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# Improving our understanding of $B \rightarrow D\pi\ell\nu$ & $B \rightarrow \pi\pi\ell\nu$ decays

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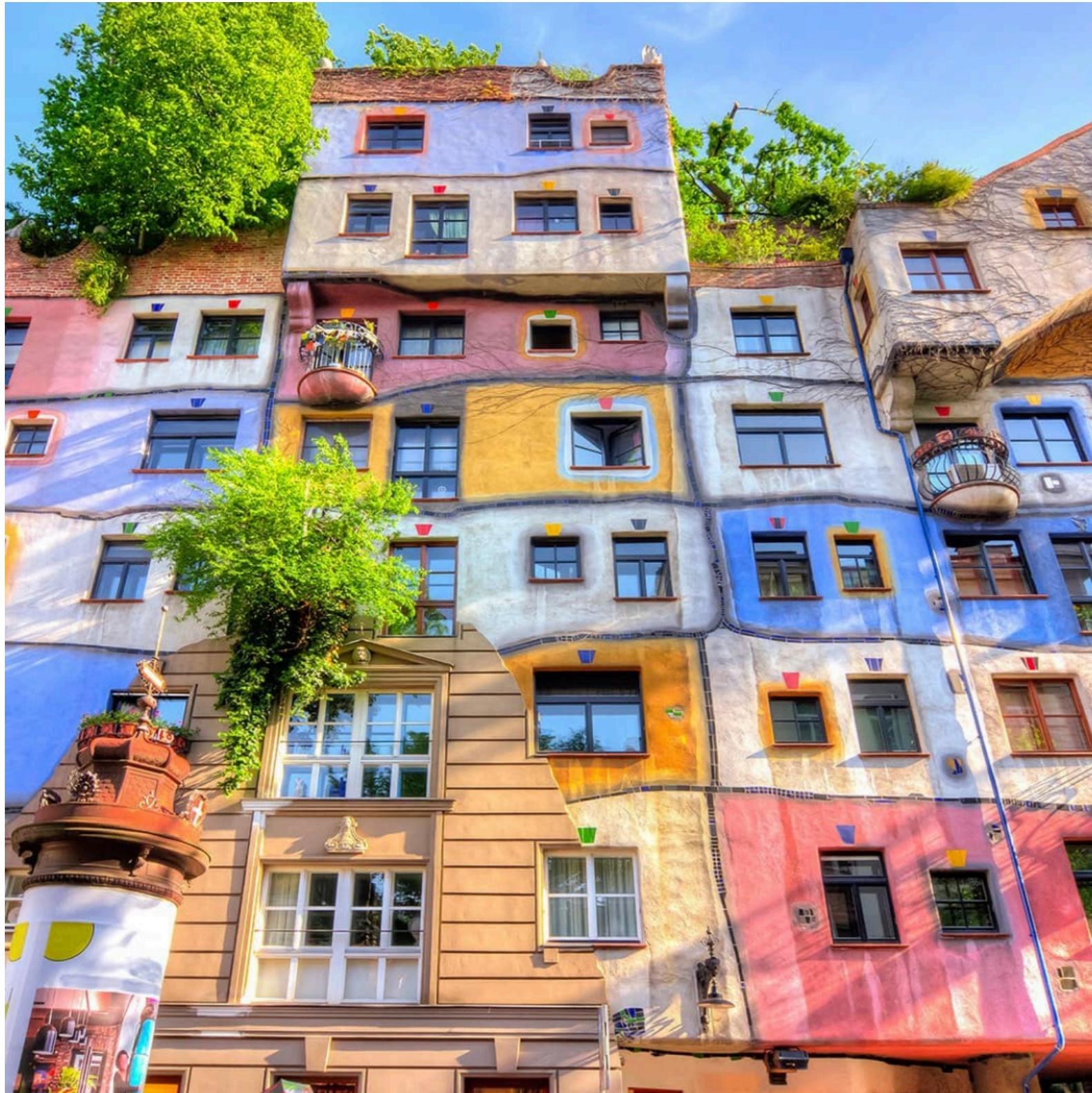
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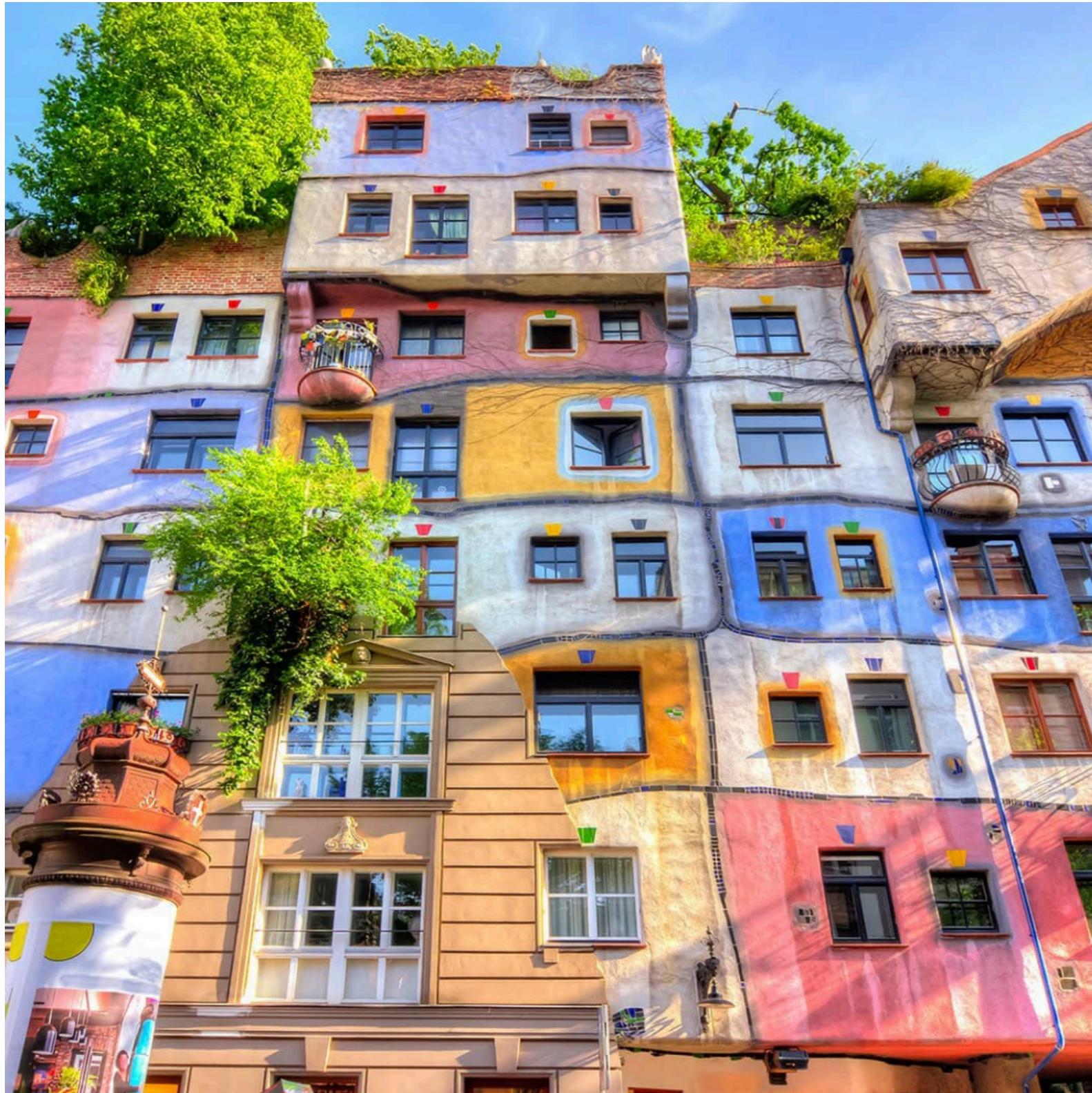


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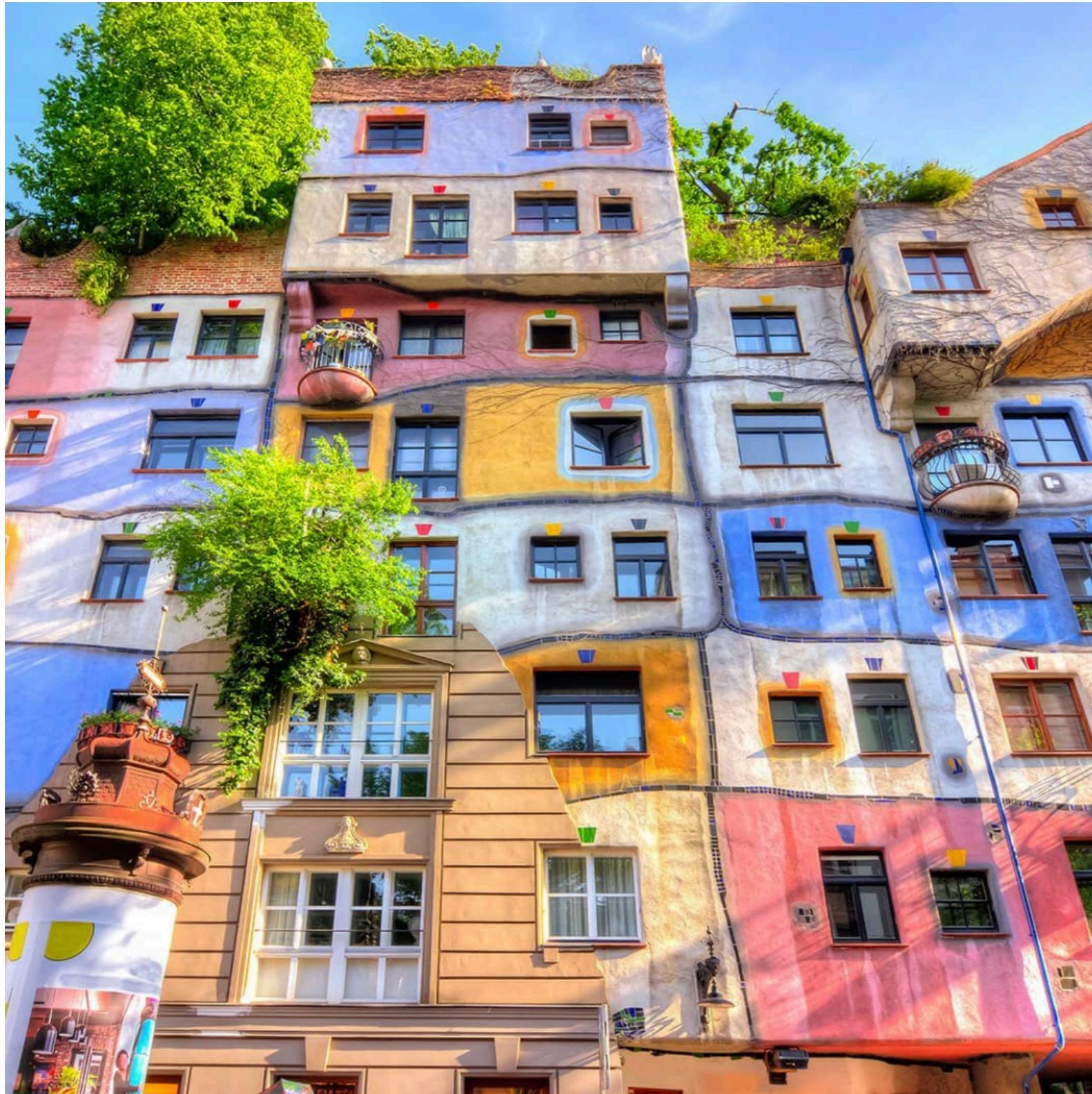
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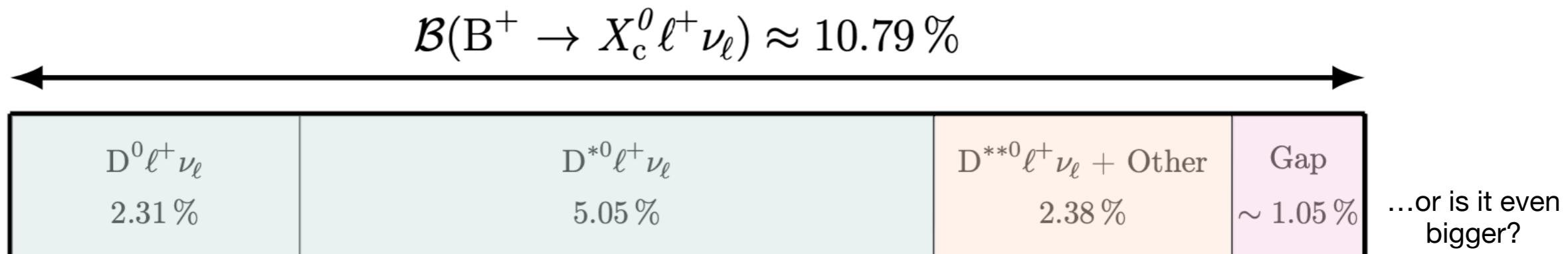
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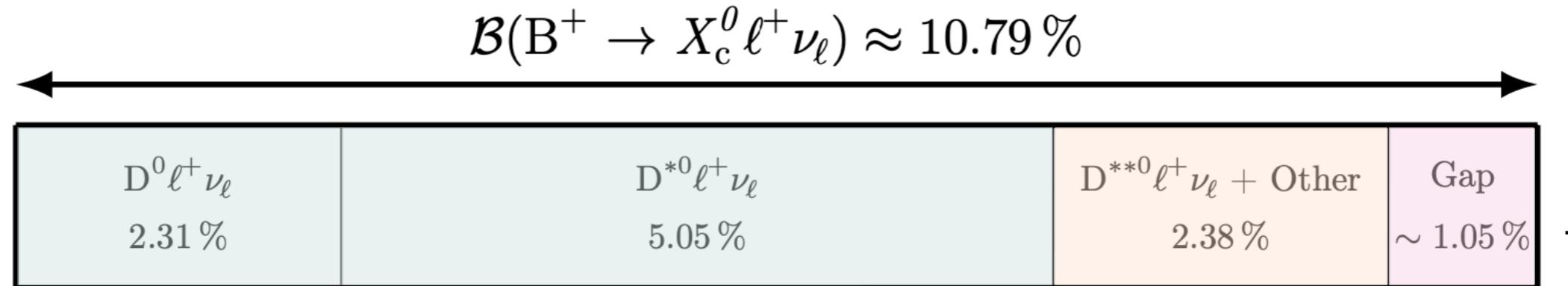


