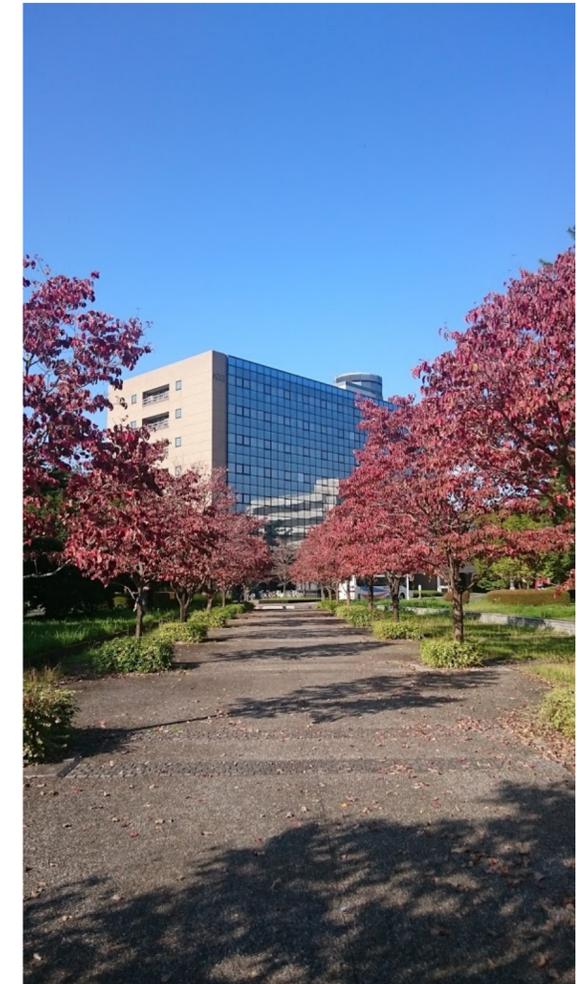


Belle II Opportunities in Rare B -decays with Invisible Particles



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Outline

SuperKEKB

Belle II
Detector
+
Performance

Current
Luminosity
+ Prospects



Invisible particles:
neutrinos/other
undetectable particles

$b \rightarrow sll$ transitions

General remarks for rare B -decays
with invisible particles

Channels with missing energy

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

$$B \rightarrow K \tau \tau$$

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

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a(\rightarrow \text{invisible})$$

SM | BSM

Fully reconstructed channels

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} l^+ l^-)$$

$$R(K^{(*)})$$

SM | BSM

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ S(\rightarrow x^+ x^-)$$

Other Belle II talks @ this workshop

Latest results and prospects: [Talk by Gagan last Tuesday](#)

Prospects of $|Vub|$: [Talk by Tommy this Thursday](#)

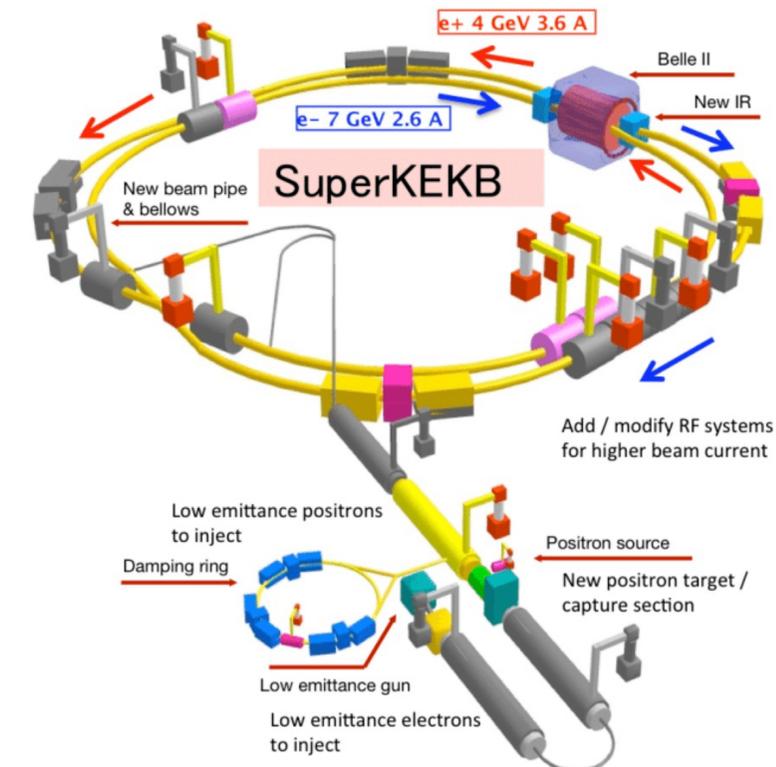
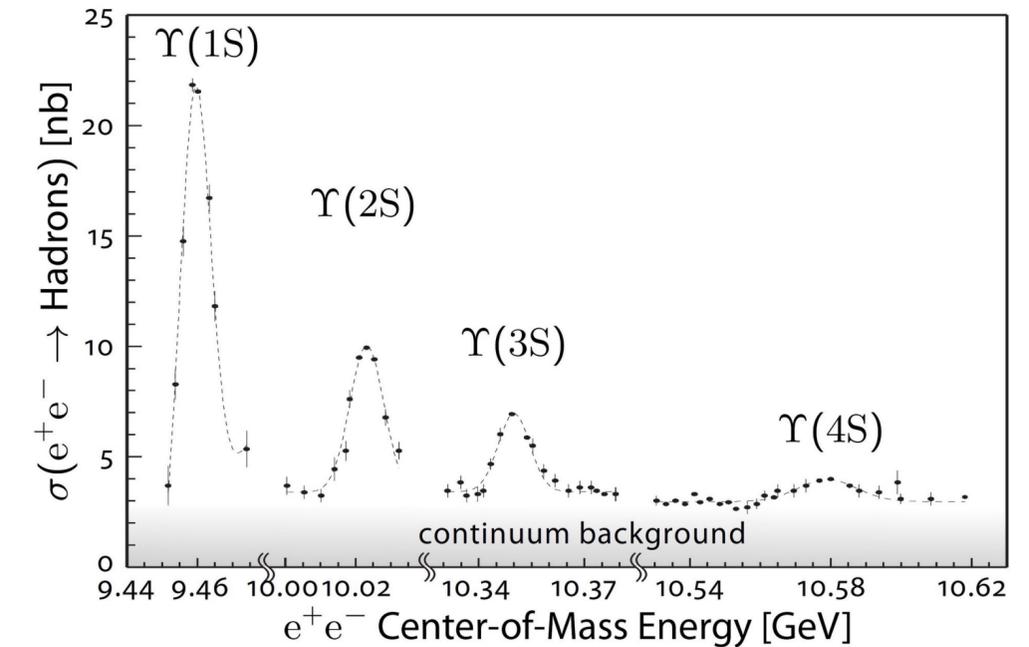
SuperKEKB

Energy asymmetric e^+e^- -collider @ $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$ GeV

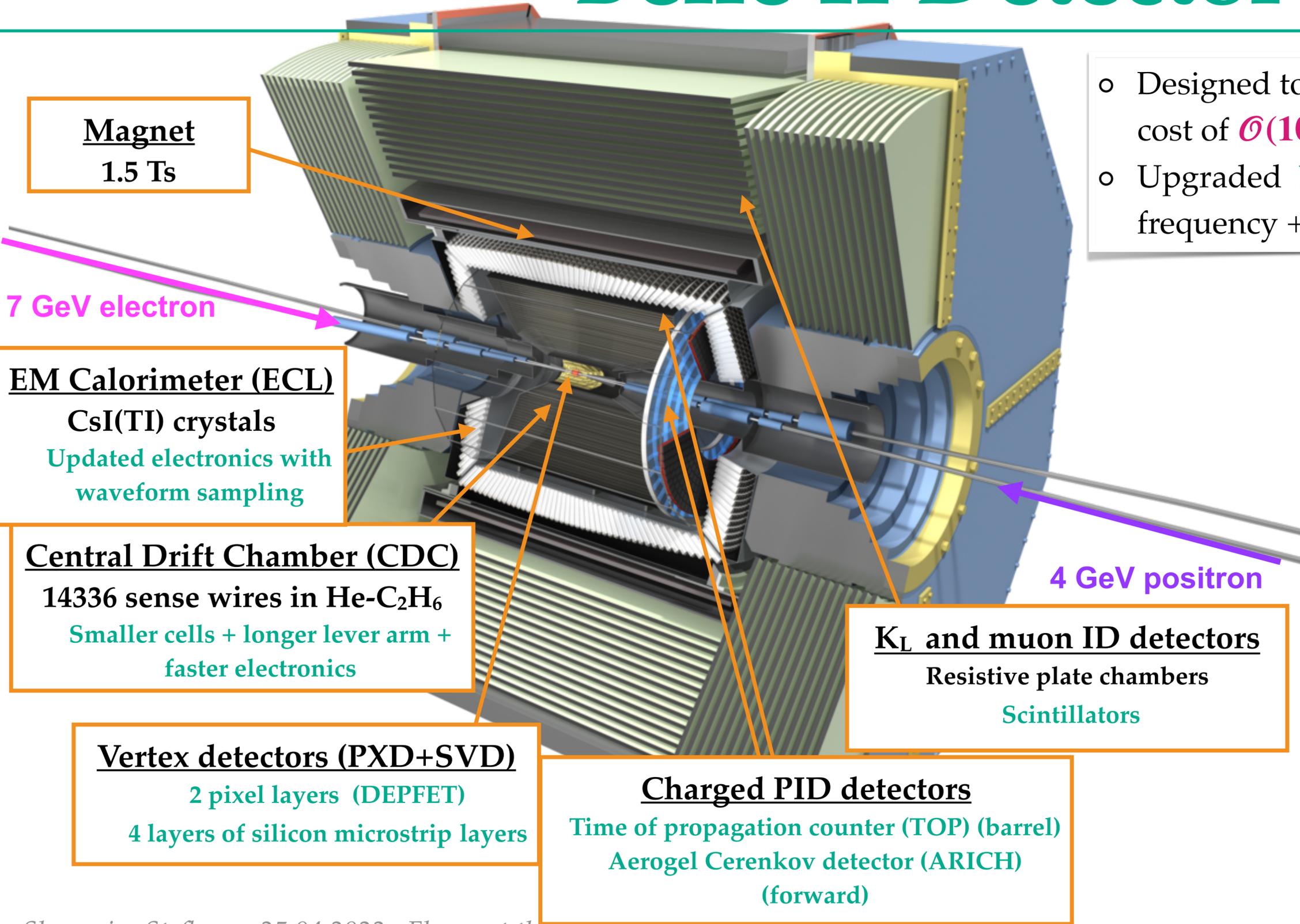
- $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$ GeV \leftrightarrow $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance
- $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ + nothing else with $\mathcal{B} > 96\%$
→ clean B sample (**on-resonance**)
- @ 60 MeV below $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance:
→ control sample to constrain continuum backgrounds
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, where $q = (u, d, s, c)$ (**off-resonance**)

With **nano-beam scheme** and **upgraded rings SuperKEKB** aims to reach **$30 \times$ higher \mathcal{L}_{inst}** than **KEKB** at cost of **$\mathcal{O}(10) \times$ higher backgrounds**

- **$\times 1.5$ currents**
- **$\times 1/20$ vertical beam size**



Belle II Detector



Magnet
1.5 Ts

7 GeV electron

EM Calorimeter (ECL)
CsI(Tl) crystals
Updated electronics with waveform sampling

Central Drift Chamber (CDC)
14336 sense wires in He-C₂H₆
Smaller cells + longer lever arm + faster electronics

Vertex detectors (PXD+SVD)
2 pixel layers (DEPFET)
4 layers of silicon microstrip layers

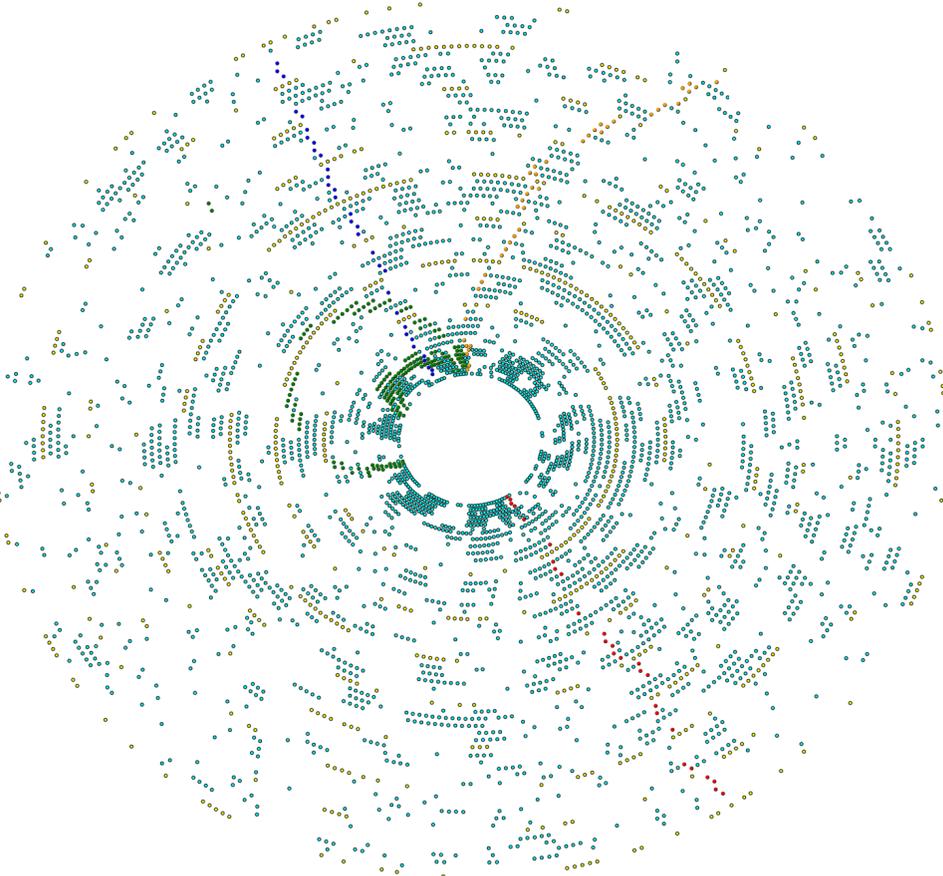
Charged PID detectors
Time of propagation counter (TOP) (barrel)
Aerogel Cerenkov detector (ARICH) (forward)

K_L and muon ID detectors
Resistive plate chambers
Scintillators

4 GeV positron

- Designed to give **similar or better performance** at cost of $\mathcal{O}(10) \times$ higher backgrounds
- Upgraded **DAQ and trigger** (higher readout frequency + low multiplicity channels)

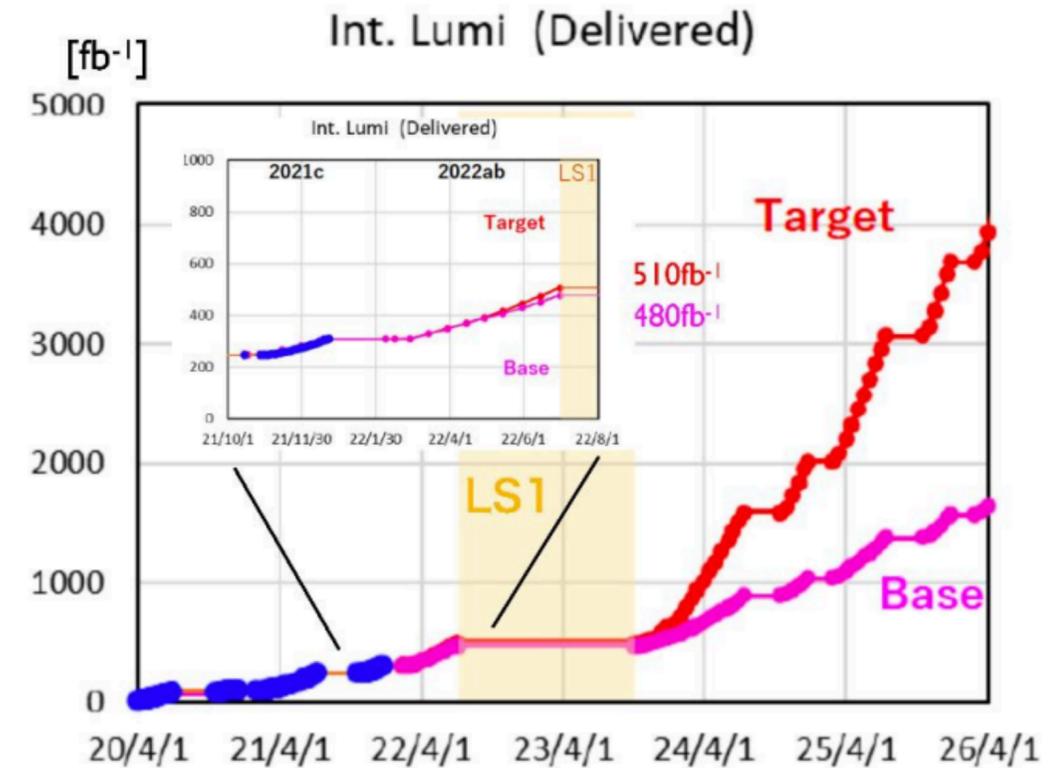
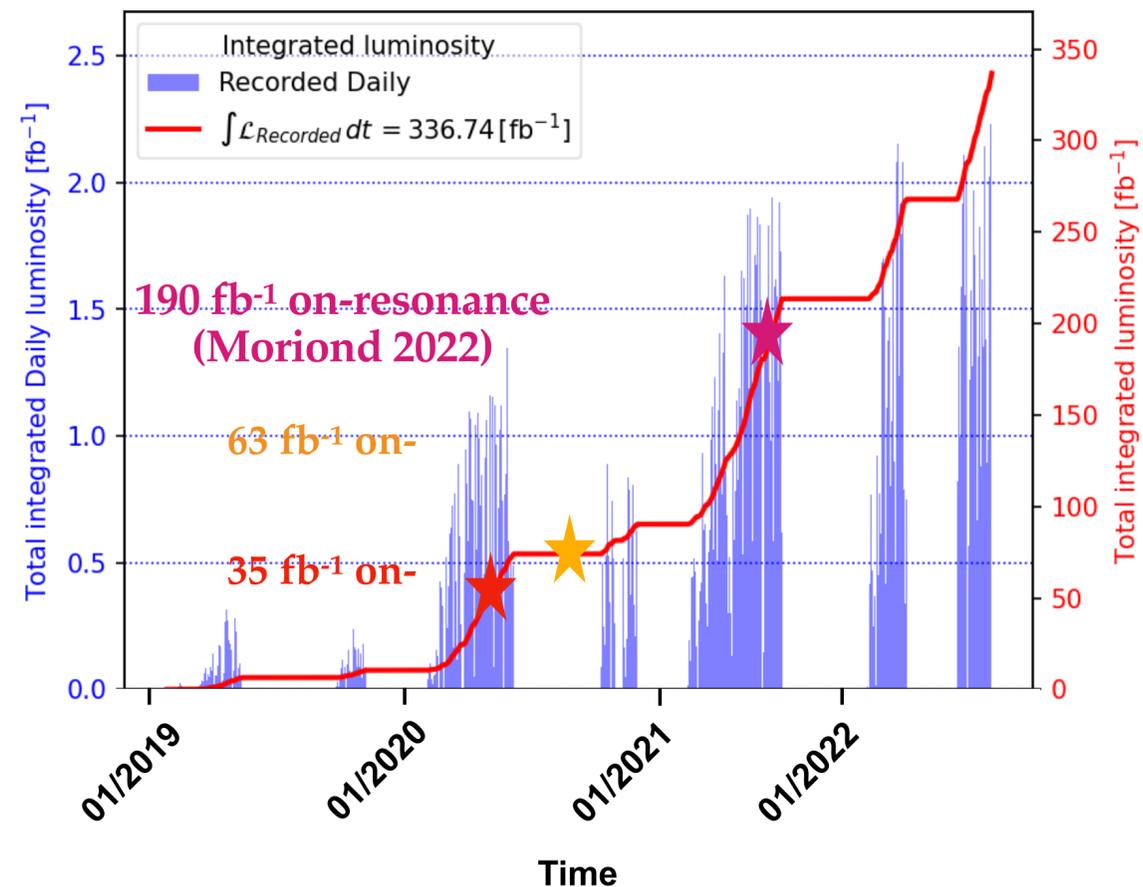
Simulated $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ event with high luminosity backgrounds (CDC view)



Luminosity

Status

- Collected $\sim 330 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ since April 2019 ($\sim 1/2$ Belle)
- Slower luminosity accumulation, but with $\sim 90\%$ data-taking efficiency
- Record-breaking $\mathcal{L}_{inst} 3.8 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Highest daily integrated luminosity: 2.2 fb^{-1}



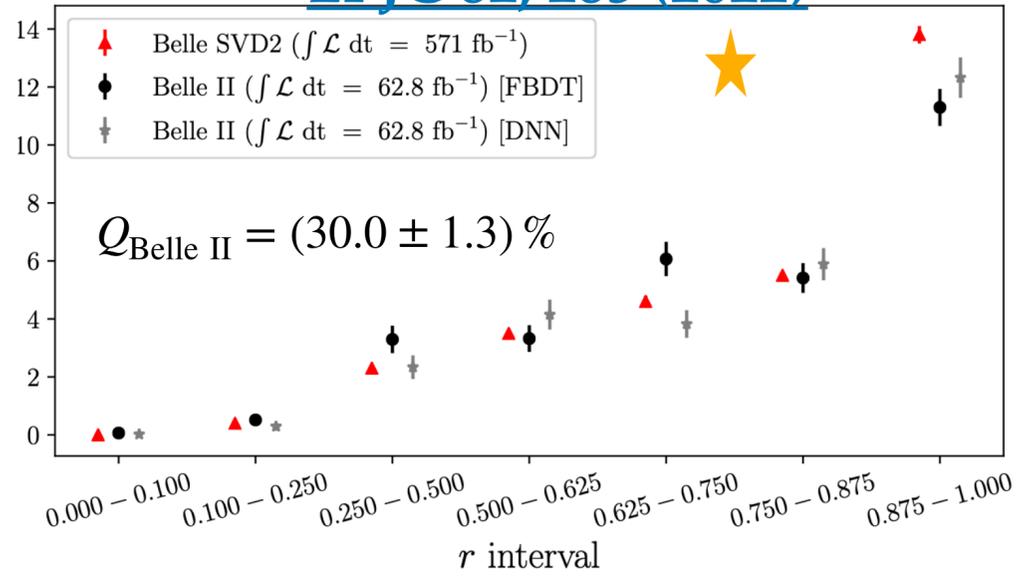
Prospects

- **Short-term plan:** long shutdown (LS1) in 2022
- full PXD installation \rightarrow important to maintain good vertex resolution at high luminosity
- Replacement of 50% of barrel TOP PMTs to maintain good particle identification
- **Long-term plan:** LS2, final goal: $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

