

# INTENSE annual workshop



## **(Charged) Lepton Flavor Violation searches**

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- CLFV limits
- Mu2e competitors
- Tau rare decays
- Higgs LFV searches

# Flavor Violation

- We've known for a long time that quarks mix

✓ **Mixing strengths parameterized by  $V_{\text{CKM}}$**

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix}$$

- In last 15 years also neutrinos (neutral leptons) mixing was measured

✓ **Mixing strengths parameterized by  $\text{PMNS}$  matrix**

- **Is there violation for charged leptons?**

# CLFV limits

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Already reviewed

# Mu2e competitors

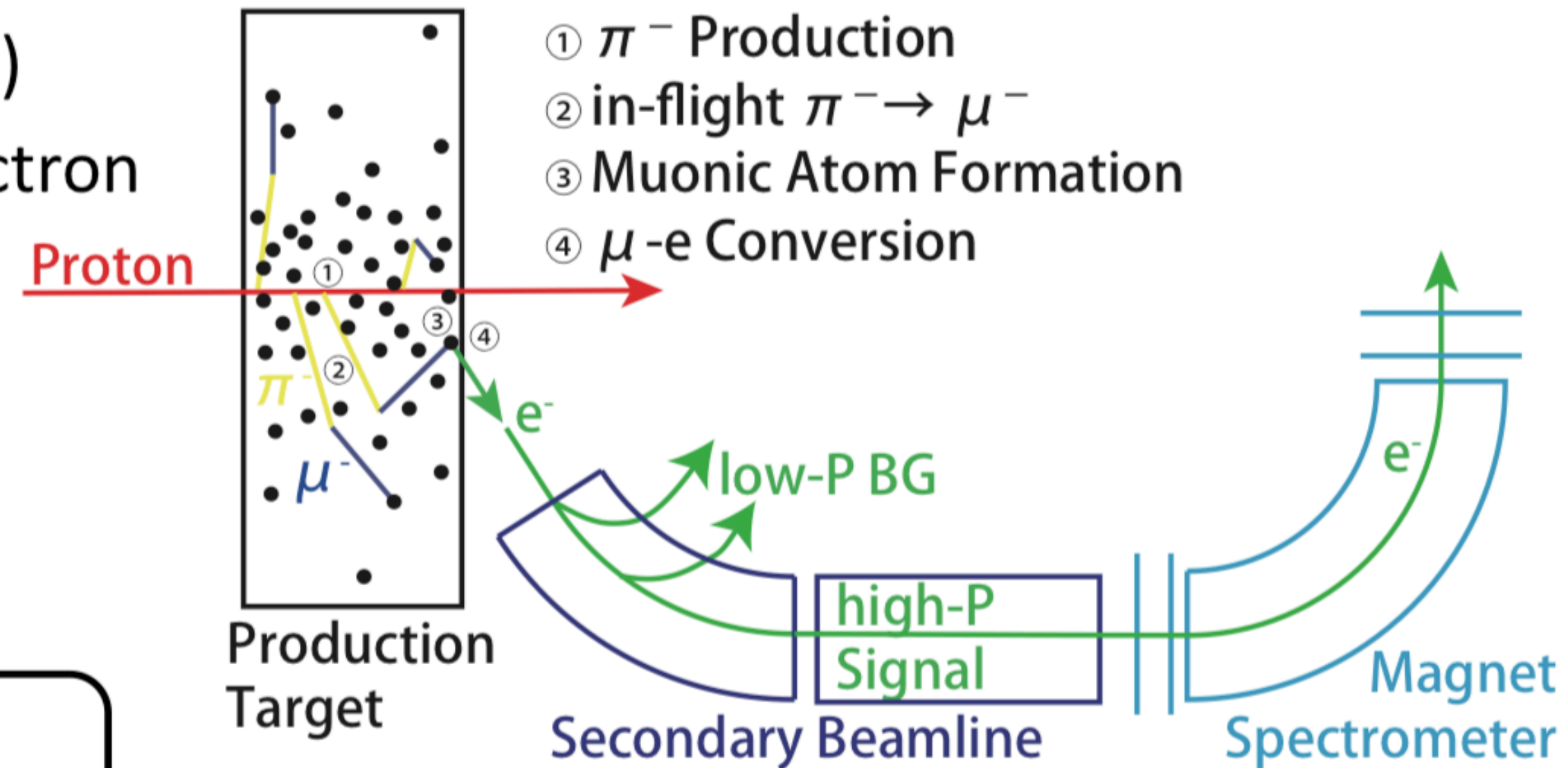
# DeeMe experiment



- Process :  $\mu^- + (A,Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A,Z)$
- A single mono-energetic electron
  - 105 MeV
  - Delayed :  $\sim 1\mu\text{s}$
- No accidental backgrounds
- Physics backgrounds

- Muon Decay in Orbit (DIO)
  - $E_e > 102.5 \text{ MeV}$  (BR: $10^{-14}$ )
  - $E_e > 103.5 \text{ MeV}$  (BR: $10^{-16}$ )

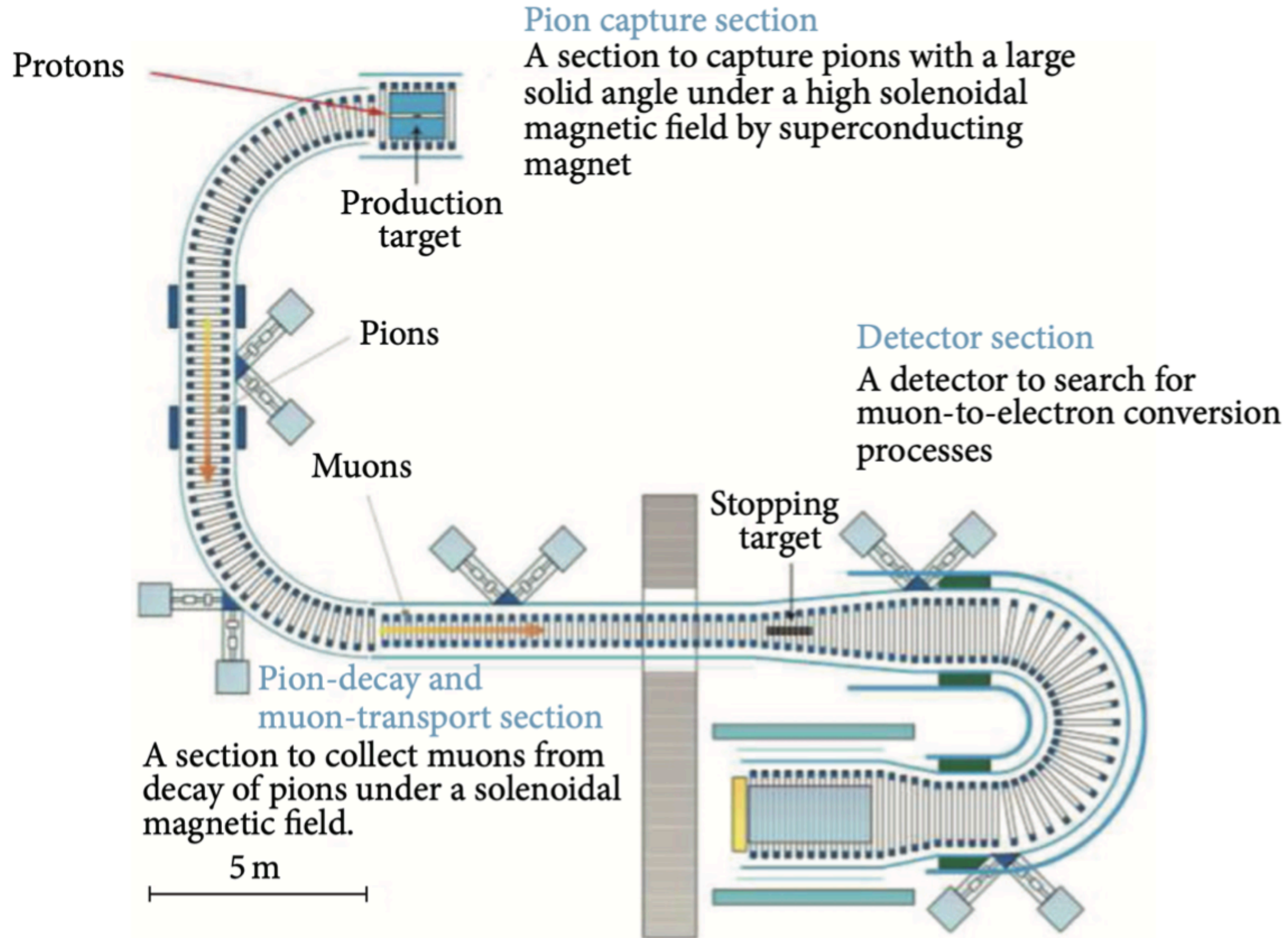
- Beam Pion Capture
  - $\pi^- + (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-1)^* \rightarrow \gamma + (A,Z-1)$   
 $\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
  - Pulsed Proton beam
    - Prompt timing



