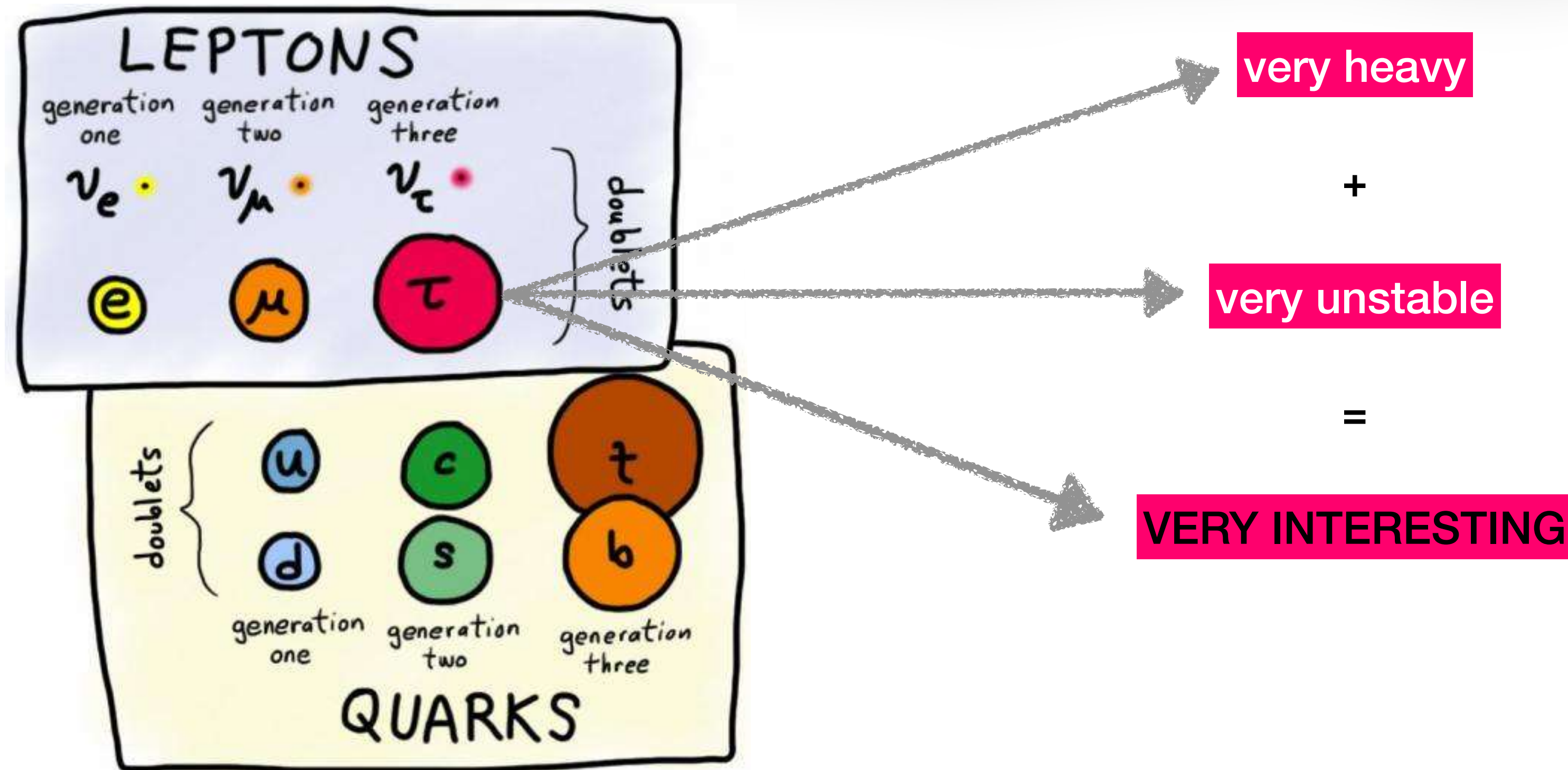


# Rare decays of $\tau$ lepton



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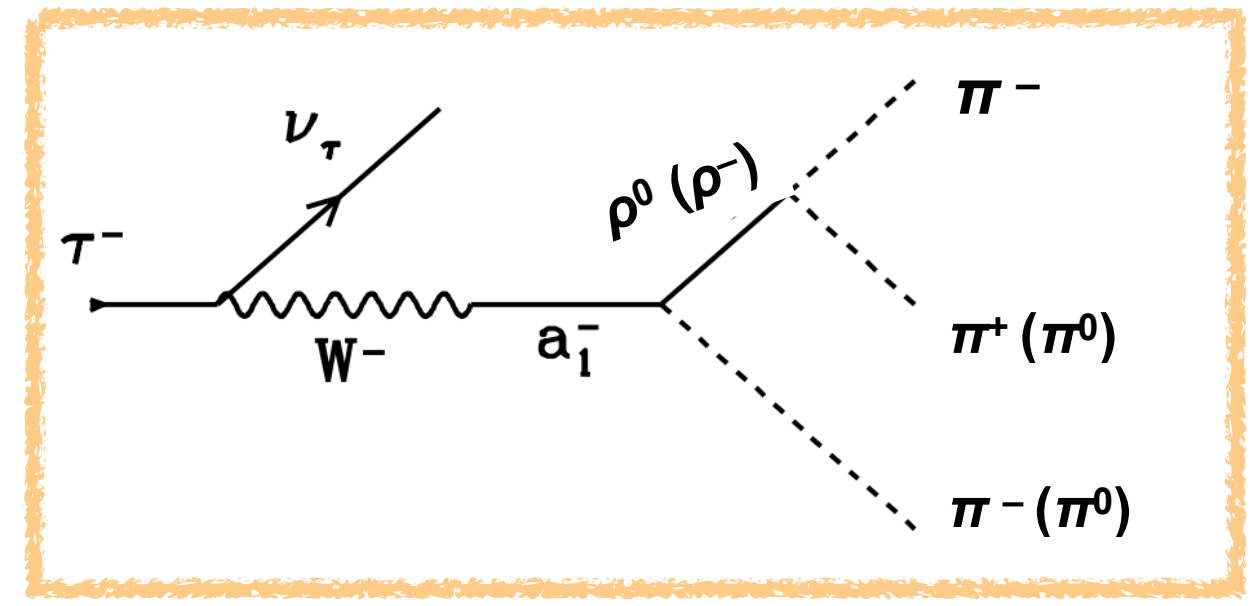
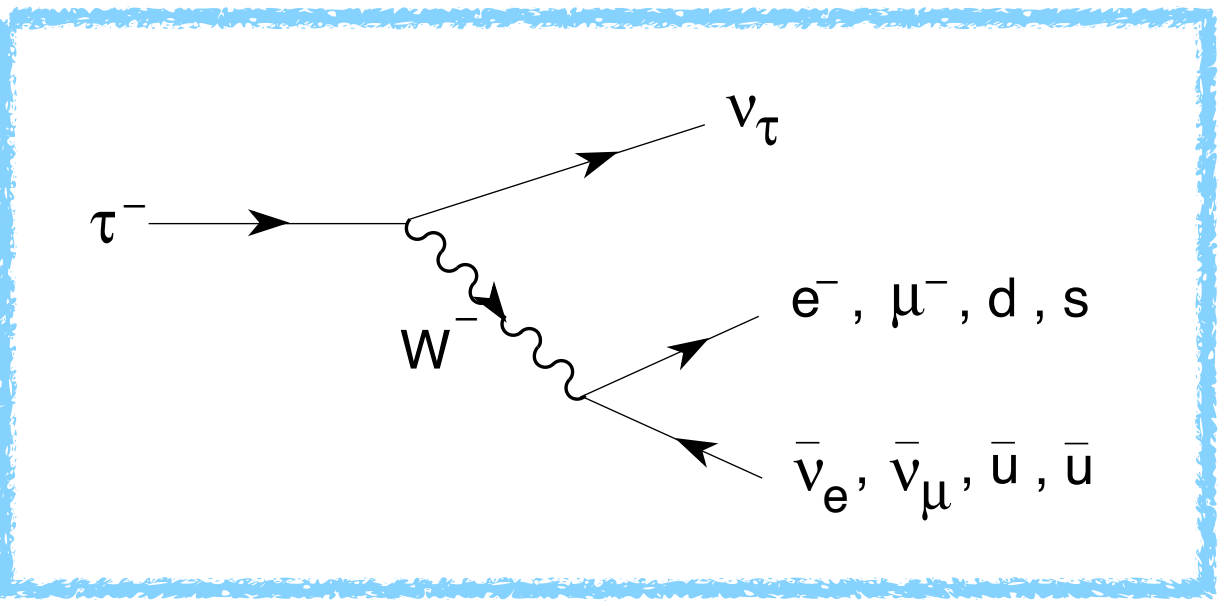
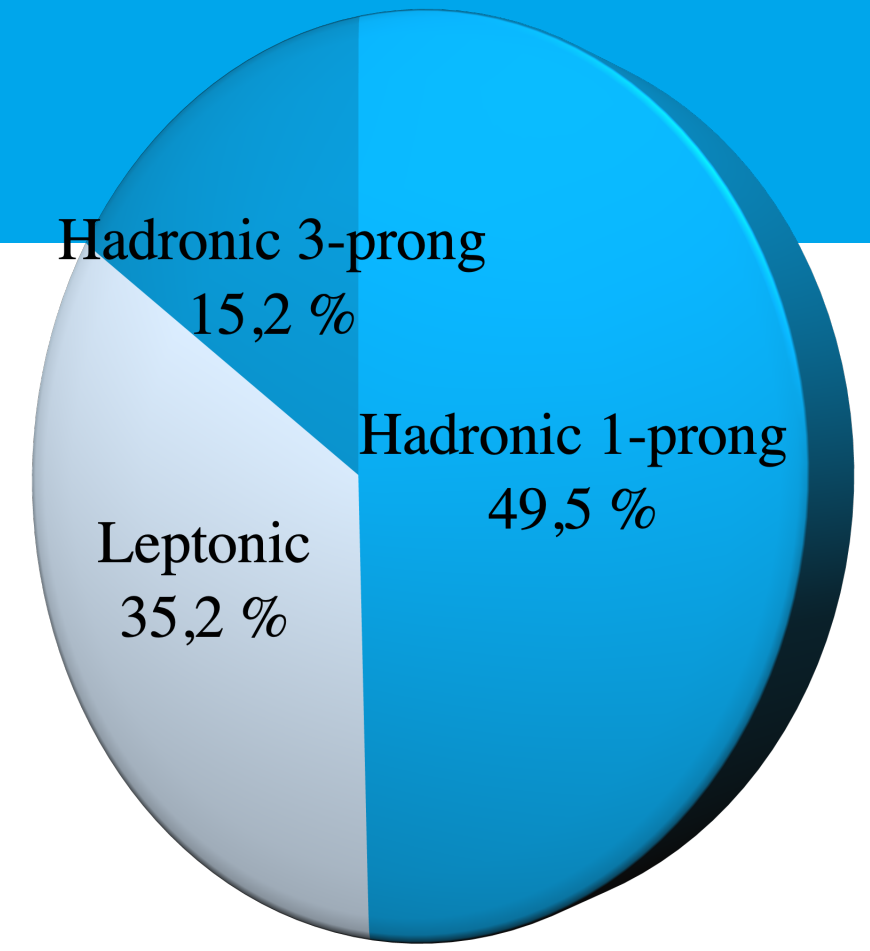
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# The $\tau$ lepton

~ 250 decay modes in PDG

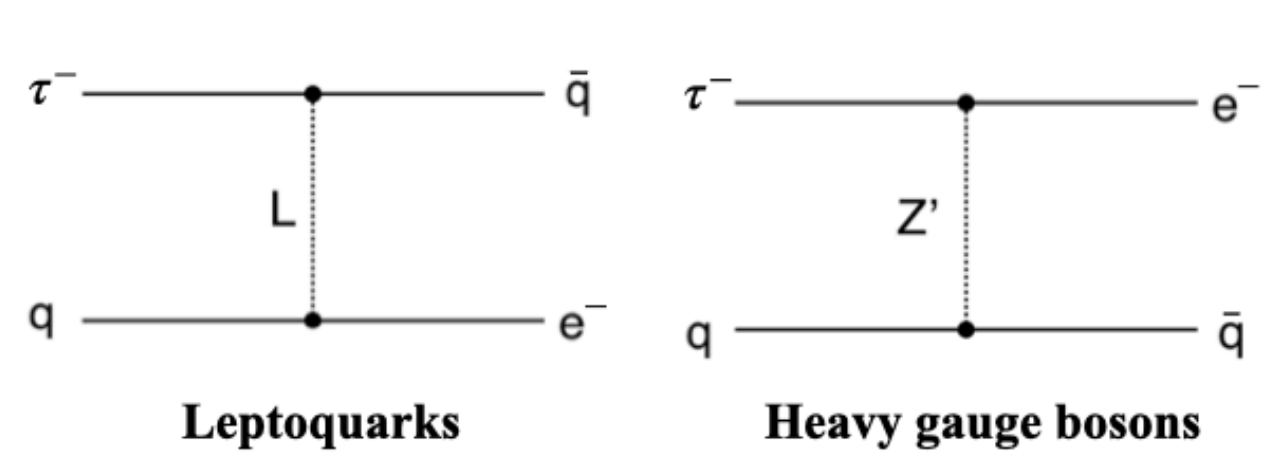
- ➔ Pure leptonic  $\tau \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}$  and  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\bar{\nu}$
- ➔ Hadronic or semi-leptonic
- ➔ Cabibbo favoured  $\tau \rightarrow \pi\nu$  and suppressed  $\tau \rightarrow K\nu$



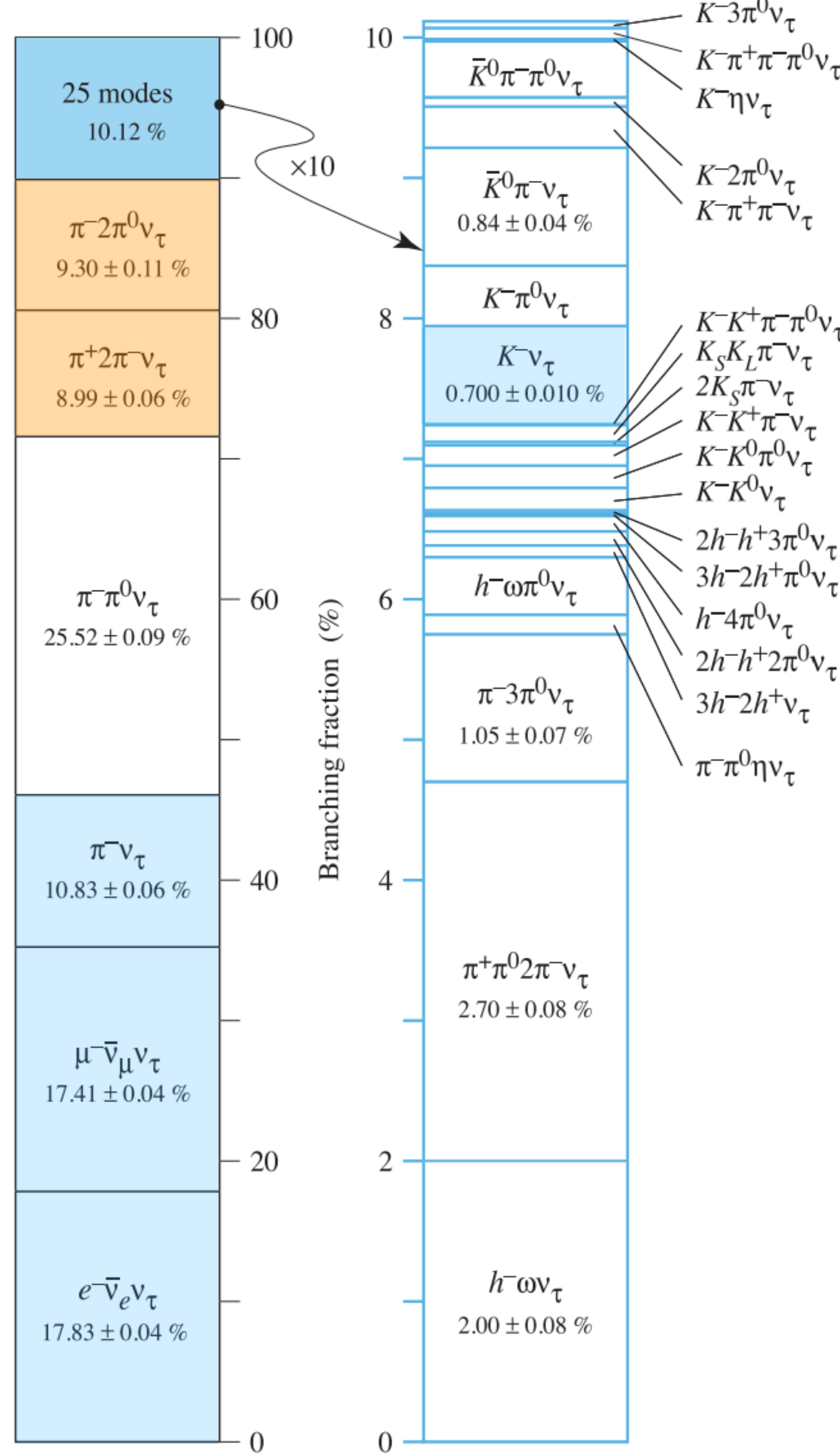
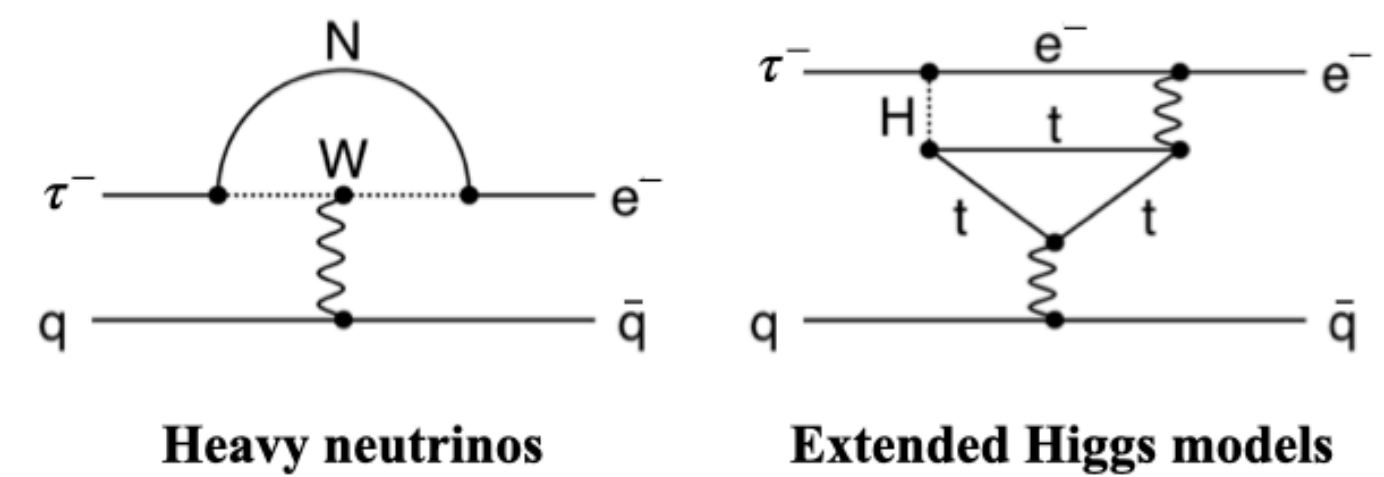
➔ Forbidden decays

➔ Lepton flavour (LFV), lepton number (LNV), baryon number (BNV) violation

Tree level



Loop induced



# The role of $\tau$ leptons in the quest

Laboratory to test the structure of the weak currents, the universality of the coupling to the gauge bosons and the low-energy aspects of strong interactions.

Wide range of observables in  $\tau$  sector to confront theory!

Does NP couple to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation strongly?



Precision measurements or indirect search of BSM

→ *significant deviations from SM* are unambiguous signatures of NP

Direct search of forbidden decays

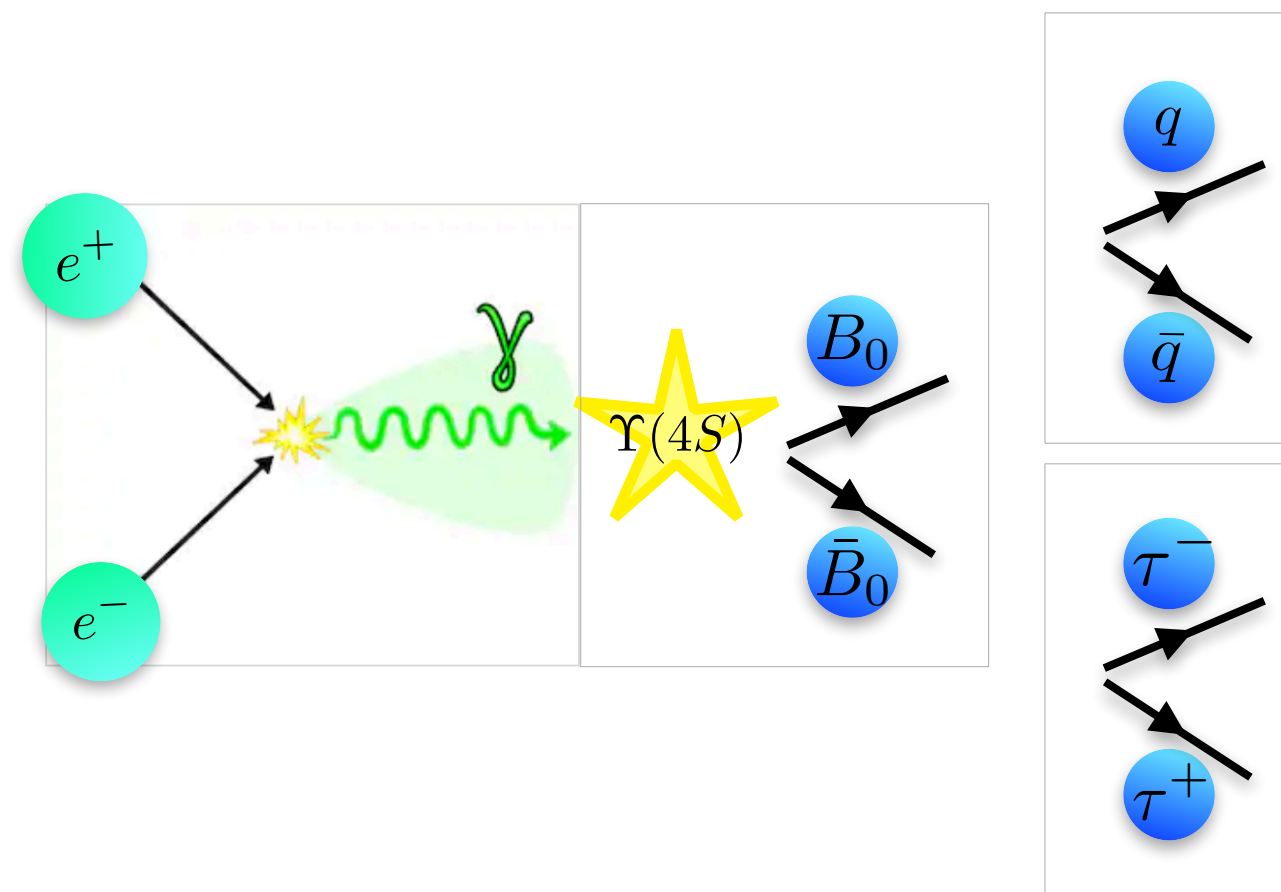
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# The progress of $\tau$ physics

