

# Tau theory review

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# Outline :

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1. Tau lepton as a laboratory to explore the Standard Model and possible extensions
2. Extraction of  $V_{us}$  from hadronic Tau decays and test of the CKM unitarity
3. Lepton Flavour Violation
4. Conclusion and outlook

NB: several very interesting topics not covered:  
lepton universality, CP violation, g-2, EDMs, neutrinos, etc...

# 1. Introduction and Motivation

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# 1.1 Quest for New Physics

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- New era in particle physics :  
➡ (unexpected) *success of the Standard Model*: a successful theory of microscopic phenomena with *no intrinsic energy limitation*
- *Where do we look?* Everywhere!  
➡ search for New Physics with a *broad search strategy* given the lack of clear indications on the SM-EFT boundaries (*both in terms of energies and effective couplings*)

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Where is the tail?

➡ Key unique role of *Tau physics*

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- Kaon physics: 
$$\frac{s\bar{d}s\bar{d}}{\Lambda^2} \Rightarrow \Lambda \gtrsim 10^5 \text{ TeV}$$
  
 $[\varepsilon_K]$

- Tau physics: 
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 $[\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma]$

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 improve our understanding of the SM and QCD at low energy

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  - Inputs for the *muon g-2*

# 1.3 $\tau$ lepton as a unique probe of new physics

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- A lot of progress in tau physics since its discovery on all the items described before  important experimental efforts from *LEP, CLEO, B factories: Babar, Belle, BES, VEPP-2M, LHCb, neutrino experiments,...*  
 More to come from *LHCb, BES, VEPP-2M, Belle II, CMS, ATLAS*
- But  $\tau$  physics has still potential  
“*unexplored frontiers*”  
 deserve future exp. & th. efforts
- In the following, some selected examples and *D. Epifanov, A. Luisiani* and *O. Shekhtsova* will give more

Experiment	Number of $\tau$ pairs
LEP	$\sim 3 \times 10^5$
CLEO	$\sim 1 \times 10^7$
BaBar	$\sim 5 \times 10^8$
Belle	$\sim 9 \times 10^8$
Belle II	$\sim 10^{12}$

## 2. $V_{us}$ and CKM unitarity test

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## 2.1 Probing the CKM mechanism

- The CKM Mechanism source of *Charge Parity Violation* in SM
- Unitary 3x3 Matrix, parametrizes rotation between mass and weak interaction eigenstates in Standard Model

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Weak Eigenstates      CKM Matrix      Mass Eigenstates

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda & 1 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 2.2 Extraction of $V_{us}$

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- Extraction of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix element  $V_{us}$

➤ Fundamental parameter of the Standard Model

Check unitarity of the first row of the CKM matrix:

➡ *Cabibbo Universality*

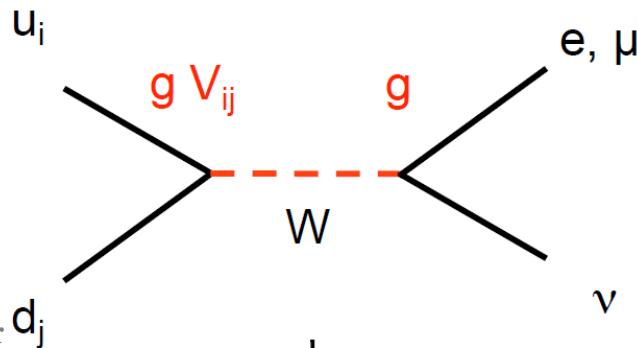
$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$$

Negligible  
(B decays)

➤ Input in UT analysis

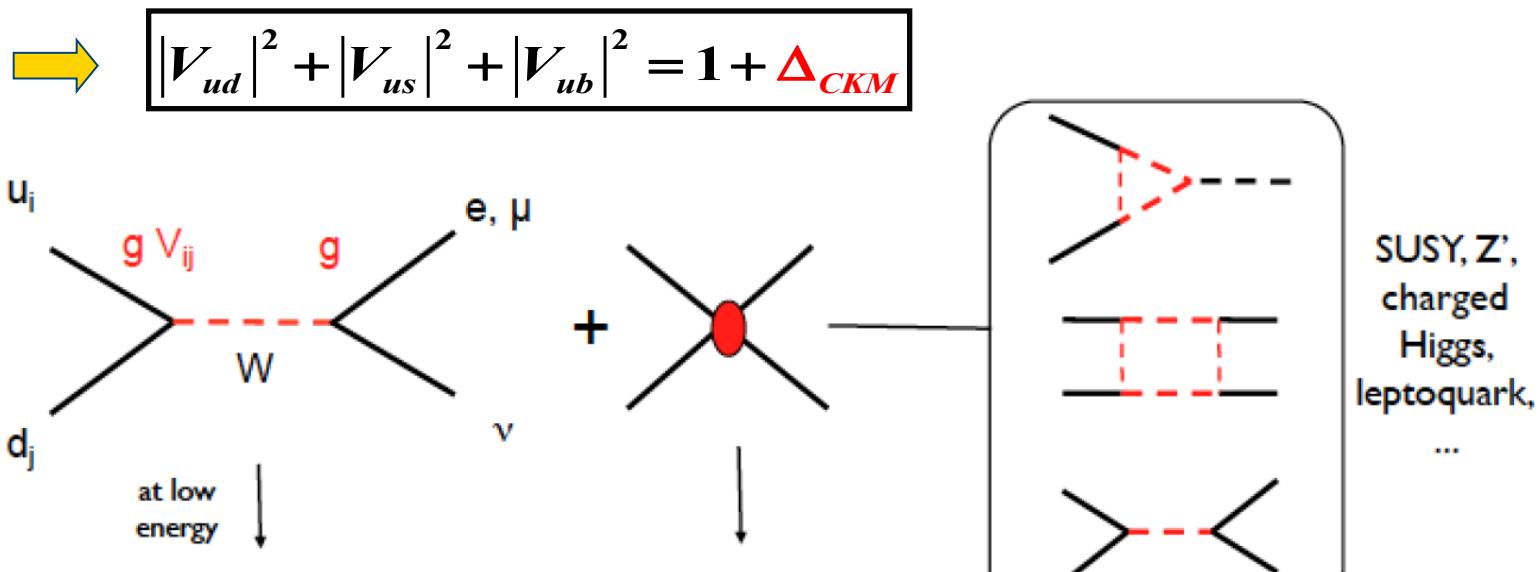
- Look for *new physics*

➤ In the Standard Model : W exchange ➡ only V-A structure



## 2.2 Extraction of $V_{us}$

- BSM: sensitive to tree-level and loop effects of a large class of models



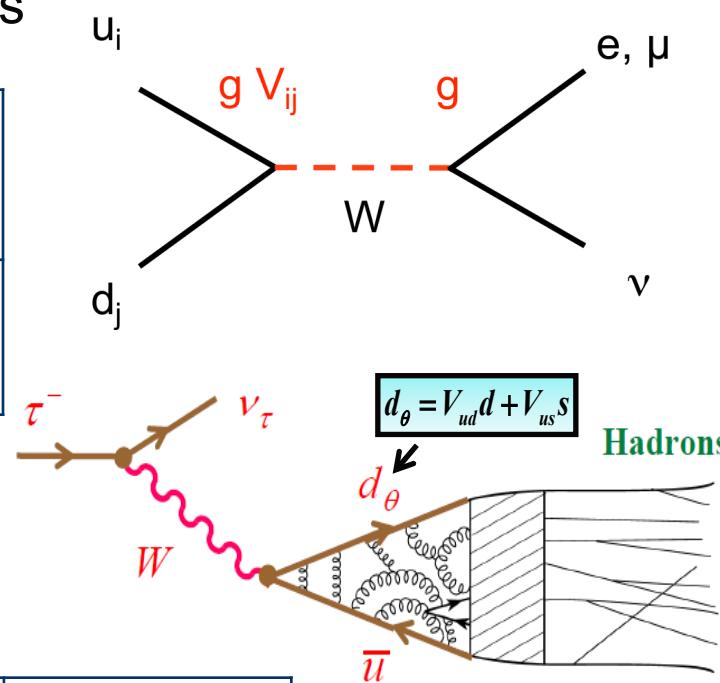
$\rightarrow$  BSM effects :  $\Delta_{CKM} \sim (v/\Lambda)^2$

- Look for new physics by comparing the extraction of  $V_{us}$  from different processes: helicity suppressed  $K_{\mu 2}$ , helicity allowed  $K_{l3}$ , hadronic  $\tau$  decays

## 2.2 Paths to $V_{ud}$ and $V_{us}$

- From kaon, pion, baryon and nuclear decays

$V_{ud}$	$0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \pi^0 e \bar{v}_e$	$n \rightarrow p e \bar{v}_e$	$\pi \rightarrow l \nu_l$
$V_{us}$	$K \rightarrow \pi l \nu_l$	$\Lambda \rightarrow p e \bar{v}_e$	$K \rightarrow l \nu_l$



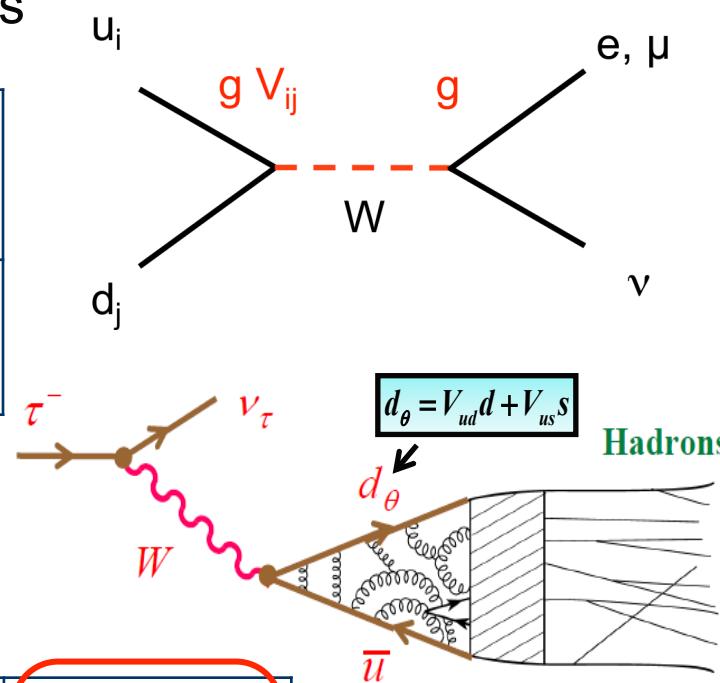
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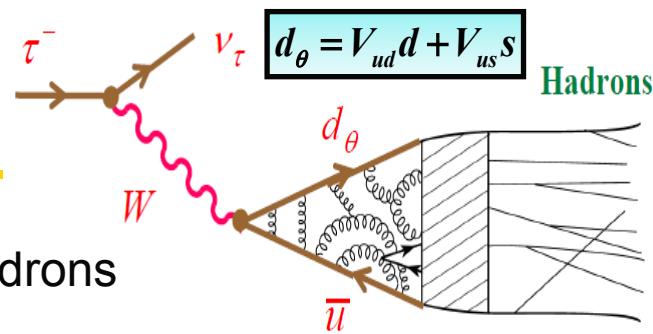
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## 2.3 $V_{us}$ from inclusive measurement



- Tau, the only lepton heavy enough to decay into hadrons

- $m_\tau \sim 1.77 \text{ GeV} > \Lambda_{QCD}$   $\Rightarrow$  use *perturbative tools: OPE...*

- Inclusive  $\tau$  decays :  $\tau \rightarrow (\bar{u}d, \bar{u}s)\nu_\tau$   $\Rightarrow$  fund. SM parameters  $(\alpha_s(m_\tau), |V_{us}|, m_s)$

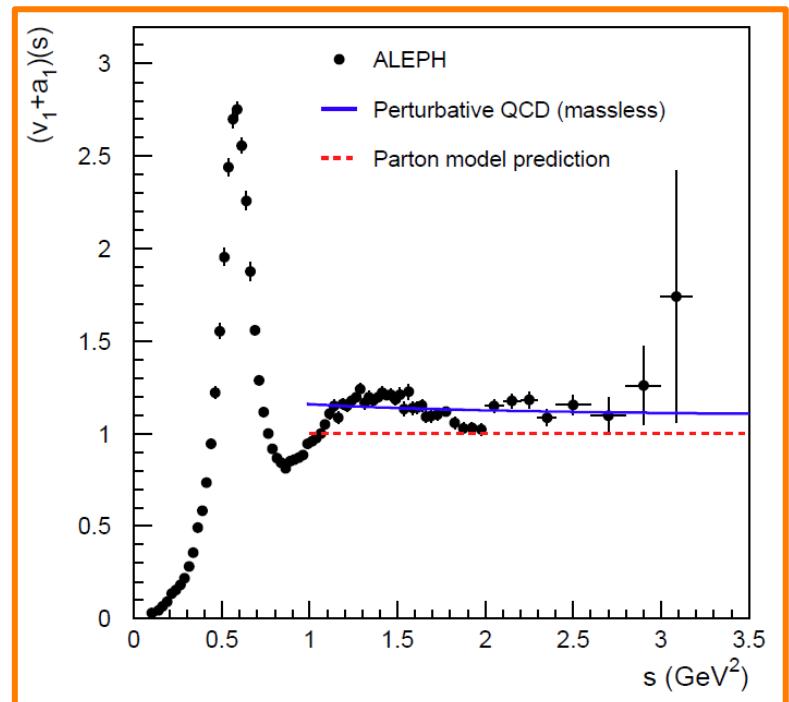
Davier et al'13

- We consider
 
$$\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons}_{S=0})$$

$$\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons}_{S \neq 0})$$

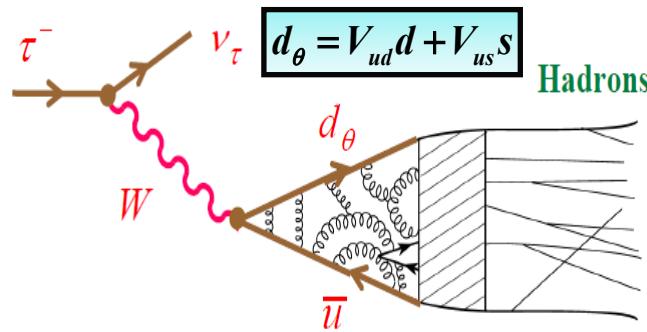
- ALEPH and OPAL at LEP measured with precision not only the total BRs but also the energy distribution of the hadronic system  $\Rightarrow$  huge *QCD activity!*

- Observable studied:  $R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}$



## 2.4 Theory

- $$R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx N_c$$
 parton model prediction
- $R_\tau = R_{\tau}^{NS} + R_{\tau}^S \approx |V_{ud}|^2 N_c + |V_{us}|^2 N_c$
- $$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{R_{\tau}^S}{R_{\tau}^{NS}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |V_{us}|$$



**QCD switch**

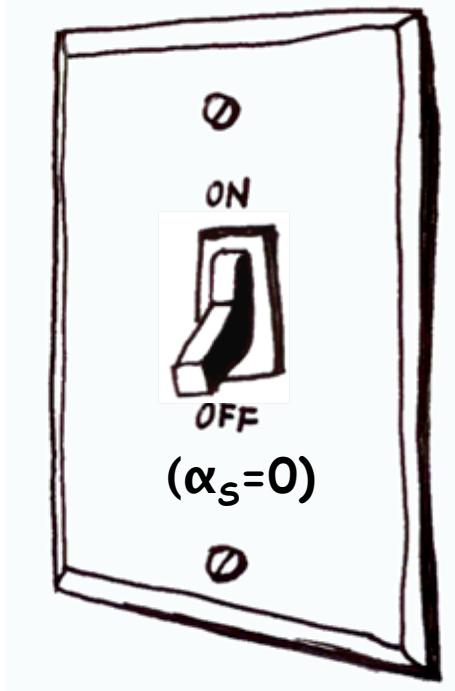
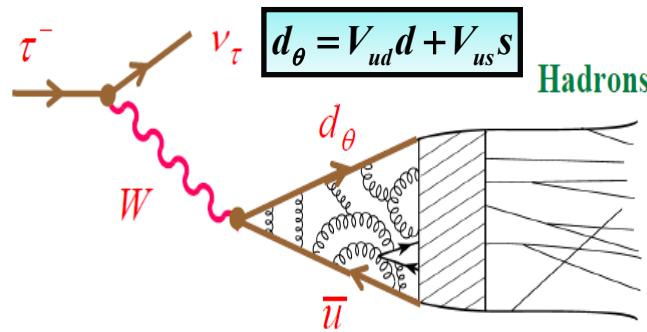


Figure from  
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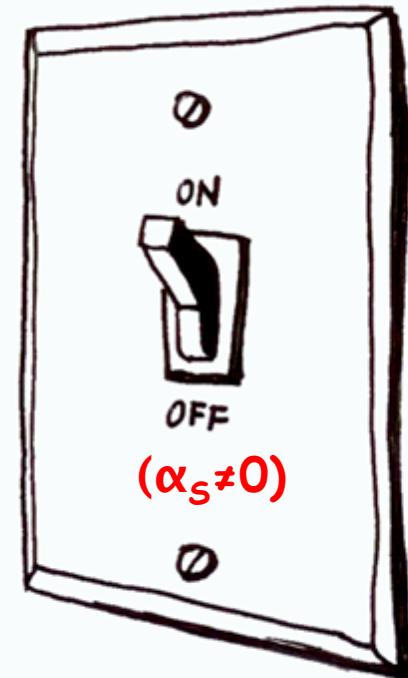
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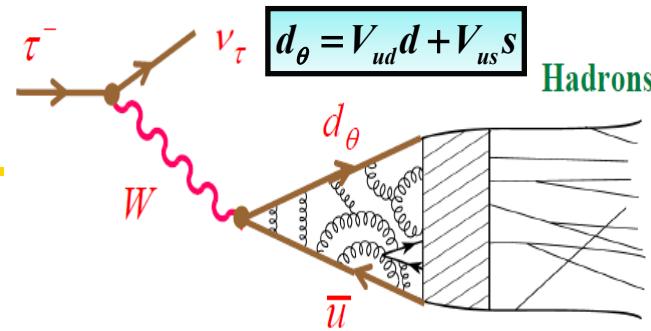
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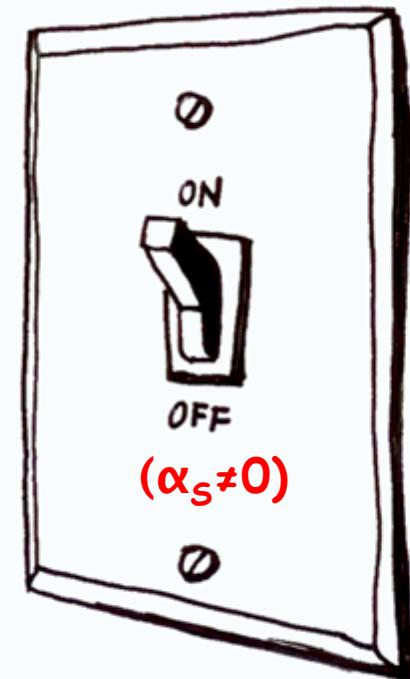


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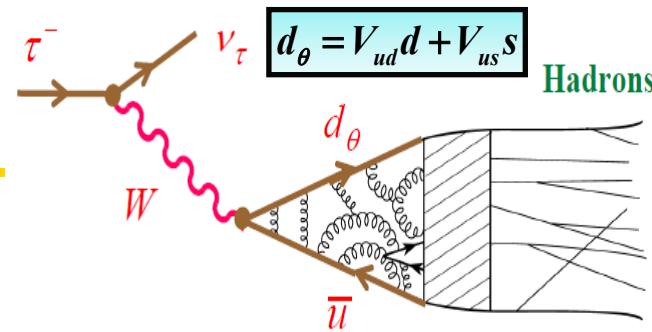


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- From the measurement of the spectral functions, extraction of  $\alpha_s$ ,  $|V_{us}|$



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 naïve QCD prediction

- Extraction of the strong coupling constant :

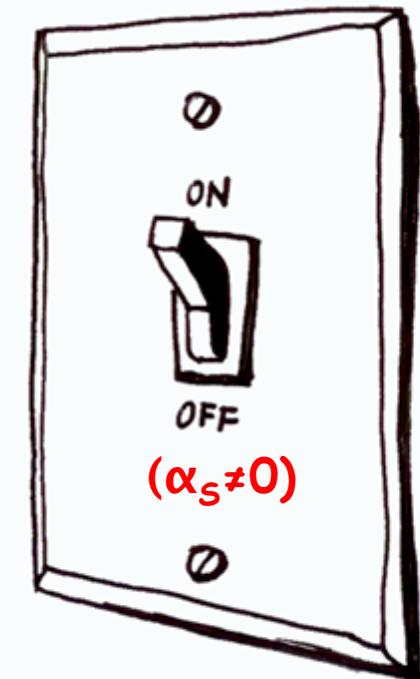
$$R_\tau^{NS} = |V_{ud}|^2 N_c + O(\alpha_s) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{calculated}} \quad \alpha_s$$

↑ measured                      ↑ calculated

- Determination of  $V_{us}$  : 
$$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{R_\tau^S}{R_\tau^{NS}} + O(\alpha_s)$$

- Main difficulty: compute the QCD corrections with the best accuracy

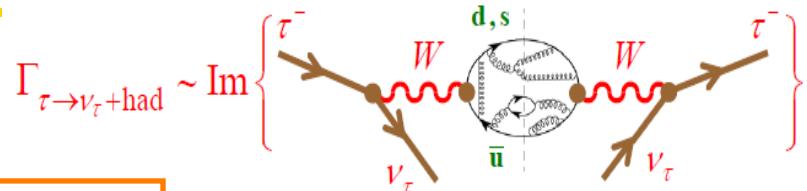
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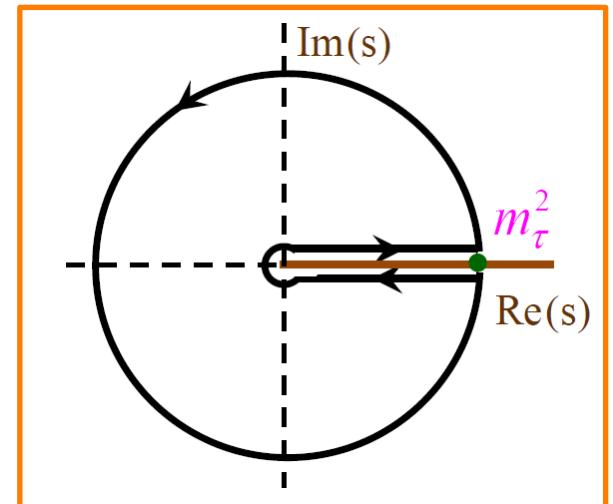
$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = 12\pi S_{EW} \int_0^{m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2 \left[ \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \text{Im} \Pi^{(1)}(s+i\epsilon) + \text{Im} \Pi^{(0)}(s+i\epsilon) \right]$$



Braaten, Narison, Pich'92

- Analyticity:  $\Pi$  is analytic in the entire complex plane except for  $s$  real positive
- Cauchy Theorem

