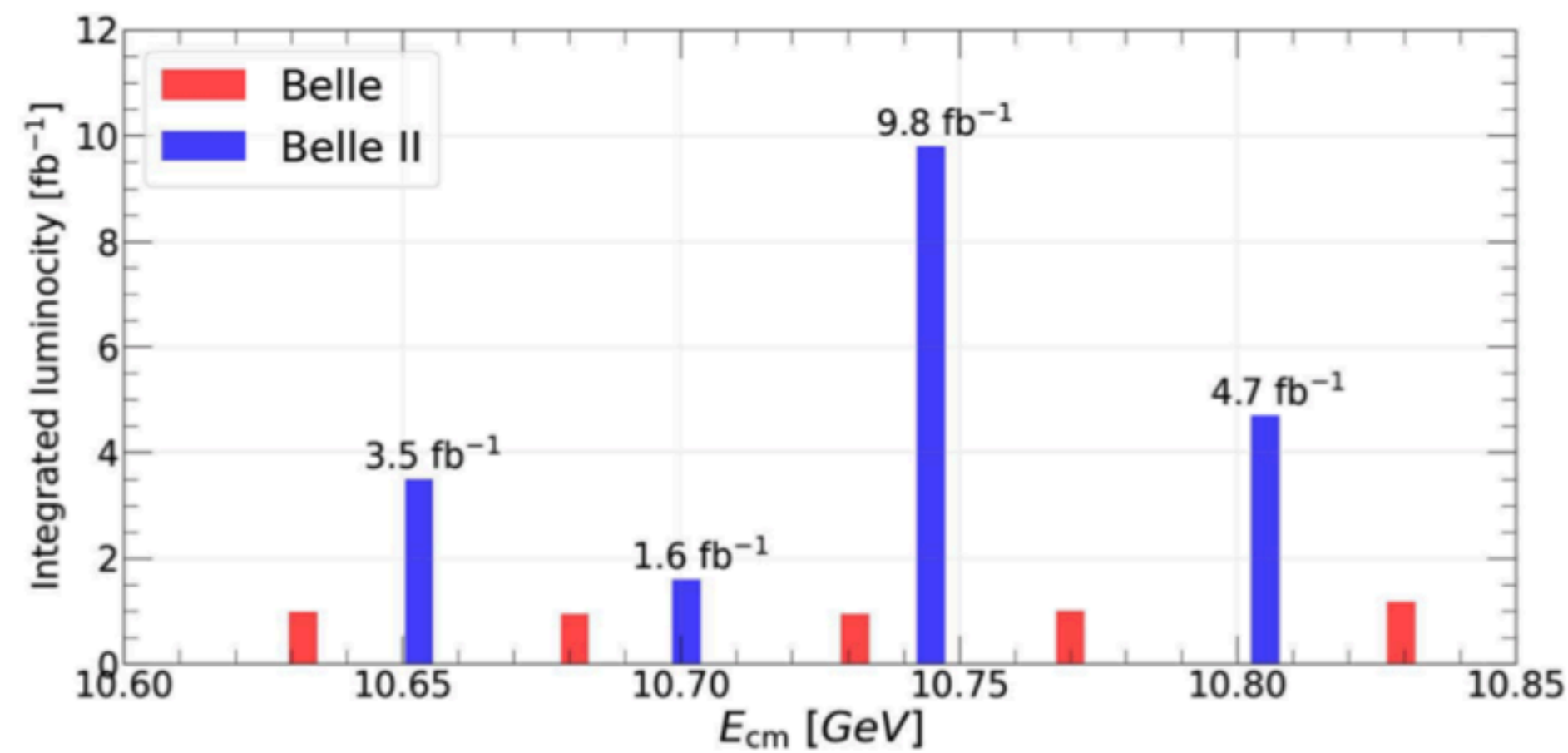


**Cross sections**

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| $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \approx 1.1$ nb     |
| $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}) \approx 1.3$ nb     |
| $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) \approx 0.9$ nb |



- New energy scan performed by **Belle II** to fill in the gaps of **Belle** scan  
For a total integrated luminosity of  $19 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



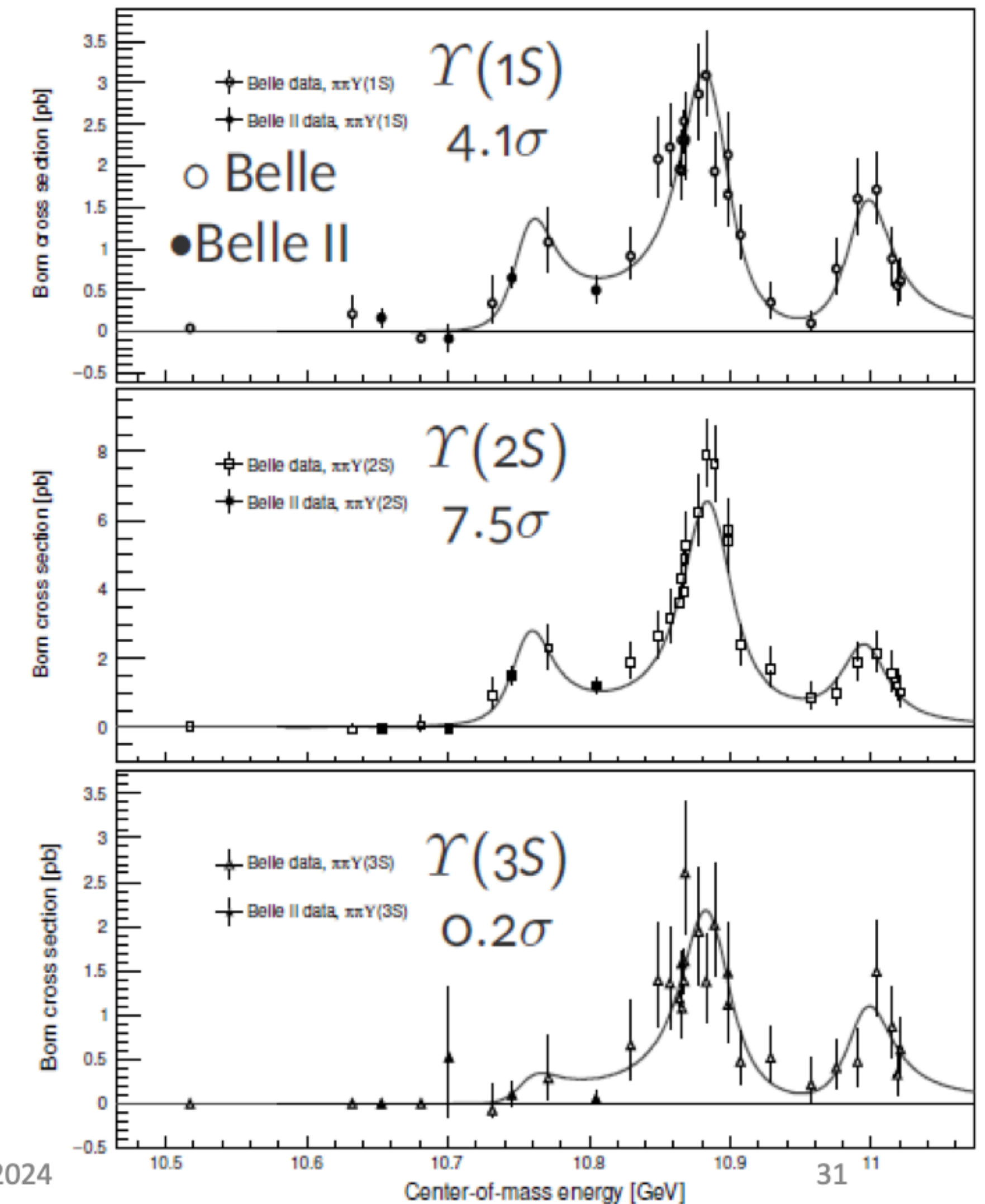
- *Observation of  $\Upsilon(10753)$  in agreement with Belle results*

$$M(\Upsilon(10753)) = 10756.6 \pm 2.7 \pm 0.9 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma(\Upsilon(10753)) = 29.0 \pm 8.8 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

*No signal of intermediate  $Z_b^+$  (10610/10650) observed*

Reconstruct  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(nS) (\rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+)$



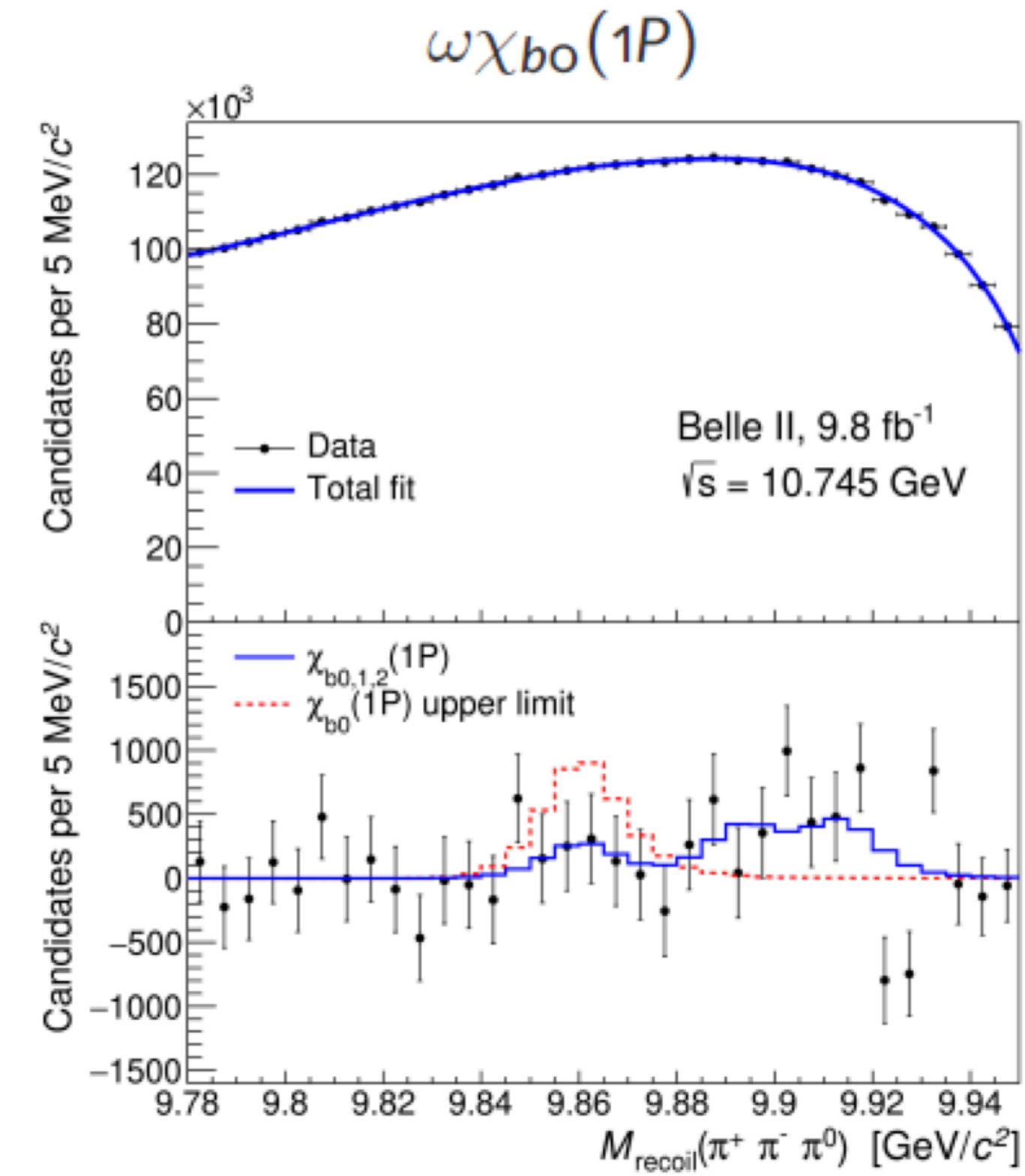
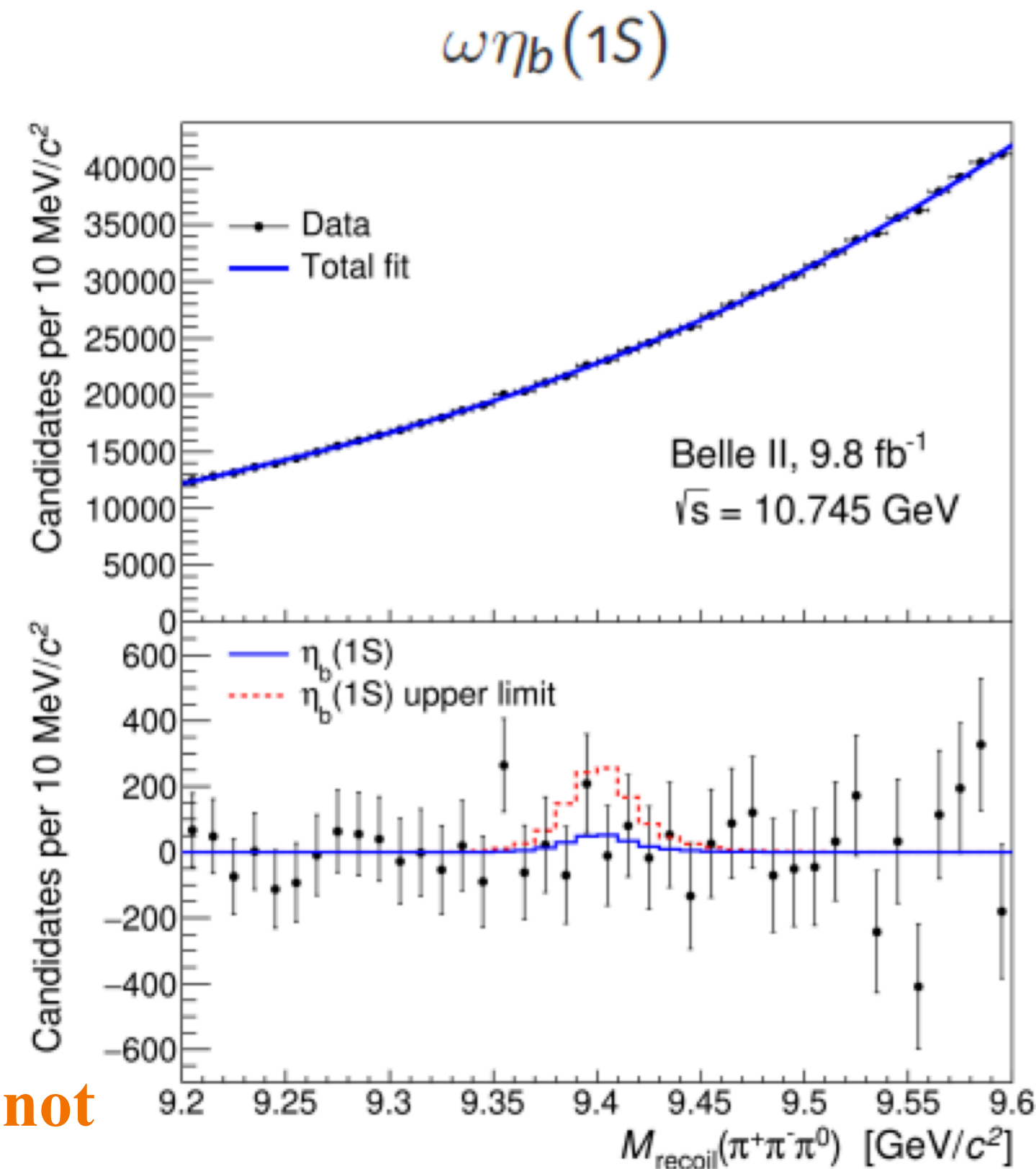
- $\Upsilon(10753)$  tetraquark interpretation predicts a strong transition to  $\omega\eta_b(1S)$