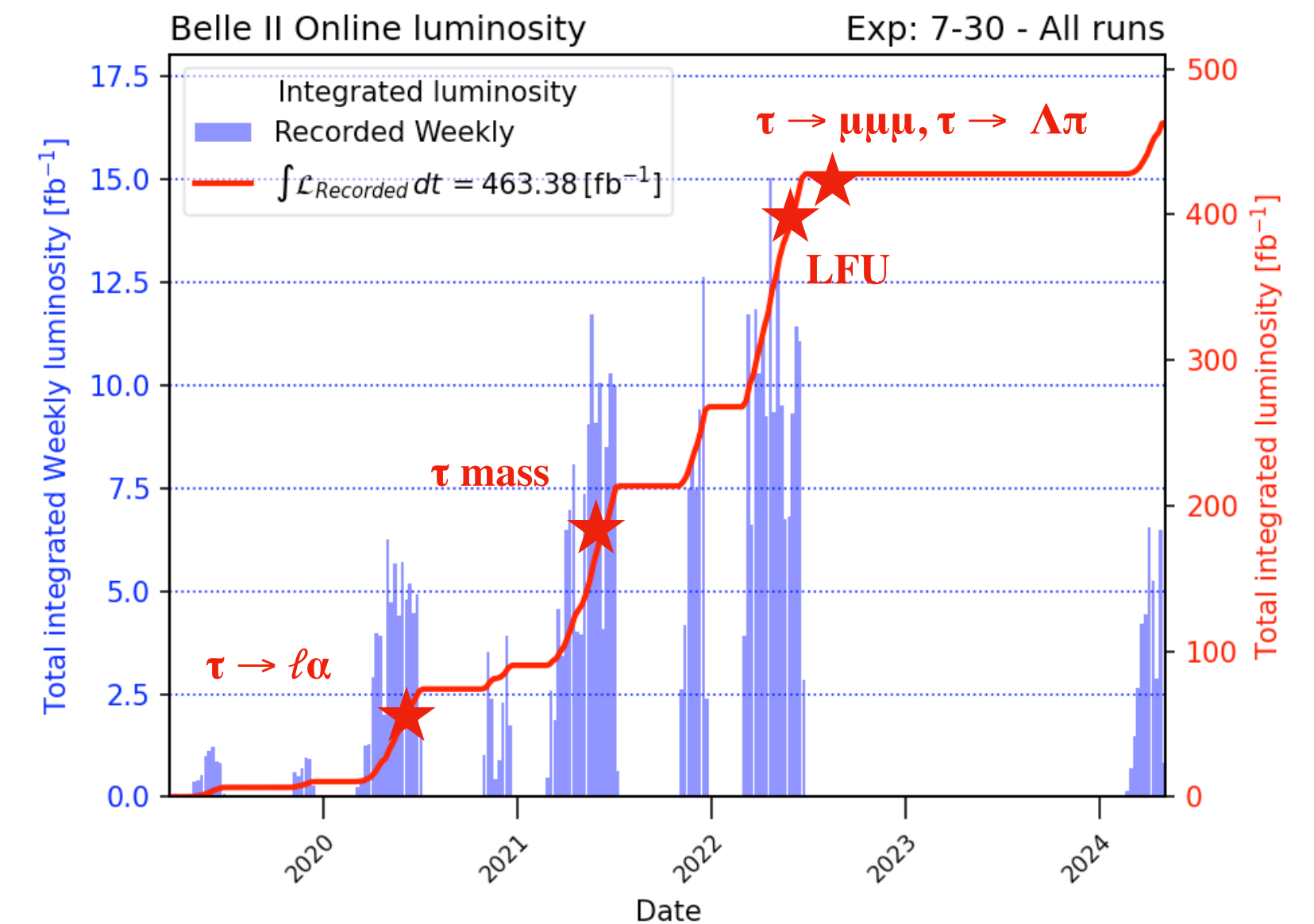
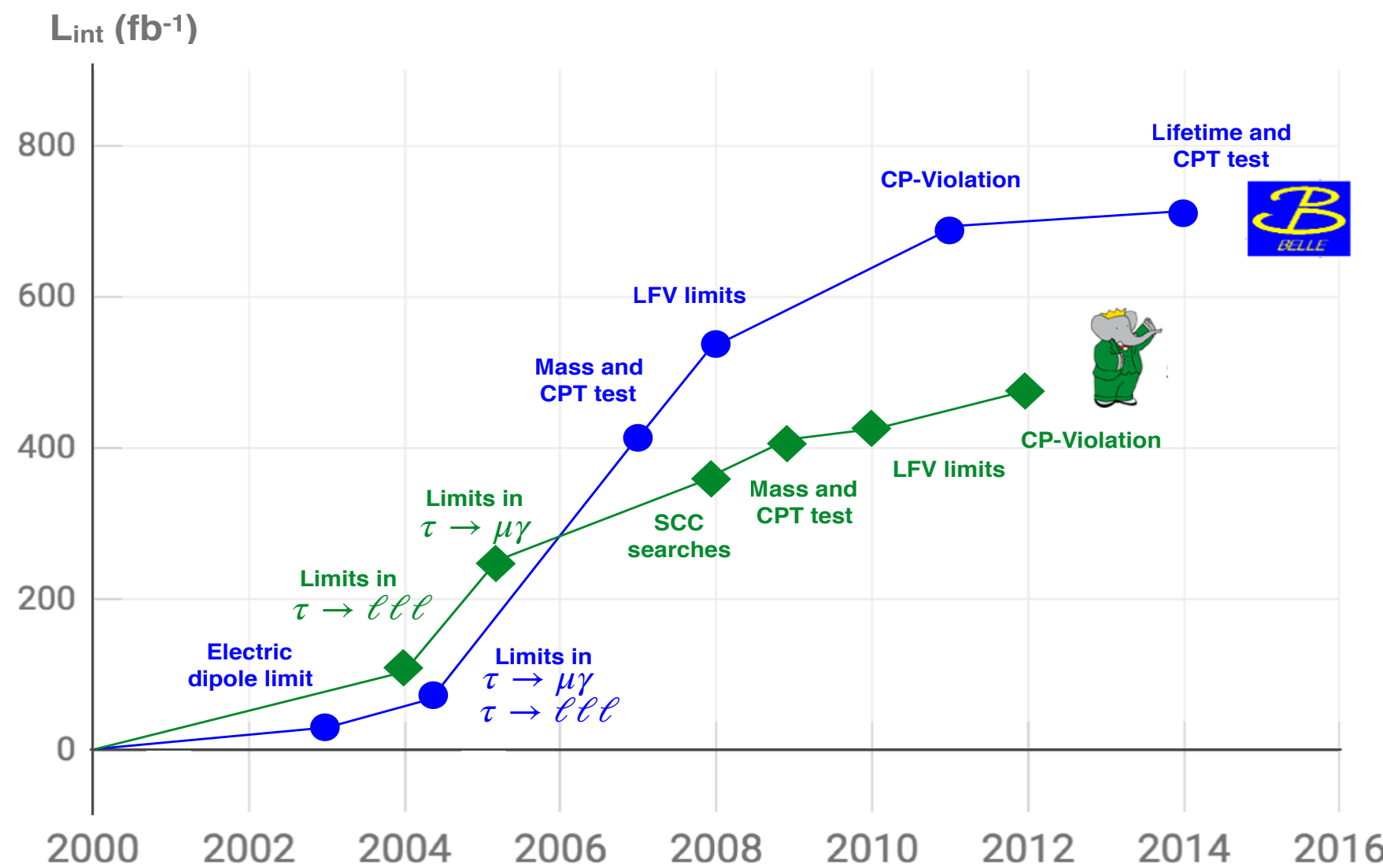
**B-factories provided a variety of very interesting results in the last two decades.**

➔ The world largest number of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  events offer data for  $\tau$  physics with high precision

**B-factories: Belle@KEKB, BaBar@PEP-II, Belle II@SuperKEKB**



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S)) &= 1.05 \text{ [nb]} \\ \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}) &= 3.69 \text{ [nb]} \\ \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) &= 0.919 \text{ [nb]} \end{aligned}$$



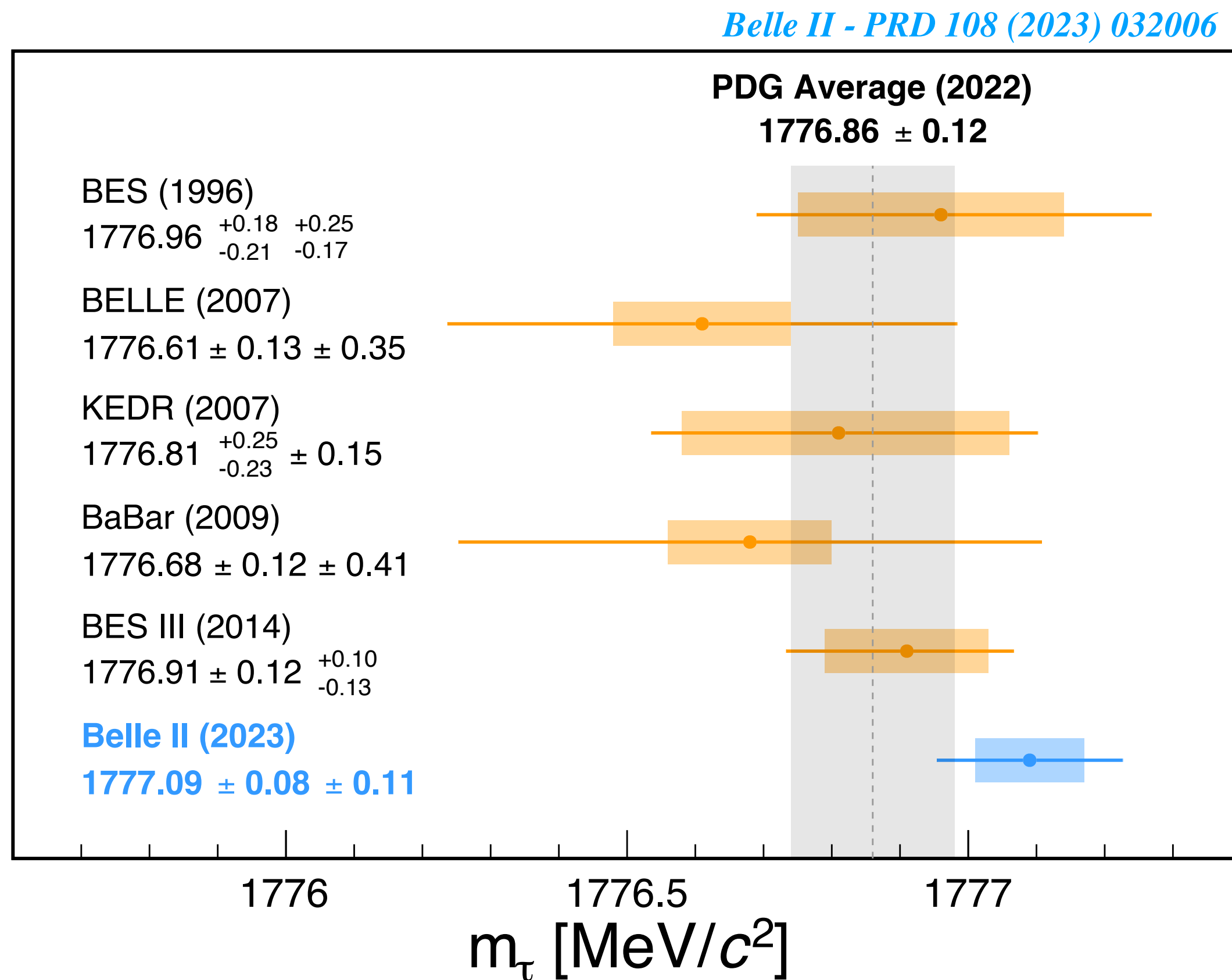
**Other players in the  $\tau$  sector**

➔ BES III, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb

# Precision measurements - $\tau$ mass measurement @ Belle II

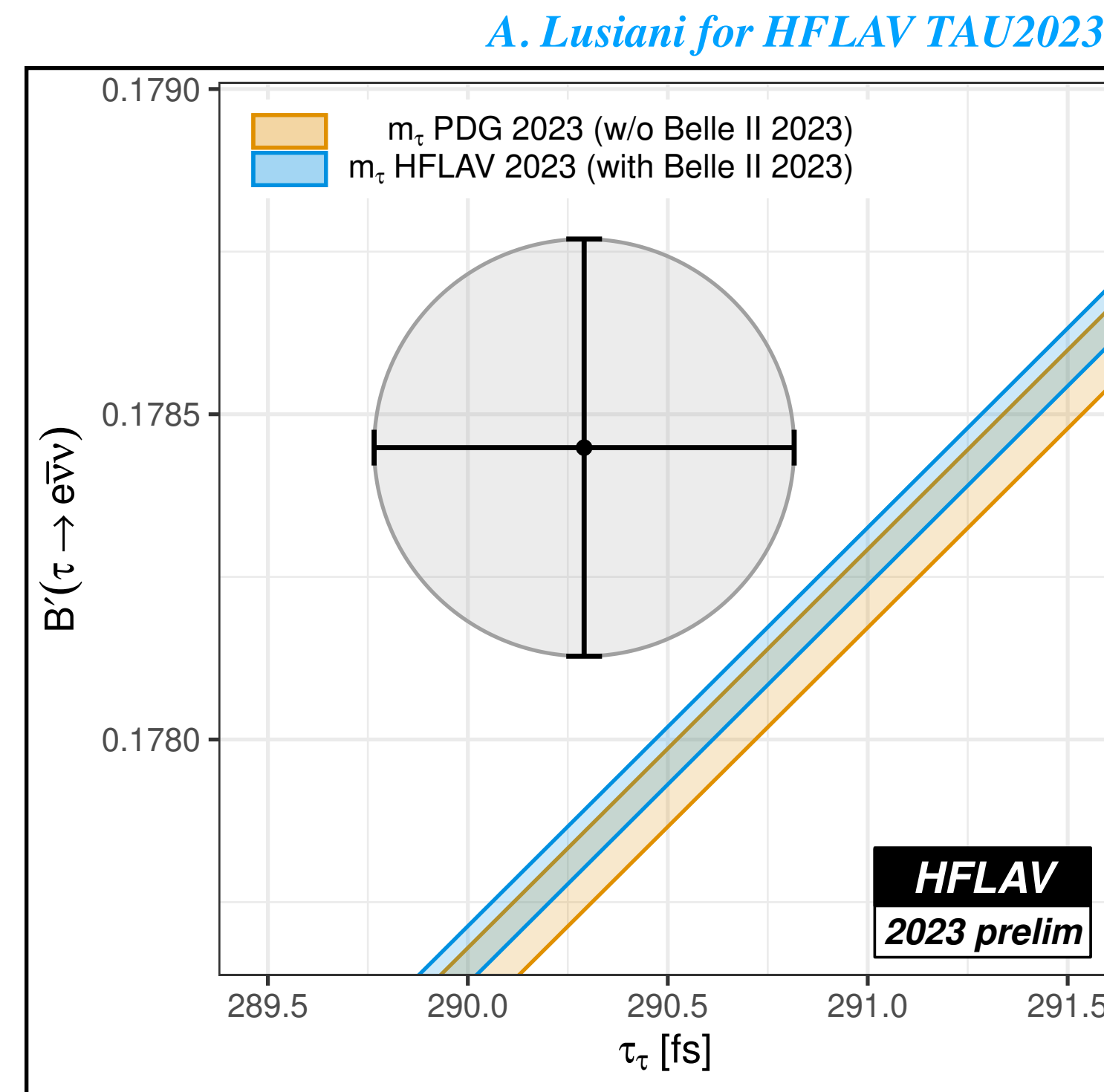
## Fundamental parameter of the standard model

- World's most precise measurement to date
- Slightly higher average value including Belle II recent measurement



## Important input to lepton-flavour-universality tests

- The relation between  $B'(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\bar{\nu})$  and the lifetime  $\tau_\tau$  very sensitive to the value of the  $\tau$  mass
- slight tension decreased further



$B'(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\bar{\nu})$  represents the average of  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\bar{\nu})$  and the value predicted from  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\bar{\nu})$  assuming lepton universality

$$B' \propto B_{\mu e} \frac{\tau_\tau m_\tau^5}{\tau_\mu m_\mu^5}$$

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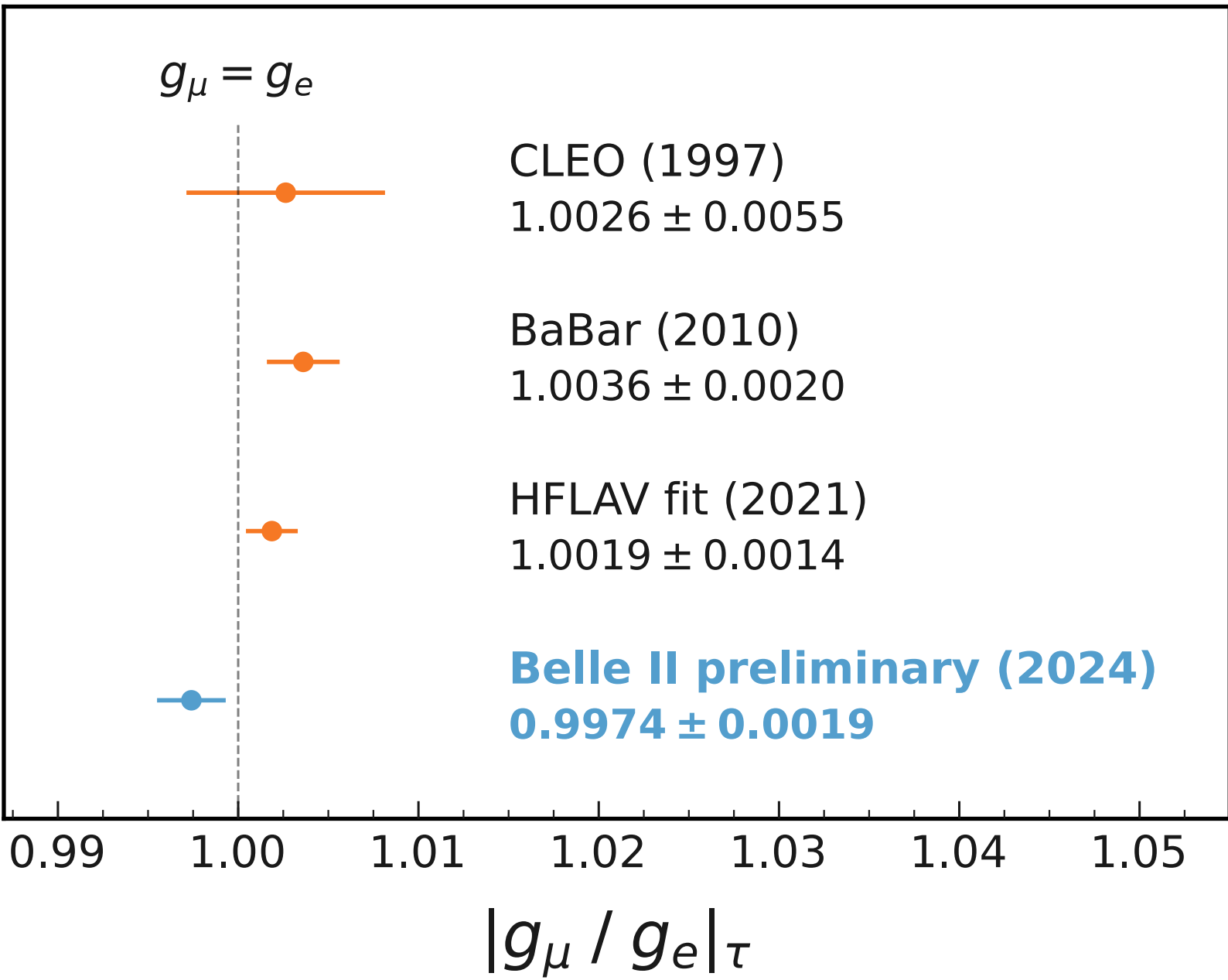
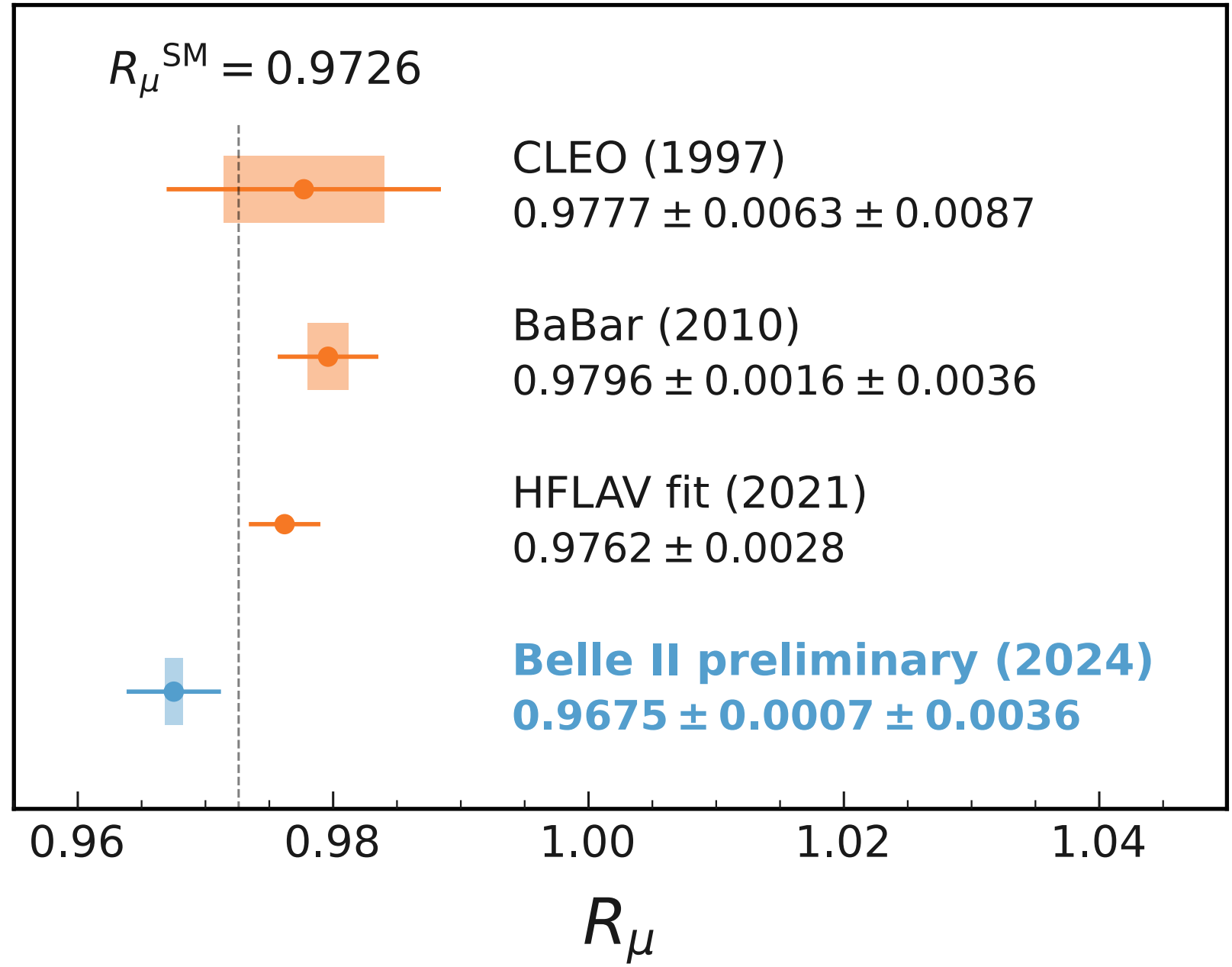
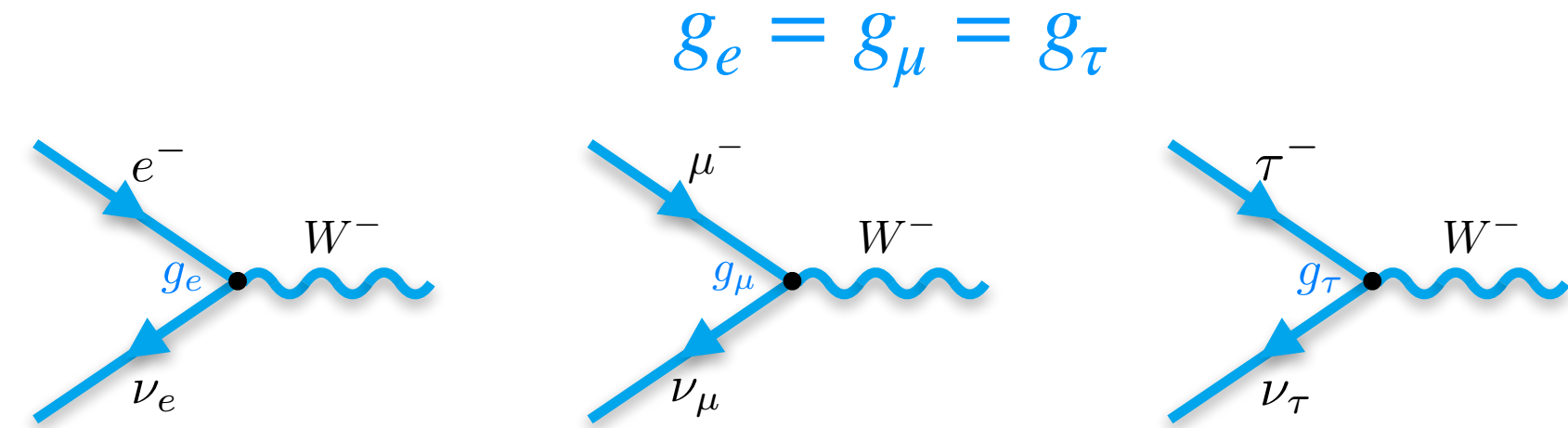
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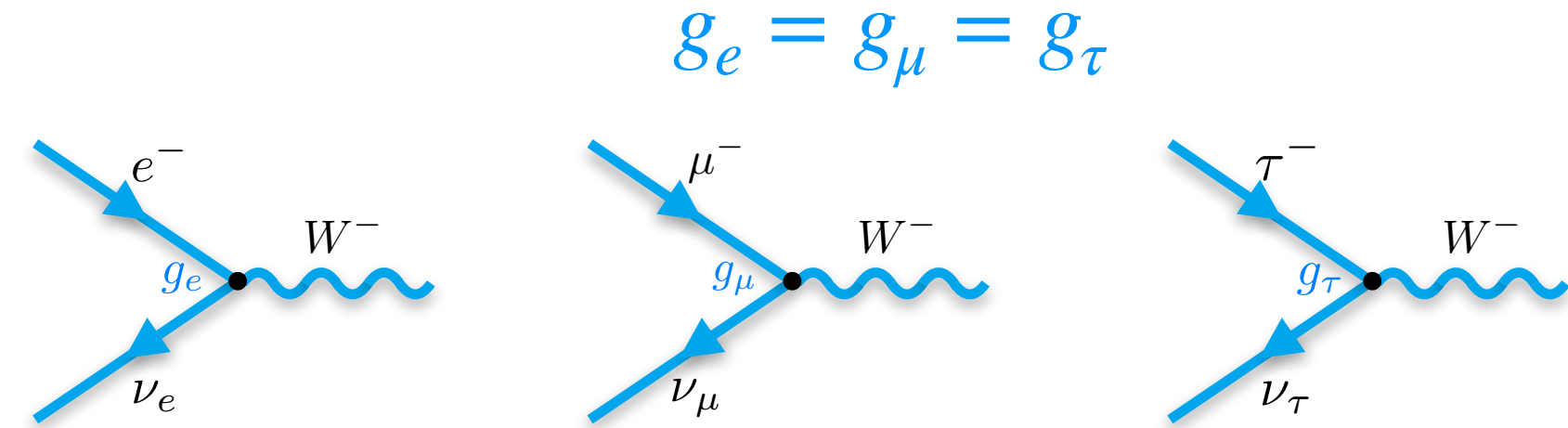


