

# Lepton Universality Violations in $b \rightarrow c$ Transitions

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# Lepton Flavor Universality in the Standard Model

- Leptons appear in the SM in the gauge and Yukawa sector.

## Gauge sector

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{\text{Gauge}} \subset i \left( \bar{L}_L^i \gamma^\mu D_\mu L_L^i + \bar{E}_R^i \gamma^\mu D_\mu E_R^i \right)$
- Gauge interactions are Lepton Flavor Universal

## Yukawa sector

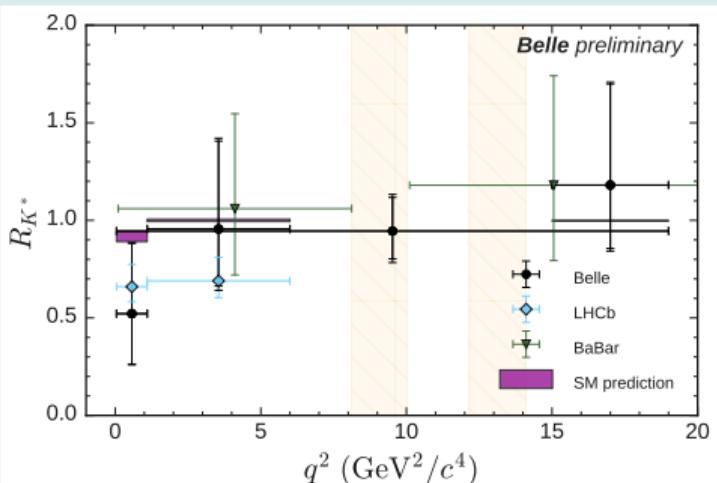
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{\text{Yukawa}} \subset \left( Y_{ij}^E \bar{L}_L^i E_R^j H + \text{h.c.} \right)$
- Yukawa sector non-universal because of mass terms  $m_e \neq m_\mu \neq m_\tau$  and Higgs interactions (negligible).

**Testing the LFU in the Standard Model means testing the universality of the gauge interaction.**

# Lepton Flavor Universality Violation

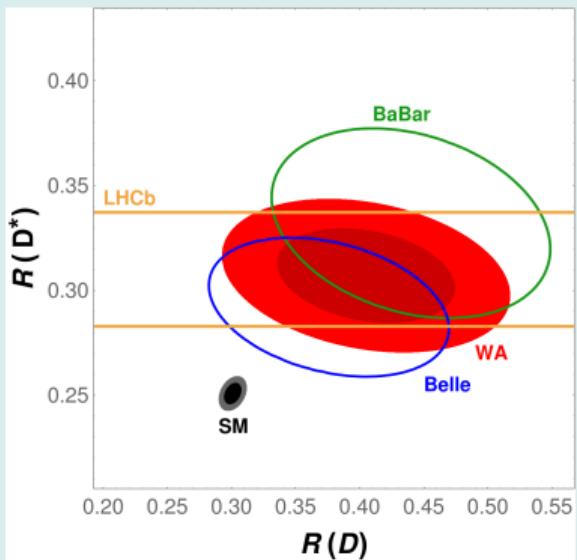
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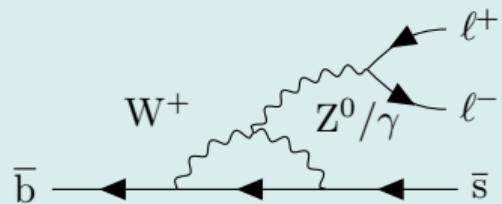
$b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu)}$$



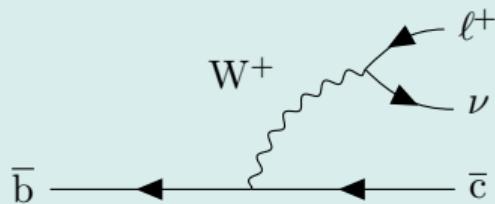
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- neutral current (FCNC)
- Loop process in SM
- $\mu\mu$  vs.  $ee$

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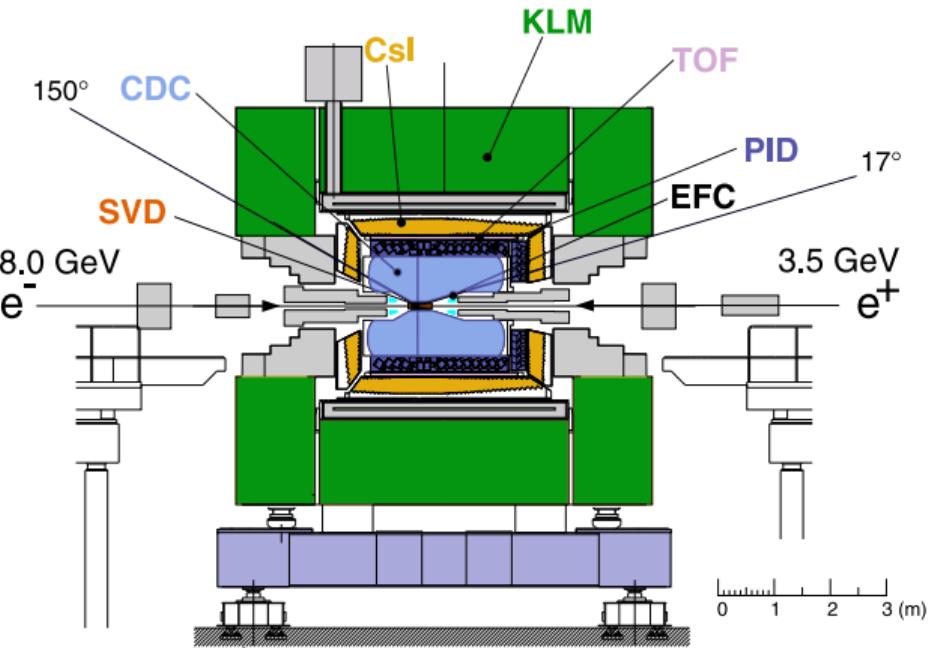
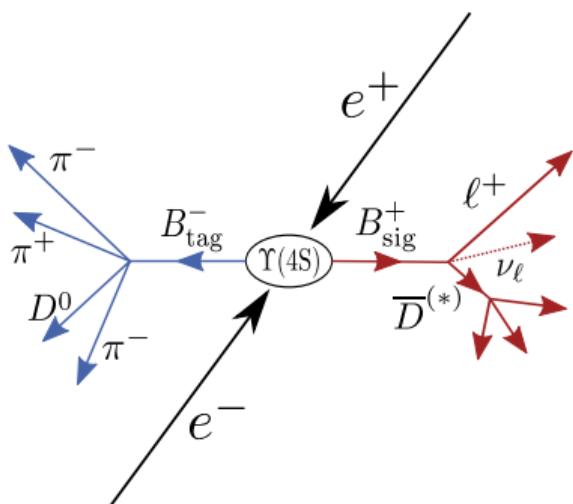
- charged current
- Tree level process in SM
- $\tau$  vs.  $\ell = e, \mu$

