

*Physics opportunities using CERN injectors:  
Theoretical considerations*

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- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ LFV in charged leptons
- ▶ Precision measurements of FCNCs
- ▶ Exotic light states
- ▶ Conclusions

## ► Introduction

Despite all its successes, the SM suffers of a series of **theoretical** & **cosmological** problems:

- Fine-tuning/UV sensitivity of the Higgs-mass term [*“hierarchy problem”*]
- Unexplained hierarchical structure of the Yukawa couplings [*“flavor puzzle”*]
- No explanation for the quantization of the U(1) charges [*hint of unification?*]
- No natural inclusion of neutrino masses [*hint of unification?*]
- Non coherent inclusion of **gravity** at the quantum level
- ...
- No good candidates to explain **dark matter**, **inflaton**, and **dark-energy**



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We need to search for New Physics

[with a broad spectrum perspective given the lack of NP signal so far..]

i.e. we need to search for new degrees of freedom beyond the range of *energies* and *effective couplings* explored so far



High-precision low-energy physics

[ = search for forbidden/rare phenomena occurring at low-energies ]

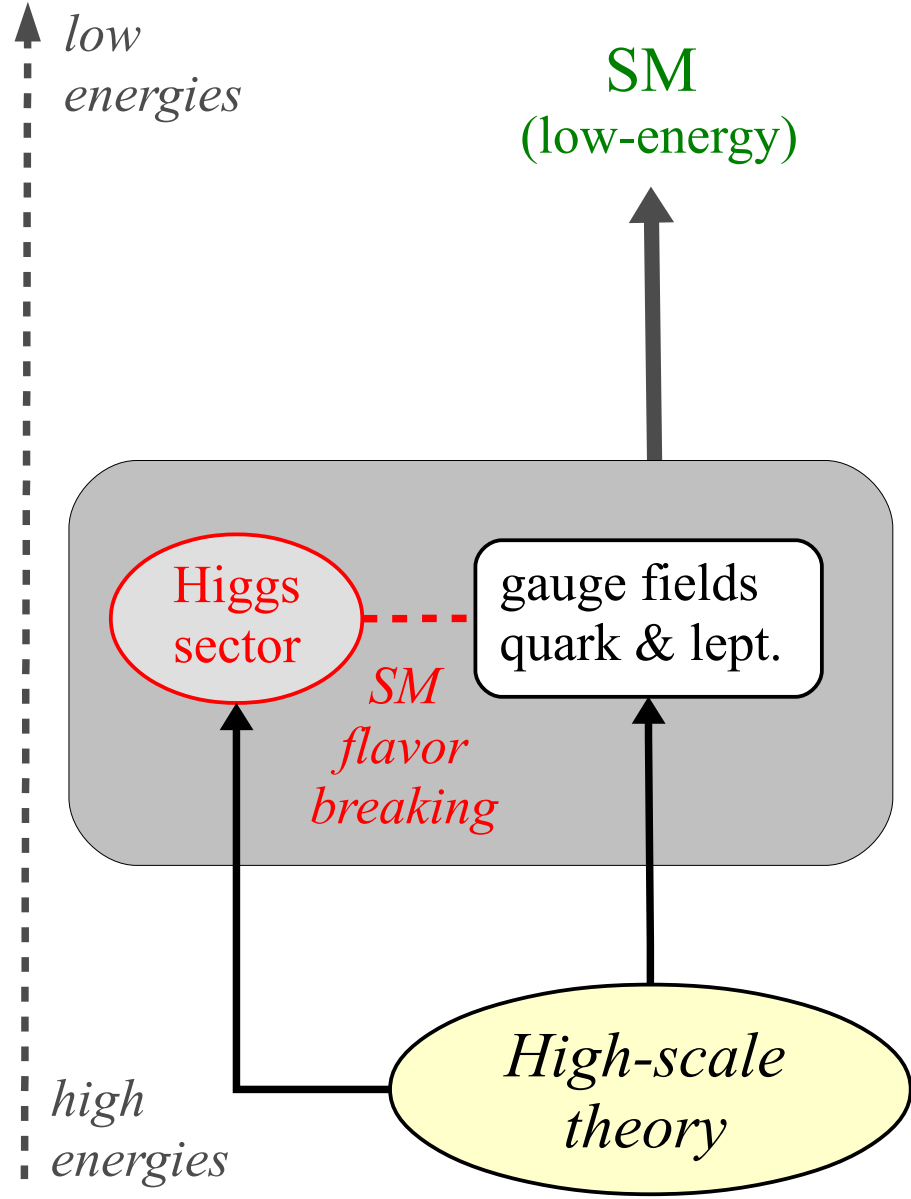


- Indirect sensitivity to physics at high-energy scales, not directly accessible at colliders

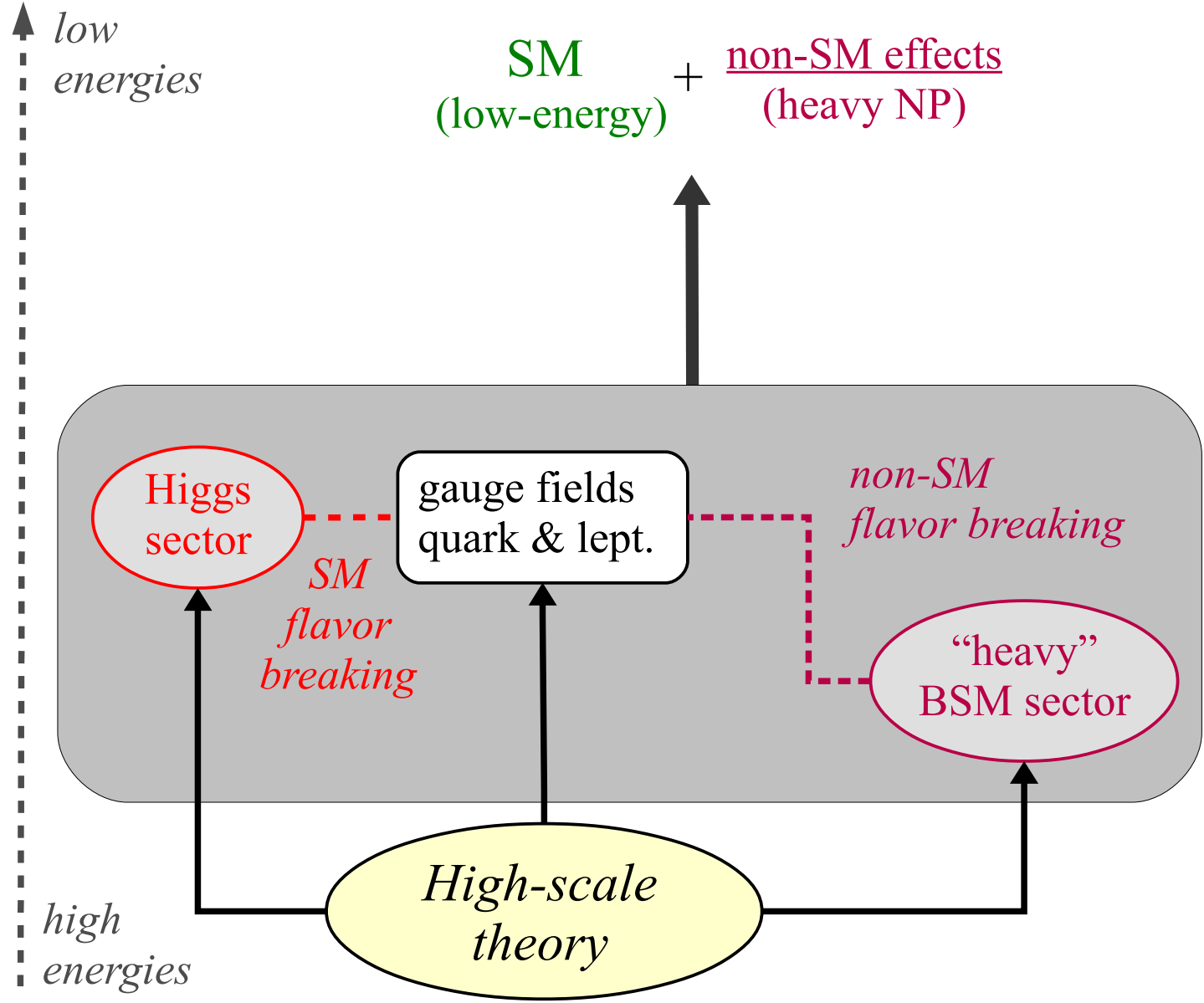


- Direct sensitivity to weakly-coupled exotic light-states, not seen so far because of limited statistics

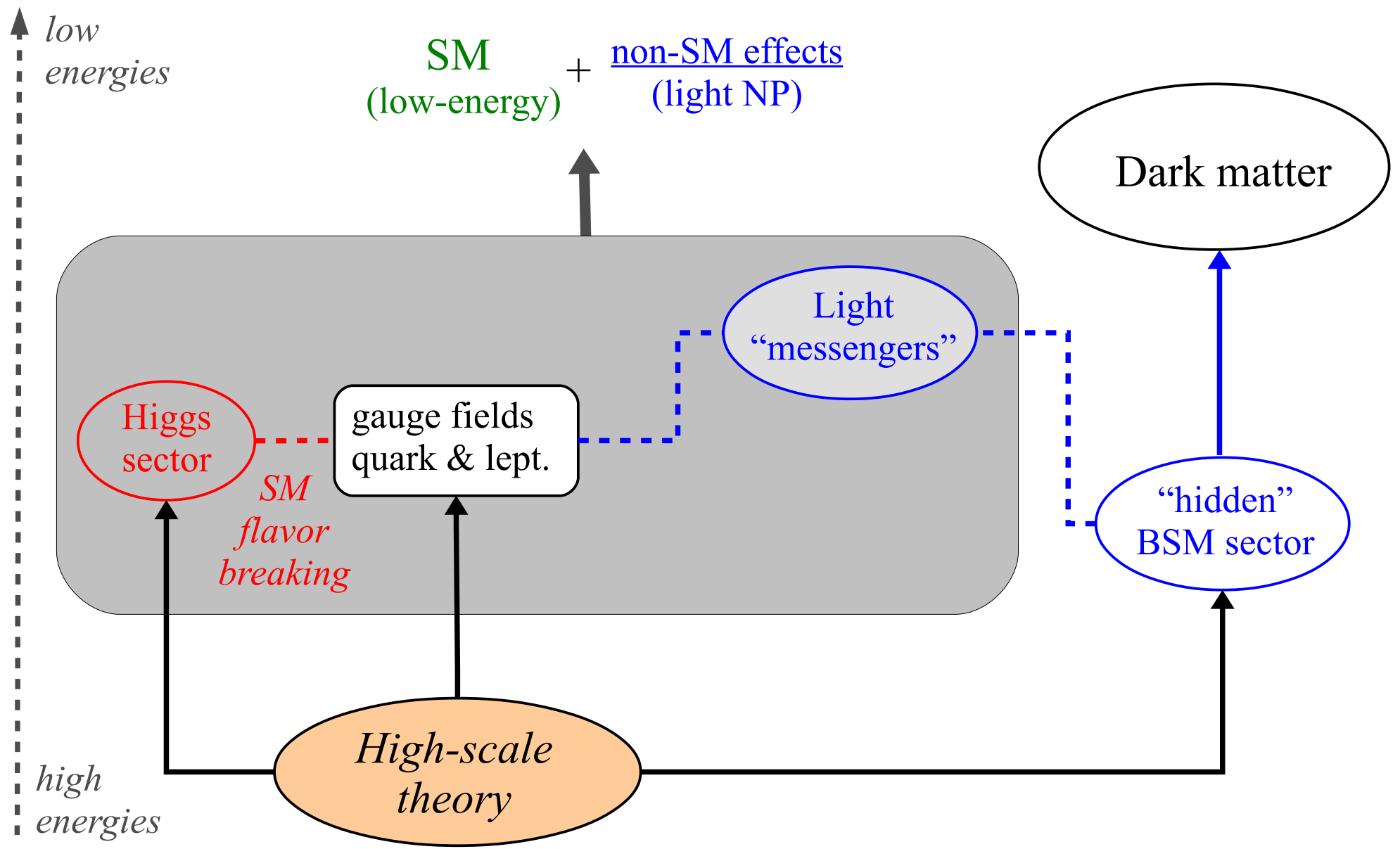
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## What have we learned so far?

