



Measurements of $B \rightarrow D(^*)h$ and charmless B -decays at Belle II

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Charmed and Charmless B-decays



$B \rightarrow D(*)h$

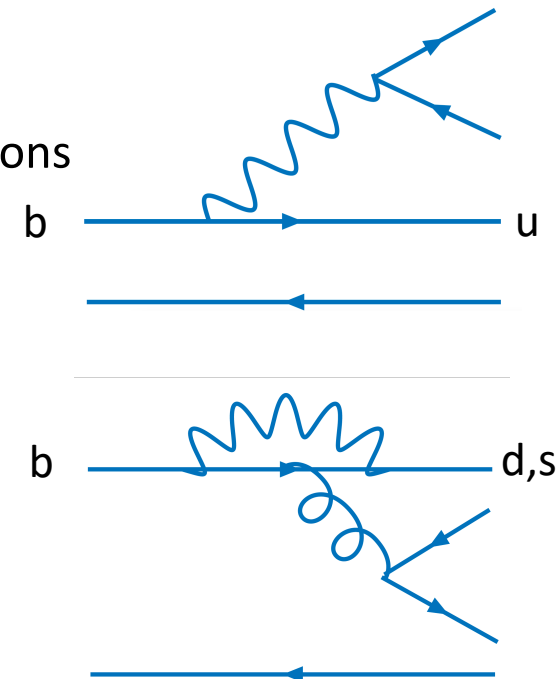
- mediated through favoured $b \rightarrow c$ tree transition with high branching fractions of $\sim 0.5\%$
→ serve as important **control modes**
- $B \rightarrow D(*)K$ modes are theoretically clean modes to **precisely determine γ/φ_3**

Charmless decays:

- mediated through Cabibbo-suppressed $b \rightarrow u$ and/or loop-suppressed $b \rightarrow d/s$ transitions
- highly sensitive to **non-SM loop contributions**
- probe SM and non-SM dynamics in **all three CKM angles (today: α/φ_2)**

Challenges:

- **low BFs** of order $\leq 10^{-5}$
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ **background** dominated



SuperKEKB and Belle II Detector



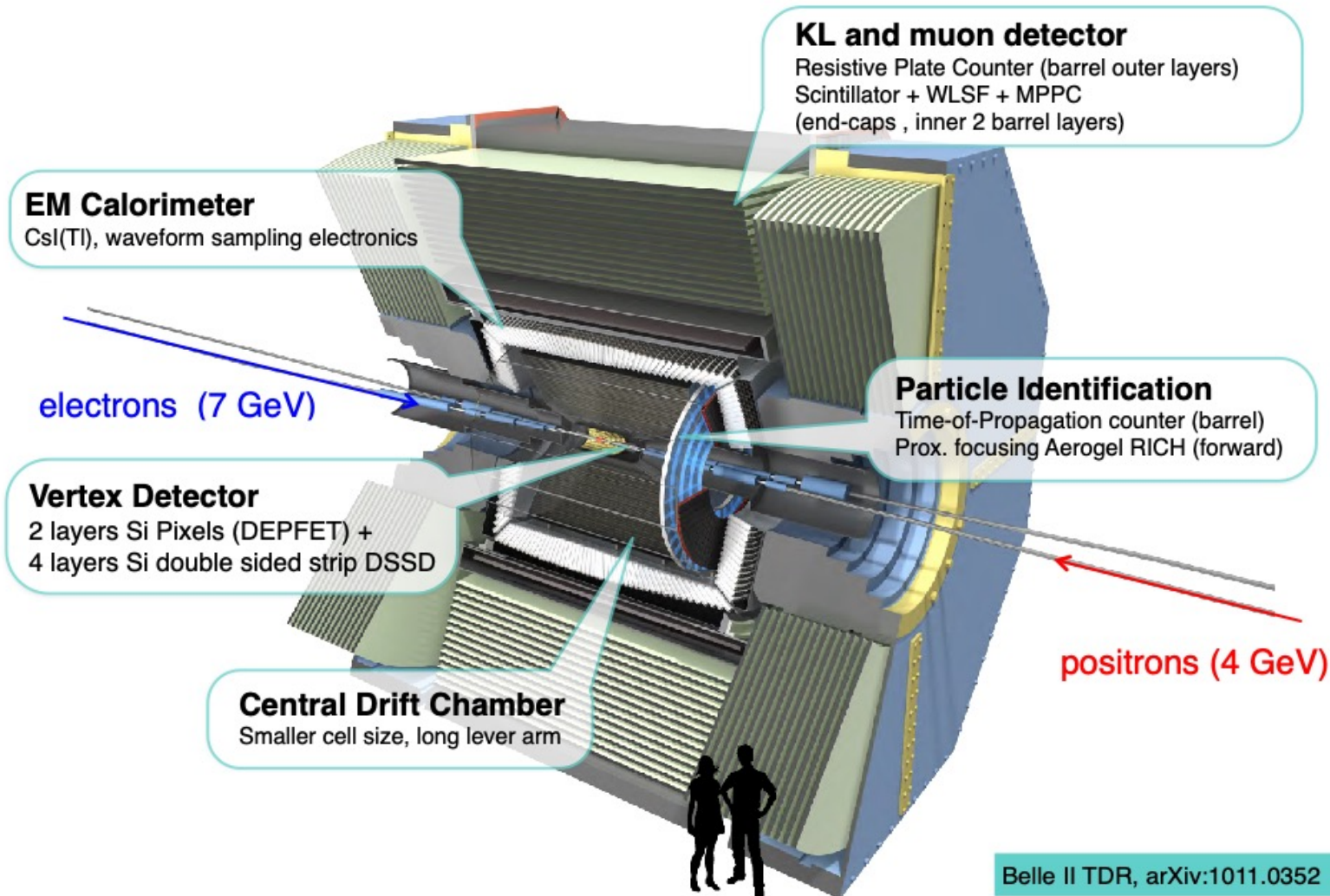
- SuperKEKB: energy-asymmetric $e^+ e^-$ collider running at $Y(4S)$ resonance (10.58 GeV)

→ clean experimental environment

- world record peak luminosity: $3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Goal: 50 ab^{-1} by mid 2030s
- so far 213 fb^{-1} of data collected

- unique reach on final states with multiple neutrinos and π^0 /photons

- Today: results on $\sim 63 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Analysis Overview

1. Reconstruction

- combine candidates in kinematic fits to fill list of B-meson candidates from low-level observables

2. Selection

- mostly loose baseline selection cuts followed by optimized continuum suppression and particle identification cuts

