

Recent BelleII results on BSM physics

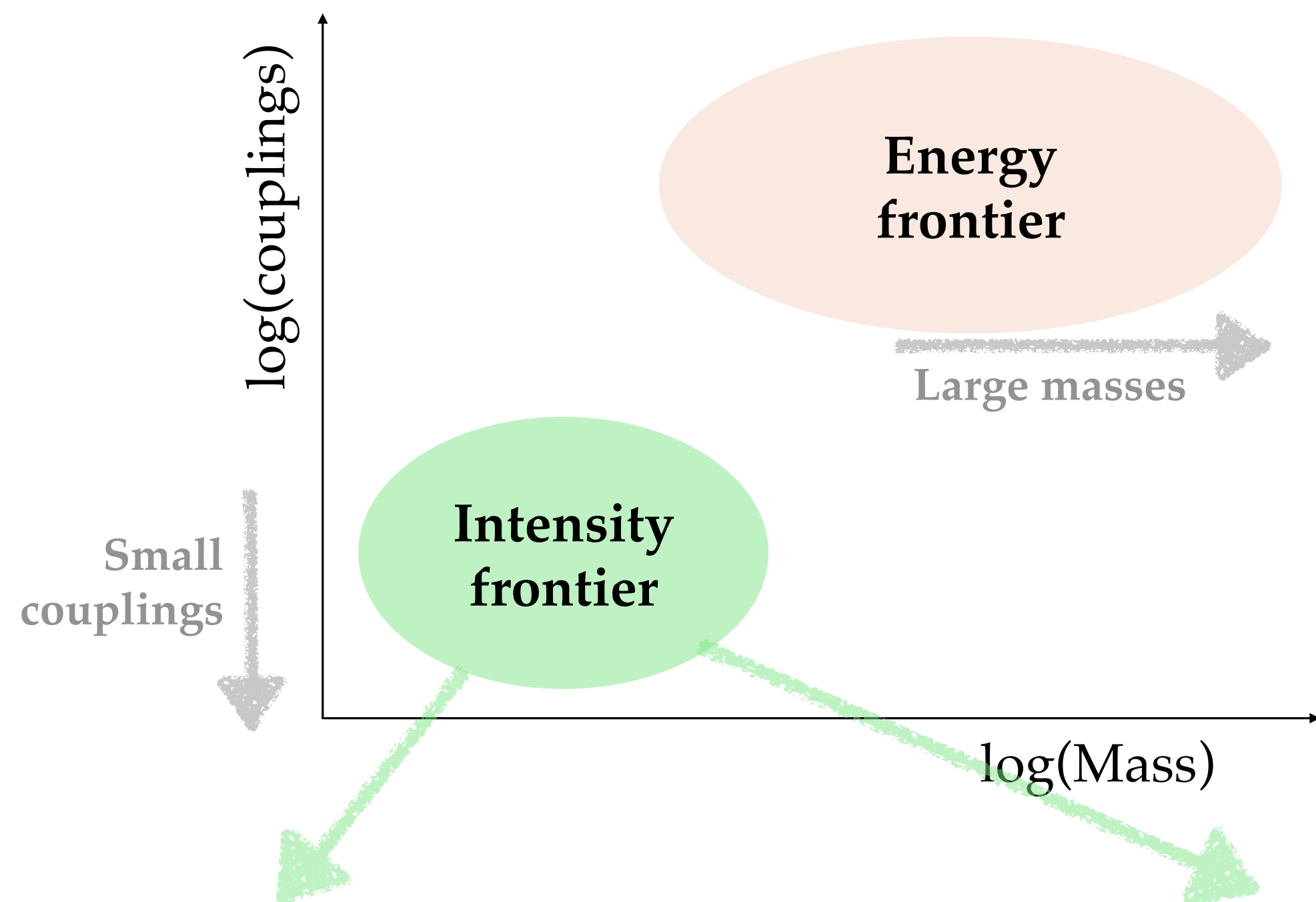


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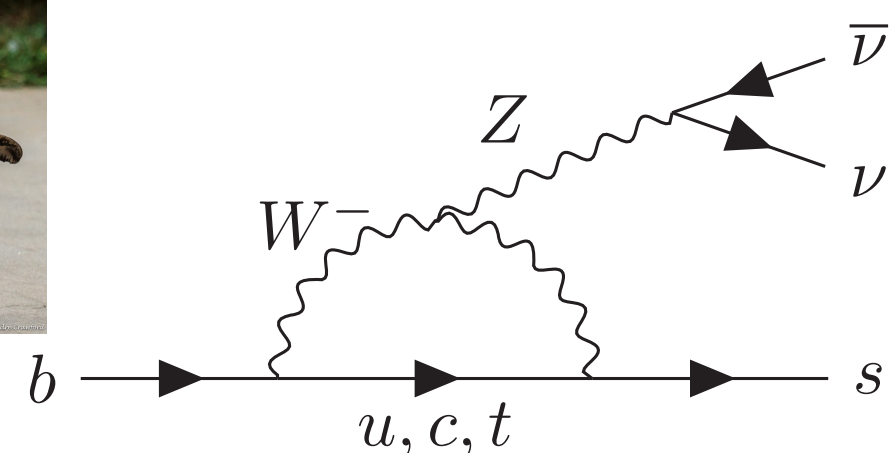
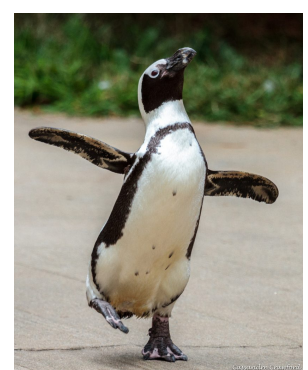
Intensity frontier



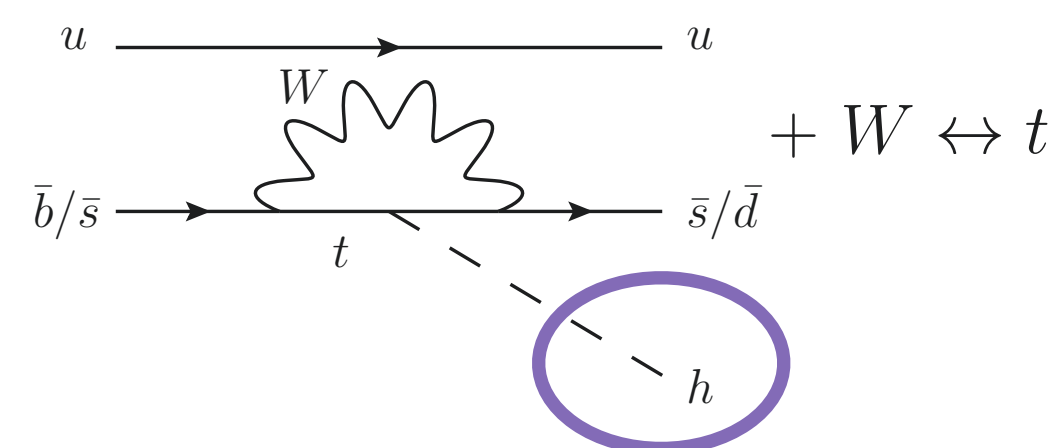
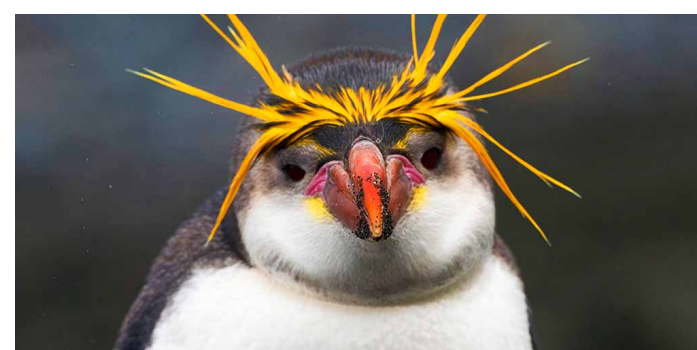
Outline

- ◆ SuperKEKB and BelleII
- ◆ Tests of light-lepton universality and angular asymmetries
- ◆ Search for a long-lived scalar in $b \rightarrow s$ transitions

Precision measurements of SM quantities



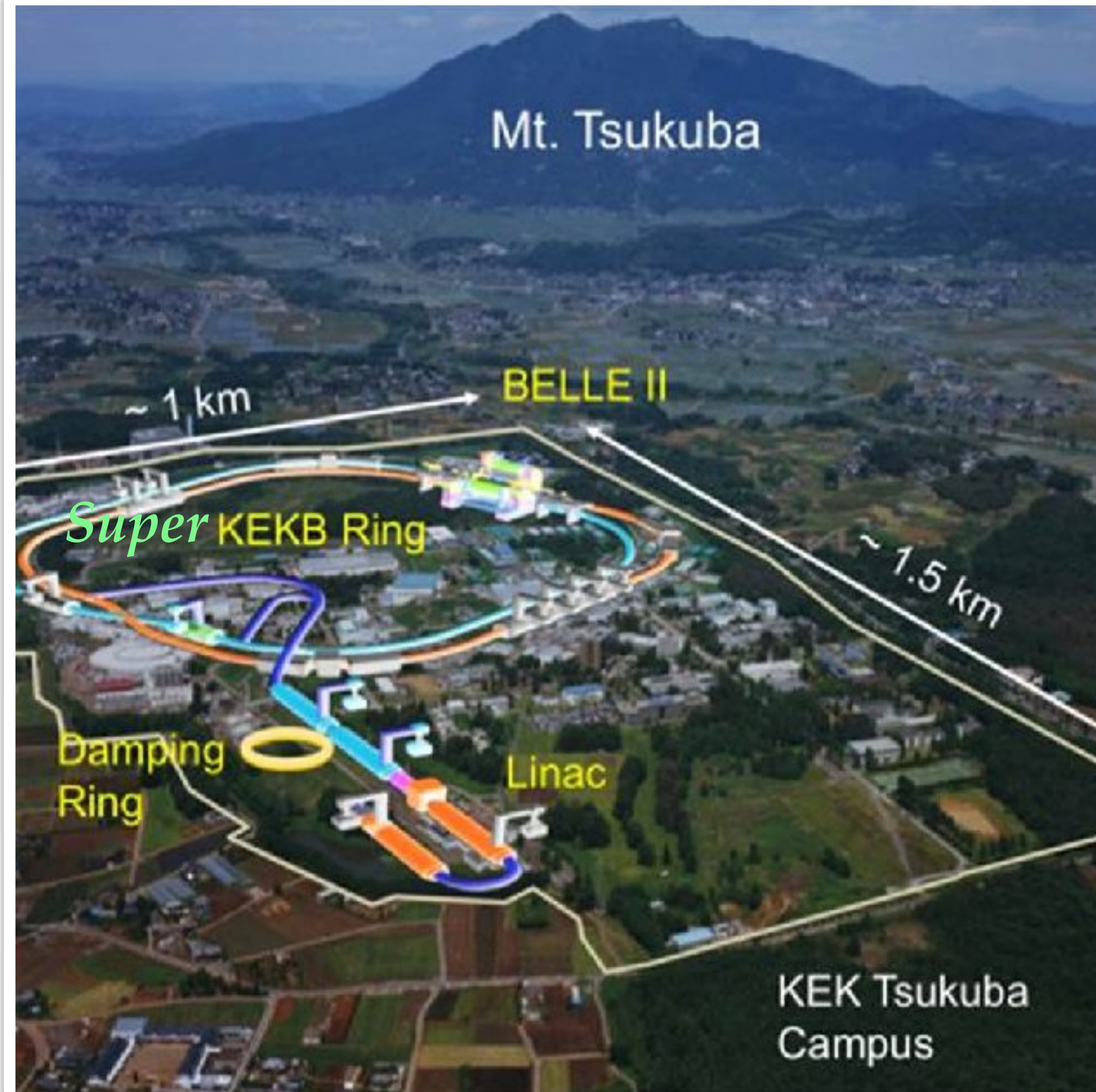
Searches for new feebly interacting particles (for example mediators of the dark sector)



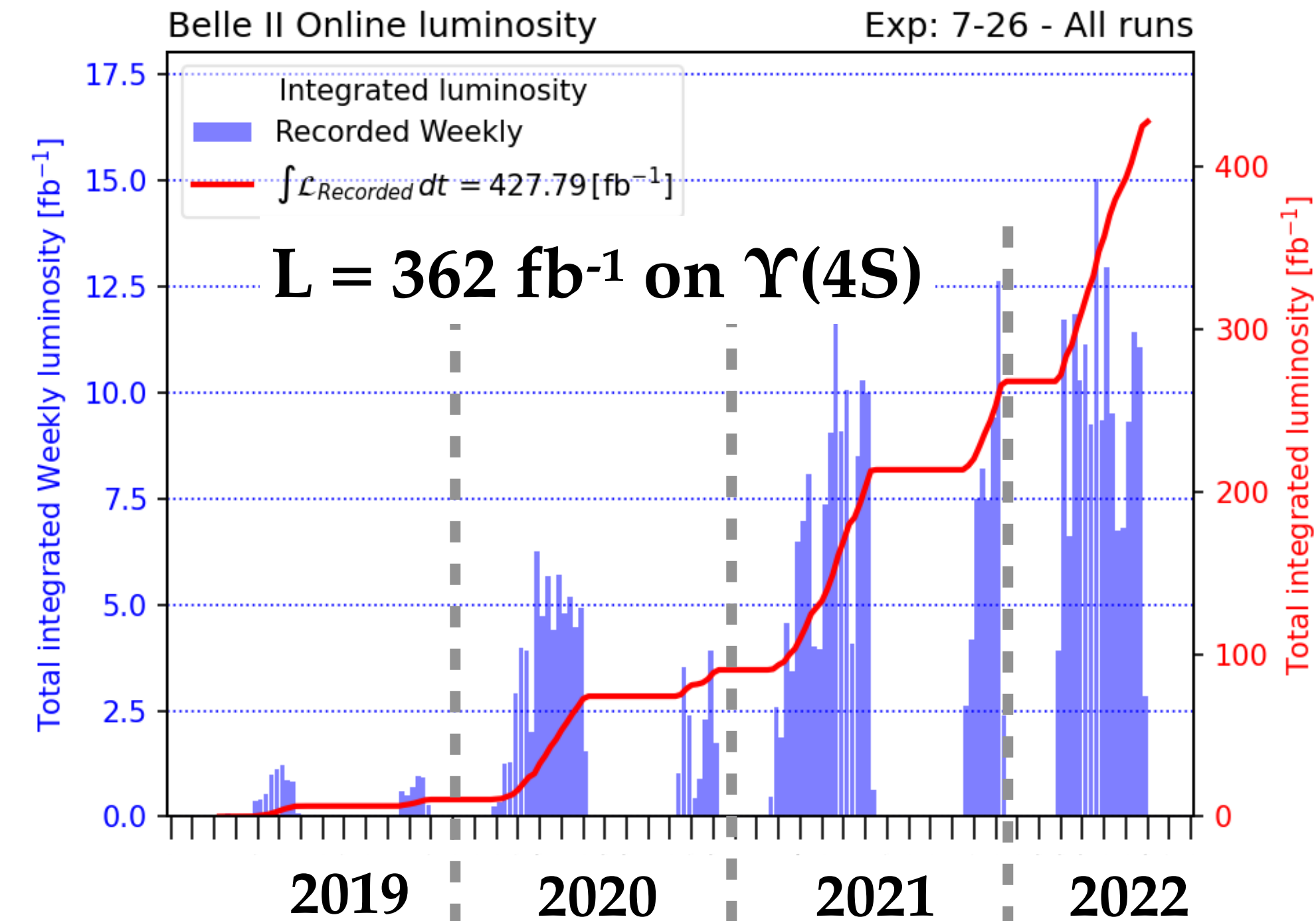
SuperKEKB



Upgrade of the e^+e^- KEKB collider
 e^+e^- with center of mass energy of the $\Upsilon(4S)$ mass



