

# Recent Semileptonic Results

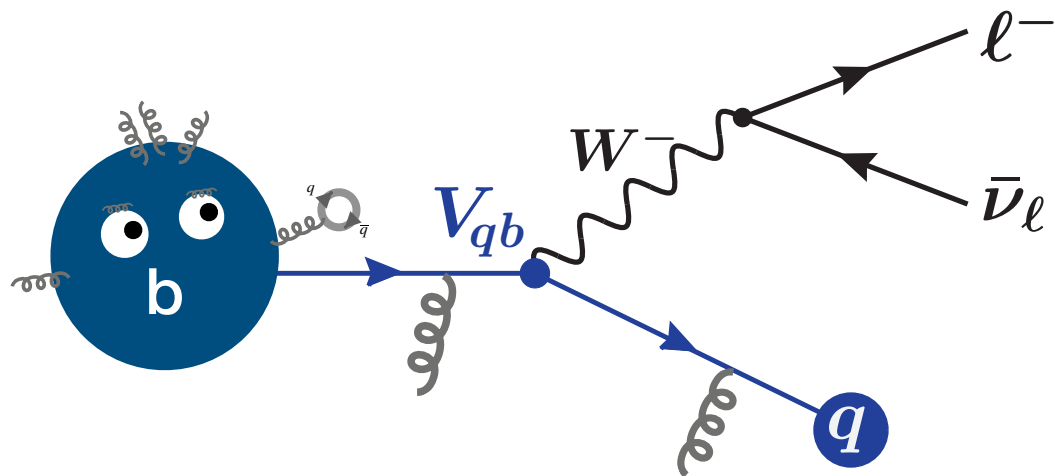
from Belle and Belle II

Flavor@TH Workshop at CERN

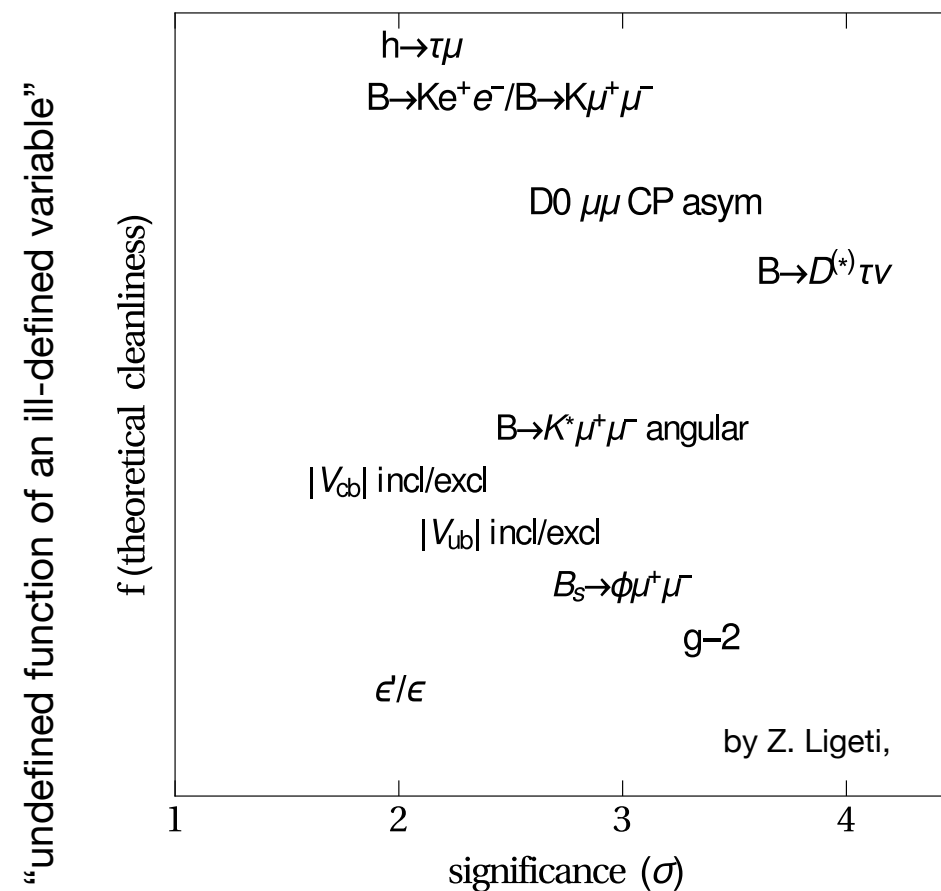
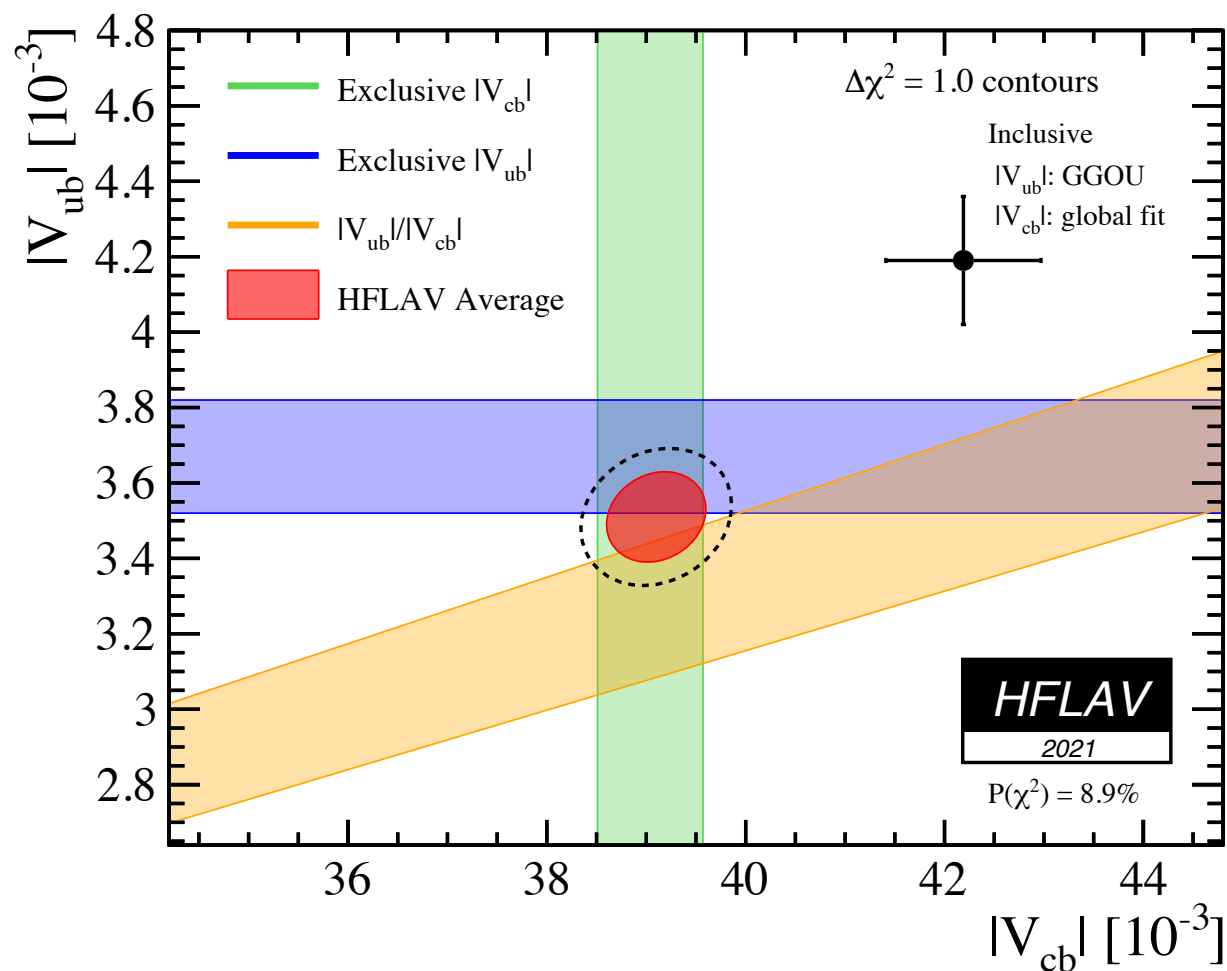
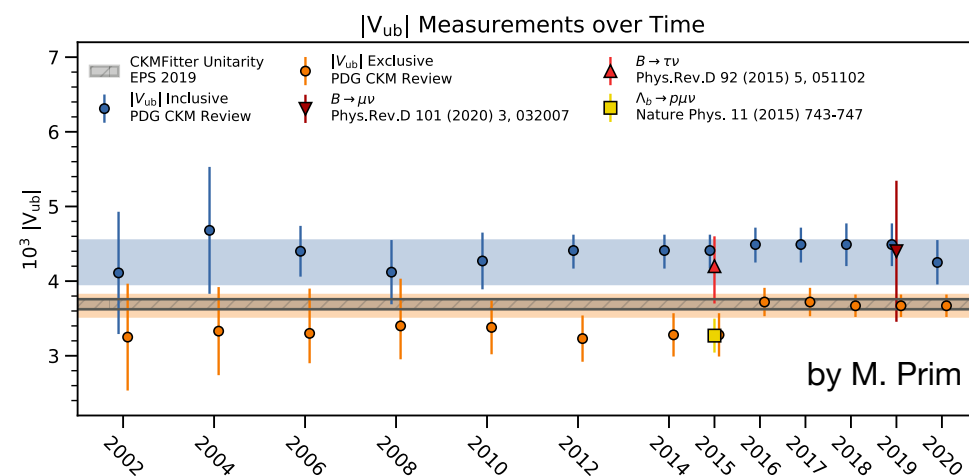


# Puzzles...

It may look cute, but that might be deceiving...



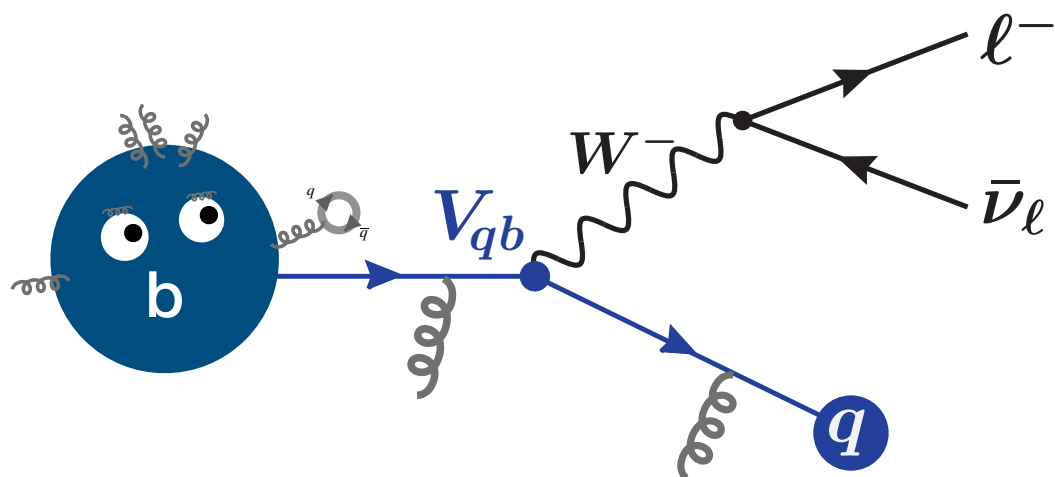
... Long-standing discrepancy since about a decade





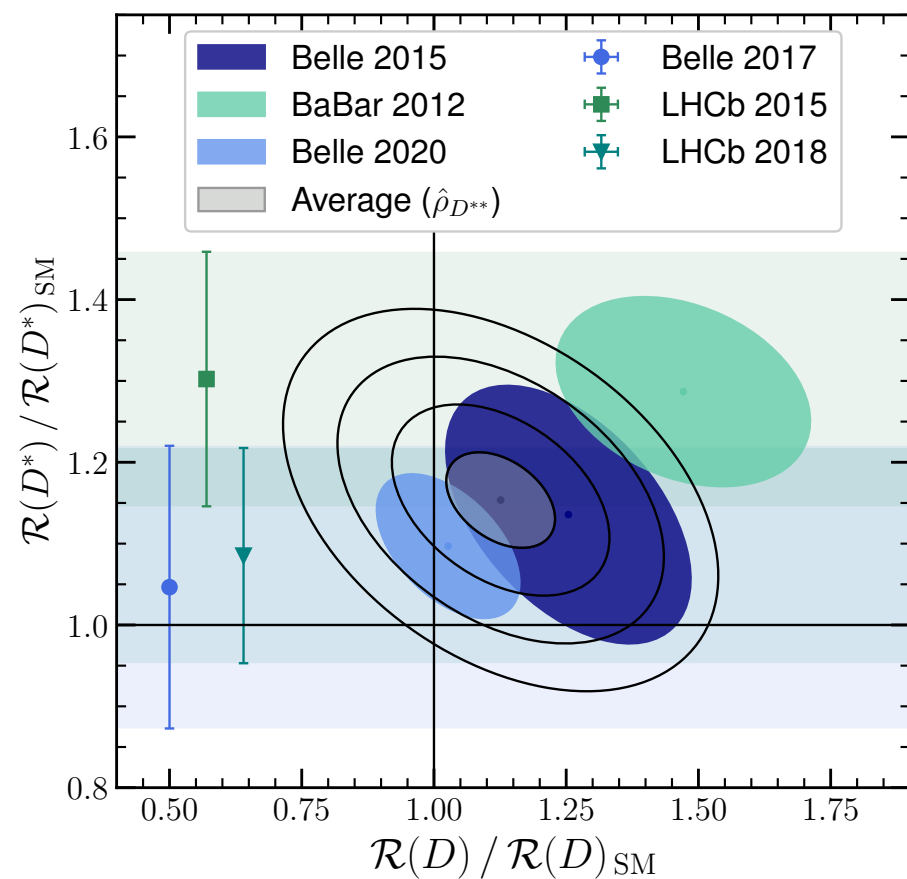
# Puzzles...

It may look cute, but that might be deceiving...



$$R = \frac{b \rightarrow q \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau}{b \rightarrow q \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$$

$\ell = e, \mu$



Obs.	Current World Av./Data	Current SM Prediction	Significance
$\mathcal{R}(D)$	$0.340 \pm 0.030$	$0.299 \pm 0.003$	$1.2\sigma$
$\mathcal{R}(D^*)$	$0.295 \pm 0.014$	$0.258 \pm 0.005$	$2.5\sigma$
$P_\tau(D^*)$	$-0.38 \pm 0.51^{+0.21}_{-0.16}$	$-0.501 \pm 0.011$	$0.2\sigma$
$F_{L,\tau}(D^*)$	$0.60 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.04$	$0.455 \pm 0.006$	$1.6\sigma$
$\mathcal{R}(J/\psi)$	$0.71 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.18$	$0.2582 \pm 0.0038$	$1.8\sigma$
$\mathcal{R}(\pi)$	$1.05 \pm 0.51$	$0.641 \pm 0.016$	$0.8\sigma$
$\mathcal{R}(D)$	<b><math>0.337 \pm 0.030</math></b>	$0.299 \pm 0.003$	$1.3\sigma$
$\mathcal{R}(D^*)$	<b><math>0.298 \pm 0.014</math></b>	$0.258 \pm 0.005$	$2.5\sigma$

}  $3.1\sigma$

}  $3.6\sigma$



# SL Analysis Methods

## The question of **tagging**:

At  $e^+e^-$ -B-Factories we can leverage the known initial collision kinematics

E.g. if just one final state particle is missing, then with  $Y = X\ell$

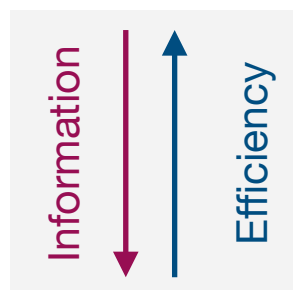
$$\cos \theta_{BY} = \frac{2E_B E_Y - m_B^2 - m_Y^2}{2|\mathbf{p}_B||\mathbf{p}_Y|} \in [-1,1]$$

Can gain even more information, if we reconstruct

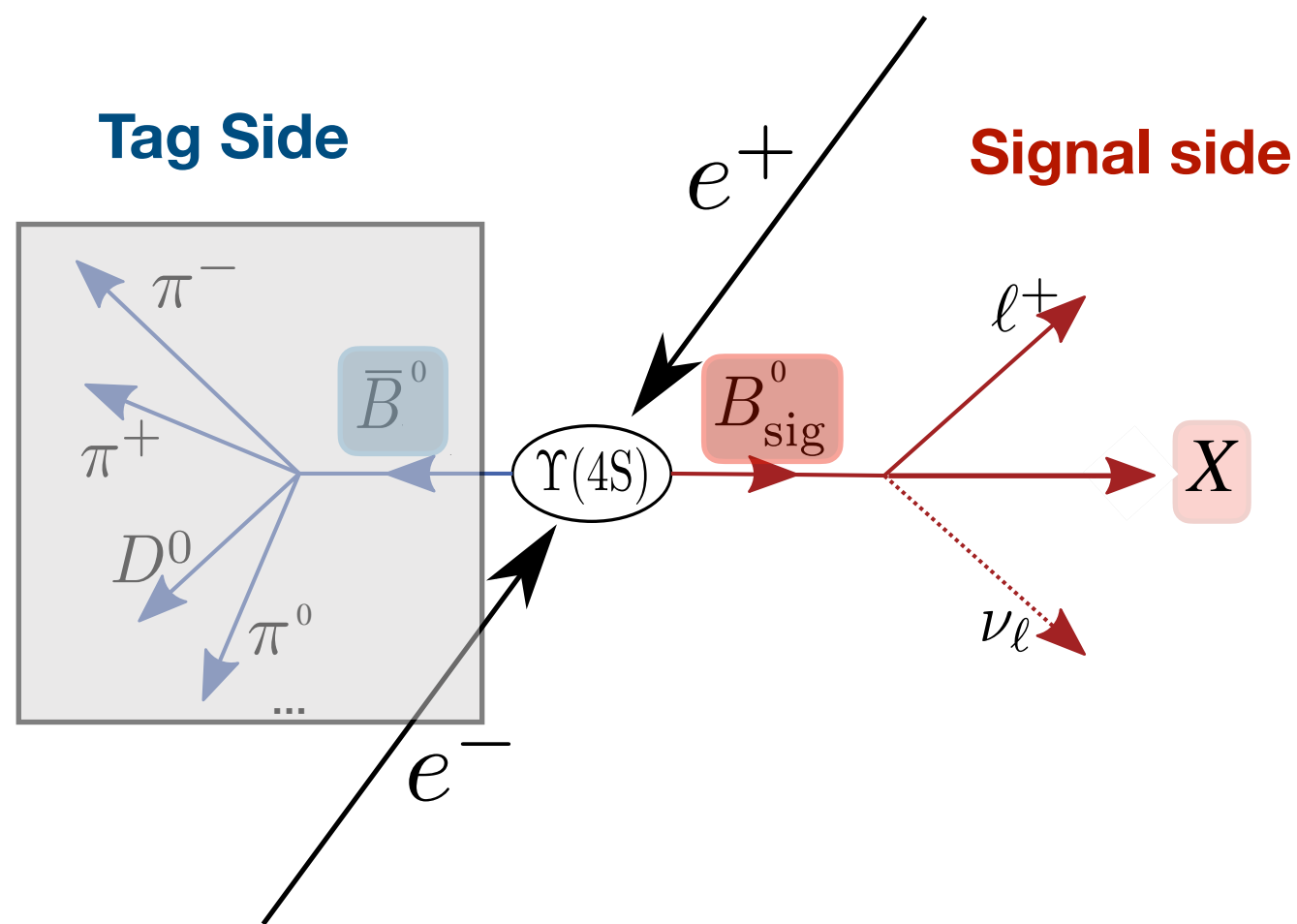
**second B decay  $\hat{=}$  tagging**

Idea comes in many flavors:

- inclusive tagging
- SL tagging
- hadronic tagging



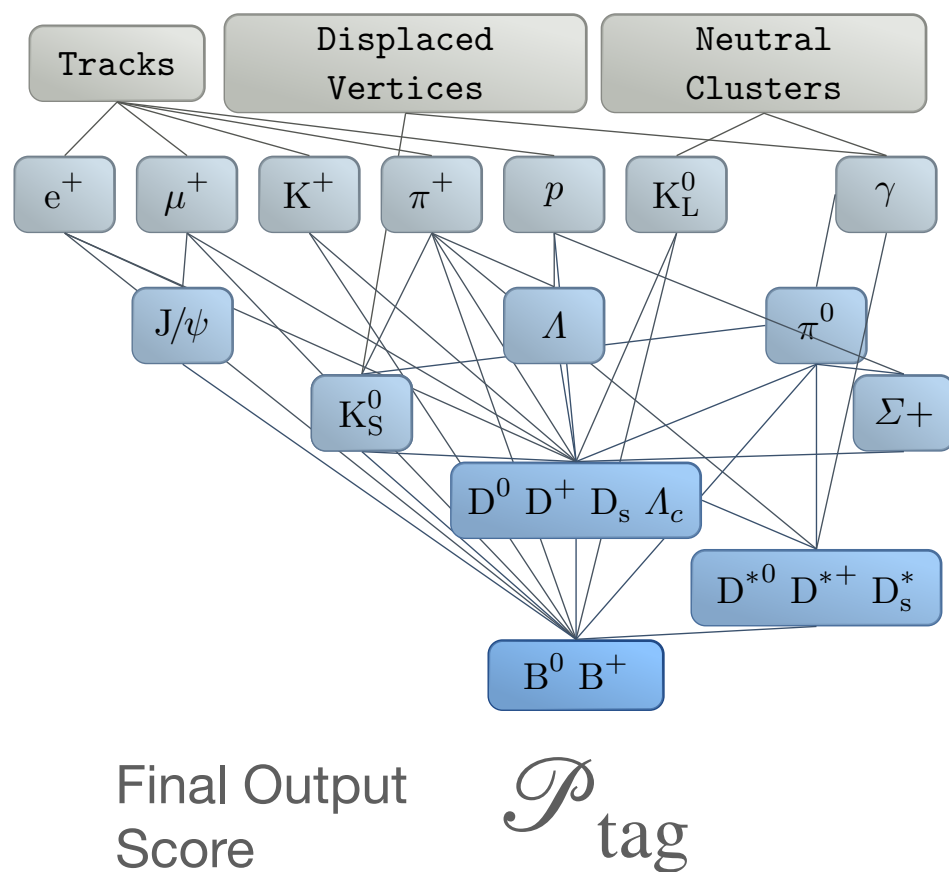
e.g. with **hadronic tagging** the full event kinematics but the neutrino is reconstructed



$$M_\nu^2 \simeq M_{\text{miss}}^2 = \left( p_{e^+e^-} - p_{B_{\text{tag}}} - p_X - p_\ell \right)^2$$



# Tagging in a nutshell



Reconstruct B-Mesons in **several stages**:

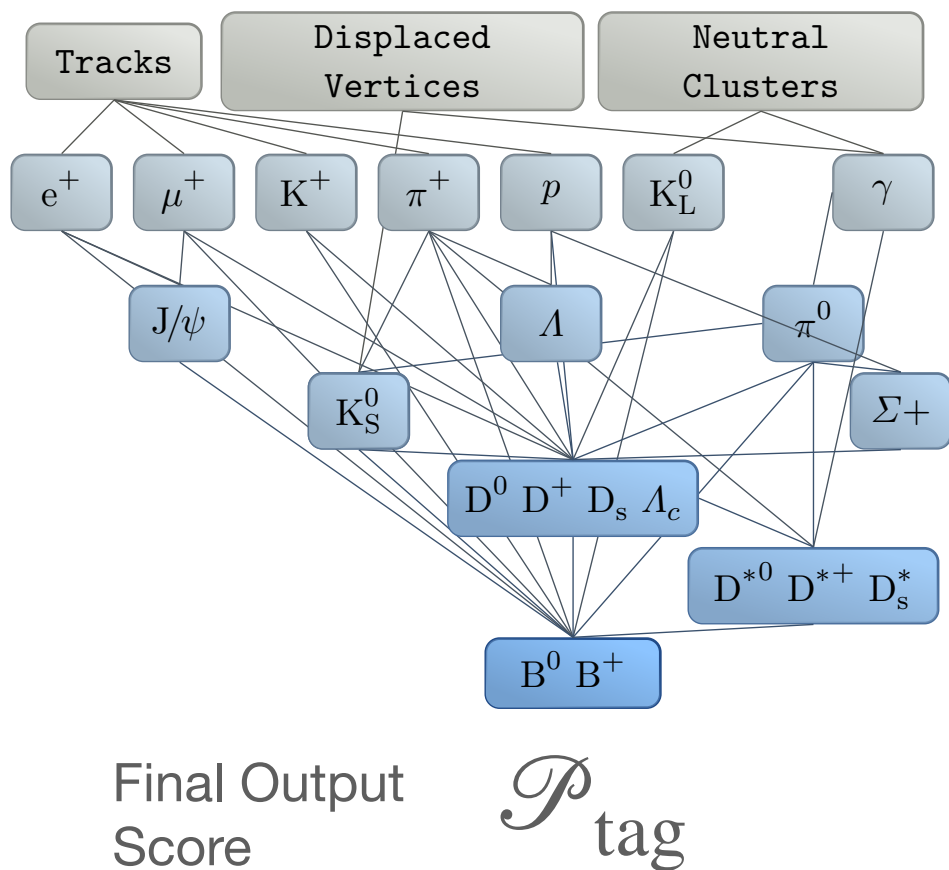
**start** with **detector stable particles**; then progress to **simple composite states**; combine the **composite states** to **build** more **complexity**

Each **stage** trains a **Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)** to identify good combinations;

each stage's BDT output is used as input for the next stage  
+ **all kinematic information**  
+ **(particle identification scores)**  
+ **vertex fit probabilities**



# Tagging in a nutshell

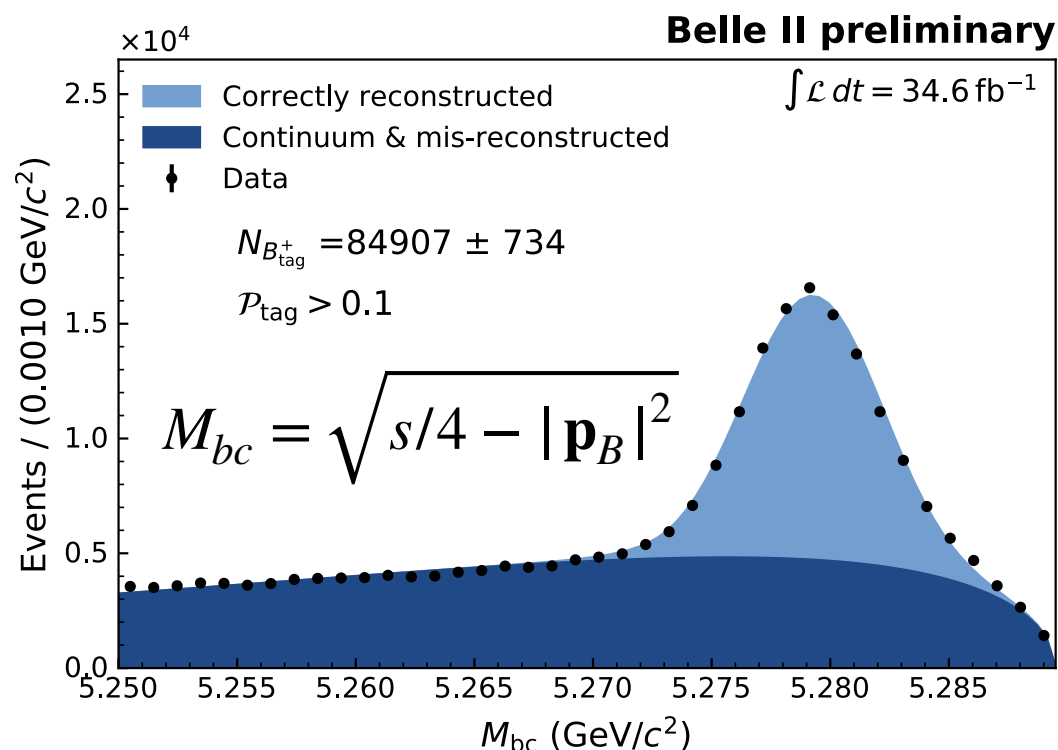
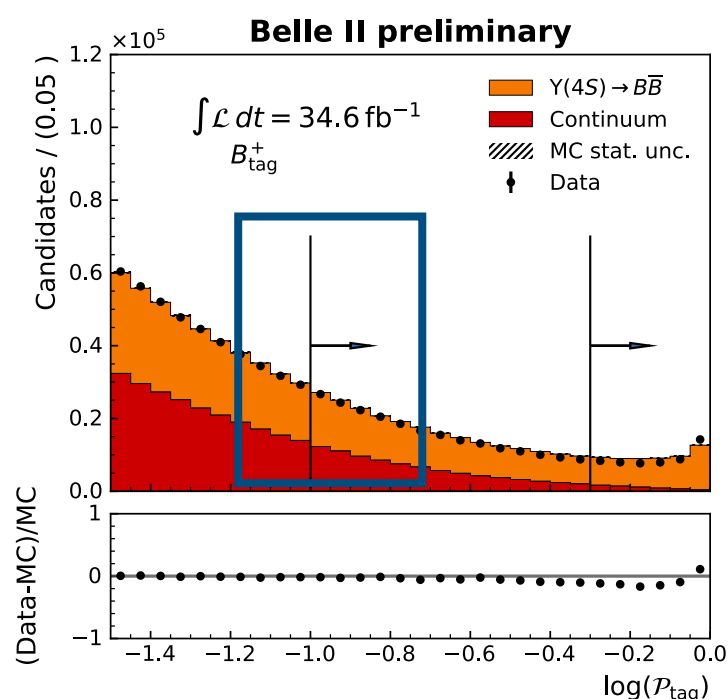


Reconstruct B-Mesons in **several stages**:

**start with detector stable particles**; then progress to **simple composite states**; combine the **composite states** to **build more complexity**

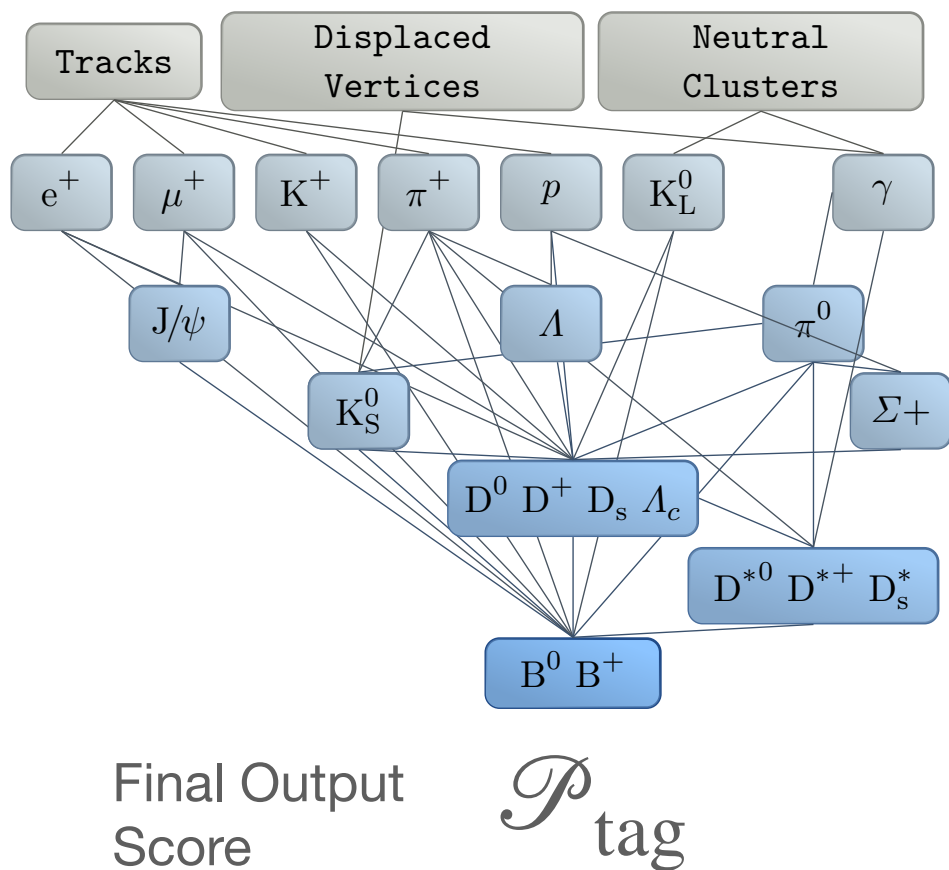
Each **stage** trains a **Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)** to identify good combinations;

each stage's BDT output is used as input for the next stage  
 + **all kinematic information**  
 + **(particle identification scores)**  
 + **vertex fit probabilities**





# Tagging in a nutshell

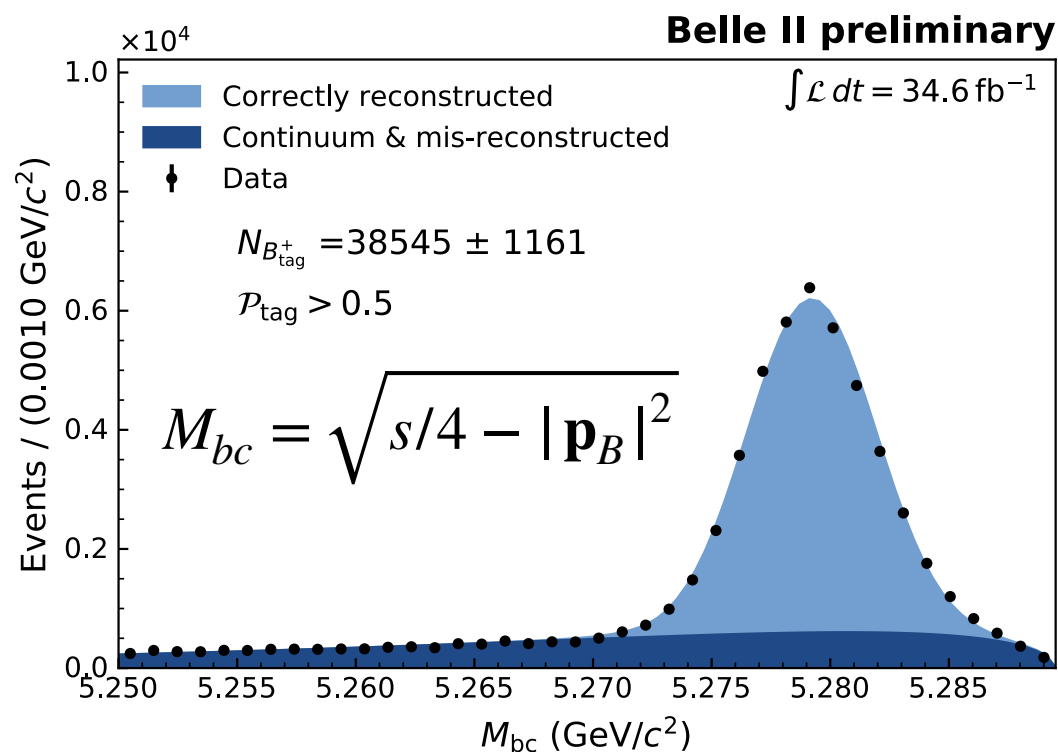
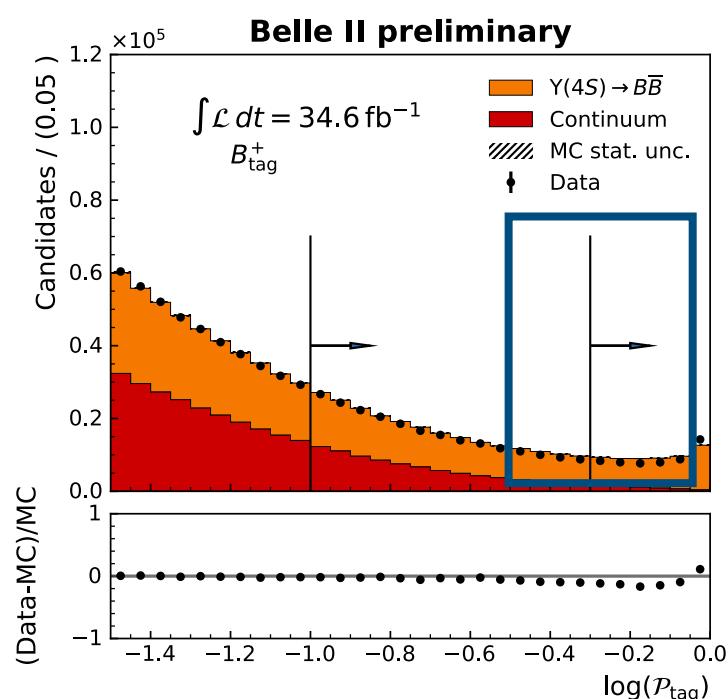


Reconstruct B-Mesons in **several stages**:

**start with detector stable particles**; then progress to **simple composite states**; combine the **composite states** to **build more complexity**

Each **stage** trains a **Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)** to identify good combinations;

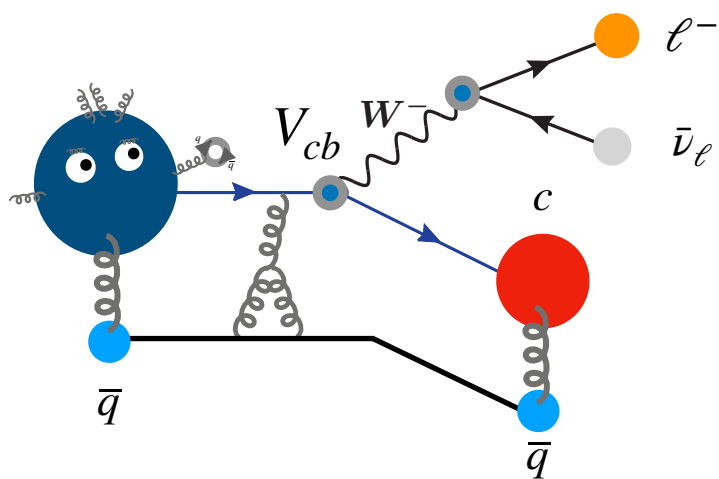
each stage's BDT output is used as input for the next stage  
 + **all kinematic information**  
 + **(particle identification scores)**  
 + **vertex fit probabilities**



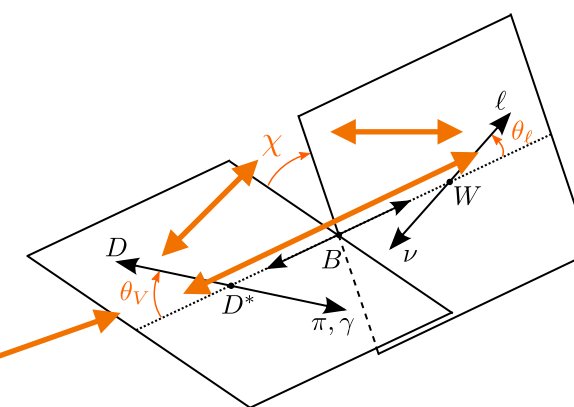
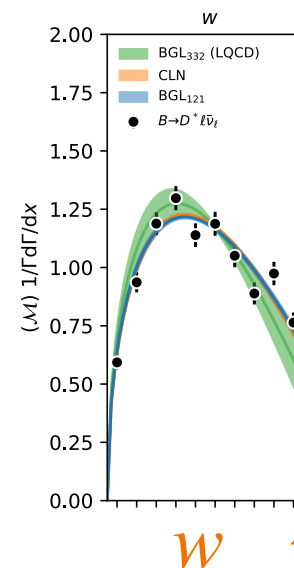


# Talk Overview

## 1. Recent results from **Belle** and **Belle II**

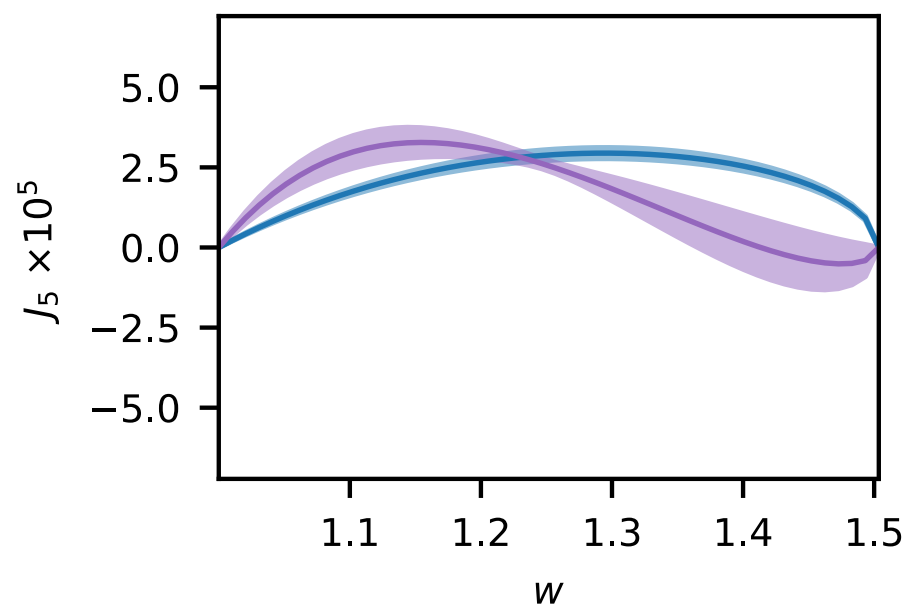


## 2. From **1D projections** to full angular information



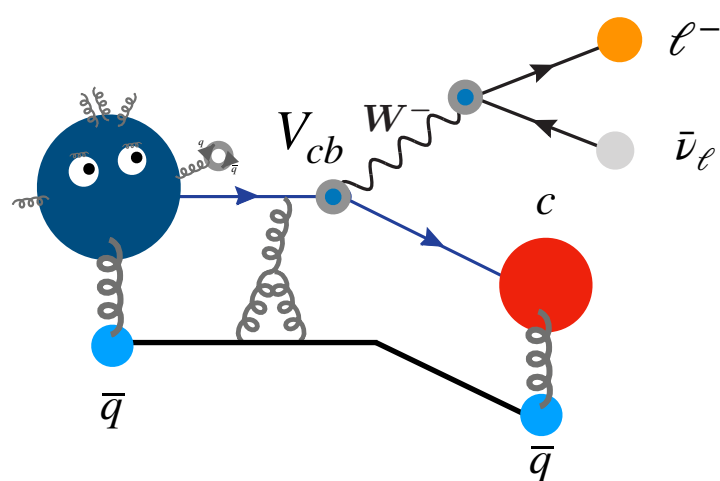
Working around the curse of dimensionality

## 3. The Potential of full angular fits

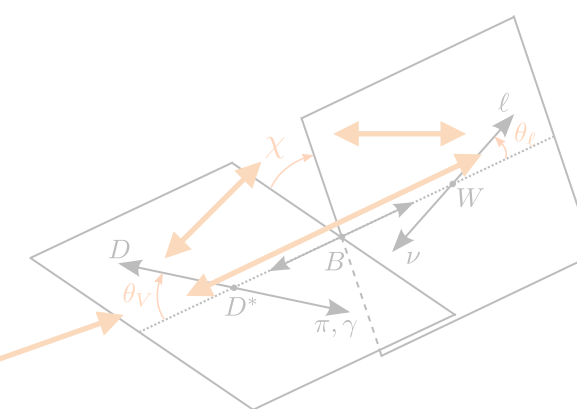
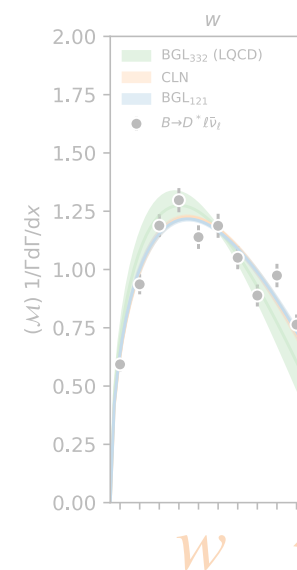


# Talk Overview

## 1. Recent results from **Belle** and **Belle II**

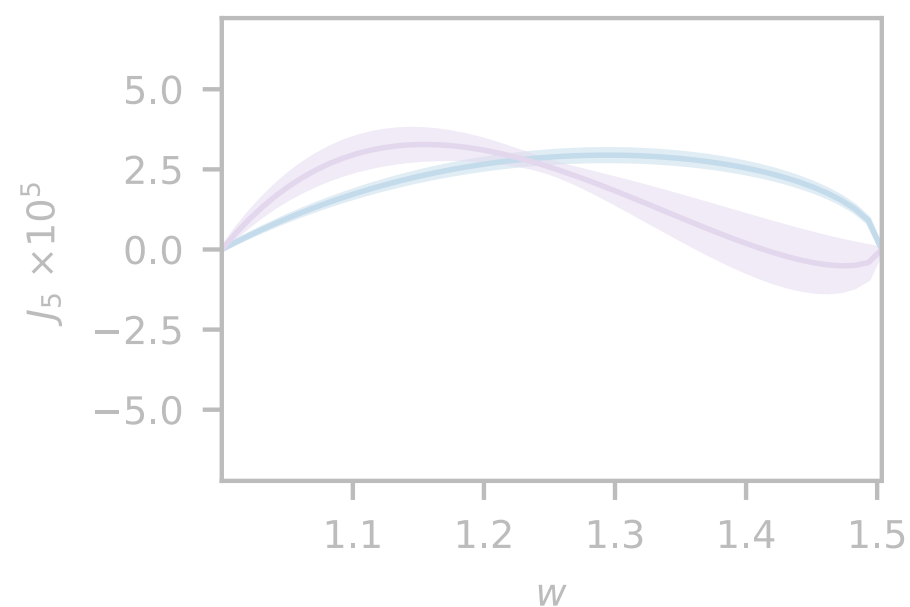


## 2. From **1D** projections to full angular information



Working around the curse of dimensionality

## 3. The Potential of full angular fits





# Recent Results Overview

Inclusive

1.

Measurements of Lepton **Mass squared moments** in **inclusive**  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  Decays with the Belle II Experiment [Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002, arXiv:2205.06372]

2.

A test of **light-lepton universality** in the rates of **inclusive** semileptonic B-meson decays at Belle II [Submitted to PRL]

3.

First **Simultaneous** Determination of **Inclusive** and **Exclusive**  $|V_{ub}|$  [Submitted to PRL, arXiv:2303.17309]

4.

Measurement of **Differential Distributions** of  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  and Implications on  $|V_{cb}|$ , [Accepted by PRD], [arXiv:2301.07529]

5.

Determination of  $|V_{cb}|$  using  $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$  with **Belle II**, [To be submitted to PRD]

6.

Test of **light-lepton universality** in **angular asymmetries** of hadronically tagged  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \{e^+, \mu^+\} \nu$  decays at Belle II, [To be submitted to PRL]

Exclusive

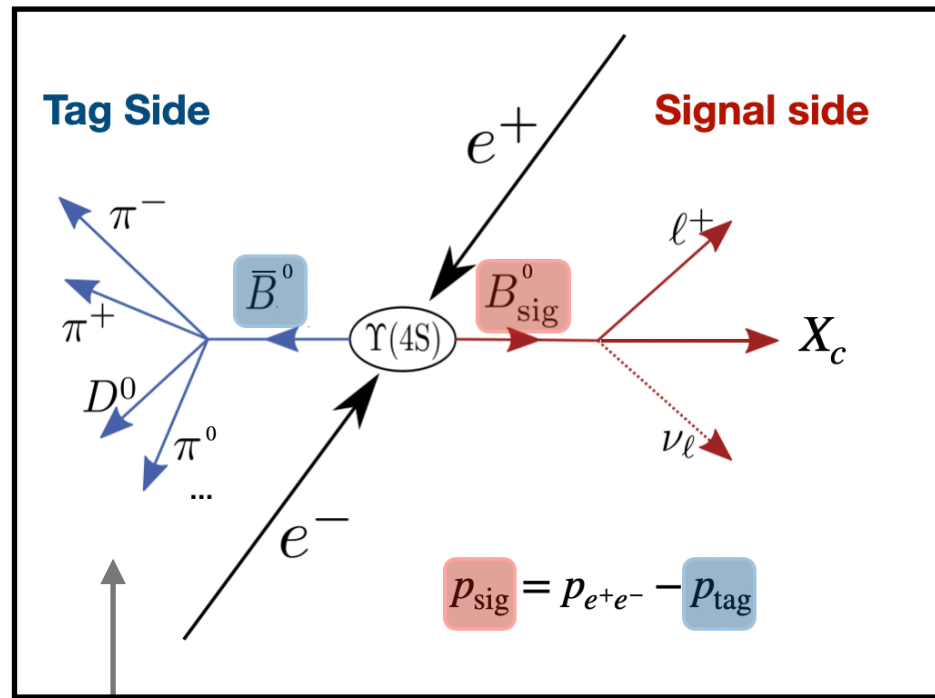
+ more, e.g. arXiv:2210.04224v2 [hep-ex] or arXiv:2211.09833 [hep-ex] (Phys. Rev. D 107, 092003)

1.

Measurements of Lepton **Mass squared moments** in **inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$**

Decays with the Belle II Experiment [Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002, arXiv:2205.06372]

**Key-technique: hadronic tagging**



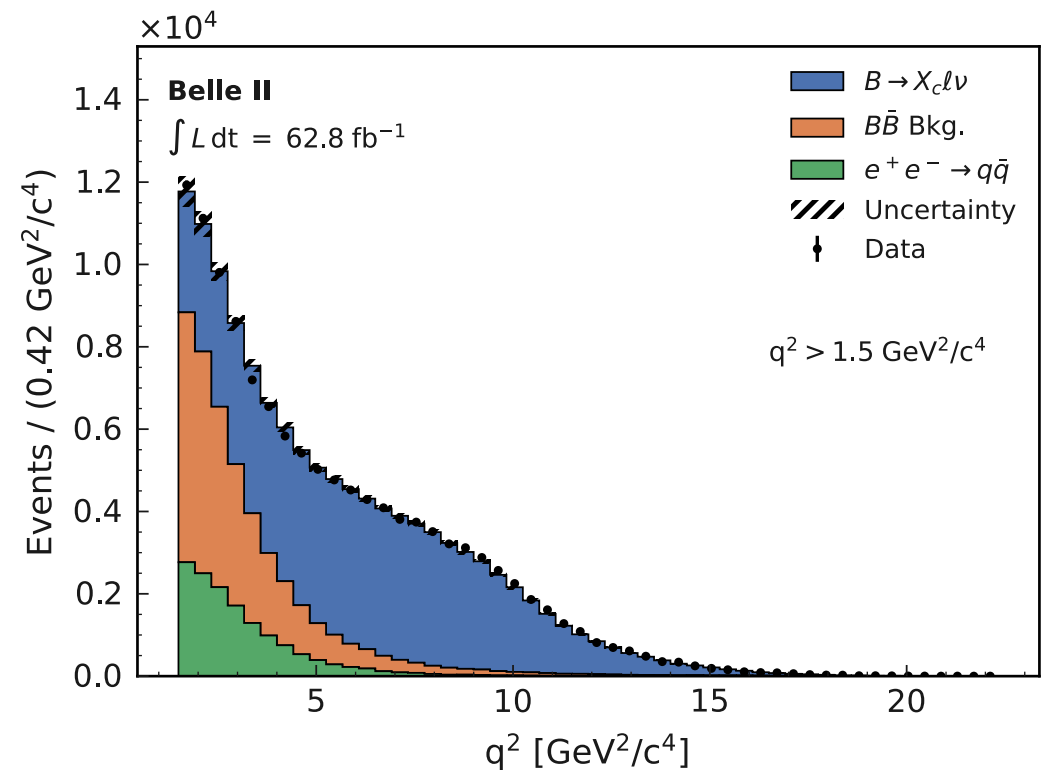
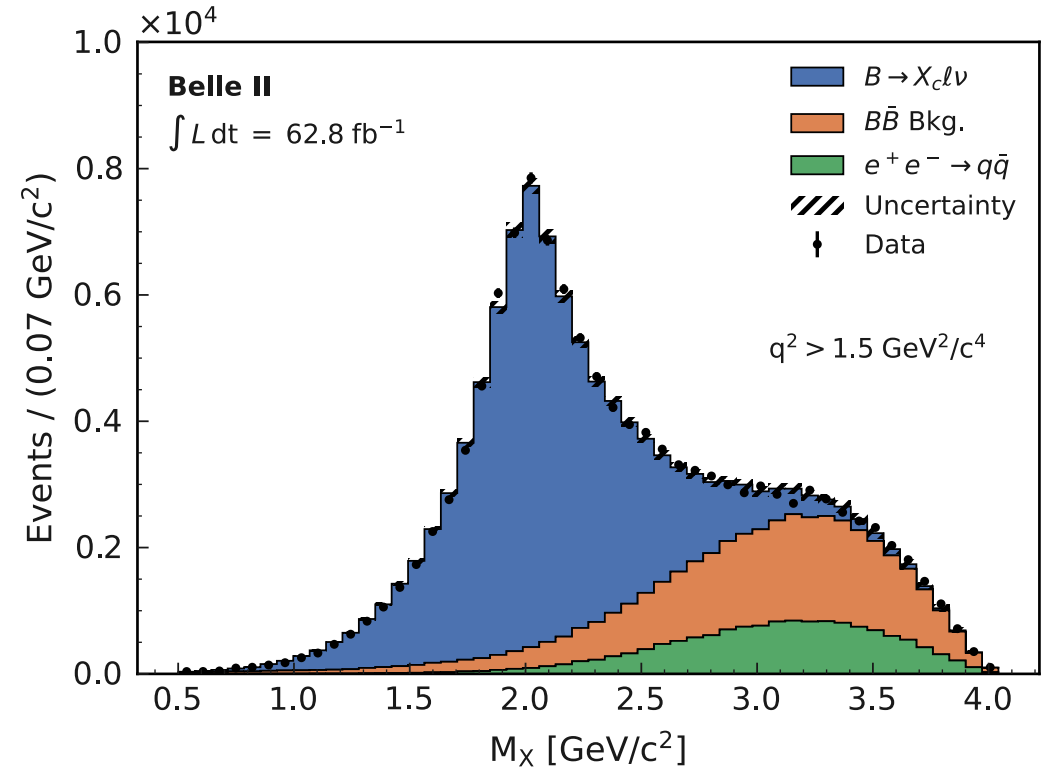
Can identify  $X_c$  constituents

$$M_X = \sqrt{(p_{X_c})_\mu (p_{X_c})^\mu}$$

$$q^2 = (p_{\text{sig}} - p_{X_c})^2$$

**Improved Hadronic Tagging**  
using **Belle II** algorithm  
(ca. 2 times more efficient)

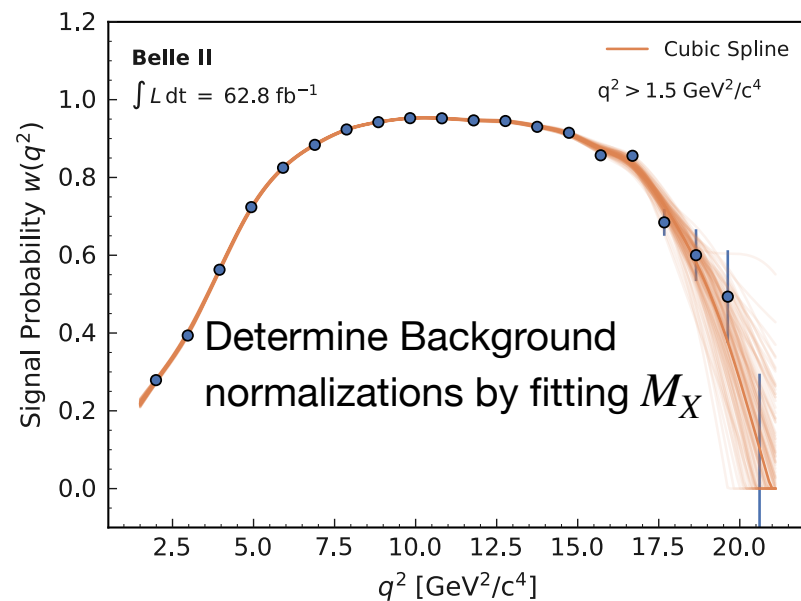
[Full Event Interpretation, T. Keck et al, Comp. Soft. Big. Sci 3 (2019), arXiv:1807.08680]





1.

# Measurements of Lepton **Mass squared moments** in **inclusive** $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ Decays with the Belle II Experiment [Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002, arXiv:2205.06372]



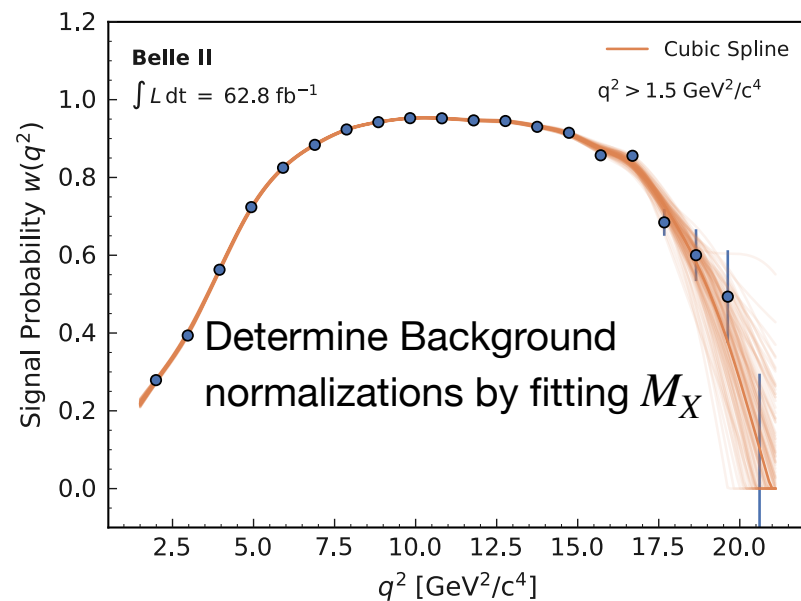
Step #1: Subtract Background

Event-wise **Master-formula**

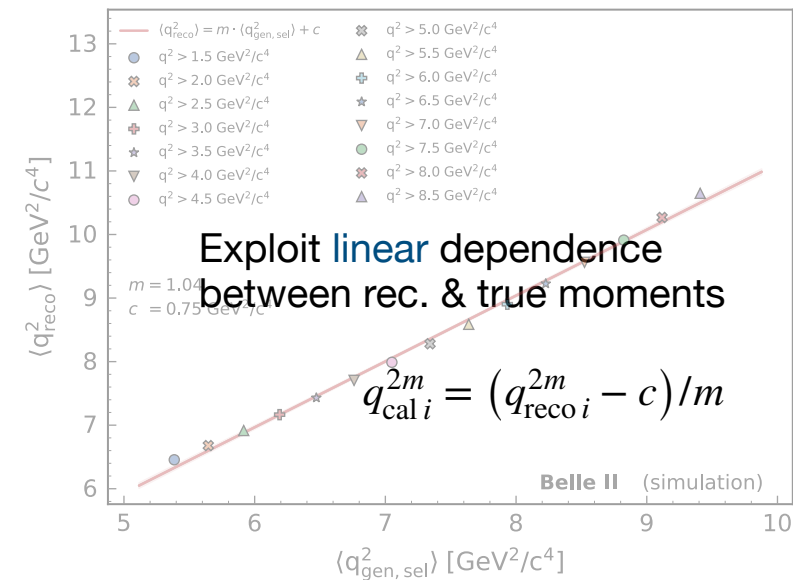
$$\langle q^{2n} \rangle = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_i^2) \times q_{\text{calib},i}^{2n}}{\sum_j^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_j^2)} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{calib}} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{gen}}$$

1.

# Measurements of Lepton **Mass squared moments** in **inclusive $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$** Decays with the Belle II Experiment [Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002, arXiv:2205.06372]



Step #1: Subtract Background



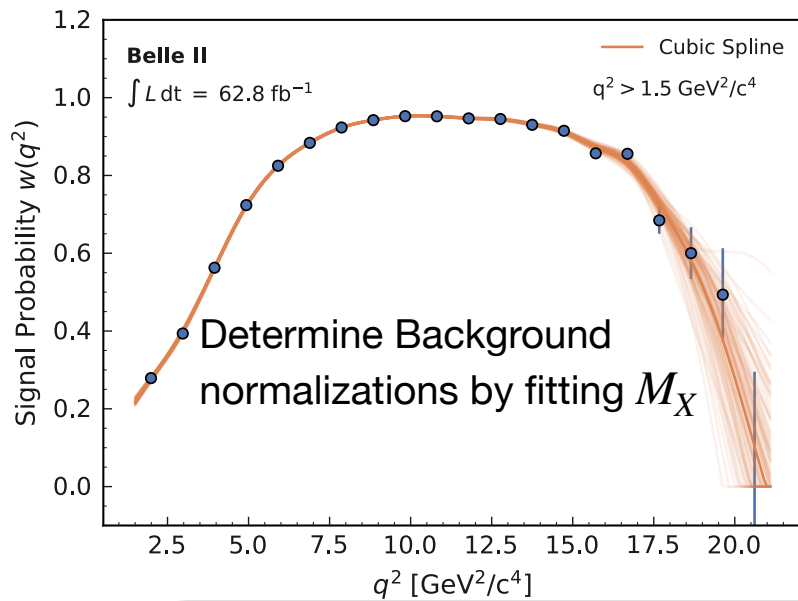
Step #2: Calibrate moment

Event-wise **Master-formula**

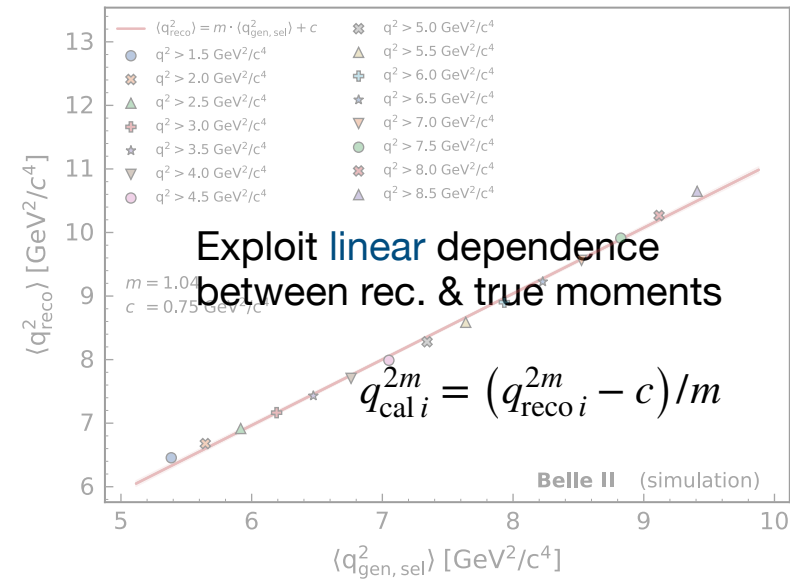
$$\langle q^{2n} \rangle = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_i^2) \times q_{\text{calib},i}^{2n}}{\sum_j^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_j^2)} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{calib}} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{gen}}$$

1.

# Measurements of Lepton **Mass squared moments** in **inclusive $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$** Decays with the Belle II Experiment [Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002, arXiv:2205.06372]



Step #1: Subtract Background

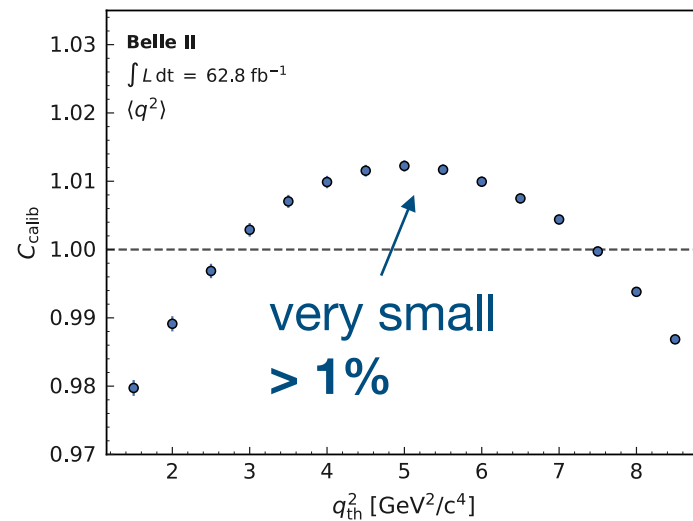


Step #2: Calibrate moment

### Event-wise Master-formula

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

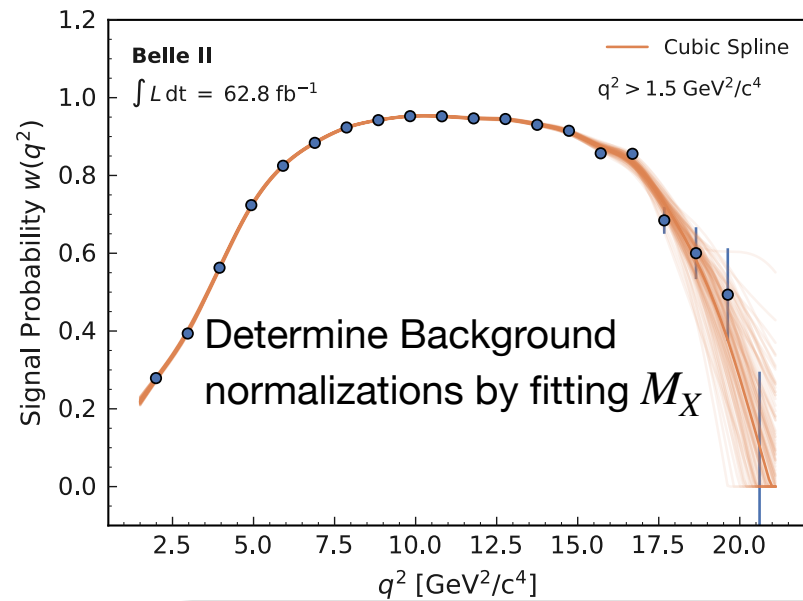
Step #3: If you fail, try again



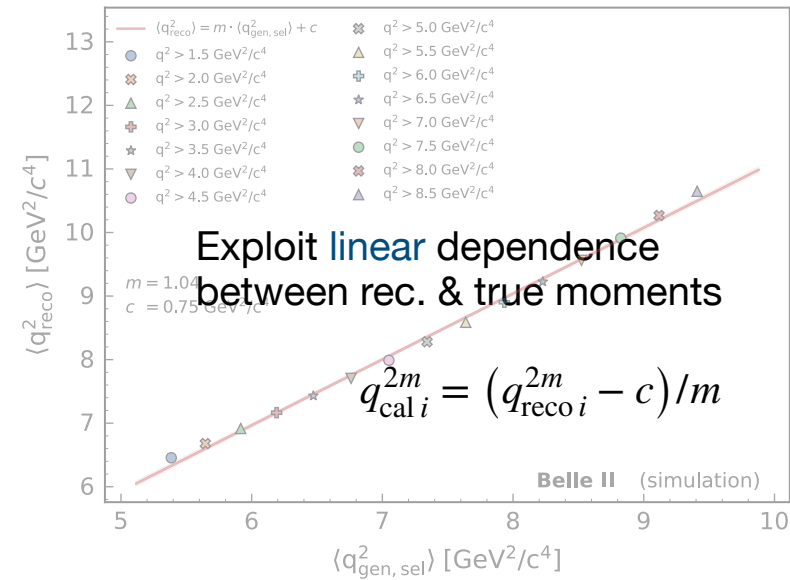


1.

