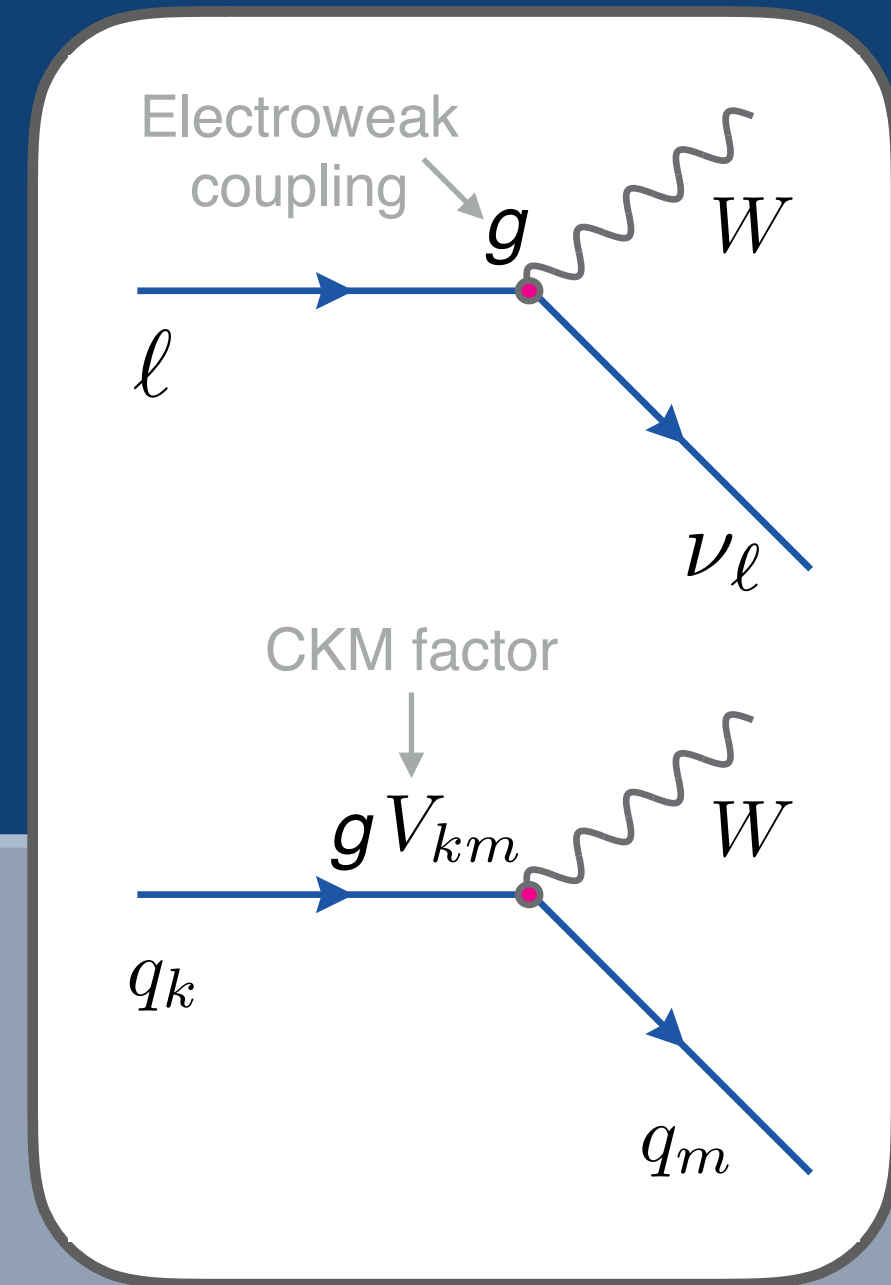


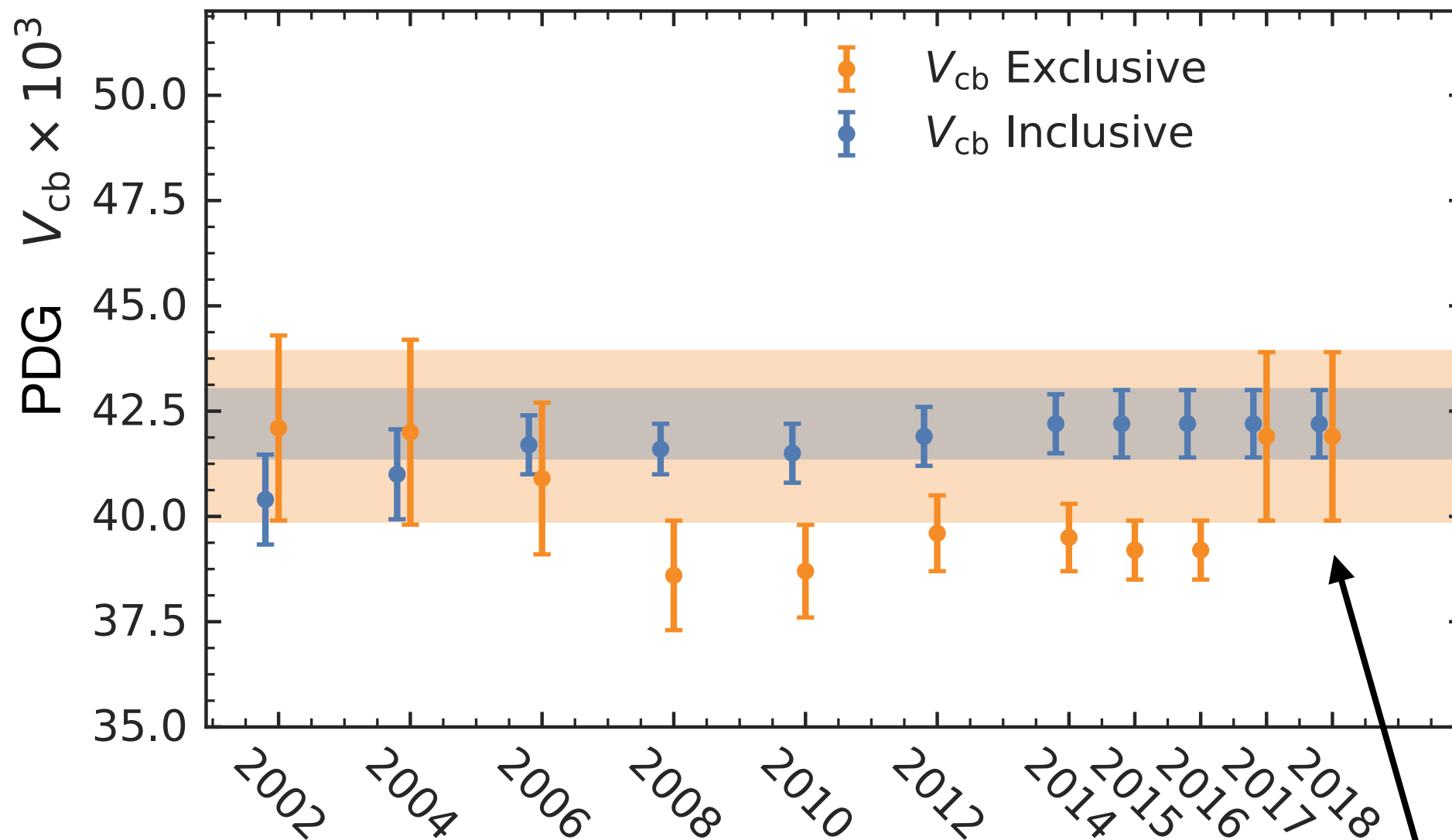
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# Nested hypothesis tests and $|V_{cb}|$