Record of instantaneous luminosity:
 $4.7 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



2019-2021
 $L \sim 190 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
Analyses presented
in this talk

BelleII detector



Electromagnetic Calorimeter

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} : 2\% - 4\%$$

[BELLE2-NOTE-PL-2021-008]

LER e^-
7 GeV

Central Drift Chamber

Spacial res. $100 \mu m$

$$\sigma\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right) : 5\%$$

KL/Muon Detector

μ ID efficiency $\sim 90\%$

π mis-ID rate $\sim 5\%$

Magnet

Silicon Vertex Detector Pixel Detector

$\sigma(\text{vertex}) \sim 15 \mu m$

Aerogel RICH Counter

TOP Counter

K-ID efficiency $\sim 90\%$

π mis-ID rate $\sim 5\%$

[BELLE2-CONF-PH-2022-003]

LER e^+
4 GeV

- Excellent hermeticity
- Upgraded from the Belle detector

B-tagging

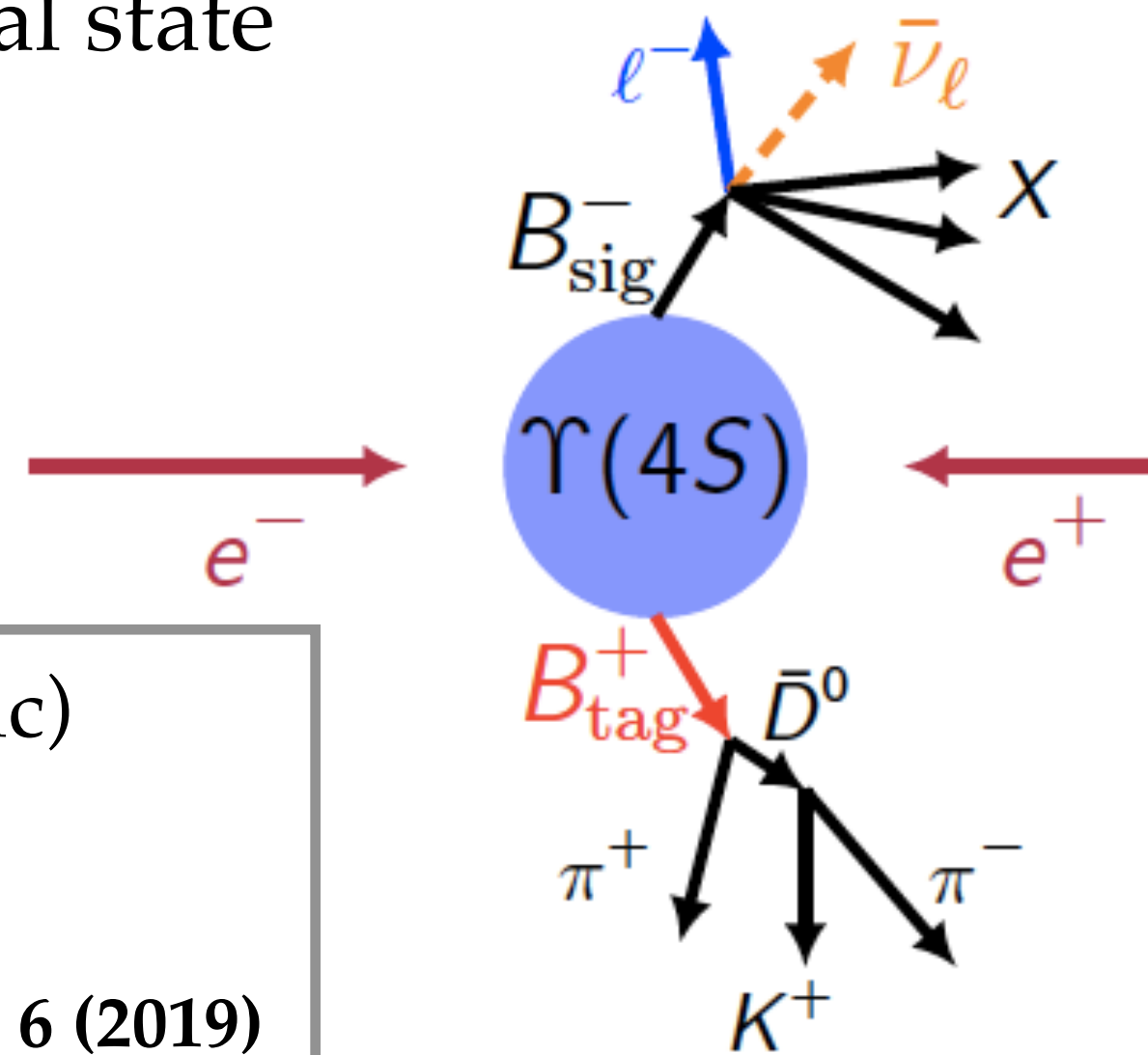
Hadronic B-tagging

kinematical constraints in reconstruction for the signal side with neutrinos in the final state

Not available at hadron colliders

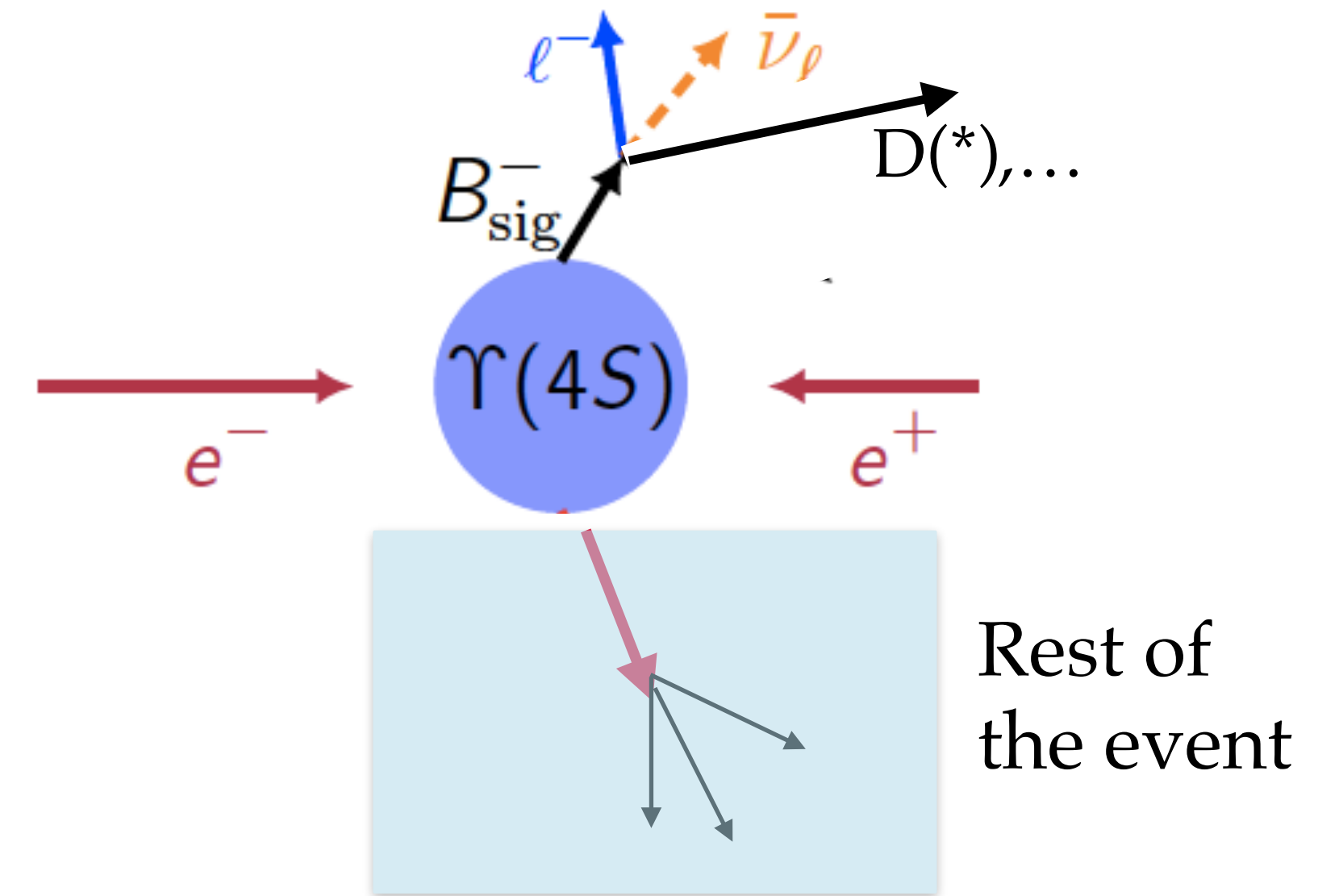
Hadronic (and semi-leptonic) B-tagging: Full Event Interpretation (FEI)

Comp. and Soft. For Big Sci. 3, 6 (2019)
[arXiv:2008.06096](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.06096)



Inclusive (no B-tagging)

Only reconstruct the signal B final state, no request on the other B



Less precise reconstruction of final states with neutrinos, but **higher efficiency**

$\epsilon(\text{had-tag FEI}) \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1\% - 0.5\%)$

Efficiency

Purity

Analyses related to Lepton Universality

Tensions in lepton flavor universality

Gauge lagrangian ==> universality of the lepton couplings to the W bosons

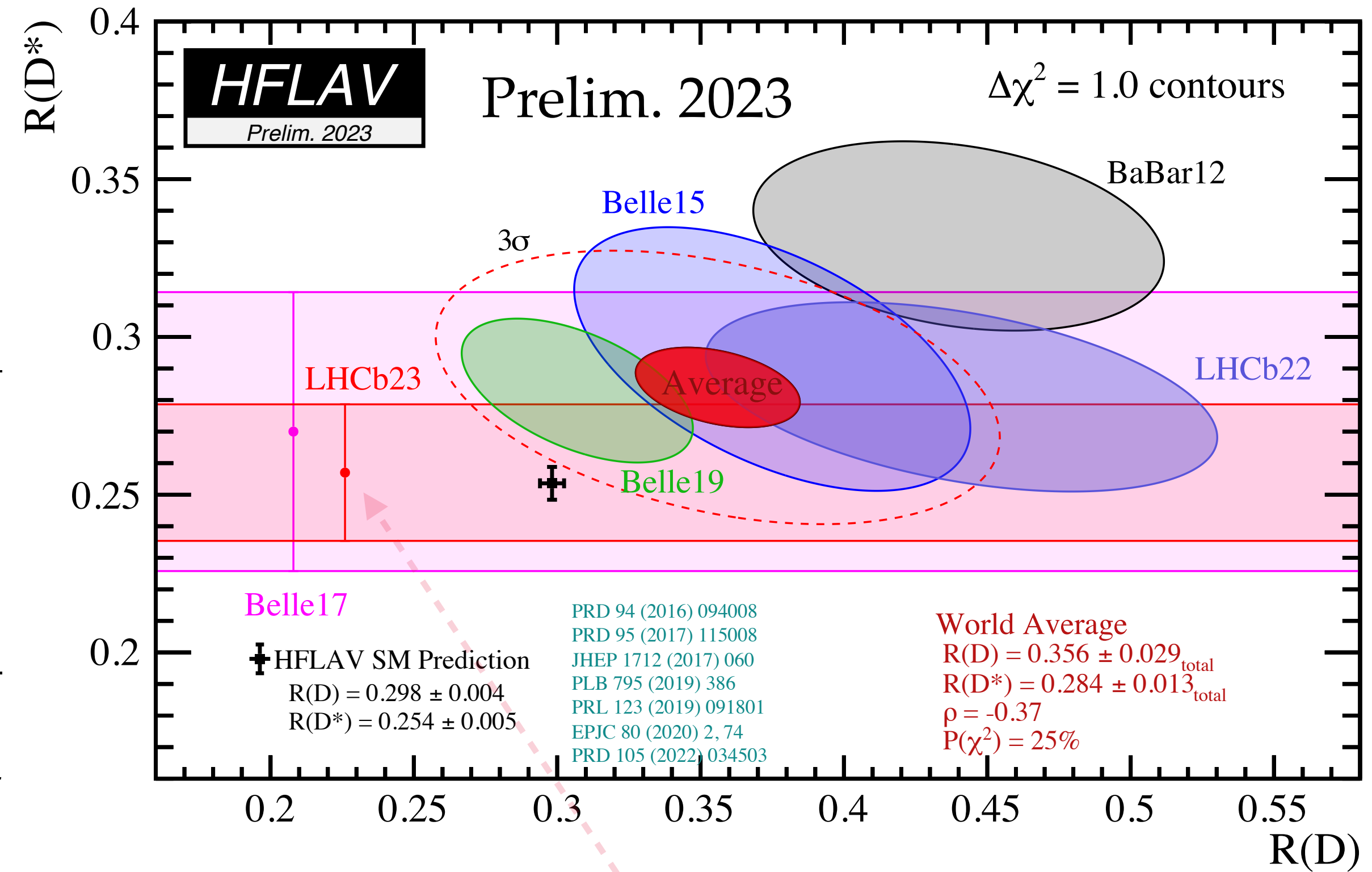
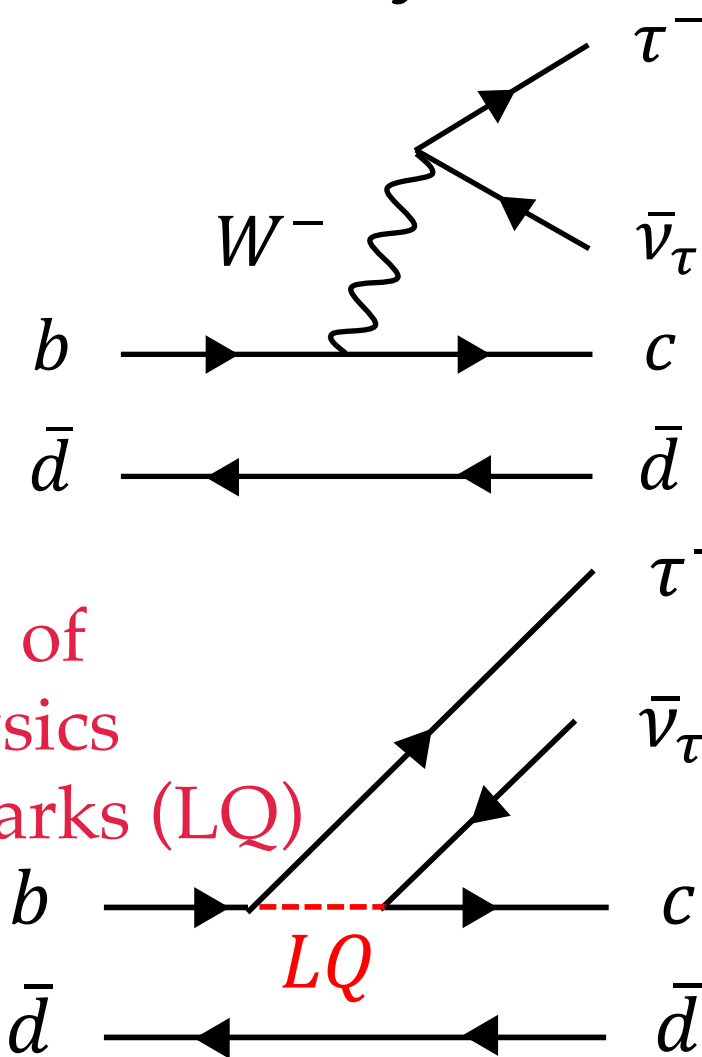
Some hints of lepton flavor universality (LFU) violation:
Flavor changing charged currents in $b \rightarrow c l \nu$ decays

