

# New Physics Searches at B-Factories

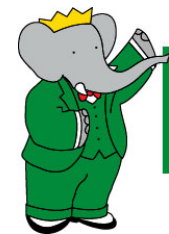
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# Low-Energy Searches for New Physics

- Direct searches for light degrees of freedom
  - Low-mass Higgs and dark matter candidates
- Indirect searches for  $> \text{TeV}$  New Physics
  - Precision measurements: look for small deviations from the Standard Model
    - ☞ Deviations go as  $\sim \frac{\alpha_{NP}}{\alpha_{SM}} \left( \frac{M_{SM}}{M_{NP}} \right)^n$
    - ☞ Examples:  $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$
  - Processes suppressed in the Standard Model: symmetry violations, rare decays
    - ☞ Examples: Lepton Flavor/Baryon number Violation
  - Not covered: CP violation (see Yosuke Yusa's talk) and many rare decay searches at B Factories



# Direct Searches for Low-Mass New Physics

- Models inspired by astrophysical and astro-particle observations (c.f. Joe Silk's plenary)
  - Strongest hint: INTEGRAL 511 keV anomaly
  - Also positron,  $\gamma$ -ray excess in PAMELA, FERMI
  - Hints of low-mass direct DM detection (DAMA, CoGeNT, CRESST)
    - Typical models: low-mass ( $<10$  GeV) gauge bosons and/or scalars (Higgses)
    - Predict branching ratios in Upsilon decays:  $10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$

## A puzzle in the center of the galaxy

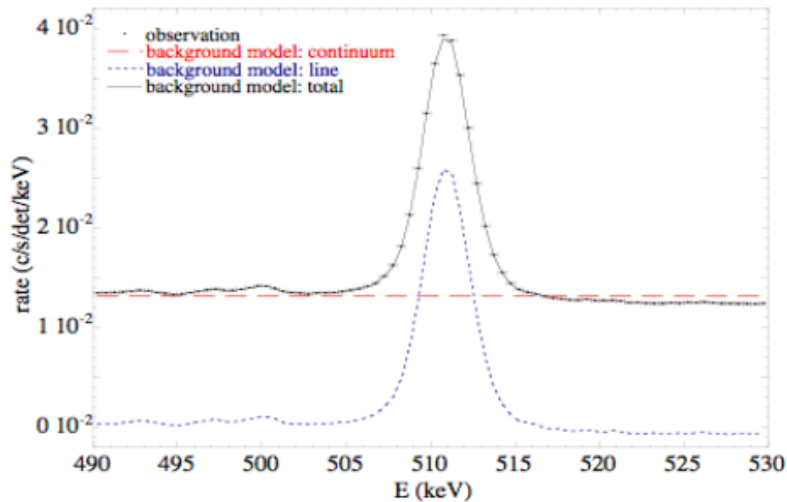
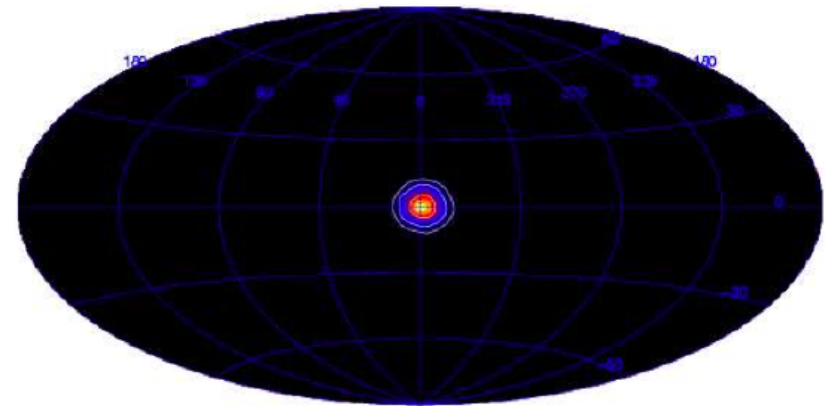


Fig. 1. Raw spectrum and background model components.

