



**FLAVOR BSM**

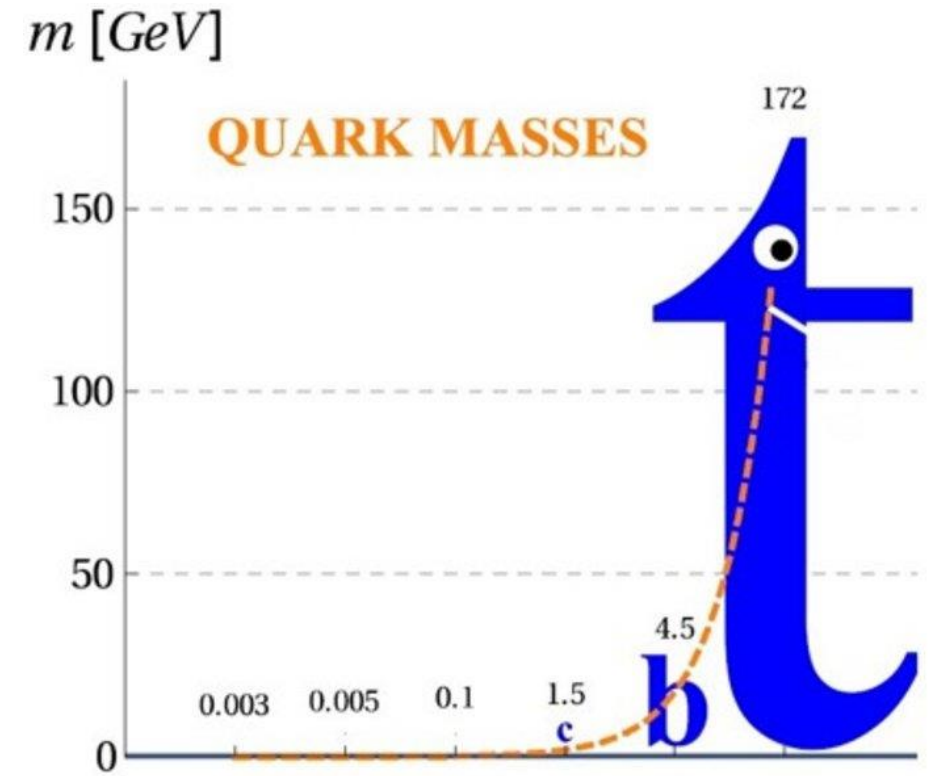
**Flavor Portal New  
Physics at CEPC**

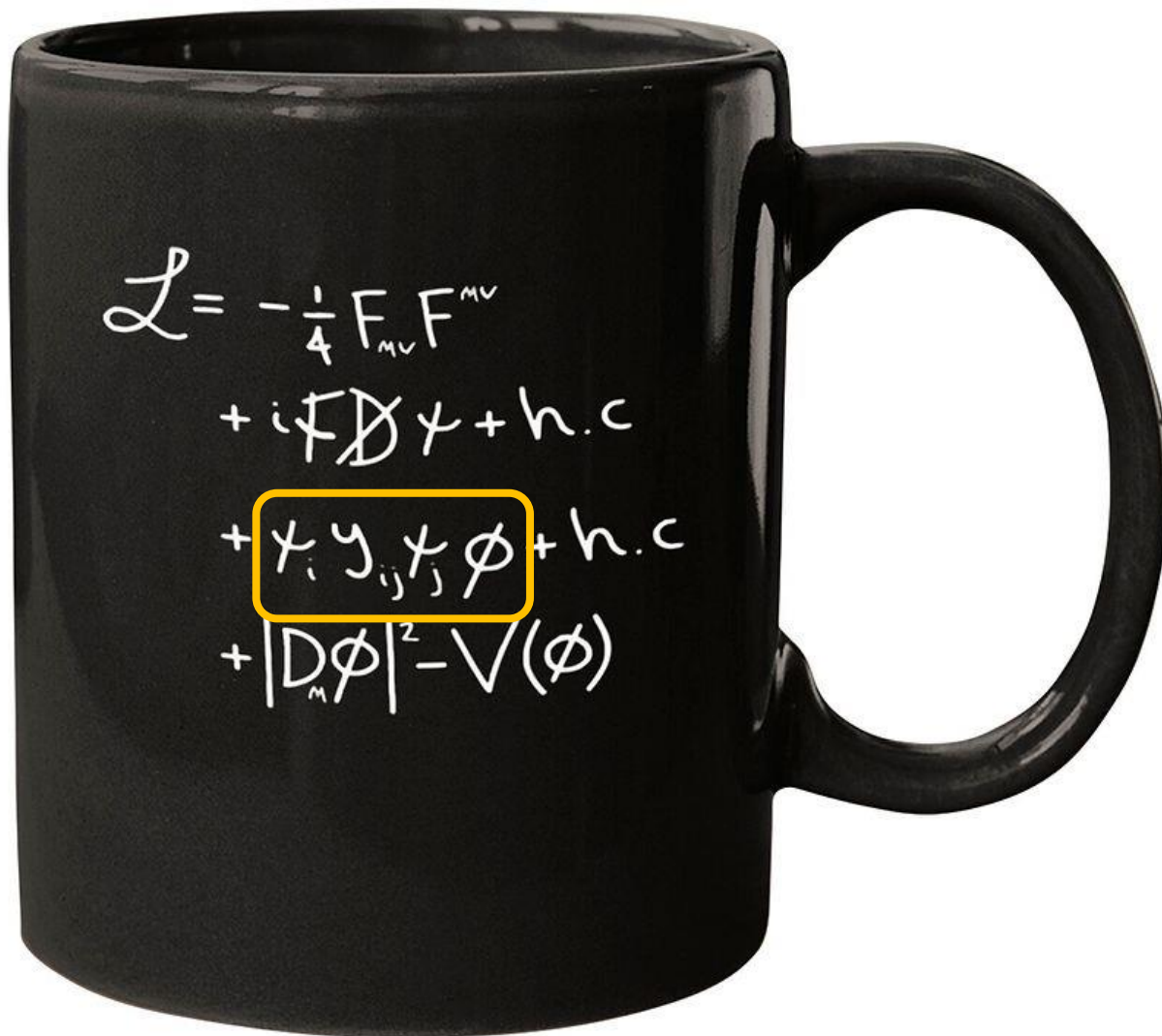
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“Don’t leave flavor physics just to flavor physicists”  
*someone awesome, 2019*

# Flavor Portal?

- We don't know why there are 3 generations
- (no CPV with less than 3, hints?)
- The Higgs hierarchy problem greatly sharpens with the heavy top mass, also the “worst” in flavor hierarchy
- Flavor probes tend to be very precise

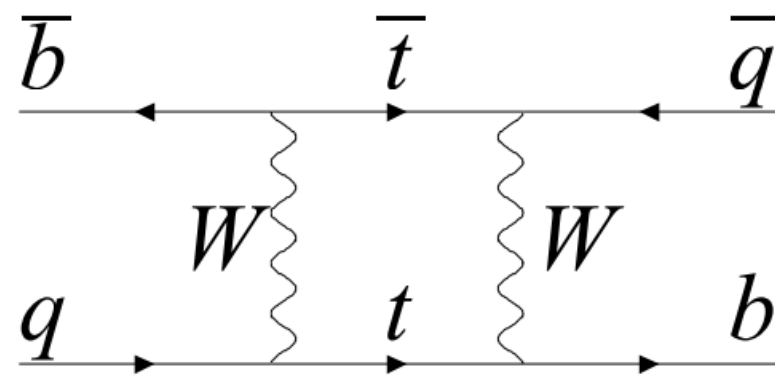
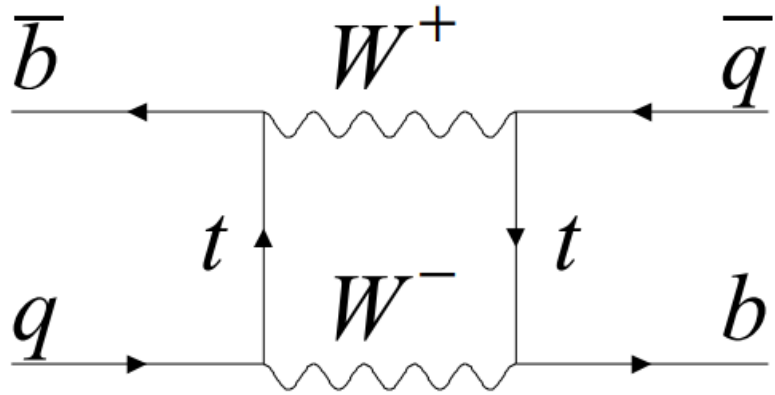




