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## Tests of lepton flavor universality violation in inclusive semileptonic $B$ decays at Belle II

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### Abstract

We present the measurement of the ratio of branching fractions of inclusive semileptonic  $B$  decays,  $R(X_{\mu/e}) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\mu\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Xe\nu)$ , with a hadronic tagged analysis using  $189.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of Belle II data. We find  $R(X_{\mu/e}) = 1.031 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.020$ . The errors quoted correspond to the statistical and systematic uncertainties, respectively. To the best of our knowledge, this is the most precise single test of  $e - \mu$  flavor universality in semileptonic  $B$  decays and agrees with the Standard Model expectation within  $1.4\sigma$ . This measurement paves the path to the measurement of  $R(X) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\ell\nu)$  at Belle II.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

$B$  meson decays to tau leptons involving the  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  transition are a powerful probe for physics beyond the Standard Model (SM). Their branching fractions, normalized to the analogous decays to light leptons ( $\ell \in \{e, \mu\}$ ), may be enhanced due to lepton flavor universality violating new physics [1, 2]. A persistent tension of more than  $3\sigma$  between experiment and the SM has been observed in ratios of exclusive decays  $R(D^{(*)}) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu)$  [3–10]. The ratio of branching fractions of inclusive decays  $R(X) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\ell\nu)$  provides an alternative probe of this anomaly, but it is experimentally challenging and has not been measured since the LEP era [11–15].

In this work, we present a measurement of the inclusive ratio  $R(X_{\mu/e}) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\mu\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Xe\nu)$ , which tests lepton flavour universality in the light leptons sector and serves as a preliminary test of the analysis’ robustness towards the first measurement of  $R(X)$  at a  $B$ -factory. We utilize a Belle II collision dataset corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $189.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

## 2. THE BELLE II DETECTOR, COLLISION DATA AND SIMULATED SAMPLES

The Belle II detector [16, 17] operates at the SuperKEKB asymmetric-energy electron-positron collider [18] at the KEK laboratory in Tsukuba, Japan. The detector consists of several nested subsystems arranged around the beam pipe in a cylindrical geometry. The innermost subsystem is the vertex detector, which is comprised of two layers of silicon pixels (PXD) and four outer layers of silicon strip (SVD) detectors. Currently, the second pixel layer is installed in only a small part of the solid angle, whilst the remaining layers are fully operational. Most of the tracking volume consists of a small-cell drift chamber (CDC) filled with a He (50%) and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  (50%) gas mixture. Moving outwards from the interaction point, a Cherenkov-light imaging and time-of-propagation (TOP) detector provides pion and kaon identification in the barrel region. To serve an analogous purpose, the forward endcap region is instrumented with a proximity-focusing, ring-imaging Cherenkov (ARICH) detector with an aerogel radiator. Further out, the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL) provides neutral particles and electron identification. The ECL consists of a barrel and two endcap sections containing 6624 and 2112 CsI(Tl) crystals, respectively. All the subsystem thus far described are embedded in a uniform 1.5 T magnetic field from a superconducting solenoid situated outside the calorimeter. The outermost subsystem, the  $K_L^0$  and muon identification (KLM) detector, consists of scintillator strips in the endcaps and the inner part of the barrel and resistive plate chambers in the outer barrel, interleaved to iron plates that serve as magnetic flux return yoke.

The collision data used in this analysis were collected at a center-of-mass (CM) energy of  $\sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$ , corresponding to the mass of the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance. The energies of the electron and positron beams are 7 GeV and 4 GeV, respectively, resulting in a boost of  $\beta\gamma = 0.28$  of the CM frame relative to the laboratory frame. In addition,  $18 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of off-resonance collision data, collected 60 MeV below the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance, is used to model background from  $e^+e^-$  continuum processes, i.e.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}$  and  $c\bar{c}$ . Due to the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  cross section dependency on  $1/s$ , the off-resonant data yield is scaled by a factor

$$c_{\text{off-res}} = \left( \sqrt{s_{\text{off-res}}} / \sqrt{s_{\Upsilon(4S)}} \right)^2 = 0.98.$$

We use Monte Carlo simulation to produce the signal and the remaining background model templates, and to calculate reconstruction efficiencies and detector acceptance. Physics simulation is generated with the `EvtGen` [19] software. The detector simulation is performed with `GEANT4` [20]. The final state radiation of photons from charged stable particles is simulated using the `PHOTOS` [21] software. After this step, simulated events are overlaid with real, randomly triggered beam-induced background events from collision data to improve their modelling, and are digitized. They are subsequently reconstructed and analyzed in the same fashion as the collision data with the open-source Belle II Analysis Software Framework, `basf2` [22].

