

# Experimental Review on Lepton Universality tests and Lepton Flavour Violation tests at the *B*-factories



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## Introduction

- ◆ **Lepton Universality** (LU) → traditional Standard Model electro-weak precision test
  - ▶ clean experimental test of Standard Model predictions
  - ▶ relatively challenging precision experimental measurement
  - ▶ LU violation can indicate New Physics
  - ▶ strong inheritance from LEP, modest progress with *B*-Factories
    - (main contribution Belle  $\tau$  lifetime measurement)
- ◆ **Lepton Flavour Violation** (LFV) → powerful and clean New Physics probe
  - ▶ undetectably small in the Standard Model
  - ▶ relatively easy experimental measurement
  - ▶ experimental status dominated by *B*-Factories
- ◆ “No known symmetry principle protects lepton flavor conservation in the presence of lepton nonuniversality.”  
Glashow-Guadagnoli-Lane, PRL 114, 091801 (2015)

## Lepton Universality tests with lepton decays

Standard Model for leptons  $\lambda, \rho = e, \mu, \tau$  (Marciano 1988)

$$\Gamma[\lambda \rightarrow \nu_{\lambda\rho}\bar{\nu}_{\rho}(\gamma)] = \Gamma_{\lambda\rho} = \Gamma_{\lambda} B_{\lambda\rho} = \frac{B_{\lambda\rho}}{\tau_{\lambda}} = \frac{G_{\lambda} G_{\rho} m_{\lambda}^5}{192\pi^3} f\left(\frac{m_{\rho}^2}{m_{\lambda}^2}\right) r_W^{\lambda} r_{\gamma}^{\lambda},$$

$$G_{\lambda} = \frac{g_{\lambda}^2}{4\sqrt{2}M_W^2} \quad f(x) = 1 - 8x + 8x^3 - x^4 - 12x^2 \ln x \quad f_{\lambda\rho} = f\left(\frac{m_{\rho}^2}{m_{\lambda}^2}\right)$$

where

$$r_W^{\lambda} = 1 + \frac{3}{5} \frac{m_{\lambda}^2}{M_W^2} \quad r_{\gamma}^{\lambda} = 1 + \frac{\alpha(m_{\lambda})}{2\pi} \left( \frac{25}{4} - \pi^2 \right)$$

Tests of lepton universality from ratios or above partial widths:

$$\left(\frac{g_{\tau}}{g_{\mu}}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{B_{\tau e} \tau_{\mu} m_{\mu}^5 f_{\mu e} r_W^{\mu} r_{\gamma}^{\mu}}{B_{\mu e} \tau_{\tau} m_{\tau}^5 f_{\tau e} r_W^{\tau} r_{\gamma}^{\tau}}} = 1.0011 \pm 0.0015 = \sqrt{\frac{B_{\tau e}}{B_{\tau e}^{\text{SM}}}} \quad \left(\frac{g_{\mu}}{g_e}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{B_{\tau\mu} f_{\tau e}}{B_{\tau e} f_{\tau\mu}}} = 1.0018 \pm 0.0014$$

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◆ precision: **0.20–0.23%** pre- $B$ -Factories  $\rightarrow$  **0.14–0.15%** today

thanks essentially to the Belle tau lifetime measurement, PRL 112 (2014) 031801

◆  $r_{\gamma}^{\tau} = 1 - 43.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$  and  $r_{\gamma}^{\mu} = 1 - 42.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$  (Marciano 1988),  $M_W$  from PDG 2013

## Coupling constants ratios uncertainties contributions

quantity	uncertainty	contribution
$\tau_\tau$	0.18%	0.09%
$B_{\tau \rightarrow \mu, e}$	0.23%	0.115%
$m_\tau$	0.009%	0.022%

## Lepton Universality tests with hadron decays

Standard Model:

$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)^2 = \frac{B(\tau \rightarrow h\nu_\tau)}{B(h \rightarrow \mu\bar{\nu}_\mu)} \frac{2m_h m_\mu^2 \tau_h}{(1 + \delta_h) m_\tau^3 \tau_\tau} \left(\frac{1 - m_\mu^2/m_h^2}{1 - m_h^2/m_\tau^2}\right)^2 \quad (h = \pi \text{ or } K)$$

rad. corr.  $\delta_\pi = (0.16 \pm 0.14)\%$ ,  $\delta_K = (0.90 \pm 0.22)\%$  (Decker 1994)

$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)_\pi = 0.9963 \pm 0.0027, \quad \left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)_K = 0.9858 \pm 0.0071.$$

(electron tests less precise because hadron two body decays to electrons are helicity-suppressed)

Averaging the three  $g_\tau/g_\mu$  ratios:

$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right)_{\tau+\pi+K} = 1.0001 \pm 0.0014,$$

accounting for statistical correlations

useful contribution from *BABAR*  $\frac{B(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau)}{B(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)}$  measurement, PRL 105 (2010) 051602

## Some other Lepton Universality tests

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right) \text{ from } \frac{B_{\pi \rightarrow \mu}}{B_{\pi \rightarrow e}}$$

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right) \text{ from } \frac{B_{K \rightarrow \mu}}{B_{K \rightarrow e}}$$

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right) \text{ from } \frac{B_{K \rightarrow \pi \mu}}{B_{K \rightarrow \pi e}}$$

similar precision as previous ones

$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu}\right) \text{ from } \frac{B_{W \rightarrow \tau}}{B_{W \rightarrow \mu}}$$

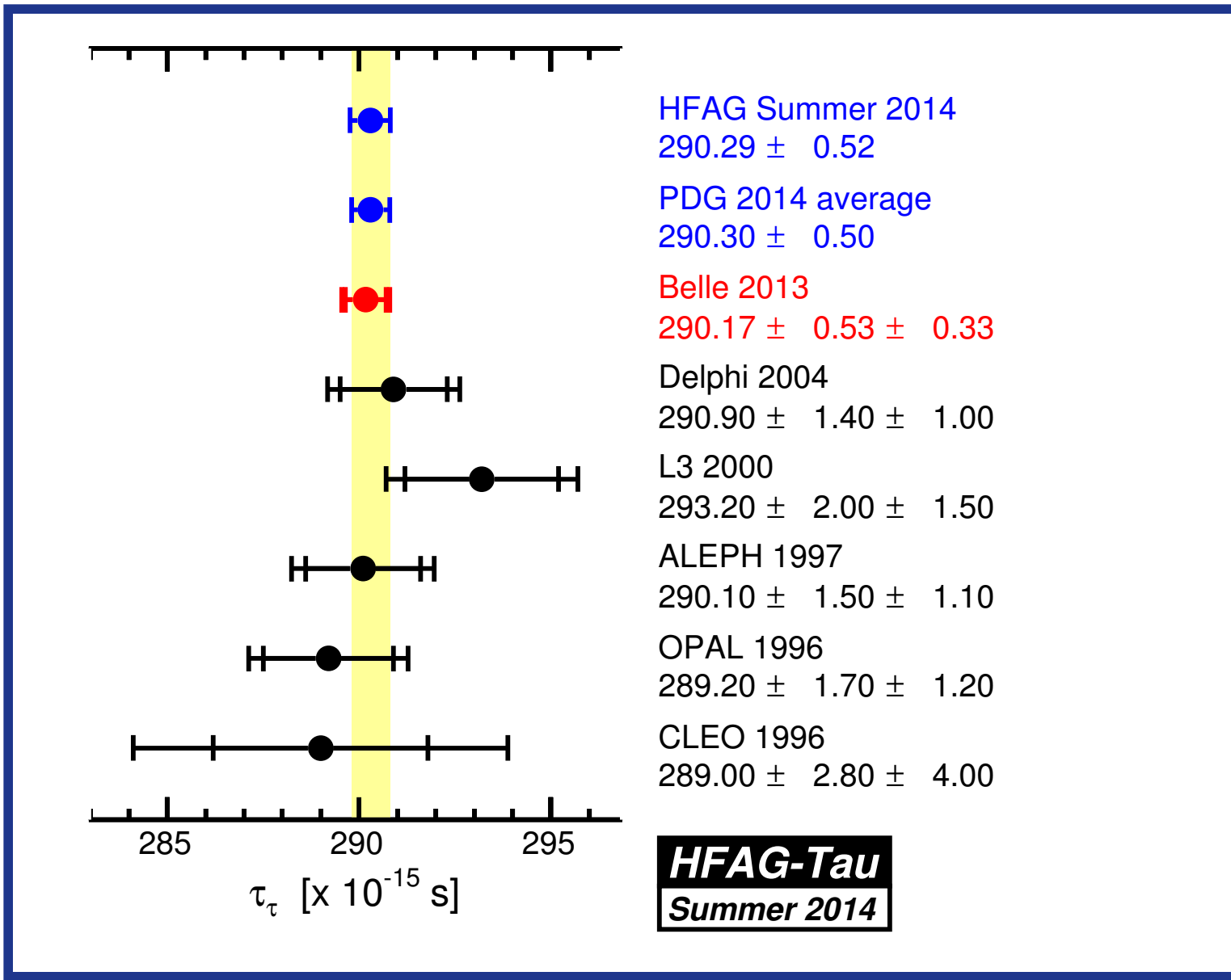
$$\left(\frac{g_\tau}{g_e}\right) \text{ from } \frac{B_{W \rightarrow \tau}}{B_{W \rightarrow e}}$$

