



New Frontiers in Lepton Flavor | PISA

Studies on τ decays at Belle II

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Outline

- Motivation
- Experimental requirements
 - Direct searches for lepton flavor violation
 - Precision tests of SM

Why τ decays?

Weight: heaviest charged leptons, massive enough to **decay into hadrons**

$$- M_\tau \sim 17 \times M_\mu \sim 3500 \times M_e$$

lifetime: 290 fs, **not a long-lived particle!**

particular signs: allows a clean theoretical analysis of the *hadronization*, determination of standard model (SM) parameters...

→ **probe non-SM physics** in mass-dependent couplings

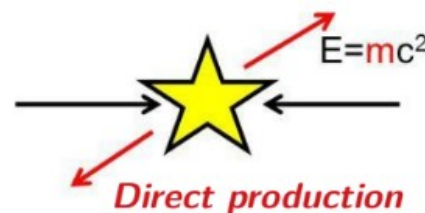
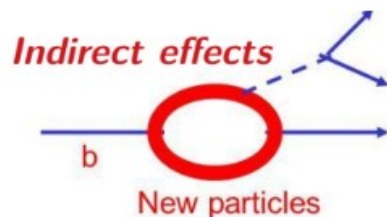


→ **does the third lepton generation preferentially couple to non-SM physics?**

Lepton as discovery tools

Leptons are powerful tools to explore beyond SM physics

- QED precise computations
- Clean physics event



- **precision measurements** of the tau properties
 - ***tau lepton mass***, lifetime, branching ratios
 - ***tests*** for deviations from SM predictions

- **searches** for forbidden decays of tau
 - observation of lepton flavor violation (LFV) in tau decays: $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$, $\tau \rightarrow \ell \Phi$

The challenges

High precision measurements of the SM properties

- **Control of systematic sources** → excellent understanding of the experiment performance and background description required to improve results **mainly systematically limited**



e.g. tau mass, branching fractions measurement

< fractions of permille level

World's **leading sensitivities** for direct searches

- **Largest statistics** → attain highest luminosity, collect (unique) data sets suitable to study rare processes
+ devise new techniques to **increase** the signal **efficiency** while keeping background under control



e.g. LFV decays, $\tau \rightarrow \ell \Phi$

< 10^{-8} level

Lepton flavor violation

- Neutral lepton flavor violation in the Standard Model (SM) due to *neutrino masses and oscillations*
- **Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV)** via SM weak interaction charged currents + neutrino mixing $< O(10^{-50})$, below current and future experiments reach \rightarrow **observation of LFV decays is *per se* a proof of non-SM physics!**



- Hints of Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU) violation and deviation from SM predictions in rare B decays (*flavor anomalies*):

- $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$: τ Vs light leptons

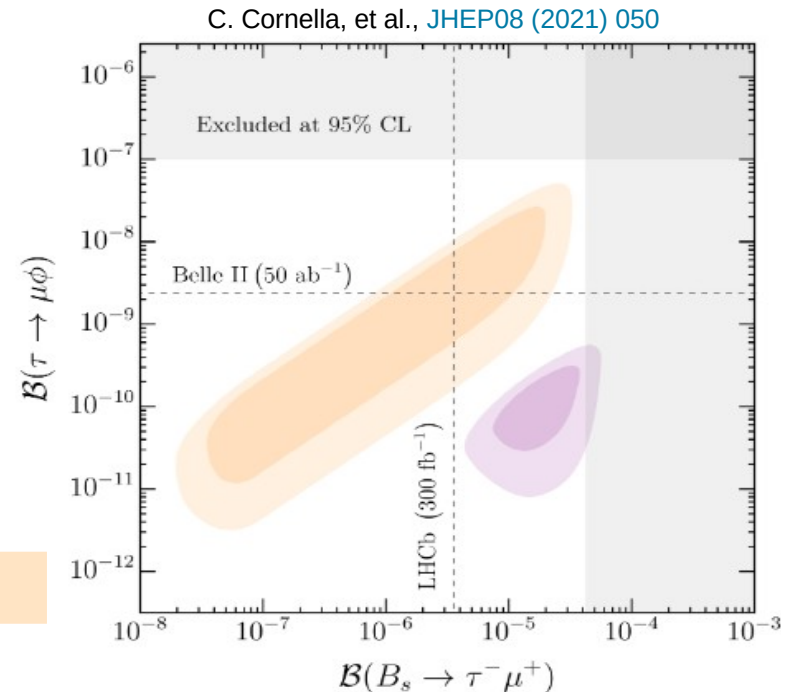
See M. Bordone's talk and D. Guadagnoli's talk on Monday

- $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$: μ Vs. e

New interaction that violates flavor (Z' boson, leptoquark)

\rightarrow **Special role of the third family**

Simplified U_1 model (with $\beta^{b\tau} = 0$)



Experimental requirements: B-factories

- Profit from **clean environment** at lepton colliders + **hermetic detector: Belle II** at **SuperKEKB** asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider

→ operates mainly at $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$ GeV:

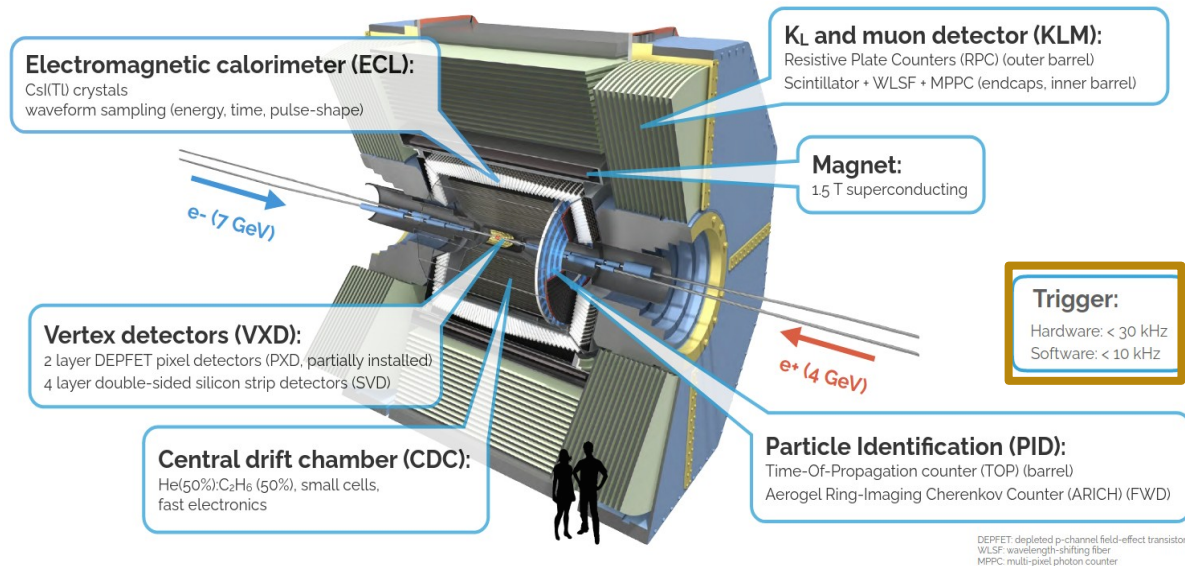
$\sigma_{bb} \sim \sigma_{\tau\tau} \sim 1$ nb, B & τ factory

→ known initial state

→ efficient reconstruction of **neutrals** (π^0 , η), **recoiling system** and **missing energy**

→ specific **low-multiplicity triggers**: single track/muon/photon (previously not available at Belle)

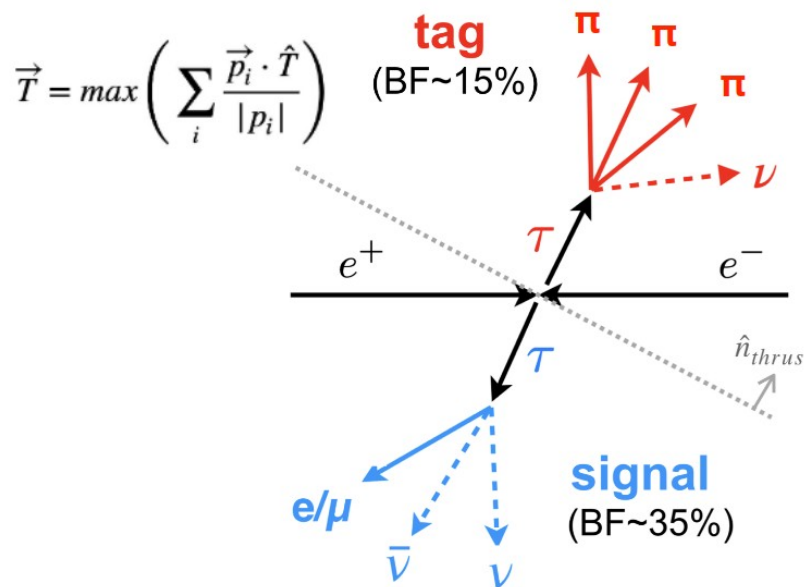
*Unprecedented luminosity,
 $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ world record*



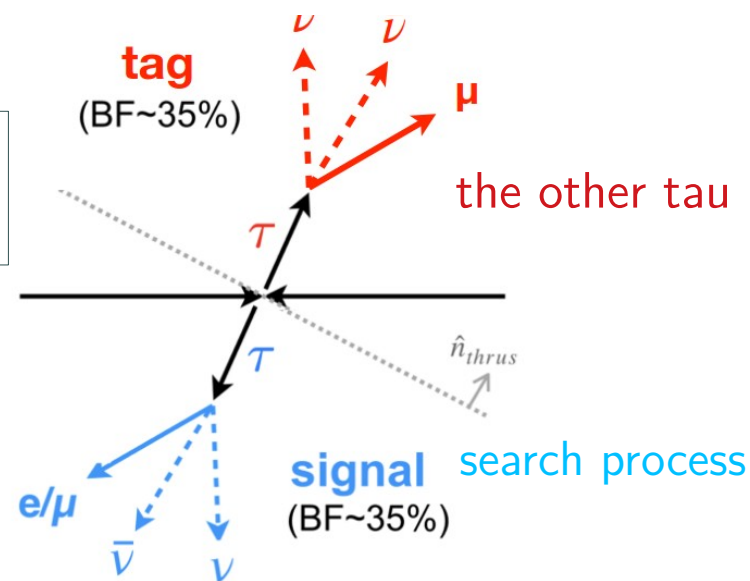
- Currently on first shutdown since July 2022
- **Accumulated 424 fb^{-1}** (\sim Babar, \sim half of Belle) and unique energy scan samples