- Low Energy main part: suppressed by the beamline.
- High Energy tail: Magnet Spectrometer ( $\Delta p < 0.5\%$ )
- Main pulse burst: State-of-the-art MWPC that becomes operational quickly after a burst.
- Delayed-protons: Suppressed owing to the extremely small after-protons from RCS --  $R_{DP} \ll 10^{-17}$ .

M. Aoki, Presentation @ CLEF2019

# COMET



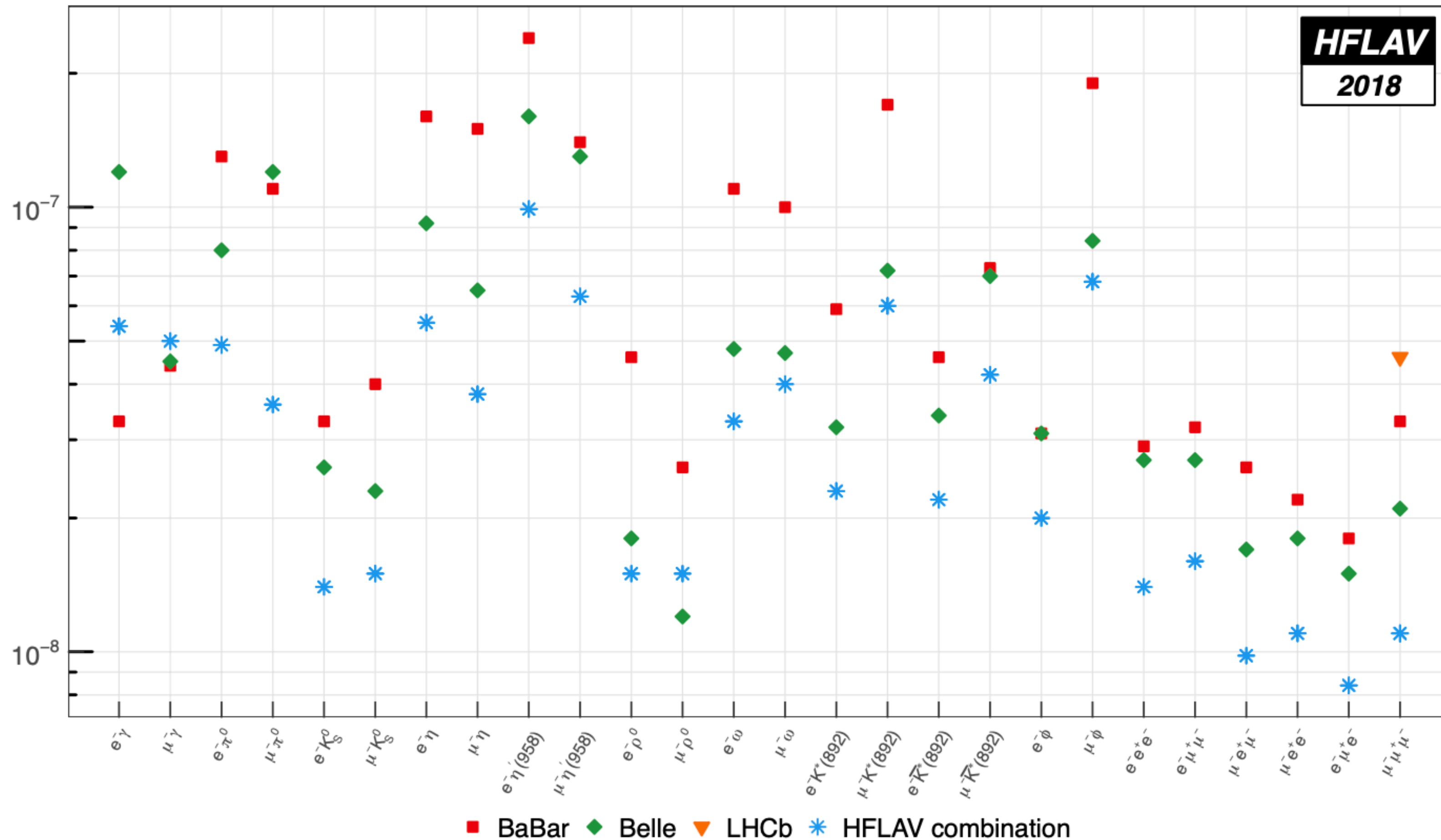


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- The tau lepton is in principle a very promising source of CLFV decays. Thanks to the large tau mass ( $m_\tau \approx 1.777 \text{ GeV}$ ), many CLFV channels can be investigated

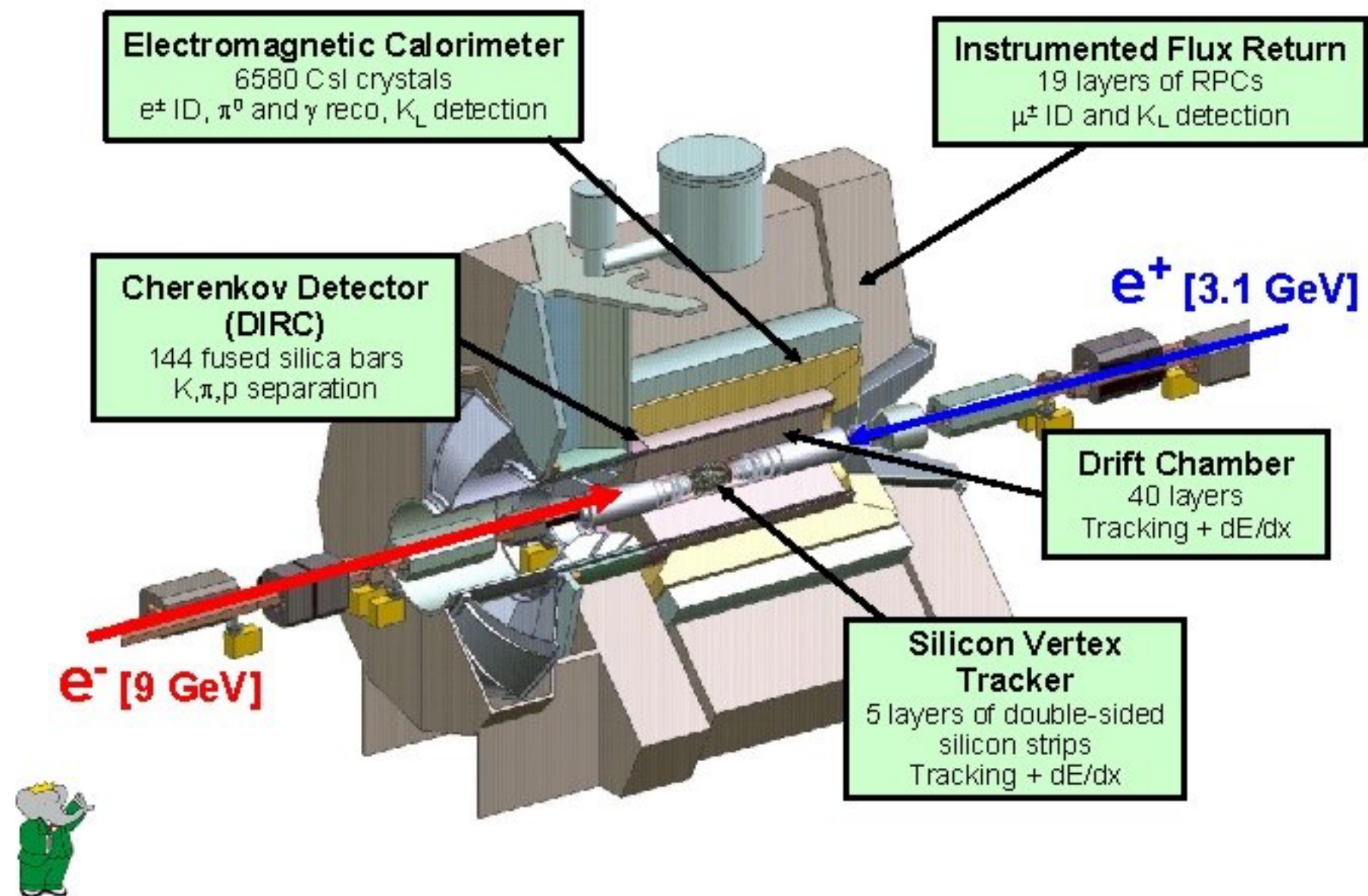
90% CL upper limits on  $\tau$  LFV decays