Today

# Belle's latest $R(D^{(*)})$

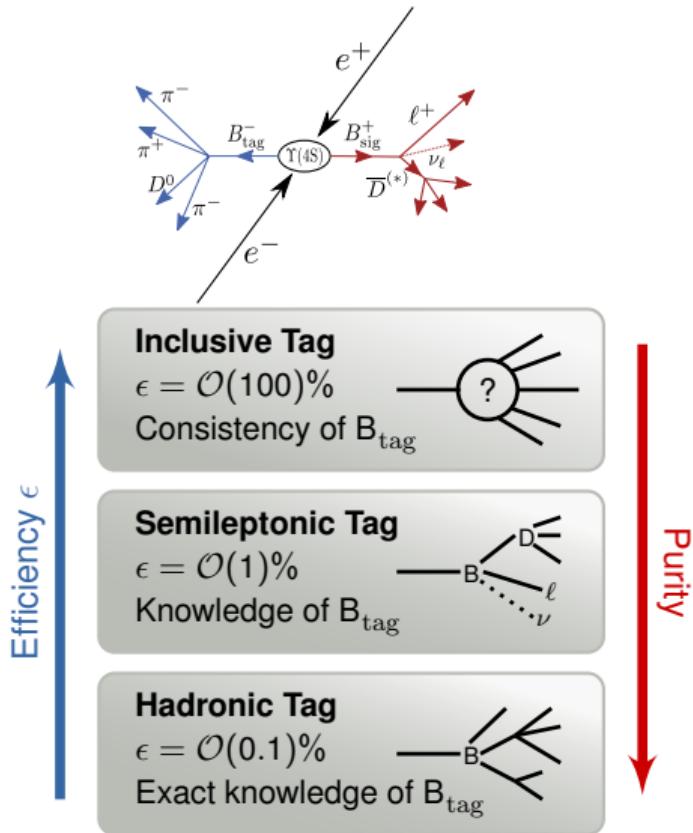
arXiv:1904.08794

# The Belle Experiment



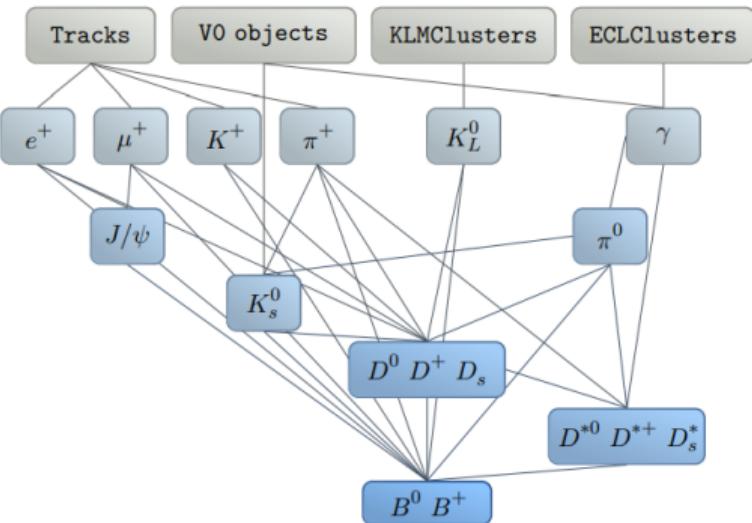
Belle recorded  $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  on the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance.

# B-Tagging at Belle



## Exclusive Tagging: The Full Event Interpretation (FEI)

Keck, T., et al. Comput Softw Big Sci (2019)



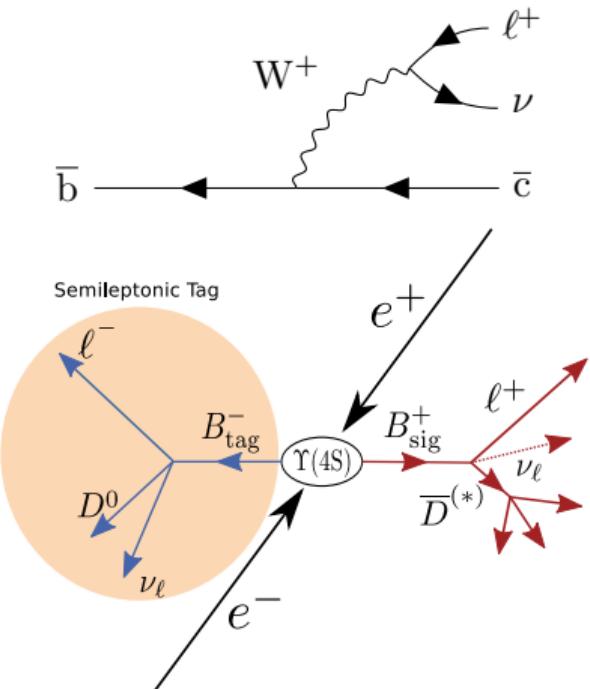
Automatic reconstruction of  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  explicit decay channels, leading to  $\mathcal{O}(10000)$  distinct decay chains.

# Tag-Side Reconstruction and Selection

- $B_{\text{tag}}$  is reconstructed in  $D\ell\nu$  and  $D^*\ell\nu$  decay chains (semileptonic tag).
- Good tags identified by classifier output.
- Veto for  $B \rightarrow D^*\tau(\rightarrow \ell\nu\nu)\nu$  via

$$\cos \theta_{B,D^{(*)}\ell} = \frac{2E_{\text{beam}} E_{D^{(*)}\ell} - m_B^2 - m_{D^{(*)}\ell}^2}{2|\vec{p}_B| |\vec{p}_{D^{(*)}\ell}|}.$$

- Correctly reconstructed  $B$  candidates are found in  $\cos \theta_{B,D^{(*)}\ell} = [-1, 1]$ .
- Mis-reconstructed  $B \rightarrow D^*\tau(\rightarrow \ell\nu\nu)\nu$  decays have larger negative values.