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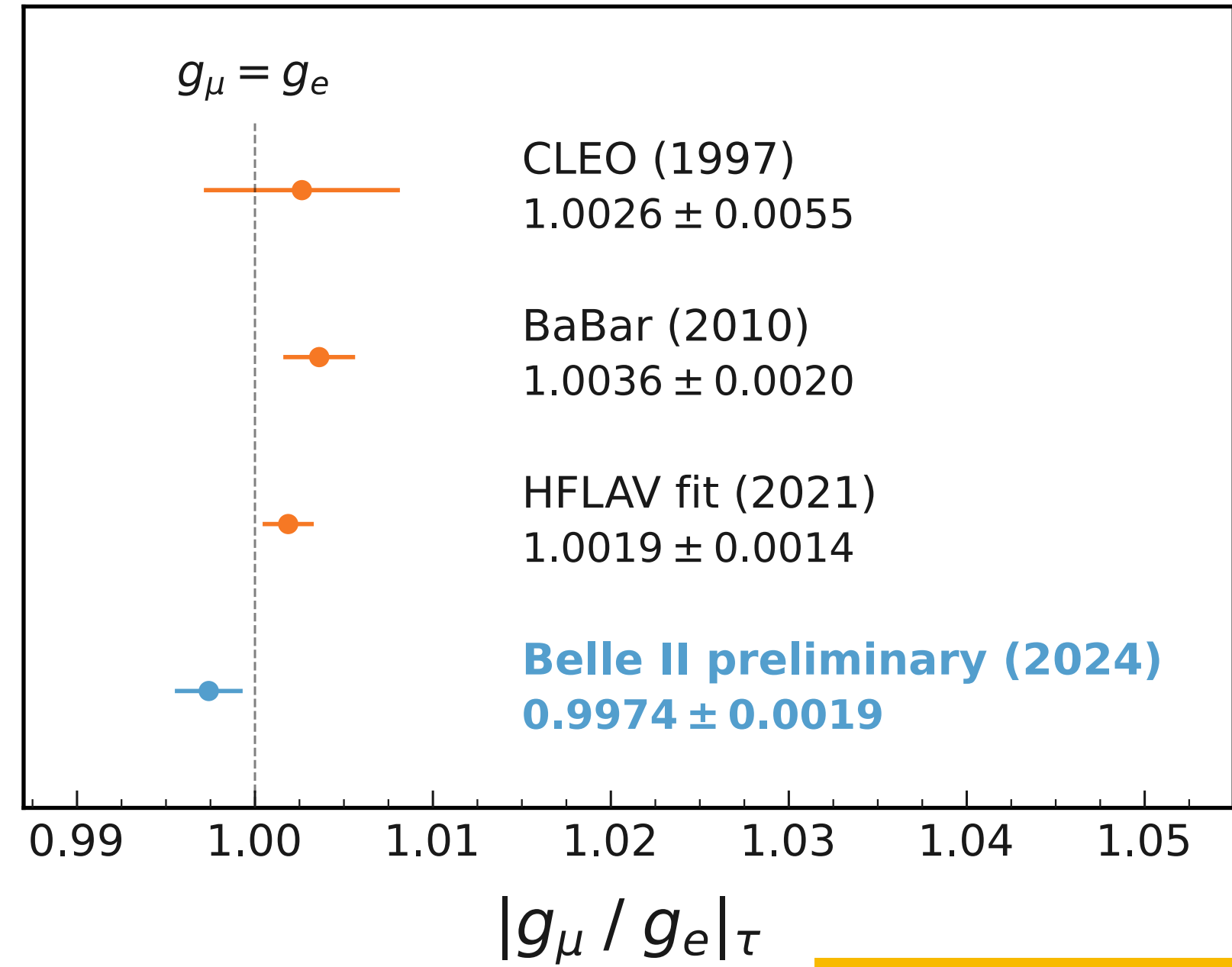
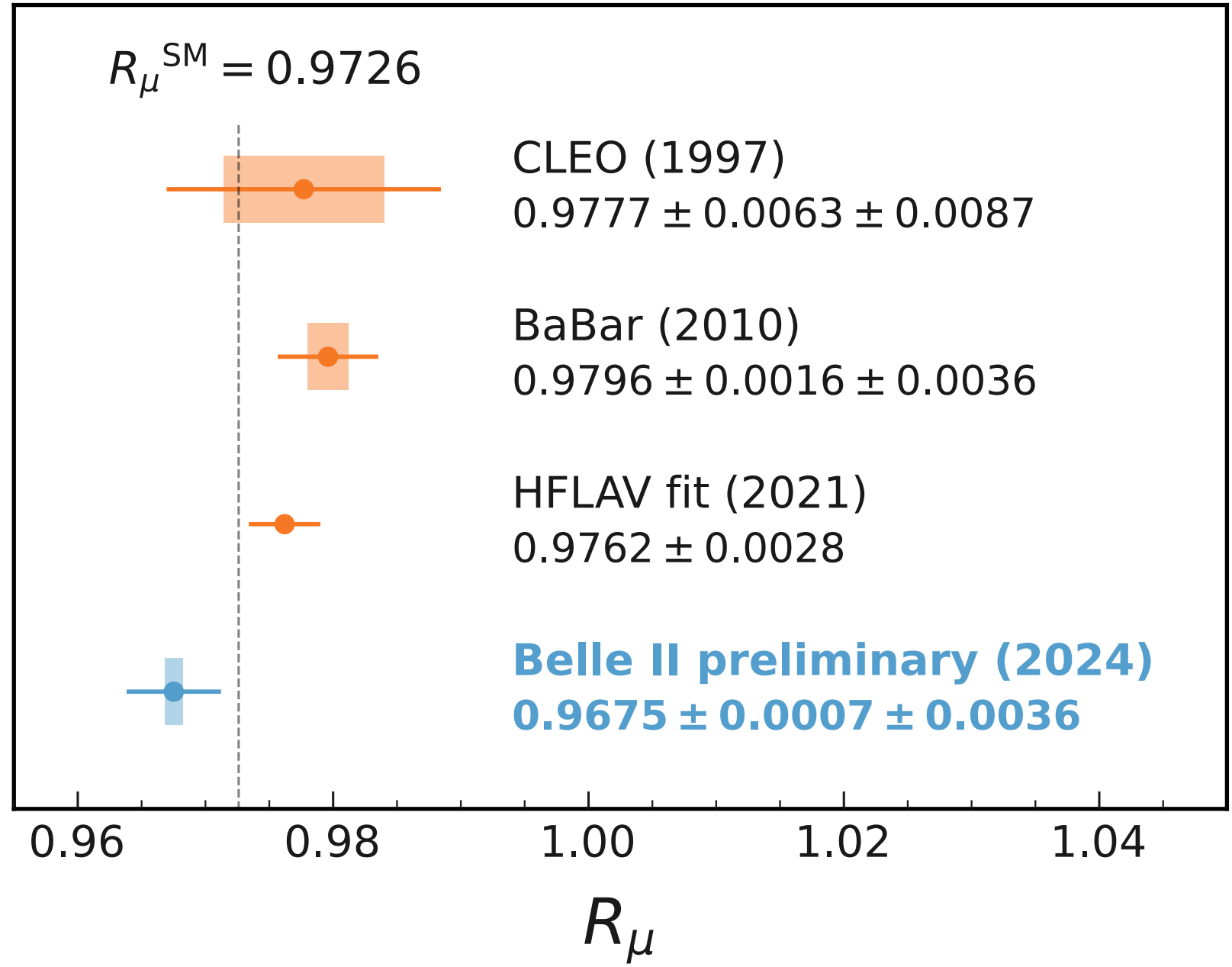
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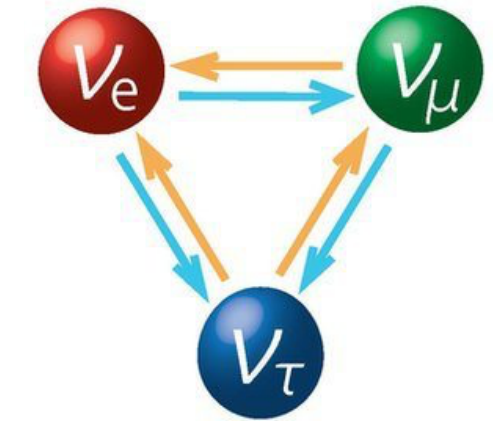
$\tau$  precision measurement from Belle II  
see the talk of  
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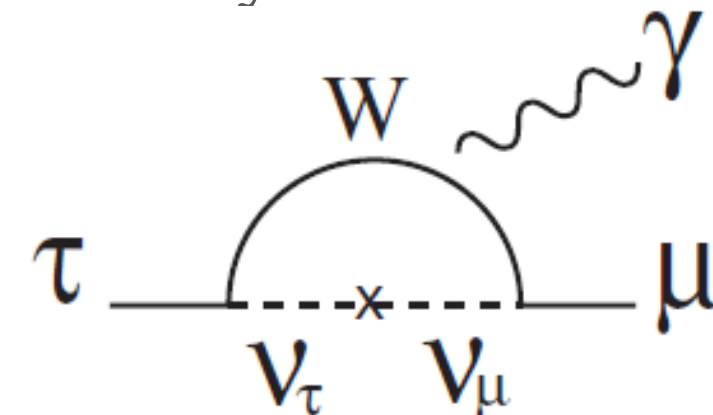


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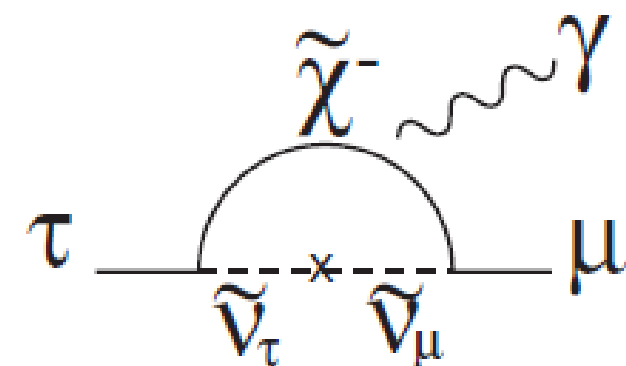
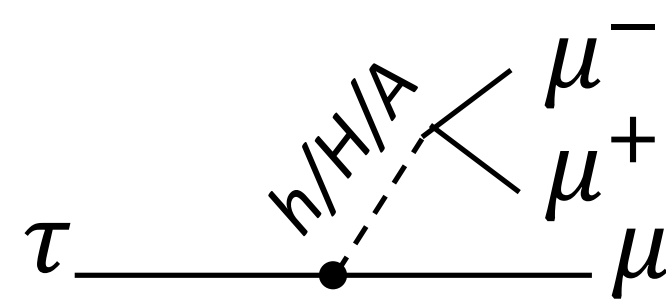
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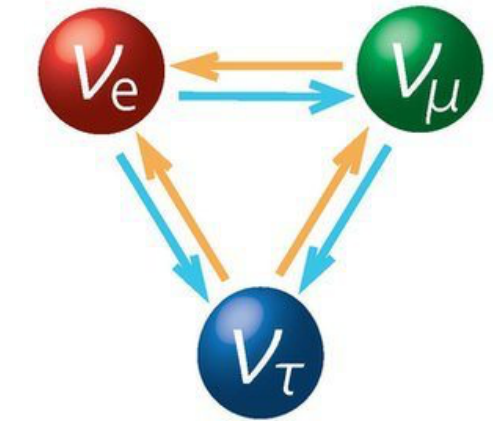


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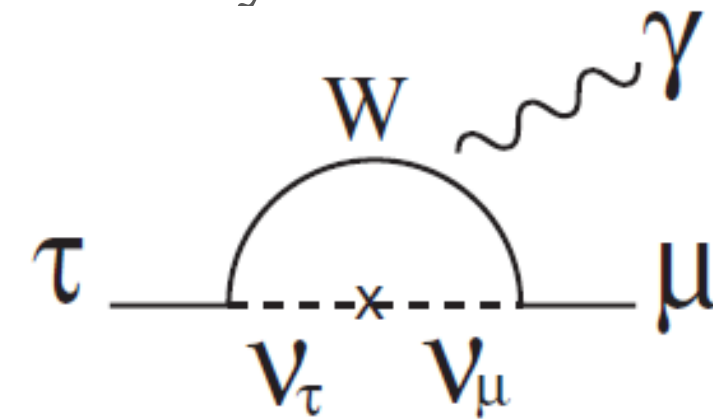
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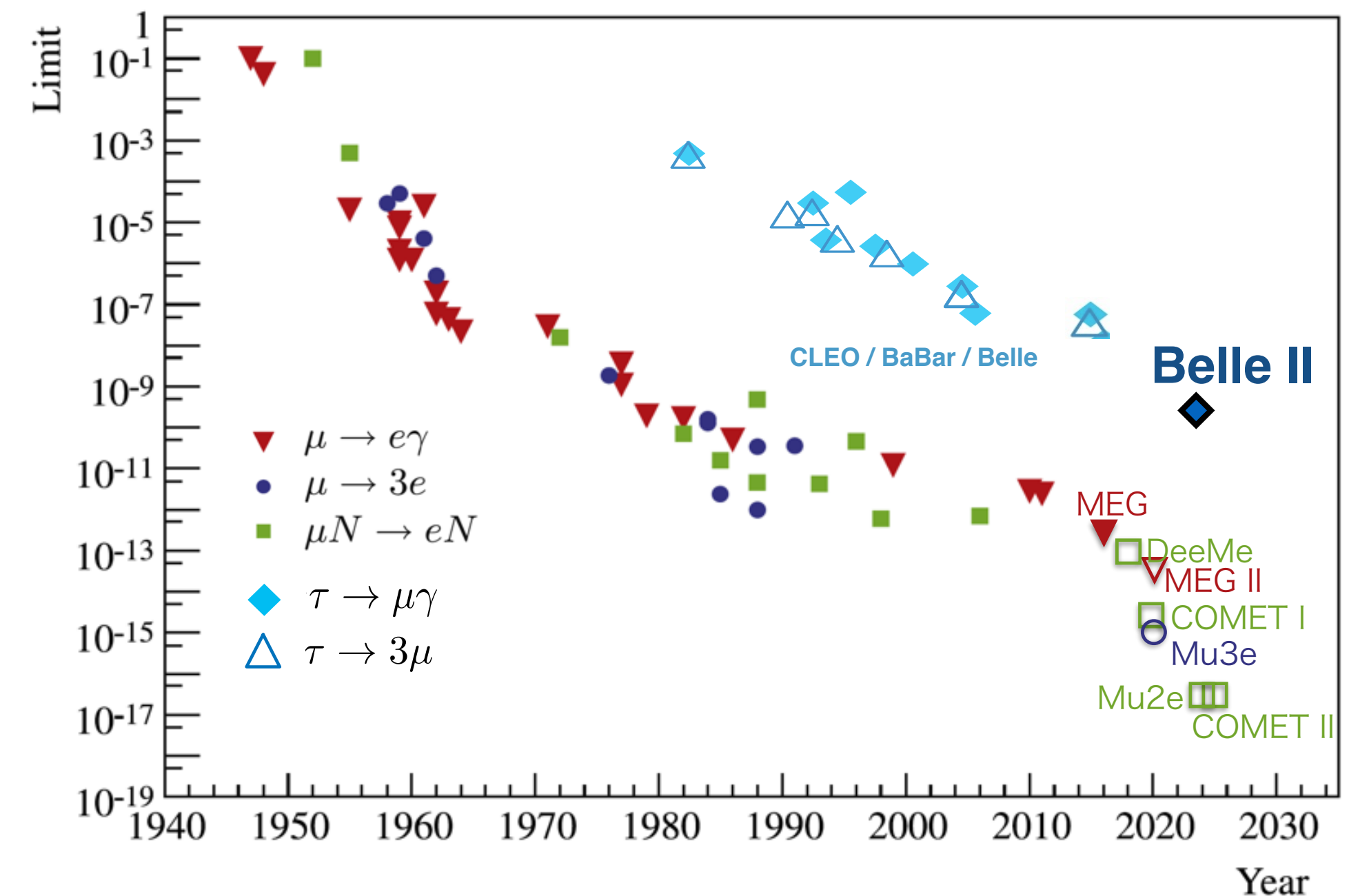
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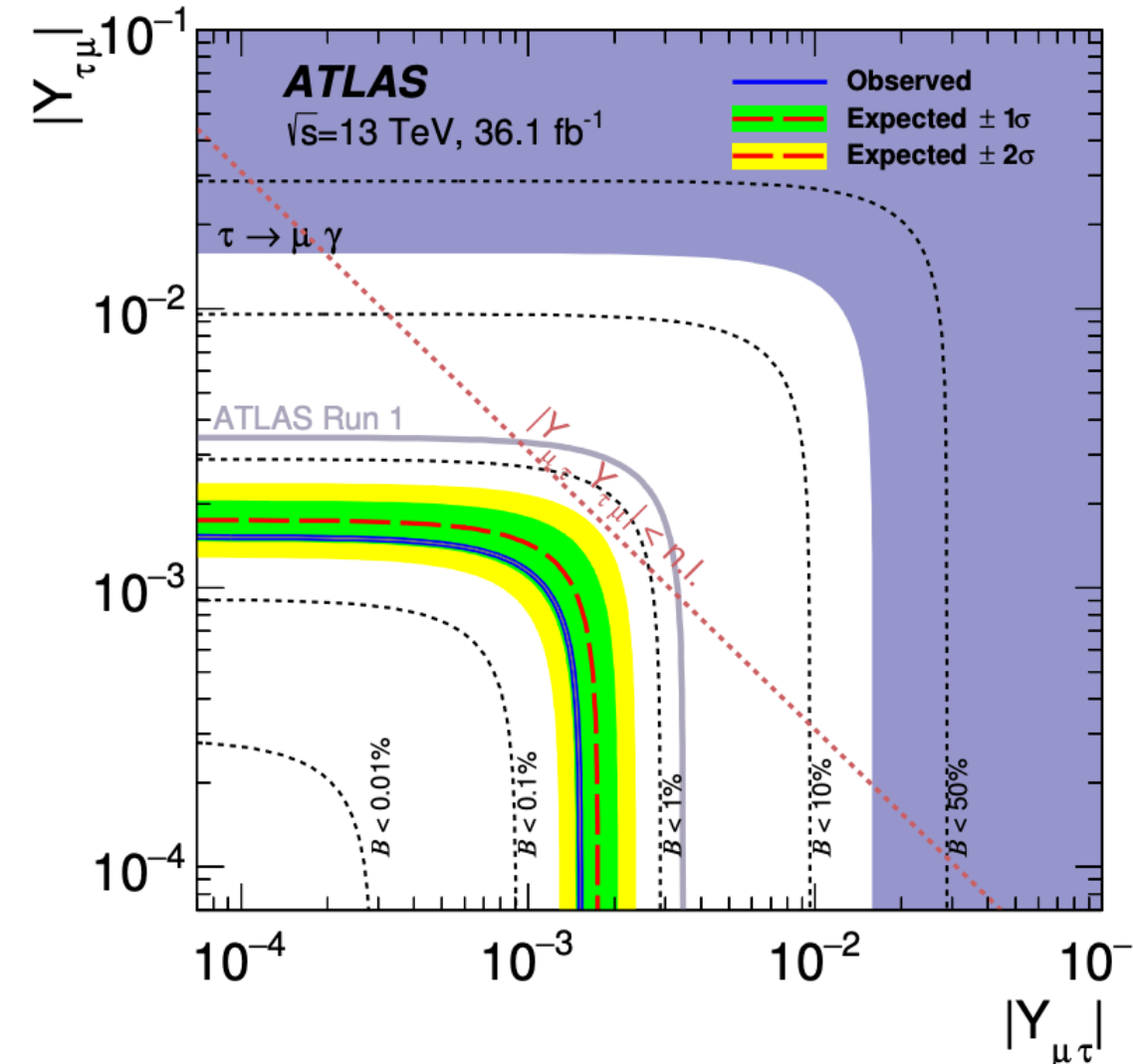
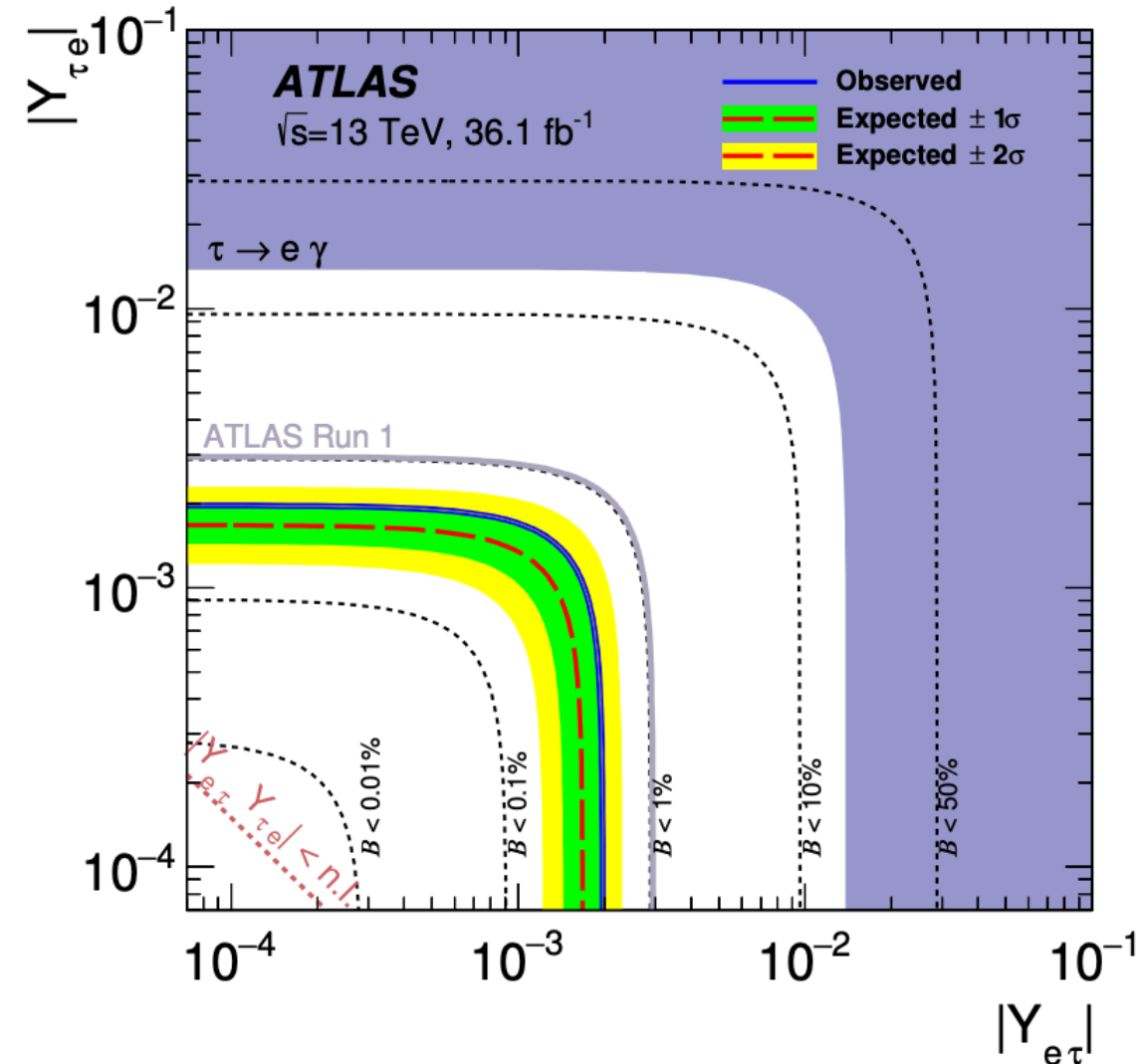
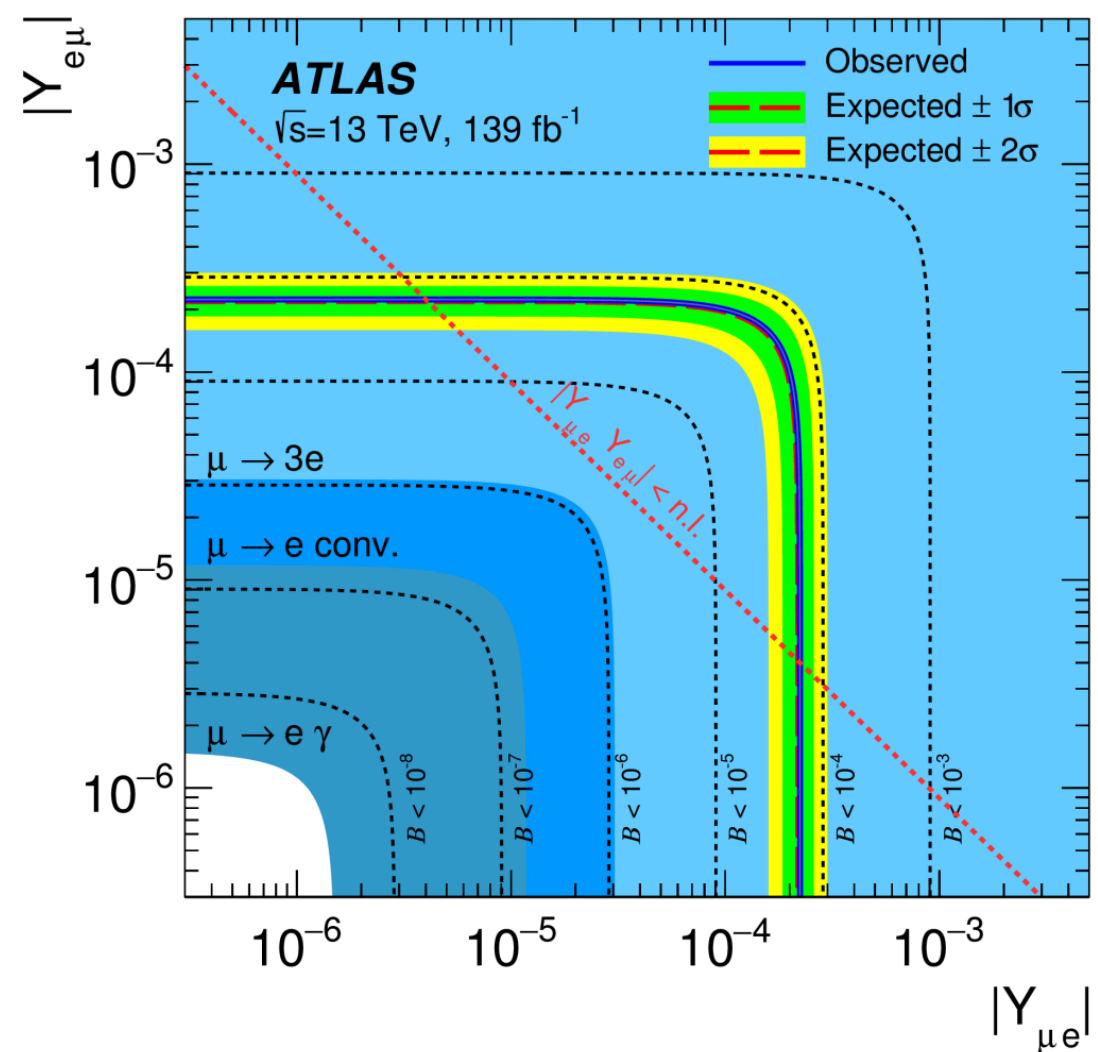
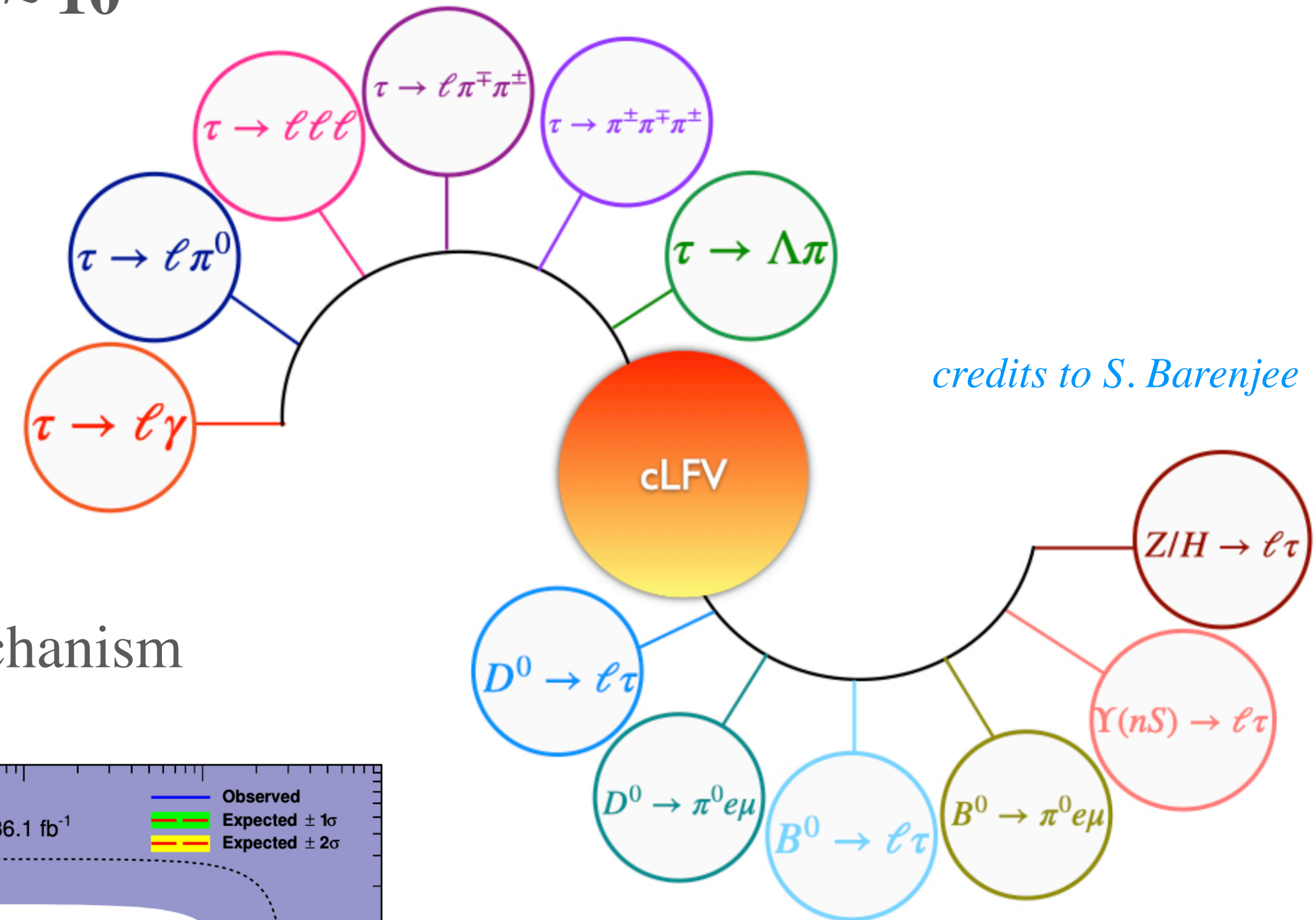
# Complementarity of $\tau$ LFV searches

