

# Electromagnetic flavor-changing lepton decays from Lorentz and CPT violation

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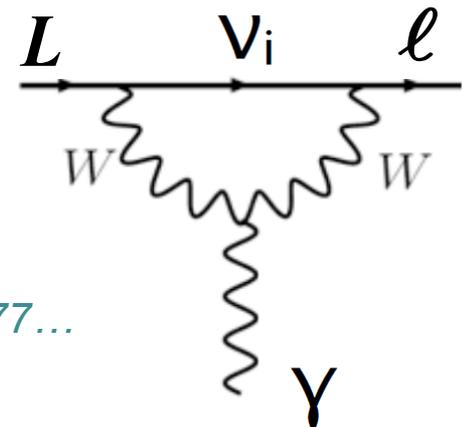
# 1. Introduction and Motivation

- Neutrino oscillations are the first evidence for lepton flavour violation
- How about in the charged lepton sector?
- In the *SM* with massive neutrinos effective CLFV vertices are tiny due to GIM suppression  $\Rightarrow$  *unobservably small rates!*

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

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

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



- Extremely *clean probe of beyond SM physics*

## 2. Experimental constraints: CLFV from muon decays

- Several processes:  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$ ,  $\mu(A, Z) \rightarrow e(A, Z)$

MEG'16

$$BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$$

→  $6 \times 10^{-14}$

Sindrum

$$BR(\mu \rightarrow eee) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$$

→  $10^{-15} - 10^{-16}$

Mu3e

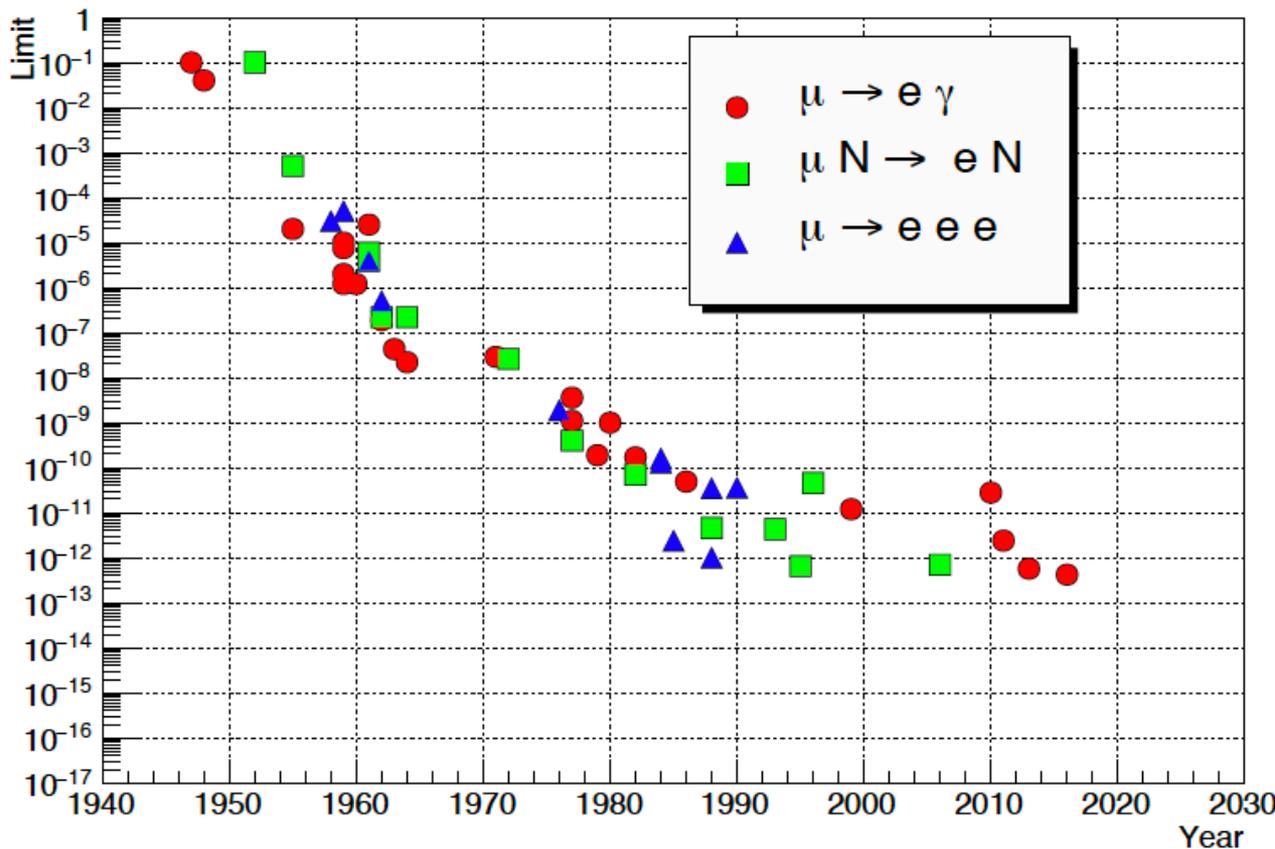
Sindrum II

$$BR_{\mu-e}^{Ti} < 4.3 \times 10^{-12}$$

