

中国科学院高能物理研究所  
Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

# Experimental status of $|V_{cs}|$ and $|V_{cd}|$ at BESIII

Chao Chen<sup>†</sup>

IHEP

(On behalf of the BESIII Collaboration)

## 17th International Conference on Heavy Quarks and Leptons



北京大学  
PEKING UNIVERSITY



中国科学院大学  
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Sep 16, 2025 • Beijing, China

<sup>†</sup>chaochen@ihep.ac.cn

# Outline

1

Motivation

2

BESIII experiment

3

Status of  $|V_{cs}|$

4

Status of  $|V_{cd}|$

5

Summary



$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

## What is the importance of the CKM Matrix?

### ➤ Standard Model

- explains how quarks of different flavors can transform into one another during weak interactions — **Quark Flavor Mixing**

### ➤ CP Violation

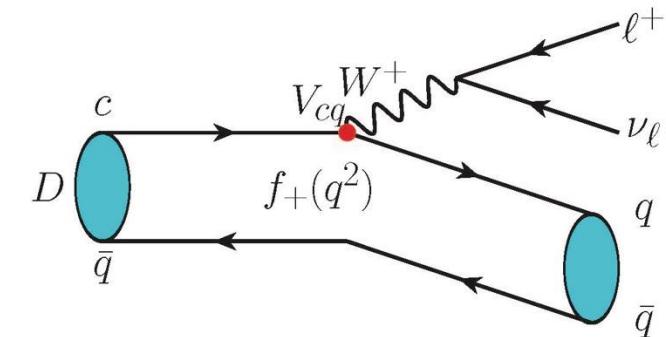
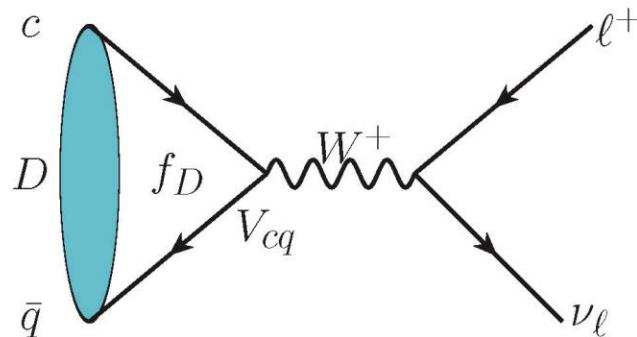
- essential for explaining the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe

### ➤ New Physics

- Precision measurements of its elements can reveal deviations from the Standard Model, hinting at new physics beyond it



## How to determine the elements $|V_{cs}|$ and $|V_{cd}|$ of the CKM Matrix?



➤ Obtained from the experiment with Leptonic and Semi-Leptonic Decays of charm hadrons

- **Leptonic:**  $\Gamma(c \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell) = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} |V_{cq}|^2 |f_D|^2 m_\ell^2 m_D \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_D^2}\right)^2$
- **Semi-Leptonic:**  $\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = X \frac{G_F^2}{24\pi^3} |V_{cq}|^2 |f_+(q^2)|^2 |\vec{p}_P|^3$

- Uncertainties of CKM :
- Contributed by  $|V_{cs}| (\sigma = 0.6\%)$  and  $|V_{cd}| (\sigma = 1.8\%)$
- $|V_{cq}|$  Measurement ⇒ Test CKM matrix unitarity



## What else can be determined with Leptonic and Semi-Leptonic Decays?

➤ Latest LQCD predicts the decay constant  $f_D$  and form factors  $f_+(q^2)$

- $f_{D^+} = 212.1(07)\text{MeV}$  ( $\sigma = 0.3\%$ )
- $f_{D_s^+} = 249.9(05)\text{MeV}$  ( $\sigma = 0.2\%$ )
- $f_+^{D \rightarrow K}(q^2) = 0.7452(31)$  ( $\sigma = 0.4\%$ )
- $f_+^{D \rightarrow \pi}(q^2) = 0.6300(51)$  ( $\sigma = 0.8\%$ )

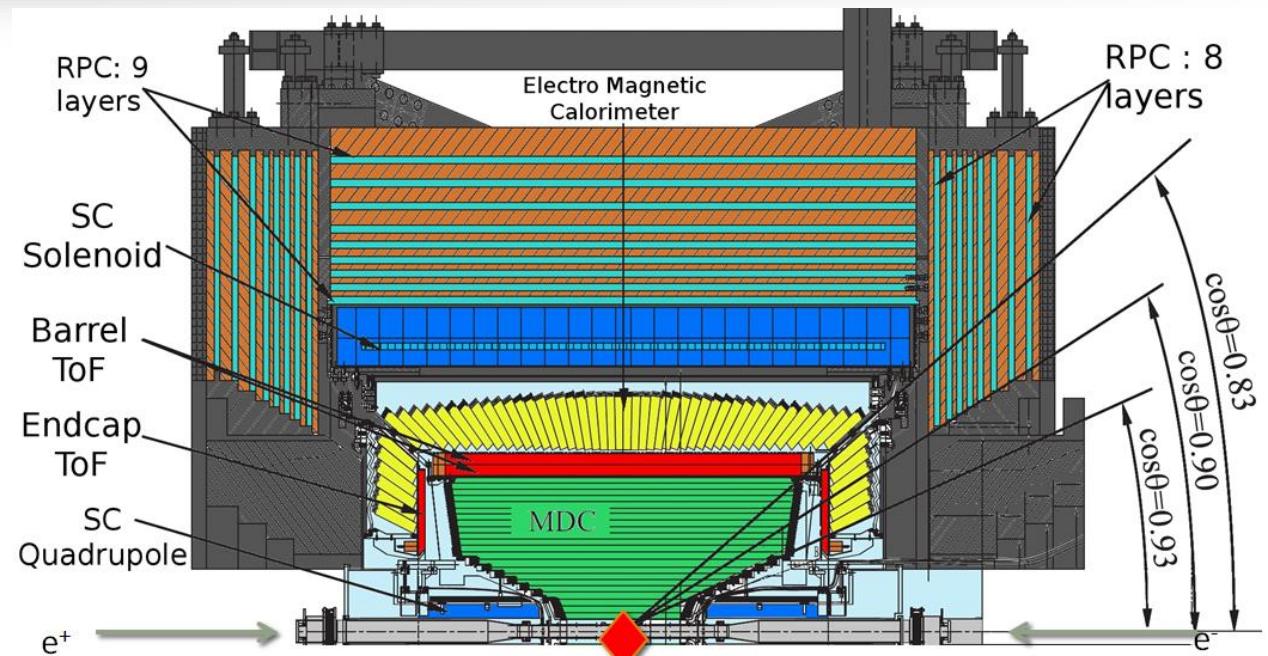
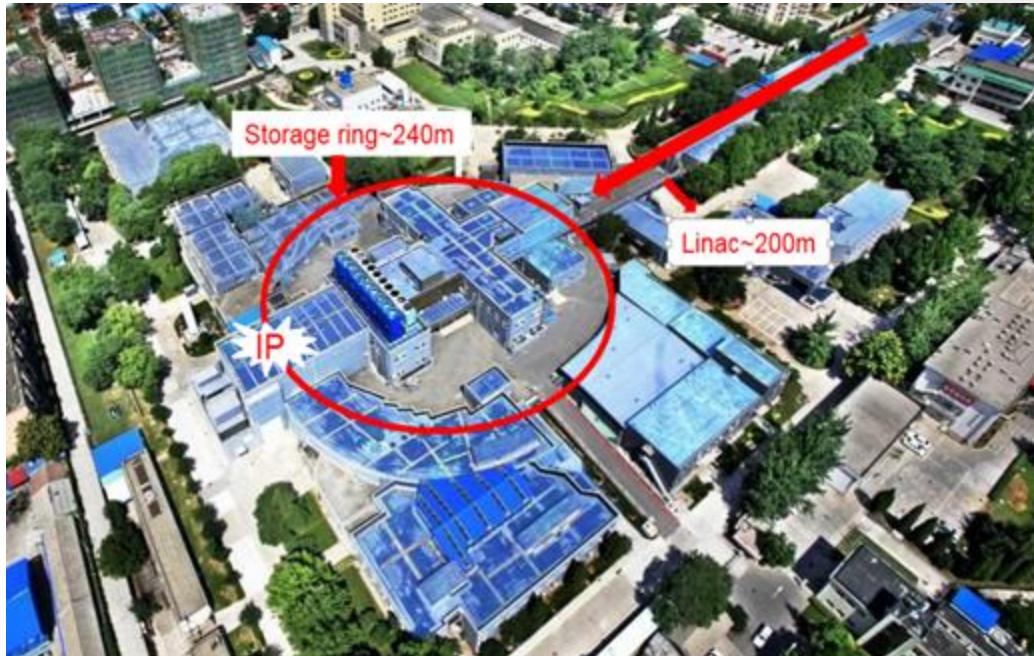
Need experimental  
Measurements to calibrate  
LQCD calculations

➤ Measurement the branching fraction

Test lepton flavor universality (LFU)

## 2 BESIII experiment

### BEPCII and BESIII



- $\sqrt{s} = (1.84 - 4.95) \text{ GeV}$
- Designed luminosity ( $L$ ):  
 $1.00 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  @ 3.773 GeV
- In 2022, peak  $L$  reached 1.1 times of the designed  $L$

- MDC:  $\sigma_p/p = 0.5\% @ 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\sigma_{dE/dx} = 6\%$
- TOF:  $\sigma_T = 68(110) \text{ ps}$  for barrel (endcap); end cap TOF was upgraded in 2015 → 60 ps
- EMC:  $\sigma_E/E = 2.5\%(5\%) \text{ ps}$  for barrel (endcap)

## 2 Dataset and method



Data sample	$E_{\text{cm}}(\text{GeV})$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}(\text{fb}^{-1})$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi(3770) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$	3.773	20.3
$e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^\pm D_s^{*\mp}$	4.128-4.226	7.33
$e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$	4.237-4.669	10.64
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$	4.600-4.669	4.5

### $e^+e^-$ annihilations data near threshold

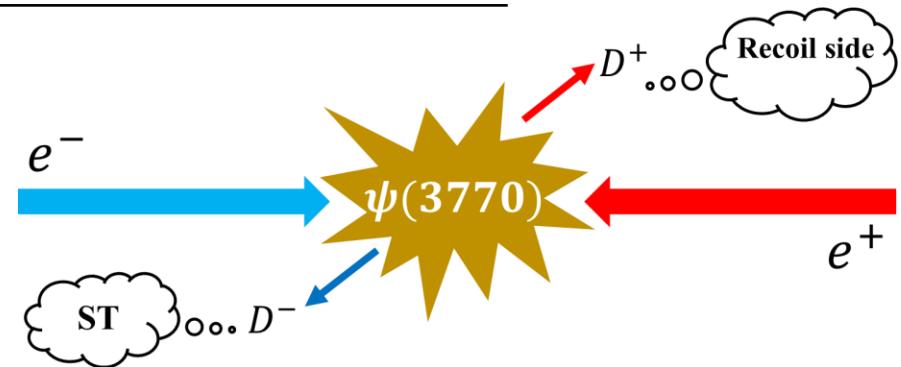
- Double-tag method
- Clean environment

### Undetectable neutrinos

- extract the (semi-)leptonic signals
- $U_{\text{miss}} = E_{\text{miss}} - |\vec{p}_{\text{miss}}|$  and  $M_{\text{miss}}^2 = E_{\text{miss}}^2 - |\vec{p}_{\text{miss}}^2|$

