# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation in the $\tau$ Sector

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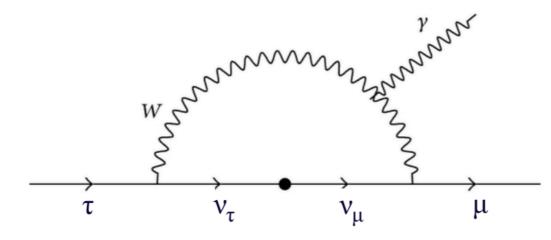
On behalf of Belle and Belle II collaborations





## Charged Lepton flavor violation (LFV) in $\tau$ decays

LFV is not forbidden by any continuous symmetry ⇒ most new physics (NP) models naturally include LFV



 $\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm} \gamma) \quad \text{Lee \& Shrock: Phys.Rev.D 16 (1977) 1444} \\ = \frac{3\alpha}{128\pi} \left(\frac{\Delta m_{23}^2}{M_W^2}\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{mix}} \mathcal{B}(\tau \to \mu \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_{\tau}) \\ \text{With } \Delta \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \ M_W \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{11}) \text{ eV} \\ \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-54}) \ (\theta_{\text{mix}} : \text{max}) \\ \text{many orders below experimental sensitivity!}$ 

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## Any observation of LFV $\Rightarrow$ unambiguous signature of NP

LFV in tau sector is complementary to muon sector in NP parameter space: current limit on  $\mathscr{B}(\mu \to e\gamma) \sim 10^{-13}$  does not forbid  $\mathscr{B}(\tau \to \ell \gamma) \sim 10^{-8}$ 

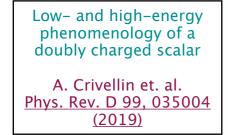
| Leptonic MFV: | BR( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ) / BR( $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ ) ~ s <sub>13</sub> <sup>2</sup> ~ 10 <sup>-2</sup> |
|---------------|--|
| GUT models:   | BR( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ) / BR( $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ ) ~ $ V_{us} ^6$ ~ 10-4                             |

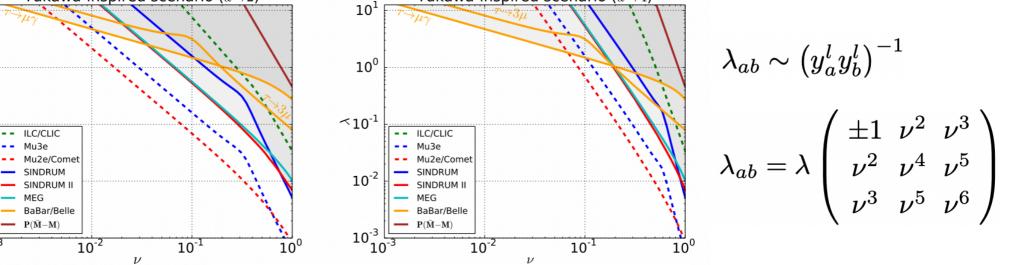
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## New Physics expectations

Mass dependent couplings enhance tau LFV w.r.t. lighter leptons





Yukawa-inspired scenario ( $d \rightarrow 4$ )

 $10^{-9}$ 

Some models predict LFV up to existing experimental bounds

Yukawa-inspired scenario ( $d \rightarrow 2$ )

10<sup>1</sup>

10<sup>0</sup>

 $< 10^{-1}$ 

 $10^{-2}$ 

 $10^{-3}$ 

- **e**g. SUSY models: non-diagonal slepton mass matrix  $\Rightarrow$  LFV
- Normal (Inverted) hierarchy for slepton  $\Rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$  (  $\tau \rightarrow e \gamma$ )
- Neutrinoless 2 and 3 body  $\tau$  decays have different sensitivity

 $\frac{V}{U} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathcal{B}(\tau \to \ell \gamma) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathcal{B}(\tau \to \ell \ell) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathcal{B}(\tau \to \ell)$ 

S. Banerjee SM+Heavy Majorana  $\nu_{\rm R}$  (PRD66(2002)034008)

University of Viscovia Similar Canada Similar Changes ( $\ell = e_{\mu}\mu; h = \pi, K$ )

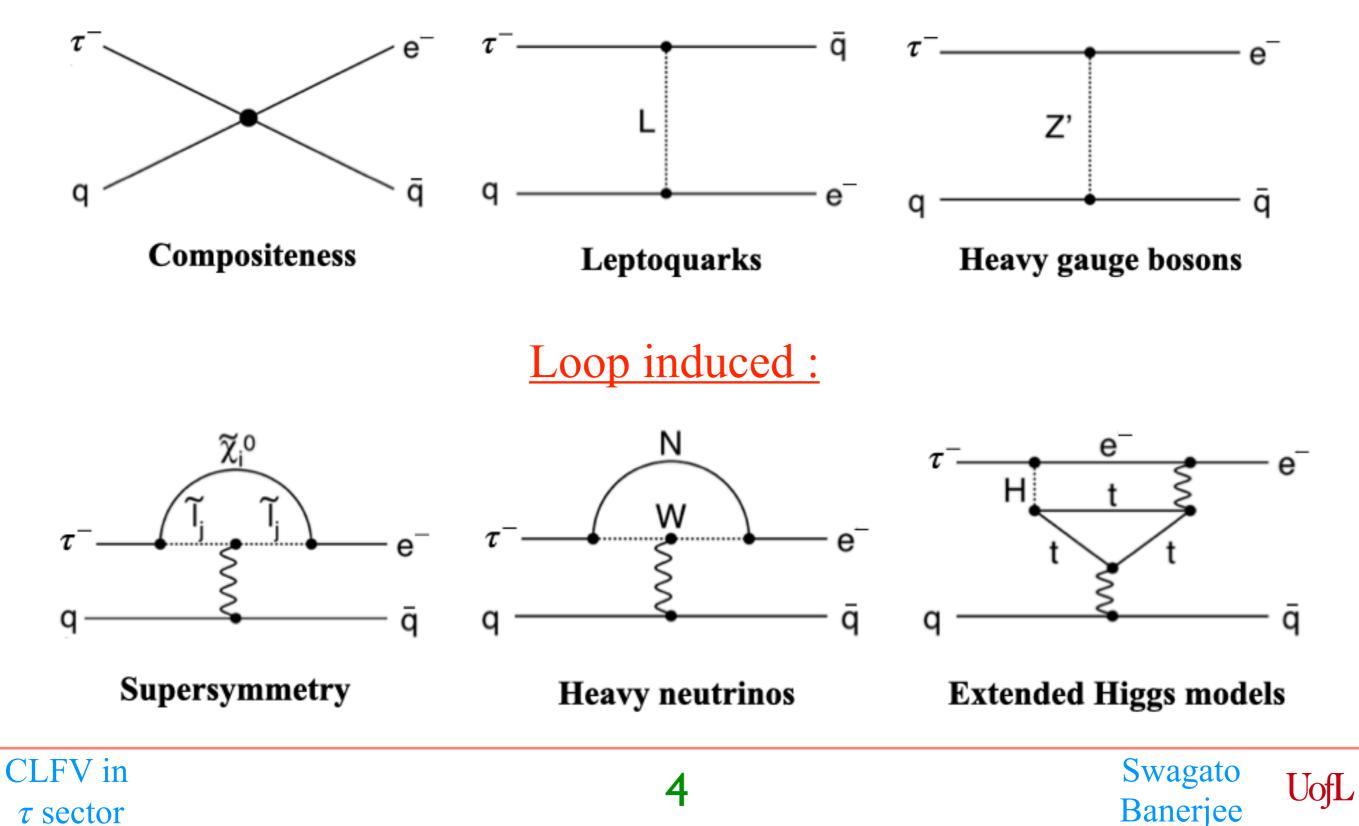


 $10^{-10}$ 

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## **New Physics illustrations**

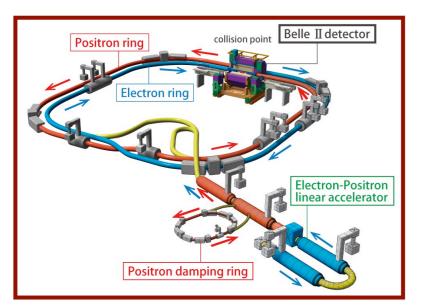
## Tree level :



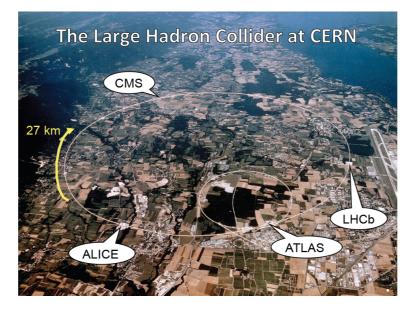
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## Current and future experiments

