

Effective field theory description of τ LFV decays

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Charged Lepton Flavour Violation (cLFV)

- cLFV \equiv contact interaction among the charged leptons that violates flavour
- Neutrino masses and oscillations imply lepton flavour violation
- Unambiguous signals of New Physics
- Accidental symmetries of the SM can be easily violated (cLFV is expected in many models)
- Can probe Beyond SM scenarios above the reach of colliders

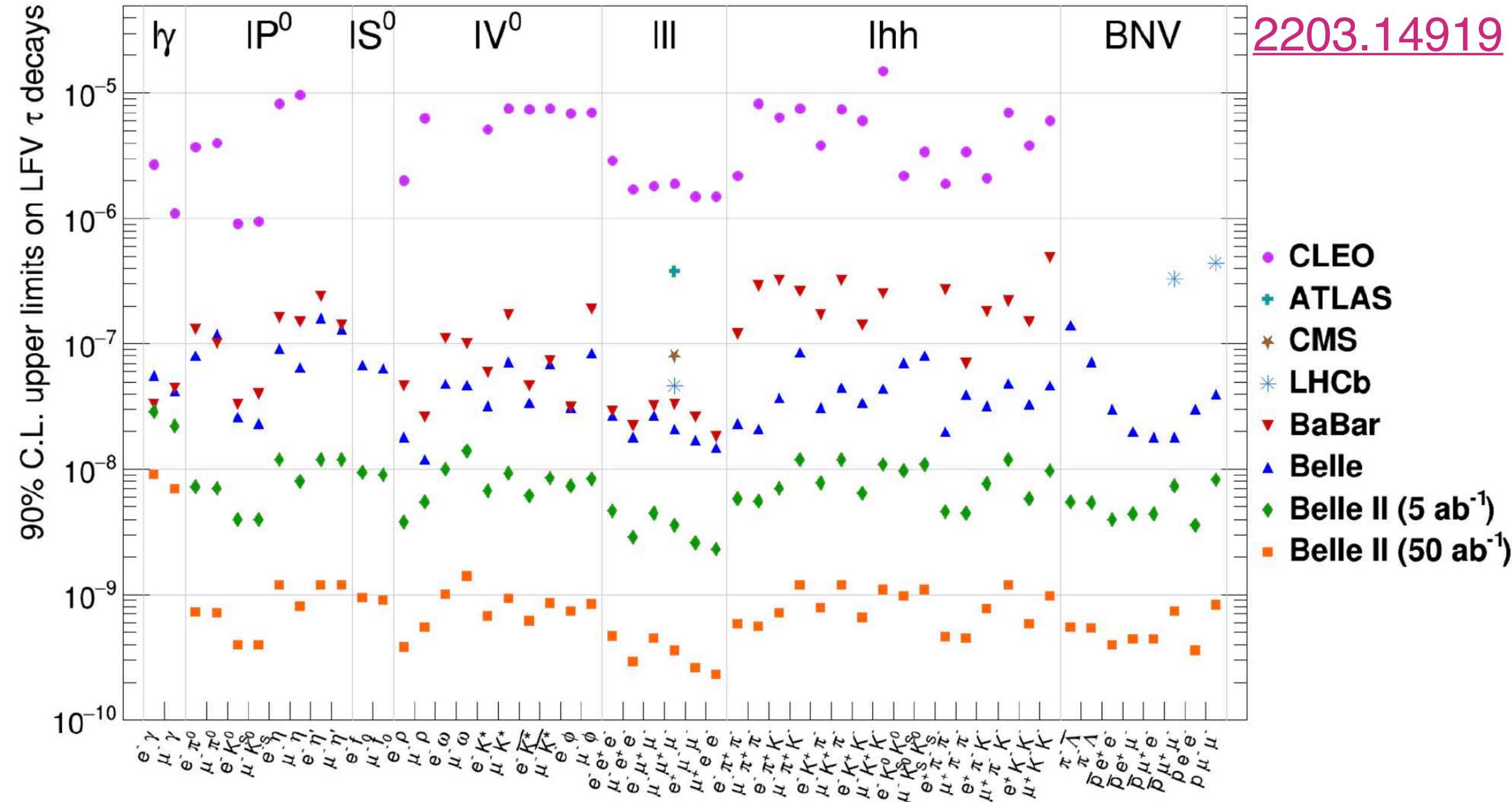
Experimental searches

Process	Current bound on BR	Future Sensitivity
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ MEG	10^{-14} MEGII
$\mu \rightarrow \bar{e}ee$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ SINDRUM	10^{-16} Mu3e
$\mu A \rightarrow eA$	$< 7 \times 10^{-13}$ SINDRUMII	$10^{-16} \rightarrow 10^{-18}$ COMET, Mu2e

- $\mu \rightarrow e$ transitions

$K^0 \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$< 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$	
$B_d^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ LHCb	$\sim 10^{-6}$?
...
$h \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-5}$ Atlas	2.1×10^{-5}
$h \rightarrow e^\pm \tau^\mp$	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-3}$ CMS	2.4×10^{-4}
$h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ CMS	2.3×10^{-4} ILC
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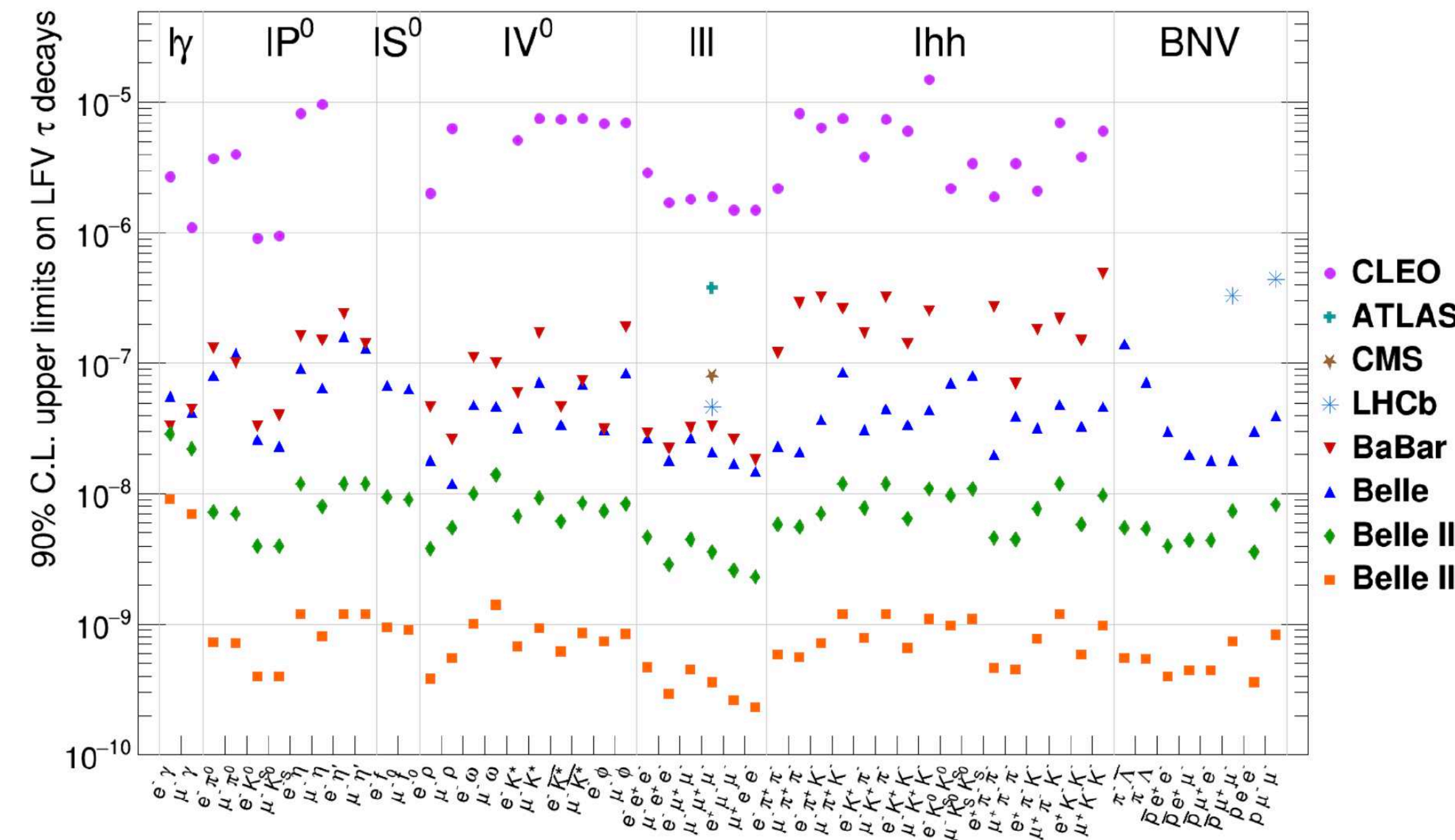
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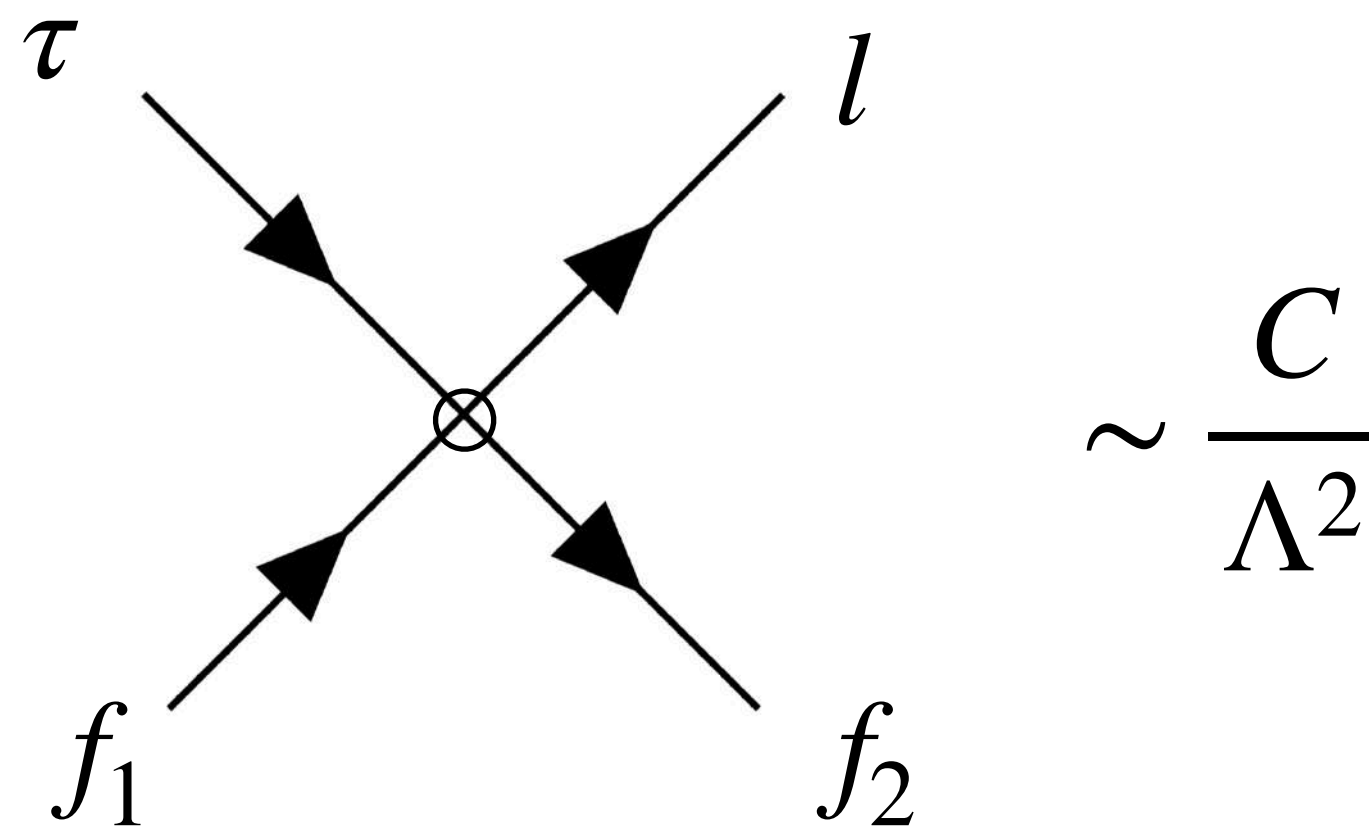
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- The sensitivities of $\tau \rightarrow l$ processes are $Br(\tau \rightarrow l) \lesssim 10^{-8} \rightarrow 10^{-10}$ (LHC(b), BaBar, Belle, Belle-II)
- If we see $\tau \rightarrow l$, it should be relatively large
- The big phase available means there is a plethora of different channels (possible to overconstrain models = distinguish them)
- High energy probes (like the decay of heavy particles into final states with τ -s) are sometimes competitive with the decays