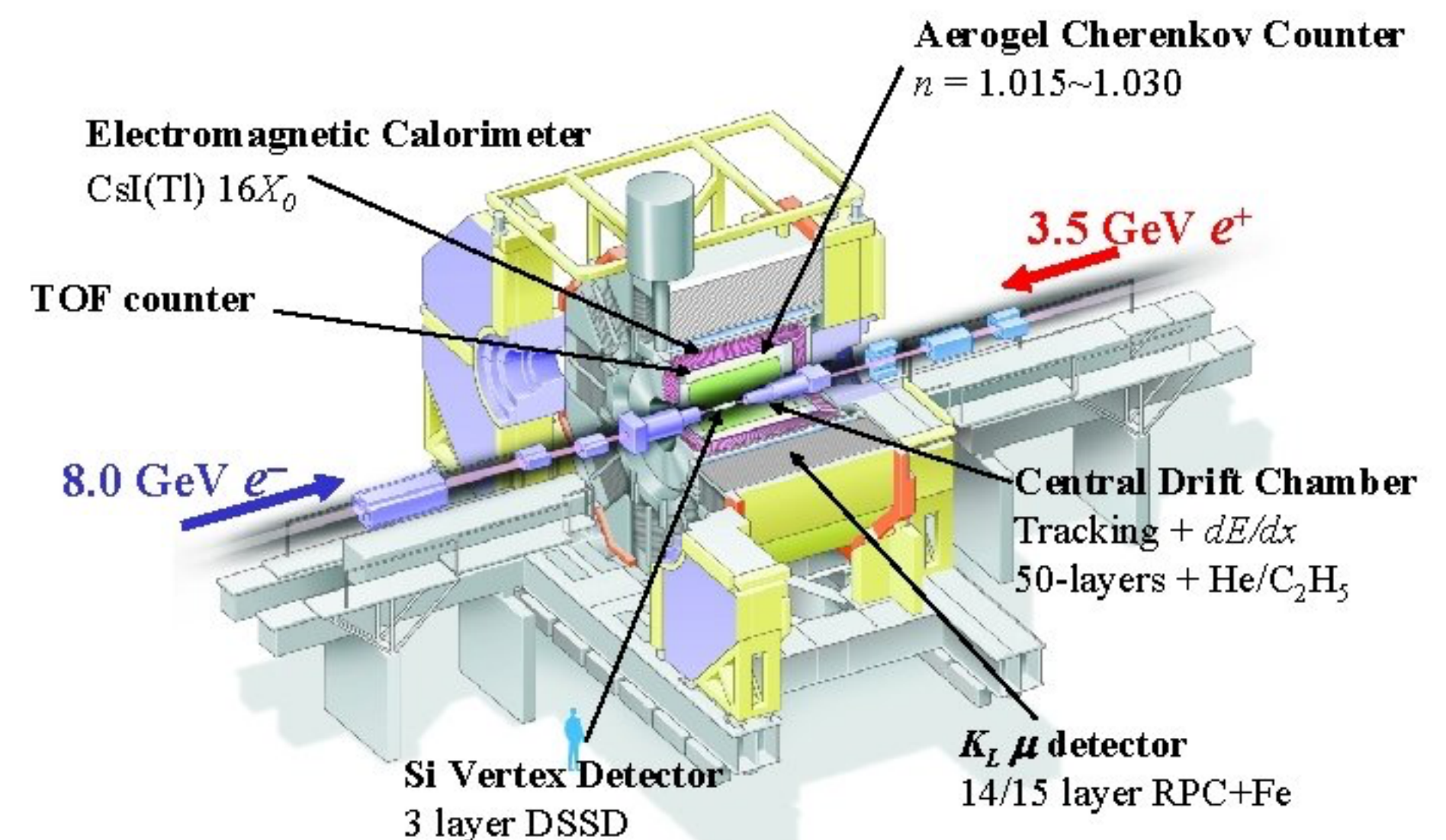
$$\tau \rightarrow l\gamma$$

- Final state: pair of light lepton and a photon, with  $m_{inv} = \tau_{mass}$
- Searches implemented at B-factories: Belle and BaBar
- Main background:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ , tau mis-identification

