



# Seeing the invisible in Belle II

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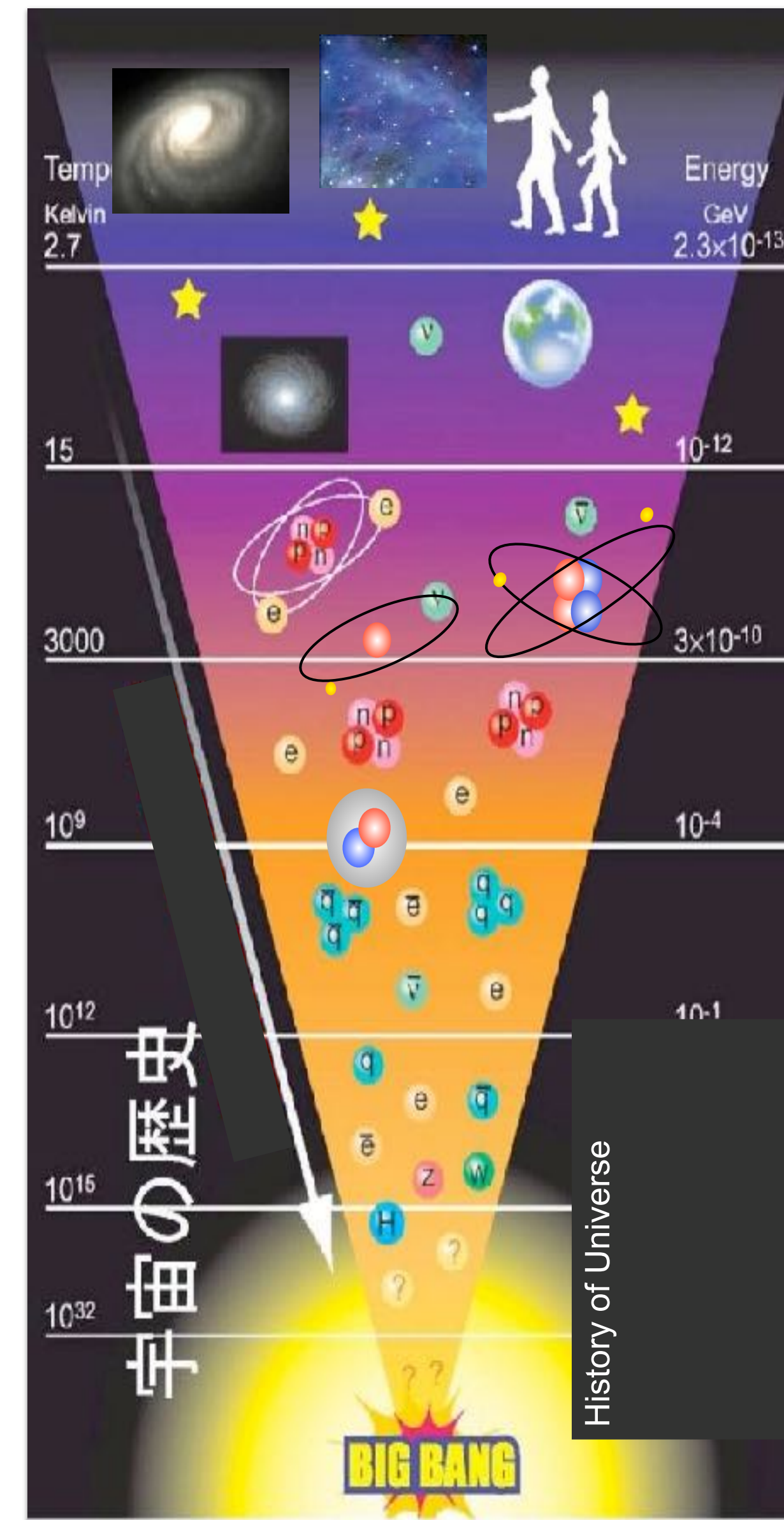




# The case for new physics

- **Baryon asymmetry of the universe**
  - Searches for new sources of quark sector CP violation, CKM precision metrology.
  - CP violation in the Higgs sector, and in neutrinos.
  - Baryon number and lepton number violation.
- **Quark and Lepton family flavour & mass hierarchy/spectrum. Finite neutrino masses.**
  - Semileptonic and Leptonic decays, lepton flavour universality violation.
  - BSM Higgs in flavour, Leptoquarks etc.
  - Direct searches for mass generation mechanisms.
- **No candidate for dark matter**
  - Dark photons, axion like particles, and WIMP-like (?) dark matter, via flavour transitions and direct production.

**Observed:**  
 $(N_{\text{baryon}} - N_{\text{antibaryon}}) / N_{\gamma} \sim 10^{-10}$   
**Expected:**  
 SM Quark CPV in leads to  $10^{-17}$ .



Flavour phenomena & possible absence of new physics at LHC point to existence of new symmetries at energies beyond the LHC or very low mass scale.

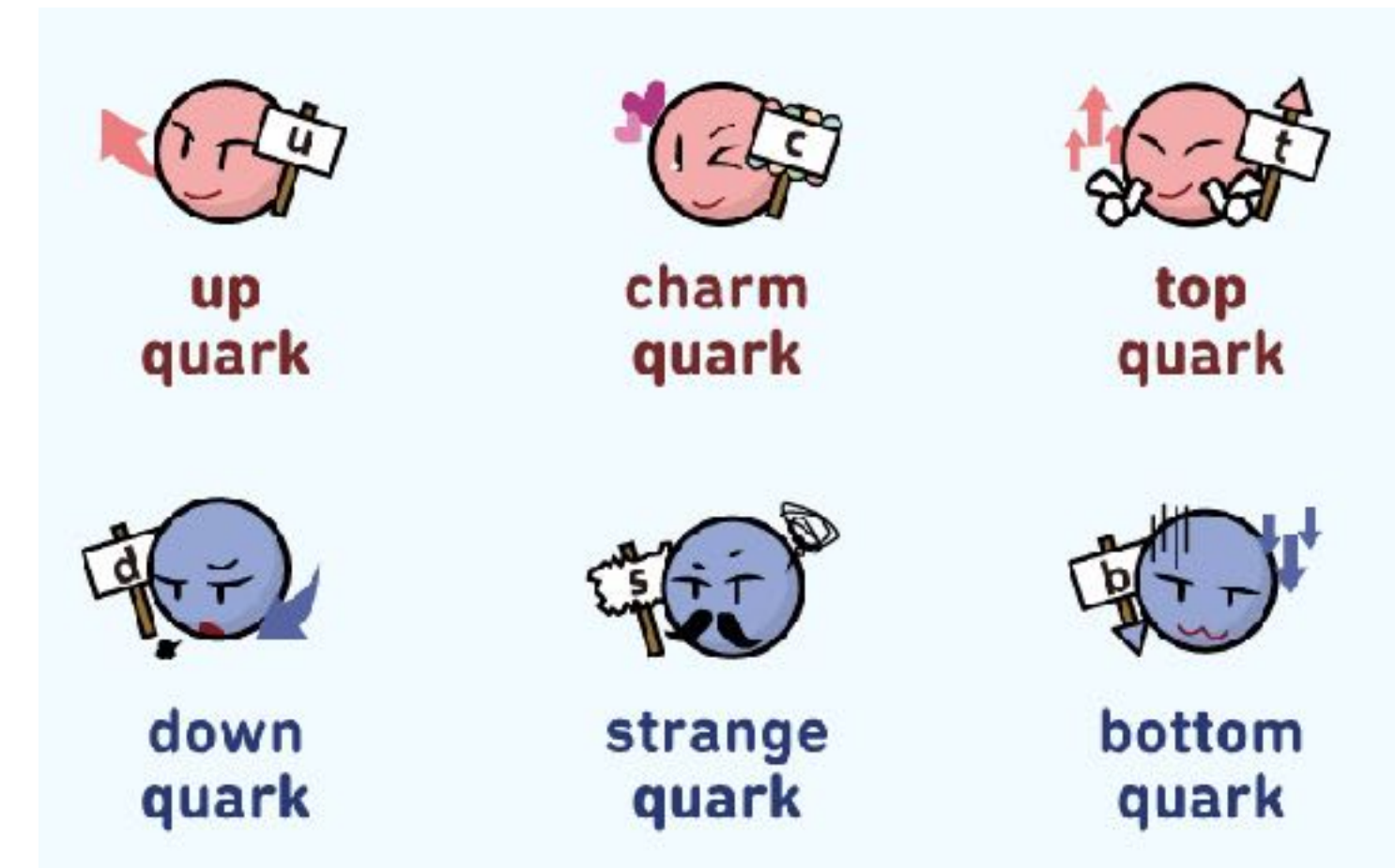


# Yukawa mechanism in the quark sector

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{SM}} = Y_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \phi D_R^j + Y_u^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \tilde{\phi} U_R^j + Y_e^{ij} \bar{L}_L^i \phi E_R^j + \text{h.c.}$$

$$Y_d = \lambda_d, \quad Y_u = V^\dagger \lambda_u$$

$$\lambda_d = \text{diag}(y_d, y_s, y_b), \quad \lambda_u = \text{diag}(y_u, y_c, y_t), \quad y_q = \frac{m_q}{v}.$$



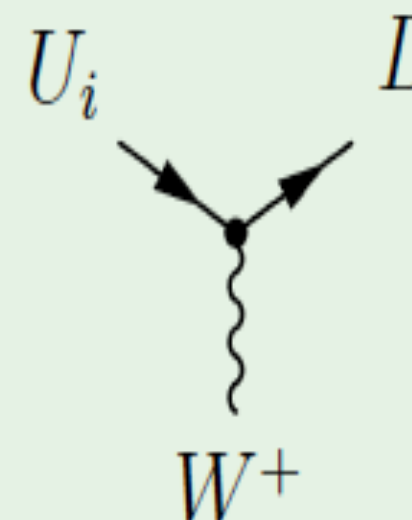
- The quark **flavour structure** within the SM is described by **6 couplings and 4 CKM parameters**. Convenient to move the CKM matrix from the Yukawa to the CC sector.
- In the SM quarks are allowed to **change flavour** as a consequence of the **Higgs mechanism to generate quark masses**.
- Use Wolfenstein parameterisation ( $A, \lambda, \rho, \eta$ ).

$$U_i = \{u, c, t\}: \quad Q_U = +2/3$$

$$D_j = \{d, s, b\}: \quad Q_D = -1/3$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} = \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}, \bar{c}, \bar{t}) \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \gamma^\mu P_L \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} W_\mu^+$$

~ Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix



- All 4 parameters are of order 1,  $\lambda \sim 0.22$ ,  $A \sim 0.82$ ,  $\rho \sim 0.22$ ,  $\eta \sim 0.34$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 - \lambda^4/8 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda + (1 - 2(\rho + i\eta))A^2\lambda^5/2 & 1 - \lambda^2/2 - (1 + 4A^2)\lambda^4/8 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \bar{\rho} - i\bar{\eta}) & -A\lambda^2 + (1 - 2(\rho - i\eta))A\lambda^4/2 & 1 - A^2\lambda^4/2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^6)$$



# Yukawa Mechanism in the lepton sector

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{SM}} = Y_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \phi D_R^j + Y_u^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \tilde{\phi} U_R^j + Y_e^{ij} \bar{L}_L^i \phi E_R^j + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\ell = SU(3)_{L_L} \otimes SU(3)_{E_R}$$

- In the SM the **lepton Yukawa** matrices can be diagonalised independently due to the **global  $G_\ell$  symmetry** of the Lagrangian, therefore there are **no FCNC**.



- However, the discovery that  **$\nu$  oscillate** (and are massive) implies that **Lepton Flavour is not conserved**. The level of **Charged Lepton Flavour Violation** depends on the mechanism to **generate neutrino masses** (for instance, **Seesaw mechanism**).

$$\begin{matrix} & \text{PMNS} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\theta_{12} = 33.44^\circ {}^{+0.78^\circ}_{-0.75^\circ}$$

$$\theta_{23} = 49.0^\circ {}^{+1.1^\circ}_{-1.4^\circ}$$

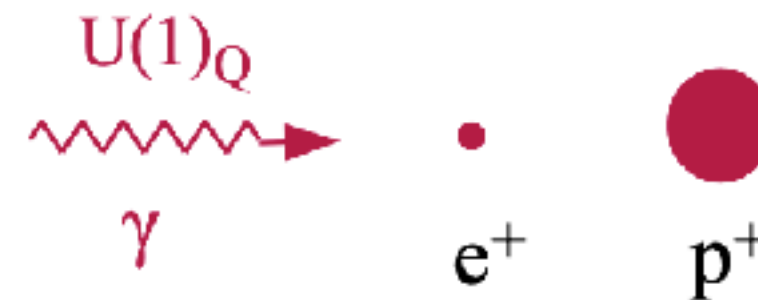
$$\theta_{13} = 8.57^\circ {}^{+0.13^\circ}_{-0.12^\circ}$$

$$\delta_{\text{CP}} = 195^\circ {}^{+51^\circ}_{-25^\circ}$$



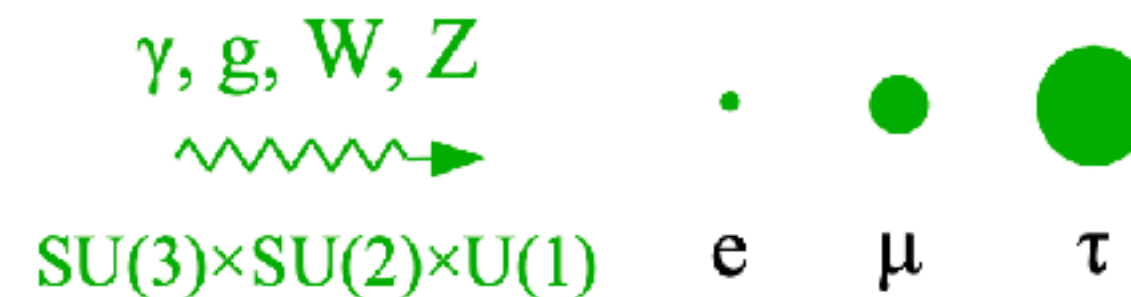
# Flavour structure, $V_{CKM}$ , $V_{PMNS}$ , Masses

Suppose we could test matter only with long  $\lambda$  photons

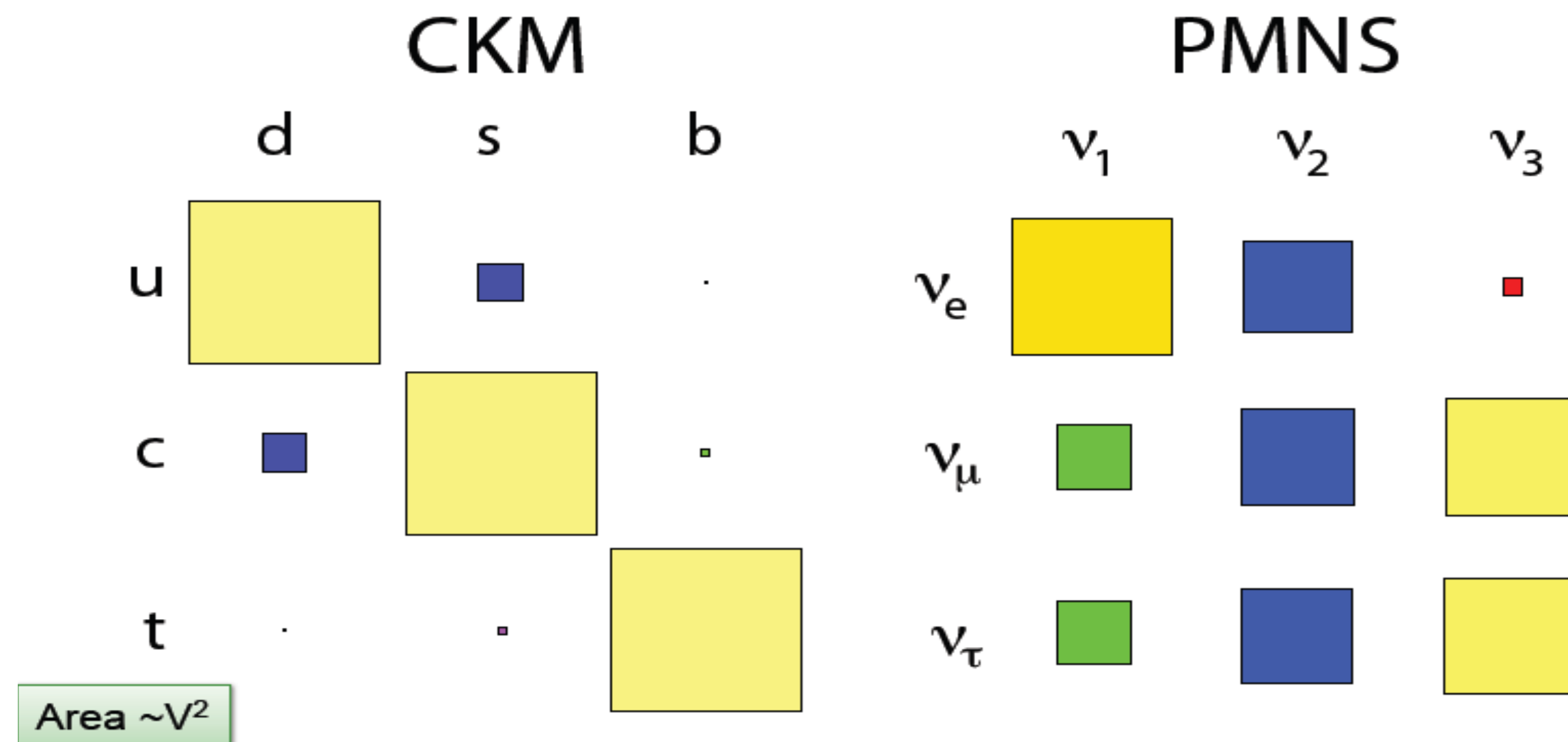
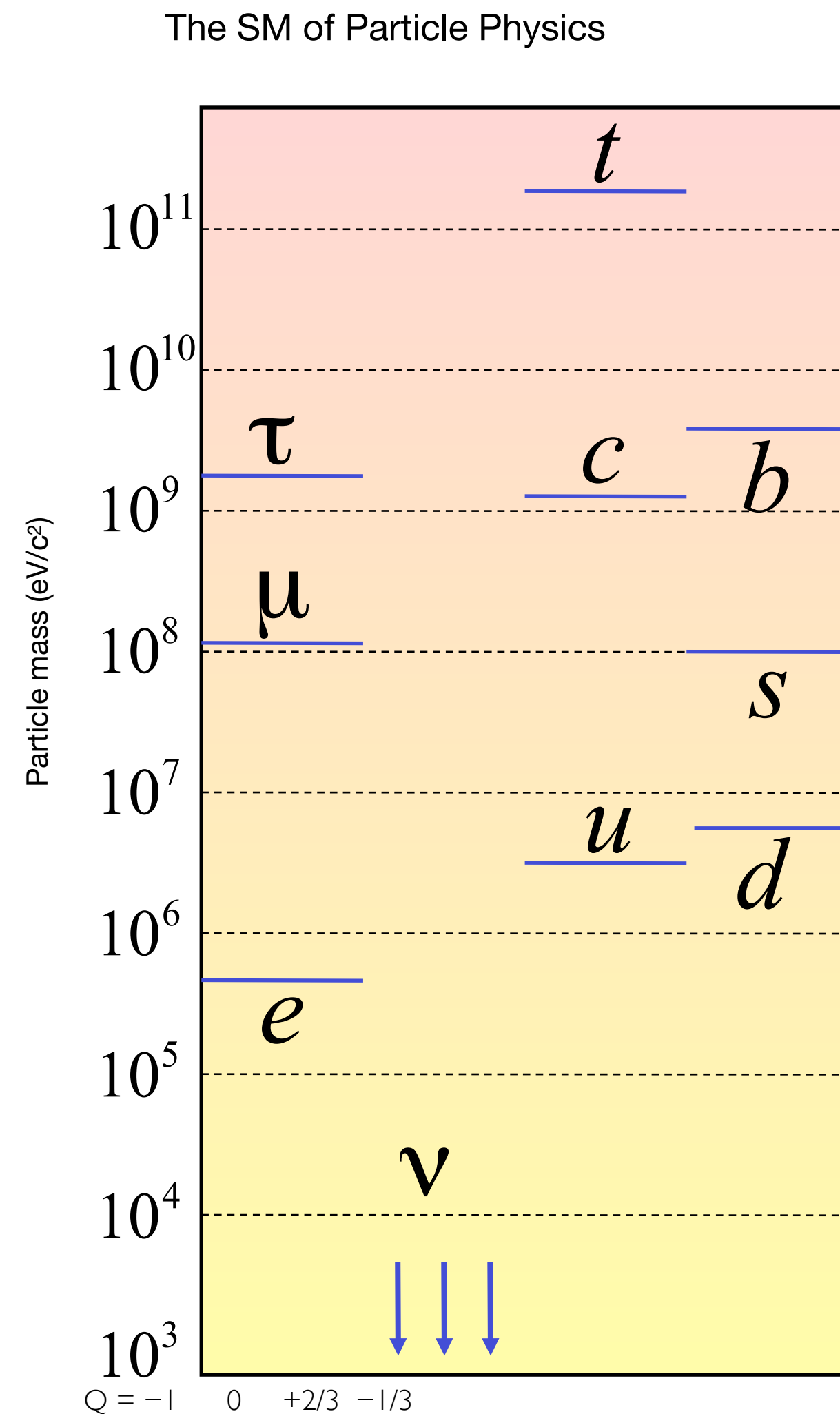


We would conclude that these two particles are identical copies except for their mass

This is exactly the same argument we use to infer flavour universality in the SM



These three families of particles seem to be identical copies except for their mass

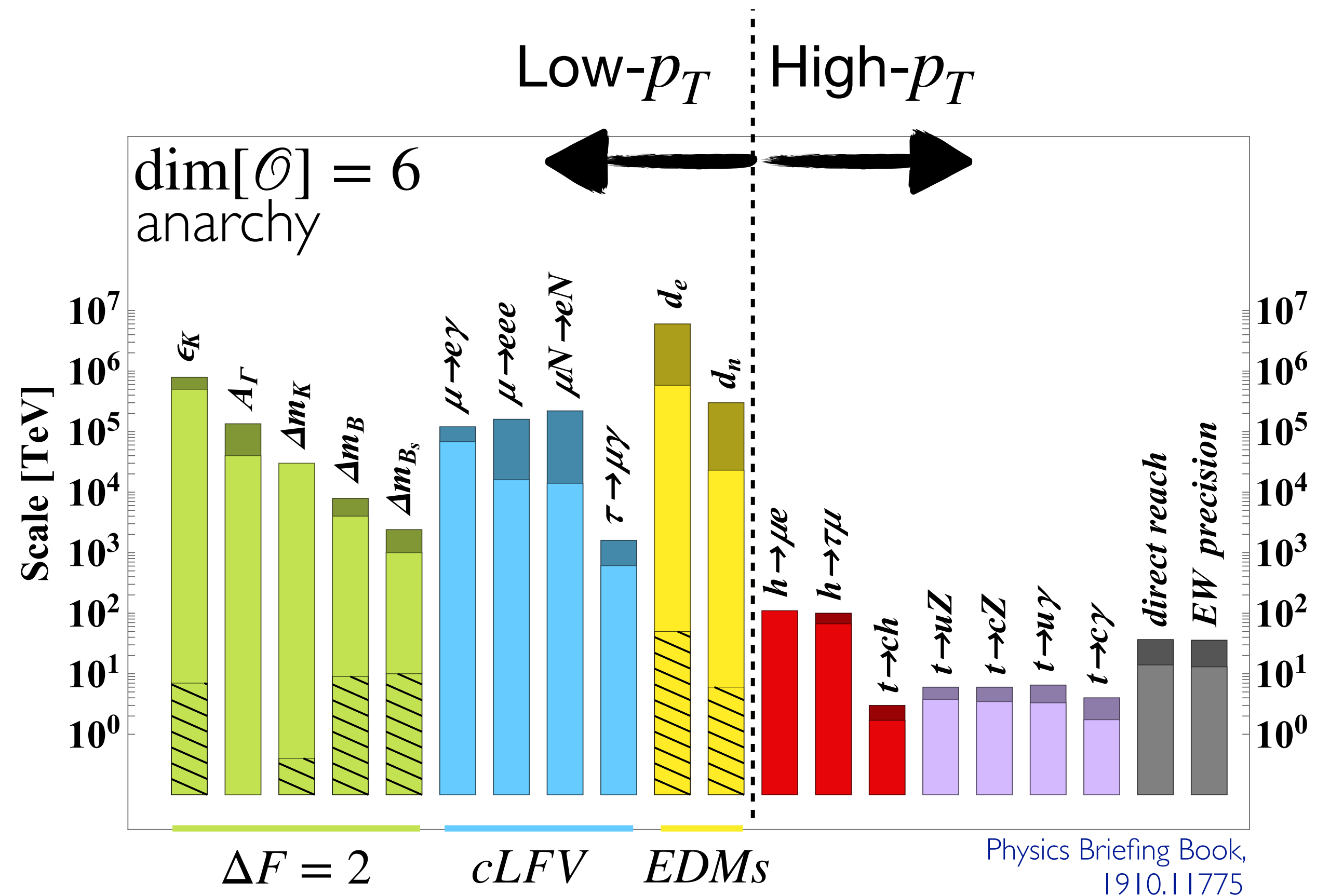


Why these values, are the two related, are they related to masses?

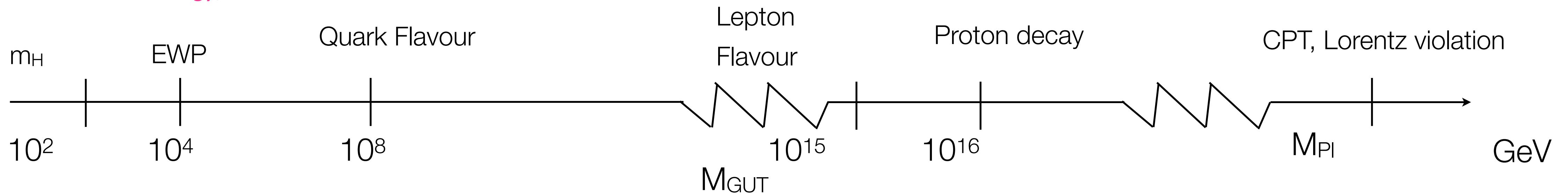


# High mass scales

- **Energy Frontier**: Production of **new particles** from collisions at high-**Energy** (**LHC**)
- *Limited by Beam energy*
- **Flavour Frontier**: **virtual production** to probe scales beyond energy frontier.
- Often **first clues** about new phenomena, e.g. **weak force**.
- High precision required: very tiny effects



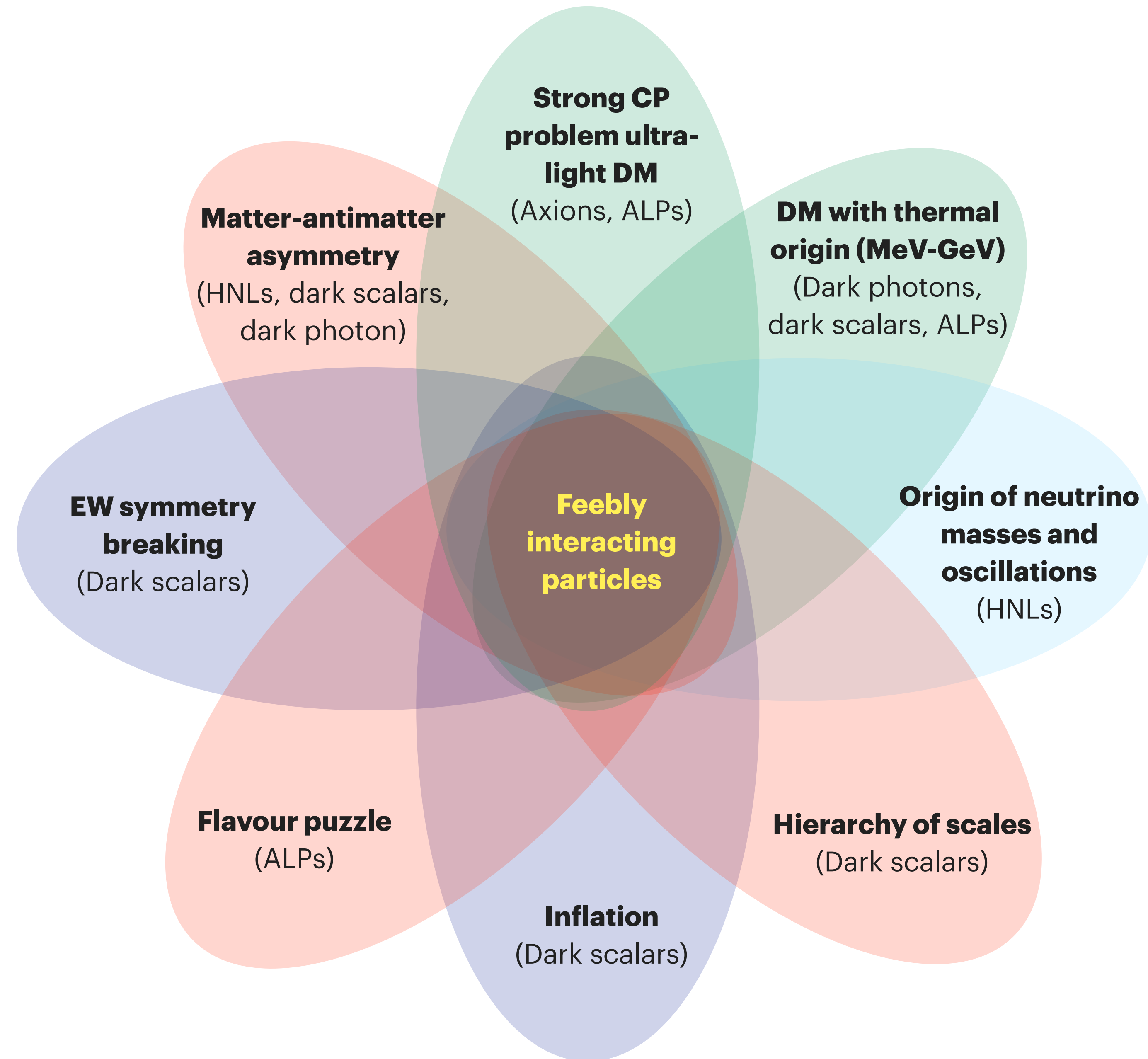
Maximum Energy/Mass Scale reach:





# Feeble couplings

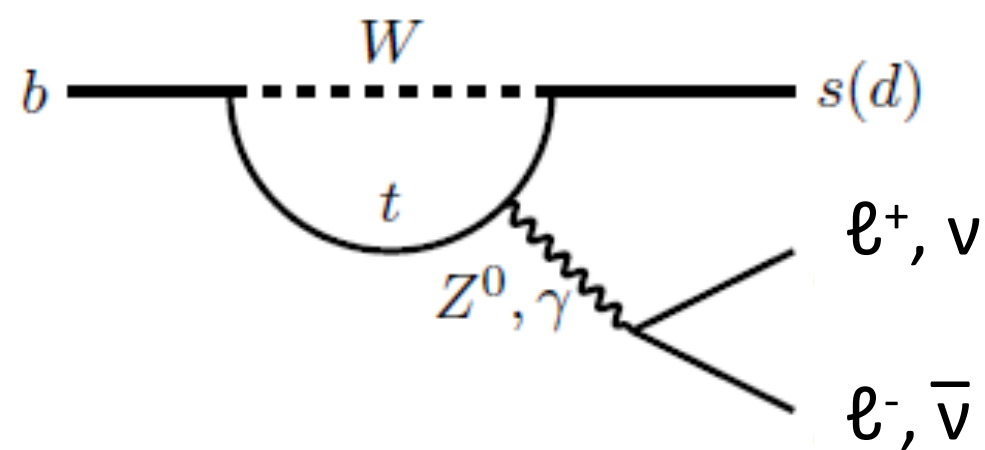
- The energy frontier has scoured the high energy scales but have we overlooked the mass scale of ordinary matter? Why haven't we seen anything yet?