The  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^+B^-$  ( $B^0\bar{B}^0$ ) samples contains semileptonic and most hadronic  $B$  decays, namely the signal  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$  events as well as any backgrounds arising from  $B$  decays. The inclusive signal model mostly consists of the sum of several well-measured exclusive decays:  $B \rightarrow D\ell^+\nu_\ell$ ,  $B \rightarrow D^*\ell^+\nu_\ell$ ,  $B \rightarrow D^{**}\ell^+\nu_\ell$ . In the latter,  $D^{**}$  collectively indicates the excited charm states  $D_0^*$ ,  $D_1$ ,  $D_1'$ ,  $D_2^*$ , whose masses and widths are taken from [23]. The  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell^+\nu_\ell$  decays are modeled with the BGL [24–26] form factor parametrization. The modeling of  $B \rightarrow D^{**}\ell^+\nu_\ell$  decays relies on form factors based on the heavy quark effective field theory BLR model [27, 28]. Semileptonic  $B$  decays into the non-resonant final states  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\pi\pi\ell^+\nu_\ell$ ,  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\eta\ell^+\nu_\ell$  are used to fill the remaining “gap” between the sum of individual branching ratios of exclusive decays,  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell^+\nu_\ell$  and  $B \rightarrow D^{**}\ell^+\nu_\ell$ , and the measured total  $B$  meson decay width as from [23]. We henceforth indicate such decays as gap modes. They are included in dedicated simulated samples that use intermediate, broad  $D^{**}$  resonances whose decays are modeled with BLR.

### 3. ANALYSIS DESCRIPTION

We reconstruct  $\Upsilon(4S)$  events by first reconstructing one  $B$  meson candidate in a fully hadronic decay. We then identify a light lepton candidate and assign all other reconstructed particle candidates to the  $X$  system. The lepton and  $X$  candidates together constitute the signal  $B$  meson candidate,  $B_{\text{sig}}$ .

We use the Full Event Interpretation (FEI) algorithm [29] to tag the hadronically decaying  $B$  meson in an event,  $B_{\text{tag}}$ . Starting from reconstructed charged and neutral particles ( $e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \pi^\pm, K^\pm, p, d, \gamma$ ), the FEI combines them into a set of intermediate states ( $J/\psi, \pi^0, K_S^0, D^+, D^{*+}D_s^+, D_s^{*+}, \Lambda, \Sigma^+$ ) and assigns a probability of correctly reconstructing each candidate using boosted decision trees. These particles are then further combined to form  $B$  meson candidates, whose signal probability is assigned via the same algorithm, with each subsequent step of the combination relying on the probability of the intermediate states in the chain, as well as on updated information from kinematic fits. The FEI eventually reconstructs more than 100 hadronic  $B$  decays. We use three variables to maximize the purity of the  $B_{\text{tag}}$  selection: the beam-constrained mass  $M_{\text{bc}} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{s}/2)^2 - |\vec{p}_B^*|^2}$ , the energy difference  $\Delta E = E_B^* - \sqrt{s}/2$ , and the binary score produced by the FEI to classify  $B$  mesons,  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{FEI}}$ . The asterisk indicates quantities expressed in the CM frame. We select  $B_{\text{tag}}$  candidates with  $M_{\text{bc}} \in [5.2725 \text{ GeV}, 5.285 \text{ GeV}]$  and  $\Delta E \in [-0.15 \text{ GeV}, 0.1 \text{ GeV}]$  and

1  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{FEI}} > 0.1$ . In case multiple  $B_{\text{tag}}$  candidates pass these selections in an event, we choose  
 2 the one with the highest value of  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{FEI}}$ . We use scaled off-resonant data to describe contin-  
 3 uum backgrounds. In this dataset, the total event energy is decreased by a small fraction  
 4 compared to collisions at the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance. Assuming that the momenta and energies  
 5 of the final state particles are also decreased by this same fraction, we scale them in the  
 6 off-resonant sample by a factor of  $1/\sqrt{c_{\text{off-res}}} = 1.02$ . This scaling improves the description  
 7 of the continuum backgrounds, particularly in  $M_{\text{bc}}$  and  $\Delta E$ .

