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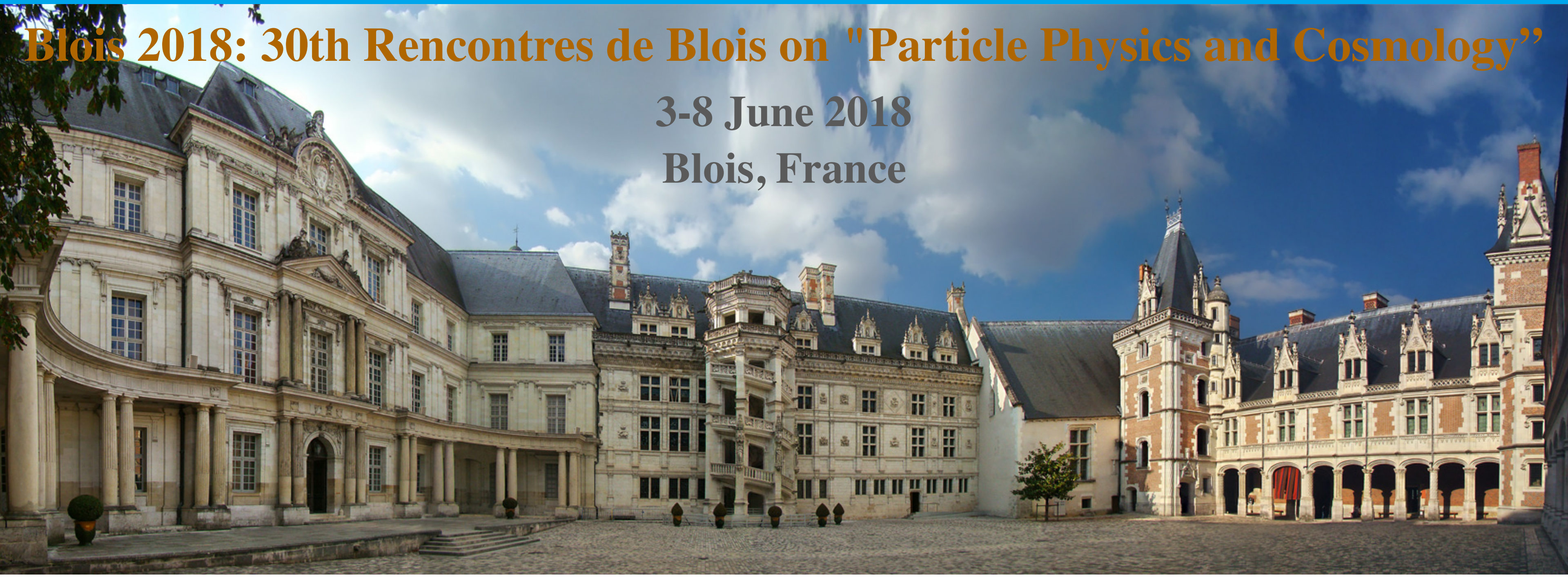

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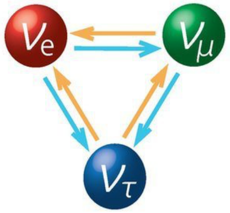

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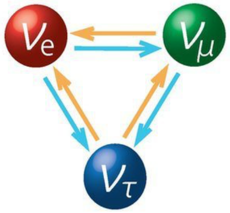

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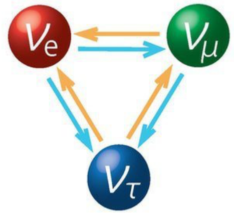

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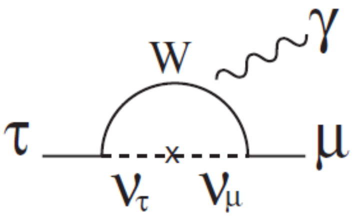

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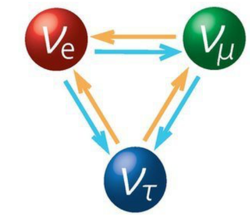

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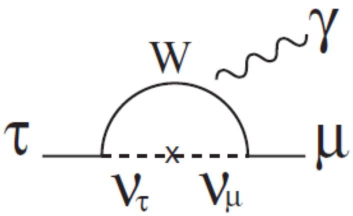

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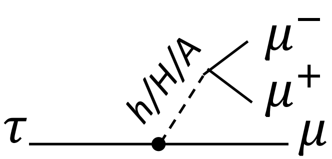

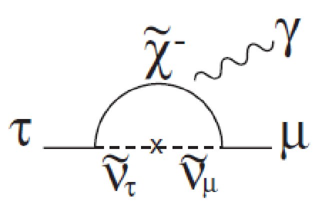

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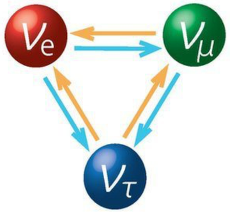

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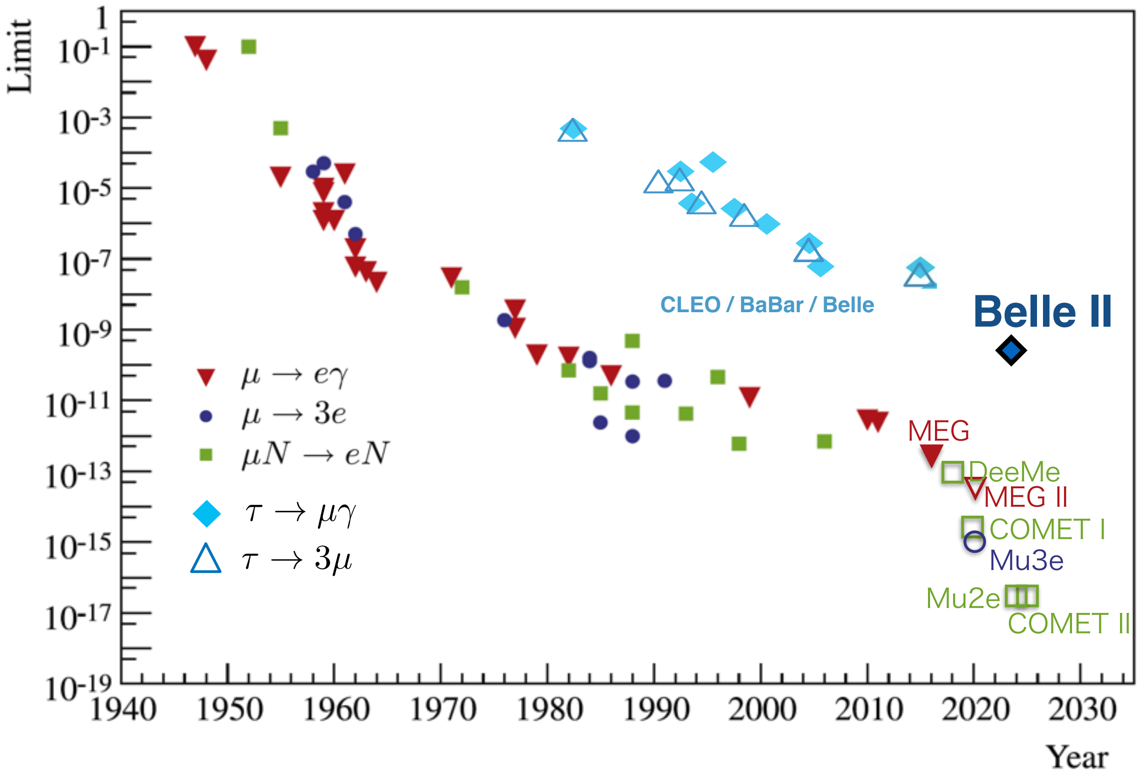

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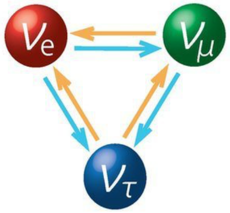

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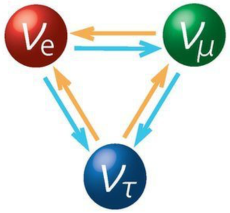

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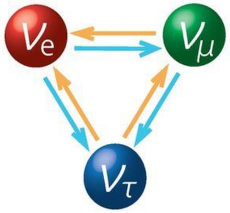

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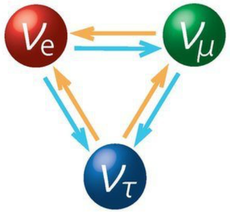

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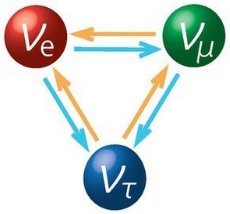

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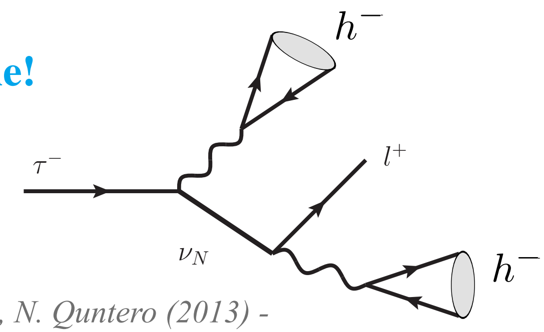

