

# SEARCH FOR $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$ LEPTON FLAVOUR VIOLATING DECAYS AND MEASUREMENT OF THE SVD SPATIAL RESOLUTION AT BELLE II EXPERIMENT

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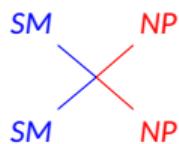
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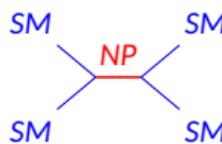


# The Standard Model of Particle Physics

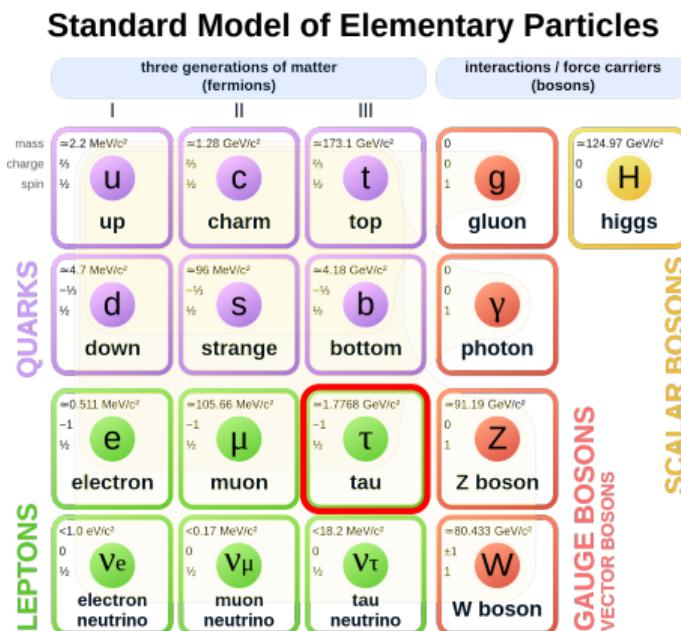
- The **Standard Model (SM)** is the best description of interactions between particles
  - SM describes the particles by quantum fields in interaction
  - Nevertheless, the **SM is still incomplete:**
    - Dark matter and energy
    - Matter-antimatter asymmetry
    - Neutrino oscillations and masses...
  - All these phenomena are clues to the existence of **physics beyond the standard model**



## Direct searches in energy frontier



Indirect searches in  
**intensity frontier**



## Lepton Flavours in the Standard Model

**Lepton Numbers** denotes which particles are leptons and which particles are not

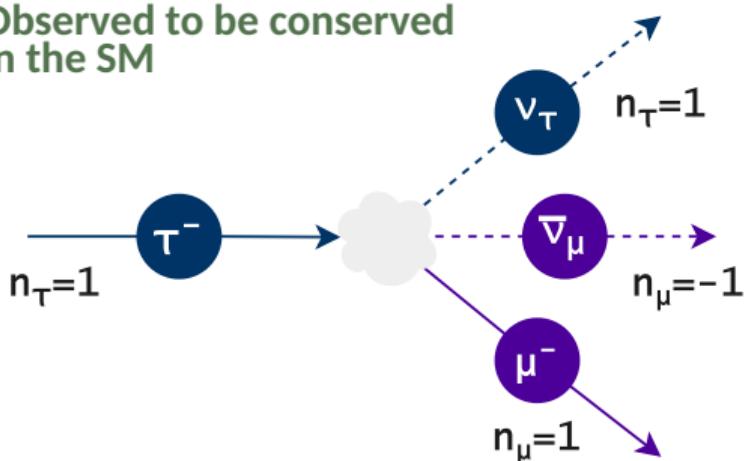
$$L_e = 1 \quad L_\mu = 1 \quad L_\tau = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_e = -1 \quad L_\mu = -1 \quad L_\tau = -1$$

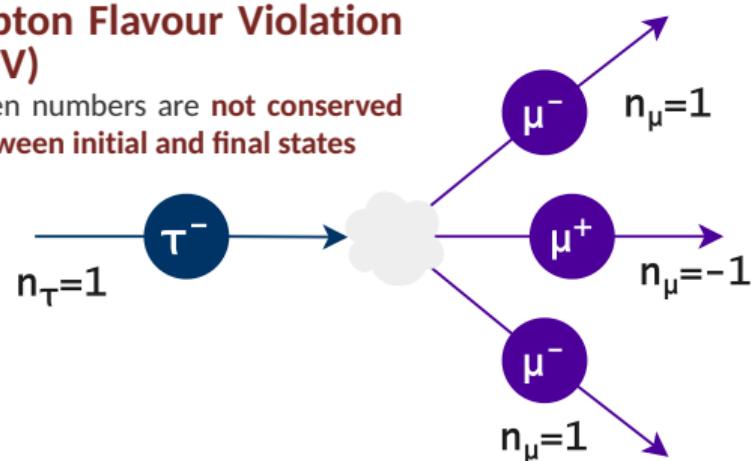
$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_e \\ e^+ \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_\mu \\ \mu^+ \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_\tau \\ \tau^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

## Observed to be conserved in the SM



## Lepton Flavour Violation (LFV)

when numbers are **not conserved**  
**between initial and final states**



Lepton Flavours in the Standard Model - Neutrino sector

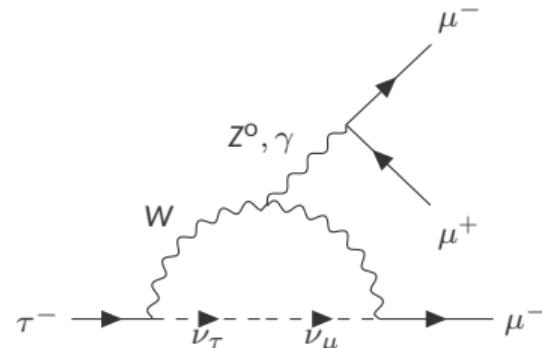
## Neutrino oscillations

- The only source of lepton flavour violation in the Standard Model.
  - First evidence in 1998 by **Super-Kamiokande**.
  - Described by the Pontecorvo–Maki–Nakagawa–Sakata **PMNS matrix**.
  - **Consequences:**
    - neutrinos have masses,
    - neutrinos flavour oscillates.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{PMNS matrix}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Masses}}$$

Charged Lepton Flavour violation in the SM

- Neutrino oscillations introduce Flavour-Changing Neutral Currents via  $W^\pm$  boson loops.
  - Processes heavily suppressed, decay rates below  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-50})$ .

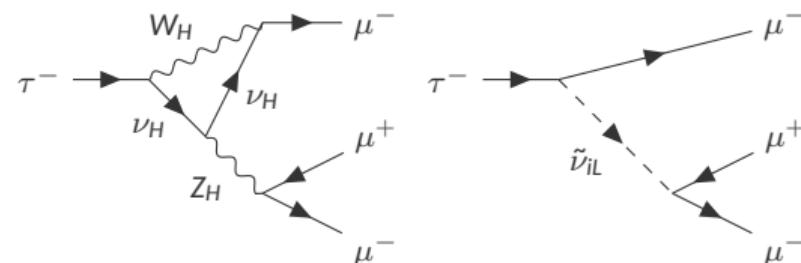




## The $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ LFV decays Beyond the Standard Model

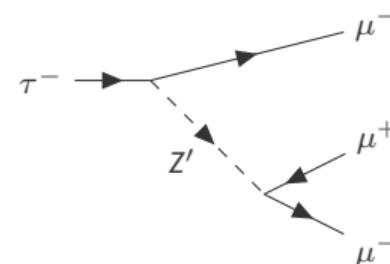
The  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  LFV decay appears in many New Physics models as:

New Physics models	Largest allowed branching fraction
Littlest Higgs with T-parity	$10^{-8}$
R-parity violating SUSY	$10^{-8}$
Non-universal Z'	$10^{-8}$
MSSM + seesaw	$10^{-9}$
SUSY SO(10)	$10^{-10}$
SUSY Higgs	$10^{-10}$
SM + seesaw	$10^{-10}$
V(1) Leptoquarks	$10^{-12}$



Littlest Higgs with T-parity

R-parity violating SUSY



### Non-universal Z'

**Strength:** purely muonic final state  $\Rightarrow$  small background



## Searches for LFV in $\tau$ decays at colliders

## Current status

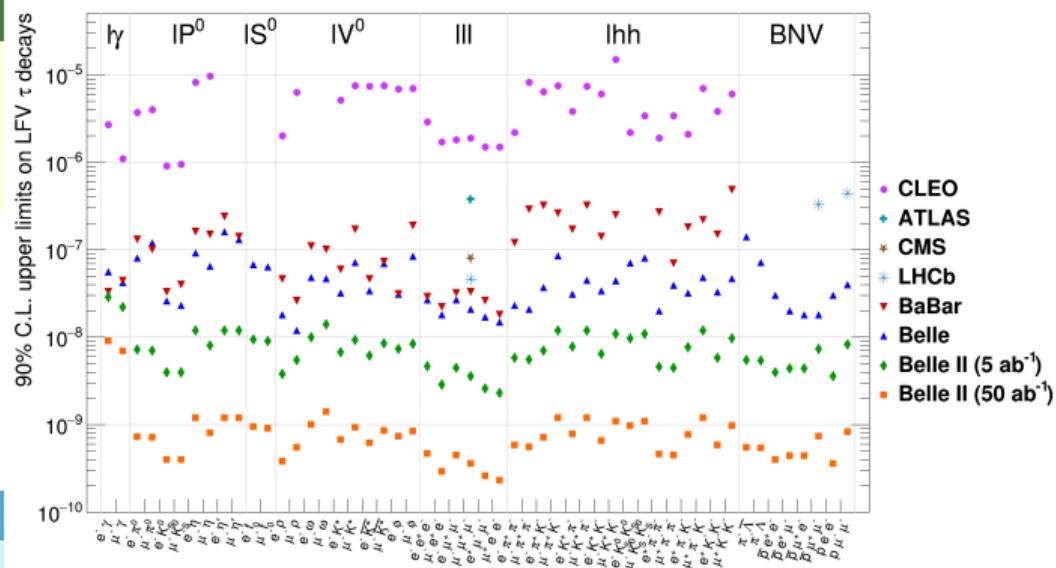
Around 50  $\tau$  LFV channels have been studied in the past two decades; the best upper limits on branching fractions are set by the Belle experiment ( $10^{-8} - 10^{-7}$  range).

Upper limits on  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  at 90% CL ( $\times 10^{-8}$ )

Belle 782 fb <sup>-1</sup>	Babar 468 fb <sup>-1</sup>	LHCb 3 fb <sup>-1</sup>	ATLAS 20.3 fb <sup>-1</sup>	CMS 131 fb <sup>-1</sup>
2.1	3.3	4.6	38	2.9

## Belle II Prospects

Belle II is expected to **improve current limits by at least 1 order of magnitude** ⇒ sensitive to some NP models.



Banerjee et al., 2022a; Kou et al., 2019a

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## SuperKEKB status

SuperKEKB:

- $e^+e^-$  collider with  $E_{CM} = \sqrt{s} = 10.58$  GeV,  
 $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance
  - Currently hold **world highest instantaneous luminosity**  $4.7 \times 10^{34}$  cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$

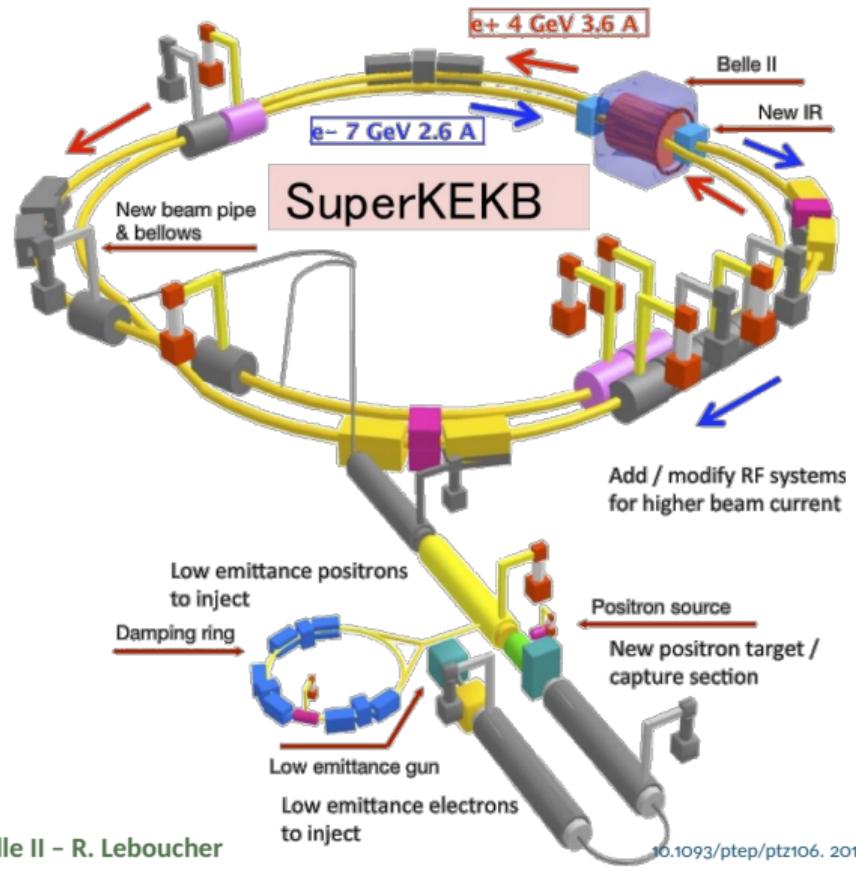
**Status:** First long shutdown since July 2022,  $424 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected by Belle II since 2019  
 → including  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @  $\Upsilon(4S)$

## SuperKEKB advantages for $\tau$ physics:

- $e^+e^-$  collision:
    - Well-defined kinematics of initial state
    - Clean environment; small pile-up
    - High tau-pair production:

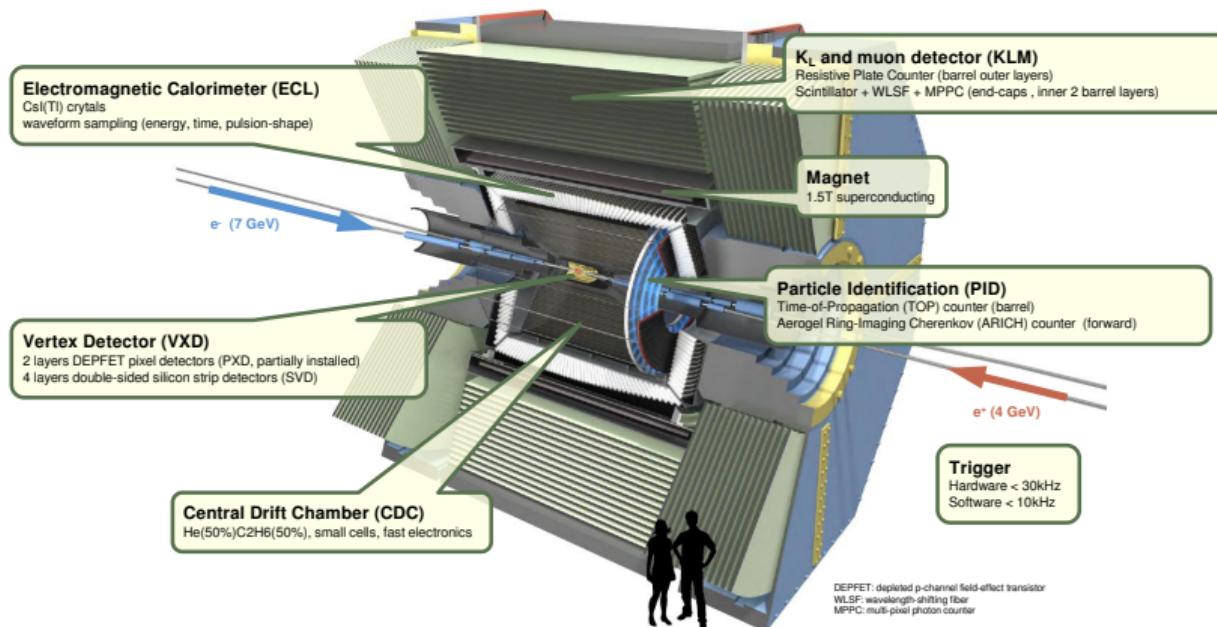
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = 0.92 \text{ nb}$$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}) = 1.05 \text{ nb}$$





Belle II Detector



## Belle II important features for $\tau$ physics:

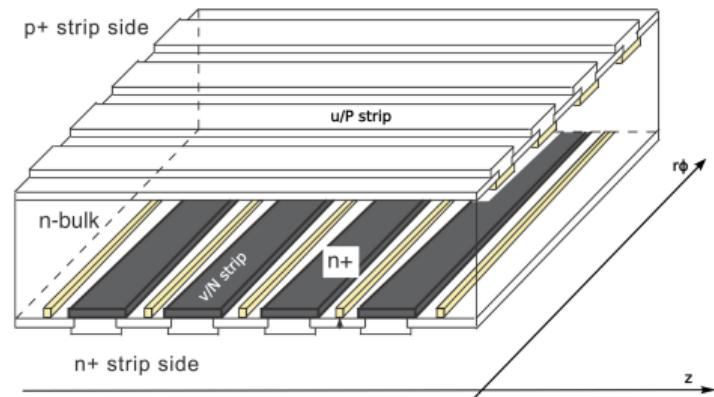
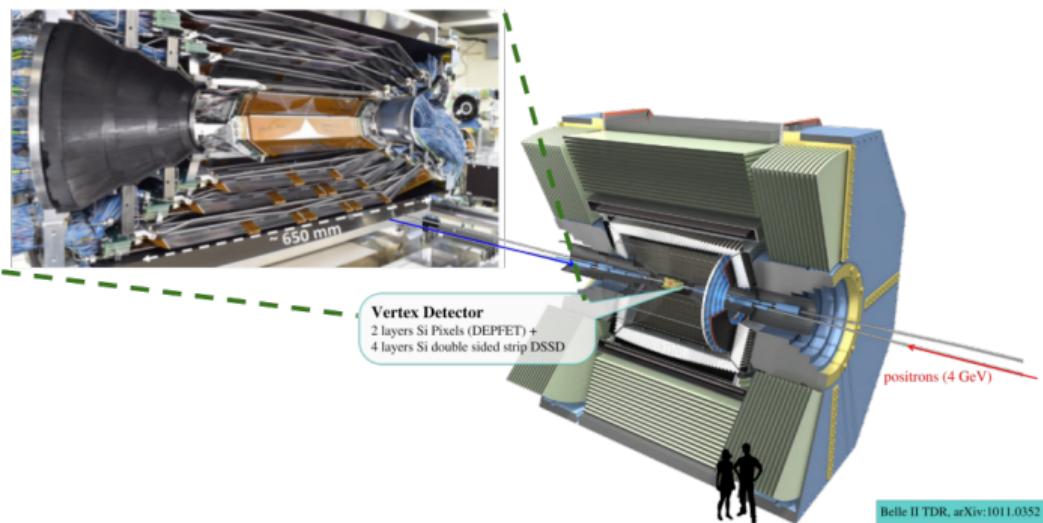
- Hermetic detector:  
good missing  
energy  
reconstruction
  - Special triggers  
dedicated dedicated  
to low track  
multiplicity events
  - Excellent vertexing  
and tracking  
capabilities

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## The Silicon Vertex Detector (SVD)

The Belle II Vertex Detector is composed of 2 layers (1 to 2) of pixels and 4 layers (3 to 6) of **double-sided silicon strip sensors** with radii from 39 mm to 135 mm



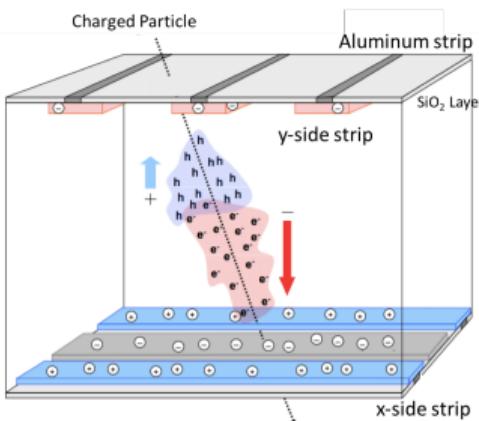
u/P side along  $r\phi$ -direction  
v/N side along z-direction

### Spatial resolution is crucial to:

- Provide best quality track reconstruction
- Correctly propagate uncertainty on hit's position to track parameters

## Cluster position and resolution

- Charged particles passing cross sensors and **create electron-hole pairs**
  - Electrons (holes) are **collected by a cluster of strips**



Define the **cluster position** ( $m$ ) by:

$$m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N X_i S_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N S_i},$$

- $N$  is the number of strips in the cluster
  - $S_i$  is the collected charge by a strip
  - $X_i$  is the position of the strip

**Digital resolution** (design) obtained from **pitch** (distance between two strips):

$$\sigma_{digital} = \frac{Pitch}{2\sqrt{12}}$$

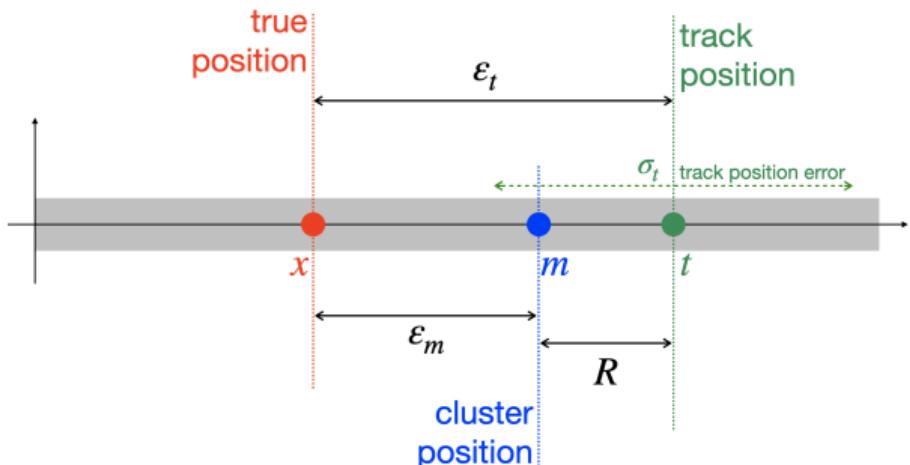
The spatial resolution is defined as:

$$\sigma_{true}^2 \equiv E[(x - m)^2]$$

where  $x$  is the true hit position

**True hit position is only known in simulation**

## Cluster position and resolution



Quantities linked to SVD hits used to measure the spatial resolution  $\sigma_{cl}$  in data:

- $x$  the true position (**only available in simulations**)
  - $m$  the position of a cluster
  - $t$  the **unbiased extrapolated track position**

Defined residual  $R$ :

$$R \equiv m - t$$



## Overlapped sensor method

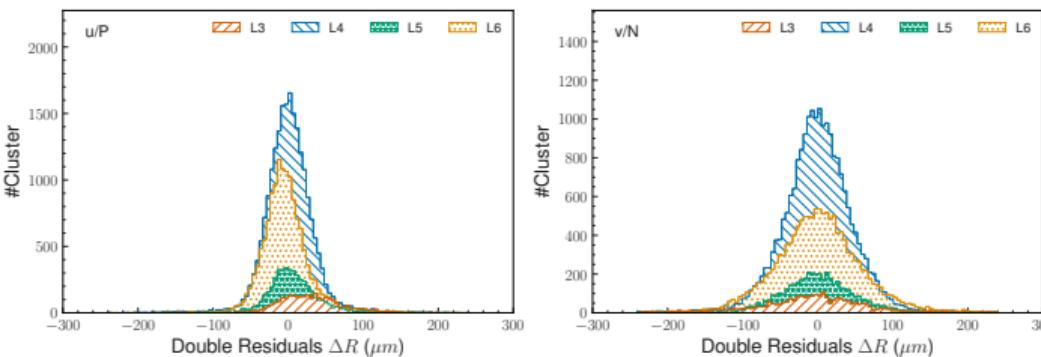
#### **Overlapped sensor method (adapted from CMS):**

- Select tracks with two hits on the same layer and consecutive ladders
  - Compare residuals computed for the pair of overlapping ladders, double residuals:

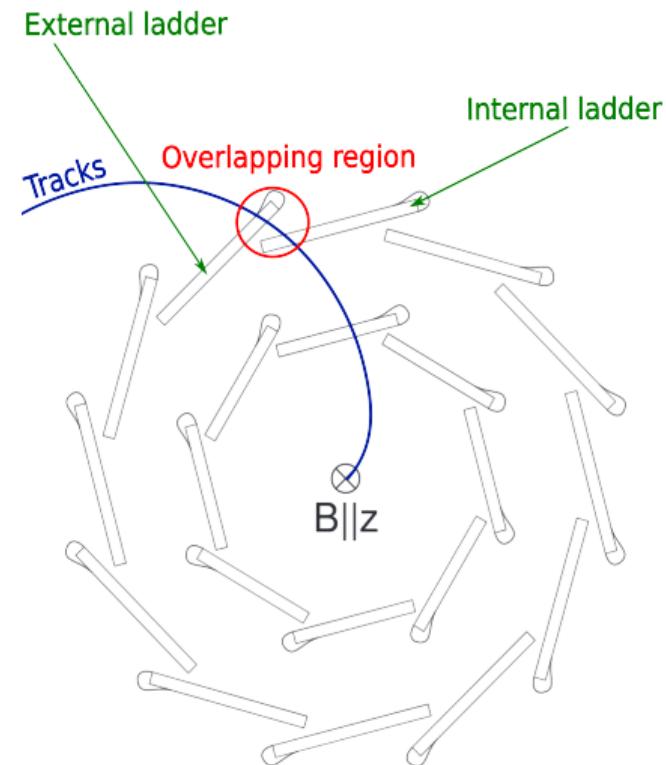
$$\Delta R = R_{int} - R_{ext}.$$

- ### ■ Spatial resolution ( $\sigma_{cl}$ ):

$$\sigma_{cl}^2 = \text{Var}(\Delta R),$$



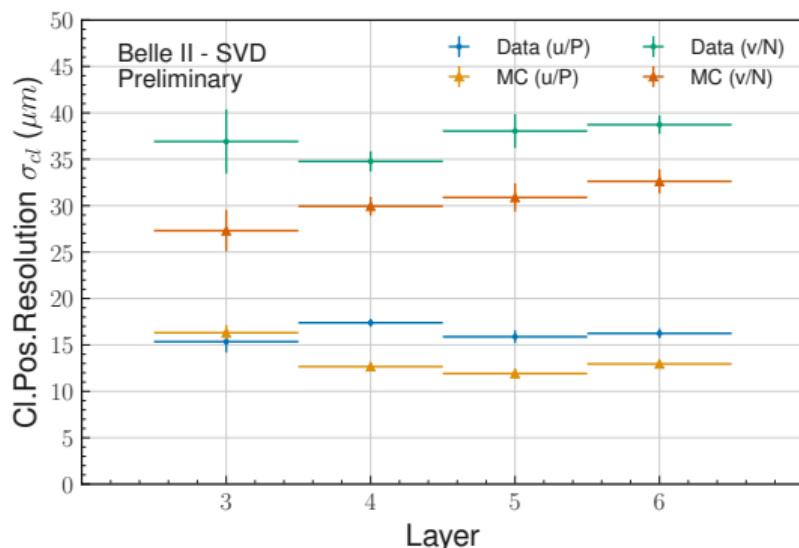
- Apply geometrical correction due to non-parallel sensors
  - Extract the variance with sigma-68 estimator of a Student-T distribution fit  
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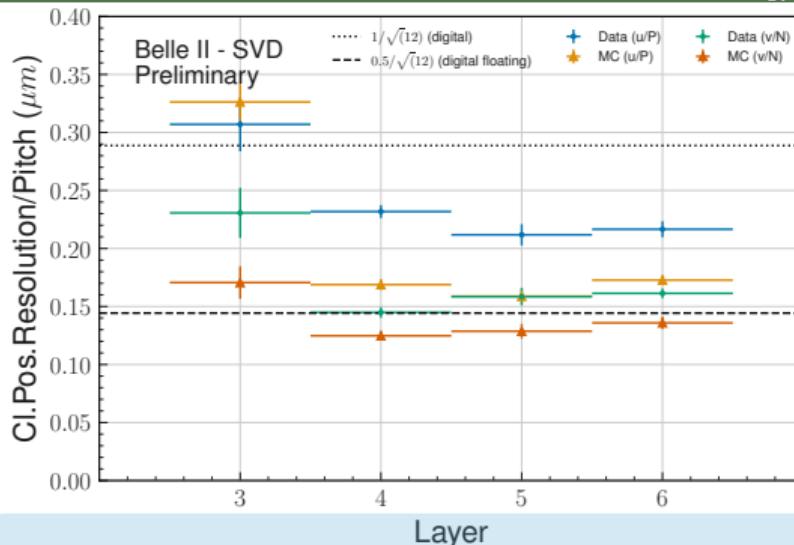
## Results on the spatial resolution

### Measured resolutions on data



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### To conclude:

- First try of overlapped sensor method in Belle II in complement to other methods (with lower estimated resolution)
  - Not sensitive to Coulomb scattering and tracking uncertainty
  - Limited range of incident angle

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## Analysis strategy

Aim: observe the  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay or set an upper limit on the branching fraction

$$\mathcal{B}_{\textbf{UL}}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{s_{\textbf{UL}}}{\mathcal{L} \times 2\sigma_{\tau^-\tau^+} \times \varepsilon_{\textbf{sig}}}$$

Needed parameters:

- $s_{UL}$ : the upper limit on the difference between observed and expected data yields  $N_{obs} - N_{exp}$ ,
  - $\mathcal{L}$ : integrated luminosity of Belle II data ( $424 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ),
  - $\sigma_{\tau^-\tau^+} \simeq 0.919 \text{ nb}$ : tau-pair production cross-section,
  - $\varepsilon_{sig}$ : absolute signal efficiency → estimated in simulation.

Strategy

1. Untagged events reconstruction
  2. Background rejection  
(optimised on the  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1} \Upsilon(4S)$  sample)

- Cut-based preselections
  - Boosted Decision Tree classifier

Following the Punzi's figure of merit:

$$FOM = \frac{\varepsilon_{sig}}{3/2 + \sqrt{N_{bkg}}}$$

3. Estimation of surviving background in data (generalized on the  $424 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  full sample)
  4. Estimation of systematic uncertainties
  5. Computation of the expected upper-limit on branching fraction

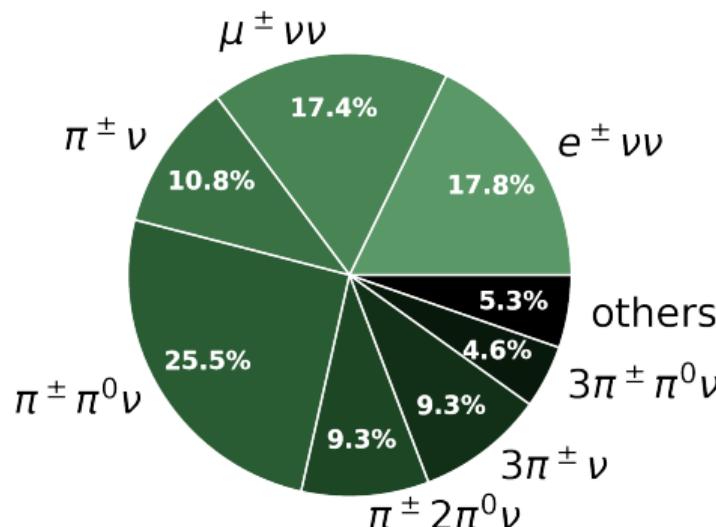


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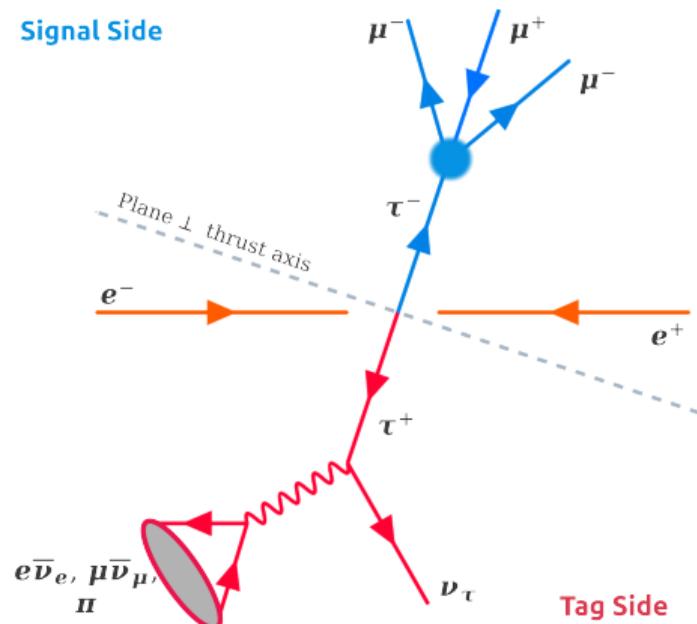
## Belle & BaBar tagged strategy

Reconstruct  $\tau$  pair events with an tagged strategy:

- **Signal side:** one  $\tau$  decay into three muons
  - **Opposite side:** oppositely charged  $\tau$  (**tag**) constrained to 1-prong decays
    - only events with exactly 4 tracks



Signal Side



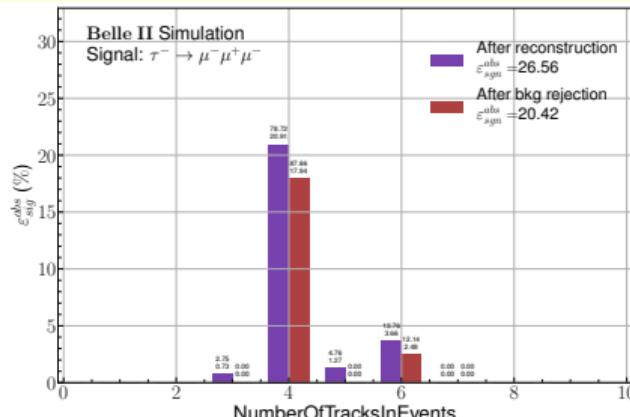


## Tau → 3 muons event reconstruction - Untagged strategy

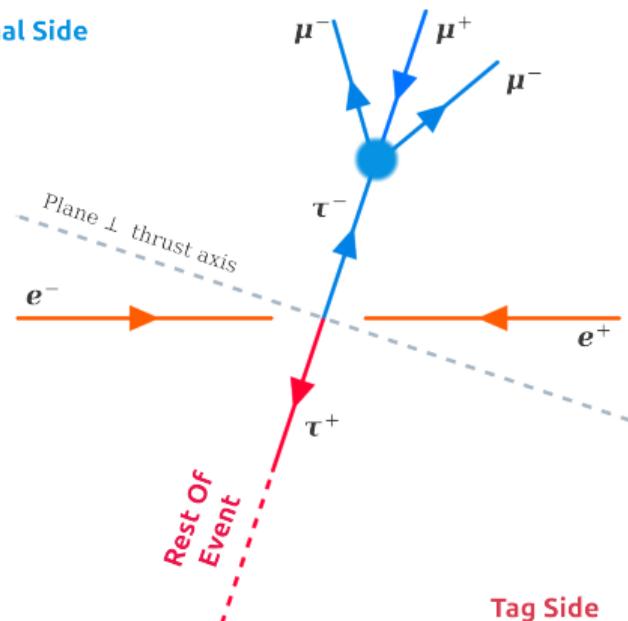
## Belle II strategy

## Reconstruct tau-pair events with an untagged strategy:

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    - decays of  $\tau_{\text{tag}}$  into 3-prong ( $\mathcal{B} \sim 15\%$ ),
    - events with missing or additional track(s)...
  - **But increase background contamination mainly:**  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}, \tau^-\tau^+, \mu^-\mu^+, \ell^-\ell^+\mu^-\mu^+$ .



## Signal Side





## Tau → 3 muons event reconstruction - Event requirements

## Events reconstruction strategy

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## Track requirements

- Tracks coming from the interaction point
  - Tracks identified as muons (likelihood-based)

## Event requirements:

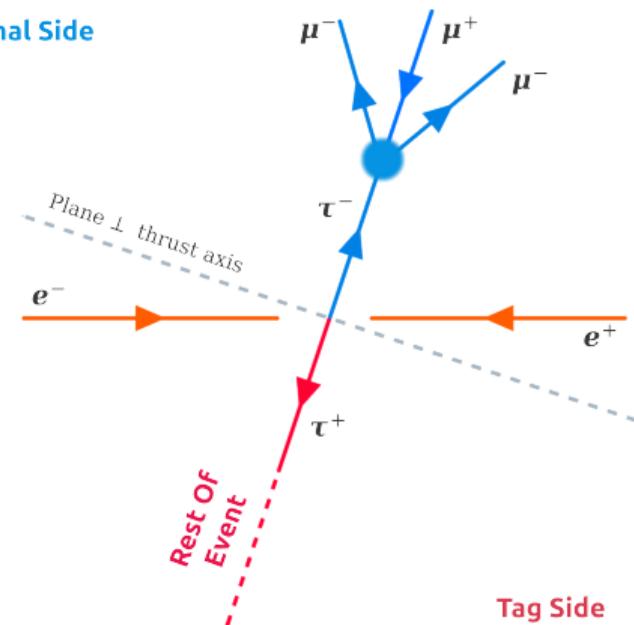
- Three muons in the same hemisphere, defined by the thrust

$$T = \max_{n_T} \left( \frac{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_T|}{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|} \right)$$

- Pass trigger requirements

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Signal Side



$\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}$ (%)	$N_{bkg}$	$N_{\tau\tau}$	$N_{q\bar{q}}$	$N_{\mu\mu}$	$N_{\ell\ell\mu\mu}$
34.35	1819.67	6.15	842.73	157.38	807.17

For 362 fb<sup>-1</sup>

## Signal Region in $M_{3\mu}$ ; $\Delta E_{3\mu}$ 2D plane

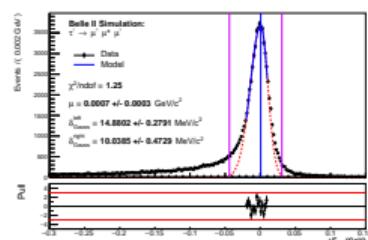
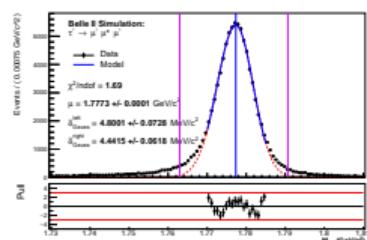
Measure resolutions to define **region** around **signal** centered at:

$$M_{3\mu} \simeq 1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

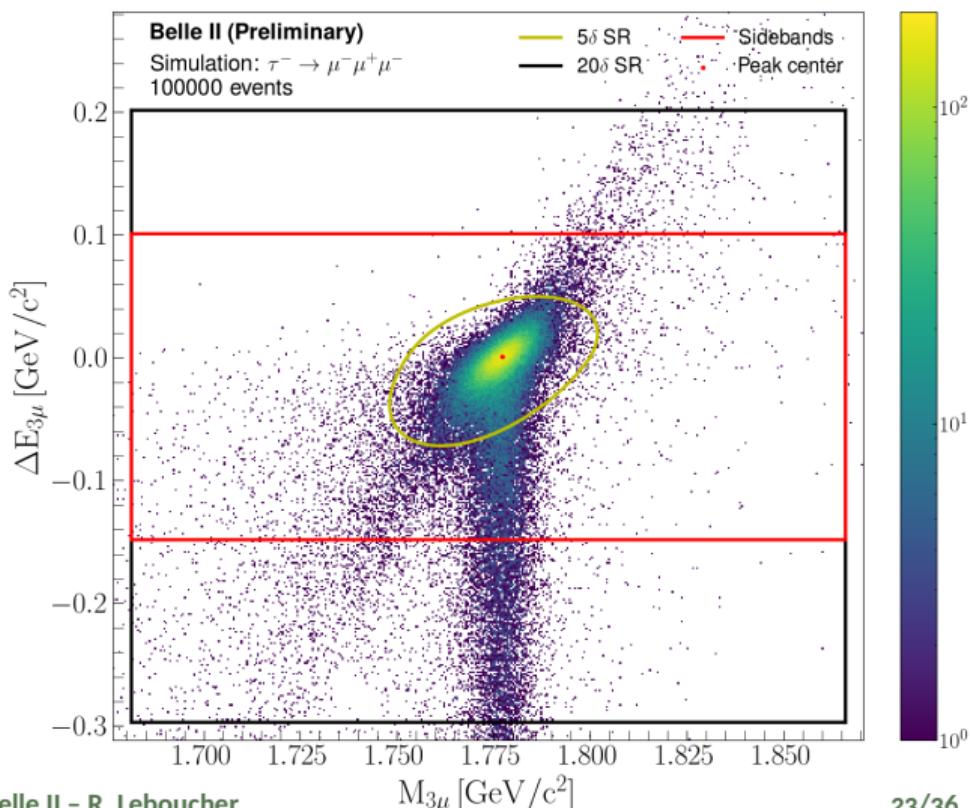
and  $\Delta E_{3\mu} = E_{3\mu}^{\text{CM}} - \sqrt{s}/2 \simeq 0 \text{ GeV}$

Fit  $M_{2,1}$  and  $\Delta E_{2,1}$

- ### ■ Asymmetric Gaussian: on a limited range for the peak



- **2 $\delta$ SR:** To optimise background rejection and train the BDT
  - **5 $\delta$ SR:** Final yields estimation

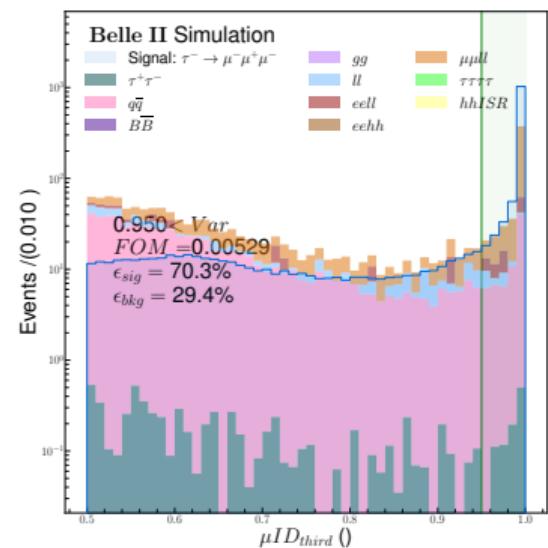
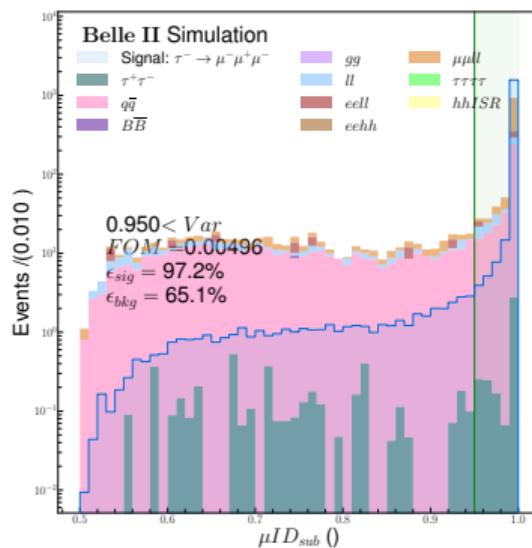
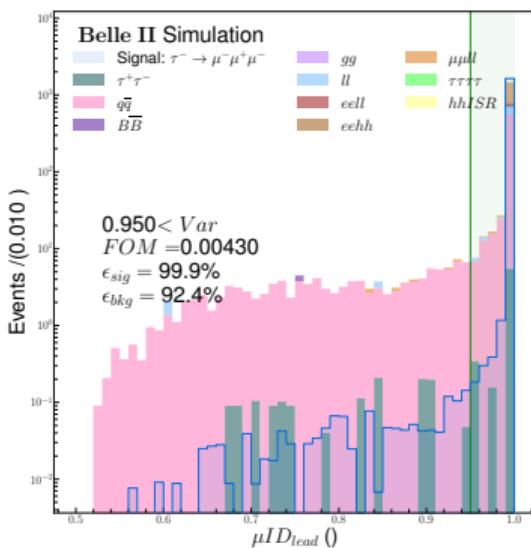


# Cut-based preselections – Muon identification selection

## Muon identification selection:

- Rank the three muons according to muonID,
- Only cut on leading and subleading muonID.

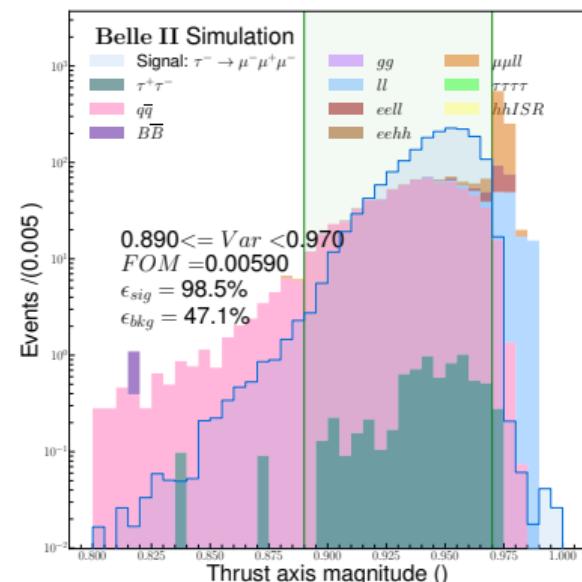
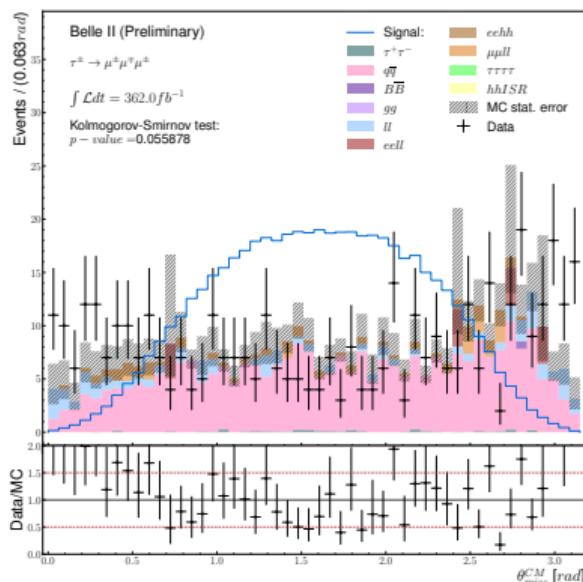
$$\epsilon_{sig} = 32.12\% \quad N_{bkg} = 1043$$



Cut-based preselections - Additional selections

### Cut-based preselections to reject:

- missing di-photons events in the simulation
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+, \ell^-\ell^+\mu^-\mu^+$  backgrounds



Preselection	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}$ (%)	$N_{bkg}$	$N_{\tau\tau}$	$N_{q\bar{q}}$	$N_{\mu\mu}$	$N_{\ell\ell\mu\mu}$
$0.3 < \text{theta}_{miss}^{\text{CM}} < 2.7$ $0.89 < \text{Thrust} < 0.97$	24.32	253.74	2.05	220.12	2.06	29.51

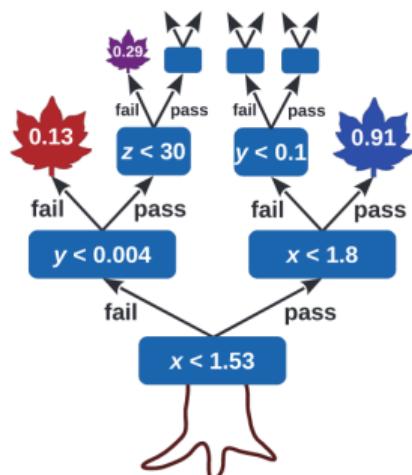
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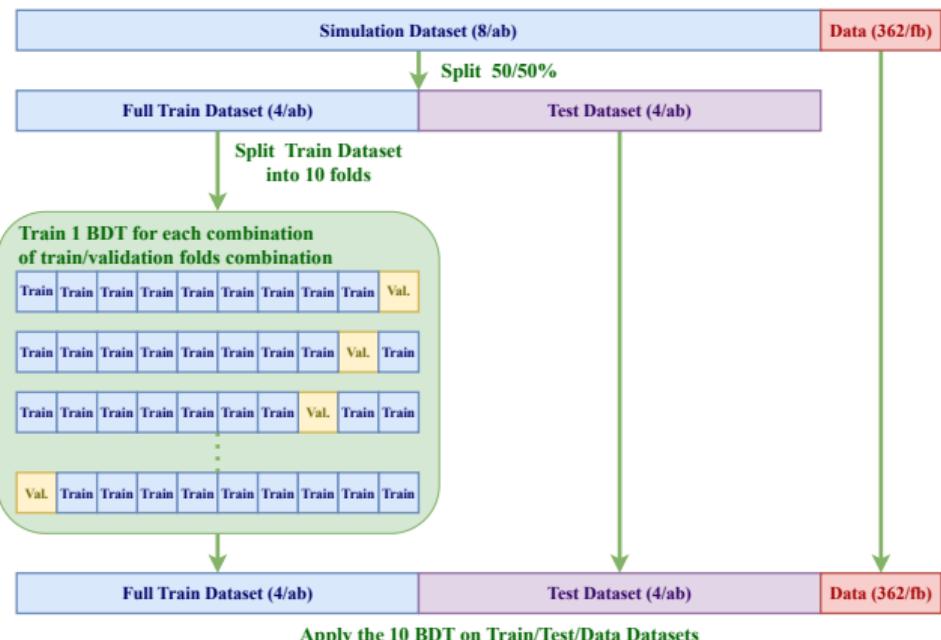
## Boosted Decision Tree Classifier (BDT) - Algorithm

**Remaining background:  $q\bar{q}$  and tau pair  $\Rightarrow$  Rejected by Boosted Decision Tree classifier**

**BDT classifiers are machine learning algorithms** utilising **multiple decision trees** to create a highly accurate predictive model.