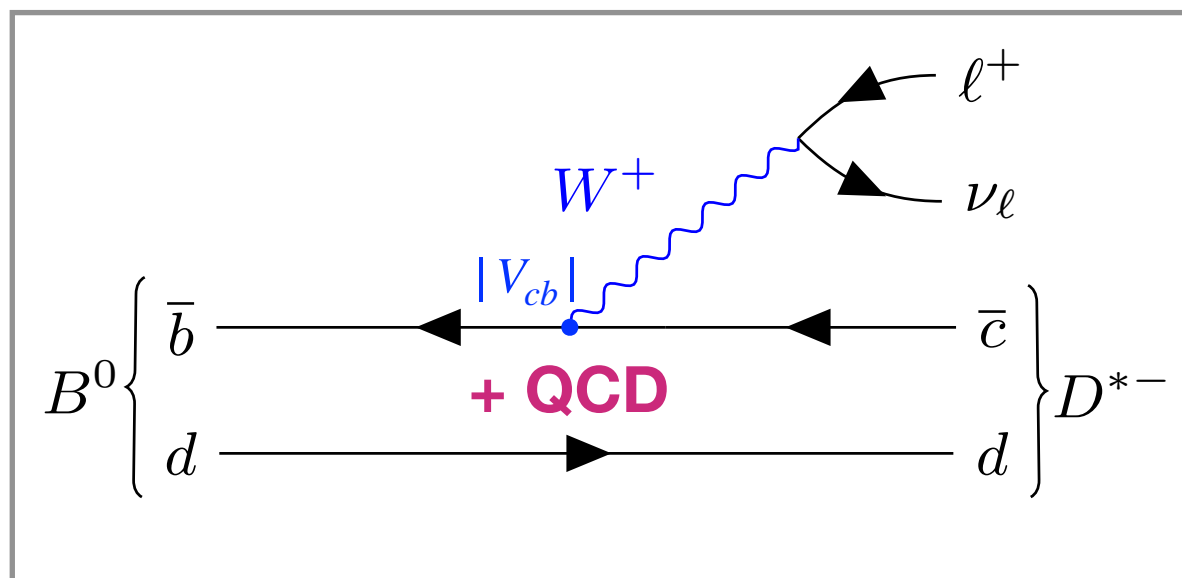


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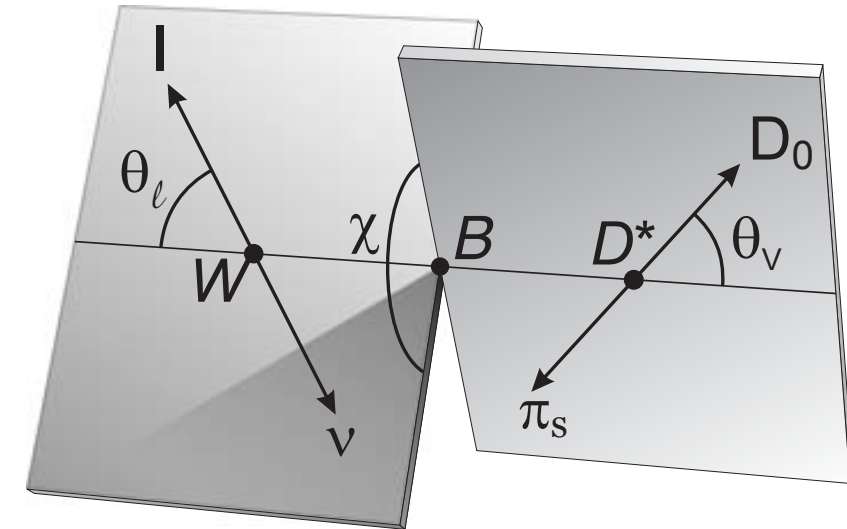
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- Decay rate described by 3 form factors  
(in zero lepton mass limit)

$$\begin{aligned}\langle D^*(\varepsilon, p') | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu b | \bar{B}(p) \rangle &= i g \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \varepsilon_\nu^* p_\alpha p'_\beta, \\ \langle D^*(\varepsilon, p') | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 b | \bar{B}(p) \rangle &= f \varepsilon^{*\mu} + (\varepsilon^* \cdot p) [a_+(p + p')^\mu + a_-(p - p')^\mu],\end{aligned}$$



- BGL method:** Expand form factors using dispersion relations & unitarity

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Combination of f and  $a_+$

Conformal variable z:

$$z = \frac{\sqrt{w+1} - \sqrt{2a}}{\sqrt{w+1} + \sqrt{2a}}$$

QCD encoded in coefficients:

$$\{a_n, b_n, c_n\}$$

$$c_0 = \text{constants} \times b_0$$

# The Problem at a glance

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- Truncate too soon:
  - Model dependence in extracted result for  $|V_{cb}|$ ?
- Truncate too late:
  - Unnecessarily increase variance on  $|V_{cb}|$ ?

What is the **ideal** truncation order?

*Can get intertwined, as three form factors are involved*

Careful: [arXiv:1905.08209, PLB] introduced an identical notation, but with another meaning!