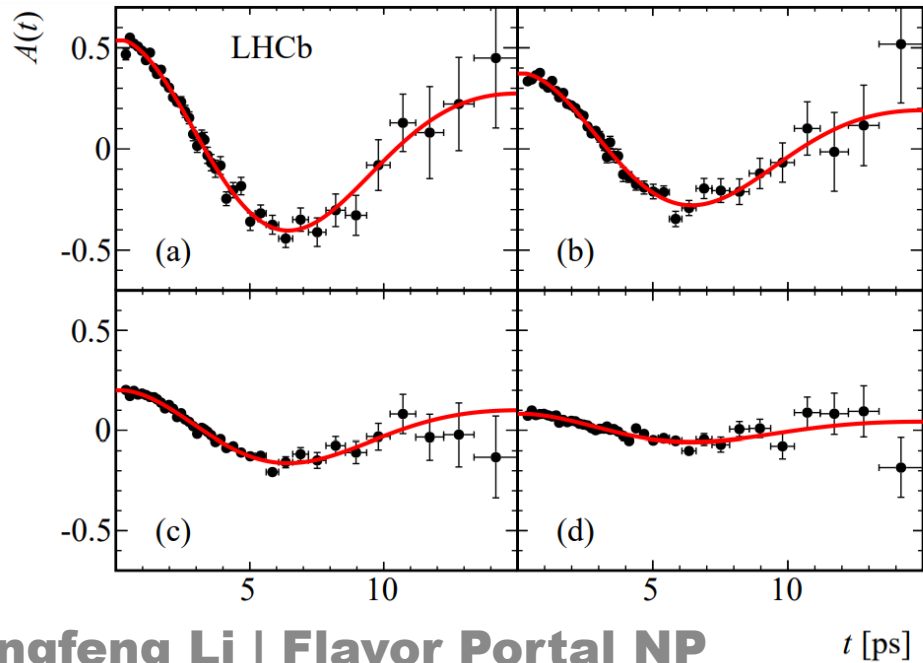
The non-trivial part of flavor physics come from the  $y_{ij}$  between gauge eigenstates and the Higgs

If new particles couple to fermions, in general the coupling shall be different than  $y_{ij}$ .

If they also not the same as the SM gauge (or their linear combinations), things can go (very) wrong.



$$M_{12} = -\frac{G_F^2 m_W^2 \eta_B m_{B_q} B_{B_q} f_{B_q}^2}{12\pi^2} S_0(m_t^2/m_W^2) \underline{(V_{tq}^* V_{tb})^2}$$



$$\Delta m_q = 2|M_{12}^q| \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}(|\Gamma_{12}^q/M_{12}^q|^2) \right],$$

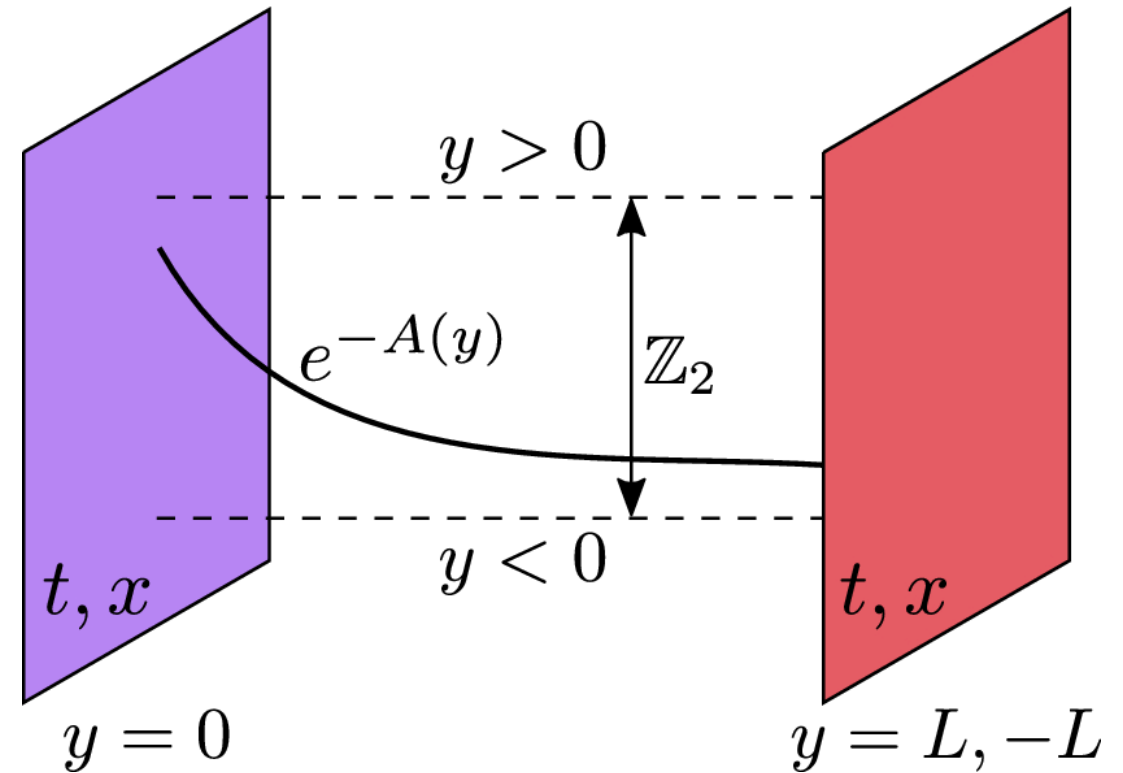
$$\Delta m_{B^0} = m_{B_H^0} - m_{B_L^0}$$

$$(50.65 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{10} \hbar s^{-1}$$

# Example

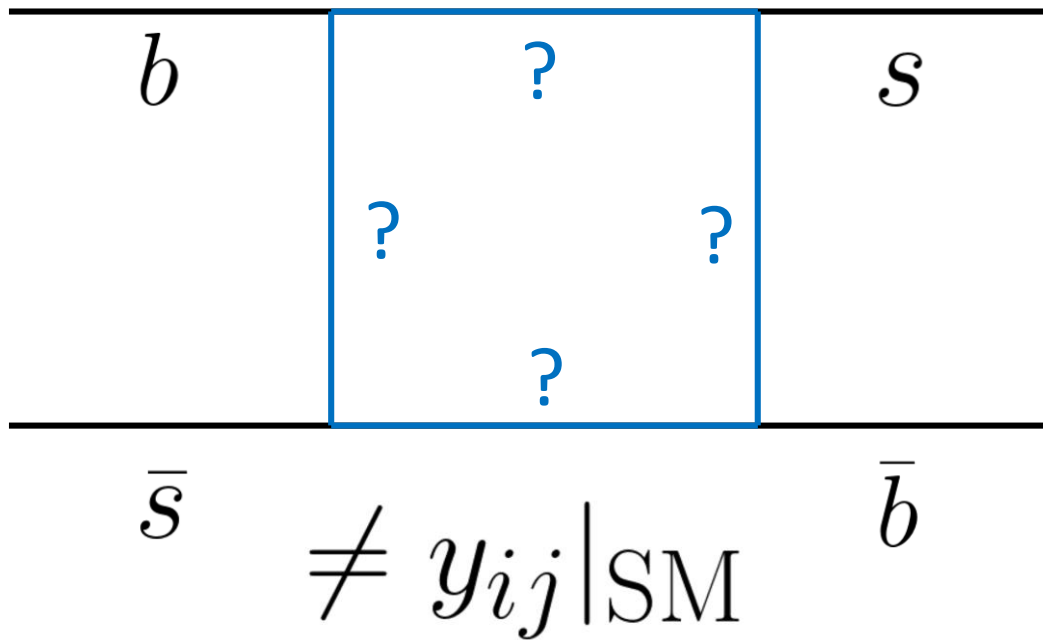
The vanilla Randall-Sundrum (RS) extra dimension model gets huge FCNC rates from strong coupling/mixing between KK modes

