
Radiative decays from LHCb to Belle II

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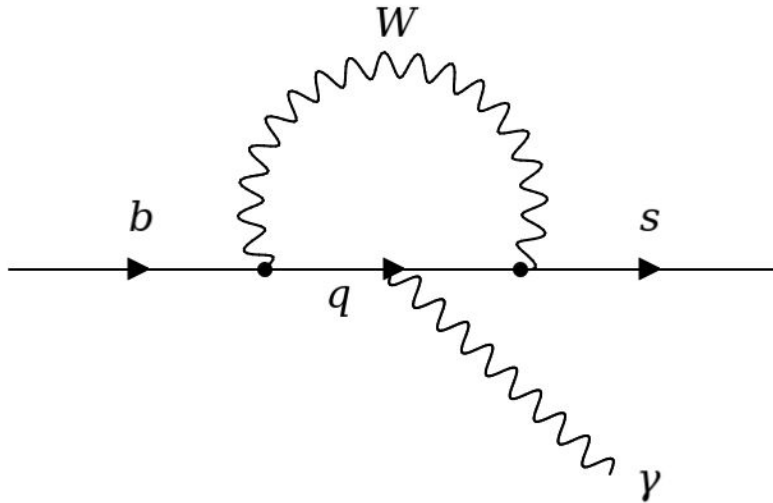
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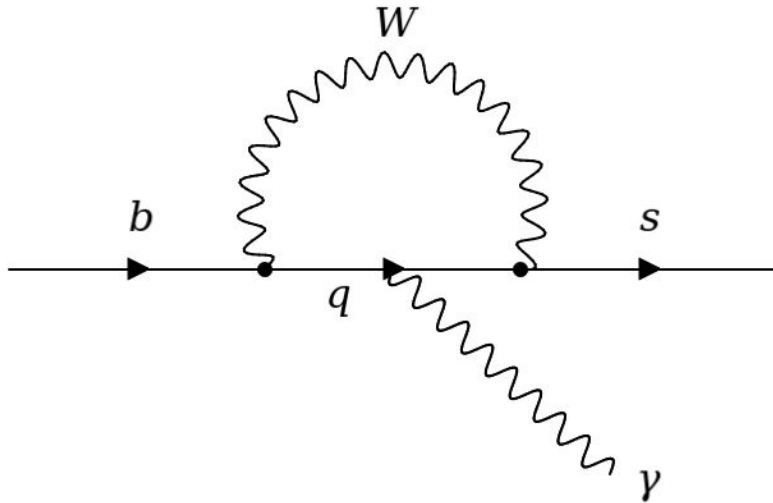
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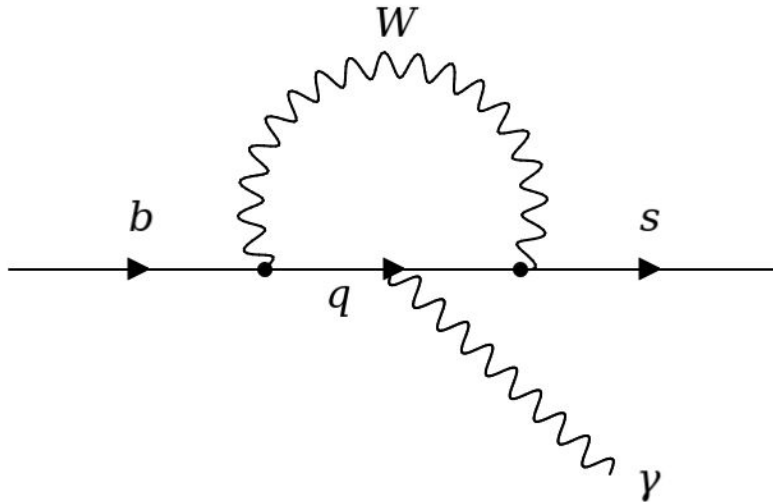


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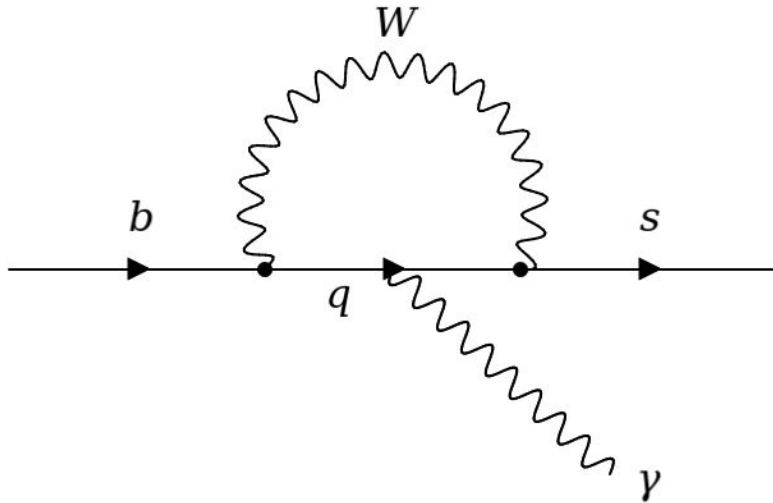


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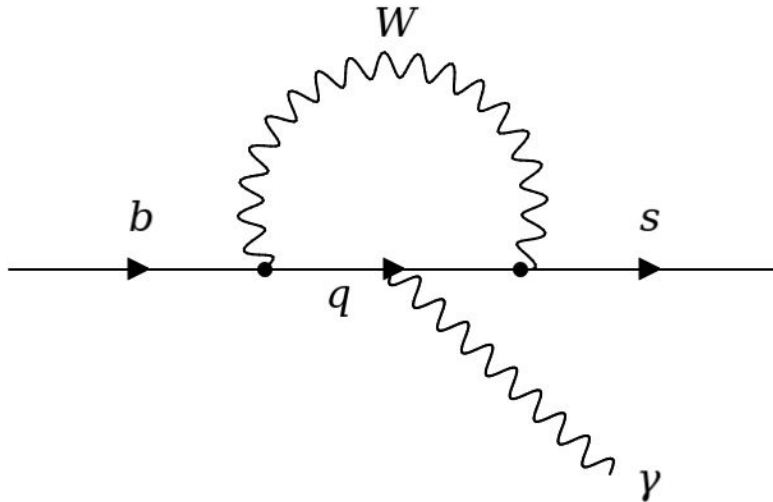


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New Physics models can enhance right-handed currents, making these transitions very sensitive.

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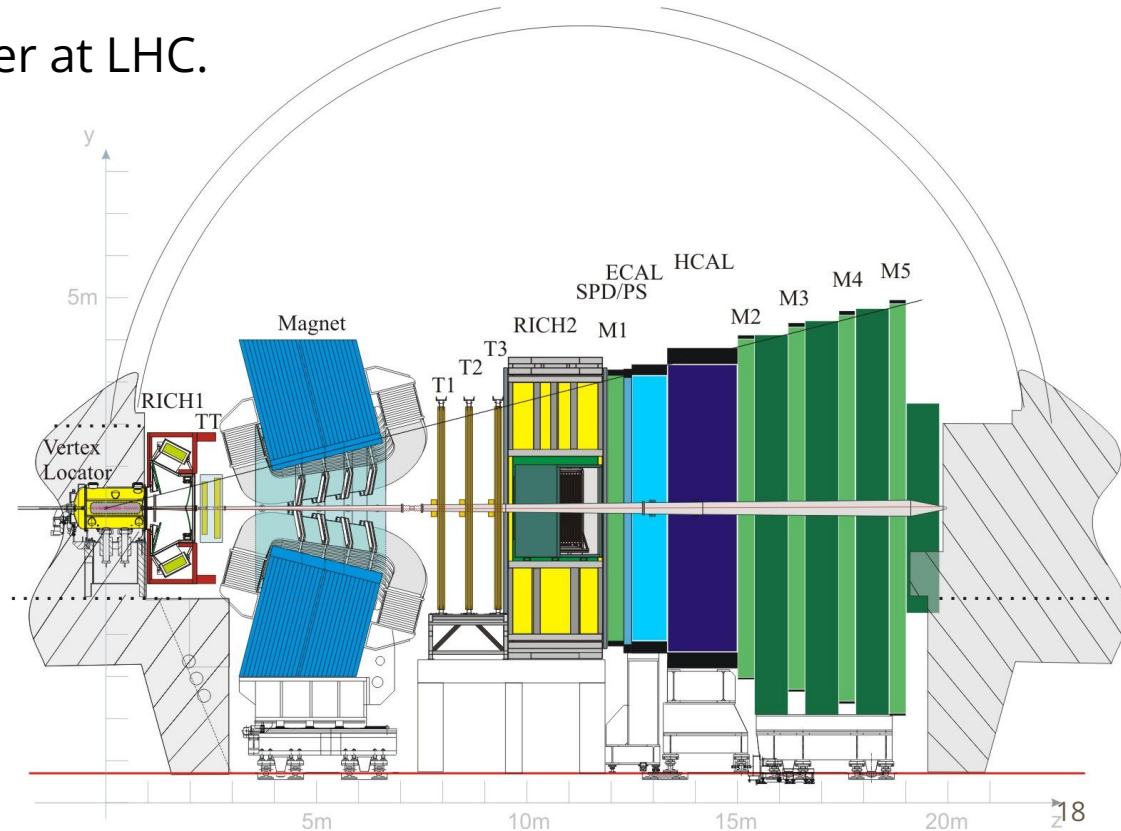
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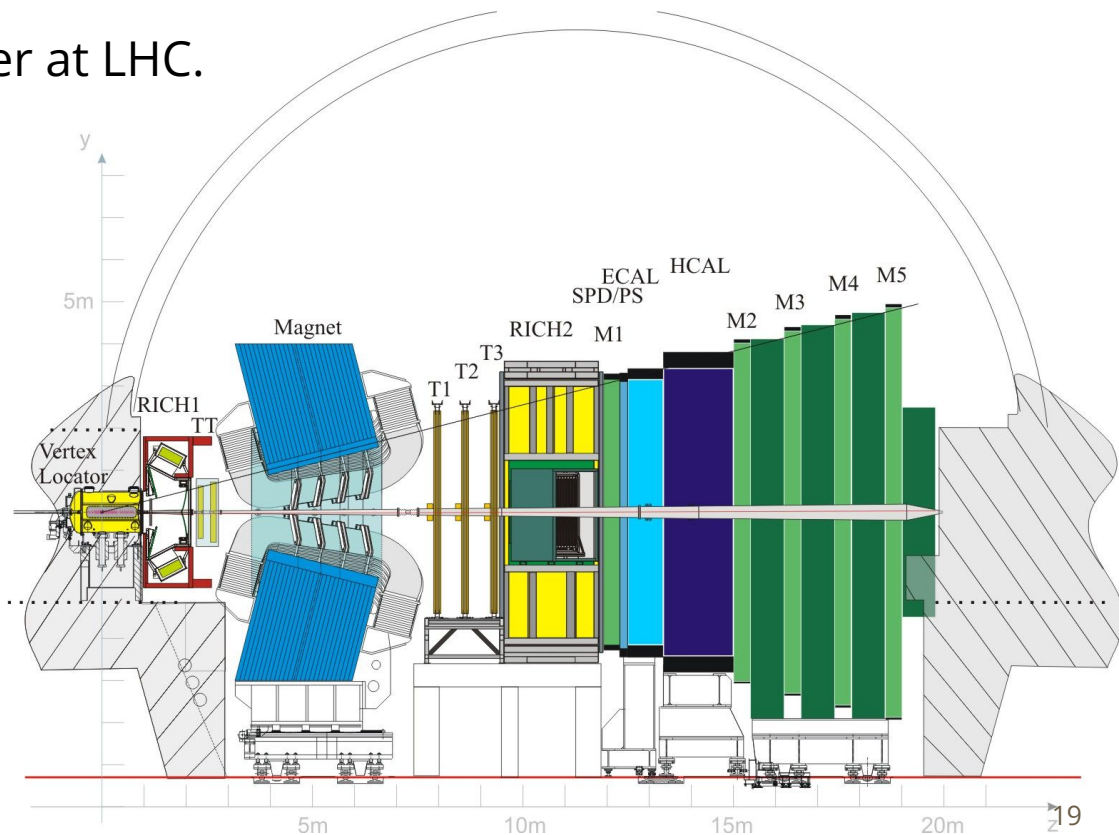
- $b\bar{b}$ cross-section: $\sim 10^5$ nb
- Small efficiencies (acc., reco.)
- All kind of b-hadrons
 B^0 , B_s , Λ_b , Ξ_b
- B-hadrons boosted



