

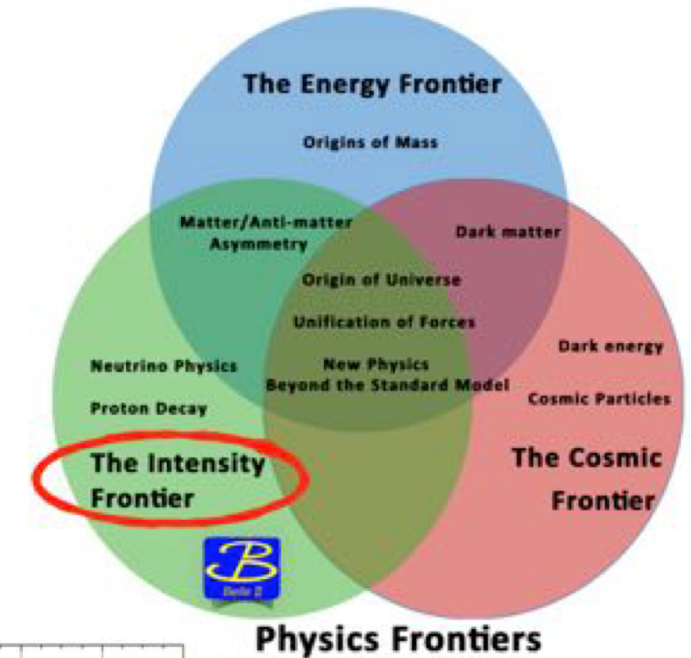
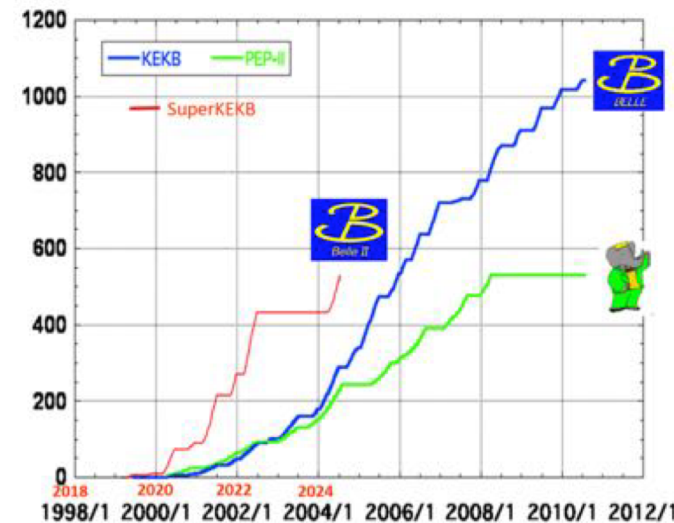
Recent results on new physics at Belle and Belle II

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Physics beyond SM

- Different ways of hunting for new physics
- Belle/Belle II operate at the “Intensity Frontier”
 - ✓ Key words: High-precision measurement, probing the SM indirectly
 - ✓ e.g. Deviations from SM predictions
 - ✓ e.g. Measurement of the SM-forbidden or suppressed process
- B-Factories:
 $e^+ e^- @ \Upsilon(4S) (\rightarrow B\bar{B})$

Belle	KEKB	06/1999 - 06/2010
BaBar	PEP-II	10/1999 - 04/2008
Belle II	SuperKEKB	03/2019 - current



SuperKEKB Accelerator

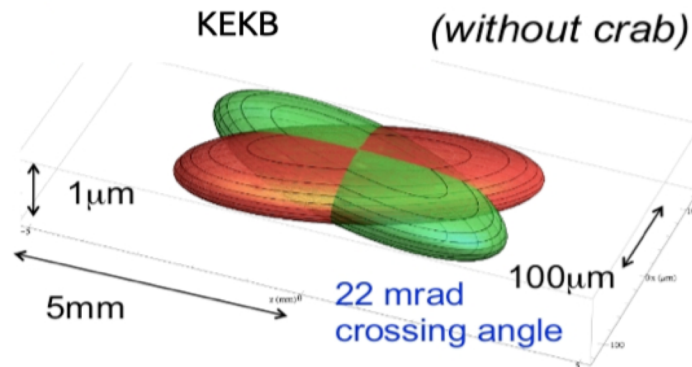
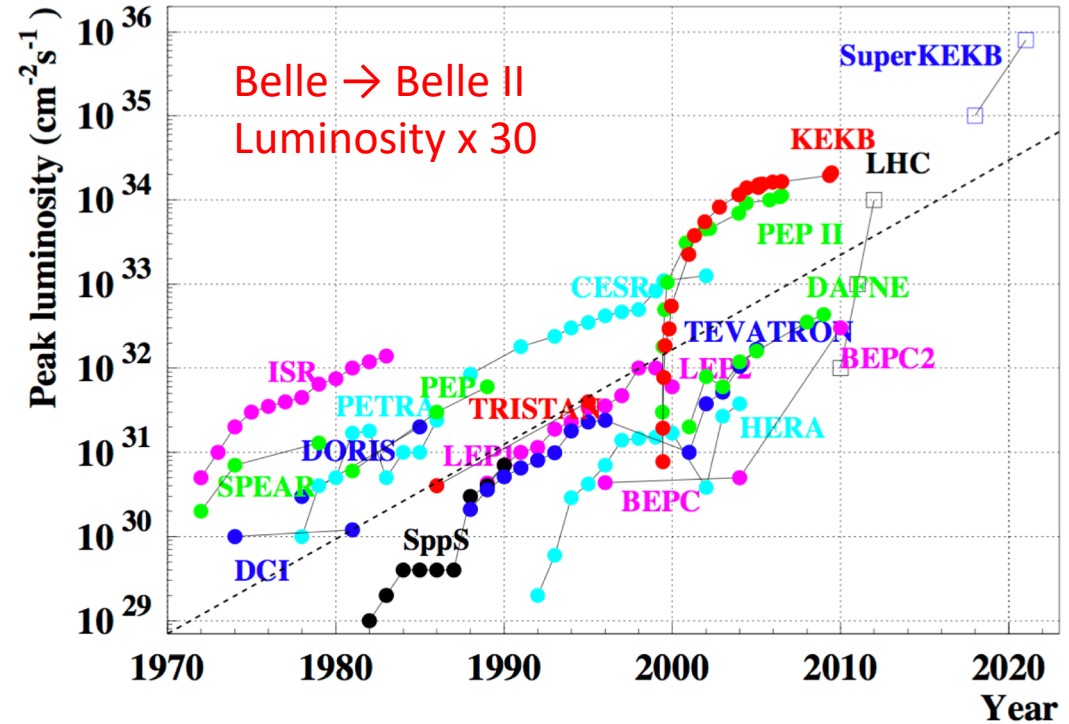
- Reduction in the beam size by 1/20 at the IP.
- 1.5 times increase in beam currents.

Targets:

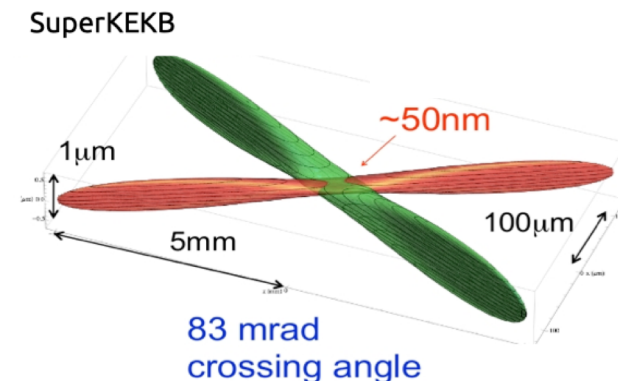
Peak luminosity: $6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Integrated luminosity: 50 ab^{-1} by 2031

**Achieved $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
(current world record, June 2022)**



Nano-Beam scheme



The Belle/Belle II Detector

Belle II

2019 - current

Vertex:

+ 2-layer PXD (Pixel Detector)

4-layer SVD (Silicon Vertex detector)

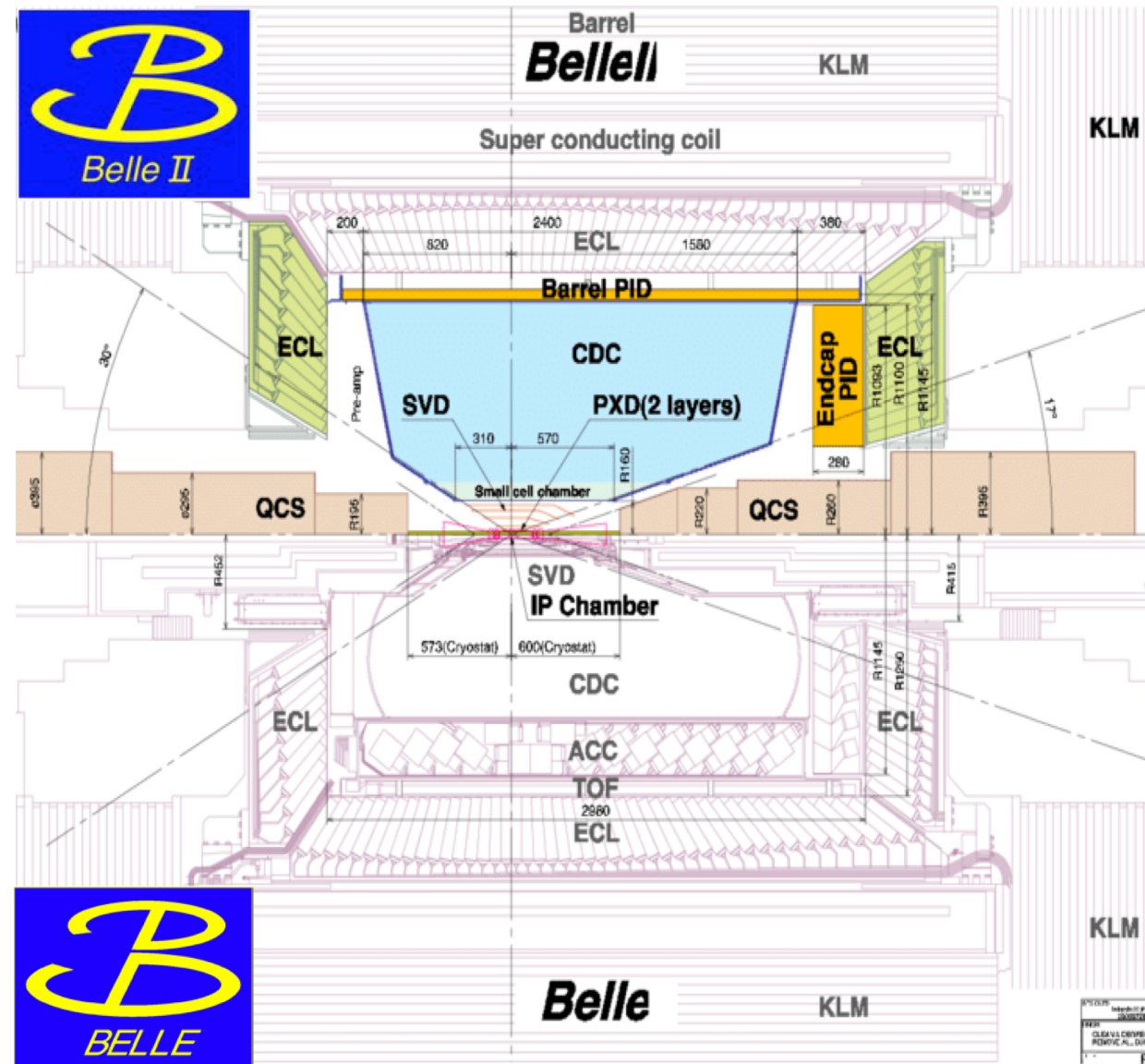
CDC (central drift chamber): Larger volume, smaller drift cell. Faster electronics

PID: (Particle Identification) More compact, better K/pi separation under higher background level

