

Lepton Flavour Violation at Belle II (with EFTs)

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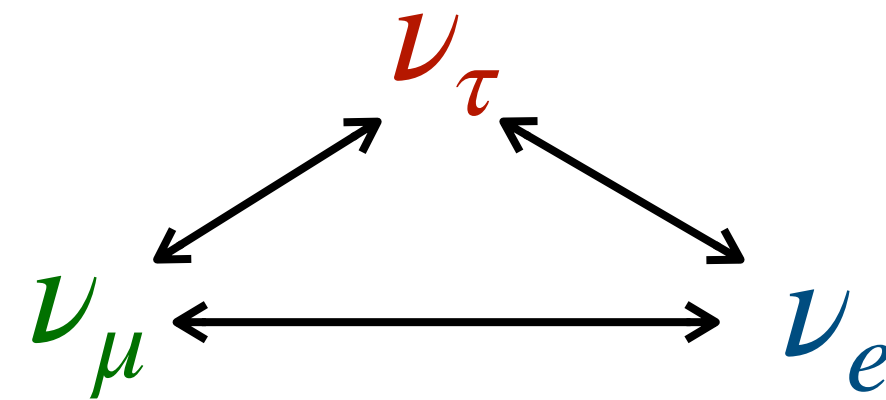
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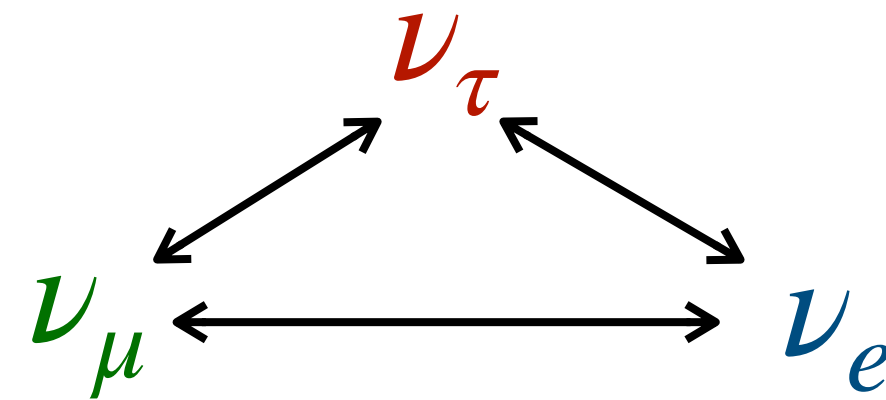


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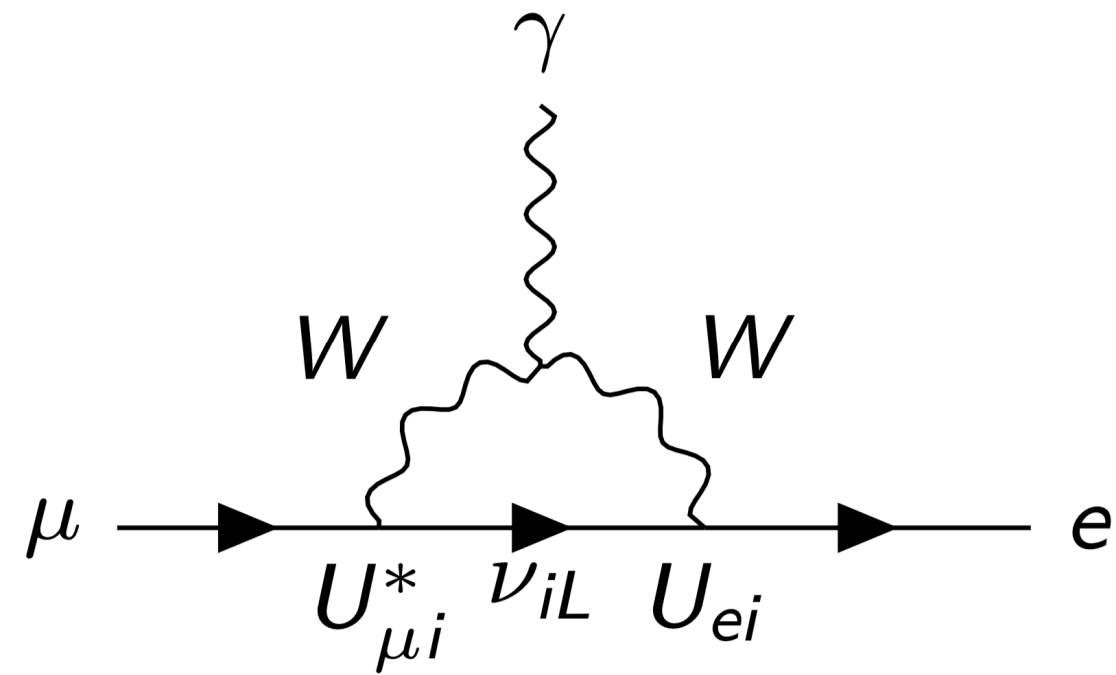


Since there is no symmetry that forbids it, lepton flavour violation in the charged sector is inevitable:

$$\mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma \quad \tau^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm e^+ e^- \quad h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp \dots$$

must happen, but at what rates?

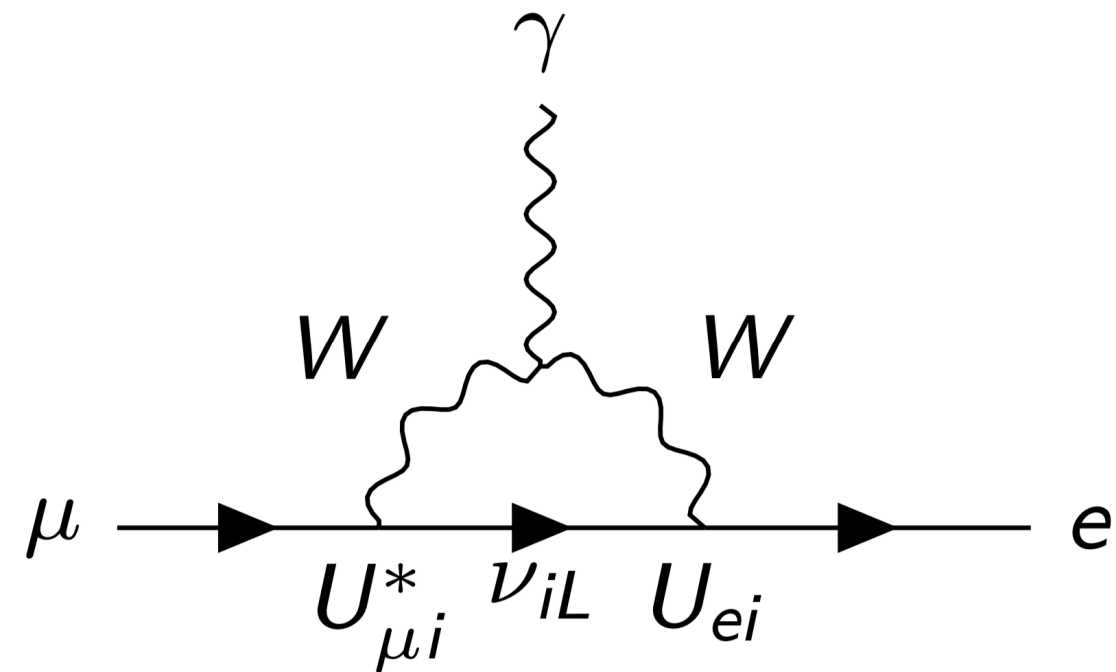
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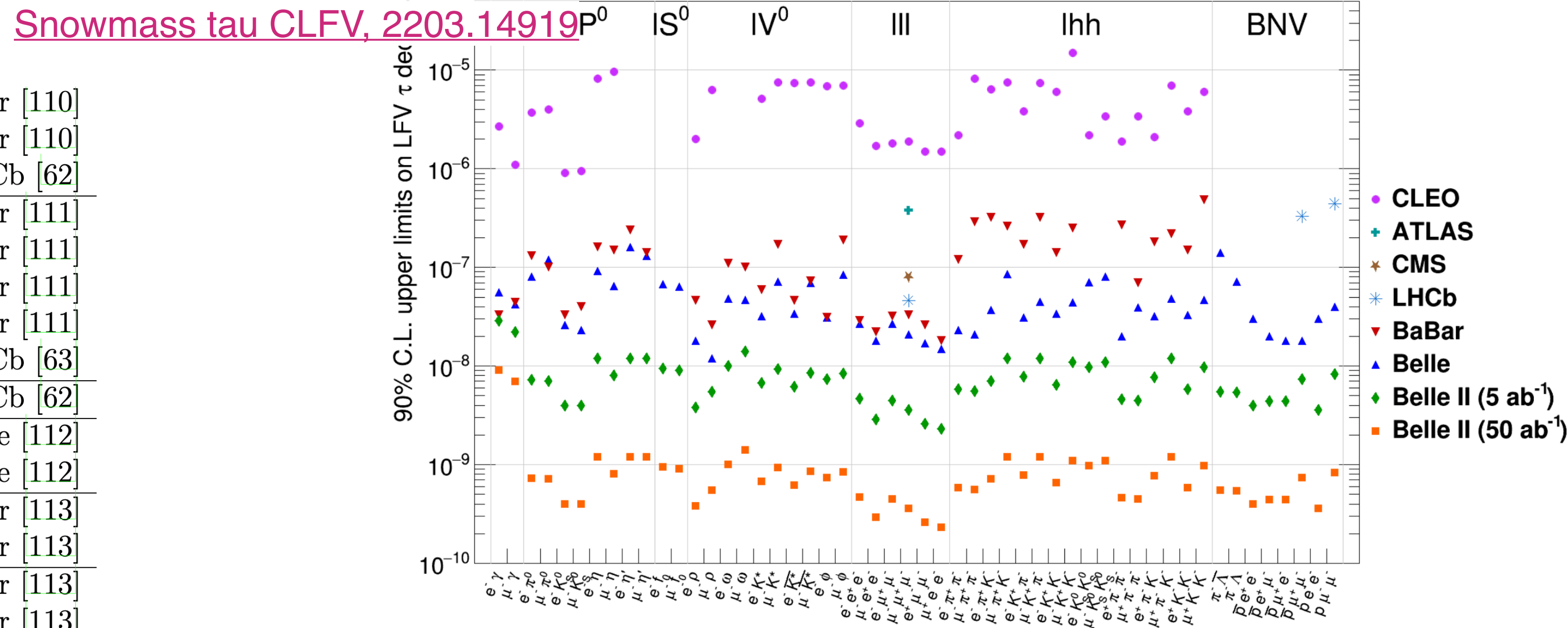
- An observation of LFV would be a clear signature of new physics
- It could shed light on the mechanism behind neutrino masses (and potentially on the baryon asymmetry if generated via leptogenesis?)
- Many models that address unresolved puzzles (independently from neutrino masses) predict potentially observable LFV signals

Experimental searches at Belle-II

- Meson decays

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$B^0 \rightarrow e\mu$	1.0×10^{-9}
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e\mu$	9.2×10^{-8}
$B_s \rightarrow e\mu$	5.4×10^{-9}
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e\mu$	1.8×10^{-8}
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e\mu$	1.0×10^{-8}
$B_s \rightarrow \phi e\mu$	1.6×10^{-8}



- $\tau \rightarrow l$ decays

Not covered here, see L. Calibbi's talk

$$\tau \rightarrow eX \lesssim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2} \times Br(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu)$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \mu X \lesssim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3} \times Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu)$$

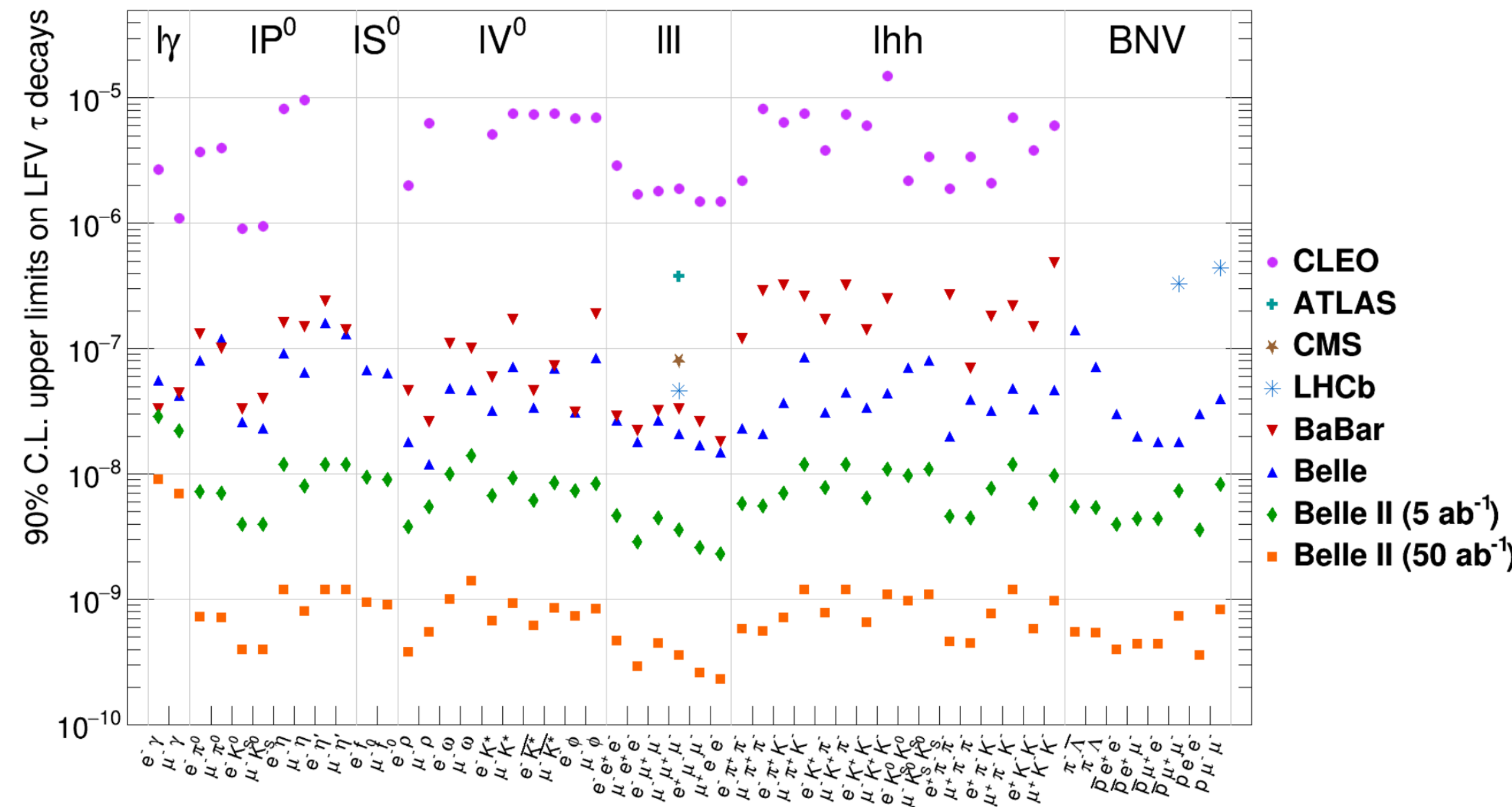
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$\tau \rightarrow l$ transitions

- The sensitivities of $\tau \rightarrow l$ processes are $Br(\tau \rightarrow l) \lesssim 10^{-8} \rightarrow 10^{-10}$ (**Belle-II**, Belle, LHC(b), BaBar)
- If we see $\tau \rightarrow l$ in the near future, it should be relatively large
- The big phase available means there is a plethora of different channels (possible to overconstrain models = distinguish them)

