

# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation & Lepton/Baryon Number Violation at Belle II

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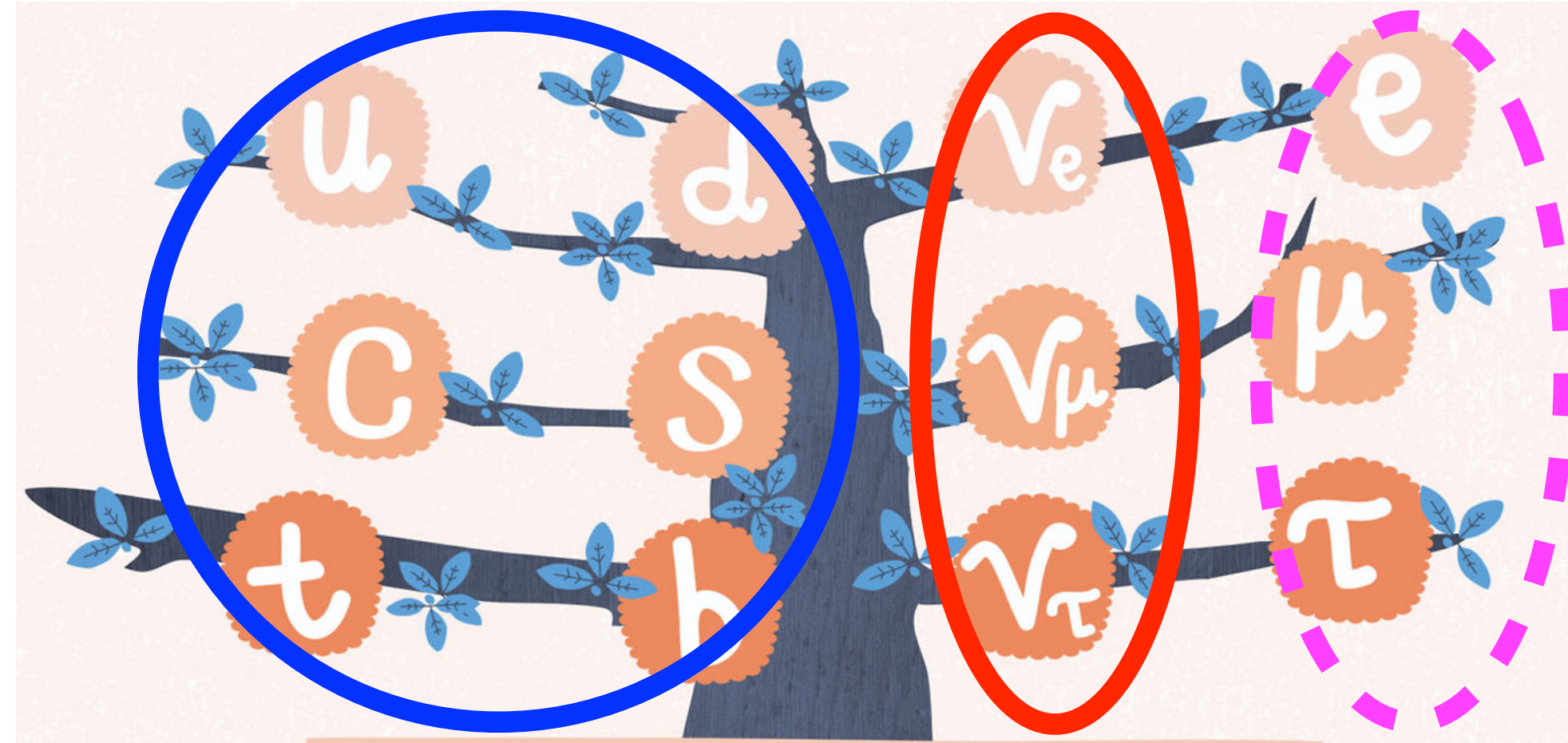
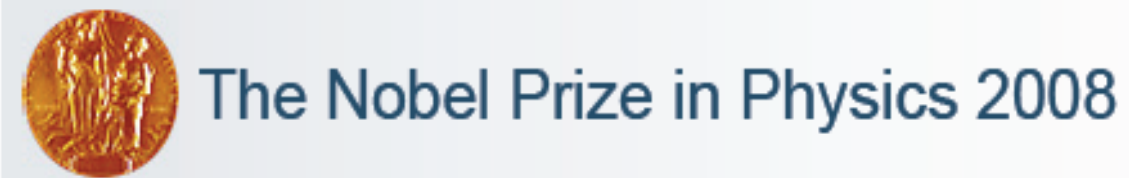


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# 3 generations of matter

## Quark-mixing:



Lepton number violation (LNV) / Charged lepton flavor violation (LFV):  
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## Neutrino-oscillations:



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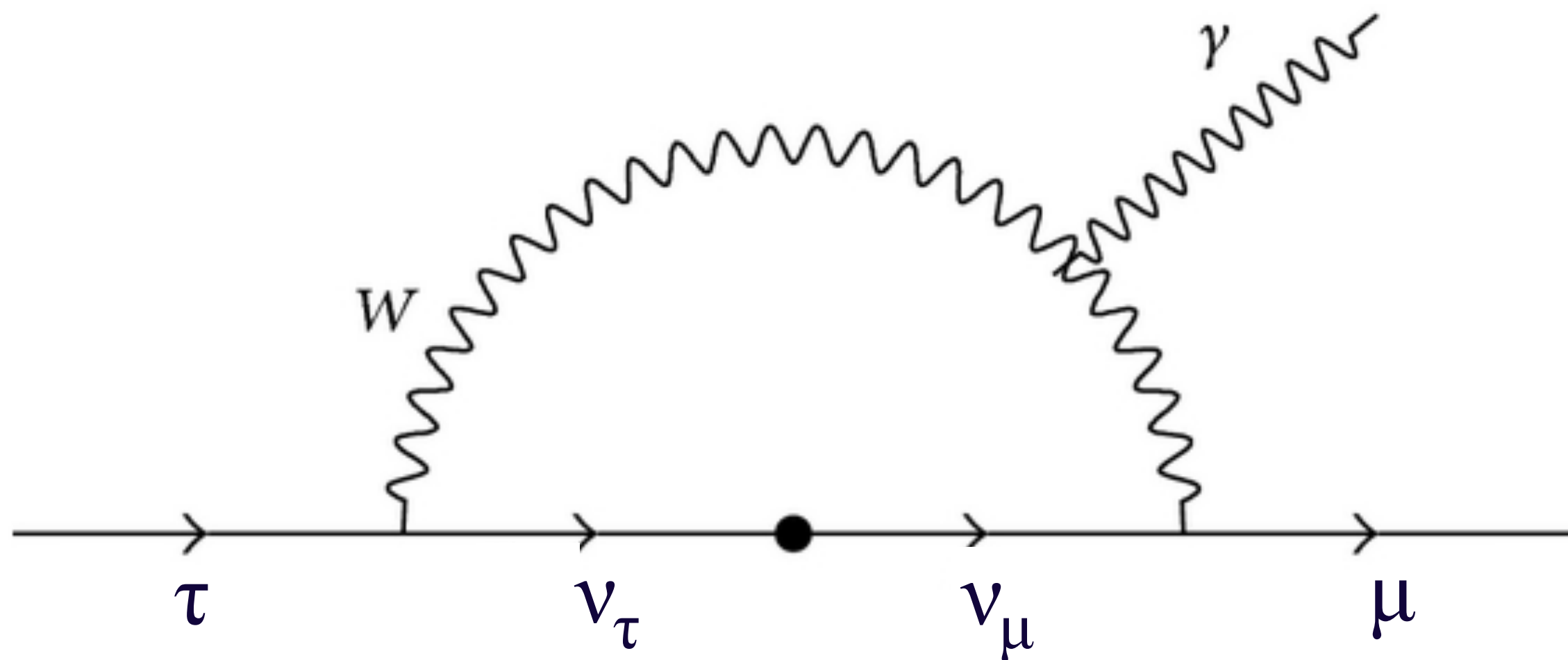
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015

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- ▶ Arthur B. McDonald

"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations"



# cLFV/LNV/BNV



$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \gamma) [\text{Lee-Shrock, Phys. Rev. D 16, 1444 (1977)}]$$
$$= \frac{3\alpha}{128\pi} \left( \frac{\Delta m_{23}^2}{M_W^2} \right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{mix}} \mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)$$

With  $\Delta \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $M_W \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{11}) \text{ eV}$   
 $\approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-54})$  ( $\theta_{\text{mix}} : \text{max}$ )

many orders below experimental sensitivity!