Tau topologies and signatures

- Tau pairs in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ events produced back-to-back in CM system
- Possible to separate them in **two opposite hemispheres** defined by the plane perpendicular to the **thrust axis**



(1x3)-prong Vs
 (1x1)-prong

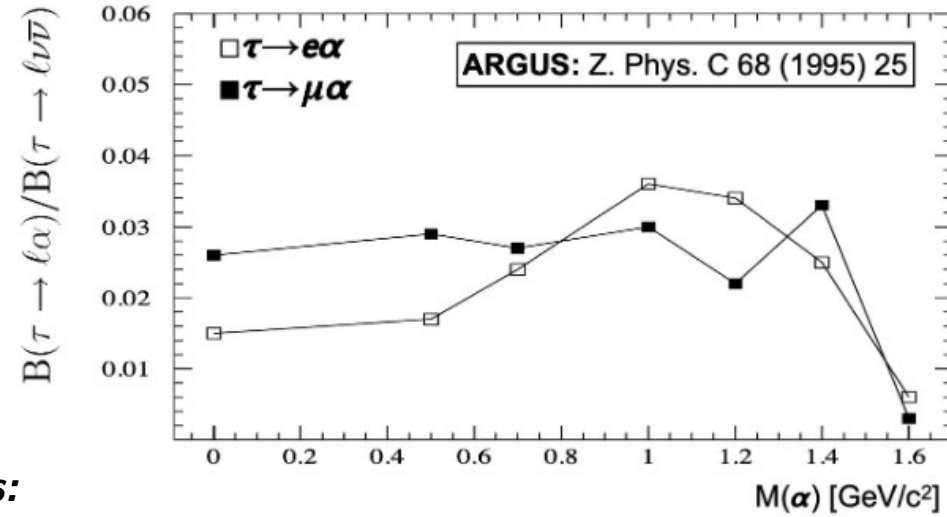


- Usually tag side reconstructed in a specific topology to suppress background, mainly from continuum $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
 → allows to reach excellent purity

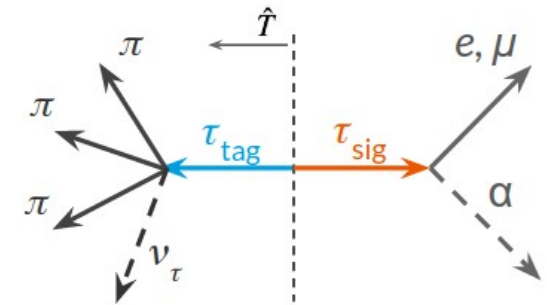
Direct searches:
new invisible boson in tau decays, $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$

$\tau \rightarrow l\alpha$: motivation and strategy

- τ decays to **new LFV bosons** decaying invisibly predicted in many models [1] See L. Calibbi's talk
- Previous searches at **ARGUS** [2] ($\sim 0.5/\text{fb}$) \rightarrow Belle II analysis relies **120 x luminosity**
- Search for the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau_{\text{sig}} (\rightarrow l\alpha) \tau_{\text{tag}} (\rightarrow 3\pi\nu)$, with $l=e$ or $l=\mu$



- Split event in two hemispheres based on the **thrust axis**:
 - use 3x1-prong decays (3 track on the **tag** side, 1 track on the **signal** side)
 - exploit the **shape differences**: 2-body decay of signal (peaking in some kinematics features) over 3-body decay of irreducible background from $\tau_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow l\nu\nu$



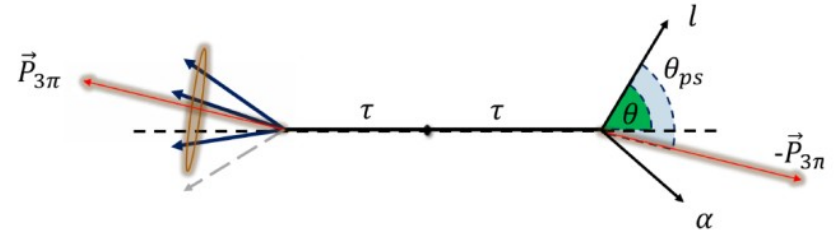
$$\vec{T} = \max \left(\sum_i \frac{\vec{p}_i \cdot \hat{T}}{|p_i|} \right)$$

[1] M. Bauer, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 211803 (2020)

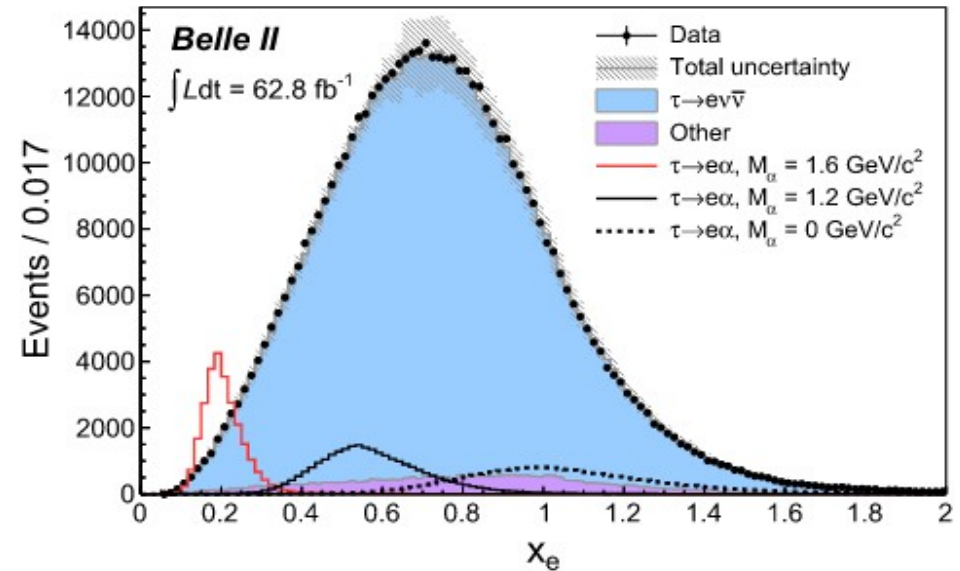
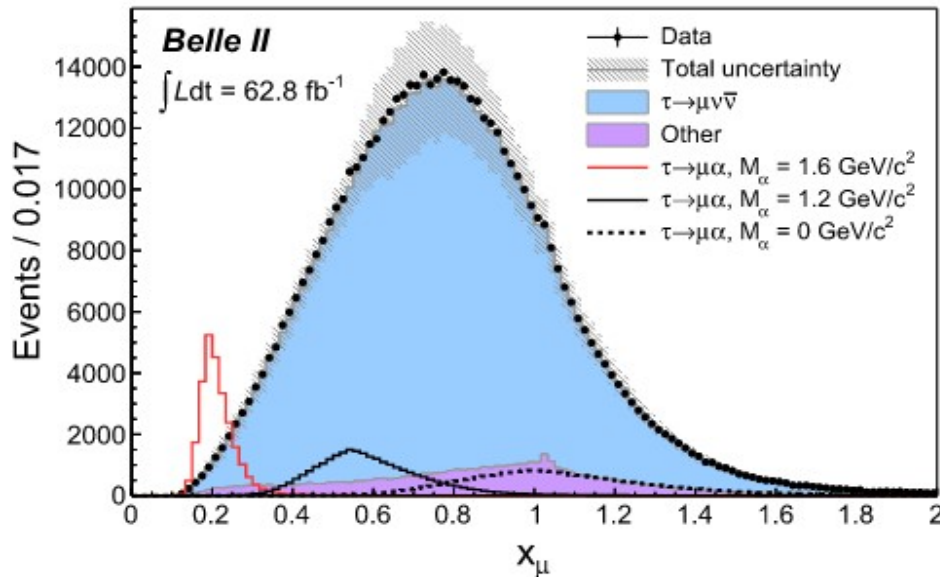
[2] ARGUS Collaboration, Z. Phys. C 68, 25 (1995)

$\tau \rightarrow l\alpha$: pseudo-rest frame

- Shape differences more prominent in the rest frame: approximate τ_{sig} pseudo-rest frame as $E_{\text{sig}} \sim \sqrt{s}/2$ and $\hat{p}_{\text{sig}} \approx -\vec{p}_{\tau_{\text{tag}}} / |\vec{p}_{\tau_{\text{tag}}}|$
- Discriminating variable: **normalized lepton energy** x_l
 - Bump hunt above broad spectrum from $\tau_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow l\nu\nu$