• Belle-II has the best projections in all channels

• High energy probes are sometimes competitive with the decays



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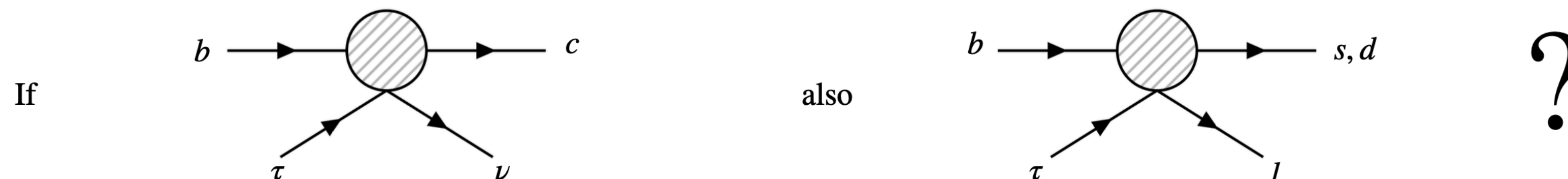
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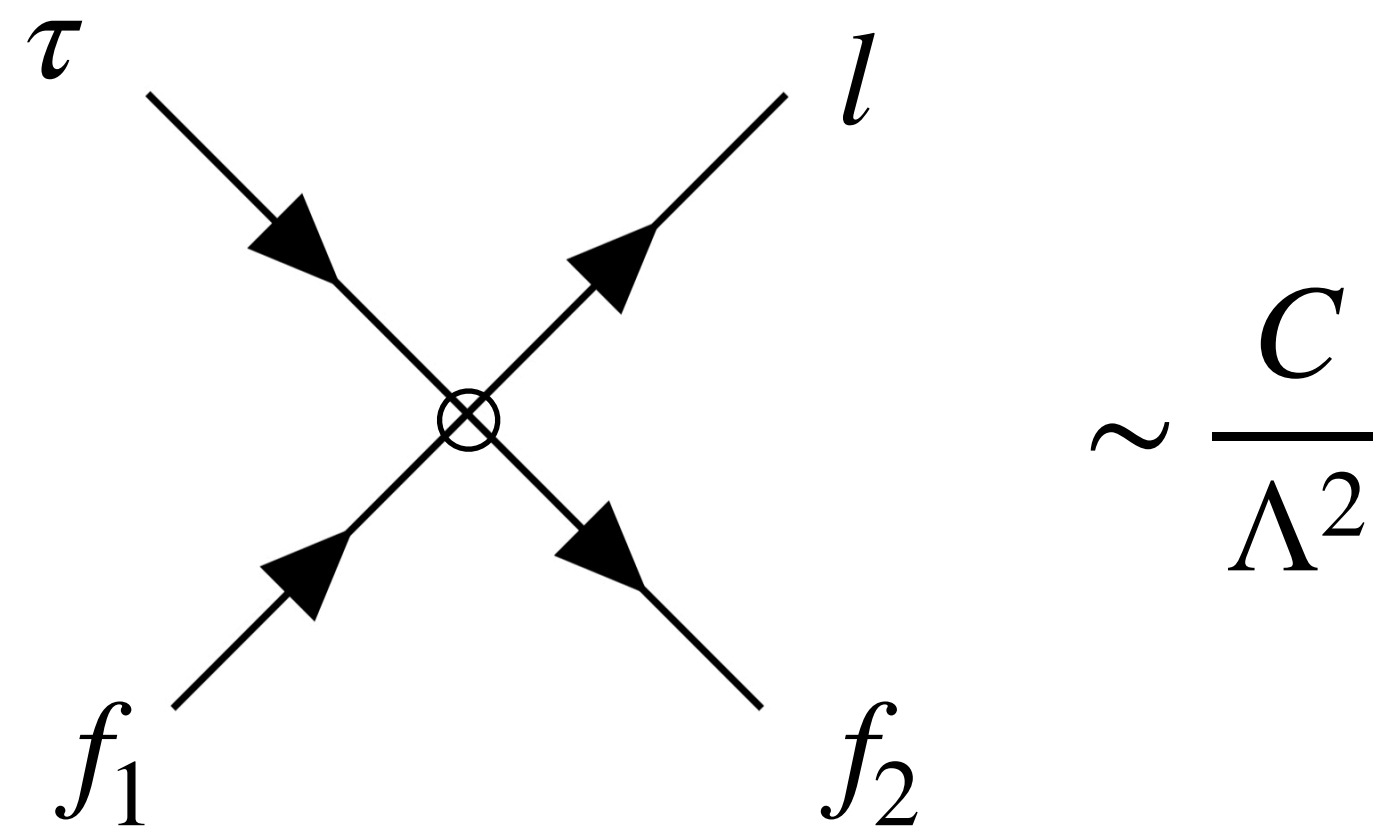


A jungle of possible models that give LFV...

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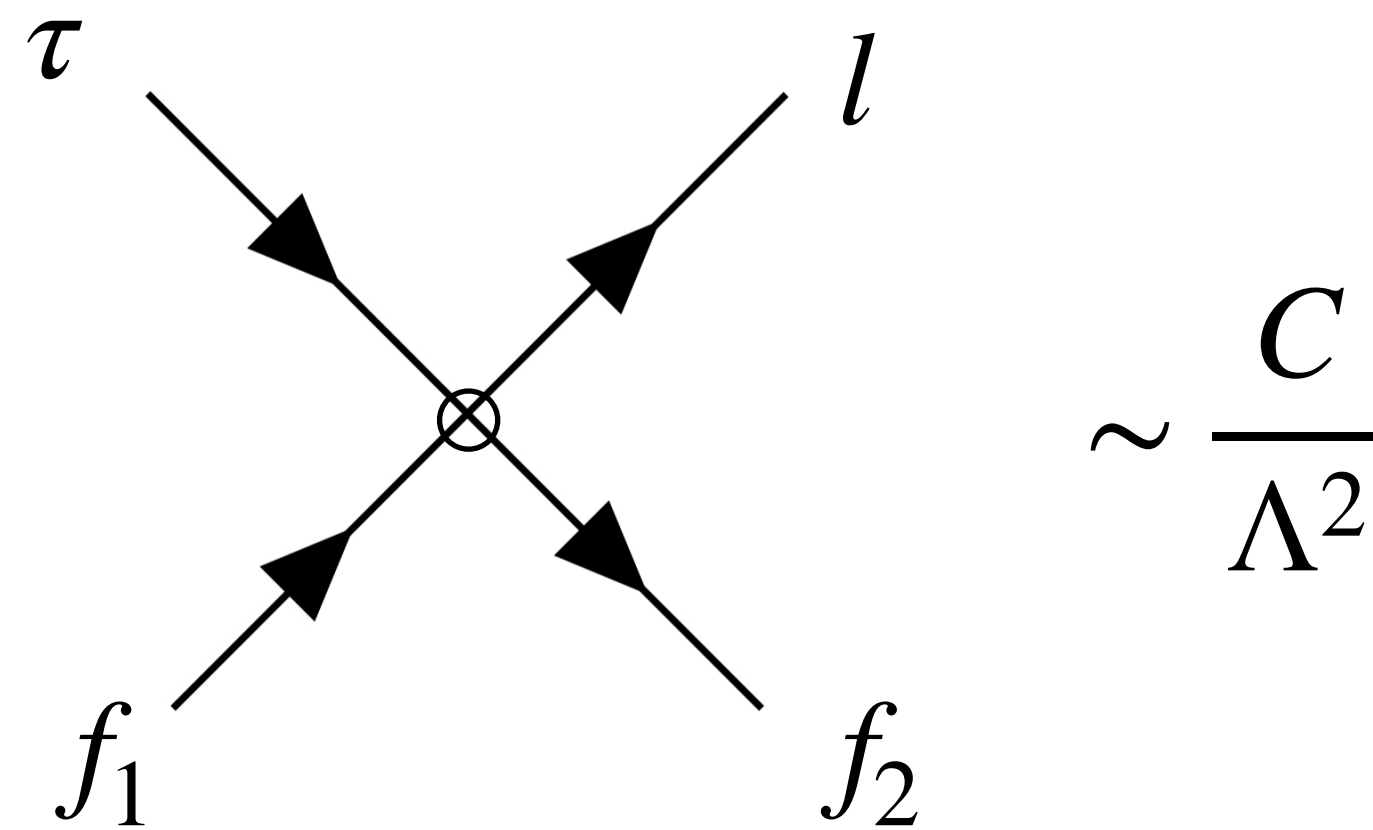
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- Add to the Lagrangian the relevant contact interactions (non-renormalizable operators) compatible with the symmetries

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{d \leq 4} + \sum_{n > 4} \frac{C_n \mathcal{O}_n}{\Lambda^{n-4}}$$

and calculate observables...

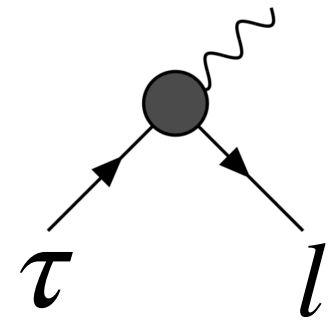
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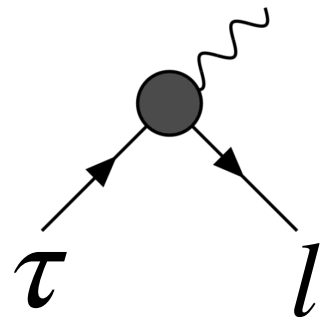
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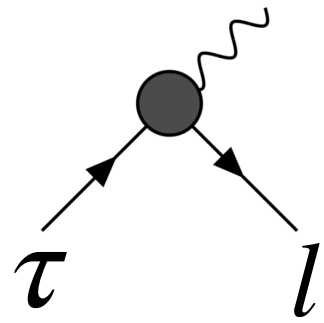
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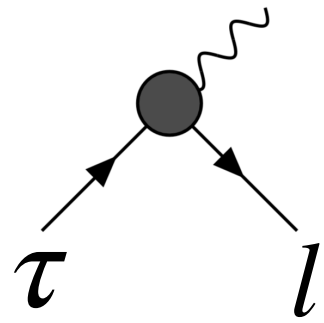
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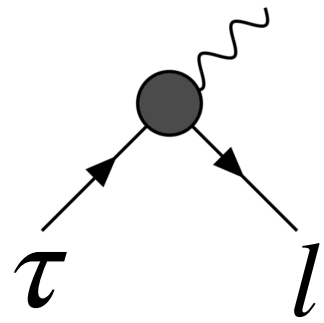
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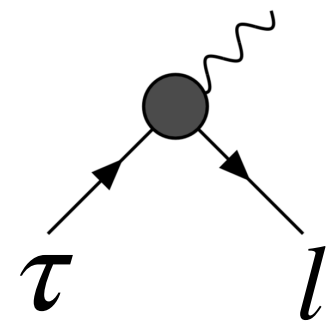
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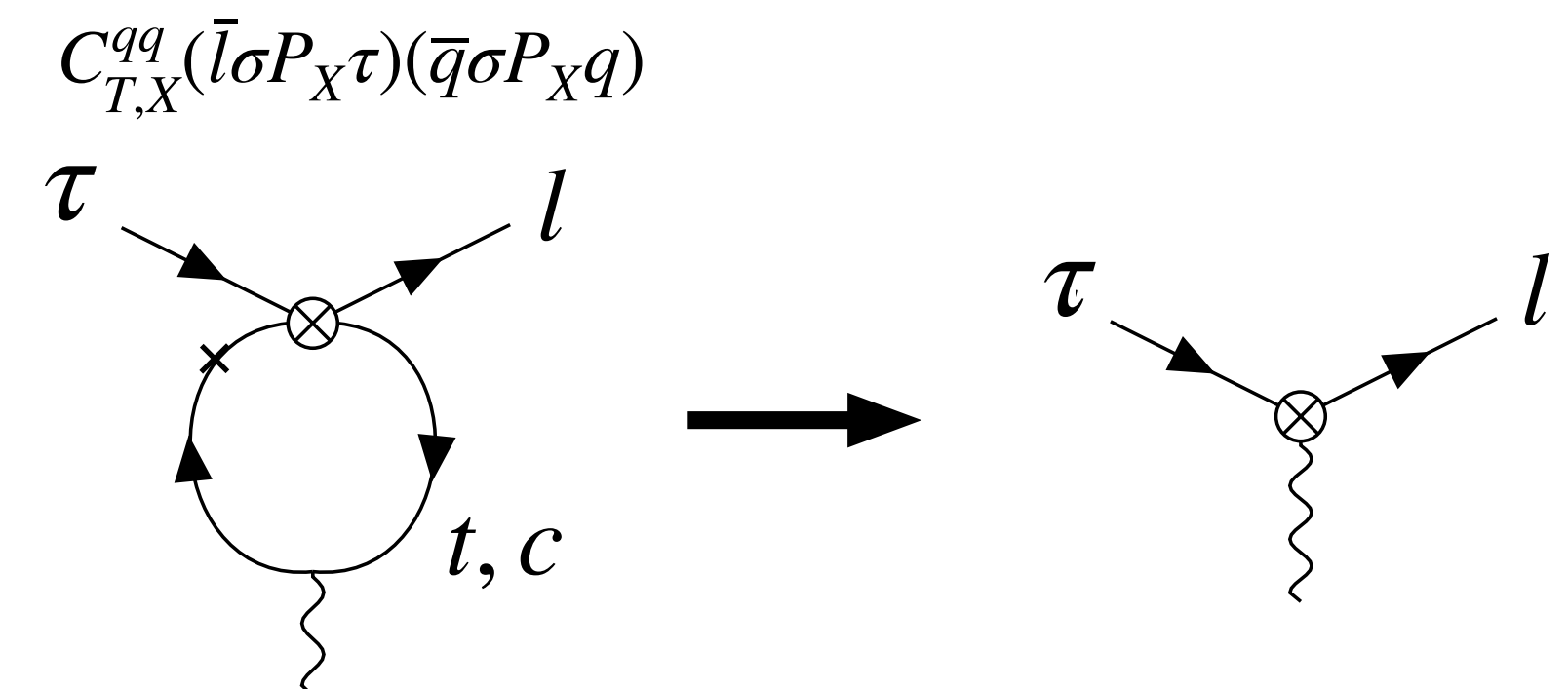
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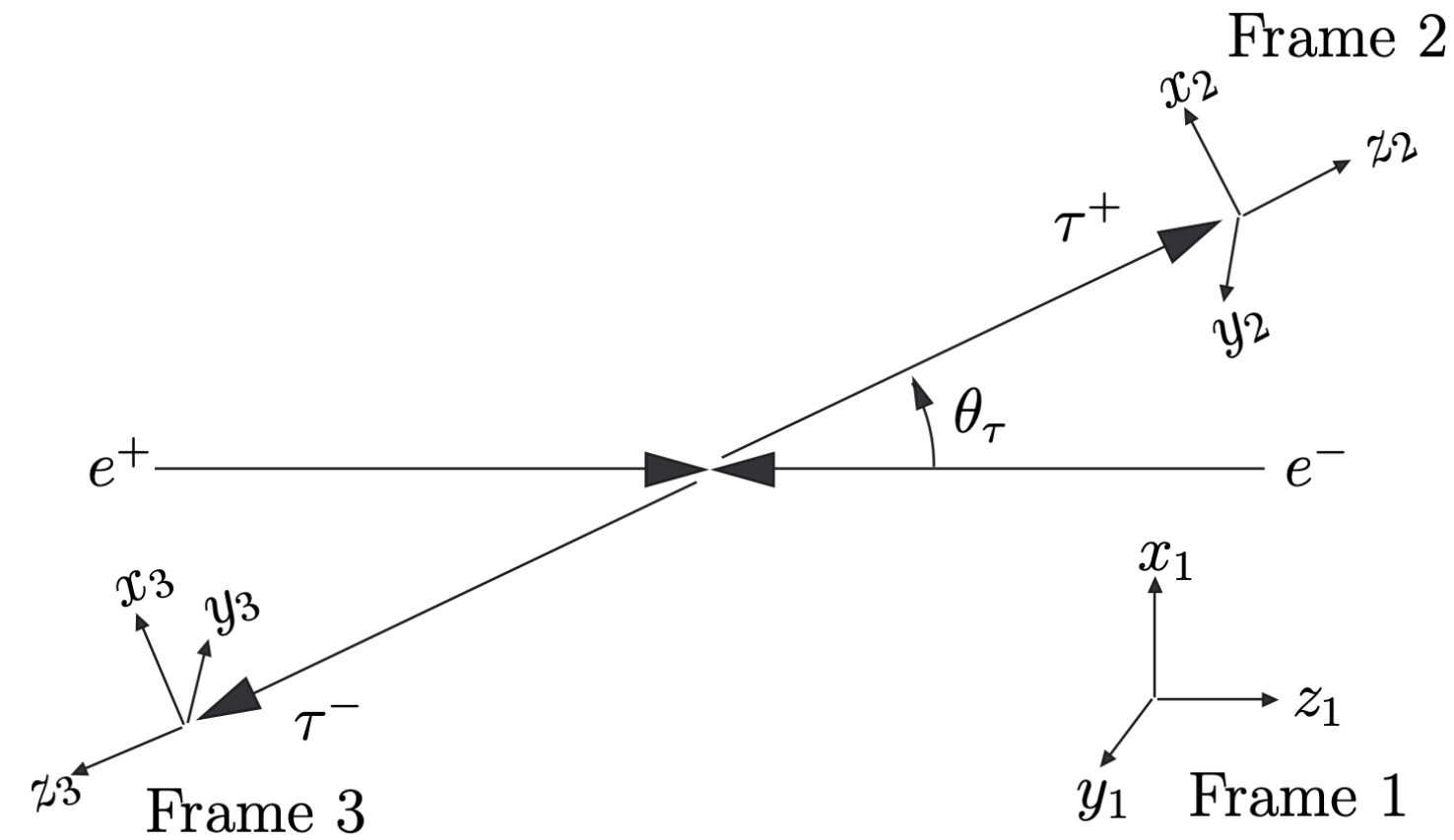
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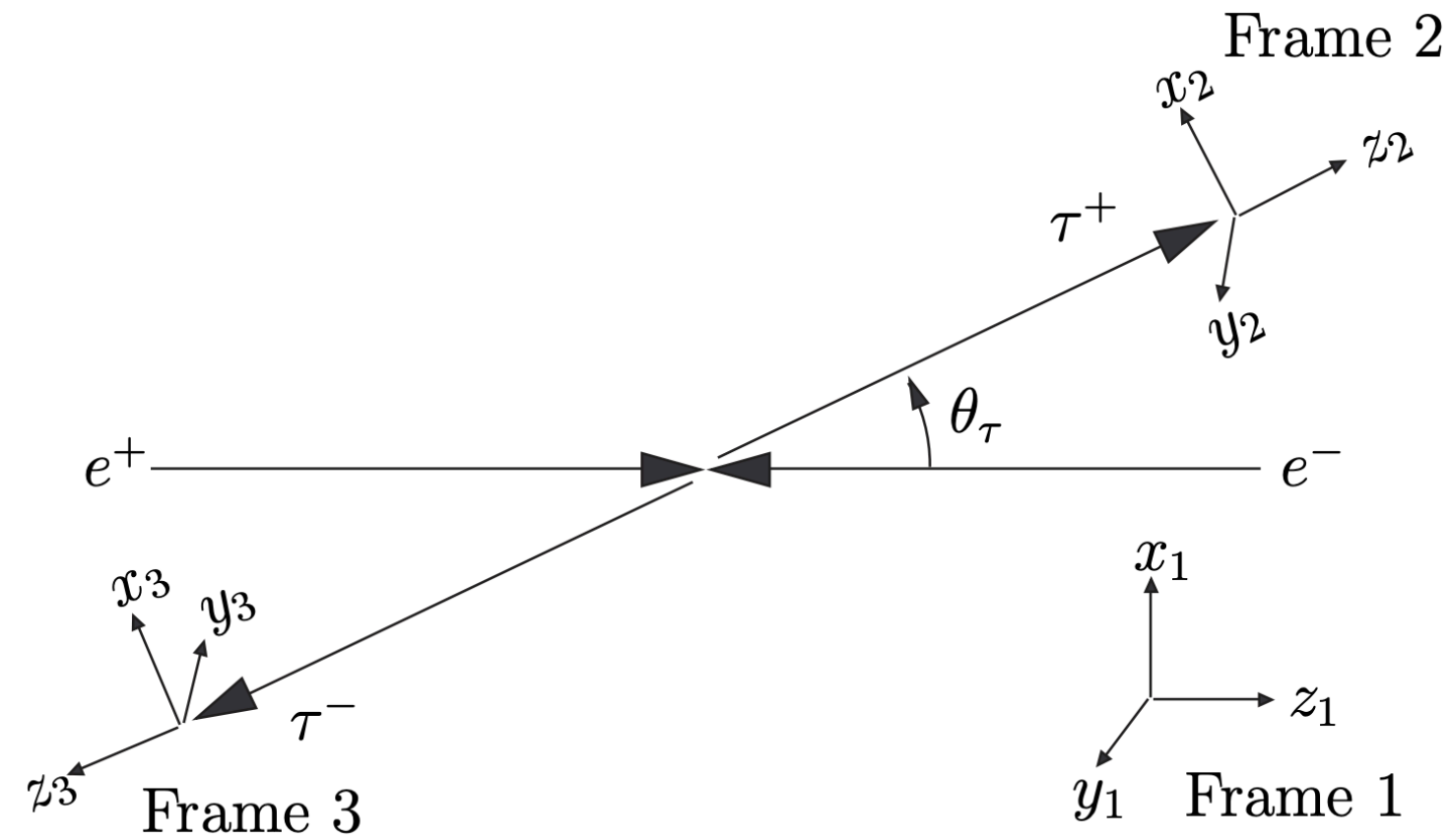
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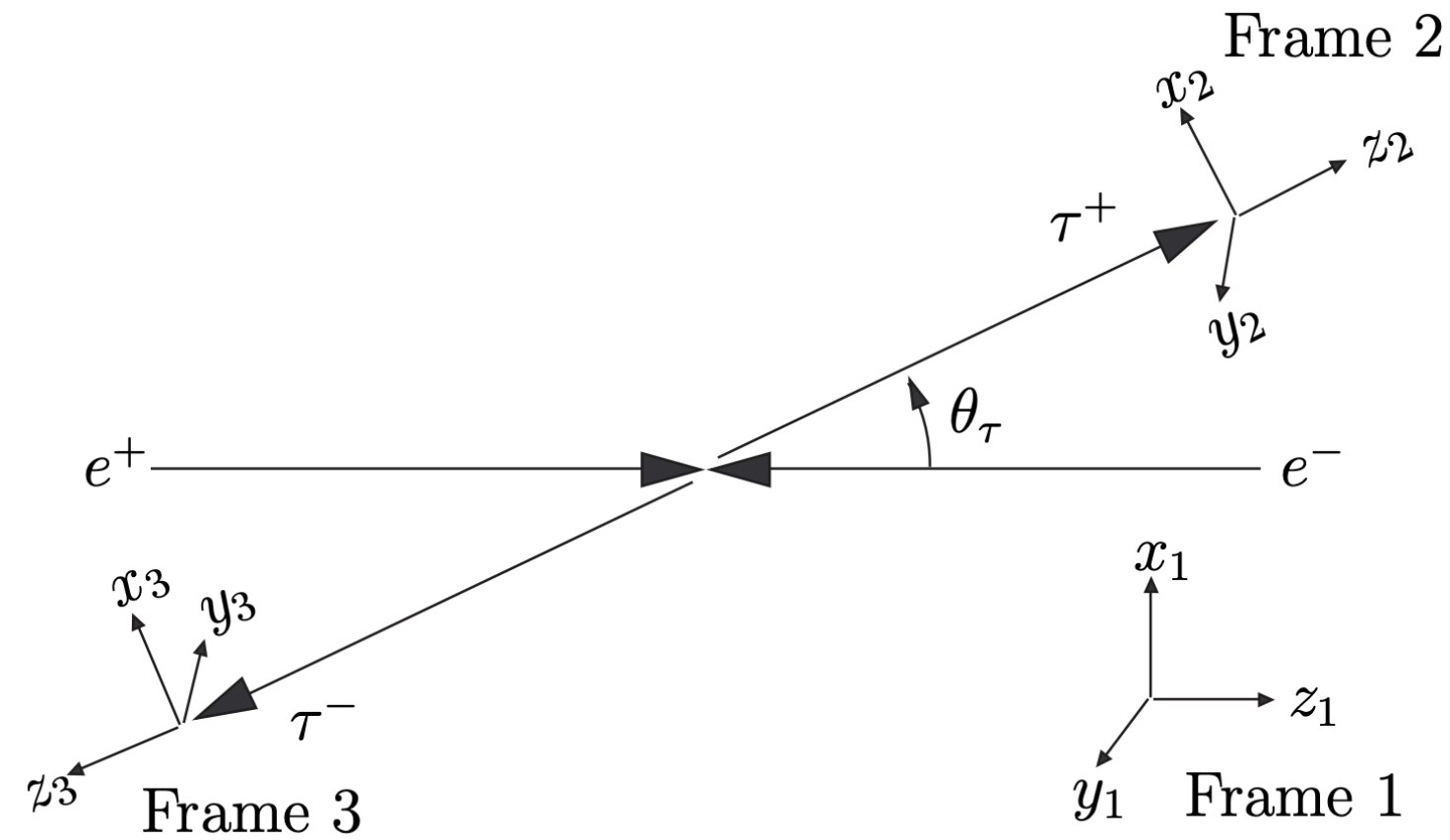
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- The lepton angular distribution (**P asymmetry**) can distinguish between left-handed and right-handed dipoles