# Signal-Side Reconstruction and Selection

- Only consider  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu$ .
- D<sup>(\*)</sup> selection via reconstructed invariant mass and vertex fit (for channels without  $\pi^0$ ).

$D^0 \rightarrow$	$\mathcal{B} (\%)$
$K^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	14.4
$K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	8.23
$K^- \pi^+$	3.95
$K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$	2.80
$K_S^0 \pi^0$	1.24
$K_S^0 K^+ K^-$	4.42
$K^+ K^-$	0.41
$\pi^+ \pi^-$	0.15
Total	35.59

$D^+ \rightarrow$	$\mathcal{B} (\%)$
$K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	9.38
$K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$	7.36
$K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	6.25
$K_S^0 \pi^+$	1.56
$K^- K^+ \pi^+$	0.99
$K_S^0 K^+$	0.30
Total	25.84

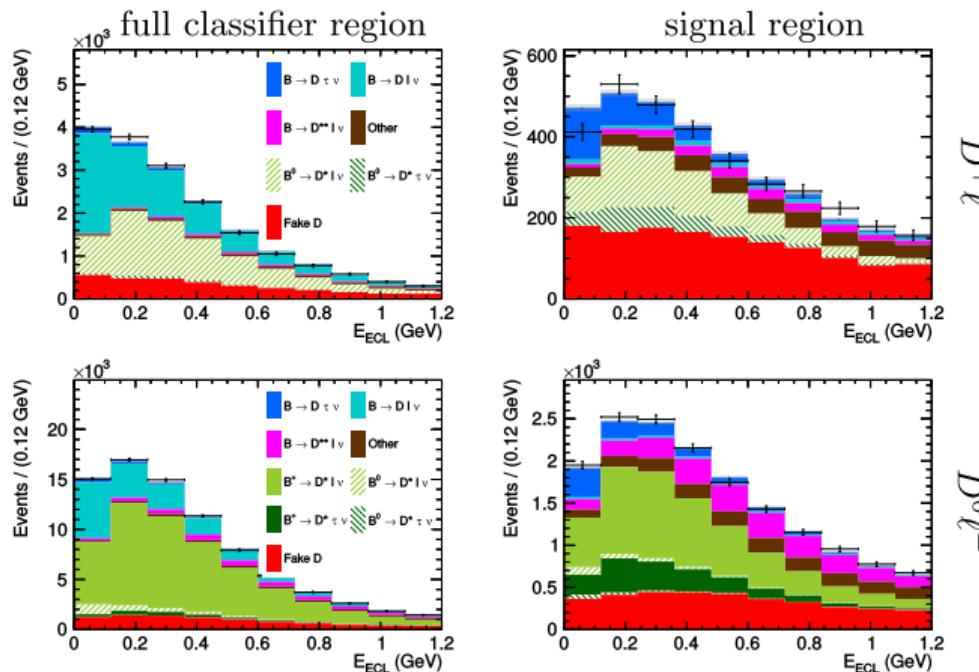
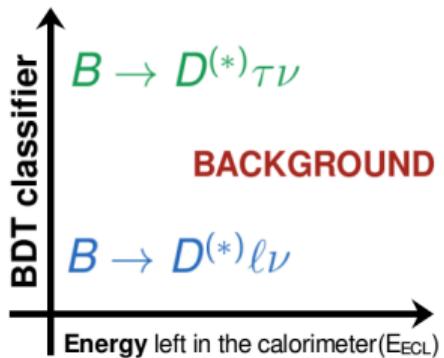
$D^{*+} \rightarrow$	$\mathcal{B} (\%)$
$D^0 \pi^+$	67.7
$D^+ \pi^0$	30.7
Total	98.4

$D^{*0} \rightarrow$	$\mathcal{B} (\%)$
$D^0 \pi^0$	64.7
Total	64.7

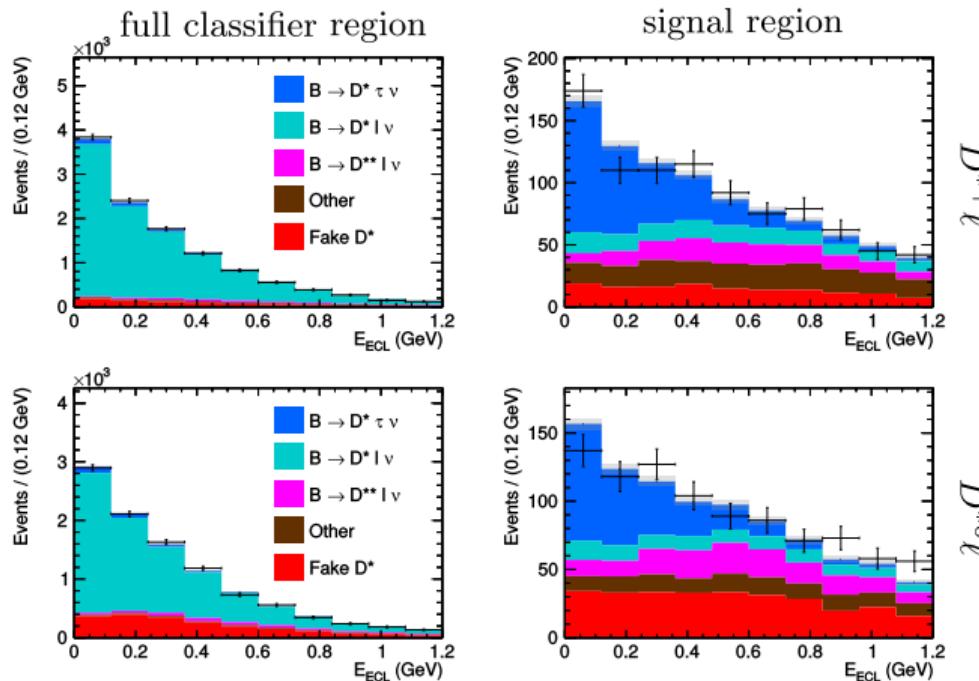
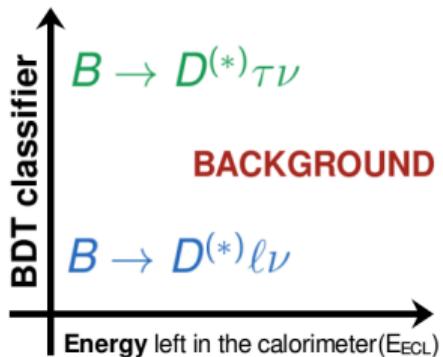
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# Systematics