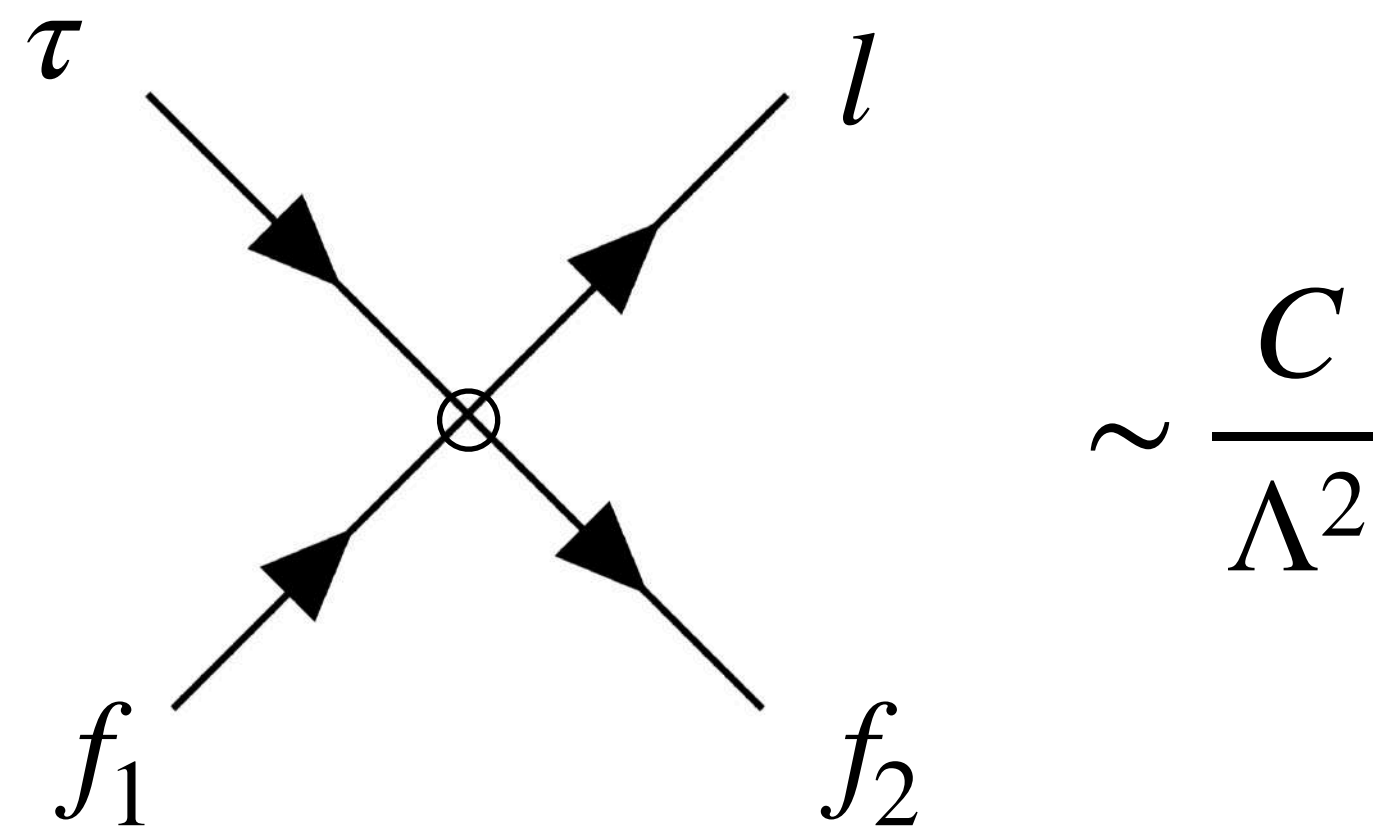
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- Add to the Lagrangian the relevant contact interactions (non-renormalizable operators) compatible with the symmetries

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

and calculate observables...