$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = 6i\pi S_{EW} \oint_{|s|=m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2 \left[ \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \Pi^{(1)}(s) + \Pi^{(0)}(s) \right]$$



- We are now at sufficient energy to use OPE:

$$\Pi^{(J)}(s) = \sum_{D=0,2,4,\dots} \frac{1}{(-s)^{D/2}} \sum_{\dim O=D} C^{(J)}(s, \mu) \langle O_D(\mu) \rangle$$

Wilson coefficients

Operators

$\mu$ : separation scale between short and long distances

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- Calculation of  $R_\tau$ :

$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = N_C S_{EW} (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP})$$

- Electroweak corrections:  $S_{EW} = 1.0201(3)$  Marciano & Sirlin'88, Braaten & Li'90, Erler'04

- Perturbative part ( $D=0$ ):  $\delta_P = a_\tau + 5.20 a_\tau^2 + 26 a_\tau^3 + 127 a_\tau^4 + \dots \approx 20\%$   $a_\tau = \frac{\alpha_s(m_\tau)}{\pi}$

Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn'08

- $D=2$ : quark mass corrections, *neglected* for  $R_\tau^{NS}$  ( $\propto m_u, m_d$ ) but not for  $R_\tau^S$  ( $\propto m_s$ )
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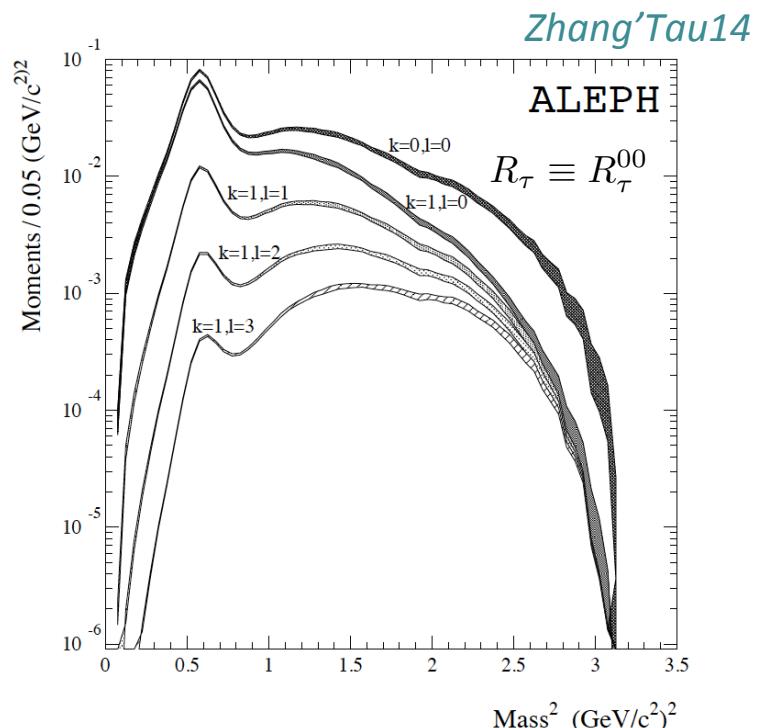
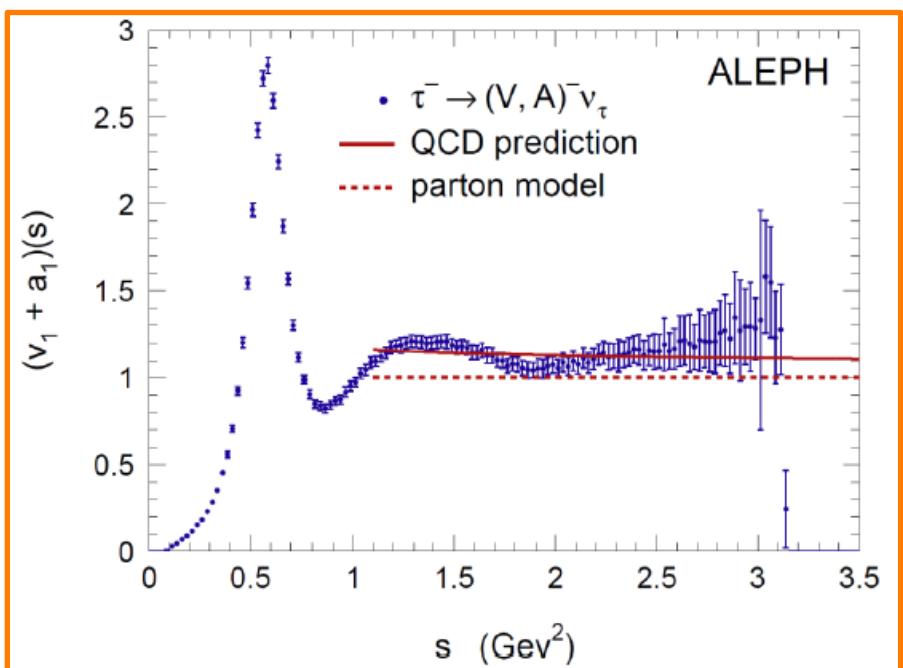
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Exploit shape of the spectral functions to obtain additional experimental information

Le Diberder&Pich'92

$$R_{\tau,U}^{kl}(s_0) = \int_0^{s_0} ds \left(1 - \frac{s}{s_0}\right)^k \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^\ell \frac{dR_{\tau,U}(s_0)}{ds}$$



## 2.5 Inclusive determination of $V_{us}$

- With QCD on:

$$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{R_\tau^S}{R_\tau^{NS}} + O(\alpha_s)$$

- Use OPE:

$$R_\tau^{NS}(m_\tau^2) = N_c S_{EW} |V_{ud}|^2 (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP}^{ud})$$

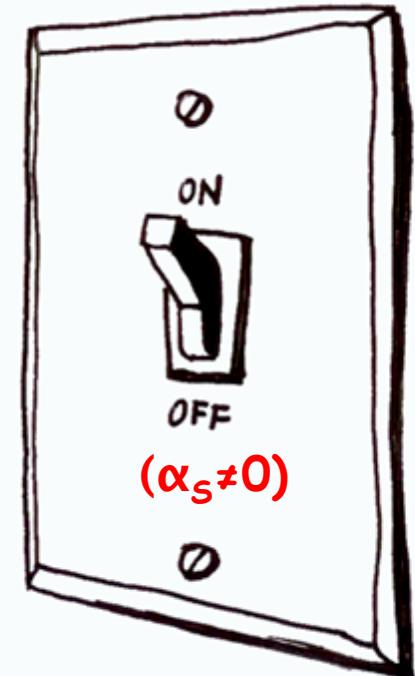
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- $\delta R_\tau \equiv \frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{|V_{us}|^2}$

*SU(3) breaking* quantity, strong dependence in  $m_s$  computed from OPE (L+T) + phenomenology

$$\delta R_{\tau,th} = 0.0242(32) \quad \text{Gamiz et al'07, Maltman'11}$$

**QCD switch**



$$|V_{us}|^2 = \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{\frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \delta R_{\tau,th}}$$

*HFAG'17*

$$R_{\tau,S} = 0.1633(28)$$

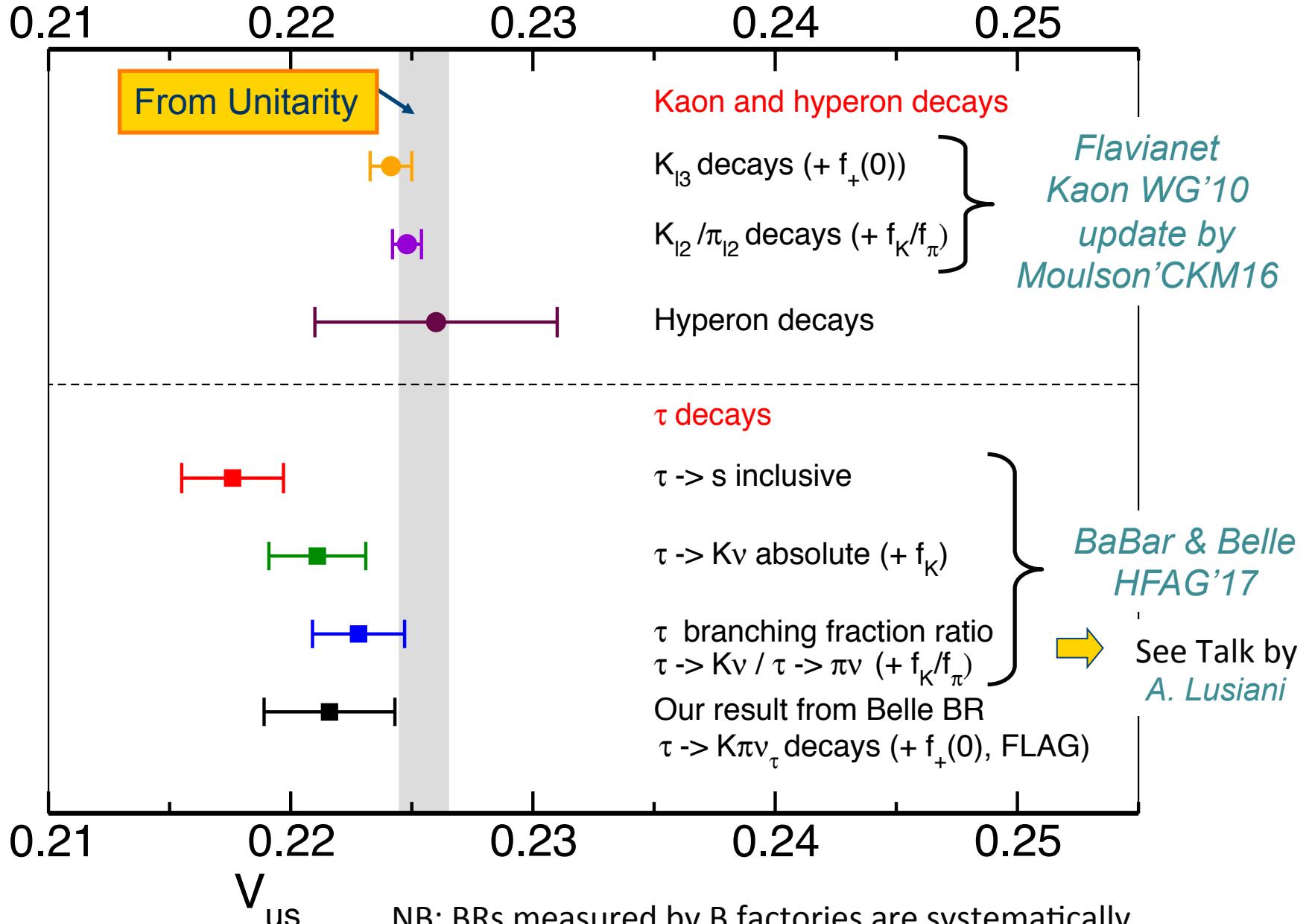
$$R_{\tau,NS} = 3.4718(84)$$

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97417(21)$$



$$|V_{us}| = 0.2186 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

*3.1σ* away from unitarity!



## 2.6 $V_{us}$ using info on Kaon decays and $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$

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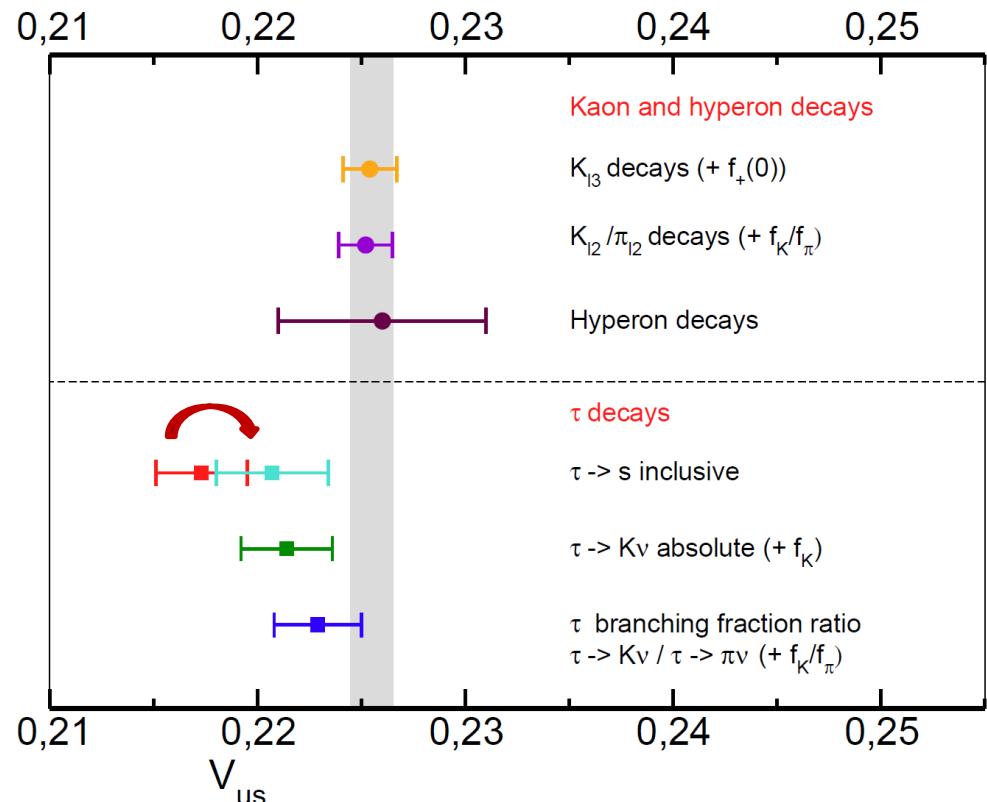
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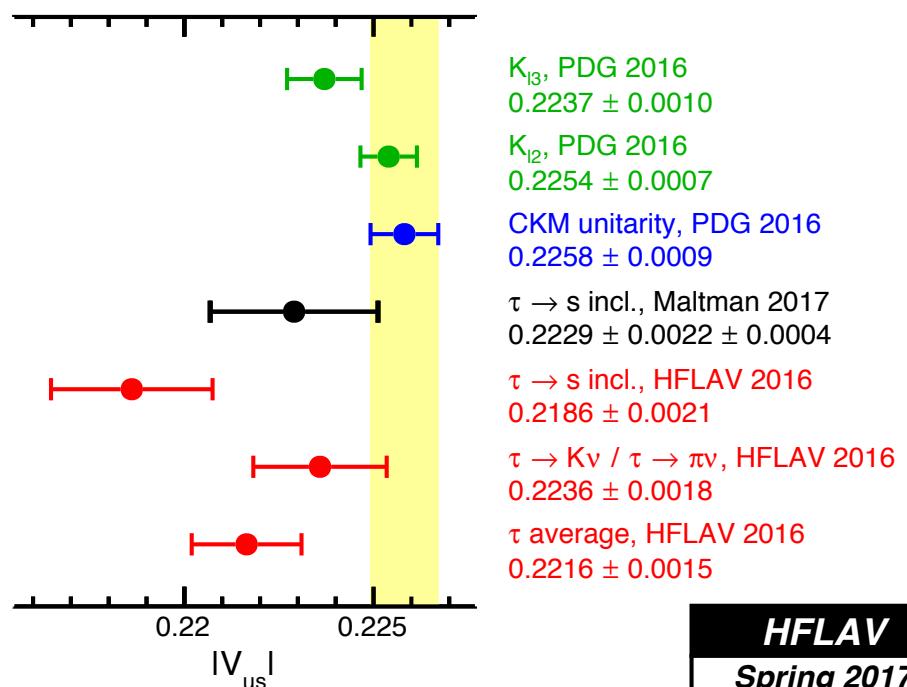
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Very good prospect from Belle II, BES?

HFLAV  
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### 3. Charged Lepton-Flavour Violation

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### 3.1 Tau LFV

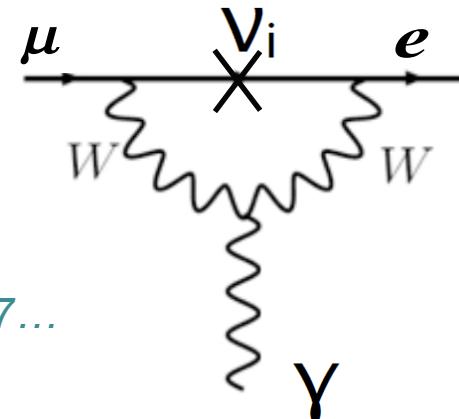
- Lepton Flavour Number is an « accidental » symmetry of the SM ( $m_\nu=0$ )
- In the **SM** with massive neutrinos effective CLFV vertices are tiny due to GIM suppression  $\rightarrow$  *unobservably small rates!*

E.g.:  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

$$Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{e i} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

Petcov'77, Marciano & Sanda'77, Lee & Shrock'77...

$$[Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 10^{-40}]$$



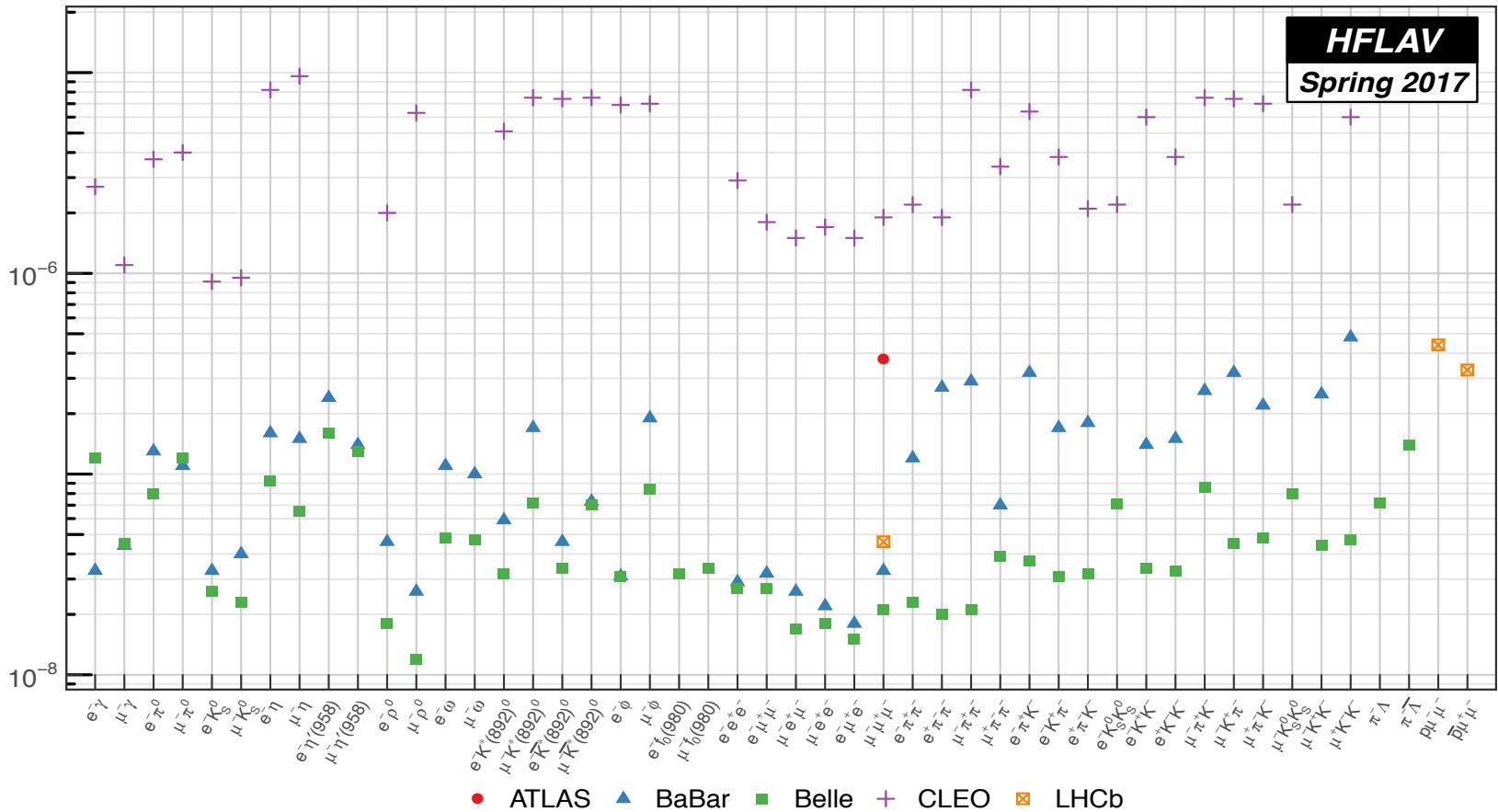
- Extremely *clean probe of beyond SM physics*

$\rightarrow$  See Talk by *A. De Gouvea*

- In New Physics models: sizable effects  
Comparison in muonic and tauonic channels of branching ratios, conversion rates and spectra is model-diagnostic