3. Modelling

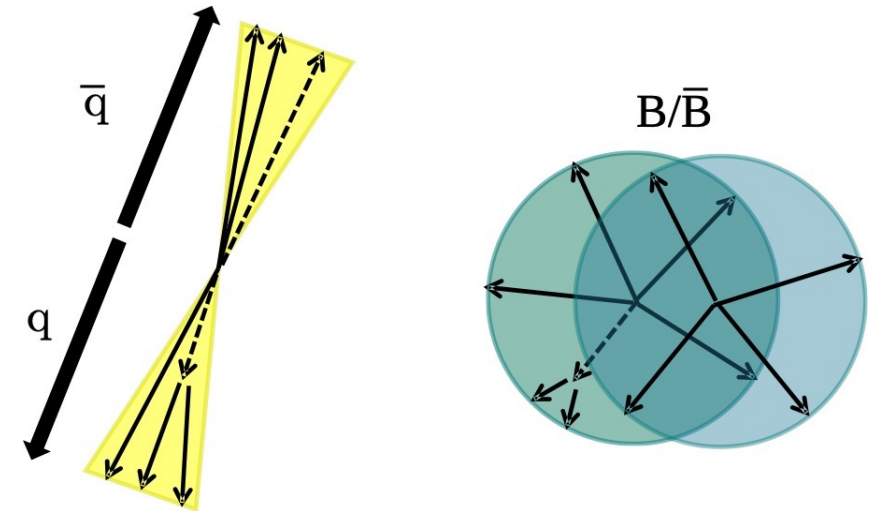
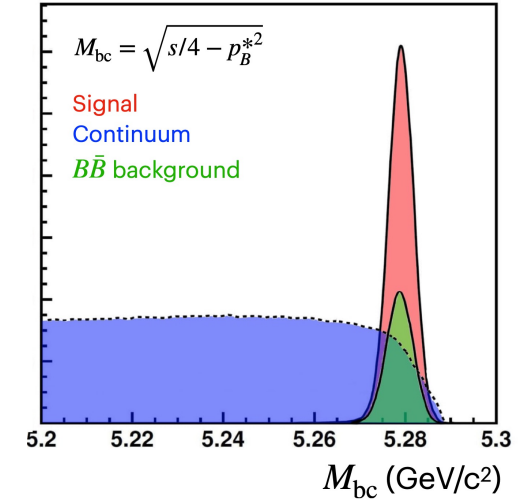
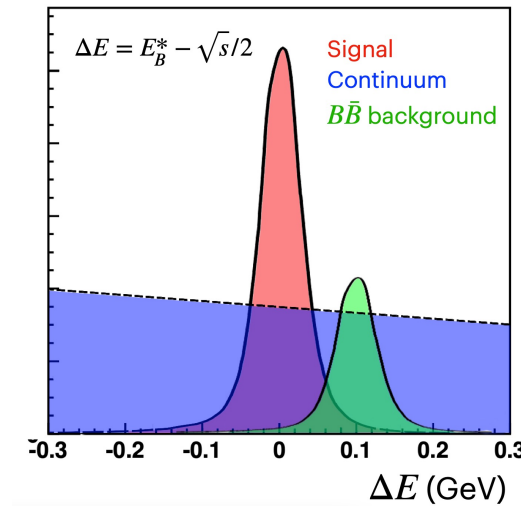
- extract models from simulated data (+ calibrate on data)
- determine selection efficiencies for BR calculations

4. Fit to data & calculate physics quantities

- fit using usually one to three fit variables (ΔE , M_{bc} and **continuum suppression** variable)

5. Systematic Uncertainties

- toy studies and control mode analyses



momenta distribution in CMS frame

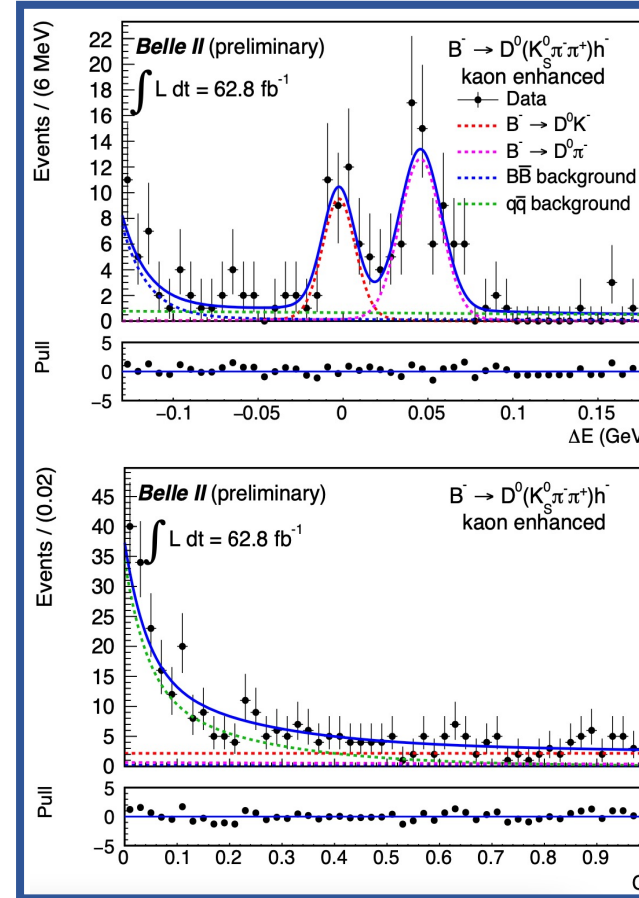
$B \rightarrow D^0 h^-$

- important observable: ratio of decay rates

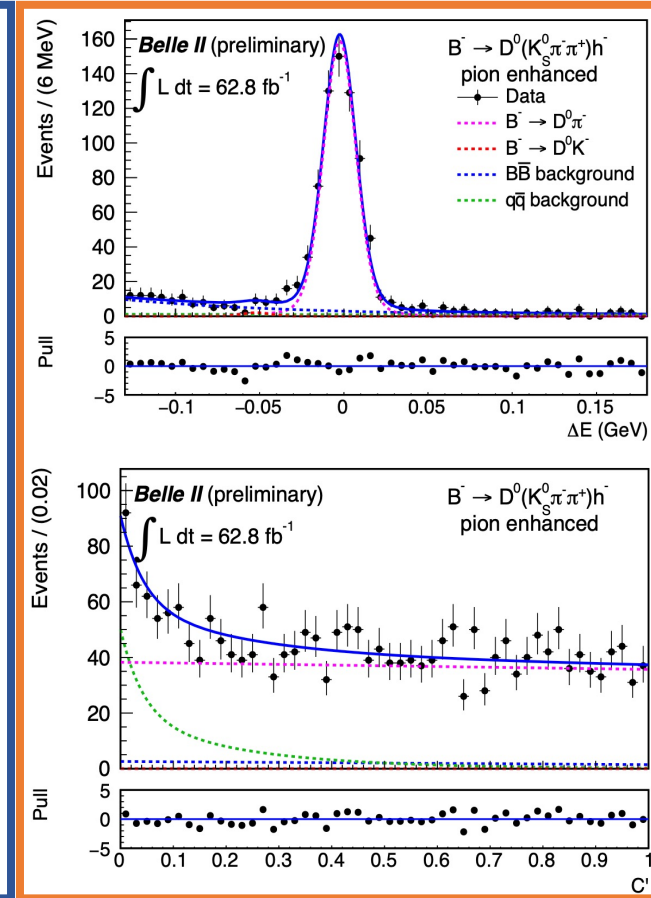
$$R^0 = \frac{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow D^0 K^-)}{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow D^0 \pi^-)}$$