$$\begin{aligned} & d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow l^+\gamma + l^-\bar{\nu}) \\ &= \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) B(\tau^+ \rightarrow l^+\gamma) B(\tau^- \rightarrow l^-\bar{\nu}) \frac{d\cos\theta_{l^+}}{2} \frac{d\cos\theta_{l^-}}{2} dx 2x^2 \\ & \times \left\{ 3 - 2x - \frac{s - 2m_\tau^2}{s + 2m_\tau^2} (1 - 2x) A_P \cos\theta_{l^+} \cos\theta_{l^-} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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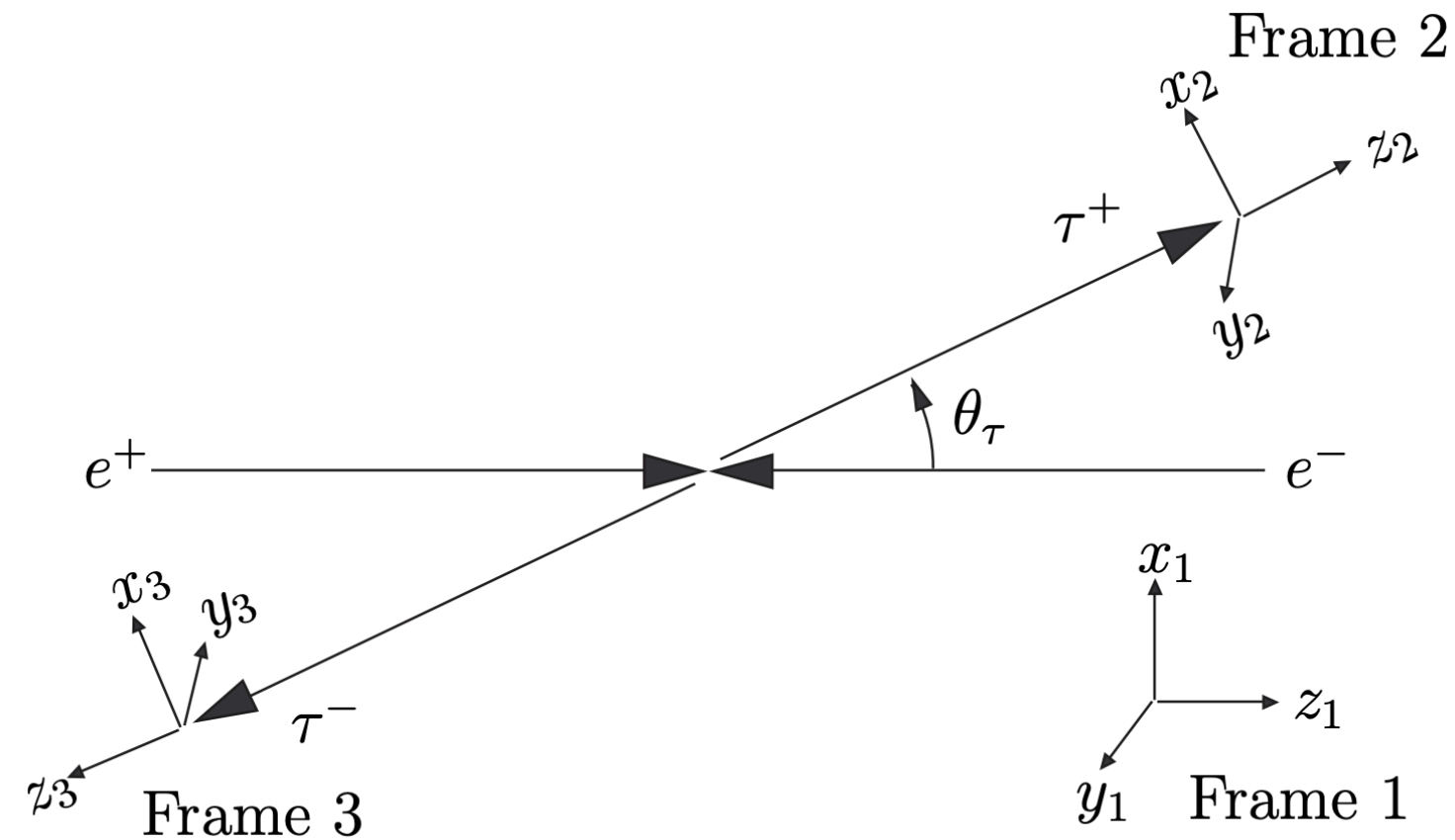
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LFV Radiative decay: distinguishing chiralities