Performance

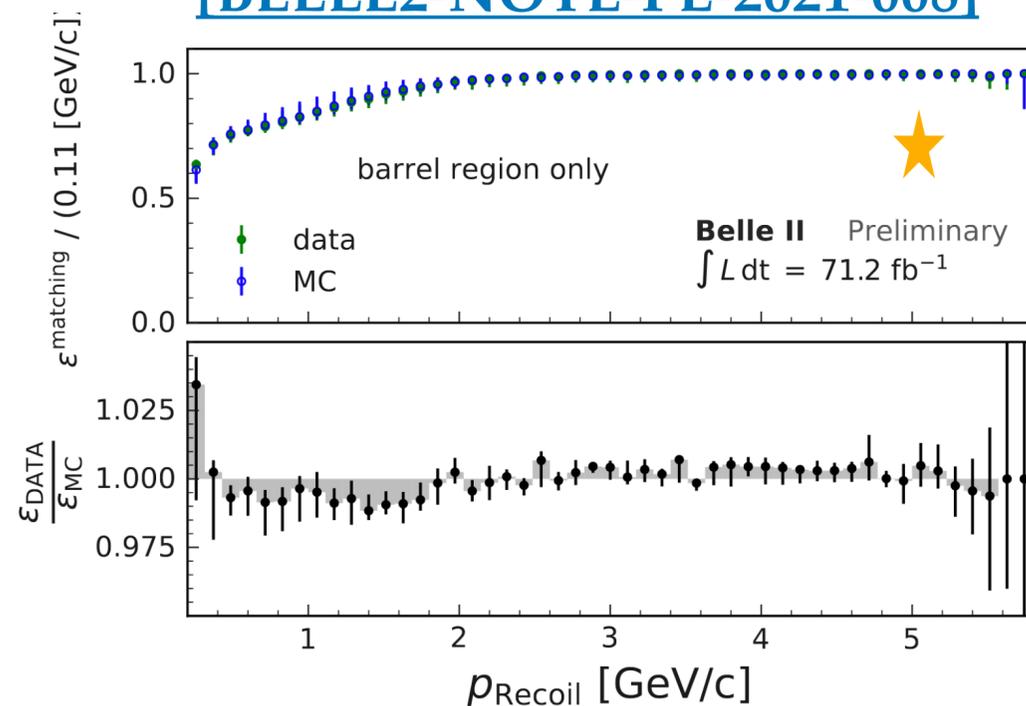
Good flavour tagger performance

[EPJC 82, 283 \(2022\)](#)



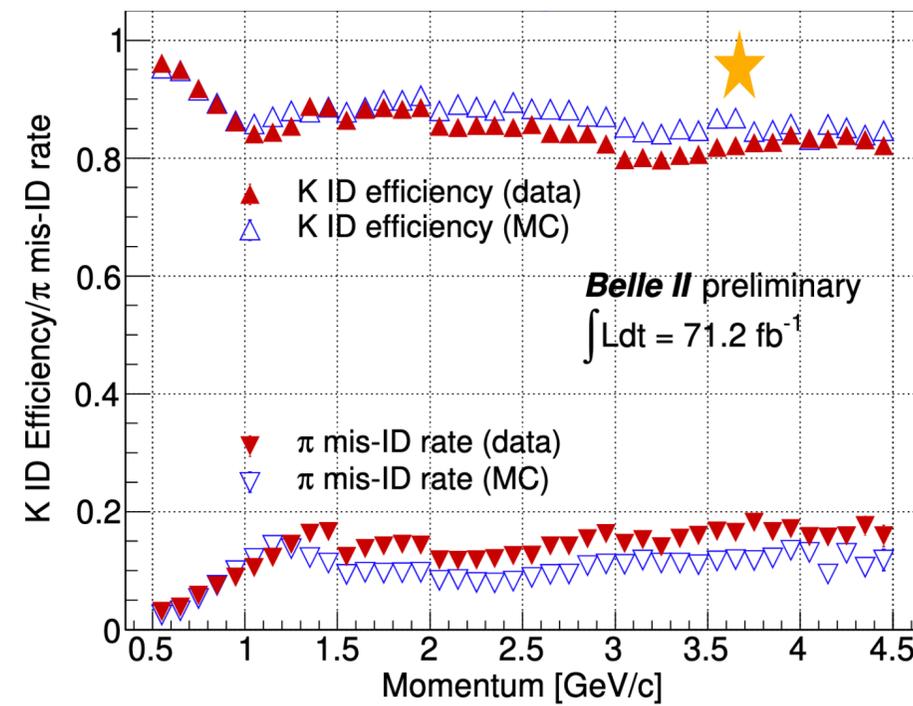
High photon matching efficiency

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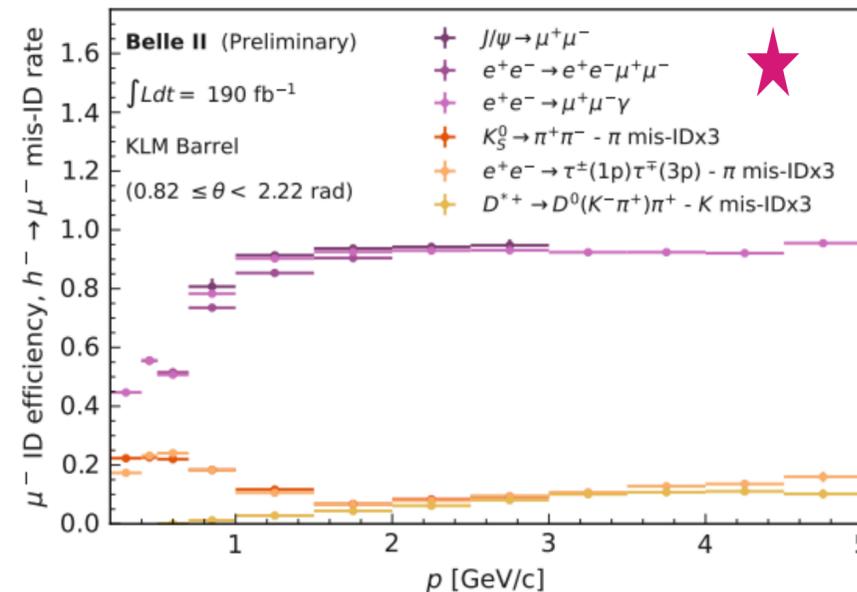


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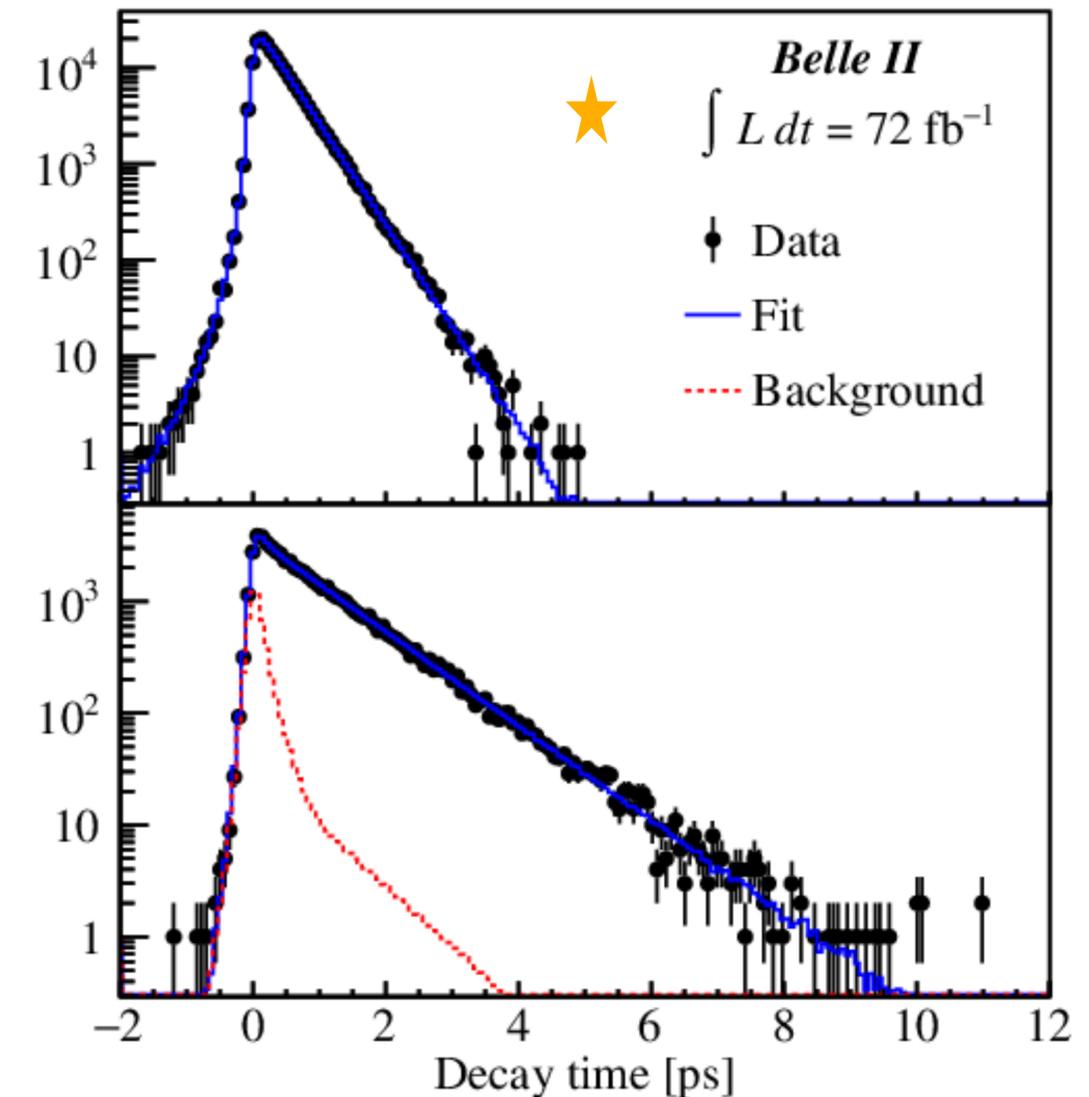
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Most precise measurement of

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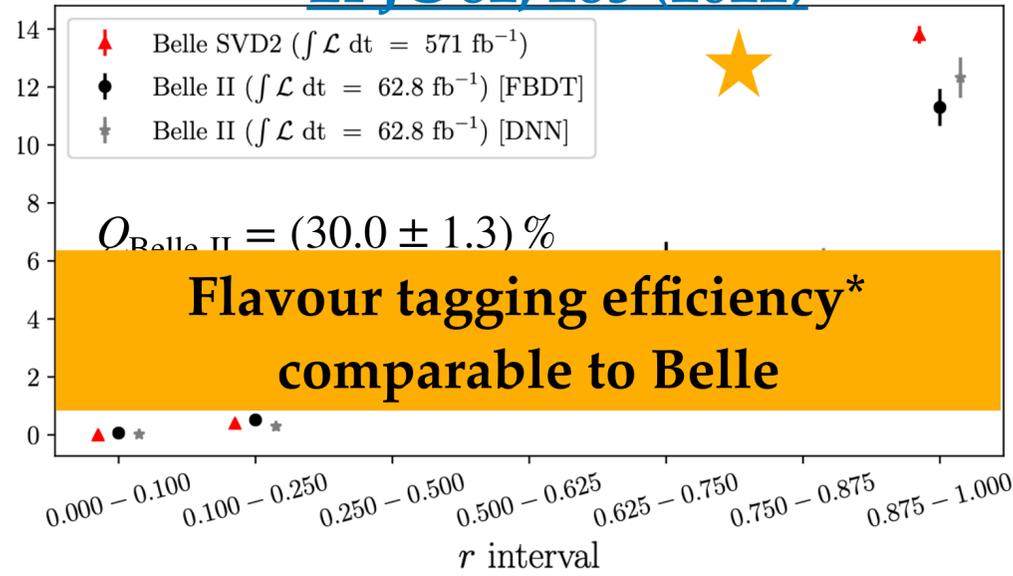
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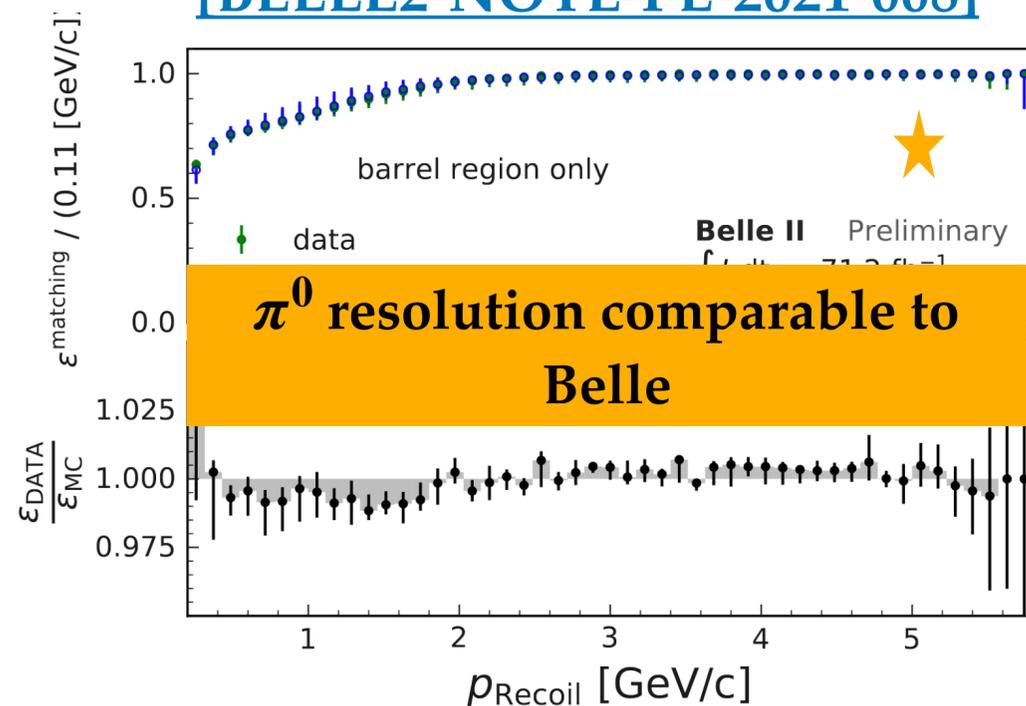
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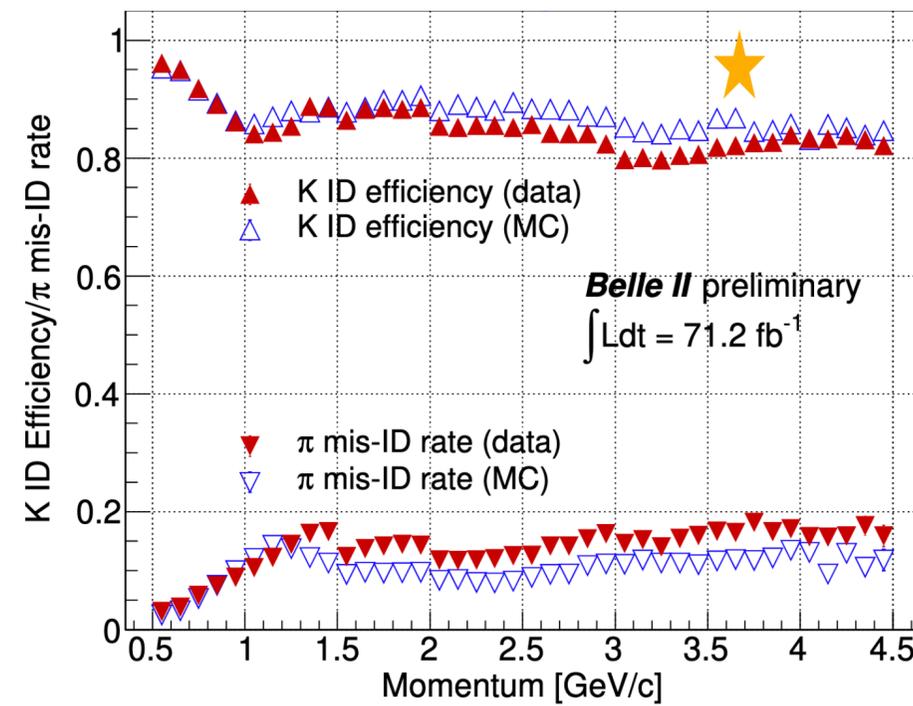
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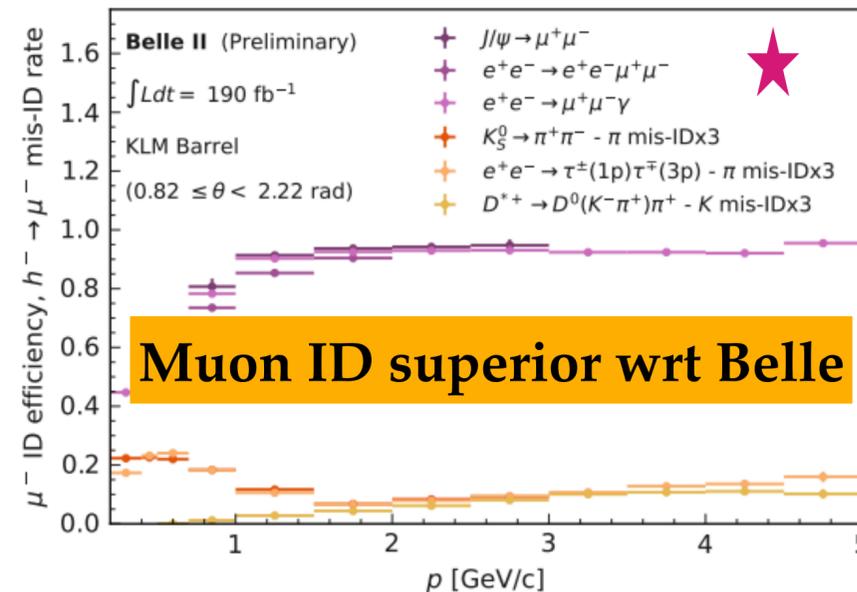