- Using python's **XGBoost** library for BDT
  - Using python's **Optuna** library for optimization over 100 hyper-parameters setups



## Boosted Decision Tree Classifier (BDT) – Input variables

**Use 32 inputs variables containing:**

**Rest Of Event (ROE):** combines all non-signal tracks and remaining ECL clusters,

**Missing momentum:** difference between the beam and the sum of all particles momenta,

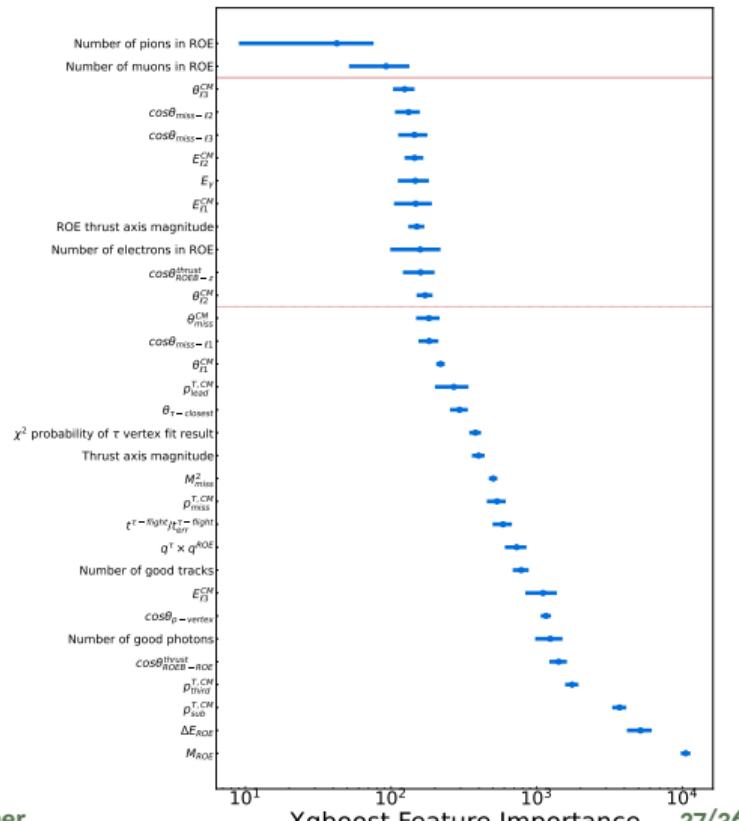
**Topology:** thrust and angles,

**Ranked transverse momenta of the three muons,**

**Charged and neutral particles multiplicities.**

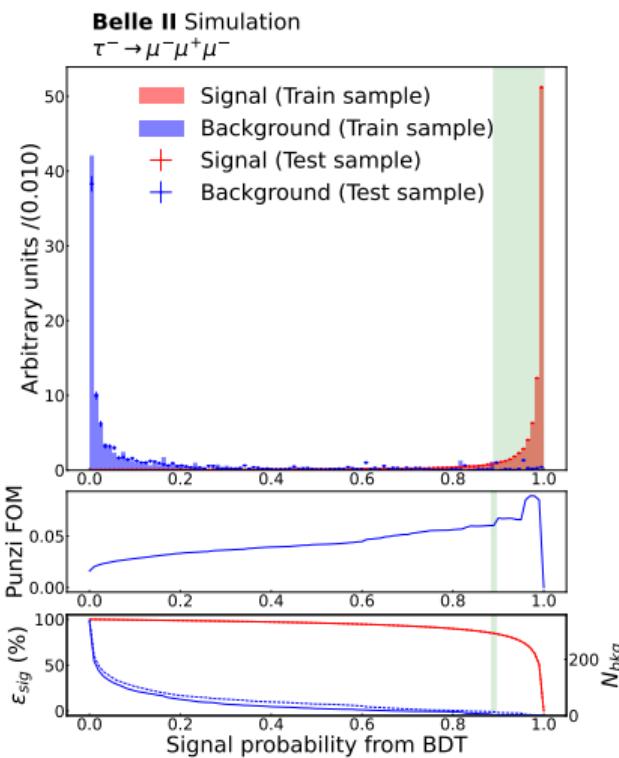
Variable selected following 3 criteria:

- importance in the BDT
- low correlation with  $M_{3\mu}$  and  $\Delta E_{3\mu}$
- data/simulation agreement



# Boosted Decision Tree Classifier (BDT) – BDT Output

Averaged BDT's output scores in  $\pm 20\delta$  SR box



Low background statistic in the SR  $\Rightarrow$  Modify the BDT output and SR cut optimisation to minimize the sensitivity to fluctuations

We assume the background is uniformly distributed in the SR plane:

1. Try a cut on BDT output in the  $\pm 20\delta$  SR box of area  $\mathcal{A}_{20\delta}$
2. Number of surviving background events in  $\pm n\delta$  SR ellipse of area  $\mathcal{A}_{n\delta}$ :

$$N_{bkg} = N_{bkg}^{20\delta} \times \mathcal{A}_{n\delta} / \mathcal{A}_{20\delta}$$

3. Keep the selection that maximizes Punzi's FOM

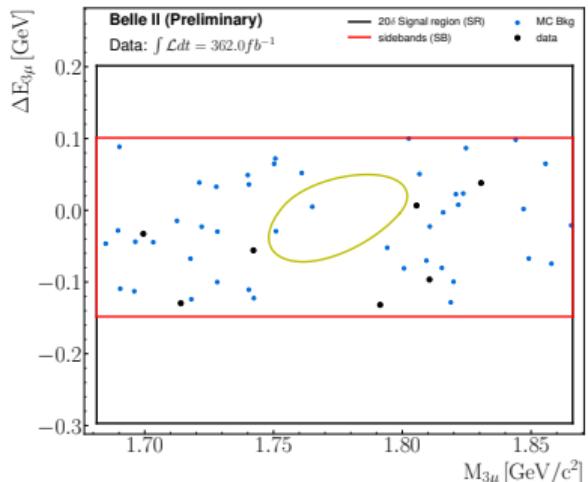
### Final selection:

- $\mu ID_{lead} > 0.95$
- $\mu ID_{sub} > 0.95$
- $\mu ID_{third} > 0.5$
- $0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$
- $0.89 < thrust < 0.97$
- $p_{BDT}^{Signal} > 0.9$
- 5 $\delta$  ellipse region

	Test
$\varepsilon_{sig}$ (%)	21.76
$N_{bkg}$ for $362\text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.16
$N_{bkg}$ for $4\text{ ab}^{-1}$	$2 (q\bar{q})$

## Data/Simulation Comparison – Sidebands

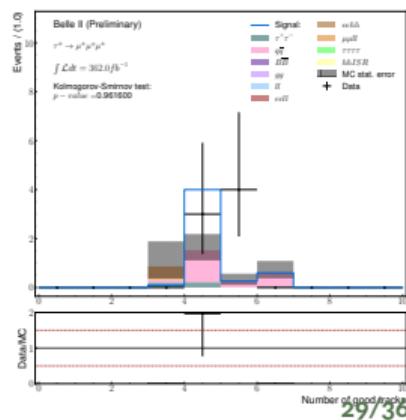
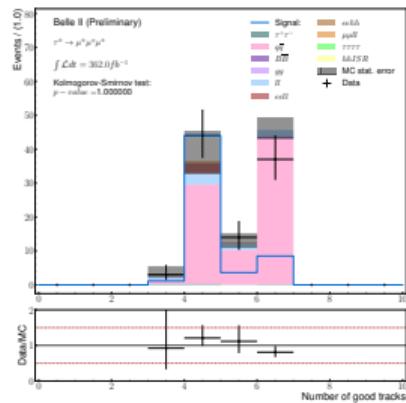
**Check the Data/Simulation agreement in blind sidebands region:  $\pm 20\delta M_{3\mu}$  and  $\pm 10\delta \Delta E_{3\mu}$  while  $\pm 5\delta$  box is blind.**



Following the Review Committee suggestions, we applied a requirement on the total event charge

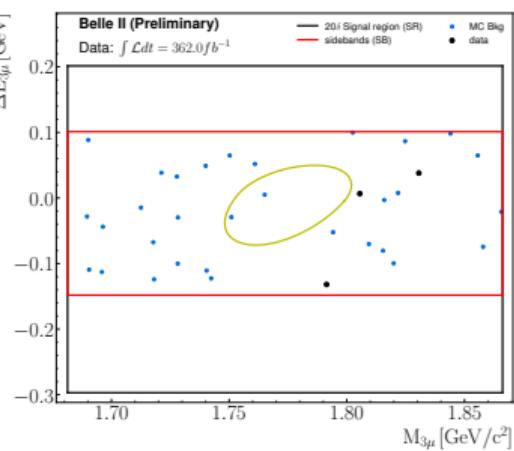
		After preselection
Simulation	121.13	$^{+9.8}_{-5.2}$
Data	98.0	$^{+10.9}_{-9.9}$

		After preselection + BDT
Simulation	3.29	$^{+1.24}_{-0.73}$
Data	7.0	$^{+3.77}_{-2.58}$



# Data/Simulation Comparison - Sidebands

**Check the Data/Simulation agreement with total charge requirement.**



After preselection

Simulation	96.39	+9.4
Data	80.0	+9.9
	-4.5	-8.9

After preselection +  
BDT

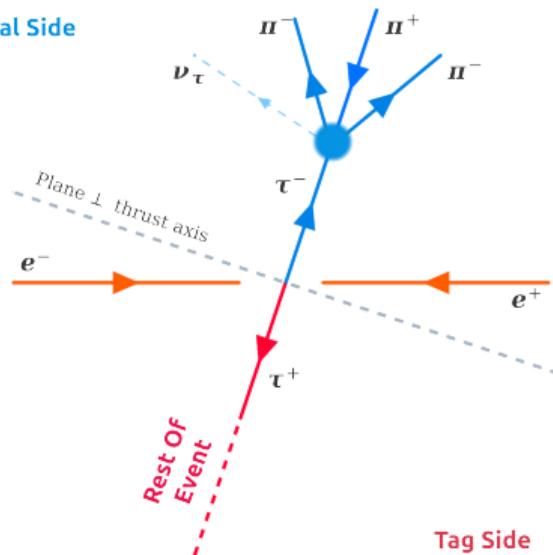
Simulation	2.05	+0.71
Data	3.0	+2.92
	-0.47	-1.63

Test	
$\varepsilon_{\text{sig}} (\%)$	20.42
$N_{\text{bkg}}$ for $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.16



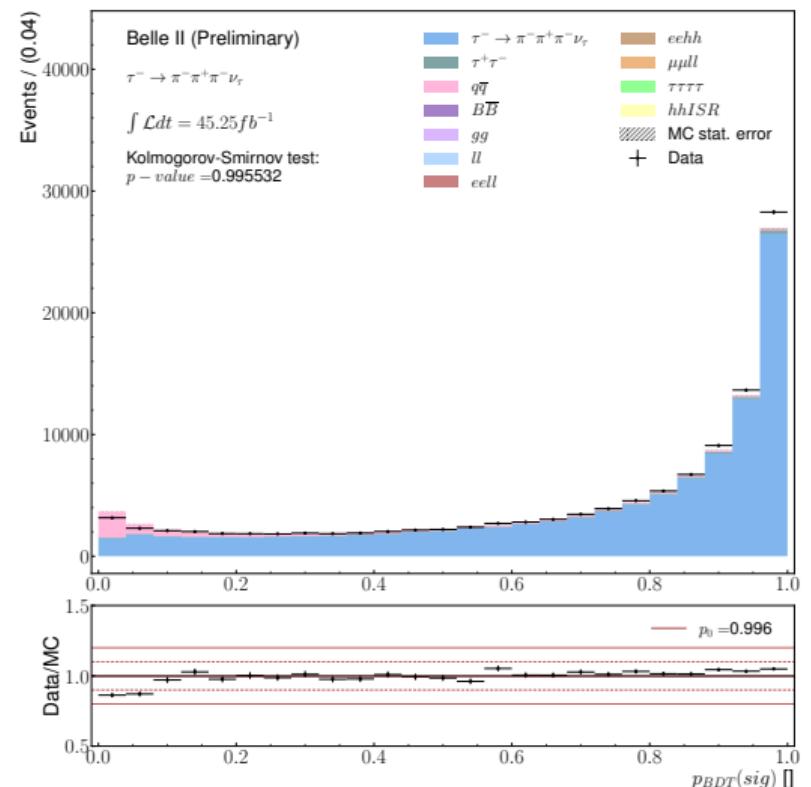
## Data/Simulation Comparison - $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\nu_\tau$ Control Sample

Signal Side

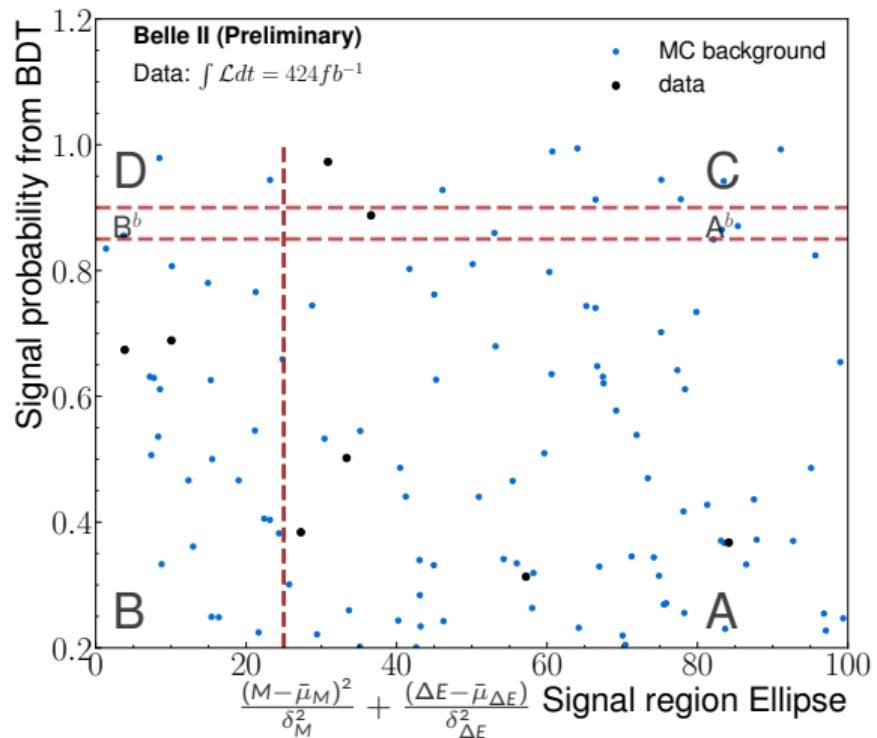


Similar reconstruction as  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Avoid unblinding by reverting muon by pion identification
  - Cut-based selection to purify signal  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\nu_\tau$



# Background estimation in the signal region - Data-driven ABCD method



## ABCD method

### Fully data-driven method

1. Define a 2D plane: Distance from the peaking signal in SR plane VS BDT output
2. Define 4 regions ABCD  
 $D = \pm 5\delta$  SR with  $p(BDT) > 0.9$

$$N_D^{\text{expected}} = N_C \times R_{B/A}$$

$R_{B/A}$	$0.50^{+0.77}_{-0.40}$ stat
$N_C$	$1.00^{+2.30}_{-0.83}$
$N_D^{\text{expected}}$	$0.50^{+1.38}_{-0.50}$

Validated with simulations



## Systematic uncertainties

### Systematic uncertainties sources:

- **Particle identification efficiency:** (from Data/Simulation studies).
  - **Tracking efficiency:** (from Data/Simulation studies) from tracking performances.
  - **Trigger efficiency:** (from Data/Simulation studies) measured trigger efficiency relative to orthogonal lines.
  - **BDT selection:** (from Data/Simulation studies) BDT efficiency discrepancy.
  - **Luminosity and tau-pair production cross-section.**
  - **Momentum scale:** bias due to imperfect magnetic field used in data reconstruction.

Provided by the [collaboration](#).

Measured in  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\nu_\tau$  control sample.

### Systematic uncertainties:

Quantity	Source	Value	Relative Systematic uncertainties (%)	
			Low	High
$\varepsilon_{sig}$	PID	20.42%	2.106	2.359
	Tracking	20.42%	1.018	1.018
	Trigger	20.42%	0.7	0.7
	BDT	20.42%	1.5	1.5
$\mathcal{L}$		424	0.6	0.6
$\sigma_{\tau\tau}$		0.919	0.326	0.326
$N_{data}^{SB}$	Momentum Scale	1.00	2.13	1.06



## Computation of the upper-limit on branching fraction – $CL_s$ method

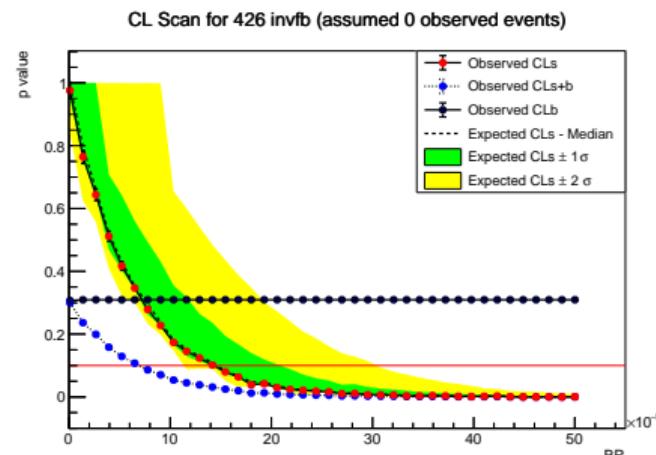
## Branching fraction inputs:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{s_{\text{UL}}}{\mathcal{L} \times 2\sigma_{\tau^-\tau^+} \times \varepsilon_{\text{sig}}}$$

Quantity	Value	Relative Error (%)			
		Statistical		Systematics	
		Low	High	Low	High
$\varepsilon_{sig}$	20.42%	0.294	0.294	2.865	3.056
$\mathcal{L} (fb^{-1})$	424	0.005	0.005	0.6	0.6
$\sigma_{\tau\tau} (nb)$	0.919	-	-	0.326	0.326
$N_{data}^{SB}$	1.00	83.0	230.0	2.13	1.06
$R_{B/A}$	0.5	80.0	154.0	-	-

### Compute upper-limit with CLs method

- Use RooStat library with generate 10k toys at each scanned points  $\mathcal{B}$
  - Not yet unblinded  $\Rightarrow$  assumes 0 observed events



### Expected upper-limit on branching fraction at 90% CL:

$$1.46 \times 10^{-8}$$

Belle with  $782 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\mathcal{B}_{UL}$	$\varepsilon_{sig}$ (%)	$N_{bkg}$	$N_{obs}$
$2.1 \times 10^{-8}$	7.6	0.13	0

1. The Lepton Flavour Violation
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### **Conclusion and prospects**

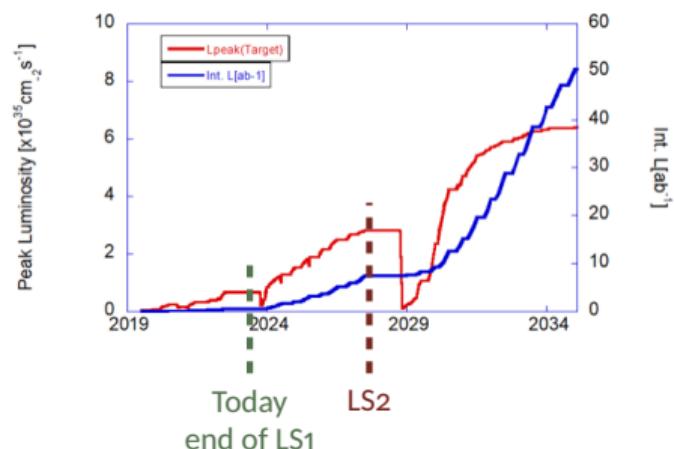
## Conclusion:

- First search for  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  with an untagged reconstruction at Belle II
  - Expect to be competitive with Belle ( $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $782 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) even with 1 observed event ( $2. \times 10^{-8}$ )
  - Independent crosscheck in Belle II with tagged and cut-based strategy (15% signal efficiency for UL  $2 \times 10^{-8}$ )
  - Waiting review committee green light for unblinding

## Prospects:

- Belle II is going to resume data taking after a first long shutdown  $\Rightarrow$  expect more luminosity
  - Near future Belle II will lead the search for  $\tau$  LFV decays with at least  $5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  before the second shutdown  $\Rightarrow$  by extrapolation  $2.9 \times 10^{-9}$  for  $5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  and  $2.1 \times 10^{-9}$  for  $25 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
  - Longer-term Belle II efforts will possibly be joined by Super Charm and Tau factories, fixed target experiments or even the FCCee

**Expected upper-limit on branching fraction  
at 90% CL:  $1.46 \times 10^{-8}$ .**



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# Backups

## 6. Backups: Measurement of the SVD spatial resolution

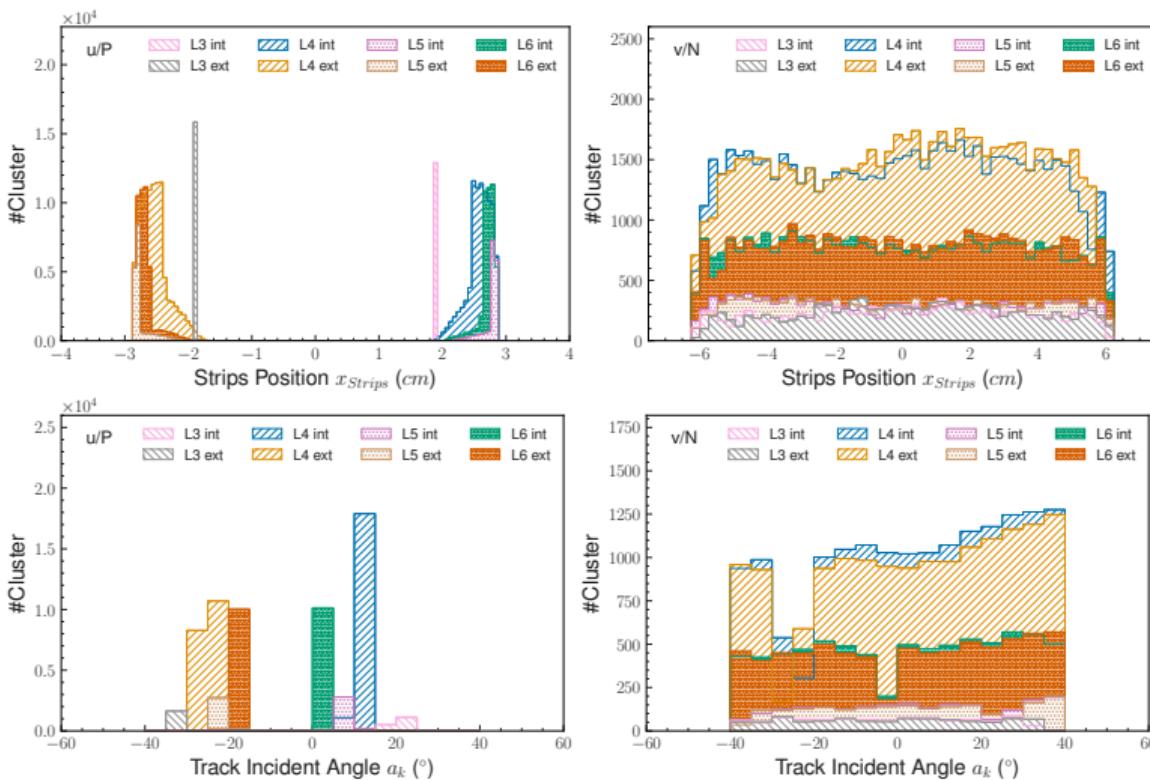
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## Overlapping region