#### **Belle II at SuperKEKB**



#### ATLAS, CMS, LHCb at LHC



#### STCF proposal at China/Novosibirsk

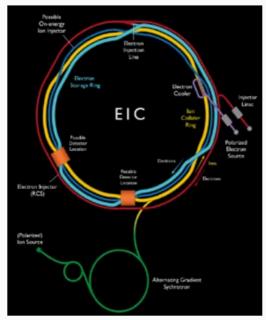


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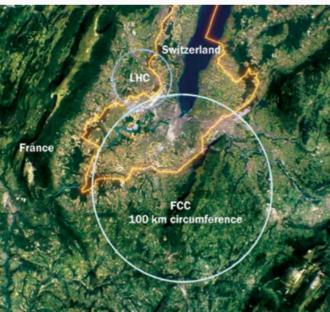
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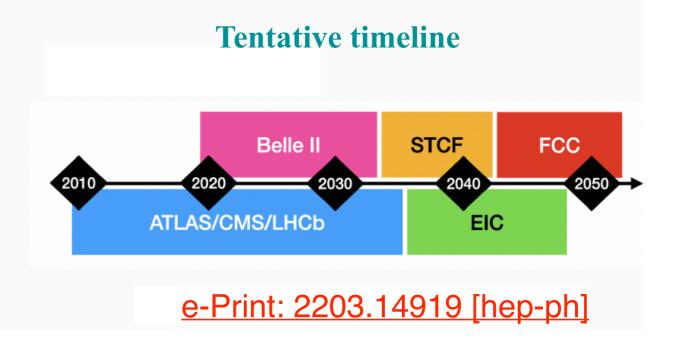
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#### **EIC at Brookhaven**



#### FCC-ee proposal – CERN





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## About fifty $\tau$ decay modes & many transitions with $\tau$ in the final state

- Lepton flavor violation (charge conjugate modes implied)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu \gamma$  (Belle II, STCF, FCC-ee)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu$  (scalar/pseudoscalar/vector mesons) (Belle II)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e \ e \ e \ (Belle \ II)$
  - $\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$  (Belle II, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, STCF, FCC-ee)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e \mu \mu, \mu e e$  (Belle II)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu$  h h (non-resonant final states with h= $\pi/K$ ) (Belle II, STCF)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu$  invisible ( $\alpha$ ) (Belle II)
  - $H \rightarrow e \tau, \mu \tau$  (ATLAS, CMS)
  - $Z(Z') \rightarrow e \tau, \mu \tau (ATLAS, CMS)$
  - $e \rightarrow \tau$  transitions (EIC)
- Lepton number violation
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ h^- h^-$  (non-resonant final states with h= $\pi/K$ ) (Belle II)
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ h^- h^-$  (non-resonant final states with h= $\pi/K$ ) (Belle II)
- Baryon number violation
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-, \overline{\Lambda} \pi^-$  (Belle II)
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \overline{p} \ \mu^+ \ \mu^-, \ p \ \mu^- \ \mu^-$  (Belle II, LHCb)

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## $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$ at Belle II

LFV decay: τ → ℓα (where ℓ = e or μ, and α is an invisible boson)
α can enter from new physics models, eg. light axion like particles (ALP), Z', etc.

τ

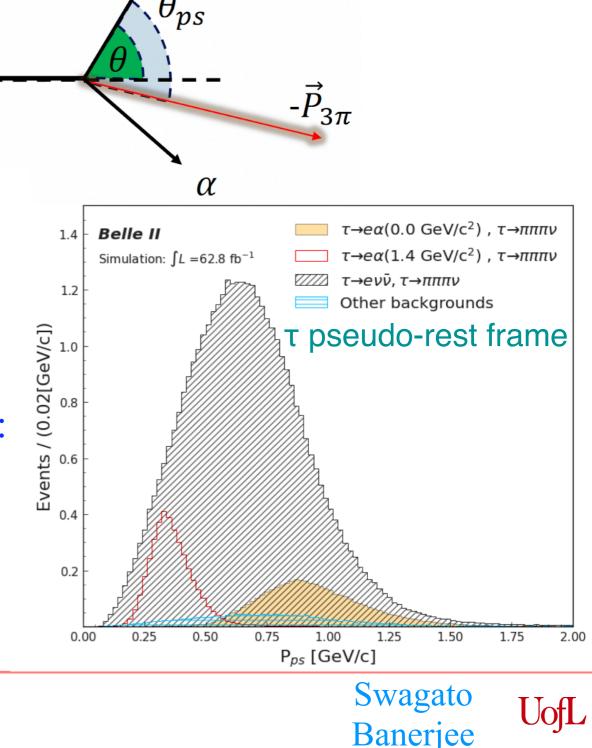
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 $\vec{P}_{3\pi}$ 

2-body  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$  decay will appear as a bump against the SM 3-body  $\tau \rightarrow \ell v \overline{v}$  background in the p<sub>l</sub> distribution in the  $\tau$  pseudo-rest frame:

$$\hat{p}_{\tau} \approx -\frac{p'_{tag}}{|\overrightarrow{p}_{tag}|}, \quad E_{\tau} \approx \sqrt{s/2}$$

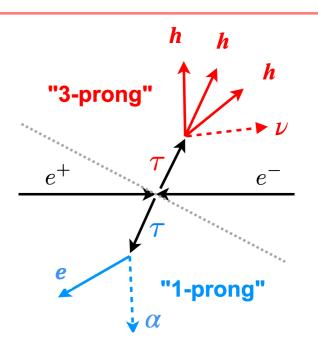


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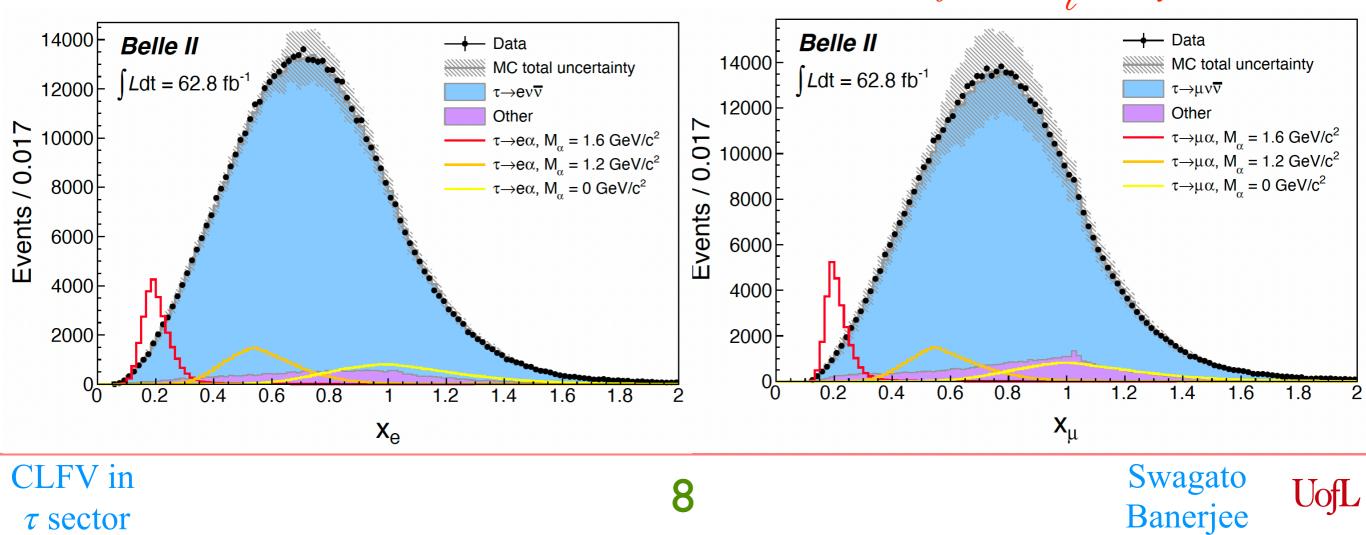
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## $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$ at Belle II