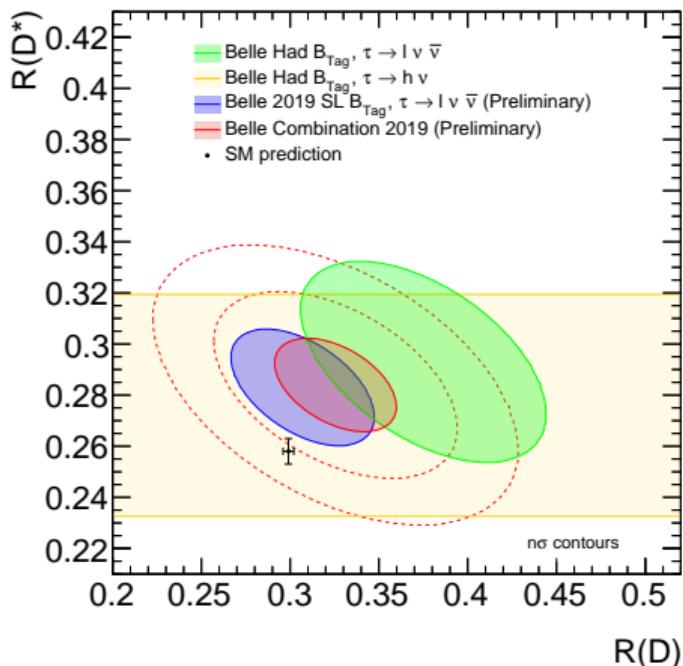
Source	$\Delta R(D)$ (%)	$\Delta R(D^*)$ (%)
$D^{**}$ composition	0.76	1.41
Fake $D^{(*)}$ calibration	0.19	0.11
$WB_{tag}$ calibration	0.07	0.05
Feed-down factors	1.69	0.44
Efficiency factors	1.93	4.12
Lepton efficiency and fake rate	0.36	0.33
Slow pion efficiency	0.08	0.08
MC statistics	4.39	2.25
$B$ decay form factors	0.55	0.28
Luminosity	0.10	0.04
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu)$	0.05	0.02
$\mathcal{B}(D)$	0.35	0.13
$\mathcal{B}(D^*)$	0.04	0.02
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu)$	0.15	0.14
Total	5.21	4.94

# Results

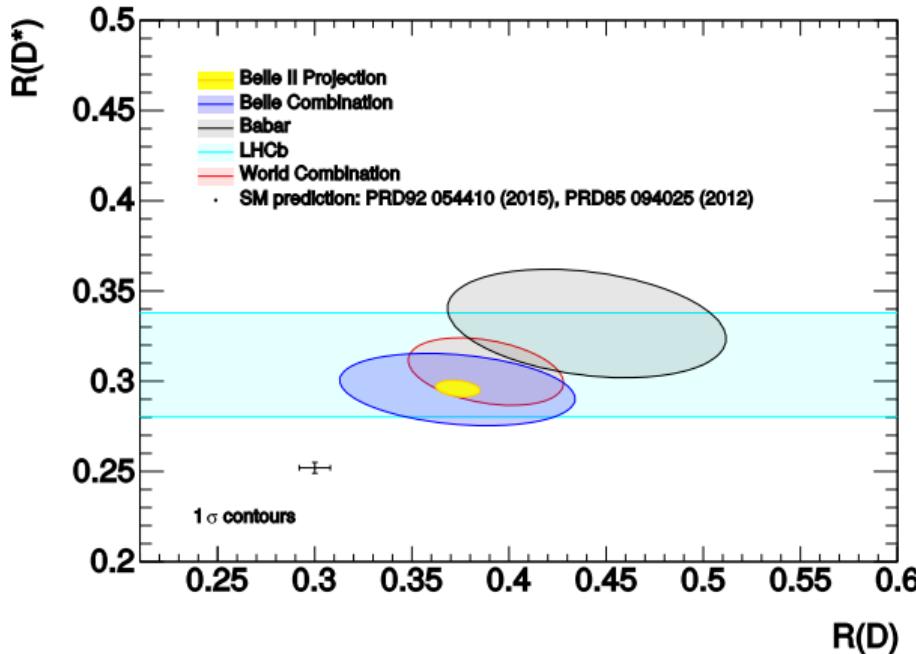
$$\mathcal{R}(D) = 0.307 \pm 0.037 \pm 0.016$$

$$\mathcal{R}(D^*) = 0.283 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.014$$

- SM agreement:  $1.2\sigma$ .
- First result for  $\mathcal{R}(D)$  with semileptonic tagging.
- Most precise determination of  $\mathcal{R}(D)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(D^*)$  to date.



# A Glimpse into the Future

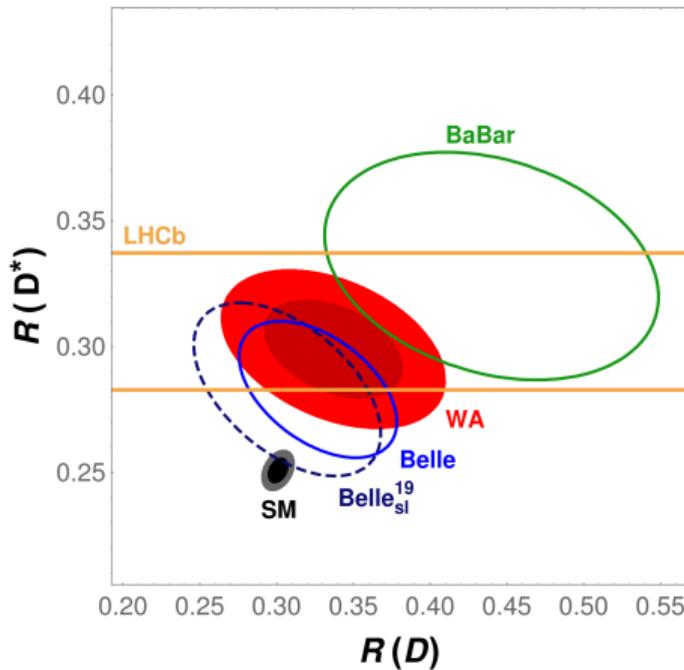
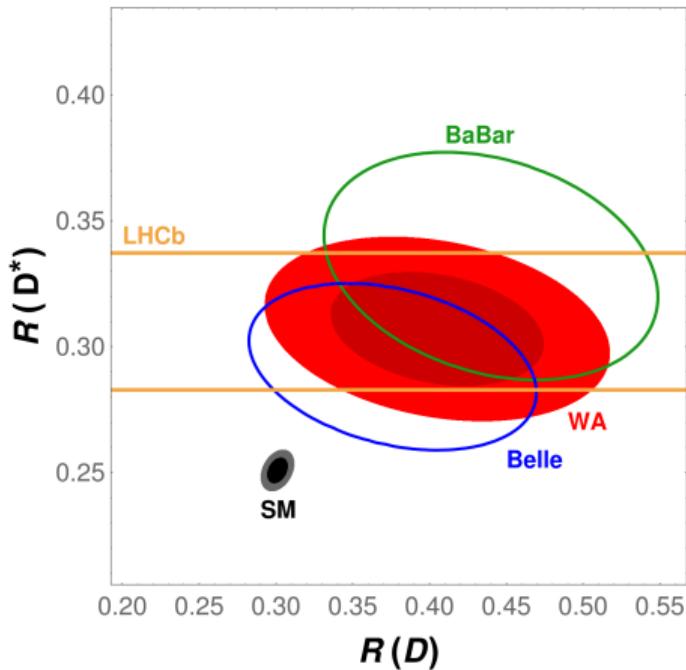


