

Lepton Flavour Violation at τ decays

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Lepton Flavour/Number Violation

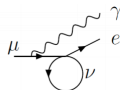
Lepton Flavour Violation(LFV):

After μ^- was discovered (1936) it was natural to think of it as an excited e^- .

- Expected: $B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \approx 10^{-4}$
- Unless another ν , in intermediate vector boson loop, cancels.



$$\nu_\mu = \nu_e \Rightarrow$$



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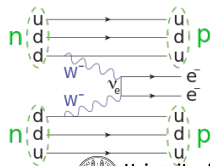
"Who ordered that?"



- Up to this day charged LFV is being searched for in various decay modes.
- LFV was already found in neutrino sector (oscillations).

Lepton Number Violation (LNV)

- Even with LFV, lepton number can be a conserved quantity.
- Many NP models predict its violation (Majorana neutrinos)
- Searched in so called Neutrinoless double β decays.



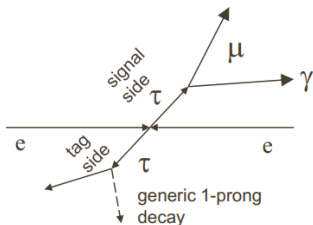
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LFV at B-factories

$$\sigma(e^-e^+ \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = 0.919 \text{ nb}$$

- Clean environment.



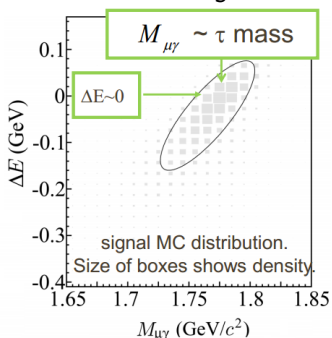
- High efficiency: 5 – 10%
- Background free.
- Efficient and simple tag.

Signal extraction:

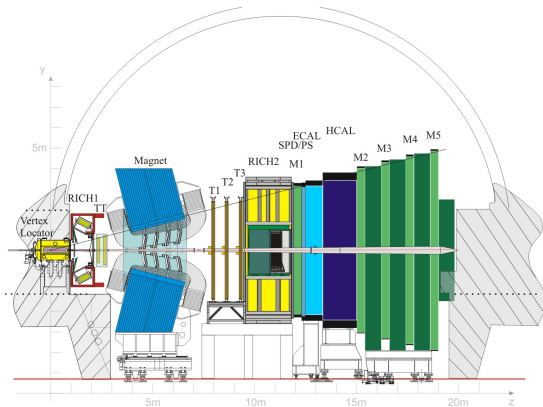
$$M_{\mu\gamma} = \sqrt{(E_{sig}^{CM})^2 - (p_{sig}^{CM})^2}$$

$$\Delta E = E_{sig}^{CM} - E_{beam}^{CM}$$

$$H_l = \sum_{ij} \frac{|\vec{p}_j| |\vec{p}_i| P_l(\cos \Omega_{ij})}{s}$$



Hadron collider - LHCb



LHCb is a forward spectrometer:

- Excellent vertex resolution.
- Efficient trigger.
- High acceptance for τ and B.
- Great Particle ID

B factories

- 1 Clean signal: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$
- 2 Calculate the thrust axis
- 3 "Partial tag" of the other τ
- 4 Small cross section $0.919nb$

LHCb, ($7 - 8 TeV$, 2011-2012 data)

- 1 Inclusive τ cross section:
 $\sim 80\mu b$.
- 2 $\sim 10^{11}\tau$ produced.
- 3 Dominant contribution:
 $D_s \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau$ (78%)
- 4 No tag possible.

- Blind analysis.
- Loose selection.
- Multivariate classification in: mass, $PID(\mathcal{M}_{PID})$, geometry(\mathcal{M}_{3body}).
- Binning optimisation.
- Consider 2012(8 TeV) and 2011(7 TeV) data separately.
- Relative normalisation ($D_s \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\pi$).
- Invariant mass fit for expected background in each likelihood bin: fit in $|m - m_\tau| > 30$ MeV.
- “middle sidebands” for classifier evaluation and tests: $(20 \text{ MeV} < |m - m_\tau| < 30 \text{ MeV})$.
- CLs for limit calculation.