## Our Notation

$$\left\{ a_{0,\dots,n_a-1}, b_{0,\dots,n_b-1}, c_{1,\dots,n_c} \right\}$$

↓

**BGL** <sub>$n_a n_b n_c$</sub>

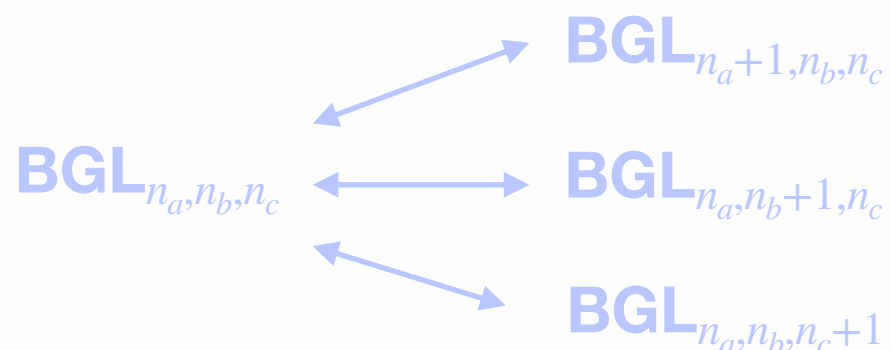
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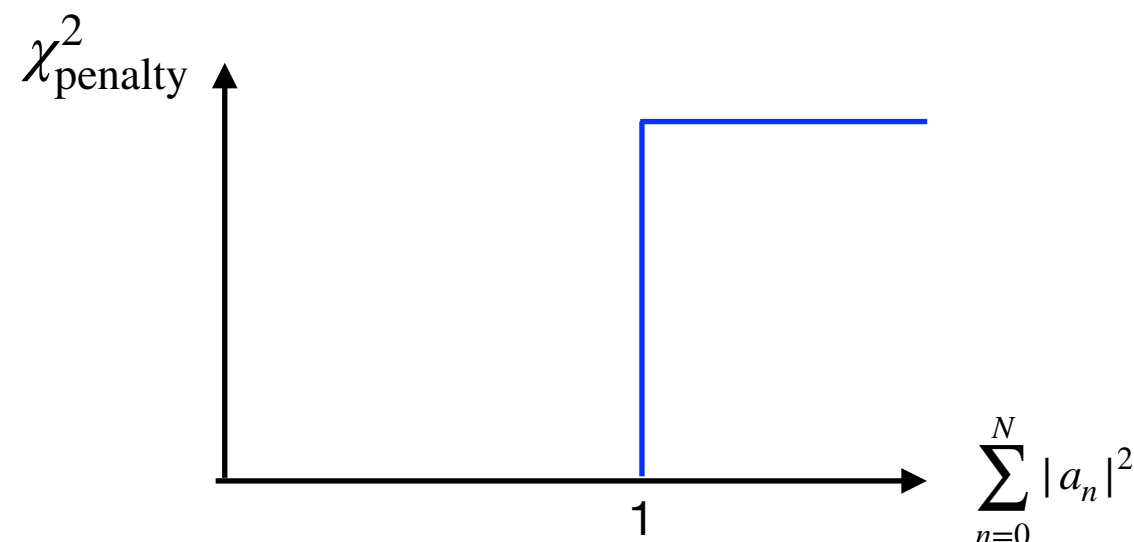
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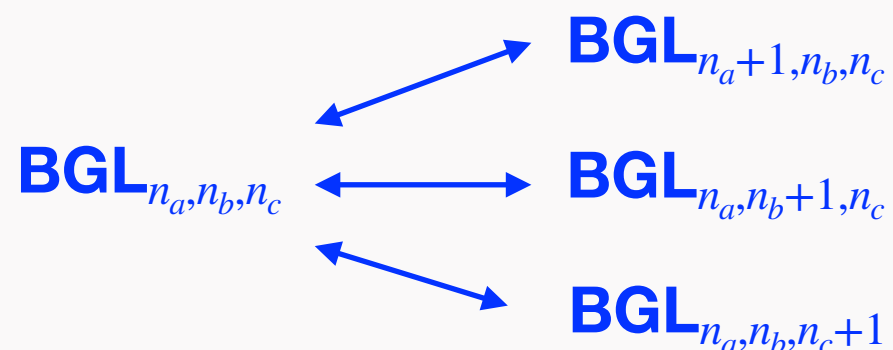
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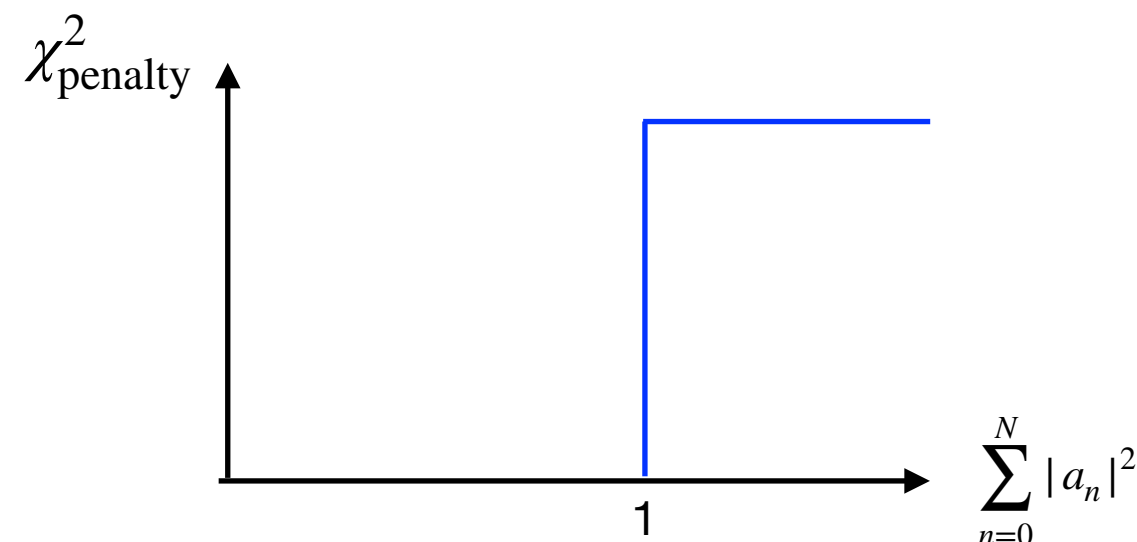
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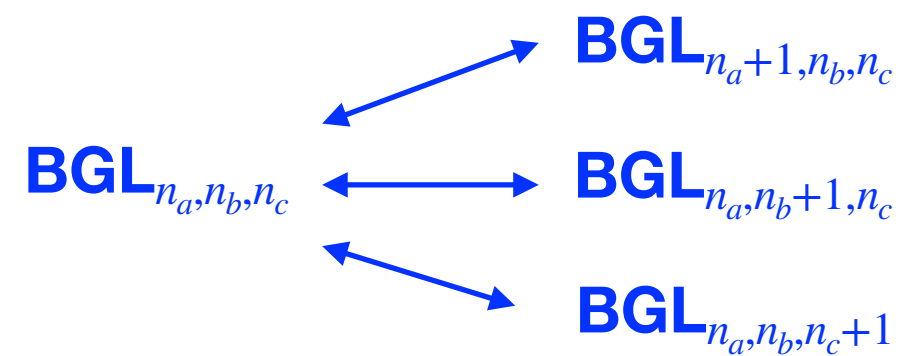
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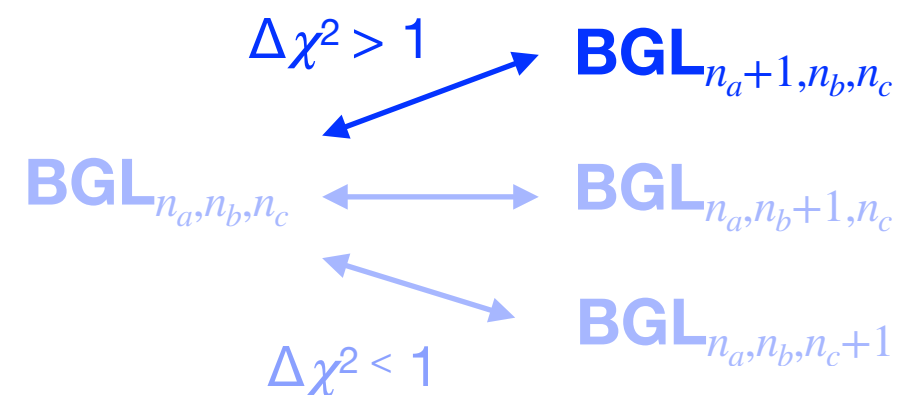
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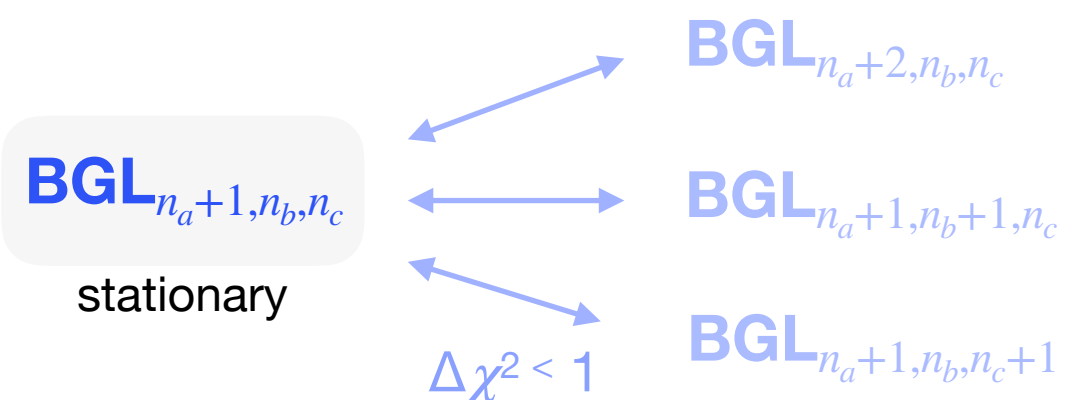
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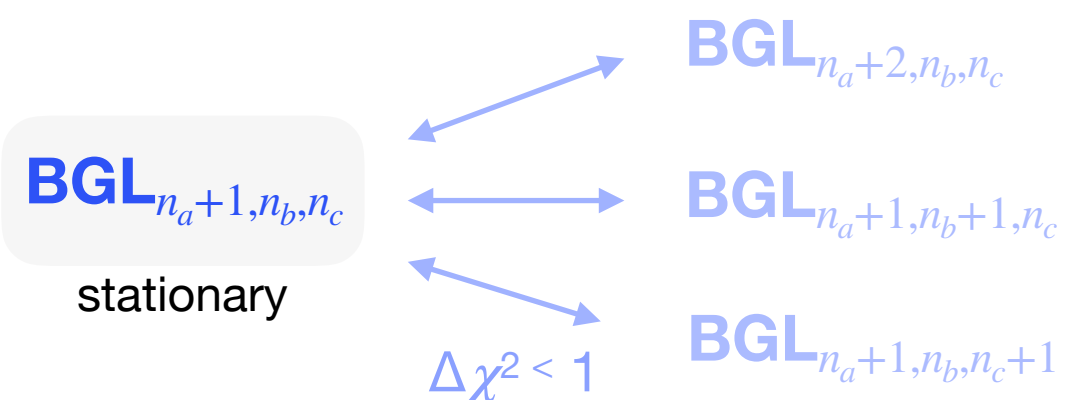
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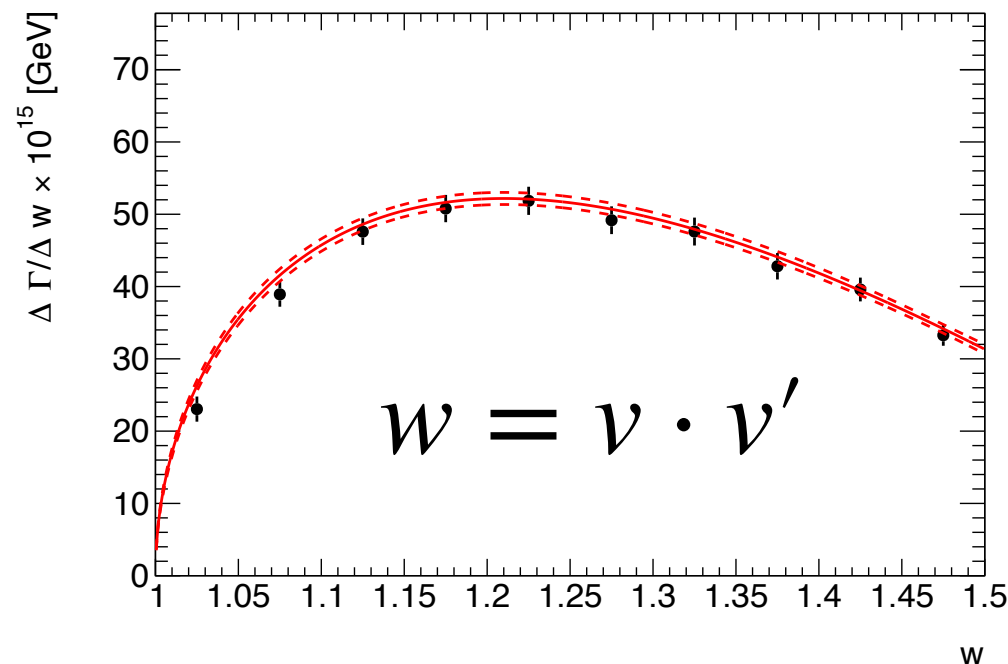
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# Applied to Belle Tagged result