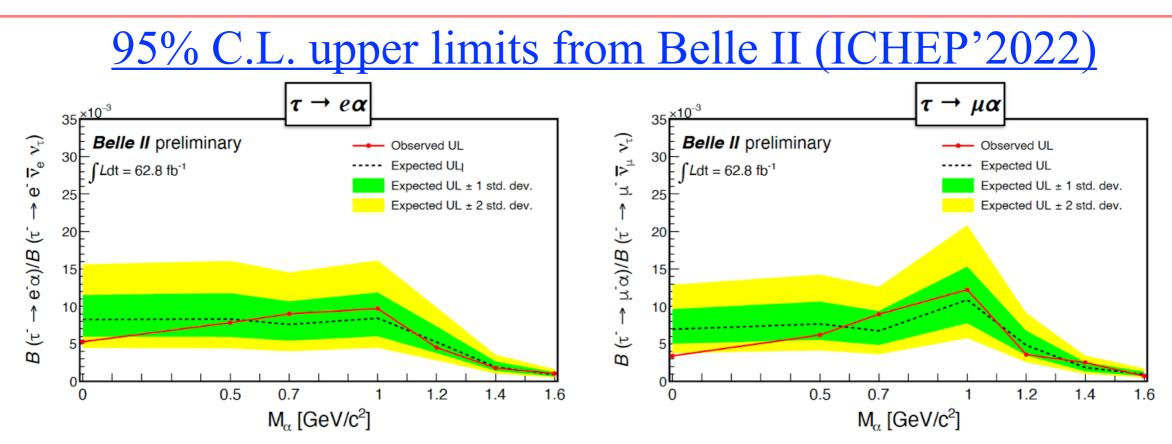
- Event reconstruction:
  - ► Split event into hemispheres  $\perp$  to thrust axis  $(\hat{n}_T)$ which maximizes Thrust = max $\left(\sum_{i} |\vec{p}_i| \cdot \hat{n}_T\right) / \left(\sum_{i} |\vec{p}_i|\right)$
  - Require exactly 4 tracks: 1 in signal-side, 3 in tag-side
  - Veto neutrals  $(\pi^0, \gamma)$  to suppress hadronic background.
- Backgrounds reduced by cuts:
  - $q\overline{q}, \ell^+\ell^-, \ell^+\ell^-\ell^+\ell^-, \ell^+\ell^-h^+h^- \text{ and } \tau^+\tau^$ with misidentified signal (e.g.  $\tau \to \pi v$ )



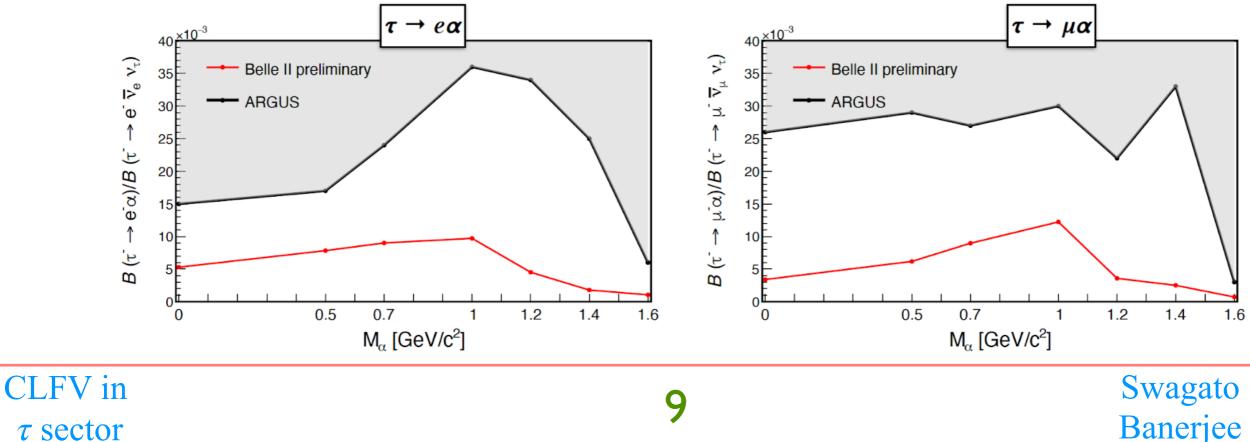
• Data-MC agreement in the discriminating variable:  $x_{\ell} = 2E_{\rho}^{ps}/m_{\tau}$ 



## $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$ at Belle II



Comparison with previous limits from ARGUS (0.472 fb<sup>-1</sup>) [Z. Phys. C68 (1995) 25]



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## Estimates of experimental sensitivity in LFV searches

$$B_{\rm UL}^{90} = N_{\rm UL}^{90} / (N_\tau \times \varepsilon)$$

 $\bullet$  <u> $\varepsilon$ </u>: high statistics signal MC simulated for different Data-taking periods

| $\epsilon = \text{Trigger} \cdot \text{Reco} \cdot \text{Topology} \cdot \text{PID} \cdot \text{Cuts} \cdot \text{Signal-Box}$ |    |            |     |            |     |     |
|--|----|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----|
| 90   | )% | 70%        | 70% | 50%        | 50% | 50% |
| Cumulative:  |    |            |     |            |     |     |
| 9(   | )% | <b>63%</b> | 44% | <b>22%</b> | 11% | ~5% |

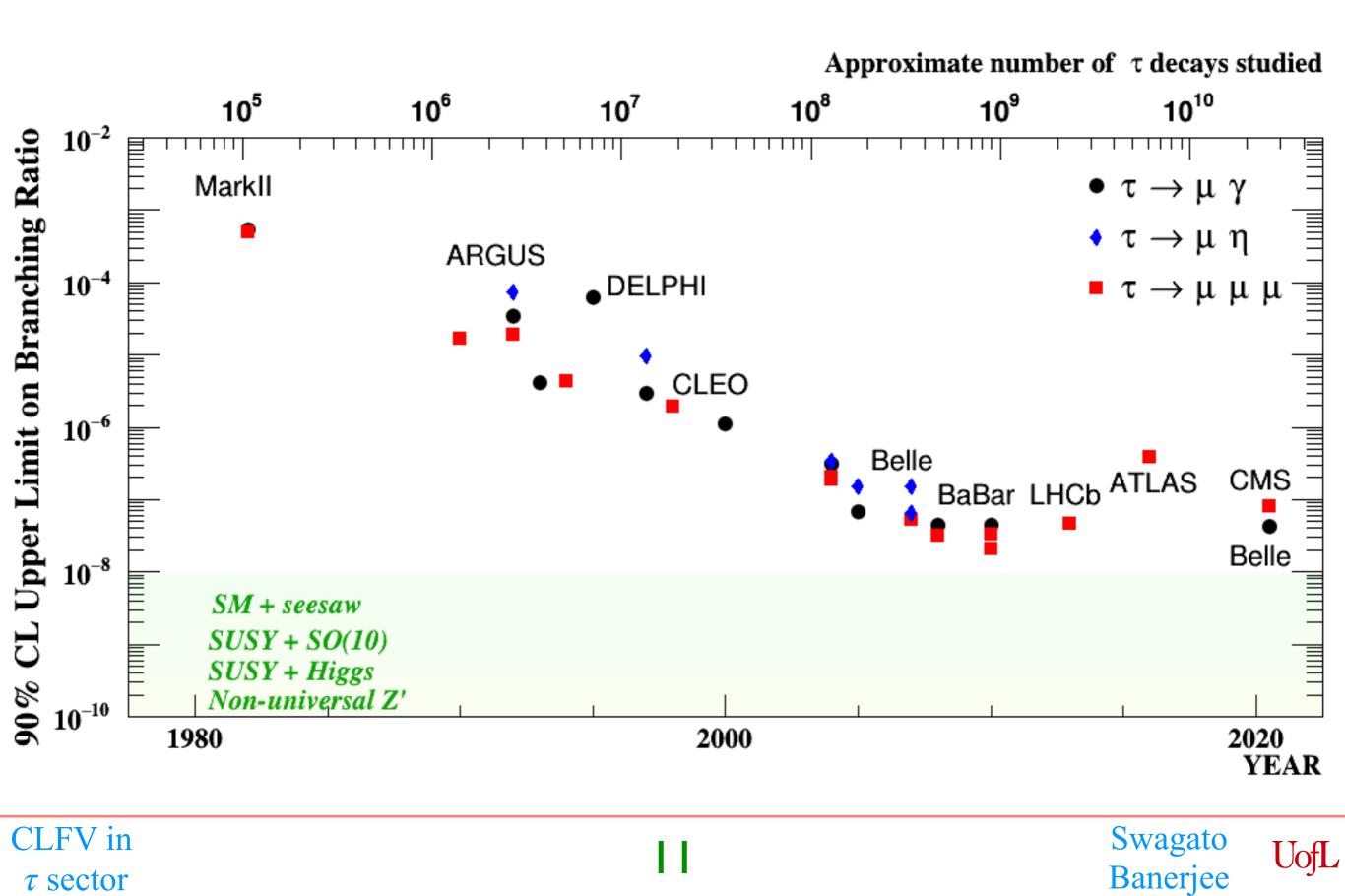
|          | $\sqrt{s}$ | Luminosity (L) | $N_{\tau} = 2L\sigma$  |                         |  |
|----------|------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Belle II | 10.58 GeV  | 50 ab-1        | 9.2 x10 <sup>10</sup>  |                         |  |
| HL-LHC   | 14 TeV     | 3 ab-1         | $O(10^{15})$           | (Efficiency much lower) |  |
| STCF     | 2-7 GeV    | 1 ab-1         | 7.0 x10 <sup>9</sup>   |                         |  |
| FCC-ee   | 91.2 GeV   | 150 ab-1       | 3.4 x 10 <sup>11</sup> |                         |  |
|          |            |                |                        |                         |  |