- τ 's in LHCb come from five main sources:

Mode	7 TeV	8 TeV
Prompt $D_s \rightarrow \tau$	$71.1 \pm 3.0 \%$	$72.4 \pm 2.7 \%$
Prompt $D^+ \rightarrow \tau$	$4.1 \pm 0.8 \%$	$4.2 \pm 0.7 \%$
Non-prompt $D_s \rightarrow \tau$	$9.0 \pm 2.0 \%$	$8.5 \pm 1.7 \%$
Non-prompt $D^+ \rightarrow \tau$	$0.18 \pm 0.04 \%$	$0.17 \pm 0.04 \%$
$X_b \rightarrow \tau$	$15.5 \pm 2.7 \%$	$14.7 \pm 2.3 \%$

$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \tau)$

- There is no measurement of $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \tau)$.
- One can calculate it from: $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu)$ + helicity suppression + phase space.
- hep-ex:0604043.
- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau) = (1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$.

- LHCb uses complex trigger¹
- $\mathcal{O}(100)$ trigger lines.
- Lines change with data taking.
- Optimized choice of triggers based on $\frac{s}{\sqrt{b}}$ FOM.
- Evaluated different triggers used in 2012 data taking.
- Found negligible differences in trigger efficiencies.

¹[arxiv 1211.3055](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.3055)

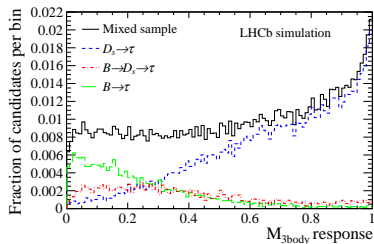
- As mentioned in LHC we have different production sources of τ 's.
- Each source has different detector response signature.
- To maximise our performance we trained classifiers for each of the τ sources using:
 - Kinematic properties of τ candidate.
 - Geometric properties of τ candidate, like pointing angle, DOCA, Vertex χ^2 , flight distance.
 - Isolations, for vertex and individual tracks.
- After training the individual classifiers one that combines all this information in a single classifier on mixed sample of τ 's.
- This technique is known as Blending or Ensemble learning.
- Using this approach we gain 6% sensitivity!



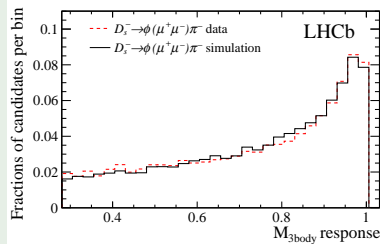
Performance of Blend classifier

- Classifier prefers τ 's from prompt D_S , the dominant channel.

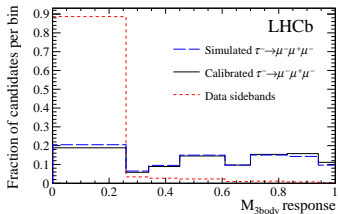
MC response for different τ production channels



Response for $D_S \rightarrow \phi\pi$ data and MC

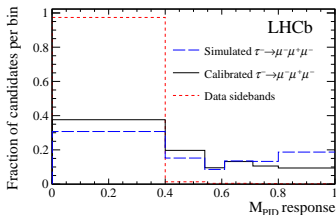


- Assume all differences between $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ and $D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi$ come from kinematics (mass, resonance, decay time), which is correct in MC.
- Get correction $D_s \rightsquigarrow \tau$ from MC.
- Apply corrections to $D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi$ on data.