[arXiv:1702.01521]



4 x 1D projections  
of kinematic variables +  
correlations

Unfolded for detector effects  
and migrations

Tagged Belle Measurement:

$\begin{matrix} n_a \\ \backslash \\ n_c \end{matrix}$	1			2			3		
1	<div>33.2</div> <div><math>38.7 \pm 1.1</math></div>	<div>31.6</div> <div><math>38.6 \pm 1.1</math></div>	<div>31.2</div> <div><math>38.7 \pm 1.1</math></div>	<div>33.0</div> <div><math>39.1 \pm 1.6</math></div>	<div>29.1</div> <div><math>40.8 \pm 1.7</math></div>	<div>28.9</div> <div><math>40.8 \pm 1.7</math></div>	<div>30.4</div> <div><math>40.8 \pm 1.9</math></div>	<div>29.1</div> <div><math>40.7 \pm 1.9</math></div>	<div>28.9</div> <div><math>40.7 \pm 1.9</math></div>
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**BGL**<sub>111</sub> → **BGL**<sub>211</sub> → **BGL**<sub>221</sub> → **BGL**<sub>222</sub> stationary

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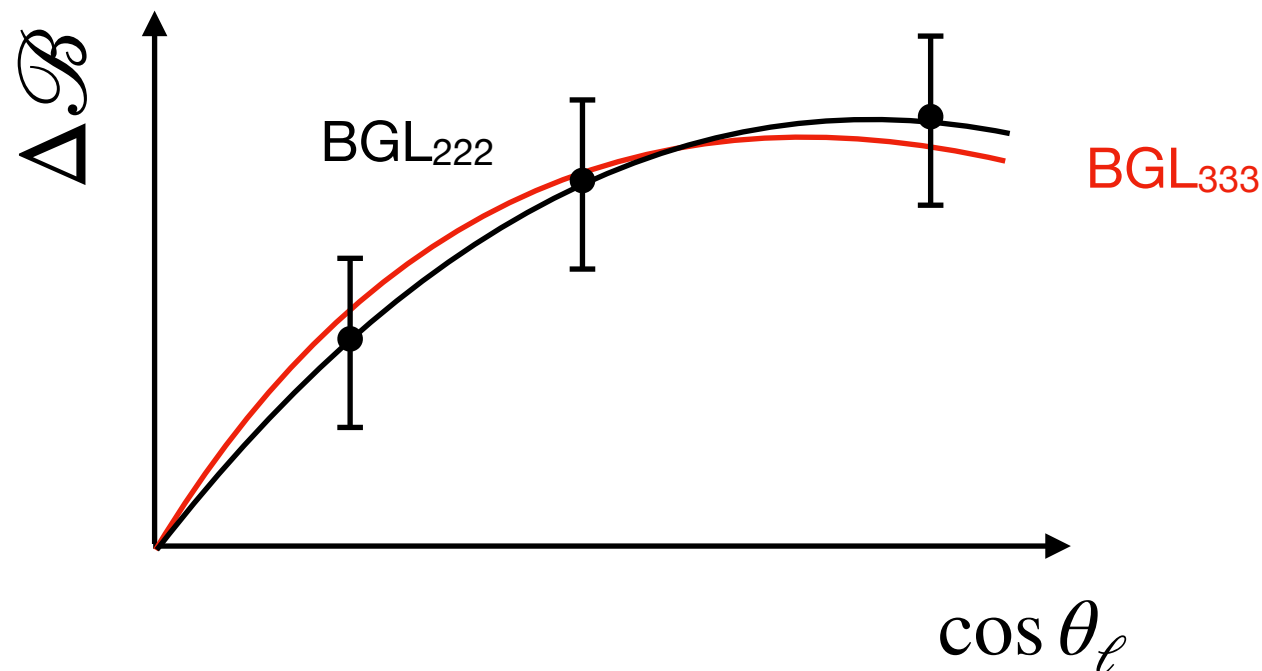


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## Toy Test

Produce **ensemble** of toy measurements using **untagged covariance** & **BGL<sub>333</sub>** central values