- allows for **cancellation of many systematic uncertainties**
- clean approach to test theory predictions of factorization and SU(3) symmetry breaking in QCD
- simultaneous 2D-fit in ΔE and CS classifier of kaon/pion-enhanced samples

kaon-enhanced $\mathcal{L}(K/\pi) > 0.6$



pion-enhanced $\mathcal{L}(K/\pi) < 0.6$



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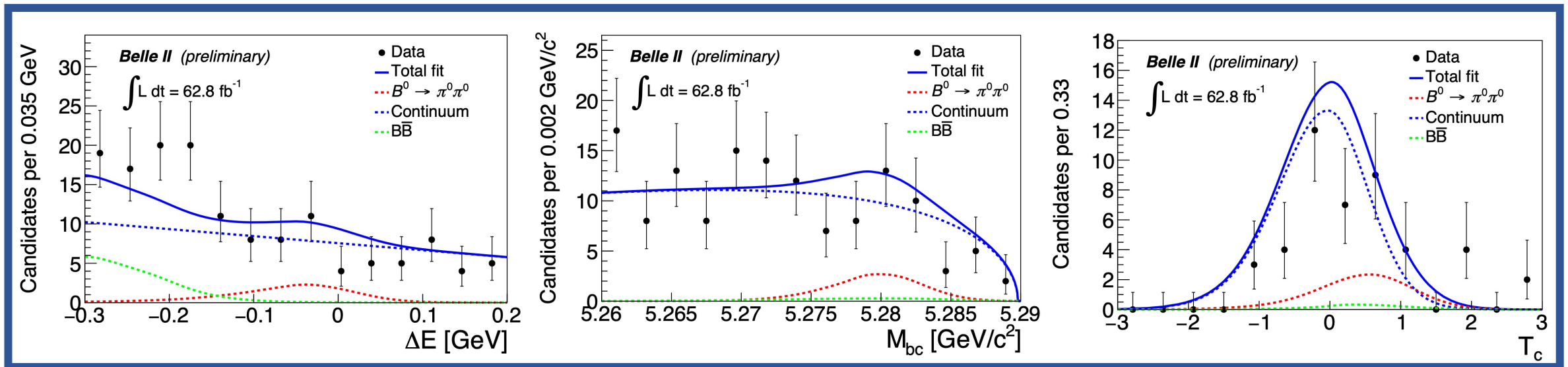
	$B^- \rightarrow D^0(K^- \pi^+) h^-$	$B^- \rightarrow D^0(K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-) h^-$	$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ h^-$	$B^- \rightarrow D^{*0} h^-$	$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} h^-$
Belle II $R^{+/0}$ ($\times 10^{-2}$)	$7.66 \pm 0.55^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	$6.32 \pm 0.81^{+0.09}_{-0.11}$	$9.22 \pm 0.58 \pm 0.09$	$6.80 \pm 1.01 \pm 0.07$	$5.99 \pm 0.82^{+0.17}_{-0.08}$
LHCb $R^{+/0}$ ($\times 10^{-2}$)	$7.77 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07$ [24]	$7.77 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07$ [24]	$8.22 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.25$	$7.93 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.56$ [24]	$7.76 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.26$

$$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$$



- unique Belle II capability to study all $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$ channels in consistent manner to extract α/φ_2
- **most challenging mode:**
 - two π^0 's in final state (i.e. photons only)
 - low \mathfrak{B} (10^{-6})
- **optimized π^0 selection:** combine 20 ECL variables using multivariate technique to suppress background photons
- **3D-fit** in ΔE , M_{bc} and transformed continuum suppression variable T_c

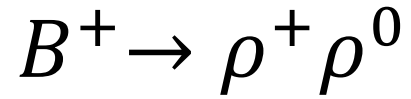
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$$N_{\text{fit}}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = 14_{-5.6}^{+6.8} \text{ with } 3.4\sigma$$

$$\mathfrak{B}_{\text{fit}}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = [1.09_{-0.41}^{+0.50} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.27 (\text{sys})] \times 10^{-6}$$

First measurement in Belle II data!



- pion-only final state and broad ρ -peak \rightarrow large backgrounds
- Spin-0 \rightarrow Spin+1 + Spin-1 \rightarrow **angular analysis**
- **6D-fit** including ΔE , T_c , and ρ masses to extract signal; and helicity angles to measure fraction f_L of decays with longitudinal polarization
- syst. uncertainty dominated by data driven π^0 efficiency \rightarrow will decrease with time

$$N_{\text{fit}} = 104 \pm 16$$

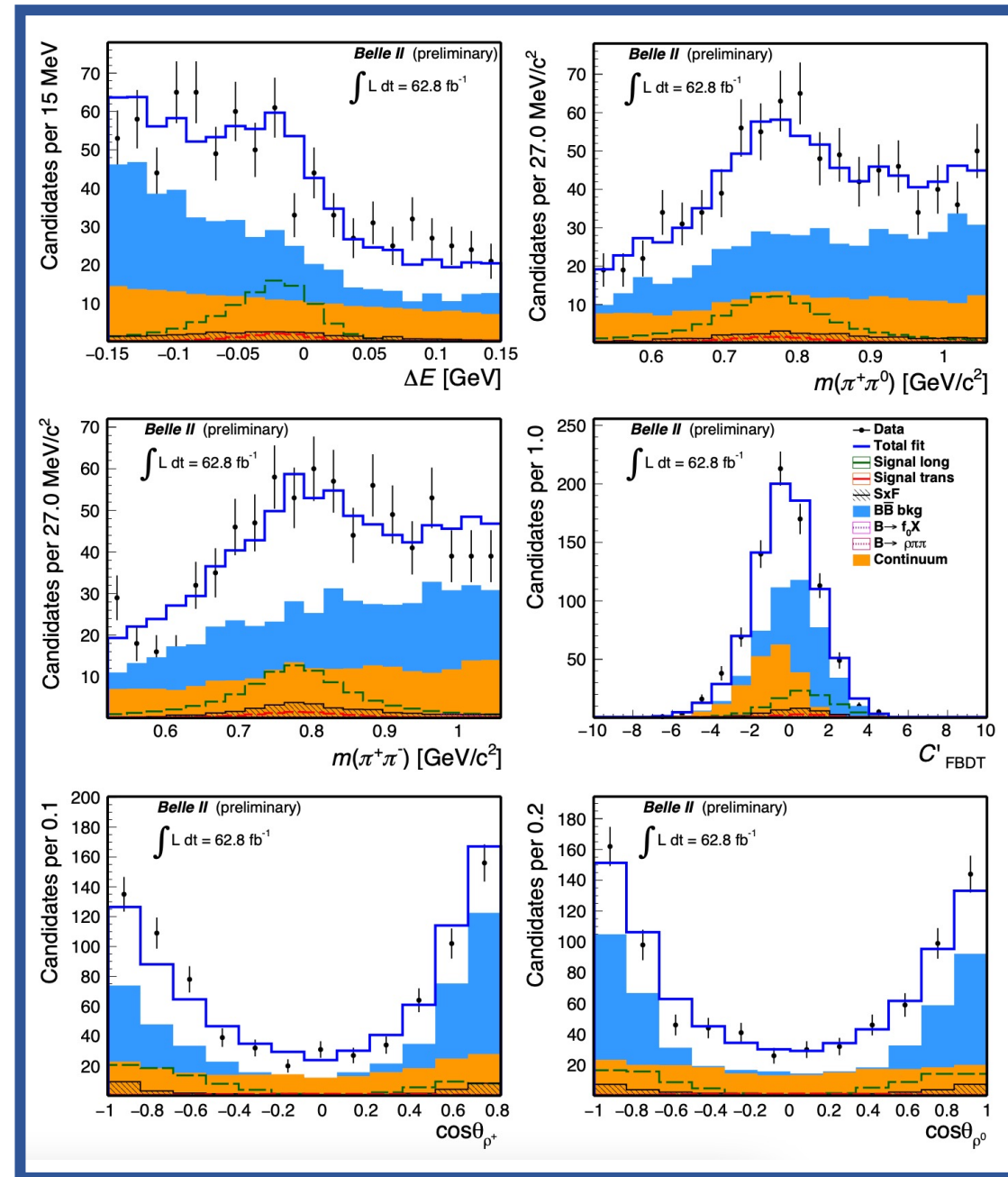
$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{fit}} = [20.6 \pm 3.2(\text{stat}) \pm 4.0(\text{sys})] \times 10^{-6}$$

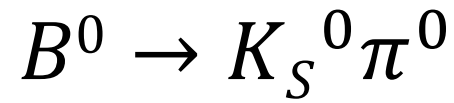
$$f_L = 0.936^{+0.049}_{-0.041}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.021(\text{sys})$$

First reconstruction in Belle II data, surpassing early Belle performance!