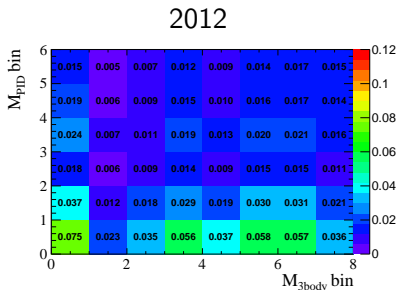
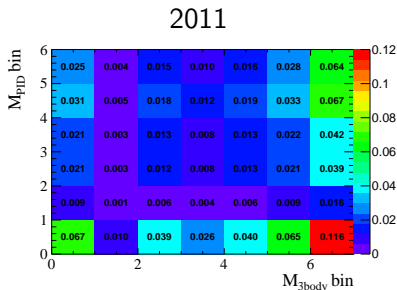
- $D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi$ well modelled in MC.

- Classifier trained on inclusive MC sample.
- Using information from: RICH, Calorimeters, Muon system and tracking.
- Correct for the MC efficiency using control channel:
 $D_s \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\pi$ and $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)K$



Binning optimisation

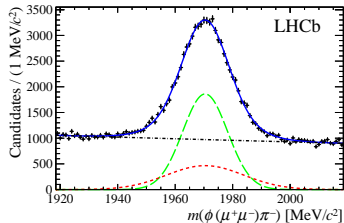
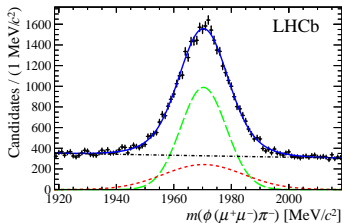
- Events are distributed among $\mathcal{M}_{3body}, \mathcal{M}_{PID}$ plane.
- In 2D we group the events in groups(bins)
- Bins are optimised using CL_s method.
- The lowest bins are rejected, because they do not contribute to the limit sensitivity.
- In the remaining bins a fit to mass side-bands is performed in order to estimate number of expected background in signal window.



Mass shape

- Double-Gaussian with fixed fraction (70 % inner Gaussian).
- Fix fraction to ease calibration.
- Correct mass by MC:

$$\sigma_{data}^{\tau} = \frac{\sigma_{MC}^{\tau}}{\sigma_{MC}^{D_s}} \times \sigma_{data}^{D_s}$$



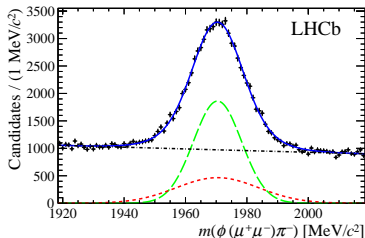
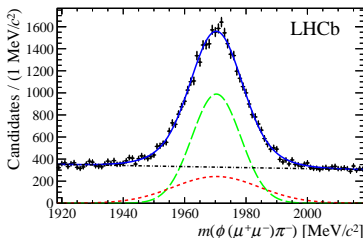
Calibrated τ Mass shape	7 TeV	8 TeV
Mean (MeV)	1779.1 ± 0.1	1779.0 ± 0.1
σ_1 (MeV)	7.7 ± 0.1	7.6 ± 0.1
σ_2 (MeV)	12.0 ± 0.8	11.5 ± 0.5



Relative normalisation

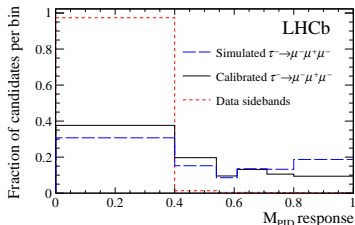
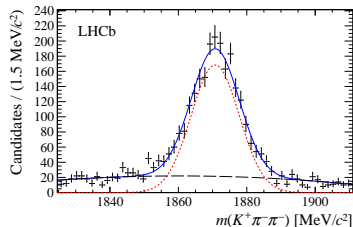
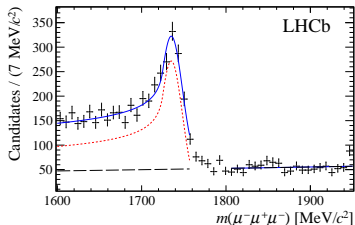
$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi)}{\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau)} \times f_{D_s}^\tau \times \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{norm}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{sig}}} \times \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{norm}}} = \alpha \times N_{\text{sig}}$$

- where ε stands for trigger, reconstruction, selection efficiency.
- $f_{D_s}^\tau$ is the fraction of τ coming from D_s .
- norm = normalisation channel $D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi$
i.e. $(83 \pm 3)\%$ for 2012.



