



$\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^{-} \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ and Related Tauonic Topics at Belle

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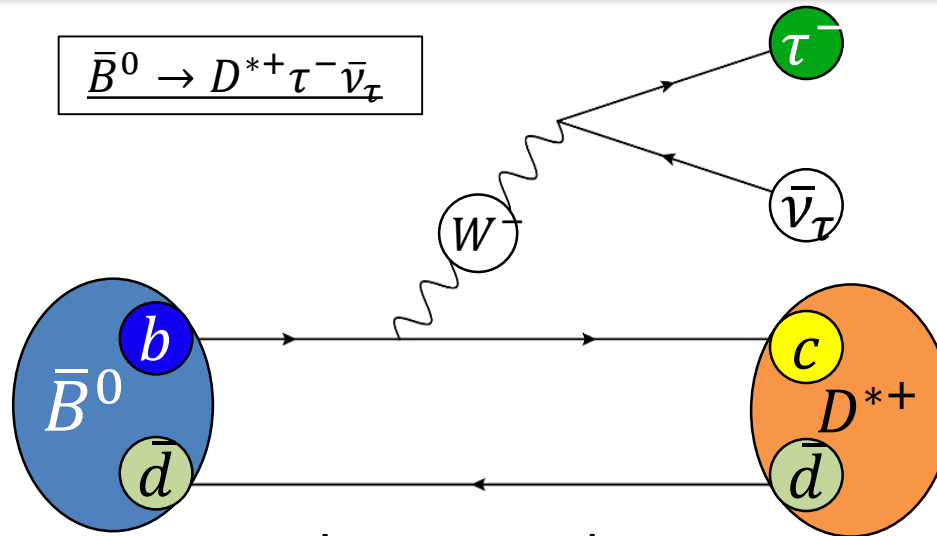
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$$\blacksquare \quad \bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$$



- Test for lepton universality using the ratio:

$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{BF(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{BF(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l^- \bar{\nu}_l)} \quad (l^- = e^-, \mu^-)$$

→ Uncertainties are largely cancelled:
 V_{cb} , form factors, efficiency etc.

SM: $R(D) = 0.300 \pm 0.008$

[Fermilab Lattice and MILC Collaborations, Phys. Rev. D 92, 034506 \(2015\)](#)

$R(D^*) = 0.252 \pm 0.003$

[S. Fajfer, et al., Phys. Rev. D 85, 094025 \(2012\)](#)

→ An unknown boson (charged Higgs etc.) may modify $R(D^{(*)})$

- First observation by Belle in 2007 [Belle Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 191807 \(2007\)](#)
- 3.9σ discrepancy from the SM has been observed as of 2015
 - Average of the measurements at Belle, BaBar and LHCb
- Two new results from Belle in 2016

■ Belle Experiment

- KEKB: e^+e^- collider at $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$ GeV, at KEK in Japan
 - Produce B mesons via $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$
- World record luminosity; Data contains $7.72 \times 10^8 B\bar{B}$

Identification for μ^\pm
and neutral hadrons

KLM Detector

Superconducting
Solenoid (1.5 T)

γ detection

Electromagnetic
Calorimeter

e^+
3.5 GeV

e^\pm ID

TOF Counter

Aerogel Cherenkov Counter

e^-
8 GeV

Charged hadron ID (K^\pm, π^\pm, p)