Compared to  $\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(nS)$

- Validate the model with reconstruction of  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  and look for a peak in the recoil mass distribution

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{b0}(1P)) < 7.8 \text{ pb} (*)$$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\eta_b(1S)) < 2.5 \text{ pb}$$

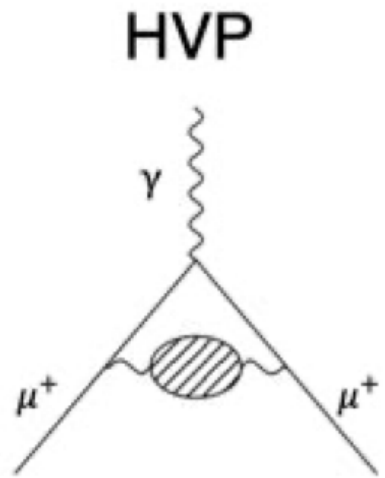


No significant signal observed  $\rightarrow$  **Tetraquark model not supported**

(\*)obtained by averaging the result of this analysis with the previously published one Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 091902

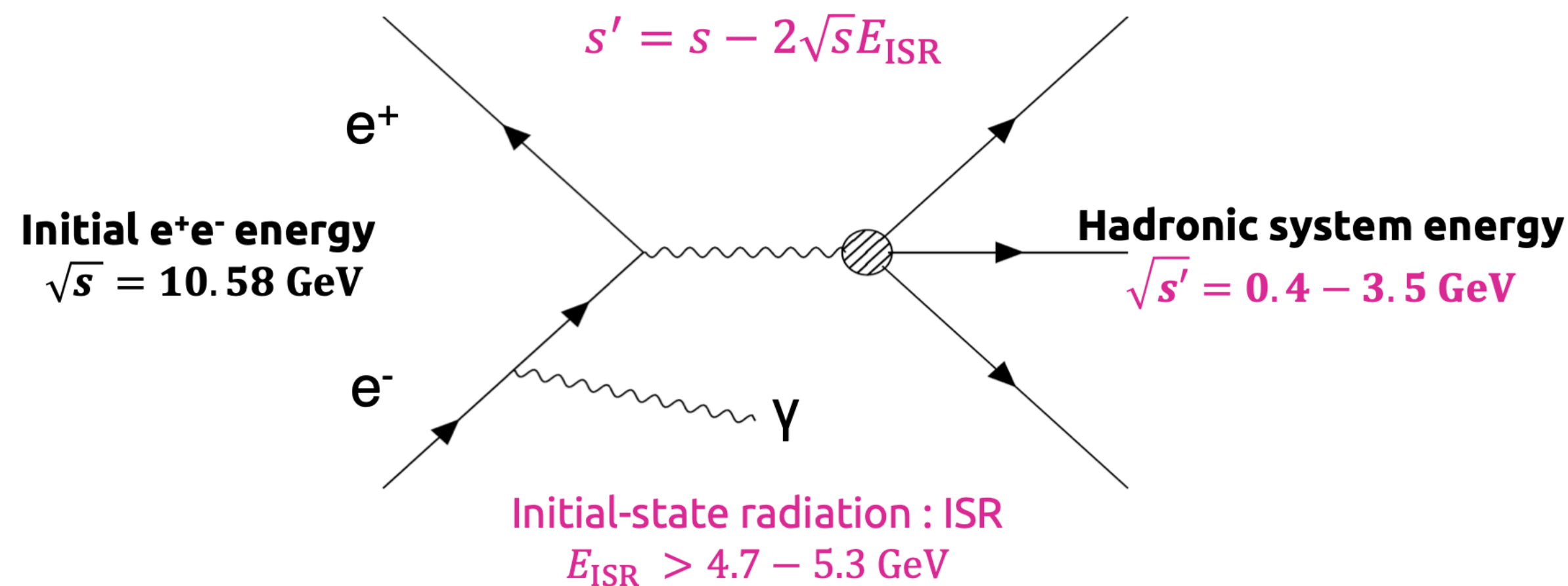
○ Motivation:

- Non-negligible uncertainty in the theoretical predictions
- **hadron vacuum polarisation** produces the largest uncertainty in the dispersive prediction of  $(g - 2)_\mu$  (HVP, 82%)
- Cross section  $e^+e^- \rightarrow hadrons$  is an **input to the dispersive calculation and gives largest uncertainty**



Perform the measurement in the energy range from 0.62 GeV to 3.50 GeV

- Initial-state radiation (ISR) method



Measured at Belle II exploiting  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma_{ISR}$   
 $\rightarrow$  Scan region  $0.7 < \sqrt{s} < 3.5$  GeV by  $\gamma_{ISR}$  reconstruction

Allows to scan a wide range of  $M(\pi\pi)$   
 rather than having to scan the c.m energy

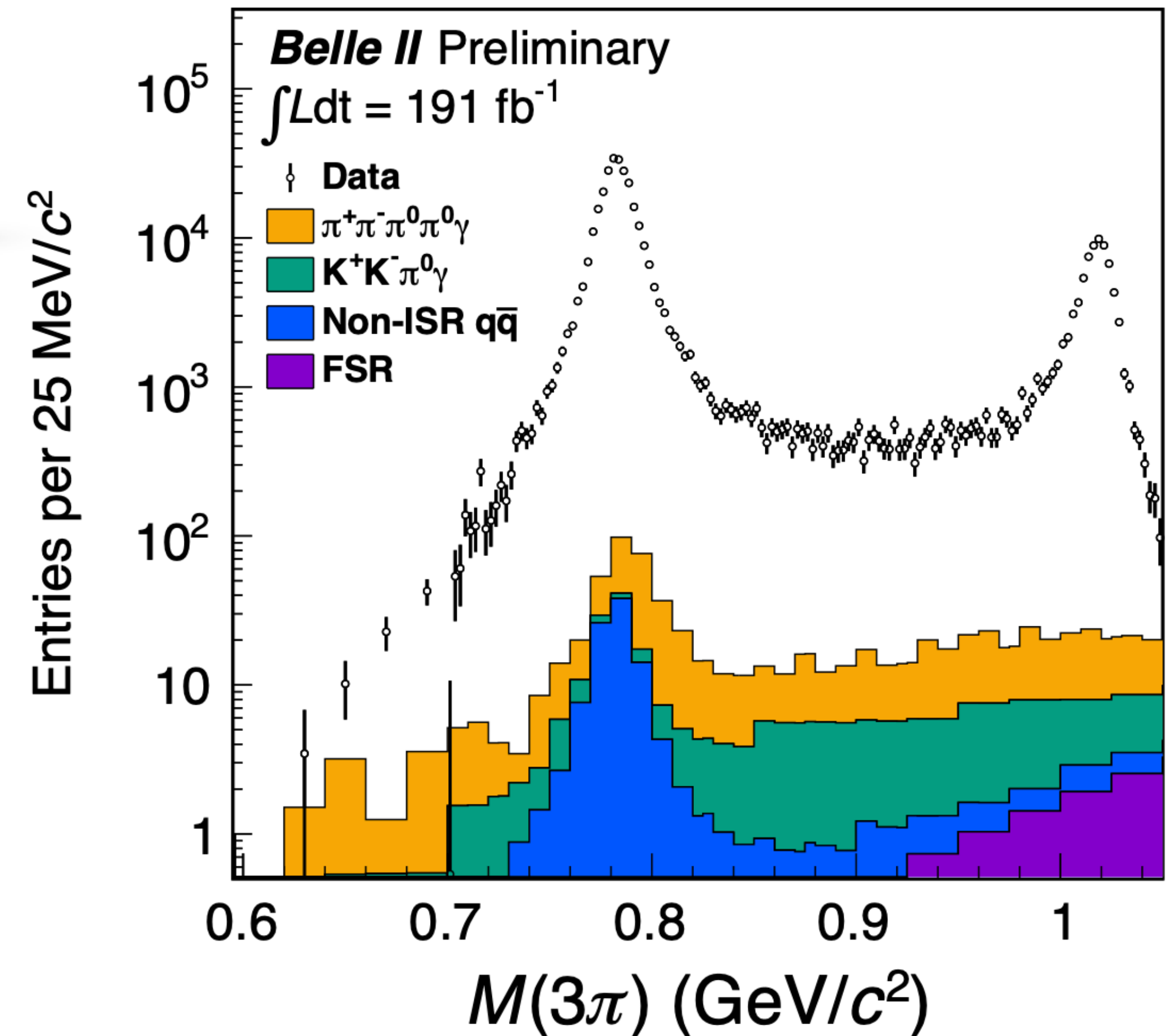
Used  $191 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of Belle II data @  $\Upsilon(4S)$

Recent predictions of LQCD show  $2 - 3\sigma$  differences from values based on dispersion relations  $\rightarrow$  **new experimental measures are important**

## Measured at Belle II with Signal process :

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{ISR}\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)$$