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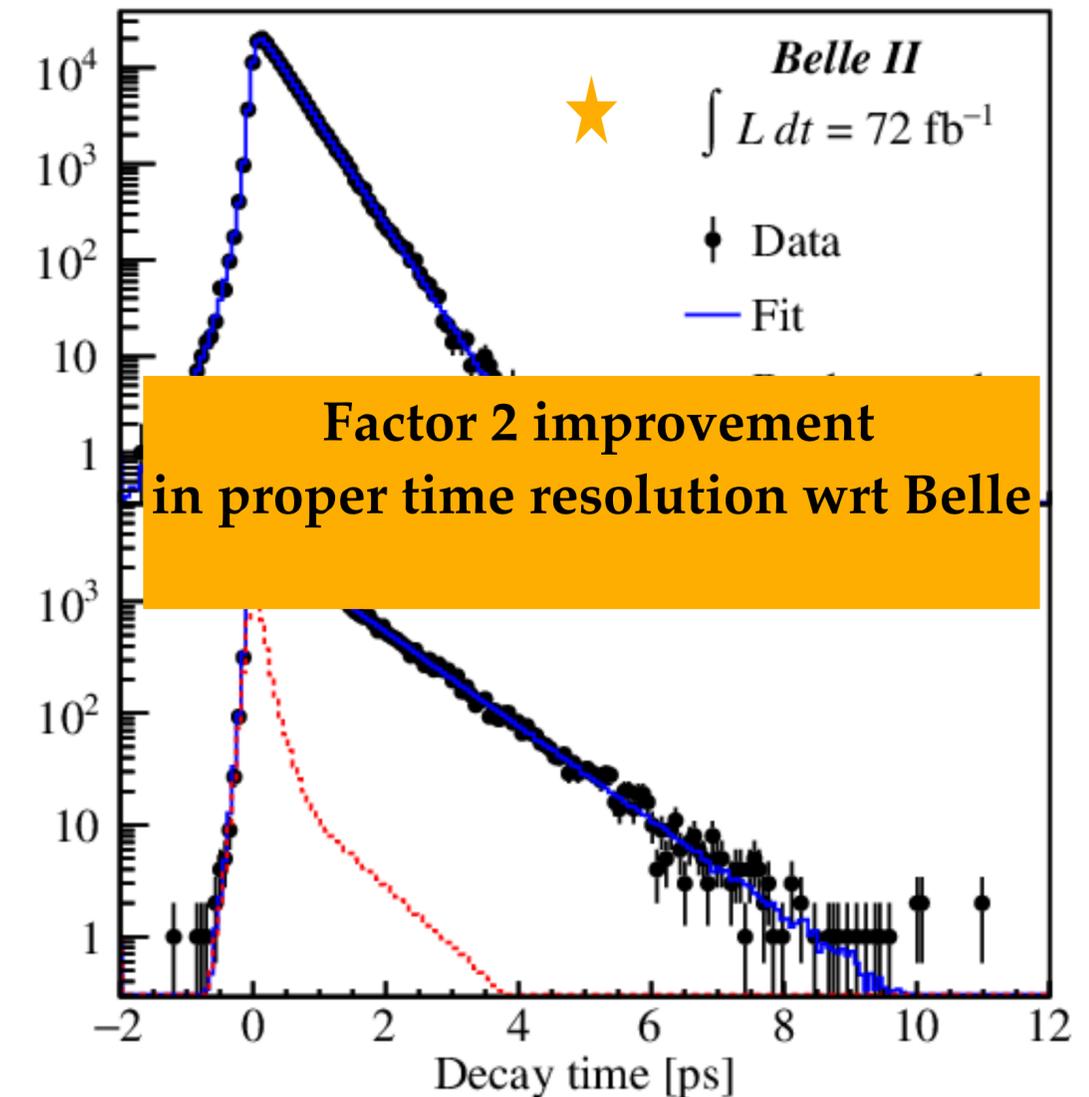
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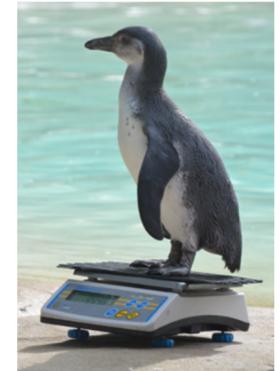
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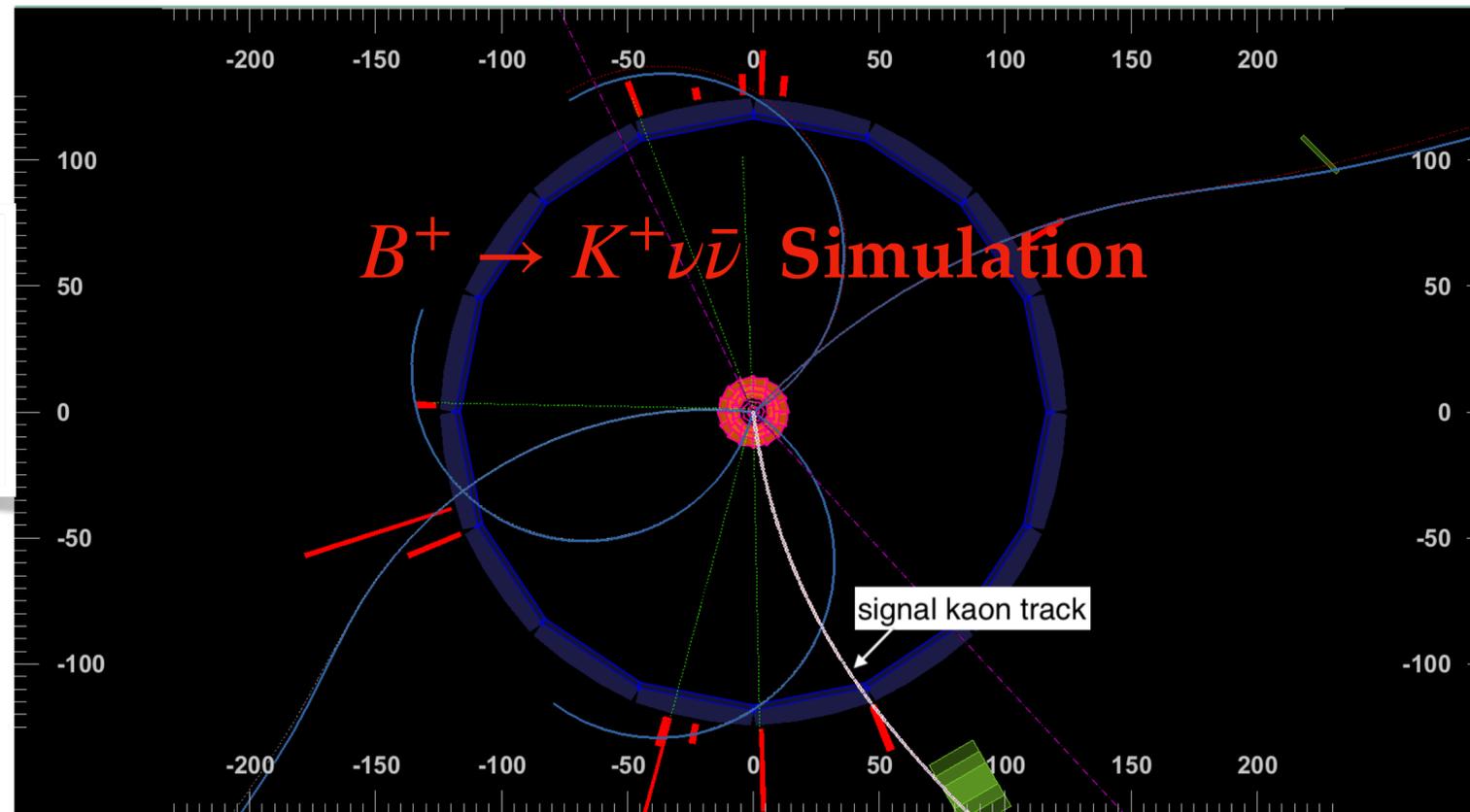


Key Ingredients

Rare B-decay with invisible particle(s) has usually significant missing energy



- Belle II Detector**
- Hermetic
 - Good Performance



- Belle II Event**
- Cleaner Environment
 - Known Initial State Kinematics

- Challenges of rare B-decays**
- B-reconstruction: vertexing / tracking
 - Good MC modelling (include rare backgrounds)

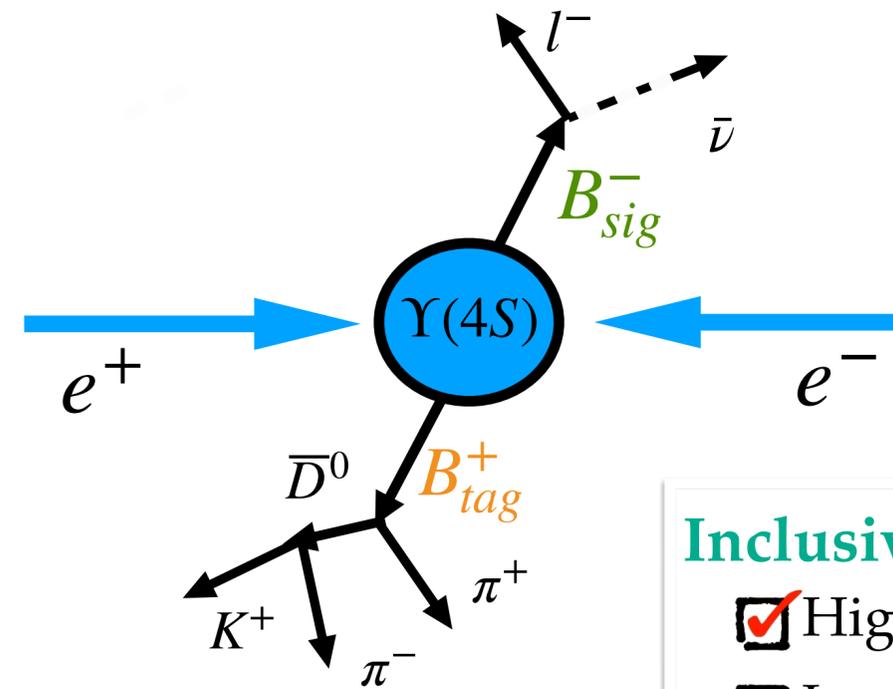


- Challenges of channels with invisible particles**
- Understanding of the neutral objects ($\pi^0, K_L, K_S, n, \gamma$)
 - Reconstruction approach

Reconstruction

Tagged Approach:

1. step: B_{tag}^+ reconstruction in its **semileptonic (SL)** or **hadronic (HAD)** decay chain
2. step: B_{sig}^- reconstruction
 - o Flavour constraint: $B_{tag}^+ \rightarrow B_{sig}^-$
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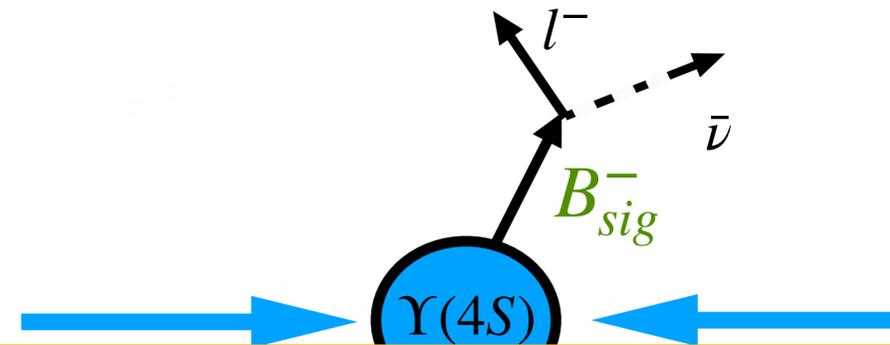
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Best sensitivity : channel dependent, background dependent

Use of different approaches : systematical check due to orthogonality, combination savvy



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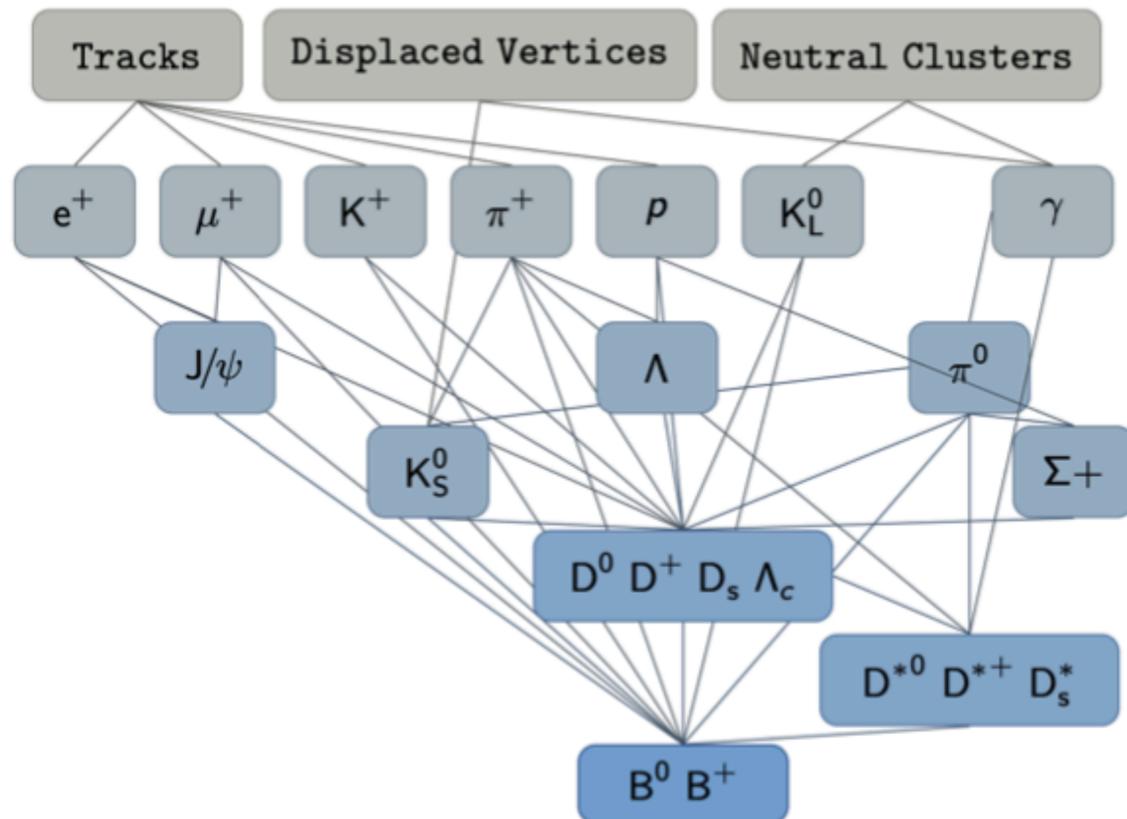
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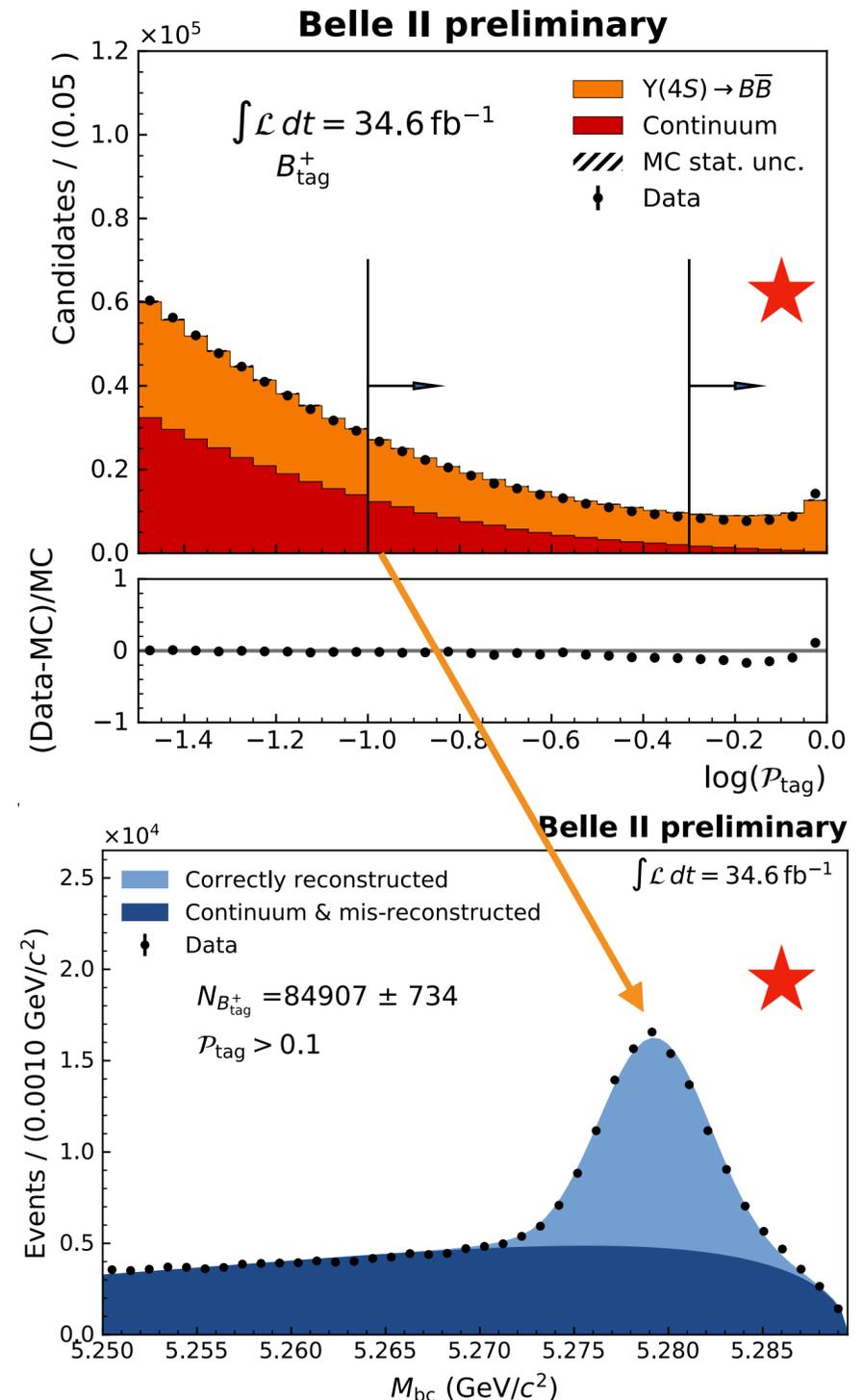
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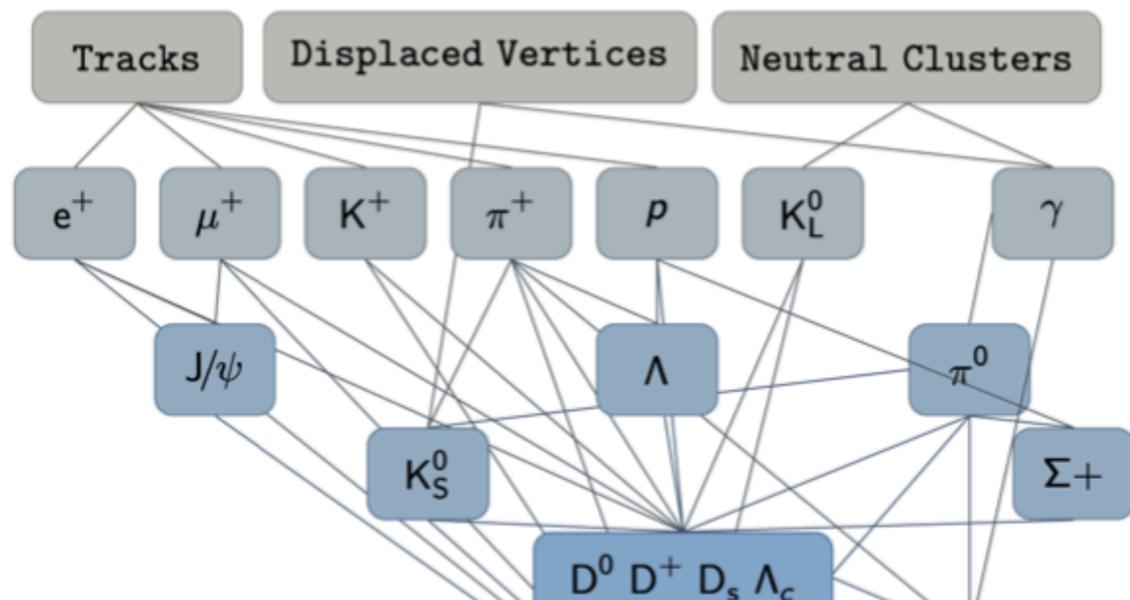
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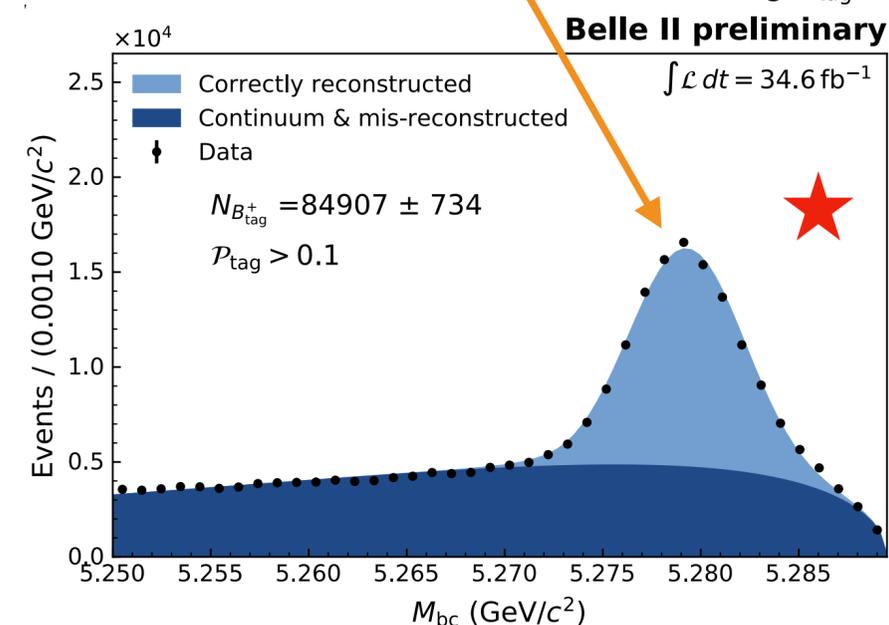
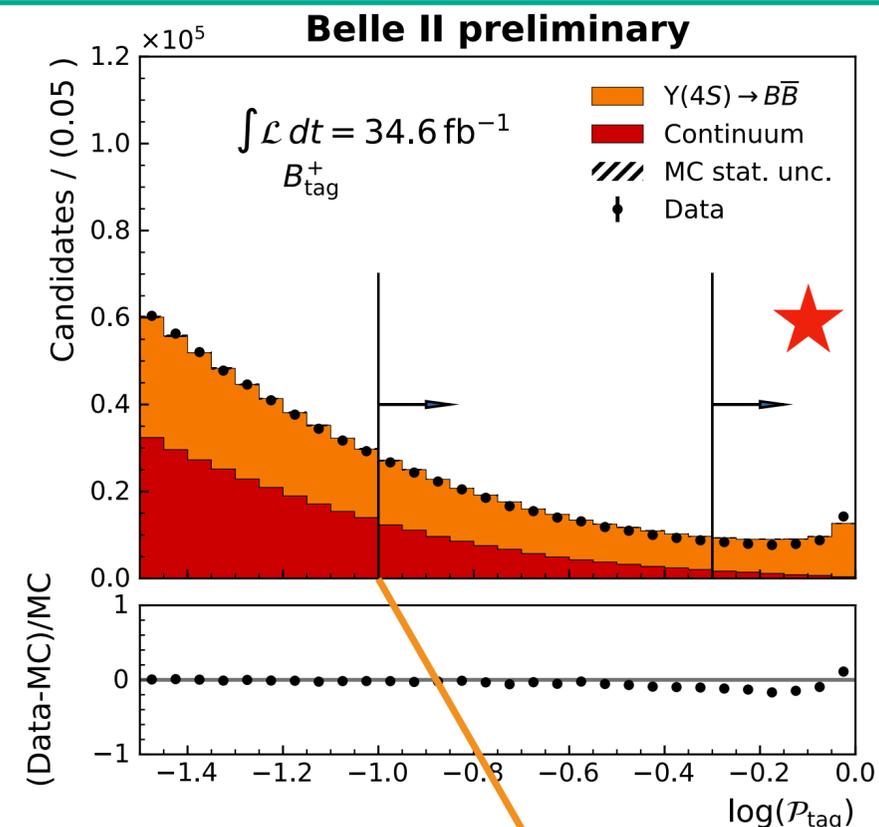


In Belle, FEI achieves up x 2 higher reconstruction efficiency
compared to predecessor tagging algorithm

→ Belle II expects improvements

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Neutral Particles

To take advantage of the 'clean event' need to reconstruct every particle possible!