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e}\right) \text{ from } \frac{B_{W \rightarrow \mu}}{B_{W \rightarrow e}}$$

less precise

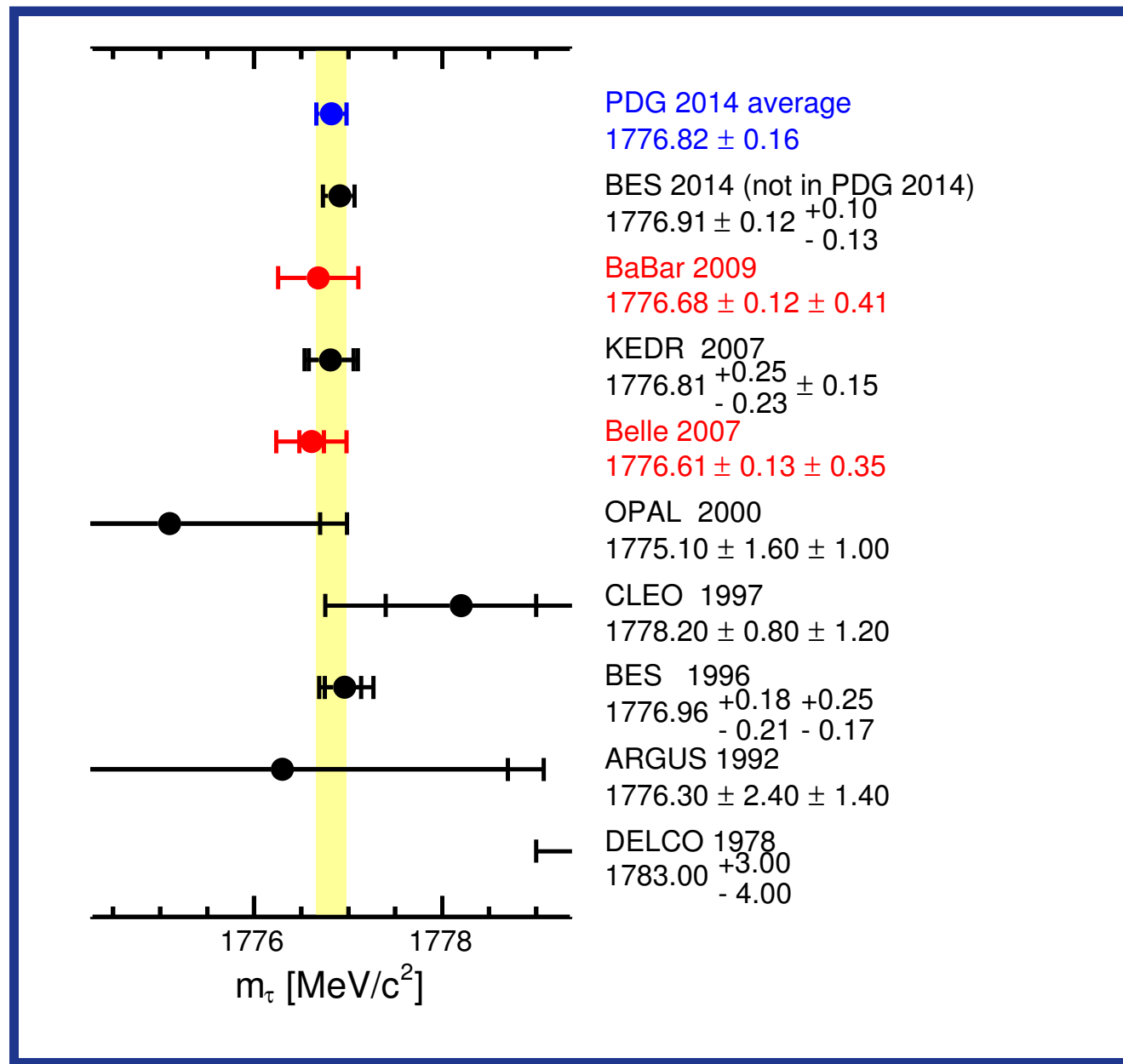
no contribution from *B*-Factories

## Tau Lifetime after Belle 2013 result



**HFAG-Tau**  
Summer 2014

## Modest contribution of *B*-Factories to tau mass





## Tau leptonic branching fractions measurements

$\Gamma_5 = B(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)$	$0.17817 \pm 0.00041$	HFAG 2014 prelim. fit
$0.17837 \pm 0.00080 \pm 0.00000$	ALEPH	Schael:2005am
$0.17760 \pm 0.00180 \pm 0.00000$	CLEO	Anastassov:1996tc
$0.17877 \pm 0.00155 \pm 0.00000$	DELPHI	Abreu:1999rb
$0.17806 \pm 0.00129 \pm 0.00000$	L3	Acciarri:2001sg
$0.17810 \pm 0.00108 \pm 0.00000$	OPAL	Abbiendi:1998cx
$\Gamma_3 = B(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)$	$0.17391 \pm 0.00040$	HFAG 2014 prelim. fit
$0.17319 \pm 0.00077 \pm 0.00000$	ALEPH	Schael:2005am
$0.17325 \pm 0.00122 \pm 0.00000$	DELPHI	Abreu:1999rb
$0.17342 \pm 0.00129 \pm 0.00000$	L3	Acciarri:2001sg
$0.17340 \pm 0.00108 \pm 0.00000$	OPAL	Abbiendi:2002jw
$\frac{\Gamma_3}{\Gamma_5} = \frac{B(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)}{B(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)}$	$0.97610 \pm 0.00278$	HFAG 2014 prelim. fit
$0.99700 \pm 0.05315 \pm 0.00000$	ARGUS	Albrecht:1991rh
$0.97960 \pm 0.00390 \pm 0.00053$	BaBar	Aubert:2009qj
$0.97770 \pm 0.01074 \pm 0.00000$	CLEO	Anastassov:1996tc