- **Signal extracted** by fitting  $M(\gamma\gamma)$  in each  $M(3\pi)$  bin
- Signal efficiency and DATA/MC corrections:
  - Tracking efficiency
  - $\pi^0$  detection efficiency
  - High energy photon detection efficiency
- Systematic uncertainty dominates: modelling of higher-order corrections and efficiency



Integrated over  $3\pi$  cross section from 0.62 - 1.8 GeV

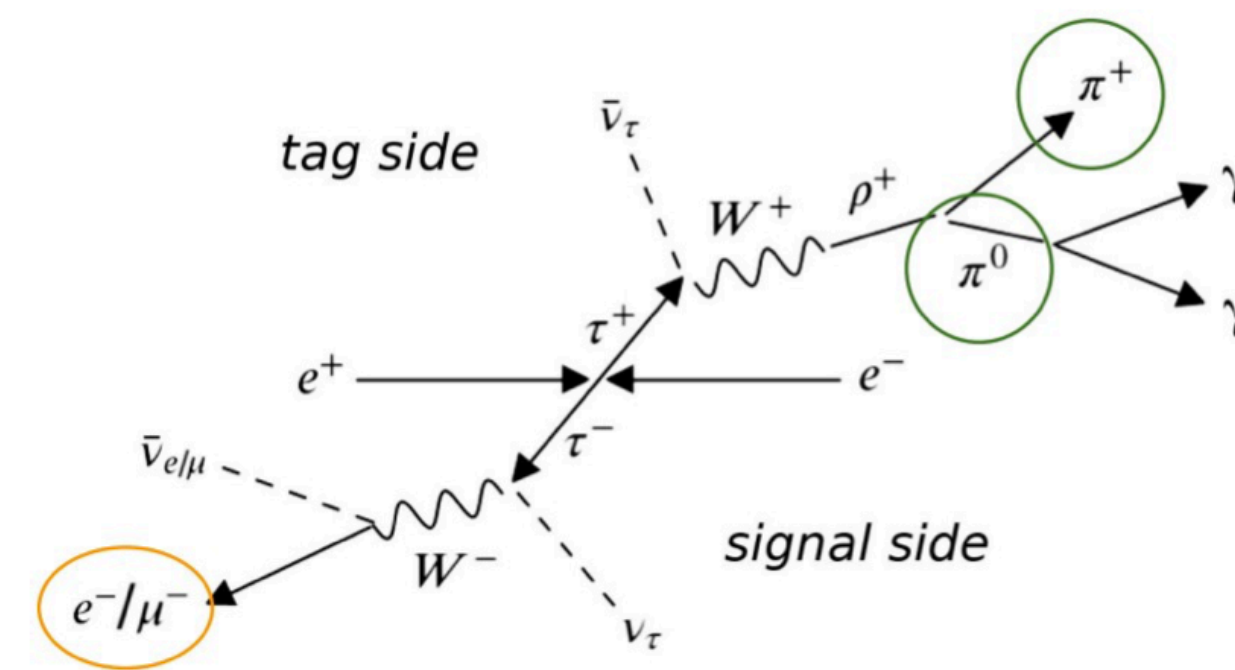
$$a_\mu^{LO,HVP,3\pi}(0.62 - 1.8 \text{ GeV}) = (48.91 \pm 0.25_{stat} \pm 1.07_{syst}) \times 10^{-10}$$

6.7% or  $2.5 \sigma$  higher than current global average from BaBar, CMD-2 and SND

In the SM all charged leptons have equal coupling strength ( $g_l$ ) to the W boson: LFU  $\rightarrow$  may be violated by new forces [1]

**For each  $B\bar{B}$  event we get  $\sim$  a  $\tau\tau$  pair  
 $\rightarrow$  Belle II optimal for  $\tau$  physics too**

$$R_\mu = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)} \quad \left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau = \sqrt{R_\mu \frac{f(m_e^2/m_\tau^2)}{f(m_\mu^2/m_\tau^2)}}$$



• **Test of  $\mu/e$  universality in  $\tau$  decays**

- In the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  one can separate the event in two hemispheres: tag  $\tau$ , and signal  $\tau$

Purity 96% and 92% for electron and muon channels

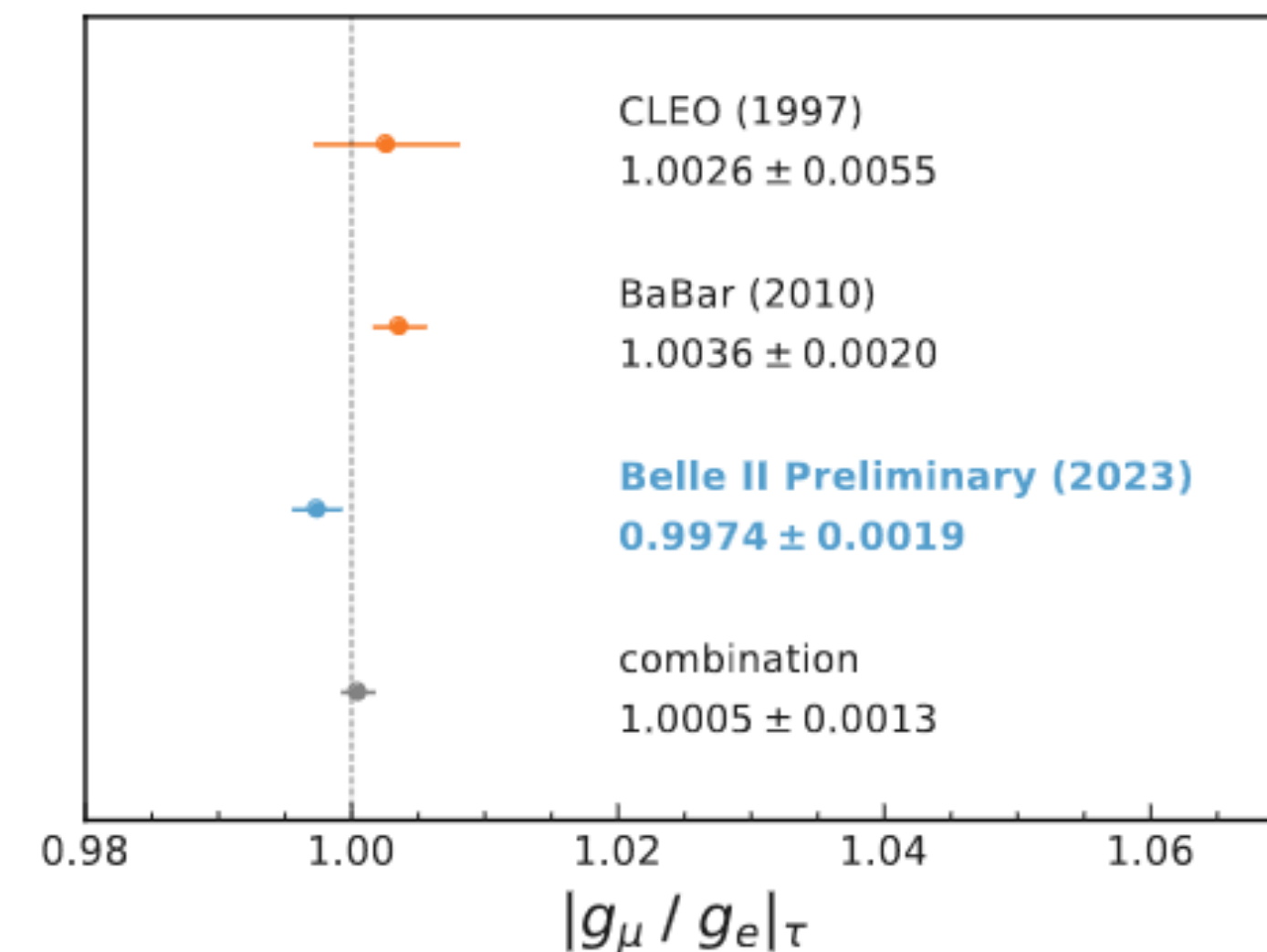
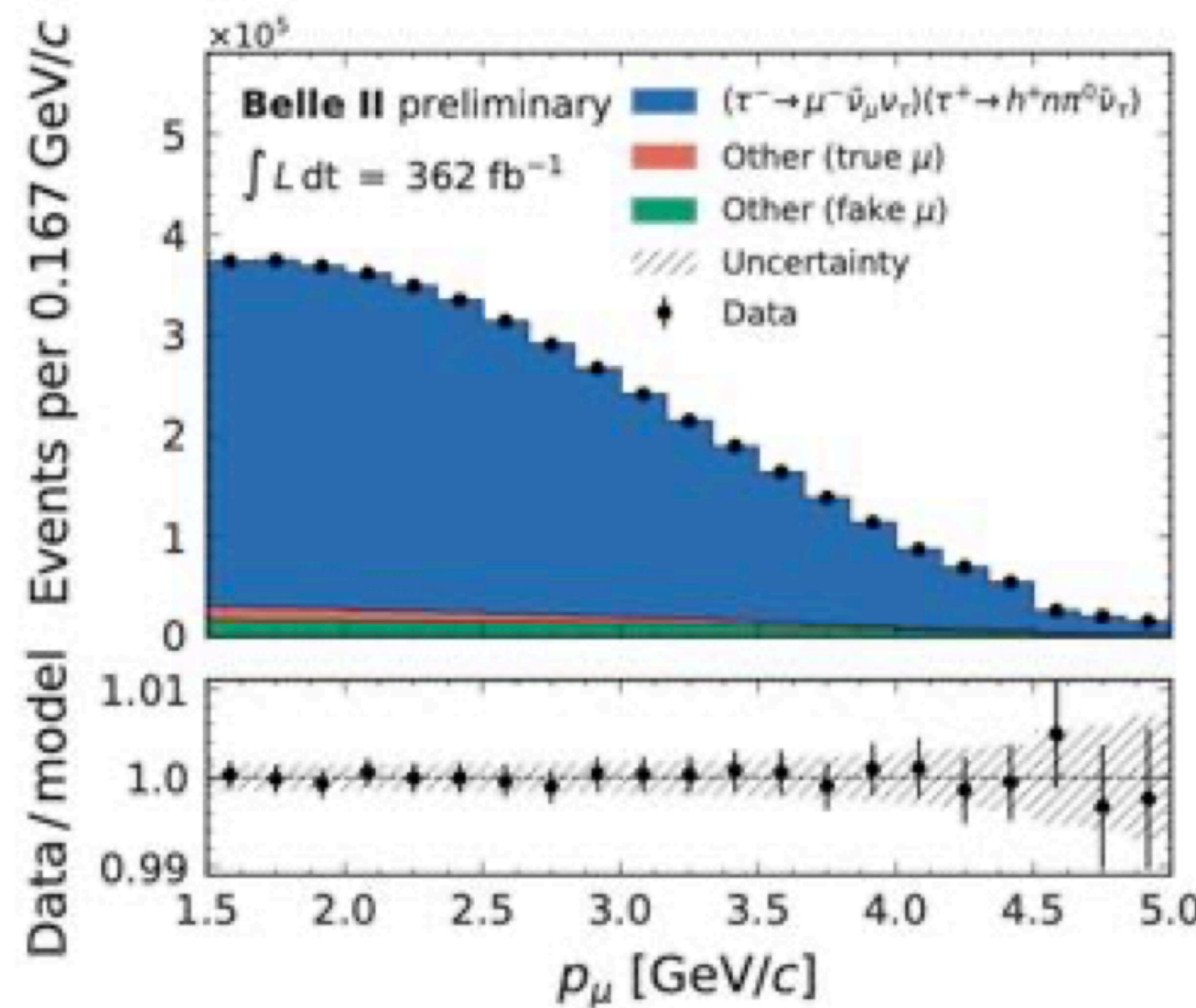
Full Belle II RUN1 data sample  $364 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

-Signal side: e or  $\mu$

-Tag side: 1 charged hadron +  $\geq 1\pi^0$

- Background suppression using a Neural Network
- Systematics dominated by eID and trigger

$R_\mu$  obtain by binned maximum likelihood fit on momentum spectra on  $\mu/e$



Most precise test of light lepton universality in  $\tau$  decays

$$R_\mu = 0.9675 \pm 0.0007(stat) \pm 0.0036(sys)$$

$$g_\mu/g_e = 0.9974 \pm 0.0019$$

Talk by [A.Thaller](#)

A lot of interest in LFV decays at  $e^+e^-$  colliders, with  $\sim 50$  modes:  
 $\tau \rightarrow l\gamma, \tau \rightarrow l\phi, \tau \rightarrow lll$