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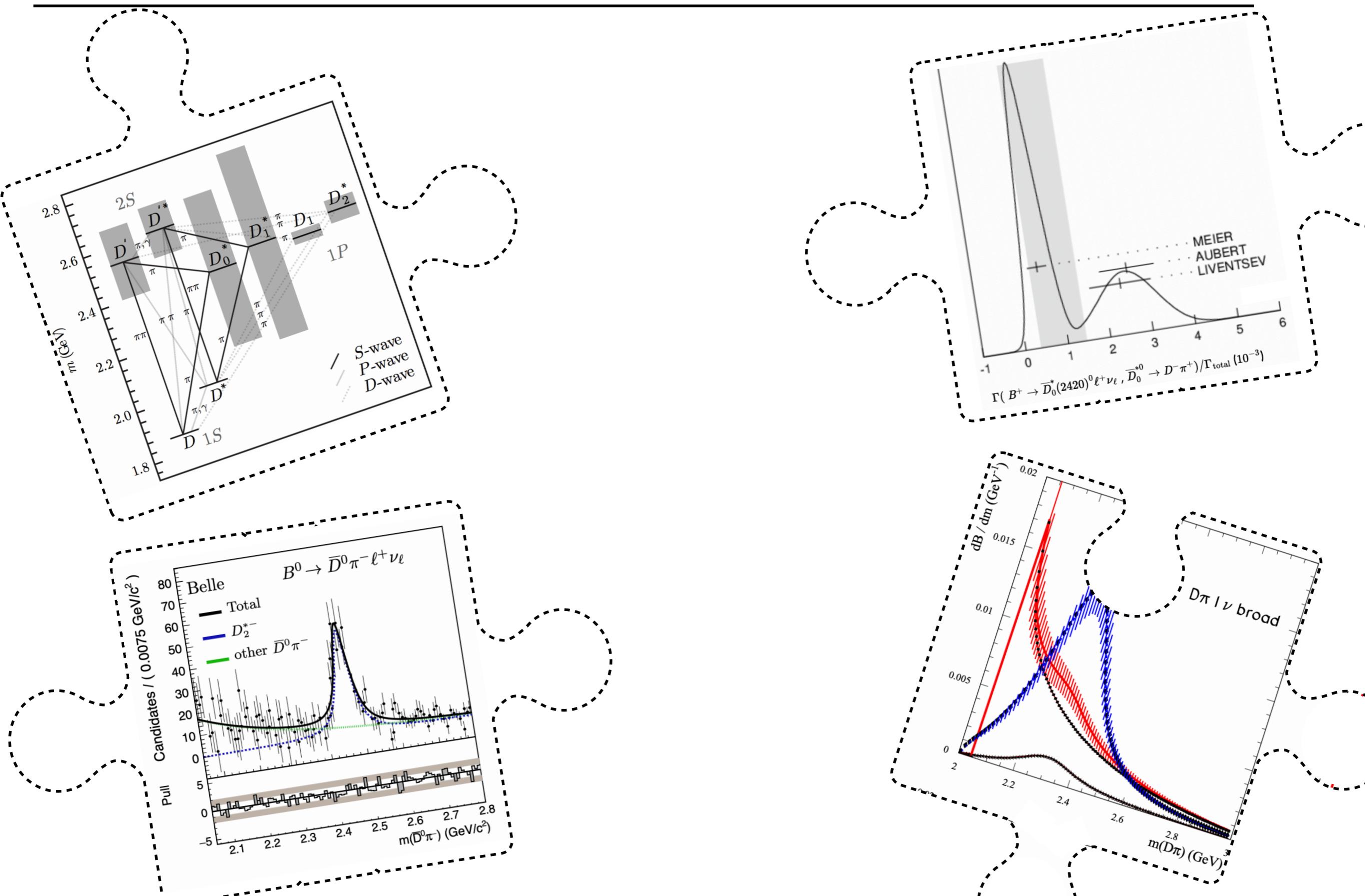
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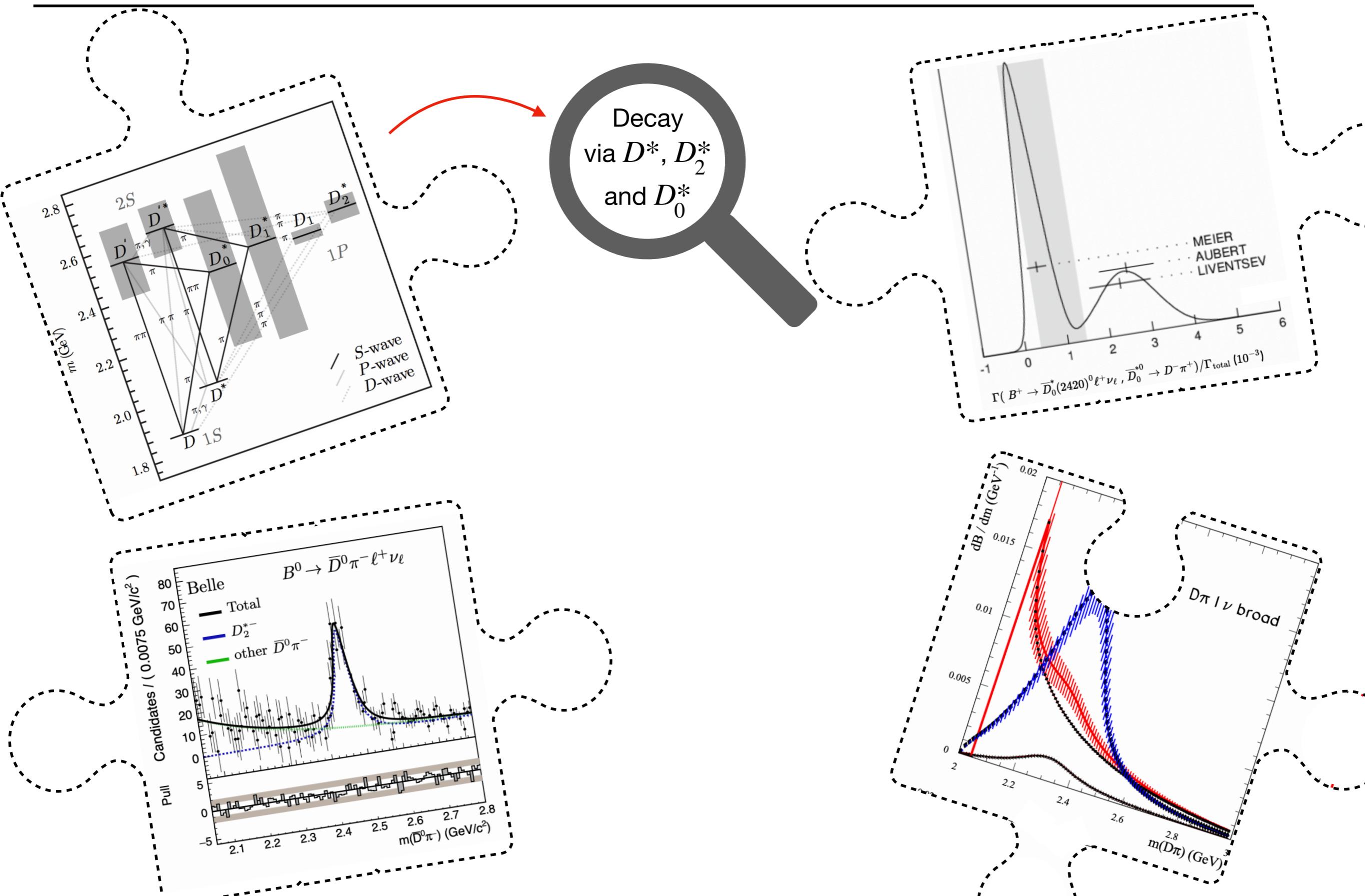