8 We reconstruct signal lepton candidates from the remaining tracks after the  $B_{\text{tag}}$  recon-  
 9 struction. They are required to have an impact parameter consistent with the interaction  
 10 point in radius ( $dr < 1$  cm) and along the beam axis ( $|dz| < 3$  cm), and to lie within the  
 11 CDC polar angle acceptance. Muon candidates are required to have  $p_T > 0.4$  GeV and are  
 12 identified by means of a likelihood ratio discriminator. This discriminator combines informa-  
 13 tion from likelihood functions defined in each sub-detector for each charged stable particle  
 14 hypothesis  $i \in \{e, \mu, \pi, K, p, d\}$ :

$$\text{PID}_{\mu} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{\mu}}{\sum_i \mathcal{L}_i}, \quad \mathcal{L}_i = \prod_{d \in D} \mathcal{L}_i^d, \quad (1)$$

15 where  $D = \{\text{CDC}, \text{TOP}, \text{ARICH}, \text{ECL}, \text{KLM}\}$ . The value of  $\text{PID}_{\mu}$  is required to be above  
 16 0.95.

17 We correct the four-momenta of electron candidates for for Bremsstrahlung radiation  
 18 by adding calorimeter clusters not matched to any track that are found within a cone  
 19 centered on the electron track's momentum vector. The opening angle of this cone depends  
 20 on the momentum magnitude: 0.1368, 0.0737, and 0.0632 radians for  $p \leq 0.6$  GeV,  $p \in$   
 21  $(0.6, 1.0]$  GeV, and  $p > 1.0$  GeV, respectively. Electrons are then required to have a transverse  
 22 momentum of  $p_T > 0.3$  GeV and are identified by means of a multi-class boosted decision tree  
 23 classifier [30] that exploits several ECL cluster observables in combination with likelihood  
 24 ratios from the other Belle II sub-systems, cf. Eq. 1. The classifier cuts are tuned in a three-  
 25 dimensional grid of lab-frame momentum, polar angle and charge bins to achieve a uniform  
 26 80% identification efficiency. To further suppress anti-proton fakes, electron candidates are  
 27 demanded to fulfil  $\text{PID}_p < 0.9$ .

28 The lepton identification efficiency and the pion, kaon to lepton mis-identification proba-  
 29 bilities in the simulation are corrected in a data-driven way by means of dedicated calibration  
 30 channels. The corrections are measured in bins of lab-frame momentum, polar angle and  
 31 charge of the lepton candidate. The electron identification efficiency correction factors are de-  
 32 rived from a combination of  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (e^+e^-)e^+e^-$  events.  
 33 For muon identification, events from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (e^+e^-)\mu^+\mu^-$   
 34 processes are used. In the barrel region, the correction factors for simulated electrons range  
 35 between 0.96 and 1.01 with a total per-electron uncertainty found in the 0.1-2% interval.  
 36 This uncertainty is dominated by the observed difference between the calibration channels  
 37 in some of the bins. For muons, the correction factors range between 0.90 and 1.02, and the  
 38 achieved precision is of the same order as for the electrons' case.

39 Pion-to-lepton mis-identification rates are corrected from  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$   
 40  $\tau^{\pm}(1P)\tau^{\mp}(3P)$  events, whereas  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$  events are used to measure the  
 41 kaon-to-lepton mis-identification probability corrections. The  $\pi \rightarrow e$  ( $\mu$ ) mis-identification  
 42 rate corrections range between 2 and 8 (0.5 and 1.5); uncertainties are in the range 20-

1 70% (5-20%), with the lowest precision reached in the  $p > 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$  region, outside of the  
 2 kinematic acceptance of the high statistics  $K_s^0$  sample. The  $K \rightarrow e$  scale factors are found  
 3 between 0 and 10, although with uncertainties of order 200% or more due to the limited  
 4 size of the  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$  sample for the selected, very tight, working point. The  
 5  $K \rightarrow \mu$  correction factors are in the range between 0.9 and 2, with a precision of order  
 6 20-30%, also limited by the calibration sample statistics.

7 All tracks and neutral ECL clusters remaining in the event that pass certain quality tests  
 8 are then combined to form the  $X$  system. Clusters must be found more than 30 cm away  
 9 from the nearest track to suppress contamination of fake neutral clusters from hadronic  
 10 interactions, and are required to have energies greater than 0.04, 0.055, and 0.09 GeV in the  
 11 forward, barrel, and backward regions of the calorimeter, respectively. Tracks are required to  
 12 have impact parameters consistent with the interaction point ( $dr < 2 \text{ cm}$  and  $|dz| < 4 \text{ cm}$ ),  
 13 be in the CDC polar angle acceptance, and have at least one hit in the CDC. Mass hypotheses  
 14 are assigned to each track by checking particle identification criteria in a specific sequence and  
 15 assigning the hypothesis of the first satisfied criterion. The sequence (criteria) are: electron  
 16 (same as signal), muons (same as signal), kaons ( $\text{PID}_K > 0.6$ ), protons ( $\text{PID}_p > 0.5$ ),  
 17 deuterons ( $\text{PID}_d > 0.5$ ) and pions (all remaining tracks).