These are rare decays : it's all about **maximising the statistics!**

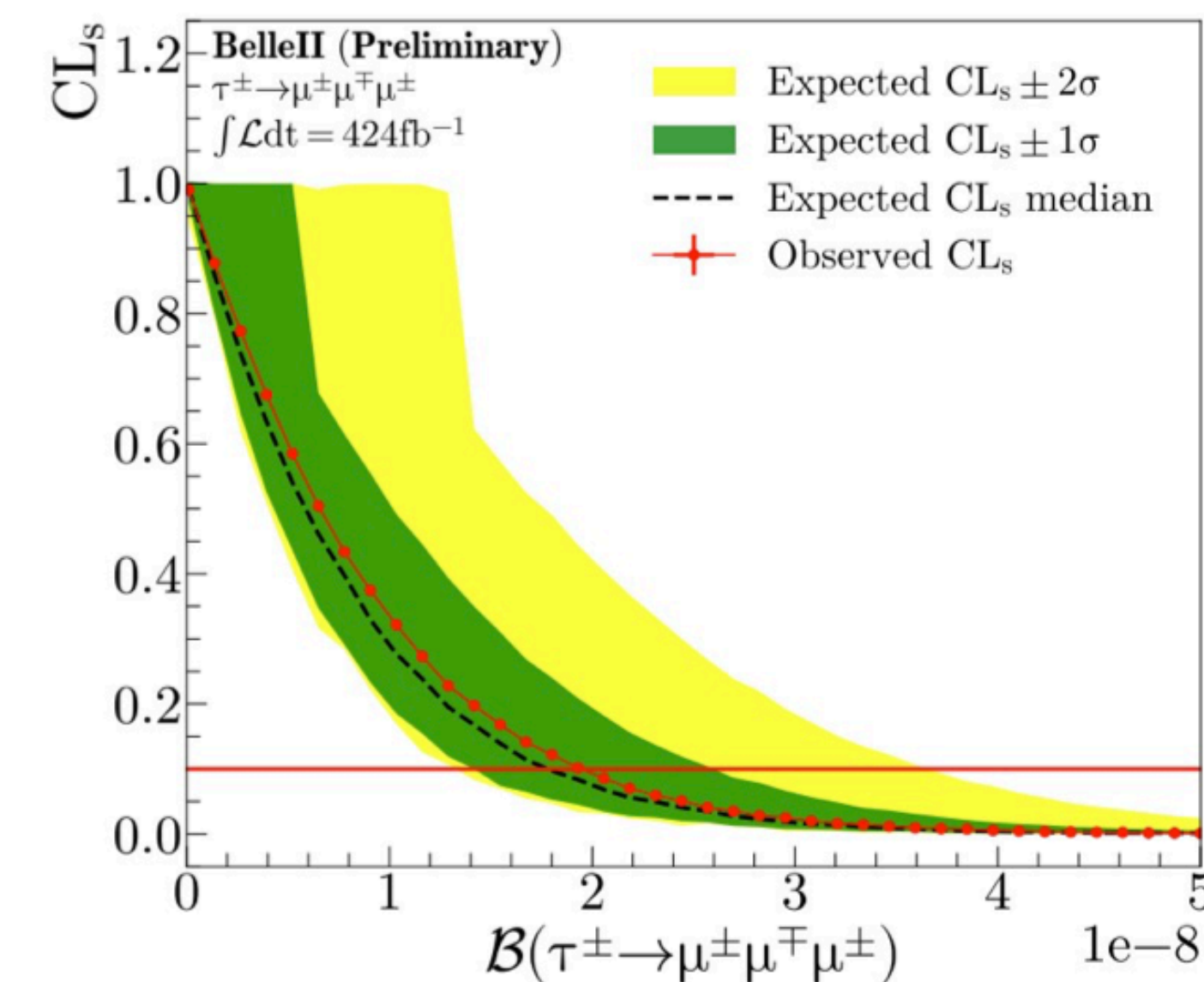
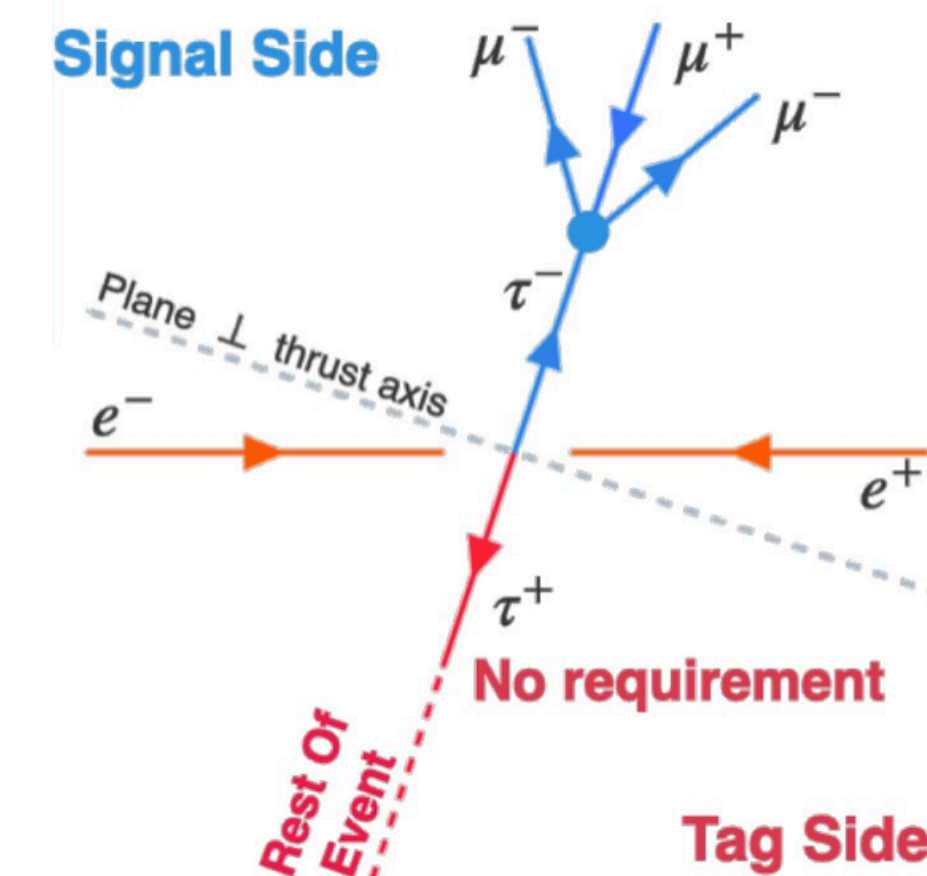
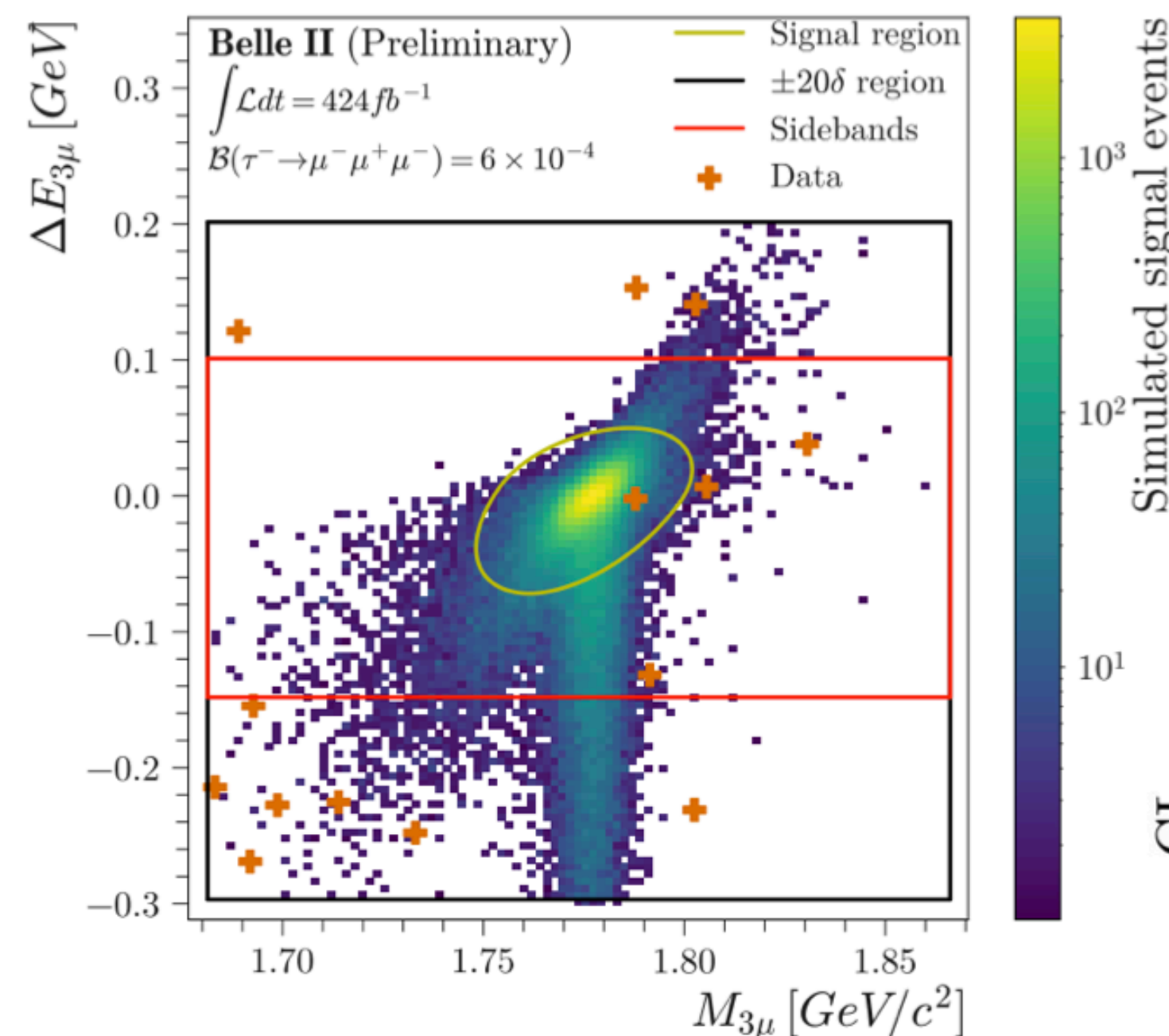
- Almost free from SM background
- Very good resolution on the energy and the momentum

**Signal:**

- reconstruction of signal candidate by combining three muons

**Background:**

- Selections to remove low-multiplicity events
- BDT to reject  $q\bar{q}$  events



90% CL upper limit on Branching Fraction

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) < 1.9 \times 10^{-8}$$

**World's best limit!!!**

No excess is found!