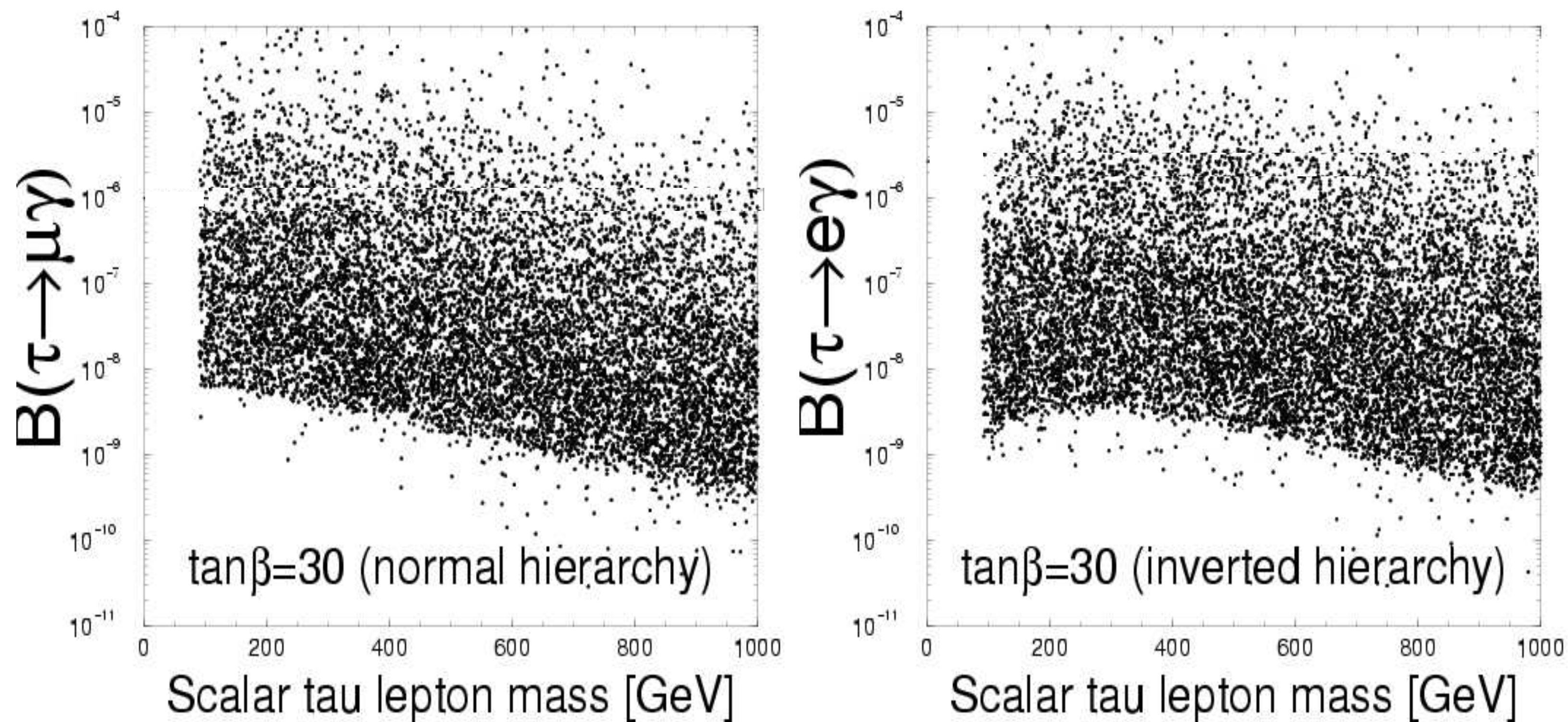
cLFV/LNV/BNV is NOT forbidden by any continuous symmetry  
 $\Rightarrow$  most New Physics (NP) models naturally include such processes

**Any observation of cLFV/LNV/BNV  
 $\Rightarrow$  unambiguous signature of NP**



# NP predictions

- Mass dependent couplings enhance tau LFV w.r.t. lighter leptons
- Some models predict LFV up to existing experimental bounds
- eg. SUSY models: non-diagonal slepton mass matrix  $\Rightarrow$  LFV
- Normal (Inverted) hierarchy for slepton  $\Rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$  ( $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ )



(J. Ellis, J. Hisano, M. Raidal and Y. Shimizu, Phys. Rev. D 66 (2002) 115013)

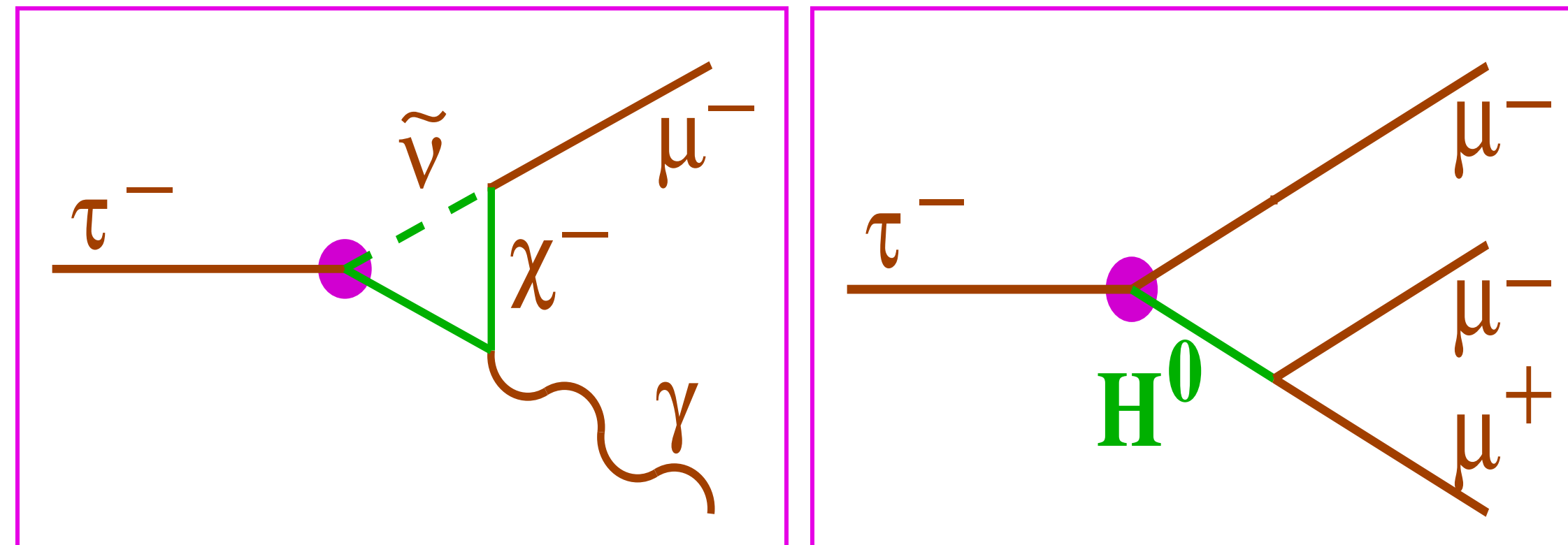


# NP predictions

- Neutrinoless 2 and 3 body  $\tau$  decays have different sensitivity

	$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow l\gamma)$	$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow lll)$
mSUGRA+seesaw (EPJC14(2000)319, PRD66(2002)115013)	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-9}$
SUSY SO(10) (NPB649(2003)189, PRD68(2003)033012)	$10^{-8}$	$10^{-10}$
SUSY Higgs (PLB549(2002)159, PLB566(2003)217)	$10^{-10}$	$10^{-7}$
Non-Universal $Z'$ (PLB547(2002)252)	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-8}$
SM+Heavy Majorana $\nu_R$ (PRD66(2002)034008)	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-10}$

Illustrative scenarios ...