### The *BaBar* Experiment

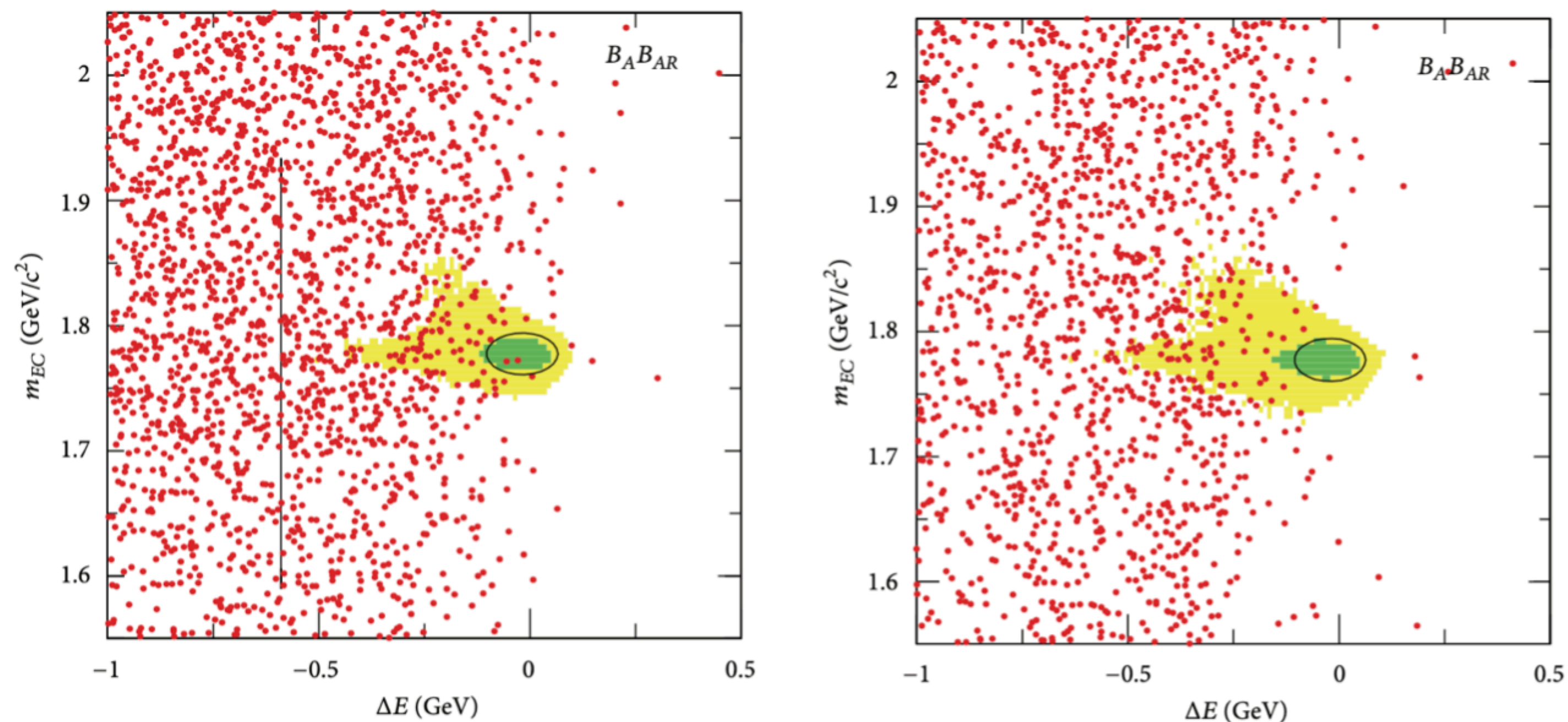


### Belle Detector



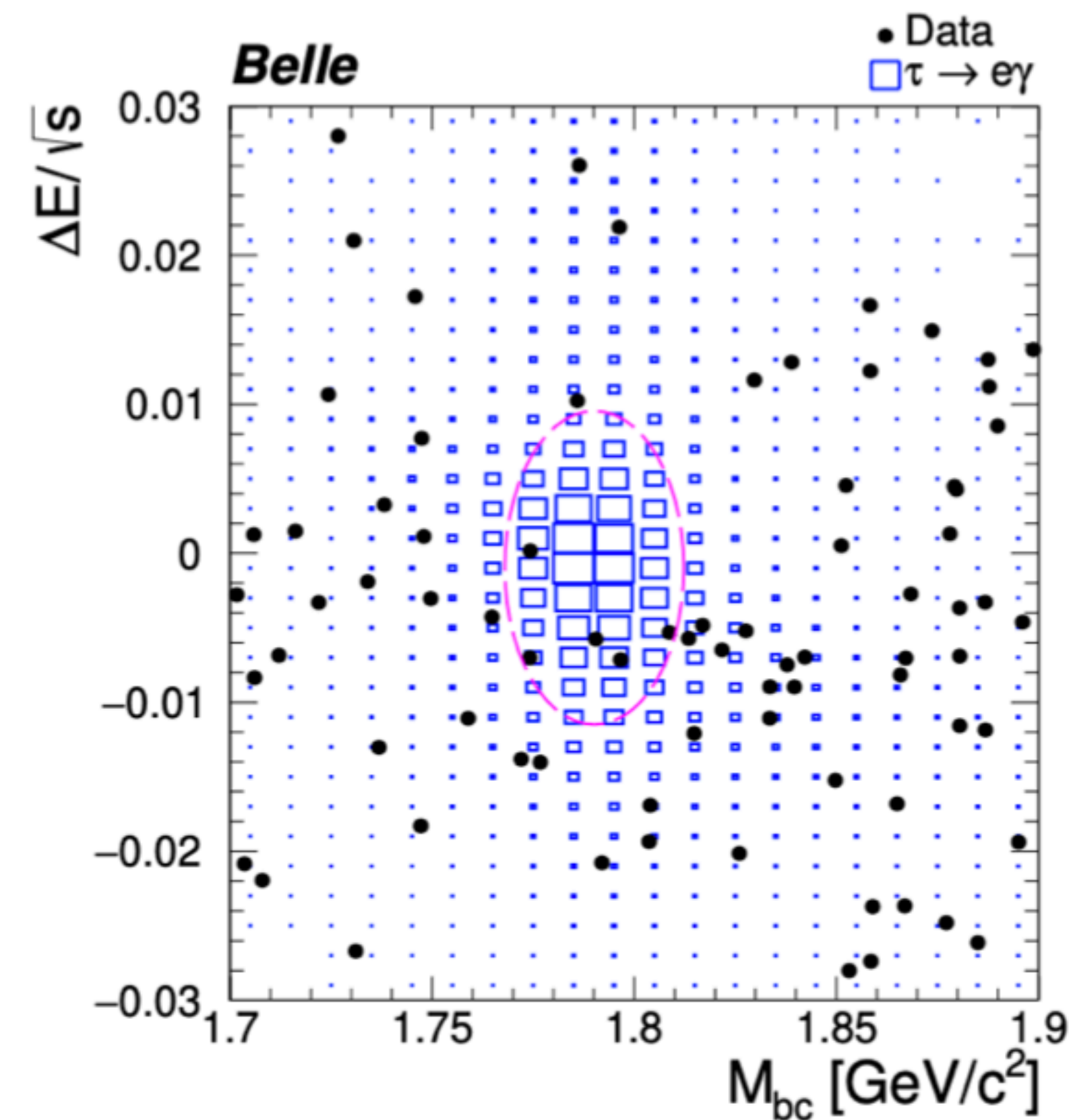
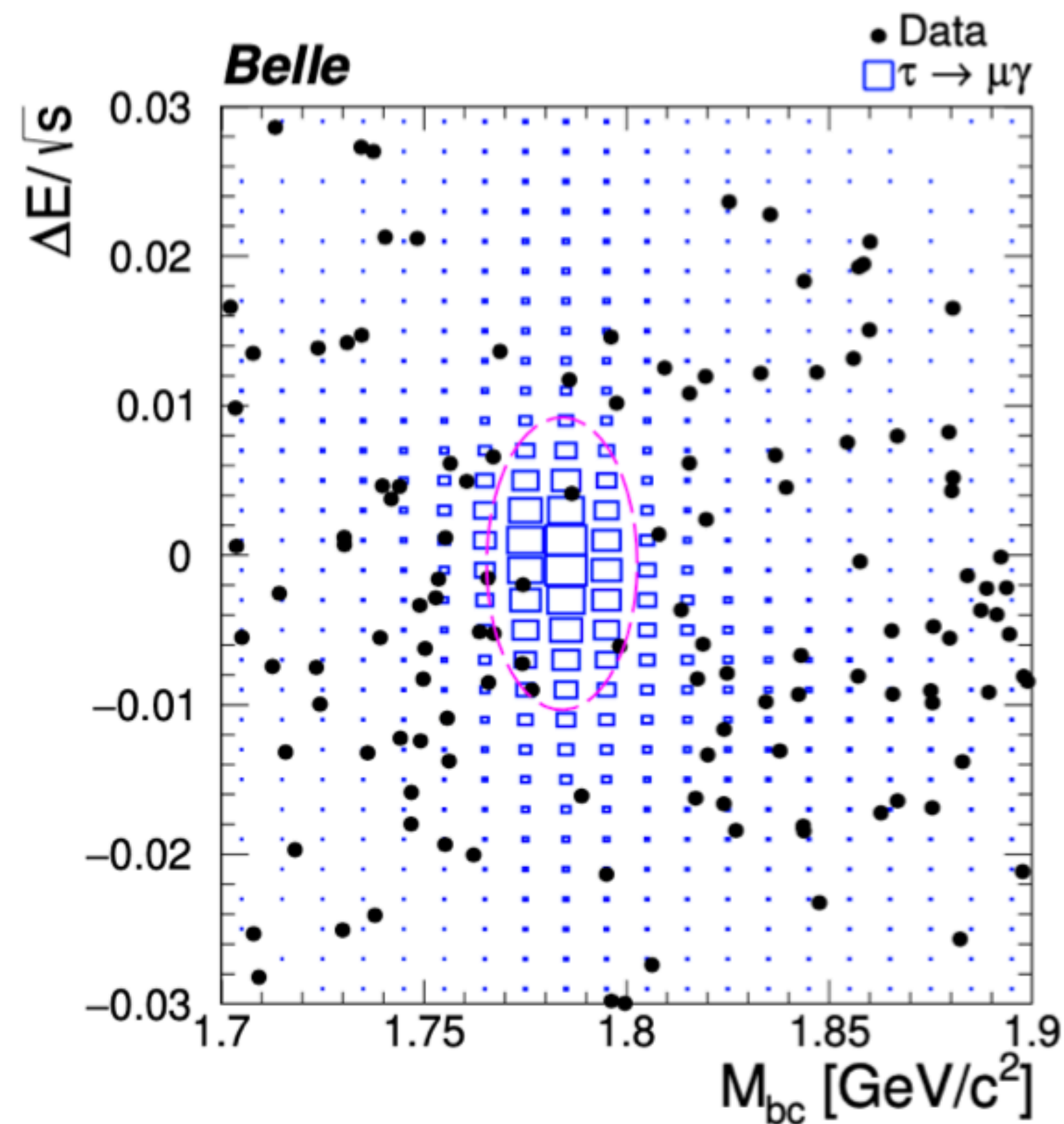
# $\tau \rightarrow l\gamma$ @ BaBar