A long series of high-precision measurements (& searches) of flavor-changing processes at low energies has already been performed, both in the quark and in the lepton sector → **So far everything seems to fit well with the SM...**

→ **Strong limits on several NP modes**

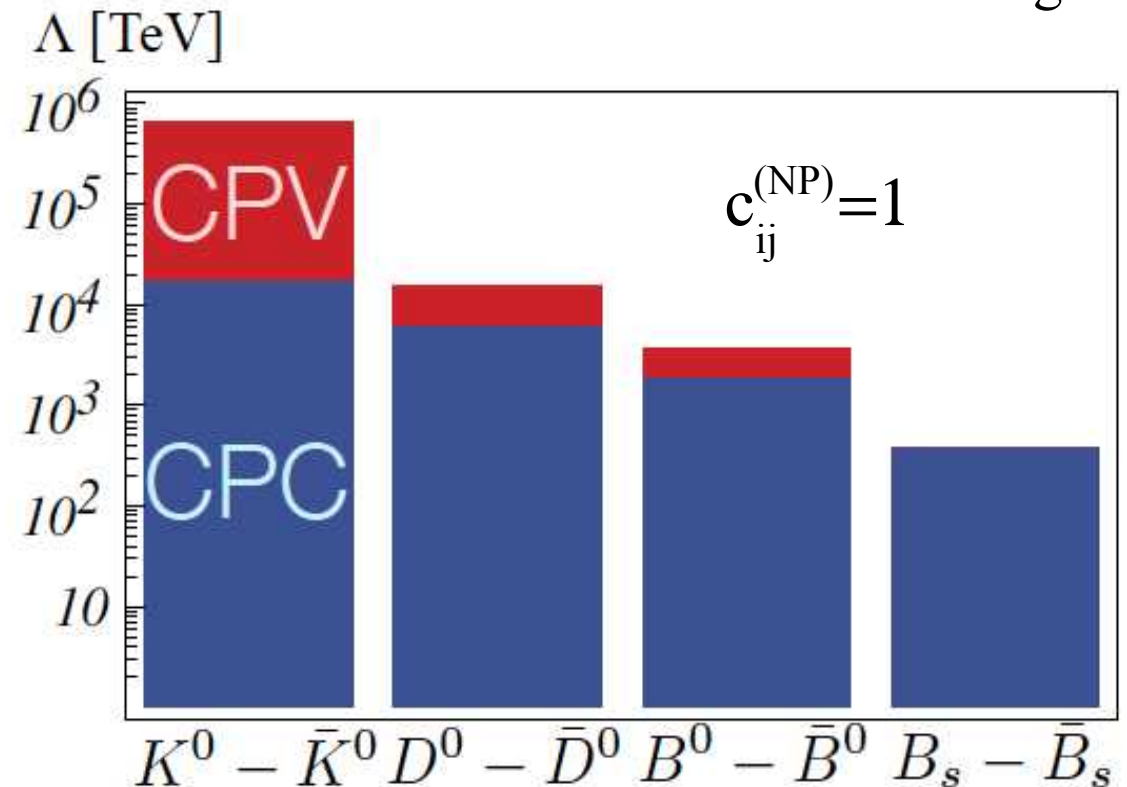
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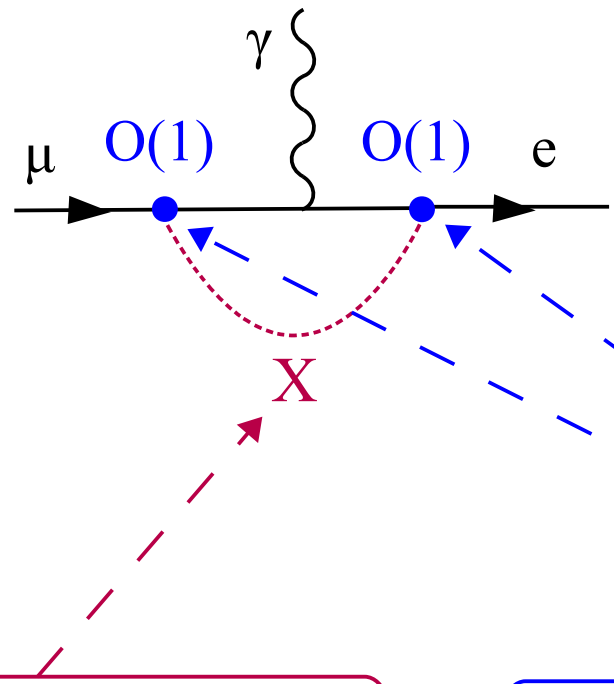
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E.g.: bounds on the NP scale from meson-antimeson mixing.



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MEG '13



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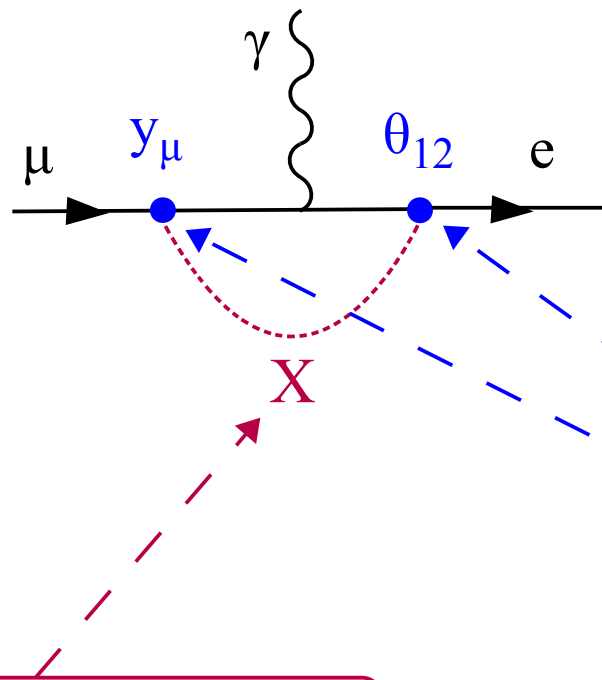
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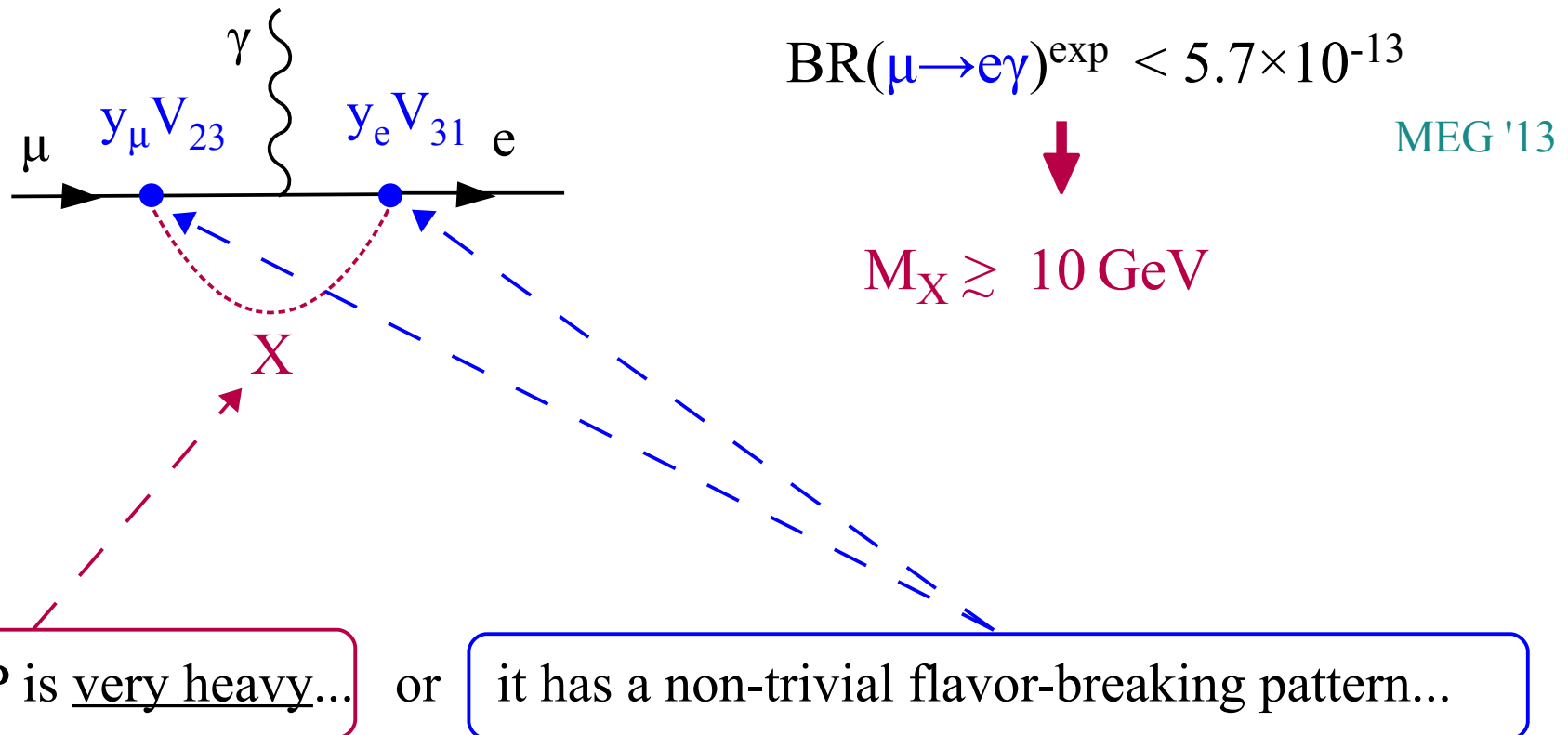
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*...and should not forget that a wide region of exotic models is still open!*