(20% better precision than Belle using 78 fb⁻¹)

(PRL 91, 221801 (2003))





$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^+} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - \boxed{2\mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)}}$$

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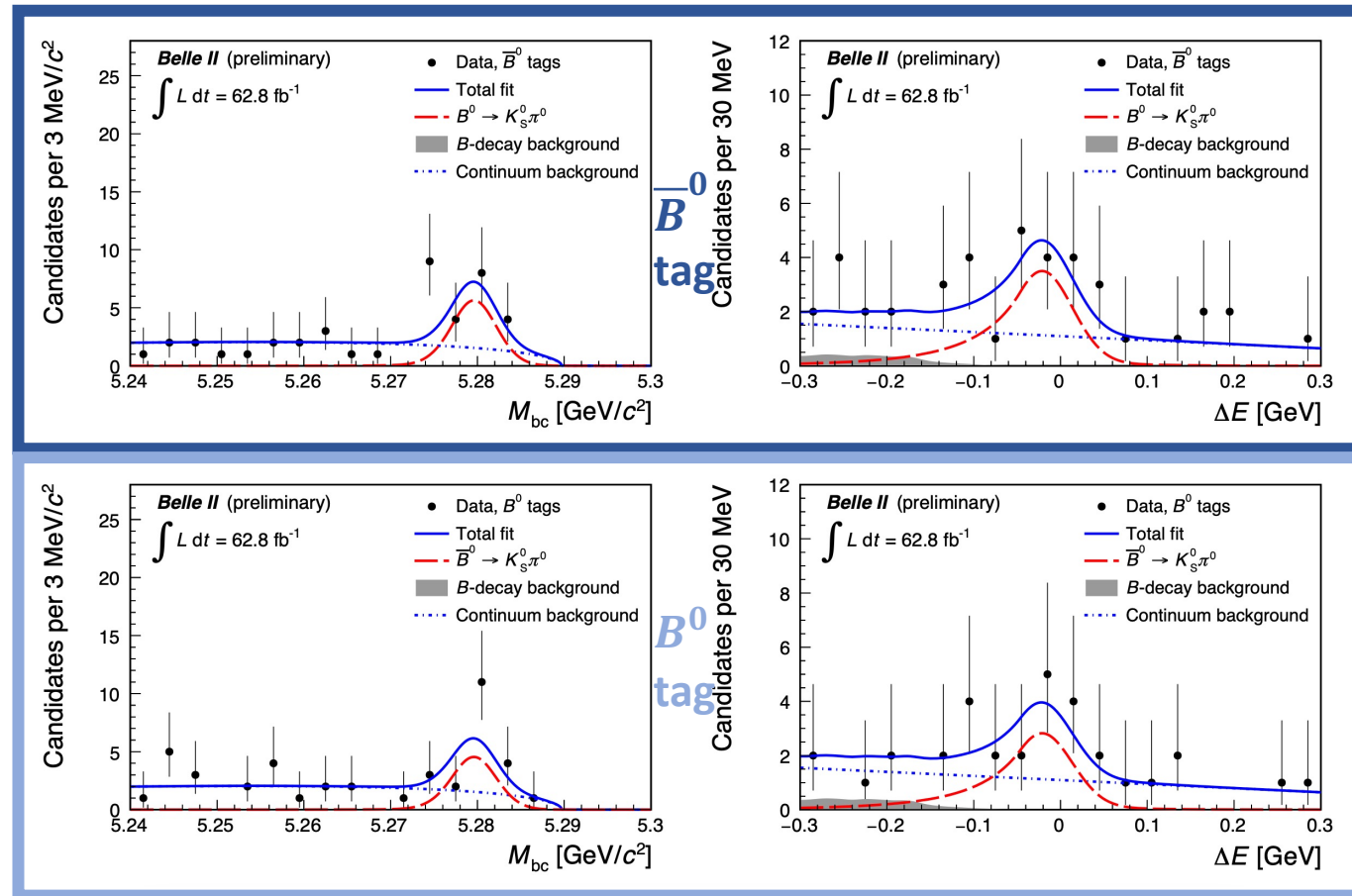
Isospin sum rule: stringent null test of SM, sensitive to presence of non-SM dynamics
in Belle II: unique, consistent access to all channels

BF: challenging as it requires K_S^0 and π^0 reconstruction

\mathcal{A}_{CP} : requires flavor tagging: fit of ΔE - M_{bc} -flavor of the B -meson (q) (see Stephan Duell's talk this morning)

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{fit}}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0) &= 45_{-8}^{+9} \\ \mathcal{B}_{\text{fit}}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0) &= [8.5_{-1.6}^{+1.7} \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.2 \text{ (sys)}] \times 10^{-6} \\ \mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0) &= 0.40_{-0.44}^{+0.46} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (sys)} \end{aligned}$$

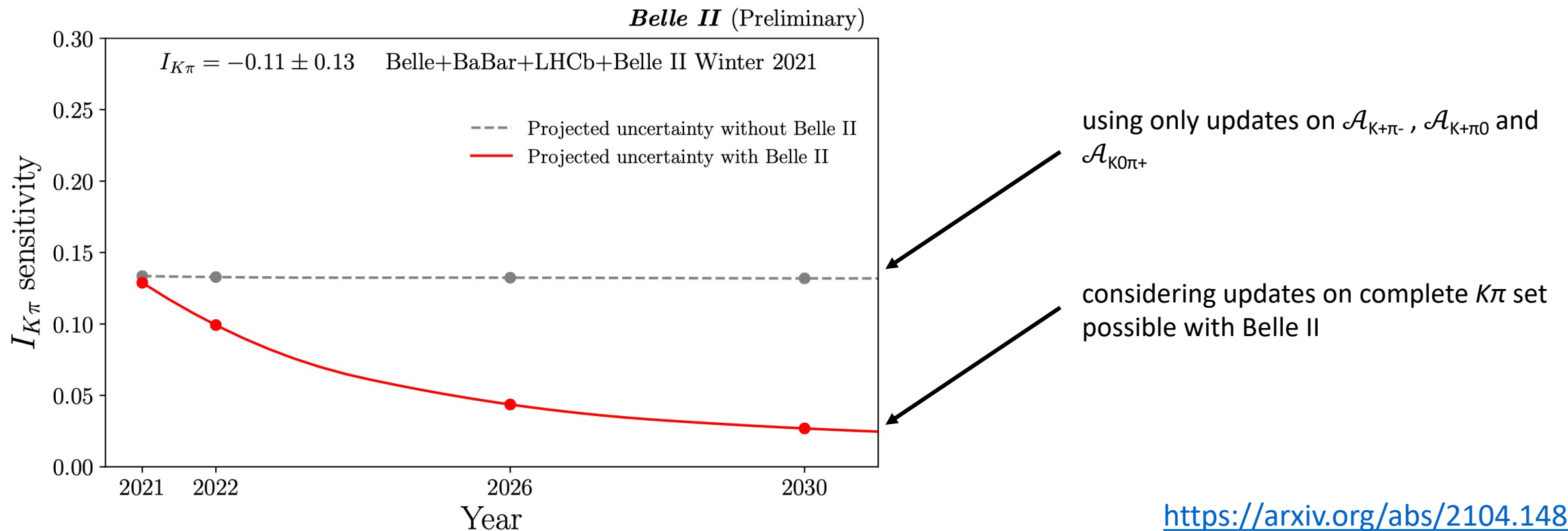
First measurement in Belle II data and last missing piece to sum rule!