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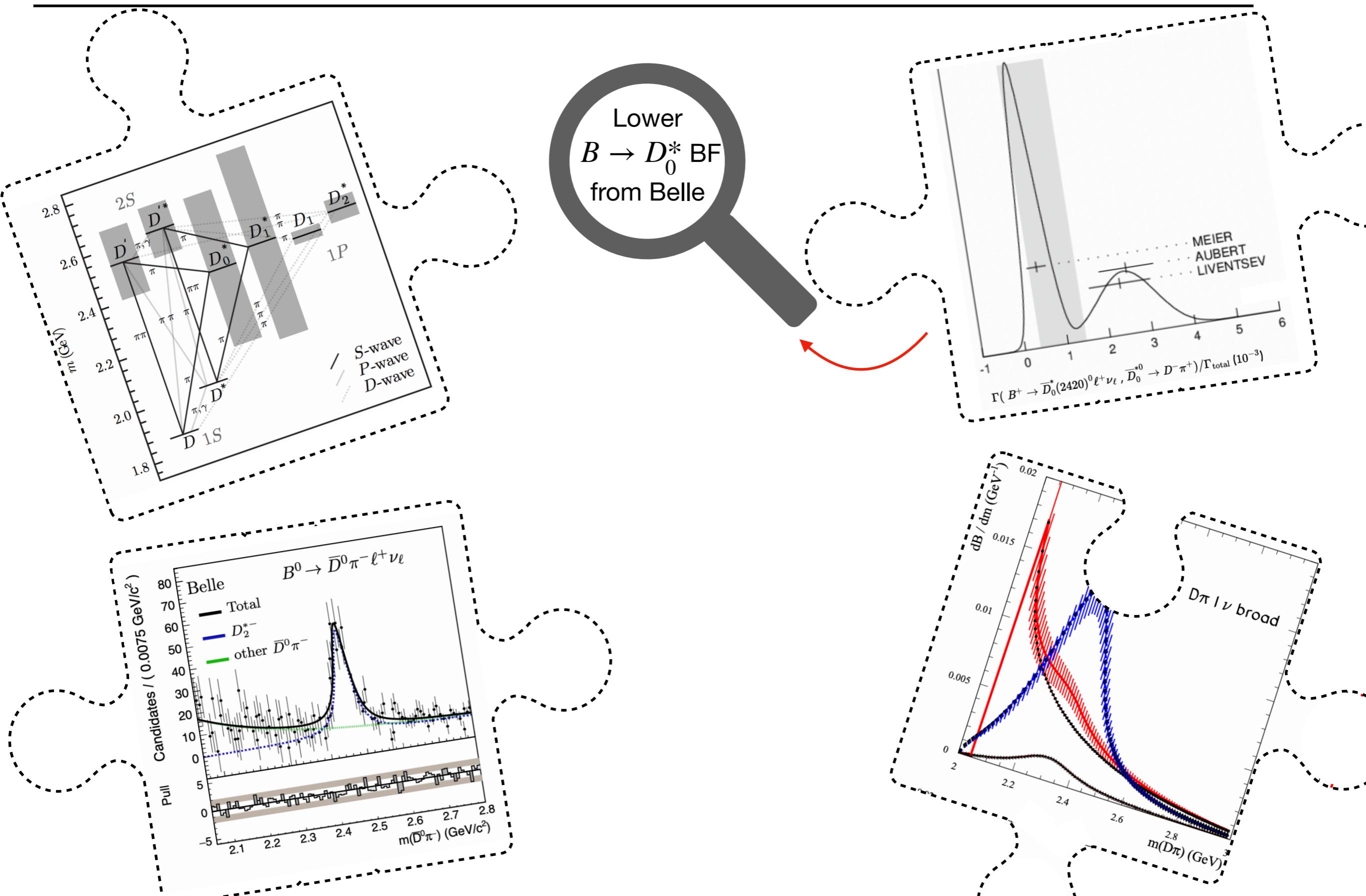
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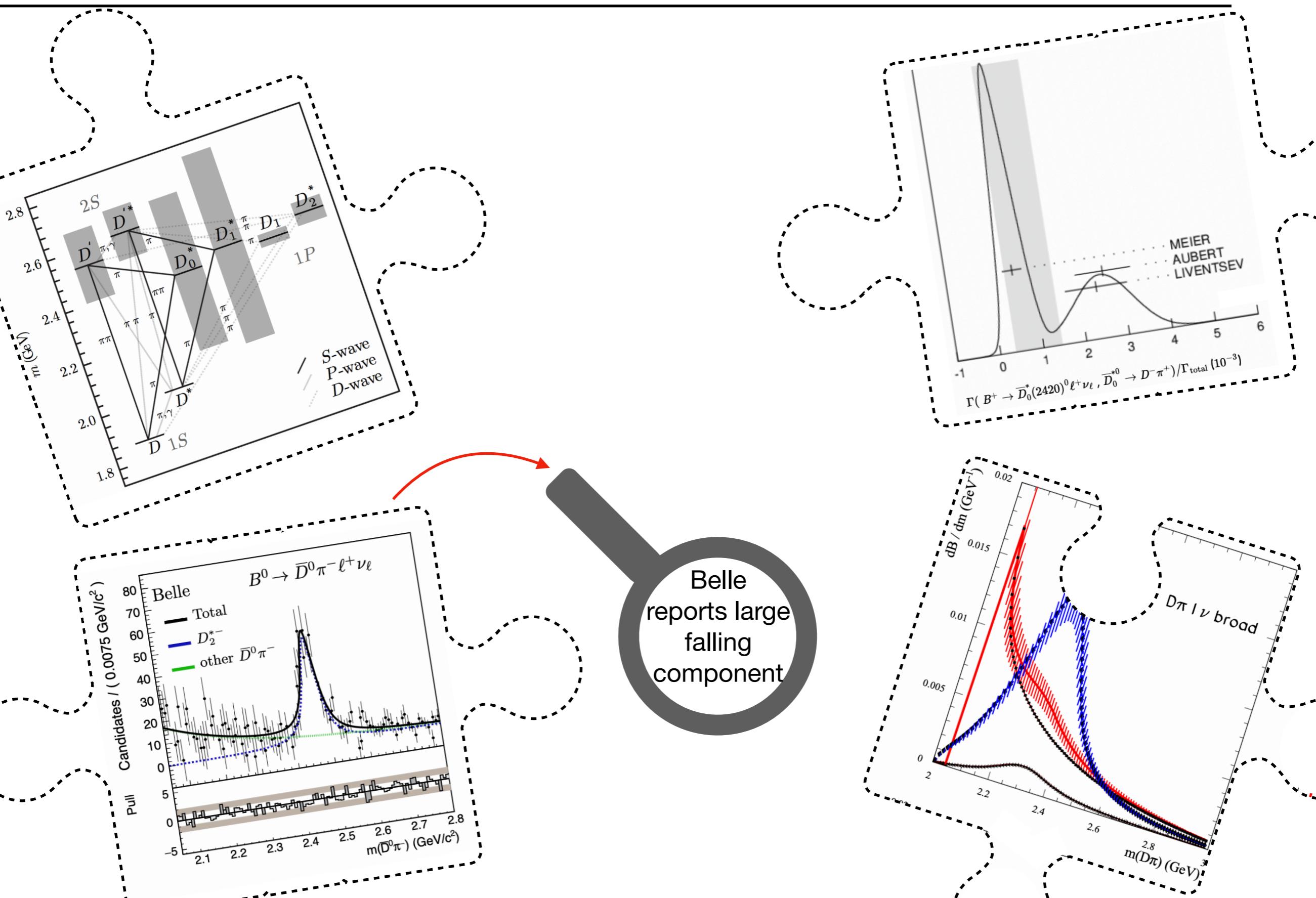
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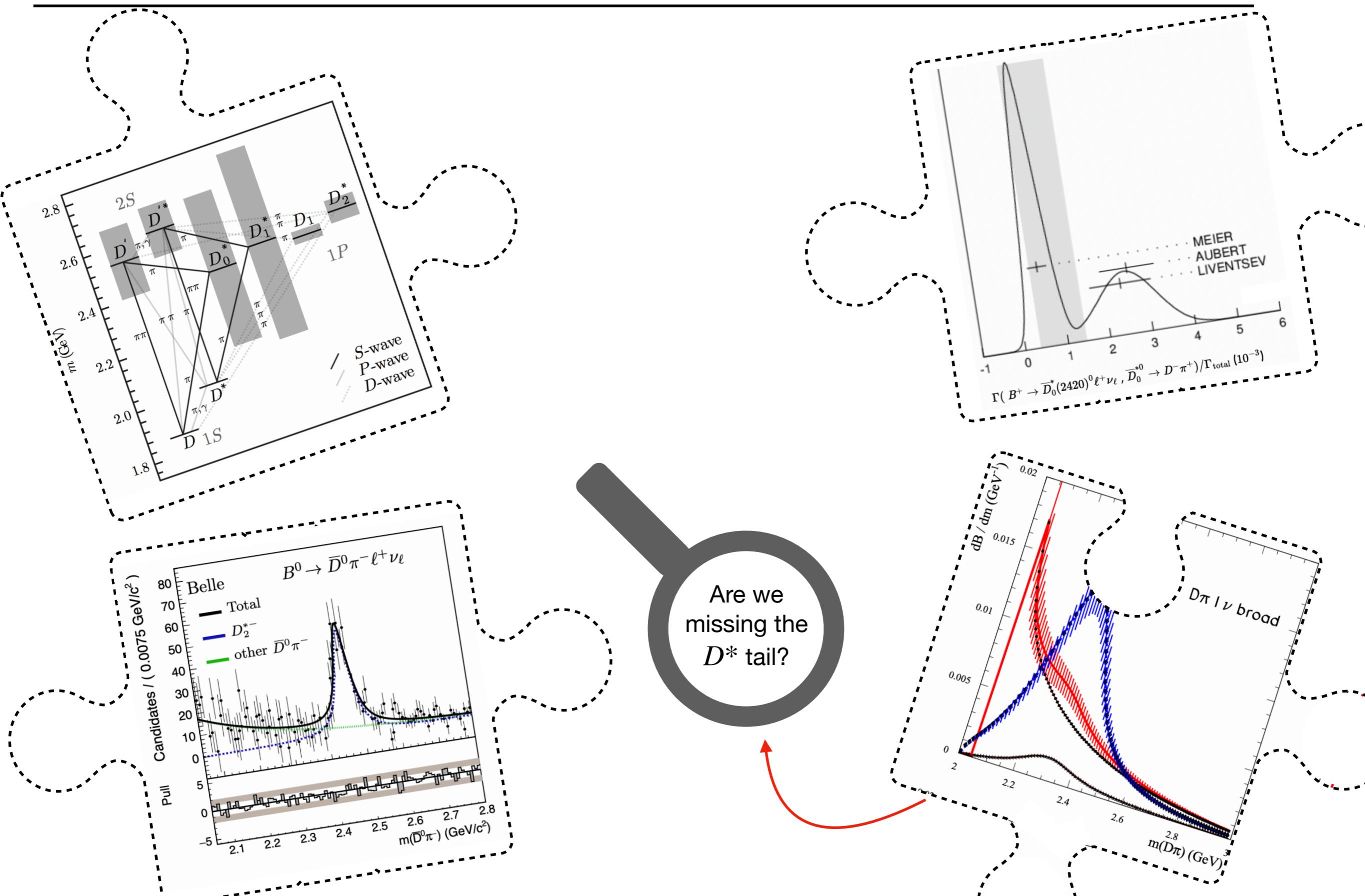
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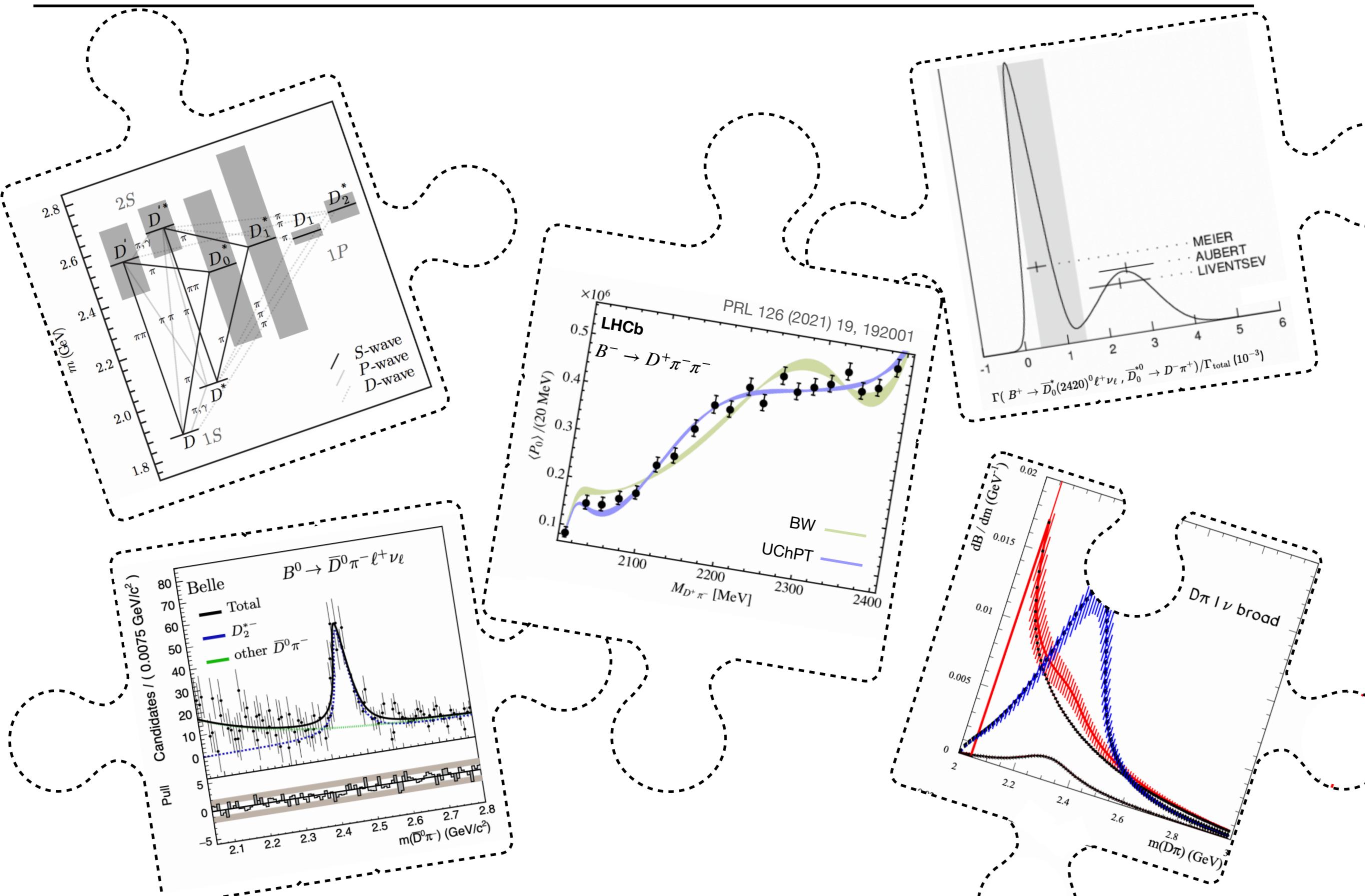
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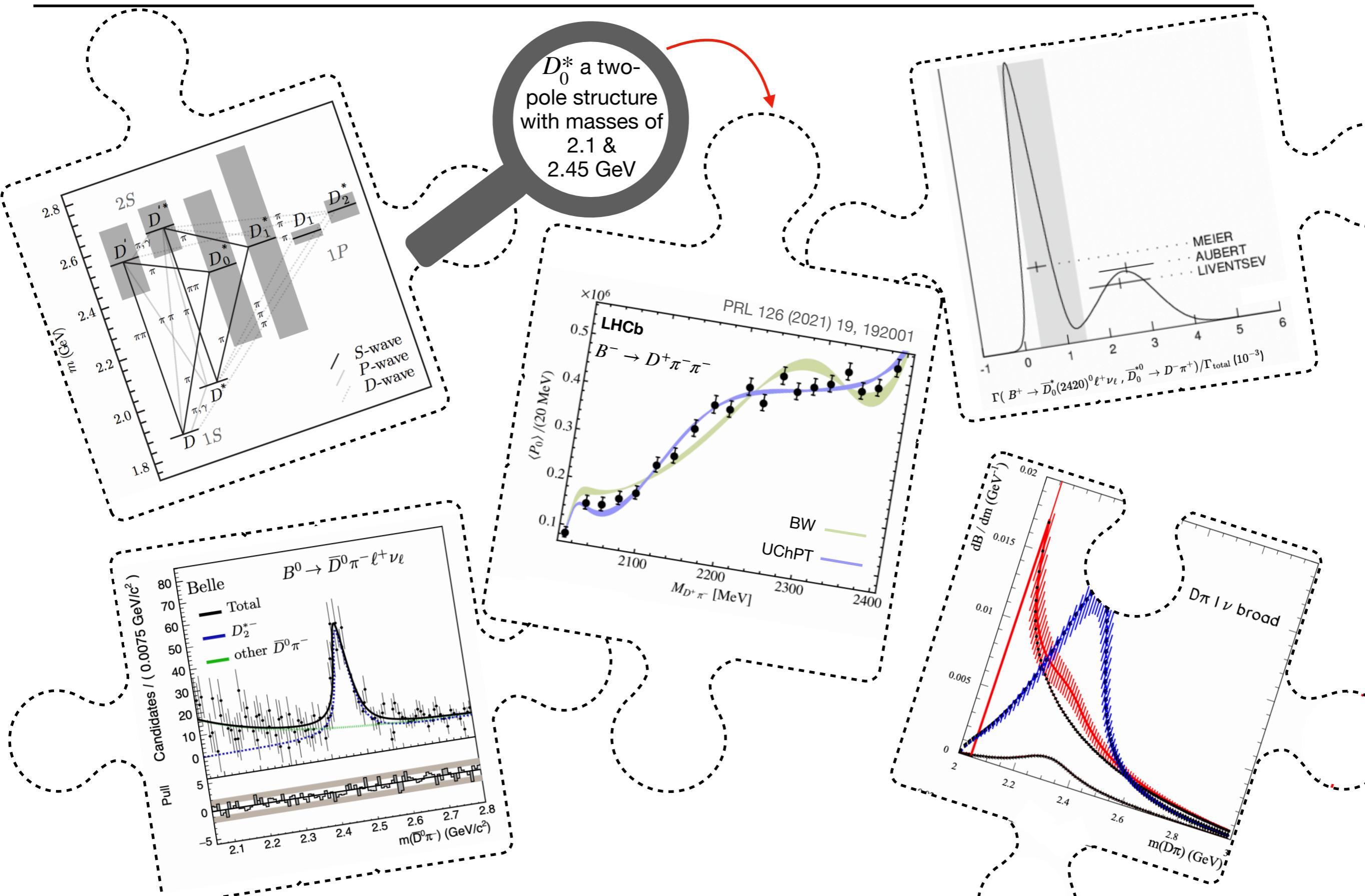
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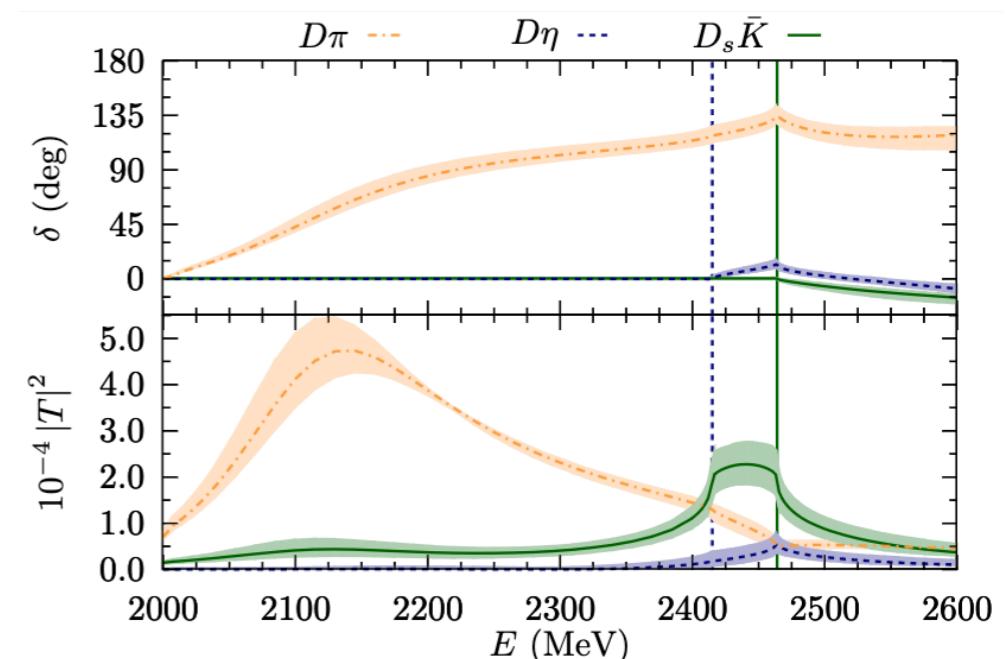


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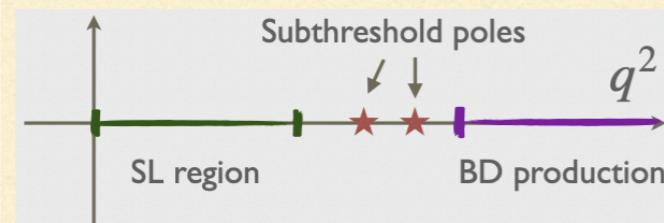
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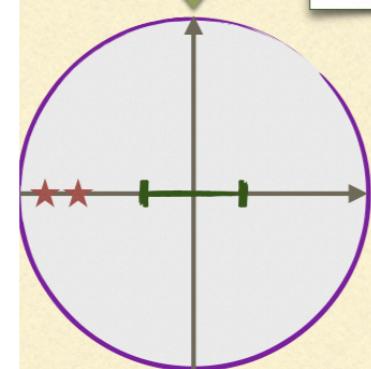
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### Theoretical fundamentals: Unitarity bounds



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$$1 \geq \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dz}{z} |B(z)\Phi(z)f(z)|^2$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\Phi(z)B(z)} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i z^i \quad 1 \geq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |a_i|^2$$

- Mapping  $q^2$  to the dimensionless variable  $z$  transforms integration region to unit circle
- In this form it is evident that our FFs live in the Hardy space  $H^2$
- Insert Blaschke products to get rid of subthreshold poles and zeroes in kinematic factors
- Series expansion (or orthogonal polynomials)
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**Ingredient 2: Convergent expansion**