ECL: (electromagnetic Calorimeter) Updated electronics

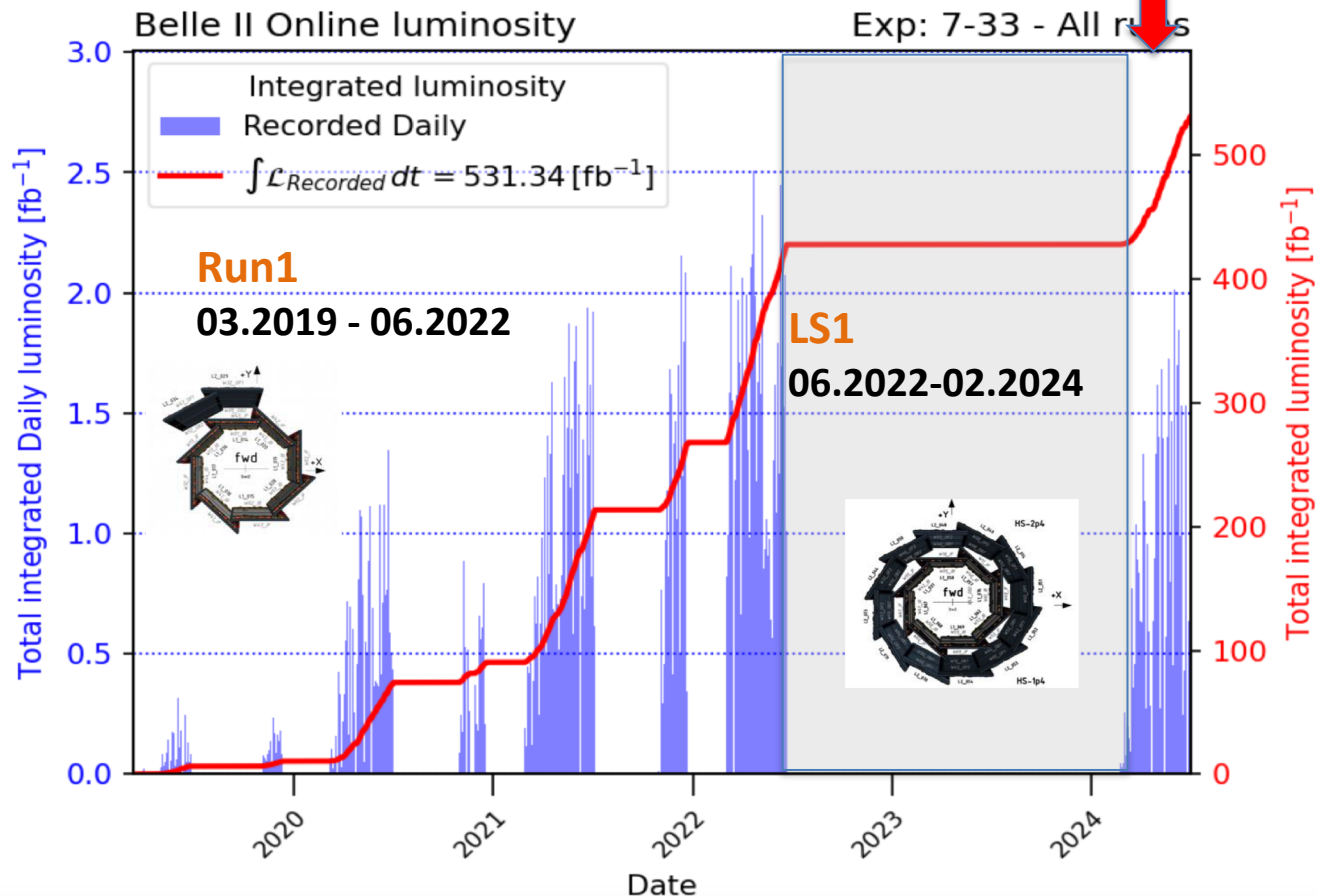
Belle

1999 - 2010



Status of Belle II data taking

Run2
02.2024-07.2024



- Run1 from spring 2019 (424 fb^{-1} recorded)
- LS1 motivated by the installation of the 2-layer PXD
 - ✓ Replacement of beam-pipe
 - ✓ Replacement the photomultipliers of the TOP
 - ✓ Improved CDC gas distribution and monitoring system
 - ✓ DAQ upgrade ...
- Resumed data-taking at early 2024:
 - ✓ So far: $> 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ collected
 - ✓ $\sim 90\%$ data taking efficiency
- Current issue: Sudden beam loss leading to large dose in the interaction region: -
 - ✓ PXD was turned off as a precautionary measure
 - ✓ Preventing reaching higher currents
 - ✓ Operating stably at $4.5 \times 10^{-34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Belle and Belle II physics program

Primarily a B factory
But **not only B physics**

- Also tau, charm factories
- Clean place to do spectroscopy and search for new physics BSM.....

Varies type of analyses:

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



Snowmass White Paper

Belle and Belle II physics program



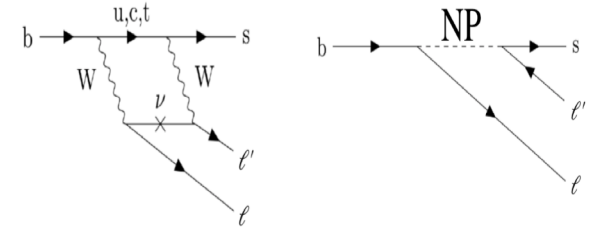
Recent Highlights:

- Lepton Flavor Universality Violation
- Radiative and Electroweak Penguin decays of B mesons
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Test of Lepton Flavor Universality

LFUV AND B Anomalies

- Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays:
 - ✓ Forbidden in the Standard Model w/o neutrino-oscillation
 - ✓ Can occur via ν mixing but are highly suppressed ($\frac{m_\nu^2}{m_W^2}$)
 - well beyond any experimental sensitivity
- Recent measurements of b-hadron decays have provided experimental indications of the lepton flavor universality violation (LFUV) - deviations from:
 - ✓ μ/e universality in $b \rightarrow s ll$ neutral-current transitions
 - ✓ τ/μ (and τ/e) universality in $b \rightarrow c l \nu$ charged-current transitions
- LFUV is often accompanied by lepton flavor violation (LFV) in theoretical models (PRL 114 (2015), 091801)
- The observation of LFUV or LFV in the charged sector would be a clear sign of physics beyond the Standard Model! LFUV experimental bounds can be interpreted as constraints on New Physics

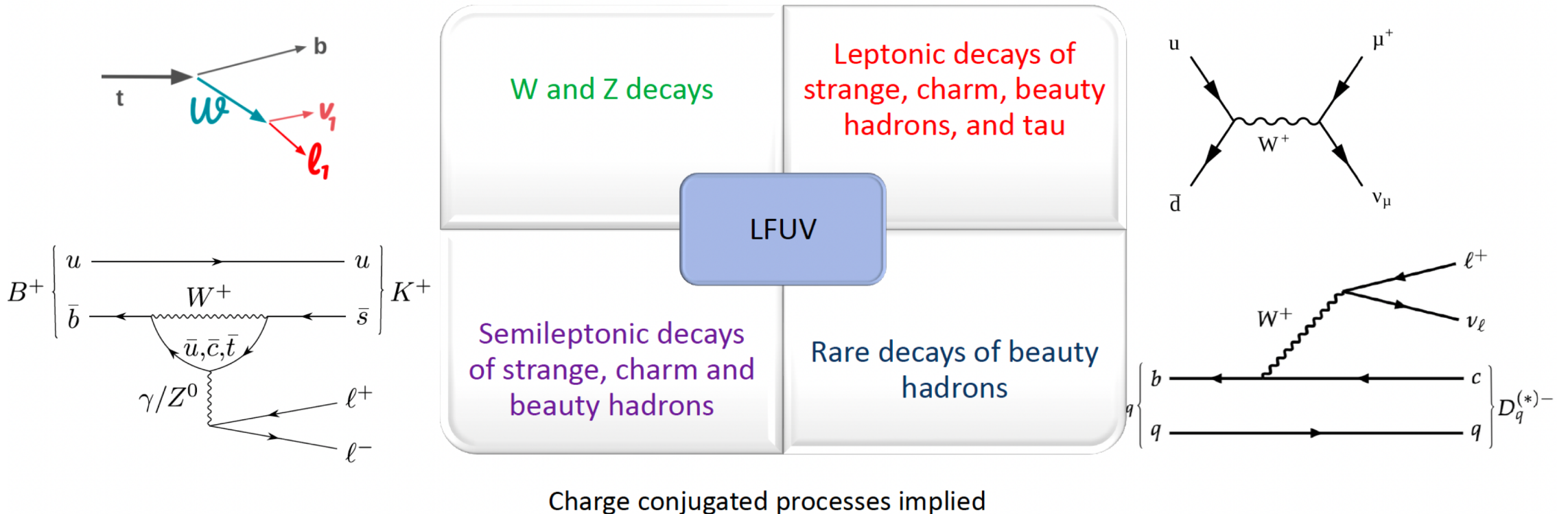


How can we observe LFUV

- Measure ratios of processes with different leptons to reduce systematics

A.Knue

$$R = \frac{B[\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \ell_1 \nu_1]}{B[\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \ell_2 \nu_2]}$$



Test of LFU with inclusive semitauonic B decay

The $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$ excess

Q: What if the “anomaly” is just a shared systematic?

Or a problem with the (shared) theory description?

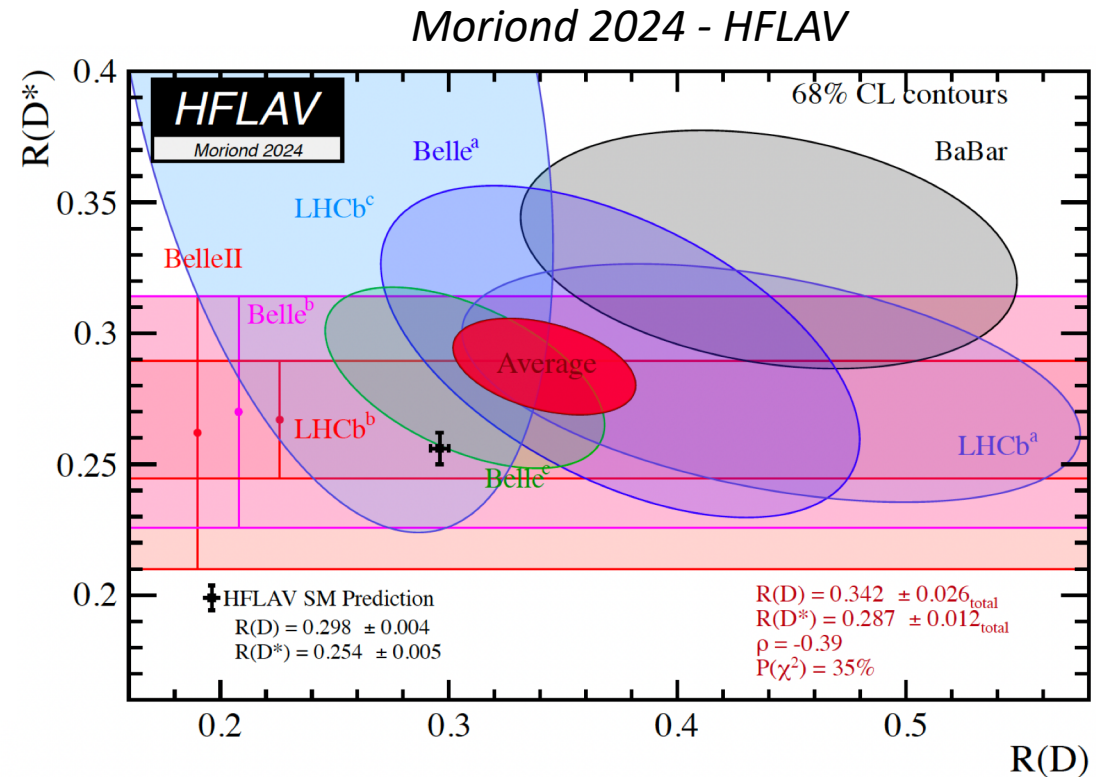
*Is there anything we can do except **measure** $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ over and over again?*