Isospin sum rule – uncertainty projection

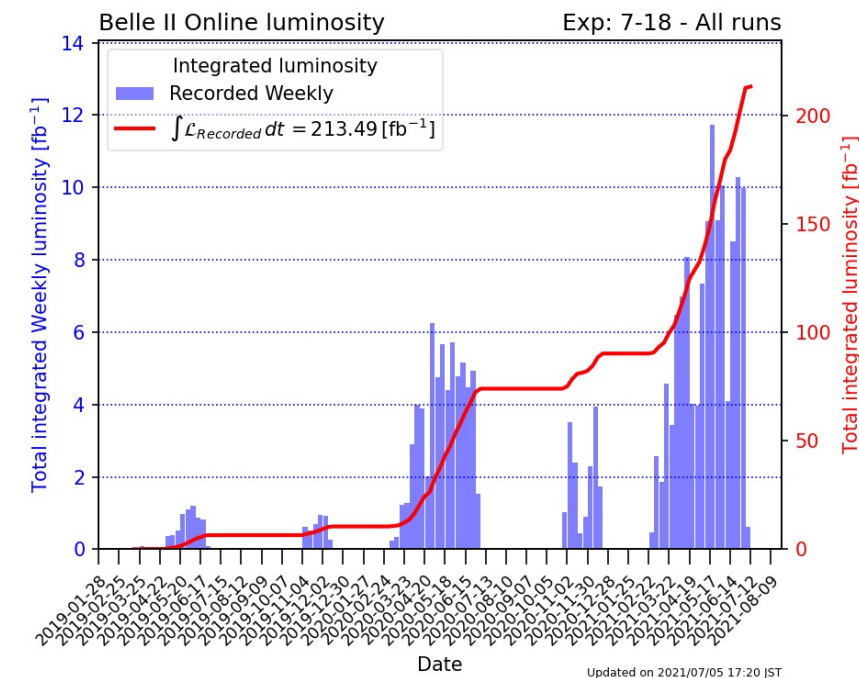
- extrapolate the uncertainty on $I_{K\pi}$ into next decade (assuming stat. \approx syst.)
- future projections with Belle II and LHCb expected luminosities
- dominant uncertainty coming from $\mathcal{A}_{K_0\pi^0}$ → **Belle II will play crucial role in pinning down $I_{K\pi}$**



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.14871>

Summary

- Belle II train has picked up pace for a leading role in testing **isospin sum rule** and precise determinations of α and γ
- First/improved measurements of charmless decays in 63 fb^{-1} of early data and a number of vital control modes
- First Belle II measurement of $\mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^0}$ completes the ingredients for the isospin sum rule
- All results agree with known values within uncertainties, still dominated by small sample size
- but already 213 fb^{-1} on tape, ready to be analysed!



**A lot of done and ongoing work not presented today:
expect many more new/updated results in the future!**

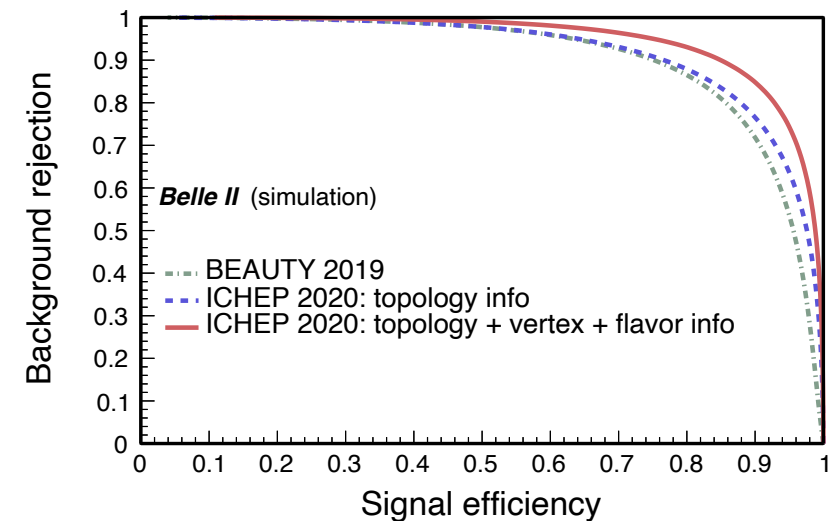
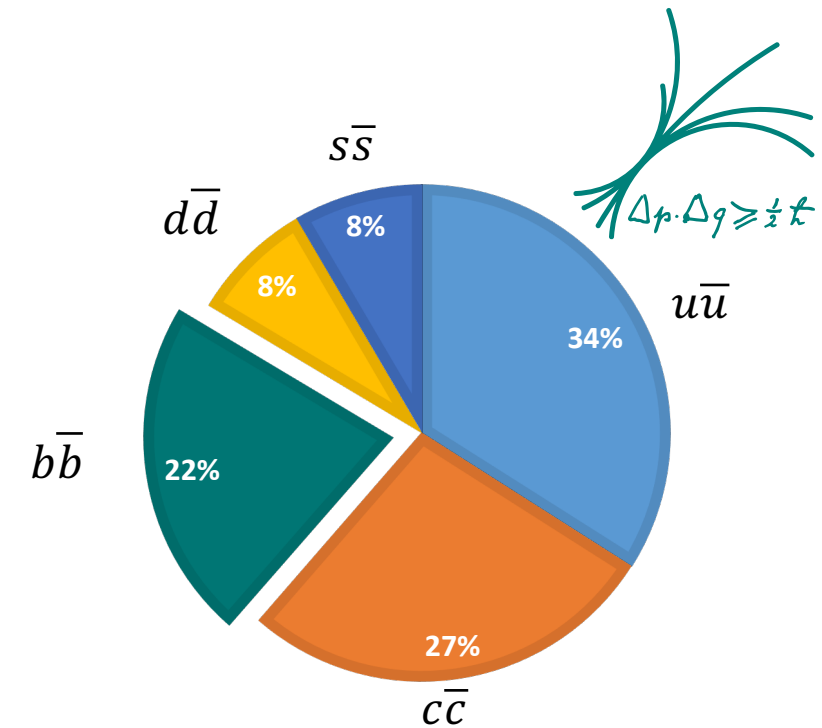
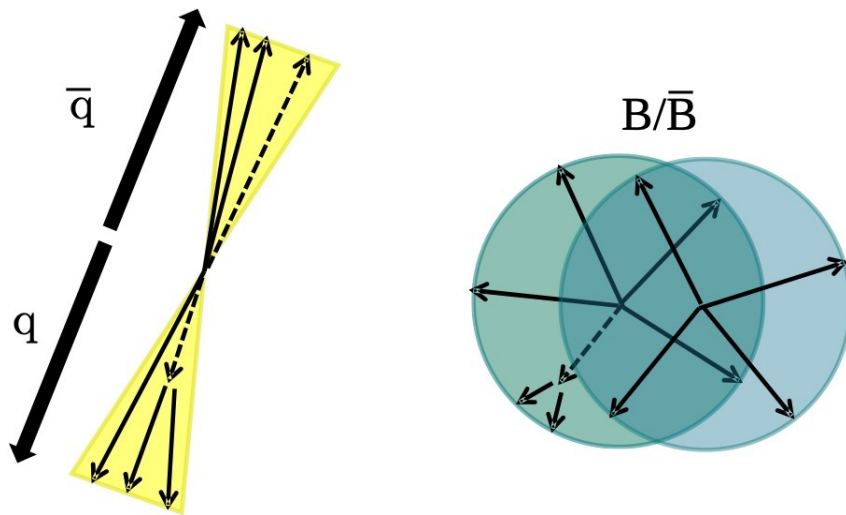
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- $B \rightarrow K^+\pi^-, K^0\pi^-, \pi^+\pi^-$: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.03766>
- $B \rightarrow K^+\pi^0, \pi^+\pi^0$: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.04111>
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Backup