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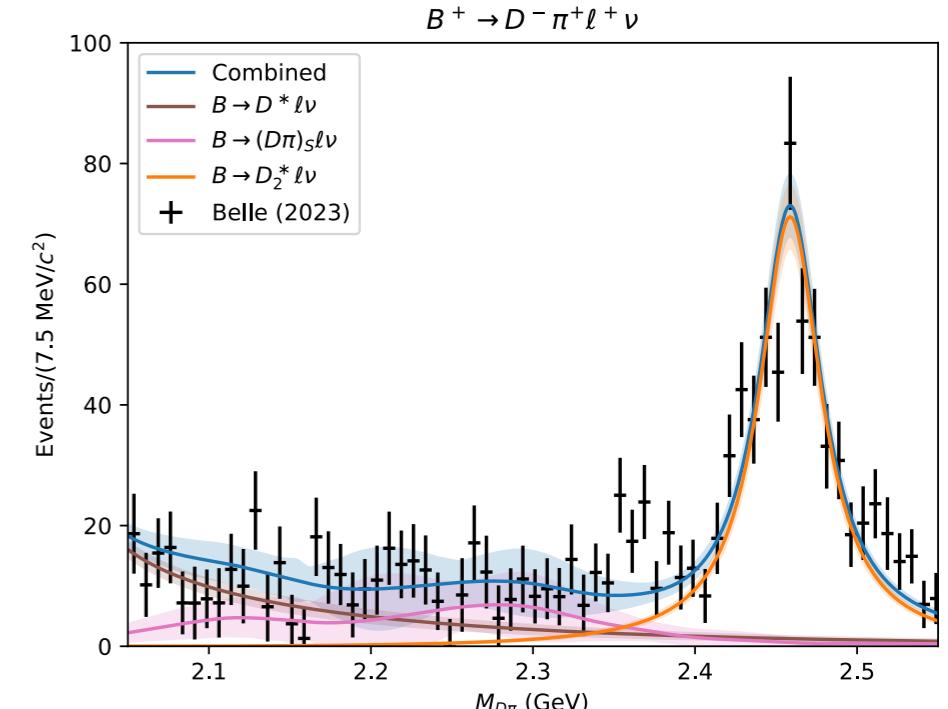
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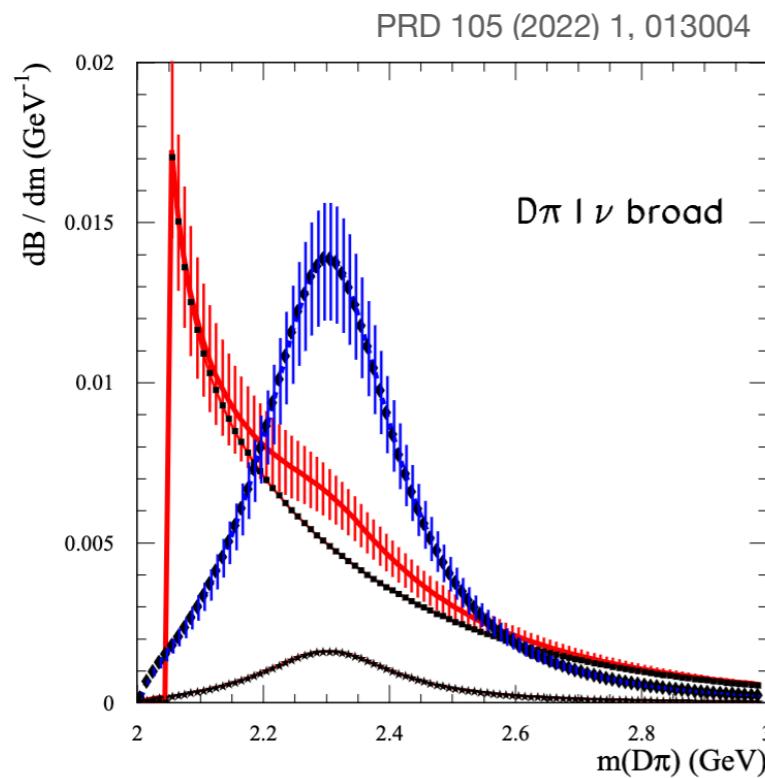
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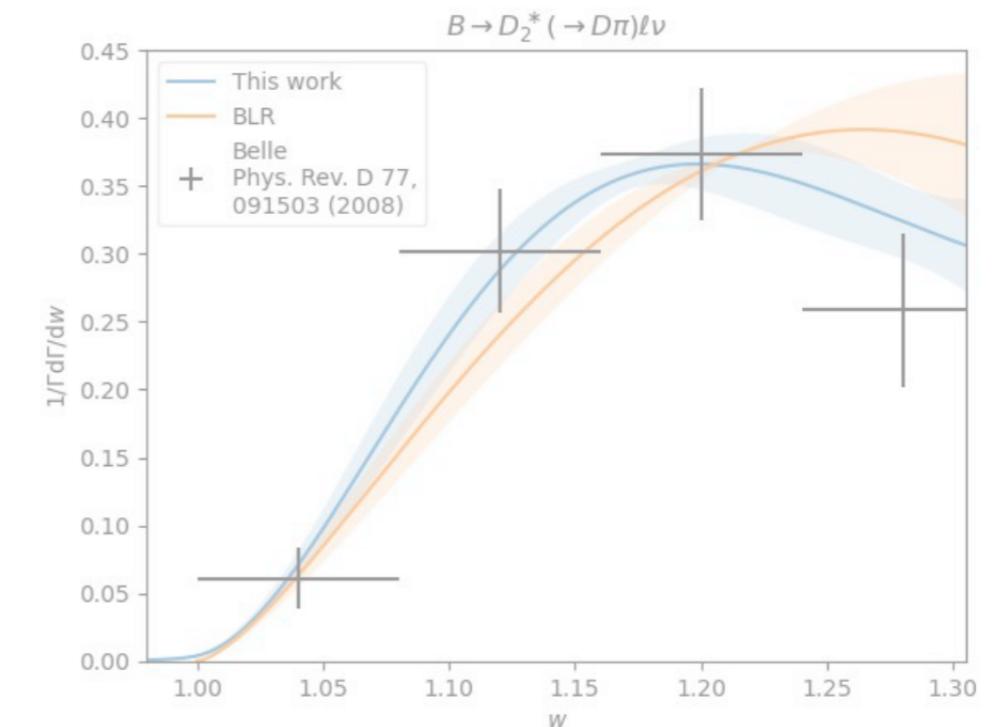
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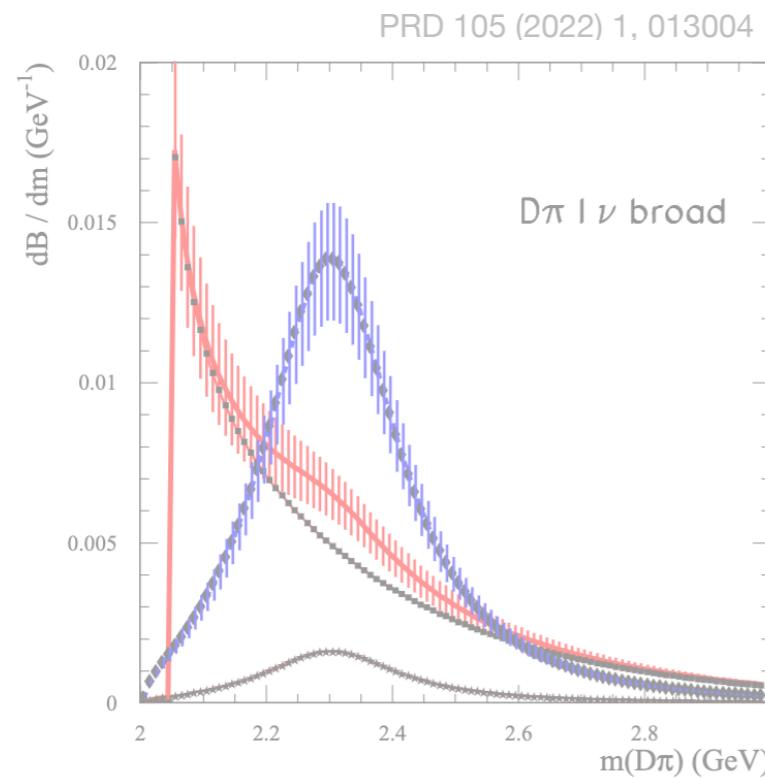
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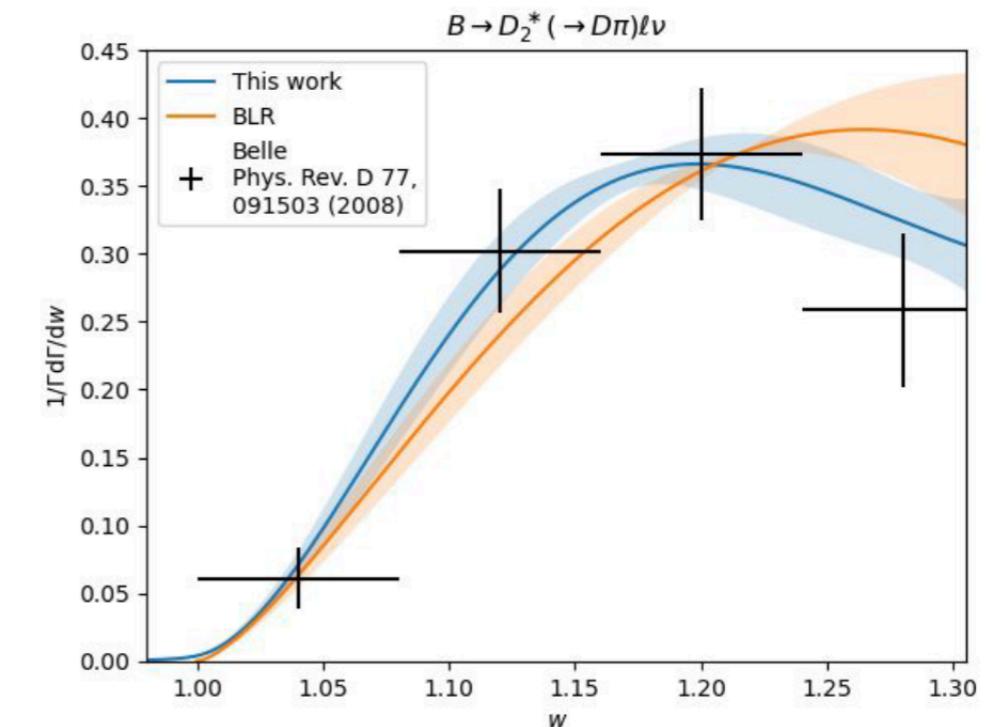
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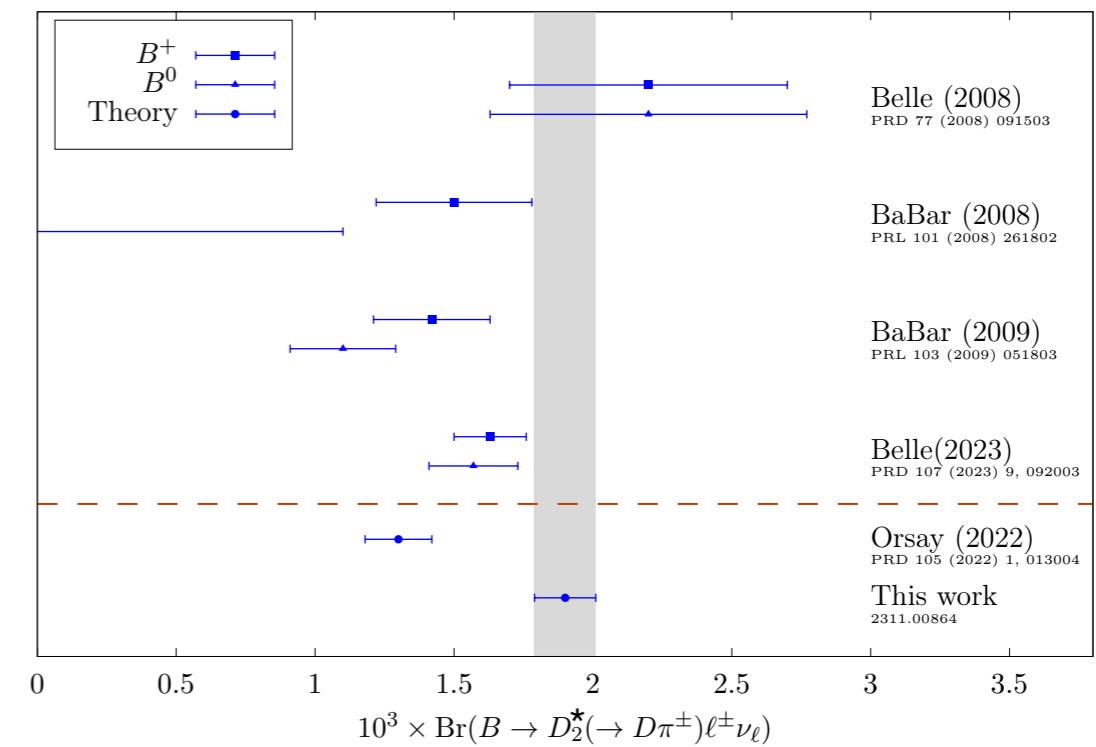
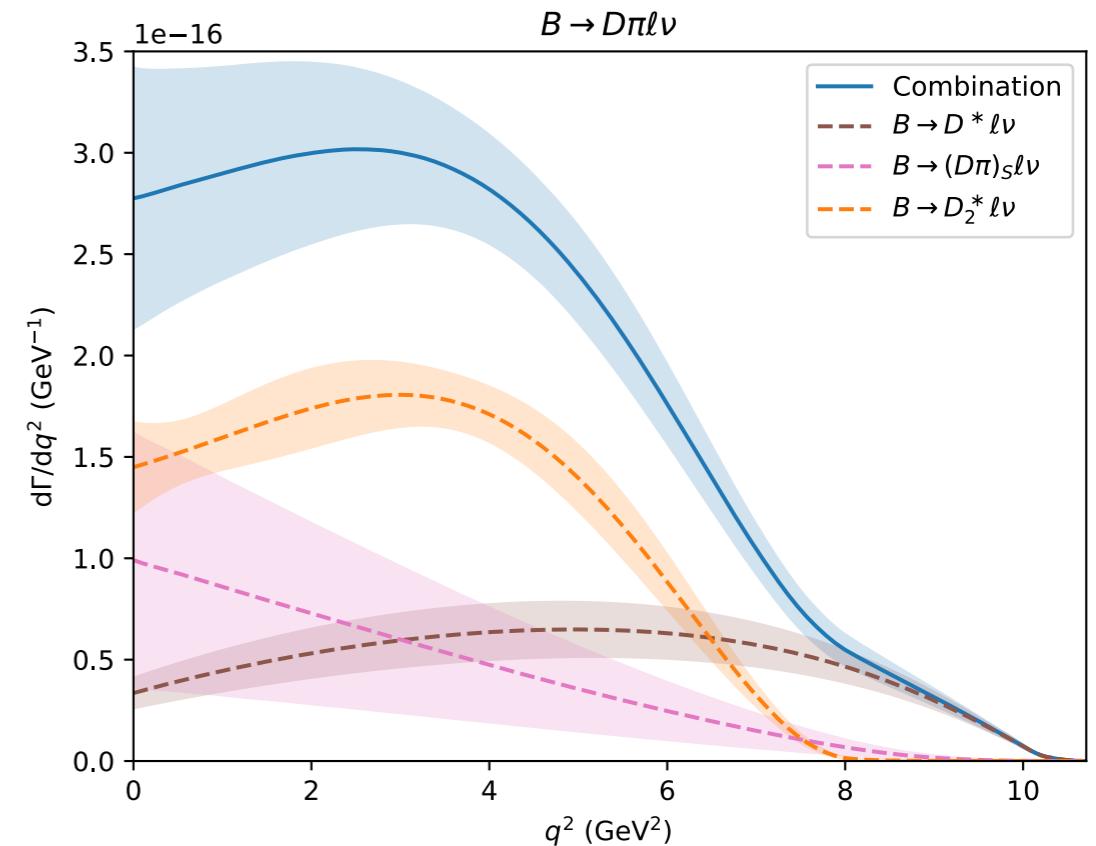