$\pi^0, K_L, K_S, n, \gamma$

- γ = cluster in ECL that are not associated to a track
- K_L, n = cluster in KLM and ECL that is not associated to a track
- $\pi^0 = \gamma\gamma$
- $K_S = \pi^+\pi^-$ or $\pi^0\pi^0$

Background Rejection

- Large fraction of B -decay products have π^0 in its decay chain
- If K_L, n 's interact with atomic nuclei in ECL and KLM, then need to devise vetos

Signal Identification

- If signal has π^0, K_S : need to have high reconstruction efficiency and good resolution

ROE / Tagged Reconstruction

- Missing energy related variables (all particles that are not associated to signal / and B_{tag}) often used as discriminating variables / fitting variables
- If K_L, n 's do not interact with atomic nuclei in ECL and KLM, potential fakes for invisible particles

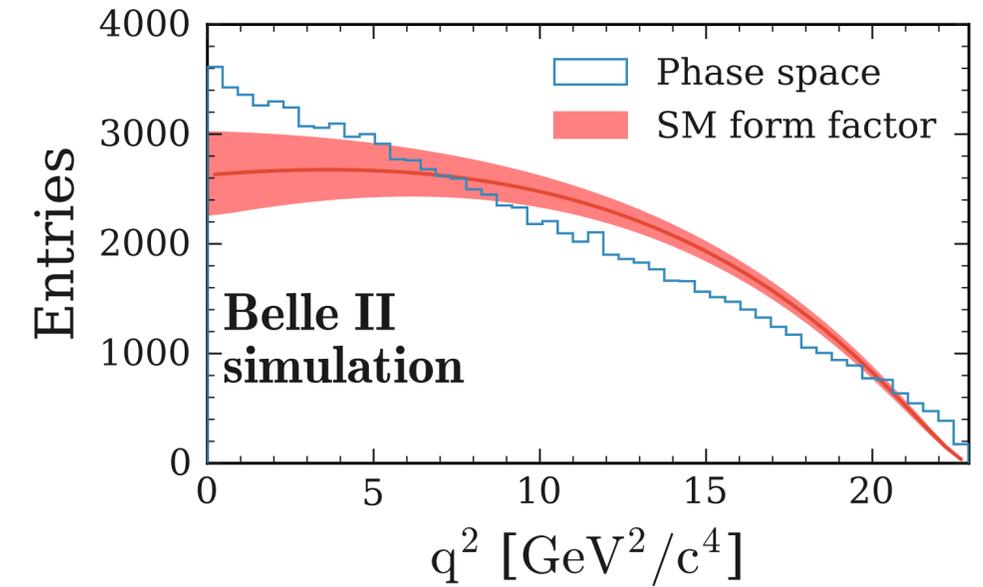
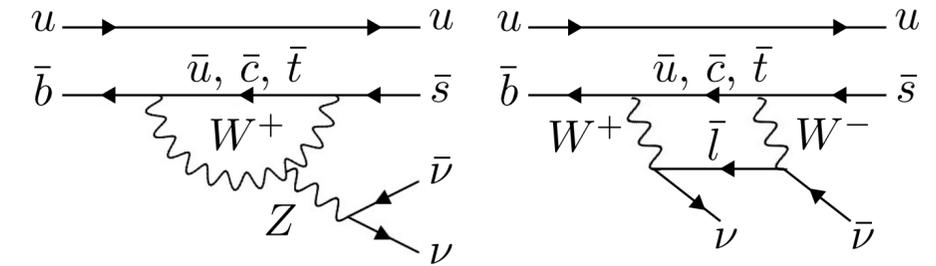
Channels with missing energy

Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ [PRL 127, 181802 (2021)]



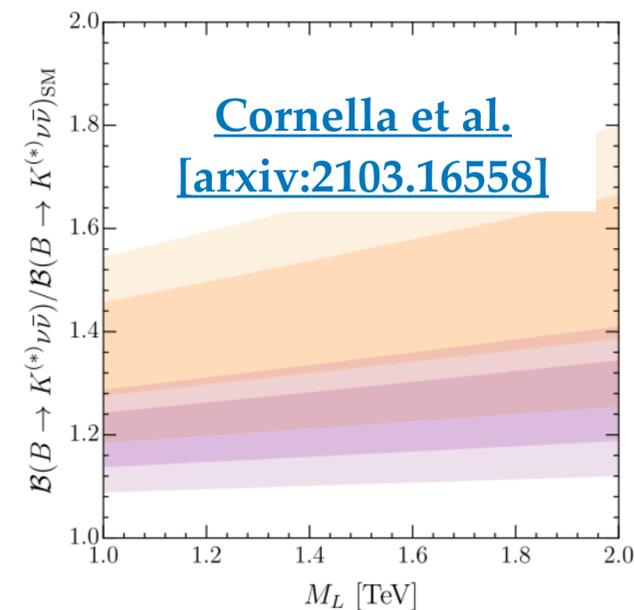
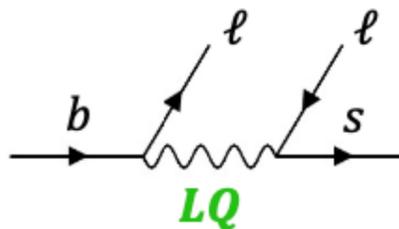
SM theory

- FCNC transition heavily suppressed in SM
- Does not suffer from charm-loop contributions → clean SM computation
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (4.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$ [arxiv:606.00916]
- SM $q^2(\nu \bar{\nu})$ taken from [arXiv:1409.4557]
- Complimentary to other $b \rightarrow sll$ transitions



Possible BSM enhancements

- Axions [PRD 102, 015023 (2020)]
- Dark Matter candidates [PRD 101, 095006 (2020)]
- Z' [PL B 821 (2021) 136607]
- Leptoquarks [PRD 98, 055003 (2018)]



Consistent with $R(D^{(*)})$ and $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ anomalies

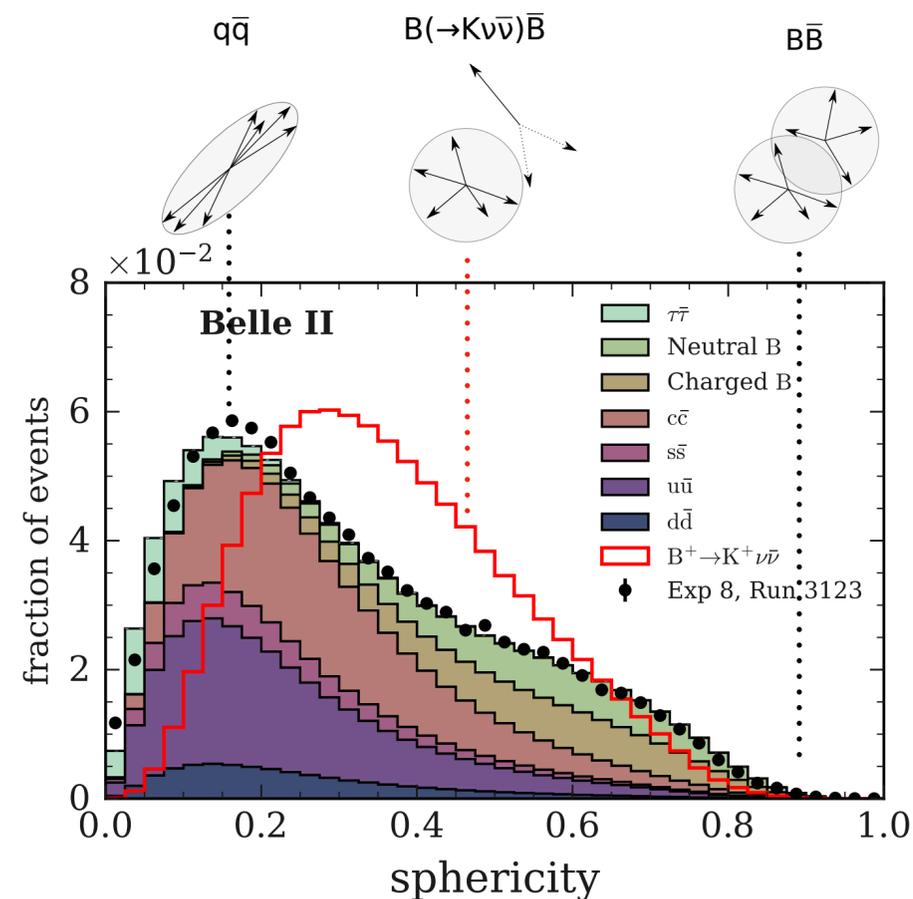
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3. Minimise the background contamination with two nested BDTs using 51 variables: event topology, missing energy, vertex separation, signal kinematics)



With only 1/10 \mathcal{L}_{int} inclusive tagging approach achieved $20 \times$ higher signal efficiency ($\sim 4\%$) compared to tagged reconstruction approach of previous experiments

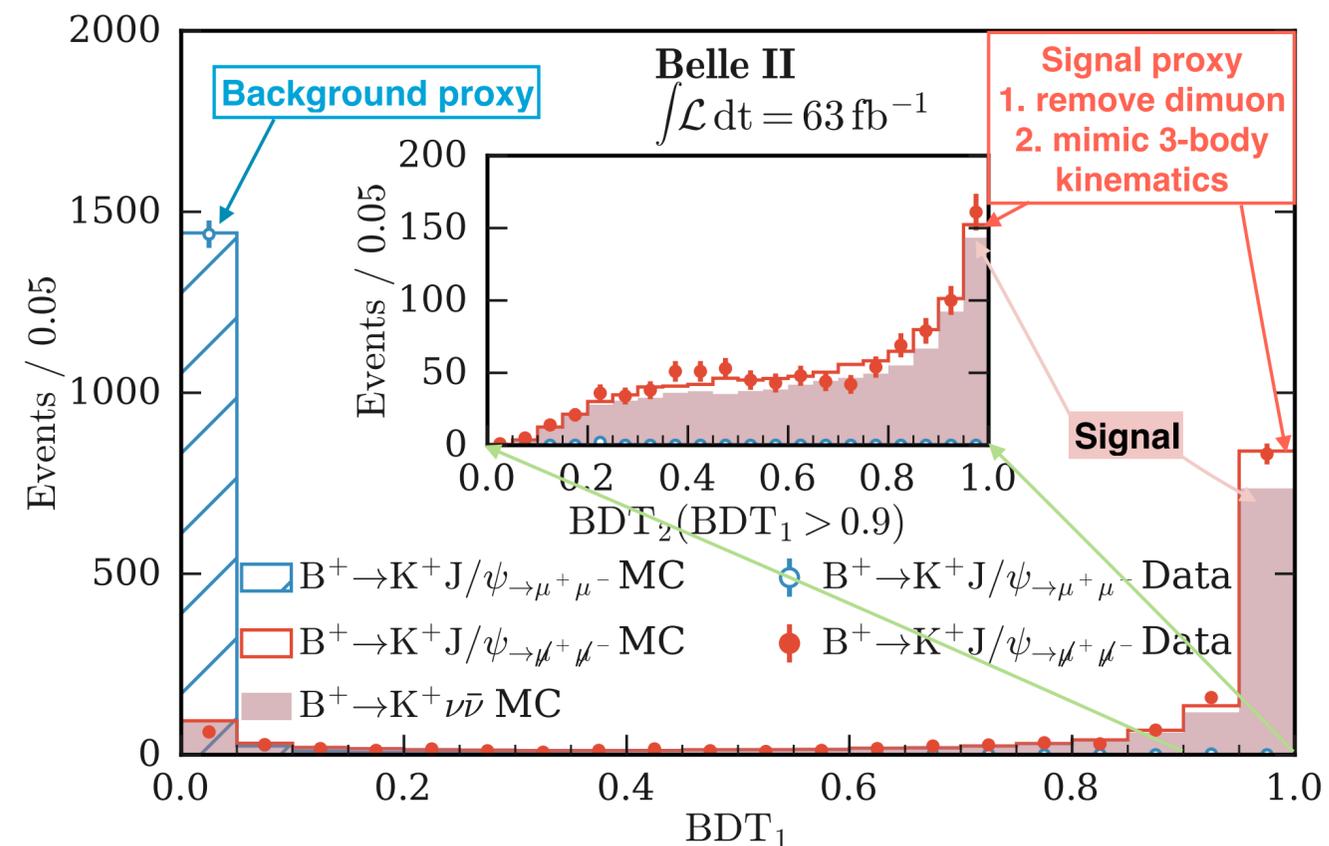
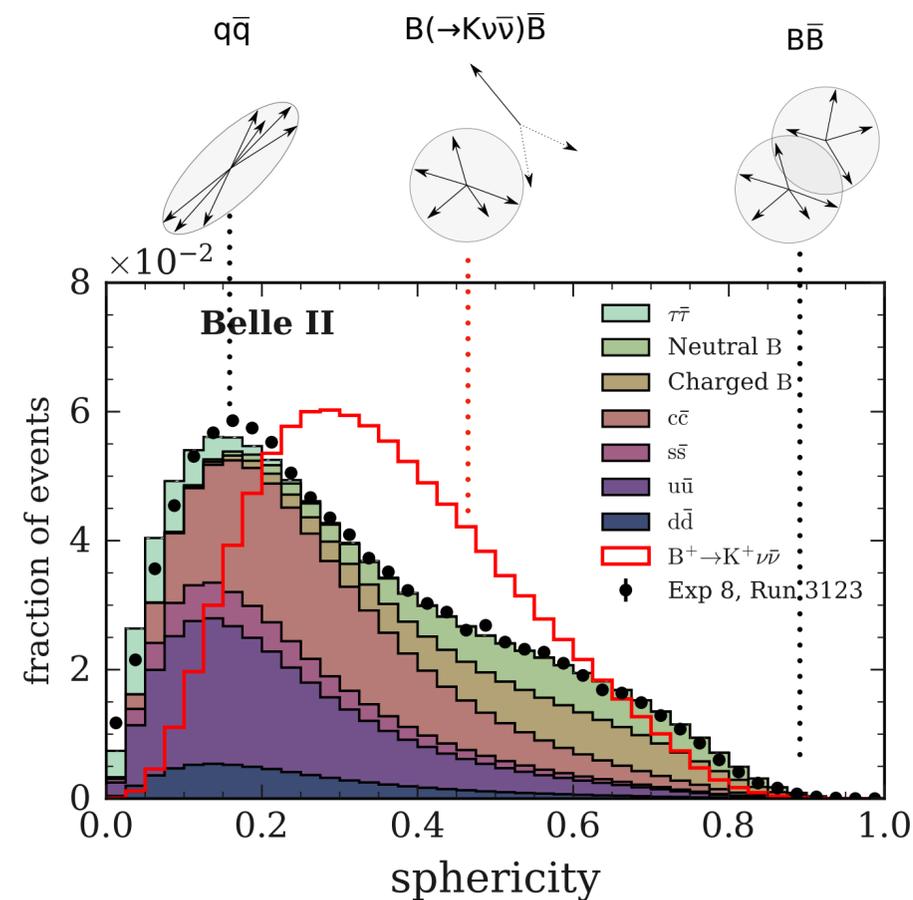
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4. **Validation with control channel $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)K^+$**



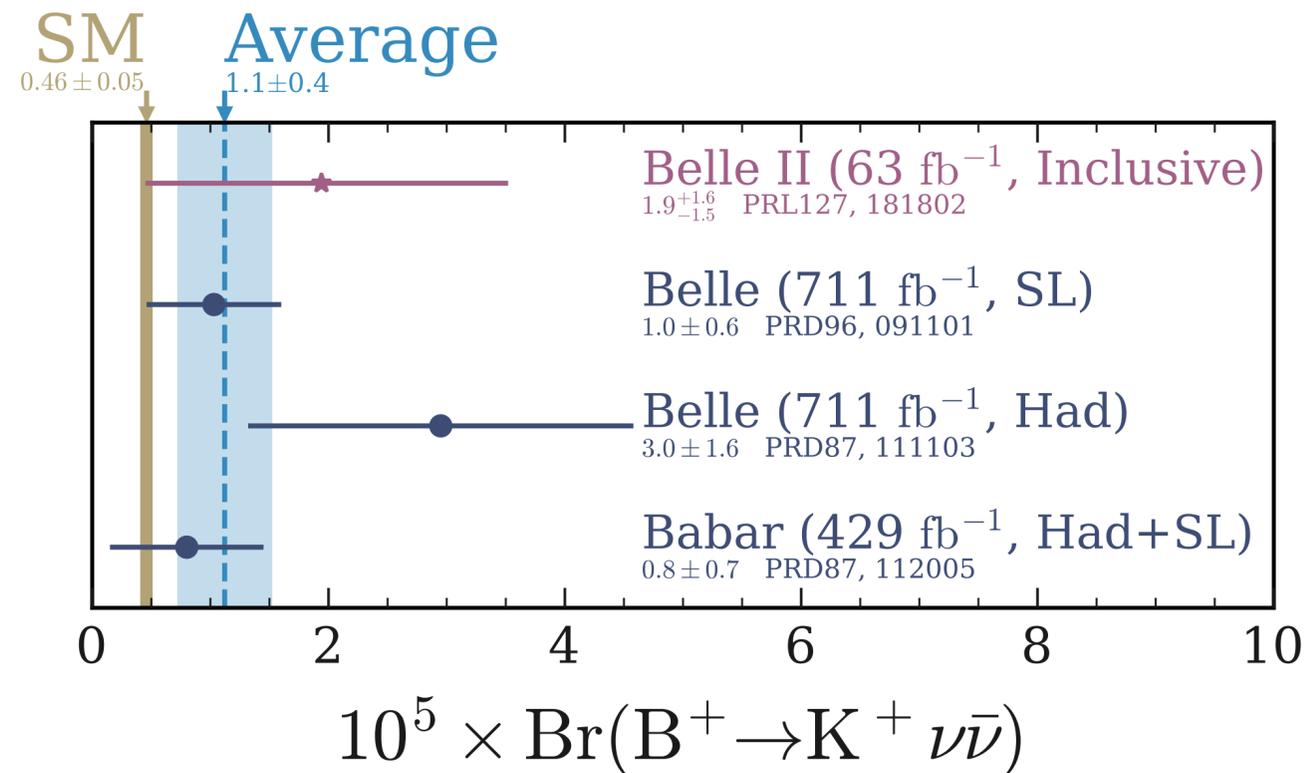
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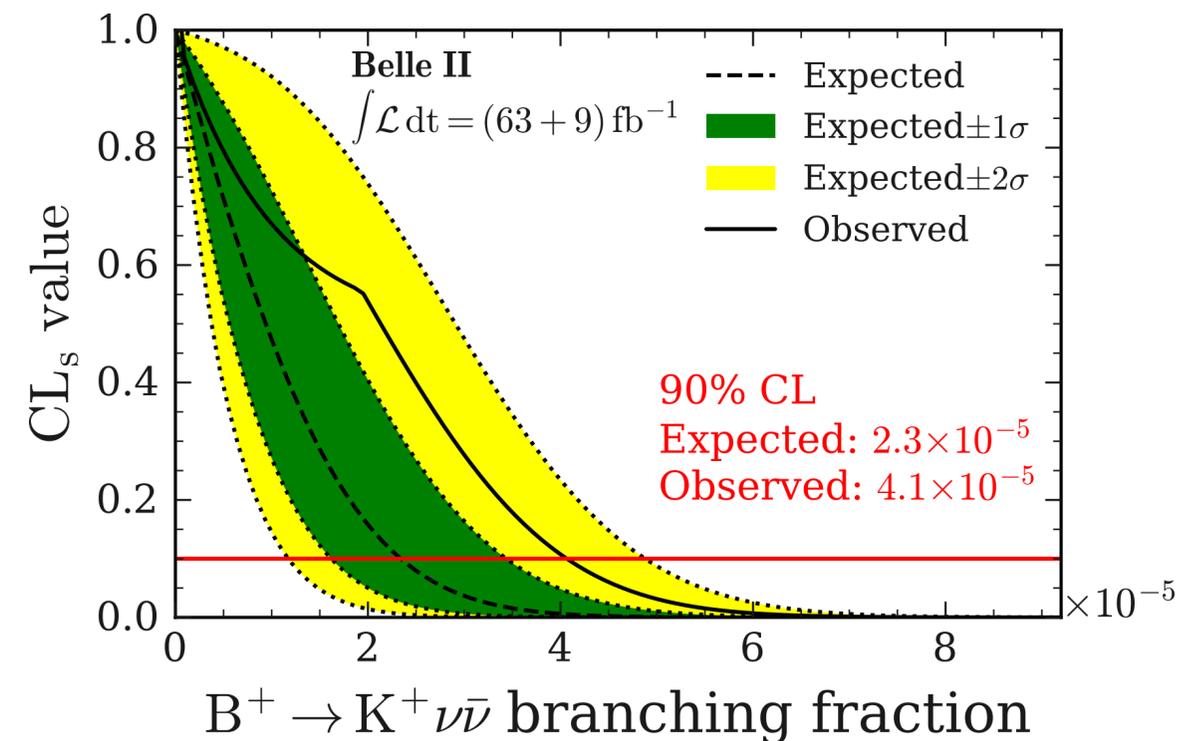
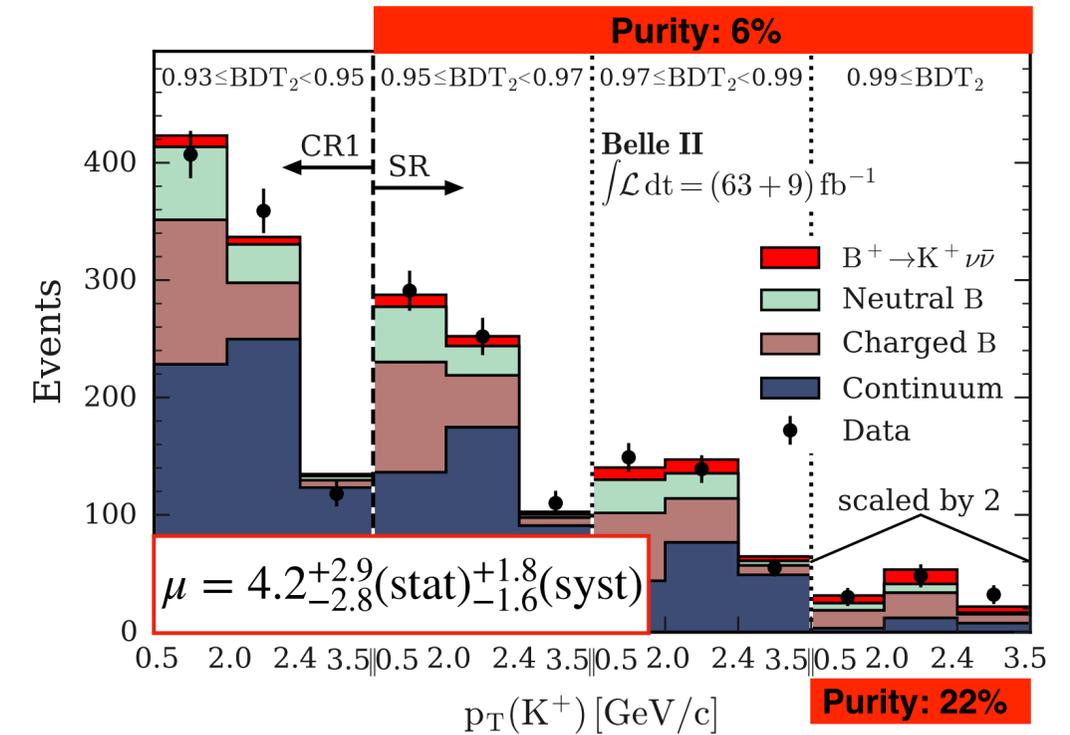
Results