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## Current status of LFV $\tau$ decays ~ 10-7



## $\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$ at Belle II

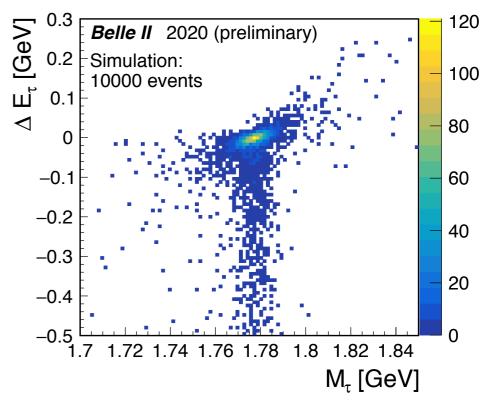
- Known initial conditions (beam energy constraint)
- Clean environment (fewer backgrounds)

**Two independent variables:** 

$$M_{\tau} = \sqrt{E_{\mu\mu\mu}^2 - P_{\mu\mu\mu}^2}$$
$$A E = E^{CMS} E^{CMS}$$

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

- $\bullet \quad \Delta E \text{ close to } 0 \text{ for signal}$
- Mass of tau daughters close to  $\tau$  mass



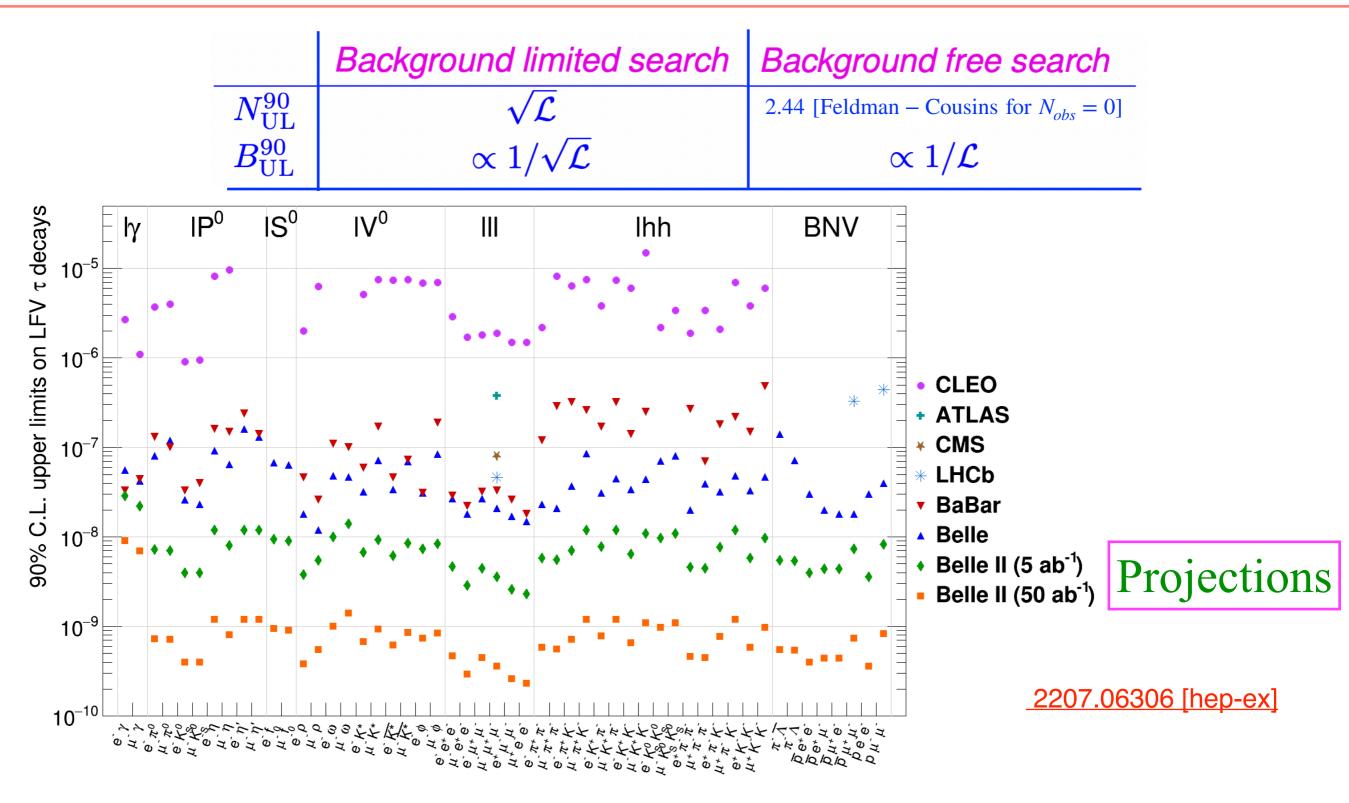
#### Higher signal efficiency is foreseen at Belle II than at Belle or BaBar

- higher trigger efficiencies
- improved vertexing detectors
- upgraded tracking /calorimetry
- momentum dependent particle identification optimizations

**Expected Belle II sensitivity:**  $\mathscr{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu) < 3.6 \text{ x } 10^{-10} \text{ with } 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ 



## Projected limits at Belle II



Belle II to probe LFV in several channels  $\approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$  to  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$  with 50 ab<sup>-1</sup>

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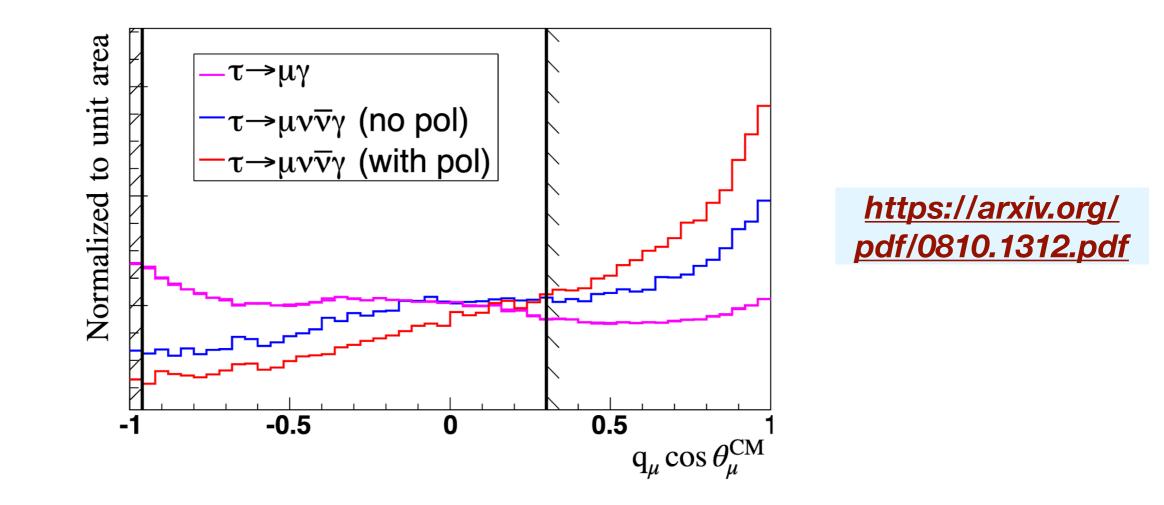
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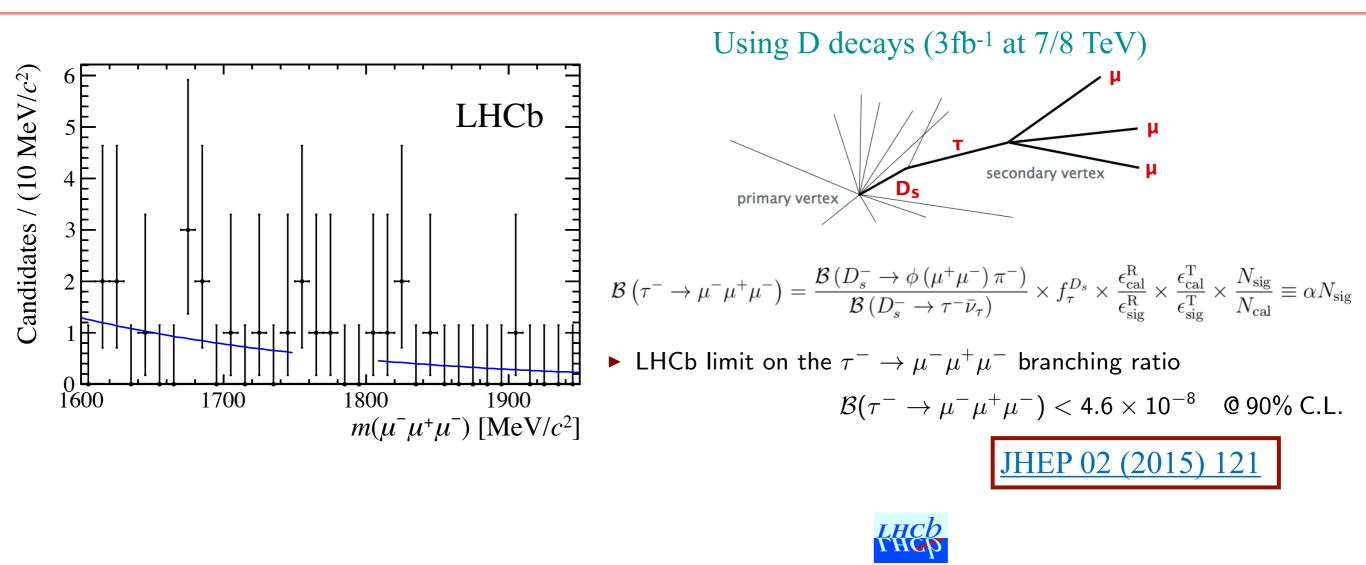
## Beam polarization upgrade at SuperKEKB/Belle II

- Further improvements are expected with polarized beams
- With beam polarization, helicity distributions can suppress backgrounds
- Optimization study shows at least 10% improvement in  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \gamma$  sensitivity



Intriguing aspect of having the polarization is the possibility to determine the helicity structure of the LFV coupling in  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$  from Dalitz plots.