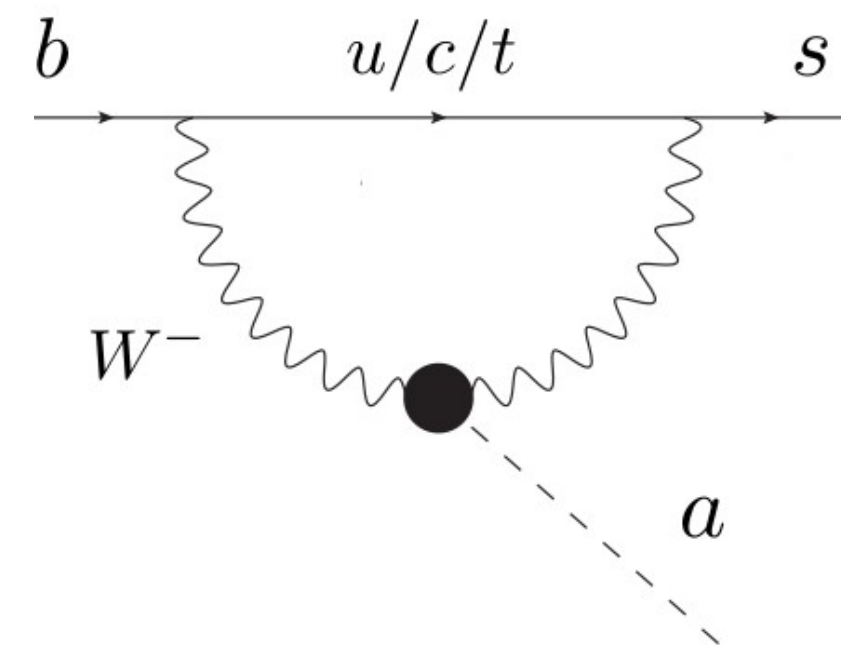
# New physics signatures

## Flavour changing neutral currents



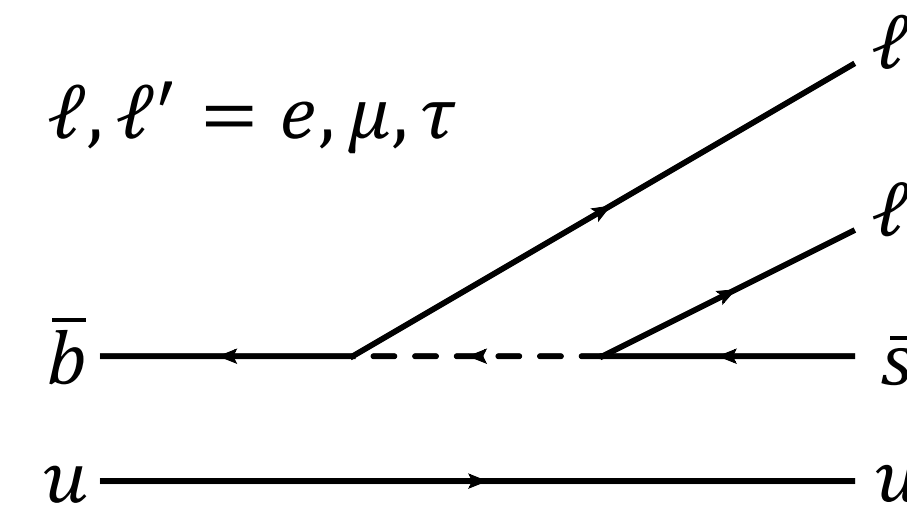
- $B \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$
- Loop in SM
- Rare at  $\text{BR} < \sim 10^{-6}$

## New particle searches



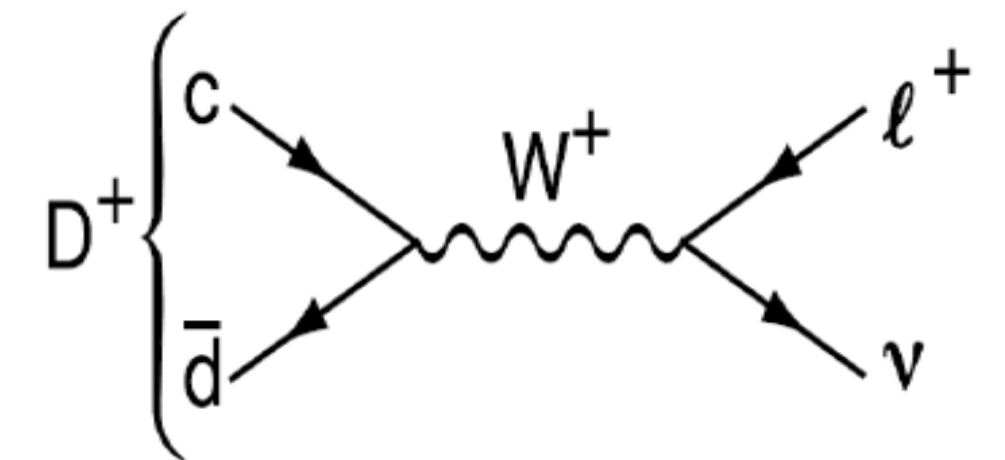
- ALPs (Pseudoscalars)
- Higgs-like (Scalars)
- Dark photons (Vector)

## Forbidden decays



- Lepton flavour violating
- Lepton number violating
- Forbidden or very highly suppressed

## Tests of lepton flavour universality




- Semileptonic or leptonic
- BR ratios with  $\tau/\mu$ ,  $\tau/e$ ,  $\mu/e$
- Tree or loop









# Phenomenology of missing energy B decays

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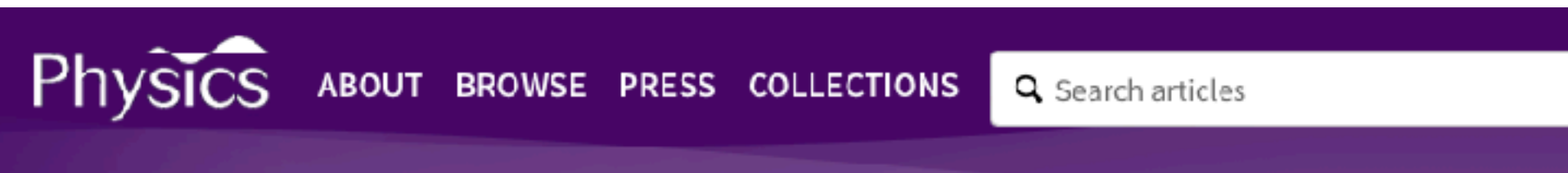
## 2 Accelerators Find Particles That May Break Known Laws of Physics

The LHC and the Belle experiment have found particle decay patterns that violate the Standard Model of particle physics, confirming earlier observations at the BaBar facility

By Clara Moskowitz | September 9, 2015 | [Véalo en español](#)



# Anomalies: what makes them interesting?



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## The Era of Anomalies

May 14, 2020 • Physics 13, 79

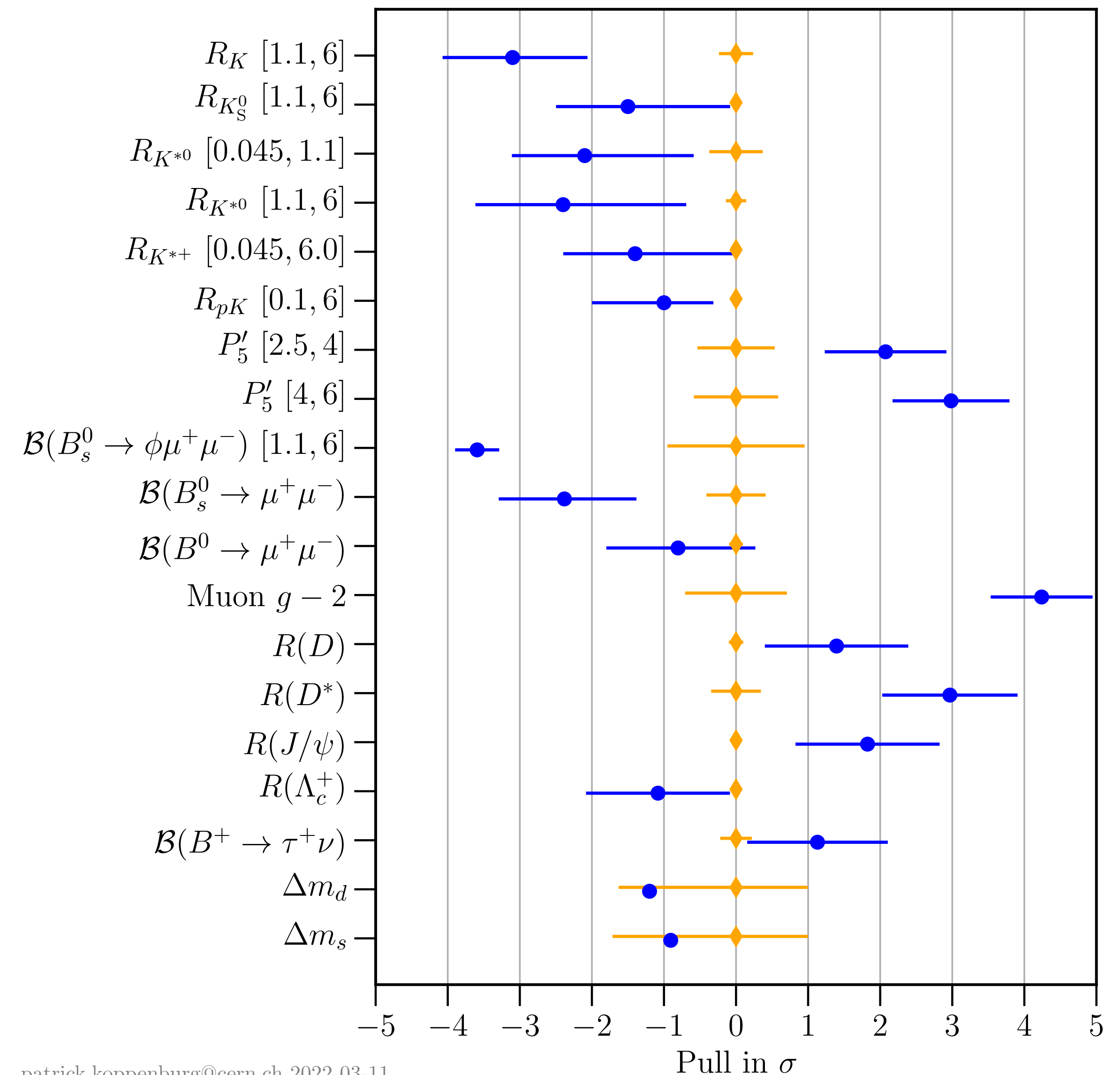
Particle physicists are faced with a growing list of “anomalies”—experimental results that conflict with the standard model but fail to overturn it for lack of sufficient evidence.



Brookhaven National Laboratory

For their study of the muon anomaly, the Muon g-2 Collaboration transported a 50-foot-wide magnet halfway across the US in the summer of 2013.

- High precision expectation, free of QCD uncertainties.
- Tend to be anomalous couplings vs generation.

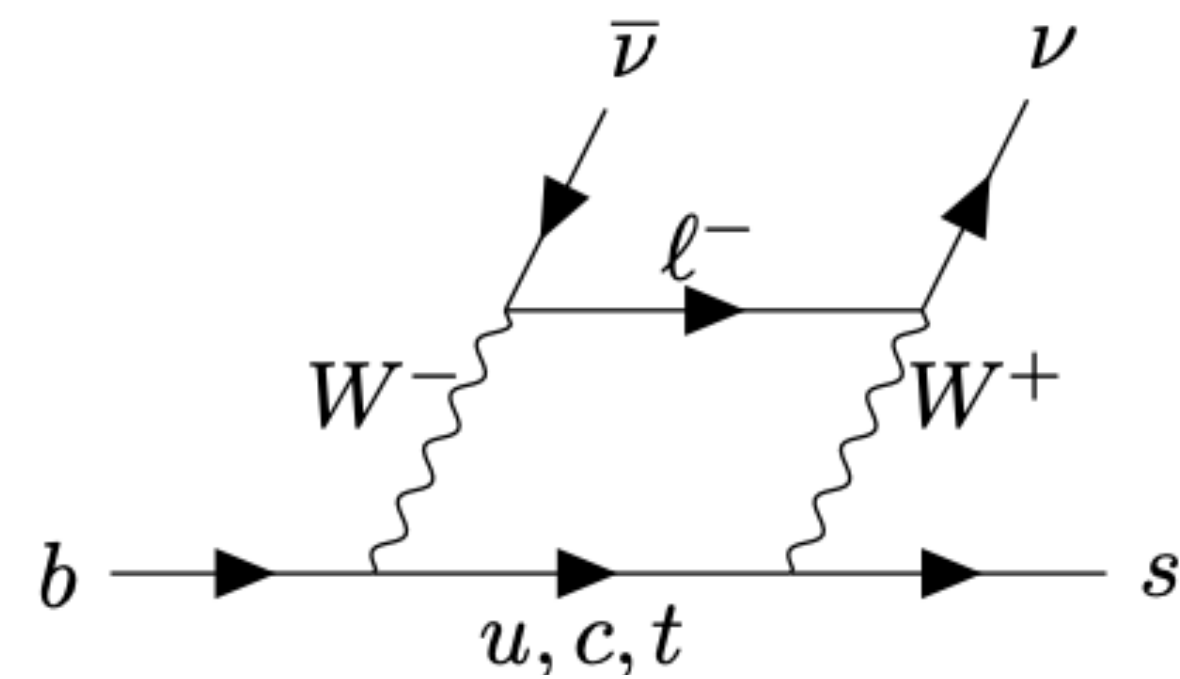
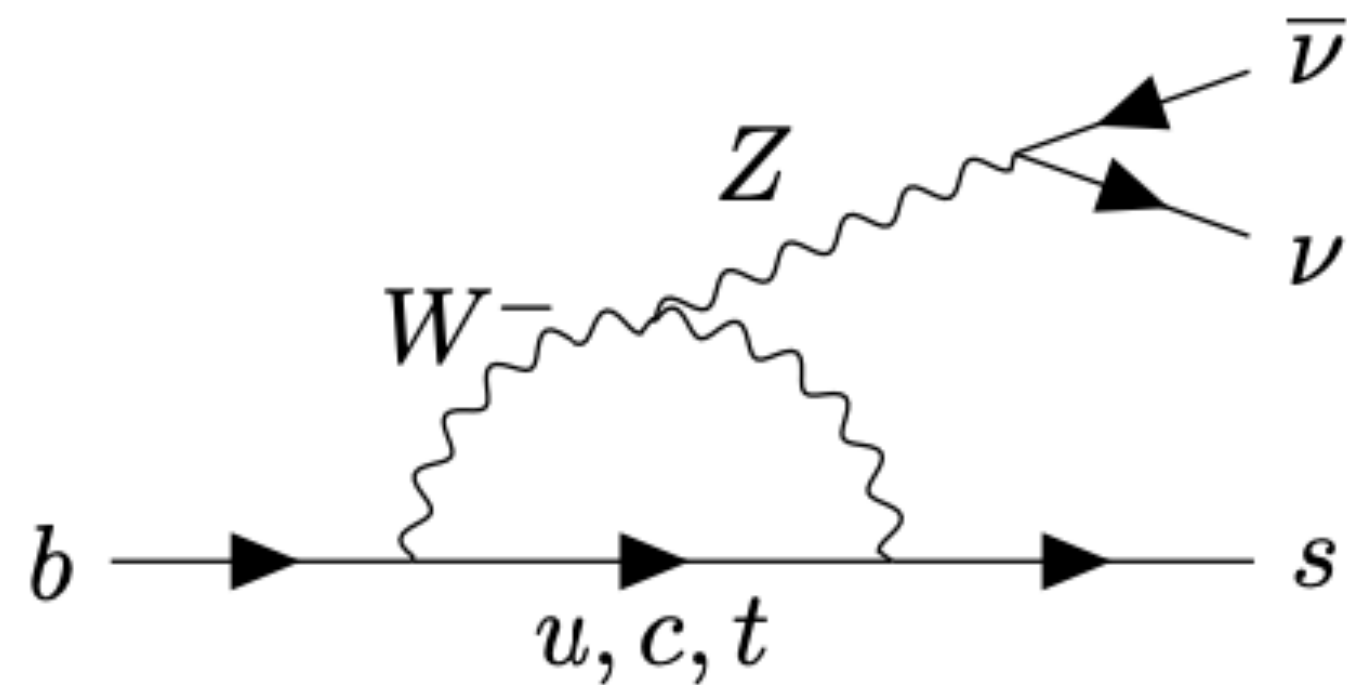


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# $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \nu$

SM: loop, CKM and GIM suppressed  $\mathcal{A} \propto \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_{i=u,c,t} V_{ib}^* V_{is} \frac{m_i^2}{m_W^2}$



$\Rightarrow$  good place to search for New Physics

- sensitive to virtual corrections and new exotic final states
- complete factorisation into hadronic and leptonic part
- Belle II is expected to measure with  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  precision

# Generalities

- Since neutrino flavors are not seen, one can only measure

$$\Gamma(P \rightarrow P' \nu \bar{\nu}) = \sum_{I,J=1,2,3} \Gamma(P \rightarrow P' \nu^I \bar{\nu}^J)$$

- When NP respects the SM gauge symmetries, neutrinos are in doublets,

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \ell^- \end{pmatrix},$$

so  $P \rightarrow P' \nu^I \bar{\nu}^J$  is necessarily correlated with  $P \rightarrow P' \ell^I \bar{\ell}^J$ .

- Given current bounds,  $P \rightarrow P' \nu^I \bar{\nu}^J$ ,  $I, J = 1, 2$  should be very suppressed,  
*but not much is currently known for the third generation...*



# SMEFT - Comparison to $B \rightarrow h \ell^+ \ell^-$

Interplay of dineutrino modes with  
semileptonic rare B-decays  
Rigo Bause et al. JHEP 12 (2021) 061

Below the electroweak scale,  $\mu < \mu_{\text{EW}}$ , FCNC interactions between two quarks and two leptons, with flavors  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $i, j$ , respectively, can be described by the following Hamiltonians for dineutrinos

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\nu_i \bar{\nu}_j} = -\frac{4 G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} \sum_k \mathcal{C}_k^{P_{\alpha\beta} ij} Q_k^{\alpha\beta ij} + \text{H.c.} , \quad (2.1)$$

and for charged leptons,

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\ell_i^- \ell_j^+} = -\frac{4 G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} \sum_k \mathcal{K}_k^{P_{\alpha\beta} ij} O_k^{\alpha\beta ij} + \text{H.c.} . \quad (2.2)$$

In absence of light right-handed neutrinos,

$$Q_{L(R)}^{\alpha\beta ij} = \left( \bar{q}_{L(R)}^\alpha \gamma_\mu q_{L(R)}^\beta \right) \left( \bar{\nu}_L^j \gamma^\mu \nu_L^i \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_9^{ij} &= (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu b_L) (\bar{\ell}^j \gamma^\mu \ell^i) , \\ \mathcal{O}_{10}^{ij} &= (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu b_L) (\bar{\ell}^j \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \ell^i) , \quad \mathcal{K}_L^{D_{23} ij} = V_{tb} V_{ts}^* (\mathcal{C}_9^{ij} - \mathcal{C}_{10}^{ij}) , \\ \mathcal{O}_9'^{ij} &= (\bar{s}_R \gamma_\mu b_R) (\bar{\ell}^j \gamma^\mu \ell^i) , \quad \mathcal{K}_R^{D_{23} ij} = V_{tb} V_{ts}^* (\mathcal{C}_9'^{ij} - \mathcal{C}_{10}'^{ij}) , \\ \mathcal{O}_{10}'^{ij} &= (\bar{s}_R \gamma_\mu b_R) (\bar{\ell}^j \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \ell^i) , \end{aligned}$$

C9 vector, C10 axial vector

$B \rightarrow F_q$	SM, this work [10 <sup>-8</sup> ]	SM, literature [10 <sup>-8</sup> ]	Exp. limit (90 % CL) [10 <sup>-6</sup> ]	Derived EFT limits [10 <sup>-6</sup> ]	Belle II 5 ab <sup>-1</sup> (50 ab <sup>-1</sup> ) %
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0$	$391 \pm 52$	$460 \pm 50$ [36]	26 [11]	15	—
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+$	$423 \pm 56$	$460 \pm 50$ [36]	16 [10]	16 <sup>a</sup>	30 (11) [36]
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}$	$824 \pm 99$	$960 \pm 90$ [36]	18 [11]	18 <sup>a</sup>	26 (9.6) [36]
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}$	$893 \pm 107$	$960 \pm 90$ [36]	40 [12]	19	25 (9.3) [36]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi$	$981 \pm 69$	$1400 \pm 500$ [37]	5400 [8]	23	—
$B^0 \rightarrow X_s$	$(28 \pm 3) \cdot 10^2$	$(29 \pm 3) \cdot 10^2$ [22]	640 [9]	78	—
$B^+ \rightarrow X_s$	$(30 \pm 3) \cdot 10^2$	$(29 \pm 3) \cdot 10^2$ [22]	640 [9]	84	—
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0$	$5.4 \pm 0.6$	$7.3 \pm 0.7$ [38]	9 [11]	6	—
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+$	$12 \pm 1$	$14 \pm 1$ [38]	14 [11]	14 <sup>a</sup>	—
$B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0$	$22 \pm 8$ $16 \pm 2^\dagger$	$20 \pm 10$ [37]	40 [11]	14	—
$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+$	$48 \pm 18$ $34 \pm 4^\dagger$	$42 \pm 20$ [37]	30 [11]	30 <sup>a</sup>	—
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0$	$13 \pm 3$	$27 \pm 16$ [37]	—	26	—
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}$	$36 \pm 3$	—	—	24	—
$B^0 \rightarrow X_d$	$(1.3 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^2$	$(1.7 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^2$ [37]	—	114	—
$B^+ \rightarrow X_d$	$(1.4 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^2$	$(1.7 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^2$ [37]	—	123	—

# Generic constraints on new operators LEFT

Tobias Felkl et al. A tale of invisibility: constraints on new physics in  $b \rightarrow svv$ , JHEP 12 (2021) 118

Express everything in terms of LH Weyl spinors  $N_R \leftrightarrow \nu_L^c$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{X=L,R} C_{\nu d}^{\text{VLX}} \mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{VLX}} + \left( \sum_{X=L,R} C_{\nu d}^{\text{SLX}} \mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{SLX}} + C_{\nu d}^{\text{TLL}} \mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{TLL}} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{VLL}} = (\bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L) (\bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu d_L) \quad \mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{VLR}} = (\bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L) (\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu d_R)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{SLL}} = (\bar{\nu}_L^c \nu_L) (\bar{d}_R d_L) \quad \mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{SLR}} = (\bar{\nu}_L^c \nu_L) (\bar{d}_L d_R)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d}^{\text{TLL}} = (\bar{\nu}_L^c \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_L) (\bar{d}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_L)$$

- $C_{\nu d}^{\text{SLX}}$  symmetric in neutrino flavour indices
- $C_{\nu d}^{\text{TLL}}$  antisymmetric in neutrino flavour indices
- NP  $C_{\nu d}^{\text{VLX}}$  interfere with SM

$$C_{\nu d, \alpha \alpha sb}^{\text{VLL, SM}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \left( \frac{X}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \right) \quad \text{Brod, Gorbahn, Stamou 1009.0947}$$

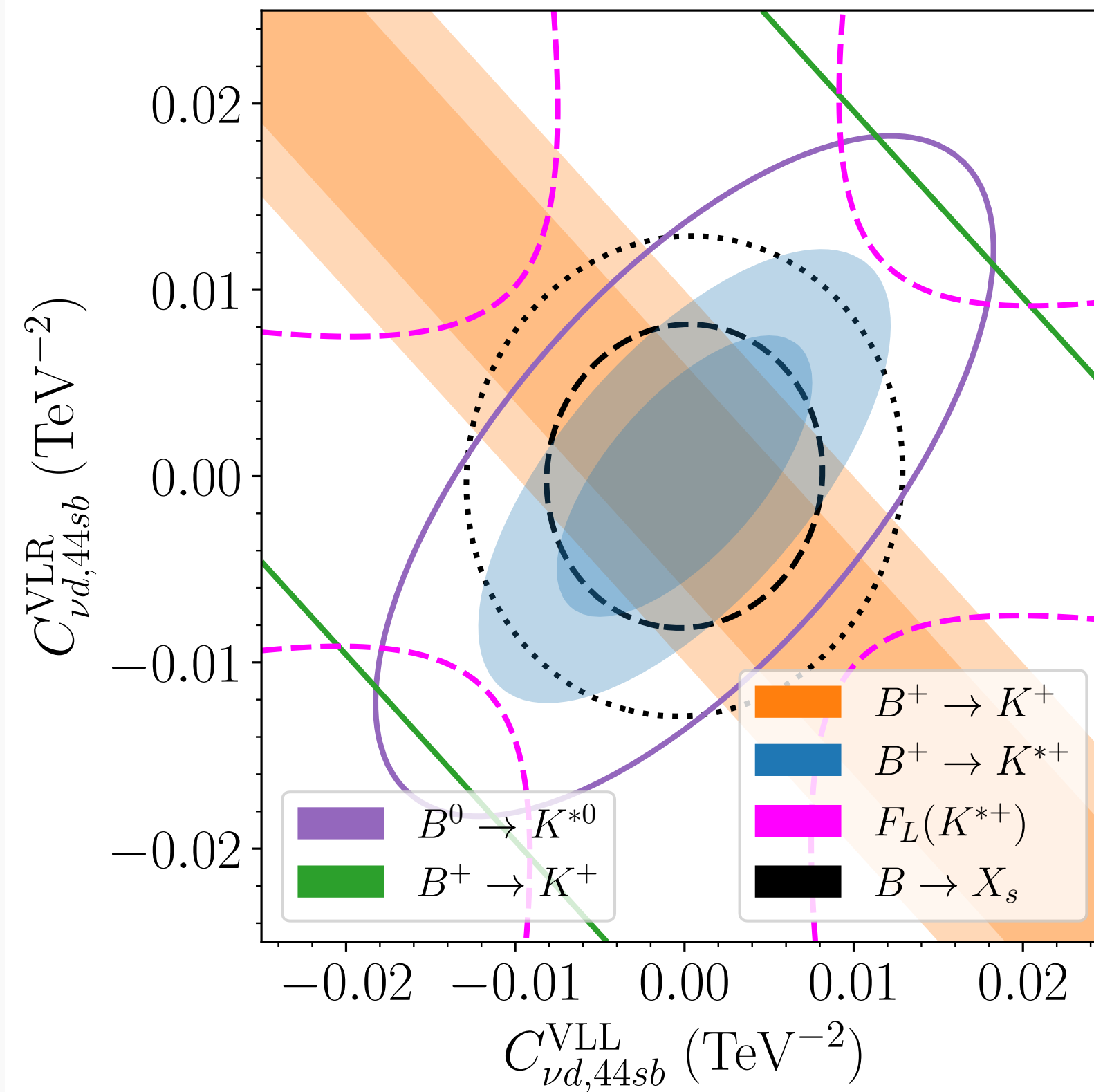
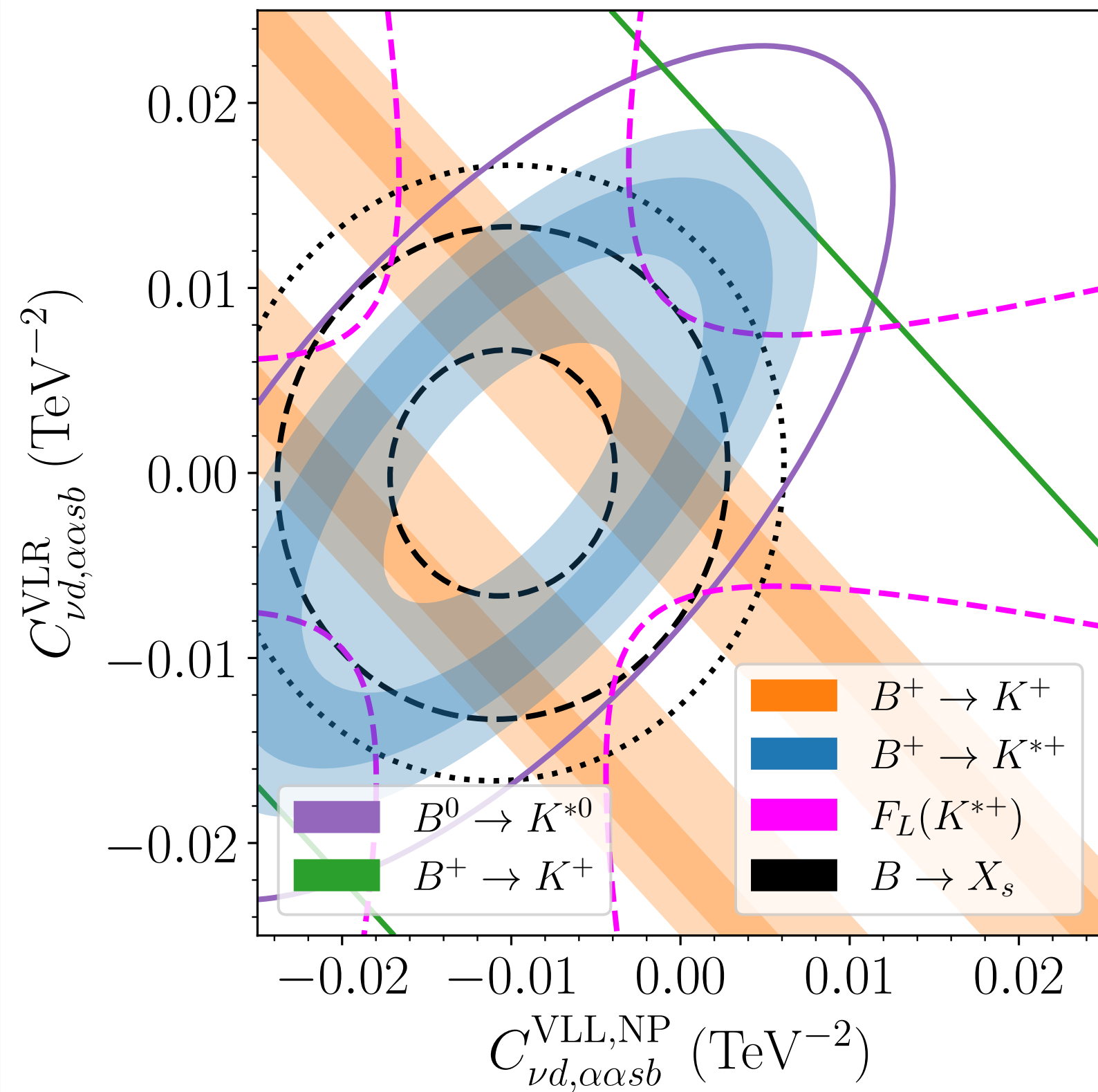
Operator	Value [TeV <sup>-2</sup> ]	Current Bound	
		NP scale [TeV]	Observable
$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d, \alpha \alpha sb}^{\text{VLL, NP}}$	0.028	6	$B \rightarrow K^* \nu \nu$
$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d, \alpha \alpha sb}^{\text{VLR}}$	0.021	7	$B \rightarrow K \nu \nu$
$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d, \gamma \delta sb}^{\text{VLL}}$	0.014	9	$B \rightarrow K^* \nu \nu$
$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d, \gamma \gamma sb}^{\text{SLL}}$	0.012	10	$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \nu$
$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d, \gamma \delta sb}^{\text{SLL}}$	0.009	10	$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \nu$
$\mathcal{O}_{\nu d, \gamma \delta sb}^{\text{TLL}}$	0.002	25	$B \rightarrow K^* \nu \nu$

$\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\gamma \neq \delta$  arbitrary

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_{\nu d}^{XLY}|}}$$



# Two operators with massless neutrinos – vector

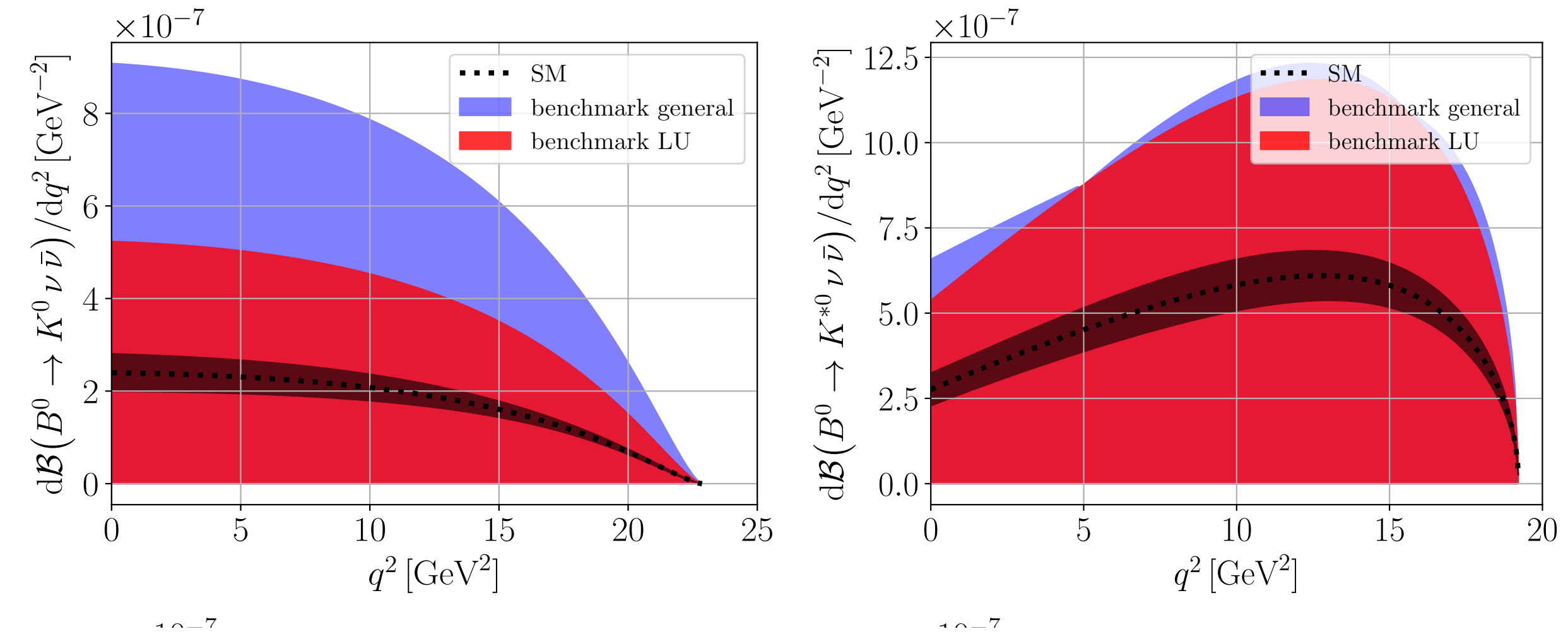
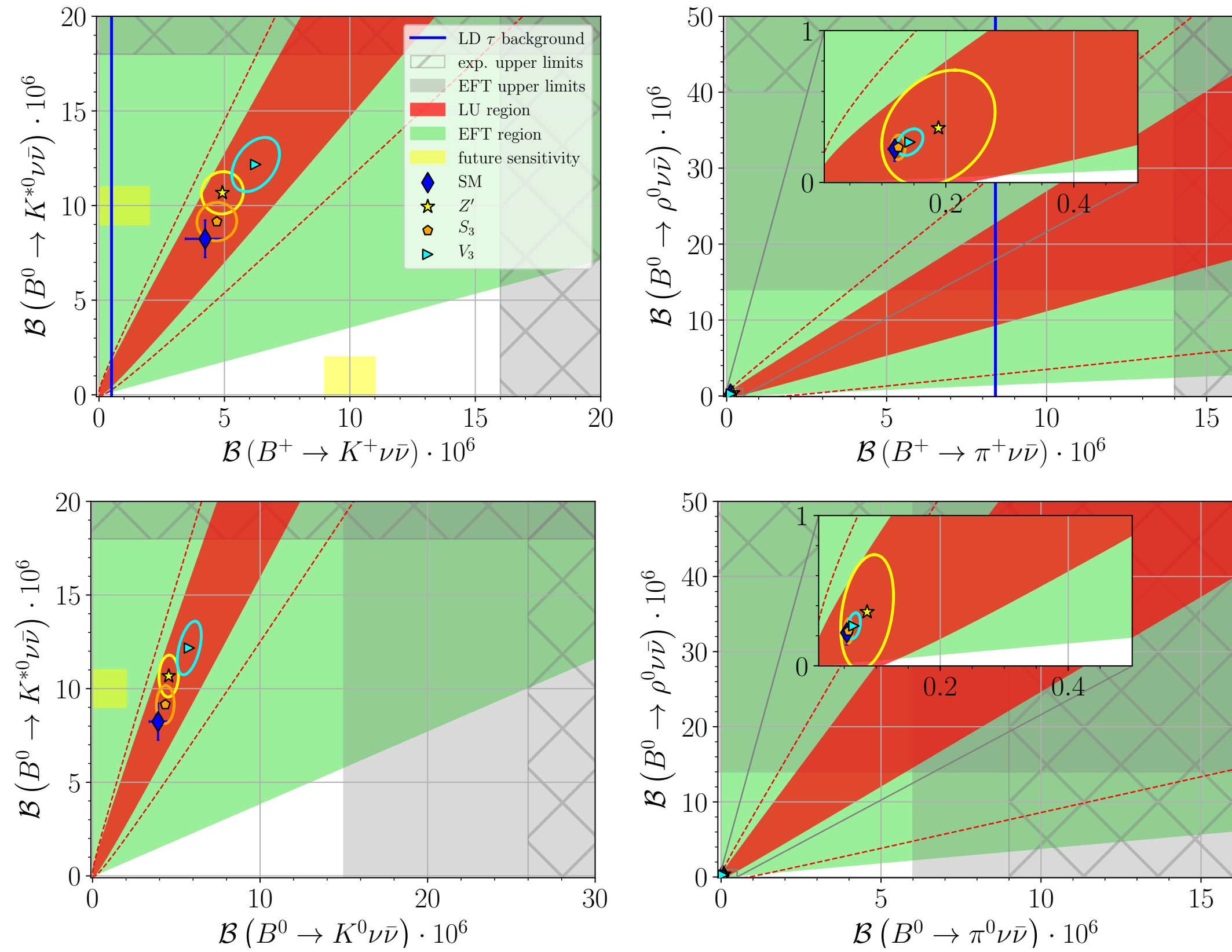


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- Current constraints solid purple and green lines
- Viable light (dark) regions if SM predictions are confirmed by Belle II with  $5(50) \text{ ab}^{-1}$
- Black dotted (dashed)  $B \rightarrow X_s \nu \nu$  with 50% (20%) precision

# LFU tests with $B \rightarrow h \nu \bar{\nu}$

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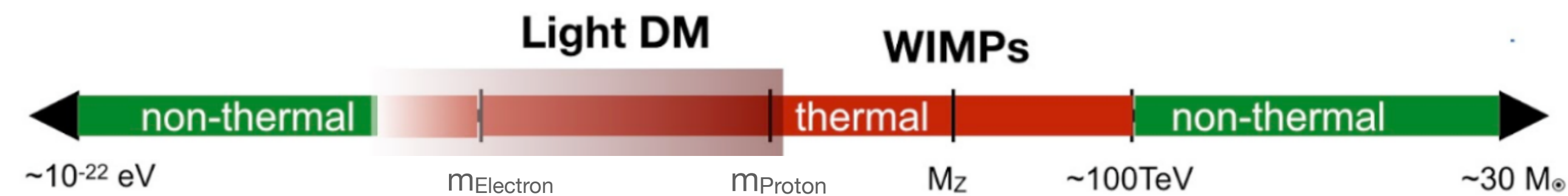
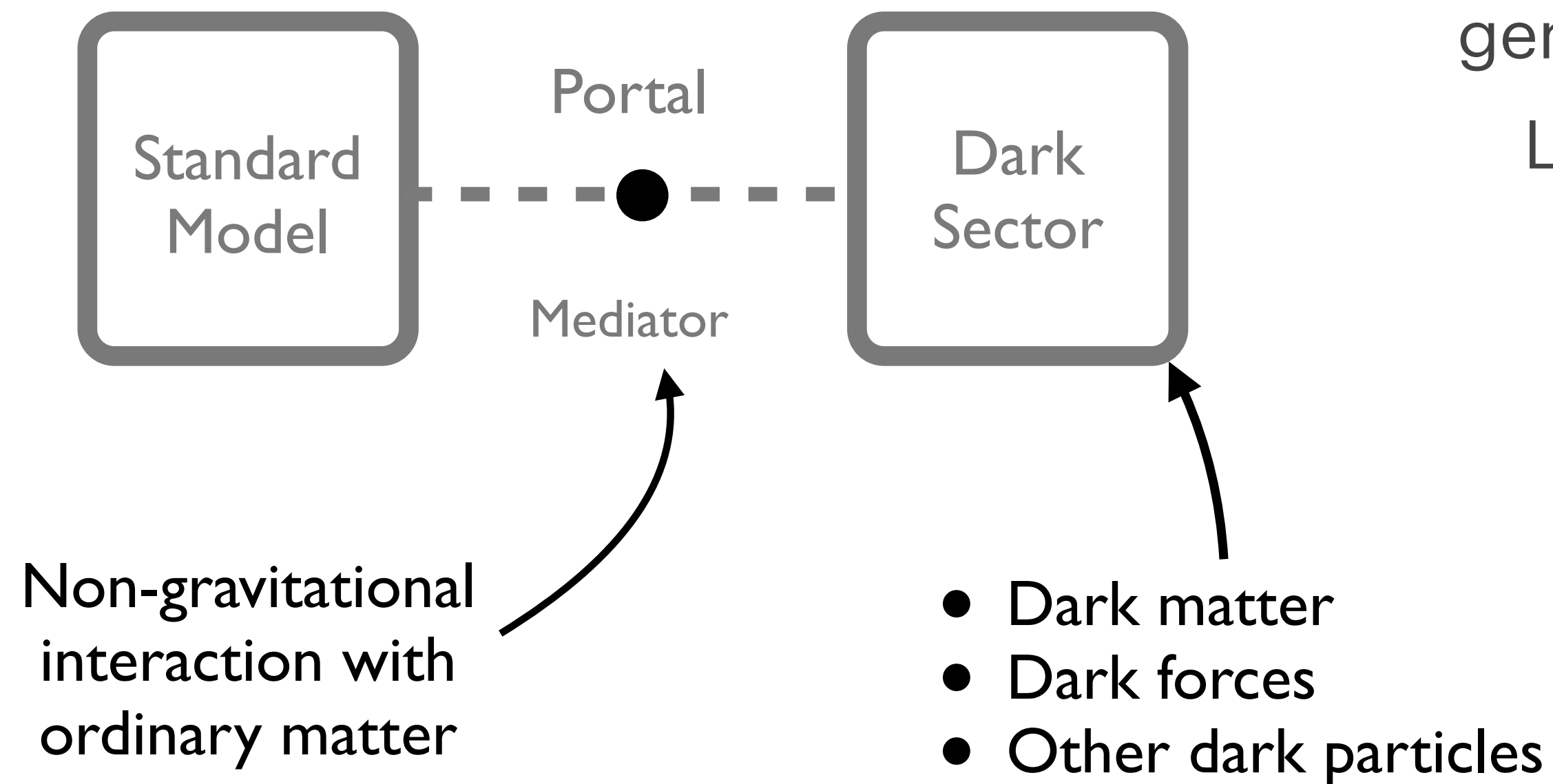
**Figure 4.** Differential branching ratio for  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow X_s \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ , and  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  in the SM and two NP benchmark scenarios, “benchmark general” using the derived EFT bounds (4.1) and (4.2) for  $b \rightarrow s \nu \bar{\nu}$  and  $b \rightarrow d \nu \bar{\nu}$ , respectively, and “benchmark LU” (3.1) together with the experimental limits from Tab. 2. See text for details.