### Measurement of the branching fraction with double-tag method:

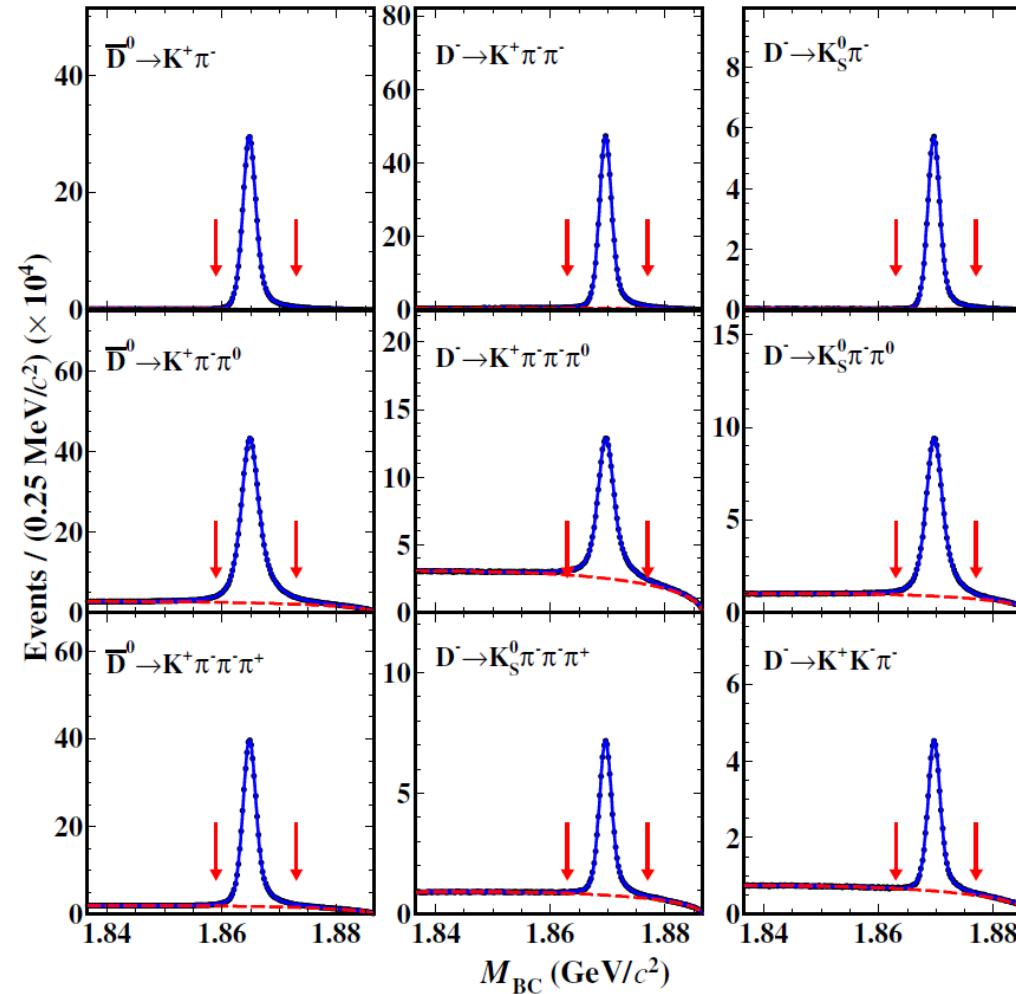
- $\mathcal{B}_{\text{sig}} = \frac{N_{\text{tag,sig}}}{N_{\text{tag}}} \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{tag,sig}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{tag}}}$  Systematic uncertainties from the ST mostly canceled



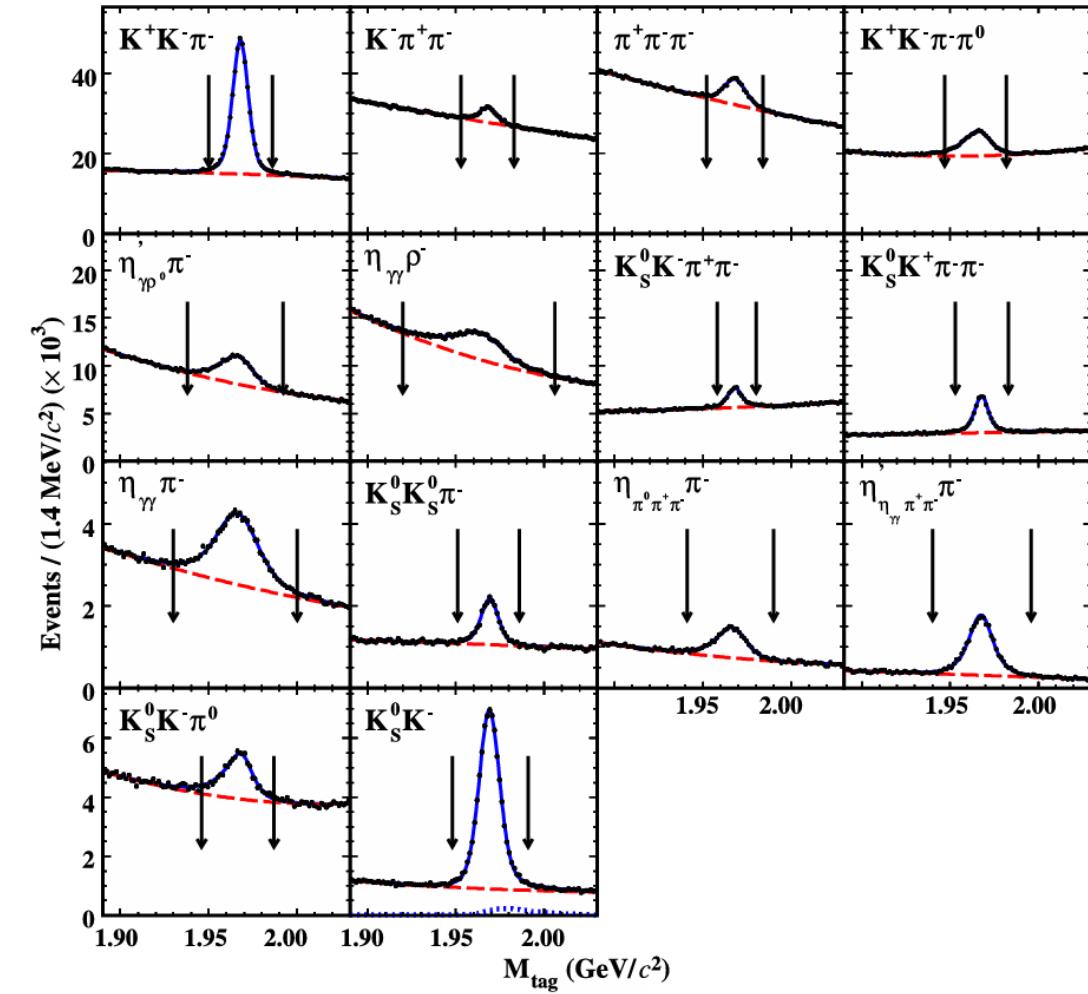
## 2 Single Tag Yield



- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \psi(3770) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$
- $\bar{D}^0 \sim 16.9 \times 10^6$
- $D^- \sim 11.0 \times 10^6$



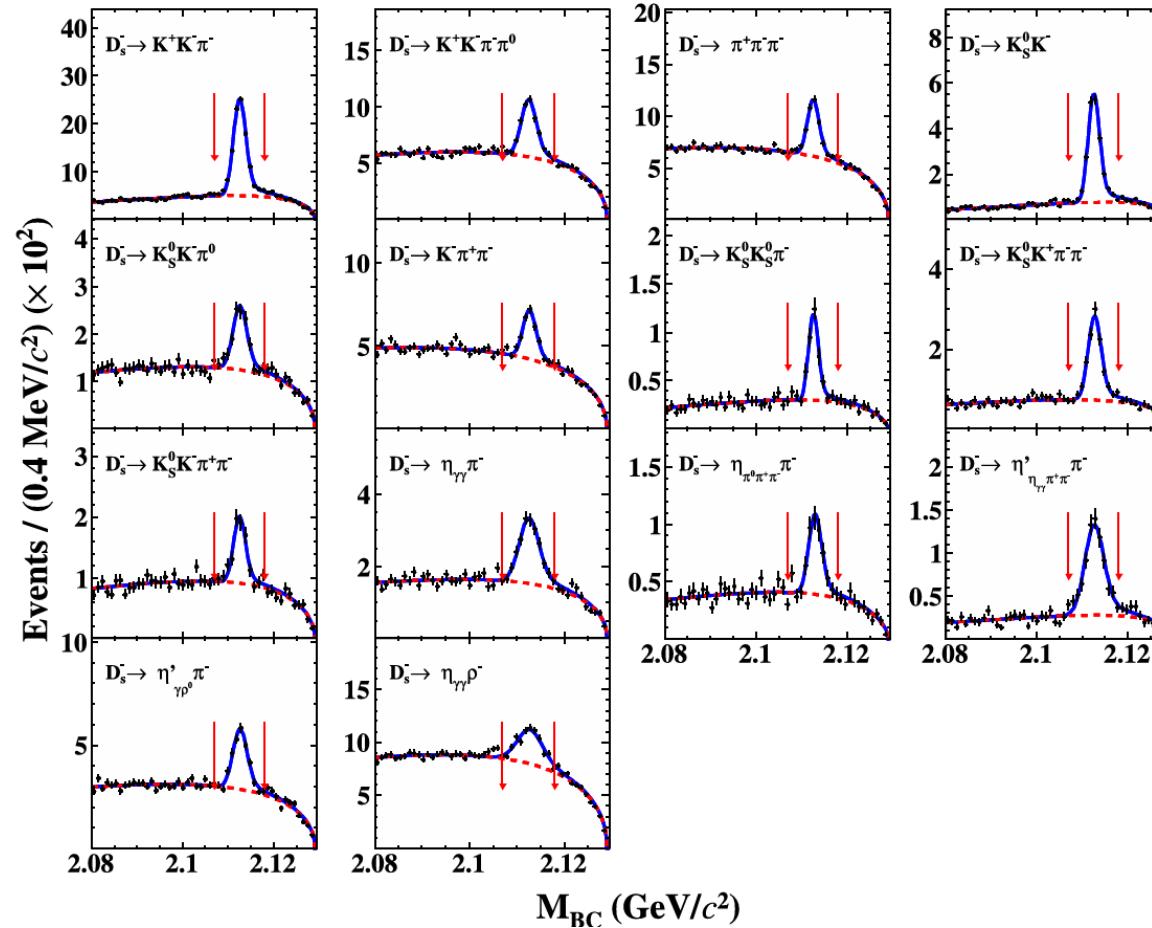
- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^{*\mp}$
- $D_s^- \sim 0.8 \times 10^6$



