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# LFV in B decay

– an overview –

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LHCb Experiment

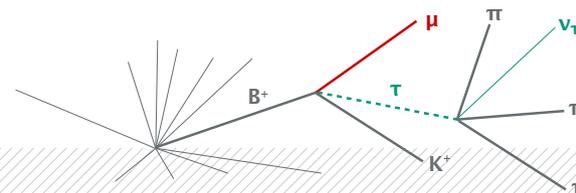
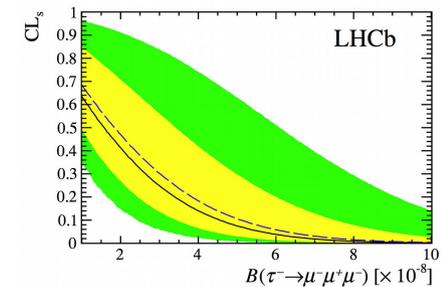
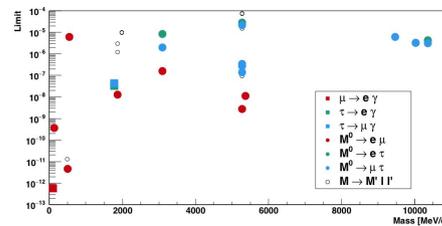
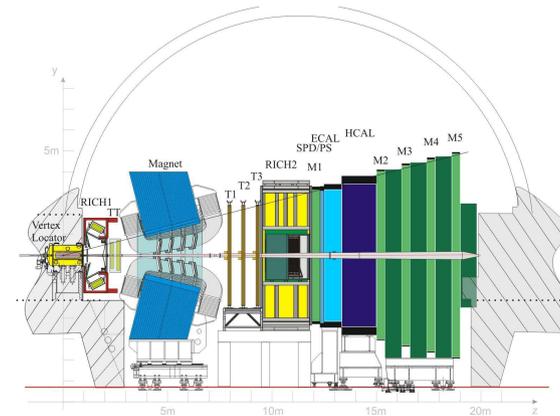
LFV with muons :  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$

LFV with electrons :  $D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$

LFV with taus?

Insights

Conclusion





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# Intro

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# Towards studying (c)LFV

Decay

$$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \mu \rightarrow eee, \tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu, \tau \rightarrow \mu hh, \dots$$

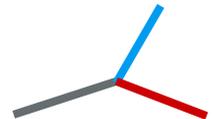


Conversion

$$\mu A \rightarrow eA$$

Production

$$B_s \rightarrow e\mu, B \rightarrow Ke\mu, h^0 \rightarrow \mu\tau, \dots$$



Oscillation

$$\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau, M(\mu^+e^-) \leftrightarrow \bar{M}(\mu^-e^+)$$



Number violation

$$0\nu 2\beta, B^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-, \dots$$

Non-Universality

$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau \text{ vs } \bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu, \dots$$



# Tensions

$B^0 \rightarrow D(*) \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau / l \bar{\nu}_l$        $3.9\sigma$  : LHCb + BaBar + Belle

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu\mu / ee$        $2.6\sigma$  : LHCb

Anomalies  $b \rightarrow sll$  , esp.  $P'_5$  in  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$  @ LHCb

$h^0 \rightarrow \mu\tau$        $2.4\sigma$  : CMS

$a_\mu$        $2.7\sigma$  : E821

**Global fit favors large cLFV**





## Recent LHCb results

$D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$	PLB 754 (2016) 167	LFV 
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau / \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$	PRL 115, 111803 (2015)	LNU
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$	JHEP 02 (2015) 121	LFV 
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu\mu / ee$	PRL 113, 151601 (2014)	LNU
$B^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	PRL 112, 131802 (2014)	LNV
$D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$	PLB 724 (2013) 203-212	LNV
$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e\mu$	PRL 111 (2013) 141801	LFV 



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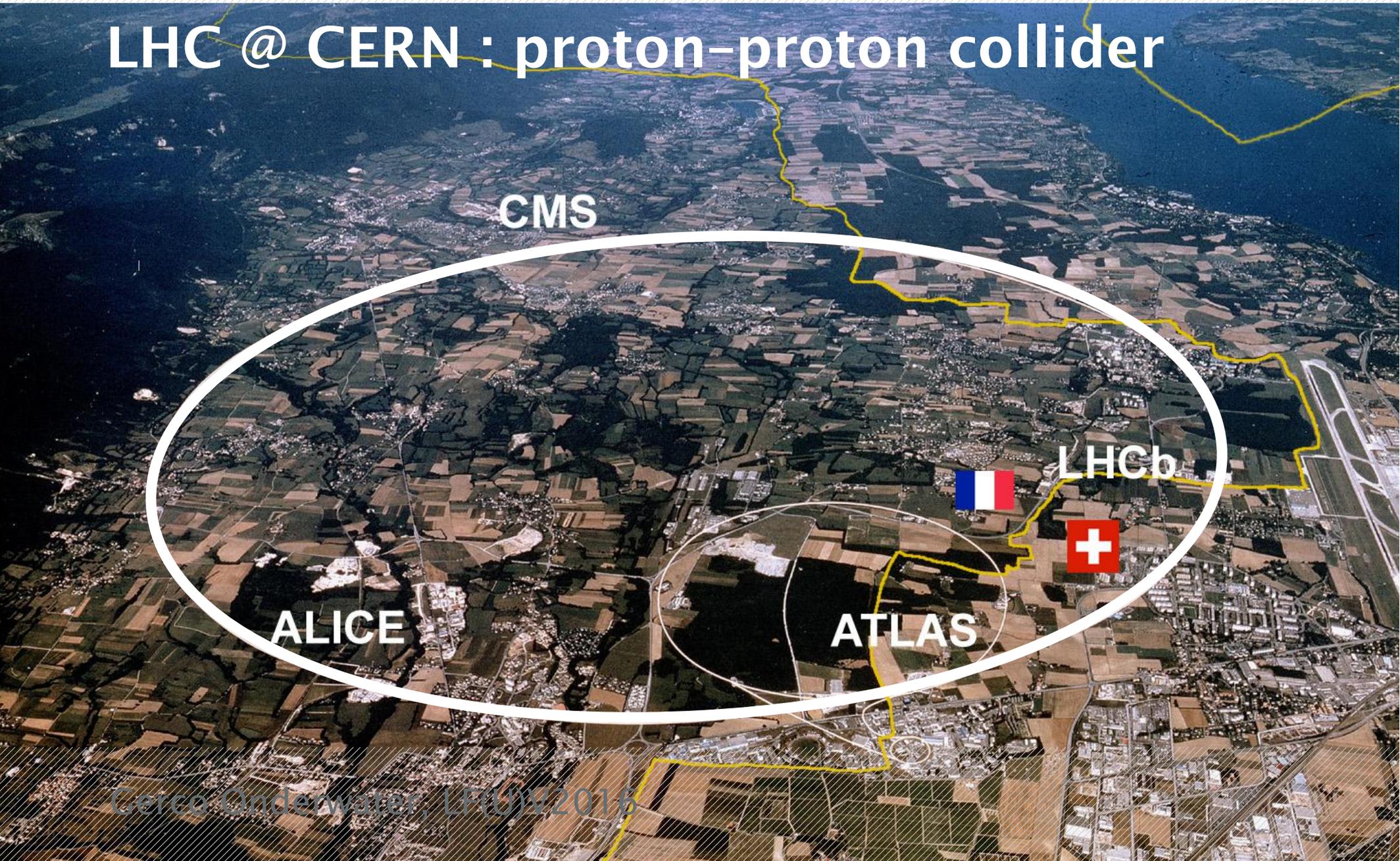
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# LHCb

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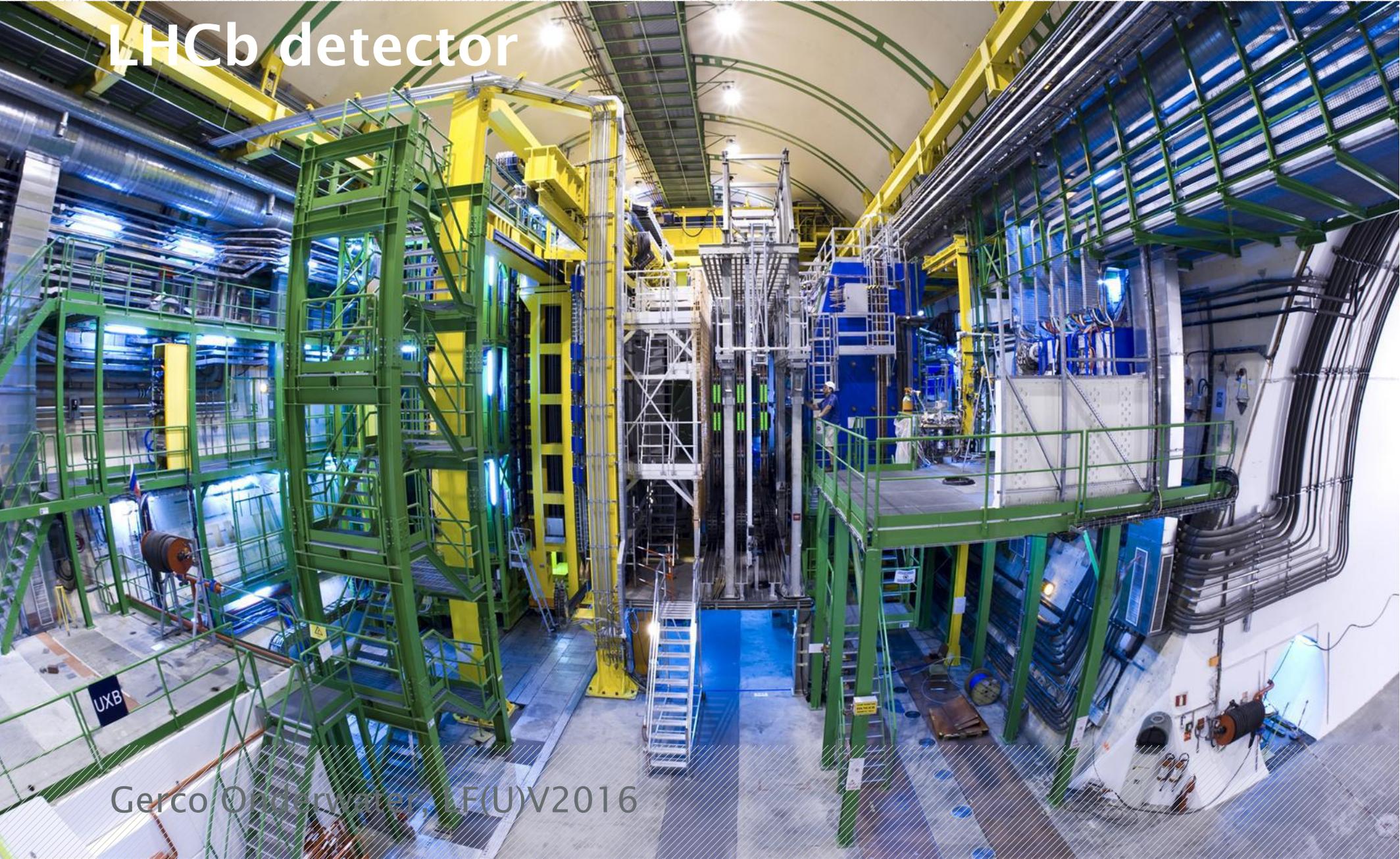