Silicon Vertex Detector

- 4 layers
- $\sim 40 \mu\text{m}$ for impact parameter resolution

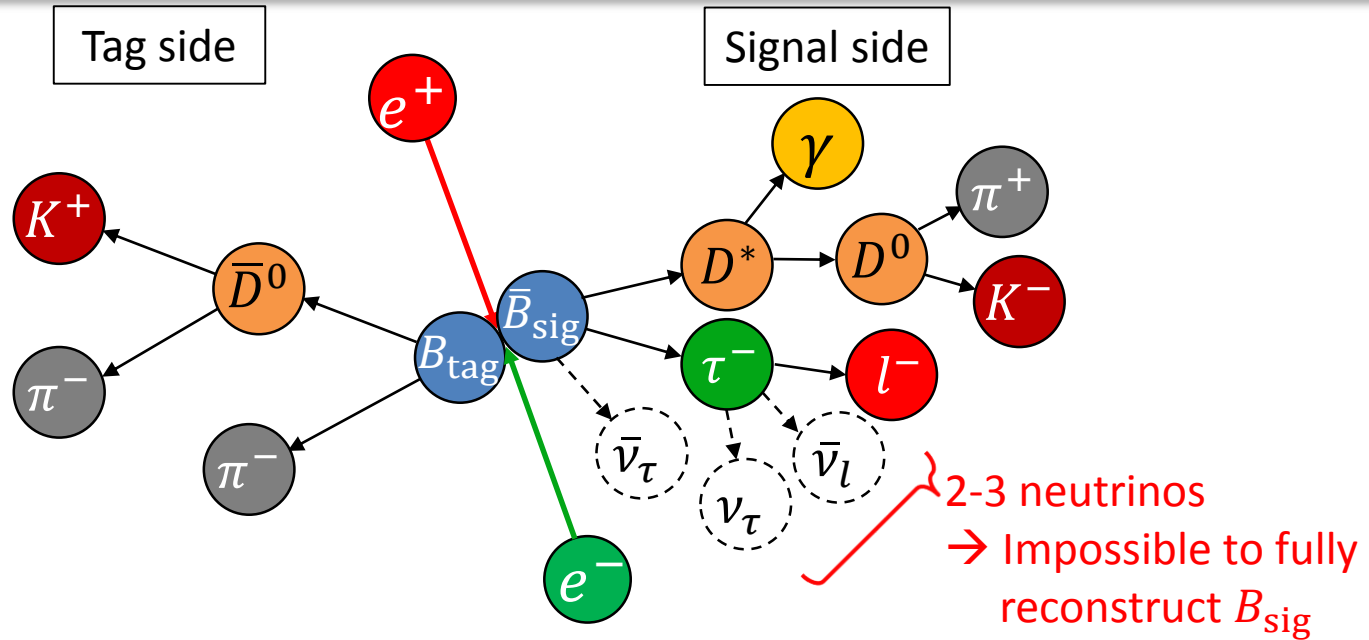
Central Drift Chamber

- π efficiency: $\sim 90\%$
- Fake rate: $\sim 10\%$

at 3 GeV/c

Charged track finding,
momentum measurement etc.

■ Tagging Method



- Tag a counterpart B meson (B_{tag}) using hadronic or semileptonic decays

→ Obtain information of B_{sig} indirectly

- Three results with full data sample

- Hadronic tag + $\tau^- \rightarrow l^- \bar{\nu}_l \nu_\tau$ for $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$
- Semileptonic tag + $\tau^- \rightarrow l^- \bar{\nu}_l \nu_\tau$ for $R(D^*)$
- Hadronic tag + $\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \nu_\tau$ for $R(D^*)$ and τ polarization

*Belle Collaboration,
Phys. Rev. D 92, 072014 (2015)*

Today's topic

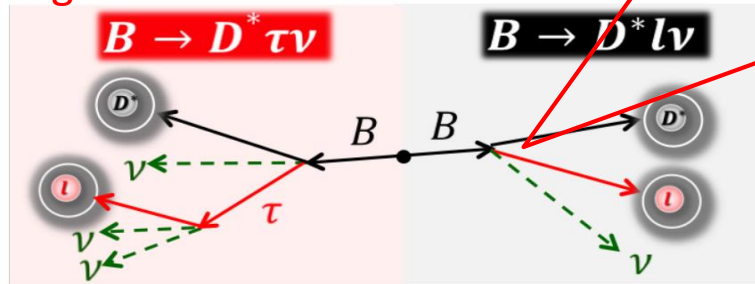
■ $R(D^*)$ with Semileptonic Tagging

- Independent analysis of the previous $R(D^{(*)})$ measurement
- More background due to a ν in $\bar{B}_{\text{tag}} \rightarrow D^{(*)} l^- \bar{\nu}_l$
 → Focus on $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$

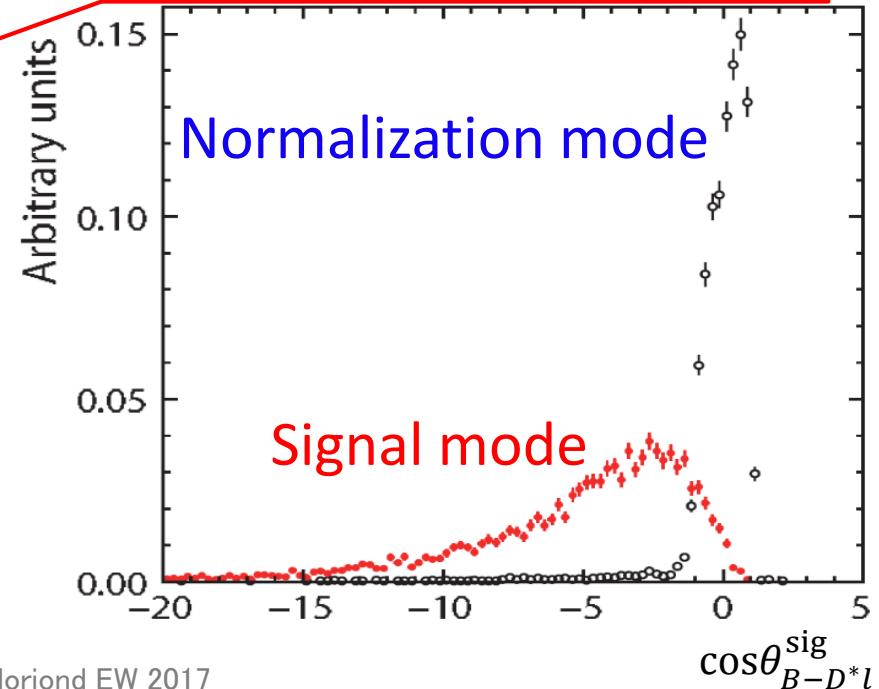
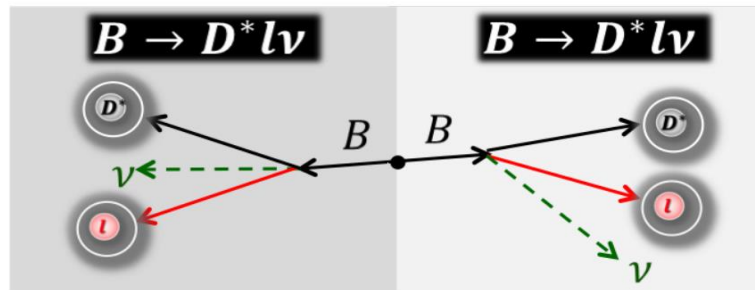
- **Signal/normalization** separation based on smaller $\cos\theta_{B-D^*l}$

$$\cos\theta_{B-D^*l} = \frac{E_{\text{beam}}^* E_{D^*l}^* - m_B^2 - m_{D^*l}^2}{2|p_{\text{beam}}^*| |p_{D^*l}^*|}$$