# Hidden/Dark Sector

Light thermal DM interacting via weak interactions generically overproduced.

Lee-Weinberg bound evaded with new light mediators



**Collisions e.g.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X$**

*Fixed target, beam dumps*

**Decay e.g.  $B \rightarrow K \{a', S/H, A'\}$**

**Direct Detection e.g. DAMA/LIBRA**

- Vector portal
- Pseudoscalar/Axion portal
- Scalar/Higgs portal

$$\epsilon F_Y^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} \text{ (dark photon } A'), \sum_l \theta g' \bar{l} \gamma^\mu Z'_\mu l \text{ (dark } Z')$$

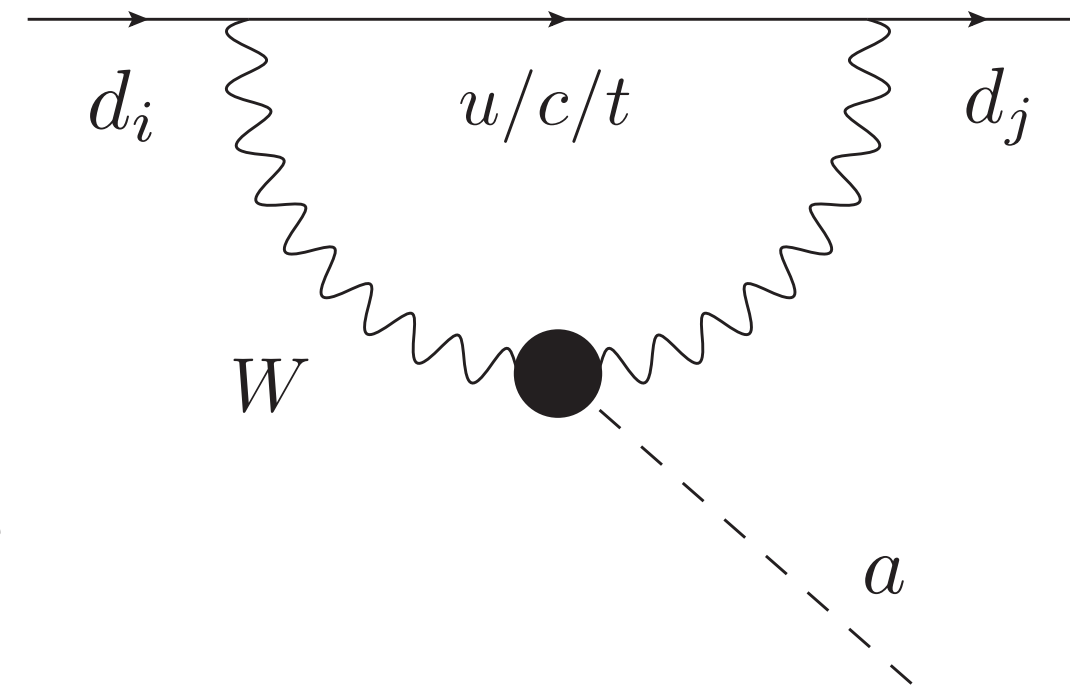
$$\frac{G_{agg}}{4} a G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{G_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \text{ (axion, alps)}$$

$$\lambda H^2 S^2 + \mu H^2 S \text{ (dark Higgs)}$$

# Axion like particles

- Axion-like particles produced in FCNC processes.
- Exploits coupling to W boson.

Izaguirre, Lin, Shuve “Search for Axionlike Particles in Flavor-Changing Neutral Current Processes” DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.111802



$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu a)^2 - \frac{1}{2} M_a^2 a^2 - \frac{g_{aW}}{4} a W_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{W}^{a\mu\nu},$$

$$g_{ad_i d_j} \equiv -\frac{3\sqrt{2}G_F M_W^2 g_{aW}}{16\pi^2} \sum_{\alpha \in c,t} V_{\alpha i} V_{\alpha j}^* f(M_a^2/M_W^2)$$

$$\Gamma(B \rightarrow Ka) = \frac{M_B^3}{64\pi} |g_{abs}|^2 \left(1 - \frac{M_K^2}{M_B^2}\right)^2 f_0^2(M_a^2) \lambda_{Ka}^{1/2},$$

$$\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^* a) = \frac{M_B^3}{64\pi} |g_{abs}|^2 A_0^2(M_a^2) \lambda_{K^*a}^{3/2},$$

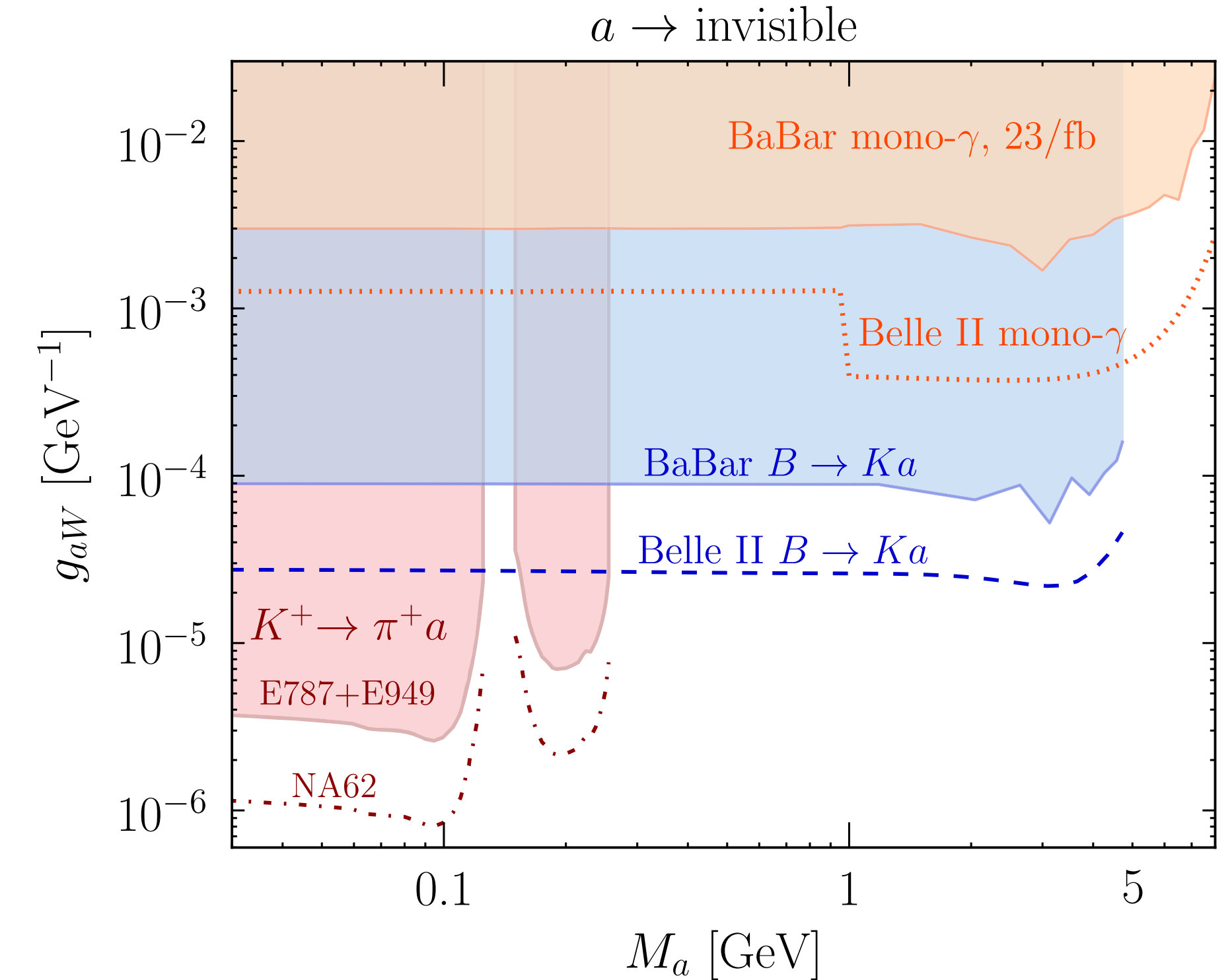
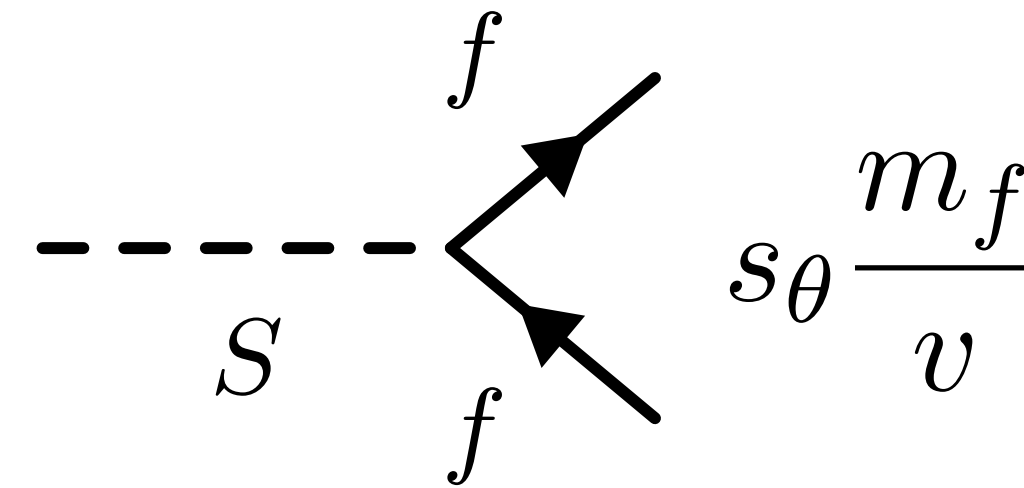


FIG. 3. Sensitivity of existing and planned searches to the ALP parameter space assuming the ALP decays invisibly. We apply a *BABAR* search for  $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$  to constrain the decay  $B \rightarrow Ka$  (shaded blue); this bound can be further improved with Belle II (dashed blue). Similarly, data from E787 and E949 are used to constrain  $K \rightarrow \pi a$  in two mass ranges (shaded red), with expected improvements from NA62 (dot-dashed red). We show bounds on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow a\gamma$  from a *BABAR* mono- $\gamma$  search (shaded orange) and the estimated reach for the same search at Belle II (dotted).

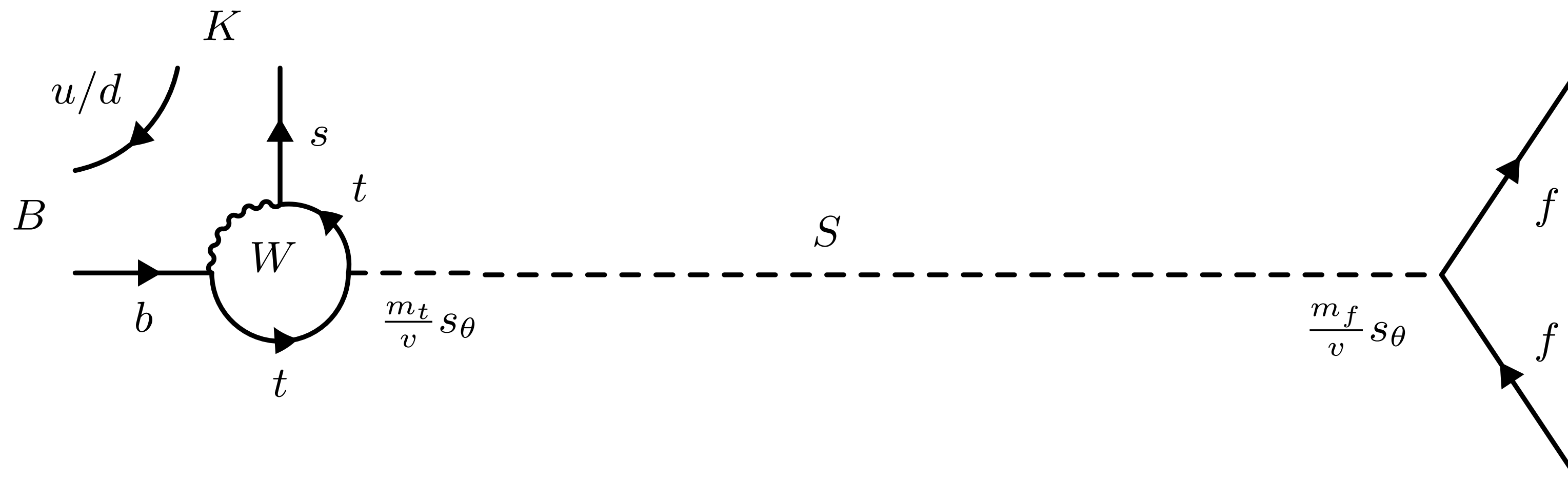


# Hidden Higgs-like Scalars

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} &= -\frac{m_\phi^2}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{m_{H_{\text{SM}}}^2}{2}H_{\text{SM}}^2 - \mu v H_{\text{SM}}\phi \\ &= -\frac{m_h^2}{2}h^2 - \frac{m_S^2}{2}S^2\end{aligned}$$

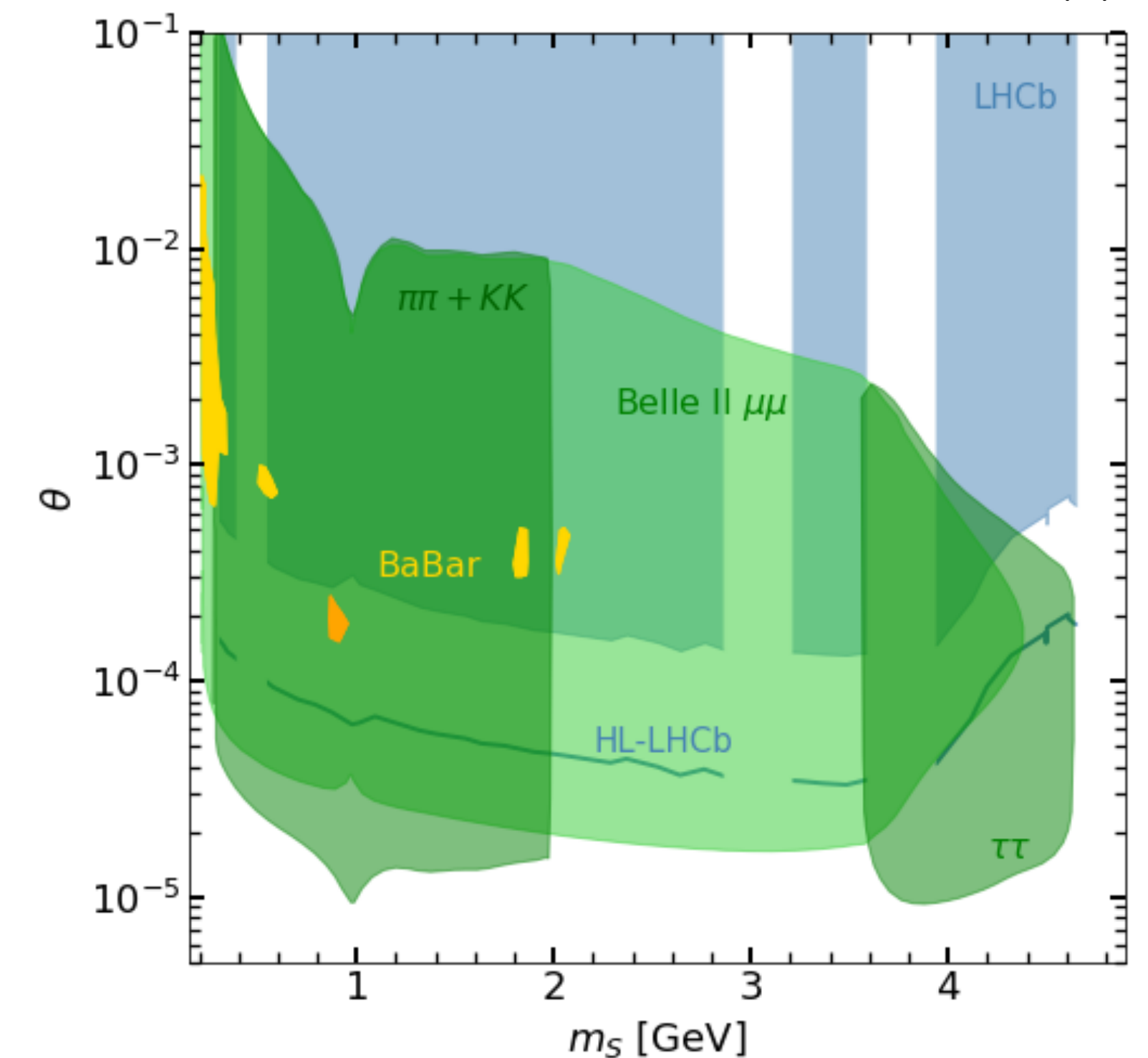


Small coupling = small  
width = long lifetimes



Long lived - Higgs-like scalar  
A. Filimonova, et al. PRD 101, 095006 (2020)

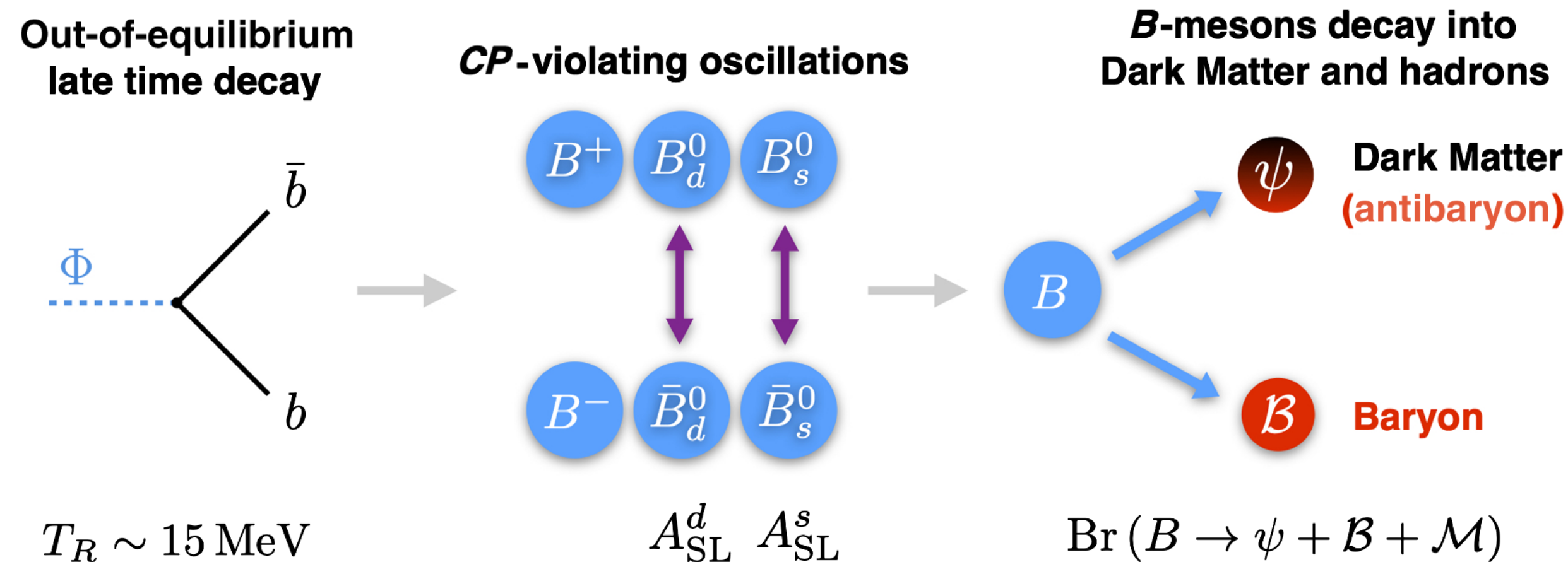
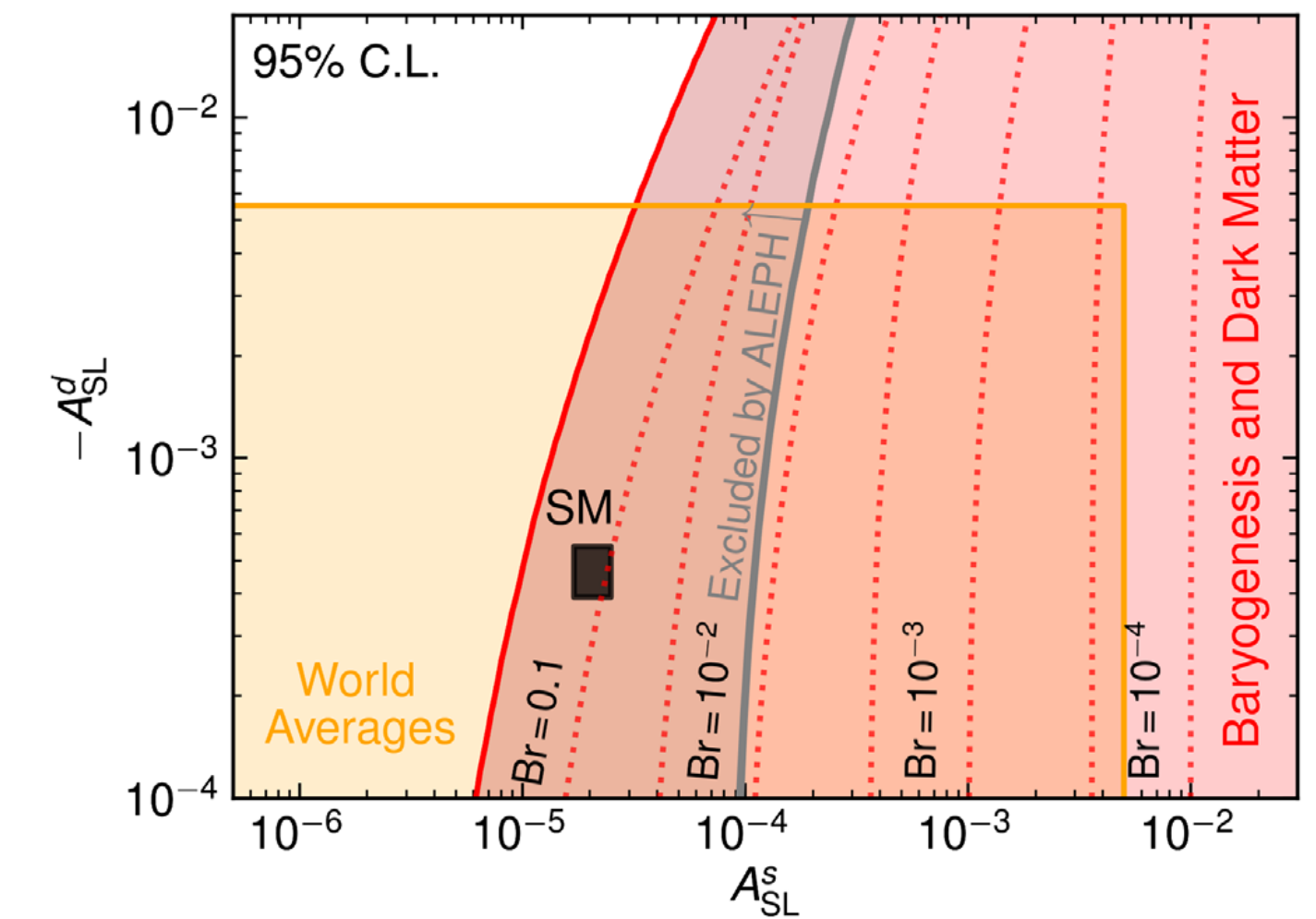
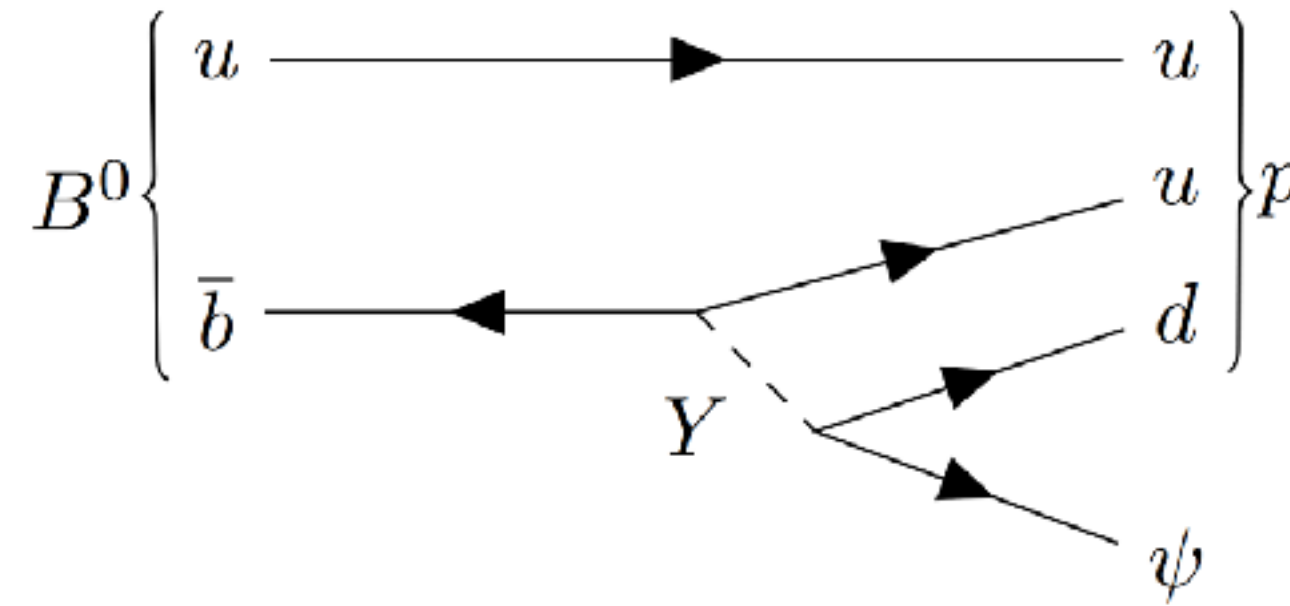
95% C.L. bounds from  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ S(\mu\mu)$



# B-meson baryogenesis

Alonso-Álvarez, Elor, Escudero “Collider Signals of Baryogenesis and Dark Matter from B Mesons: A Roadmap to Discovery”  
DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.104.035028

- “B-mesogenesis” scenario: Dark matter carries baryon number
- Produce visible baryon asymmetry while preserving total baryon number in universe



$$Y_B \simeq 8.7 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \psi \mathcal{B} \mathcal{M})}{10^{-3}} \sum_q \alpha_q \frac{A_{\text{SL}}^q}{10^{-3}},$$

FIG. 3. Contour lines for the minimum  $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \psi \mathcal{B} \mathcal{M})$  required for baryogenesis and dark matter generation as a function of the semileptonic asymmetries in  $B_q^0$ -meson decays,  $A_{\text{SL}}^q$ . In red, we show the relevant parameter space in which baryogenesis can successfully occur. The dashed lines delineate the cosmological uncertainties of our predictions (see text for more details). The black rectangle corresponds to the SM prediction for the semileptonic asymmetries [66], while the orange contour corresponds to the current world averages for experimental measurements of these quantities [64]. The gray line highlights the region of parameter space corresponding to  $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \psi \mathcal{B} \mathcal{M}) > 0.5\%$ , which is disfavored by an ALEPH search as discussed in Sec. IVA 2. All contours are shown at 95% C.L. This figure showcases that, given current measurements of the semileptonic asymmetries, a branching ratio  $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \psi \mathcal{B} \mathcal{M}) \gtrsim 10^{-4}$  is required for successful baryogenesis. Similarly, in light of the ALEPH constraint,  $A_{\text{SL}}^q > 10^{-4}$  is necessary in order to explain the observed baryon asymmetry of the Universe.