# LHC @ CERN : proton-proton collider





# LHCb detector





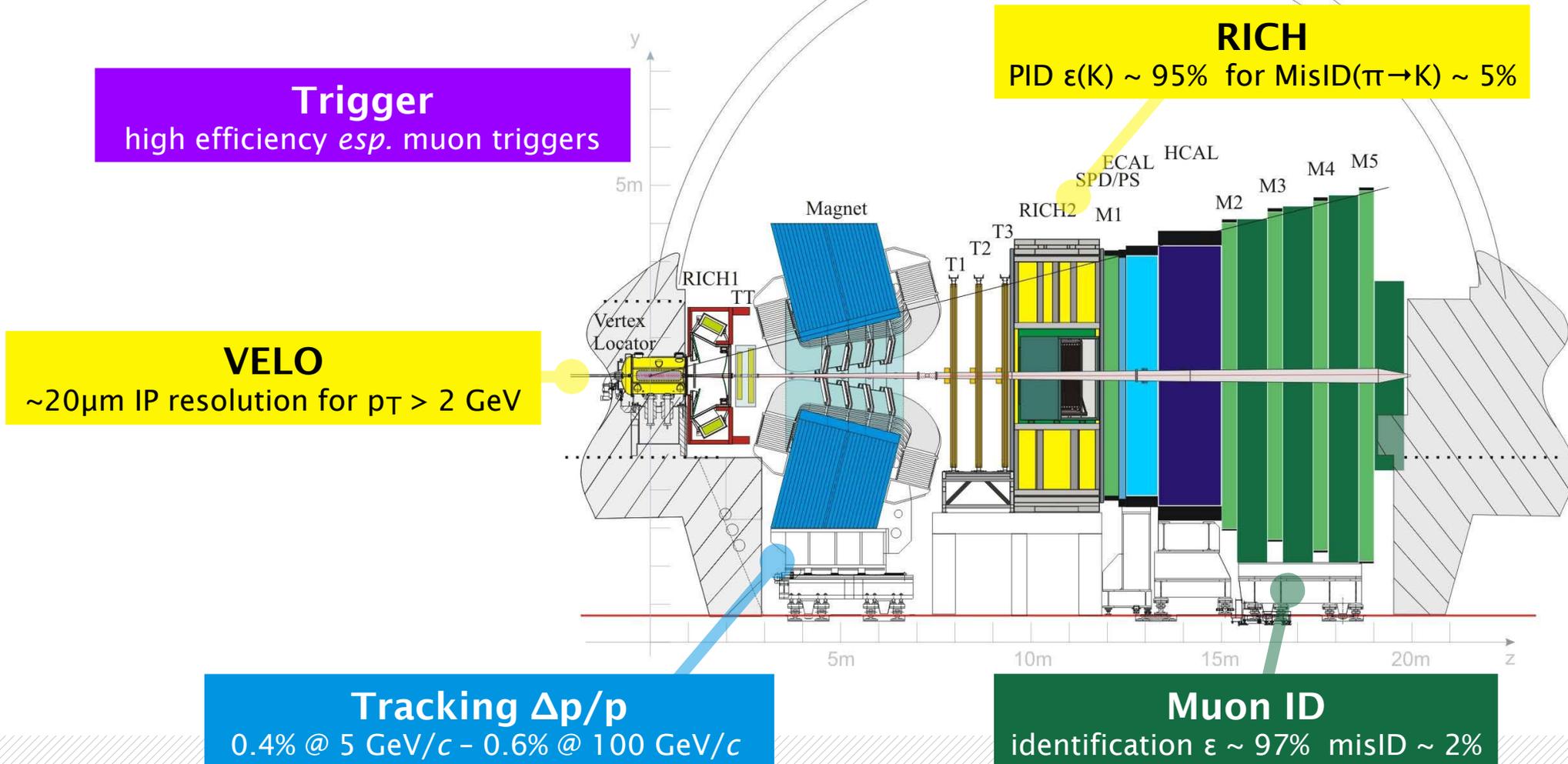
# LHCb detector



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# LHCb : precision measurement





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# Results



# Signal & background

Measure branching fraction  $\text{Br} = \mathbf{N(\text{signal})} / \mathbf{N(\text{total})}$

Challenges to reach highest sensitivity:

Enormous  $\mathbf{N(\text{total})} = \sigma \cdot \int \mathcal{L} dt$

Small  $\mathbf{N(\text{signal})}$

*Single-Event-Sensitivity:*  $\mathbf{S} = \epsilon \cdot \text{Br} \cdot \mathbf{N(\text{total})} \rightarrow \text{Br} < \mathbf{1} / \epsilon \cdot \mathbf{N(\text{total})}$

*Background:*  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{N(\text{bkgd})} = (1-\rho) \cdot \sigma_B \cdot \int \mathcal{L} dt \rightarrow \text{Br} < \sqrt{\mathbf{B}} / \epsilon \cdot \mathbf{N(\text{total})}$

$$\mathbf{Br} = \sqrt{(1-\rho) / \epsilon^2} \cdot \sigma_B / \sigma \cdot \mathbf{1} / \int \mathcal{L} dt$$



# b-quark production

## Acceptance

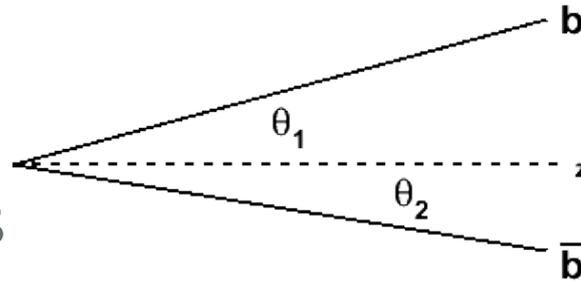
~25% for  $b/\bar{b}$  or  $b\bar{b}$  pairs

## Total cross section

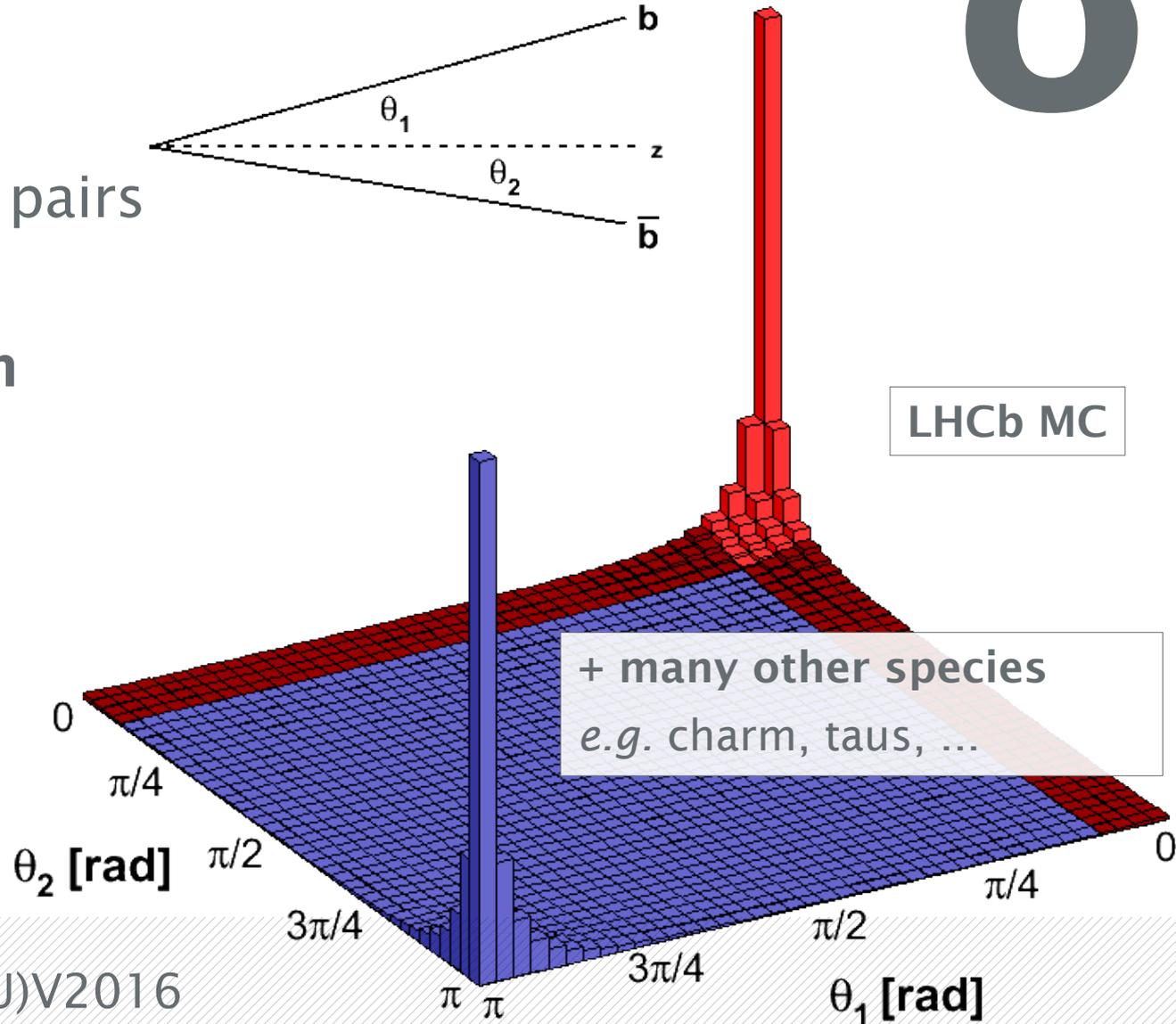
$250\mu\text{b} - 500\mu\text{b}$

$10^5 b\bar{b} / \text{s}$

( $10^4 \times$  B-factories)

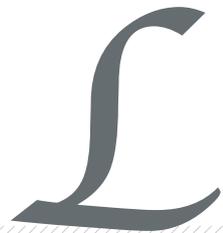
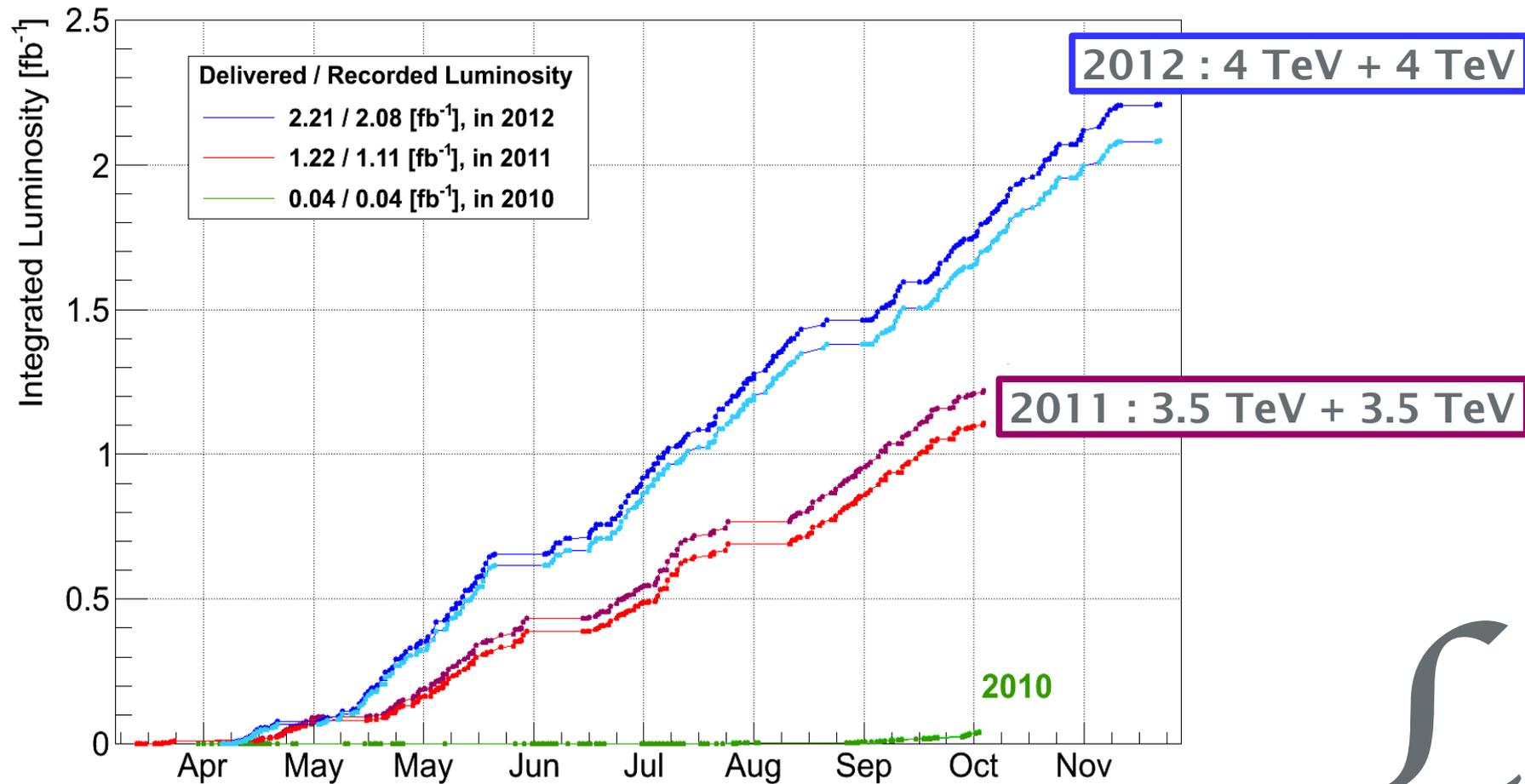