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High-scale physics



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E.g.:  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$

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Weakly-coupled exotic light-states

III. Search for short-lived new states

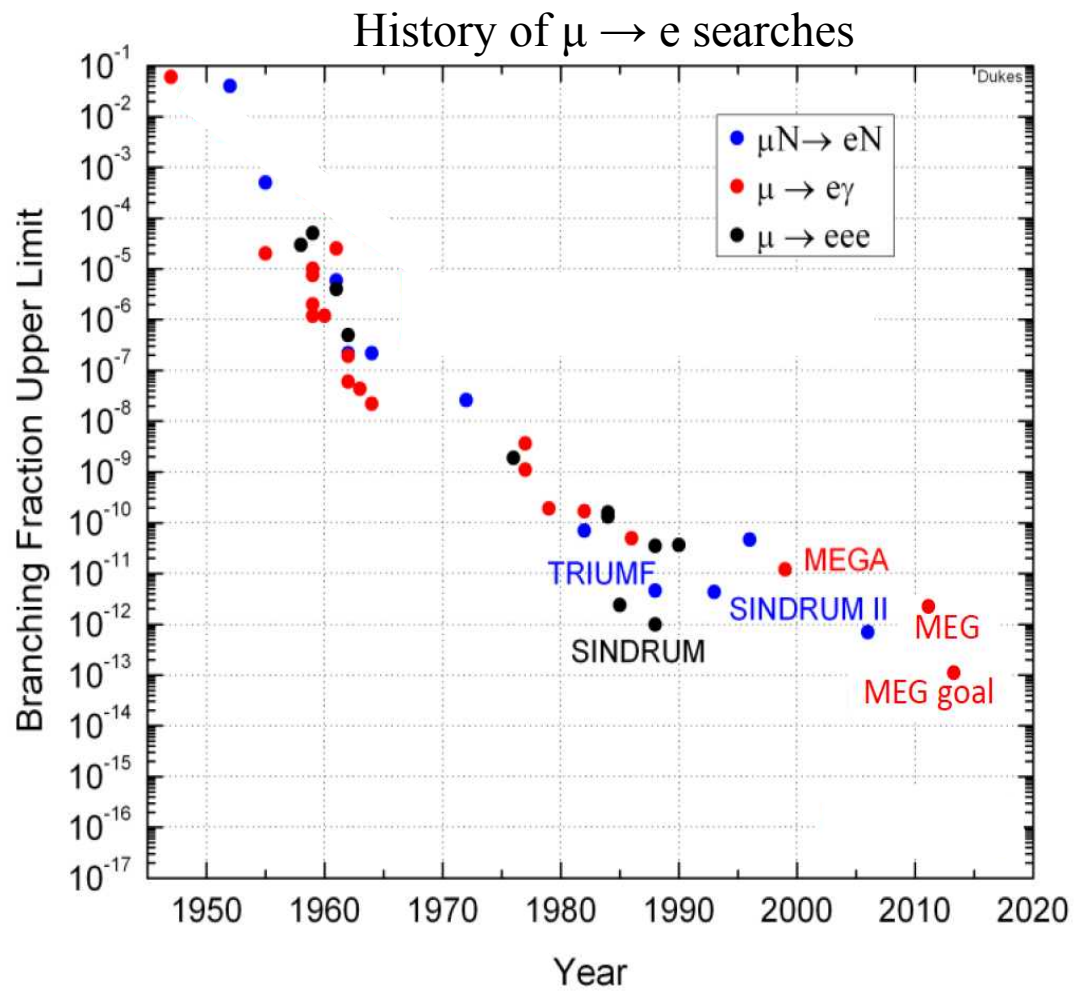
(typically produced in B, D, K decays & decaying into  $l^+l^-$  pairs)

→ high-precision  $l^+l^-$  spectra

IV. Search for long-lived new states

→ (largely) displaced vertices  
[“beam-dump” set-up]

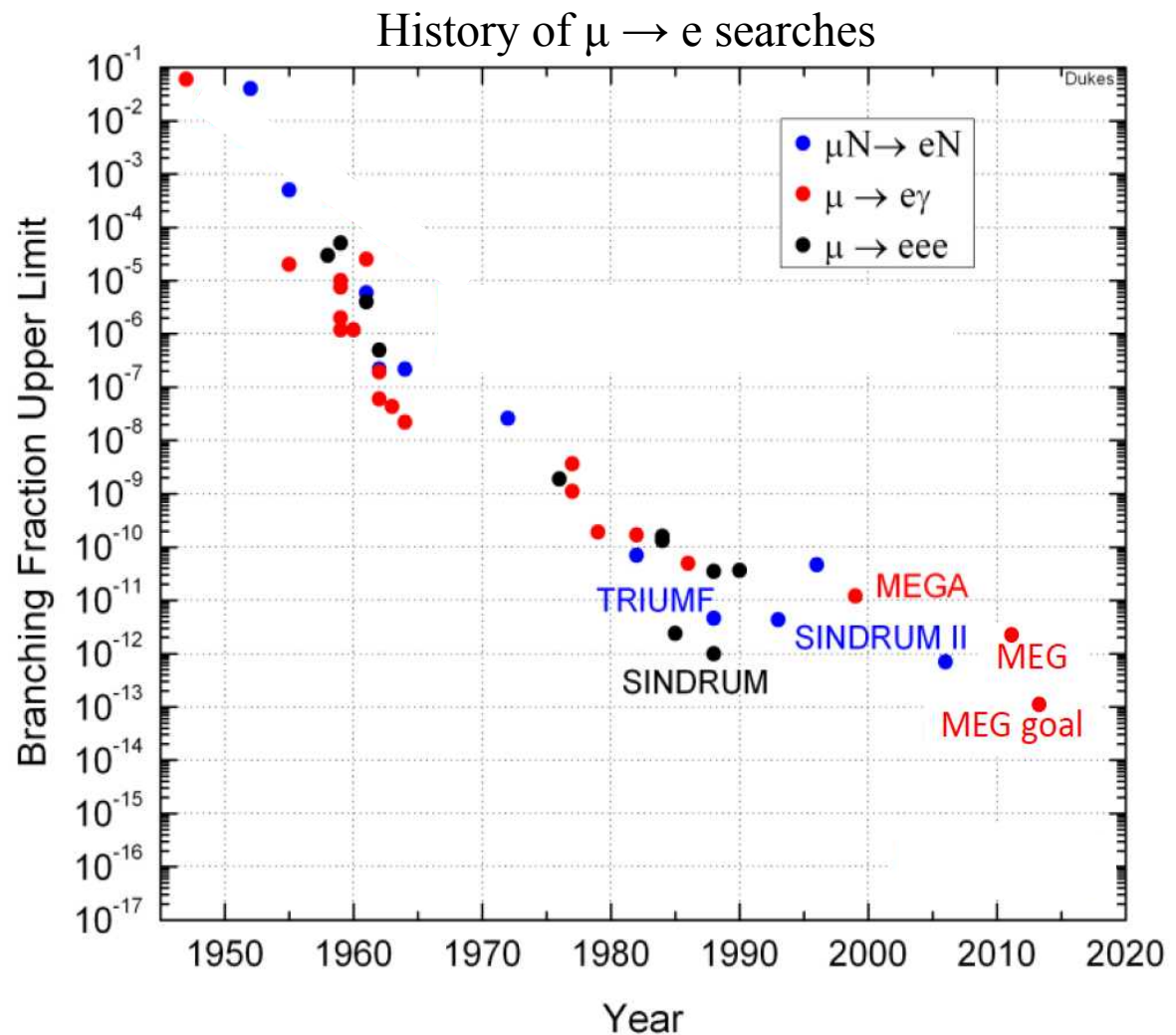
LFV in charged leptons  
*[the role of tau decays]*



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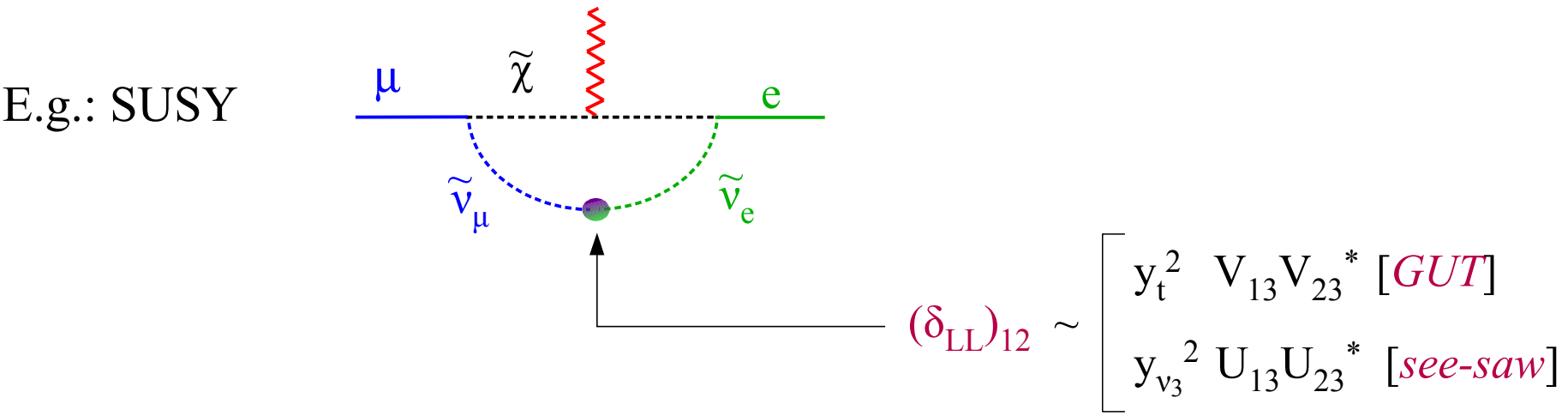
After what we learned from neutrino physics, **LFV** in charged leptons is probably the most interesting (*and potentially rewarding*) search in the flavor sector.