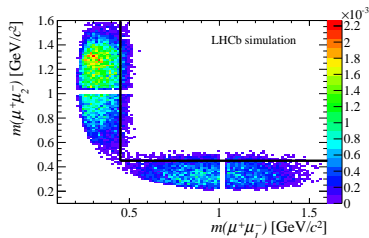
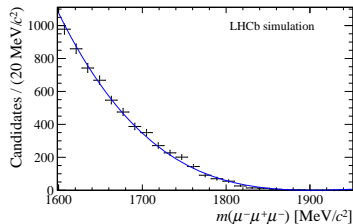
Misidentification

- Dominant: $D^+ \rightarrow K\pi\pi$.
- Also seen $D^+ \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ and $D_s \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$.
- All contained in the lowest \mathcal{M}_{PID} bin.



Dangerous backgrounds

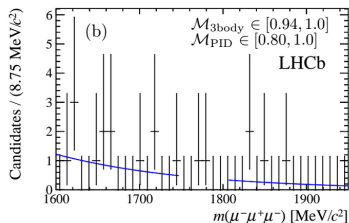
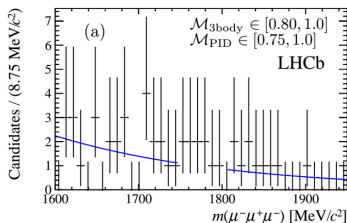
- $\phi \rightarrow \mu\mu + X$: narrow veto on dimuon mass.
- $D_s \rightarrow \eta(\mu\mu\gamma)\mu\nu_\mu$: not so easy:
 - Model it
 - Remove it with dimuon mass cut:
 - Fits better understood.
 - Sensitivity unchanged when removing veto.
 - Smaller uncertainty on expected background.



Remaining backgrounds

- Fit exponential to invariant mass spectrum in each likelihood bin.
 - Don't use blinded region (± 30 MeV).
- Compatible results blinding only ± 20 MeV²

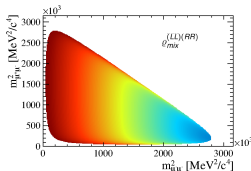
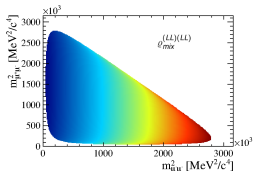
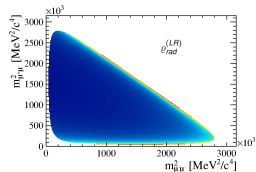
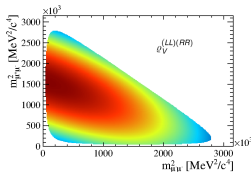
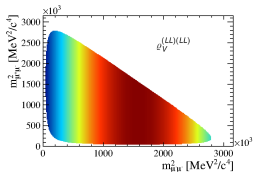
Example of most sensitive regions in 2011 and 2012



²partially used in classifier development

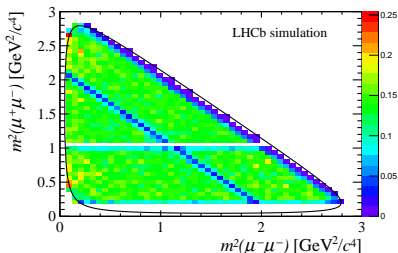
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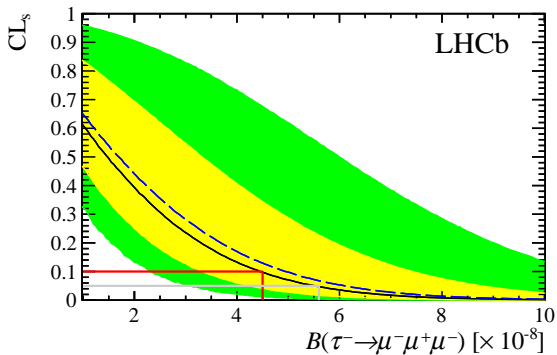


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- With radiative distribution limit gets worse by a factor of 1.5 (dominantly from the η veto).
- The other four Dalitz distributions behave nicely (within 7 %).