Measurements of Lepton **Mass squared moments** in **inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$**  Decays with the Belle II Experiment [Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002, arXiv:2205.06372]



Step #1: Subtract Background

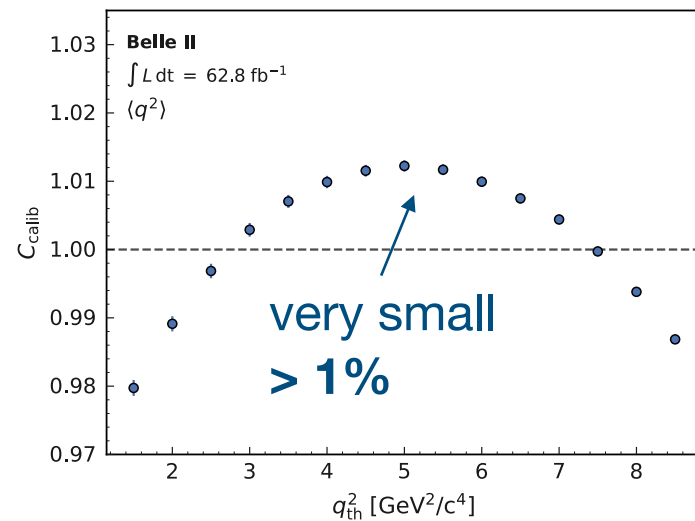


Step #2: Calibrate moment

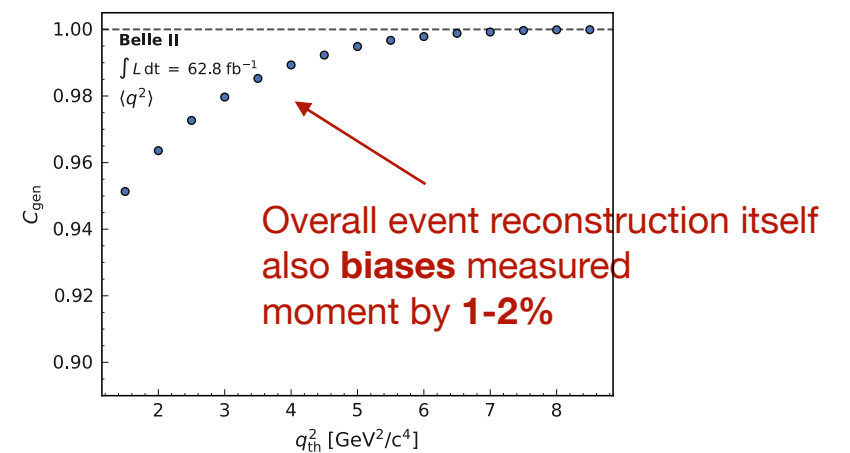
Event-wise **Master-formula**

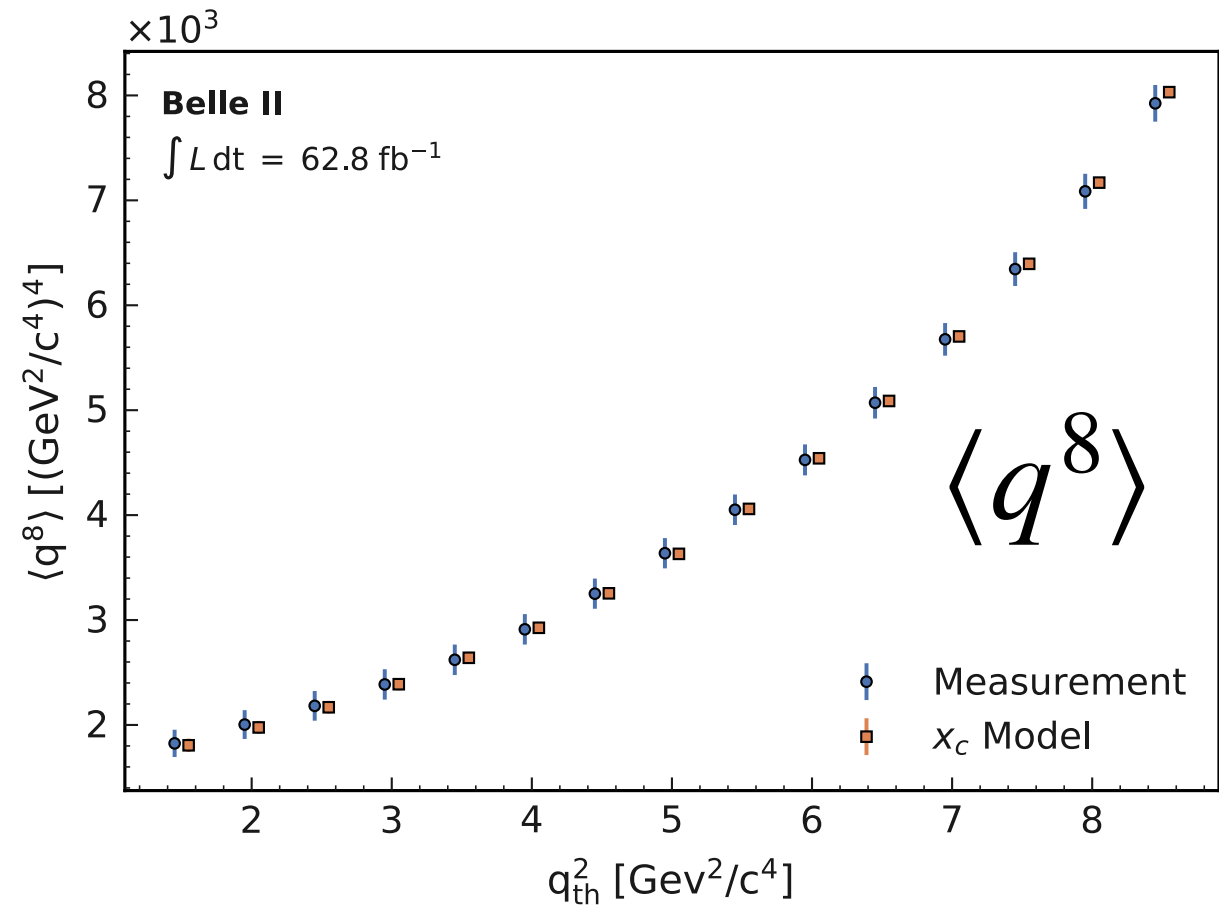
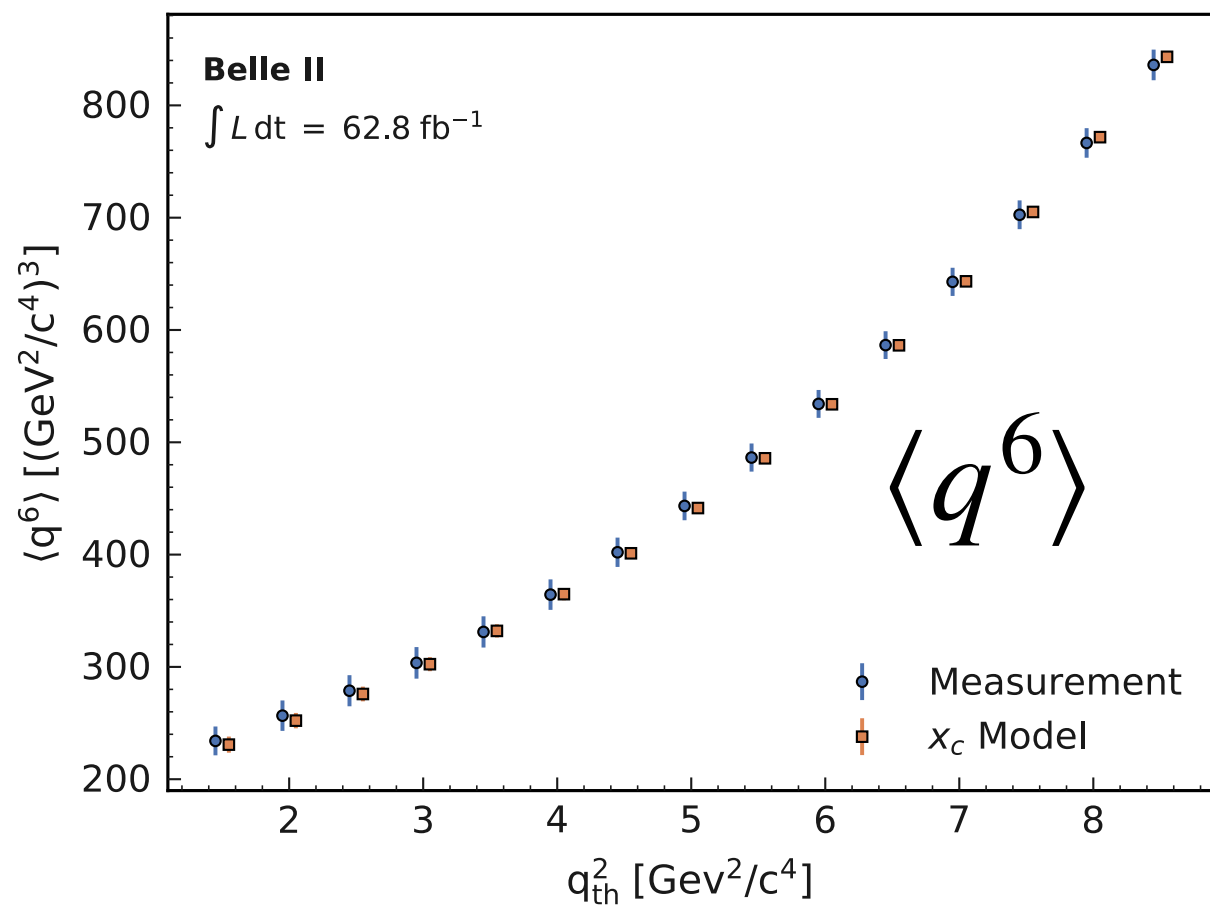
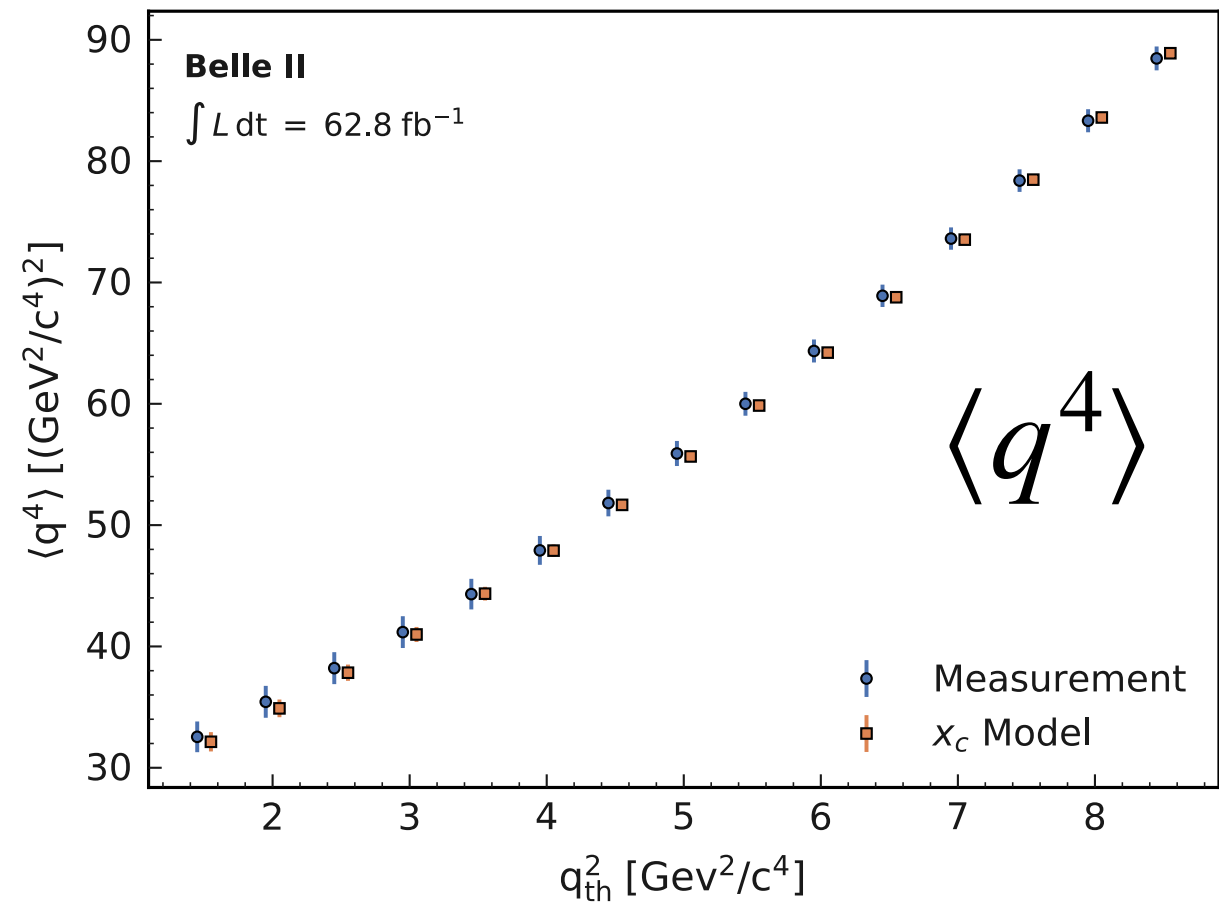
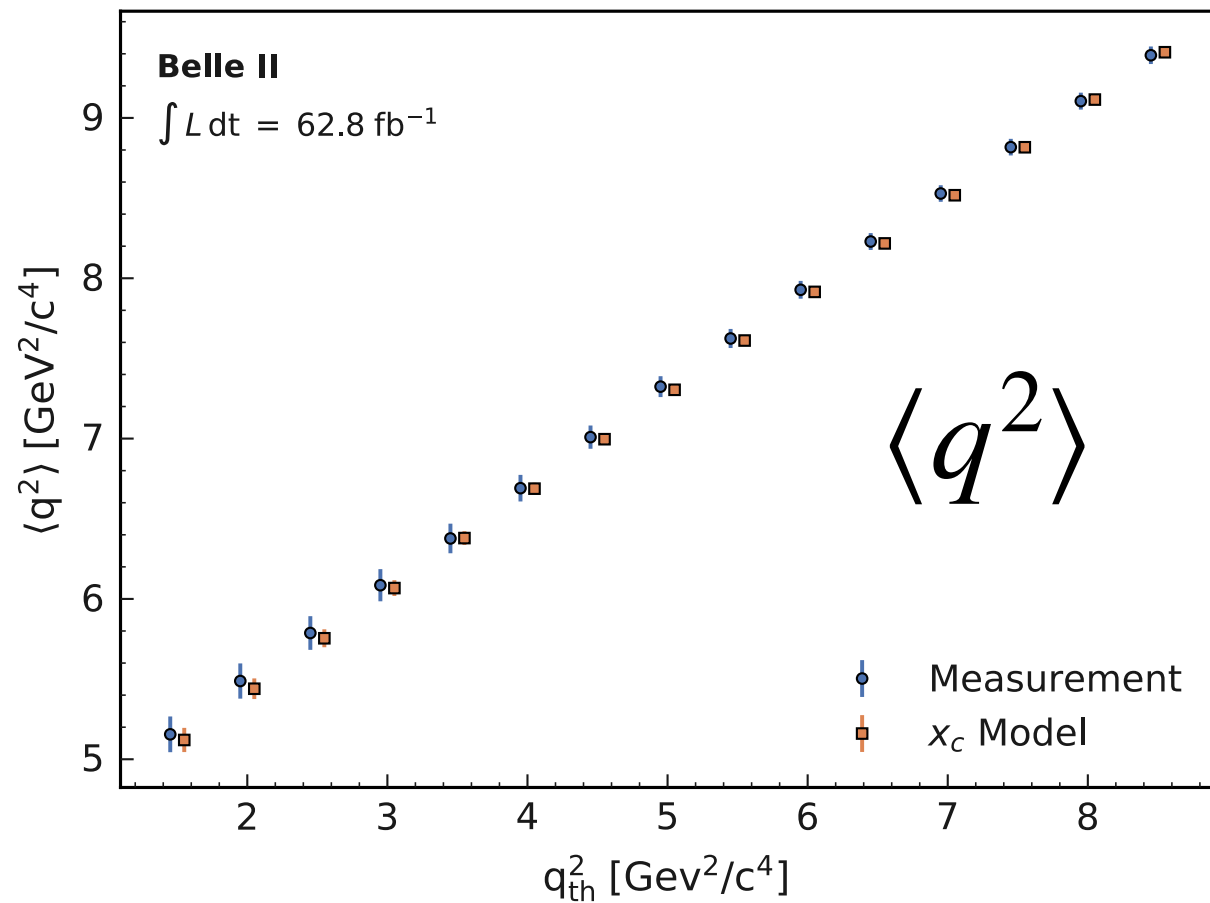
$$\langle q^{2n} \rangle = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_i^2) \times q_{\text{calib}, i}^{2n}}{\sum_j^{N_{\text{data}}} w(q_j^2)} \times C_{\text{calib}} \times C_{\text{gen}}$$

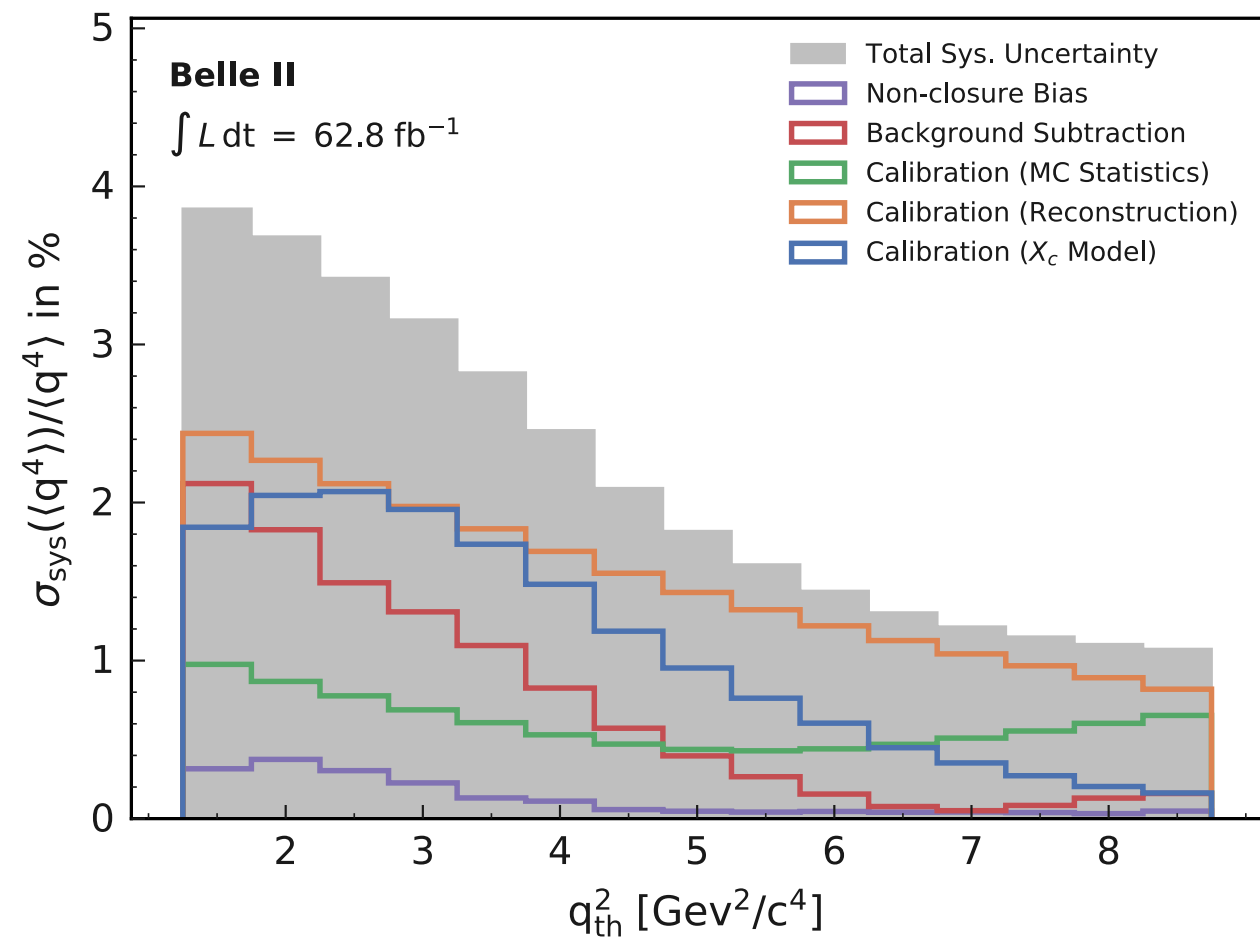
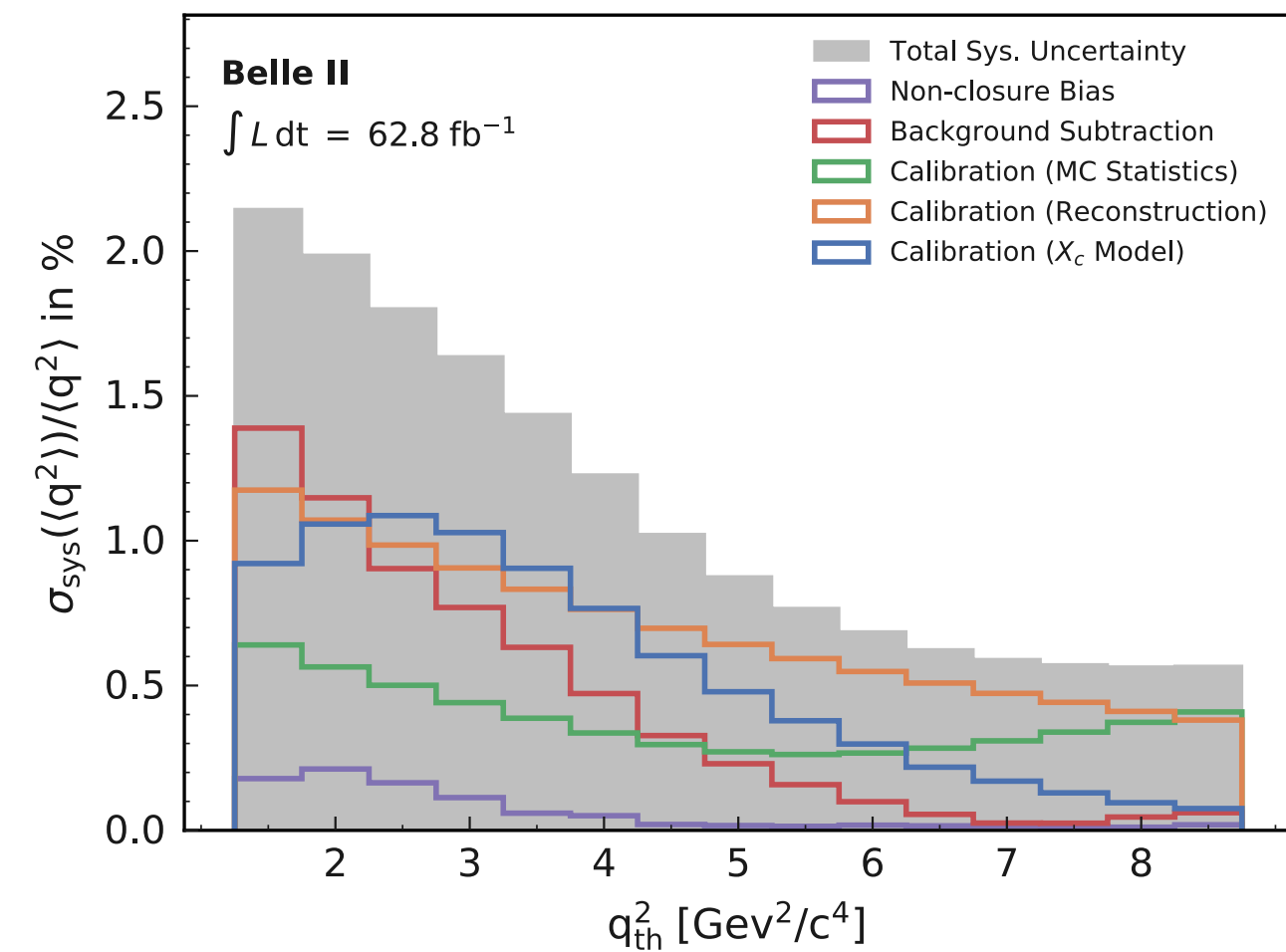
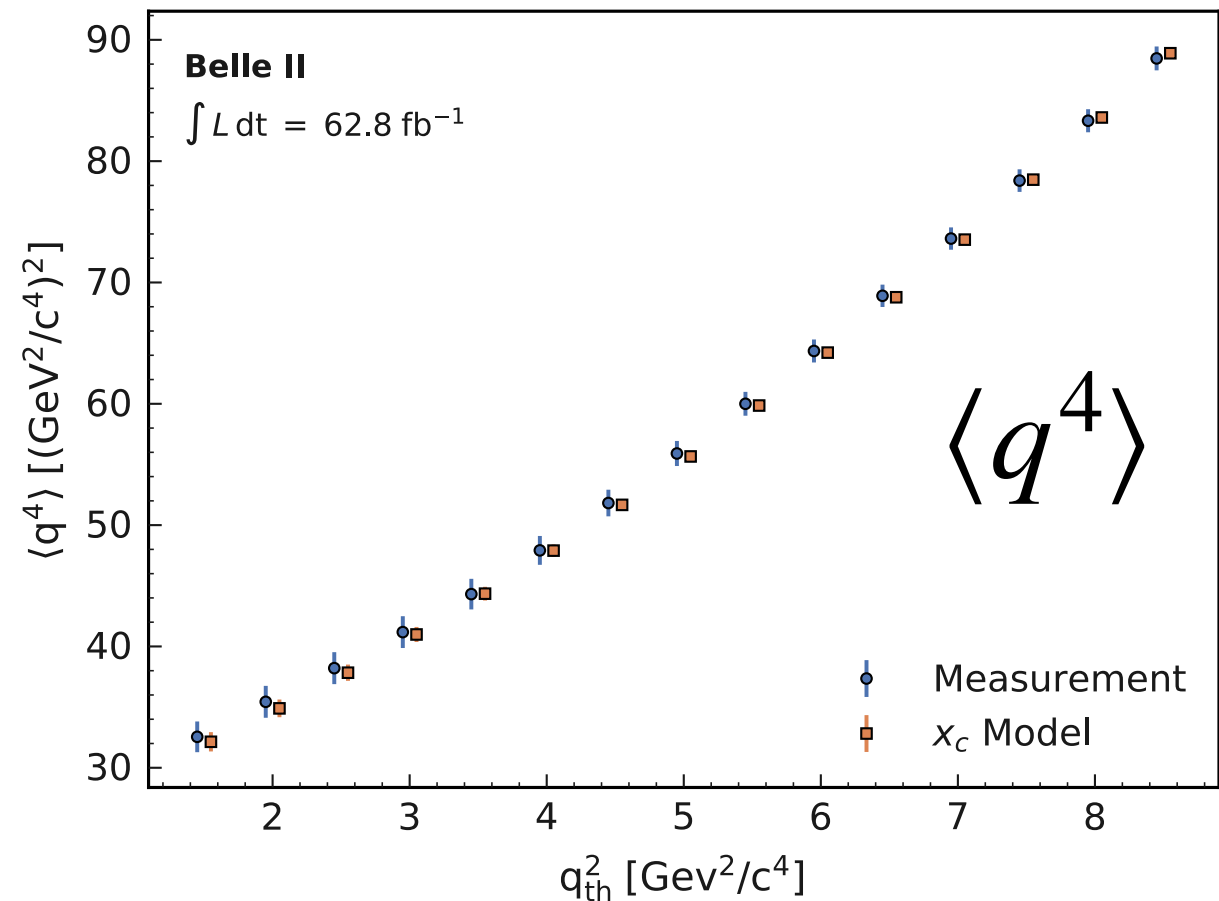
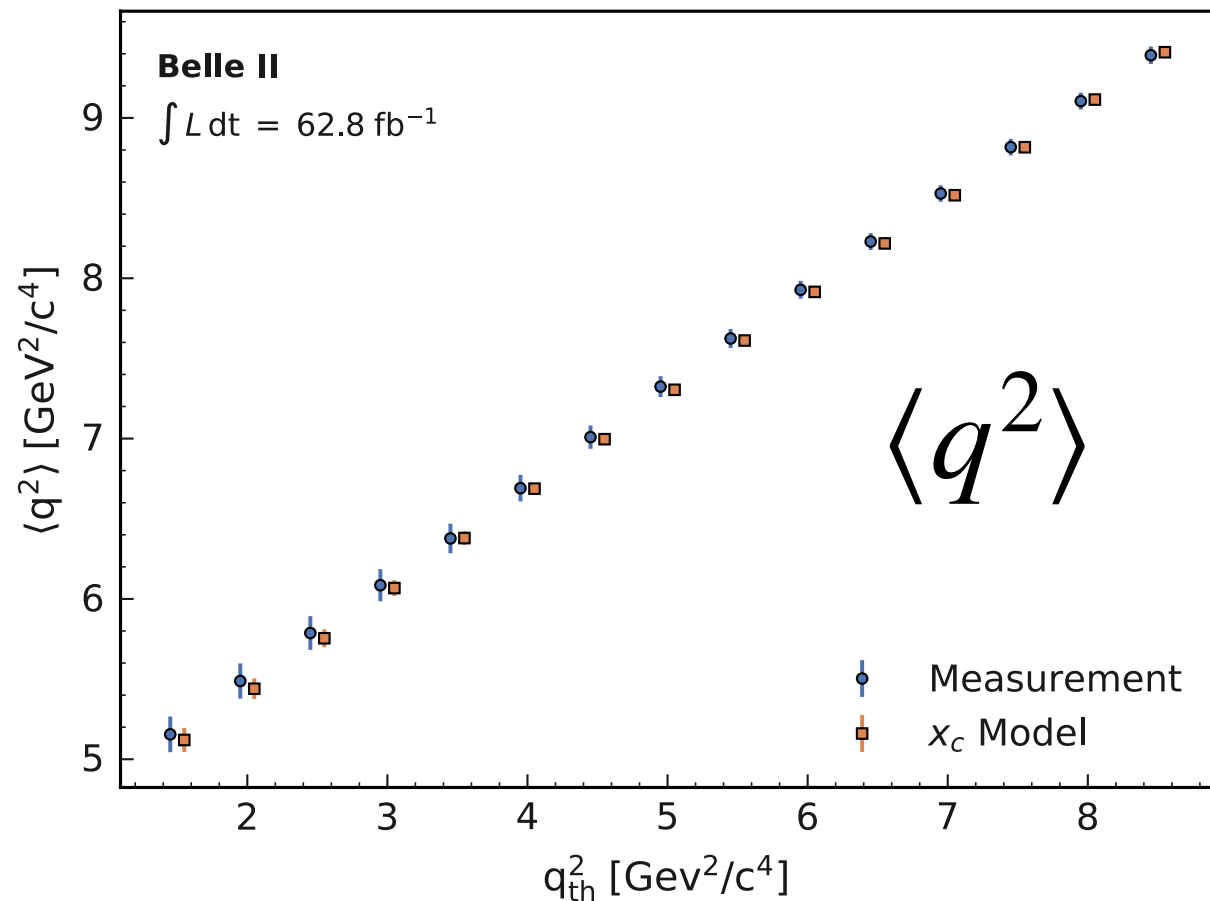
Step #3: If you fail, try again



Step #4: Correct for selection effects





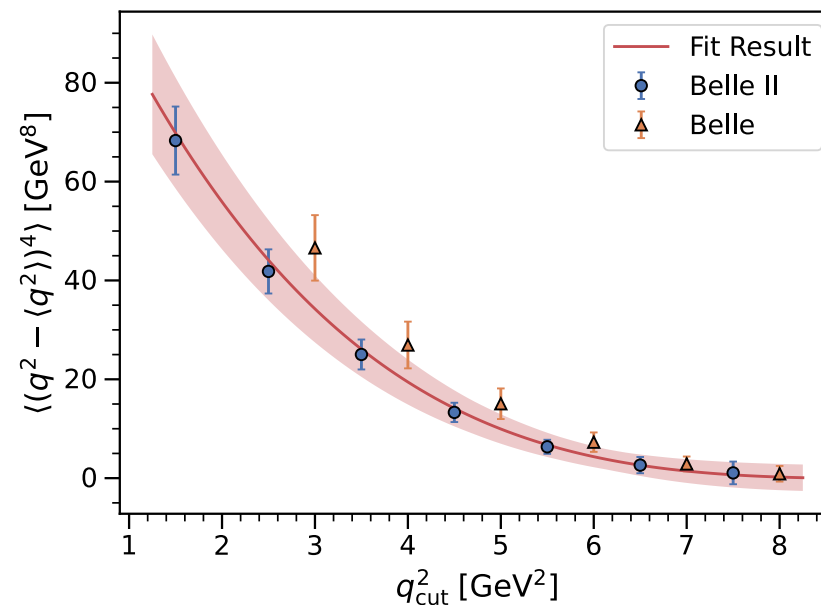
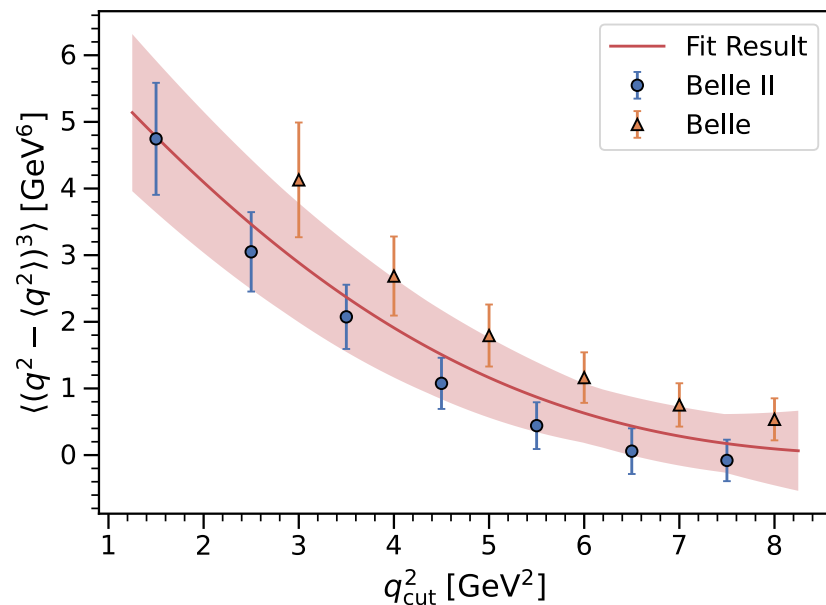
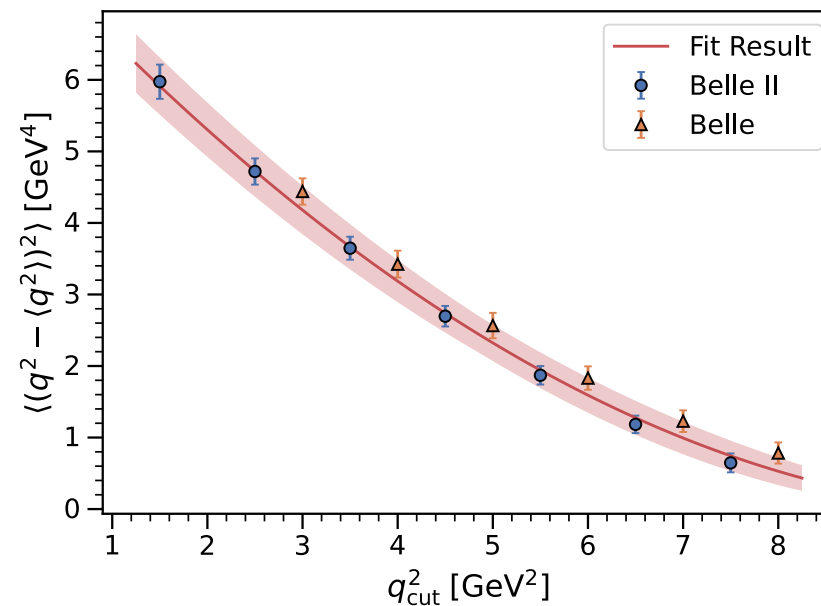
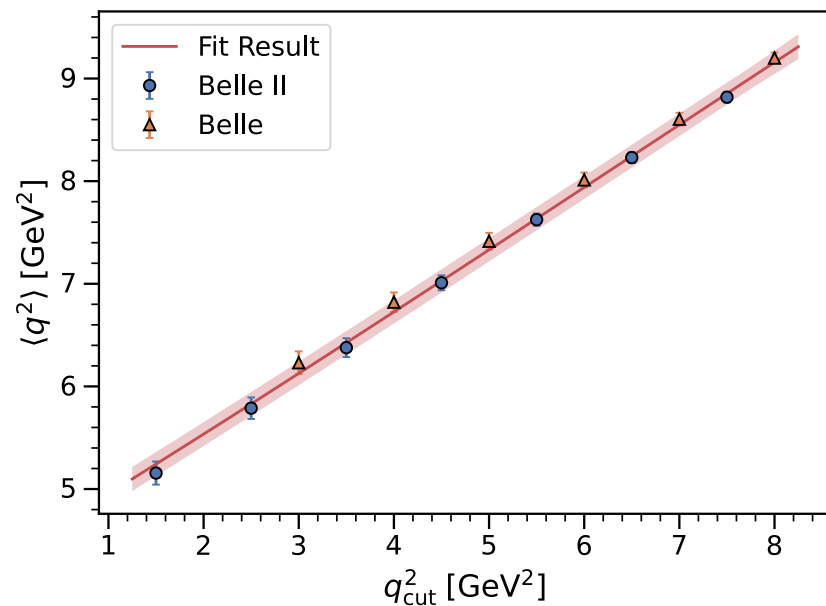




# $|V_{cb}|$ from $q^2$ mom.

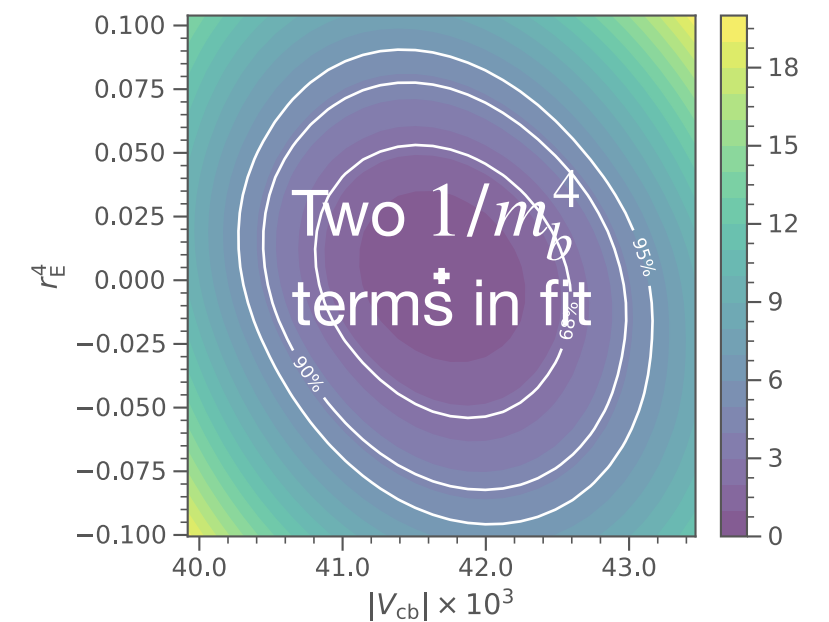
F. Bernlochner, M. Fael, K. Olschwesky, E. Persson,  
R. Van Tonder, K. Vos, M. Welsch [JHEP 10 (2022) 068, arXiv:2205.10274]

First extraction of  $|V_{cb}|$  from  $q^2$  moments:



Included corrections  
on the mom. predictions

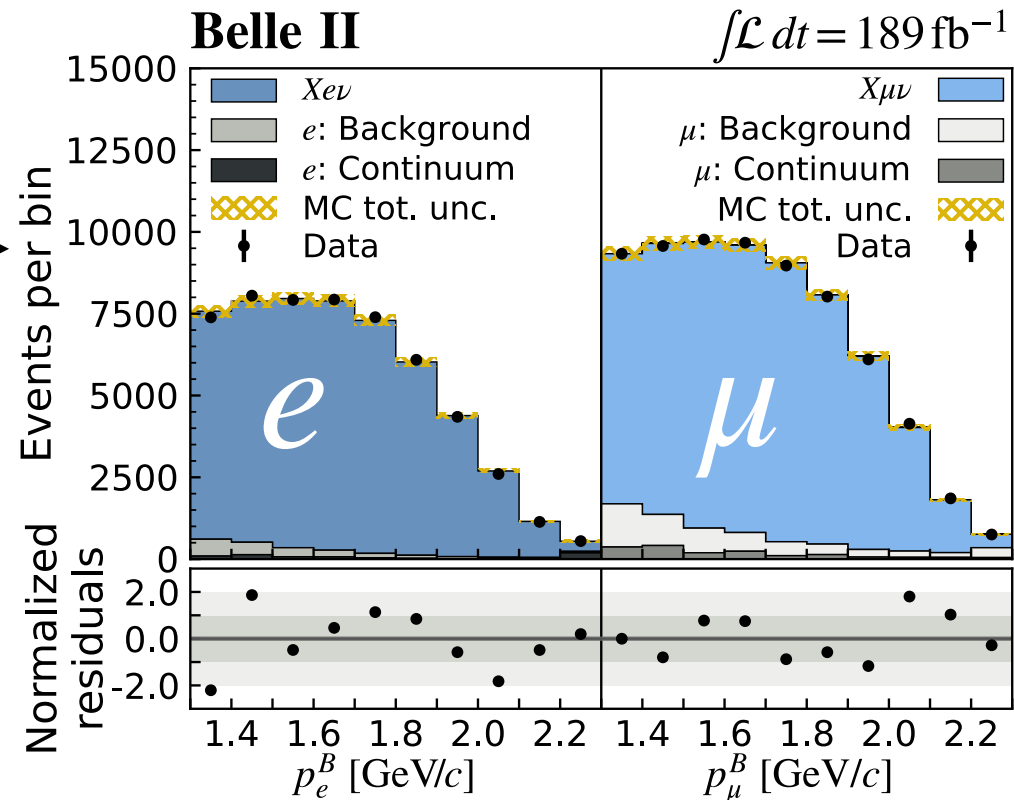
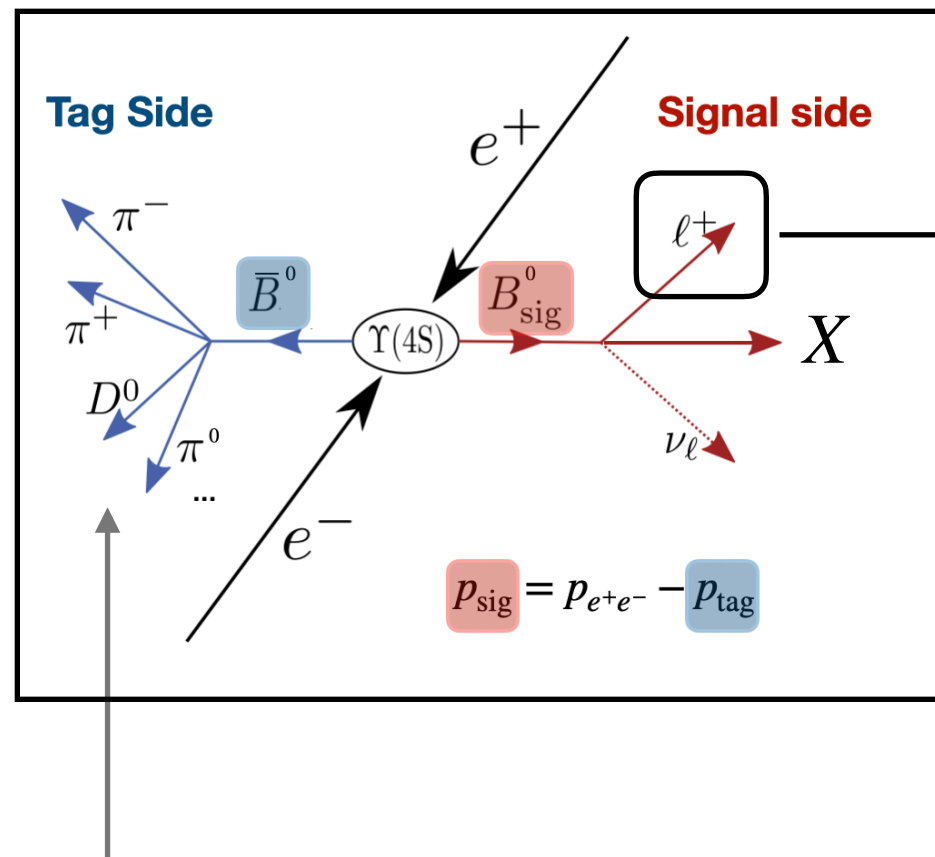
$\langle (q^2)^n \rangle$	tree	$\alpha_s$	$\alpha_s^2$	$\alpha_s^3$
Partonic	✓	✓		
$\mu_G^2$	✓	✓		
$\rho_D^3$	✓	✓		
$1/m_b^4$	✓			



→  $|V_{cb}| = (41.69 \pm 0.59|_{\text{fit}} \pm 0.23|_{\text{h.o.}}) \cdot 10^{-3} = (41.69 \pm 0.63) \cdot 10^{-3}$

2.

A test of **light-lepton universality** in the rates of **inclusive** semileptonic B-meson decays at Belle II [Submitted to PRL, arXiv:XYZ]



## Hadronic Tagging

### Systematic Uncertainties:

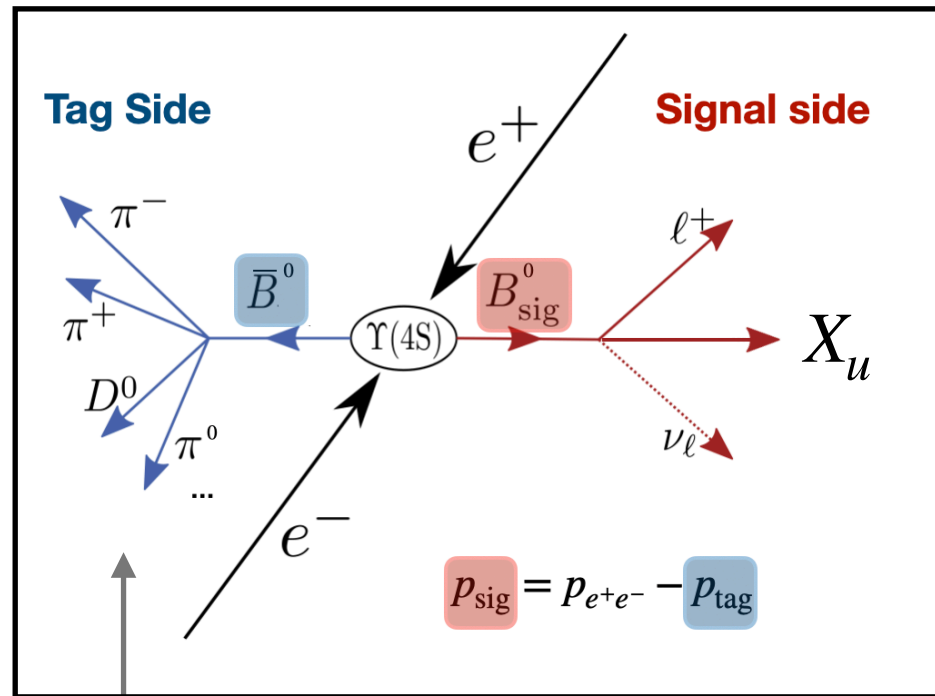
Source	Uncertainty [%]
Sample size	0.9
Lepton identification	1.9
$X l \nu$ branching fractions	0.2
$X_c l \nu$ form factors	0.1
Total	2.1

$$R(X_{e/\mu} | p_\ell^B > 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c) = 1.005 \pm 0.009 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (syst)}.$$

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

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

M. Rahimi and K. K. Vos, J. High Energ. Phys. 11, 007 (2022).



### Belle I Hadronic Tagging (FR)

ca. factor of 2 less efficient,  
but focus on cleaner tags

Hadronic **tagging** just is fun:  
Capability to identify **kinematic**  
and **constituents** of  $X_u$  system

$$p_X = \sum_i \left( \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + |\mathbf{p}_i|^2}, \mathbf{p}_i \right) + \sum_j \left( E_j, \mathbf{k}_j \right)$$

Charged Tracks      Neutral Clusters

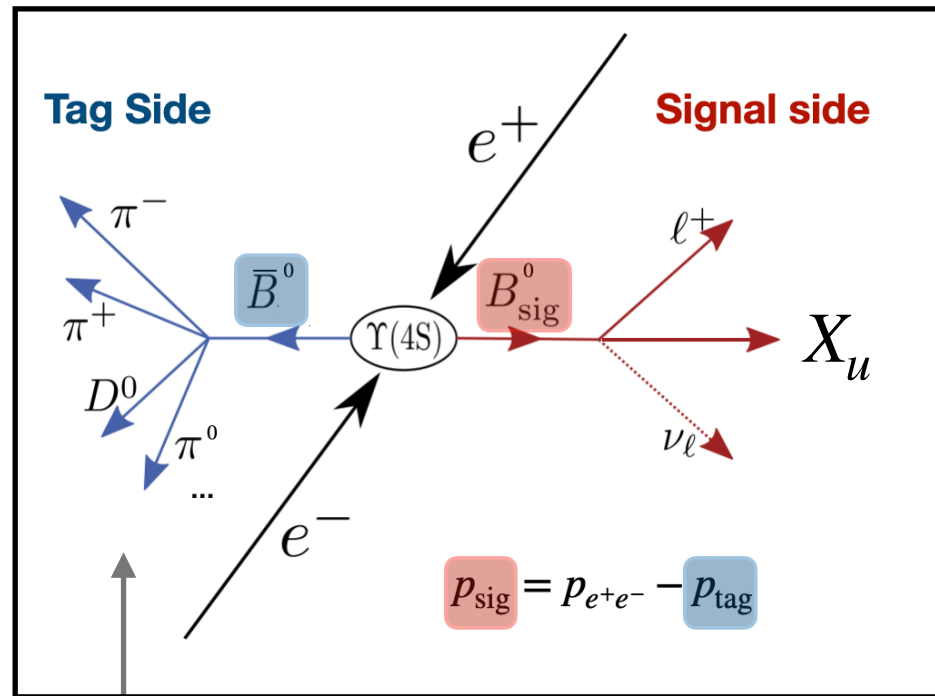
$$q^2 = (p_{\text{sig}} - p_X)^2$$

$$M_X = \sqrt{(p_X)^\mu (p_X)_\mu}$$

$$m_{\text{miss}}^2 = \left( p_{\text{sig}} - p_X - p_\ell \right)^2 \approx m_\nu^2 = 0 \text{ GeV}^2$$

But ... this is still a pretty difficult  
measurement



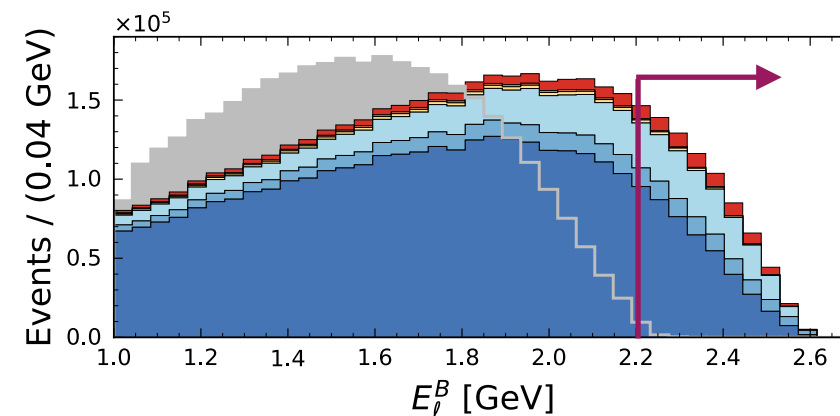
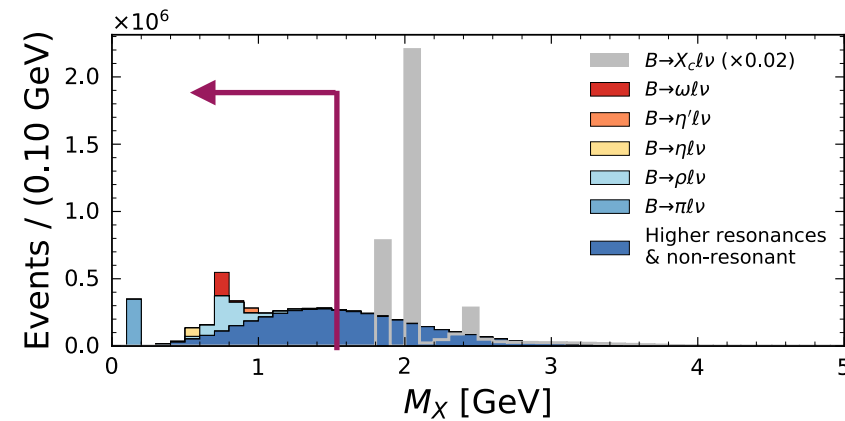


Inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  measurements are extremely challenging due to dominant  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  background

Clean **separation** only **possible** in certain **kinematic regions**, e.g. **lepton endpoint** or **low  $M_X$**

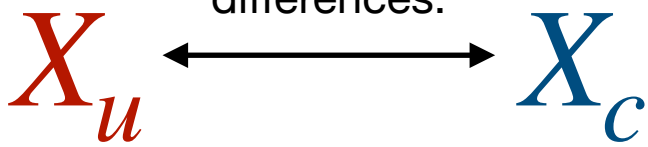
### Belle I Hadronic Tagging (FR)

ca. factor of 2 less efficient,  
but focus on cleaner tags



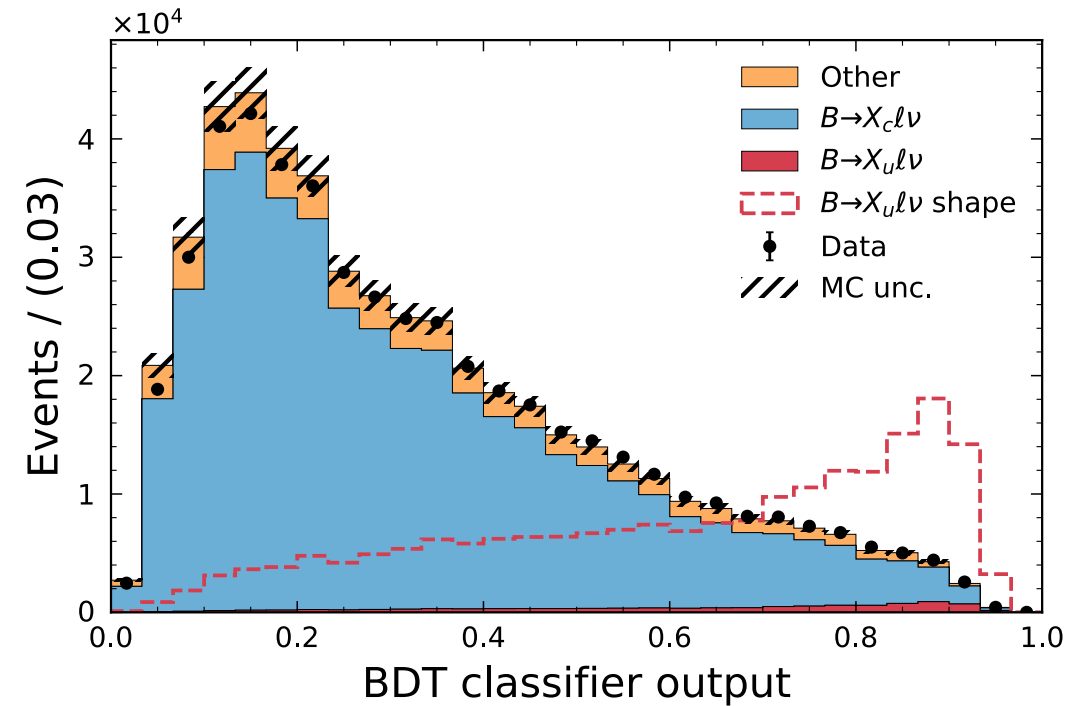
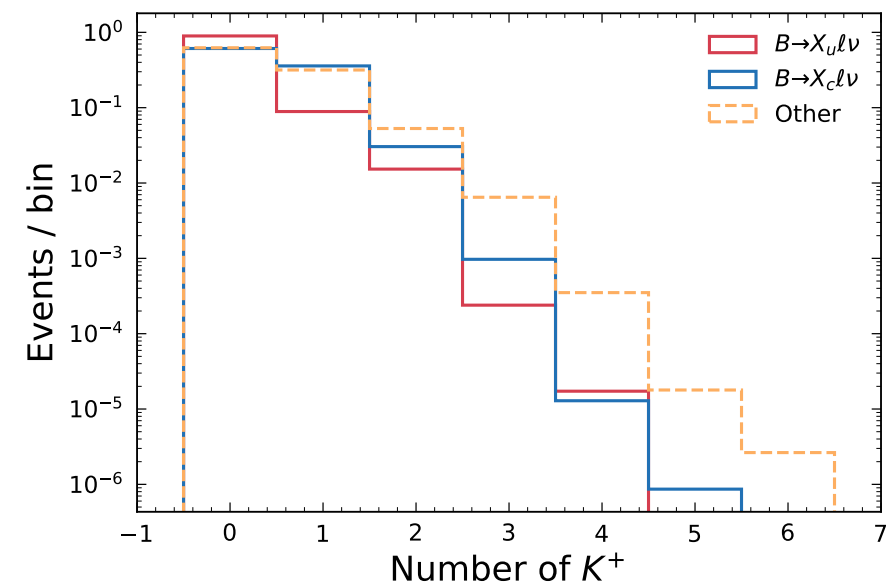
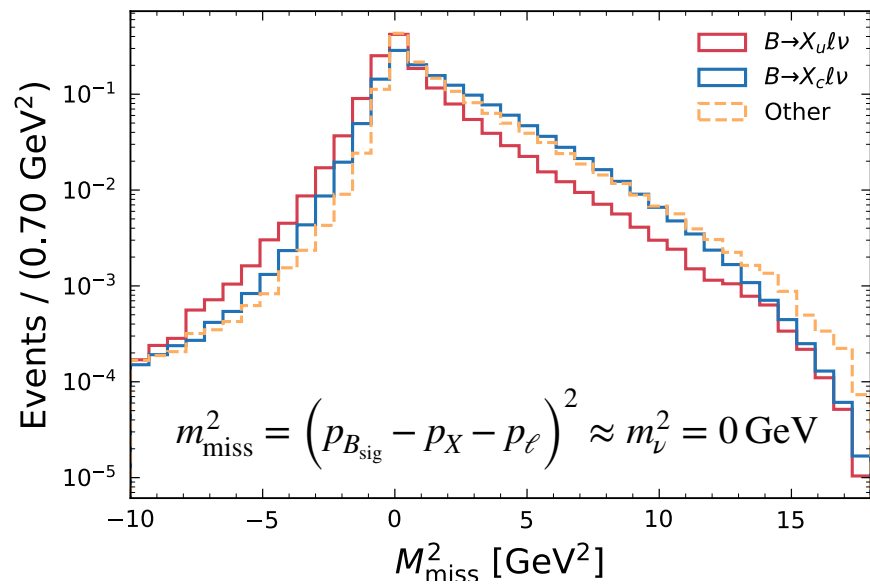
# Multivariate Sledgehammer

Can exploit that there are differences:



**Higher multiplicity**  
Often come with charged and neutral **Kaons**  
**D\* decays (slow pions)**  
**(Slightly lower  $E_e$ )**

**Direct cuts on  $m_X, E_\ell$  problematic**  
(i.e. direct theory / shape-function dependence)



**+ 9 other variables**

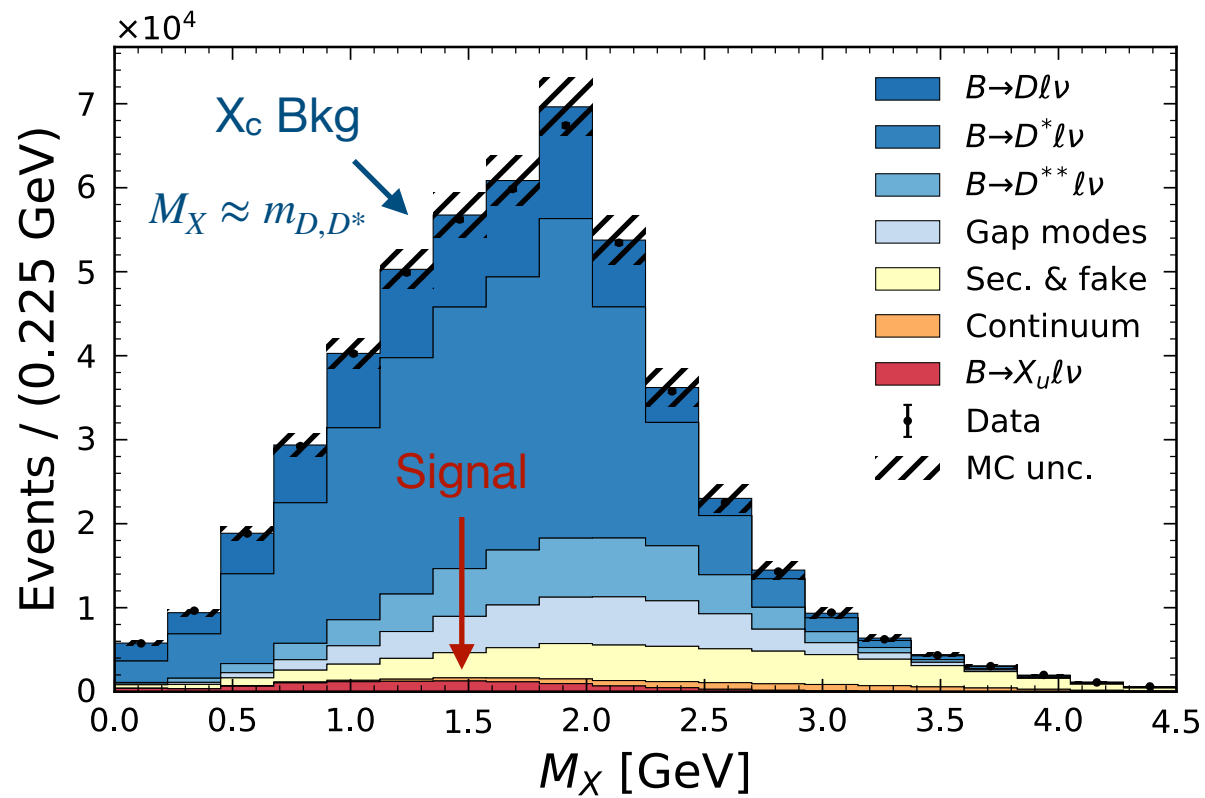
Can reject **98.7%** of  $X_c$

Selection	$B \rightarrow X_u \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$B \rightarrow X_c \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	Data
$M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}$	84.8%	83.8%	80.2%
$\mathcal{O}_{\text{BDT}} > 0.85$	18.5%	1.3%	1.6%
$\mathcal{O}_{\text{BDT}} > 0.83$	21.9%	1.7%	2.1%
$\mathcal{O}_{\text{BDT}} > 0.87$	14.5%	0.9%	1.1%