- Binned simultaneous ML fit to $p_T(K^+) \times \text{BDT}_2$ to extract signal strength μ ($1\mu = \text{SM } \mathcal{B} = 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$)
- No significant signal is observed, limit of 4.1×10^{-5} @ 90 C.L.
→ competitive with *only* 63 fb^{-1}
- Inclusive tag approach shows the best performance



BSM $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ already with 1 ab^{-1}

On-resonance data



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Prospects in Belle II

- **Physics:** similar channels, inclusive measurement X_S , measurement of F_L
- **Faster observation:** reducing biggest systematics, combined measurement using all the tagging approaches

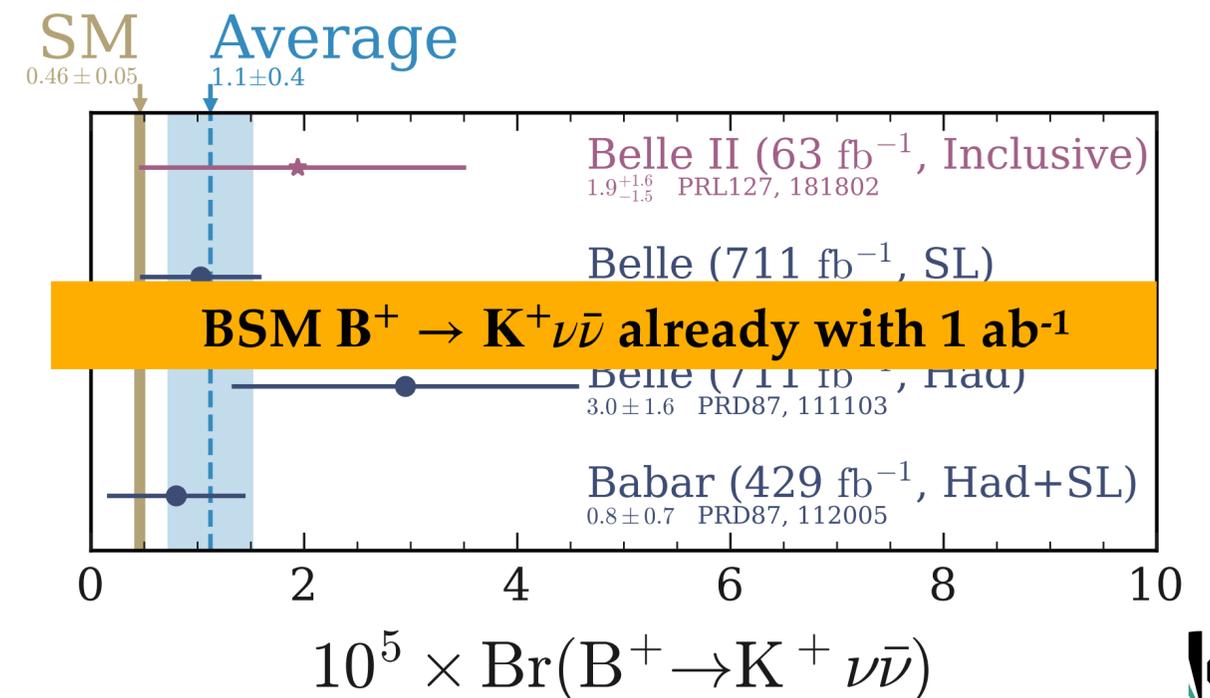
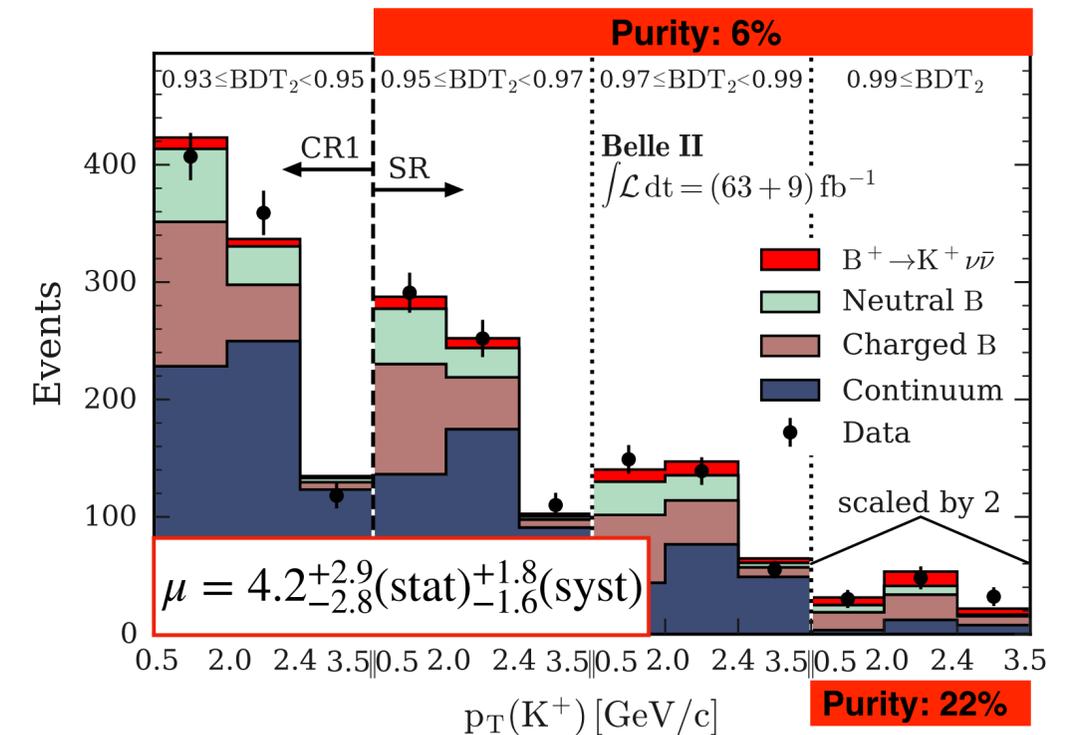
Belle II snowmass paper : 2 scenarios baseline (improved)

Uncertainties on the signal strength μ

Decay	1 ab ⁻¹	5 ab ⁻¹	10 ab ⁻¹	50 ab ⁻¹
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	0.55 (0.37)	0.28 (0.19)	0.21 (0.14)	0.11 (0.08)
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	2.06 (1.37)	1.31 (0.87)	1.05 (0.70)	0.59 (0.40)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$	2.04 (1.45)	1.06 (0.75)	0.83 (0.59)	0.53 (0.38)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$	1.08 (0.72)	0.60 (0.40)	0.49 (0.33)	0.34 (0.23)

3 σ (5 σ) sigma for SM $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ with 5 fb⁻¹

On-resonance data



Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau l$

Motivation:

- LFV decays are strongly suppressed in SM (can only occur via neutrino mixing)

BSM:

- Hints for LFU violation in $b \rightarrow sll$ and $b \rightarrow cl\nu$
- If LFU is violated, then BSM extensions predict that rates for LFV decays are enhanced (even more for 3rd generation leptons) \rightarrow up to $\sim 10^{-5}$
- BSM models: Leptoquarks [[arxiv:1709.00692](https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.00692)], Z' , W' , ...

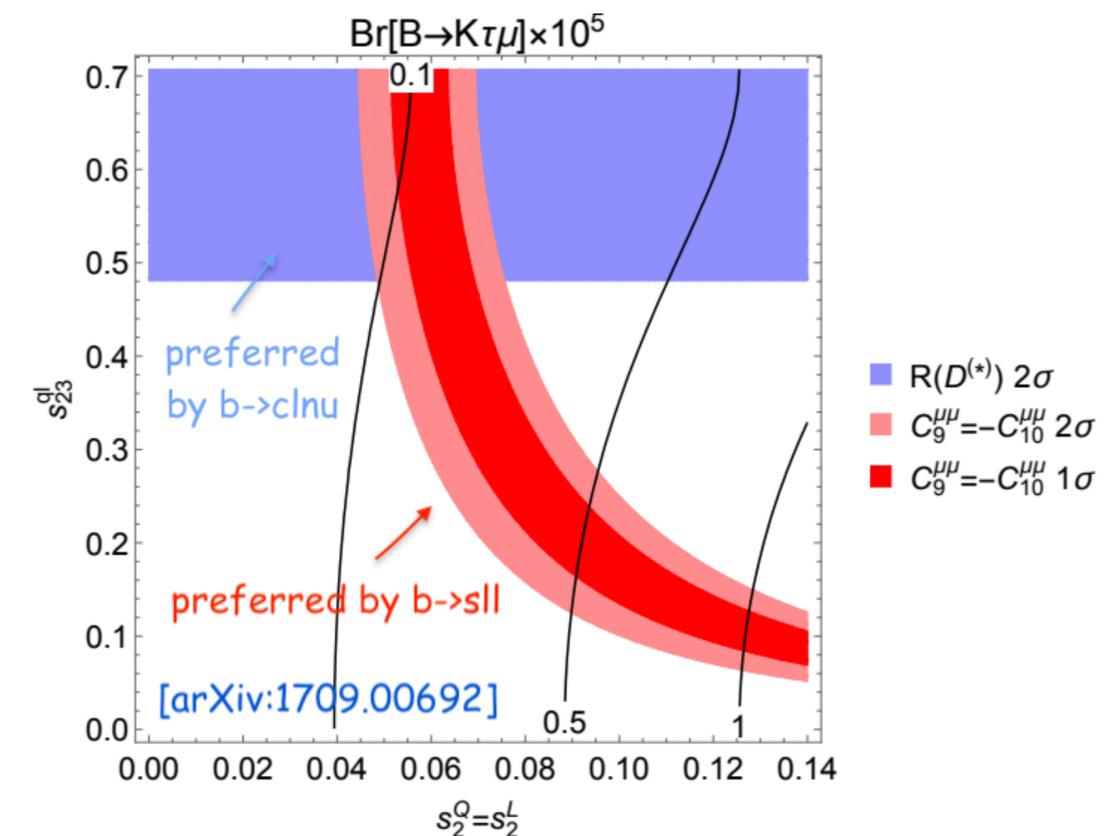
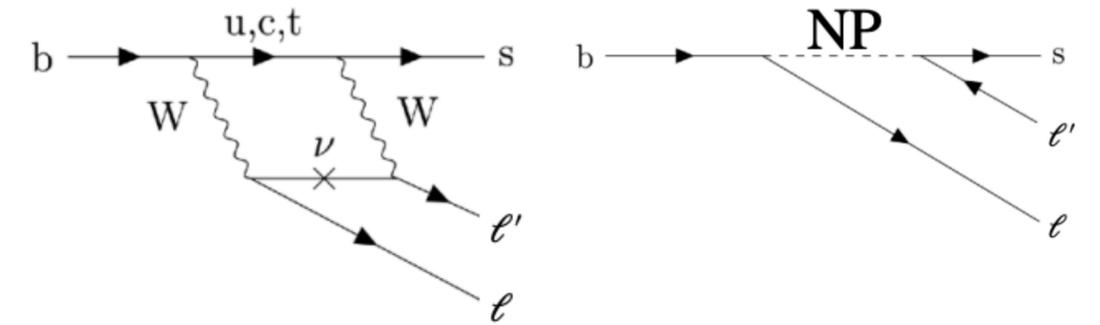
Current Bounds:

- Best limits set by BaBar (hadronic tag) and LHCb

Belle II can:

- study different sign combinations
- with different tagging approaches including semi-inclusive tagging, charm tagging ...

		90% C.L. U.L.	
		BABAR	LHCb
OS	$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \mu^-$	2.8×10^{-5}	3.9×10^{-5}
SS	$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ \mu^+$	4.5×10^{-5}	
	$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ e^-$	1.5×10^{-5}	
	$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau^+ e^+$	4.3×10^{-5}	



Search for $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\tau\tau$

Motivation:

- FCNC transition involving 3rd generation leptons
- SM $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\tau\tau) \sim 10^{-7}$

BSM:

- Rate enhanced by NP models (especially those coupling only to 3rd generation / with coupling \propto particle mass)

Current Bounds:

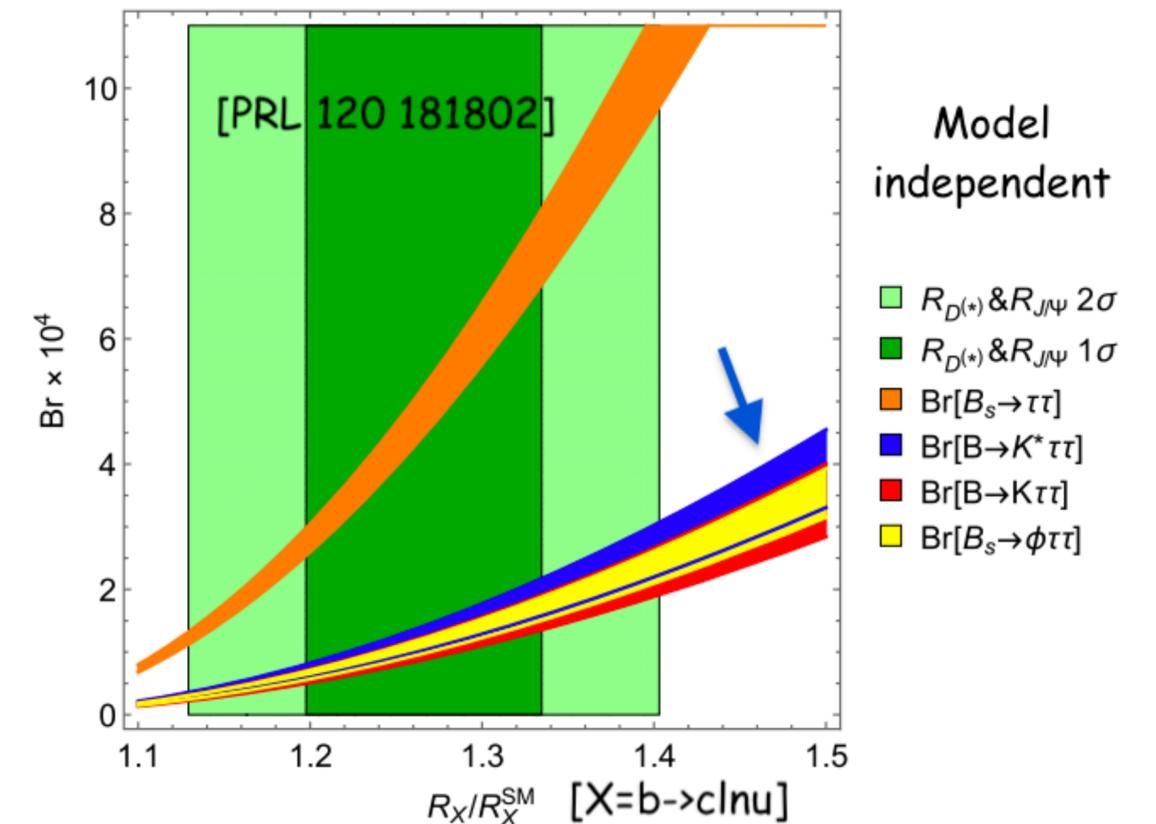
- Belle $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau^+\tau^-) < 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ @ 90% C.L. [[arxiv:2110.03871](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.03871)]
- Babar $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau^+\tau^-) < 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$ @ 90% C.L. [[PRL 118, 031802 \(2017\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.03180)]

Belle II can:

- exploit different tagging approaches
- include more τ decay modes (improved scenario)
- measure other channels K^{*+}

Belle II snowmass paper

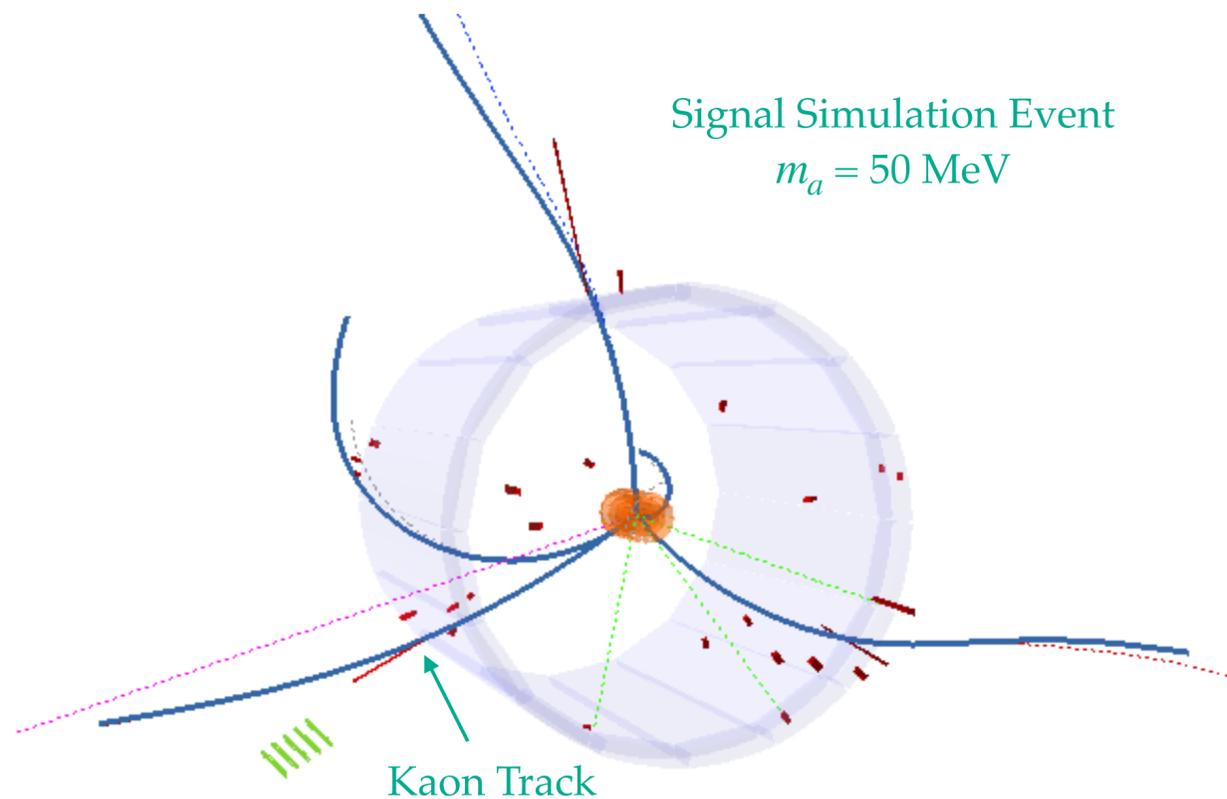
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau\tau)$ (had tag)		
ab ⁻¹	"Baseline" scenario	"Improved" scenario
1	$< 3.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$
5	$< 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 6.8 \times 10^{-4}$
10	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 6.5 \times 10^{-4}$
50	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 5.3 \times 10^{-4}$



Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a$ (ALP)

BSM scenarios of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: **new mediators (a)**

- **a** (= dark scalar or **ALP**) decaying invisibly \rightarrow very similar to the search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- **main experimental difference: two-body vs three-body kinematics**



ALP model from [arxiv: 2201.06580]