Signal event



Normalization event

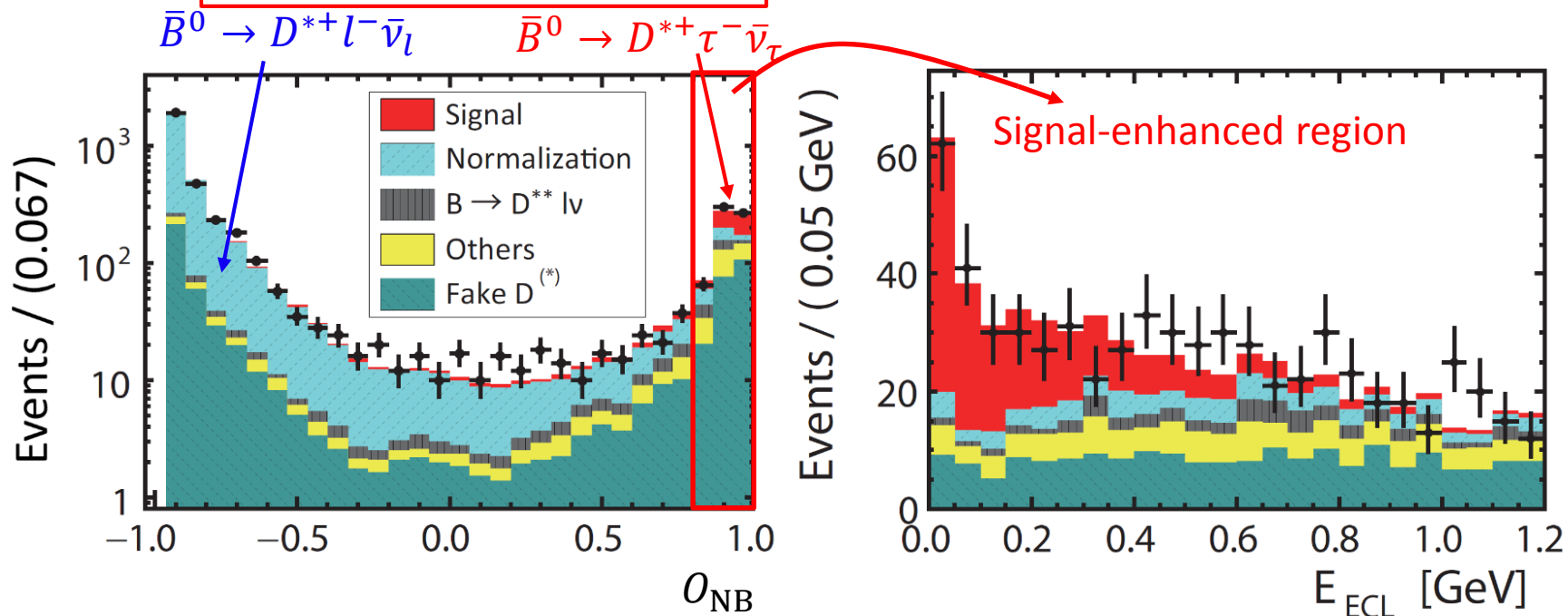


Signal Extraction

- Two-dimensional fit to neural network output (O_{NB}) and E_{ECL}

- $\cos\theta_{B-D^*l}^{sig}$
- M_{miss}^2
- Total energy of $B_{tag} + B_{sig}$

Summed energy, not used for the event reconstruction



$$R(D^*) = 0.302 \pm 0.030 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.011 \text{ (syst.)}$$

First measurement of $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$ using the semileptonic tagging

Compatibility with the SM is 1.6σ

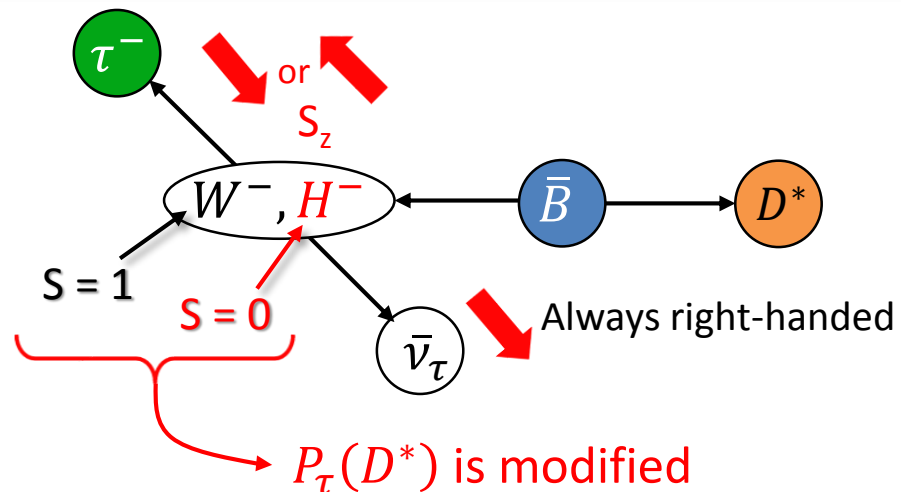
■ $R(D^*)$ and $P_\tau(D^*)$ with Hadronic τ Decays

$$P_\tau(D^*) = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-}$$

$\Gamma^{+(-)}$ for right-(left-)handed τ

$$P_\tau(D^*)_{\text{SM}} = -0.497 \pm 0.013$$

*M. Tanaka and R. Watanabe,
Phys. Rev. D 87, 034028 (2013)*



- τ polarization is a variable sensitive to NP
 - It can be measured using two-body decays of τ