**Each toy** is fitted to build the descendant tree and carry out a **nested hypo. test** to select its preferred **BGL<sub>n<sub>a</sub>n<sub>b</sub>n<sub>c</sub></sub>**

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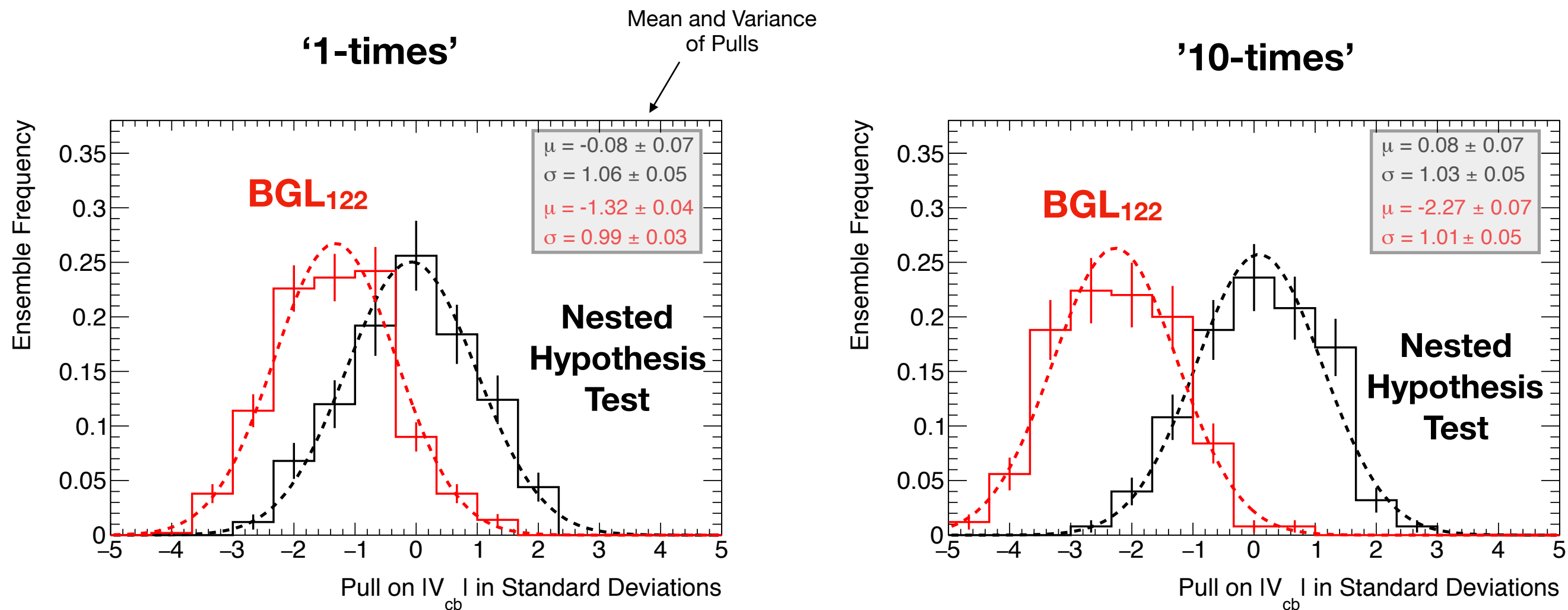
As calculated from selected BGL<sub>n<sub>a</sub>n<sub>b</sub>n<sub>c</sub></sub> fit of each toy

Construct Pulls

$$\text{Pull} = \frac{|V_{cb}|_{\text{true}} - |V_{cb}|_{\text{toy}}}{\Delta |V_{cb}|_{\text{toy}}}$$

If methodology unbiased, should follow a standard normal distribution (mean 0, width 1)