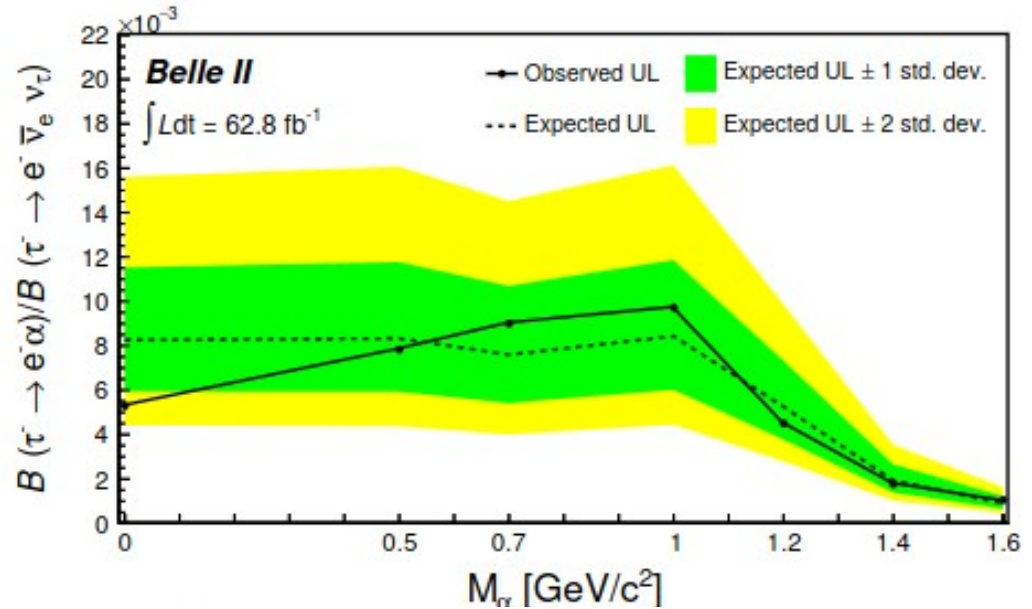
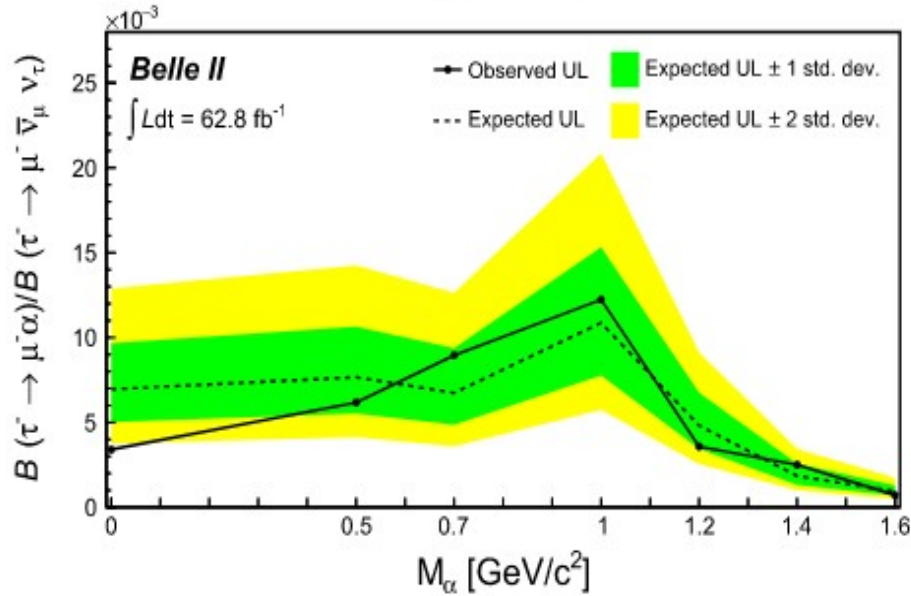
$$x_\ell \equiv \frac{E_\ell^*}{m_\tau c^2 / 2}$$



$\tau \rightarrow l\alpha$: results

Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 181803

- No significant excess found in **62.8 fb⁻¹**
- Set 95% CL upper limits on BF ratios of **$BF(\tau_{sig} \rightarrow l\alpha)$** normalized to $BF(\tau_{SM} \rightarrow l\nu\nu)$



Between 2-14 times more stringent than previous limits

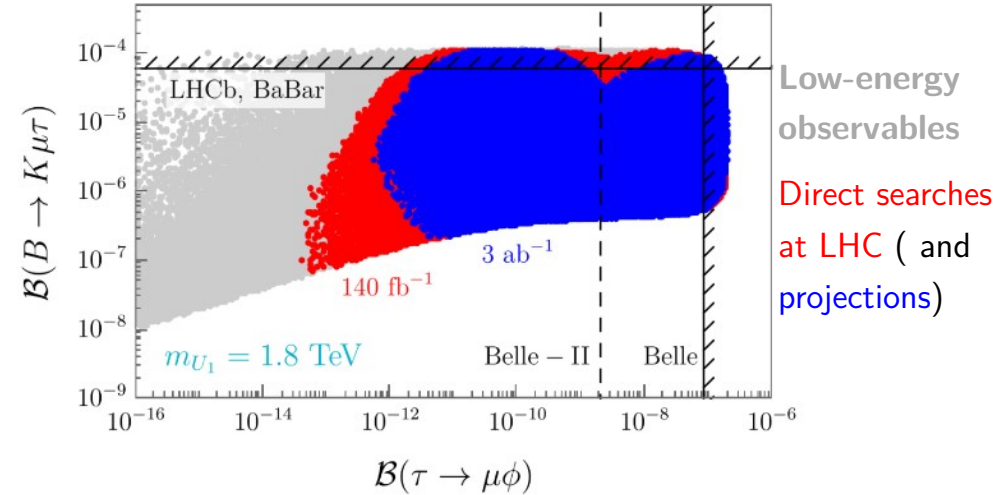
Direct searches:
LFV decays $\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi$

$\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi$: novel analysis technique

- New mediators [1] may enhance LFV $\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi$ decays and accommodate for flavor anomalies in LFU tests

- Previous searches at Belle (854/fb) [2] with tagged approach ($\tau_{\text{tag}} \rightarrow \ell/h(\nu_\ell)\nu_\tau$)

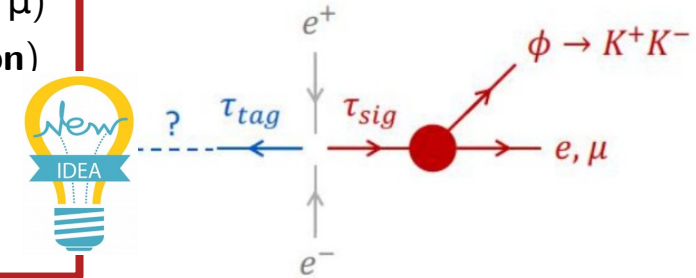
	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}^{90}(e\phi) (\times 10^{-8})$	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}^{90}(\mu\phi) (\times 10^{-8})$
	exp. / obs.	exp. / obs.
Belle	4.3 / 3.1	4.9 / 8.4



→ **Increase signal efficiency:** reconstruct explicitly only **signal side** as a lepton (e, μ) + Φ ($\rightarrow K^+K^-$, BR~50%), no requirement on the **tag side** (**untagged reconstruction**)

- Exploit signal and event features in **BDT classifiers** to suppress background

→ $\epsilon_{\text{sig}} = 6.5\%$ (**6.1%**) for muon(electron) mode, $\sim 2 \times$ Belle

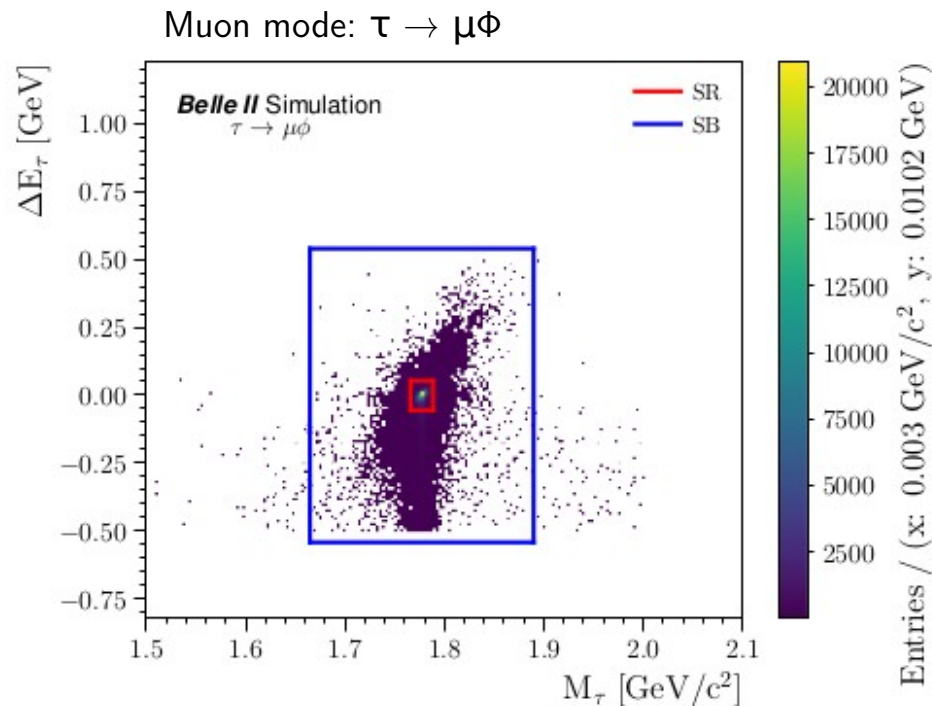
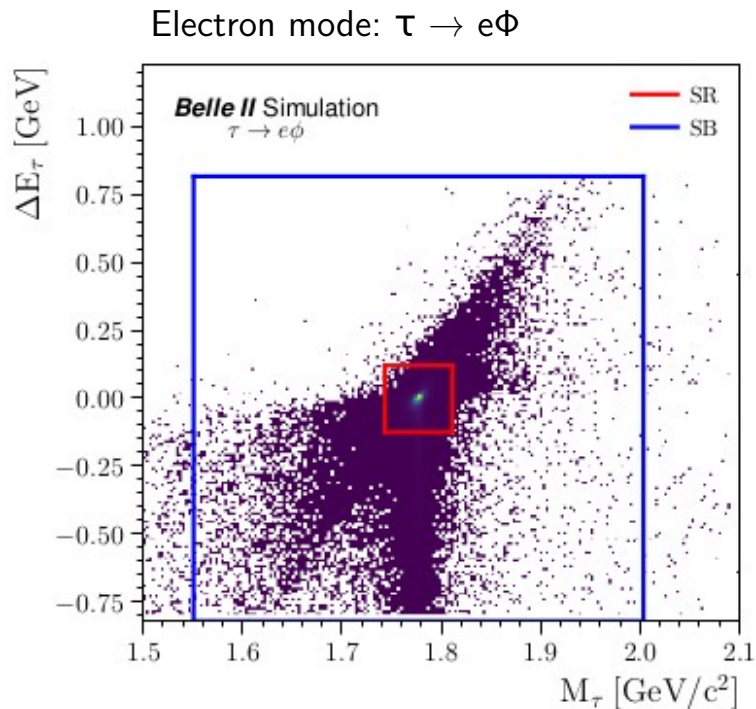