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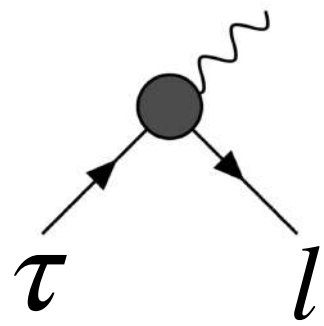
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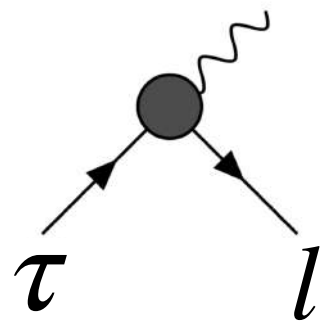
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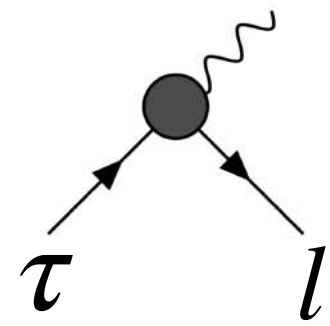
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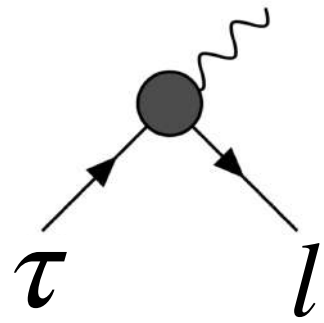
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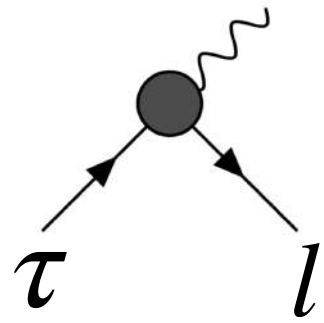
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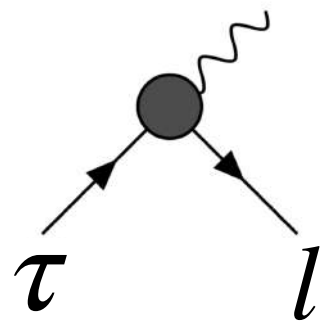
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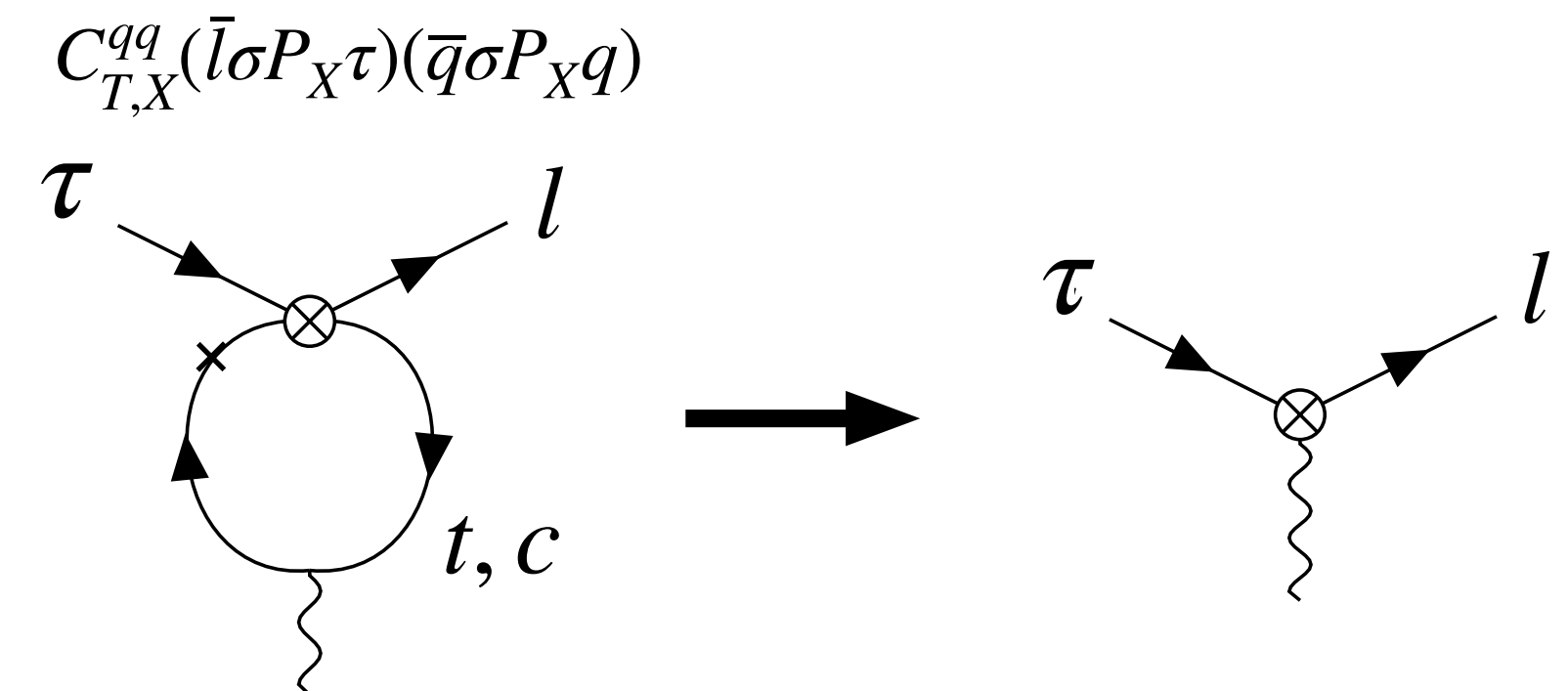
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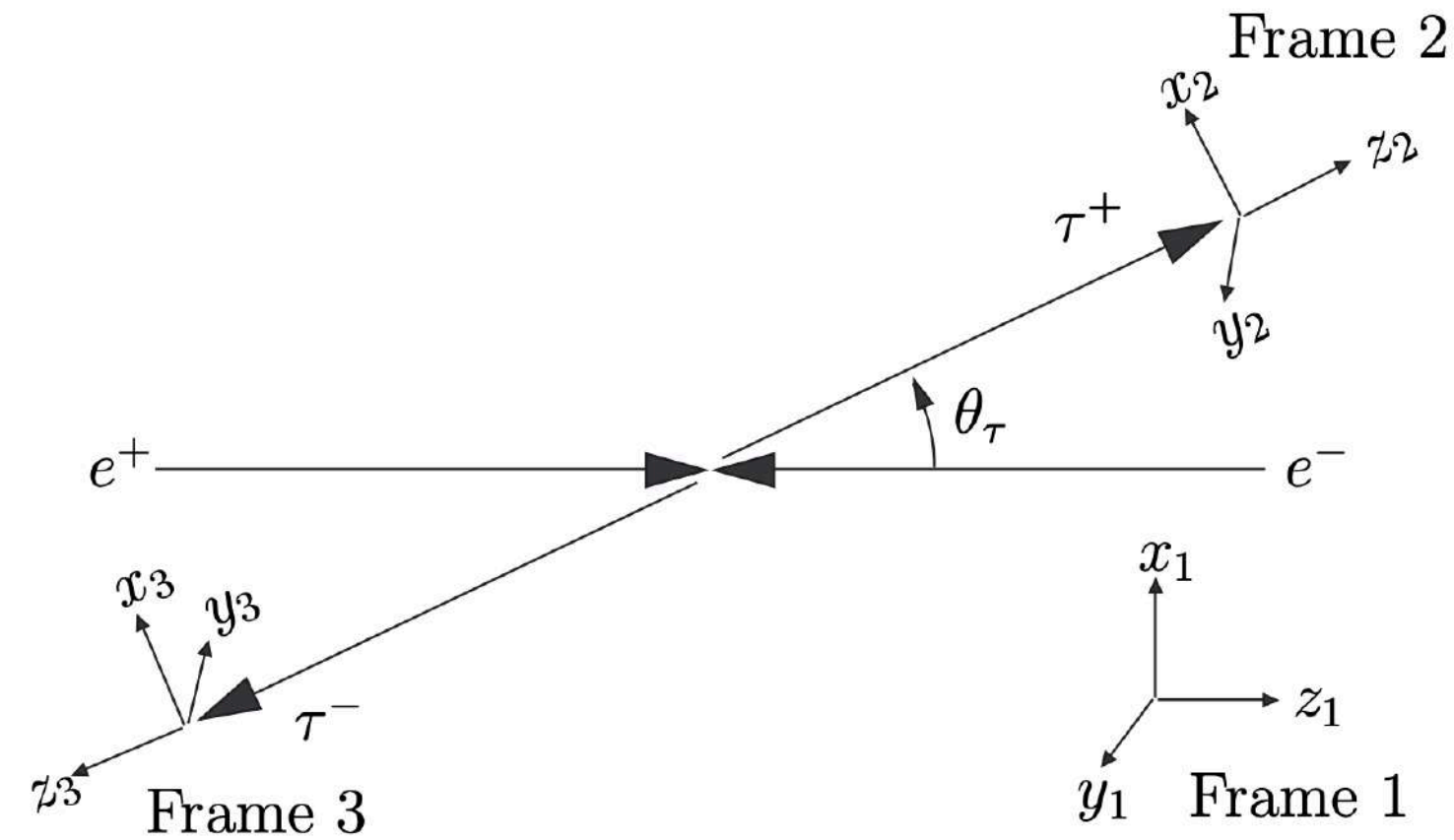
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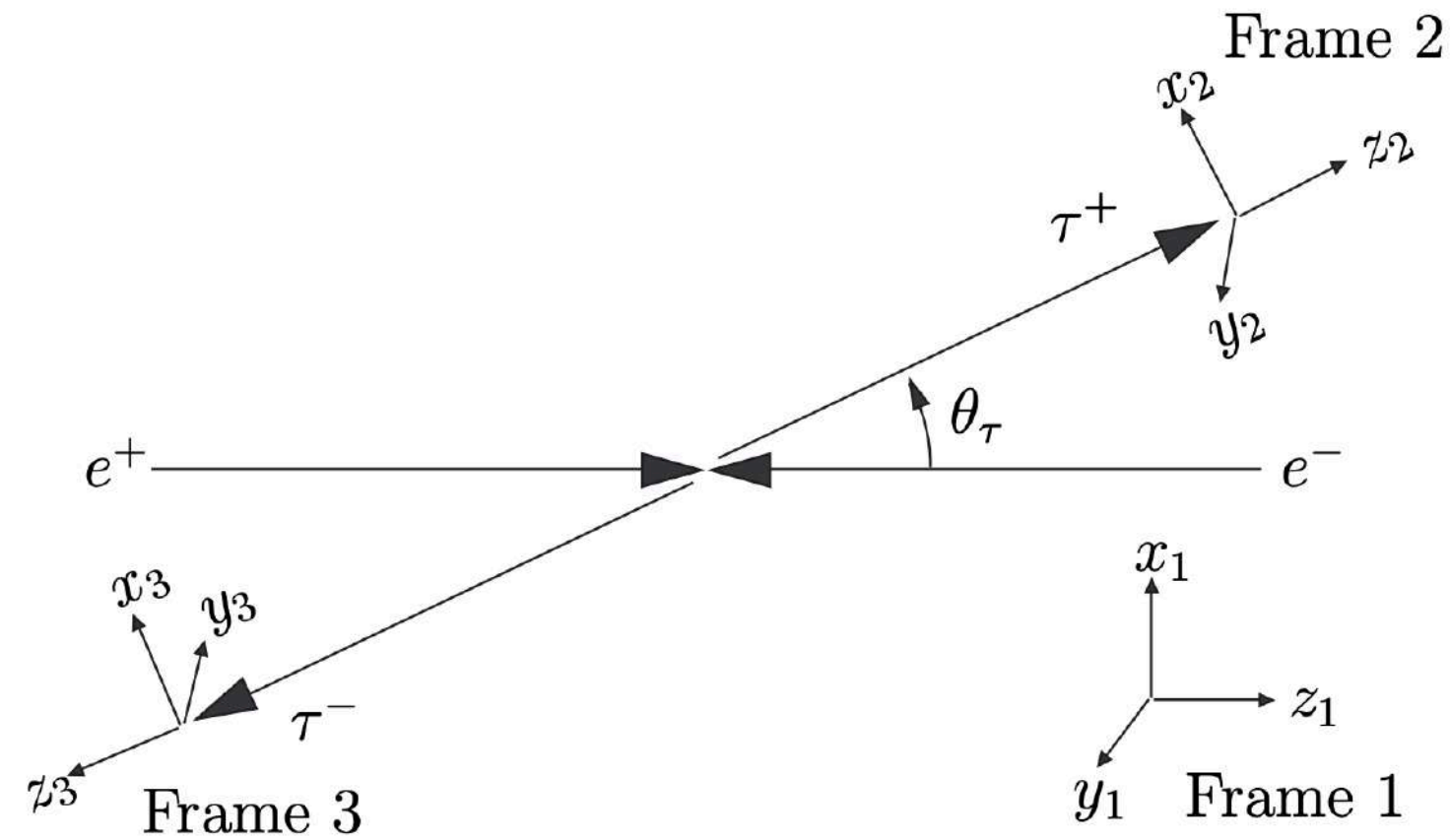
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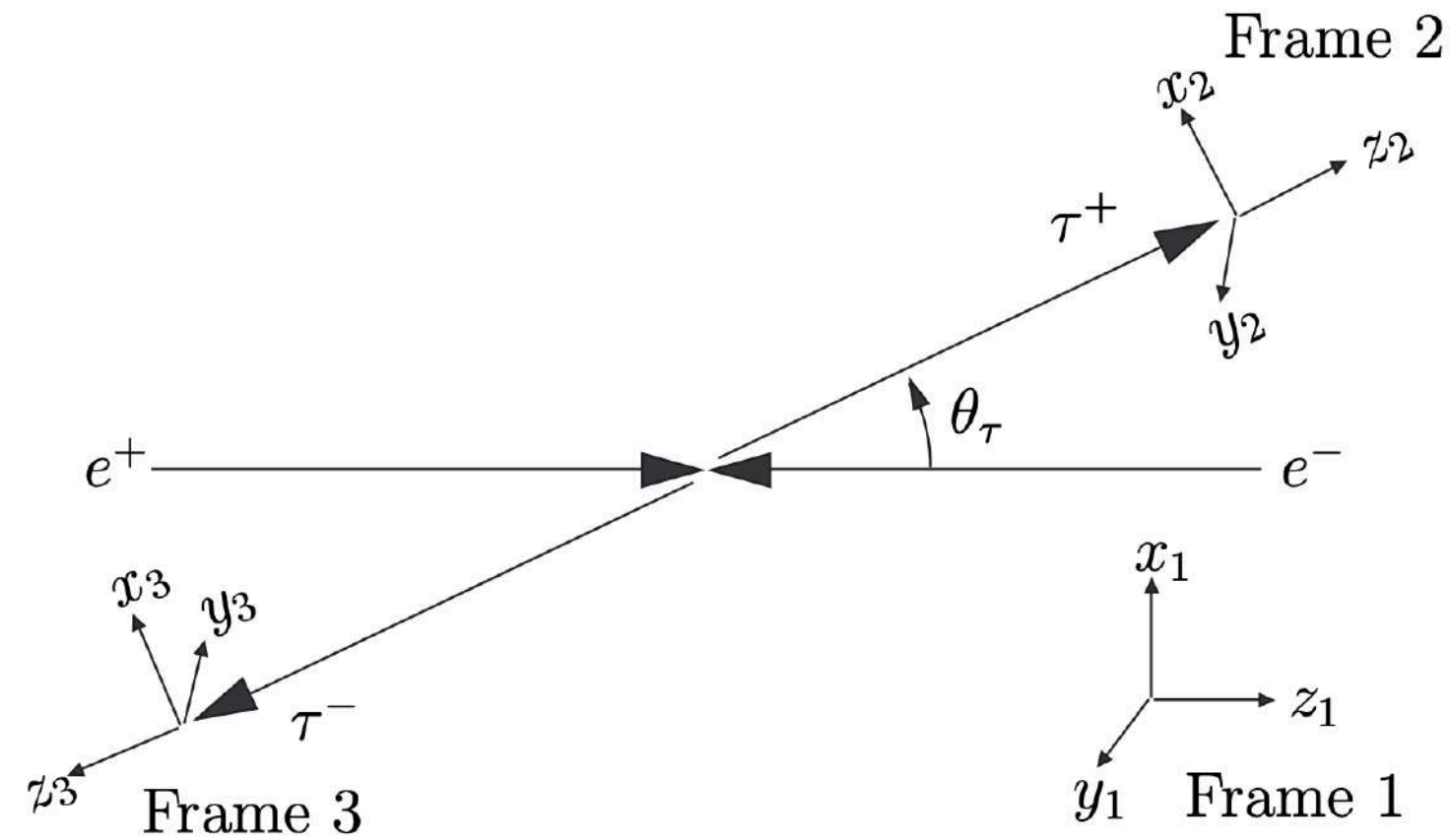
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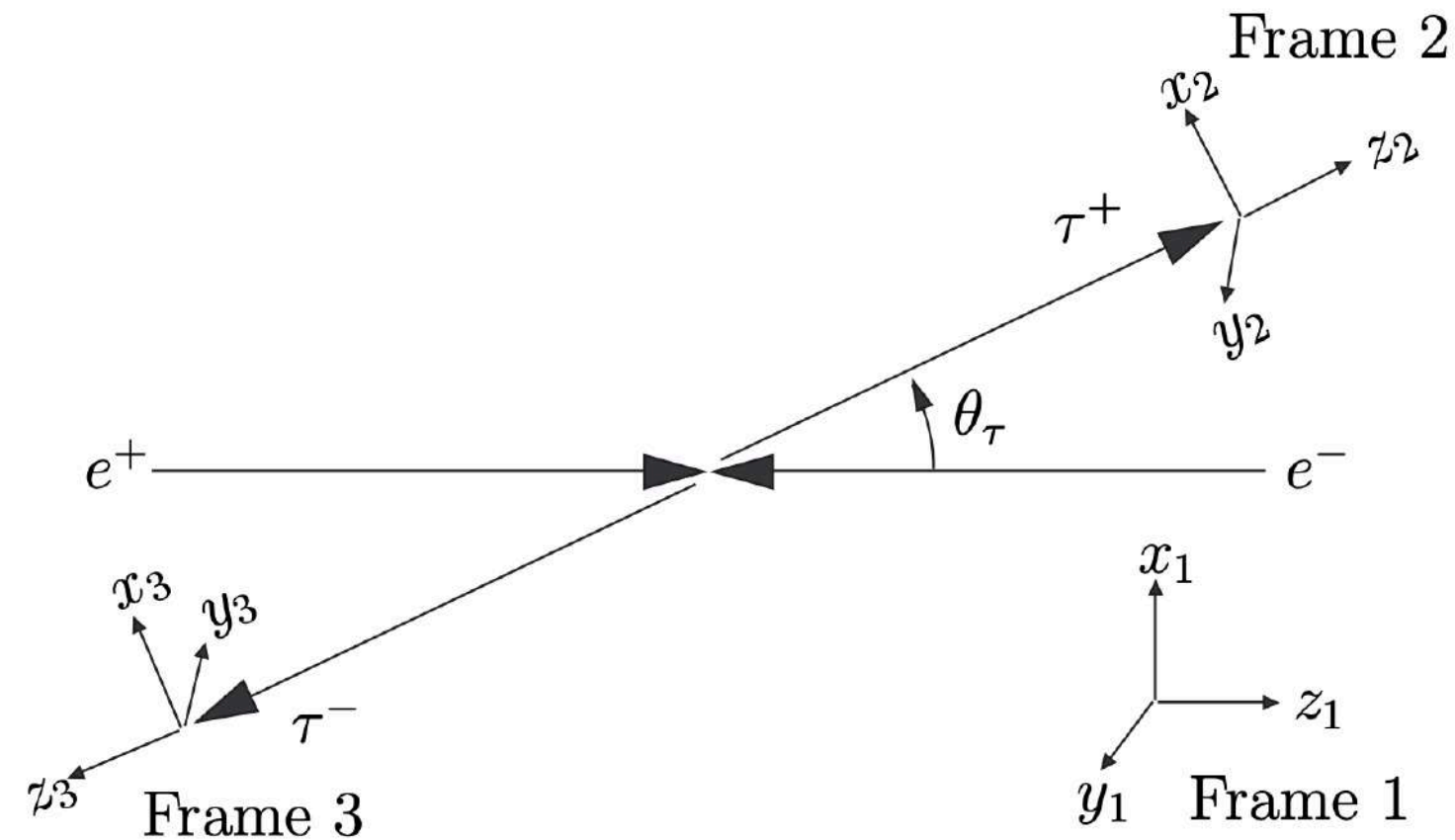
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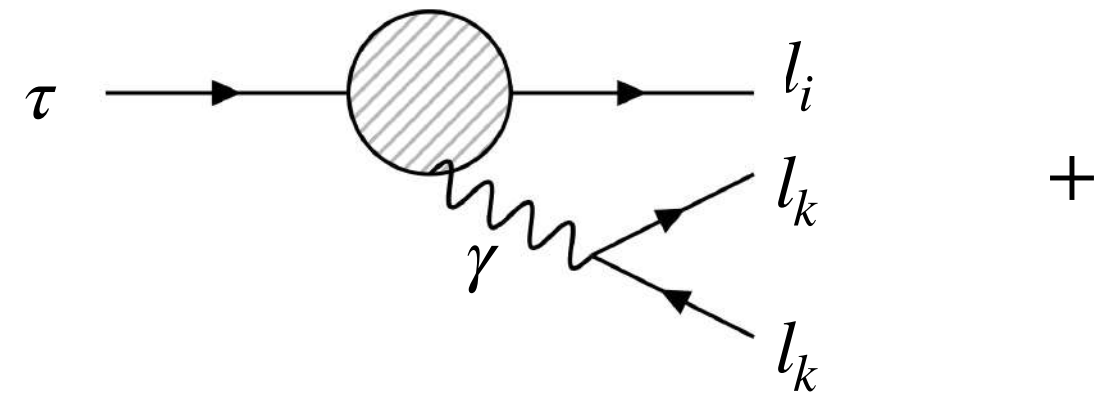
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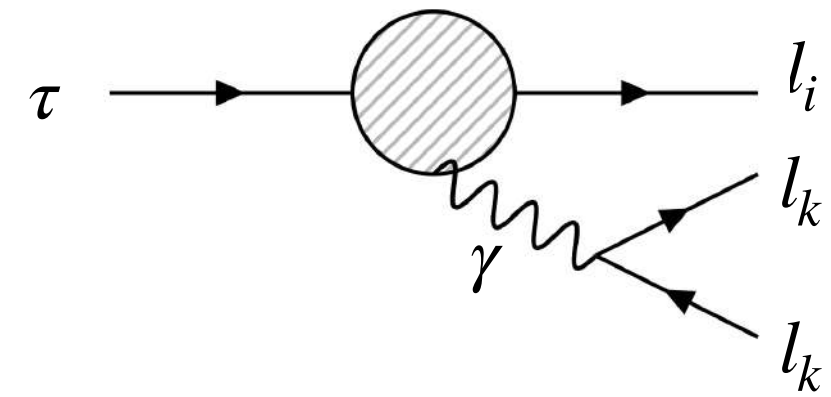
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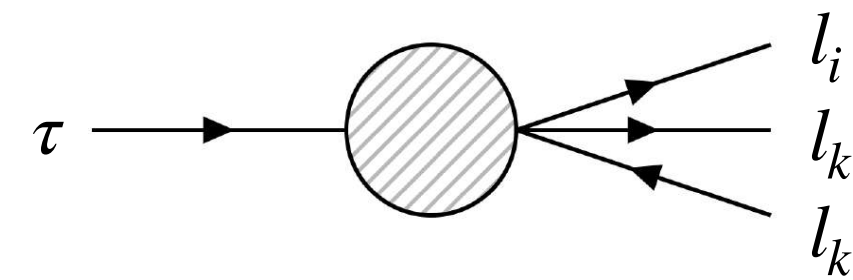
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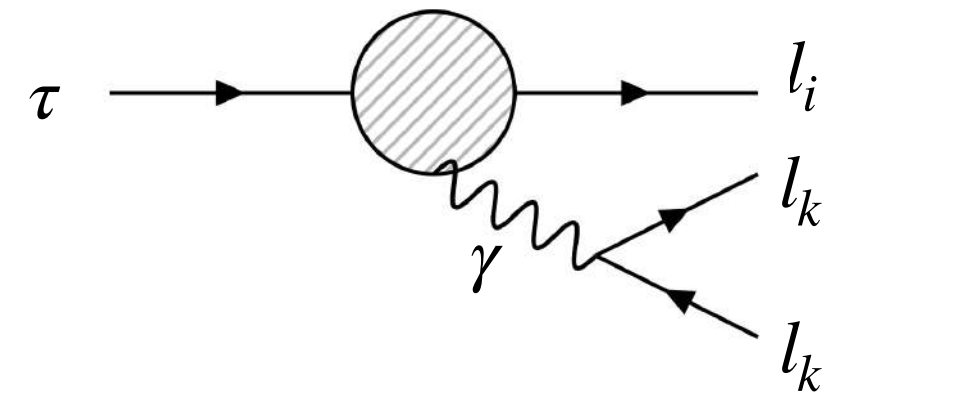
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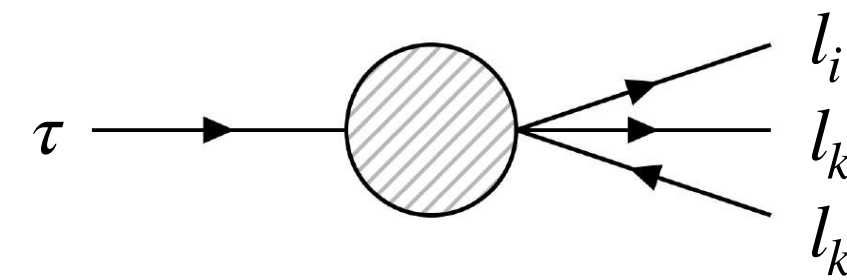
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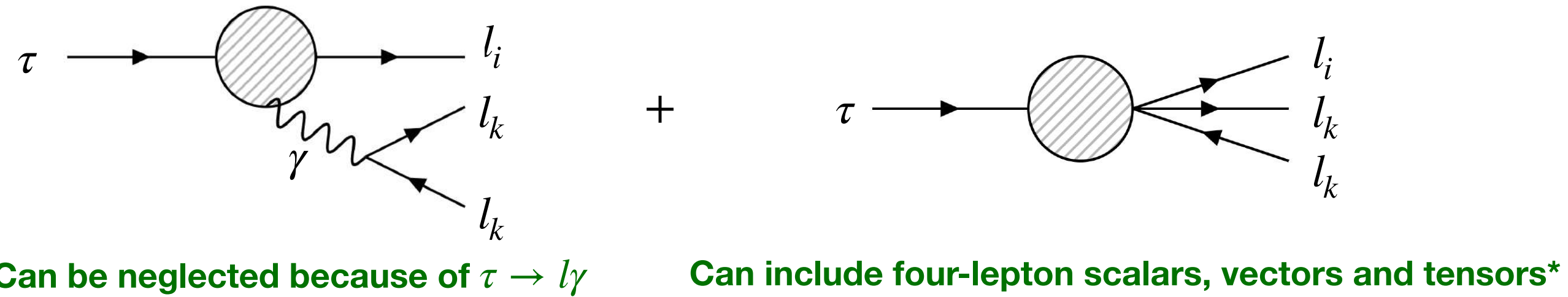