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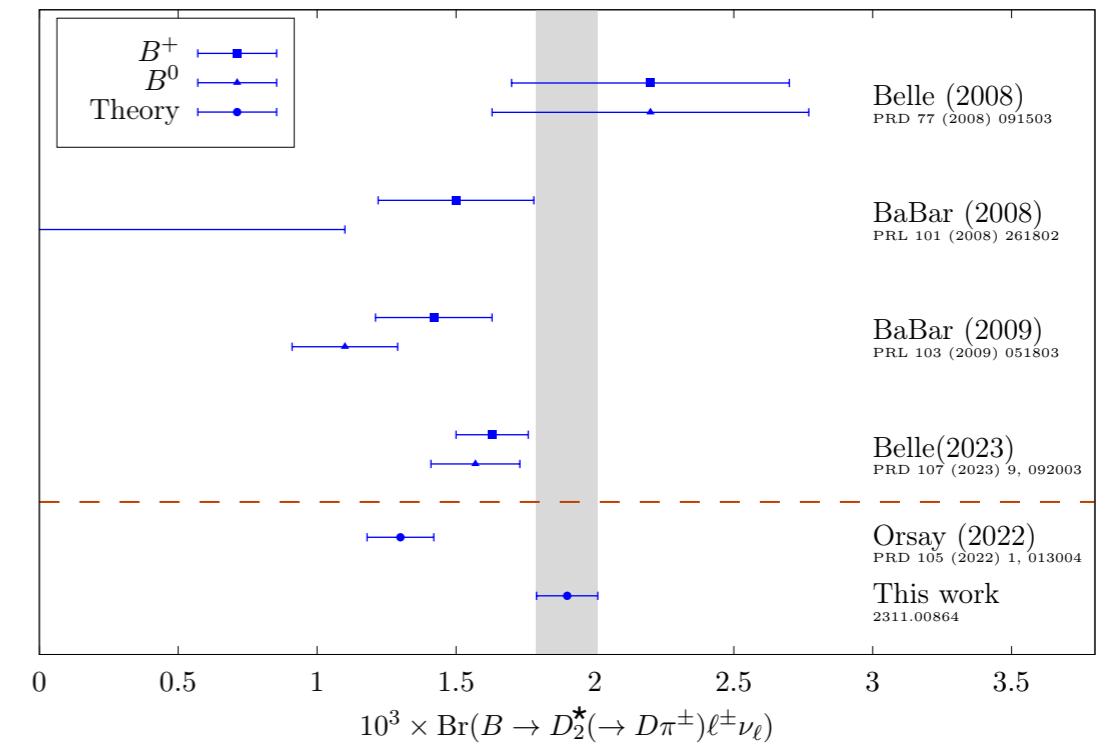
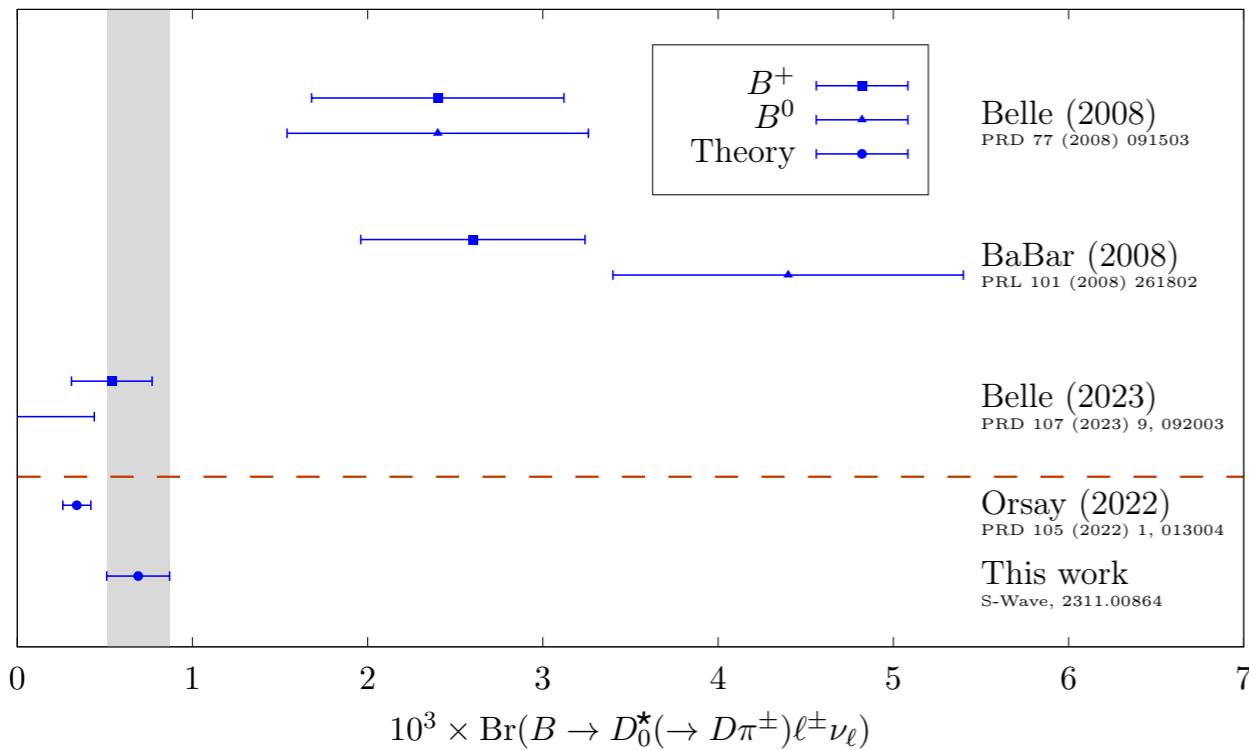
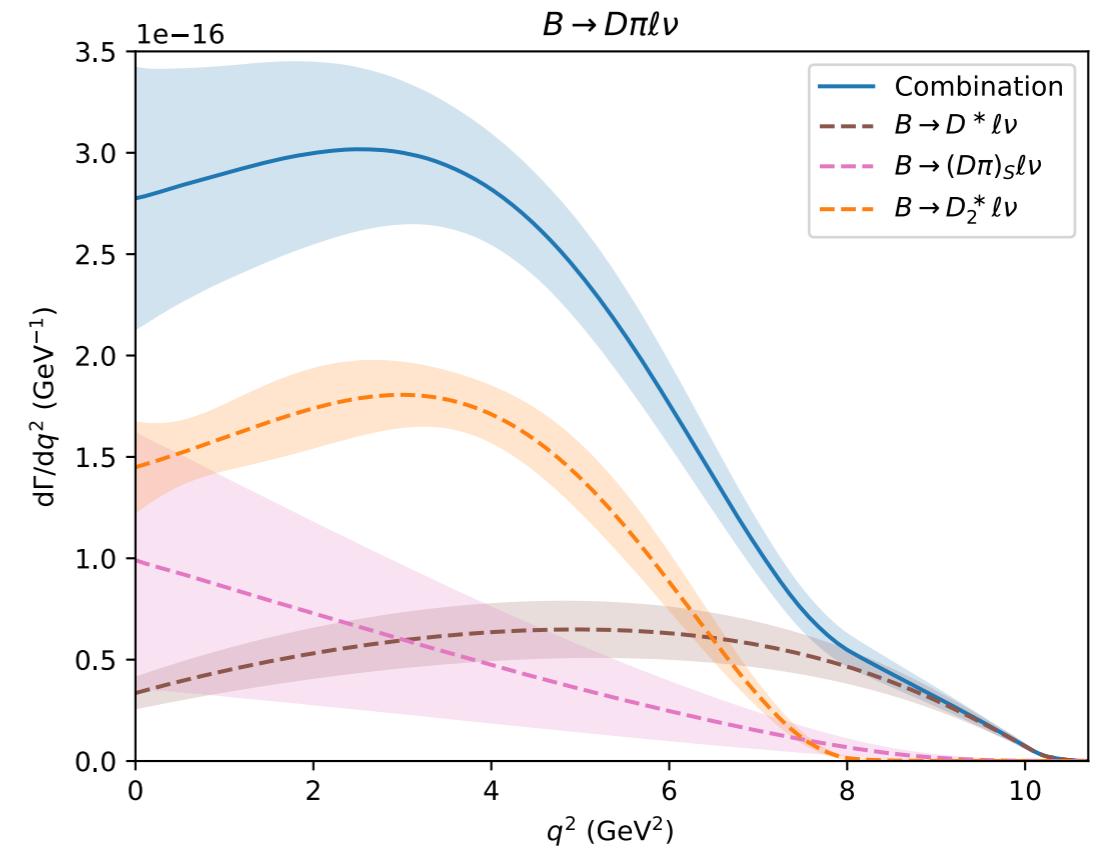
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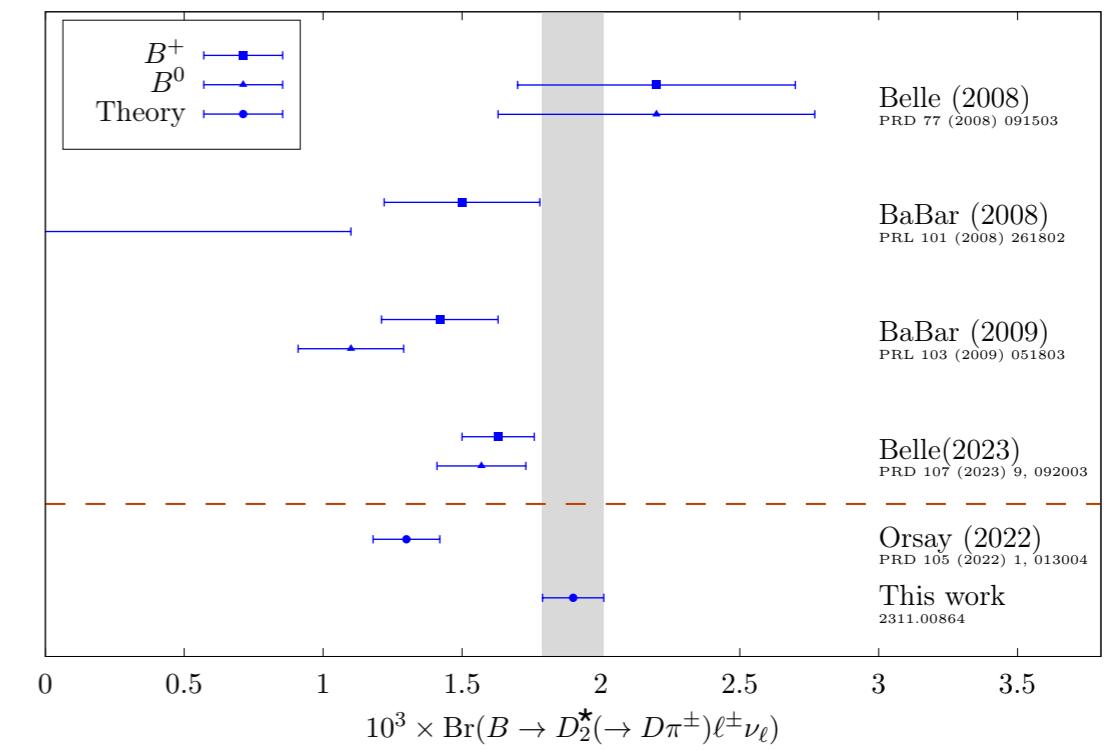
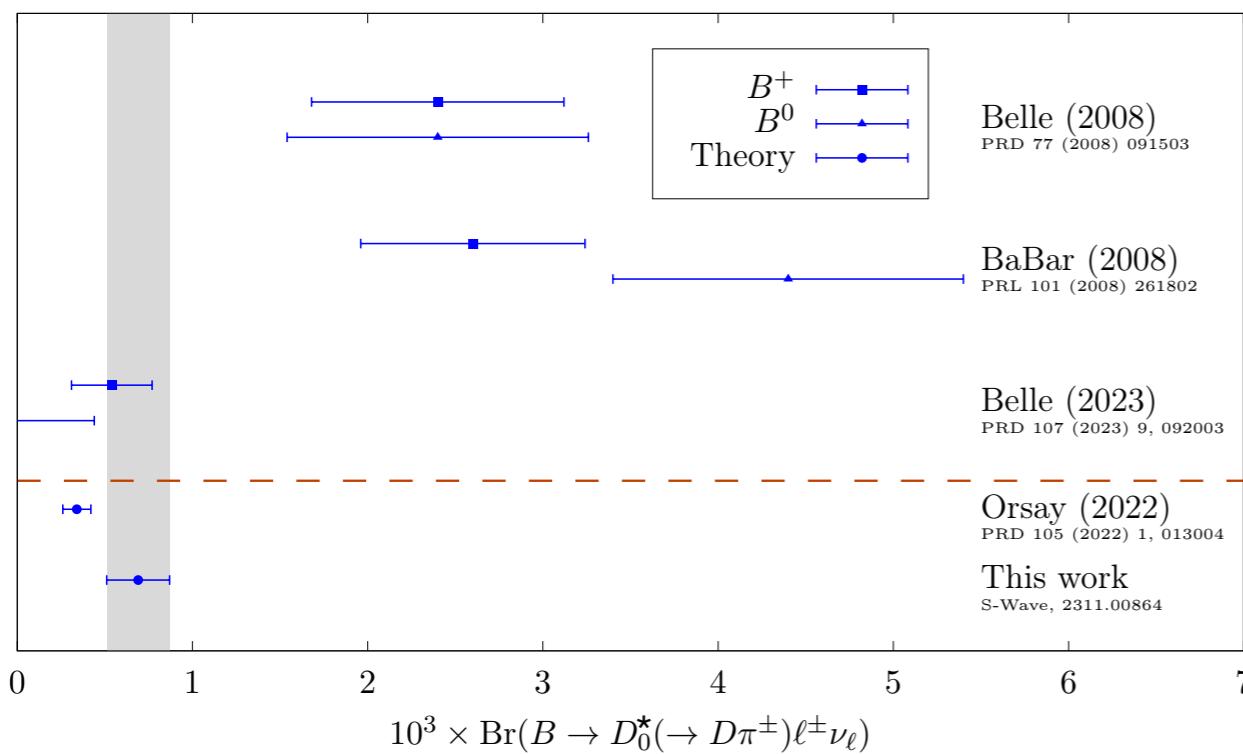
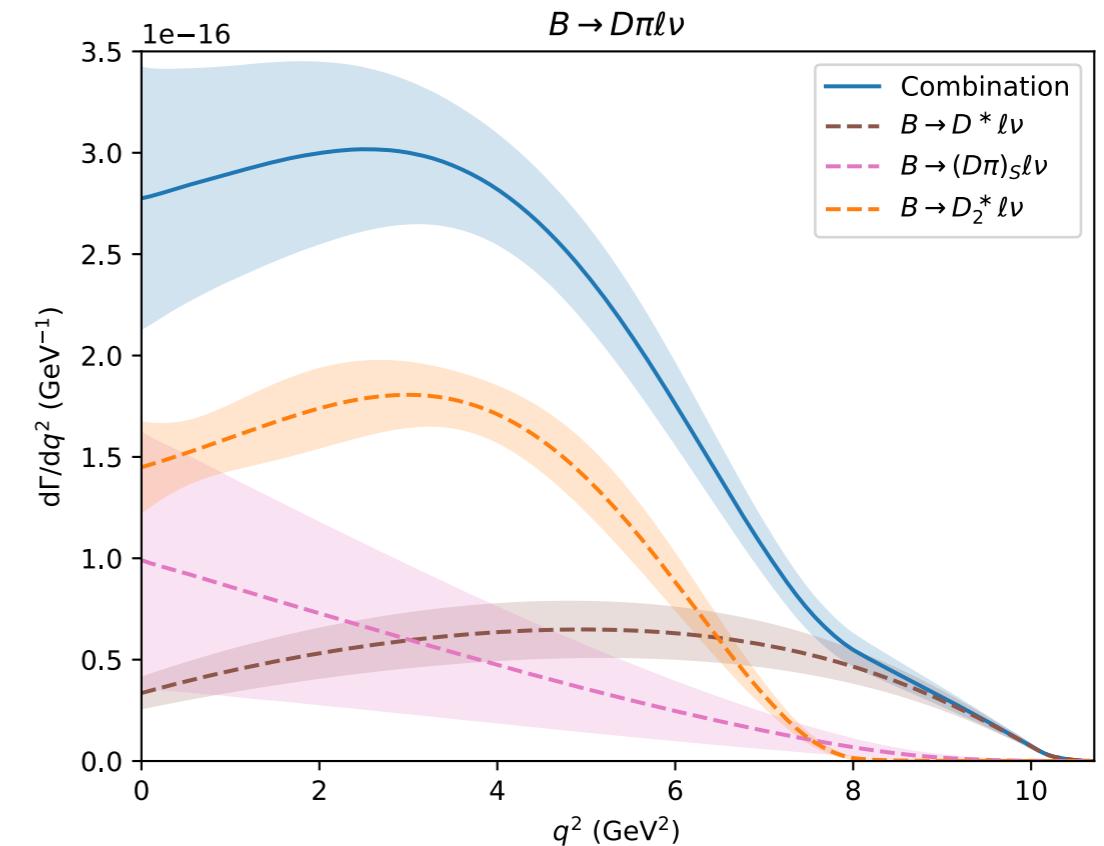


