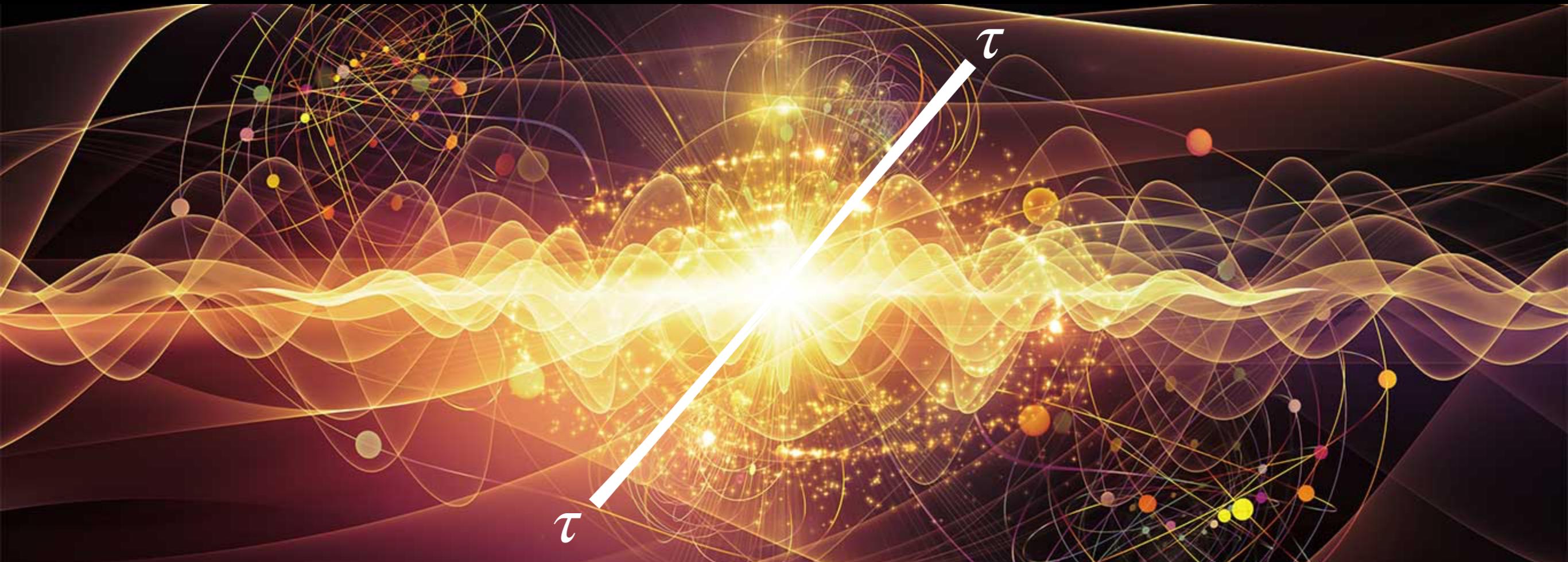
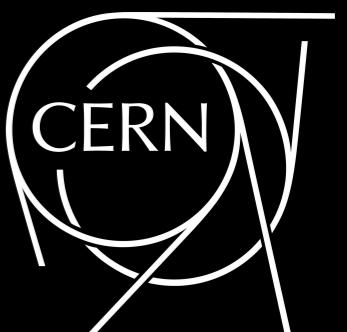


Tau g-2



Lydia Beresford in collaboration with Jesse Liu
APS Hadronic Physics Workshop 16/04/21



Our proposal

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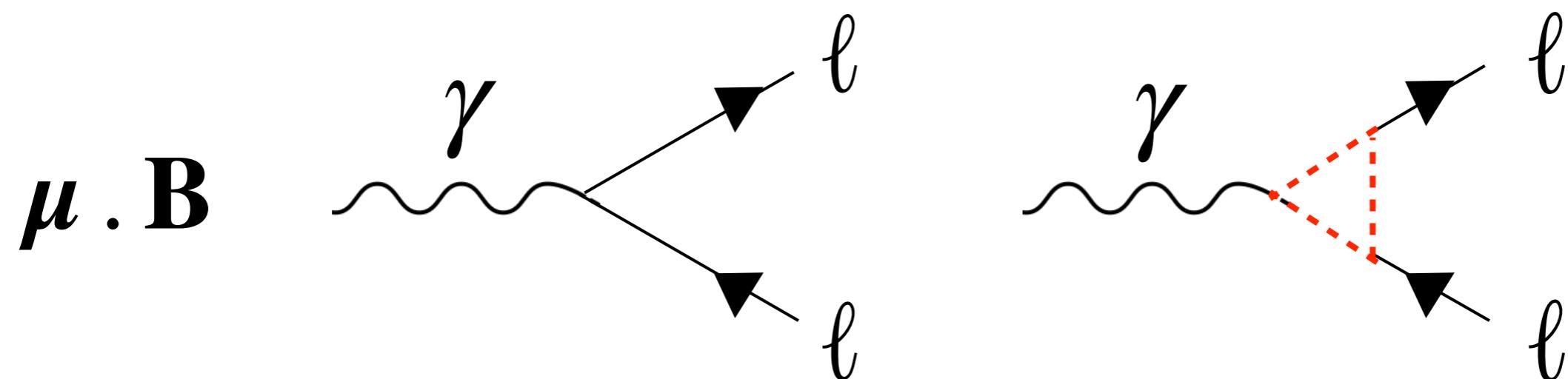
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[PhysRevD.102.113008](#)

What is g-2?

Charged particles with spin have an intrinsic **magnetic moment**

For spin 1/2 particles: $\mu = g \frac{q}{2m} \mathbf{S}$



$$g = 2 + \text{loop corrections}$$

What is g-2?

Anomalous magnetic moment

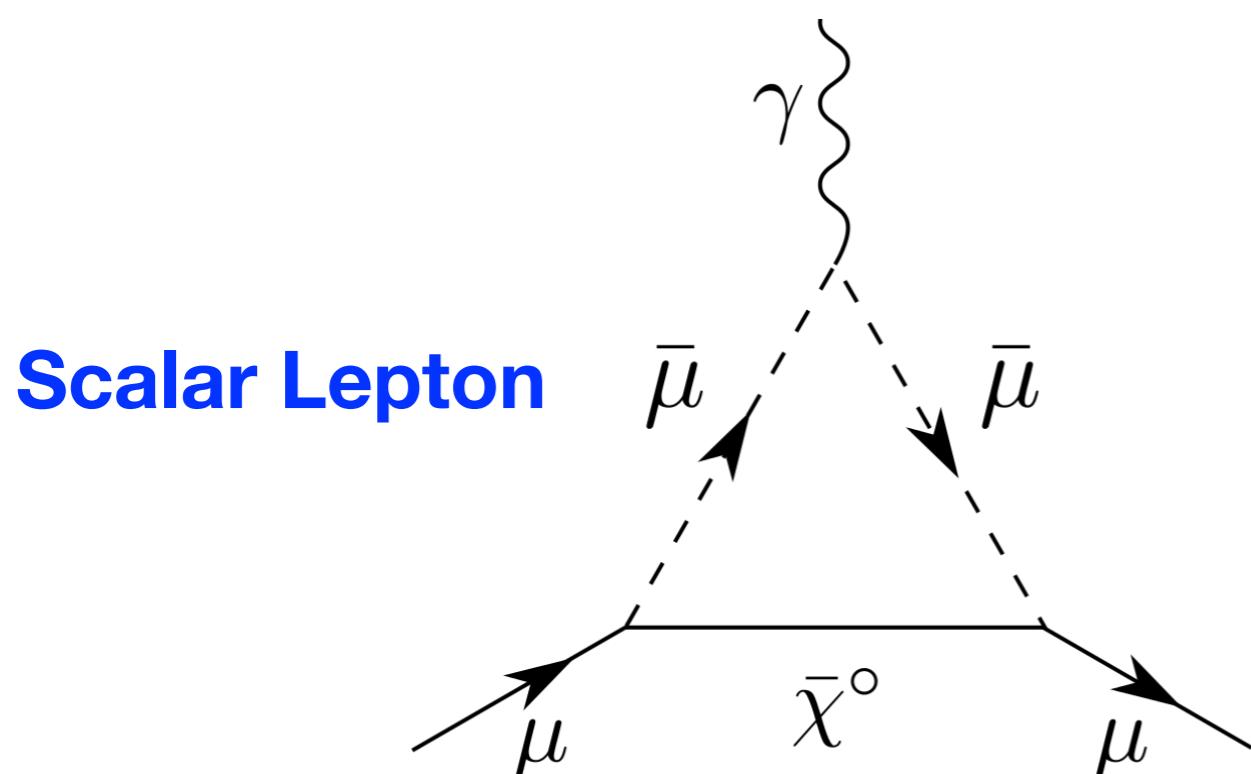
$$a = \frac{(g - 2)}{2}$$

Why is it interesting?

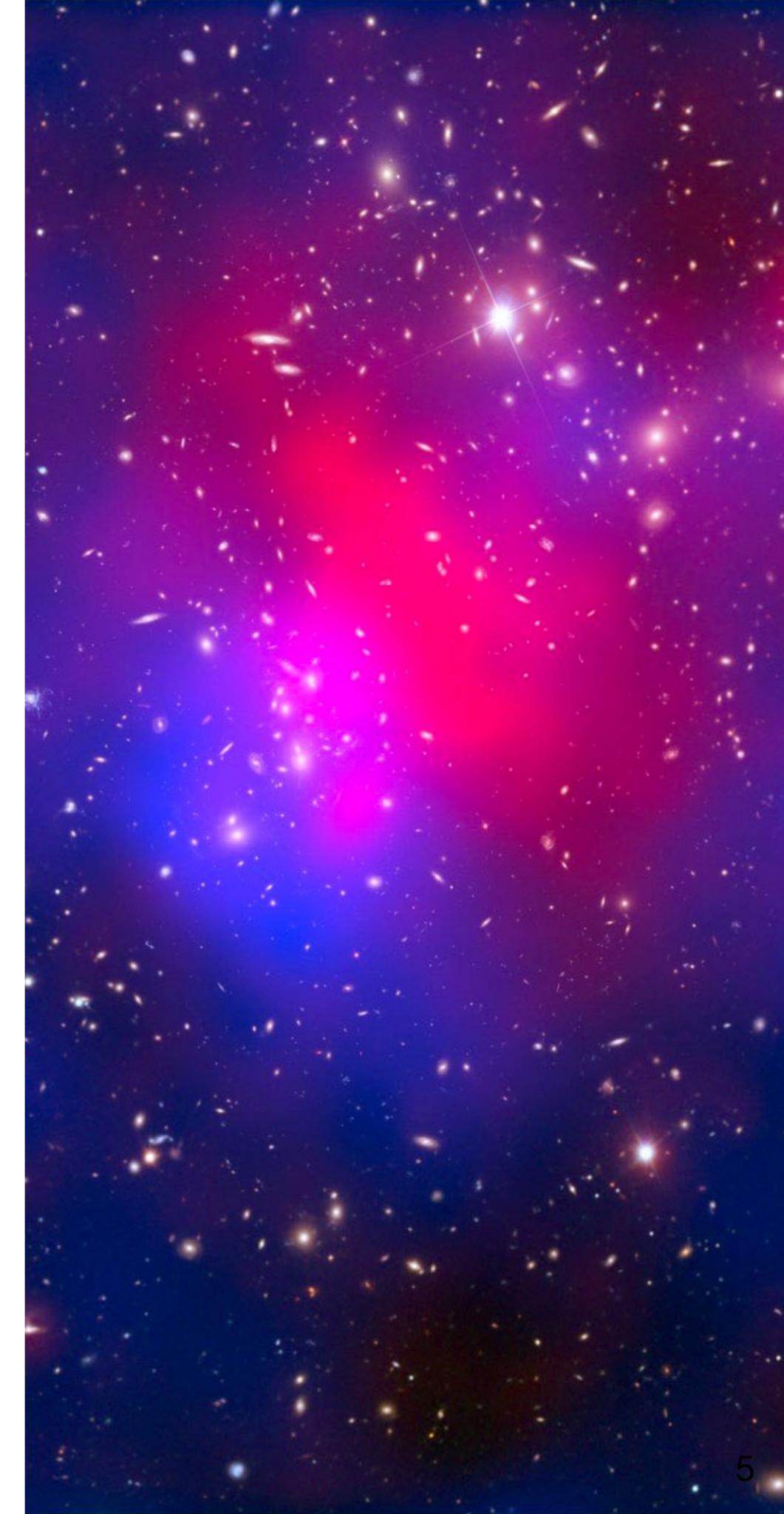
Powerful probe of new physics

New particles could be in the loop

Example: SUSY



Dark Matter



Why is it interesting?

Fundamental test of SM

Electron g-2: 10^{-8} precision -2.5σ discrepancy

Muon g-2: 10^{-7} precision up to $\sim 4.2\sigma$ discrepancy

What about the tau?