Continuum Suppression

- continuum background strongly dominating
- exploit kinematic, topological differences between $B\bar{B}$ and $q\bar{q}$
- employ binary boosted decision tree (FastBDT) to create classifier variable from up to ~ 40 variables
- cut and/or fit this CS classifier



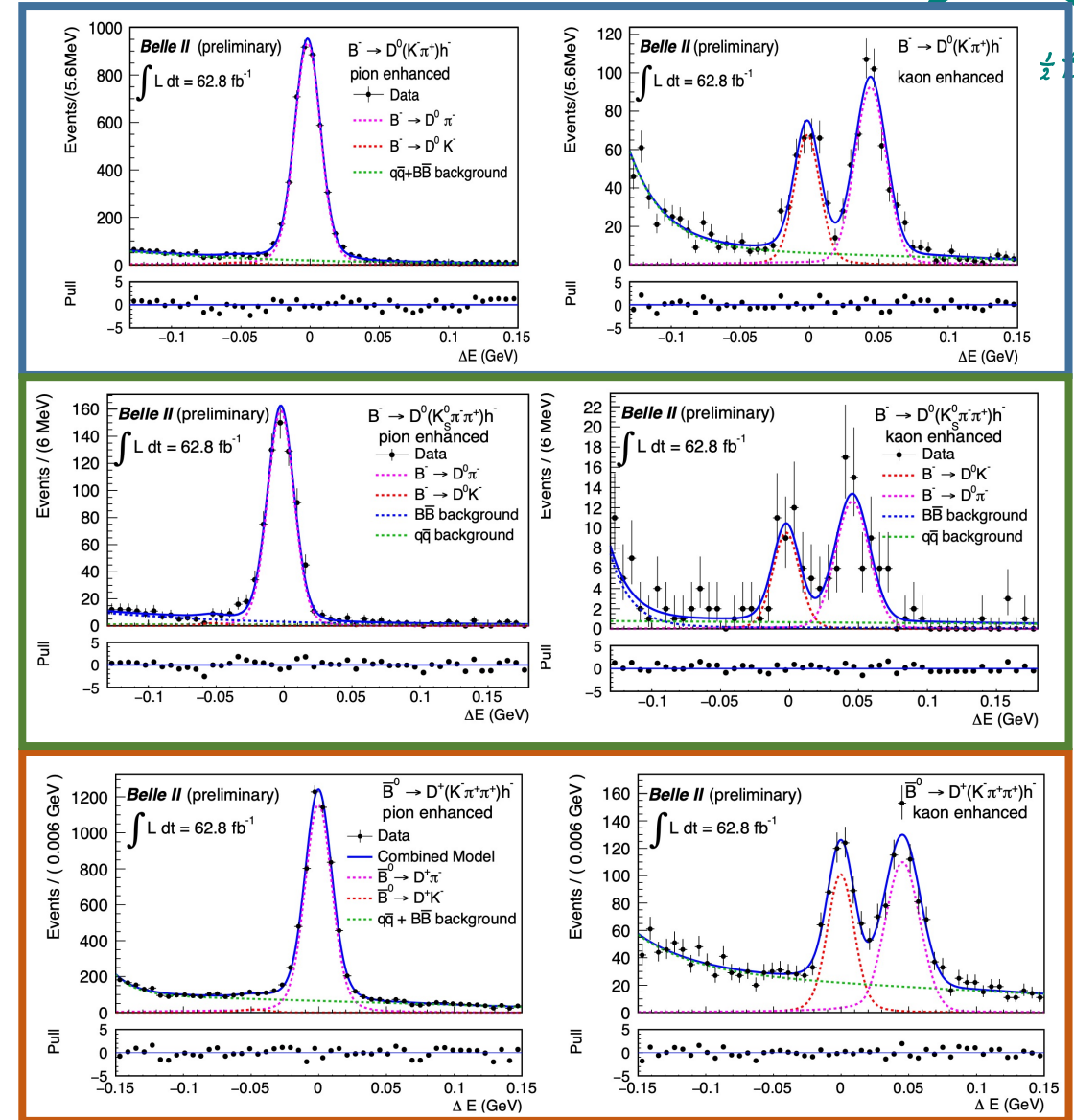
$B \rightarrow Dh^-$

- simultaneous 1D-fit of pion- and kaon-enriched samples in ΔE ⁽¹⁾ to determine R
- kaon(pion)-enriched sample: $\mathfrak{L}(K/\pi) > (<) 0.6$

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Results compatible with world average values!

(1): 2D-fit in ΔE and CS classifier for $B^- \rightarrow D^0(K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-)K^-$



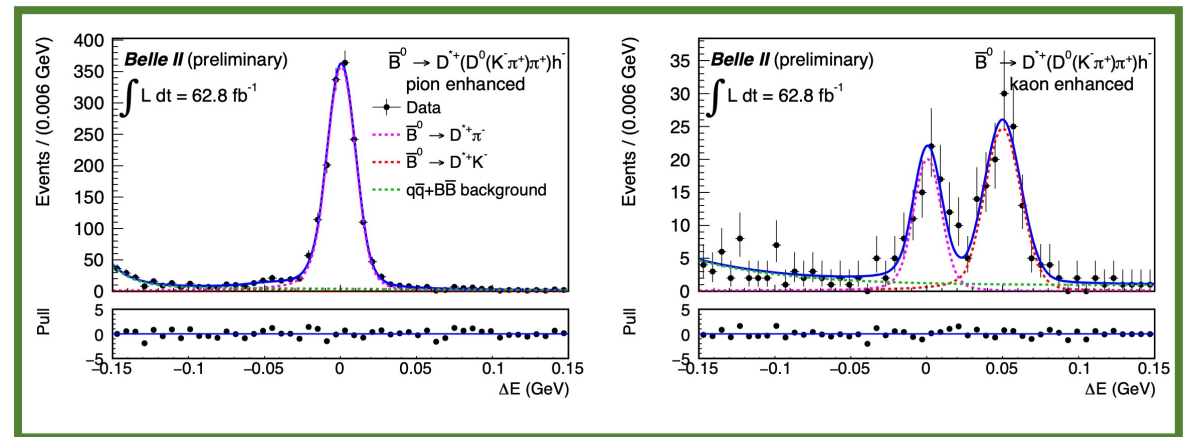
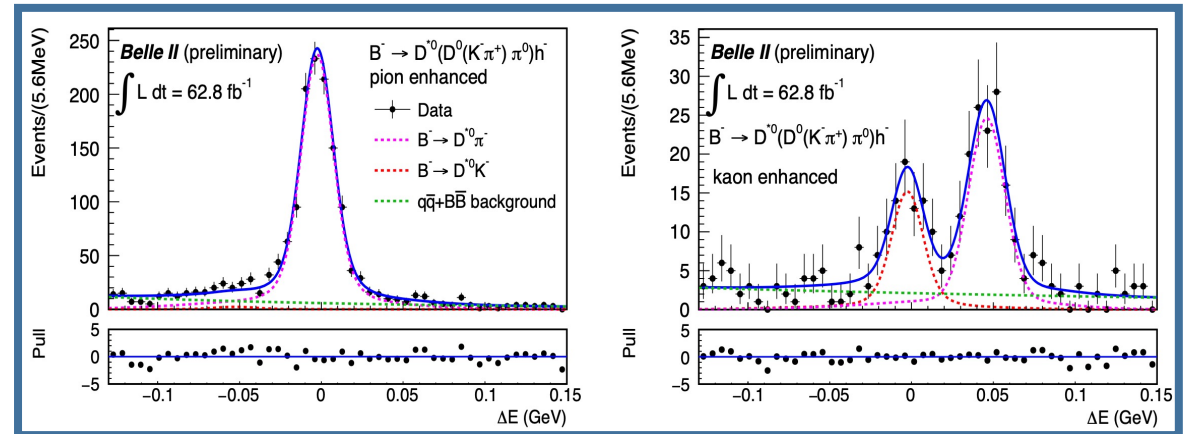
$$B \rightarrow D^* h^-$$