## $\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$ at LHCb



### LHCb-PUB-2018-009

The cross-section is five orders of magnitude larger than at Belle II. This compensates for the higher background levels and lower integrated luminosity. As pointed out in [76], during the HL-LHC era, the LHCb Upgrade II detector will allow to collect 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>. With this large data sample, LHCb will be able to probe the branching ratio down to  $O(10^{-9})$ , and either independently confirm any Belle II discovery or significantly improve the limit.

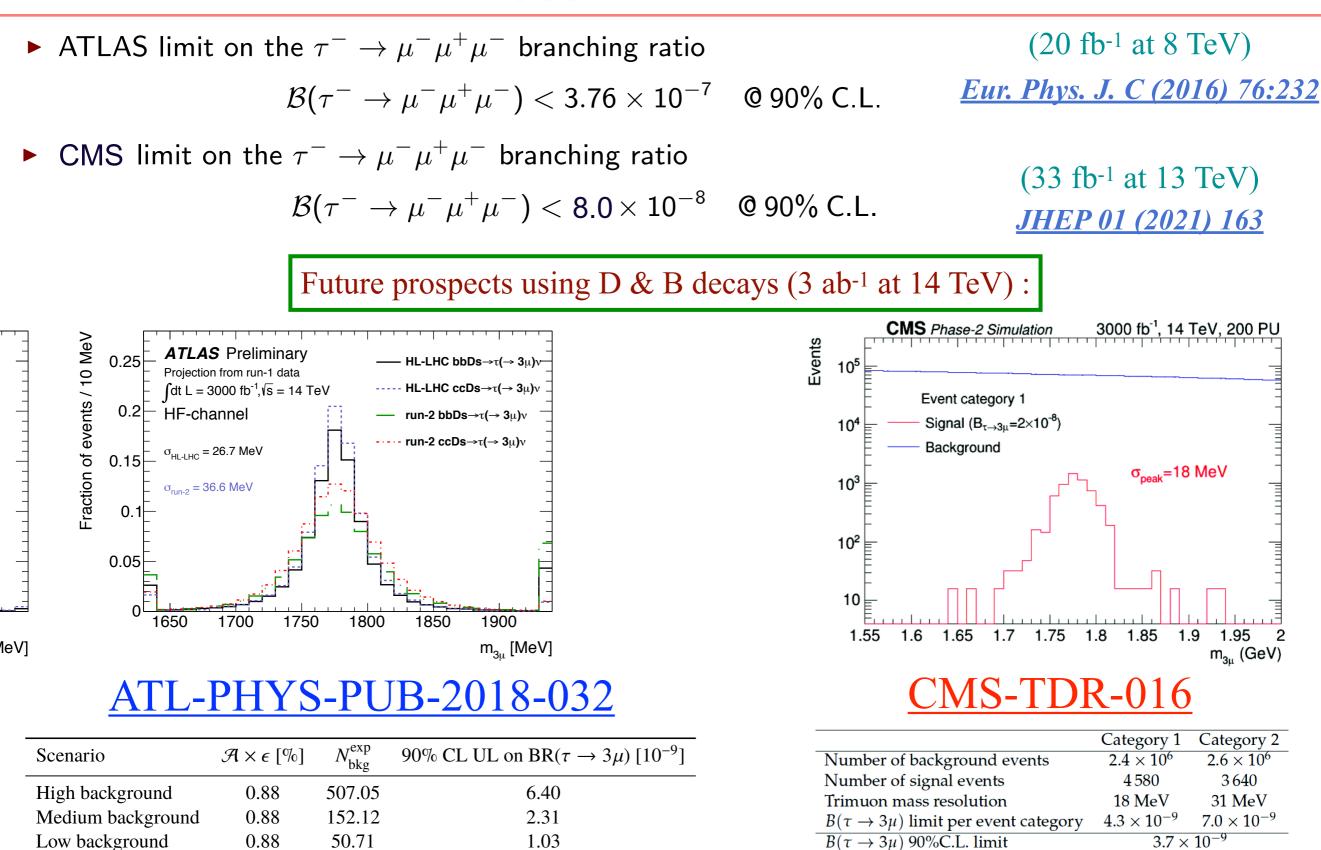
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## $\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$ at ATLAS & CMS



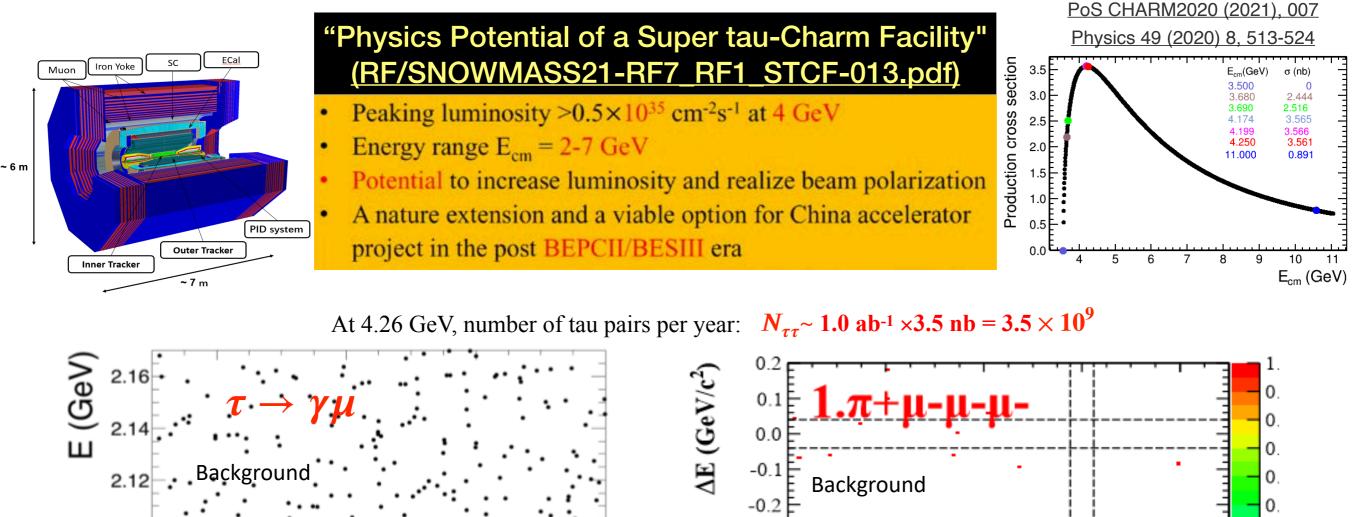
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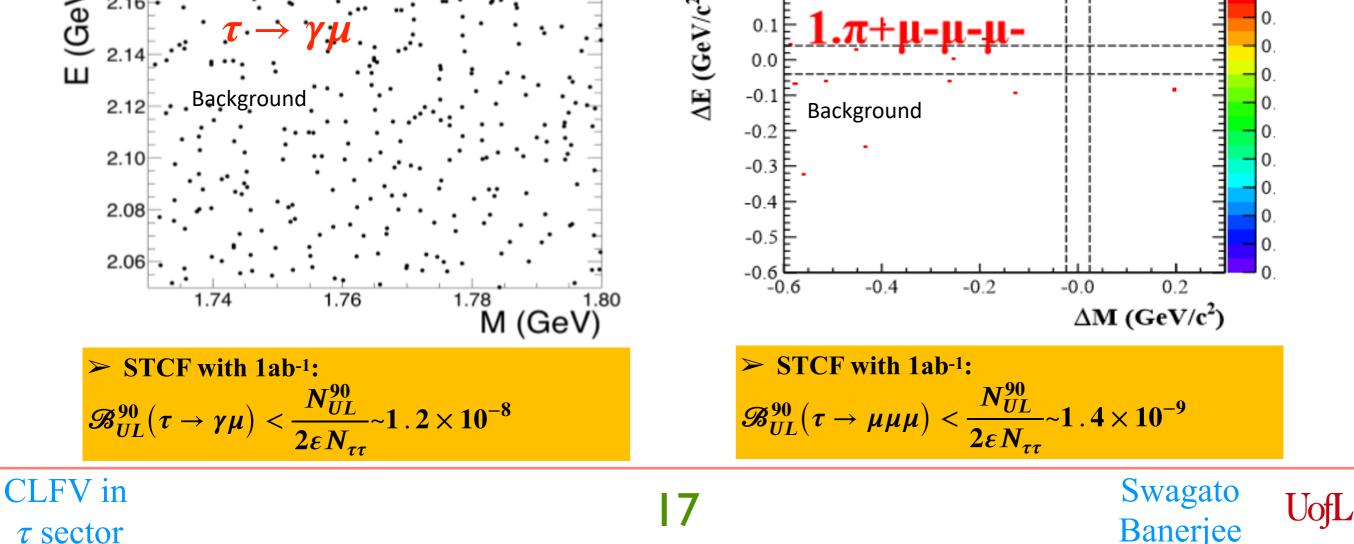
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## Super Tau-Charm Facility