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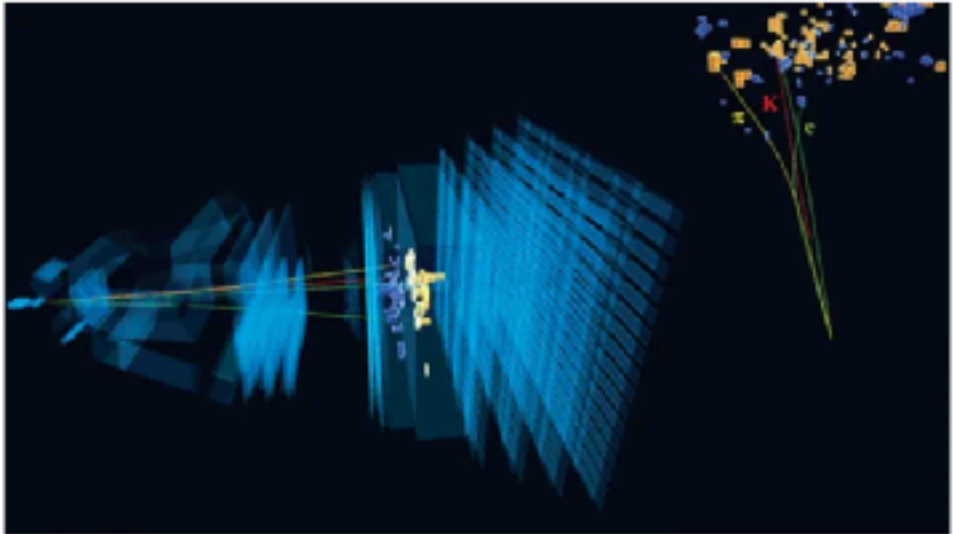
# Experimental requirements for missing energy B decays

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## Unexplained Results Intrigue Physicists at World's Largest Particle Collider

Muons and electrons might not experience the same fundamental interactions, contrary to Standard Model predictions

By Daniel Garisto on March 25, 2021



Visualization of the very rare decay of a beauty meson as observed by the LHCb experiment. Credit: CERN

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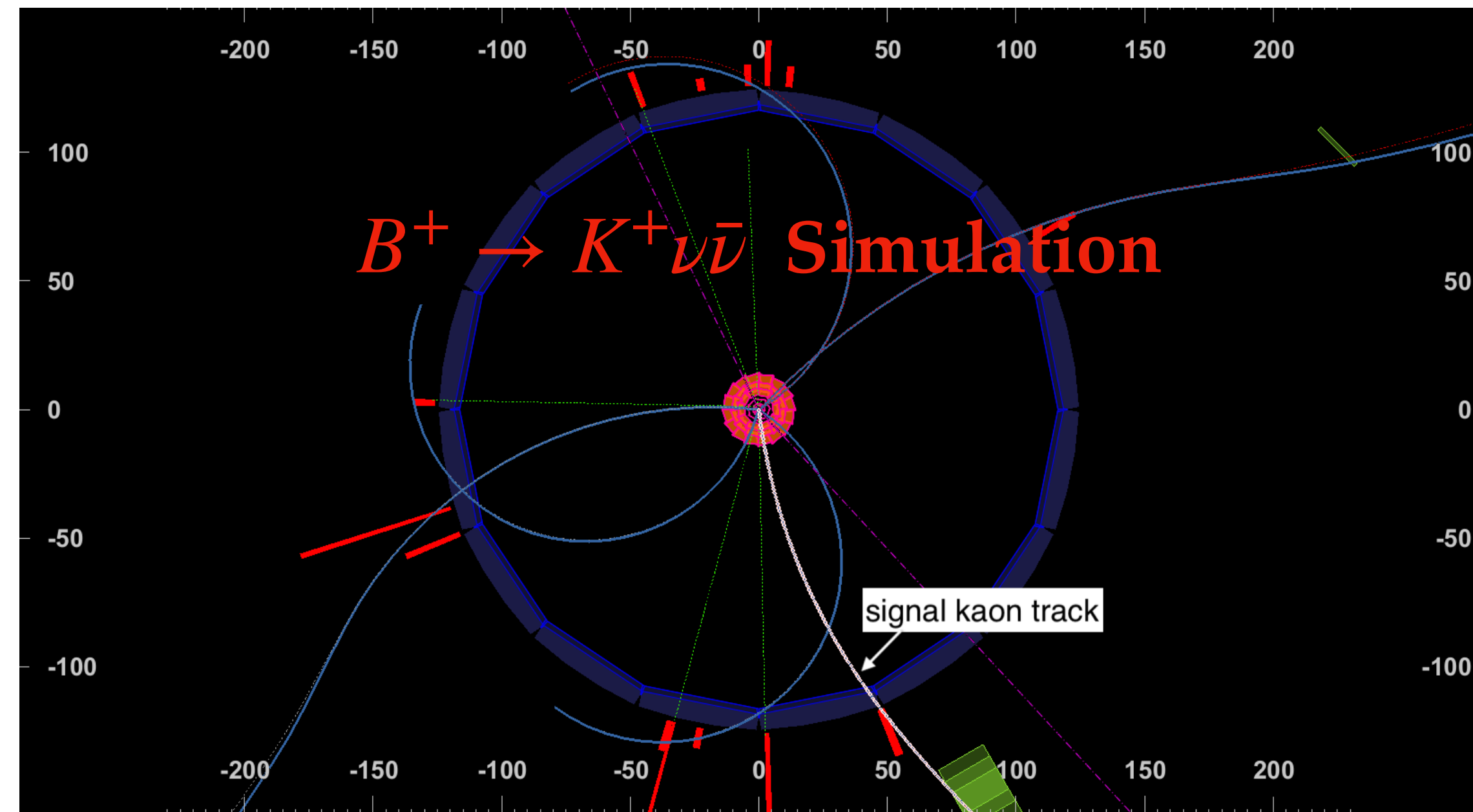


# Key ingredients

- 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

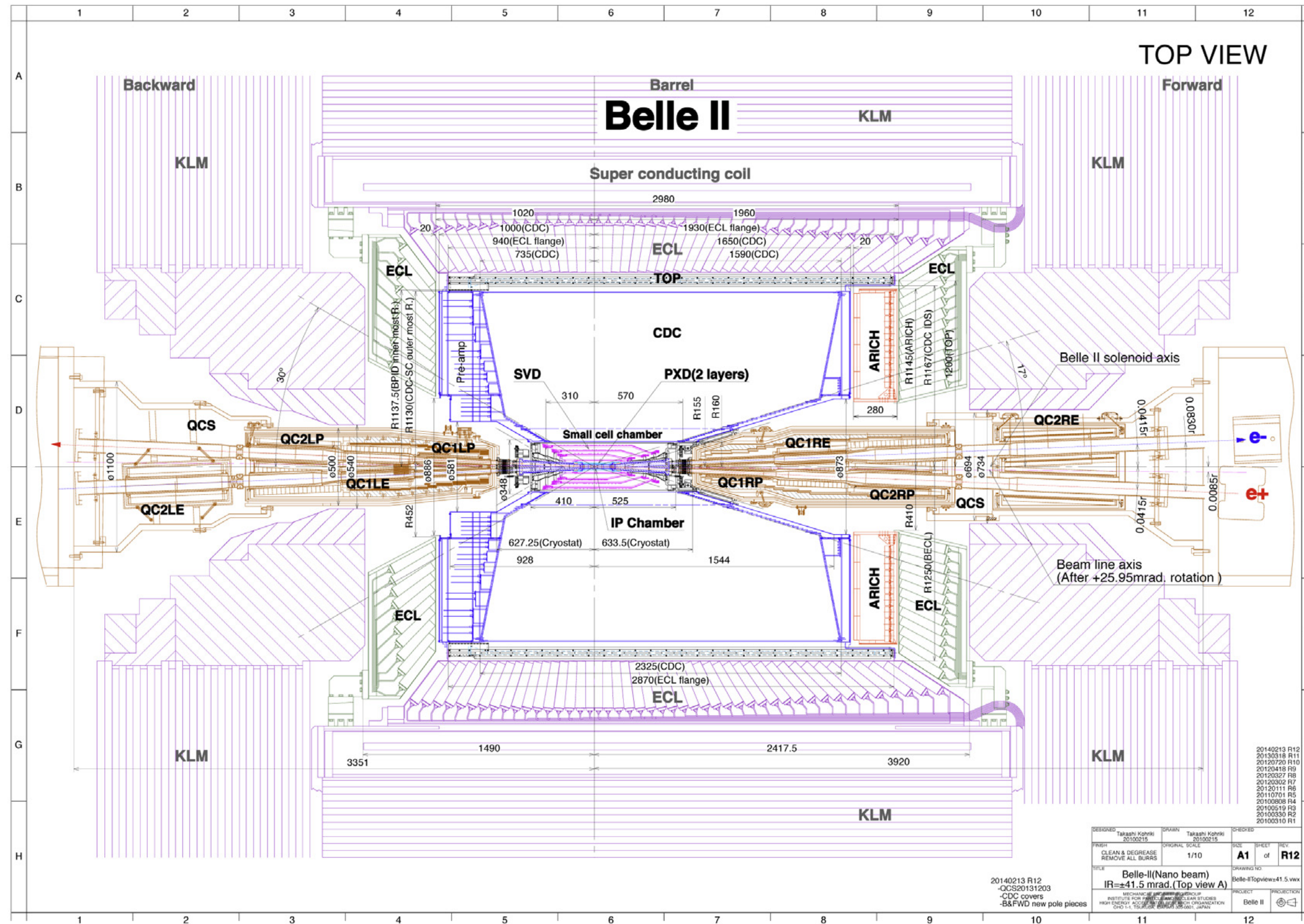
- B-reconstruction: vertexing/tracking
- Good MC modelling (include rare backgrounds)

## Challenges of channels with invisible particles

- Understanding of the neutral objects  
( $\pi^0$ ,  $K_L$ ,  $K_S$ ,  $n$ ,  $\gamma$ )
- Reconstruction approach



# Detector coverage



## BELLE C&I ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER

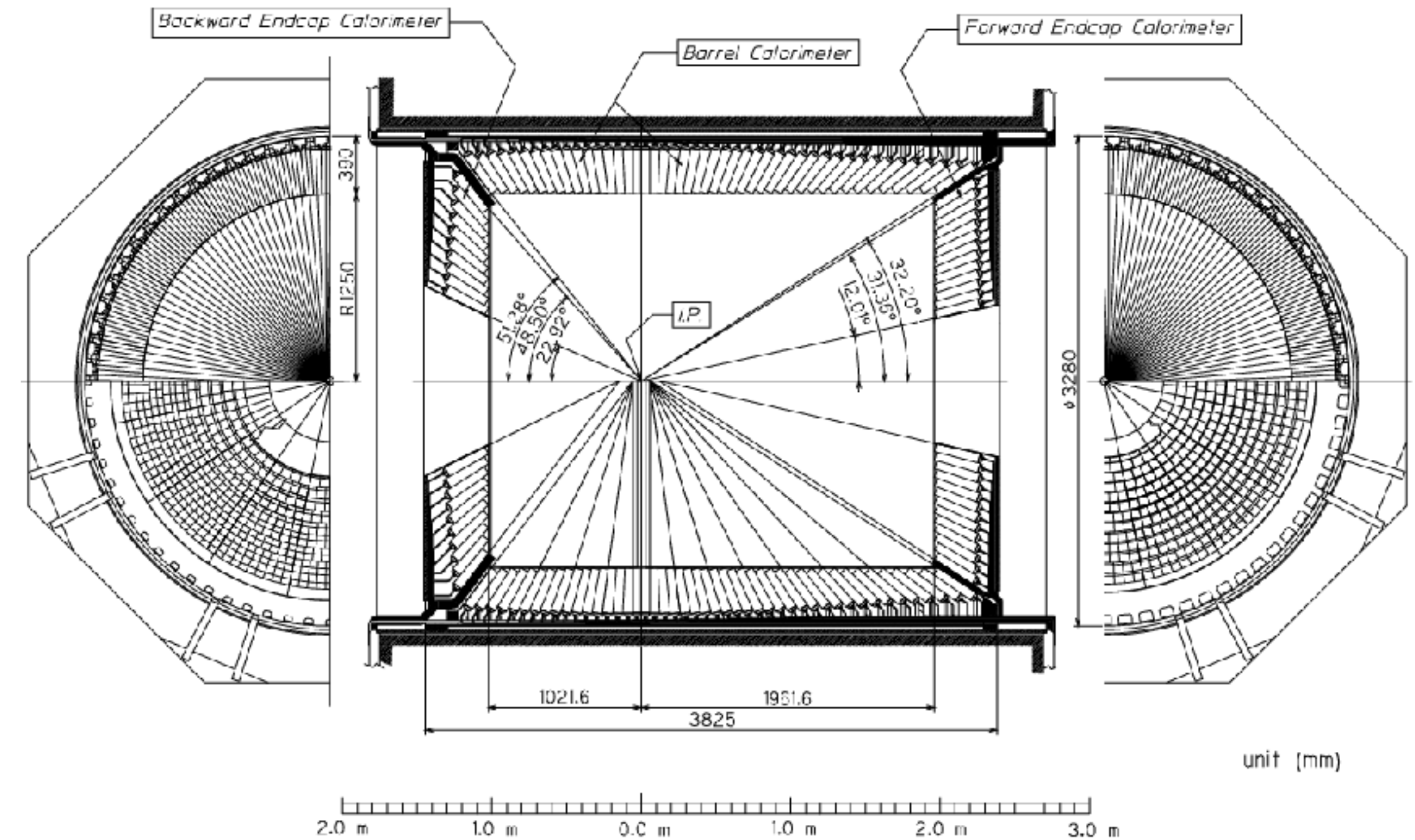


Fig. 69. Overall configuration of ECL.

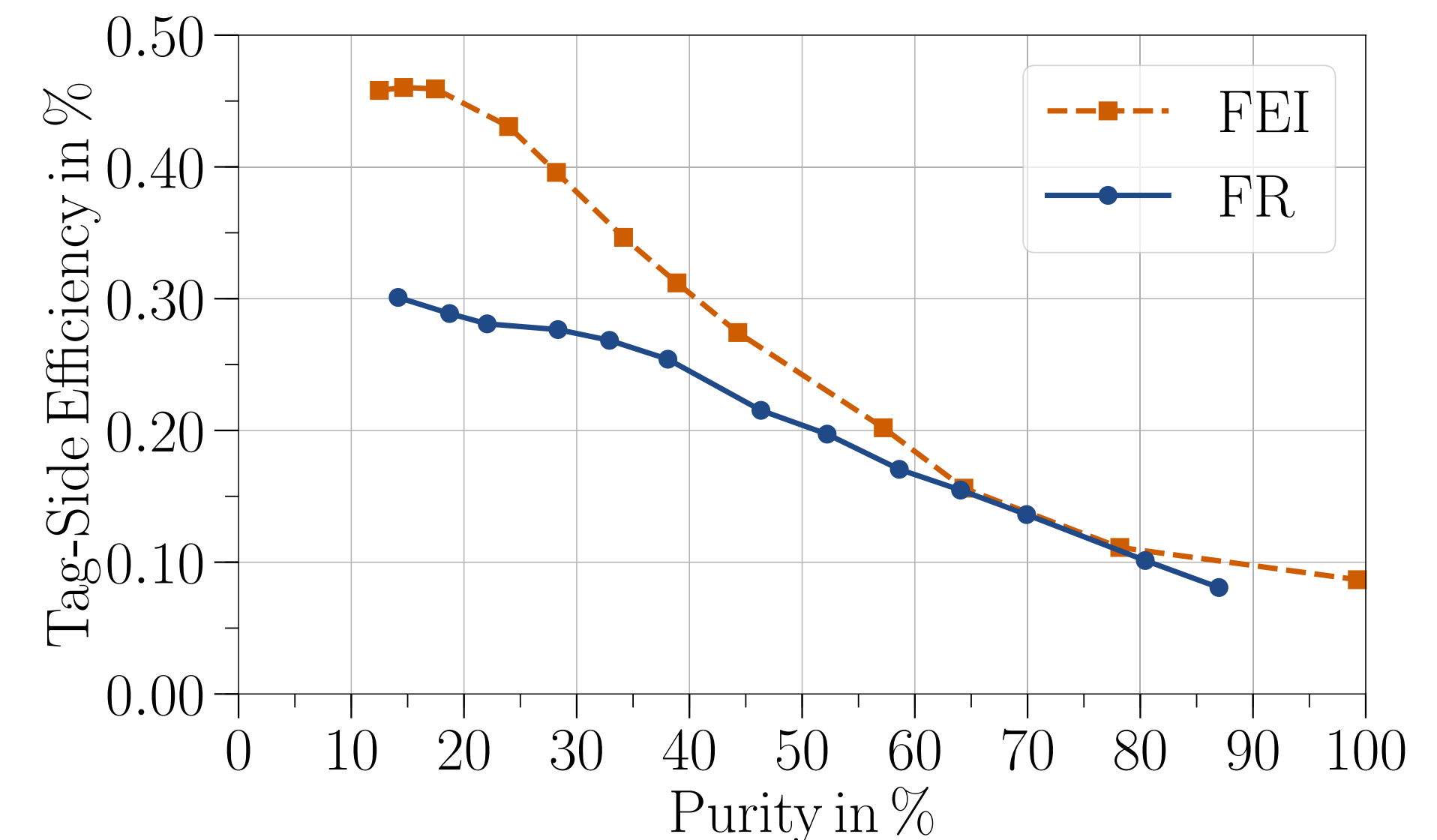
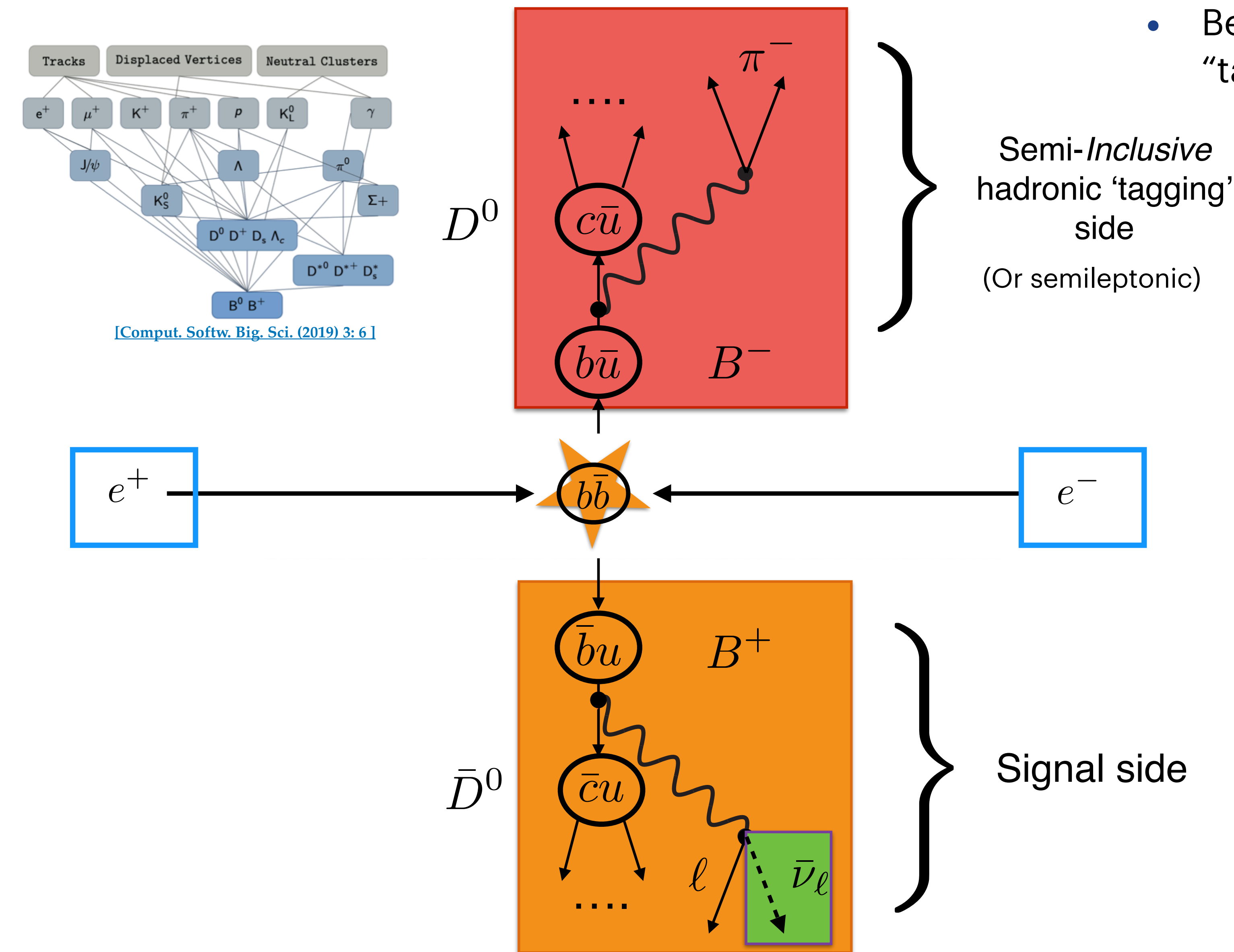


# Reconstructing decays with neutrinos

- Belle (II) analyses use semileptonic and hadronic “tagging” for flavour, charge, kinematics.

- e.g.  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$

$$\left( p_{e^+e^-} - p_{\text{tag}}^B - p^{D^*} - p_\ell \right)^2 = (p_\nu)^2 = m_{\text{miss}}^2 \sim 0$$



T. Keck, PU et al (Belle II software) Comput Softw Big Sci 3:6. (2019)



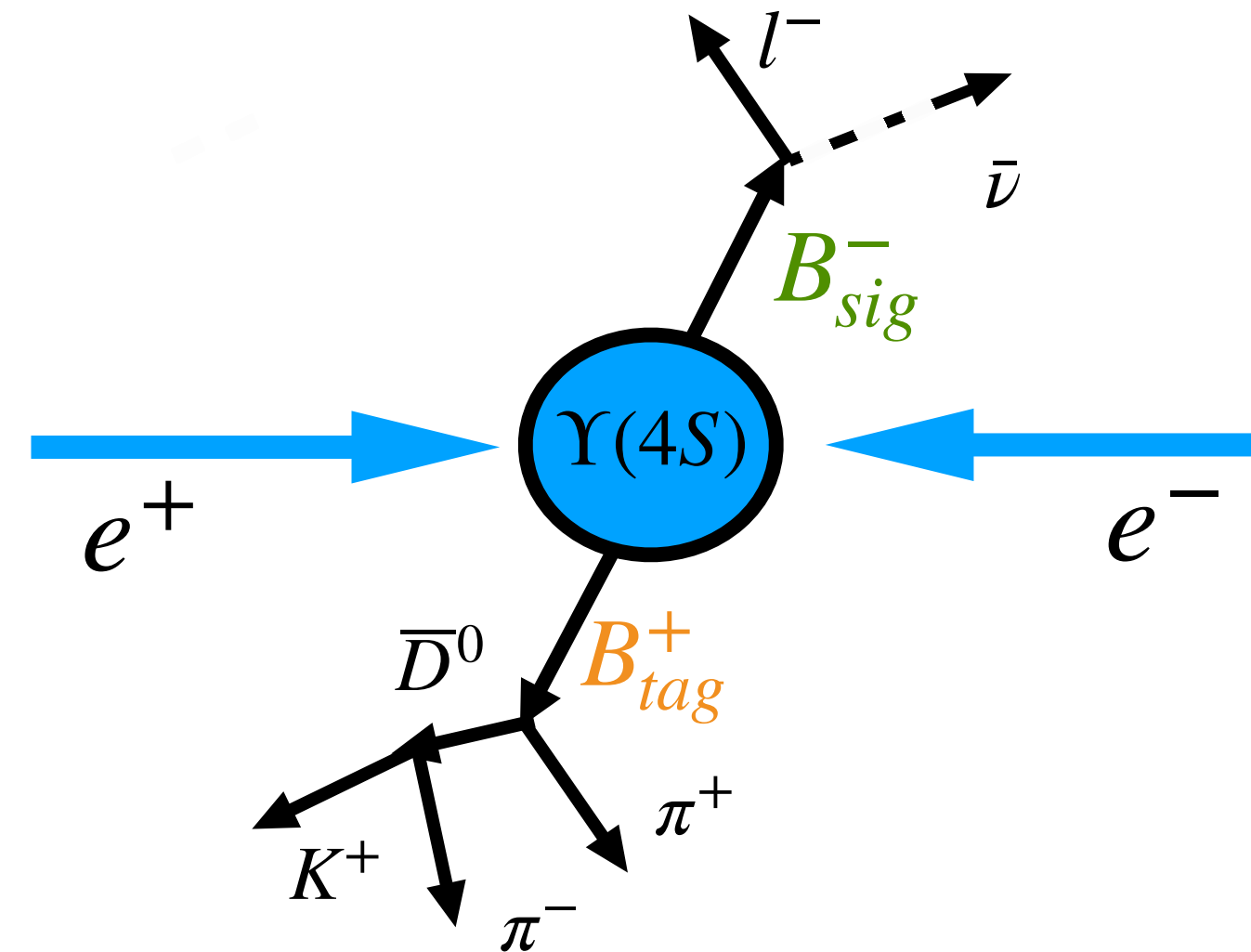
# Comparison of tagging approaches

## Tagged Approach:

1. step:  $B_{tag}^+$  reconstruction in its semileptonic (SL) or hadronic (HAD) decay chain

2. step:  $B_{sig}^-$  reconstruction

- o Flavour constraint:  $B_{tag}^+ \rightarrow B_{sig}^-$
- o Kinematically constrained system with hadronic  $B_{tag}^+$ :  $\vec{p}_{\bar{\nu}} + \vec{p}_{l^-} = \vec{p}_{e^+e^-} - \vec{p}_{B_{tag}^-}$



Rare B-decay with missing energy



## Inclusive Tagging Approach:

1. step:  $B_{sig}^-$  reconstruction

2. step: Constrain the rest of the event

## Inclusive Tagging Approach:

- ☒ Higher signal efficiency
- ☐ Lower intrinsic background rejection
- ☐ Worse resolution → binned fits

## Tagged Approach:

- ☒ Higher intrinsic background rejection
- ☒ Better resolution → analytical fits
- ☐ Lower signal efficiency (<1%)
- ☐ Systematics ( $B_{tag}^+$ )

# Neutral particles

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

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

- $\gamma$  = 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  $\pi^0$  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  $\pi^0, K_S$  : need to have high reconstruction efficiency and good resolution

## ROE / Tagged Reconstruction

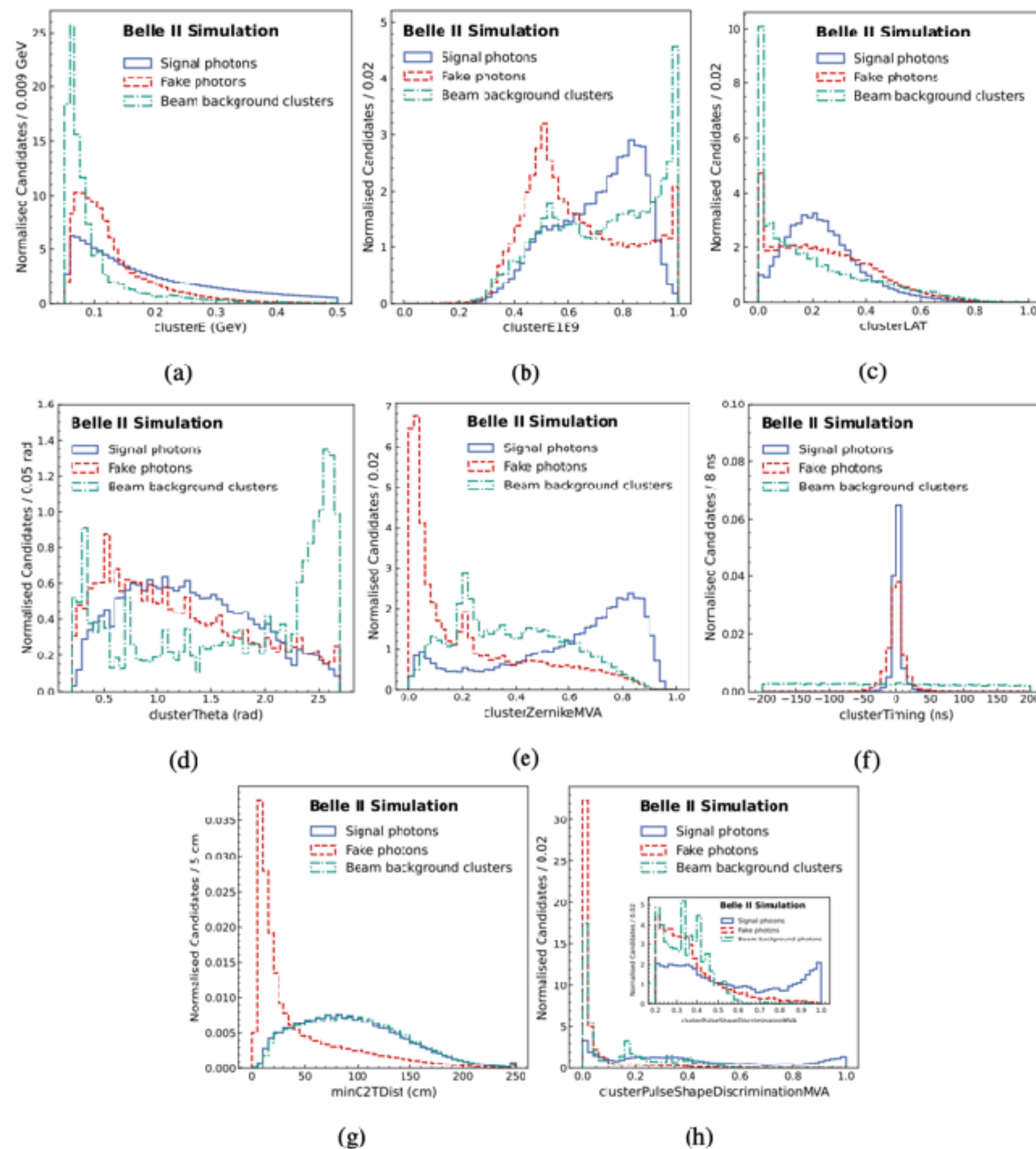
- Missing energy related variables (all particles that are not associated to signal / and  $B_{tag}$ ) often used as discriminating variables / fitting variables
- If  $K_L, n$ 's do not interact with atomic nuclei in ECL and KLM, potential fakes for invisible particles



# Extra energy

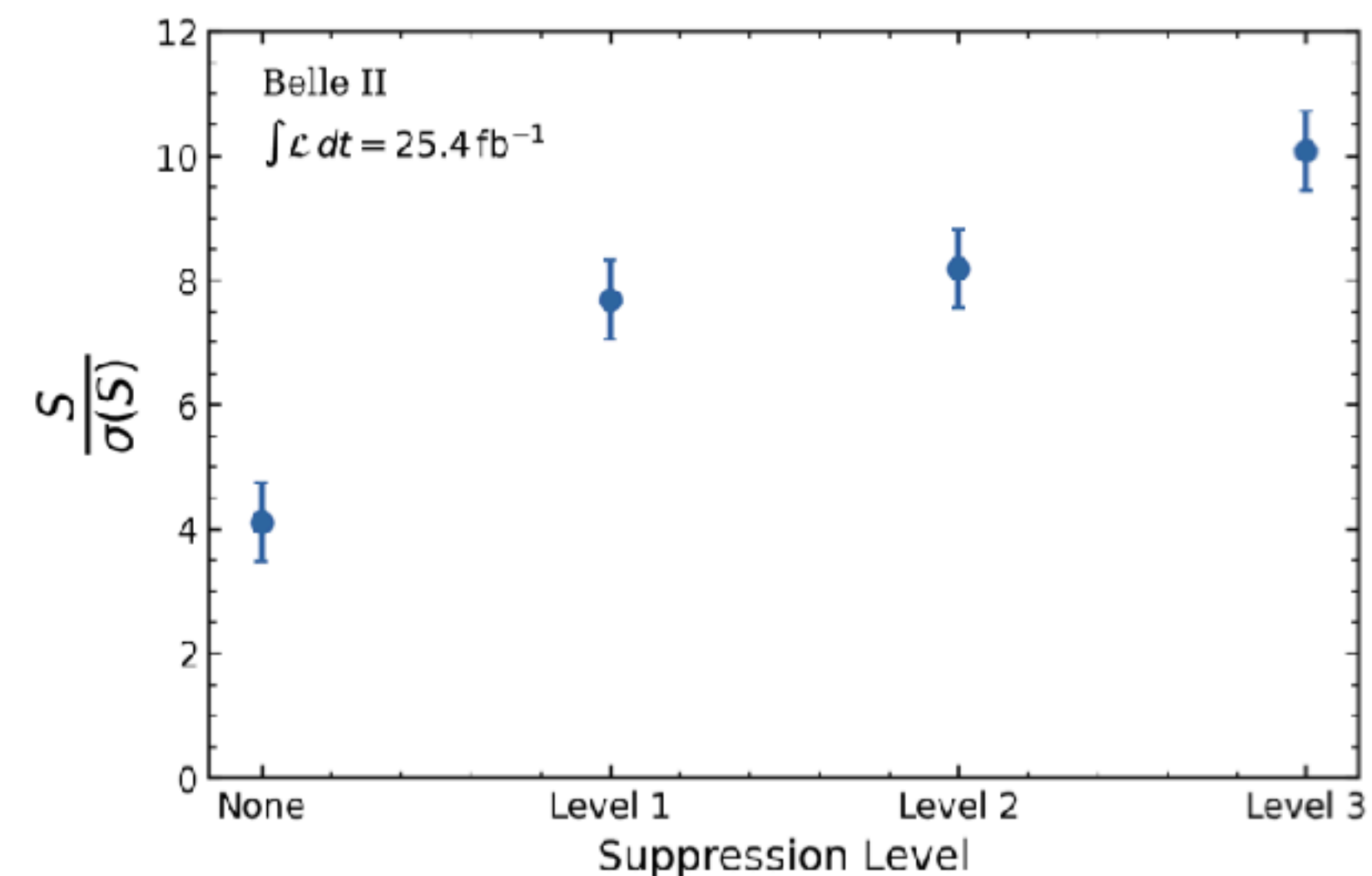
Identification of Beam Background Calorimeter Clusters and Fake Photons at Belle II Using BDT Classifiers  
P. Cheem et al, BELLE2-NOTE-TE-2022-015

- Need good ECL energy sum that is not diluted by beam background and hadronic split offs.



**Figure 1.** Distributions of the features for signal photons, fake photons and beam background clusters. All distributions are normalised to 1. An inset for *clusterPulseShapeDiscriminationMVA* is provided to show the distributions in the tail region [0.2, 1].