- Neutrino oscillations => **L**epton **F**lavor **V**iolation
- No problems of SM (and SM +  $\nu$ ) backgrounds
- LFV in charged leptons at “visible rates” if there are new particles carrying lepton flavor not too far from the TeV scale (*as in most realistic NP models*)



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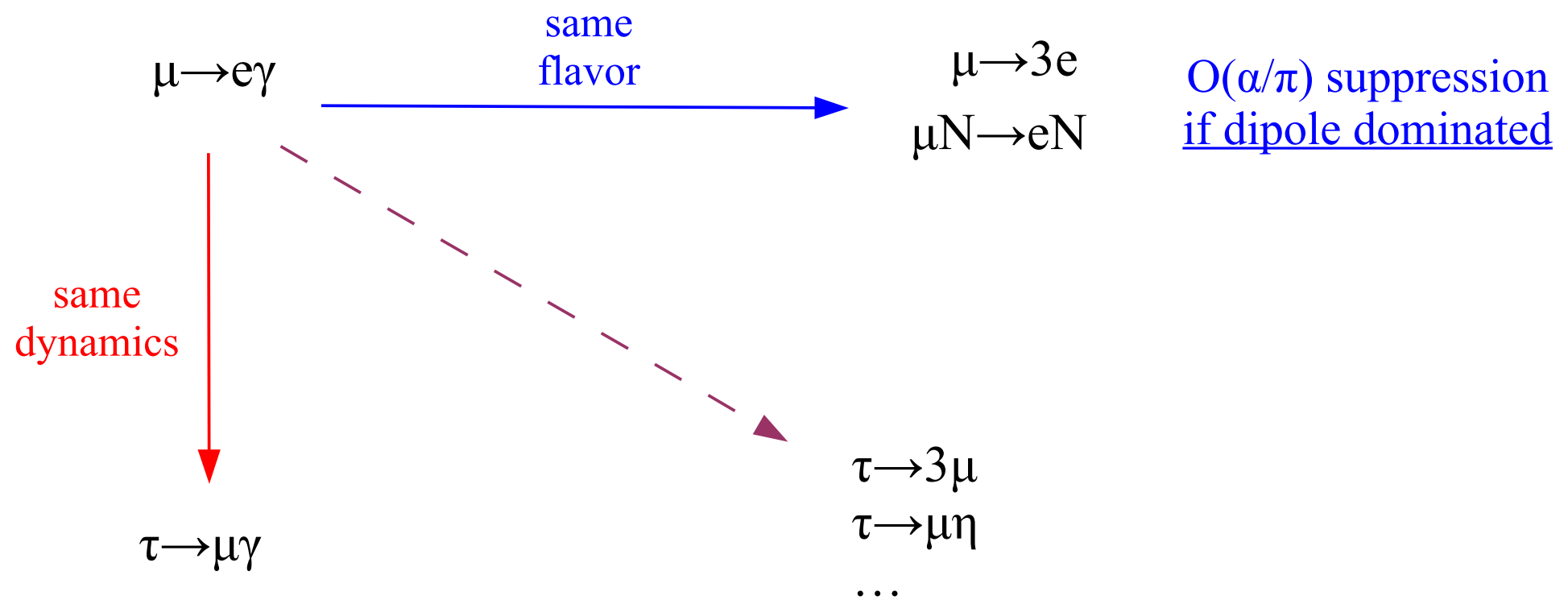
$$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-13} \left[ \frac{\tan\beta}{10} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{0.5 \text{ TeV}}{\tilde{m}} \right]^4 \left[ \frac{(\delta_{LL})_{12}}{10^{-4}} \right]^2$$

...and similar expressions holds in many other models:

=> **MEG** has realistic chances to see  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  (but remember that  $\Gamma \sim \Lambda^{-4}$ )

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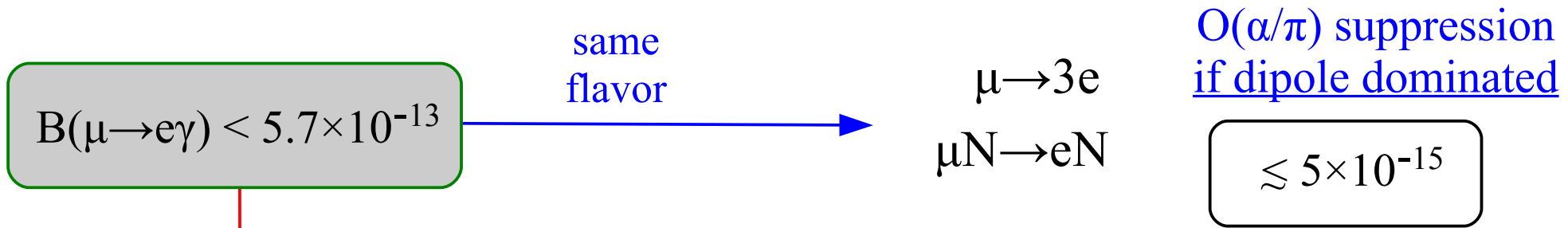
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Different both flavor & dynamics  
*more difficult to extrapolate...*

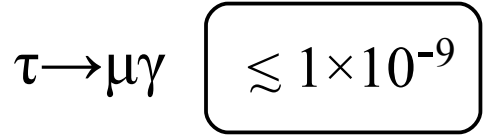


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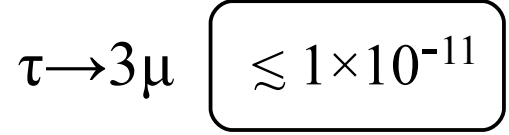
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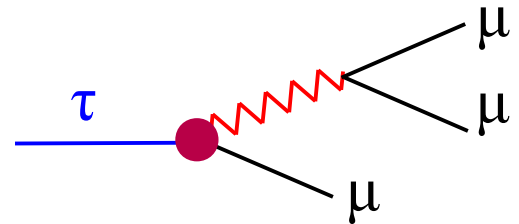
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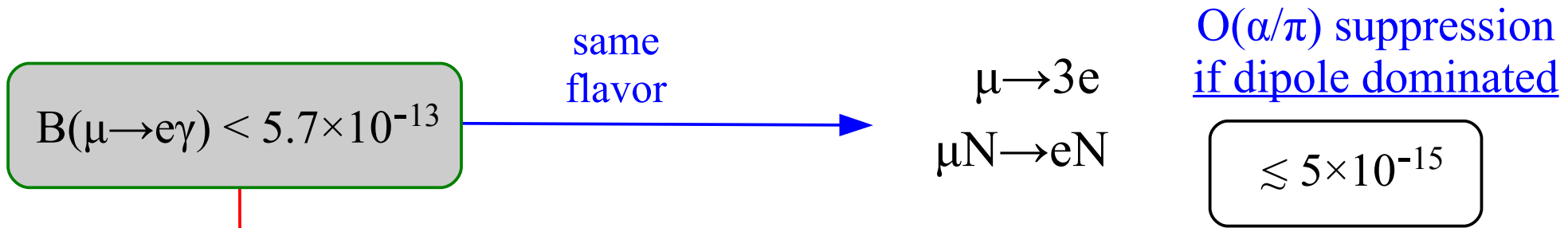


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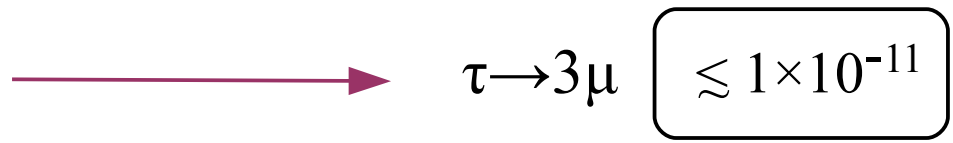
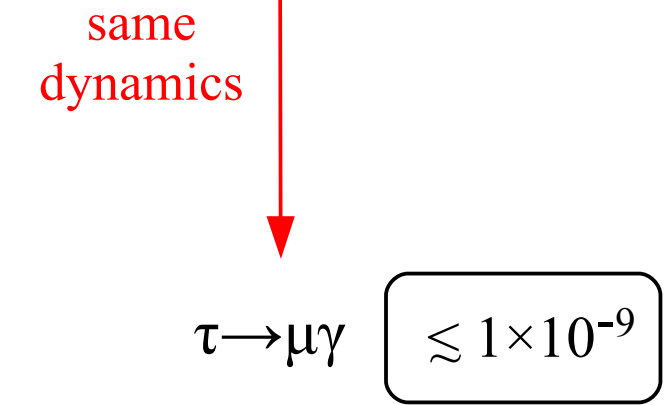
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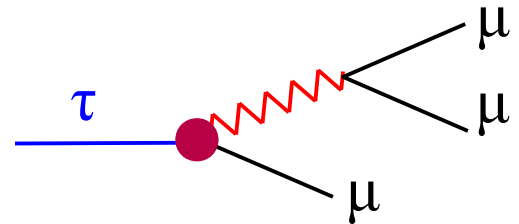


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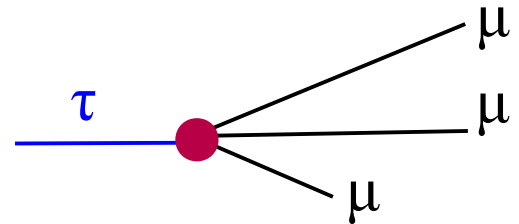
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$\mu N \rightarrow eN < 7 \times 10^{-13}$