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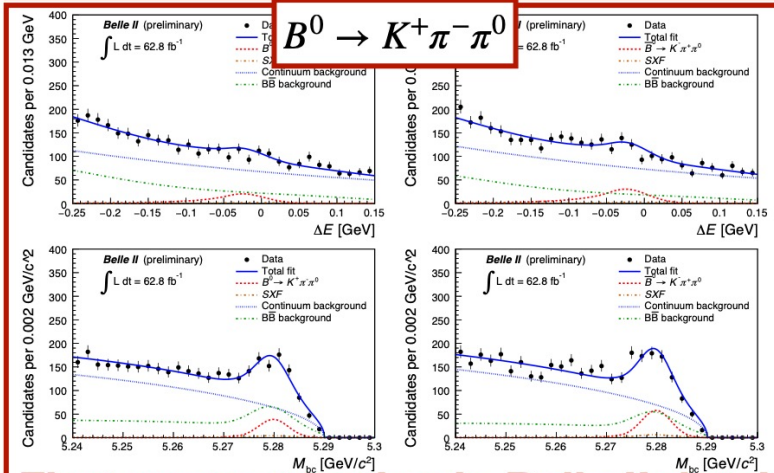
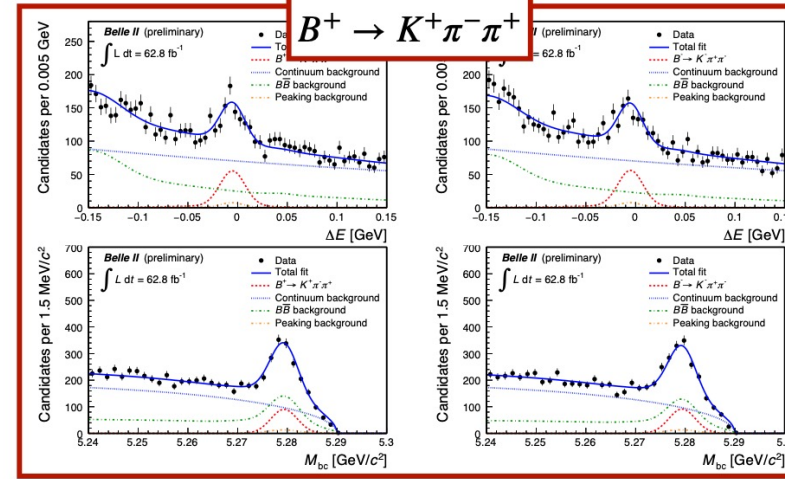
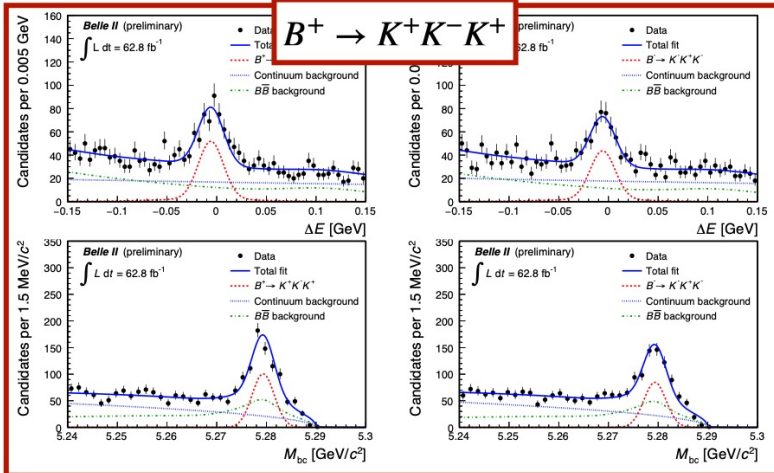




CPV in multibody decays

First step towards search of local CPV in Dalitz plots: investigates relative contributions of tree and penguins, and probes non-SM physics.

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First reconstruction in Belle II data!

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-K^+) &= [35.8 \pm 1.6(\text{stat}) \pm 1.4(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6} \\ A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-K^+) &= -0.103 \pm 0.042(\text{stat}) \pm 0.020(\text{syst}) \\ \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^+) &= [67.0 \pm 3.3(\text{stat}) \pm 2.3(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6} \\ A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^+) &= -0.010 \pm 0.050(\text{stat}) \pm 0.021(\text{syst}) \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^0) &= [38.1 \pm 3.5(\text{stat}) \pm 3.9(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6} \\ A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^0) &= 0.207 \pm 0.088(\text{stat}) \pm 0.011(\text{syst}) \end{aligned}$$

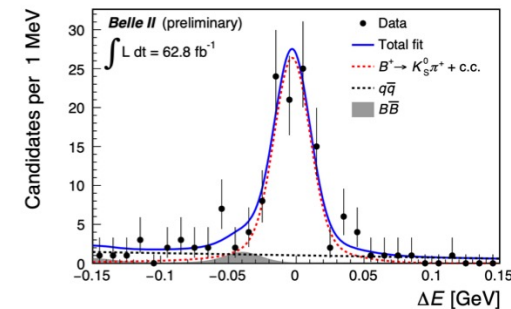
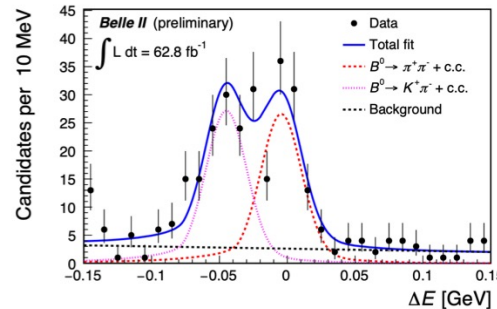
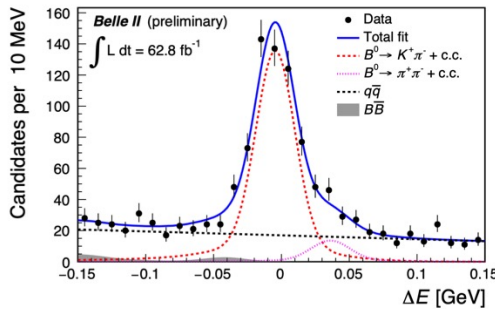
Belle II accesses consistently all channels

Two-body: $B^{+,0} \rightarrow h^+ \pi^-, h^+ \pi^0, K_S^0 \pi^+$



Unique Belle II capability to study all the $B \rightarrow K\pi$ decays to investigate isospin sum-rules.