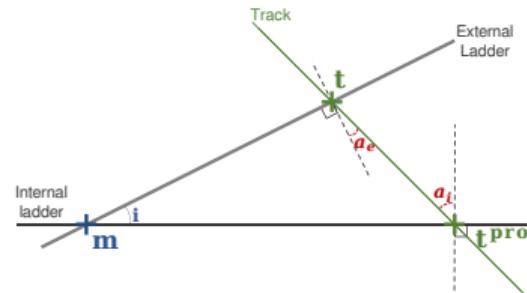
## Geometrical correction

### **Project parallel to the tracks, the external residual on the internal ladder:**

u/P Side:

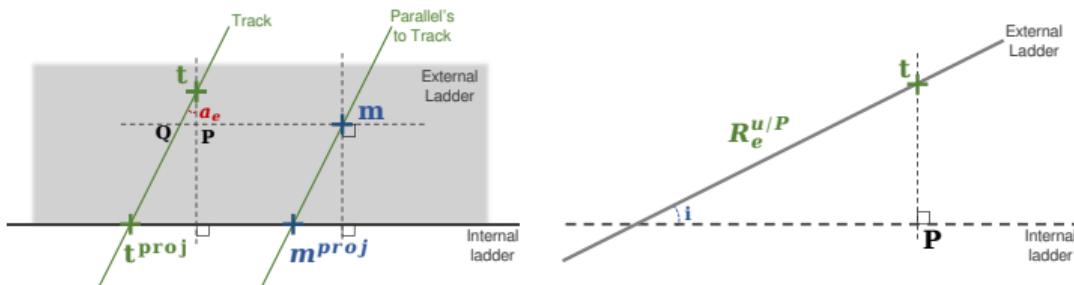
$$\Delta R = \frac{R_{\text{int}} - R_{\text{ext}} \times C}{\sqrt{1 + C^2}}$$

$$\text{with } C = \frac{\cos \alpha_e}{\cos \alpha_j}$$

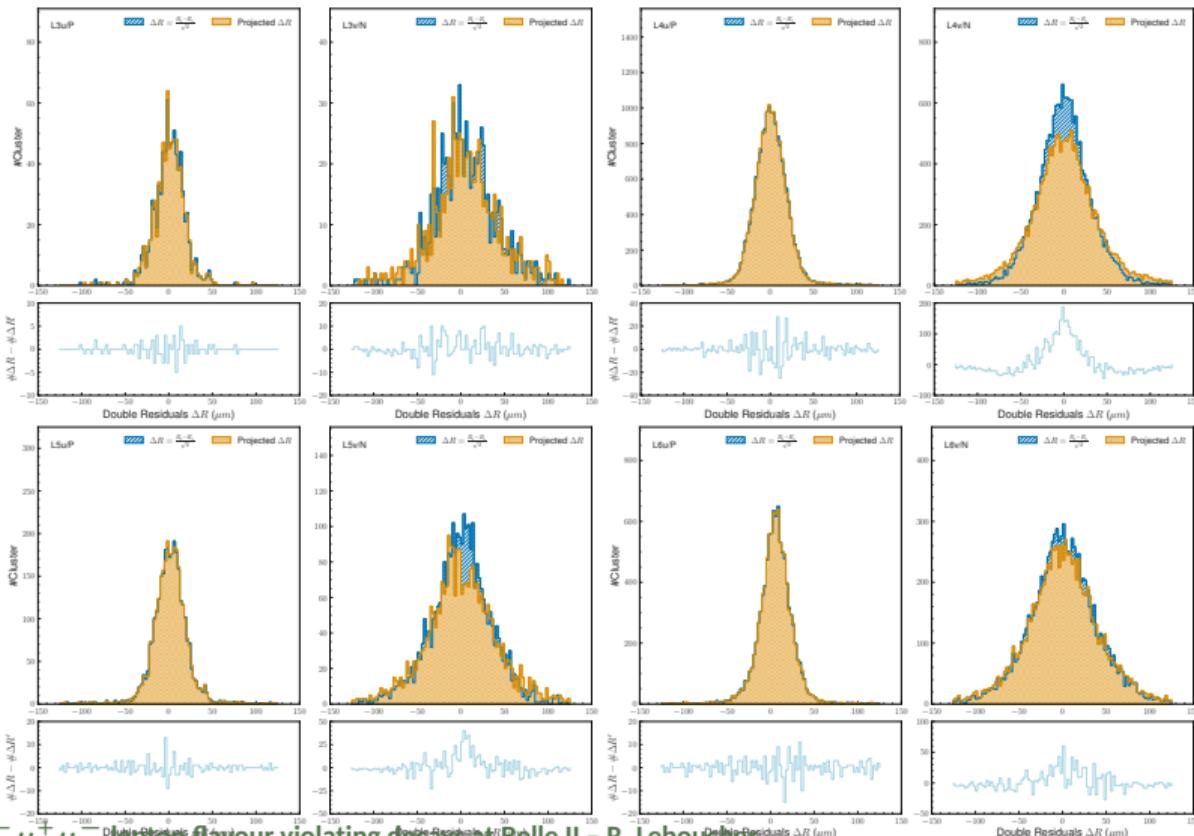


v/N Side:

$$\Delta R = \frac{R_{\text{int}} - (R_{\text{ext}} + \sin(i) \tan(a_e) R_{\text{ext}}^{u/p})}{\sqrt{2}}$$



## Geometrical correction





## **Spatial resolution - Overlapped sensor method**

#### **Method for estimate resolution with overlapping:**

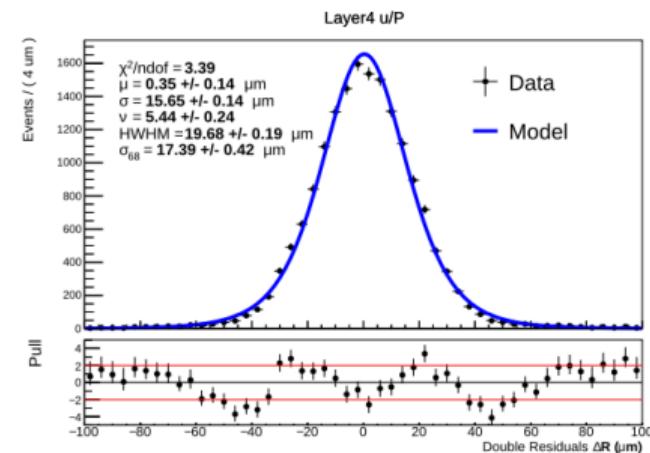
1. Apply geometrical correction factor on double residuals
  2. Fit DeltaRes with a student's T-distribution:

$$T(X; \nu, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{\exp\left(\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right) - \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)\right)}{\sigma\sqrt{\prod\nu}} \left(1 + \frac{(X - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2\nu}\right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}$$

- Normalisation parameter  $N$
  - Number of degree of freedom  $\nu$
  - Mean  $\mu$
  - Variance  $\sigma^2$

3. The resolution is the  $\sigma_{\text{fit}}$  of the fitted student's T-model:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{CL} &= \sigma_{68}(T(X, \nu, \mu, \sigma)) \\ &= \frac{\chi_{84}(T(X, \nu, \mu, \sigma)) - \chi_{16}(T(X, \nu, \mu, \sigma))}{2}\end{aligned}$$

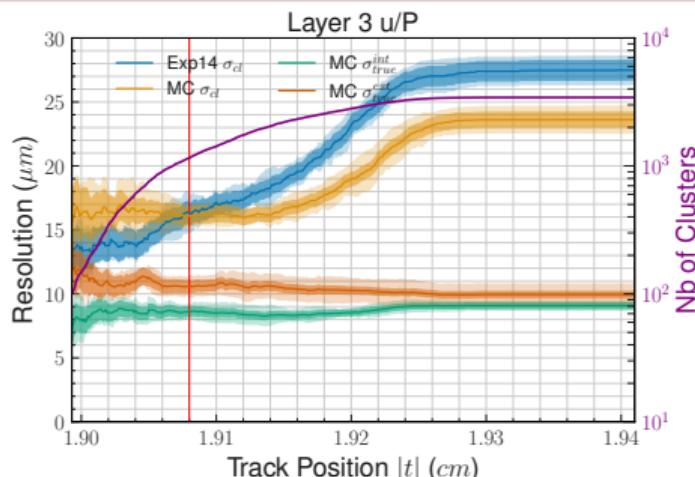


### Method for estimate resolution uncertainties:

1. Vary fitted parameters ( $N, \mu\nu\sigma$ ) within the fit uncertainties
  2. Compute student's T-model with new parameters
  3. Taking  $\sigma_{68}$  resolution of this new model
  4. Take as resolution uncertainty for each layer half the maximal variation of the recomputed  $\sigma_{68}$

## Frame Title

- At the sensor edges some strips are masked
  - Masked strips are not simulated and can introduce a bias in the track position
  - Important to select a fiducial area
  - The optimal cut value: compares the resolutions obtained from data and simulations at different  $t$  cut values



### Cut Values:

Layer 3	$ t^{u/p}  < 1.908 \text{ cm}$ & $ t^{v/N}  < 5.9 \text{ cm}$
Layer 4	$ t^{u/p}  < 2.82 \text{ cm}$ & $ t^{v/N}  < 5.9 \text{ cm}$
Layer 5	$ t^{u/p}  < 2.84 \text{ cm}$ & $ t^{v/N}  < 5.9 \text{ cm}$
Layer 6	$ t^{u/p}  < 2.82 \text{ cm}$ & $ t^{v/N}  < 5.9 \text{ cm}$

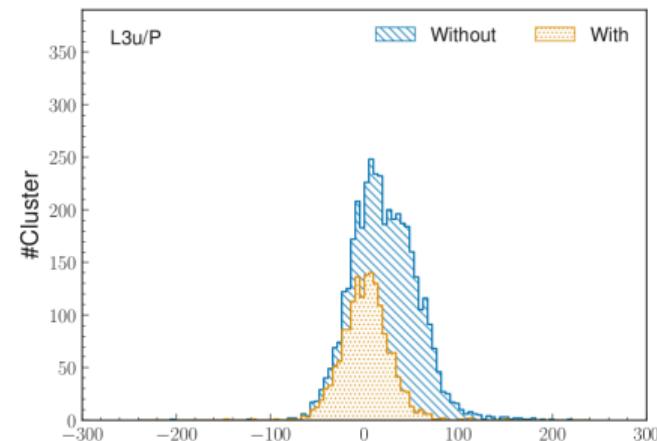


Figure 3: Double Residuals  $\Delta R$   $\mu\text{m}$

## Event by Event Method

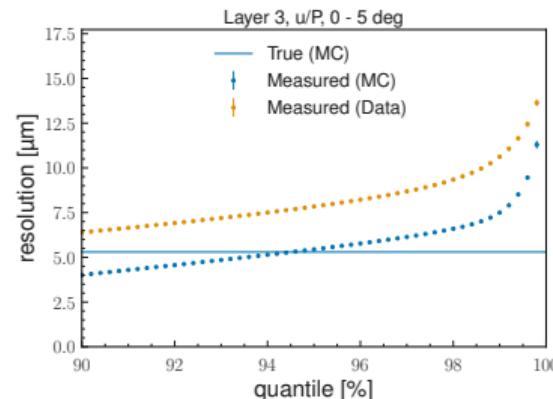
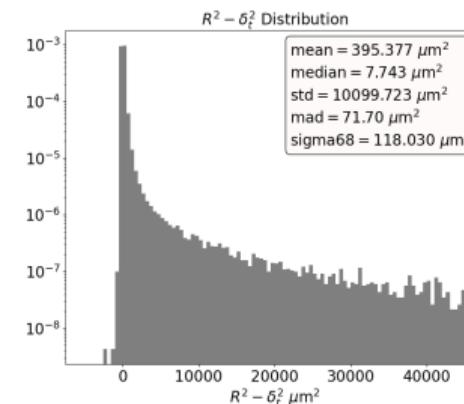
## Event by event method:

Subtract in quadrature the effect of the error on track extrapolation on residual:

$$\sigma_{cl}^2 = \langle R^2 - \sigma_t^2 \rangle_{trunc} \quad (1)$$

- Discrepancy between true and measured resolution on simulation
  - Solved by optimising the quantile truncation on  $R^2 - \sigma_t^2$  following:

$$\text{FOM} = \frac{(\sigma_{true} - \sigma_{cl})^2}{(\Delta\sigma_{cl})^2} \quad (2)$$



## Global Method

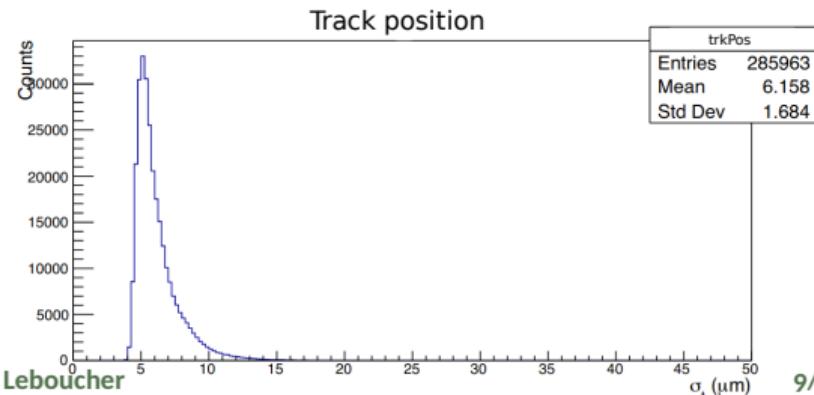
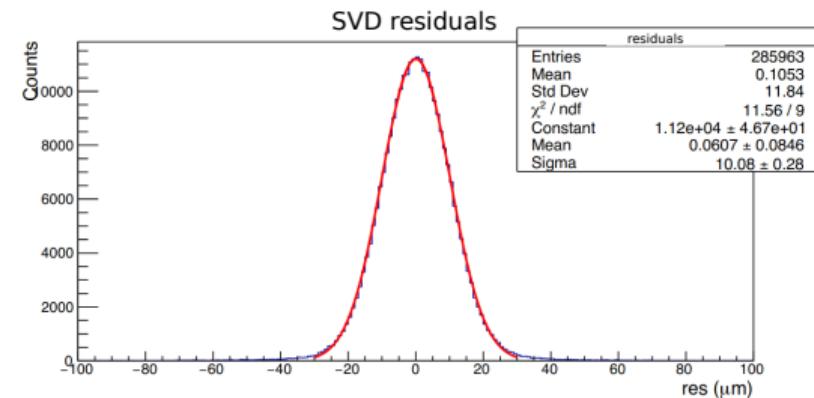
## Global Method:

Based on Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD) as the best estimator:

- no optimization on MC is needed.

$$\sigma_{cl}^2 = \langle R^2 - \sigma_t^2 \rangle \simeq mad(R)^2 - median(\sigma_t)^2 - mad(\sigma_t)^2$$

- $mad(y) = 1.4826 \times median(| y - median(y) |)$
  - mad and median more robust against outliers than standard deviation and mean.





## Comparison of the different methods

- Different method developed to estimate the spatial resolution :

Event By Event	Global	Overlapped
Good estimation of spatial resolution	Good estimation of spatial resolution	Marginally sensitive to Coulomb scattering
Data/MC agreement	No optimization needed	
Optimization on MC needed	Small Data/MC discrepancies	Estimated resolution higher than expected

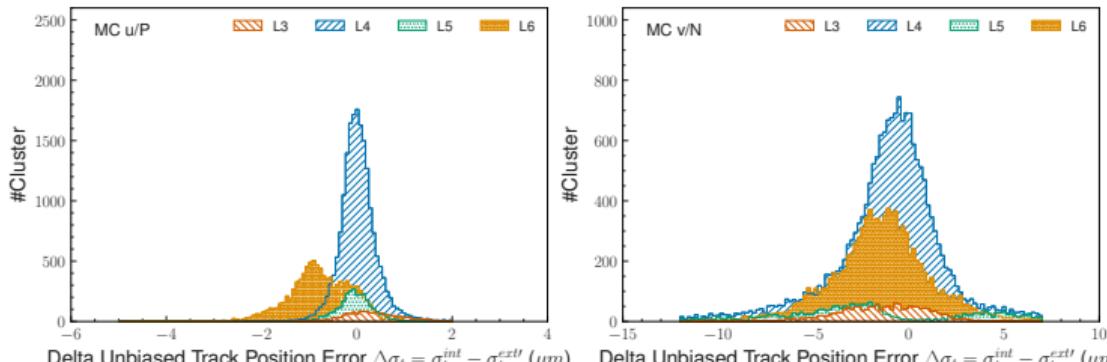
	Digital	EBE	Global	Overlapped
Layer 3u/P( $\mu\text{m}$ )	7	7	9	15
Layer 456u/P( $\mu\text{m}$ )	11	10	11	16 – 17
Layer 3v/N( $\mu\text{m}$ )	23	24	23	33
Layer 456v/N( $\mu\text{m}$ )	35	32	35	29 – 36

# Overlapped method discrepancies checks

Check the assumption of errors on track position cancellation

Layer	u/P Side		v/N Side	
	Median	$\sigma_{68}$	Median	$\sigma_{68}$
	( $\mu\text{m}$ )	( $\mu\text{m}$ )	( $\mu\text{m}$ )	( $\mu\text{m}$ )
3	$0.07 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.05$	$0.56 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.00$	$-1.19 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.20$	$1.37 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.10$
4	$-0.06 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.38 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.02$	$-0.92 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.21$	$2.71 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.35$
5	$-0.10 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.45 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.03$	$-2.66 \pm 0.05 \pm 1.82$	$10.23 \pm 0.27 \pm 2.16$
6	$-0.79 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05$	$0.83 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$	$-1.83 \pm 0.022 \pm 0.14$	$3.18 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.32$

Non-null cancellation has a too small impact ( $1\,\mu\text{m}$ ) to explain the observed discrepancy



## Overlapped method discrepancies checks

Check the assumption that  $\sigma_{cl}^2 = \text{Var}(\Delta\varepsilon_m) = \text{Var}(\Delta R) - \text{Var}(\Delta\varepsilon_t)$  for the Layer 4 u/P side.

	Median ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$\sigma_{68}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
$\Delta\varepsilon_m$	$0.032 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.00$	$9.01 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.29$
$\Delta\varepsilon_t$	$0.14 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.01$	$3.52 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.08$
$\Delta R$	$-0.44 \pm 0.00 \pm 0.05$	$12.52 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.40$

We get:

$$\text{Var}(\Delta\varepsilon_m) = \text{Var}(\Delta R) - \text{Var}(\Delta\varepsilon_t)$$

$$9.01 = \sqrt{12.52^2 - 3.52^2}$$

$$9.01 \neq 12.01 \mu\text{m}$$

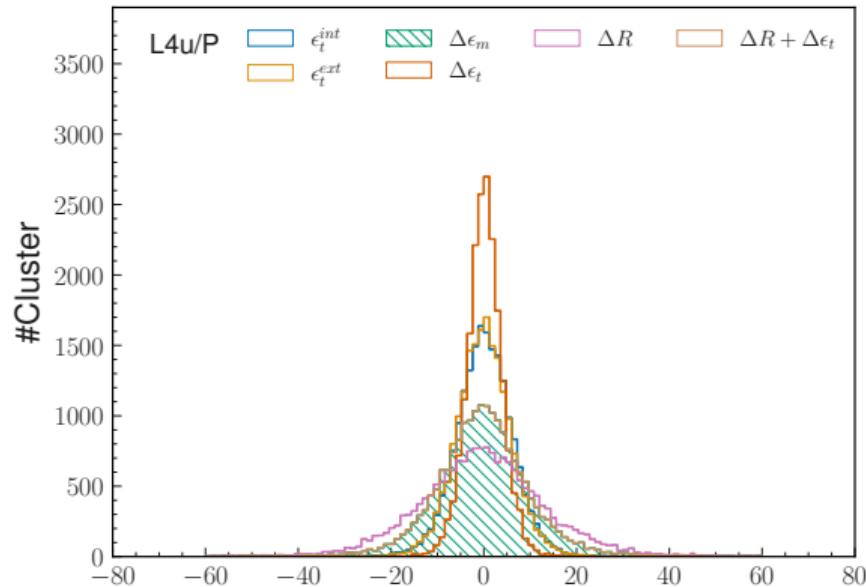
While:

$$\text{Var}(\Delta\varepsilon_m) = \text{Var}(\Delta R + \Delta\varepsilon_t)$$

$$9.01 = 9.01 \mu\text{m}$$

$\Delta R$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon_t$  appears to be correlated and so

$$\sigma_{cl}^2 \neq \text{Var}(\Delta R)$$



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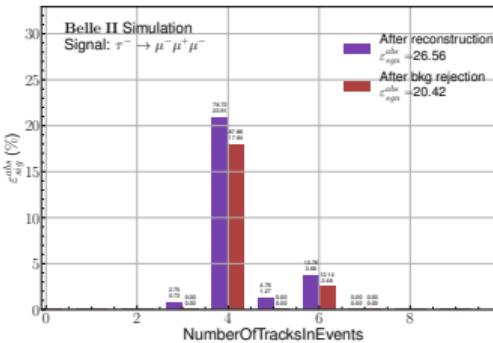
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## Tau → 3 muons event reconstruction – Untagged strategy

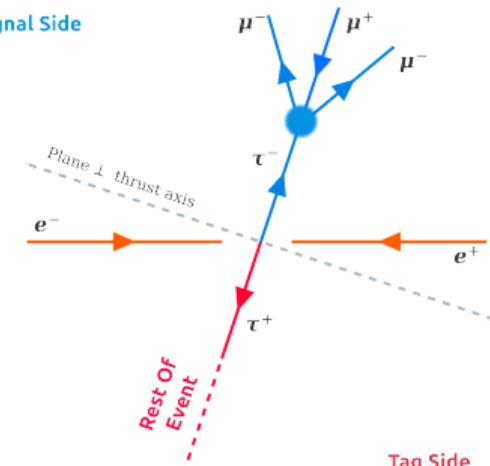
## Belle II strategy

## Reconstruct tau-pair events with an untagged strategy

- **Signal side:** one  $\tau$  decay into three muons
  - **Untagged Opposite side:** Rest of Event (max 3 tracks)  $\Rightarrow$  signal efficiency increase:
    - decays of  $\tau_{\text{tag}}$  into 3-prong ( $\mathcal{B} \sim 15\%$ ),
    - events with missing or additional track(s)...
  - But **increase background contamination** mainly:  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}, \tau^-\tau^+, \mu^-\mu^+, \ell^-\ell^+\mu^-\mu^+$ .