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- Momentum resolution
 - 0.4 - 0.6% at 5-100 GeV.
- Kaon ID eff: 95%
 - 5% $\pi \rightarrow K$ miss-ID.
- E resolution for photons:
 - 1% + 10%/√E(GeV)



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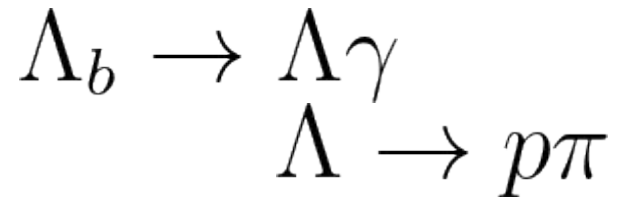
Cannot be measured in B-factories (BaBar/Belle).

Currently only LHC has access to this kind of decays.

Observation by the LHCb experiment using 2016 data. [\[Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 031801\]](#)

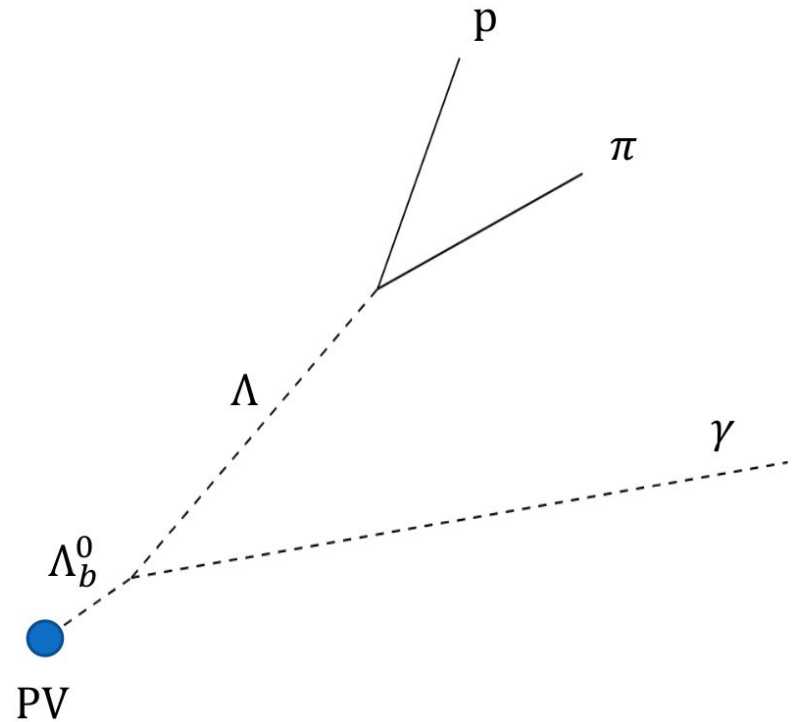
$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma) = (7.1 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-6}$$

Exploits the weak decay of the Λ .



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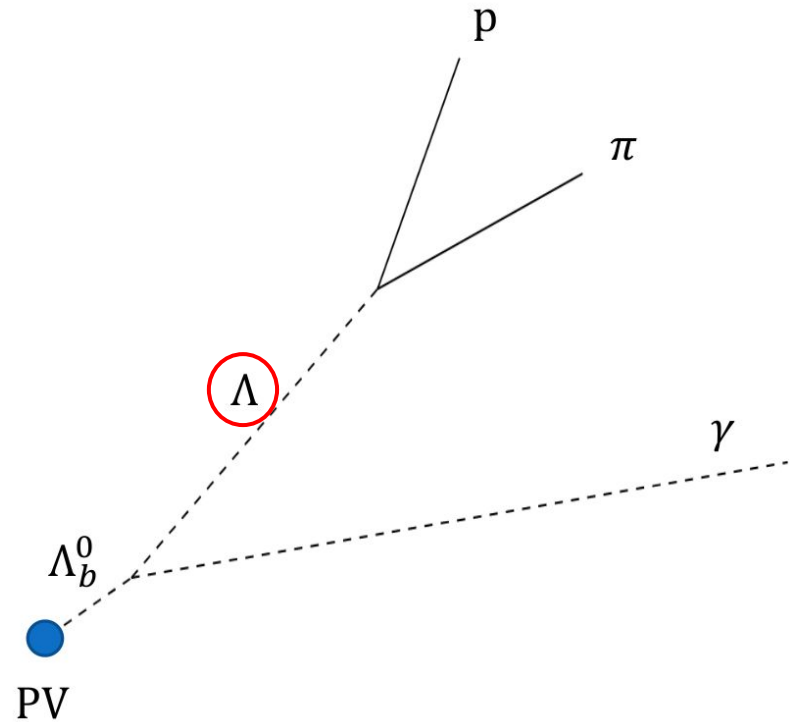
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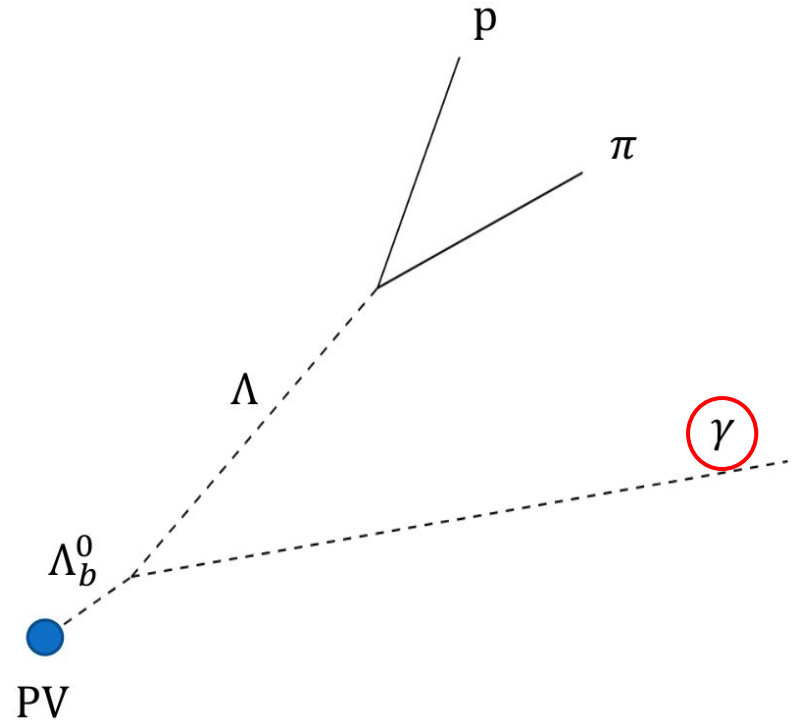
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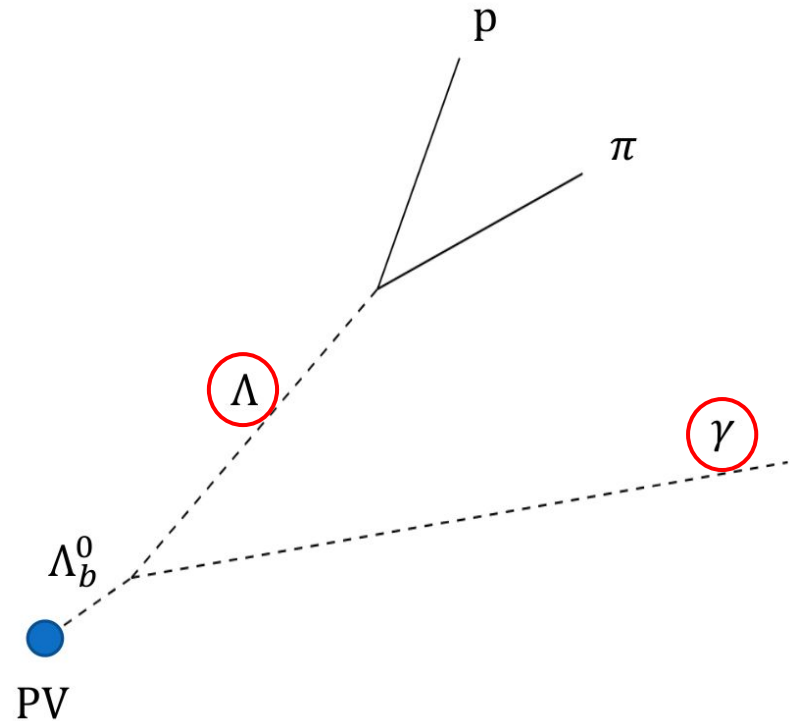


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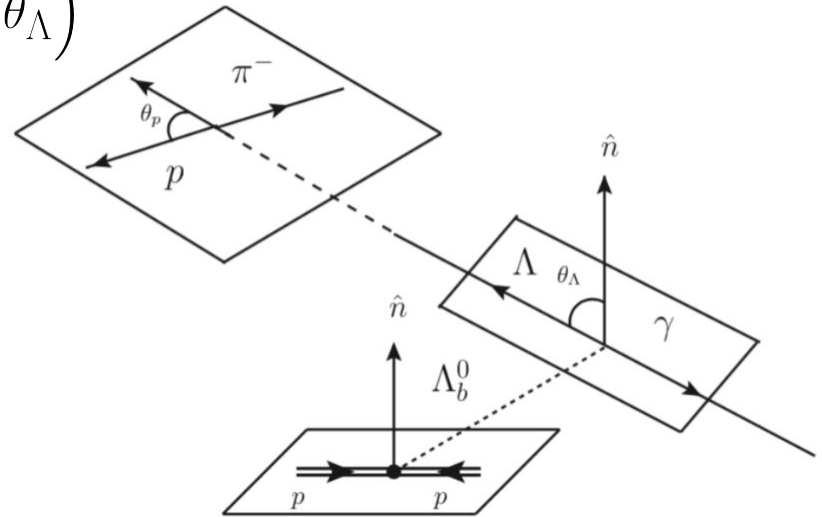
Both Λ , γ leave no hits in tracking detectors.