[1] Andrei Angelescu, et al., Phys. Rev. D 104, 055017 (2021),

[2] Y. Miyazaki et al., Belle, Phys. Lett. B 699 (2011)

$\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi$: signal regions

- Exploit kinematics of the signal as *neutrinoless* decays
 - M_τ expected to peak at known tau mass
 - $\Delta E_\tau = E_{\text{sig}}^* - \sqrt{s}/2$ peaks at 0 \rightarrow up to initial/final state radiation (ISR, FSR) effects
- Define **analysis** and **signal** box regions in the the $(M_\tau, \Delta E_\tau)$ plane, in units of fitted signal resolutions



$\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi$: yields extraction

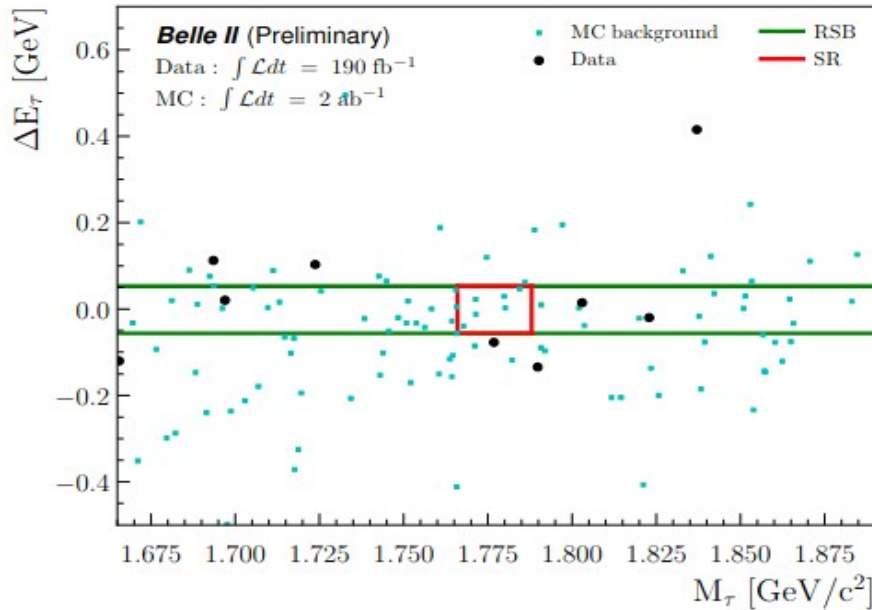
- Poisson counting experiment approach in **signal regions** in

$$M_\tau \text{ and } \Delta E_\tau = E_{\text{sig}}^* - \sqrt{s}/2 \text{ plane}$$

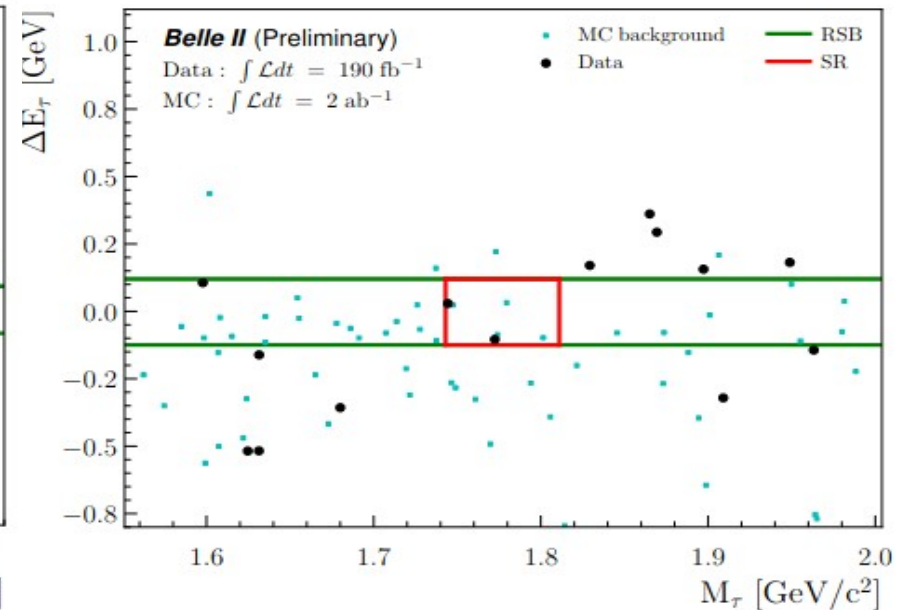
→ expected background evaluated from data **reduced sidebands** with scaling from simulation

Result	Region	Mode	
		$e\phi$	$\mu\phi$
N_{exp}	SR	$0.23^{+0.55}_{-0.21}$ stat	$0.36^{+0.39}_{-0.23}$ stat
N_{obs}	SR	$2.0^{+2.6}_{-1.3}$ stat	$0.0^{+1.8}_{-0.0}$ stat

Muon mode: $\tau \rightarrow \mu\Phi$



Electron mode: $\tau \rightarrow e\Phi$



$\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi$: results

Conf. paper arXiv: 2305.04759

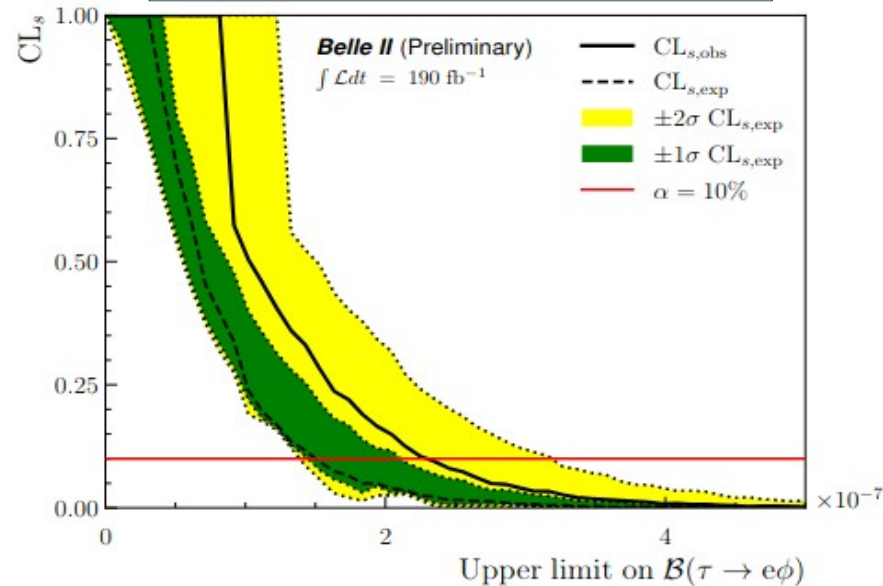
- No significant excess in **190 fb⁻¹**

- Set 90% CL upper limits on the BF with CL_s method: $\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}(\tau \rightarrow \ell\Phi) = \frac{s}{L \times 2\sigma_{\tau\tau} \times \varepsilon_{\ell\Phi}}$,

Electron mode: $\tau \rightarrow e\Phi$

Observed: $\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}(\tau \rightarrow e\Phi) = 23 \times 10^{-8}$

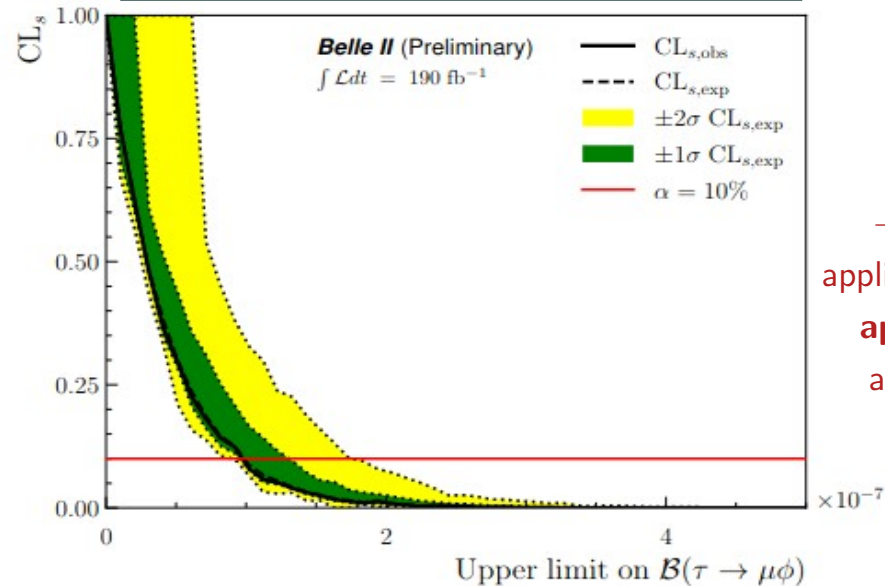
Expected: $\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}(\tau \rightarrow e\Phi) = 15 \times 10^{-8}$



Muon mode: $\tau \rightarrow \mu\Phi$

Observed: $\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\Phi) = 9.7 \times 10^{-8}$

Expected: $\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\Phi) = 9.9 \times 10^{-8}$

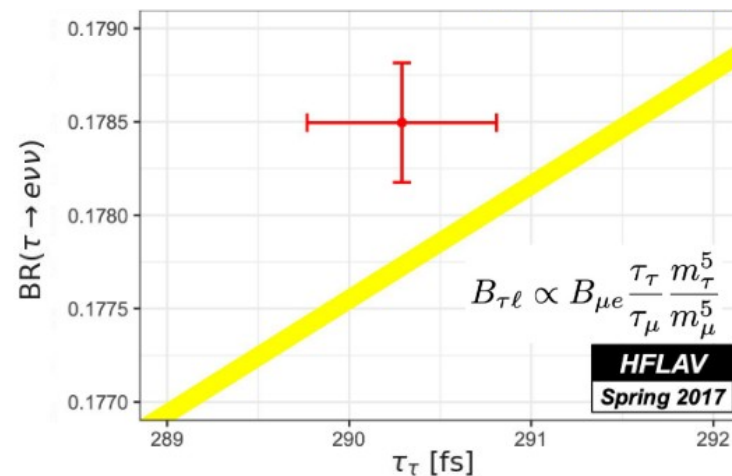


Results not competitive yet
→ successful first application of **untagged approach** in τ -pair analysis at Belle II