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

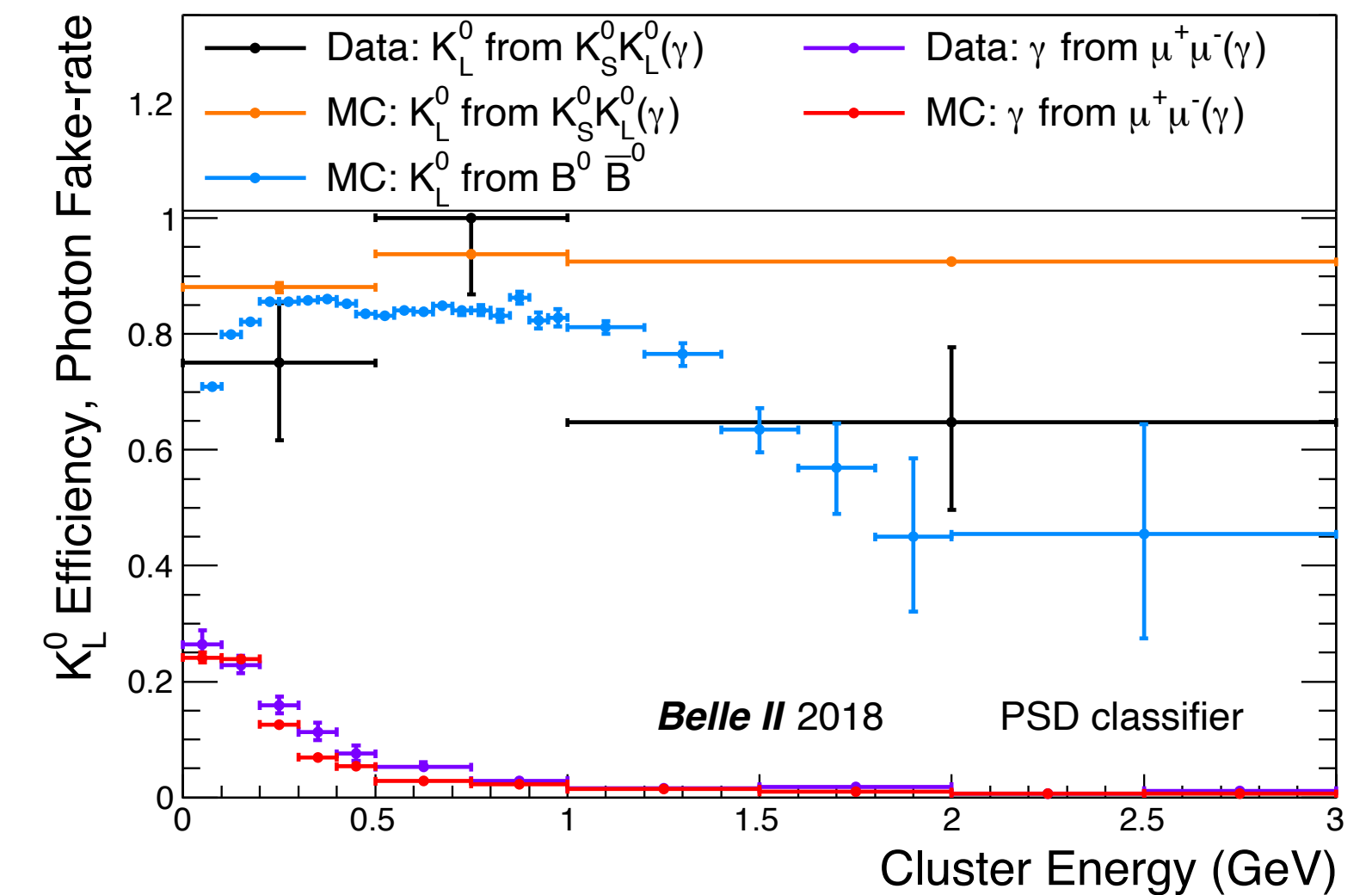
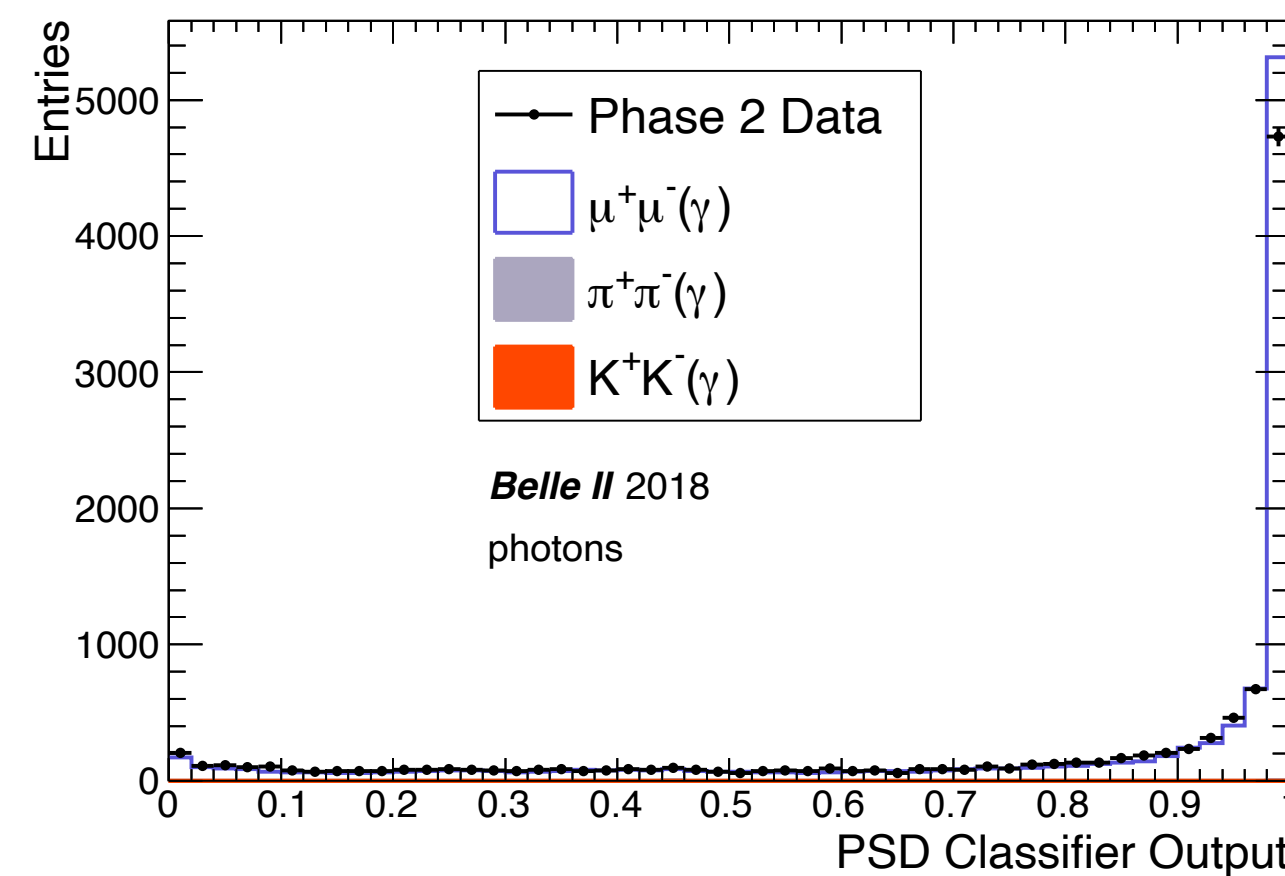
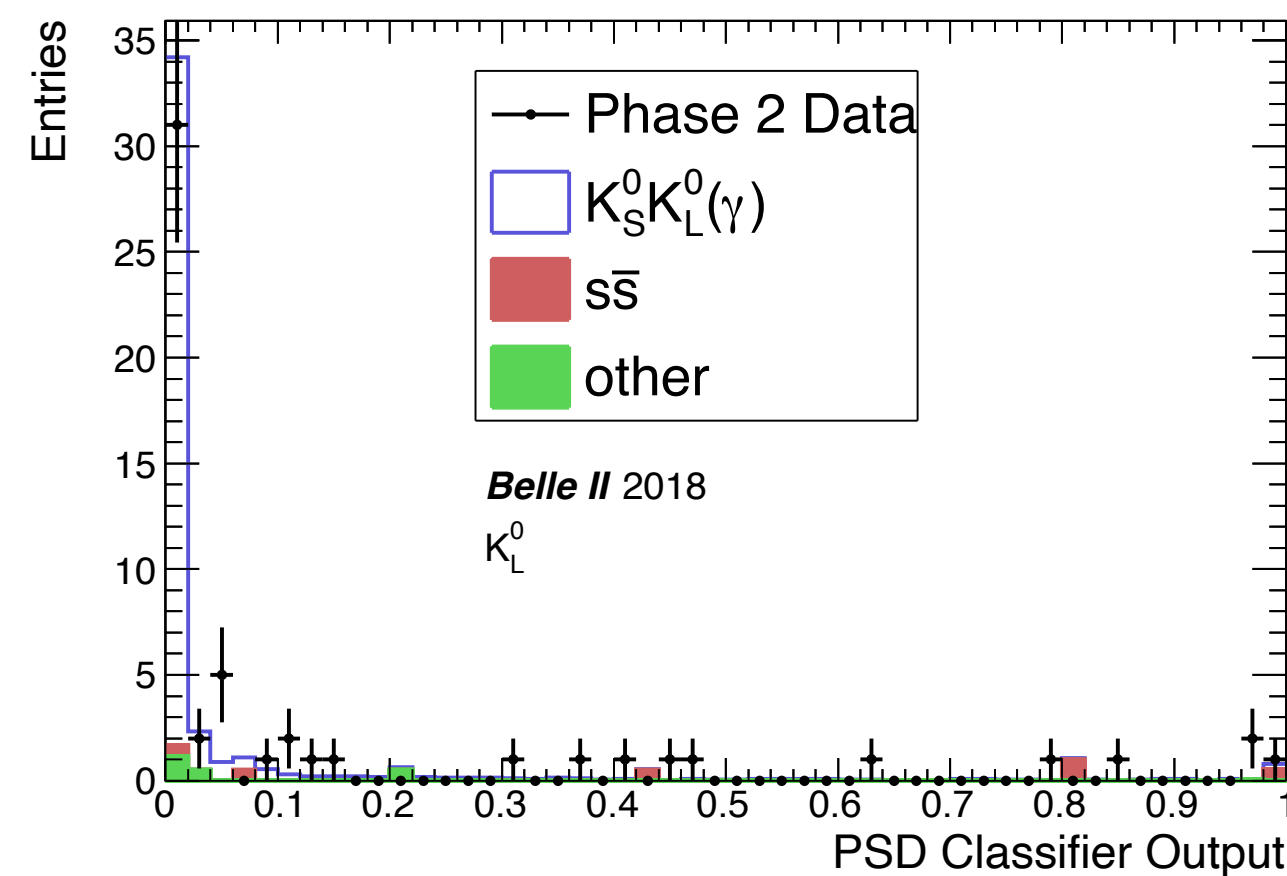
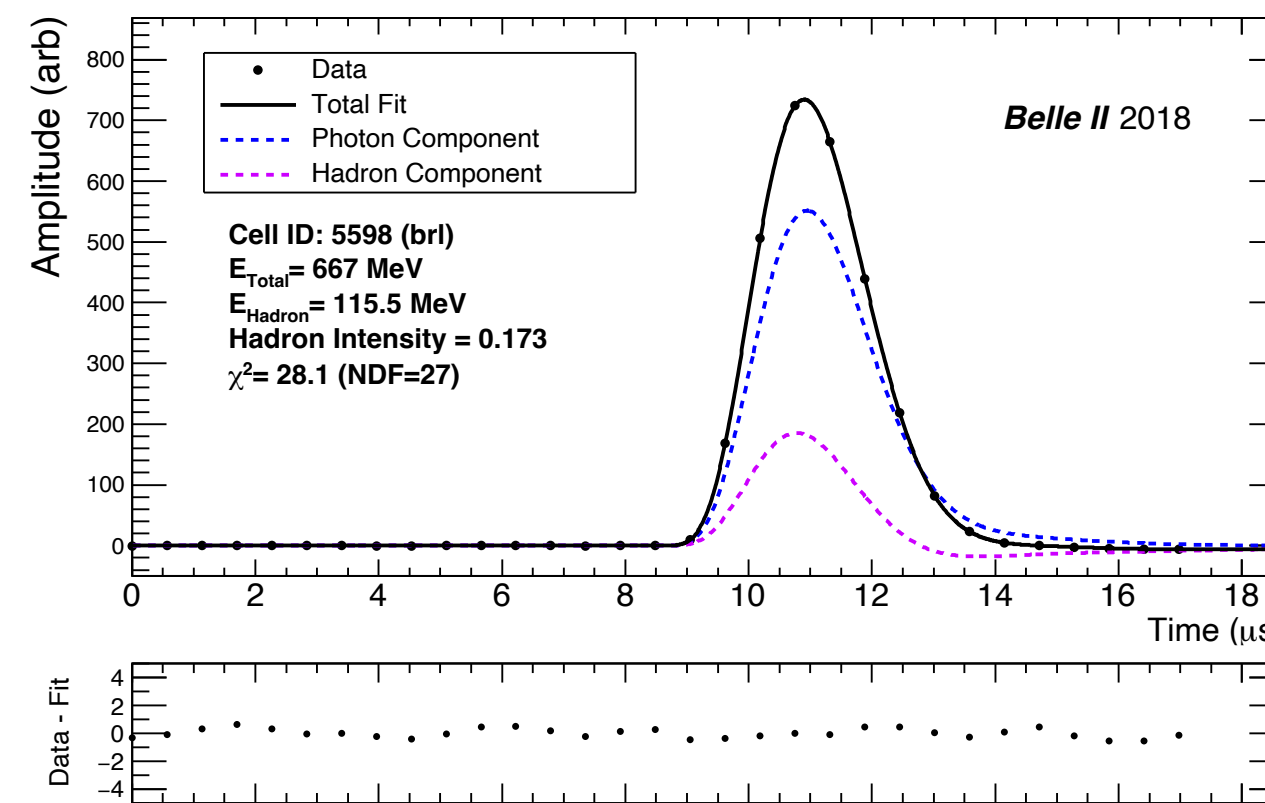
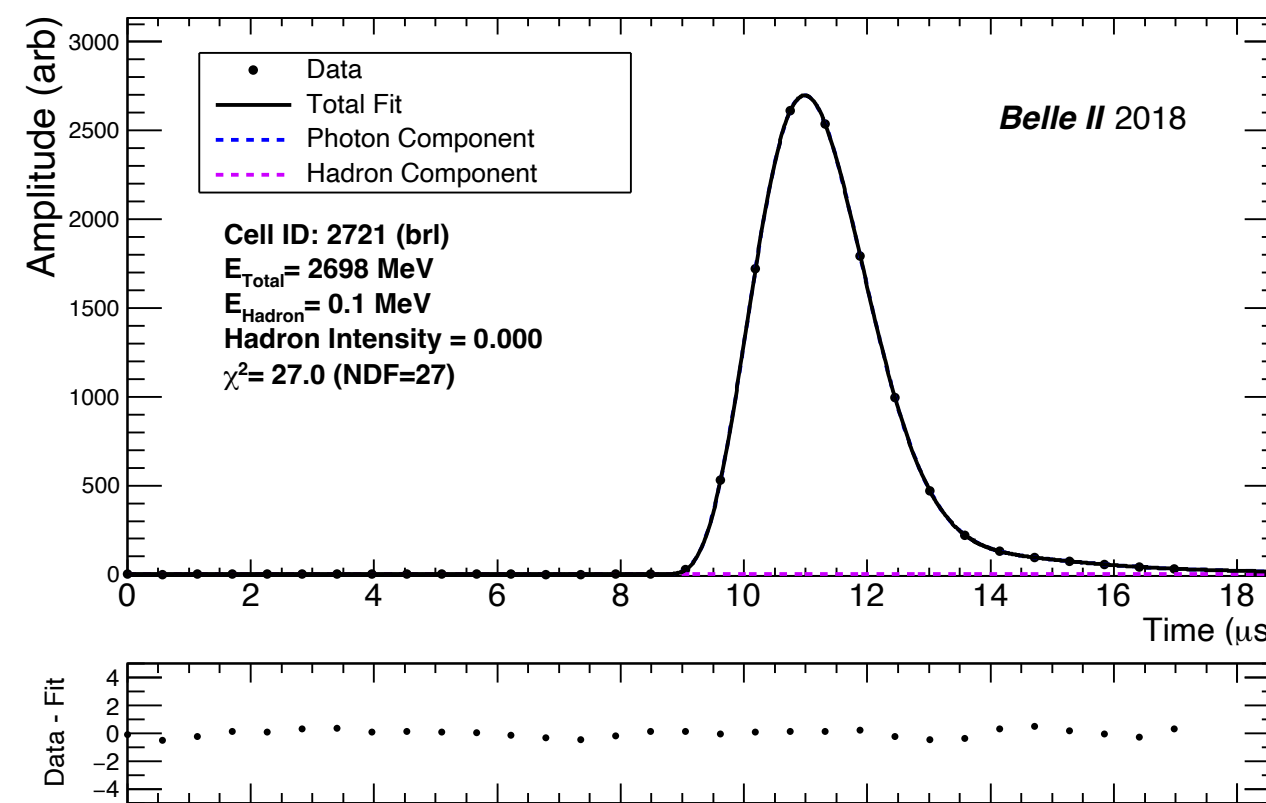


**Figure 9.**  $S/\sigma(S)$  for 4 different suppression levels: no suppression applied and beam background classifier  $> 0.6$  combined with either fake photon classifier  $> 0.3$  (Level 1), fake photon classifier  $> 0.5$  (Level 2), and fake photon classifier  $> 0.7$  (Level 3)

# CsI(Tl) Pulse Shape Discrimination

S. Longo (Belle II ECL Group)  
Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A 982 (2020)  
164562

- Controlling KL yield may be crucial - a Belle II technique is PSD.







$B \rightarrow h \nu \nu$

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PARTICLE PHYSICS

# Hint of Crack in Standard Model Vanishes in LHC Data

A discrepancy in the measurement of a type of particle decay had raised hopes of new physics

By Davide Castelvecchi, Nature magazine on December 22, 2022 [أعرض هذا باللغة العربية](#)



# Tagged analysis procedure (Belle)

- Begin with either a semileptonic or hadronic tag side.

- Reconstruct one light meson:  $K^+$ ,  $K_S^0$ ,  $K^{*+}$ ,  $K^{*0}$ ,  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^0$ ,  $\rho^+$ ,  $\rho^0$ .  
Invariant mass window of  $K^*$  &  $\rho$  optimized via  $N_S/\sqrt{N_S + N_B}$ .
- No additional charged tracks or  $\pi^0$  candidates left in the event.
- Veto events with reconstructed  $K_L$  candidates.
- Suppress  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  background with a neural network using topological variables.

Extract the signal yield by fitting the  
Extra Energy in the Calorimeter:

*Sum of energies of neutral clusters not  
associated with reconstructed particles*

$$E_{ECL} = \sum E_{\text{Calor.}} - (\sum E_{\text{tag}} + \sum E_{\text{sig}})$$

Train a NN to separate signal  
from background:

- Optimize a cut on the network output by maximizing a Punzi-FoM:  
 $\varepsilon / \left( \frac{n_\sigma}{2} + \sqrt{B} \right)$

- In Belle SL tag analysis

Charm  $B$  decay &  $q\bar{q}$  background  
for  $K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  in  $E_{ECL} \in (0, 1.2)$  GeV.

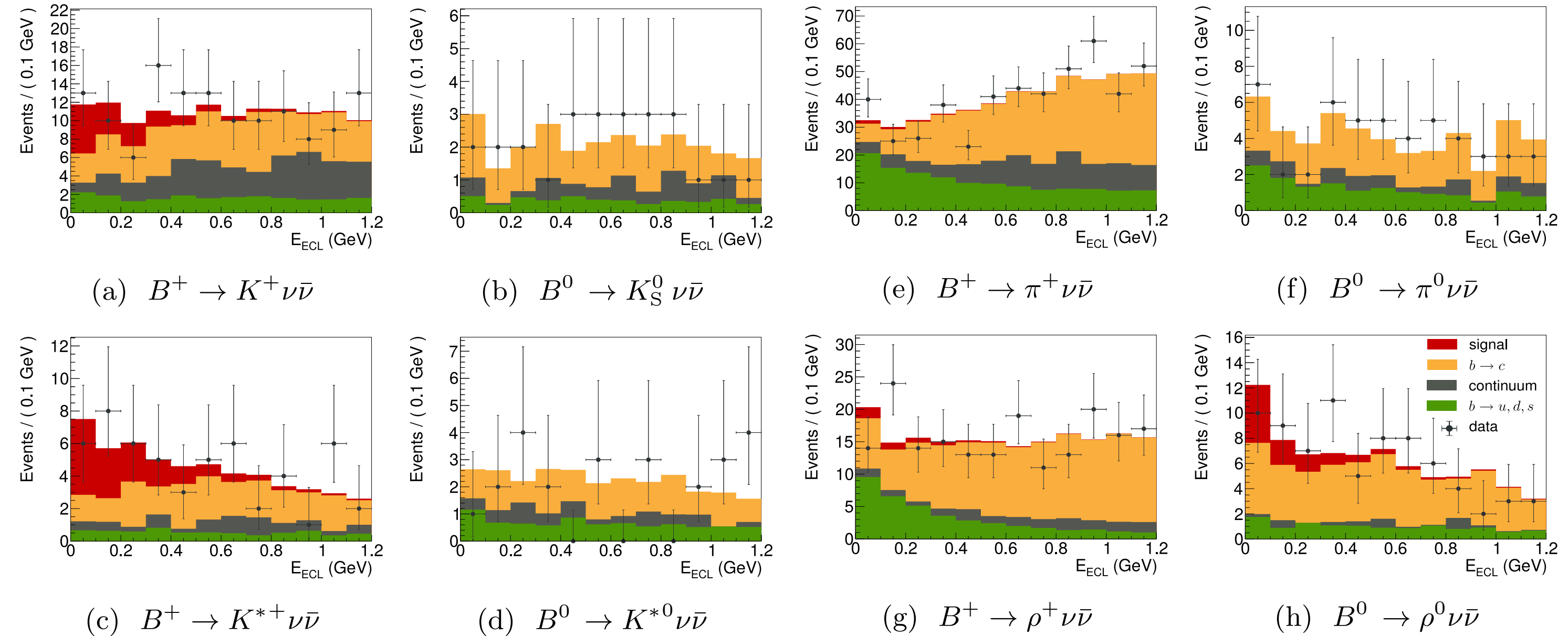
	contribution in %
continuum	22.6
2 leptons missing	15.3
$K_L$ s and lepton missing	6.5
lepton and hadrons missing	24.1
2 charged hadrons missing	1.7
wrong $B$ type	3.8
hadronic, $K_L$ missing	24.1
hadronic $\pi^0$ missing	1.0
no match	0.0
other	1.0



# Belle SL tag analysis

Belle Collaboration • J. Grygier et al.  
Phys.Rev.D 96 (2017) 9, 091101,  
Phys.Rev.D 97 (2018) 9, 099902 (addendum)

- Histogram templates to model signal and bkgds from **charm  $B$  decay**, charmless  $B$  decay, and **continuum**.
- Relative fractions of the background components fixed to MC expectations.
- Signal and overall background yield allowed to vary.



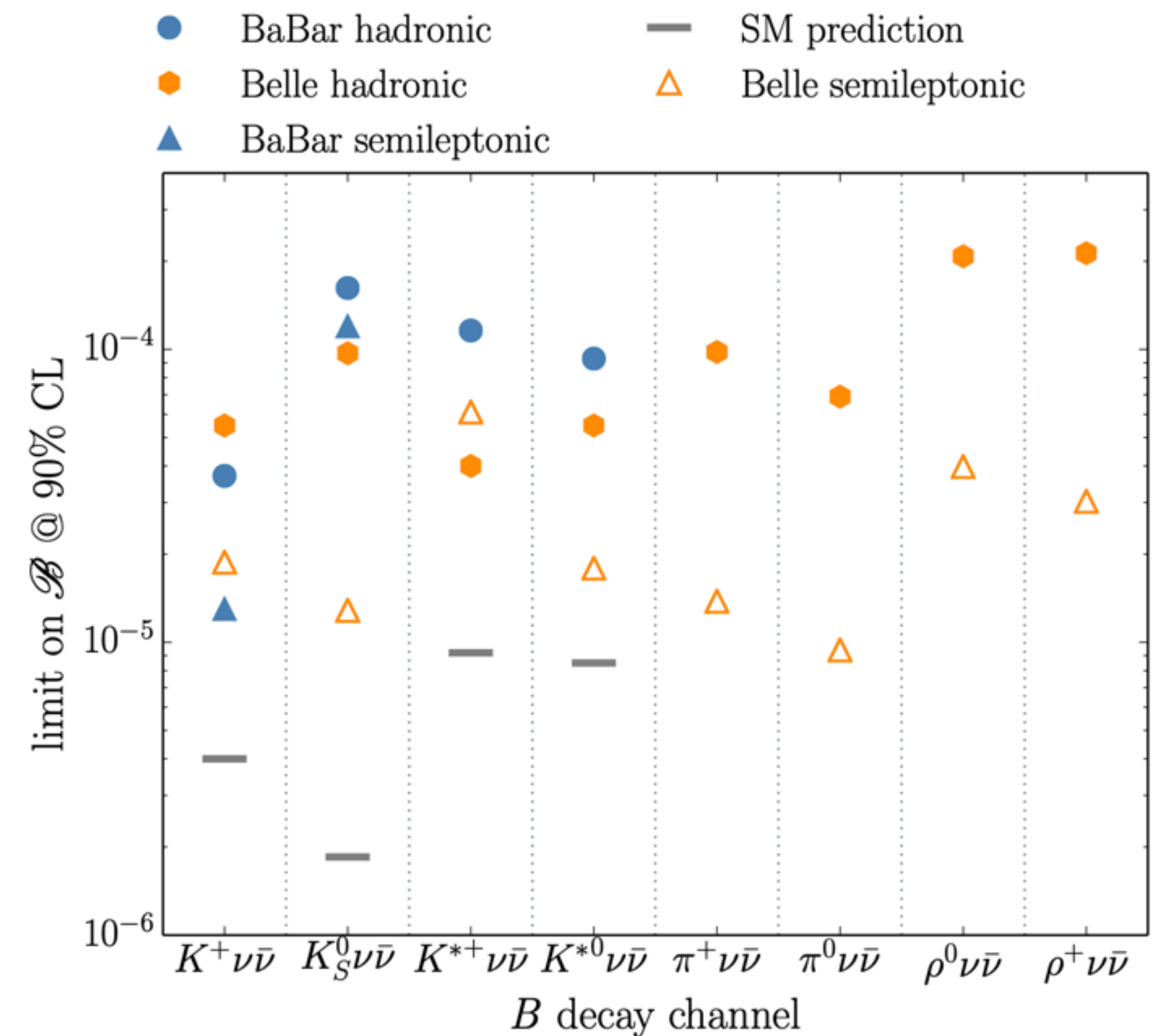
Channel	Observed signal yield	Significance
$K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$17.7 \pm 9.1 \pm 3.4$	$1.9 \sigma$
$K_S^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$0.6 \pm 4.2 \pm 1.4$	$0.0 \sigma$
$K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$	$16.2 \pm 7.4 \pm 1.8$	$2.3 \sigma$
$K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$	$-2.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 1.8$	$0.0 \sigma$
$\pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$5.6 \pm 15.1 \pm 5.9$	$0.0 \sigma$
$\pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$0.2 \pm 5.6 \pm 1.6$	$0.0 \sigma$
$\rho^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$6.2 \pm 12.3 \pm 2.4$	$0.3 \sigma$
$\rho^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$11.9 \pm 9.0 \pm 3.6$	$1.2 \sigma$

Based on the values and theoretical uncertainties from Ref. [2], we also give a limit on the ratios between the measured branching fractions of  $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$  and of  $B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}$  and the respective SM prediction  $\mathcal{R}_{K^*}$ . We obtain values of  $\mathcal{R}_K < 3.9$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{K^*} < 2.7$ , respectively, where we included the theoretical uncertainty. Both values are quoted at 90 % C.L.

# Systematic uncertainties

	$K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$	$K_S^0\nu\bar{\nu}$	$K^{*+}\nu\bar{\nu}$	$K^{*0}\nu\bar{\nu}$	$\pi^+\nu\bar{\nu}$	$\pi^0\nu\bar{\nu}$	$\rho^+\nu\bar{\nu}$	$\rho^0\nu\bar{\nu}$
$K_L^0$ veto	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.0
Fixed fractions	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	1.0
Continuum scaling	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tag efficiency correction	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.5
Shape uncertainty	2.6	1.3	1.8	1.7	4.5	1.5	2.3	3.4
Fit bias	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total	3.4	1.4	1.8	1.8	5.9	1.6	2.4	3.6

- Uncertainties related to the signal yield (table [absolute]) are estimated by refitting the data with each quantity varied by  $\pm 1\sigma$ , with the exception of the shape uncertainty which is evaluated from Toy MC studies.
- Remaining uncertainties include:  $\pi^0$  and charged track veto (4%); raw track requirement (1%); particle ID efficiency (2%)  $\pi^0$  efficiency (4%),  $K_S^0$  efficiency (2.2%)  $N_{B\bar{B}}$  (1.4%).

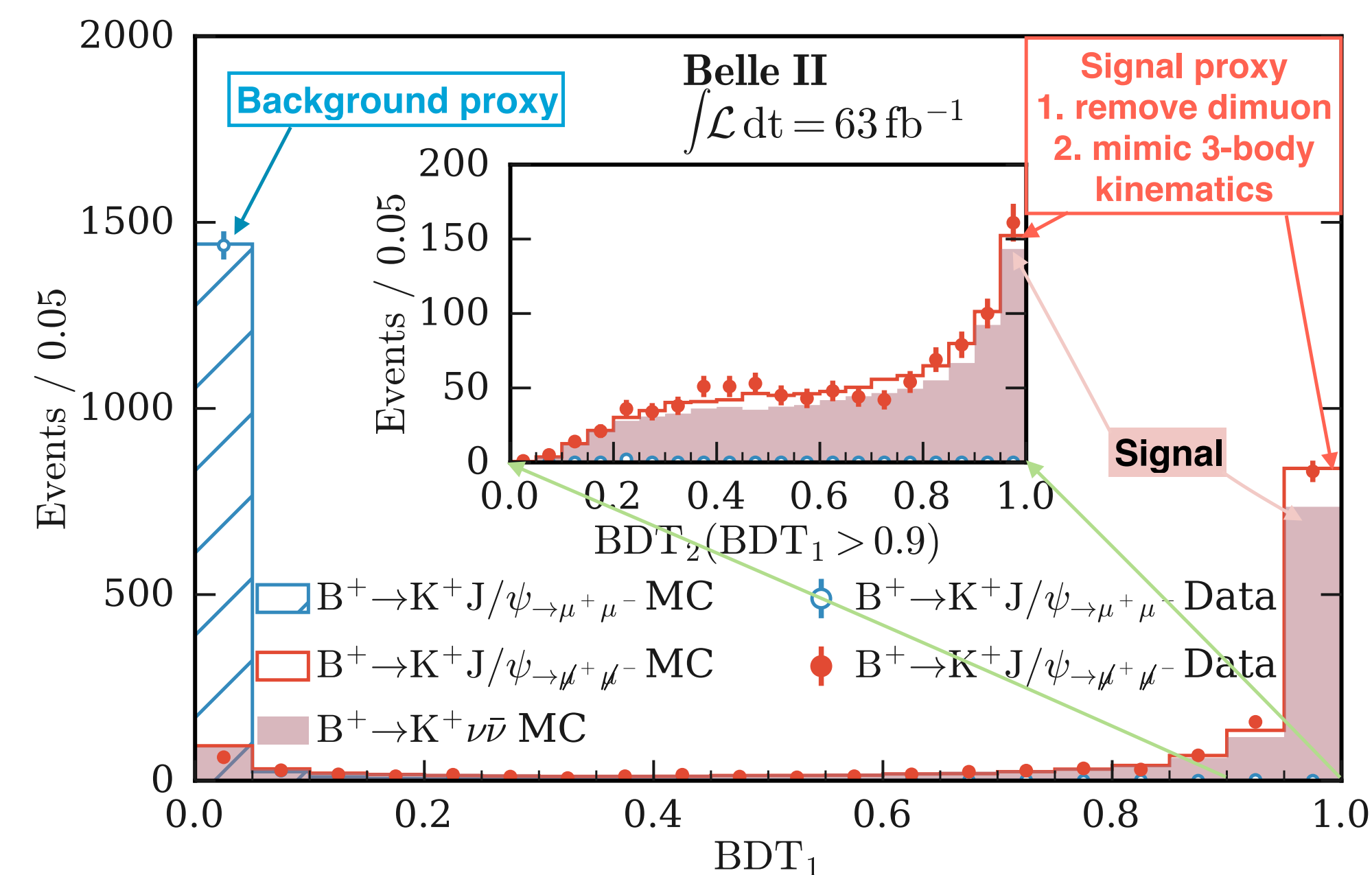
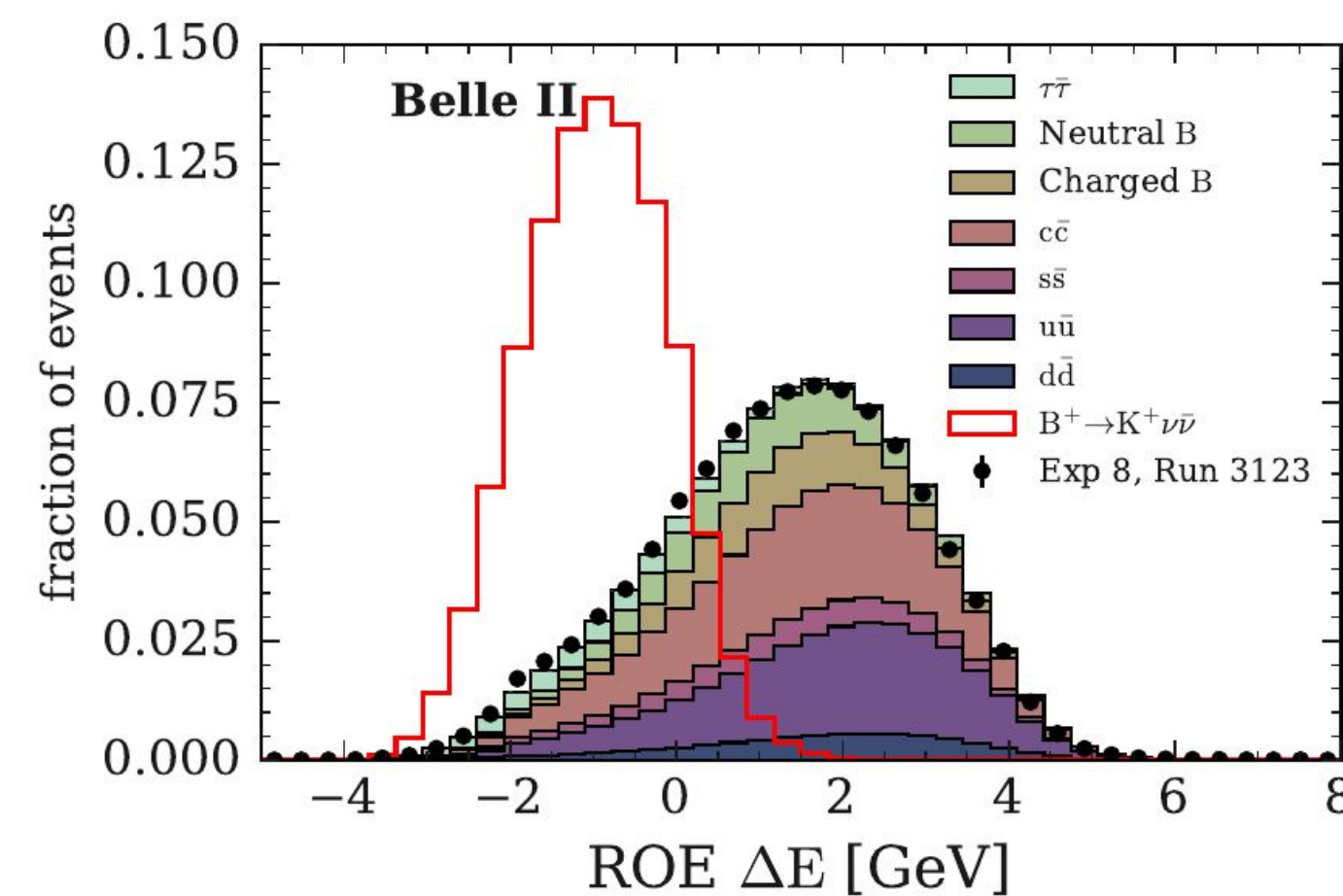
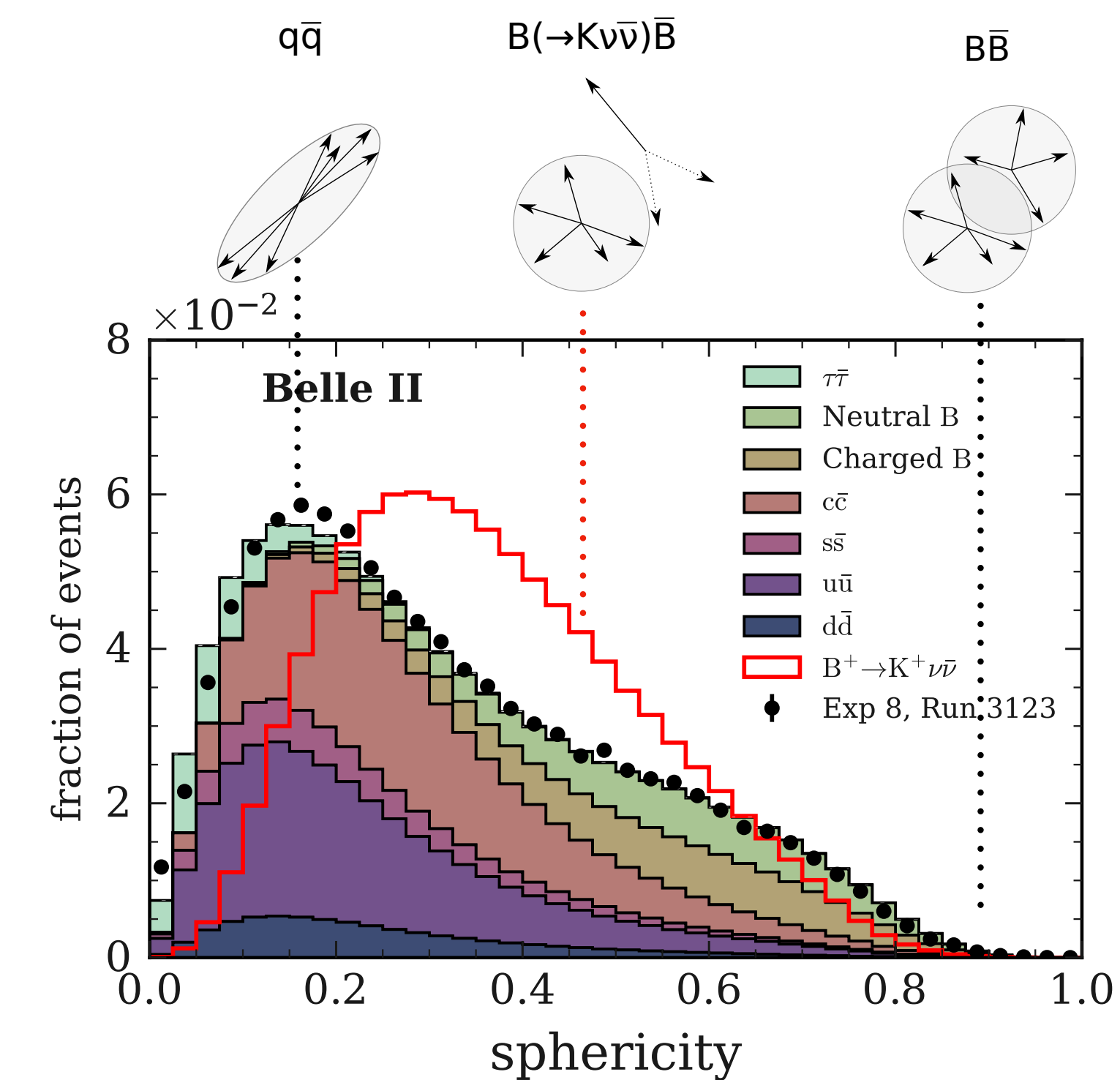