→  $10^{-14}$  DeeMee  
 $10^{-16} - 10^{-17}$

Mu2e/COMET

Calibbi&Signorelli'17

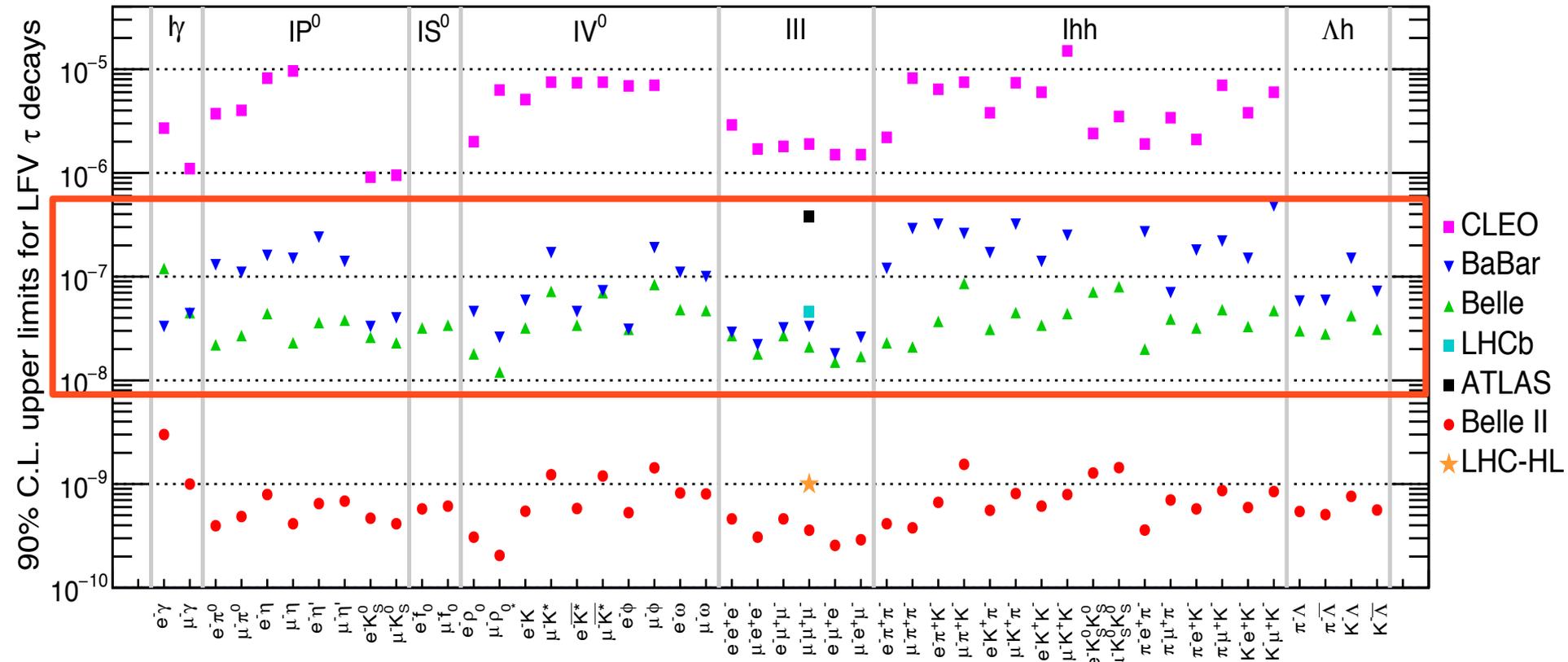


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HL-LHC&HE-LHC'18

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 $\leftarrow P, S, V, P\bar{P}, \dots$



- 48 LFV modes studied at Belle and BaBar  $\sim 10^{-7}$ - $10^{-8}$

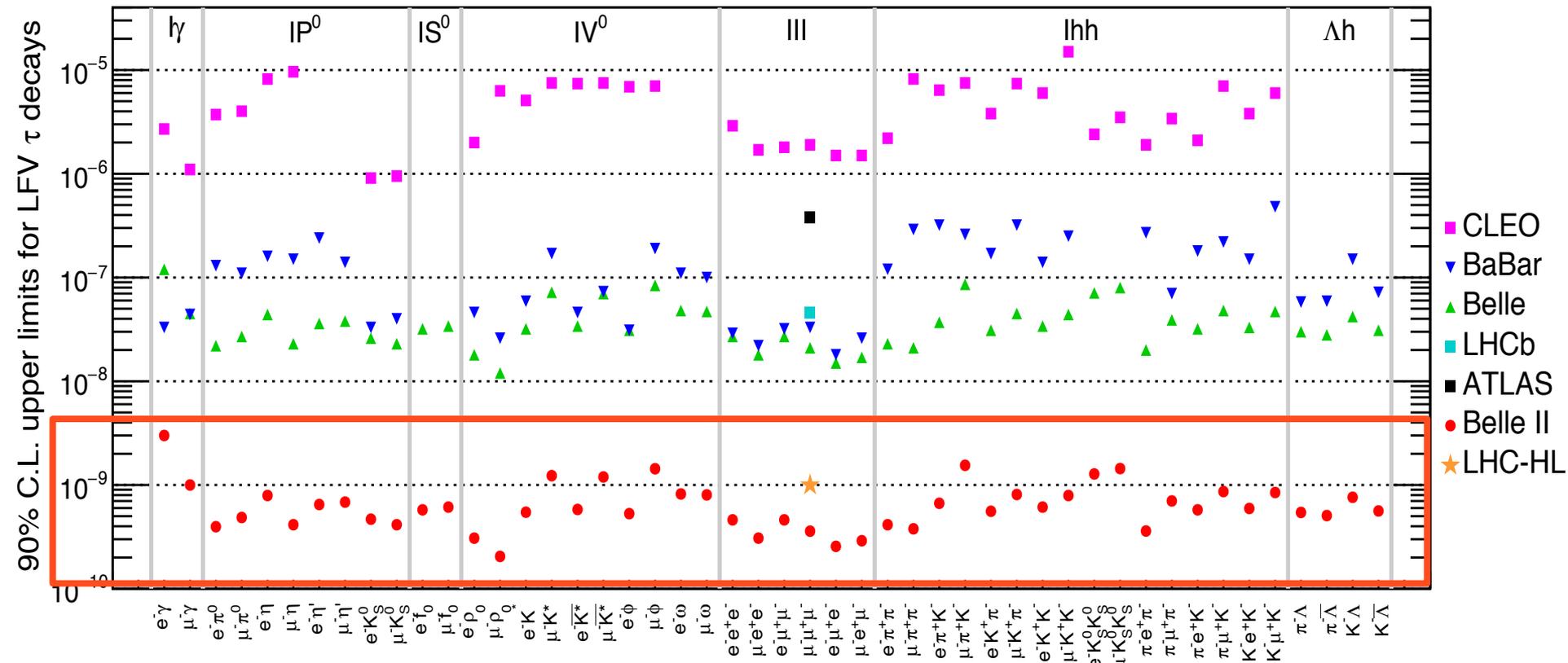
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- Expected sensitivity  $10^{-9}$  or better at *Belle II* improvement by 2 order of magnitude!