## INTEGRAL source

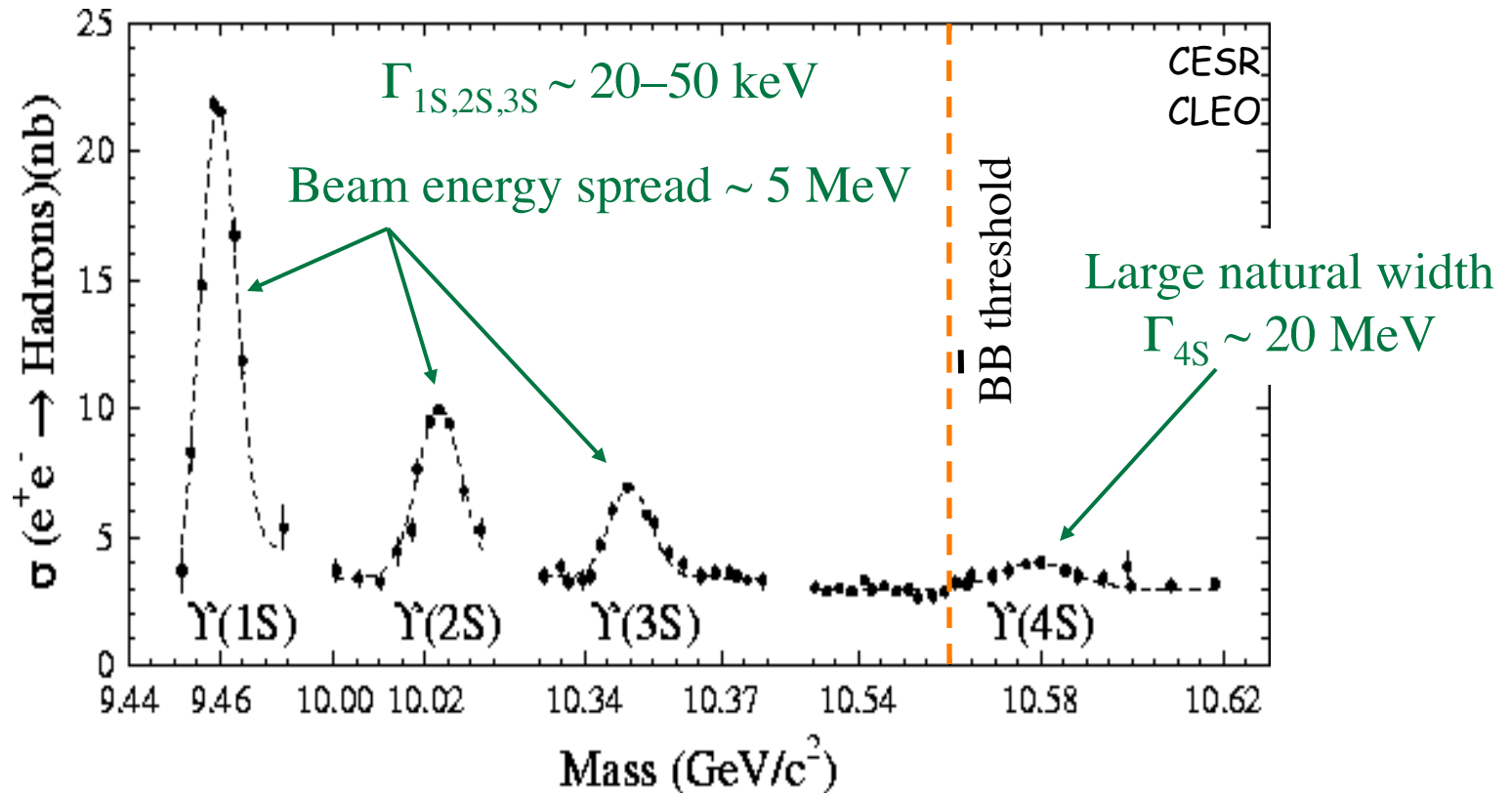


- Not consistent with point source
  - (needed 7 in 1yr data)