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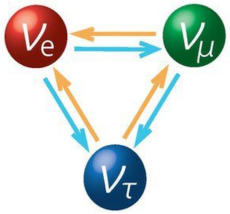

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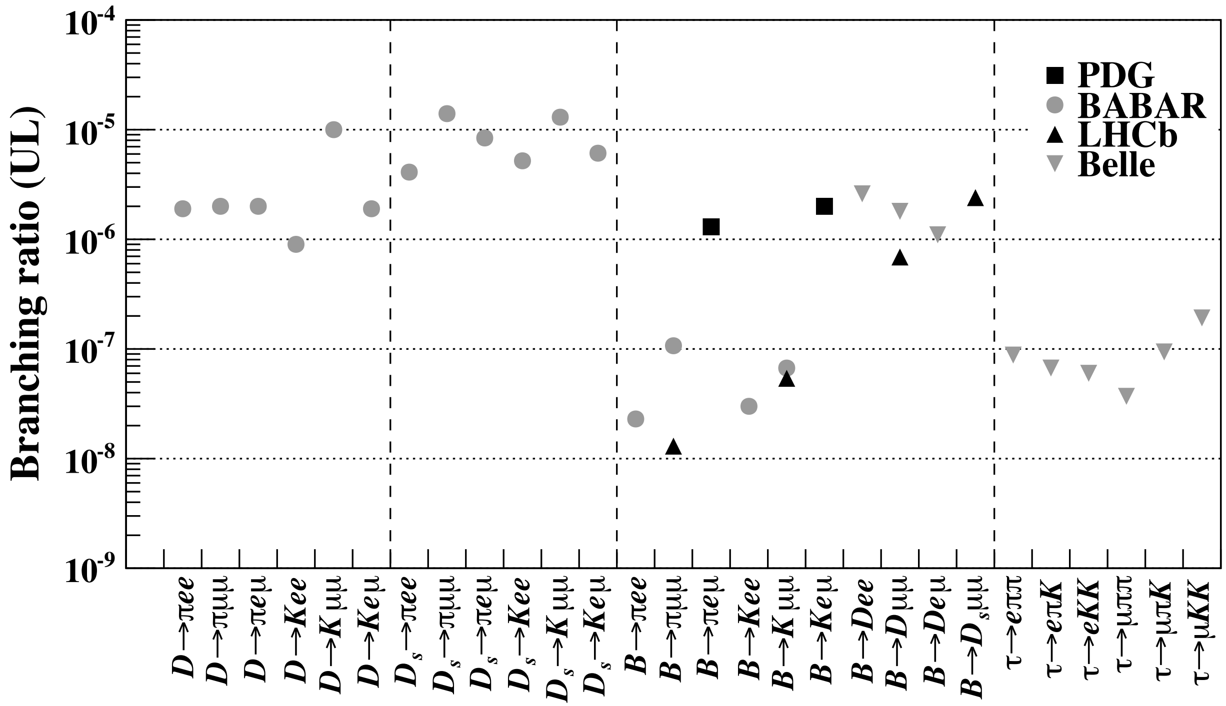

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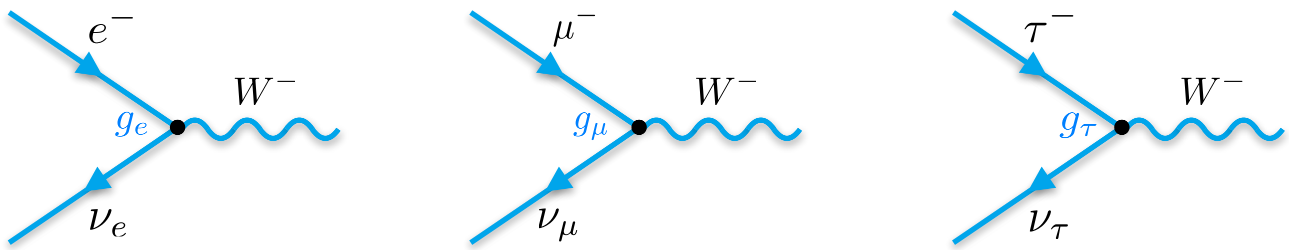

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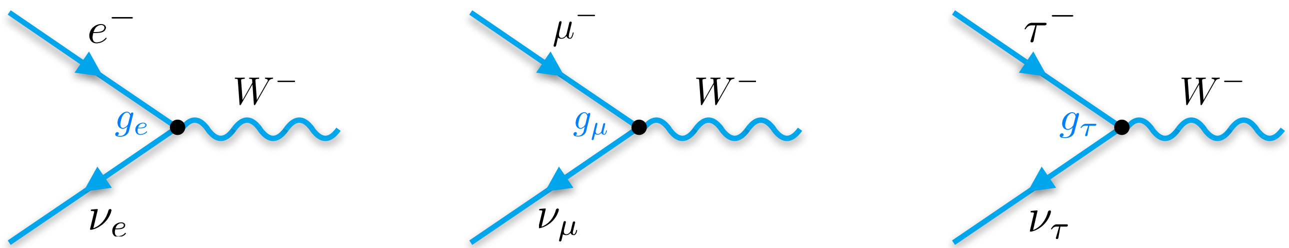

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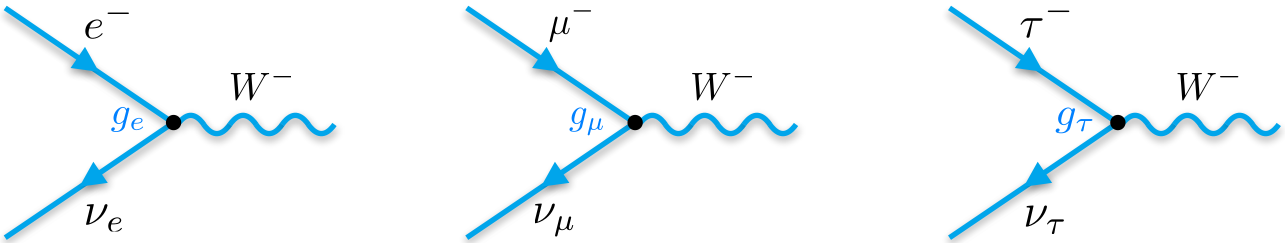

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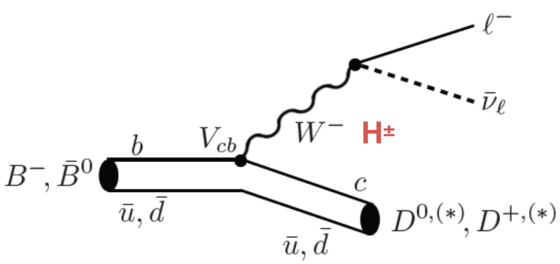

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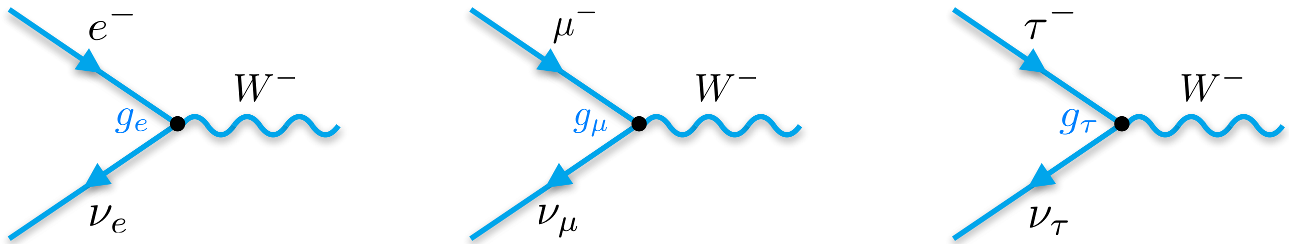

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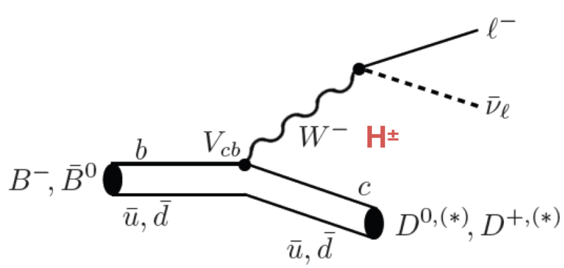