Signal Sid



## Event requirement

## Track requirements

- Good tracks:
    - $|dz| < 3 \text{ cm}$   
and  $|dr| < 1 \text{ cm}$
  - Muon identification:
    - $\text{muonID} > 0.5$

Tag Side

- Require the **3 leptons** in the same hemisphere wrt thrust axis
  - Pass Level1 (L1) ECL and CDC triggers
  - Pass tauLFV skim
  - Correction on  $\gamma$  efficiency and energy
  - Applying PID weights to correct data/Simulation efficiency differences



## Full reconstruction table for $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

		weighted	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{rel}$	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}$	$N_{bkg}^{weighted}$	$N_{\tau\tau}^{weighted}$	$N_{q\bar{q}}^{weighted}$	$N_{B\bar{B}}^{weighted}$	$N_{lowm}^{weighted}$
Reconstruction	train	231966.00	46.39	46.39	30157.59	1439.31	20569.29	422.09	7726.89
	test	232412.00	46.48	46.48	30483.66	1452.89	20864.05	440.92	7725.80
TruthMatch	train	231487.00	99.79	46.30	30157.59	1439.31	20569.29	422.09	7726.89
	test	231900.	99.78	46.38	30483.66	1452.89	20864.05	440.92	7725.80
21delta SR	train	204804.00	88.47	40.96	2220.60	14.03	953.69	0.72	1252.16
	test	205204.00	88.49	41.04	2225.49	13.39	965.73	1.45	1244.92
LML+HIE+CDC Trigger	train	193683.00	94.57	38.74	1994.35	9.86	922.01	0.72	1061.75
	test	194059.00	94.57	38.81	2013.99	8.51	936.49	1.45	1067.54
TauLFV Skim	train	190891.00	98.56	38.18	1994.35	9.86	922.01	0.72	1061.75
	test	191246.00	98.55	38.25	2013.99	8.51	936.49	1.45	1067.54
LID correction 0.5	train	171512.27	89.85	34.30	1803.70	7.98	830.10	0.70	964.92
	test	171752.08	89.81	34.35	1819.67	6.15	842.73	1.23	969.56

# Signal Region in $M_{3\mu}$ ; $\Delta E_{3\mu}$ 2D plane

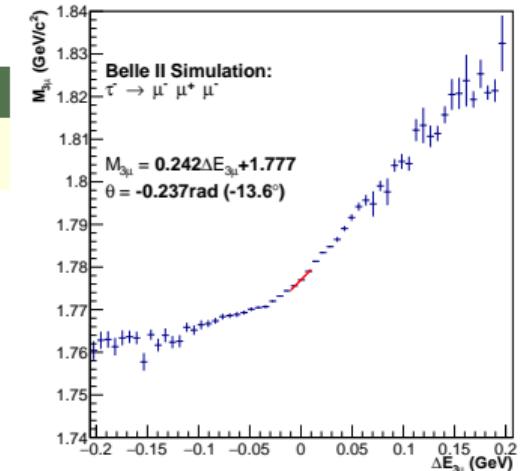
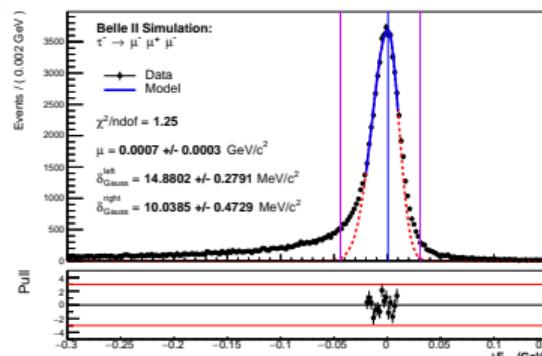
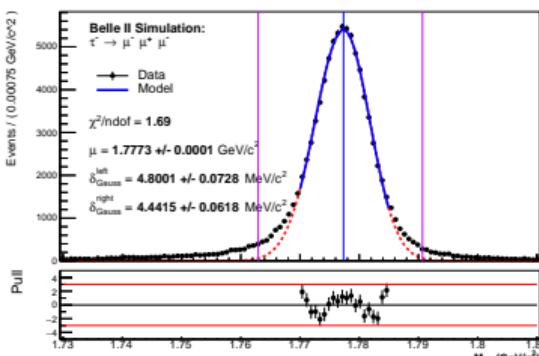
Measure resolutions to define **region** around **signal** centered at:

$$M_{3\mu} \simeq 1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{and } \Delta E_{3\mu} = E_{3\mu}^{\text{CM}} - \sqrt{s}/2 \simeq 0 \text{ GeV}$$

## Fit $M_{3\mu}$ and $\Delta E_{3\mu}$

### ■ Asymmetric Gaussian: on a limited range for the peak



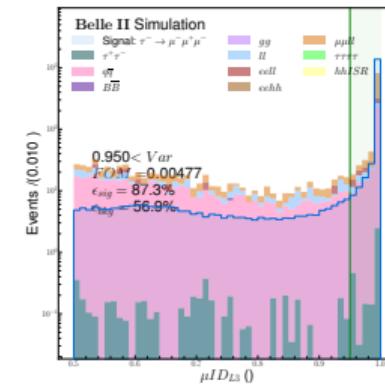
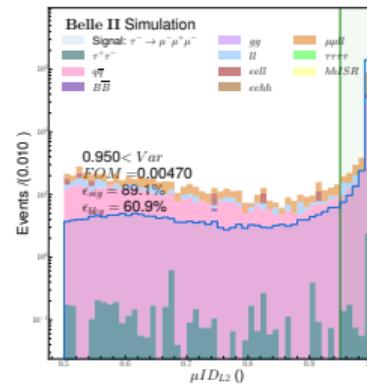
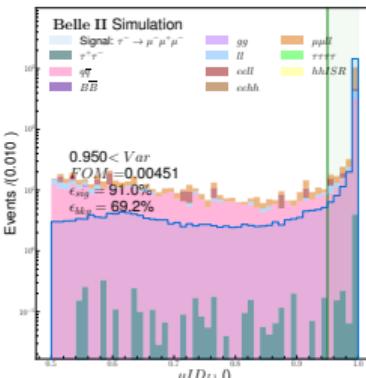
	$M_{3\mu} \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\Delta E_{3\mu} \text{ MeV}$
mean	$1777.35 \pm 0.07$	$0.67 \pm 0.27$
delta left	$4.80 \pm 0.07$	$14.88 \pm 0.28$
delta right	$4.44 \pm 0.06$	$10.04 \pm 0.47$
$\pm 20\delta$ SR	[1.7533, 1.7996]	[-0.0737, 0.0509]
$\pm 20\delta$ SR	[1.7456, 1.8031]	[-0.0708, 0.0491]

## Cut-based preselections – Muon identification selections

### Lepton MuonID Selection

The selection  $\mu_{ID} > 0.95$  has an efficiency below 90% for each muon.

$\varepsilon_{sig}^{rel}$	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}$	$\varepsilon_{bkg}$	$N_{bkg}$
68.08%	22.32%	24.28%	$362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

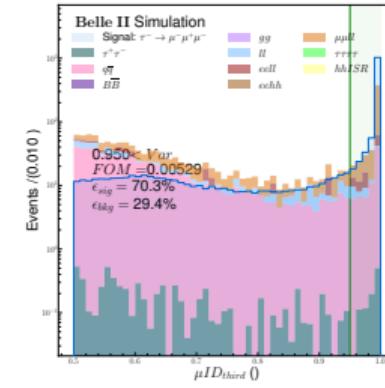
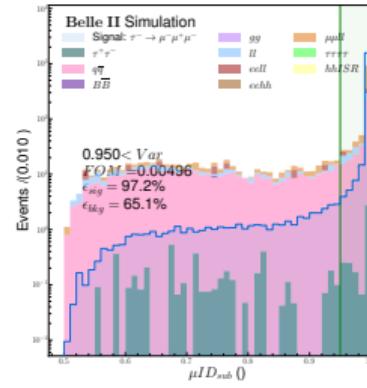
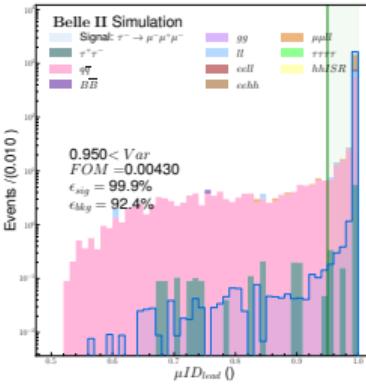


### Ranked MuonID Selection

- Rank the three Lepton  $\mu_{ID}$
- Cut on Third muonID is degrading  $\varepsilon_{sig} < 70\%$
- Only cut on lead and sub muonID:  $\varepsilon_{sig} > 95\%$

The muonID selection becomes less effective in rejecting background but also allows more background to train BDT.

$\varepsilon_{sig}^{rel}$	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}$	$\varepsilon_{bkg}$	$N_{bkg}$
97.07%	32.12%	61.90%	$362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



## Cut-based preselections – Additional selections

Numbers obtained with  $4 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  simulation train sample scaled to  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  with additional requirements:

- $20\delta$  Box Signal region
- LID selection: " $\mu_{ID}^{lkh,lead} > 0.95$  &  $\mu_{ID}^{lkh,sub} > 0.95$  &  $\mu_{ID}^{lkh,third} > 0.5$ "

Name	Preselection	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{rel}$ (%)	$\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}$ (%)	$\varepsilon_{bkg}^{rel}$ (%)	$N_{bkg}$	$N_{\tau-pair}$	$N_{q\bar{q}}$	$N_{B\bar{B}}$	$N_{lowm}$	$\gamma\gamma$	$\ell\ell$	$eell$	$eehh$	$\mu\mu\ell\ell$	$\tau\tau\tau\tau$	hhISR
Reference	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$	96.88	31.11	89.99	938.82	3.08	287.52	0.	648.22	0.	49.29	44.32	0.	554.61	0.	0.
Set 1	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$ $0.89 < Thrust < 0.97$	95.48	30.67	30.83	321.64	2.96	270.87	0.	47.82	0.	8.56	9.63	0.	29.63	0.	0.
Set 2	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$ $0.935 < ROE_{\tau} \text{ thrust} < 0.95$	96.35	30.94	61.78	644.50	2.58	244.94	0.	396.97	0.	13.25	29.66	0.	354.07	0.	0.
Set 3	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$ $E_{vis}^{CM} < 10.$	90.54	29.08	14.89	155.30	2.98	127.81	0.	24.52	0.	6.91	12.62	0.	4.98	0.	0.
Set 4	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$ $E_{miss}^{CM} > 0.6$	90.22	28.98	14.69	153.29	2.91	125.85	0.	24.52	0.	6.91	12.62	0.	4.98	0.	0.
Set 5	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$ $p_{miss}^{T,CM} > 0.4$	91.12	29.26	15.89	165.74	2.77	135.08	0.	27.90	0.	7.11	15.50	0.	5.28	0.	0.
Set 6	$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$ $M_{ROE(\text{masked})} < 2.2$ $-5. < \Delta E_{ROE(\text{masked})} < -0.2$	90.76	29.15	16.49	172.08	2.62	106.08	0.	63.39	0.	14.34	22.93	0.	26.11	0.	0.

## BDT overtraining health

Train & Validation Logloss in the function of the boosting rounds to visualize the training behaviour:

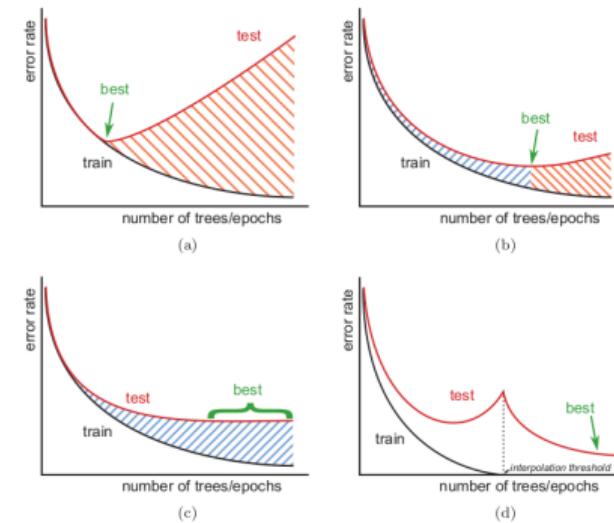
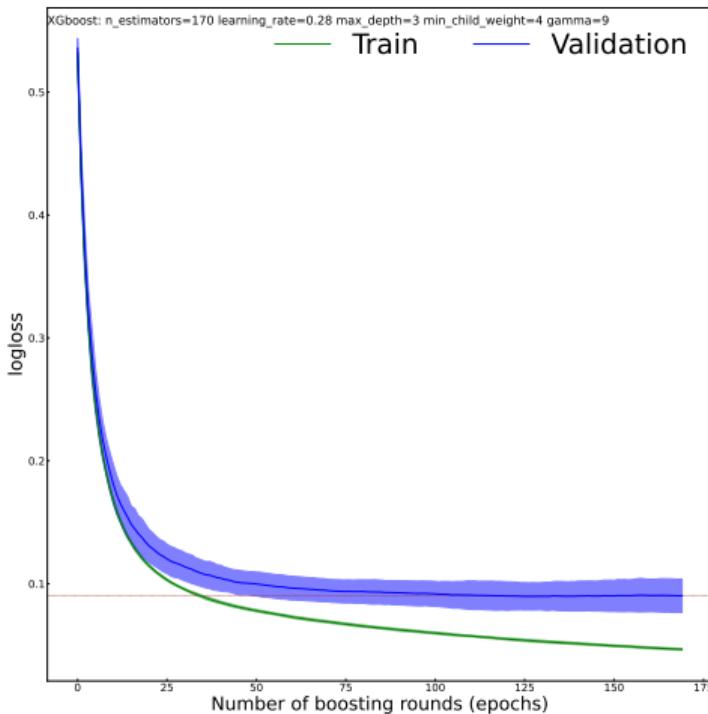
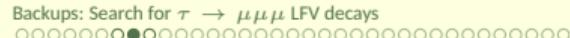
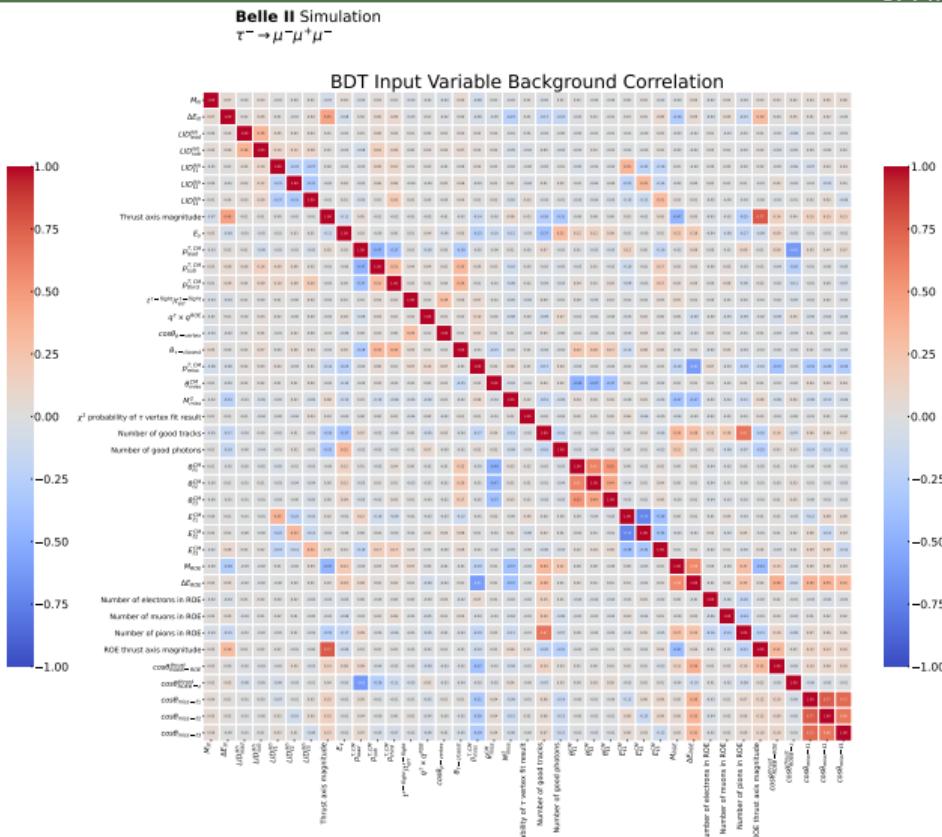
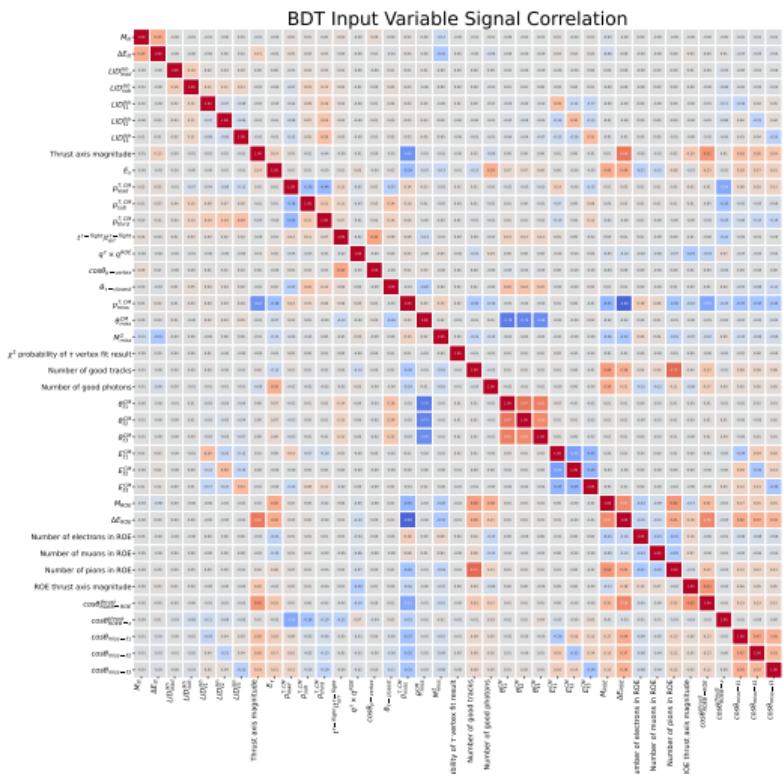


Fig. 3. Overtraining estimation using the error rate as a function of the number of trees (for boosted decision trees) or epochs (for neural networks). Black curves are measured on the training sample and red curves on the validation sample. The optimal classifier corresponds to the “best” label. The hatched areas represent overtraining: beneficial in blue (but underfitting), detrimental in orange (overfitting). (a) Typical curves, with the best model at the minimum of the testing curve, and overfitting beyond with decrease of performance. (b) The best model is overtrained but still improves performance. (c) Typical curves for boosted decision trees with flattening testing error rate: all models in the flat area perform equally well despite increasing overtraining. (d) Interpolation regime: the best classifier is obtained after the training error has reached zero.

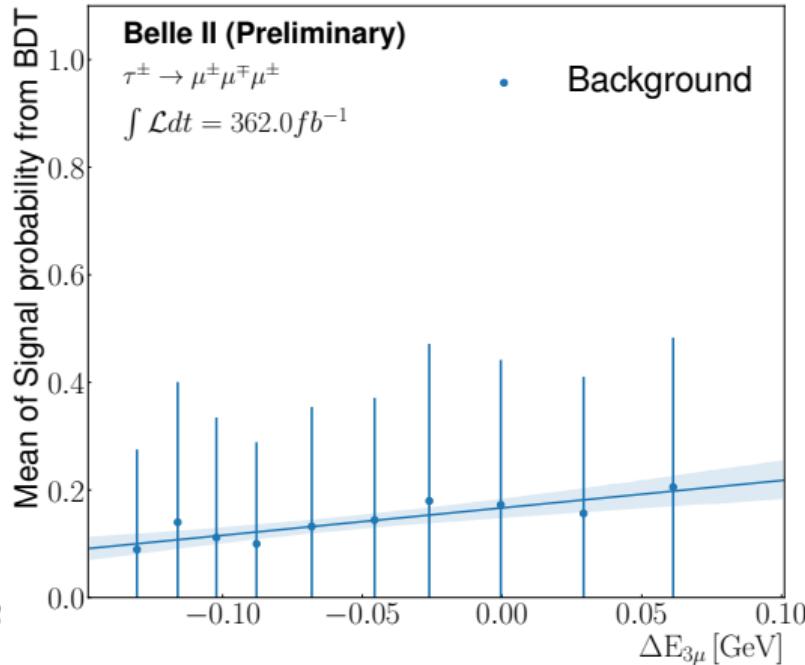
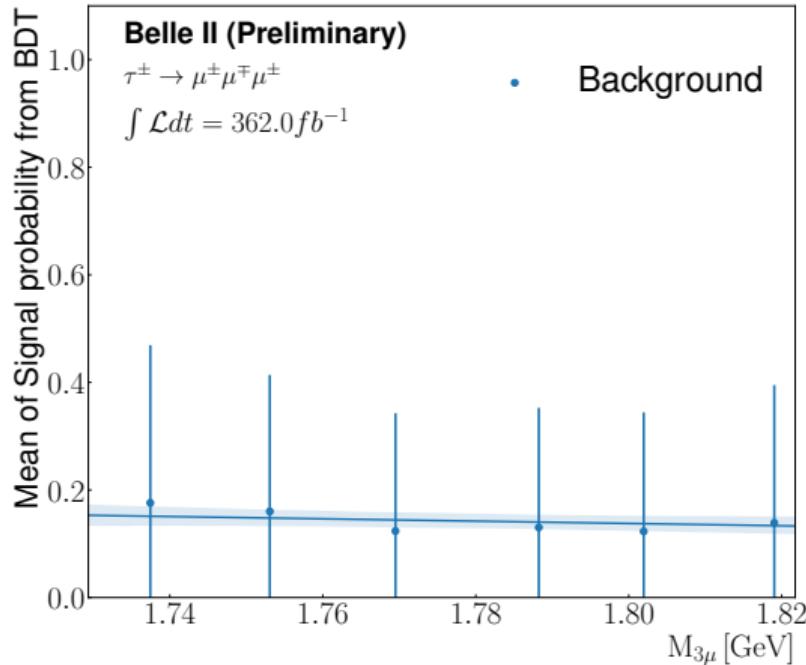


## Variables Correlations

### Belle II Simulation



## Signal shape sculpting check



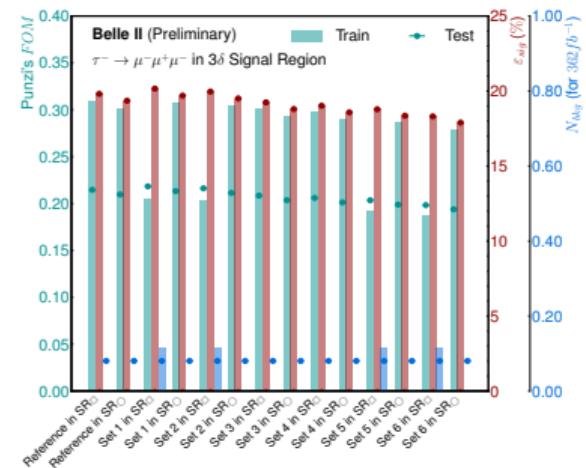
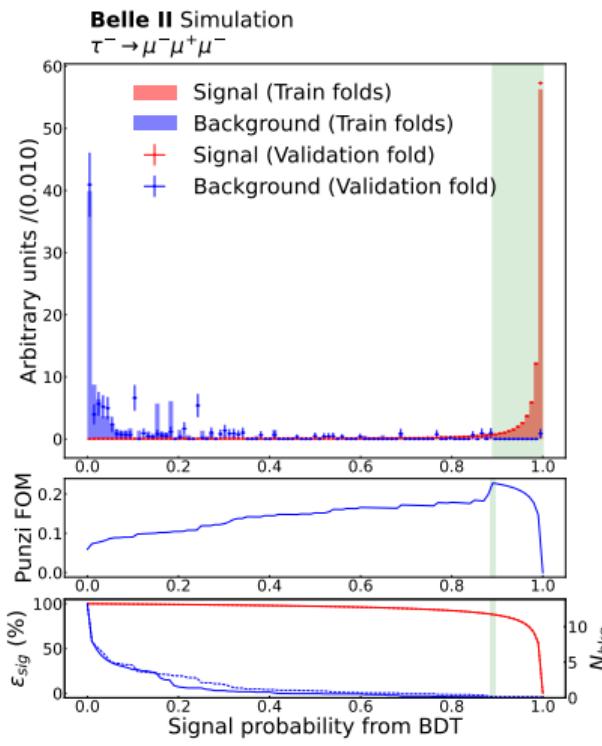
# Signal region optimisation

Previous optimisation of the BDT output and SR:

1. Fit resolution  $\delta$  of SR variables and define asymmetric Ellipse and Rectangle
2. Find selection on BDT output maximising Punzi's FOM in validation folds (from 10-folding)
3. Find the best SR form (rectangle or ellipse) at  $3\delta$  and the best preselection in  $4\text{ab}^{-1}$  train

Final selection	
$\mu ID_{lead} > 0.95$	
$\mu ID_{sub} > 0.95$	
$0.3 < \theta_{miss}^{CM} < 2.7$	
$0.89 < \text{thrust} < 0.97$	
$p_{BDT}^{\text{Signal}}(\text{Signal}) > 0.89$	
3 $\delta$ ellipse region	