18 To suppress continuum, we train a boosted decision tree on a  $B^+B^-$ ,  $B^0\bar{B}^0$  simulated  
 19 sample and a continuum background sample from off-resonant data, using 21 event-shape  
 20 variables which are well-modeled in the simulation. These variables are built from track  
 21 candidates that pass the same selection criteria as the ones used for the  $X$  system recon-  
 22 struction. The cut on the classifier score is chosen to be  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{CS}} > 0.2$ .

23 The  $X$  system contains a large variety of different charged and neutral final state particles  
 24 arising from a diverse set of decay chains. This rich structure is difficult to model in the  
 25 simulation, therefore we do not consider any kinematic observable associated to it for the  
 26 measurement. Instead, the lepton momentum in the  $B_{\text{sig}}$  CM frame,  $p_\ell^*$ , is used to extract  
 27 the signal yield from a one-dimensional fit in a background-depleted region of phase space,  
 28 since it only depends on the modeling of the leptonic part of the  $B$  decay. This observable  
 29 is also advantageous to suppress contributions from  $B \rightarrow X\tau\nu$  events. In the fit, we define  
 30 three templates for each lepton flavor: one for  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$ , one for the continuum background,  
 31 and one for the collective remaining backgrounds, which are mostly events with hadrons mis-  
 32 identified as leptons (“fake” leptons) and candidates with true leptons originating mainly  
 33 from decays of charmed hadronic  $B$  decays (“secondary” leptons). The electron and muon  
 34 channel are fitted simultaneously so that any correlations between uncertainties affecting  
 35 both are taken into account.

36 Figure 1 shows the pre-fit distribution of  $p_\ell^*$  over its full range, showing the different model  
 37 templates considered. To suppress backgrounds, events with  $p_\ell^* < 1.3 \text{ GeV}$  are rejected. The  
 38 measurement of the ratio between electron and muon events is independent from possible  
 39 overall normalization differences between data and simulation due to FEI tagging efficiency  
 40 discrepancies. Thus, in the figures the templates based on simulation are further scaled to  
 41 match the data normalization, on top of the integrated luminosity scaling. The  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$   
 42 template scaling factors are derived in the signal region itself. The global scale factor for the  
 43 fake and secondary leptons background templates is extracted from a fit to data in dedicated  
 44 background-enriched control regions where the requirement on the lepton charge and the  
 45 charge of the  $B_{\text{tag}}$  inferred from its flavor ( $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B_{\text{tag}}^{+,0}, B_{\text{sig}} \rightarrow X\ell^+\nu + \text{c.c.}$ ) is reversed.  
 46 The remaining contamination of  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$  events is due to  $B^0$  flavour mixing and incorrect

1 tagging.