## Most relevant *B*-Factories contributions for Lepton Universality tests

- ◆ Belle tau lifetime, PRL 112 (2014) 031801
- ◆ *BABAR*  $B_{\tau \rightarrow \mu, \pi, K} / B_{\tau \rightarrow e}$ , PRL 105 (2010) 051602
- ◆ *BABAR* tau mass, PRD D80 (2009) 092005
- ◆ Belle tau mass, PRL 99 (2007) 011801
- ◆ several other BRs were measured, which had only minor impact
- ◆ *B*-Factories less successful than LEP on all large tau BRs
  - ▶ cannot select tau events with just one hemisphere with good efficiency and purity
  - ▶ lower hadronic multiplicity → more difficult to discriminate between tau pairs and hadrons
  - ▶ less precise knowledge of the luminosity



## Lepton Flavour Violation searches at the *B*-Factories

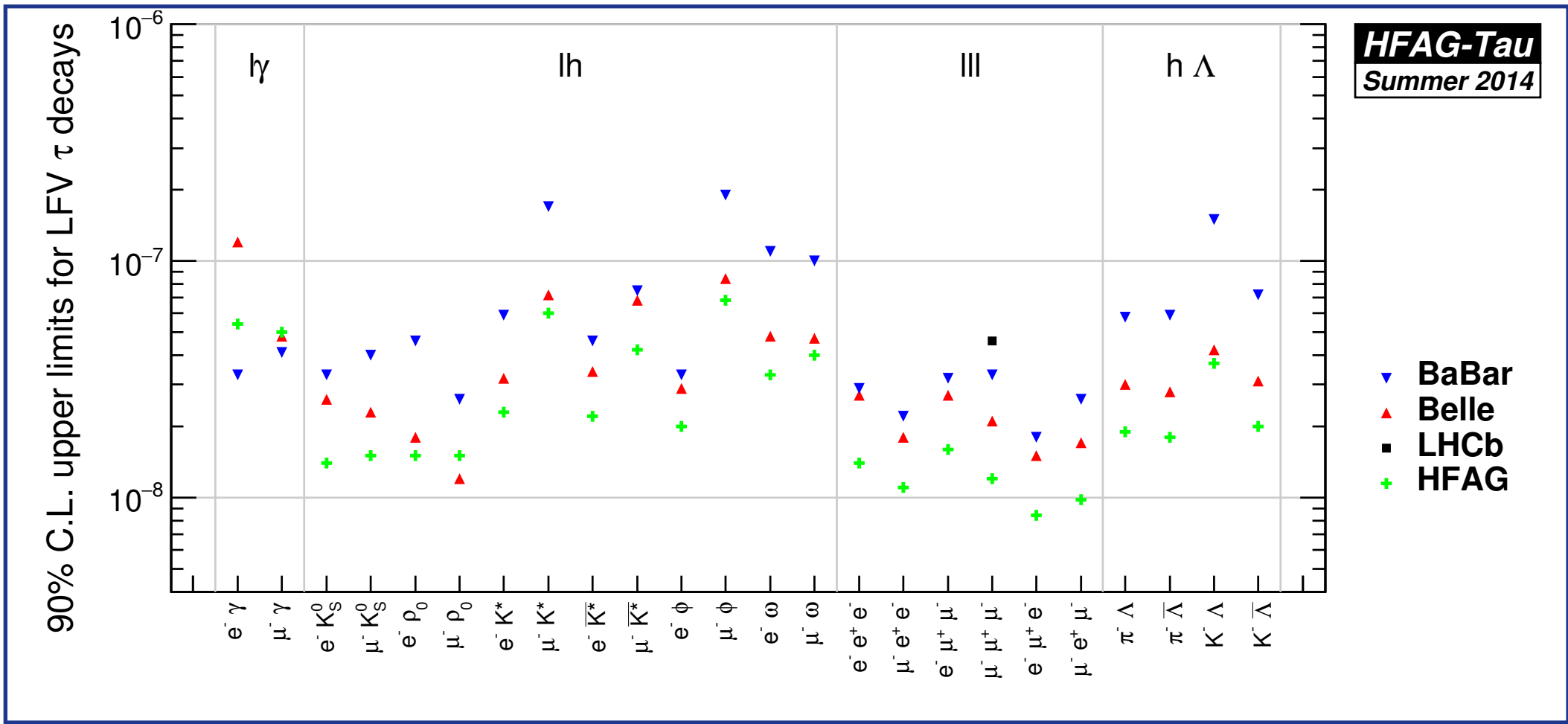
- ◆ *B*-Factories are best facilities to search for LFV tau decay searches
- ◆ neutrinoless tau decays (e.g.  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ ,  $\tau^+ \rightarrow f_1^+ f_2^+ f_3^-$ ) cannot conserve tau lepton number
  - ▶ easiest tau decay to detect
    - no undetected neutrinos
    - decay products invariant mass peaks at tau mass
    - reconstructed tau energy in CM-frame is half the event energy
- ◆  $B^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \ell^+$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow h^- \ell^+ \ell'^+$  (also lepton number violation)