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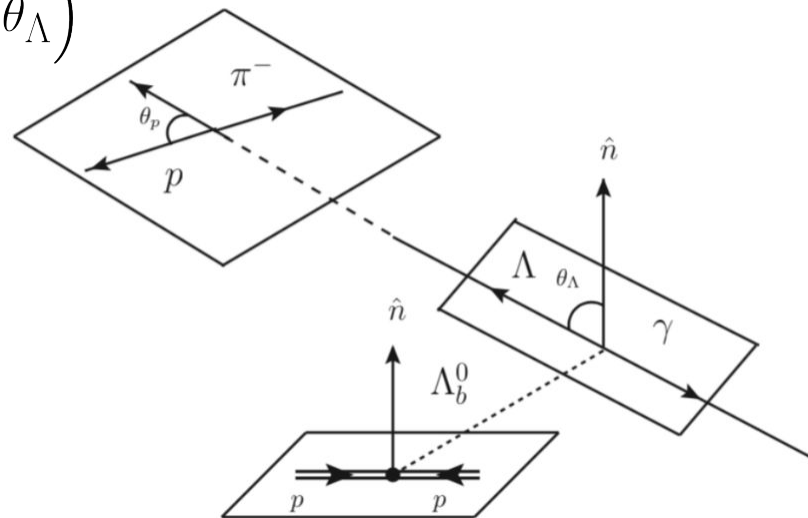
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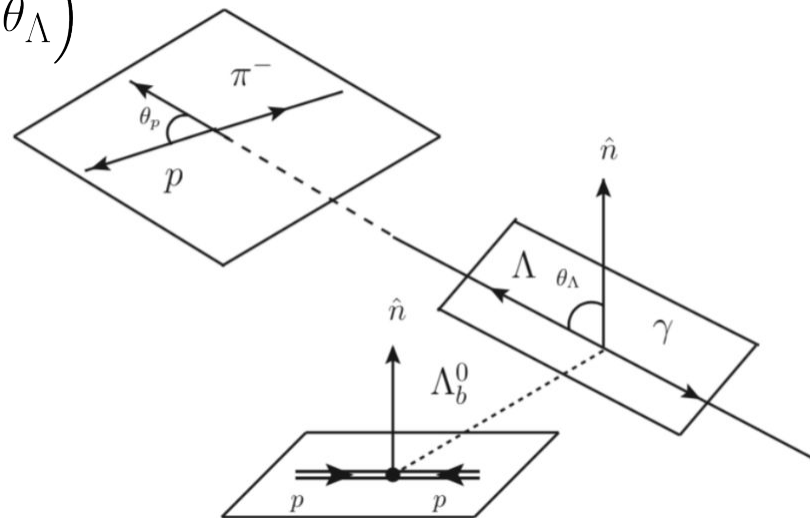
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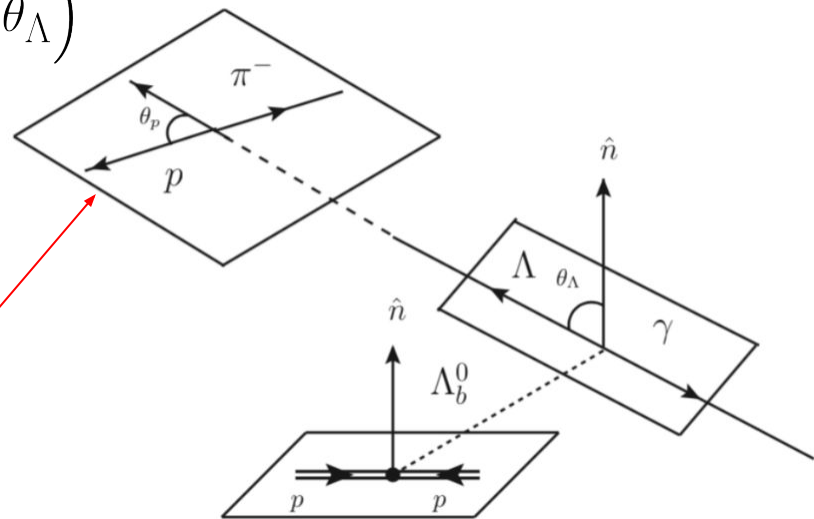
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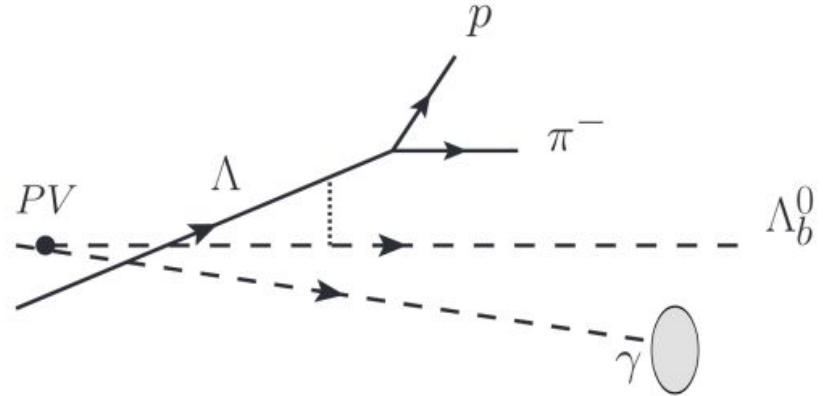
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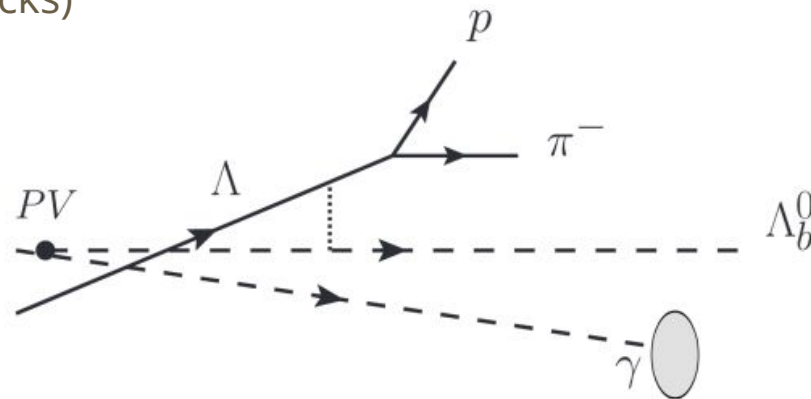
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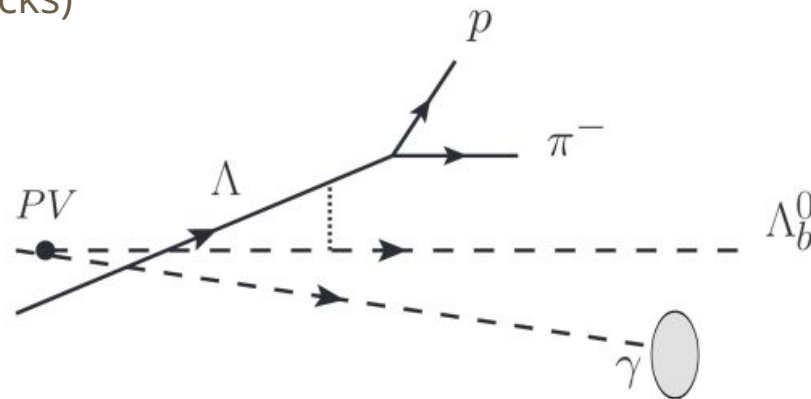
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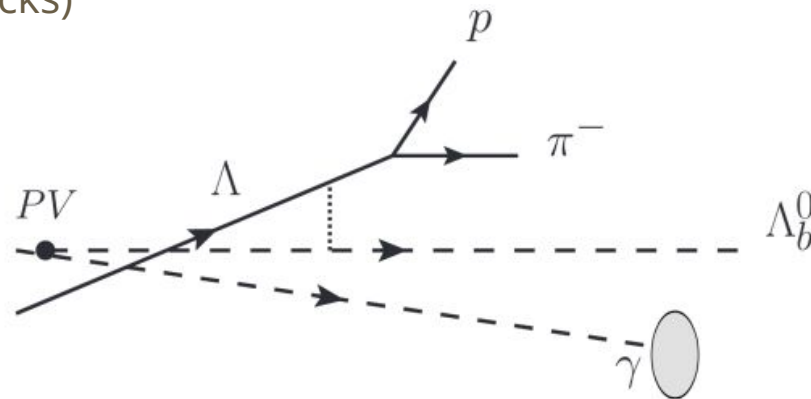
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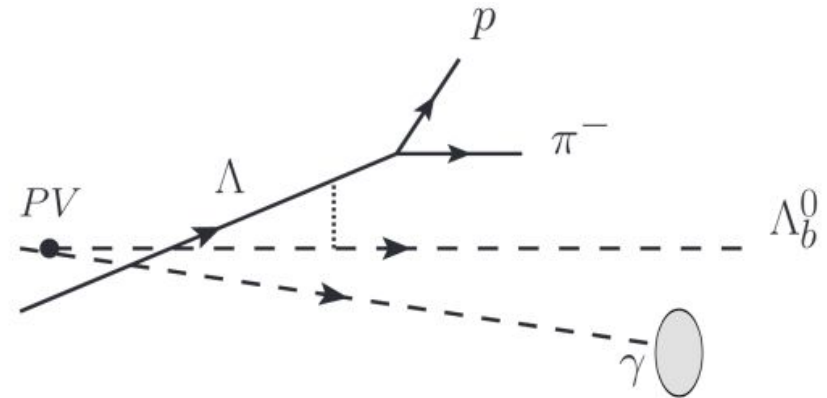
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Online selection:

- 1) Large transverse energy photon
- 2) A charged track with high transverse momenta and large impact parameter
- 3) Specific selection



Offline selection

Goal: Further separate signal from background candidates.

Based on simulated signal events.