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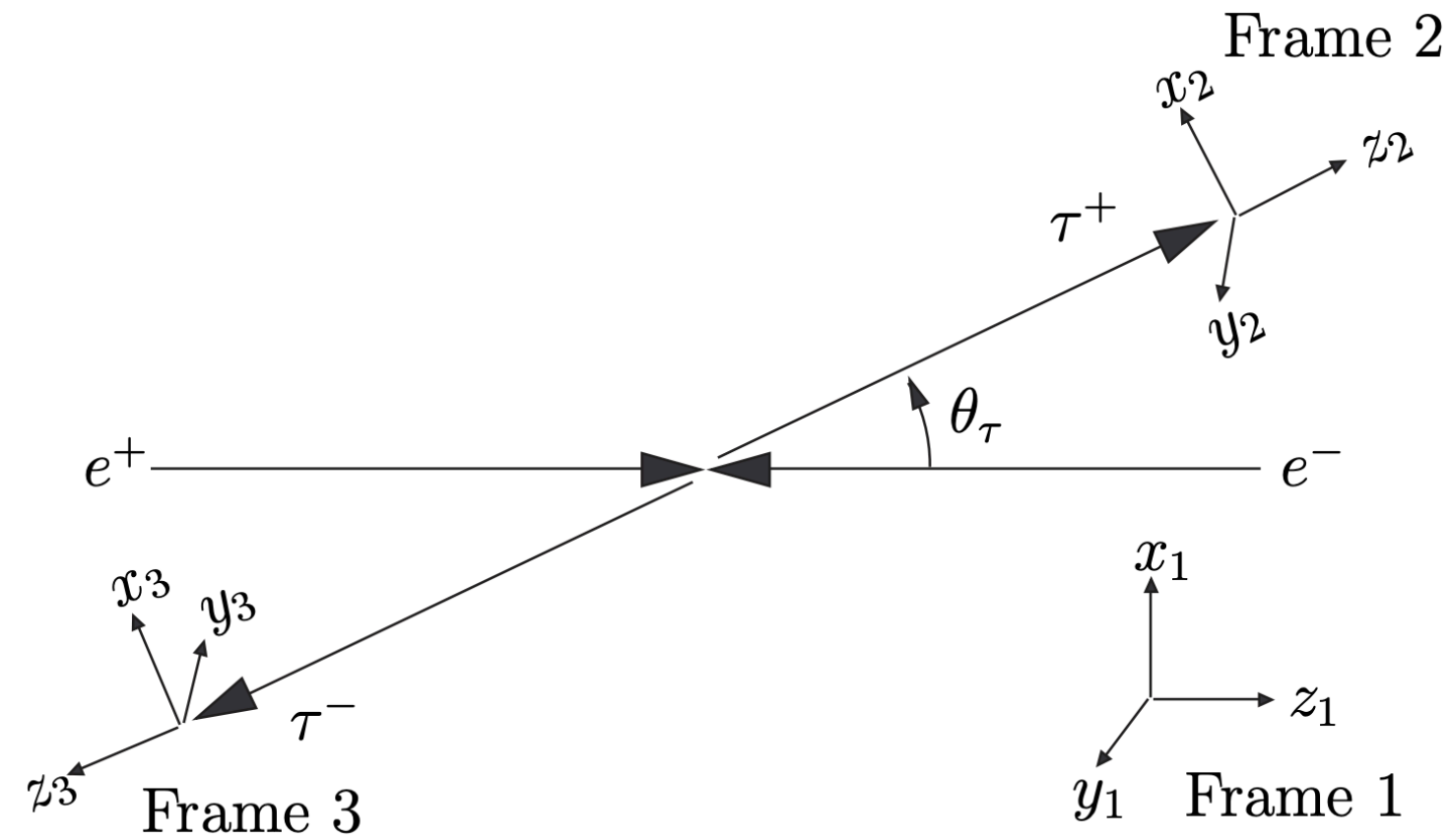
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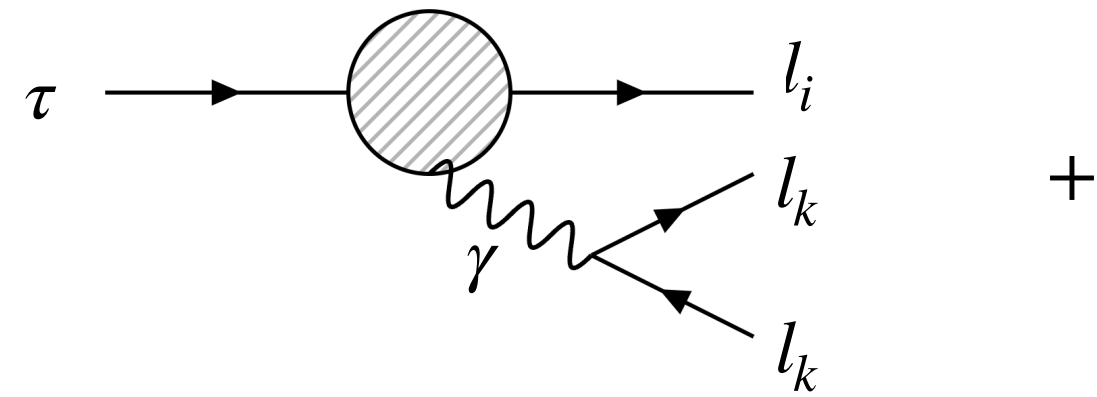
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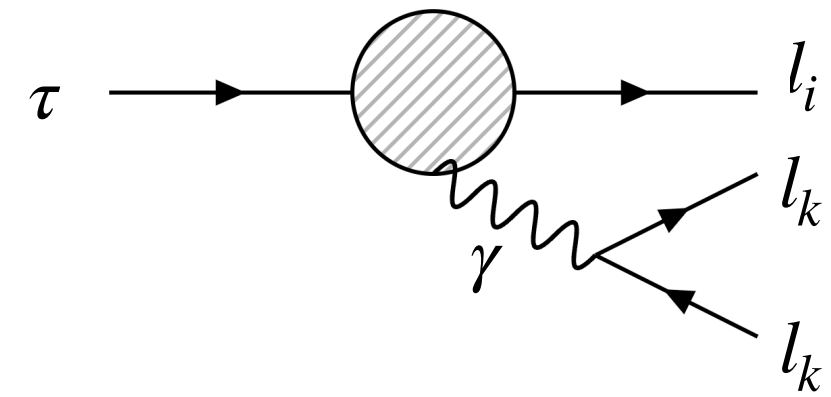
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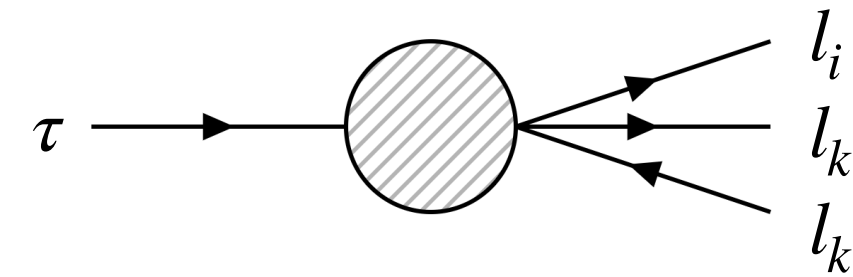
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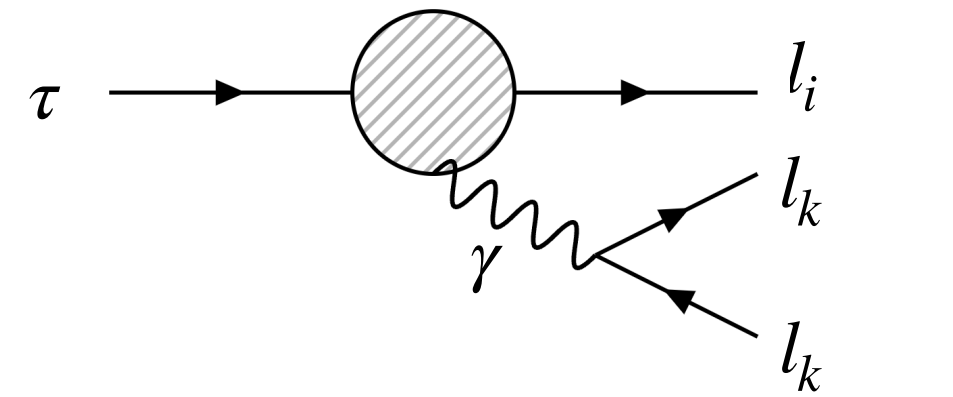
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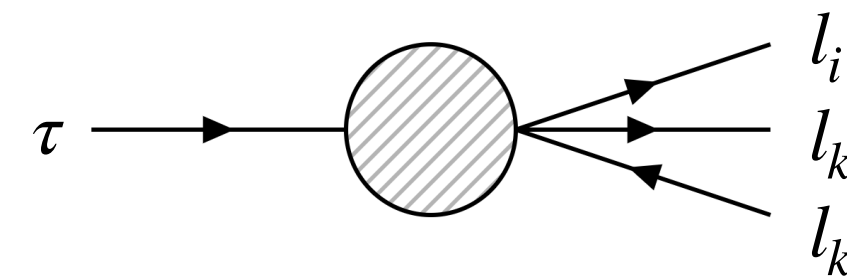
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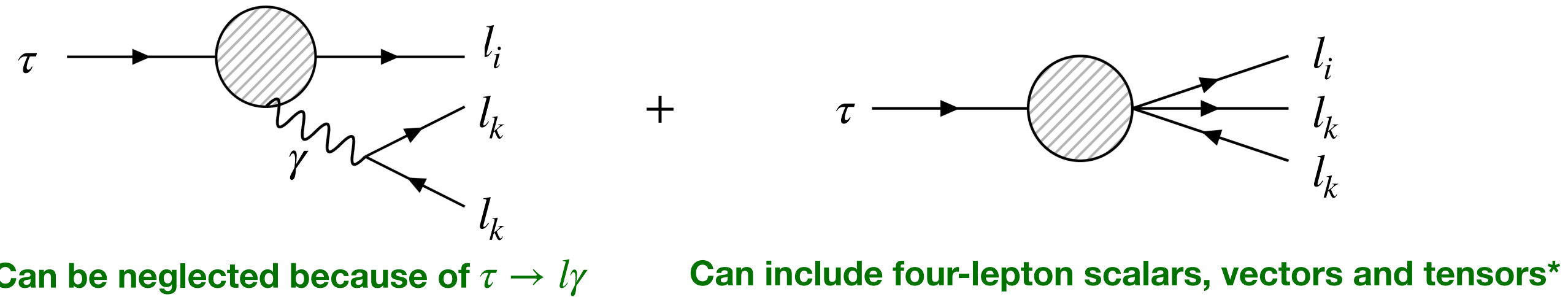


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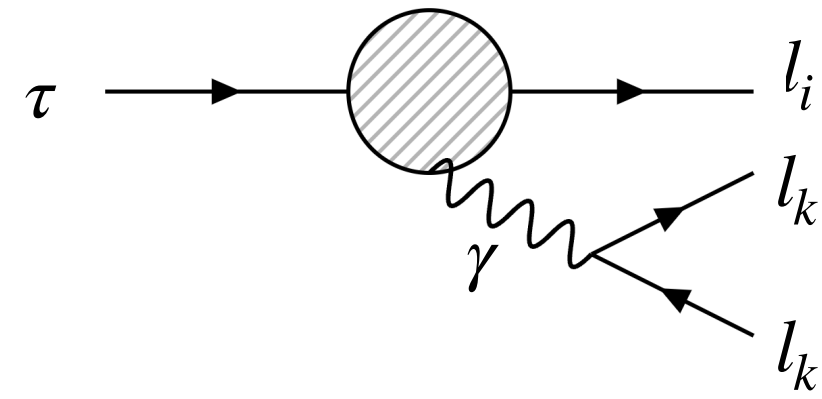
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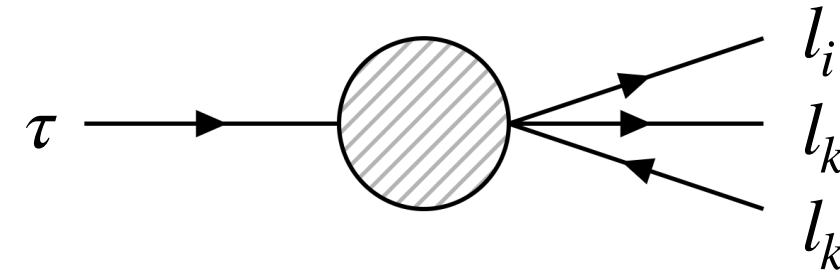
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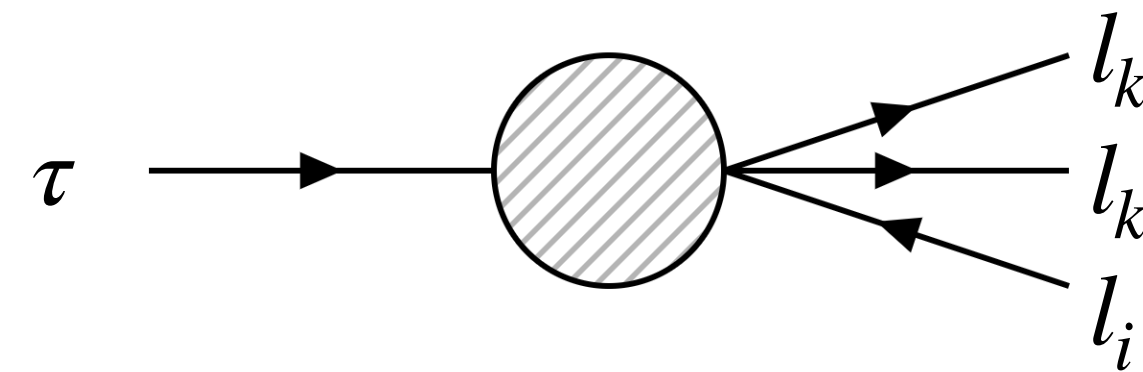
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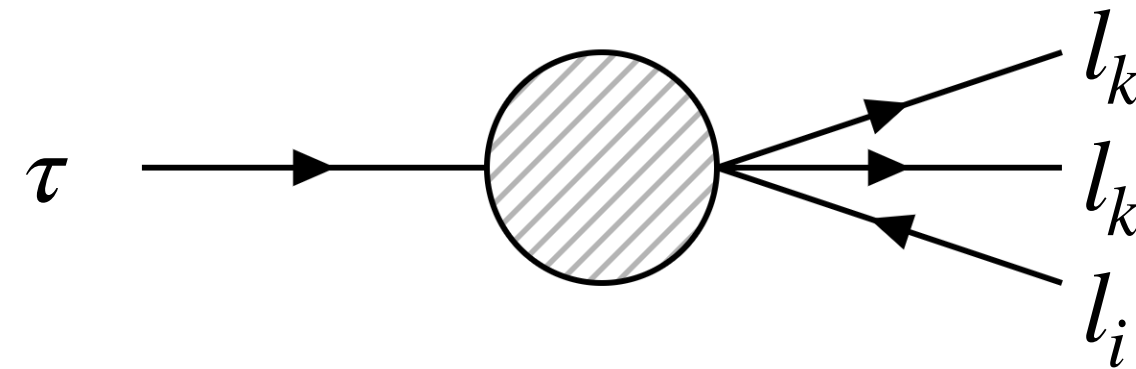