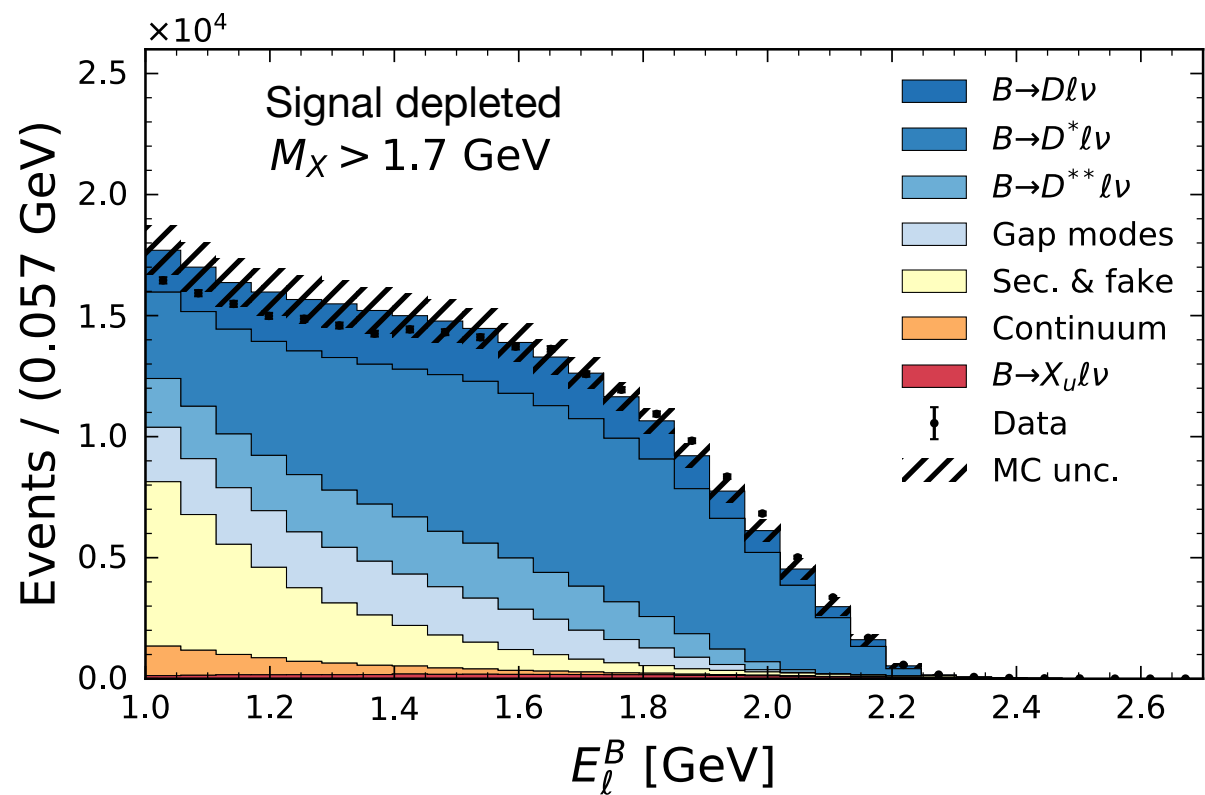
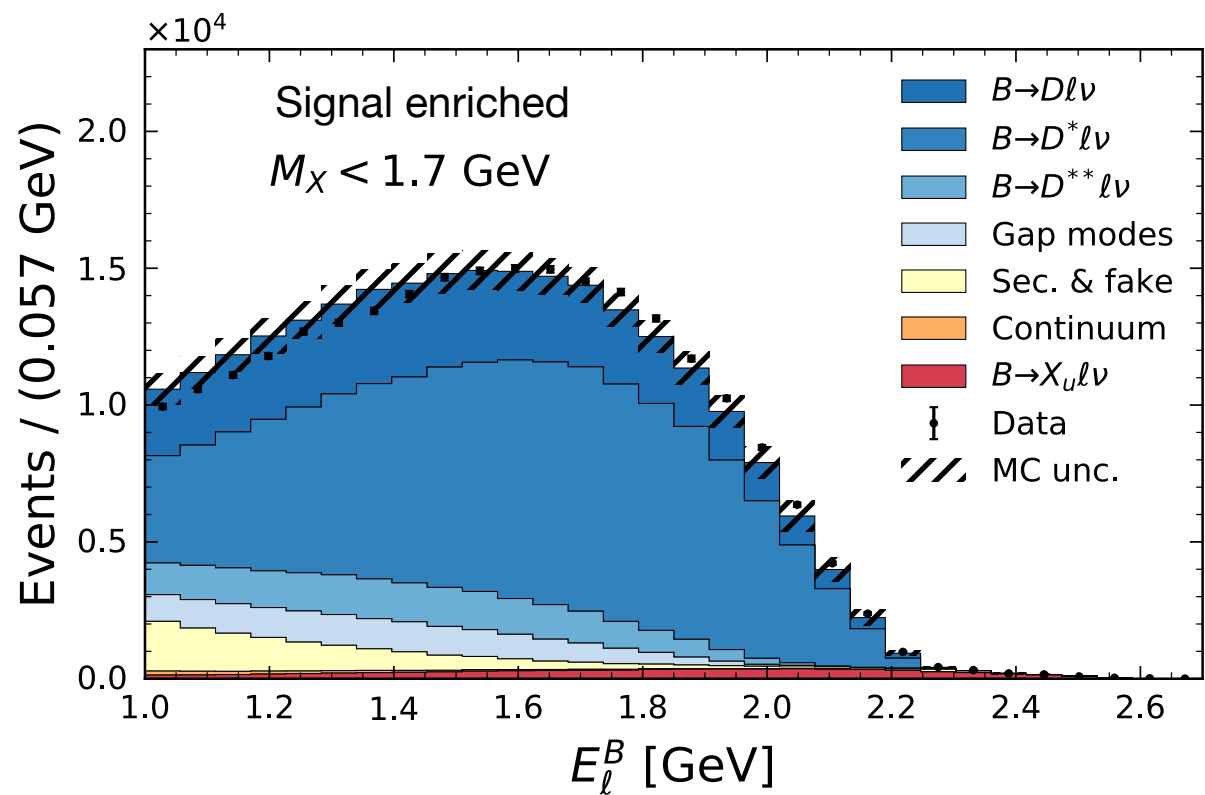
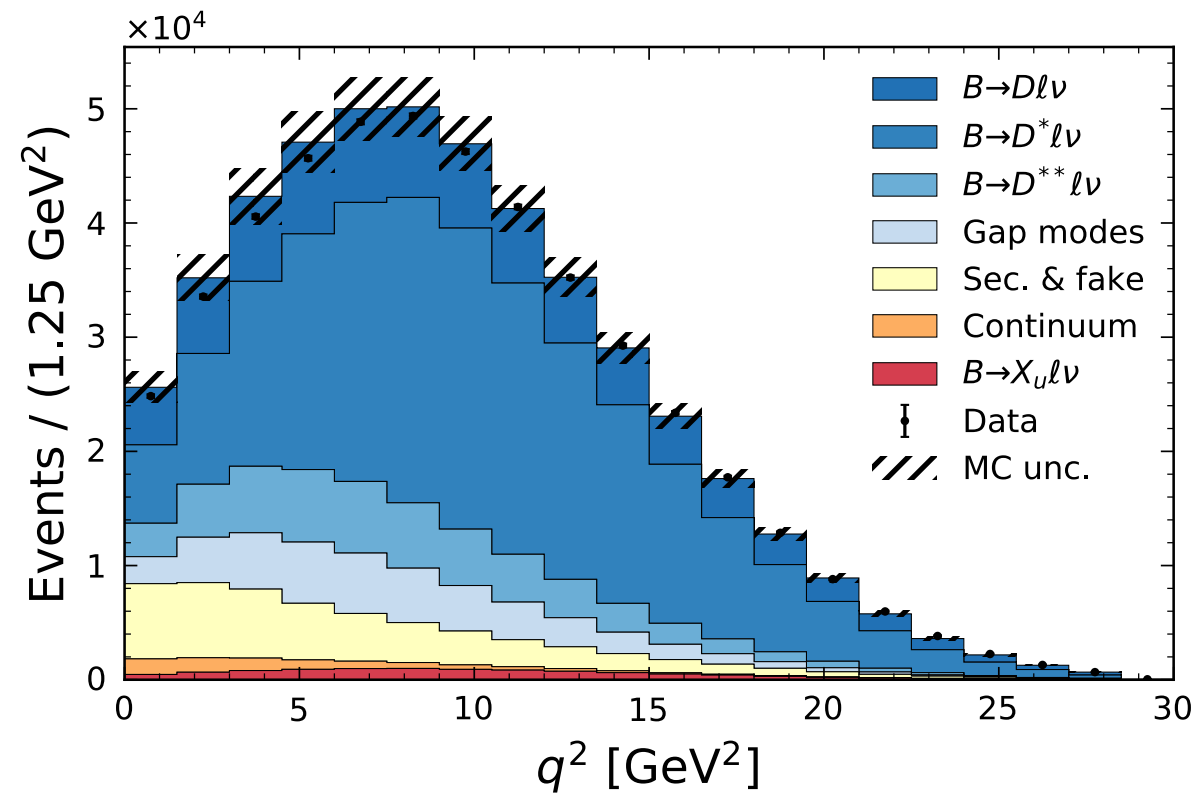
... and retain **18.5%** of  $X_u$

Before BDT selection

Hadronic Mass  $M_X = \sqrt{p_X^2}$



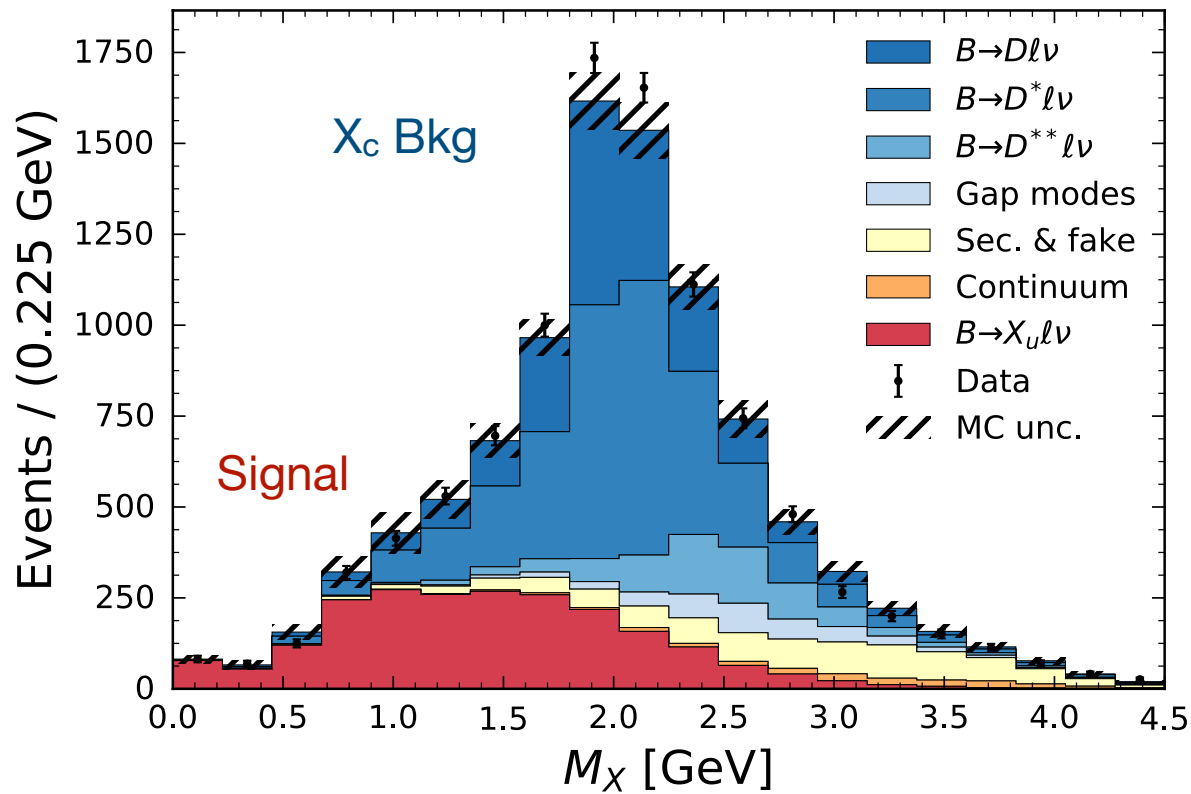
Four-momentum transfer squared  $q^2 = (p_B - p_X)^2$



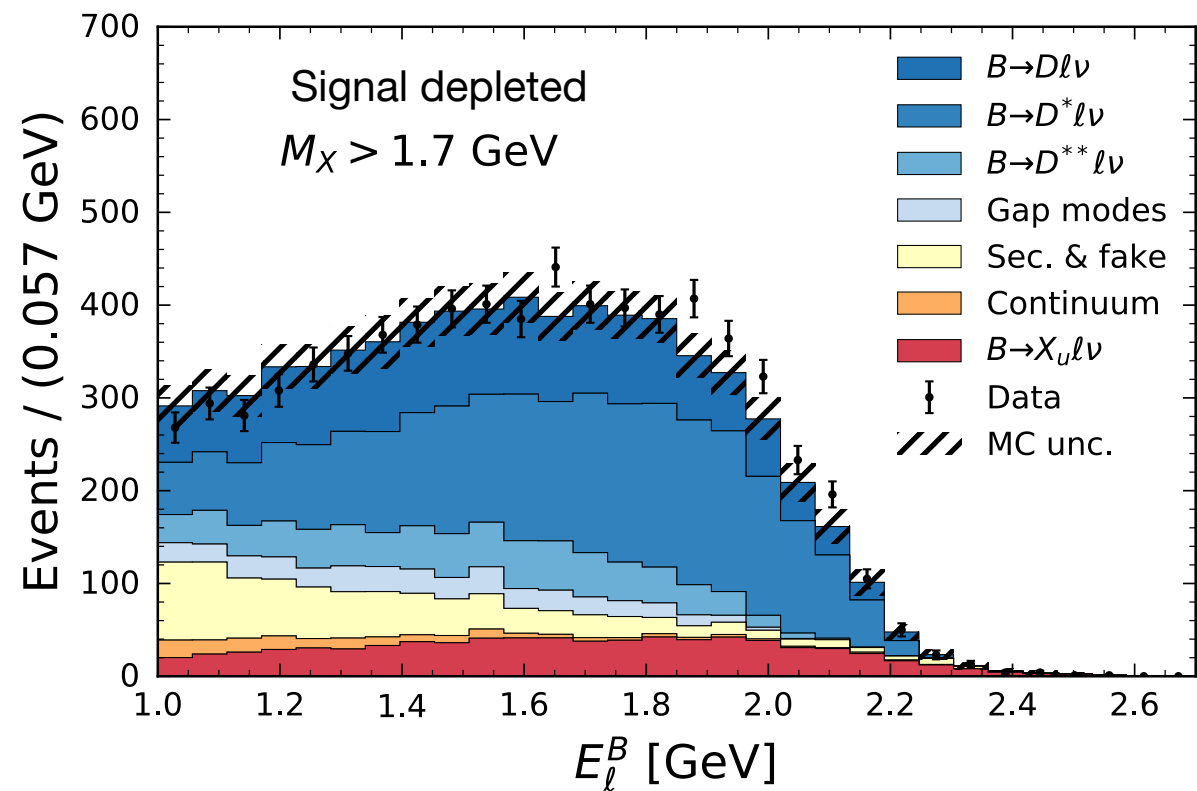
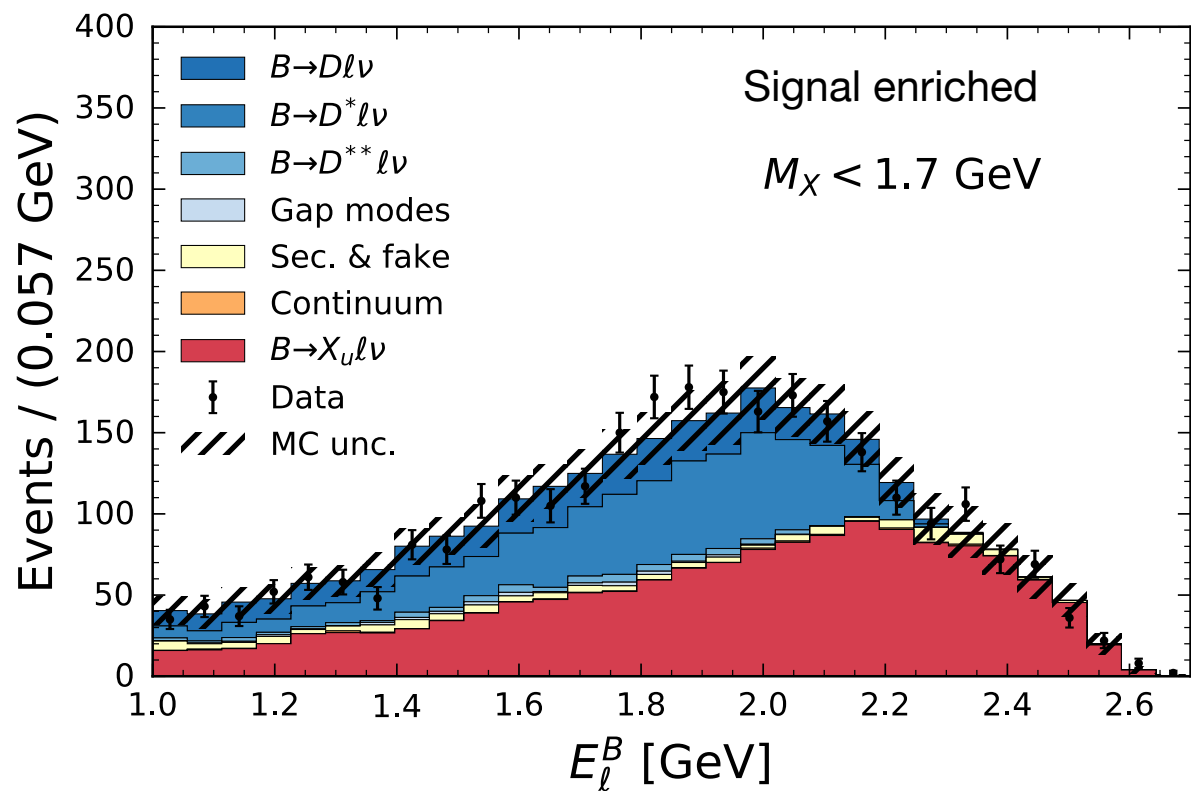
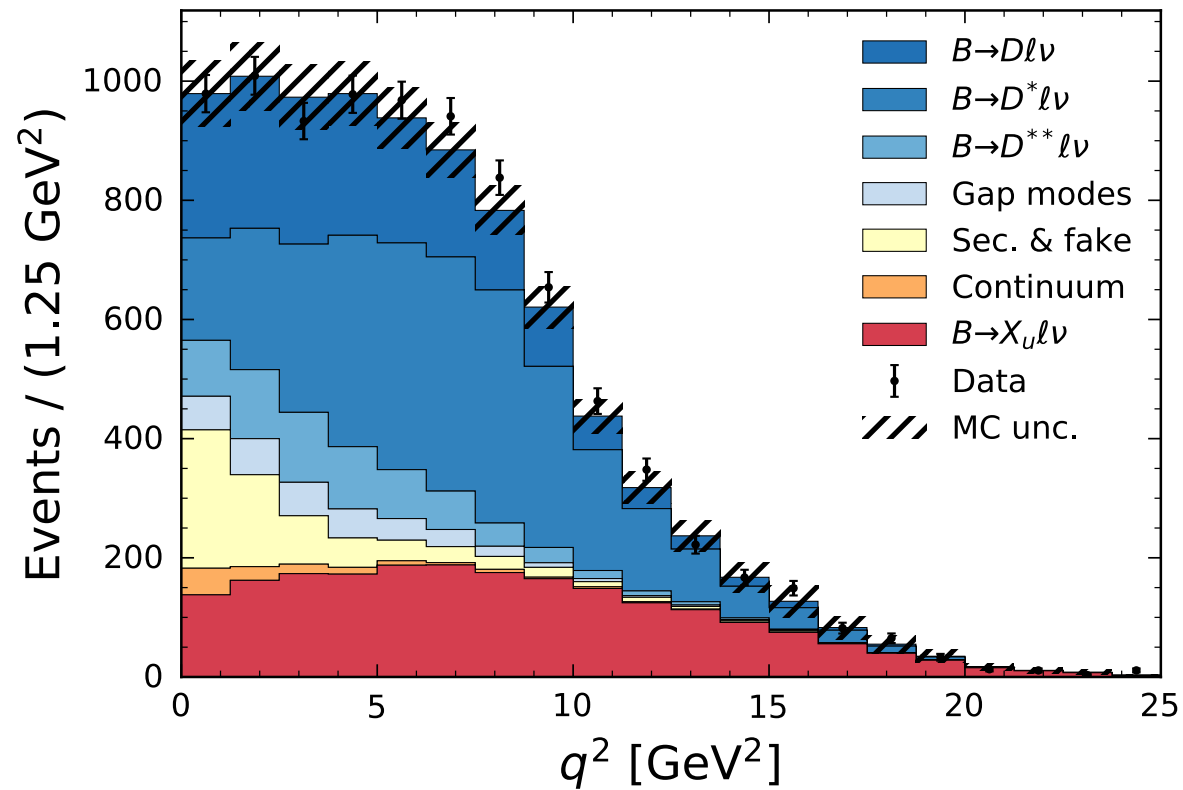
Lepton Energy in  
signal B rest frame  $E_\ell^B$

After BDT selection

Hadronic Mass  $M_X = \sqrt{p_X^2}$



Four-momentum transfer squared  $q^2 = (p_B - p_X)^2$



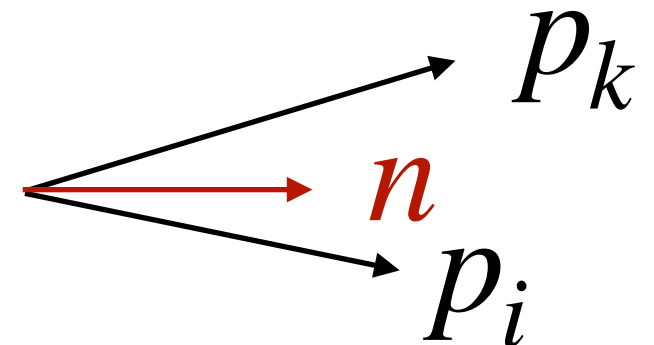
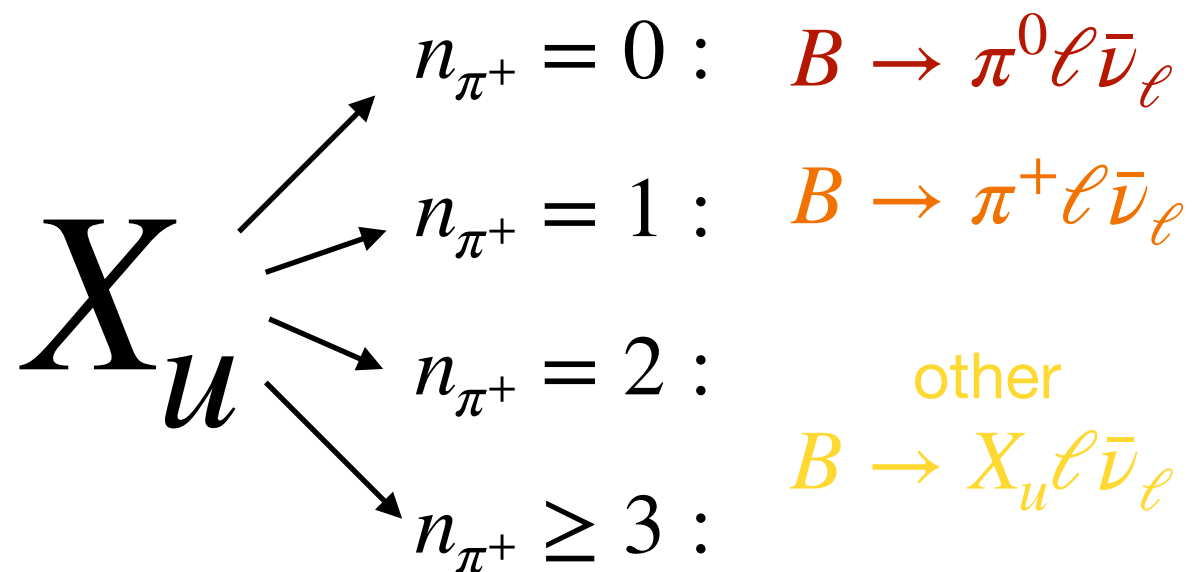
Lepton Energy in signal B restframe  $E_\ell^B$



[Submitted to PRL, arXiv:2205.06372]



**New Idea:** Exploit that **exclusive**  $X_u$  final states can be separated using the # of charged pions



Use 'thrust',  
expect more collimated system  
for  $B \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  and  $B \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$   
than for other processes

$$\max_{|\mathbf{n}|=1} (\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}| / \sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|)$$

$q^2$

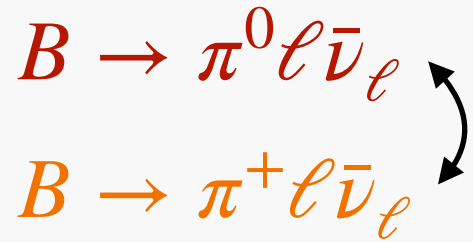
Extraction of **BFs** and  $B \rightarrow \pi$  **form factors**, in 2D fit of  $q^2$  :  $n_{\pi^+}$

$M_X$

Use high  $M_X$  to constrain  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$

## 2D Categories :

For fit link



assuming isospin

Float BCL  $B \rightarrow \pi$  FF  
constrained to **FLAG 2022**

WA [Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 10, 869]

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/m_{B^*}^2} \sum_{n=0}^{N^+-1} a_n^+ \left[ z^n - (-1)^{n-N^+} \frac{n}{N^+} z^{N^+} \right]$$

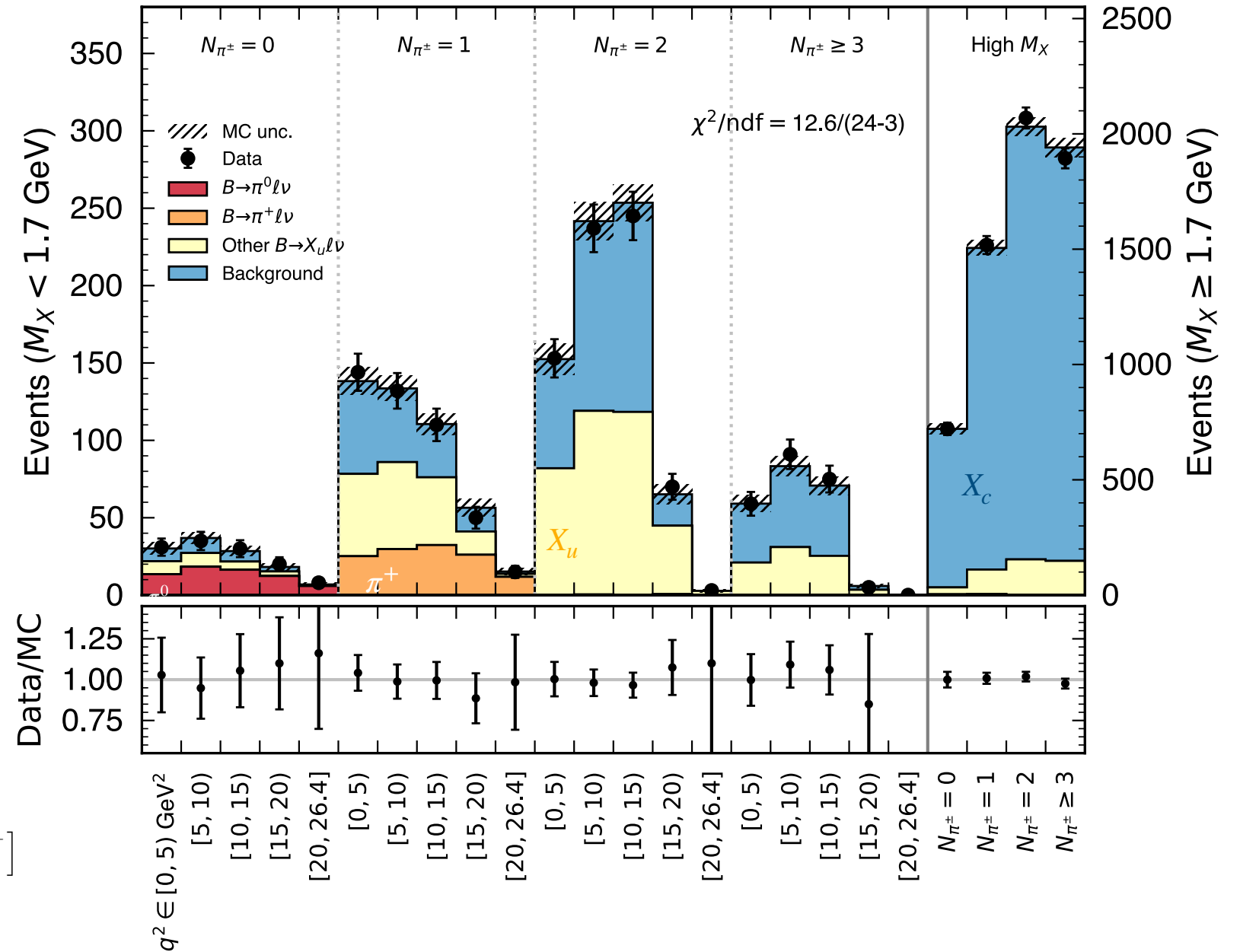
$$f_0(q^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{N^0-1} a_n^0 z^n, \quad (3)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) = (1.43 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-4},$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) = (1.40 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$\rho = 0.10$$

(Note that  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  of course contains  $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ )



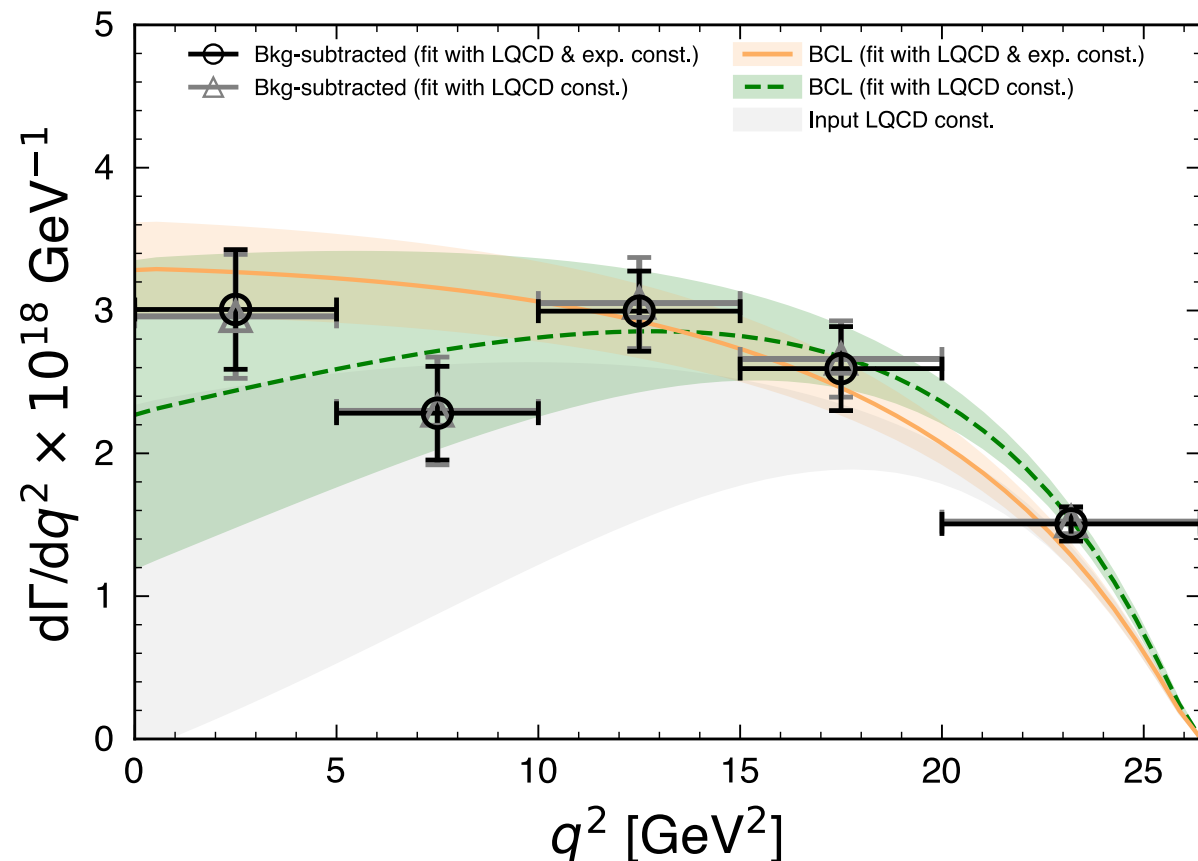
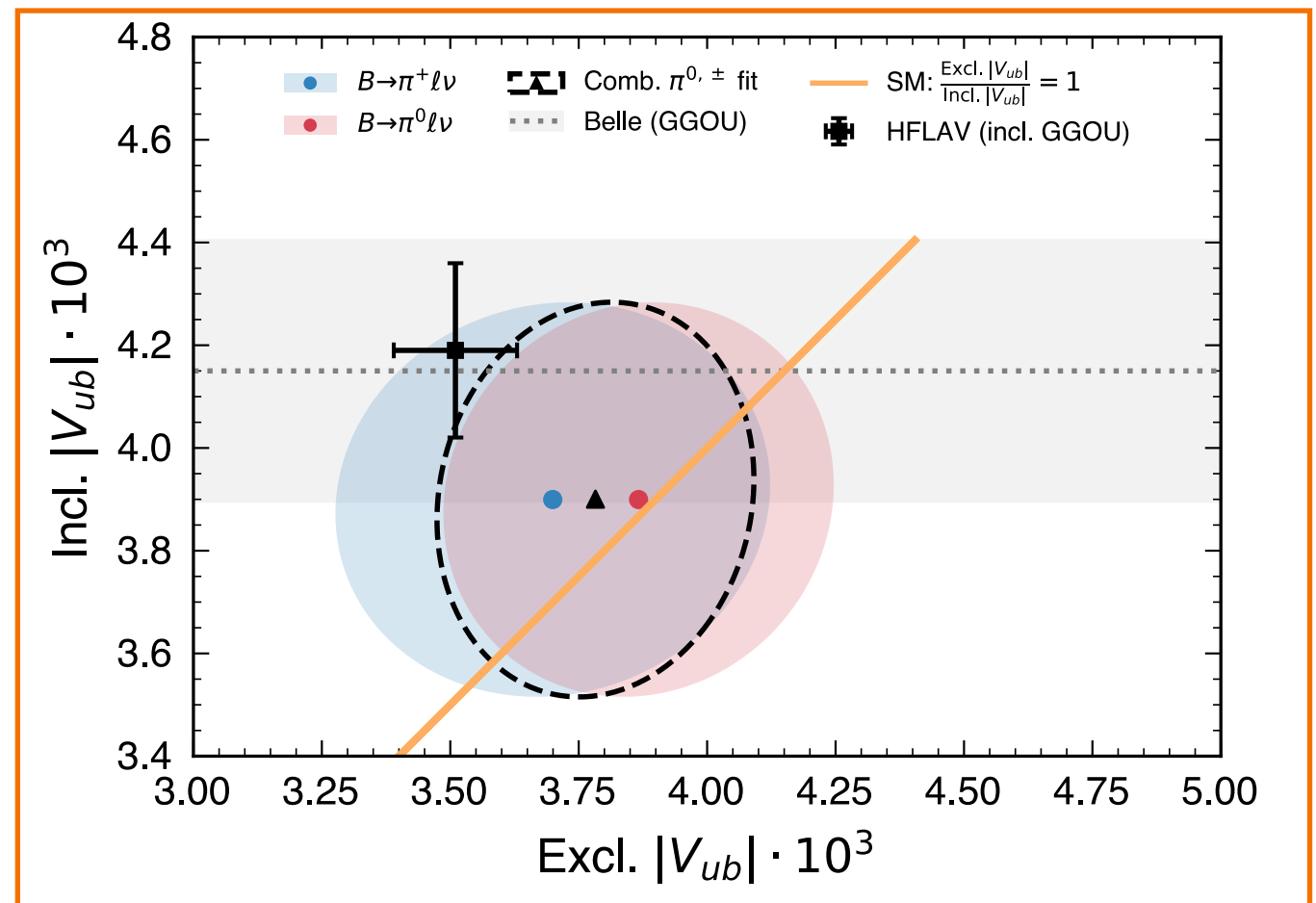
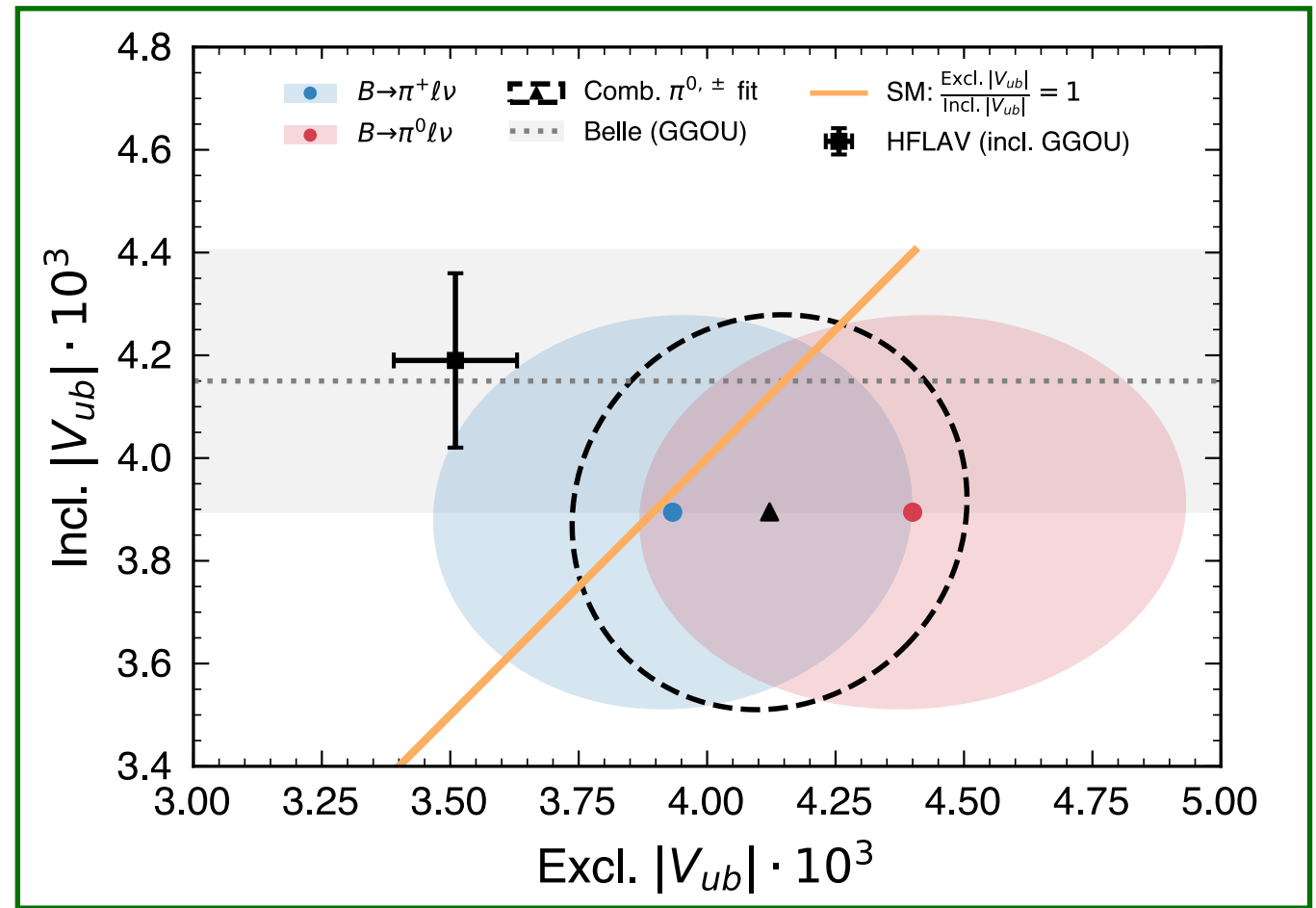
Two sets of results:

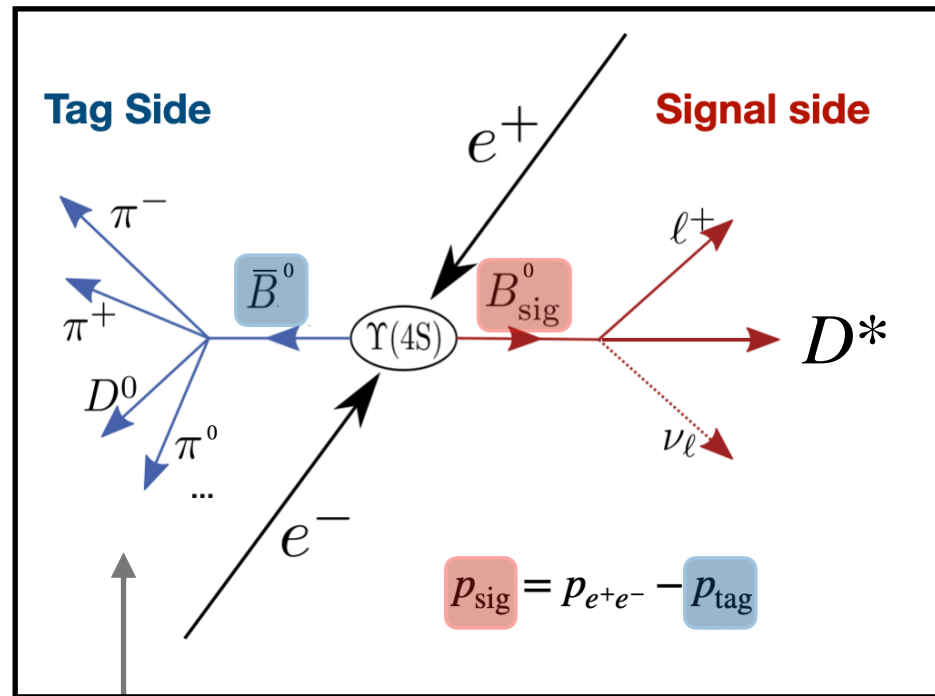
### 1) FLAG 2022

$$|V_{ub}^{\text{excl.}}| / |V_{ub}^{\text{incl.}}| = 1.06 \pm 0.14,$$

### 2) FLAG 2022 + all experimental information on $B \rightarrow \pi$ FF

$$|V_{ub}^{\text{excl.}}| / |V_{ub}^{\text{incl.}}| = 0.97 \pm 0.12,$$



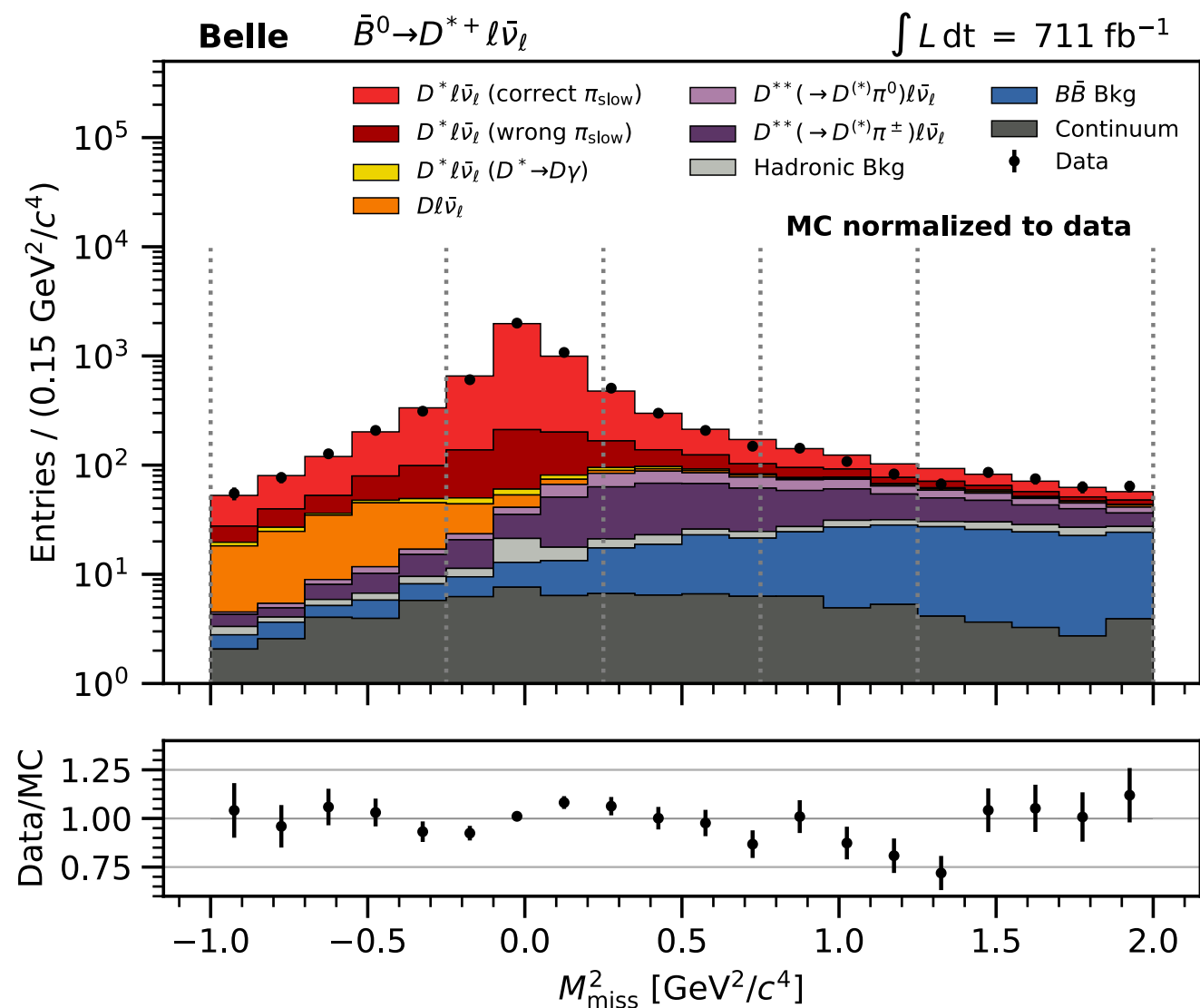


Belle II Hadronic Tagging  
(FEI) applied to Belle data

Target  $B^\pm$  and  $B^0/\bar{B}^0$  and decays with **slow pions**

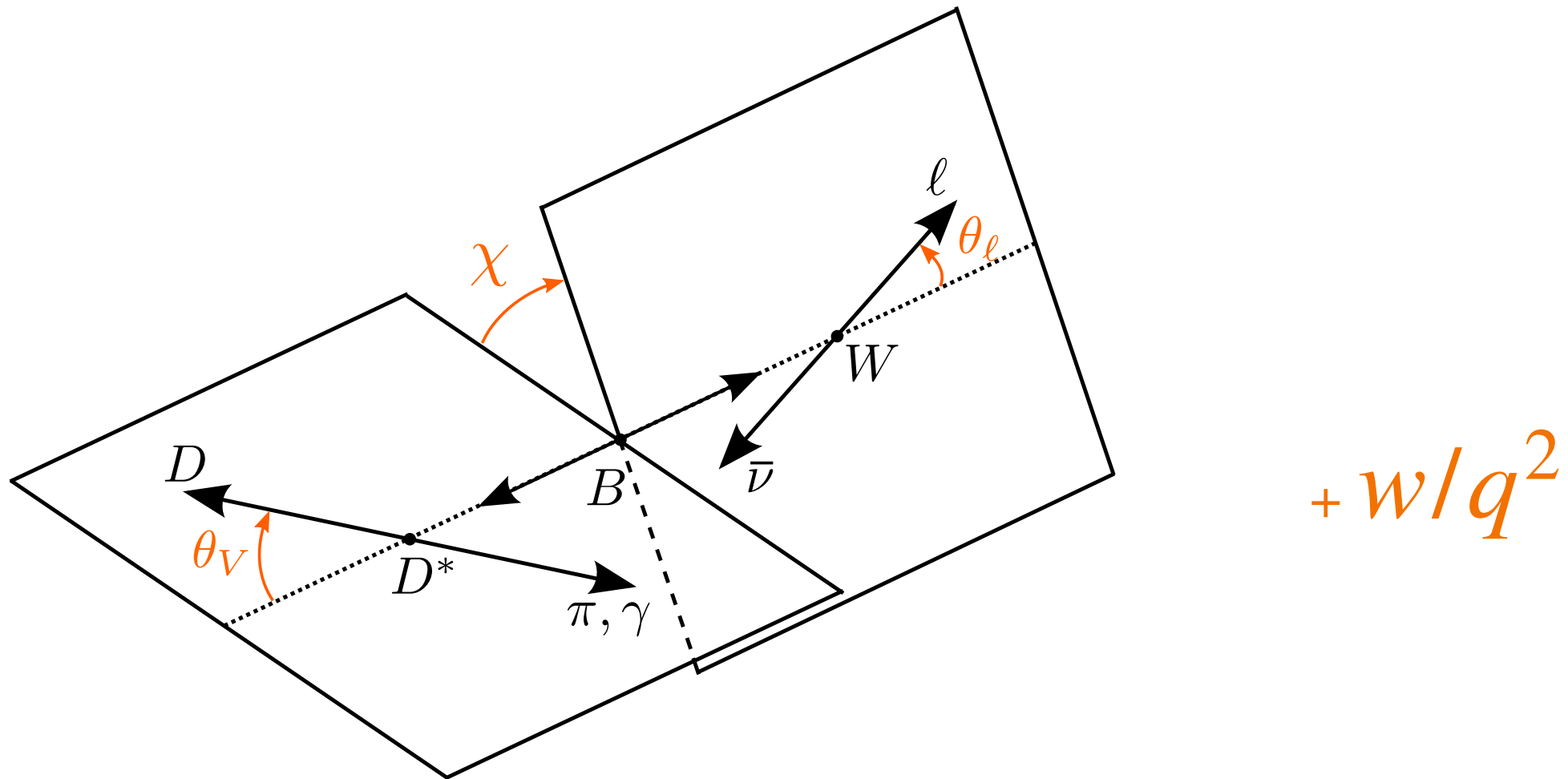
Very clean sample; signal extraction using

$$M_{miss}^2 = \left( p_{e^+e^-} - p_{B_{tag}} - p_{D^*} - p_\ell \right)^2$$





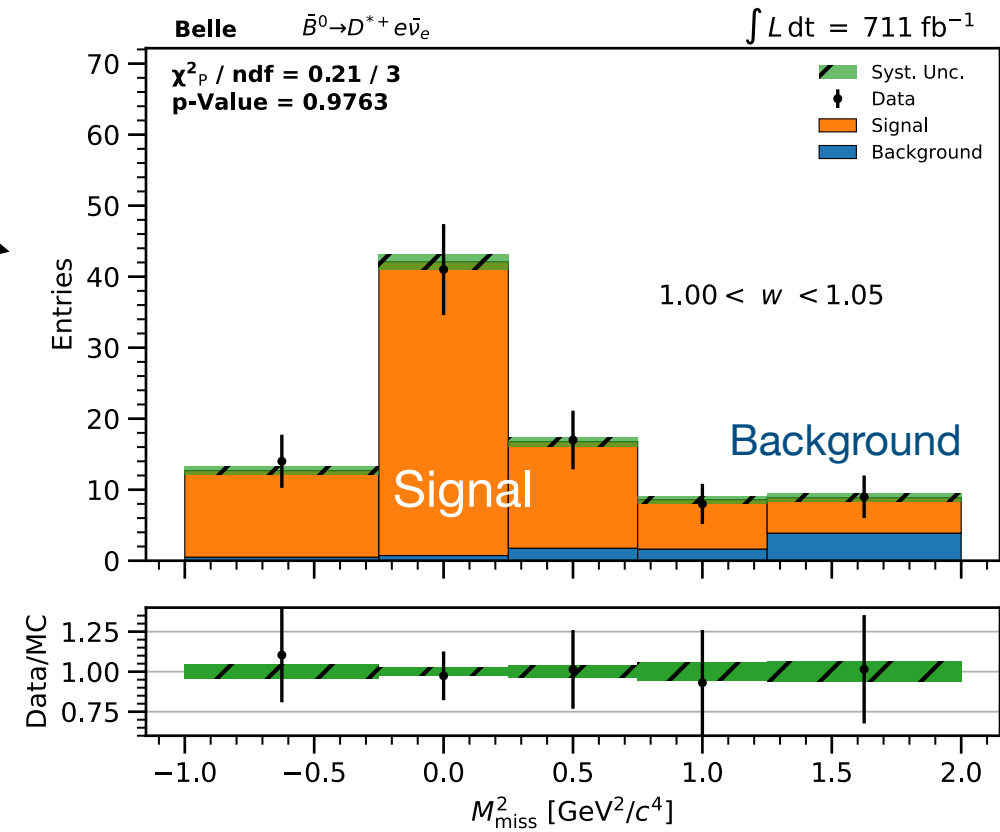
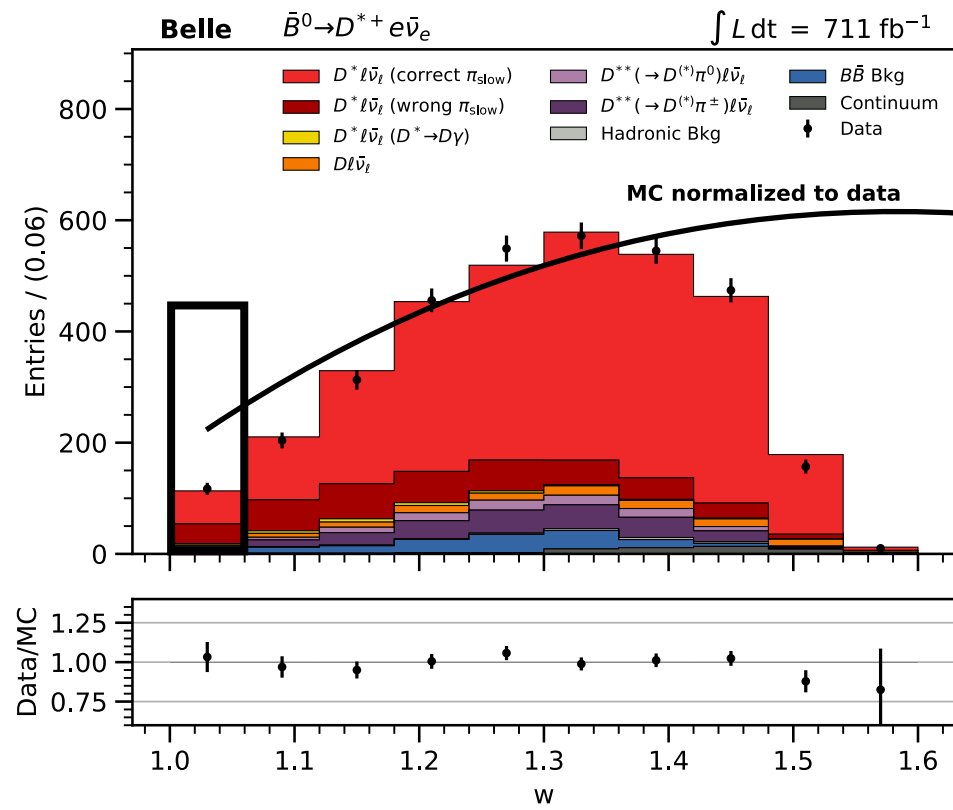
Focus on **1D projections** of recoil parameter and decay angles:



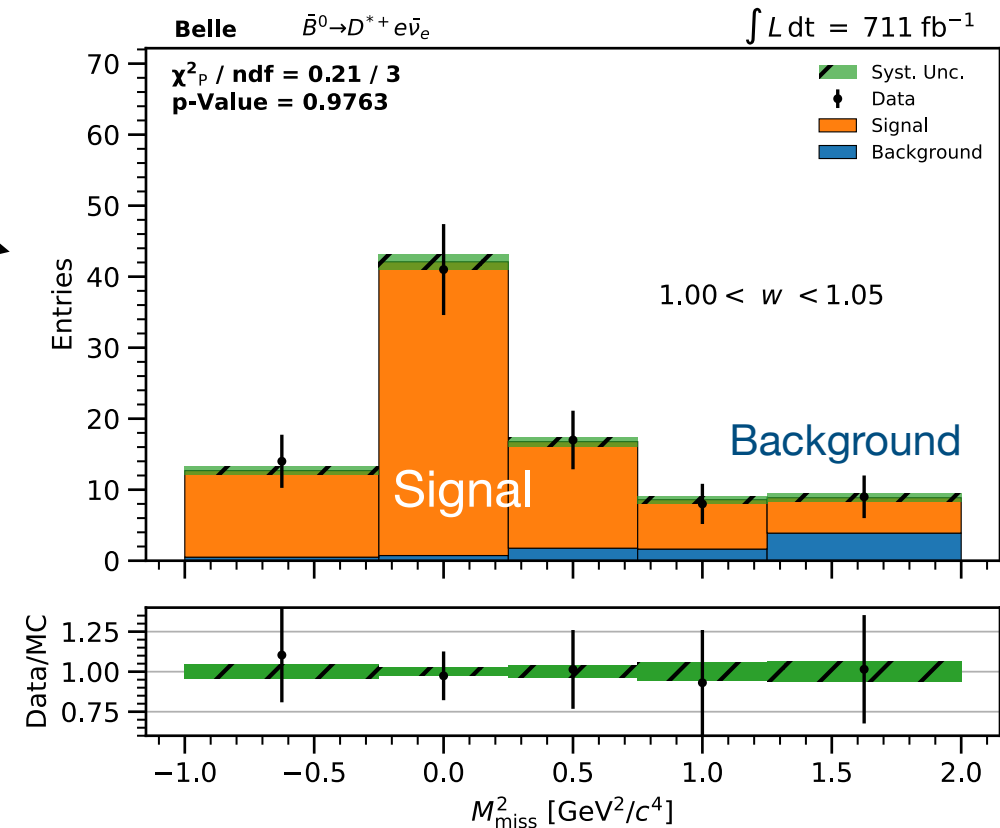
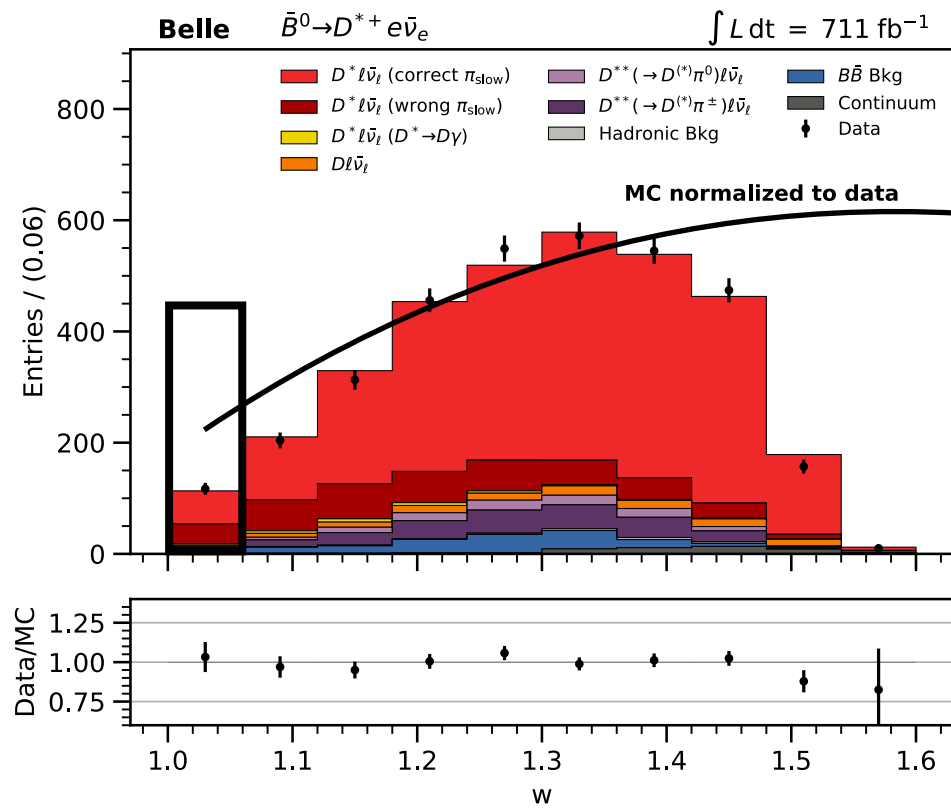
Provide full experimental covariance matrix for simultaneous analysis

**Overall efficiency is very challenging** to determine due to **tagging**;  
focus on decay shapes

# Focus on 1D projections of recoil parameter and decay angles:



# Focus on 1D projections of recoil parameter and decay angles:

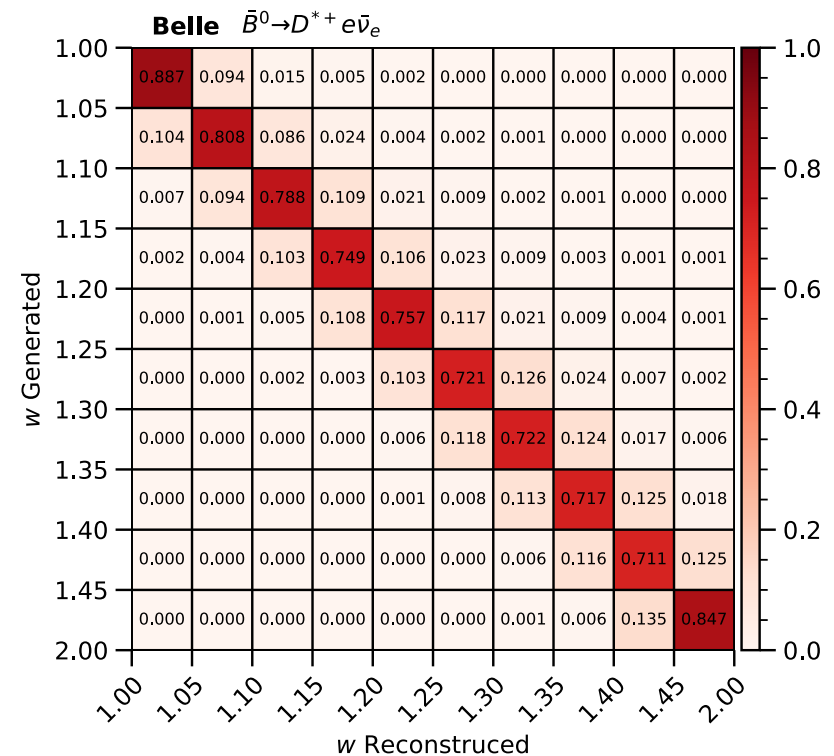


Reverse detector migration using matrix inversion

$$\hat{\vec{\mu}} = R^{-1} \hat{\vec{n}},$$

$$R_{ij} = P(\text{reco bin } i \mid \text{generated bin } j).$$

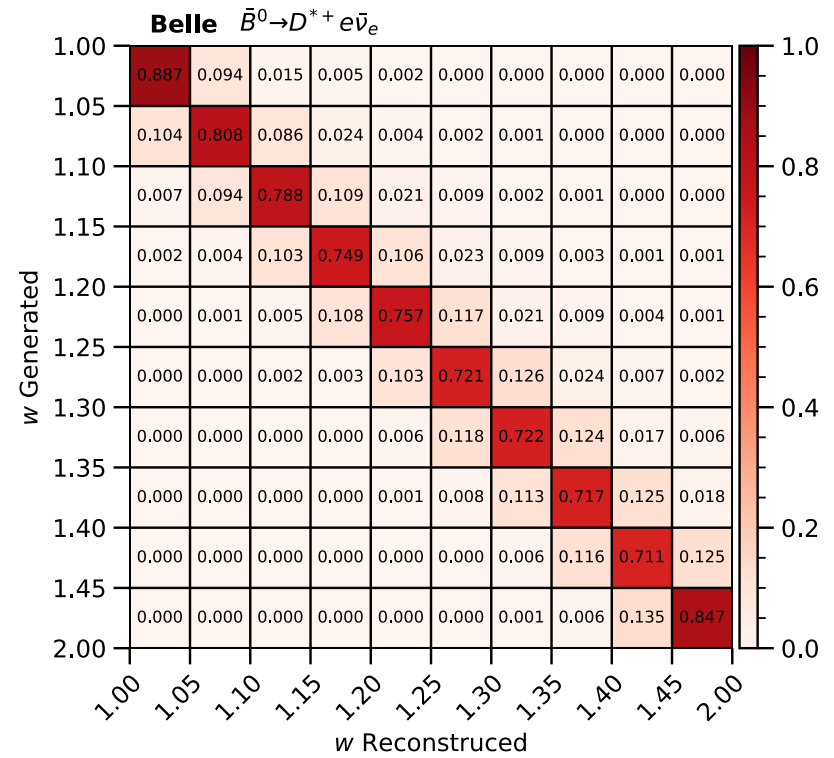
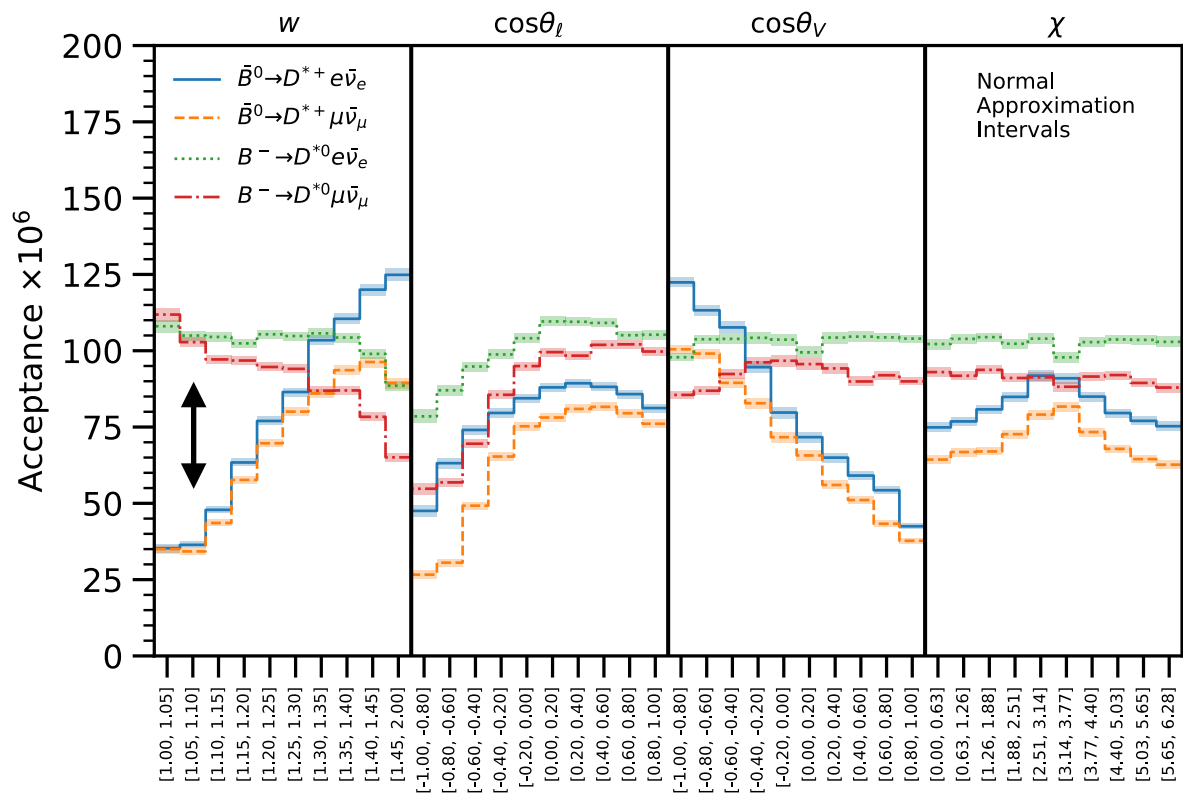
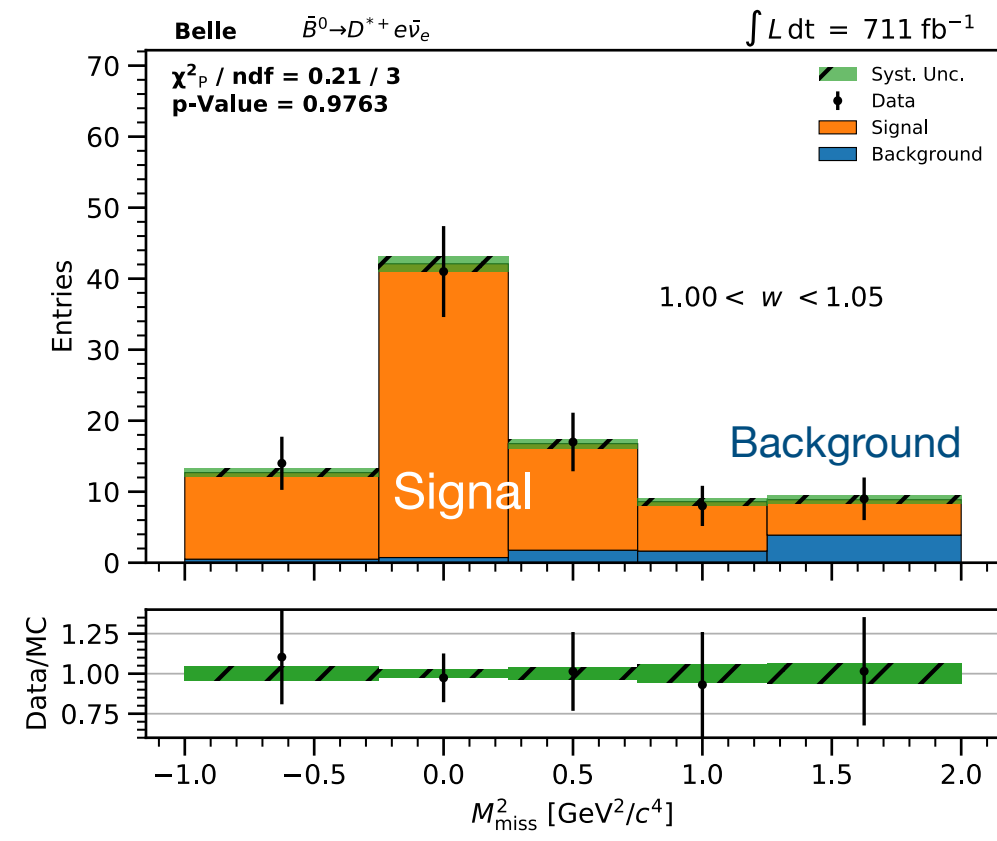
“True”