**Belle II will pin down the flavor anomaly.**  
(Projection with old world average arXiv:1808.10567)

# Theory Perspective to R(D<sup>(\*)</sup>)

Excerpt of arXiv:1904.09311

# New World Average



# Effective Hamiltonian for $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ Transitions

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} [(1 + \mathcal{C}_{V_L}) \mathcal{O}_{V_L} + \mathcal{C}_{V_R} \mathcal{O}_{V_R} + \mathcal{C}_{S_R} \mathcal{O}_{S_R} + \mathcal{C}_{S_L} \mathcal{O}_{S_L} + \mathcal{C}_T \mathcal{O}_T] + \text{h.c.}$$

with the Fermi operators  $\mathcal{O}_i$

$$\mathcal{O}_{V_{L,R}} = (\bar{c}\gamma^\mu b_{L,R}) (\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L), \quad \mathcal{O}_{S_{L,R}} = (\bar{c}b_{L,R}) (\bar{\ell}_R \nu_L), \quad \mathcal{O}_T = (\bar{c}\sigma^{\mu\nu} b_L) (\bar{\ell}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_L)$$

weighted by the Wilson coefficients  $\mathcal{C}_i$ , with

$$\mathcal{C}_{V_L}^{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{C}_{V_R}^{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{C}_{S_R}^{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{C}_{S_L}^{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{C}_T^{\text{SM}} = 0$$

Assumptions:

- No light right-handed neutrinos.
- Possible NP contribution only in third generation of leptons.
- $\mathcal{C}_{V_R}$  are lepton-flavor universal.
- CP-conserving limit, i.e. Wilson coefficients are real.

# New Physics Scenarios

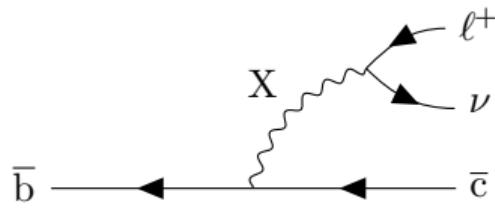
- NP models are usually include combinations of NP operators:

$$W' \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{V_L}$$

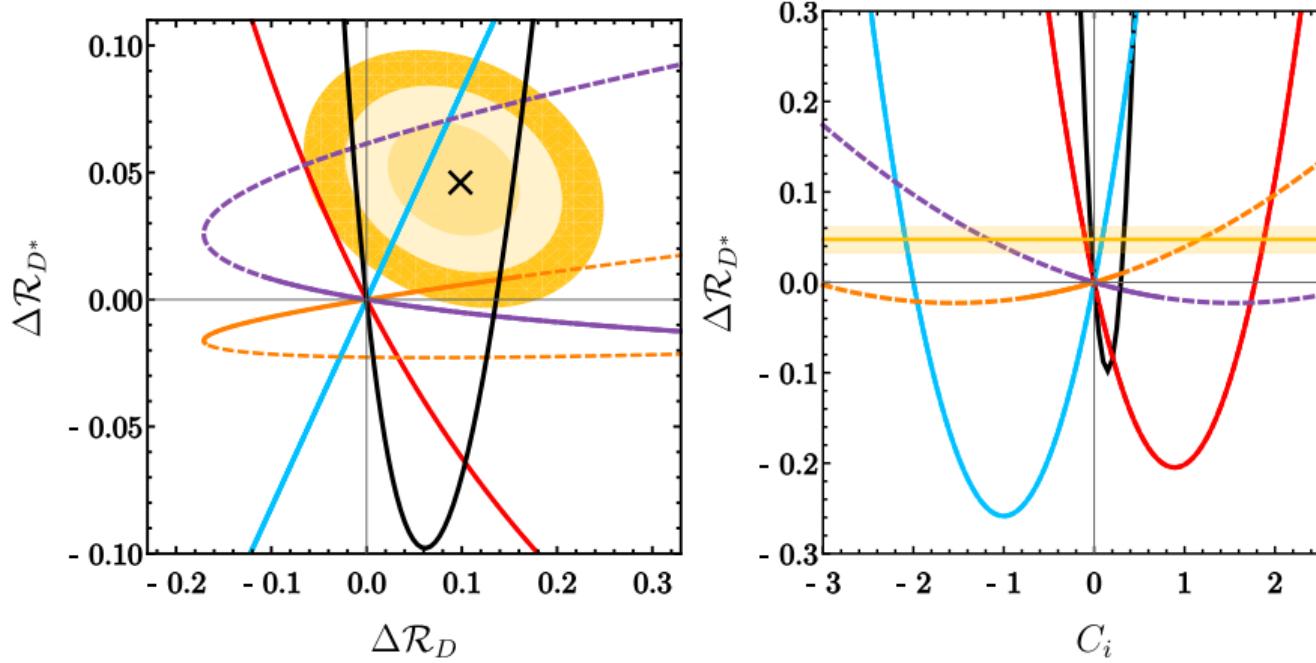
$$H^- \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{S_L}, \mathcal{C}_{S_R}, \mathcal{C}_T$$

$$\phi_{LQ} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{V_L}, \mathcal{C}_{V_R}, \mathcal{C}_T$$

$$V_{LQ}^\mu \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{V_L}, \mathcal{C}_{S_R}$$