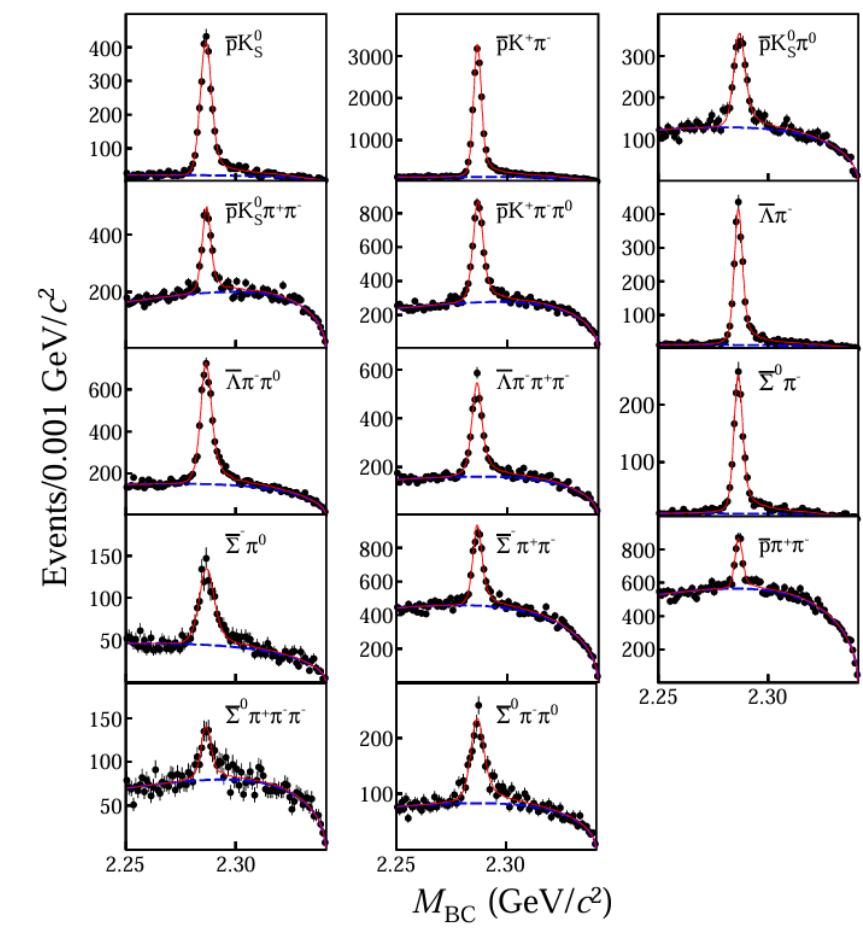
## 2 Single Tag Yield



- $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$
- $D_s^- \sim 0.12 \times 10^6$



- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$
- $\bar{\Lambda}_c^- \sim 0.12 \times 10^6$

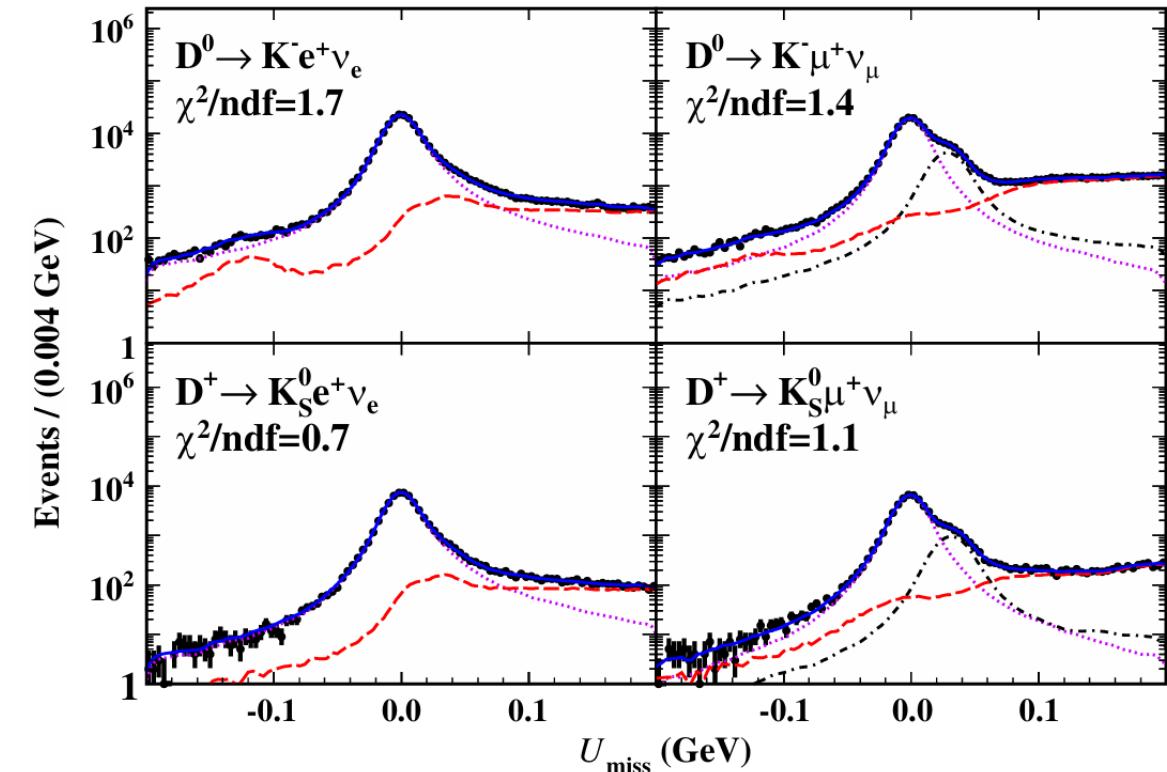




- **7.93 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 3.773 GeV**
- Phys. Rev. D 110, 112006 (2024)

- **Branching fractions:**
  - $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- e^+ \nu_e) = (3.521 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.016)\%$
  - $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (3.419 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.016)\%$
  - $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 e^+ \nu_e) = (8.864 \pm 0.039 \pm 0.082)\%$
  - $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (8.665 \pm 0.046 \pm 0.084)\%$
- **LFU test:**
  - $\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- e^+ \nu_e)} = 0.971 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.006$
  - $\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 e^+ \nu_e)} = 0.978 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.013$

**consistent with SM:  $0.975 \pm 0.001$**

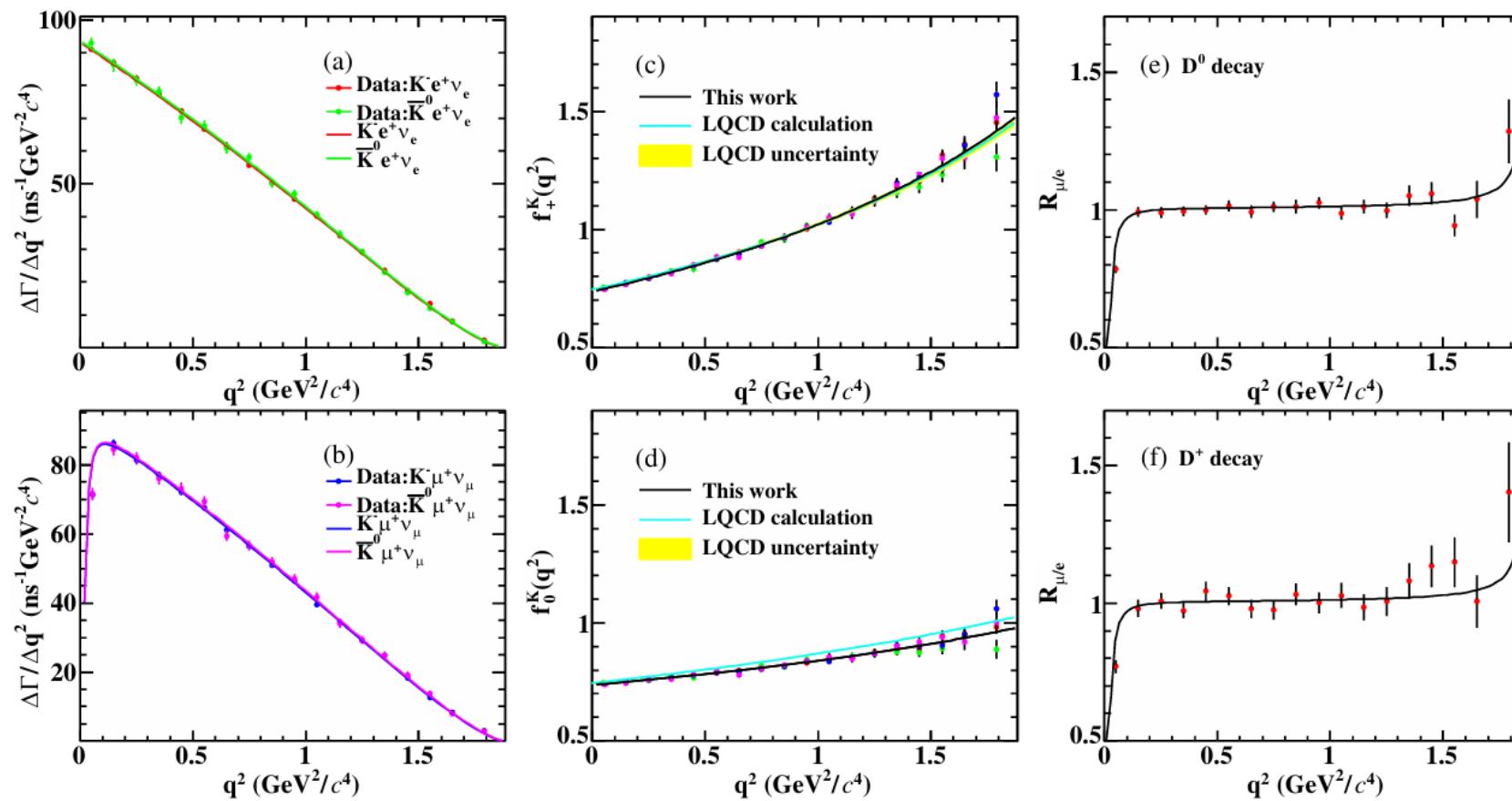




➤ Simultaneous fit to  $\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2}$  to all four channels:

Phys. Rev. D 110, 112006 (2024)

- $f_+^K(0) = 0.7366 \pm 0.0011_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.0013_{\text{syst.}}$  ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 0.23\%$ )
- $|V_{cs}| = 0.9623 \pm 0.0015_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.0017_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.0040_{\text{LQCD}}$  ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 0.18\%$  &  $\sigma_{\text{LQCD.}} = 0.45\%$ )