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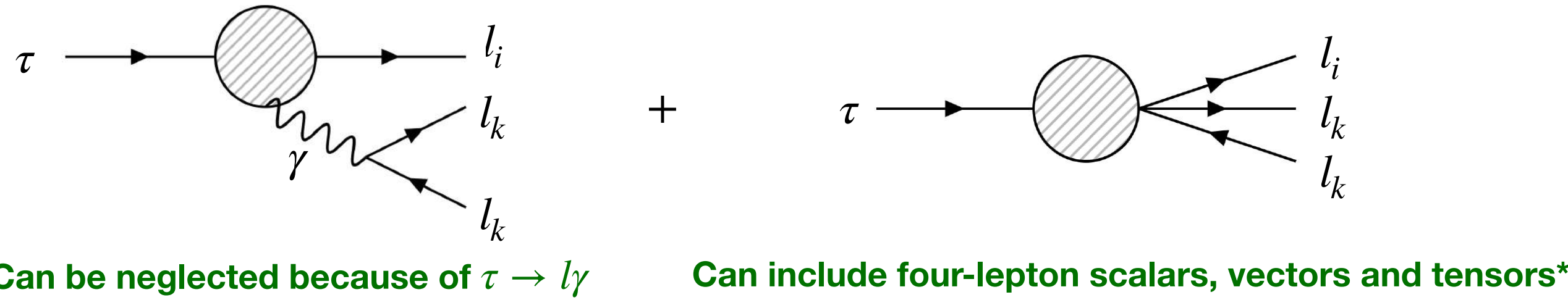
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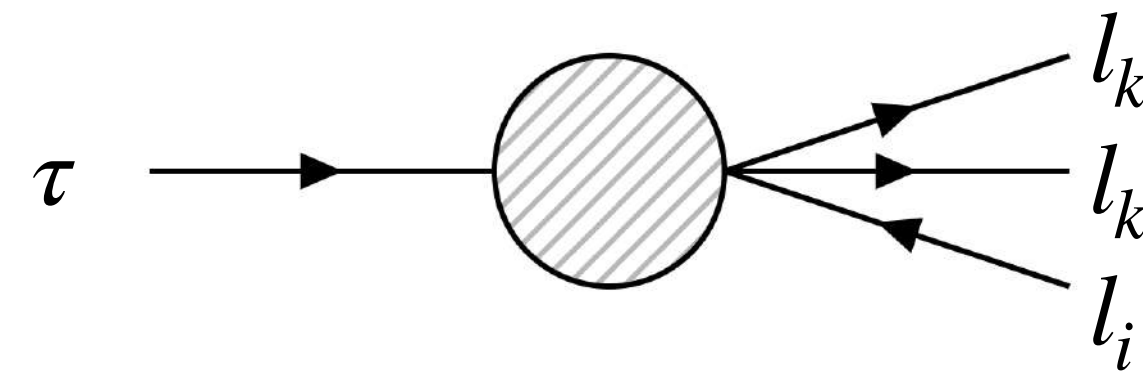
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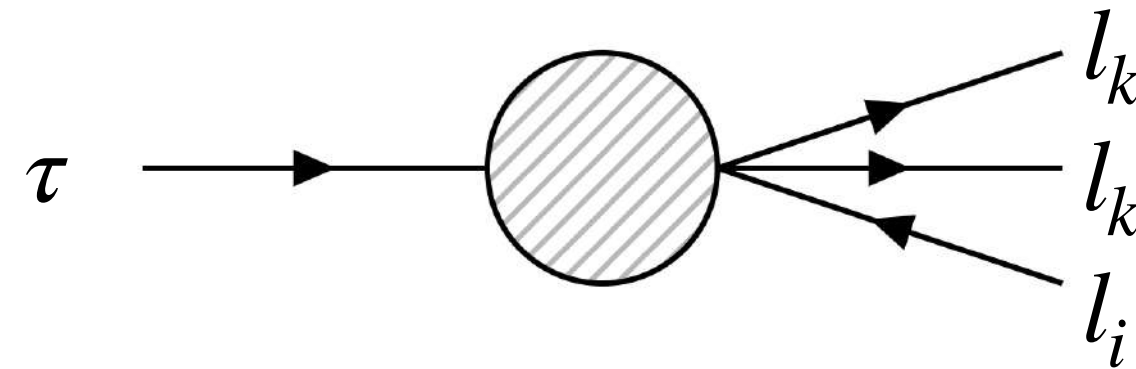