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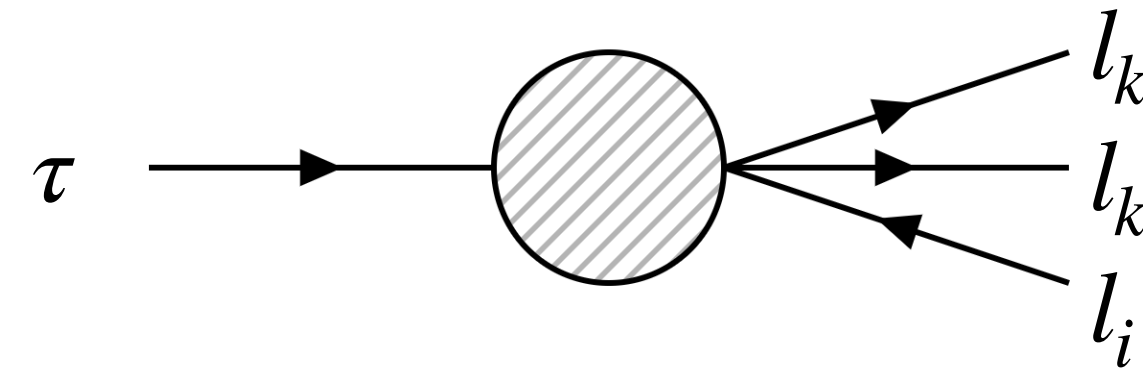
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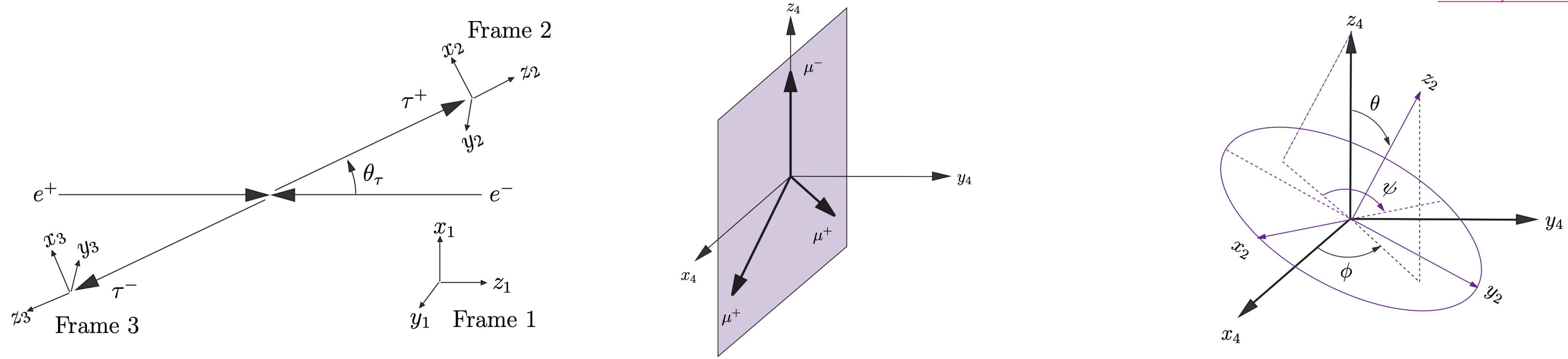
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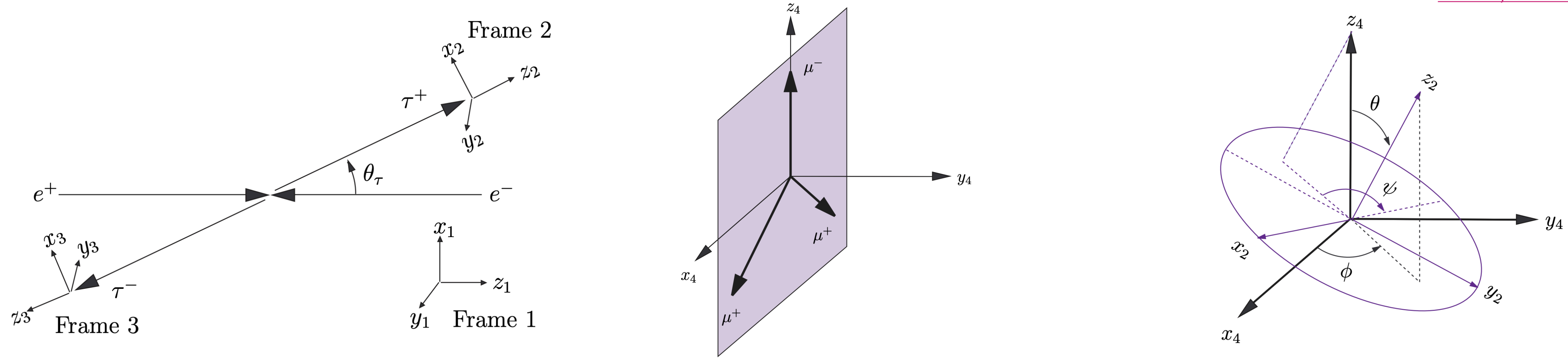
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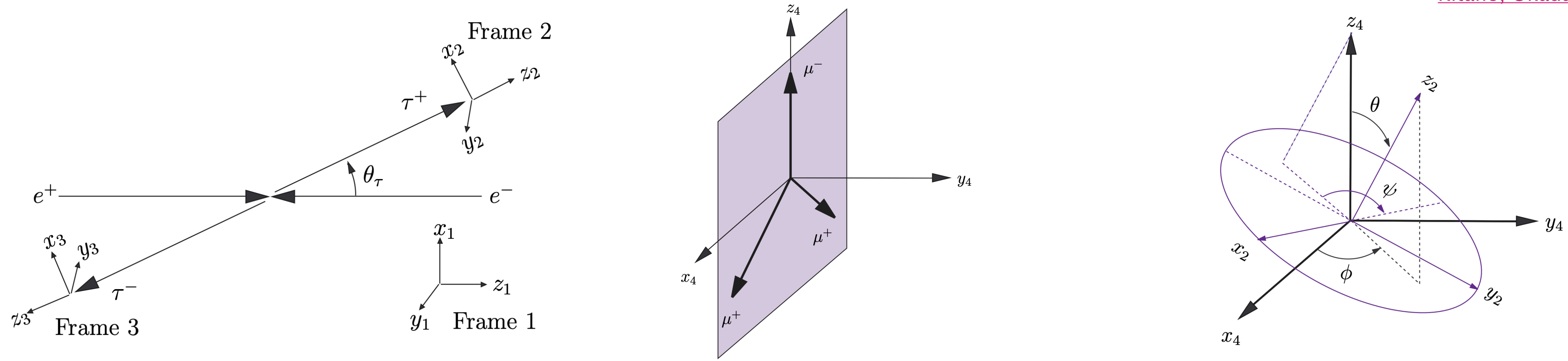
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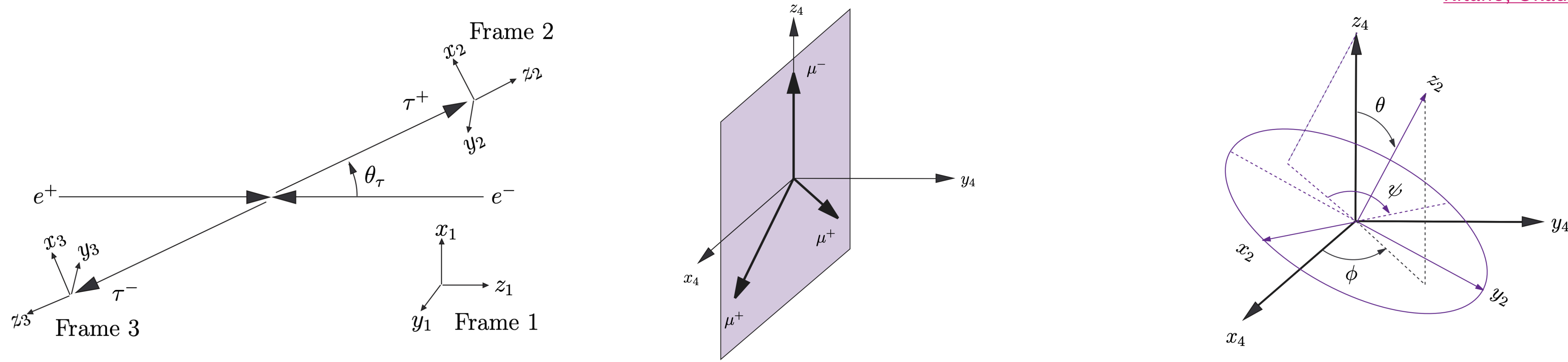
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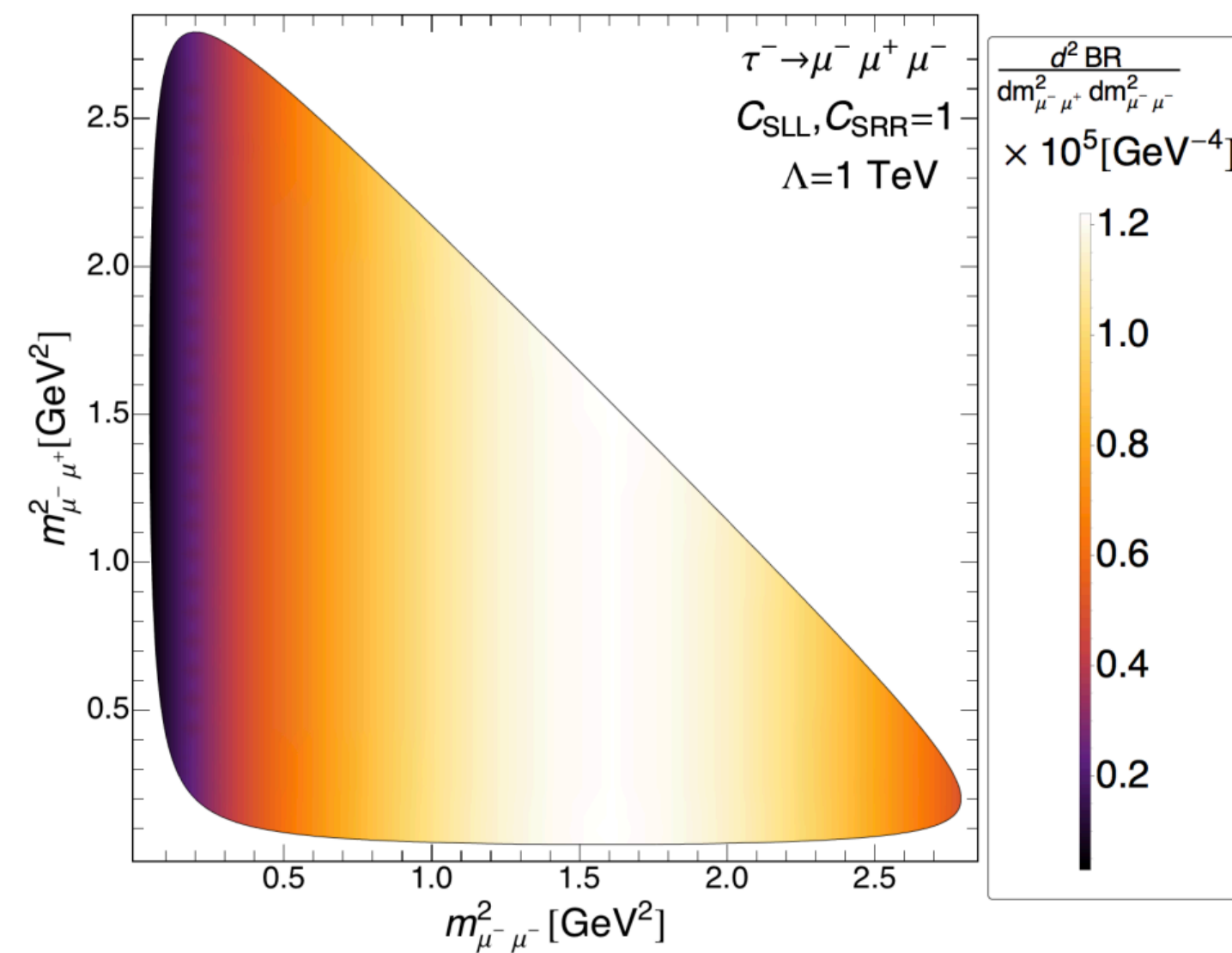
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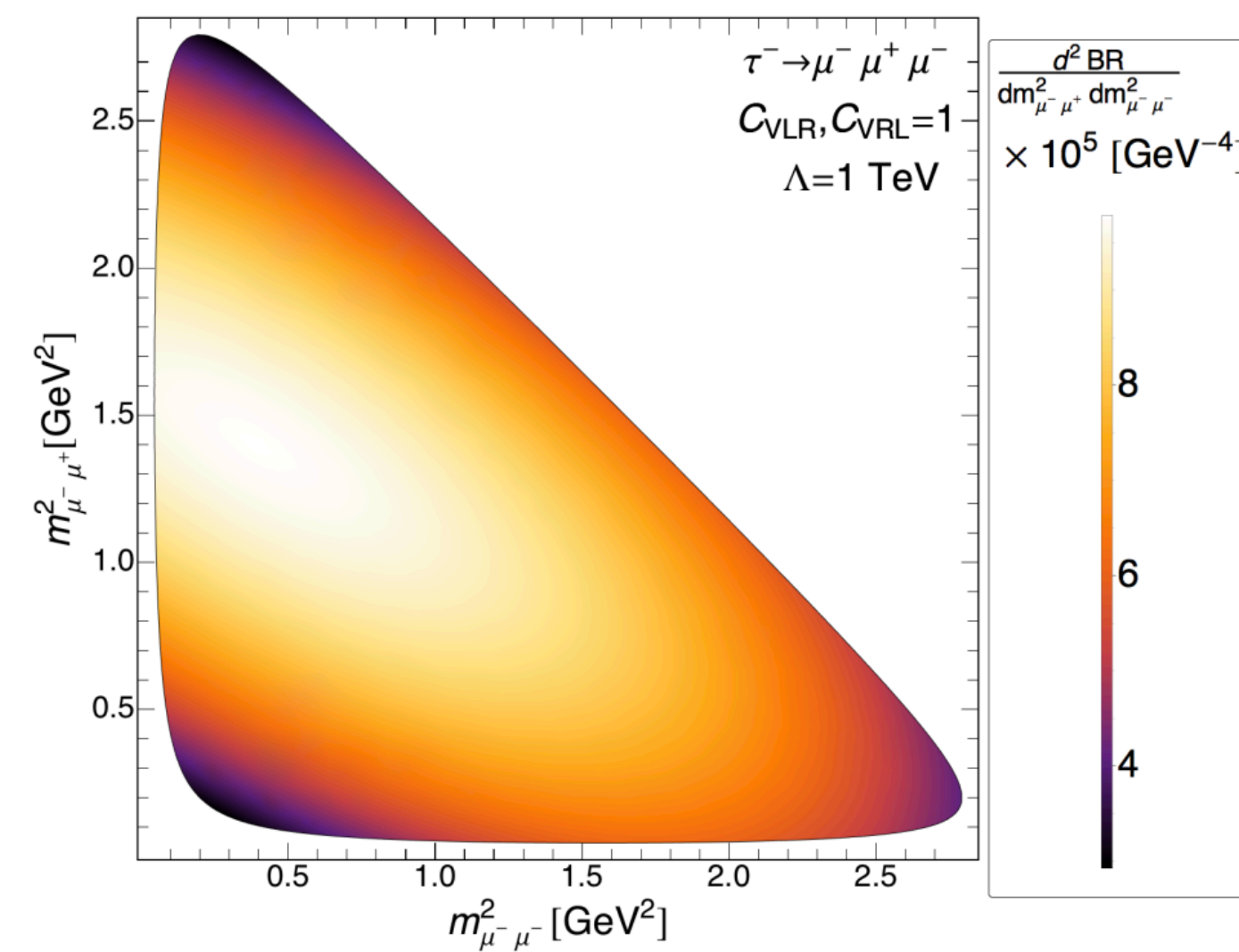
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[Celis, Passemar, Cirigliano 1403.5781](#)

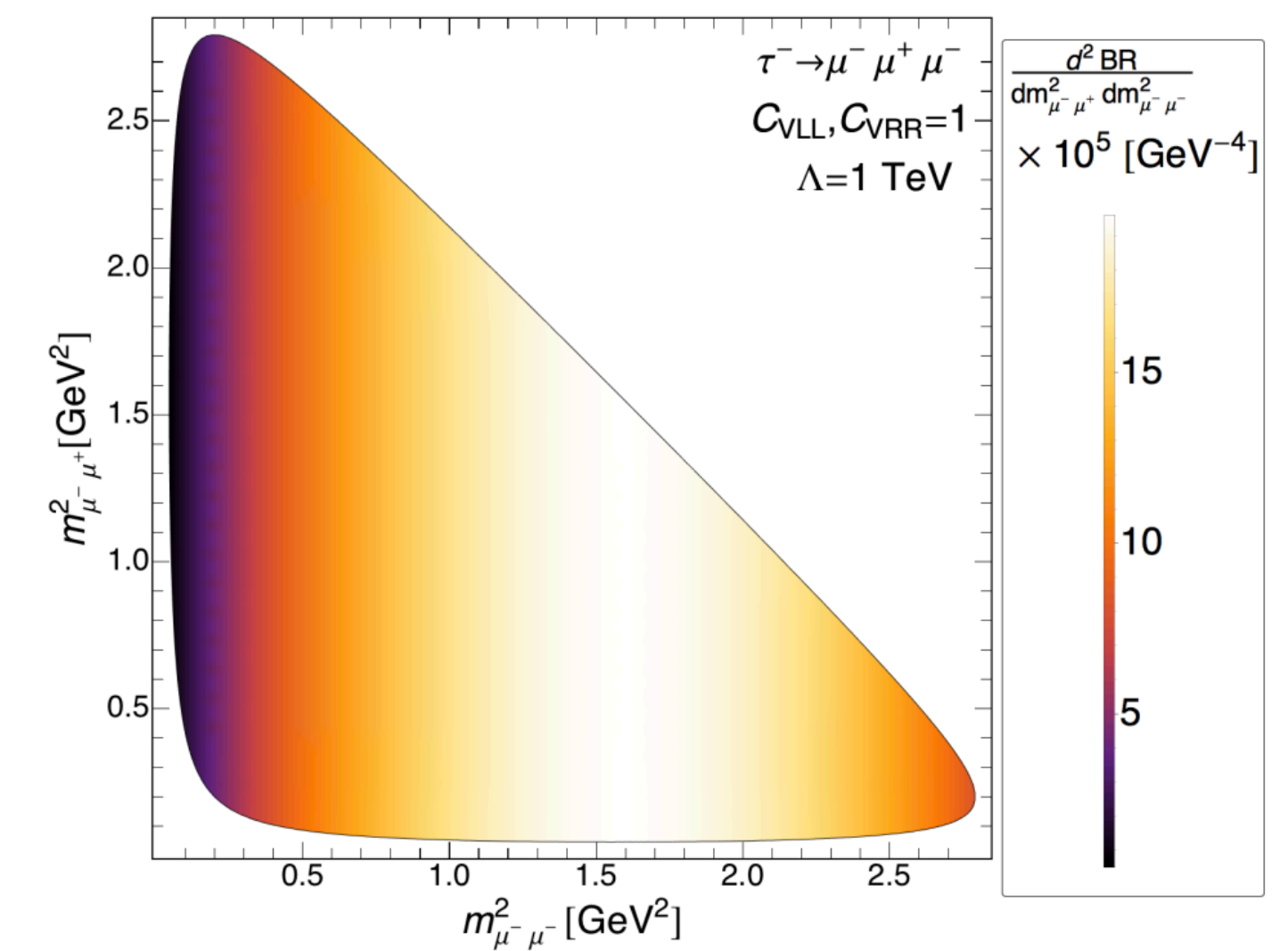
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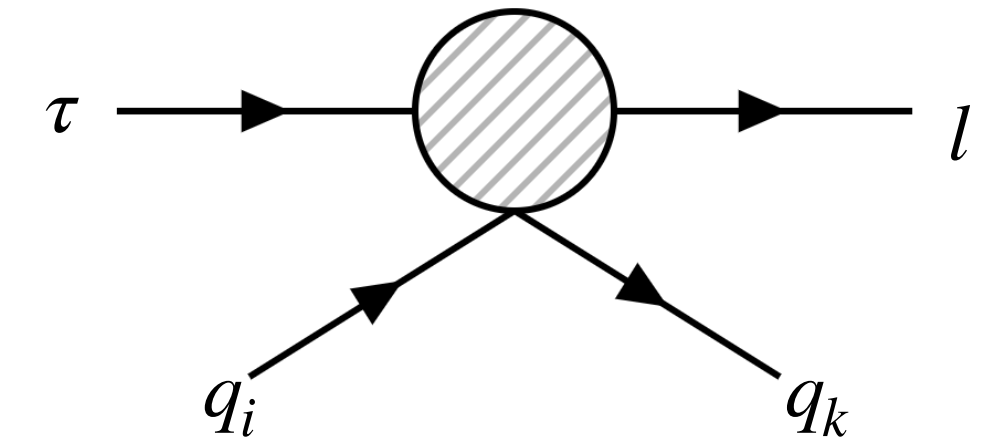


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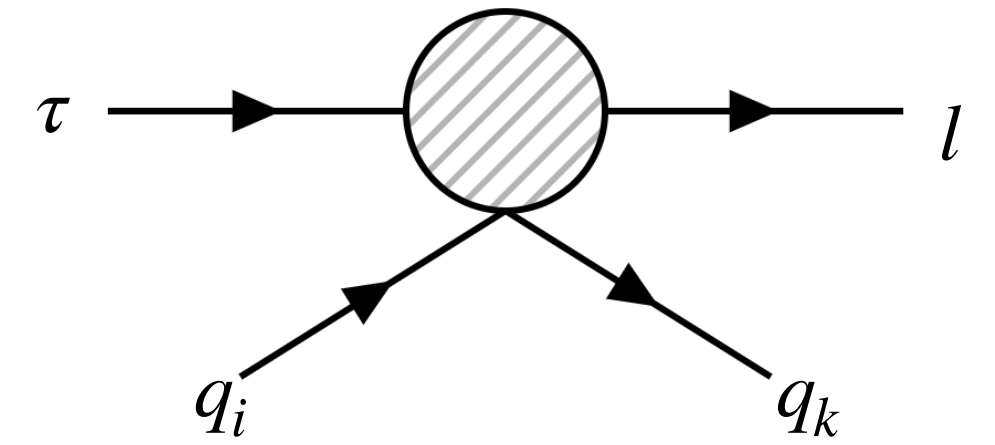
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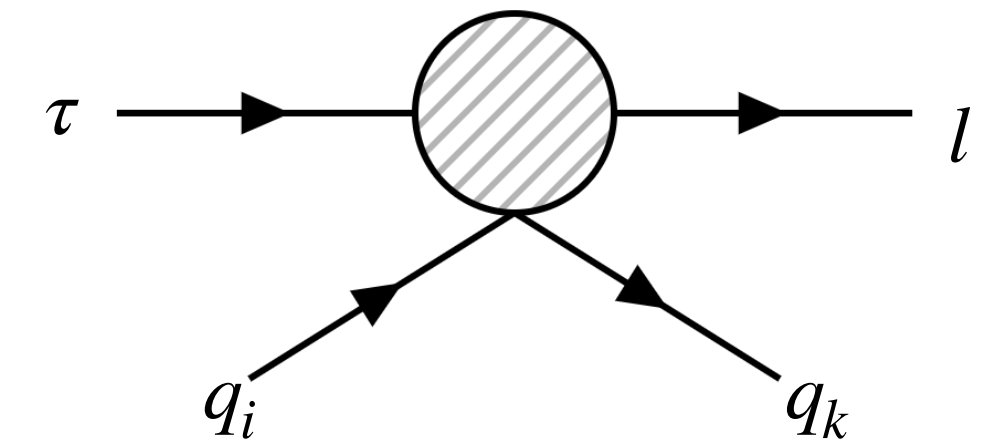
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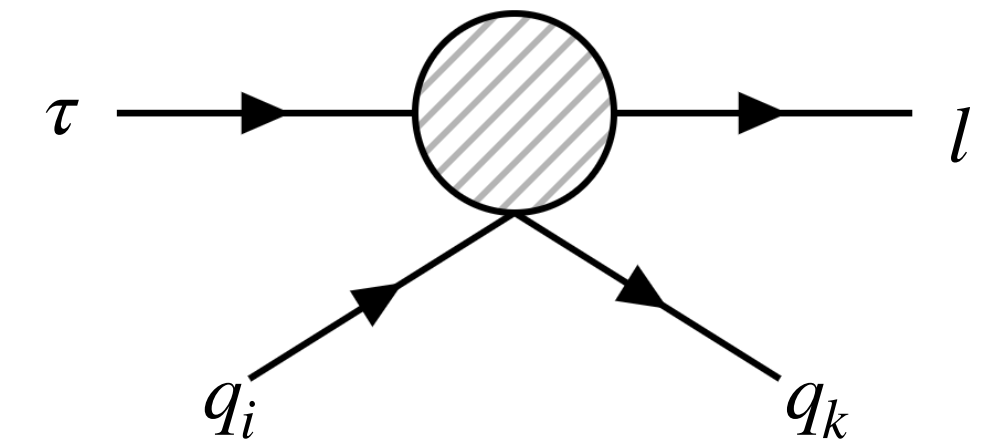