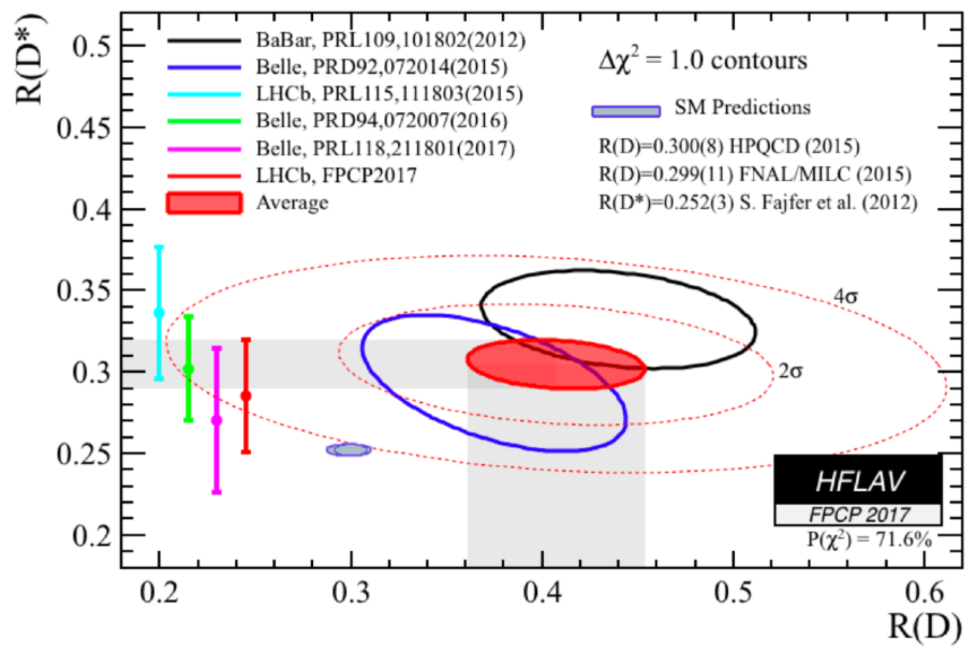

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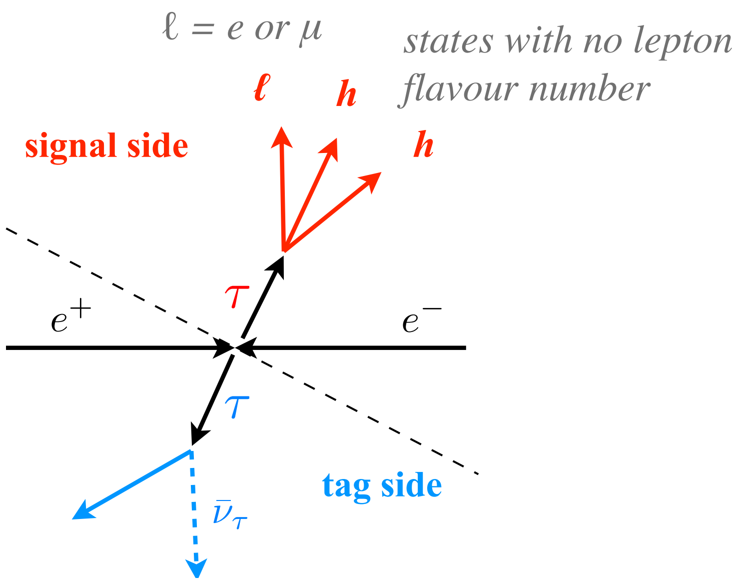

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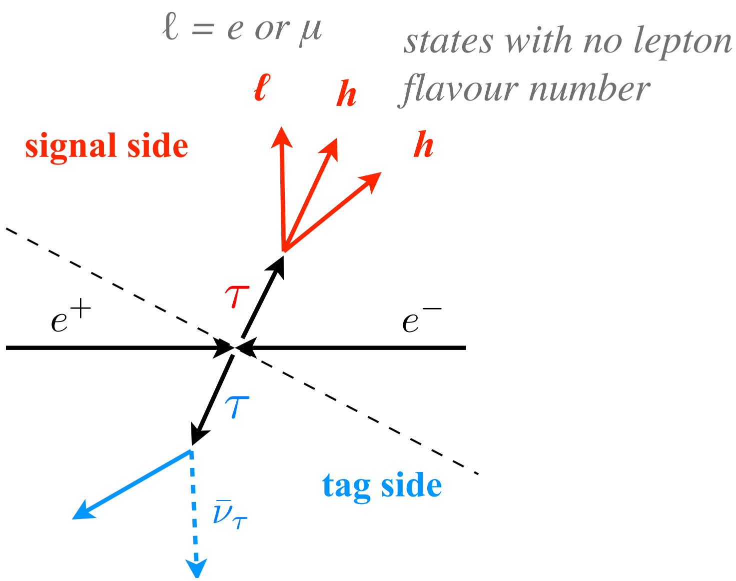

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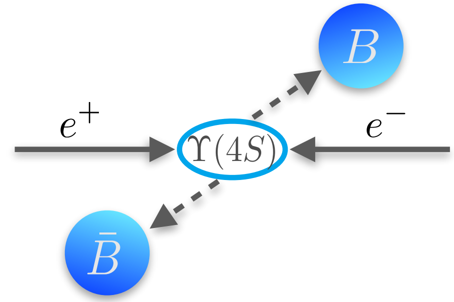

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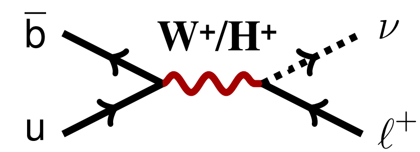

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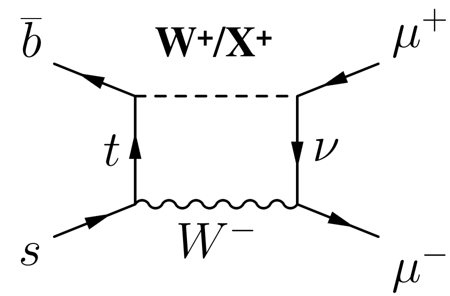

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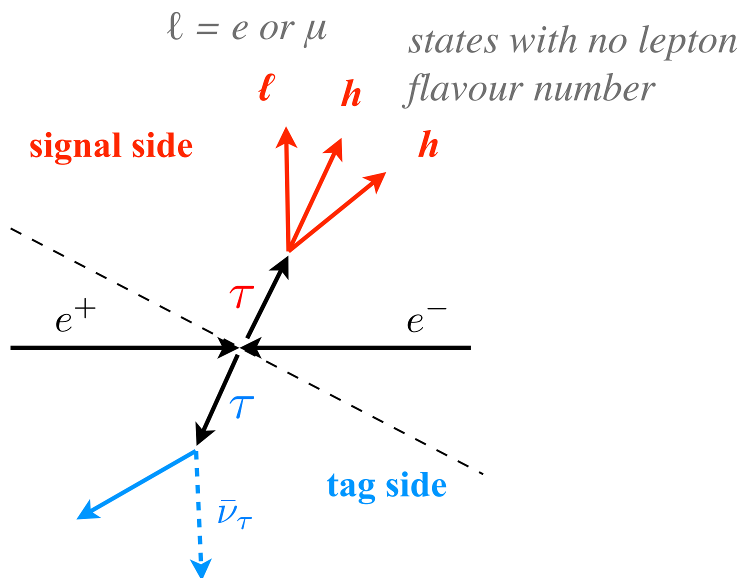

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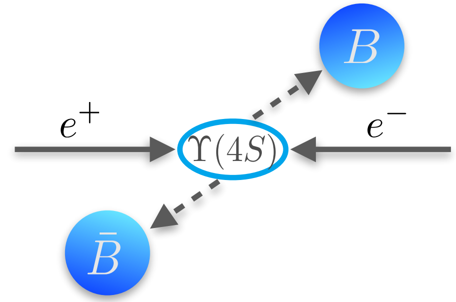

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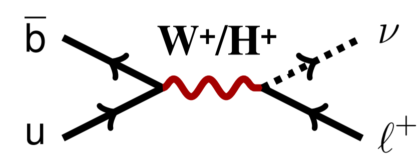

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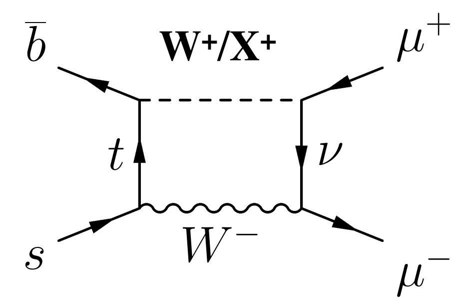

Test the SM in a variety of ways

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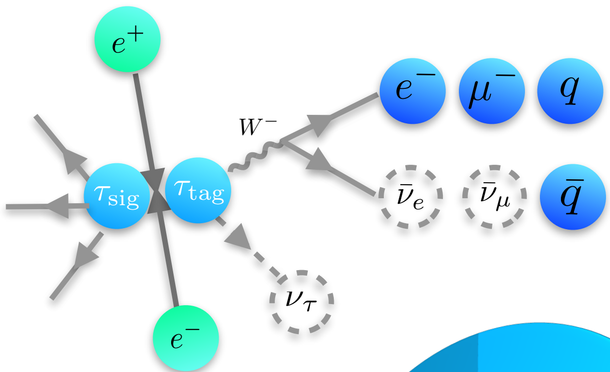