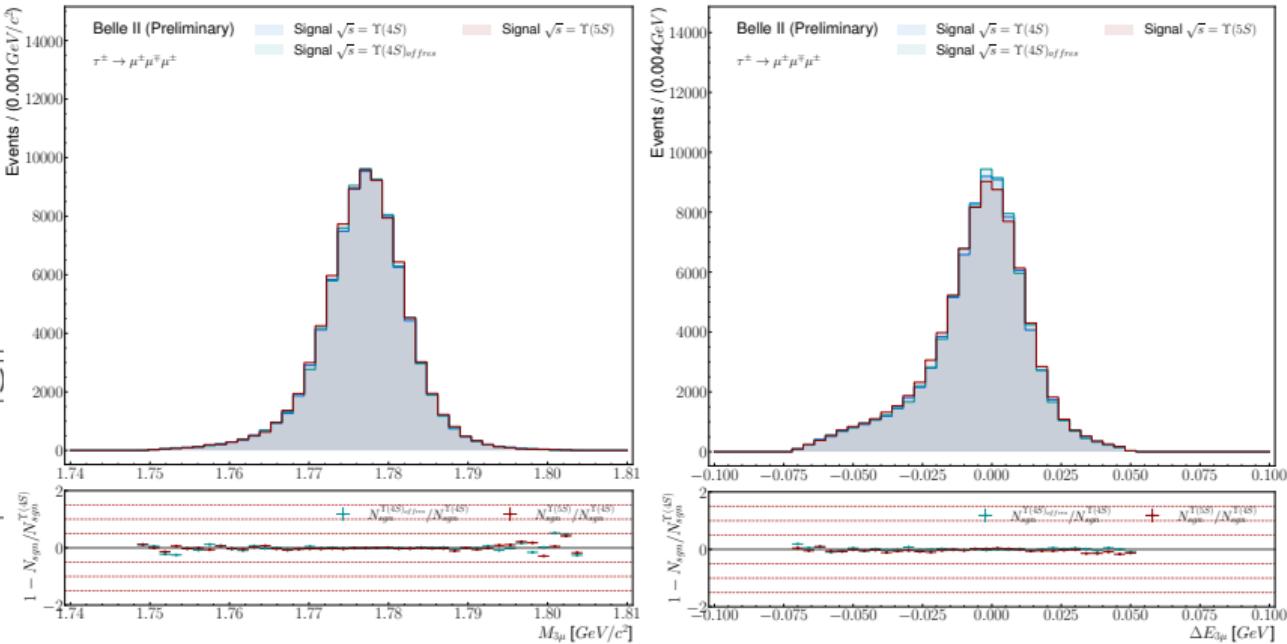
	Train	Test
$N_{bkg}$	0.00	0.08
$\varepsilon_{sig}$ (%)	19.61	19.70
Punzi's FOM	0.131	0.131



# Signal efficiency at different energies

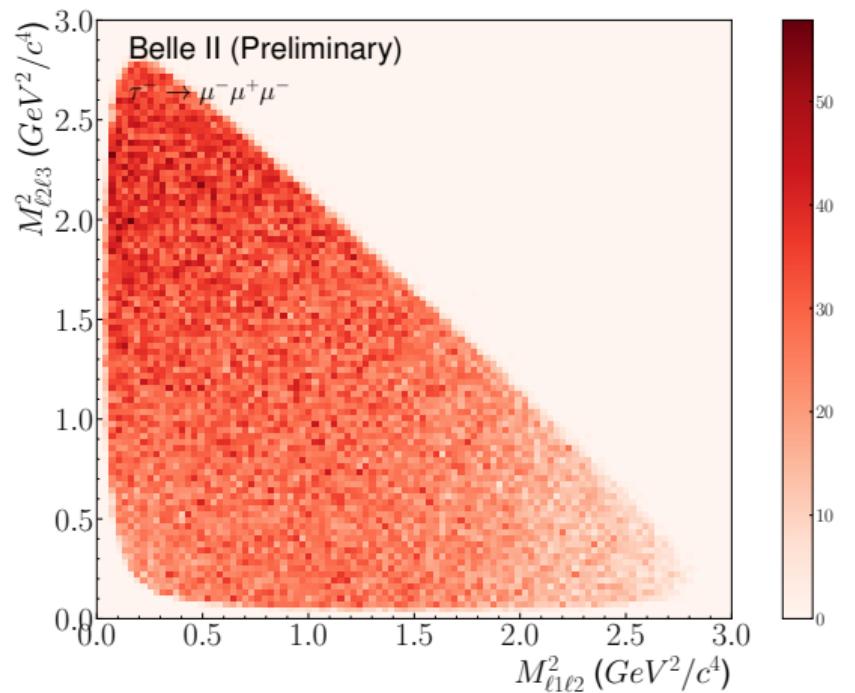
Apply the same  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$   
 reconstruction and  
 background rejection on  
 signal samples produced at  
 different energies:

Signal Produced	$\varepsilon_{\text{sig}}^{\text{abs}} (\%)$
$\Upsilon(4S) = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$	20.42
Off-resonance $-60 \text{ MeV}$	20.54
$10.81 \text{ GeV}$	20.72

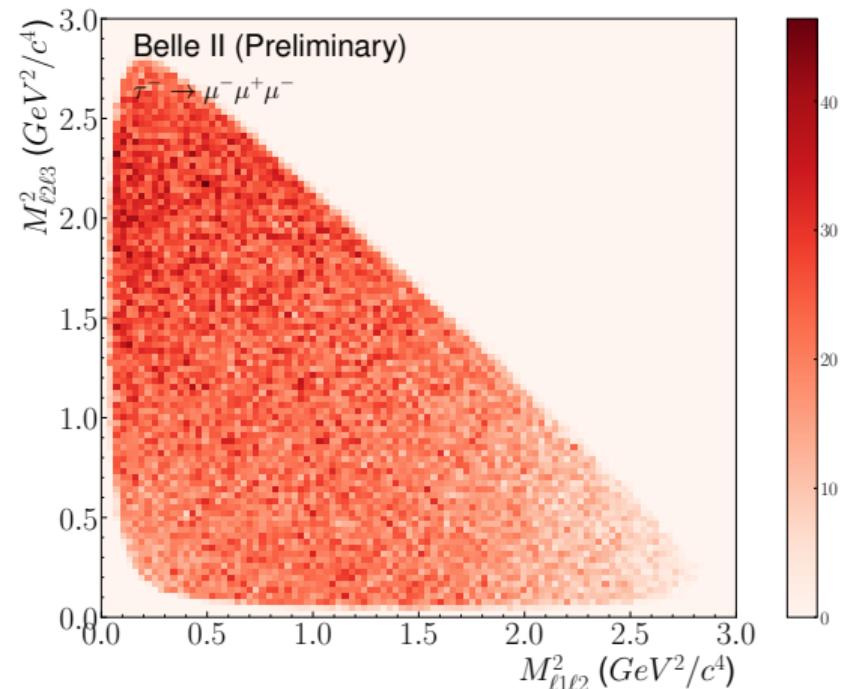


## Phase space distribution

After reconstruction:



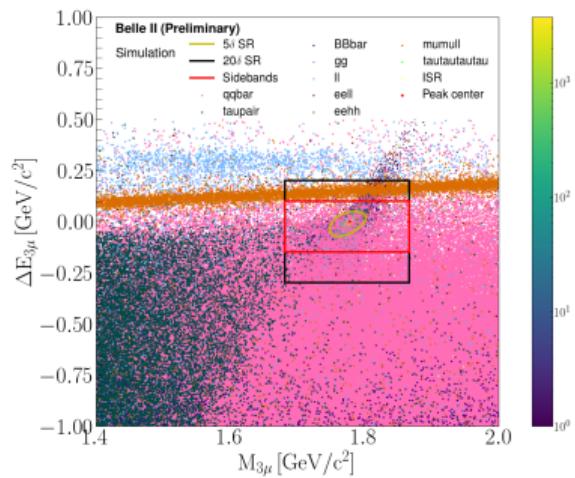
After background rejection:



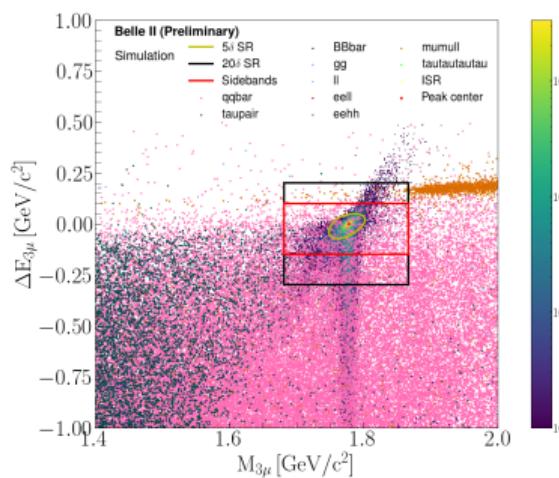
Muons with same charge as the  $\tau$  :  $\ell_{1,3}$ ; opposite charge  $\ell_2$

# Background composition

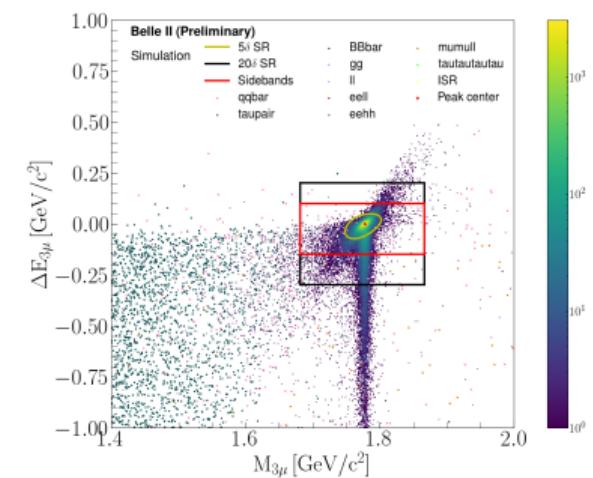
After reconstruction:



After preselection:



After background rejection:



# Background composition

After preselection cut:

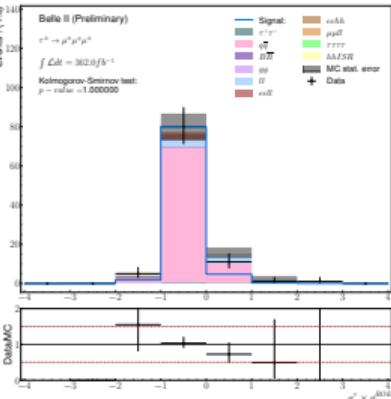
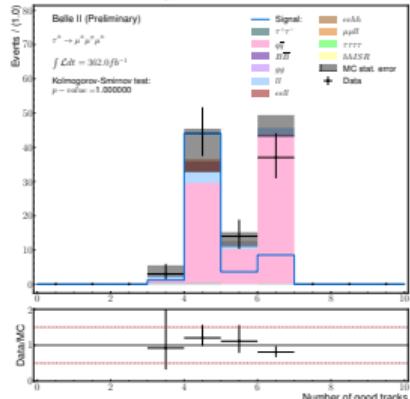
$mcPDG_{\ell_1}$	$mcPDG_{\ell_2}$	$mcPDG_{\ell_3}$	type	sample	occurrence
$\pi$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	uubar	19
$\pi$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	ddbar	7
$K$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	ssbar	3
$K$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	uubar	2
$\pi$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	ssbar	2
$\pi$	$K$	$\pi$	qqbar	ccbar	2
$\mu$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	uubar	1
$\pi$	$K$	$K$	qqbar	uubar	1
$K$	$\pi$	$\pi$	qqbar	ddbar	1
$\pi$	NaN	$\pi$	qqbar	ddbar	1
$\pi$	$\pi$	NaN	qqbar	uubar	1
$\pi$	$K$	$\pi$	qqbar	ssbar	1
$\mu$	NaN	$\pi$	qqbar	ccbar	1
$\pi$	$\pi$	$K$	qqbar	uubar	1
$\pi$	$\pi$	$\mu$	qqbar	uubar	1
$\pi$	$\mu$	$\pi$	qqbar	ddbar	1
$K$	$K$	$K$	qqbar	ssbar	1

After BDT Cut:

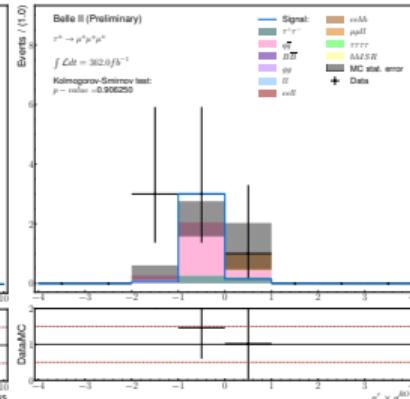
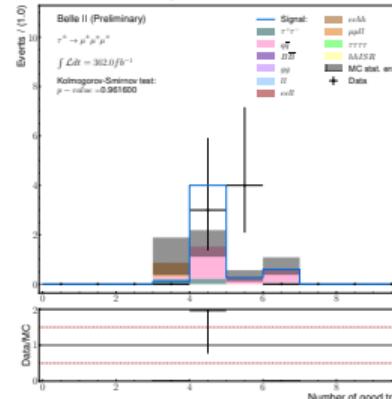
$mcPDG_{\ell_1}$	$mcPDG_{\ell_2}$	$mcPDG_{\ell_3}$	type	sample	occurrence
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## Number of good tracks descriptency - Extended sidebands

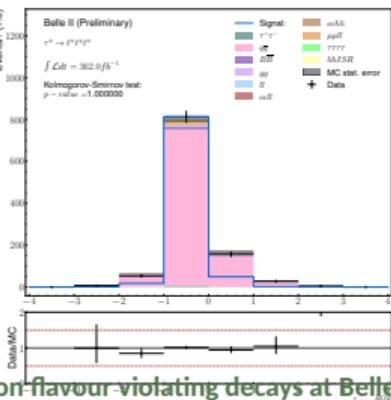
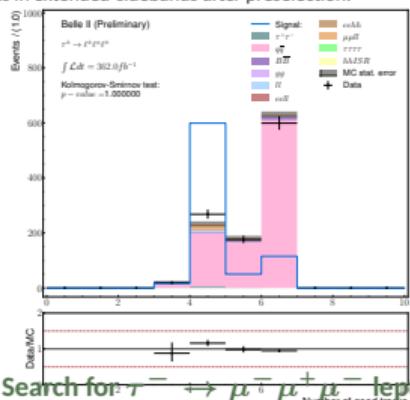
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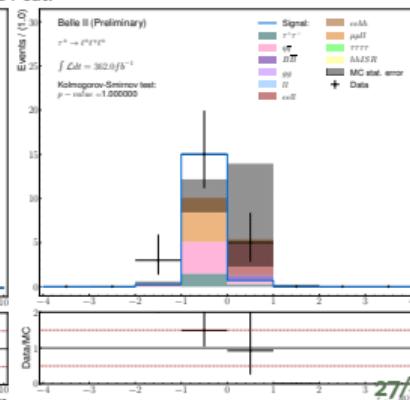
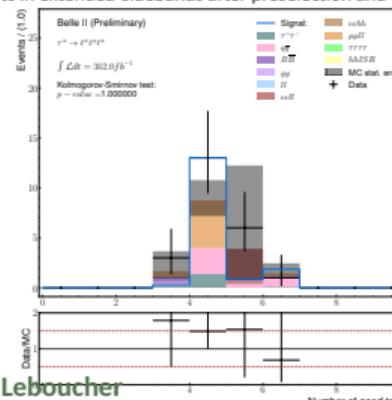
### Plots in sidebands after preselection and BDT cut



#### Plots in extended-sidebands after preselection:



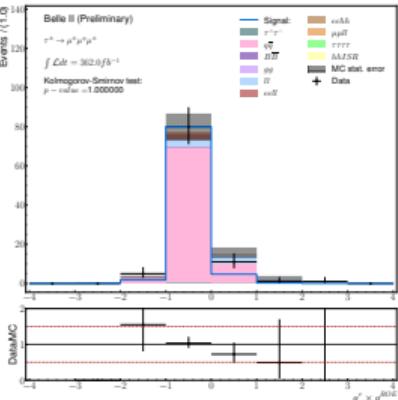
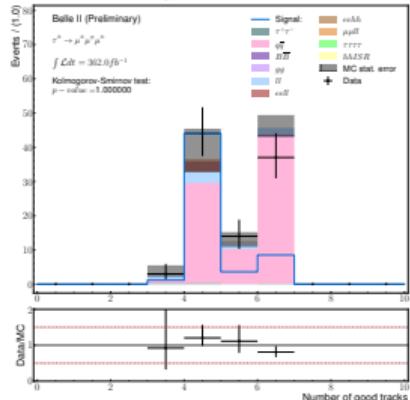
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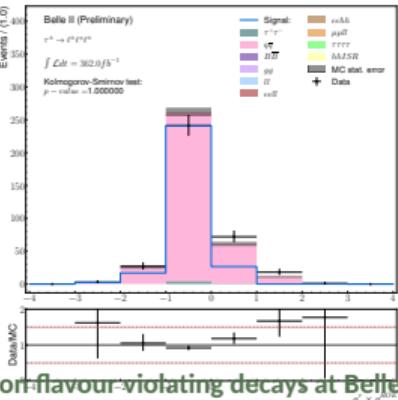
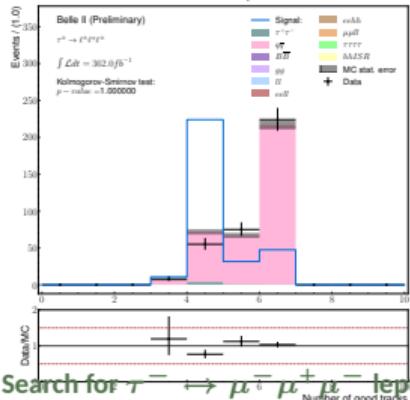


## Number of good tracks descriptency - Revert LID

### Plots in sidebands after preselection:



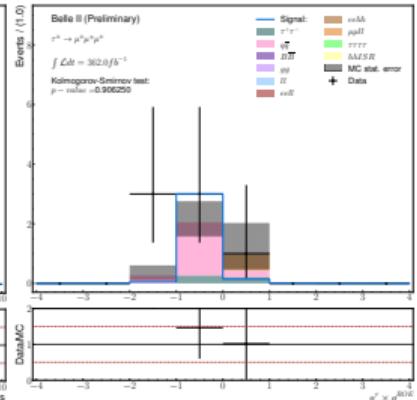
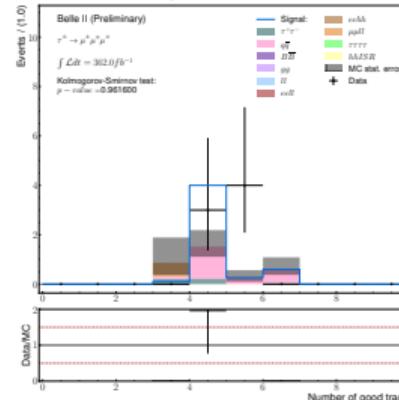
Plots in extended-sidebands after preselection revert muonID:



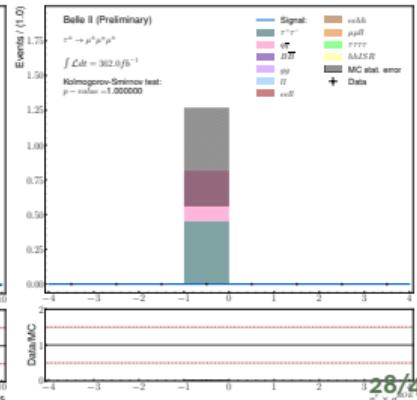
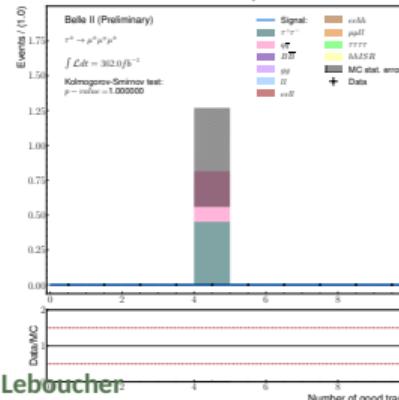
Search for  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  lepton flavour-violating decays at Belle II - R. Leboucher

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### Plots in sidebands after preselection and BDT cut

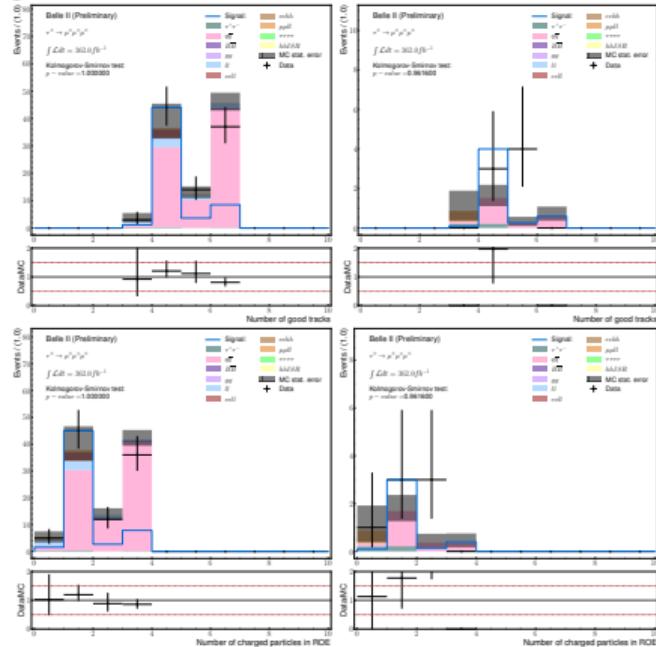


Plots in extended-sidebands after preselection and BDT cut and revert muonID:

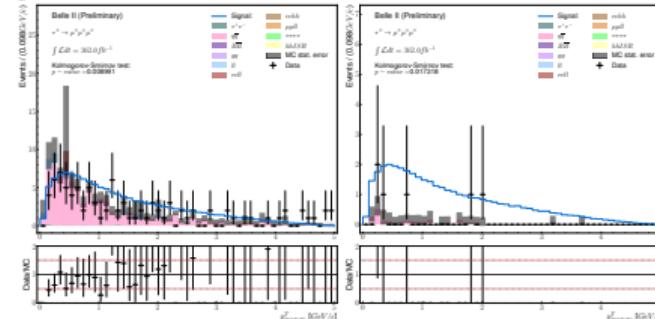


## Number of good tracks descrepency

Plots in sidebands after preselection (left) and BDT cut (right):



Plots in sidebands after preselection (left) and BDT cut (right):



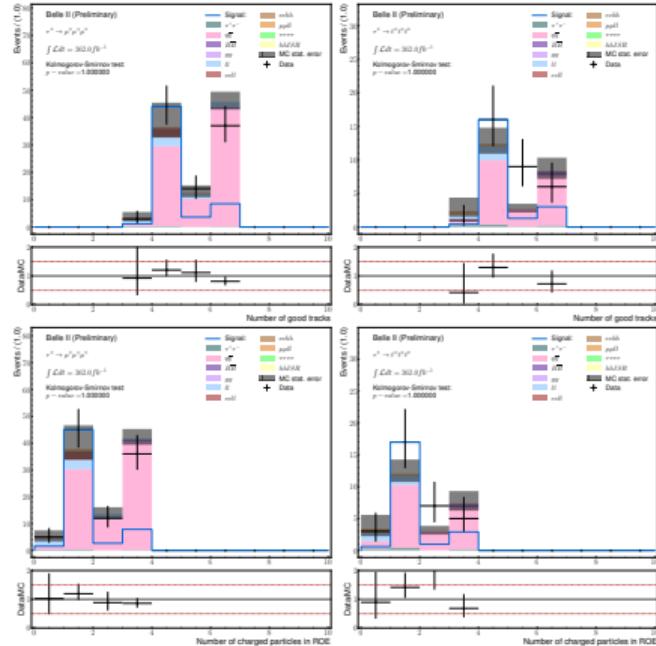
## Number of good tracks descrepancy

Data events in sidebands with exactly 5 tracks after applying preselections and BDT cut at 0.9

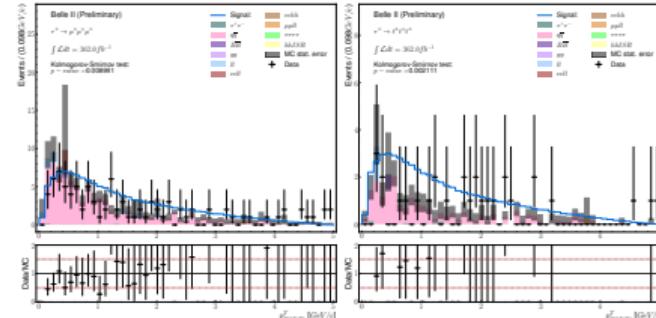
Column	nGoodTracks	SigBDTProbability	T1_roe_PDG	T2_roe_PDG	T1_roe_pt	T2_roe_pt	T1_roe_electronID	T2_roe_electronID
2859	5	0.951149002	-11	211	0.232124849	0.444896184	0.580009369	0.124428372
4959	5	0.968264543	13	-211	0.769164055	1.327150574	3.12E-23	0.000176022
14023	5	0.900836594						
16559	5	0.968536004	11	11	0.267997908	0.646096216	0.999728114	0.989322256