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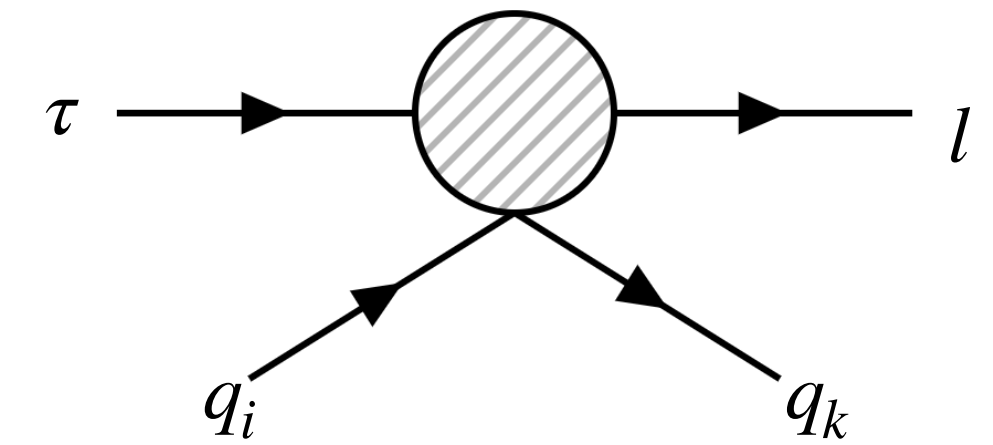
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For a recent EFT analysis see [Plakias, Sumensari 2312.14070](#)

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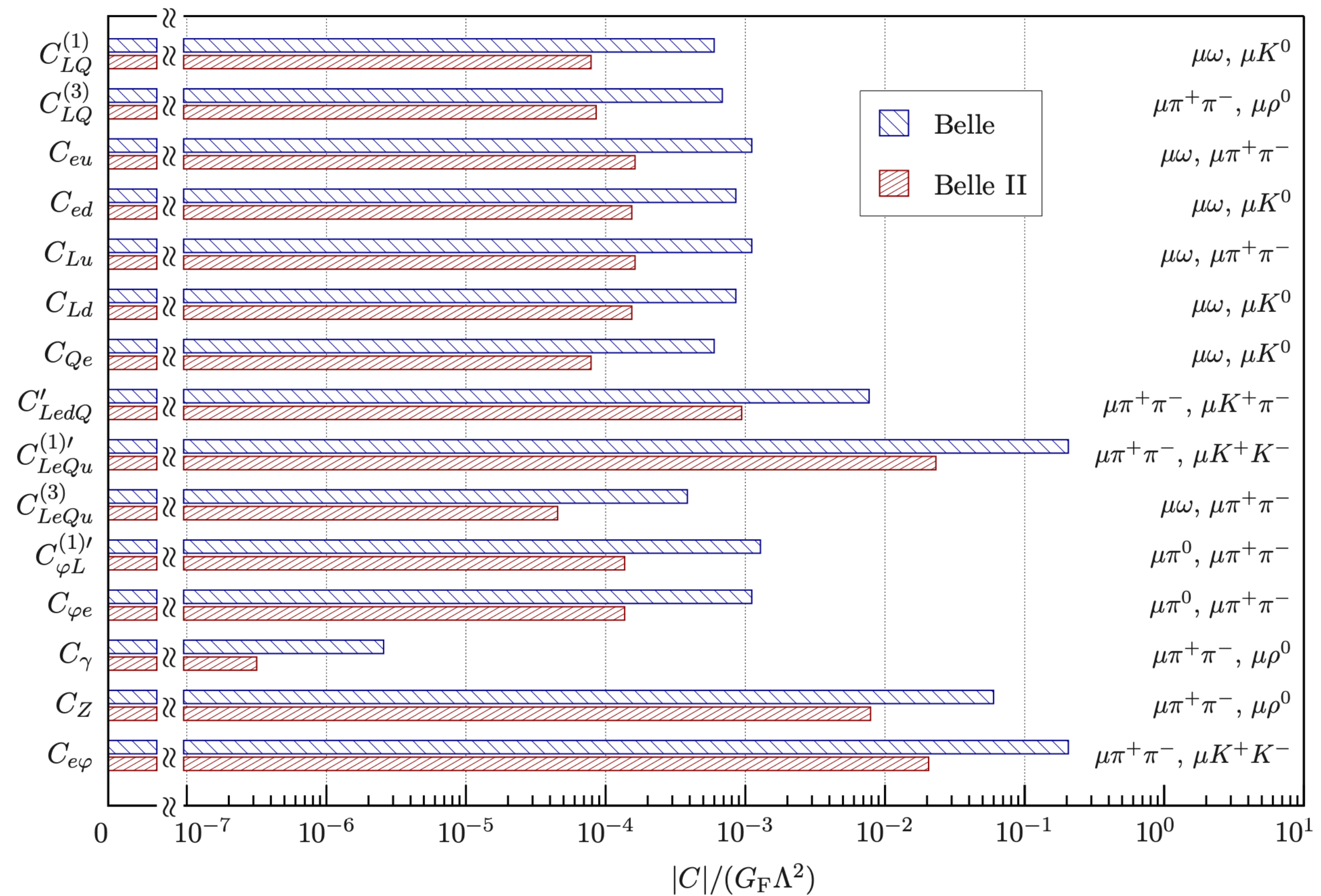
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- Effective coefficients probed by τ LFV decays (dimension six SMEFT operators)

Snowmass tau CLFV, 2203.14919



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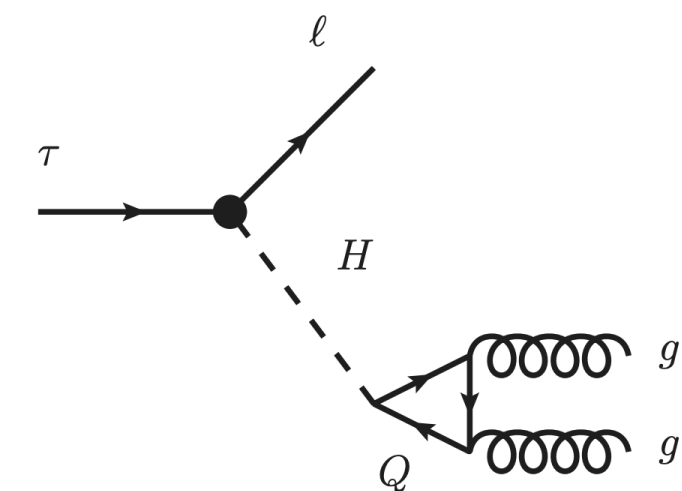
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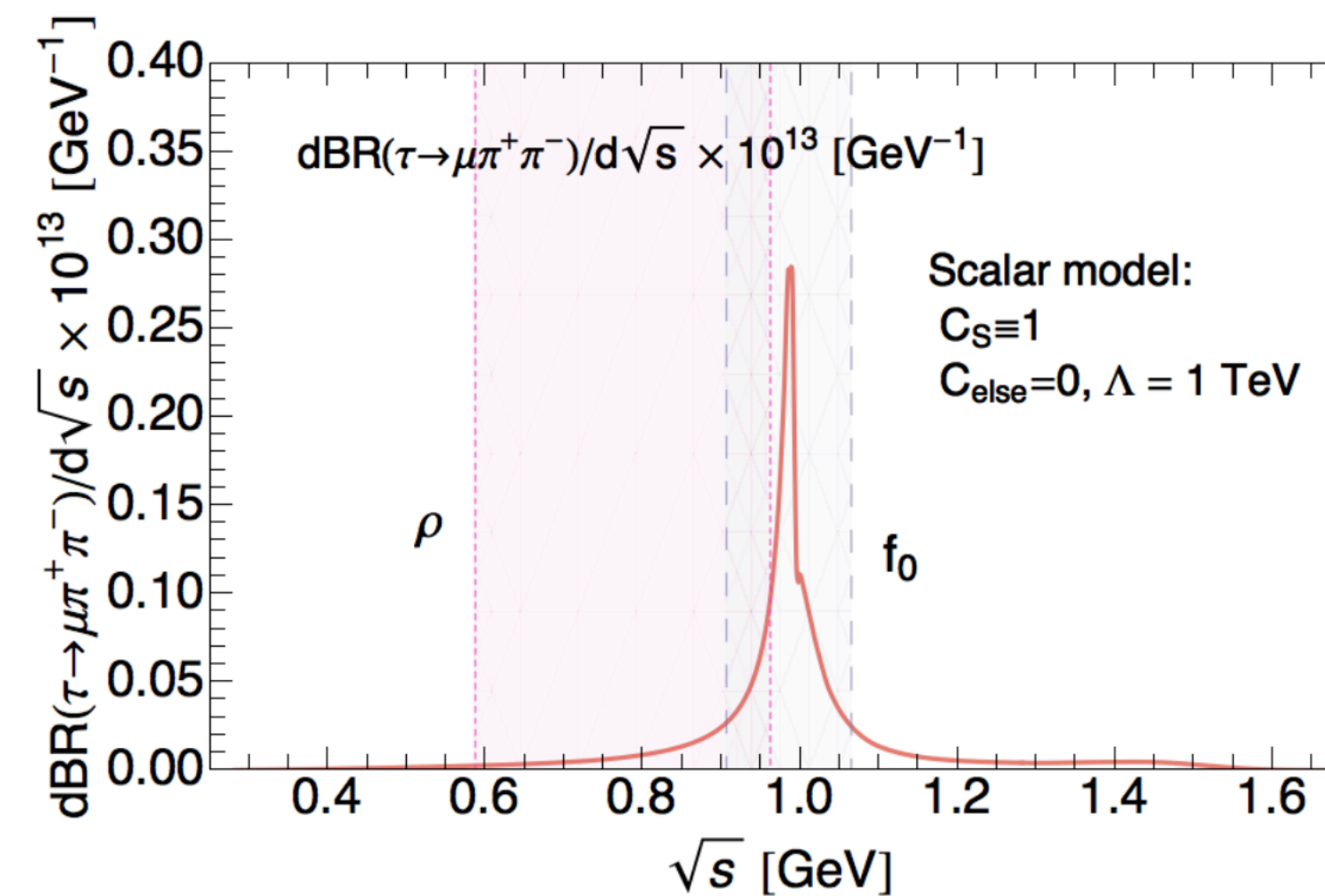
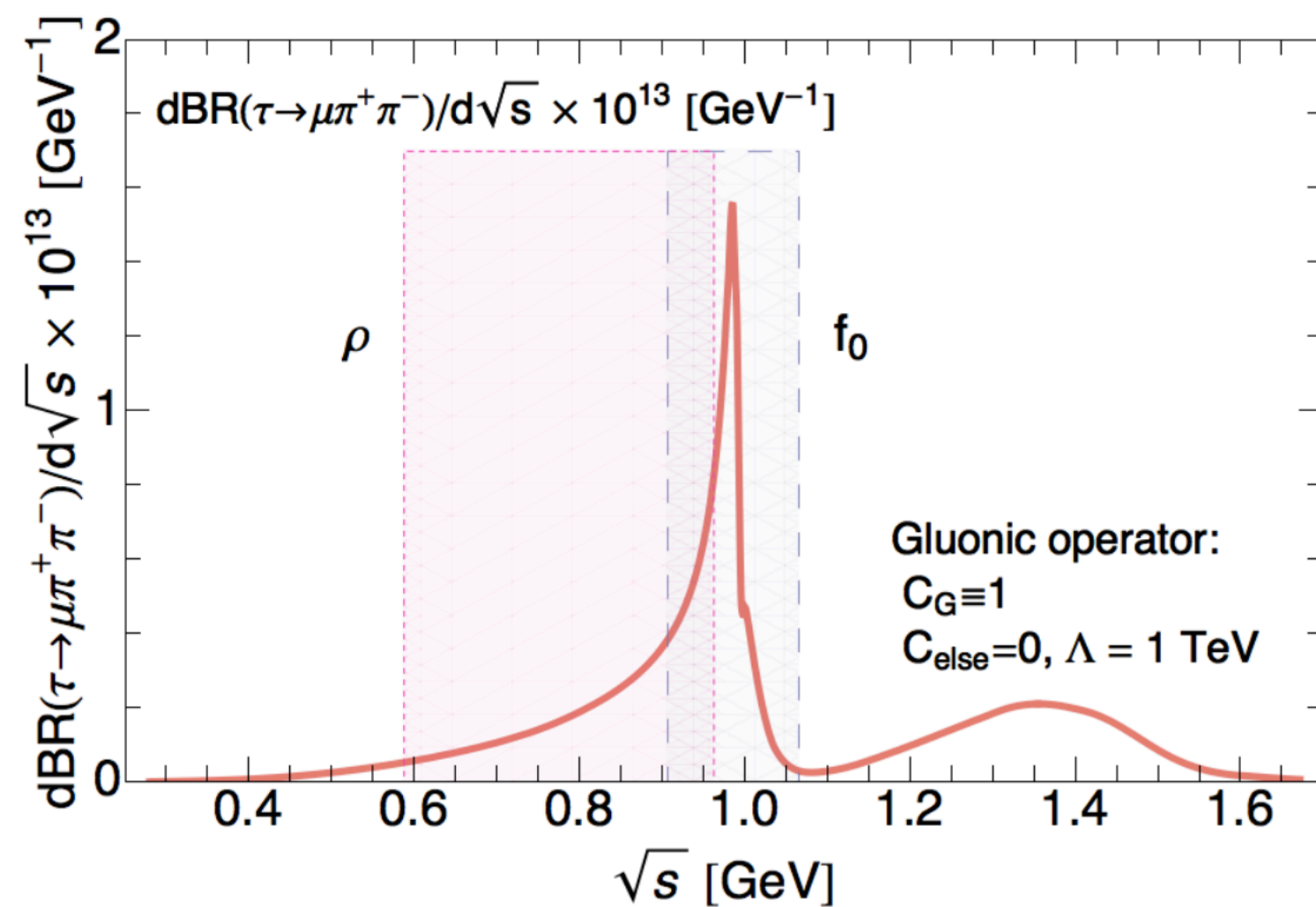