# Conclusions

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- Belle and Belle II have been and will continue to collect excellent data for various physics programs
- Many more measurements are in progress
- You can find more on our public publications page : <https://www.belle2.org/research/physics/publications>
- Only a small fraction of the exciting results are included in this talk
- Belle II has restarted collecting data from its Run2, aiming to significantly increase its data sample in the next few years
  
- Looking forward to more data in the coming years

**Thank you for your attention**



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**Back up slides**

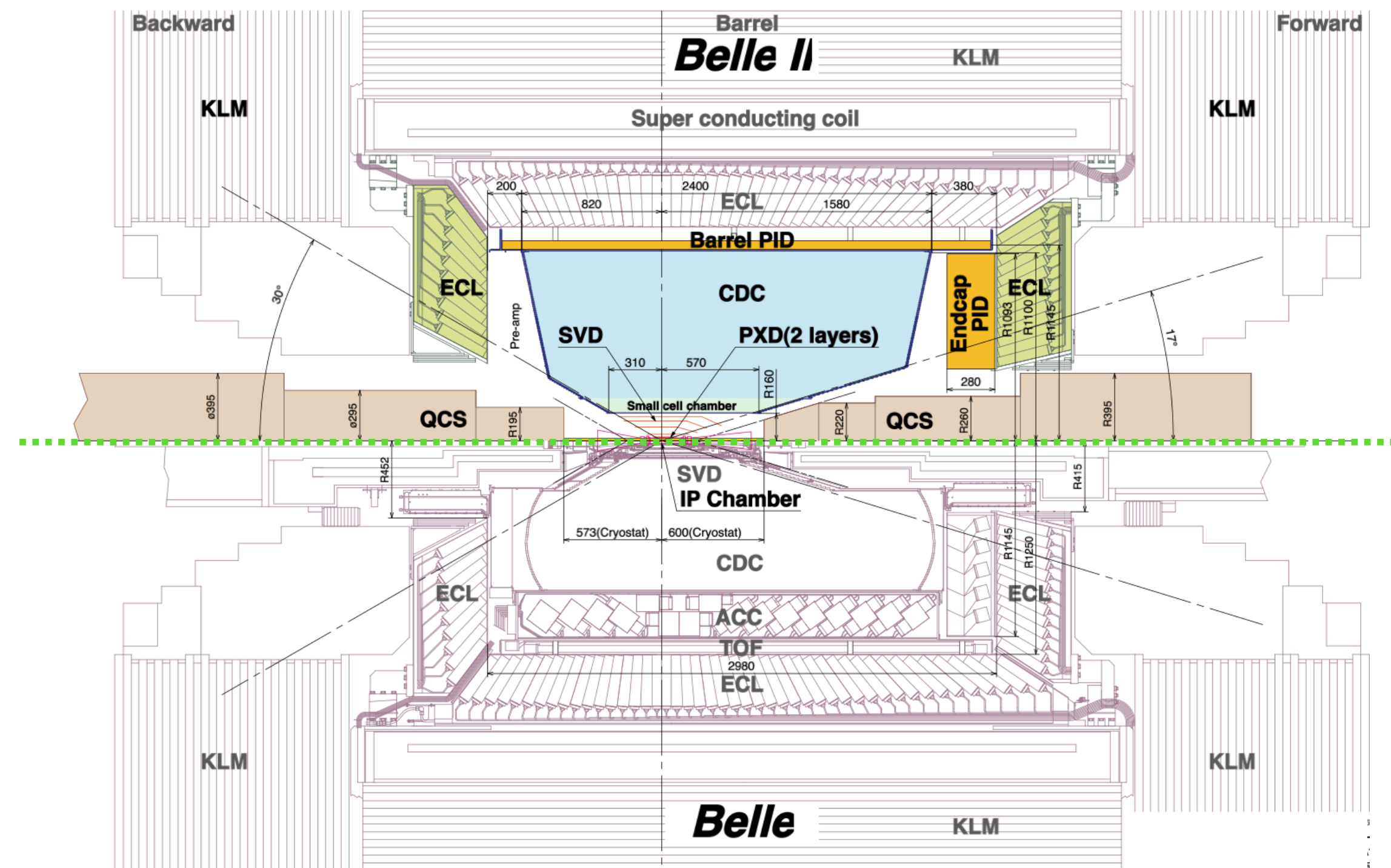




# Belle & Belle II detectors



- ECL** (electromagnetic calorimeter): Updated electronics
- PID** (Particle Identification): Better  $K/\pi$  separation under higher bkg level
- CDC** (Central drift chamber): larger volume, smaller drift cells and faster electronics
- VTX:**
  - + 2 layers PXD (pixel detector)
  - + 4 layers SVD (Silicon vertex detector)



[Belle II TDR](#)

- Well-known initial state condition
- Benefits from clean environment
- Efficient reconstruction of **neutrals**
- Boosted center of mass that allows for time-dependent measurements
- Hermetic detectors → ideal for studying neutral or invisible decays

# LFU tests - Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

- **LFU**: SM expects lepton coupling to EW gauge boson to be **flavour-universal**
- **Ratio** of the branching-fraction of senile-tonic decays

$$R(H_{\tau/l}) = \frac{Br(B \rightarrow H\tau\nu_\tau)}{Br(B \rightarrow Hl\nu_l)}$$

Where  $H = D, D^*, X, \pi \dots$  and  $l = e, \mu$

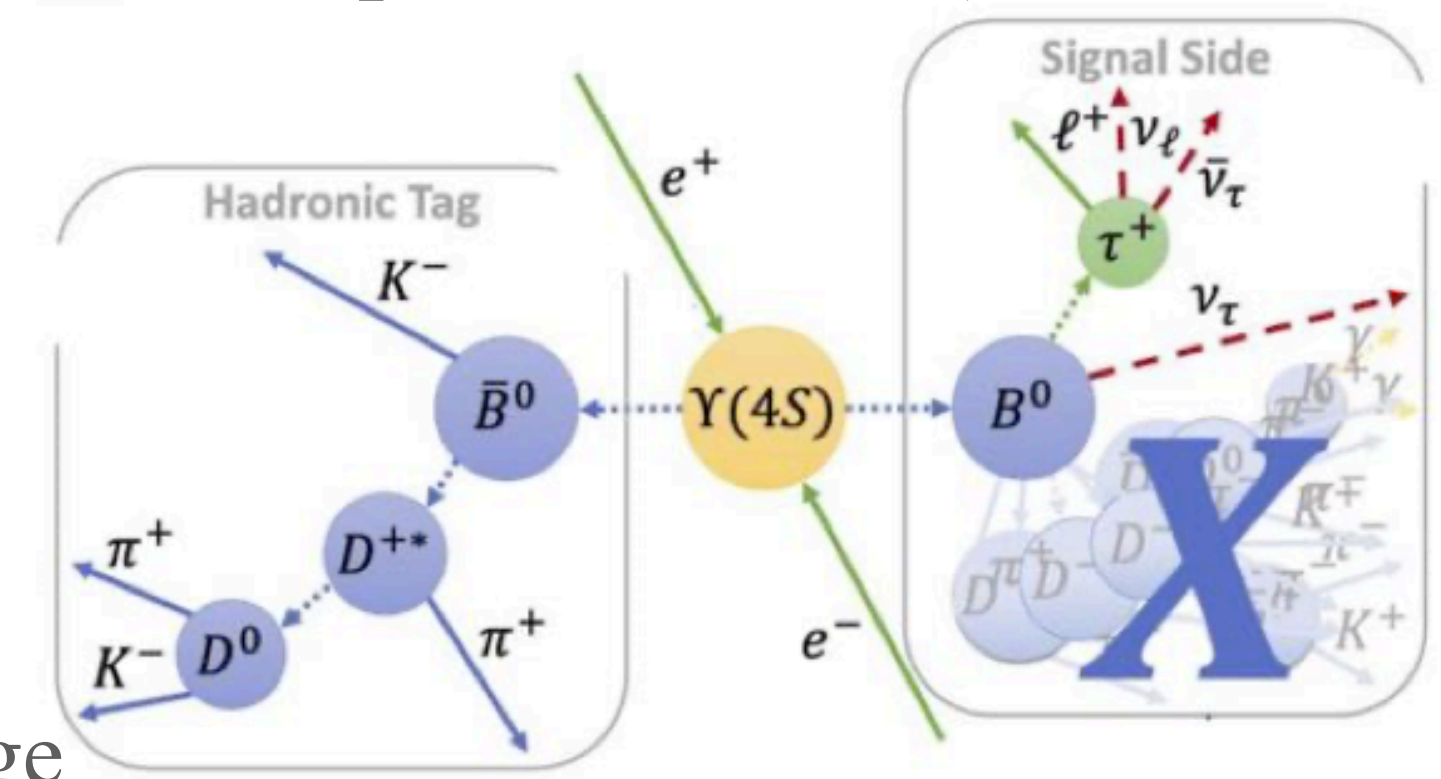
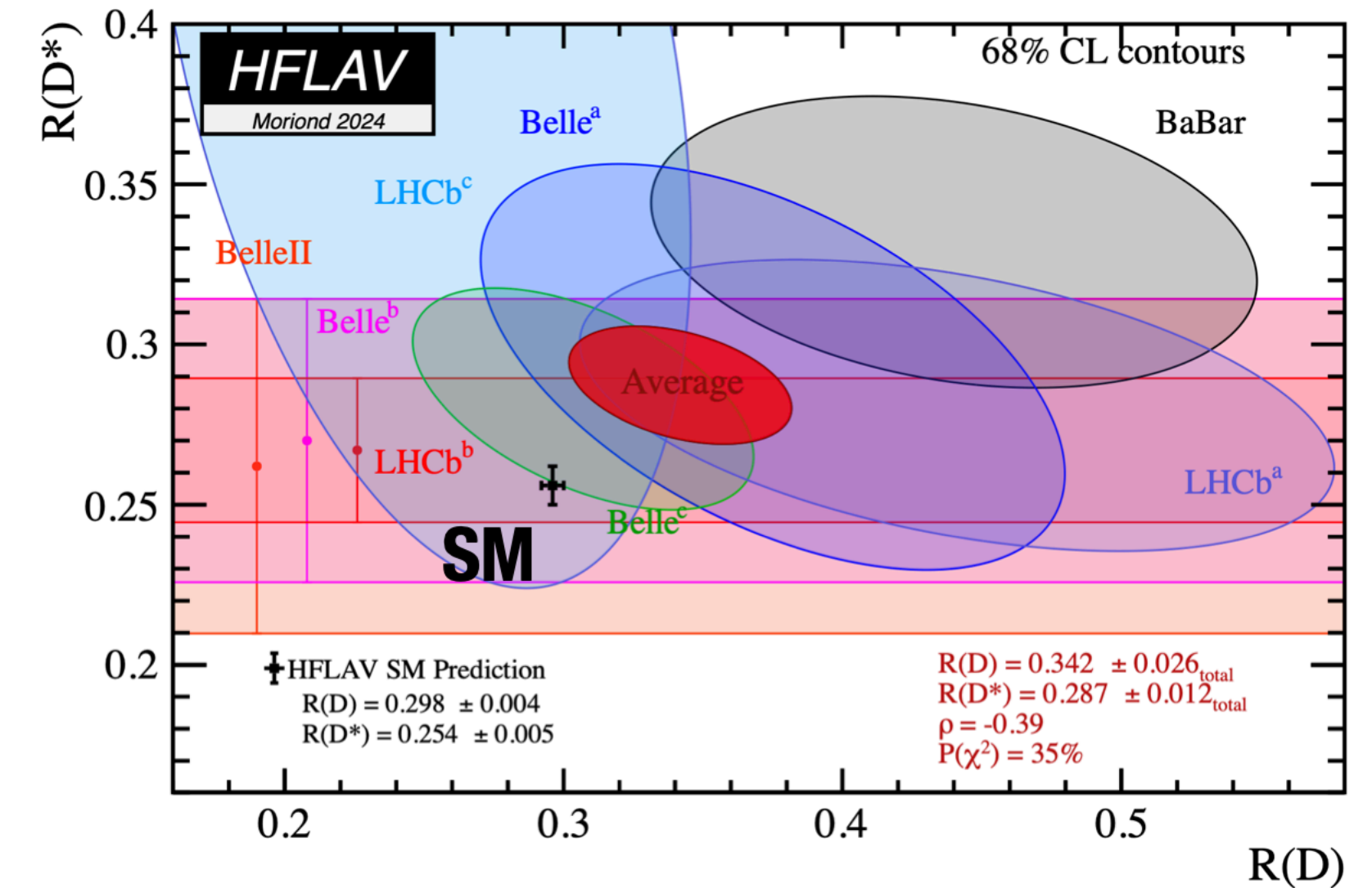
D, D\*, 
 X, 
  $\pi \dots$  and  $l = e, \mu$

X → **New**

- Measurement of  $R(X_{\tau/l})$  has been carried out with  $189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of Belle II data

- Reconstruction of  $B \rightarrow X\tau\nu_\tau$  and  $B \rightarrow Xl\nu_l$ :

- Hadronic tag: tagged B reconstructed in its hadronic decay modes (using **Full Event Interpretation (FEI)**)
- Signal:  $B \rightarrow X\tau\nu_\tau$  with leptonic decays ( $\tau \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\tau / \mu\bar{\nu}_\mu\nu_\tau$ )
- Normalisation:  $B \rightarrow Xl\nu_l$  (with  $l = e, \mu$ )



Background contamination and modeling of many decay channels in signal side is the challenge