### 3. LFV and CPTV effects

- Use these bounds to constrain new physics scenarios where CLFV can reach observable levels in several channels

➔ Model independent approach : build all Lorentz invariant operators of  $d > 5$  which are invariant under the SM gauge group  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  and violate lepton flavour

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \dots$$

See e.g.

*Black, Han, He, Sher'02*

*Brignole & Rossi'04*

*Dassinger, Feldmann, Mannel,*

*Turczyk'07*

*Matsuzaki & Sanda'08*

*Giffels et al.'08*

*Crivellin, Najjari, Rosiek'13*

*Petrov & Zhuridov'14*

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

- For  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\tau \rightarrow \mu(e)\gamma$  processes which give the most stringent bounds

➔ Dipole term:  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}^D \supset -\frac{C_D}{\Lambda^2} m_\tau \bar{e} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_{L,R} \mu F_{\mu\nu}$

Constrain  $C_D$ : Wilson Coefficient and  $\Lambda$  new physics scale

### 3. LFV and CPTV effects

- Now what happens if we relax the constraints on Lorentz invariant operators  
 → More general we allow for Lorentz and CPT violation

- Enlarge the EFT: SMEFT → SME

$$S_{\text{SME}} = S_{\text{SM}} + S_{\text{GR}} + S_{\text{LV}}$$

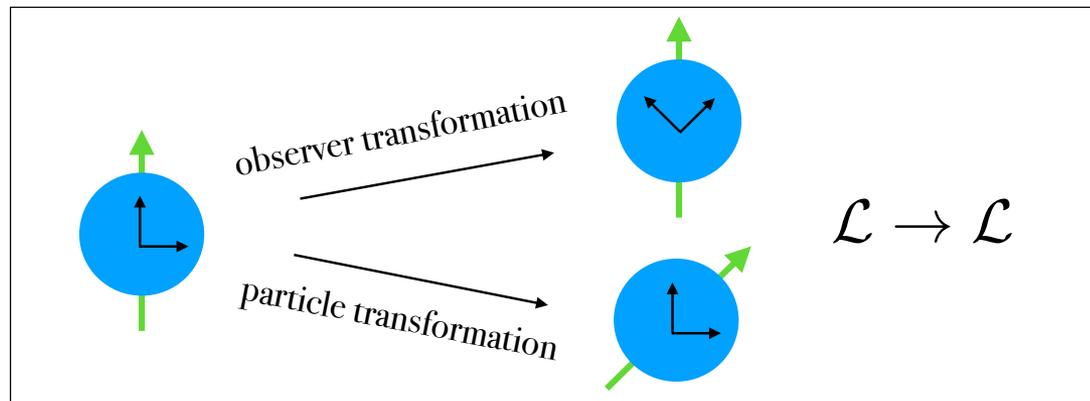
*Colladay & Kostelecký'97,  
Kostelecký'04*

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{LV}} \sim \frac{\lambda}{M^k} \langle T \rangle \cdot \bar{\psi} \Gamma (i\partial)^k \chi + \text{h.c.}$