Results



Limits(PHSP):

Observed(Expected)

$4.6 (5.0) \times 10^{-8}$ at 90% CL

$5.6 (6.1) \times 10^{-8}$ at 95% CL

Dalitz distribution	$\times 10^{-8}$
$\rho_{V}^{(LL)(LL)}$	4.2 (4.7)
$\rho_{V}^{(LL)(RR)}$	4.1 (4.6)
$\rho_{V}^{(LR)}$	6.8 (7.6)
$\rho_{rad}^{(LL)(LL)}$	4.4 (5.1)
$\rho_{mix}^{(LL)(RR)}$	4.6 (5.0)
ρ_{mix}	

"The Rule of Three"

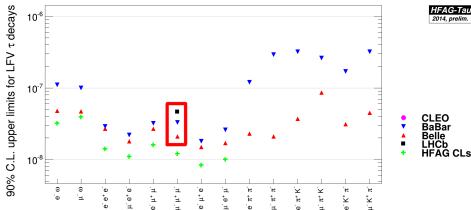
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ limits (90% CL)

BaBar(FC) 3.3×10^{-8}

Belle(FC) 2.1×10^{-8}

LHCb(CLs) 4.6×10^{-8}

HFAG(CLs) 1.2×10^{-8}



From A.Lusiani talk

To conclude:

- LHCb updated $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ with full data set.
- We are getting close to B-factories.
- Thanks to 3 experiments we have a world limit:
 $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) < 1.2 \times 10^{-8}$ at 90% CL.

Future of $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ at hadron colliders.



More nasty background

D_s^+ decay	$\mathcal{B}_1^{(*)}$	Secondary decays	\mathcal{B}_2	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{tot}} = \mathcal{B}_1 \times \mathcal{B}_2$
$\eta\mu^+\nu_\mu$	2.67×10^{-2}	$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	5.8×10^{-6}	1.5×10^{-7}
		$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	3.1×10^{-4}	8.2×10^{-6}
		$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	$< 3 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 8.0 \times 10^{-8}$
$\eta'\mu^+\nu_\mu$	9.9×10^{-3}	$\eta' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	1.09×10^{-4}	1.1×10^{-6}
$\phi\mu^+\nu_\mu$	2.49×10^{-2}	$\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	2.87×10^{-4}	7.1×10^{-6}
		$\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	1.4×10^{-5}	3.5×10^{-7}
		$\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\pi^0$	$1.12 \times 10^{-5}(\dagger)$	2.8×10^{-7}

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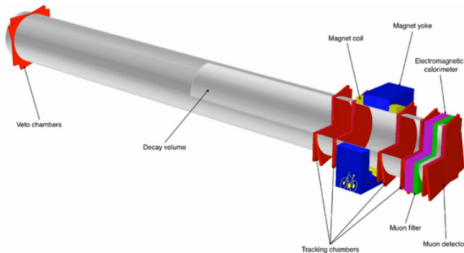
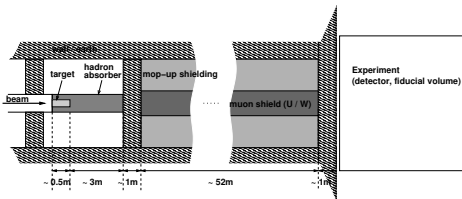
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LFV at SHiP experiment



- Beam dump experiment from SPS.
- Designed to study long living particles e.g.. HNL.
- Main interest are particles coming from charm decays.
- Charm decays are also an excellent source of τ decays:
$$Br(D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (5.6 \pm 0.4)\%$$