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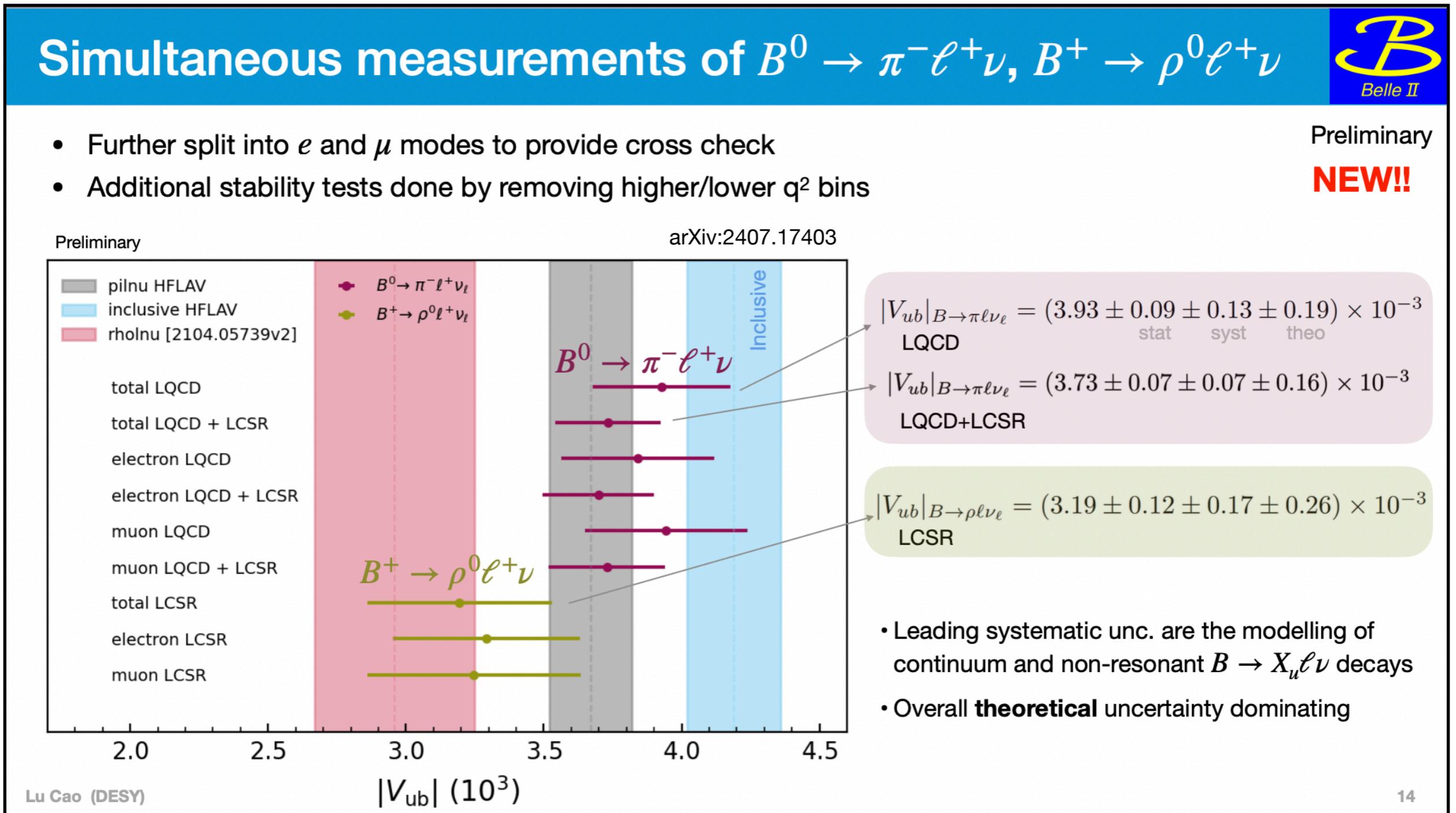
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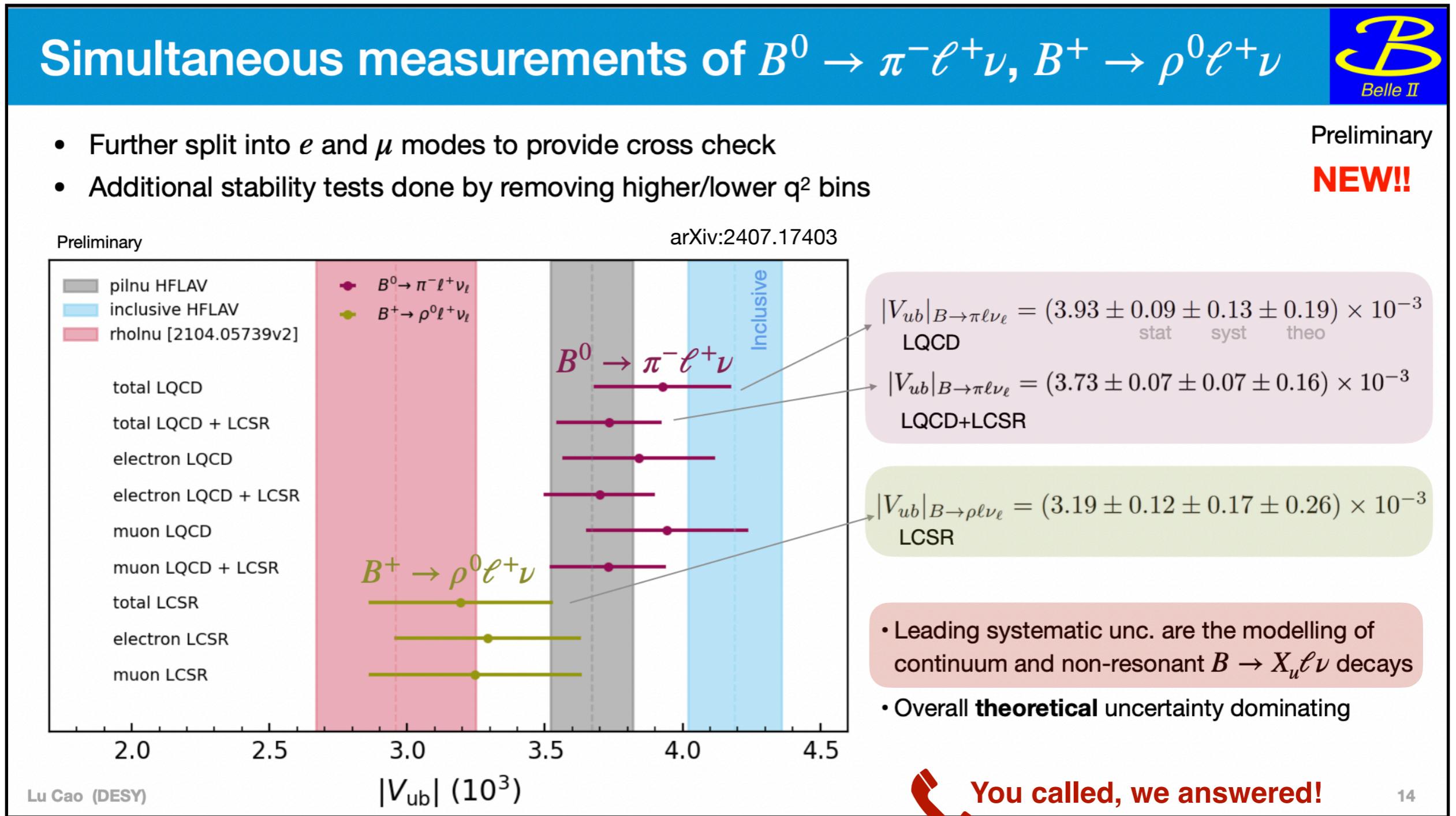
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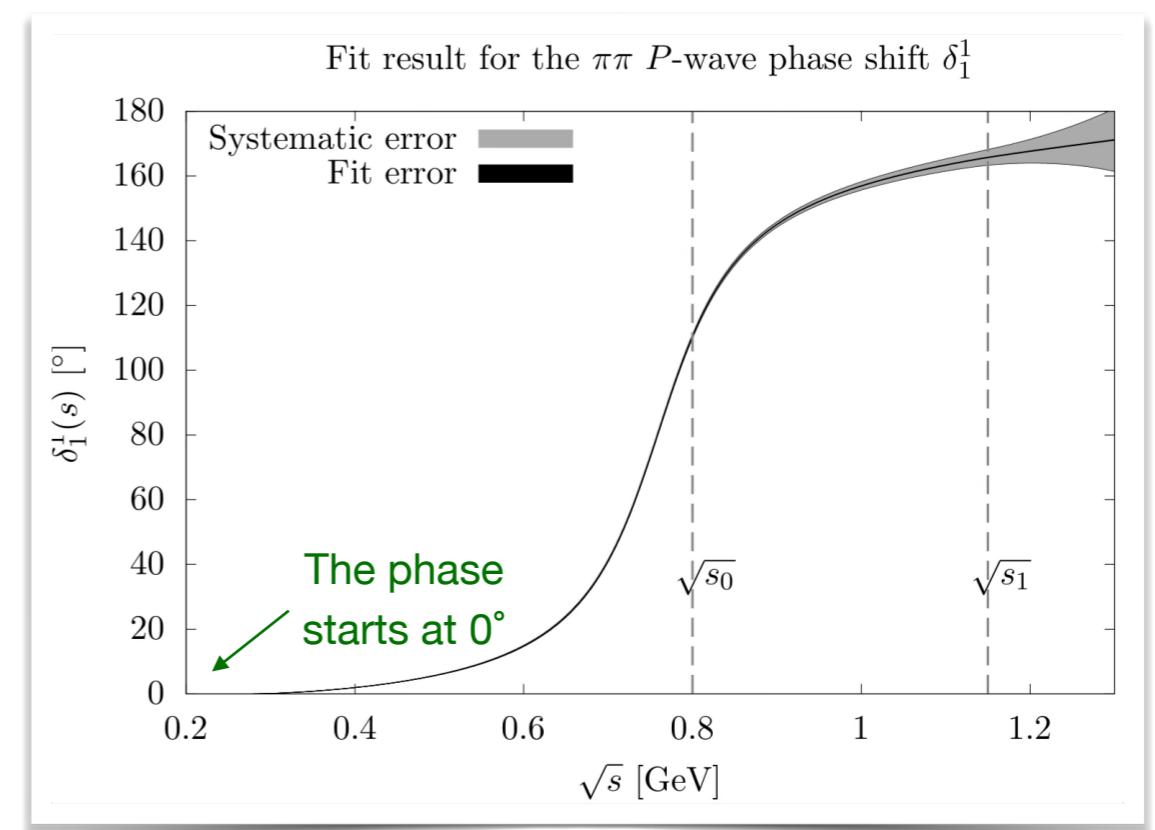
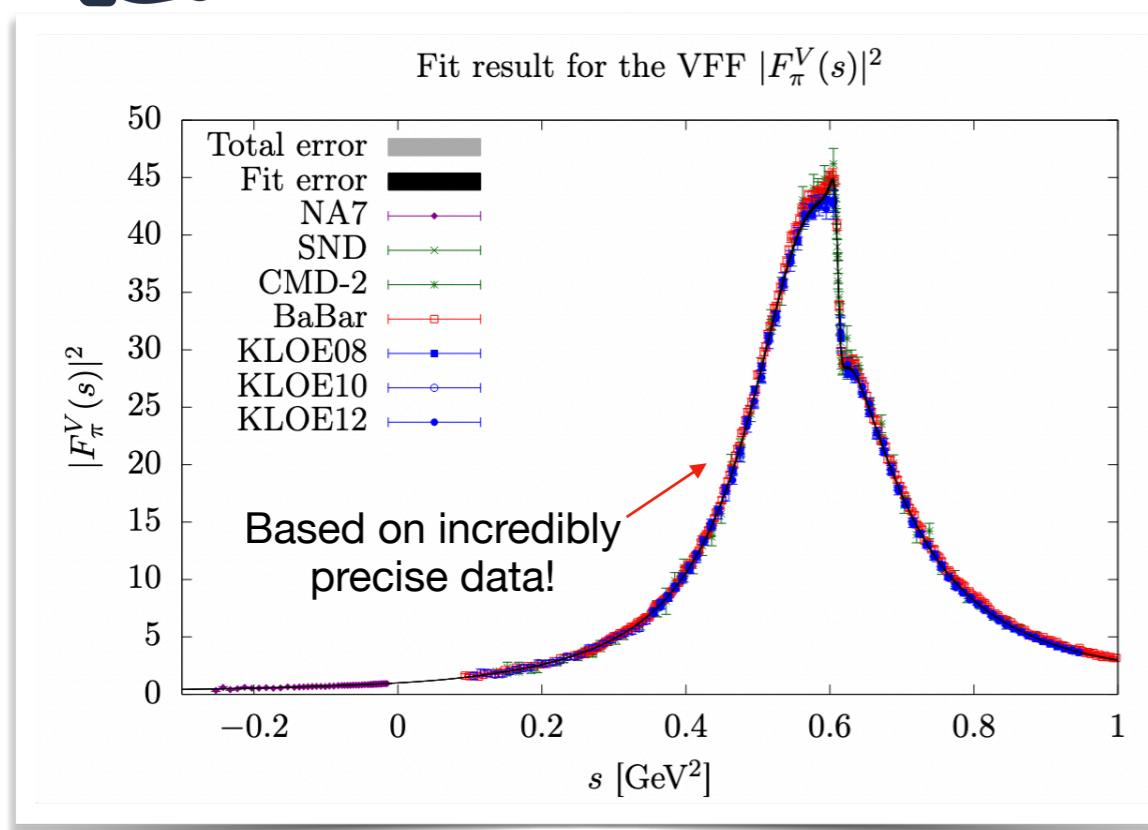
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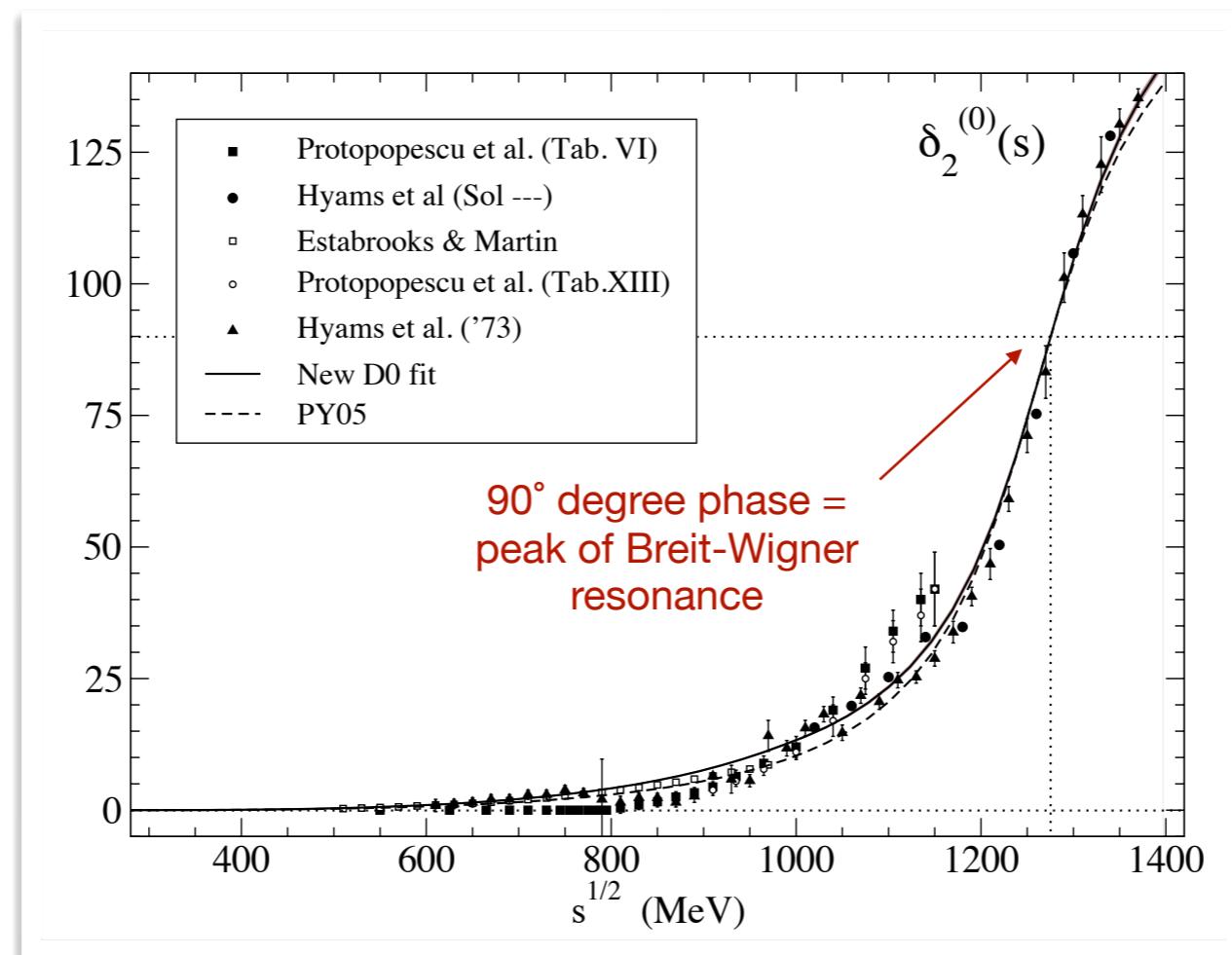