→ The new physics scale need to be  $\gg$  TeV to avoid bounds, fail to alleviate the hierarchy problem

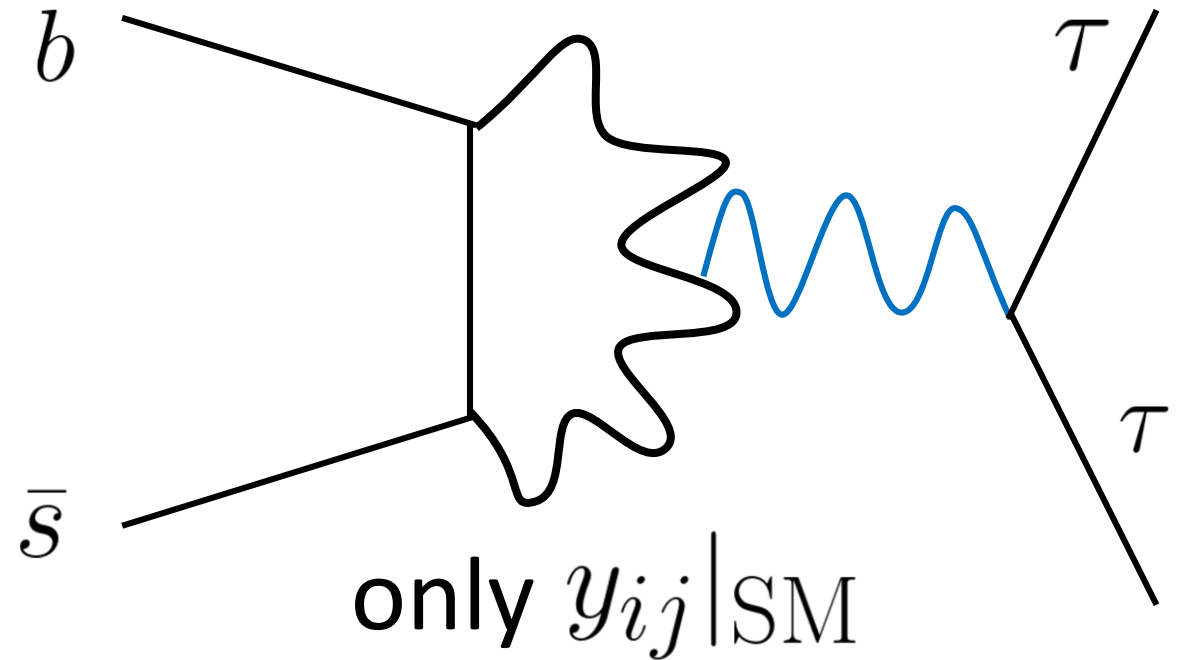


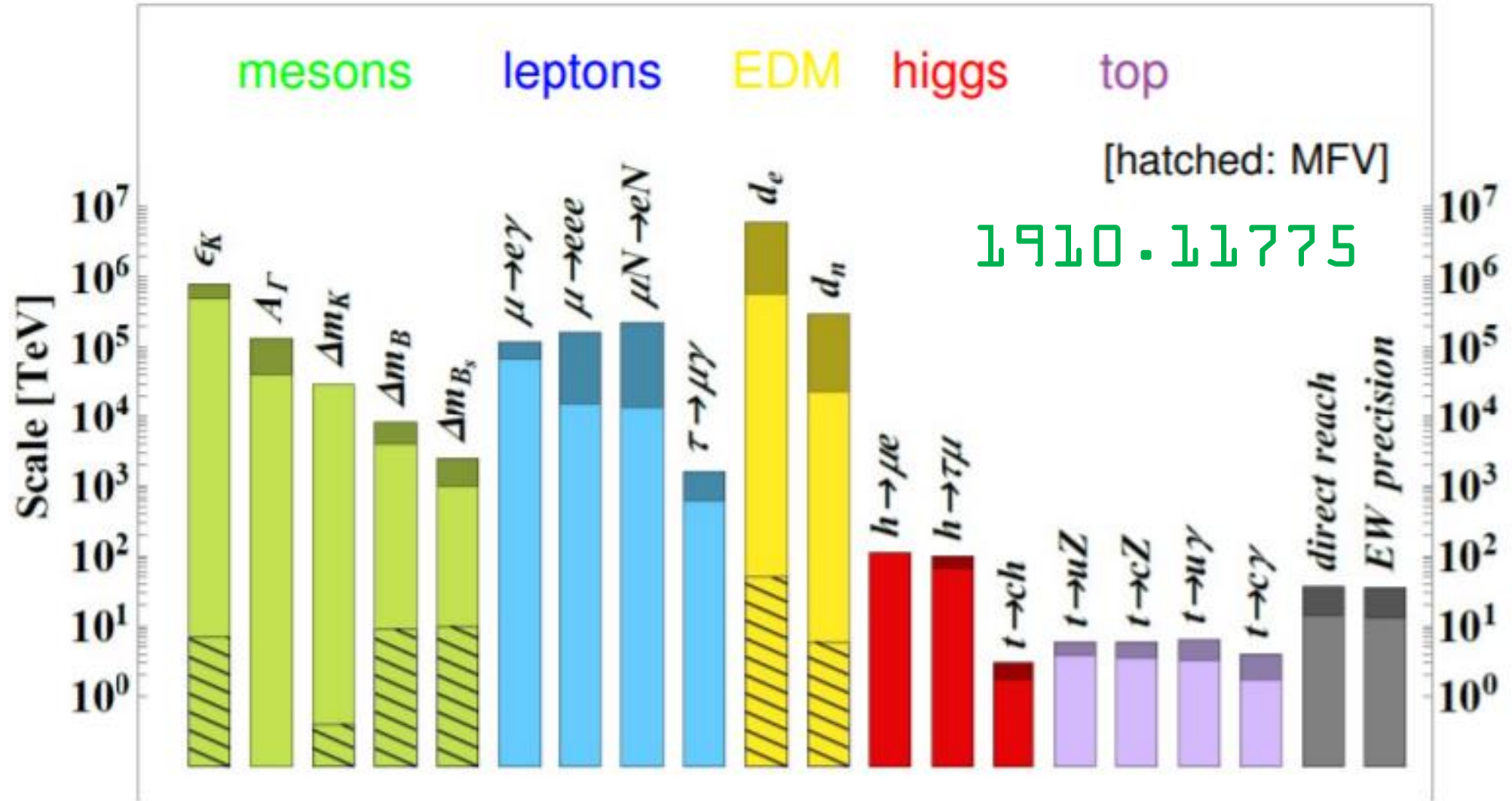
# NP Appears in Flavor

□ “Direct” BSM FCNC



□ “Indirect” BSM FCNC  
≈ Minimal Flavor Violation

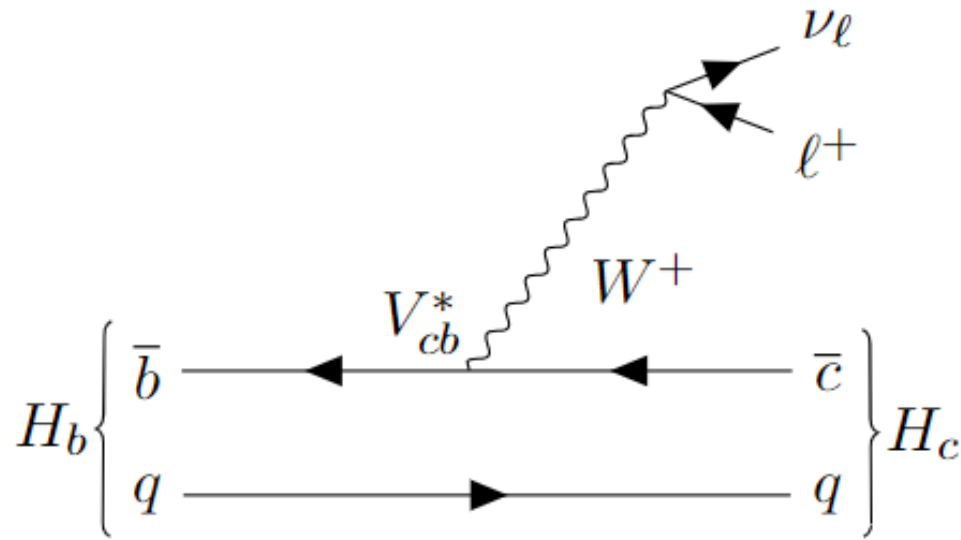




Already at 10 TeV level with MFV  
(model-dependent of course)



# Indirect Discovery with Flavor Physics

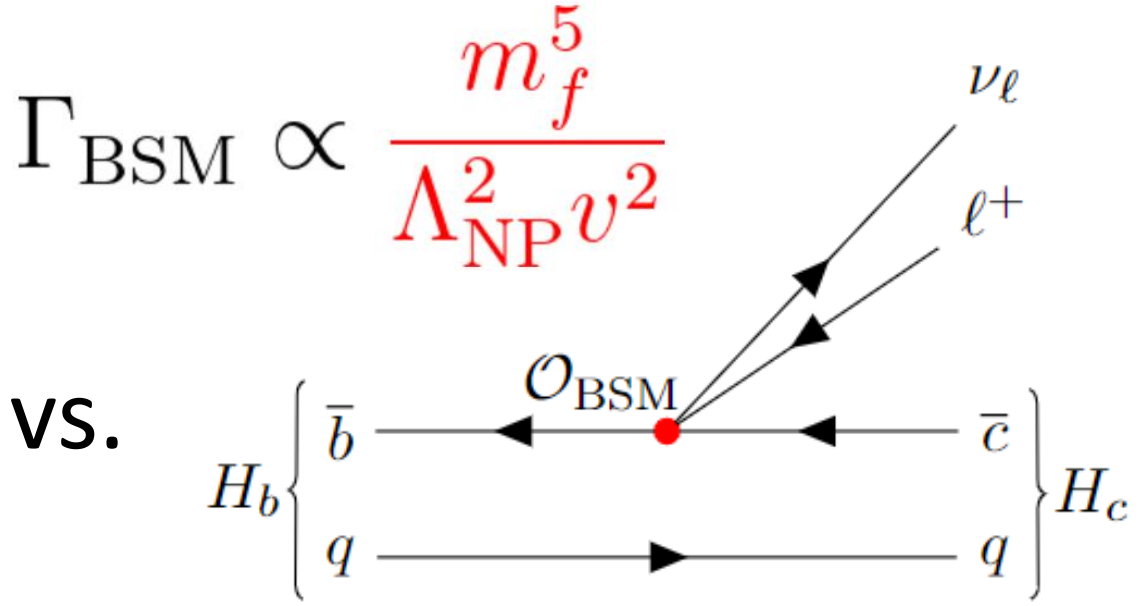