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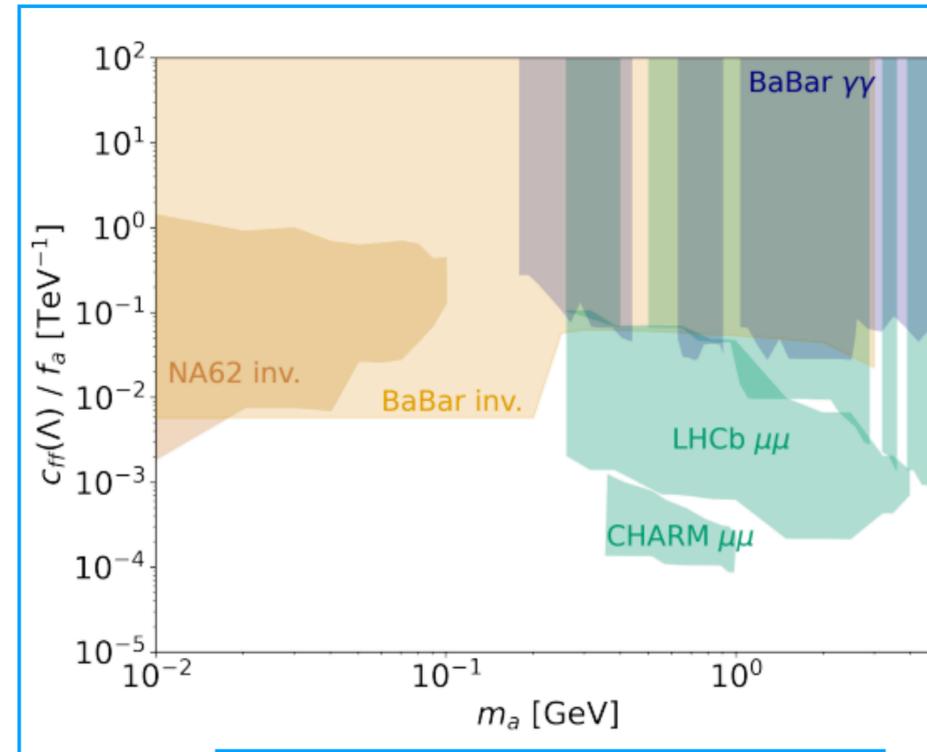
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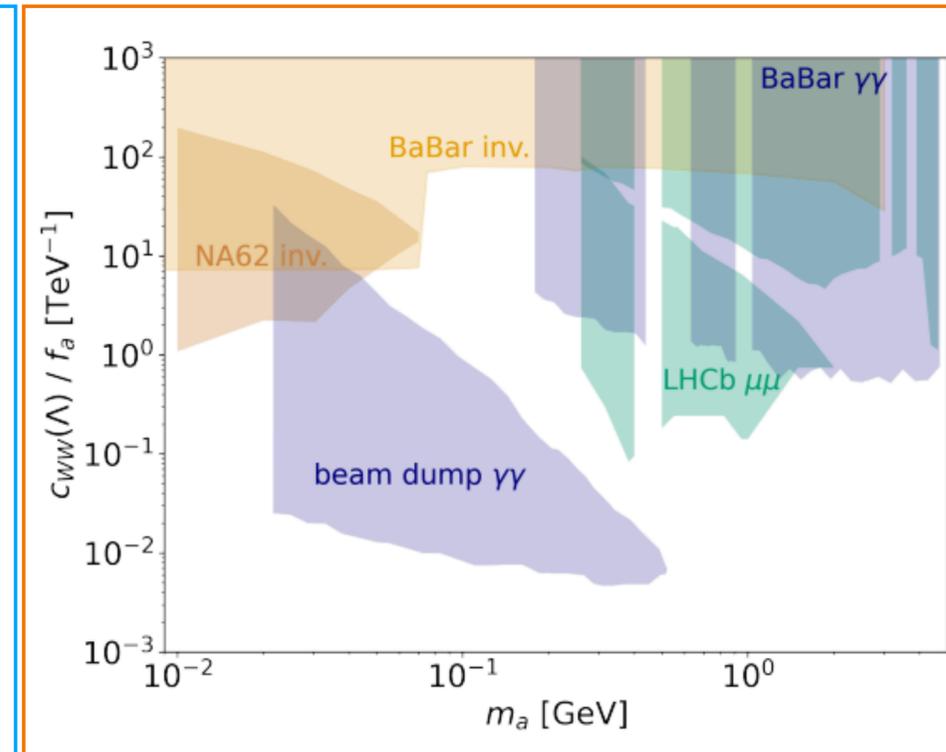
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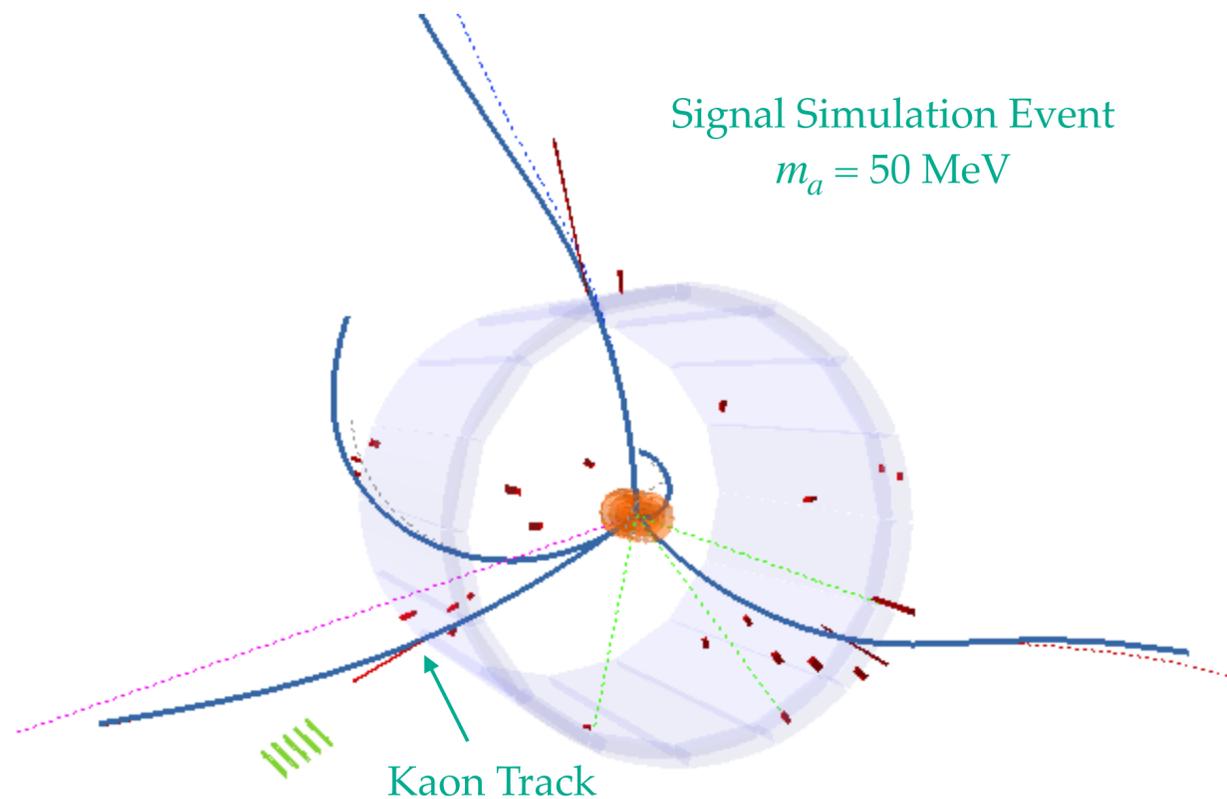


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Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a$ (ALP)

BSM scenarios of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: **new mediators (a)**

- **a** (= dark scalar or **ALP**) decaying invisibly \rightarrow very similar to the search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
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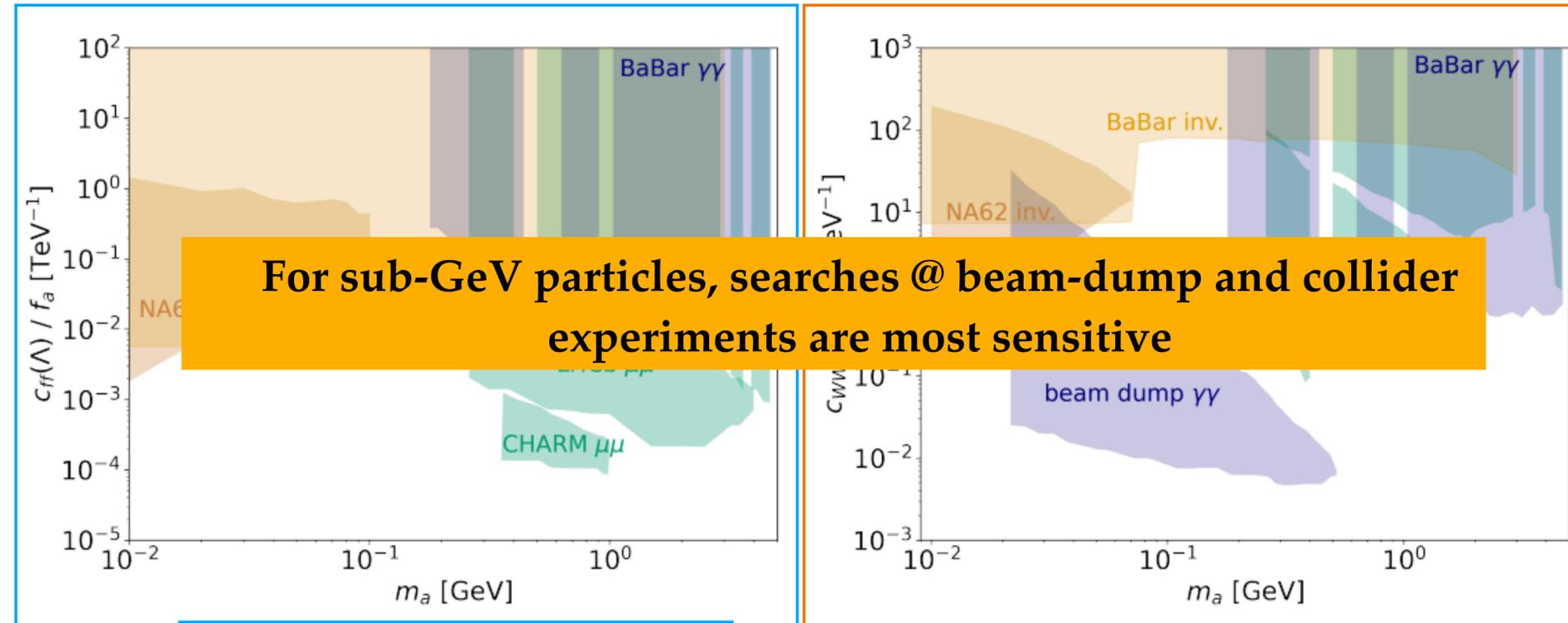
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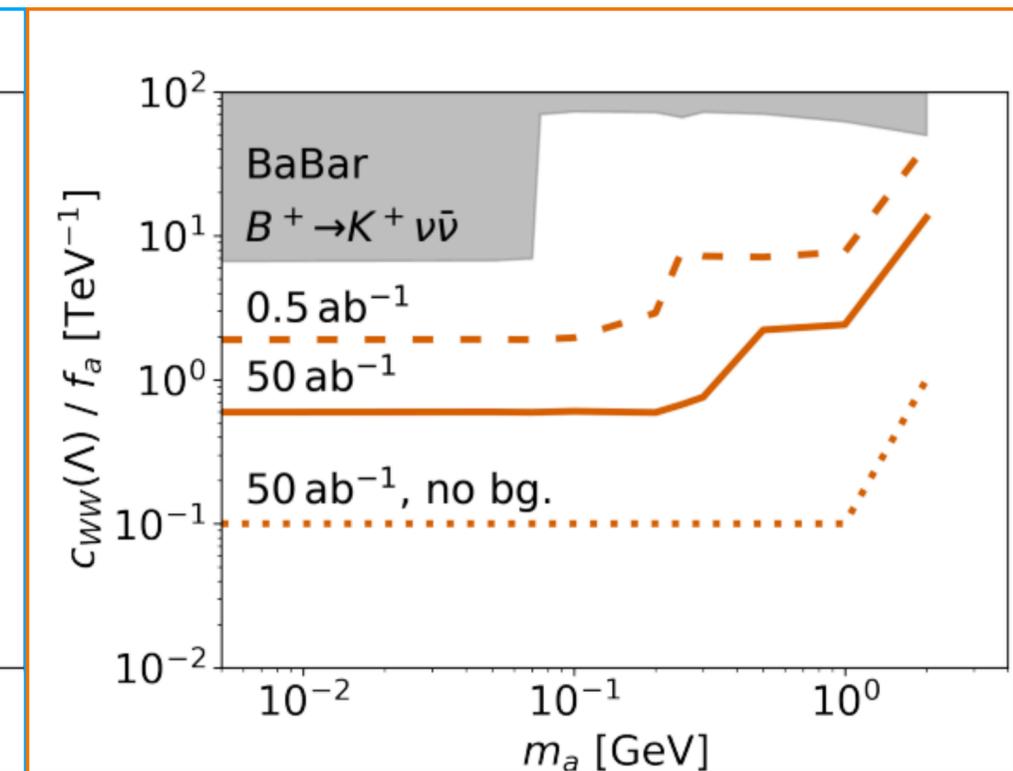
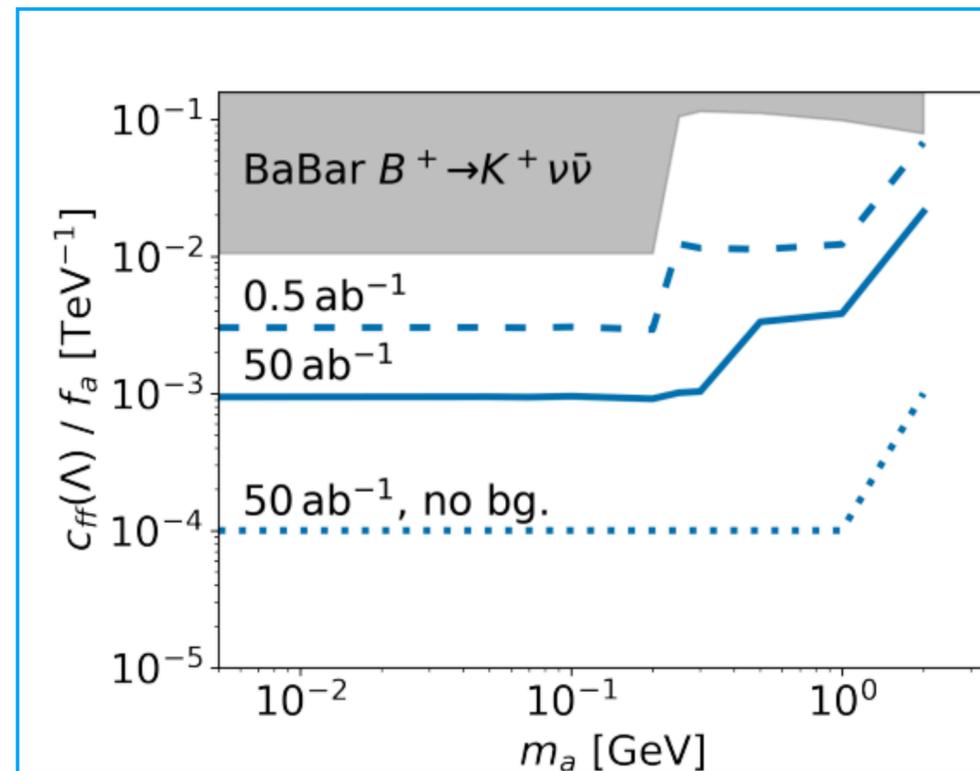
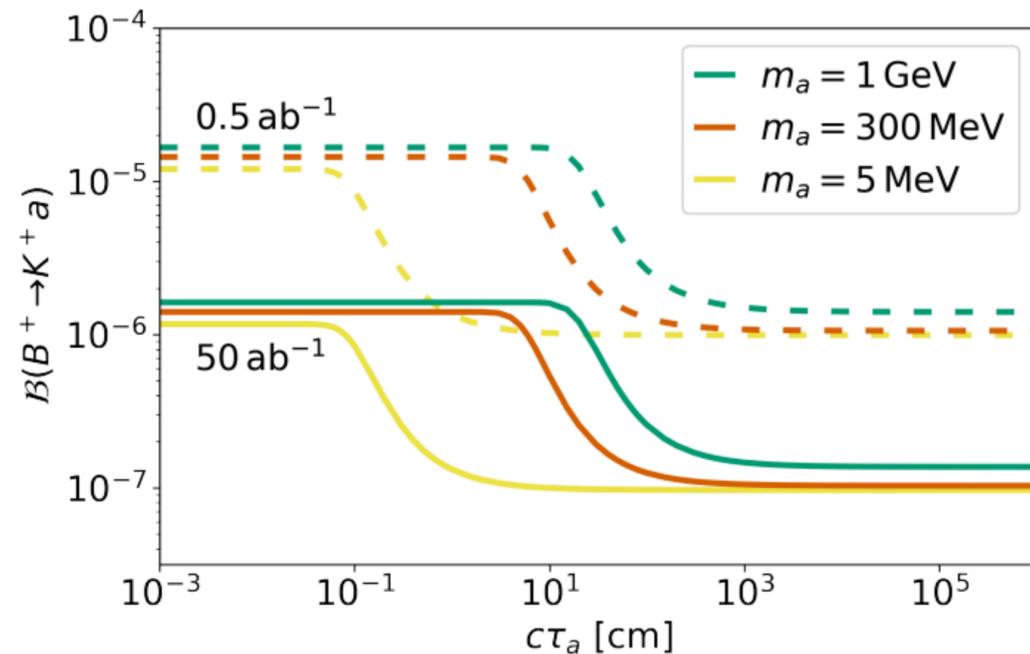
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Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a$ (ALP): Sensitivity

[arxiv: 2201.06580]

Simplified sensitivity study probing different m_A scenarios for m_A in [5 MeV, 4 GeV]

- With 0.5 ab^{-1} limit on $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a) < 10^{-5}$ @ 90 CL \rightarrow expected an order of magnitude improvement
- With 50 ab^{-1} limit on $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a) < 10^{-7}$ @ 90 CL \rightarrow expected two orders of magnitude improvement



Belle II near-term plans

- Compare sensitivity of inclusive tagged vs hadronic tagged reconstruction approach for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a$
- Adapt inclusive tag to favour two-body kinematics
- Perform search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a$ / $B \rightarrow K^* a$ with pre-shutdown dataset (0.5 ab^{-1})

Fully reconstructed channels

Towards $b \rightarrow sll$ LFU : $R(K^{(*)})$

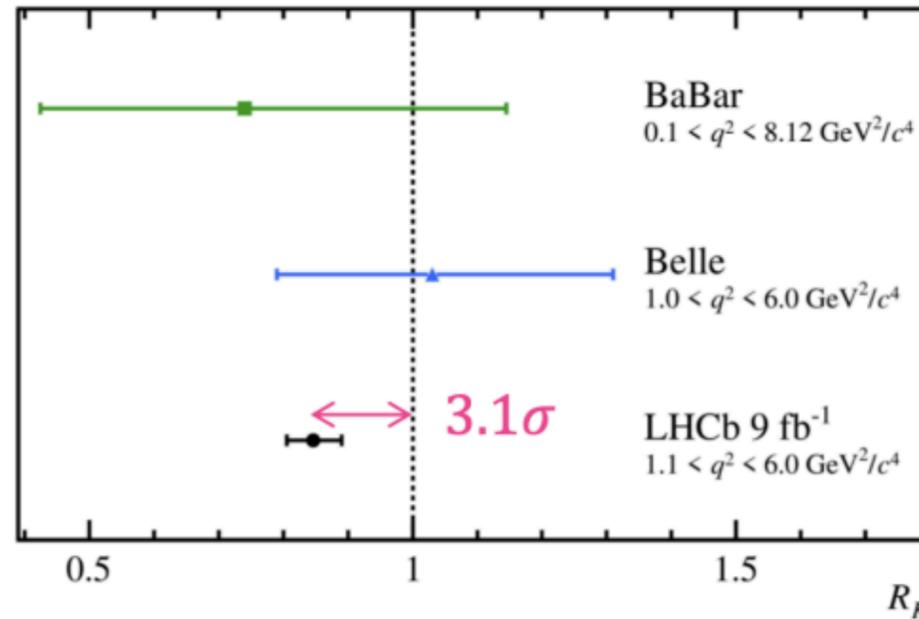
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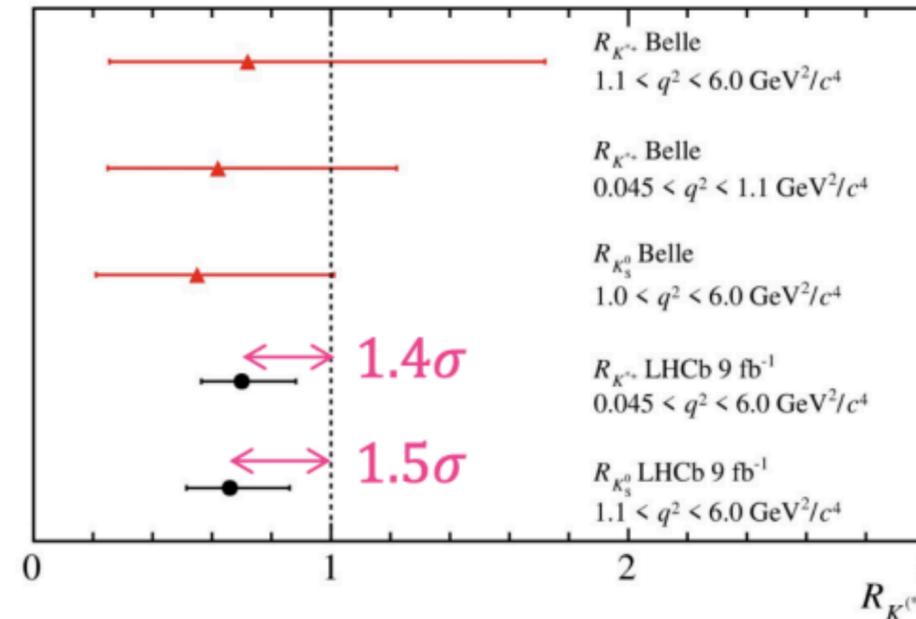
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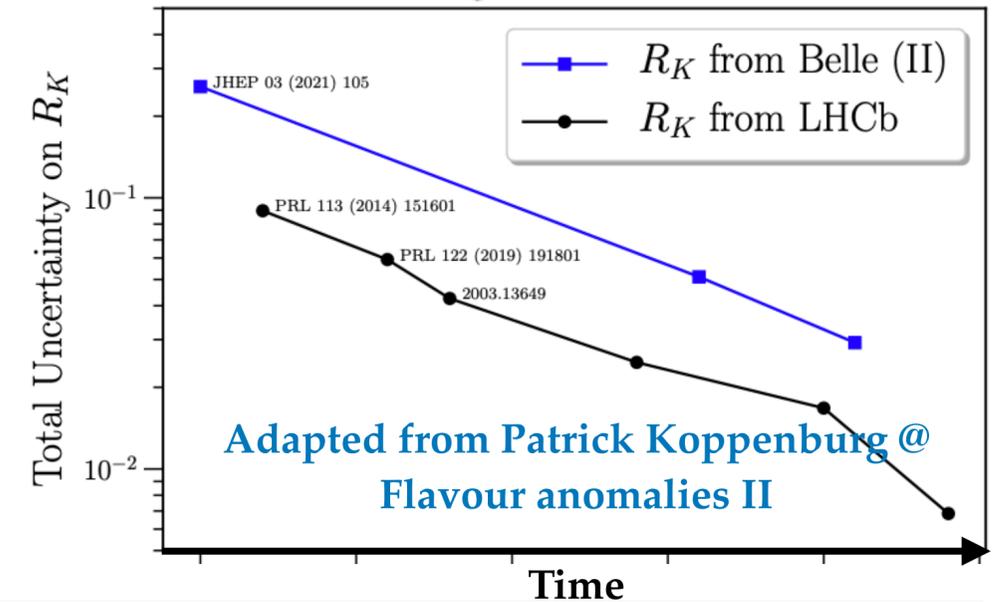