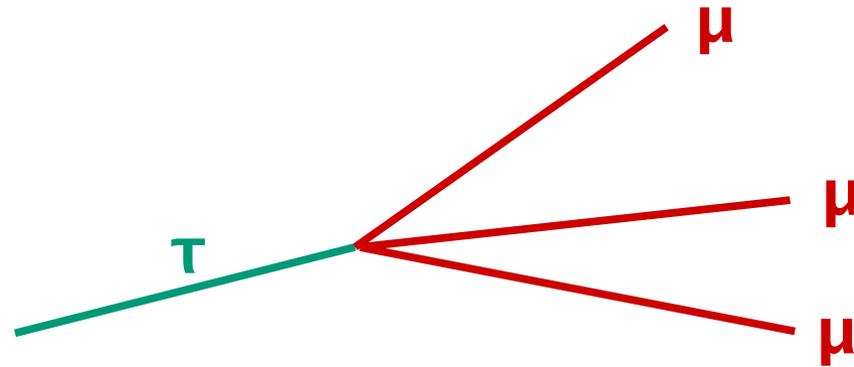
# $\sigma$



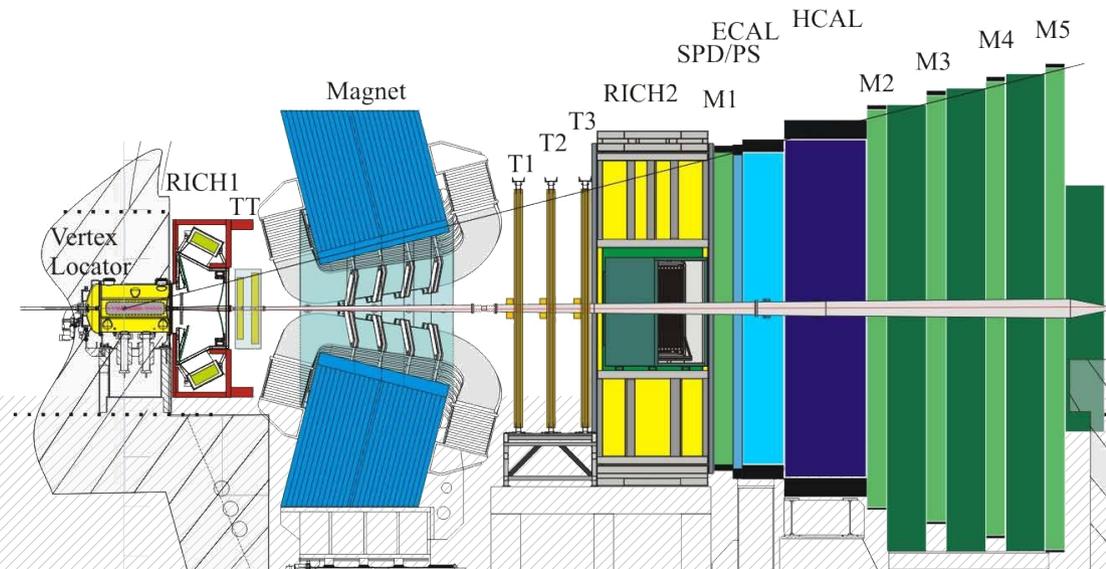


# LHC run-I luminosity





# $\mu$ detection





# Challenge : $\tau$ decays at hadron collider

## B factory

- ✗ Babar & Belle  $\sim 3 \times 10^9$   $\tau$ -pairs
- ✓  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  extremely clean
- ✓ tag with opposite  $\tau$  possible

## LHC

- ✓ LHCb  $\sim 3.5 \times 10^{11}$   $\tau$ 's in detector acceptance in 2011 & 2012
- ✗  $pp \rightarrow \tau + O(100)$  particles
- ✗ No “production traces” in  $D_s \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$
- ✗ Charm decay with missing particles similar to  $\tau$  signature

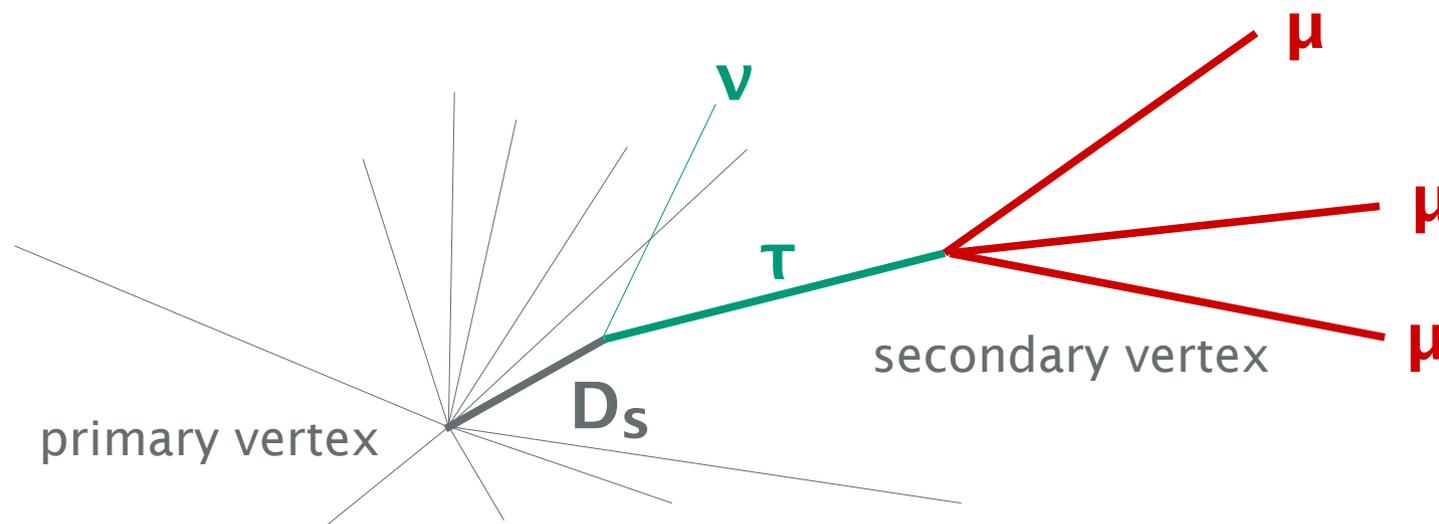


# $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ search

Approach:

- trigger on *muon* and *secondary vertex*
- *multivariate analysis* to discriminate signal and background
- *control sample* for normalization and calibration

main tau  
 production via  
 decay of  $D_s$





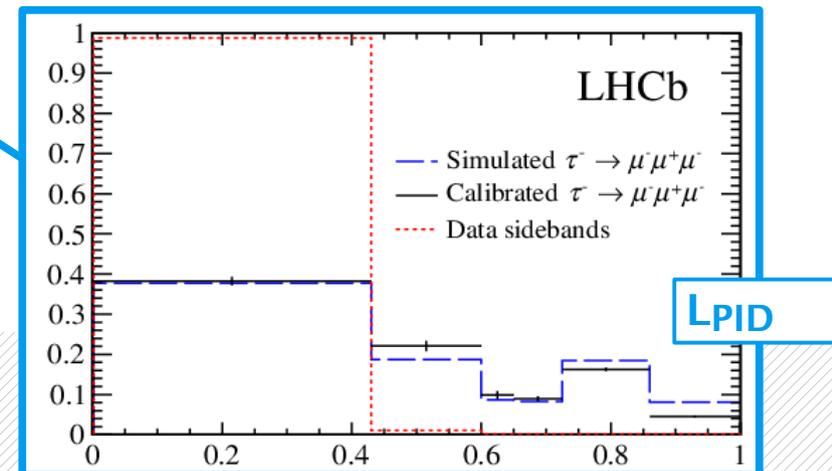
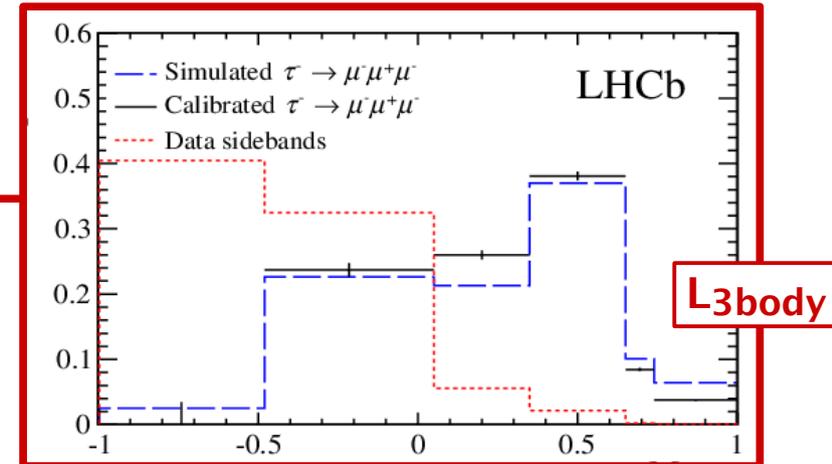
# Signal & background discrimination

Three likelihoods to distinguish signal from background

I. **L<sub>3body</sub>** : decay topology

II. **L<sub>PID</sub>** :  $\mu$  identification

III. **L<sub>3 $\mu$</sub>**  : tau selection

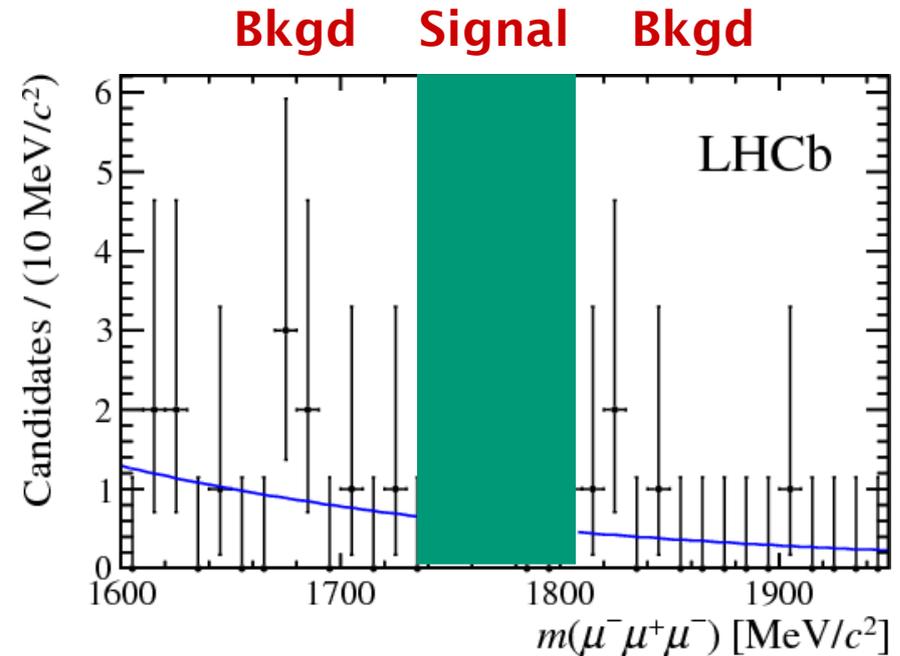
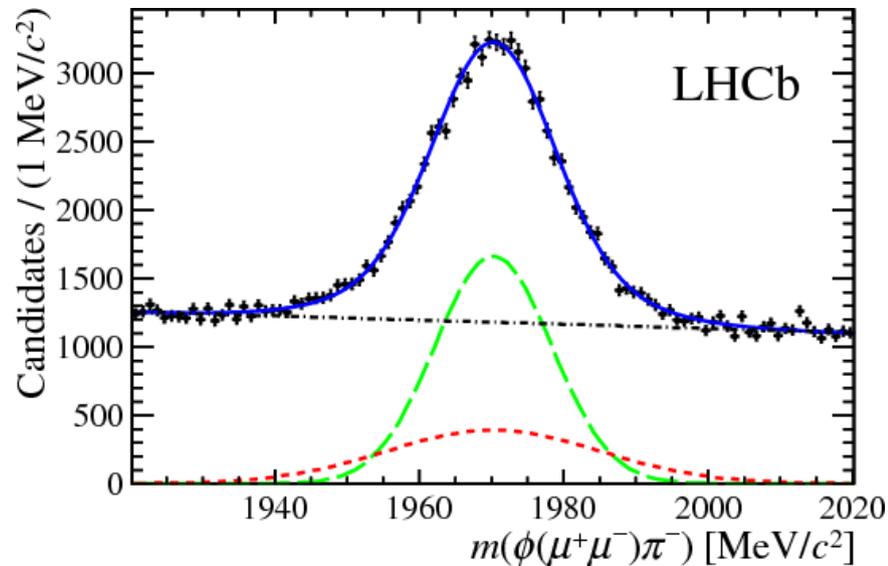




# M<sub>3μ</sub> distribution

- Shape determined using  $D_s^- \rightarrow \Phi(\mu^+\mu^-)\pi^-$
- Analyze 5x5 best bins in  $L_{PID}$  and  $L_{3body}$