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

Where $H = D, D^*, X, \pi, \text{etc.}$ and $l = e, \mu$

“Traditional” modes
Tension of $R(D^{(*)})$ with SM $\sim 3\sigma$

New



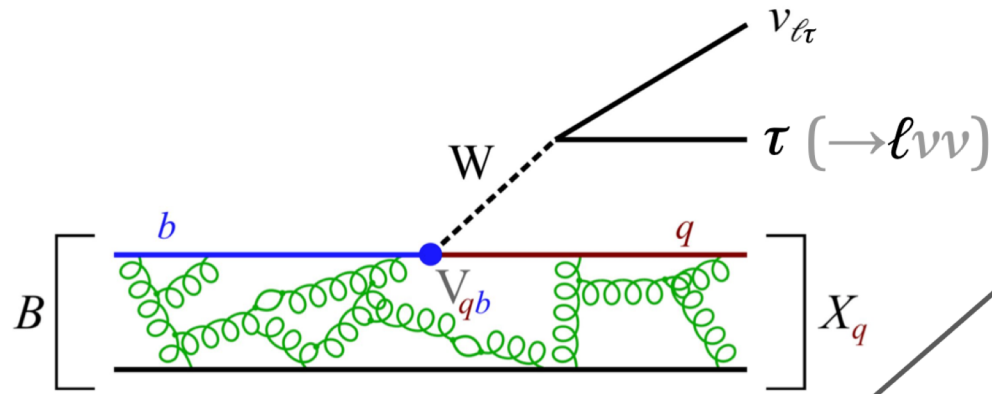
$R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ combined average:
• 3.31σ tension with the SM prediction considering the correlation

Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

First measurement of $R(X_{\tau/\ell})$ as an inclusive test of the $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ anomaly

Phys. Rev. Lett.132.211804 (2024)

A followup to last-year's *light* lepton ratio $R(X_{\mu/e})$, a first



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Editors' Suggestion

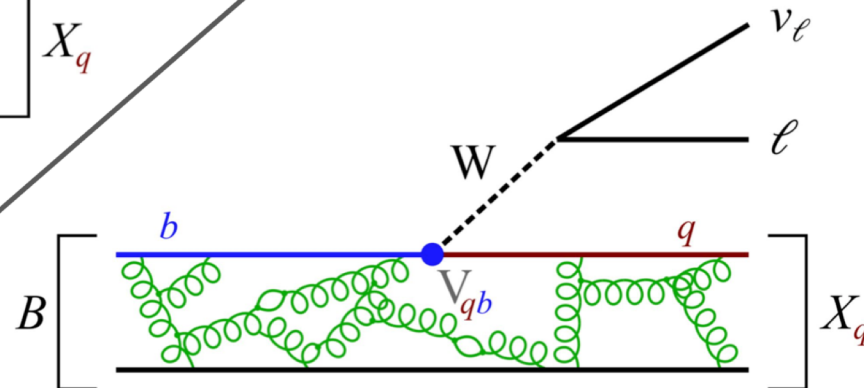
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Test of Light-Lepton Universality in the Rates of Inclusive Semileptonic B -Meson Decays at Belle II

L. Aggarwal *et al.* (Belle II Collaboration)
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **131**, 051804 – Published 2 August 2023

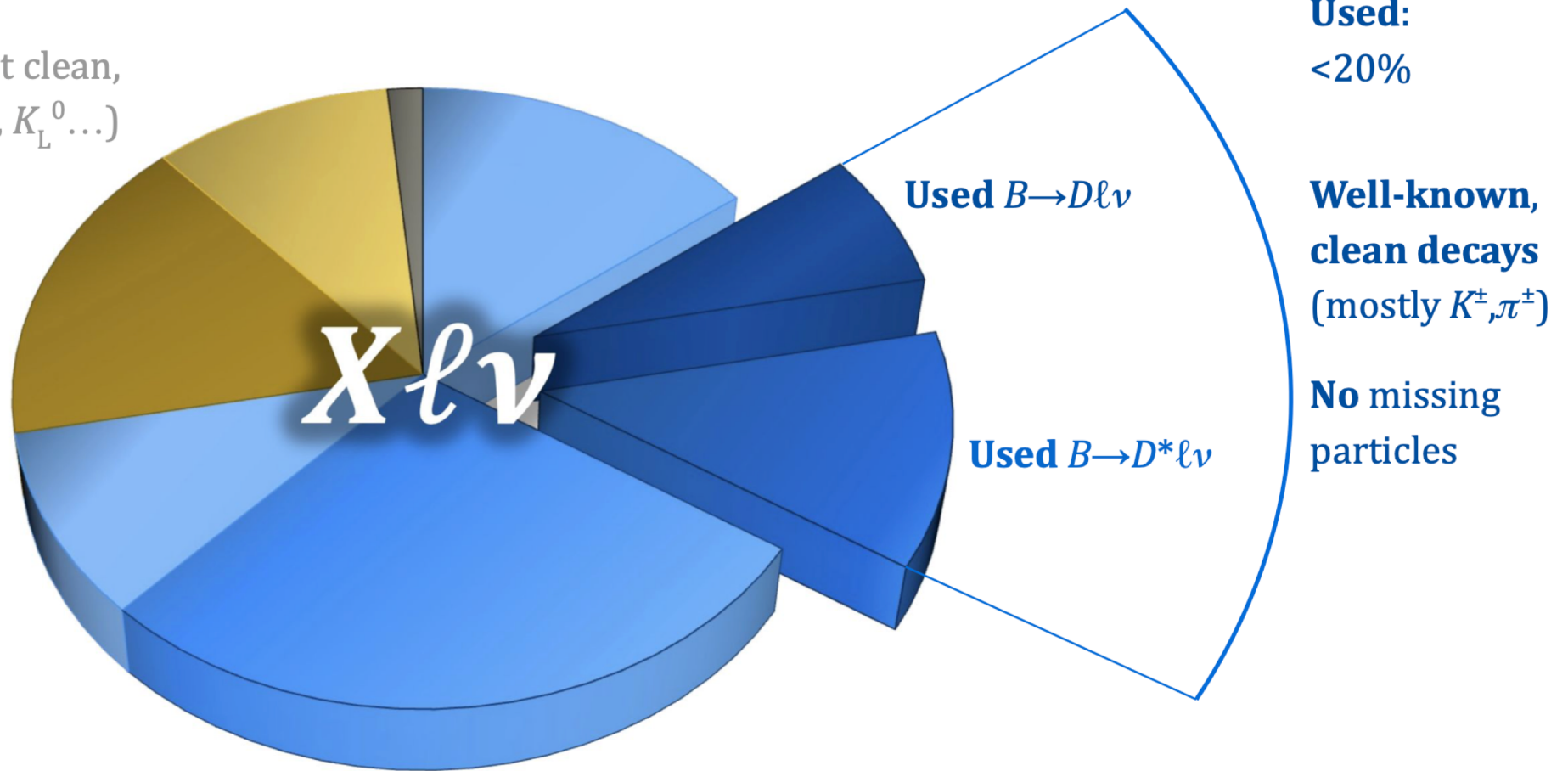
Physics See synopsis: Standard Model Stays Strong for Leptons

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Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

(**not well-known**, not clean,
missing ν , $K_L^0 \dots$)



*So then: how can we use “**not well-known**” as the signal?*

This measurement is statistically and theoretically distinct from $R(D^{(*)})$, and is potentially more precise.

Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

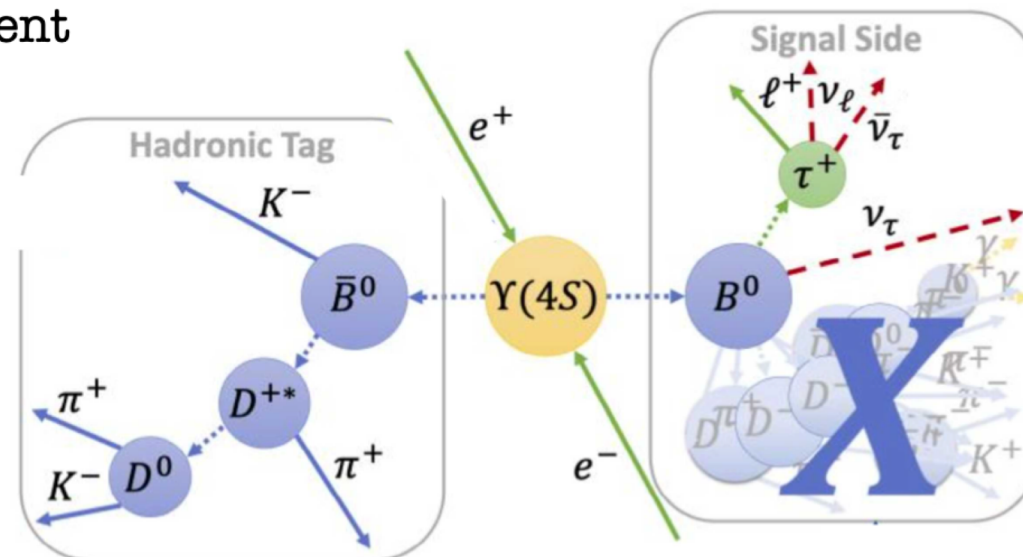
- Possible to compare the inclusive rates
- Tag B reconstructed using FEI method
- Search for the signal B in the rest of the event
 - Leptonic $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu \bar{\nu} \nu$ decay
 - Remaining reconstructed particles in the event form the hadronic system “X”
 - Additional experimental challenge due to unspecified hadronic “X” system
- Primary experimental challenge is modelling/ characterizing backgrounds:
 - $B \rightarrow X l \nu$ ($l=e, \mu$) decays
 - Generic $B\bar{B}$ events with mis-reconstruction
 - Continuum $q\bar{q}$ events

$$R(X) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X \tau \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X \ell \nu_\ell)}$$

$$e : p_T/p_{\text{lab}} > 0.3 \text{ GeV}/0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mu : p_T/p_{\text{lab}} > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

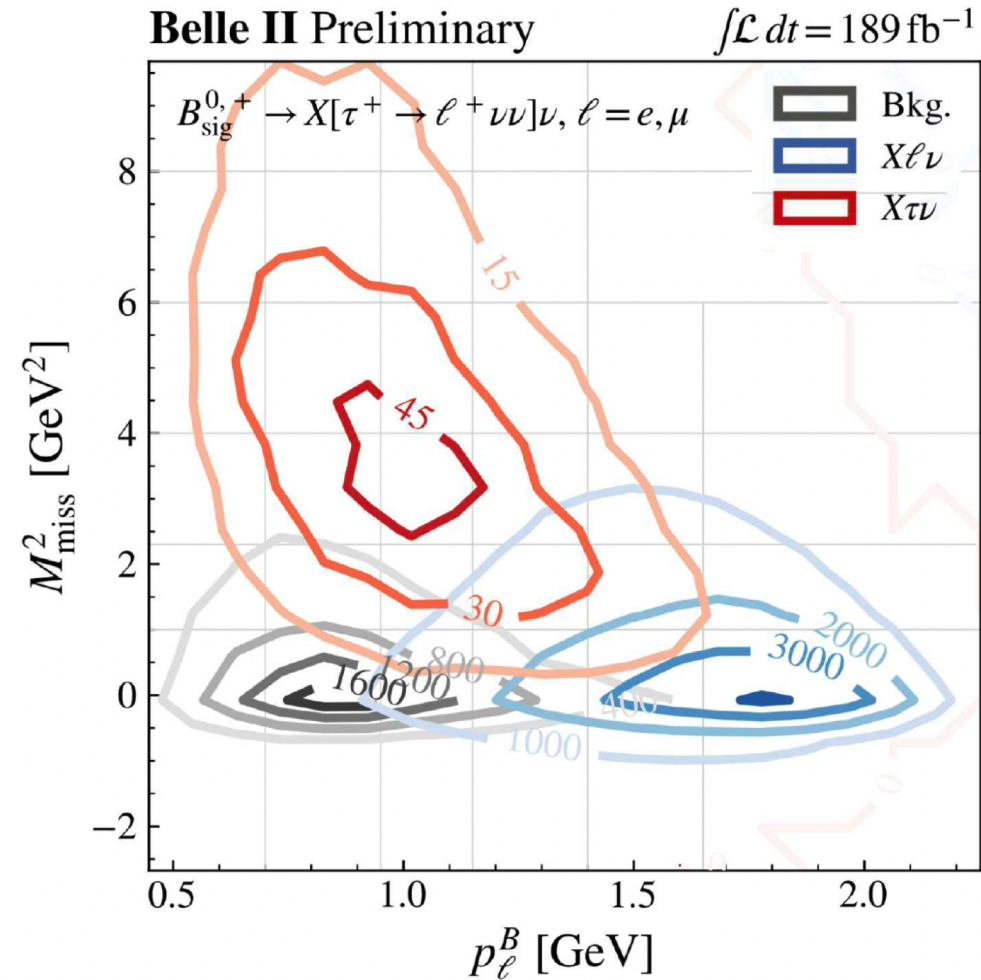
To reject misidentified lepton



Use a *data-driven corrections* for the “**not well-known**” stuff...

Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

- Signal determined from 2D distribution of p_l^B vs M_{miss}^2
- Data-driven $X\ell\nu$ modelling and reweighting using M_X distribution in $p_l^B > 1.4 \text{ GeV}$ sideband region
- Systematics dominated by data-driven corrections to background and signal modelling



Measurement of $R(X_{\tau/l})$

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

$$R(X_{\tau/e}) = 0.232 \pm 0.020(\text{stat}) \pm 0.037(\text{syst}),$$

$$R(X_{\tau/\mu}) = 0.222 \pm 0.027(\text{stat}) \pm 0.050(\text{syst}),$$

Combined

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

Average of SM expectation: 0.223 ± 0.005

[PRD 105, 073009](#) (2022)

[JHEP 11 007](#) (2022)

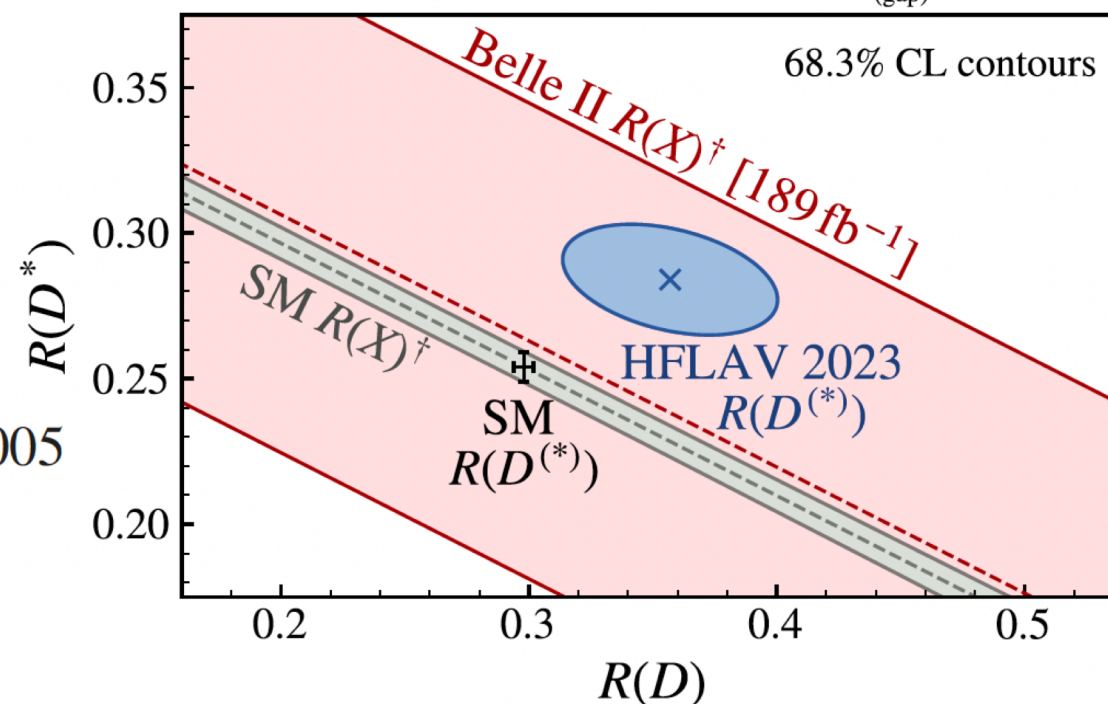
Limited by systematics, even with smallish data set

Main sources of syst. uncertainties: $X_c \ell \nu$ M_X shape: 7.1%, $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X \ell \nu)$: 7.7%, $X_c \tau(\ell) \nu$ form factors: 7.8%

Phys. Rev. Lett. 132.211804 (2024)

189 fb⁻¹ collected at 2019 and 2021

† = with expected SM contributions of $D_{(\text{gap})}^{**}, X_u$ removed



Consistent with SM predictions!

Using τ to test Lepton Flavor Universality

Lepton Flavor Universality is an intrinsic and accidental property or symmetry of the SM: **couplings of EW boson to leptons are flavor-independent and the only difference between leptons is their mass (Yukawa)**

In τ decays, testing LFU symmetry is in principle very simple: compare the rates of $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$ vs $\tau \rightarrow e \nu \nu$

$$R_\mu = \frac{BF[\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau]}{BF[\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau]}$$

Slightly smaller than 1 in the SM due to the $e - \mu$ mass difference ($R_\mu^{SM} = 0.9726$)

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

$$f(x) = -8x + 8x^3 - x^4 - 12x^2 \log x$$

Exactly 1 in the SM

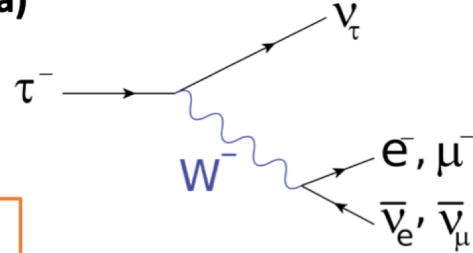
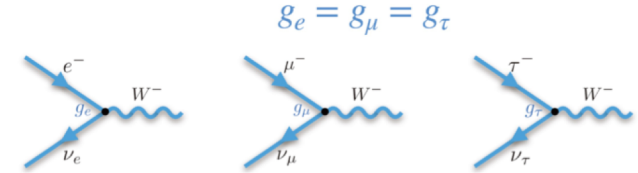
NP could enter in different ways:

- LFUV charged currents
- LFV neutral currents
[ex. Soni et al., $L_\mu - L_\tau Z'$
[Phys. Lett. B 2016 09 046](#)]

Measurement by BaBar [[PRL 105 051602](#)]:

$$R_\mu = 0.9796 \pm 0.0016_{stat} \pm 0.0036_{sys}$$

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau = 1.0036 \pm 0.0020$$

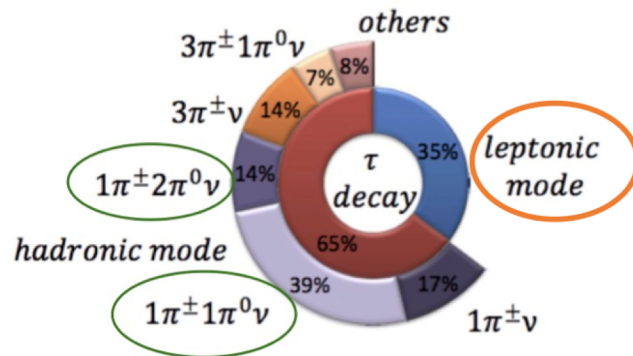


Test of LFU in leptonic τ decays at Belle II: 1x1 event topology

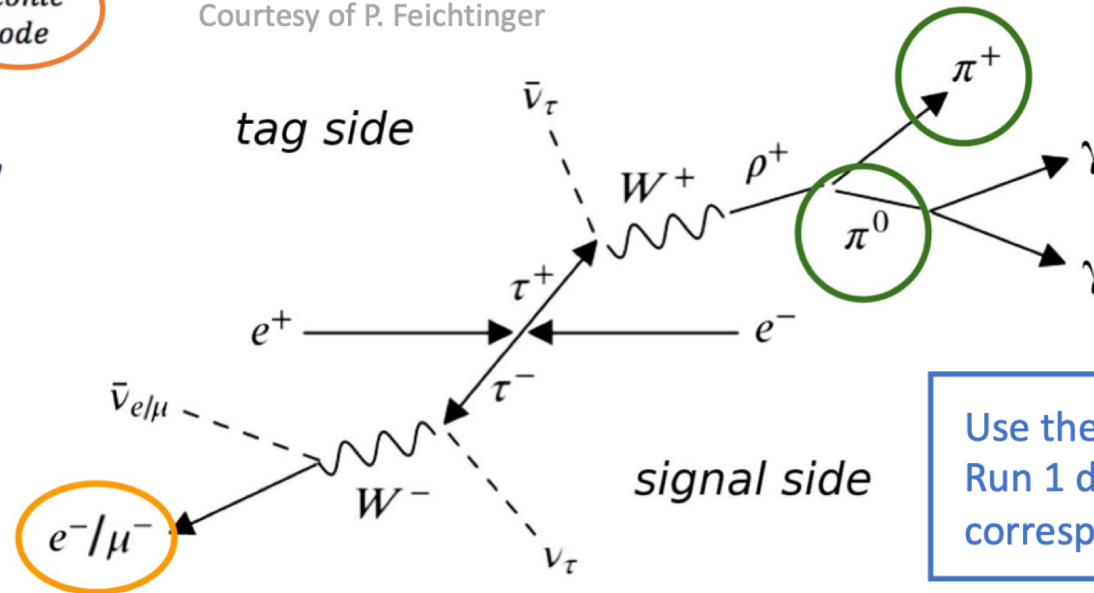
We use the 1x1 event topology.

The “tag side” is a 1-prong (i.e. one charged track) τ decay containing one charged hadron (π^\pm) and at least a π^0 (i.e. $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau$, $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau$ and C.C.). The signal side is a fully leptonic tau decay (i.e. $\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$, $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$, and C.C.)