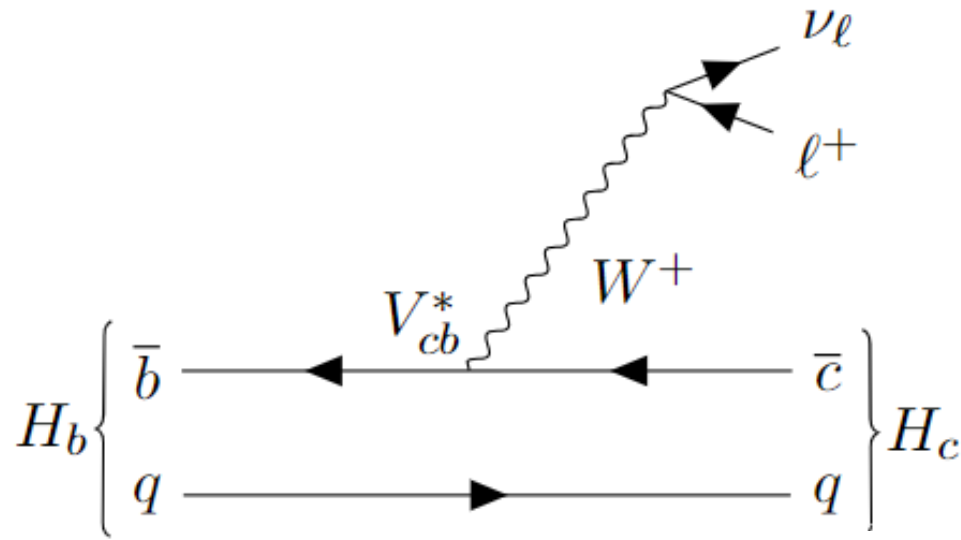


$$\Gamma_{\text{SM}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_f^5}{192\pi^3} \times \text{const} \propto \frac{m_f^5}{v^4}$$

The amplitude of flavor physics in the SM is ALREADY suppressed by the EW scale  $\rightarrow$

Many flavored states are long-lived ( $\Gamma < 10^{-12}$  GeV)

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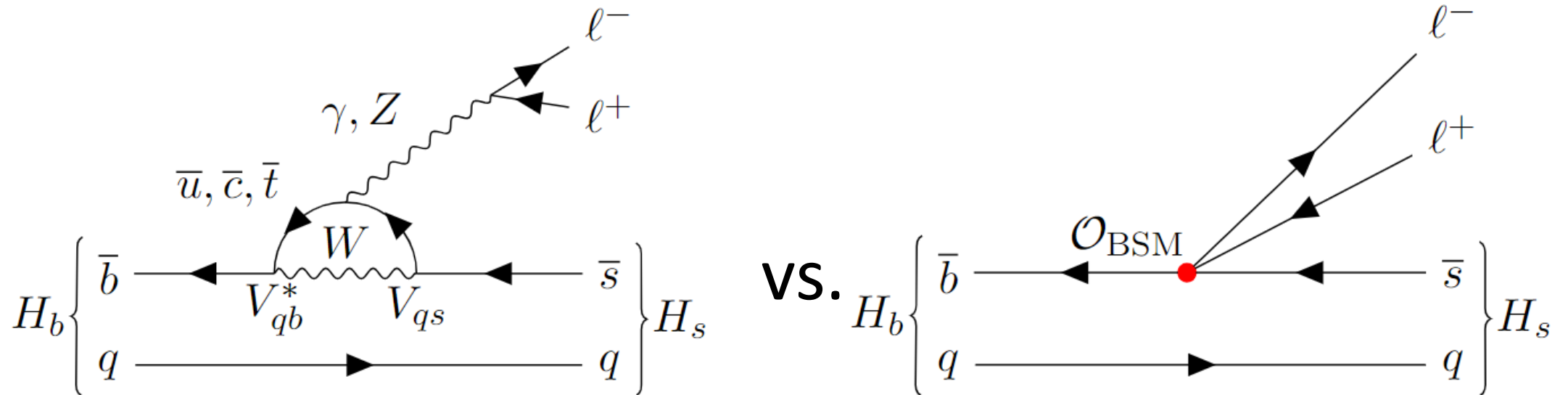