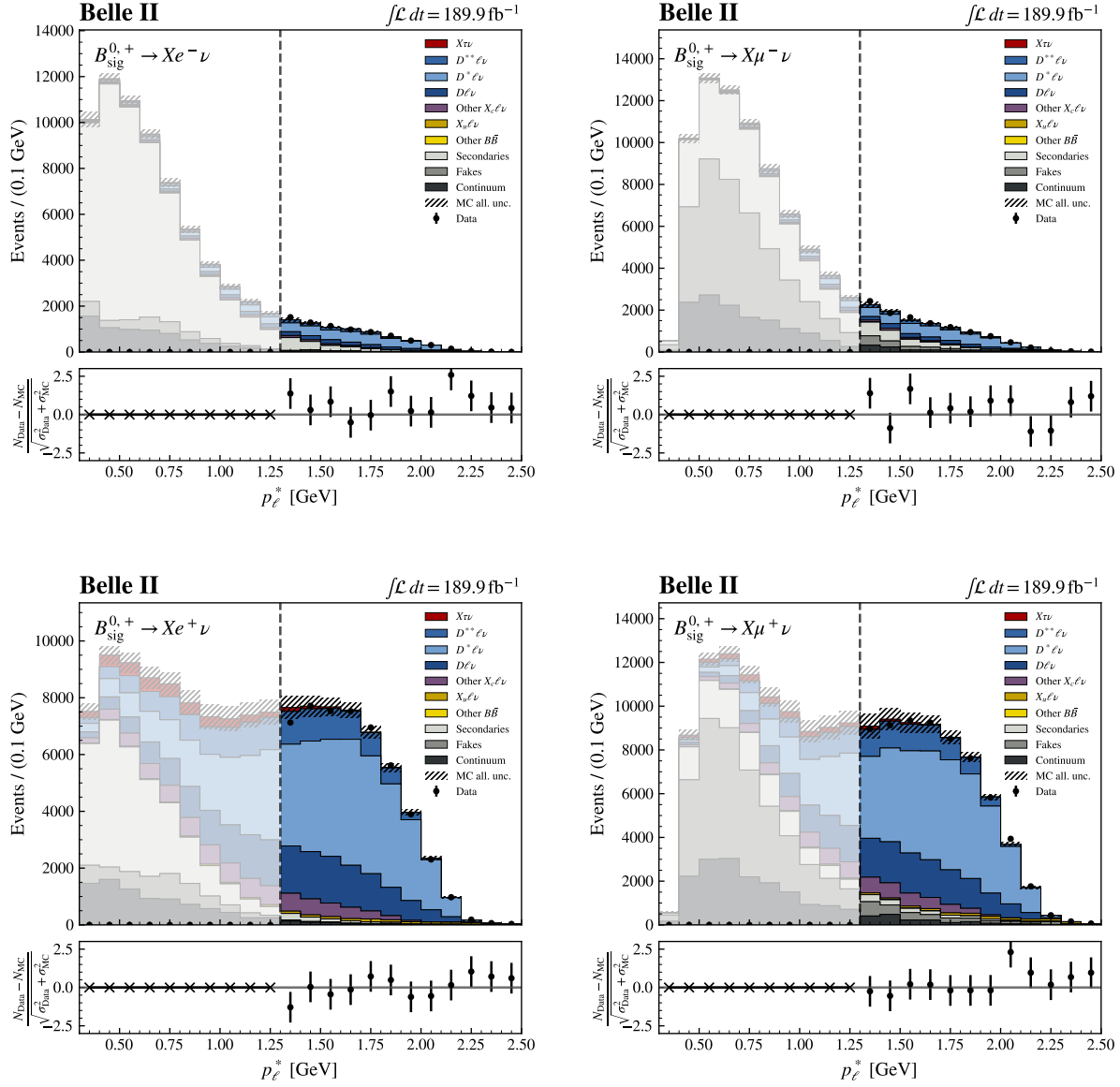


FIG. 1. The pre-fit distributions of the lepton momentum in the  $B_{\text{sig}}$  CM frame,  $p_\ell^*$ , for the electron (left) and muon (right) channel in the wrong charge (top) and correct charge (bottom) case. In the fit,  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ ,  $B \rightarrow D^{(*,**)} \ell \nu$  and other  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell^+ \nu_\ell$  decays are summarized in the  $B \rightarrow X \ell \nu$  template. Fake leptons, secondary leptons, other  $B\bar{B}$  and the leftover  $B \rightarrow X\tau\nu$  contributions are summarized as backgrounds.

2 The  $B \rightarrow X \ell \nu$  yields are left to float freely in the fit, while the continuum background  
 3 yields are constrained with a Gaussian term according to the number of events measured  
 4 in off-resonant data. The other background yields are also left free to float, using the  
 5 normalization factors and associated uncertainties obtained from the fits in the wrong charge  
 6 control regions to constrain the fit.



1 The statistical and systematic uncertainties are incorporated into the fit via nuisance  
 2 parameters, with one parameter per template and  $p_\ell^*$  bin. This modifies the PDFs according  
 3 to:

$$p_i^k \rightarrow \frac{p_i^k(1 + \epsilon_i^k \theta_i^k)}{\sum_i p_i^k(1 + \epsilon_i^k \theta_i^k)}. \quad (2)$$

4 Here  $\epsilon_i^k$  denotes the total systematic error of the  $i$ -th bin in the  $k$ -th template. Further,  $\theta_i^k$   
 5 denotes the nuisance parameter. The expected number of events in each bin is then given  
 6 by:

$$\nu_i^{\text{expected}} = \sum_k \nu^k \frac{p_i^k(1 + \epsilon_i^k \theta_i^k)}{\sum_i p_i^k(1 + \epsilon_i^k \theta_i^k)}. \quad (3)$$