“Reconstructed”

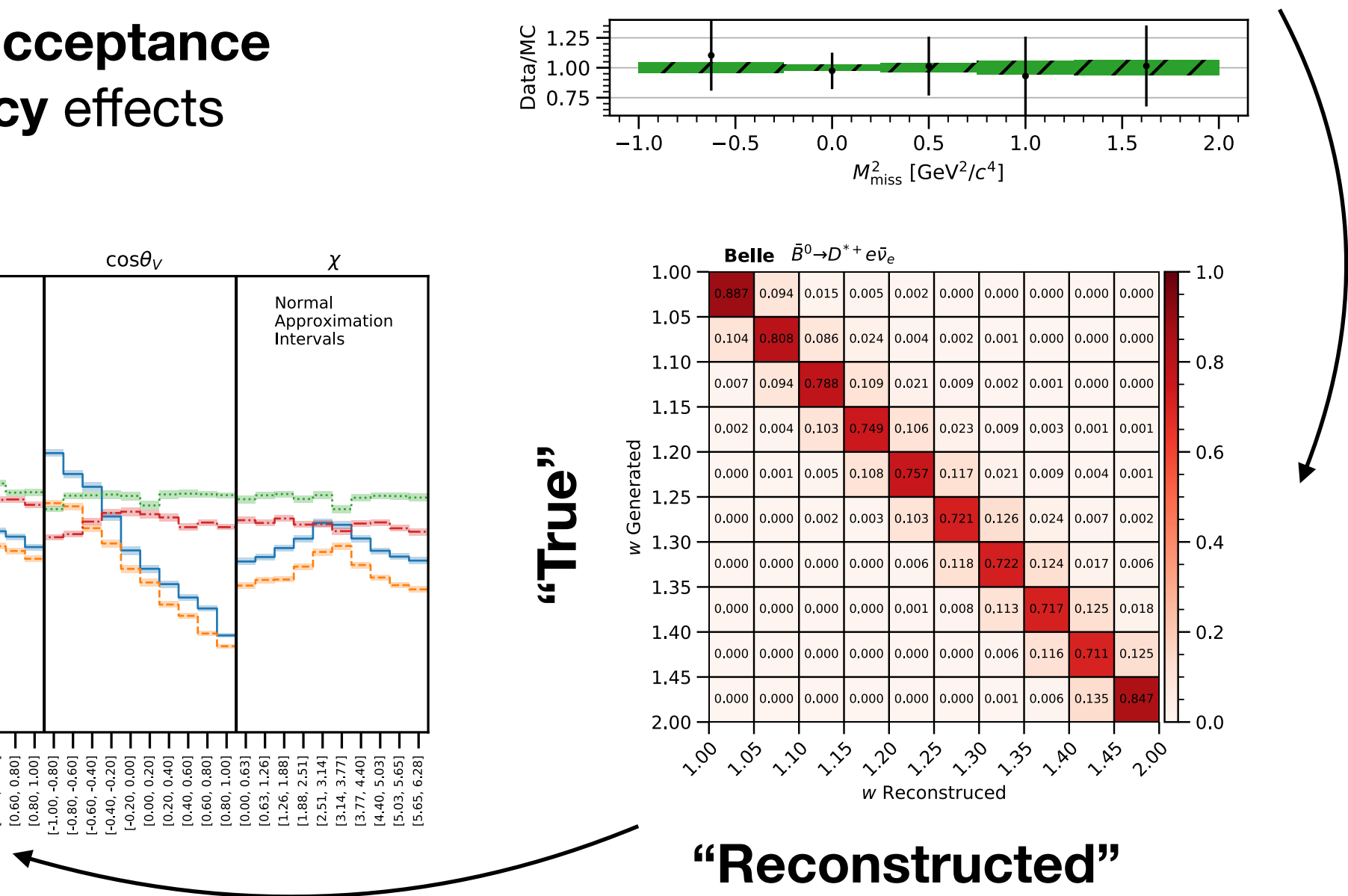
# Focus on 1D projections of recoil parameter and decay angles:

Correct for **acceptance** and **efficiency** effects



“True”

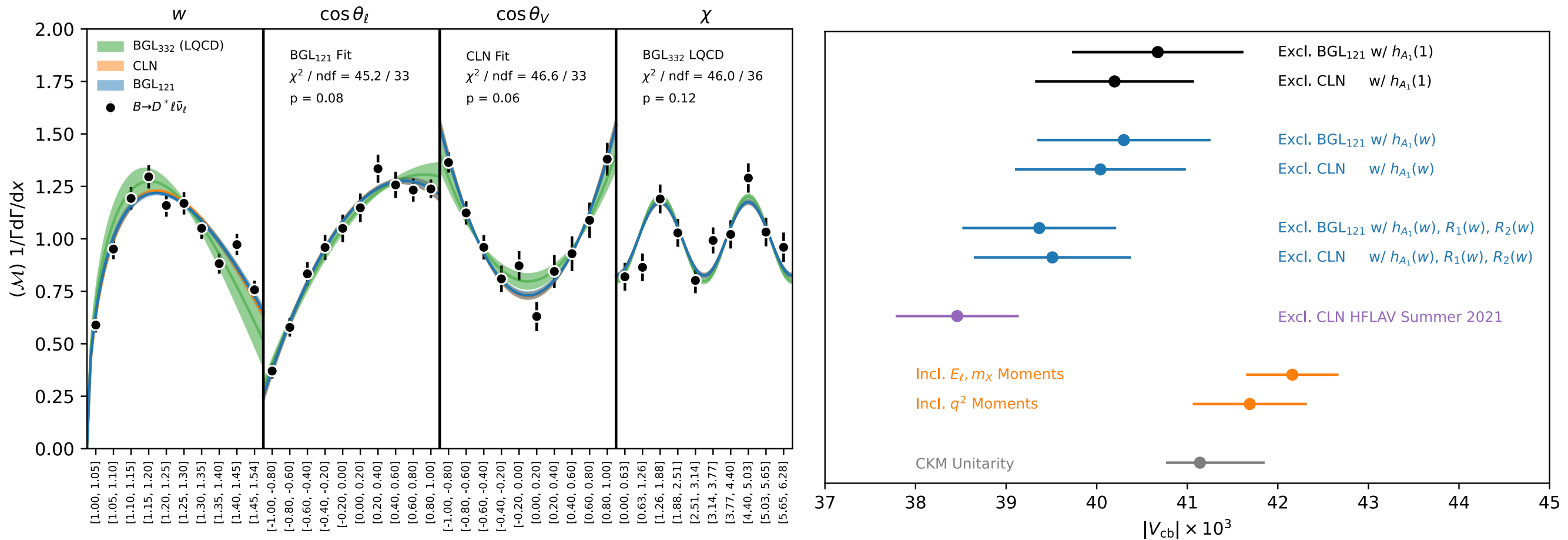
“Reconstructed”



Provide **4 x 40 bins** plus average (careful, only **36 dof**) ;

Some of the (many) **results**:

## BGL truncation order determined using **Nested Hypothesis Test**

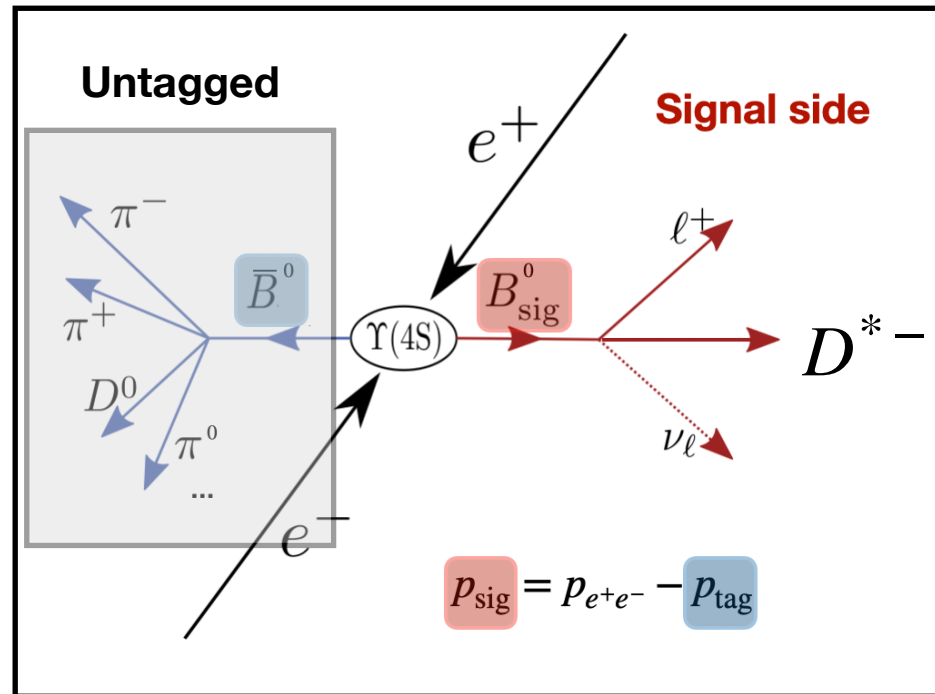


$$R_{e\mu} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* e \bar{\nu}_e)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = 0.993 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.023,$$

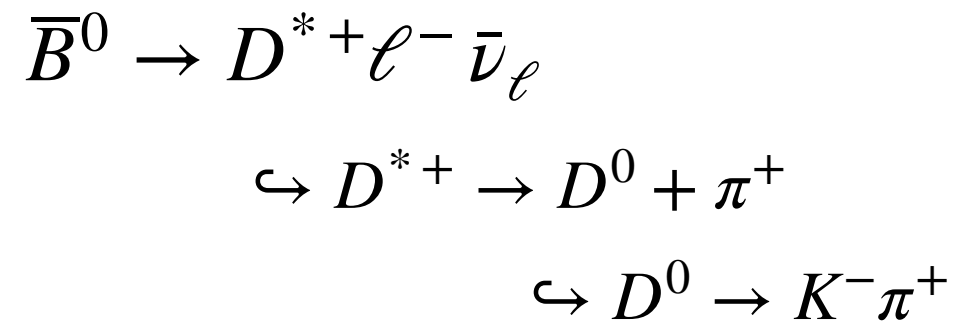
	$ V_{cb} $	$\chi^2$	dof	N	$ \rho_{\max} $
BGL <sub>111</sub>	$40.4 \pm 0.8$	45.6	34	3	0.70
BGL <sub>112</sub>	$40.9 \pm 0.9$	43.4	33	4	0.98
<b>BGL<sub>121</sub></b>	$40.7 \pm 0.9$	45.2	33	4	0.60
BGL <sub>122</sub>	$41.5 \pm 1.1$	42.3	32	5	0.98
BGL <sub>131</sub>	$38.1 \pm 1.7$	41.7	32	5	0.98
BGL <sub>132</sub>	$39.0 \pm 1.6$	37.5	31	6	0.98
BGL <sub>211</sub>	$39.7 \pm 1.0$	42.7	33	4	0.99
BGL <sub>212</sub>	$40.4 \pm 1.0$	39.3	32	5	0.99

...

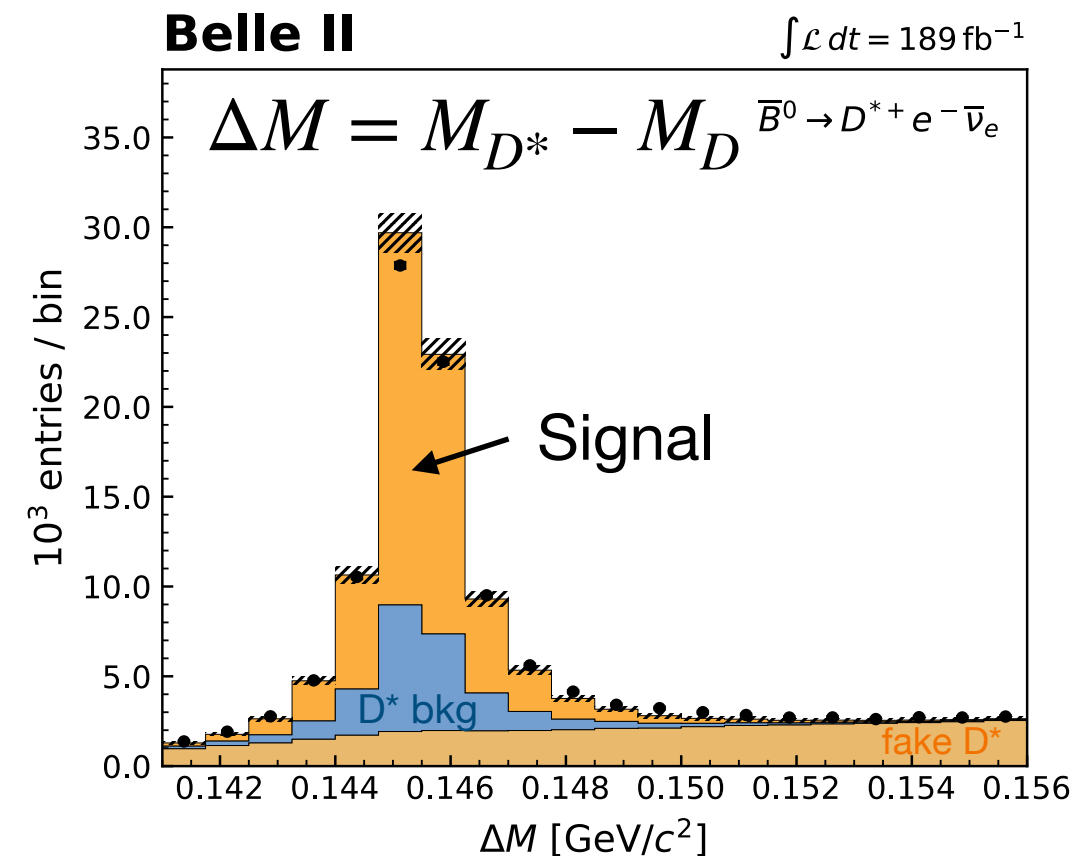
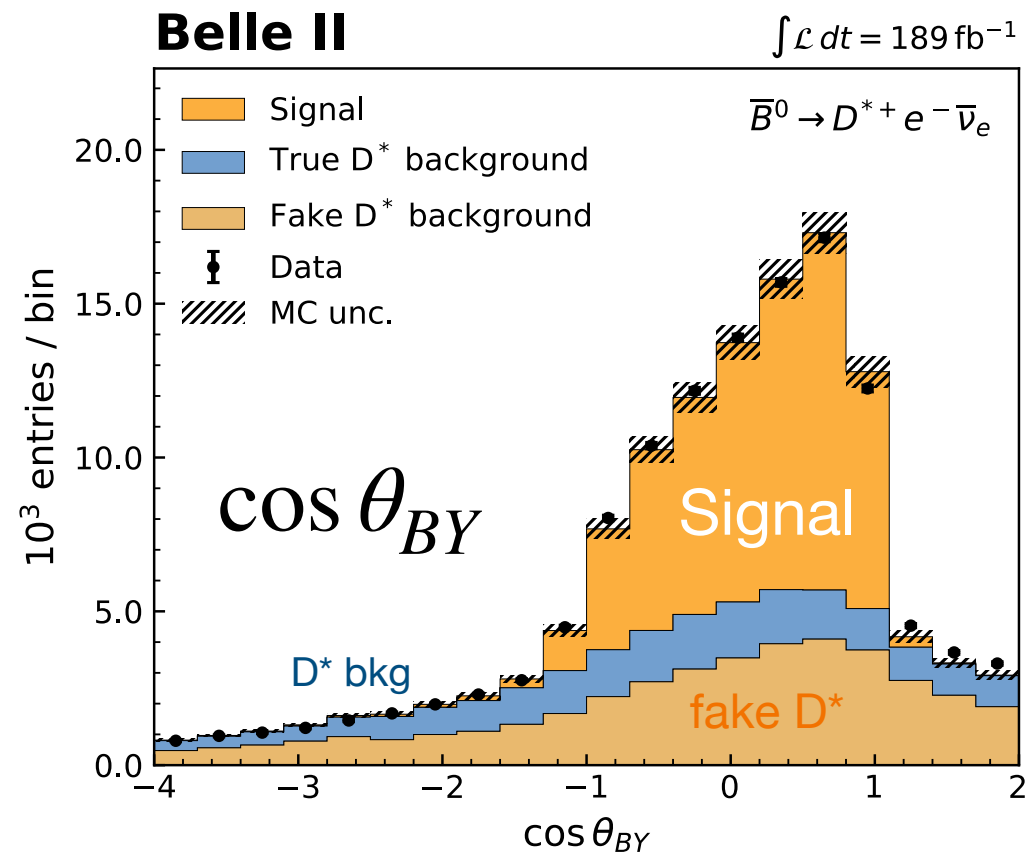




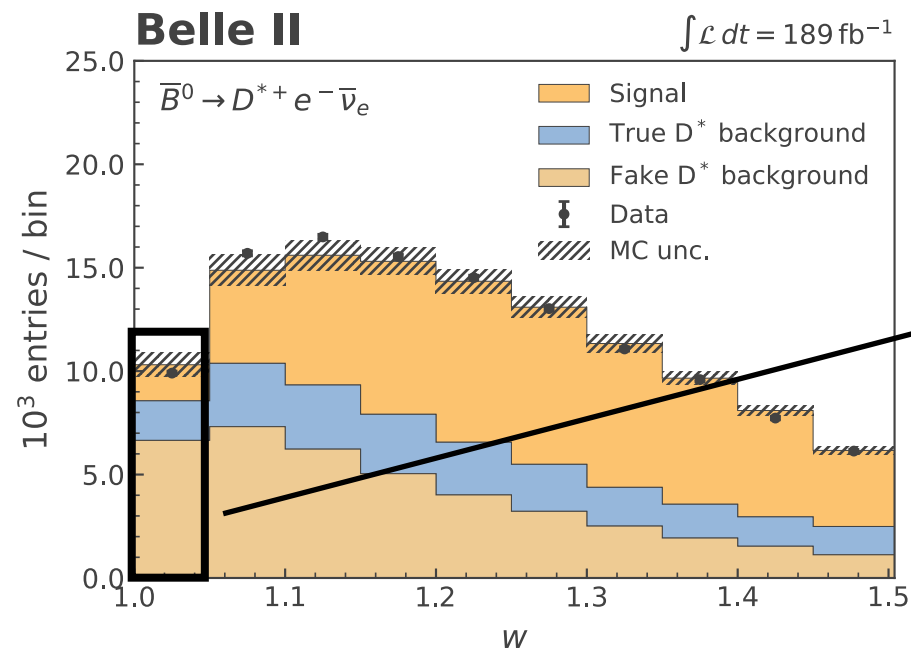
Untagged analysis focussing on experimentally **cleanest mode**:



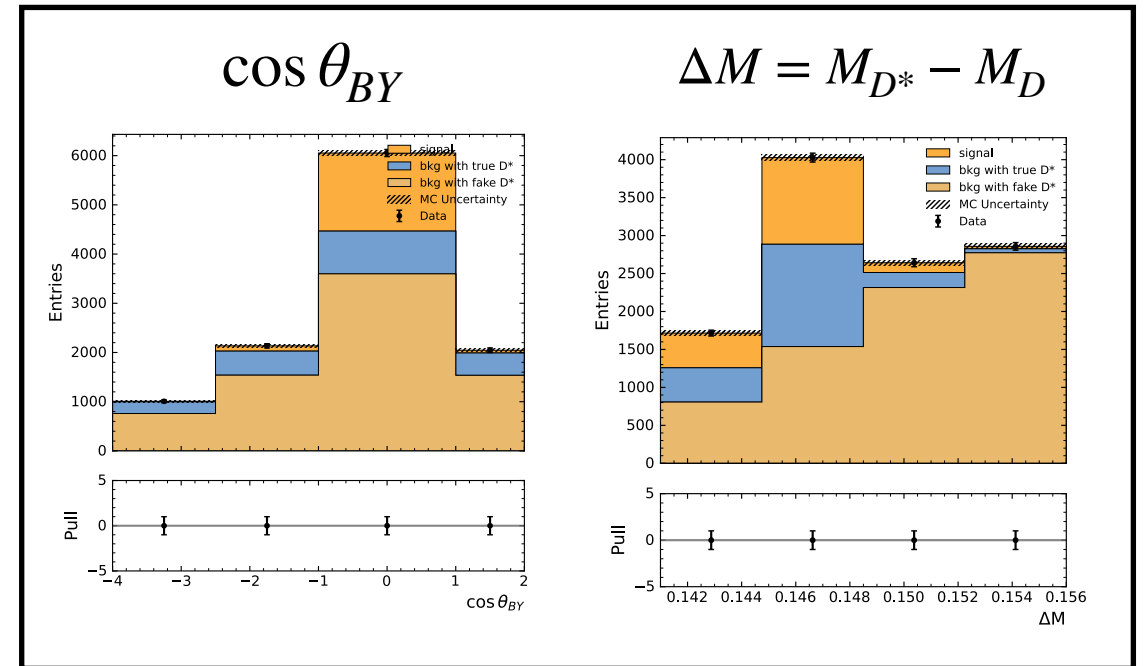
Extraction in **2D fit**:



Also focus initially on **1D** projections:

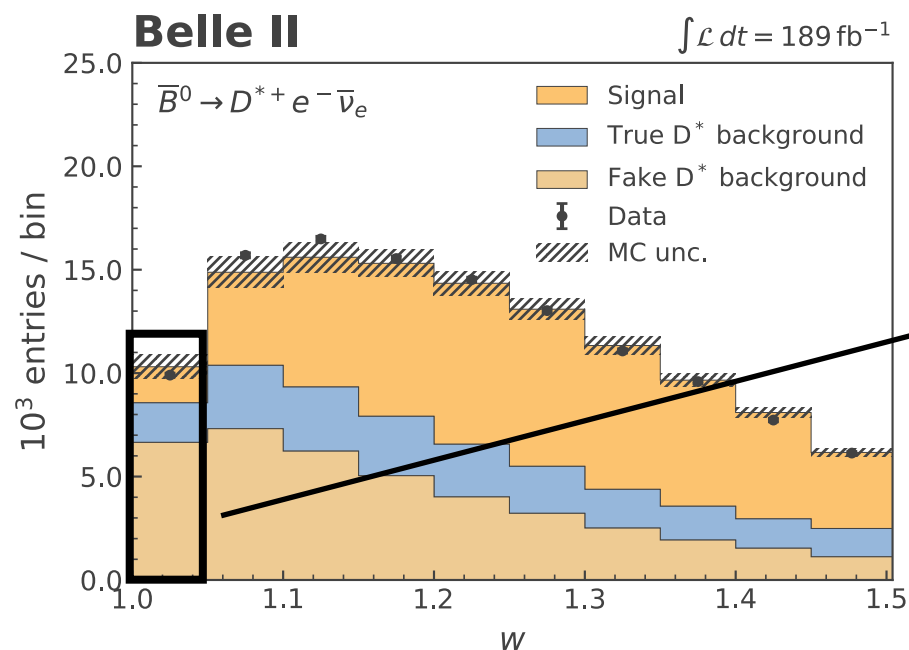


Fit

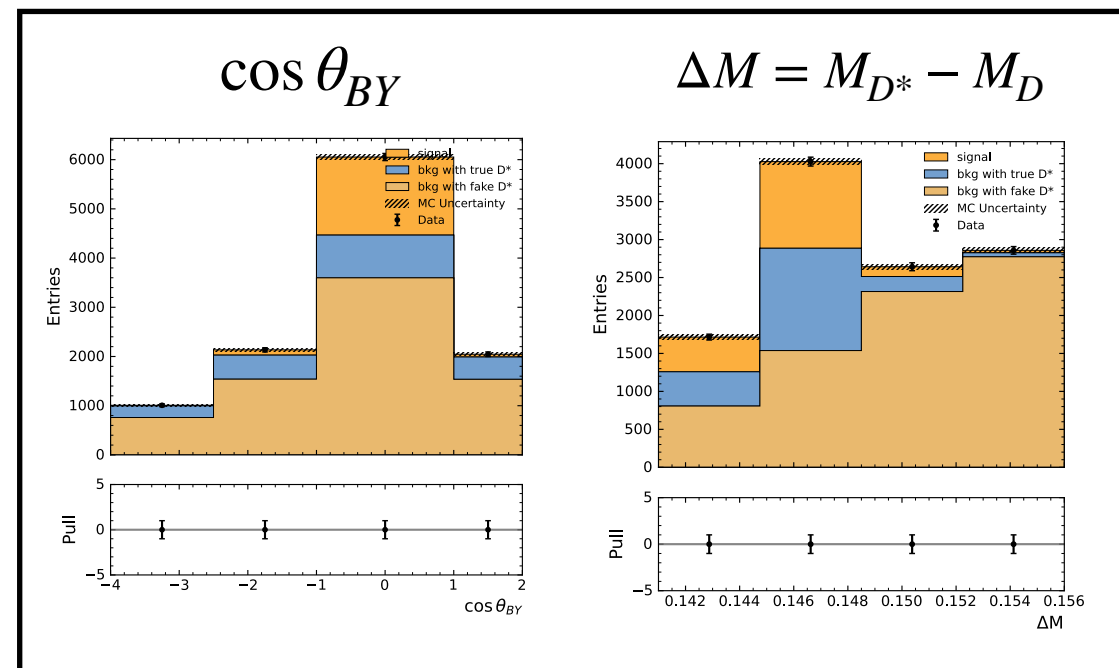




Also focus initially on **1D** projections:



Fit

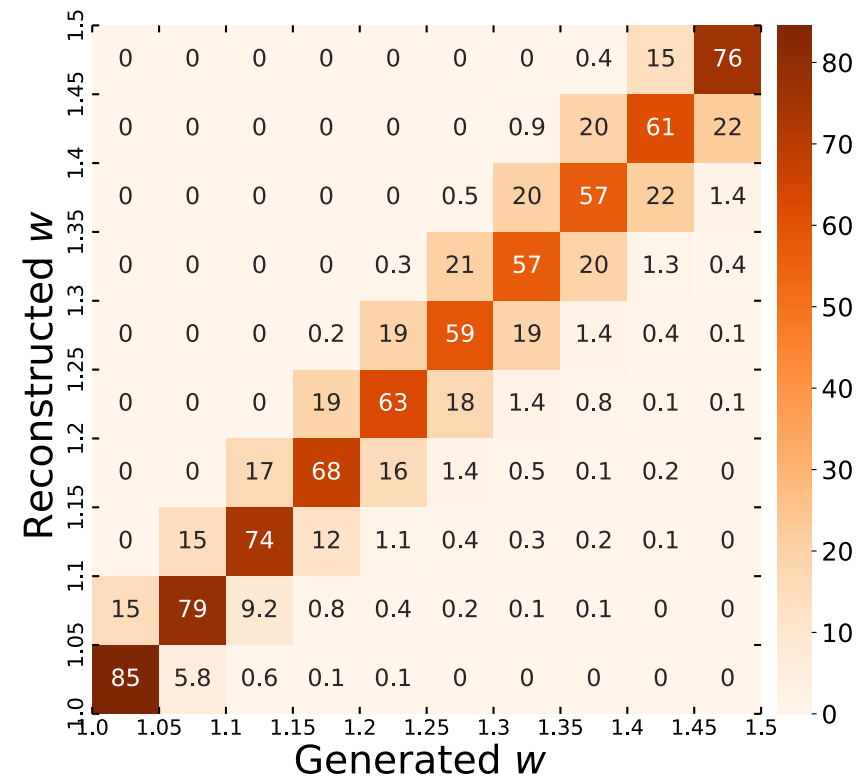


Correct for migration effects:

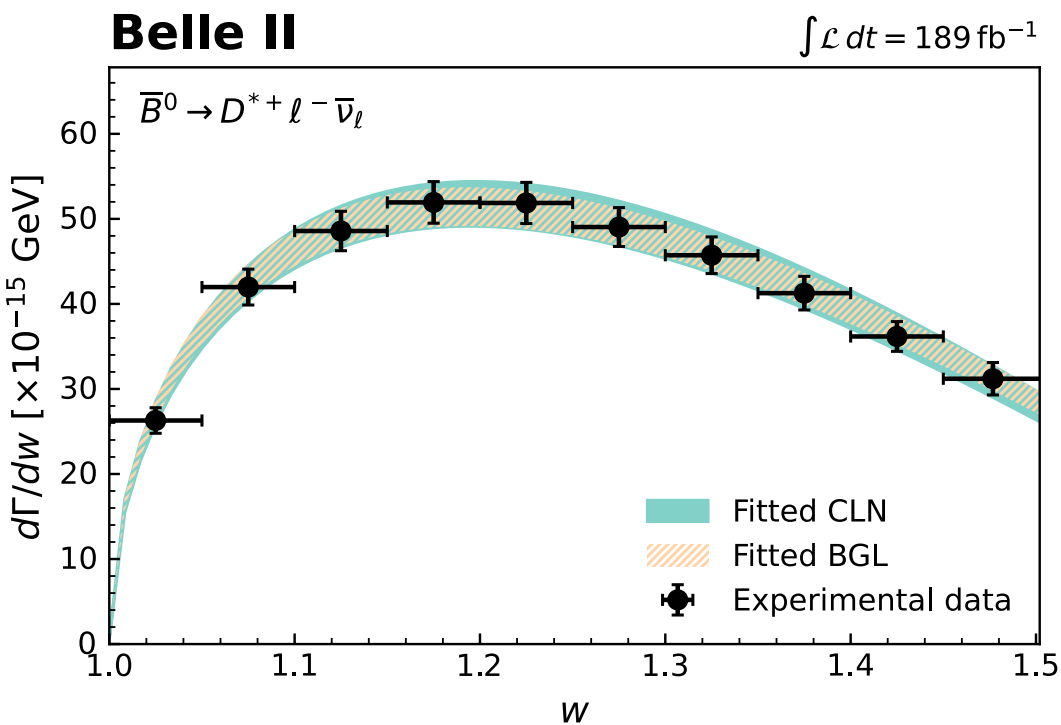


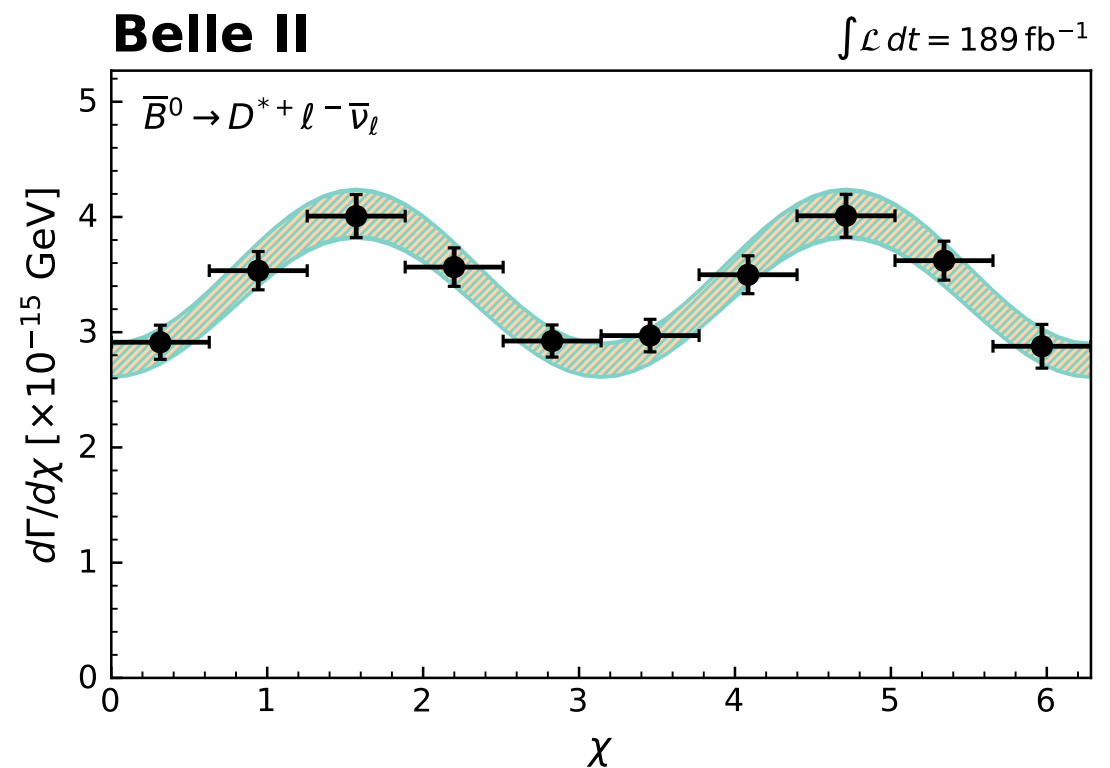
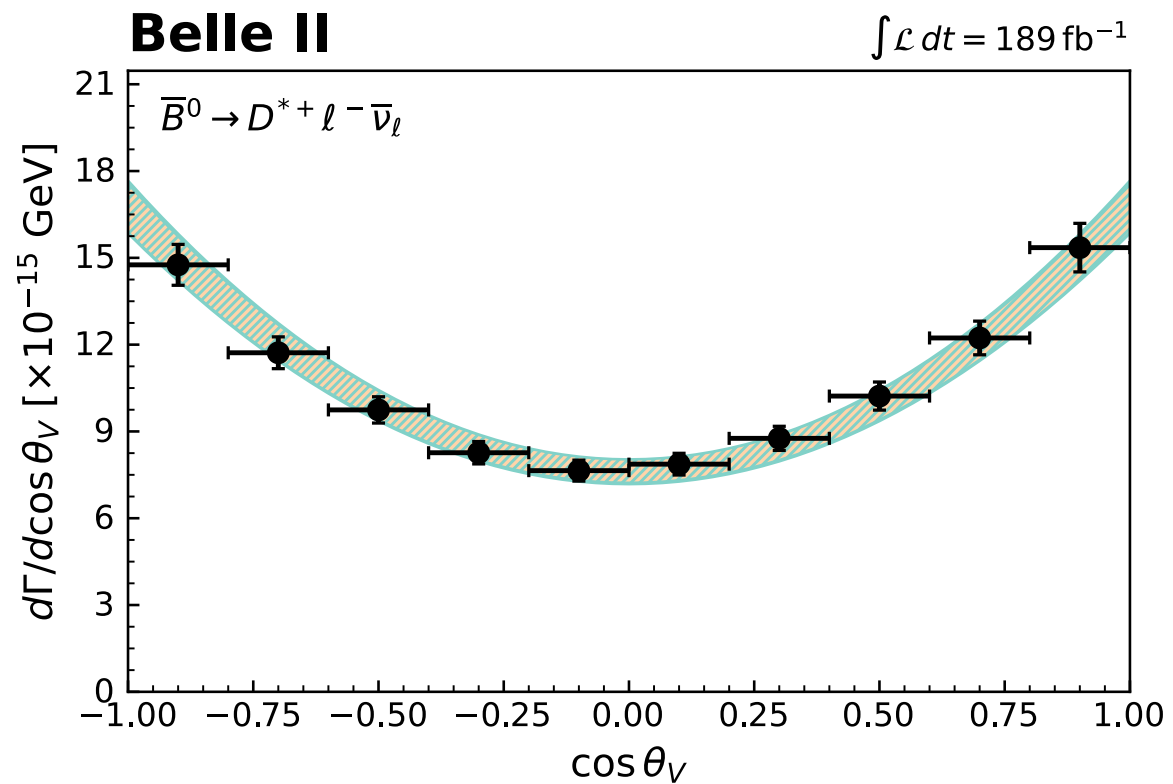
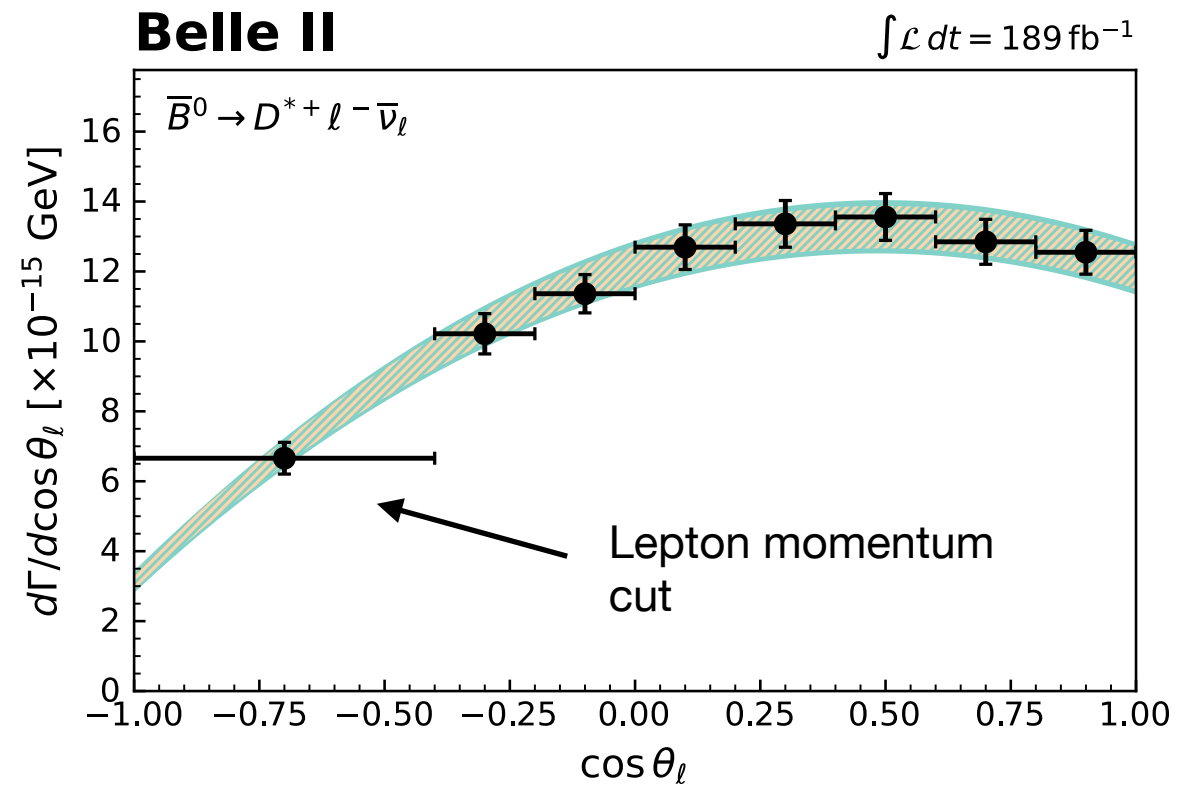
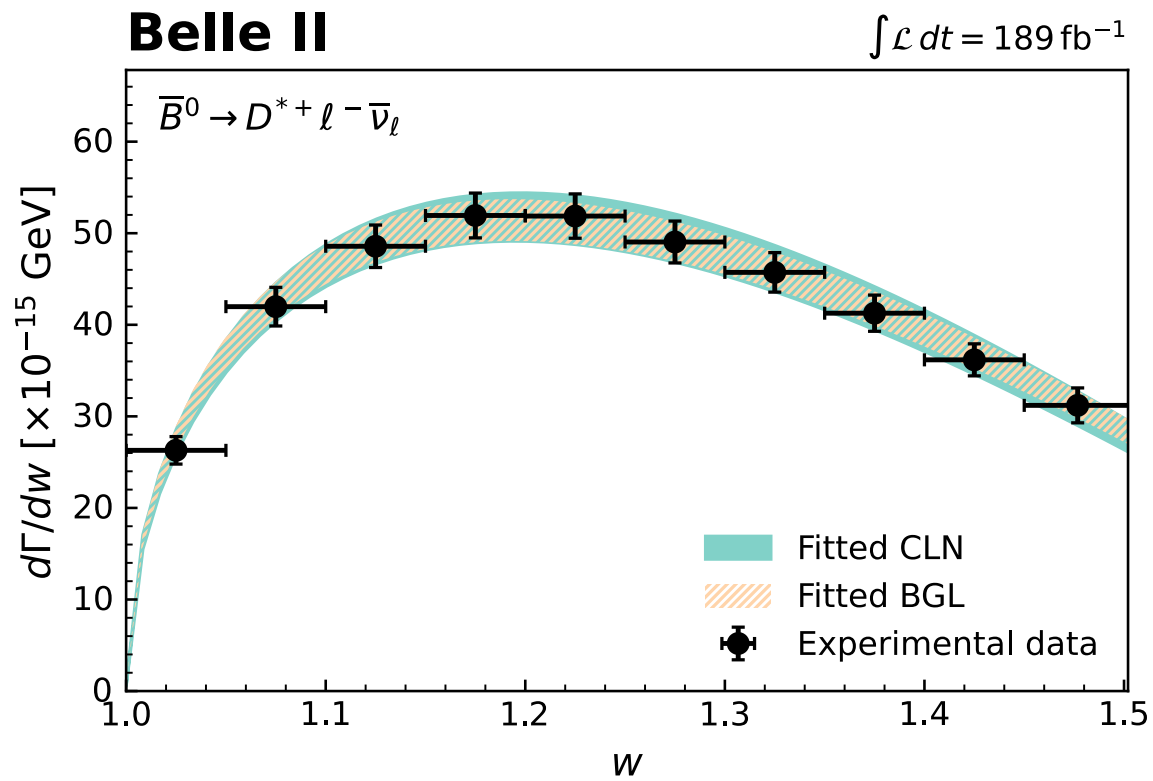
Correct for acceptance & efficiency

“Reco”



“True”





$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{CLN}} = (40.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{BGL}} = (40.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}.$$



**BGL truncation order  
determined using Nested  
Hypothesis Test**

$(n_a, n_b, n_c)$	$ V_{cb}  \times 10^3$	$\rho_{\max}$	$\chi^2$	Ndf	p-value
(1, 1, 2)	$40.2 \pm 1.1$	0.28	40.5	32	14%
(2, 1, 2)	$40.1 \pm 1.1$	0.97	38.6	31	16%
<b>(1, 2, 2)</b>	<b><math>40.6 \pm 1.2</math></b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15%</b>
(1, 1, 3)	$40.1 \pm 1.1$	0.97	40	31	13%
(2, 2, 2)	$40.2 \pm 1.3$	0.99	38.6	30	13%
(1, 3, 2)	$39.8 \pm 1.3$	0.98	37.6	30	16%
(1, 2, 3)	$40.5 \pm 1.2$	0.97	39	30	13%

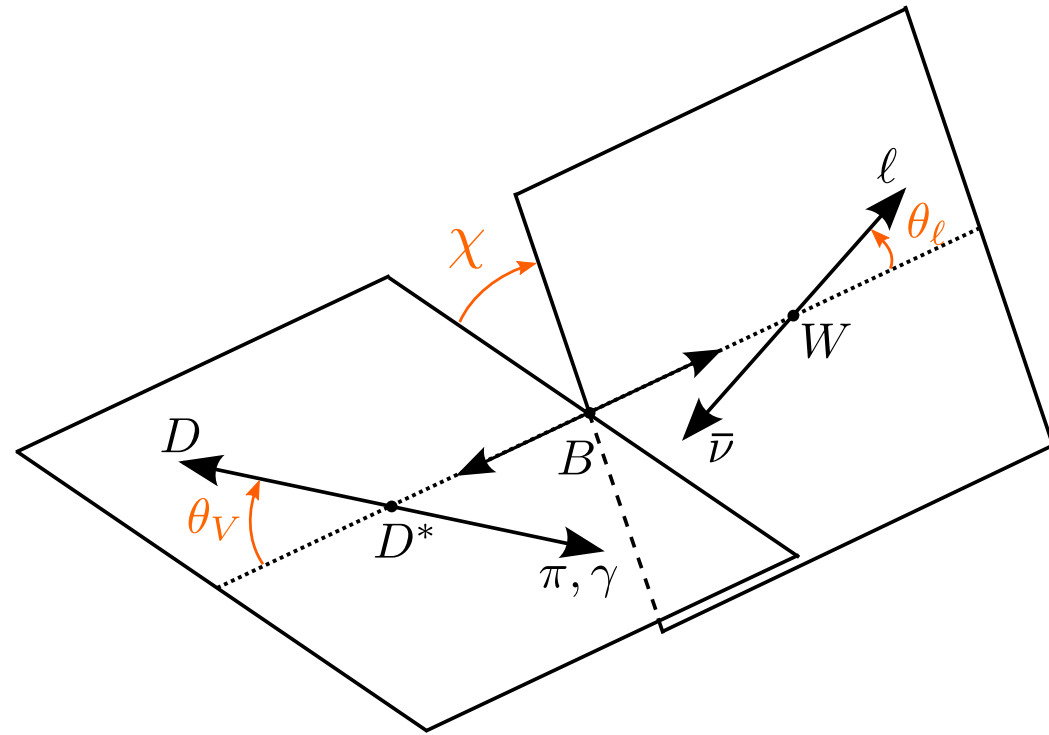


6.

Test of **light-lepton universality** in **angular asymmetries** of hadronically tagged  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\{e^+, \mu^+\} \nu$  decays at Belle II, [To be submitted to PRL]

Construct **asymmetries**:

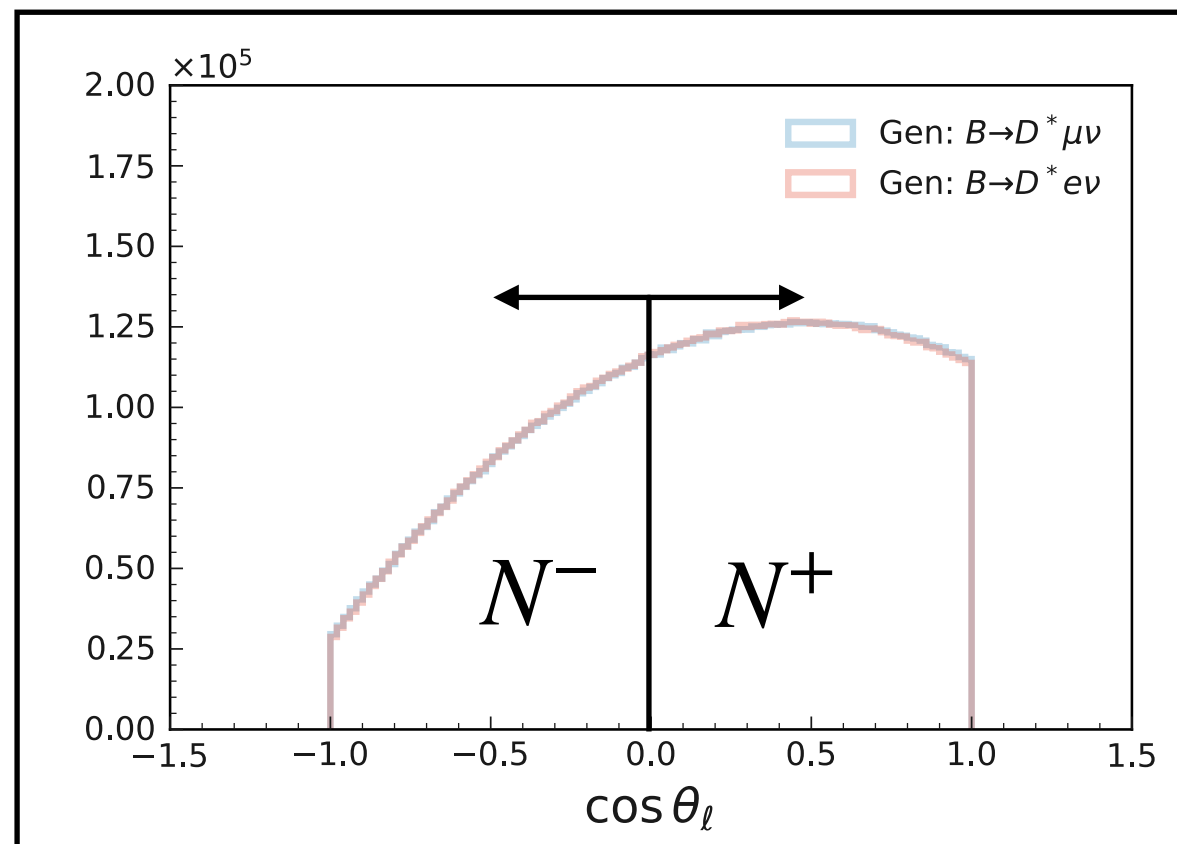
$$\mathcal{A}(w) = \left( \frac{d\Gamma}{dw} \right)^{-1} \left[ \int_0^1 - \int_{-1}^0 \right] dX \frac{d\Gamma}{dw dX},$$



$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{FB}} &: dX \rightarrow d(\cos \theta_l) \\ S_3 &: dX \rightarrow d(\cos 2\chi) \\ S_5 &: dX \rightarrow d(\cos \chi \cos \theta_{\nu}) \\ S_7 &: dX \rightarrow d(\sin \chi \cos \theta_{\nu}) \\ S_9 &: dX \rightarrow d(\sin 2\chi) \end{aligned}$$

E.g. forward-backward asymmetry in  $\cos \theta_\ell$

$$A_{\text{FB}} = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$



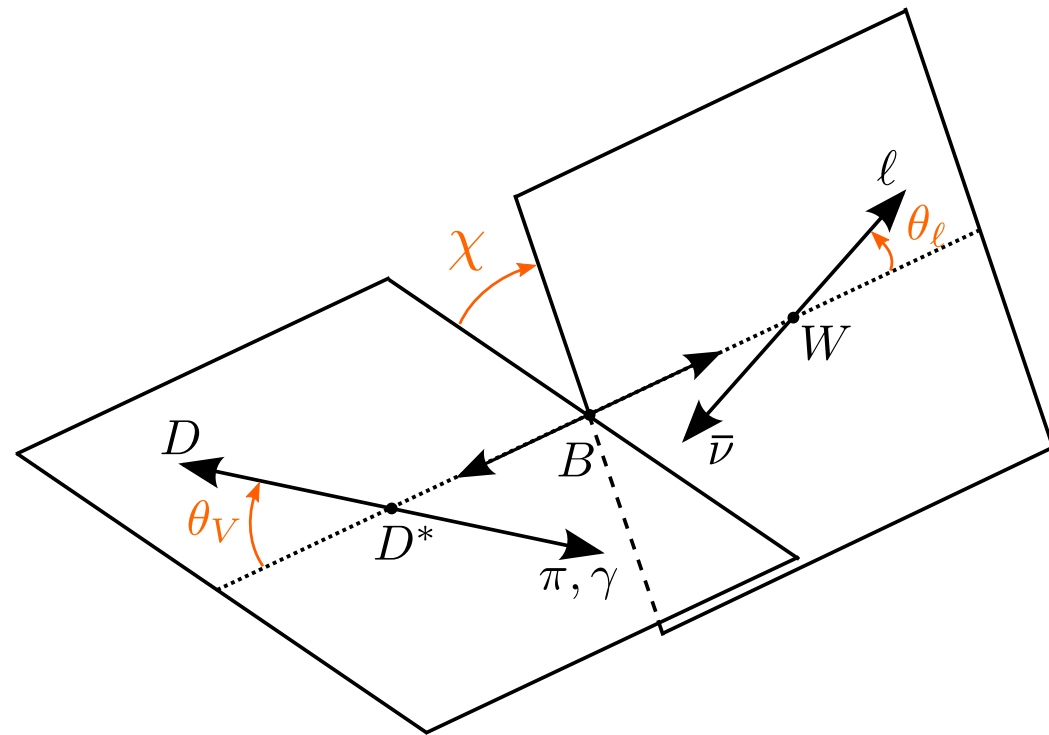
Construct **asymmetries**:

$$\mathcal{A}(w) = \left( \frac{d\Gamma}{dw} \right)^{-1} \left[ \int_0^1 - \int_{-1}^0 \right] dX \frac{d\Gamma}{dw dX},$$

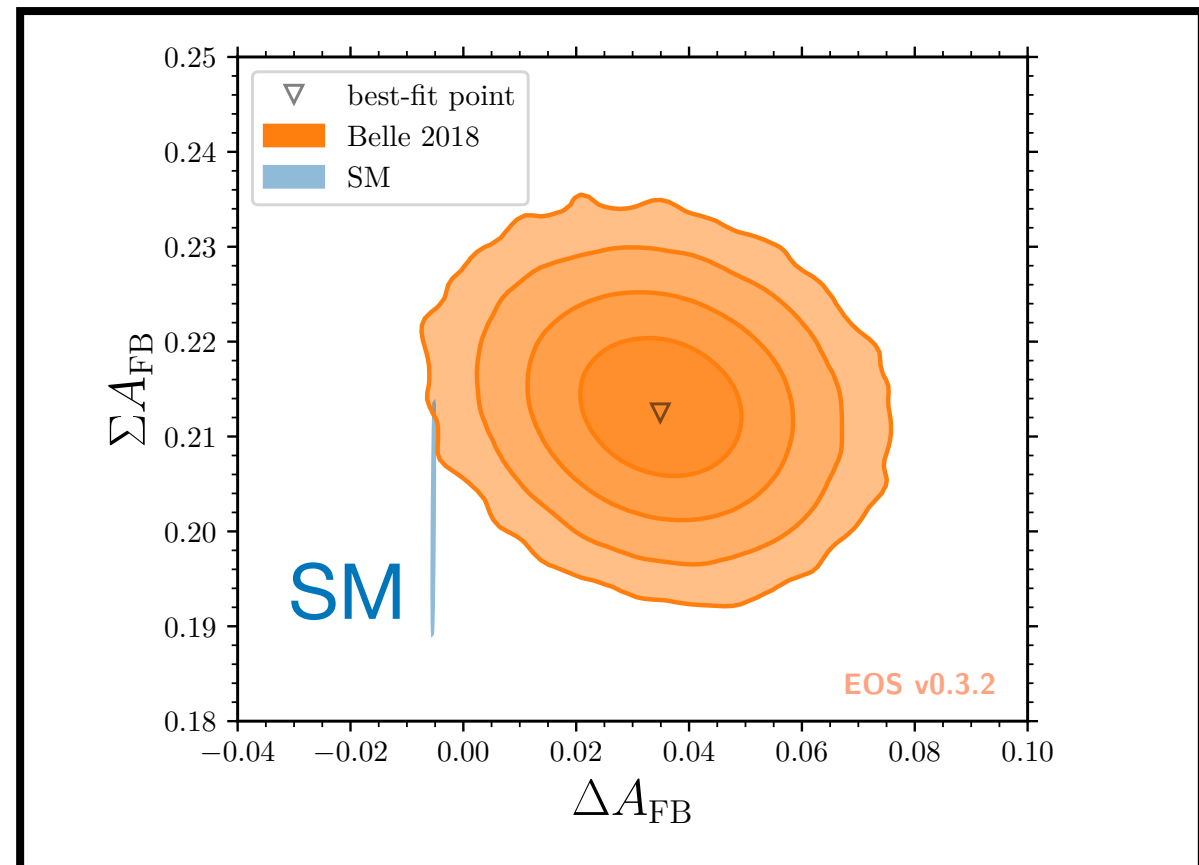
$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{FB}} &: dX \rightarrow d(\cos \theta_l) \\ S_3 &: dX \rightarrow d(\cos 2\chi) \\ S_5 &: dX \rightarrow d(\cos \chi \cos \theta_V) \\ S_7 &: dX \rightarrow d(\sin \chi \cos \theta_V) \\ S_9 &: dX \rightarrow d(\sin 2\chi) \end{aligned}$$

E.g. forward-backward asymmetry in  $\cos \theta_\ell$

$$A_{\text{FB}} = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$



Bobeth et al. [*Eur.Phys.J.C* 81 (2021) 11, 984 ]

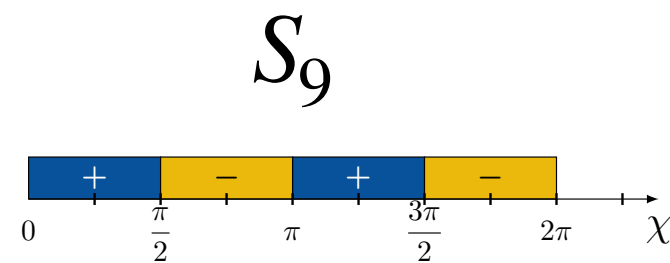
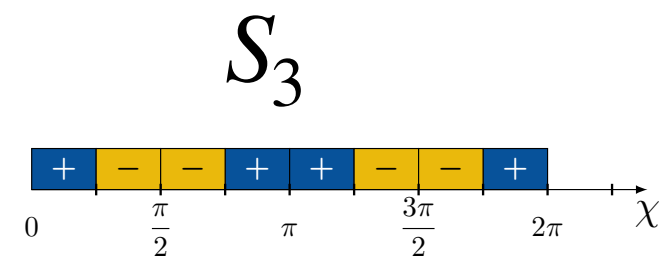
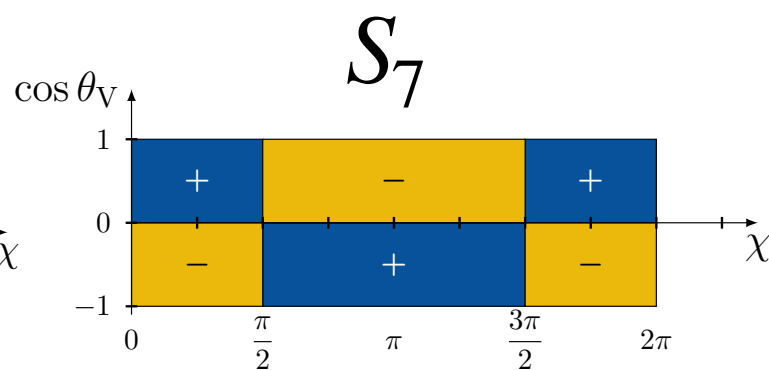
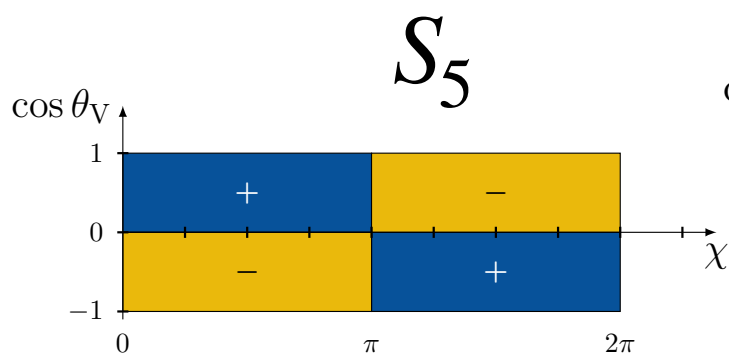
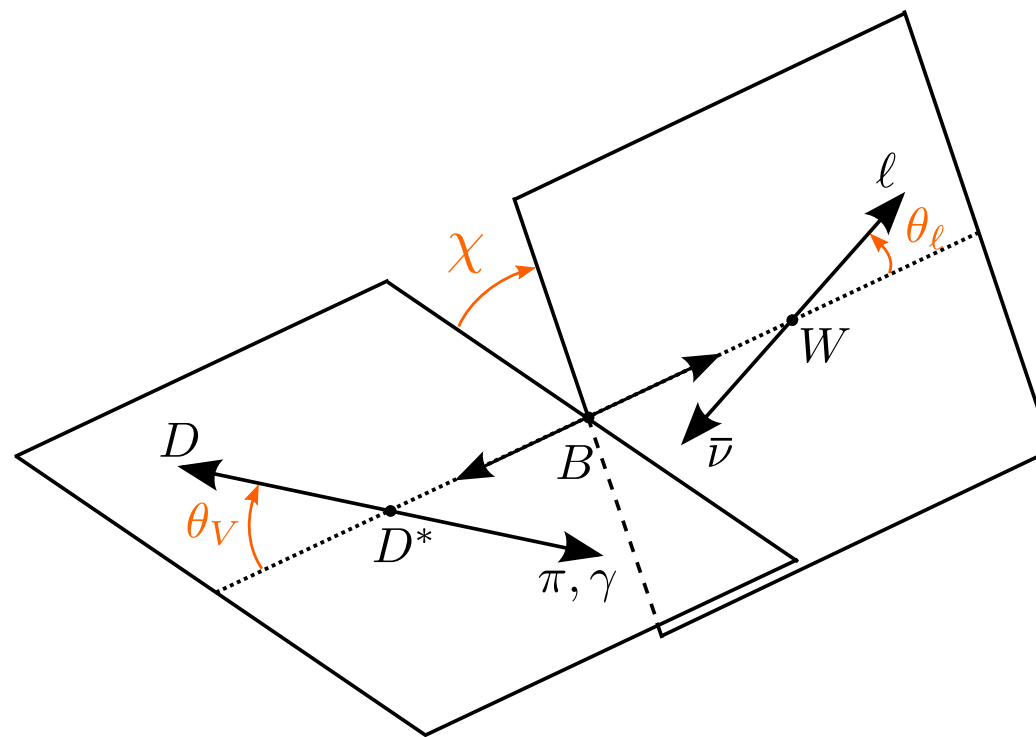


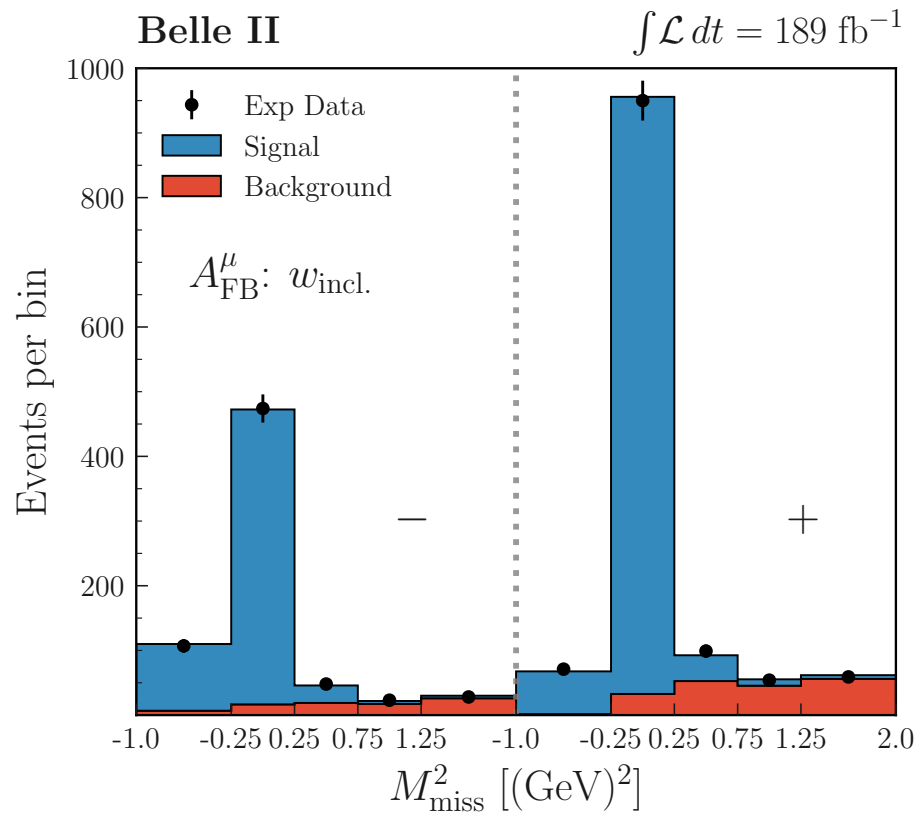
6.