- Loose selection.
- Multivariate Analysis: Boosted Decision Tree (BDT).

But, need to make sure **simulation** and **data** are in **agreement**.

- Kinematics of mother particles are usually mismodeled (Λ_b)
Correct for these discrepancies using control channels ($\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK J/\psi$)

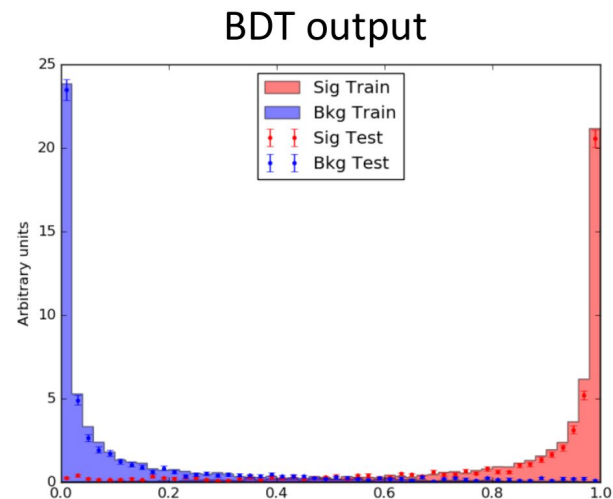
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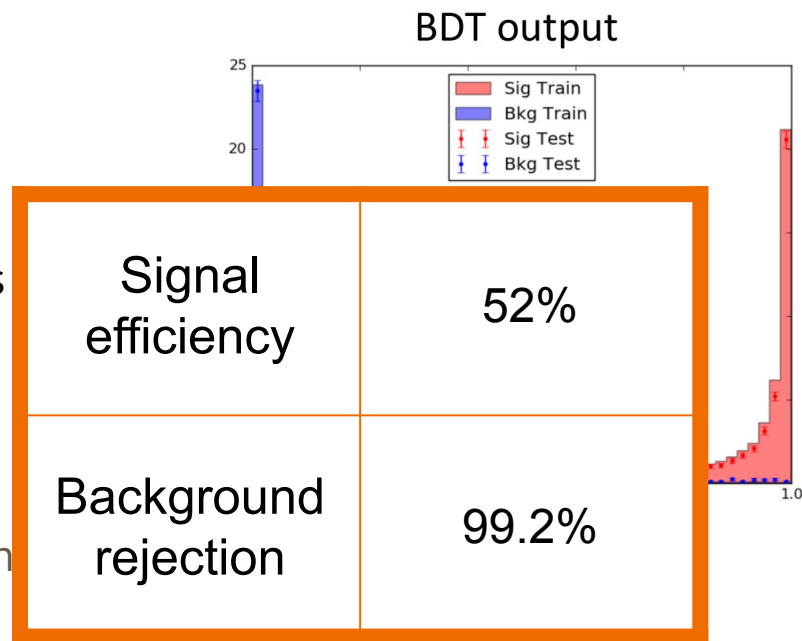
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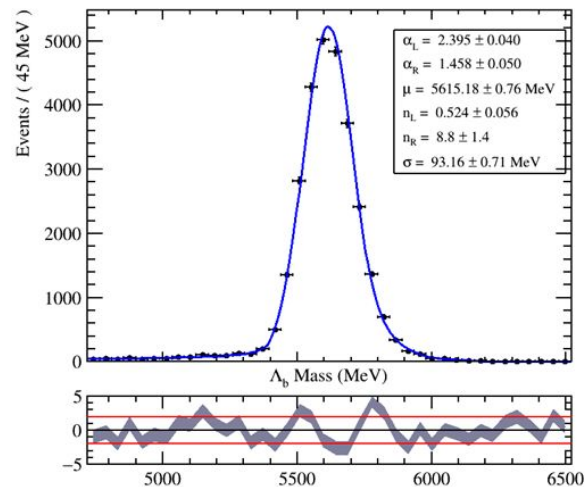
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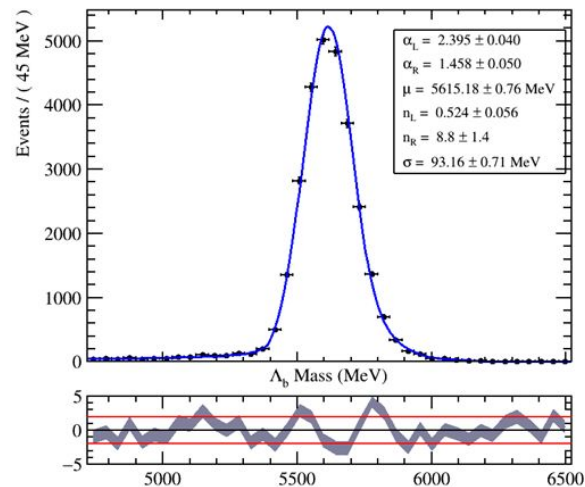


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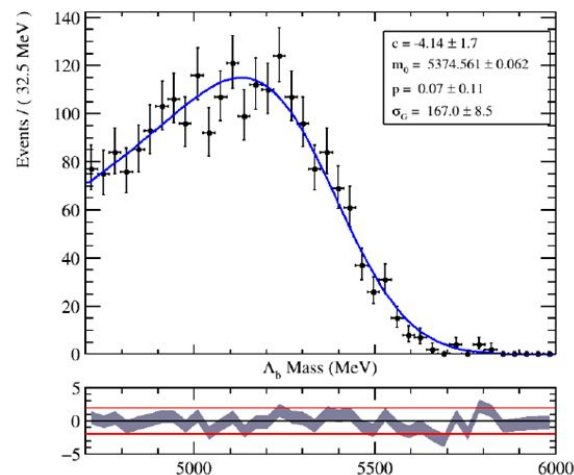


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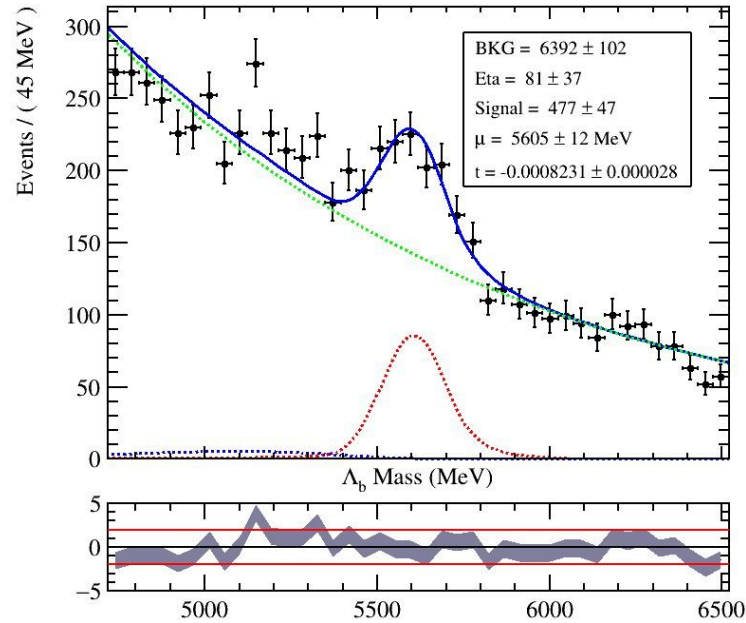
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 - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \eta$ ($\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
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 - Convolution: Argus x Gaussian



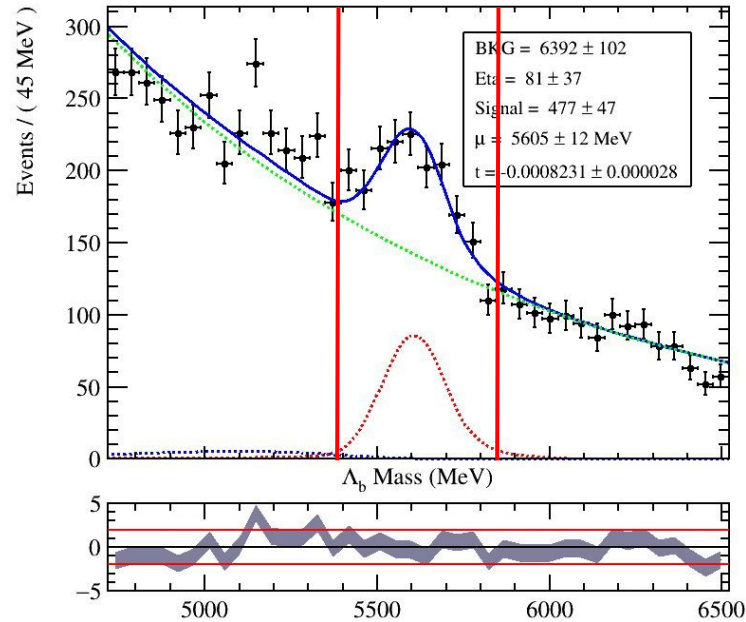
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Mass window
centered around
 Λ_b mass