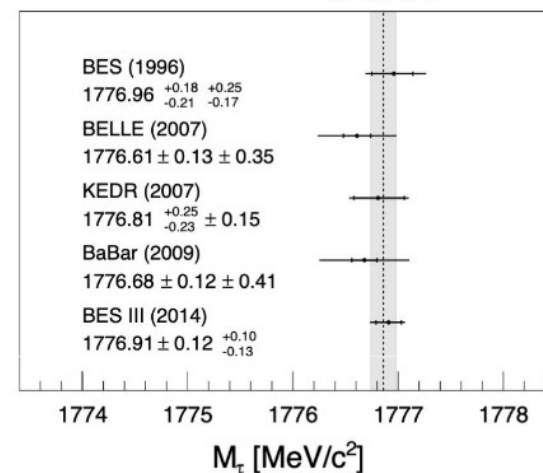
Precision measurement: tau lepton mass

Measurement of the τ mass

- Lepton properties are **fundamental parameters** of the SM and need to be measured with the **highest precision**
 - tau mass known with $\sim 10^3$ worse precision than the muon mass
 - Uncertainties important in lepton flavor universality **tests of SM**
- Two possible ways to measure the mass:
 - **pair-production cross section scan**, used by BESIII (most precise PDG result so far)
 - vary collision energy around the tau pair production threshold
 - **pseudomass method**, developed by ARGUS, exploited at B-factories (and in the presented study here!)
 - Exploit the kinematics of the three charged pions in $\tau_{\text{sig}} \rightarrow 3\pi\nu_{\tau}$ decays

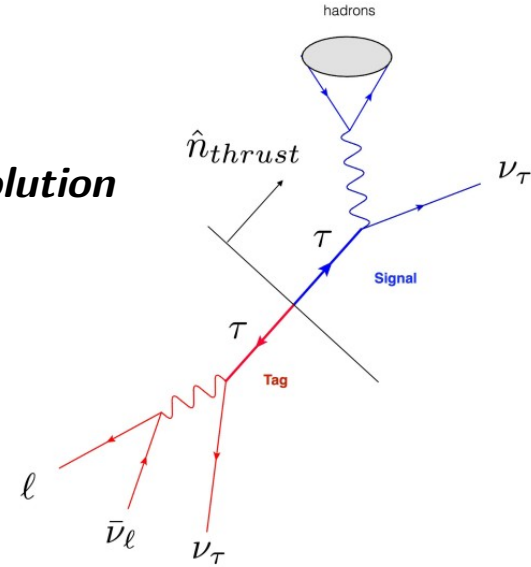
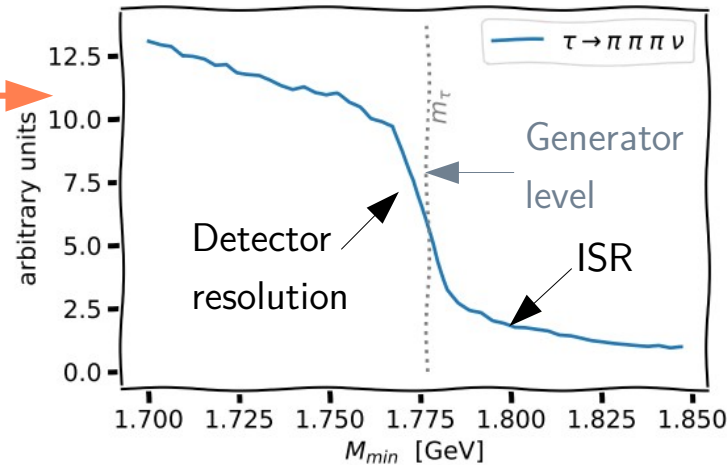
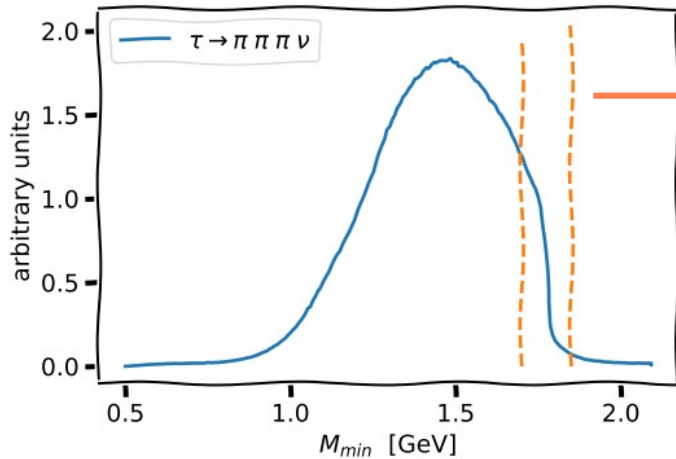


PDG Average (2022)
 1776.86 ± 0.12



τ mass: pseudomass technique

- Reconstruct $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau_{\text{tag}} \tau_{\text{sig}}$ events with $\tau_{\text{tag}} \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \nu_\tau / \pi(\pi^0) \nu_\tau$ and $\tau_{\text{sig}} \rightarrow 3\pi \nu_\tau$ as four tracks and no additional high energy photons in the event
- Access m_τ with *pseudo-mass* technique $M_{\text{min}}: \sqrt{M_{3\pi}^2 + 2(\sqrt{s}/2 - E_{3\pi}^*)(E_{3\pi}^* - P_{3\pi}^*)} \leq M_\tau$
- Fit to the end point with an empirical function, smeared edge due to **detector resolution effects** and larger **tails because of ISR**

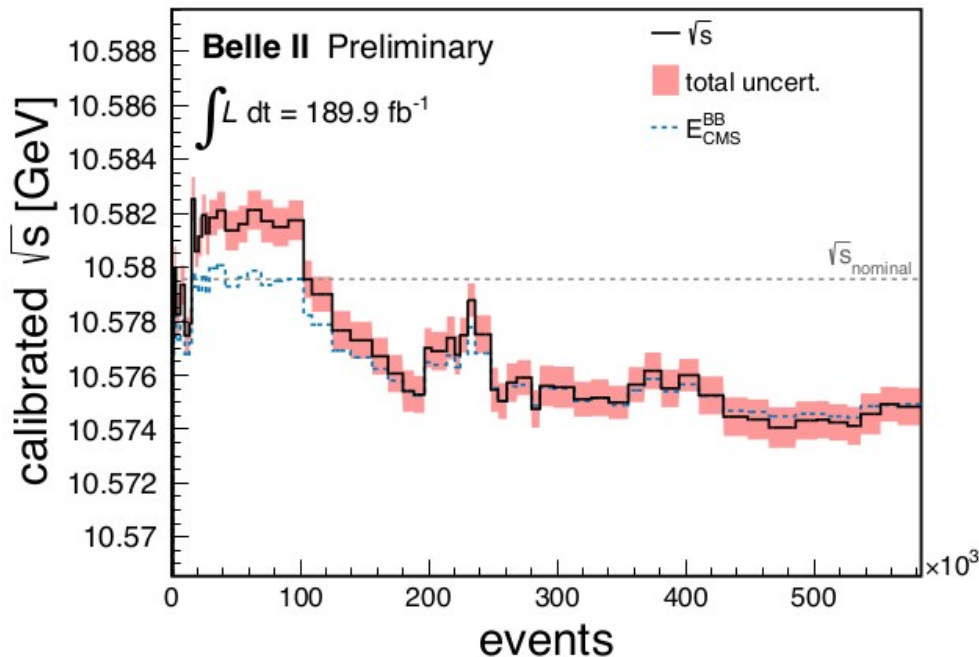


τ mass: precision challenge

- Excellent control of systematic uncertainties thanks to precise understanding of

beam energies and tracking: $M_{\min} = \sqrt{M_{3\pi}^2 + 2(\sqrt{s}/2 - E_{3\pi}^*)(E_{3\pi}^* - P_{3\pi}^*)} \leq M_{\tau}$

Beam energy calibration with B-meson hadronic decays method and $Y(4S)$ lineshape measurement to get \sqrt{s}



Source	Uncertainty [MeV/c ²]
Knowledge of the colliding beams:	
Beam energy correction	0.07
Boost vector	≤ 0.01
Reconstruction of charged particles:	
Charged particle momentum correction	0.06
Detector misalignment	0.03
Fitting procedure:	
Estimator bias	0.03
Choice of the fit function	0.02
Mass dependence of the bias	≤ 0.01
Imperfections of the simulation:	
Detector material budget	0.03
Modeling of ISR and FSR	0.02
Momentum resolution	≤ 0.01
Neutral particle reconstruction efficiency	≤ 0.01
Tracking efficiency correction	≤ 0.01
Trigger efficiency	≤ 0.01
Background processes	≤ 0.01
Total	0.11