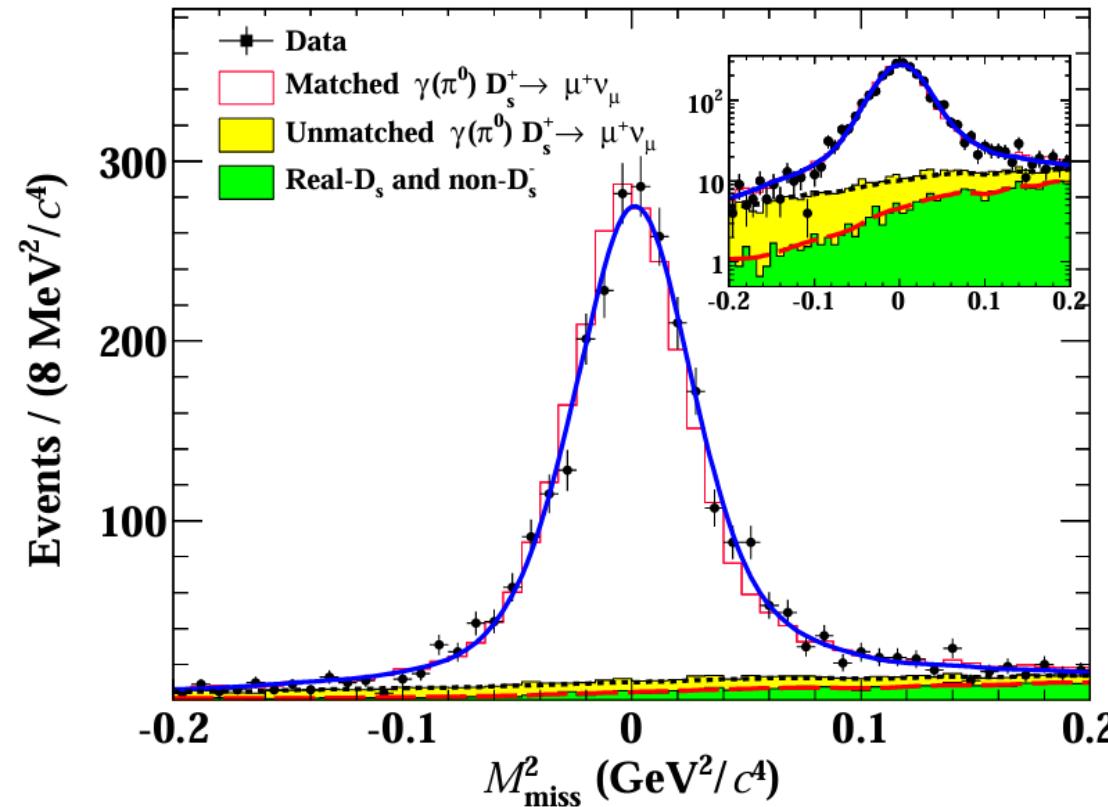


Results of  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  on going  
The precision will be  
improved by 1.5 times.



➤  $7.33 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 4.128-4.226 GeV

➤ Phys. Rev. D 108, 112001(2023)



➤  $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (5.294 \pm 0.108 \pm 0.085) \times 10^{-3}$

➤  $f_{D_s^+} = (248.4 \pm 2.5_{\text{stat.}} \pm 2.2_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.4\%)$

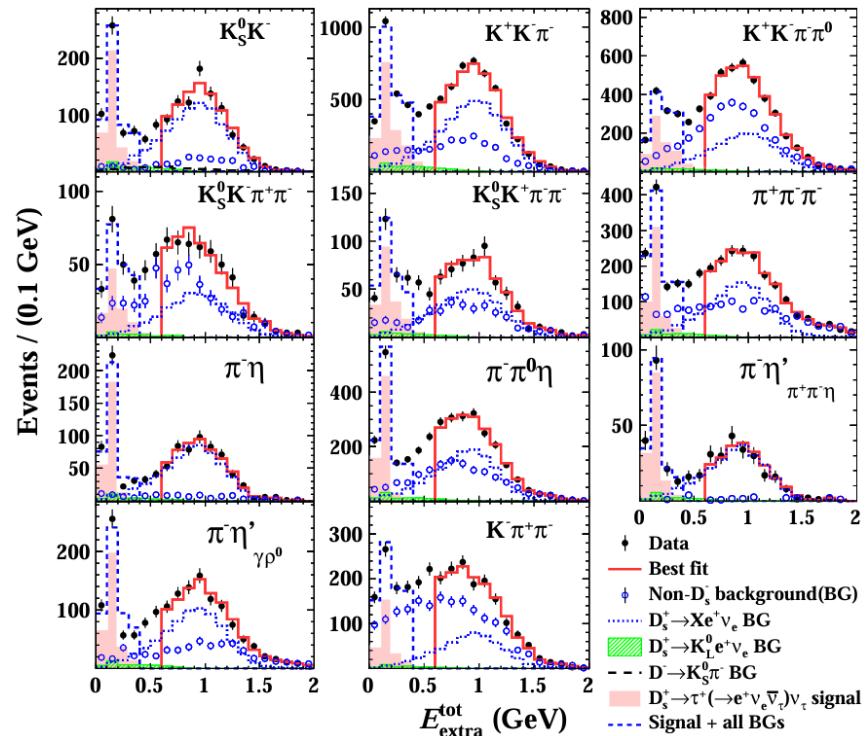
➤  $|V_{cs}| = 0.968 \pm 0.010_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.009_{\text{syst.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.4\%)$

### 3 Status of $|V_{cs}|$

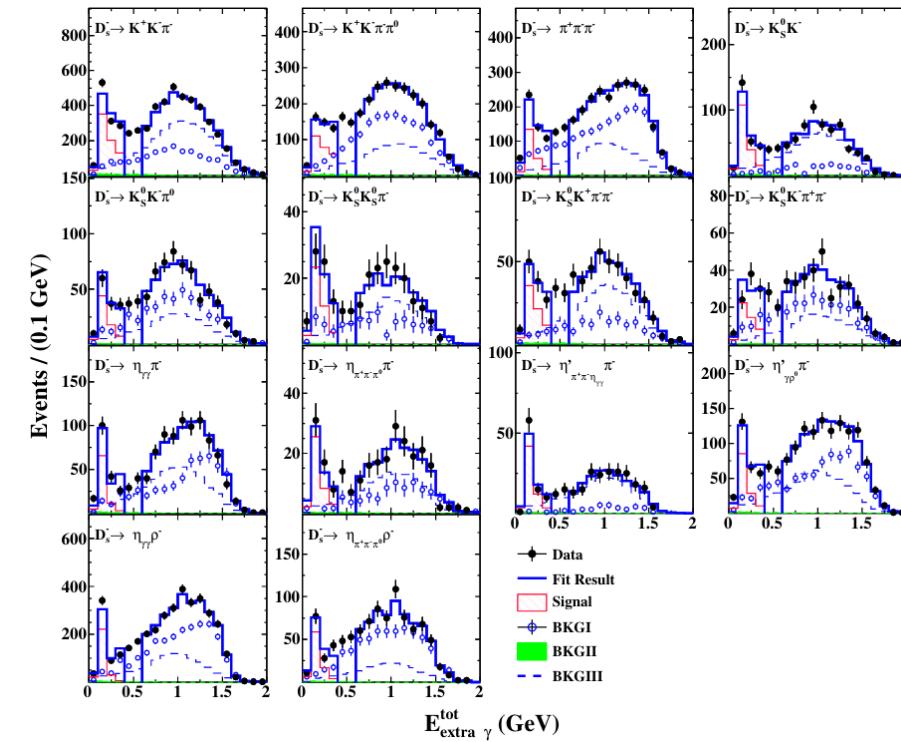
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$  via  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\tau (\ell = e, \mu)$



- $6.32 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 4.178-4.226 GeV
- Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 171801 (2021)



- $7.33 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 4.128-4.226 GeV
- JHEP 09, 124 (2023)



- $\tau^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\tau$
- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.27 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.12)\%$
- $f_{D_s^+} = (251.1 \pm 2.4_{\text{stat.}} \pm 3.0_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.5\%)$
- $|V_{cs}| = 0.978 \pm 0.009_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.012_{\text{syst.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.5\%)$