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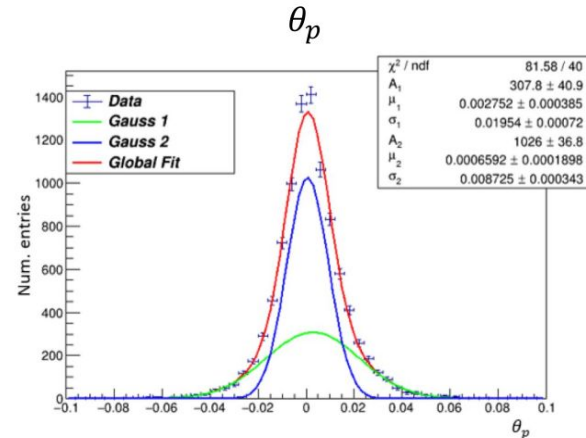
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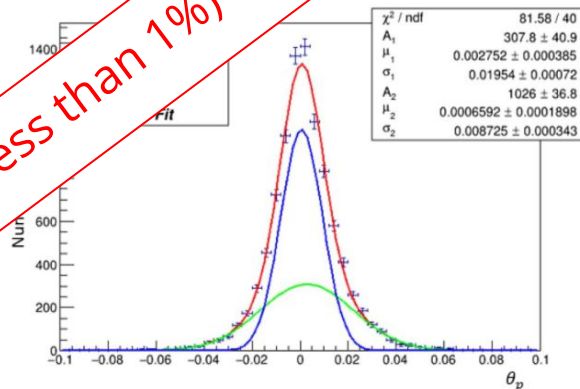
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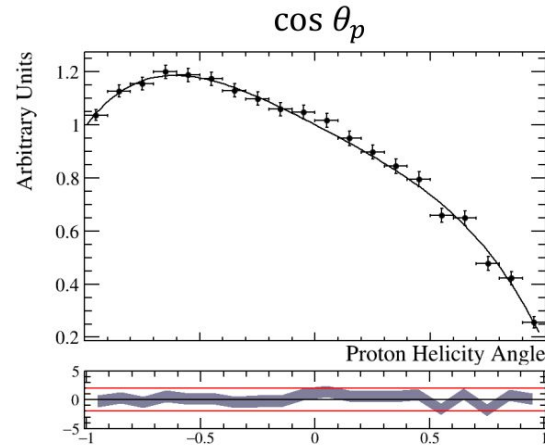
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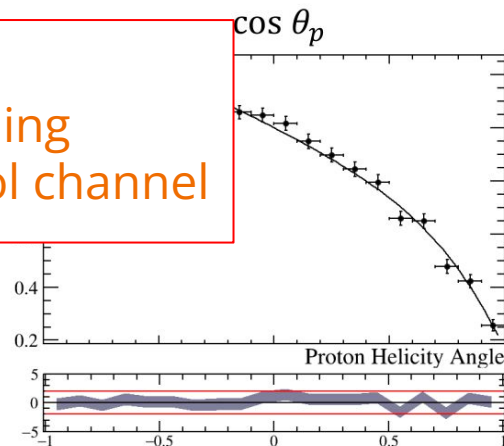
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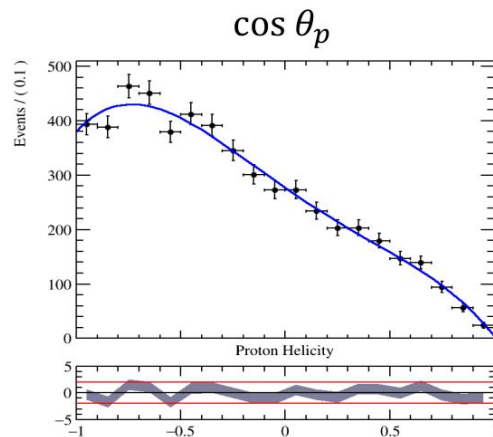
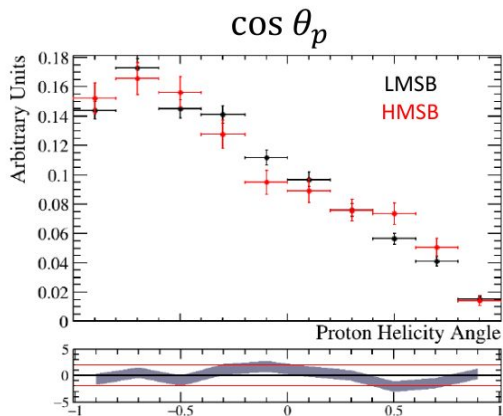
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Background shape from data:

- Low mass side band (LMSB)
- High mass side band (HMSB)

Model: 4th order polynomial.



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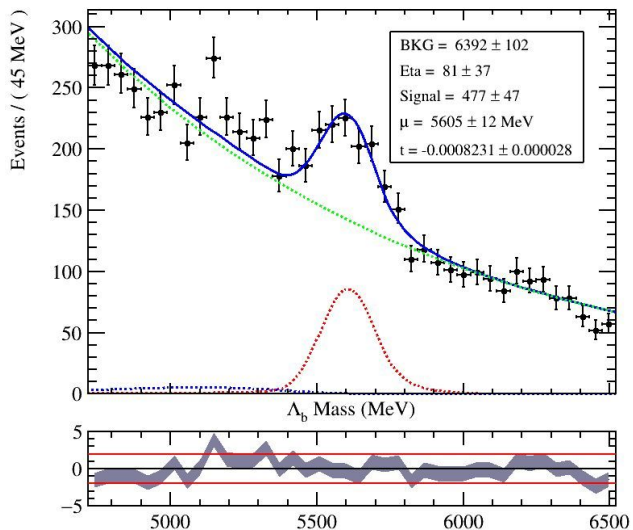
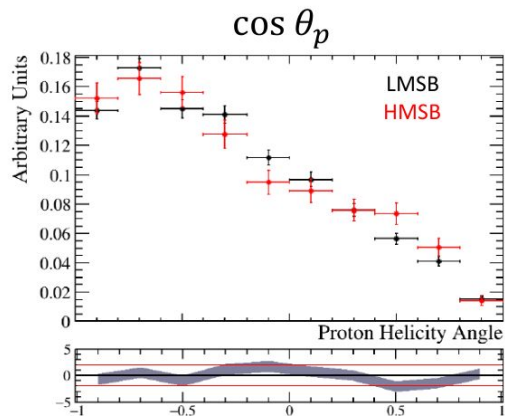
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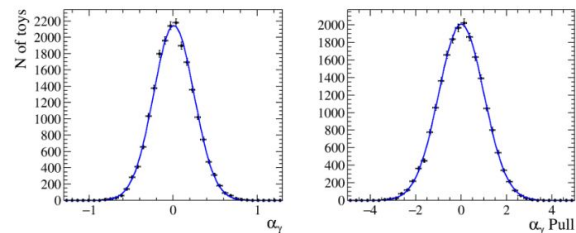
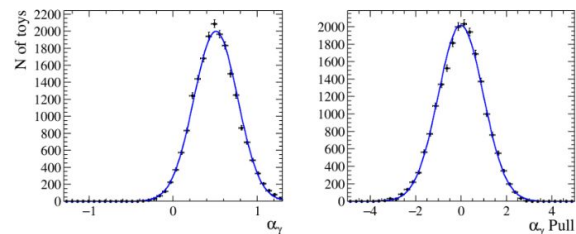
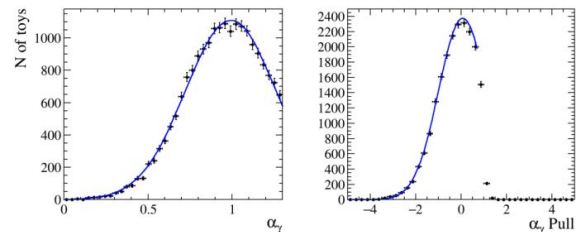
Generate $\alpha_\gamma = 0, 0.5, 1$

Pull asymmetric behavior when $\alpha_\gamma \rightarrow 1$.

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d(\cos \theta_p)} \propto 1 - \alpha_\gamma \alpha_\Lambda \cos \theta_p$$

Negative p.d.f at $\alpha_\gamma > \left| \frac{1}{\alpha_\Lambda} \right| \sim 1.326$

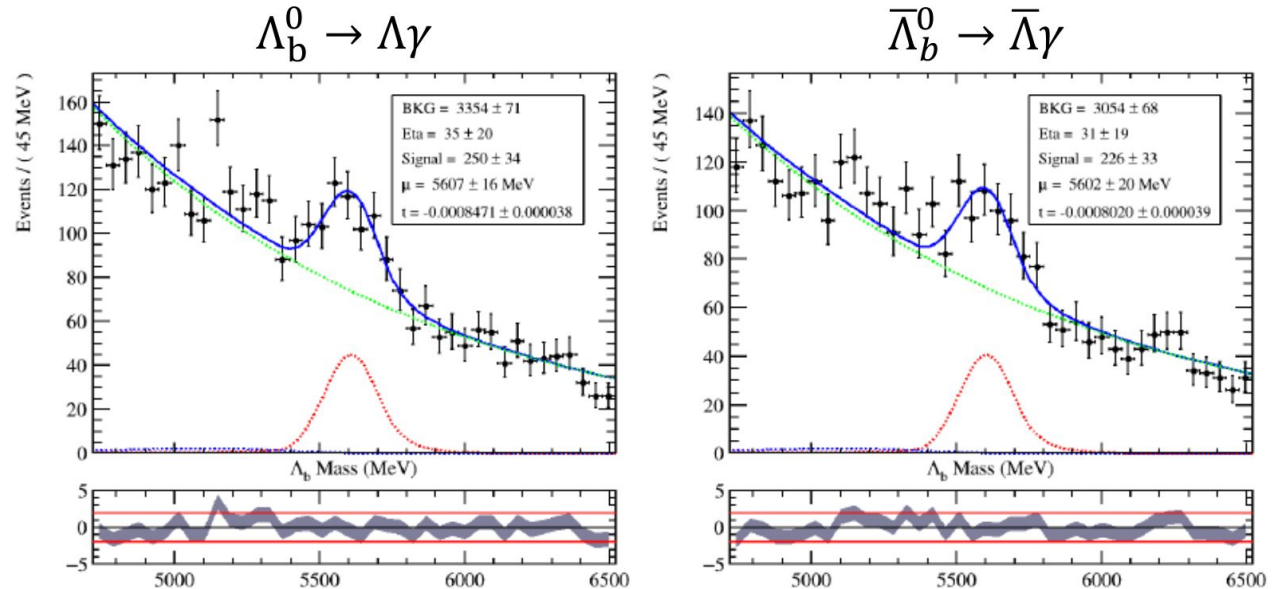
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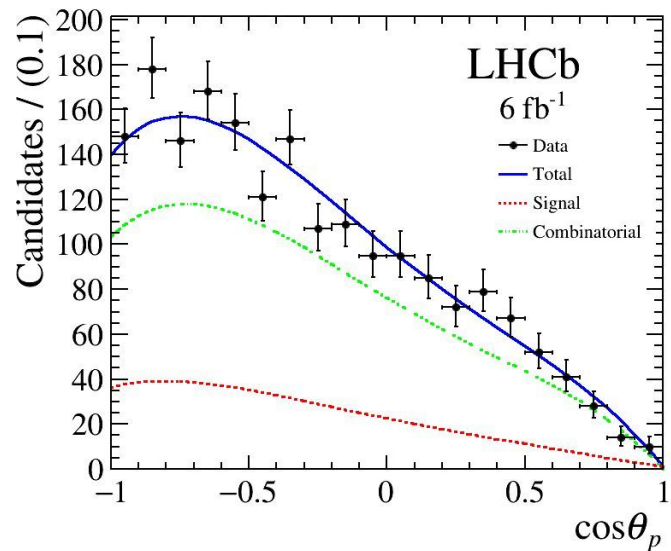
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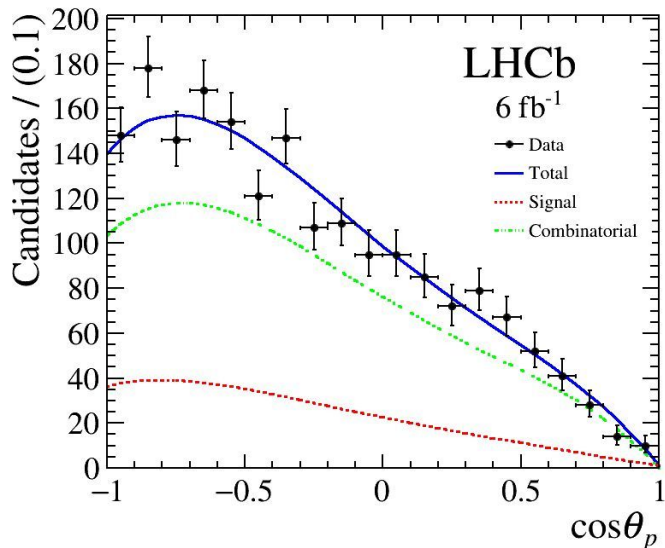
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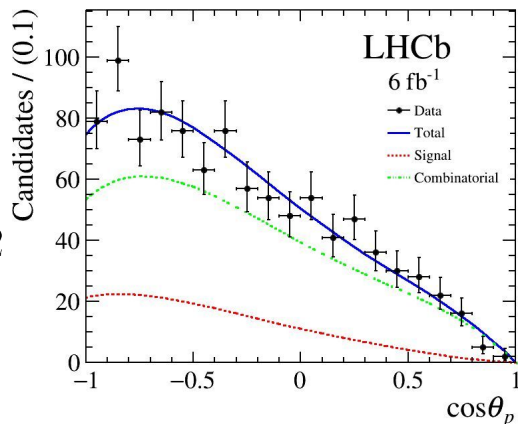
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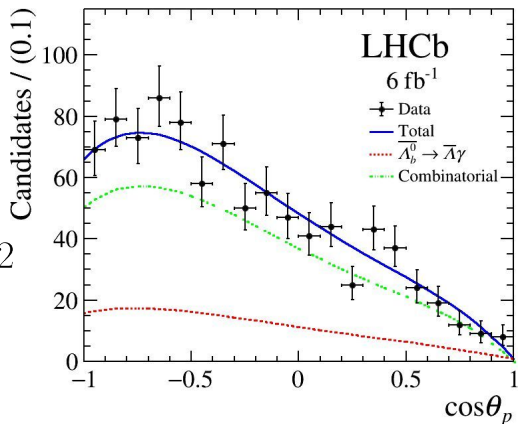
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- Reconstruct and select events.
- Extract signal and background yields
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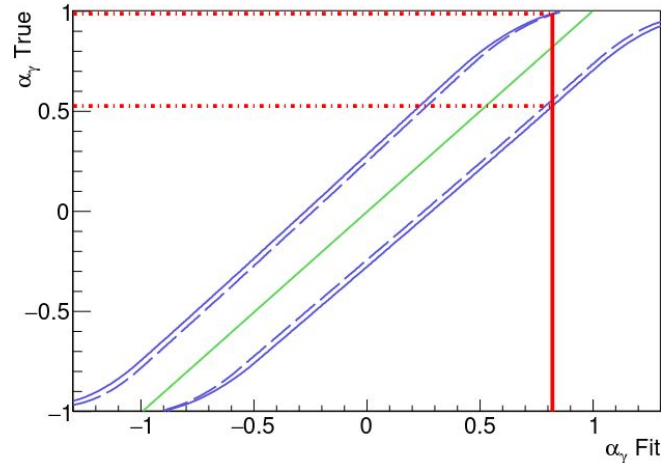
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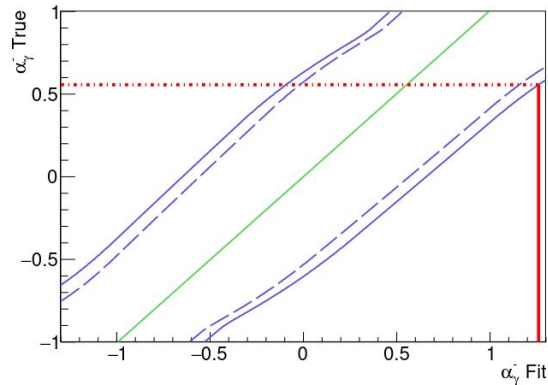