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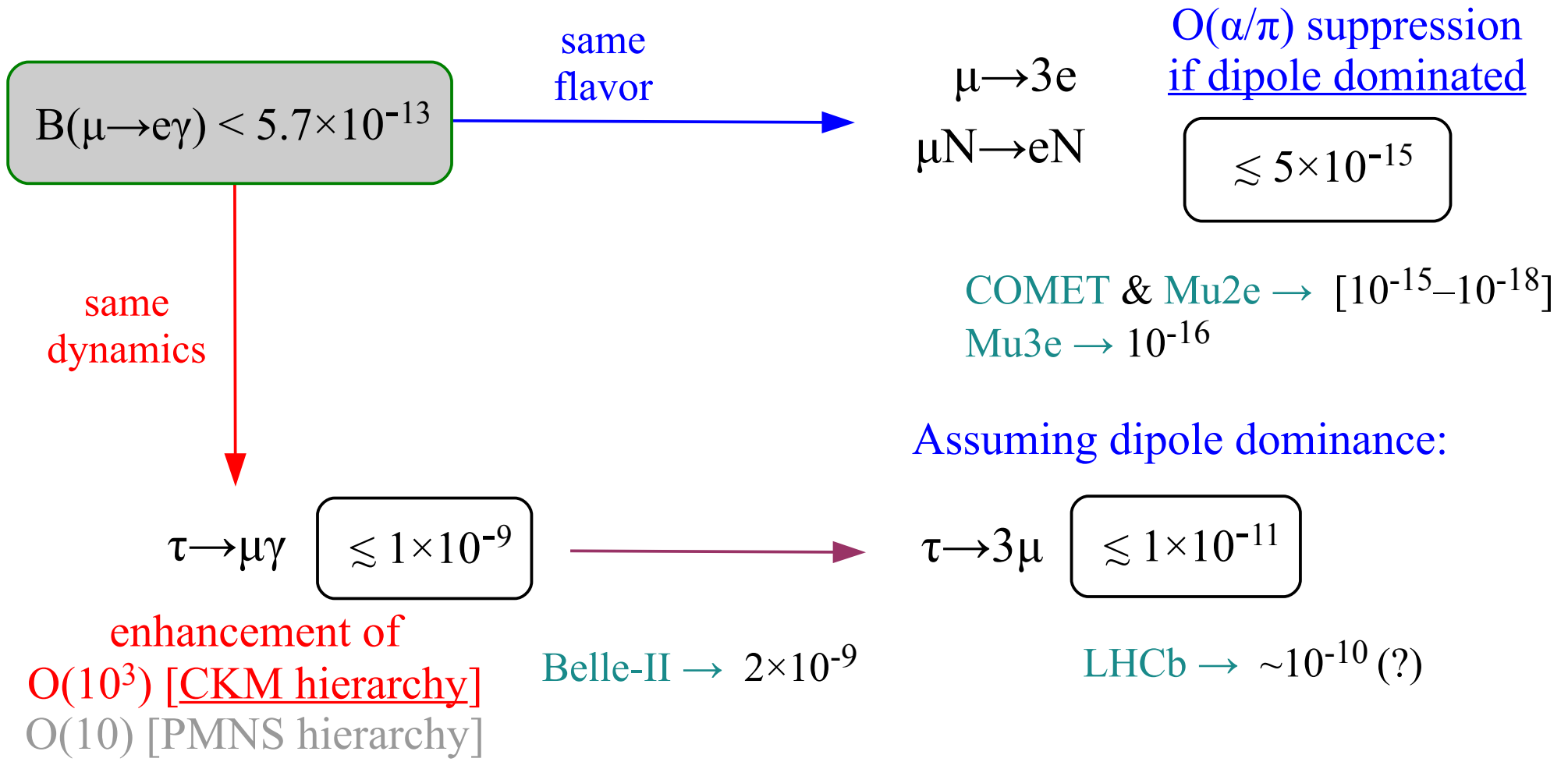
N.B.: if the LFV transitions are not “dipole-dominated” (more exotic NP), weaker constraints & possible competition from  $h \rightarrow \tau\mu$

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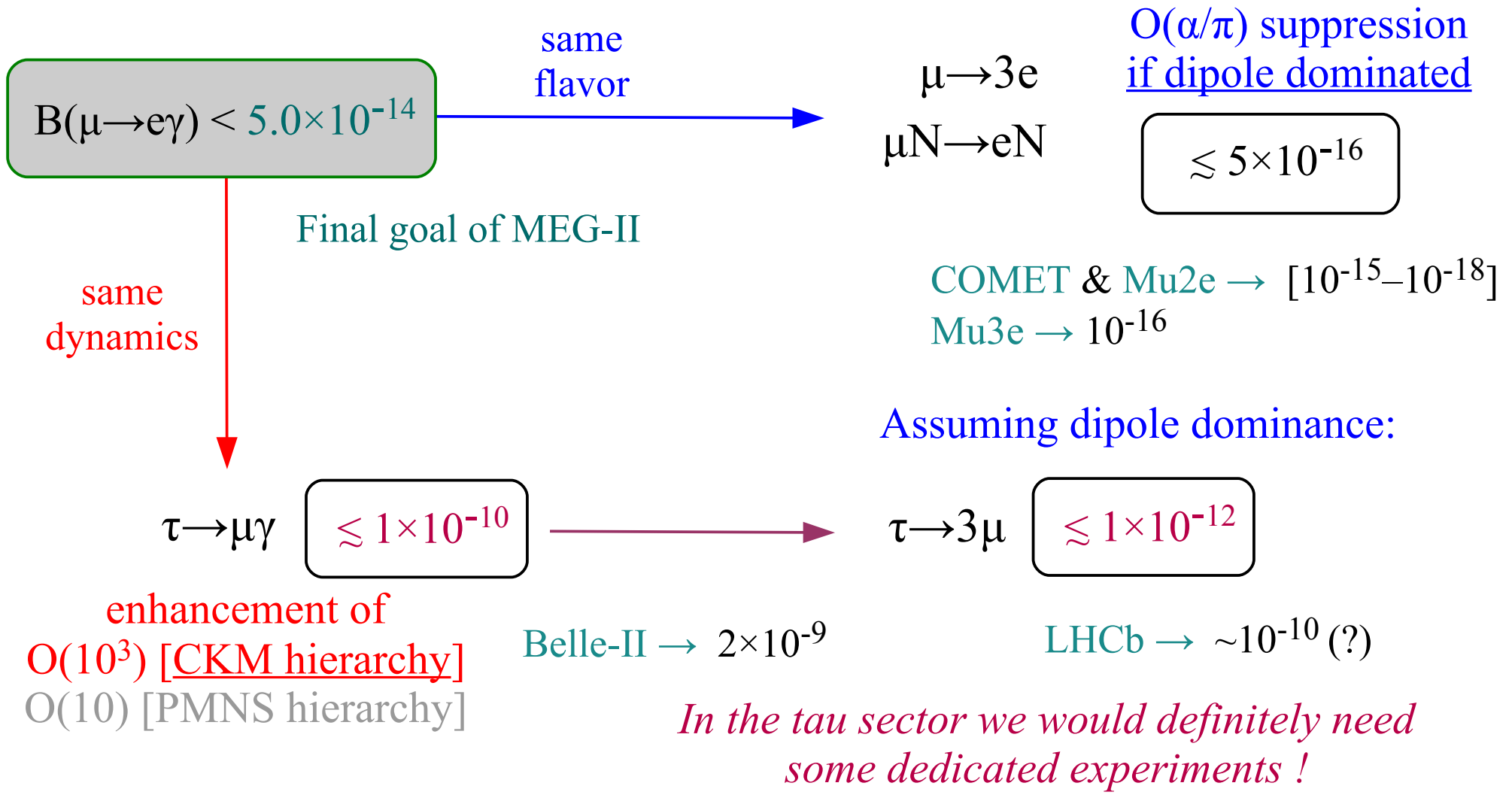
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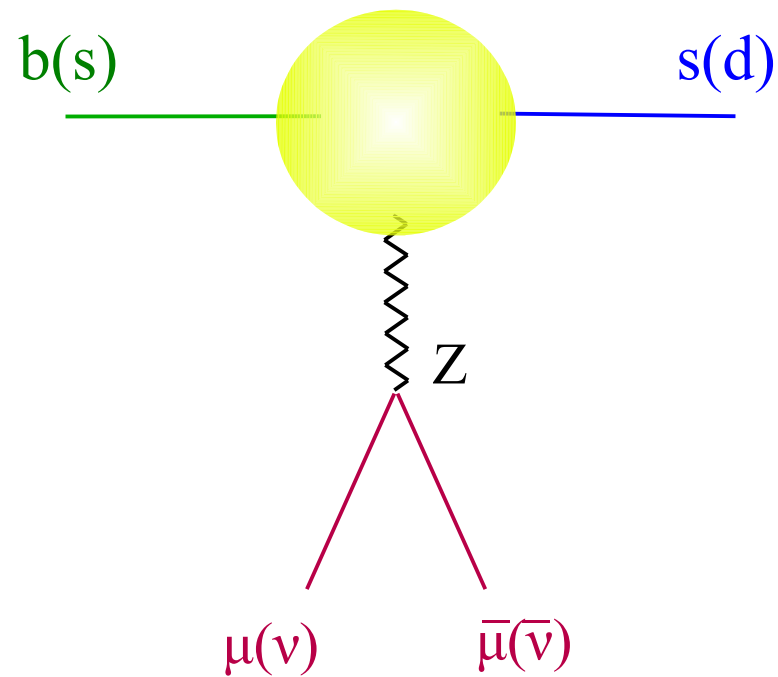


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Precision measurements of FCNC decays  
[*the usual suspects...*]



## ► Precision measurements of FCNC decays

Under very general assumptions (gauge symmetry + absence of new light states) flavor and e.w. observables used for indirect NP searches can be decomposed as follows:

$$A = A_0 \left[ c_{\text{SM}} \frac{1}{M_{\text{W}}^2} + c_{\text{NP}} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

Diagram illustrating the decomposition of the amplitude  $A$  into kinematical factors and effective couplings:

- $A_0$  is labeled as "trivial kinematical factors".
- The term  $c_{\text{SM}} \frac{1}{M_{\text{W}}^2}$  is labeled as "trivial kinematical factors".
- The term  $c_{\text{NP}} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$  is labeled as "(adimensional) effective couplings".