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

$l = e, \mu$

If there is a violation, some new physics should be there

Example of new physics
Leptoquarks (LQ)



Fresh update from LHCb
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1231797/>

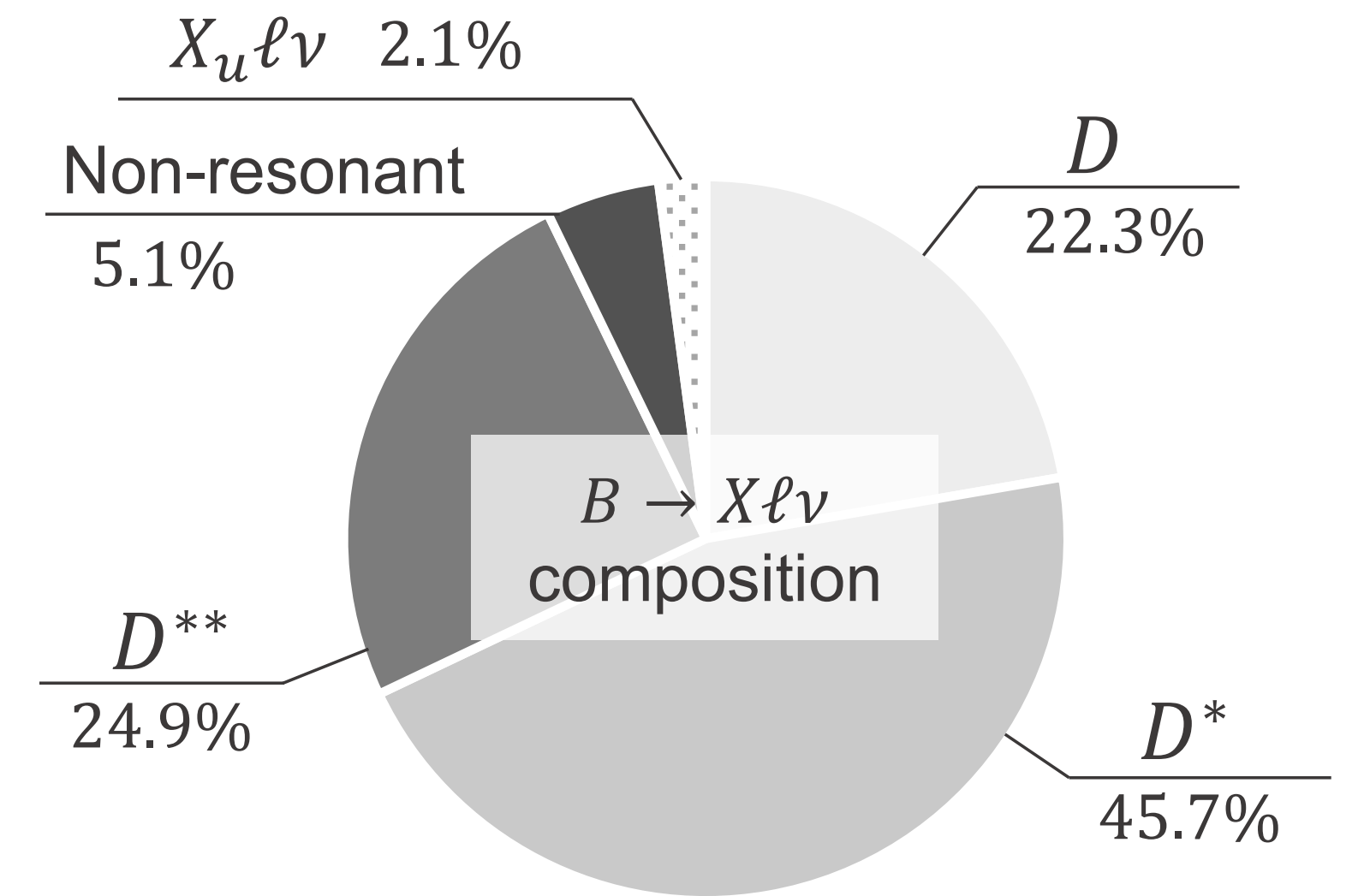
Combined $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ measurements average is
 $\sim 3.1 \sigma$ away from the SM

R($X_{e\mu}$) measurement

$D^{(*)} \rightarrow X$ $R(D^{(*)}) \rightarrow R(X)$ X : generic hadronic final state

$$R(X) = \frac{B(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu)}{B(B \rightarrow Xl\nu)}$$

$l = e, \mu$



inclusive measurements possible only at e^+e^- colliders

BelleII performed the $R(X_{e\mu})$ measurement

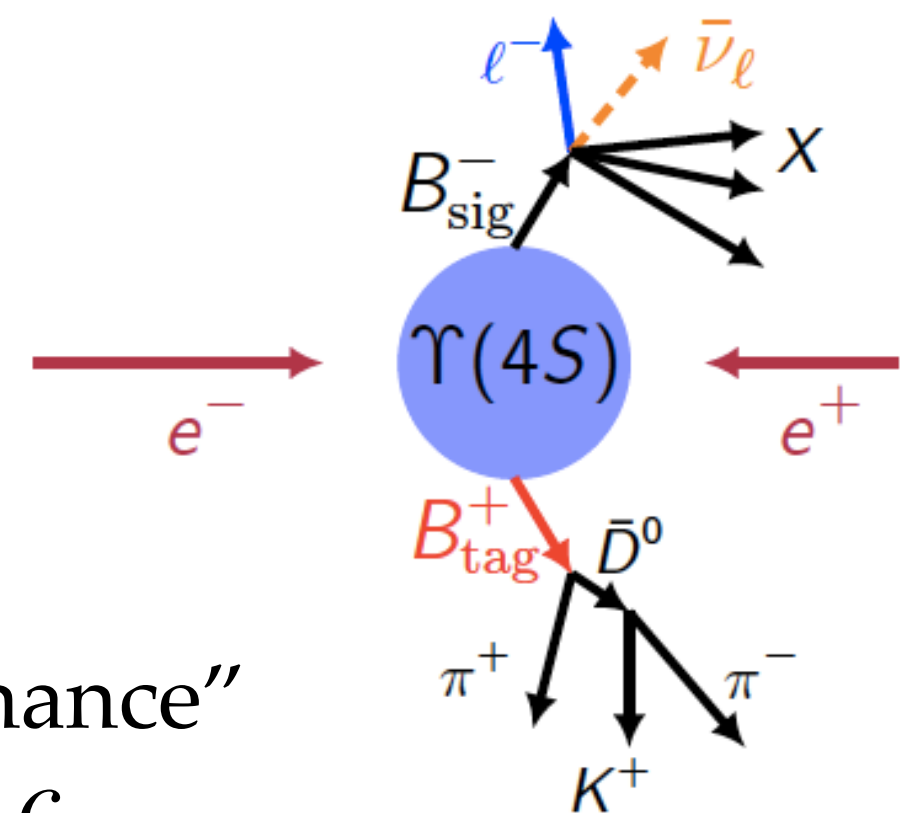
$$R(X_{e\mu}) = \frac{B(B \rightarrow X e \nu)}{B(B \rightarrow X \mu \nu)}$$

Useful also as a preparation for the $R(X)$ measurement

Fully hadronic reconstruction of B-tag with FEI

$L = 189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ for on-resonant sample

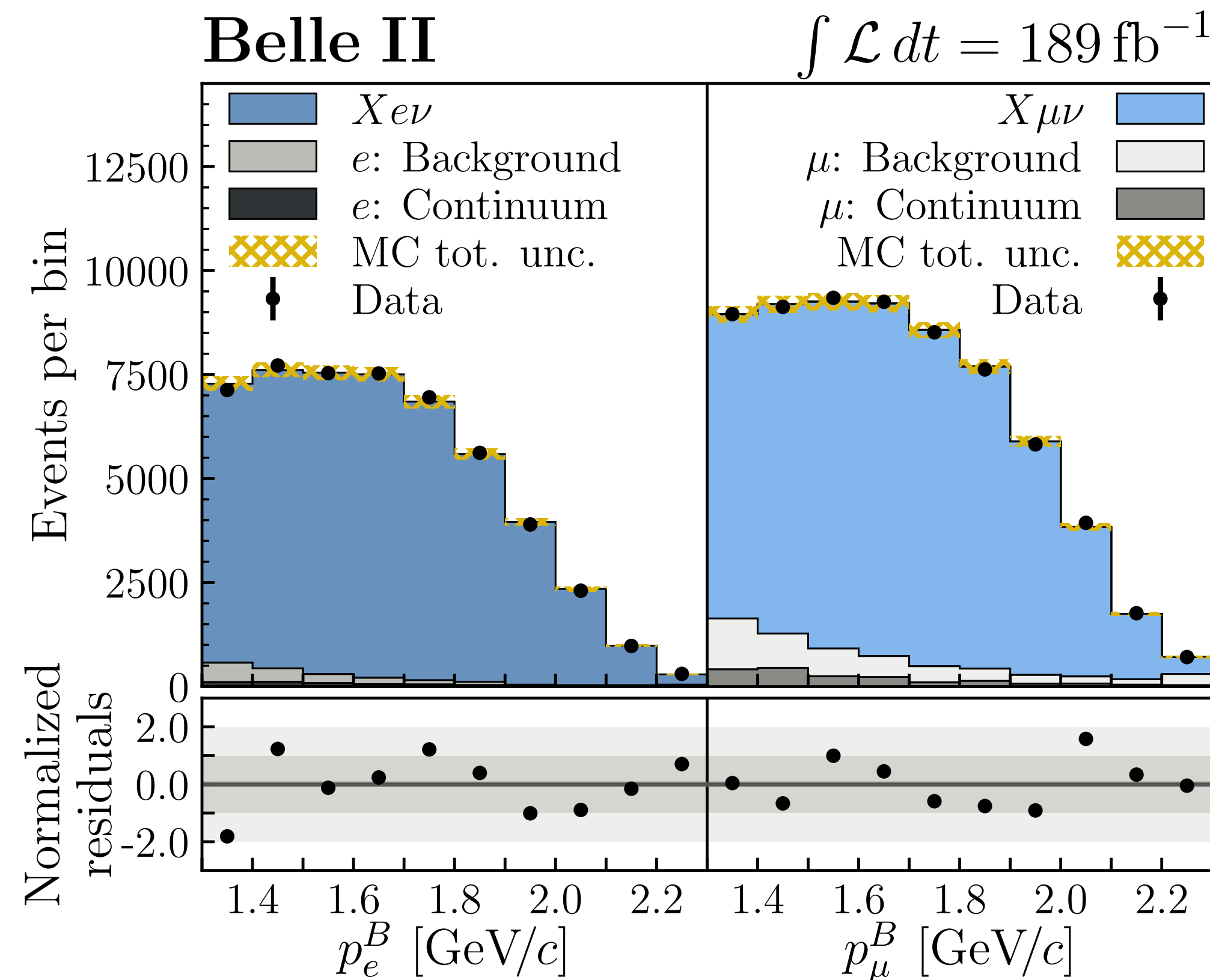
Additional sample ($L = 18 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) of “off-resonance” data to estimate the $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, $q = u, d, s, c$ background (continuum)



$R(X_{e\mu})$ measurement: Results

Control sample with same flavor / charge for tag and signal B to obtain corrections to **normalization**

Simultaneous fit to lepton momentum in the B centre of mass frame for e and μ channels



