

## Leptonic and semileptonic decays with taus at the Belle II experiment

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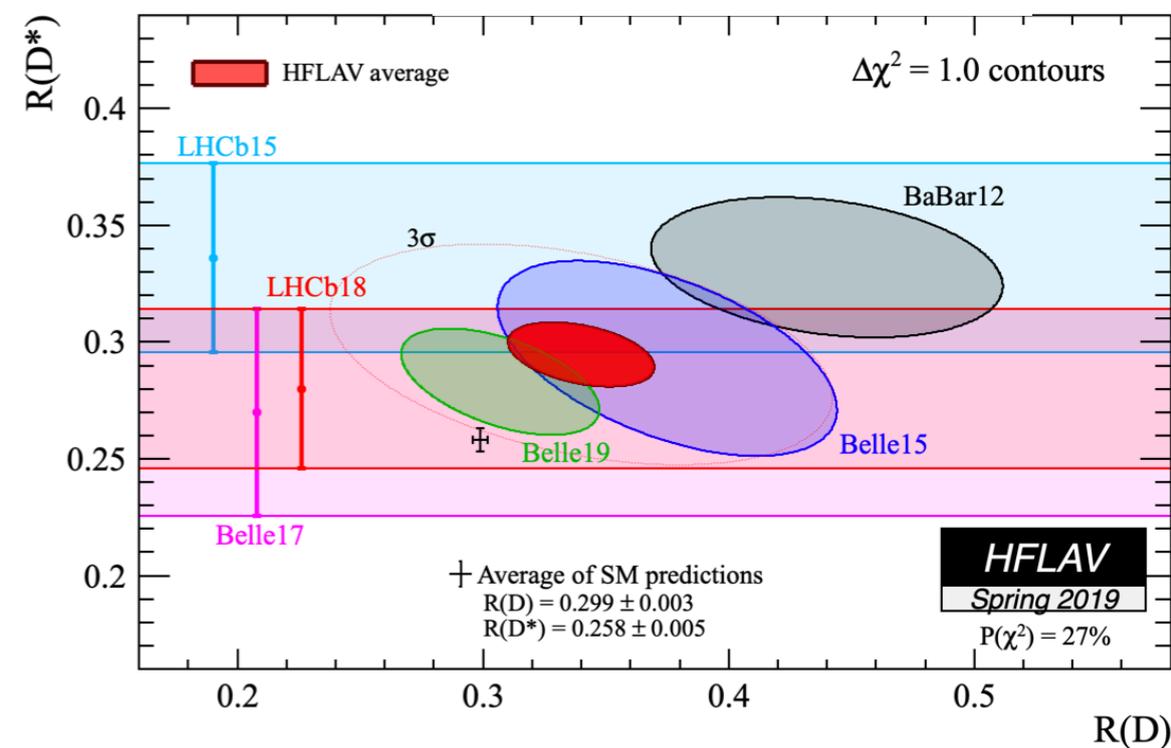
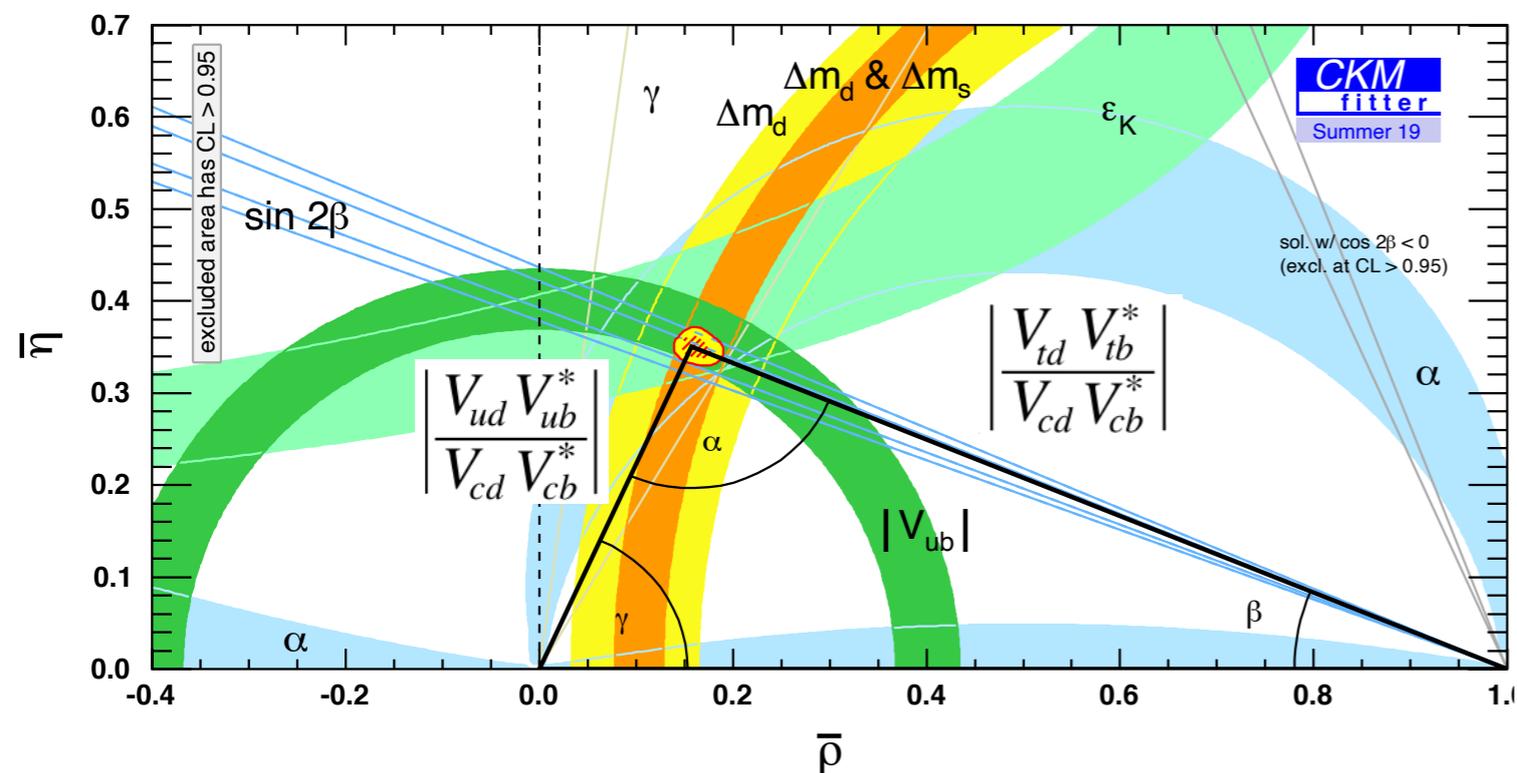
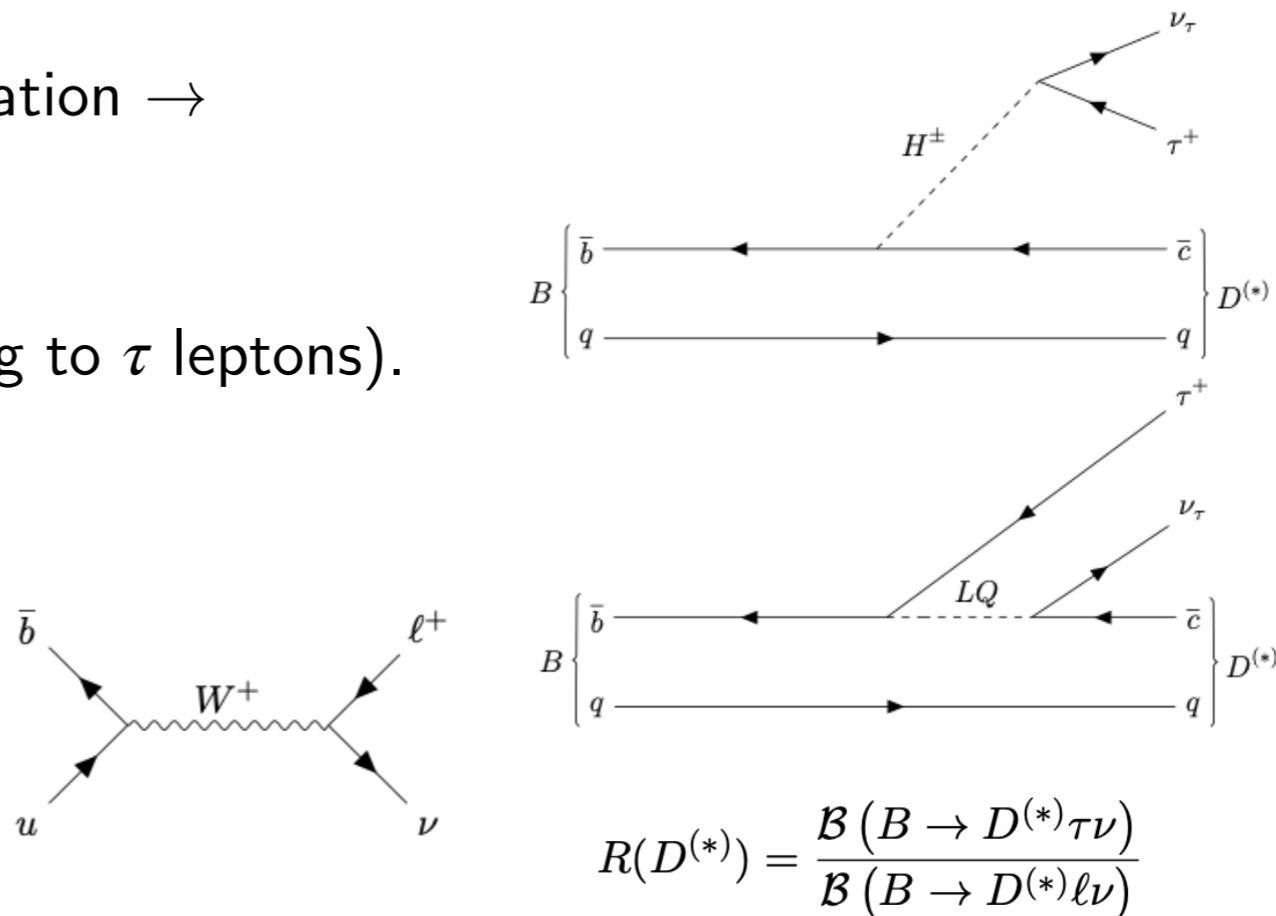
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# Motivation for $B \rightarrow \tau\nu, B \rightarrow (X)\tau\nu$

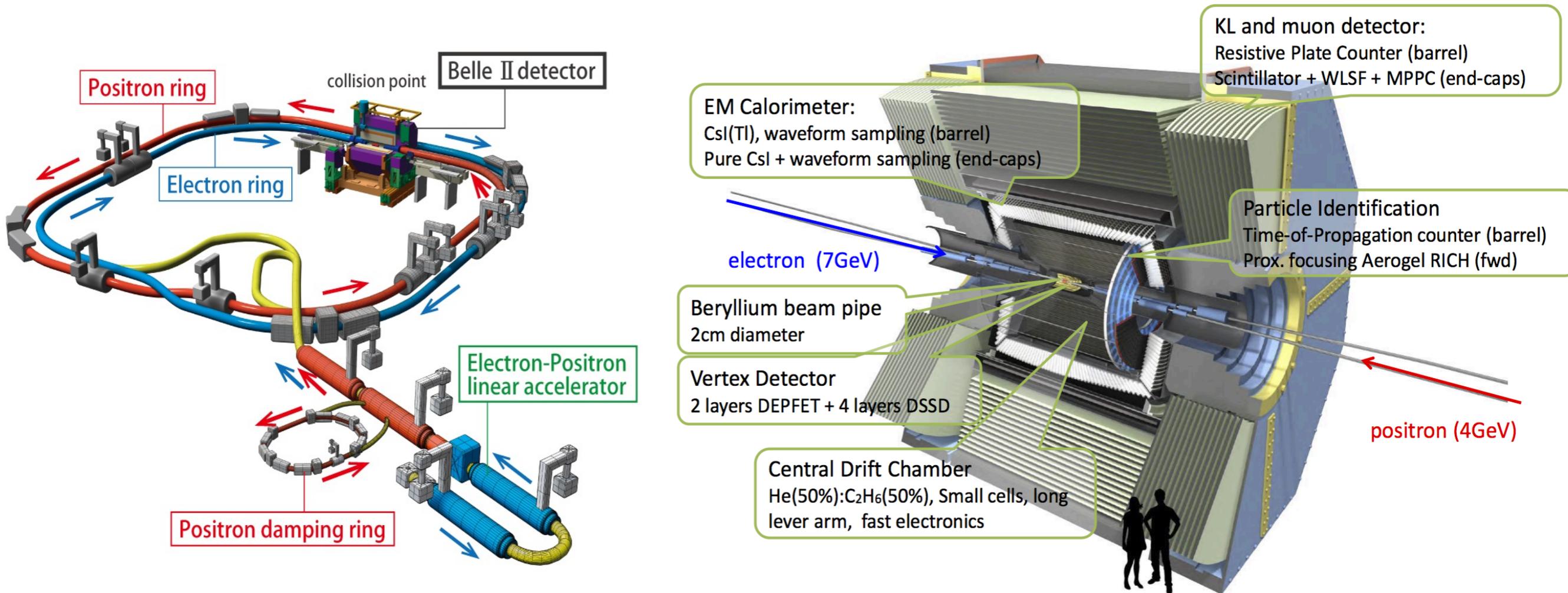
1. Powerful test for lepton flavour universality violation  $\rightarrow$   
 $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$  portal to new physics:

- Two-Higgs doublet models (stronger coupling to  $\tau$  leptons).
- Leptoquarks.