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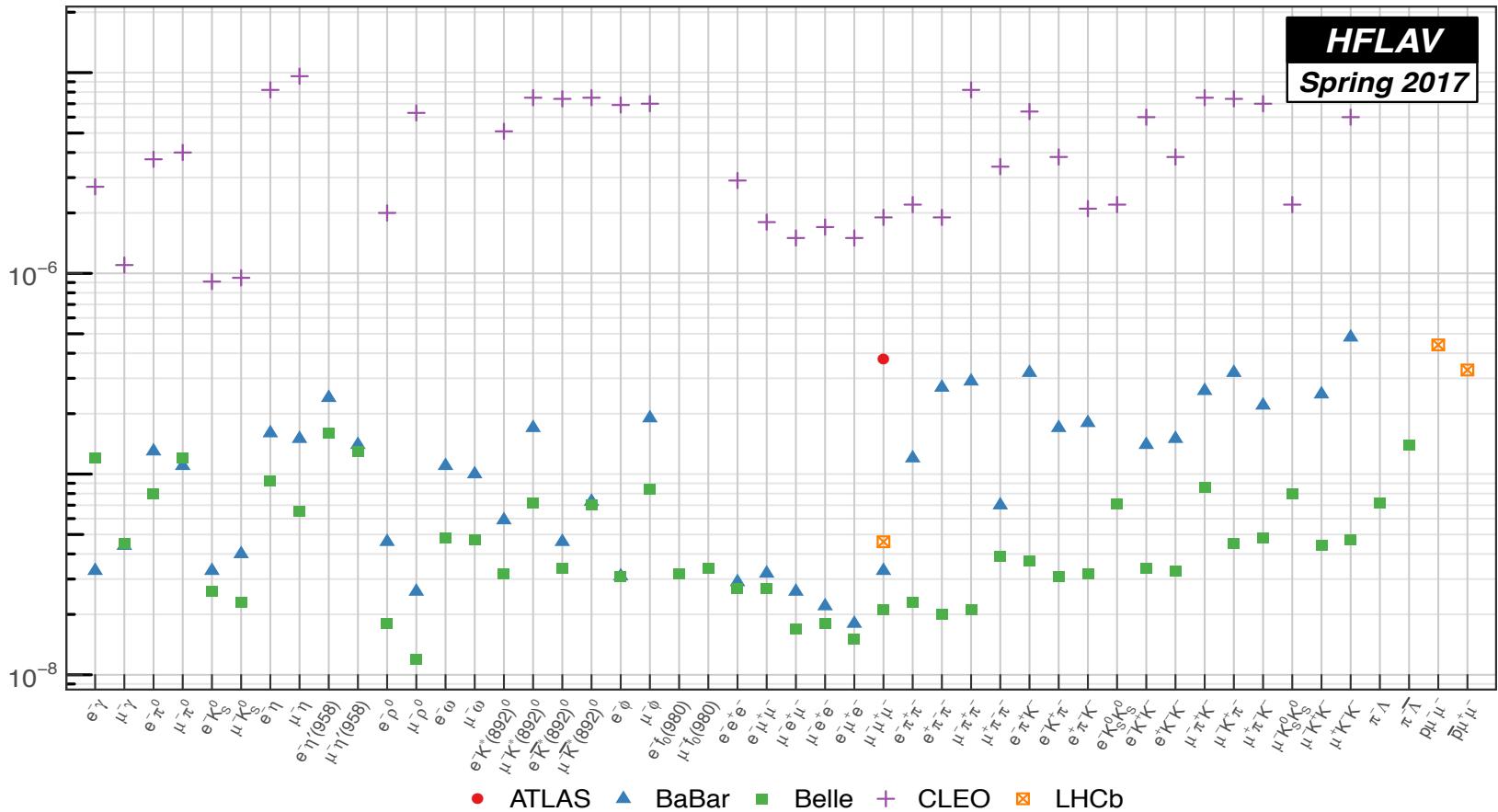
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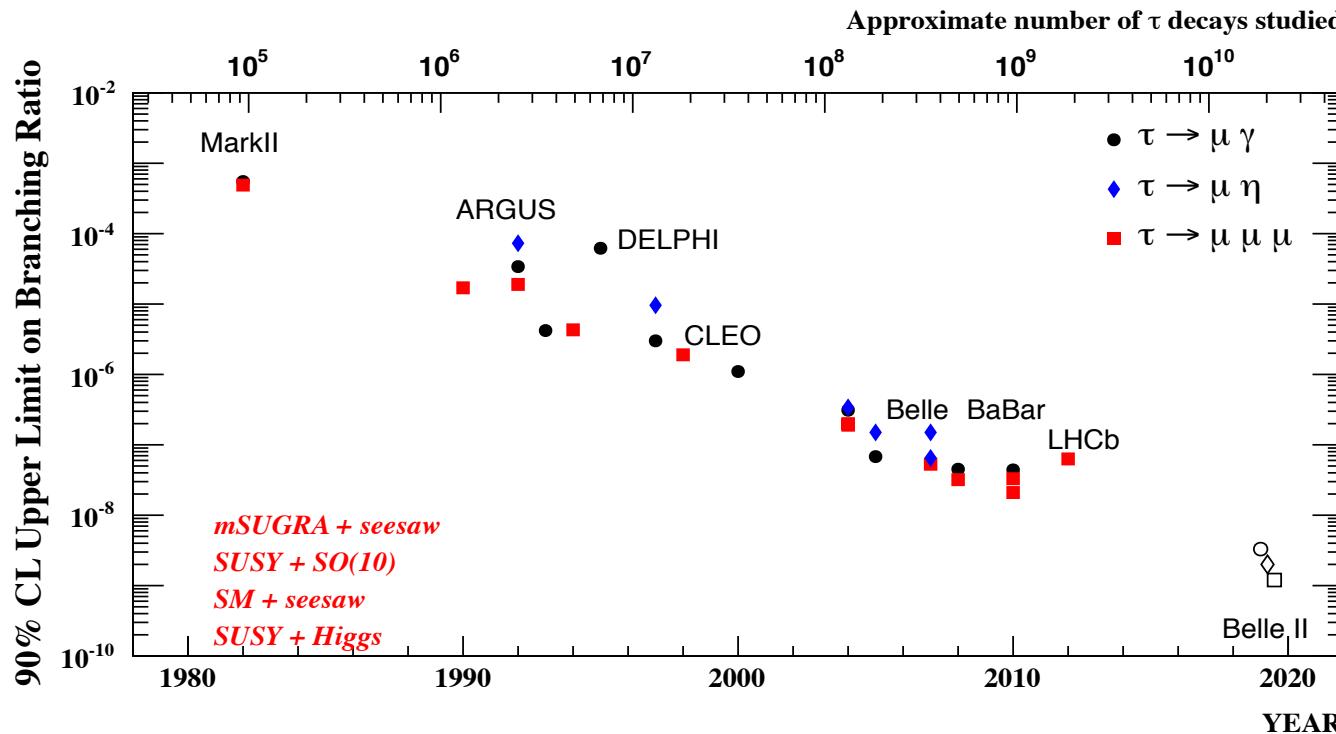
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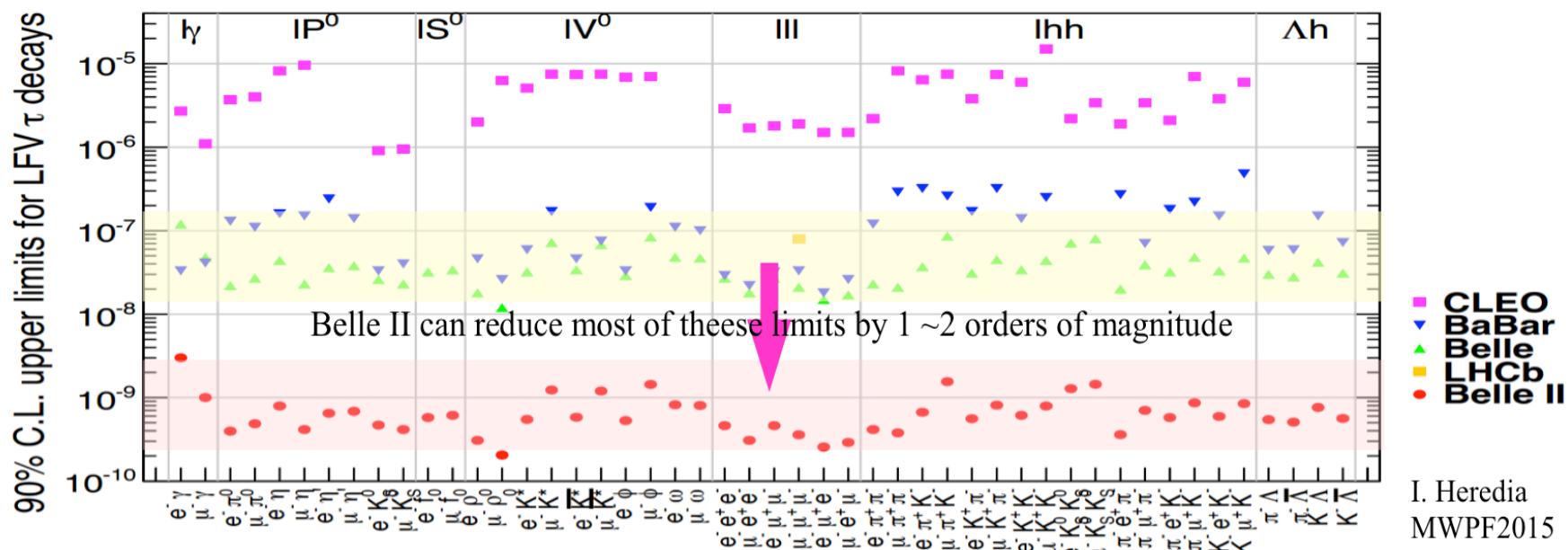
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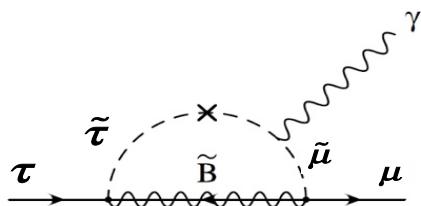
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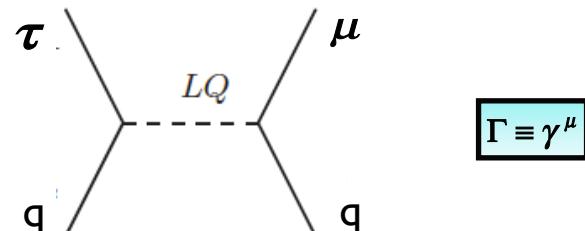
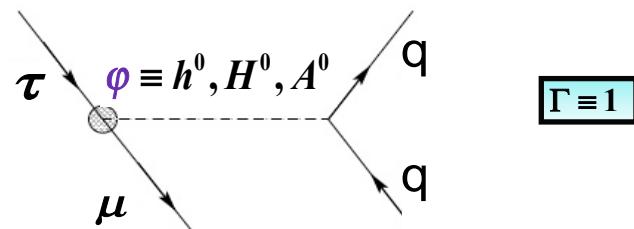
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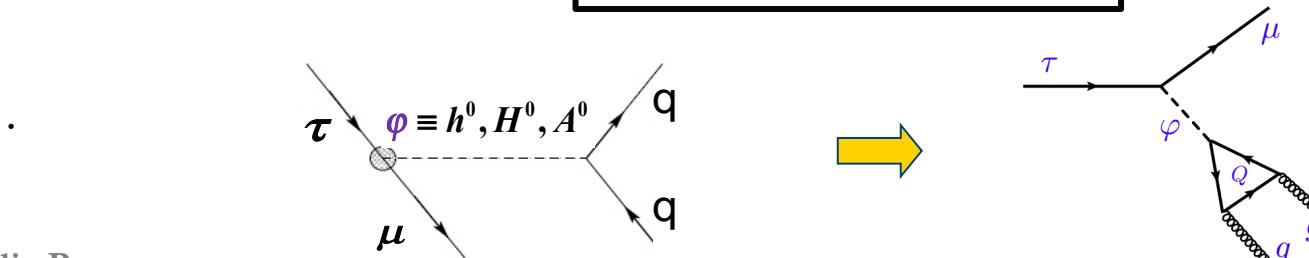
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➤ Integrating out heavy quarks generates *gluonic operator*

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu} P_{L,R} \tau Q \bar{Q}} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{L}_{eff}^G \supset -\frac{C_G}{\Lambda^2} m_\tau G_F \bar{\mu} P_{L,R} \tau G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}}$$



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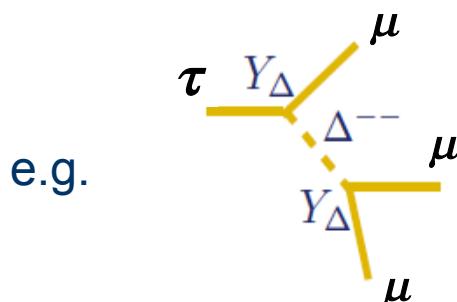
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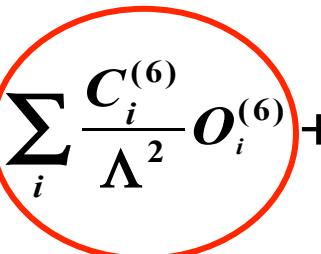
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- Each UV model generates a *specific pattern* of them

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$O_{G\tilde{G}}$	—	—	—	—	—	✓

- The notion of “*best probe*” (process with largest decay rate) is *model dependent*
- If observed, compare rate of processes  key handle on *relative strength* between operators and hence on the *underlying mechanism*

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- In addition to leptonic and radiative decays, *hadronic decays* are very important sensitive to large number of operators!
- But need reliable determinations of the hadronic part:  
*form factors* and *decay constants* (e.g.  $f_\eta$ ,  $f_{\eta'}$ )

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- Form factors for  $\tau \rightarrow \mu(e)\pi\pi$  determined using *dispersive techniques*
- Hadronic part:

Donoghue, Gasser, Leutwyler'90

$$H_\mu = \langle \pi\pi | (V_\mu - A_\mu) e^{iL_{QCD}} | 0 \rangle = (\text{Lorentz struct.})_\mu^i F_i(s)$$

with

$$s = (p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^-})^2$$

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Daub et al'13

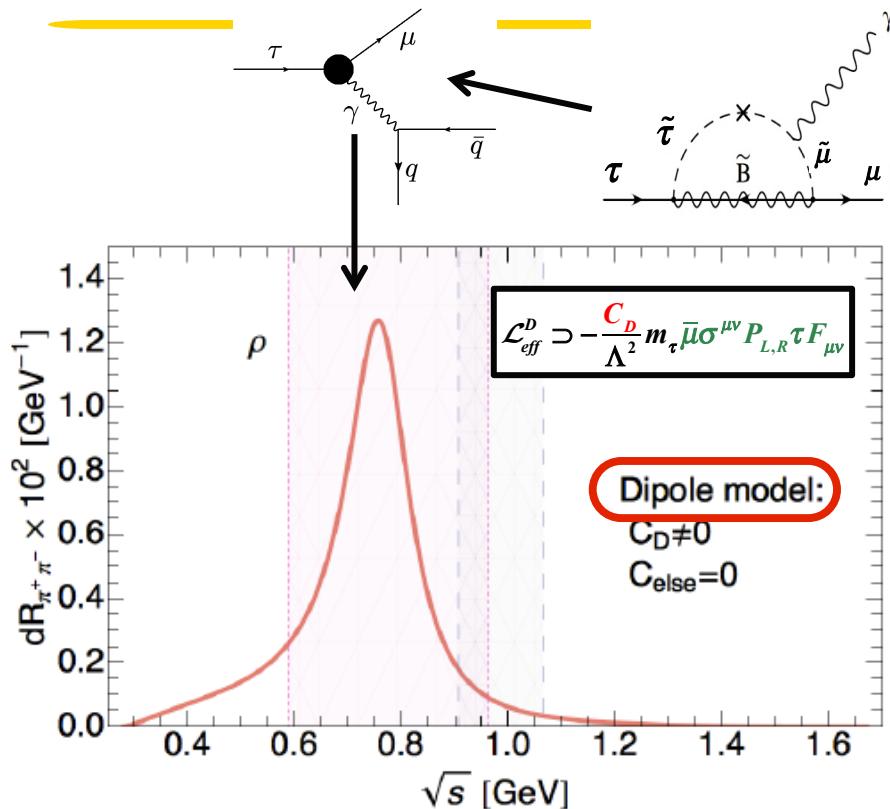
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- 2-channel unitarity condition is solved with I=0 S-wave  $\pi\pi$  and  $KK$  scattering data as input  
 $n = \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$

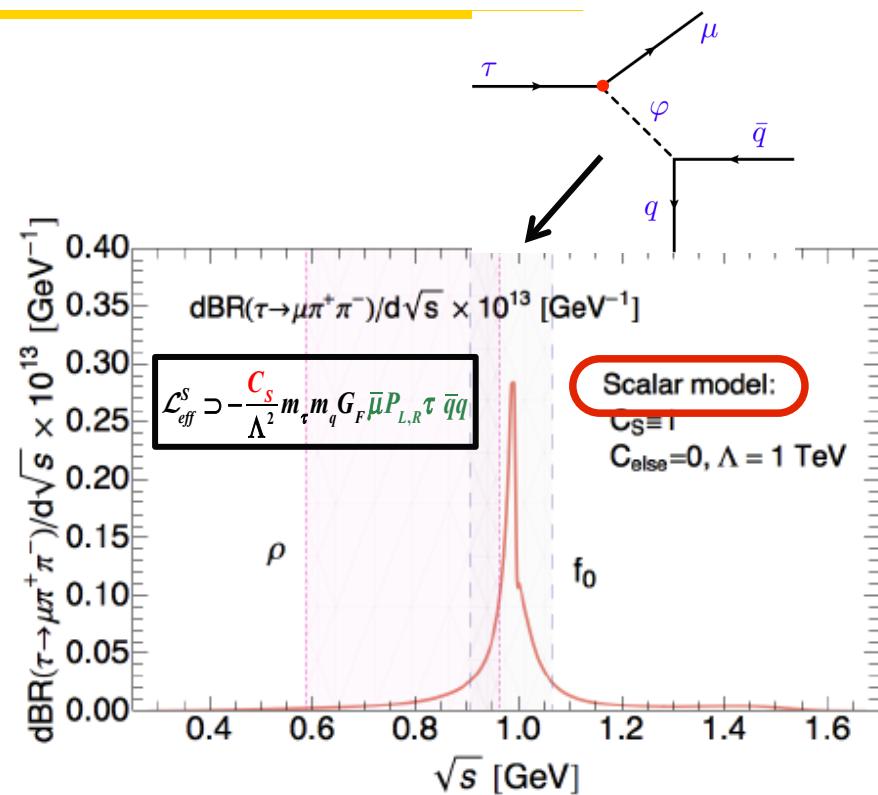
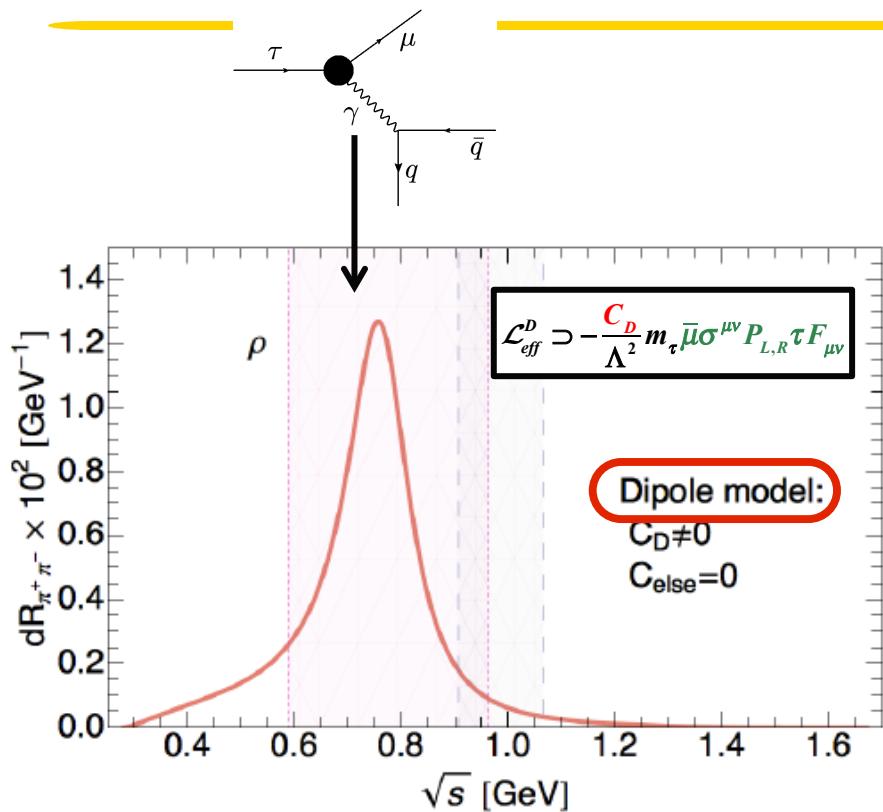
$$\text{Im}F_n(s) = \sum_{m=1}^2 T_{nm}^*(s) \sigma_m(s) F_m(s)$$

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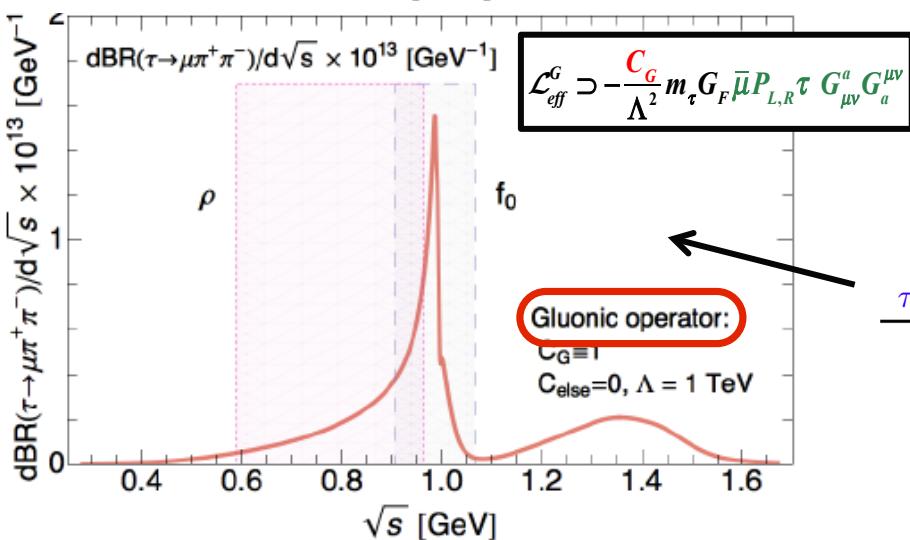
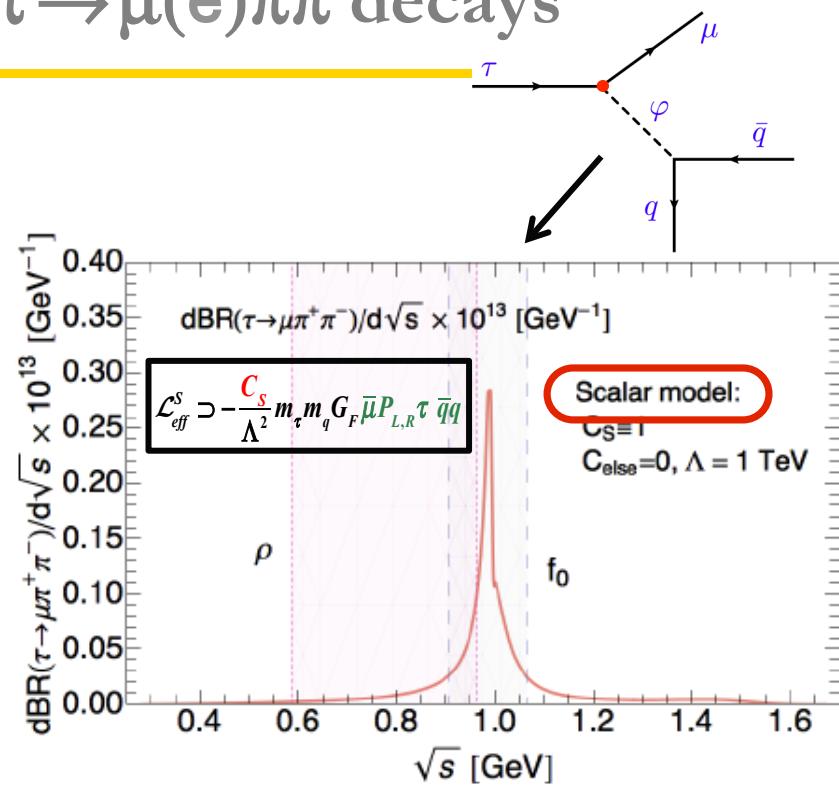
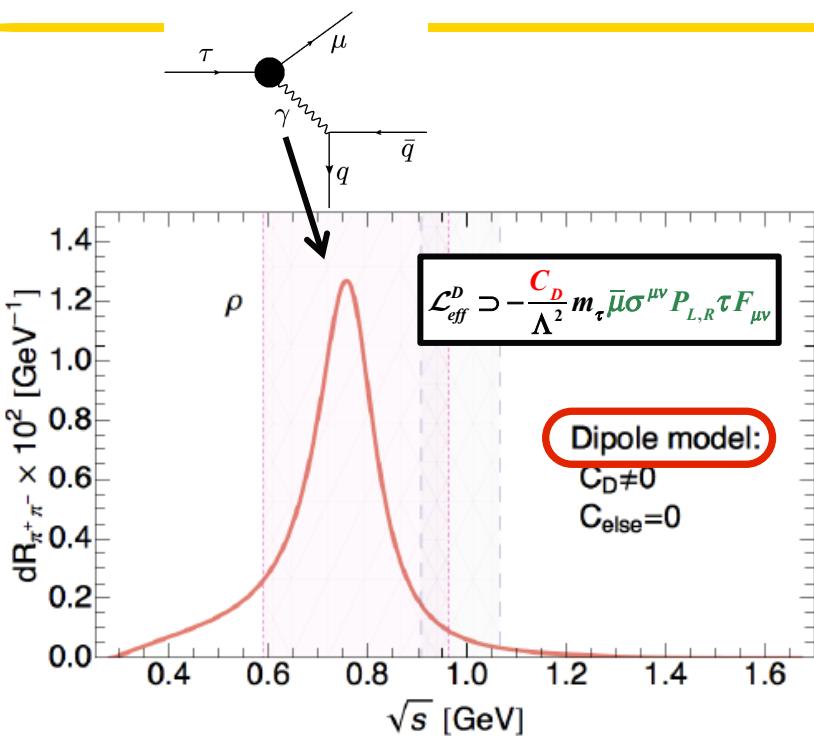
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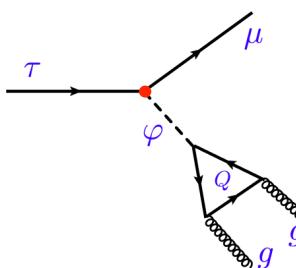
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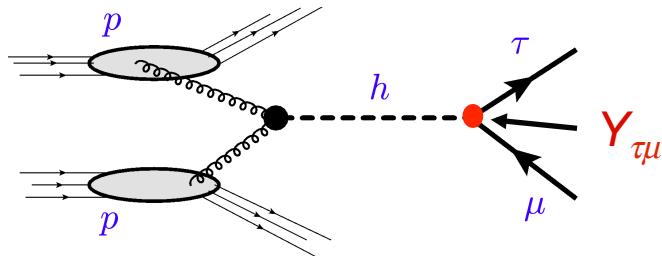
Different distributions according to the *operator!*