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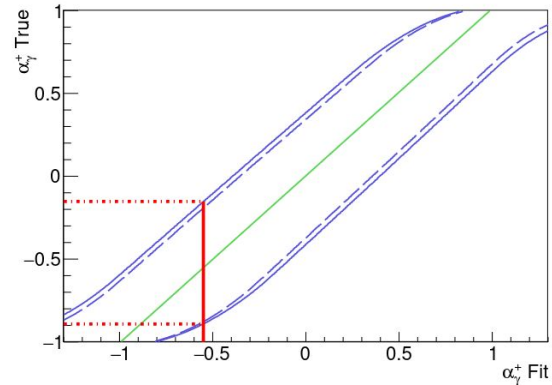
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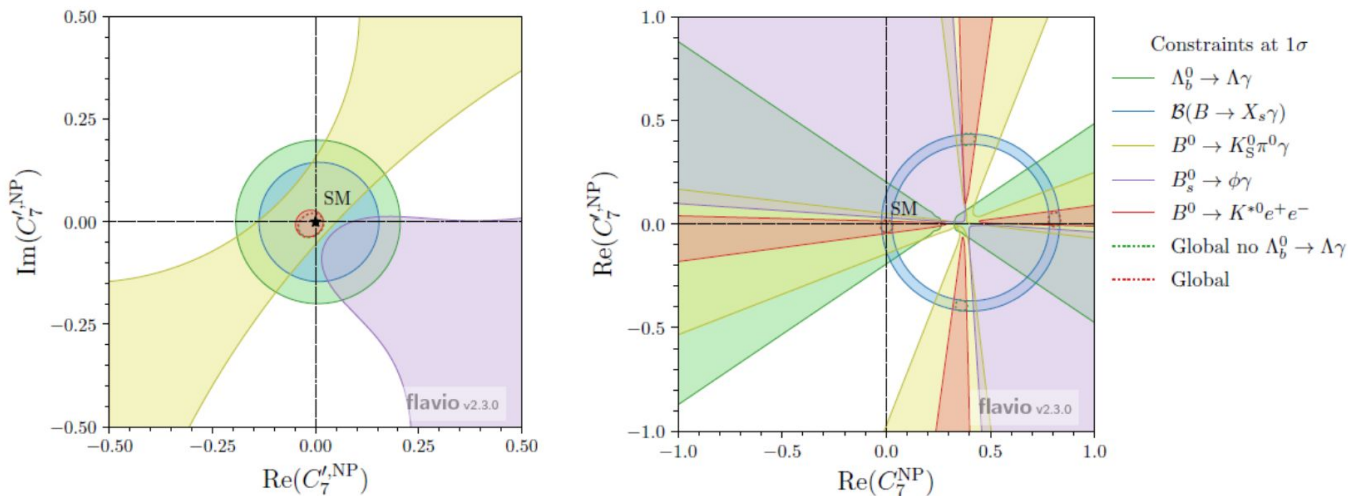
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Constraints

The Photon polarization places additional constraints to the Wilson coefficients

$$\alpha_\gamma = \frac{N(\gamma_L) - N(\gamma_R)}{N(\gamma_L) + N(\gamma_R)} = \frac{1 - |r|^2}{1 + |r|^2} \quad |r| = \frac{C'_7}{C_7}$$