- Large BFs, low backgrounds and high trigger efficiency



Courtesy of P. Feichtinger



Tag side pre-selection

- ✓ 1 charged track with $\frac{E_{cluster}}{p} < 0.8$
- ✓ $N(\pi^0) > 0$

Signal side pre-selection

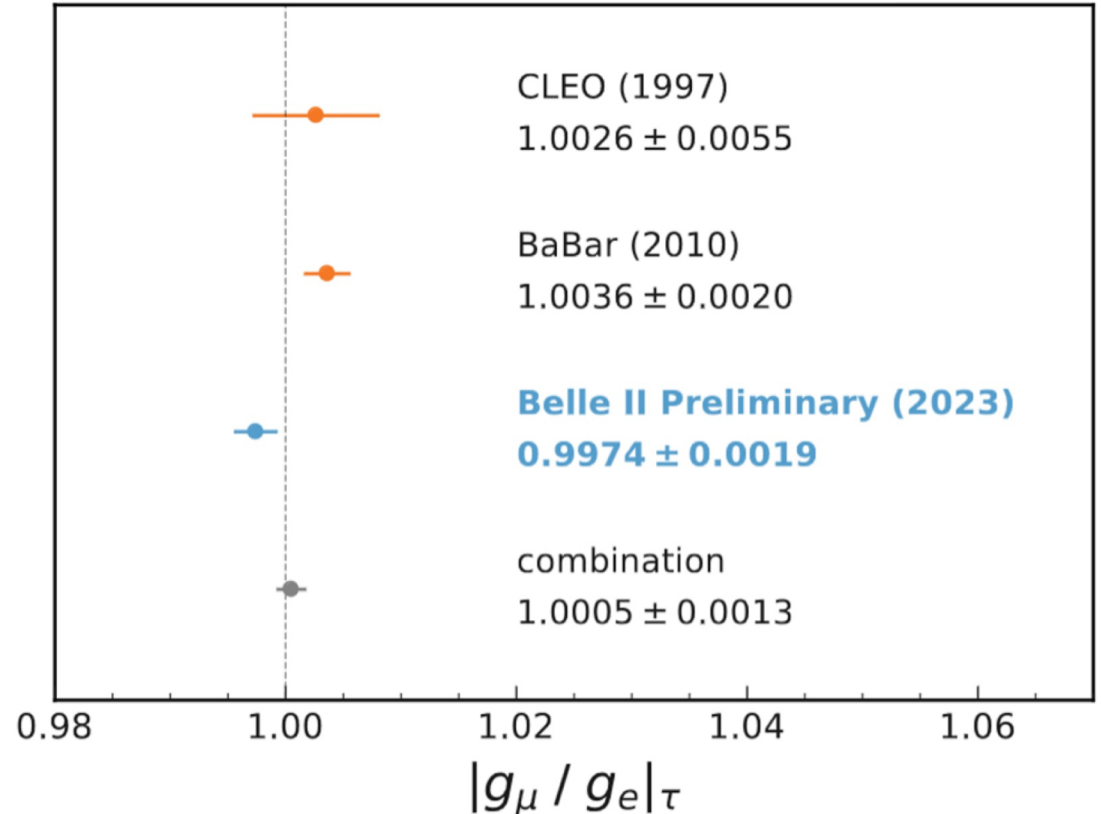
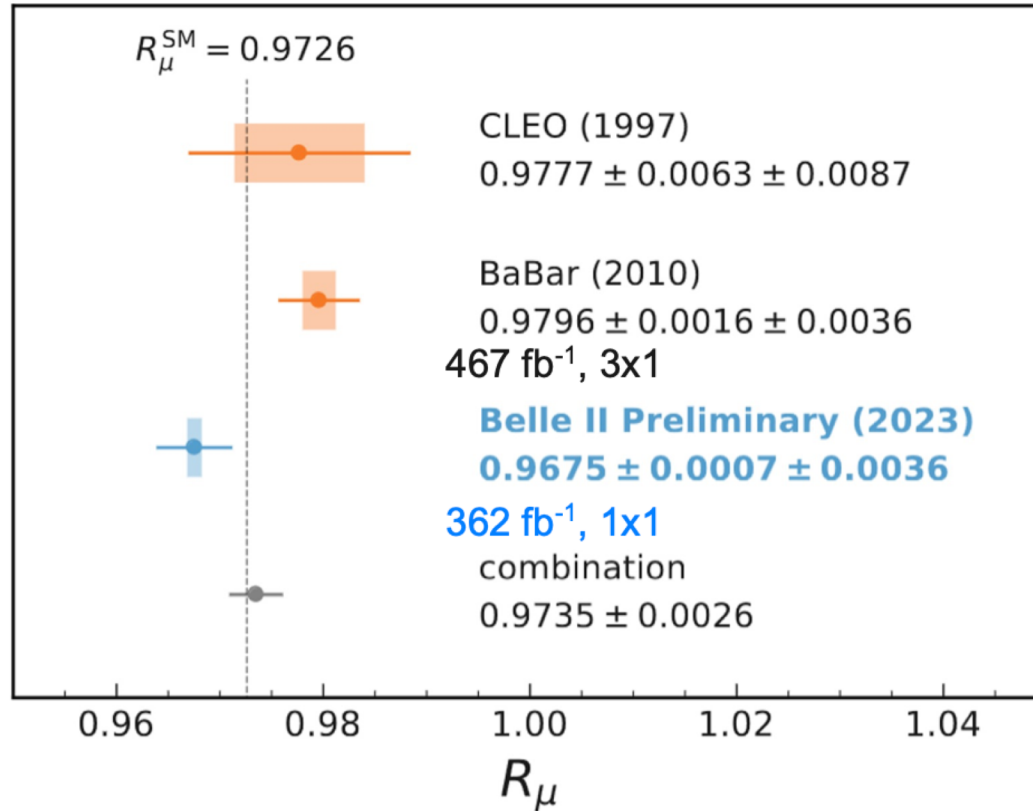
- ✓ 1 charged track identified (PID) as μ or e .

Use the full “on resonance”
Run 1 data (2019-2022),
corresponding to 362 fb^{-1}

Test of LFU in leptonic τ decays at Belle II: results

$$R_\mu = \frac{BF[\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau]}{BF[\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau]}$$

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

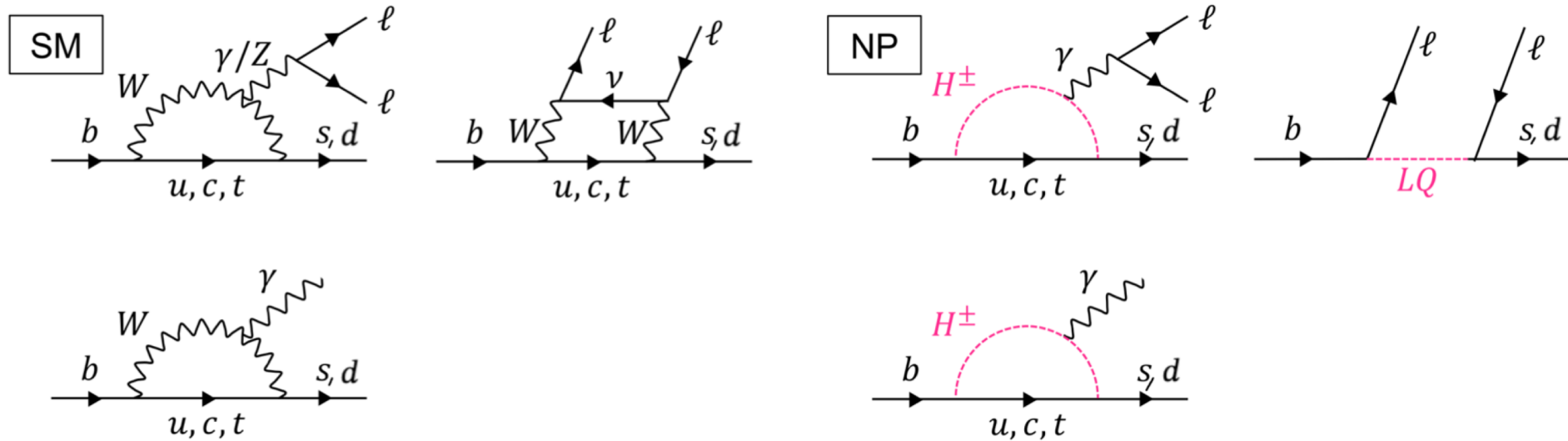


World's most precise test of LFU in τ decays and most precise determination of R_μ and $|g_\mu/g_e|$

Submitted to JHEP, see [ArXiv 2405.14625](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.14625)

Radiative and Electroweak Penguin decays of B mesons

Radiative and Electroweak Penguin decays of B mesons



- Flavor-changing-neutral-current (**FCNC**) occurs only by loop diagrams in the SM
 - New physics (NP) appearing in the loop can change the variables like branching ratio, CP asymmetry, and isospin asymmetry
 - Electroweak Penguin (EWP) is one of such loop diagrams
- **FCNC of B meson is relatively large thanks to $V_{tb} \sim 1$**
 - **Highly sensitive to NP**
- One of the main targets of B factory experiments

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

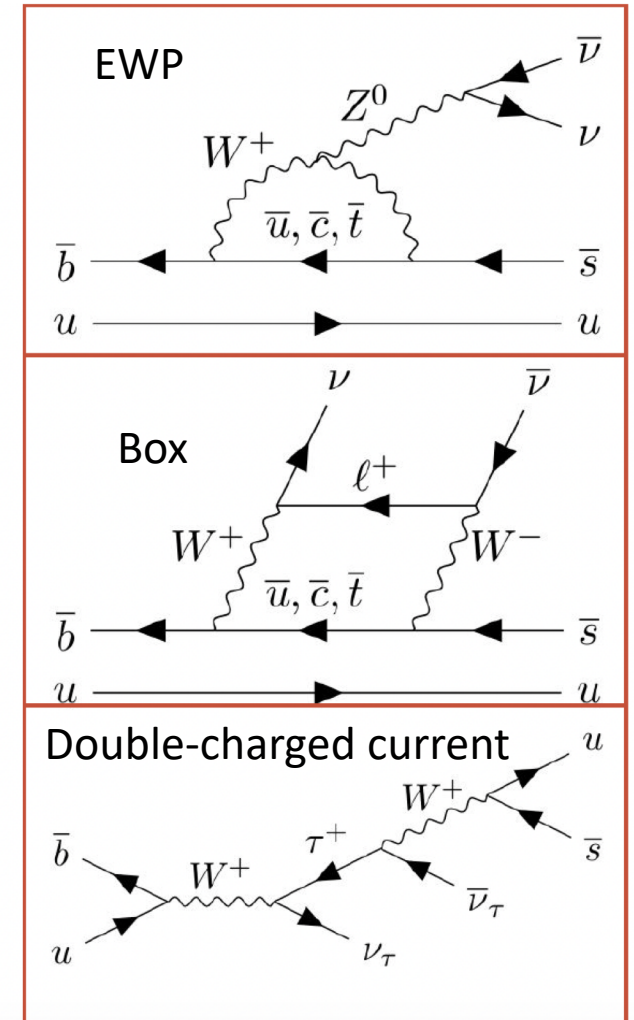
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ is a challenging \Rightarrow single charged track in the final state
- $\mathcal{B}(\text{SM}) = (5.58 \pm 0.37) \times 10^{-5}$ [[PRD 107, 014511](#)]
- New physics could alter the rate (also angular observables for $B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}$)

Advantages at Belle II:

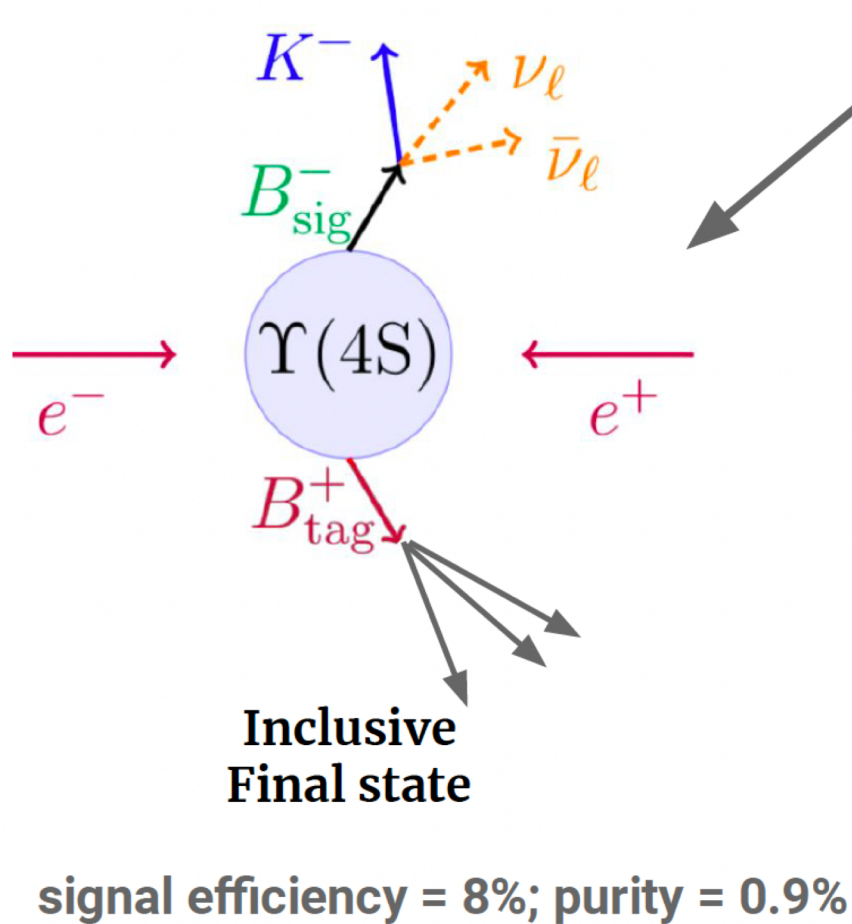
- Constraints from well-known initial state kinematics;
- Lower average multiplicity at the $\Upsilon(4S)$ compared to hadronic collisions.