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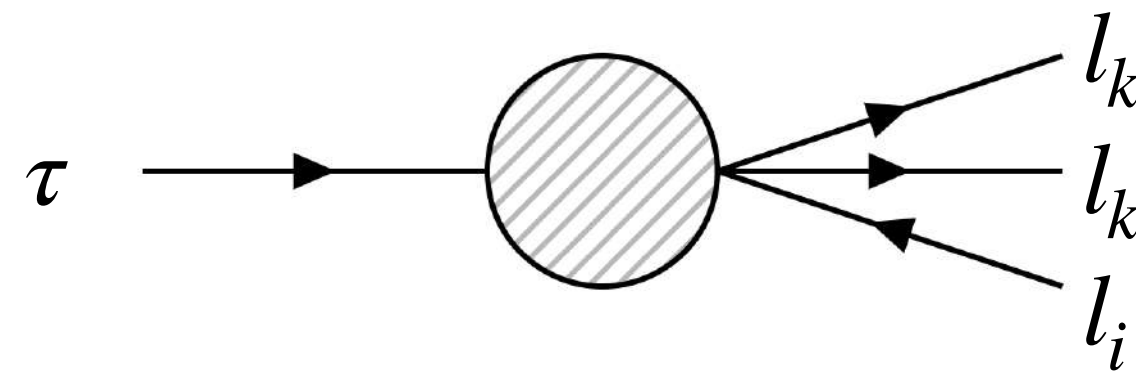
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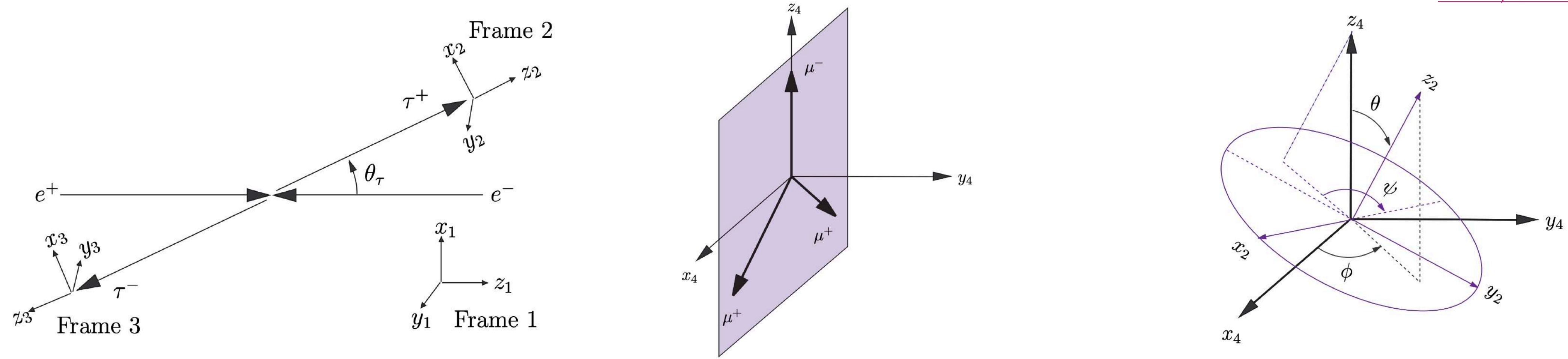
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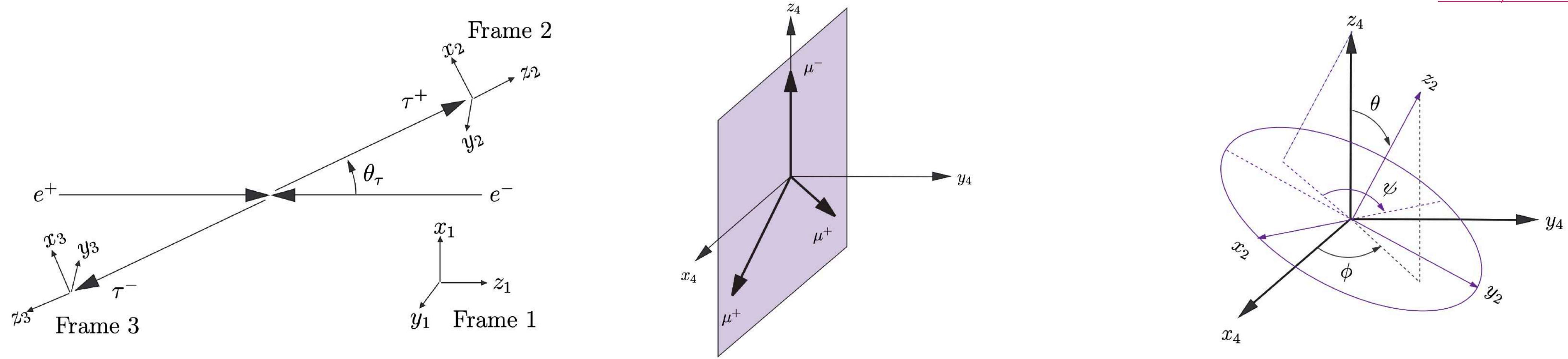
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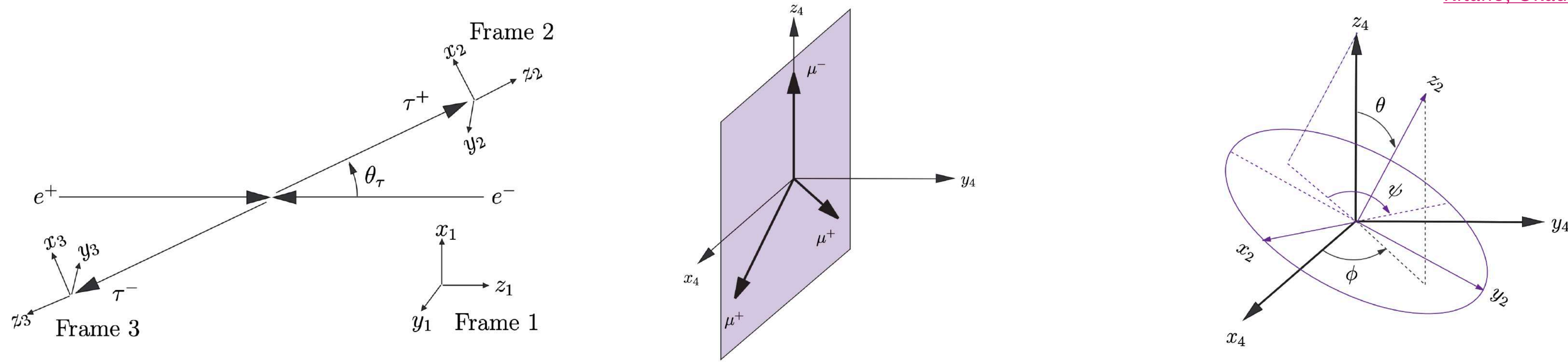
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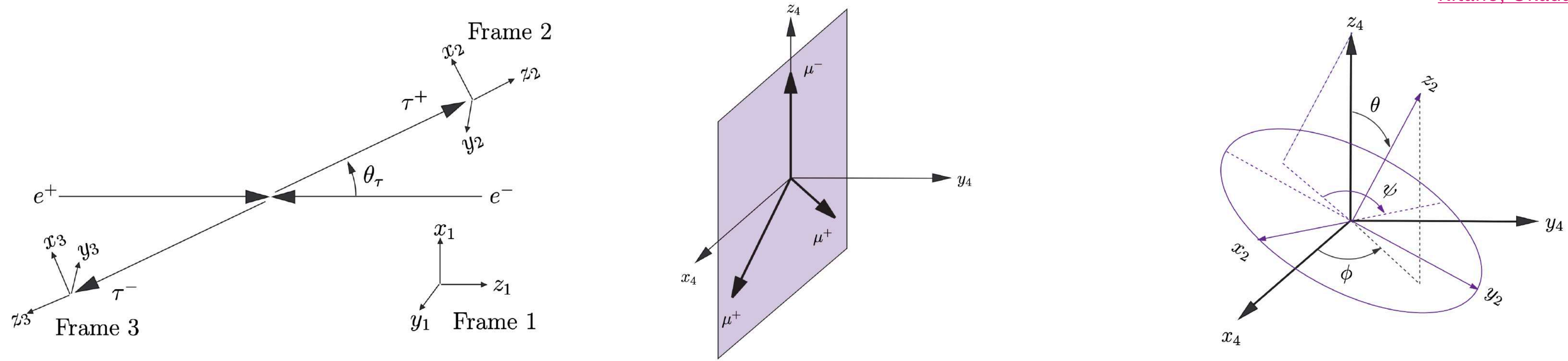
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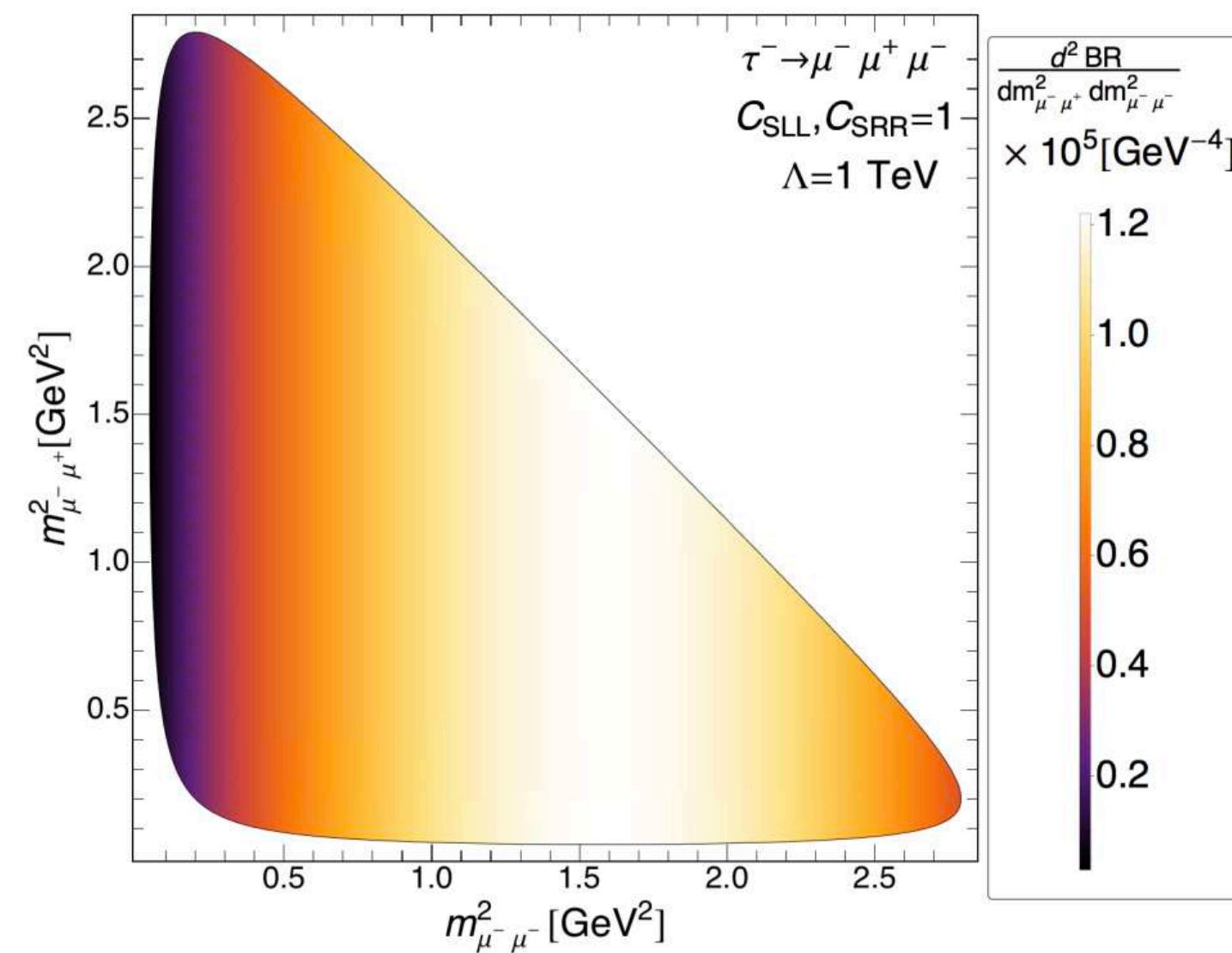
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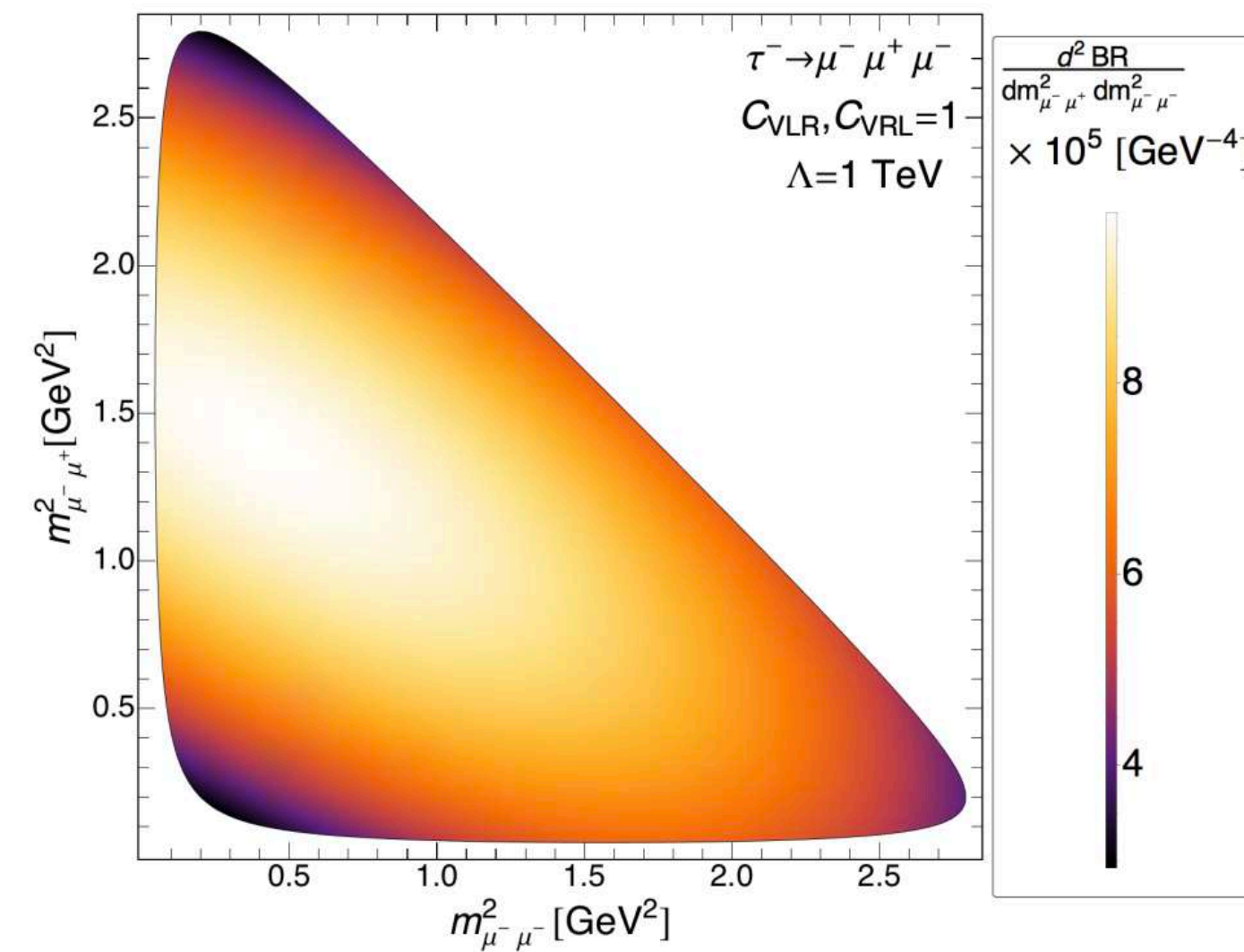
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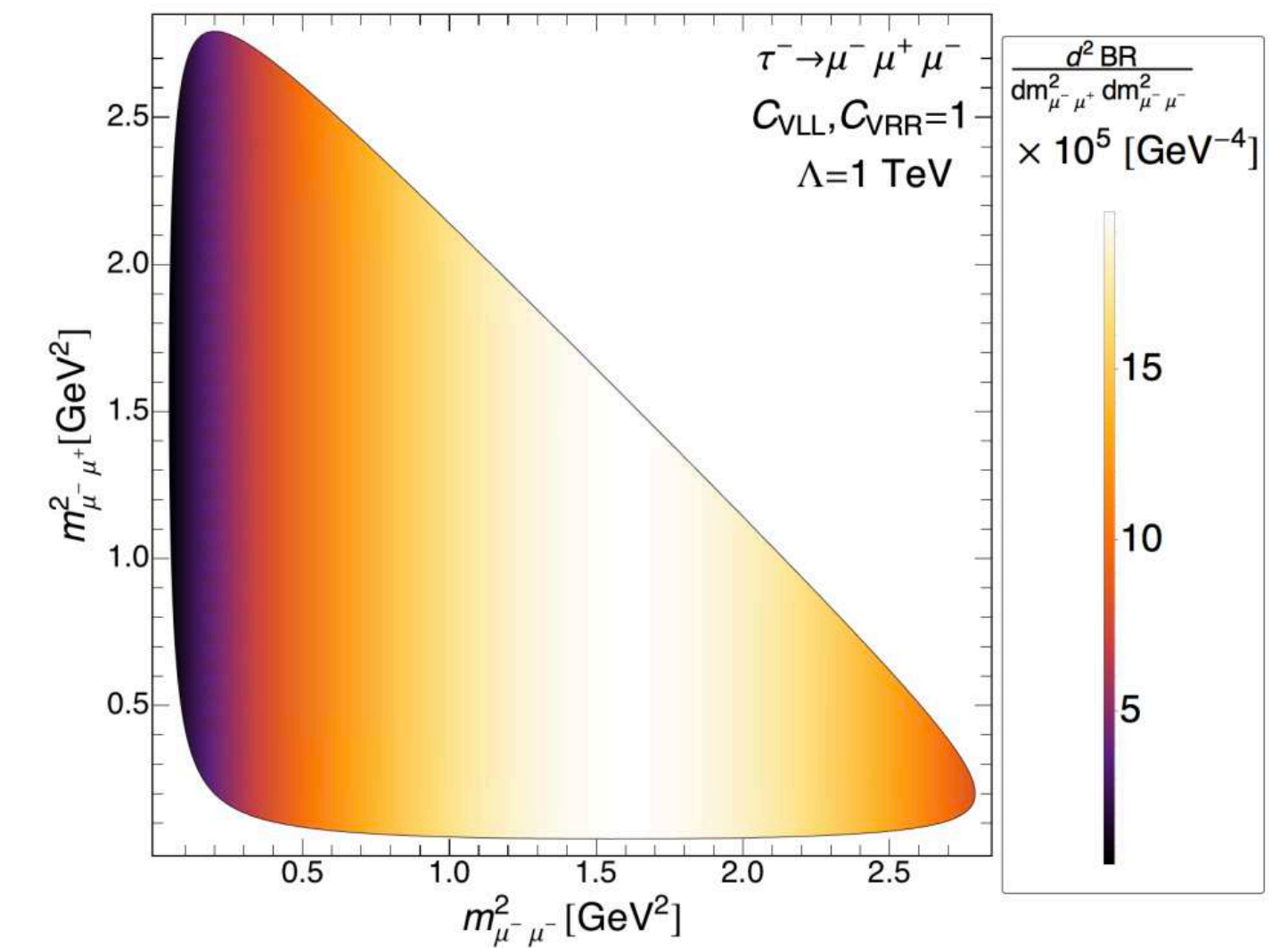
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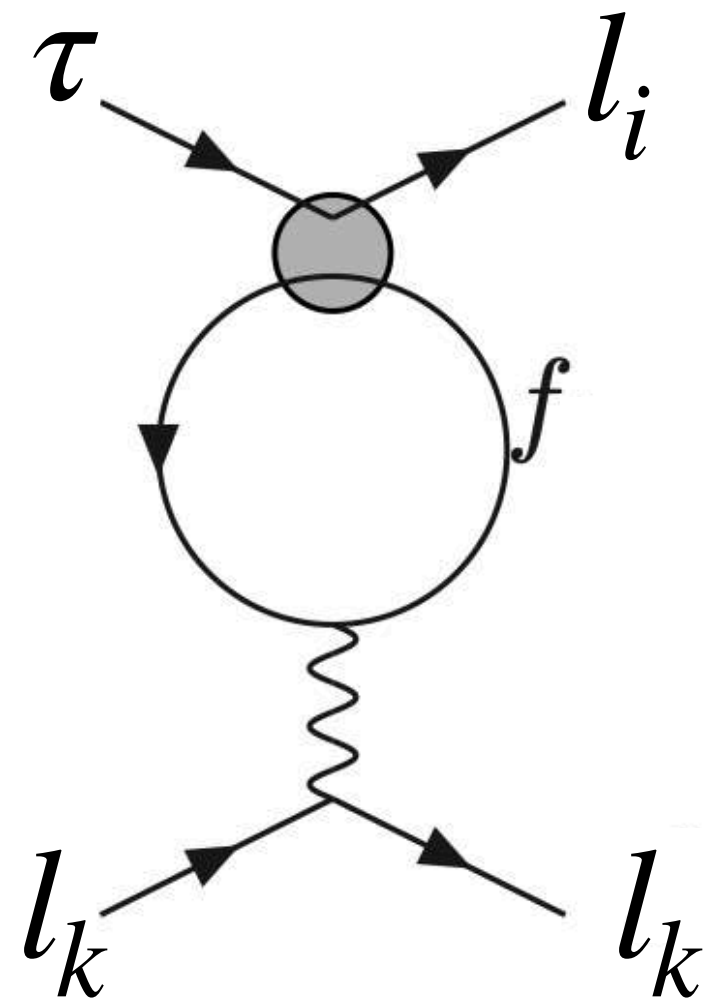