$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^{\text{SL}} \sim (G_F |V_{cb}| \delta_{\text{SL}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sim (1.5 \text{ TeV}) \times \delta_{\text{SL}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

e.g., a 1% relative precision = probing a scale of 15 TeV\*

\*: certainly depends on the way of interpretation

# Indirect Discovery with Flavor Physics



For SM process suppressed by a loop, the same relative precision means a even higher scale\*

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^{\text{rare}} \sim \left( \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2} G_F |V_{tb} V_{ts}^*| \delta_{\text{rare}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sim (30 \text{ TeV}) \times \delta_{\text{rare}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Measurement	Current Limit	CEPC [371]
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \tau\mu)$	$< 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \tau e)$	$< 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \mu e)$	$< 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$10^{-8} - 10^{-10}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu)$	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow eee)$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\mu\mu)$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu ee)$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)$	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$

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$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \phi\nu\bar{\nu})$	$< 5.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$\lesssim 1\%$ (relative)
$\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau^+\tau^-)$	-	$\lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$
$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \phi\tau^+\tau^-)$	-	$\lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$
$\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau^+\tau^-)$	$< 2.25 \times 10^{-3}$	$\lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$
$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$	$< 6.8 \times 10^{-3}$	$\lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$
$\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^0)$	$\pm 16\%$ (relative)	$\pm 0.25\%$ (relative)
$C_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^0)$	$\pm 0.22$ (relative)	$\pm 0.01$ (relative)

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$\text{BR}(B_c \rightarrow \tau\nu)$	$\lesssim 30\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$ (relative)
$\text{BR}(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\tau\nu)/\text{BR}(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\mu\nu)$	$\pm 0.17 \pm 0.18$	$\pm 2.5\%$ (relative)
$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}\tau\nu)/\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}\mu\nu)$	-	$\pm 0.2\%$ (relative)
$\text{BR}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c\tau\nu)/\text{BR}(B_c \rightarrow \Lambda_c\mu\nu)$	$\pm 0.076$	$\pm 0.05\%$ (relative)

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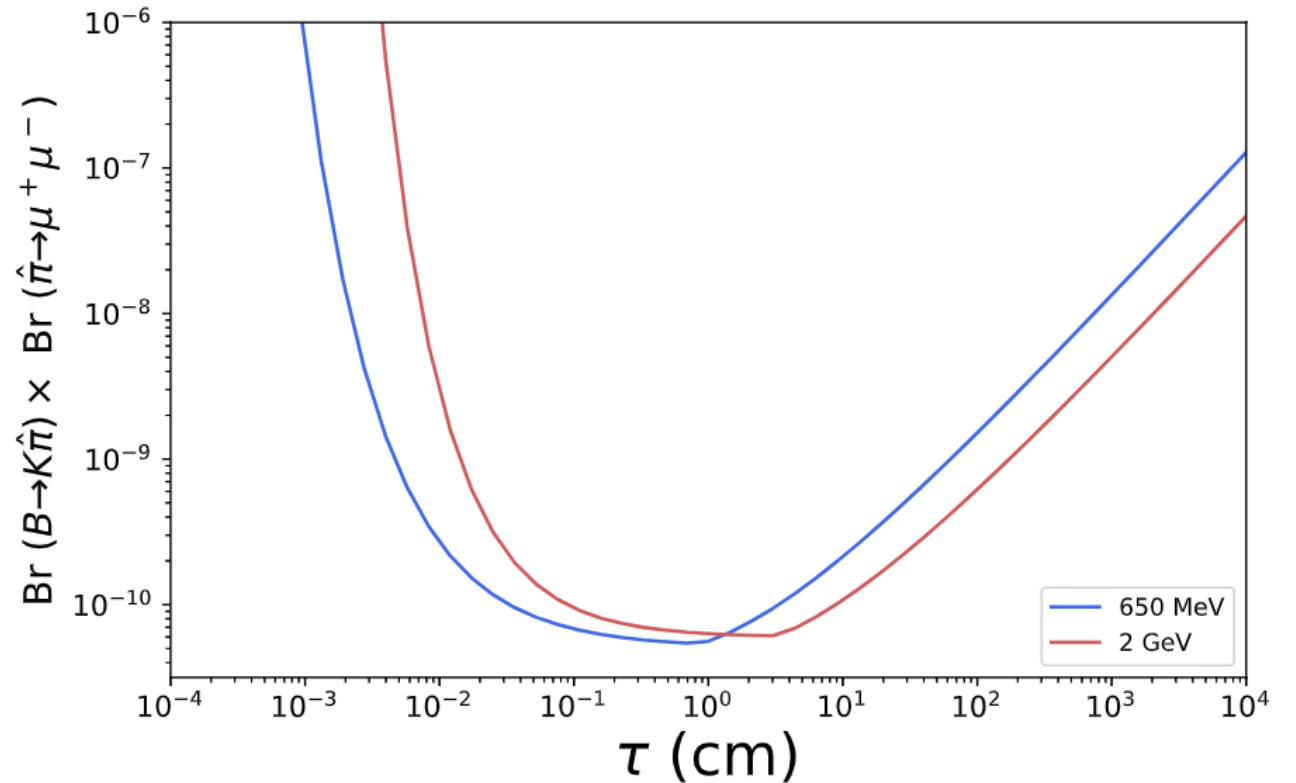
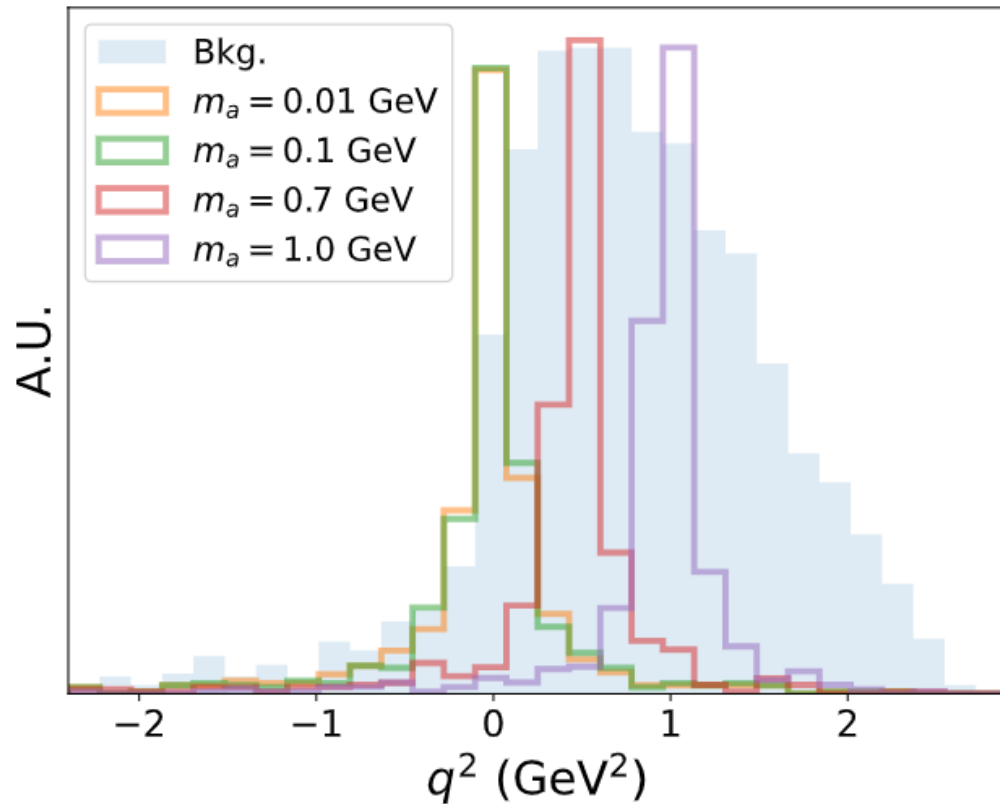
- ❖ Sarcastically, many may think that indirect NP searches through flavor are simply flavor physics as there are no fundamental difference in phenomenology.
- ❖ Limit ourselves to light BSM degrees of freedom with (non)trivial coupling with SM flavors