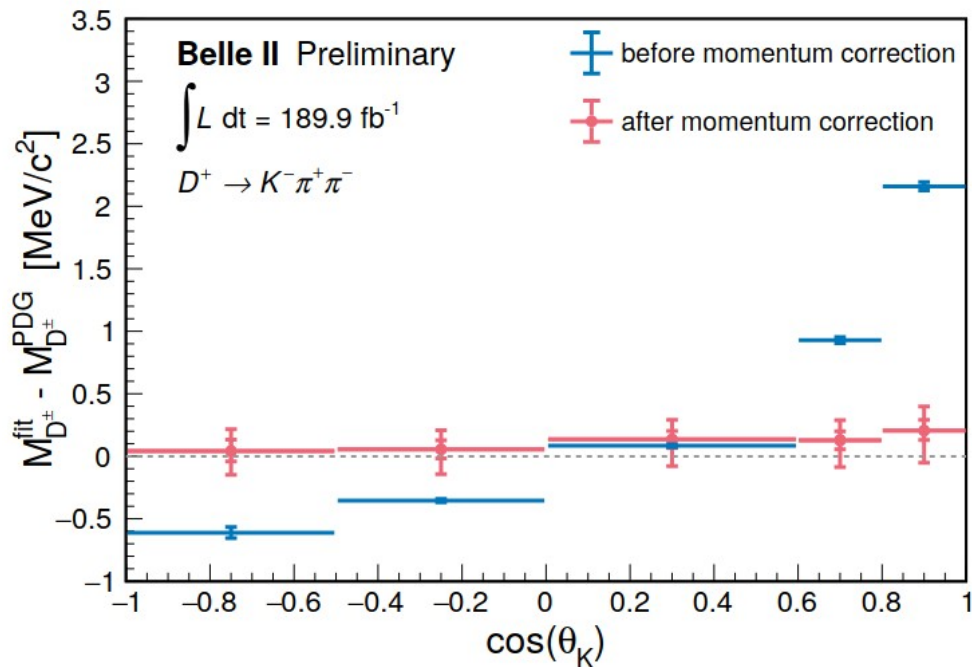
Systematic evaluation: momentum scale

- Bias in the measured particle momenta due to imperfect magnetic field or mis-modeling in material budget impact the endpoint position → bias the mass extraction

$$M_{\min} = \sqrt{|M_{3\pi}^2| + 2(\sqrt{s}/2 - E_{3\pi}^*)(E_{3\pi}^* - P_{3\pi}^*)}$$

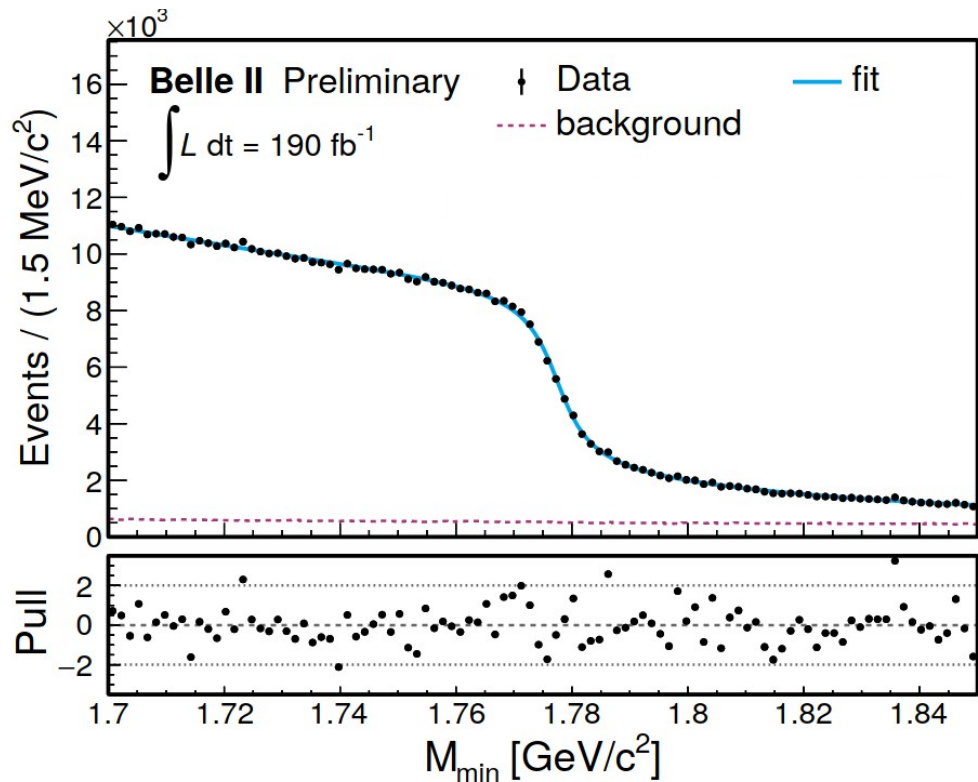
- Use $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ as standard candle:
 - extract **scale factors** for kaon and pions by comparing D^0 mass peak w.r.t PDG mass.
 - corrections dependent on $\cos\theta_{\text{track}}$ and charge
- Cross check the corrections on other known mass peaks
- Consider several systematic effects in the SF determination:
 - PDG mass uncertainty, peak position modeling, additional kinematics dependence, detector misalignment

impact on tau mass: **0.06 MeV** → below fractions of permille level!

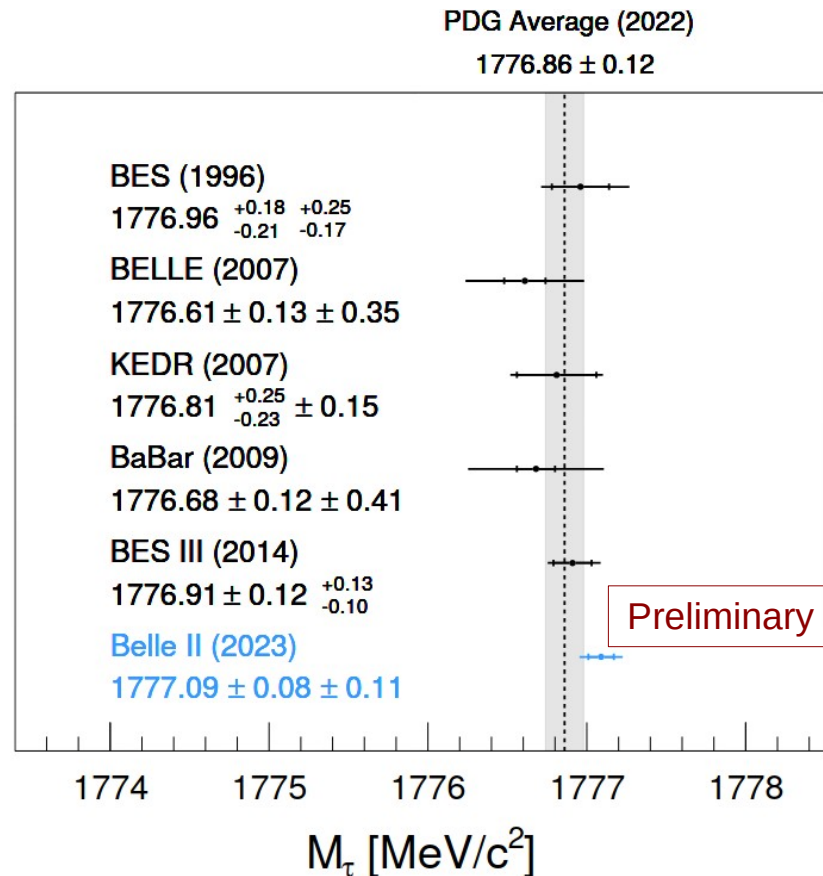


World's most precise measurement

- World's most precise measurement of $m_\tau = 1777.09 \pm 0.08_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.11_{\text{sys}} \text{ MeV}/c^2$



→ Proof of high precision capability of Belle II!



Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU) tests

- LFU in SM assumes all three leptons have equal coupling strength (g_l) to the charged gauge bosons of the electroweak interaction

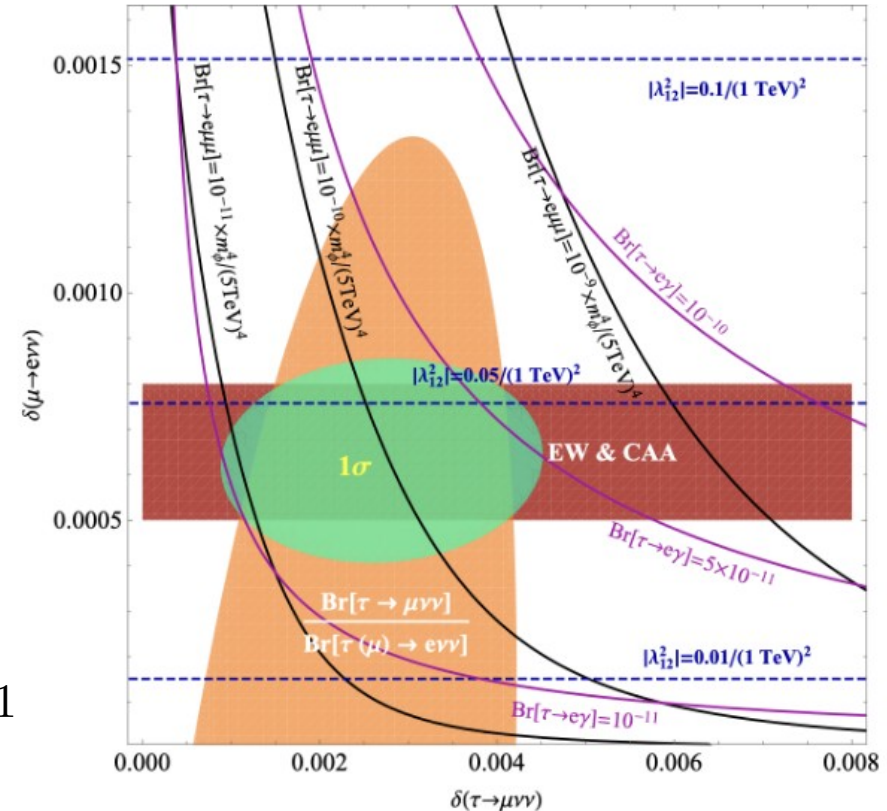
$$\left. \frac{\mathcal{A}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{A}(\mu \rightarrow e \nu \bar{\nu})} \right|_{\text{EXP}} = 1.0029(14),$$

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- Many models predict **new forces** violating LFU (singly-charged scalar Φ [1]):

$$\delta(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \nu \bar{\nu}) = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{NP}(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \nu_i \bar{\nu}_j)}{\mathcal{A}_{SM}(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \nu_i \bar{\nu}_j)} = \frac{|\lambda_{ij}^2|}{g_2^2} \frac{m_W^2}{m_\phi^2} = A_{\text{EXP}}/A_{\text{SM}} - 1$$