**Blind analysis**

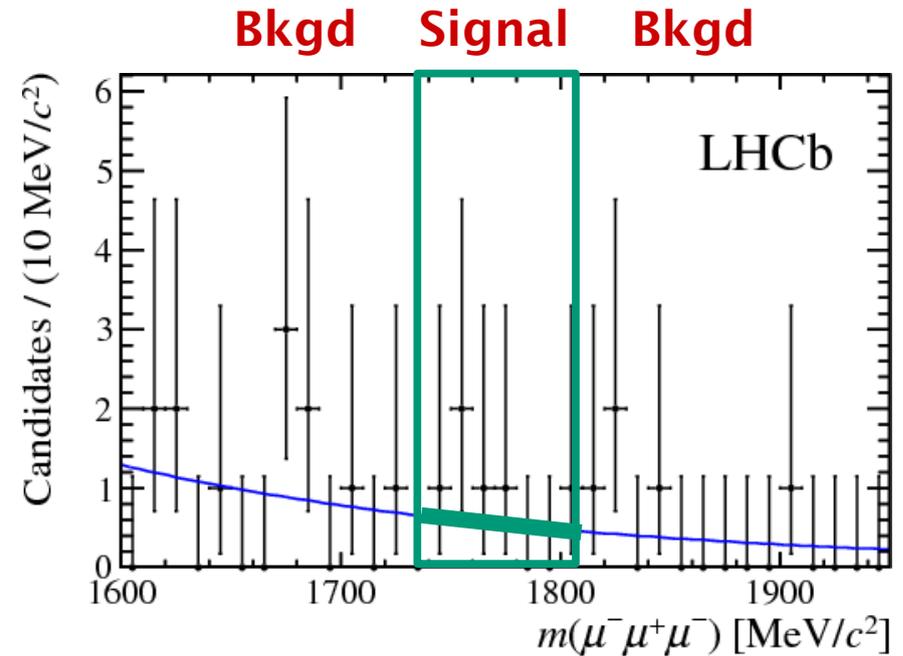
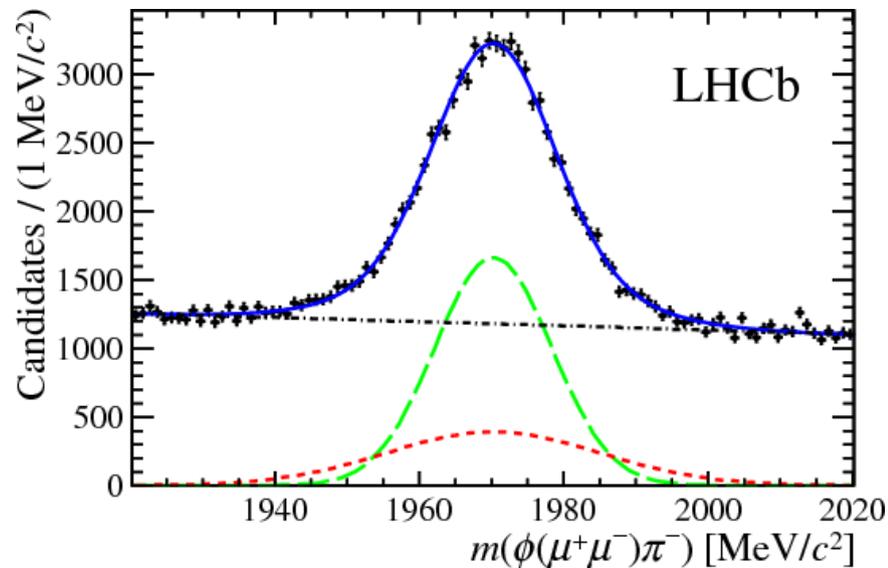


$L_{PID}$  : [0.65, 1.0]  
 $L_{3body}$  : [0.725, 1.0]



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L<sub>PID</sub> : [0.65, 1.0]  
 L<sub>3body</sub> : [0.725, 1.0]



# Normalization

Branching fraction for  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  normalized to  $D_s^- \rightarrow \Phi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \pi^-$

$$B = \frac{N(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu)}{N(\tau)} = \alpha \times \frac{N_{sig}}{N_{cal}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{N_{cal}}{N(\tau)}$$

	7 TeV	8 TeV
$\mathcal{B}(D_s^- \rightarrow \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \pi^-)$	$(1.32 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-5}$	
$\mathcal{B}(D_s^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)$	$(5.61 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-2}$	
$f_\tau^{D_s}$	$0.78 \pm 0.04$	$0.80 \pm 0.03$
$\epsilon_{cal}^R / \epsilon_{sig}^R$	$0.898 \pm 0.060$	$0.912 \pm 0.054$
$\epsilon_{cal}^T / \epsilon_{sig}^T$	$0.659 \pm 0.006$	$0.525 \pm 0.040$
$N_{cal}$	$28\,200 \pm 440$	$52\,130 \pm 700$
$\alpha$	$(7.20 \pm 0.98) \times 10^{-9}$	$(3.37 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-9}$



# Result

- Robust analysis method
- Statistics limited
- No significant evidence for excess of events

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(\theta_{up}(X) < \theta | \theta)}{\mathbb{P}(\theta_{up}(X) < \theta | 0)} \leq \alpha' \text{ for all } \theta.$$

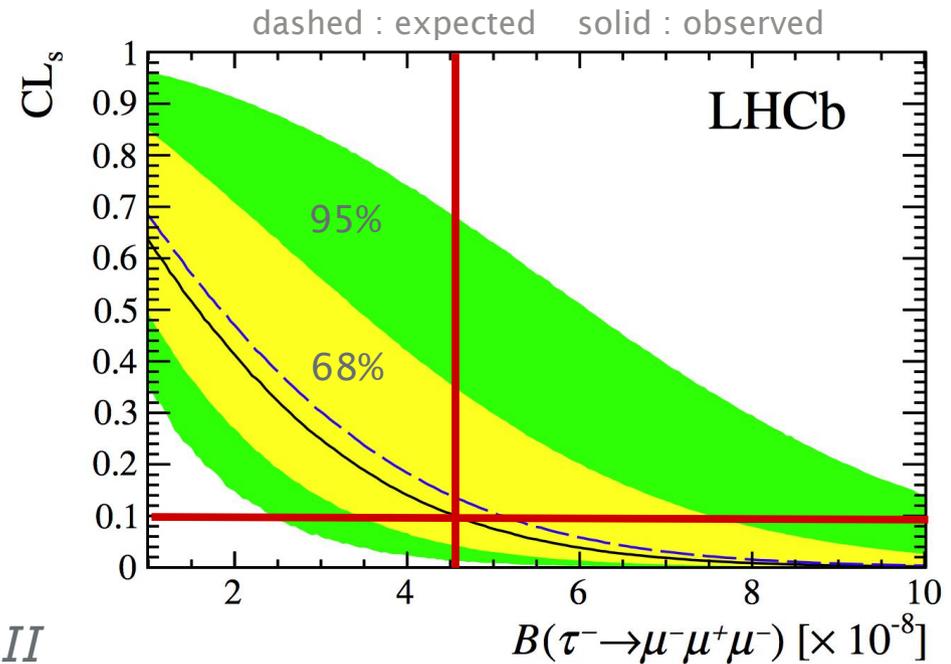
**$B(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 4.6 \times 10^{-8}$**

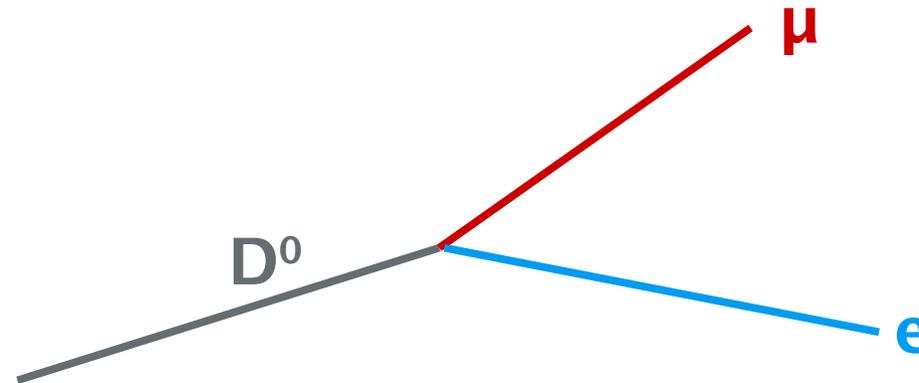
@ 90% C.L.

**Belle**  $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  @ 90% C.L.

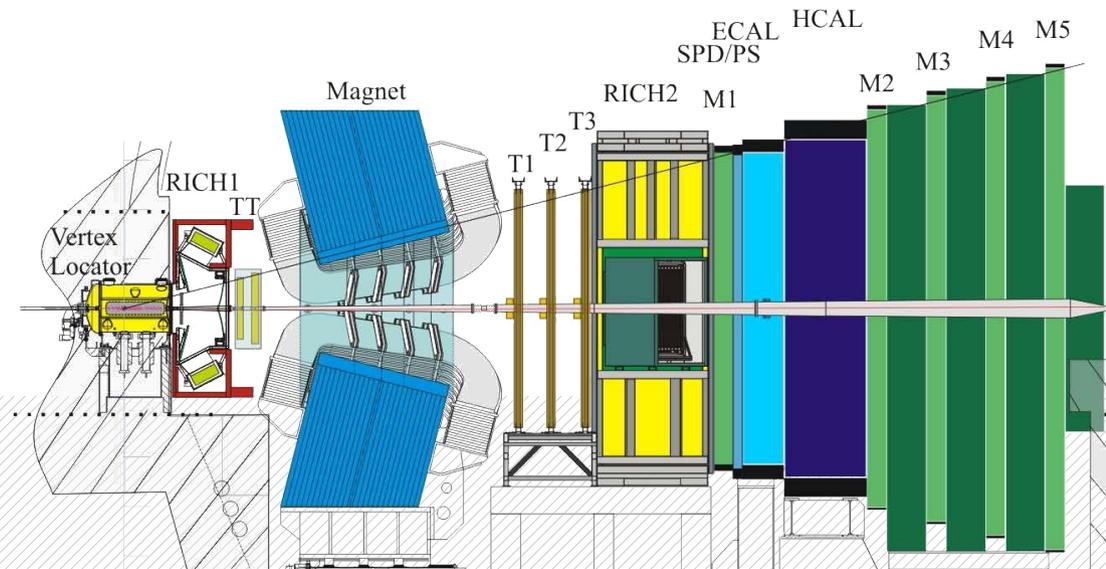
**BaBar**  $3.3 \times 10^{-8}$  @ 90% C.L.

@Run2: LHCb may overtake Belle  
... which will then be overtaken by Belle-II





# e detection





# $D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$

**Belle** :  $\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e\mu) < 2.6 \times 10^{-7}$  (90% CL)

RPV SUSY :  $\sim 10^{-7}$

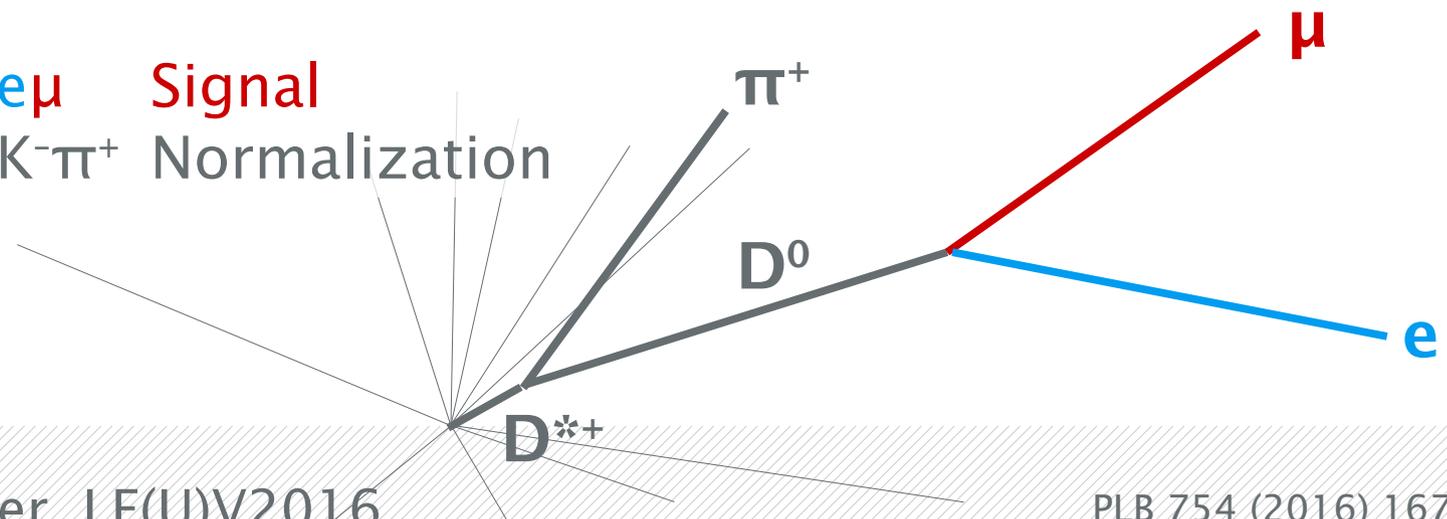
Leptoquarks :  $4 \times 10^{-8}$

**LHCb** analysis based on  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected @  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ \& } 8 \text{ TeV}$