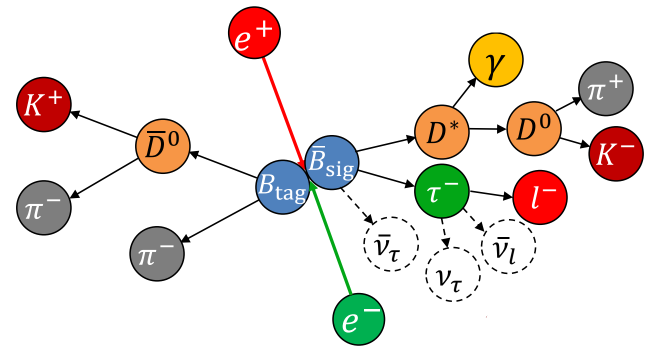

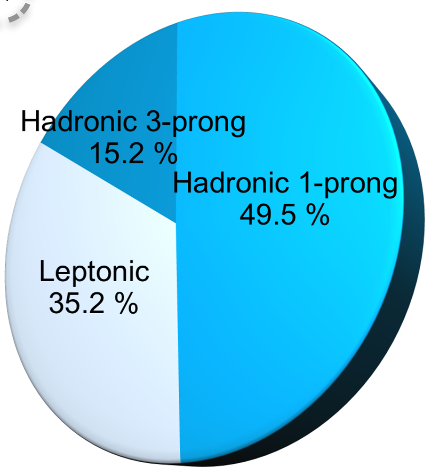

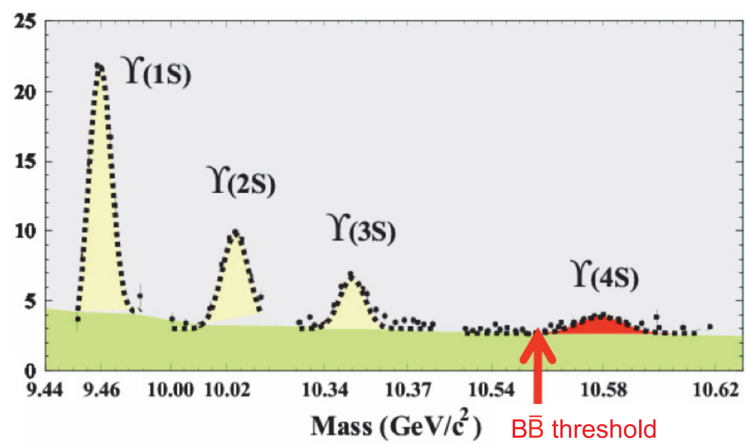

e^+e^- annihilation data is ideal for missing energy channels

➡ the kinematics of the initial state is precisely known

➡ the neutrino energy can be determined precisely

The progress of τ LFV and LNV searches

… mostly occurred at the B-factories

➡ immense amount of e^+e^- annihilation data (BaBar → 531 fb^{-1}, Belle → 1000 fb^{-1})

➡ large cross section of pairwise τ-lepton production (X-section = 0.9 nb for $e^+e^- \to \tau^+\tau^-$ at 10.58 GeV

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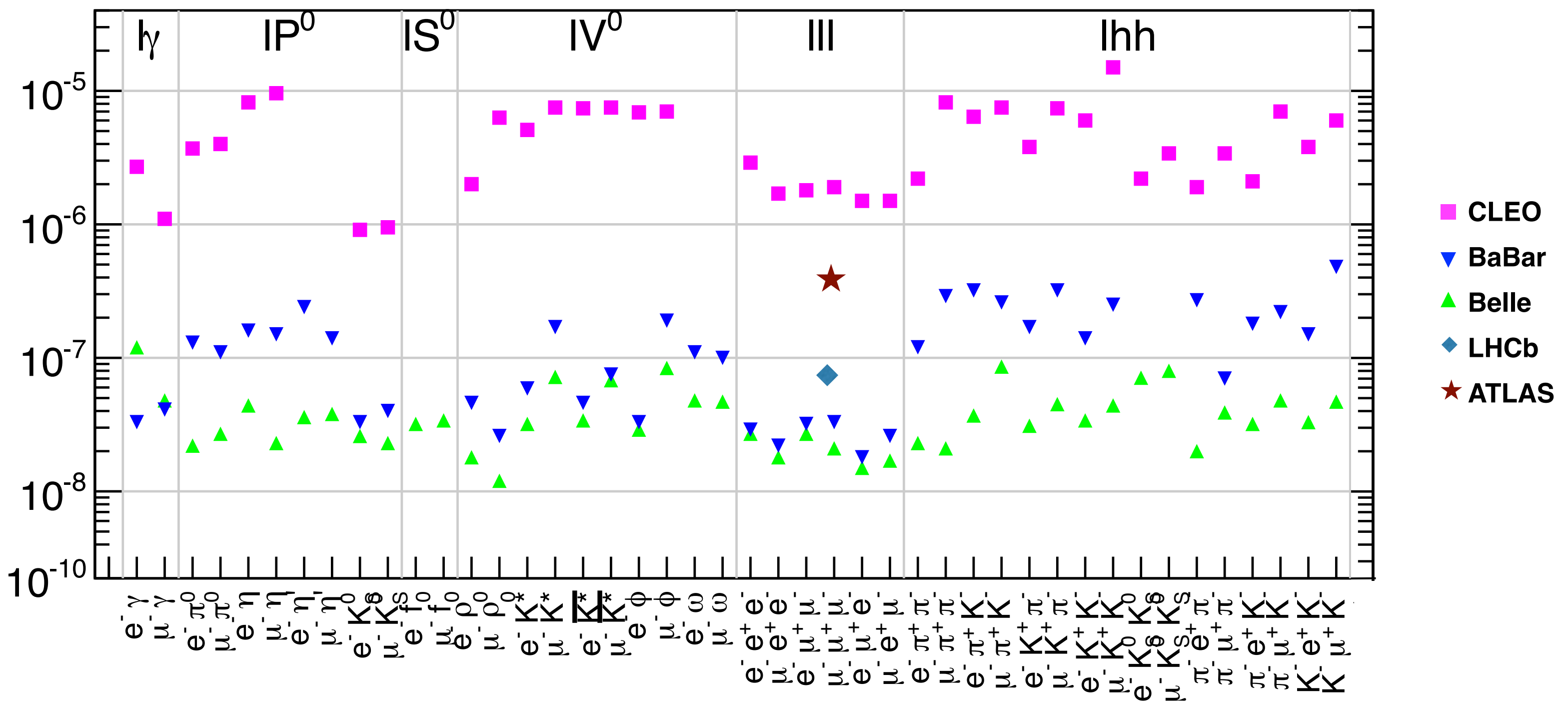


The upper limits reached for τ decays approached the regions sensitive to NP.

Belle II @ SuperKEKB

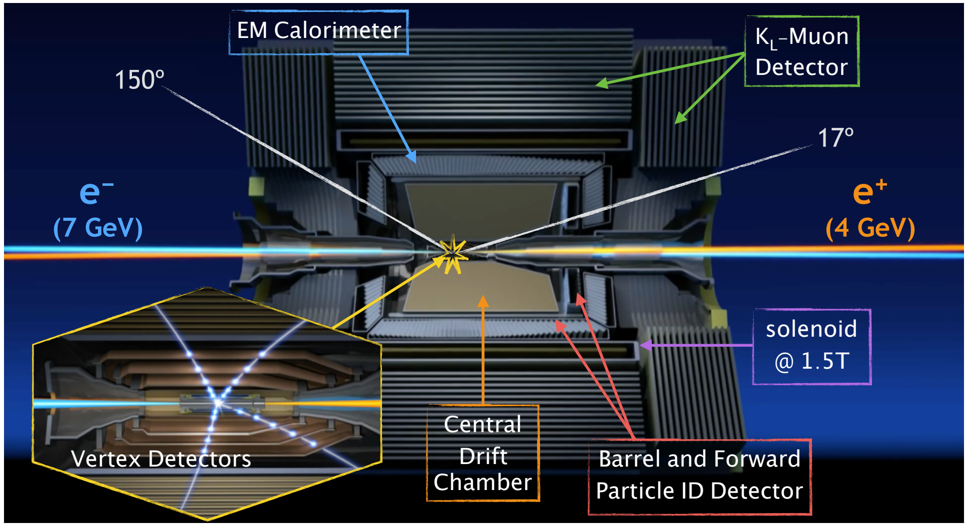
New facility to search for physics beyond the SM by studying B, D and τ decays

Tsukuba, Japan

SuperKEKB – major upgrade of the KEKB

- ➡ an asymmetric electron-positron collider
- ➡ collisions near and at Υ(nS)
- ➡ smaller interaction point
- ➡ increased currents

First beams and commissioning in 2016



Belle II detector – upgraded Belle detector

- ➡ improved tracking efficiency, particle identification
- ➡ smarter software and more precise algorithms
- ➡ rolled in April 2017
- ➡ **First recorded events in April 2018**