2. Complementary measurements of  $V_{ub}$  to light lepton ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) semileptonic channels  $\rightarrow$  input to CKM global fits.

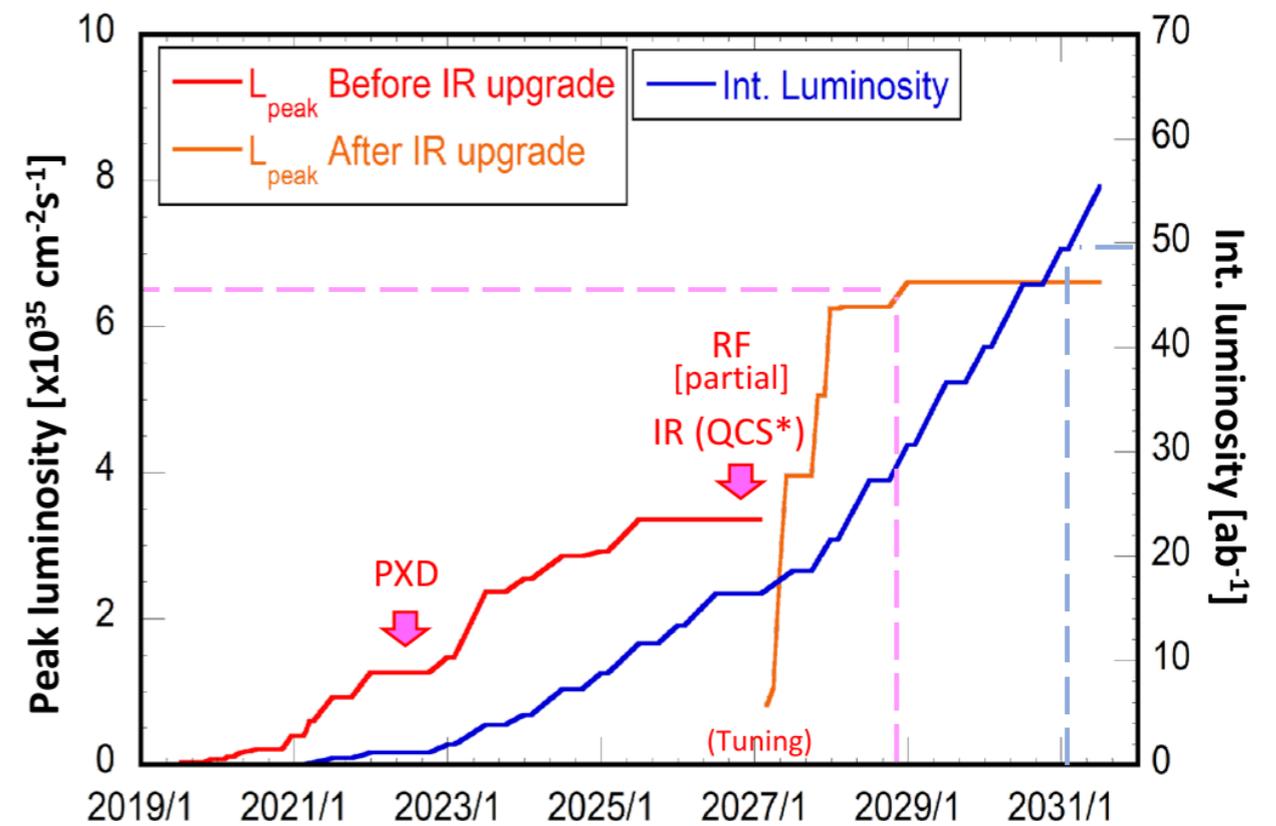
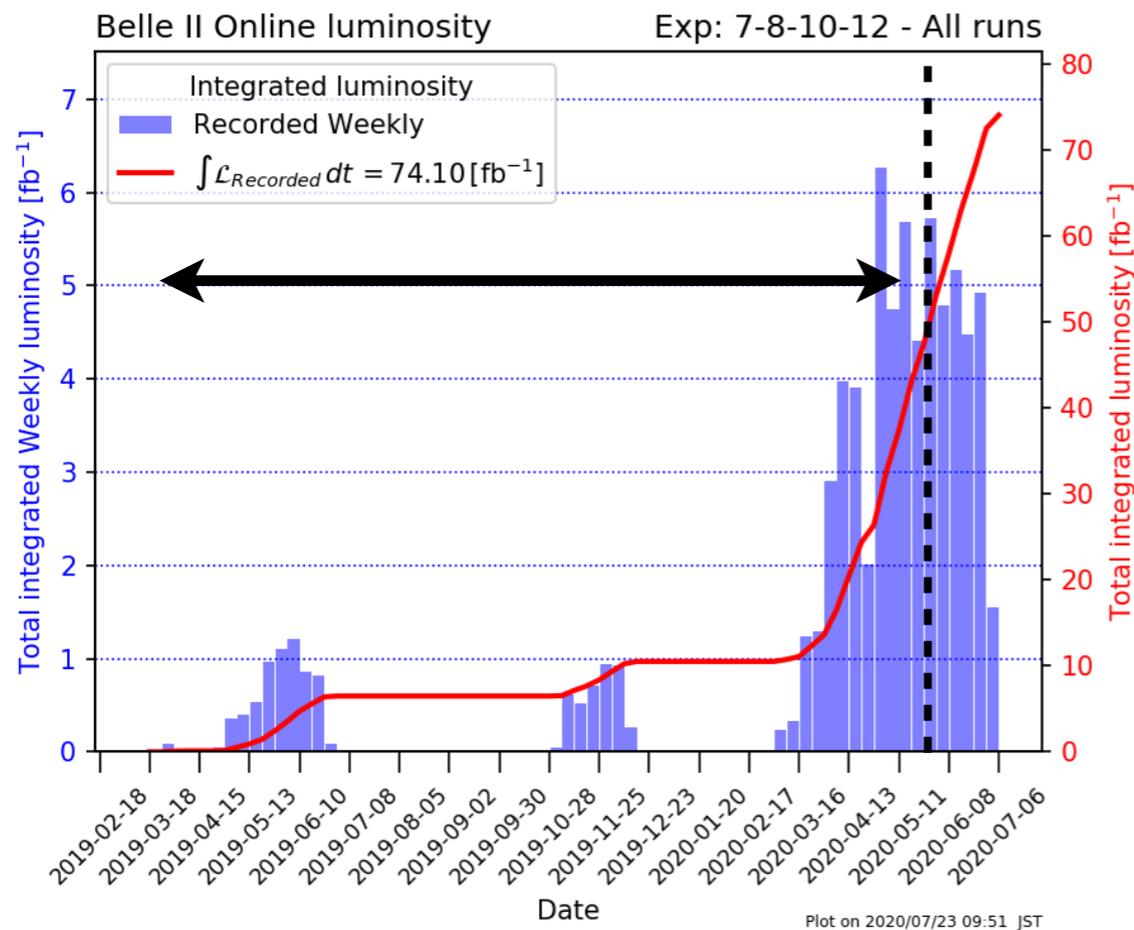


# SuperKEKB and the Belle II detector



- *SuperKEKB*: 40x higher instantaneous luminosity than KEKB  $\rightarrow \mathcal{L} = 6 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- *Belle II*: major upgrade of Belle detector to cope with harsher beam background conditions.
- Improvements in reconstruction algorithm, esp. tracking, vertexing and particle identification.

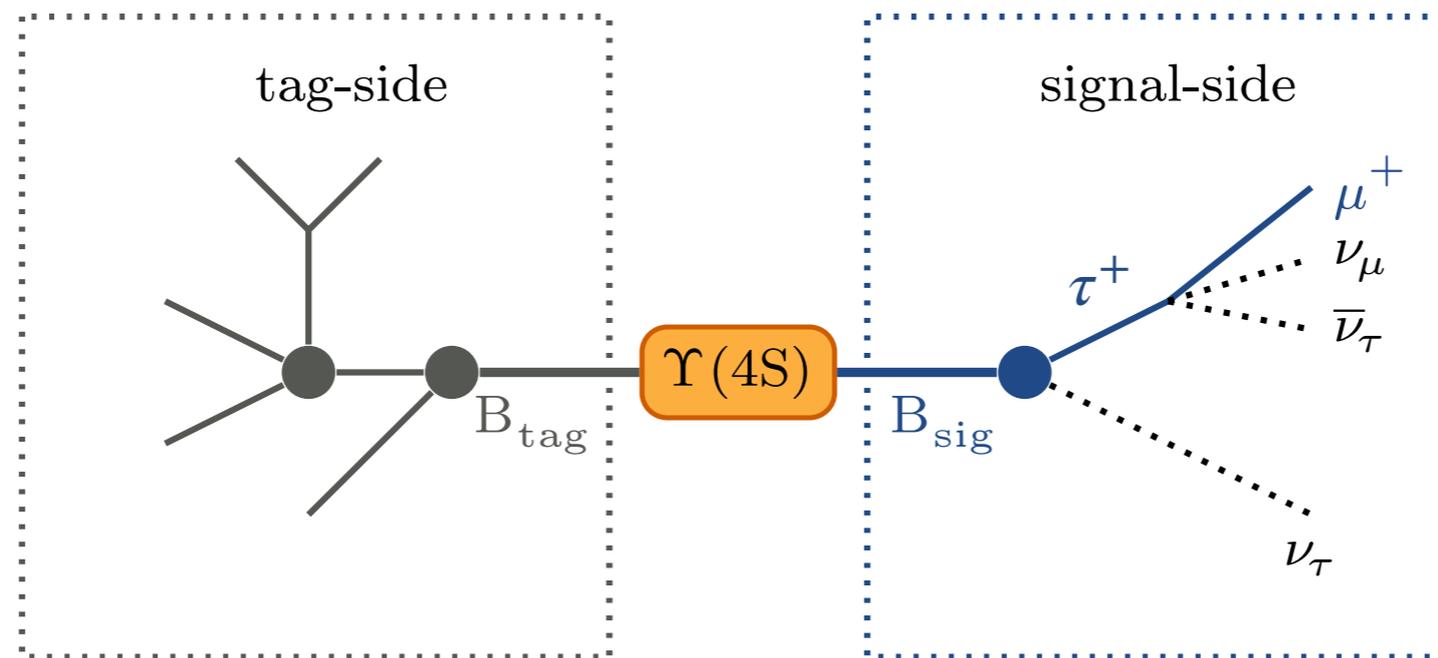
# Current Belle II dataset and projected luminosity



ICHEP 2020 dataset:  $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 34.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

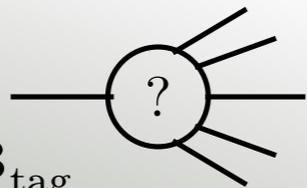
- Present data sample too limited for performing  $B$  (semi)tauonic physics measurements.
  - Studied data/MC comparisons to demonstrate understanding of detector performance.
- Expecting first measurements with  $\tau$ 's with  $\mathcal{O}(200 \text{ fb}^{-1})$  in 2021.