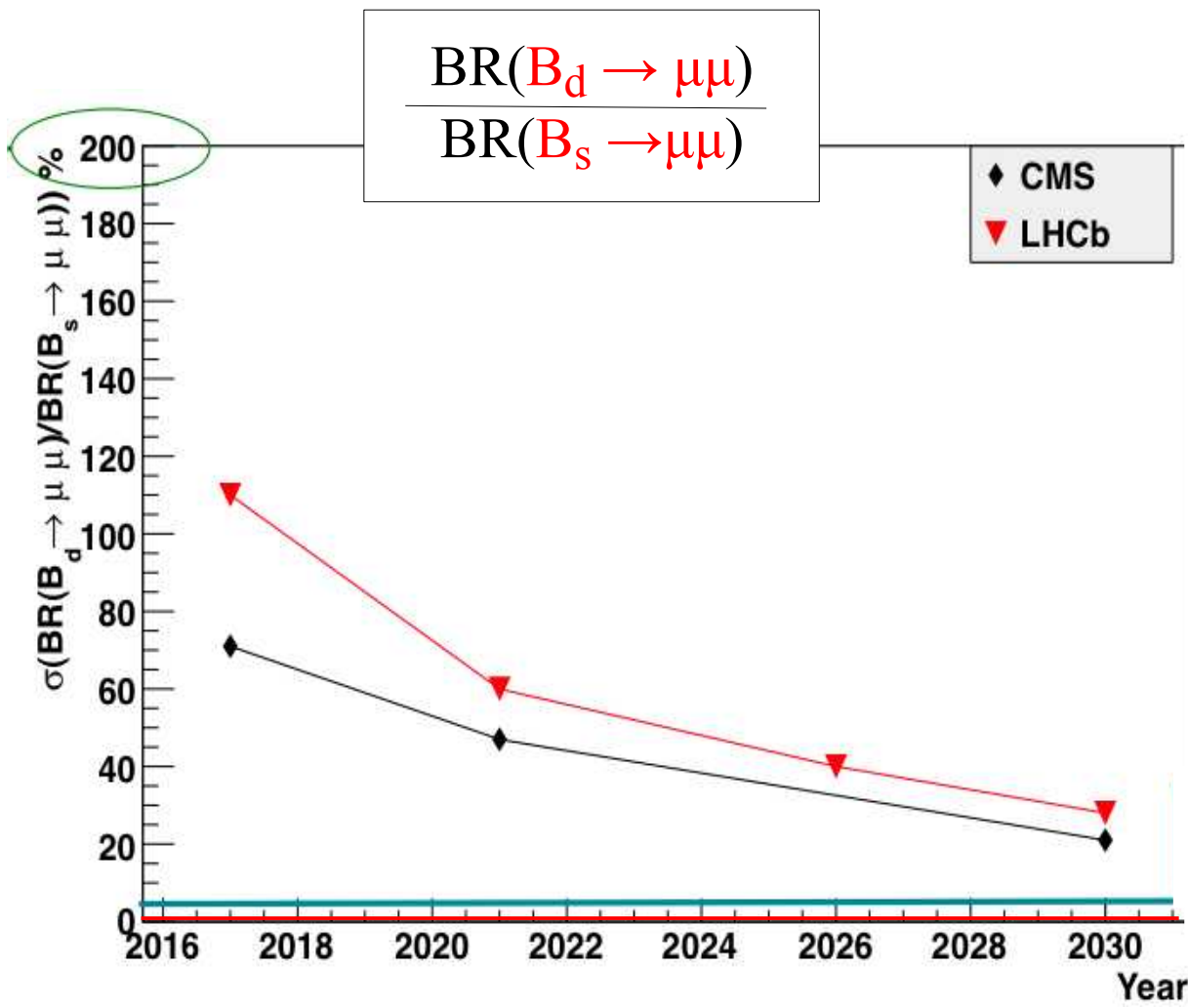
This decomposition is very general: it holds both for forbidden processes (e.g.:  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ ) and precision measurements (e.g.:  $B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$ )

The key problem of precision measurements is to find observables where the TH error on does not “obscure” the sensitivity to NP → few cases in a long-term perspective, but each of them is worth a dedicated experiment.

Most notable examples:  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$  [→ talk by Moulson] &  $\Gamma(B_d \rightarrow \mu \mu) / \Gamma(B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu)$

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Example of B-physics observable that will **NOT** be dominated by the TH error for a while (*up to 2030...!*)



TH error (now): 5%

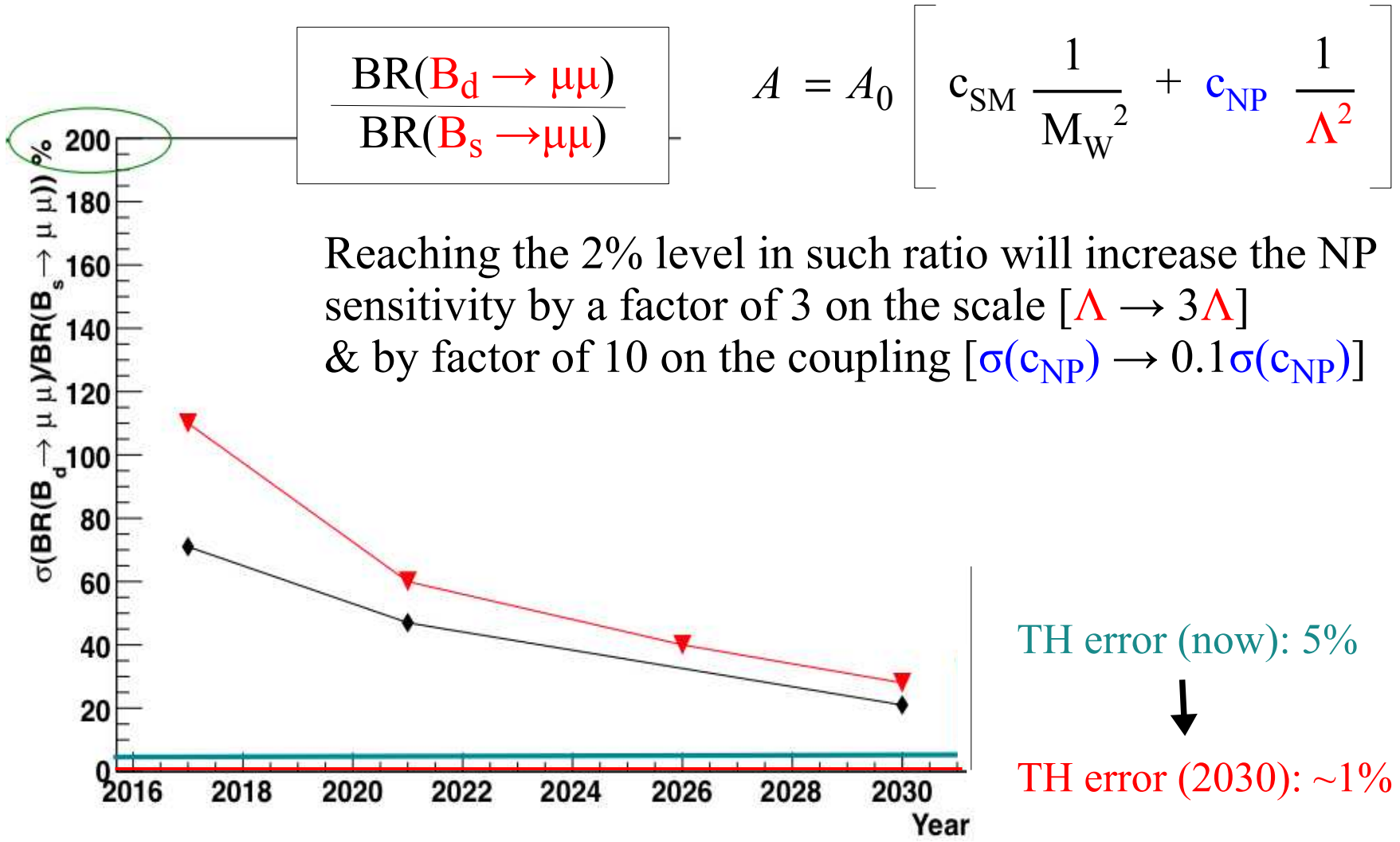


TH error (2030): ~1%



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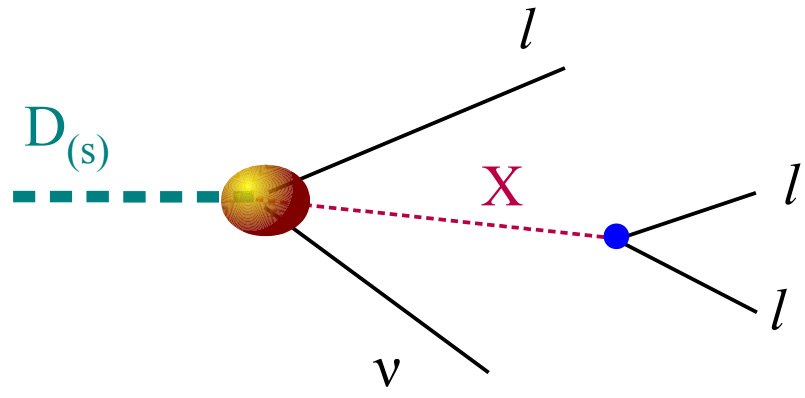
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$$\boxed{\frac{\text{BR}(\mathbf{B}_d \rightarrow \mu\mu)}{\text{BR}(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)}} \quad A = A_0 \left[ c_{\text{SM}} \frac{1}{M_W^2} + c_{\text{NP}} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

Reaching the 2% level in such ratio will increase the NP sensitivity by a factor of 3 on the scale [ $\Lambda \rightarrow 3\Lambda$ ]  
& by factor of 10 on the coupling [ $\sigma(c_{\text{NP}}) \rightarrow 0.1\sigma(c_{\text{NP}})$ ]

Very similar considerations on the NP reach holds for the theoretically clean  $\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\nu$  &  $\mathbf{K}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\nu$  decays that, however, are sensitive to a different class of NP models (  $\leftrightarrow$  full complementarity)

Exotic light states



► Exotic light states [*the “hidden-sector” & “dark-photon” paradigm*]

### Hidden sector

- SM singlet fields

light massive  
“dark photon”