*Kostelecký, Samuel'89,  
Kostelecký, R. Potting'91'95*

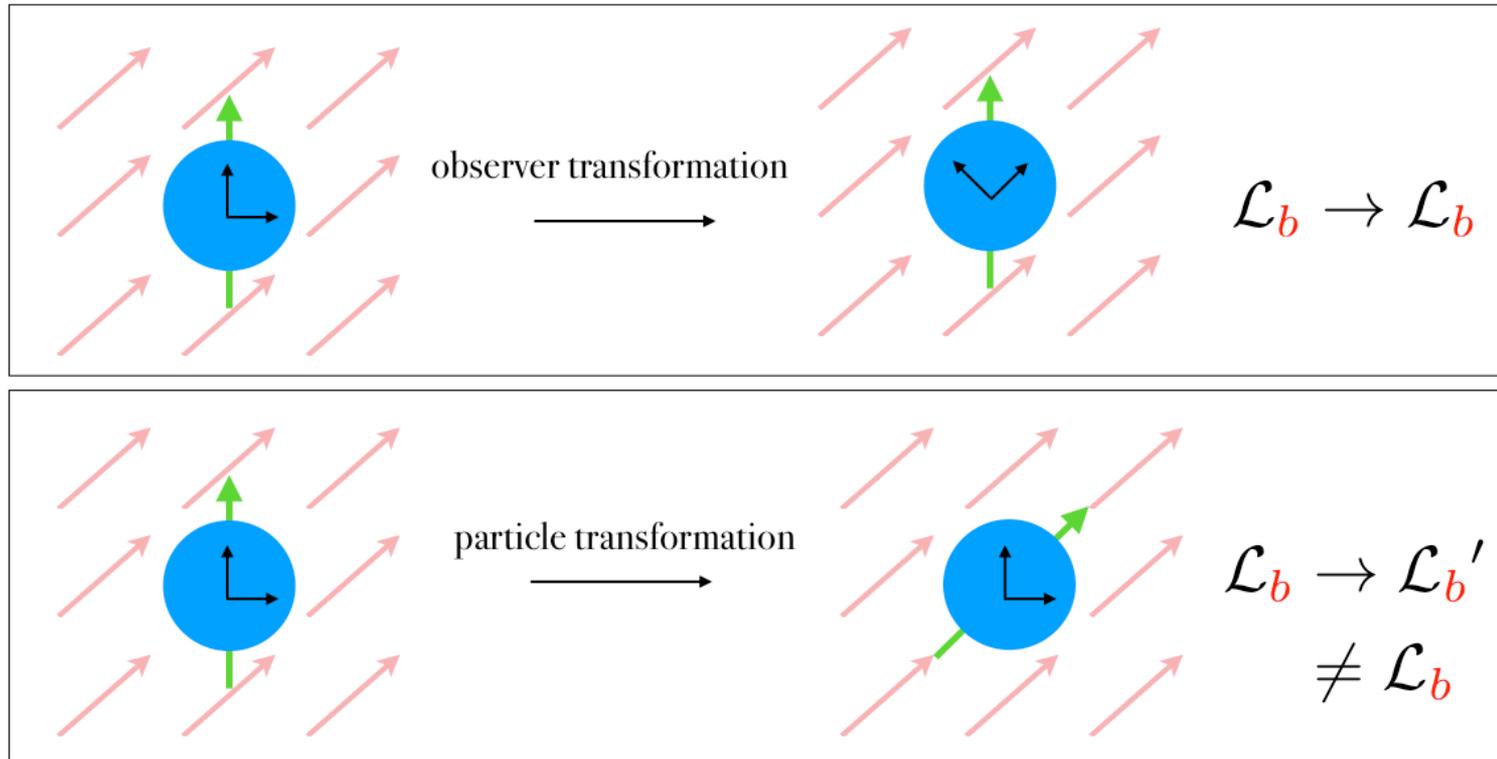
- These new terms have special properties:

Before:



### 3. LFV and CPTV effects

Now:



$$\mathcal{L}_b \supset -b_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \psi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Background breaks rotation invariance}$$

### 3. LFV and CPTV effects

- Operators that initiate charged-lepton-flavour largely unstudied except for

$$\sim -a_{AB\mu} \bar{\psi}_A \gamma^\mu \psi_B \quad \text{Crivellin, Kirk, and Schreck'21}$$