👉 Search for  $\tau \rightarrow l\gamma/P^0$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow lll$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow lhh'$  decays ( $l = e, \mu$ ;  $h = \pi, K$ )

# Probing NP at electron-positron colliders

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- **Lepton flavor violation (charge conjugate modes implied)**
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu \gamma$  (BaBar, Belle)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu$  (scalar/pseudoscalar/vector mesons) (BaBar, Belle)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e e e$  (BaBar, Belle)
  - $\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$  (BaBar, Belle)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e \mu \mu, \mu e e$  (BaBar, Belle)
  - $\tau \rightarrow e/\mu h h$  (non-resonant final states with  $h=\pi/K$ ) (BaBar, Belle)
- **Lepton number violation**
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ h^- h^-$  (non-resonant final states with  $h=\pi/K$ ) (BaBar, Belle)
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ h^- h^-$  (non-resonant final states with  $h=\pi/K$ ) (BaBar, Belle)
- **Baryon number violation**
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-, \bar{\Lambda} \pi^-$  (Belle)
  - $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{p} \gamma/\pi/\eta$  (CLEO)

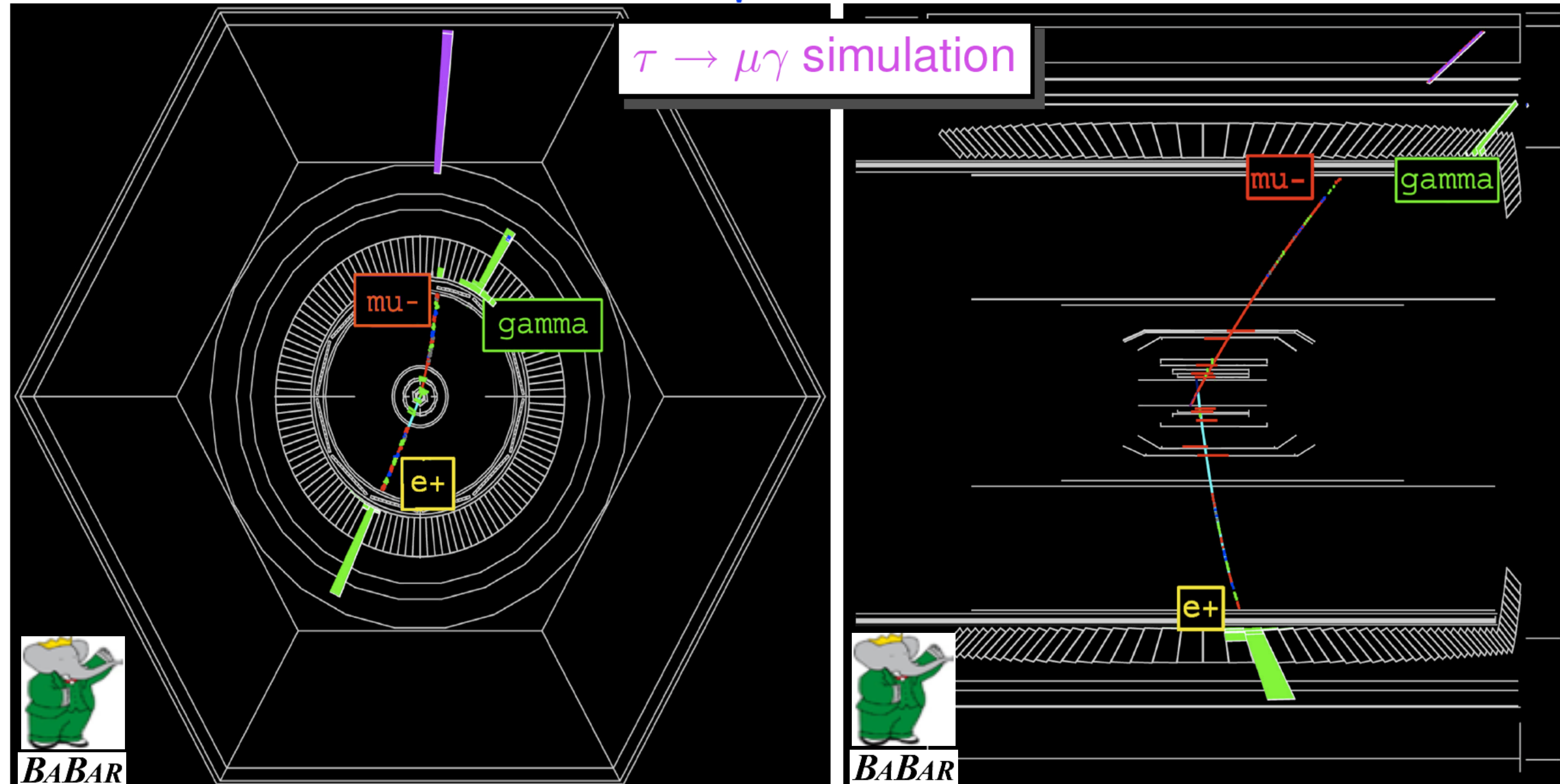
# Electron-positron colliders

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

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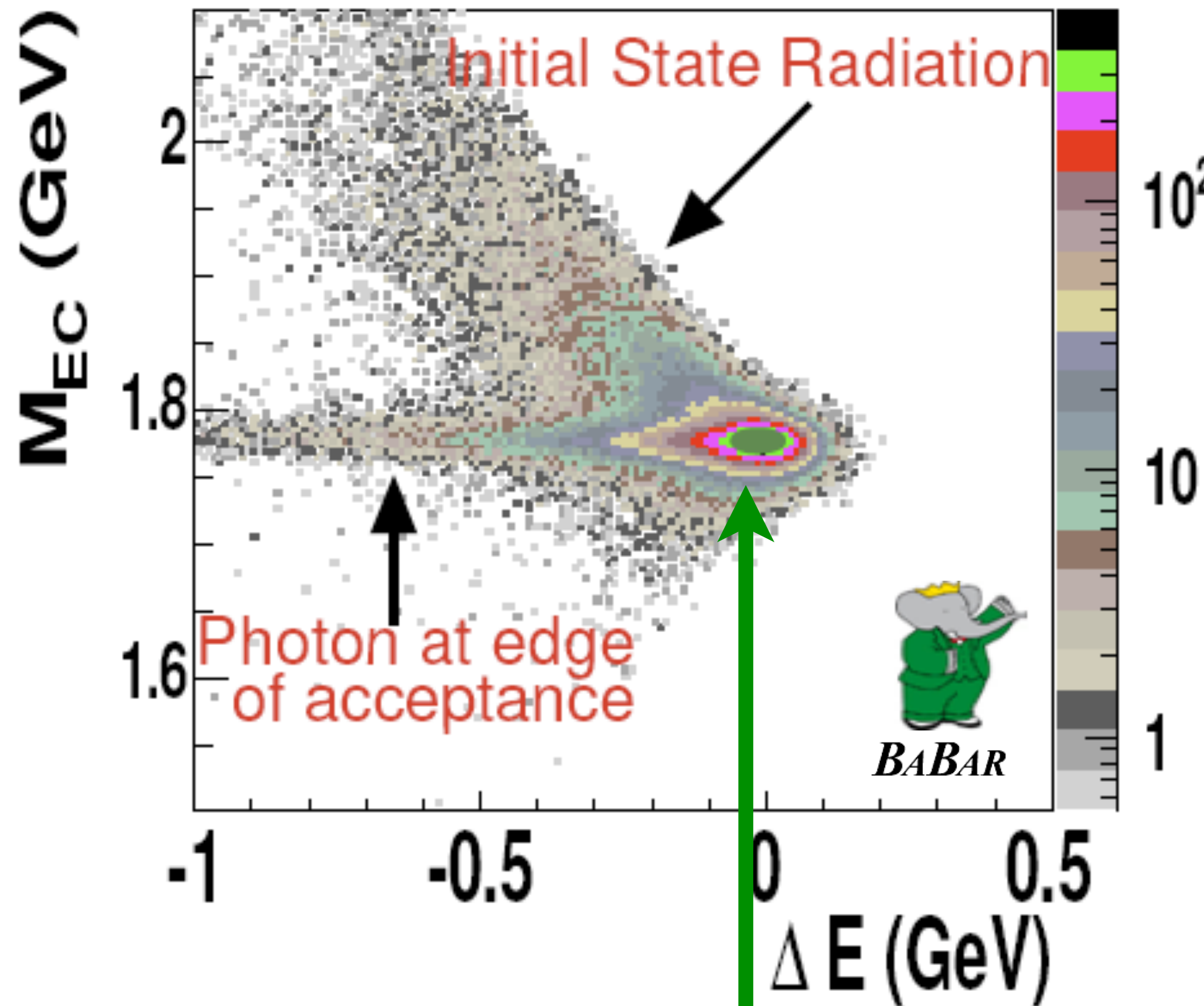
- $m_{\mu\gamma} \sim m_\tau$
- CM Frame:  $\Delta E = \sqrt{P_\mu^2 + m_\mu^2} + E_\gamma - \sqrt{s}/2 \sim 0$