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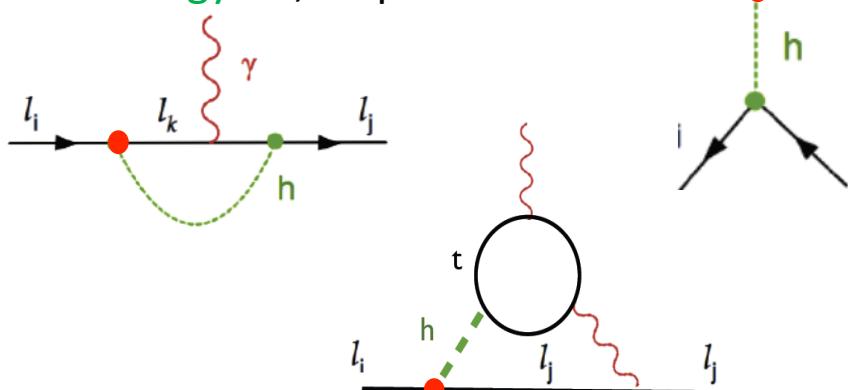


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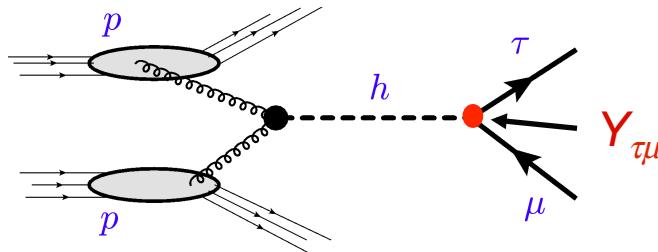
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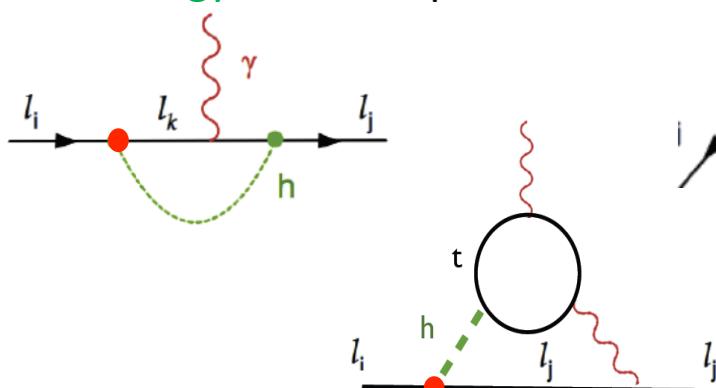
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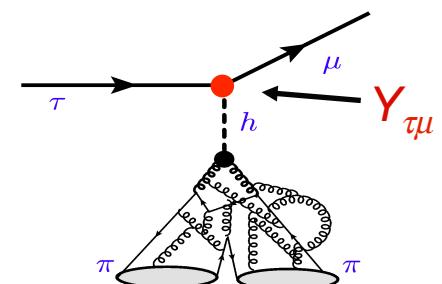
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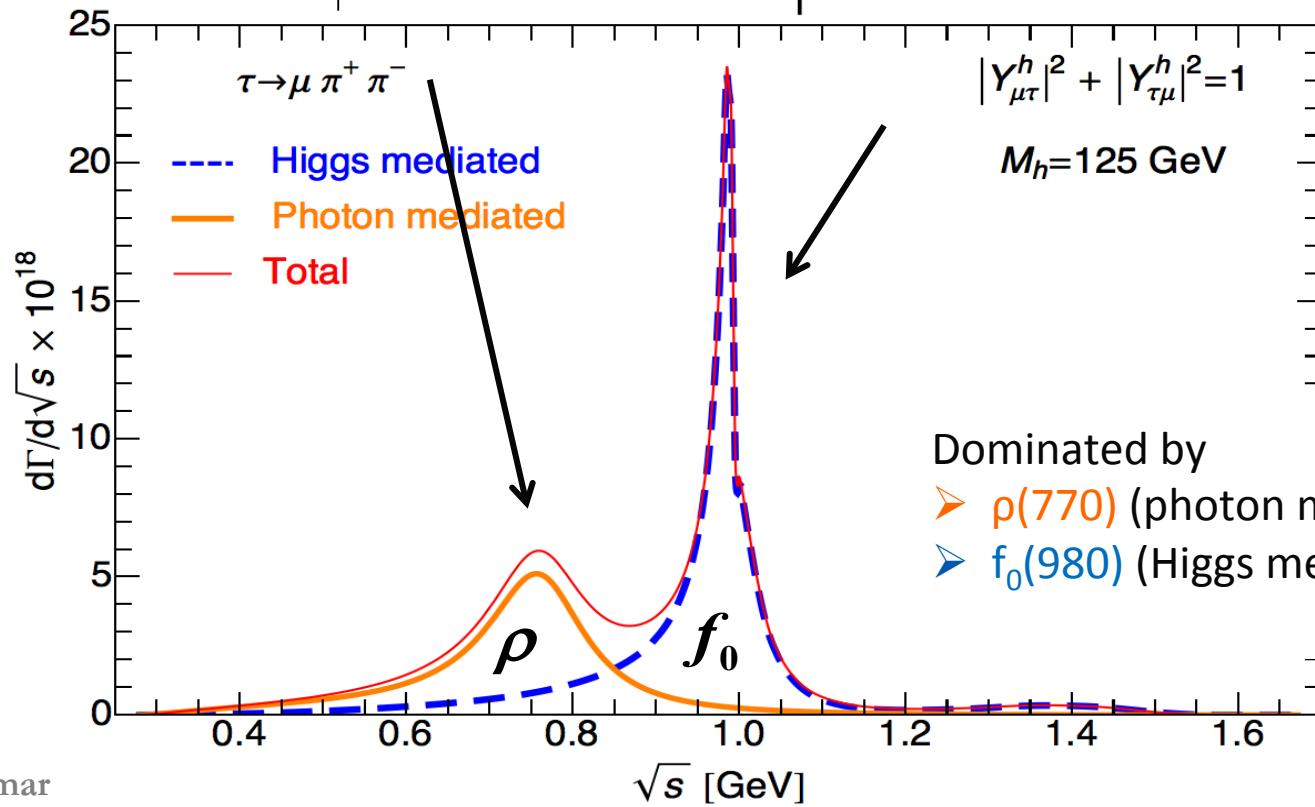
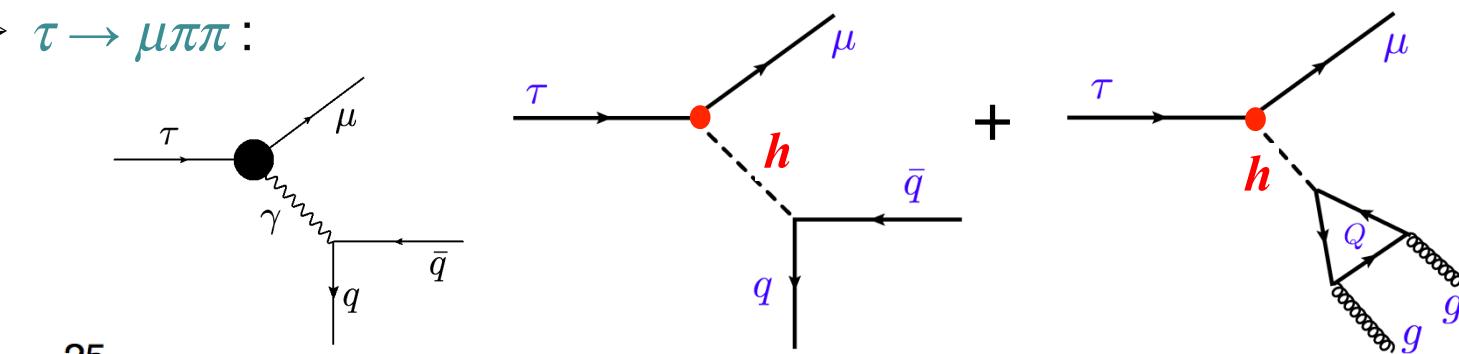


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# Constraints in the $\tau\mu$ sector

- At low energy

➤  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \pi \pi$ :

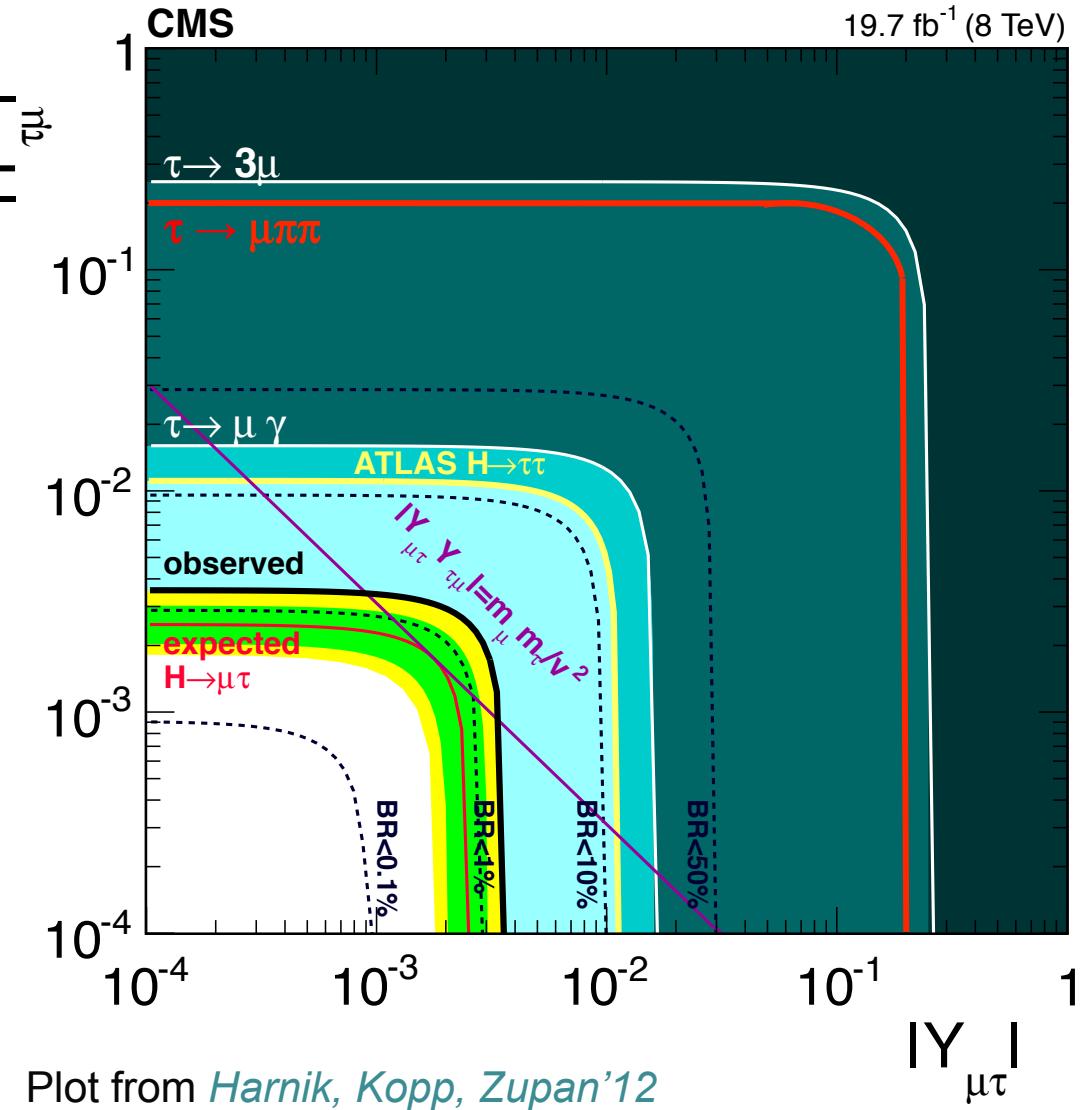


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Dominated by

- $\rho(770)$  (photon mediated)
- $f_0(980)$  (Higgs mediated)

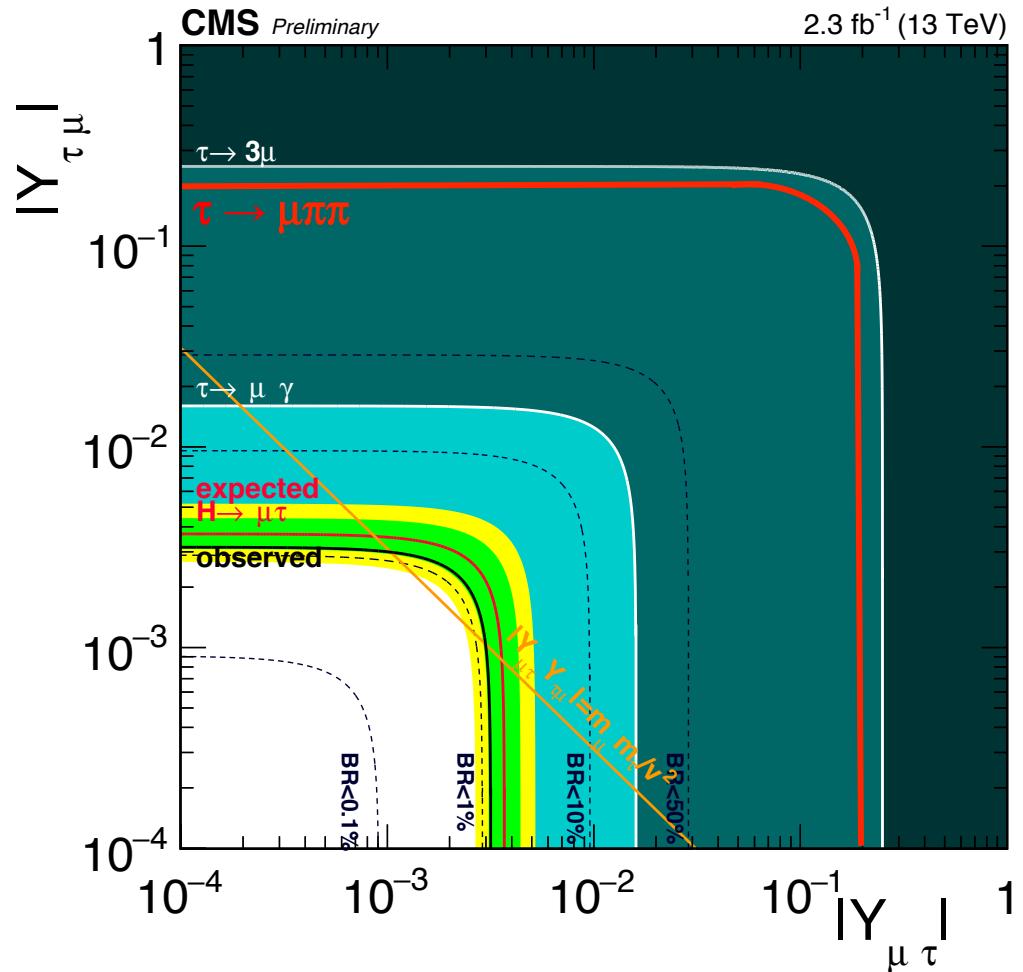
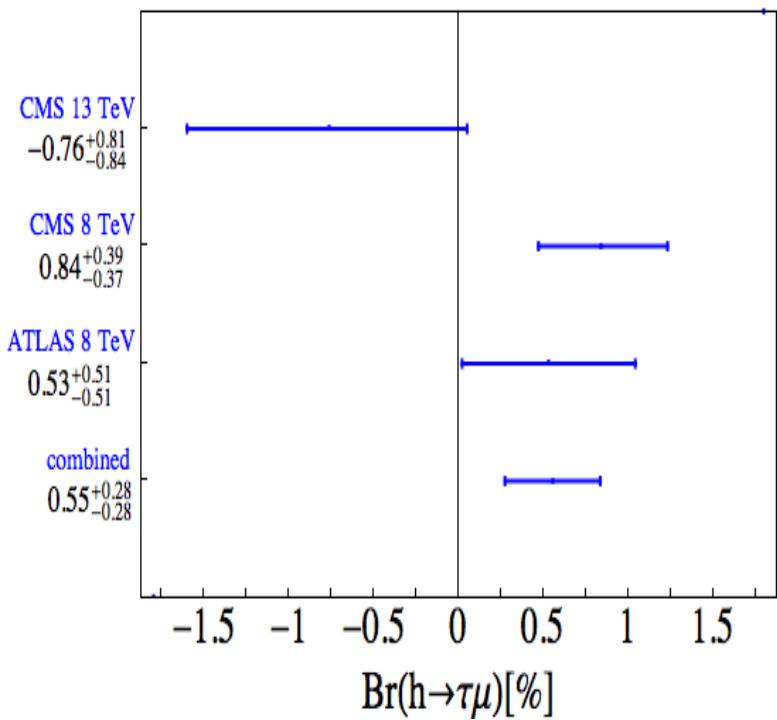
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- Constraints from LE:
  - $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ : best constraints but loop level
    - sensitive to UV completion of the theory
  - $\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi\pi$ : tree level diagrams
    - robust handle on LFV
- Constraints from HE:  
**LHC** wins for  $\tau\mu$ !
- Opposite situation for  $\mu e$ !
- For LFV Higgs and nothing else: LHC bound
  - $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 2.2 \times 10^{-9}$
  - $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi\pi) < 1.5 \times 10^{-11}$

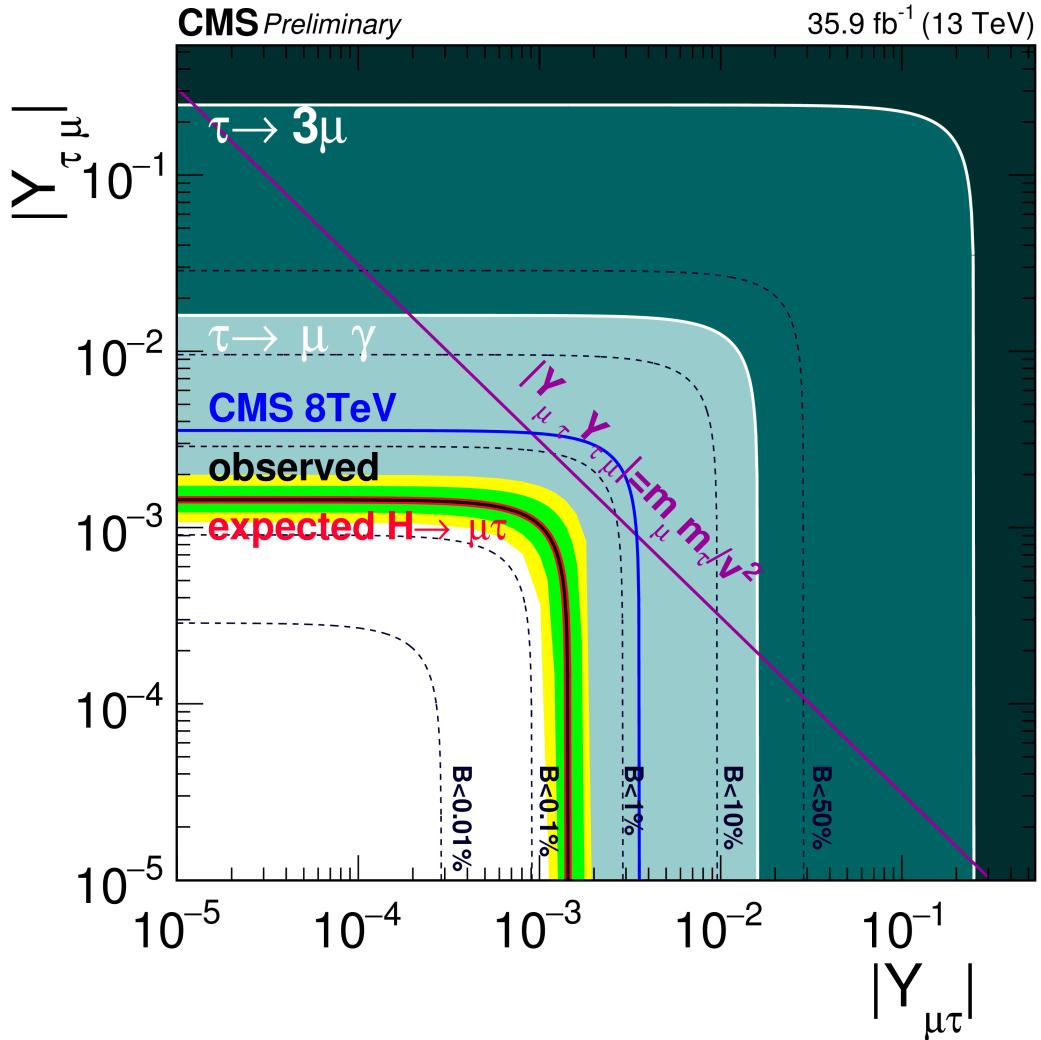
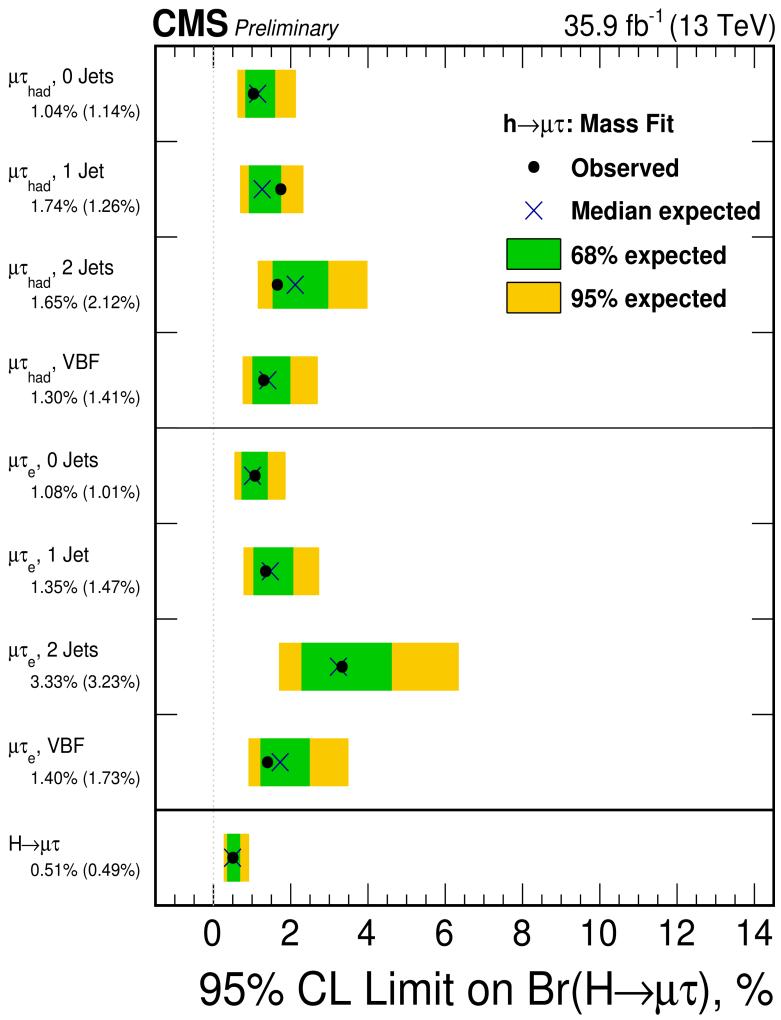
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## 4. Conclusion and outlook

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## 4.1 Conclusion

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- Tau physics is a very rich field: test QCD and EW, neutrino physics, etc..
- Several interesting anomalies: LFU,  $V_{us}$ , Higgs LFV, CPV in  $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$  , g-2
- Important experimental activities: Belle, BaBar, LHCb, BESIII, VEPP
- Intense theoretical activities : QCD, new physics
- A lot of *very interesting physics* remains to be done in the tau sector!