Test of **light-lepton universality** in **angular asymmetries** of hadronically tagged  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\{e^+, \mu^+\} \nu$  decays at Belle II, [To be submitted to PRL]

$$\mathcal{A}(w) = \left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dw}\right)^{-1} \left[ \int_0^1 - \int_{-1}^0 \right] dX \frac{d\Gamma}{dw dX},$$

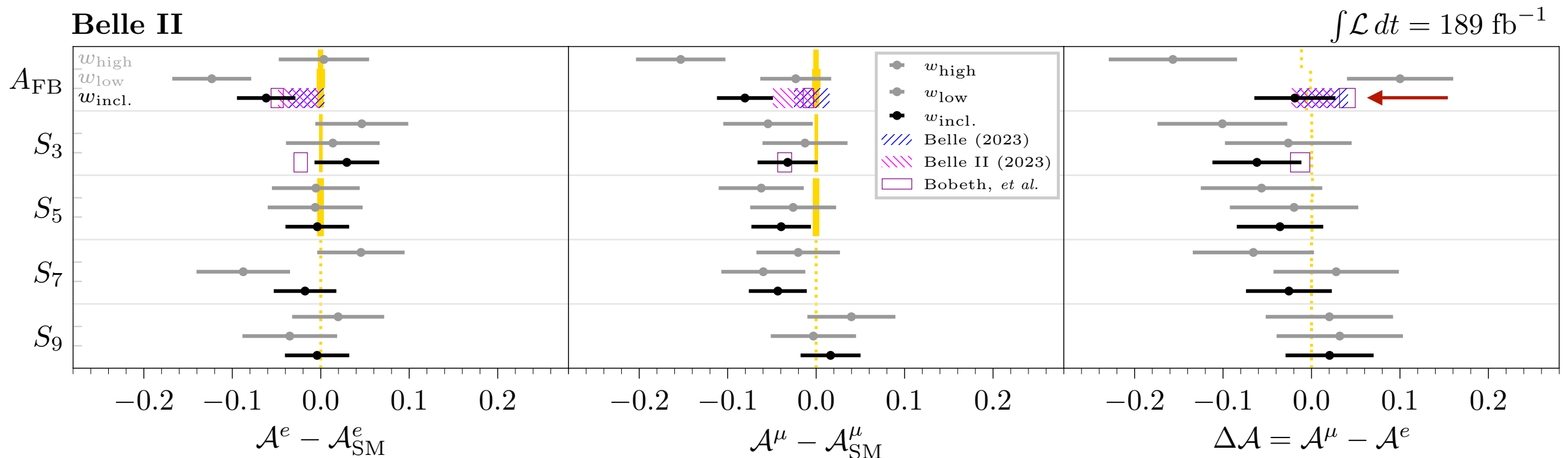
- $A_{\text{FB}} : dX \rightarrow d(\cos \theta_l)$
- $S_3 : dX \rightarrow d(\cos 2\chi)$
- $S_5 : dX \rightarrow d(\cos \chi \cos \theta_V)$
- $S_7 : dX \rightarrow d(\sin \chi \cos \theta_V)$
- $S_9 : dX \rightarrow d(\sin 2\chi)$





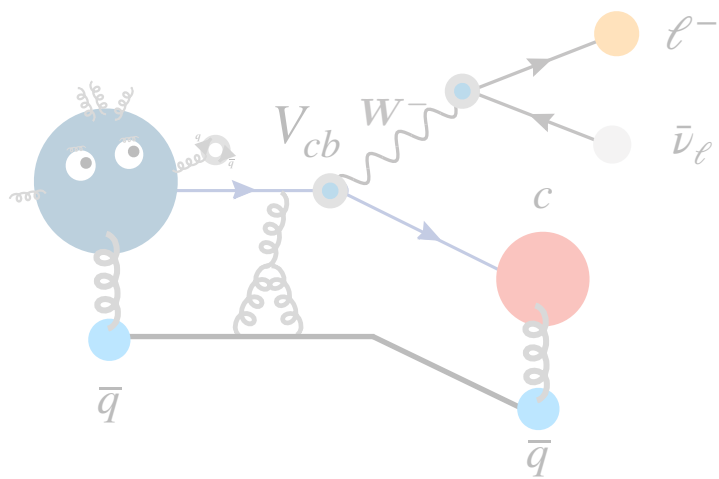
Can also split these **asymmetries** further into  $w$  **bins** :

- $w \in [1, w_{\max}]$
- $w \in [1, 1.275]$
- $w \in [1.275, w_{\max}]$

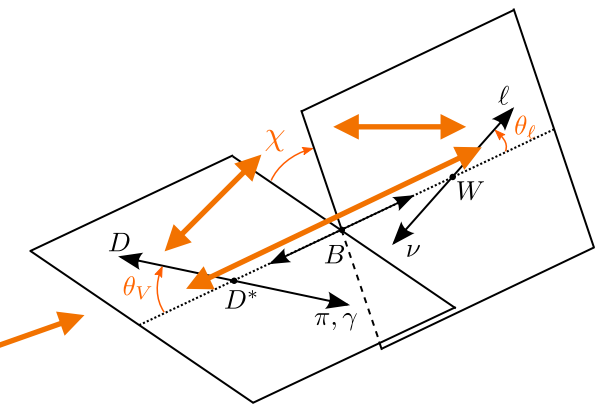
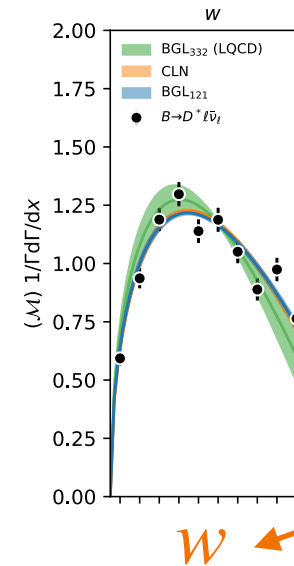


# Talk Overview

## 1. Recent results from Belle and Belle II

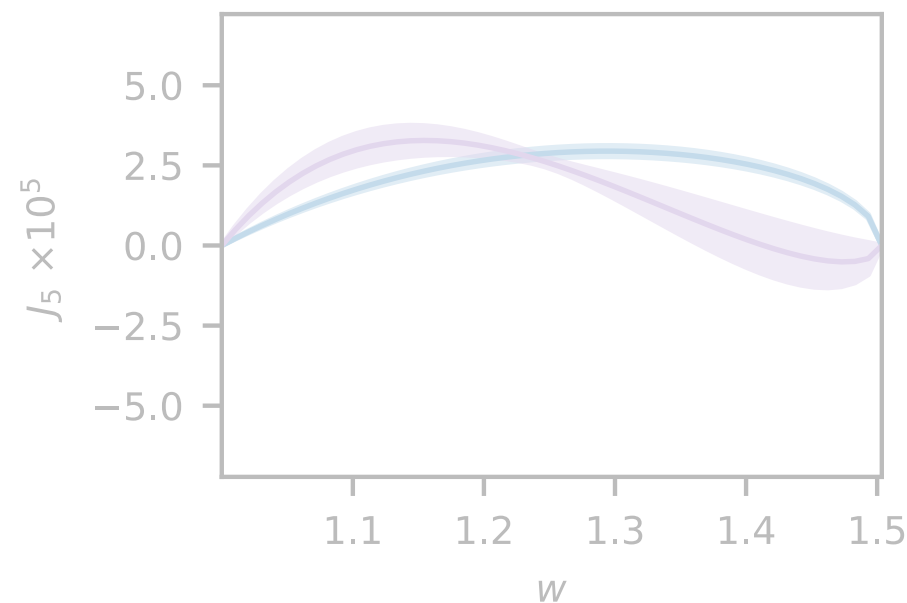


## 2. From 1D projections to full angular information



Working around the curse of dimensionality

## 3. The Potential of full angular fits



# Possible Strategies

Publish either container that allows later reinterpretation

(includes final selected data, MC, etc.)



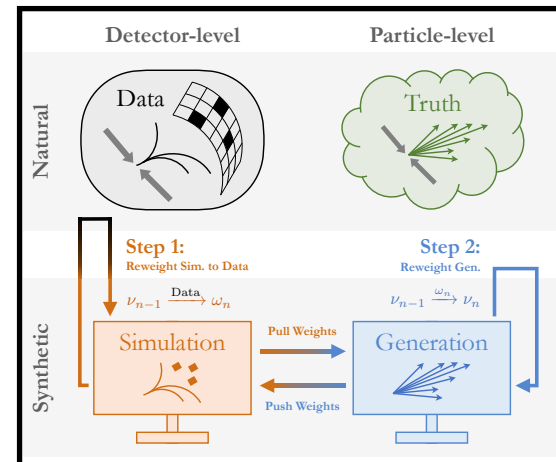
Very ambitious, but great goal!

- Not everybody agrees and not everybody agrees to what extent

Publish ND or unbinned unfolded measurements

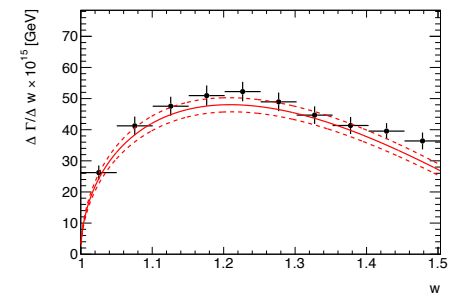
Very challenging, binned: curse of dimensionality (5D measurement essentially)

Unbinned unfolding cool new idea, beats high dimensionality



Omnifold: unbinned unfolding Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 182001 (2020)

Publish 1D Measurements of partial BF's



Belle started doing this in 2017

Followed up in 2018 and 2023



# Possible Strategies

Publish either container that allows later reinterpretation

(includes final selected data, MC, etc.)



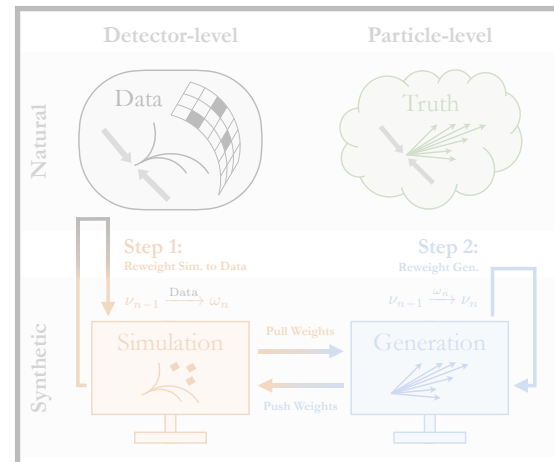
Very ambitious, but great goal!

- Not everybody agrees and not everybody agrees to what extent

Publish ND or unbinned unfolded measurements

Very challenging, binned: curse of dimensionality (5D measurement essentially)

Unbinned unfolding cool new idea, beats high dimensionality

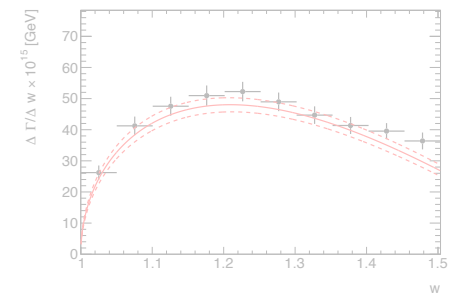


Omnifold: unbinned unfolding Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 182001 (2020)

**Somewhere in between?**

Without losing too much interesting information?

Publish 1D Measurements of partial BF's



Belle started doing this in 2017

Followed up in 2018 and 2023

# Full Angular Information **without** going to 4D

Full angular information can be encoded into **12 coefficients** :

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\theta_V d\cos\theta_\ell d\chi} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2 m_B^3}{2\pi^4} \times \left\{ \begin{aligned} & J_{1s} \sin^2 \theta_V + J_{1c} \cos^2 \theta_V \\ & + (J_{2s} \sin^2 \theta_V + J_{2c} \cos^2 \theta_V) \cos 2\theta_\ell \\ & + J_3 \sin^2 \theta_V \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\chi \\ & + J_4 \sin 2\theta_V \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \chi + J_5 \sin 2\theta_V \sin \theta_\ell \cos \chi \\ & + (J_{6s} \sin^2 \theta_V + J_{6c} \cos^2 \theta_V) \cos \theta_\ell \\ & + J_7 \sin 2\theta_V \sin \theta_\ell \sin \chi + J_8 \sin 2\theta_V \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \chi \\ & + J_9 \sin^2 \theta_V \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\chi \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

Each of these coefficients is a function of  $q^2 \sim w$



With some smart folding, one can “easily” determine them

Based on the ideas of:

JHEP 05 (2013) 043

JHEP 05 (2013) 137

Phys. Rev. D 90, 094003 (2014)

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/1605179>

**8 Coefficients** relevant in massless limit & SM

# How can we measure these coefficients?

---

**Step 1:** bin up phase-space in  $q^2 \sim w$  in however many bins you can afford

# How can we measure these coefficients?

**Step 1:** bin up phase-space in  $q^2 \sim w$  in however many bins you can afford

**Step 2:** Determine the # of signal events in specific phase-space regions

The coefficients are related to a weighted sum of events in a given  $q^2$  bin

$$J_i = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{j=1}^8 \sum_{k,l=1}^4 \eta_{ij}^\chi \eta_{ik}^{\theta_\ell} \eta_{il}^{\theta_V} \left[ \chi^i \otimes \theta_\ell^j \otimes \theta_V^k \right]$$

Normalization  
Factor

Weights

Phase space region

$J_i$	$\eta_i^\chi$	$\eta_i^{\theta_\ell}$	$\eta_i^{\theta_V}$	normalization $N_i$
$J_{1s}$	{+}	{+, a, a, +}	{-, c, c, -}	$2\pi(1)2$
$J_{1c}$	{+}	{+, a, a, +}	{+, d, d, +}	$2\pi(1)(2/5)$
$J_{2s}$	{+}	{-, b, b, -}	{-, c, c, -}	$2\pi(-2/3)2$
$J_{2c}$	{+}	{-, b, b, -}	{+, d, d, +}	$2\pi(-2/3)(2/5)$
$J_3$	{+, -, -, +, +, -, -, +}	{+}	{+}	$4(4/3)^2$
$J_4$	{+, +, -, -, -, -, +, +}	{+, +, -, -}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(4/3)^2$
$J_5$	{+, +, -, -, -, -, +, +}	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(\pi/2)(4/3)$
$J_{6s}$	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	{-, c, c, -}	$2\pi(1)2$
$J_{6c}$	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	{+, d, d, +}	$2\pi(1)(2/5)$
$J_7$	{+, +, +, +, -, -, -, -}	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(\pi/2)(4/3)$
$J_8$	{+, +, +, +, -, -, -, -}	{+, +, -, -}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(4/3)^2$
$J_9$	{+, +, -, -, +, +, -, -}	{+}	{+}	$4(4/3)^2$

$$a = 1 - 1/\sqrt{2}, b = a\sqrt{2}, c = 2\sqrt{2} - 1, d = 1 - 4\sqrt{2}/5$$

E.g. for  $J_3$ : **Split**  $\chi$  into **2 Regions**

$$'+' : \chi \in [0, \pi/4], [3/4\pi, 5/4\pi], [7/4\pi, 2\pi]$$

$\tilde{N}_+$

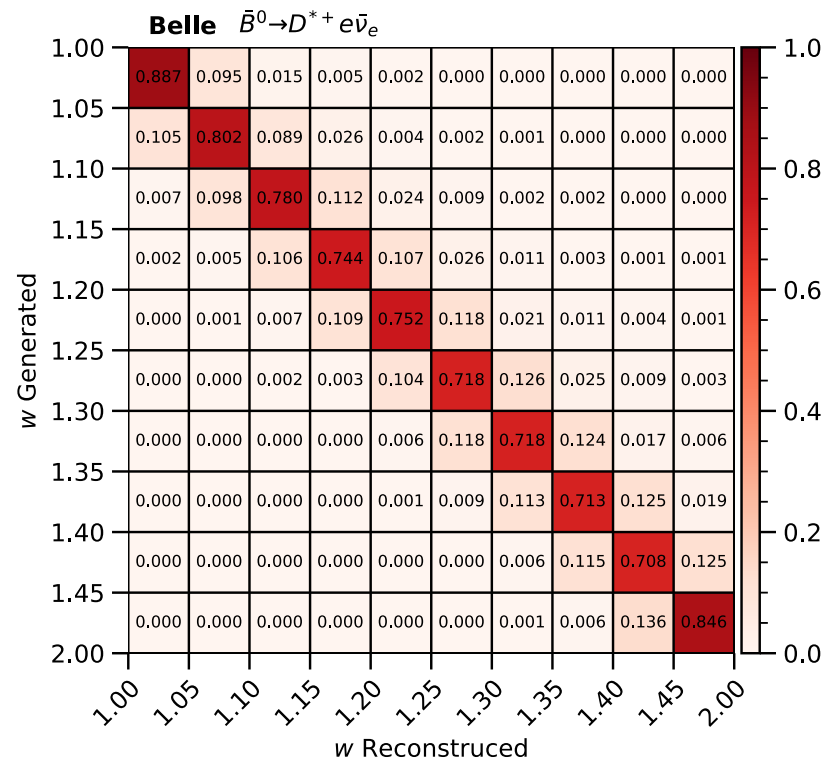
$$'-' : \chi \in [\pi/4, 3/4\pi], [5/4\pi, 7/4\pi]$$

$\tilde{N}_-$

# Step 3: Reverse Migration and Acceptance Effects

Resolution effects: events with a given “true” value of  $\{q^2, \cos \theta_\ell, \cos \theta_V, \chi\}$  can fall into different reconstructed bins

E.g.  $w$  migration matrix



[arXiv:2301.07529](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07529) [hep-ex]

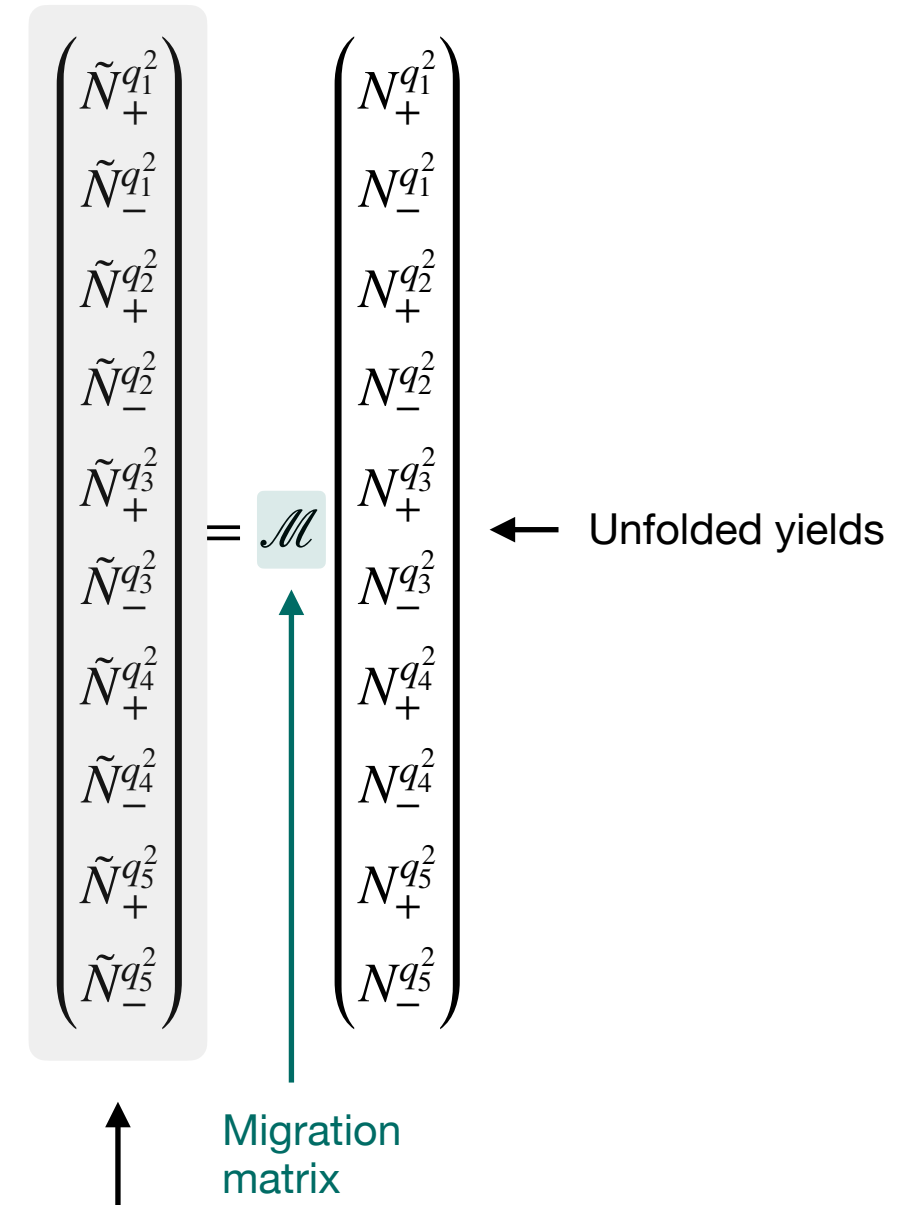
Acceptance x Efficiency Corrections:

$$N_+^{q_i^2} \cdot e_{\text{eff},+,q_i^2}^{-1} = n_+^{q_i^2}$$

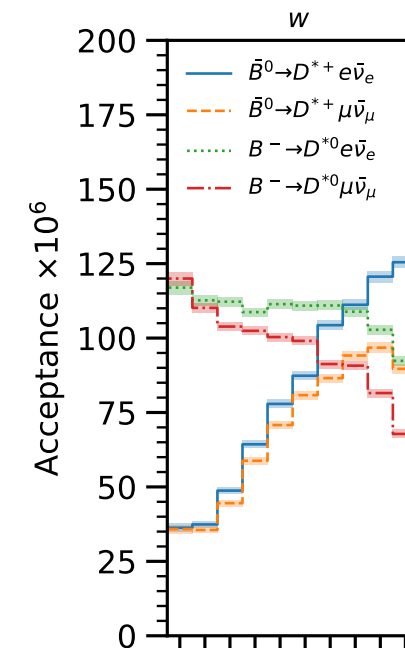
$$N_-^{q_i^2} \cdot e_{\text{eff},-,q_i^2}^{-1} = n_-^{q_i^2}$$

Unfolded yields

← Acceptance / Eff. corrected yields



Bkg subtracted yields



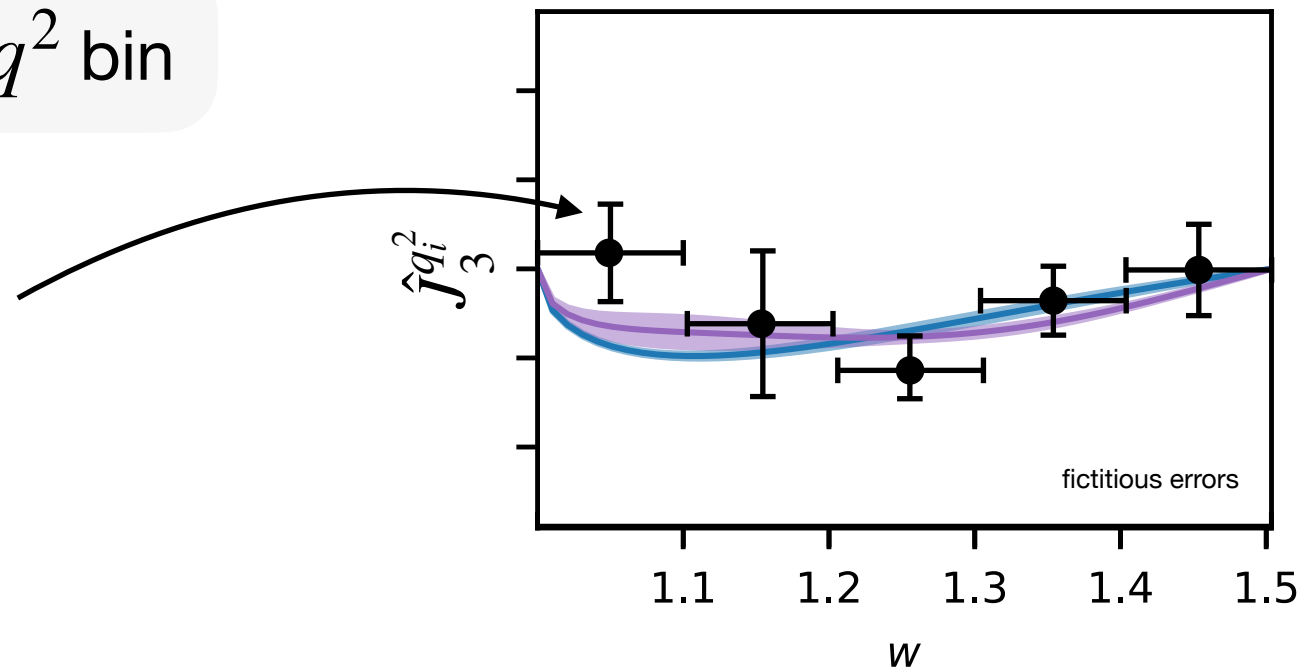
[arXiv:2301.07529](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07529) [hep-ex]

**Step 4:** Calculate  $J_i$  for a given  $w/q^2$  bin

$$\frac{n_+^{q_i^2}}{n_-^{q_i^2}} \rightarrow \hat{J}_3^{q_i^2} = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \times \frac{n_+^{q_i^2} - n_-^{q_i^2}}{4(4/3)^2}$$

Normalization

$$\Gamma = \frac{8}{9}\pi \left( 3 \sum_i J_{1c}^{q_i^2} + 6 \sum_i J_{1s}^{q_i^2} - \sum_i J_{2c}^{q_i^2} - 2 \sum_i J_{2s}^{q_i^2} \right)$$



More **involved** for the **other** coefficients: need full experimental covariance between all measured  $w/q^2$  bins and coefficients (statistical overlap, systematics)

SM:

$$\{J_{1s}^{q_i^2}, J_{1c}^{q_i^2}, J_{2s}^{q_i^2}, J_{2c}^{q_i^2}, J_3^{q_i^2}, J_4^{q_i^2}, J_5^{q_i^2}, J_{6s}^{q_i^2}\}$$

e.g. **5 x 8 = 40 coefficients**

or full thing (SM + NP)

with **5 x 12 = 60 coefficients**

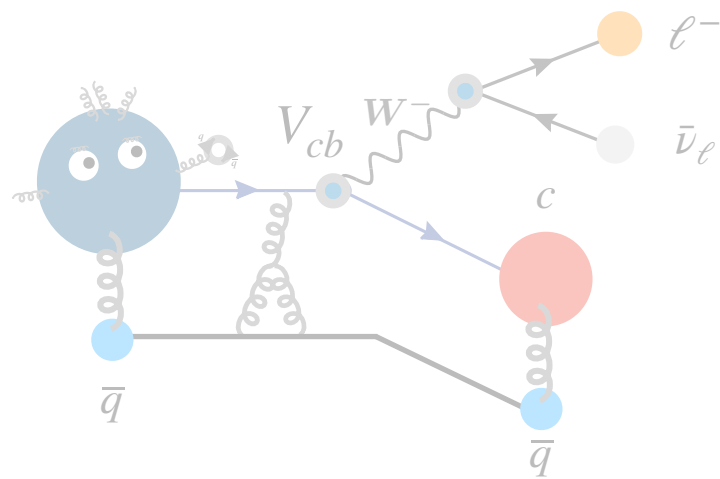
$J_i$	$\eta_i^x$	$\eta_i^{\theta_\ell}$	$\eta_i^{\theta_V}$	normalization $N_i$
$J_{1s}$	{+}	{+, a, a, +}	{-, c, c, -}	$2\pi(1)2$
$J_{1c}$	{+}	{+, a, a, +}	{+, d, d, +}	$2\pi(1)(2/5)$
$J_{2s}$	{+}	{-, b, b, -}	{-, c, c, -}	$2\pi(-2/3)2$
$J_{2c}$	{+}	{-, b, b, -}	{+, d, d, +}	$2\pi(-2/3)(2/5)$
$J_3$	{+, -, -, +, +, -, -, +}	{+}	{+}	$4(4/3)^2$
$J_4$	{+, +, -, -, -, -, +, +}	{+, +, -, -}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(4/3)^2$
$J_5$	{+, +, -, -, -, -, +, +}	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(\pi/2)(4/3)$
$J_{6s}$	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	{-, c, c, -}	$2\pi(1)2$
$J_{6c}$	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	{+, d, d, +}	$2\pi(1)(2/5)$
$J_7$	{+, +, +, +, -, -, -, -}	{+}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(\pi/2)(4/3)$
$J_8$	{+, +, +, +, -, -, -, -}	{+, +, -, -}	{+, +, -, -}	$4(4/3)^2$
$J_9$	{+, +, -, -, +, +, -, -}	{+}	{+}	$4(4/3)^2$

$$a = 1 - 1/\sqrt{2}, b = a\sqrt{2}, c = 2\sqrt{2} - 1, d = 1 - 4\sqrt{2}/5$$

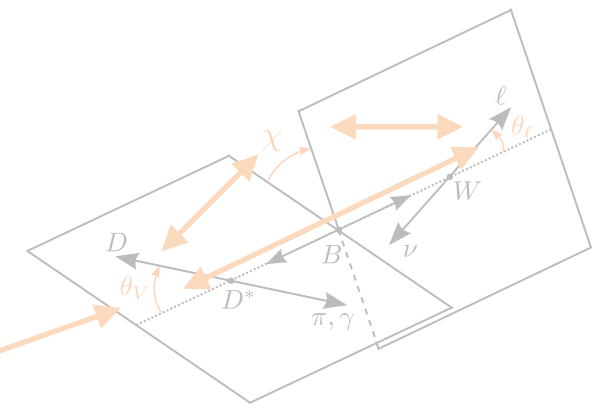
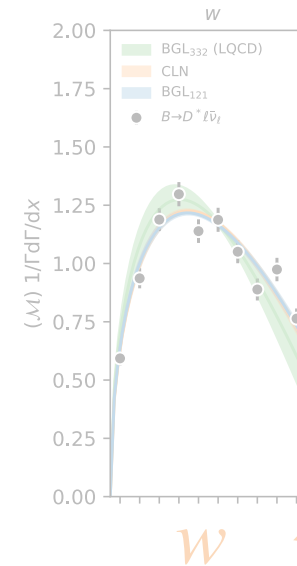


# Talk Overview

## 1. Recent results from Belle and Belle II

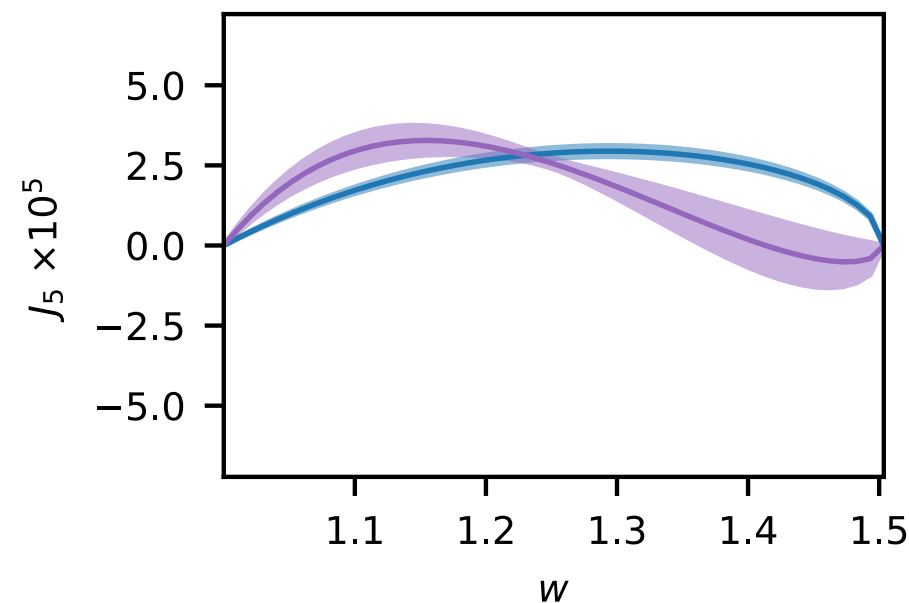


## 2. From 1D projections to full angular information



Working around the curse of dimensionality

## 3. The Potential of full angular fits

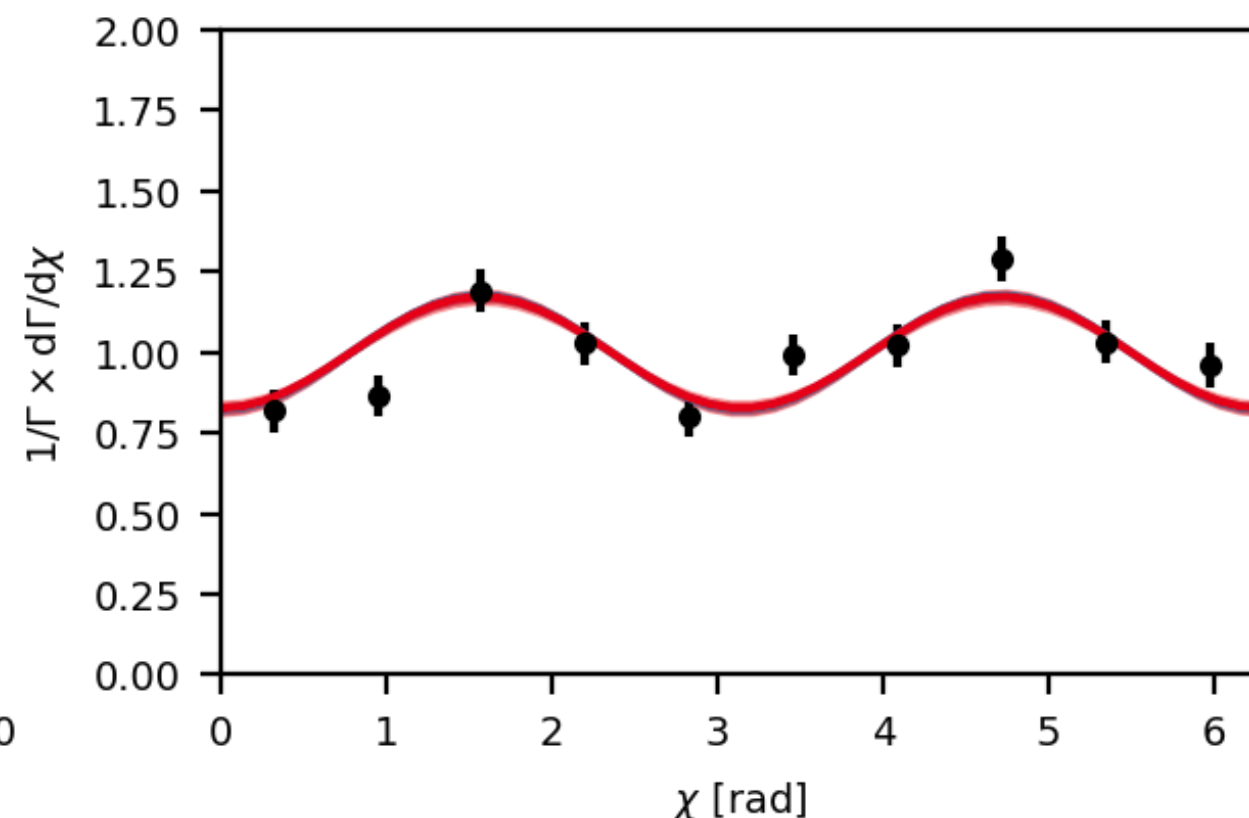
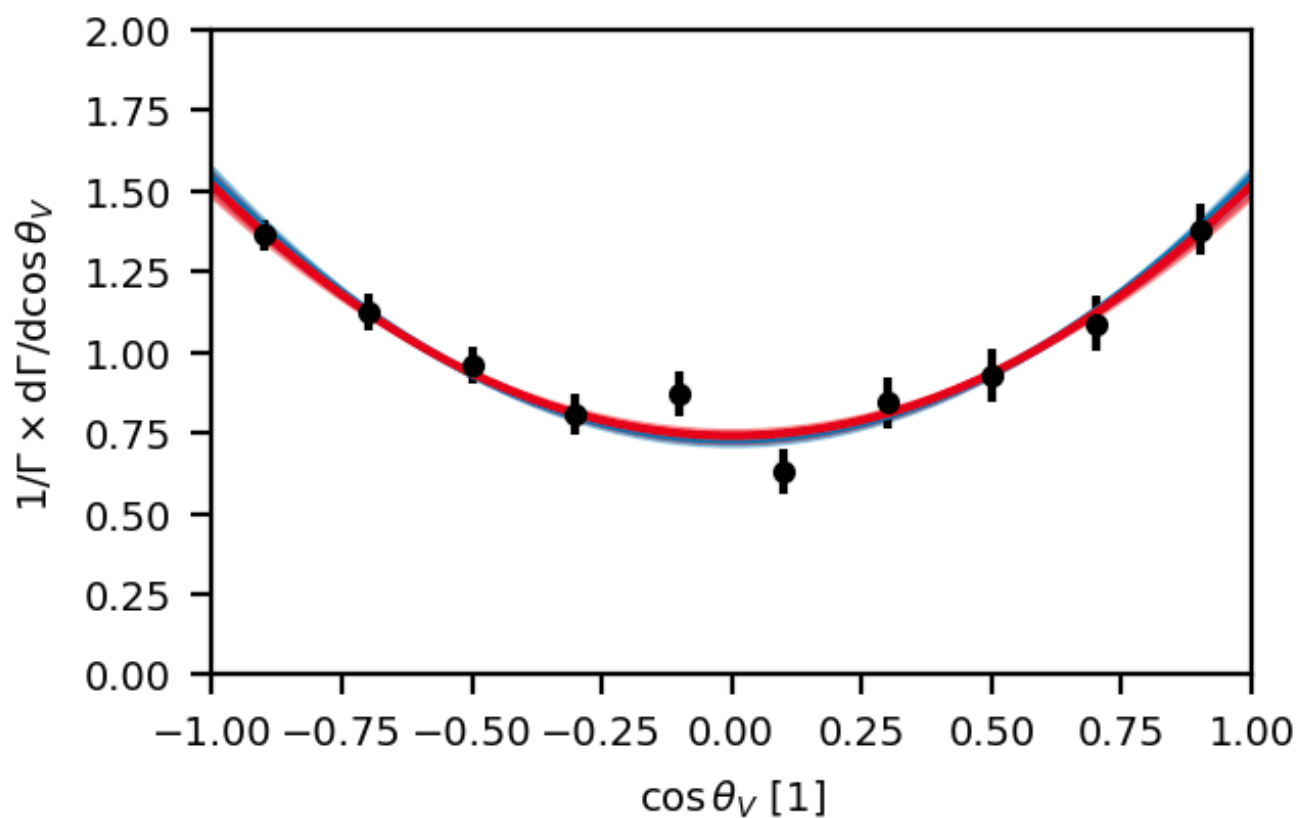
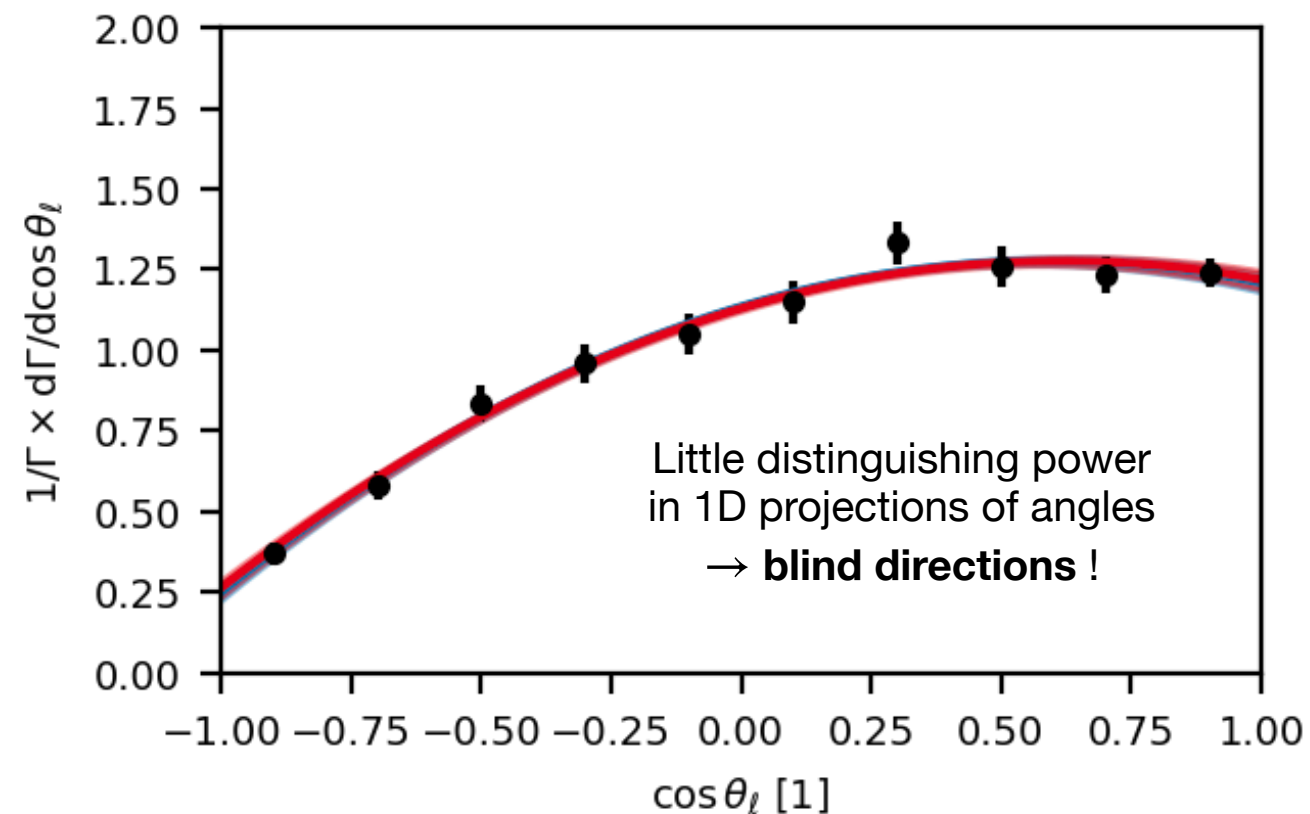
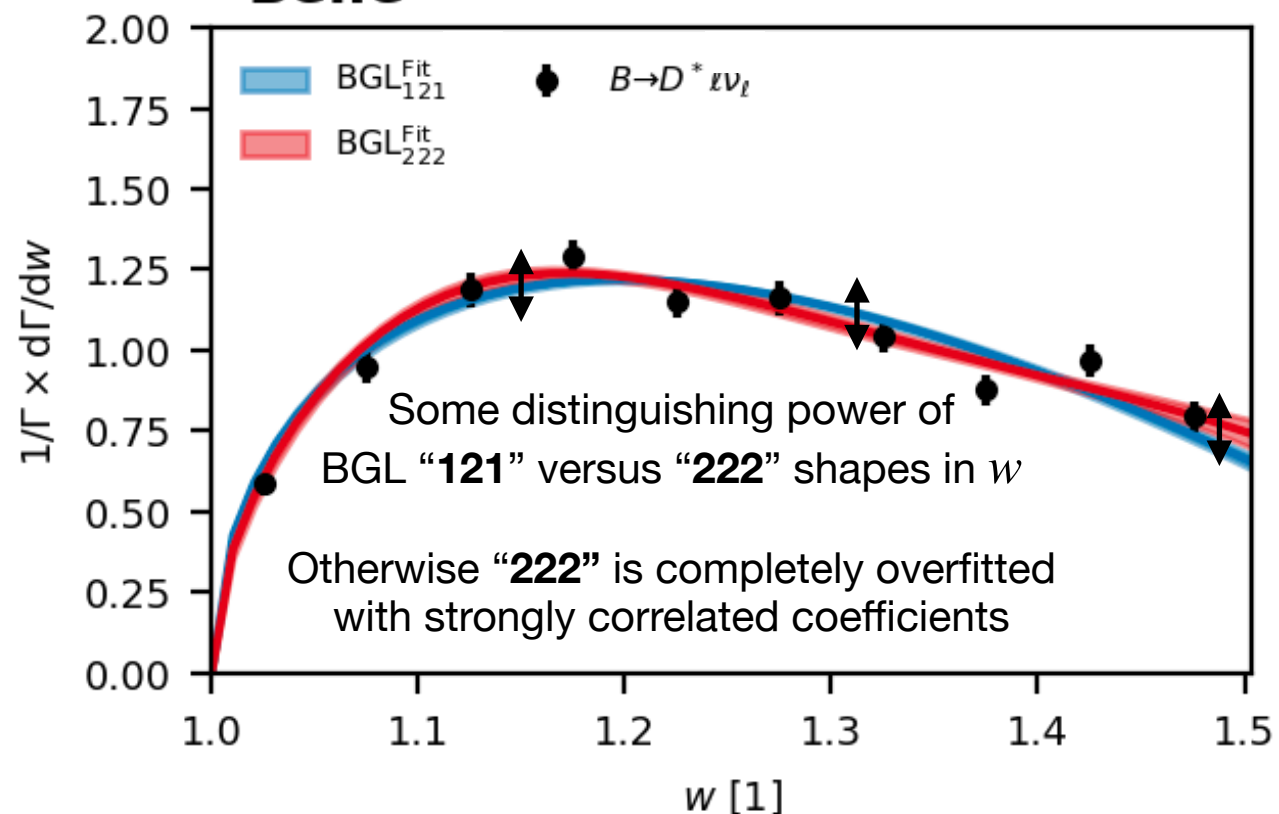


# 1D versus Full Angular Sensitivities

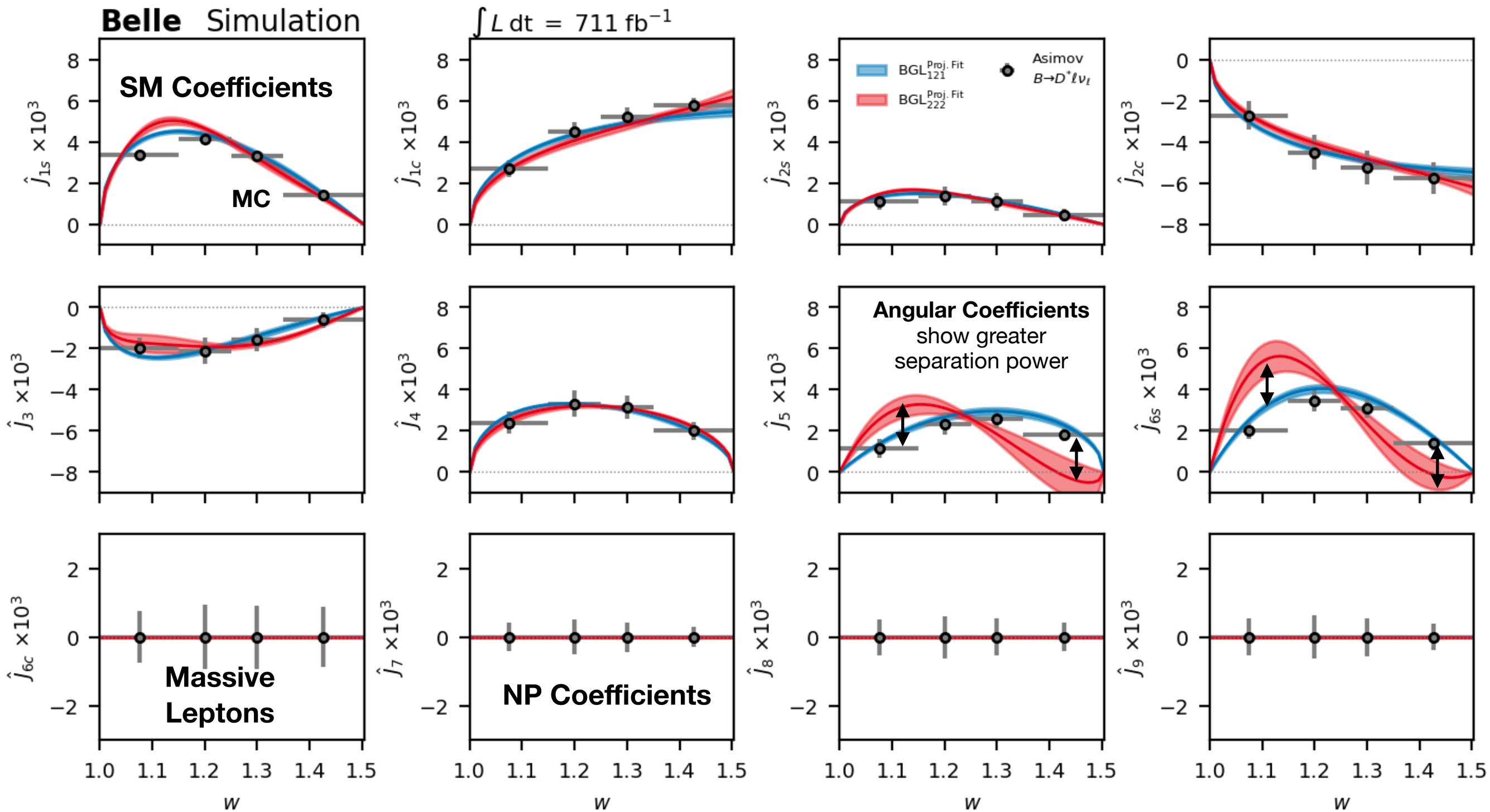
Errors and central values from  
1D projection fits of  
[arXiv:2301.07529](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07529) (Table XVI)

# 52

## Belle



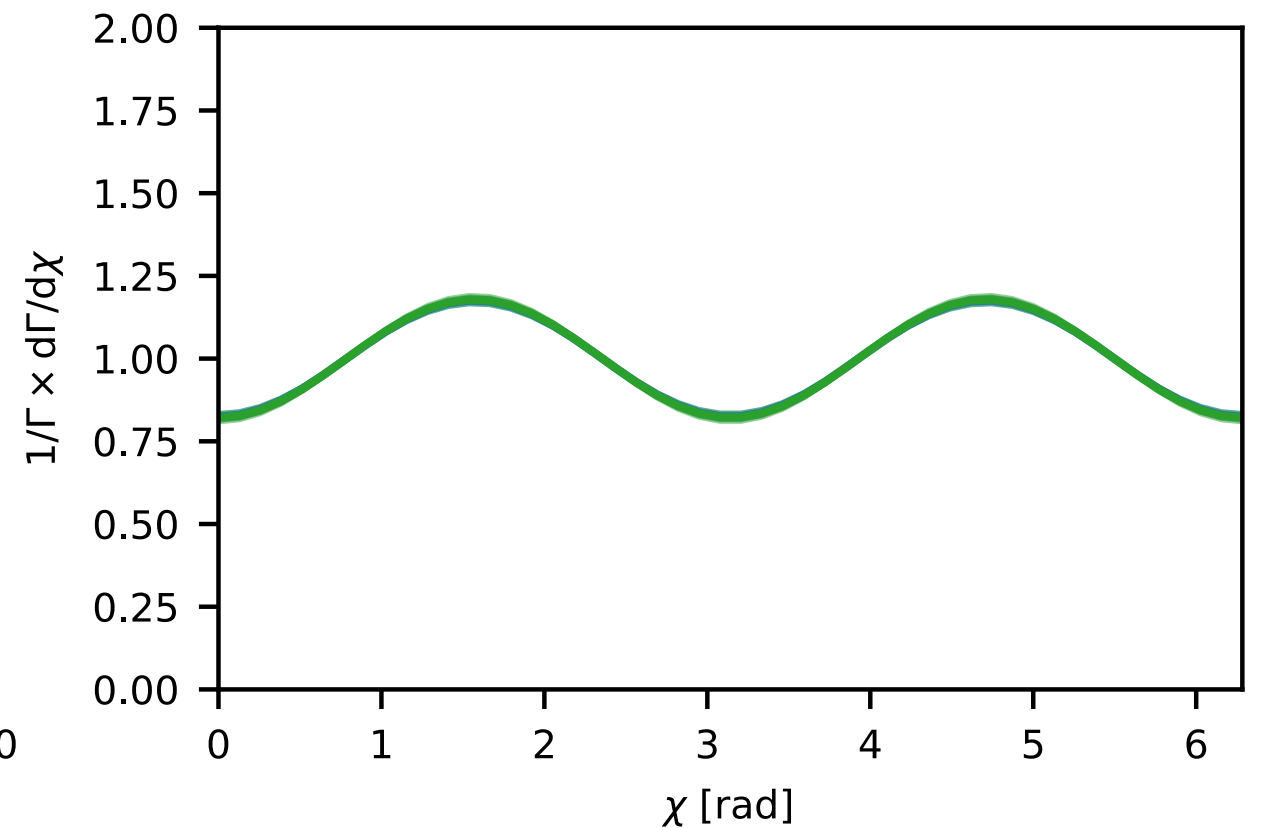
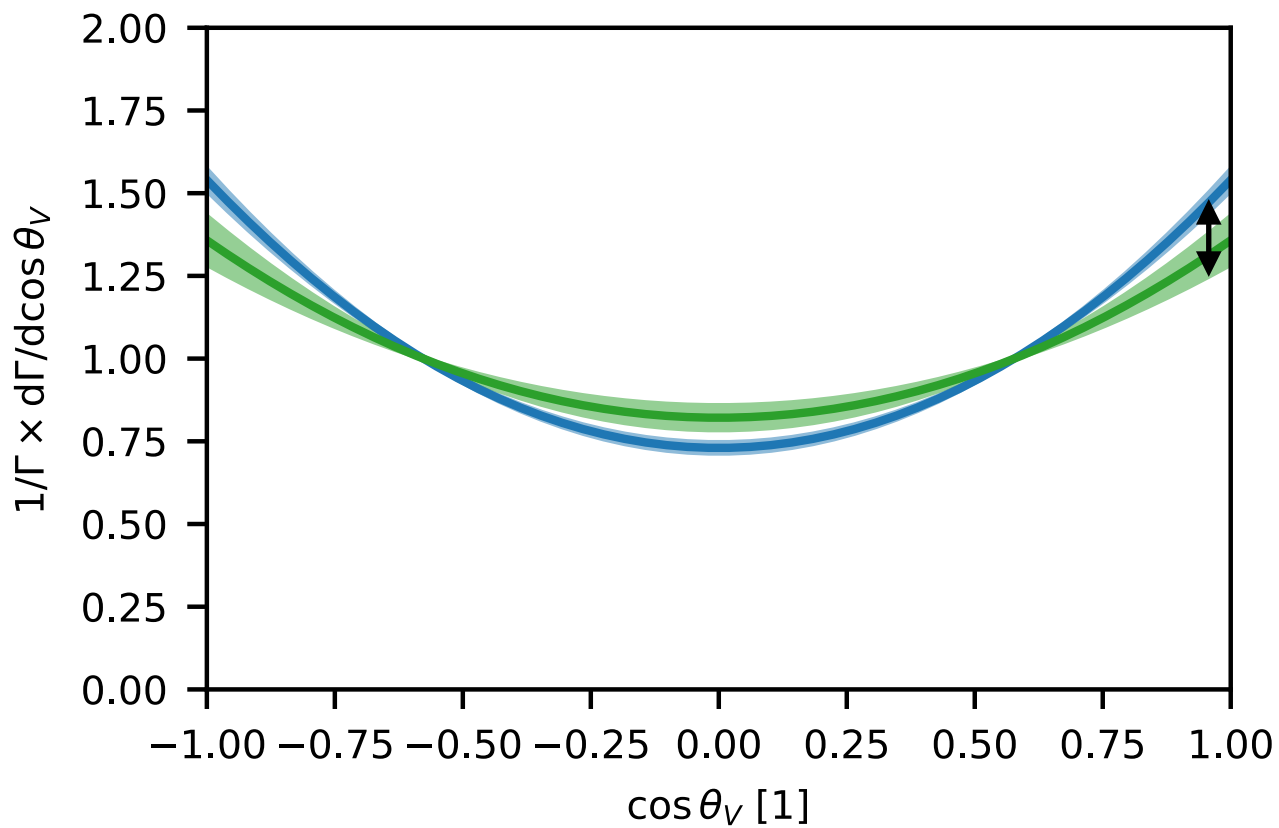
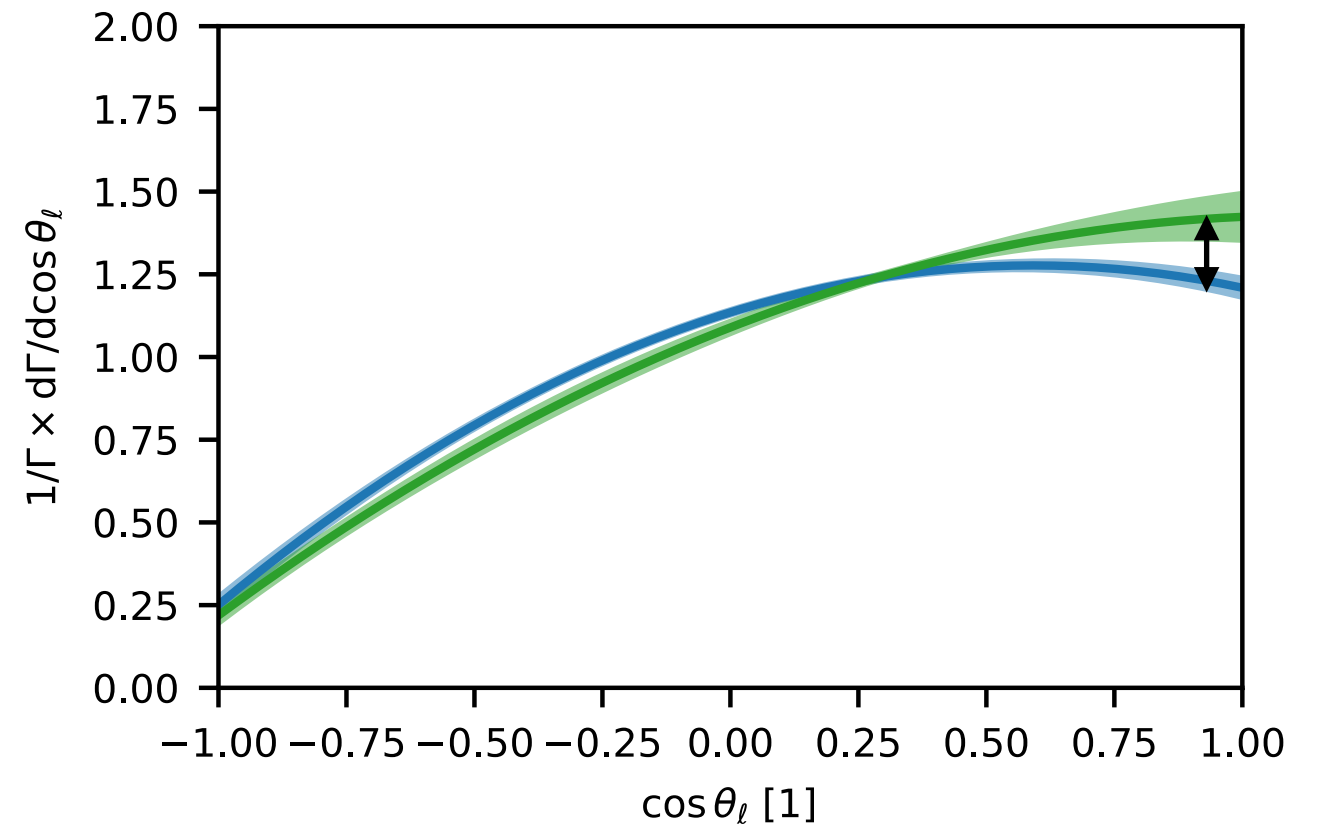
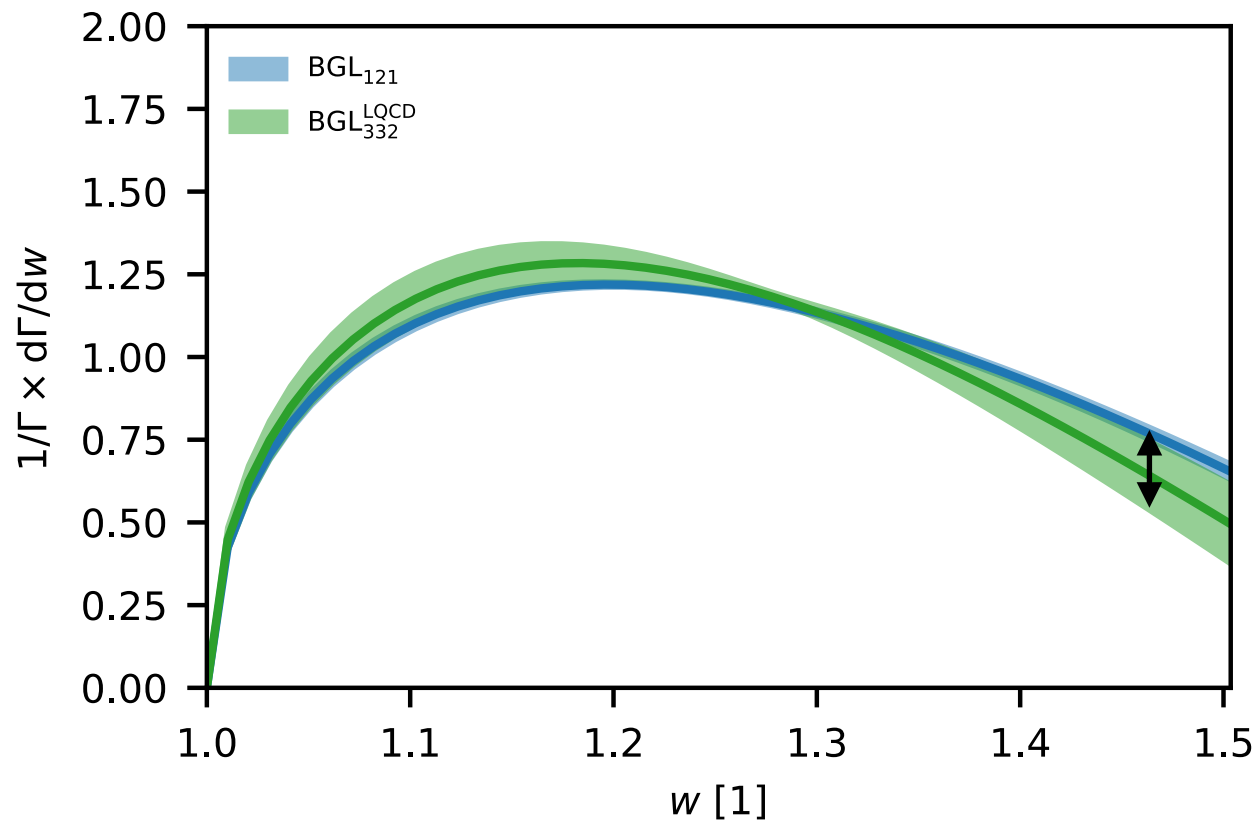
# 1D versus Full Angular Sensitivities



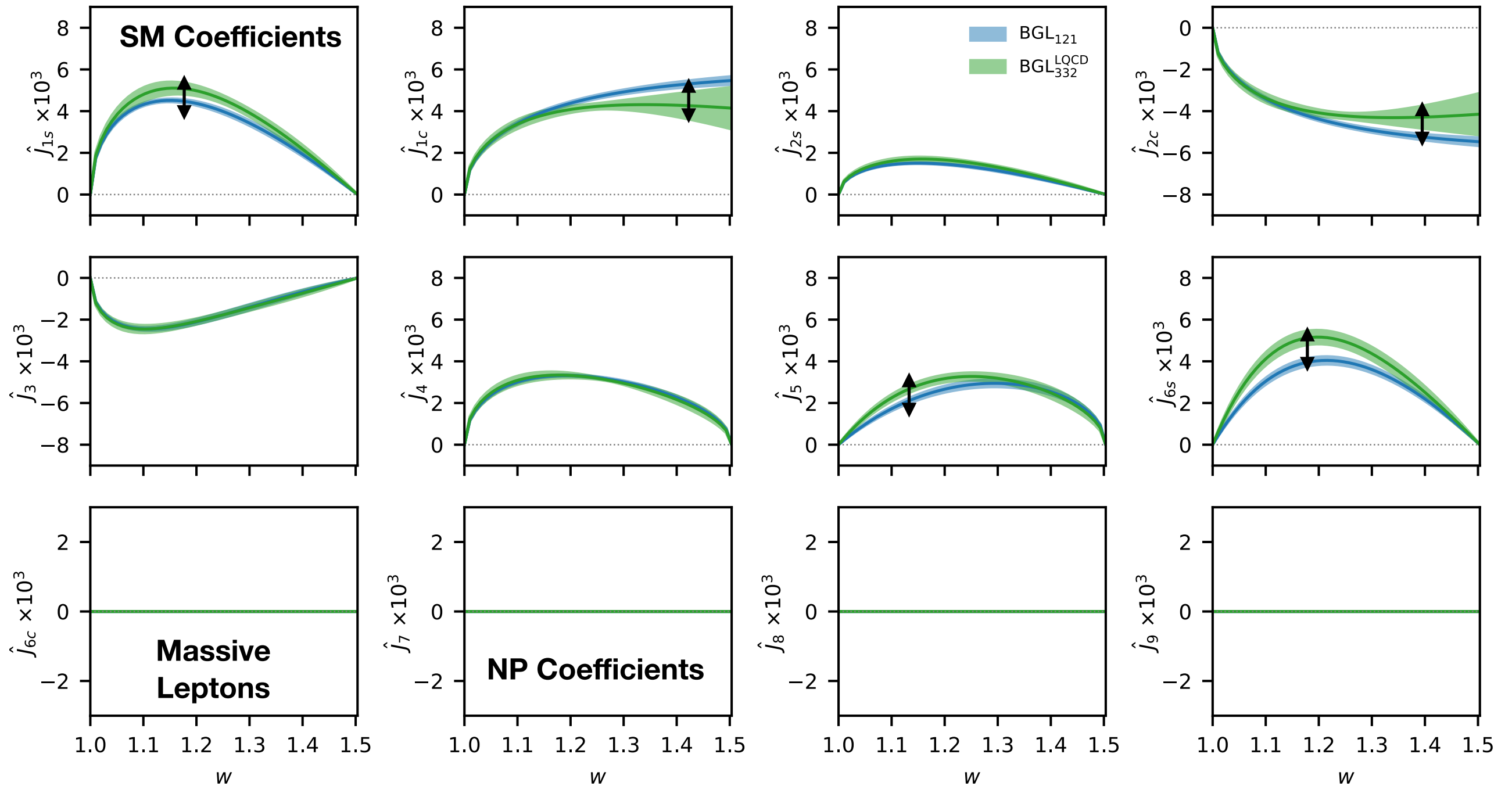
# 1D versus Full Angular Sensitivities

BGL121 1D projection fit of  
arXiv:2301.07529 (Table XVI) or  
**FNAL/MILC prediction**  
[arXiv:2105.14019]

# 54



# 1D versus Full Angular Sensitivities



**Angular Coefficients** also will allow us to better investigate what is going on with **lattice** versus **data tensions**..