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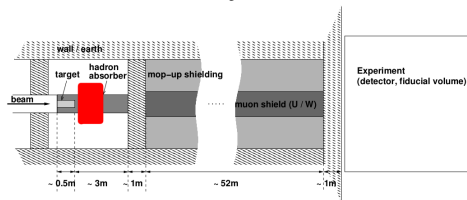


LFV at SHIP experiment: Idea 1

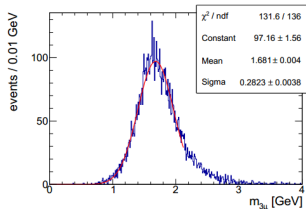
- Put a specific $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ detector just after the target.
- Huge number of τ produced: 1.2×10^{15} !
- The numbers are very encouraging!
- What is the mass resolution?

Based on SHIP $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ WG:

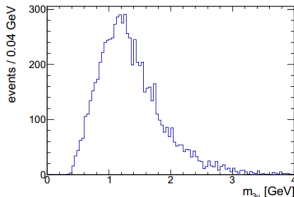
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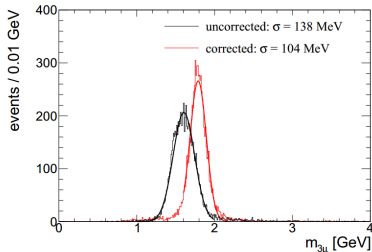
Tungsten 50 cm



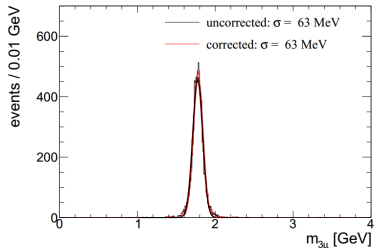
Carbon ($\sim 30\lambda_h$)



Carbon ($\sim 5\lambda_h$)

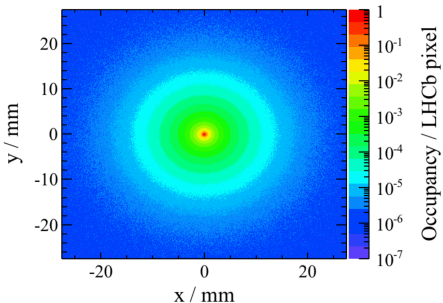
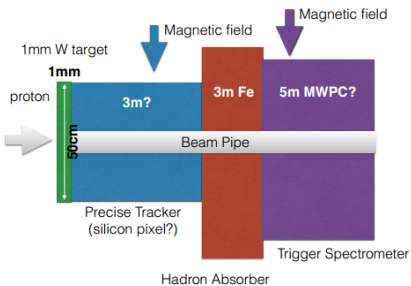


Tungsten 1cm



- With correction of momentum after the target the resolution is better.
- However still not good enough to perform this measurement.
- Conclusions: momentum of the muons needs to be measured before absorber and on thin target.

LFV at SHIP experiment: Idea 2



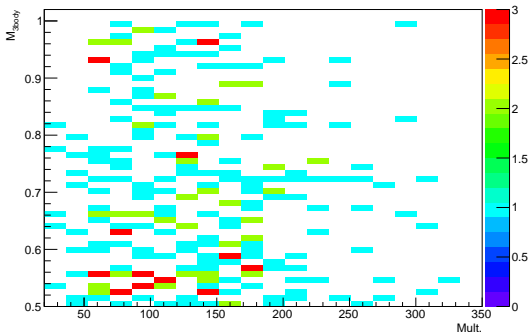
- Multiple scattering is negligible.
- τ vertex outside the target.
- Reduce τ flux by a factor of 100.
- First estimate of sensor radius : ~ 2.5 mm
- Evaluated acceptance: 33%
- Work ongoing.

- First thought: Detector similar to LHCb.
- Lets try to make „zero approximation” using LHCb analysis.
- Ingredients:
 - Acceptance: $\sim 10\%$.
 - Pre-Selection and tracking: $\sim 10\%$.
 - Trigger: $\sim 40\%$.
 - Selection(trash bins): $\sim 50\%$.
 - In total: 0.2% .
- Not bad so far!