NP scenarios:

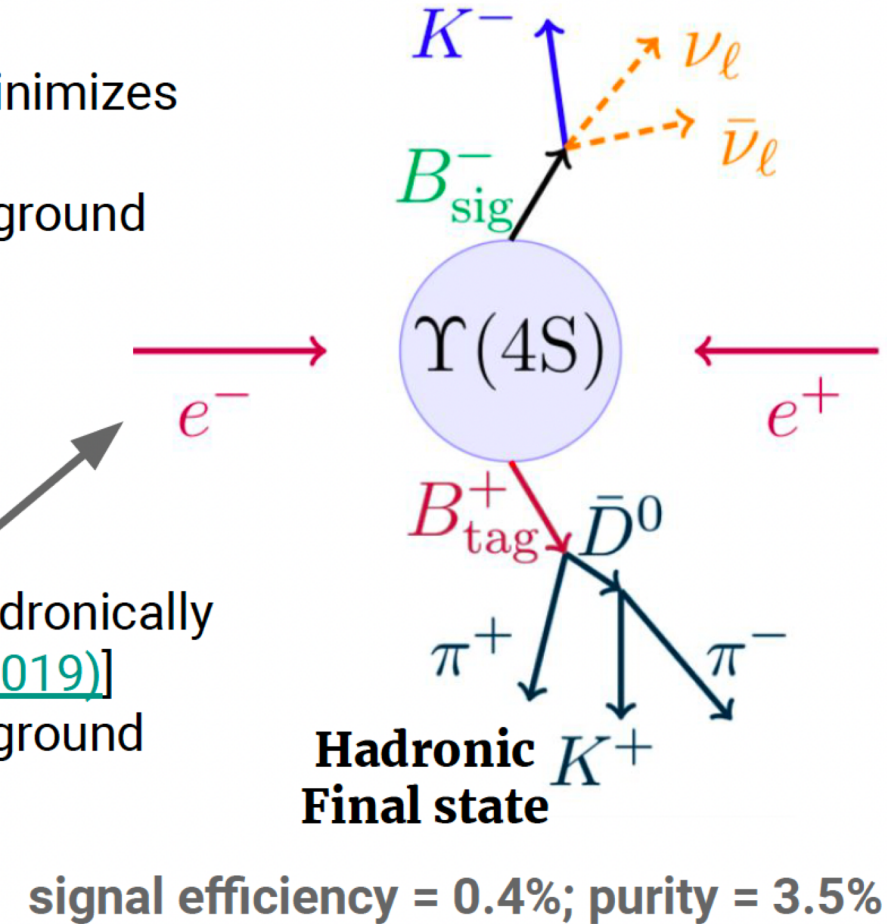
- **Light** : axions [[PRD 102, 015023 \(2020\)](#)],
- dark scalars [[PRD 101, 095006 \(2020\)](#)],
- axion-like particles [[JHEP 04 \(2023\) 131](#)]
- **Heavy** : Z' [[PL B 821 \(2021\) 136607](#)],
- leptoquarks [[PRD 98, 055003 \(2018\)](#)]



B-tagging algorithm



- Hadronic tag analysis (HTA)**
- Select first tag B decaying hadronically
[[Comput Softw Big Sci 3, 6 \(2019\)](#)]
 - Single BDT to suppress background
 - Fit BDT output



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

Variables

- η : a signal classifier* remapped so that signal is **flat**
- q_{rec}^2 : inferred neutrino mass squared

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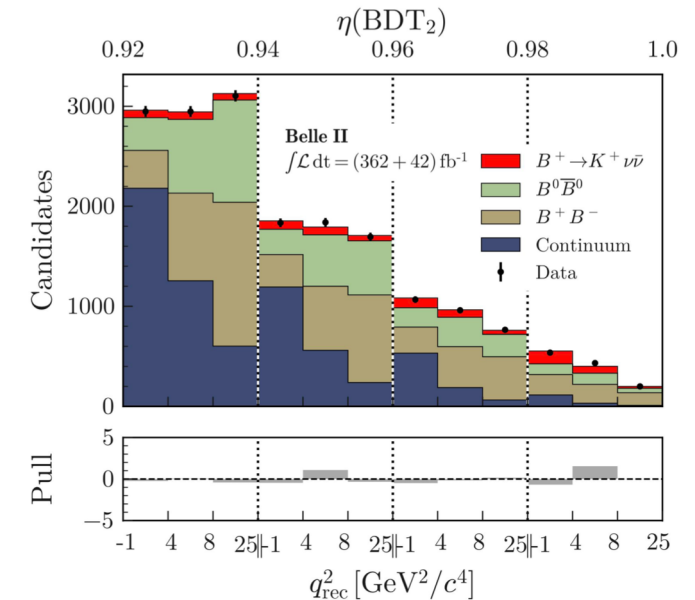
- Simultaneous on-/off-resonance fit
- (4 bins in η) \times (3 bins in q_{rec}^2)

HTA:

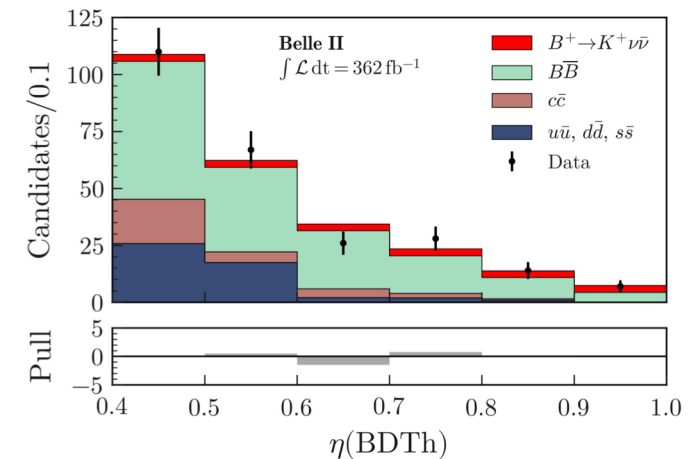
- Fit to six bins of signal classifier $\eta(\text{BDTh})$

(the key is extensive controls/validations)

ITA



HTA



Evidence for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decays

Combined ITA and HTA:

- Signal strength ($\mu_{\text{SM, short-range}} \equiv 1$):

$$\mu = 4.6 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst}) = 4.6 \pm 1.3$$

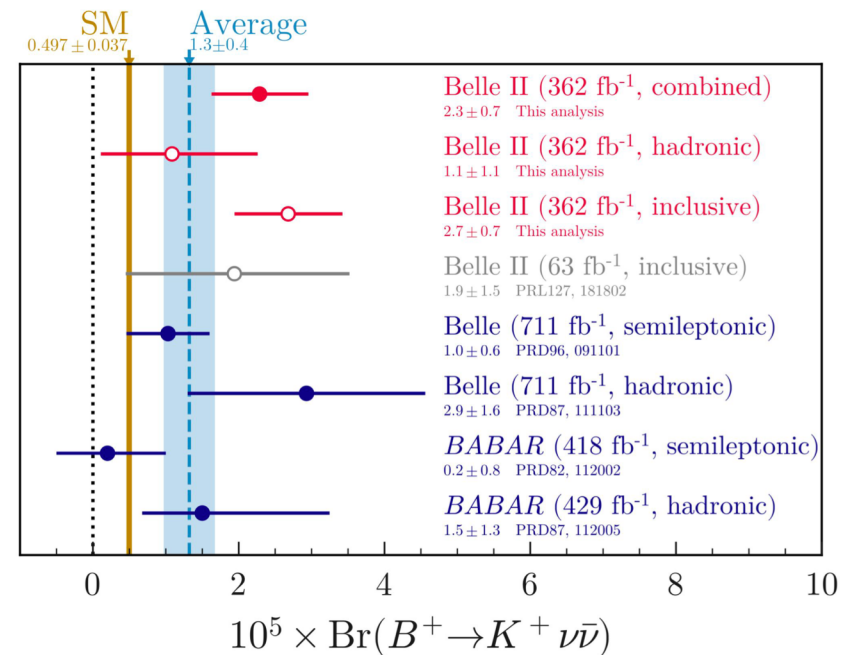
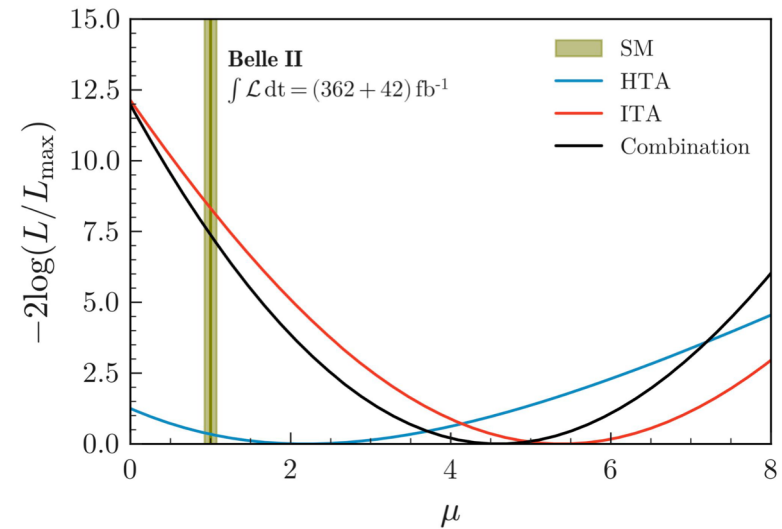
- Branching fraction:

$$[2.3 \pm 0.5(\text{stat})_{-0.4}^{+0.5}(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-5} = (2.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5}$$

ITA and HTA results are **compatible, independent**, and both approximately equally limited by stats and systematics

- First evidence for the decay $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ (3.5σ)
- BF is 2.7σ away from SM prediction.
- New Inclusive method established

Phys. Rev. D **109**, 112006 (2024)



First measurement of $B \rightarrow K^*(892)\gamma$ at Belle II

Flavour changing neutral current decays sensitive to new physics

First observed FCNC decay [[PRL 71 \(1993\) 674](#)]

CP (A_{CP}) and isospin (Δ_{+0}) asymmetries are theoretically clean thanks to form factor cancellations

Asymmetries are ideal for BSM searches [[PRD 88 \(2013\) 094004](#)] [[PRL 106 \(2011\) 141801](#)]

Belle measurement found evidence of isospin asymmetry at 3.1σ [[PRL 119 \(2017\) 191802](#)]

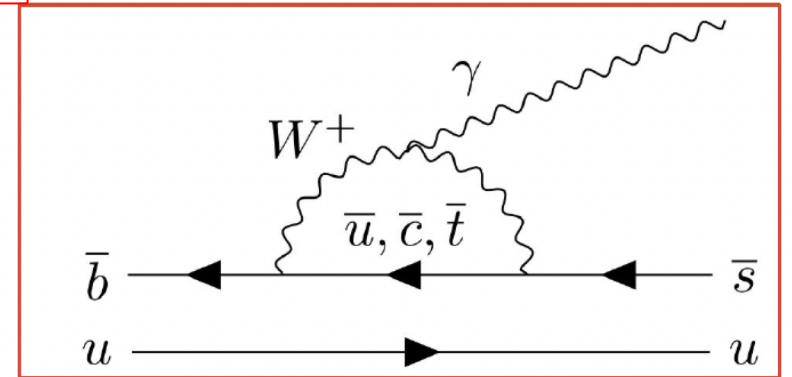
$$A_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^*\gamma) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow K^*\gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^*\gamma) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow K^*\gamma)}$$

SM prediction is small ($\sim 1\%$)

$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma) - A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma)$$

$$\Delta_{+0} = \frac{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma) - \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma)}{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma)}$$