Vectors



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



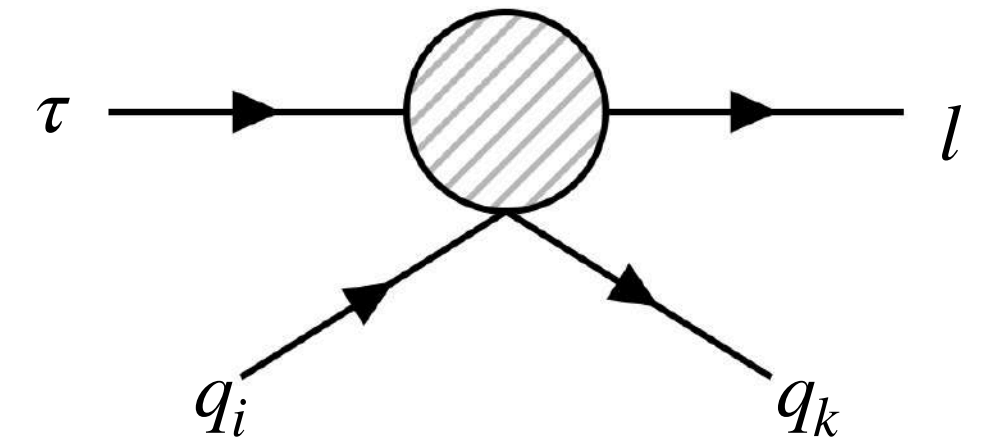
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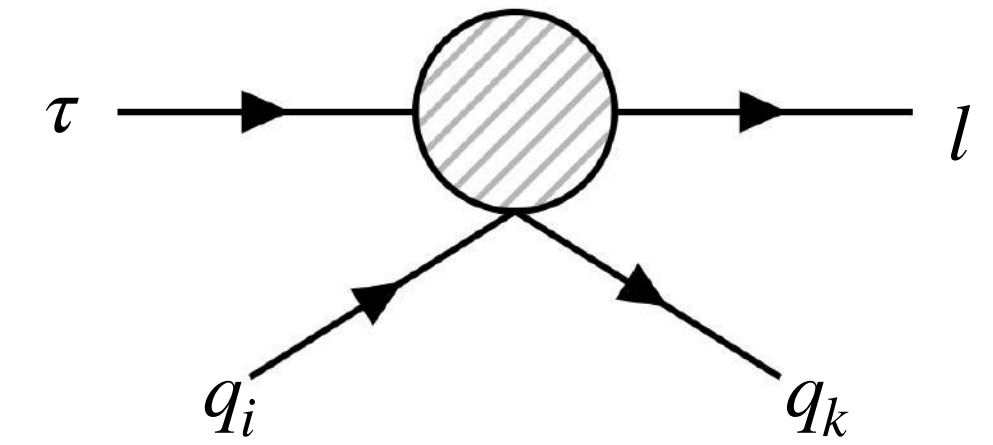
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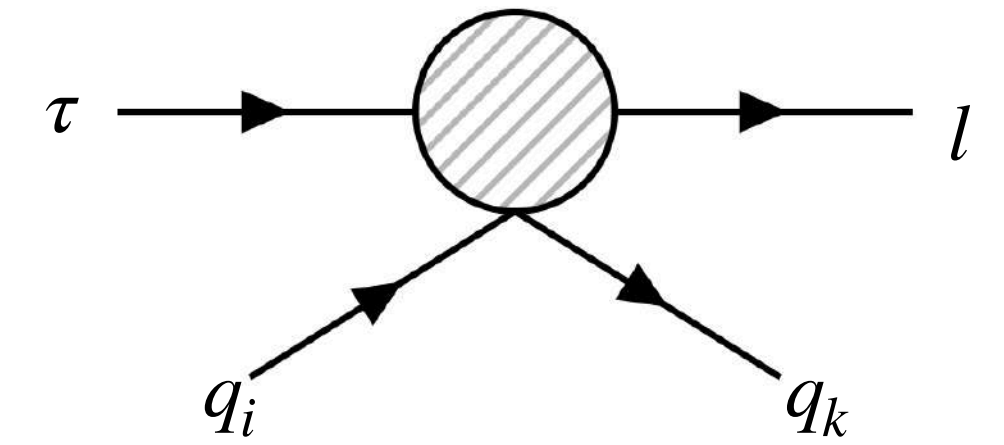
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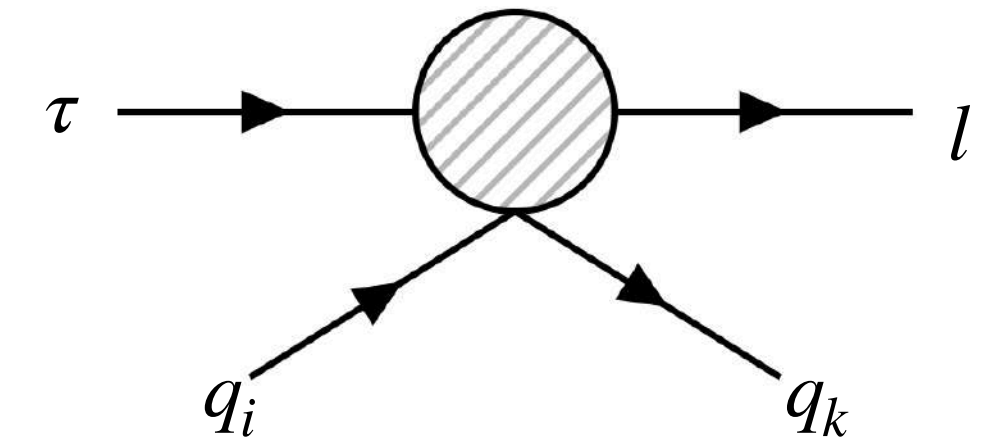
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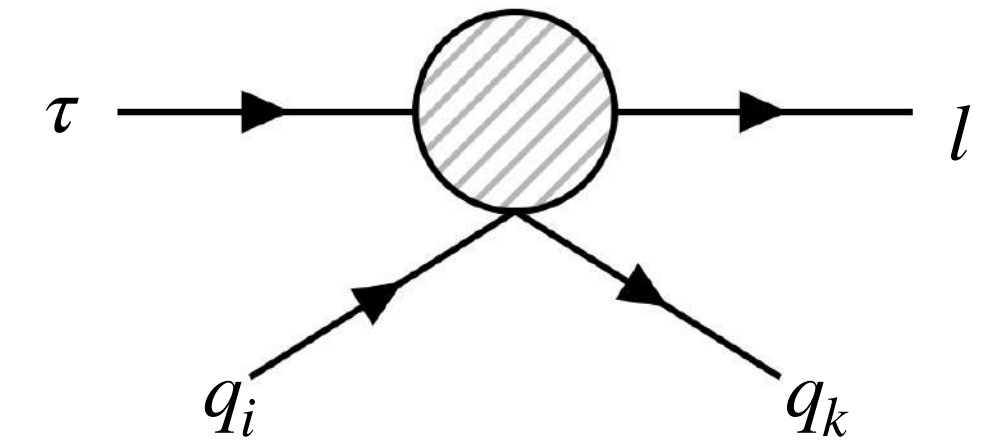
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For a recent EFT analysis see [Plakias, Sumensari 2312.14070](#)

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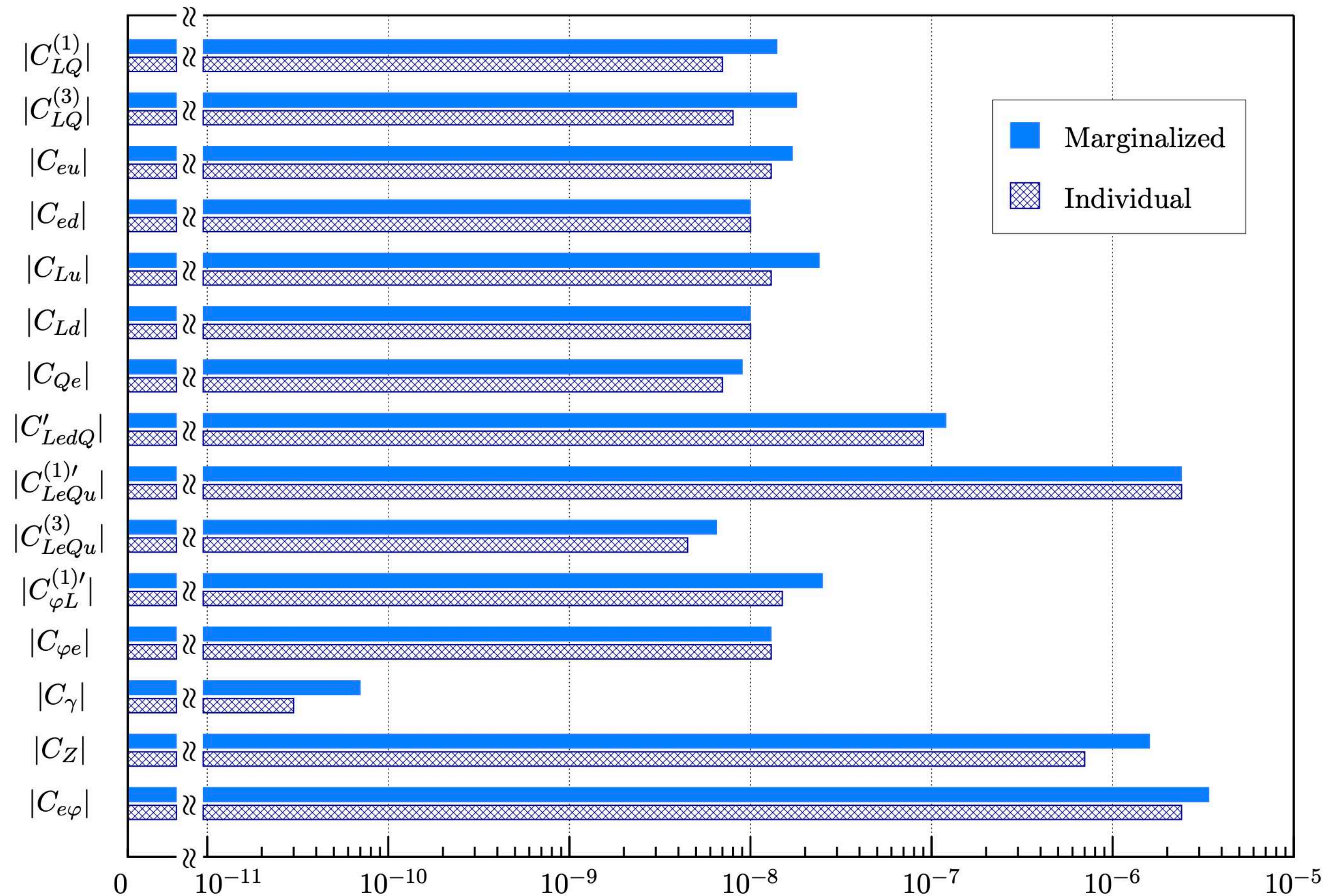
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Semi-leptonic τ LFV decays

[Husek, Monsalvez, Portoles 2009.10428](#)