# 11 Light BSM States from Heavy Flavors

## 11.1 Lepton Sector

## 11.2 Quark Sector

← Joint session for both CEPC flavor and BSM white paper



$$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu X_{\text{inv.}})$$

$$7 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$(3-5) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{BR}(B \rightarrow \mu X_{\text{LLP}}(\rightarrow \mu\mu))$$

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$$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10}) \text{ (optimal)}$$

# Axion-Like Particle (ALP): A Handy Example

The pNGB of a softly broken U(1) global symmetry at  $f_a$

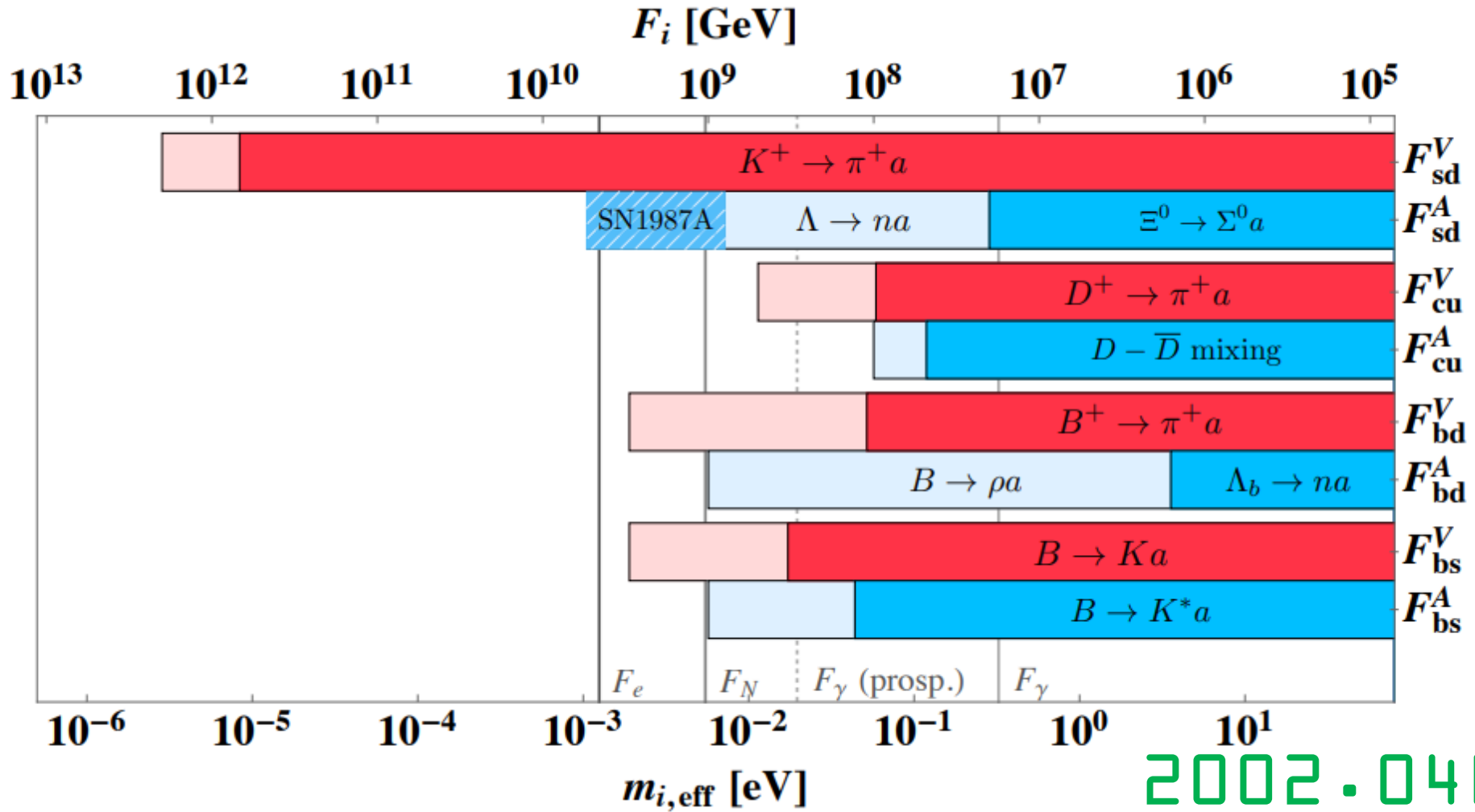
- Strong CP problem: axion is also an ALP!
- Welcomed by many UV complete theories
- Interesting cosmology, e.g., dark matter candidate
- Represent other states, such as dark QCD pions

$$\mathcal{L}_{aff} = \frac{\partial_\mu a}{2f_a} \bar{f}_i \gamma^\mu (c_{f_i f_j}^V + c_{f_i f_j}^A \gamma_5) f_j,$$

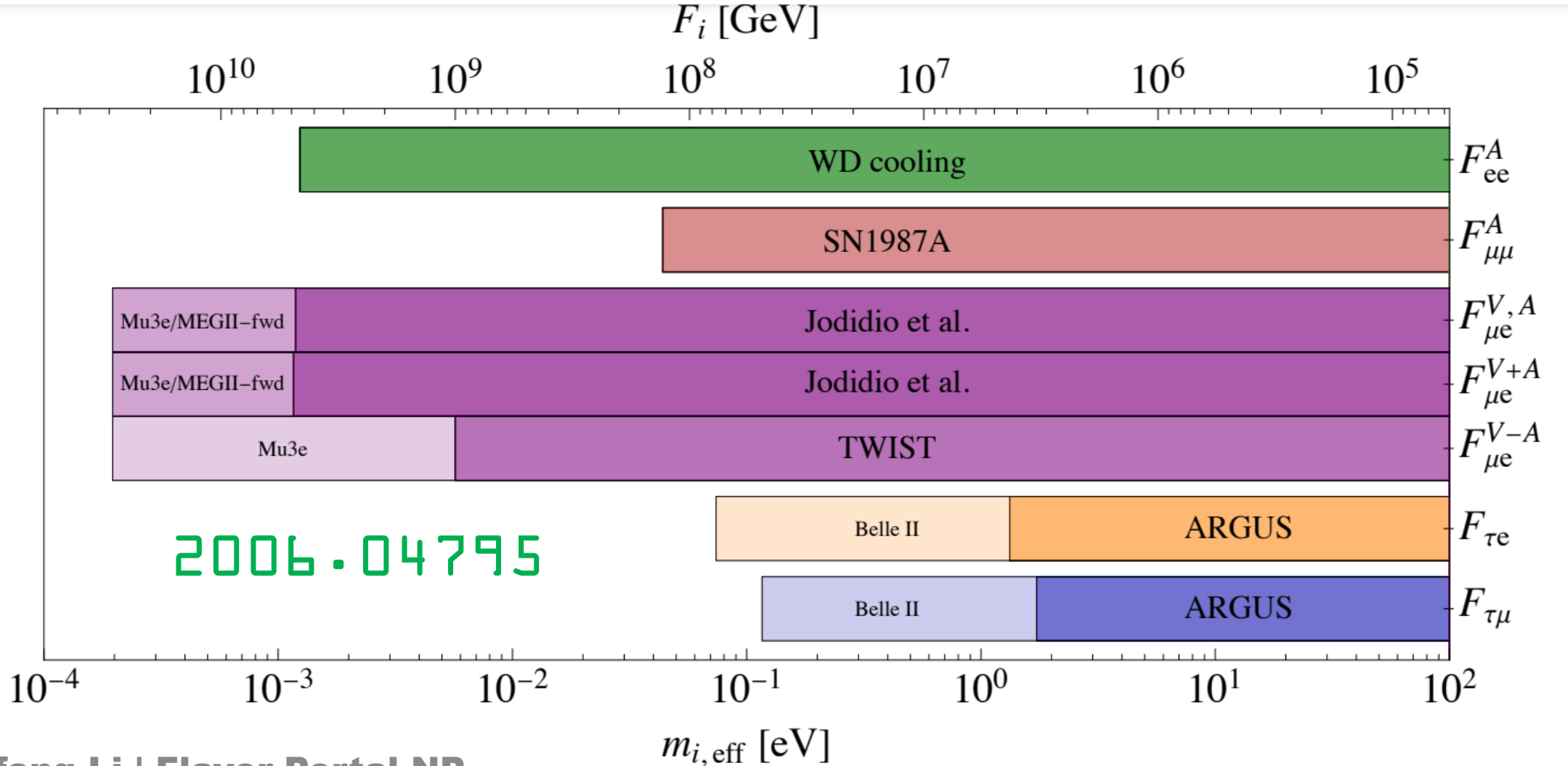
Leads to exotic FCNC processes, e.g.,  $B \rightarrow K a$  decays