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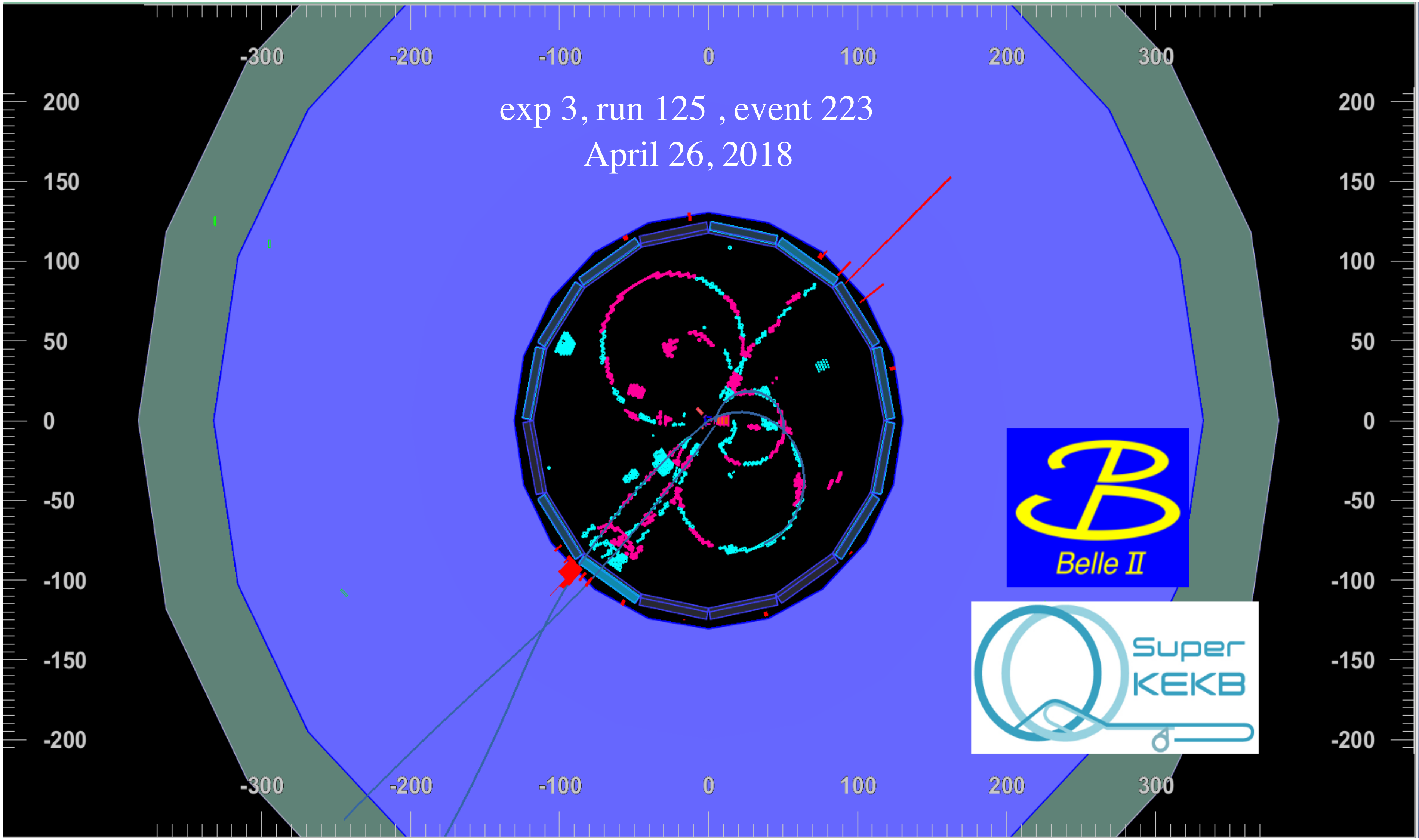
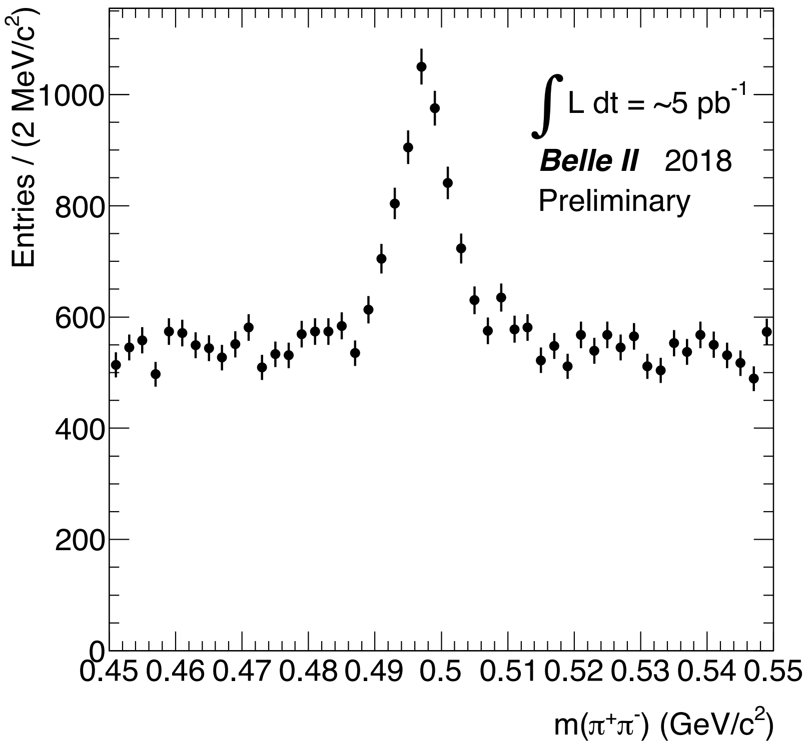
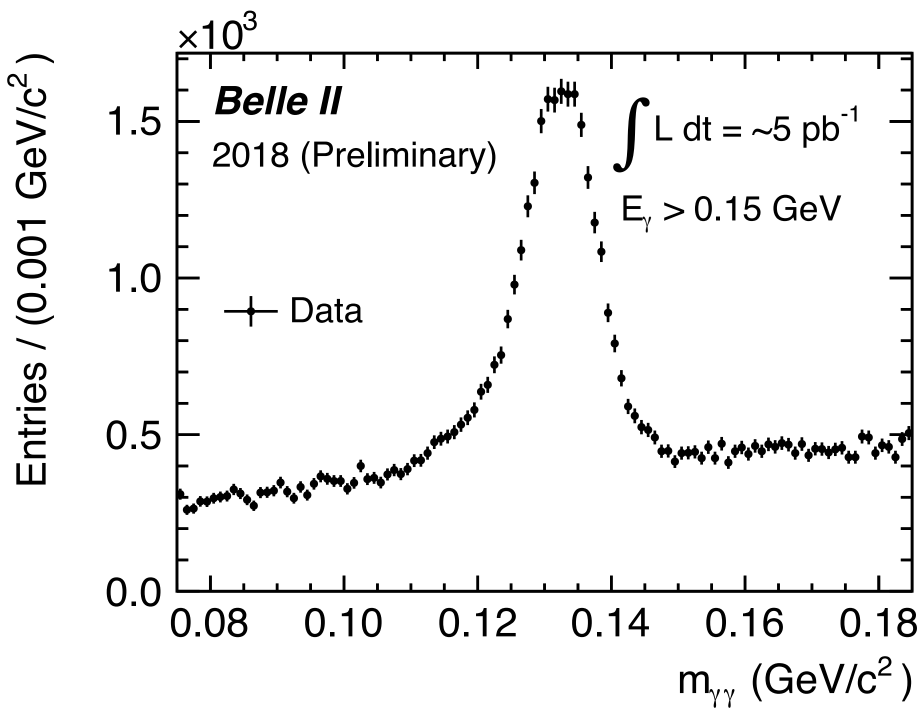


First collisions: first peaks

Mass peaks for charged tracks and photons





Data accumulation is on going

Plans for Belle II

Phase 1: first beams

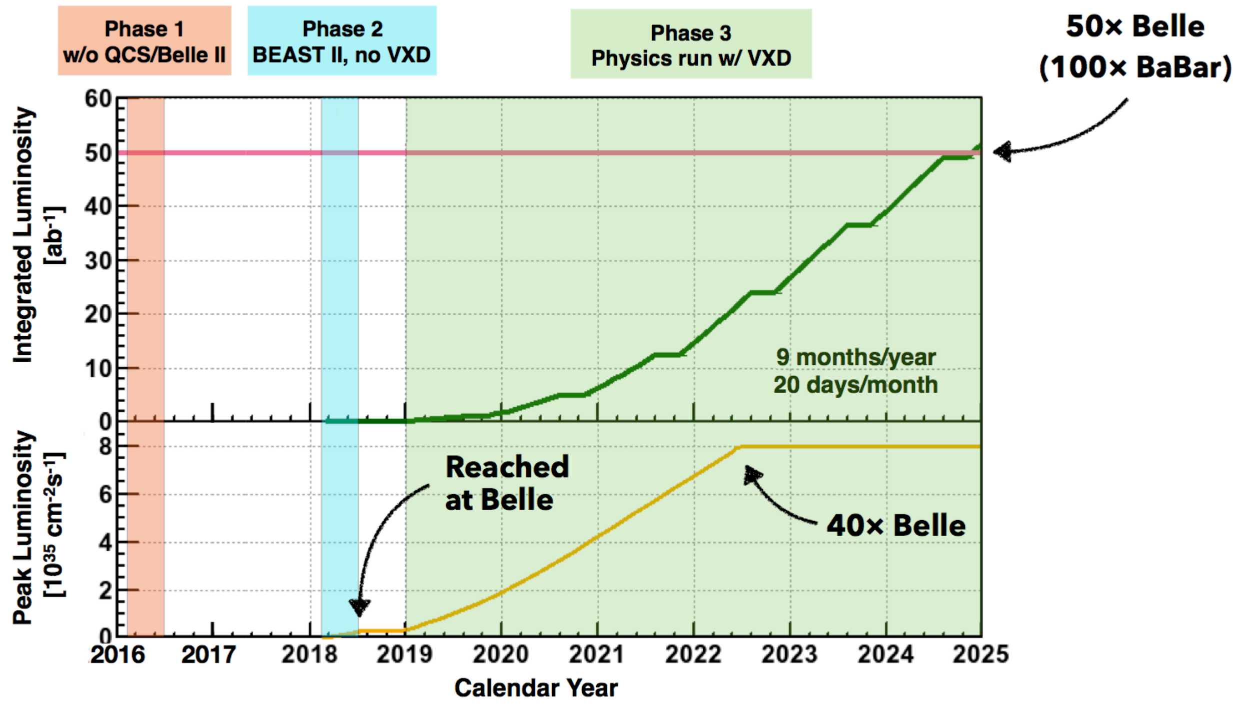
- ➡ no detector over interaction region,
- ➡ study the beam properties