Electron: Odom et al [PRL \(2006\)](#) Bouchendira et al [PRL \(2011\)](#) Aoyama et al [PRL \(2012\)](#) Parker et al [Science \(2018\)](#)

Muon: BNL [PRD \(2006\)](#) J-PARC [PTEP \(2019\)](#) Muon g-2 theory initiative [JPhysRept \(2020\)](#) BMW collab [Nature \(2021\)](#)

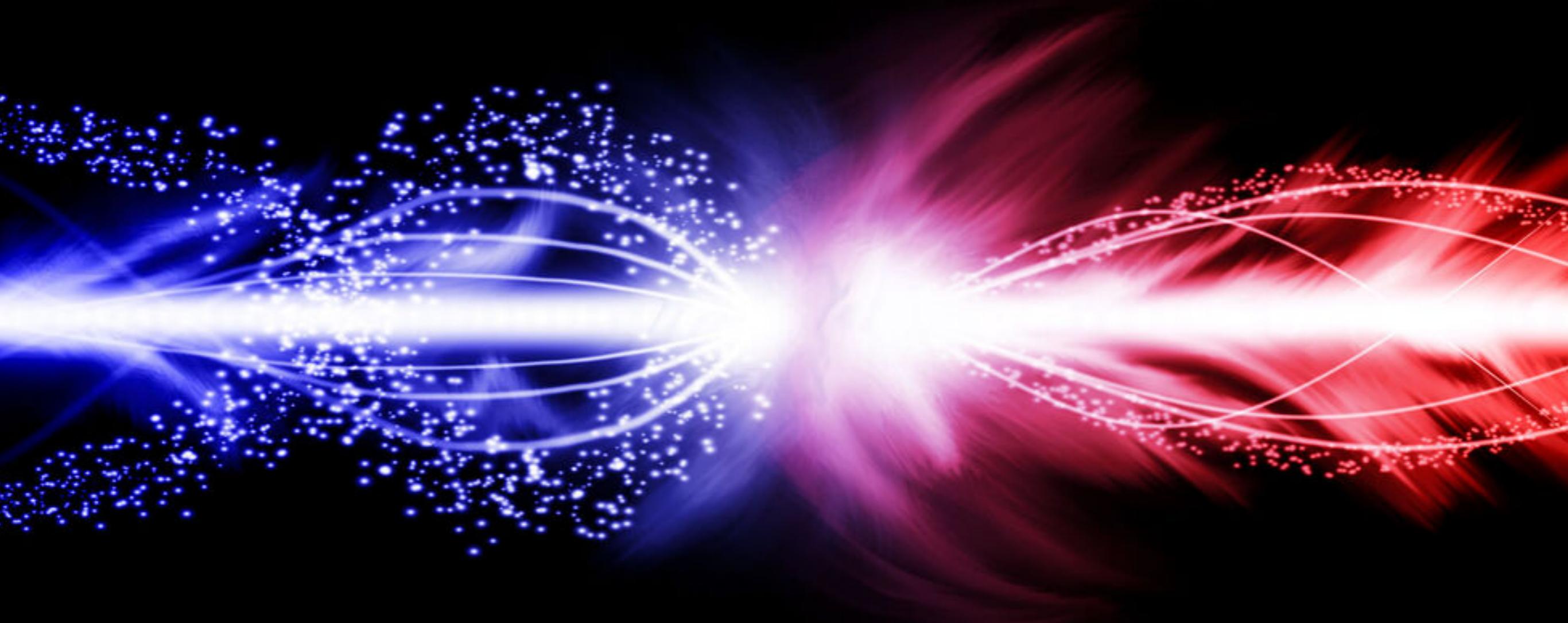
Problem: Lifetime

$$\tau \sim 10^{-13} \text{ s}$$

$$\mu \sim 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

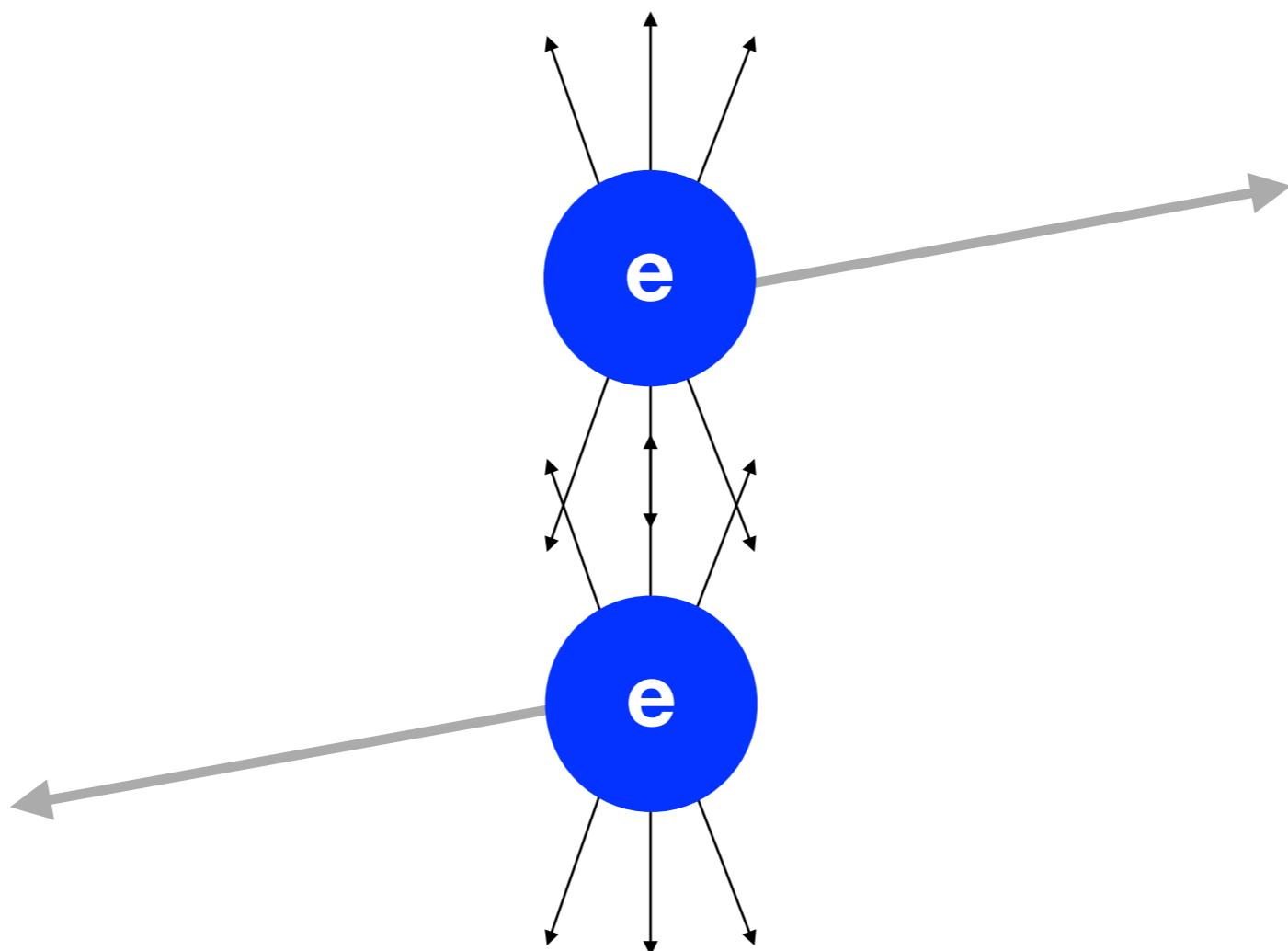
→ Can't use same technique!

Solution: Photon collisions

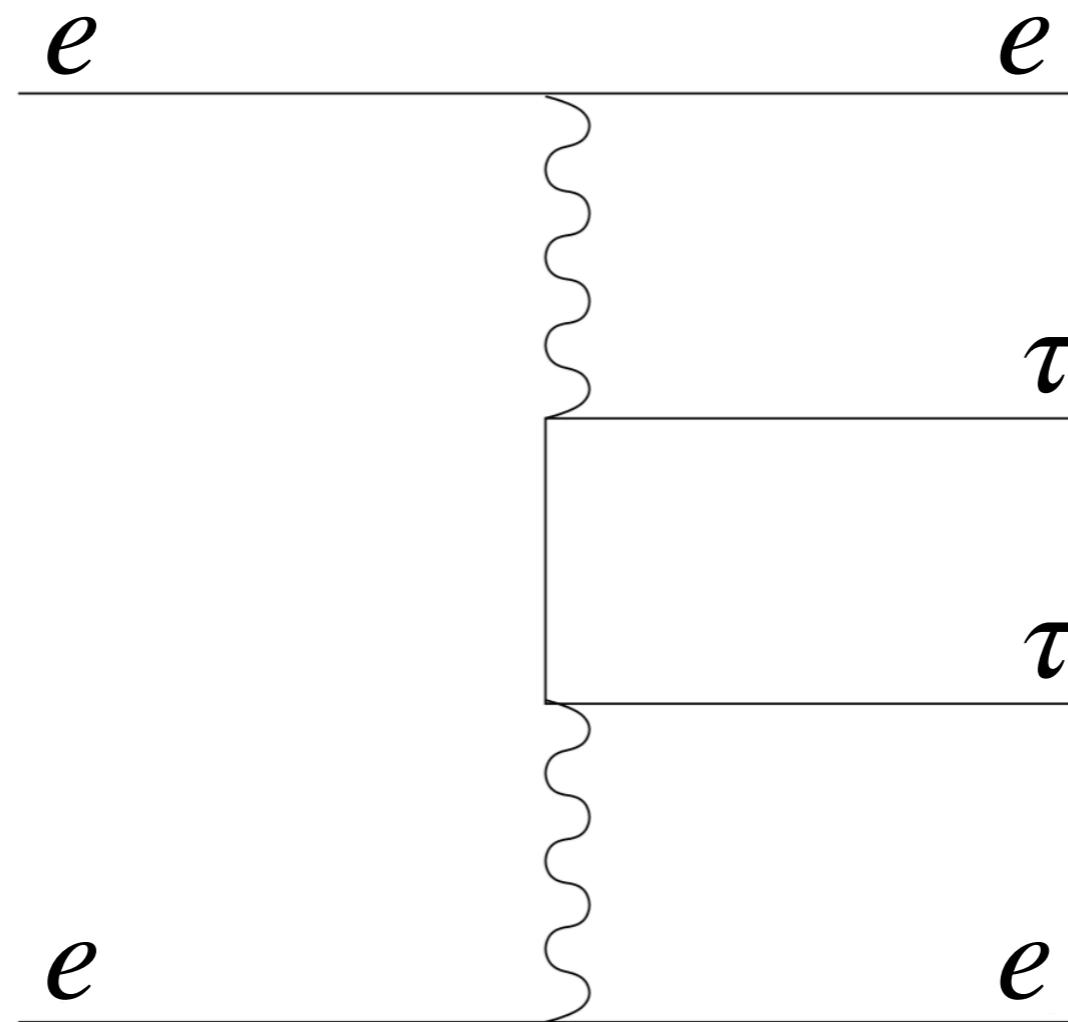


Solution: Photon collisions

Photons from electromagnetic field surrounding electrons
collide to produce new particles



DELPHI 2004, LEP collider

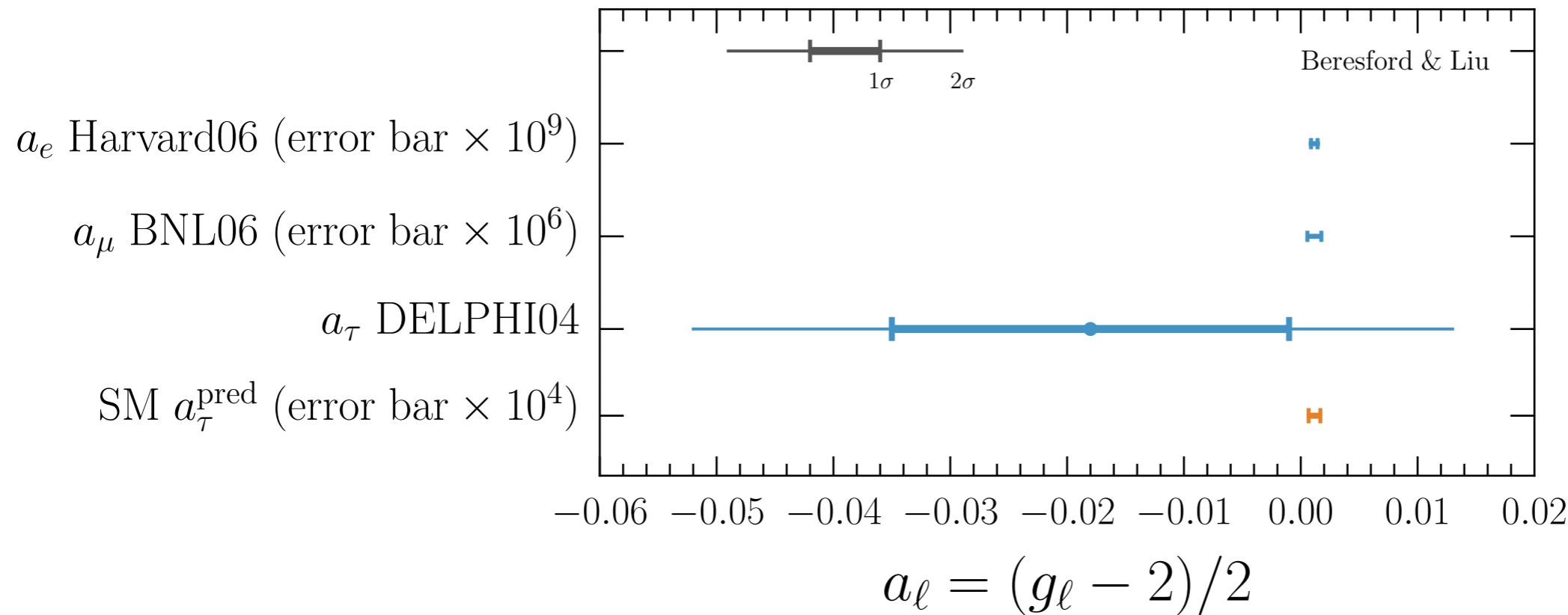


**Cross section
sensitive to
moments**

Photo production of tau pairs

Sibling Rivalry

Discrepancies for electron & muon, what about the tau?



PDG value doesn't test 1-loop QED

$$a_\tau^{\text{exp}} = -0.018 \text{ (17)}$$

Delphi [EPJC \(2004\)](#)

$$a_\tau^{\text{theory}} = 0.00117721 \text{ (5)}$$

1-loop, Schwinger $a = \alpha/2\pi = 0.0012$
Eidelman, Passera [hep-ph/0701260](#)

Can we beat it?