$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$

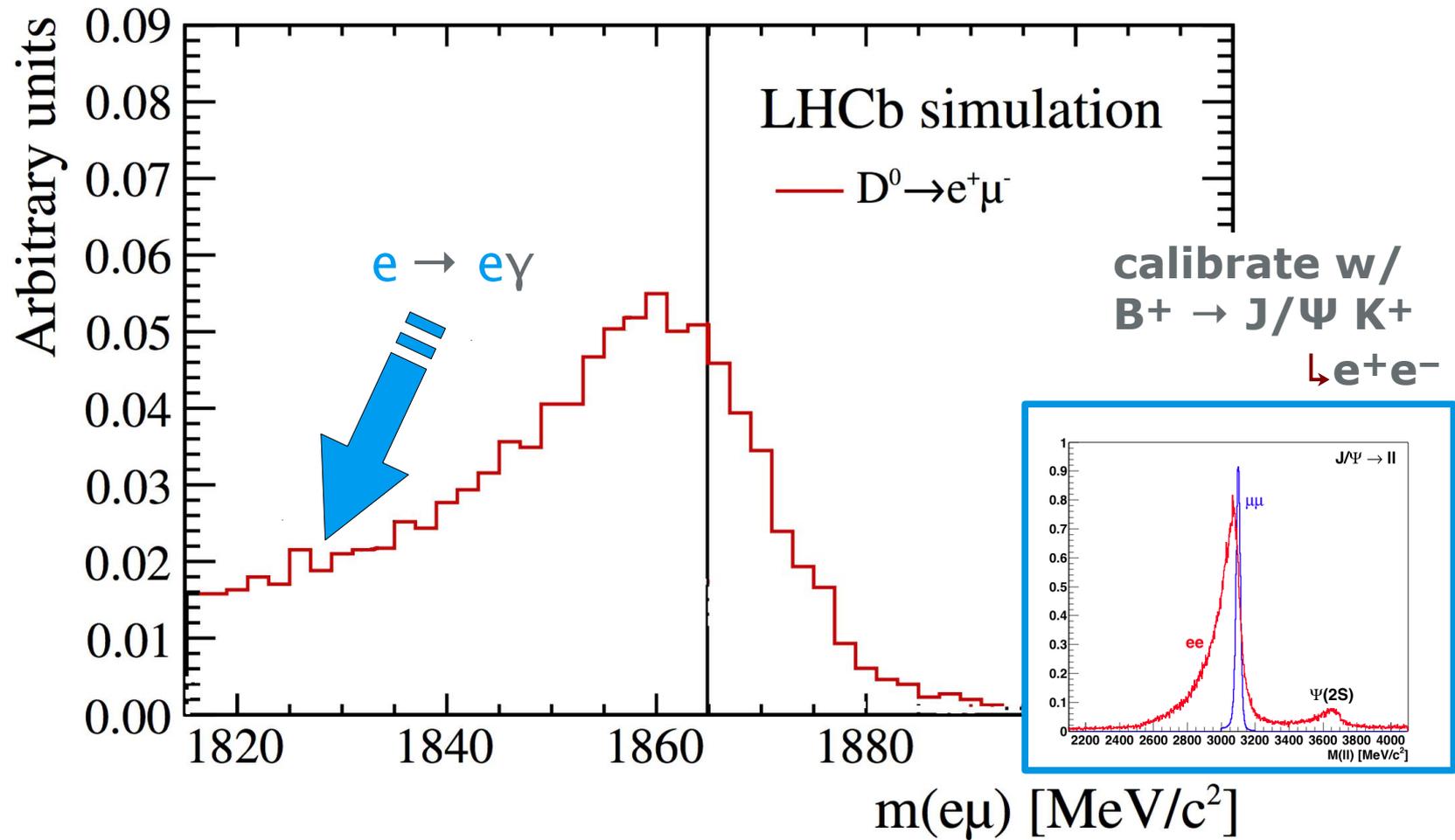
↳  $D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$  **Signal**

↳  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$  Normalization



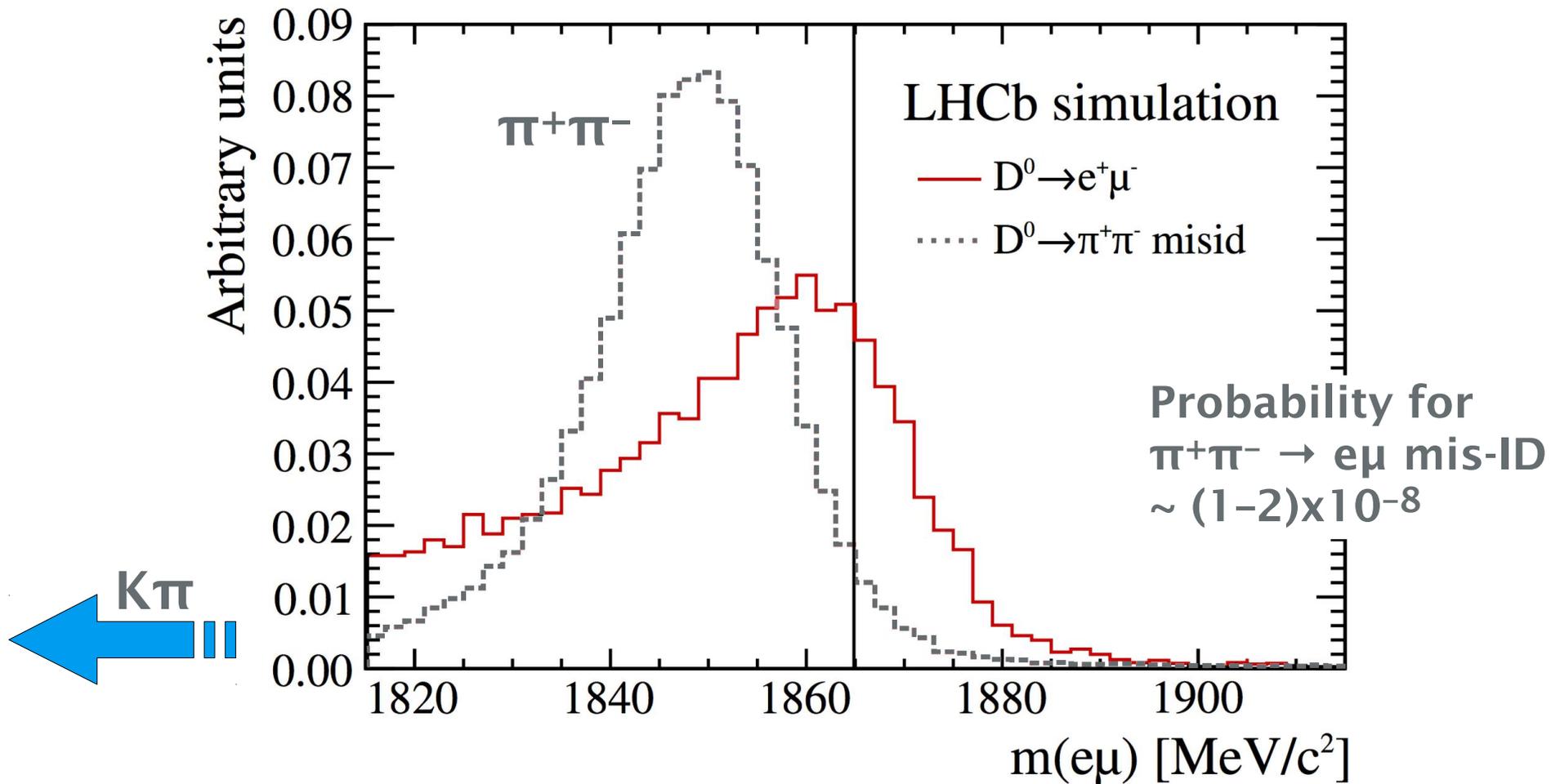


# Bremsstrahlung





# Mis-Identification





# Unbinned simultaneous fits

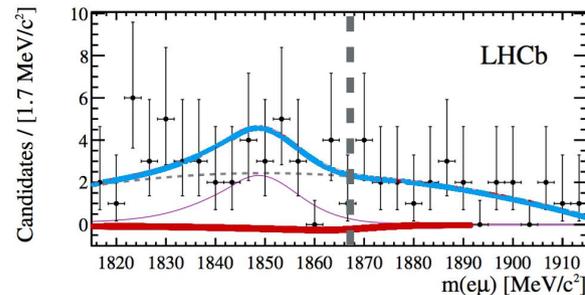
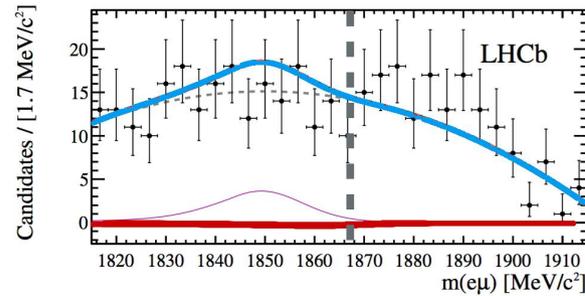
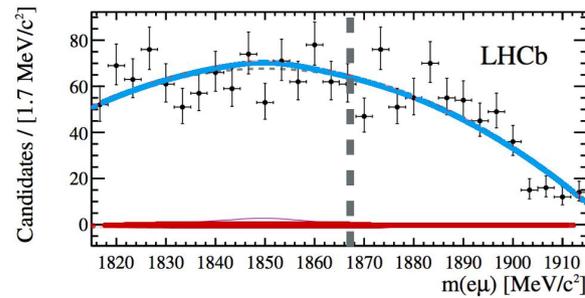
BKGD-like

↑

intermediate

↓

Signal-like



$m(e\mu) \rightarrow M_D$

Signal + bkgd

$D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$  (signal)

$-7 \pm 15$  events

# Result

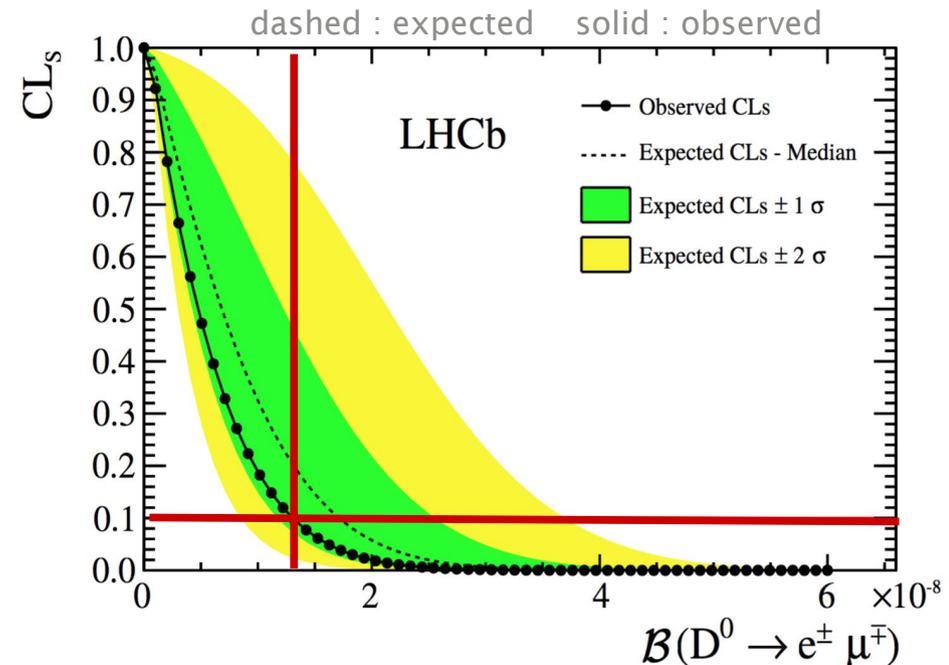
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- Robust analysis method
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- No significant evidence for excess of events

$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow e\mu) < 1.3 \times 10^{-8}$$

@ 90% C.L.