Phase 2: first collisions

- ➡ no PXD detector
- ➡ instead BEAST II (radiation monitoring system)
- ➡ understand backgrounds
- ➡ establish nano-beam scheme and reach KEKB luminosity

Phase 3: first physics with full detector

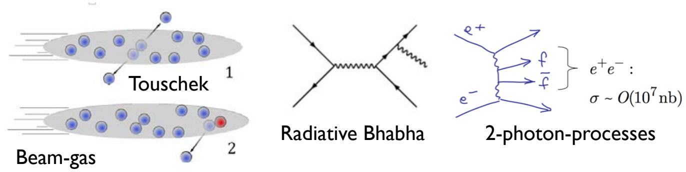
- ➡ luminosity milestones:
  - 1ab^{-1} after 1 year
  - 5ab^{-1}- mid of 2020
  - 50ab^{-1} by 2025

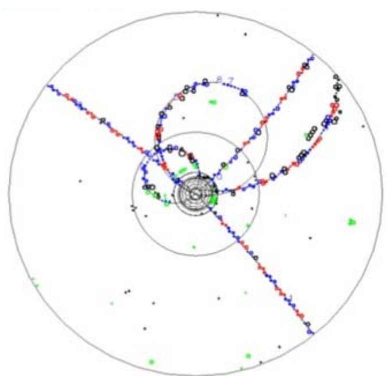


More details are given in Isabelle Ripp-Baudot's presentation

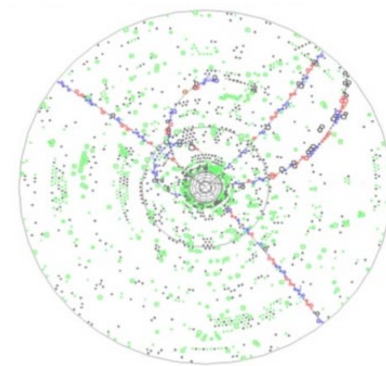
Beam background

40 times higher luminosity comes at the cost of higher machine induced backgrounds

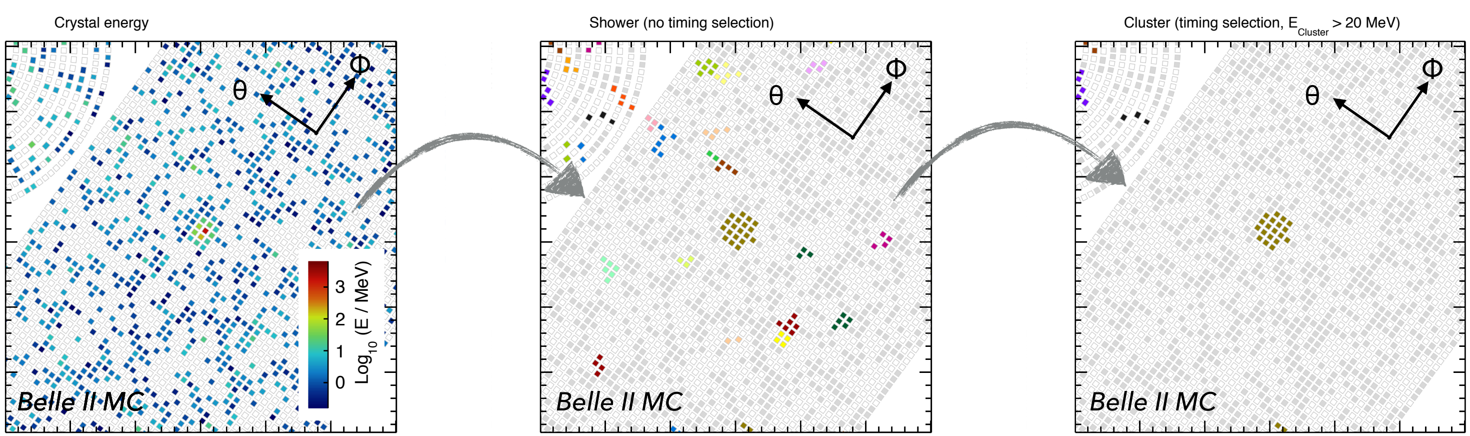




Simulation:
view on the
central drift chamber



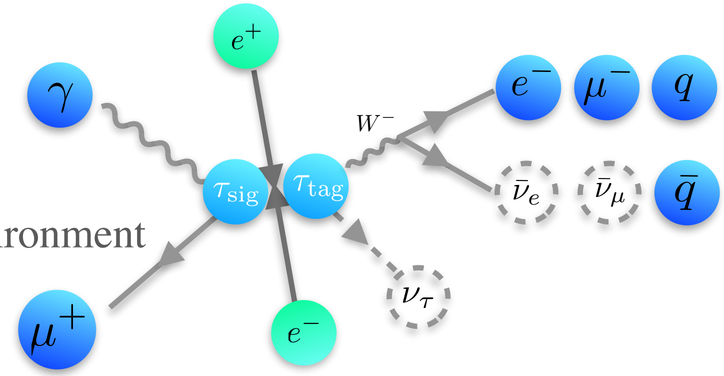
Use the timing information from calorimeter to reduce the background



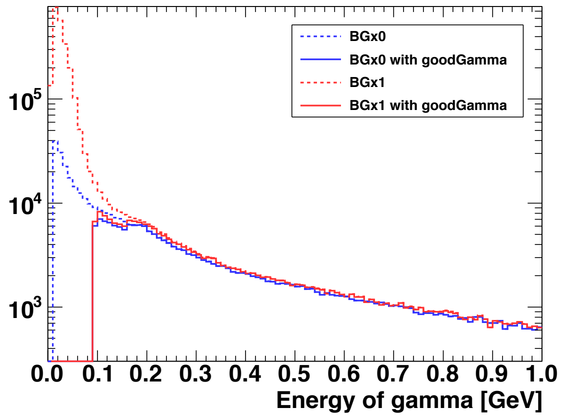
Suppression of beam background

The beam backgrounds are expected to be 10-20 higher

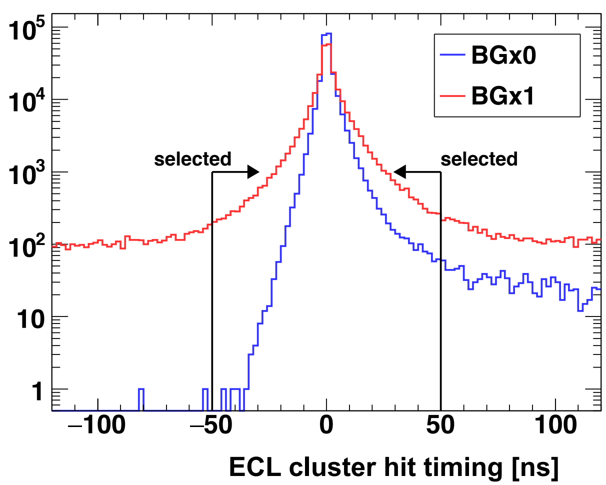
- small number of daughter particles from τ LFV decay
- τ LFV searches more complicated compared to Belle
- feasibility studies using MC samples in more contaminated environment