# Some closing thoughts

---

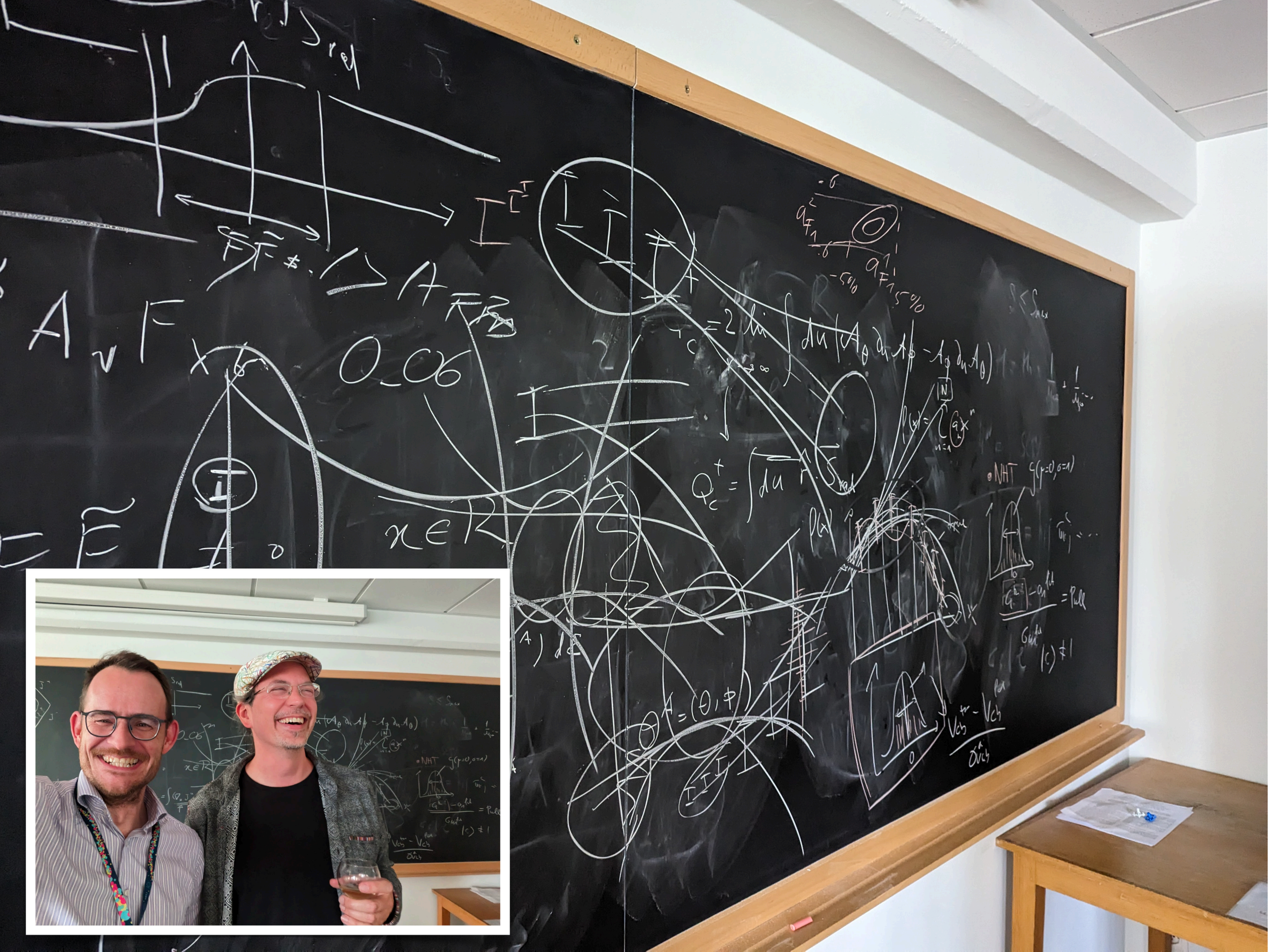
Number of exciting developments are happening:

- Many exciting new results from Belle and Belle II



More to come...







# Some closing thoughts

---

Number of exciting developments are happening:

- Many exciting new results from Belle and Belle II

“The least interesting thing in your paper is your fit, give us your data”

Paolo Gambino — Challenges in Semileptonic B Decays 2022

# Some closing thoughts

---

Number of exciting developments are happening:

- Many exciting new results from Belle and Belle II

“The least interesting thing in your paper is your fit, give us your data”

Paolo Gambino — Challenges in Semileptonic B Decays 2022

- We just released the Belle measurement on HepData

<https://www.hepdata.net/record/ins2624324>

# Some closing thoughts

---

Number of exciting developments are happening:

- Many exciting new results from Belle and Belle II

“The least interesting thing in your paper is your fit, give us your data”

Paolo Gambino — Challenges in Semileptonic B Decays 2022

- We just released the Belle measurement on HepData

<https://www.hepdata.net/record/ins2624324>

- Angular analyses for  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  offer a good next step on making more information available.

# Some closing thoughts

---

Number of exciting developments are happening:

- Many exciting new results from Belle and Belle II

“The least interesting thing in your paper is your fit, give us your data”

Paolo Gambino — Challenges in Semileptonic B Decays 2022

- We just released the Belle measurement on HepData

<https://www.hepdata.net/record/ins2624324>

- Angular analyses for  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  offer a good next step on making more information available.

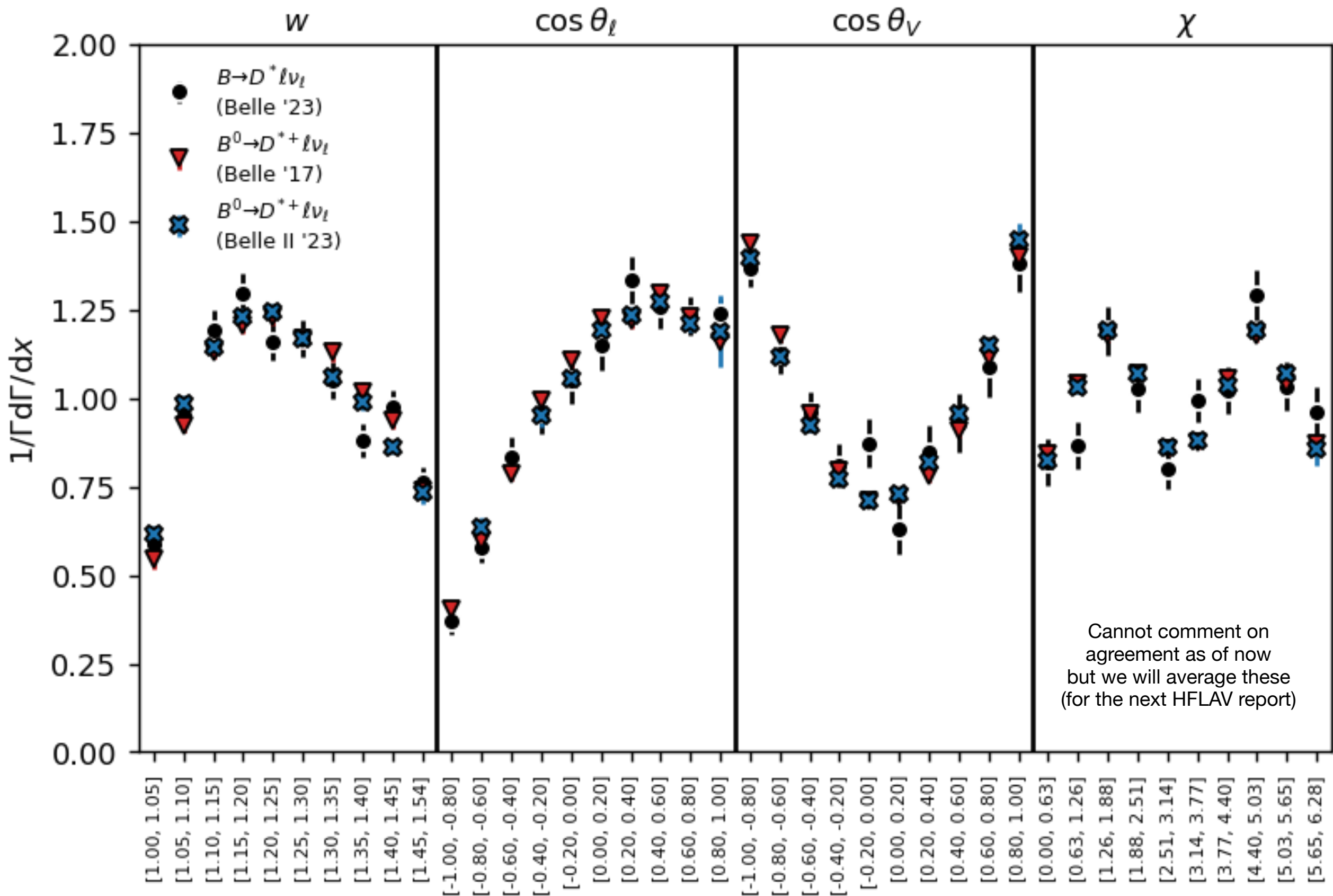
Thank you for your attention





**More Information**







# Why is it important to measure $|V_{ub}|$ & $|V_{cb}|$ ?

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \\
 \\
 \\
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 d & s & b \\
 \left( \begin{array}{ccc}
 V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\
 V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\
 V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb}
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Overconstrain Unitarity condition  
 → Potent test of Standard Model

Unitarity  
 $CC^\dagger = 1$

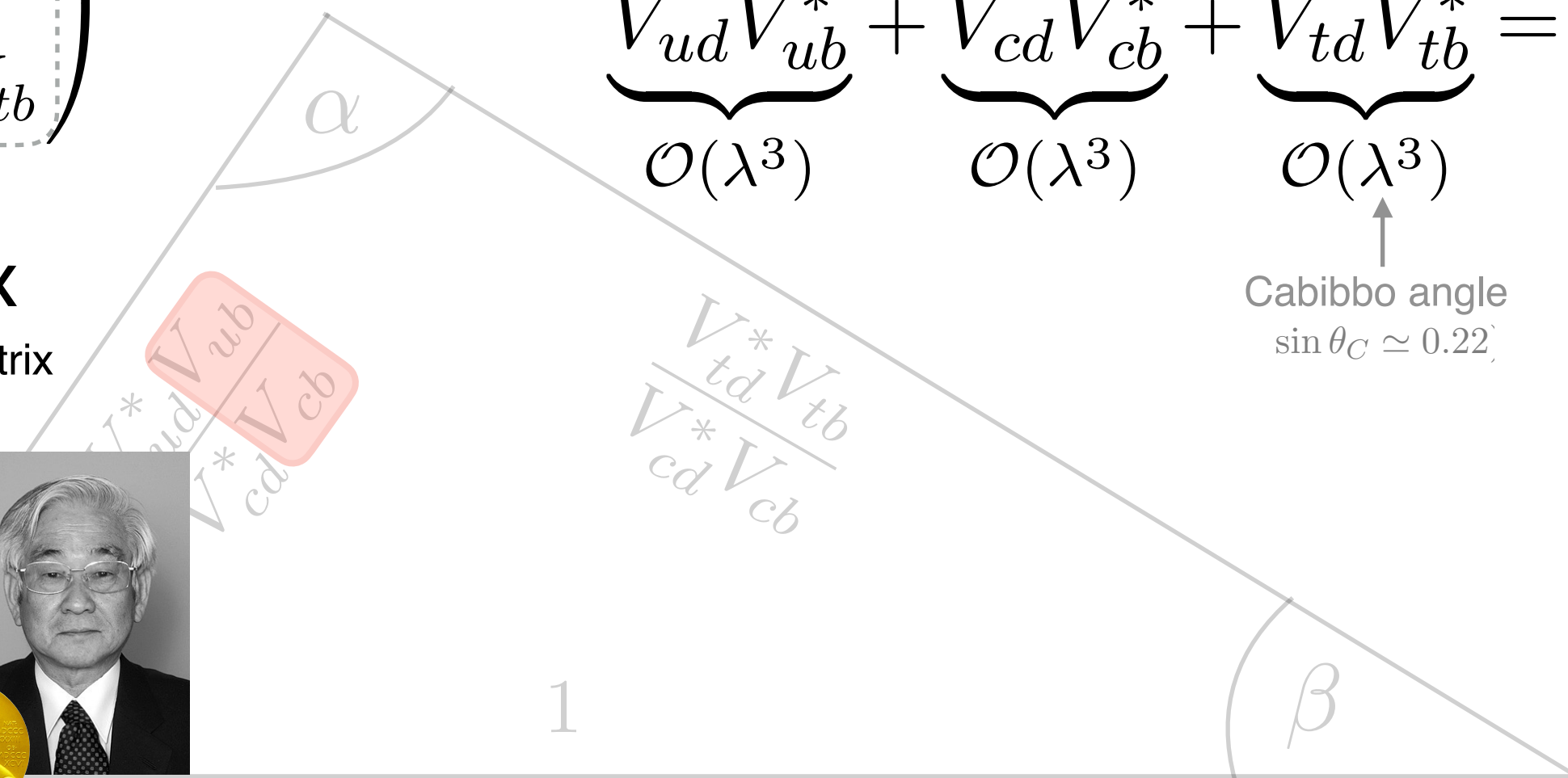
$$\underbrace{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)} + \underbrace{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)} + \underbrace{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)} = 0$$

Cabibbo angle  
 $\sin \theta_C \simeq 0.22$

**CKM Matrix**  
 SM: Unitary 3x3 Matrix



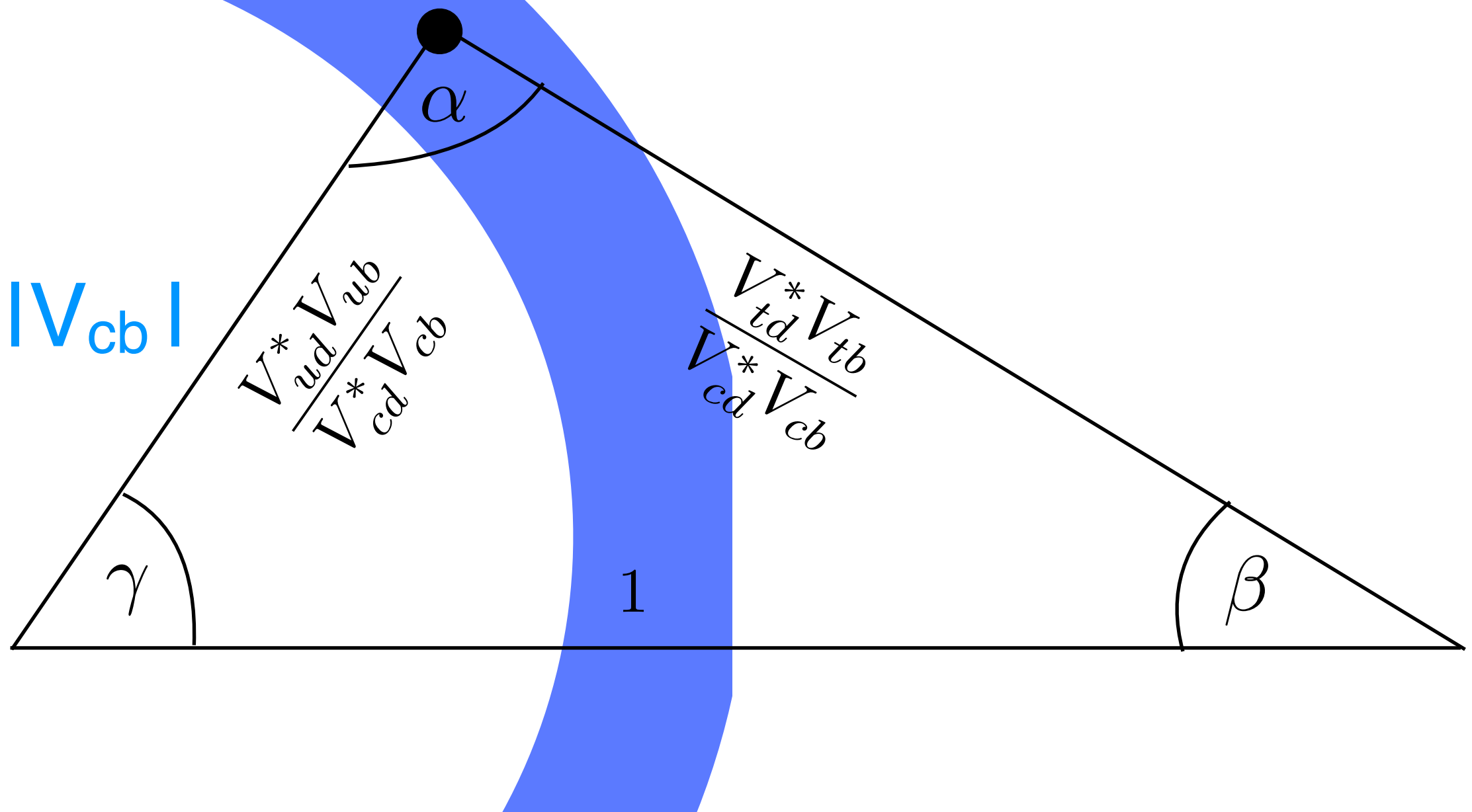
Nobel prize 2008



Why is it important to measure  $|V_{ub}|$  &  $|V_{cb}|$ ?

Overconstrain Unitarity condition  
 → Potent test of Standard Model

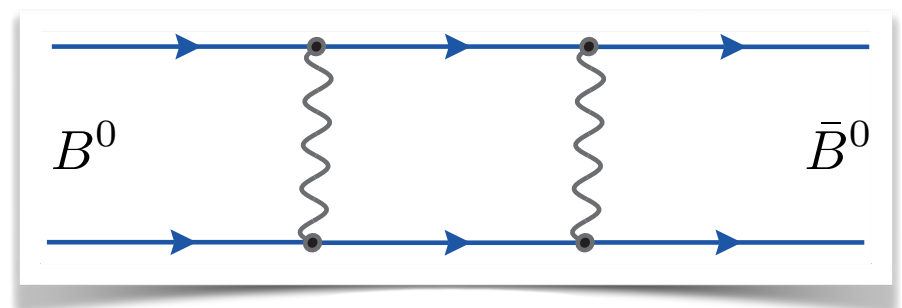
$|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$



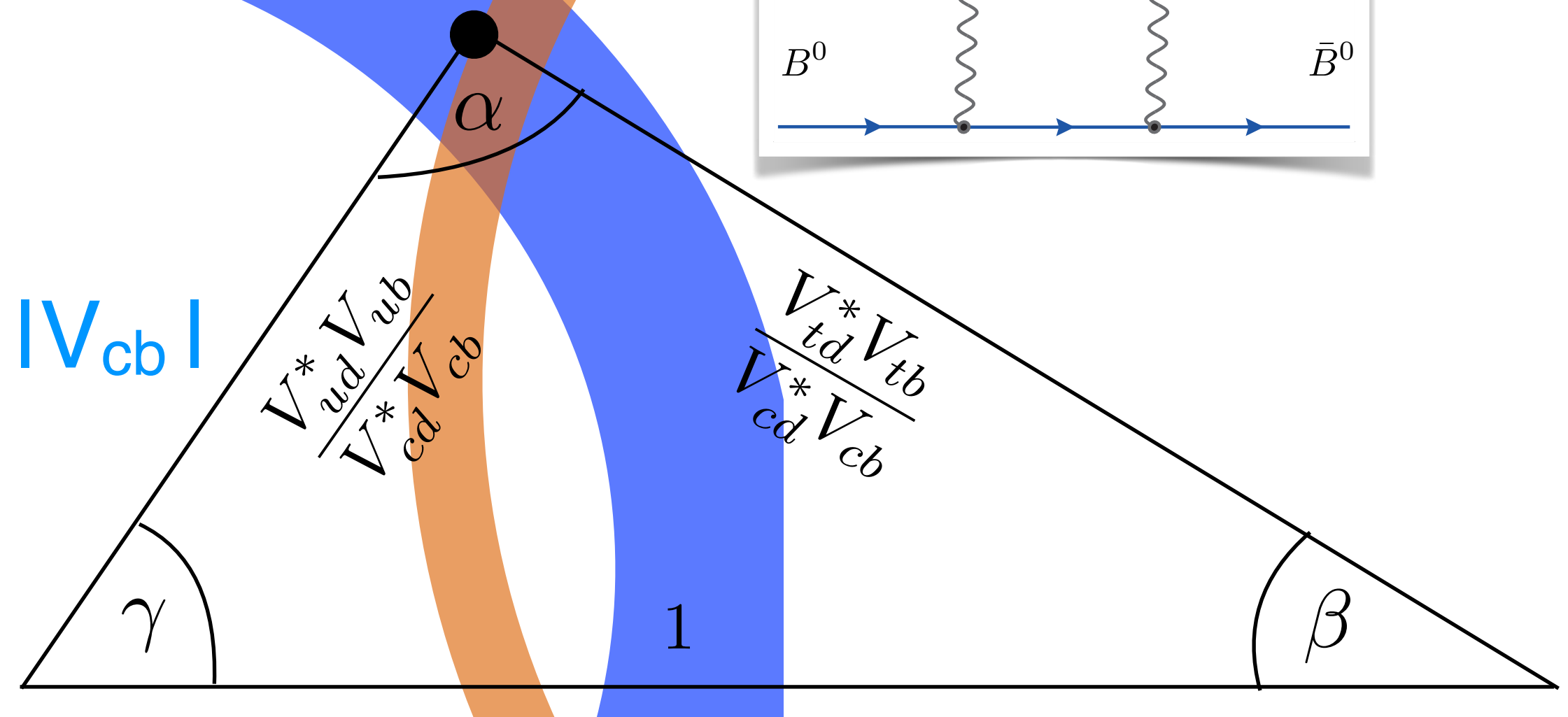
# Why is it important to measure $|V_{ub}|$ & $|V_{cb}|$ ?

Overconstrain Unitarity condition  
→ Potent test of Standard Model

## B-Meson Mixing



$|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$



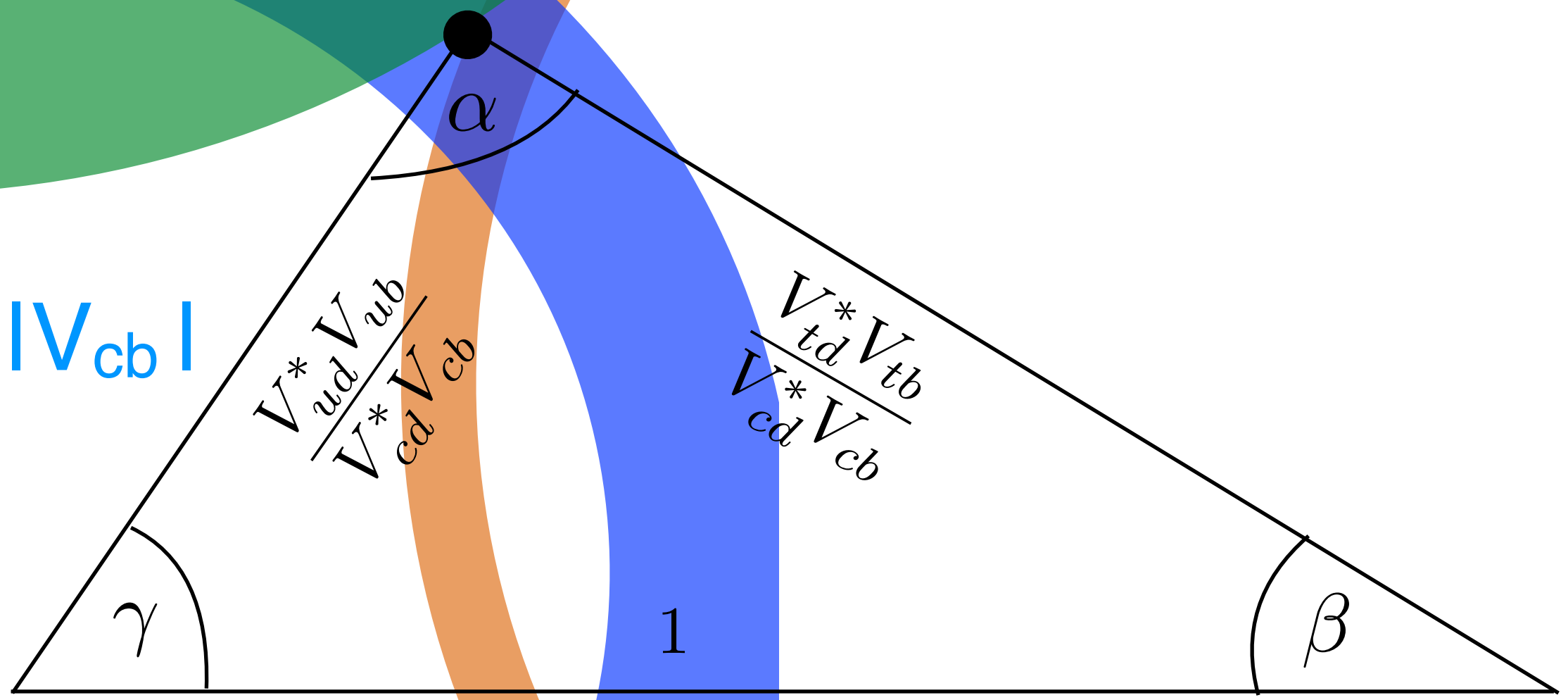
Why is it important to measure  $|V_{ub}|$  &  $|V_{cb}|$ ?

CPV Kaon Mixing

Overconstrain Unitarity condition  
→ Potent test of Standard Model

B-Meson Mixing

$|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$



# Why is it important to measure $|V_{ub}|$ & $|V_{cb}|$ ?

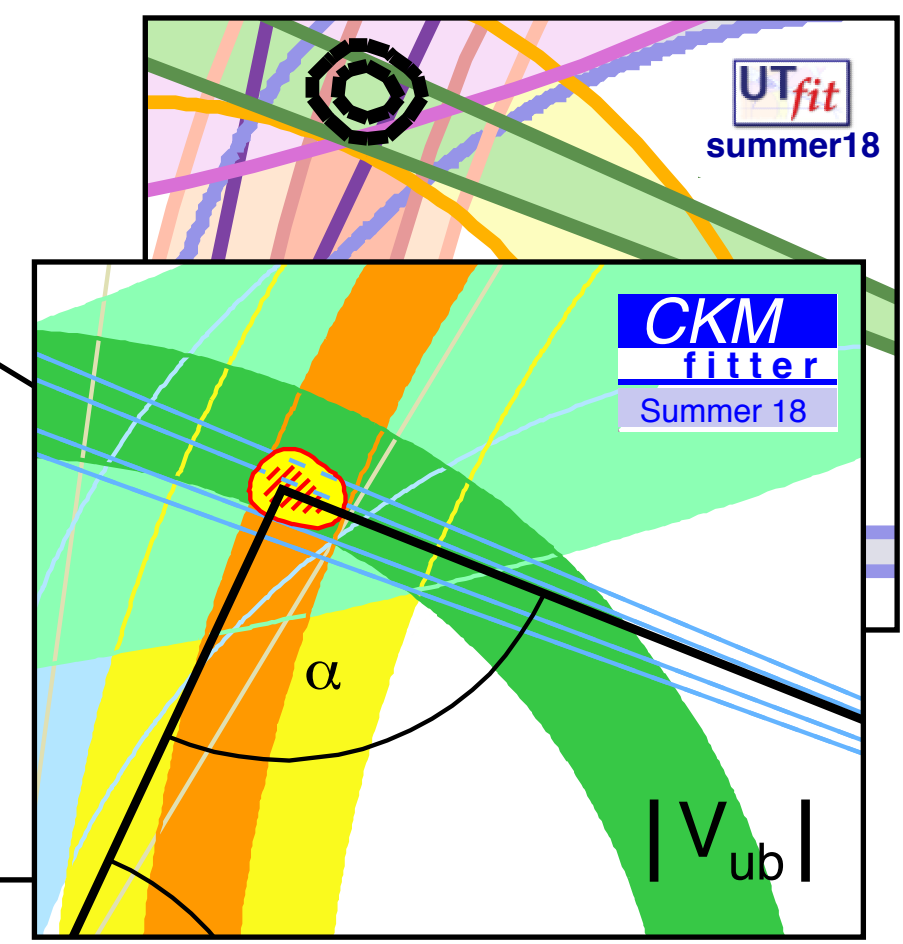
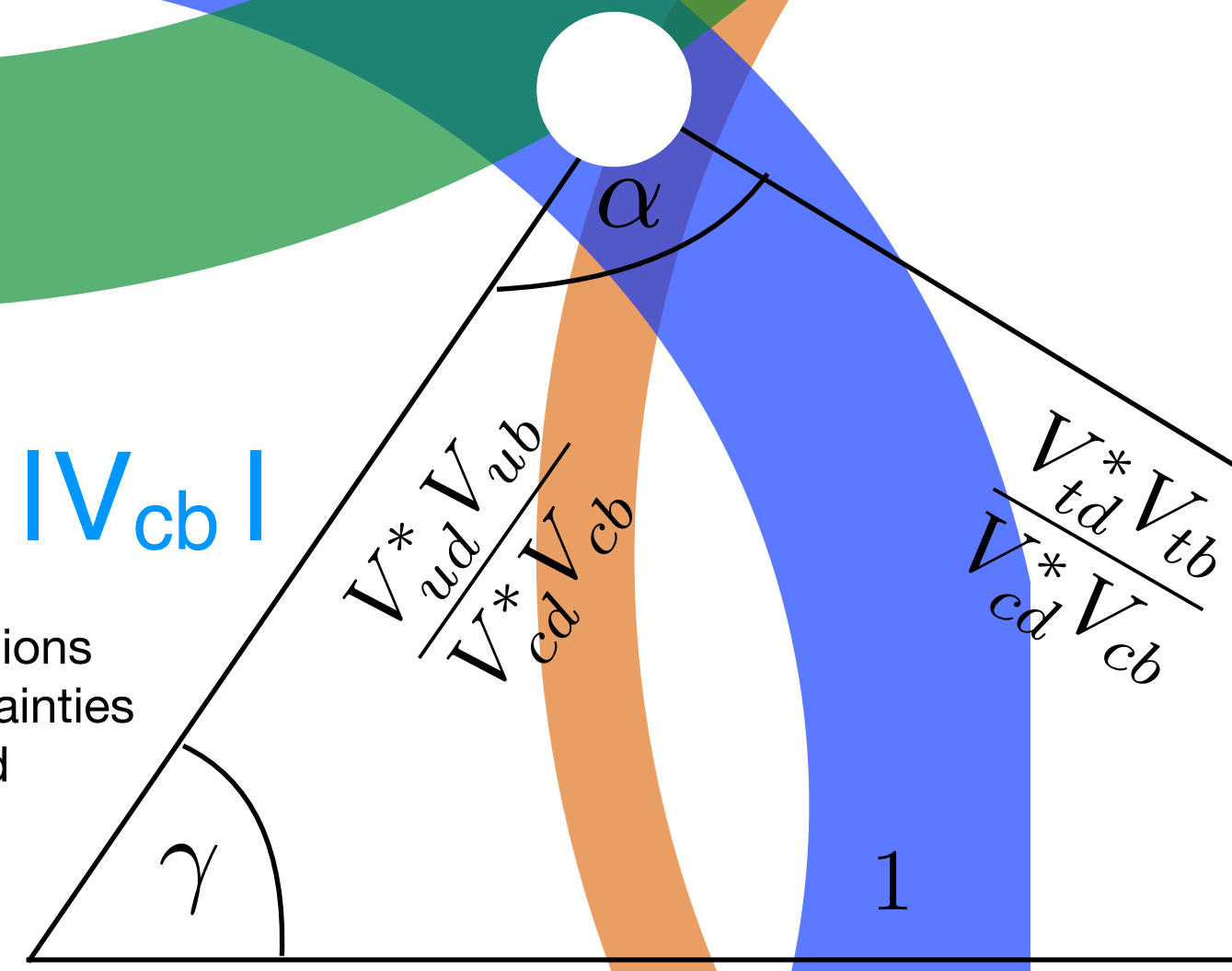
CPV Kaon Mixing

## Present day

## B-Meson Mixing

$$|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$$

Some tensions exist, uncertainties inflated



# Why is it important to measure $|V_{ub}|$ & $|V_{cb}|$ ?

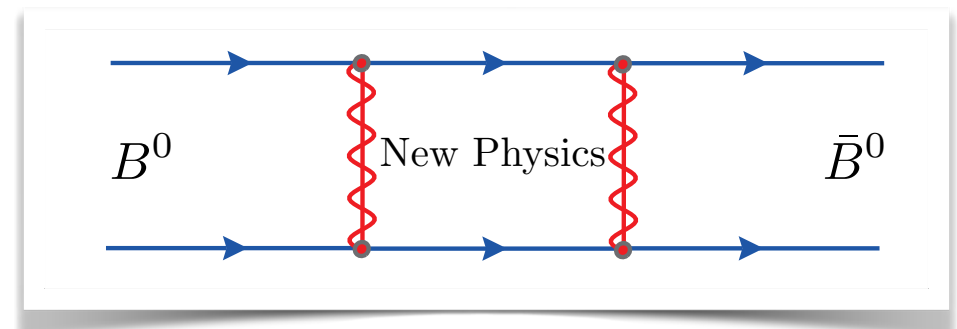
## CPV Kaon Mixing



# The future?

with Belle II & LHCb

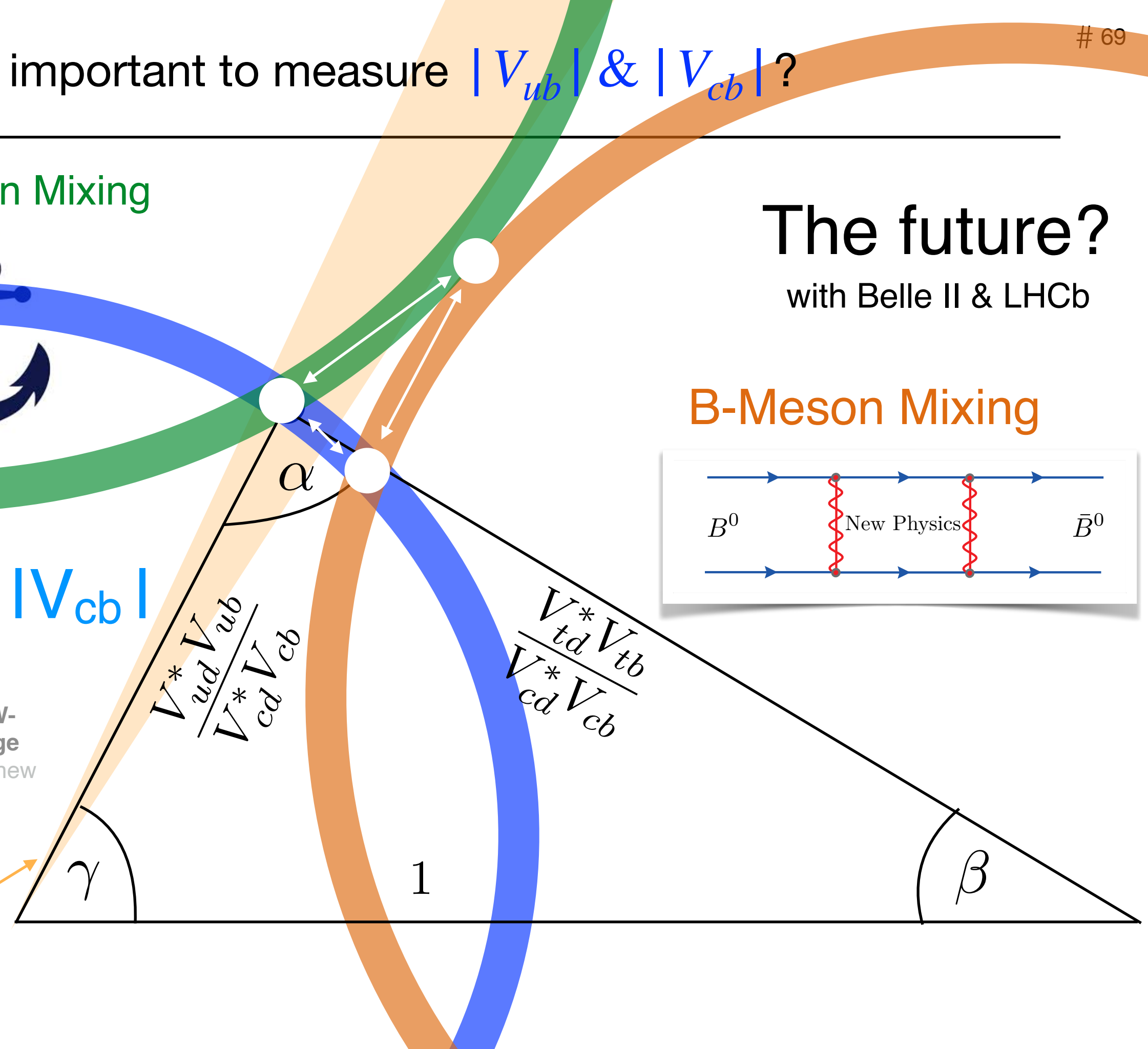
## B-Meson Mixing



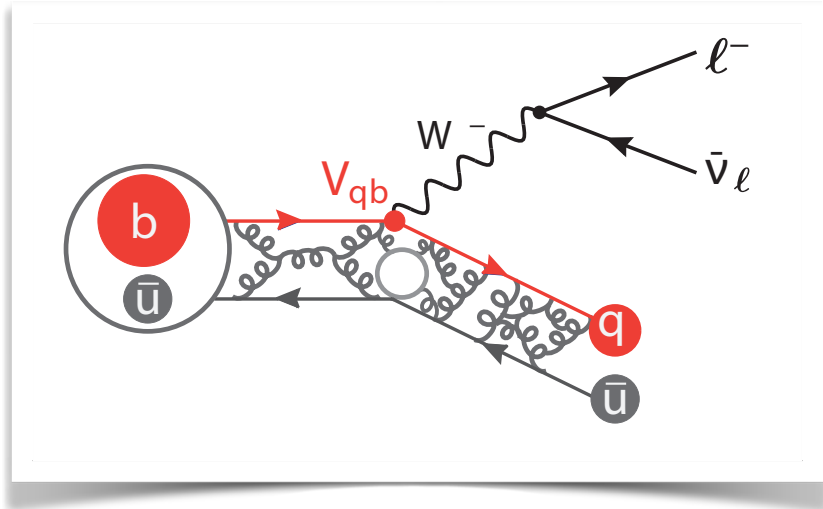
$$|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$$

Dominated by W-Boson exchange  
a-priori free from new physics

CKM  $\gamma$  can also be measured using tree-level decays



# How do we study SL decays to obtain e.g. $|V_{ub}|$ & $|V_{cb}|$ ?



Inclusive  $|V_{ub}|$

$$B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$$

+ Fermi Motion / Shape Function

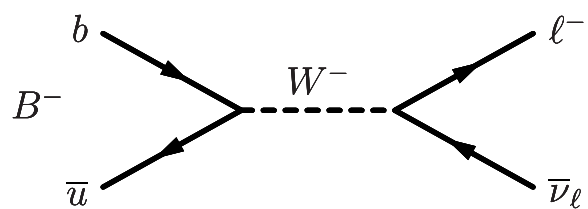
Inclusive  $|V_{cb}|$

$$B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$$

Operator Product Expansion

$$\mathcal{B} = |V_{qb}|^2 \left[ \Gamma(b \rightarrow q \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) + 1/m_{c,b} + \alpha_s + \dots \right]$$

Leptonic  $|V_{ub}|$



$$\mathcal{B} \propto |V_{ub}|^2 f_B^2 m_\ell^2$$

B-Meson decay constant

Exclusive  $|V_{ub}|$

$$B \rightarrow \pi, \rho, \omega \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell, \Lambda_b \rightarrow p \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

$$B_s \rightarrow K \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

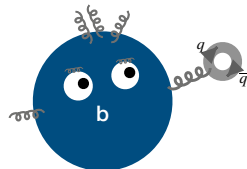
Exclusive  $|V_{cb}|$

$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow D_{(s)}^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$$

$$\mathcal{B} \propto |V_{qb}|^2 f^2$$

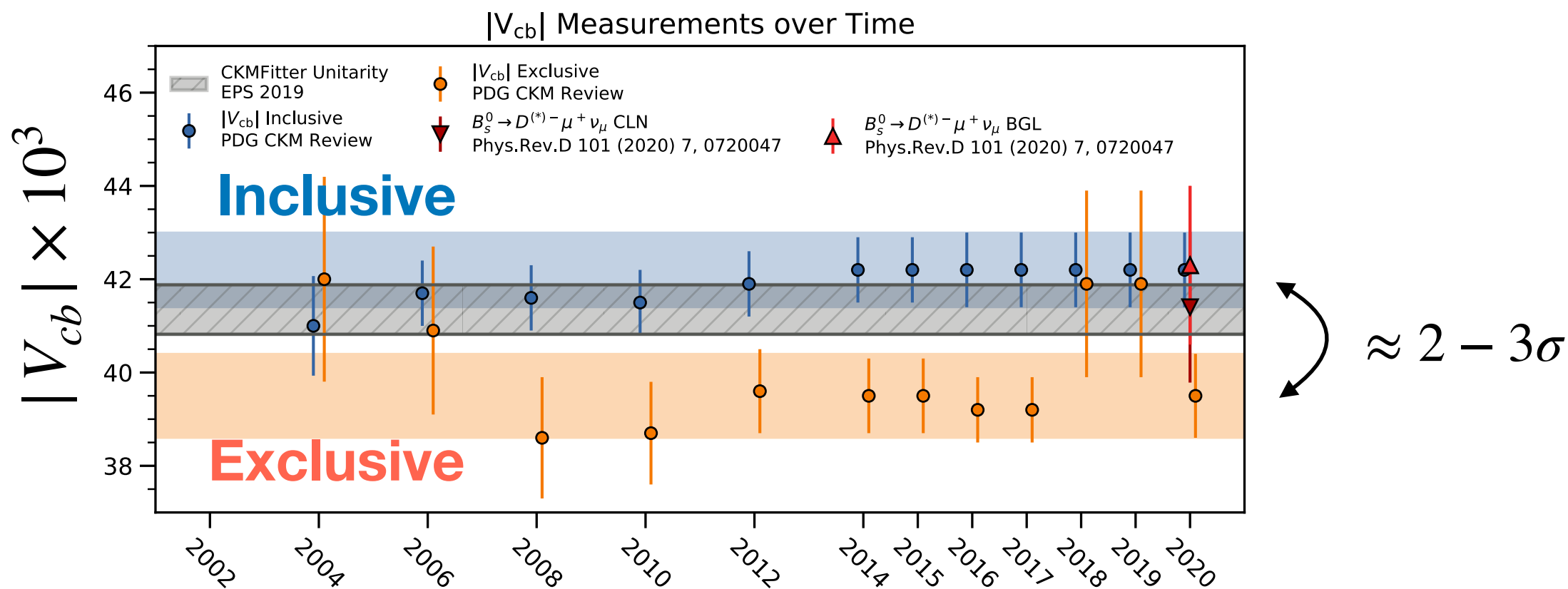
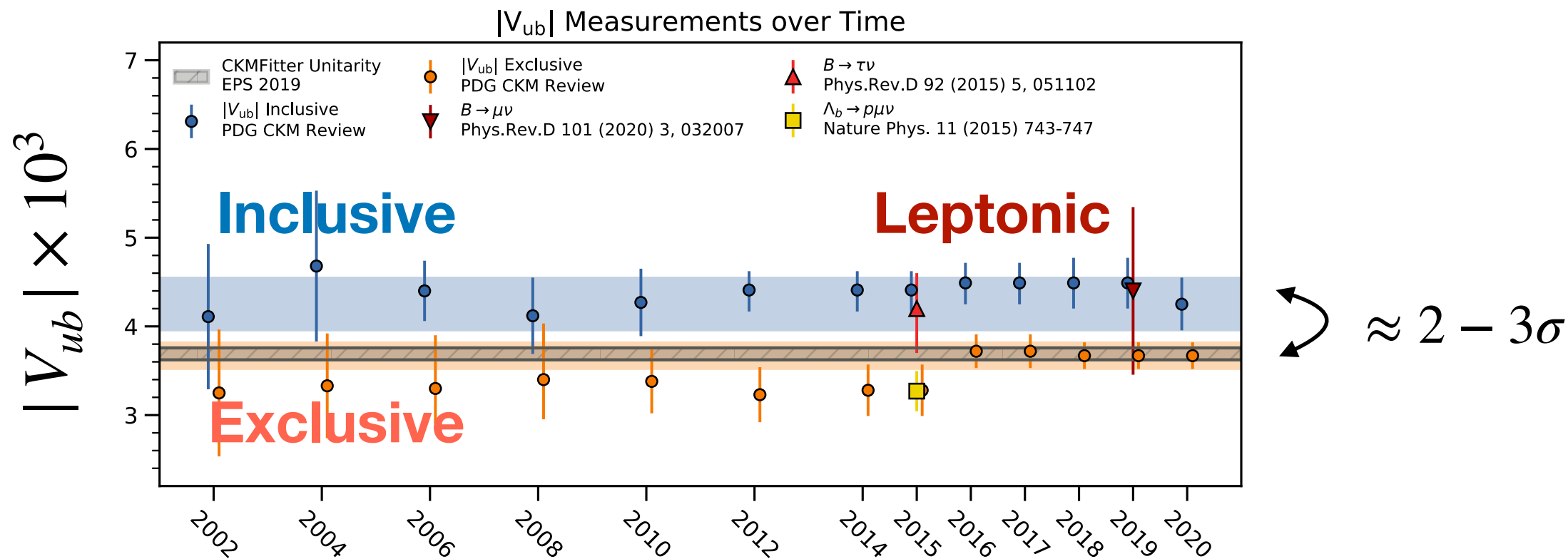
Form Factors

$$\langle B | H_\mu | P \rangle = (p + p')_\mu f_+$$

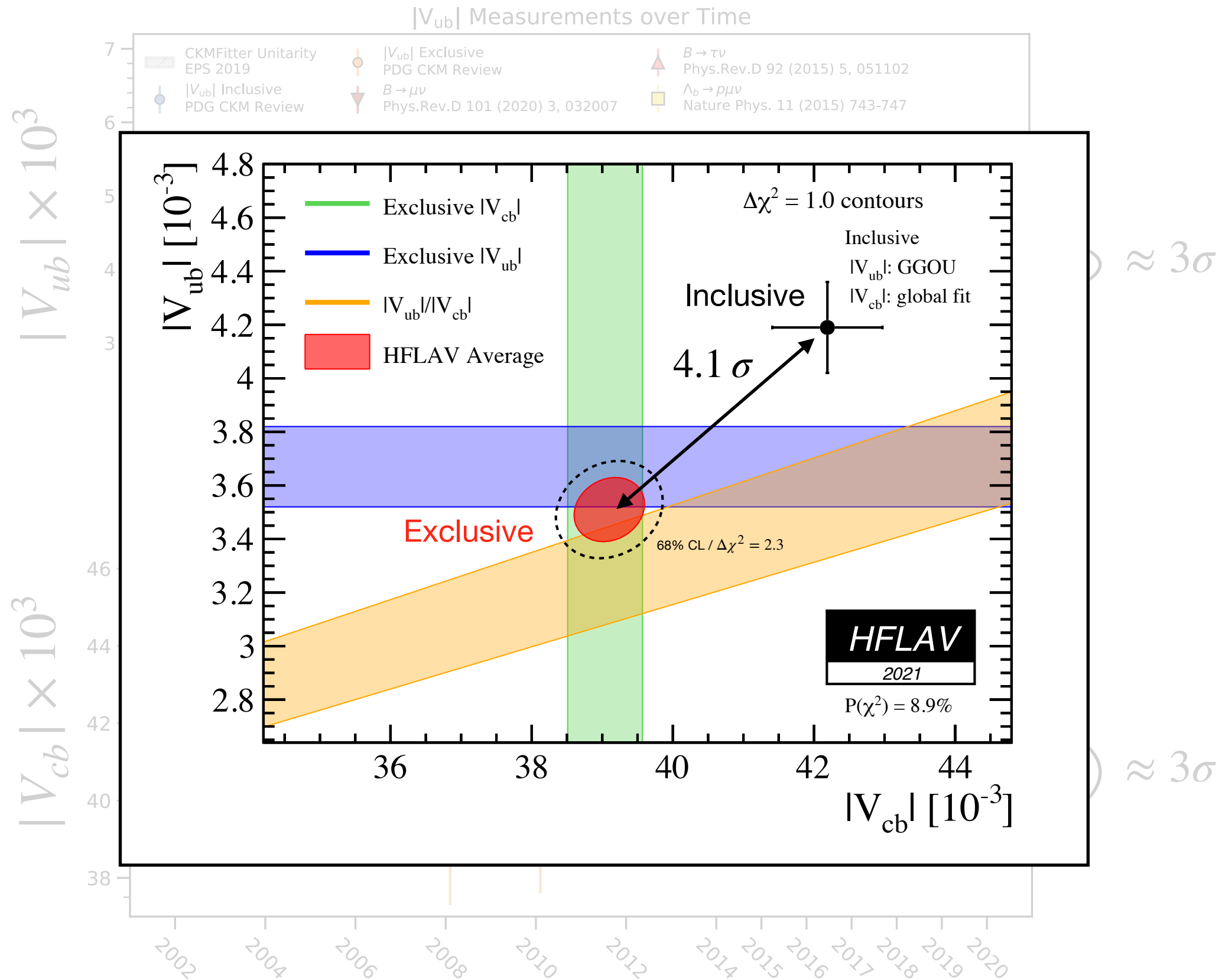




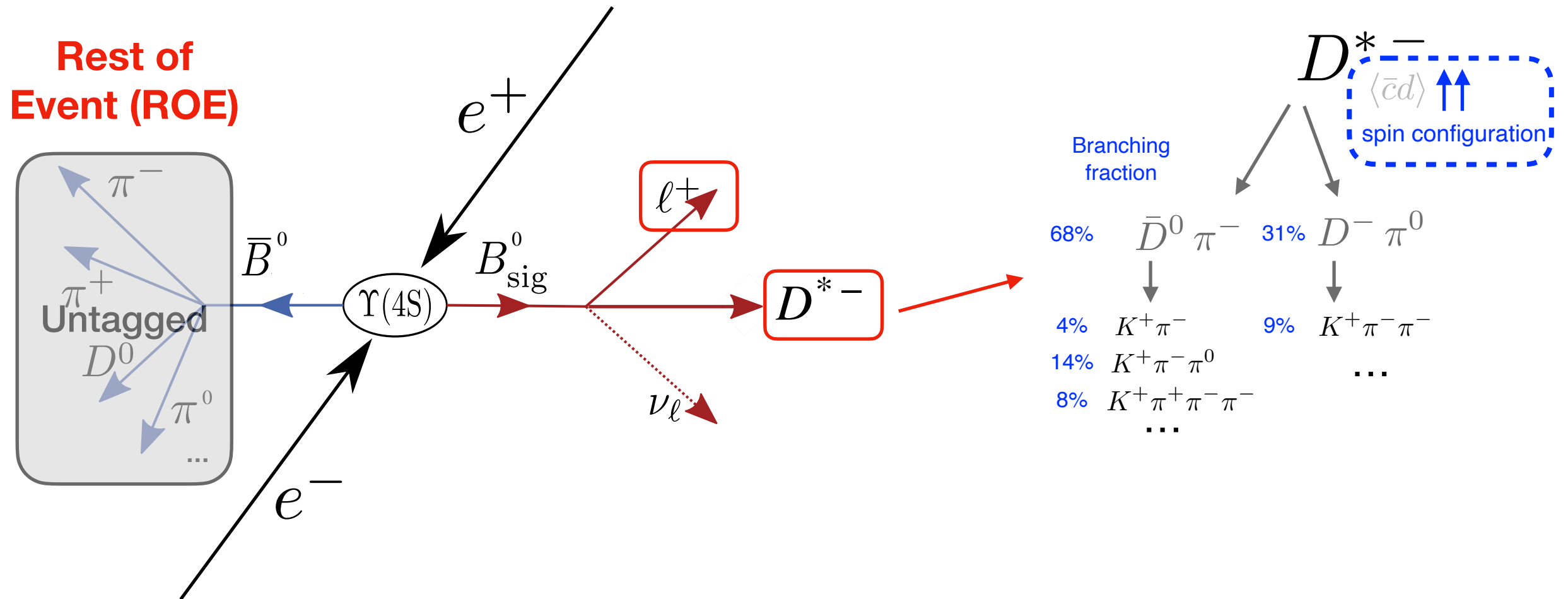
# How are we doing?



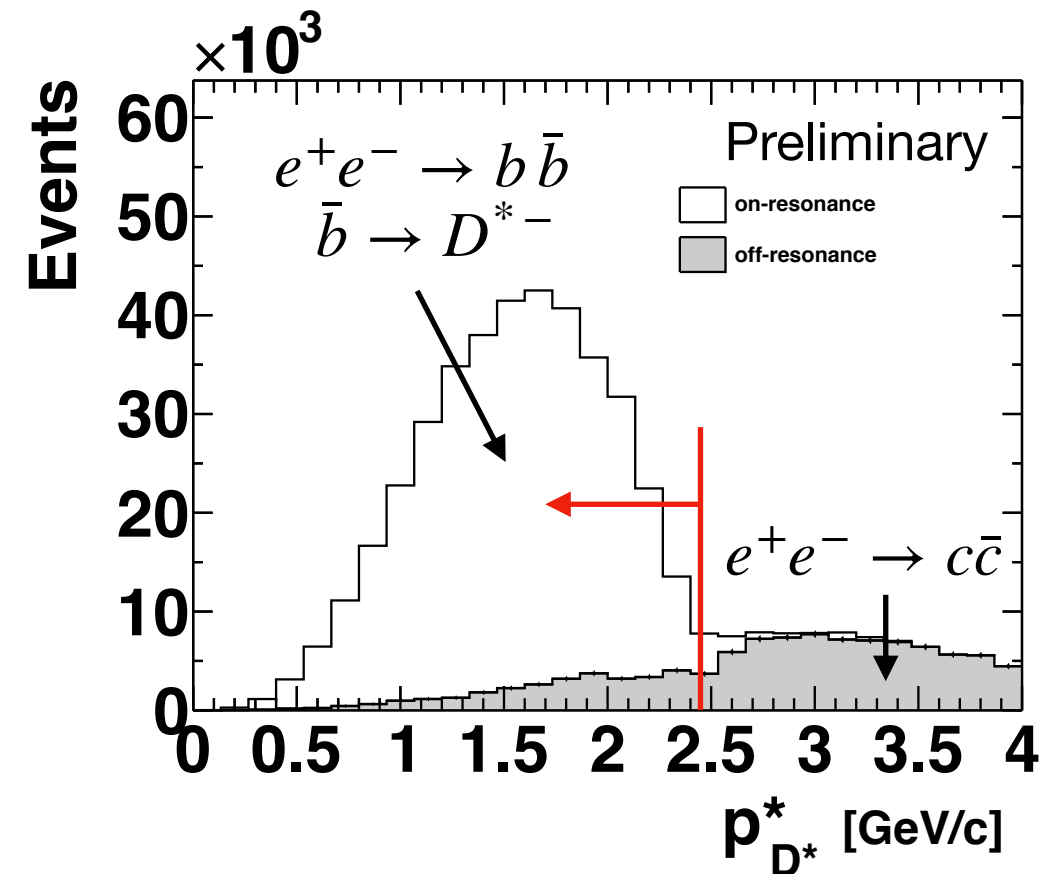
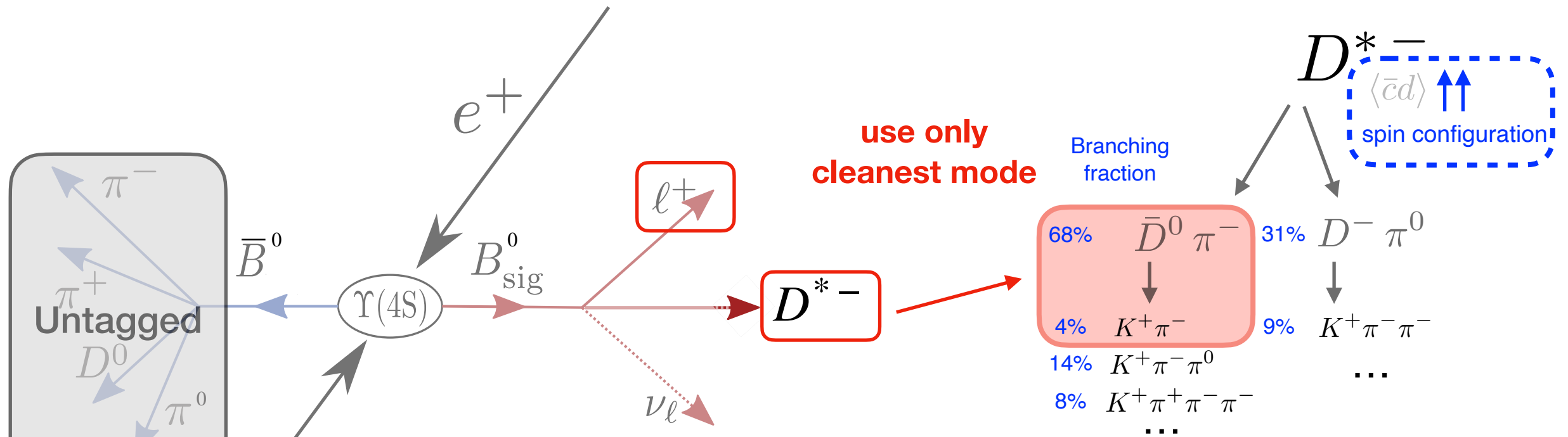
# How are we doing?