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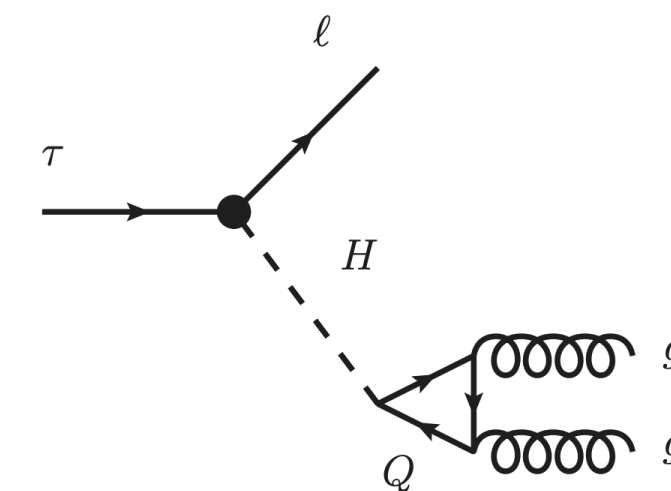
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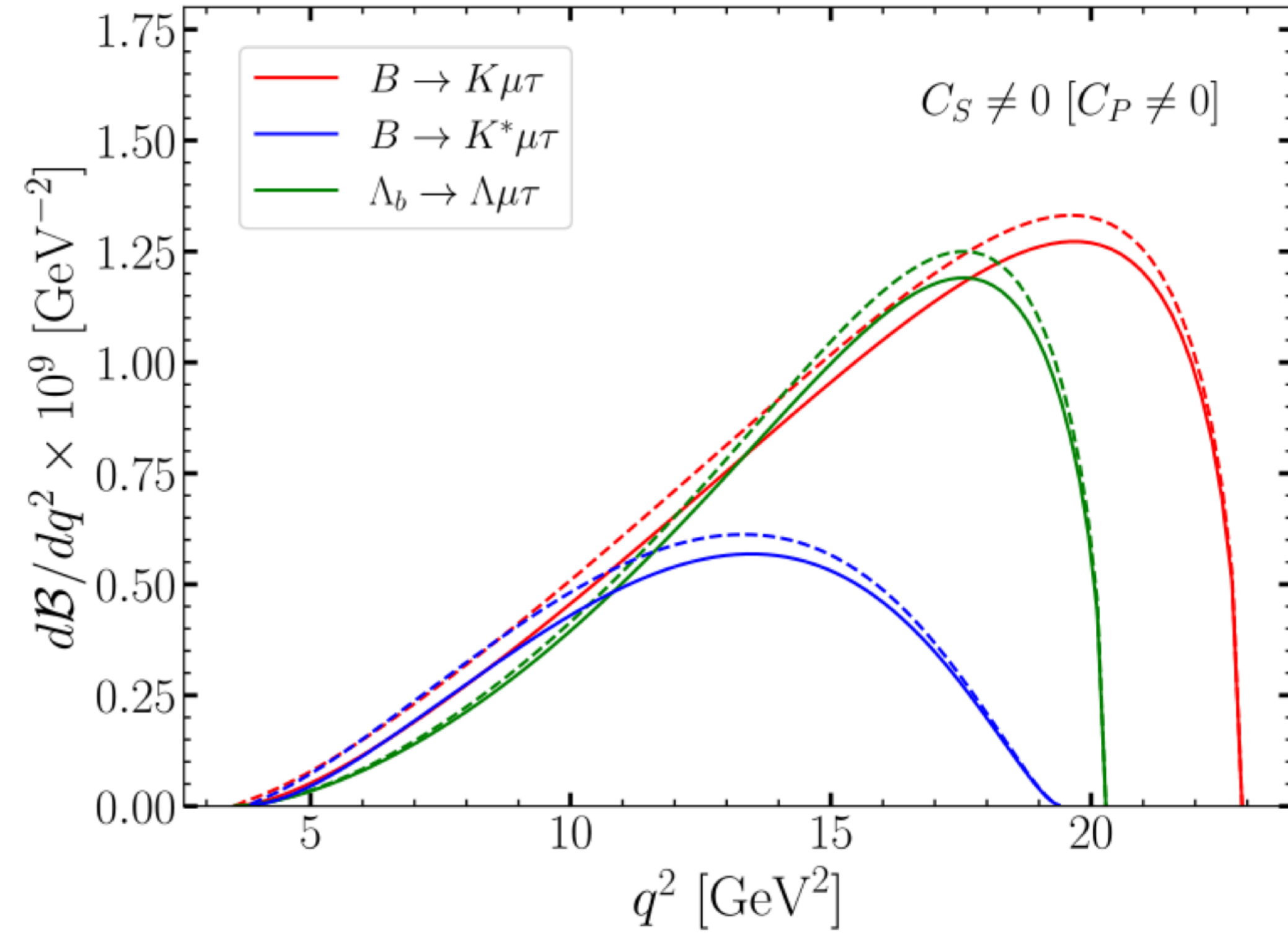
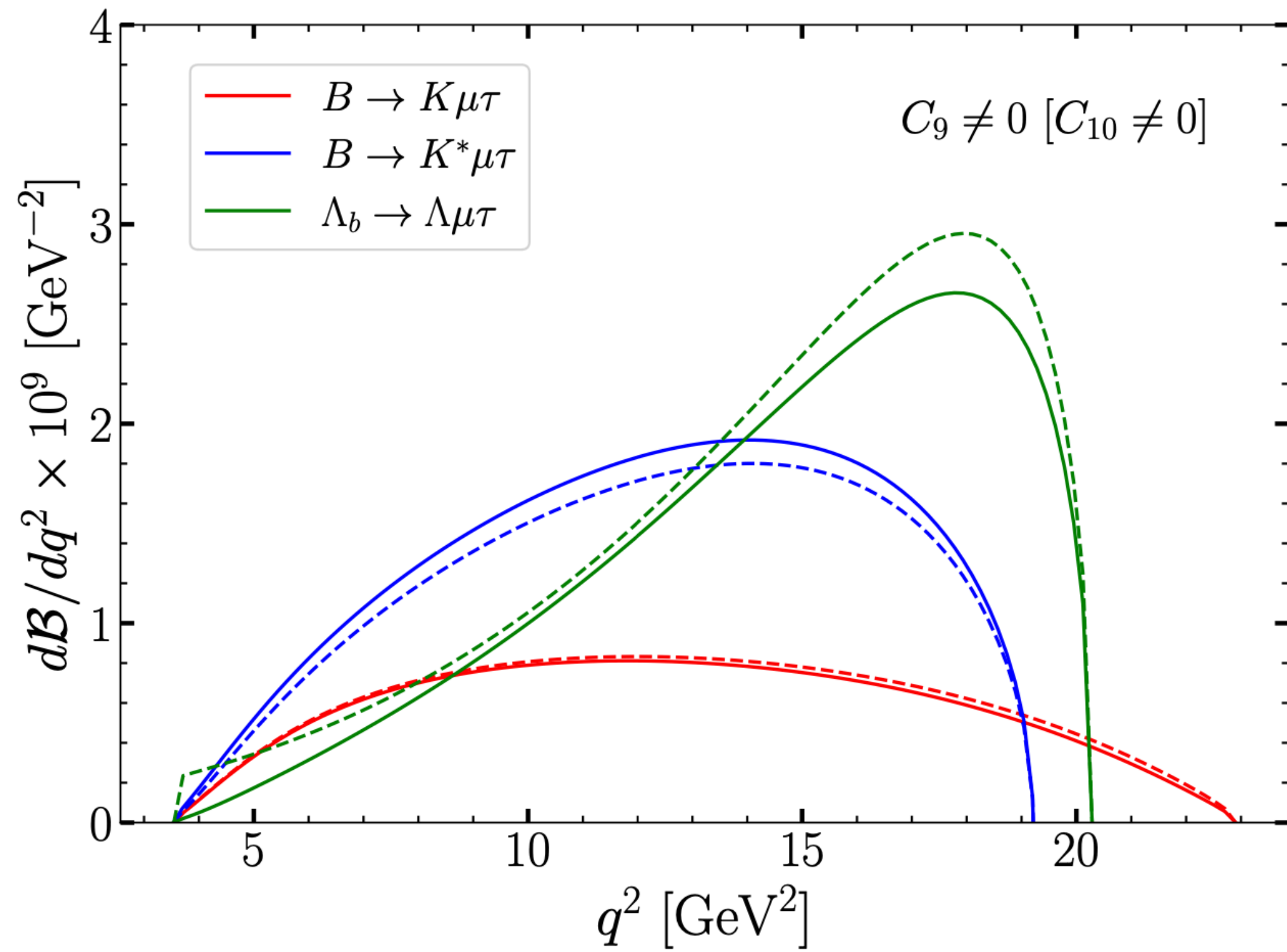
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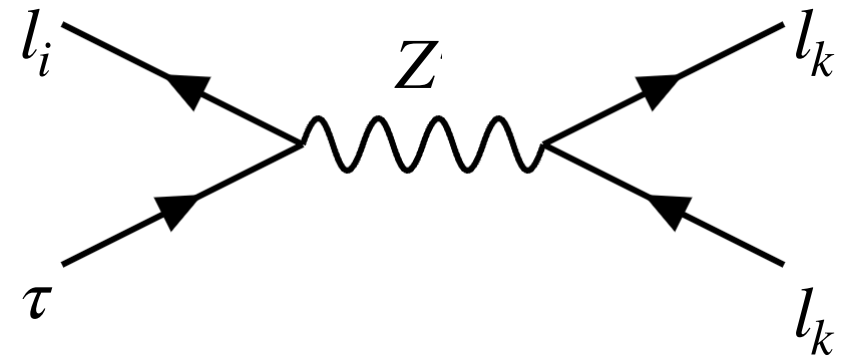
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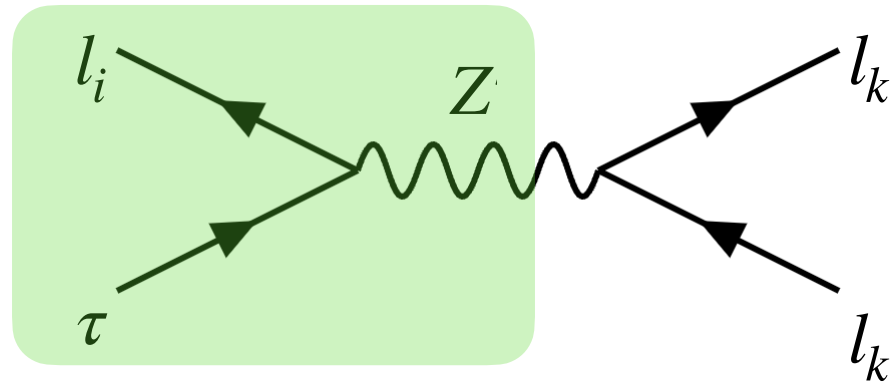
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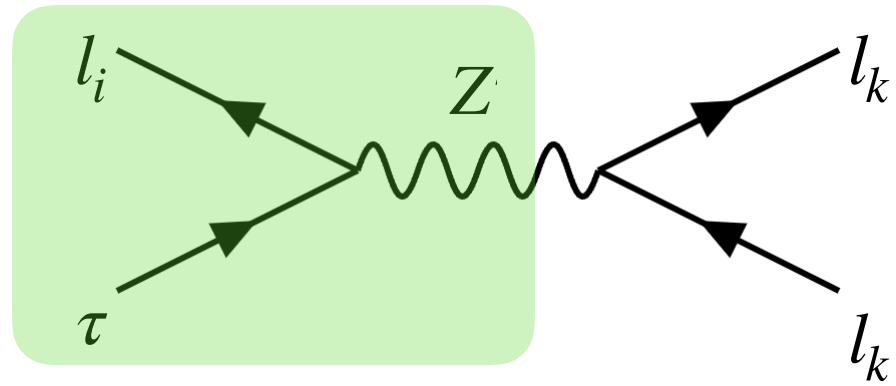
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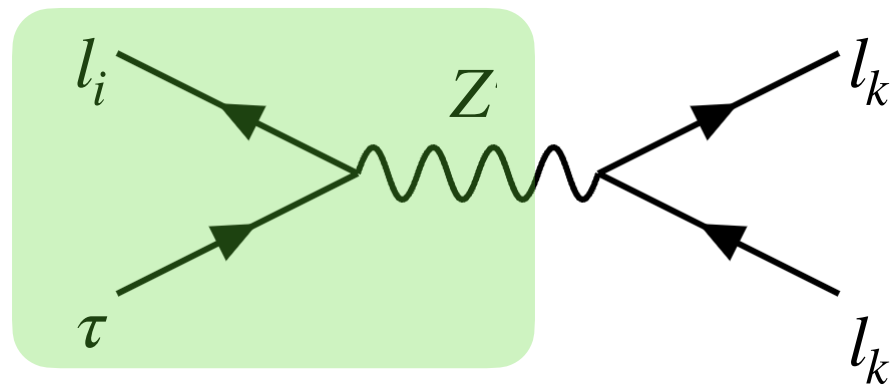
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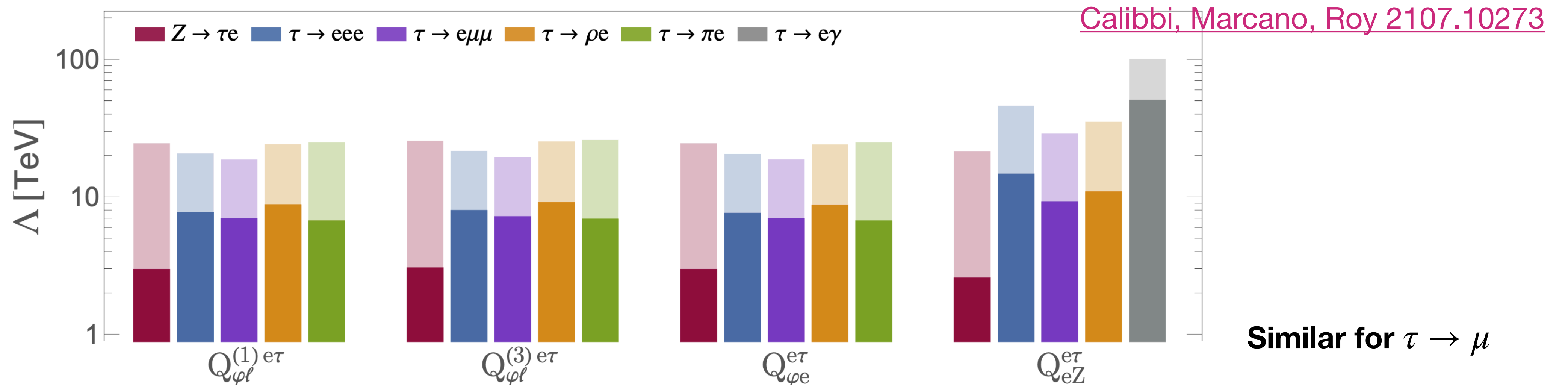
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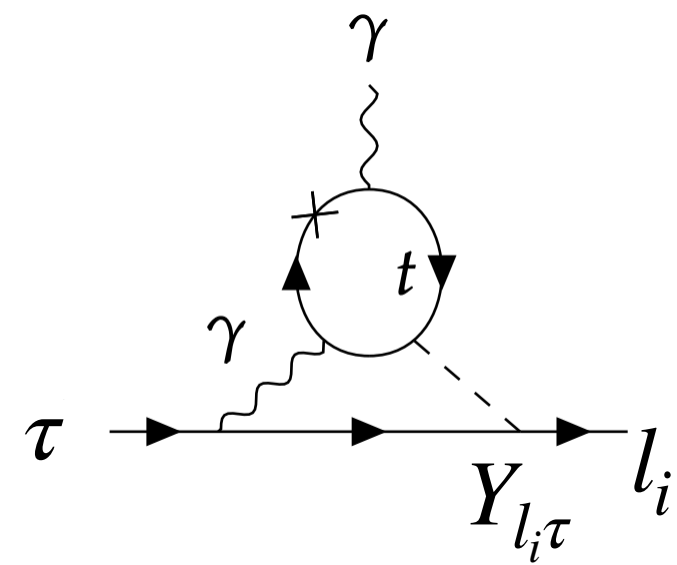
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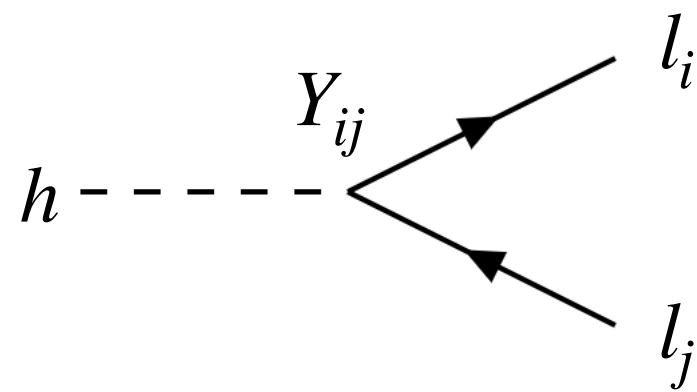


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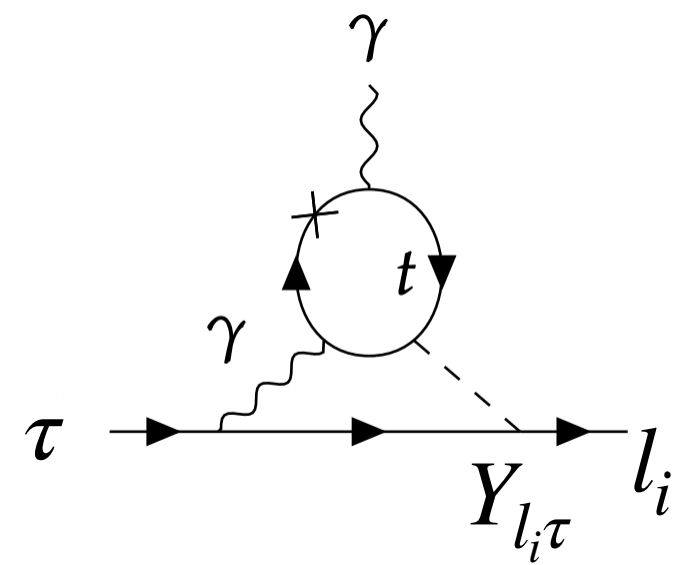