# LFU tests - Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

## Signal extraction:

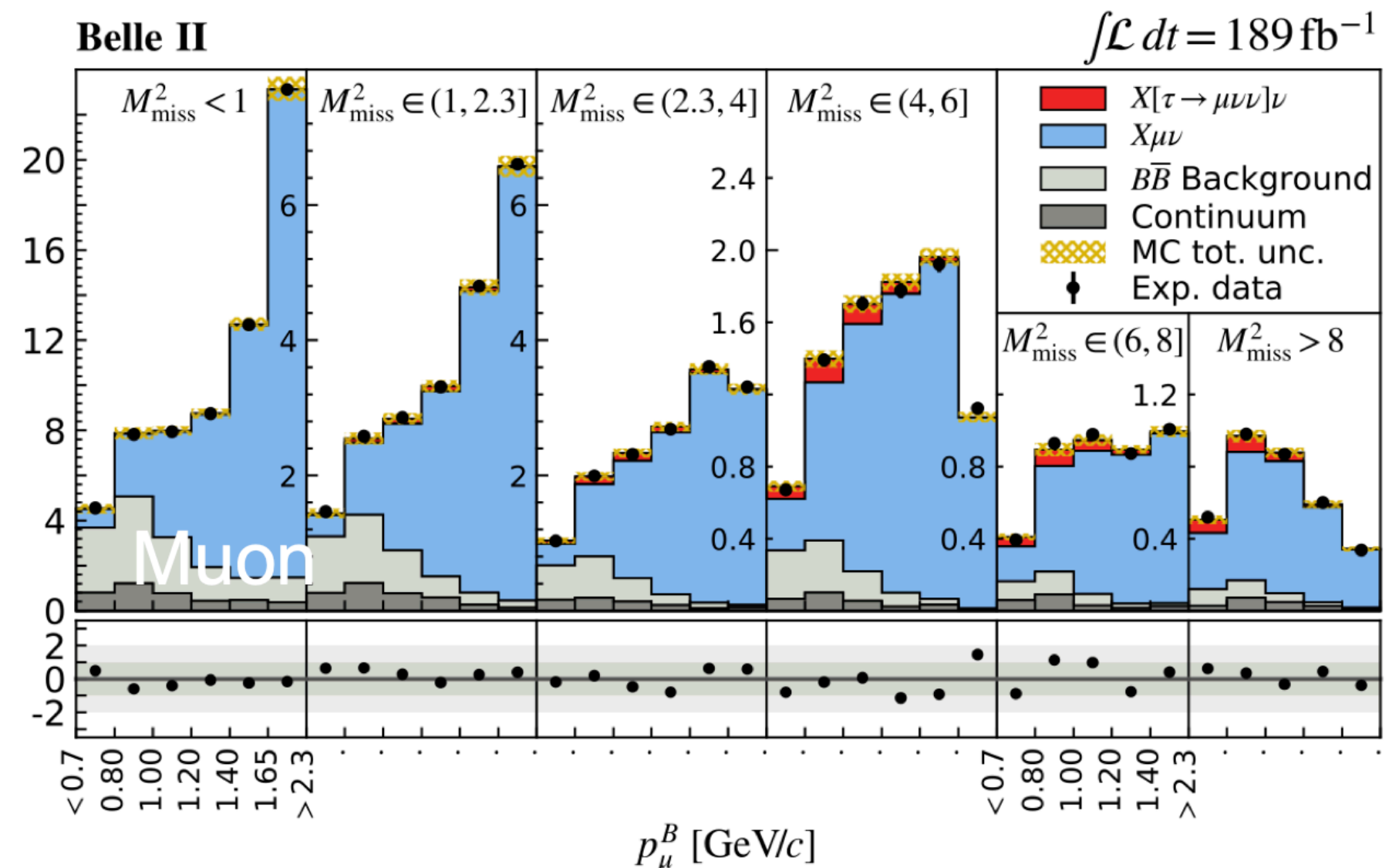
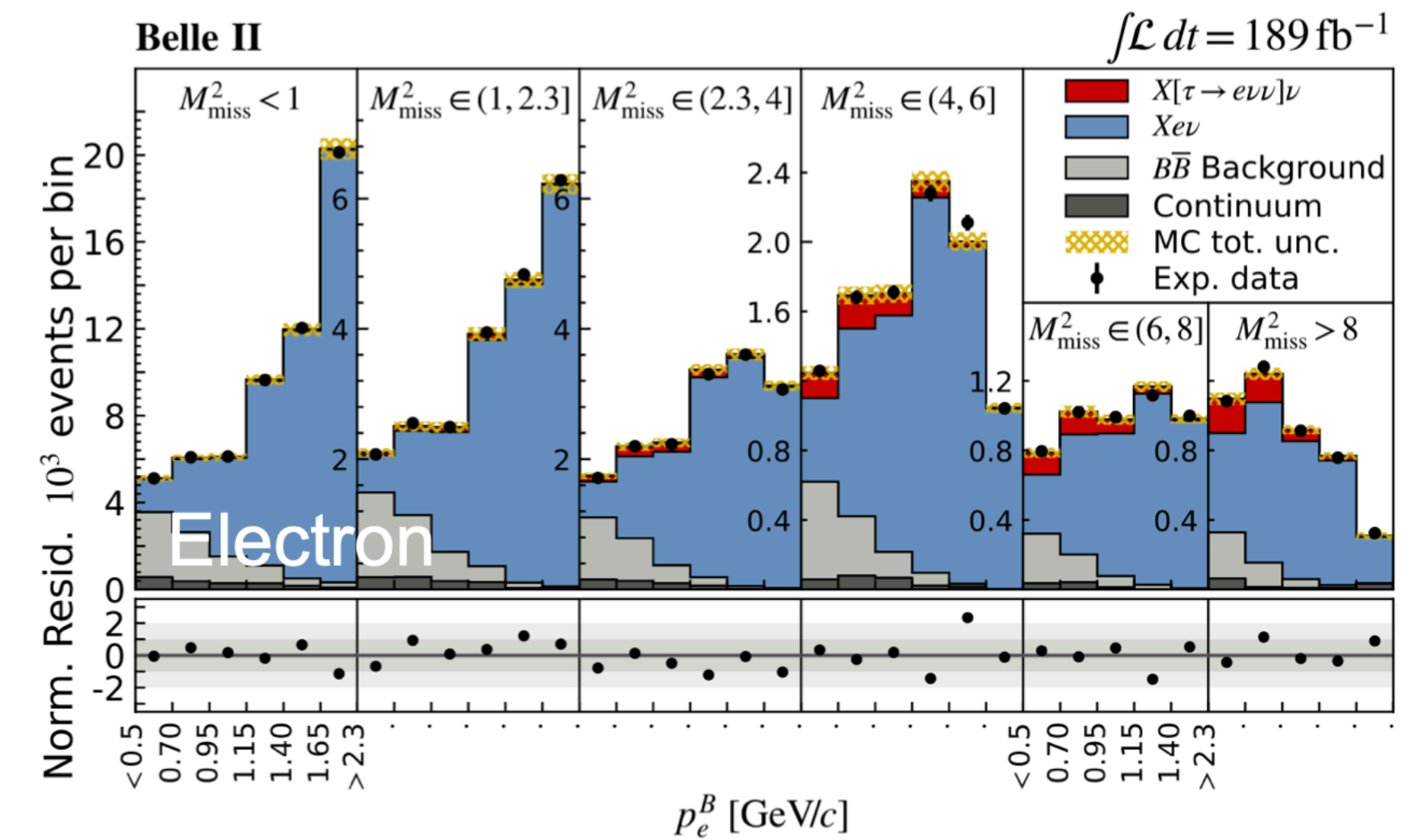
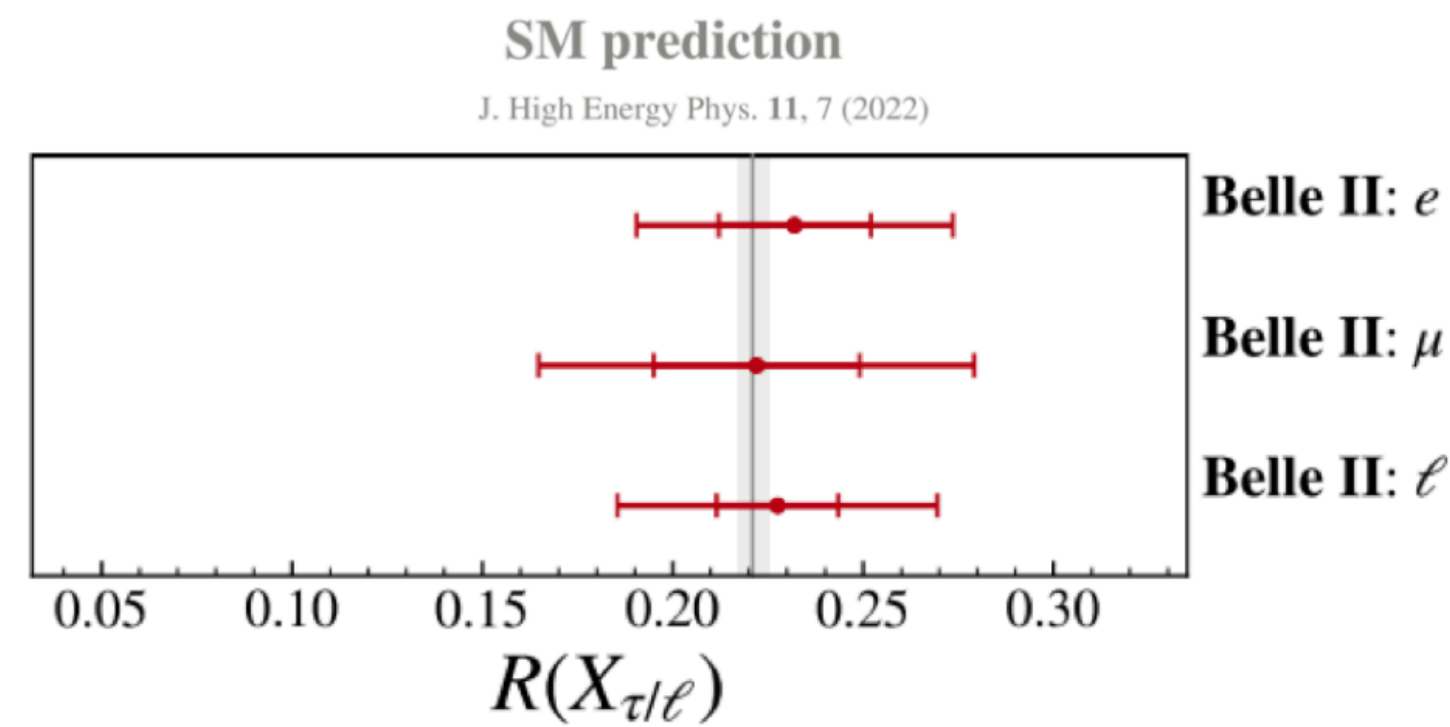
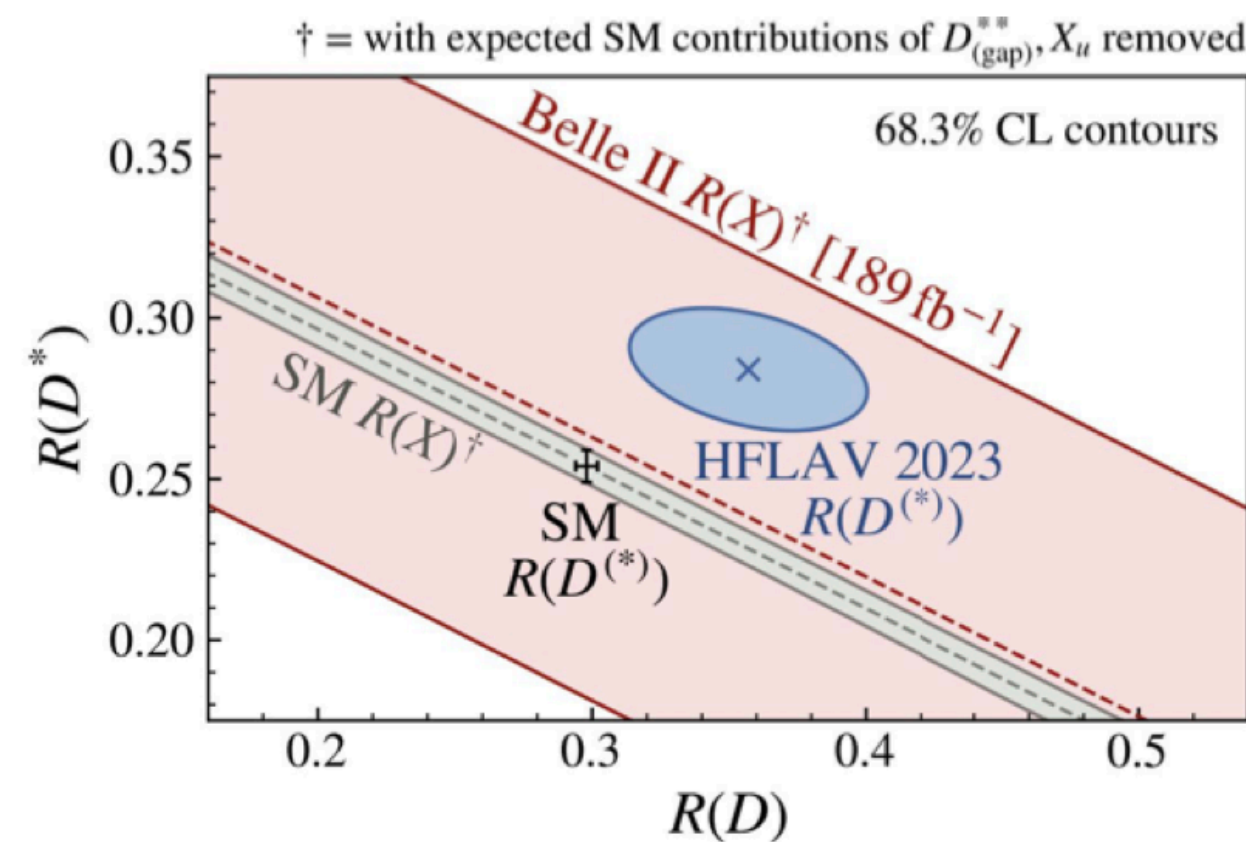
- 2D binned maximum likelihood fit to extract the **signal** and **normalization** yields for both **electrons** and **muons** modes simultaneously