Background composition :

- BB with hadron mis-id as leptons or real leptons from hadrons
- Continuum: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}, q = u, d, s, c$

Main systematic sources:

Lepton-id efficiencies and mis-id probabilities: 1.9%

Result:

$$R(X_{e/\mu}) = 1.033 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (syst)}$$

Compatible with: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \blacktriangleright \text{SM } \text{J. High Energy Phys. 007 (2022),} \\ \blacktriangleright \text{Belle exclusive } R(D_{e/\mu}^*): \\ \text{Phys.Rev. D 100, 052007 (2019) and arXiv:2301.07529} \end{array} \right.$

Angular asymmetries

Preliminary
To be submitted to PRL

NEW

First dedicated light-LU test using a complete set of angular observables

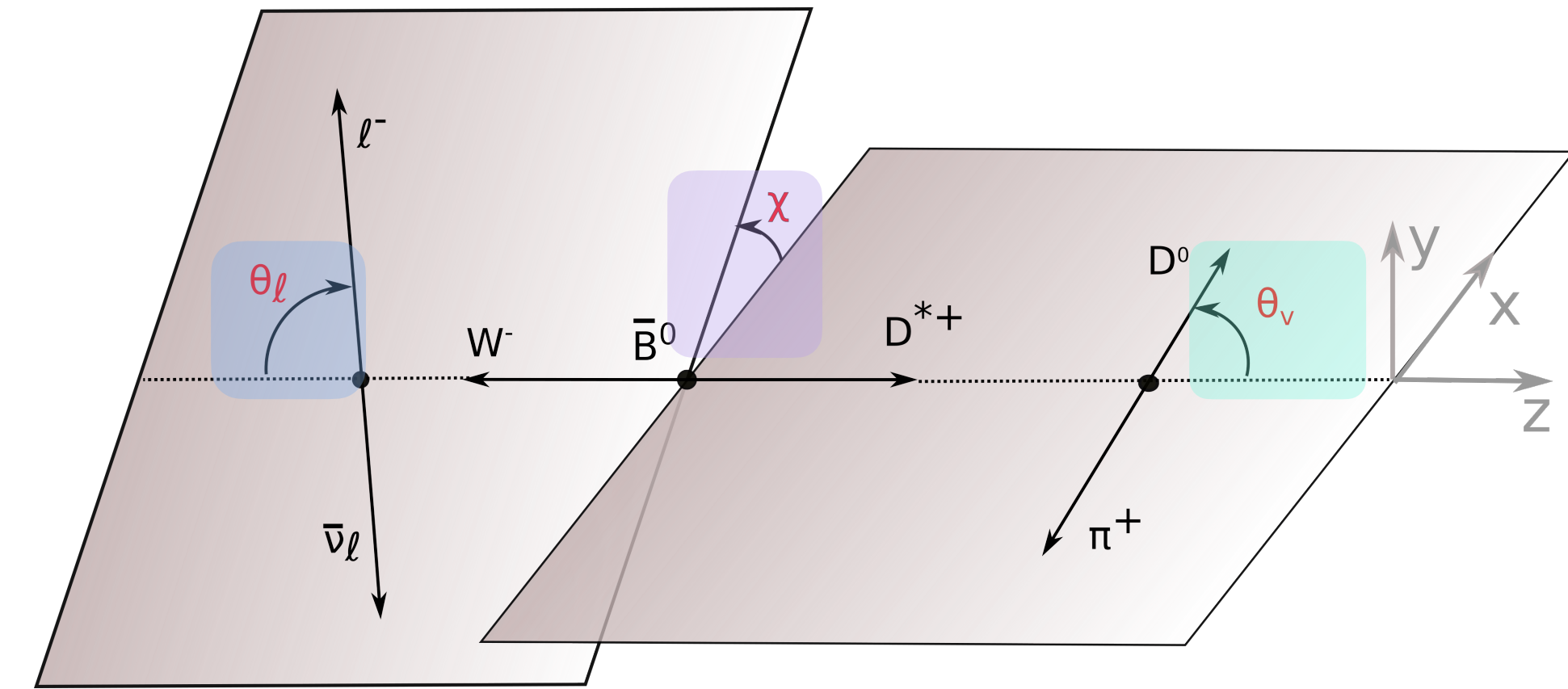
[1-dim: [arXiv:2301.07529](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07529), [Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 984 \(2021\)](https://doi.org/10.1051/epjc/2021/81/984)]

$$B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} l^+ \nu$$

$$A_x(w) \equiv \left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dw} \right)^{-1} \left[\int_0^1 - \int_{-1}^0 \right] dx \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dw dx}$$

Recoil parameter w

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



Integrals of differential rates sensitive to LU violations (LUV):

$$A_{\text{FB}} : dX \rightarrow d(\cos \theta_l)$$

$$S_3 : dX \rightarrow d(\cos 2\chi)$$

$$S_5 : dX \rightarrow d(\cos \chi \cos \theta_\nu)$$

$$S_7 : dX \rightarrow d(\sin \chi \cos \theta_\nu)$$

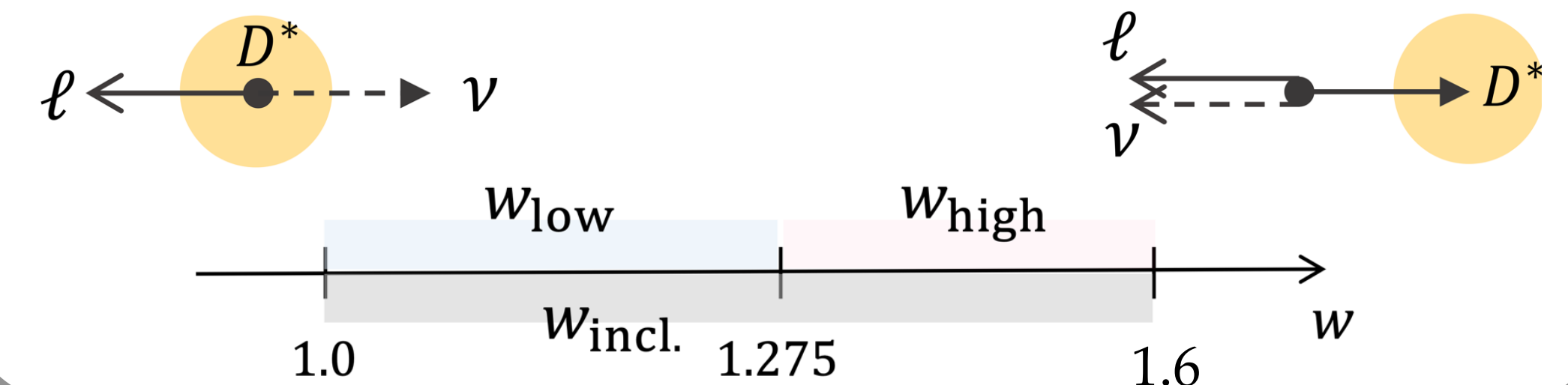
$$S_9 : dX \rightarrow d(\sin 2\chi)$$

Highly sensitive to LUV

Less sensitive to LUV,
used as control of
the analysis method

3 ranges in the recoil parameter w :

$$w_{\text{low}} : [1, 1.275], \quad w_{\text{high}} : [1.275, 1.6] \quad \text{and} \quad w_{\text{incl}} : [1, 1.6]$$



Angular asymmetries: analysis strategy

Example with $A_{FB} = \left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dw}\right)^{-1} \left[\int_0^1 - \int_{-1}^0 \right] d\cos\theta_l \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dw d\cos\theta_l}$

A_{FB} : Propensity for the lepton to travel in the same direction of the W

FEI fully hadronic B-tag reconstruction.
After the selection of the signal side we determine the number of events N_x^+ and N_x^- with a fit to M_{miss}^2

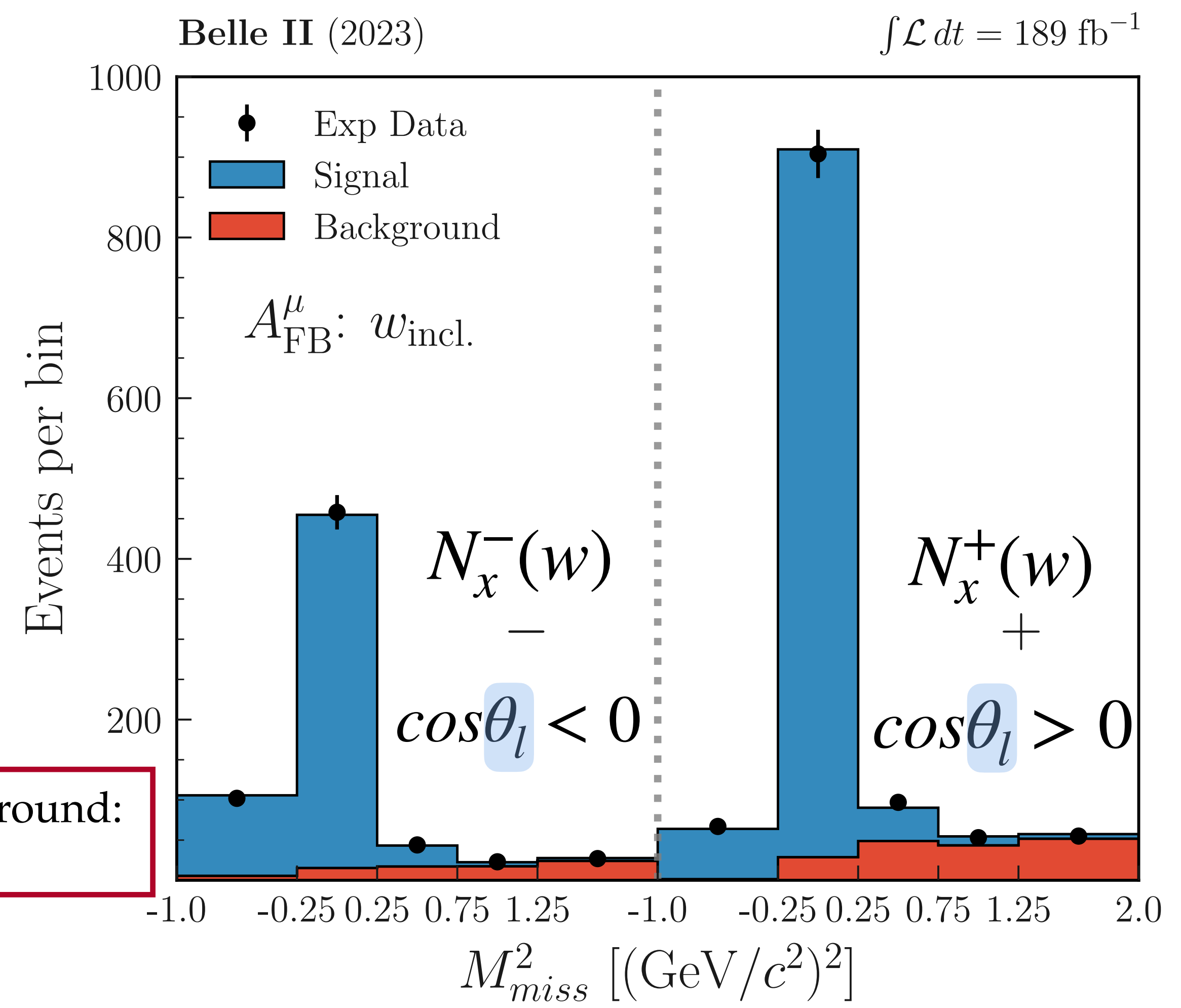
$$A_x(w) = \frac{N_x^+(w) - N_x^-(w)}{N_x^+(w) + N_x^-(w)}$$

$\Delta A_x(w) = A_x^\mu(w) - A_x^e(w)$

Clean probes of LUV
Experimental uncertainties and hadronic uncertainties (FF) cancel out

Main background:
 $B \rightarrow D^{**}l\nu$

$$M_{miss}^2 = (p_{e^+e^-} - p_{B_{tag}} - p_{D^*} - p_l)^2 \sim M_\nu^2$$

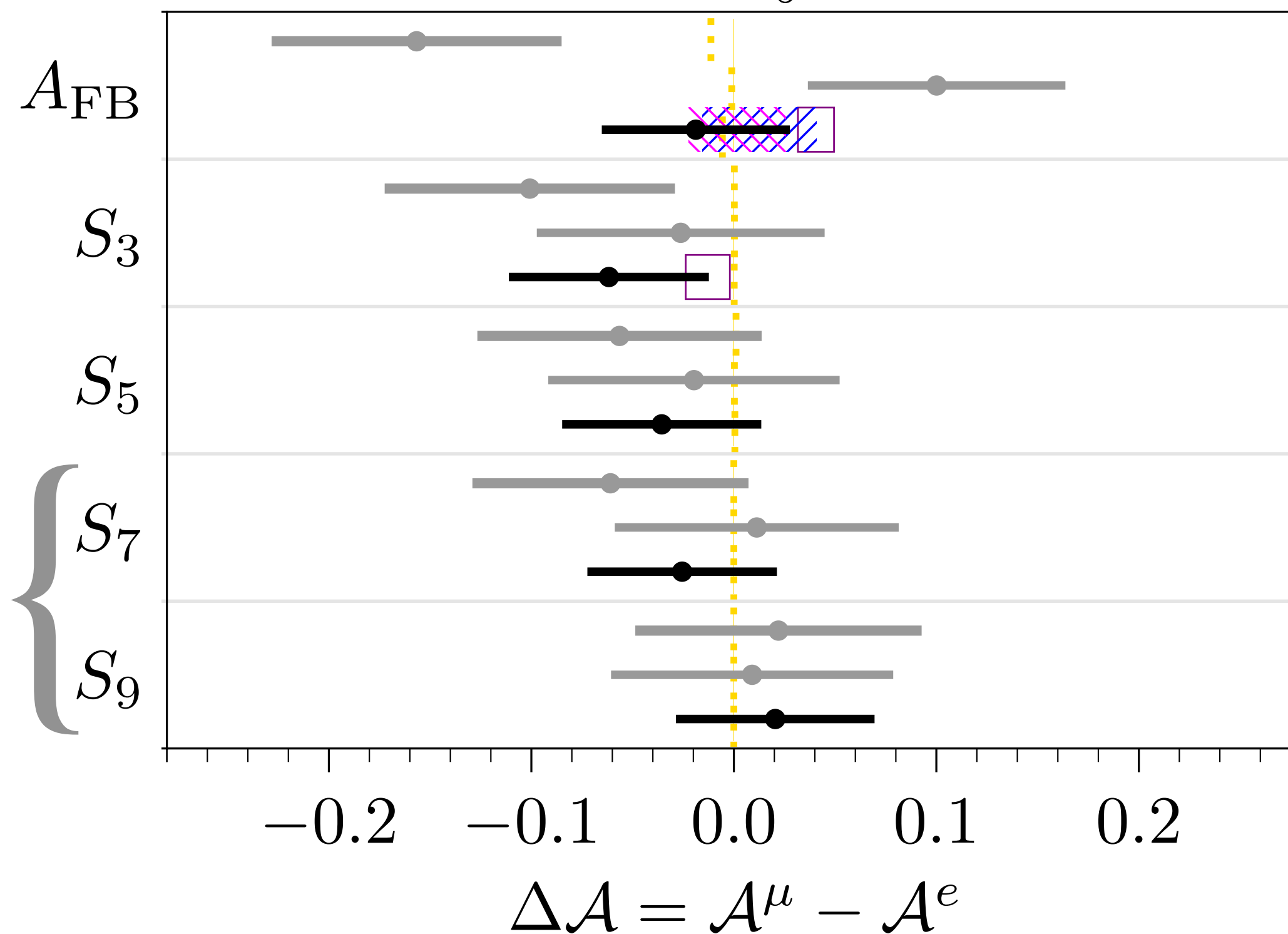


Angular asymmetries: results

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NEW

Belle II (2023) $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



w_{high}

w_{low}

$w_{\text{incl.}}$

SM

Belle (2023) [arXiv:2301.07529](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07529)