Current limit on  $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-13}$  does not forbid  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \ell\gamma) \sim 10^{-8}$

- Leptonic MFV: *Nucl.Phys. B 728 (2005) 121*
- GUT models: *Nucl.Phys. B 445 (1995) 219*

Indirect constraints on LFV Higgs from  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\tau \rightarrow \ell\gamma$

- Strongest from  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ :  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu e) < 1.6 \times 10^{-8}$
- Observed:  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\mu) < 6.1 \times 10^{-5}$  (95% CL)
- Observing  $H \rightarrow e\mu$  or  $\tau \rightarrow \ell\gamma$  would require a non-trivial NP mechanism

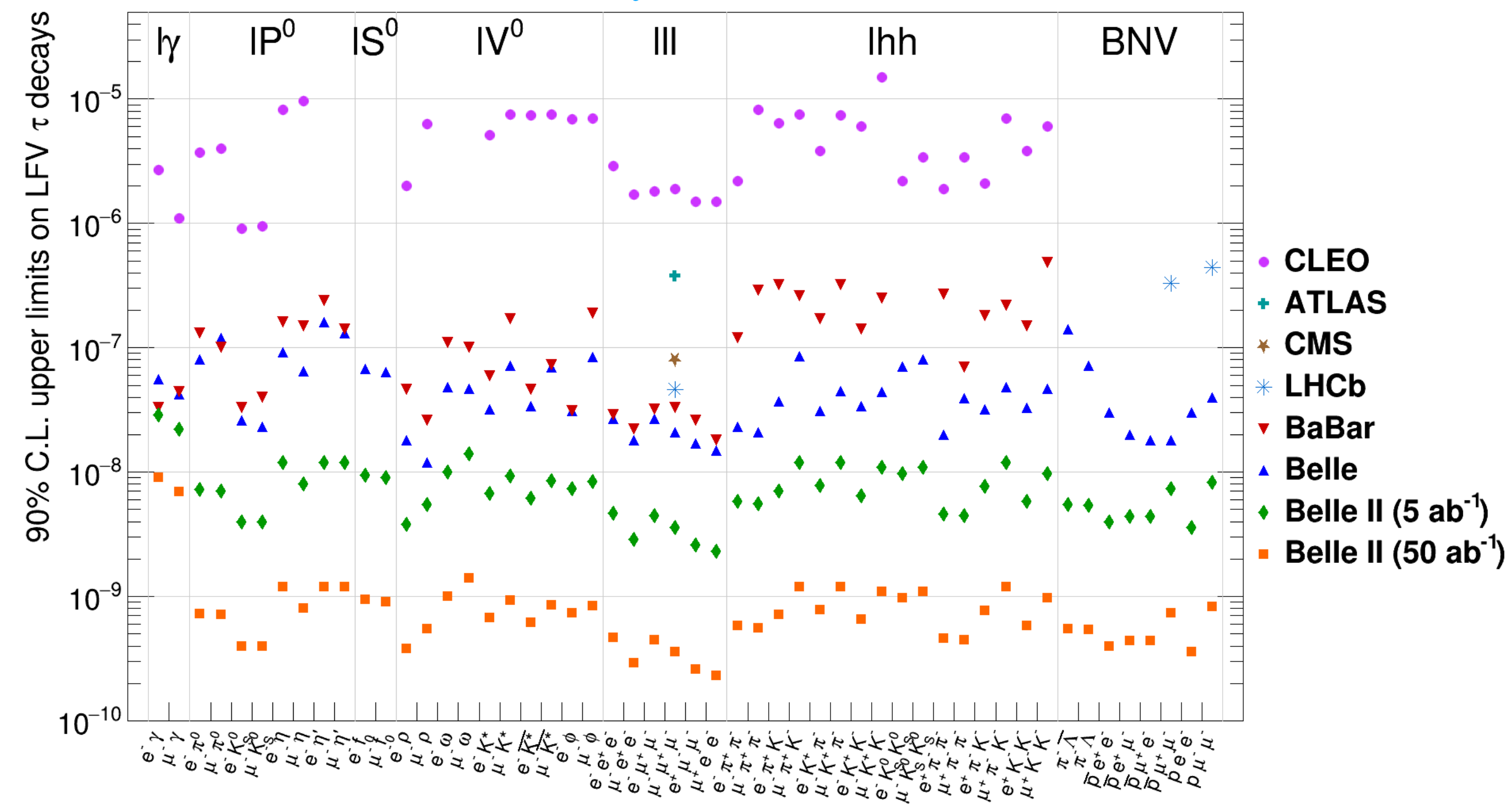


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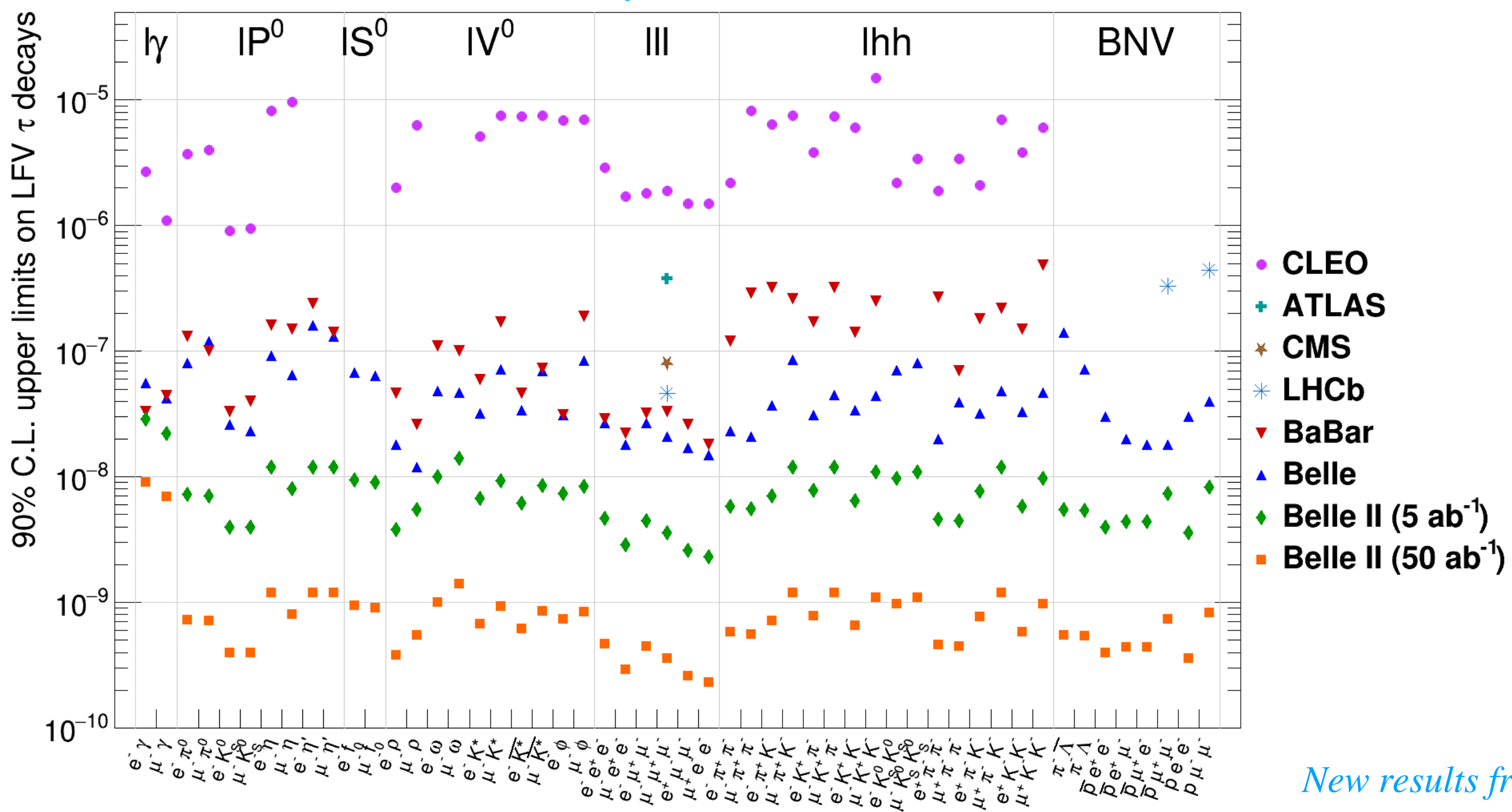
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*New results from CMS, Belle and Belle II since Snowmass report*

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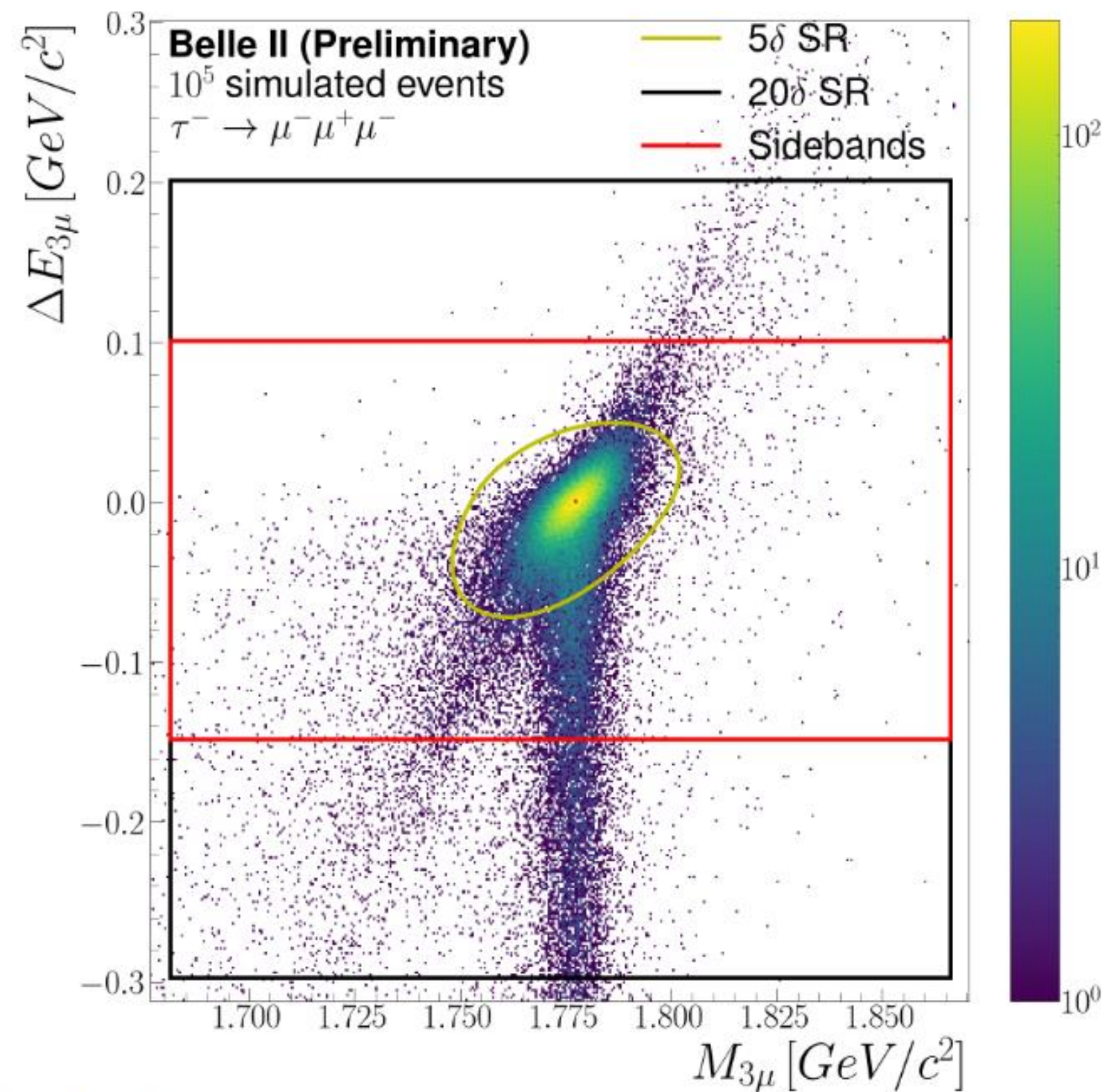
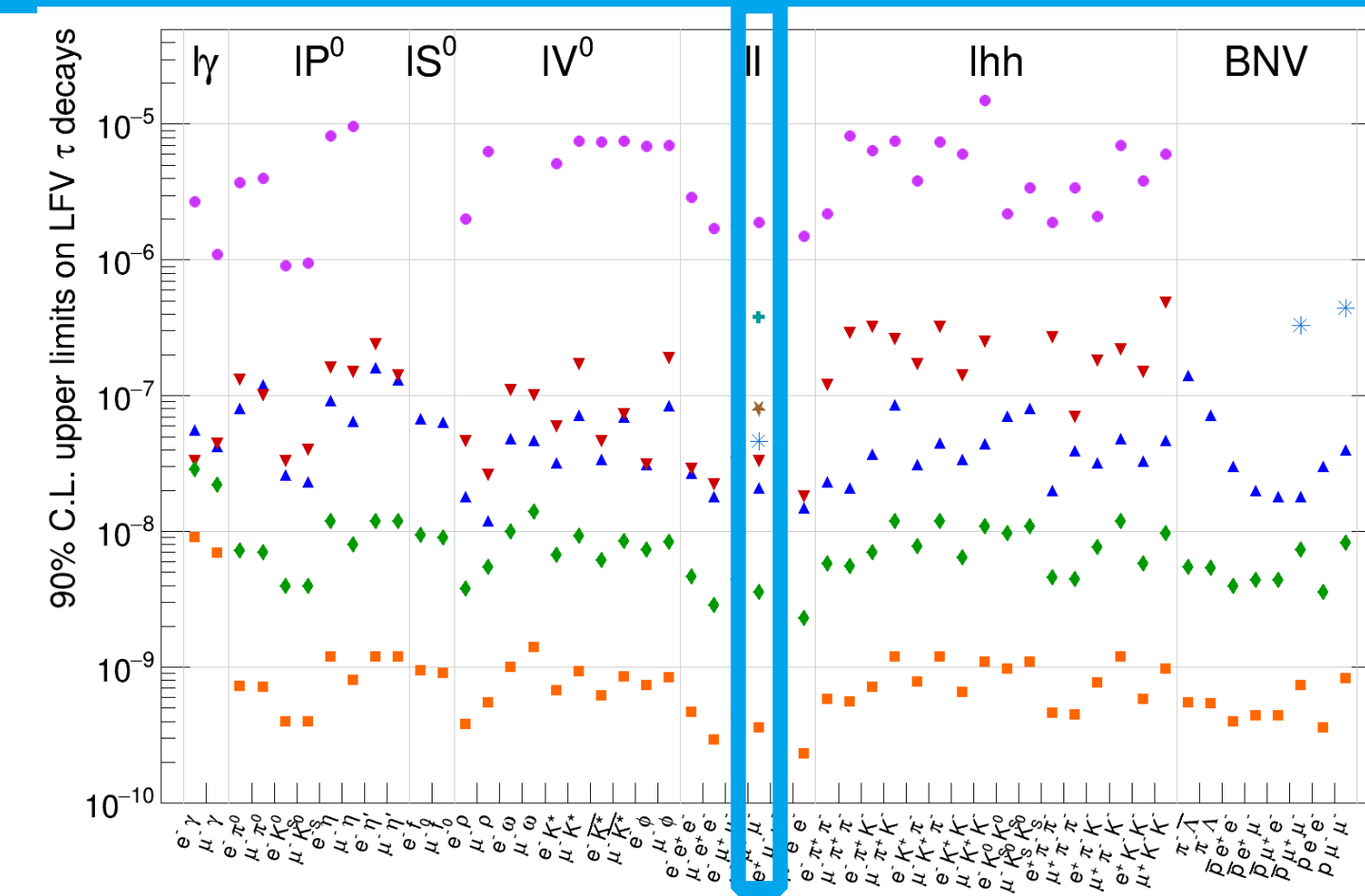
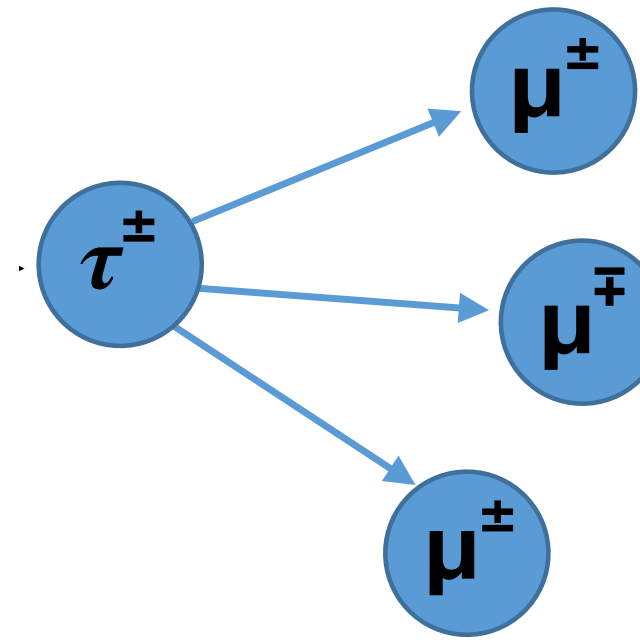
# Search for $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ decay @ Belle II