# Event reconstruction strategy



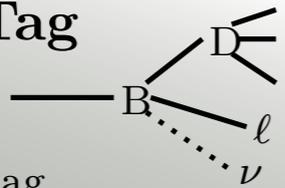
## Inclusive Tag

$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(100)\%$   
Consistency of  $B_{tag}$



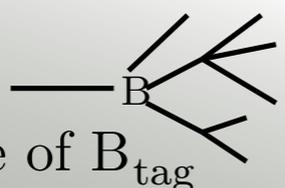
## Semileptonic Tag

$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(1)\%$   
Knowledge of  $B_{tag}$



## Hadronic Tag

$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(0.1)\%$   
Exact knowledge of  $B_{tag}$



- Exploit flavour and kinematic constraints on “signal”  $B$  system by *tagging* the other.

\*  $\rightarrow$  C.M. frame

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}\right)^2 - p_{B_{tag}}^{*2}} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^{*2} - p_{B_{tag}}^{*2}} \quad \Delta E = E_{B_{tag}}^* - E_{beam}^*$$

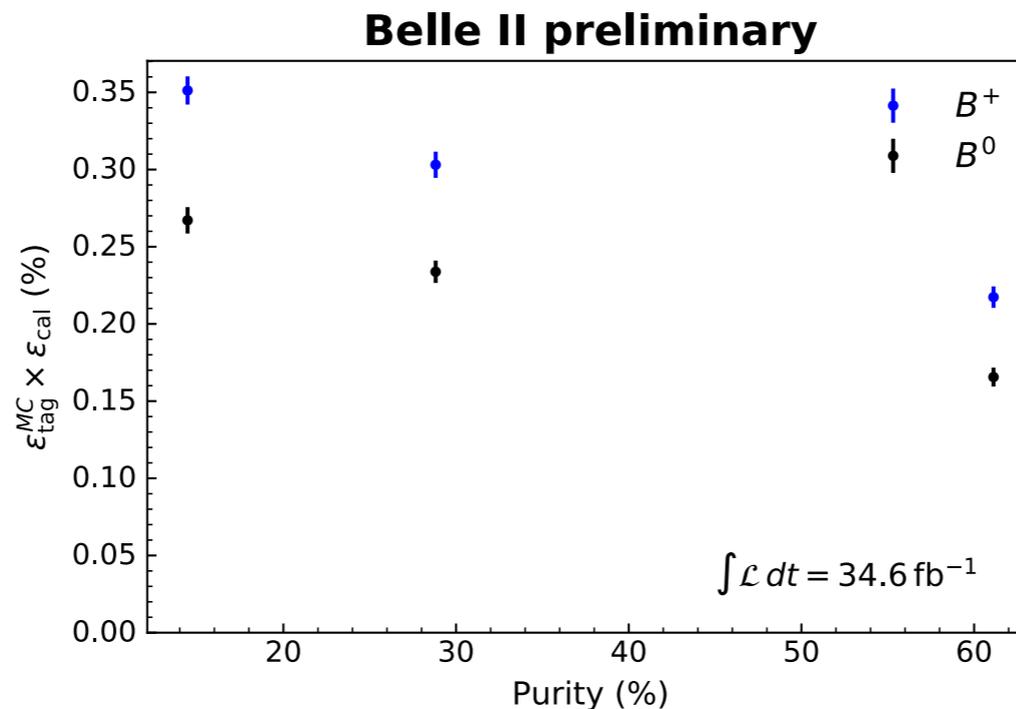
- $B_{sig}$  most often reconstructed through leptonic decays of the  $\tau$  ( $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu) \approx 34\%$ ) to further minimise background.

Information

Efficiency  $\epsilon$

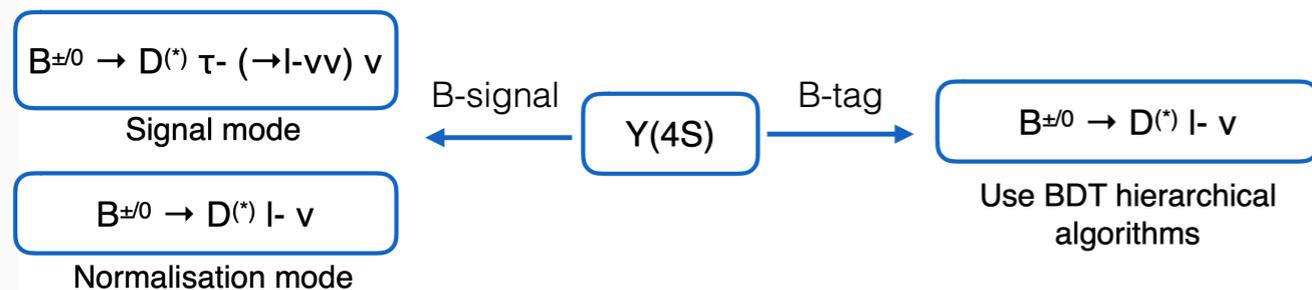
# Full Event Interpretation algorithm for $B_{tag}$ reconstruction

- Full Event Interpretation (FEI) algorithm developed in Belle II software  $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(200)$  BDT classifiers trained on  $\mathcal{O}(10,000)$   $B$  decay channels to identify the  $B_{tag}$



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- FEI successfully exploited in  $R(D^{(*)})$  “semileptonic tag” analysis on Belle data analysed with the Belle II software.

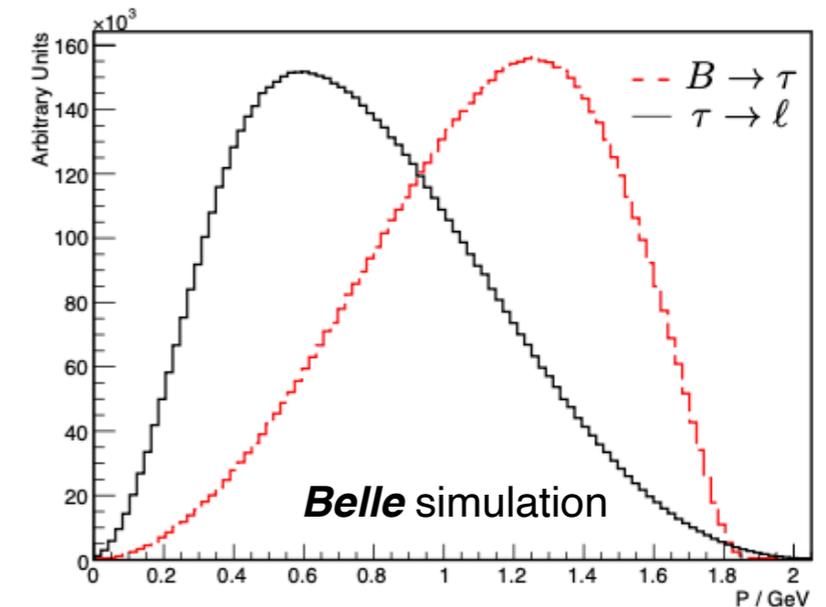


Experiment	Tag method	$\tau$ mode	R(D)	R(D*)	
Babar '12	Hadronic	$\ell \nu \nu$	<b>0.440 ± 0.058 ± 0.042</b>	0.332 ± 0.024 ± 0.018	
Belle '15	Hadronic	$\ell \nu \nu$	<b>0.375 ± 0.064 ± 0.026</b>	0.293 ± 0.038 ± 0.015	
LHCb '15	-	$\ell \nu \nu$	-	0.336 ± 0.027 ± 0.030	
<b>Belle '16</b>	<b>Semileptonic</b>	<b><math>\ell \nu \nu</math></b>	-	<b>0.302 ± 0.030 ± 0.011</b>	$B^0$
Belle '17	Hadronic	$\pi \nu, \rho \nu$	-	0.270 ± 0.035 ± 0.027	
LHCb '18	-	$\pi \pi \pi \nu$	-	0.291 ± 0.019 ± 0.029	
<b>Belle '19</b>	<b>Semileptonic</b>	<b><math>\ell \nu \nu</math></b>	<b>0.307 ± 0.037 ± 0.016</b>	<b>0.283 ± 0.018 ± 0.014</b>	$B^0, B^+$
Average (2018)	-	-	0.407 ± 0.039 ± 0.024	0.306 ± 0.013 ± 0.007	
Average (2019)	-	-	<b>0.340 ± 0.027 ± 0.013</b>	<b>0.295 ± 0.011 ± 0.008</b>	
SM			0.299 ± 0.003	0.258 ± 0.005	

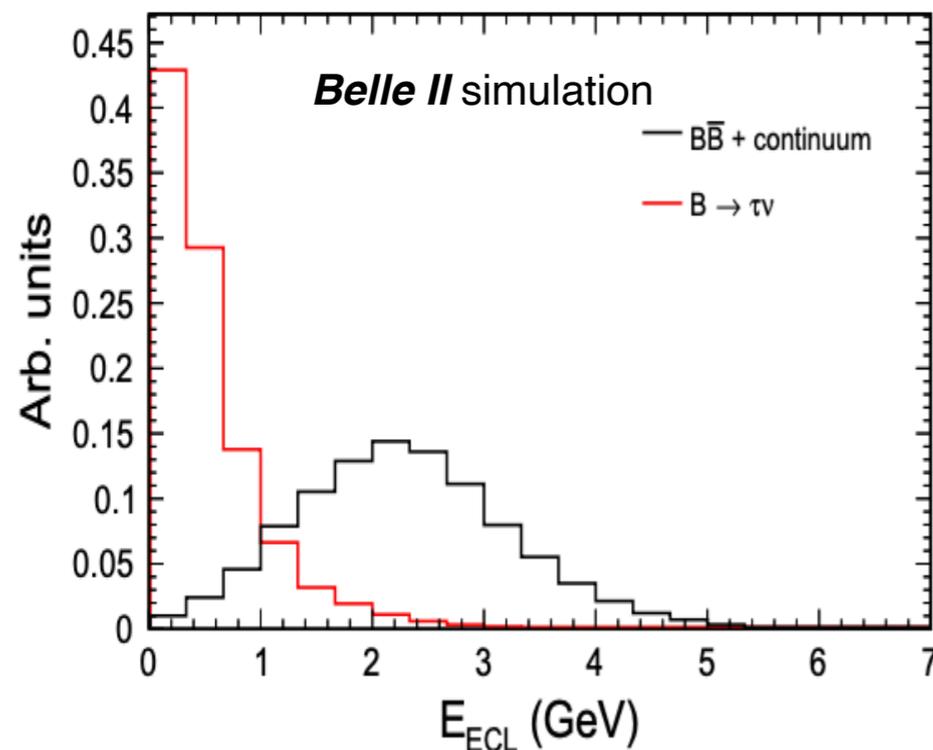
G. Caria *et al.* (Belle Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 161803

# Relevant observables for $B$ decays with $\tau$ 's

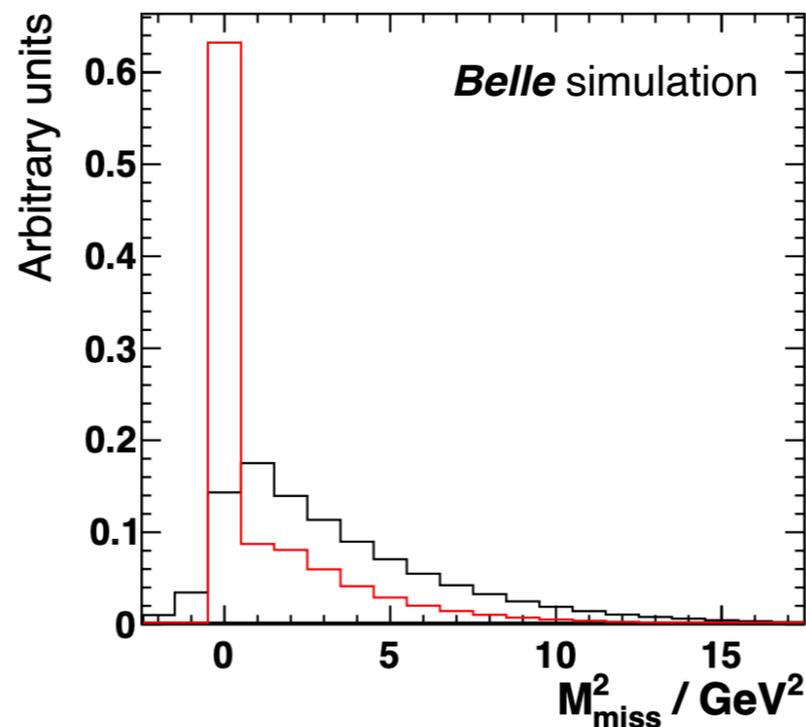
- $p_\ell^*$  (in  $B_{sig}$  r.f.)  $\rightarrow$  crucially dependent on good lepton identification performance.
  - Challenging due to low momentum of lepton daughters.
- $m_{miss}^2$   $\rightarrow$  separates signal from  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$ , pure hadronic final states.
- $E_{ECL}$   $\rightarrow$  energy in the calorimeter of neutral particles not used in the reconstruction of the signal or tag.