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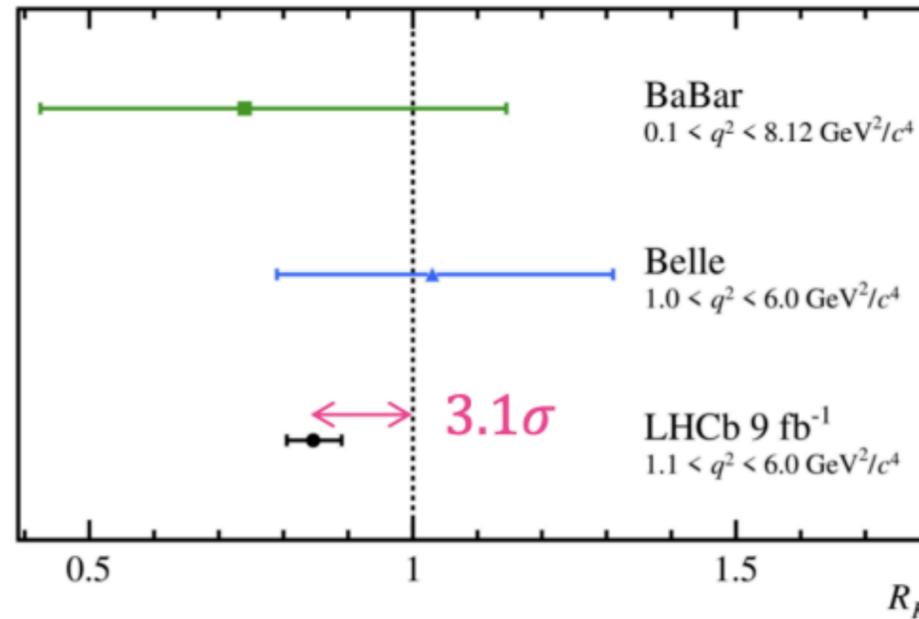
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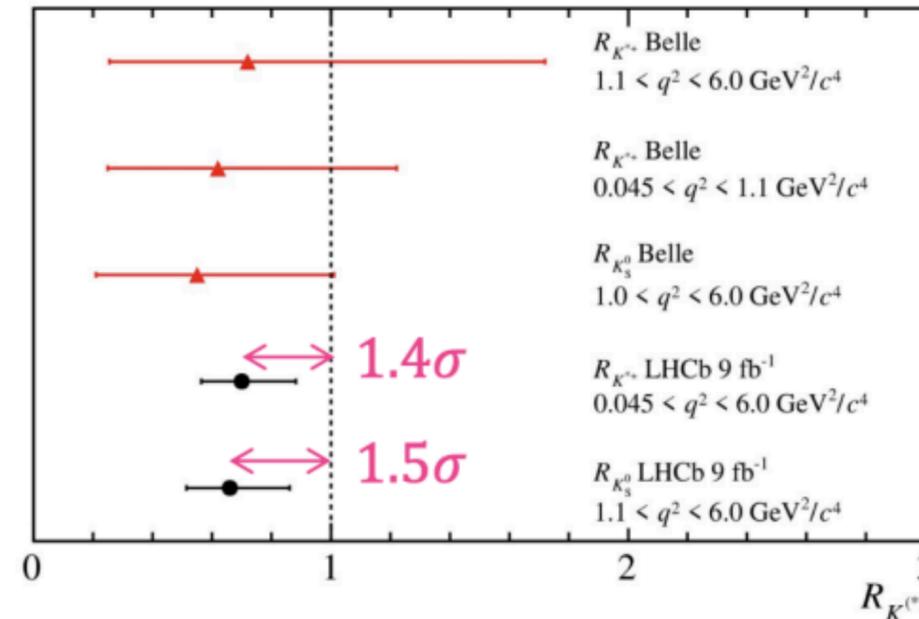
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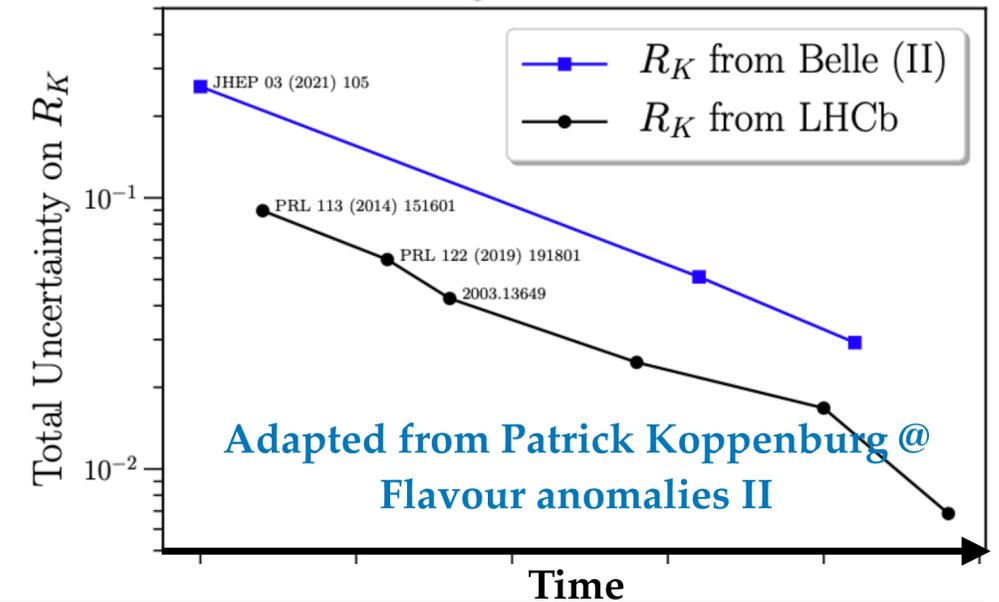


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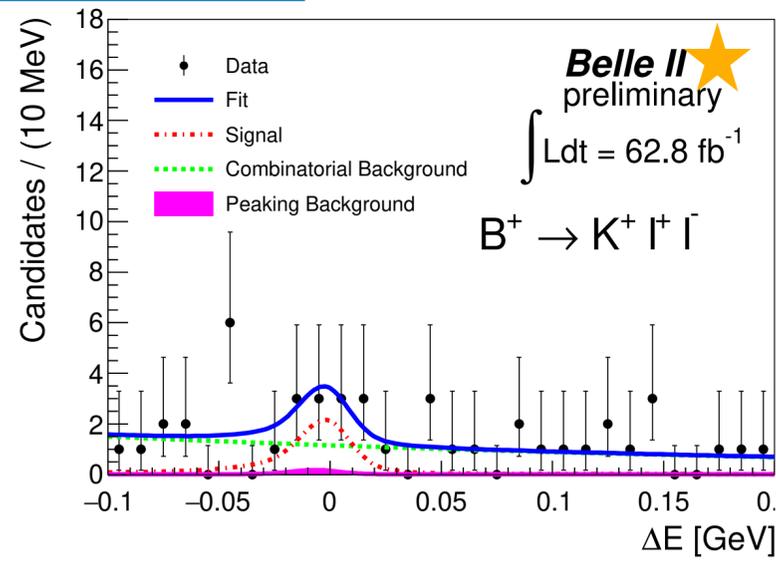
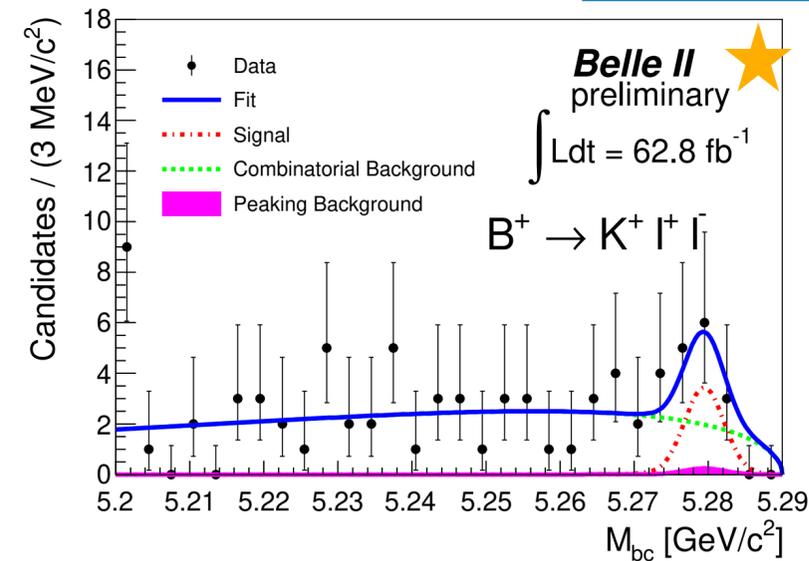
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Study of $B \rightarrow K(*)ll$

Signal extraction with simultaneous ML fit to M_{bc} and ΔE

Fit projections for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ ll$

[BELLE2-NOTE-PL-2021-005]



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

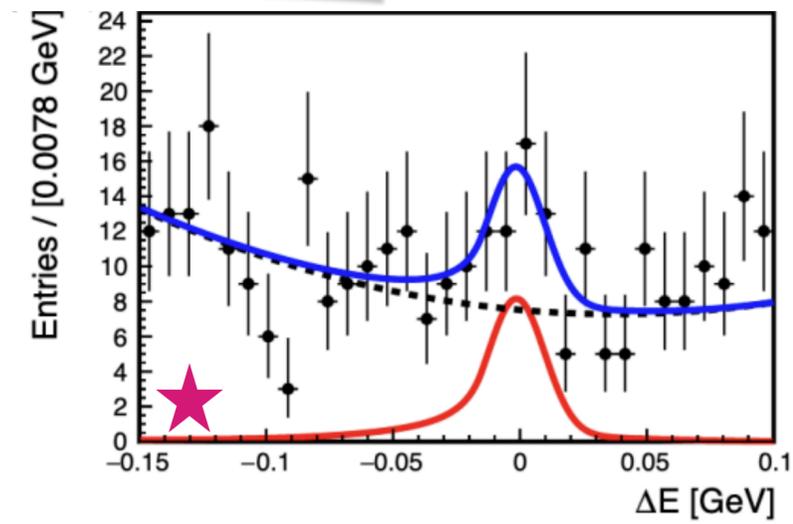
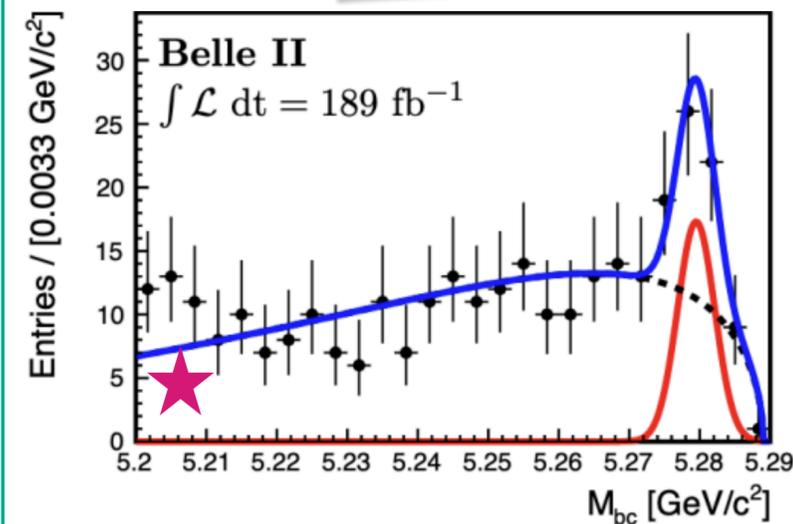
$$\Delta E = E_B - E_{beam}$$

Result

○ $N_{sig} = 8.6_{-3.9}^{+4.3}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst}) \rightarrow$ **hint for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ ll$**

Fit projections for $B \rightarrow K^* ll$

($K^* \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-, K^+ \pi^0, K_s^0 \pi^+$)



Results

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu) &= (1.19 \pm 0.31 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.08}) \times 10^{-6}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* ee) &= (1.42 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-6}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* ll) &= (1.25 \pm 0.30 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.08}) \times 10^{-6}, \end{aligned}$$

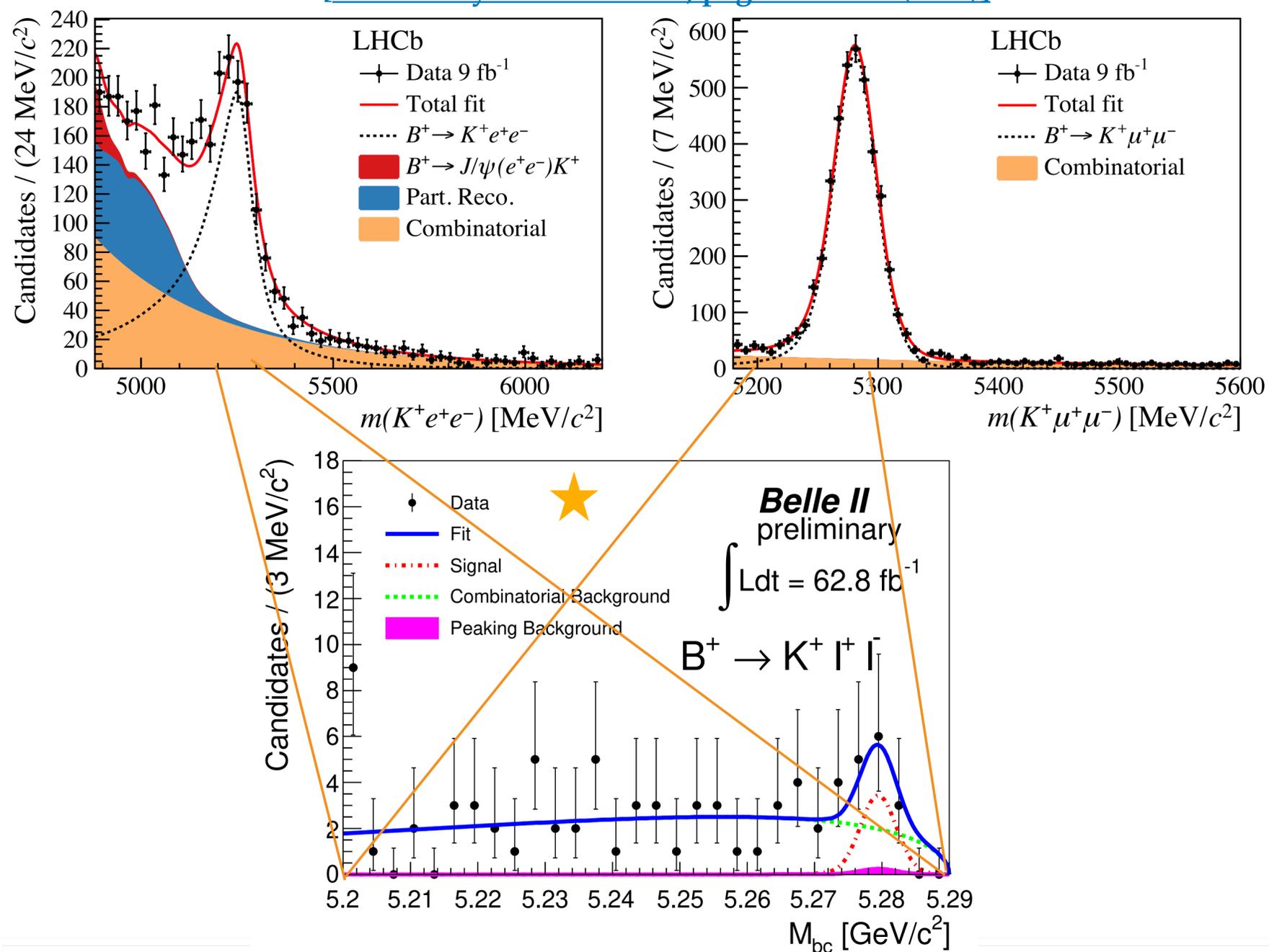
PDG averages

$$\begin{aligned} &(1.06 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-6} \\ &(1.19 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-6} \\ &(1.05 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Electron channel expected to become competitive already with 1 ab^{-1}

$R(K)$: Belle II vs LHCb (Aside)

[Nature Physics volume 18, pages 277–282 (2022)]



Three differing aspects to consider:
efficiency, statistics and resolution

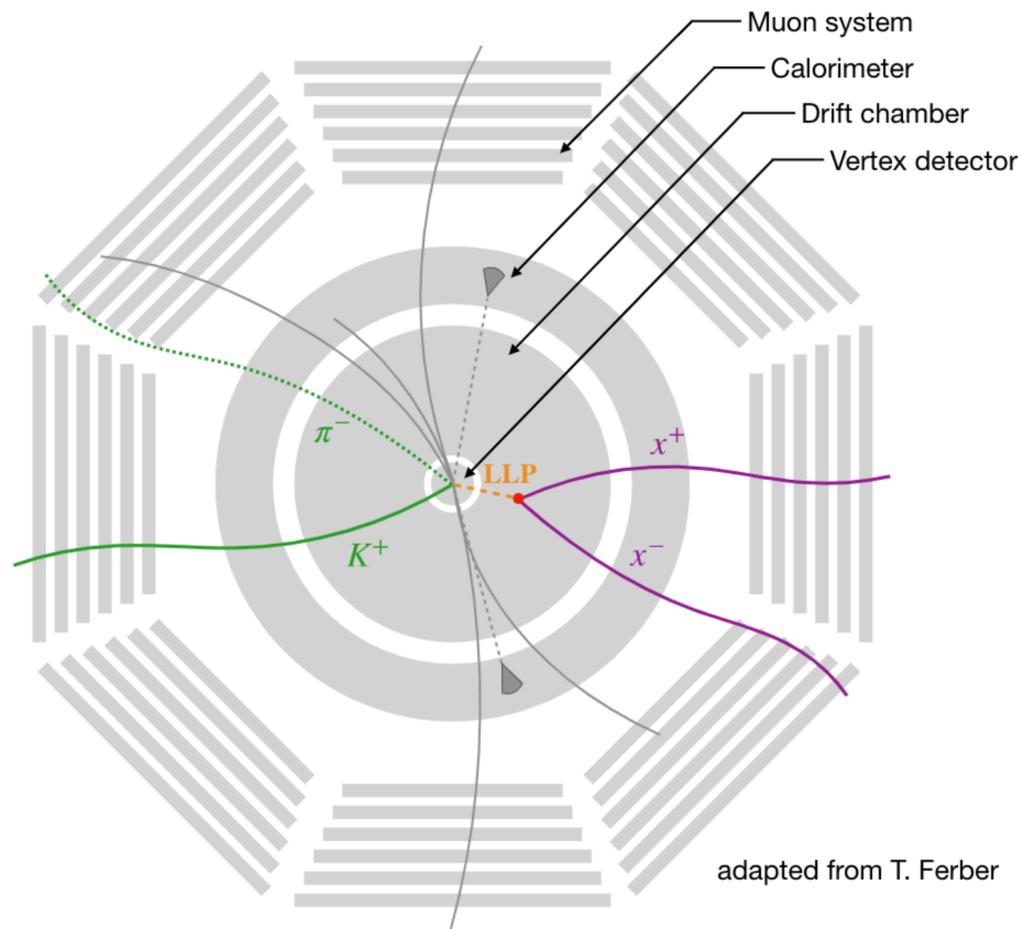
	Belle II	LHCb
Signal	K^+, K_s	K^+
Same	1 ab ⁻¹	1 fb ⁻¹
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$ Efficiency	30 % (Belle) [JHEP 03 (2021) 105]	~5 %
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ Efficiency	30 % (Belle) [JHEP 03 (2021) 105]	<5% Lower due to tracking and trigger
High q^2 bin	Accessible	Hard
Kinematic vertex constraint	M_{bc}	Pointing to PV

Electrons (and muons) in Belle II have better resolution
result of kinematic vertex constraints + Bremsstrahlung effects

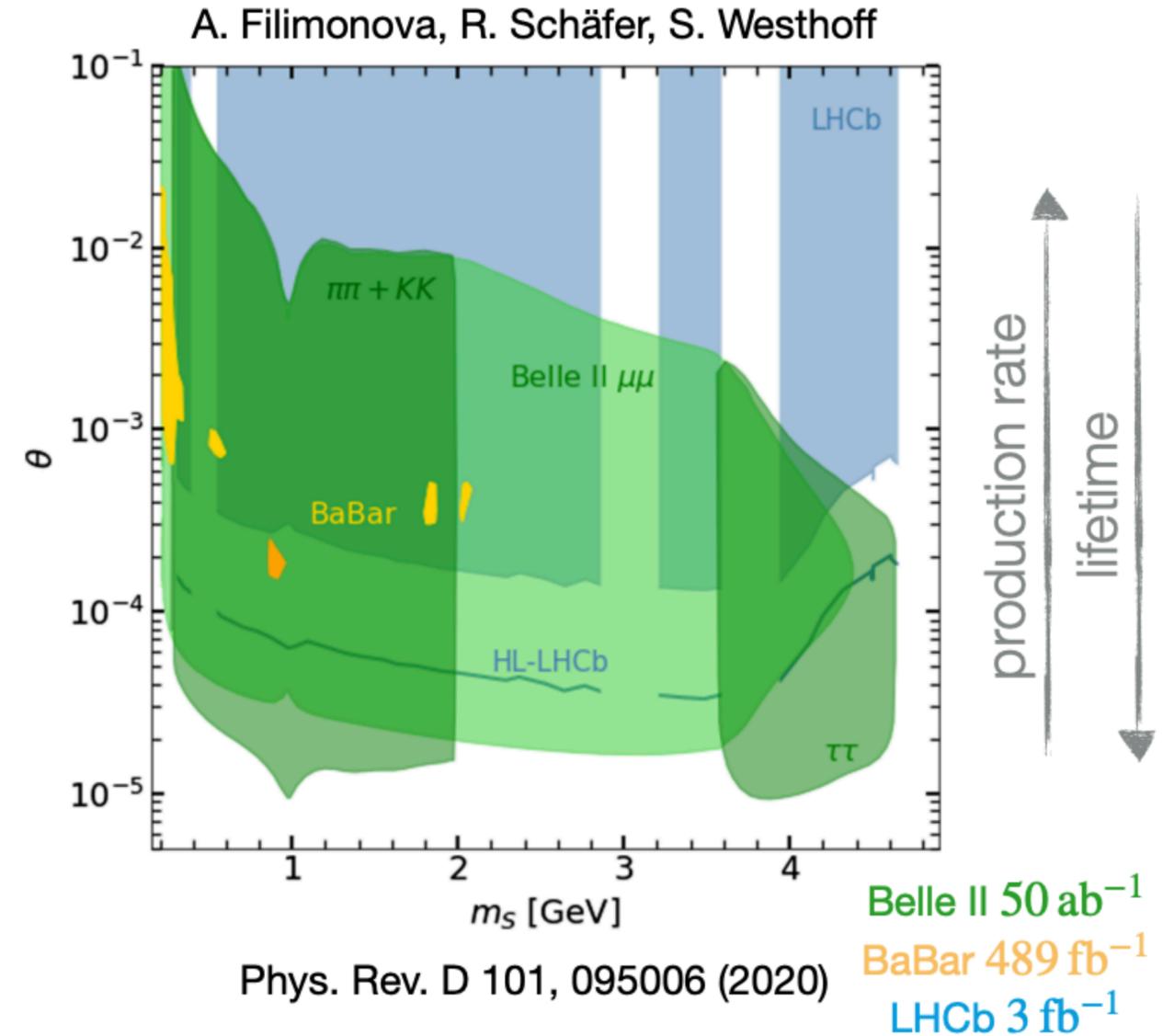
Search for $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} S$ (LLP)

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- S (= long-lived scalar particle = LLP) that decays visibly into pair of charged particles $x^+, x^-, x \in (e, \mu, \pi, K)$
- Bump hunt in the LLP invariant mass
- Separately for $x \in (e, \mu, \pi, K)$
- Separately for different lifetimes



Current bounds and predictions



Prediction does not contain e^+e^- channel

Conclusion

Belle II

- is accumulating high quality data
- is well suited to study rare B-decays with (multiple) invisible particles
- has unique reach for light DM
- will provide competitive and independent checks of $b \rightarrow sll$ channels where anomalies were reported (electron modes)

Rare B-decays with invisible particles are challenging but fun!