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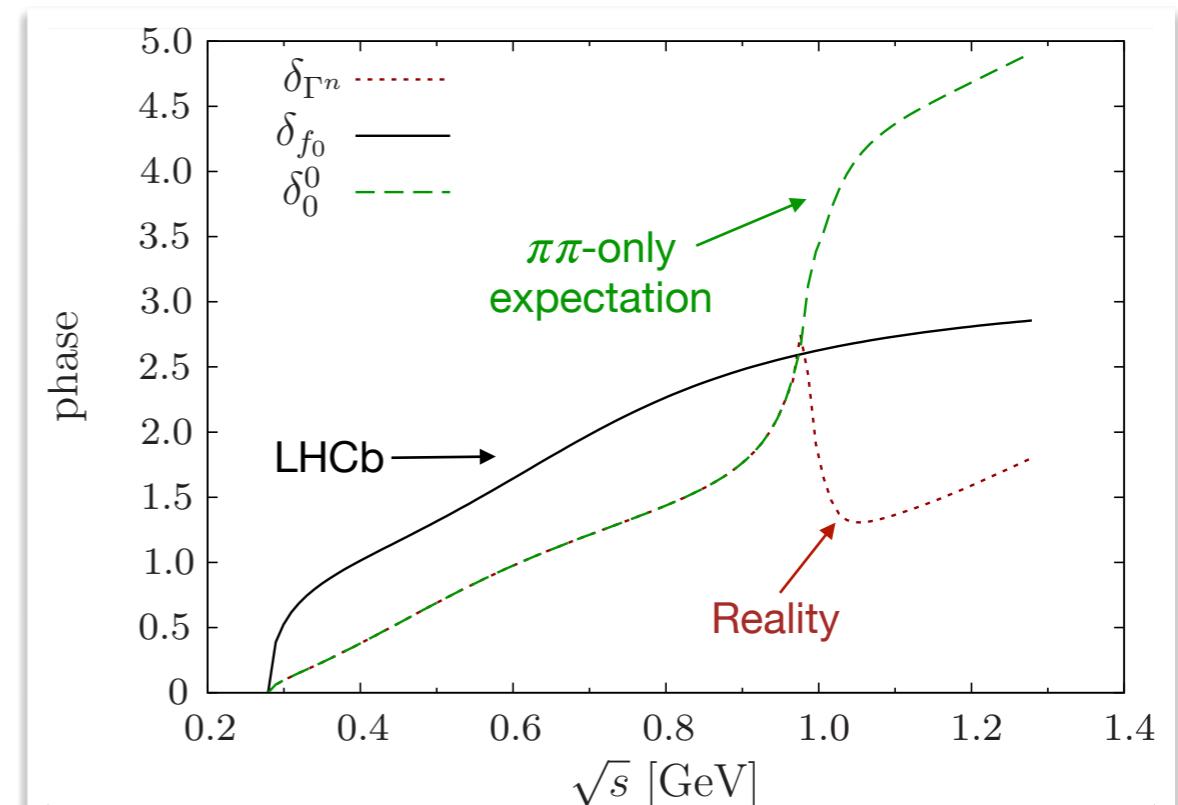
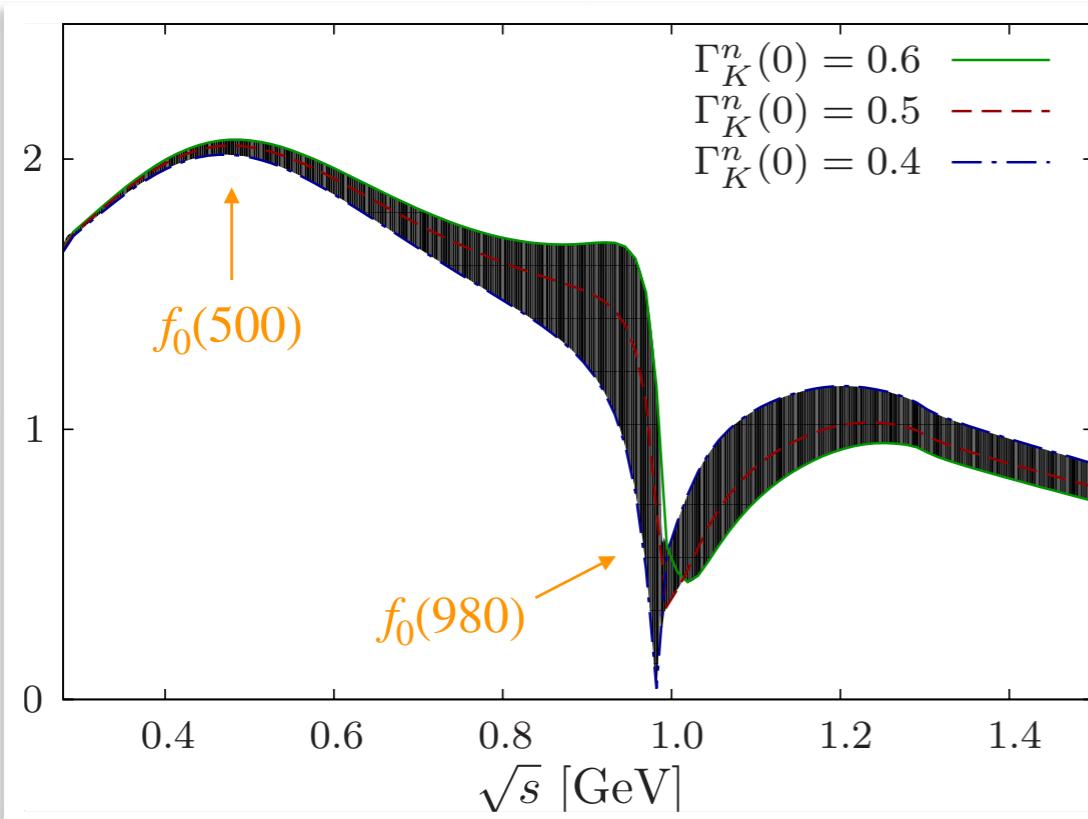
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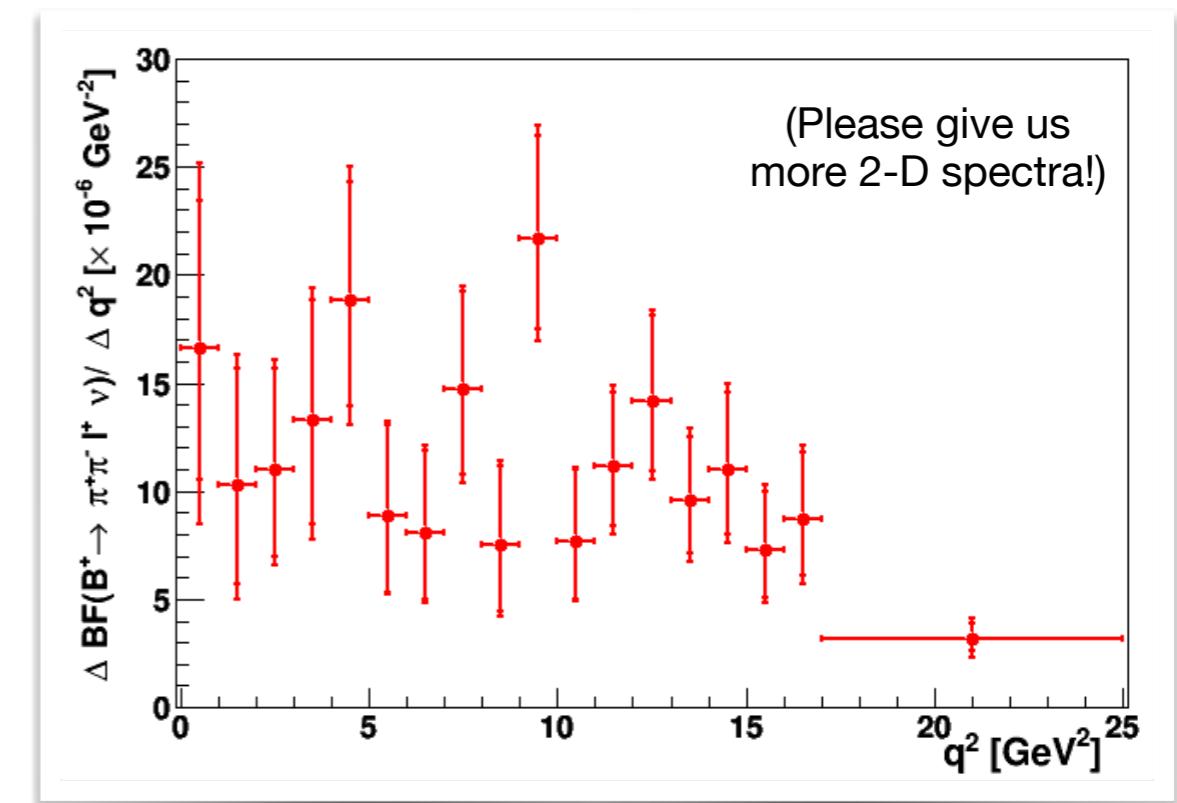
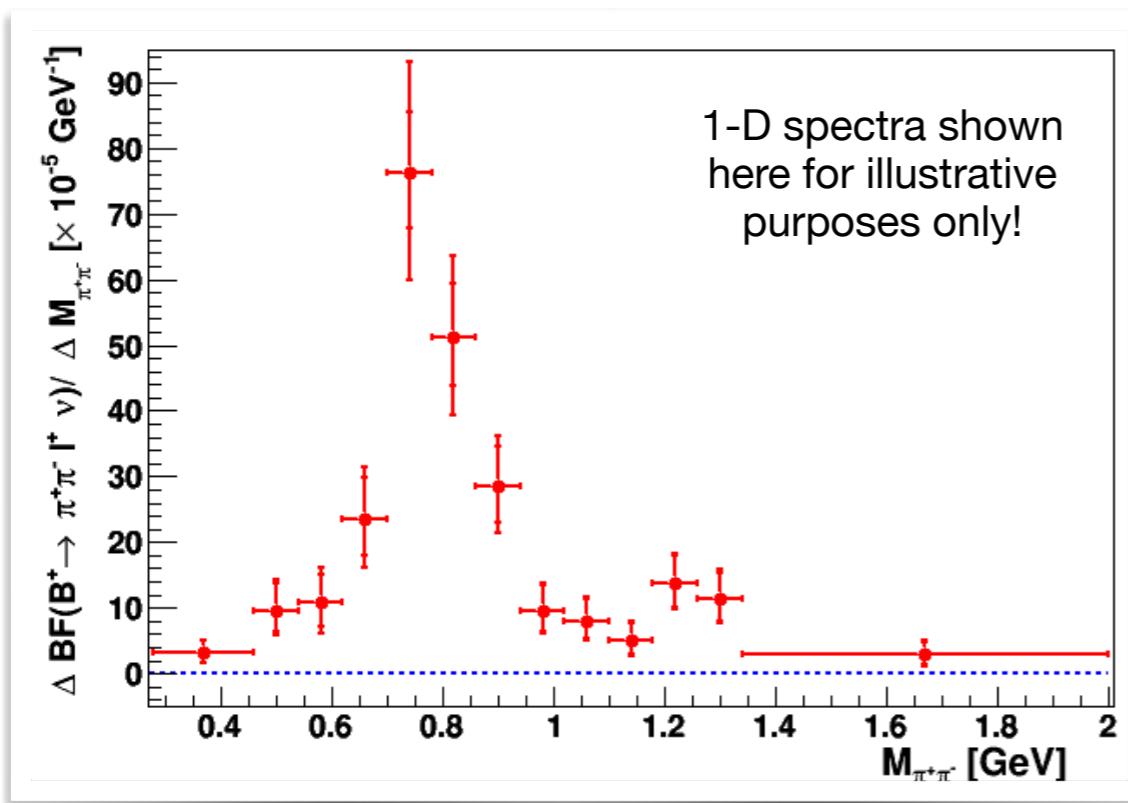
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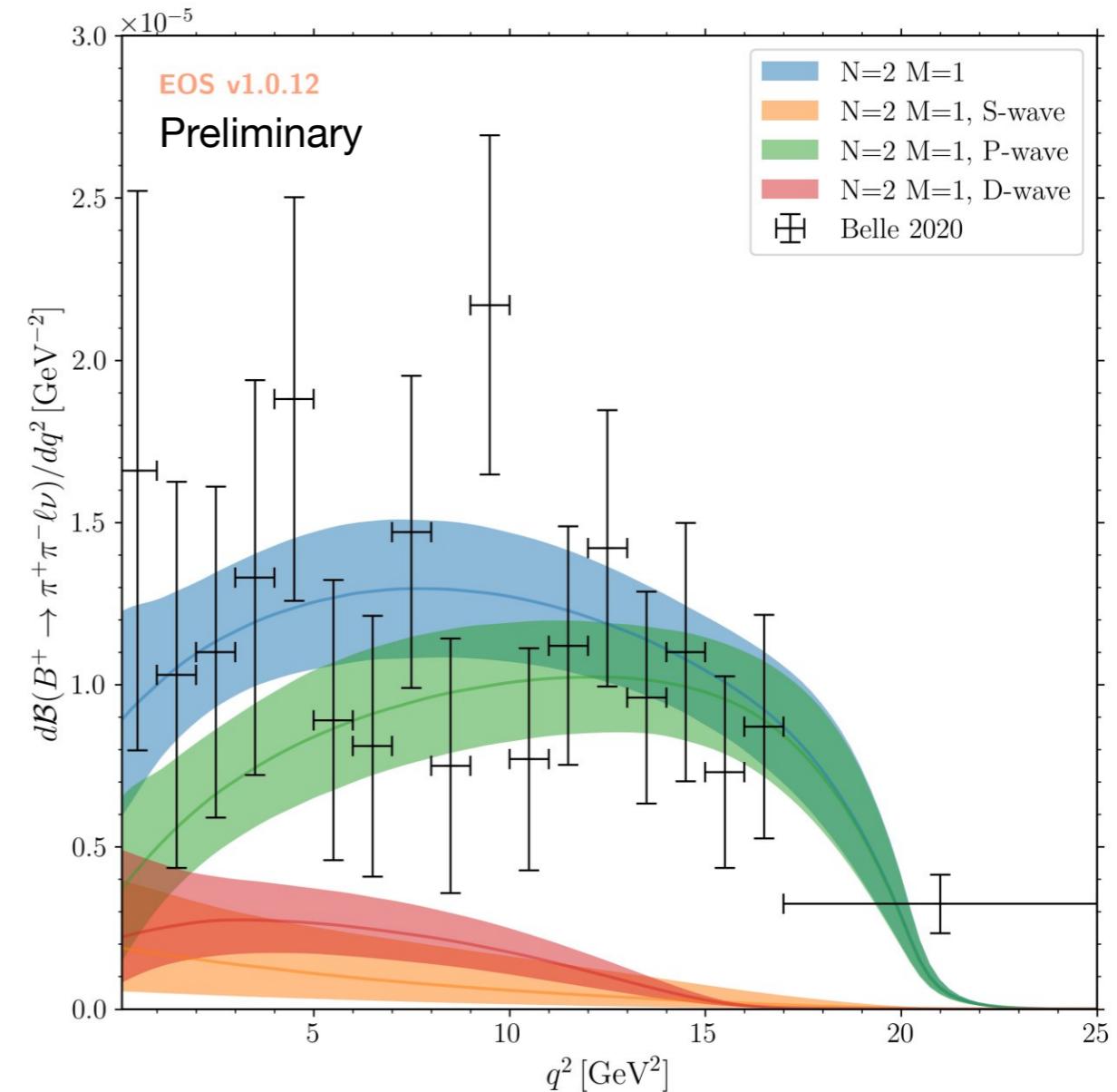
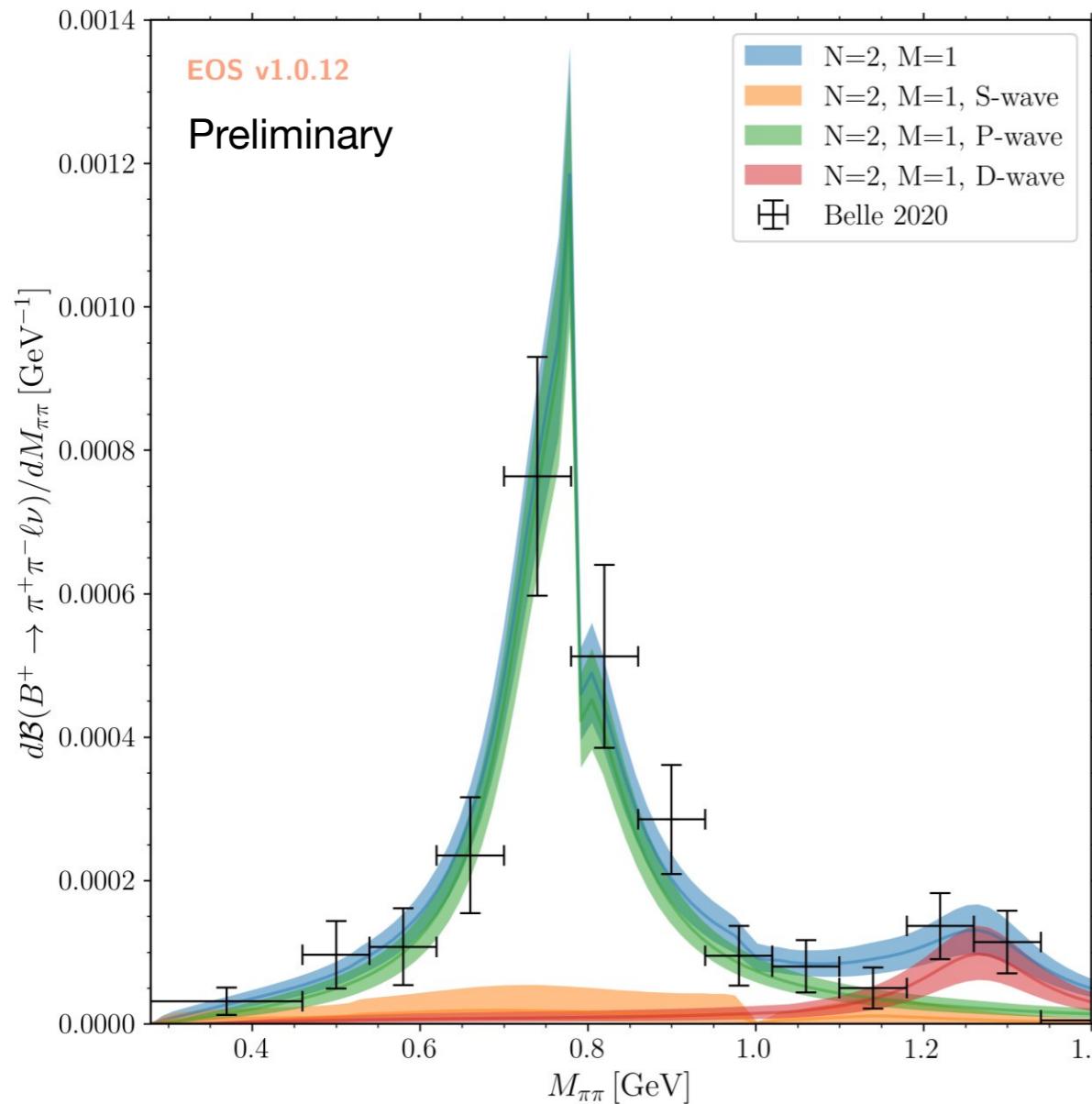
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# Preliminary results