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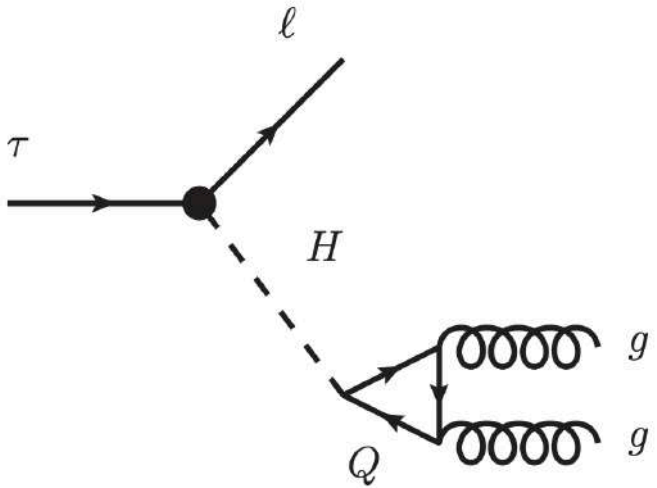
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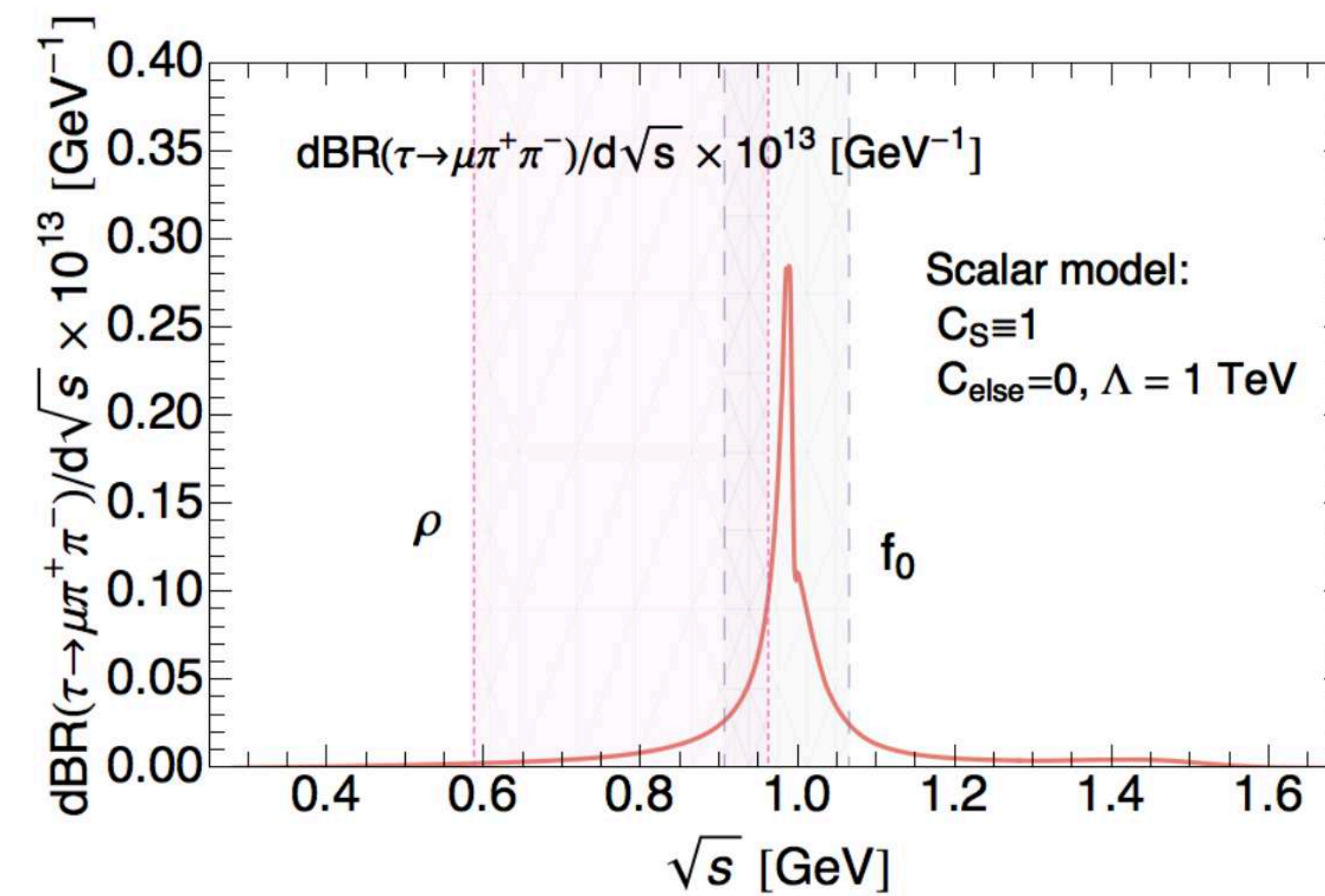
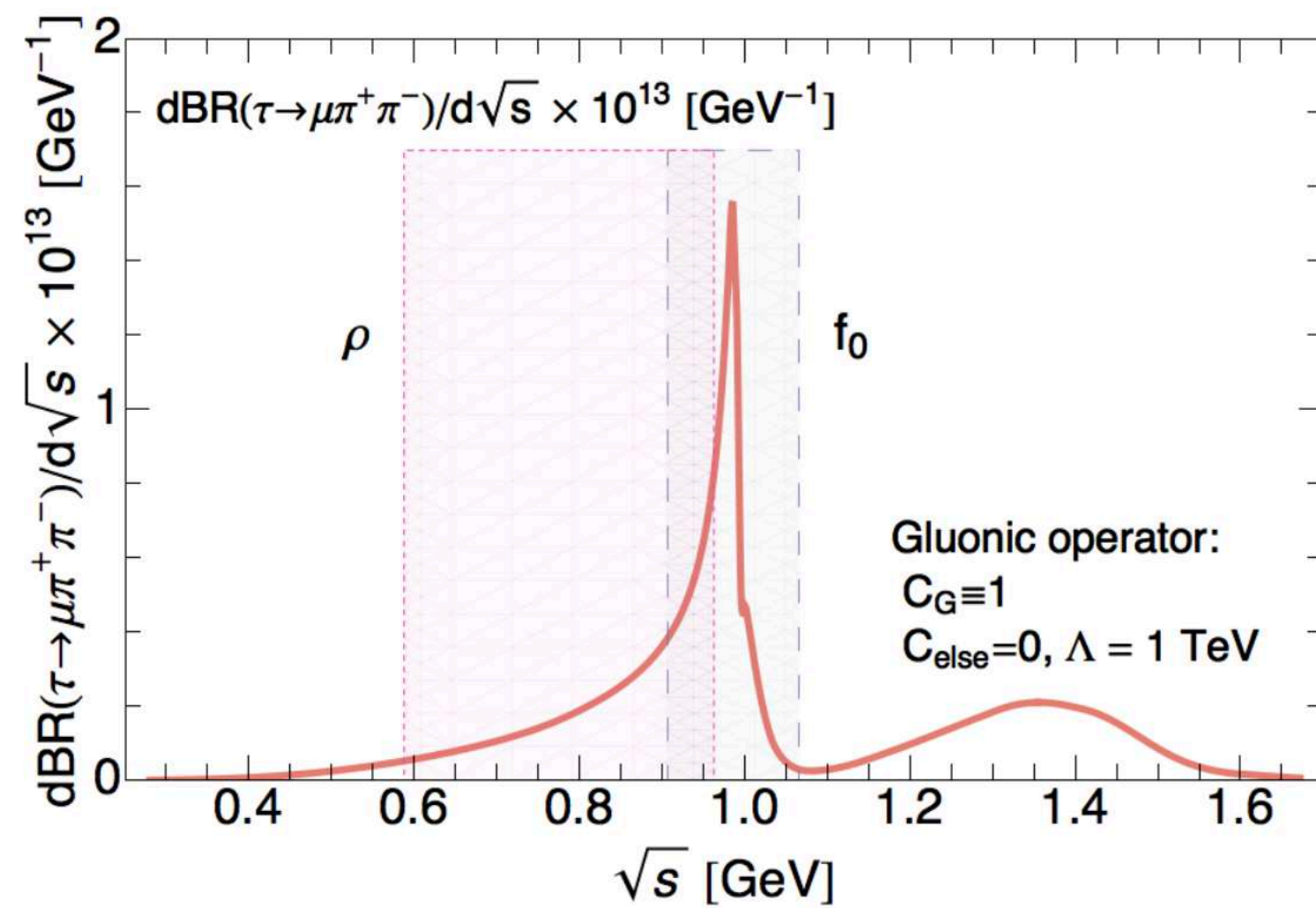


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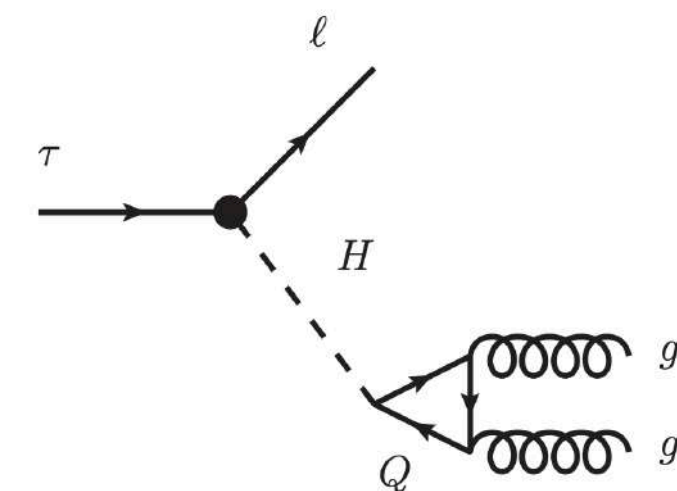
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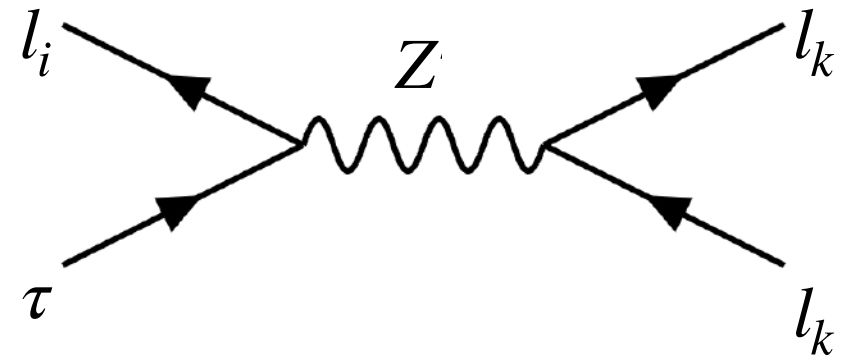
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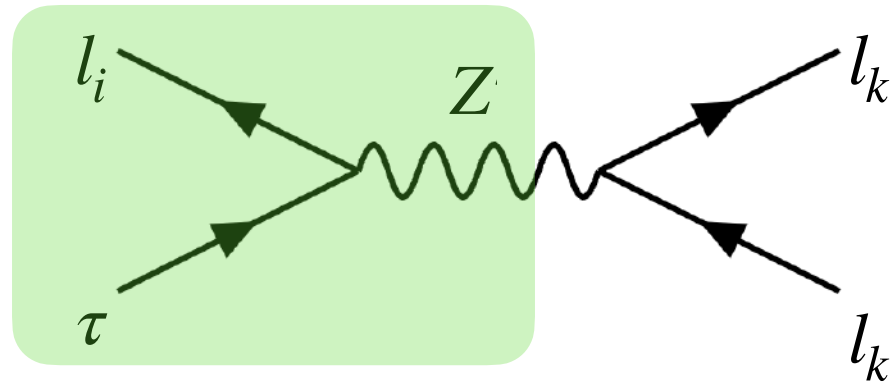
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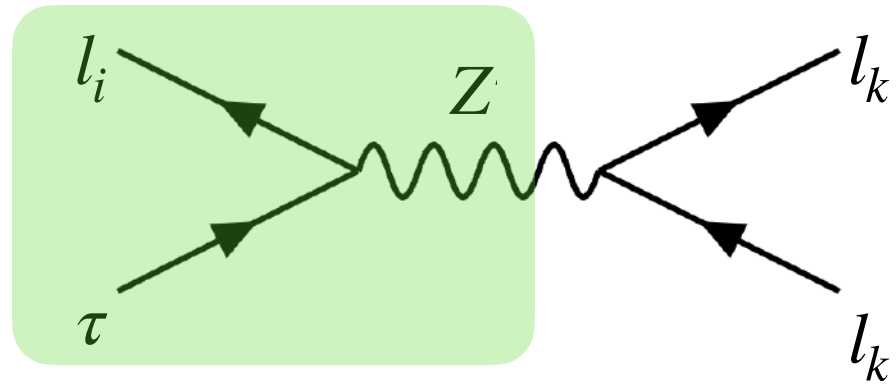
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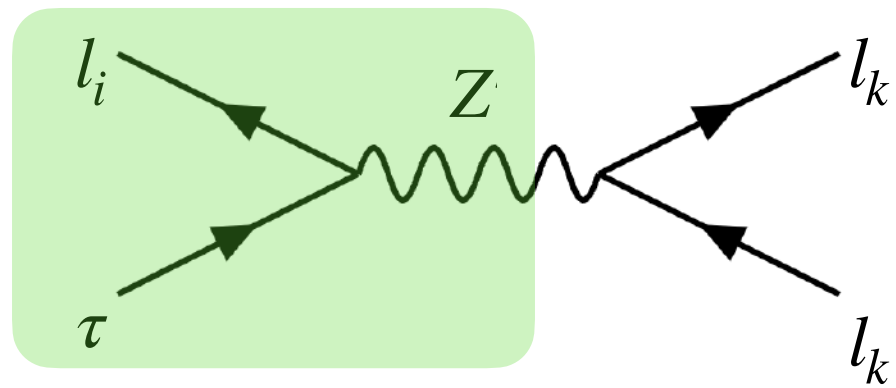
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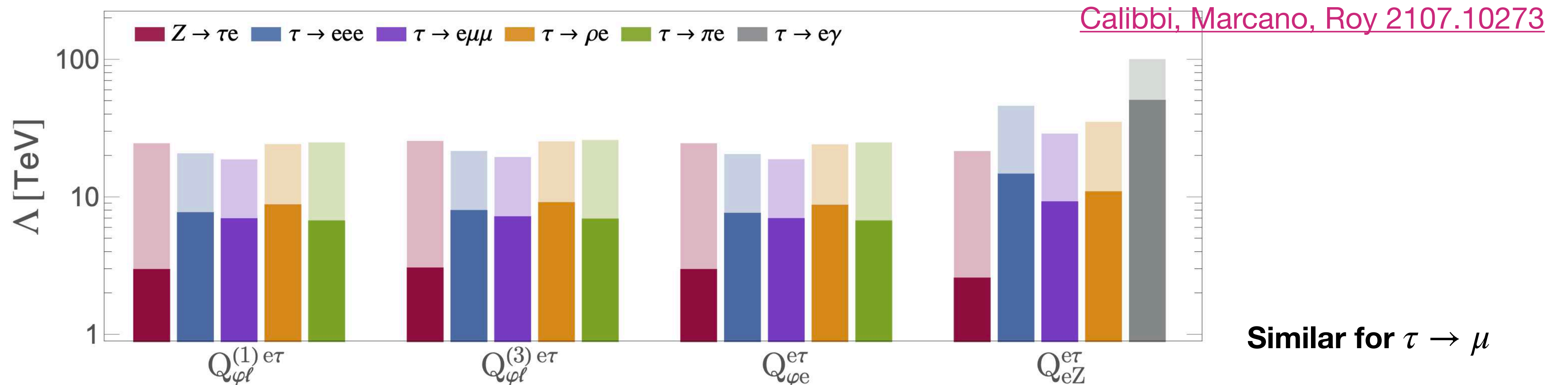
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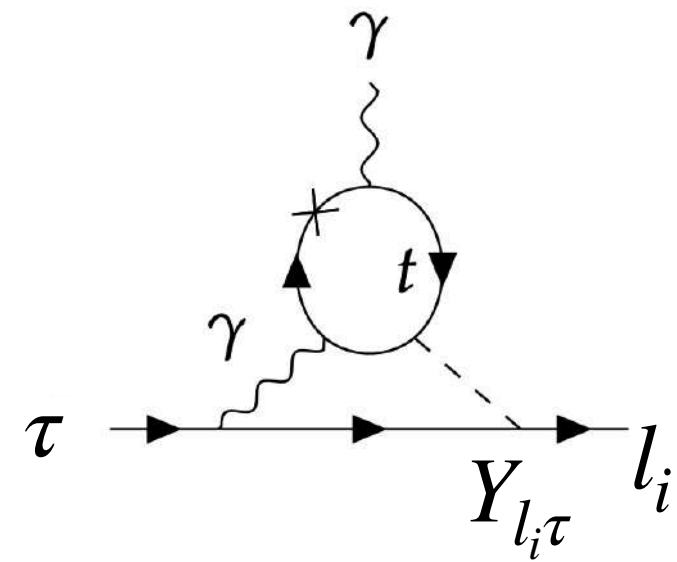
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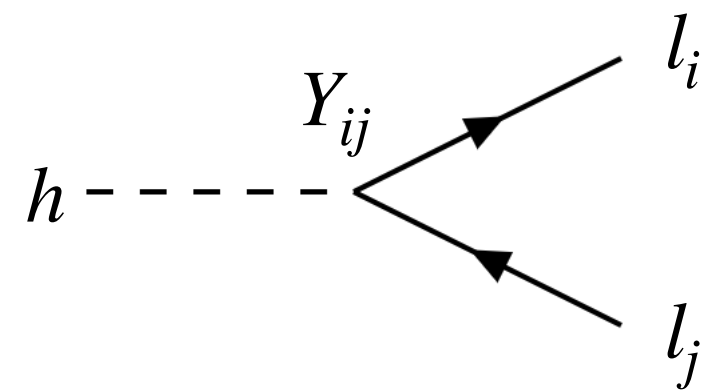