Kinetic mixing  
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QED photon

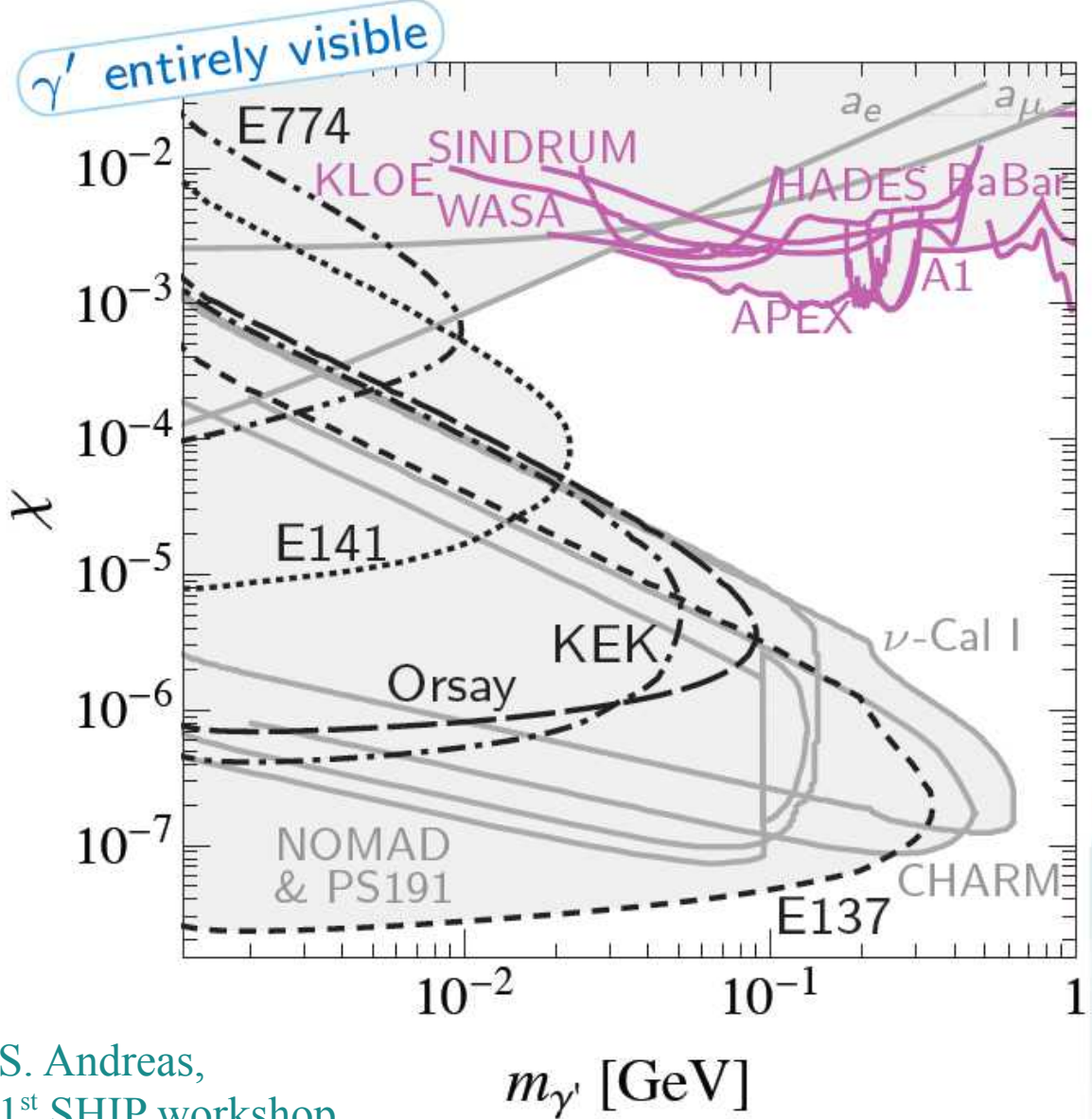
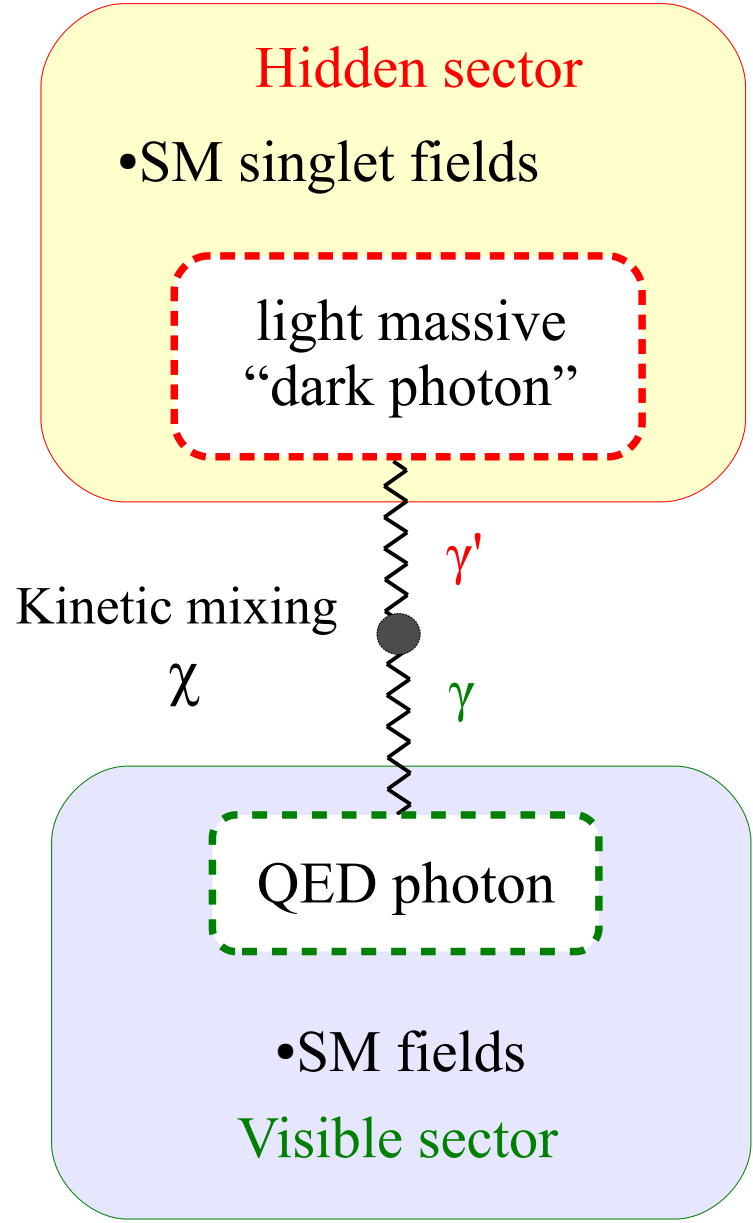
• SM fields  
Visible sector

Dark-matter,  $g-2$  anomaly, ... provide a good phenomenological motivation to search for new light (*up to few GeV*) neutral states weakly coupled to  $e$ ,  $\mu$ , or  $\tau$ .

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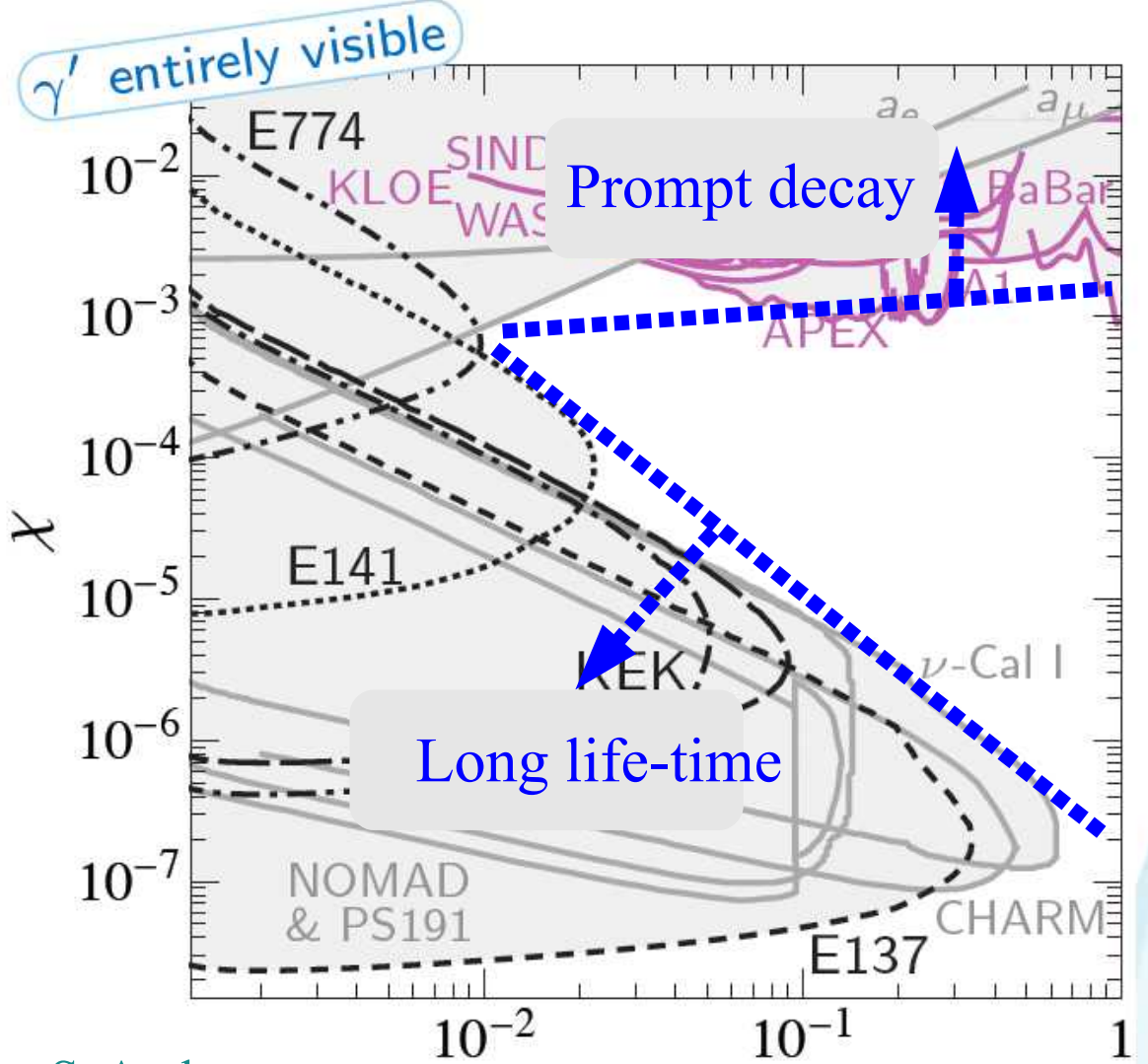
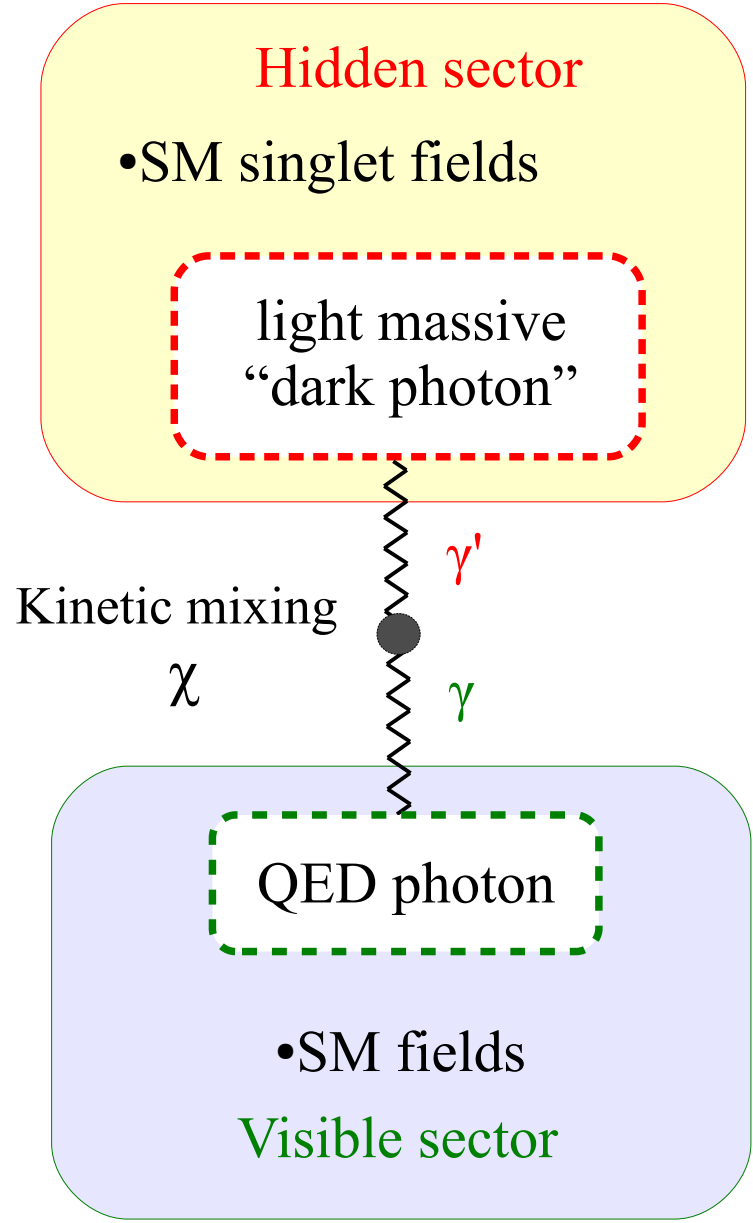
Arkani-Hamed,  
Finkbeiner, Slatyer  
Weiner, '09