- Here study all the experimental constraints in the LFV sector to bound LV and CPTV effects
- Build all  $d = 5$  LFV operators in the SME: these are the dominant ones as the  $d = 3$  and  $d = 4$  operators do not contribute to LFV
- In a first step, restrict ourselves to the  $d = 5$  gauge-invariant operators contributing to EM 2-body decays:  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\tau \rightarrow \mu(e)\gamma$  which give stringent constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\psi F}^{(5)} = & -\frac{1}{2} (m_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_A \psi_B - \frac{1}{2} i (m_{5F}^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_A \gamma_5 \psi_B \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (a_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_A \gamma_\mu \psi_B - \frac{1}{2} (b_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_A \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_B - \frac{1}{4} (H_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_A \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi_B \end{aligned}$$

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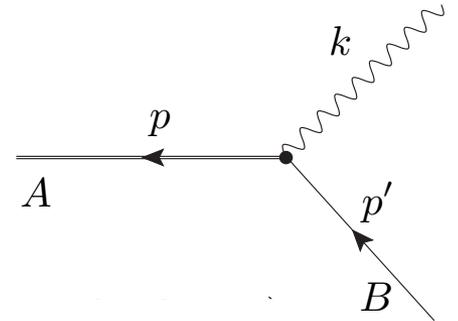
CPT even

CPT odd

- Compute the LFV amplitude generated by this Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{M}_{AB}^{(s,s',\lambda)} = \bar{\nu}_A^{(s)}(p) V_{AB}^\beta(k) \nu_B^{(s')}(p') \epsilon_\beta^{*(\lambda)}(k)$$

$$\text{with } V_{AB}^\beta(k) = \begin{cases} V_{m_F}^\beta = (m_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta} k_\alpha, \\ V_{m_{5F}}^\beta = i (m_{5F}^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta} \gamma_5 k_\alpha, \\ V_{a_F}^\beta = (a_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\alpha\beta} \gamma_\mu k_\alpha, \\ V_{b_F}^\beta = (b_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\alpha\beta} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 k_\alpha, \\ V_{H_F}^\beta = \frac{1}{2} (H_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_\alpha. \end{cases}$$



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- From the amplitude one can compute the decay rate

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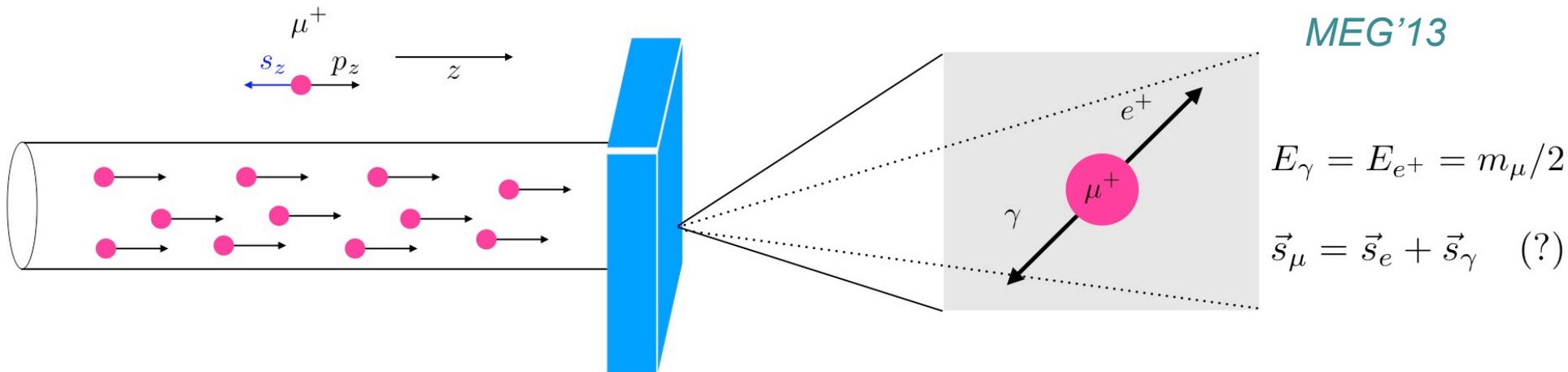
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- To do that and compute  $d\Omega_{\text{exp}}$  one needs to know the precise experimental conditions
- *MEG*: constraints from  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$
- *BABAR*: constraints from unpolarized Tau decays:  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow e/\mu^\pm \gamma$