# Pull Results

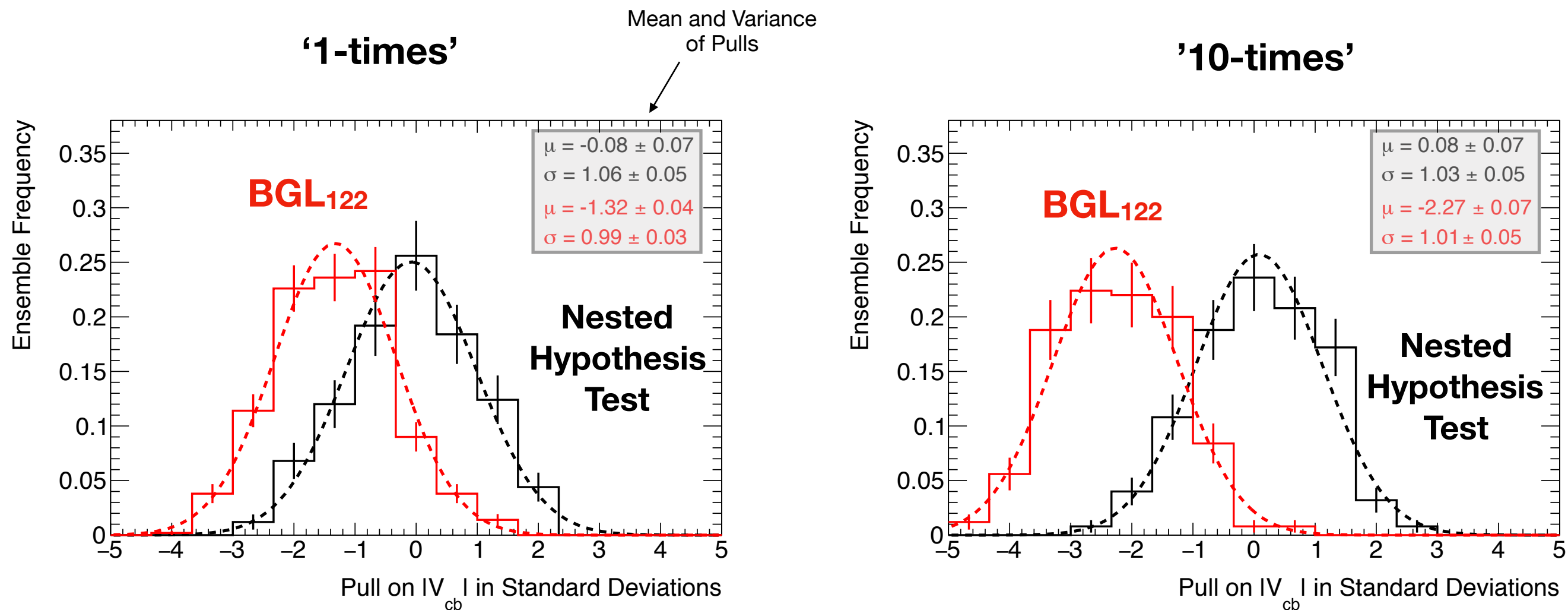


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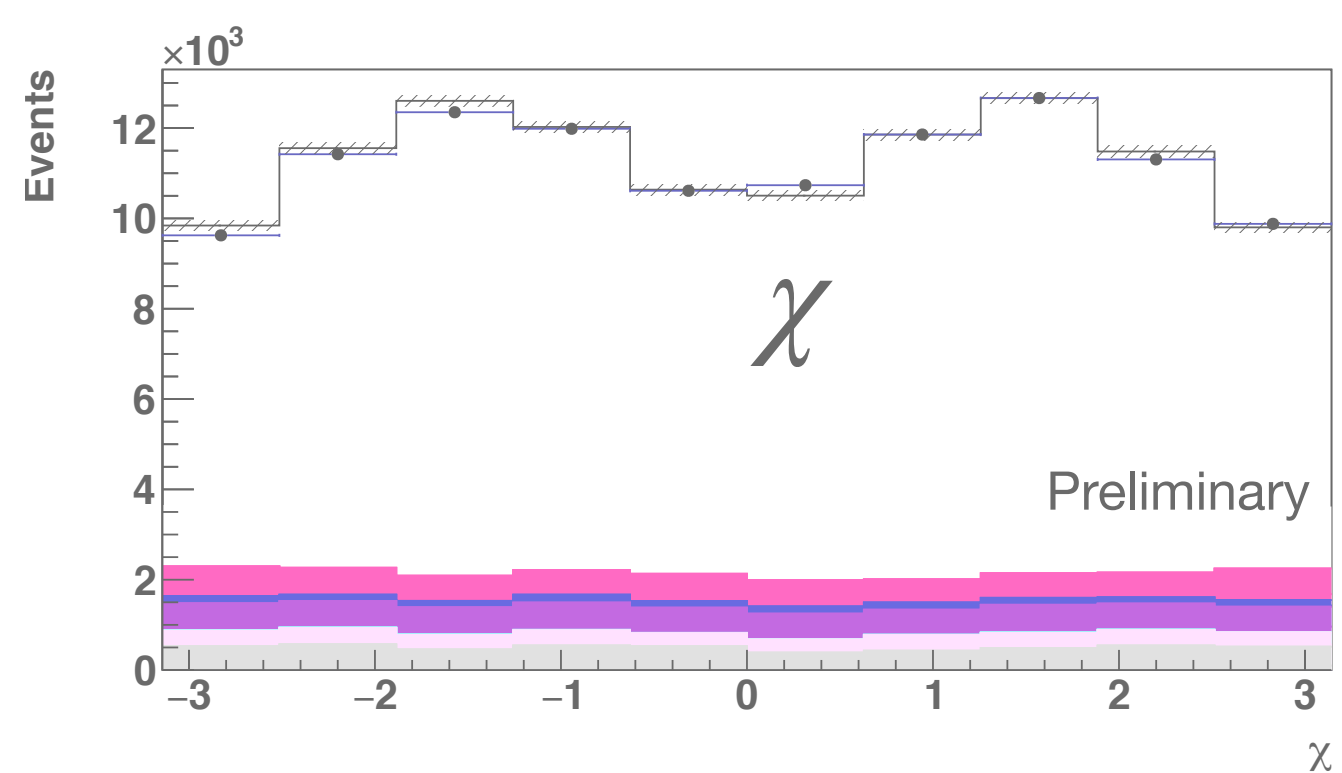
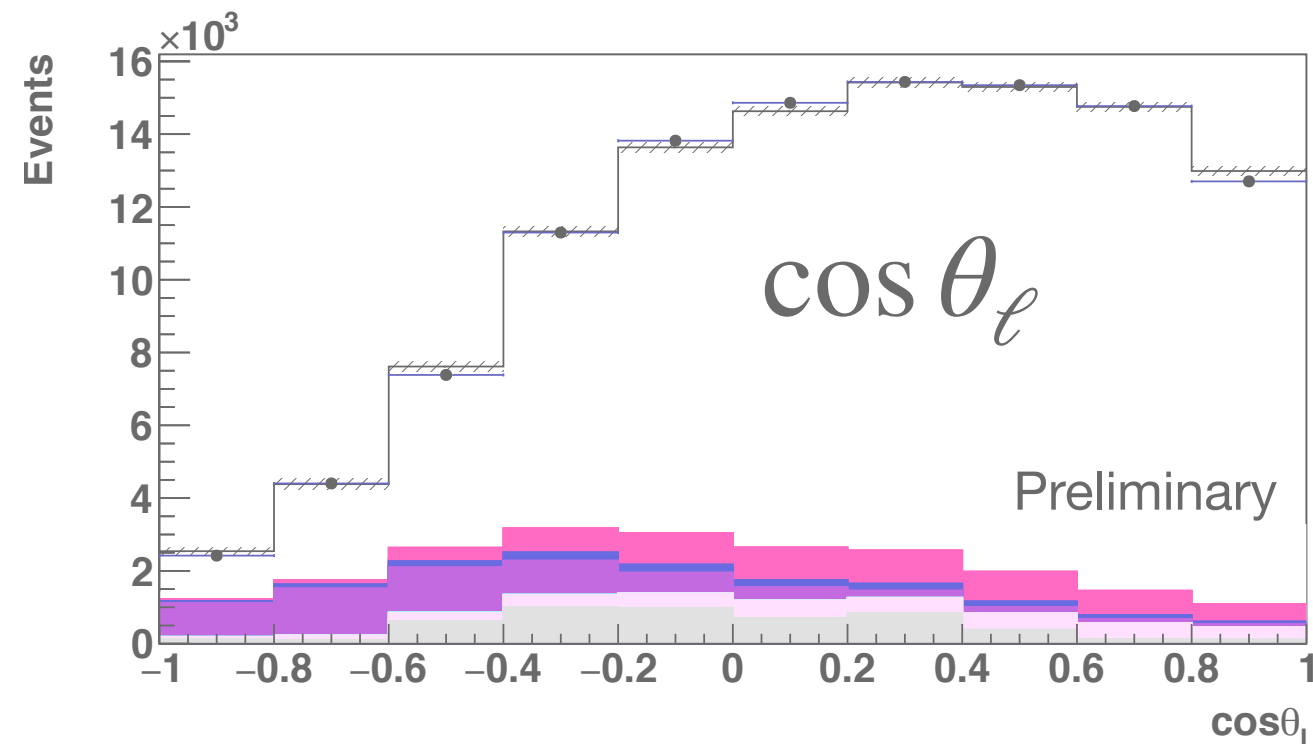
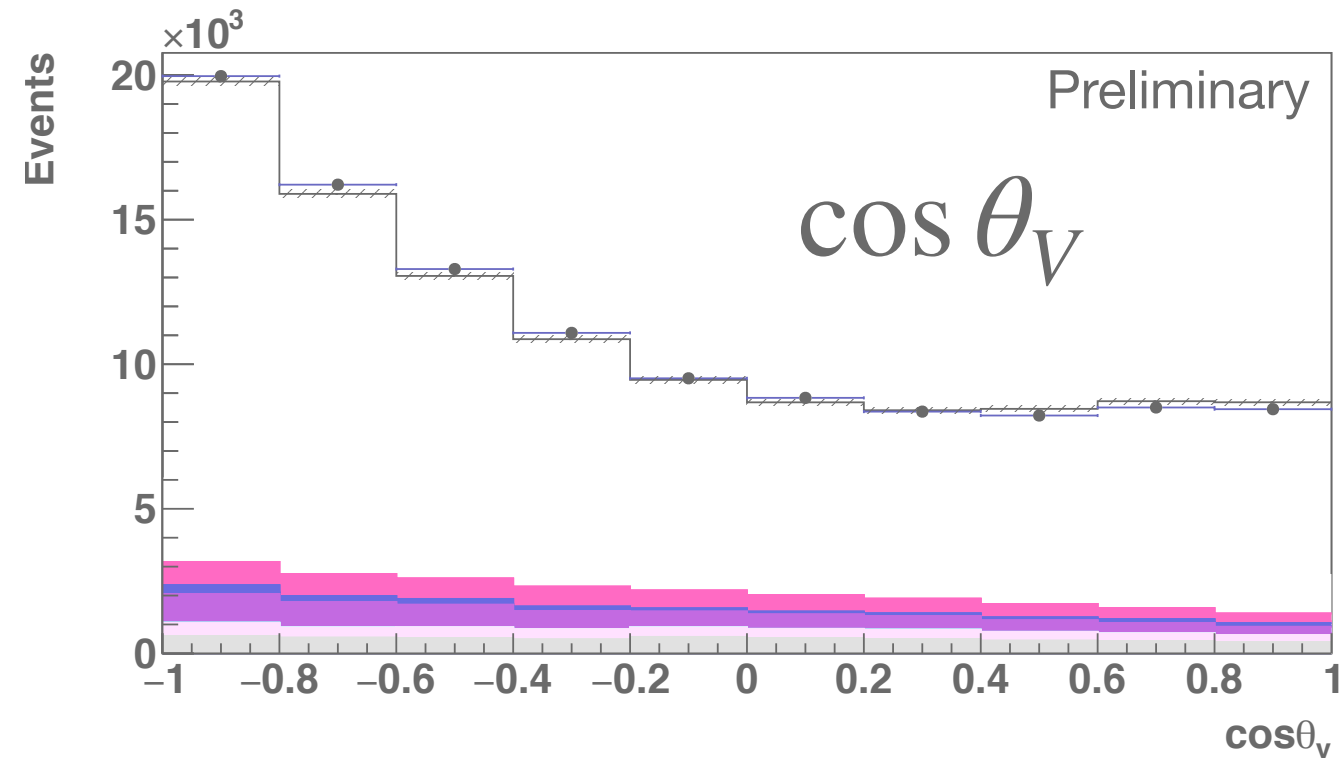
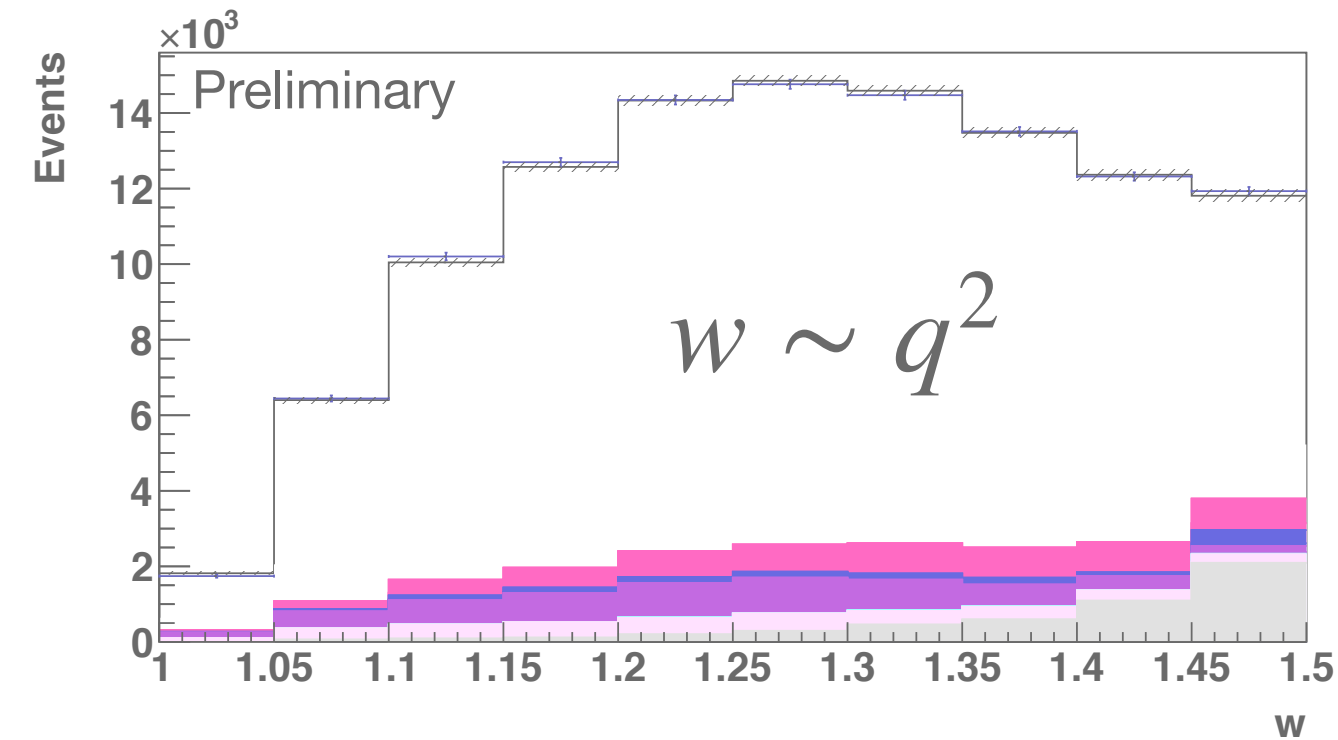