Belle II (2023) [arXiv:2301.04716](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.04716)

Bobeth, *et al.* [Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 984 \(2021\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.08732)

obtained in a slightly reduced w range, (1, 1.5)

Previous measurements only for 1 (out of 5) variable (A_{FB})

Result limited by experimental statistics

- Agreement with SM, no evidence for LUV
- First comprehensive tests of LU in the angular distributions of semi-leptonic B decays

Search for a long-lived particle in $b \rightarrow s$ transitions

First long lived particle search at BelleII

Search for a Long Lived Particle

NEW

L = 189 fb⁻¹ Preliminary

Dark sector mediators can be long-lived particles (LLP)
due to their small coupling with SM particles

Search for Dark long-lived particle **S** in $b \rightarrow s$ transitions

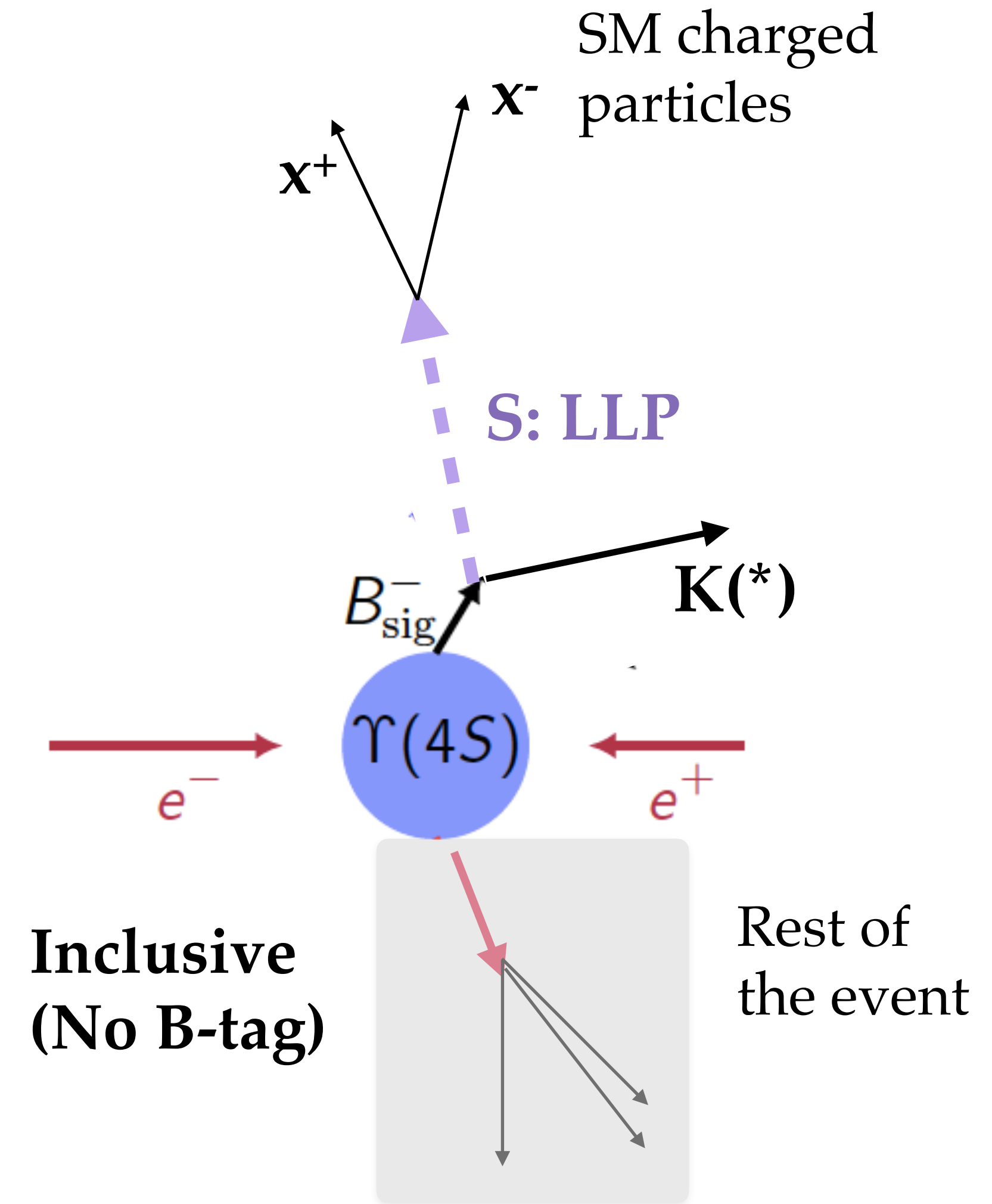
8 exclusive channels:

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ S$$

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} S, \text{ with } K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$$

$$S \rightarrow e^+ e^-, \mu^+ \mu^-, \pi^+ \pi^-, K^+ K^-$$

- Bump hunting in **S** mass distribution M_S using unbinned maximum likelihood fits
- Dedicated study of displaced vertex performance, corrections determined with K_S^0 control sample



LLP: model independent results

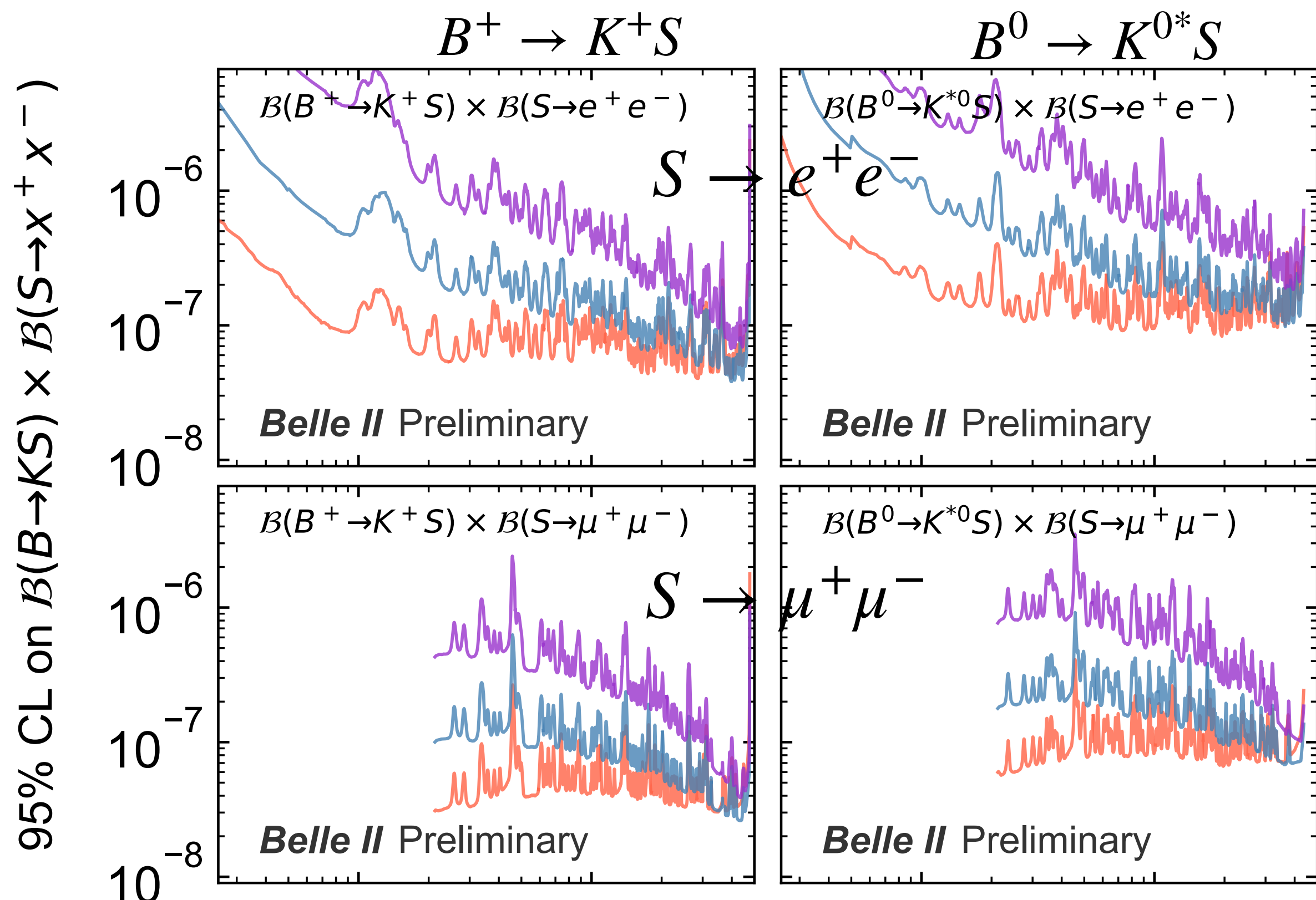
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$L = 189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Preliminary

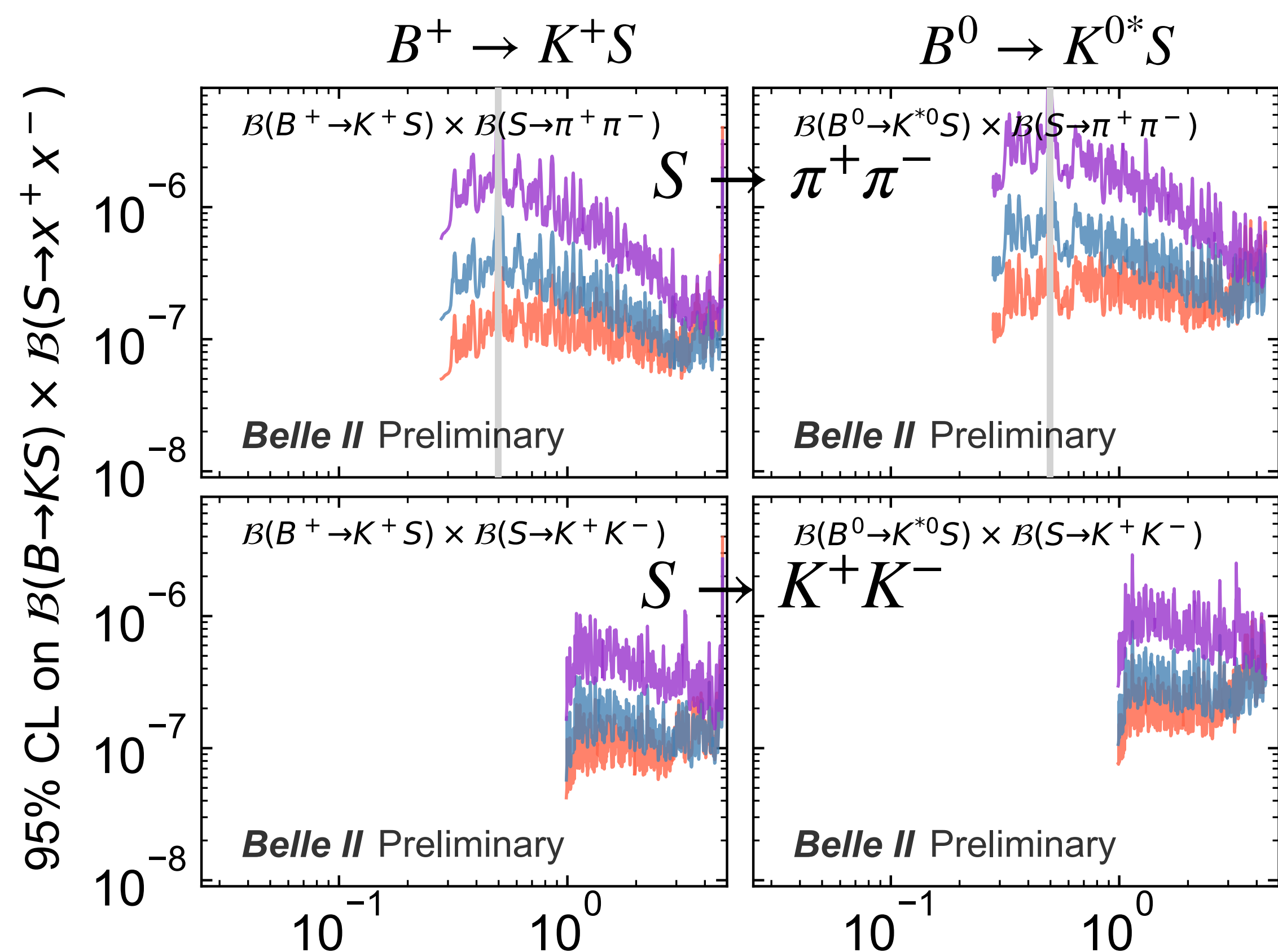
$$c\tau_{\text{LLP}} = \boxed{1} \boxed{10} \boxed{50} \text{ cm}$$