Paper in progress!

- We provide a complete description:
  - Lineshapes, form factors, and correlated uncertainties.
- Currently working on refining the unitarity bounds by including additional processes.
- The final results will be available in EOS for direct interfacing with future analyses.



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- Next on the menu:  $B_s \rightarrow DK \ell \nu$  can be treated similarly to  $B \rightarrow D\pi \ell \nu$ .
- We’re always open to suggestions and fruitful collaborations!



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**Thank you for your attention!**

# A tale of two ‘gap’ models

## Model 1:

Equidistribution of all final state particles in phase space

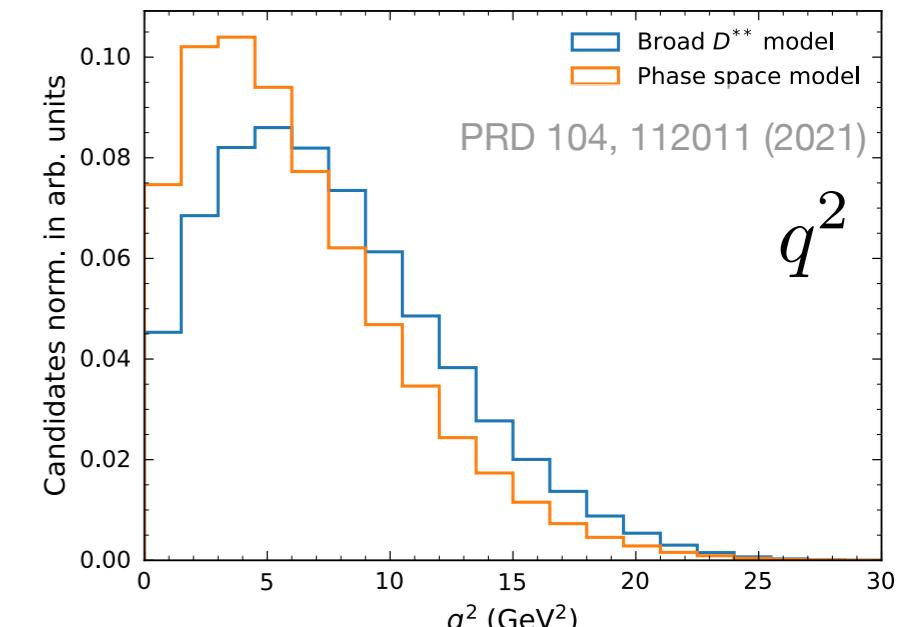
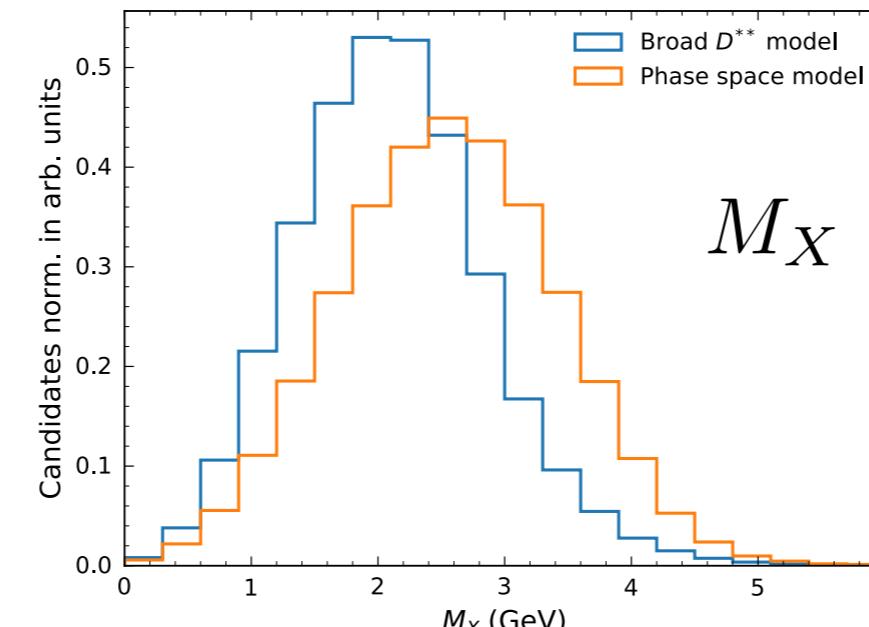
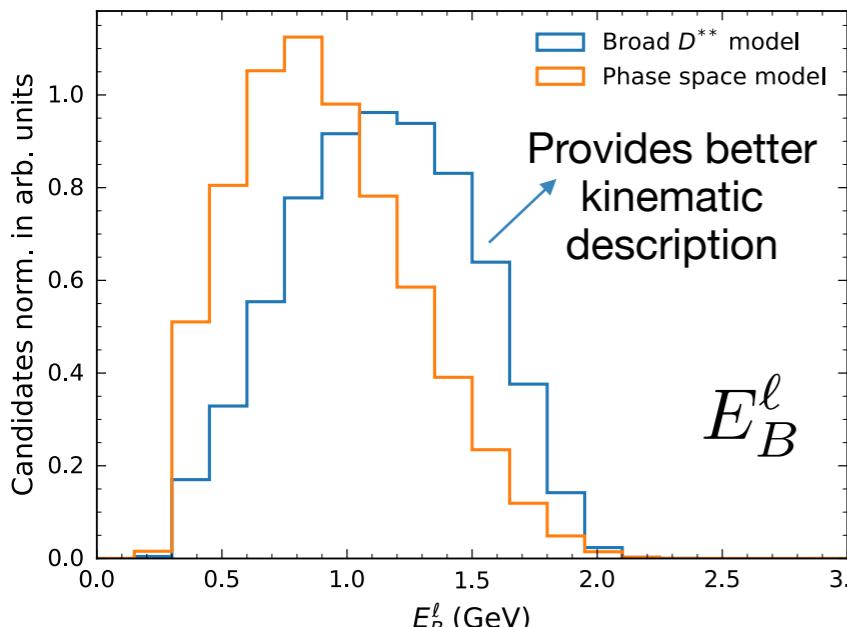
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$B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu_\ell$	$(10.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$	$(10.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$

## Model 2:

Decay via intermediate broad  $D^{**}$  state

Decay	$\mathcal{B}(B^+)$	$\mathcal{B}(B^0)$
$B \rightarrow D_0^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ $(\hookrightarrow D\pi\pi)$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D_1^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ $(\hookrightarrow D\pi\pi)$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.03 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D_0^* \pi\pi \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ $(\hookrightarrow D^*\pi\pi)$	$(0.108 \pm 0.051) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.101 \pm 0.048) \times 10^{-2}$
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$B \rightarrow D_0^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ $(\hookrightarrow D\eta)$	$(0.396 \pm 0.396) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.399 \pm 0.399) \times 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow D_1^* \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ $(\hookrightarrow D^*\eta)$	$(0.396 \pm 0.396) \times 10^{-2}$	$(0.399 \pm 0.399) \times 10^{-2}$

(Assign 100% BR uncertainty in systematics covariance matrix)



# The $\omega$ phase-shift

- Since the phases are known for both the  $\rho$  and  $\omega$ , we follow standard procedures based on the works of Leutwyler to treat the  $\rho$ - $\omega$  interference.