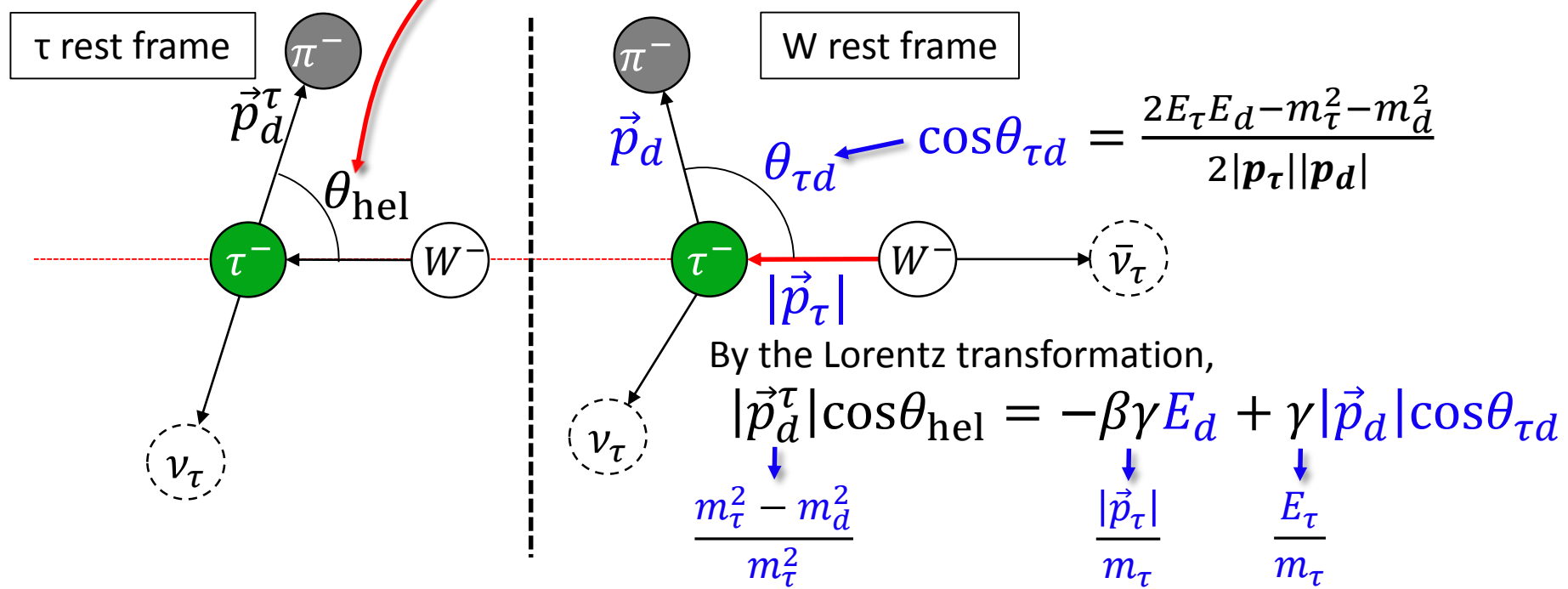
Target of this analysis

- First measurement of $P_\tau(D^*)$ using $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau, \rho^- \nu_\tau$
- New measurement of $R(D^*)$
 - Independent study of previous measurements using $\tau^- \rightarrow l^- \bar{\nu}_l \nu_\tau$
 - Different final state = different background