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- (Energy, Mass)<sub>daughters</sub>  $\sim (\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, m_\tau)$  (upto resolution & radiation)



$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$  simulation

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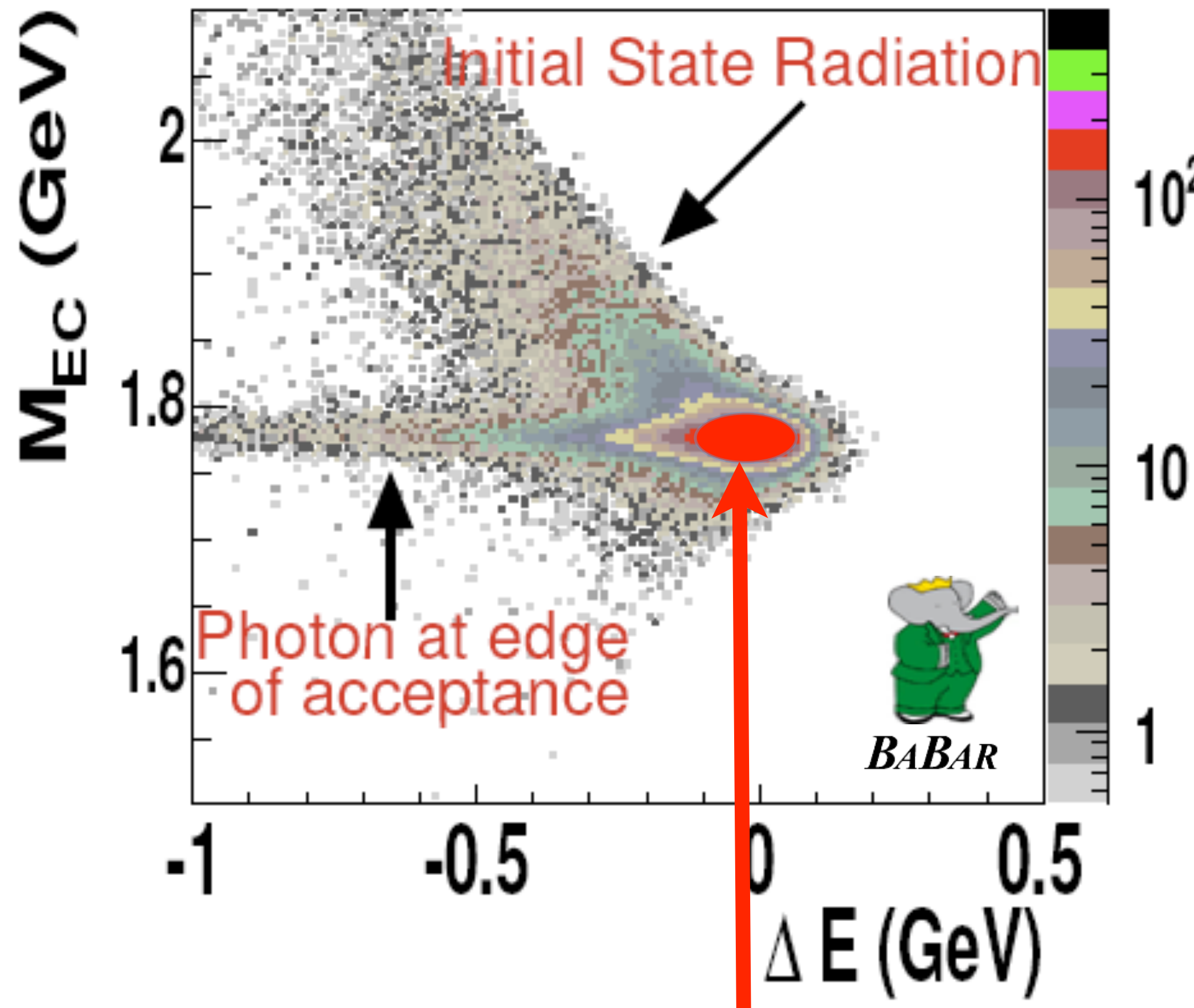
$M_{\text{EC}}$  ( $\sigma \sim 9 \text{ MeV}$ )  
 Beam energy  
 constrained mass  
 after vertexing  
 $\gamma$  at  $\mu$  POCA(XY)

[Inv. mass:  $\sigma \sim 24 \text{ MeV}$ ]

Signal Region:  $\pm 2 \sigma$  around  $(\langle \Delta E \rangle, \langle M_{\text{EC}} \rangle)$