No deviation from SM observed

Strongest bounds for $S \rightarrow e^+e^-$



(pseudo-)scalar mass m_S (GeV/c^2)



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First bounds for hadronic final states

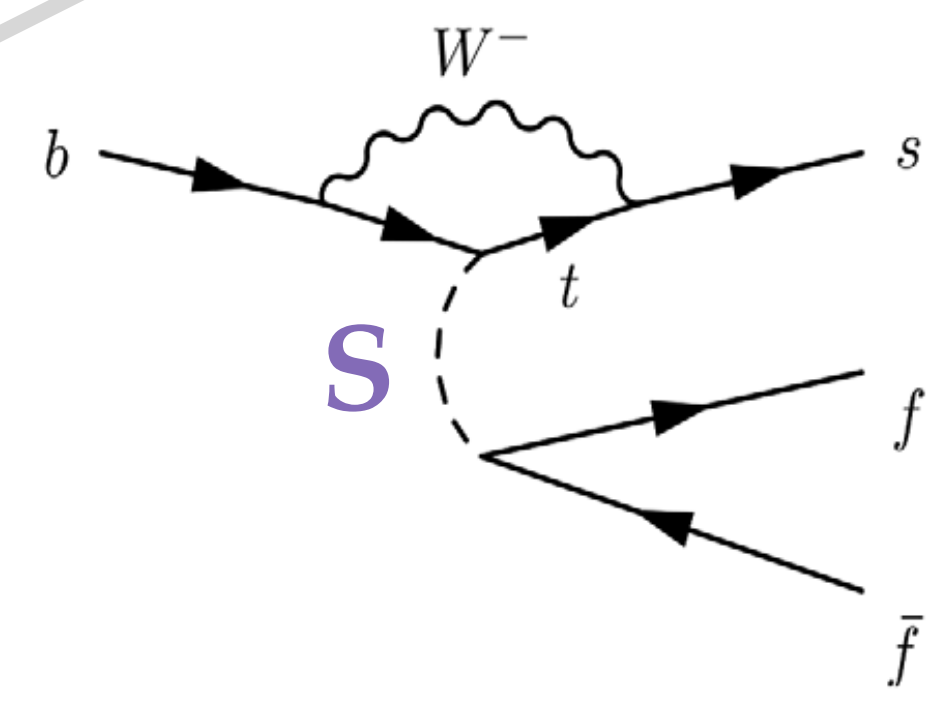
LLP: interpretation in the Higgs-mixing model

NEW

Preliminary

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{DS}} - (\mu S + \lambda S^2) H^\dagger H$$

With: $\mu = \sin\theta$
 $\lambda = 0$

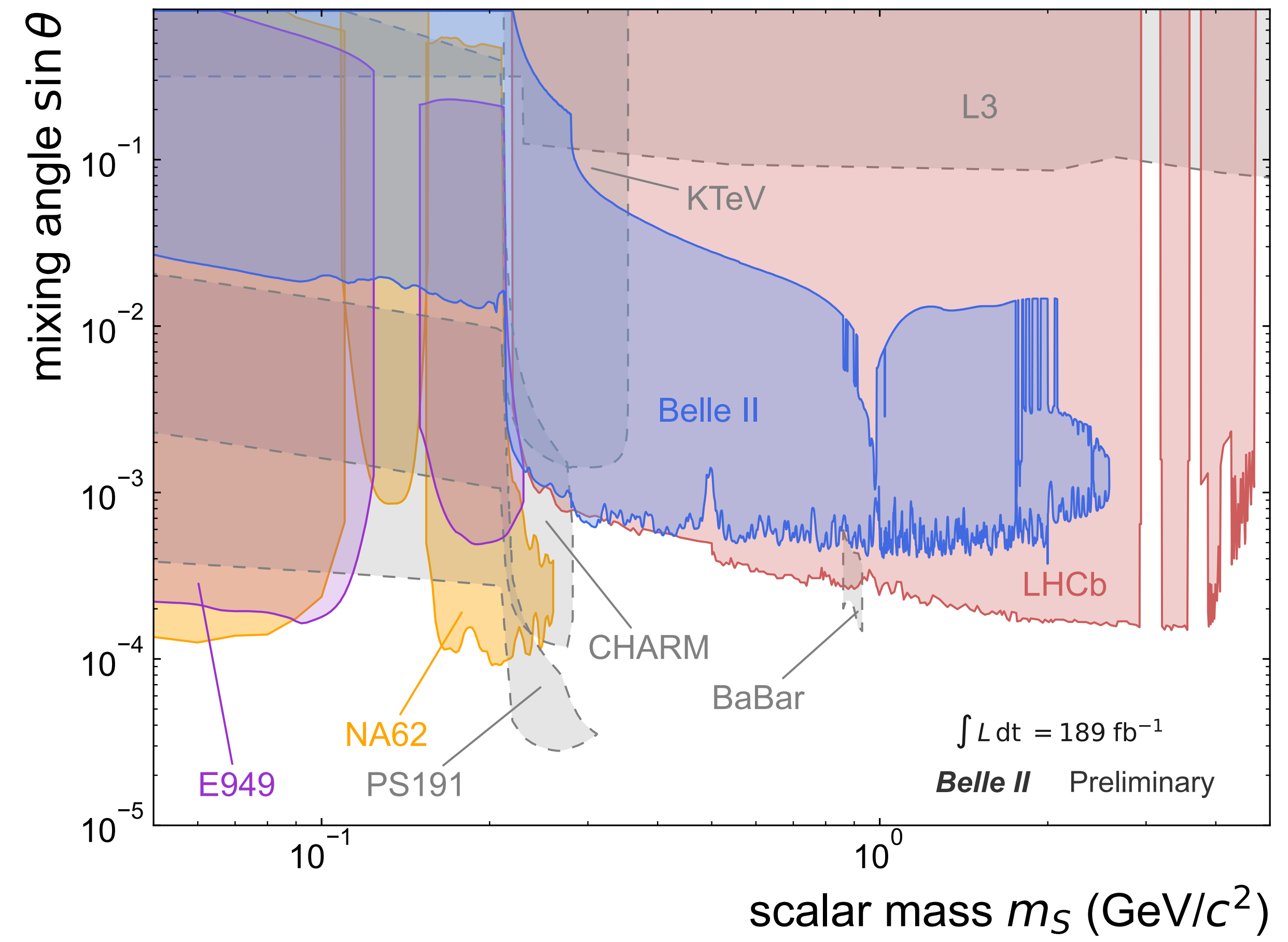


BC4 of PBC [J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 47 010501]
 For example Winkler [Phys. Rev. D 101, 095006 (2020)]

$$c\tau_S = f(\theta, m_S)$$

$$c\tau_S \propto \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \text{nm}$$

Combination of the 8 channels:



Strongest bound for $m_S \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}$

Summary

Presented recent results from BelleII

◆ Tests of light-lepton universality:

◆ Measurement of $R(X_{e/\mu}) = 1.033 \pm 0.010$ (stat) ± 0.019 (syst)

◆ First dedicated light-LU test using a set of angular observables with the $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}l^+\nu$ decay **NEW**

◆ Search for a long-lived scalar in $b \rightarrow s$ transitions **NEW**

Results compatible with the SM

Analyses using the full dataset (362 fb⁻¹) are ongoing and a new data taking run will start next winter

Thank you



Thank you

Back up

Long-shutdown activity and plans

Belle II stopped taking data in Summer 2022 for a long shutdown

- replacement of beam-pipe
- replacement of photomultipliers of the central PID detector (TOP)
- installation of 2-layered pixel vertex detector
- improved data-quality monitoring and alarm system
- complete transition to new DAQ boards (PCIe40)
- replacement of aging components
- additional shielding and increased resilience against beam backgrounds

Currently working on pixel detector installation:

- > shipping to KEK in mid March
- > final test at KEK scheduled in April

On track to resume data taking next winter with new pixel detector

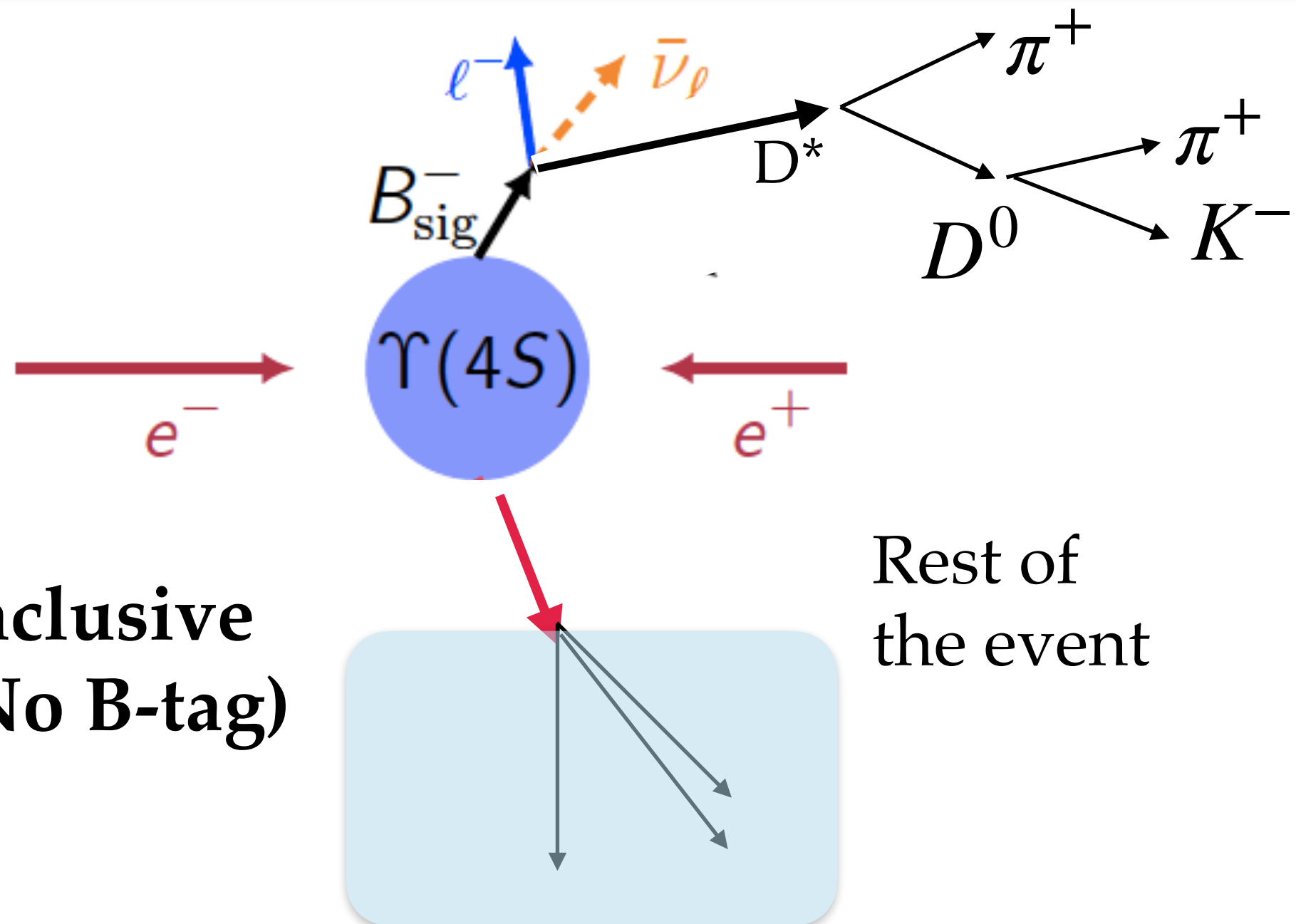
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Determination of $|V_{cb}|$ with $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} l^- \bar{\nu}_l$

Preliminary

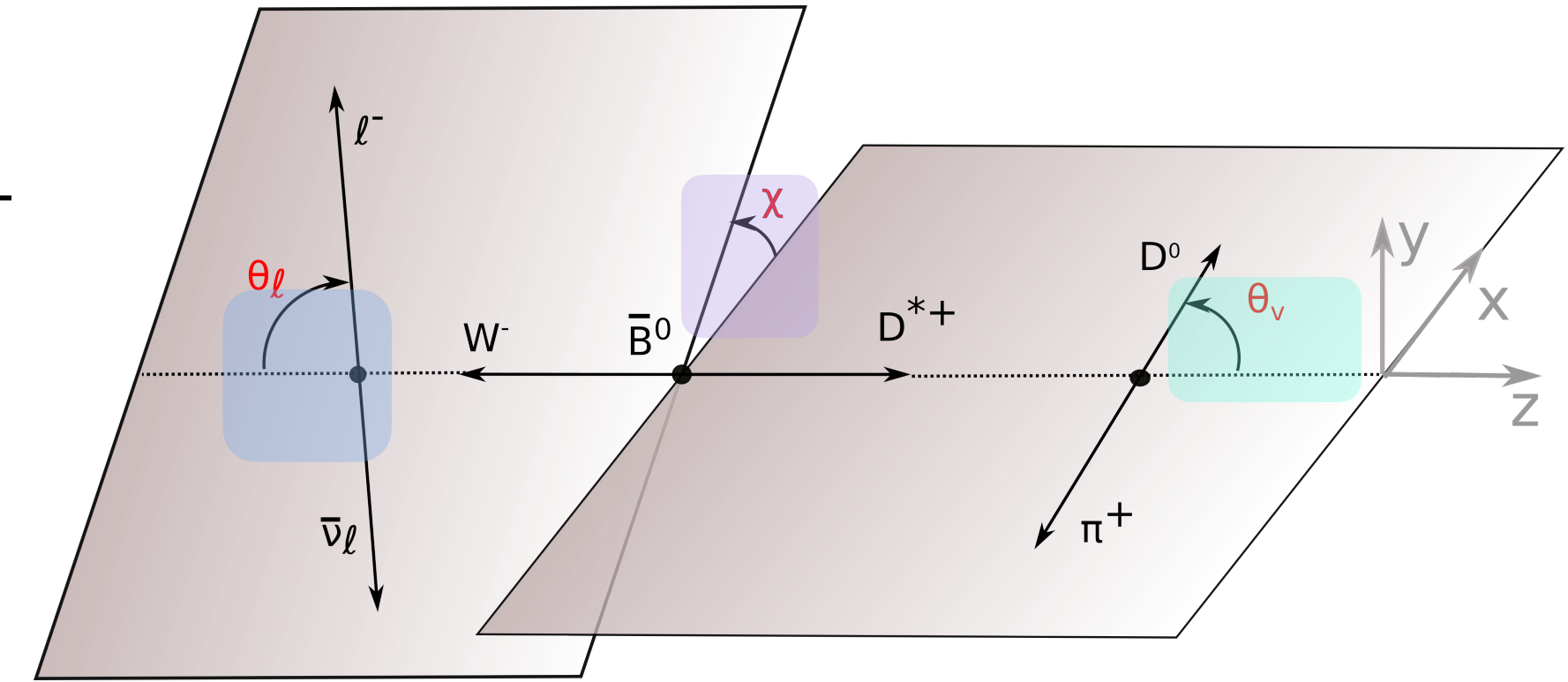
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NEW