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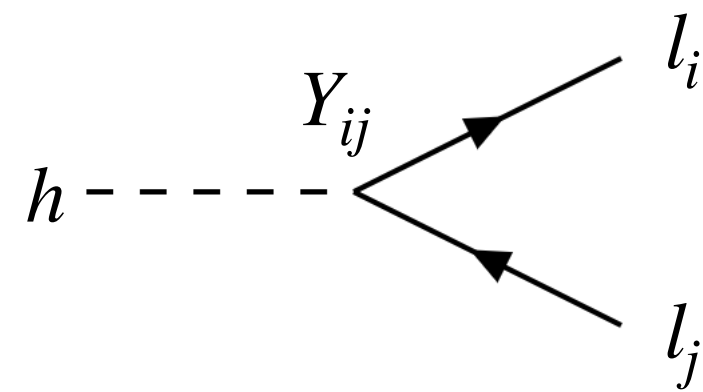
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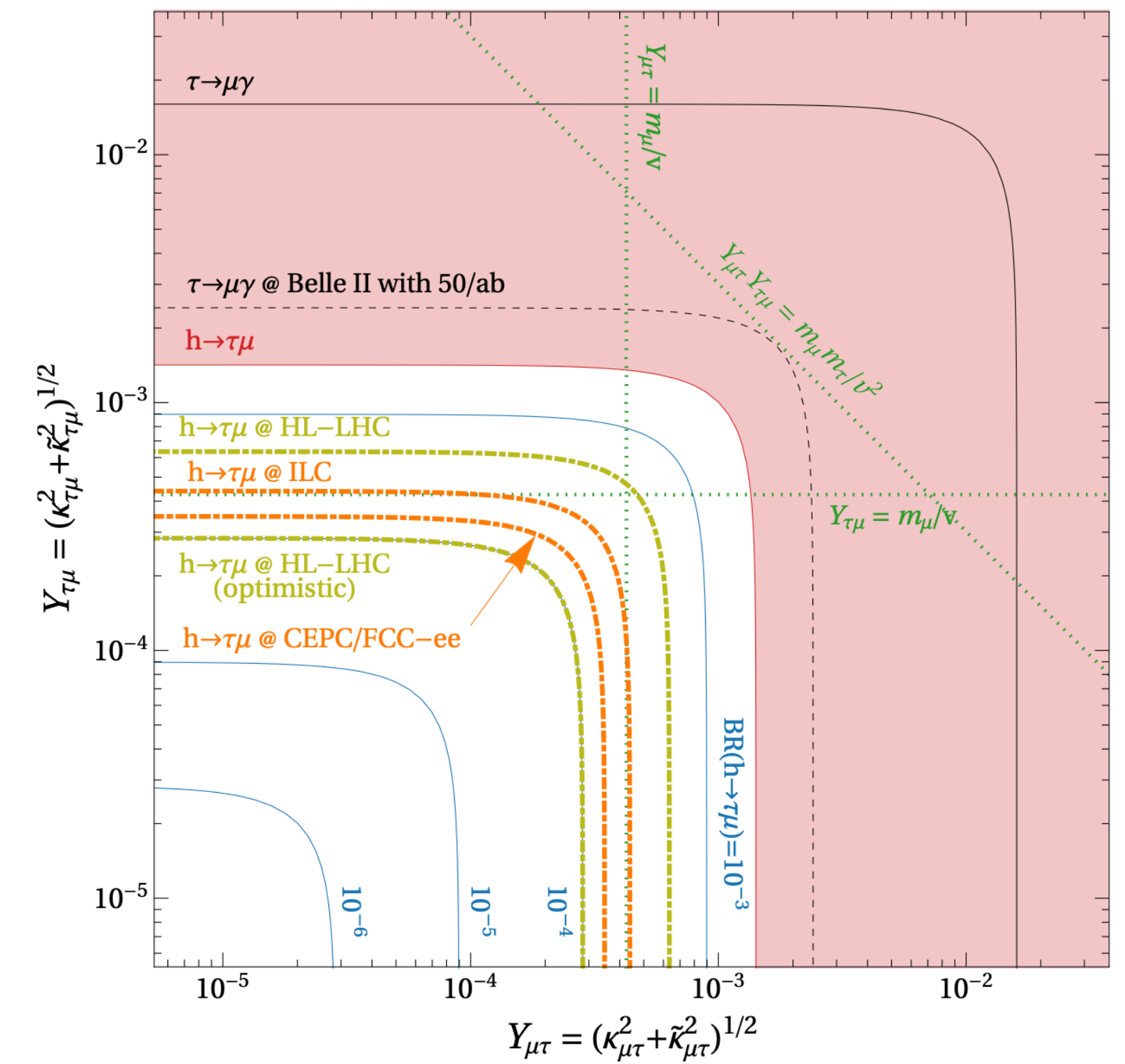
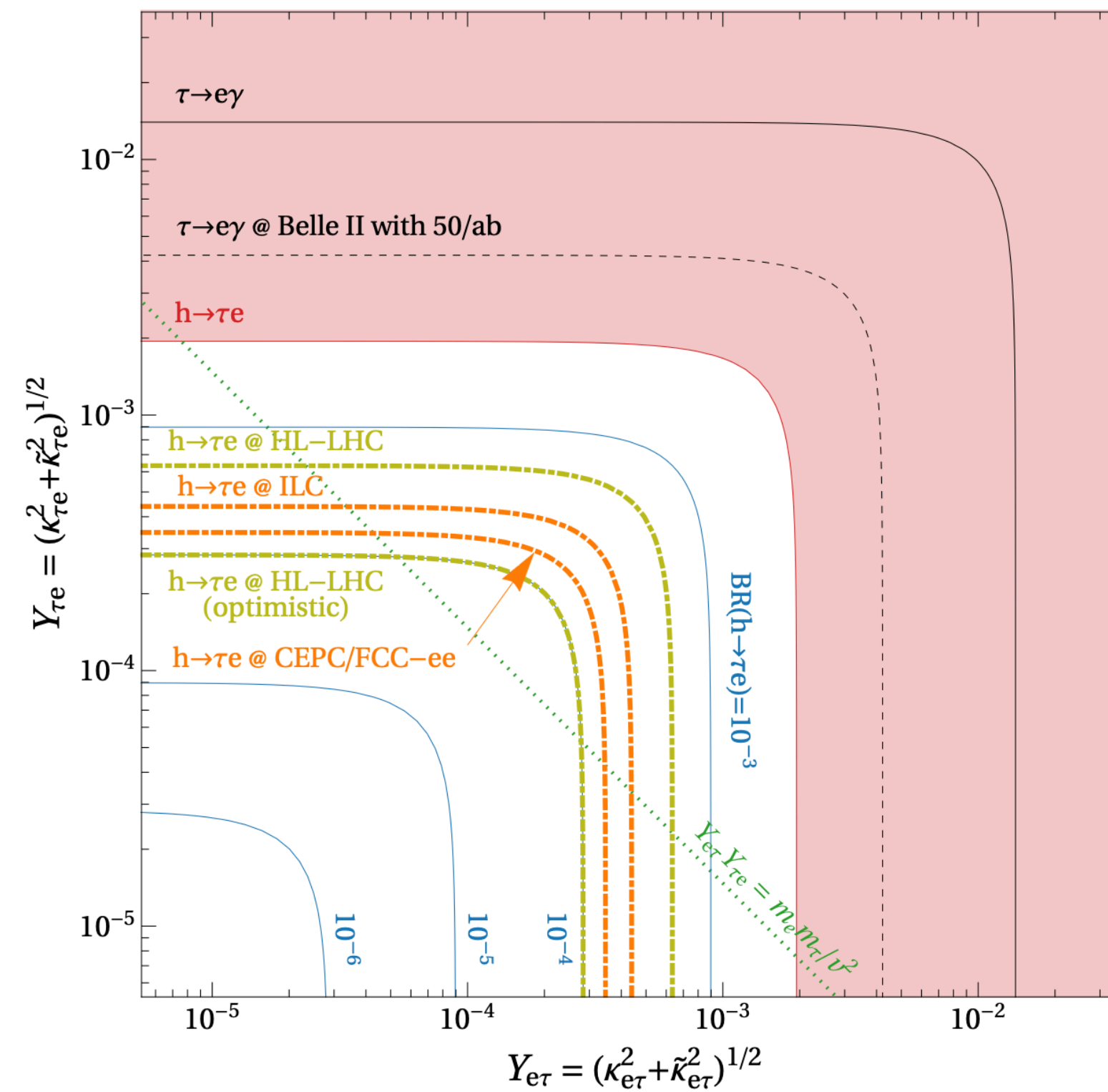


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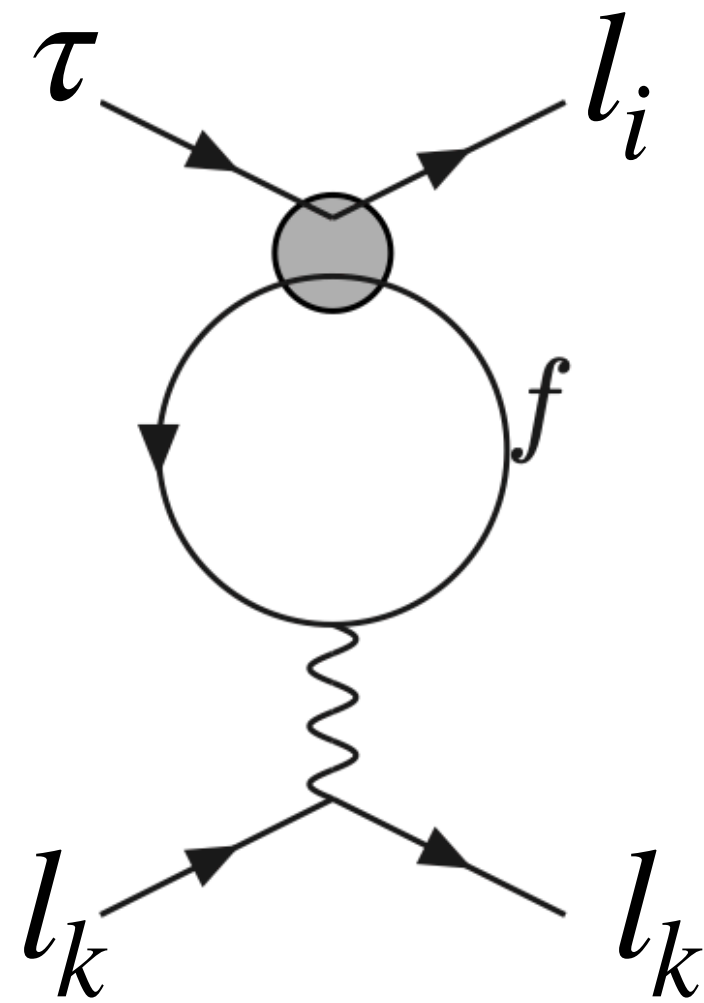
Conclusion

- LFV is New Physics that must exist because we see it in neutrino oscillations, and could be just around the corner
- τ LFV is interesting because:
 - A. If observed, the new interactions should be relatively large
 - B. There are numerous processes that one can look for in τ decays because of the large phase space (**Belle-II will have the best sensitivities for these processes**)
- We can investigate τ LFV in the EFT framework by assuming heavy new states. Generally, experiments are sensitive to $\tau \rightarrow l_i$ Wilson coefficients if the New Physics scale is around $\Lambda \sim 10$ TeV
- LFV meson/baryon decays with b quarks are theoretically interesting and Belle-II will also improve the branching ratio sensitivities
- The multitude of processes, together with Dalitz plots, angular and kinematical distributions, allow for a detailed knowledge of the EFT coefficients, with a promising potential to pinpoint particular models

Back-up

Leptonic three body decay: one-loop RGEs

- QED penguin can mix any $\tau \rightarrow l$ vector with the $\Delta F = 1$ four-lepton vector involved in the tree-level process, leading to a sensitivity to all vectors for NP scales $\Lambda \sim \text{few TeV}$ and $\mathcal{O}(1)$ coefficients



$$C_{V,XY}^{l_i\tau l_k l_k} \sim q_f \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda}{m_\tau} \right) C_{V,XZ}^{l_i\tau ff}$$

SMEFT basis dimension six

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$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma_\mu q_t)$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma_\mu u_t)$	Q_{lu}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma_\mu u_t)$		
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu d_t)$	Q_{ld}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu d_t)$		
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma_\mu q_t)$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma_\mu u_t)$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma_\mu e_t)$		
$Q_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma_\mu u_t)$		
		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma_\mu T^A u_t)$		
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu d_t)$		
				$Q_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu T^A d_t)$		
8 : $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L) + \text{h.c.}$		8 : $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R) + \text{h.c.}$		8 : $(\mathcal{B}) + \text{h.c.}$			
Q_{ledq}	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^k q_t^j)$	$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	Q_{duql}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{jk} (d_p^\alpha C u_r^\beta) (q_s^{j\gamma} C l_t^k)$		
		$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	Q_{qque}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{jk} (q_p^{j\alpha} C q_r^{k\beta}) (u_s^\gamma C e_t)$		
		$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	Q_{qqqt}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{mn} \epsilon_{jk} (q_p^{m\alpha} C q_r^{j\beta}) (q_s^{k\gamma} C l_t^n)$		
		$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$	Q_{duue}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} (d_p^\alpha C u_r^\beta) (u_s^\gamma C e_t)$		

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$$[i \bar{q}_i \gamma_5 q_j \rightarrow P] \simeq 2 B_0 F \Omega_P^{(1)}(ij) + 2 \frac{B_0}{F} \frac{d_m^2}{M_P^2} m_K^2 \Omega_P^{(2)}(ij),$$

$$[\bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q_j \rightarrow P] \simeq -i 2 F \Omega_A^{(1)}(ij) p_\mu,$$

$$[\bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu q_j \rightarrow V] \simeq -2 F_V M_V \Omega_V^{(1)}(ij) \varepsilon_\mu,$$

$$[\bar{q}_i \sigma_{\mu\nu} q_j \rightarrow V] \simeq i 2 \frac{T_V}{M_V} \Omega_T^{(1)}(ij) (p_\mu \varepsilon_\nu - p_\nu \varepsilon_\mu),$$

$$[\bar{q}_i q_j \rightarrow P_1 P_2] \simeq 2 B_0 \Omega_S^{(1)}(ij) \left[1 + 4 \frac{L_5^{\text{SD}}}{F^2} (s - m_1^2 - m_2^2) \right] + 2 \frac{B_0}{F^2} \frac{d_m^2}{M_P^2} m_K^2 \Omega_S^{(2)}(ij)$$

$$+ \frac{B_0}{F^2} c_m \sum_S \frac{\Omega_S^{(3)}(ij)}{s - M_S^2} \left[c_d \Omega_S^{(4)}(s - m_1^2 - m_2^2) + 2 c_m m_K^2 \Omega_S^{(5)} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3} \frac{B_0}{F^2} \gamma \sum_T \frac{\Omega_T^{(2)}(ij)}{M_T^4} \left\{ g_T \Omega_T^{(3)} \left[(m_1^2 - m_2^2)^2 + M_T^2 (m_1^2 + m_2^2) \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. - s (M_T^2 + s) \right] + 2 (2M_T^2 + s) \left[\beta \Omega_T^{(4)} (m_1^2 + m_2^2 - s) - 2 \gamma m_K^2 \Omega_T^{(5)} \right] \right\},$$

$$[\bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu q_j \rightarrow P_1 P_2] \simeq \left[2 \Omega_V^{(2)}(ij) + \sqrt{2} \frac{F_V G_V}{F^2} \sum_V \frac{s}{M_V^2 - s} \Omega_V^{(1)}(ij) \Omega_V^{(3)} \right] (p_1 - p_2)_\mu$$

$$+ \left[\sqrt{2} \frac{F_V G_V}{F^2} (m_2^2 - m_1^2) \sum_V \frac{\Omega_V^{(1)}(ij) \Omega_V^{(3)}}{M_V^2 - s} \right] (p_1 + p_2)_\mu,$$

$$[\bar{q}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_j \rightarrow P_1 P_2] \simeq \frac{i}{F^2} \left[-\Lambda_2^{\text{SD}} \Omega_T^{(6)}(ij) + 2 \sqrt{2} G_V T_V \sum_V \frac{\Omega_T^{(1)}(ij) \Omega_V^{(3)}}{M_V^2 - s} \right] (p_1^\mu p_2^\nu - p_1^\nu p_2^\mu).$$