- In bins of  $p_l^B$  and  $M_{miss}^2$ 
  - e channel:  $R(X_{\tau/e}) = 0.232 \pm 0.020(stat) \pm 0.037(syst)$
  - $\mu$  channel:  $R(X_{\tau/\mu}) = 0.222 \pm 0.027(stat) \pm 0.050(syst)$

$$R(X_{\tau/l}) = 0.228 \pm 0.016(stat) \pm 0.036(syst)$$

Agreement between the e and  $\mu$  channel measurements

Consistent with SM prediction ( $0.221 \pm 0.004$ ) and  $R(D^*)$  anomalies



# Rare Decays : $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ validation and corrections

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- Used to complementary B tag approach : low purity-high efficiency (0.8%-8%) and its opposite (3.5%-0.4%)

- **Signal validation:** event selection by combining signal Kaon, event topology, rest of the event in the MVA classifiers

- **Background validation:** background from continuum Semileptonic B decays

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ n \bar{n}$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^0 \bar{K}^0$$

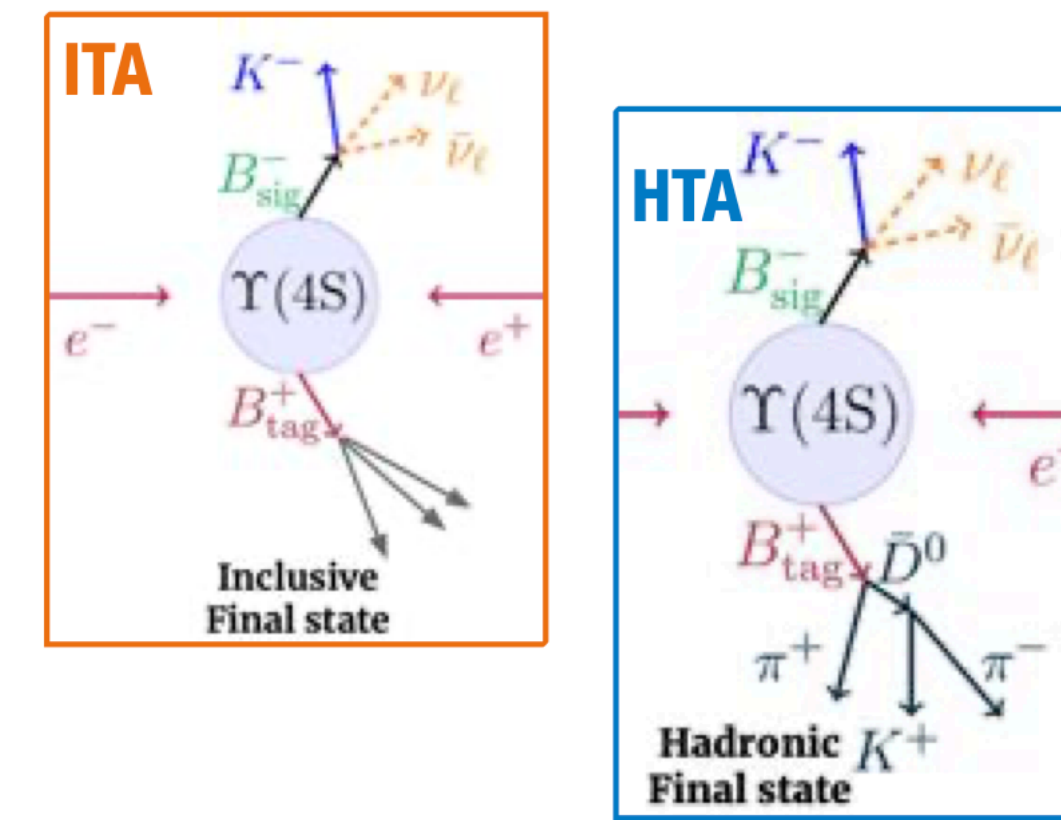
$$B \rightarrow K^+ D( \rightarrow K_L X)$$

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- **Inclusive method validation:**

- Closing test by measuring  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0)$

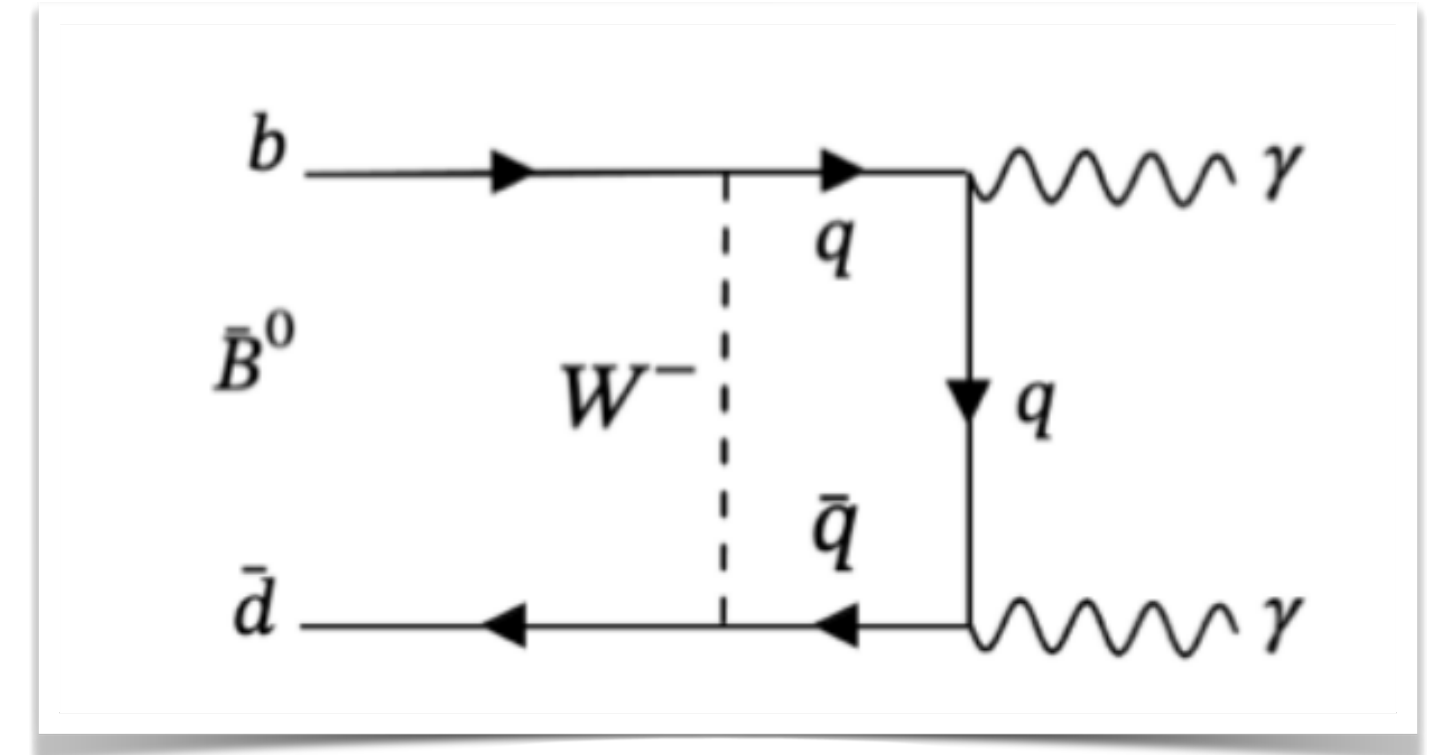
- Full Belle II Run1 data sample ( $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )



- **Flavor-changing Neutral Current** (FCNC)  $b \rightarrow d$  decay with  $\mathcal{B}(SM) = 1.4_{-0.8}^{+1.4} \times 10^{-8}$

Highly **suppressed** in the SM , sensitive to New physics

- Two photons in the final states makes it experimentally challenging
  - Previous measurements only set upper limits



| Experiment | $\mathcal{L}dt$       | Limits @ 90 C.L      |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| L3         | $73 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  | $3.9 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| Belle      | $104 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $6.2 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| Babar      | $426 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $3.2 \times 10^{-7}$ |

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- Improve with larger statistics: Belle ( $694 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) + Belle II Run1 data ( $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

- 3D fit to  $\Delta E, M_{bc}$

- Belle ( $694 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) + Belle II Run1 data ( $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (3.7_{-1.8}^{+2.2}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{sys})) \times 10^{-8}$$