# QCD Axion with Off-Diagonal Couplings



# Coupling to Leptons

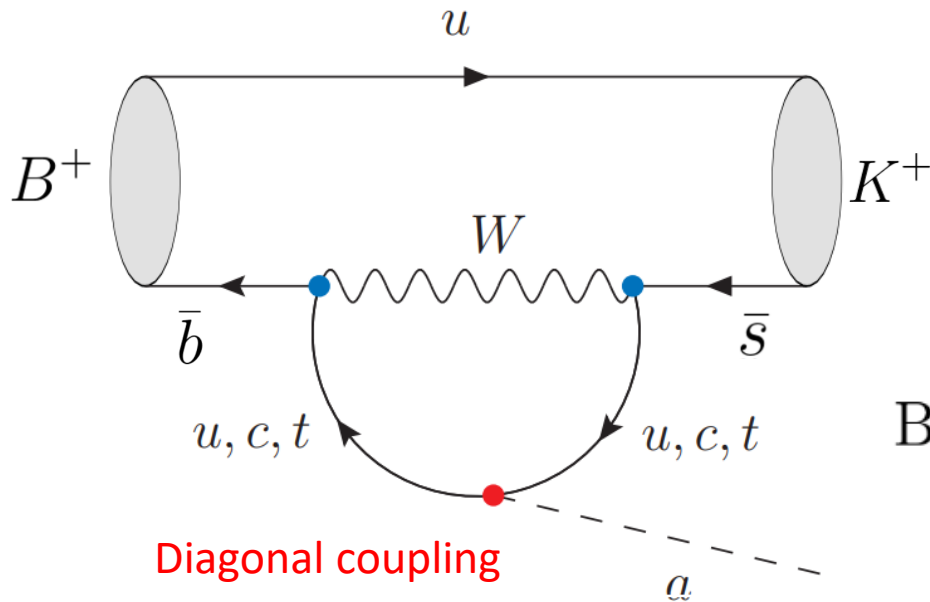


# ALP within MFV

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{f} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 f$$



$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \frac{g^2 \mathcal{K} V_{ti}^* V_{jt}}{64\pi^2} \bar{f}_i \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 f_j$$



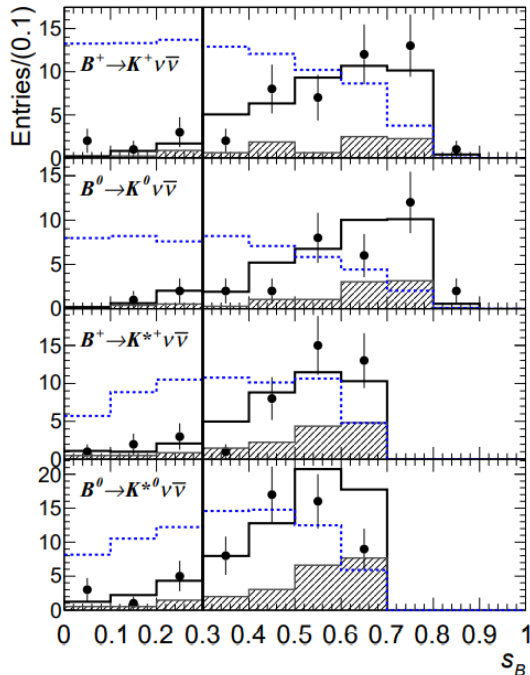
$$\text{BR}(B^{+,0} \rightarrow \{K^+ a, K^{*0} a\}) \approx 1 \times 10^{-8} \left( \frac{1 \text{ PeV}}{f_a} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\mathcal{K}_t}{10} \right)^2$$

# Signal: Invisible vs. Long-Lived

ALP, as a feebly interacting particle, is not charged under SM and elusive

➤ If mass  $\ll$  GeV, invisible as only decay to photons (or electrons)

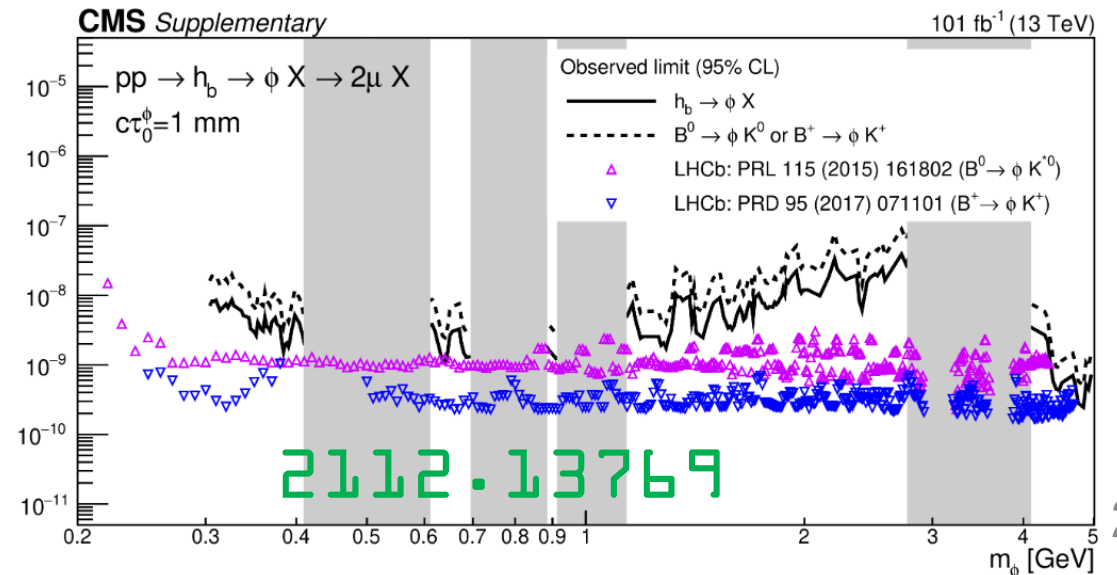
➤ If mass  $\sim$  O(GeV), long-lived but depending on many parameters



Current limit:  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$   
from flavor factories