## Search at Belle II with 424 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- $\mu$  identification is the most powerful discriminating variable
- Momentum dependent optimisation of the muID requirement

## Signal region definition

(typical for all 52 LFV searches  $e^+e^-$  in searches)



## Two independent variables:

$$M_{3\mu} = \sqrt{E_{3\mu}^2 - P_{3\mu}^2}$$

$$\Delta E = E_{3\mu}^{CMS} - E_{beam}^{CMS}$$

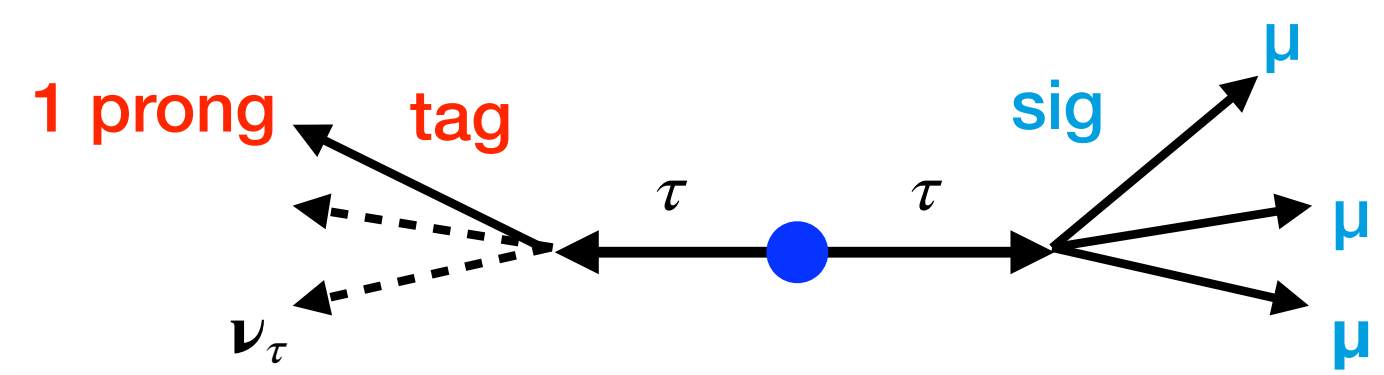
For signal:

- $\Delta E$  close to 0 and  $M_{3\mu}$  close to  $\tau$  mass
- Tails due to ISR and FSR

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## 1-prong

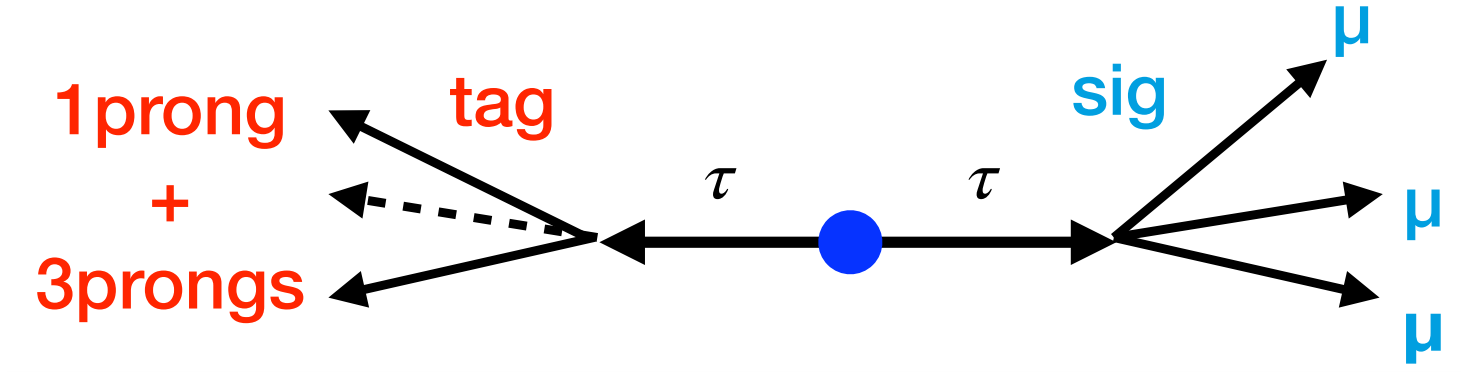
- ➔ Used before by Belle and BaBar:
- ➔ 3x1 topology
- ➔ Cut-based selection optimised using the Punzi FOM



- Signal efficiency: 14.9% (2 x Belle efficiency)
- ➔ Number of expected BG from simulation : 0.43
  - ➔ 0 event observed inside the SR
  - ➔ Observed  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 2.0 \times 10^{-8}$

## Inclusive approach

- ➔ Main analysis approach:
- ➔ Inclusion of 3x1 and 3x3 topologies
- ➔ Selection and background rejection using BDT



- ➔ Signal efficiency: 20.4% (2.7 x Belle efficiency)
- ➔ Number of expected BG using ABCD method : 0.5
- ➔ 1 event observed inside the SR
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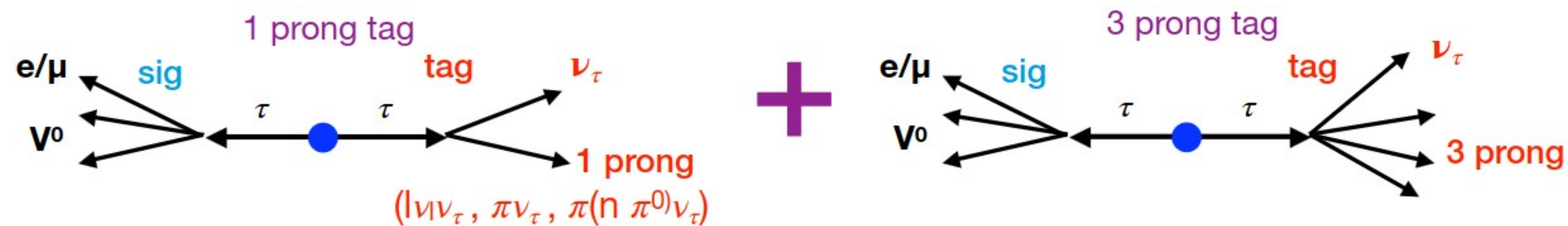
Experiment	Upper Limit at 90% C.L.
Belle	$2.1 \times 10^{-8}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 782 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
BaBar	$3.3 \times 10^{-8}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 486 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
CMS	$2.9 \times 10^{-8}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 131 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
LHCb	$4.6 \times 10^{-8}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 2.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
<b>Belle II</b>	<b><math>1.9 \times 10^{-8}</math> (<math>\mathcal{L} = 424 \text{ fb}^{-1}</math>)</b>

**Most stringent limit to date**

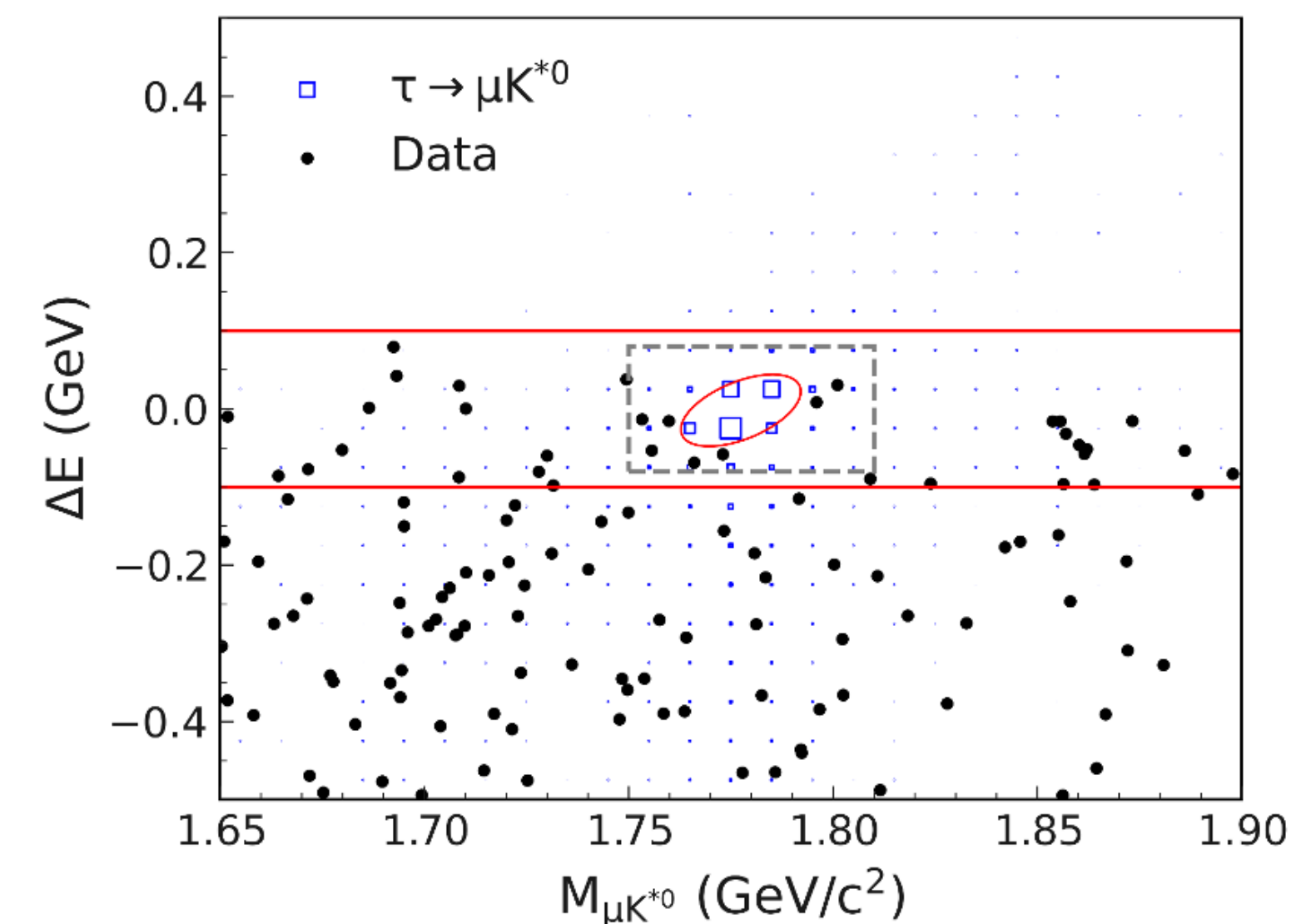
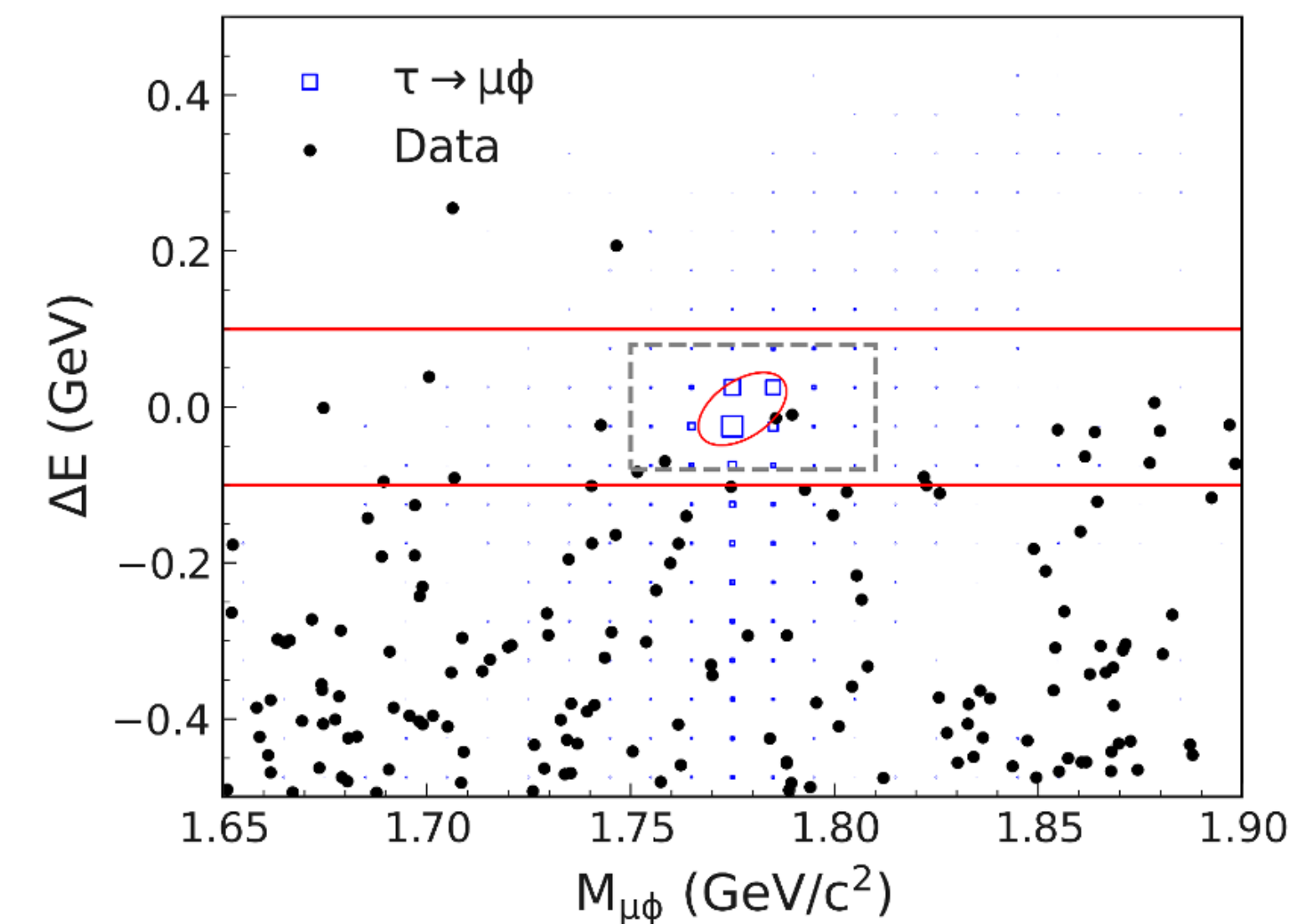
# Search for $\tau \rightarrow \ell V^0 (V^0 = \rho, \omega, \phi, K^*)$ decays @ Belle

Previous search at Belle on  $854 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  exploiting 1-prong tag

- ➔ Increase the efficiency using
  - ➔ full data set of  $980 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - ➔ more decay modes in the tag side
  - ➔ background suppression with BDT



- ➔ Exploit topology and event/tag kinematics to the backgrounds that mimic
  - ➔ the presence of neutrinos in the tag side,
  - ➔ wrong PID in the signal side
- ➔ Further suppress  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$  and  $ee \rightarrow qq$  with BDT
- ➔ Estimate expected background in SR from **sideband interpolation**

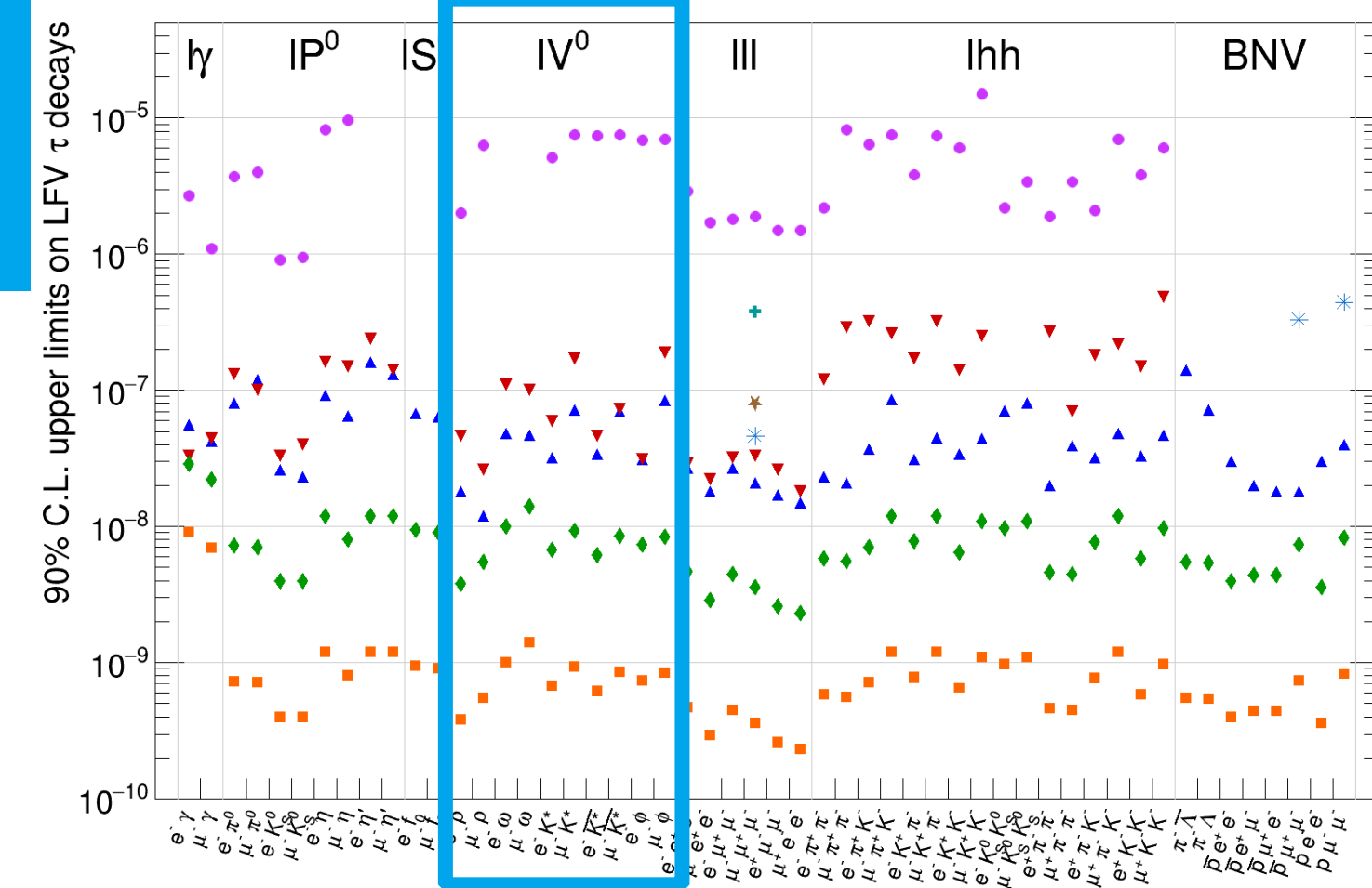


# Search for $\tau \rightarrow \ell V^0$ decay @ Belle

No significant access in all  $\ell V^0$  modes

- 30% improvement over previous measurements
- increased statistics (124 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
- higher signal efficiency (9%)

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Mode	$\epsilon$ (%)	$N_{\text{BG}}$	$\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ (%)	$N_{\text{obs}}$	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{obs}} (\times 10^{-8})$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \rho^0$	7.78	$0.95 \pm 0.20$ (stat.) $\pm 0.15$ (syst.)	4.6	0	$< 1.7$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \rho^0$	8.49	$0.80 \pm 0.27$ (stat.) $\pm 0.04$ (syst.)	4.4	1	$< 2.2$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \phi$	5.59	$0.47 \pm 0.15$ (stat.) $\pm 0.05$ (syst.)	4.8	0	$< 2.3$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \phi$	6.45	$0.38 \pm 0.21$ (stat.) $\pm 0.00$ (syst.)	4.5	0	$< 2.0$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \omega$	3.27	$0.32 \pm 0.23$ (stat.) $\pm 0.19$ (syst.)	4.8	0	$< 3.9$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \omega$	5.41	$0.74 \pm 0.43$ (stat.) $\pm 0.06$ (syst.)	4.5	0	$< 2.4$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} K^{*0}$	4.52	$0.84 \pm 0.25$ (stat.) $\pm 0.31$ (syst.)	4.3	0	$< 2.9$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} K^{*0}$	6.94	$0.54 \pm 0.21$ (stat.) $\pm 0.16$ (syst.)	4.1	0	$< 1.9$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \bar{K}^{*0}$	4.58	$0.58 \pm 0.17$ (stat.) $\pm 0.12$ (syst.)	4.3	1	$< 4.3$
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \bar{K}^{*0}$	7.45	$0.25 \pm 0.11$ (stat.) $\pm 0.02$ (syst.)	4.1	0	$< 1.7$