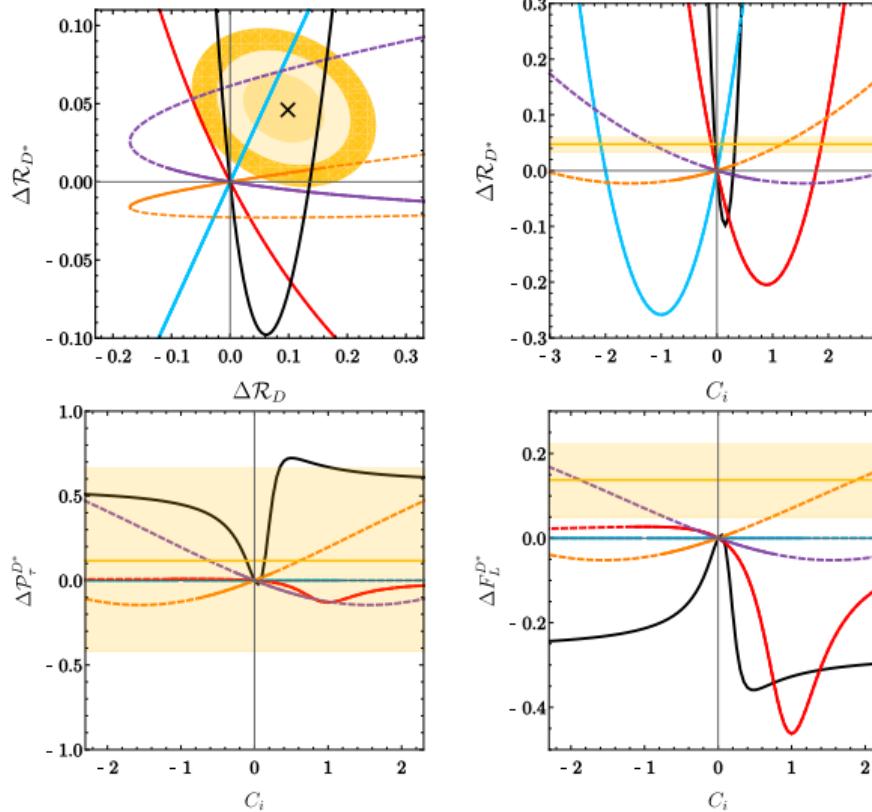


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- dashed line parts excluded by  $\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu) < 10\%$
- caveat: acceptance and efficiency effects of NP not included in these scans

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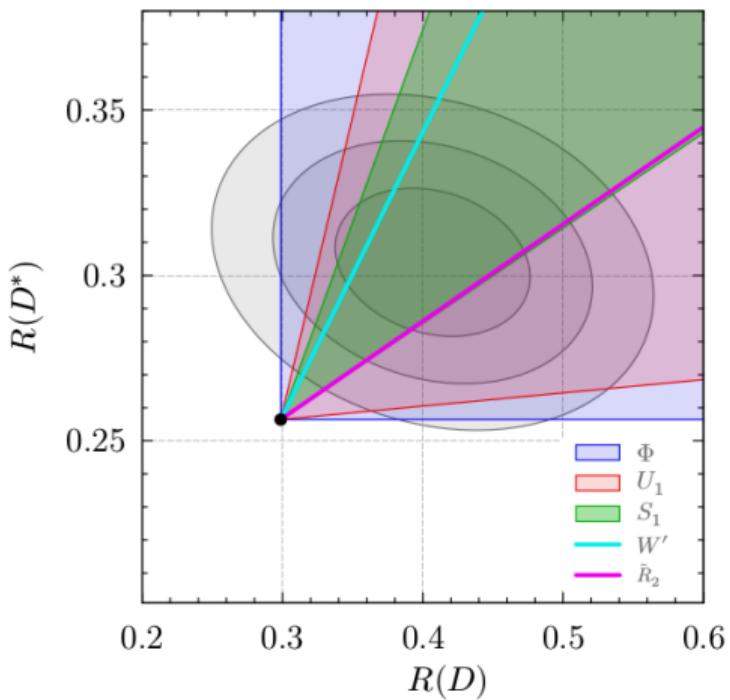
# Theory Perspective to $R(D^{(*)})$ with Right-Handed Neutrinos

Excerpt of JHEP 1902 (2019) 119

# Models and Their Influence

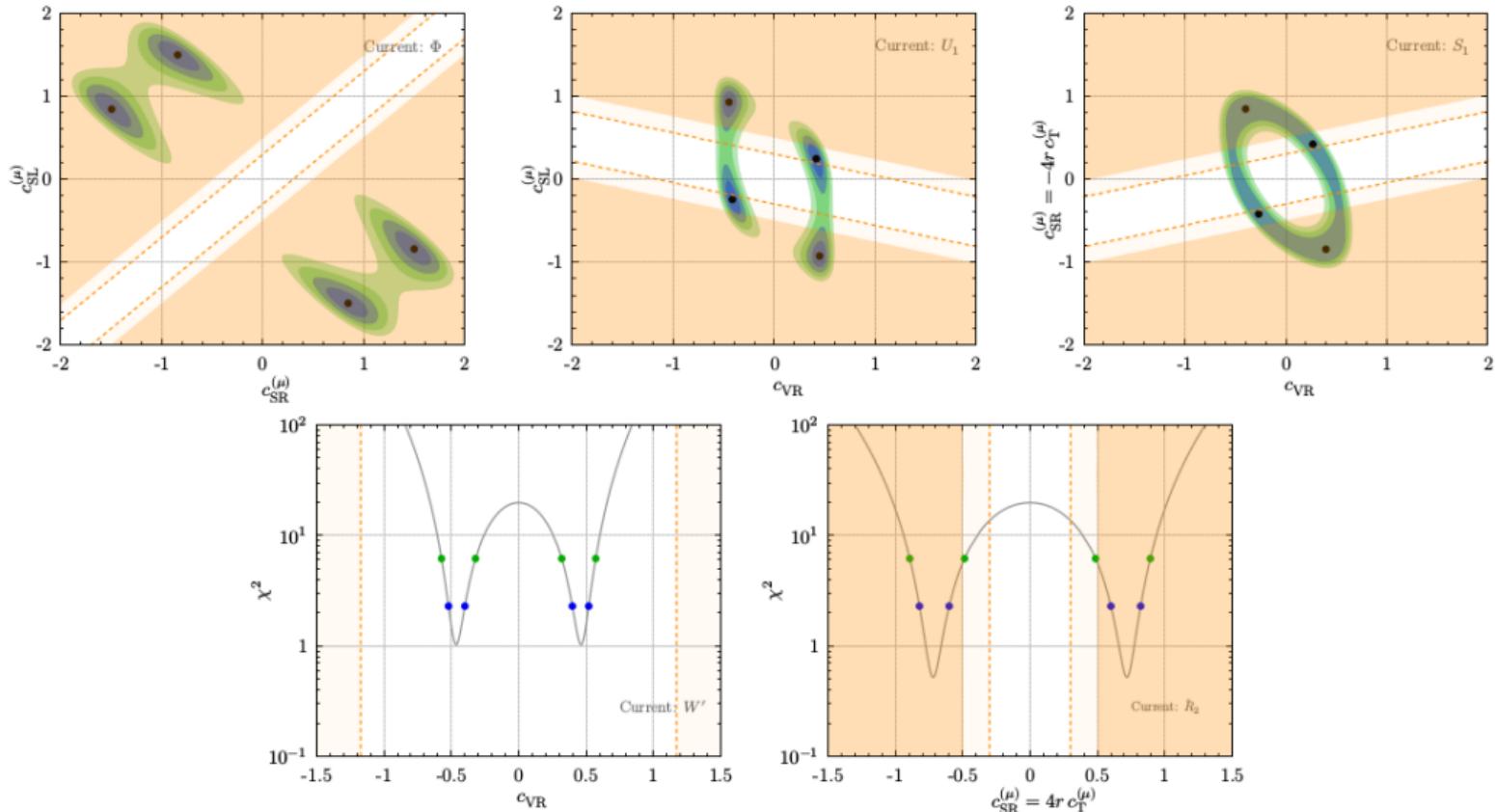
- New contribution from  $b \rightarrow c\tau N_R$ .
- EFT study of the lowest dimension electroweak operators that can account for the  $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$  anomalies.
- Models with tree-level mediator exchange:

mediator	WCs
$W'_\mu$	$c_{\text{VR}}$
$\Phi$	$c_{\text{SL}}(\mu), c_{\text{SR}}(\mu)$
$U_1^\mu$	$c_{\text{SL}}(\mu), c_{\text{VR}}$
$\tilde{R}_2$	$c_{\text{SR}}(\mu) = 4rc_T(\mu)$
$S_1$	$c_{\text{VR}}, c_{\text{SR}}(\mu) = -4rc_T(\mu)$



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# Best-Fit Points

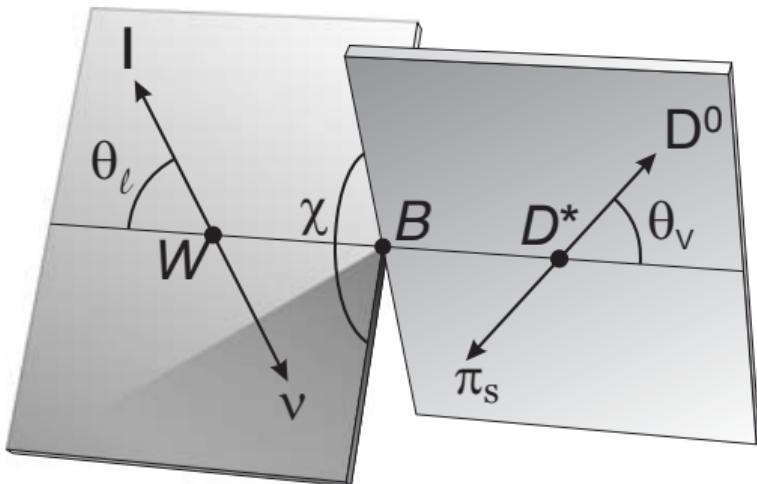


# Belle's latest $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$

arXiv:1809.03290 accepted by PRD

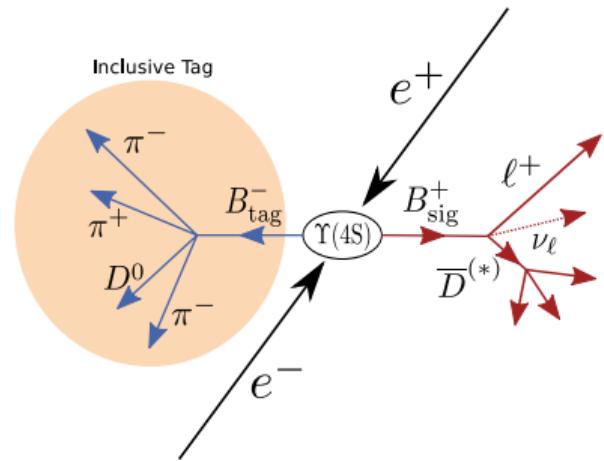
# Motivation

- What if NP not only in  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  transitions?
- Investigate NP in the normalization mode of  $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$  analysis:  $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ .
- Angular observables are a powerful tool.
- Nota Bene: Presented Analysis is focused on  $V_{cb}$  extraction.