**20x improvement** over previous result  
Effectively deal with backgrounds  
Bremsstrahlung complicates analysis





## Other channels under investigation

$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow e\mu$$

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e\mu$$

$$B_s \rightarrow \Phi e\mu$$

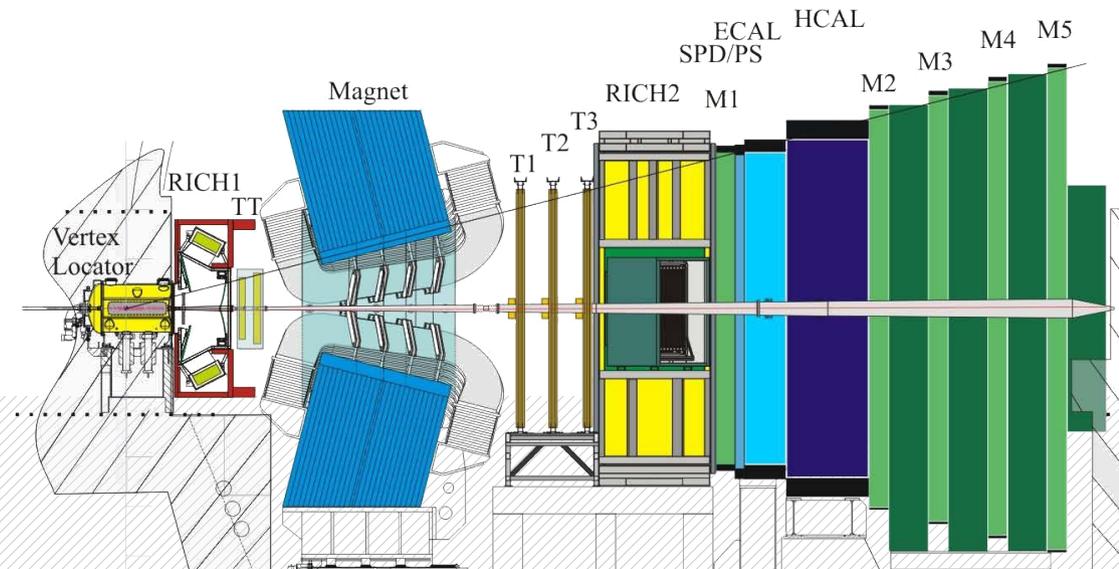
$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow J/\Psi(\rightarrow e\mu) X$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+e\mu$$

Expect to improve  
existing limits



# $\tau$ Opportunities for detection





## Some existing limits

$$J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu\tau < 2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu\tau < 6 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu\tau < 3 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu\tau < 3 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$Z^0 \rightarrow \mu\tau < 1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$h^0 \rightarrow \mu\tau < 1.5\%$$

$$J/\Psi \rightarrow e\tau < 9 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$Z^0 \rightarrow e\tau < 1 \times 10^{-6}$$

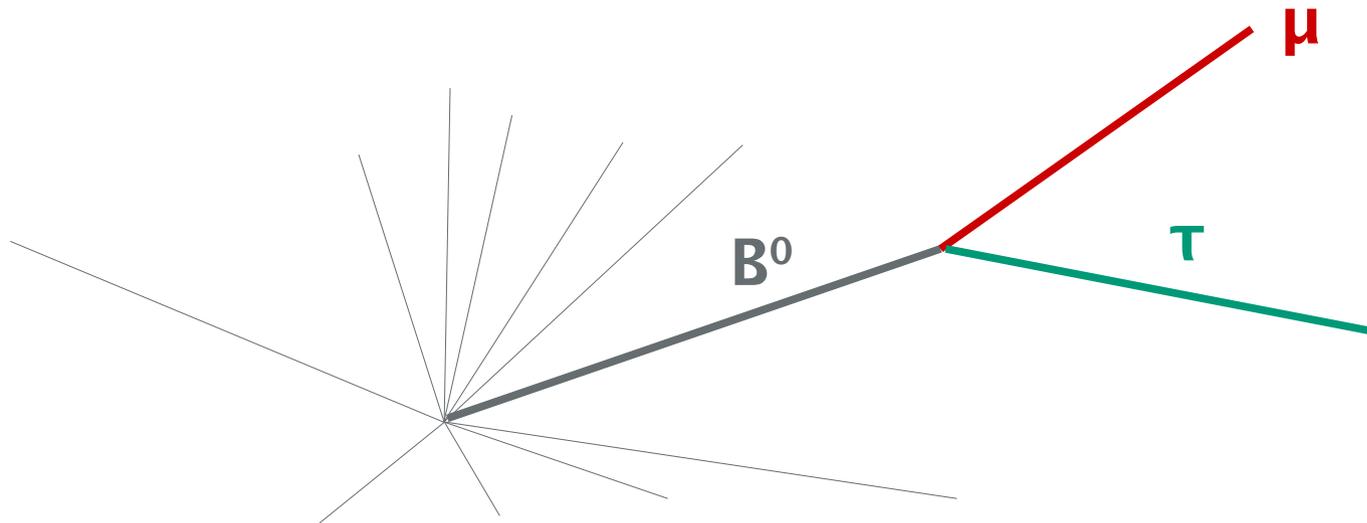
**$O(\text{few} \times 10^{-6})$**

**@ 90-95% CL**



# Reconstruction - I

Interesting possibility  
 Short lifetime prohibits direct detection



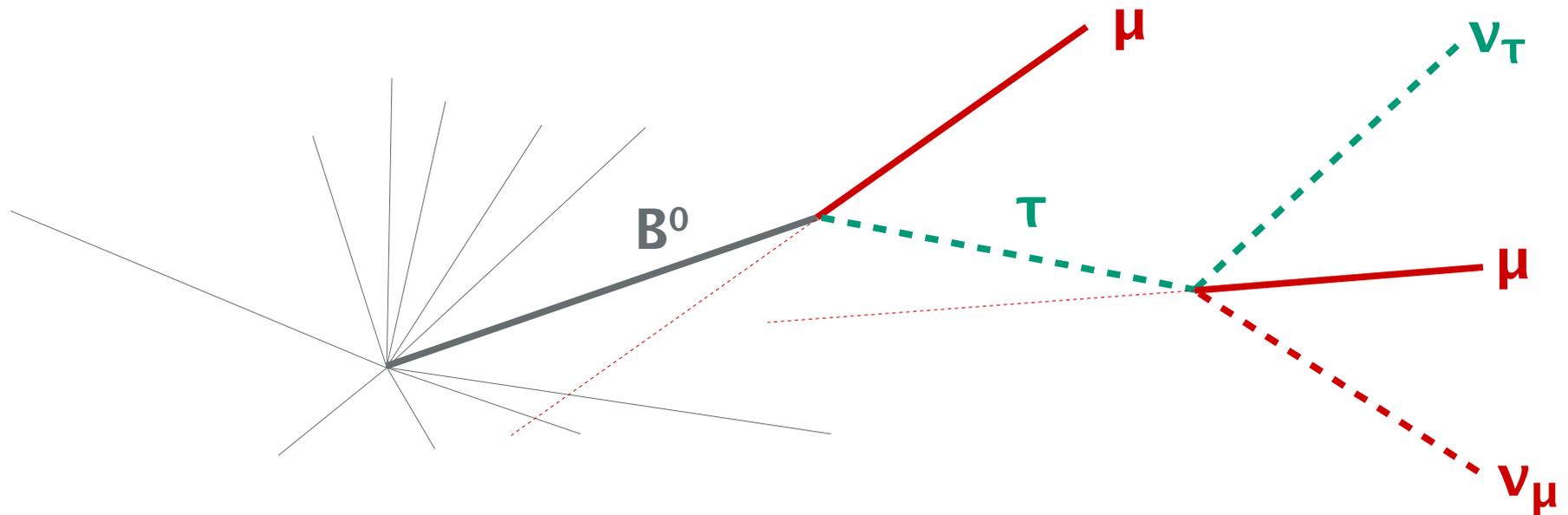


## Reconstruction - II

Interesting possibility

Short lifetime prohibits direct detection

**Neutrinos remain undetected**





## Reconstruction - III

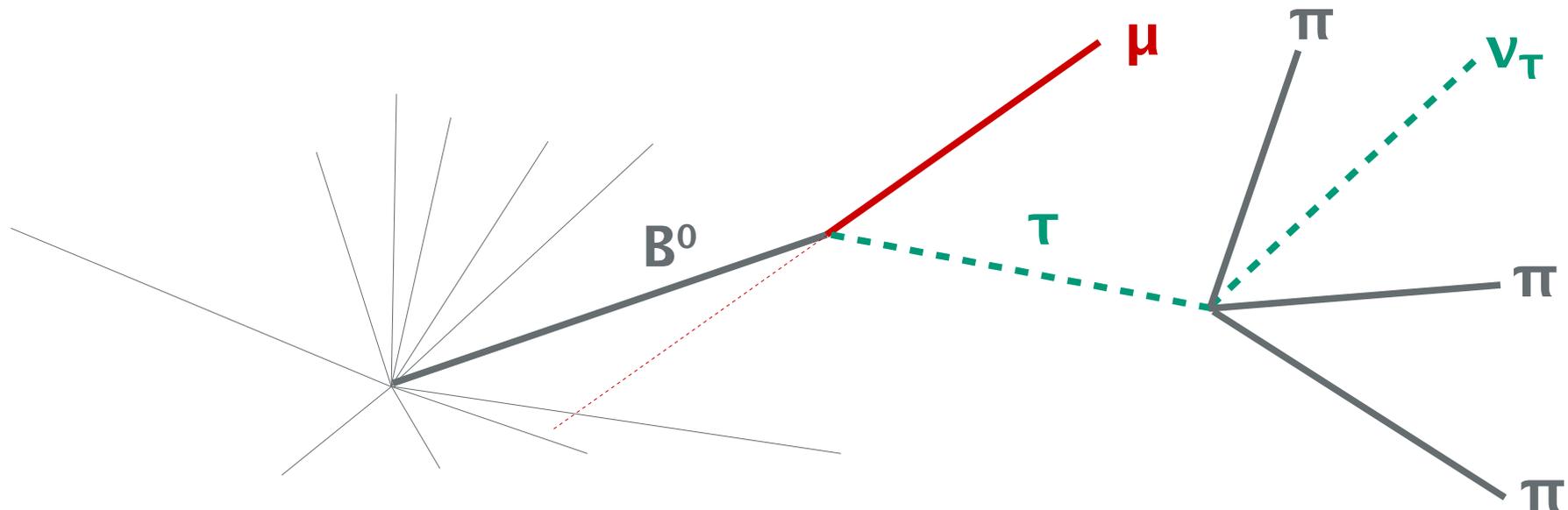
Interesting possibility

Short lifetime prohibits direct detection

**Neutrino remains undetected**

Known  $\tau$  decay location

$Br \sim 9\%$





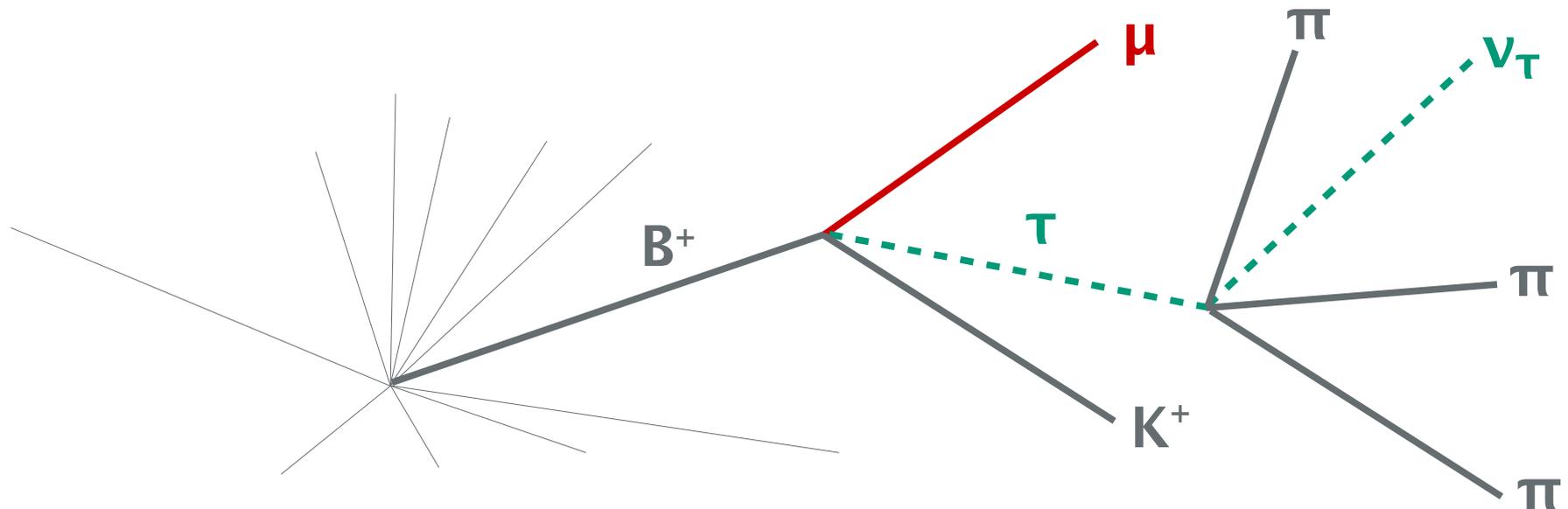
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Interesting possibility