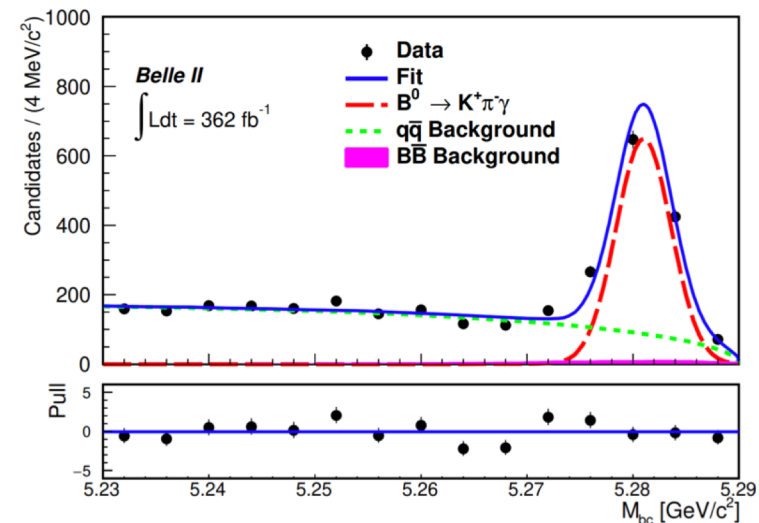
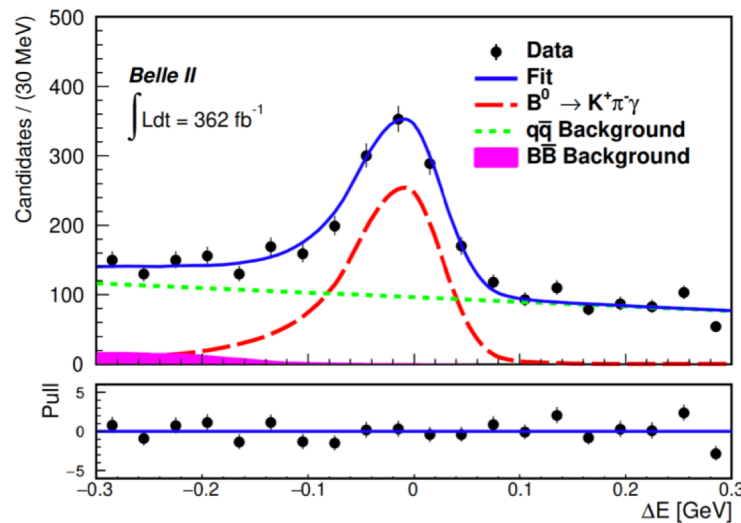
SM prediction: $4.9 \pm 2.6\%$ [[PRD 88 \(2013\) 094004](#)]



B- \rightarrow K*(892) γ : Analysis

Signal:

- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[\rightarrow K^+\pi^-]\gamma$
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[\rightarrow K_S^0\pi^0]\gamma$
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[\rightarrow K^+\pi^0]\gamma$
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[\rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+]\gamma$
- 2D fit on Belle II (362 fb $^{-1}$) data
 - M_{bc} , ΔE



B \rightarrow K*(892) γ : Results

$$\mathcal{B}[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma] = (4.16 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-5},$$

$$\mathcal{B}[B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma] = (4.04 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma] = (-3.2 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.4)\%,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}[B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\gamma] = (-1.0 \pm 3.0 \pm 0.6)\%,$$

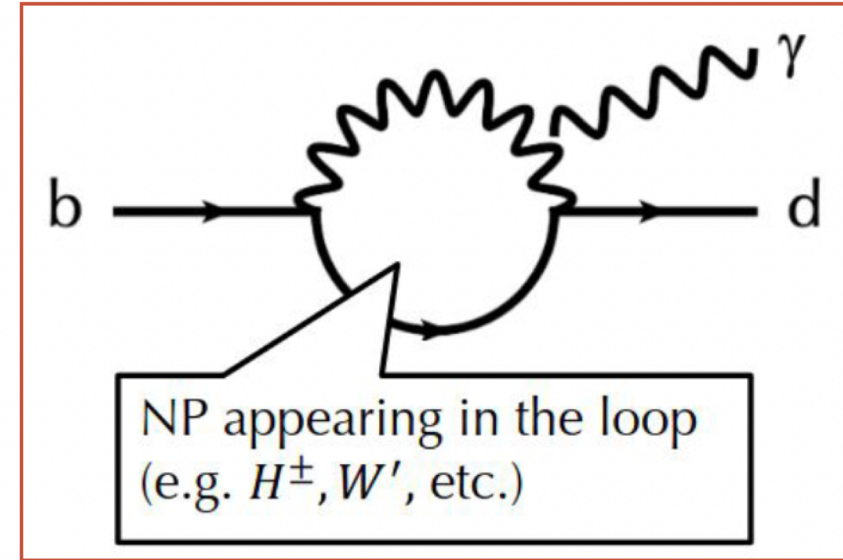
$$\Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP} = (2.2 \pm 3.8 \pm 0.7)\%, \quad \Delta_{0+} = (5.1 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.1)\%$$

- Consistent with World average and SM
- Asymmetries are statistically limited
- Similar sensitivity to Belle result despite half the data
 $\Delta_{0+} = 6.2 \pm 1.5$ (stat) ± 0.6 (sys) ± 1.2 (f_{+}/f_{00}) [[PRL 119, 191802 \(2017\)](#)]
(Thanks to improved K_S^0 efficiency, continuum suppression,
and improved fit model)

Paper in preparation

Exclusive measurement of $B \rightarrow \rho \gamma$ at Belle and Belle II

- Flavor changing neutral current with $b \rightarrow d$ transition
- Independent search for NP [[PRD 88 \(2013\) 094004](#)]
- SM branching fraction suppressed by $|V_{td}/V_{ts}| \sim 0.04$ with respect to $B \rightarrow K^*(892)\gamma$
- The first “charmless” study with Belle and Belle II joint data
- Earlier results from Belle [[Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 111801](#)] and BaBar [[Phys. Rev. D 78, 112001](#)].



$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{\rho} \gamma) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow \rho \gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{\rho} \gamma) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow \rho \gamma)}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_I = \frac{2\Gamma(B^{0/\bar{0}} \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma) - \Gamma(B^{+/-} \rightarrow \rho^{+/-} \gamma)}{2\Gamma(B^{0/\bar{0}} \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma) + \Gamma(B^{+/-} \rightarrow \rho^{+/-} \gamma)}$$

$$A_I^{W.A.} = (30_{-13}^{+16})\% \text{ to date}$$

SM prediction: $5.2 \pm 2.8\%$ [[PRD 88 \(2013\) 094004](#)]

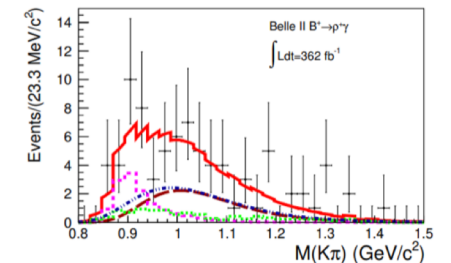
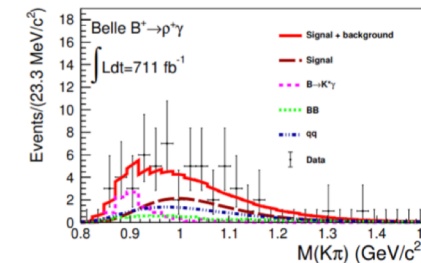
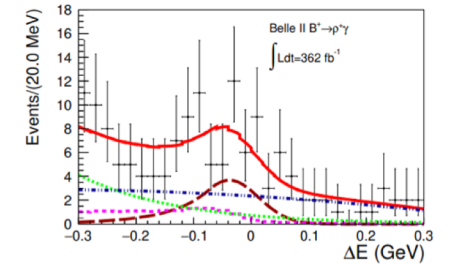
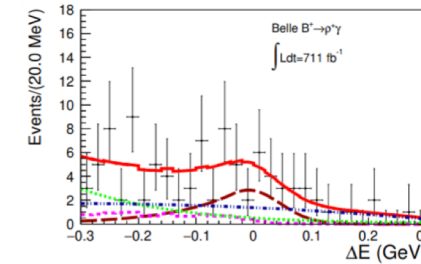
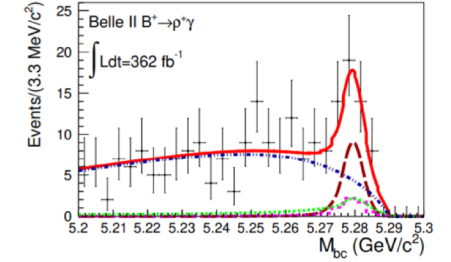
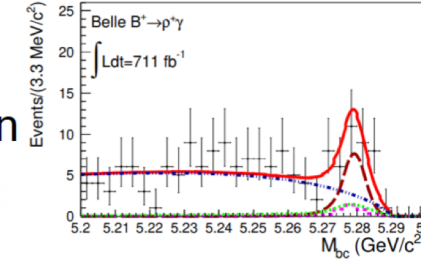
Current world average deviates by 2σ from SM

B $\rightarrow\rho\gamma$: Analysis

- Analysis based on Belle (711 fb $^{-1}$) + Belle II (362 fb $^{-1}$) data
- Reconstruct $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$, combine with prompt photon
- Define $M_{K\pi}$ as the invariant mass calculated assuming π^+ is K^+
- The $M_{K\pi}$ helps separate $K^*\gamma$ background better compared to $M_{\pi\pi}$
- Dedicated BDTs to suppress continuum, $\pi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, and $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays

Fit Strategy

- Perform Belle+Belle II simultaneous 3D fit of M_{bc} , ΔE and $M_{K\pi}$
- **Control sample study**
- Employed $B \rightarrow K^{*0} [K\pi^+]\gamma$ to calibrate the BDTs (continuum, $\pi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, and $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) and signal PDF modelling



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Charge Parity Asymmetry:

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{\rho}\gamma) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow \rho\gamma)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{\rho}\gamma) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow \rho\gamma)}$$

Isospin Asymmetry (CP average):

$$\mathcal{A}_I = \frac{2\Gamma(B^{0/\bar{0}} \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma) - \Gamma(B^{+/-} \rightarrow \rho^{+/-}\gamma)}{2\Gamma(B^{0/\bar{0}} \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma) + \Gamma(B^{+/-} \rightarrow \rho^{+/-}\gamma)}$$

- Standard Model prediction:
 $A_I = (5.2 \pm 2.8)\%$
- World average of $A_I = (30_{-13}^{+16})\% - 2\sigma$
from Standard Model

● Signal events:

- $114 \pm 12 \ B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\gamma$
- $99 \pm 12 \ B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma$

● Branching fractions

- $\mathbf{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\gamma) = (13.1_{-1.9-1.2}^{+2.0+1.3}) \cdot 10^{-7}$
- $\mathbf{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma) = (7.5_{-1.3-0.8}^{+1.3+1.0}) \cdot 10^{-7}$

● $\mathcal{A}_{CP} = (B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\gamma) = (-8.2_{-15.2-1.2}^{+15.2+1.6})\%$

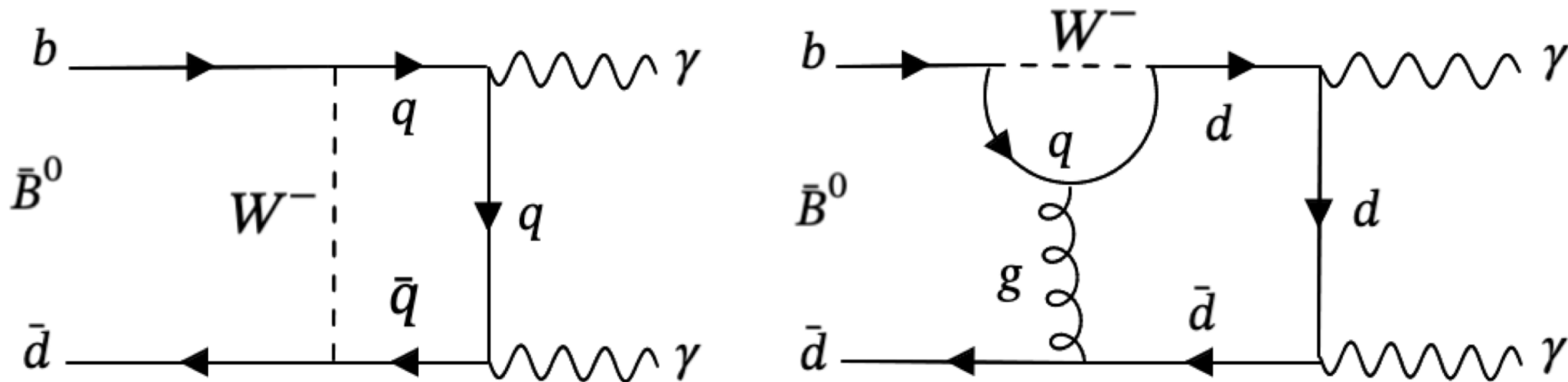
● $\mathcal{A}_I = (B \rightarrow \rho\gamma) = (10.9_{-11.7-7.3}^{+11.2+7.8})\%$