Many interesting proposals for future

Belle II

Eidelman et al [JHEP \(2016\)](#)
Chen, Wu [JHEP \(2019\)](#)

LHeC/Fcc-he

Köksal [JPhysG \(2019\)](#)
Gutiérrez-Rodríguez et al [1903.04135](#)

CLIC/ILC/Fcc-ee

Koksal et al [PRD \(2018\)](#)
Howard et al [LHEP \(2019\)](#)

Bent crystal

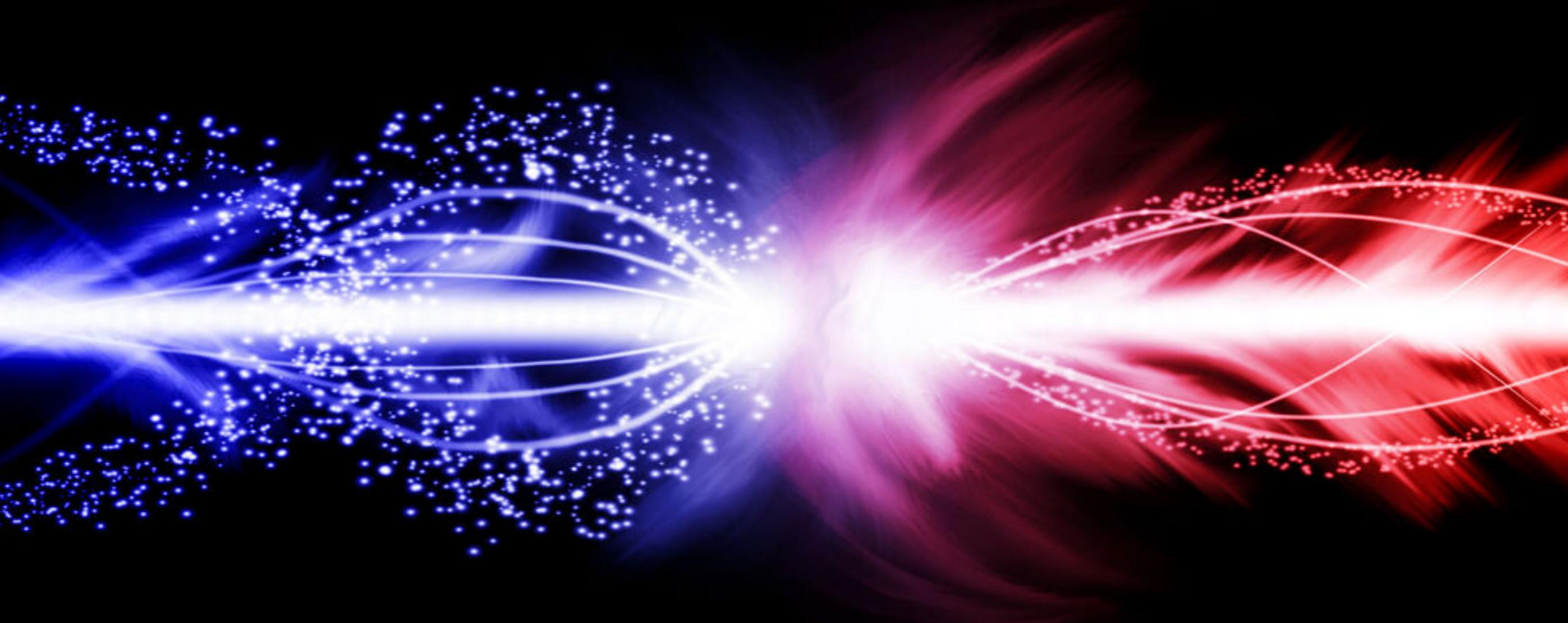
Fomin et al [JHEP \(2019\)](#)
Fu et al [PRL \(2019\)](#)

HL-LHC

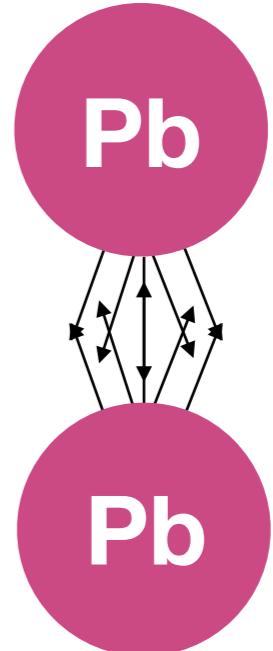
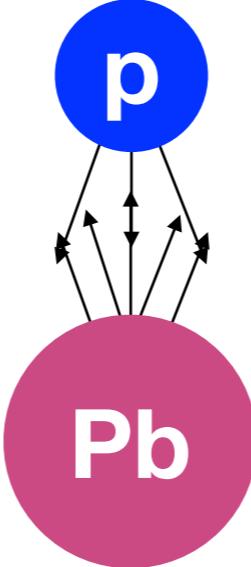
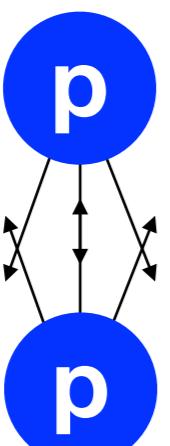
Galon, Rajaraman and Tait
[JHEP \(2016\)](#)

What can we do right now?

The LHC is also a photon collider



The LHC is also a photon collider



ATLAS

\sqrt{s}	13 TeV	8.16 TeV	5.02 TeV
\mathcal{L}	$\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$\sim 170 \text{ nb}^{-1}$	$\sim 2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
σ	-	$\propto Z^2$	$\propto Z^4$

Z = 82 for Pb

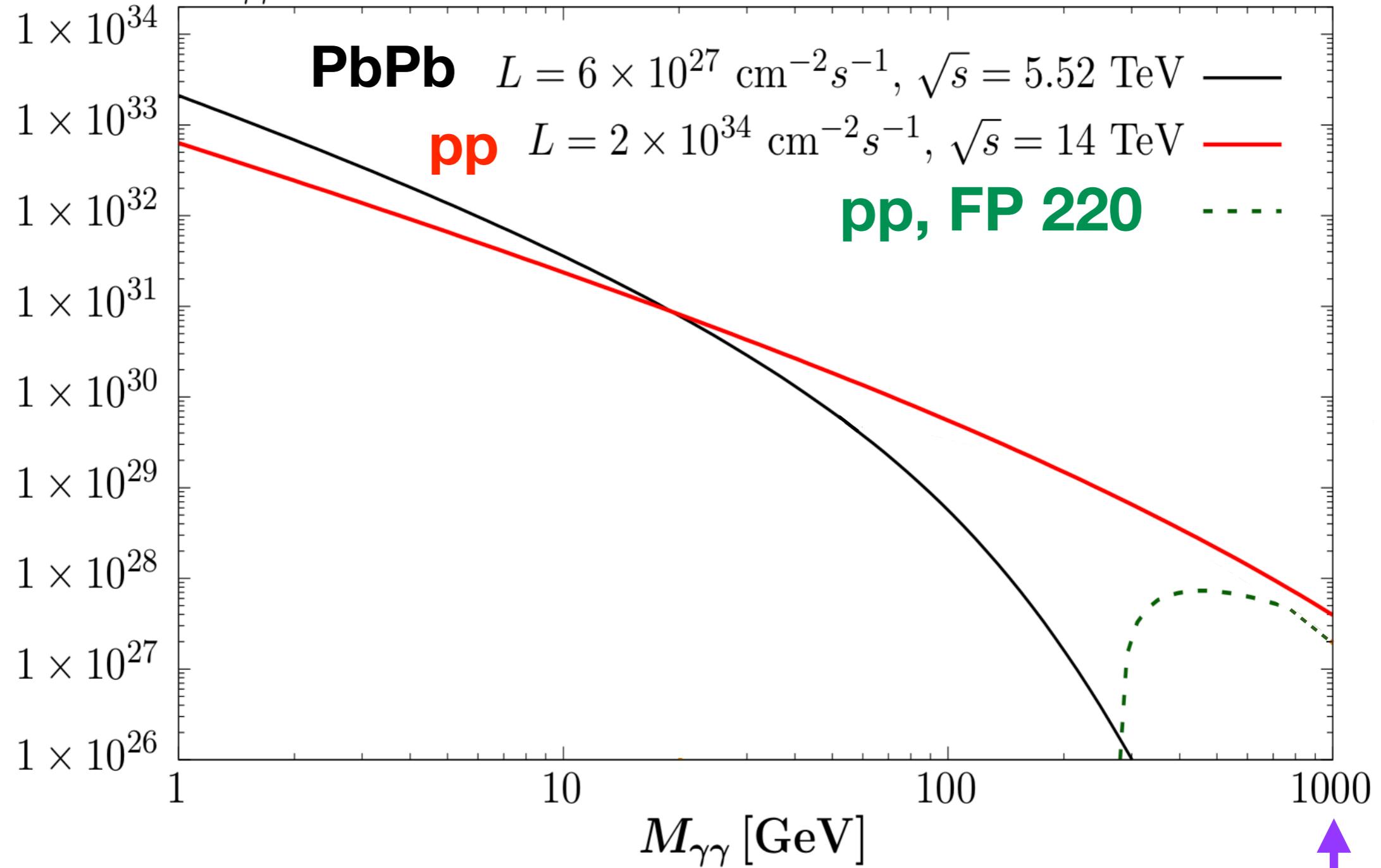
Broadband photon collider

Bruce et al [JPG \(2020\)](#)

Intensity

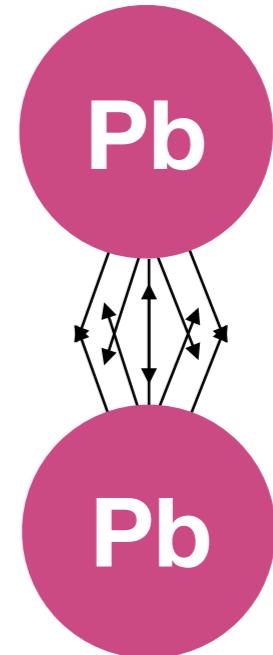
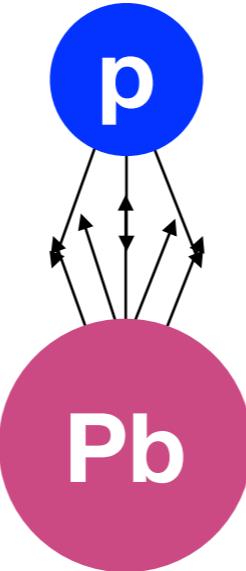
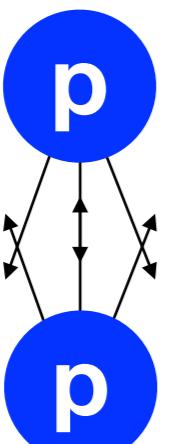
frontier →

$$\frac{dL_{\text{eff}}}{dM_{\gamma\gamma}} [\text{cm}^{-2}s^{-1}\text{GeV}^{-1}]$$