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**Neutrino remains undetected**

Known B &  $\tau$  decay location



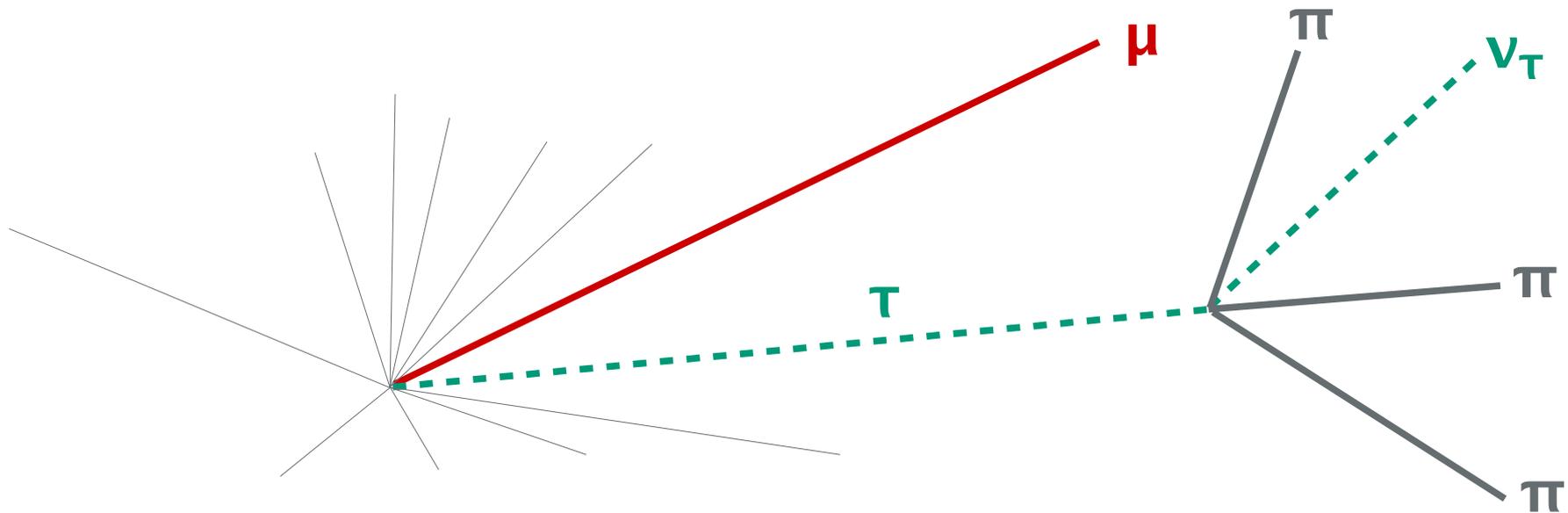


## Reconstruction – $V$

Interesting possibility

Short lifetime prohibits direct detection

**Neutrino remains undetected**



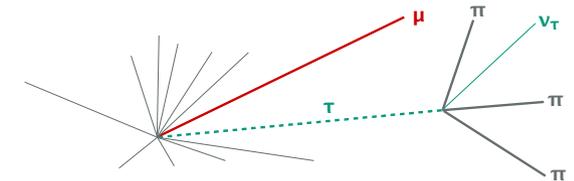
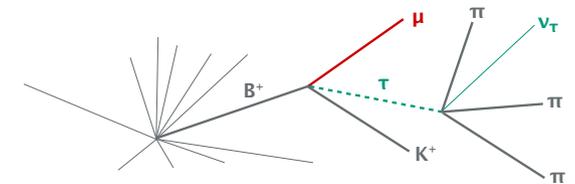
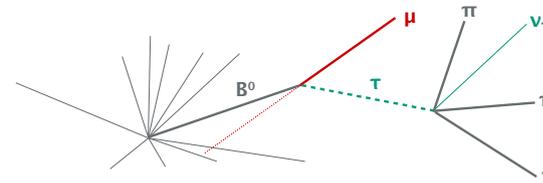


# Possibly interesting channels

$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow e/\mu\tau$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+e/\mu\tau$$

$$\Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow e/\mu\tau$$



Benefit from  $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$



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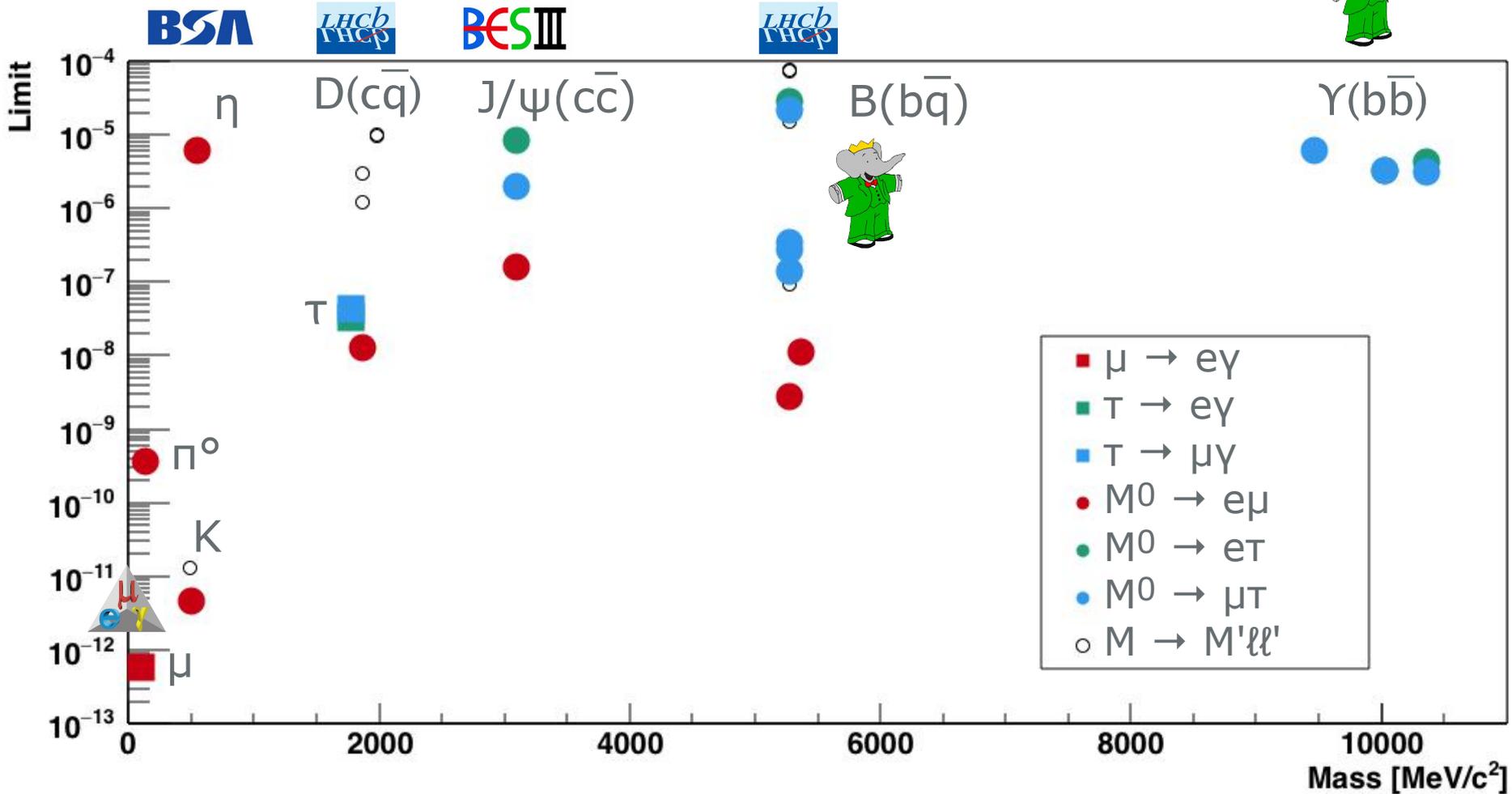
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# Insights

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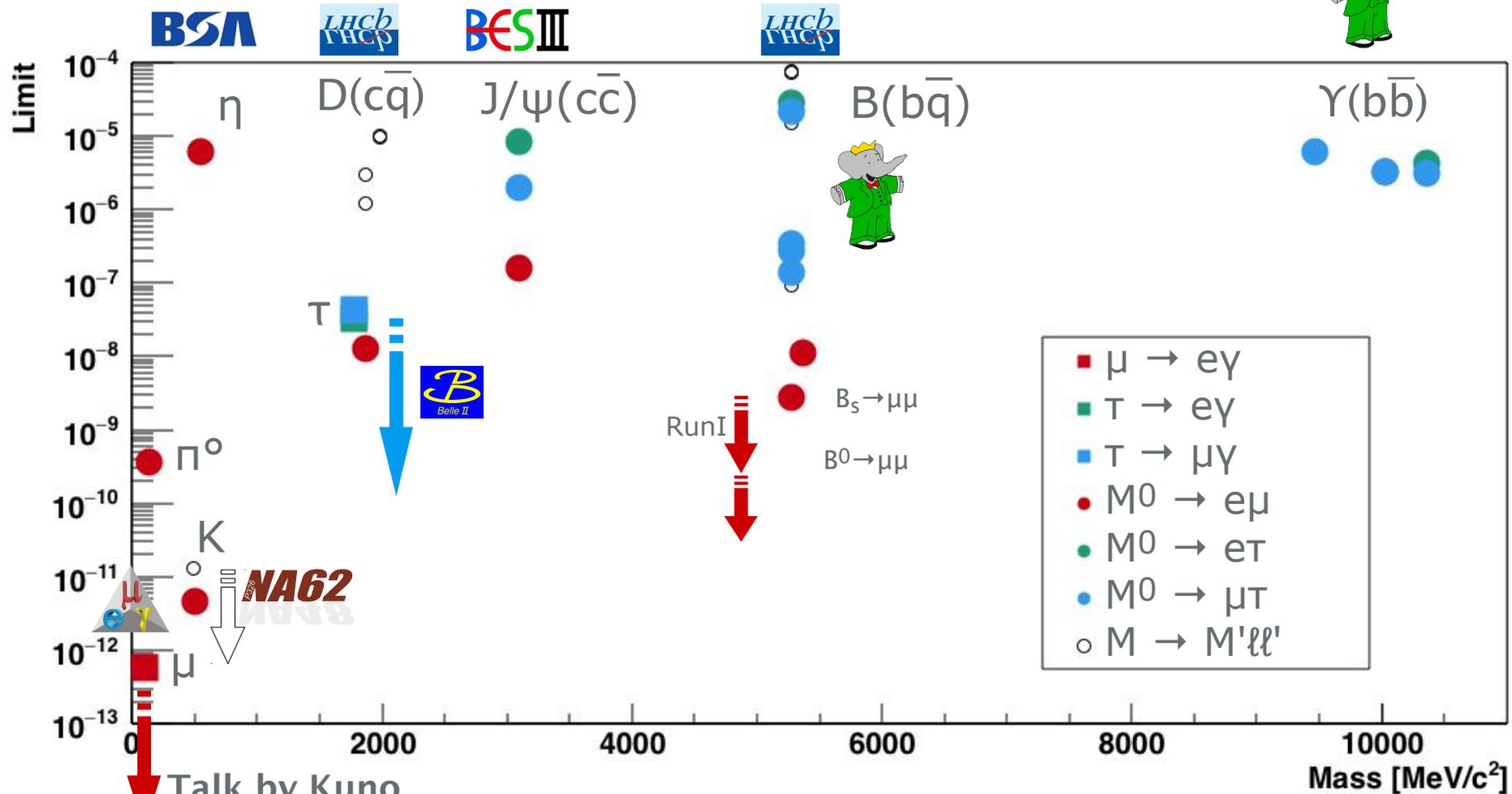