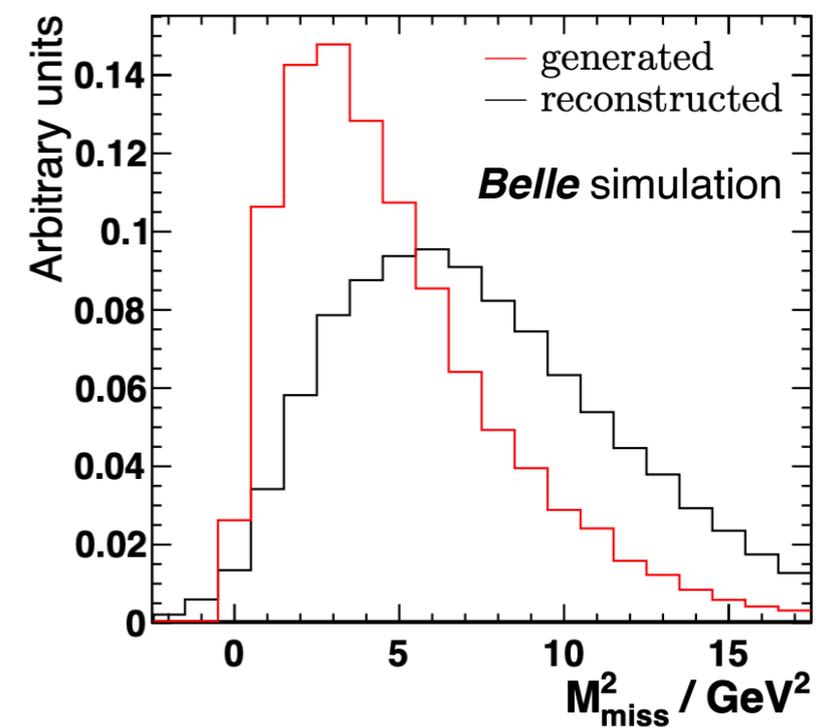
$B \rightarrow \tau\nu$  (MC reco only)



$B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$



$B \rightarrow X\tau\nu$



# Lepton identification performance in 2020 data

- Lepton identification & hadron mis-id performance in simulation calibrated to data using several “standard candles” to cover broad  $p$  range.

Likelihood ratio (w/ inputs from all sub-detectors)

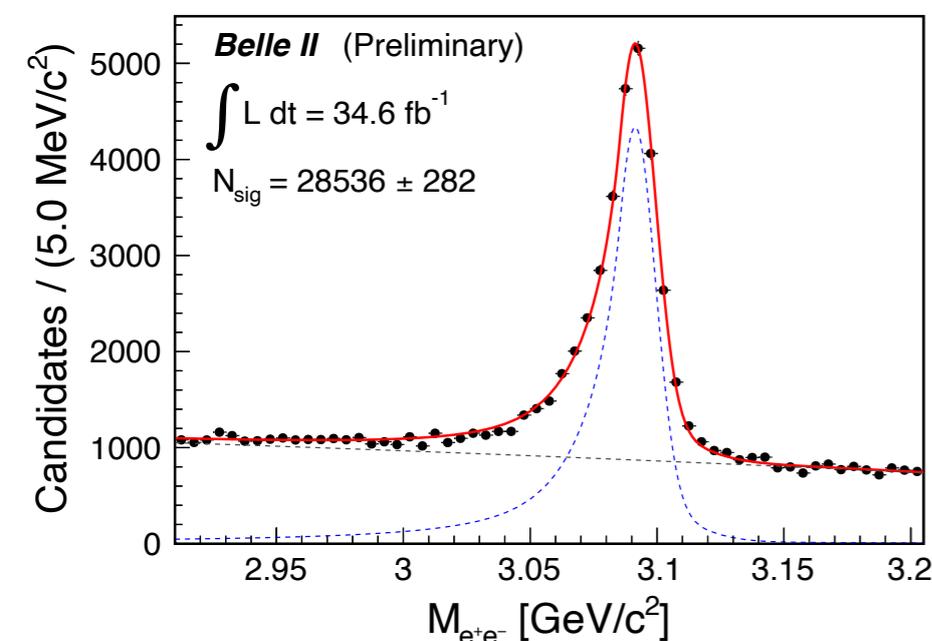
$$\ell_{\text{ID}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_\ell}{\mathcal{L}_e + \mathcal{L}_\mu + \mathcal{L}_\pi + \mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_p}$$

$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

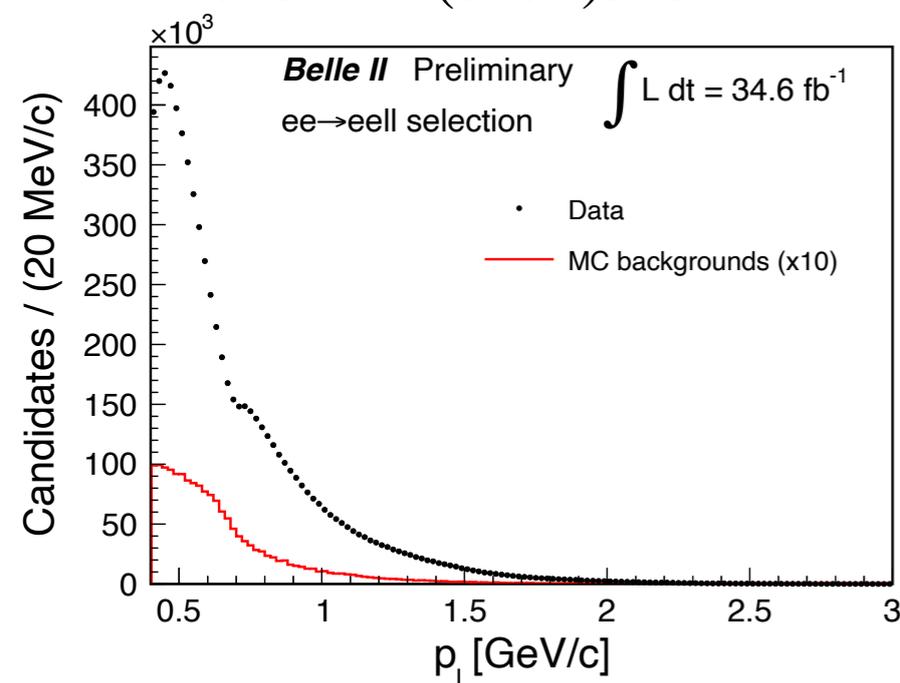
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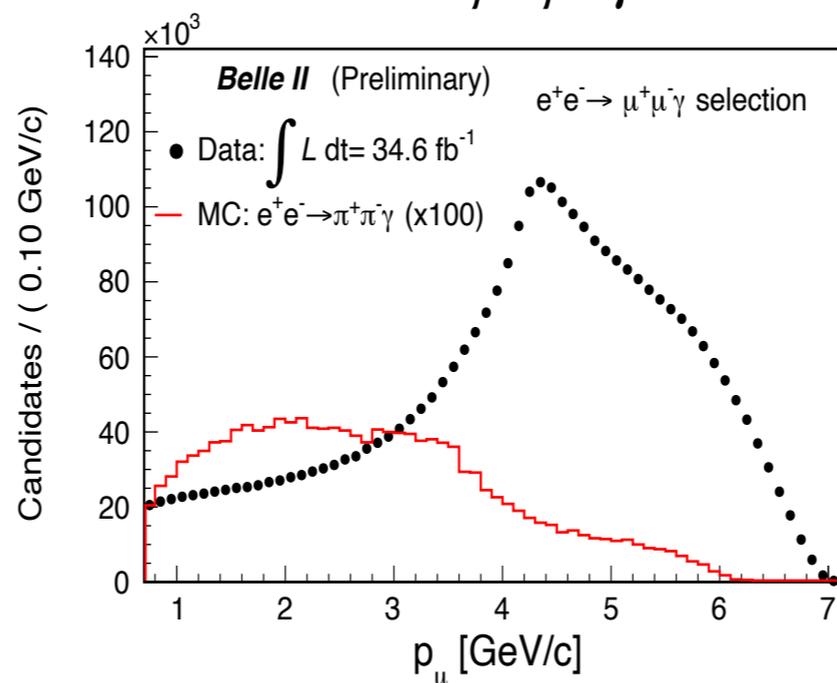
Lepton ID efficiency ( $\ell=e,\mu$ )	Hadron mis-id.
$J/\psi \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$
$ee \rightarrow ee\ell\ell$	$ee \rightarrow \tau(1-p)\tau(3-p)$
$ee \rightarrow ee(\gamma)$	$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$
$ee \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$	$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$



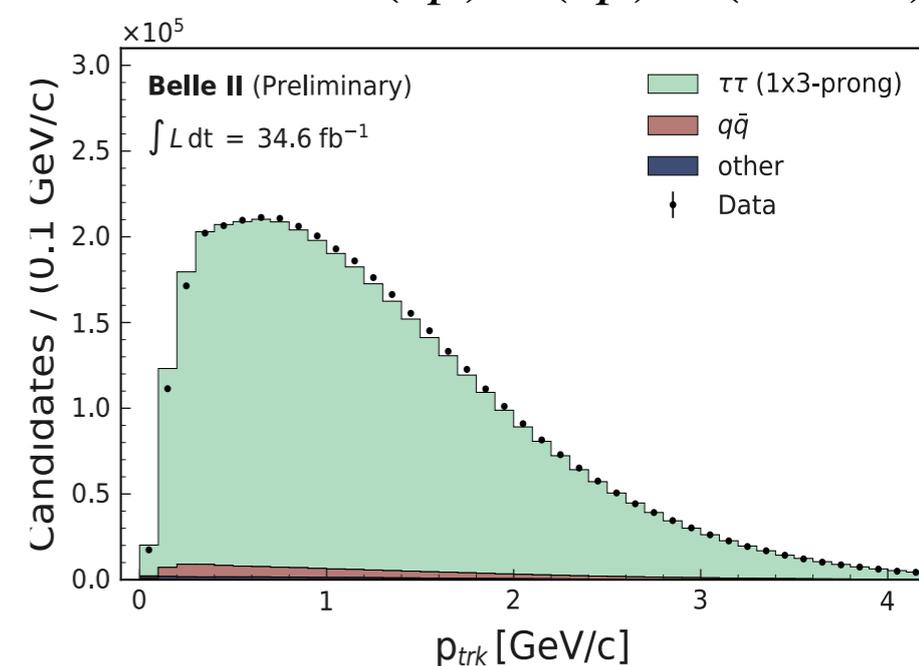
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow (e^+e^-)e^+e^-$$



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$$



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+(1p)\tau^-(3p) \quad (\pi \rightarrow \ell)$$