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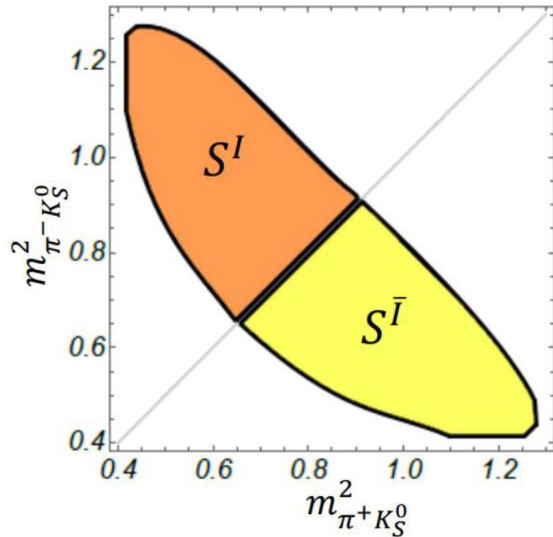
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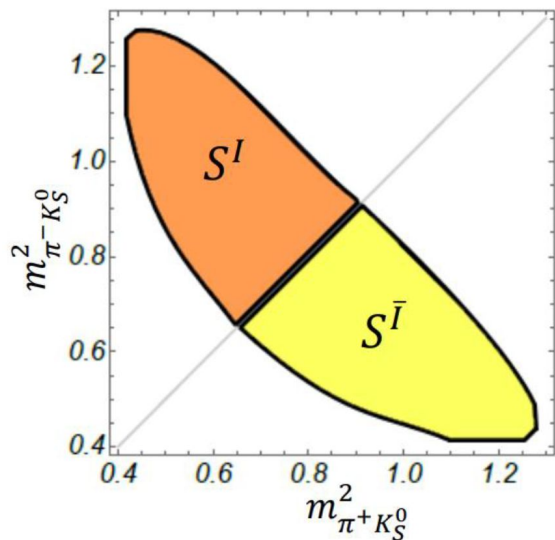
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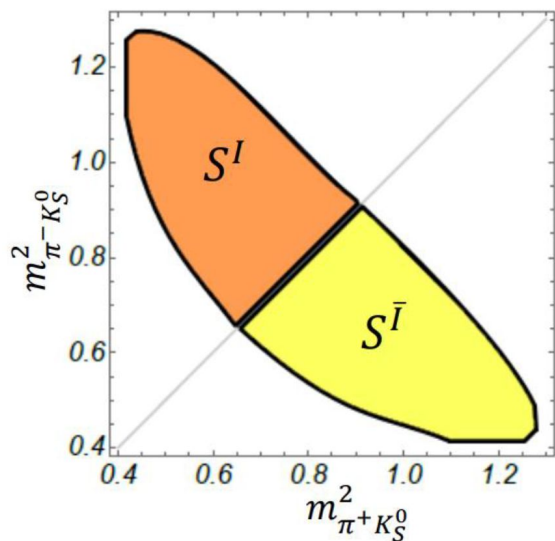
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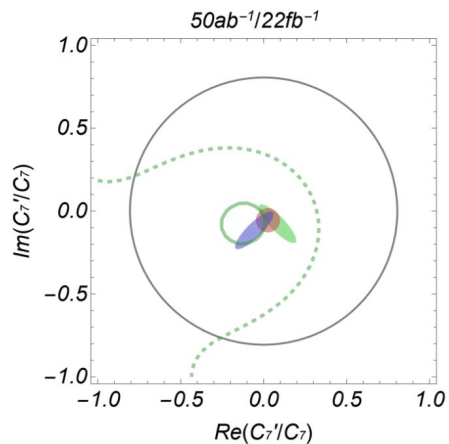
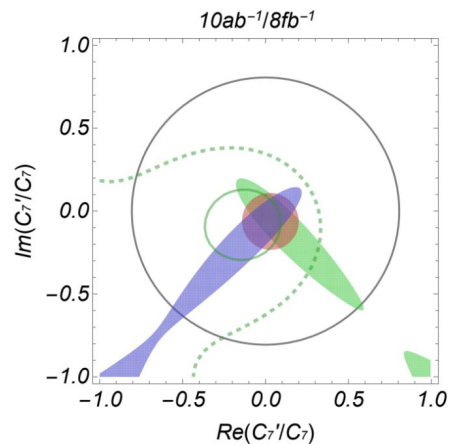
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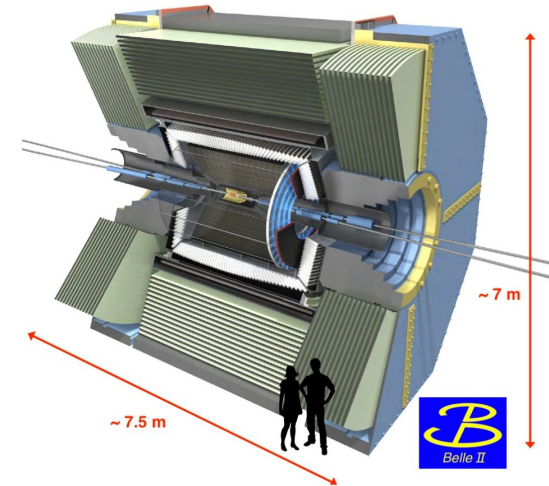
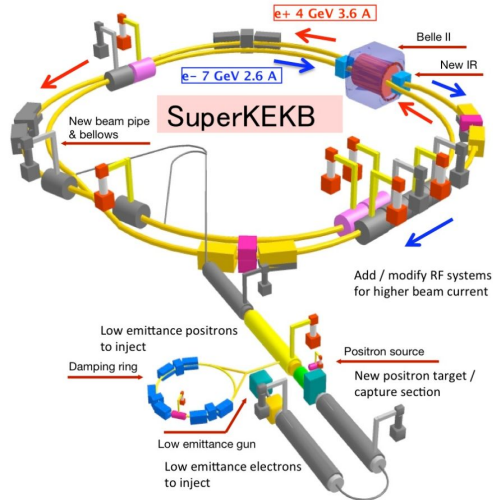
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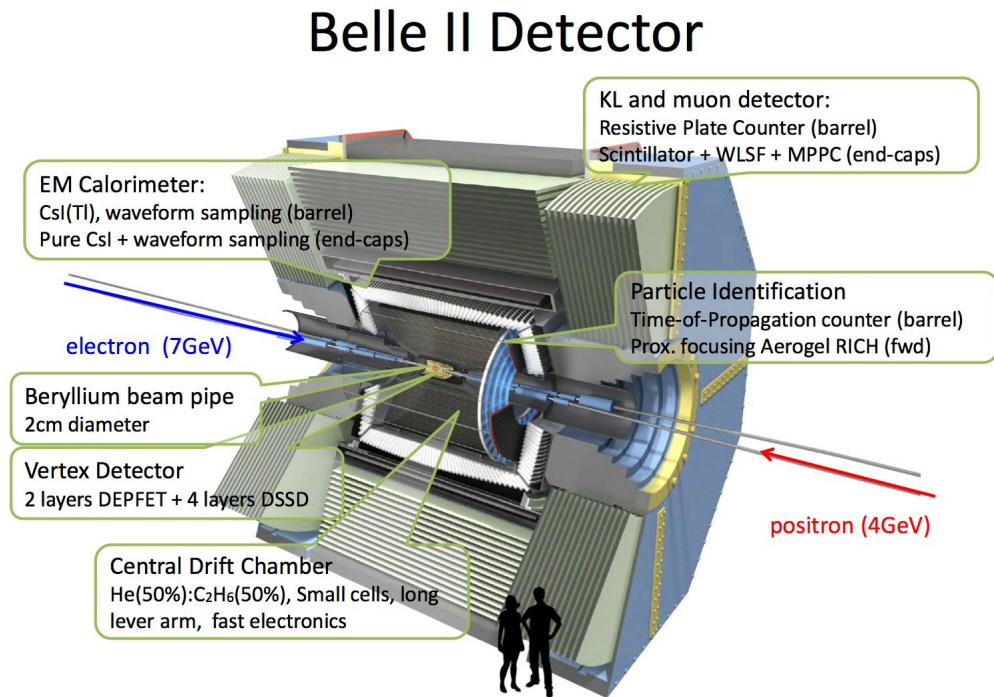
- World Record peak instantaneous luminosity.
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- Recorded 427 fb^{-1} (BaBar)
- New run started this week after LS2.



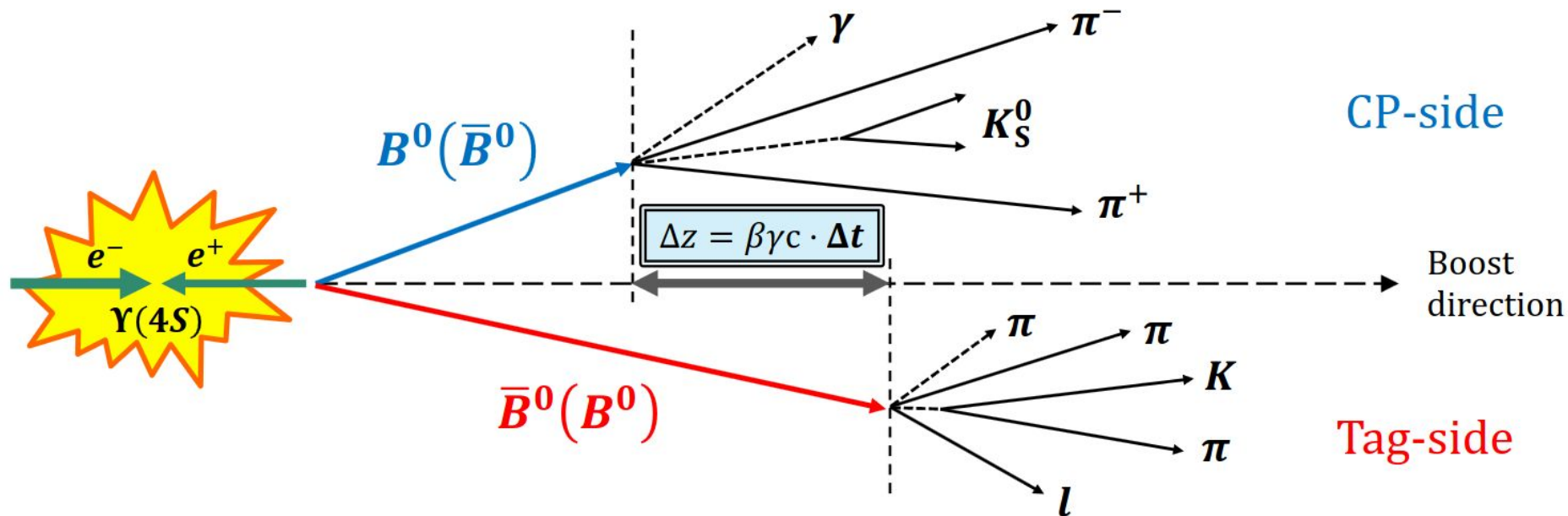
The Belle II detector

General purpose spectrometer:

- bb cross-section: ~ 1 nb
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- Mostly B, B^+
Inclusive analysis, tau decays, ...
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- Good reconstruction of neutrals



Event Reconstruction



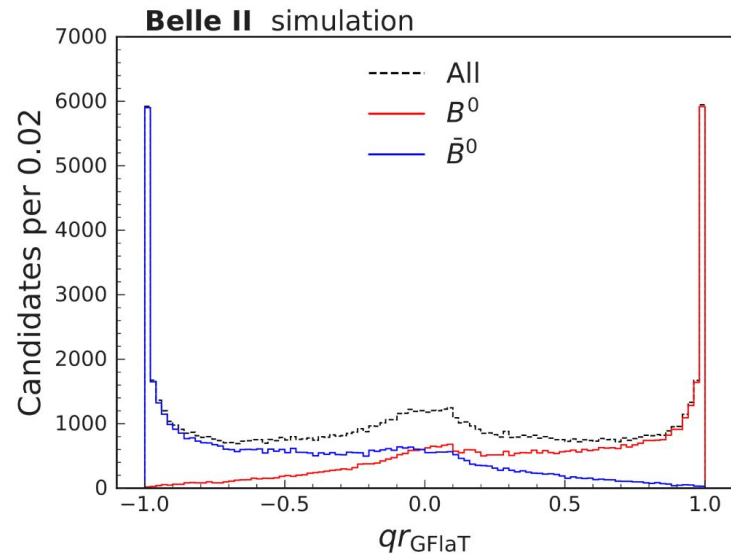
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B flavor is estimated BDT + Graph Neural Network (GNN) based on several flavor estimators ($p_{t'}$, N leptons, etc ...)

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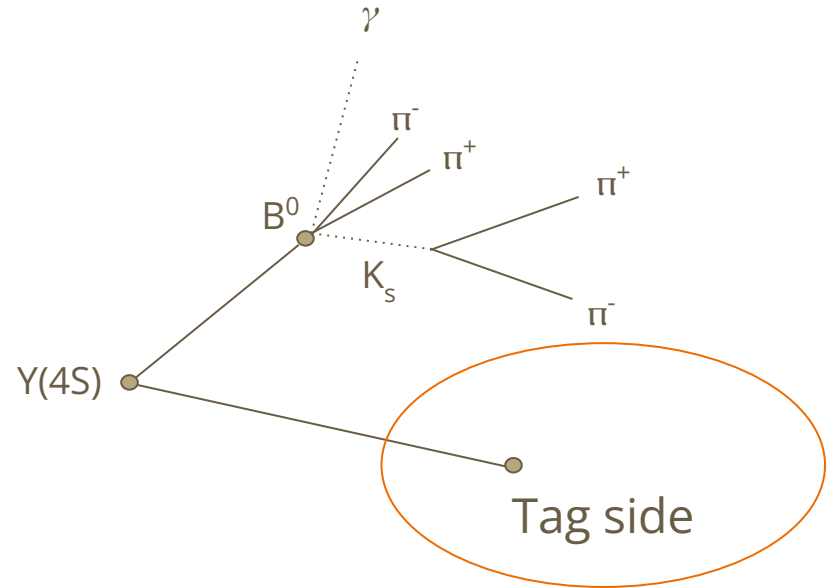
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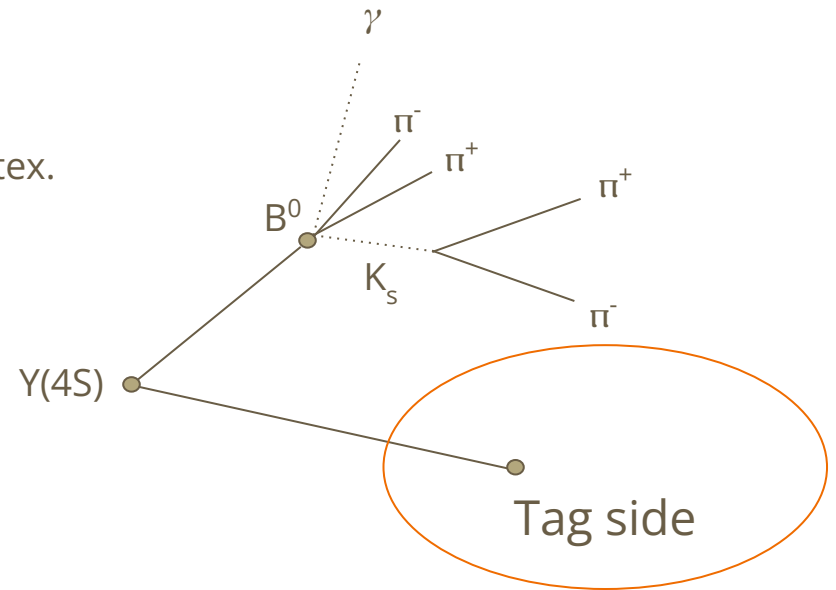