## Most recent LFV searches results from the *B*-Factories

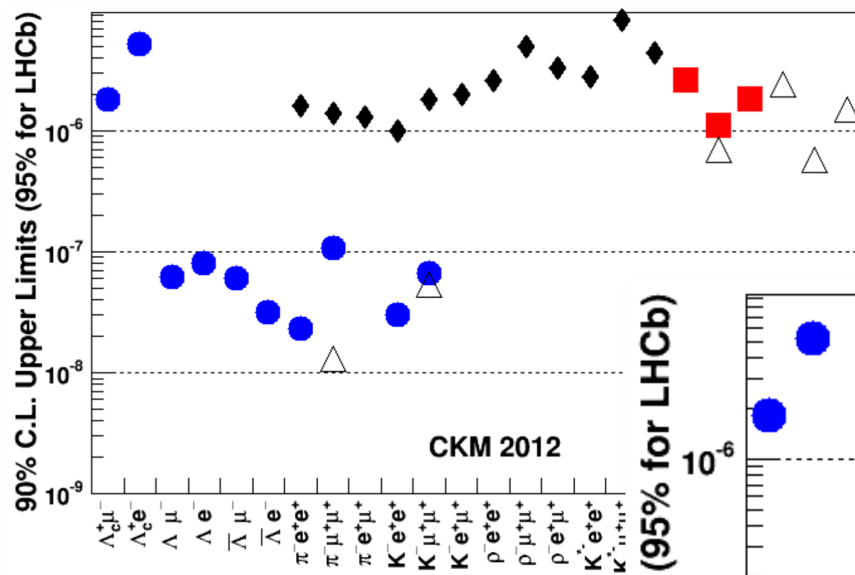
- ◆ BaBar  $\tau \rightarrow 3$  leptons, PRD 81 (2010) 111101
- ◆ Belle  $\tau \rightarrow 3$  leptons, PLB 687 (2010) 139
- ◆ Belle  $\tau \rightarrow \ell K_S^0$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \ell K_S^0 K_S^0$ , PLB 692 (2010) 4
- ◆ Belle  $\tau \rightarrow \ell V$ , PLB 699 (2011) 251
- ◆ Belle  $\tau \rightarrow \ell hh'$ , PLB 719 (2013) 346
- ◆ eagerly waiting for Belle  $\tau \rightarrow e, \mu\gamma$  with complete data sample