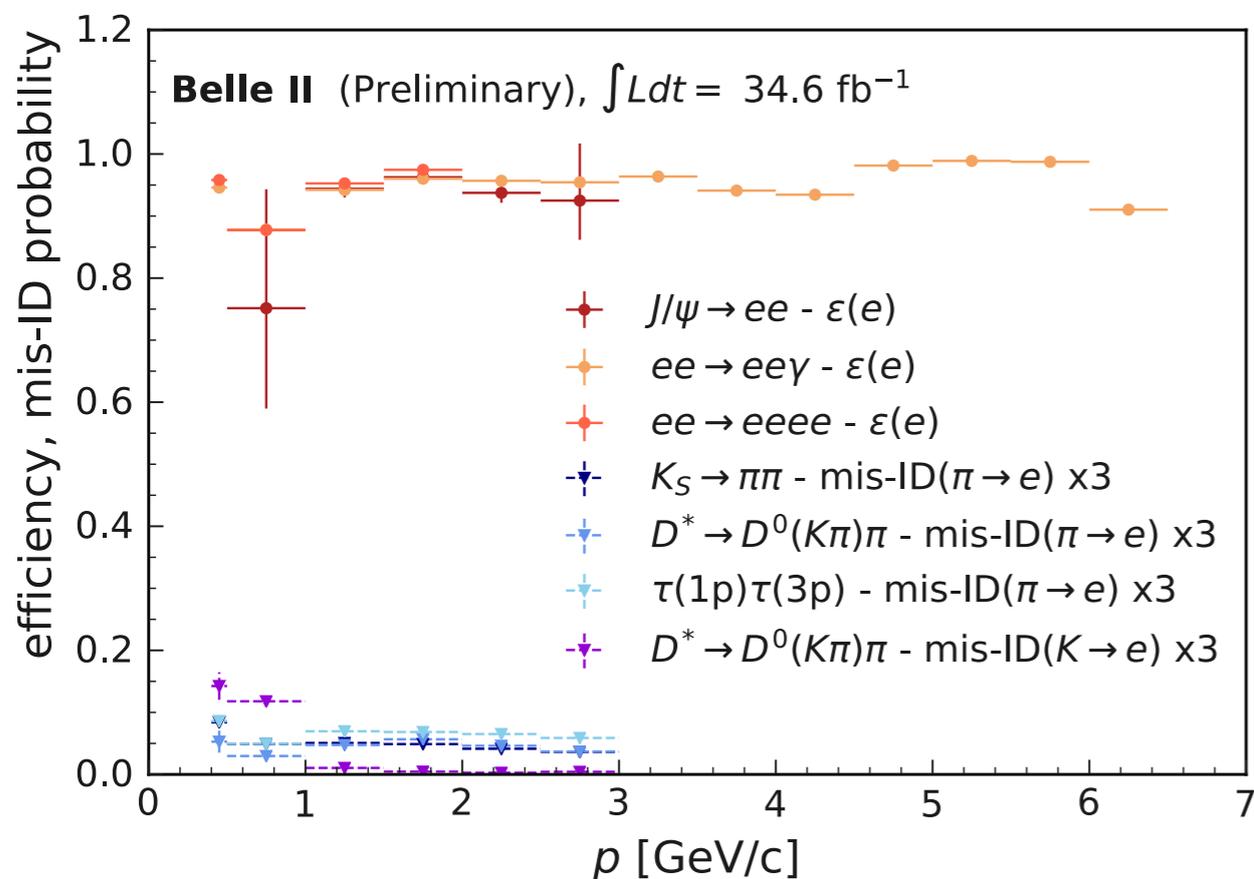


# Lepton identification performance in 2020 data

- Results for a representative bin in the detector “barrel” region.

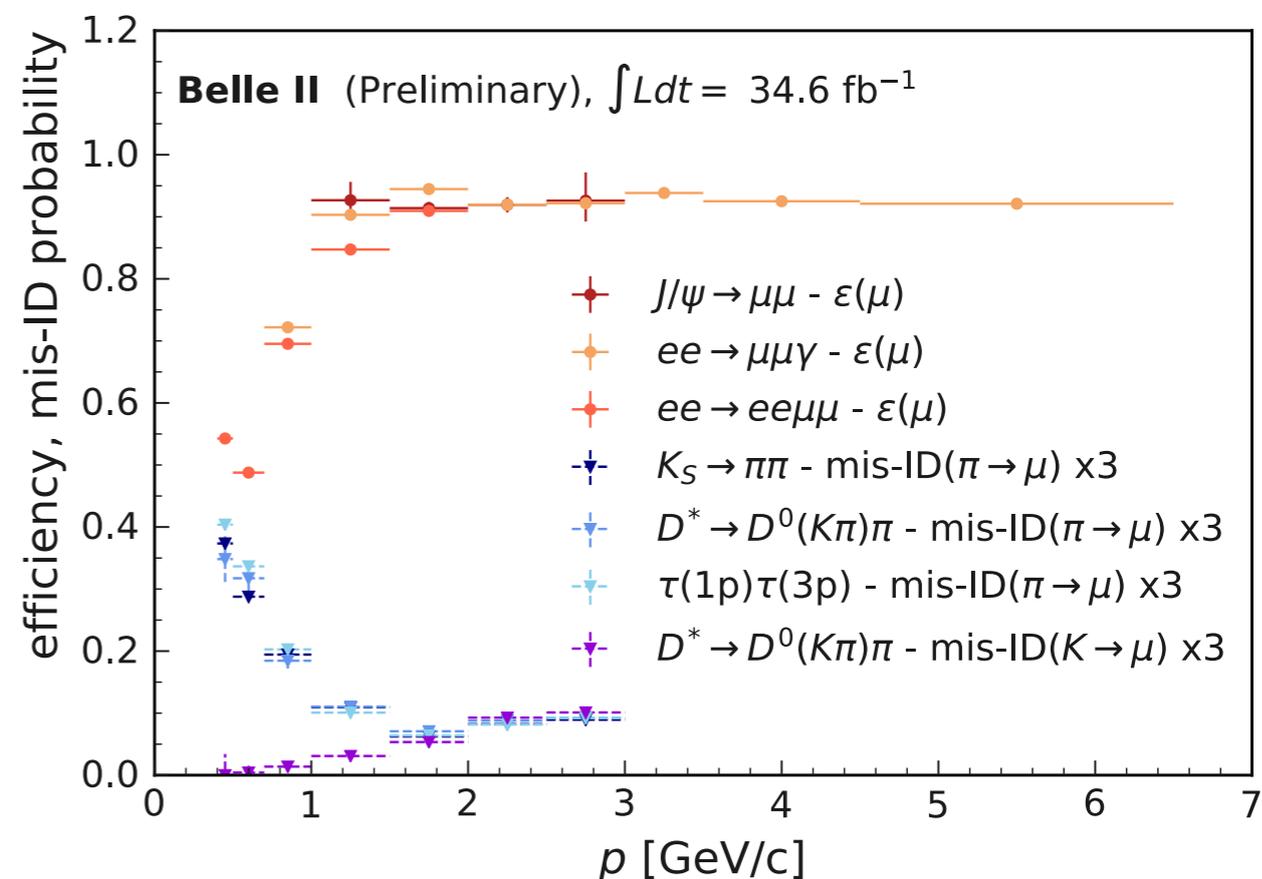
## Electrons

$1.13 \leq \theta < 1.57$  rad, electronID  $> 0.9$



## Muons

$0.82 \leq \theta < 1.16$  rad, muonID  $> 0.9$

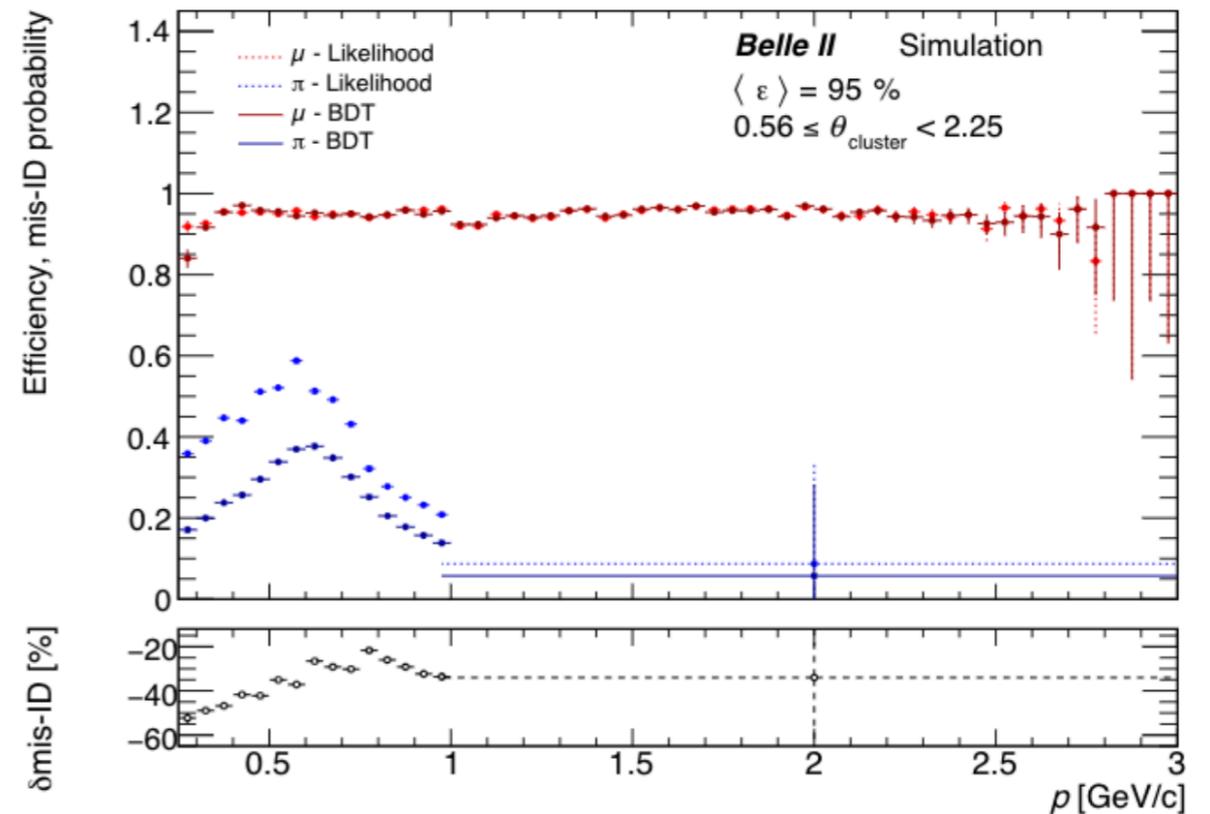
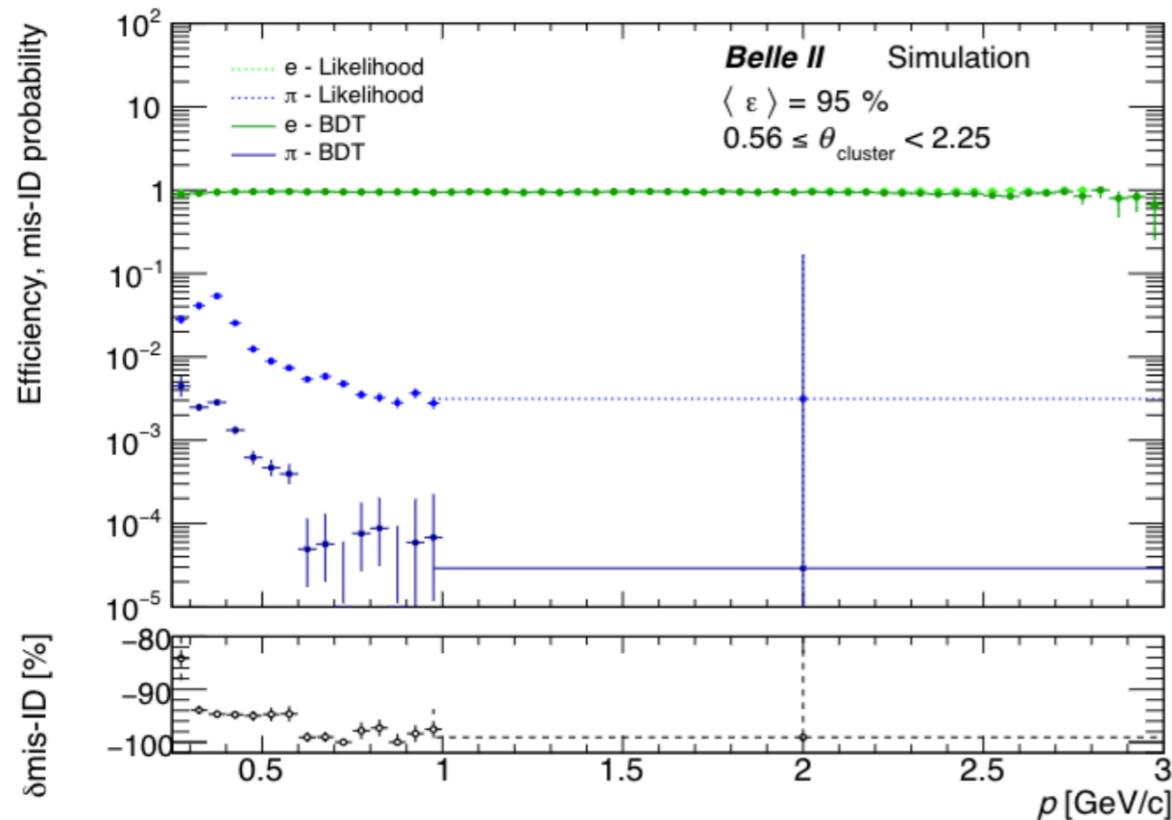
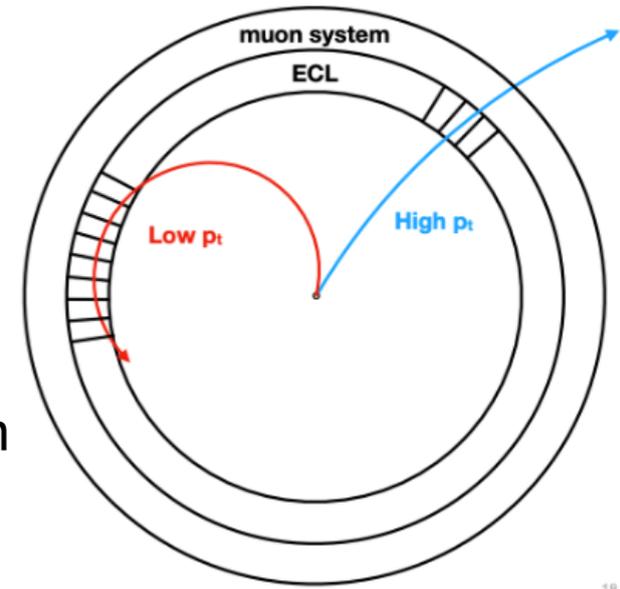