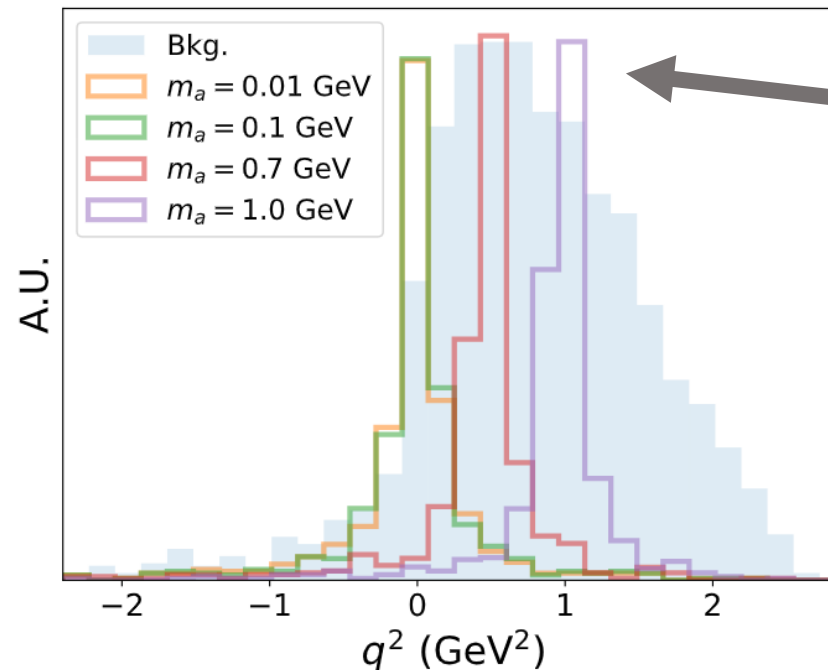
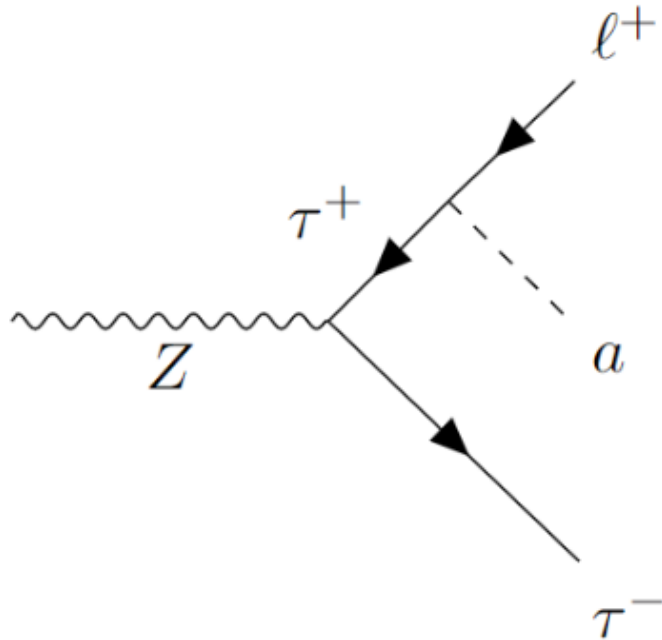
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Current Limit: up to  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$  but lifetime dependent



# Benchmark 1: Leptonic

Targeting invisible ALPs, challenging for vertex and track reconstruction

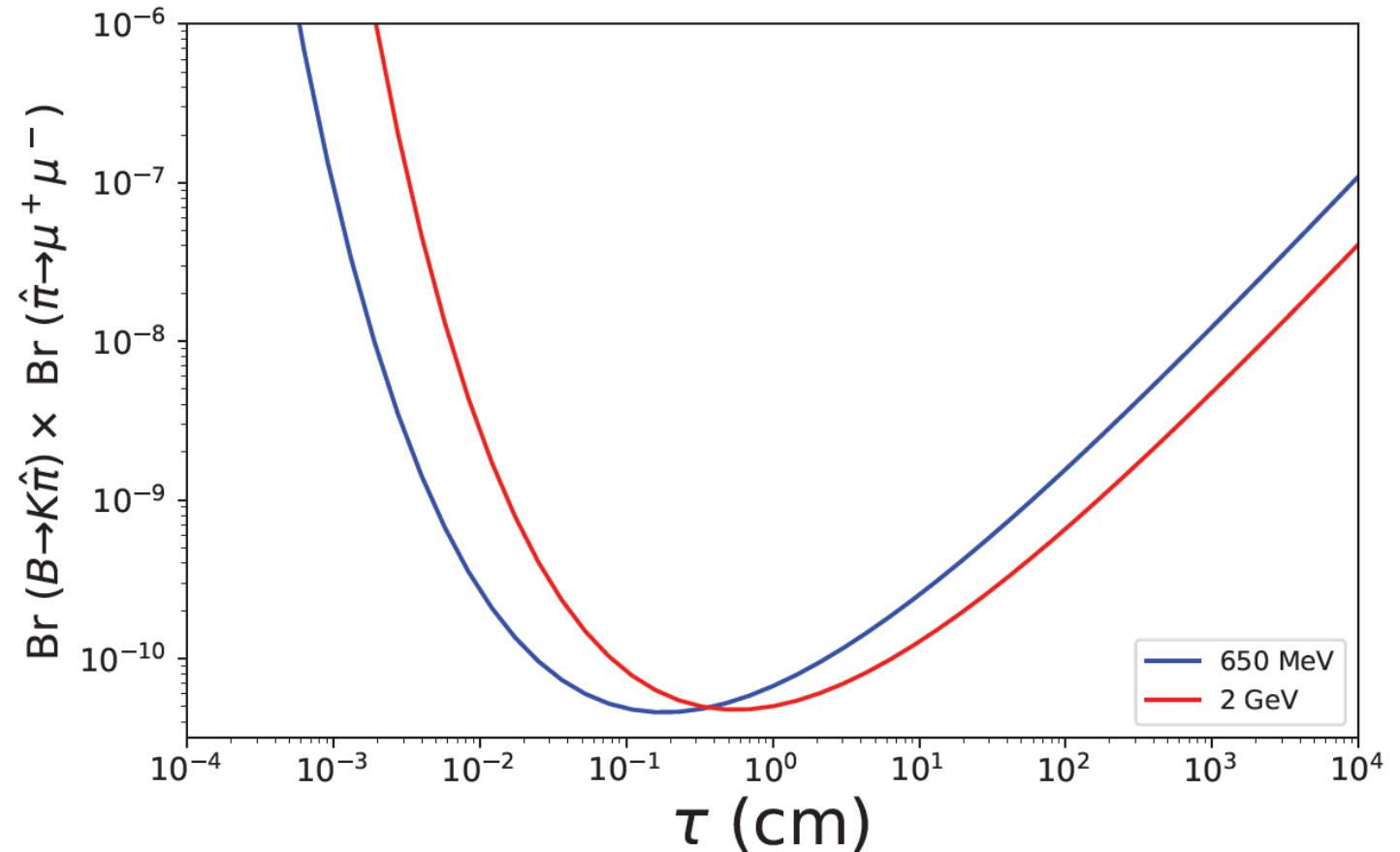
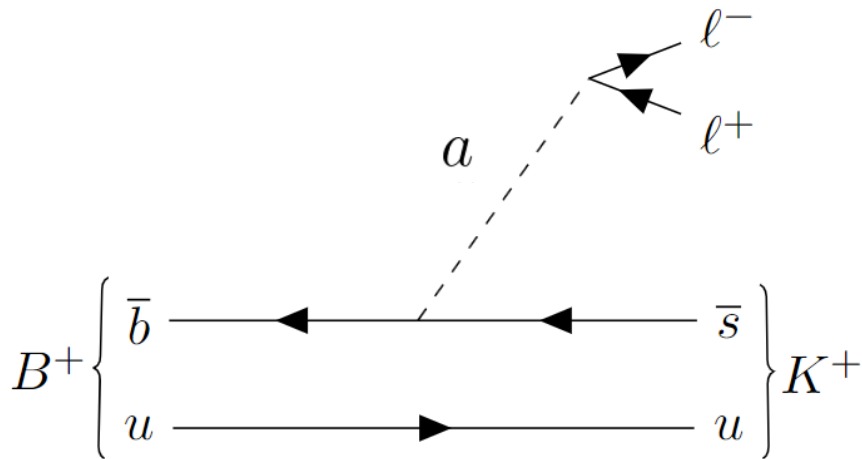


But we get the invisible inv. mass peak here!

Potential to probe exotic BR down to  $O(10^{-6})$  level, corresponding an  $f_a \approx 10^8$  GeV

# Benchmark 2: Hadronic

Dominant dileptonic (muons actually) decays with macroscopic lifetime, greatly help the search



Able to probe  $f_a > 10^7$  GeV in the MFV scenario

# Summary

- ❖ Flavor physics is closely related to many big problems in HEP (naturalness, baryogenesis, neutrino...)
- ❖ Most flavor studies are also indirect probes of BSM
- ❖ If you don't like the above statement, light resonances can still have enhanced production via flavor portal
- ❖ CEPC has good phenomenology potential