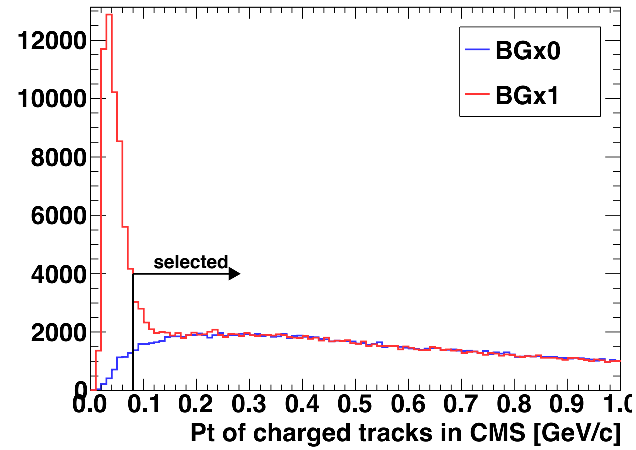


Energy-based cuts to reduce the background



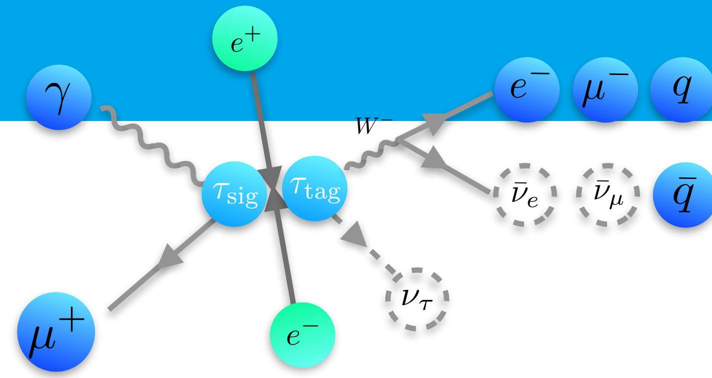
ECL cluster timing





Background-free search (even with high beam BG)

Previous searches at Belle



Two independent variables:

$$\Delta E = E^{\mathrm{CM}}_{\mu\gamma} - E^{\mathrm{CM}}_{\mathrm{beam}} \qquad M_{\mu\gamma} = \sqrt{E^2_{\mu\gamma} - P^2_{\mu\gamma}}$$

➡ For signal $\rightarrow$ ΔE close to 0 and $M_{\mu\gamma}$ close to τ mass

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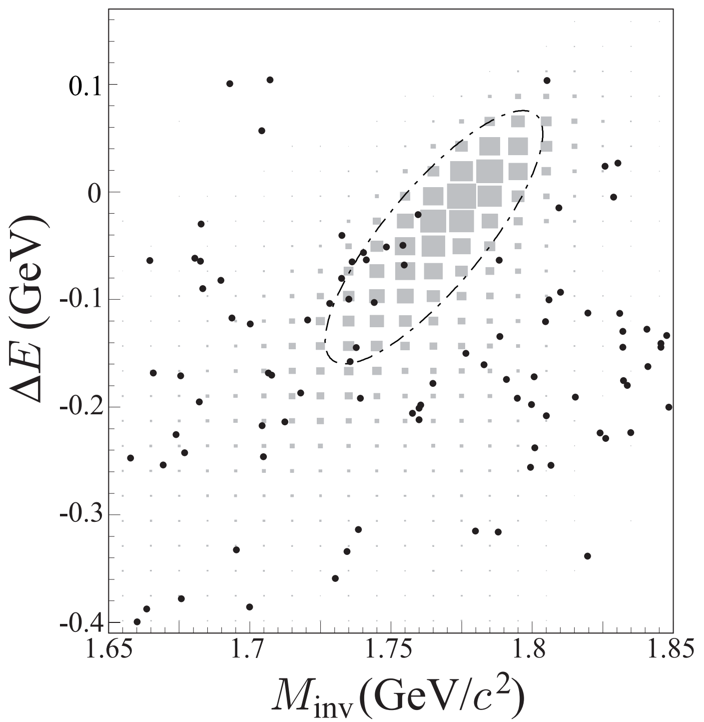


Main background sources:

➡ $\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu$
➡ $\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu$
➡ $\tau \rightarrow \pi\nu$
$\} + \gamma$

➡ $e^+e^- \rightarrow ee(\mu\mu)\,\gamma$

➡ $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ continuum

Background suppression:

➡ event topology

➡ back-to-back production: thrust value close to 1

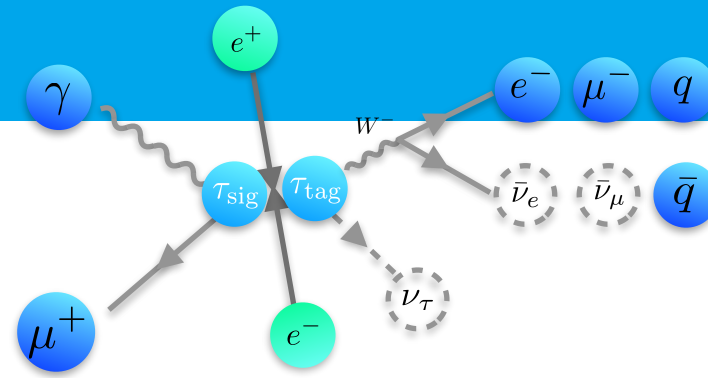
➡ missing momentum towards the tag hemisphereτ

➡ relation between the missing momentum and missing mass

➡ total visible energy

➡ …

… and at Belle II



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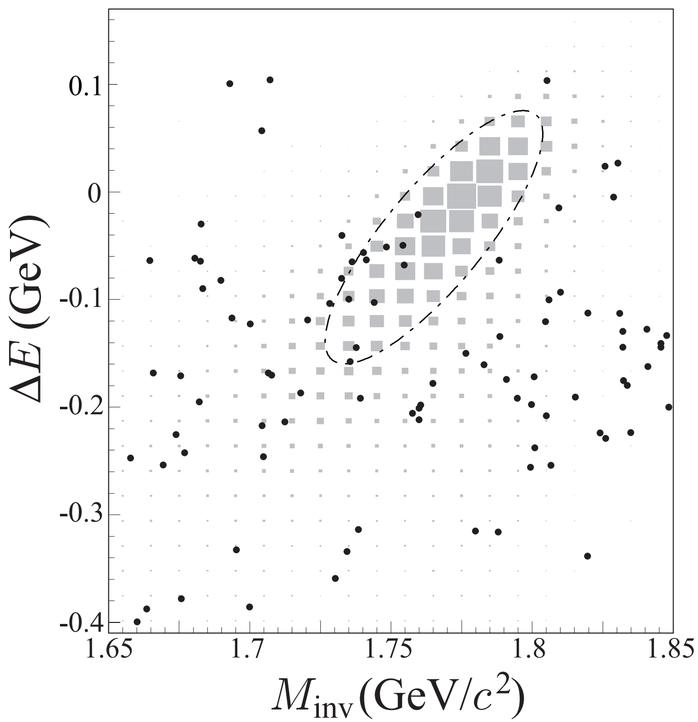
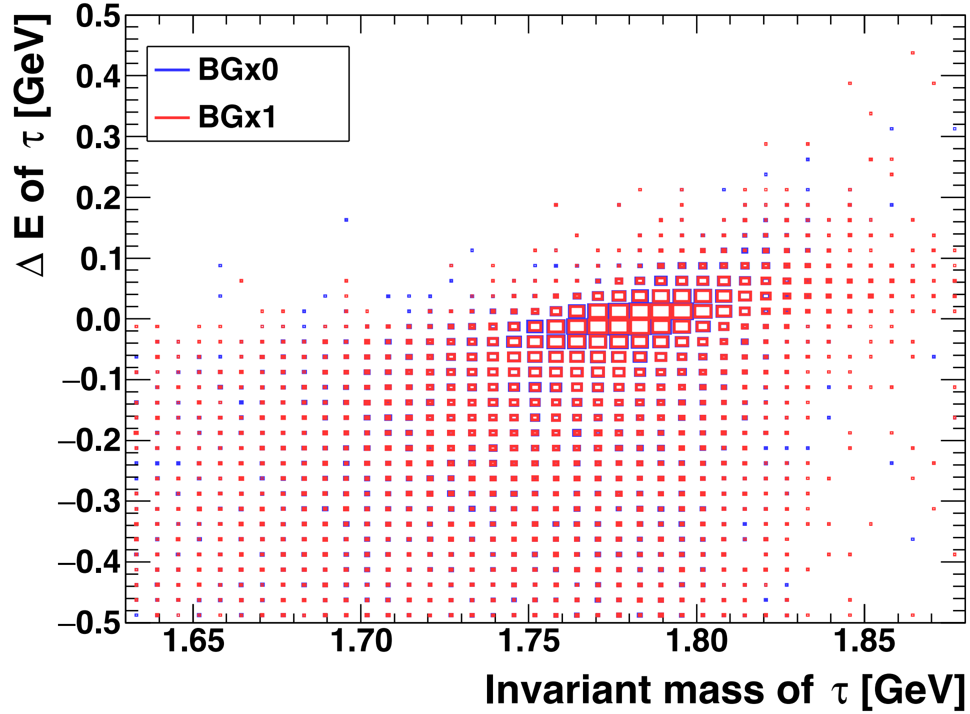
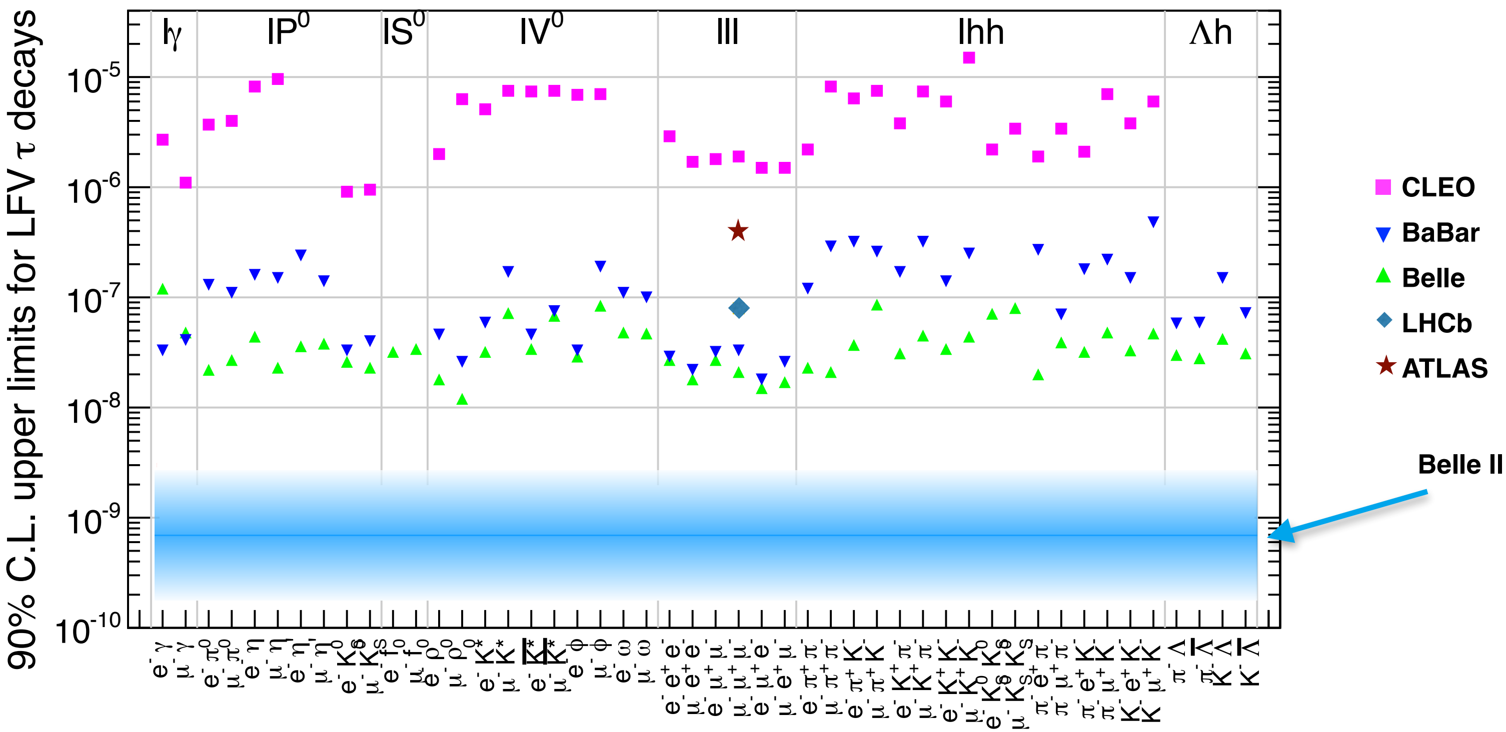