Energy frontier

The LHC is also a photon collider

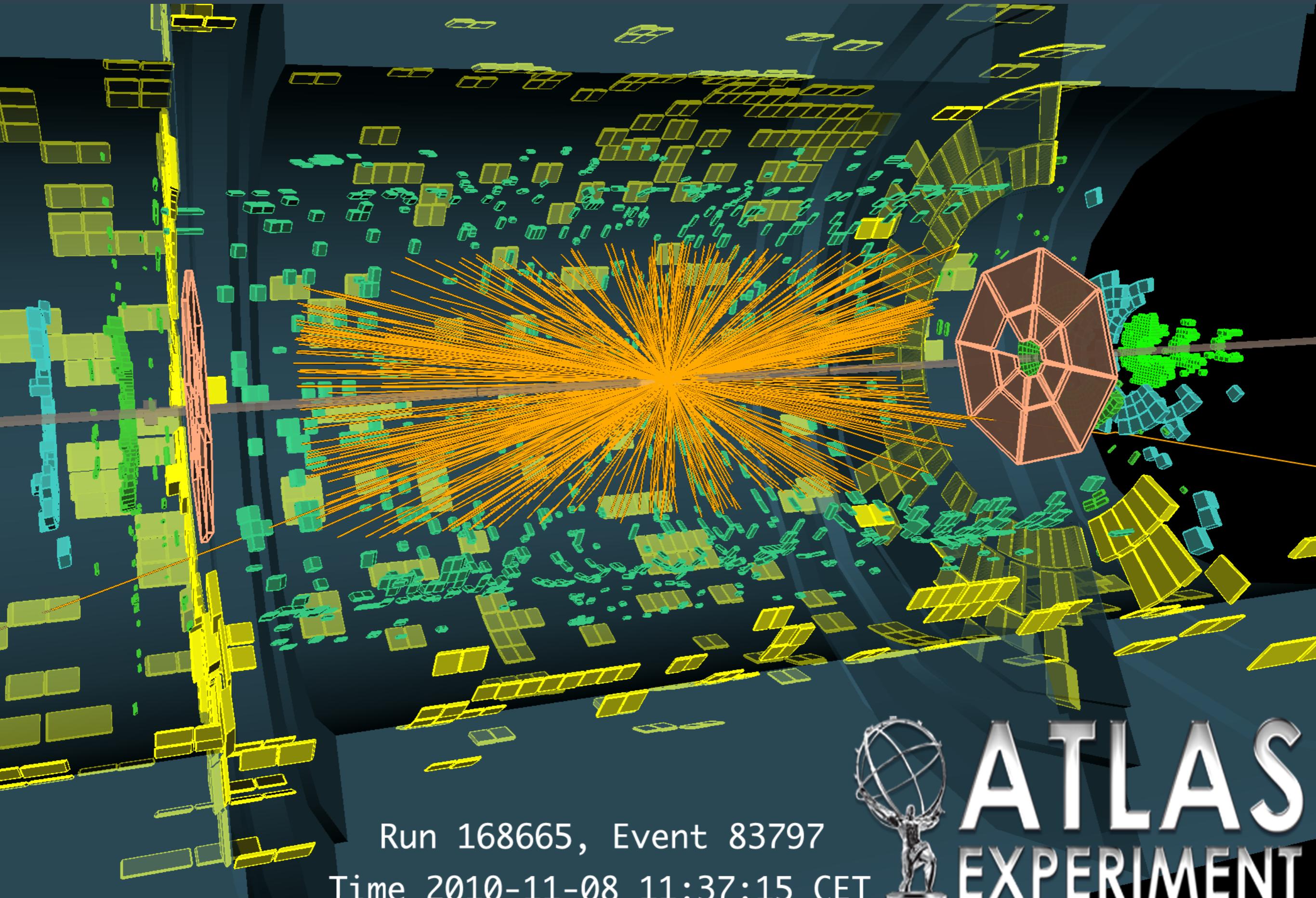


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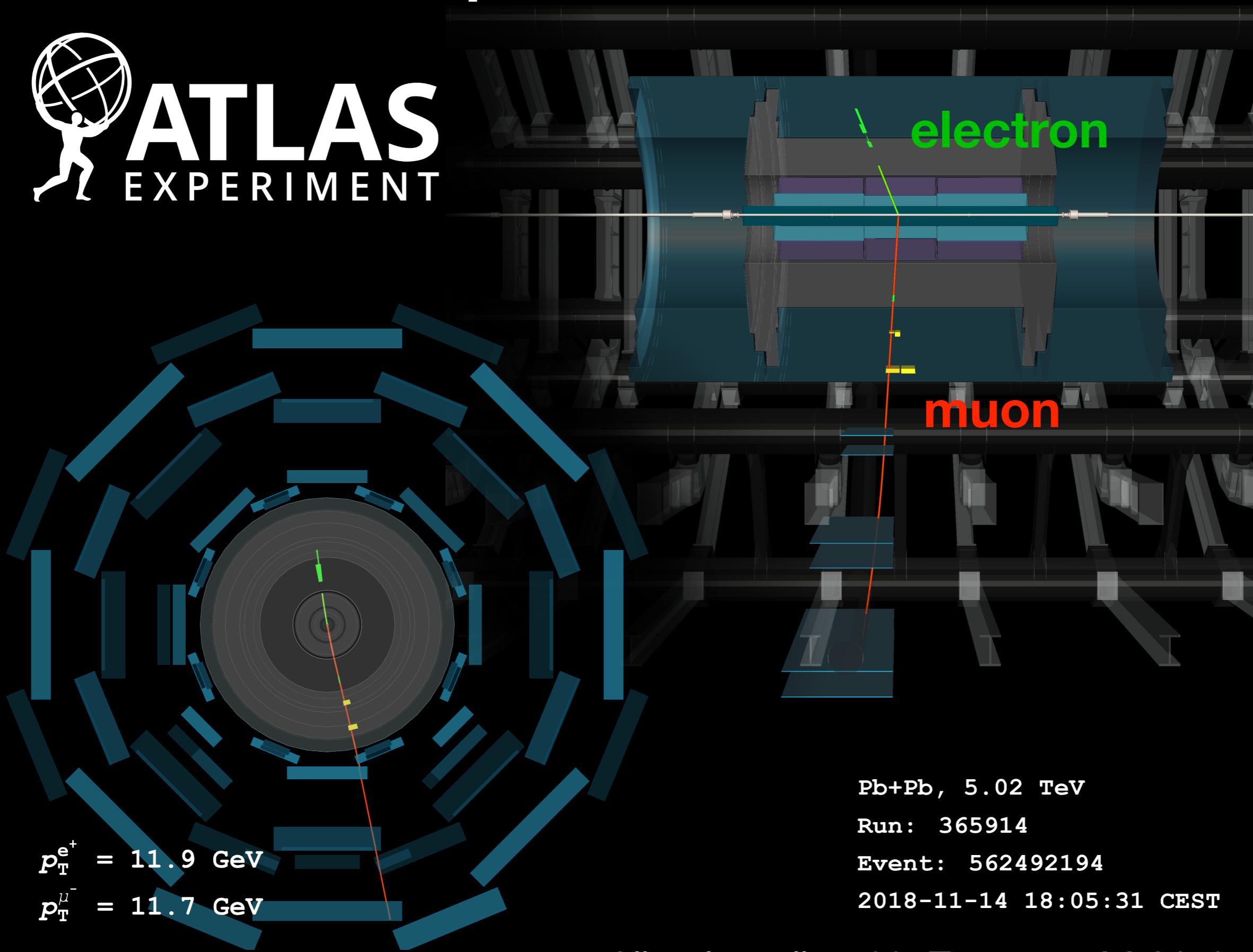
Head-on PbPb collision



Ultra Peripheral PbPb collision



ATLAS
EXPERIMENT



All calo cells with $E_T > 500 \text{ MeV}$ shown

Ultra Peripheral PbPb collisions

Super clean with ~ 0 pile-up

One month to gather dataset

Low trigger thresholds → Trigger on soft taus!

→ **Quantify potential using MC**

MG with modified photon flux + Pythia + Delphes (ATLAS)

Di-tau Production

Aguila, Cornet and Illana [PLB \(1991\)](#)
Beresford, Liu [PRD \(2020\)](#)
Dyndal et al [PLB \(2020\)](#)

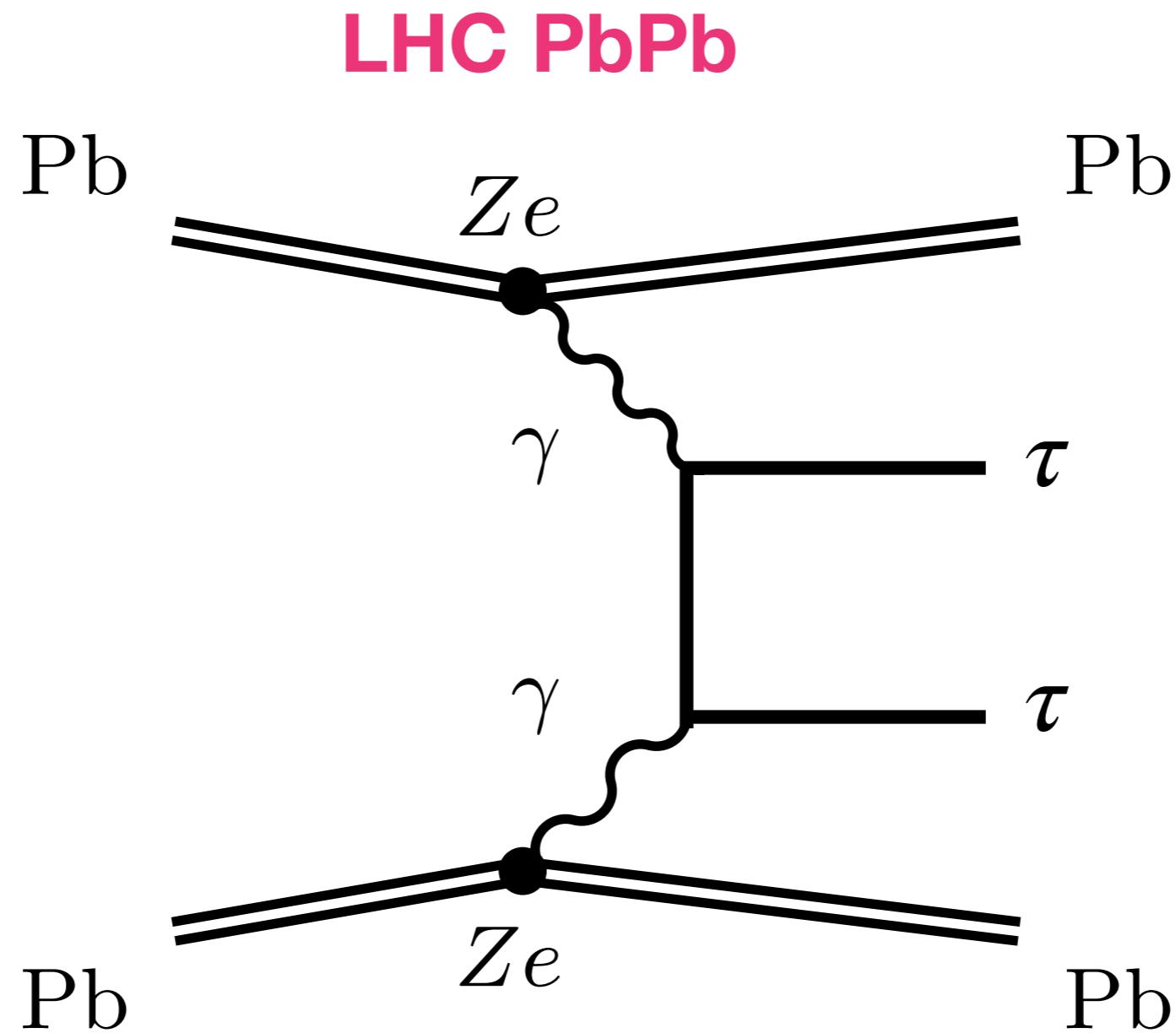


Photo production of tau pairs

Not yet observed @ LHC

Tau decays

46%

35%

19%

1 prong

$$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \nu_\tau$$

+ neutral π 's

Leptonic

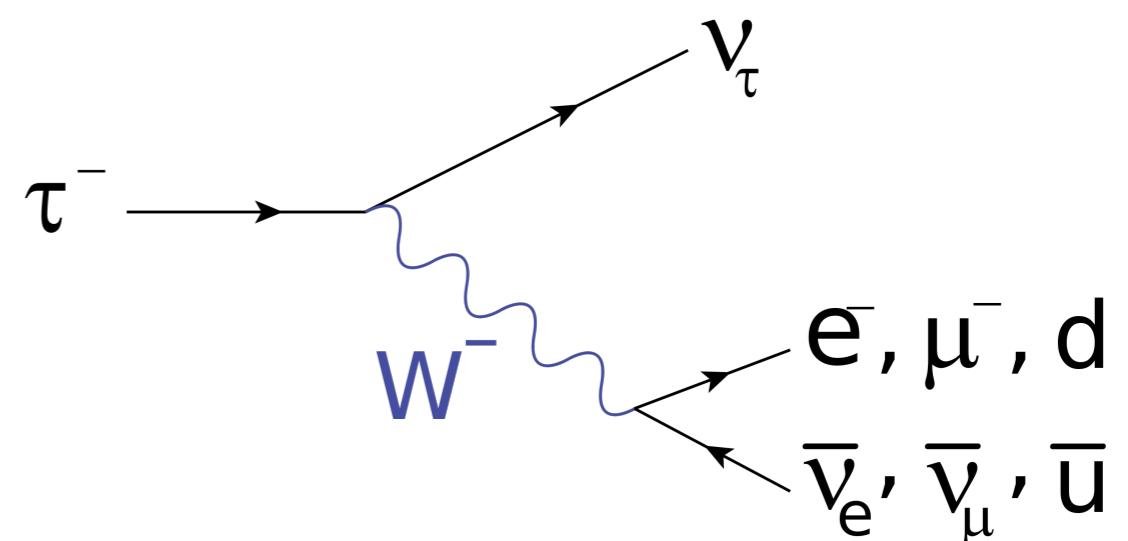
$$\tau^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu_l \nu_\tau$$

3 prong

$$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^\pm \nu_\tau$$

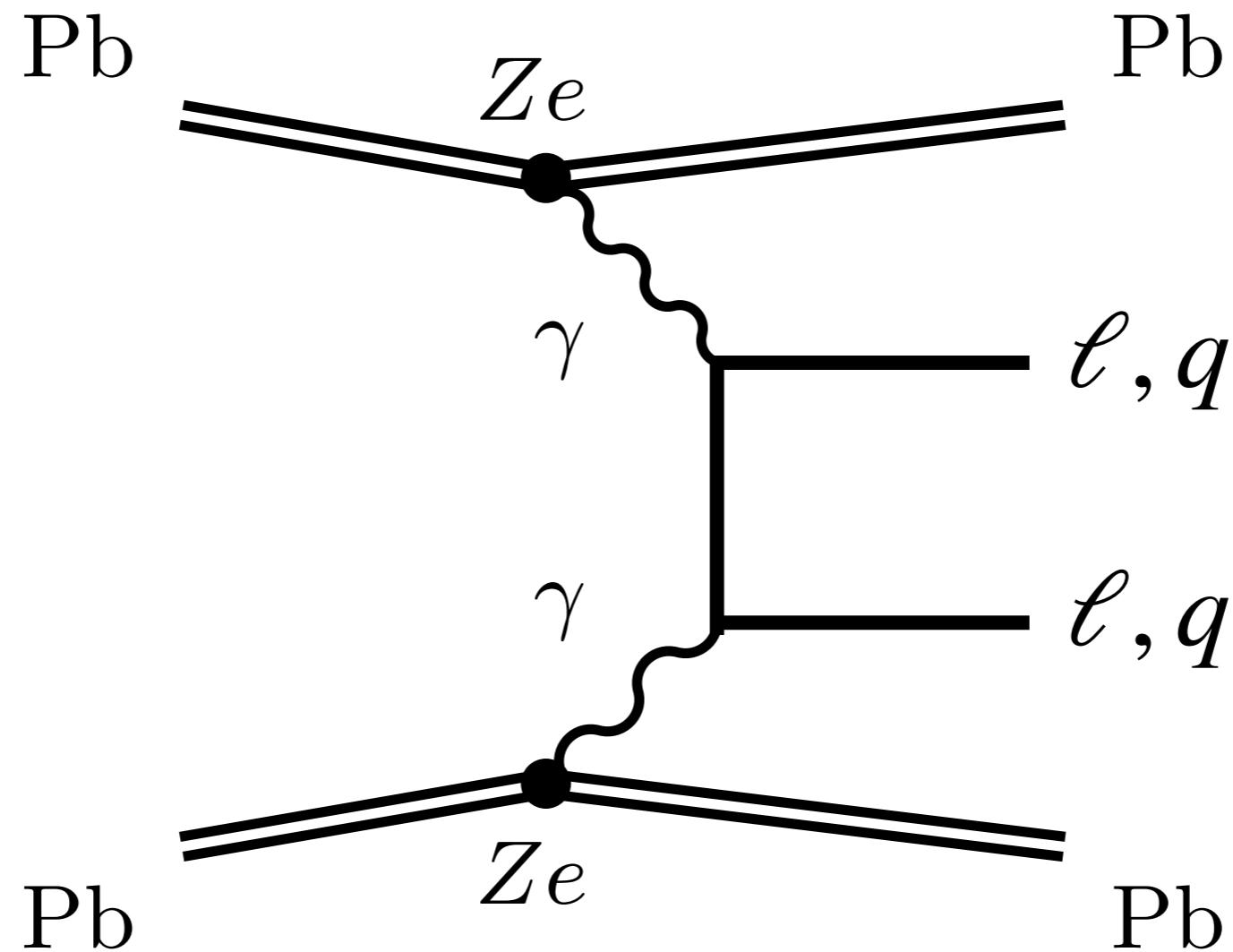
+ neutral π 's

Tau is only lepton that can decay into hadrons



Backgrounds

Generated:



Signal Regions

Need low p_T : e, mu, track > 4.5, 3, 0.5 GeV

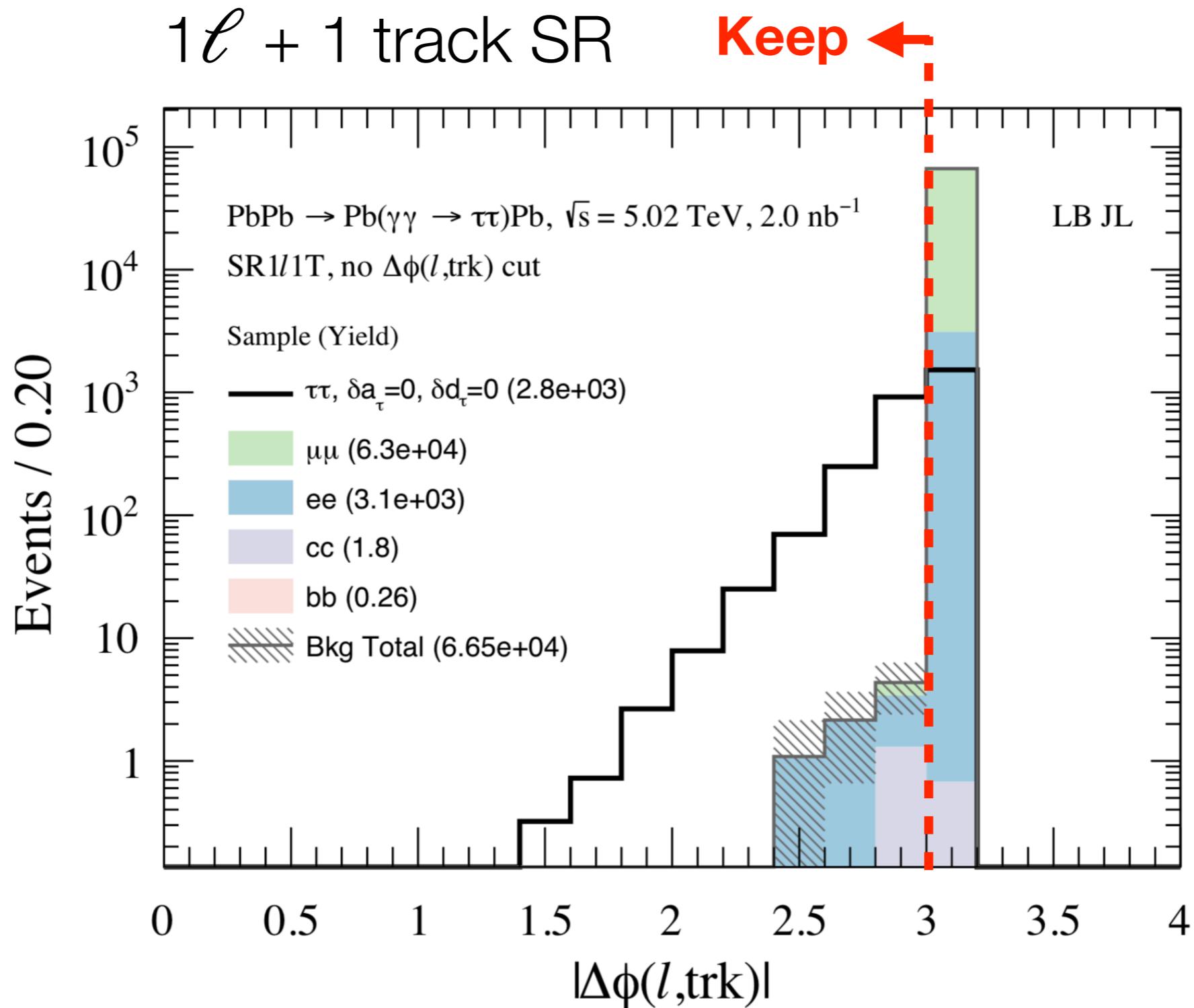
Signal Regions (SRs)

$1\ell + 1$ track

$1\ell + 2$ track

$1\ell + 3$ track

Background mitigation

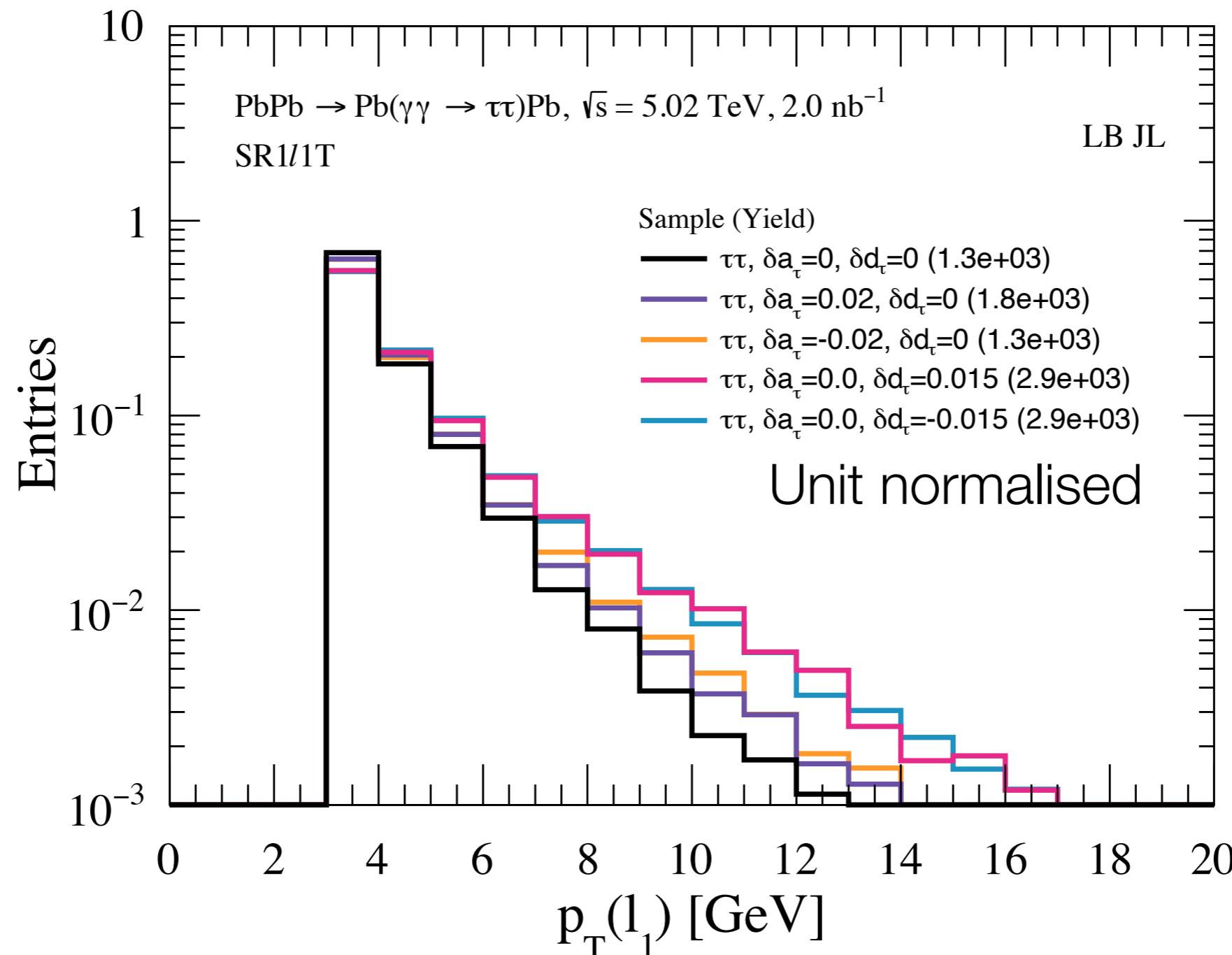


And veto J/ψ & Υ masses

Setting constraints

Also sensitive to τ EDM

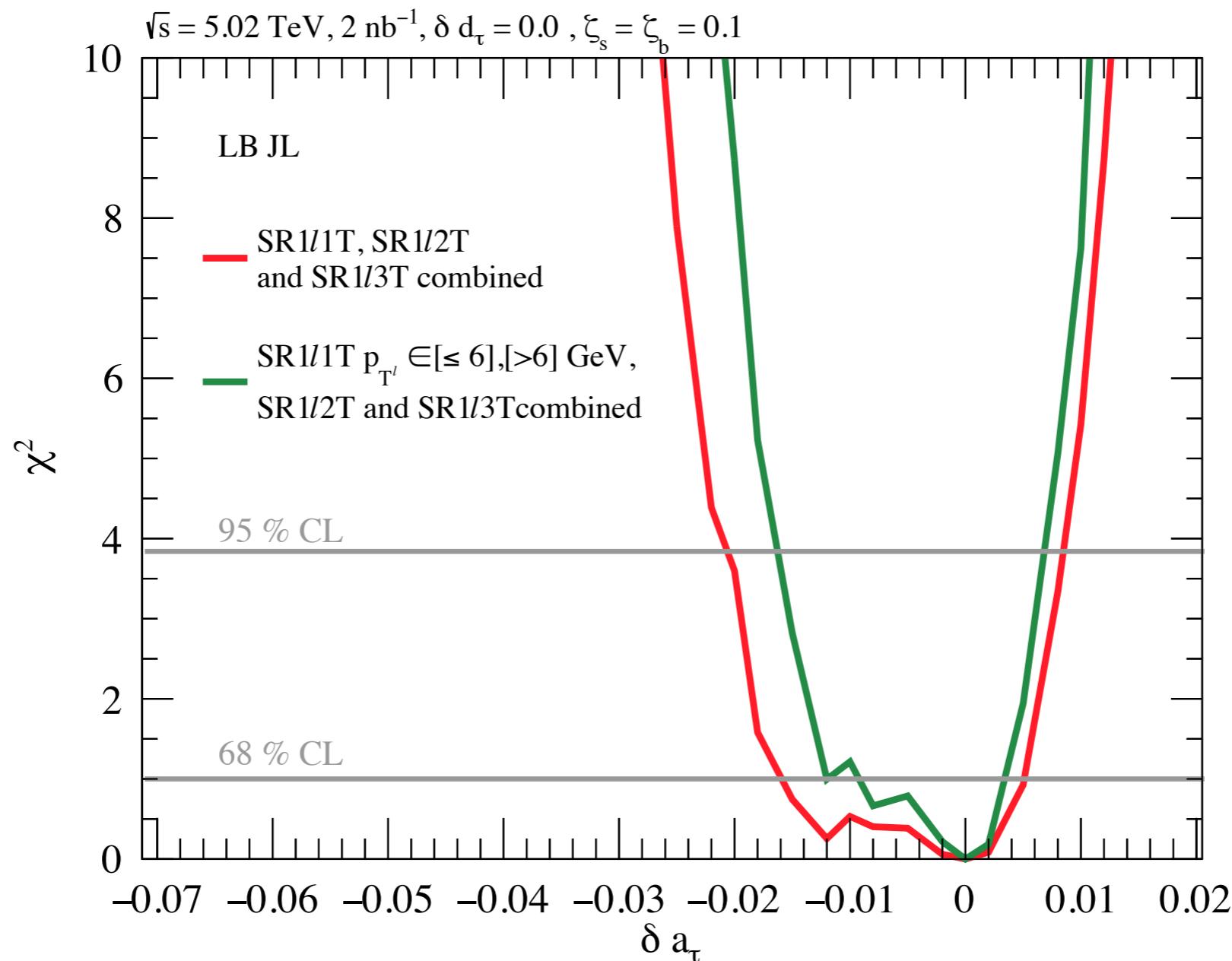
SM effective field theory for modified moments (& SM signal)



Modifying moments alters **shape** of lepton p_T

Putting it all together: a_τ

Assume observe SM & quantify constraint using χ^2



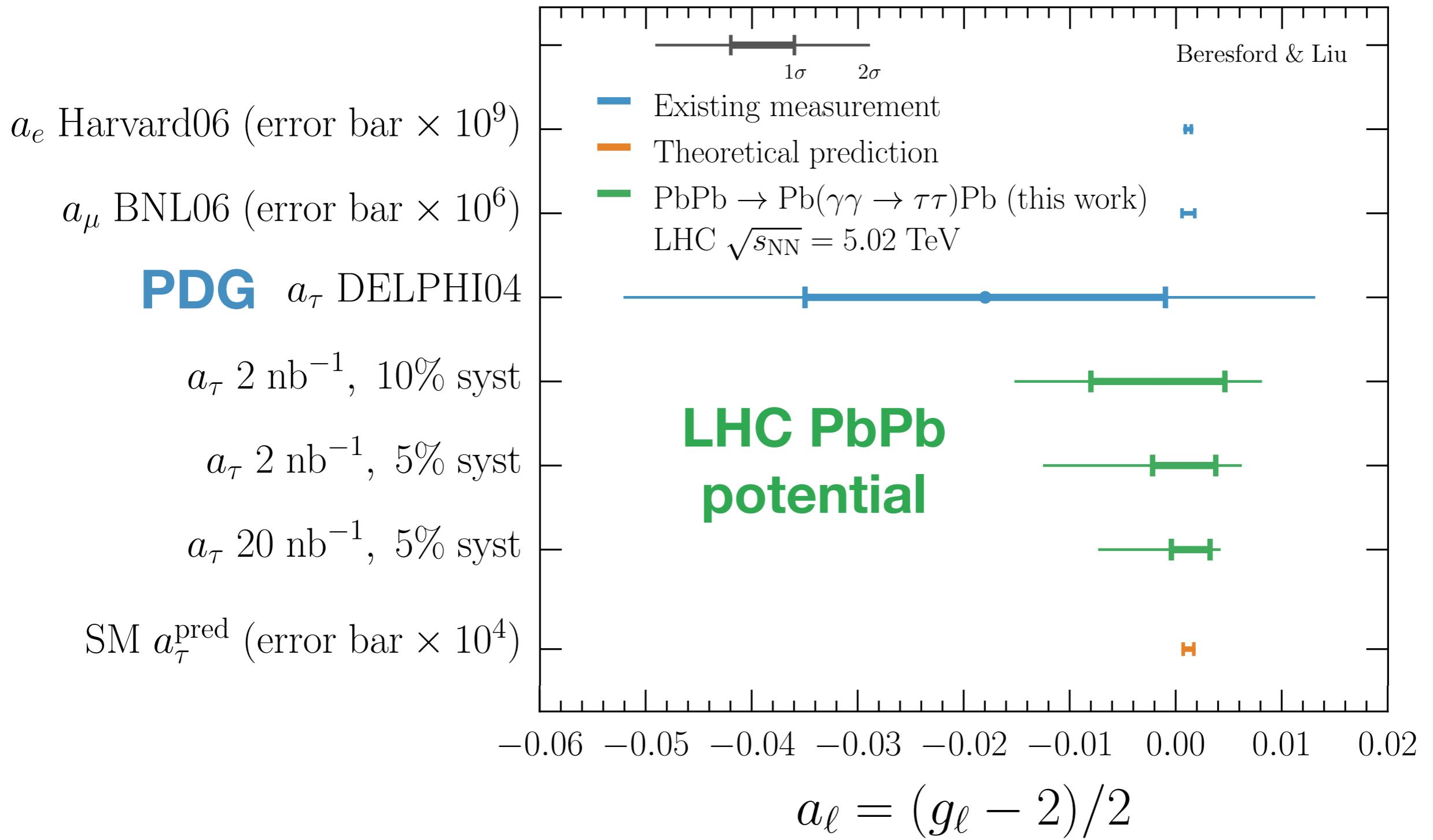
Assuming 10%
systematic

$\sum \chi^2$ for all SRs
(orthogonal)