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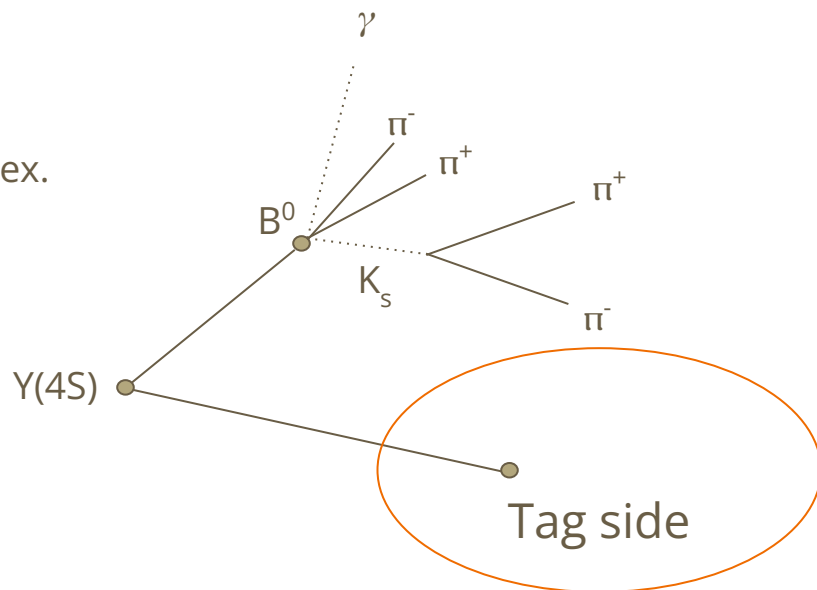
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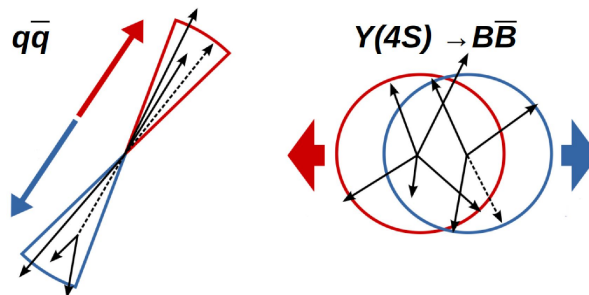
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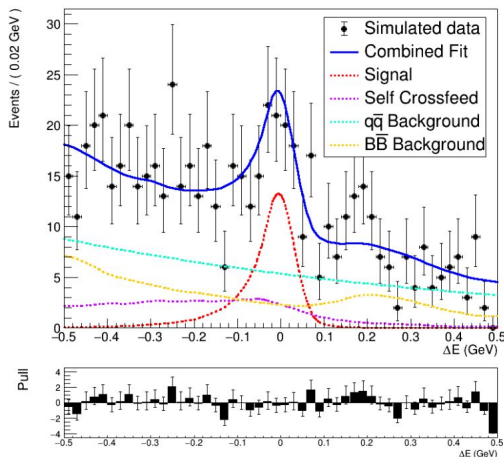
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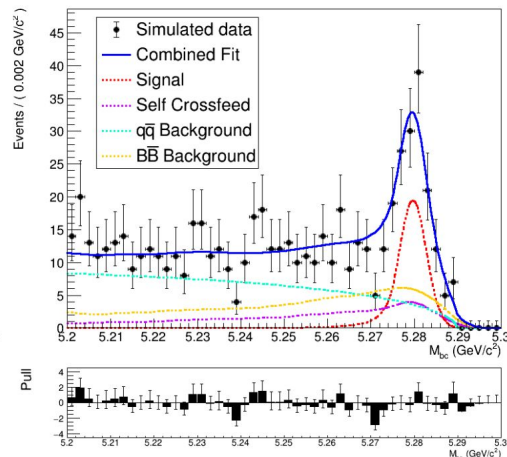
M_{bc}

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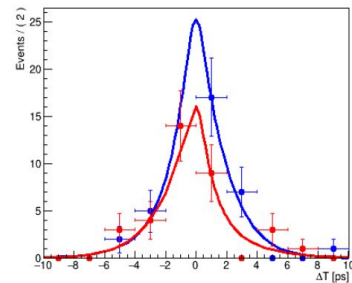
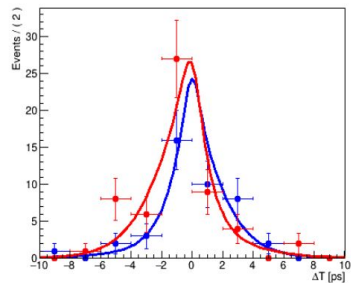
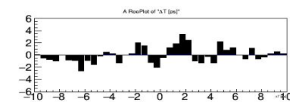
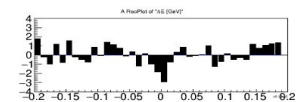
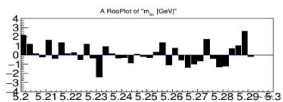
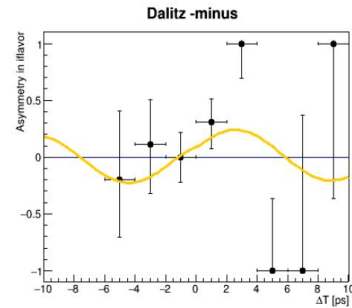
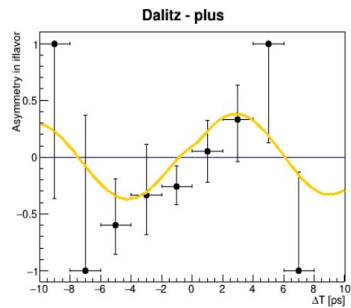
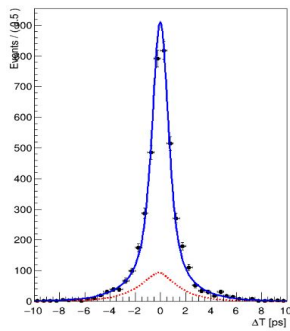
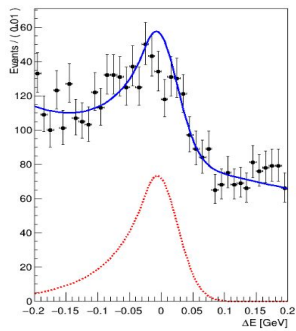
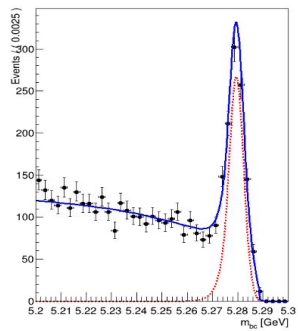
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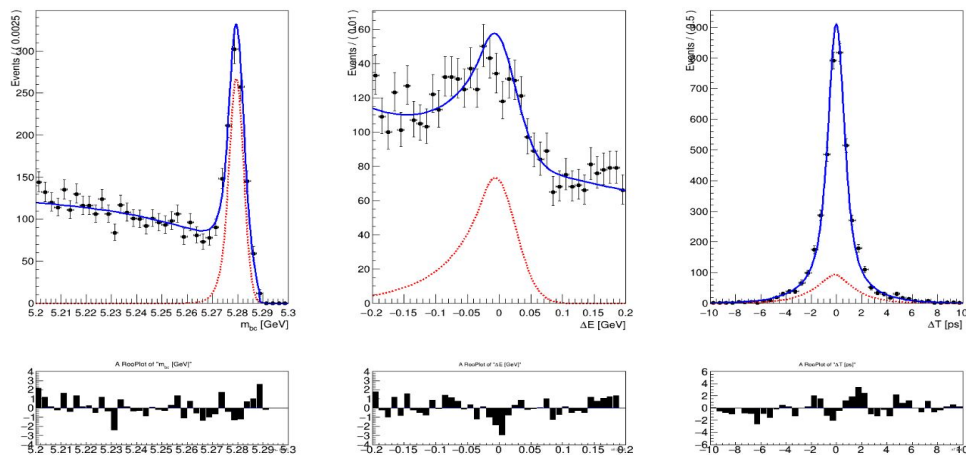
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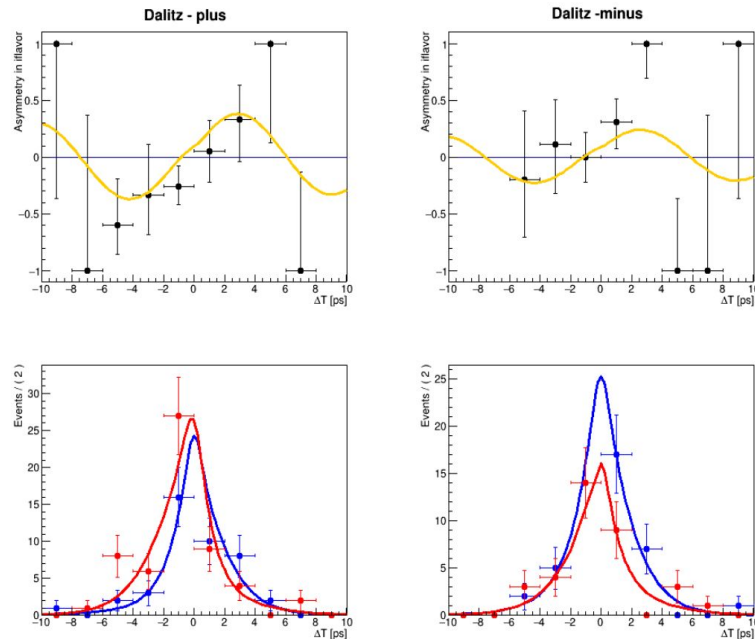
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