7 The total covariance matrix  $C_\theta$  of a given template  $k$  is constructed by summing up the  
 8 covariance matrices of all individual uncertainty sources. The total negative log likelihood  
 9 function that is minimized is given by:

$$-\log(\mathcal{L}) = -\log \prod_i P(\nu_i^{\text{observed}}, \nu_i^{\text{expected}}) + \frac{\theta^T C_\theta^{-1} \theta + (\vec{f} - \vec{f}_{\text{constraint}})^T C_f^{-1} (\vec{f} - \vec{f}_{\text{constraint}})}{2}. \quad (4)$$

10 Here  $\nu_i^{\text{observed}}$  is the observed number of events in a given bin  $i$  and  $P(\nu_i^{\text{observed}}, \nu_i^{\text{expected}})$   
 11 is the Poisson function. The term  $\theta^T C_\theta^{-1} \theta$  constrains the nuisance parameters. Further,  
 12  $(\vec{f} - \vec{f}_{\text{constraint}})^T C_f^{-1} (\vec{f} - \vec{f}_{\text{constraint}})$  constrains the continuum template normalization.

#### 13 4. SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

14 The electron and muon identification and fake rate corrections with their uncertainties  
 15 were explained in detail previously. Other particles faking leptons for which data-driven  
 16 corrections are not available, such as anti-protons faking positrons, account for no more  
 17 than 10% of the total lepton fakes composition. Therefore we assign a 100% uncertainty to  
 18 their mis-identification rate. We propagate lepton identification efficiency uncertainties via  
 19 200 weights that are randomly generated from Gaussian variations using the uncertainties  
 20 and covariance of the efficiency corrections. We consider corrections within the same  $(p, \theta)$   
 21 bin to be fully correlated for the same efficiency / fake rate type, for other factors of the  
 22 same type we assume that only the systematic uncertainties are correlated.

23 We update the branching fractions of the  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$  processes to the latest values  
 24 provided by the HFLAV group [31], combining the results of neutral and charged  $B$  mesons  
 25 assuming isospin symmetry. For  $B \rightarrow D^{*+} \ell^+ \nu_\ell$  decays, not all of the possible final states  
 26 have been measured yet, thus their total branching fraction is unknown. We estimate it by  
 27 extrapolating from existing measurements to the missing  $D^{*+}$  final state decays, assuming  
 28 isospin symmetry. Among the gap modes, only  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \pi \pi \ell \nu$  is measured in one charge  
 29 configuration [32]. This measurement is extrapolated to the other charge configurations  
 30 to estimate its total branching fraction. The remaining gap modes,  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \eta \ell \nu$ , are  
 31 assigned with a 100% branching fraction uncertainty. All branching fraction uncertainties  
 32 are propagated to the fit in the form of  $1\sigma$  event weight variations.

1 To estimate the effects of the uncertainties on the form factor parameters, we rotate  
 2 each form factor parameter set into its eigenbasis and extract the  $\pm 1\sigma$  variation of each  
 3 eigenvalue. These parameter variations lead to changes in the shape of the templates that  
 4 we incorporate as event weights calculated as

$$w_i = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{MC}}}{\Gamma_{\text{new}}} \cdot \frac{d\Gamma_{\text{new}}}{d\Gamma_{\text{MC}}}, \quad (5)$$

5 with  $d\Gamma$  denoting the differential decay rate and  $\Gamma$  the total decay rate of the form factor  
 6 model with the given parameters. We perform these calculations with the **HAMMER** software  
 7 package [33].

8 We consider tracking efficiency uncertainties by assigning a flat uncertainty of 0.3% per  
 9 track in the  $X$  system. Their effect emerged to be insignificant. Furthermore, we tested  
 10 the effect of uncertainties of the secondary  $X_c$  decays in the  $X$  system and found it to be  
 11 negligible due to the comparatively low momentum of leptons in these decays.

## 12 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

13 Figure 2 shows the pre-fit and post-fit distributions of  $p_\ell^*$  for both signal and control  
 14 regions. Table I summarizes the extracted relative yield factors in the the wrong charge  
 15 control mode. The  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$  pre- and post-fit yield ratios agree with unity. We therefore  
 16 consider the scaling factors of the background templates to be reliable.

Template	Electron channel			Muon channel		
	Pre-fit yield	Post-fit yield	rel. factor	Pre-fit yield	Post-fit yield	rel. factor
Continuum	251	$240 \pm 51$	$0.95 \pm 0.21$	962	$987 \pm 100$	$1.03 \pm 0.11$
Background	1736	$2115 \pm 238$	<b><math>1.22 \pm 0.14</math></b>	3567	$3823 \pm 343$	<b><math>1.07 \pm 0.10</math></b>
$X\ell\nu$	5235	$5143 \pm 242$	$0.98 \pm 0.05$	6201	$6224 \pm 326$	$1.00 \pm 0.06$

TABLE I. The pre-fit and post-fit yields of the different templates in the wrong charge channel. The relative factor between these yields is presented and the extracted factor for the background template is highlighted.