World leading results

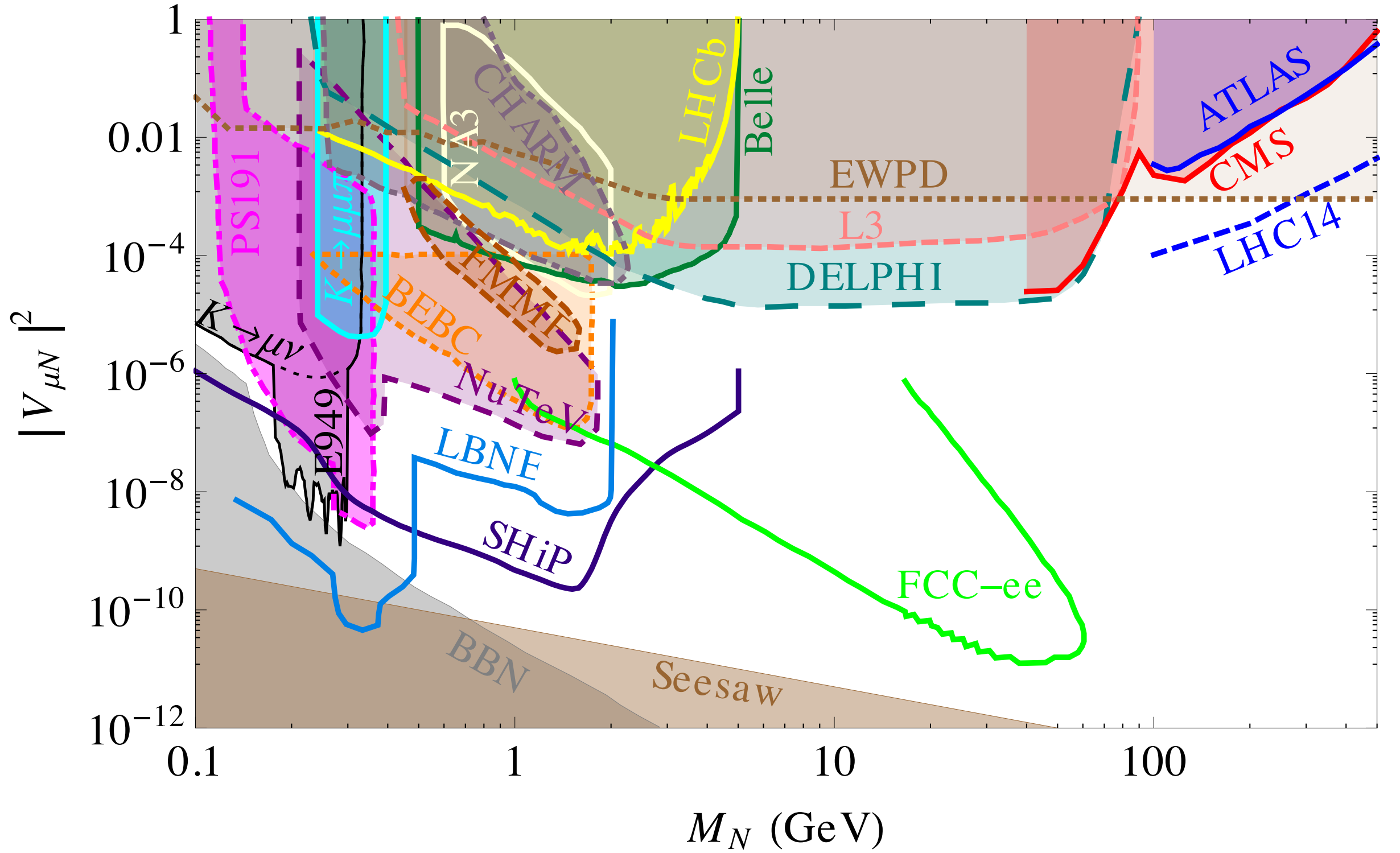
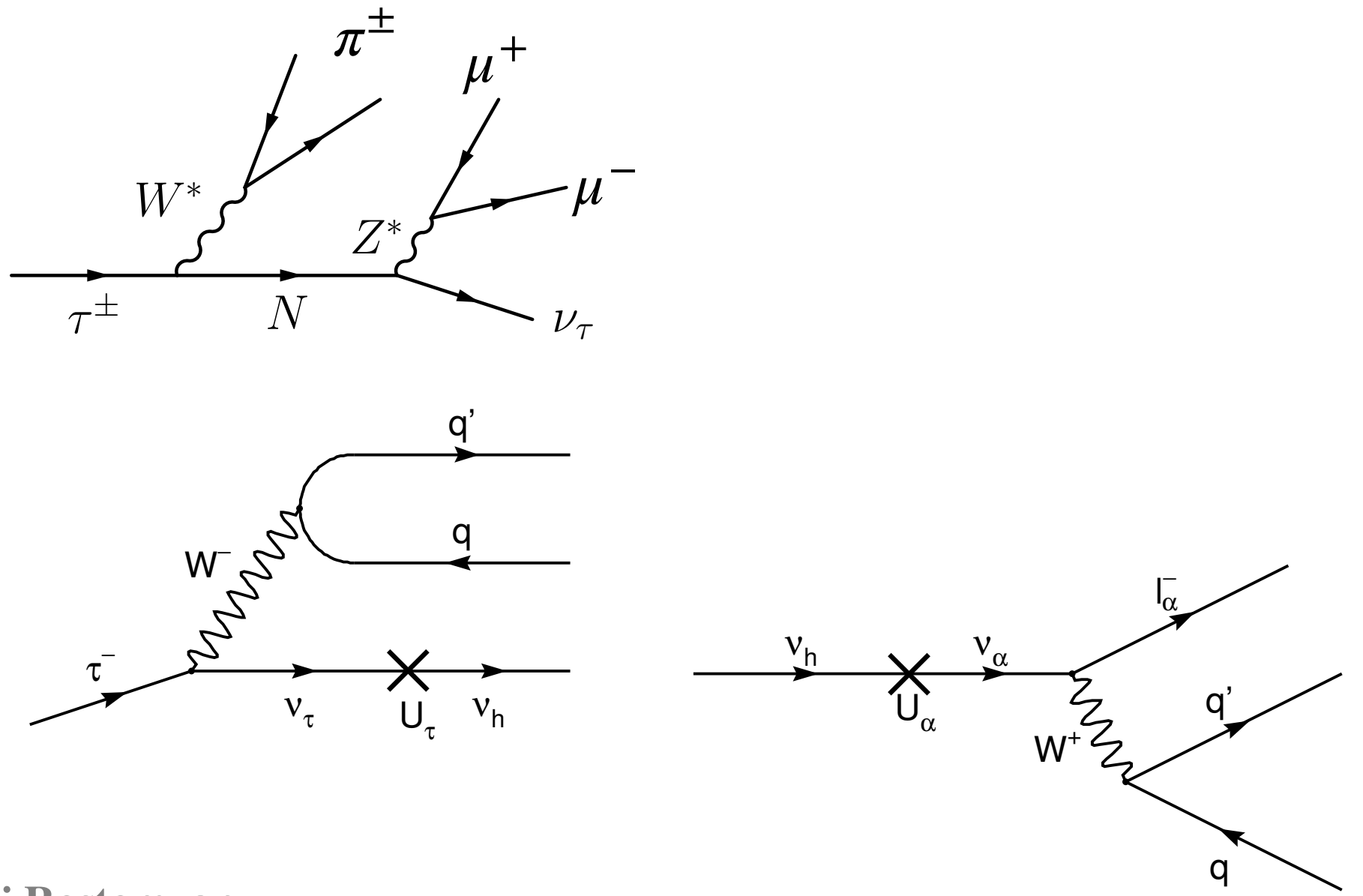


# Search for heavy neutral leptons (HNL)

$N$  (or  $\nu_h$ ) interacts with  $\nu_{SM}$  through mixing:  $N \leftrightarrow \nu_{SM}$

$$\nu_\ell = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\ell i} \nu_i + \sum_j V_{\ell N_j} N_j.$$

- ➔ Can have Majorana mass
- ➔ Long lifetime  $c\tau_N \propto |U_{\tau N}|^2 m_N^{-5}$
- ➔ In keV-scale could be a dark matter candidate
- ➔ In GeV-scale can explain the origin of the baryon asymmetry
- ➔ **Direct search of HNL in  $\tau$  decays  $M_N < M_\tau$**



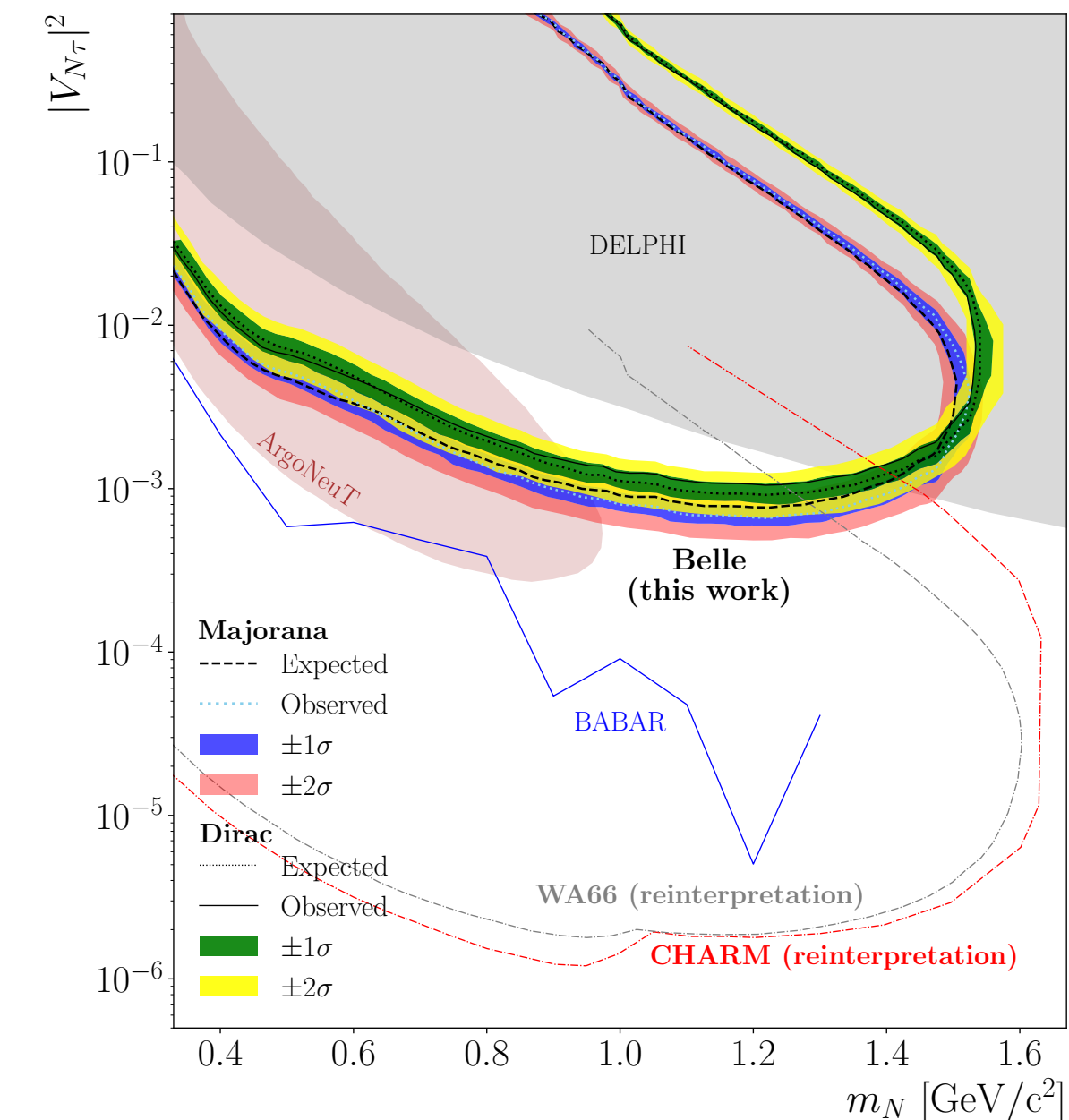
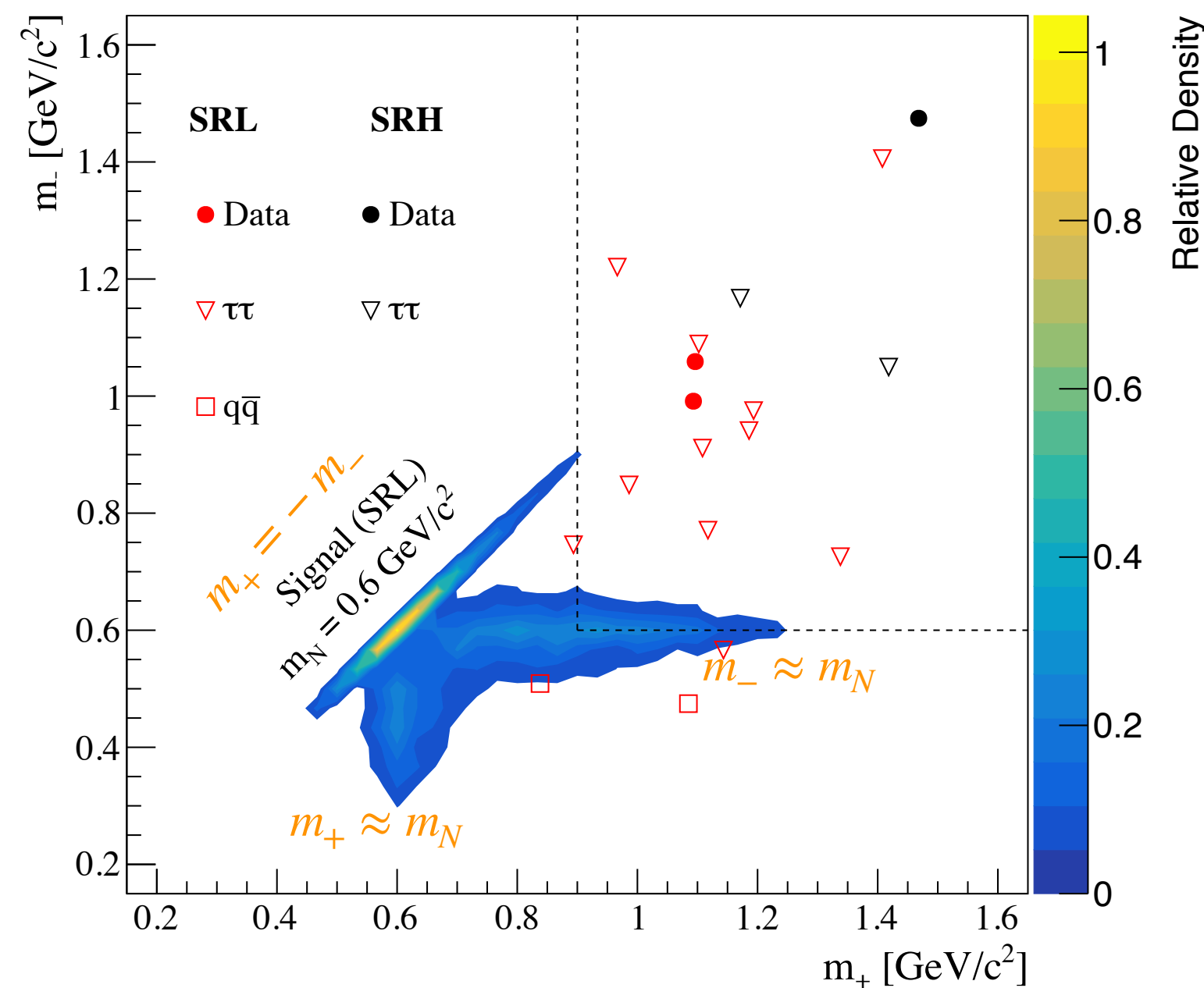
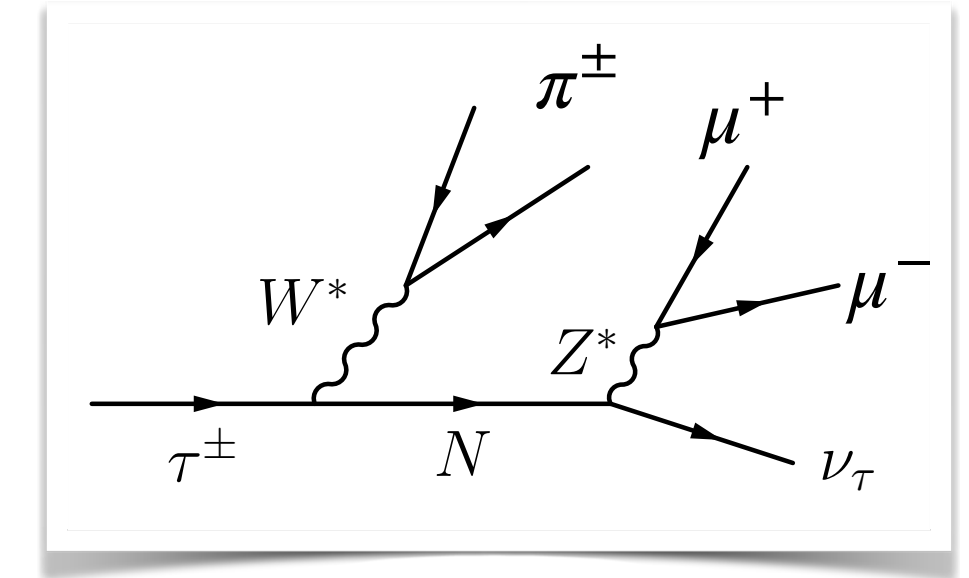
- ➔ Explored regions by different experiments
- ➔  $M_N > M_Z$ :  $pp \rightarrow N\ell^\pm$  @LHC
- ➔  $M_N < M_{Z,W}$ :  $Z^0 \rightarrow \nu N$  @ DELPHI and  $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm N$  @ LHC
- ➔  $M_N > M_{K,D,B}$ : @NA62, beam-dump, Belle
- ➔ All above experiments provide tight limits on  $|V_{eN}|, |V_{\mu N}|$
- ➔ Fewer experiments have directly probed  $|V_{\tau N}|$

# Search for $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- N (N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \nu_\tau)$ decay @ Belle

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Search for a heavy neutrino  $300 < M_N < 1600$  MeV that mixes predominantly with  $\nu_\tau$

- The search uses the data set of Belle with  $N_{\tau\tau} = (836 \pm 12) \times 10^6$
- Signature: prompt pion and **long-lived**, heavy neutrino  $N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \nu_\tau$
- Constrain of the signal decay using the full kinematics of  $\tau$  decay (two-fold ambiguity)
- Rejects  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  ( $420 < m < 520$  MeV) → pions decay to or are misidentified as muons
- Two signal regions targeting heavy and light HNLs
- 1 and 0 observed events, in agreement with the background expectation.
- Set 95% C.L. upper limits on  $|V_{N\tau}|$  as a function of  $m_N$

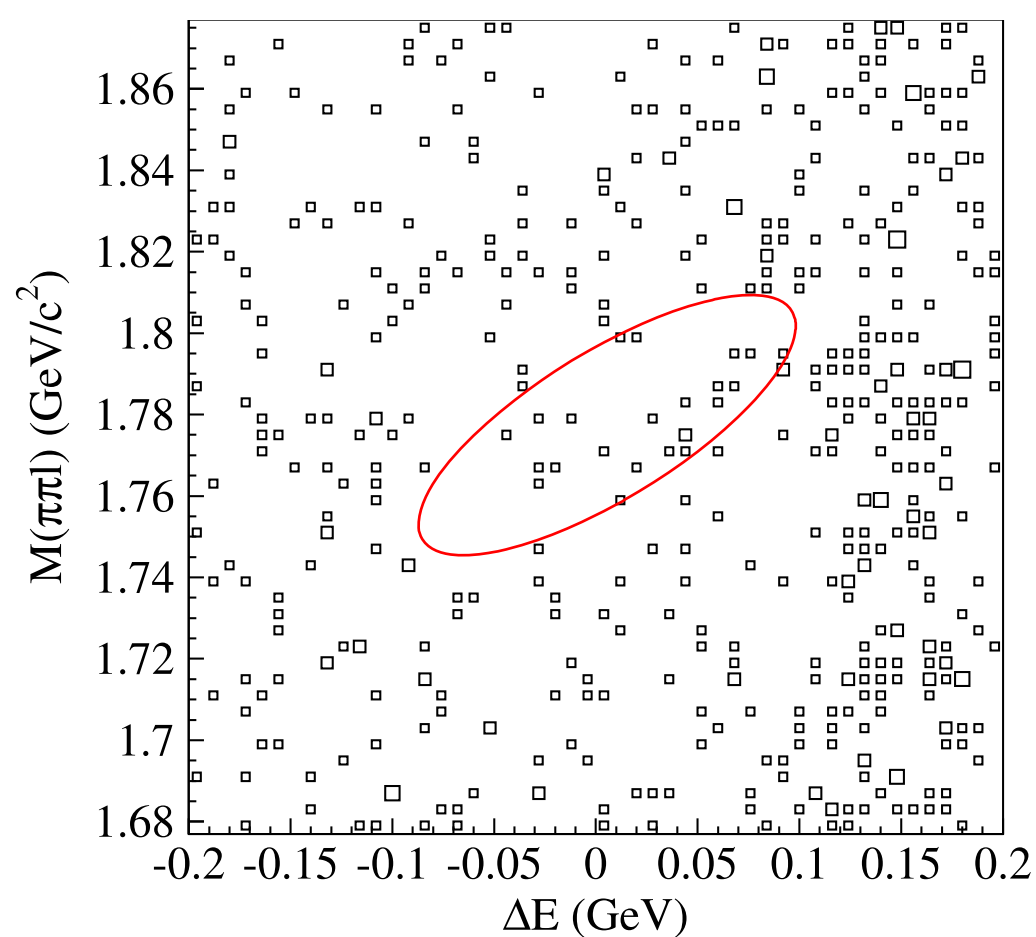
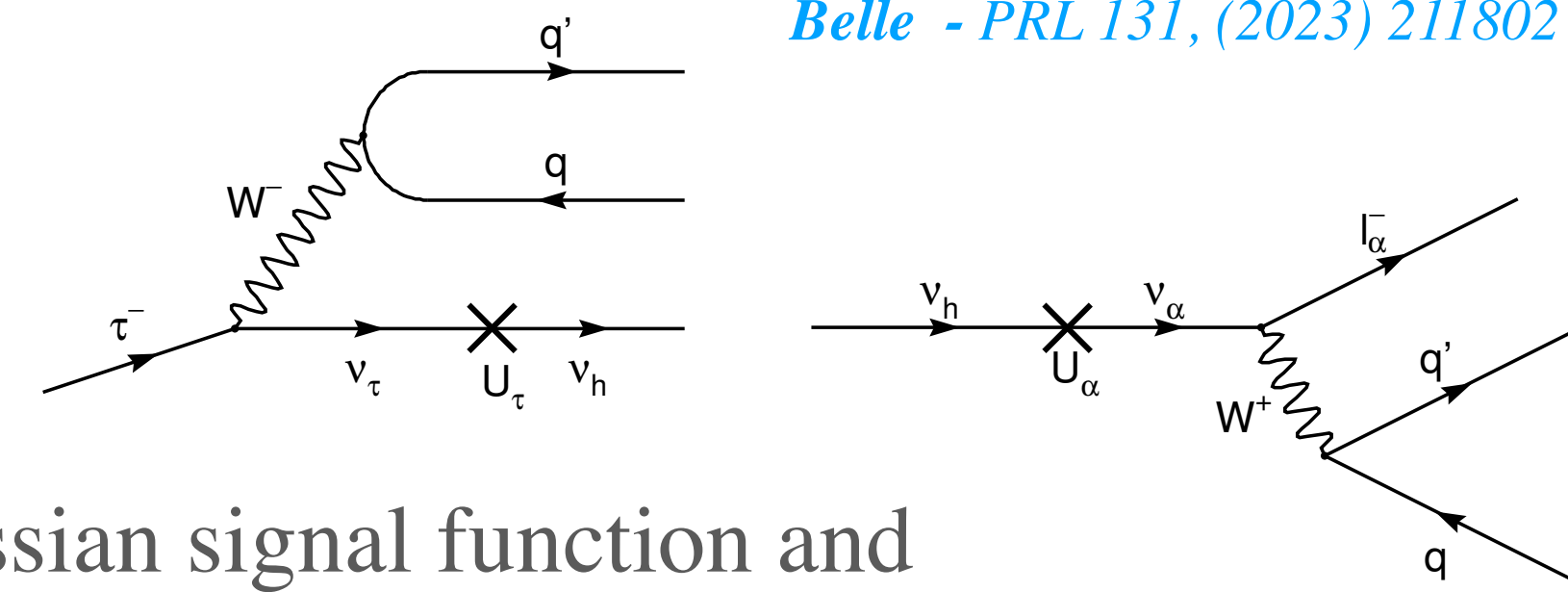


# Search for $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_h (\nu_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^\mp)$ decay @ Belle

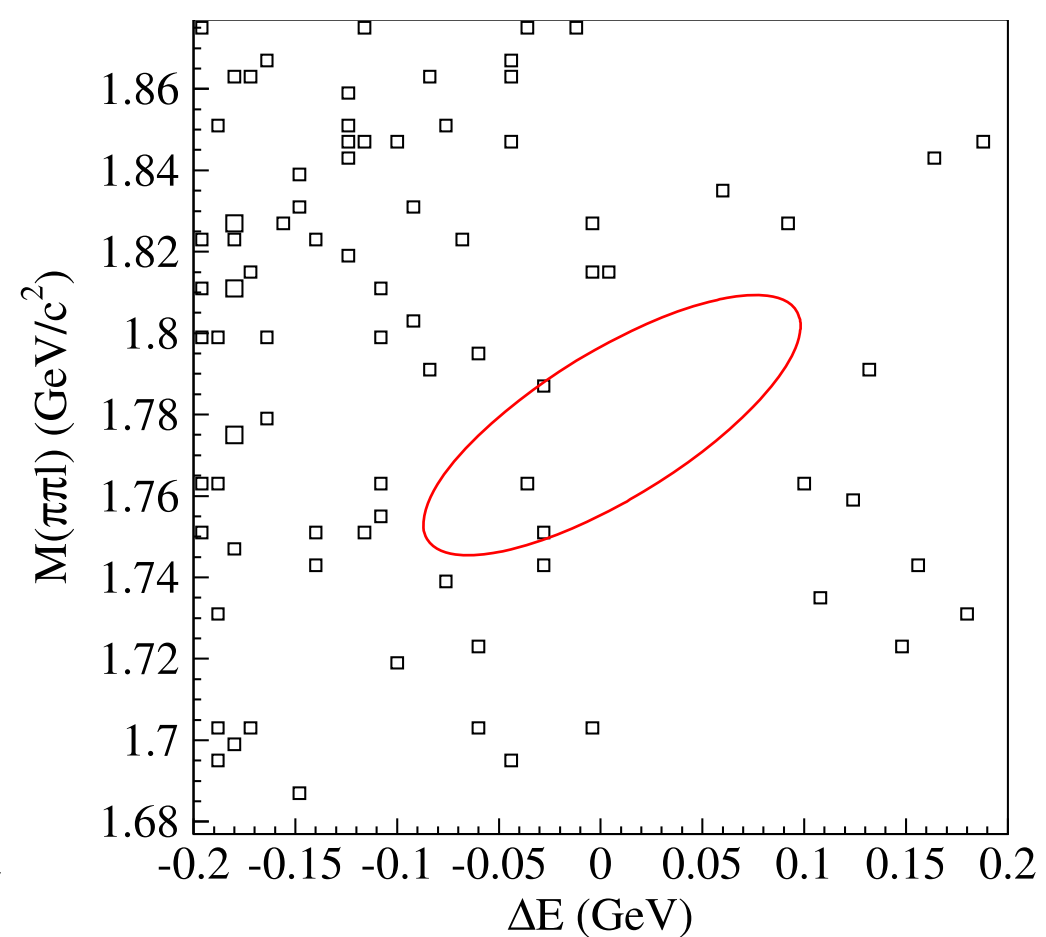
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Search for a heavy neutrino  $200 < M_{\nu_h} < 1600$  MeV