Shape analysis strengthens constraints :)

Putting it all together: a_τ

Ratio can decrease systematics
 $\frac{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau}}{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu}}$

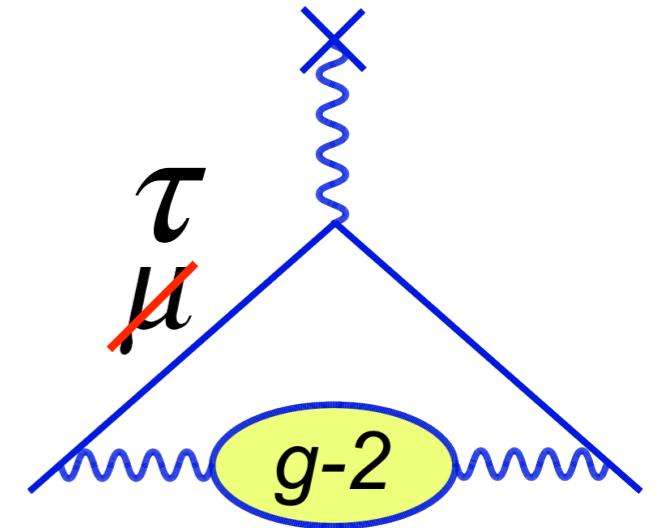


Surpass PDG ... or discover tension!

Summary

Tau g-2 interesting & important

But barely constrained



LHC photon collisions promising solution

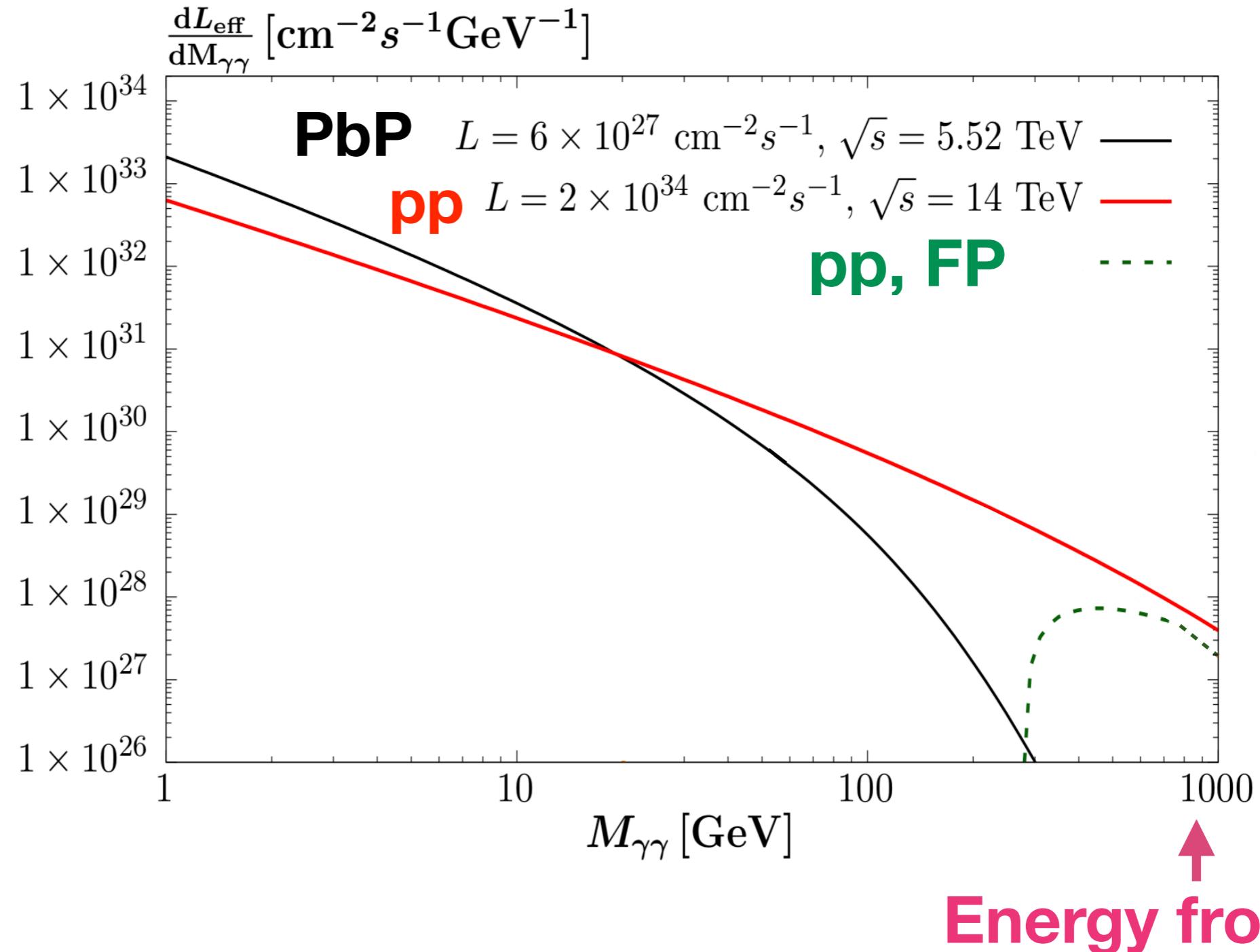
For tau g-2 and beyond ...

Backup

QED @ a range of masses

Bruce et al [1812.07688](#)

Intensity
frontier →



$$\sigma_{A_1 A_2 \rightarrow A_1 X A_2} = \int dx_1 dx_2 n(x_1) n(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X} = \int dm_{\gamma\gamma} \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}}{dm_{\gamma\gamma}} \hat{\sigma}_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X} , \quad (1)$$

where x_i is the longitudinal momentum fraction of the photon emitted by ion A_i . This factorizes the result in terms of a $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$ subprocess cross section $\hat{\sigma}$ of a (BSM) system X , and fluxes $n(x_i)$ of photons emitted by the ions. The latter are precisely determined in terms of the ion EM form factors, and are in

SM QED

The anomalous τ magnetic moment $a_\tau = (g_\tau - 2)/2$ is defined by the spin-magnetic Hamiltonian $-\boldsymbol{\mu}_\tau \cdot \mathbf{B} = -(g_\tau e/2m_\tau) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}$. In the Lagrangian formulation of QED, electromagnetic moments arise from the spinor tensor $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = i[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]/2$ structure of the fermion current interacting with the photon field strength $F_{\mu\nu}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\tau}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} \left(a_\tau \frac{e}{2m_\tau} - i d_\tau \gamma_5 \right) \tau_R F_{\mu\nu}. \quad (2)$$

SMEFT

To introduce BSM modifications of a_τ and d_τ , we use SM effective field theory (SMEFT) [68]. This assumes the scale of BSM physics Λ is much higher than the probe momentum transfers q i.e., $q^2 \ll \Lambda^2$. At scale q , two dimension-six operators in the Warsaw basis [69] modify a_τ and d_τ at tree level, as discussed in Ref. [68]

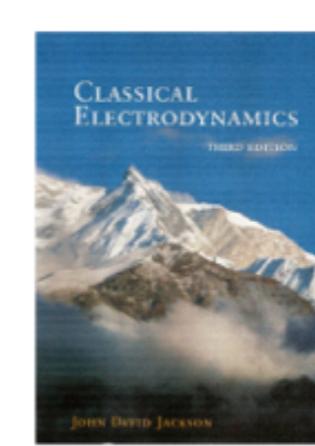
$$\mathcal{L}' = (\bar{L}_\tau \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau_R) H \left[\frac{C_{\tau B}}{\Lambda^2} B_{\mu\nu} + \frac{C_{\tau W}}{\Lambda^2} W_{\mu\nu} \right]. \quad (3)$$

Here, $B_{\mu\nu}$ and $W_{\mu\nu}$ are the $U(1)_Y$ and $SU(2)_L$ field strengths, H (L_τ) is the Higgs (tau lepton) doublet, and C_i are dimensionless, complex Wilson coefficients. We fix $C_{\tau W} = 0$ to parameterize the two modified moments $(\delta a_\tau, \delta d_\tau)$ using two real parameters $(|C_{\tau B}|/\Lambda^2, \varphi)$ [33]

$$\delta a_\tau = \frac{2m_\tau}{e} \frac{|C_{\tau B}|}{M} \cos \varphi, \quad \delta d_\tau = \frac{|C_{\tau B}|}{M} \sin \varphi, \quad (4)$$

where φ is the complex phase of $C_{\tau B}$, we define $M = \Lambda^2/(\sqrt{2}v \cos \theta_W)$, θ_W is the electroweak Weinberg angle, and $v = 246$ GeV.

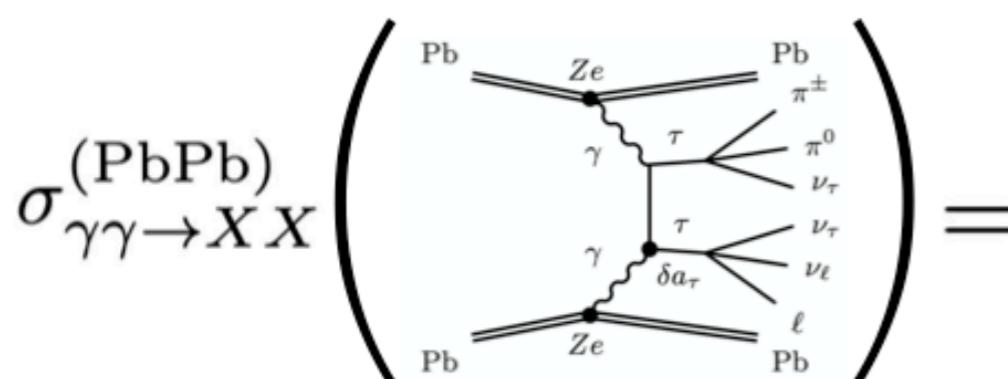
Photon collisions using MG & SMEFTsim



Photon flux: classical field theory

Look up Chapter 15 §4, put in MadGraph with Fortran77

$$n(x) = \frac{2Z^2\alpha}{x\pi} \left\{ \bar{x}K_0(\bar{x})K_1(\bar{x}) - \frac{\bar{x}^2}{2} [K_1^2(\bar{x}) - K_0^2(\bar{x})] \right\}$$



MadGraph

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 n(x_1) n(x_2)$$

Jackson

$$n(x_1) n(x_2)$$

SMEFTsim

$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow XX}$$

MadGraph factorised prescription

d'Enterria, Lansberg [[0909.3047](#)]

Superchic 3

Harland-Lang, Khoze, Ryskin [[1810.06567](#)]

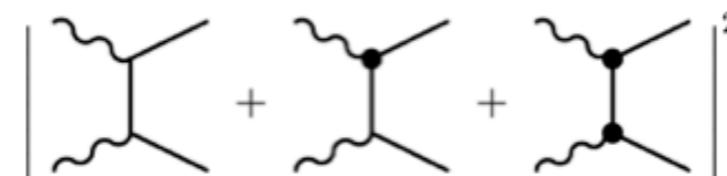
SMEFTsim: implement dim-6 in FeynRules

Grzadkowski, Iskrzyński, M. Misiak, Rosiek [[1008.4884](#)]

Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr, Fuks [[1310.1921](#)]

Brivio, Jiang, Trott [[1709.06492](#)]