$\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu$ LFU test

- Tau decays allow high precision tests of LFU by measuring R_μ

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau^2 \propto R_\mu = \frac{\mathcal{B}[\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau]}{\mathcal{B}[\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau]} \text{ with } \left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right)_\tau = \sqrt{R_\mu \frac{f(m_e^2/m_\tau^2)}{f(m_\mu^2/m_\tau^2)}}$$

- Previous best results from BaBar (467/fb) [1]

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- Reconstruct (3x1)-prong decays in tau pair events
- **0.4% precision** dominated by systematic contribution of particle identification (PID)

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Backgrounds	0.08
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$\pi^- \pi^- \pi^+$ modelling	0.01
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$\mathcal{L}\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-}$	0.02
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- Major improvement at Belle II

- Several dedicated **low-multiplicity triggers** based on calorimeter cluster properties

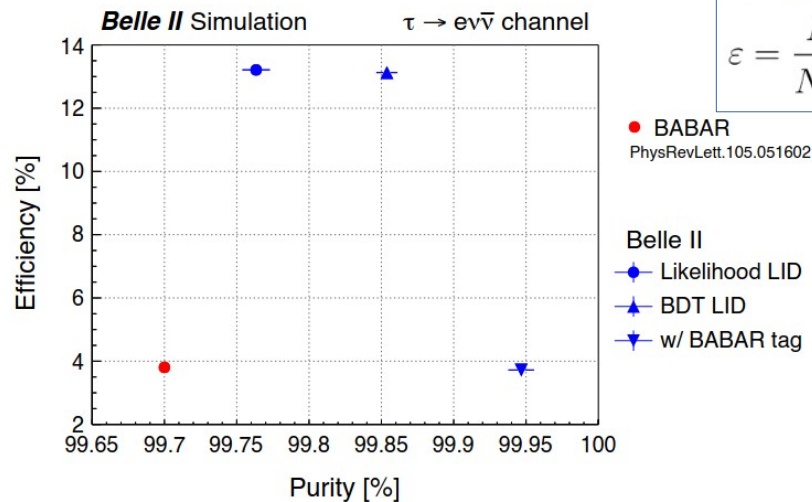
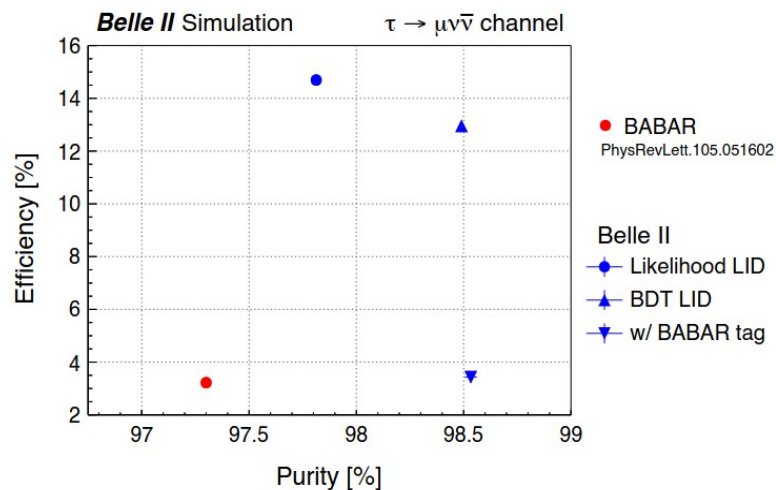
- Drop **hadron identification** variable and exploit E/p and pT selections to separate leptons from pions

→ Eventually explore **additional topologies** (add the (1x1)-prong signature)

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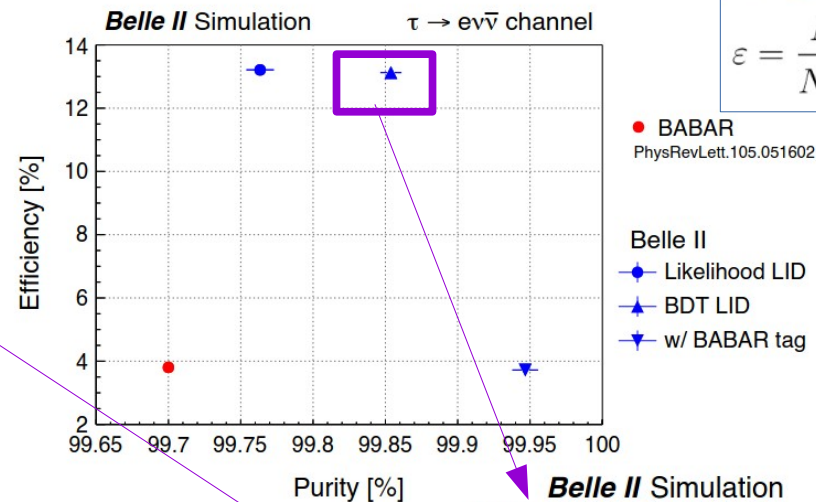
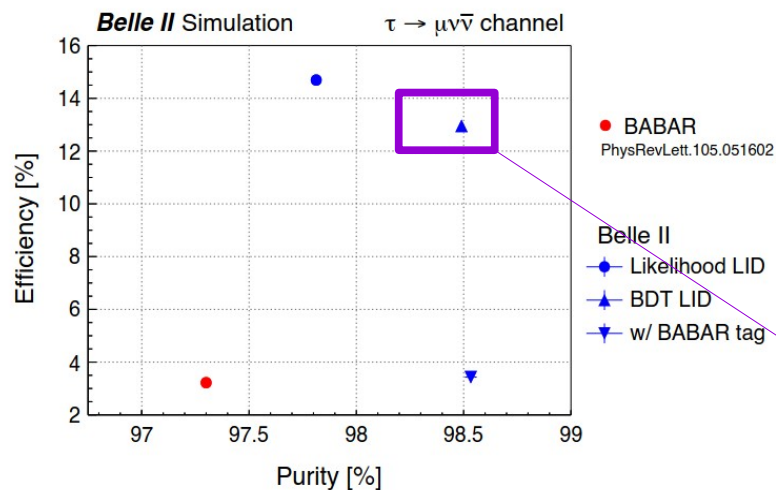
$\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu$ LFU test prospects at Belle II



$$\varepsilon = \frac{N_{\text{selected}}^{\text{signal}}}{N_{\text{generated}}^{\text{signal}}} \quad P = \frac{N_{\text{selected}}^{\text{signal}}}{N_{\text{selected}}^{\text{total}}}$$

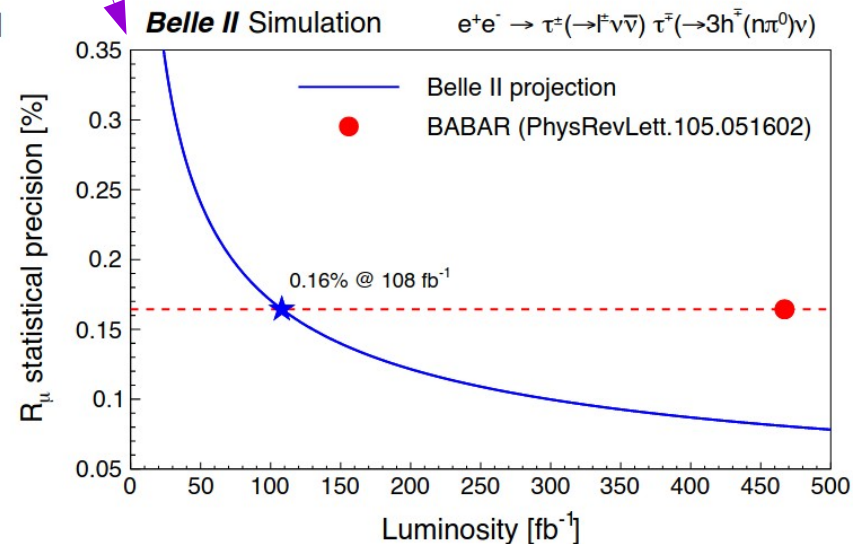
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 - Main showstopper to add (1x1) decays is the development of dedicated trigger line
- With less than ¼ of BaBar data possible to reach the same statistical precision



Conclusions

- Belle II has **unique sensitivity** for direct searches for LFV τ decays and **world's leading precision** capabilities in SM tests

→ Main handles for world's best results are new **inclusive technique** in τ -pair reconstruction, dedicated **triggers** and excellent control of **systematic uncertainties**

- Search for invisible LFV scalar in $\tau \rightarrow l\alpha$ [Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 181803](#)
- Search for LFV $\tau \rightarrow l\Phi$ decays [Conf. paper arXiv: 2305.04759](#)
- Measurement of the τ lepton mass

→ 424 fb⁻¹ already on tape, more results on larger statistics and with improved analyses in the pipeline

Thanks for your attention!

SM	LFV
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• τ lifetime measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\tau^- \rightarrow 3l$
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\tau \rightarrow \pi/K + \nu_\tau$ and V_{us}	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\tau^- \rightarrow l \gamma$
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• τ EDM and MDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\tau^- \rightarrow l \rho$
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPV: $\tau \rightarrow K_s \pi \nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow 3h \nu$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\tau^- \rightarrow l K_s$
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi$

What's next?