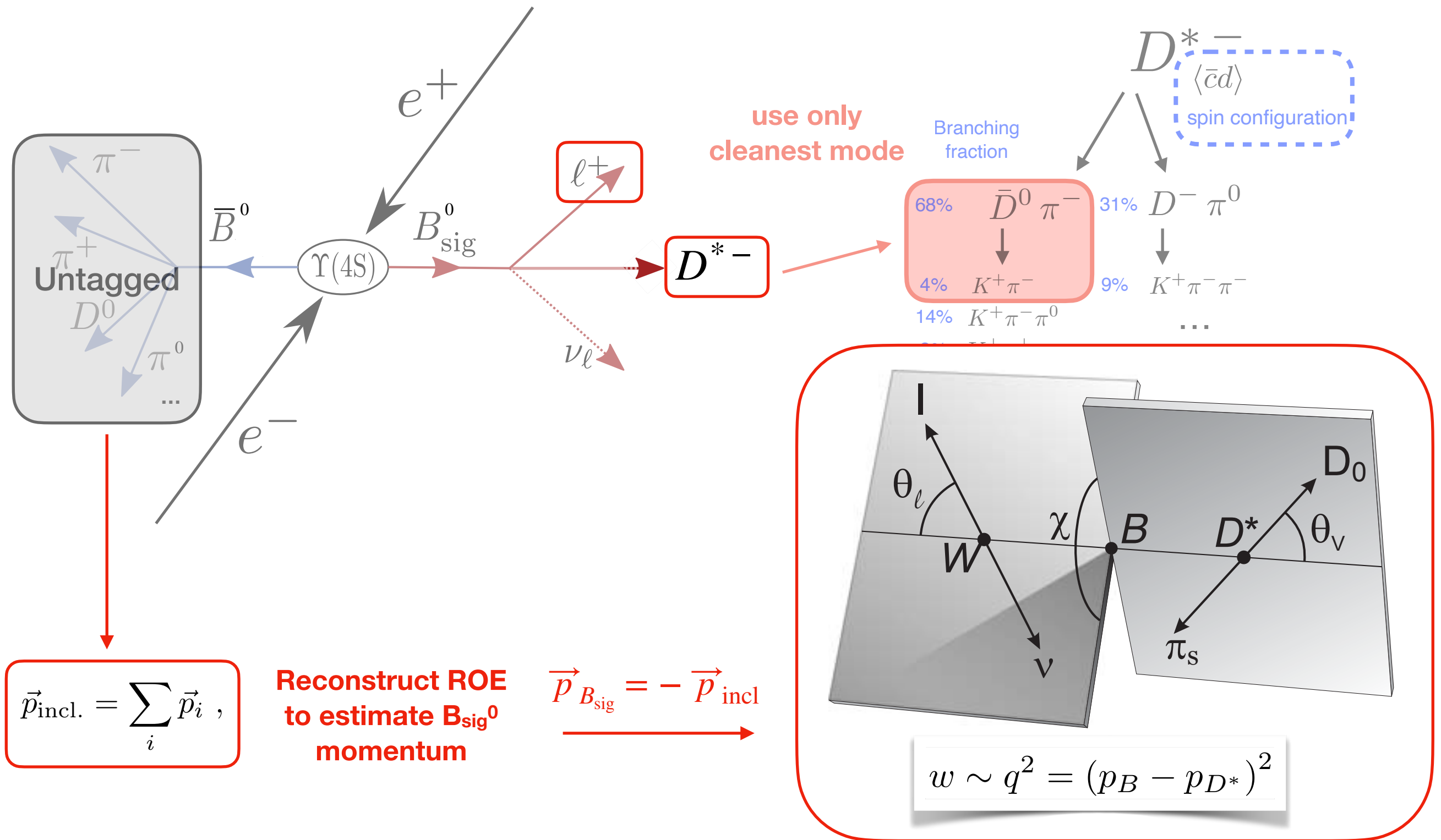
# Untagged measurements of $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$



# Untagged measurements of $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$



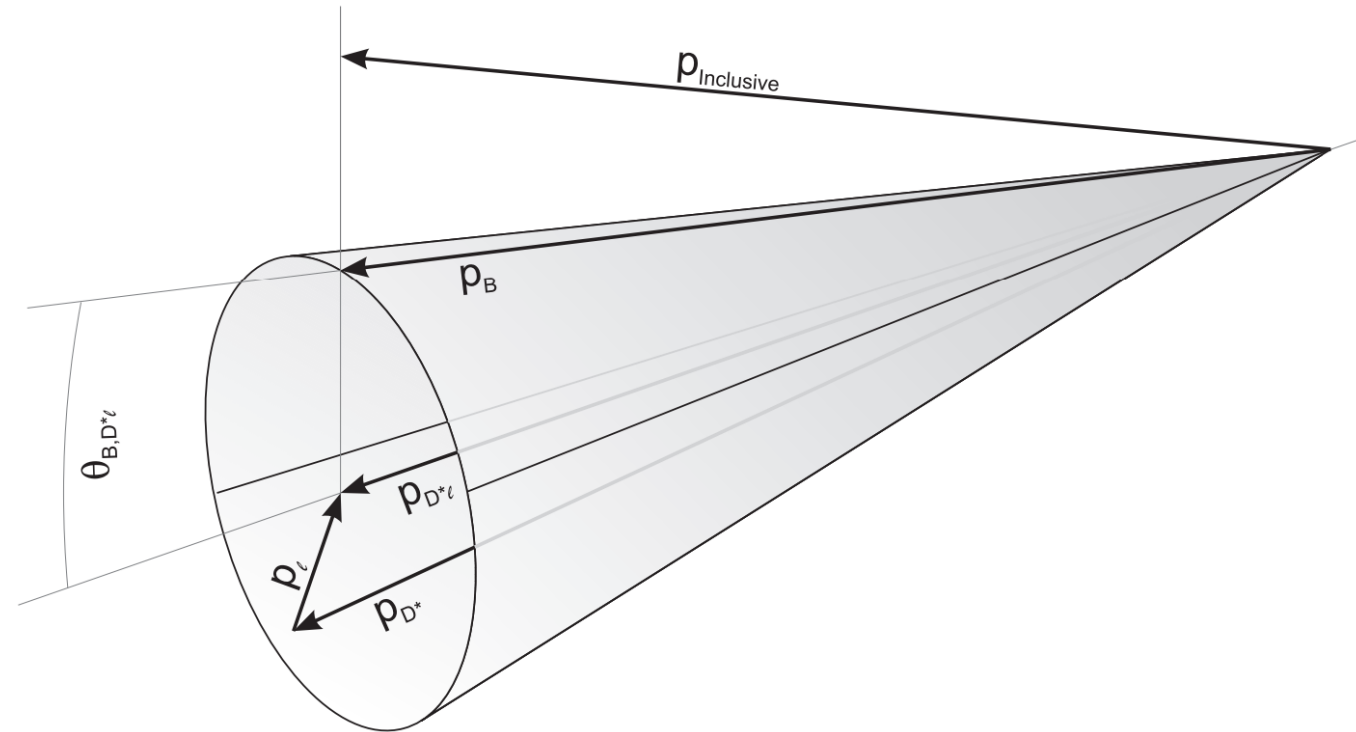
# Untagged measurements of $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$



# Alternative Reconstruction Methods

Can exploit that the B meson lies on a **cone**, whose opening angle is fully determined by properties of visible particles:

$$\cos \theta_{B,D^*\ell} = \frac{2E_B E_{D^*\ell} - m_B^2 - m_{D^*\ell}^2}{2|\mathbf{p}_B||\mathbf{p}_{D^*\ell}|}$$



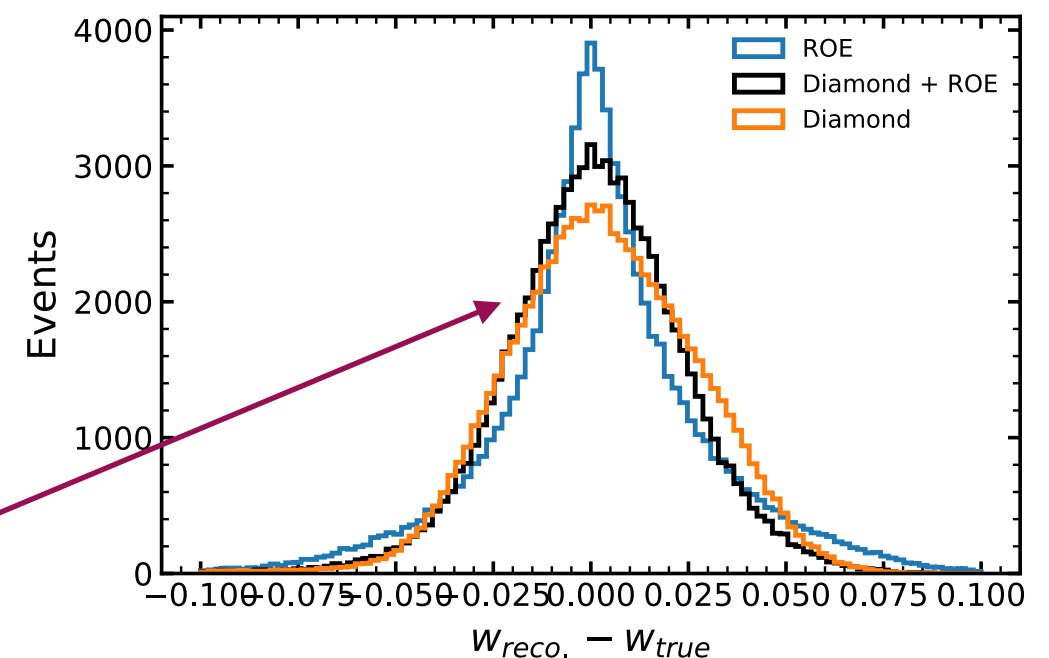
Can use this to estimate B meson direction building a weighted average on the cone

$$(E^B, p_B^x, p_B^y, p_B^z) = (\sqrt{s}/2, |\mathbf{p}_B| \sin \theta_{BY} \cos \phi, |\mathbf{p}_B| \sin \theta_{BY} \sin \phi, |\mathbf{p}_B| \cos \theta_{BY})$$

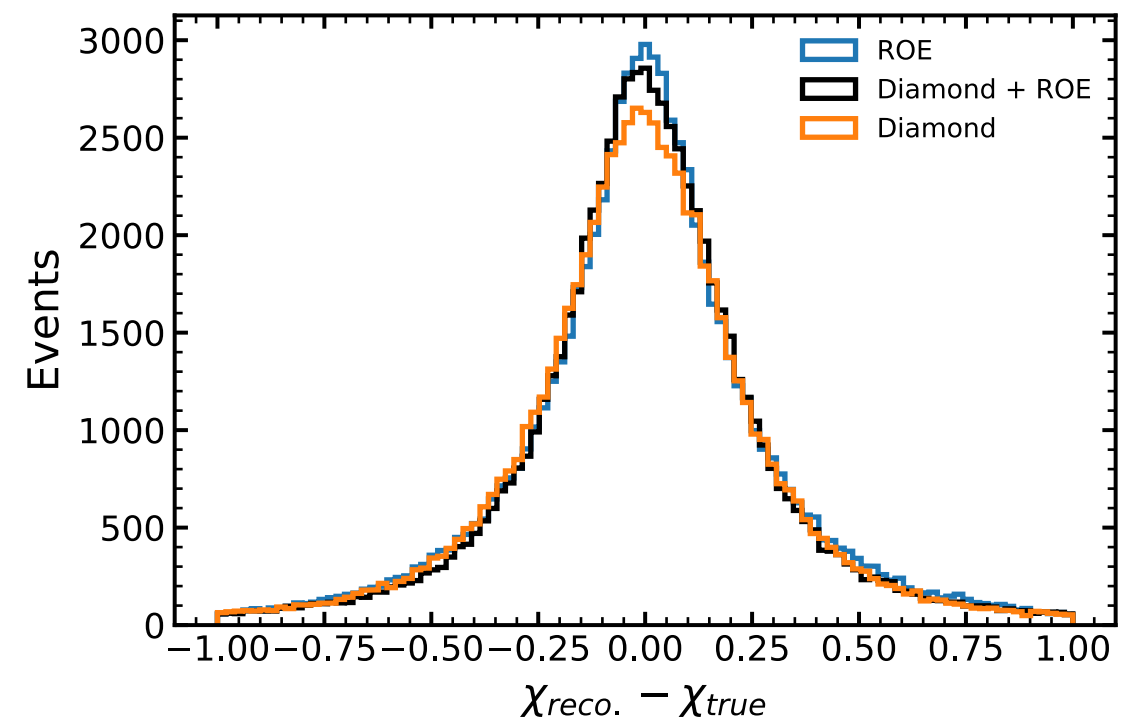
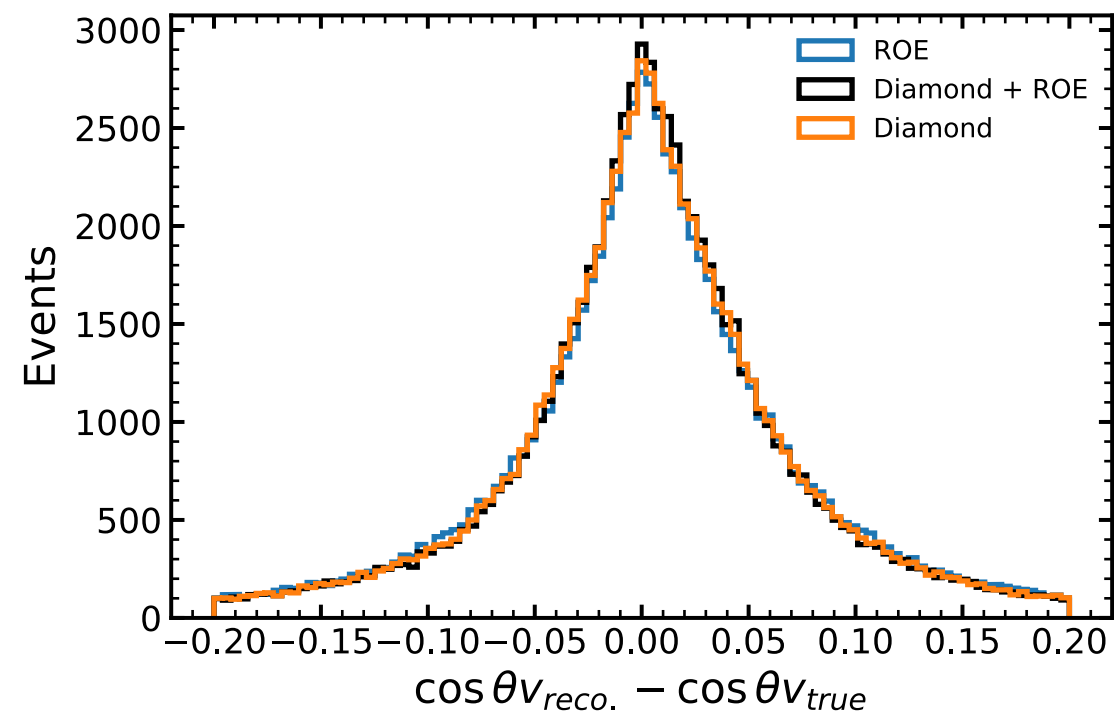
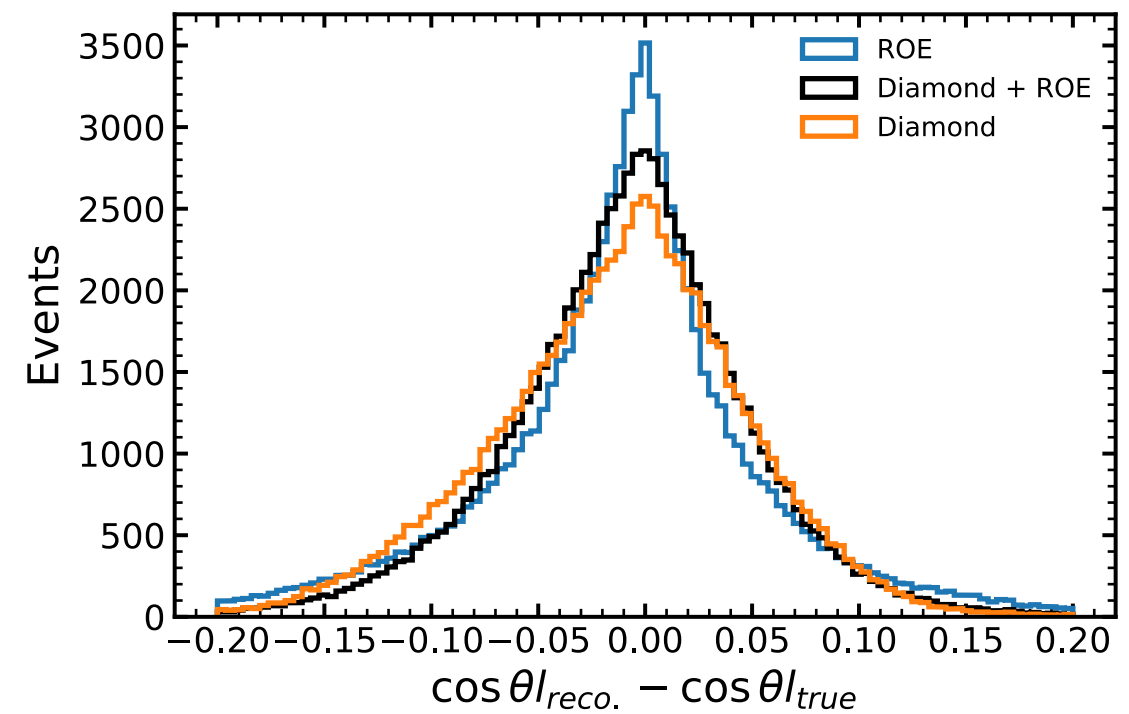
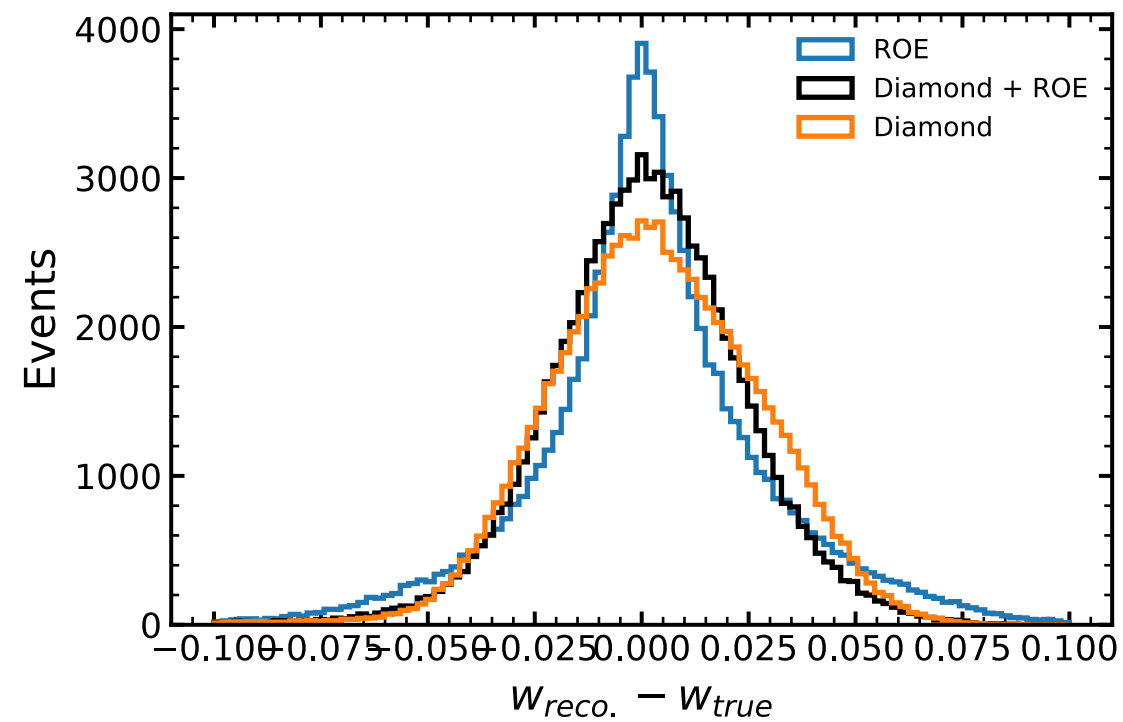
with weights according to  $w_i = \sin^2 \theta_i$  with  $\theta$  denoting the polar angle

(following the angular distribution of  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ )

One can also **combine** both estimates



# Alternative Reconstruction Methods





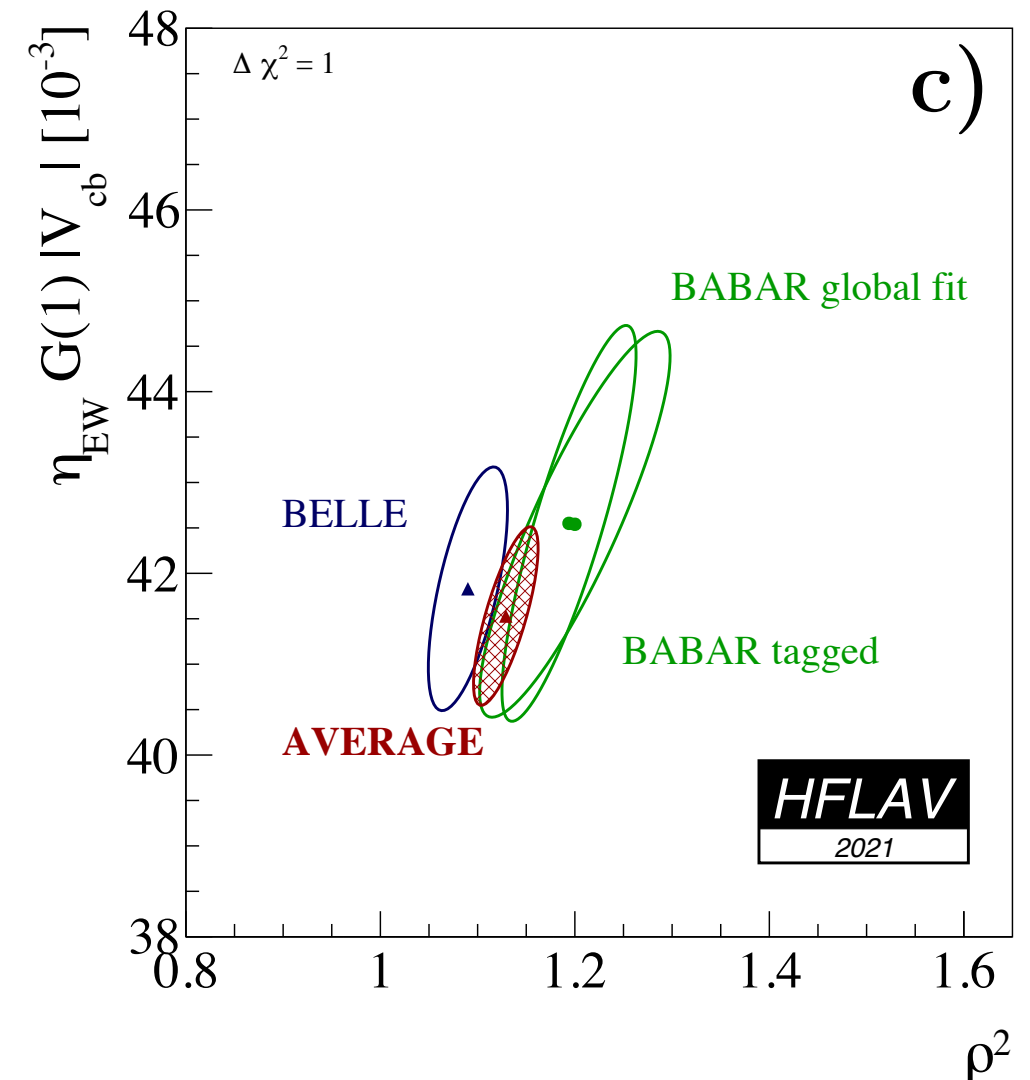
# More than a decade of $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ is “lost” :-)

For  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  traditionally **single form factor** parametrization (Caprini-Lellouch-Neubert, **CLN**) was used. Nucl.Phys. B530 (1998) 153-181

**Measurements directly determined** the parameters and quoted these with correlations.

**Problem:** Theory knowledge advances; **today more general parametrization are preferred (BGL, ...)**

Experiment	$\eta_{EW} \mathcal{F}(1)  V_{cb}  [10^{-3}]$ (rescaled) $\eta_{EW} \mathcal{F}(1)  V_{cb}  [10^{-3}]$ (published)	$\rho^2$ (rescaled) $\rho^2$ (published)
ALEPH [497]	$31.38 \pm 1.80_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.24_{\text{syst}}$ $31.9 \pm 1.8_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.9_{\text{syst}}$	$0.488 \pm 0.226_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.146_{\text{syst}}$ $0.37 \pm 0.26_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.14_{\text{syst}}$
CLEO [501]	$40.16 \pm 1.24_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.54_{\text{syst}}$ $43.1 \pm 1.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.8_{\text{syst}}$	$1.363 \pm 0.084_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.087_{\text{syst}}$ $1.61 \pm 0.09_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.21_{\text{syst}}$
OPAL excl [498]	$36.20 \pm 1.58_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.47_{\text{syst}}$ $36.8 \pm 1.6_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.0_{\text{syst}}$	$1.198 \pm 0.206_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.153_{\text{syst}}$ $1.31 \pm 0.21_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.16_{\text{syst}}$
OPAL partial reco [498]	$37.44 \pm 1.20_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.32_{\text{syst}}$ $37.5 \pm 1.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.5_{\text{syst}}$	$1.090 \pm 0.137_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.297_{\text{syst}}$ $1.12 \pm 0.14_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.29_{\text{syst}}$
DELPHI partial reco [499]	$35.52 \pm 1.41_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.29_{\text{syst}}$ $35.5 \pm 1.4_{\text{stat}}^{+2.3}_{-2.4_{\text{syst}}}$	$1.139 \pm 0.123_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.382_{\text{syst}}$ $1.34 \pm 0.14_{\text{stat}}^{+0.24}_{-0.22_{\text{syst}}}$
DELPHI excl [500]	$35.87 \pm 1.69_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.95_{\text{syst}}$ $39.2 \pm 1.8_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.3_{\text{syst}}$	$1.070 \pm 0.141_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.153_{\text{syst}}$ $1.32 \pm 0.15_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.33_{\text{syst}}$
Belle [502]	$34.82 \pm 0.15_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.55_{\text{syst}}$ $35.06 \pm 0.15_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.56_{\text{syst}}$	$1.106 \pm 0.031_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.008_{\text{syst}}$ $1.106 \pm 0.031_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.007_{\text{syst}}$
BABAR excl [503]	$33.37 \pm 0.29_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.97_{\text{syst}}$ $34.7 \pm 0.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.1_{\text{syst}}$	$1.182 \pm 0.048_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.029_{\text{syst}}$ $1.18 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.03_{\text{syst}}$
BABAR $D^{*0}$ [507]	$34.55 \pm 0.58_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.06_{\text{syst}}$ $35.9 \pm 0.6_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.4_{\text{syst}}$	$1.124 \pm 0.058_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.053_{\text{syst}}$ $1.16 \pm 0.06_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}$
BABAR global fit [509]	$35.45 \pm 0.20_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.08_{\text{syst}}$ $35.7 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.2_{\text{syst}}$	$1.171 \pm 0.019_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.060_{\text{syst}}$ $1.21 \pm 0.02_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.07_{\text{syst}}$
Average	$35.00 \pm 0.11_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.34_{\text{syst}}$	$1.121 \pm 0.014_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.019_{\text{syst}}$



Old measurements **cannot be updated** the underlying distributions were not provided but only the result of the fit.

Obviously we should **avoid** this in the future.

# The emergence of beyond zero-recoil lattice:

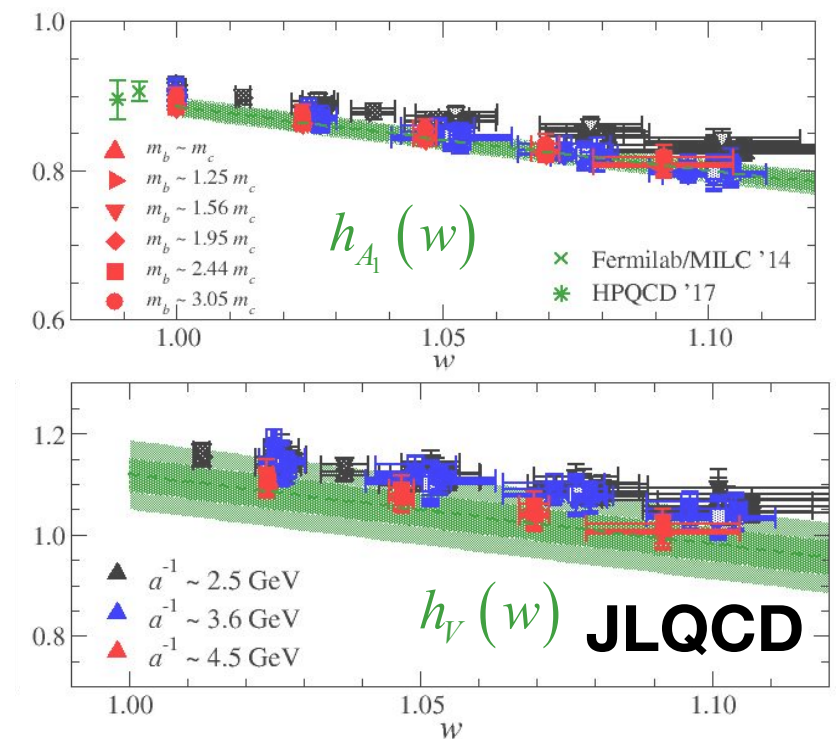
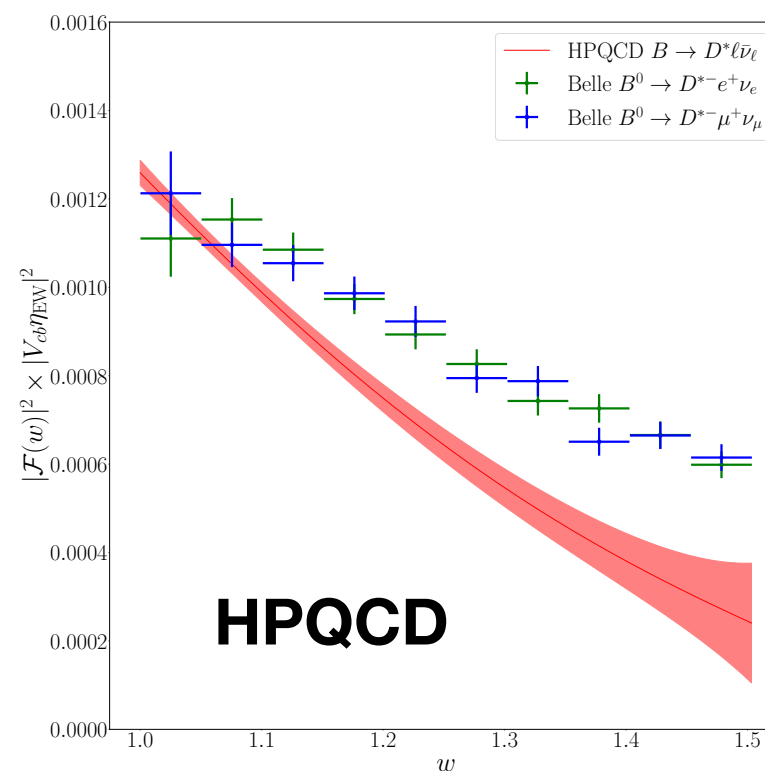
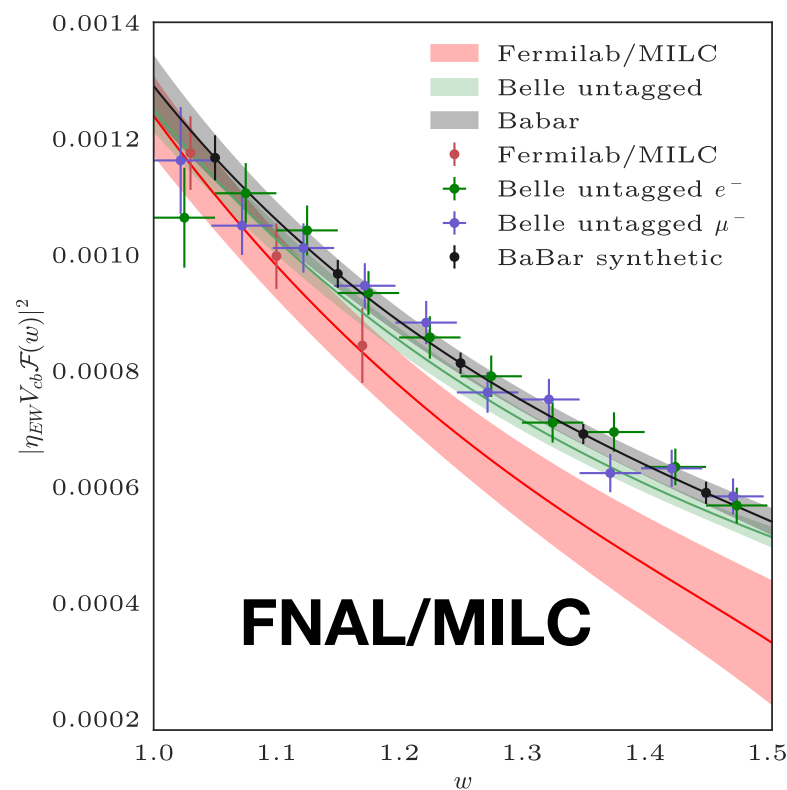
## Very exciting times:

**A. Bazavov et al. [FNAL/MILC]** [Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 1141 (2022), arXiv:2105.14019]

**J. Harrison & T.H. Davies [HPQCD]** [arXiv:2304.03137 [hep-lat]]

After more than 10 years in the making, we have beyond zero recoil  
LQCD predictions for  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$

Three groups: One published, One freshly on arxiv, One preliminary :



Tension with measured shapes ...

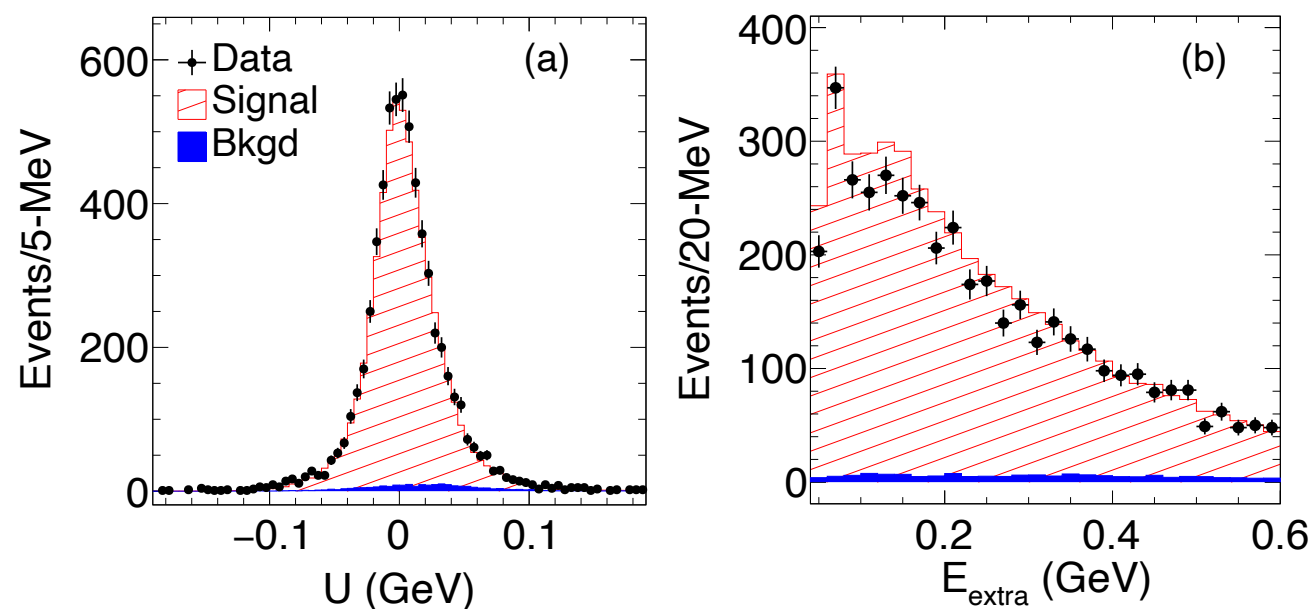
# BGL is much better, model independent

So is it ok to just present results with Boyd Grinstein Lebed (**BGL**) ?

**BGL** looks great:

- it removes the relation between slope and curvature on the leading form factor; **data can pull it.**
- Slope and curvature of the form factor ratios  $R_{1/2}$  are not constrained, **data can pull it.**

Beautiful **unbinned 4D fit (!)** from BaBar [Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 091801 (2019)]



$a_0^f \times 10^2$	$a_1^f \times 10^2$	$a_1^{F_1} \times 10^2$	$a_0^g \times 10^2$	$a_1^g \times 10^2$	$ V_{cb}  \times 10^3$
1.29	1.63	0.03	2.74	8.33	38.36
$\pm 0.03$	$\pm 1.00$	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 6.67$	$\pm 0.90$

TABLE I. The  $N = 1$  BGL expansion results of this analysis, including systematic uncertainties.

$\rho_D^2$	$R_1(1)$	$R_2(1)$	$ V_{cb}  \times 10^3$
$0.96 \pm 0.08$	$1.29 \pm 0.04$	$0.99 \pm 0.04$	$38.40 \pm 0.84$

TABLE II. The CLN fit results from this analysis, including systematic uncertainties.

# Truncation Order

---

Model independence is a **step forward**, but **choices have** to be **made** here as well..

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{P_g(z)\phi_g(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n, \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{P_f(z)\phi_f(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N b_n z^n, \quad \mathcal{F}_1(z) = \frac{1}{P_{\mathcal{F}_1}(z)\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1}(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N c_n z^n,$$

One Problem you face as an experimentalist: where do you truncate?

Truncate too soon:

- Model dependence in extracted result for  $|V_{cb}|$ ?

Truncate too late:

- Unnecessarily increase variance on  $|V_{cb}|$ ?

Is there an **ideal** truncation order?

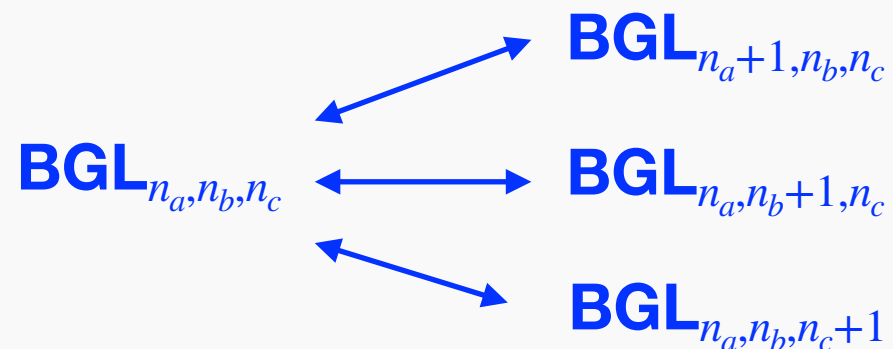
What about **additional constraints**?

# Nested Hypothesis Tests or Saturation Constraints

**Z. Ligeti, D. Robinson, M. Papucci, FB**  
[arXiv:1902.09553, PRD100,013005 (2019)]

Use a **nested hypothesis test (NHT)**  
to determine optimal truncation order

Challenge nested fits



Test statistics & Decision boundary

$$\Delta\chi^2 = \chi_N^2 - \chi_{N+1}^2 \quad \Delta\chi^2 > 1$$

Distributed like a  $\chi^2$ -distribution with 1 dof  
(Wilk's theorem)

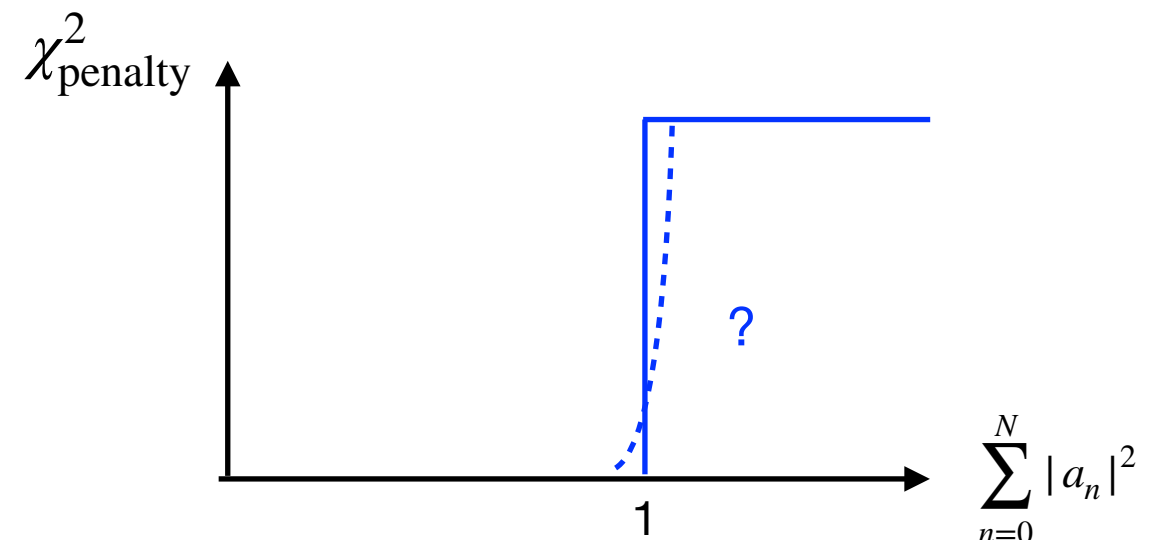
**Gambino, Jung, Schacht**  
[arXiv:1905.08209, PLB]

Constrain contributions  
from higher order coefficients  
using **unitarity bounds**

$$\sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 \leq 1 \quad \sum_{n=0}^N (|b_n|^2 + |c_n|^2) \leq 1$$

e.g.

$$\chi^2 \rightarrow \chi^2 + \chi_{\text{penalty}}^2$$



# Nesting Procedure

## Steps:

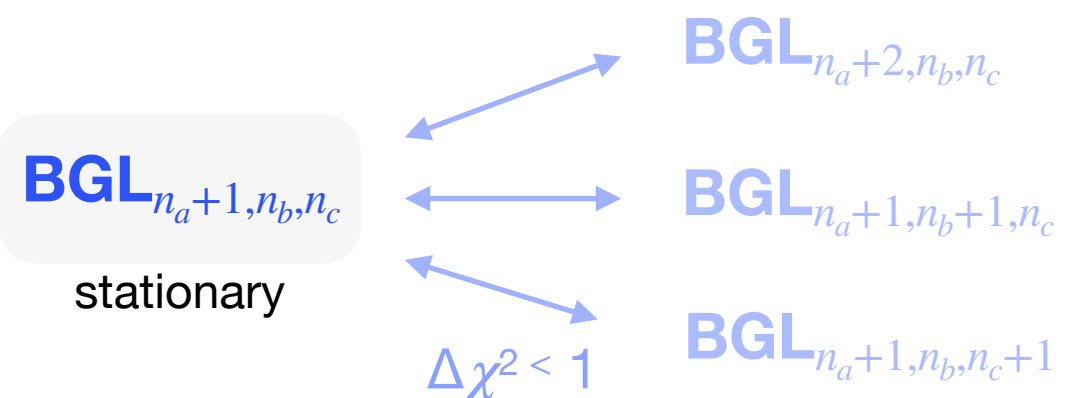
1 Carry out nested fits with one parameter added

2 Accept descendant over parent fit, if  $\Delta\chi^2 > 1$

3 Repeat 1 and 2 until you find **stationary** points

4 If multiple **stationary** points remain, choose the one with smallest  $N$ , then smallest  $\chi^2$

5 Reject scenarios that **produce strong correlations** (= blind directions)



# Nesting Procedure

## Steps:

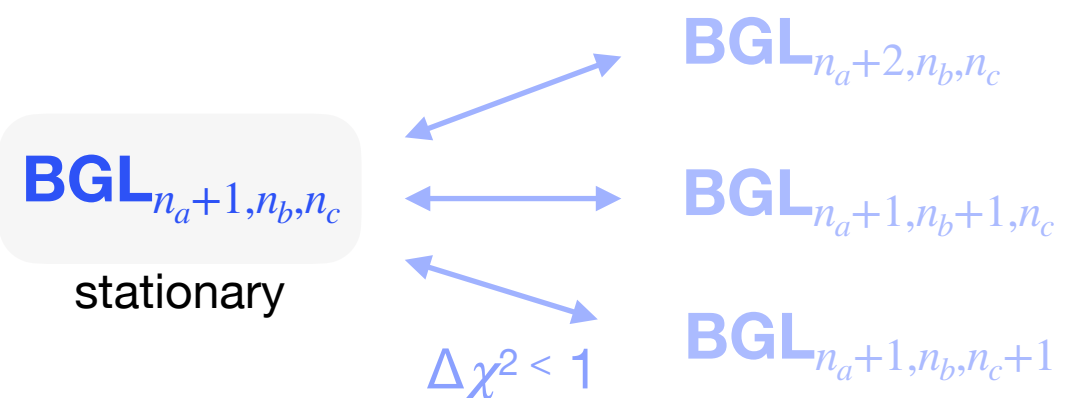
1 Carry out nested fits with one parameter added

2 Accept descendant over parent fit, if  $\Delta\chi^2 > 1$

3 Repeat 1 and 2 until you find **stationary** points

4 If multiple **stationary** points remain, choose the one with smallest  $N$ , then smallest  $\chi^2$

5 Reject scenarios that **produce strong correlations** (= blind directions)





# Nesting Procedure

## Steps:

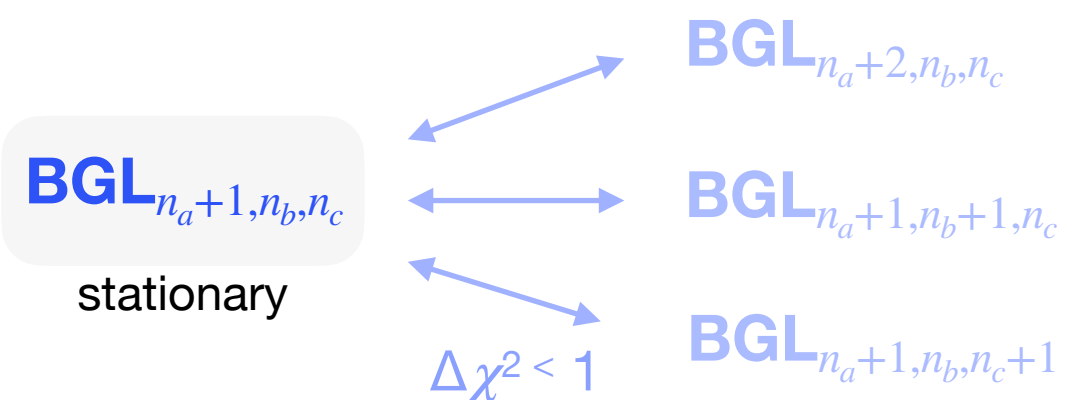
1 Carry out nested fits with one parameter added

2 Accept descendant over parent fit, if  $\Delta\chi^2 > 1$

3 Repeat 1 and 2 until you find **stationary** points

4 If multiple **stationary** points remain, choose the one with smallest  $N$ , then smallest  $\chi^2$

5 Reject scenarios that **produce strong correlations** (= blind directions)



# Nesting Procedure

## Steps:

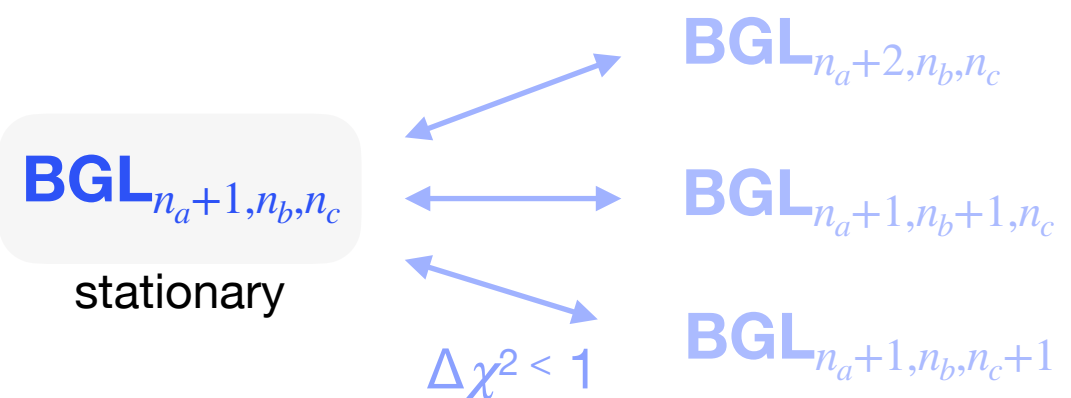
1 Carry out nested fits with one parameter added

2 Accept descendant over parent fit, if  $\Delta\chi^2 > 1$

3 Repeat 1 and 2 until you find **stationary** points

4 If multiple **stationary** points remain, choose the one with smallest  $N$ , then smallest  $\chi^2$

5 Reject scenarios that **produce strong correlations**  
(= blind directions)



# Nesting Procedure

## Steps:

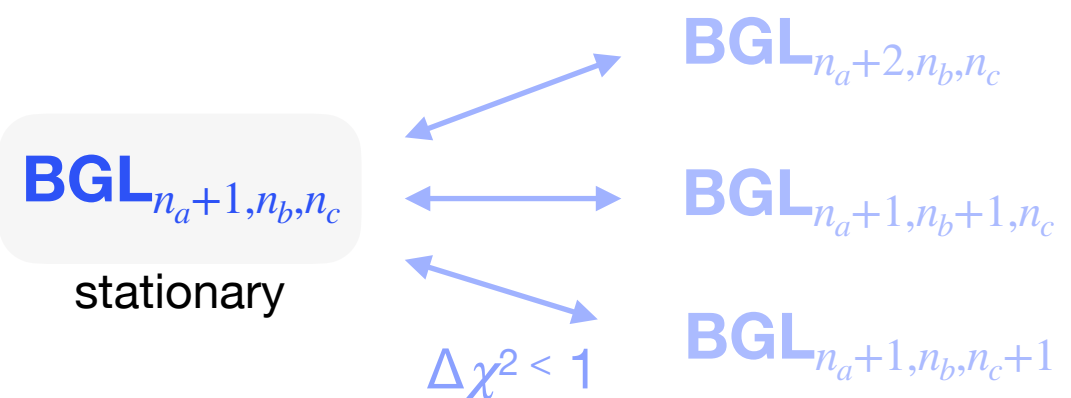
1 Carry out nested fits with one parameter added

2 Accept descendant over parent fit, if  $\Delta\chi^2 > 1$

3 Repeat 1 and 2 until you find **stationary** points

4 If multiple **stationary** points remain, choose the one with smallest  $N$ , then smallest  $\chi^2$

5 Reject scenarios that **produce strong correlations** (= blind directions)



# Toy study to illustrate possible bias

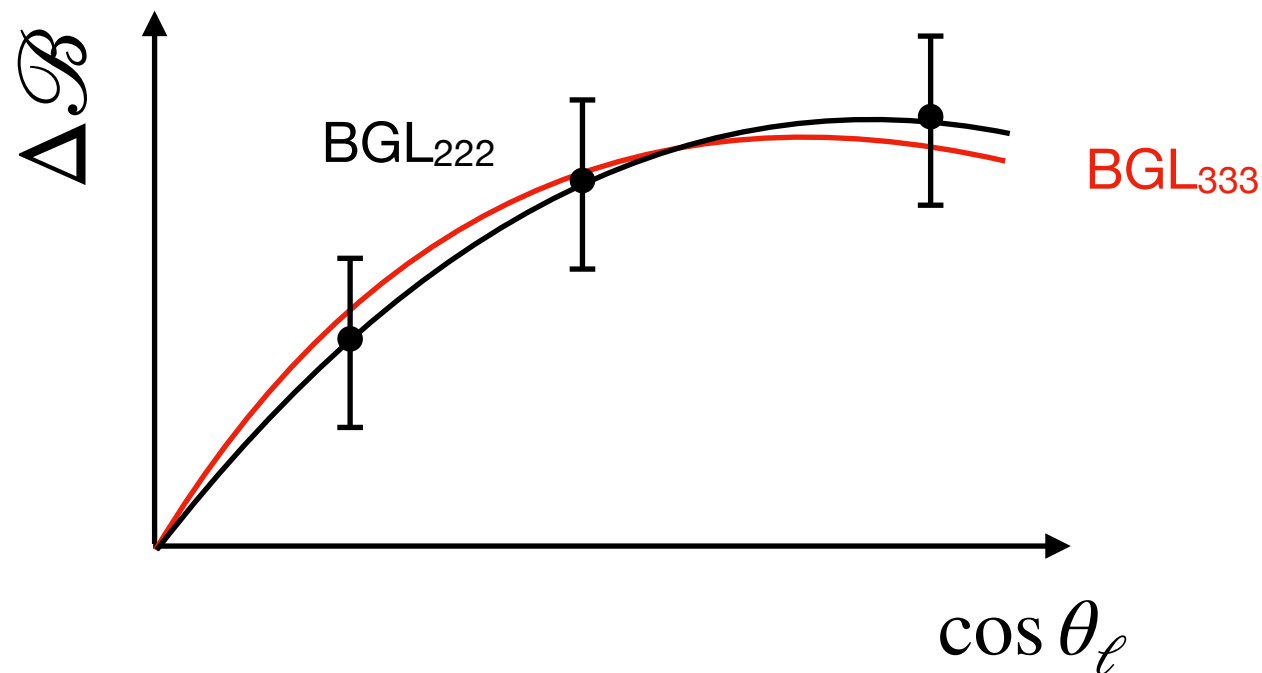
Use the central values of the **BGL<sub>222</sub>** fit as a starting point to add **fine structure**

fit = fit to prel. 2017 Belle data

Parameter	'1-times'	'10-times'
	Value $\times 10^2$	Value $\times 10^2$
$\tilde{a}_2$	2.6954	26.954
$\tilde{b}_2$	-0.2040	-2.040
$\tilde{c}_3$	0.5350	5.350

Create a "true" higher order Hypothesis of order **BGL<sub>333</sub>**

Has fine structure element the **current data cannot resolve**



# Toy study to illustrate possible bias

Use the central values of the **BGL<sub>222</sub>** fit as a starting point to add **fine structure**

fit = fit to prel. 2017 Belle data

## Toy Test

Produce **ensemble** of toy measurements using **meas. covariance** & **BGL<sub>333</sub>** central values

**Each toy** is fitted to build the descendant tree and carry out a **NHT** to select its preferred **BGL<sub>n<sub>a</sub>n<sub>b</sub>n<sub>c</sub></sub>**

	'1-times'	'10-times'
Parameter	Value $\times 10^2$	Value $\times 10^2$
$\tilde{a}_2$	2.6954	26.954
$\tilde{b}_2$	-0.2040	-2.040
$\tilde{c}_3$	0.5350	5.350

Create a "true" higher order Hypothesis of order **BGL<sub>333</sub>**

Has fine structure element the **current data cannot resolve**

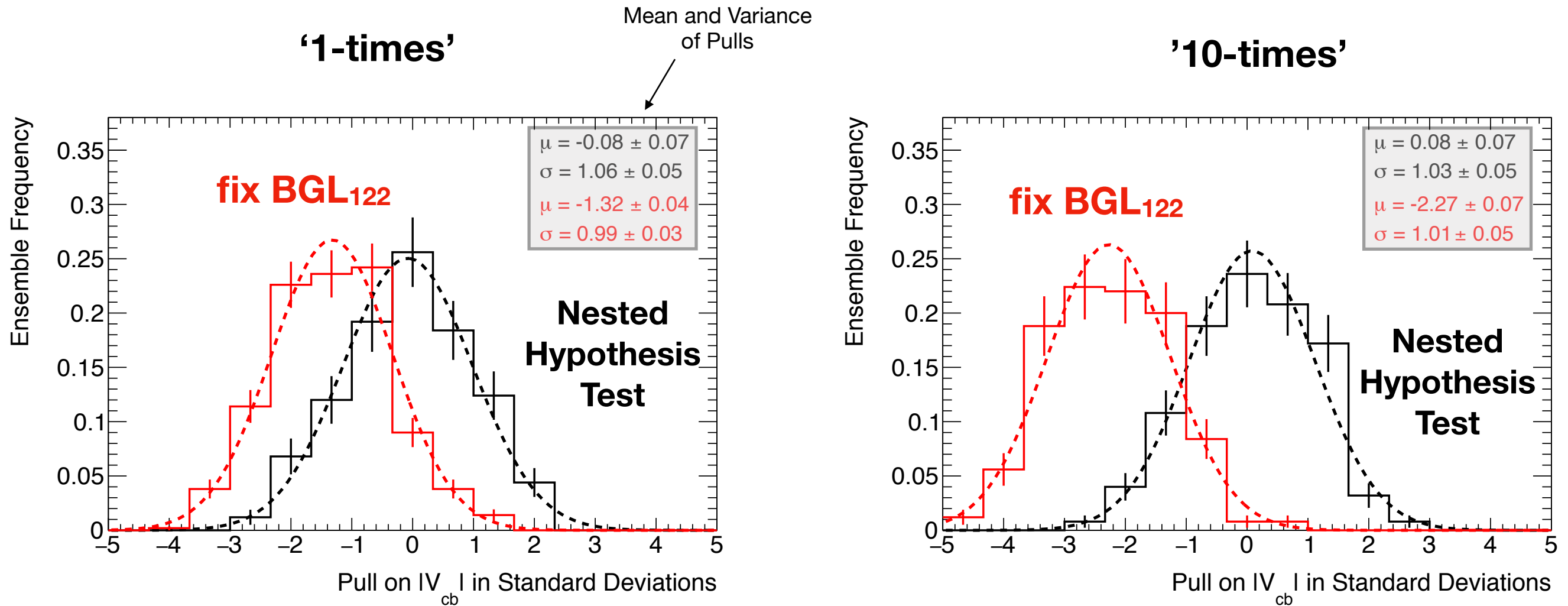
As calculated from selected BGL<sub>n<sub>a</sub>n<sub>b</sub>n<sub>c</sub></sub> fit of each toy

Construct Pulls

$$\text{Pull} = \frac{|V_{cb}|_{\text{true}} - |V_{cb}|_{\text{toy}}}{\Delta |V_{cb}|_{\text{toy}}}$$

If methodology unbiased, should follow a standard normal distribution (mean 0, width 1)

# Bias

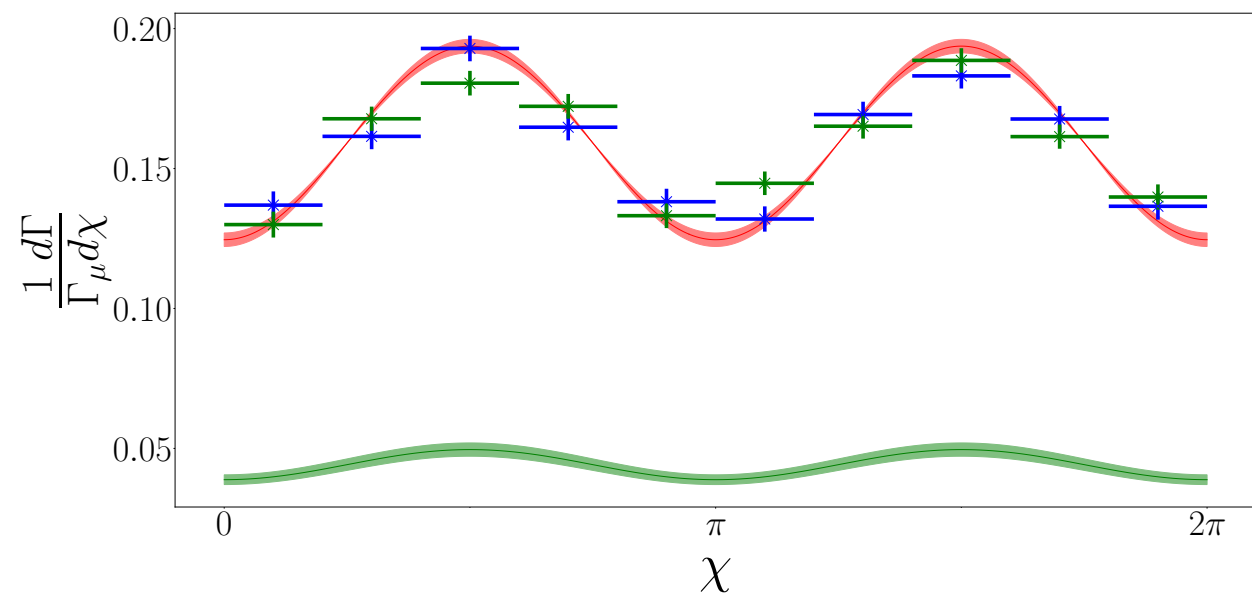
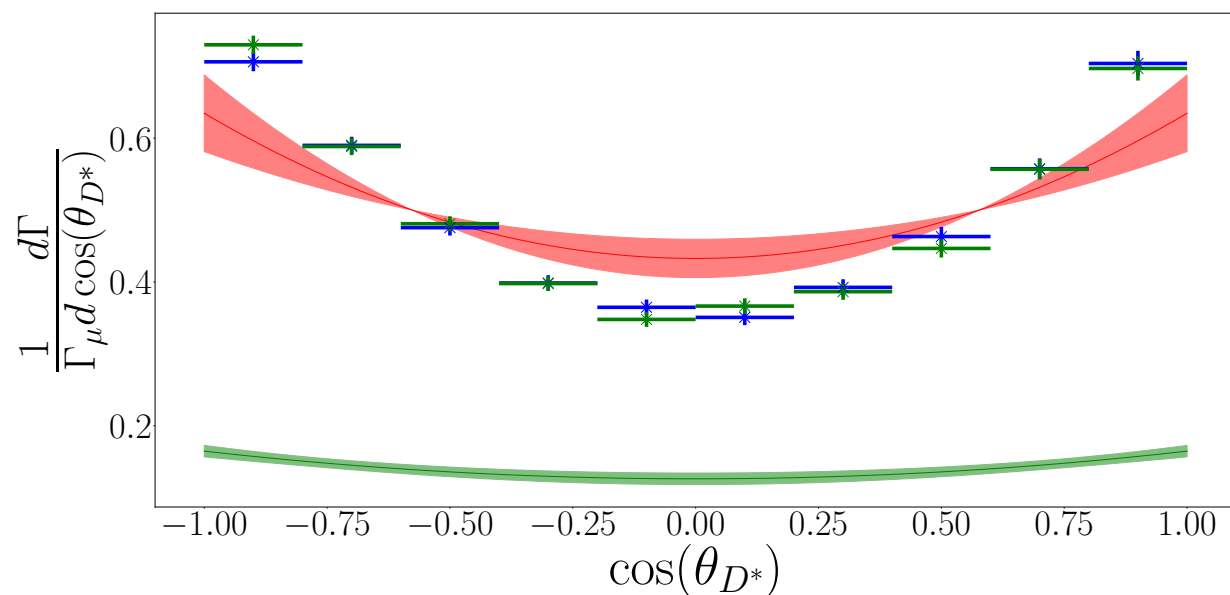
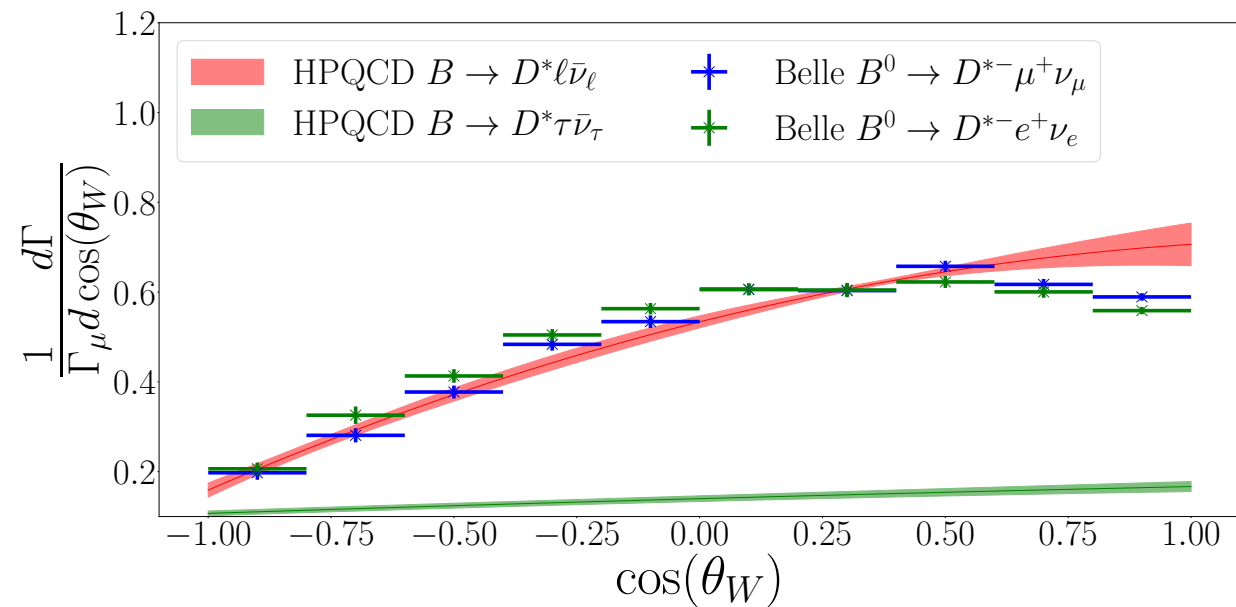
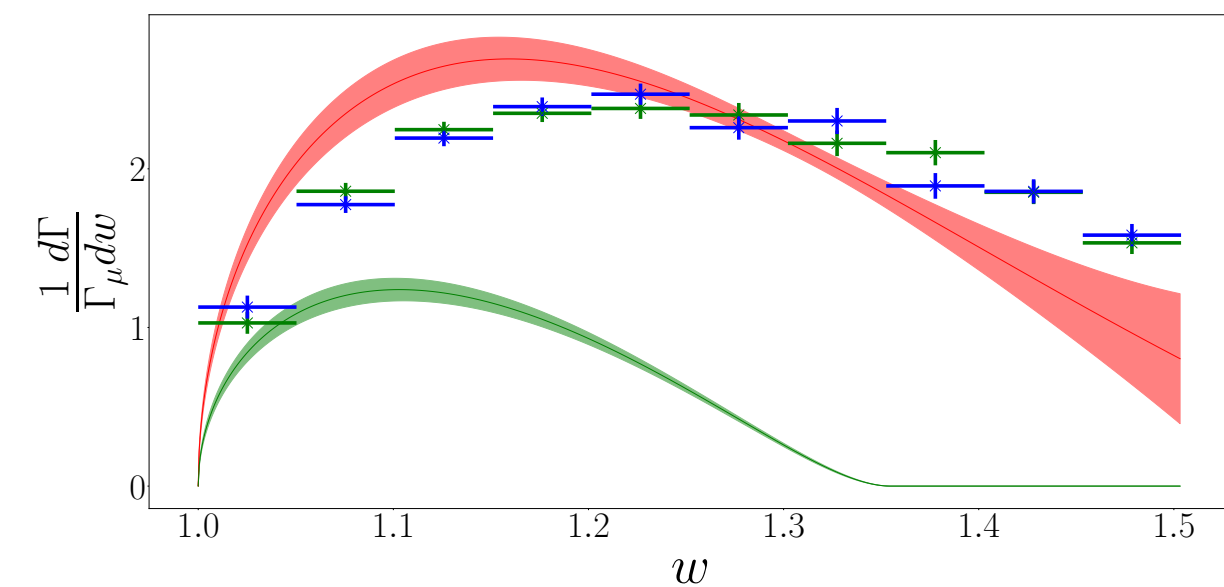


→ Procedure produces **unbiased**  $|V_{cb}|$  values, **just picking a given hypothesis (BGL<sub>122</sub>) does not**

**Relative Frequency of selected Hypothesis:**

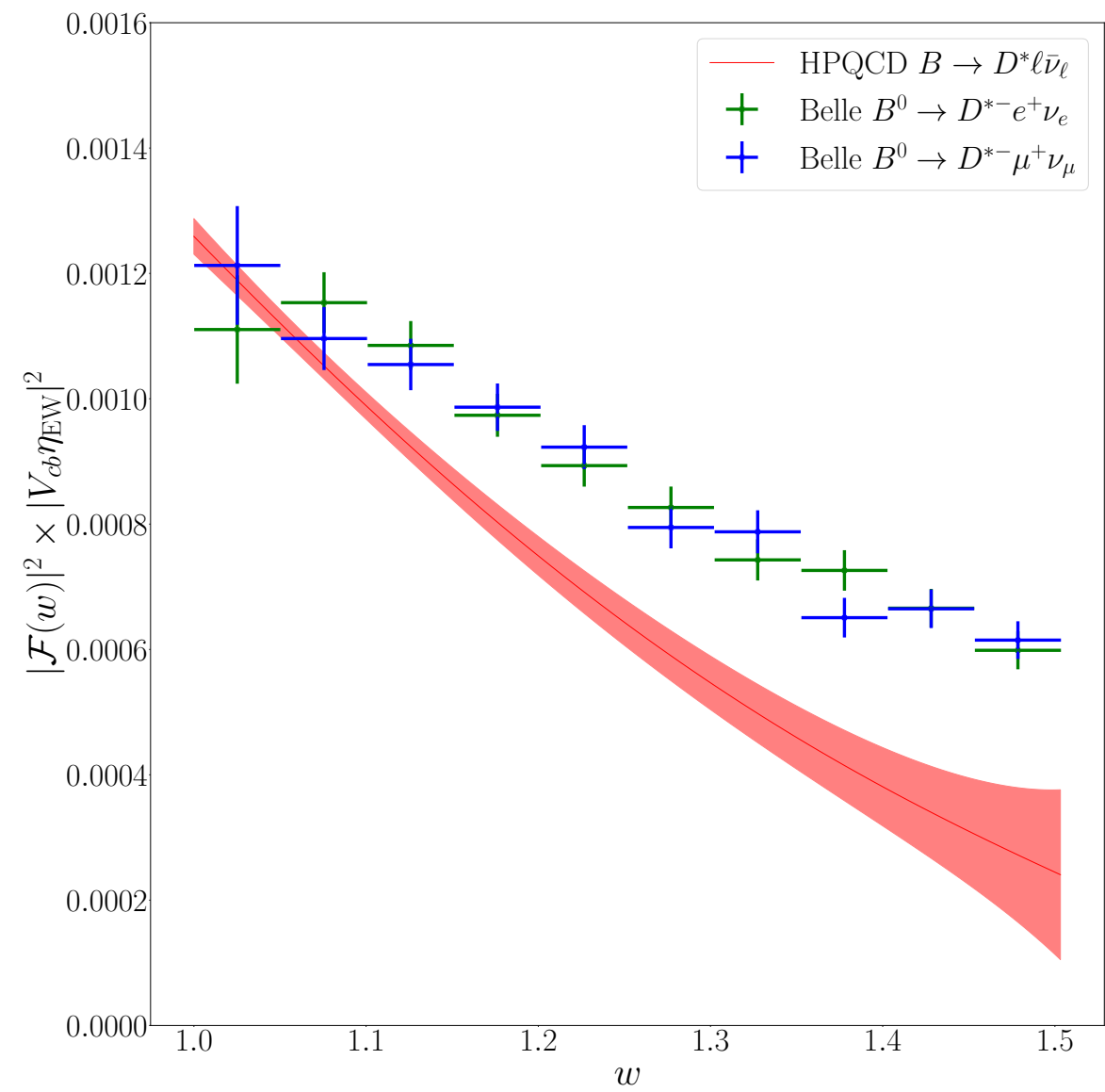
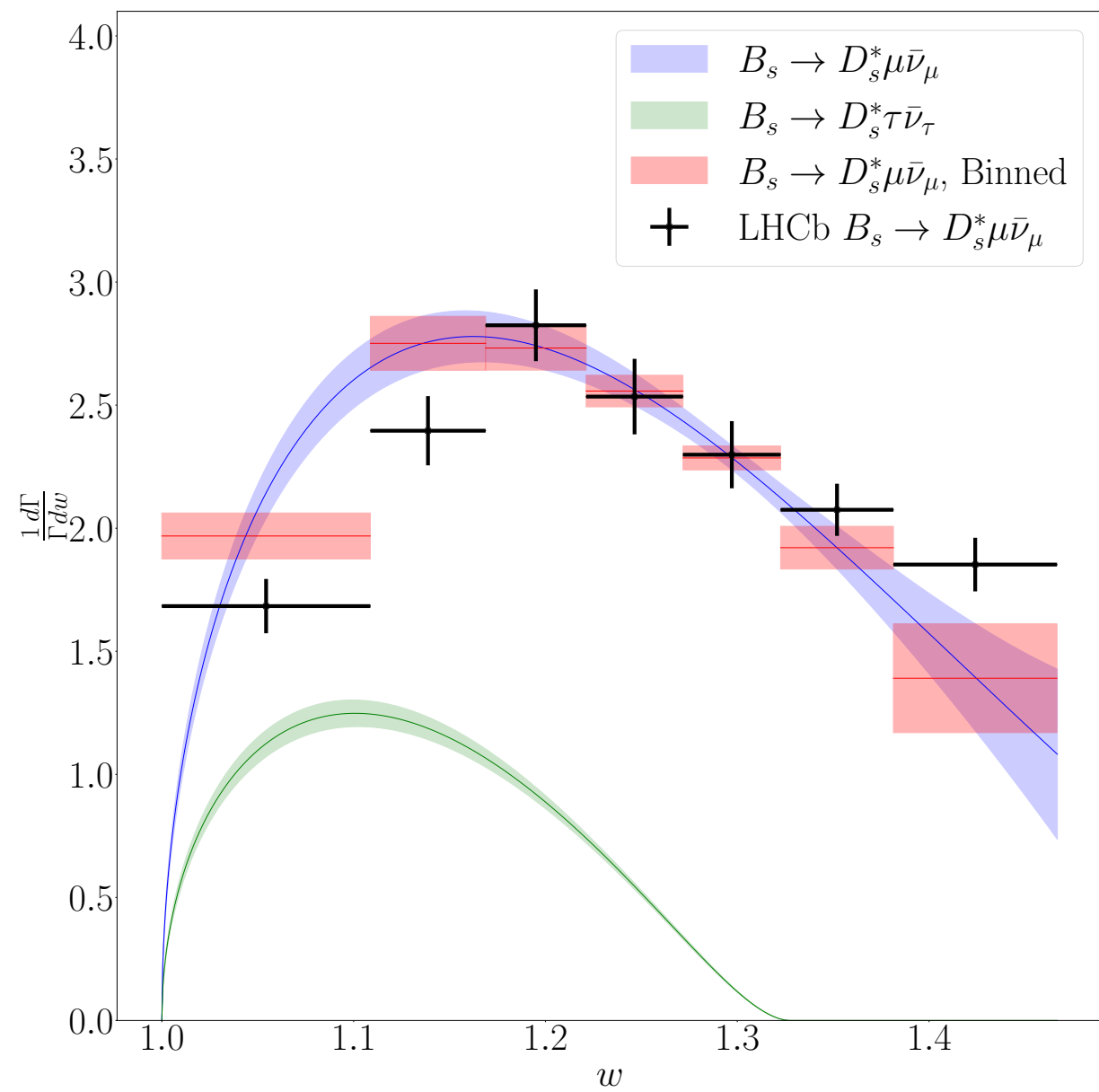
	BGL <sub>122</sub>	BGL <sub>212</sub>	BGL <sub>221</sub>	BGL <sub>222</sub>	BGL <sub>223</sub>	BGL <sub>232</sub>	BGL <sub>322</sub>	BGL <sub>233</sub>	BGL <sub>323</sub>	BGL <sub>332</sub>	BGL <sub>333</sub>
1-times	6%	0%	37%	27%	6%	6%	11%	0%	2%	4%	0.4%
10-times	0%	0%	8%	38%	14%	8%	16%	3%	4%	8%	1%



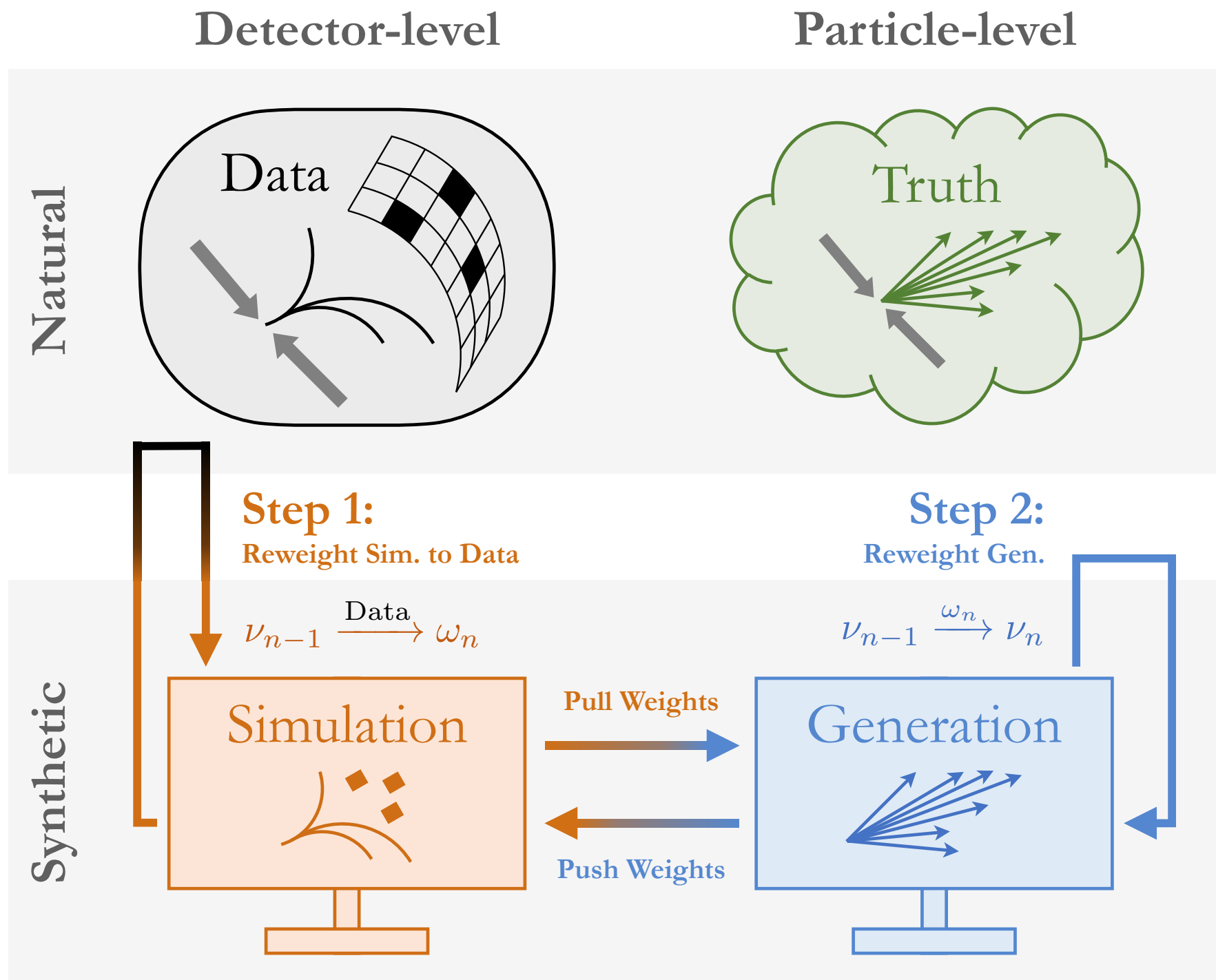


Is it meaningful to combine LQCD and data that do not agree in shape?