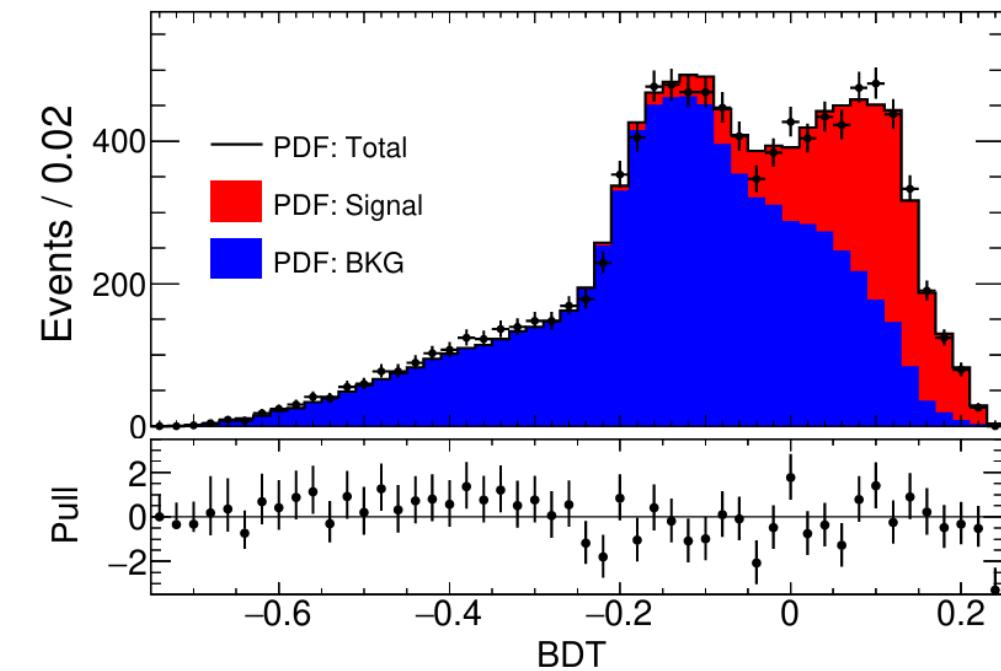
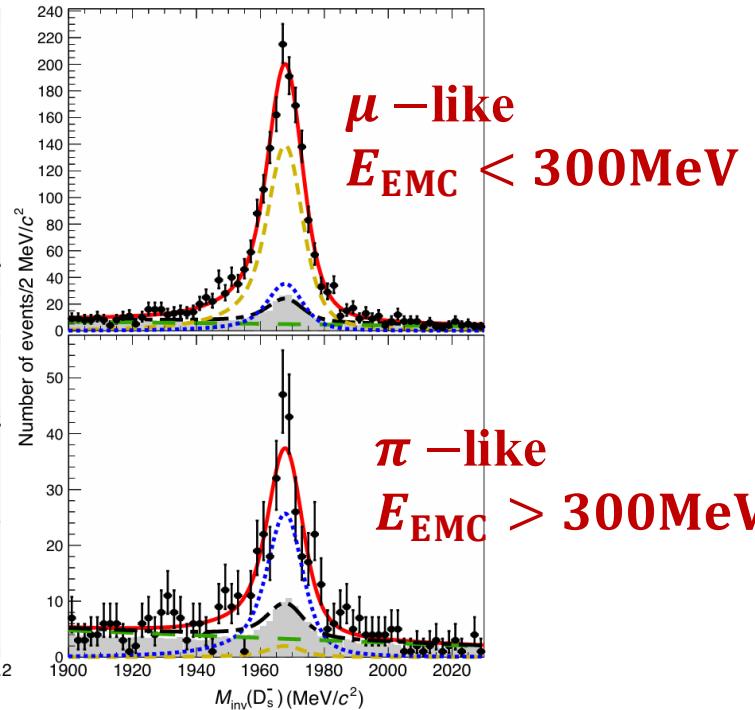
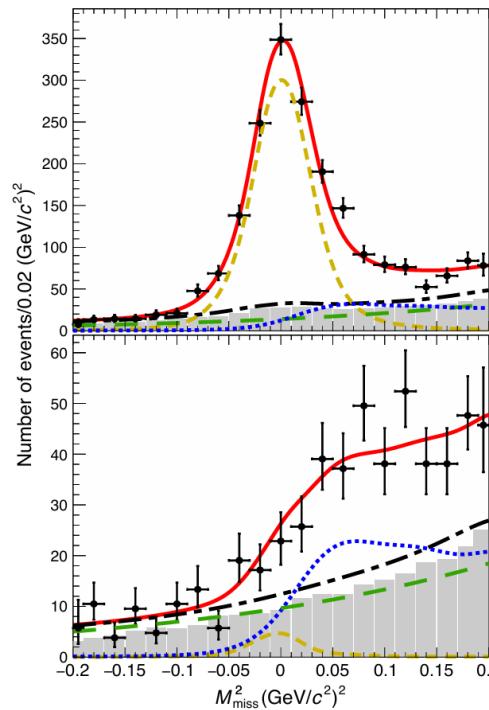
- $\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau$
- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.37 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.15)\%$
- $f_{D_s^+} = (253.4 \pm 4.0_{\text{stat.}} \pm 3.7_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.2\%)$
- $|V_{cs}| = 0.987 \pm 0.016_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.014_{\text{syst.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.2\%)$

### 3 Status of $|V_{cs}|$

$D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$  via  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$



- **6.32 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 4.178-4.226 GeV**
- Phys. Rev. D 104, 052009 (2021)



- $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$

- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.21 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.17)\%$
- $f_{D_s^+} = (249.7 \pm 6.0_{\text{stat.}} \pm 4.2_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.9\%)$
- $|V_{cs}| = 0.972 \pm 0.023_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.016_{\text{syst.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.9\%)$

- $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$  **with BDT**

- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.44 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.13)\%$
- $f_{D_s^+} = (255.0 \pm 4.0_{\text{stat.}} \pm 3.4_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.1\%)$
- $|V_{cs}| = 0.993 \pm 0.015_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.013_{\text{syst.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.0\%)$

### 3 Status of $|V_{cs}|$

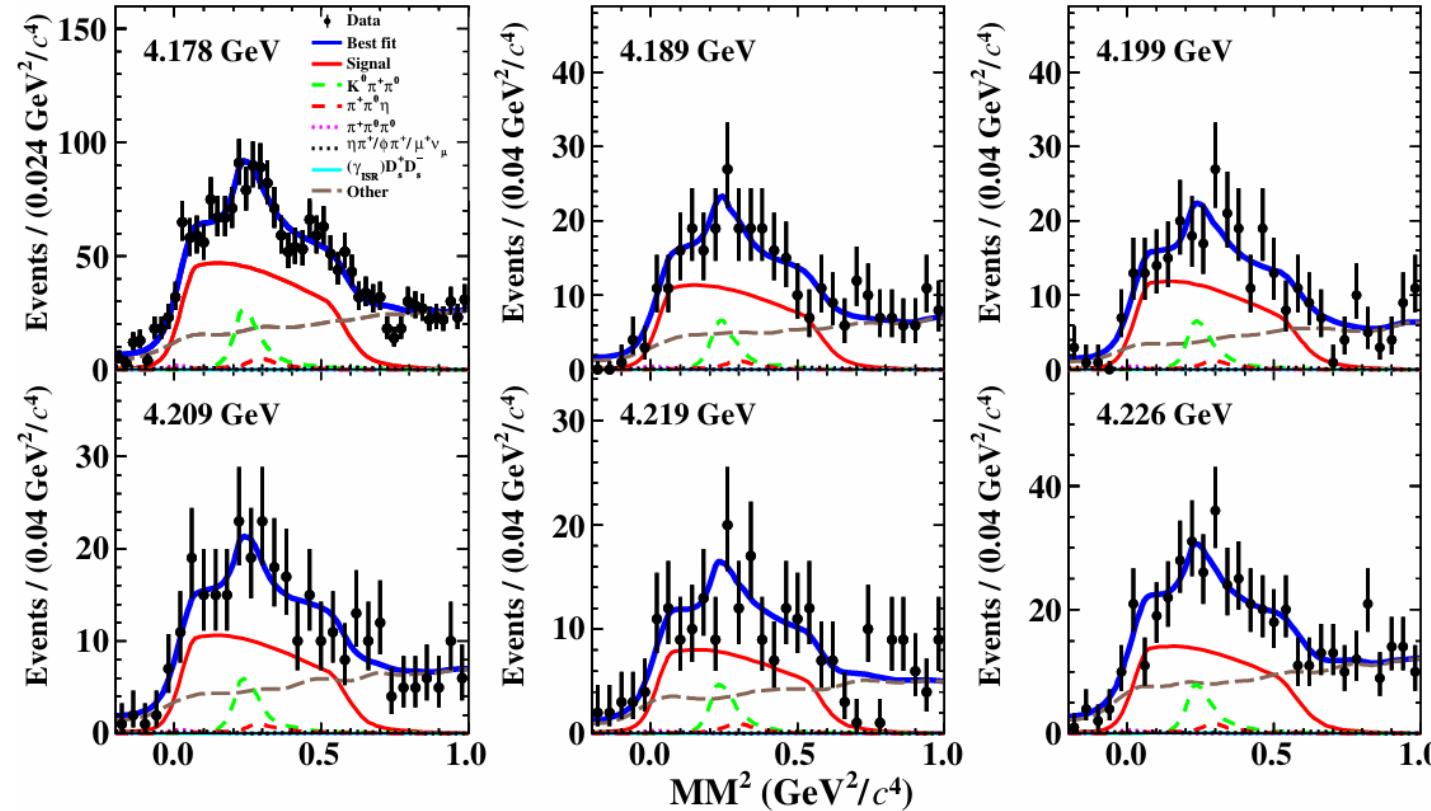
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$  via  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau$



➤  $6.32 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 4.178-4.226 GeV

➤ Phys. Rev. D 104, 032001 (2021)

Simultaneous fit to  $M_{\text{miss}}^2$  at various energy points



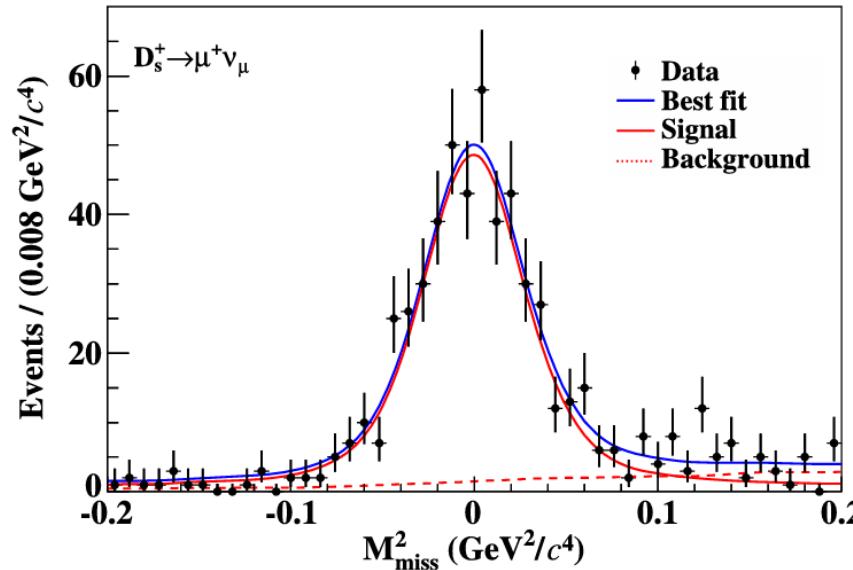
- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.29 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.20)\%$
- $f_{D_s^+} = (251.6 \pm 5.9_{\text{stat.}} \pm 4.9_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 3.0\%)$
- $|V_{cs}| = 0.980 \pm 0.023_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.019_{\text{syst.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 3.0\%)$

### 3 Status of $|V_{cs}|$

$D_s^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell$  via  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{*\mp}$

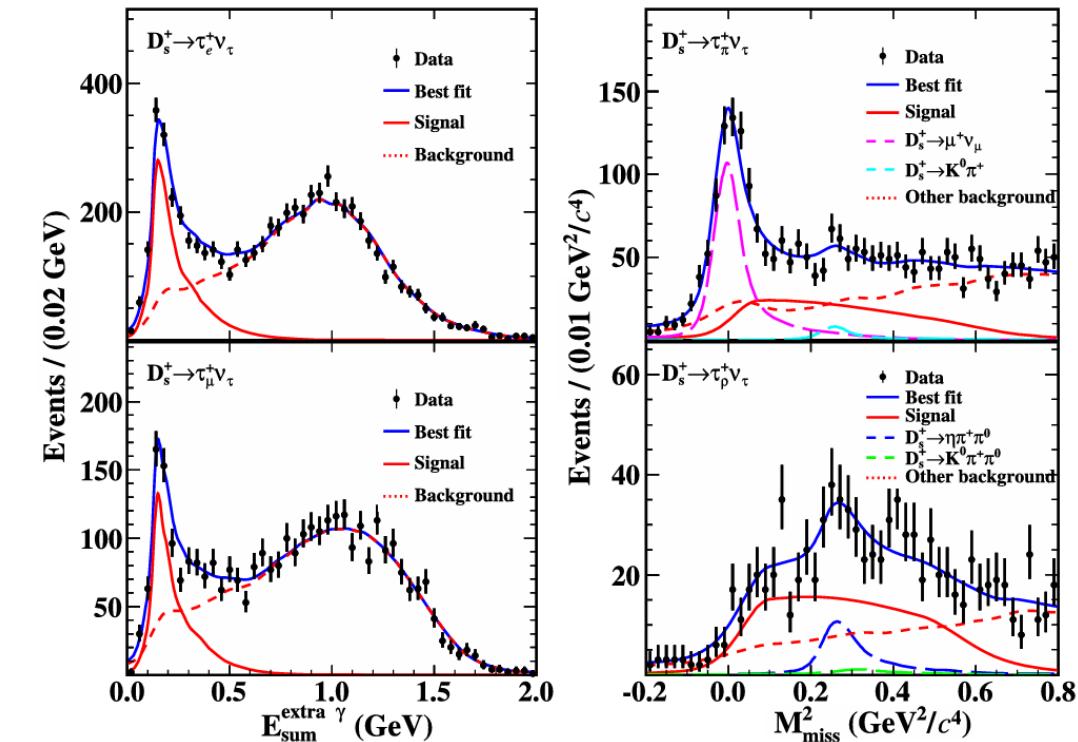


- **10.64 fb<sup>-1</sup> @4.237-4.669 GeV**
- **Phys. Rev. D 110, 052002 (2024)**



- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (0.547 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.016)\%$
- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.60 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.016)\%$
- $f_{D_s^+} |V_{cs}|_{\mu^+ \nu_\mu} = (246.5 \pm 5.9_{\text{stat.}} \pm 3.6_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.8\%)$
- $f_{D_s^+} |V_{cs}|_{\tau^+ \nu_\tau} = (252.7 \pm 3.6_{\text{stat.}} \pm 4.5_{\text{syst.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.3\%)$
- $|V_{cs}|_{\mu^+ \nu_\mu} = 0.986 \pm 0.023_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.014_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.003_{\text{input.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.8\%)$
- $|V_{cs}|_{\tau^+ \nu_\tau} = 1.011 \pm 0.014_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.018_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.003_{\text{input.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.3\%)$

$D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$  constrain the same BF

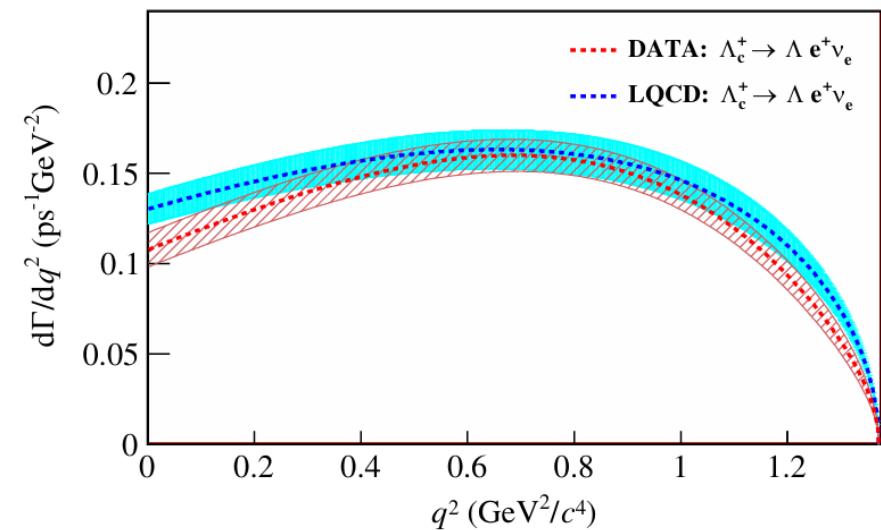
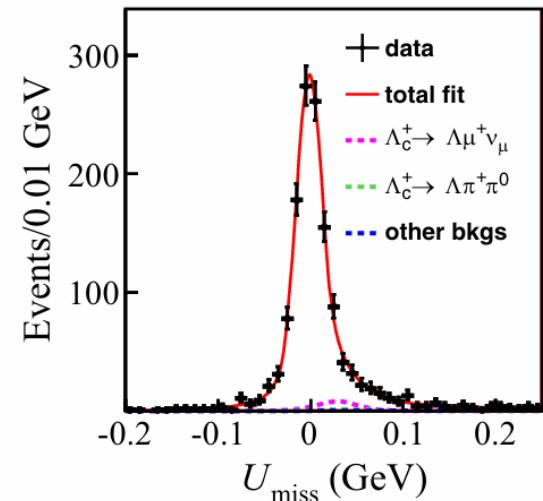
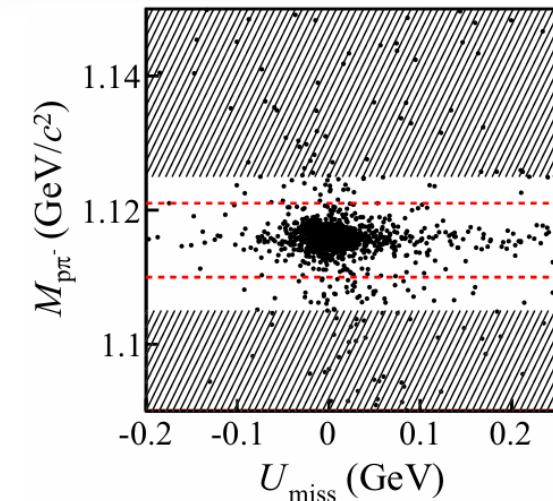
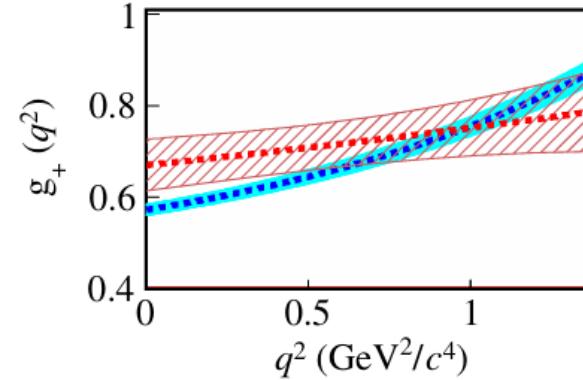
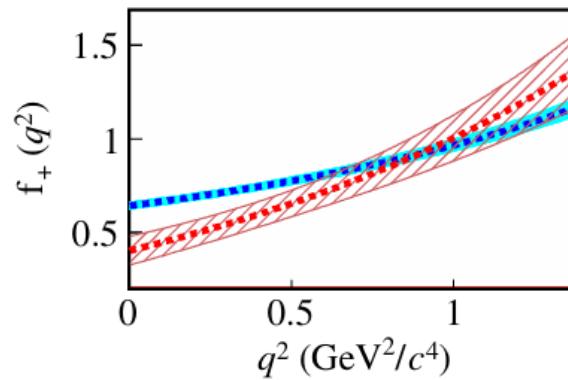
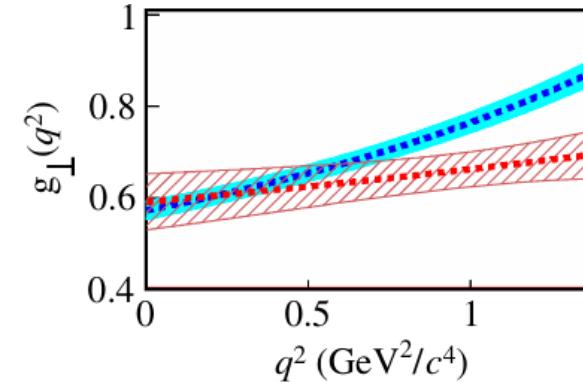
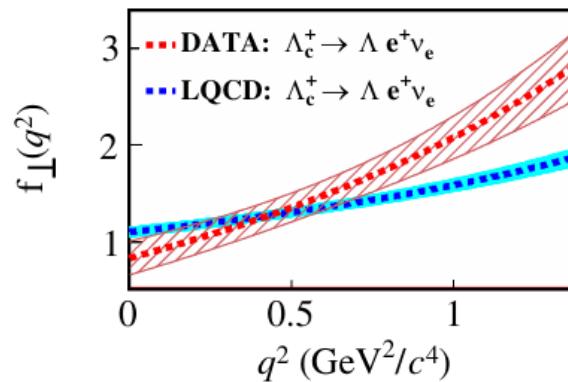


### 3 Status of $|V_{cs}|$

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$



- **4.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 4.600-4.669 GeV**
- **Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 231803 (2022)**



- $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e) = (3.56 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.07)\%$
- $|V_{cs}| = (0.936 \pm 0.017_{\mathcal{B.}} \pm 0.024_{\text{LQCD.}} \pm 0.007_{\tau_{\Lambda_c^+}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 3.2\%)$

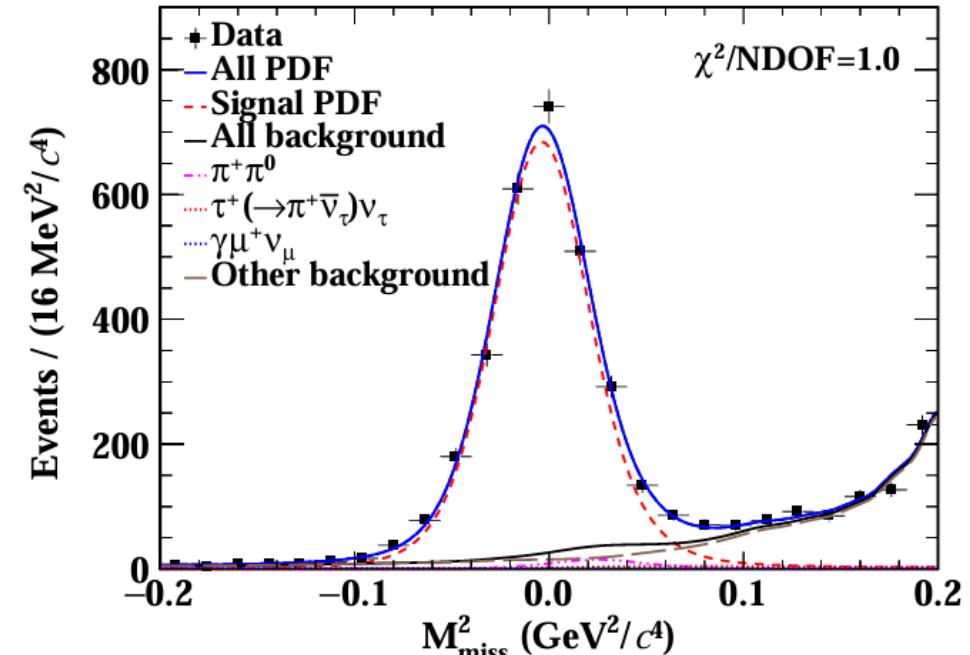


- **20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 3.773 GeV**
- Phys. Rev. Lett. 135, 061801(2025)

- **Branching fractions:**
  - $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (4.034 \pm 0.080 \pm 0.040) \times 10^{-4}$