■ $P_\tau(D^*)$ Measurement Method

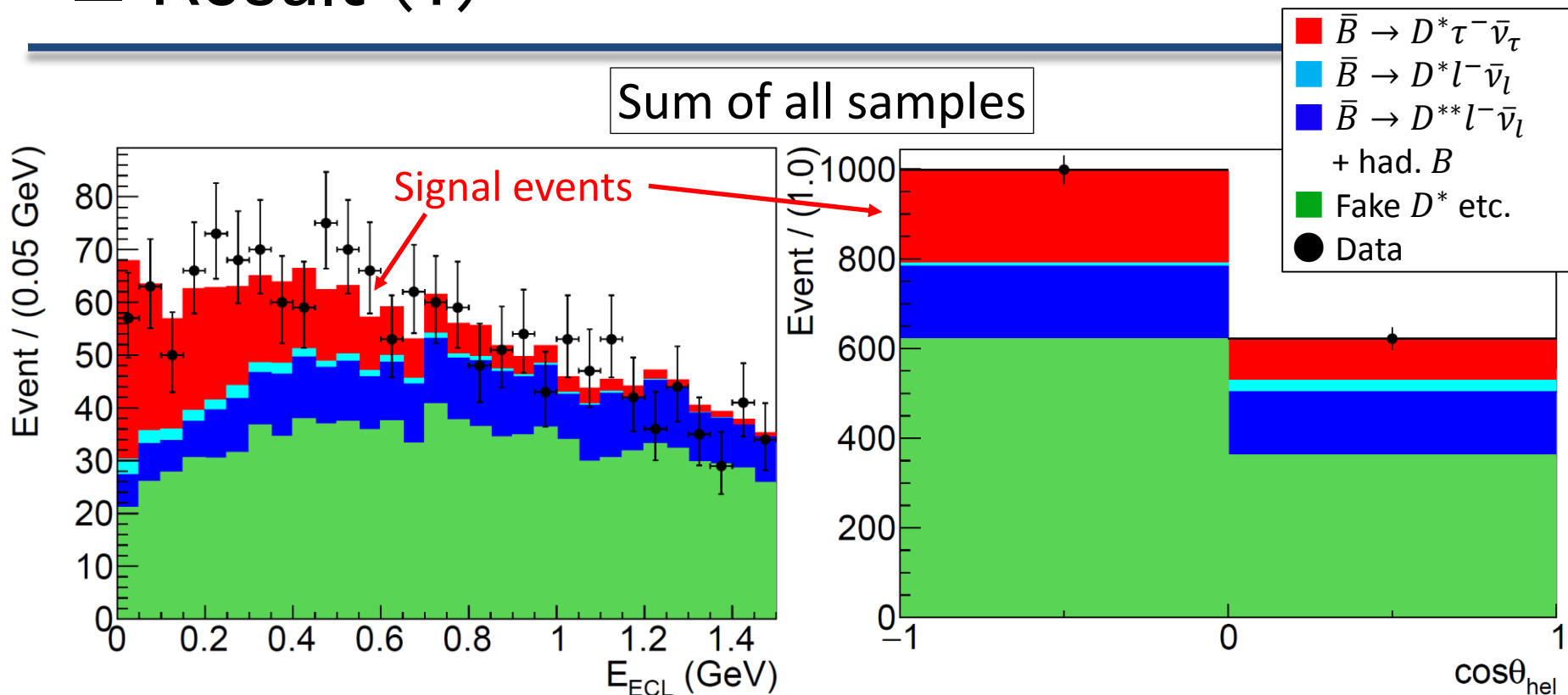
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_{\text{hel}}} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \alpha P_\tau(D^*) \cos\theta_{\text{hel}})$$

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau \\ \sim 0.45 & \text{for } \tau^- \rightarrow \rho^- \nu_\tau \end{cases}$$



Solving the equation, $\cos\theta_{\text{hel}}$ is obtained!

Result (1)



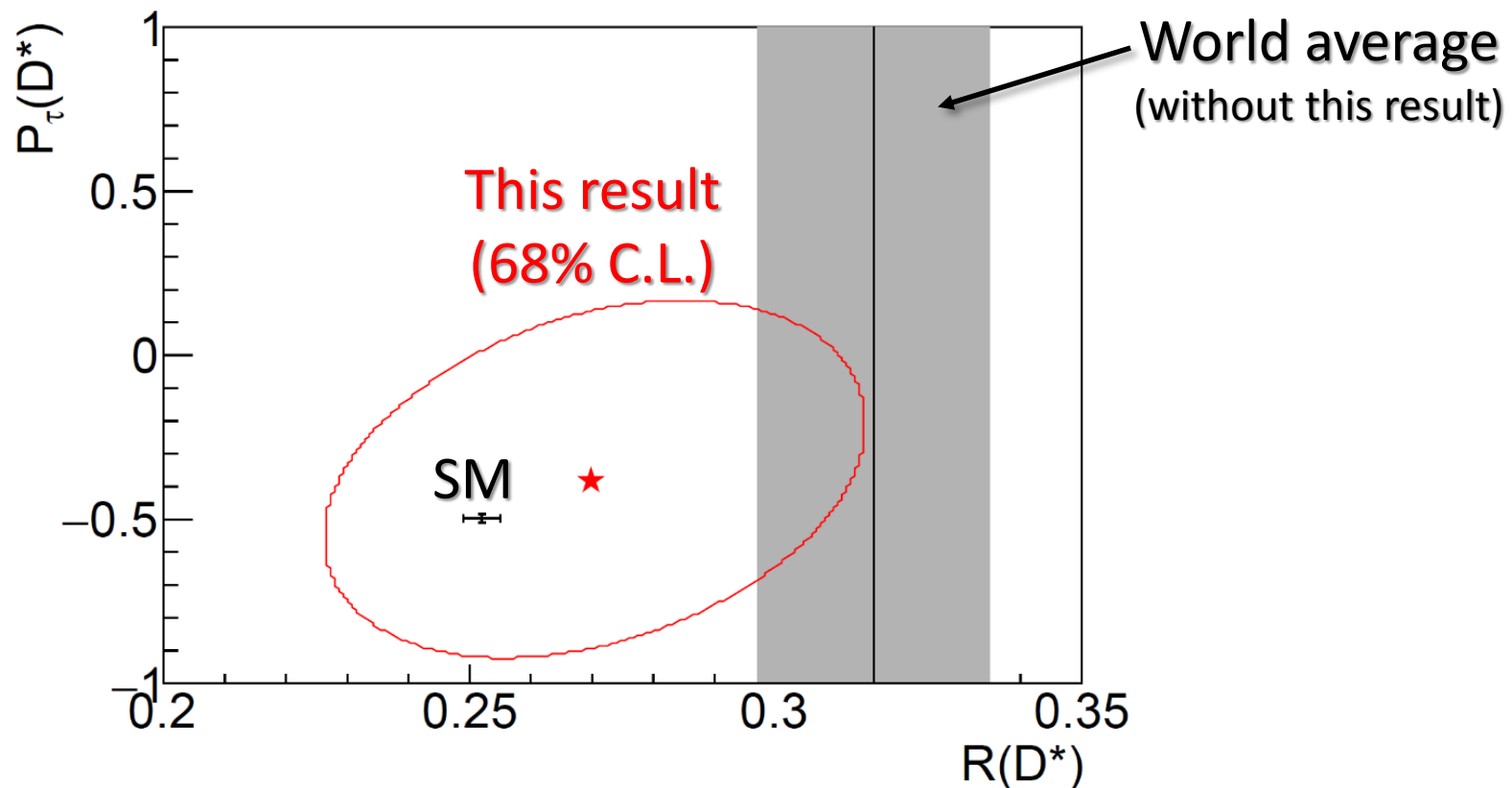
- Signal significance of about 7σ
 - First observation of the $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$ signal using only hadronic τ decays