# Untagged analysis (Belle II)

## Strategy

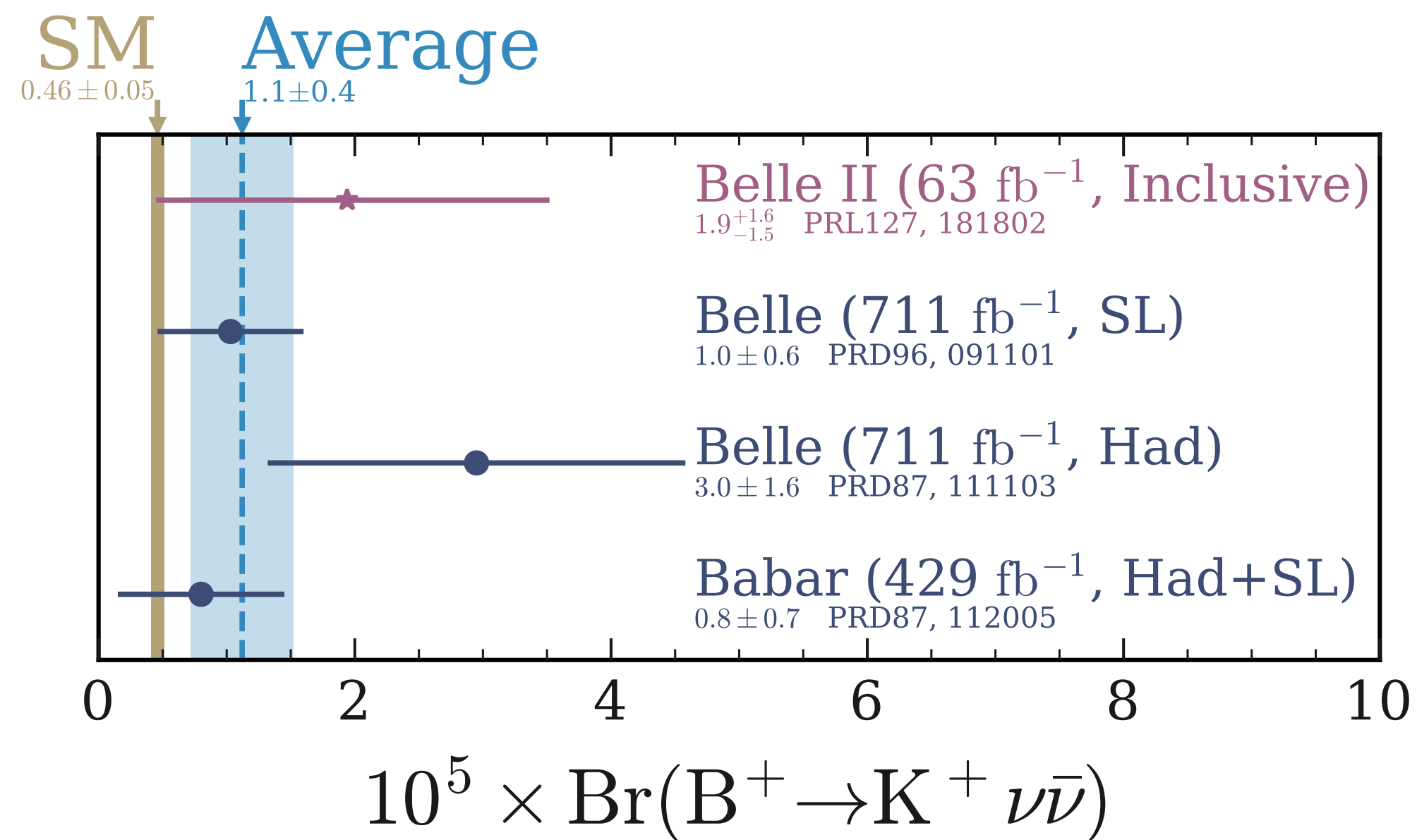
1. Reconstruct signal: highest- $p_T$  track in the event with at least 1 PXD hit
2. Reconstruct remaining tracks and clusters in the event
3. Minimise the background contamination with two nested BDTs using 51 variables: event topology, missing energy, vertex separation, signal kinematics)
4. **Validation with control channel  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K^+$**



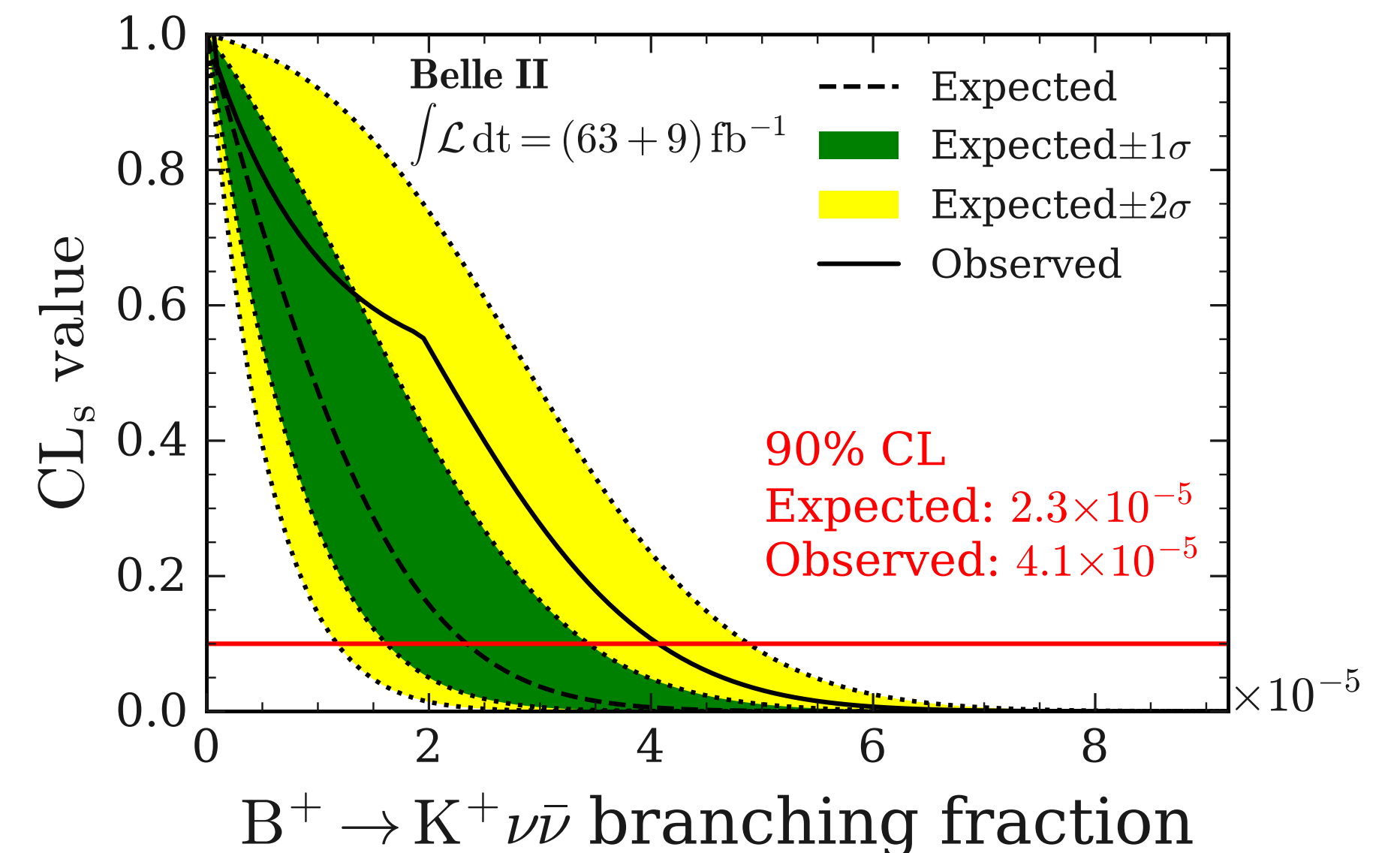
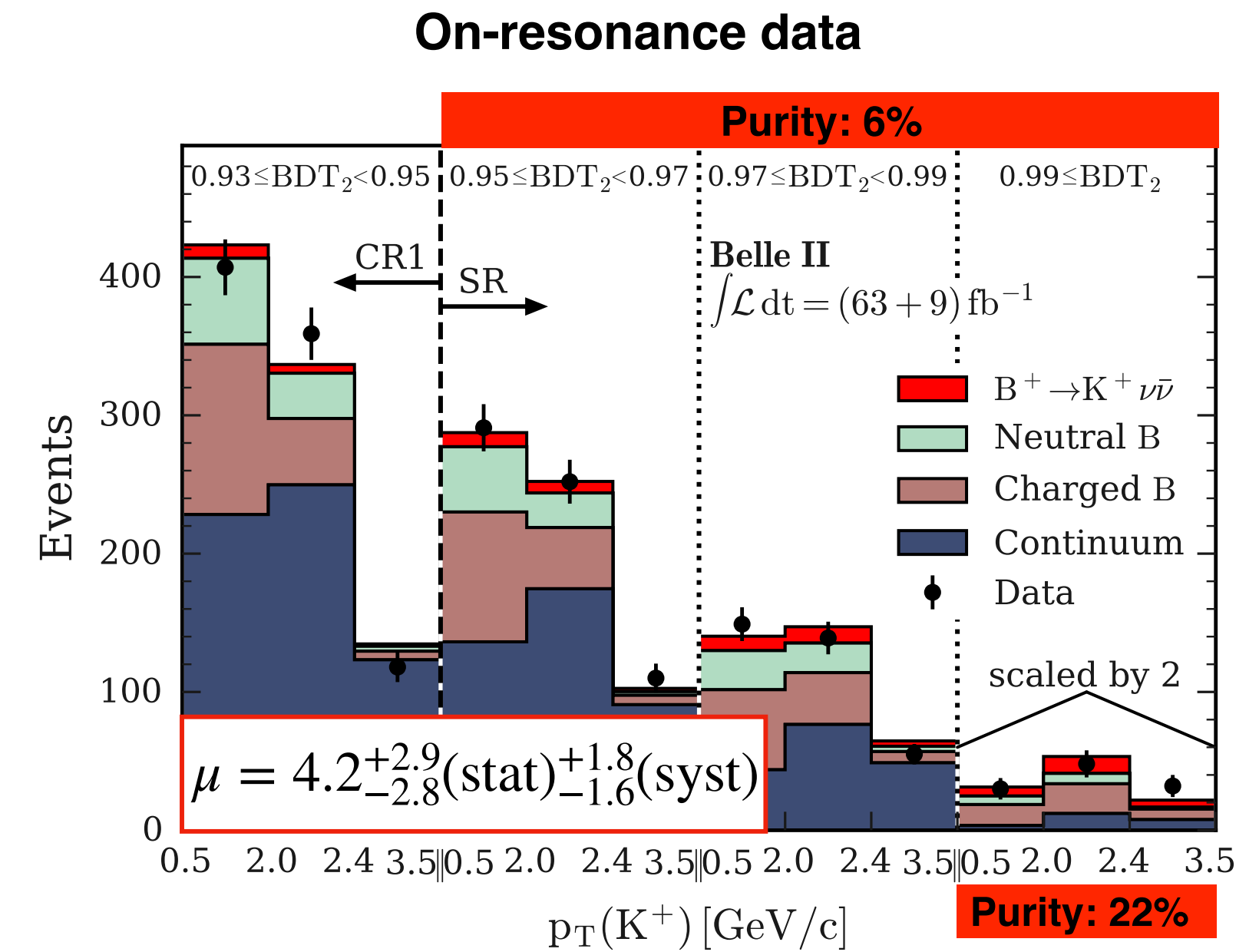
# Search for $B \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

## Results

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



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

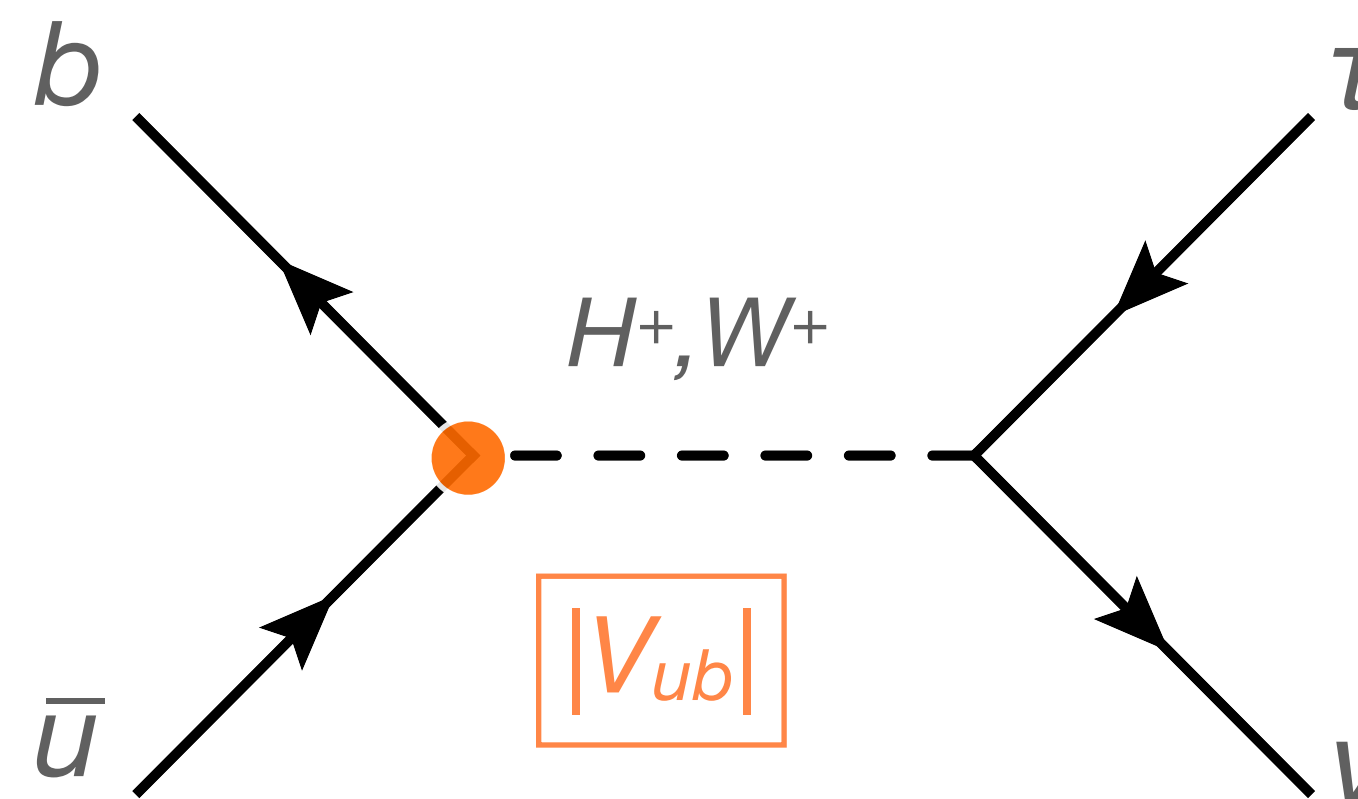




# $B \rightarrow \tau \nu, \mu \nu: H^+$ searches

Helicity suppressed - very small in SM.  
NP could interfere e.g. **charged Higgs**.

**BR<sub>SM</sub> ~ 1 x 10<sup>-4</sup> (τ), ~ 5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> (μ)**



$$\text{BR}(B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2}{8\pi} \tau_B m_B m_\tau^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2}_{\text{BF}_{\text{SM}}} \underbrace{\left[1 - \left(\frac{m_B^2}{m_{H^+}^2}\right) \lambda_{bb} \lambda_{\tau\tau}\right]^2}_{\text{r}_H}$$

*The B meson decay constant*

$|V_{ub}|$  : from indep. measurements.

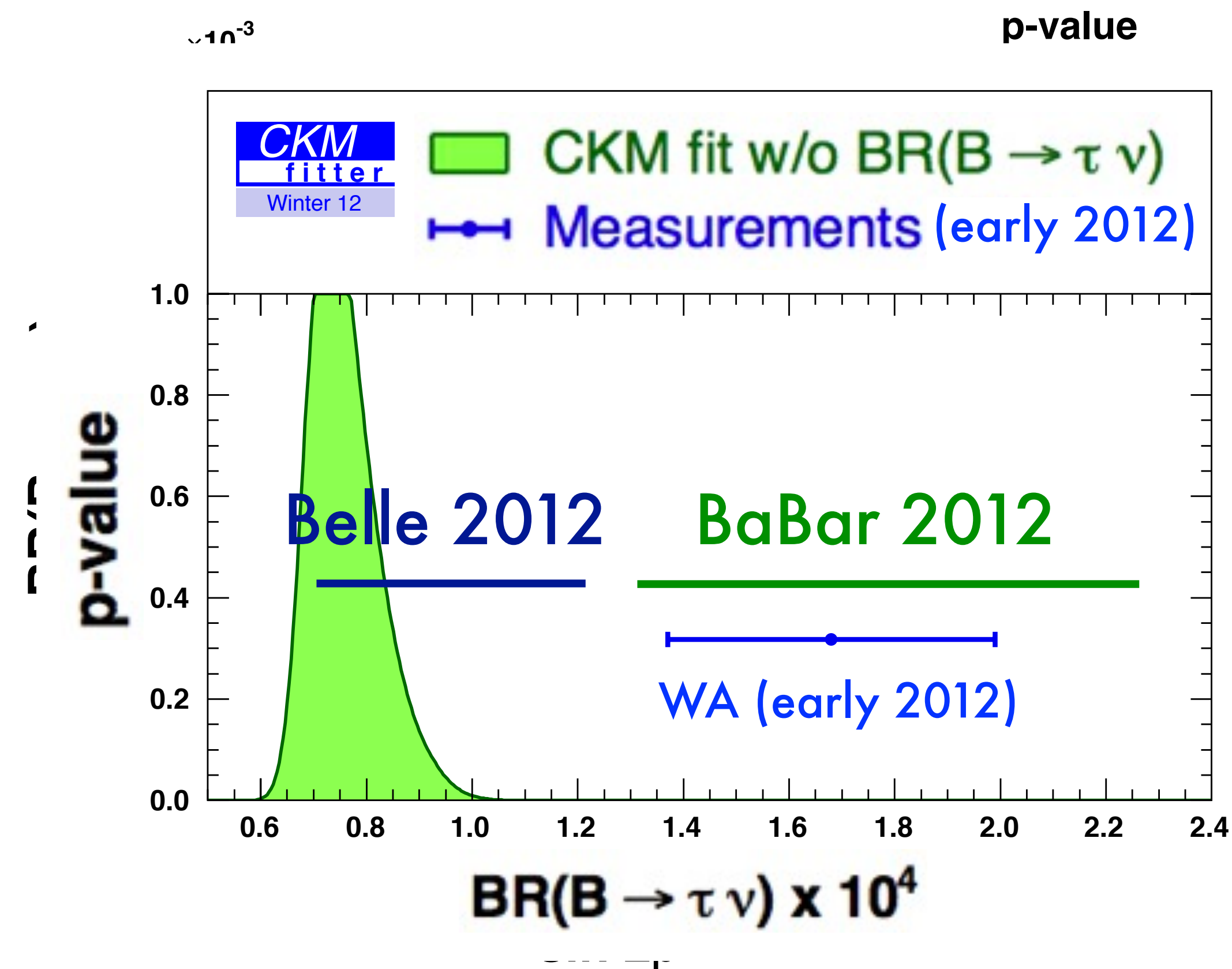
**r<sub>H</sub>**

Type	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{LL}$
I	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$
II	$-\tan \beta$	$-\tan \beta$
III	$-\tan \beta$	$\cot \beta$
IV	$\cot \beta$	$-\tan \beta$

# $B \rightarrow \tau \nu, \mu \nu$ : $H^+$ searches

B. Kronenbitter, PU et al. (Belle) PRD 92, 5, 051102 (2015)

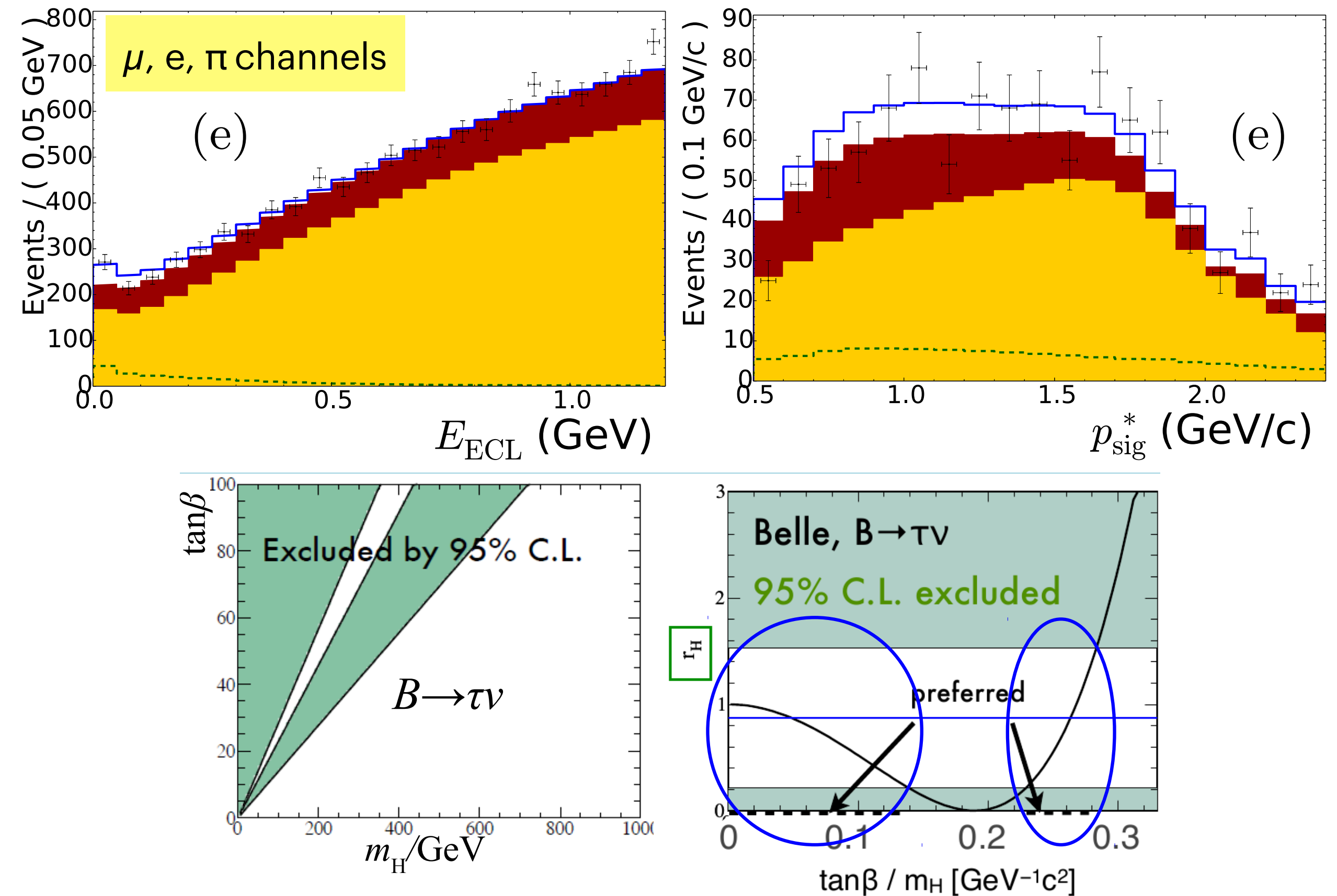
I. Adachi, PU et al. (Belle) PRL 110, 13, 131801 (2013)



No "Discovery" in a single measurement yet  
 30%  $\rightarrow$  <5% Precision on  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$  at Belle II  
 <10% Precision on  $B \rightarrow \mu \nu$  &  $e \nu \gamma$

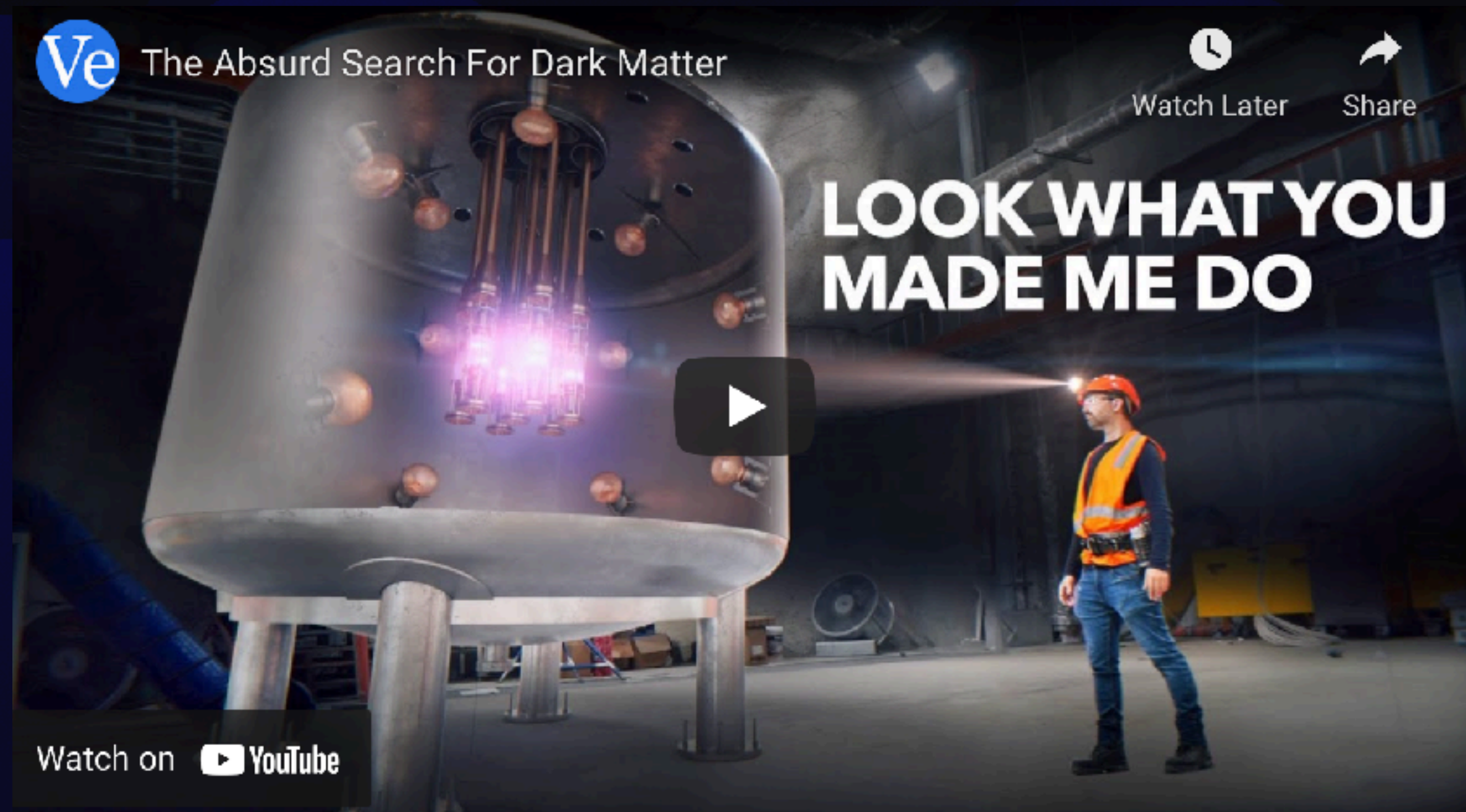
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A. Heller, et al. (Belle) PRD 91, 11, 112009 (2015)



Observables	Belle	Belle II	
		5 $ab^{-1}$	50 $ab^{-1}$
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu) [10^{-6}]$	$91 \cdot (1 \pm 24\%)$	9%	4%
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu \nu) [10^{-6}]$	$< 1.7$	20%	7%





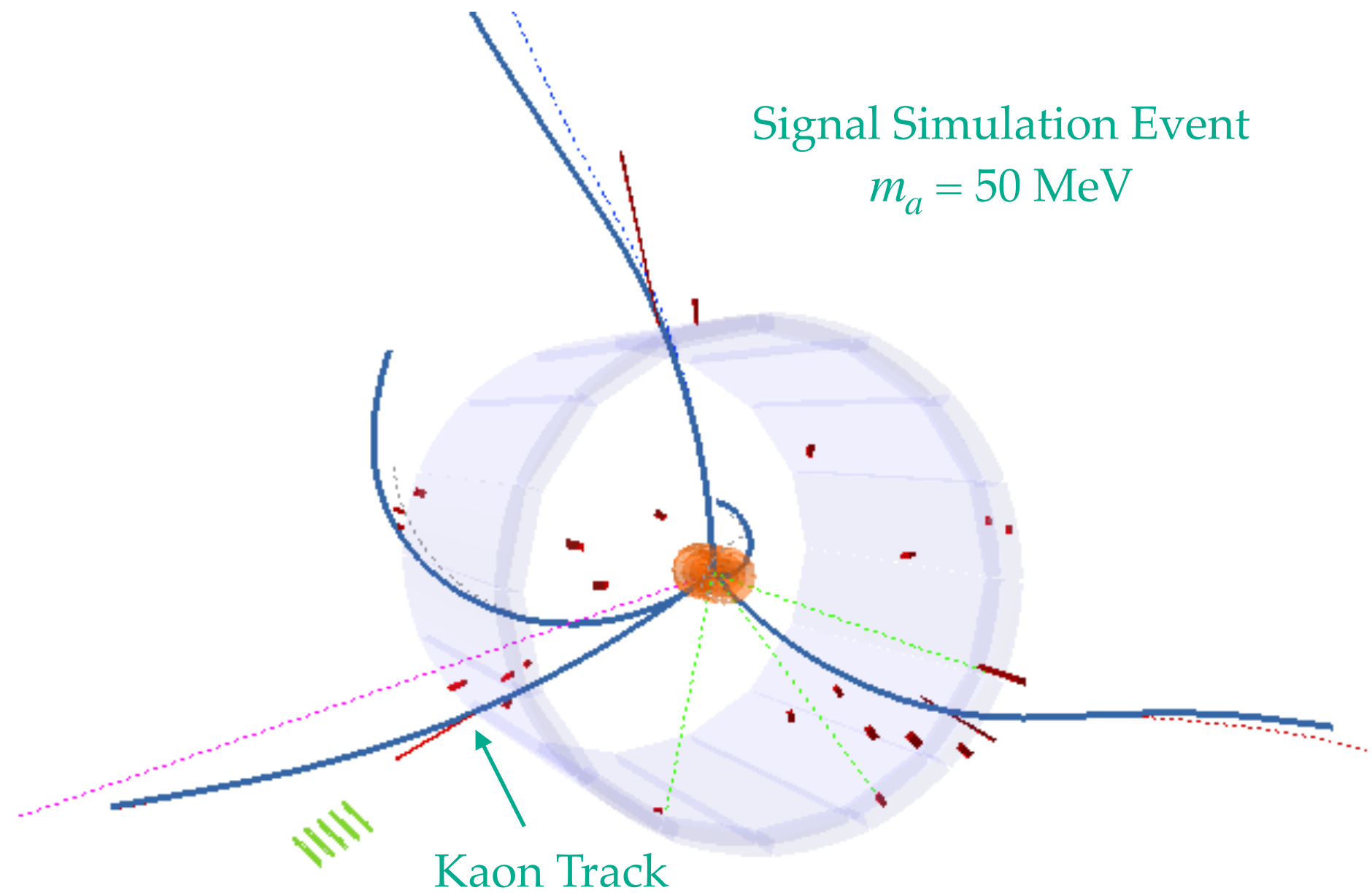
# Feeble interactions



# ALP search

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](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.06580)]

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a) = 0.25 \left( c_{ff}(\Lambda) + 0.0032 c_{WW}(\Lambda) \right)^2 \frac{f_0^2(m_a^2)}{f_0^2(0)} \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(m_B^2, m_K^2, m_a^2)}{m_B^2 - m_K^2}.$$