- $e$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{ratio} > 0.9$ ,  $p > 1 \text{ GeV}/c \rightarrow \langle \text{efficiency} \rangle$  of 94% for 2% pion mis-id probability.
- $\mu$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{ratio} > 0.9$ ,  $p > 1 \text{ GeV}/c \rightarrow \langle \text{efficiency} \rangle$  of 90% for 4% pion mis-id probability.

# Upgrades to lepton identification using the ECL

- At low momentum, limit in KLM acceptance and large energy losses for electrons before the ECL make lepton identification a challenge.

→ Combine several calorimetric observables (lateral shower shapes, extrapolated track depth in the ECL...) in a BDT to improve lepton-hadron separation.



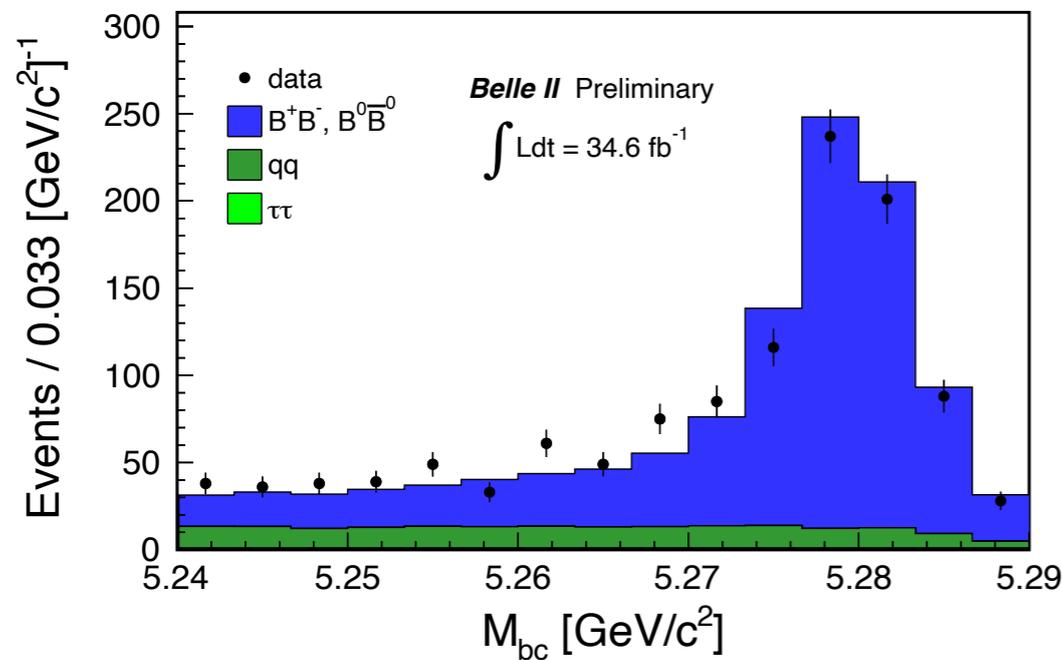
- Factor 10 reduction in  $\pi - e$  fake rate, and a factor 2 in  $\pi - \mu$  fake rate for  $p < 1$  GeV/c (MC)

# Full leptonic $B^- \rightarrow \tau^- (\rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau) \bar{\nu}_\tau$ - Preliminary results

- First pure tauonic result of Belle II  $\rightarrow$  test-bench for event reconstruction capability.
- Only  $\tau \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\tau$  channel considered. Use hadronic FEI tagging.

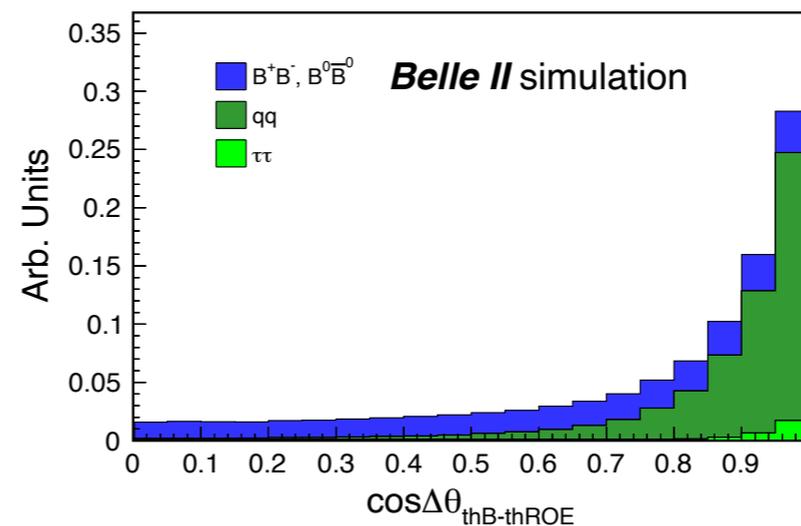
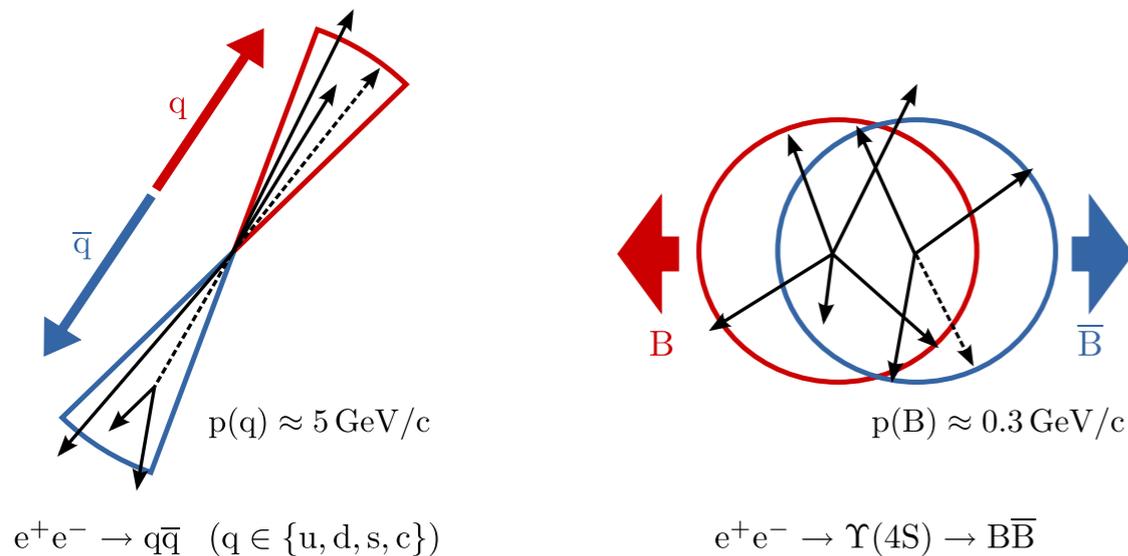
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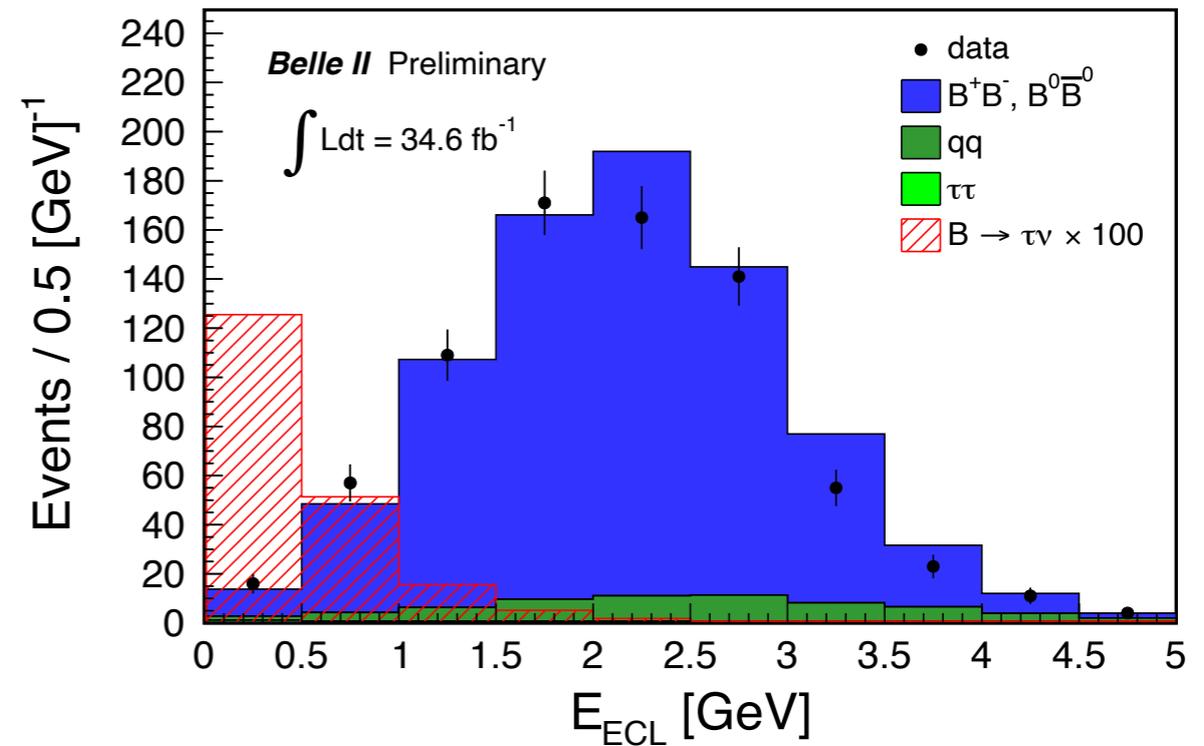
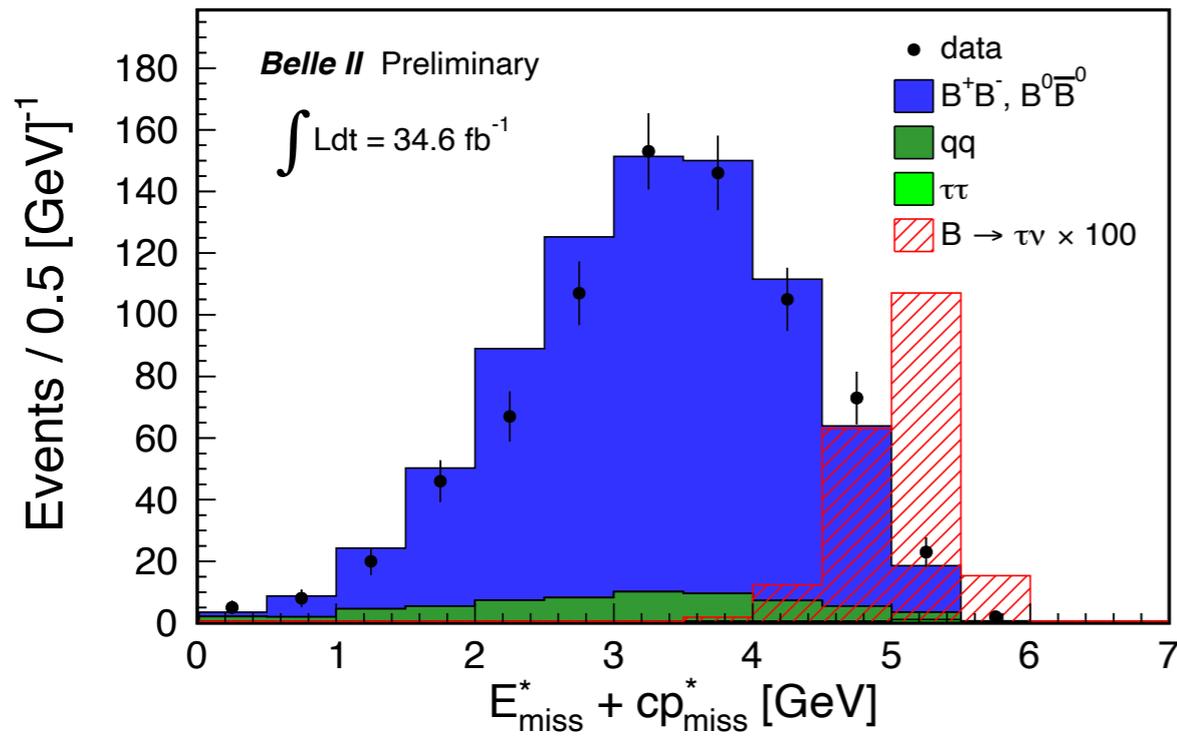
$\approx 50\%$  purity for correctly reconstructed  $B_{tag}$  candidates  
estimated from fit to  $M_{bc}$