● Measured Asymmetries are consistent with Standard Model

World best precision is achieved

Independent NP search from $B \rightarrow K^*\gamma$

Search for $B \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at Belle and Belle II



- Decay in SM through loop diagram with W^- emitted and absorbed
- Long distance penguin contribution
- Suppressed by factor $|V_{td}|/|V_{ts}| \approx 0.04$ compared to $B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- SM prediction: $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (1.4_{-0.8}^{+1.4}) \cdot 10^{-8}$ [\[JHEP12\(2020\)169\]](#)

$B \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: Results

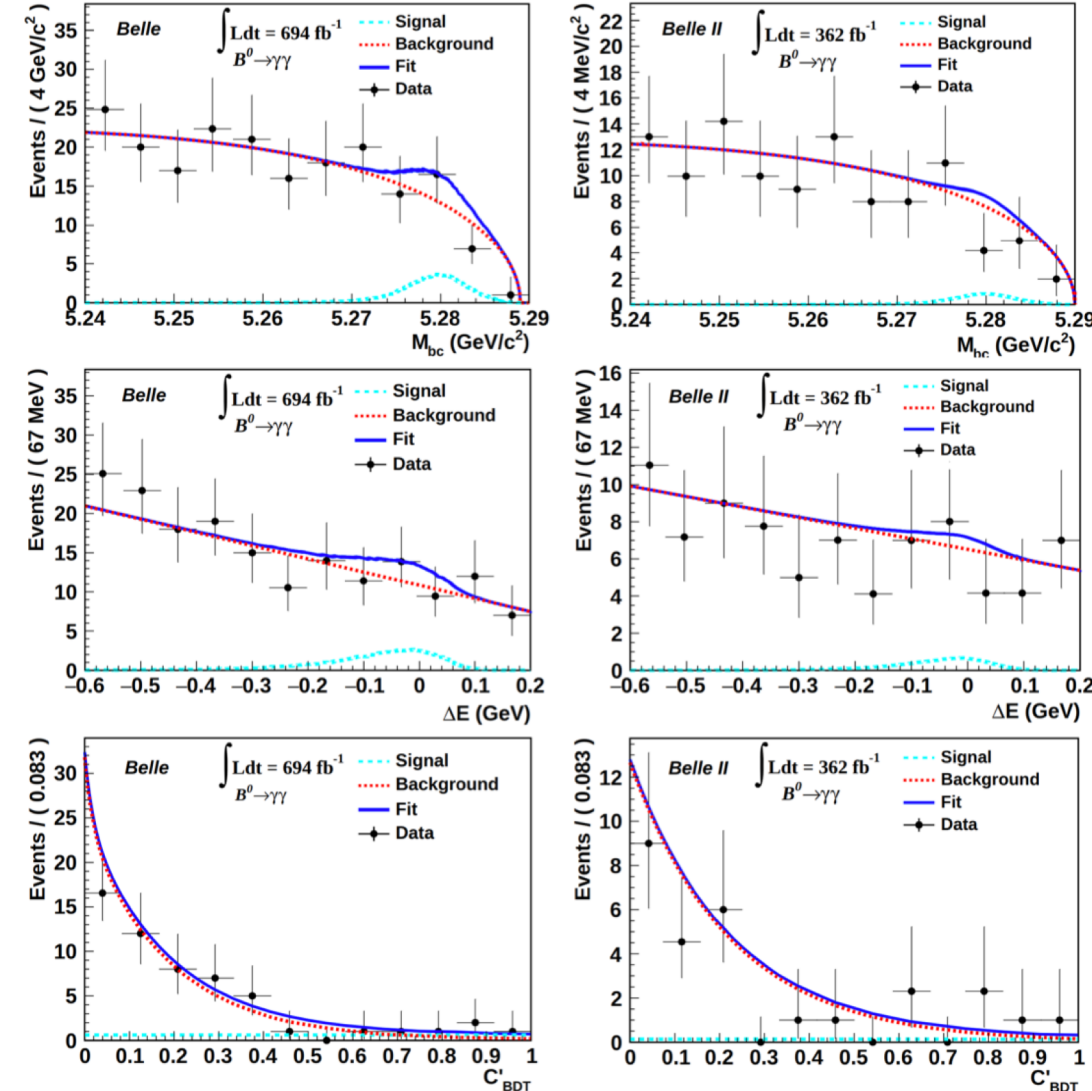
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- Simultaneous fit of Belle (694 fb^{-1}) + Belle II (362 fb^{-1}) data

- M_{bc} – beam constrained mass
 $\sqrt{(\text{Beam energy})^2 - (\text{Momentum of } B^0)^2}$
- ΔE – energy difference
 $(\text{Energy of } B^0) - (\text{Beam energy})$
- BDT trained on π^0 and η dominated events

- Signal events: $11.0^{+6.5}_{-5.5}$, 2.5σ significance
- $\mathcal{B}^{UL}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 6.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$, 90% CL
- $\mathcal{B}_{SM}^{UL}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 4.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$, 90% CL

Upper limit 5 times more restrictive than previous (BaBar) measurement [PhysRevD(2011)83]



Summary

- Test of Lepton Flavour Universality
 - ✓ Lepton Flavour Universality Violation provides powerful tools for exploration of physics beyond standard model
 - ✓ Experimentally challenging analyses, many channels tried
 - ✓ Common effort with theory to improve the interpretation of the results and the SM expectations
- Reported the EWP analyses in Belle and Belle II
 - ✓ Some studies use Belle + Belle II data to achieve the current best precision
 - ✓ No evidence for new physics so far
- Many world-leading results
 - ✓ First inclusive $R(X)$ at Belle II
 - ✓ 3.5σ evidence for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
 - ✓ World best precision for $B \rightarrow \rho\gamma$, $B \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ by Belle + Belle II
 - ✓ Most of them are unique to Belle / Belle II for the final states with neutral particles or missing energy
- Many new results, and more analyses ongoing, just scratching the surface

Thank you for your attention

Data-driven corrections

The *invariant mass of the X system* controls the **physics** we know the least about

Control variable

$$M_X^2 = \left(\frac{E_X}{\vec{p}_X} \right)^2$$

Extraction variable

$$M_{\text{miss}}^2 = \left[\left(\frac{E_{\text{CMS}}}{\vec{p}_{\text{CMS}}} \right) - \left(\frac{E_{\text{CMS}/2}}{-\vec{p}_{B_{\text{tag}}}} \right) - \left(\frac{E_\ell}{\vec{p}_\ell} \right) - \left(\frac{E_X}{\vec{p}_X} \right) \right]^2$$

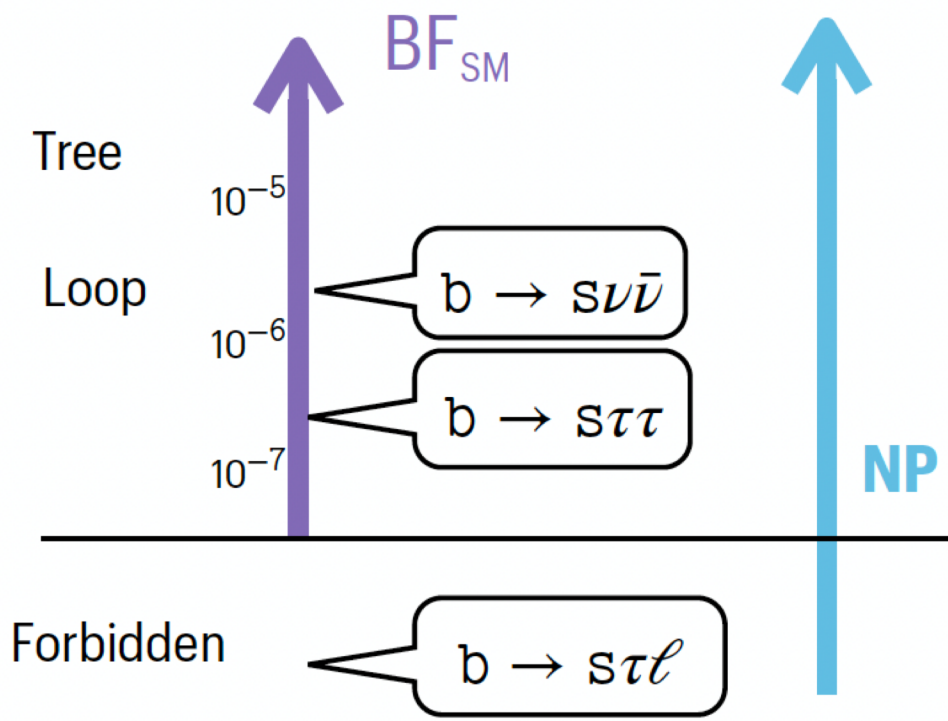
Independent test variable

$$q^2 = \left[\left(\frac{E_{\text{CMS}/2}}{-\vec{p}_{B_{\text{tag}}}} \right) - \left(\frac{E_X}{\vec{p}_X} \right) \right]^2$$

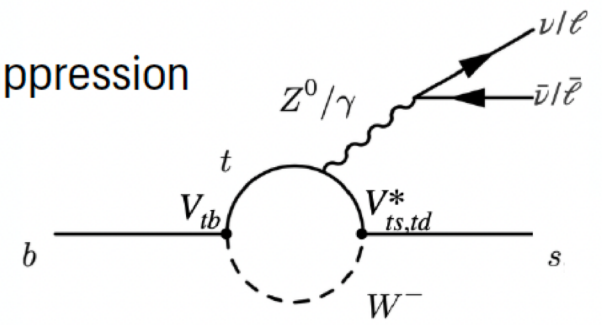
TOTAL INTEGRATED LUMINOSITY FOR GOOD RUNS

- Total integrated luminosity: **424 fb⁻¹**
- Total integrated luminosity at the Y(4S) resonance: **363 fb⁻¹**
- Total integrated luminosity below Y(4S) resonance: **42 fb⁻¹**
- Total integrated luminosity above Y(4S) resonance: **19 fb⁻¹**

modeled using PYTHIA. The signal (normalization) model includes the following exclusive decays, with charge conjugation implied throughout: $B \rightarrow D\tau(\ell)\nu$, $B \rightarrow D^*\tau(\ell)\nu$, and $B \rightarrow D^{**}\tau(\ell)\nu$, where D^{**} collectively indicates the excited charmed states D_0^* , D_1' , D_1 , and D_2^* , whose masses and widths are taken from Ref. [35]. The $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau(\ell)\nu$ decays are modeled with the BLPRXP form-factor parametrization [36]. The modeling of $B \rightarrow D^{**}\tau(\ell)\nu$ decays is based on the BLR model [37,38]. Semileptonic B decays into the nonresonant final states $D^{(*)}\pi\pi\tau(\ell)\nu$ and $D^{(*)}\eta\tau(\ell)\nu$ are used to fill the difference between the sum of individual branching ratios of exclusive decays, $B \rightarrow D^{(*,**)}\tau(\ell)\nu$, and the total semileptonic B decay widths. These “gap modes” are included in dedicated simulated samples that use intermediate, broad D^{**} resonances and are modeled with BLR. We take the total width for decays to light leptons from Ref. [35]; the widths for



Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC) $b \rightarrow s$
 occur at **loop level** in the **SM**
Low BF's due to CKM and GIM suppression



Look for enhancements in FCNC and
 LFV due to **NP** contributions
Third generation coupling