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# Throwing the New Untagged Belle result into the mix





# Unfolding the Untagged fit result

Measurement provides migration matrices and acceptance, so one can unfold the measured signal yields via

$$\chi^2 = \left( \underset{\substack{\text{"True" Yield} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Acceptance / Efficiency matrix}}}{\mathbf{N}_{\text{true}}} \epsilon \underset{\substack{\text{Migration matrix} \\ \downarrow}}{M} - \underset{\substack{\text{recorded Signal events} \\ \uparrow}}{\mathbf{N}_{\text{reco}}} \right) \underset{\substack{\text{statistical Covariance} \\ \uparrow}}{C_{\text{stat}}^{-1}} \left( \mathbf{N}_{\text{true}} \epsilon M - \mathbf{N}_{\text{reco}} \right)$$

Incorporating Systematic Uncertainties:  $\sigma_{\text{stat}} \sim \sigma_{\text{syst}} \rightarrow$

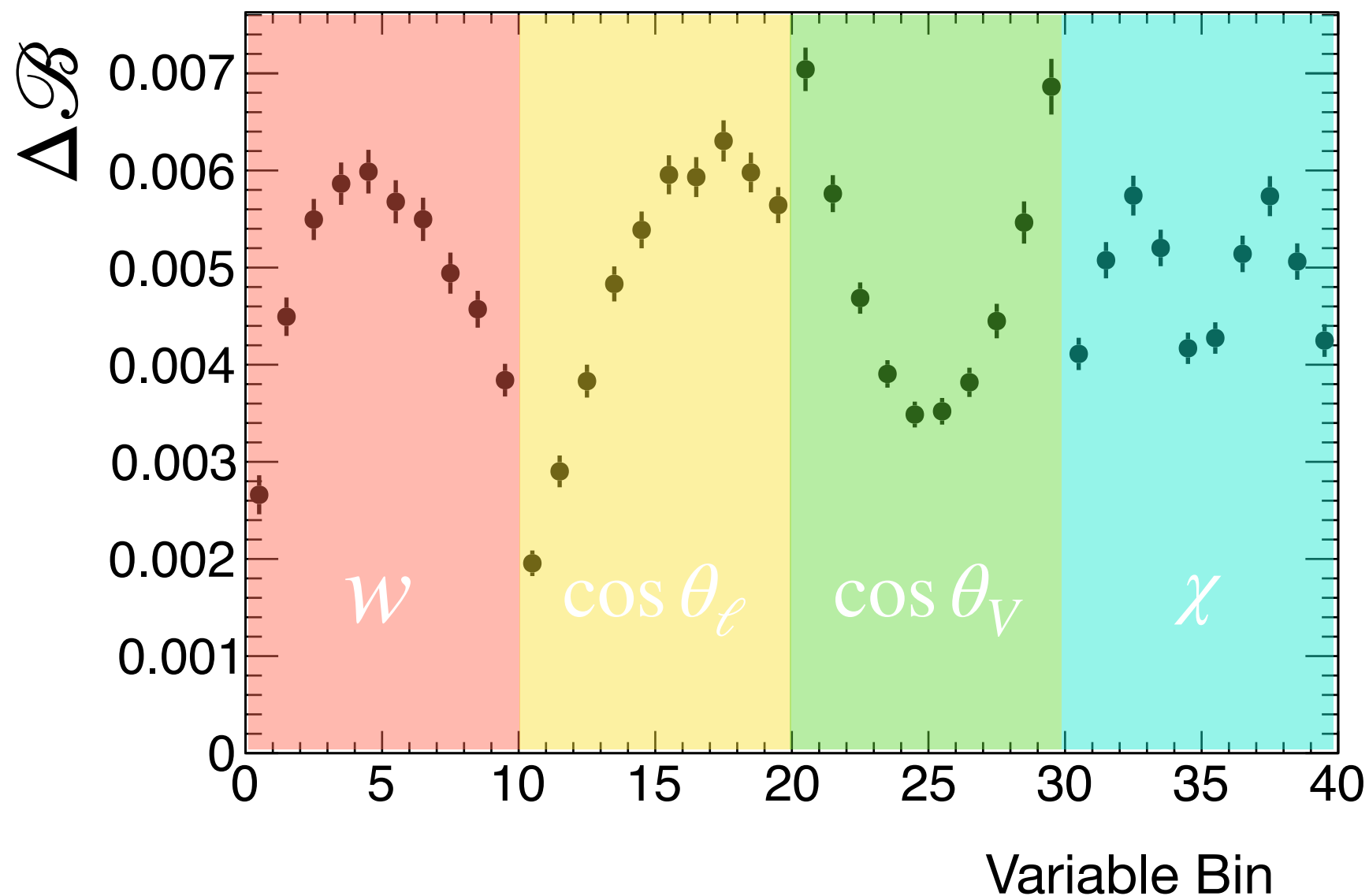
See also Discussion by Gambino, Jung, Schacht in [arXiv:1905.08209, PLB] about this