## 4.2 Outlook

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- 45 billion  $\tau^+\tau^-$  pairs in full dataset from  $\sigma(\tau^+\tau^-)_{E=\gamma(4S)} = 0.9 \text{ nb}$  *@Belle II*
  - B2TiP initiative: define the first set of measurements to be performed at *Belle II*  
<https://confluence.desy.de/display/BI/B2TiP+WebHome>
  - *Golden/Silver modes* for the Tau, Low Multiplicity and EW working group
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Process	Observable	Theory	Sys. limit (Discovery) vs LHCb/BESIII	Sys. limit (Discovery) vs Belle	Anomaly	NP	
● $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$Br.$	★★★	-	★★★	★★★	*	★★★
● $\tau \rightarrow lll$	$Br.$	★★★	-	★★★	★★★	*	★★★
● $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu$	$A_{CP}$	★★★	-	★★★	★★★	**	★★
● $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A' (\rightarrow \text{invisible})$	$\sigma$	★★★	-	★★★	★★★	*	★★★
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● $\pi$ form factor	$g - 2$	**	-	★★★	**	**	★★★
● ISR $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi$ g-2	$g - 2$	**	-	★★★	★★★	**	★★★

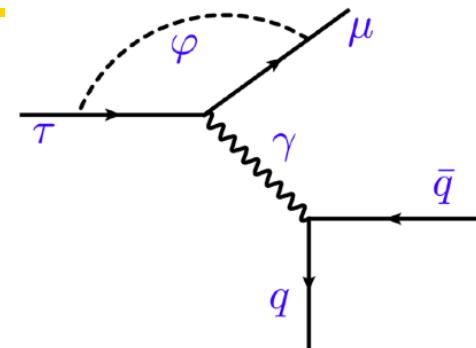
## 5. Back-up

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### 3.1 Constraints from $\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi\pi$

- Photon mediated contribution requires the pion vector form factor:

$$\langle \pi^+(p_{\pi^+})\pi^-(p_{\pi^-}) | \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}\gamma^\alpha u - \bar{d}\gamma^\alpha d) | 0 \rangle \equiv F_V(s)(p_{\pi^+} - p_{\pi^-})^\alpha$$



- Dispersive parametrization following the properties of analyticity and unitarity of the Form Factor

Gasser, Meißner '91

Guerrero, Pich '97

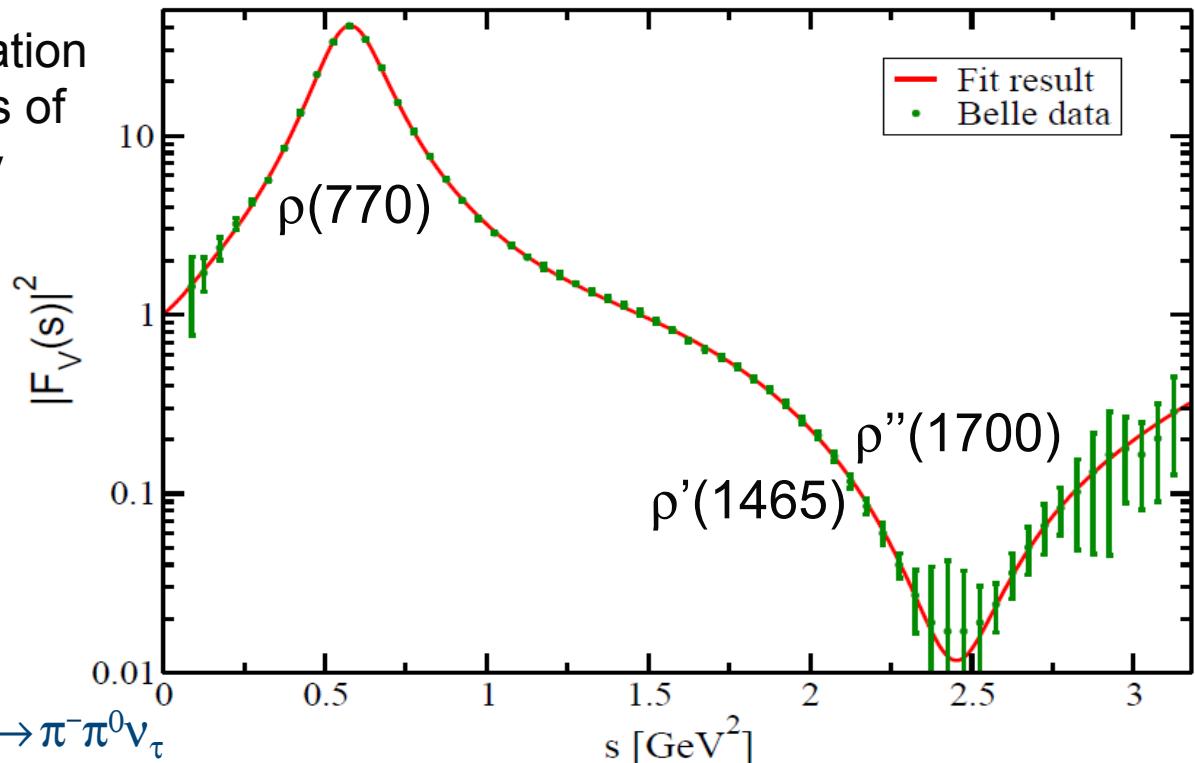
Oller, Oset, Palomar '01

Pich, Portolés '08

Gómez Dumm & Roig '13

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- Determined from a fit to the Belle data on  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$



Celis, Cirigliano, E.P.'14

# Determination of $F_V(s)$

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- Vector form factor
  - Precisely known from experimental measurements  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  and  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^-\nu_\tau$  (isospin rotation)
  - Theoretically: Dispersive parametrization for  $F_V(s)$

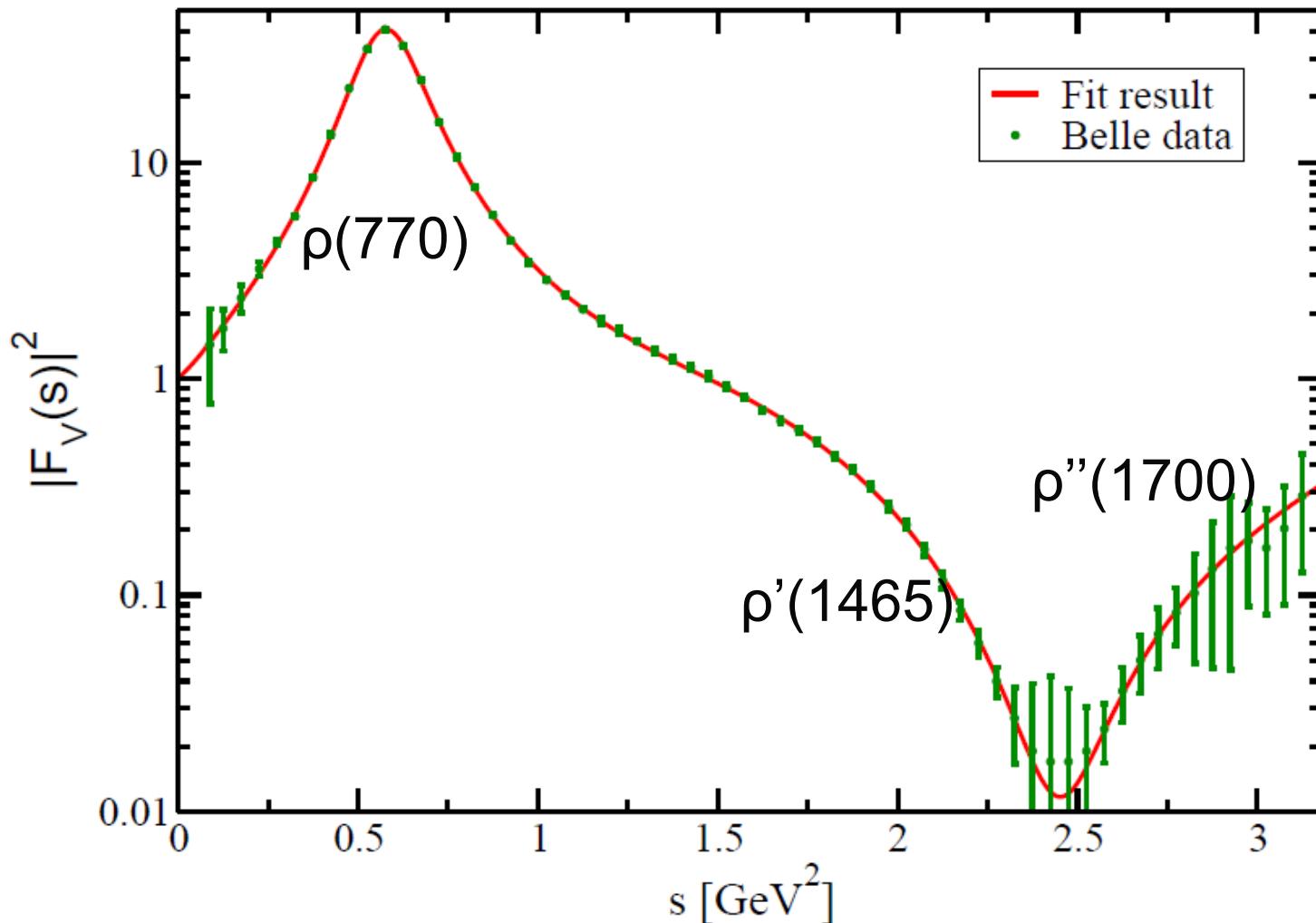
Guerrero, Pich'98, Pich, Portolés'08  
Gomez, Roig'13

$$F_V(s) = \exp \left[ \lambda_V^{'} \frac{s}{m_\pi^2} + \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_V^{''} - \lambda_V^{'2}) \left( \frac{s}{m_\pi^2} \right)^2 + \frac{s^3}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty \frac{ds'}{s'^3} \frac{\phi_V(s')}{(s' - s - i\varepsilon)} \right]$$

Extracted from a model including  
3 resonances  $\rho(770)$ ,  $\rho'(1465)$   
and  $\rho''(1700)$  fitted to the data

- Subtraction polynomial + phase determined from a *fit* to the  
*Belle data*  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^-\nu_\tau$

# Determination of $F_V(s)$



Determination of  $F_V(s)$  thanks to precise measurements from Belle!

### 3.1 Constraints from $\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi\pi$

- Tree level Higgs exchange

$$\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | m_u \bar{u} u + m_d \bar{d} d | 0 \rangle \equiv \Gamma_\pi(s)$$

$$\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | \theta_\mu^\mu | 0 \rangle \equiv \theta_\pi(s)$$

$$\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | m_s \bar{s} s | 0 \rangle \equiv \Delta_\pi(s)$$

$$s = (p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^-})^2$$

*Voloshin'85*

$$\theta_\mu^\mu = -9 \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_q \bar{q} q$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-)}{d\sqrt{s}} = \frac{(m_\tau^2 - s)^2 \sqrt{s - 4m_\pi^2}}{256\pi^3 m_\tau^3} \frac{(|Y_{\tau\mu}^h|^2 + |Y_{\mu\tau}^h|^2)}{M_h^4 v^2} |\mathcal{K}_\Delta \Delta_\pi(s) + \mathcal{K}_\Gamma \Gamma_\pi(s) + \mathcal{K}_\theta \theta_\pi(s)|^2$$

$$f(y_q^h)$$

# Determination of the form factors : $\Gamma_\pi(s)$ , $\Delta_\pi(s)$ , $\theta_\pi(s)$

- No experimental data for the other FFs  $\rightarrow$  *Coupled channel analysis*  
up to  $\sqrt{s} \sim 1.4$  GeV

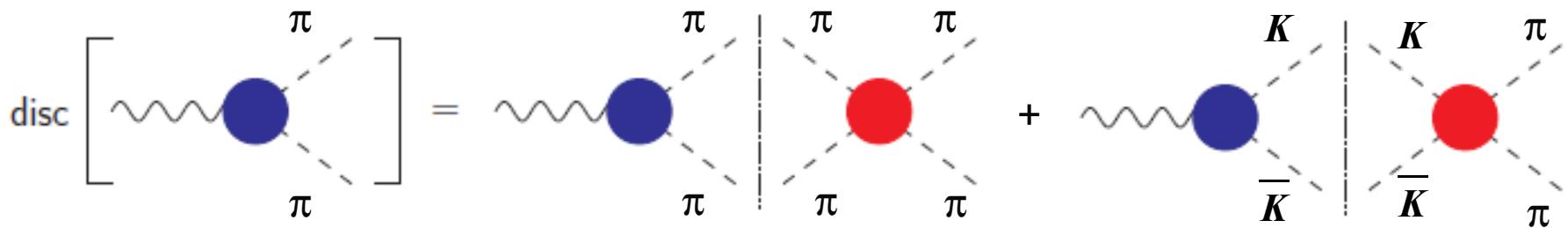
Inputs:  $I=0$ , S-wave  $\pi\pi$  and  $KK$  data

*Donoghue, Gasser, Leutwyler'90*

*Moussallam'99*

*Daub et al'13*

- Unitarity:



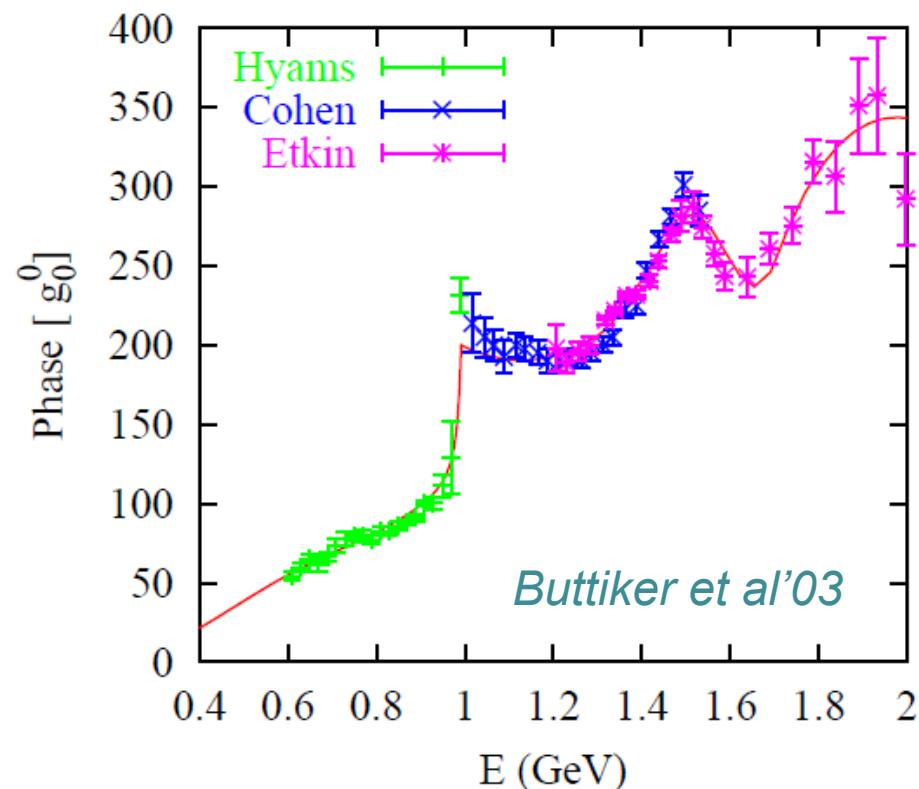
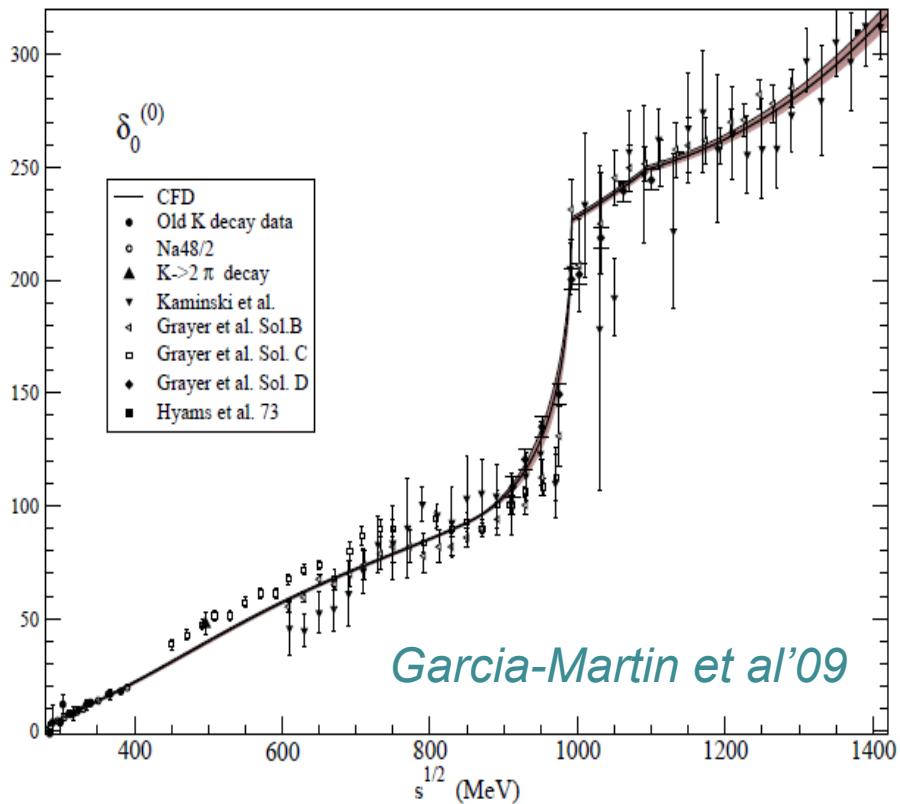
$$\text{disc} = \text{disc}_{\pi\pi} + \text{disc}_{KK}$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Im}F_n(s) = \sum_{m=1}^2 T_{nm}^*(s) \sigma_m(s) F_m(s)}$$

$n = \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$

# Determination of the form factors : $\Gamma_\pi(s)$ , $\Delta_\pi(s)$ , $\Theta_\pi(s)$

Celis, Cirigliano, E.P.'14

- Inputs :  $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, KK$



- A large number of theoretical analyses *Descotes-Genon et al'01*, *Kaminsky et al'01*, *Buttiker et al'03*, *Garcia-Martin et al'09*, *Colangelo et al.'11* and all agree
- 3 inputs:  $\delta_\pi(s)$ ,  $\delta_K(s)$ ,  $\eta$  from *B. Moussallam* reconstruct *T matrix*

### 3.4.4 Determination of the form factors : $\Gamma_\pi(s)$ , $\Delta_\pi(s)$ , $\Theta_\pi(s)$

- General solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_\pi(s) \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}F_K(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1(s) & D_1(s) \\ C_2(s) & D_2(s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_F(s) \\ Q_F(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

Canonical solution

Polynomial determined from a matching to ChPT + lattice

- Canonical solution found by solving the dispersive integral equations iteratively starting with Omnès functions

$$X(s) = C(s), D(s)$$

$$\text{Im}X_n^{(N+1)}(s) = \sum_{m=1}^2 \text{Re} \left\{ T_{nm}^* \sigma_m(s) X_m^{(N)} \right\}$$



$$\text{Re}X_n^{(N+1)}(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds'}{s' - s} \text{Im}X_n^{(N+1)}$$

# Determination of the polynomial

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- General solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_\pi(s) \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}F_K(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1(s) & D_1(s) \\ C_2(s) & D_2(s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_F(s) \\ Q_F(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Fix the polynomial with requiring  $F_P(s) \rightarrow 1/s$  (*Brodsky & Lepage*) + ChPT:

Feynman-Hellmann theorem:  $\rightarrow \Gamma_P(0) = \left( m_u \frac{\partial}{\partial m_u} + m_d \frac{\partial}{\partial m_d} \right) M_P^2$

$$\Delta_P(0) = \left( m_s \frac{\partial}{\partial m_s} \right) M_P^2$$

- At LO in ChPT:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\pi^+}^2 &= (m_u + m_d) B_0 + O(m^2) \\ M_{K^+}^2 &= (m_u + m_s) B_0 + O(m^2) \quad \rightarrow \\ M_{K^0}^2 &= (m_d + m_s) B_0 + O(m^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_\Gamma(s) &= \Gamma_\pi(0) = M_\pi^2 + \dots \\ Q_\Gamma(s) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \Gamma_K(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} M_\pi^2 + \dots \\ P_\Delta(s) &= \Delta_\pi(0) = 0 + \dots \\ Q_\Delta(s) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \Delta_K(0) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( M_K^2 - \frac{1}{2} M_\pi^2 \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Determination of the polynomial