## Number of good tracks descrepency

Plots in sidebands after preselection (left) and BDT cut 0.2 (right):



Plots in sidebands after preselection (left) and BDT cut 0.2 (right):

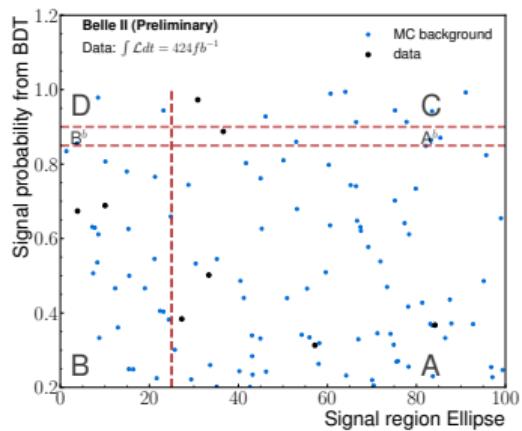


## Number of good tracks descrepancy

Data events in sidebands with exactly 5 tracks after applying preselections and BDT cut at 0.2

Colum	nGoodTrac	SigBDTProba	T1_roe_PDG	T2_roe_PDG	T1_roe_pt	T2_roe_pt	T1_roe_electronID	T2_roe_electronID
1368	5	0.313182198	-13		4.532335049		1.57E-20	
2401	5	0.485624406	211	-211	1.229043729	0.27551261	0.001468953	0.060522662
2507	5	0.726254858	11	-211	2.452555429	0.18460046	0.99948458	0.293043059
2859	5	0.951149002	-11	211	0.232124849	0.44489618	0.580009369	0.124428372
3894	5	0.584622681	211	-321	0.623276238	1.00199294	0.0039538	3.93E-06
4959	5	0.968264543	13	-211	0.769164055	1.32715057	3.12E-23	0.000176022
7531	5	0.4313305	211	2212	2.109725136	1.29809413	0.325301955	0.002274573
14023	5	0.900836594						
16559	5	0.968536004	11	11	0.267997908	0.64609622	0.999728114	0.989322256

## Background estimation in the signal region - Data-driven ABCD method

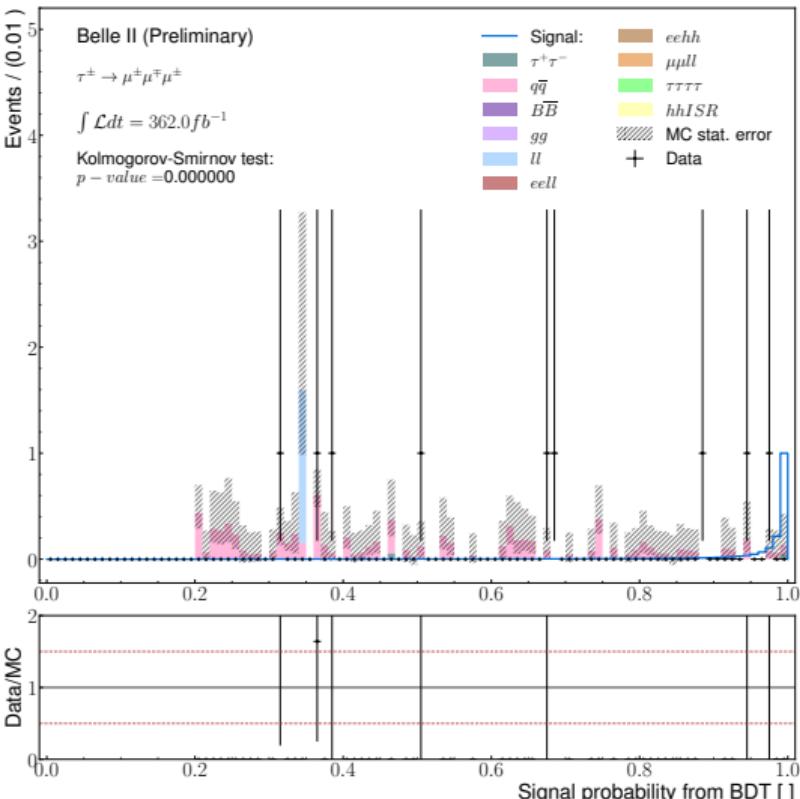
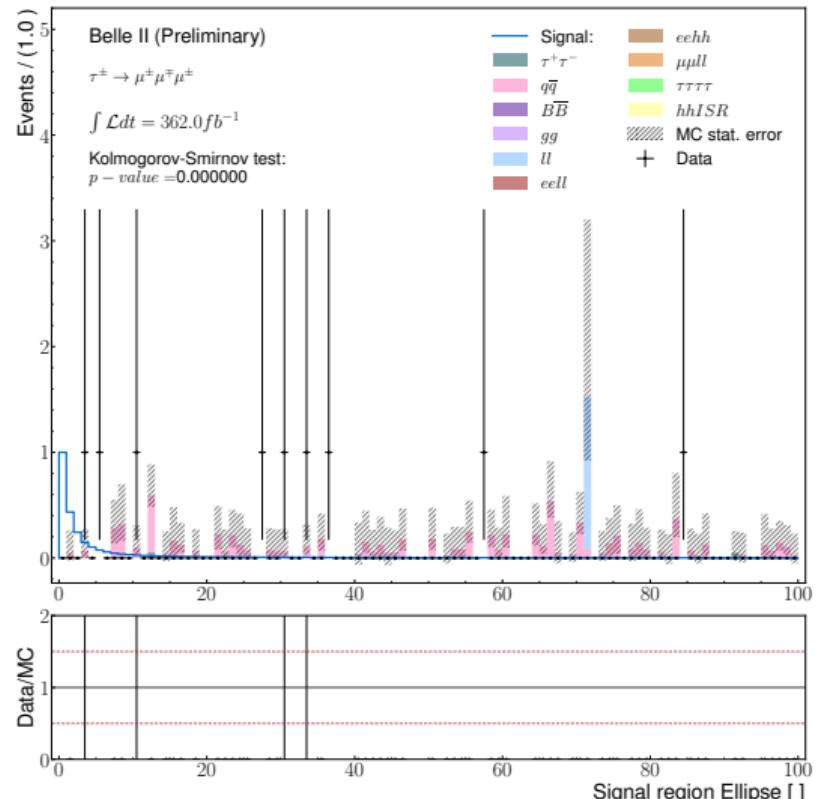


Data	
$N_A$	$4.00^{+3.16}_{-1.91}$
$N_B$	$2.00^{+2.64}_{-1.29}$
$R_{B/A}$	$0.50^{+0.77}_{-0.40}$
$N_C$	$1.00^{+2.30}_{-0.83}$
$N_D^{expected}$	$0.50^{+1.38}_{-0.58}$

Simulation	
$N_A$	$6.47^{+1.91}_{-0.95}$
$N_B$	$2.23^{+0.65}_{-0.42}$
$R_{B/A}$	$0.34^{+0.14}_{-0.08}$
$R_{D/C}$	$0.32^{+0.58}_{-0.28}$
$N_C$	$0.49^{+0.51}_{-0.23}$
$N_D^{expected}$	$0.17^{+0.19}_{-0.09}$
$N_D$	$0.16^{+0.24}_{-0.12}$

	$N_{sgn}$	$\varepsilon_{sig}$	$N_{sgn}^{expBelleBR}$	$N_{bkg}$
Zone A	$1913.20^{+44.75}_{-43.74}$	$0.38\%^{+0.01}_{-0.00}$	$0.06^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$6.47^{+1.91}_{-0.95}$
Zone B	$8964.92^{+95.69}_{-94.68}$	$1.79\%^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.29^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.23^{+0.65}_{-0.42}$
Zone C	$10177.07^{+101.88}_{-100.88}$	$2.04\%^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.33^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.49^{+0.51}_{-0.23}$
Zone D	$102103.70^{+320.54}_{-319.54}$	$20.42\%^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$3.34^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.16^{+0.24}_{-0.12}$

# Background estimation in the signal region - Data-driven ABCD method



## Statistical uncertainties

# Asymmetric error bars on data yields (“vanilla case”)

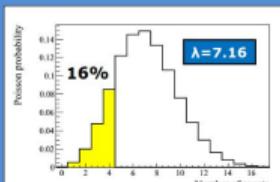
- after discussion at past tau meeting, we assign asymmetric uncertainties to yields in **data and MC**
  - before computed as symmetrical Poisson uncertainties  $\text{sqrt}(N)$ , for  $N$  entries in bin<sub>i</sub>
- adopt frequentist approach and find iteratively  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  so that  $P(n \leq N_{\text{bin}} | \lambda_1) \leq 0.16$  and  $P(n \geq N_{\text{bin}} | \lambda_2) \leq 0.16$

### Option 6: Frequentist approach

Find values of  $\lambda$  that are on border of being compatible with observed #events

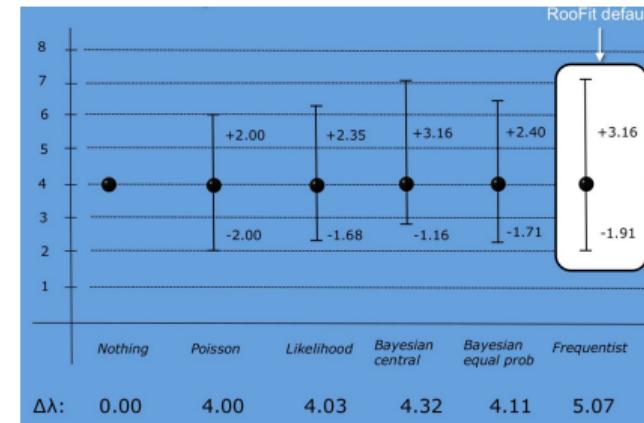
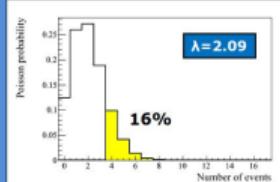
If  $\lambda > 7.16$  then probability to observe 4 events (**or less**) < 16%

Note: also uses ‘data you didn’t observe’, i.e. a bit like definition of significance



smallest  $\lambda (>n)$  for which  $P(n \leq n_{\text{obs}} | \lambda) \leq 0.159$

largest  $\lambda (<n)$  for which  $P(n \geq n_{\text{obs}} | \lambda) \leq 0.159$



- in each bin error bars are defined as:
  - $\text{err\_stat\_up} = \lambda_1 - N_{\text{bin}}$ ,
  - $\text{err\_stat\_low} = N_{\text{bin}} - \lambda_2$



## Systematics uncertainties - Trigger

Strategy

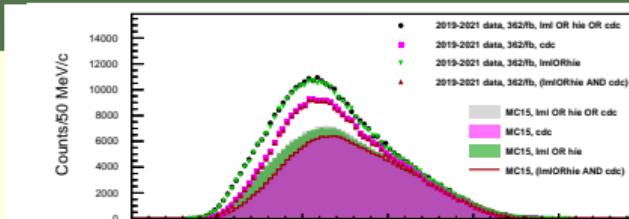
- Measure trigger efficiency on  $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\nu$  Control sample
  - Relative efficiencies w.r.t. orthogonal lines (ECL Vs CDC)

$$\varepsilon_{ECL} = \frac{ECL \text{ AND } CDC}{CDC} \quad \varepsilon_{CDC} = \frac{ECL \text{ AND } CDC}{ECL}$$

- Assign systematic uncertainty as the  $p^T$  discrepancy weighted to trigger efficiency measured with TSIM on signal simulation as  $N_{\text{TRG}} / N_{\text{Reconstruction}}$

## Result:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{TRG} &= \varepsilon_{ECL}^{TSIM} \cdot \delta_{ECL} + \left( \varepsilon_{tot}^{TSIM} - \varepsilon_{ECL}^{TSIM} \right) \cdot \delta_{CDC} \\ &= 0.80 \cdot \frac{0.005 + 0.004}{2} + (0.95 - 0.8) \cdot \frac{0.04 + 0.05}{2} \\ &\equiv 1\%\end{aligned}$$

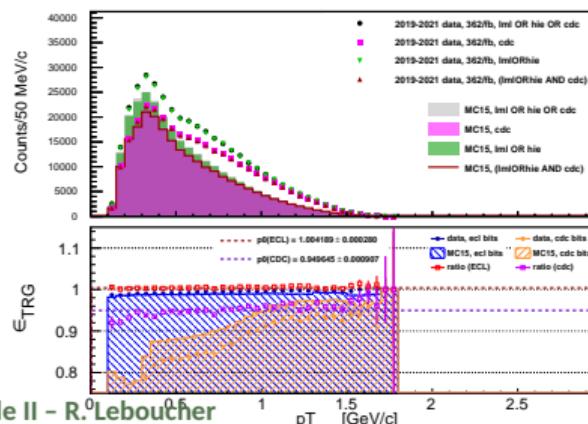


$p_{lead}^T$

$$\delta_{TRG} = \left| 1 - \frac{\epsilon_{TRG}^{Data}}{\epsilon_{MC}^{TRG}} \right|$$

$$\delta_{CDC} = 0.0363$$

$$\delta_{ECL} = 0.005$$



$p_{\text{third}}^T$

$$\delta_{TRG} = \left| 1 - \frac{\frac{\epsilon_{TRG}}{\epsilon_{MC}}}{\epsilon_{TRG}} \right|$$

$$\delta_{CDC} = 0.0504$$

$$\delta_{ECL} = 0.0042$$

## Systematics uncertainties – LID & Momentum scale

### Systematics from LID on signal efficiency:

- Track LID weights  $w_{LID}$  and variation  $w_{LID}^{stat,sys}$  are given to correct simulations. A global LID weight is defined as:

$$w_{LID}^{stat,sys} = \prod_{i=1}^3 w_{LID,\ell i} \times w_{LID,\ell i}^{stat,sys}$$

- Compute the number of signals after background rejection for each weight:

$$\sigma_{LID}^{stat,sys} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{n_{LID} - n_{LID}^{stat,sys}}{n_{produced}} \right)^2} \times \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{sig}^{abs}}$$

### Results:

	$\sigma_{LID}^{abs}$	$\sigma_{LID}^{rel} (\%)$
stat ↓	0.0042	2.08
stat ↑	0.0047	2.29
sys ↓	0.0007	0.36
sys ↑	0.0011	0.55

Total error:  $\sqrt{\sigma_{LID,stat}^{rel^2} + \sigma_{LID,sys}^{rel^2}} = 2.36\%$

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### Systematics from momentum scale on expected data:

- Corrections and up/down variations are provided to fix the bias caused by the magnetic field map
- Reconstruction run on data for each momentum scale working point
- Compute the expected data after preselection with the ABCD method

### Results:

	$N_{\text{expected}}$	$\sigma_{LID}^{abs}$	$\sigma_{LID}^{rel} (\%)$
True momentum scale	80	0.0	0.00
Low momentum scale	78	2.0	2.50
Hig momentum scale	81	1.0	1.25

## Systematics uncertainties – BDT

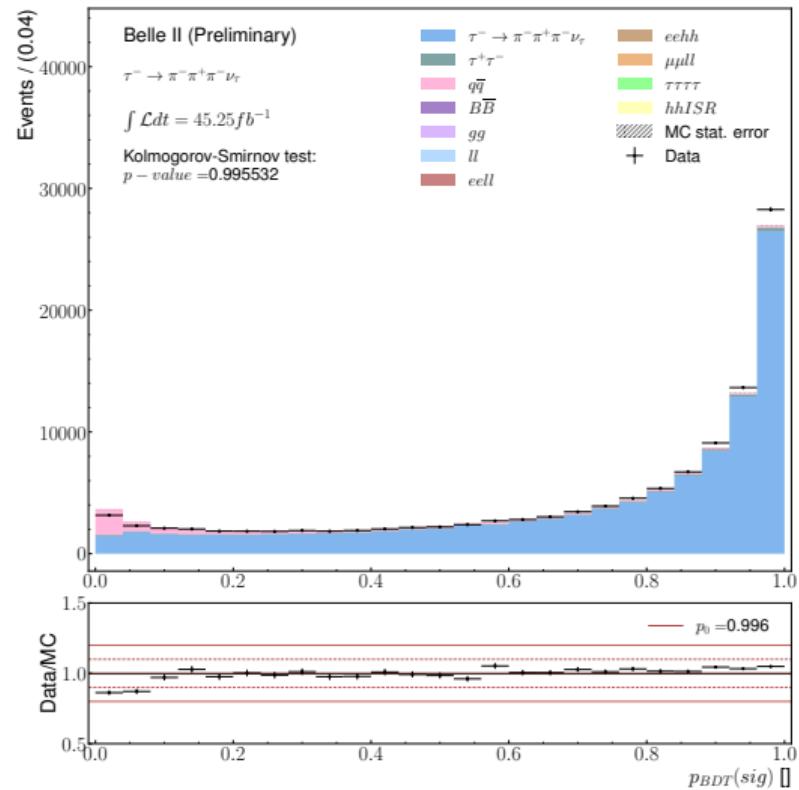
Compute control sample in the control sample:

- $\varepsilon_{data}^{CS}$ : relative data efficiency on the BDT output subtracting non  $3\pi$  events estimated in MC
- $\varepsilon_{3\pi}^{CS}$  relative data efficiency on the BDT output

At relative, a BDT output threshold with relative efficiency equals the relative efficiency (81.5%) on  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$  at 0.9.

Look at the difference between control sample data  $\varepsilon_{data}^{CS}$  and simulation  $\varepsilon_{3\pi}^{CS}$  efficiencies relative to unity is computed as:

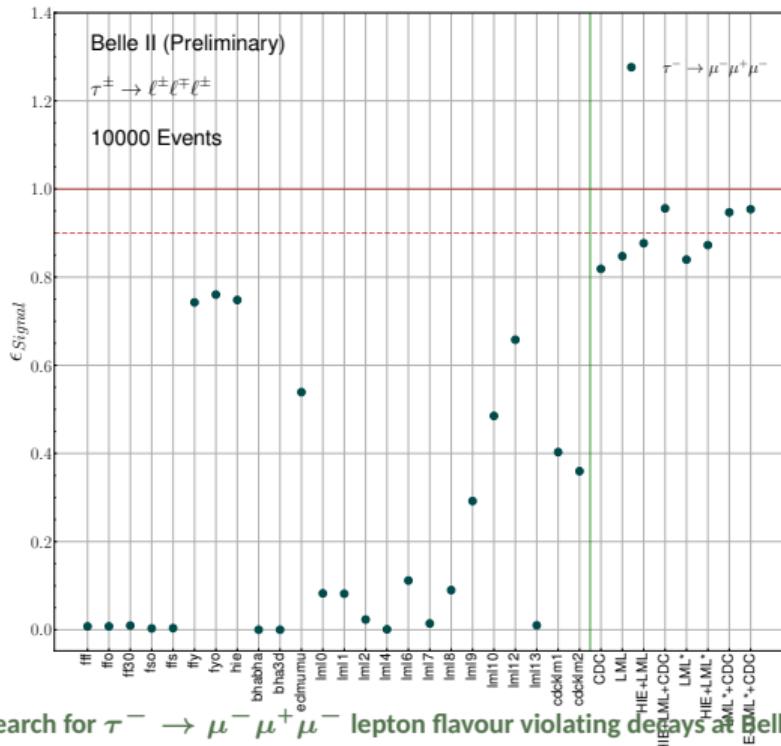
$$\delta = \left| 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{data}^{CS}}{\varepsilon_{3\pi}^{CS}} \right| = 1.5\%$$



# Trigger efficiency

Trigger efficiency after the reconstruction:

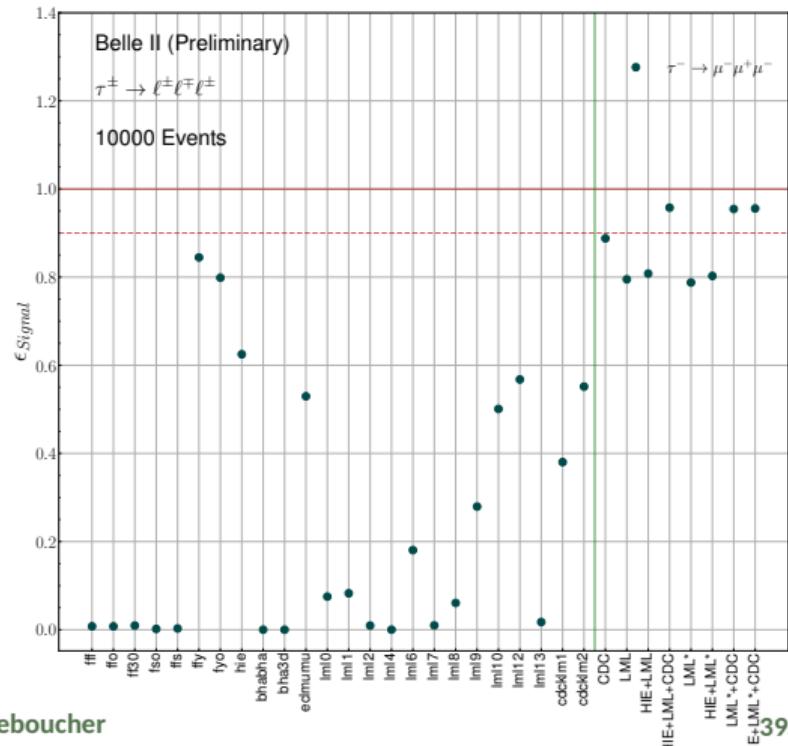
$$\varepsilon_{TRG}^{sgn} = \frac{N_{\text{Pass trigger}}}{N_{\text{Reconstructed}}} = 95.26\%$$



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Trigger efficiency after the background rejection cuts:

$$\varepsilon_{TRG}^{sgn} = \frac{N_{\text{Pass trigger}}}{N_{\text{PassingSelection}}} = 95.57\%$$



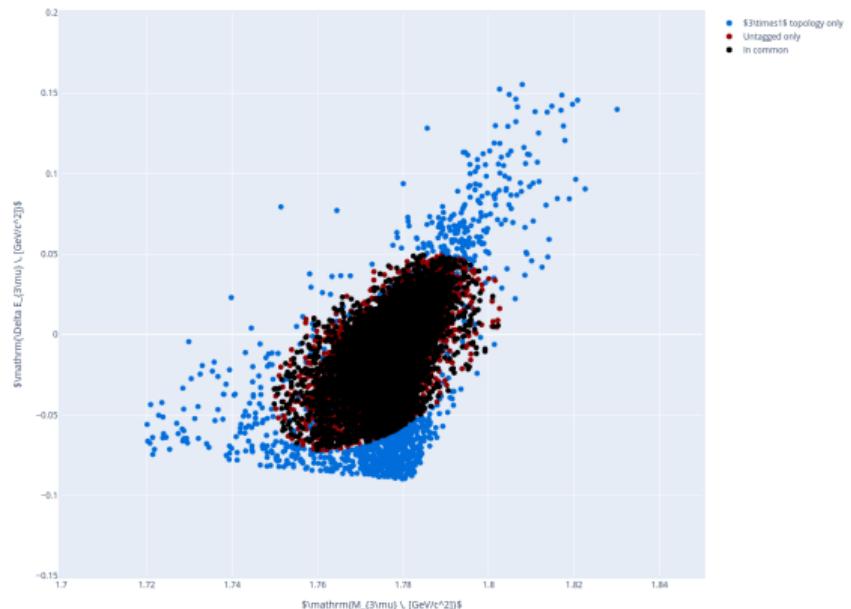
## Signal overlapping between the two methods

Signal events retained after the full selection for each strategy:

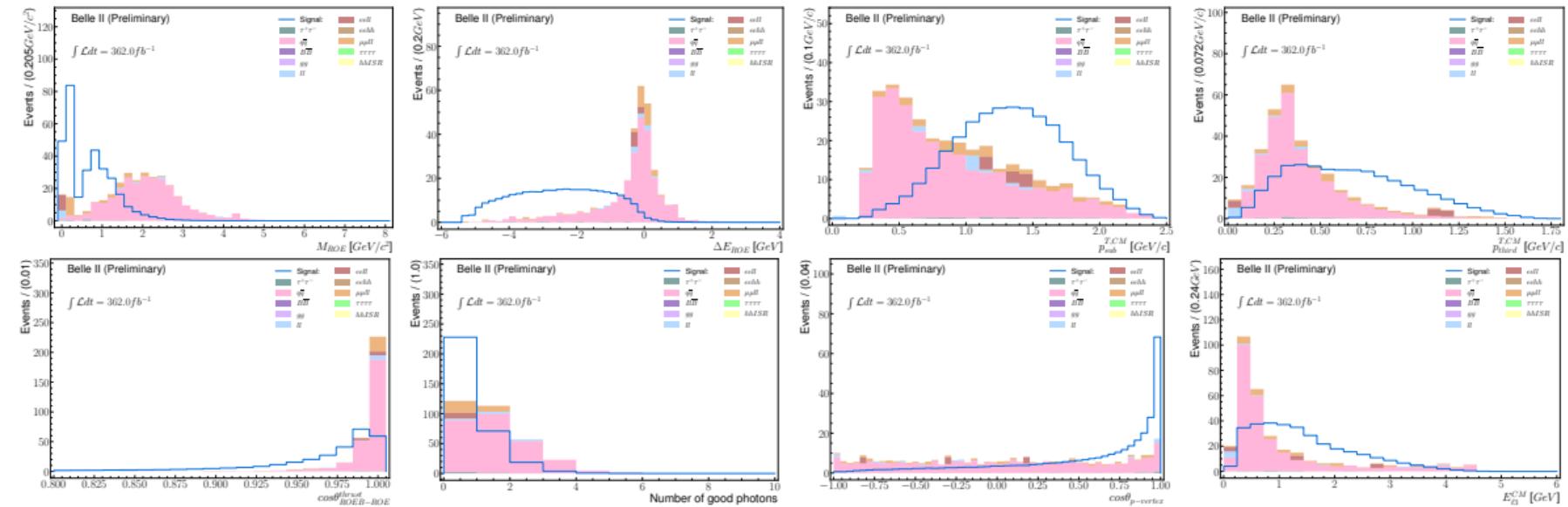
	Produced	Passing Selection	In common	Ratio
3X1 topology	100000	17489	14876	85.06%
Untagged	100000	23209	14876	64.10%

Signal events retained after the full selection of each strategy  
**(only 1 tracks in the ROE):**

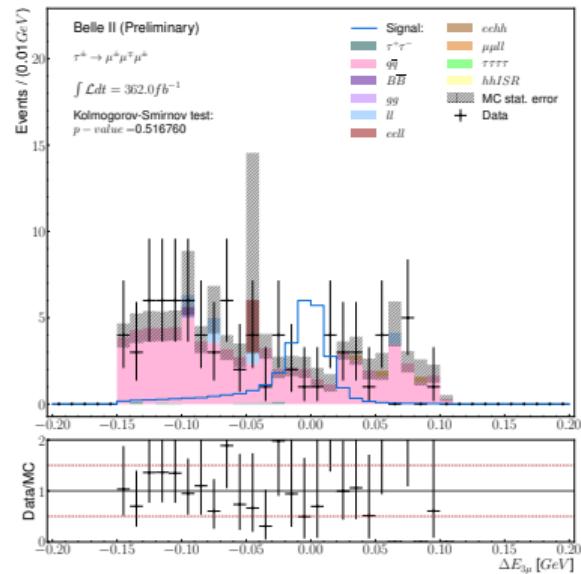
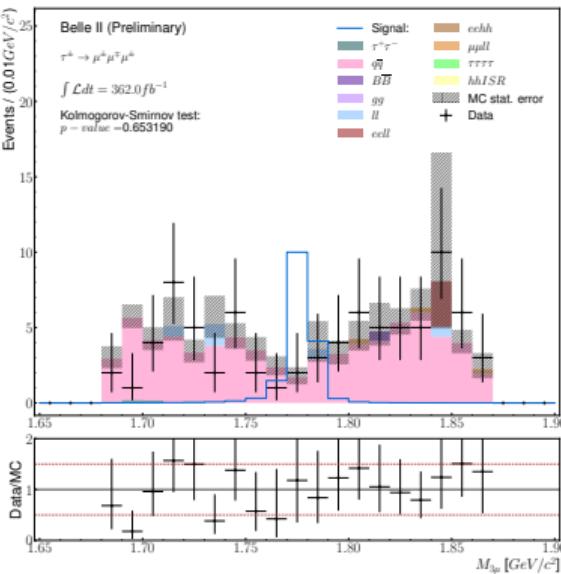
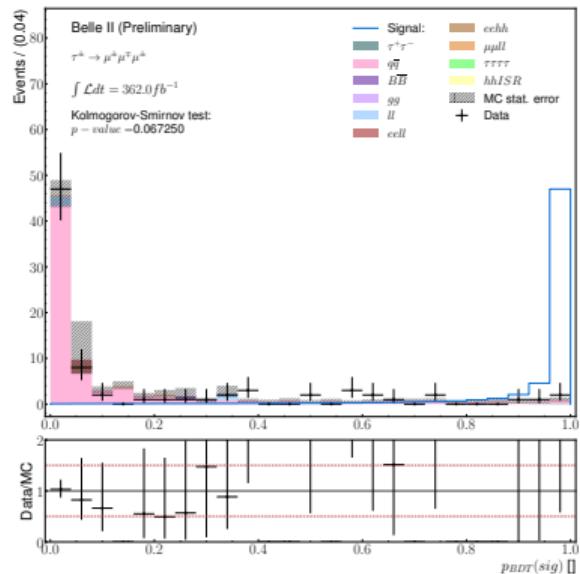
	Produced	Passing Selection	In common	Ratio
3X1 topology	100000	17489	14876	85.06%
Untagged	100000	20422	14876	72.84%



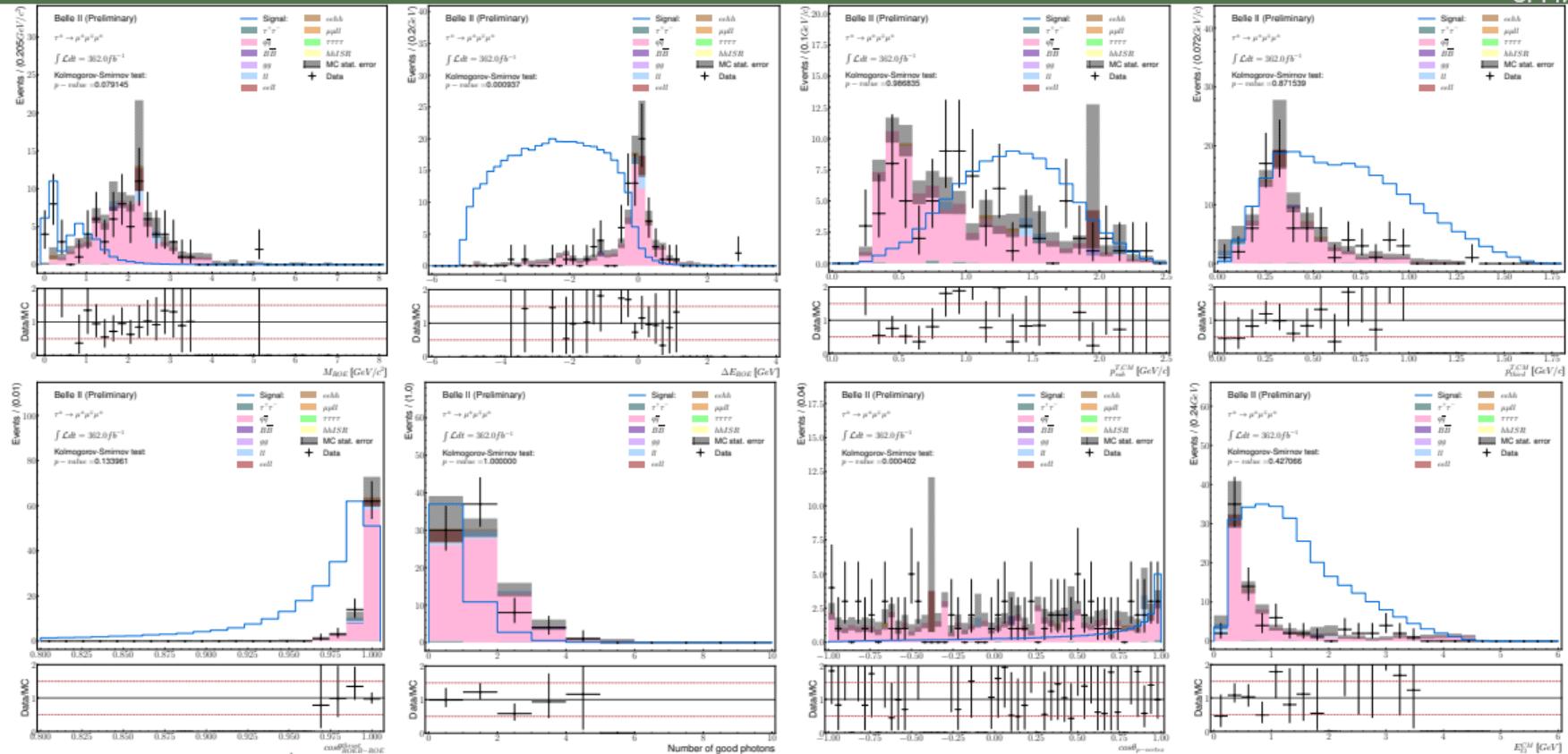
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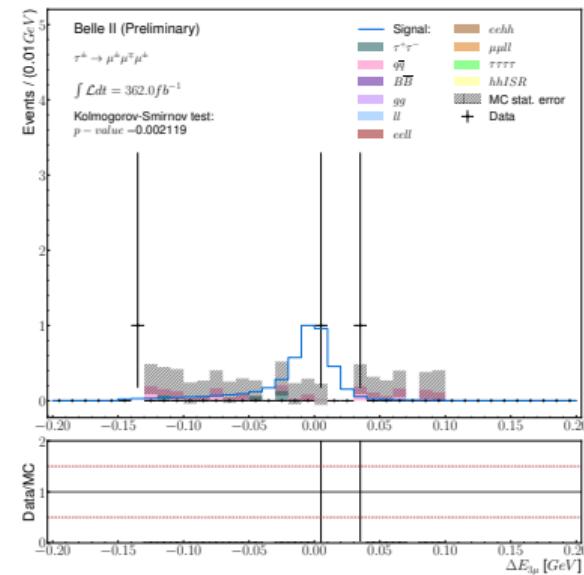
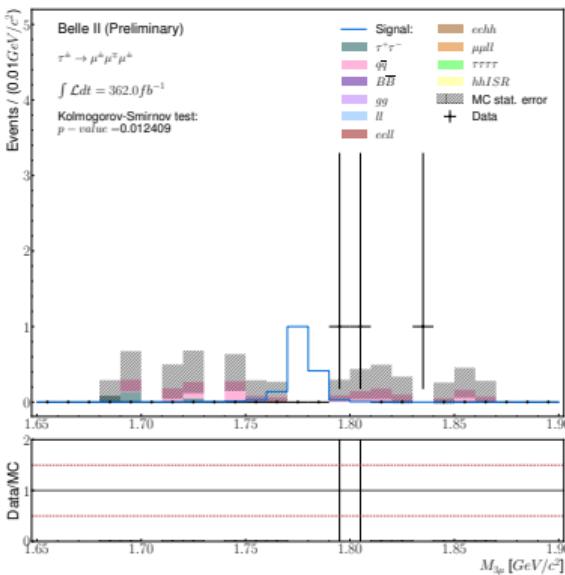
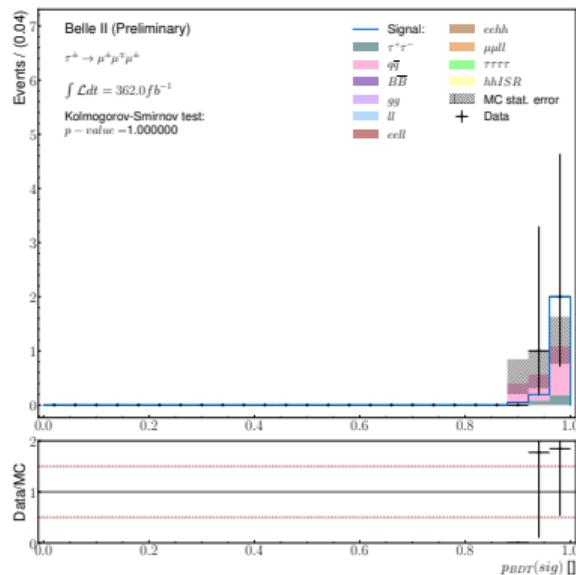
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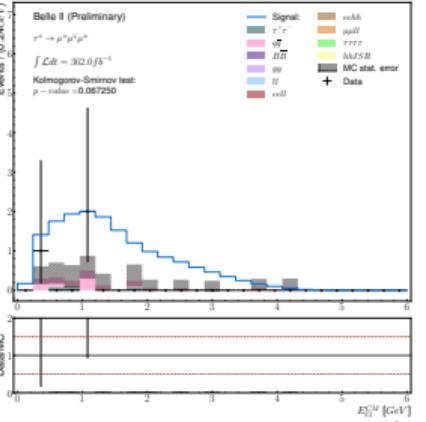
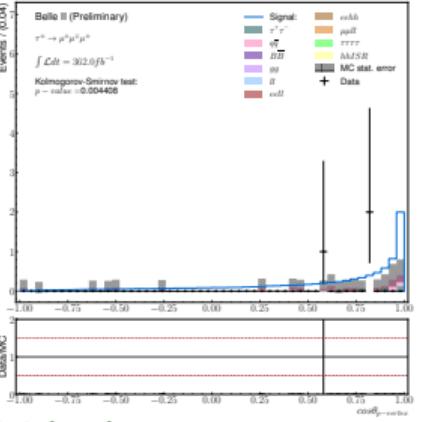
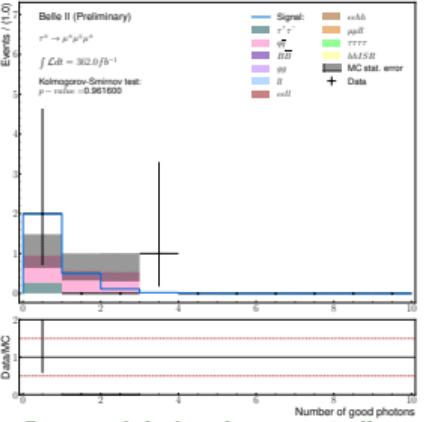
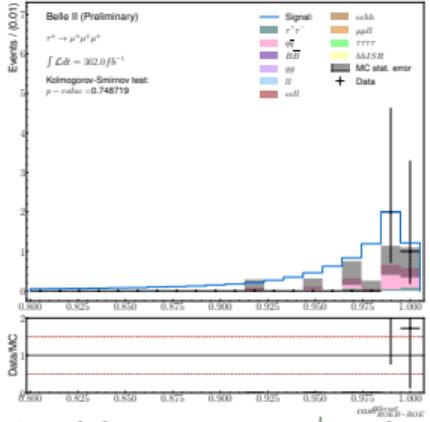
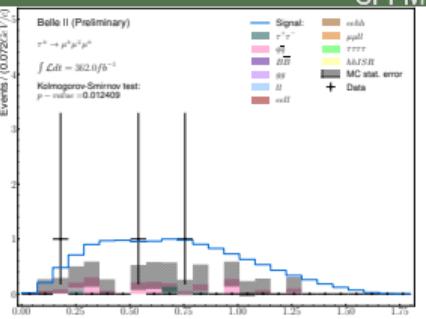
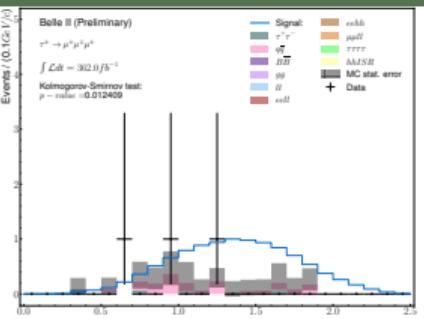
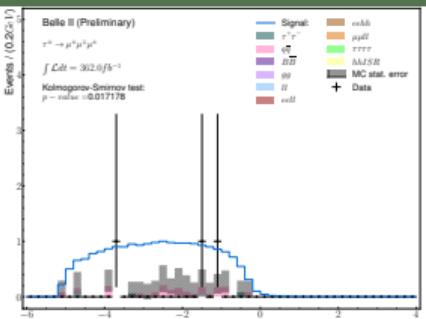
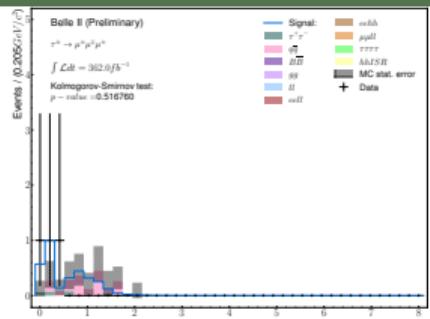


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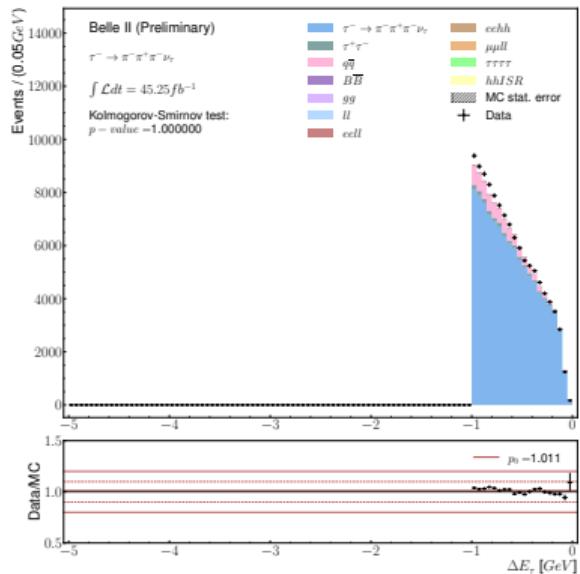
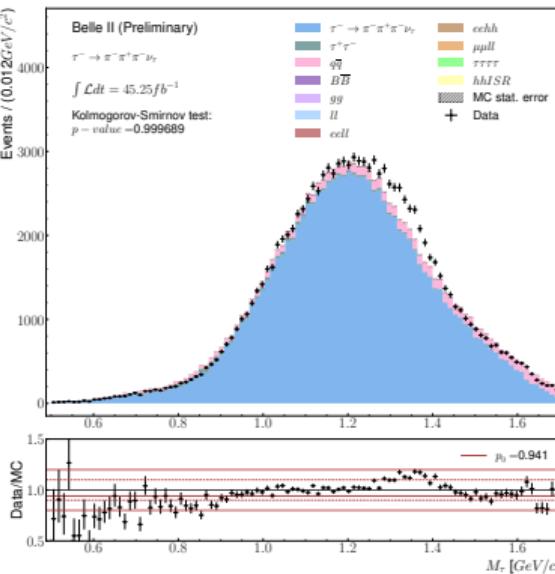
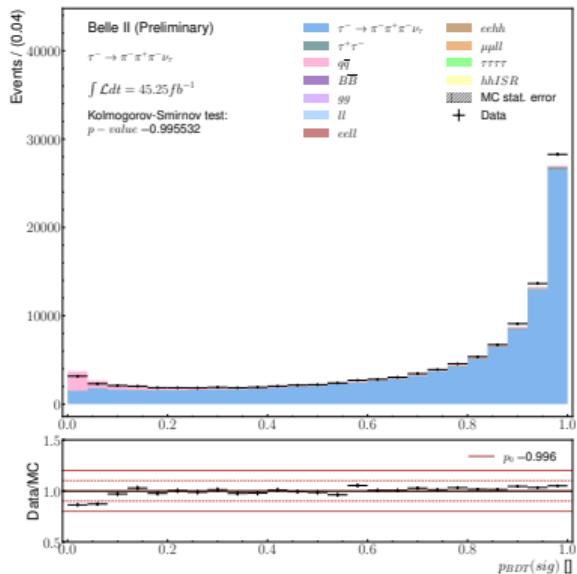


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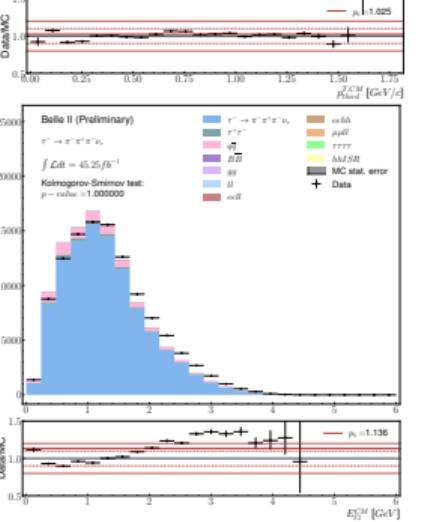
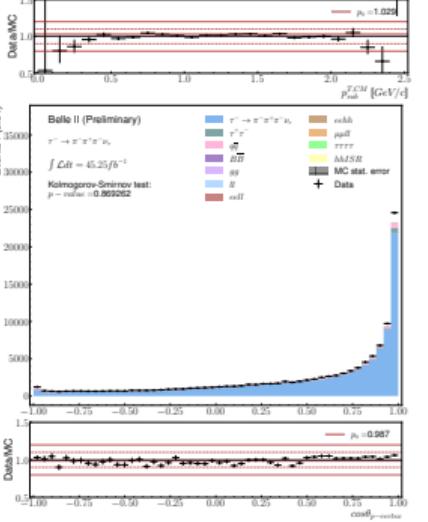
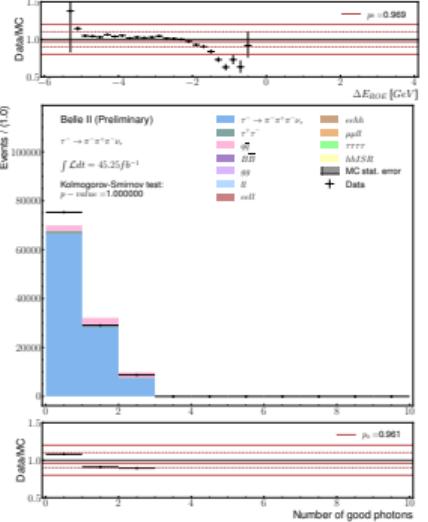
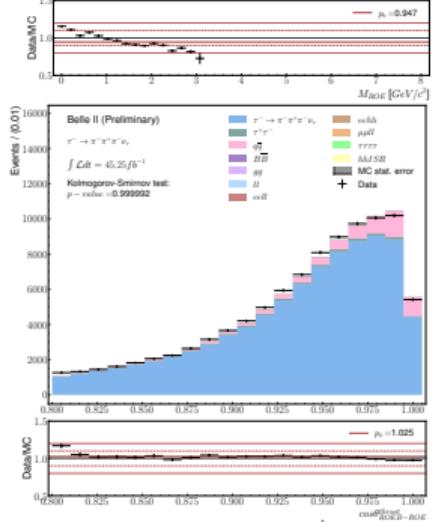
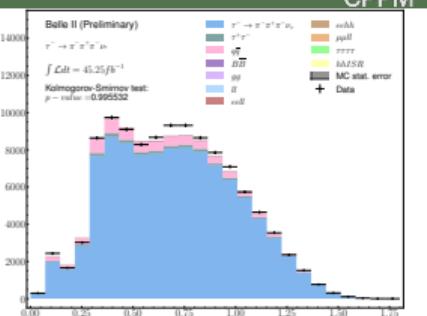
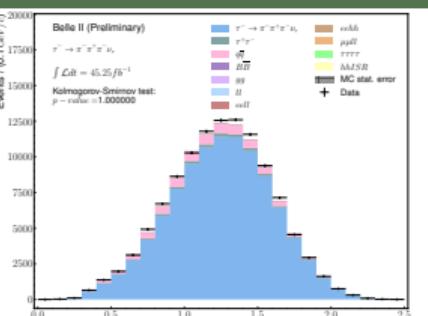
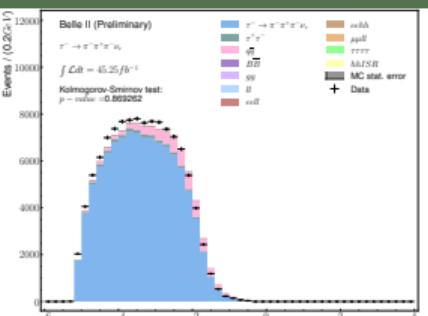
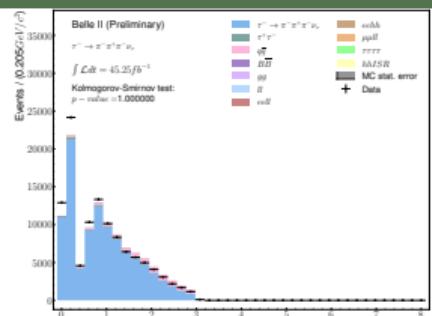


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