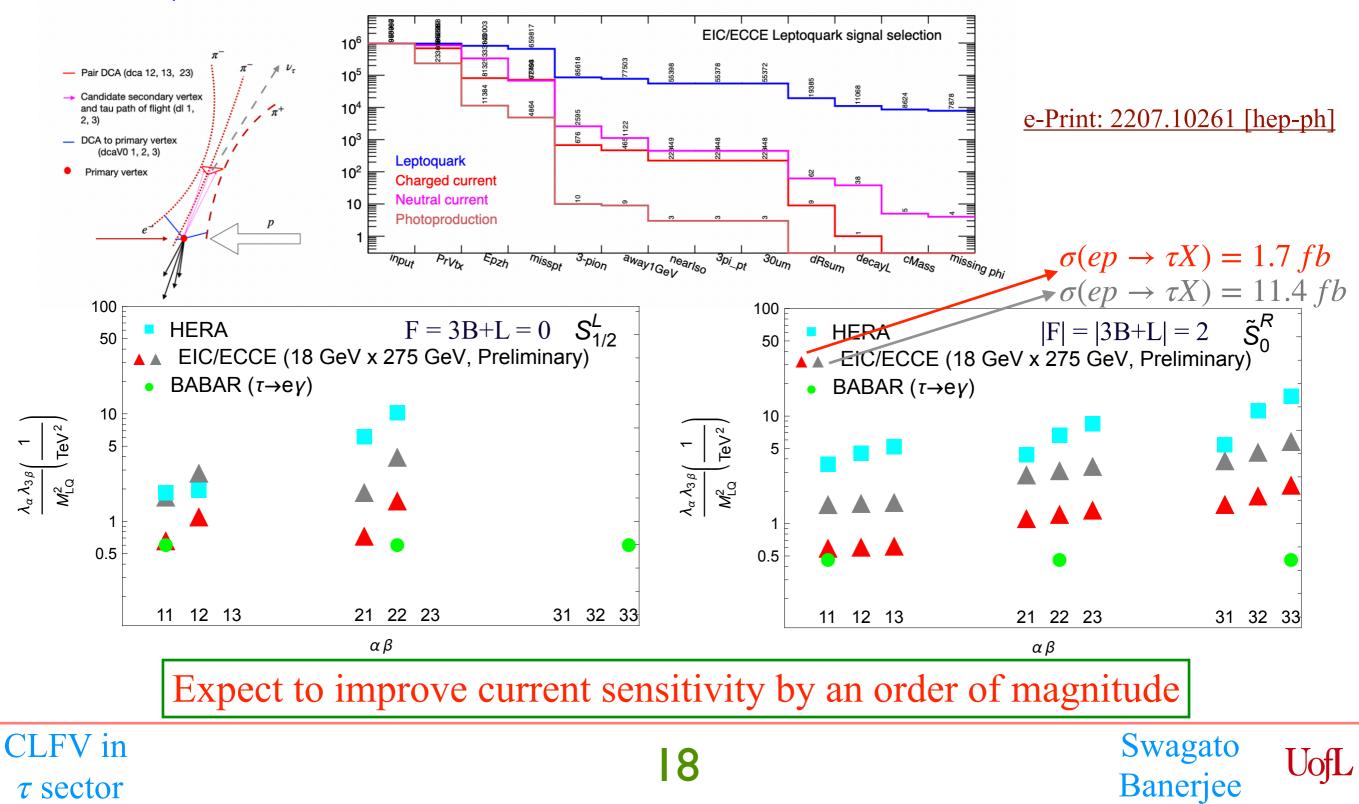




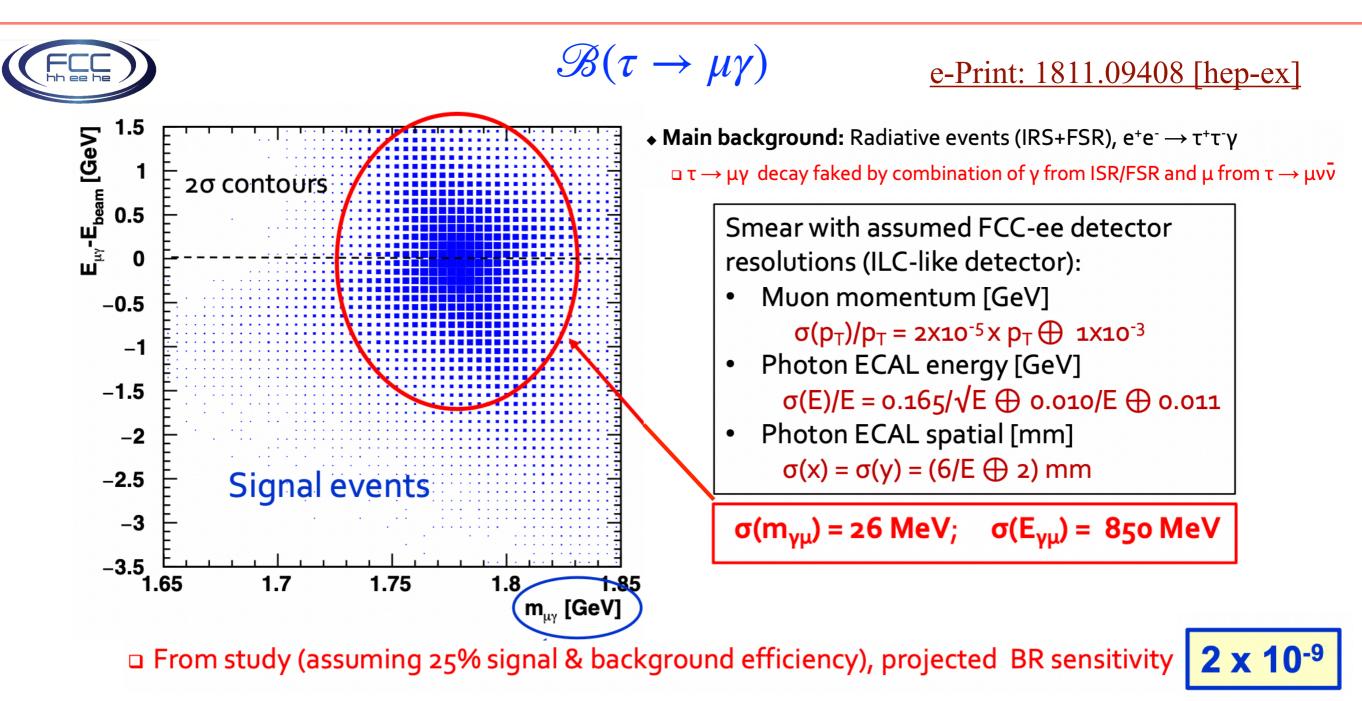
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## $e \rightarrow \tau$ transitions at EIC

Sensitivity study with 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data to be collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 140$  GeV (18 GeV electron on 275 GeV protons)