- General solution

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- Problem: large corrections in the case of the kaons!  
→ Use lattice QCD to determine the SU(3) LECs

$$\Gamma_K(0) = (0.5 \pm 0.1) M_\pi^2$$

$$\Delta_K(0) = 1^{+0.15}_{-0.05} (M_K^2 - 1/2M_\pi^2)$$

*Dreiner, Hanart, Kubis, Meissner'13  
Bernard, Descotes-Genon, Toucas'12*

# Determination of the polynomial

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- General solution

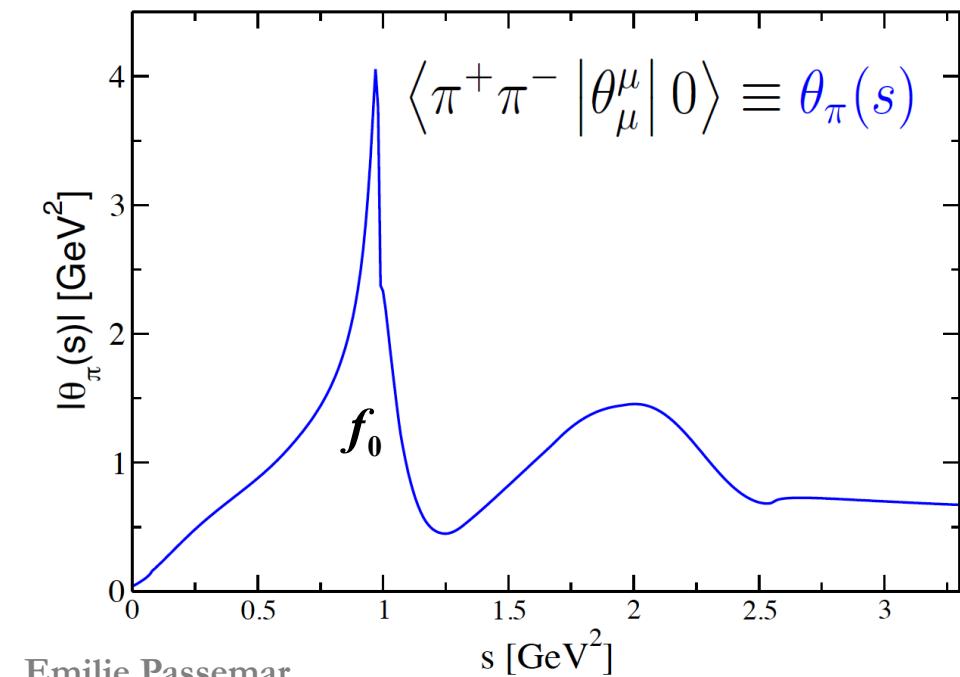
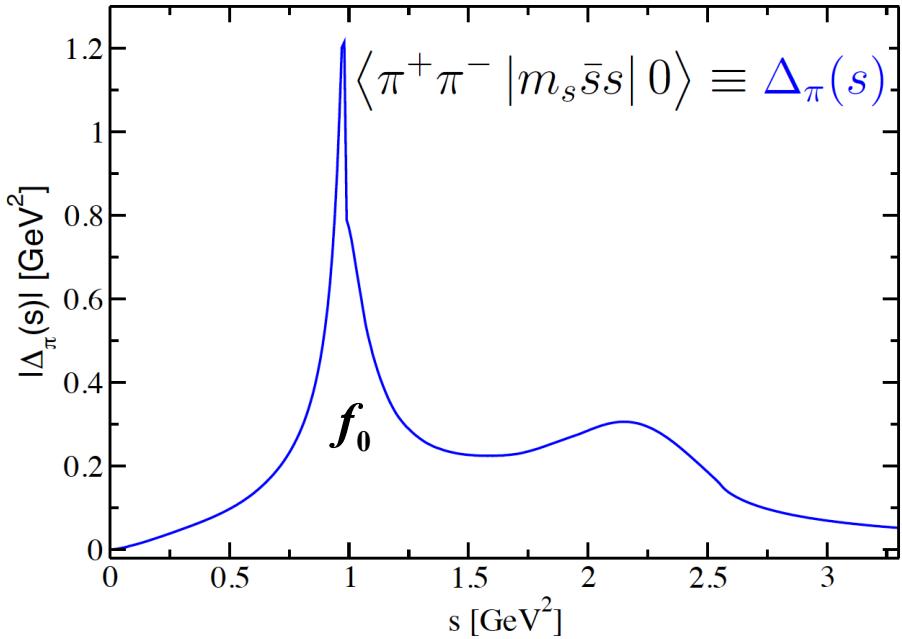
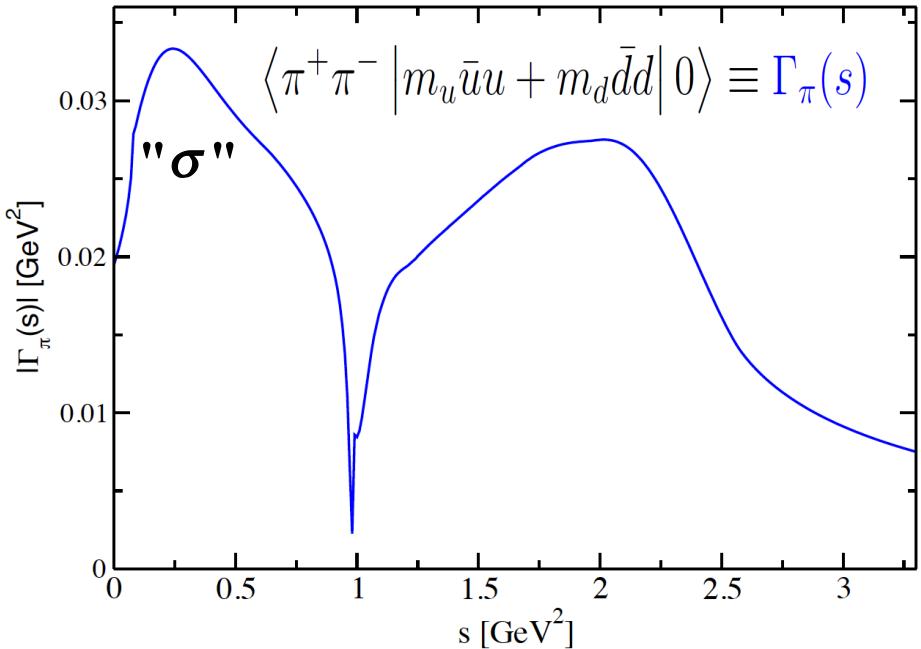
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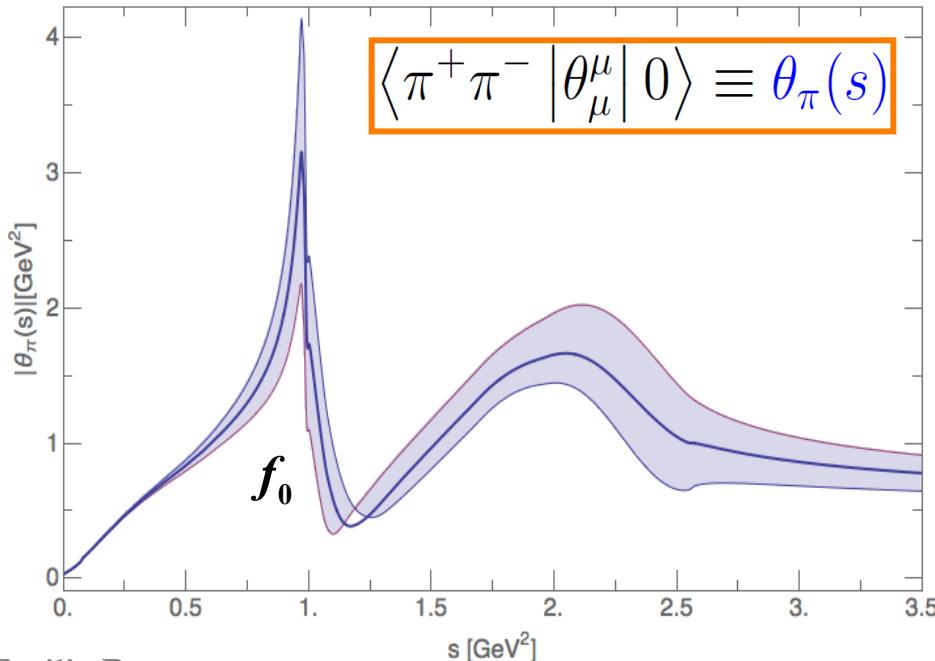
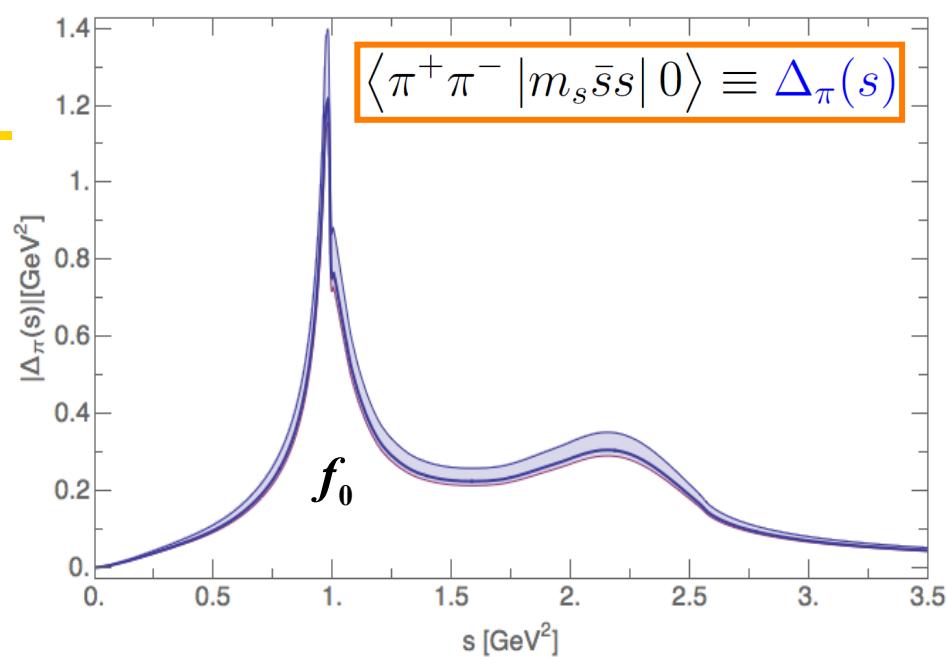
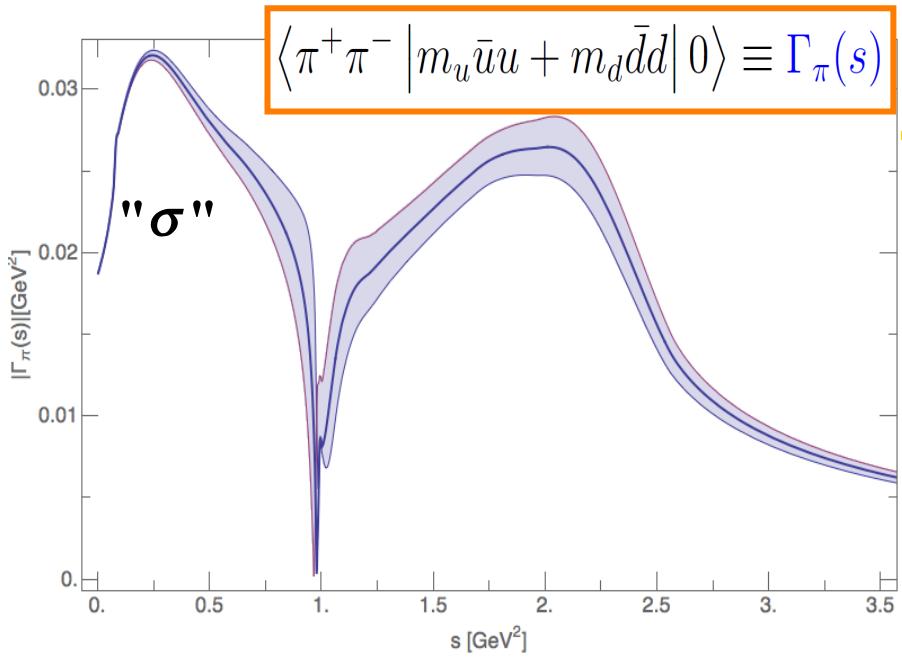
- For  $\theta_P$  enforcing the asymptotic constraint is not consistent with ChPT  
The unsubtracted DR is not saturated by the 2 states

➡ Relax the constraints and match to ChPT

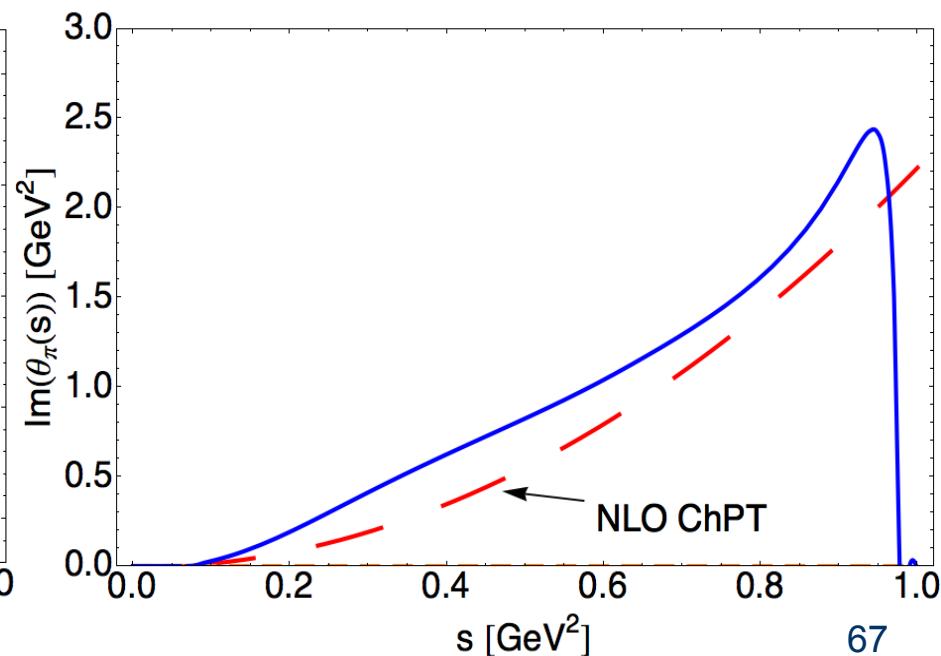
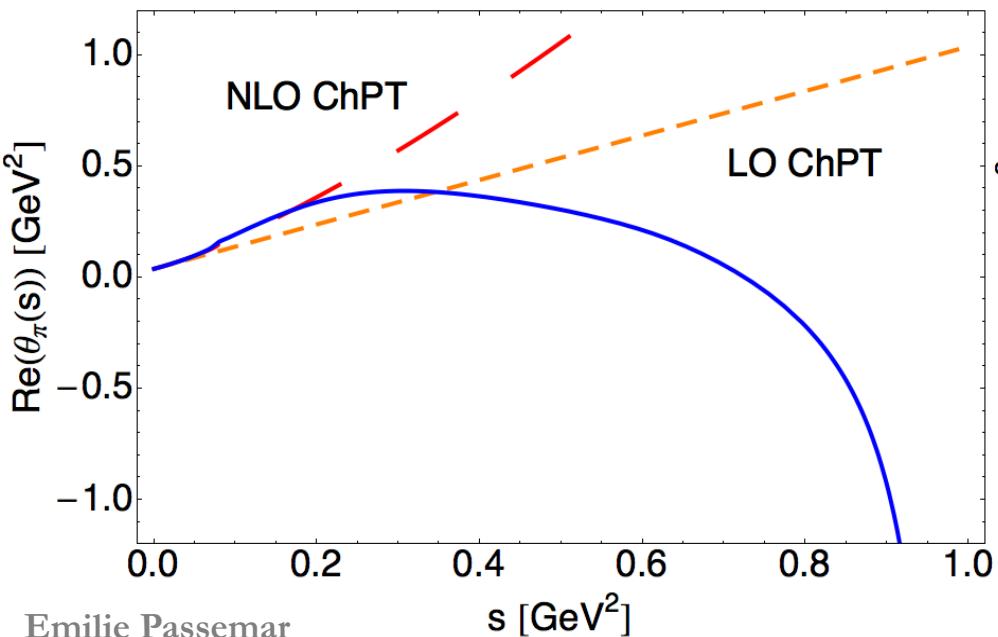
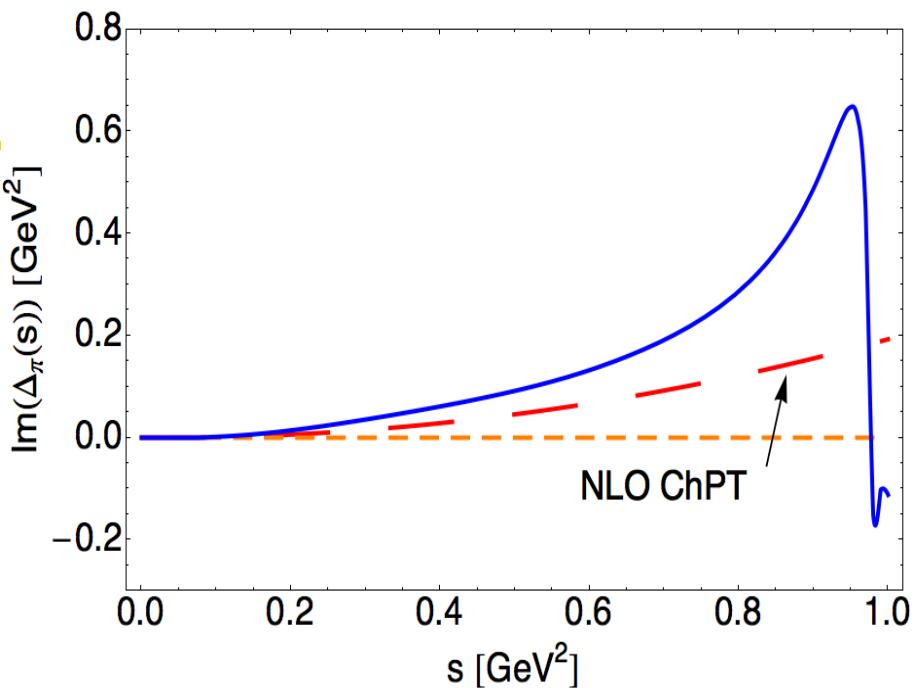
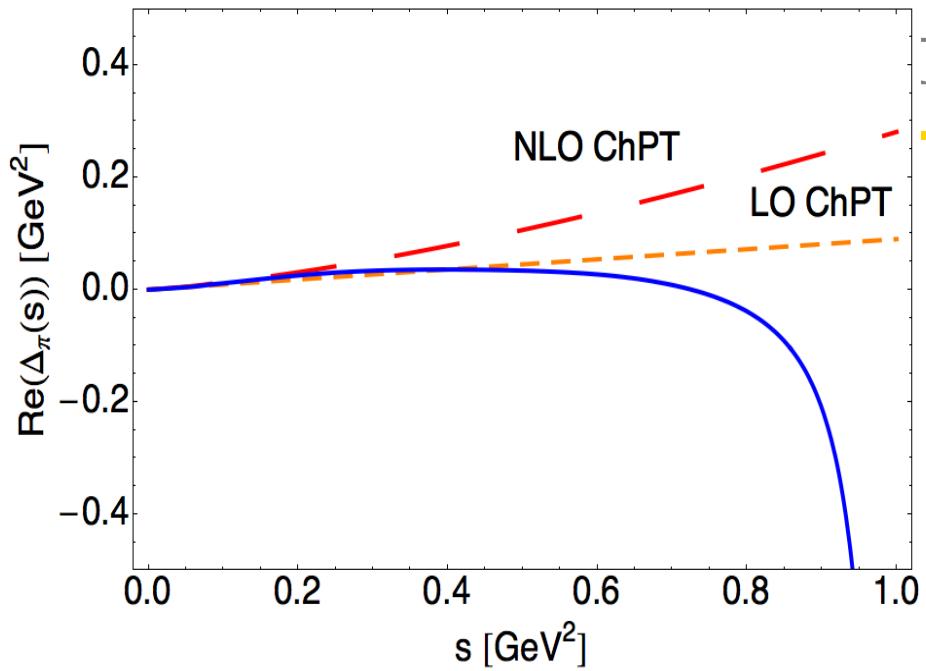
$$P_\theta(s) = 2M_\pi^2 + \left( \dot{\theta}_\pi - 2M_\pi^2 \dot{C}_1 - \frac{4M_K^2}{\sqrt{3}} \dot{D}_1 \right) s$$

$$Q_\theta(s) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}M_K^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \dot{\theta}_K - \sqrt{3}M_\pi^2 \dot{C}_2 - 2M_K^2 \dot{D}_2 \right) s$$





- Uncertainties:
  - Varying  $s_{\text{cut}}$  ( $1.4 \text{ GeV}^2 - 1.8 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
  - Varying the matching conditions
  - T matrix inputs



## 5. CPV in tau decays

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## 5.1 $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$ CP violating asymmetry

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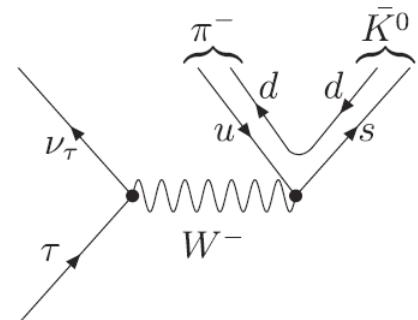
$$A_Q = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau) - \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \nu_\tau)}{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau) + \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \nu_\tau)}$$

$$= |p|^2 - |q|^2 \approx (0.36 \pm 0.01)\%$$

in the SM

*Bigi & Sanda'05*

*Grossman & Nir'11*



$$|K_S^0\rangle = p|K^0\rangle + q|\bar{K}^0\rangle$$

$$|K_L^0\rangle = p|K^0\rangle - q|\bar{K}^0\rangle$$

$$\langle K_L | K_S \rangle = |p|^2 - |q|^2 \simeq 2 \operatorname{Re}(\epsilon_K)$$

- Experimental measurement : *BaBar'11*

$$A_{Q\text{exp}} = (-0.36 \pm 0.23_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.11_{\text{syst}})\%$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.8\sigma$$

from the SM!