$$R(D^*) = 0.270 \pm 0.035(\text{stat.}) \begin{matrix} +0.028 \\ -0.025 \end{matrix} (\text{syst.})$$

$$P_\tau(D^*) = -0.38 \pm 0.51(\text{stat.}) \begin{matrix} +0.21 \\ -0.16 \end{matrix} (\text{syst.})$$

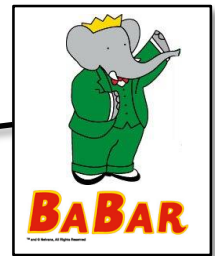
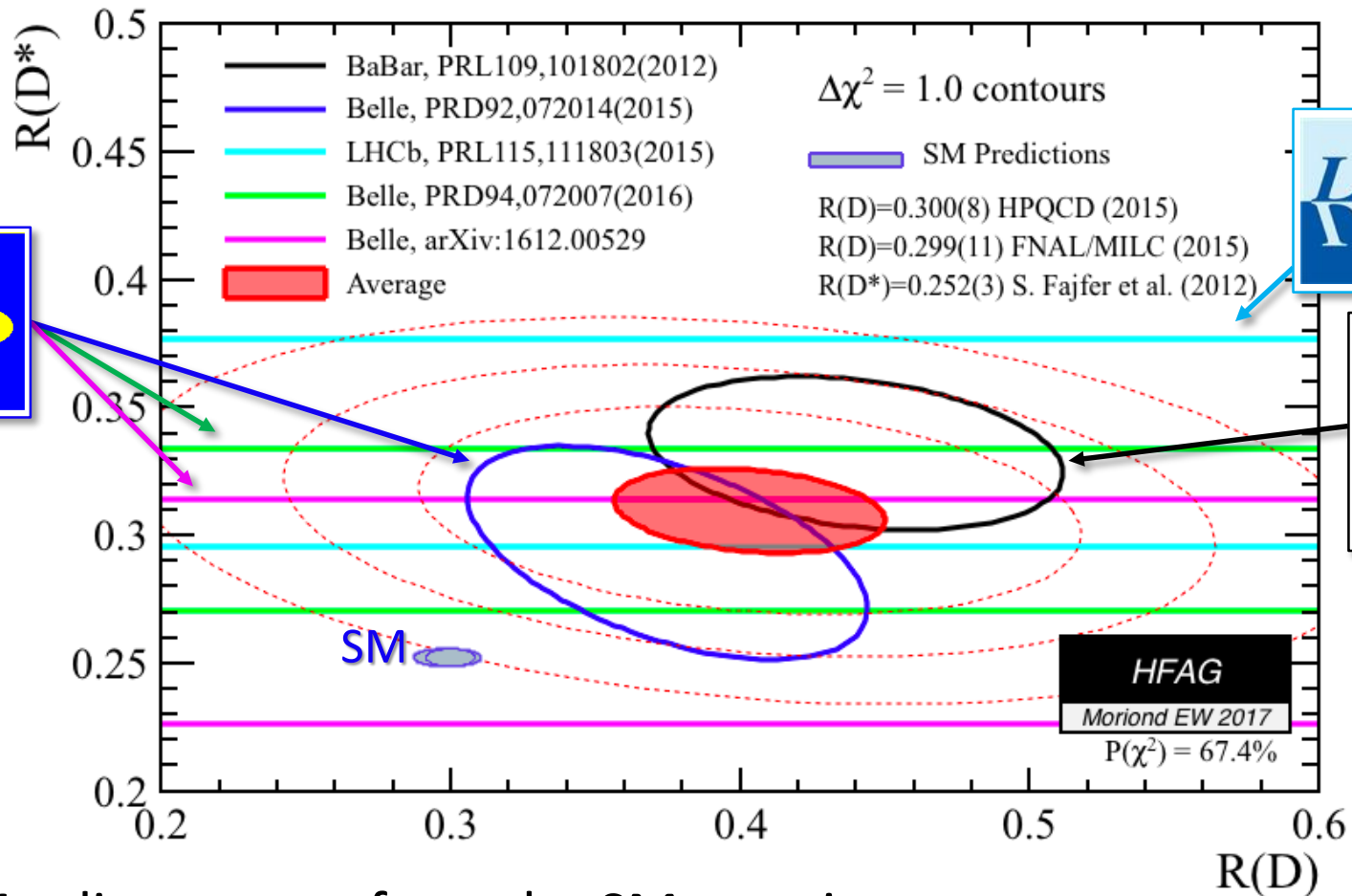
Compatibility with the SM within 0.4σ

■ Result (2)