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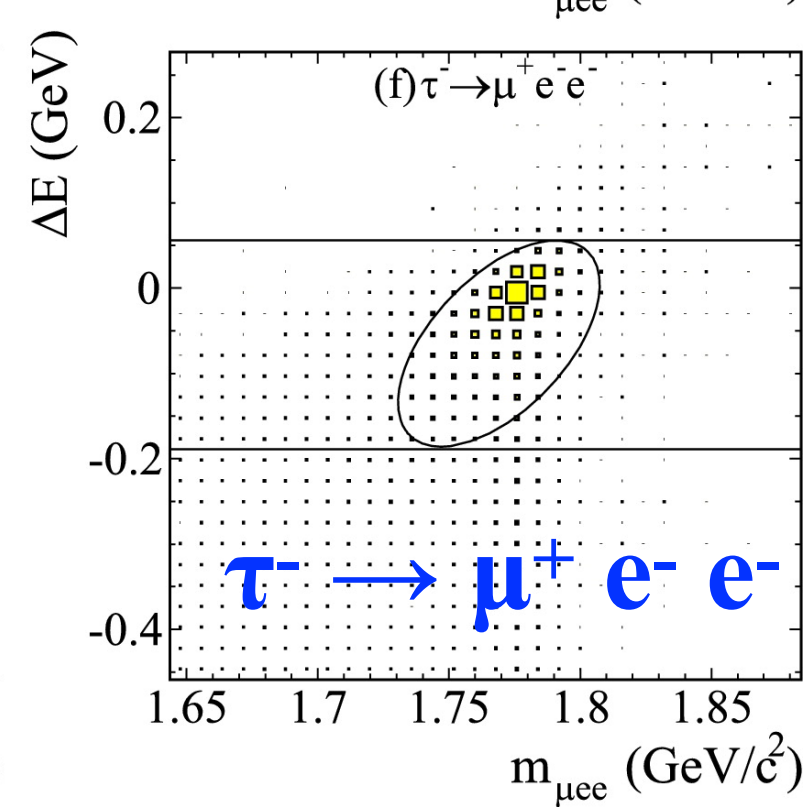
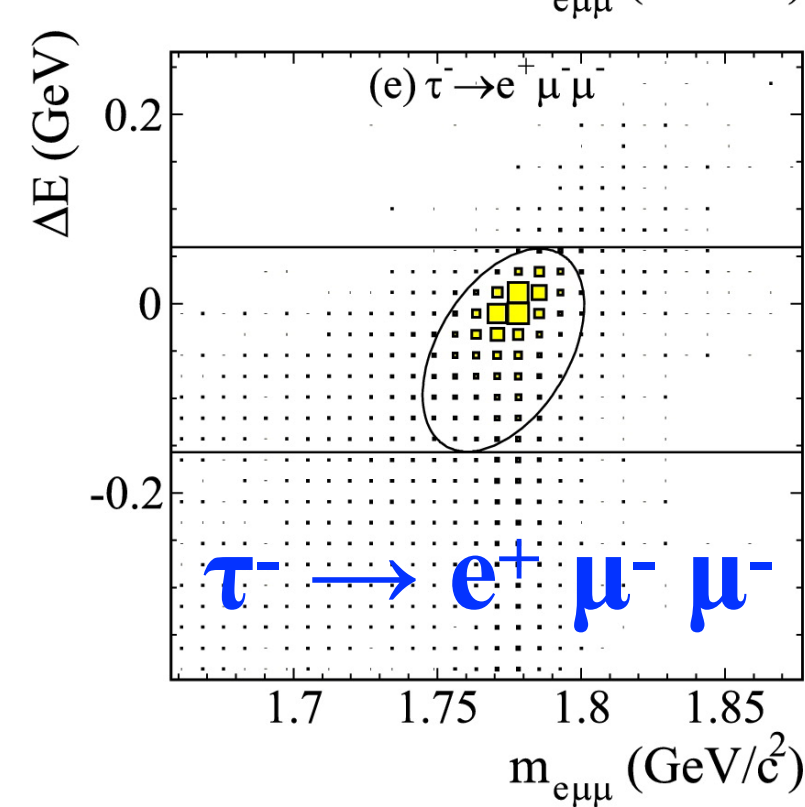
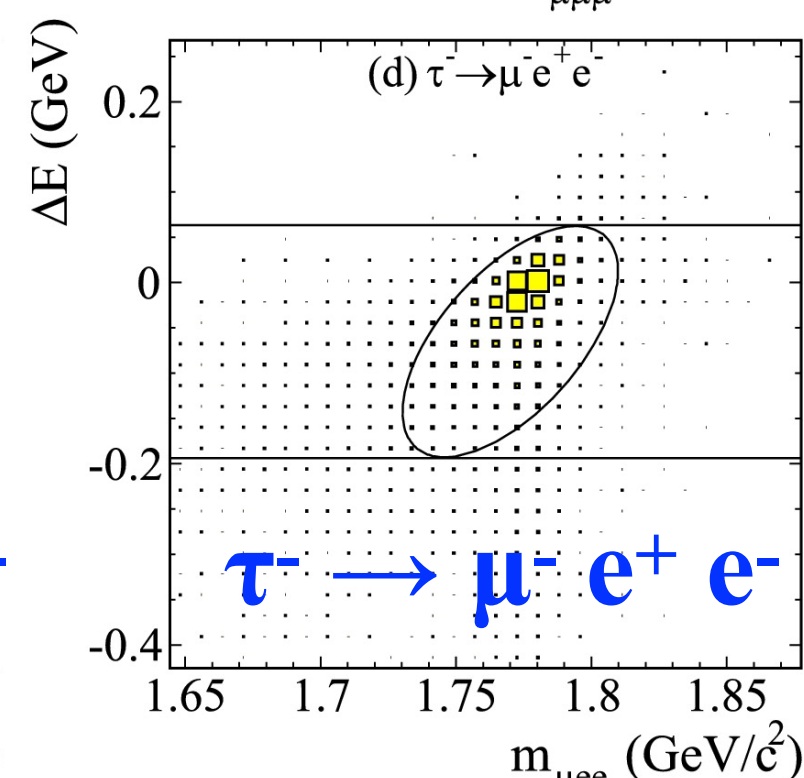
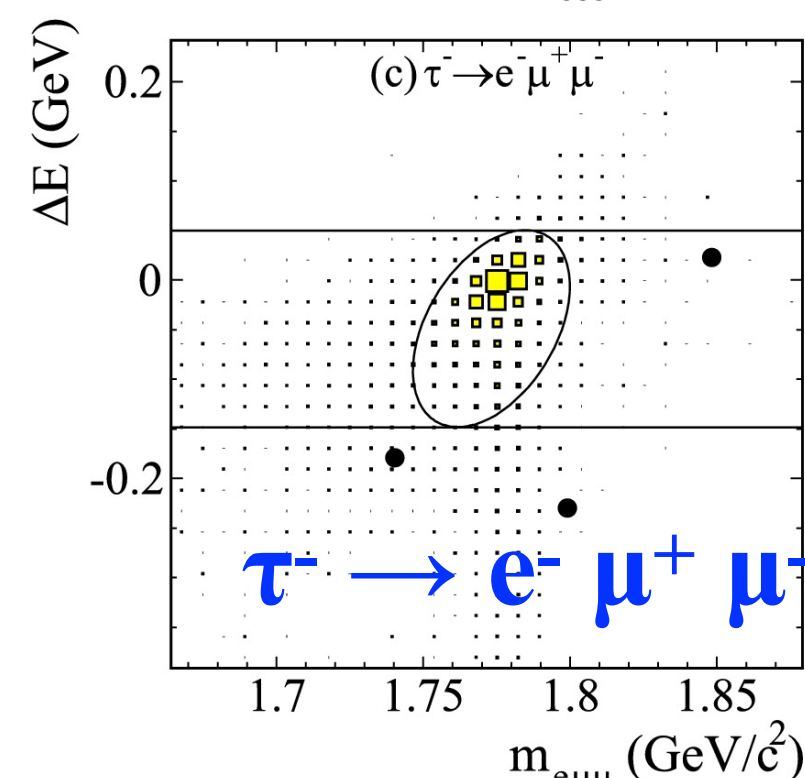