## 4. MEG experiment

- Polarized antimuons impinge on and decay in stopping target



- Roughly 11% of full  $4\pi$  steradian detector coverage is available:

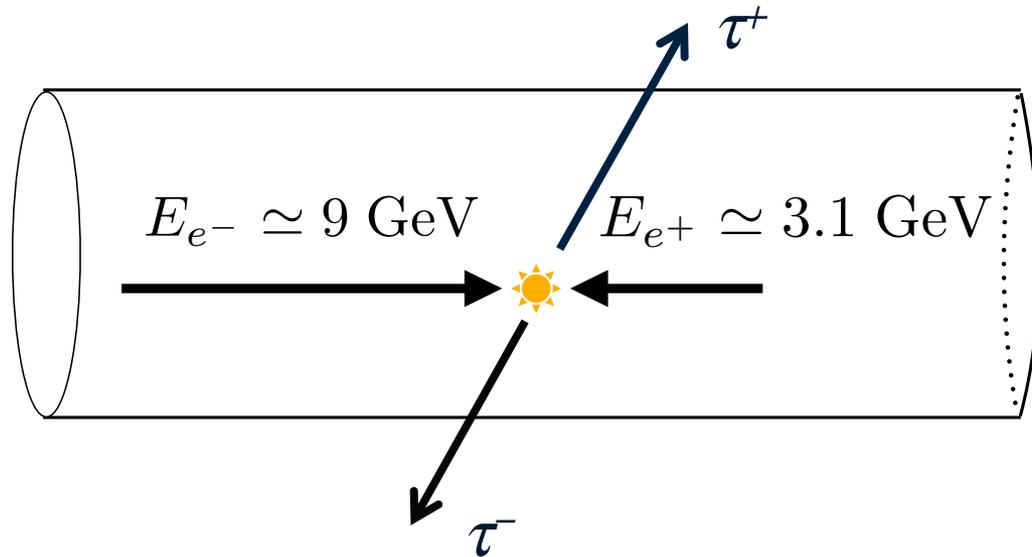
$$\Gamma \simeq \frac{1}{64\pi^2 m_\mu} \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} \int_{\phi_{\min}}^{\phi_{\max}} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi |\mathcal{M}(\theta, \phi)|^2$$

$$\theta \in (1.21, 1.93)$$

$$\phi \in \left(\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$$

## 5. BABAR experiment

- Tau pairs are produced by antisymmetric electron-positron annihilation



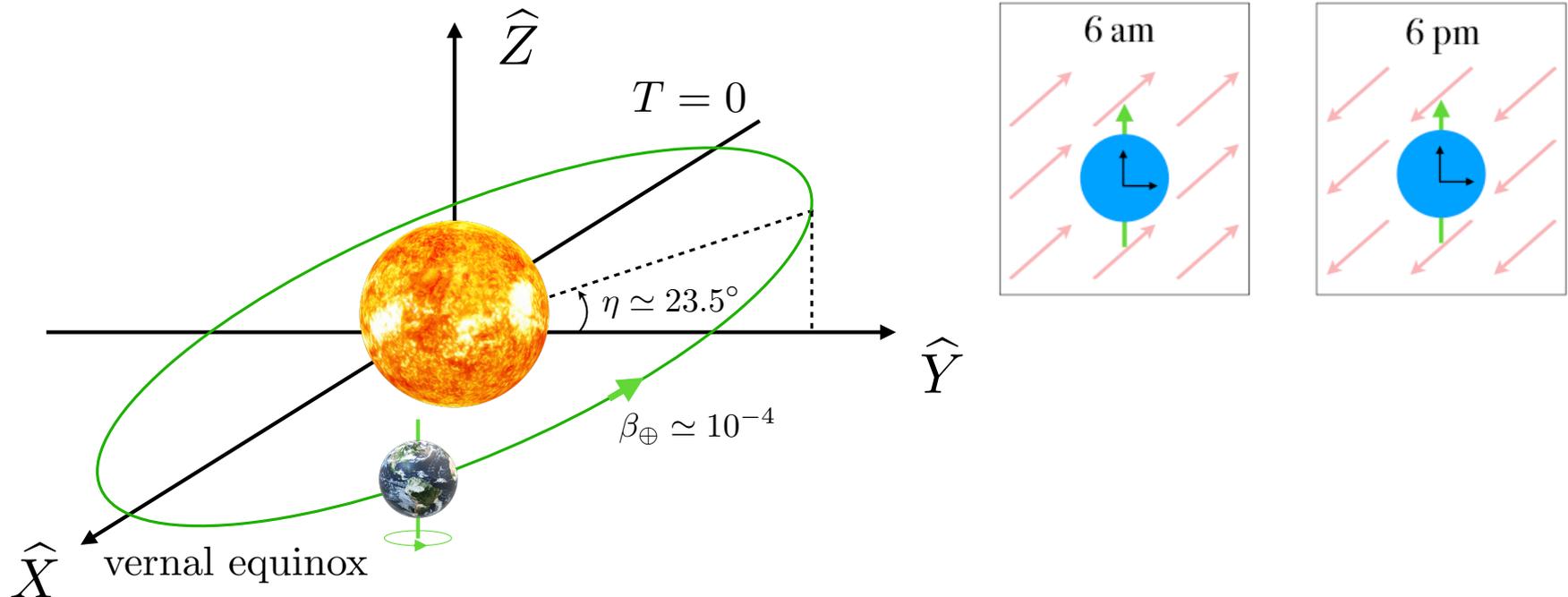
- Acceptance window: 90% of full phase-space volume