$$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$$

$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$$



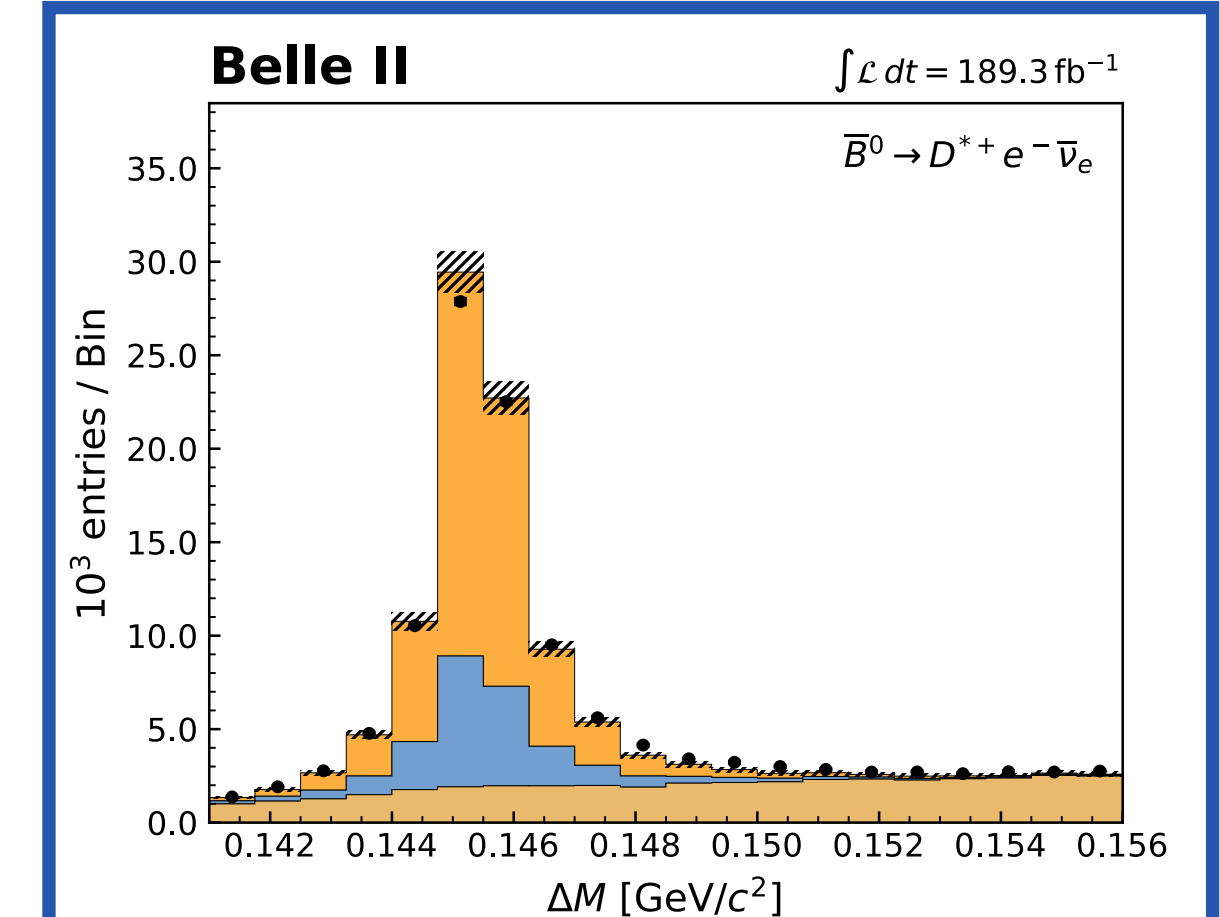
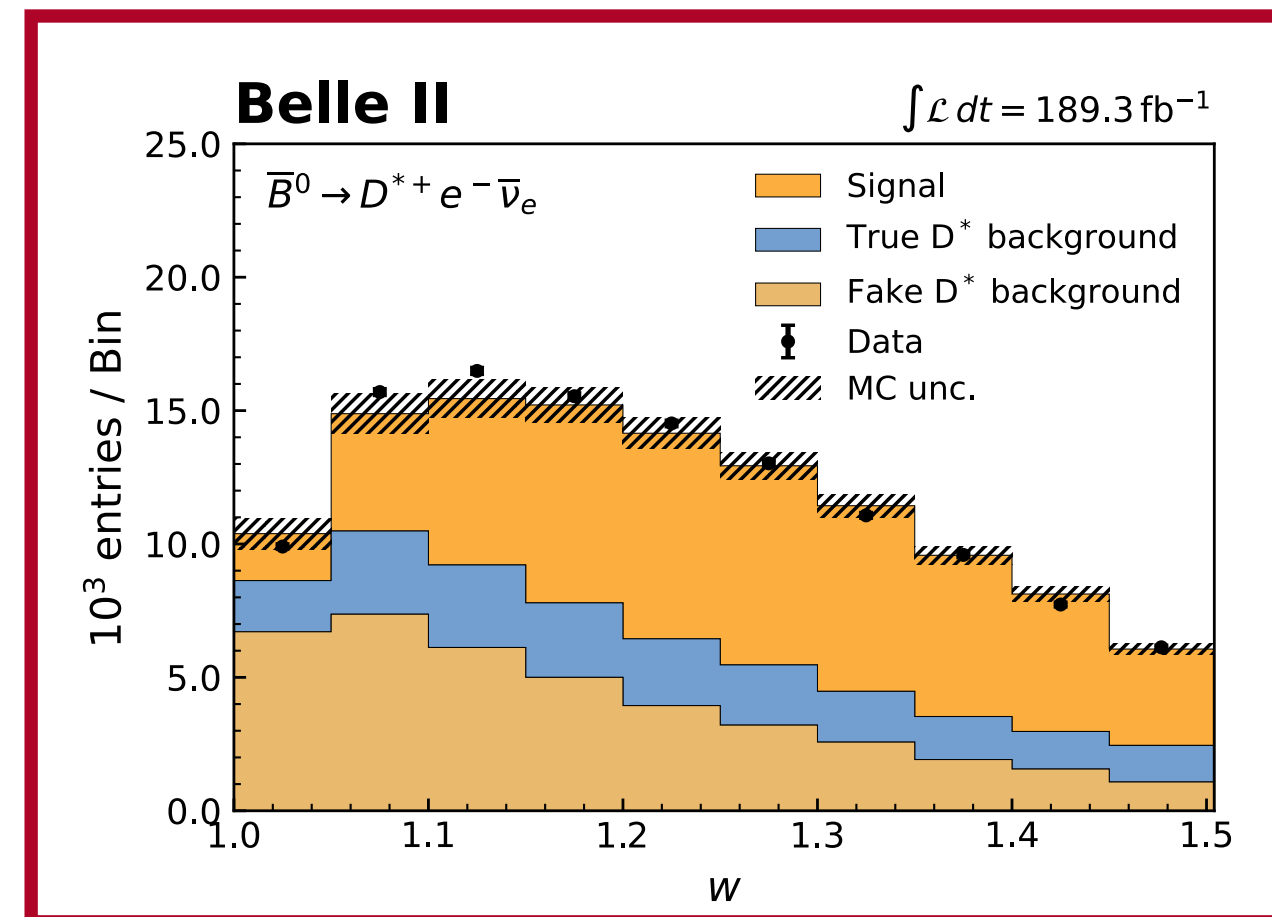
**Inclusive
(No B-tag)**

The analysis is performed in bins of $w, \cos\theta_l, \cos\theta_\nu, \chi$

For each bin fit to the variables $\cos\theta_{BY}$ and $\Delta M = M(D^*) - M(D^0)$

The neutrino direction is reconstructed inclusively using θ_{BY} angle between the B and D^*l system

$$L = 189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$



V_{cb} : results

Preliminary
To be submitted to PRD

NEW

Measurement of the branching fractions:

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} e^- \bar{\nu}_e) = (4.94 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.22)\%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu) = (4.94 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.24)\%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) = (4.94 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.22)\%$$

Two form factor
parametrization:

Boyd, Grinstein, Lebed (**BGL**)
[Phys. Rev. D56, 6895 (1997)]

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{BGL}} = (40.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$

Caprini, Lellouch, Neubert (**CLN**)
[Nucl. Phys. B530, 153 (1998)]

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{CLN}} = (40.4 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$

R($X_{e\mu}$) measurement

Selection:

FEI had B-tag

Cuts on:

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{s}/2)^2 - |\vec{p}_B^*|^2}$$

$$\Delta E = E_B^* - \sqrt{s}/2$$

FEI probability

Signal B

$$p_T(\mu/e) > 0.4/0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Particle identification

Remaining ECL clusters,
tracks,.. \rightarrow X system

Boosted decision tree to suppress continuum bkg:

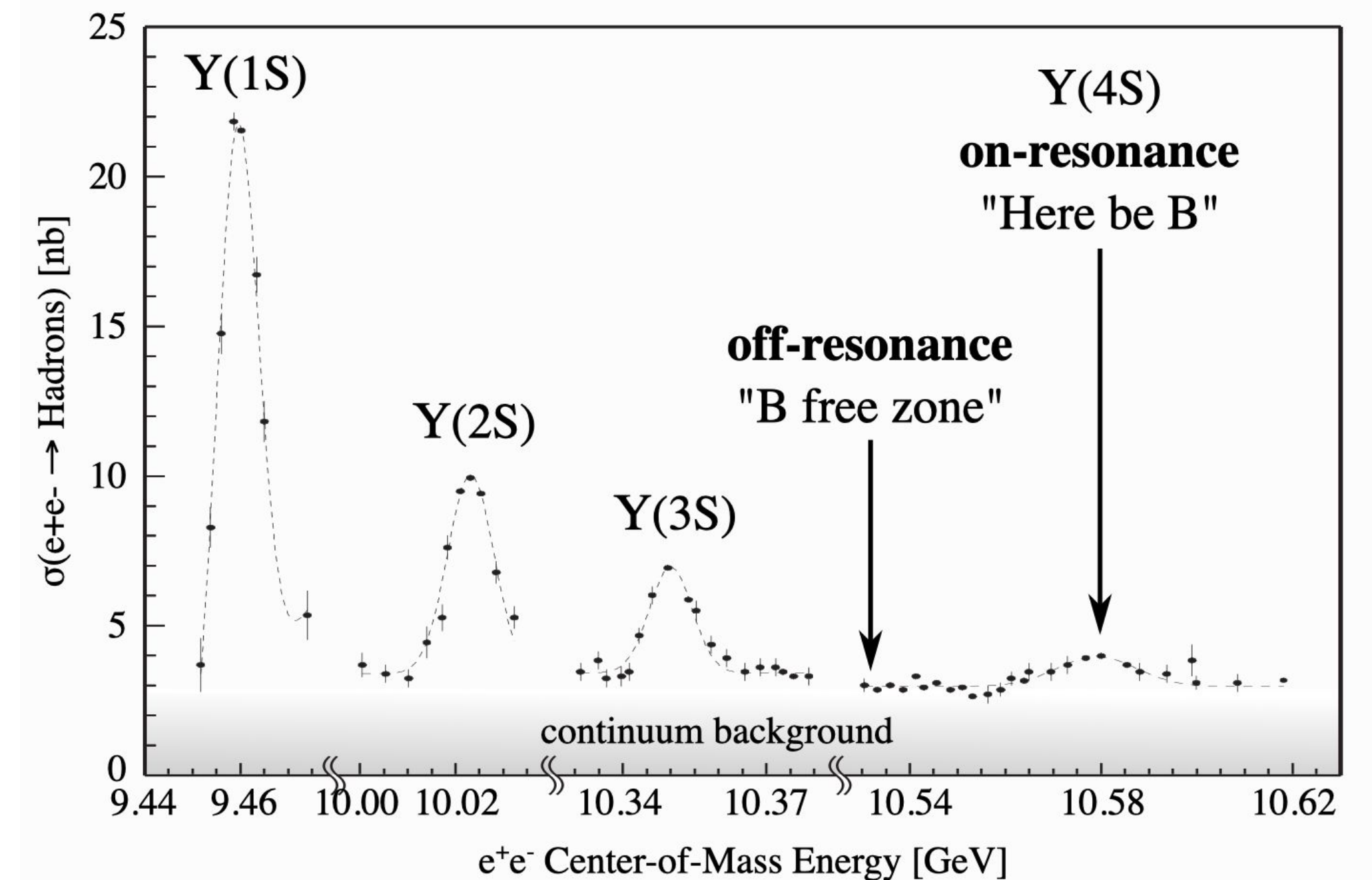
Continuum rejection: 55%

BB efficiency: 97%

Background composition:

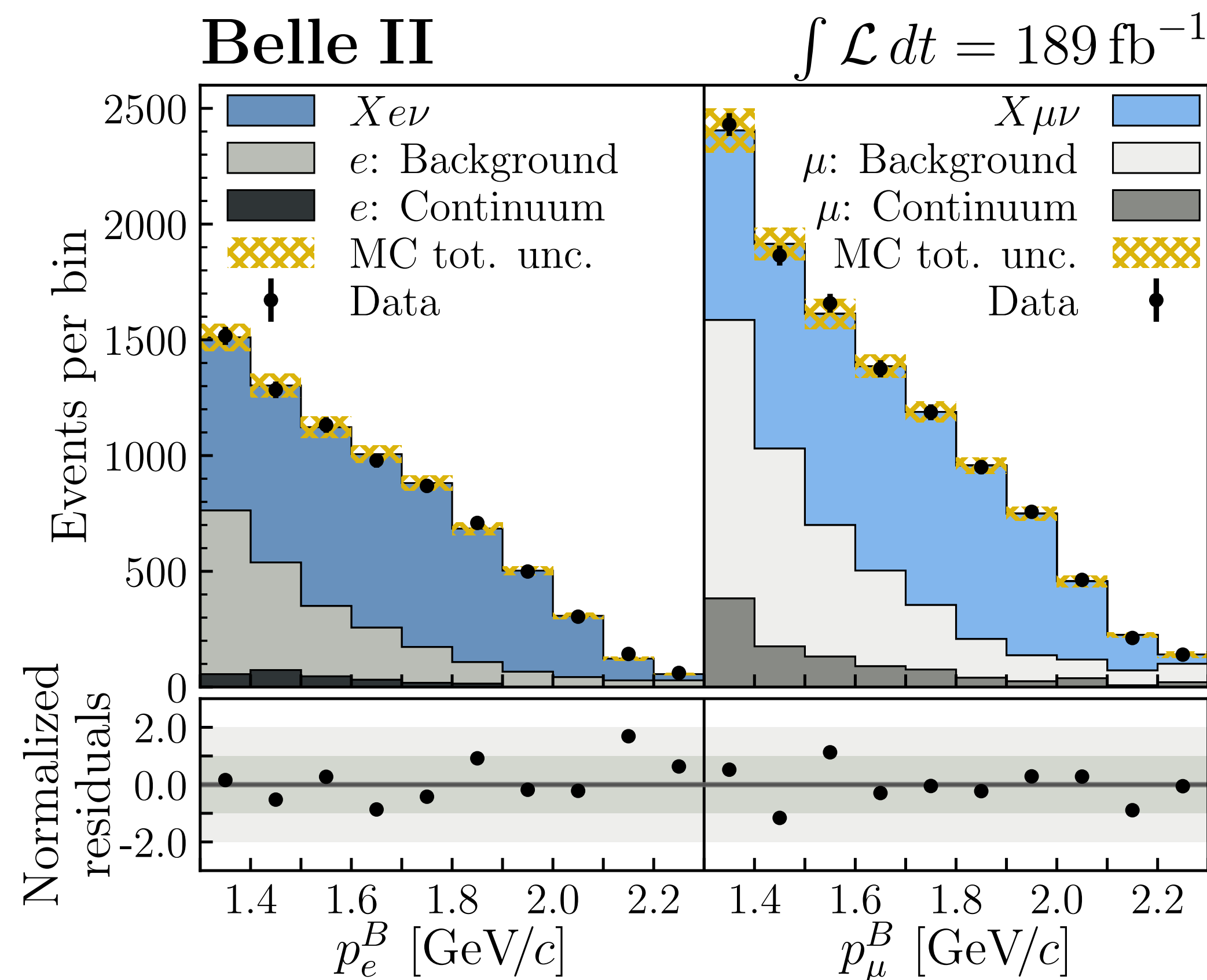
- Continuum
- BB with hadron mis-id as leptons or real leptons from hadrons

Off-resonance data to estimate the continuum bkg



R($X_{e\mu}$) measurement

Control sample with same flavor/charge for tag and signal B to obtain corrections to **normalization** of the background



Fit to same-sign and opposite-sign samples

$$N_e^{\text{meas}} = 48030 \pm 290$$

$$N_\mu^{\text{meas}} = 58570 \pm 430$$

$$R(X_{e/\mu}) = \frac{N_e^{\text{meas}}}{N_\mu^{\text{meas}}} \cdot \frac{N_\mu^{\text{sel}}}{N_e^{\text{sel}}} \cdot \frac{N_e^{\text{gen}}}{N_\mu^{\text{gen}}}$$

Source	Uncertainty [%]
Sample size	1.0
Lepton identification	1.9
$X_c l \nu$ branching fractions	0.1
$X_c l \nu$ form factors	0.2
Total	2.2

Angular asymmetries

had-Btag FEI requirements

Signal side: $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}(e^+, \mu^+)\nu$

$B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}(e^+, \mu^+)\nu$

$D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\pi^-$

$\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-, K^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-, K^+\pi^-\pi^0, K^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

$K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-, K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, K_S^0\pi^0, K^+K^-$

And charged conjugate

Missing energy > 0.3 GeV

.....

Unfolding of experimental resolution

Results

Obs.	w bin	Measurement	SM $\times 10^5$
ΔA_{FB}	w_{low}	0.099 ± 0.064	-104 ± 2
	w_{high}	-0.168 ± 0.072	-1133 ± 9
	$w_{\text{incl.}}$	-0.024 ± 0.046	-566 ± 7
ΔS_3	w_{low}	-0.026 ± 0.071	28 ± 0.2
	w_{high}	-0.101 ± 0.072	23 ± 1
	$w_{\text{incl.}}$	-0.062 ± 0.049	18 ± 1
ΔS_5	w_{low}	-0.019 ± 0.072	27 ± 0.3
	w_{high}	-0.055 ± 0.07	107 ± 4
	$w_{\text{incl.}}$	-0.035 ± 0.049	49 ± 2
ΔS_7	w_{low}	0.011 ± 0.07	0 ± 0
	w_{high}	-0.061 ± 0.068	0 ± 0
	$w_{\text{incl.}}$	-0.026 ± 0.047	0 ± 0
ΔS_9	w_{low}	0.009 ± 0.07	0 ± 0
	w_{high}	0.022 ± 0.071	0 ± 0
	$w_{\text{incl.}}$	0.02 ± 0.049	0 ± 0

Long Lived scalar

Selection mainly on:

- LLP dr, 2d pointing angle
- Prompt track PID and displaced track PID

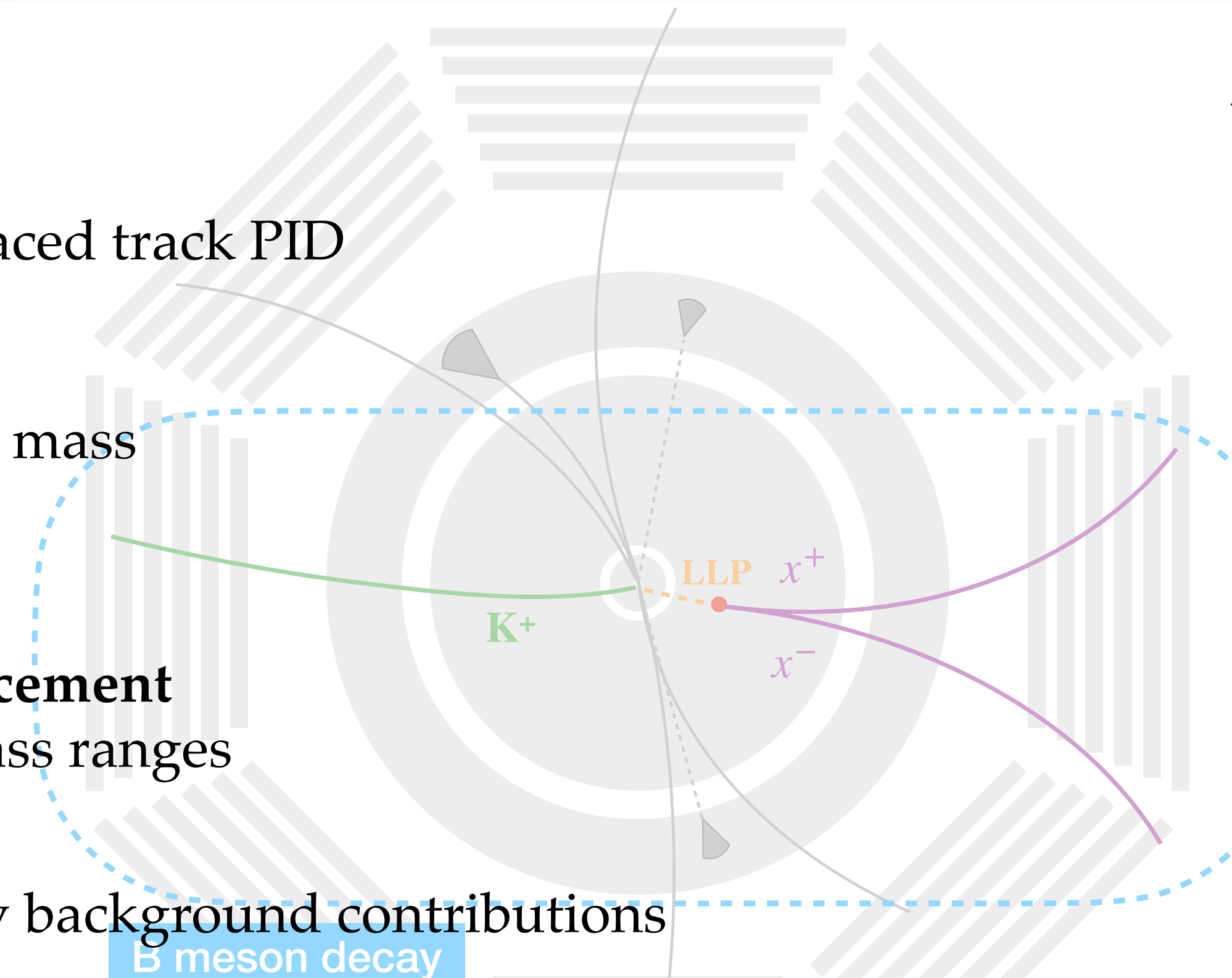
peaking backgrounds in LLP mass distributions, examples:
 $D^0, J/\psi, \psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu\mu$

Reduced by tightening displacement (dr) selection for respective mass ranges

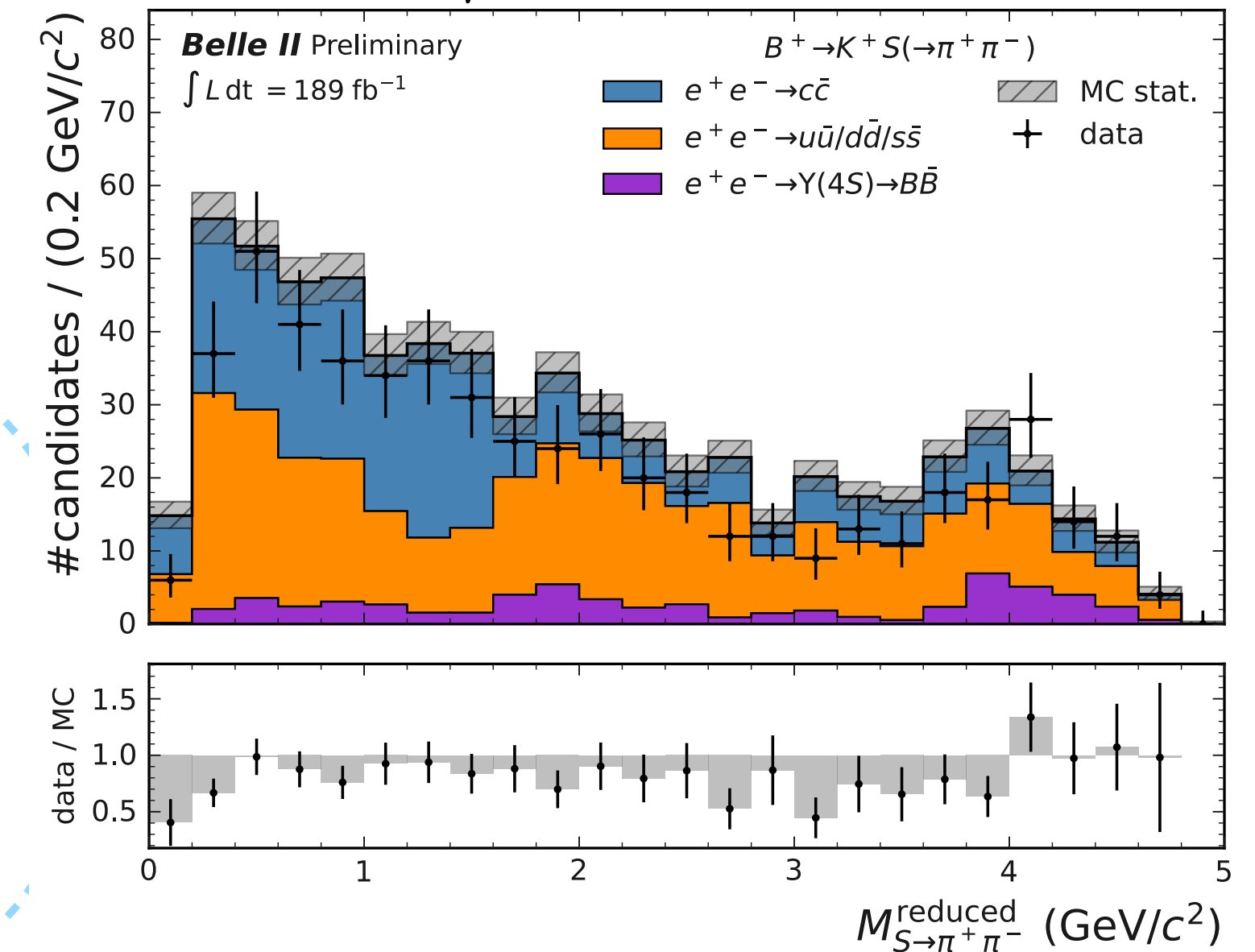
Several sidebands used to study background contributions

Fitting method:

- Unbinned maximum likelihood fits in steps of $\sigma/2$ in windows around test mass of $\pm 20 \sigma$ adapted from I. Ferber
- Limits on the signal BF determined using the modified frequentists CLs method
- combined fit between channels for model dependent limits
- Look-elsewhere effect is taken into account using the Gross-Vittels method
- Systematic uncertainties implemented by nuisance parameters with gaussian priors



$$M_{\text{LLP}}^{\text{reduced}} = \sqrt{M_{\text{LLP}}^2 - 4m_{\text{final-state}}^2}$$



total 19 lifetime values probed

Largest local significance at
 $m_S = 2.619 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 $c\tau = 100 \text{ cm}$
 Local: 3.3σ
 Global: 0.3σ