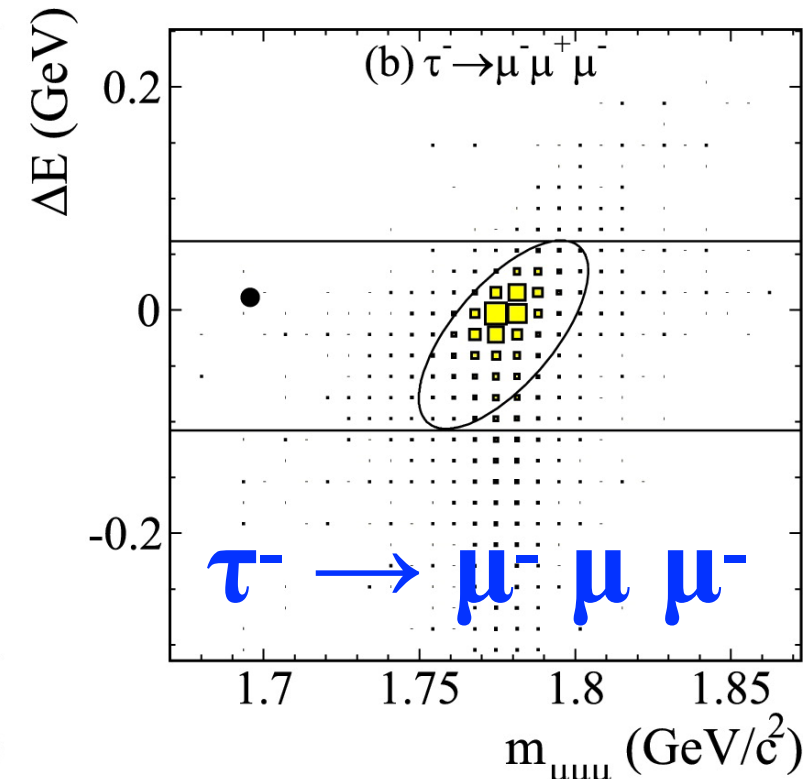
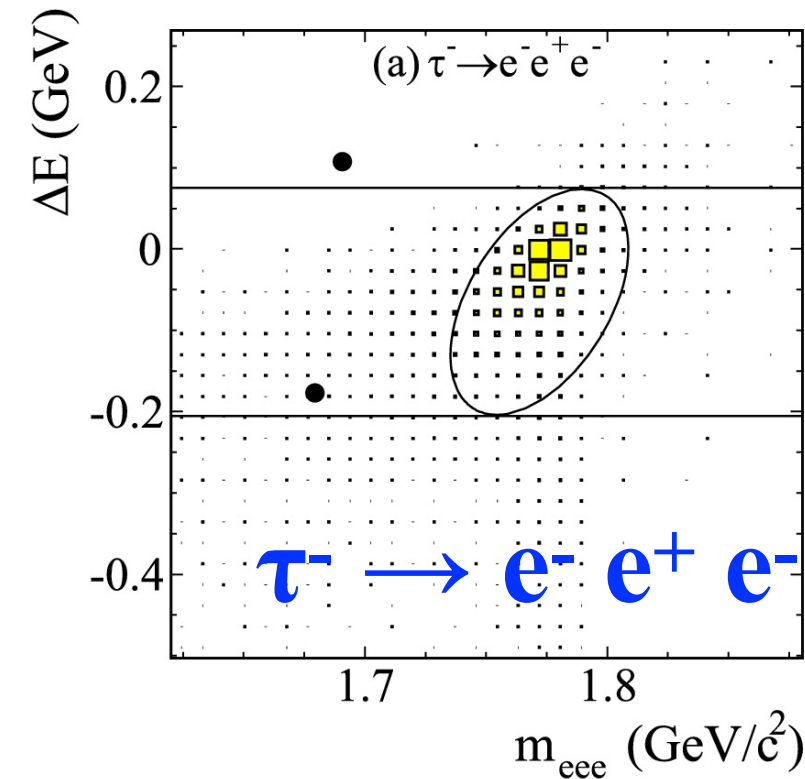
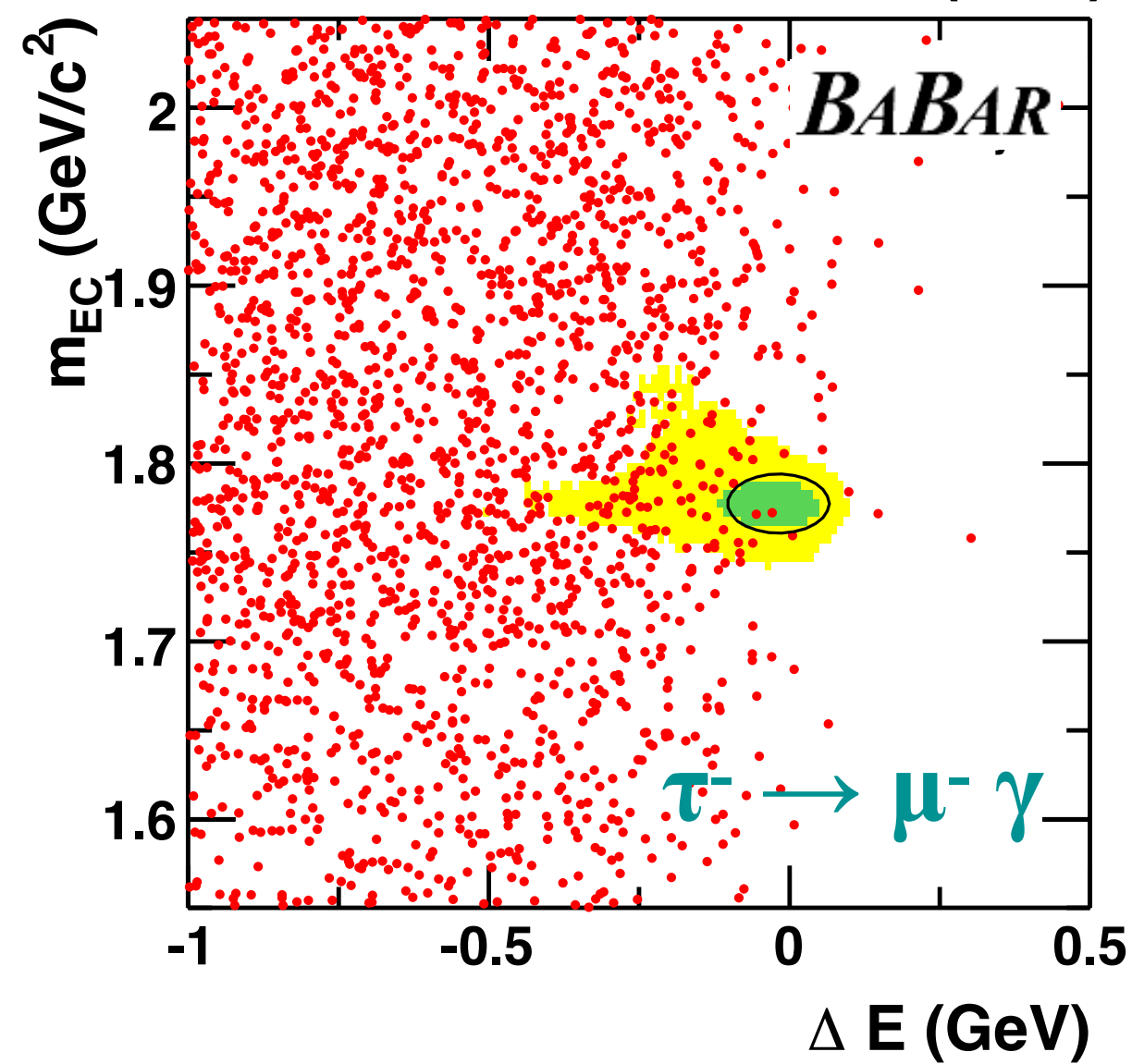
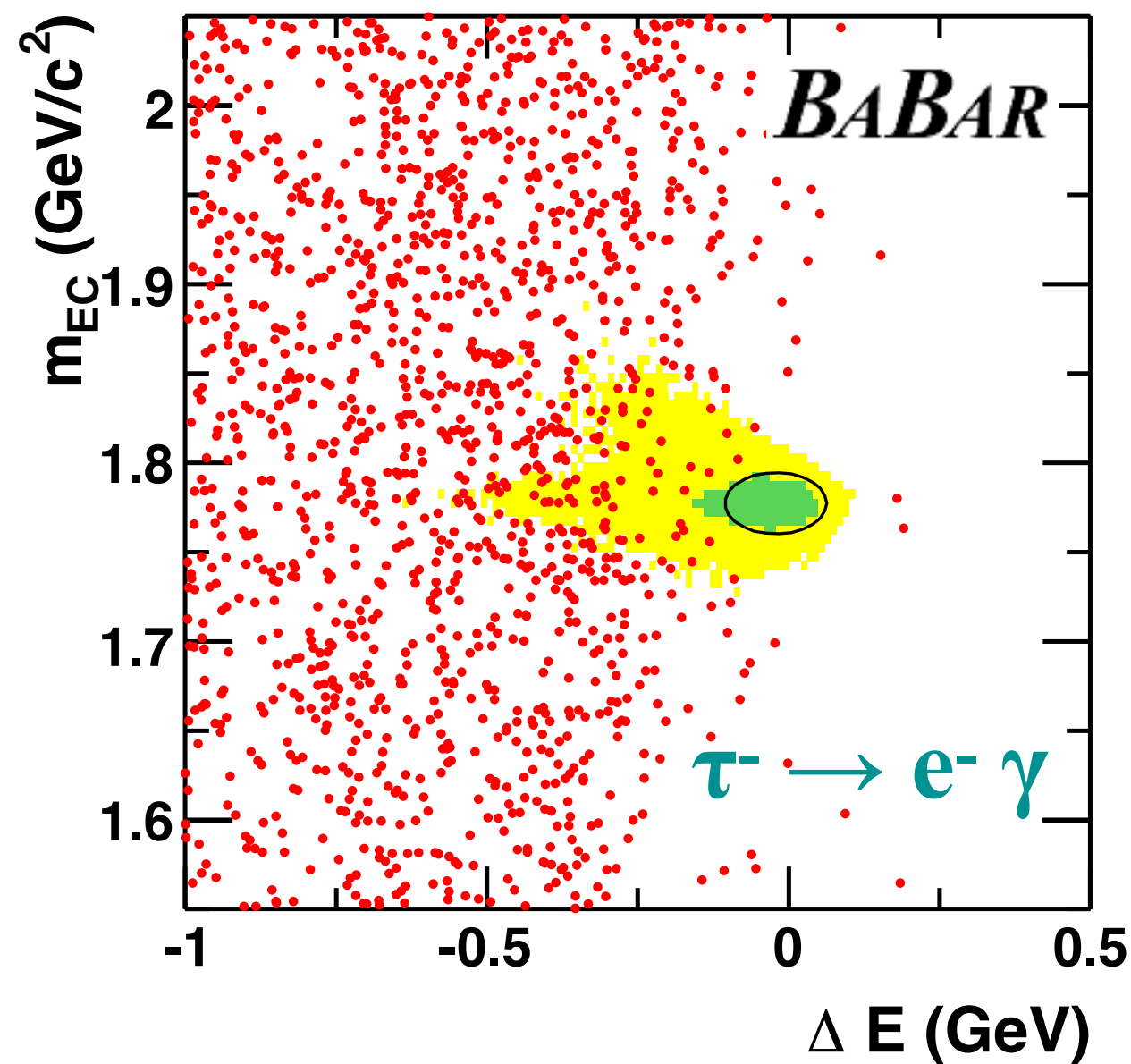
$\gamma$  at  $\mu$  POCA(XY)