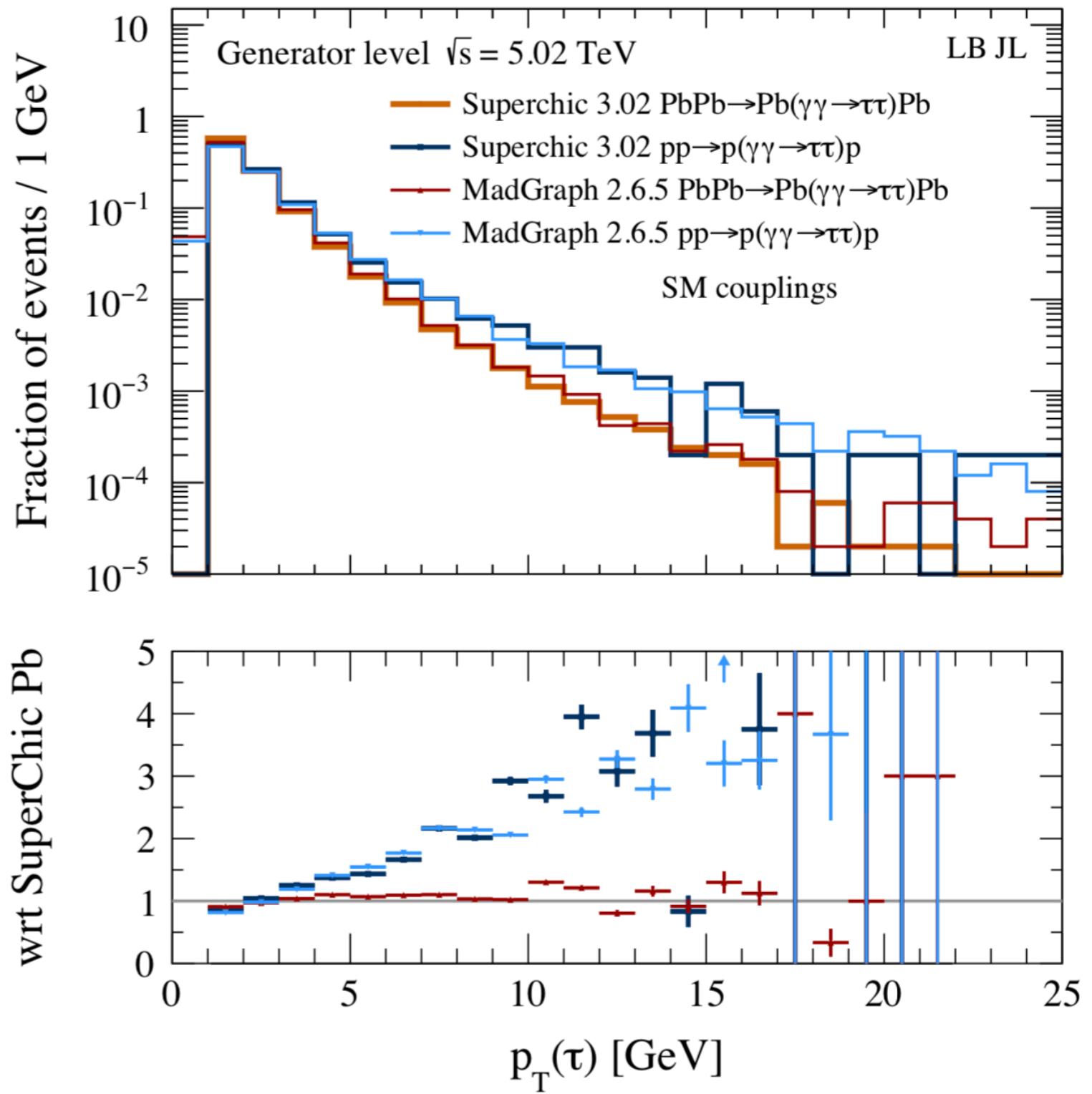
Include interference up to 2 BSM couplings



MG vs Super Chic

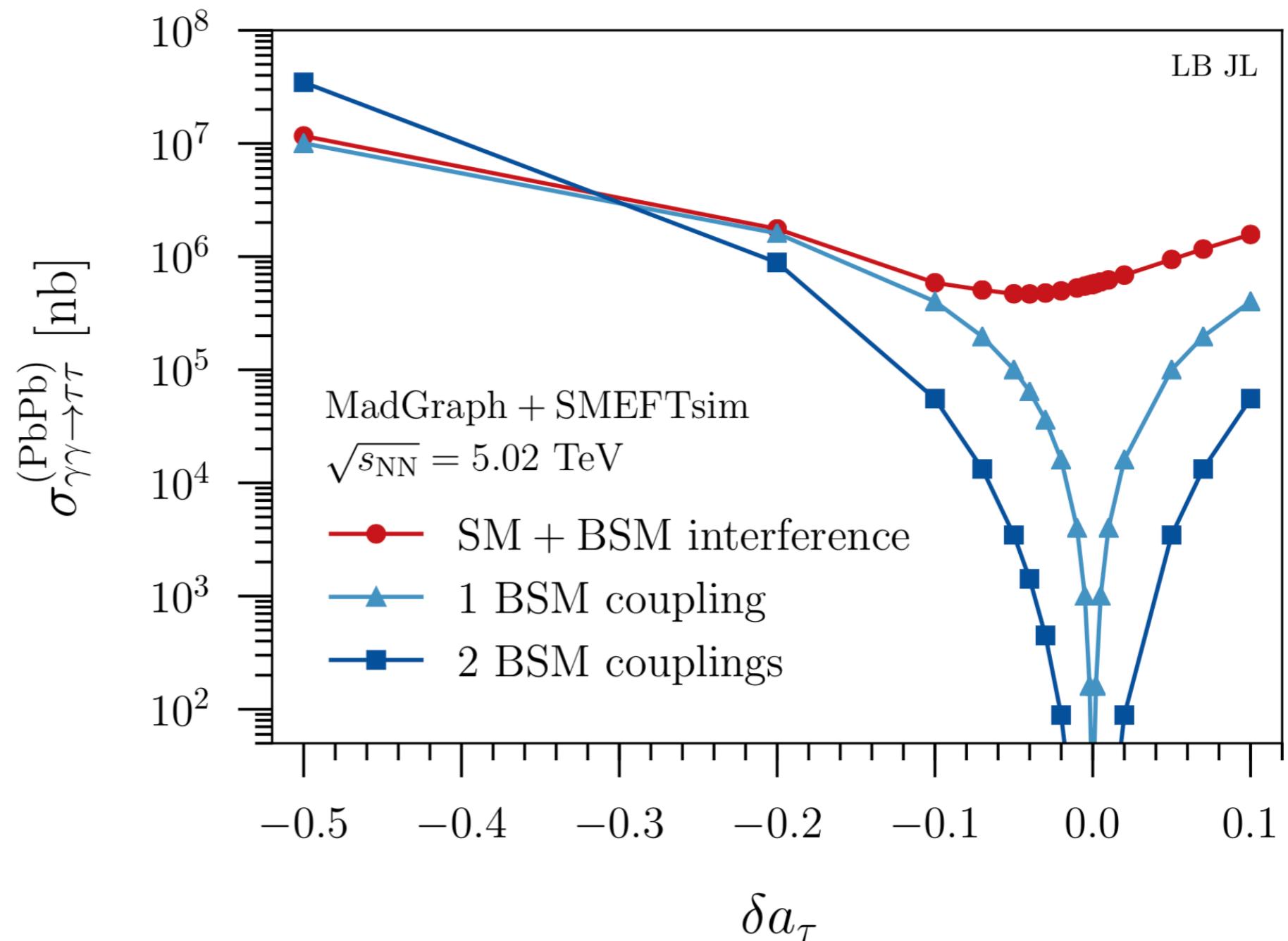
Superchic accounts for nuclear finite size, thickness and overlap

We modify MADGRAPH to use the photon flux Eq. (6) for evaluating $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow XX}^{(PbPb)}$. This prescription neglects a non-factorizable term in Eq. (5), which models the probability of hadronic interactions $P_{|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2|}$, where \mathbf{b}_i is the impact parameter of ion i . The SUPERCHIC 3.02 [80] program includes a complete treatment of $P_{|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2|}$, along with nuclear overlap and thickness. Using this, we validate that these simplifications in MADGRAPH do not majorly impact distributions relevant for this work, namely tau p_T .

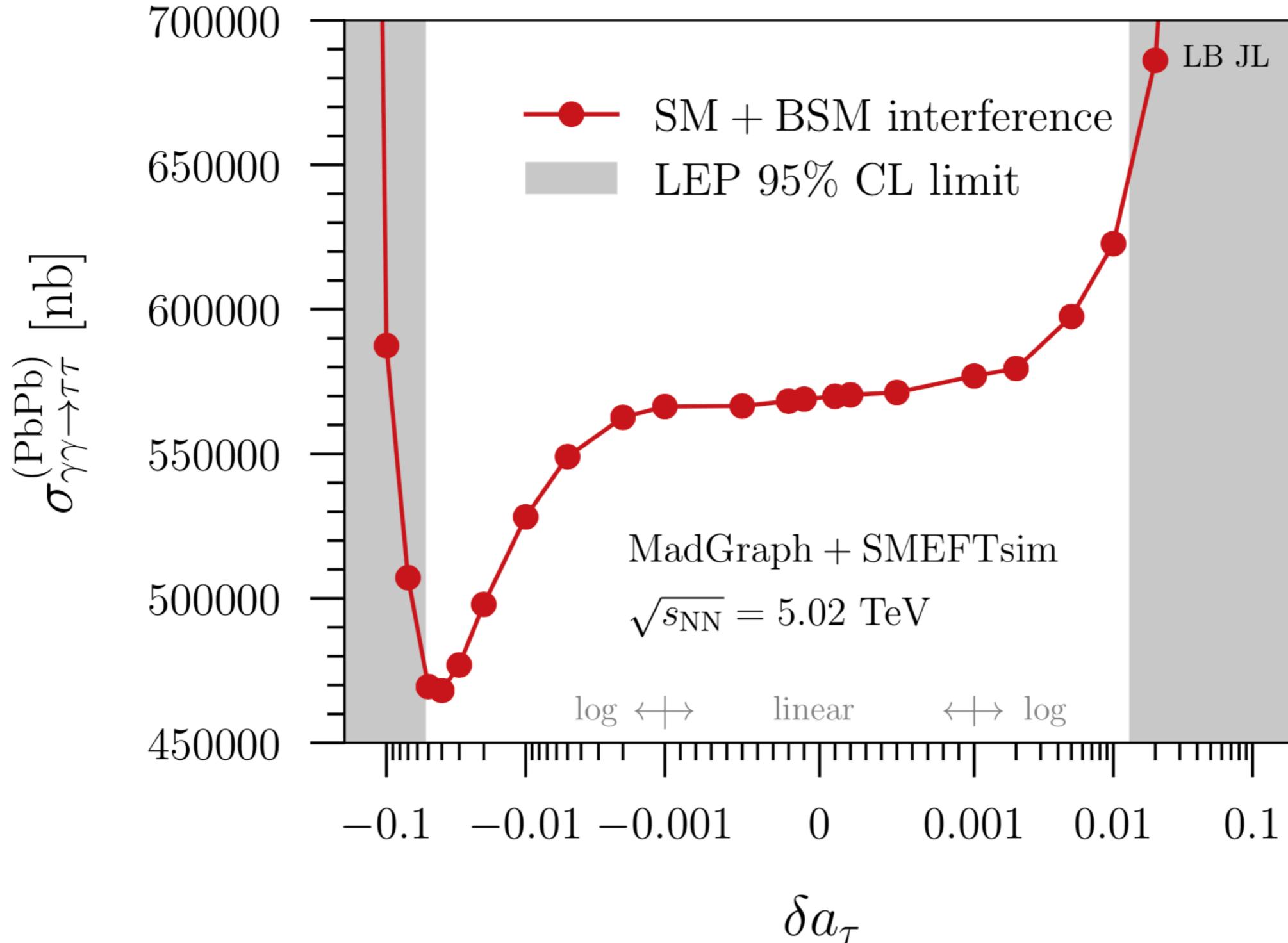


Cross-section & interference

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}}^{(1)} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}}^{(2)} \right|^2$$
$$= \left| \text{Feynman diagram} + \text{Feynman diagram} + \text{Feynman diagram} \right|^2$$



Cross-section & interference (zoomed)