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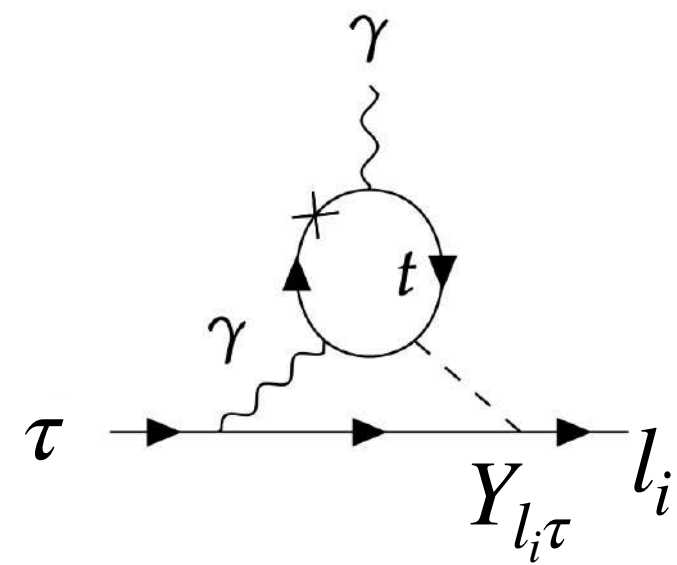


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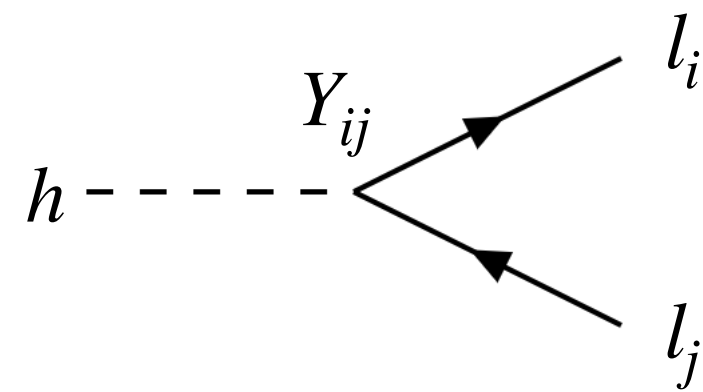
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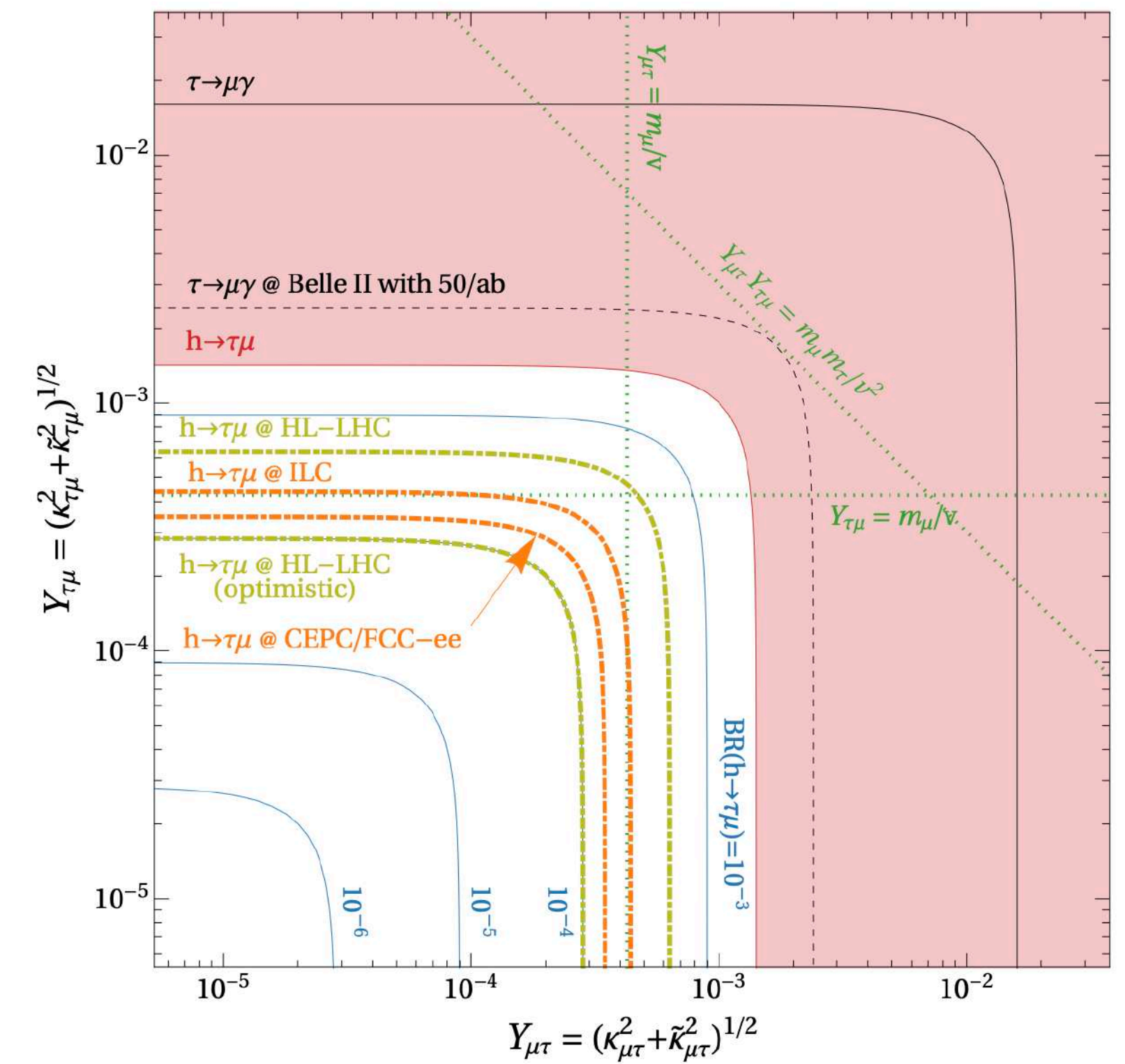
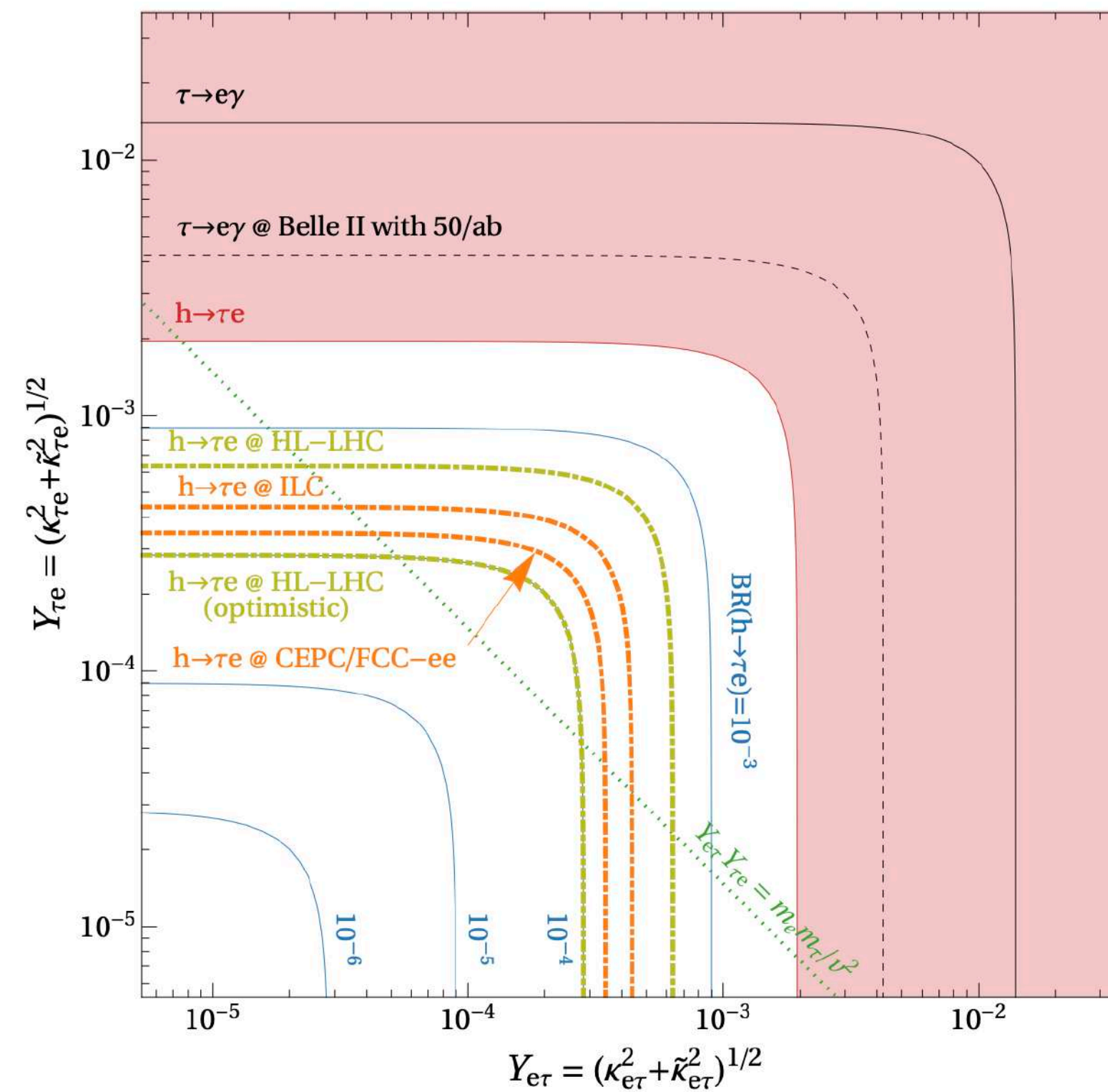


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Atmannshofer et al. 2205.10576

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
- 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
- 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
- There is an interesting complementarity between high-energy probes that further restrict the space of possible UV realization

Back-up

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4 : $X^2 H^2$		6 : $\psi^2 XH + \text{h.c.}$		7 : $\psi^2 H^2 D$			
Q_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	Q_{eW}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{Hl}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$		
$Q_{H\tilde{G}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	Q_{eB}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$		
Q_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	Q_{uG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	Q_{He}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$		
$Q_{H\tilde{W}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	Q_{uW}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$		
Q_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{uB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{H} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$		
$Q_{H\tilde{B}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) H G_{\mu\nu}^A$	Q_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$		
Q_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dW}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	Q_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$		
$Q_{H\tilde{W}B}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{Hud} + \text{h.c.}$	$i(\tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$		
8 : $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		8 : $(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		8 : $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$			
Q_{ll}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma_\mu l_t)$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma_\mu e_t)$	Q_{le}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma_\mu e_t)$		
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma_\mu q_t)$	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}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{jk} (d_p^\alpha C u_r^\beta) (q_s^j C l_t^k)$		
		$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	Q_{qqqc}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{jk} (q_p^{j\alpha} C q_r^{k\beta}) (u_s^\gamma C e_t)$		
		$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	Q_{qqqt}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{mn} \epsilon_{jk} (q_p^{m\alpha} C q_r^{j\beta}) (q_s^k C l_t^n)$		
		$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$	Q_{duuc}	$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} (d_p^\alpha C u_r^\beta) (u_s^\gamma C e_t)$		

Should we expect large(r) $\tau \rightarrow l$?

- We know that $\mu \rightarrow e$ is very suppressed $Br(\mu \rightarrow e) \lesssim 10^{-13} \rightarrow 10^{-18}$
- If we see $\tau \rightarrow l$, then it should be orders of magnitude bigger than $\mu \rightarrow e$
- Perhaps large $\tau \rightarrow l$ is connected to the Flavour Puzzle and residual flavour symmetries at the low energy may favor τ LFV

Lepton Flavour Triality

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$$l_\alpha \rightarrow \left(e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \right)^{T_\alpha} l_\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_e &= 1 \\ T_\mu &= 2 \\ T_\tau &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma \\ T_\mu = 2 \quad T_e = 1 \\ \Delta T \neq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ e^- e^- \\ 3 \quad -2 \quad +1 \quad +1 \\ \Delta T = 0 \pmod{3} \end{array}$$

- But also new states that dominantly couple with third generation fermions may lead to larger LFV involving taus

Hadronic matrix elements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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