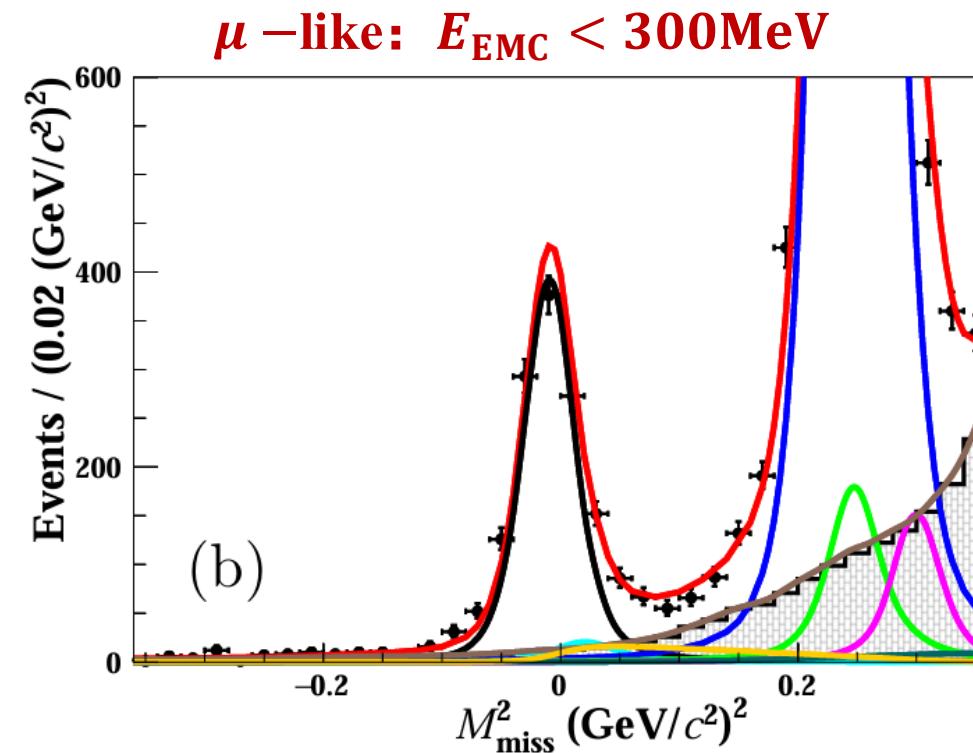
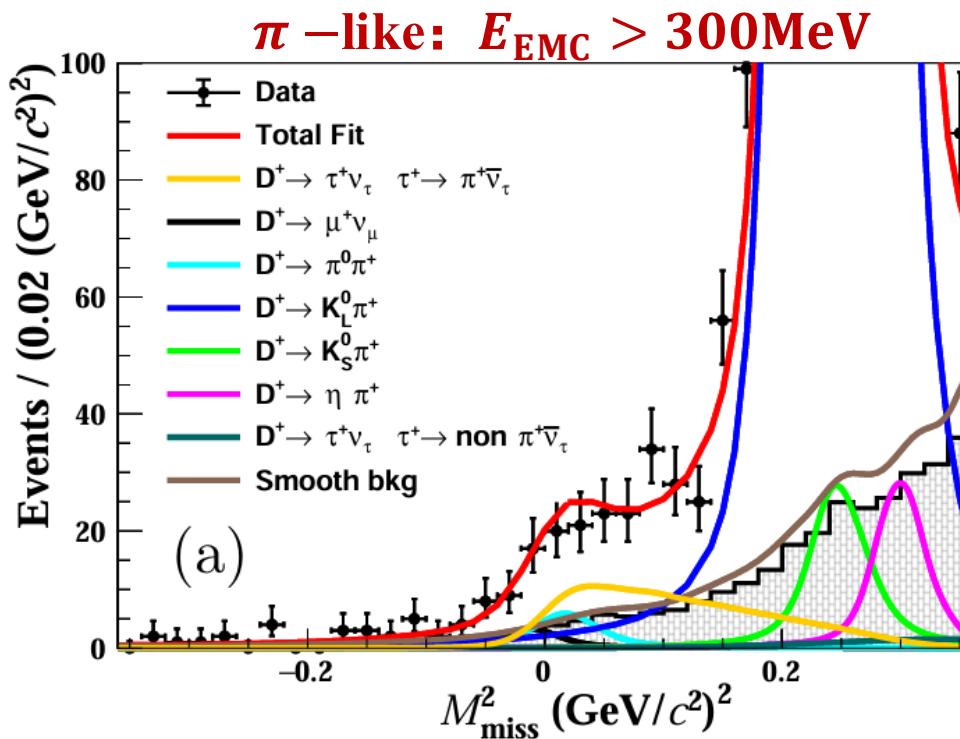
- **Radiative correction:**
  - $\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = \Gamma(c \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} C_p \right]$
  - 1. Short-distance electroweak correction increases BF by 1.8% [PRD98,074512, NPB196,83]
  - 2. Long-distance electroweak correction [inner bremsstrahlung and virtual photon] reduce BF by 2.5% with 0.6% uncertainty of unknown electromagnetic correction [PRD98,074512]

- $f_{D^+} = (213.5 \pm 2.1_{\text{stat.}} \pm 1.1_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.8_{\text{input.}} \pm 0.7_{\text{EM.}}); (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.2\% \& \sigma_{\text{all.}} = 1.3\%)$
- $|V_{cd}| = 0.2265 \pm 0.0023_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.0011_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.0009_{\text{input.}} \pm 0.0007_{\text{EM.}}; (\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.1\% \& \sigma_{\text{all.}} = 1.2\%)$





- $7.93 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 3.773 GeV
- JHEP 01 089 (2025)



- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (9.9 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$ ; (Precision of BF is improved by 1.8)
- $f_{D^+} = (204 \pm 11_{\text{stat.}} \pm 5_{\text{syst.}} \pm 1_{\text{input.}})$ ; ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 5.9\%$ )
- $|V_{cd}| = 0.216 \pm 0.012_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.006_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.001_{\text{input.}}$ ; ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 6.2\%$ )

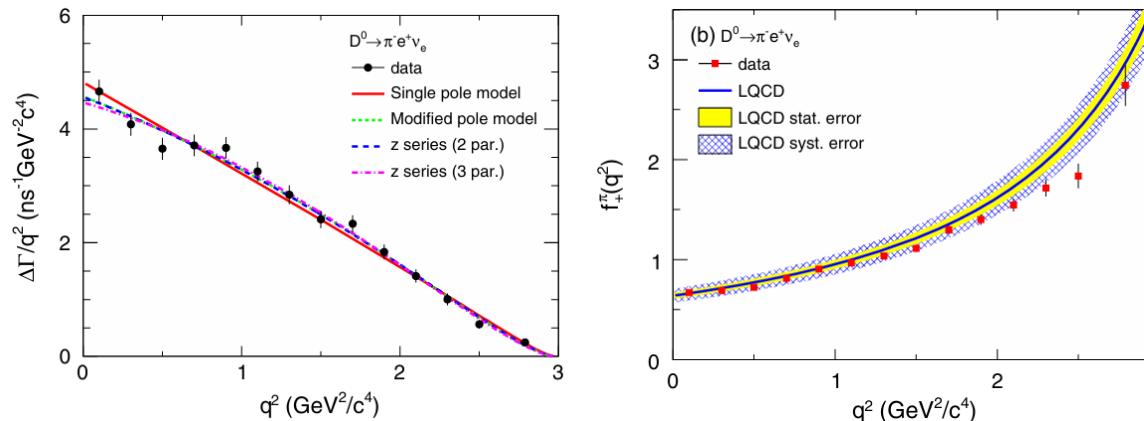


# Status of $|V_{cd}|$

$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$

➤  $2.93 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 3.773 GeV

Phys. Rev. D 92, 072012 (2015)



$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$

➤  $f_+^\pi(0) = 0.6372 \pm 0.0080_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.0044_{\text{syst.}}$  ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.4\%$ )

➤  $|V_{cs}| = 0.2155 \pm 0.0027_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.0014_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.0094_{\text{LQCD}}$  ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 1.4\% \& \sigma_{\text{LQCD.}} = 4.6\%$ )

$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$

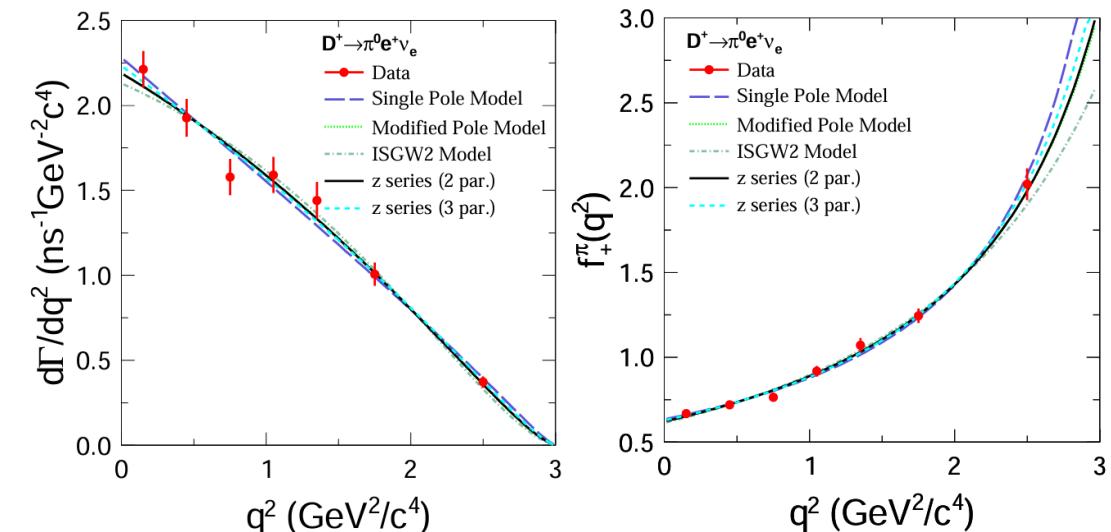
➤  $f_+^\pi(0) = 0.622 \pm 0.012_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.003_{\text{syst.}}$  ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.0\%$ )

➤  $|V_{cs}| = 0.210 \pm 0.004_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.001_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.009_{\text{LQCD}}$  ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 2.0\% \& \sigma_{\text{LQCD.}} = 4.7\%$ )

Results of  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  on going, simultaneous fit to  $\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2}$  with four channels

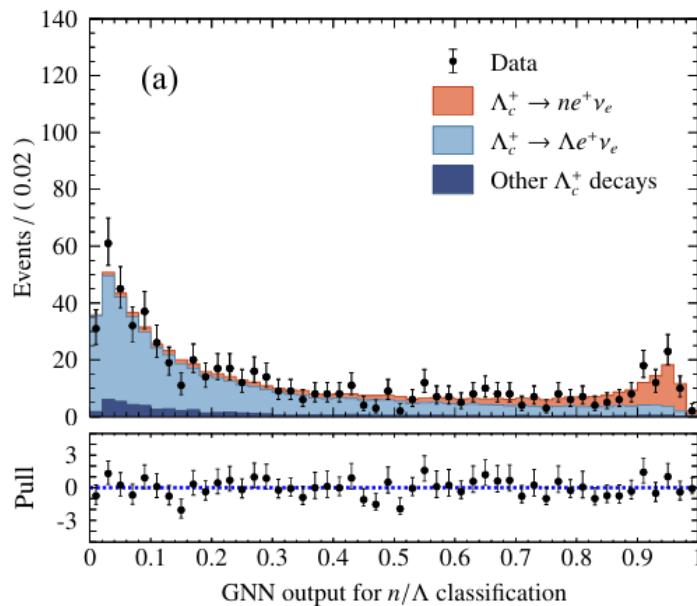
The precision will be improved by 2.5 times.