$$\Gamma \simeq \frac{1}{64\pi^2 m_\tau} \int_{4\pi} d\Omega \sum_{\text{spins}} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 \quad \text{with}$$

$$\sum_{\text{spins}} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{m_F^{(5)}}|^2 = 2(m_A m_B + p \cdot p') (m_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{k\mu} (m_F^{*(5)})_{AB\mu}^k$$

## 6. Time-dependent signals

- Earth-based lab is a noninertial frame  $\Rightarrow$  work in Sun-centered frame (SCF)



- Express lab-frame coefficients in terms of SCF coefficients

$$a_{\text{lab}}^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu a_{\text{SCF}}^\nu \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \simeq R^\mu{}_\nu(\omega_\oplus T_\oplus, \chi_{\text{lab}}, \dots)$$

# 7. Results

- Summary of first constraints extracted from *MEG* and *BaBar* measurements

Coefficient	# Components	Bounds
$(m_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta}$	6	$ \text{Re}(m_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta} ,  \text{Im}(m_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\alpha\beta}  \lesssim \begin{cases} < 6.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1}, (A, B) = (\mu, e) \\ < 1.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-1}, (A, B) = (\tau, (\mu, e)) \end{cases}$
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$(H_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$	36	$ \text{Re}(H_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} ,  \text{Im}(H_F^{(5)})_{AB}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}  \lesssim \begin{cases} < 6.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1}, (A, B) = (\mu, e) \\ < 2.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-1}, (A, B) = (\tau, (\mu, e)) \end{cases}$
Total = 96		

- Constraints at the level of
  - $6 \times 10^{-13}$  coming from  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$
  - $2 \times 10^{-9}$  coming from  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow e/\mu^\pm \gamma \Rightarrow$  expected  $10^{-11}$  with  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  at *Belle II*
- Including complexity of coefficients & three channels = **576 coefficients**

## 8. Conclusion and Outlook

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- CLFV has been studied in the context of dimension-five Lorentz- and CPT-violating effects for the first time
- Many experimental constraints on CLFV  open a new range of opportunities to constrain Lorentz- and CPT-violating effects
- Here we have explored the bounds given by  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$  from *MEG* and on  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow e/\mu^\pm \gamma$  from *BABAR*
  -  Future experiments, e.g. *MEG-II* and *Belle II*, expected to increase limits on muon and tau decays by 1-2 orders of magnitude
- Sidereal signals could also be analyzed by binning data in time
- Many other channels we can explore !