FCC-ee



$$\mathscr{B}(\tau \to \mu \mu \mu)$$

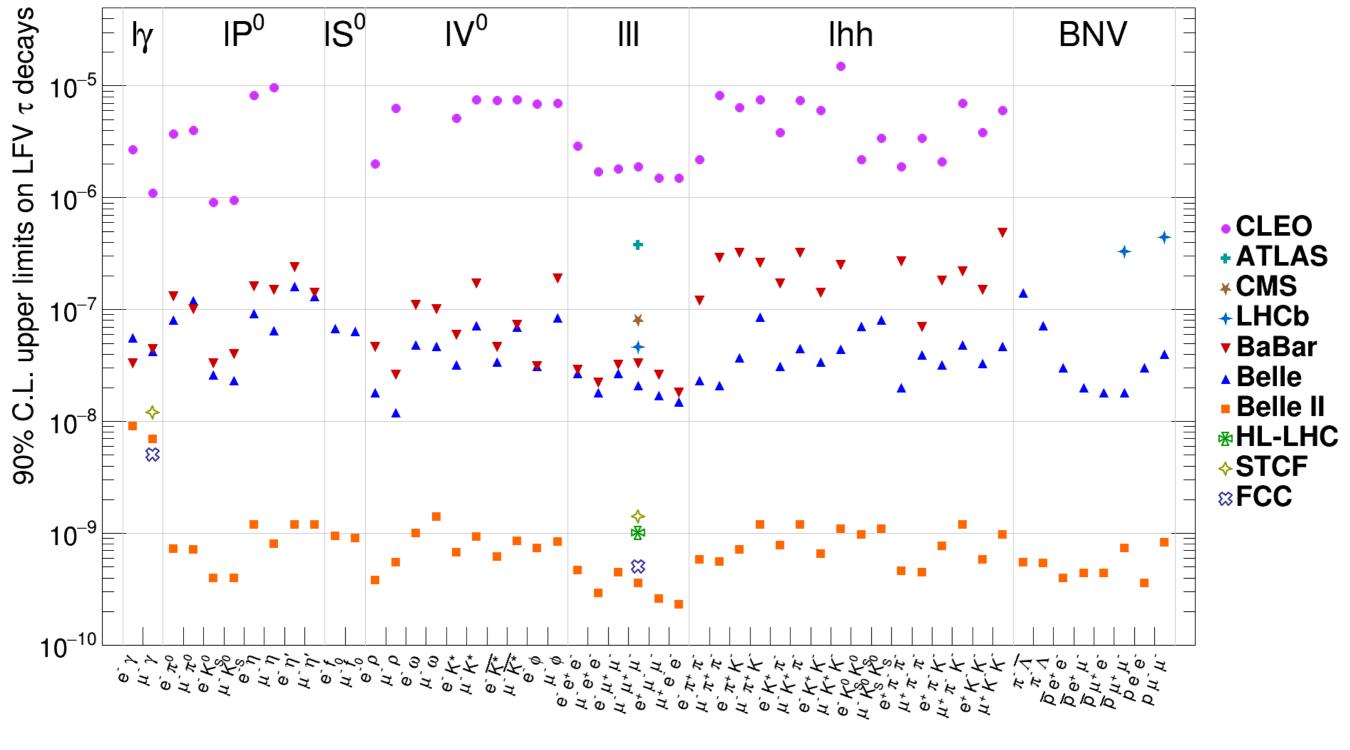
Expect this search to have very low background, even with FCC-ee like statistics

 $\Box$  Should be able to have sensitivity down to BRs of  $\leq 10^{-10}$ 

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## Summary of experimental prospects of $\tau$ decays



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## Summary of transitions with $\tau$ in the final state

| Channel                                 | Upper limit              | Experiment [Ref.] |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| $J/\psi  ightarrow e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$  | $7.5 	imes 10^{-8}$      | BES III [108]     |
| $J/\psi  ightarrow \mu^{\pm} 	au^{\mp}$ | $2.0 	imes 10^{-6}$      | BES [109]         |
| $B^0  ightarrow e^\pm 	au^\mp$          | $2.8 	imes 10^{-5}$      | BaBar [110]       |
| $B^0 	o \mu^\pm 	au^\mp$                | $2.2 \times 10^{-5}$     | BaBar [110]       |
|   | $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$     | LHCb [62]         |
| $B^+ \to \pi^+ e^\pm \tau^\mp$          | $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$     | BaBar [111]       |
| $B^+ 	o \pi^+ \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$         | $7.2 	imes 10^{-5}$      | BaBar [111]       |
| $B^+ \to K^+ e^\pm \tau^\mp$            | $3.0 	imes 10^{-5}$      | BaBar [111]       |
| $B^+ 	o K^+ \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$           | $4.8 \times 10^{-5}$     | BaBar [111]       |
| $B^+ \to K^+ \mu^- \tau^+$              | $3.9 	imes 10^{-5}$      | LHCb [63]         |
| $B^0_s  ightarrow \mu^\pm 	au^\mp$      | $3.4 	imes 10^{-5}$      | LHCb [62]         |
| $\Upsilon(1S) \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$   | $2.7 \times 10^{-6}$     | Belle [112]       |
| $\Upsilon(1S) \to \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$     | $2.7 	imes 10^{-6}$      | Belle $[112]$     |
| $\Upsilon(2S) \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$   | $3.2 \times 10^{-6}$     | BaBar [113]       |
| $\Upsilon(2S) \to \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$     | $3.3 	imes 10^{-6}$      | BaBar [113]       |
| $\Upsilon(3S) \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$   | $4.2 \times 10^{-6}$     | BaBar [113]       |
| $\Upsilon(3S) \to \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$     | $3.1 	imes 10^{-6}$      | BaBar [113]       |
| $Z \to e^\pm \tau^\mp$                  | $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$ (*) | ATLAS [69]        |
| $Z 	o \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$                 | $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ (*) | ATLAS [69]        |
| $H \to e^\pm \tau^\mp$                  | 0.47% (*)                | ATLAS [65]        |
|   | 0.22% (*)                | CMS 66            |
| $H 	o \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$                 | 0.28% (*)                | ATLAS 65          |
|   | 0.15% (*)                | CMS 66            |
|   | 26% (*)                  | LHCb $[64]$       |

Table 2: Bounds on selected LFV decays with  $\tau$  in the final state are shown at 90% CL, except for limits on those decays marked with a (\*), which are quoted at 95% CL.

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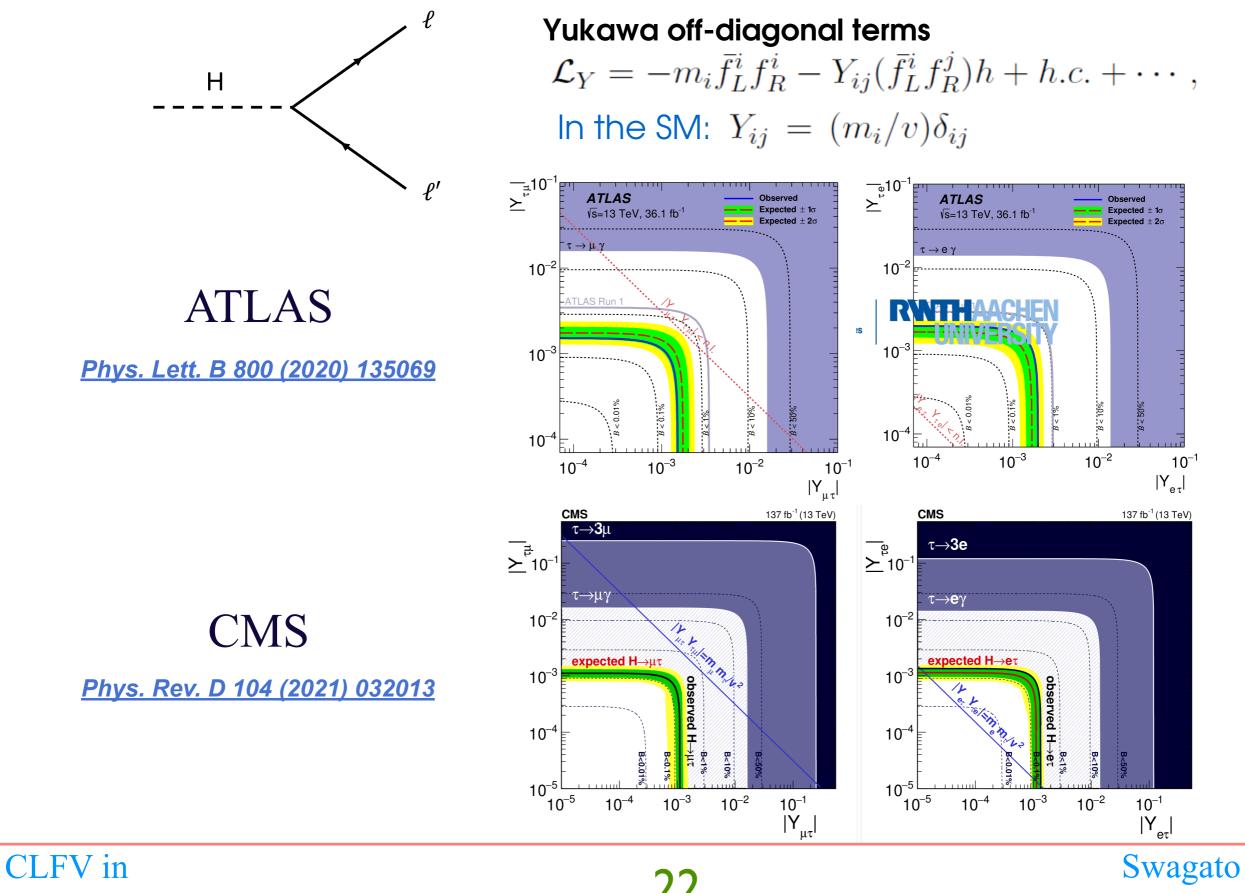
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## LFV decays of Higgs Boson