# Event Reconstruction

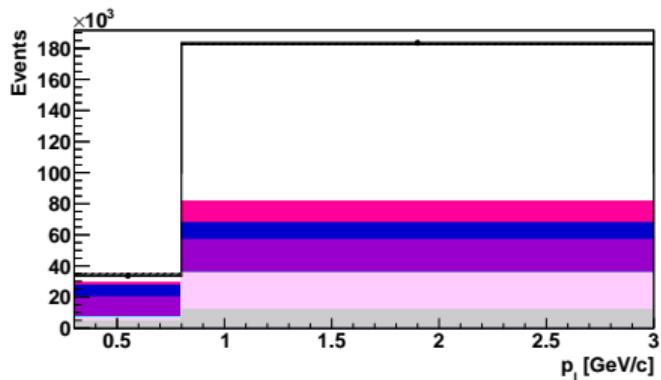
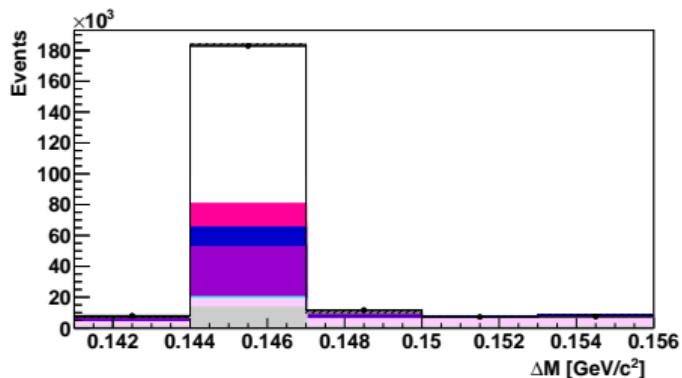
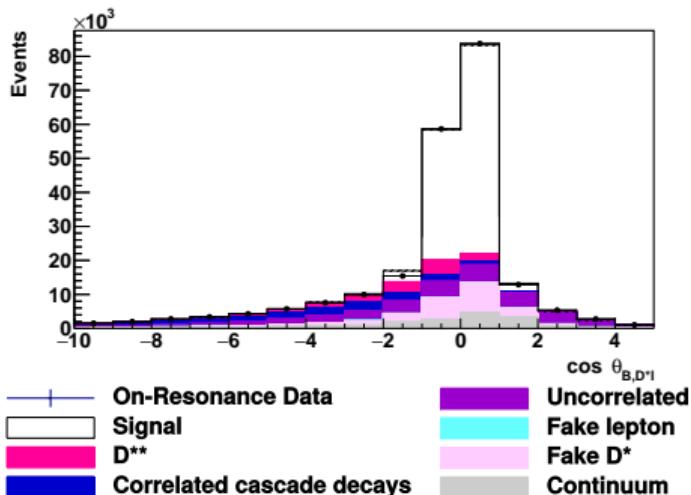
- In comparison to  $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$ , no tag-side reconstruction.
- $B_{\text{tag}}$ -momentum reconstructed via  $\vec{p}_{\text{incl.}} = \sum_i p_i$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \vec{p}_{B_{\text{sig}}} = -\vec{p}_{\text{incl.}}$ .
- Signal-side only reconstructed in cleanest mode:  
 $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} (\rightarrow \bar{D}^0 (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \pi^-) \ell \nu$
- $\mathcal{B} \approx 5\% \times 68\% \times 4\% \approx 0.14\%$



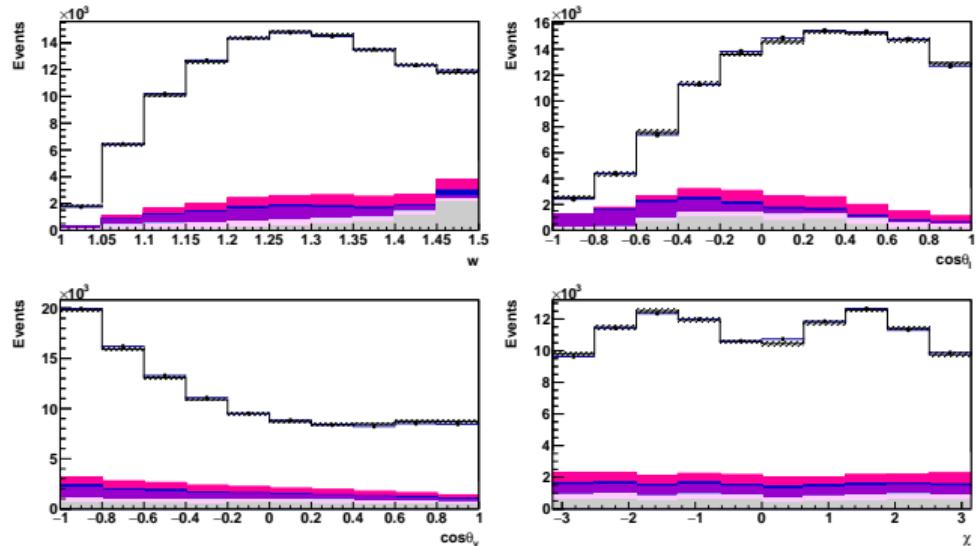
# Background Estimation

$$\cos \theta_{B,D^* \ell} = \frac{2E_{\text{beam}} E_{D^* \ell} - m_B^2 - m_{D^* \ell}^2}{2|\vec{p}_B| |\vec{p}_{D^* \ell}|}$$

- $\Delta M = m_{D^*} - m_D$
- $p_\ell$

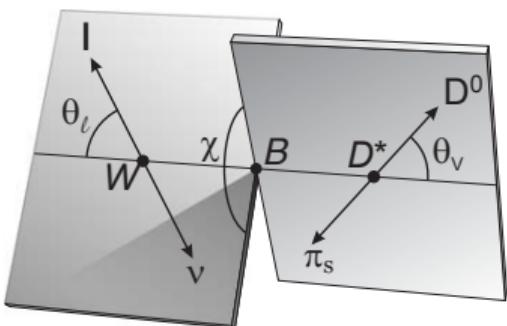


# Differential Distributions



Legend:

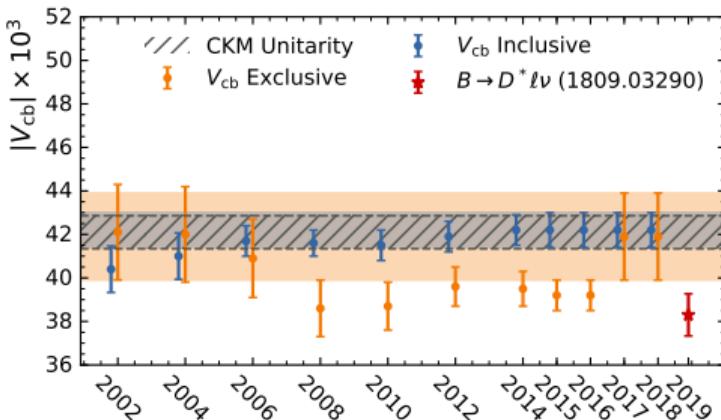
- On-Resonance Data
- Signal
- $D^{*+}$
- Correlated cascade decays
- Uncorrelated
- Fake lepton
- Fake  $D^*$
- Continuum



# Results

$$V_{cb}^{\text{CLN}} = (38.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$V_{cb}^{\text{BGL}} = (38.3 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$



Tension on  $V_{cb}$  between inclusive and exclusive determination is back.

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} e^+ \nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \mu^+ \nu)} = 1.01 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.03 .$$

- Systematic uncertainty dominated by lepton identification.

**Most stringent test of LFU in B decays to date.**

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- Two new important results on LFU:  $\tau$  vs.  $\ell$  and e vs.  $\mu$  in  $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$  transitions.
- Tension on  $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$  reduced with new measurement.
- Belle's new analyses (will) have an important impact on the current (global) fits on LFU.
- Belle II will give a final answer on the  $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$  anomaly.
- There is an interplay between flavor anomalies and neutrino physics.