Backup

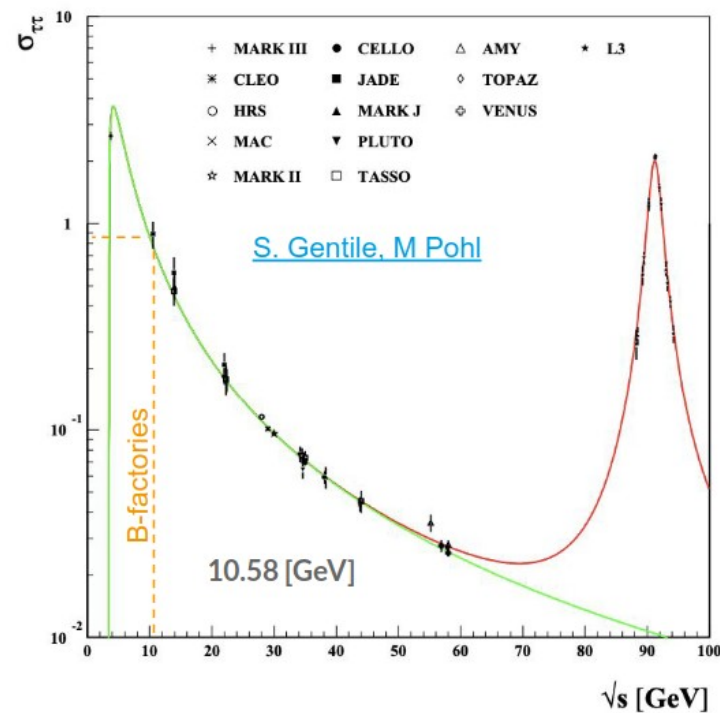
Tau signatures and physics requirements

- **Experimental requirements:**
 - good missing energy reconstruction
 - clean and well understood initial state
 - hermetic detector
 - excellent vertexing and tracking capabilities
 - ability to trigger low-multiplicity event
- **These are all met at B factories!**
 - tau pair production cross section comparable to that of B pairs

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4S)) = 1.11 \text{ nb}$$

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

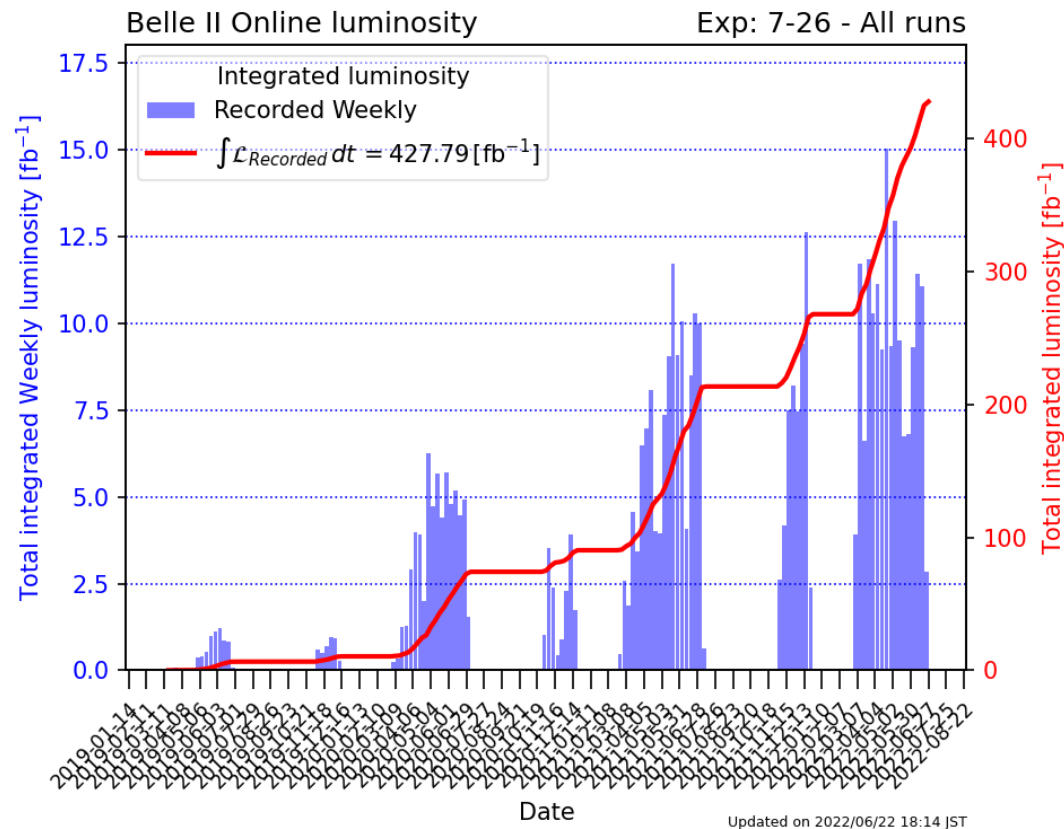
⇒ B-Factories are also tau factories!



Belle II Luminosity

Total Integrated luminosity for *good* runs:

- Total integrated luminosity: **424 fb⁻¹**
- Total integrated luminosity at the Y(4S) resonance: **363 fb⁻¹**
- Total integrated luminosity below Y(4S) resonance: **42 fb⁻¹**
- Total integrated luminosity above Y(4S) resonance: **19 fb⁻¹**



Long-shutdown activity and plans

Belle II stopped taking data in Summer 2022 for a long shutdown

- replacement of beam-pipe
- replacement of photomultipliers of the central PID detector (TOP)
- installation of 2-layered pixel vertex detector
- improved data-quality monitoring and alarm system
- complete transition to new DAQ boards (PCIe40)
- replacement of aging components
- additional shielding and increased resilience against beam backgrounds

Currently working on pixel detector installation:

- > shipping to KEK in mid March
- > final test at KEK scheduled in April

→ On track to resume data taking next winter with new pixel detector

Previous searches for LFV $\tau \rightarrow IV^0$ decays

BaBar Collaboration, B. Aubert et al.,

Improved Limits on Lepton Flavor Violating Tau Decays to $l\phi$, $l\rho$, lK^ , and $l\bar{K}^*$,*
Phys. Rev. Lett. 103 (2009).

Mode	ϵ [%]	N_{bgd}	N_{obs}	N_{UL}^{90}	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{exp}}^{90}$	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{UL}}^{90}$
$e\phi$	6.43 ± 0.16	0.68 ± 0.12	0	1.8	5.0	3.1
$\mu\phi$	5.18 ± 0.27	2.76 ± 0.16	6	8.7	8.2	19
$e\rho$	7.31 ± 0.18	1.32 ± 0.17	1	3.1	4.9	4.6
$\mu\rho$	4.52 ± 0.41	2.04 ± 0.19	0	1.1	8.9	2.6
eK^*	8.00 ± 0.19	1.65 ± 0.23	2	4.3	4.8	5.9
μK^*	4.57 ± 0.36	1.79 ± 0.21	4	7.1	8.5	17
$e\bar{K}^*$	7.76 ± 0.18	2.76 ± 0.28	2	3.2	5.4	4.6
$\mu\bar{K}^*$	4.11 ± 0.32	1.72 ± 0.17	1	2.7	9.3	7.3

Belle Collaboration, Y. Miyazaki et al.,

Search for Lepton-Flavor-Violating tau Decays into a Lepton and a Vector Meson,
Phys. Lett. B 699 (2011).

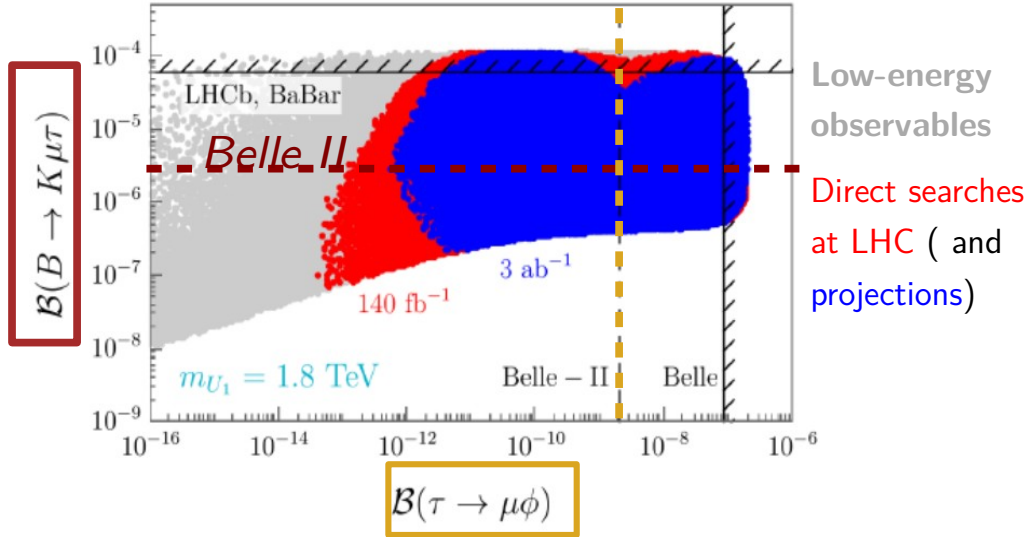
Mode	ϵ (%)	N_{BG}	σ_{syst} (%)	N_{obs}	s_{90}	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{obs}} (\times 10^{-8})$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \rho^0$	7.09	1.48 ± 0.35	5.3	0	1.34	1.2
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \rho^0$	7.58	0.29 ± 0.15	5.4	0	2.17	1.8
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \phi$	3.21	0.06 ± 0.06	5.8	1	4.24	8.4
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \phi$	4.18	0.47 ± 0.19	5.9	0	2.02	3.1
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \omega$	2.38	0.72 ± 0.18	6.1	0	1.76	4.7
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \omega$	2.92	0.30 ± 0.14	6.2	0	2.19	4.8
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- K^{*0}$	3.39	0.53 ± 0.20	5.5	1	3.81	7.2
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- K^{*0}$	4.37	0.29 ± 0.14	5.6	0	2.17	3.2
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{K}^{*0}$	3.60	0.45 ± 0.17	5.5	1	3.90	7.0
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{K}^{*0}$	4.41	0.08 ± 0.08	5.6	0	2.34	3.4

LFV world's leading results

Simplified $U1$ vector
leptoquark model

world largest
dataset for
 $ee \rightarrow \tau\tau$
events: 5×10^{10}

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• Set world's best limits on:

- 1) 12 τ LFV modes: $\tau \rightarrow ll$, $\tau \rightarrow \mu/e \gamma$, $\tau \rightarrow l V^0$
- 2) $B \rightarrow X_s ll'$ ($l=e, \mu, \tau$)



Fully constrain NP phase space



• τ LFV decays analyses established, improve sensitivity thanks to **better performance**

• τ LFV: **competitive limits** on pre-shutdown Belle II data set ($\sim 400/\text{fb}$)
• **B LFV**: start full analysis

• τ LFV: update results on full data set
• **B LFV**: validation of inclusive tagging on data, **BR measurement**