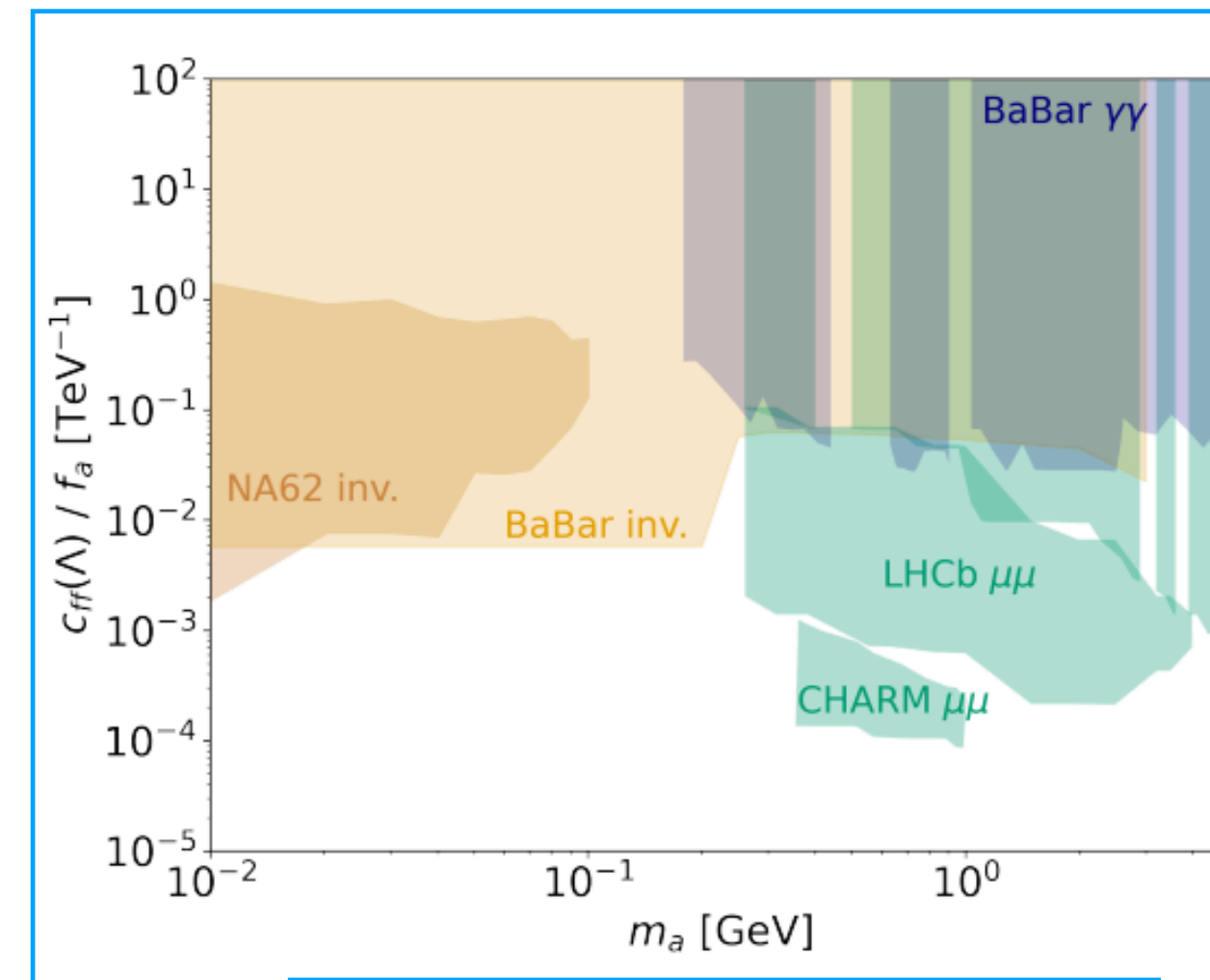
“ $c_{ff}$ ” : ALP coupling to fermions

“ $c_{WW}$ ” : ALP coupling to gauge bosons

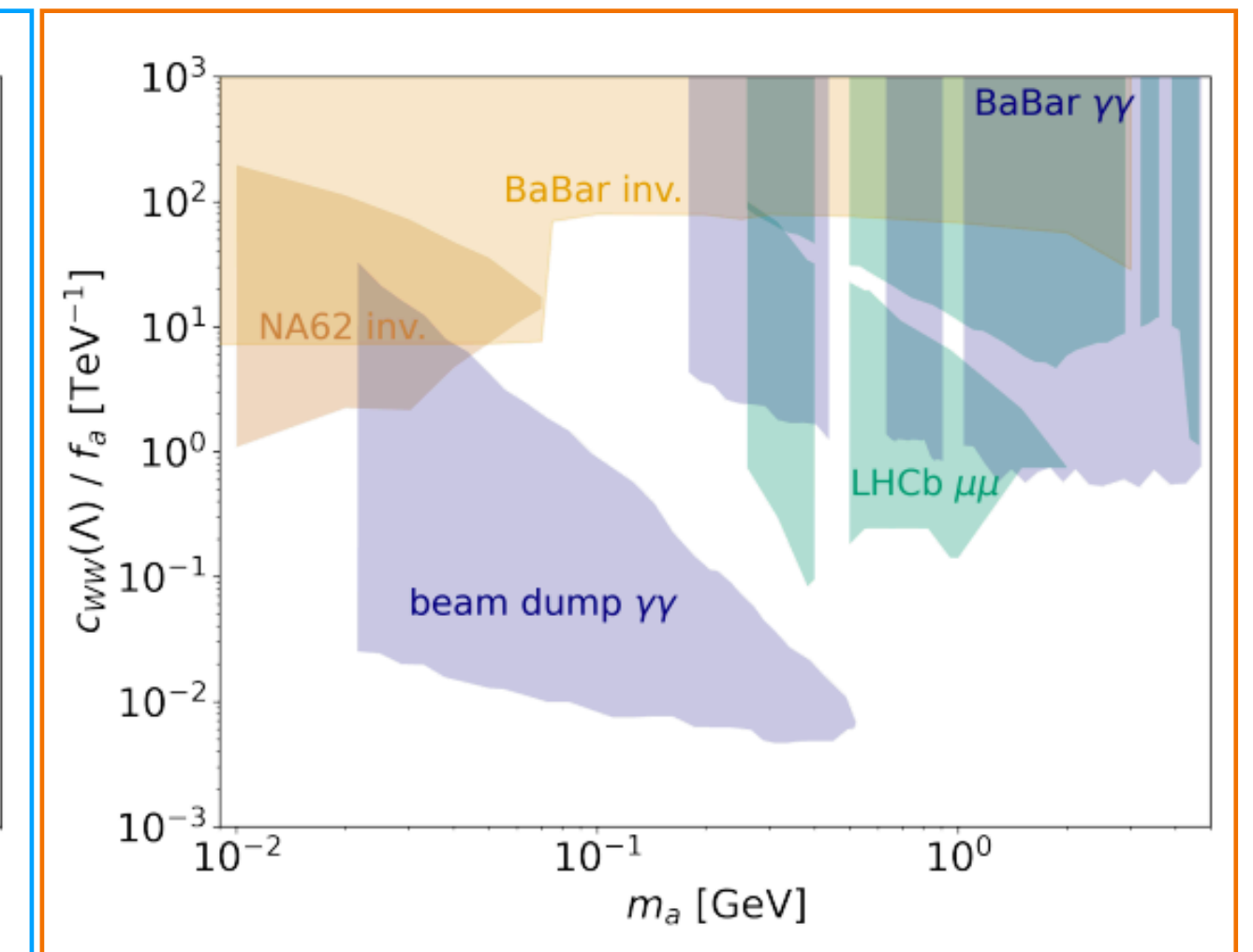
$$\lambda(a, b, c) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2(ab + ac + bc)$$

$f_0$  = scalar FF

**Current bounds:**



$$c_{ff}(\Lambda) / f_a \lesssim (10^{-3} - 10^{-2}) \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$



$$c_{WW}(\Lambda) / f_a \lesssim (10^{-2} - 1) \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$



# $B \rightarrow h a', a' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ Overview

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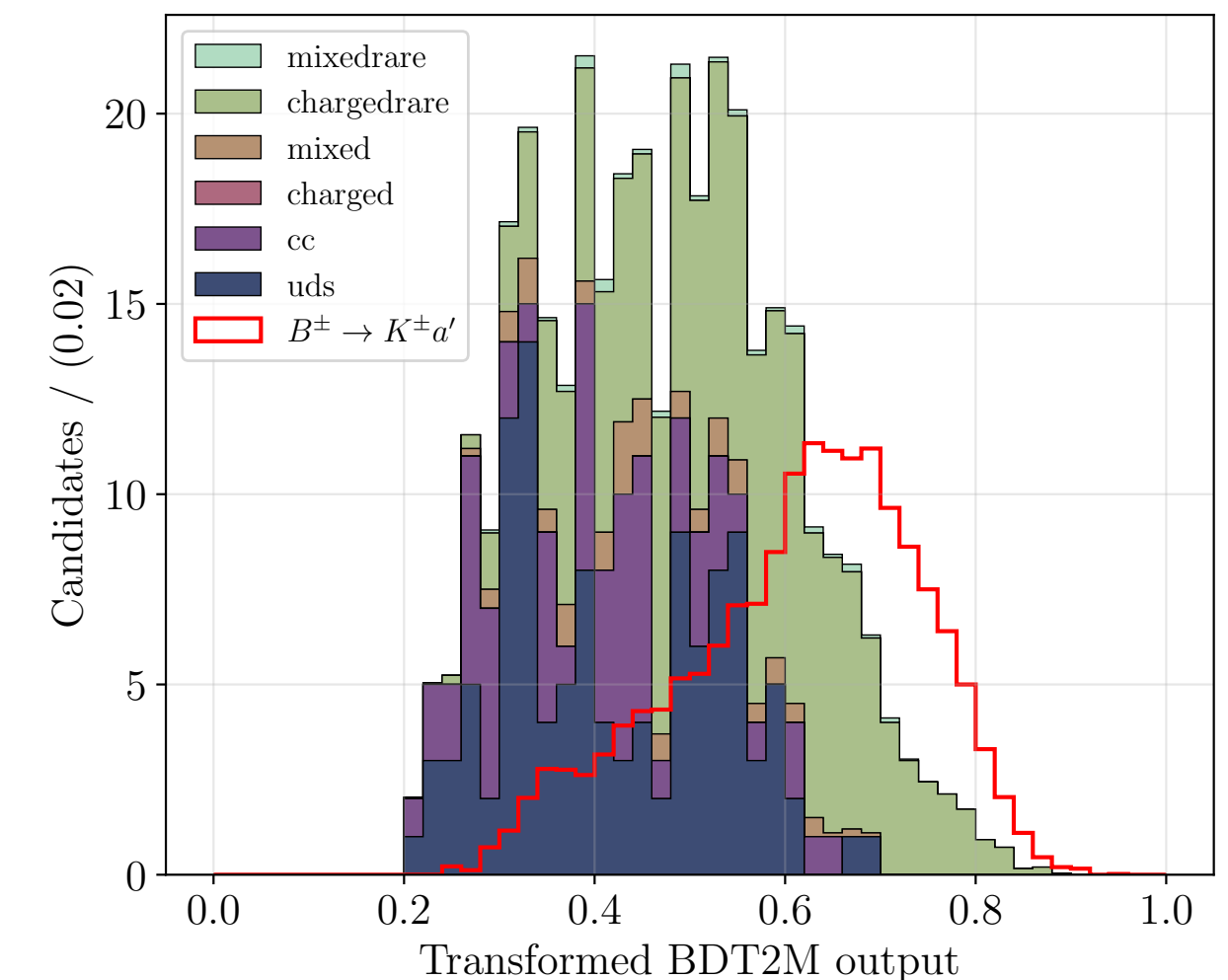
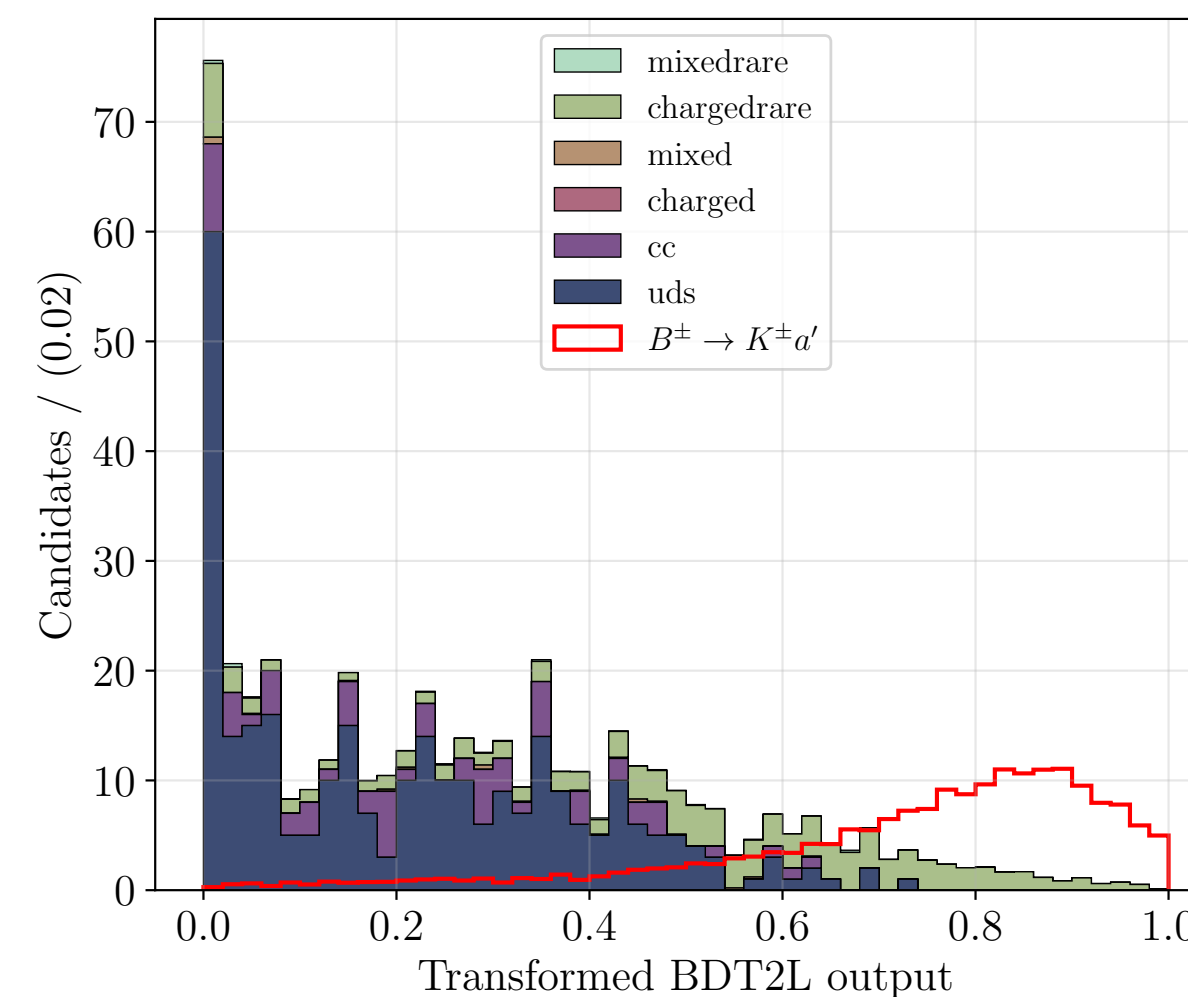
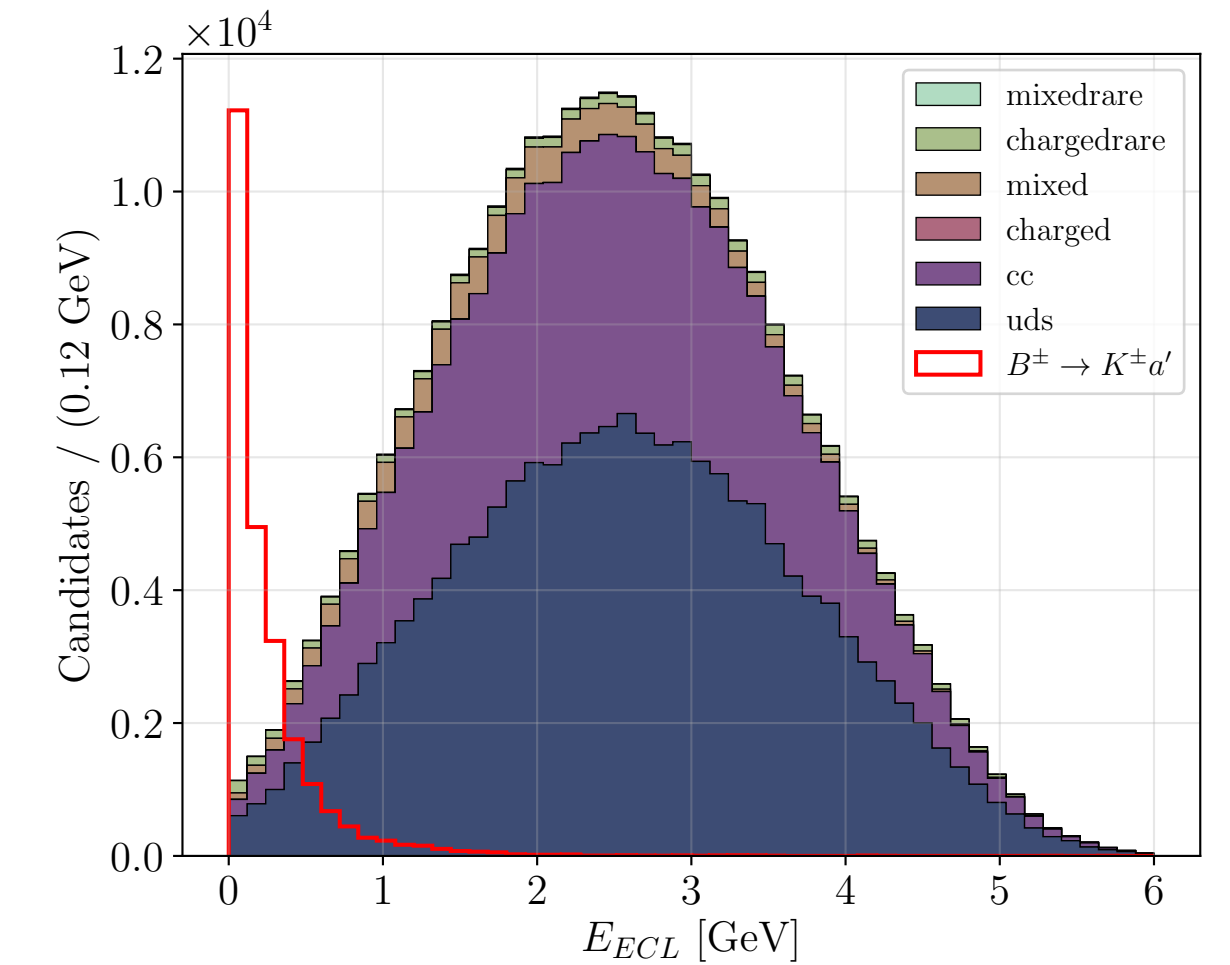
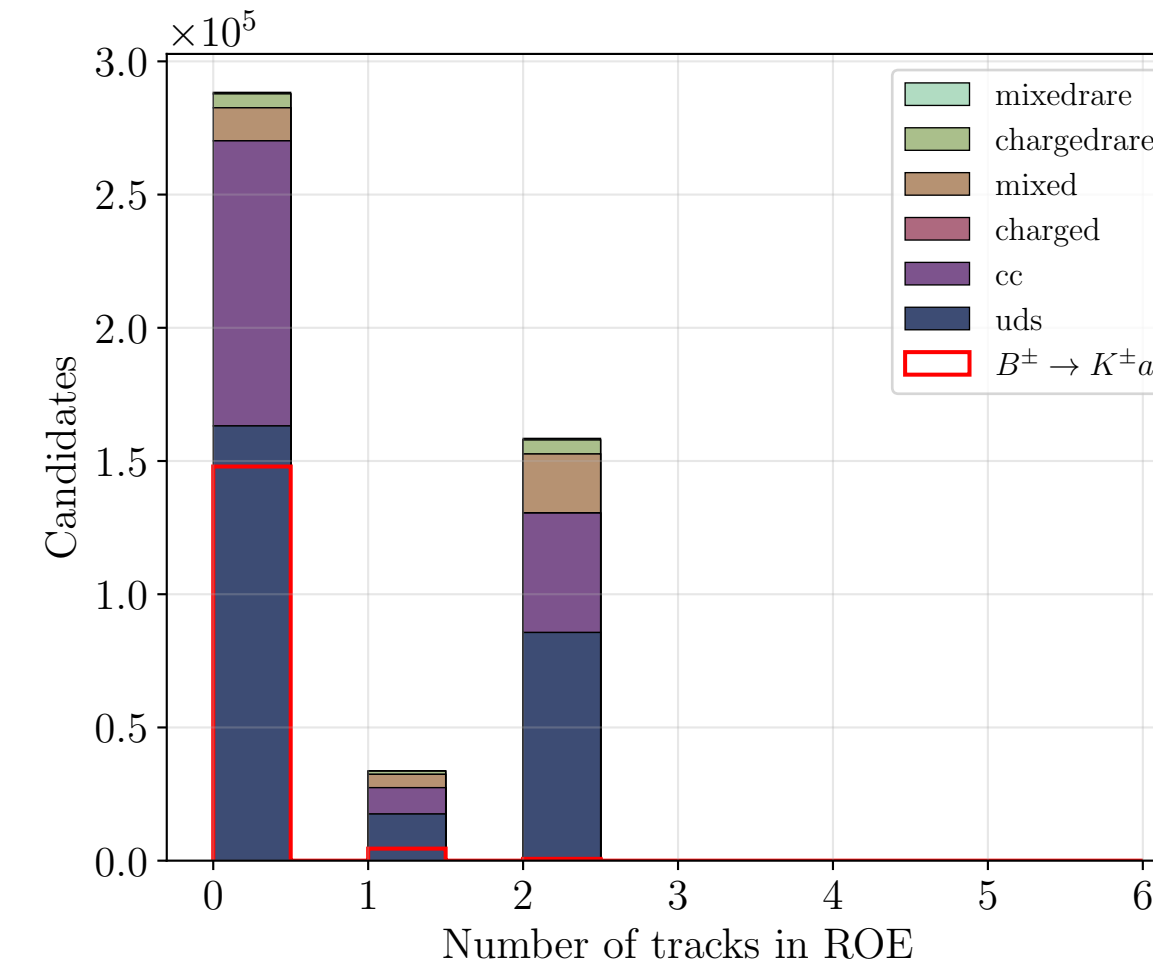
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## Cut-flow plots

- Invisible final state inferred can be inferred from momentum of recoiling hadron  $h$  in B meson rest frame:

$$|p_h^{B_{sig}}| = \frac{[(M_B^2 - (m_h + m_{a'})^2)(M_B^2 - (m_h - m_{a'})^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2M_B}$$

- Signal-side B meson 4-vector inferred by reconstructing the other B meson in the event with the Full Event Interpretation (FEI) algorithm and the beam energy

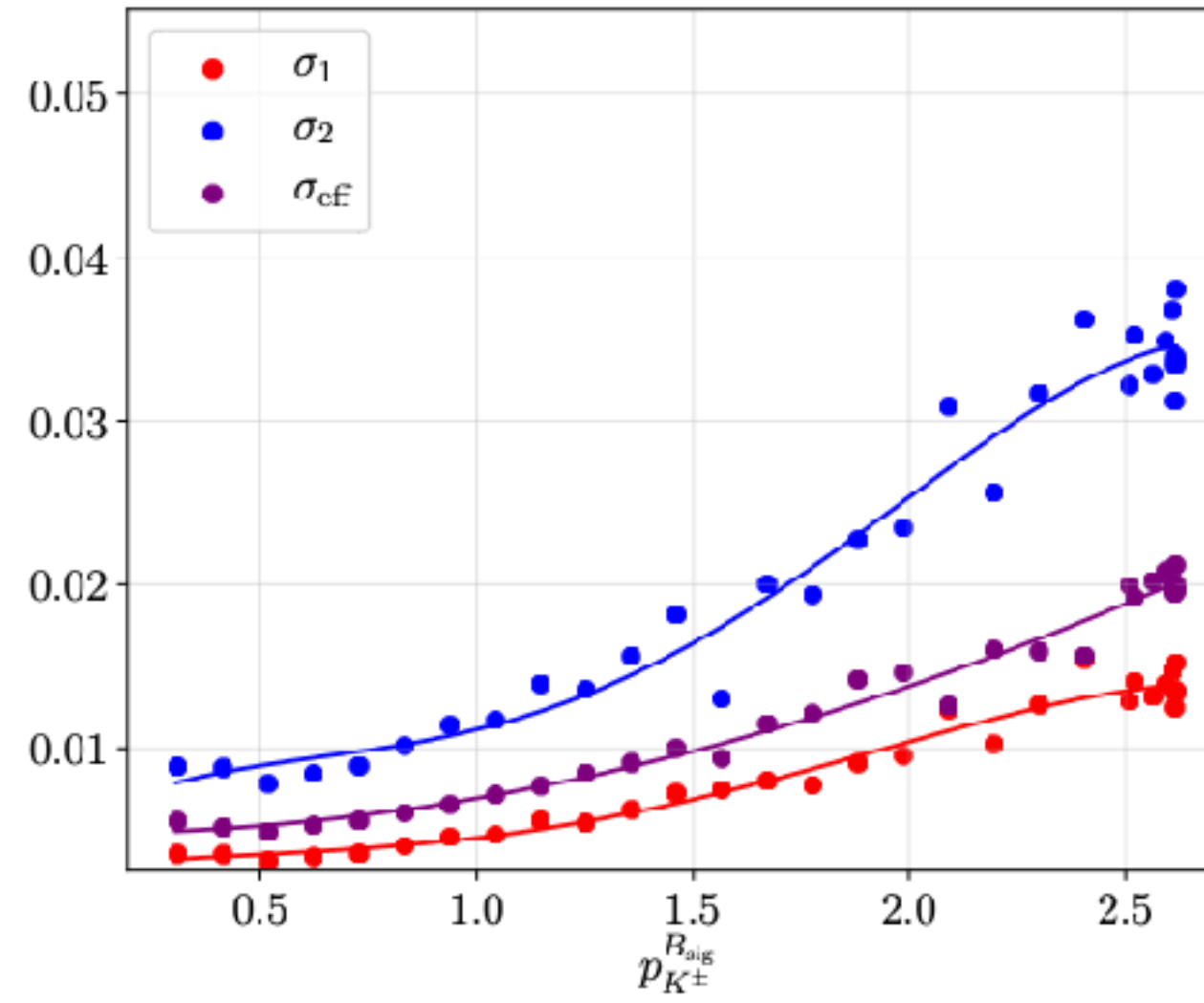
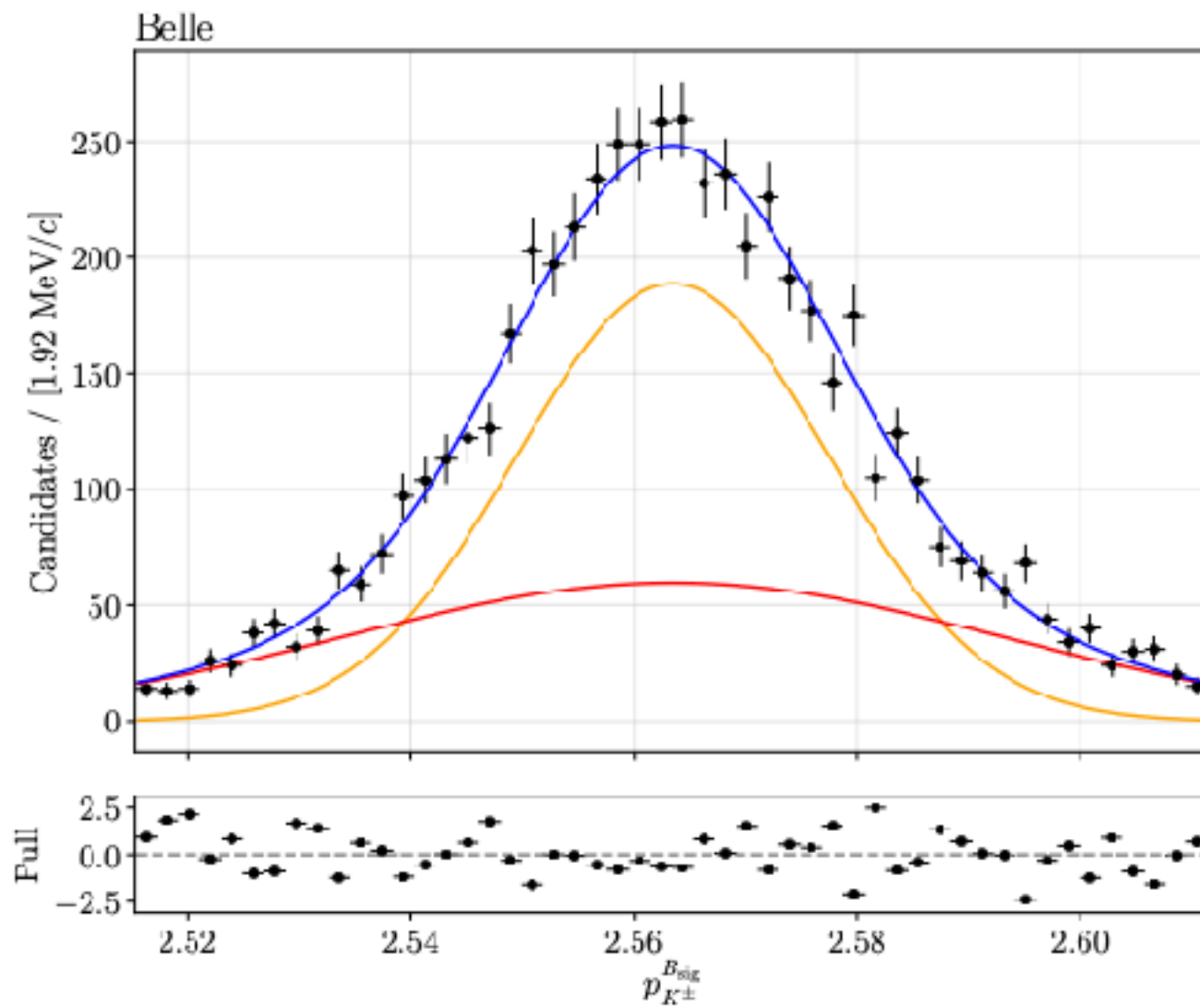


Background type	Suppression method
$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) trained on $q\bar{q}$ vs. $BB$ MC. Event shape variables used to train BDT (KSFW moments, CLEO cones, and thrust variables), as well as $B_{tag} \Delta E$ and flight distance.
Incorrectly reconstructed events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>B_{tag}</math> beam-constrained mass</li> <li>FEI probability</li> <li>ROE ECL energy</li> <li>No. of tracks in ROE</li> </ul>
$B$ decays similar to signal	Boosted Decision Tree trained on SM $B\bar{B}$ vs. Signal MC. Same variables used as the first BDT.

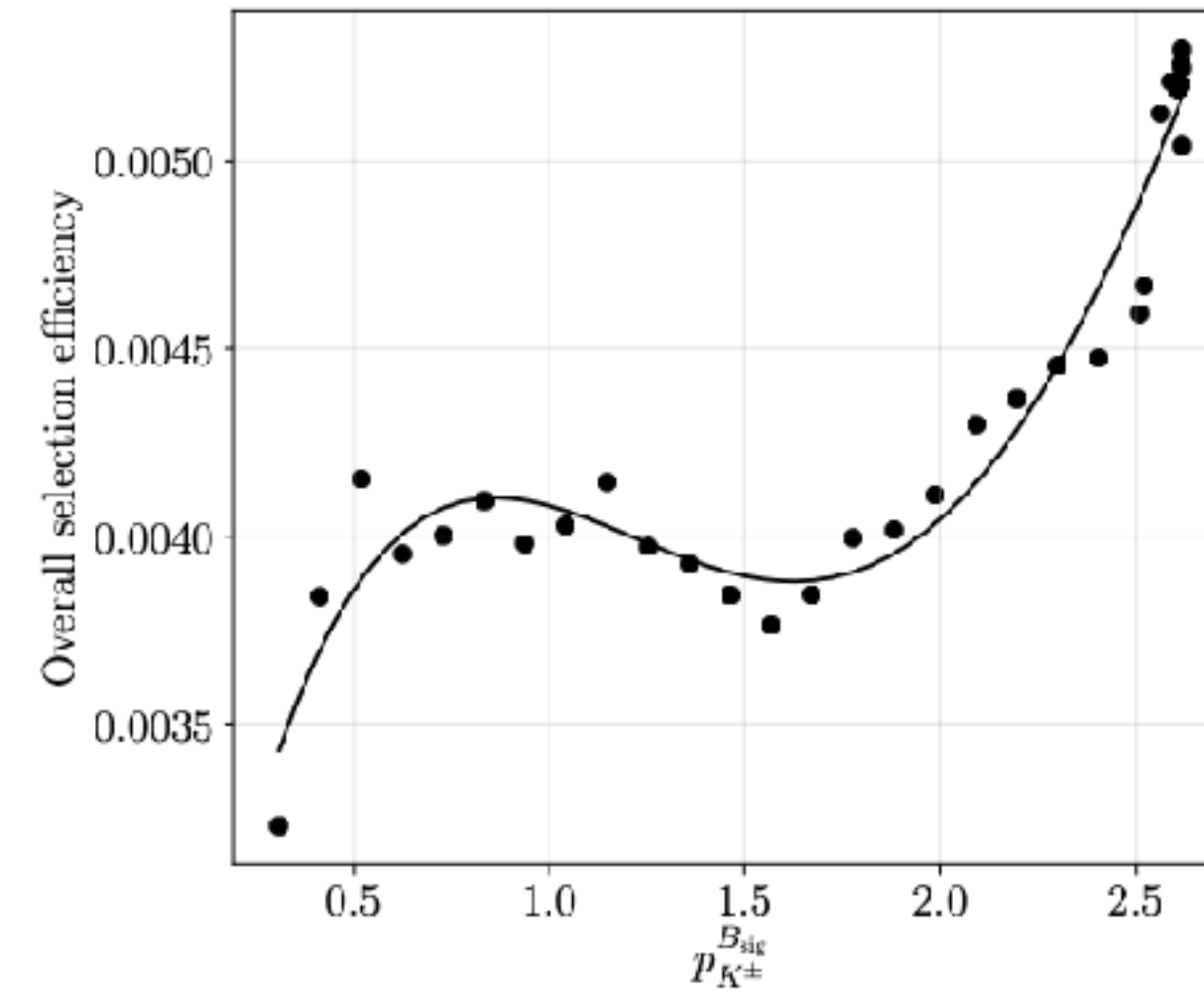
+veto any missing momentum pointing at gaps (beam pipe, ECL gap)

# Fit Approach

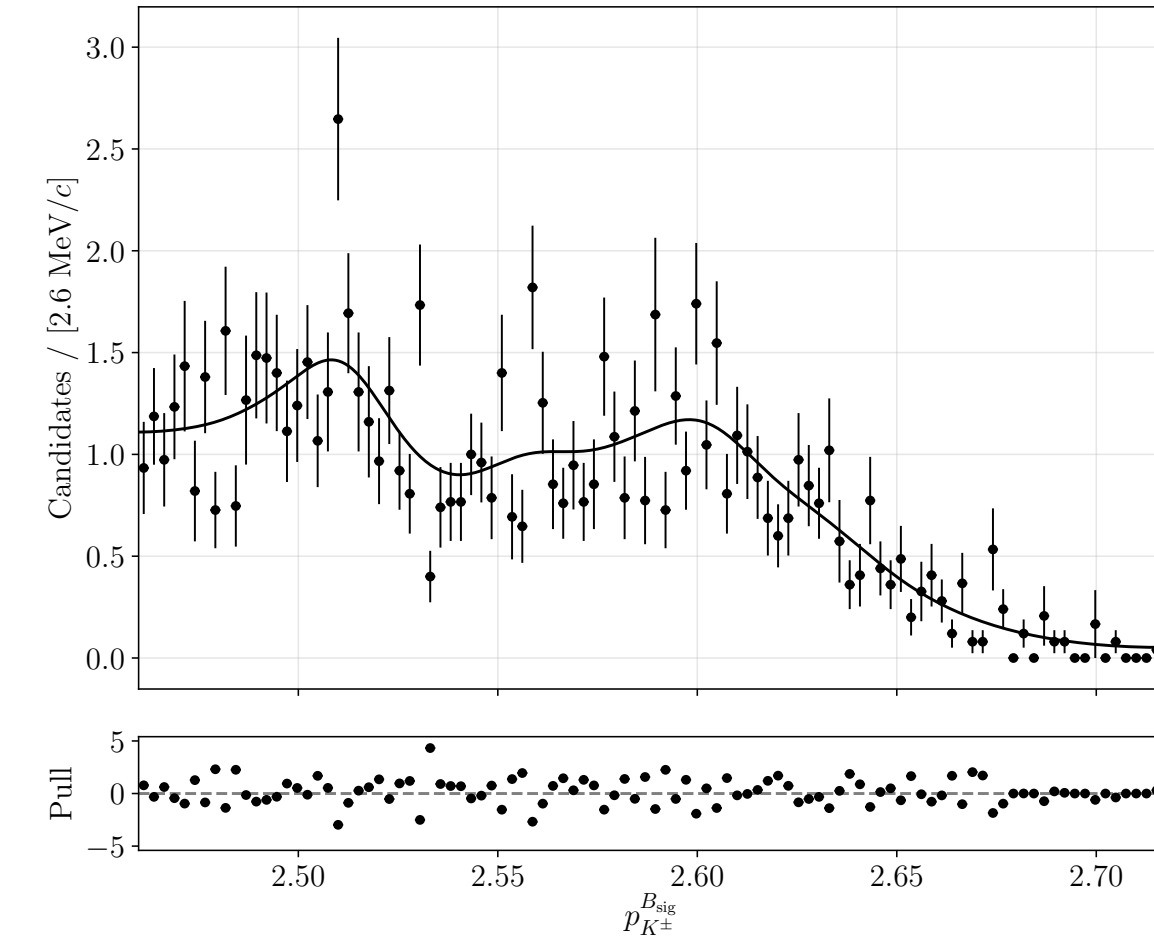
- PDF determined from MC, calibrated with control channel.
- Parameterise PDF in  $p_h$  or  $m_{\text{recoil}}$  (same) and efficiency then scan from 1 MeV to ~5 GeV.



(c) Component Gaussian widths, kaon channel.