Event preselection + tag selection	Description
$ d_0  < 0.5 \text{ cm},  z_0  < 2 \text{ cm}, p > 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c,$ $N_{\text{trk}} \geq 3$	track preselection
$E_{\text{cluster}} > 100 \text{ MeV}, 0.29 < \theta_{\text{cluster}} < 2.61 \text{ rad},$ $N_{\text{cluster}} \geq 3$	ECL cluster preselection
$2 < E_{\text{ECL}}(\text{tot}) < 7 \text{ GeV}, E_{\text{vis}} > 4 \text{ GeV}$	total energy in event
$\log_{10}(p_{\text{FEI}}) > -2$	FEI sig. prob. cut for $B_{tag}$
$\cos\Delta\theta_{\text{thrust}} < 0.8$	continuum suppression [*]
$M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	selection on $B_{tag} M_{bc}$



[\*] angle between thrust axes of  $B_{tag}$  and the “rest of the event”

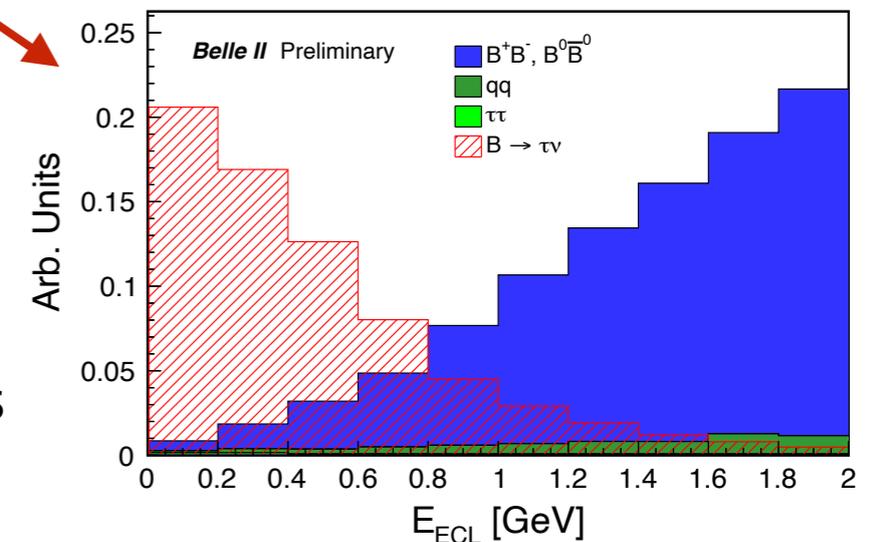
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- Selection on electron candidates:  $p_e > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $\text{electronID} > 0.9$ .

- $E_{ECL}$ ,  $E_{miss}^* + cp_{miss}^*$  (\*: c.m. frame)

- Fair modelling of background in the signal-enriched regions with the available statistics.



→ demonstrate potential for observation of  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$  with larger dataset.

# Beam background suppression algorithm for $E_{ECL}$

- Tail in  $E_{ECL}$  distribution:

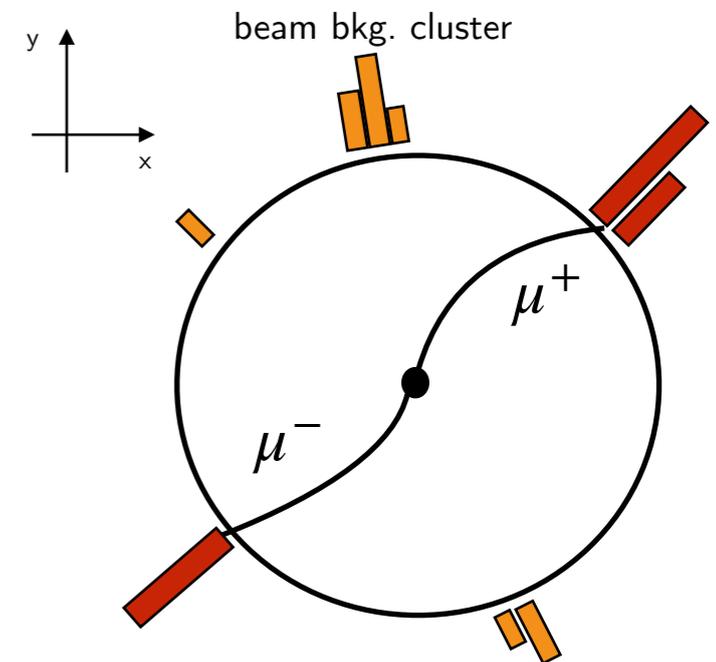
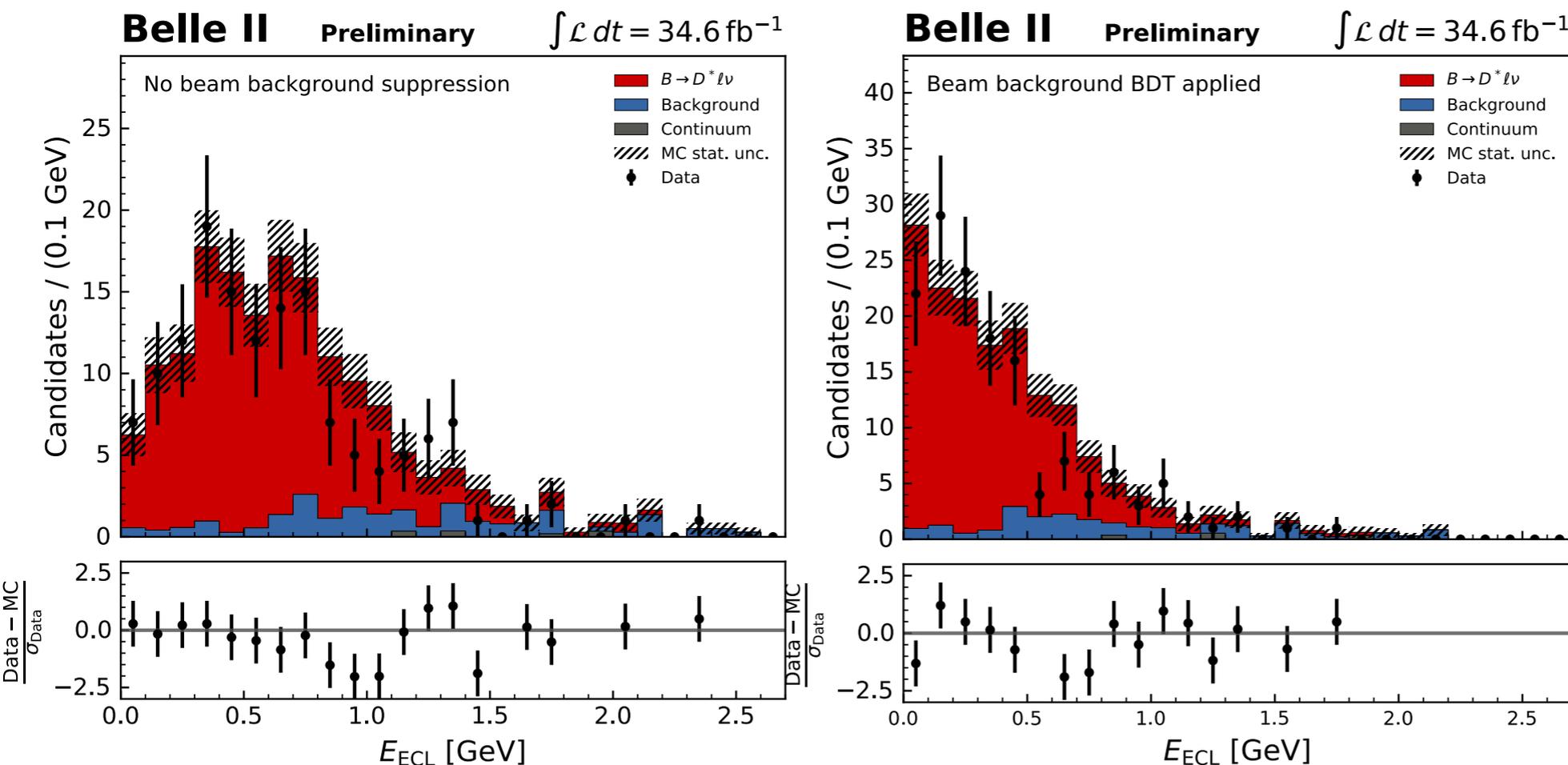
- Background ( $B, q\bar{q}$ )  $\rightarrow$  mis-assigned  $K_L$ 's and  $\gamma$ 's.
- Signal  $\rightarrow$  resolution effects, *beam background*.

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- BDT developed to reduce beam background neutrals on  $E_{ECL}$  in the  $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}\ell^{-}\nu$  analysis, based on 6 calorimetric clusters shower shapes and angular positions ( $E_{cluster} > 100$  MeV).
- Algorithm trained on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  control sample.