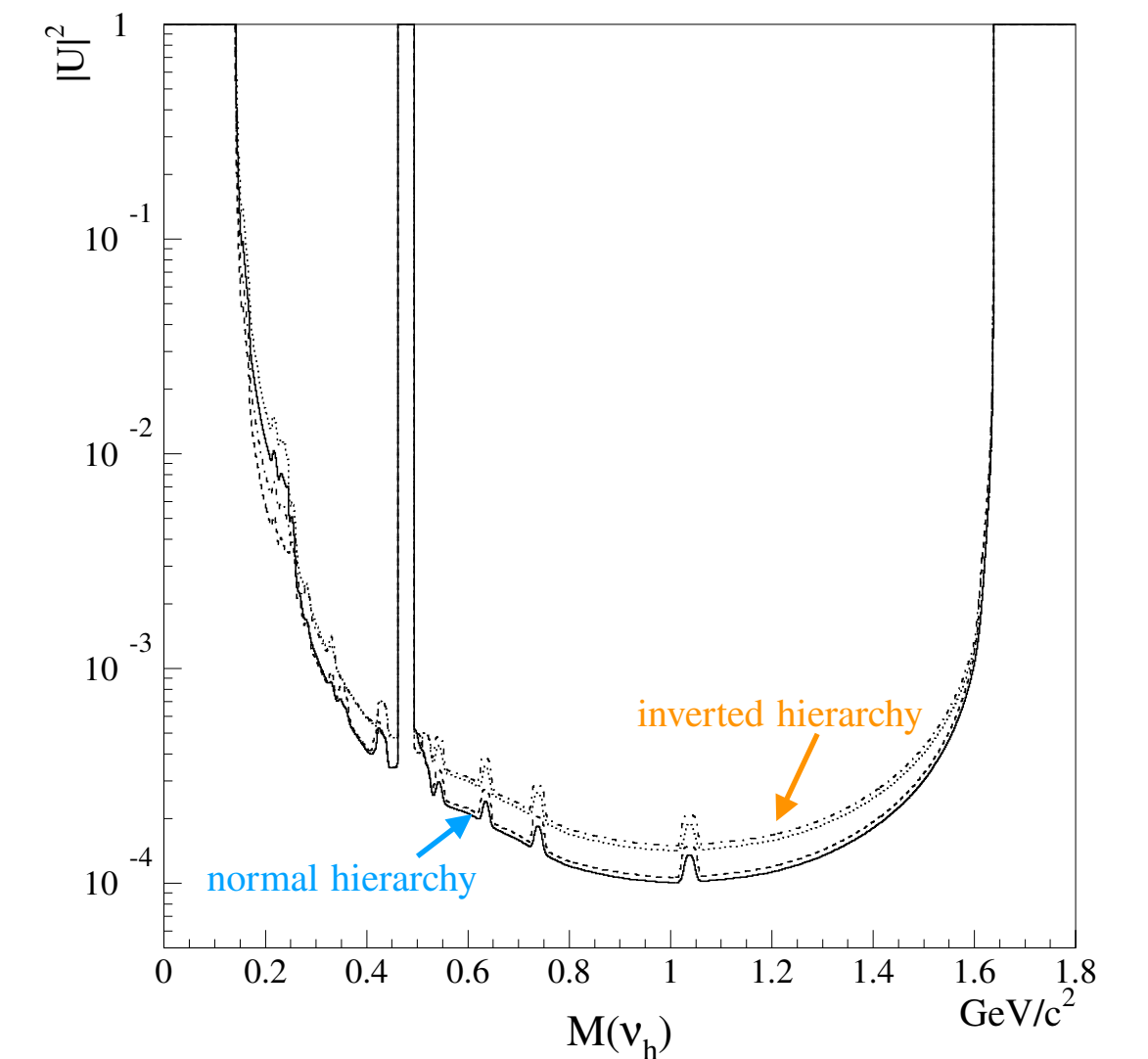
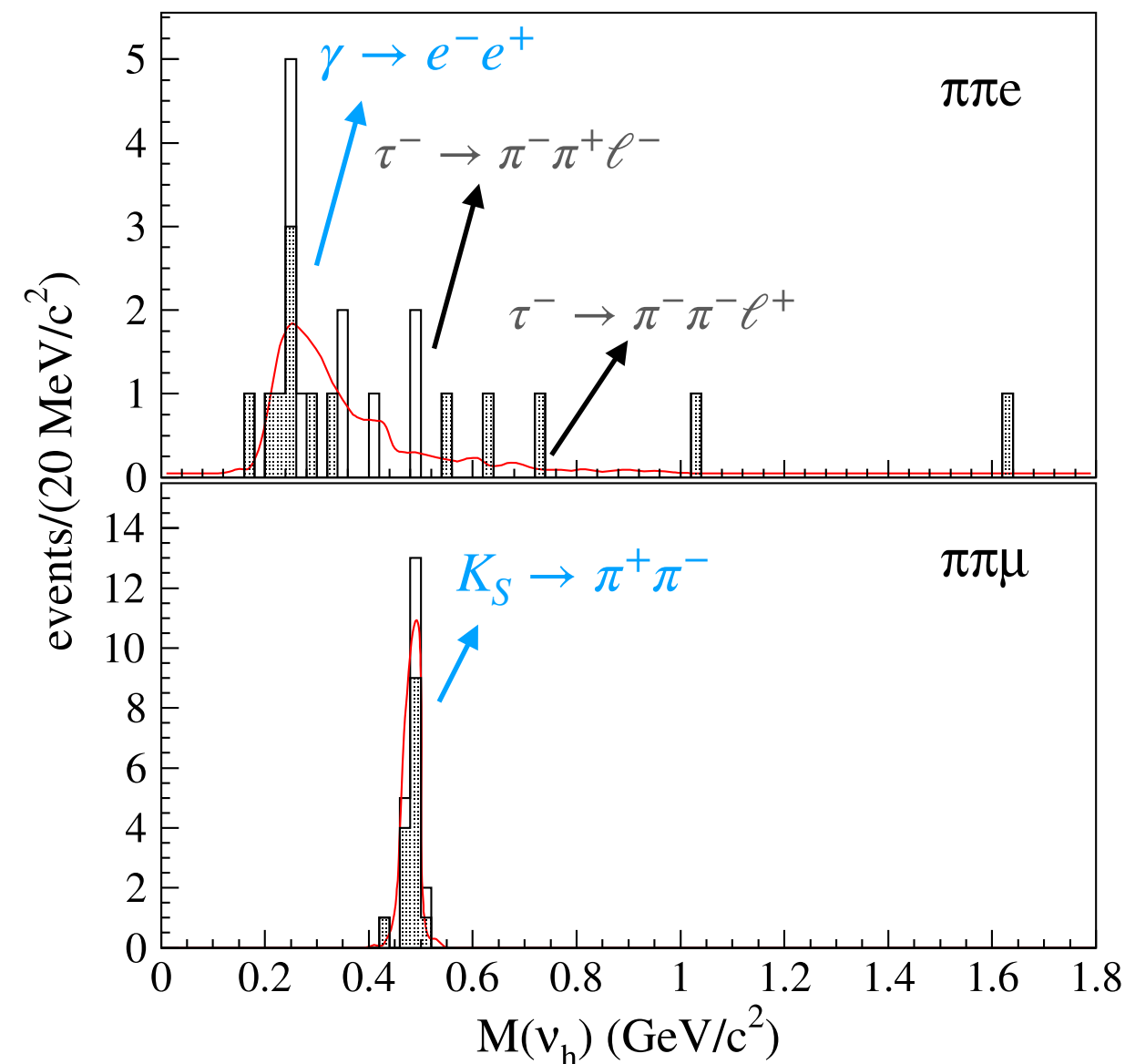
- The search uses the data set of Belle with  $N_{\tau\tau} = (912 \pm 13) \times 10^6$
- Signature: prompt pion and **long-lived**, heavy neutrino  $\nu_h \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^\mp$
- A series of binned likelihood fits to the mass distributions using the sum of a Gaussian signal function and background varying the mass hypothesis in each fit.
- No significant excess
- Set 95% C.L. upper limits on  $|U|^2 = |U_e|^2 + |U_\mu|^2 + |U_\tau|^2$  as a function of  $M_{\nu_h}$  for the two neutrino-mass hierarchy scenarios



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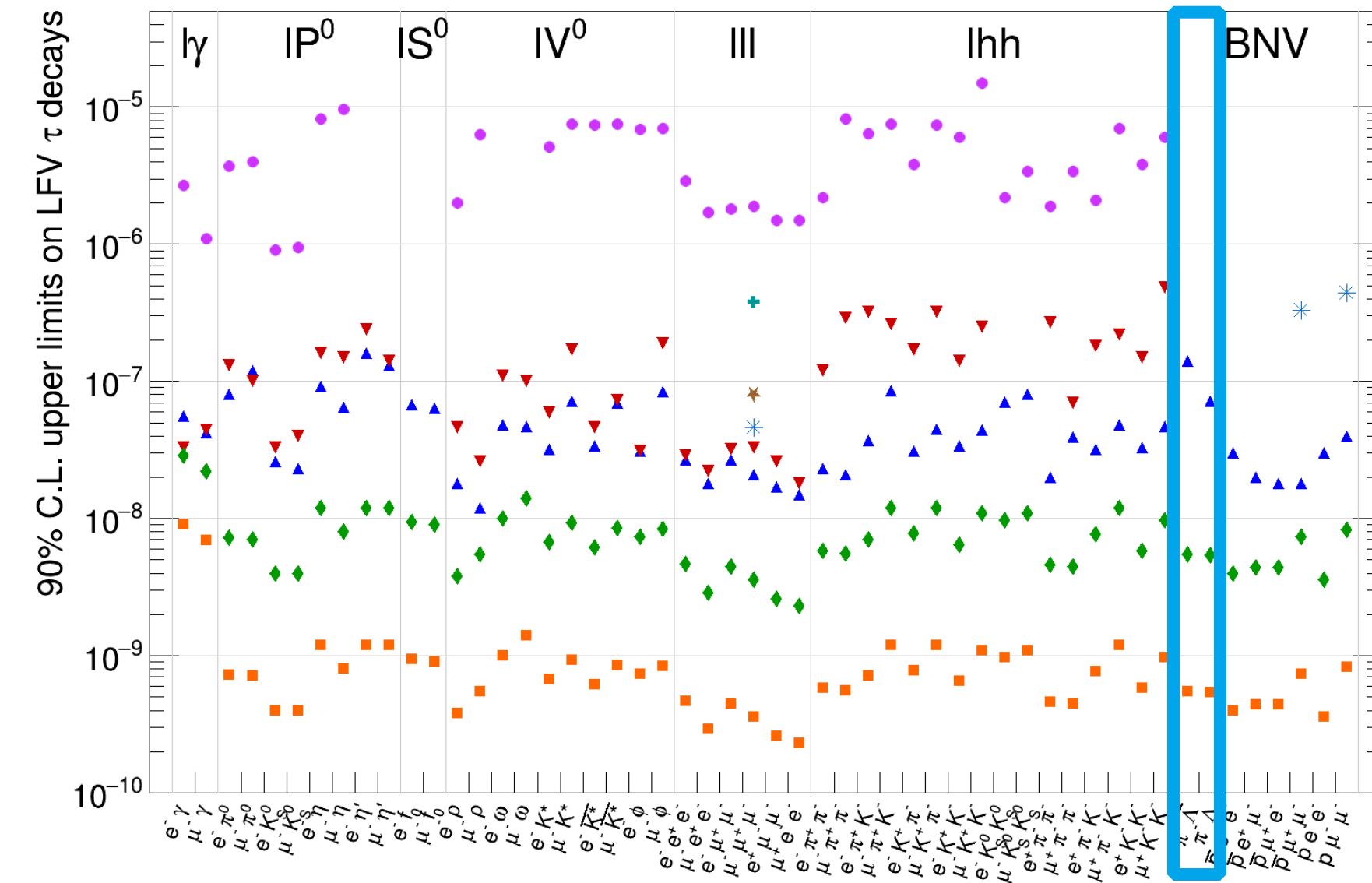


(b)



# Search for $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})\pi$ decay @ Belle

- ➔ BNV is one of the necessary conditions to explain the asymmetry of matter
- ➔ Beyond SM scenarios allow for BNV and LNV
  - ➔  $B - L$  conservation
  - ➔  $|\Delta(B - L)| = 2$
- ➔ Previous BNV searches:
  - ➔  $p \rightarrow e^\pm \pi^0$  and  $p \rightarrow \mu^\pm \pi^0$  @ Super-Kamiokande
  - ➔  $Z^0 \rightarrow p e^-$  and  $Z^0 \rightarrow p \mu^-$  @ OPAL
  - ➔  $D^0 \rightarrow \bar{p} e^+$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow p e^-$  @ CLEO & Belle
  - ➔  $D^+, D_s^+, \Lambda_c \rightarrow h^\pm \ell^\mp \ell^\pm$  at BaBar
  - ➔  $B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c \ell^-, B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \ell^-, \bar{\Lambda} \ell^-$  @ BaBar
  - ➔  $\tau \rightarrow \bar{p} X$  ( $X = \gamma, \pi^0, \eta, 2\pi^0, \pi^0 \eta$ ) @ CLEO
  - ➔  $\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$  and  $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} \pi^-$  @ Belle
  - ➔  $\tau^- \rightarrow p \mu^- \mu^-$  and  $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{p} \mu^+ \mu^-$  @ LHCb
- ➔ Experimental limits  $10^{-8} - 10^{-5}$



	$\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$		$\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} \pi^-$	
	initial state	final state	initial state	final state
<b>B</b>	0	1	0	-1
<b>L</b>	1	0	1	0
<b><math>B - L</math></b>	-1	1	-1	-1
<b><math> \Delta(B - L) </math></b>	2		0	

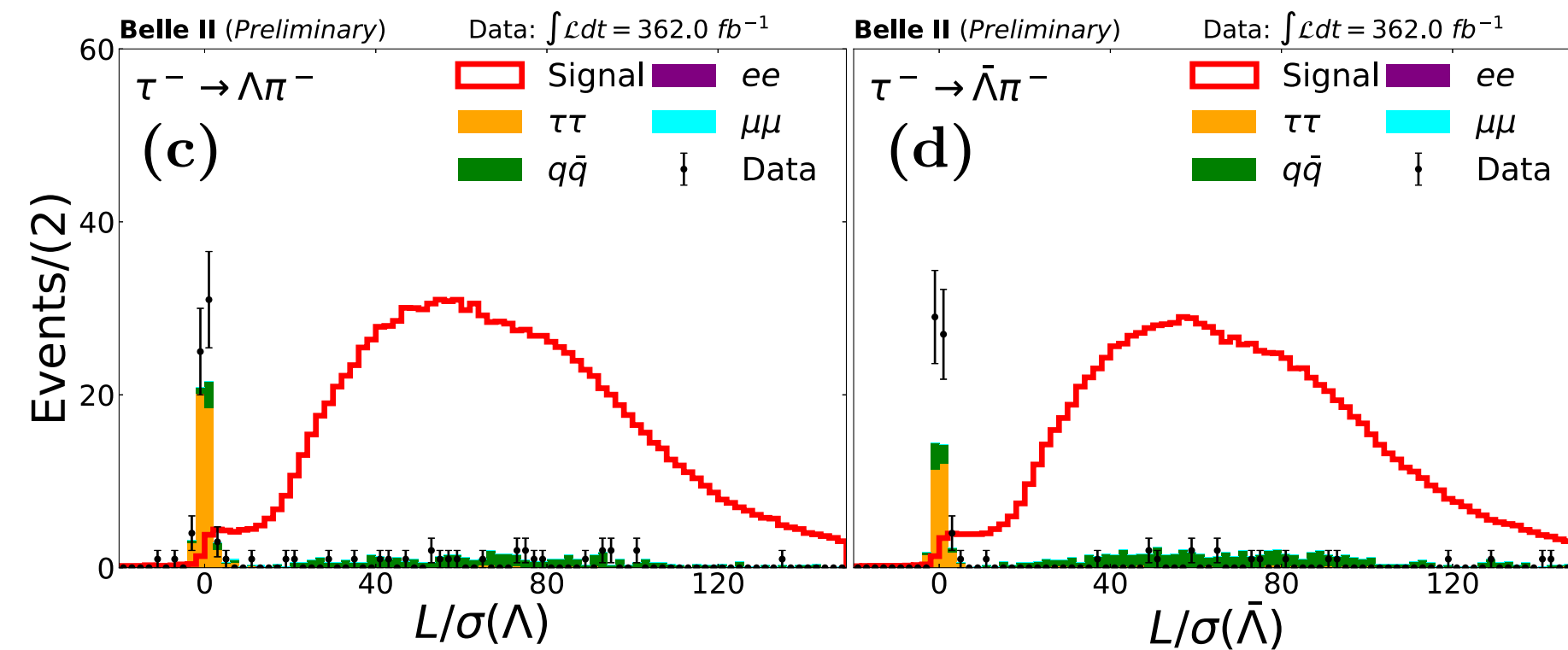
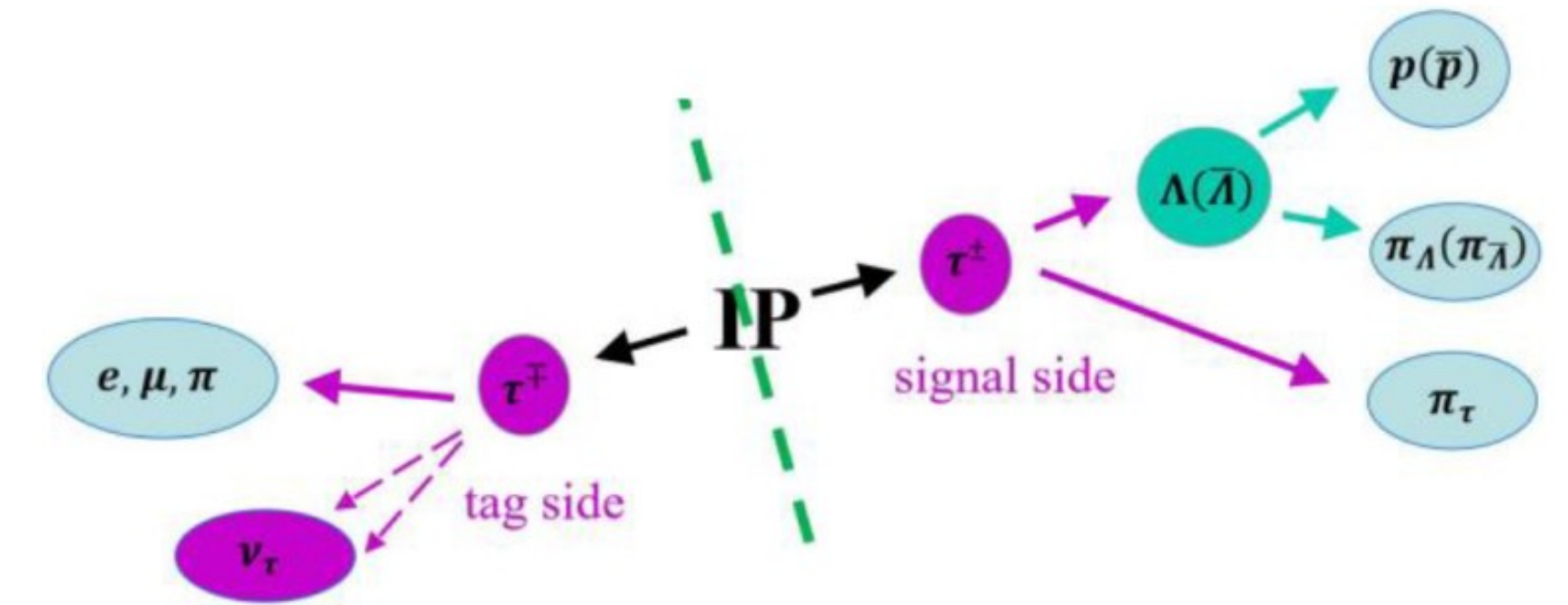
# Search for $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})\pi$ decay @ Belle II

## Previous search @ Belle on 154 fb<sup>-1</sup>

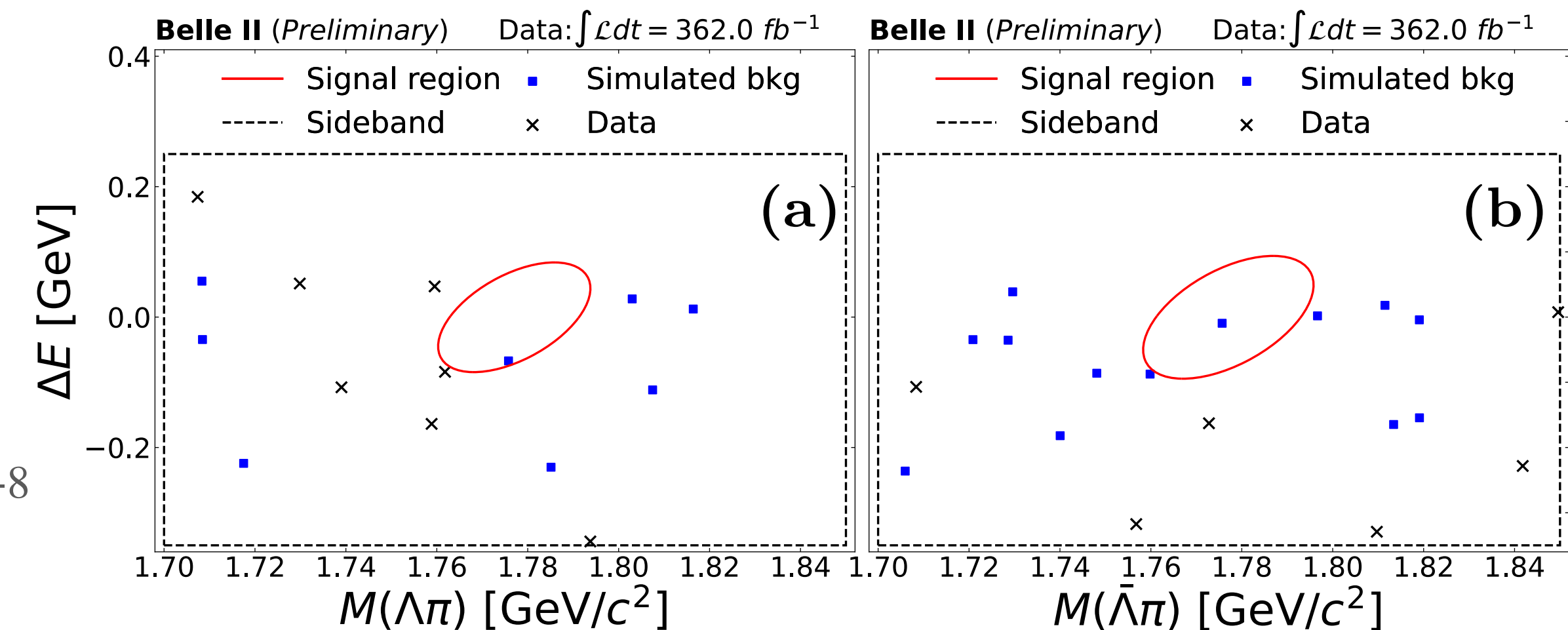
- ➔ Set upper limits at 90% C.L. of  $0.72 \times 10^{-7}$  for  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-)$  and  $1.4 \times 10^{-7}$  for  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-)$

## This search @ Belle II on 362 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- ➔ Signal selection using loose pre-selections, followed by GBDT
- ➔ The flight significance of  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  candidates is one of the powerful variables



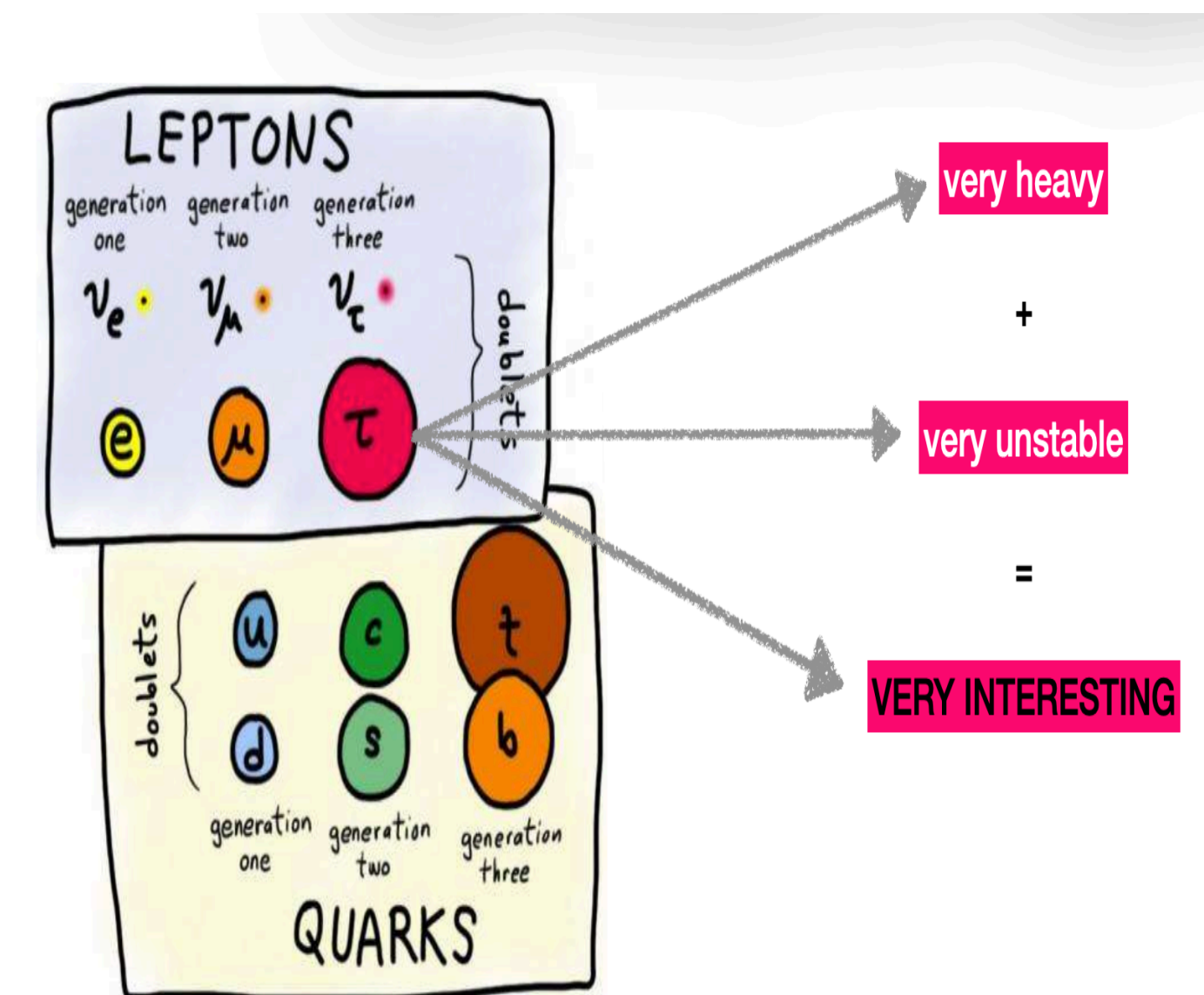
- ➔ Signal efficiencies 9.5% (9.8%) for  $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$  ( $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-$ )
- ➔ Expected events 1 (0.5) for  $\tau \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$  ( $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-$ )
- ➔ No observed events
- ➔ **World leading results on upper limits at 90% C.L. of  $4.7 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-)$  and  $4.3 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-)$**



# Outlook

## Very exciting times ahead!

- A very interesting era in the  $\tau$  LFV searches, with expectations of significant improvements in current limits, spanning from a few parts in  $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-9}$ .
- On horizon @ Belle II
- Polarised beams can further improve the sensitivity
- Similar sensitivities will be probed at ATLAS, CMS & LHCb
- The proposed experiments at STCF and FCC-ee will further explore LFV in the  $\tau$  sector.
- This goes hand in hand with precision measurements, where the possibility of new physics emerging is also possible.
- The discovery of LFV would mark a new era in particle physics.
- Synergies between different experiments enhance both the potential for new discoveries and the confirmation of existing ones.