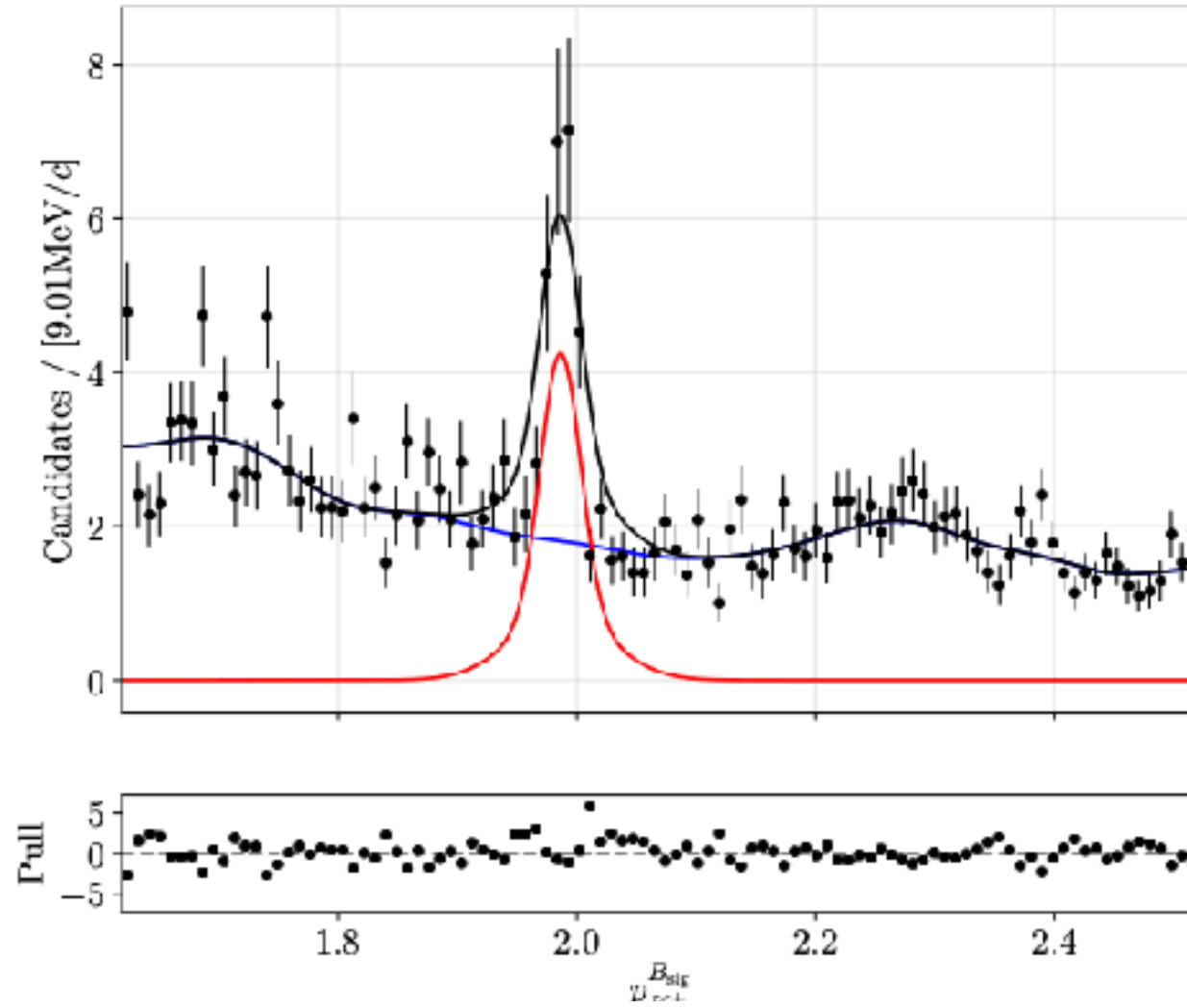
(b) Kaon channel.



(f) Kaon channel background in the low-mass region.



# B → h a' Sensitivity



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FIG. 14: Example of the combined fit model on a dataset with 20 signal events injected. The KDE defined on the background is shown in blue, the signal PDF in red and the combined PDF in black.

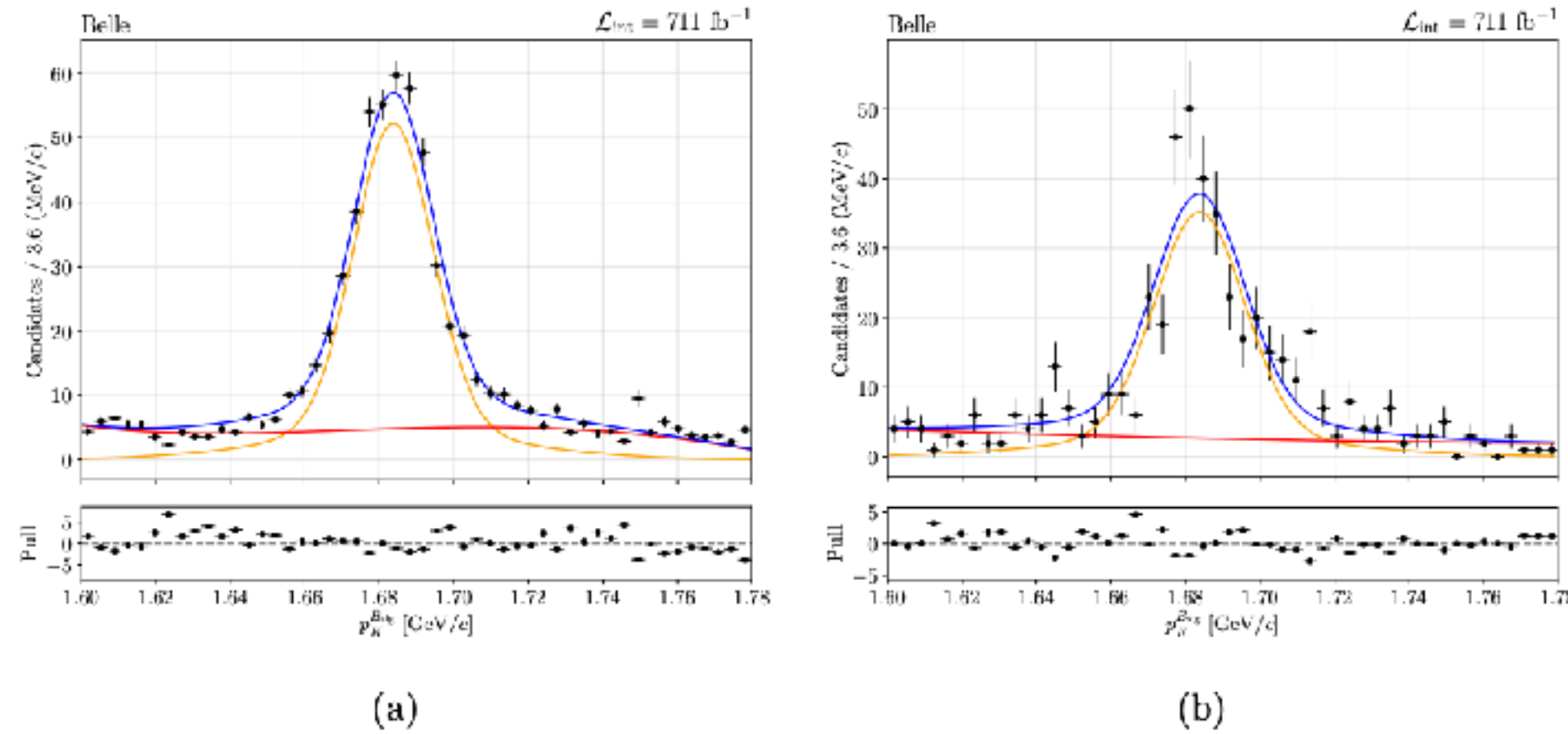


FIG. 18: Fits to the  $J/\psi$  peak in MC (a) and data (b). The small errors in (a) are because there are multiple streams in the MC, and so the yield is scaled down to match the luminosity in data.

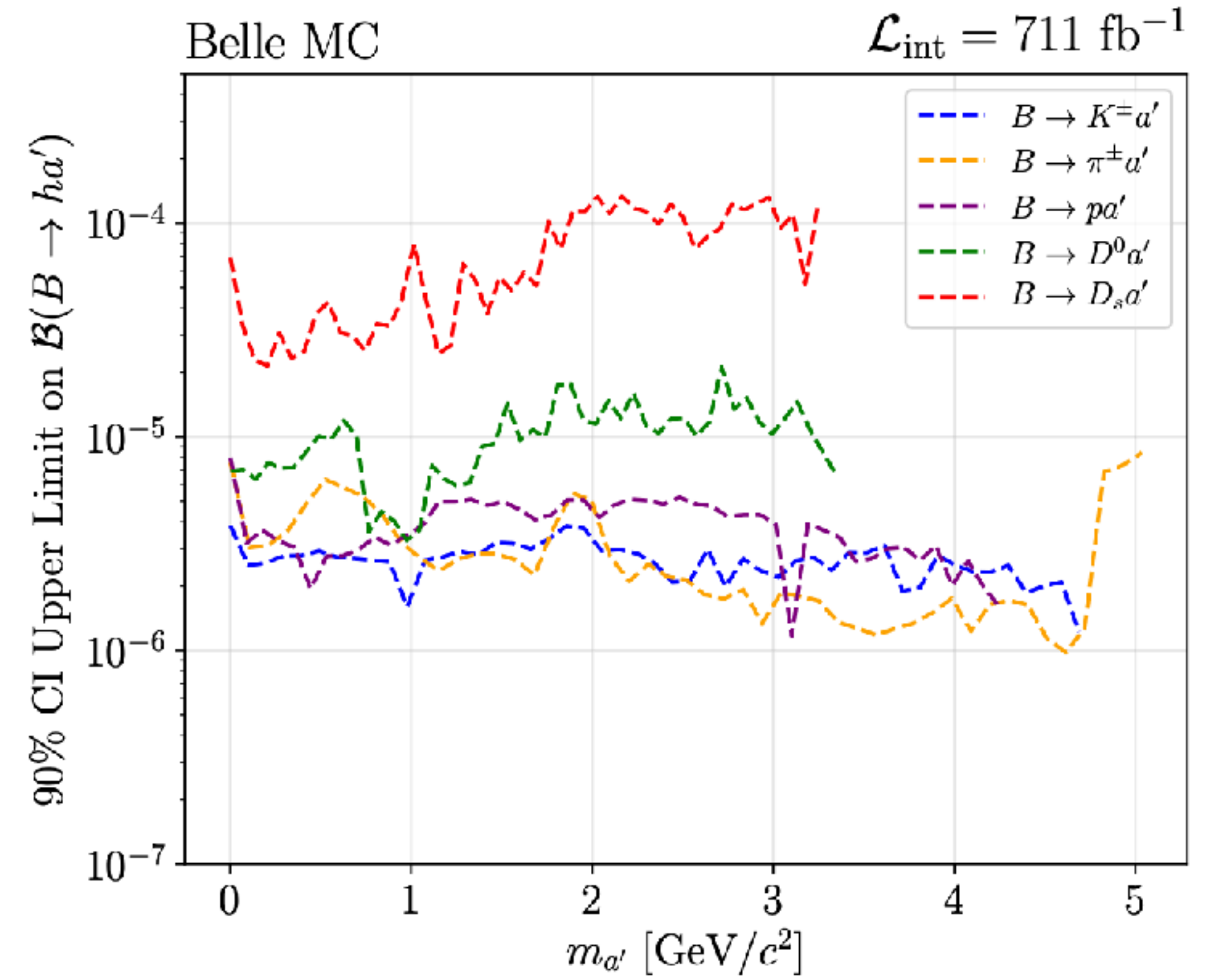


FIG. 19: 90% confidence level upper limits on the branching fractions to the five channels searched for in this work.

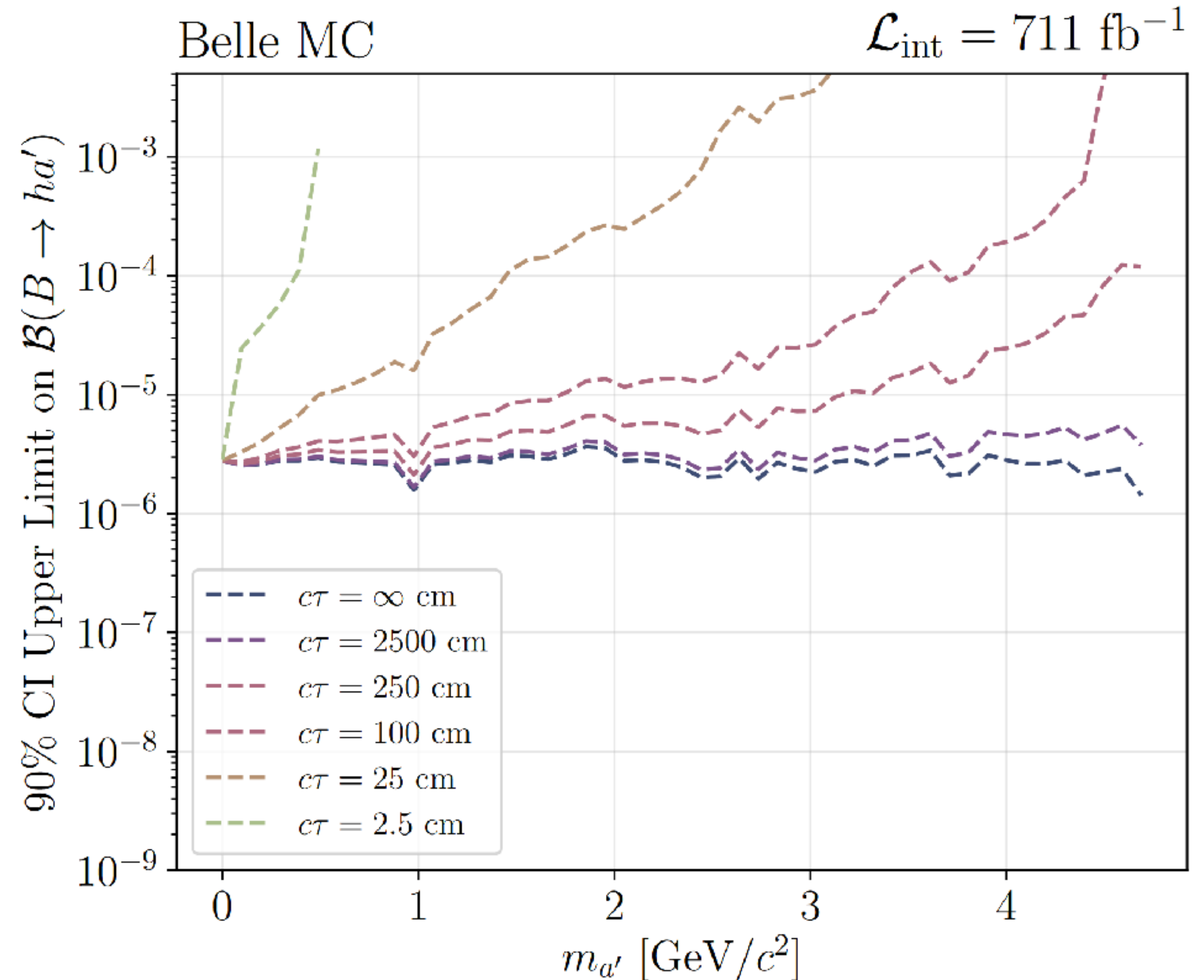
Decay measured in this work	Previous study	Decay measured in previous study	Previous world best	This work at $m_{a'} = 3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \text{ inv.}$	Belle [9]	$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \nu \bar{\nu}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \text{ inv.}$	Belle [9]	$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \nu \bar{\nu}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$B^\pm \rightarrow p^\pm \text{ inv.}$	ALEPH [13]	$B^\pm \rightarrow \tau^\pm + \text{missing energy}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-6}$
$B^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \text{ inv.}$	N/A	N/A	N/A	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
$B^\pm \rightarrow D_s^\pm \text{ inv.}$	N/A	N/A	N/A	$1 \times 10^{-4}$

TABLE XIII: Comparison between our preliminary sensitivity studies on the branching fractions and the reach of similar searches.

# Invisible signatures of long lived particles

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- Consider a finite lifetime.
- If sufficiently long-lived, the ALP will escape detection.
- Limit then depends on  $c\tau$  and mass (boost)





# $B \rightarrow \Lambda + \text{missing energy}$

- FEI hadronic tag,  $\Lambda \rightarrow pK\pi$  reconstructed in

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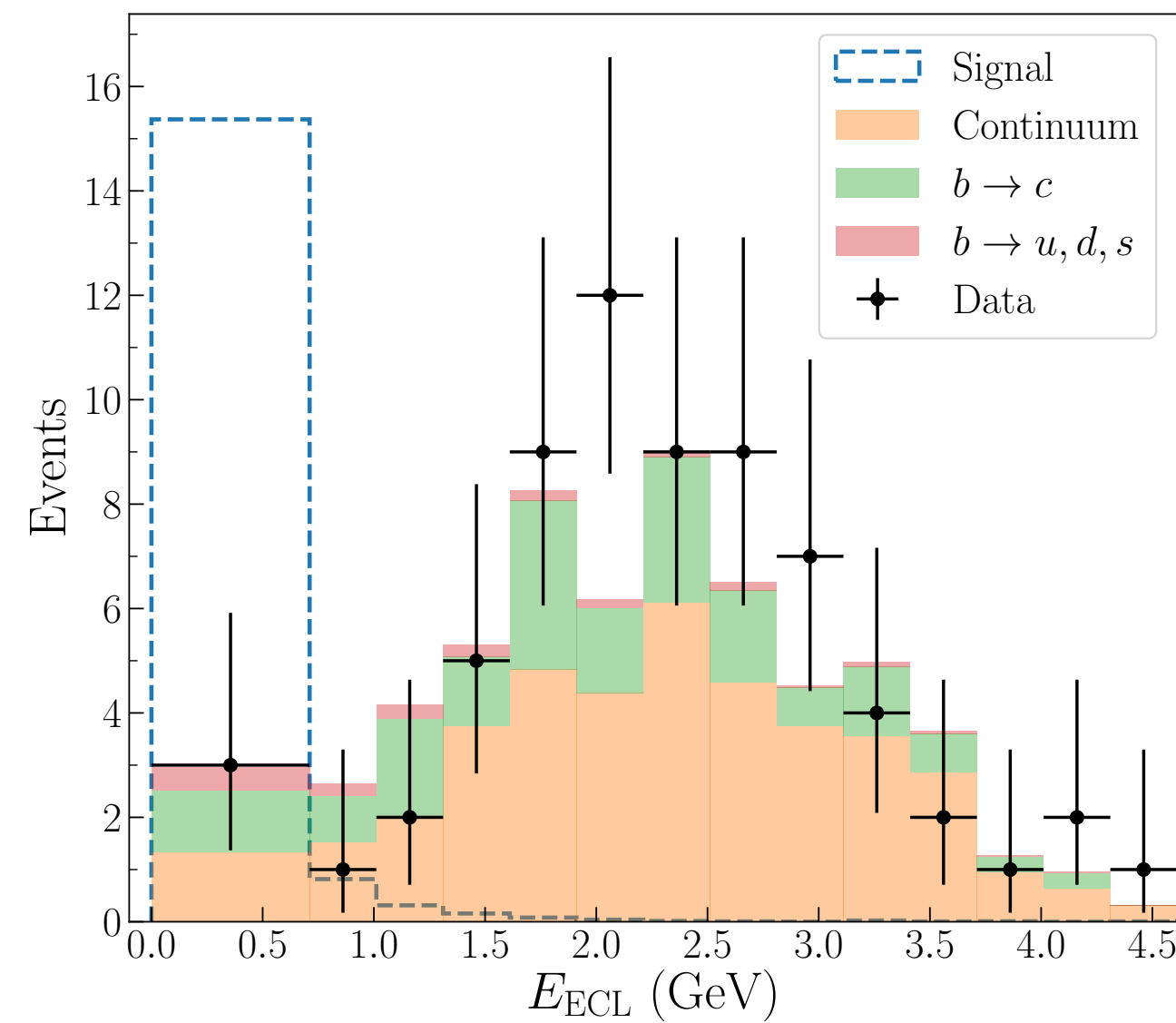
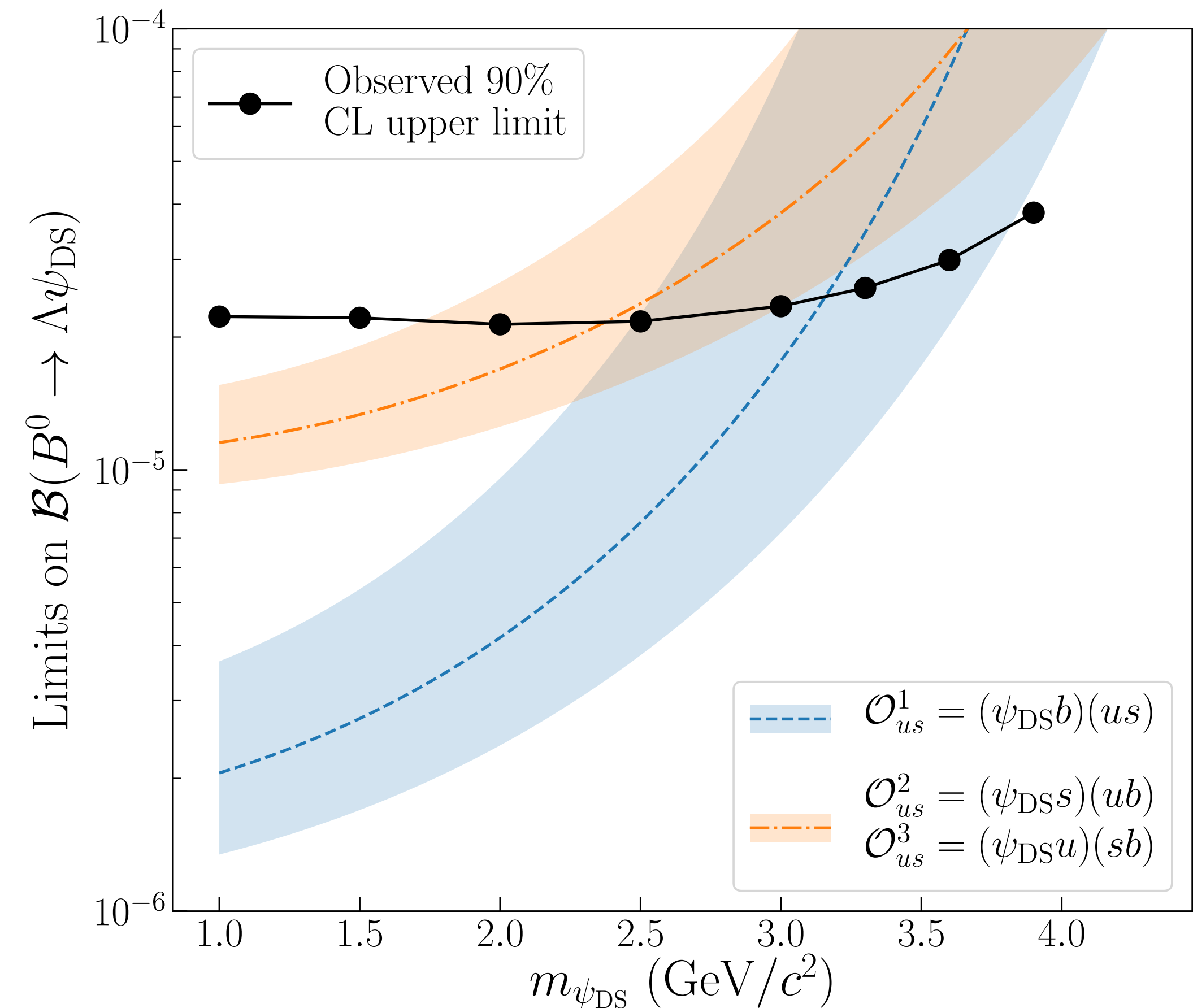


FIG. 2. The observed (solid points) and expected background (stacked shaded histograms)  $E_{\text{ECL}}$  distributions for  $m_{\psi_{\text{DS}}} = 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , with the first bin representing the signal region. The shape of the continuum contribution is taken from the off-resonance data, while the other two background sources are from MC simulation; each distribution is normalized to the expected number of events in the first bin. The signal shape (dashed line) is taken from MC simulation, assuming a branching fraction of  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\psi_{\text{DS}}) = 8 \times 10^{-5}$ .

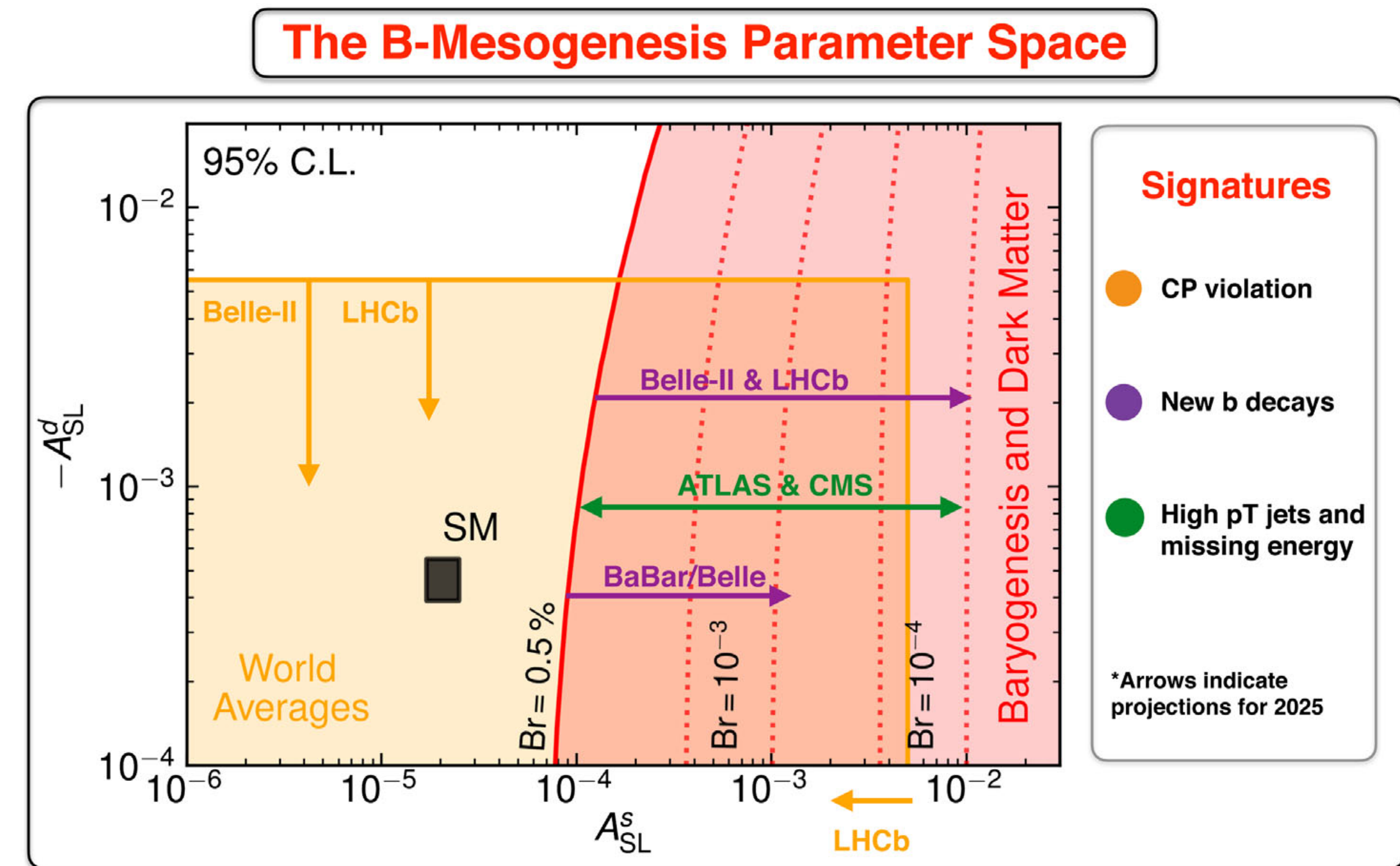
TABLE I. Range of systematic uncertainties in the estimate of the signal efficiencies,  $\delta\epsilon$ , and the number of expected  $B\bar{B}$  background events,  $\delta n_{\text{bkg}}^{B\bar{B}}$ , across the different values of  $m_{\psi_{\text{DS}}}$ .

Source	$\delta\epsilon$ (%)	$\delta n_{\text{bkg}}^{B\bar{B}}$ (%)
$B_{\text{tag}}$ correction	8.6	8.6
Proton PID	0.5–2.8	4.3–5.7
Tracking efficiency	0.7–1.9	1.1–1.9
Charged track veto	5.3–6.5	5.3–6.5
$\Lambda$ selection	2.5–3.6	4.4–4.7
Signal MC statistics	1.2–2.0	–
Rare $B$ decays correction	–	10.6–13.4
Branching fractions	–	50.0



# B-mesogenesis channels

Operator and decay	Initial state	Final state	$\Delta M$ (MeV)
$\mathcal{O}_{ud} = \psi b u d$ $\bar{b} \rightarrow \psi u d$	$B_d$	$\psi + n(udd)$	4340.1
	$B_s$	$\psi + \Lambda(uds)$	4251.2
	$B^+$	$\psi + p(duu)$	4341.0
	$\Lambda_b$	$\bar{\psi} + \pi^0$	5484.5
$\mathcal{O}_{us} = \psi b u s$ $\bar{b} \rightarrow \psi u s$	$B_d$	$\psi + \Lambda(uds)$	4164.0
	$B_s$	$\psi + \Xi^0(uss)$	4025.0
	$B^+$	$\psi + \Sigma^+(uus)$	4090.0
	$\Lambda_b$	$\bar{\psi} + K^0$	5121.9
$\mathcal{O}_{cd} = \psi b c d$ $\bar{b} \rightarrow \psi c d$	$B_d$	$\psi + \Lambda_c + \pi^-(cdd)$	2853.6
	$B_s$	$\psi + \Xi_c^0(cds)$	2895.0
	$B^+$	$\psi + \Lambda_c^+(dcu)$	2992.9
	$\Lambda_b$	$\bar{\psi} + \bar{D}^0$	3754.7
$\mathcal{O}_{cs} = \psi b c s$ $\bar{b} \rightarrow \psi c s$	$B_d$	$\psi + \Xi_c^0(csd)$	2807.8
	$B_s$	$\psi + \Omega_c(css)$	2671.7
	$B^+$	$\psi + \Xi_c^+(csu)$	2810.4
	$\Lambda_b$	$\bar{\psi} + D^- + K^+$	3256.2





# More models ...

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## Pair production of dark particles in meson decays

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Rare decays of  $K$  and  $B$  mesons provide a powerful probe of dark sectors with light new particles. We show that the pair production of  $O(100 \text{ MeV})$  dark states can be probed with the decays of  $K_L$  mesons, owing to the enhanced two-body kinematics,  $K_L \rightarrow X_1 X_2$  or  $X_2 X_2$ . If either of these two particles is unstable, *e.g.*  $X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \pi^0$ ,  $X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \gamma$  or  $X_{1,2} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ , such decays could easily mimic  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  signatures, while not being ruled out by the decays of charged kaons. We construct explicit models that have enhanced  $K_L$  decay signatures, and are constrained by the results of the KOTO experiment. We note that recently reported excess events can also be accommodated while satisfying all other constraints ( $B$  decays, colliders, beam dumps). These models are based on the extensions of the gauge and/or scalar sector of the theory. The lightest of  $X_{1,2}$  particles, if stable, could constitute the entirety of dark matter.

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## Probing $R$ -parity violation in $B$ -meson decays to a baryon and a light neutralino

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**ABSTRACT:** We propose a search for  $B$  meson decays to a baryon plus missing energy at the Belle II experiment to probe supersymmetry with a GeV-scale lightest neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  and  $R$ -parity violation (RPV). We perform analytic computations of the signal branching fractions in the framework of effective field theory, with a single nonzero RPV operator  $\lambda''_{ij3} \bar{U}_i^c \bar{D}_j^c \bar{D}_3^c$ , where  $i, j = 1, 2$ . The hadronic form factors are calculated using an SU(3) phenomenological Lagrangian approach for the proton, as well as several hyperons and charmed baryons. Since the decay of the neutralino is kinematically and CKM suppressed in this theoretical scenario, it decays outside the detector and appears experimentally only as missing energy. We detail the analysis techniques at the experimental level and estimate the background in the  $B^+ \rightarrow p \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  search using published results for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ . Our final sensitivity plots are shown for both  $\lambda''_{113}$  versus the squark mass  $m_{\tilde{q}}$  and  $\lambda''_{113}/m_{\tilde{q}}^2$  versus the neutralino mass  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ . We find that the search at Belle II could probe  $\lambda''_{113}/m_{\tilde{q}}^2$  down to the order of  $10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  in the kinematically allowed  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  range. We also obtain current limits on  $\lambda''_{123}$  by recasting an existing search interpreted as  $B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ , and comment about searches for  $B^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ , and  $B^+ \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ . In closing, we briefly discuss potential searches at the LHCb and BESIII experiments.



# Belle II Projections & LHCb Comparison

## Belle II

Higher sensitivity to decays with photons and neutrinos (e.g.  $B \rightarrow K \nu \nu$ ,  $\mu \nu$ ), inclusive decays, time dependent CPV in  $B_d$ ,  $\tau$  physics.

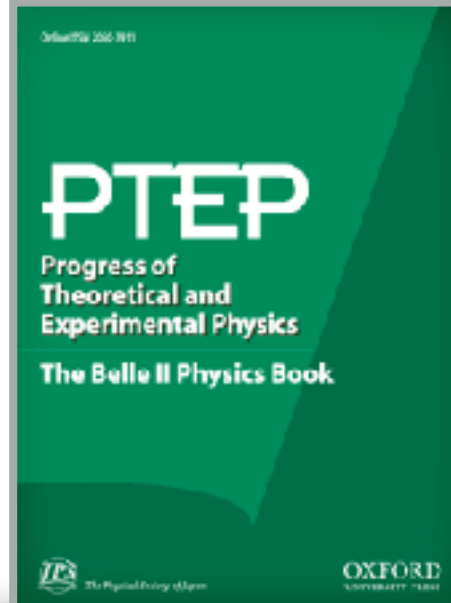
## LHCb

Higher production rates for ultra rare B, D, & K decays, access to all b-hadron flavours (e.g.  $\Lambda_b$ ), high boost for fast  $B_s$  oscillations.

Overlap in various key areas to verify discoveries.

## Upgrades

Most key channels will be stats. limited (not theory or syst.).



Observable	2022 Belle(II), BaBar	2022 LHCb	Belle-II 5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	Belle-II 50 ab <sup>-1</sup>	LHCb 50 fb <sup>-1</sup>	Belle-II 250 ab <sup>-1</sup>	LHCb 300 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$\sin 2\beta/\phi_1$	0.03	0.04	0.012	0.005	0.011	0.002	0.003
$\gamma/\phi_3$	11°	4°	4.7°	1.5°	1°	0.8°	0.35°
$\alpha/\phi_2$	4°	—	2°	0.6°	—	0.3°	—
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $	4.5%	6%	2%	1%	2%	< 1%	1%
$S_{CP}(B \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0)$	0.08	—	0.03	0.015	—	0.007	—
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow \pi^0 K_S^0)$	0.15	—	0.07	0.04	—	0.018	—
$S_{CP}(B \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0)$	0.32	—	0.11	0.035	—	0.015	—
$R(B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-)^{\dagger}$	0.26	0.12	0.09	0.03	0.022	0.01	0.009
$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)$	0.018	0.026	0.009	0.0045	0.0072	<0.003	<0.003
$R(B \rightarrow D \tau \nu)$	0.034	—	0.016	0.008	—	<0.003	—
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$	24%	—	9%	4%	—	2%	—
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})$	—	—	25%	9%	—	4%	—
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e \gamma)$ UL	$42 \times 10^{-9}$	—	$22 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-9}$	—	$3.1 \times 10^{-9}$	—
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu)$ UL	$21 \times 10^{-9}$	$46 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.6 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.36 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.07 \times 10^{-9}$	$5 \times 10^{-9}$

Table 1: Projected precision of selected flavour physics measurements at Belle II and LHCb. (The † symbol denotes the measurement in the  $1 < q^2 < 6$  GeV/ $c^2$  bin.)

- The transition to a construction project is needed soon
  - SuperKEKB International Task Force should reach conclusion by summer 2022
  - **The preparation of an Upgrades Conceptual Design Report should start afterwards, ready in 2023**



# To discuss

- What happens if/when see something?
- How can we tell its a new physics contribution and not *peaking* background?
- If we can't see it, how can we decipher what any new contribution is?