- BaBar collected  $(963 \pm 7) \times 10^6 \tau$  decays near the  $Y(4S)$ ,  $Y(3S)$  and  $Y(2S)$  resonances
- Signal decays are identified by two kinematic vars: (i) the energy difference  $\Delta E = E - \sqrt{s}/2$  and the beam energy constrained  $\tau$  mass obtained from a kinematic fit
- **Limits:**  $3.3(4.4) \times 10^{-8}$  for the electron (muon) channel



# $\tau \rightarrow l\gamma$ @ Belle

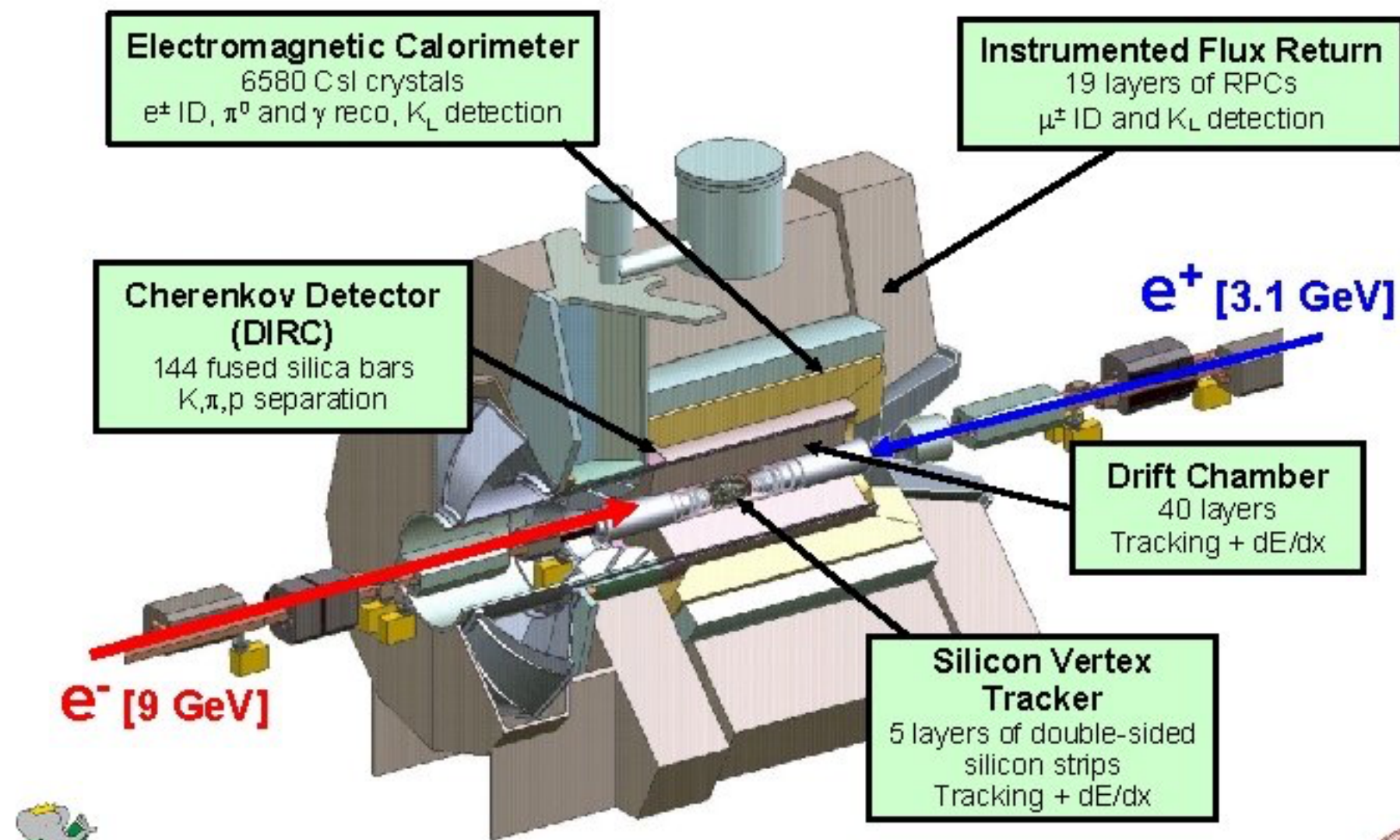
- The Belle experiment reported comparable limits using a data analysis based on 988 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- Limits:** 5.6(4.2) $\times 10^{-8}$  for the electron (muon) channel



$$\tau \rightarrow 3l$$

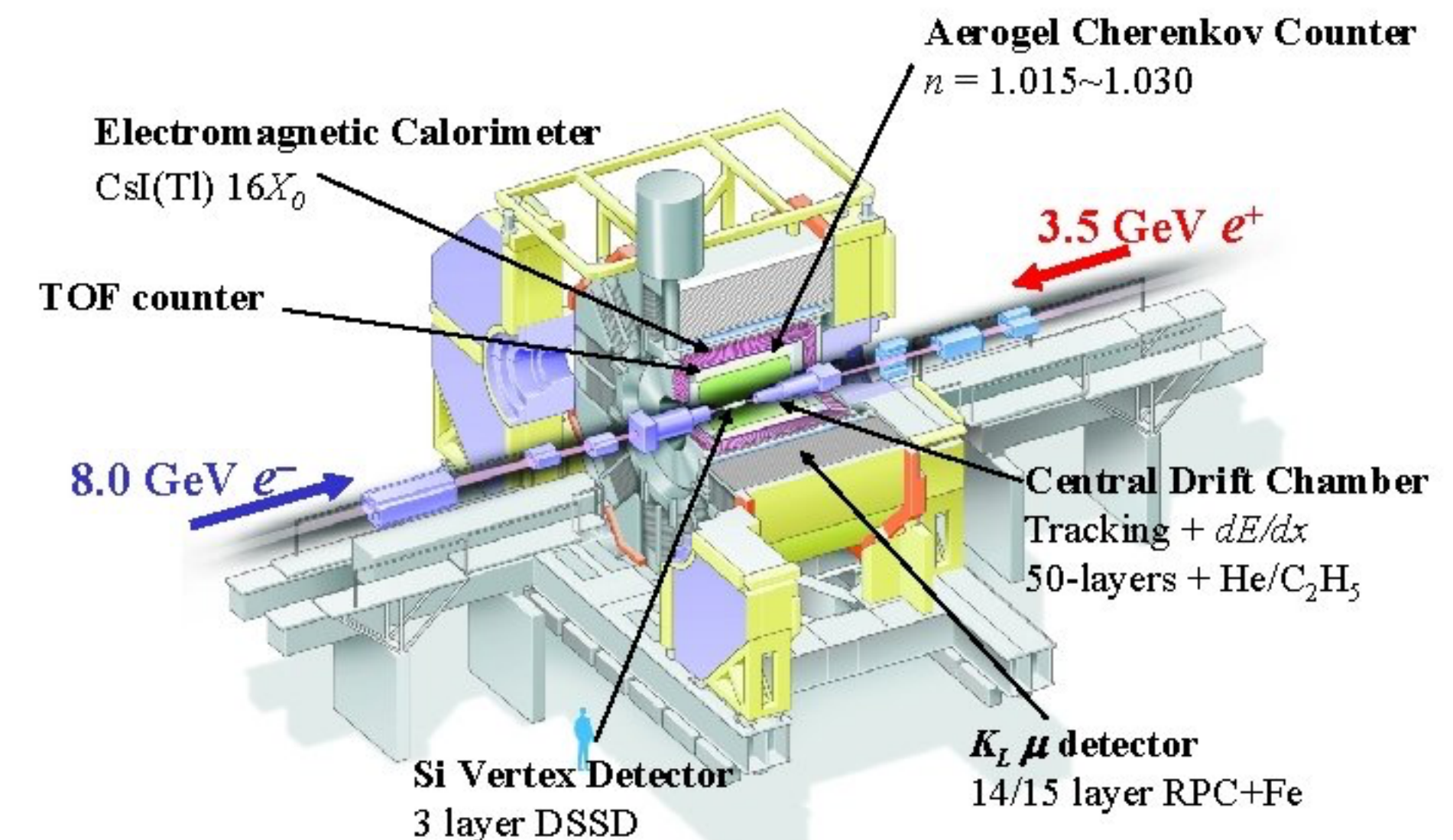
- Final state: three charged leptons with  $\text{minv} = \text{tau\_mass}$  and  $\text{sum\_charge} = 1$
- Searches implemented at B-factories: Belle and BaBar in all the 6 combinations
- Events are selected looking for  $\tau^+\tau^-$  pairs in the final state (one tau i used as tag)