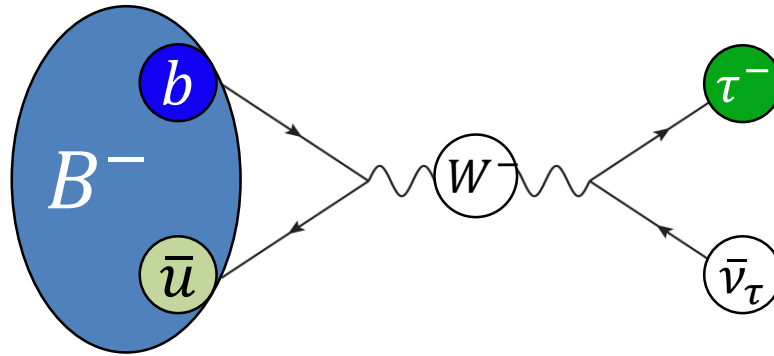
- Result is consistent with the SM within 0.4σ
- Excludes $P_\tau(D^*) > +0.5$ at 90% C.L. → **First result of $P_\tau(D^*)$**
- First $R(D^*)$ measurement only with hadronic τ decays
 - Precision of 16%; comparable to the previous measurements (9-14%)

■ $R(D^{(*)})$ by HFAG



- $\sim 4\sigma$ discrepancy from the SM remains
 - All the experiments show the larger $R(D^{(*)})$ than the SM
- More precise measurements at Belle II and LHCb are essential

■ $B^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$



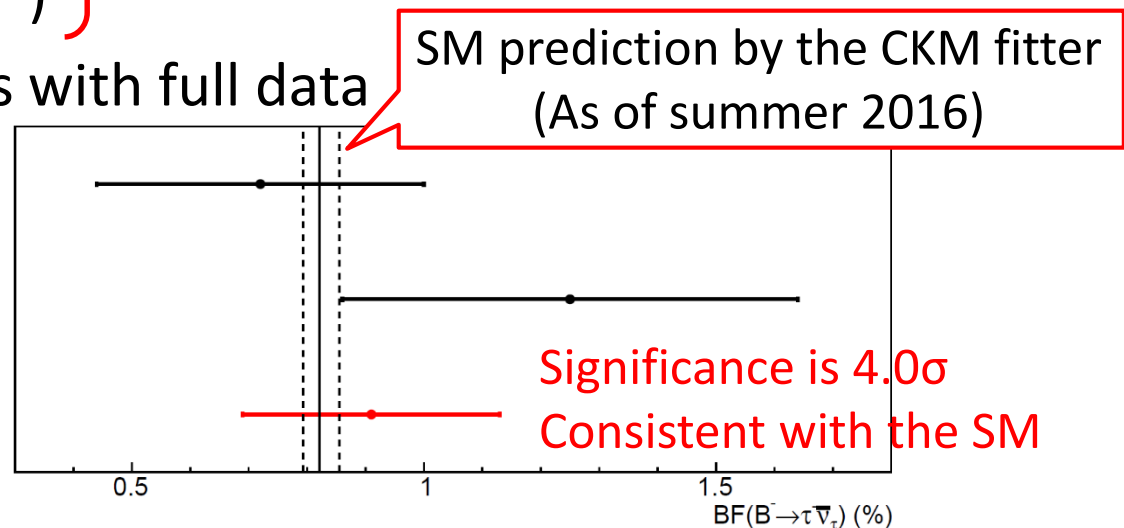
$$BF(B^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{\text{SM}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_B m_\tau^2}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2 \tau_B$$

- Contains a τ lepton
 - Rare decay at $O(10^{-4})$
 - Two measurements with full data
- } Good probe for NP coupling to τ

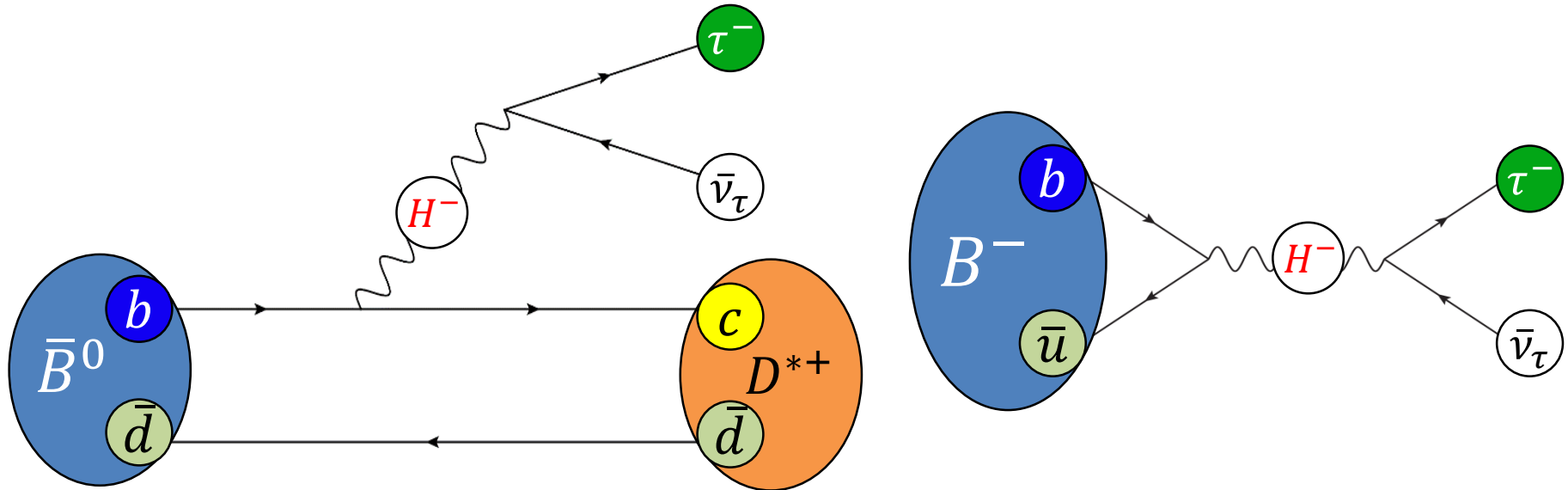
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 131801 \(2013\)](#)
(Hadronic tagging)