What does this mean for our  $|V_{cb}|$  values? Can we trust  $\mathcal{F}(1)$ ?

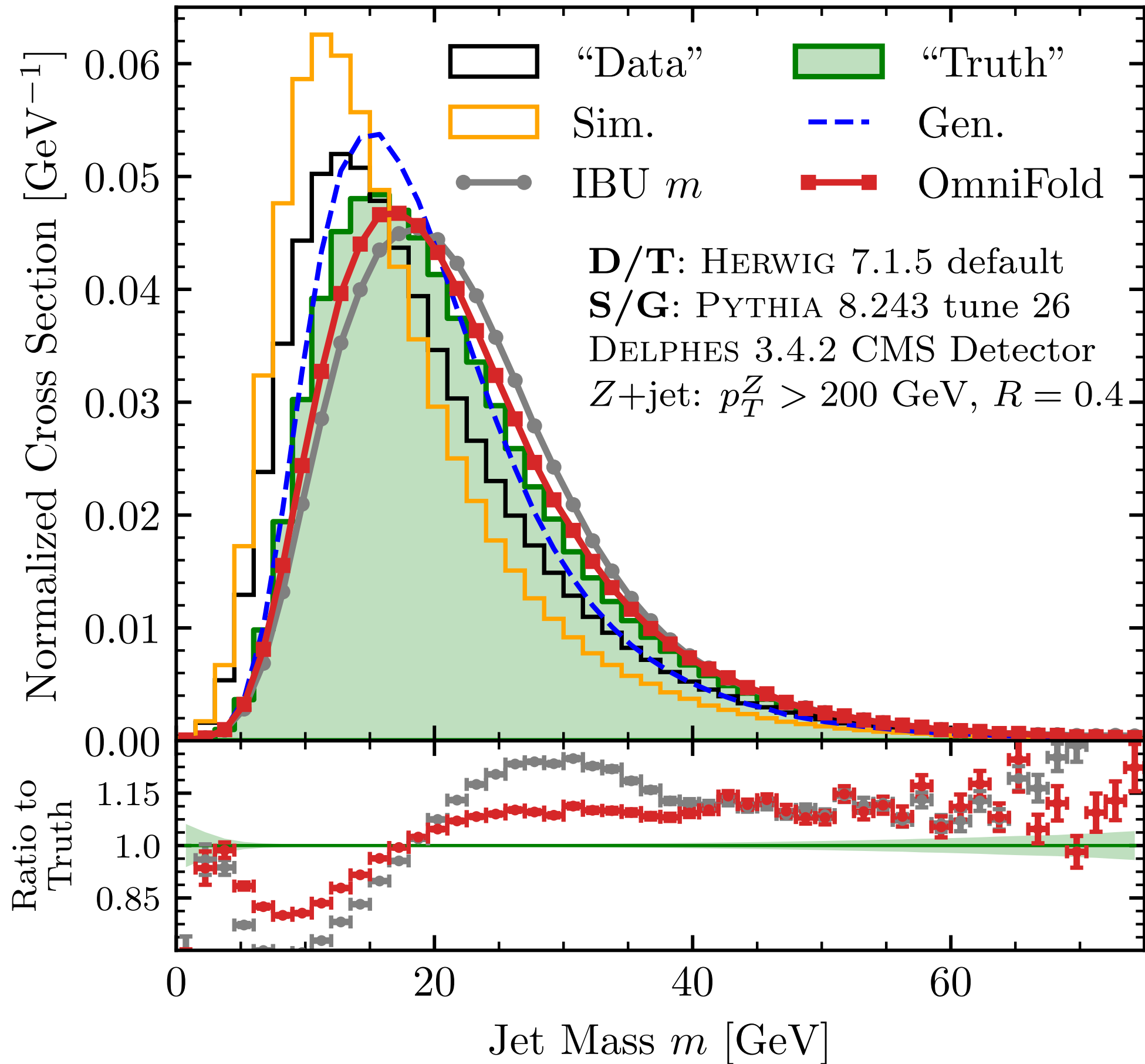


Same data / MC disagreement?



$$p_{\text{unfolded}}^{(n)}(t) = \nu_n(t) p_{\text{Gen.}}(t).$$

- UNIFOLD: A single observable as input. This is an unbinned version of IBU.
- MULTIFOLD: Many observables as input. Here, we use the six jet substructure observables in Fig. 2 to derive the detector response.
- OMNIFOLD: The full event (or jet) as input, using the full phase space information.

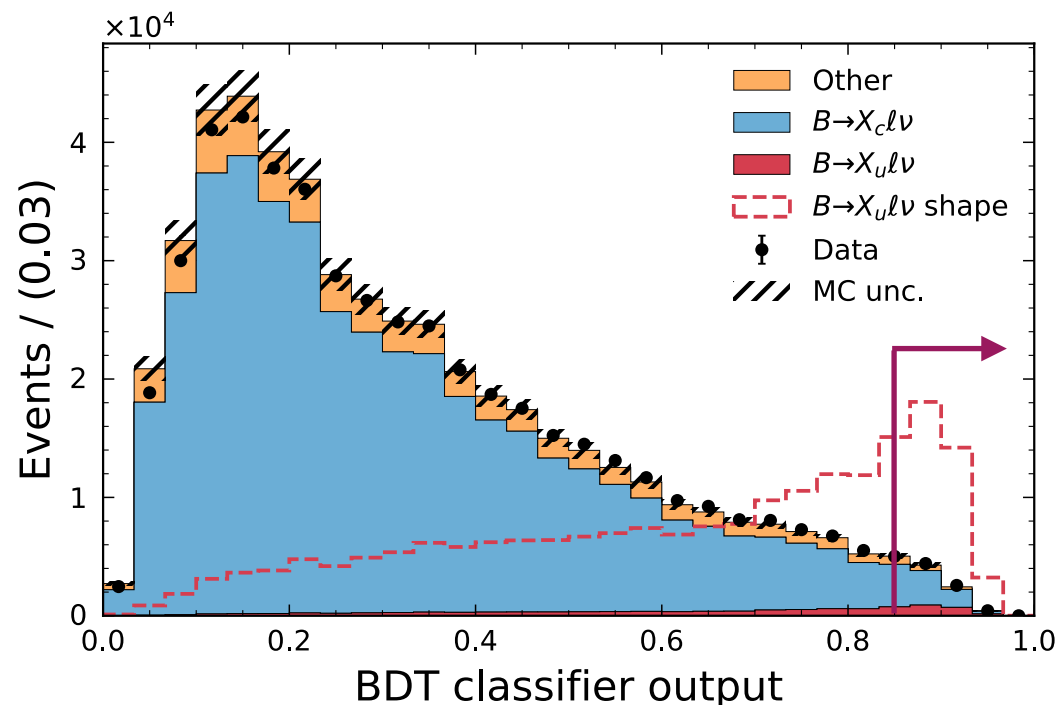
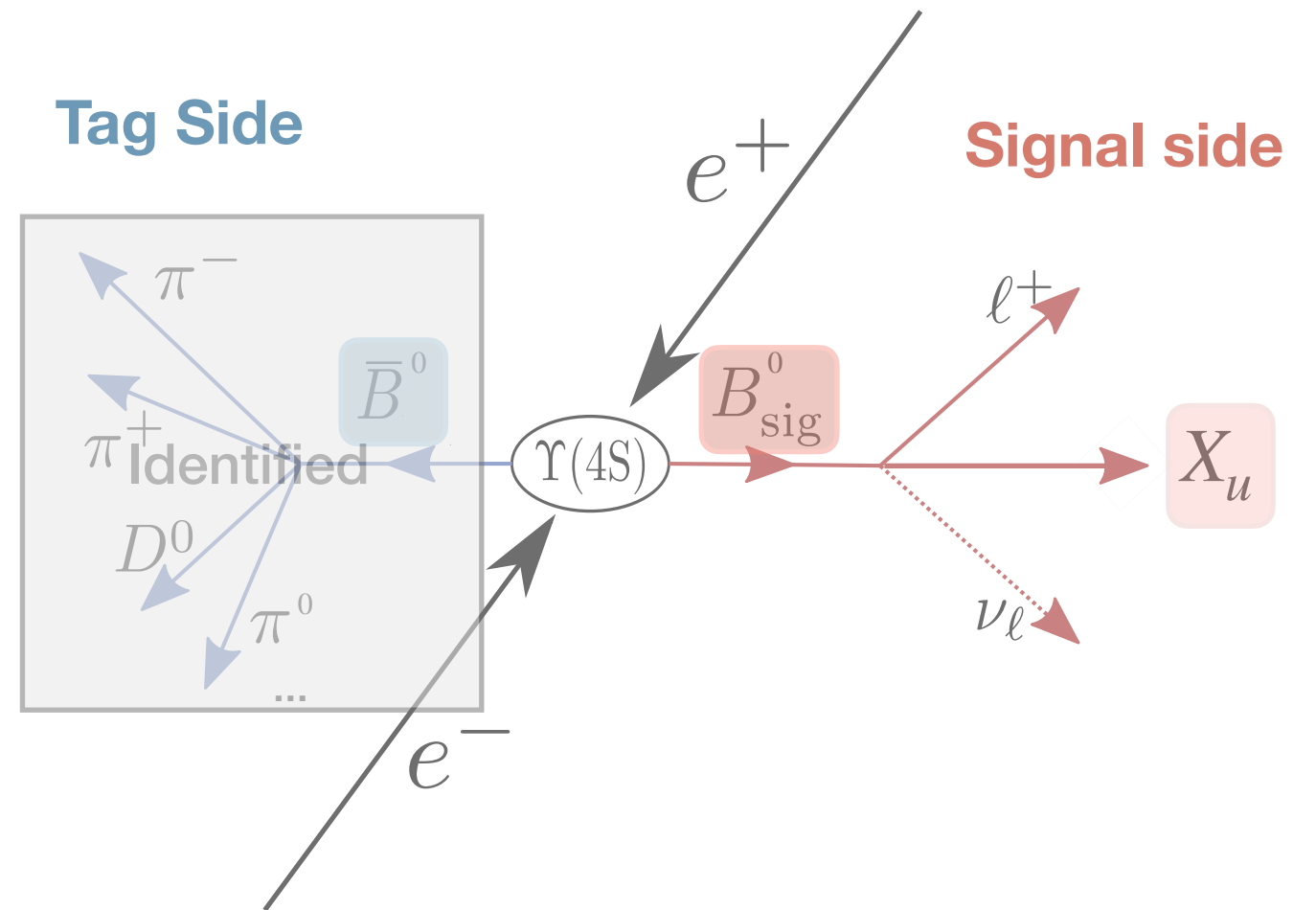


Measurement of **partial** branching fractions of **inclusive**  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  decays with hadronic tagging [PRD 104, 012008 (2021), arXiv:2102.00020]

Use **full Belle** data set of **711/fb**

**Hadronic tagging** with neural networks (ca. 0.2-0.3% efficiency)

Use **machine learning** (BDTs) to suppress backgrounds with 11 training features, e.g.  $m_{\text{miss}}^2$ ,  $\#K^\pm$ ,  $\#K_s$ , etc.



Charged Tracks      Neutral Clusters

$$p_X = \sum_i \left( \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + |\mathbf{p}_i|^2}, \mathbf{p}_i \right) + \sum_j (E_j, \mathbf{k}_j)$$

$$q^2 = (p_{\text{sig}} - p_X)^2 \quad M_X = \sqrt{(p_X)^\mu (p_X)_\mu}$$

$$m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_{\text{sig}} - p_X - p_\ell)^2 \approx m_\nu^2 = 0 \text{ GeV}^2$$



# Fit kinematic distributions and measure partial BF

## 3 phase-space regions

Phase-space region

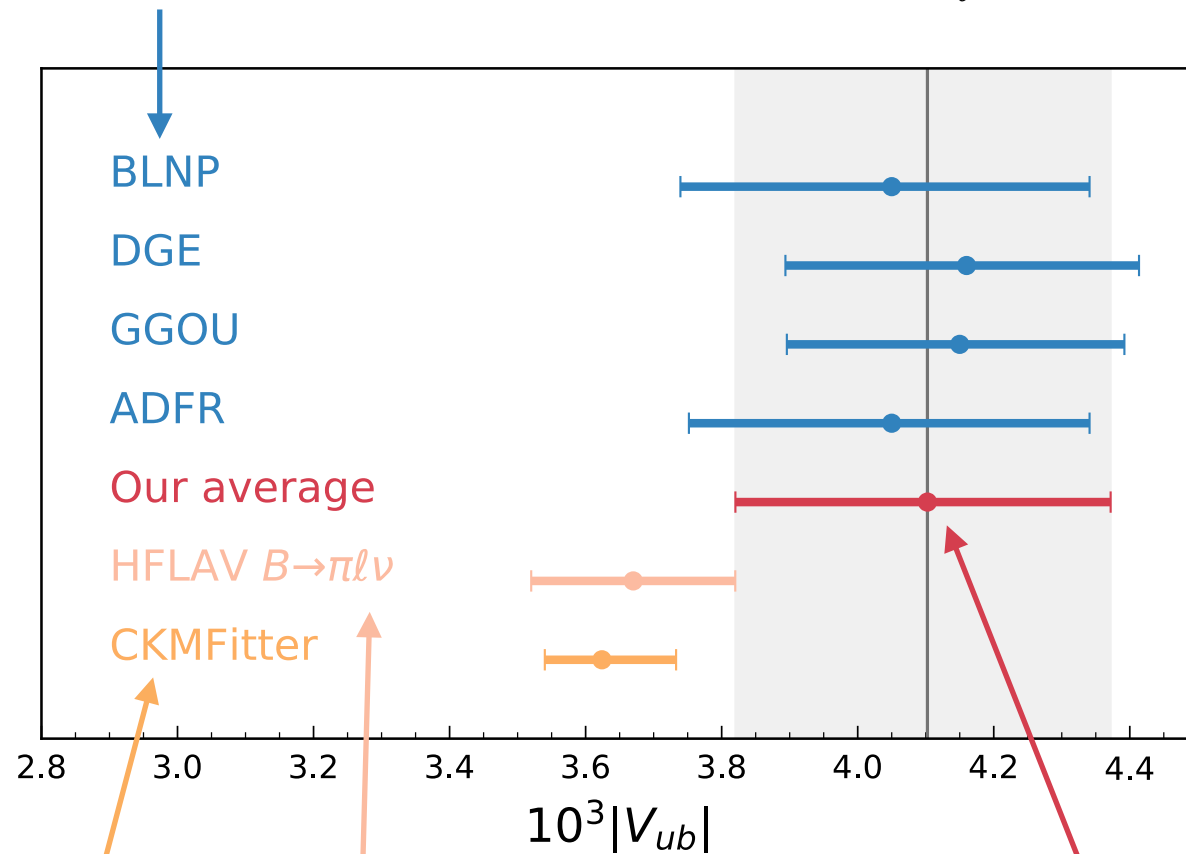
$$M_X < 1.7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_X < 1.7 \text{ GeV}, q^2 > 8 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$E_\ell^B > 1 \text{ GeV}$$

4 predictions of the partial rate

Result for most inclusive region with  $E_\ell^B > 1 \text{ GeV}$



Exclusive Average for  $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ :  
 $|V_{ub}| = (3.67 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-3}$

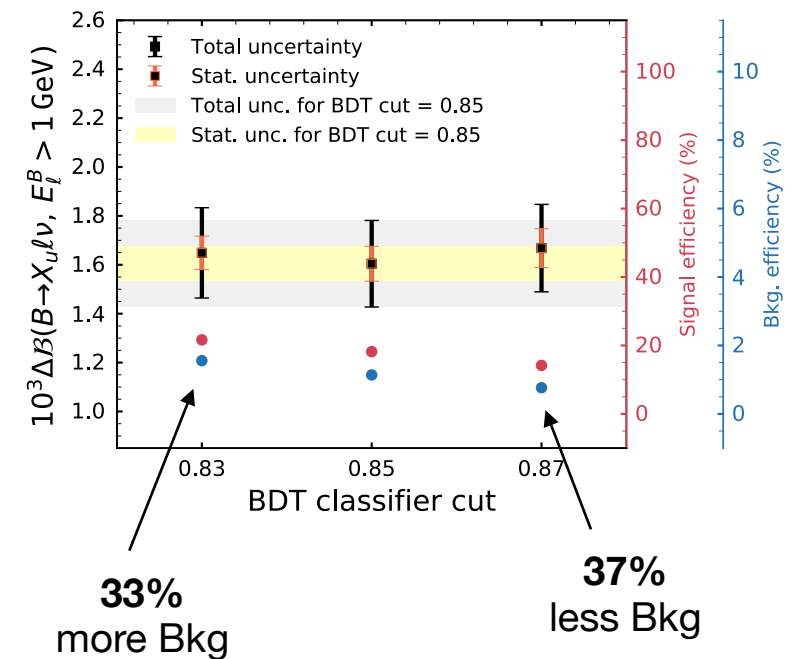
CKM Unitarity:

$$|V_{ub}| = (3.62^{+0.11}_{-0.08}) \times 10^{-3}$$

**Arithmetic average:**

$$|V_{ub}| = (4.10 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3}$$

Stability as a function of BDT cut:



33% more Bkg

37% less Bkg

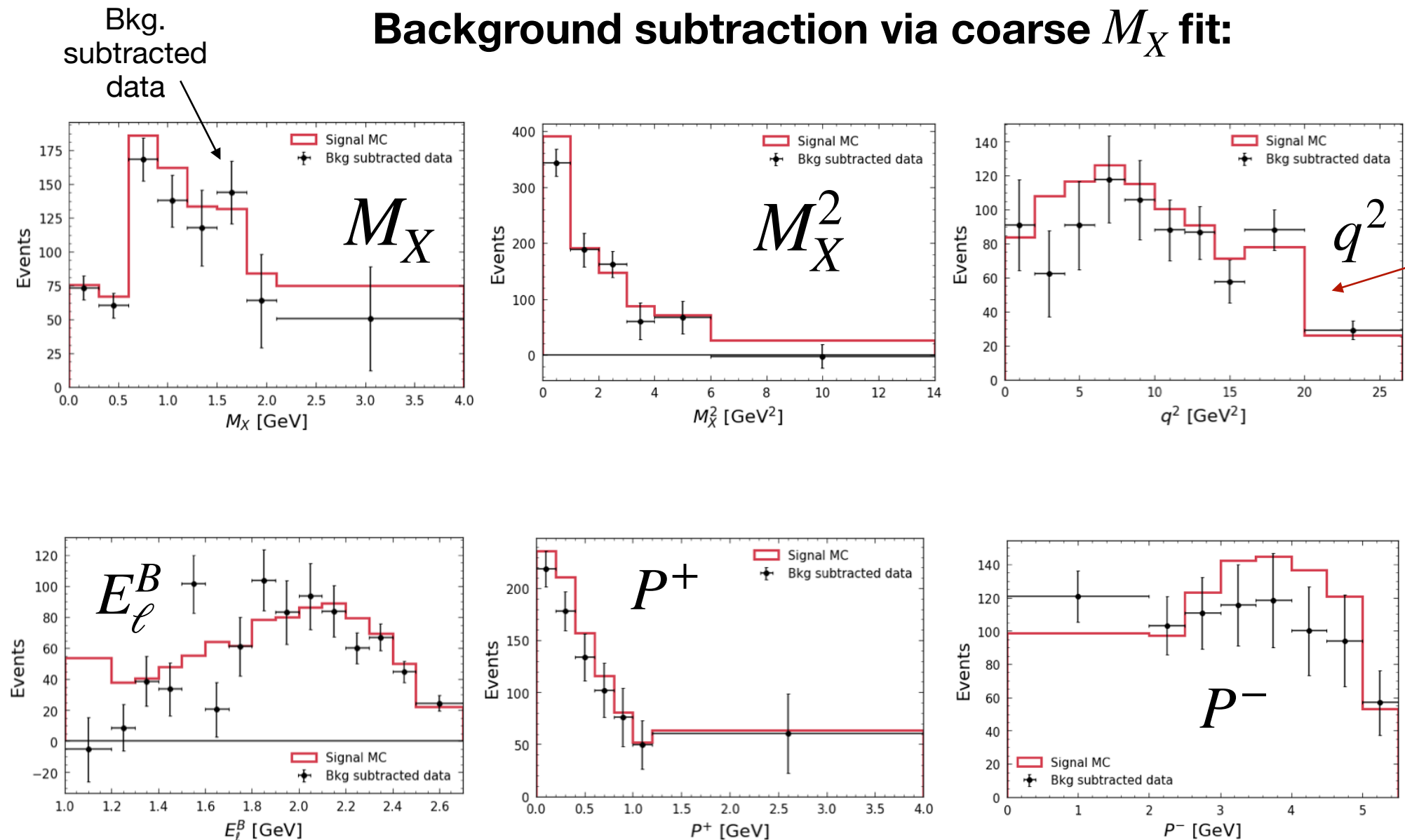
Measurement of **differential** branching fractions of **inclusive**  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  decays with hadronic tagging [Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 261801 (2021), arXiv:2107.13855]

Measurement of **6 kinematic** variables characterizing  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  in  $E_\ell^B > 1$  GeV region of PS

Selection and reconstruction **analogous** to **partial BF** measurement

Apply **additional selections** to improve resolution and background shape uncertainties

**Background subtraction via coarse  $M_X$  fit:**

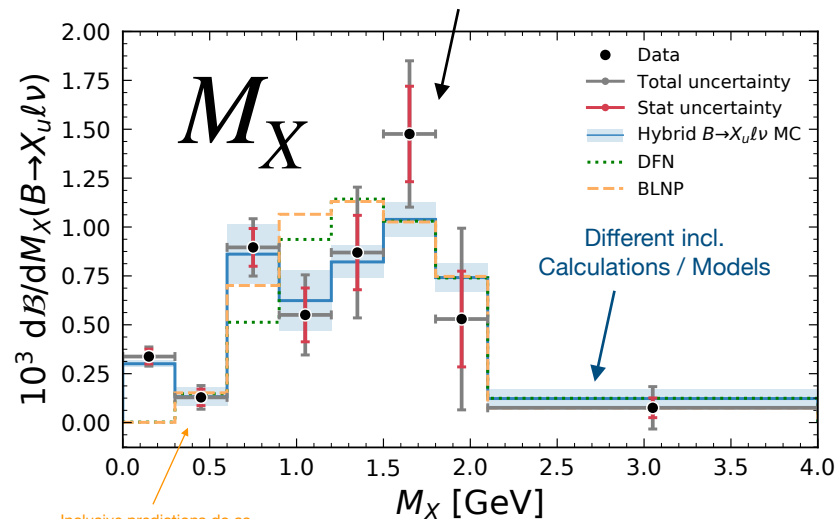


Overlaid **signal MC**  
(hybrid  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ )

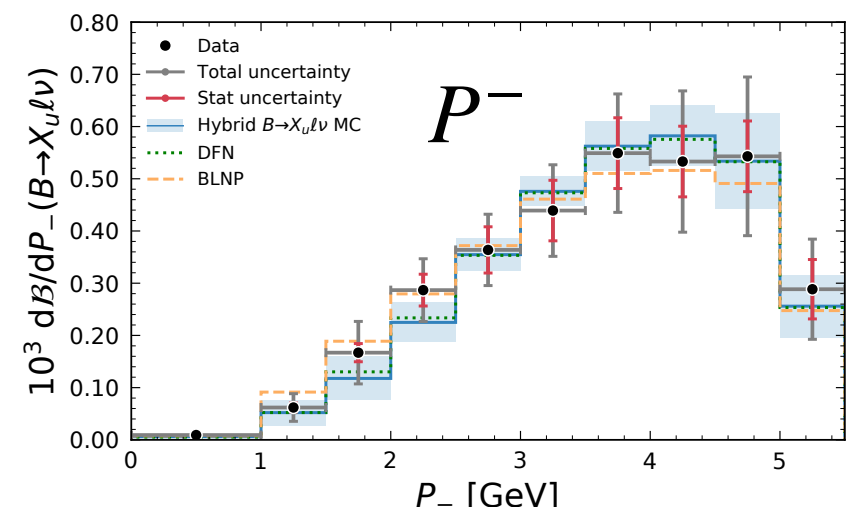
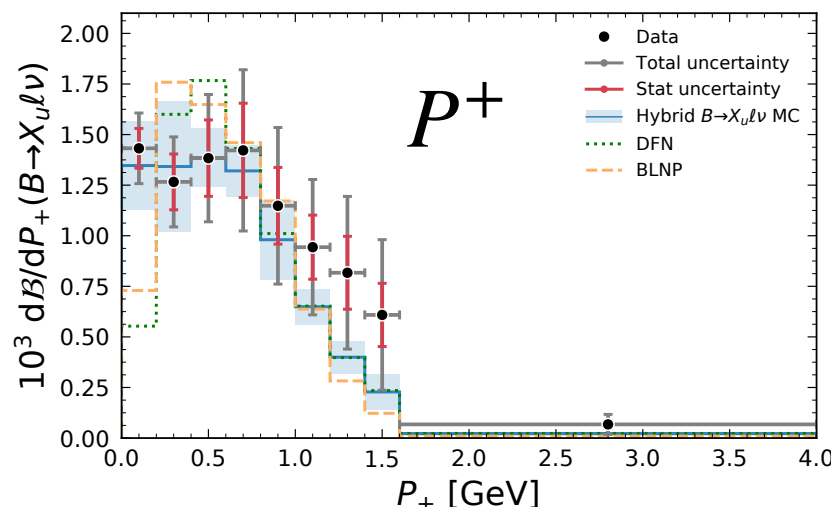
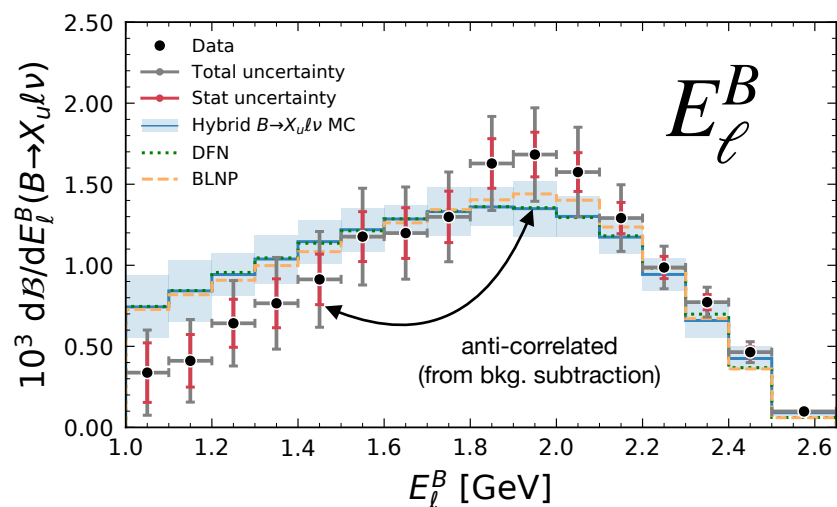
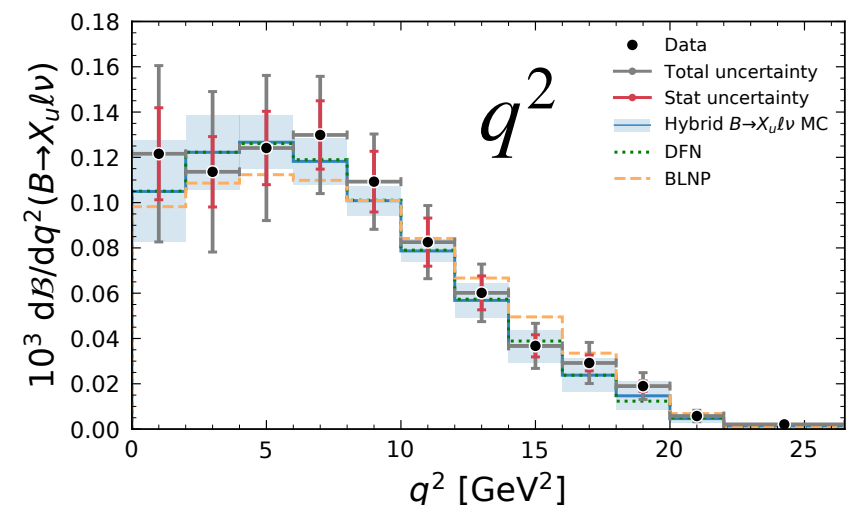
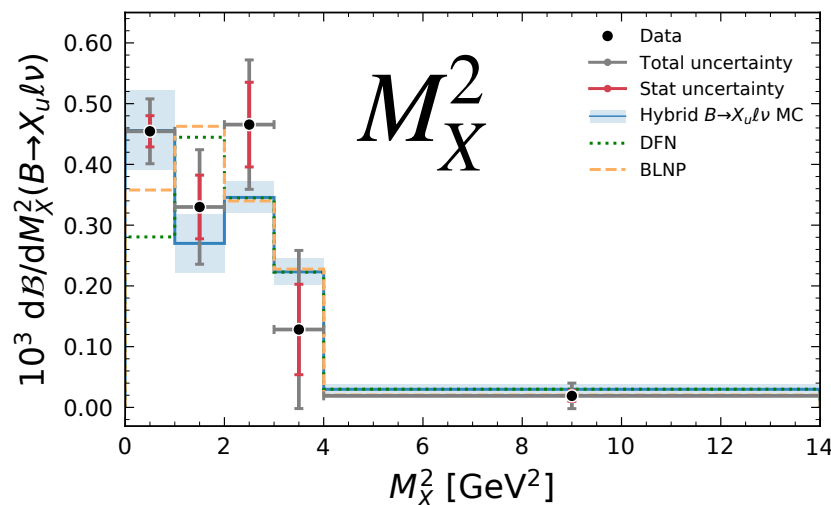
light-cone momenta:  
 $P_\pm = E_X \mp |P_X|$

# Differential Spectra

Unfolded + acceptance corrected distributions with total Error / Stat. Error



Inclusive predictions do as expected not describe low  $M_X$  resonance region well

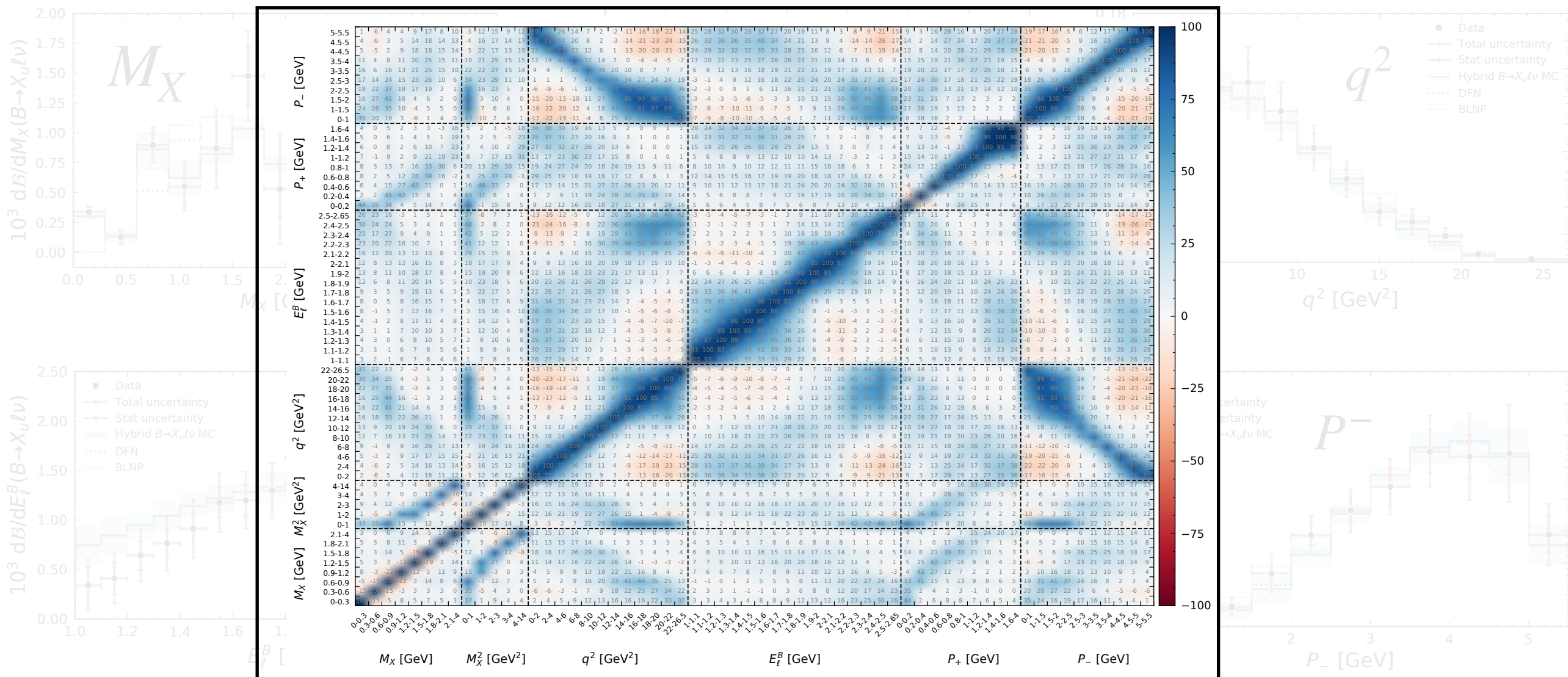


Agreement  
(w/o theory uncertainties)

$\chi^2$	$E_\ell^B$	$M_X$	$M_X^2$	$q^2$	$P_+$	$P_-$
n.d.f.	16	8	5	12	9	10
Hybrid	13.5	2.5	2.6	4.5	1.7	5.2
DFN	16.2	63.2	13.1	18.5	29.3	6.1
BLNP	16.5	61.0	6.3	20.6	23.6	13.7

# Differential Spectra

## Full experimental correlations



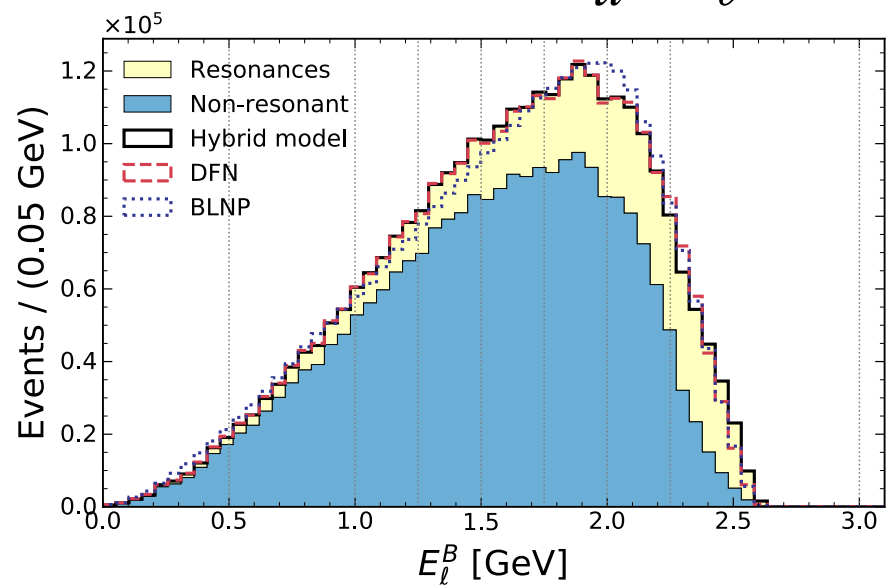
Can be used for future  
shape-function  
independent  $|V_{ub}|$   
determinations



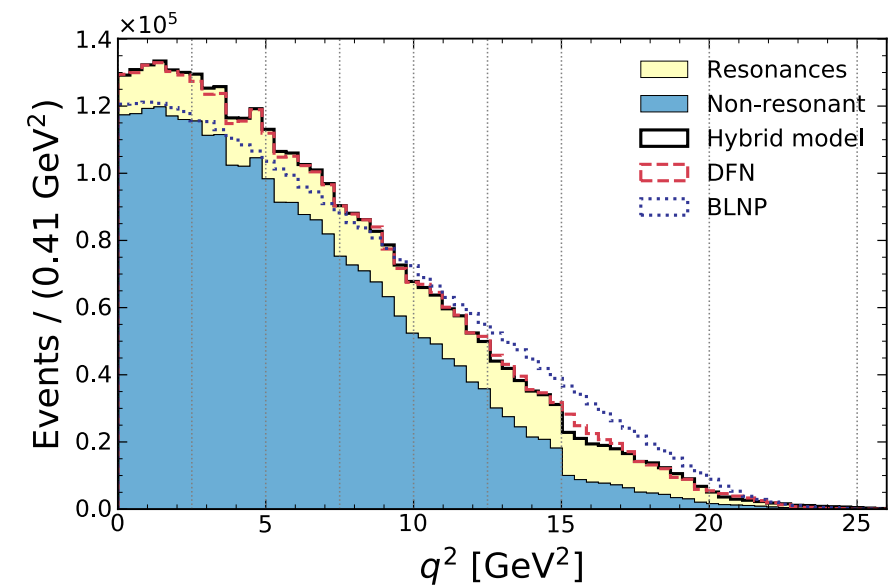
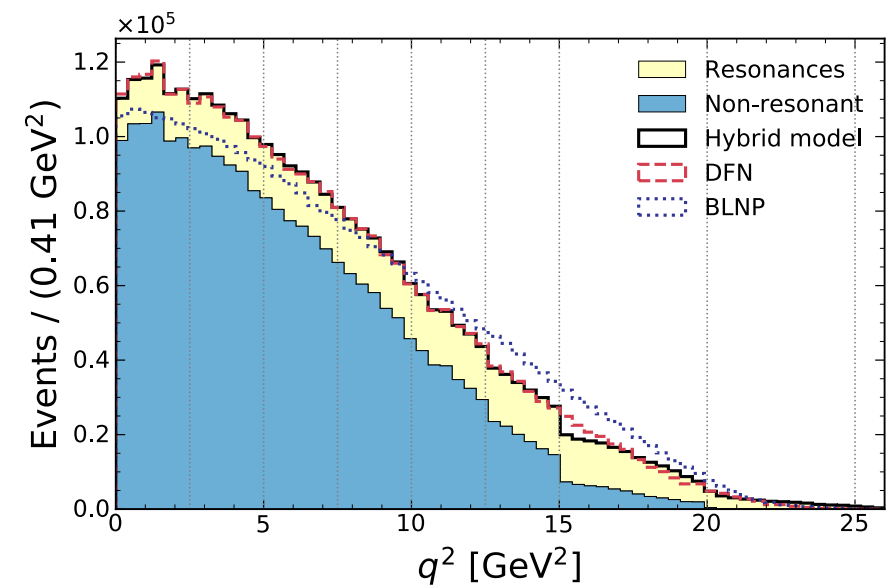
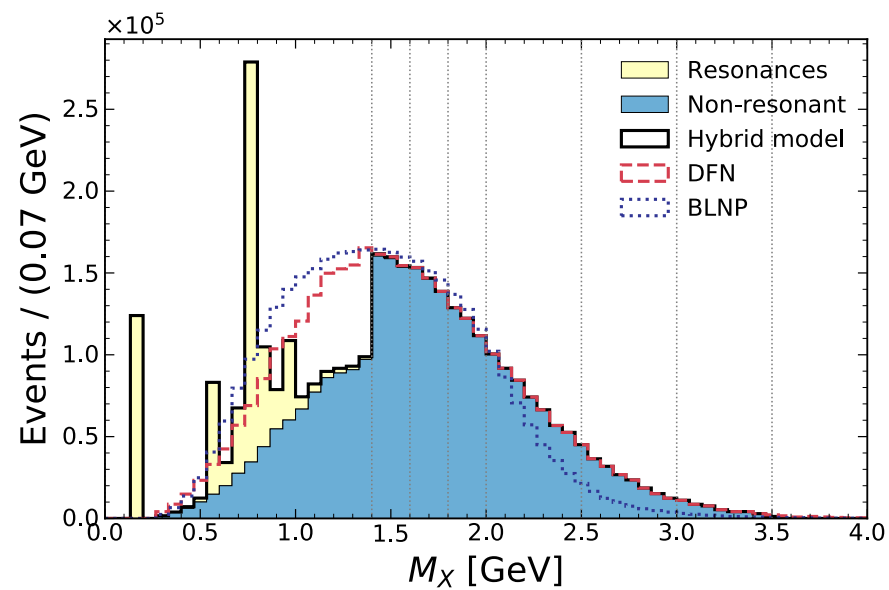
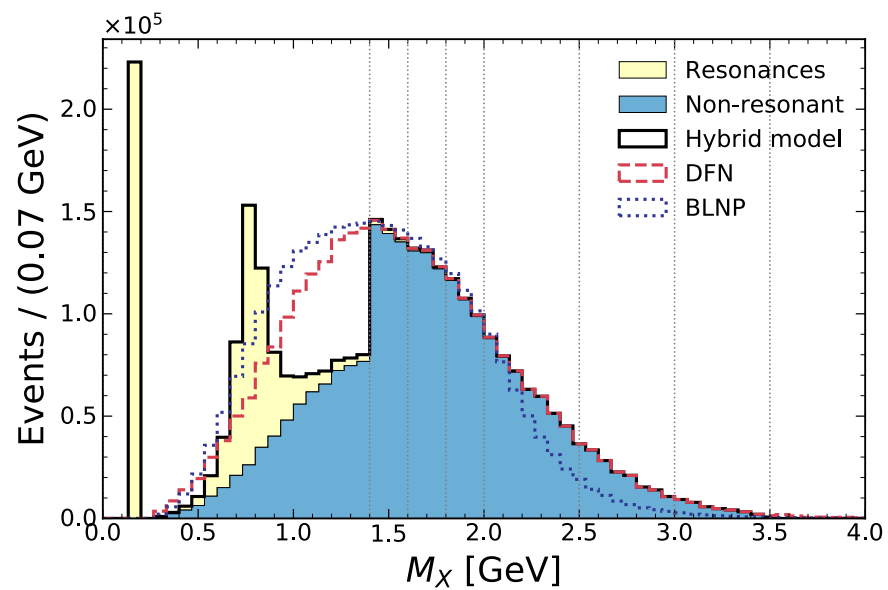
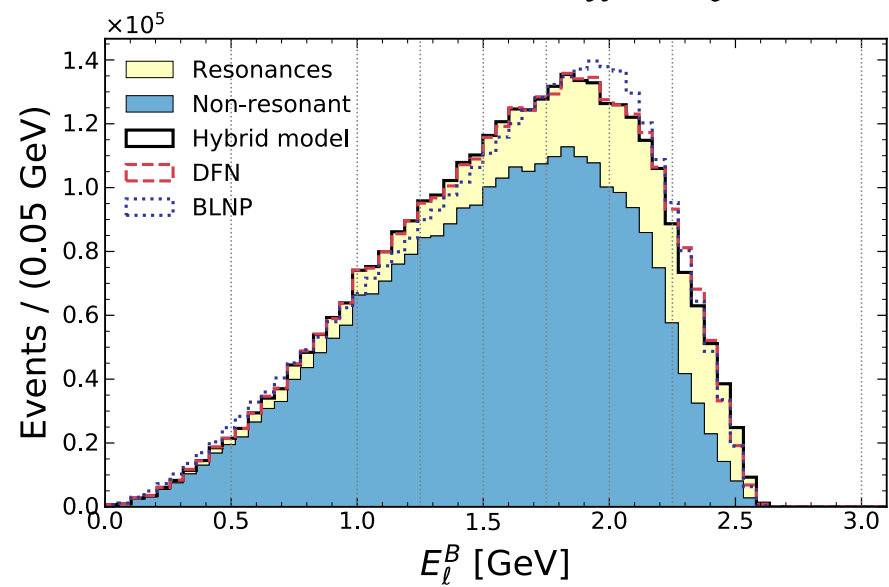
P. Gambino, K. Healey, C. Mondino,  
Phys. Rev. D 94, 014031 (2016),  
[arXiv:1604.07598]

F. Bernlochner, H. Lacker, Z. Ligeti, I.  
Stewart, F. Tackmann, K. Tackmann  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 102001 (2021)  
[arXiv:2007.04320]

$$B^0 \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$$



$$B^+ \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$$





# $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ modelling

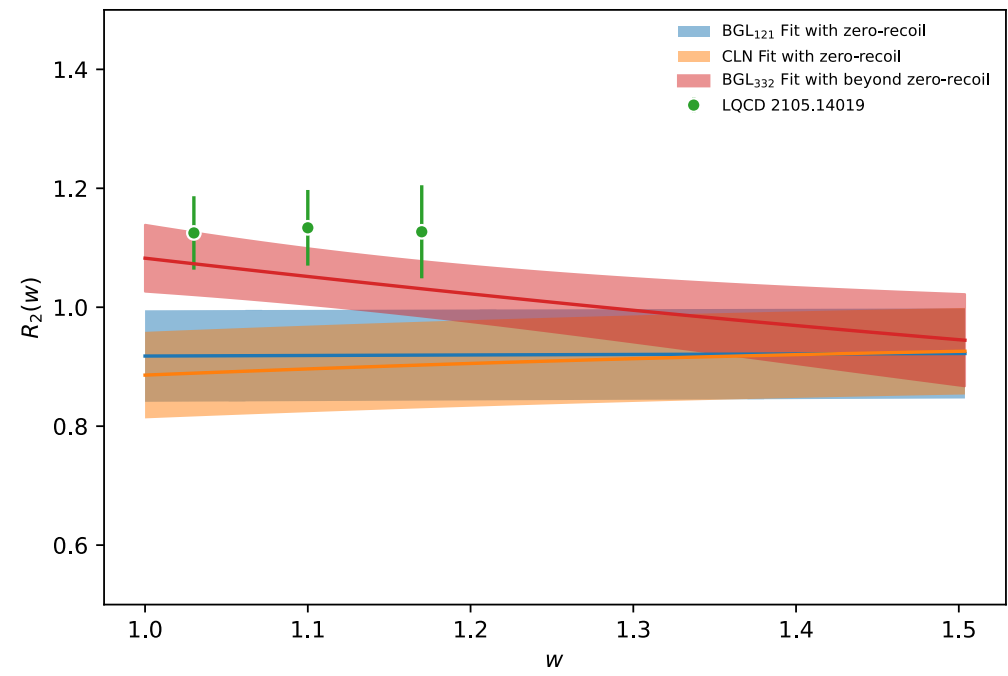
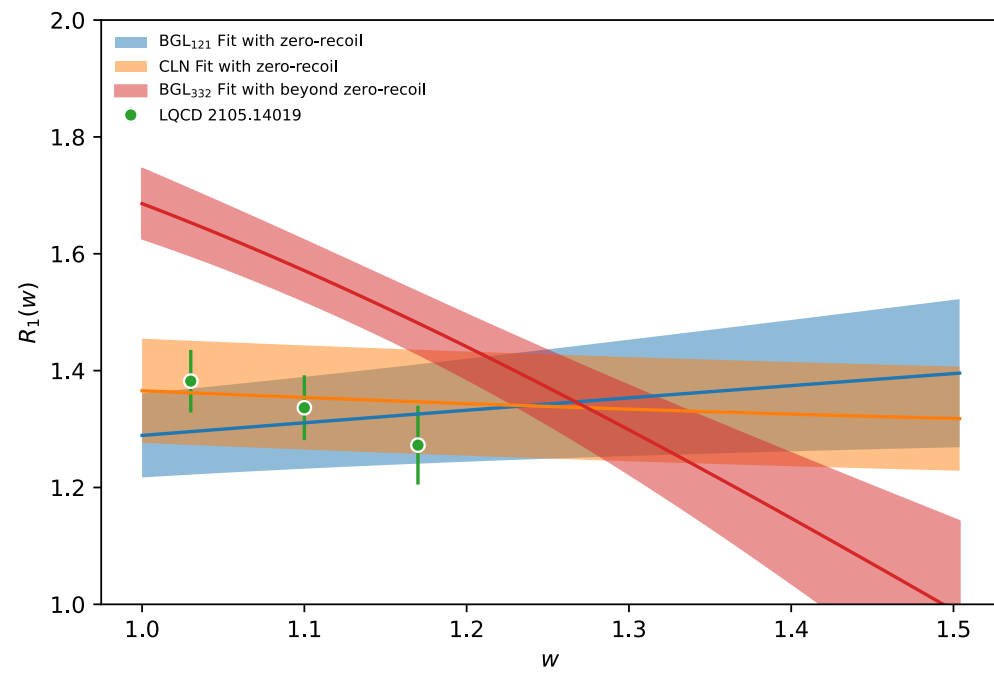
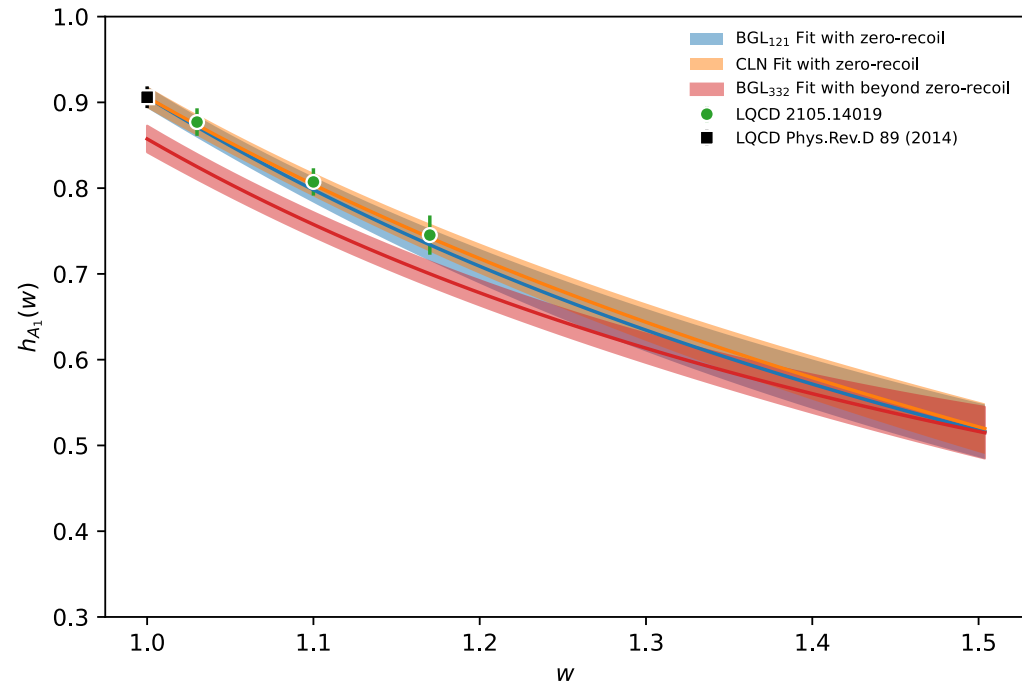
- **Update** excl. branching ratios to PDG 2020 and the masses and widths of  $D^{**}$  decays
- **Generate** additional MC samples to fill the **gap** between the exclusive & inclusive measurement (assign 100% BR uncertainty in systematics covariance matrix)

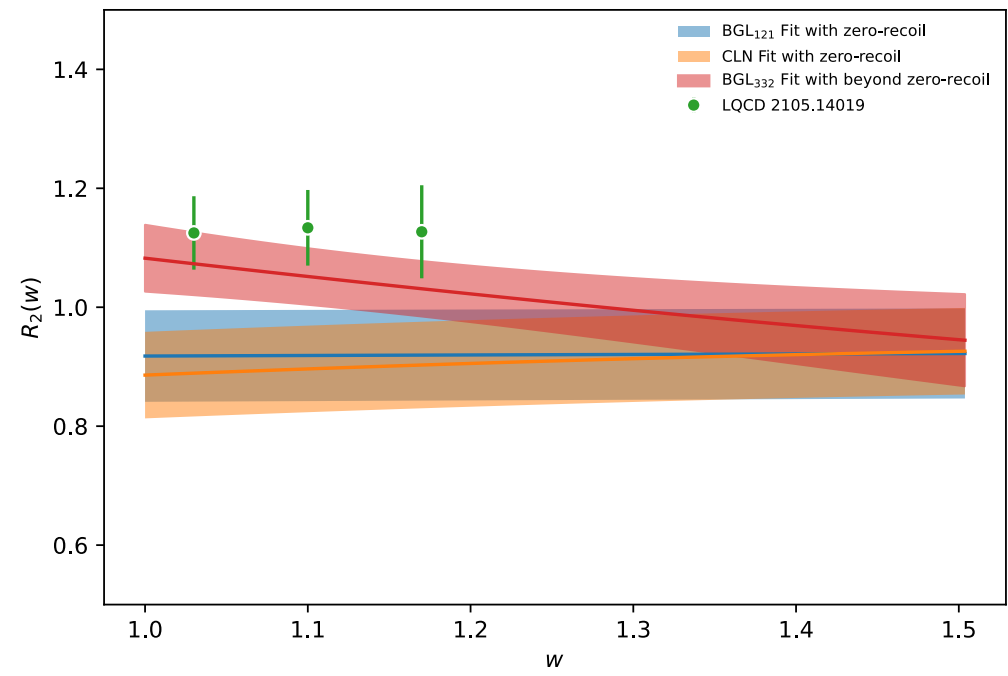
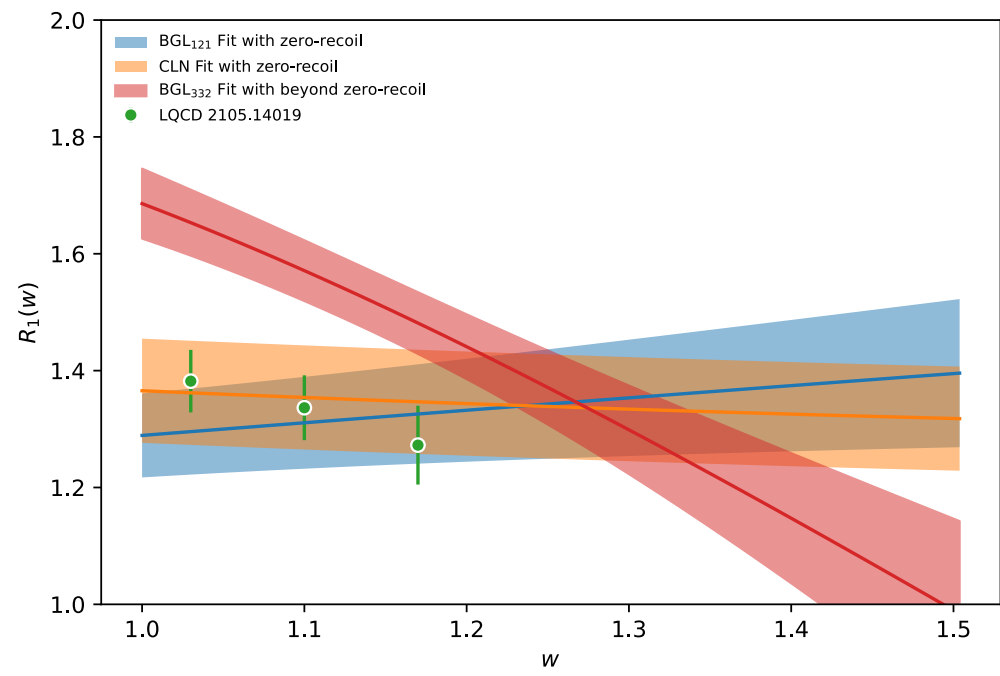
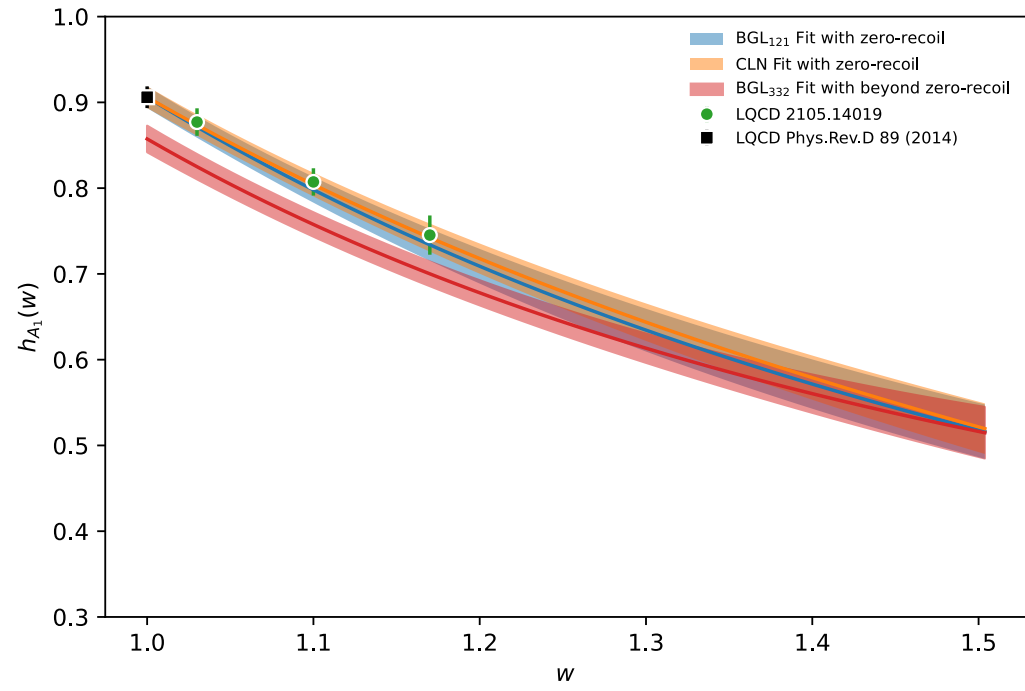
BR		$B^+$	$B^0$
$B \rightarrow X_c \ell^+ \nu_\ell$			
$B \rightarrow D \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	<b>D, D*</b>	$(2.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(5.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$	$(5.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D_0^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.420 \pm 0.075) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.390 \pm 0.069) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D\pi)$			
$B \rightarrow D_1^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.423 \pm 0.083) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.394 \pm 0.077) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D^*\pi)$			
$B \rightarrow D_1 \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	<b>D**</b>	$(0.422 \pm 0.027) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.392 \pm 0.025) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D^*\pi)$			
$B \rightarrow D_2^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.116 \pm 0.011) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.107 \pm 0.010) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D^*\pi)$			
$B \rightarrow D_2^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.178 \pm 0.024) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.165 \pm 0.022) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D\pi)$			
$\rho(D_2^* \rightarrow D^*\pi, D_2^* \rightarrow D\pi) = 0.693$			
$B \rightarrow D_1 \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	<b>Gap</b>	$(0.242 \pm 0.100) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.225 \pm 0.093) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D\pi\pi)$			
$B \rightarrow D\pi\pi \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.06 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.06 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D^*\pi\pi \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.216 \pm 0.102) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.201 \pm 0.095) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D\eta \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.396 \pm 0.396) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.399 \pm 0.399) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D^*\eta \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(0.396 \pm 0.396) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.399 \pm 0.399) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow X_c \ell^+ \nu_\ell$		$(10.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$	$(10.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$



BR	$B^+$	$B^0$
$B \rightarrow D_0^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D\pi\pi)$		
$B \rightarrow D_1^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D\pi\pi)$		
$B \rightarrow D_0^* \pi\pi \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$(0.108 \pm 0.051) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.101 \pm 0.048) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D^*\pi\pi)$		
$B \rightarrow D_1^* \pi\pi \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$(0.108 \pm 0.051) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.101 \pm 0.048) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D^*\pi\pi)$		
$B \rightarrow D_0^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$(0.396 \pm 0.396) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.399 \pm 0.399) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D\eta)$		
$B \rightarrow D_1^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	$(0.396 \pm 0.396) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.399 \pm 0.399) \times 10^{-2}$
$(\leftrightarrow D^*\eta)$		







	Values			Correlations					
$ V_{cb}  \times 10^3$	$39.8 \pm 1.1$	1	-0.16	0.02	-0.1	-0.61	-0.16	0.11	
$a_0 \times 10^3$	$28.3 \pm 1.0$	-0.16	1	-0.09	-0.2	0.17	0.11	-0.03	
$a_1 \times 10^3$	$-45.9 \pm 65.7$	0.02	-0.09	1	-0.85	-0.04	-0.09	0.14	
$a_2$	$-4.8 \pm 2.4$	-0.1	-0.2	-0.85	1	0.12	0.13	-0.17	
$b_0 \times 10^3$	$13.3 \pm 0.2$	-0.61	0.17	-0.04	0.12	1	0.11	-0.13	
$c_1 \times 10^3$	$-3.2 \pm 1.4$	-0.16	0.11	-0.09	0.13	0.11	1	-0.91	
$c_2 \times 10^3$	$59.1 \pm 29.9$	0.11	-0.03	0.14	-0.17	-0.13	-0.91	1	