### The *BaBar* Experiment



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### Belle Detector



$$\tau \rightarrow 3l$$

- The polar angles of all four tracks in the laboratory frame are required to be within the calorimeter acceptance range, to ensure good particle identification
- The search strategy consists of forming all possible triplets of charged leptons with the required total charge and of looking at the distribution of events in the  $(m_{BC}, \Delta E)$  plane
- The backgrounds contaminating the sample can be divided in three broad categories:
  - low multiplicity  $qq^{-}$  events,
  - QED events (Bhabha or  $\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$  depending on the specific channel)
  - SM  $\tau^{+}\tau^{-}$  events
- Limits: at the level of  $\sim 10^{-8}$

$$\tau \rightarrow 3l @ \text{LHC}$$

- Experiments at the LHC also searched for the  $\tau \rightarrow 3l$  decay in the case where  $l = \mu$
- The ATLAS experiment performed a search for the neutrinoless decay  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-$  using a sample of  $W^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$  decays with 20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected in 2012 @ 8 TeV
- The LHCb experiment performed the same search using a sample of tau from b and c-hadron decays with 3.0 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected in 2011(2) @ of 7(8) TeV
- The CMS experiment recently delivered the results for the same search using a sample of  $\tau$  leptons produced in both W boson and heavy-flavor hadron decays using 33.2fb<sup>-1</sup>
- ATLAS, CMS and LHCb reported a 90% C.L. upper limit on the branching ratio of  $3.76 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $8.0 \times 10^{-7}$  and  $4.6 \times 10^{-7}$  respectively



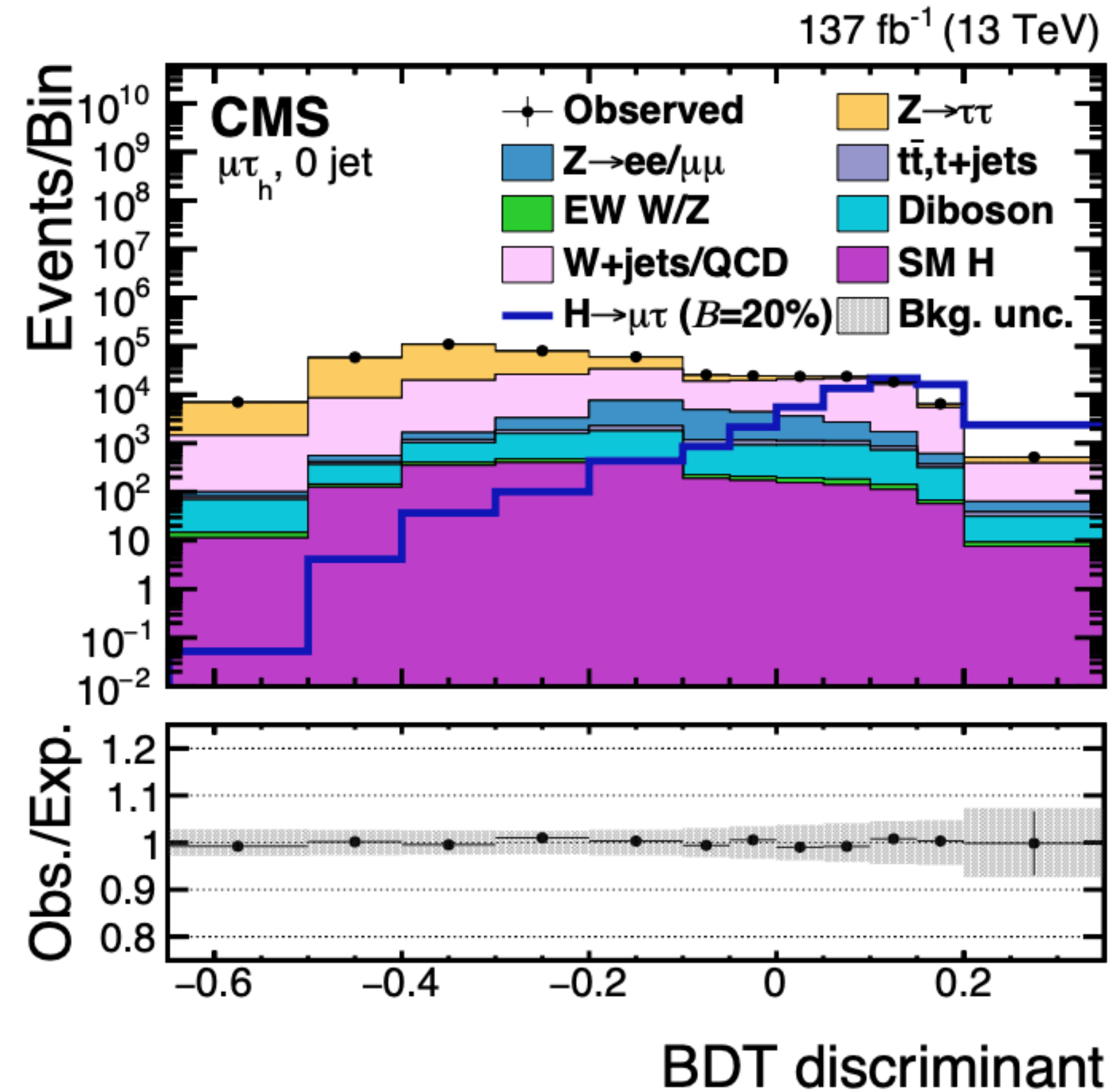
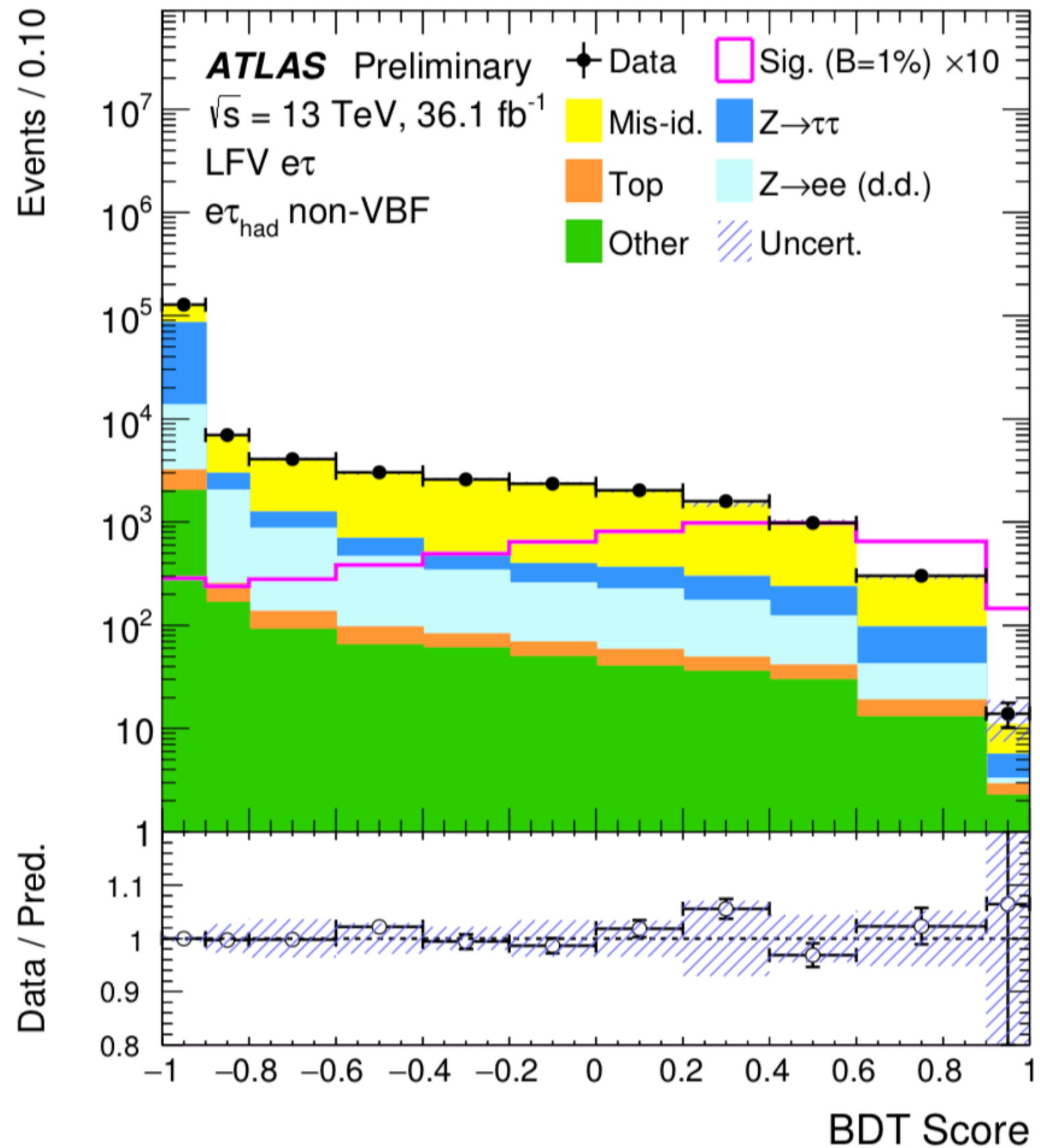
# Higgs searches