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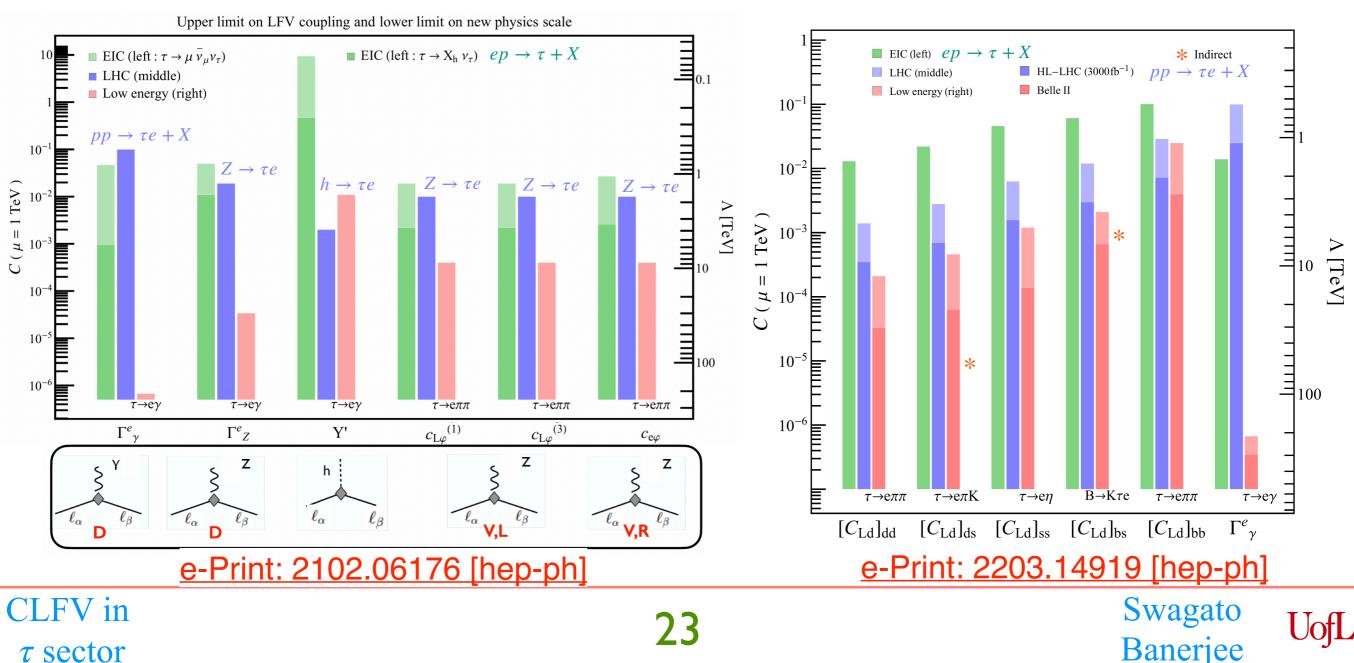
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## Global fit: $\tau \rightarrow e$ decays and transitions with $\tau$ in the final state

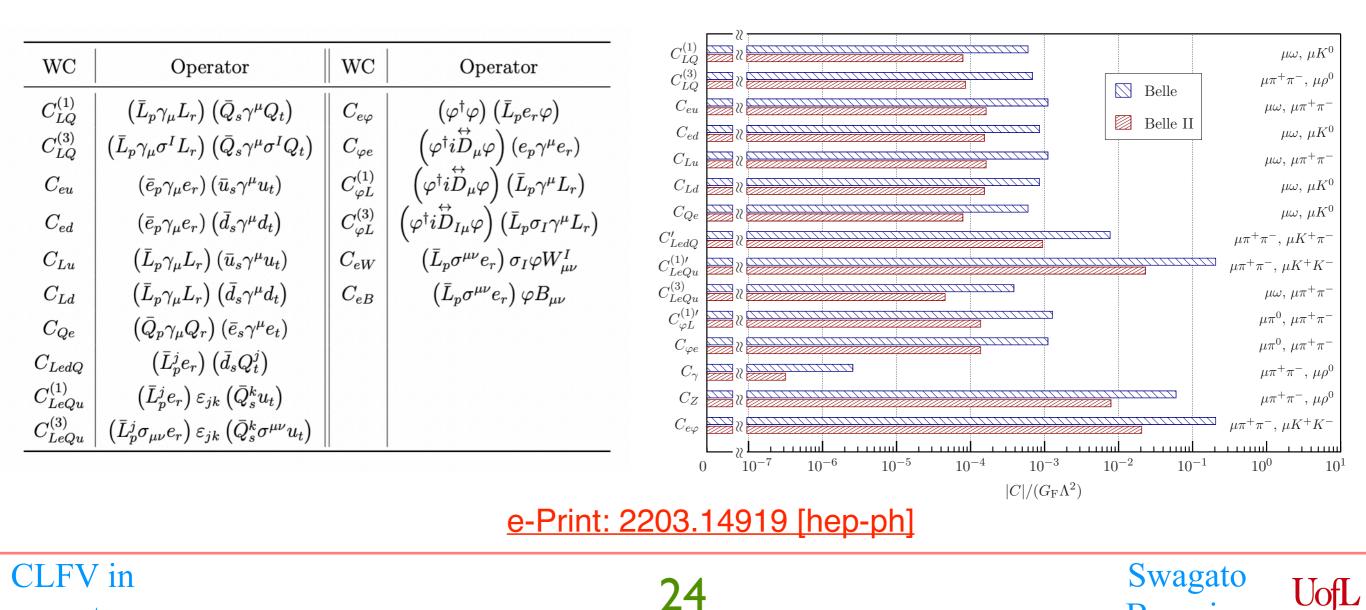
Model-independent probes of new physics at scale (Λ) encoded as Wilson coefficients (C<sub>n</sub>) via EFT approach.
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More: E. Mereghetti's talk on 3 Sep'22



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## Summary and outlook

|                      | Observed Limits |                        |                      | Expected Limits |                       |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| $\tau^- \rightarrow$ | Experiment      | Luminosity             | UL (obs)             | Experiment      | Luminosity            | UL (exp)                |
| $\mu^-\gamma$        | Belle 93        | $988 \ {\rm fb}^{-1}$  | $4.2 \times 10^{-8}$ | Belle II [54]   | $50  {\rm ab}^{-1}$   | $6.9 \times 10^{-9}$    |
|                      | BaBar [83]      | $516  {\rm  fb}^{-1}$  | $4.4 \times 10^{-8}$ |                 |                       |                         |
|                      |                 |                        |                      | STCF [74]       | $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   | $1.8 \times 10^{-8}$    |
|                      |                 |                        |                      | FCC-ee [87,91]  | $150 \ {\rm ab}^{-1}$ | $O(10^{-9})$            |
| $\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$    | Belle [102]     | $782  {{\rm fb}^{-1}}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$ | Belle II [54]   | $50  {\rm ab}^{-1}$   | $3.6 \times 10^{-10}$   |
|                      | BaBar [103]     | $468  {\rm  fb}^{-1}$  | $3.3{	imes}10^{-8}$  |                 |                       |                         |
|                      | LHCb [61]       | $3  \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$  | $4.6 \times 10^{-8}$ | LHCb [76]       | $300~{ m fb}^{-1}$    | $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$  |
|                      | CMS [67]        | $33  \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ | $8.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | CMS [77]        | $3 \mathrm{ab}^{-1}$  | $3.7{	imes}10^{-9}$     |
|                      | ATLAS [68]      | $20  \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ | $3.8 \times 10^{-7}$ | ATLAS [78]      | $3 \mathrm{ab}^{-1}$  | $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$    |
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- Observation of LFV in the charged lepton sector would completely change our understanding of physics and herald a new period of discoveries in particle physics. Synergies between different experiments compliment discovery potential/confirmation.
- Now is a very interesting era in the searches for LFV in decays of the τ lepton, as the current limits will improve by an order of magnitude down to a few parts in 10<sup>-10</sup> to 10<sup>-9</sup> at the Belle II experiment. Polarized beams can further improve the sensitivity.
- Similar sensitivities will be probed at ATLAS, CMS & LHCb with high luminosity upgrade.
- Proposed experiments at STCF, EIC & FCC-ee will continue searches for LFV in the tau sector, also with the possibility of beam polarization.

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