- CP violation in the tau decays should be of opposite sign compared to the one in D decays in the SM

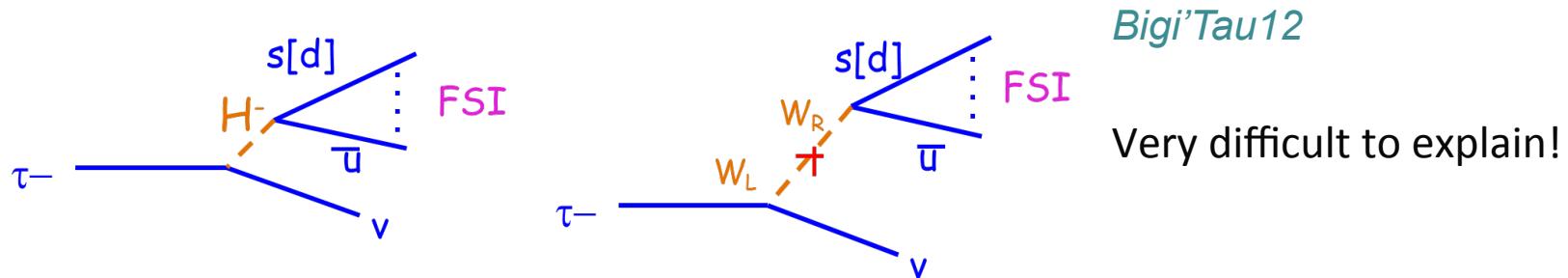
*Grossman & Nir'11*

$$A_D = \frac{\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0) - \Gamma(D^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0)}{\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0) + \Gamma(D^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0)} = (-0.54 \pm 0.14)\%$$

*Belle, Babar,  
CLOE, FOCUS*

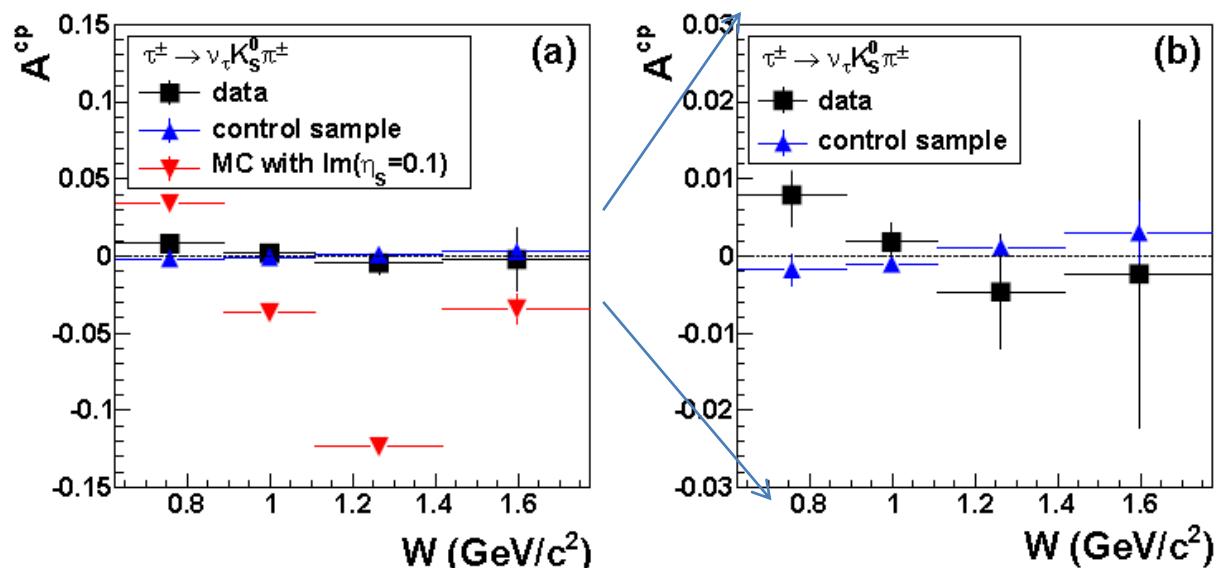
## 5.1 $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$ CP violating asymmetry

- New physics? Charged Higgs,  $W_L$ - $W_R$  mixings, leptoquarks, tensor interactions (*Devi, Dhargyal, Sinha'14*)?



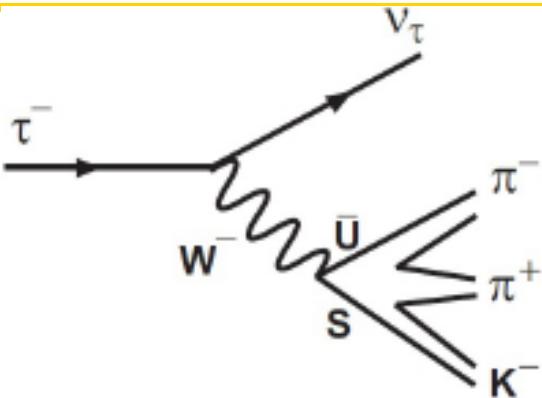
- Problem with this measurement? It would be great to have other experimental measurements from *Belle, BES III or Tau-Charm factory*

- Measurement of the direct contribution of NP in the angular CP violating asymmetry done by *CLEO* and *Belle* Belle does not see any asymmetry at the **0.2 - 0.3% level**



## 5.2 Three body CP asymmetries

- Ex:  $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\pi\nu_\tau$



- A variety of CPV observables can be studied :  
 $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\pi\nu_\tau$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\nu_\tau$  rate, angular asymmetries, triple products,....

e.g., Choi, Hagiwara and Tanabashi'98  
Kiers, Little, Datta, London et al.,'08  
Mileo, Kiers and, Szykman'14

Same principle as in charm, *see Bevan'15*

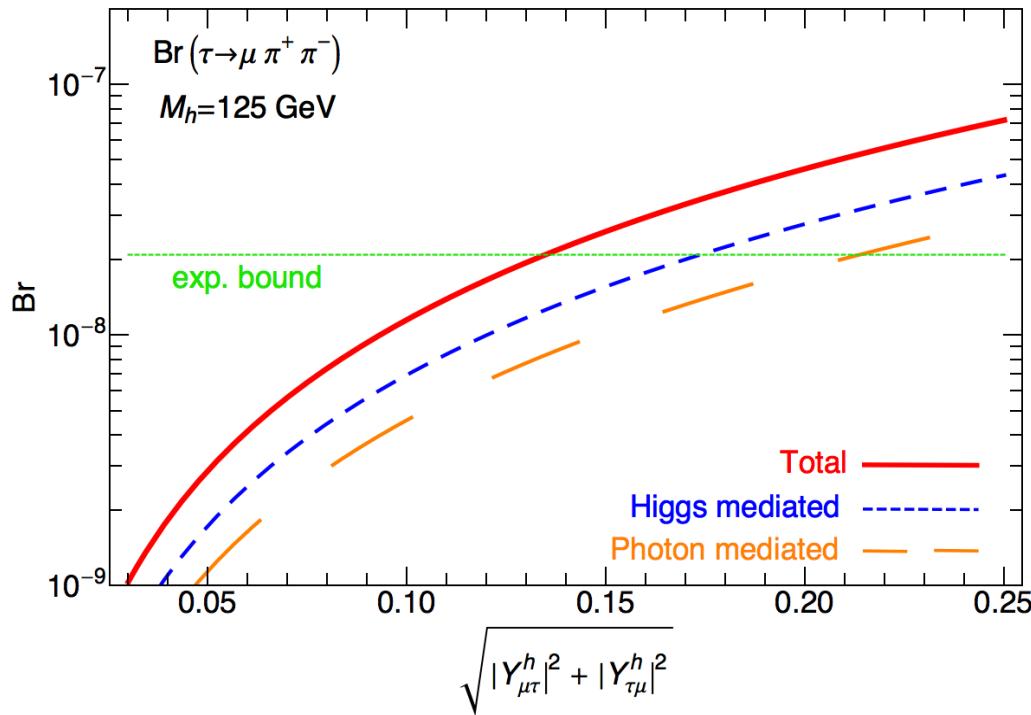
Difficulty : Treatment of the hadronic part

Hadronic final state interactions have to be taken into account!

➡ Disentangle weak and strong phases

- More form factors, more asymmetries to build but same principles as for 2 bodies

## 3.5 Results



Bound:

$$\sqrt{|Y_{\mu\tau}^h|^2 + |Y_{\tau\mu}^h|^2} \leq 0.13$$

Process	(BR $\times 10^8$ ) 90% CL	$\sqrt{ Y_{\mu\tau}^h ^2 +  Y_{\tau\mu}^h ^2}$	Operator(s)
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	< 4.4 [88]	< 0.016	Dipole
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$	< 2.1 [89]	< 0.24	Dipole
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-$	< 2.1 [86]	< 0.13	Scalar, Gluon, Dipole
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\rho$	< 1.2 [85]	< 0.13	Scalar, Gluon, Dipole
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^0\pi^0$	$< 1.4 \times 10^3$ [87]	< 6.3	Scalar, Gluon

Less stringent  
but more robust  
handle on LFV  
Higgs couplings

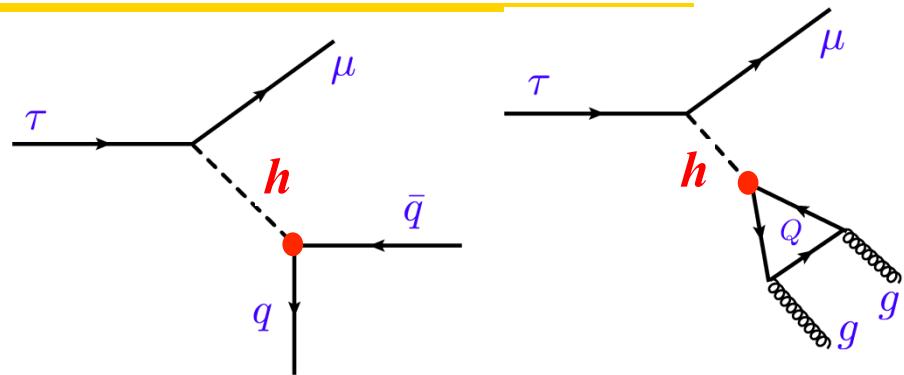


### 3.5 What if $\tau \rightarrow \mu(e)\pi\pi$ observed?

Reinterpreting Celis, Cirigliano, E.P'14

Talk by J. Zupan  
@ KEK-FF2014FALL

- $\tau \rightarrow \mu(e)\pi\pi$  sensitive to  $Y_{\mu\tau}$  but also to  $Y_{u,d,s}$ !



- $Y_{u,d,s}$  poorly bounded

- For  $Y_{u,d,s}$  at their SM values :

$$Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-) < 1.6 \times 10^{-11}, Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^0\pi^0) < 4.6 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$Br(\tau \rightarrow e\pi^+\pi^-) < 2.3 \times 10^{-10}, Br(\tau \rightarrow e\pi^0\pi^0) < 6.9 \times 10^{-11}$$

- But for  $Y_{u,d,s}$  at their upper bound:

$$Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-) < 3.0 \times 10^{-8}, Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^0\pi^0) < 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$$

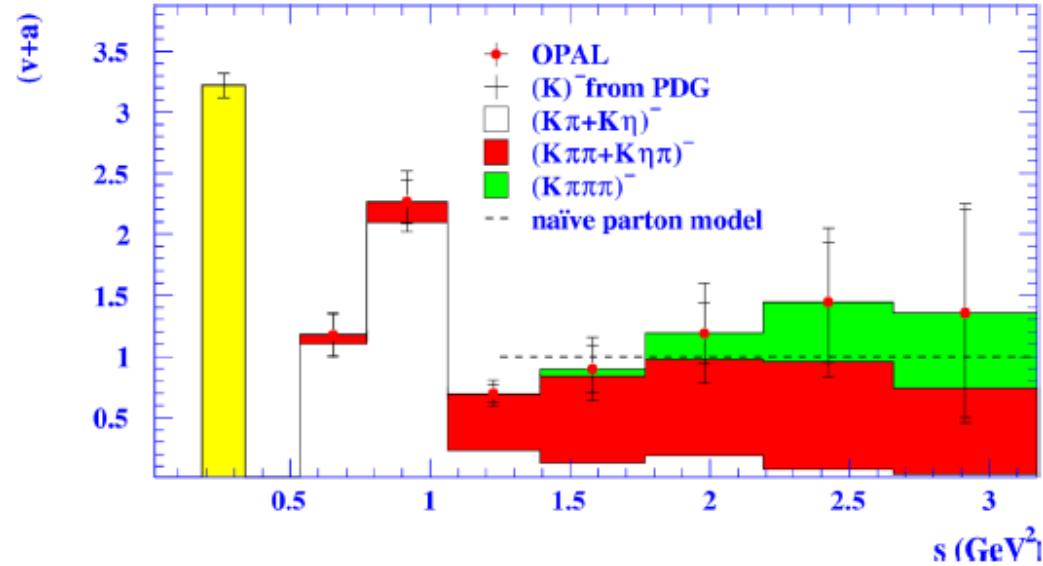
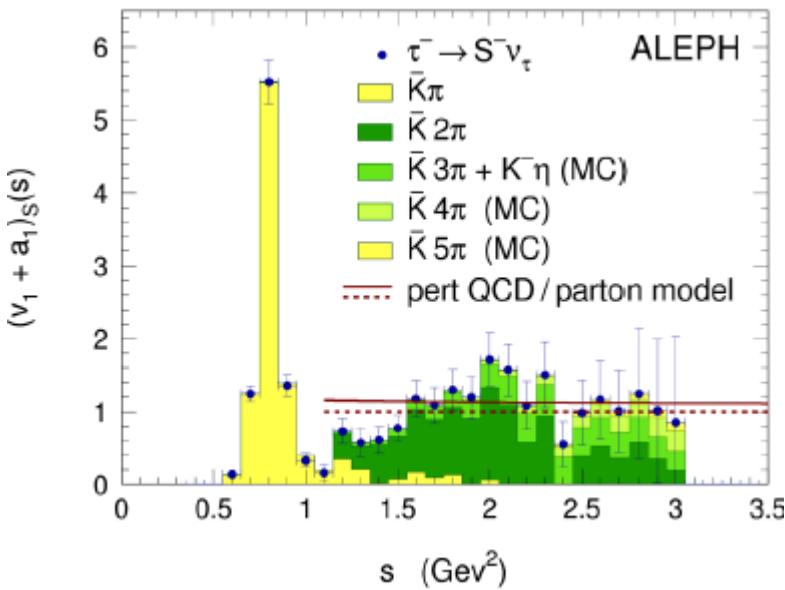
$$Br(\tau \rightarrow e\pi^+\pi^-) < 4.3 \times 10^{-7}, Br(\tau \rightarrow e\pi^0\pi^0) < 2.1 \times 10^{-7}$$

below present experimental limits!

- If discovered → among other things *upper limit* on  $Y_{u,d,s}$ !  
→ Interplay between high-energy and low-energy constraints!

## 3.6 Prospects : $\tau$ strange Brs

- Experimental measurements of the strange spectral functions not very precise



→ New measurements are needed !

- Before B-factories
- With B-factories new measurements :

Smaller  $\tau \rightarrow K$  branching ratios



smaller  $R_{\tau,S}$

→ smaller  $V_{us}$

$$R_\tau^S \Big|_{\text{old}} = 0.1686(47)$$



$$R_\tau^S \Big|_{\text{new}} = 0.1615(28)$$

$$|V_{us}|_{\text{old}} = 0.2214 \pm 0.0031_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

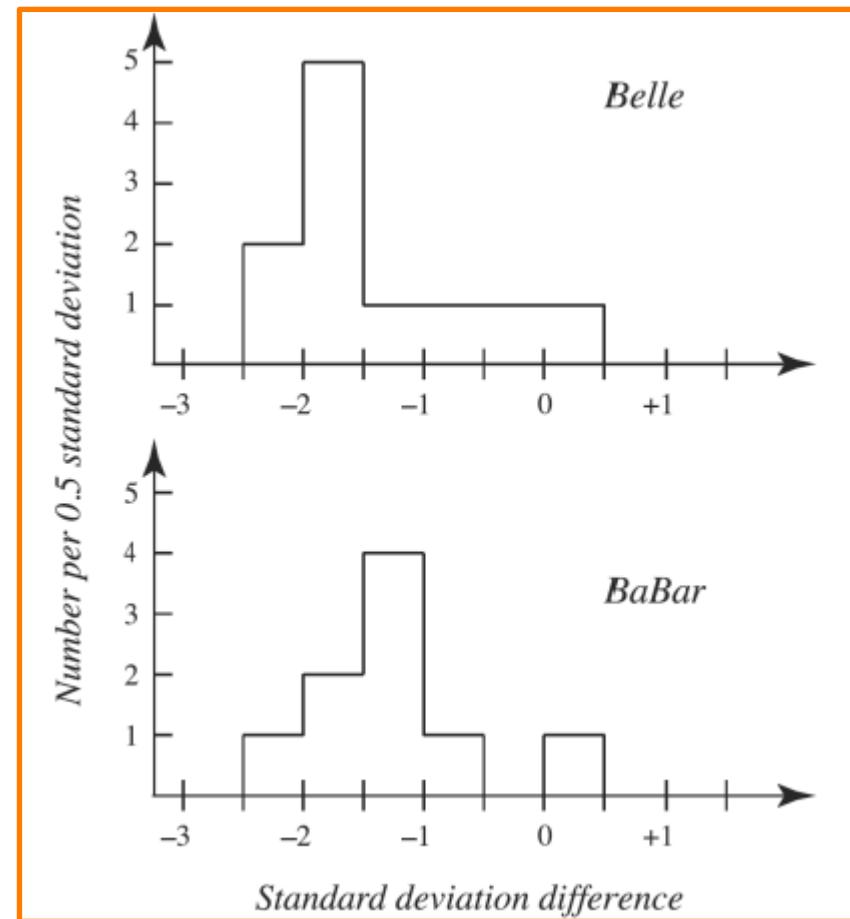


$$|V_{us}|_{\text{new}} = 0.2176 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

## 3.6 Prospects : $\tau$ strange Brs

- *PDG 2014*: « Eigtheen of the 20  $B$ -factory branching fraction measurements are smaller than the non- $B$ -factory values. The average normalized difference between the two sets of measurements is -1.30 » (-1.41 for the 11 Belle measurements and -1.24 for the 9 BaBar measurements)
- Measured modes by the 2  $B$  factories:

Mode	BaBar – Belle Normalized Difference (# $\sigma$ )
$\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	+1.4
$K^-\pi^+\pi^-\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	-2.9
$K^-K^+\pi^-\nu_\tau$	-2.9
$K^-K^+K^-\nu_\tau$	-5.4
$\eta K^-\nu_\tau$	-1.0
$\phi K^-\nu_\tau$	-1.3



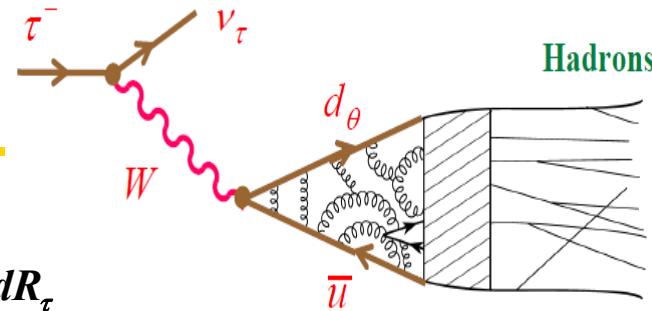
## 2.2 Experimental situation

- Observable studied

$$R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dR_\tau}{ds}$$

- Decomposition as a function of observed and separated final states

$$R_\tau = R_{\tau,V} + R_{\tau,A} + R_{\tau,S}$$



Zhang'Tau14

$$\nu_1/a_1 [\tau^- \rightarrow V^- / A^- \nu_\tau] \propto \frac{\text{BR}[\tau^- \rightarrow V^- / A^- \nu_\tau]}{\text{BR}[\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau]} \quad \frac{1}{N_{V/A}} \frac{dN_{V/A}}{ds} \quad \frac{m_\tau^2}{(1-s/m_\tau^2)^2 (1+2s/m_\tau^2)}$$

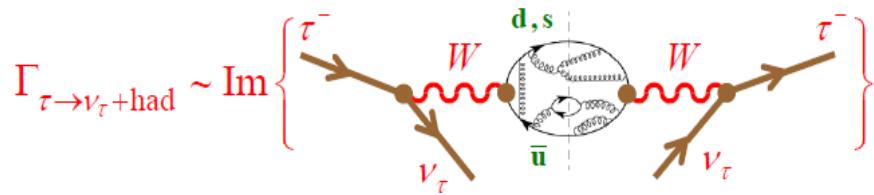
Vector/Axial-vector  
spectral functions

branching fractions mass spectrum kinematic factor

## 2.4 Calculation of the QCD corrections

- Calculation of  $R_\tau$ :

Braaten, Narison, Pich'92

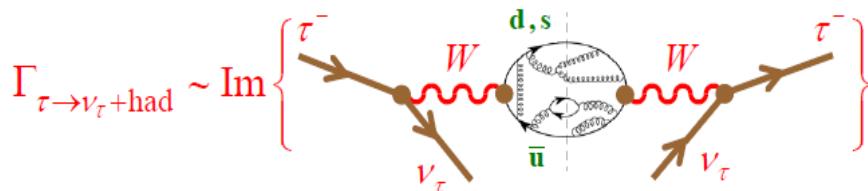


$$\text{Im}\Pi_{\bar{u}d,V/A}^{(1)}(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi} v_1/a_1(s)$$

→ 
$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = 12\pi S_{EW} \int_0^{m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2 \left[ \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \text{Im}\Pi^{(1)}(s+i\epsilon) + \text{Im}\Pi^{(0)}(s+i\epsilon) \right]$$

## 2.4 Calculation of the QCD corrections

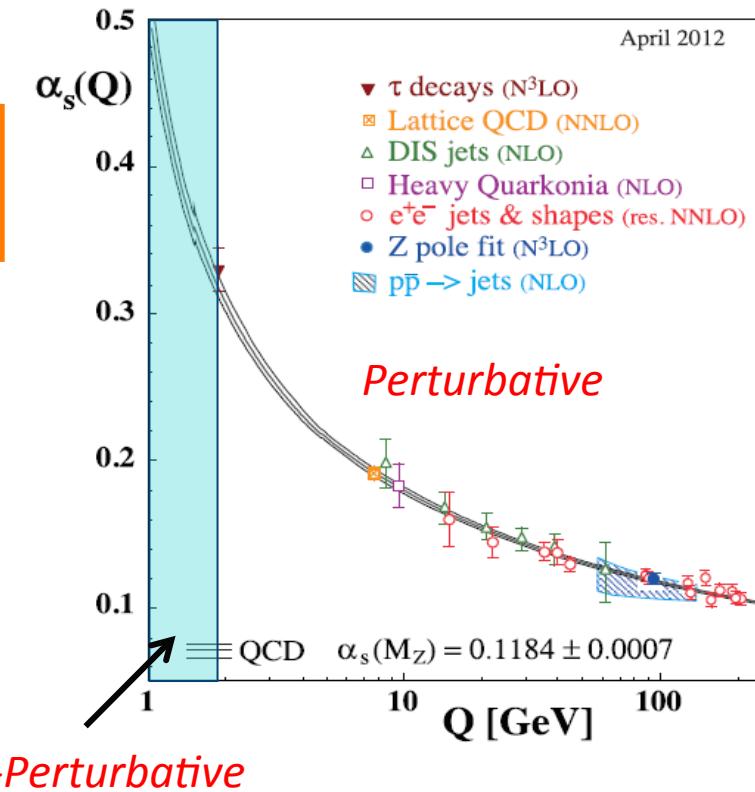
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- We are in the *non-perturbative* region:  
we do not know how to compute!
- Trick: use the analytical properties of  $\Pi$ !