- **Muons** provide strong limits on LFV Higgs decays for 1st and 2nd generations
- **But not if tau involved:** 1st-3rd or 2nd-3rd

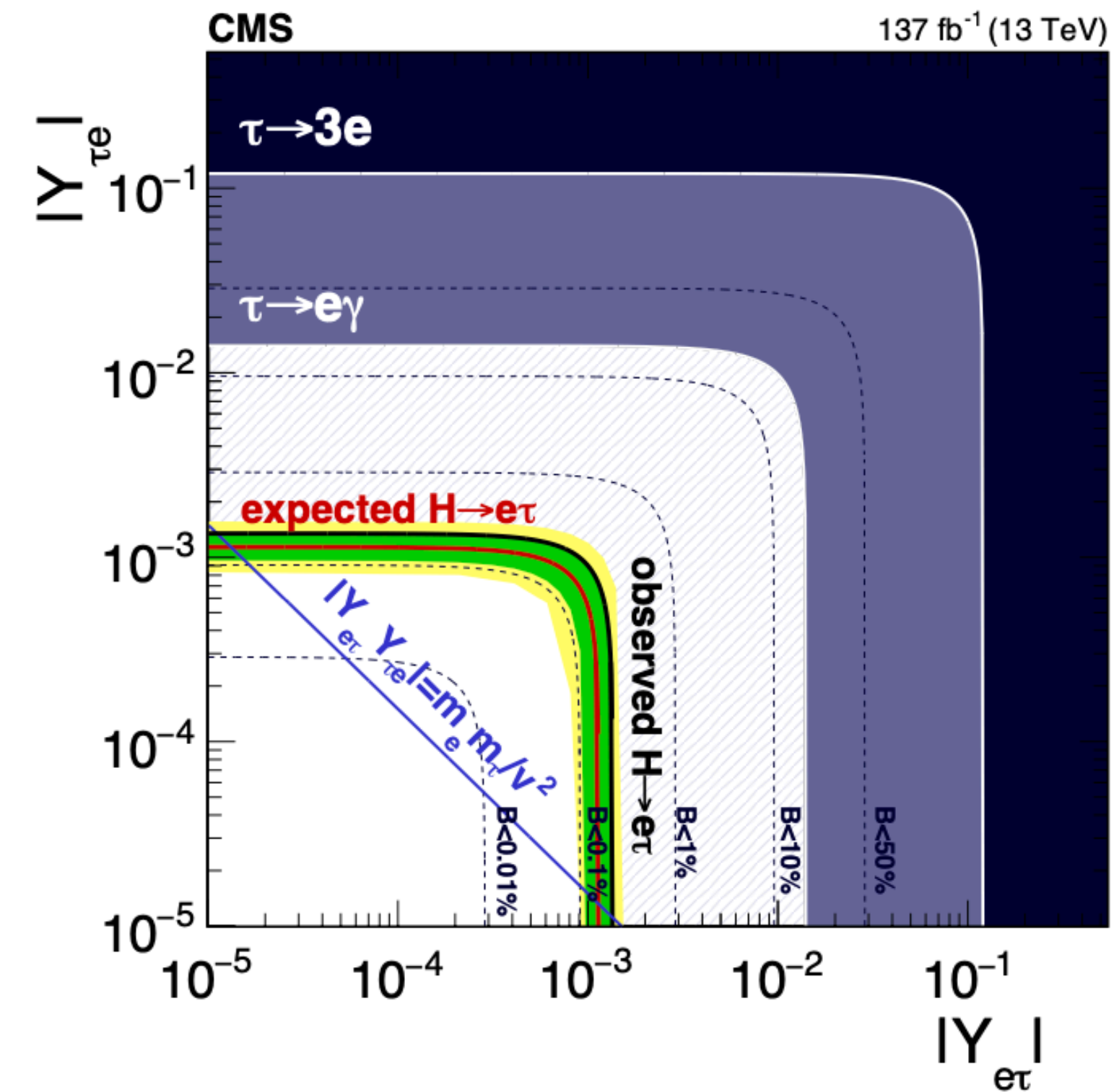
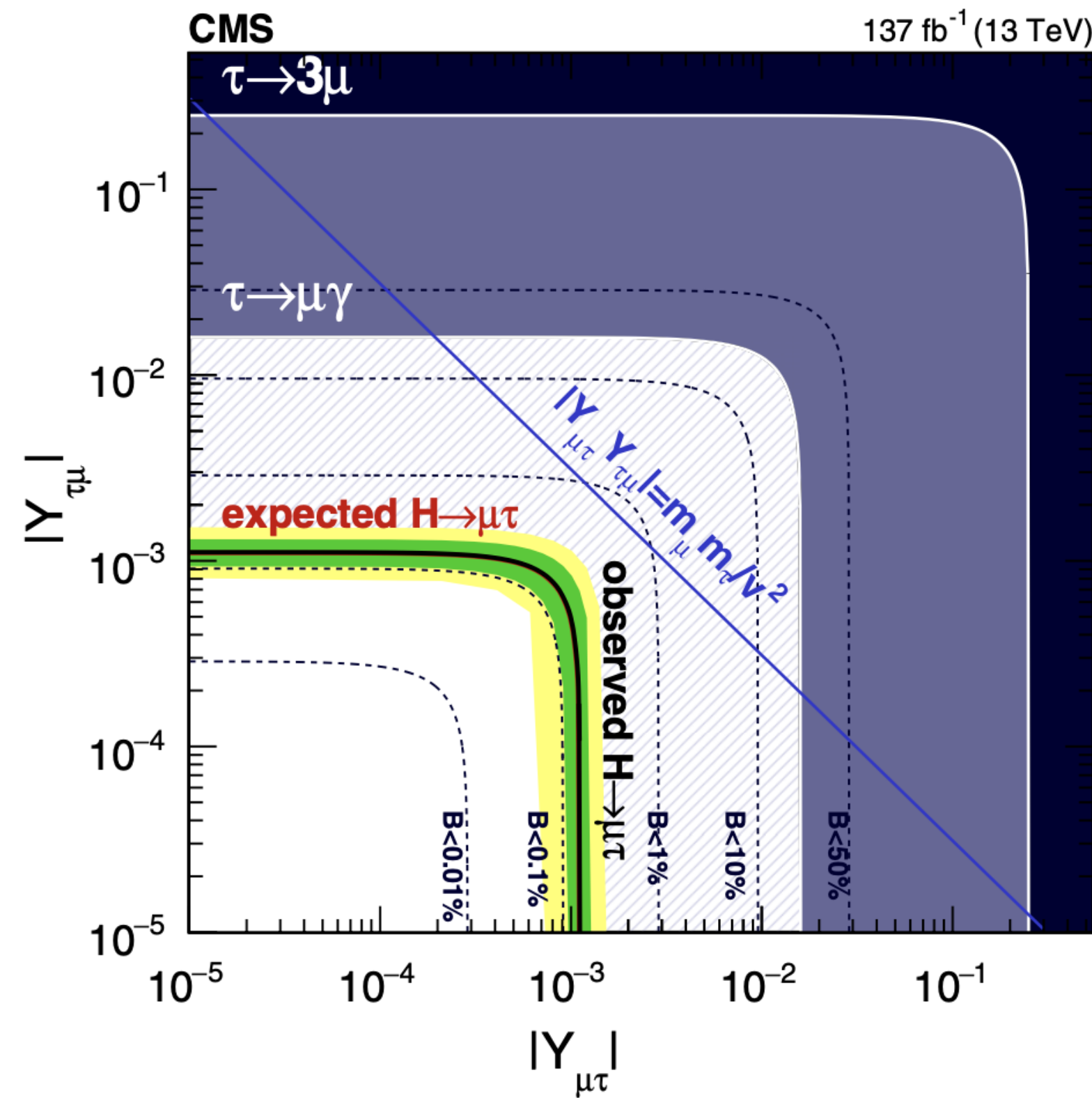
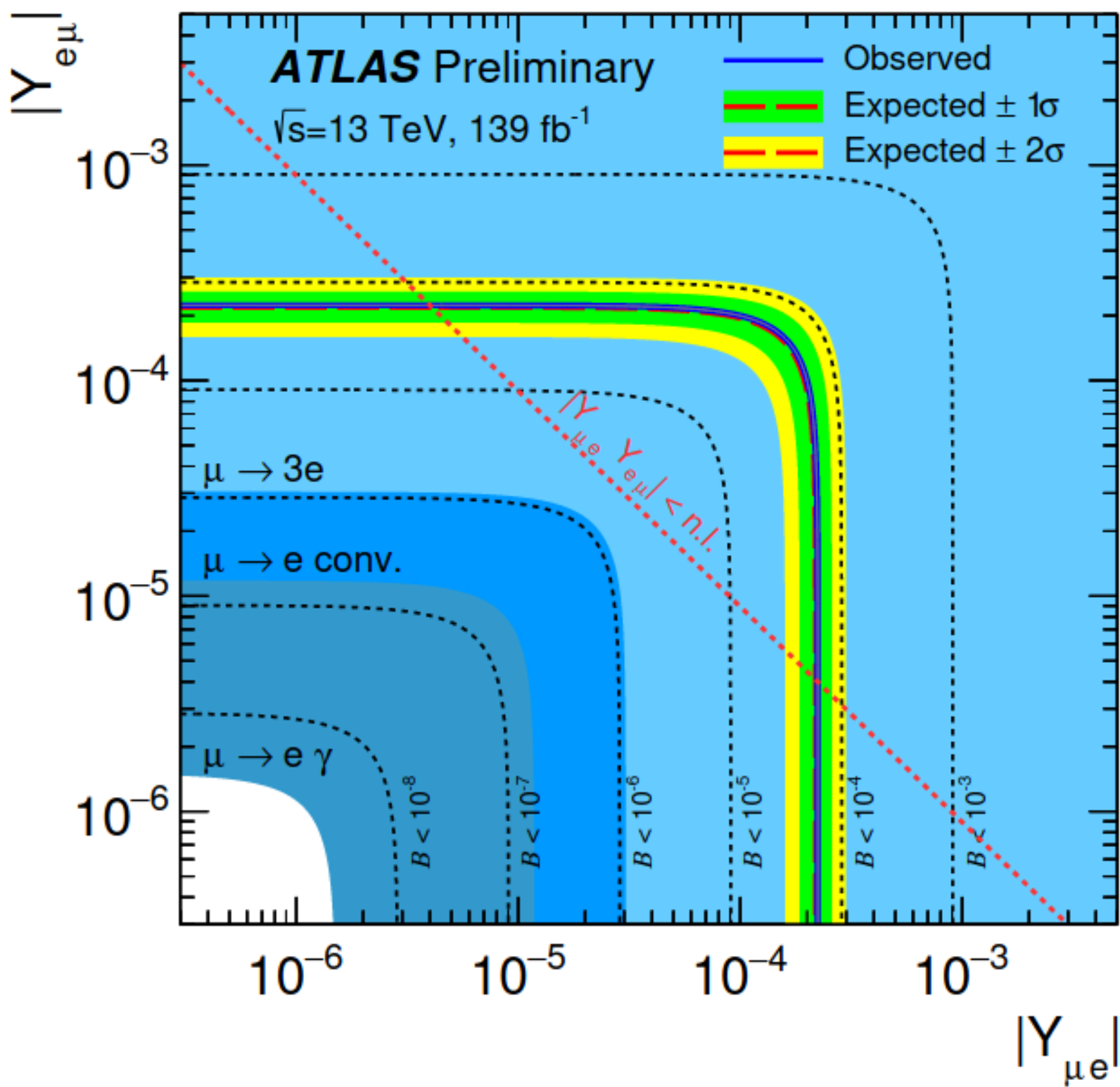
$$\begin{pmatrix}
 Y_{ee} & Y_{e\mu} & Y_{e\tau} \\
 Y_{\mu e} & Y_{\mu\mu} & Y_{\mu\tau} \\
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 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Hiroshi Okada, et al.: arxiv.org/pdf/1604.01948.pdf](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1604.01948.pdf)

- Similar final states as in  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : search for  $H \rightarrow e\tau$  and  $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$
- 95% C.L. limits from likelihood fit are  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow e\tau) < 0.47\%$  and  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 0.25\%$



CMS, Sirunyan, A.M., Tumasyan, A. et al. J. High Energ. Phys. (2018) 2018: 1.



- $H \rightarrow \mu e < 6.1 \times 10^{-5}$  @ 95% C.L. (ATLAS)
- $H \rightarrow e\tau < (0.22)\%$  @ 95% C.L. (CMS)
- $H \rightarrow \mu\tau < (0.15)\%$  @ 95% C.L. (CMS)

- A short review of non-muonic LFV searches was given
- Tau rare decays and Higgs decays offer powerful tool to search for LFV processes
- The upgrade of the B-factories will enable an improvement in the  $\tau \rightarrow 3 l$  search
- LHC experiments are getting competitive in the pure muonic final state
- The Higgs portal provide powerful probes for LFV search in the  $(l, \tau)$  final states