17 The fit yields in the signal regions are outlined in Table II.

Electron channel			Muon channel		
Template	Asimov fit	Fitted yield	Template	Asimov fit	Fitted yield
Continuum	$450 \pm 68$	$460 \pm 65$	Continuum	$1778 \pm 135$	$1780 \pm 118$
Fakes & other	$1533 \pm 167$	$1467 \pm 166$	Fakes & other	$4629 \pm 343$	$4690 \pm 334$
$Xe\nu$	$48786 \pm 286$	$48034 \pm 286$	$X\mu\nu$	$58990 \pm 439$	$58569 \pm 429$

TABLE II. The nominal yield values from the model expectation and the yields resulting from the fit are presented for both lepton signal regions.

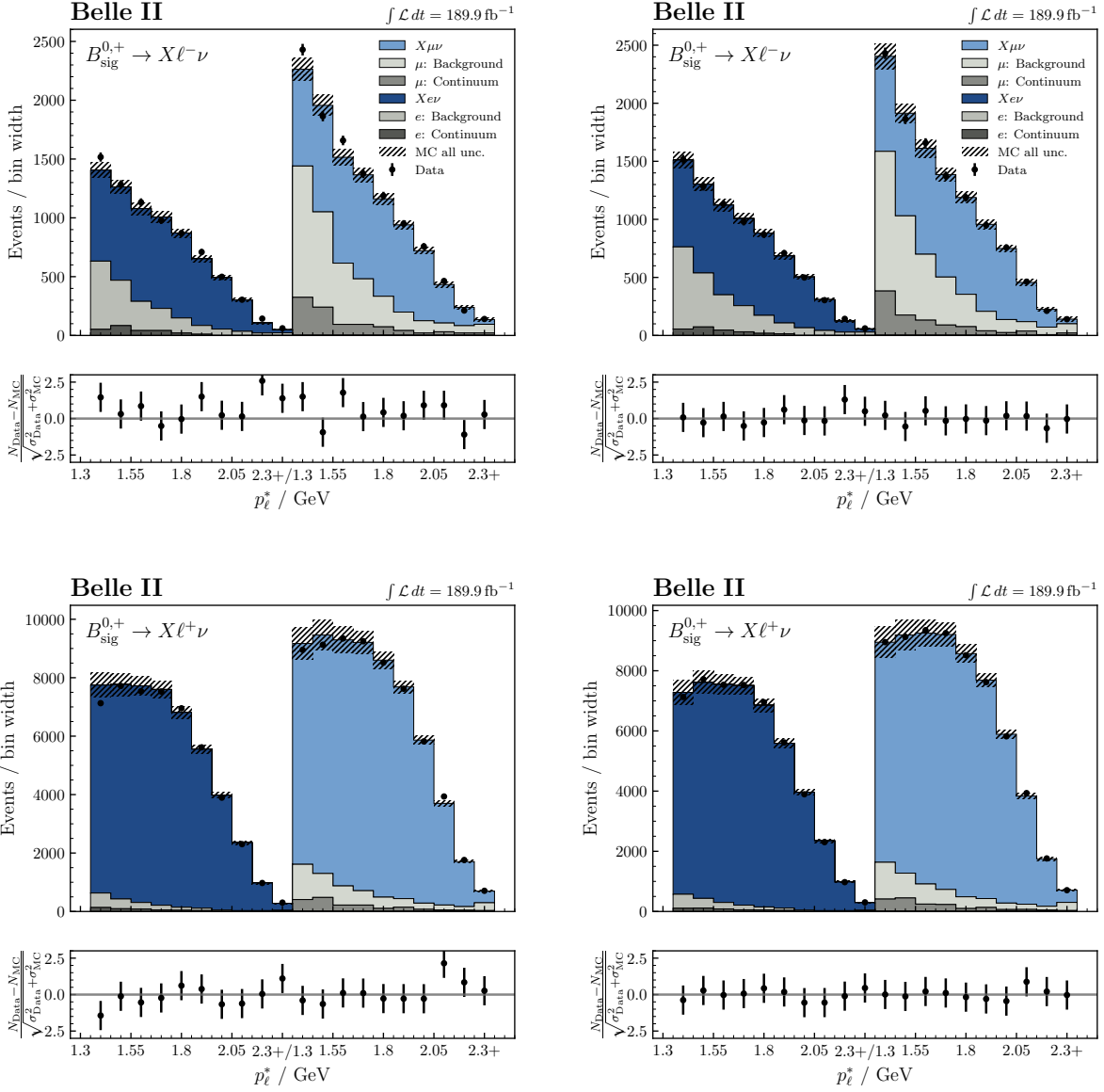


FIG. 2. The pre-fit (left) and post-fit (right) distributions of the lepton momentum in the  $B_{\text{sig}}$  frame  $p_\ell^*$  in the wrong charge (top) and correct charge (bottom) case. The electron and muon templates are fitted simultaneously in 10  $p_\ell^*$  bins with a width of 100 MeV each covering a  $p_\ell^*$  range from 1.3 GeV to 2.3 GeV. The last bin of each lepton flavor is extended to account for any higher momenta.

1 From these,  $R(X_{\mu/e})$  can be calculated as:

$$R(X_{\mu/e}) = \frac{\epsilon_{X_{e\nu}} \cdot N_{X_{\mu\nu}}}{\epsilon_{X_{\mu\nu}} \cdot N_{X_{e\nu}}} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_{X_{\ell\nu}} = \frac{N_{\text{sel}}^\ell \cdot \epsilon_{B_{\text{tag}}}}{2 \cdot N_{B\bar{B}} \cdot \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\ell\nu)} \quad (6)$$

2 Here,  $N_{B\bar{B}}$  is the number of  $B\bar{B}$  events produced in the simulation.  $N_{\text{sel}}^\ell$  is the number of  
 3  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$  events that pass the full selection. The introduced data-to-MC scaling factors to

1 account for discrepancies in the modeling of FEI tagging efficiencies  $\epsilon_{B_{\text{tag}}}$  are excluded from  
 2  $N_{\text{sel}}^\ell$ . As they are independent of the signal-side lepton flavor, they cancel in the  $R(X_{\mu/e})$   
 3 ratio. The statistical and systematic uncertainties of  $N_{\text{sel}}$ , and thus on the efficiencies, are  
 4 considered with their correlations across the electron and muon channels, and are propagated  
 5 to the uncertainty of  $R(X_{\mu/e})$  together with the uncertainties and correlations of the post-fit  
 6 yields  $N_{X\ell\nu}$ .

7 We find a  $R(X_{\mu/e})$  value of:

$$\boxed{R(X_{\mu/e}) = 1.031 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.020} \quad (7)$$

8 To the best of our knowledge, this is the most precise single test of  $e - \mu$  flavor univer-  
 9 sality in semileptonic  $B$  decays and it is consistent with the Standard Model expectation of  
 10  $R(X_{\mu/e}) = 1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  [34] within  $1.4\sigma$ . Our results also agree within  $1.1\sigma$  with a previous  
 11 measurement documented from Belle [35] in exclusive  $B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu$  decays.

12 The impact of each systematic uncertainty on the result is estimated by performing  
 13 Asimov fits to the model templates. Each systematic uncertainty is turned on and off, and  
 14 the resulting uncertainties are compared to the total ones when including all systematics.  
 15 Assuming that they add up in quadrature, their relative importance can be inferred. This  
 16 is summarized in Table III.

Source of uncertainty	Rel. unc. of $R(X_{\mu/e})$
Lepton identification eff.	1.8 %
$X_c\ell\nu$ BFs	0.1 %
$X_c\ell\nu$ FFs	0.2 %
Statistical	1.0 %
Total	2.2 %

TABLE III. The  $R(X_{\mu/e})$  uncertainties caused by the most important systematic uncertainties relative to the  $R(X_{\mu/e})$  value.

17 The main source of uncertainty are the lepton identification efficiency uncertainties, which  
 18 account for 1.8 % of the total uncertainty. While branching fraction (BF) and form factor  
 19 (FF) uncertainties are non-negligible for the total  $B \rightarrow X\ell\nu$  yields, they cancel out in the  
 20  $R(X_{\mu/e})$  ratio and therefore do not contribute. Statistical uncertainties are found to be  
 21 relatively small.

22 Stemming from this result, the path is paved to expand our attention to the low lepton  
 23 momentum range in future. In that scenario, with a multi-dimensional fit that also takes  
 24 the  $X$  system properties into account, a measurement of:

$$R(X) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\ell\nu)} \quad (8)$$

25 would become possible to probe the measured discrepancies in  $R(D^{(*)})$  in an orthogonal  
 26 way. With the size of the dataset analyzed for this work, we expect the precision on  $R(X)$   
 27 to be still dominated by the statistical uncertainty, which is predicted to be of roughly 13 %.

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