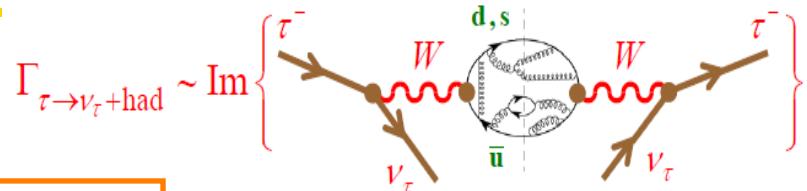
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## 2.4 Calculation of the QCD corrections

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Braaten, Narison, Pich'92

- Analyticity:  $\Pi$  is analytic in the entire complex plane except for  $s$  real positive
- Cauchy Theorem

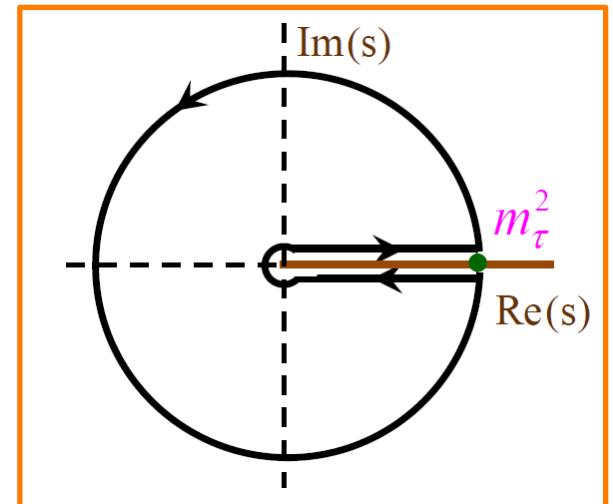
$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = 6i\pi S_{EW} \oint_{|s|=m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2 \left[ \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \Pi^{(1)}(s) + \Pi^{(0)}(s) \right]$$

- We are now at sufficient energy to use OPE:

$$\Pi^{(J)}(s) = \sum_{D=0,2,4,\dots} \frac{1}{(-s)^{D/2}} \sum_{\dim O=D} C^{(J)}(s, \mu) \langle O_D(\mu) \rangle$$

Wilson coefficients

Operators



$\mu$ : separation scale between short and long distances

## 2.4 Calculation of the QCD corrections

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- Calculation of  $R_\tau$ :

*Braaten, Narison, Pich'92*

$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = N_C S_{EW} (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP})$$

- Electroweak corrections:  $S_{EW} = 1.0201(3)$  *Marciano & Sirlin'88, Braaten & Li'90, Erler'04*

## 2.4 Calculation of the QCD corrections

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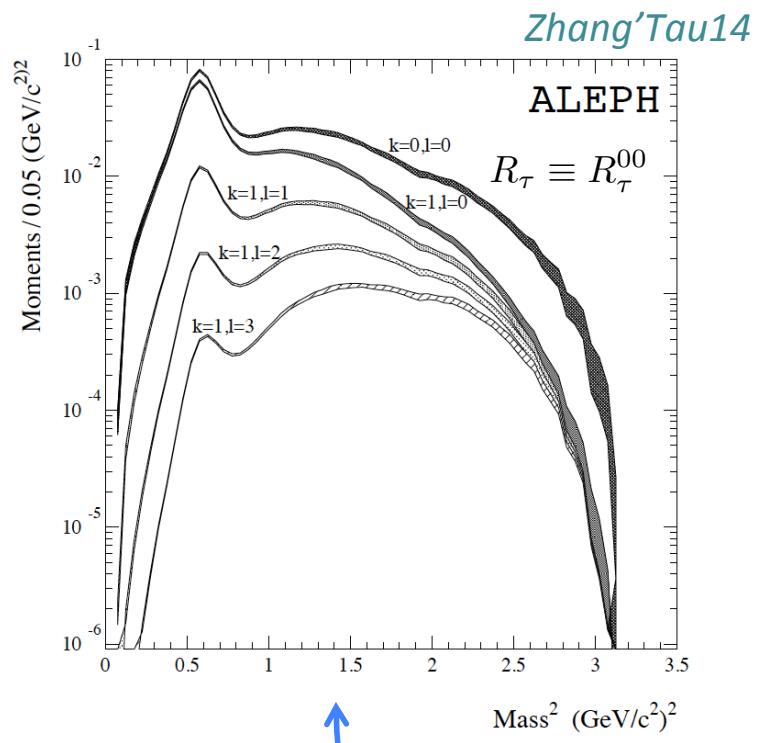
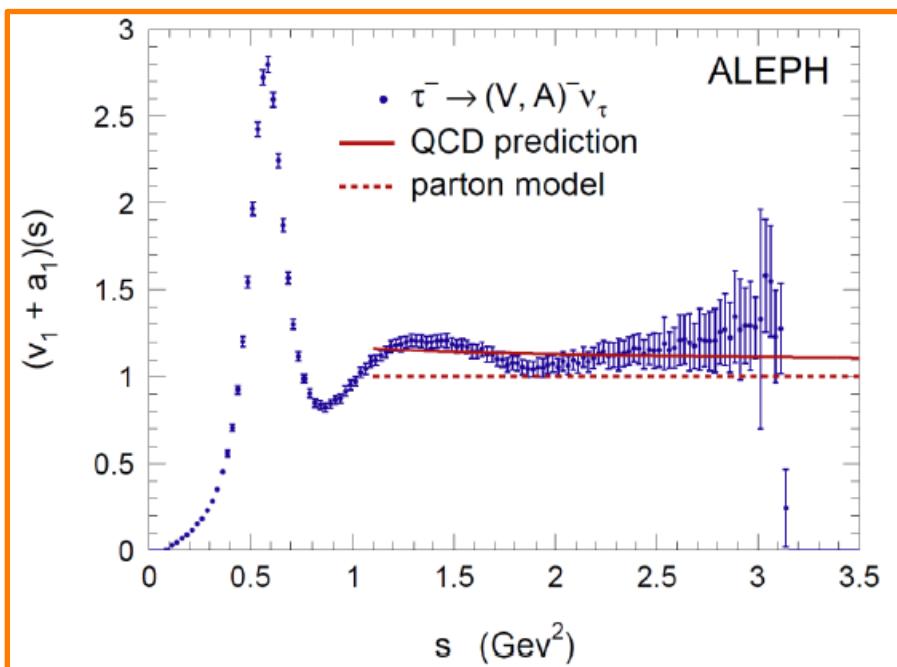
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Exploit shape of the spectral functions to obtain additional experimental information

Le Diberder&Pich'92

$$R_{\tau,U}^{kl}(s_0) = \int_0^{s_0} ds \left(1 - \frac{s}{s_0}\right)^k \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^\ell \frac{dR_{\tau,U}(s_0)}{ds}$$



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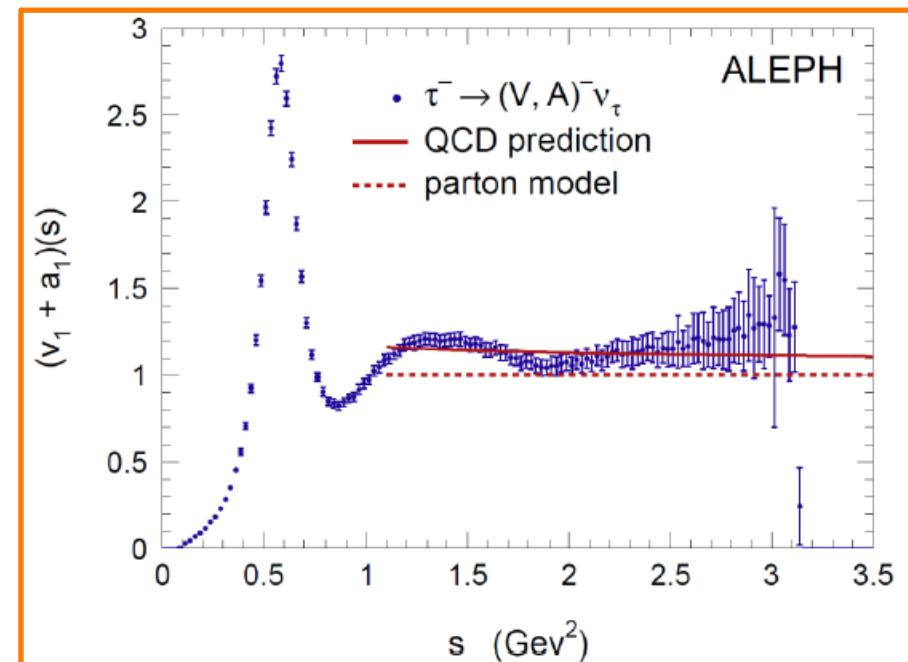
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→  $\delta_{NP} = -0.0064 \pm 0.0013$

Davier et al'14



- Small unknown NP part ( $\delta_{NP}$  : 3%  $\delta_P$ ) very precise extraction of  $\alpha_S$  !

## 2.5 Results and determination of $\alpha_s$

Pich'Tau14

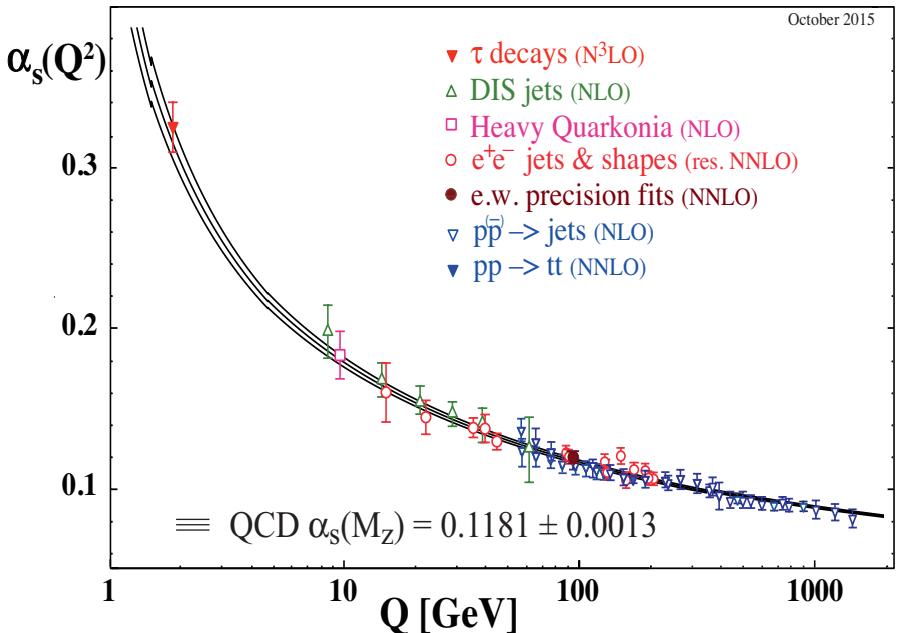
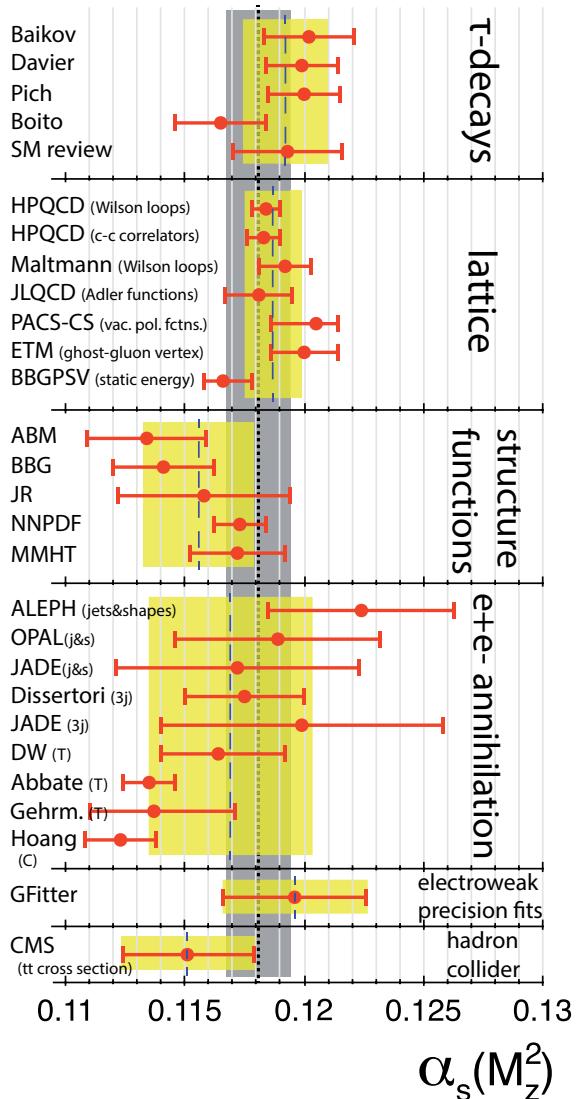
Reference	Method	$\delta_{NP}$	$\delta_P$	$\alpha_s(m_\tau)$	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$
Baikov et al	CIPT, FOPT		0.1998 (43)	<b>0.332 (16)</b>	<b>0.1202 (19)</b>
Davier et al'14	CIPT, FOPT	<b>- 0.0064 (13)</b>	-	<b>0.332 (12)</b>	<b>0.1199 (15)</b>
Beneke-Jamin	BSR + FOPT	- 0.007 (3)	0.2042 (50)	<b>0.316 (06)</b>	<b>0.1180 (08)</b>
Maltman-Yavin	PWM + CIPT	+ 0.012 (18)	-	<b>0.321 (13)</b>	<b>0.1187 (16)</b>
Menke	CIPT, FOPT		0.2042 (50)	<b>0.342 (11)</b>	<b>0.1213 (12)</b>
Narison	CIPT, FOPT		-	<b>0.324 (08)</b>	<b>0.1192 (10)</b>
Caprini-Fischer	BSR + CIPT		0.2037 (54)	<b>0.322 (16)</b>	-
Abbas et al	IFOPT		0.2037 (54)	<b>0.338 (10)</b>	
Cvetič et al	$\beta_{exp} + CIPT$		0.2040 (40)	<b>0.341 (08)</b>	<b>0.1211 (10)</b>
Boito et al	CIPT, DV	- 0.002 (12)	-	<b>0.347 (25)</b>	<b>0.1216 (27)</b>
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CIPT: Contour-improved perturbation theory  
 FOPT: Fixed-order perturbation theory  
 BSR: Borel summation of renormalon series  
 IFOPT: Improved FOPT

$\beta_{exp}$ : Expansion in derivatives of  $\alpha_s$  ( $\beta$  function)  
 PWM: Pinched-weight moments  
 CIPTm: Modified CIPT (conformal mapping)  
 DV: Duality violation (OPAL only)

## 3.4 Extraction of $\alpha_s$

Bethke, Dissertori, Salam, PDG'15



- *Extraction of  $\alpha_s$*  from hadronic  $\tau$  very interesting : Moderate precision at the  $\tau$  mass  $\rightarrow$  very good precision at the  $Z$  mass
- Beautiful test of the QCD running

## 3.4 Extraction of $\alpha_s$

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- Several delicate points:
  - How to compute the perturbative part: CIPT vs. FOPT?
  - How to estimate the non perturbative contribution? Where do we truncate the expansion, what is the role of higher order condensates?
  - Which weights should we use?
  - What about duality violations?
- A MITP topical workshop in Mainz: March 7-12, 2016  
*Determination of the fundamental parameters of QCD*
- New data on spectral functions needed to help to answer some of these questions

## 3.5 Model discriminating power of Tau processes

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- Two handles:

*Celis, Cirigliano, E.P.'14*

➤ Branching ratios:  $R_{F,M} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow F)}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow F_M)}$  with  $F_M$  dominant LFV mode for model M

➤ Spectra for > 2 bodies in the final state:

$$\frac{dBR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-)}{d\sqrt{s}}$$

and

$$dR_{\pi^+\pi^-} \equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)} \frac{d\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-)}{d\sqrt{s}}$$

## 3.6 Model discriminating of BRs

- Studies in specific models

Buras et al.'10

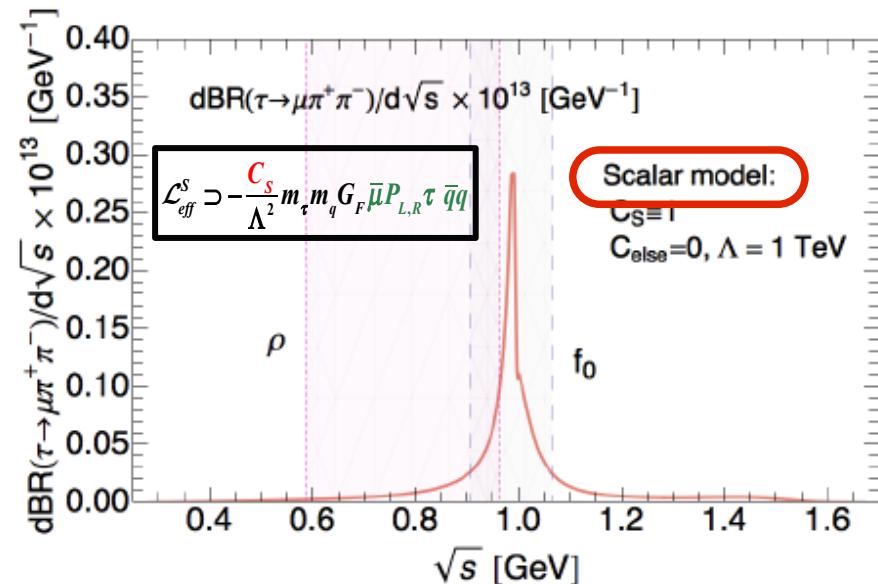
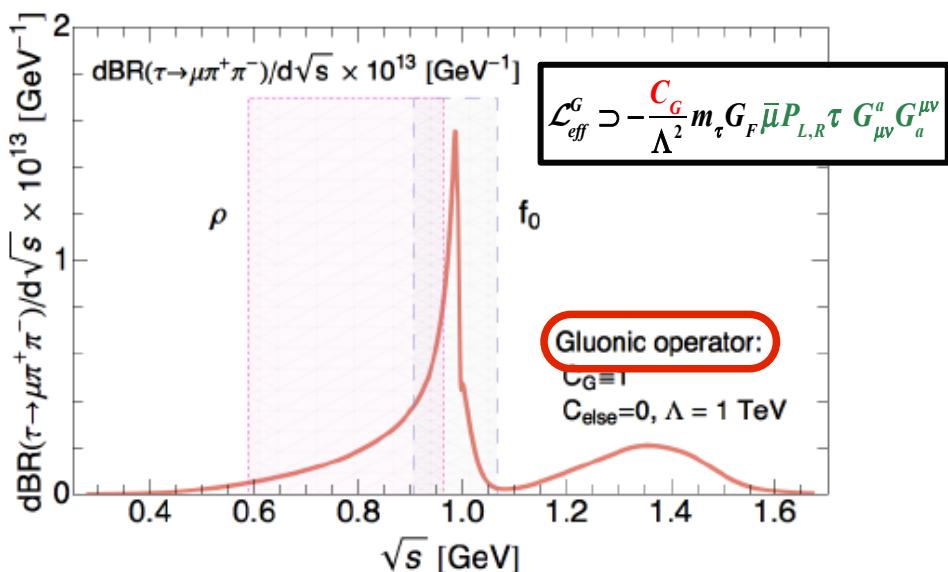
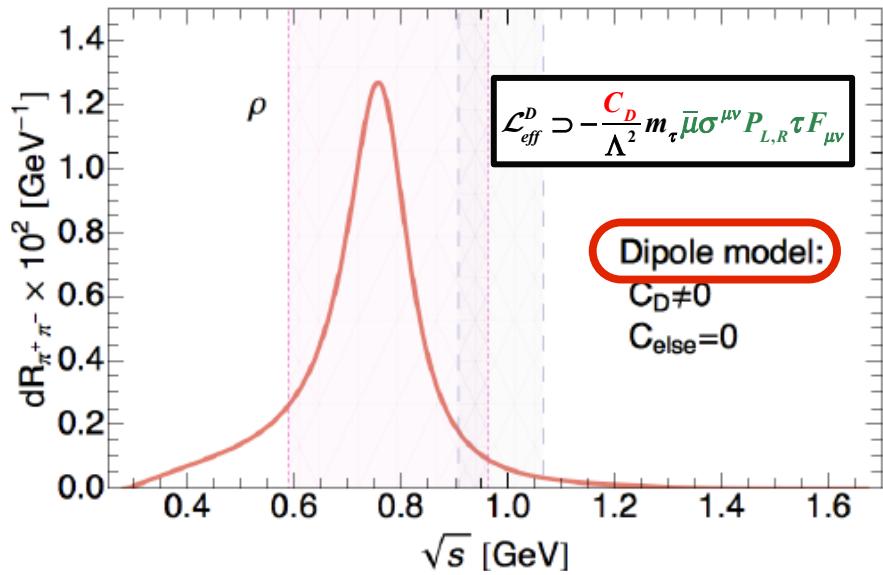
ratio	LHT	MSSM (dipole)	MSSM (Higgs)	SM4
$\frac{\text{Br}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-)}{\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	0.02...1	$\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.06...2.2
$\frac{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-)}{\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	0.04...0.4	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.07...2.2
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$\frac{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-)}{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^+ \mu^-)}$	0.8...2	$\sim 5$	0.3...0.5	1.5...2.3
$\frac{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+ e^-)}$	0.7...1.6	$\sim 0.2$	5...10	1.4...1.7
$\frac{\text{R}(\mu \text{Ti} \rightarrow e \text{Ti})}{\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	$10^{-3} \dots 10^2$	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.08...0.15	$10^{-12} \dots 26$



Disentangle the *underlying dynamics* of NP

## 3.7 Model discriminating of Spectra: $\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi\pi$

Celis, Cirigliano, E.P.'14



Very different distributions according to the *final hadronic state!*

NB: See also Dalitz plot analyses  
for  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$

Dassinger et al.'07

# 1.1 The triumph of the Standard Model

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- New era in particle physics :  
→ (unexpected) *success of the Standard Model*: a successful theory of microscopic phenomena with *no intrinsic energy limitation*
- Key results at LHC after run I + beginning of run II
  - *The Higgs boson* (last missing piece of the SM) has been found:  
→ it looks very standard
  - The Higgs boson is “*light*” ( $m_h \sim 125$  GeV → not the heaviest SM particle)
  - *No “mass-gap”* above the SM spectrum (i.e. no unambiguous sign of NP up to  $\sim 1$  TeV)
- *Was this unexpected?*  
Not really! → *Consistent* with (pre-LHC) indications coming from indirect NP searches (*EWPO + flavour physcs*)

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  - new degrees of freedom
  - new symmetries