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Blinded Region:  $\pm 3 \sigma$  around  $(\langle \Delta E \rangle, \langle M_{EC} \rangle)$



# $\tau \rightarrow \ell \gamma, \ell\ell\ell$ : signal regions



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# Upper Limit

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

- $\varepsilon$ : high statistics signal MC simulated for different Data-taking periods

$\varepsilon =$  Trigger . Reco . Topology . PID . Cuts . Signal-Box

90% 70% 70% 50% 50% 50%

Cumulative:

90% 63% 44% 22% 11% ~5%

Decay modes	$2\sigma$ signal ellipse		$\varepsilon$ (%)	UL ( $\times 10^{-8}$ )	
	obs	exp		obs	exp
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \gamma$	0	$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$3.9 \pm 0.3$	3.3	9.8
$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \gamma$	2	$3.6 \pm 0.7$	$6.1 \pm 0.5$	4.4	8.2

Mode	$\varepsilon$ (%)	$N_{BG}$	$\sigma_{syst}$ (%)	$N_{obs}$	$\mathcal{B}$ ( $\times 10^{-8}$ )
$\tau^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} e^{+} e^{-}$	6.0	$0.21 \pm 0.15$	9.8	0	$< 2.7$
$\tau^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{-} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}$	7.6	$0.13 \pm 0.06$	7.4	0	$< 2.1$
$\tau^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}$	6.1	$0.10 \pm 0.04$	9.5	0	$< 2.7$
$\tau^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{-} e^{+} e^{-}$	9.3	$0.04 \pm 0.04$	7.8	0	$< 1.8$
$\tau^{-} \rightarrow e^{+} \mu^{-} \mu^{-}$	10.1	$0.02 \pm 0.02$	7.6	0	$< 1.7$
$\tau^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{+} e^{-} e^{-}$	11.5	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	7.7	0	$< 1.5$



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$N_{\tau} = 963 \text{ M}$



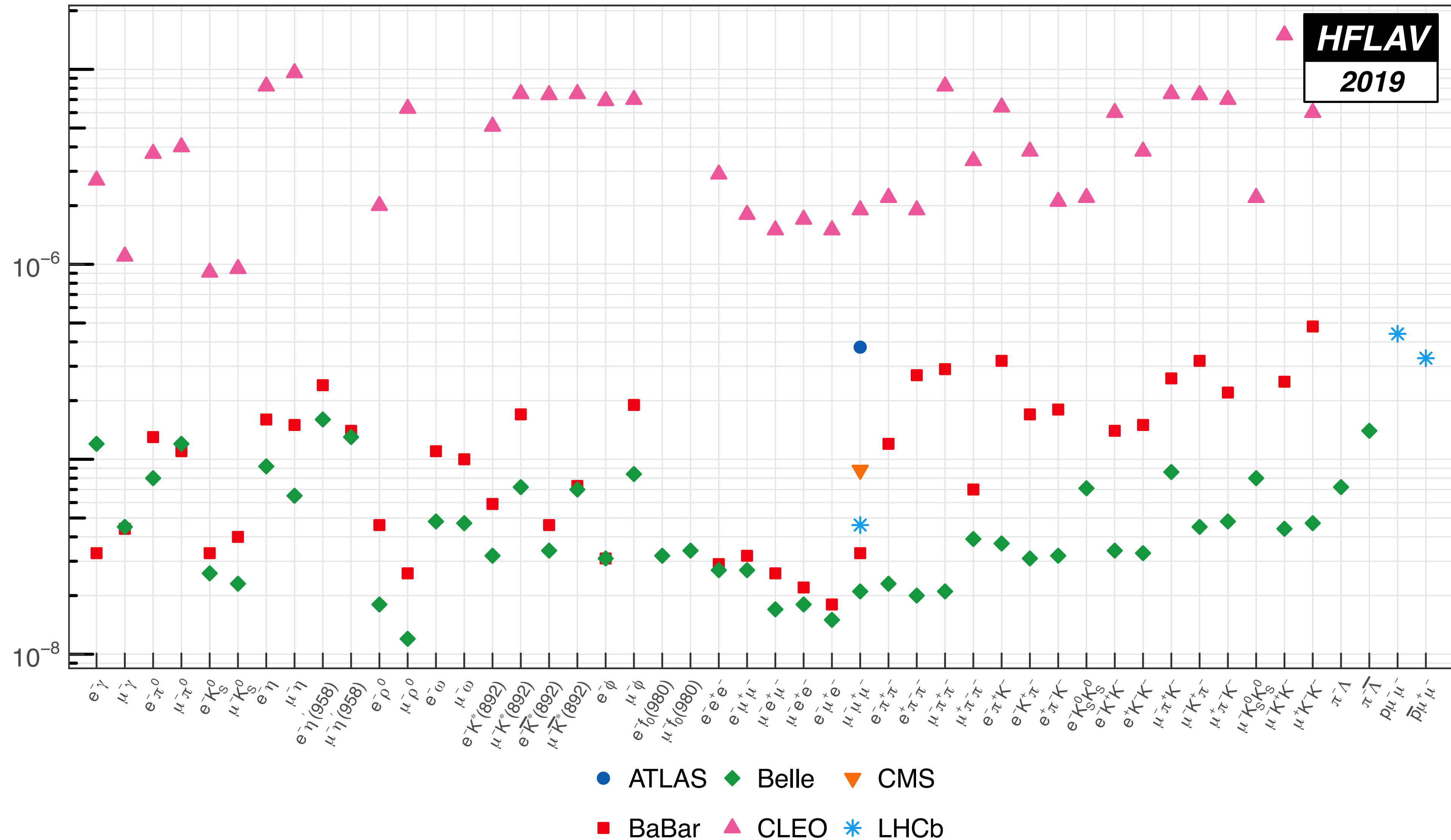
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$N_{\tau} = 1438 \text{ M}$