Perspectives at Belle II

LFV and LNV τ decays

➡ One of factors pushing up the sensitivity of probes is the increase of the luminosity



➡ Equally important is the increase of the signal detection efficiency

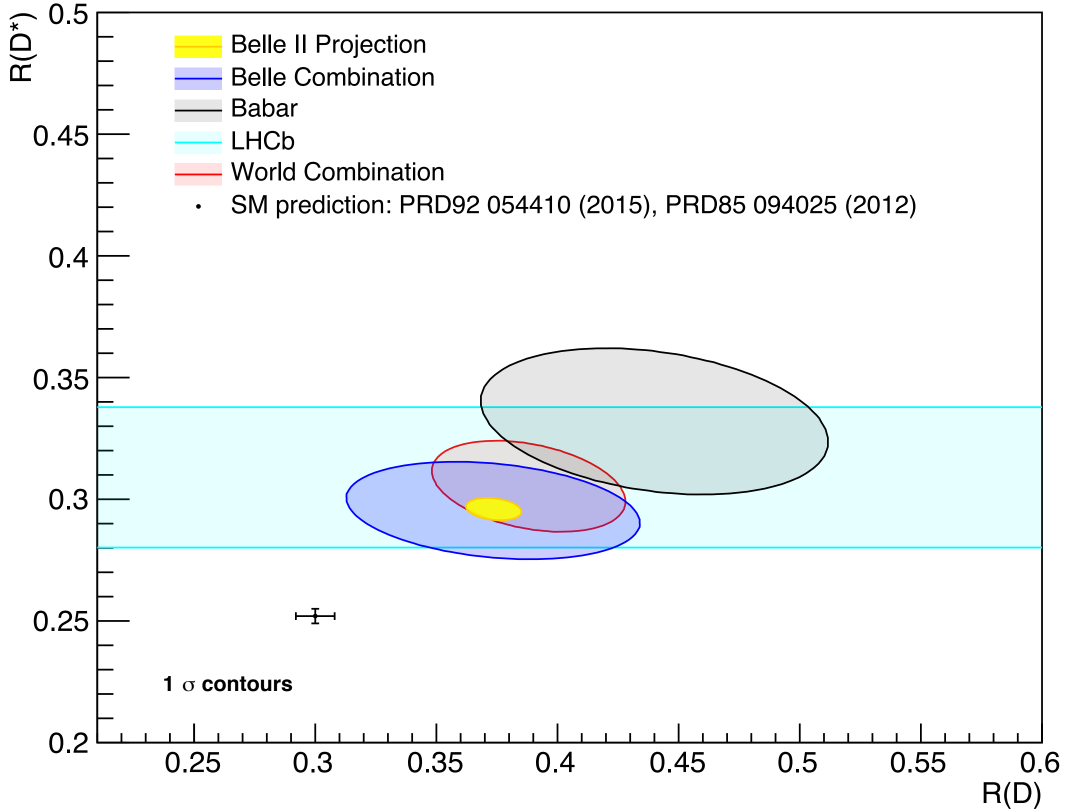
➡ high trigger efficiencies; improvements in the vertex reconstruction, charged track and neutral-meson reconstructions, particle identification, refinements in the analysis techniques…

The searches at Belle II will push the current bounds further by more than one order of magnitude

Perspectives at Belle II

Semi-tauonic B decays (example)

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{Br(B \to D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{Br(B \to D^{(*)}l\nu)}$$ (l=e or μ)

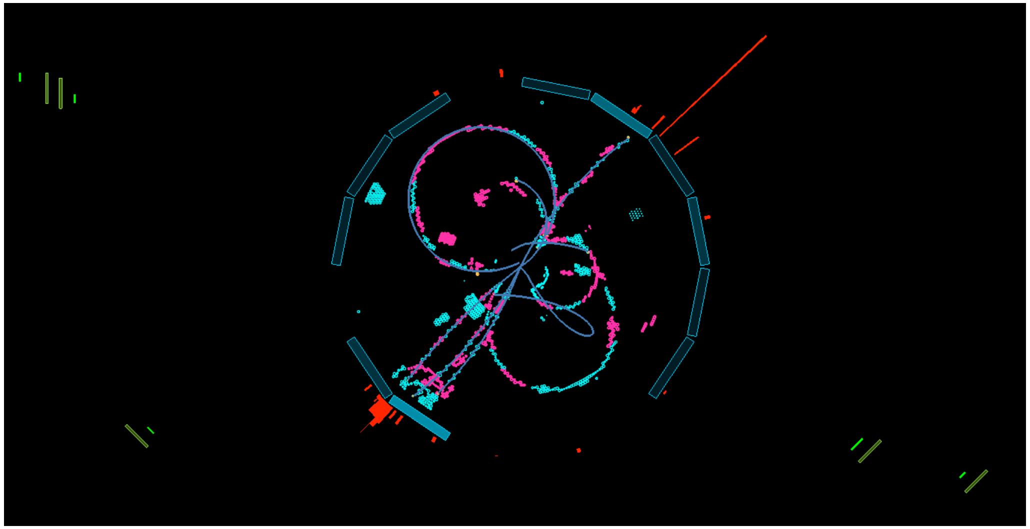


- ➡ Current experimental results limited by statistics
- ➡ 1ab^{-1} (KEKB) → 50ab^{-1} (SuperKEKB)
- ➡ LHCb experiment continues in parallel

BelleII can confirm/deny this anomaly

Outlook

- ➡ SuperKEKB is completing the commissioning phase and first collisions achieved
- ➡ Phase 2 data taking has been started
- ➡ First data is available already



- ➡ The data with the full detector installed will start in early 2019
- ➡ Belle II will probe the New Physics in many channels with neutrinos in the final state
- ➡ Belle II will be the major player in τ physics in the near future
- ➡ Very exciting times are ahead!