- heavily suppressed in SM, but BSM models can enhance observables such as \mathcal{B} significantly
- once the \mathcal{B} of these channels are measured, start the theoretically cleaner precision measurements (angular variables, LFU tests)

Belle II made its first footprint

- search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ = first Belle II B-physics paper employing novel inclusive tagging approach sets highly competitive limit with "only" 1/10 of previous B-factory dataset



But what about?

- Other missing energy modes (eg. $B \rightarrow l\nu, B \rightarrow l\nu\gamma$), $b \rightarrow d$ transitions (e.g $B \rightarrow \pi\nu\nu$)
- Other LFV channels: e.g $B \rightarrow K\mu e, B \rightarrow K^*\mu e$
- DM: other DM candidates, other signatures (e.g $B \rightarrow Ka(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$)

NEXT TIME!

BACKUP

Other Belle II highlights (Moriond 2022)

Towards $\sin(2\beta)$

- Mixing and lifetime measurement \rightarrow not yet competitive but will provide $\sin(2\beta)$
- $B^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^0 \rightarrow$ unique to Belle II

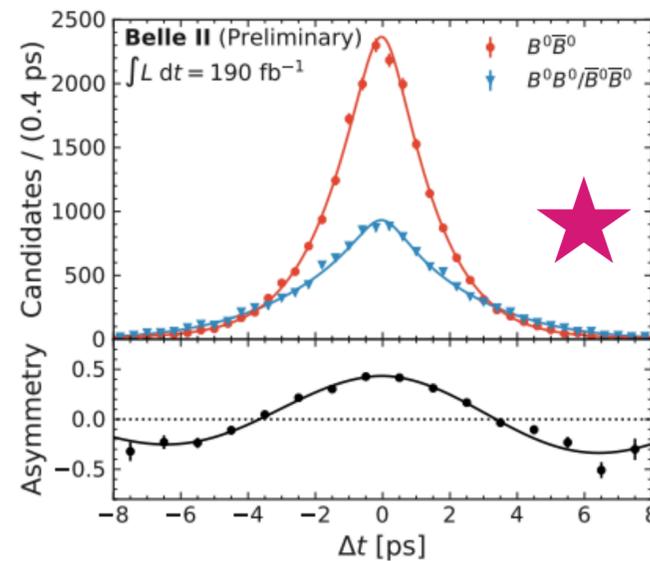
Result compatible with world average:

$$\tau_{B^0} = 1.499 \pm 0.013 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.008 \text{ (syst.) ps,}$$

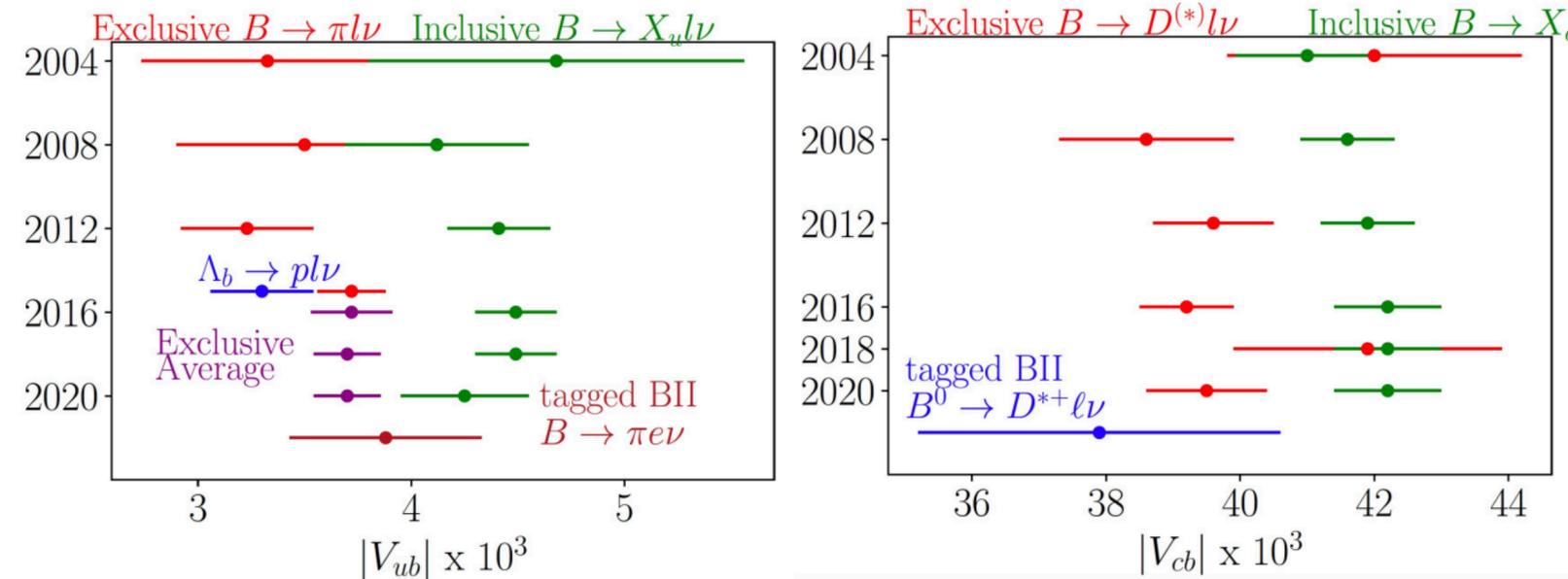
$$\Delta m_d = 0.516 \pm 0.008 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (syst.) ps}^{-1}.$$

Compared to Belle and BaBar's best measurement:

- Slightly worse stat. uncertainty because not using $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \ell^+ \nu$ modes yet.
- better alignment and background systematics.
- comparable resolution modelling systematics.



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



Towards CKM angle α

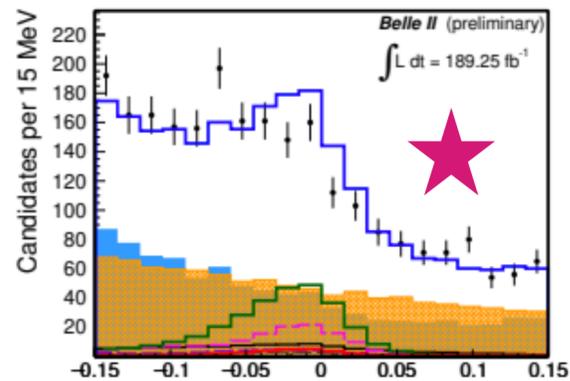
Result compatible with previous measurements:

$$A_{CP} = -0.069 \pm 0.068 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.060 \text{ (syst.)}$$

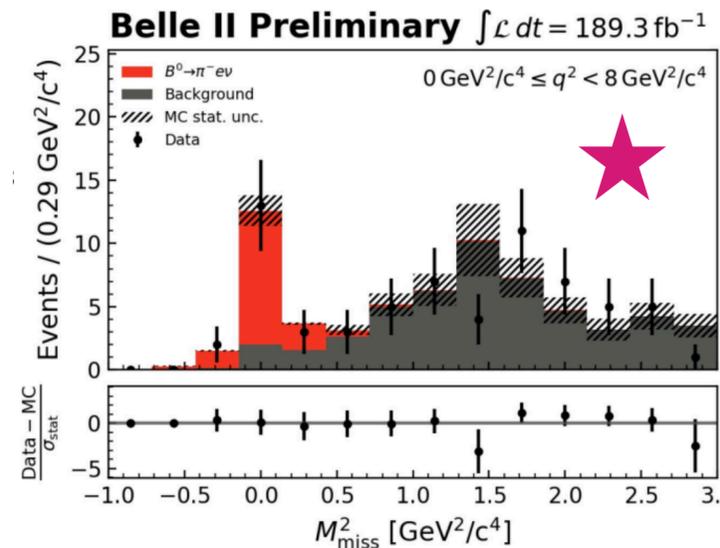
$$B(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0) = (23.2_{-2.1}^{+2.2} \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.7 \text{ (syst.)}) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$f_L = 0.943_{-0.033}^{+0.035} \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.027 \text{ (syst.)}$$

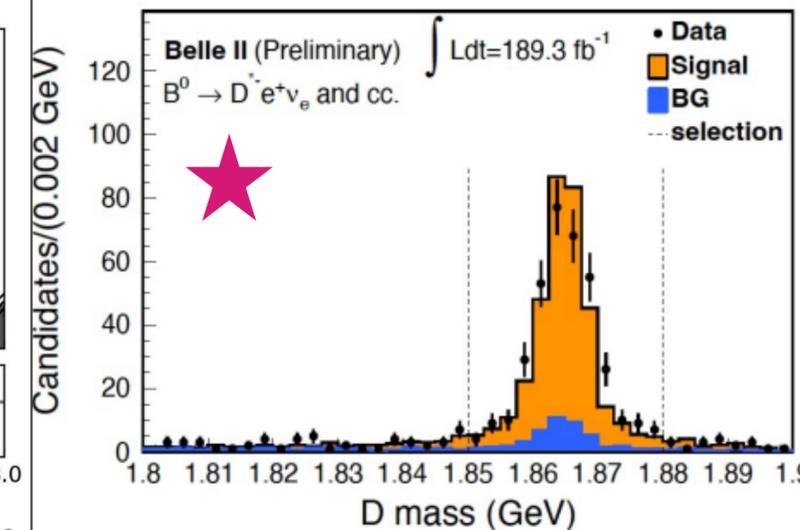
World average: $A_{CP} = -0.05 \pm 0.05$



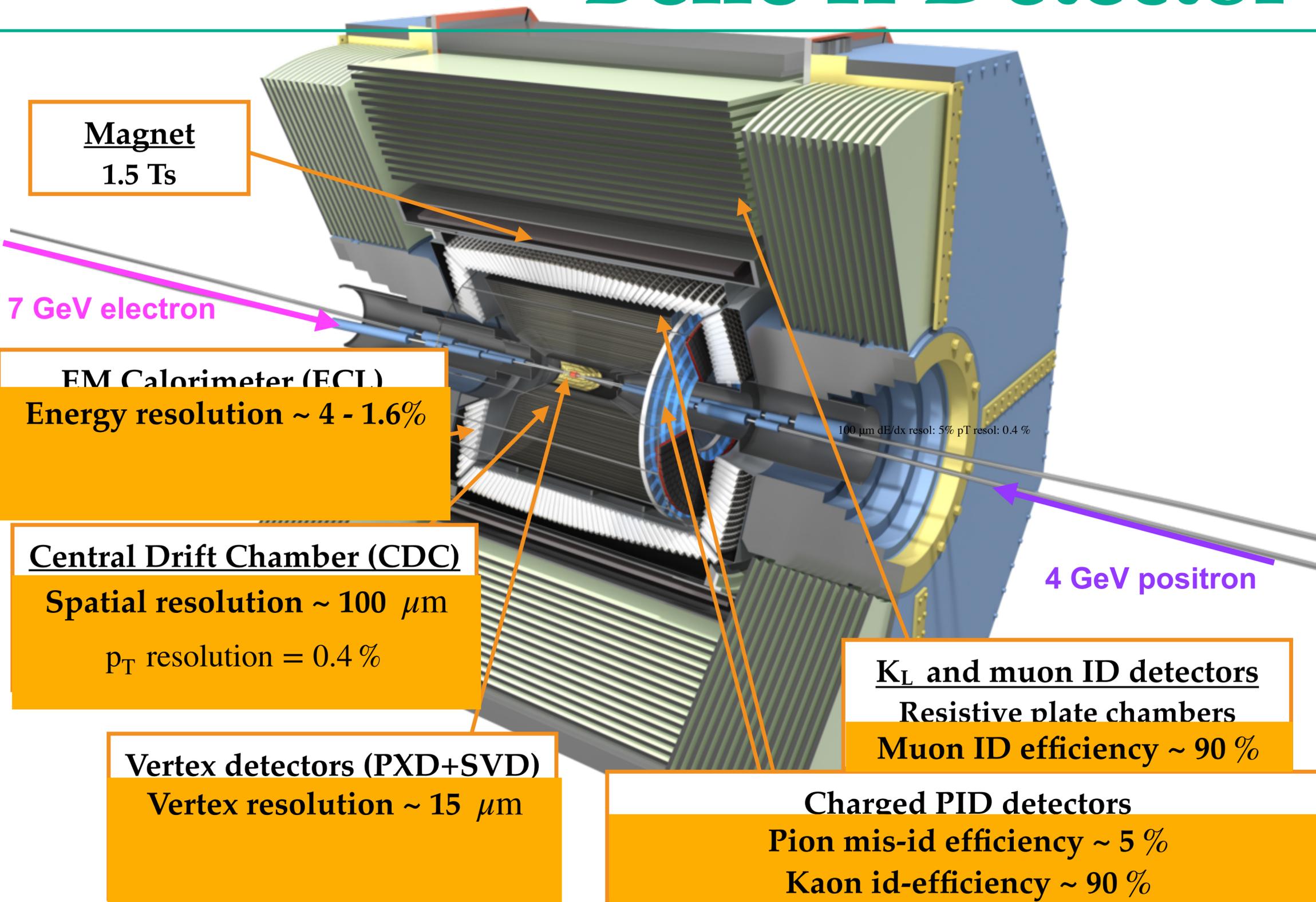
$$\Delta E = E_B^* - E_{\text{beam}}^* \text{ [GeV]}$$



$$M_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_{e^+e^-} - p_{B_{\text{tag}}} - p_e - p_\pi)^2$$



Belle II Detector



Magnet
1.5 Ts

7 GeV electron

EM Calorimeter (ECL)
Energy resolution ~ 4 - 1.6%

Central Drift Chamber (CDC)
Spatial resolution ~ 100 μm
 p_T resolution = 0.4 %

Vertex detectors (PXD+SVD)
Vertex resolution ~ 15 μm

100 μm dE/dx resol: 5% p_T resol: 0.4 %

KL and muon ID detectors
Resistive plate chambers
Muon ID efficiency ~ 90 %

Charged PID detectors
Pion mis-id efficiency ~ 5 %
Kaon id-efficiency ~ 90 %

4 GeV positron

Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau l$ (Aside)

Hadronic FEI tagging

- $\tau \rightarrow \pi/\rho/e/\mu$ decays
- $l = \{e, \mu\}$
- Fit to m_τ distributions

$$m_\tau^2 = m_B^2 + m_{Kl}^2 - 2(E_B^* E_{Kl}^* - |\vec{p}_{B_{\text{sig}}}^*| |\vec{p}_{Kl}^*| \cos\theta)$$

E_{beam}^* $\sqrt{(E_{\text{beam}}^*)^2 - m_B^2}$

θ angle between $\vec{p}_{B_{\text{sig}}}^*$ ($= -\vec{p}_{B_{\text{tag}}}^*$) and \vec{p}_K^*

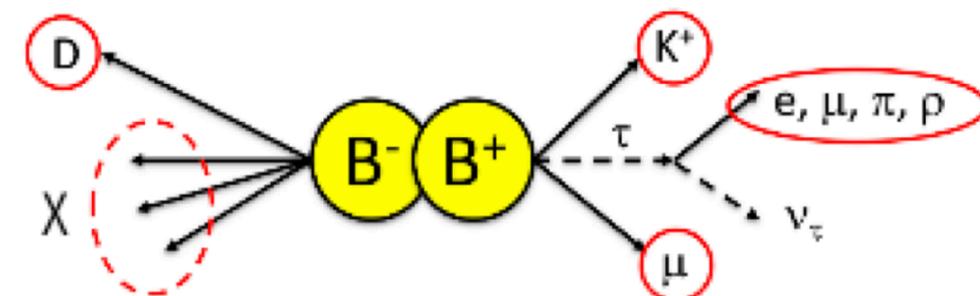
- Control samples:
 - $B^+ \rightarrow D^-(\rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-) \pi^+ \pi^+$,
 - $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \ell \ell) K^+$

Semileptonic FEI tagging

- Recoil mass still peaks at m_τ but the resolution is a factor $\sim 2-3$ worse
- High efficiency but worse resolution

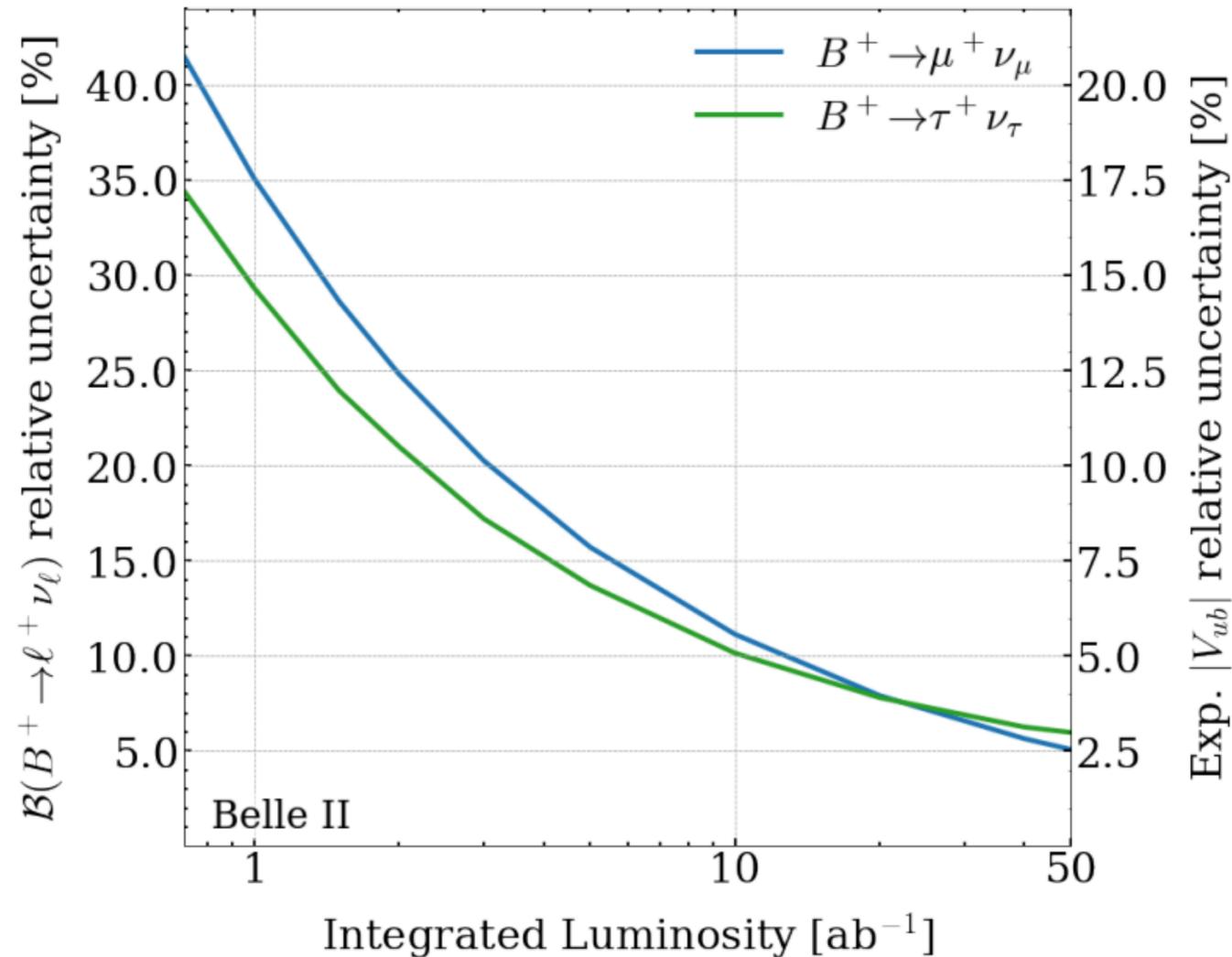
Other tagging approaches

- Measure $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau l)$ exploiting high \mathcal{B} of $B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 X = 79 \pm 4\%$
 - Reconstruct $B_{\text{tag}} D^0$
 - Reconstruct signal's K and l, and τ
 - $D^0 X$ provides the tag-side
- Fit also to m_τ



$B \rightarrow l \nu$

Belle II snowmass paper



$B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$, $B \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$, and $B \rightarrow e \nu_e$
 1×10^{-4} , 4×10^{-7} and 9×10^{-12} in the SM.

$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = (1.06 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-4}$ and $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu) < 8.6 \times 10^{-7}$ and $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow e \nu_e) < 9.8 \times 10^{-7}$ at 90% confidence level