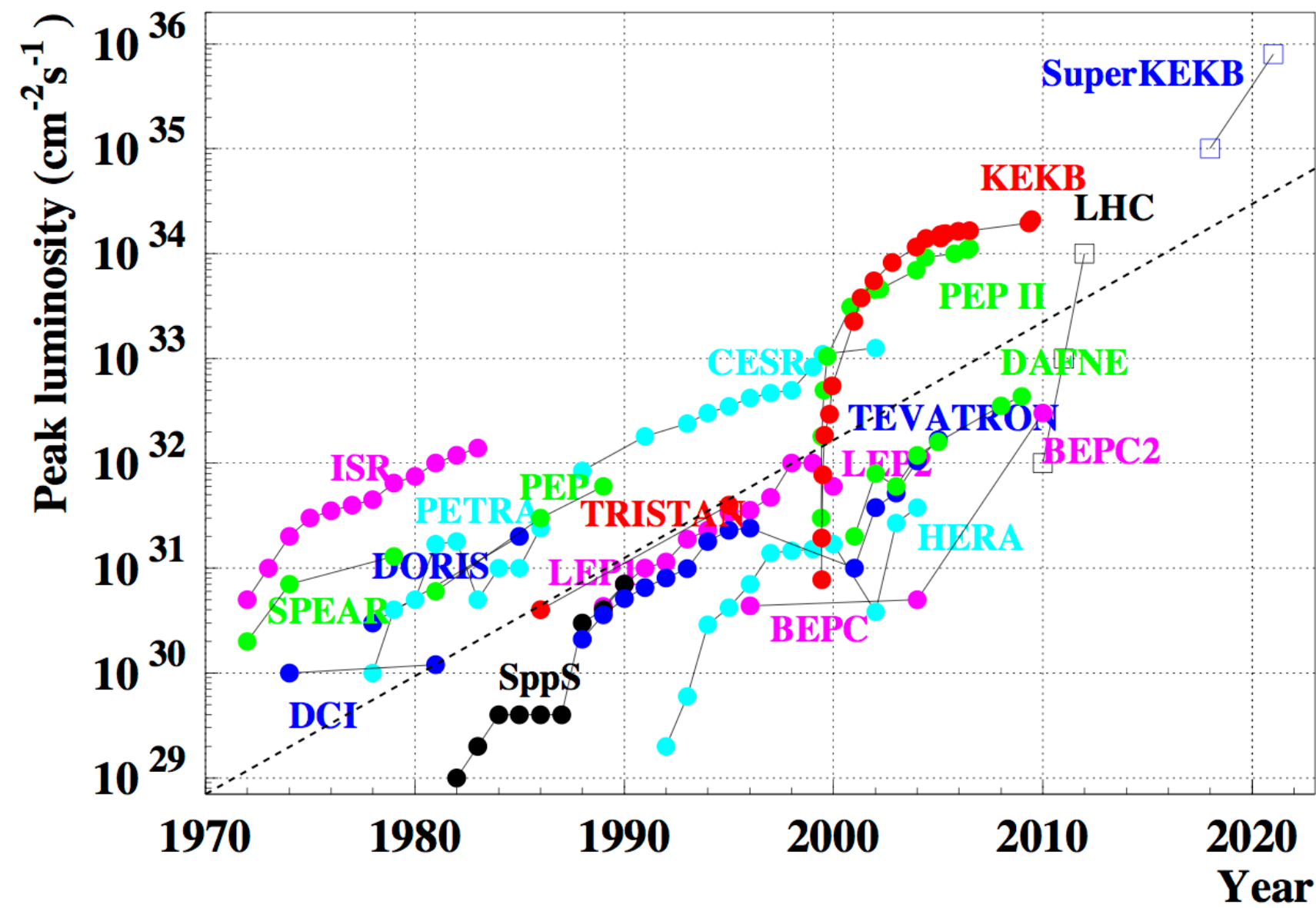


# Summary of present limits

90% CL upper limits on  $\tau$  LFV decays

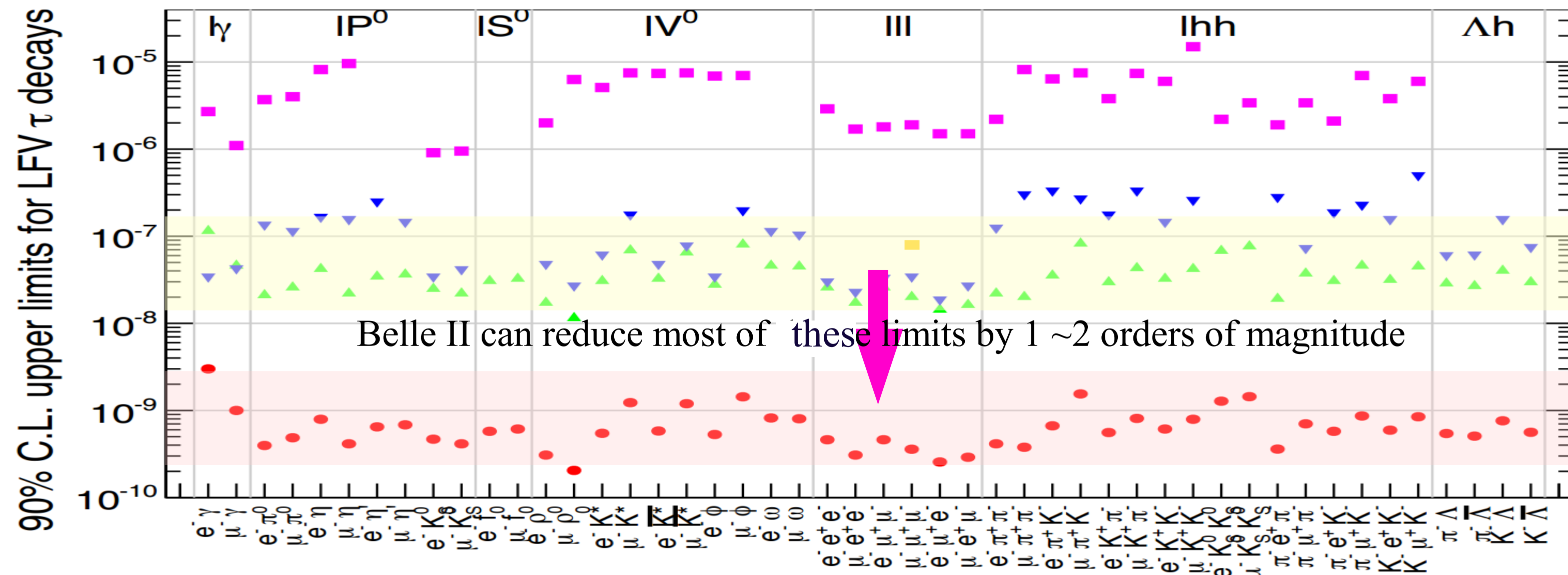


# Future prospects at $e^+e^-$ colliders



Cross Section at 10.58 GeV  
 $\sigma(\tau^+\tau^-) = (0.919 \pm 0.003) \text{ nb}$

	Luminosity (L)	$N_\tau = 2L\sigma$
CLEO	14 fb <sup>-1</sup>	2*10 <sup>7</sup>
BaBar	500 fb <sup>-1</sup>	1*10 <sup>9</sup>
Belle	1 ab <sup>-1</sup>	2*10 <sup>9</sup>
Belle II	50 ab <sup>-1</sup>	1*10 <sup>11</sup>



■ CLEO  
▼ BaBar  
▲ Belle  
■ LHCb  
● Belle II

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# Summary

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- **Observation of LFV/LNV/BNV in the charged lepton sector would completely change our understanding of Nature and herald a new era of discovery in elementary particle physics.**
- **Now is a very interesting era in the searches for cLFV/LNV/BNV in decays of the tau lepton, as the current limits will improve by an order of magnitude in the next decade at the next generation Belle II experiment.**
- **Branching fractions up to few parts in  $10^{-9}$  will be probed in neutrino-less 2-body and 3-body decays of the tau lepton.**
- **Colliders provide complementary information to cLFV/LNV/BNV searches at fixed target experiments, e.g. MEG, Mu2e, COMET, Mu3e, etc.**