# Prospects for (semi)leptonic $B$ decays with $\tau$ leptons

The Belle II Physics Book, PTEP 2019 no. 12, 123C01

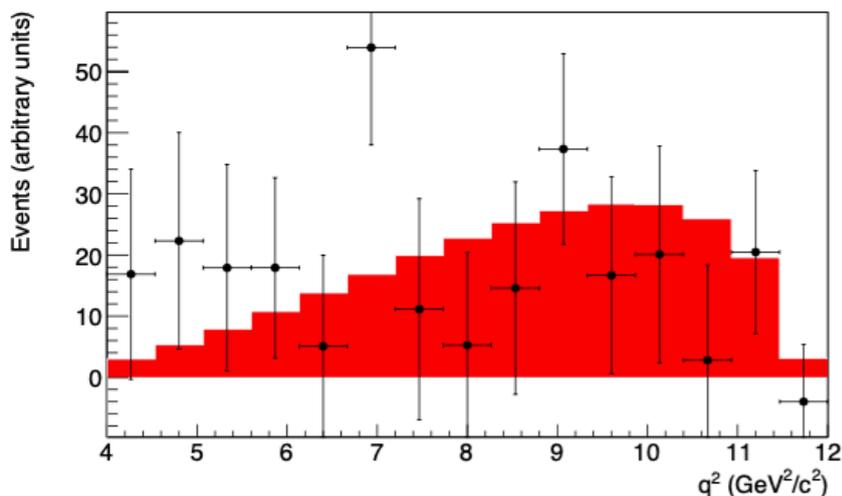
- $B \rightarrow \tau\nu$ :
  - expecting  $5\sigma$  observation with  $2.6 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
  - $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau\nu)$  tot. uncertainty of (10%) with  $5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu$  ( $R(D^{(*)})$ ):
  - $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$  precision (tot. uncertainty) with  $5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
- Measure observables sensitive to NP effects in  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ :
  - Polarisation:  $P_\tau(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-}$ ,  $P_{D^*} = \frac{\Gamma_L}{\Gamma_L + \Gamma_T}$
  - Kinematic distributions ( $q^2, p_\ell$ )

	Integrated Luminosity ( $\text{ab}^{-1}$ )	1	5	50
hadronic tag	statistical uncertainty (%)	29	13	4
	systematic uncertainty (%)	13	7	5
	total uncertainty (%)	32	15	6
semileptonic tag	statistical uncertainty (%)	19	8	3
	systematic uncertainty (%)	18	9	5
	total uncertainty (%)	26	12	5

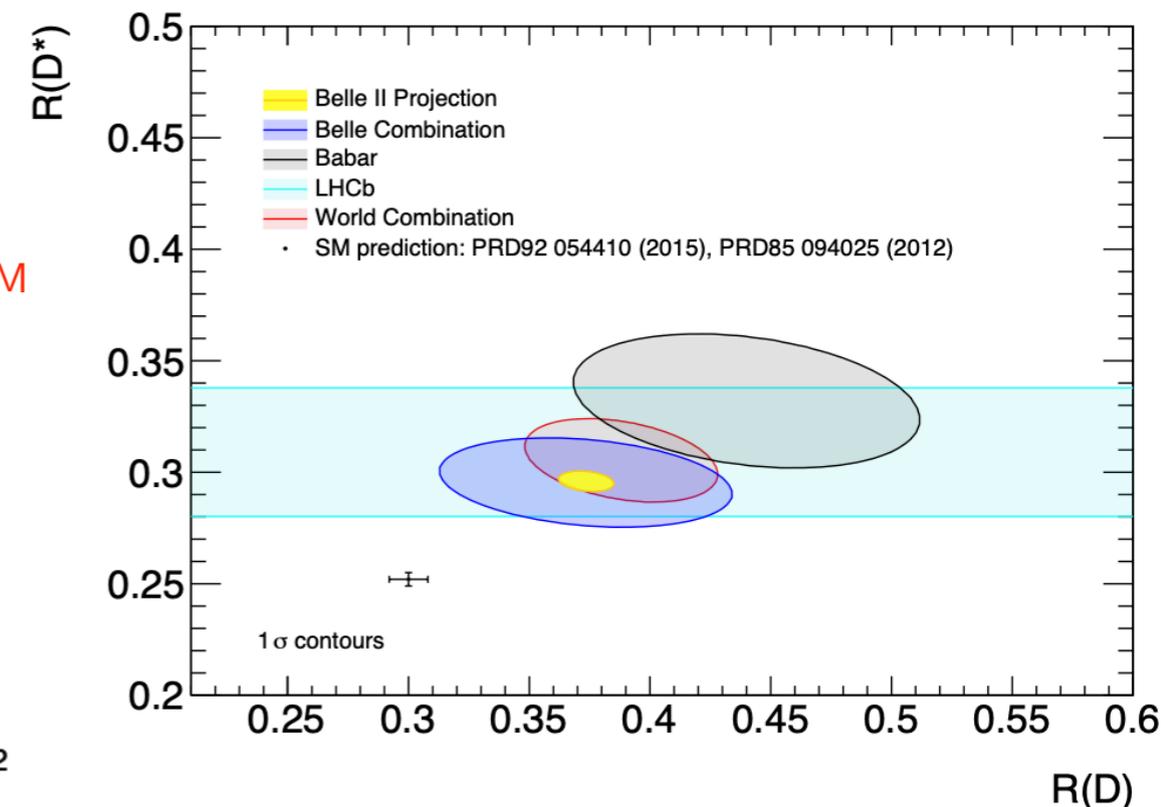
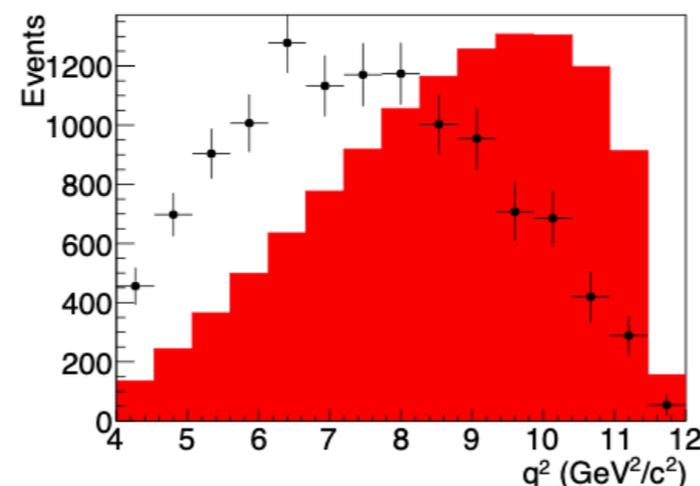
	$5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	$50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
$R_D$	$(\pm 6.0 \pm 3.9)\%$	$(\pm 2.0 \pm 2.5)\%$
$R_{D^*}$	$(\pm 3.0 \pm 2.5)\%$	$(\pm 1.0 \pm 2.0)\%$
$P_\tau(D^*)$	$\pm 0.18 \pm 0.08$	$\pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$

$B \rightarrow D\tau(\rightarrow \ell\nu\nu)\nu$ ,  $q^2$  distribution

Belle data ( $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ), type II 2HDM



Belle II (SM,  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ), type II 2HDM



# Experimental challenges

- Background from  $B \rightarrow D^{**} \ell \nu_\ell$ :

→ Measure branching ratios with higher precision.

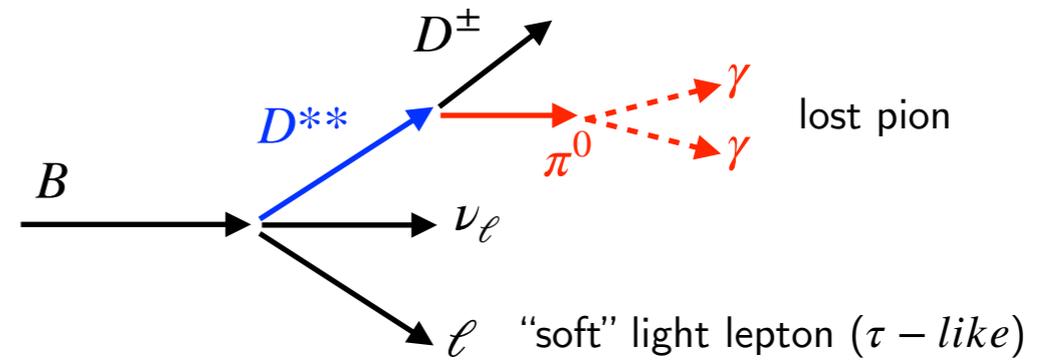
→ (For exclusive analyses) improve  $\pi^0$  reconstruction efficiency.

- Fake lepton suppression at low momenta, and improved LID calibration.

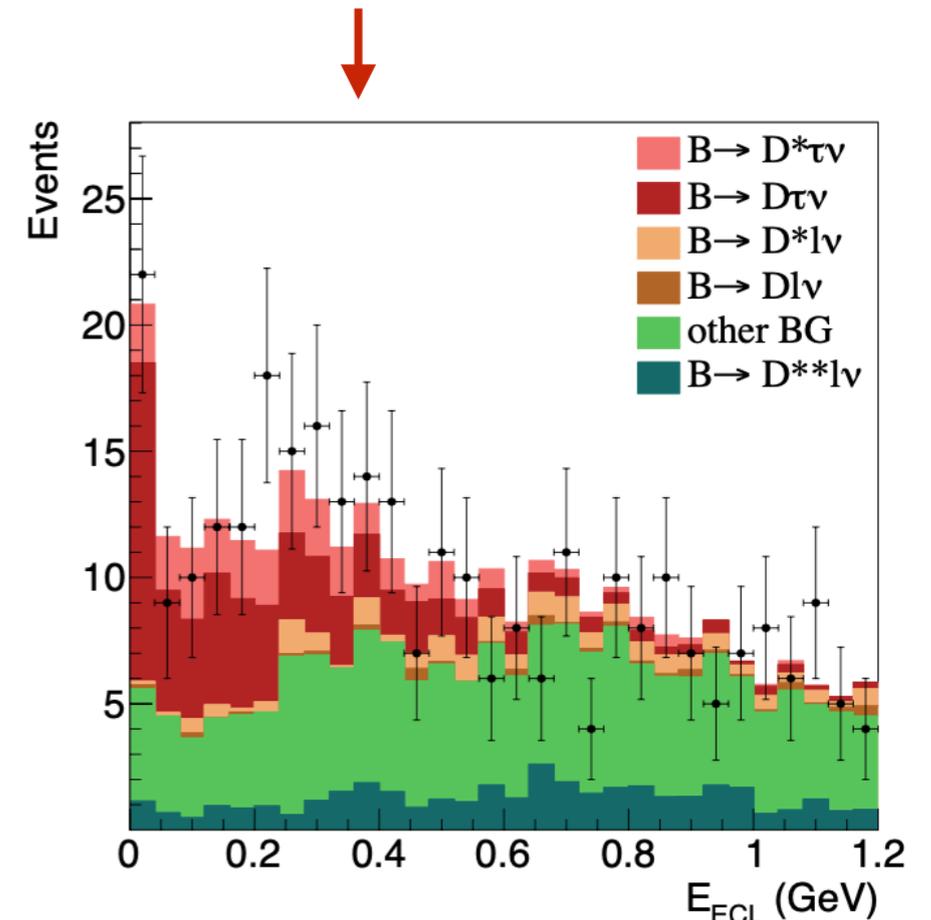
- Furthermore, for *inclusive*  $B \rightarrow X \tau \nu$  analysis:

→ Handle background from leptonic charm decays  $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow \ell$

→ large background yield implies *all* MC processes'  $\mathcal{B}$ 's must be measured with high precision.



Source	Belle (Had, $\ell^-$ ) $R_D$	Belle (Had, $\ell^-$ ) $R_{D^*}$	Belle (SL, $\ell^-$ ) $R_{D^*}$	Belle (Had, $h^-$ ) $R_{D^*}$
MC statistics	4.4%	3.6%	2.5%	+4.0% -2.9%
$B \rightarrow D^{**} \ell \nu_\ell$	4.4%	3.4%	+1.0% -1.7%	2.3%
Hadronic $B$	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	+7.3% -6.5%
Other sources	3.4%	1.6%	+1.8% -1.4%	5.0%
Total	7.1%	5.2%	+3.4% -3.5%	+10.0% -9.0%



Belle hadronic tag  $B \rightarrow D \tau \nu$  ( $\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \nu_\tau$ ) analysis,  $M_{miss}^2 > 2.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$   
Phys. Rev., D92(7), 072014 (2015)

# Conclusions

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- Belle II operations are in full swing, with  $\approx 70 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data collected to date.
- First analyses on  $B$  (semi)leptonic decays with tau leptons successfully test improved techniques for event reconstruction (FEI).
- Preliminary studies of lepton identification in multiple channels show good performance, and exciting new developments will soon be tested in physics analyses.
- More intriguing results on  $B$  tauonic final states are on the way for 2021.