Observation:

The total efficiency can be increased by factor 2 – 5 if detector is optimised for τ 's.

LFV at injectors for FCC - Pileup



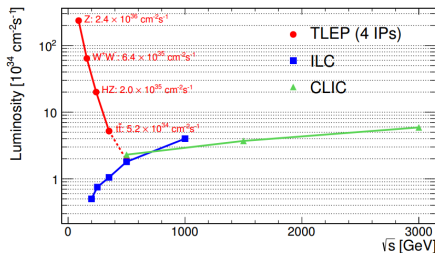
- Not clear correlation with multiplicity.
- Good for pile-up increase.

Observation:

Pile up in LHCb regime is not a problem.

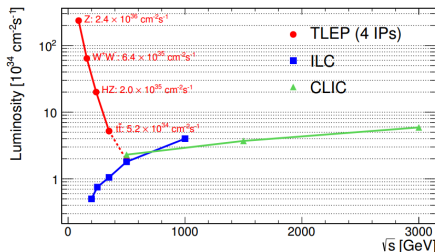
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- $Br(Z \rightarrow \tau^- \tau^+) = 3.370 \pm 0.008\%$.
- Number of τ : $6.7 \times 10^{10-11}$.



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- Belle2: $50\text{ab}^{-1} \times 2 \times 0.919\text{nb} = 9.2 \times 10^{10}$ τ 's



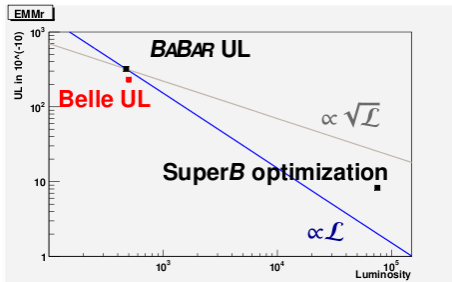
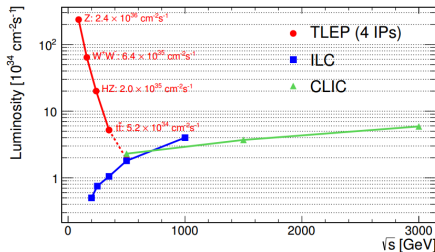
Reminder:

- $\epsilon_{\tau \rightarrow 3\mu}^{BaBar} = 6.6 \pm 0.6\%$
- $\epsilon_{\tau \rightarrow 3\mu}^{Belle} = 7.6 \pm 0.6\%$
- $\epsilon_{\tau}^{ALEPH} \approx 50\%$

- There is a factor of 8 to gain just in efficiency!

LFV at injectors for FCC - Idea to shoot at

- Let's assume that FCC will be a e^-e^+ collider.
LHC tunnel - e^-e^+ booster.
- We would collect 10^{12-13} Z decays.
- $Br(Z \rightarrow \tau^- \tau^+) = 3.370 \pm 0.008\%$.
- Number of τ : $6.7 \times 10^{10-11}$.



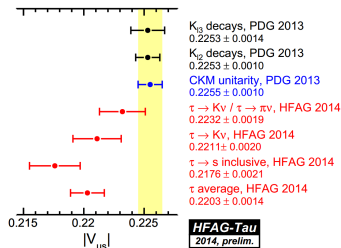
Reminder 2:

- In e^-e^+ machines in contrast to hadron colliders the limit doesn't necessary follow $\sqrt{\mathcal{L}}$.
- Another factor to gain.

τ 's at hadron collider have limited use! At e^-e^+ we get for free:

- All LFV (at hadron colliders most decays are not possible).
- V_{us} from τ .
- Lepton universality tests (anomaly from LEP):

$$\frac{2BR(W \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau)}{BR(W \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu) + BR(W \rightarrow e\nu_e)} = 1.077(0.026).$$
- Hadronic spectral functions.
- etc.



Conclusions

- LFV is possible at hadron machines!
- LHCb already caught up with B-factories.
- In future there are many different possibilities for τ factories.
- Many studies ongoing.