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Probe of tracking and PID performances.

$$N(B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-): 568^{+29}_{-28}$$

$$N(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-): 115^{+14}_{-13}$$

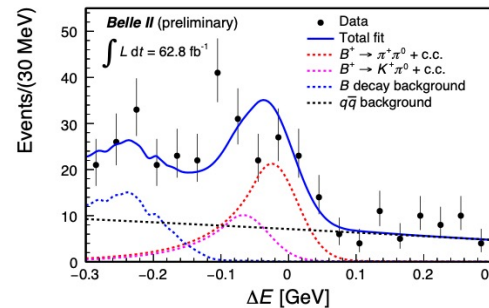
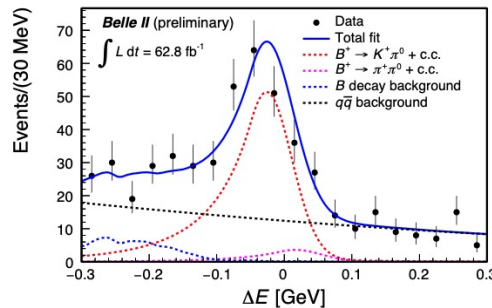
$$\mathcal{B} [10^{-6}]: 18.0 \pm 0.9(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst})$$

$$5.8 \pm 0.7(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst})$$

Benchmark of K_S^0 reconstruction

$$N(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+): 103^{+11}_{-10}$$

$$21.4^{+2.3}_{-2.2}(\text{stat}) \pm 1.6(\text{syst})$$



Challenge of π^0 reconstruction performances, require good PID.

$$N(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0): 211^{+18.8}_{-18}$$

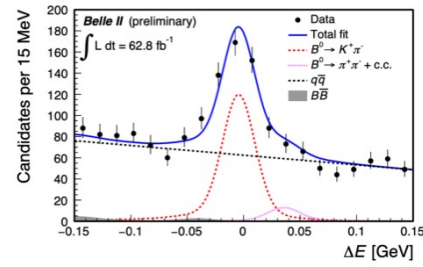
$$N(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0): 83.9^{+14.7}_{-13.9}$$

$$\mathcal{B} [10^{-6}]: 11.9^{+1.1}_{-1.0}(\text{stat}) \pm 1.6(\text{syst})$$

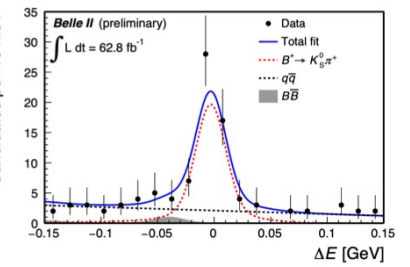
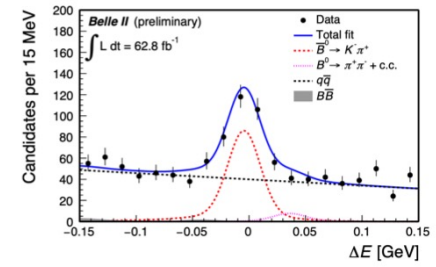
$$5.5^{+1.0}_{-0.9}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst})$$

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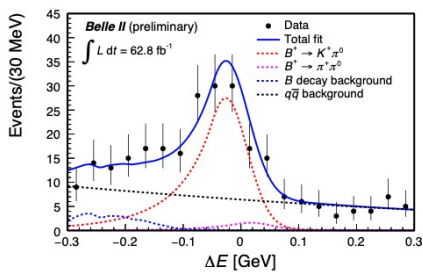
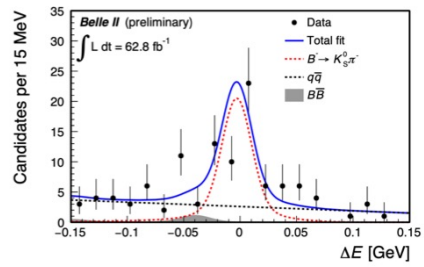
CP asymmetries in two-body decays



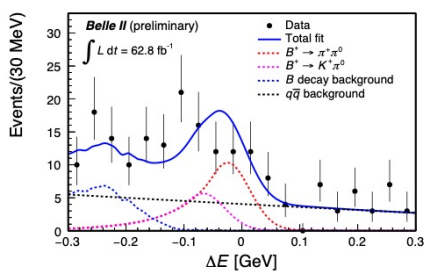
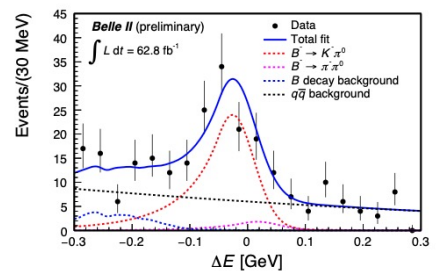
$$A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) = -0.16 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.01(\text{syst})$$



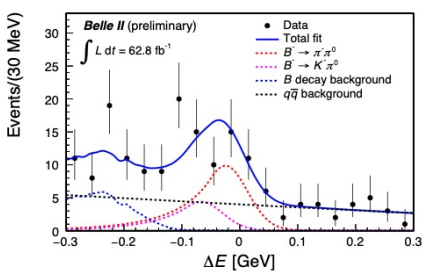
$$A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+) = -0.01 \pm 0.08(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$



$$A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0) = -0.09 \pm 0.09(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst})$$



$$A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0) = -0.04 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst})$$



syst. uncertainties: 1) branching ratios



- **Tracking efficiency:** 0.91% per charged track as suggested by TG
- **K_S rec. efficiency:** 1% per cm average flight length
- **PID/CS efficiency:** stat. uncert. of selection efficiency using control channel $B^- \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \pi^-$
- **N_{BB} :** combination of uncertainties in \mathcal{L} , $\sigma(Y(4S))$, f_{00} (f_{+-}) and beam energy spread $\rightarrow 2.7\%$
- **Signal modeling:**
 - shape:** fit with 2 Gaussians instead, difference as systematic
 - nCDCHits mismodeling:** require > 4 hits in CDC for each track, difference as systematic
- **Background modeling:** fit with first order poly. instead, difference as systematic
- **Peaking background:** fix peak. bkg. ratio instead of floating, difference as systematic

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Instrumental asymmetries



Observed charge-dependent signal yields depend on CP violation but also on charge-dependent instrumental reconstruction asymmetries (K_+/K_- ecc) that need be corrected for CP violation measurements

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{CP} + \mathcal{A}_{det}$$

Tree-dominated hadronic D decays $D^+ \rightarrow K_S \pi^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ restricted to charmless-like kinematics to determine instrumental asymmetries on data. CPV in charm tree decays assumed inexistent or irrelevant.

$\mathcal{A}_{det}(K^+ \pi^-)$	-0.010 ± 0.001
$\mathcal{A}_{det}(K_S^0 \pi^+)$	$+0.026 \pm 0.019$
$\mathcal{A}_{det}(K^+)$	$+0.017 \pm 0.019$
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