Cutflow

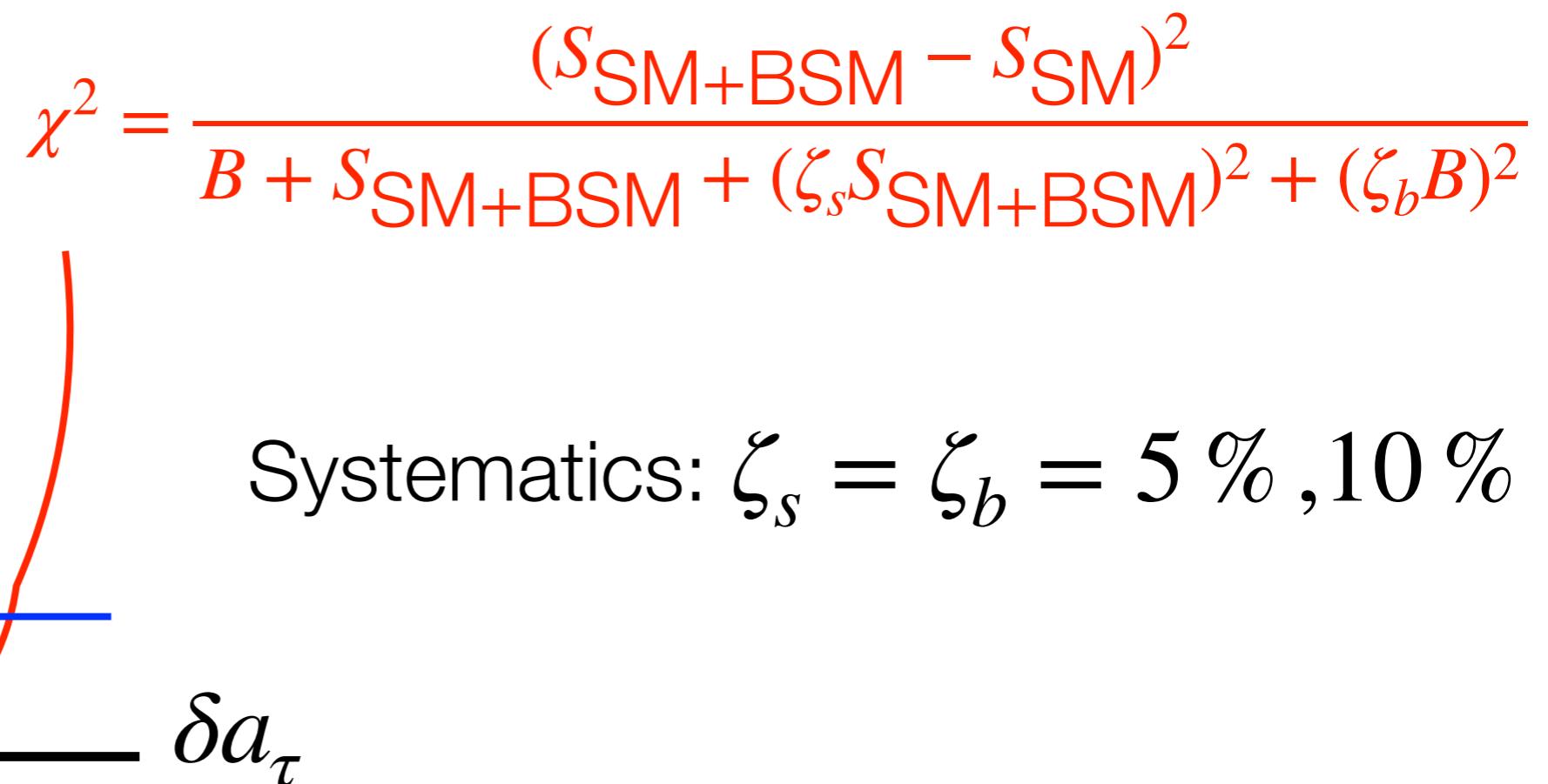
Requirement	$\tau\tau$ (0, 0)	$\tau\tau$ (0.005, 0)	$\tau\tau$ (-0.01, 0)	$\mu\mu$	ee	bb	cc	ss	uu	dd
1 lepton + 1 track analysis (SR1 ℓ 1T)										
$\sigma \times \mathcal{L}$	1139800	1195060	1056400	844080	844080	2999	604080	37754	604080	37754
$\sigma \times \mathcal{L} \times \epsilon_{\text{filter}}$	241140	253920	226300	844080	844080	2999	604080	37754	604080	37754
1 ℓ plus 1 track	20492.2	21619.3	19348.4	263443	3299.3	5.4	2905.0	0.3	5.4	0.2
$p_T^{e/\mu} > 4.5/3 \text{ GeV}, \eta^{e/\mu} < 2.5/2.4$	3659.9	3882.7	3582.8	79043	3118.9	1.1	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
2 tracks, $p_T^{\text{trk}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}, \eta^{\text{trk}} < 2.5$	3324.5	3535.9	3256.9	78973	3117.8	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$ \Delta\phi(\ell, \text{trk}) < 3$	1519.7	1605.7	1468.3	0.9	5.3	0.7	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
$m_{\ell, \text{trk}} \notin \{[3, 3.2], [9, 11]\} \text{ GeV}$	1275.1	1353.6	1242.3	0.9	5.3	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
$p_T^\ell \leq 6.0 \text{ GeV}$	1197.7	1262.3	1154.7	0.9	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
$p_T^\ell > 6.0 \text{ GeV}$	77.3	91.3	87.6	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1 lepton + multitrack analysis (SR1 ℓ 2/3T)										
$\sigma \times \mathcal{L}$	1139800	1195060	1056400	844080	844080	2999	604080	37754	604080	37754
$\sigma \times \mathcal{L} \times \epsilon_{\text{filter}}$	241140	253920	226300	844080	844080	2999	604080	37754	604080	37754
1 ℓ plus 2 or 3 tracks	5945.1	6260.1	5572.2	33.8	23.2	43.8	8056.6	5.4	132.9	6.8
$p_T^{e/\mu} > 4.5/3 \text{ GeV}, \eta^{e/\mu} < 2.5/2.4$	1010.0	1073.3	978.6	12.2	4.2	1.8	13.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 tracks, $p_T^{\text{trk}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}, \eta^{\text{trk}} < 2.5$	519.9	548.1	485.8	5.6	4.2	0.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
4 tracks, $p_T^{\text{trk}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}, \eta^{\text{trk}} < 2.5$	370.5	398.3	381.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

Setting constraints

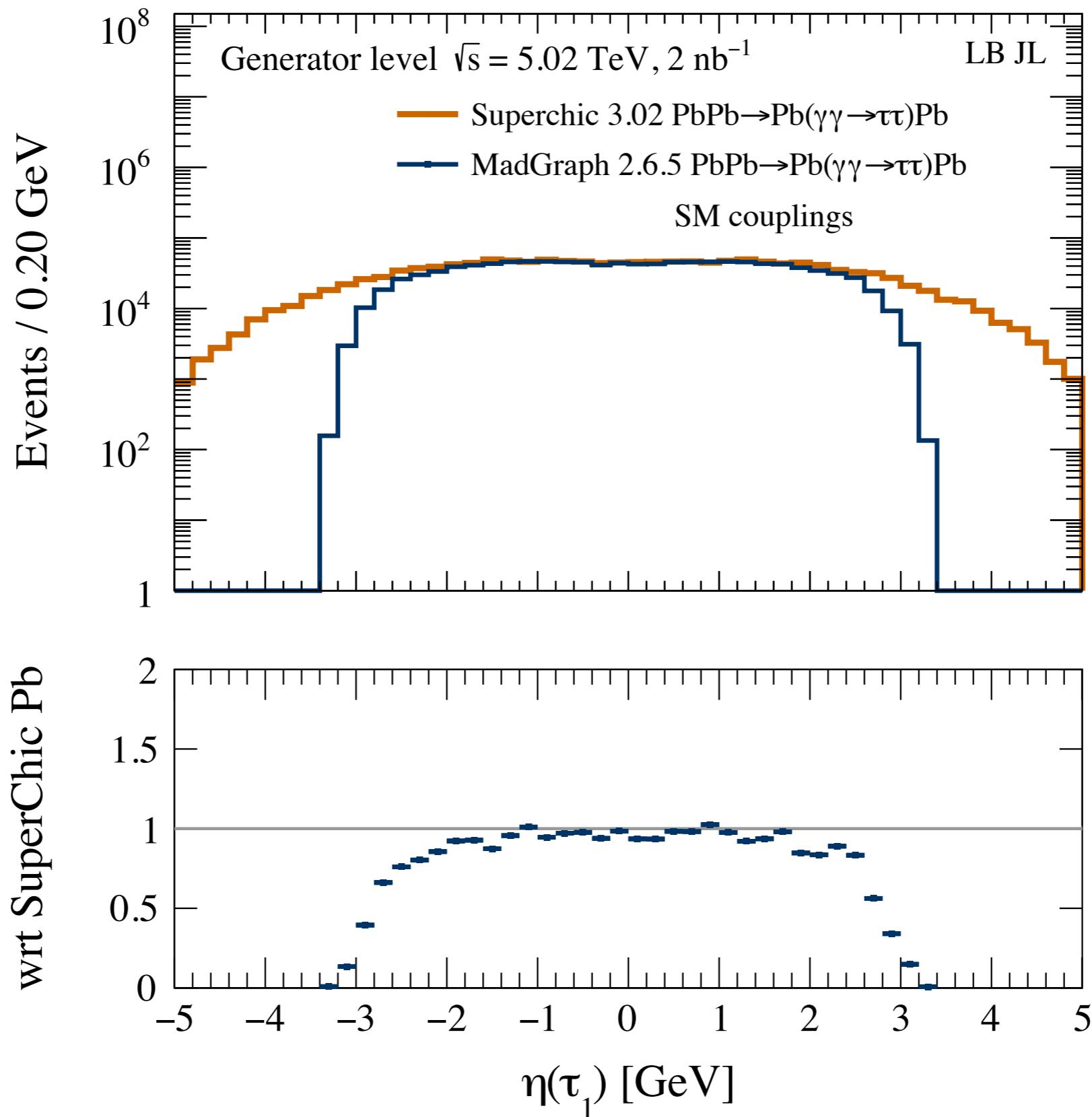
To set a constraint need to deviate from SM

We use SM effective field theory (assumes $q^2 \ll \Lambda^2$)

Assume observe SM & quantify constraint using χ^2



Eta distribution



Also sensitive to tau EDM

*How objects interact
with an **electric** field*

EDM = Electric Dipole Moment

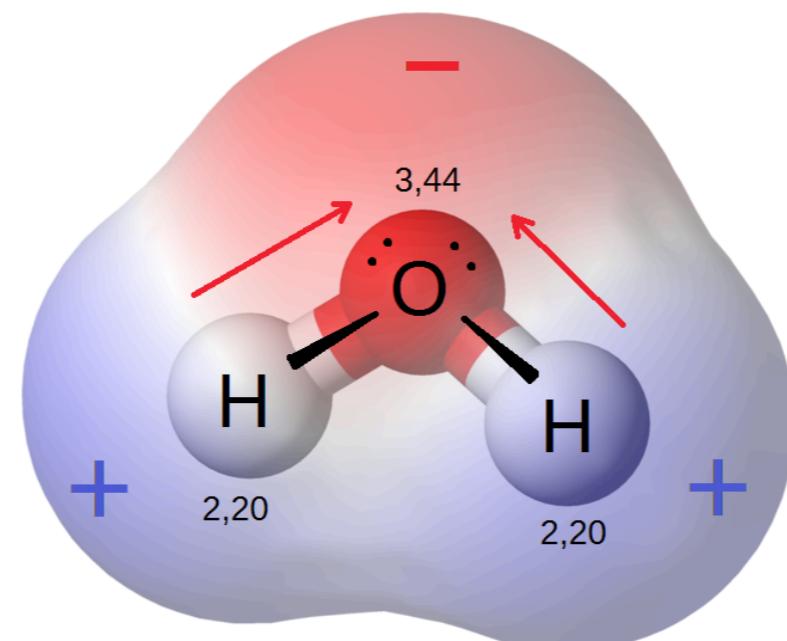
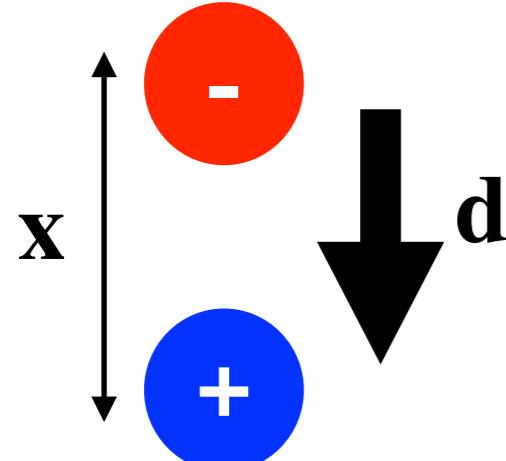
$$\tau = d \times E$$

↑ ↑

torque electric dipole moment

Possessed by e.g. water (polarised molecule)

$$d = qx$$



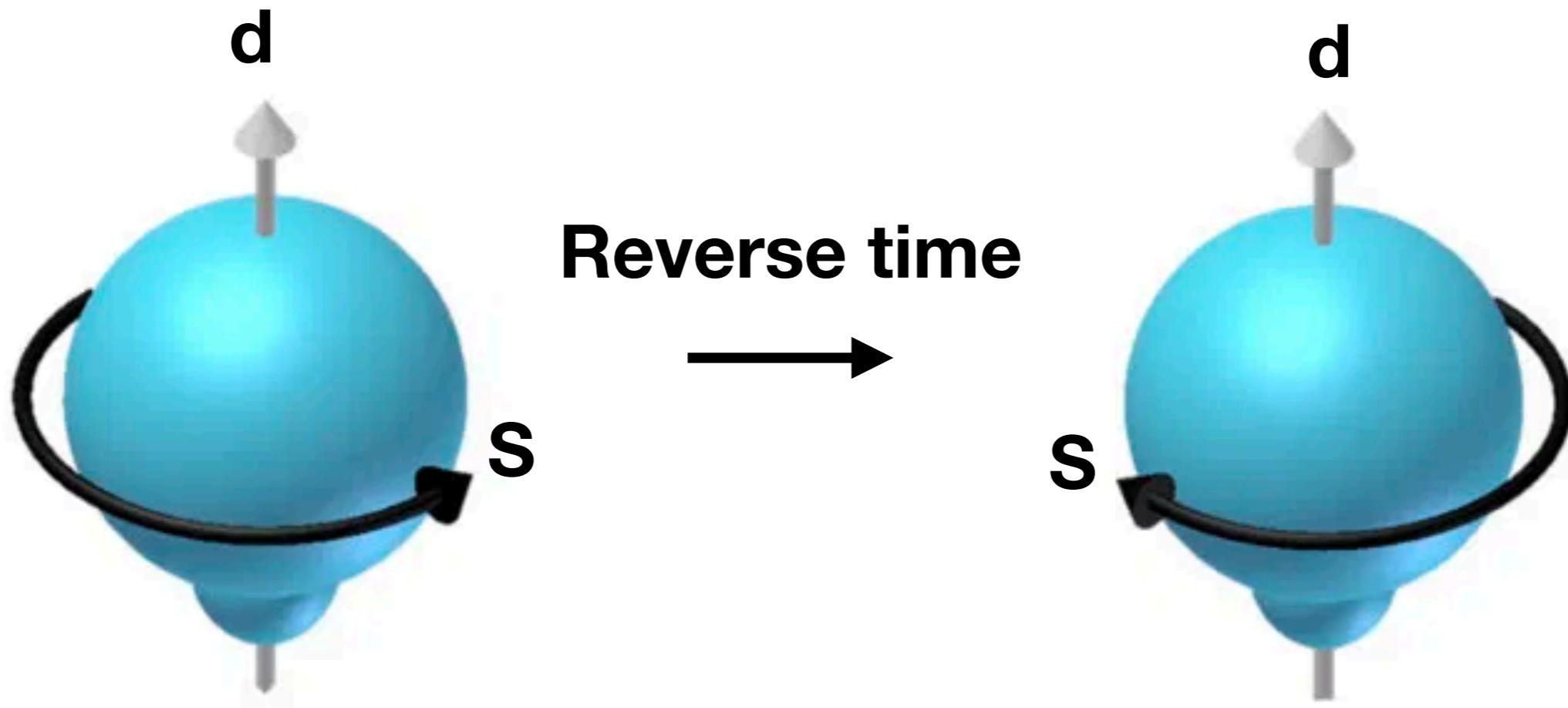
EDM tells us
about charge
distribution

Why are EDMs interesting?

[Further details](#)

Non-zero EDM \rightarrow CP violation!

assuming CPT conserved



EDM tiny in SM, observation = New Physics!

Putting it all together: d_τ

Belle [PLB \(2003\)](#)

$$|d_\tau| = (e/m_\tau)\delta d_\tau$$

$|d_\tau| < 3.4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ e cm}$
@ 95% CL