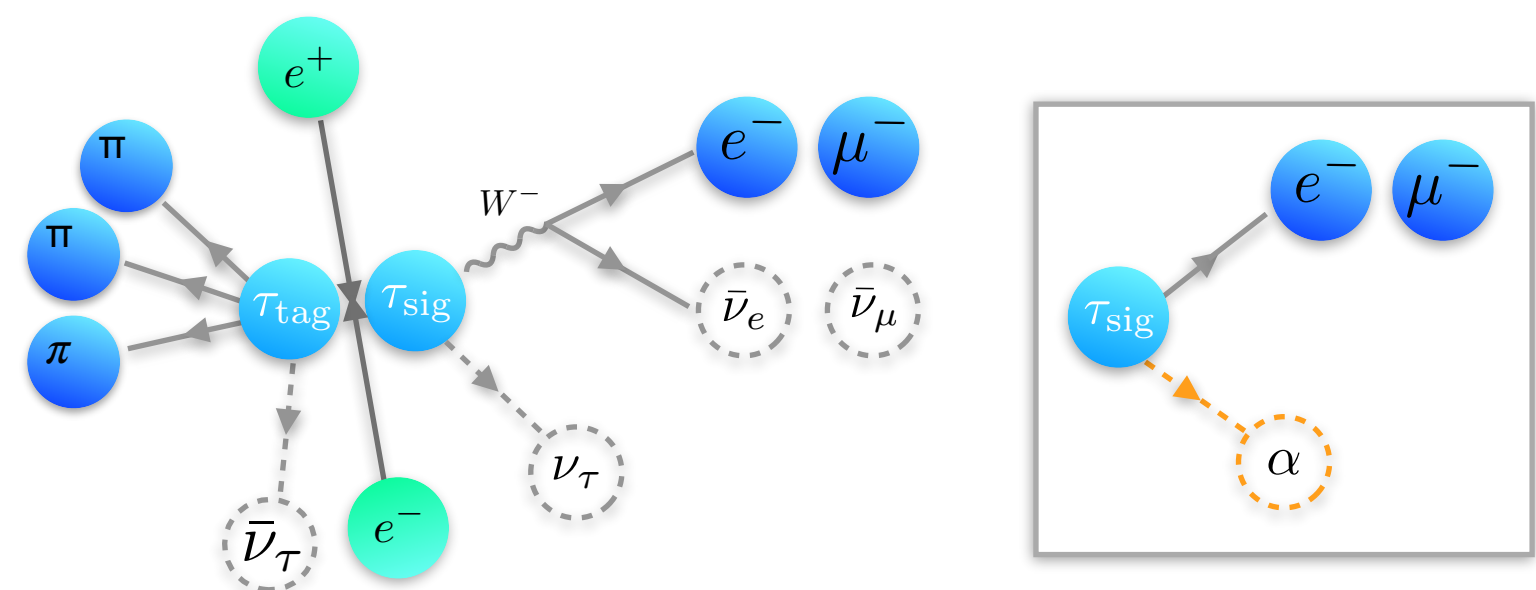


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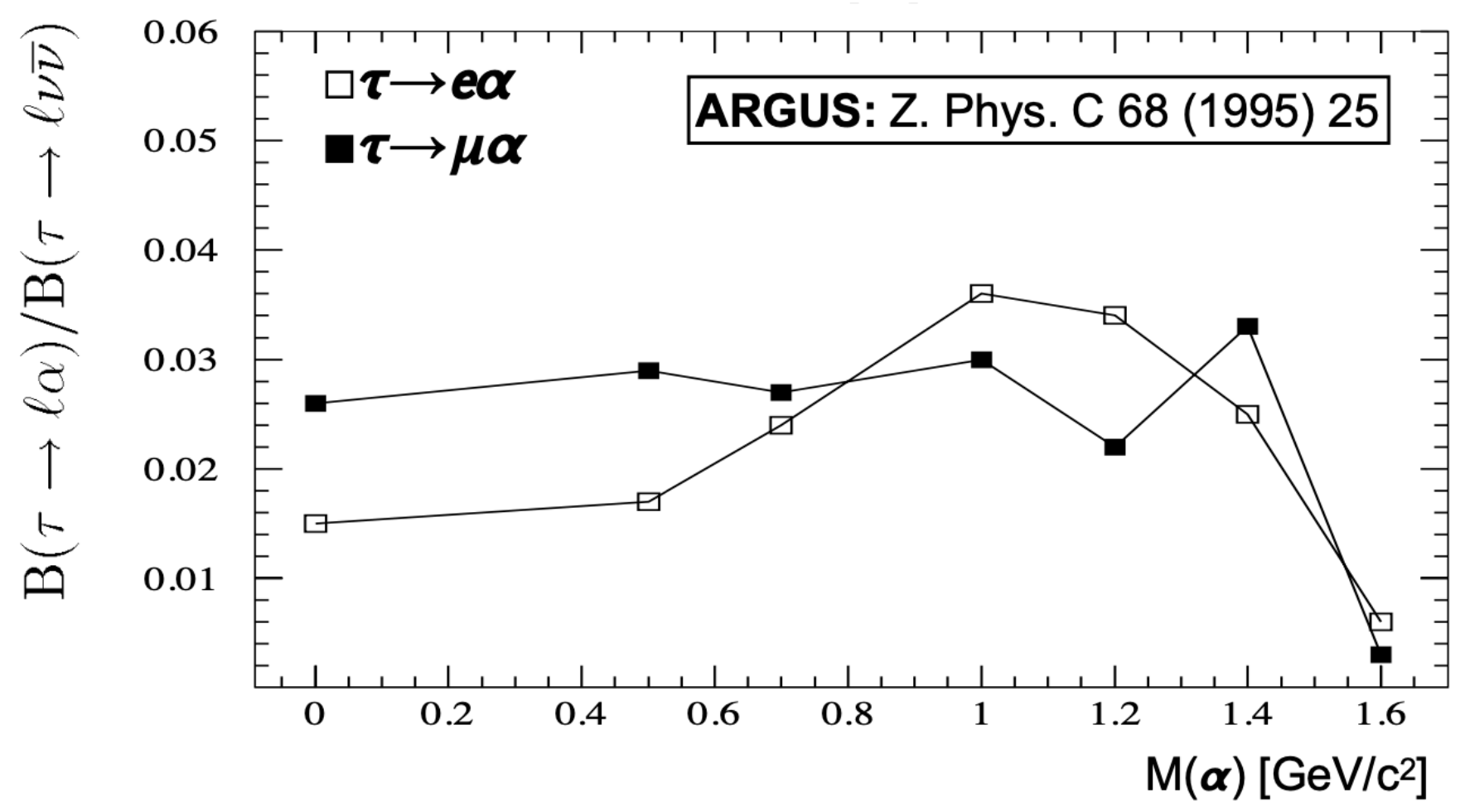
# Search for LFV $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$ ( $\alpha \rightarrow$ invisible)

## Probe the existence of a new boson $\alpha$

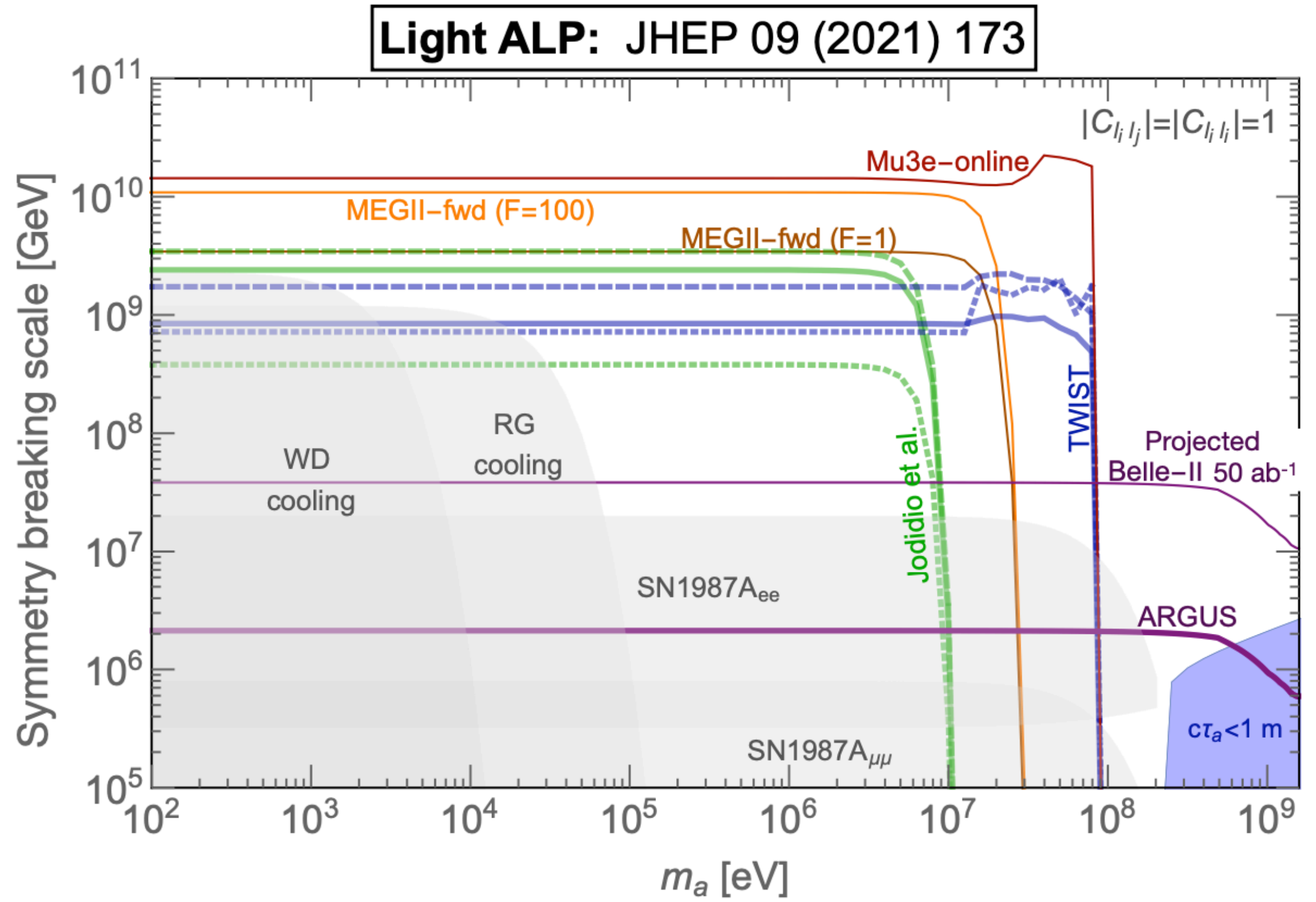
- $\alpha$  is an invisible particle
- e.g, an axion-like particle



- Previous searches from Mark III (9.4 pb<sup>-1</sup>) and ARGUS (476 pb<sup>-1</sup>)



- Interesting mass range from 100 MeV-1.6 GeV
- not covered by other searches

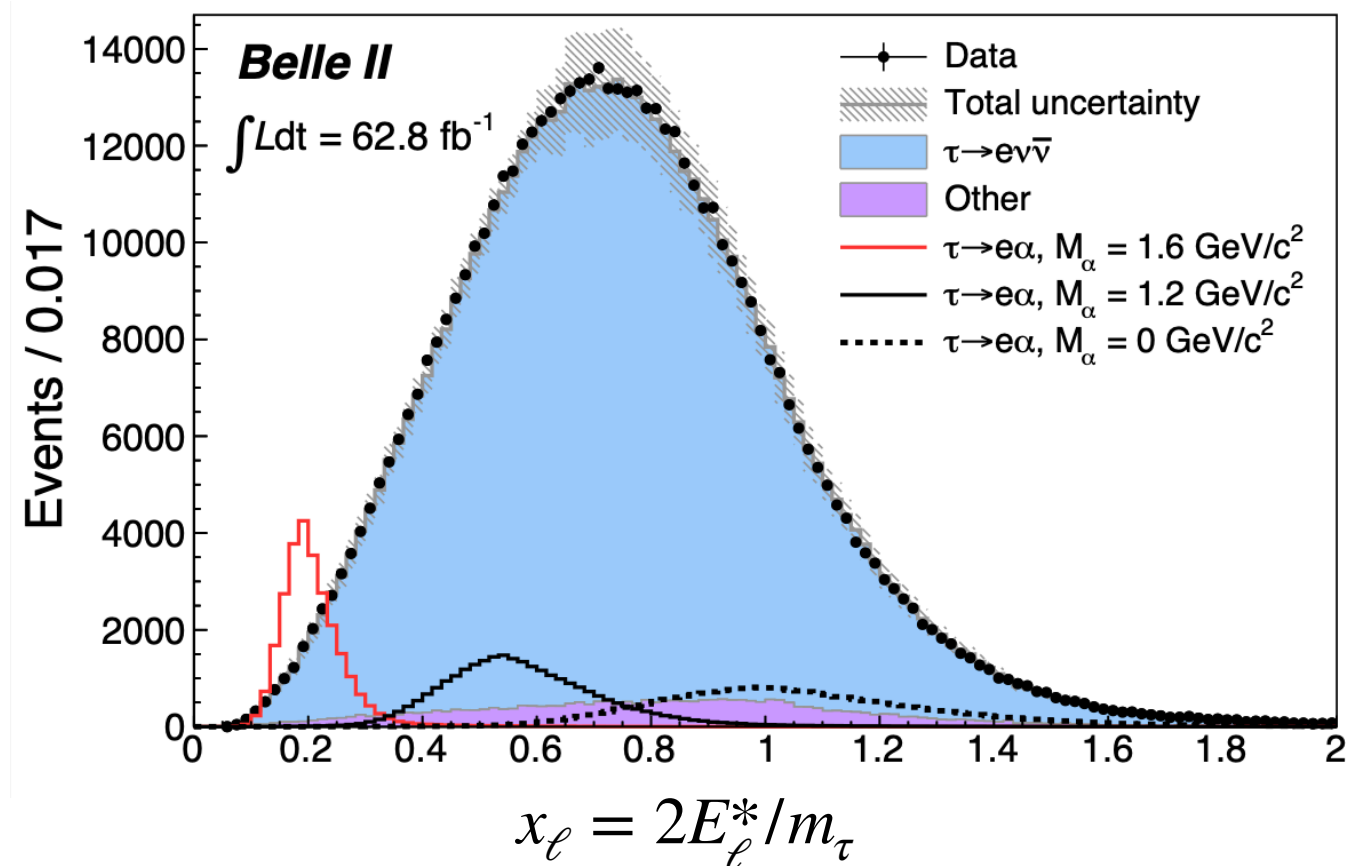
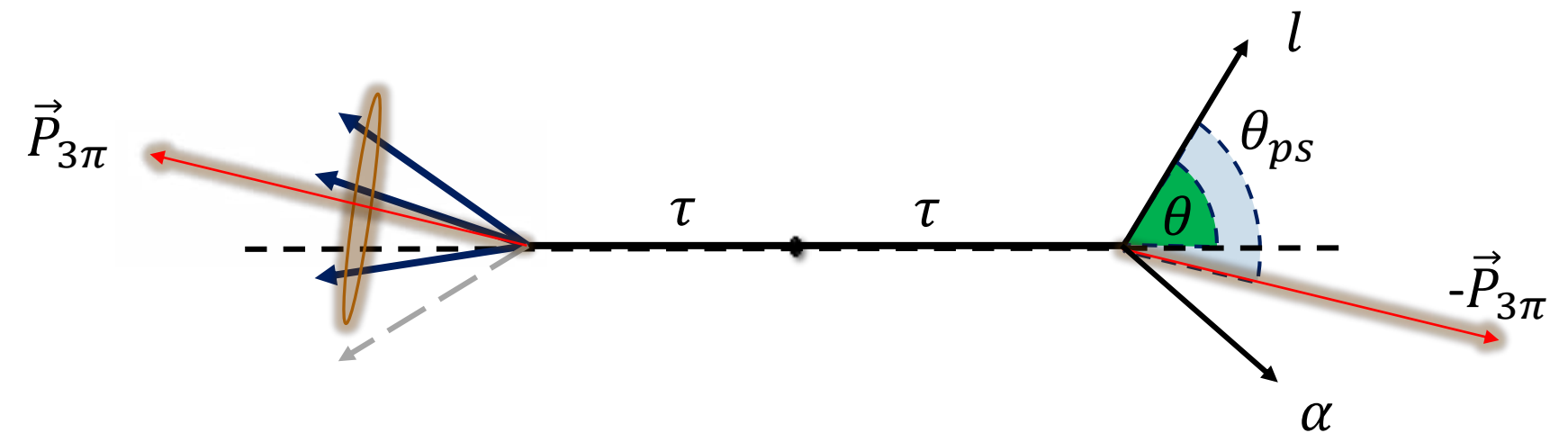




# Search for LFV $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$ ( $\alpha \rightarrow$ invisible)

## Search for a two body decay spectrum

- ➔ Signal will manifest itself as a peak in the  $\tau$  rest frame
- ➔ True  $\tau$  rest frame not accessible due to the missing neutrino



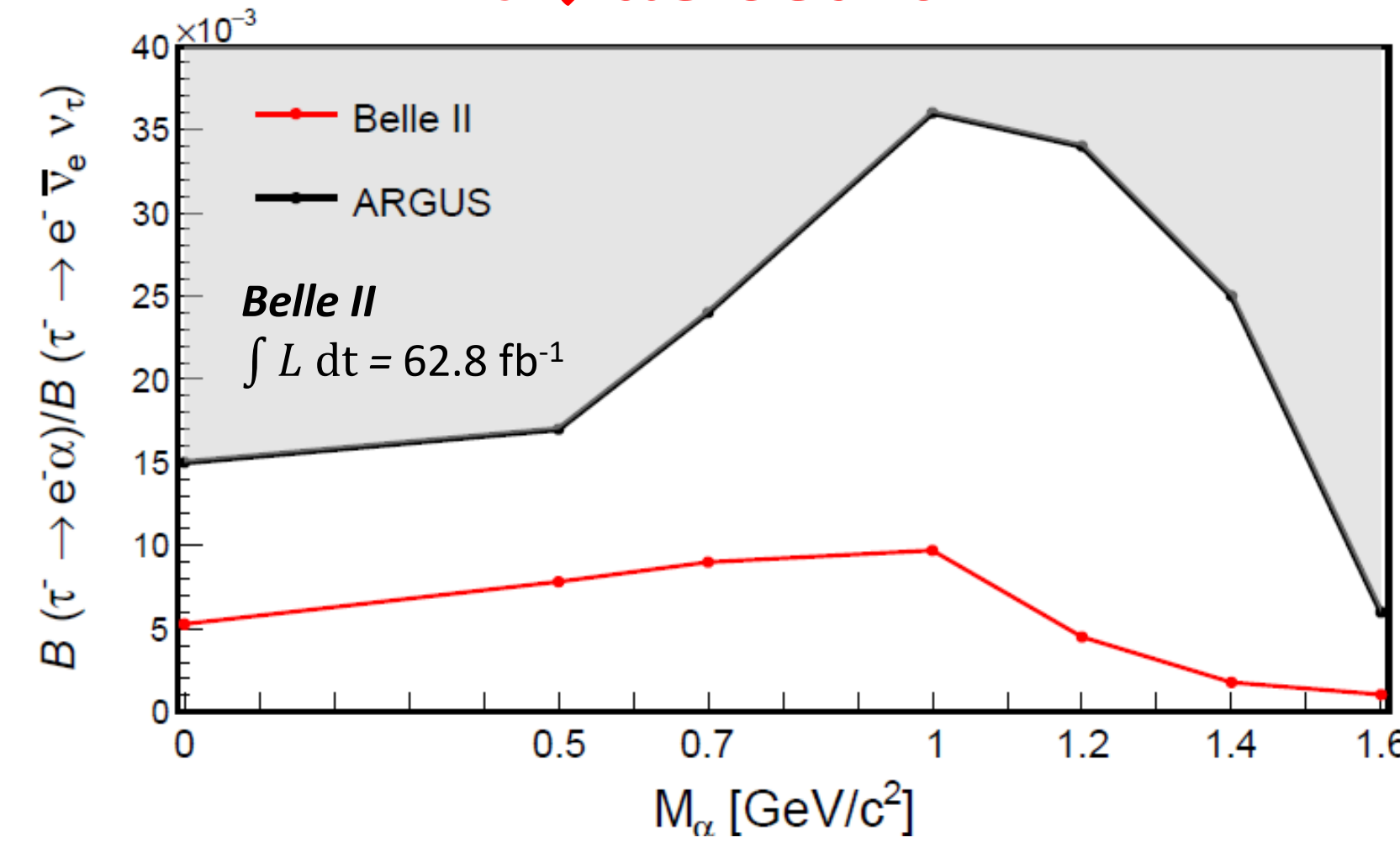
- ➔ Approximate using the tag side:

$$\hat{p}_\tau \approx -\hat{p}_{3\pi} \quad E_\tau = \sqrt{s}/2$$

- ➔ Search for access over the irreducible background:  $\tau \rightarrow l \nu \nu$
- ➔ Mass range:  $M_\alpha$  from 0 to 1.6 GeV
- ➔ No access is observed
- ➔ Set 95% (90%) C.L. branching fraction limits
- ➔ **2 to 14 times more stringent than ARGUS**

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### $\tau \rightarrow e \alpha$ search



### $\tau \rightarrow \mu \alpha$ search