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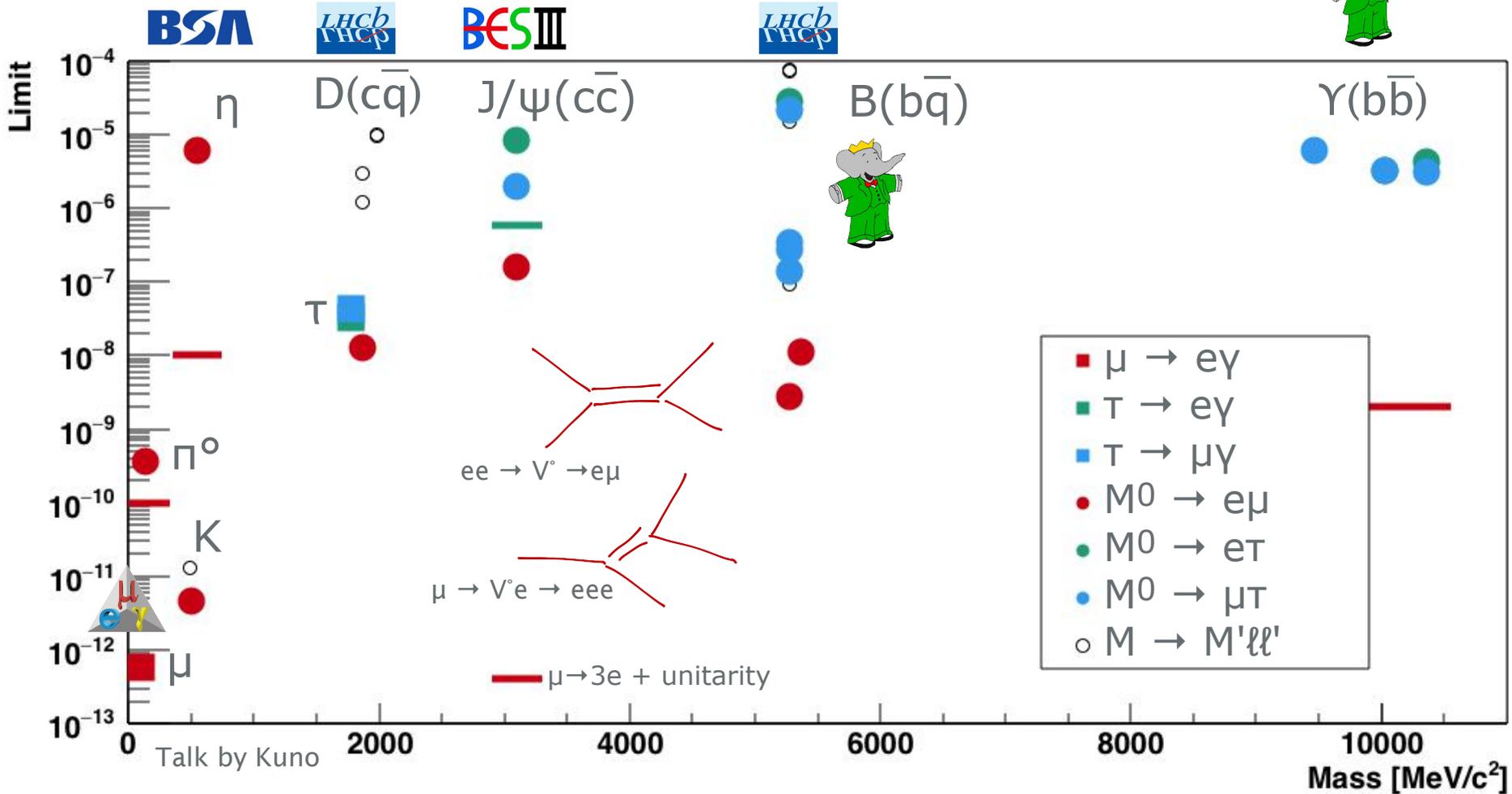


# LFV frontiers (prospects)





# LFV frontiers (perspectives)

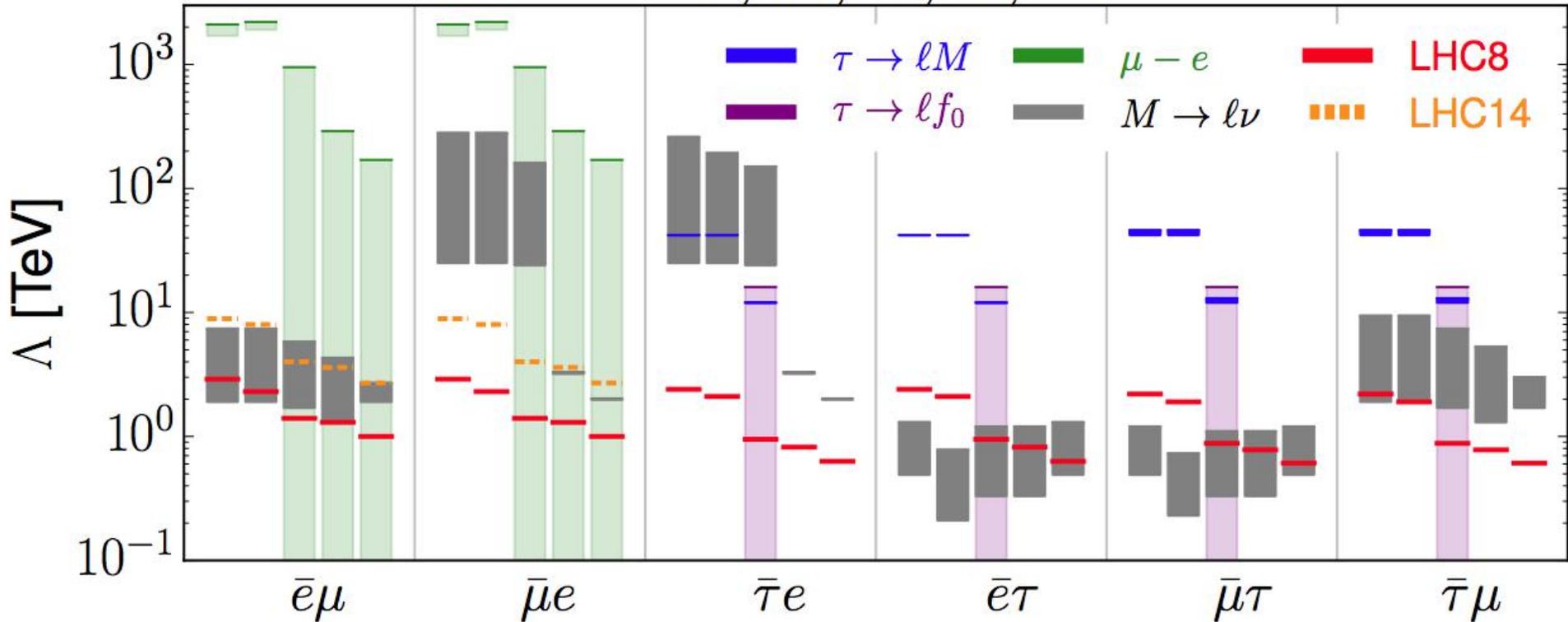




# Interpretation

“A Case Study of the Sensitivity to LFV Operators with Precision Measurements and the LHC”

$\bar{u}u, \bar{d}d, \bar{s}s, \bar{c}c, \bar{b}b$





## Insights & questions

Most stringent limits from  $\mu$  &  $K \rightarrow$  copious production

( $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $J/\psi$ ,  $\Upsilon$ ) lagging behind (+ strong limits from unitarity)

Strongest limits for  $e\mu$ , weaker for  $e\tau$  and  $\mu\tau$

$B_{(s)} \rightarrow e\mu$  most stringent of all meson decays

$M \rightarrow M'\ell\ell'$  less stringent, yet many channels available

**How to relate various measurements? Complementarity?**

→ many model-dependent attempts



# Forecast (a personal view)

## Lepton Number conservation assumed!

### Leptonic decay

$B_{(s)} \rightarrow e\mu$  will improve 10-100 @ LHCb

$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \ell\tau$  via  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$  ~10-100 weaker than  $e\mu$

9% BR + lower detection efficiency + reduced signal definition

OR via B-tagging  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$  @ Belle-II

$\Upsilon \rightarrow e\mu$  can be done, but not worthwhile?

$B_{(s)} \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$  lifts helicity suppression, costs  $\alpha$ , need  $E_\gamma$  threshold

### Semi-Leptonic decay

$B_{(s)} \rightarrow K^{*0}(\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)\ell\ell'$  ( $e\mu, e\tau, \mu\tau$ ) ~10x below  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \ell\ell'$  ?

$B_{(c)}^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell\ell'$  "easier"; can do  $\tau$ ;  $\sigma(B^+) \sim \sigma(B^0)$ ; gain from reduced background

$B \rightarrow B'\ell\ell'$  feasible & worthwhile?



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# Conclusion



# Take away message

**LHCb** : diverse program studying flavor physics with all three quark & lepton generations

With LHC Run-I data **LHCb** sharpened limits for many LFV, LNV, and BNV channels

No significant deviations from **SM** seen

Demonstrated sensitive **BSM** searches @ hadron collider

Many more options around, lots of additional data expected in LHC Run-II & Run-III, Belle-II, NA-62, ... : expect 10 - 100x improvement in years to come

**Theory guidance & insights very welcome**



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# Thank you for your attention!



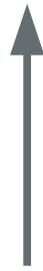
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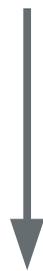


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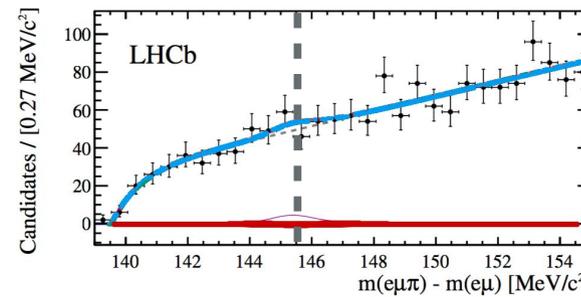
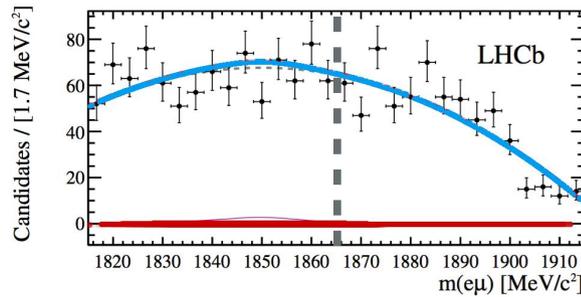
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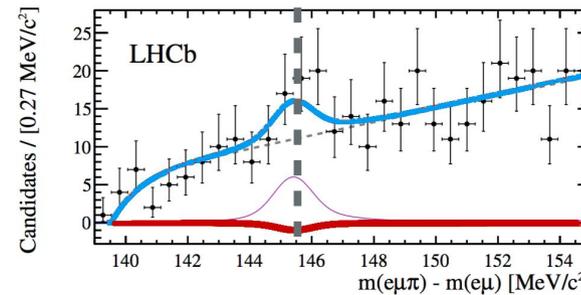
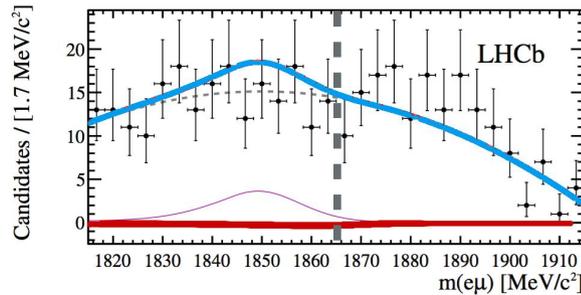


Signal-like

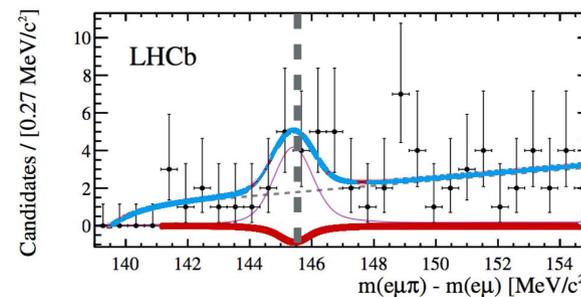
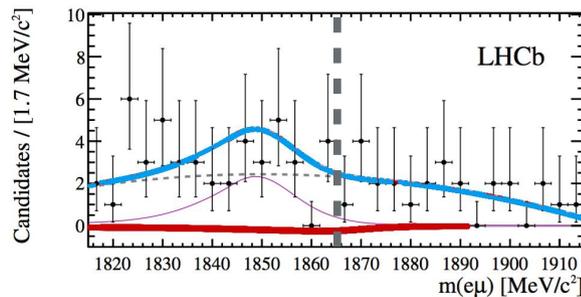


Signal + bkgd

$D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$  (signal)



$-7 \pm 15$  events



$$m(e\mu) \rightarrow M_D$$

$$m(e\mu\pi) - m(e\mu) \rightarrow M_{D^*} - M_D$$