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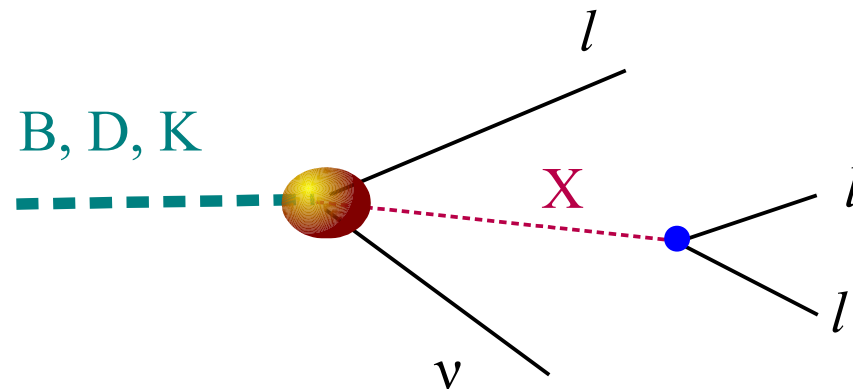


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High-precision measurements of  $l^+l^-$  spectra ( $l=e, \mu$ ) in B, D, K decays provide a very useful probe of such scenarios

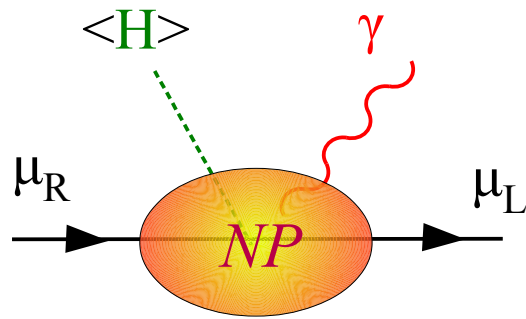


What I will explore in the next few slides is a simple toy-model for “short-lived” searches, based on

- one single **new light neutral scalar coupled** (*at least*) **to muons**,
- built to “solve” the  $(g-2)_\mu$  anomaly.

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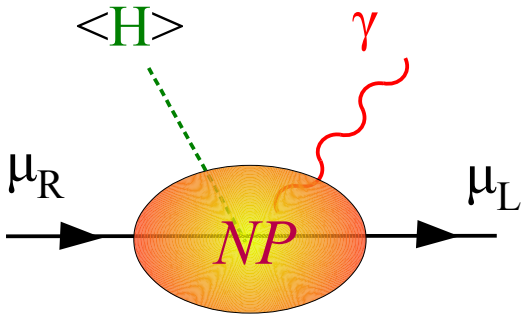
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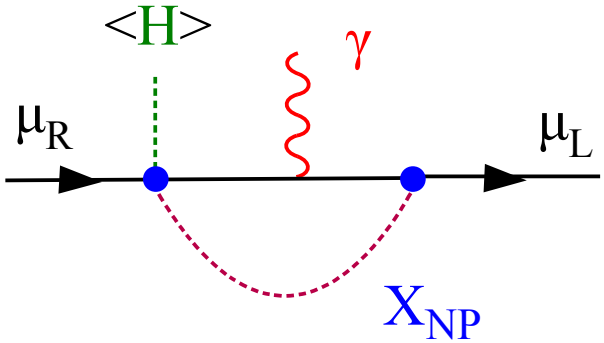
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$$2m_\mu < m_{NP} \ll m_h$$

Possible clean non-standard peak in various  $m_{\mu\mu}$  distributions.



*in particular:*

$$h \rightarrow \mu\mu + (\mu\mu) \text{ [Gonzales-Alonso & GI, '14]}$$

*but also (depending on  $m_{NP}$ ):*

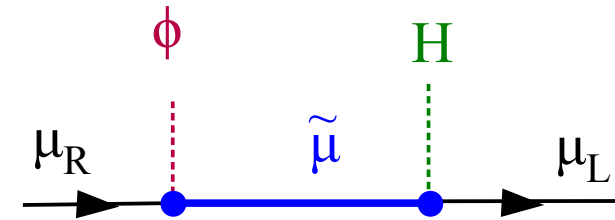
$$D_s \rightarrow \mu\nu + (\mu\mu) \quad B_u \rightarrow \mu\nu + (\mu\mu), \dots$$

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- One light  $SU(2)_L$ -singlet scalar field,  $\phi$
- One effective coupling  $c_\mu/\Lambda \rightarrow$  Two parameter model ( $c_\mu/\Lambda$  and  $m_\phi$ ):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}}(\phi) + \left( \frac{c_\mu}{\Lambda} \bar{\mu}_L \mu_R H \phi + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

*This  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  can be generated, for instance, introducing an heavy vector-like partner of the muon*



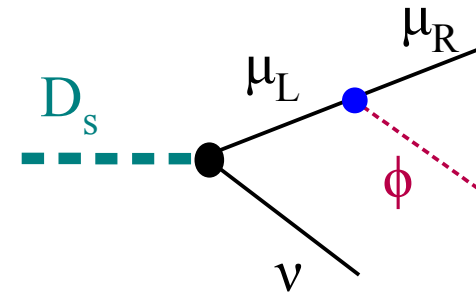
- The ratio of the two free parameters is fixed by  $(g-2)_\mu$  anomaly:

$$\Delta a_\mu = \frac{|c_\mu|^2}{96\pi^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\phi^2} \approx 6.4 \times 10^{-9} \left| \frac{c_\mu/\Lambda}{(10 \text{ TeV})^{-1}} \right|^2 \left| \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{m_\phi} \right|^2$$

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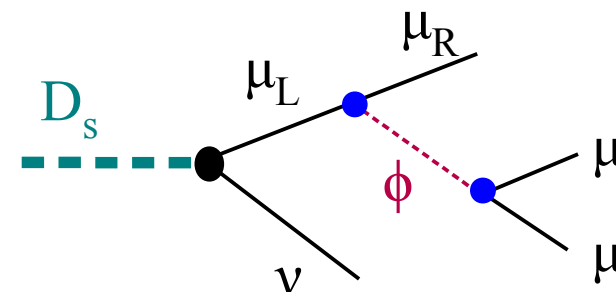


$$\text{BR}(\mathbf{D}_s \rightarrow (\mu\mu)_\phi \mu \nu) = \text{BR}(\mathbf{D}_s \rightarrow \phi \mu \nu) \times \text{BR}(\phi \rightarrow \mu\mu)$$

- ♦ The  $\phi$  is certainly short-lived [ $\leftrightarrow (g-2)_\mu$  constraint]
- ♦  $\text{BR}(\phi \rightarrow \mu\mu)$  can be  $\ll 1$  if there are additional (invisible) decay modes ( $\nu$ 's, DM states, etc...). Actually  $\text{BR} \ll 1$  is welcome to avoid existing constraints



The  $\mathbf{D}_s \rightarrow (\mu\mu)_\phi \mu \nu$  decay could be searched for at LHCb, but in principle a new dedicated experiment could cover a much wider range.

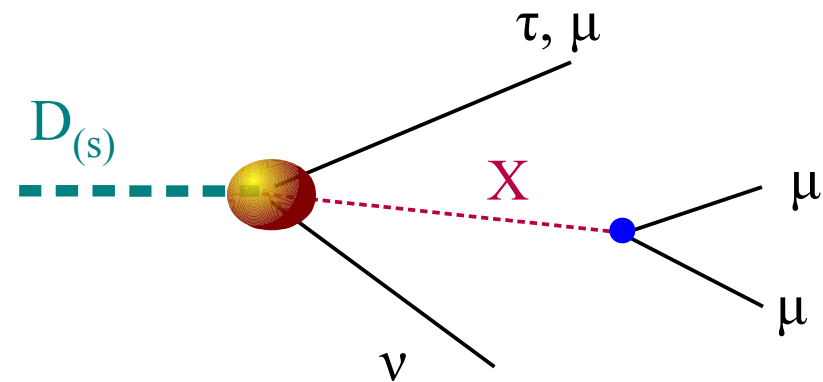


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What I just illustrated is only one example of the class of models that could be tested in an experiment reconstructing the muons produced from weak charm decays

### *Possible variations:*

- $X$  could be a scalar or a vector
- $X$  could couple also/only to tau's
- $X$  could couple to the weak current
- ....



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“far detectors”