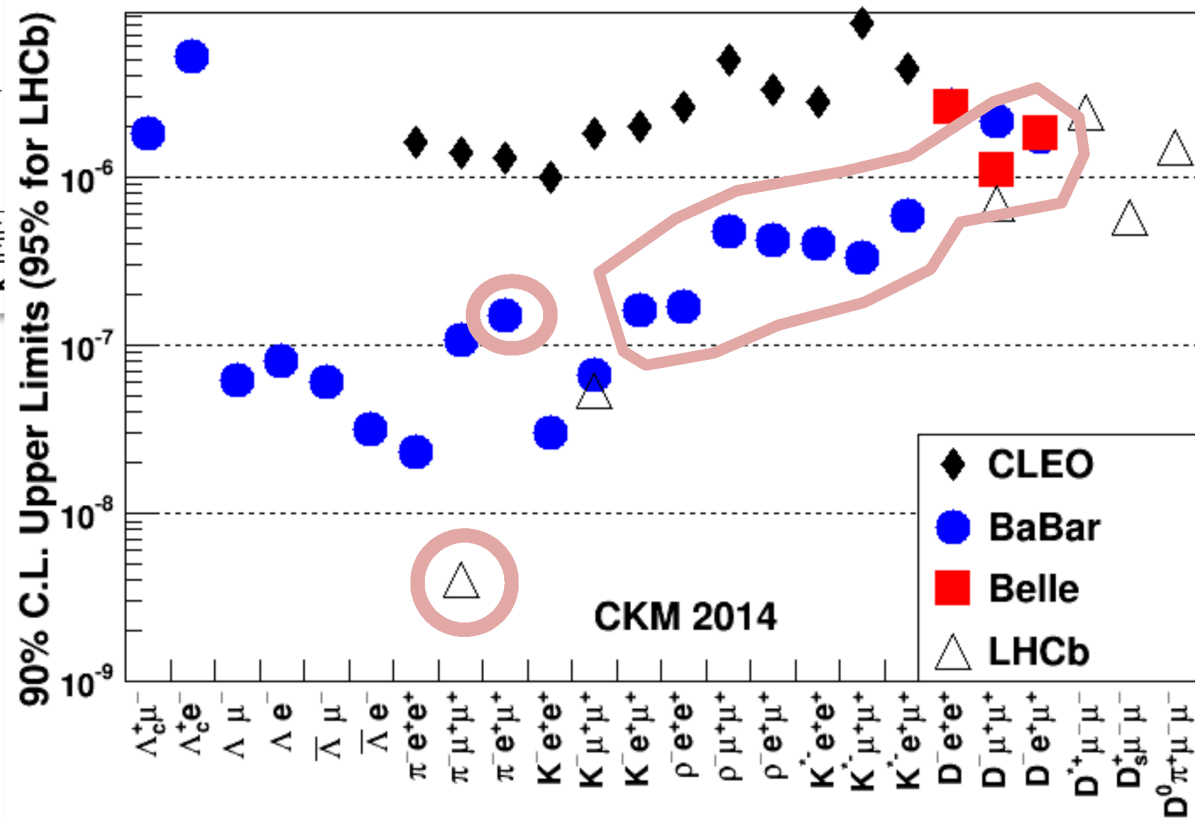
**HFAG combined a subset of tau LFV upper limits**



# LFV and LNV searches in $B$ decays



plots from F. Wilson, CKM 2014



- CLEO: PRD 65, 111102 (2002)
- Belle: PRD 84, 071106 (2011)
- BaBar: PRD 85, 071102 (2012)
- LHCb: PRL 108, 106601 (2012)
- LHCb: PRD 85, 112004 (2012)
- BaBar: PRD 89, 011102 (2014)
- LHCb: PRL 112, 131802 (2014)





## Conclusions and prospects

### ◆ Lepton Universality tests

- ▶ Belle tau lifetime improved LU tests
- ▶ limited additional improvements from *B*-Factories tau BR measurements

### ◆ Lepton Flavour Violation Searches

- ▶ *B*-Factories improved tau LFV limits by about 2 orders of magnitude
- ▶ BelleII will further improve LFV limits by 1-2 orders of magnitude