[Phys. Rev. D 92, 051102 \(R\) \(2015\)](#)
(Semileptonic tagging)

Belle average



■ Charged Higgs in Type-II 2HDM (1)



- Charged Higgs appears in the Two Higgs Doublet Model
 - Large coupling to the τ lepton
- Contribution from Type-II 2HDM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F V_{ib} \left[\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}} - m_b m_\tau \frac{\tan^2 \beta}{m_{H^\pm}^2} \mathcal{O}_S \right] \begin{cases} i = c \text{ for } \bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau \\ i = u \text{ for } B^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau \end{cases}$$

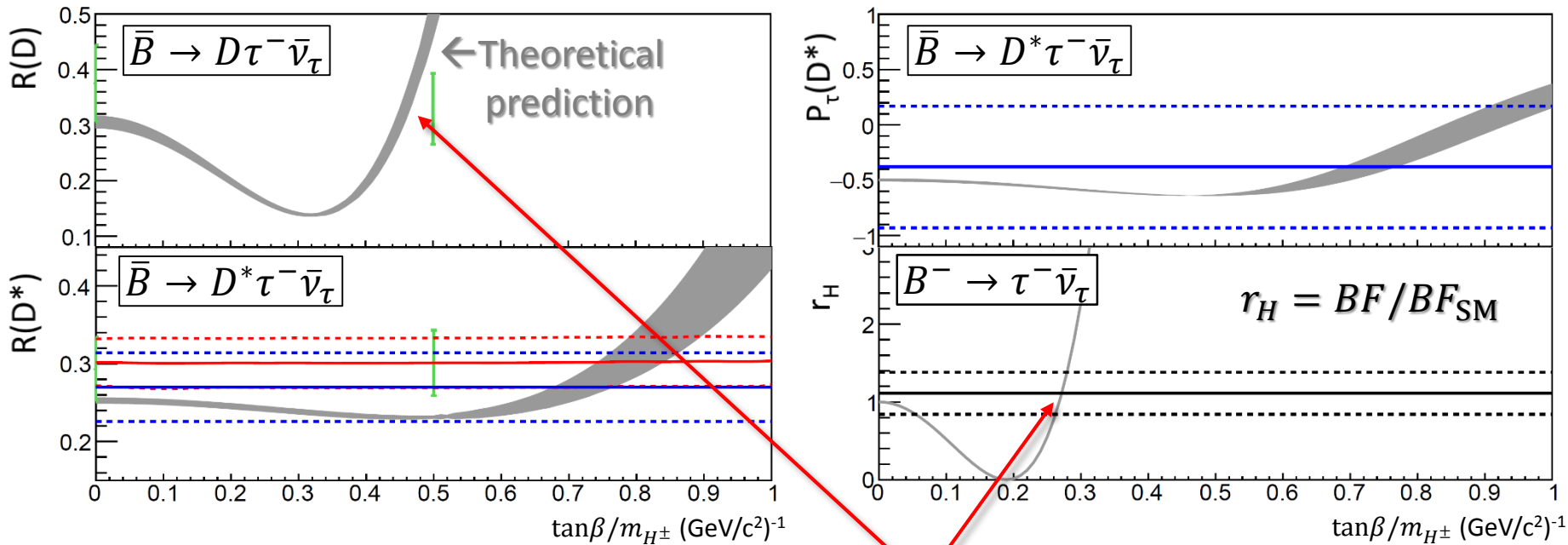
Ratio of VEV in two Higgs doublets

[M. Tanaka and R. Watanabe, Phys. Rev. D 87, 034028 \(2013\)](#)

[W.-S. Hou, Phys. Rev. D 48, 2342 \(1993\)](#)

Both modes have negative interference of charged Higgs with the SM

Charged Higgs in Type-II 2HDM (2)



- + $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau$ with had. tag and $\tau^- \rightarrow l^-\bar{\nu}_l\nu_\tau$
- $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^*\tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau$ with semilep. tag
- $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^*\tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau$ with had. tag and $\tau^- \rightarrow h^-\nu_\tau$
- $B^- \rightarrow \tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau$ with had. tag + semilep. tag

Favored regions seem inconsistent

- All the results are consistent with, but always larger than the SM
- Large value of $\tan\beta/m_{H^\pm}$ seems disfavored

■ Summary

- $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$ and $B^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$ are interesting modes in terms of sensitivity to NP such as charged Higgs
- Belle released two new measurements for $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$ in 2016
 - First application of semileptonic tagging to the $R(D^*)$ measurement
 - First measurement of $P_\tau(D^*)$ by hadronic tag + $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau, \rho^- \nu_\tau$
- The results for (semi-)tauonic decays at Belle are close to the SM
 - However, world-average $R(D^{(*)})$ including results from BaBar and LHCb shows $\sim 4\sigma$ deviation from the SM

Important to improve precision at Belle II