Phys. Rev. D 96, 012002 (2017)

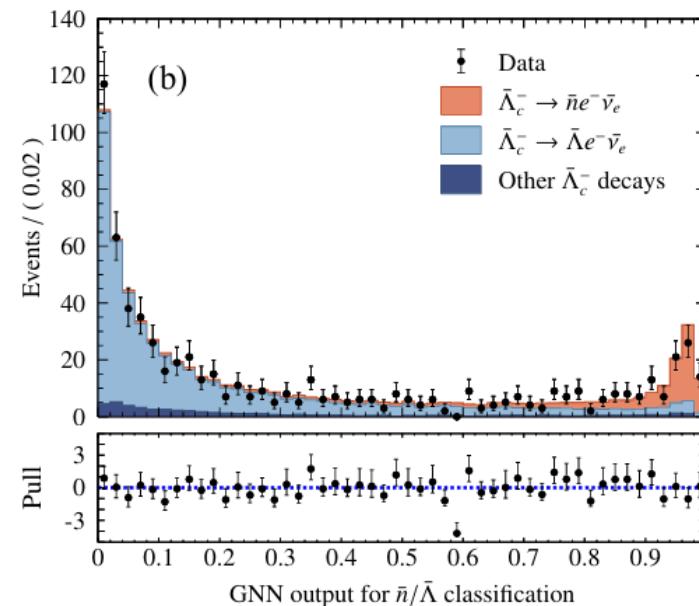




- 4.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 4.600-4.669 GeV
- Nature Commun. 16, 681 (2025)



**Graph Neural Network** based technique effectively separates signals from dominant backgrounds



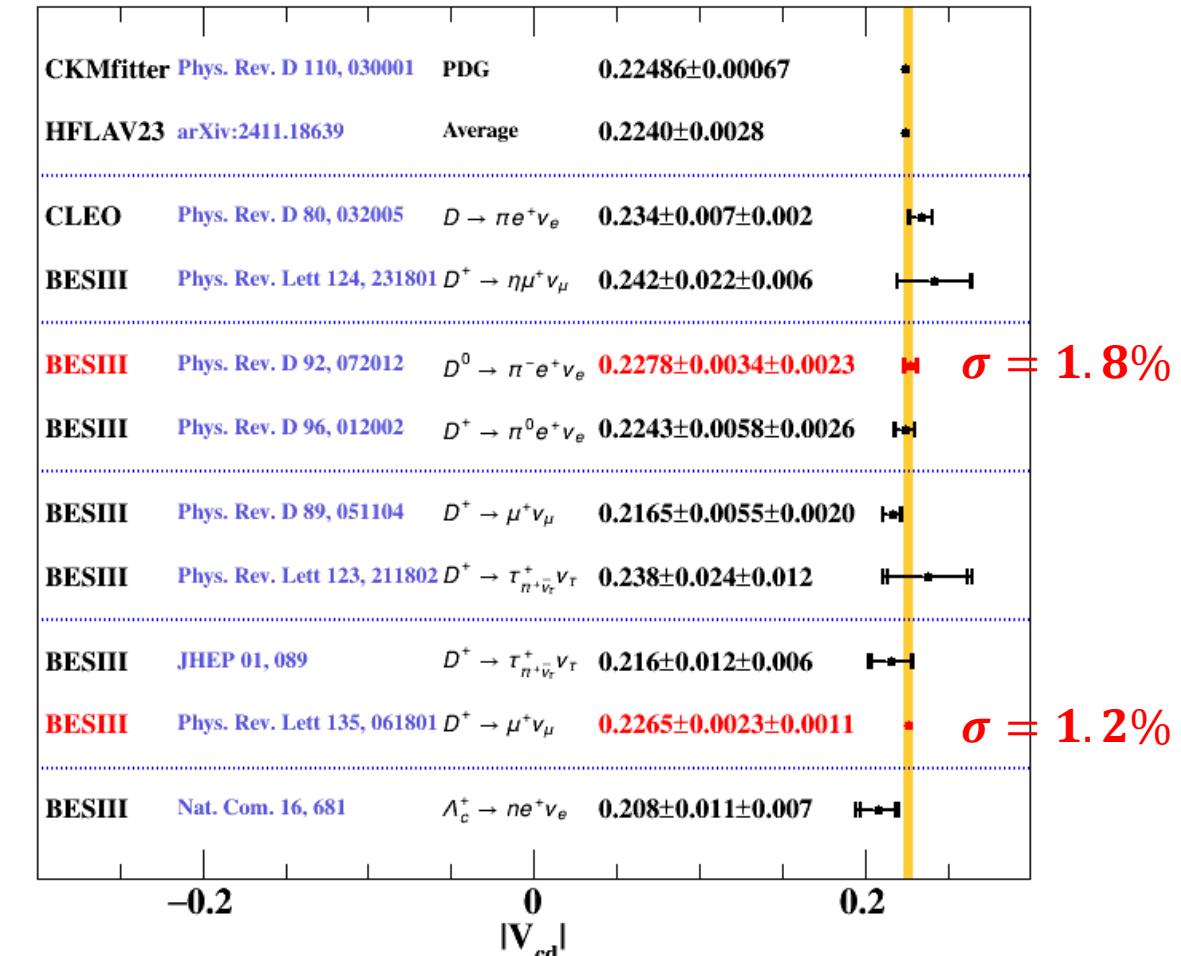
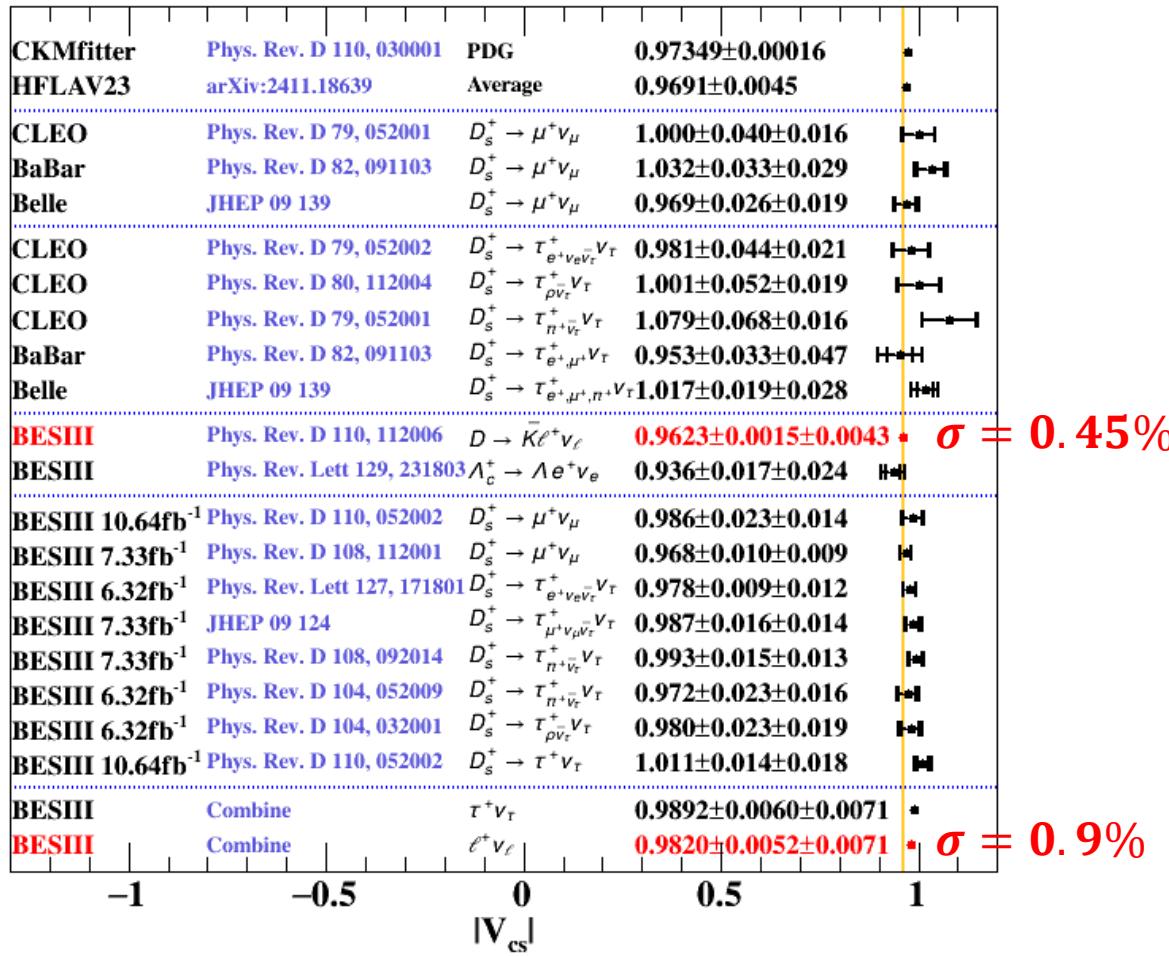
First determination of  $|V_{cd}|$  from charmed baryon decays

- $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow ne^+\nu_e) = (0.357 \pm 0.334 \pm 0.014)\%$
- $|V_{cd}| = 0.208 \pm 0.011_{\text{exp.}} \pm 0.007_{\text{LQCD.}} \pm 0.011_{\tau_{\Lambda_c^+}}$ ; ( $\sigma_{\text{exp.}} = 8.2\%$ )

# 5 Summary



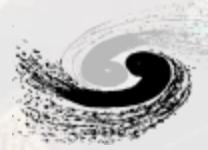
## Comparison of $|V_{cs}|$ and $|V_{cd}|$





\* CPC 44, 040001 (2020)

- Purely leptonic and semi-leptonic decays of charm hadrons are important for determining CKM matrix elements, calibrating LQCD
- Precisions of  $|V_{cs}|$  and  $|V_{cd}|$  have been reduced to 0.6% and 1.2%, respectively
- $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data @3.773 GeV is ready at Jul. 2024, more precision measurements will be presented
- Additional  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data @4.178 GeV in future\* will further improve the precisions in  $D_s$  sector



中国科学院高能物理研究所  
Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

# Thank you!



北京大学  
PEKING UNIVERSITY



中国科学院大学  
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Sep 16, 2025 • Beijing, China