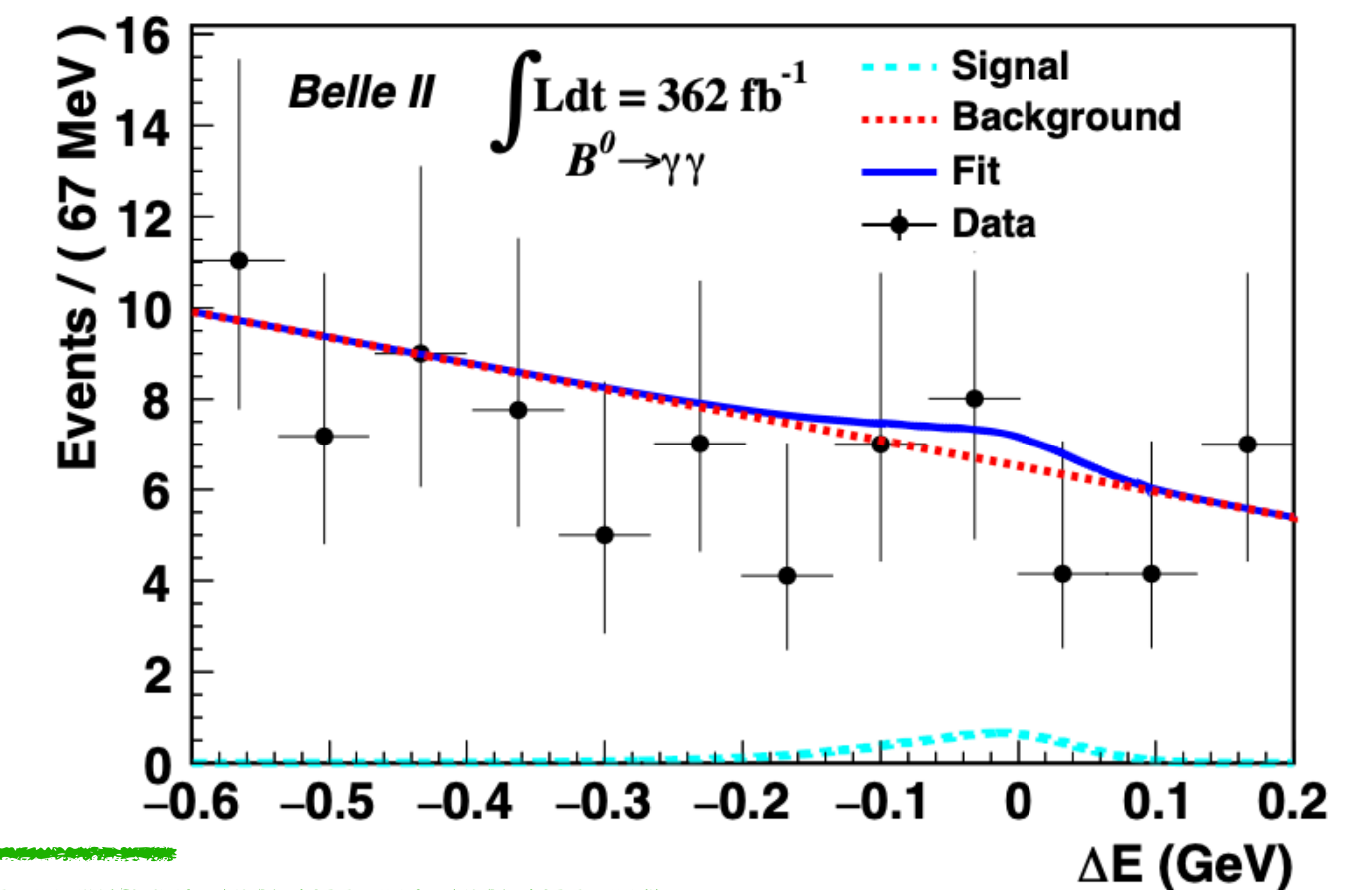
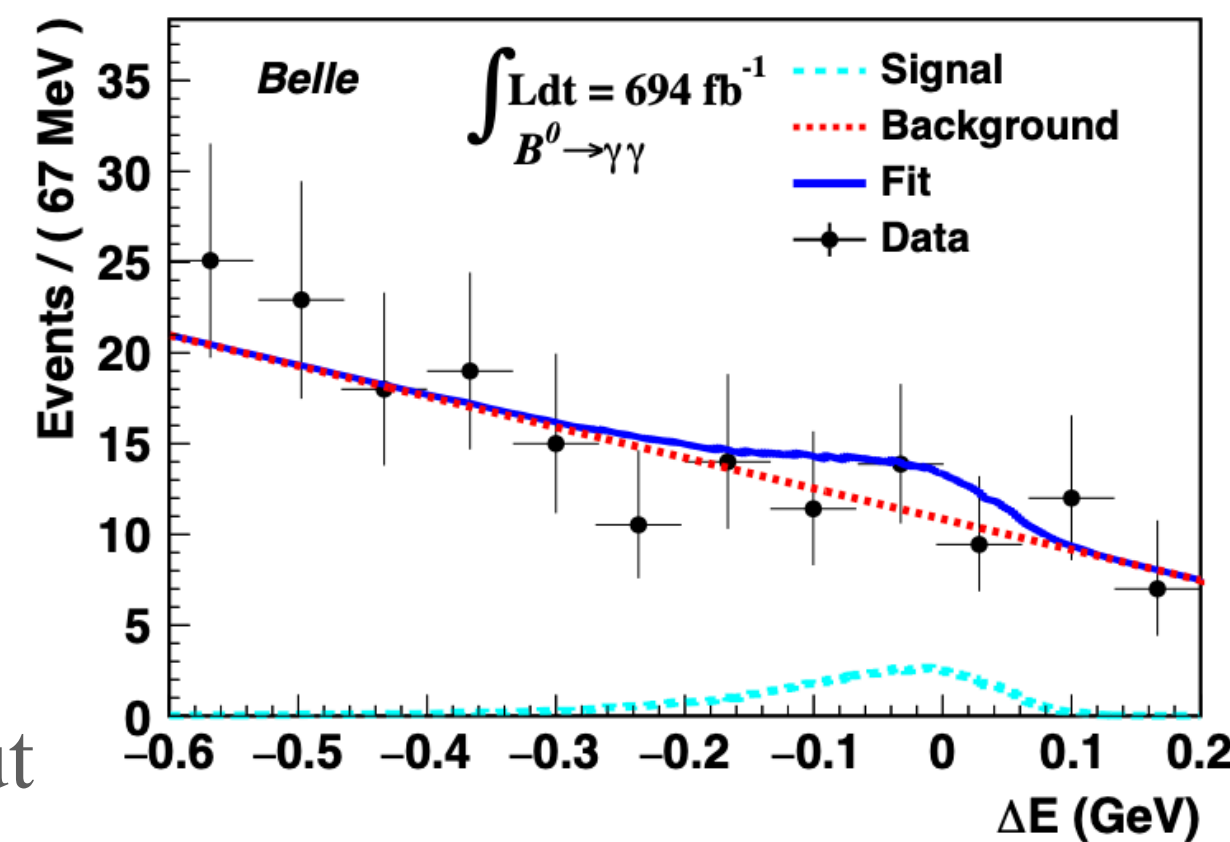
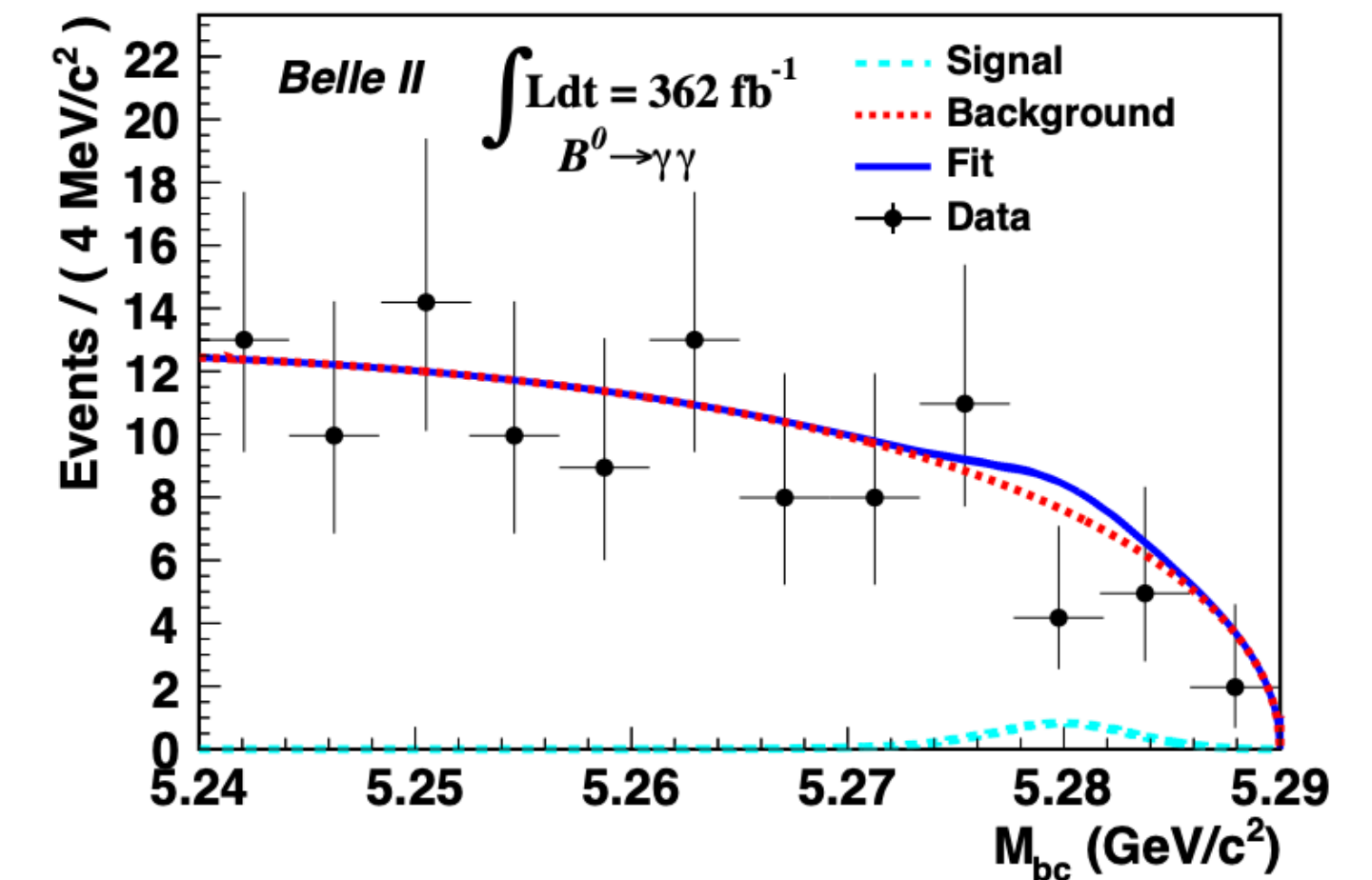
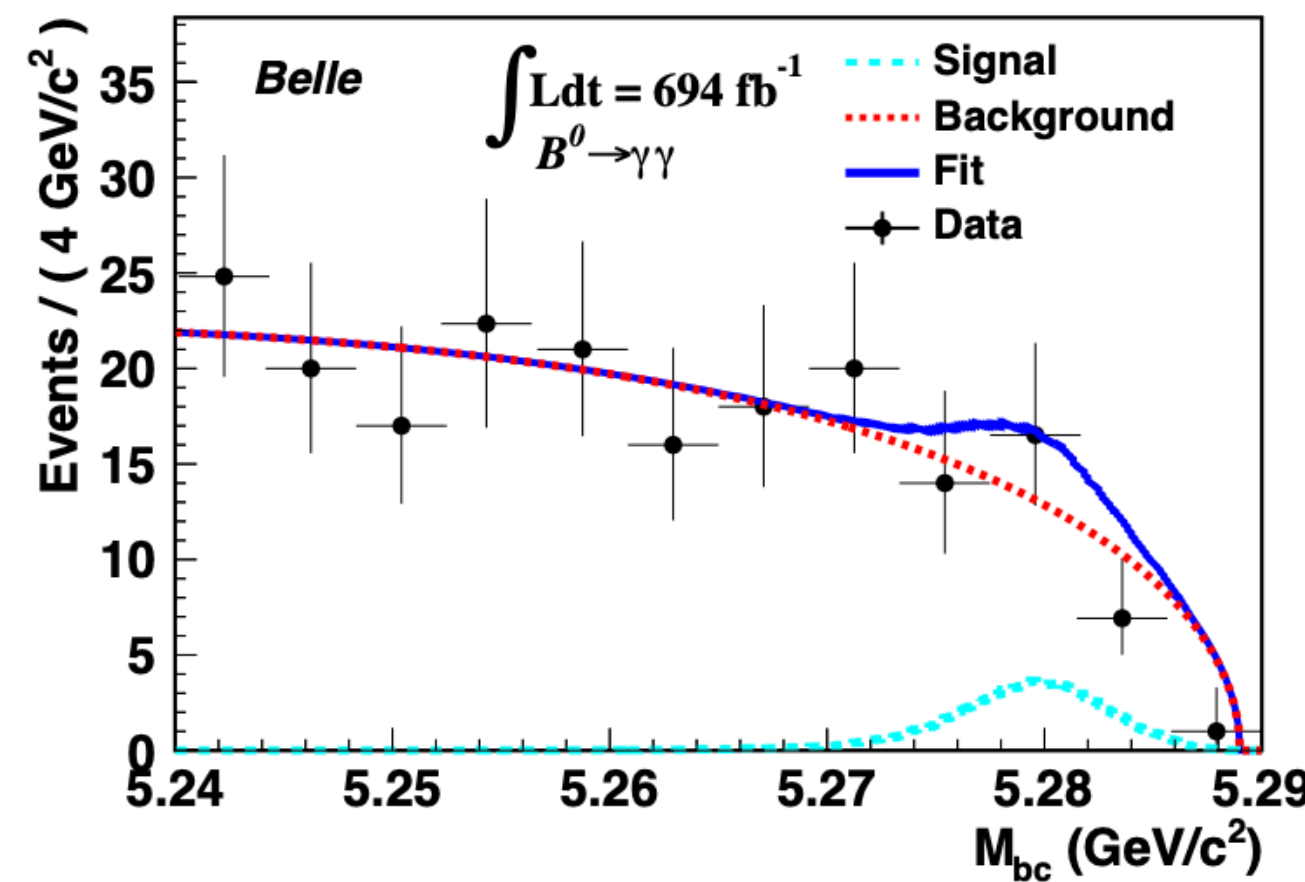
Combined

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (5.4_{-2.6}^{+3.3}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{sys})) \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (1.7_{-2.4}^{+3.7}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{sys})) \times 10^{-8}$$

World best Upper Limit:

$$\text{U.L} < 6.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ @ 90\% C.L}$$



Fit projections on  $M_{bc}$  transformed continuum BDT output