Gaussian Constraint on Systematic Nuisance Parameter

→ Measurement only provides relative errors, thus one has to be a bit careful here (**d'Agostini bias**)

$$\chi^2 \rightarrow \chi^2 + \sum_i \Theta_i^2 \quad \left| \quad \mathbf{N}_{\text{true}}^j \rightarrow \mathbf{N}_{\text{true}}^j \prod_i (1 + \Theta_i \epsilon_{ij}) \right. \leftarrow \text{relative Error vector of a given source } i$$

# Unfolded result

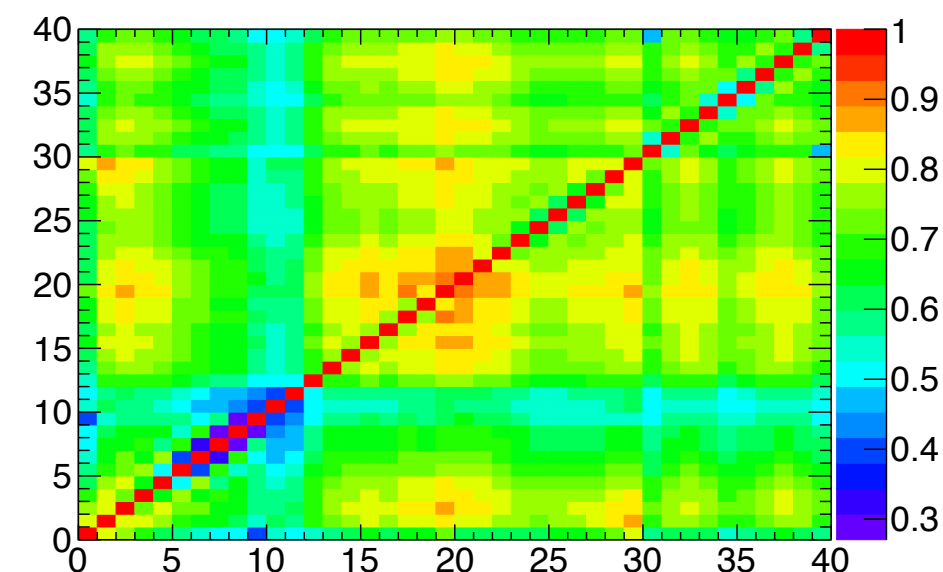


For some sources it would be necessary to know the correlation between bins (as they have a stat. component)



Have to make the assumption, that neighbouring bins are fully correlated

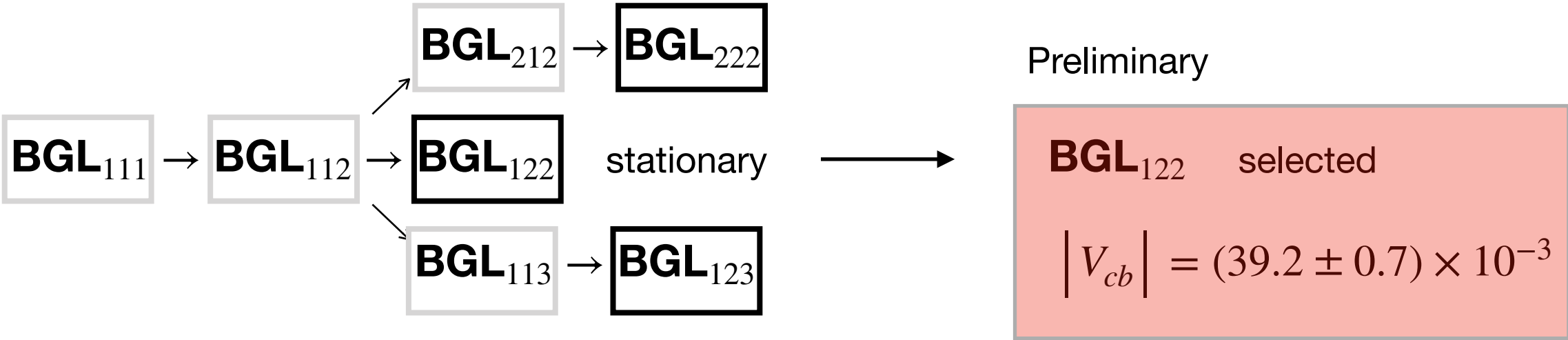
Correlations



# Preliminary New Untagged + Tagged Result for $|V_{cb}|$

Untagged + Tagged Belle Measurement:

$n_a \backslash n_c$	1			1			1		
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
1	99.4 40.0 ± 0.7	99.1 40.1 ± 0.7	95.0 40.0 ± 0.7	98.1 39.8 ± 0.7	97.8 39.5 ± 0.9	94.4 39.5 ± 0.9	97.1 39.1 ± 0.9	97.0 39.1 ± 0.9	90.5 40.4 ± 1.0
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# Conclusions

- **Nested hypothesis tests** can determine the necessary truncation order in an unbiased way
  - ▶ Good **alternative to theory motivated priors**
  - ▶ Avoids overconstraining higher order coefficients in BGL expansion
    - ▶ These in turn might violate unitarity, but a priori not a conceptual problem (nature is unitary, i.e. a prior might introduce its own bias)
  - ▶ Tested “unbiasedness” of procedure via ensembles of pseudo-experiments (toys)
- **Preliminary combination of untagged and tagged measurements:**

Preliminary average of tagged & untagged meas.

$$|V_{cb}| = (39.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$$

Inquired about correct covariance for Lepton ID systematics; stay tuned

→ **Plan to updated  $R(D/D^*)$  predictions**  
**[arXiv:1703.05330]**

# Backup

# Consistency with Heavy Quark symmetry