Courtesy N. Weiner

# Upsilon Resonances

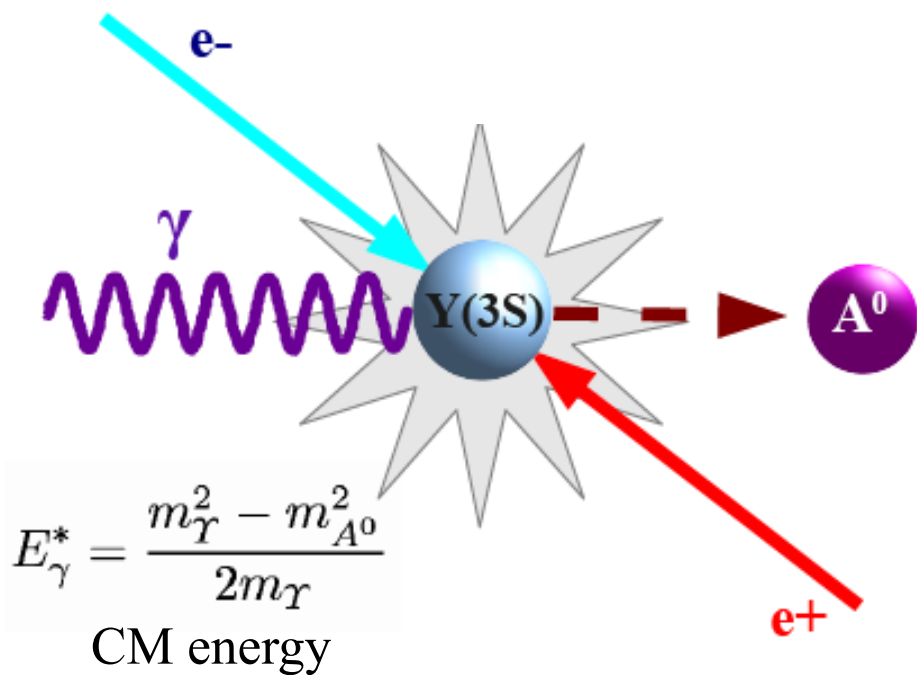
- Electron-Positron collider:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)$



For any bottomonium process  $BF_{nS} = \Gamma_{nS} / \Gamma_{\text{tot}} \gg BF_{4S}$ ,  $n=1,2,3$

Significantly better sensitivity to direct production of light degrees of freedom @ narrow resonances

# Searches for a Light Higgs in BaBar



Key experimental signature:  
monochromatic photon in the  
Center-of-Mass (CM) frame

Well-understood initial state  
(narrow  $Y(2S)$  or  $Y(3S)$   
resonance)

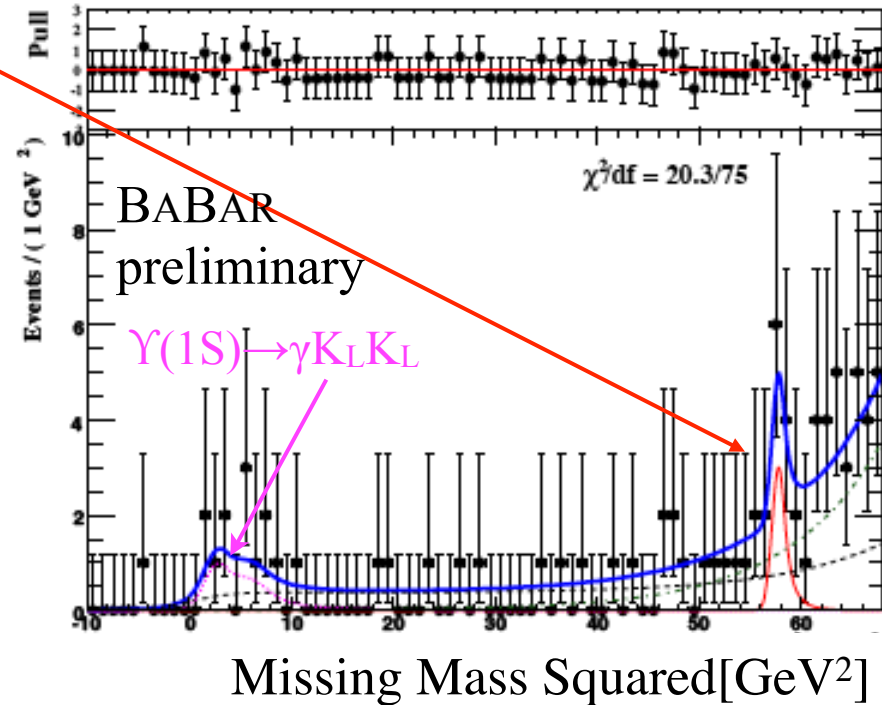
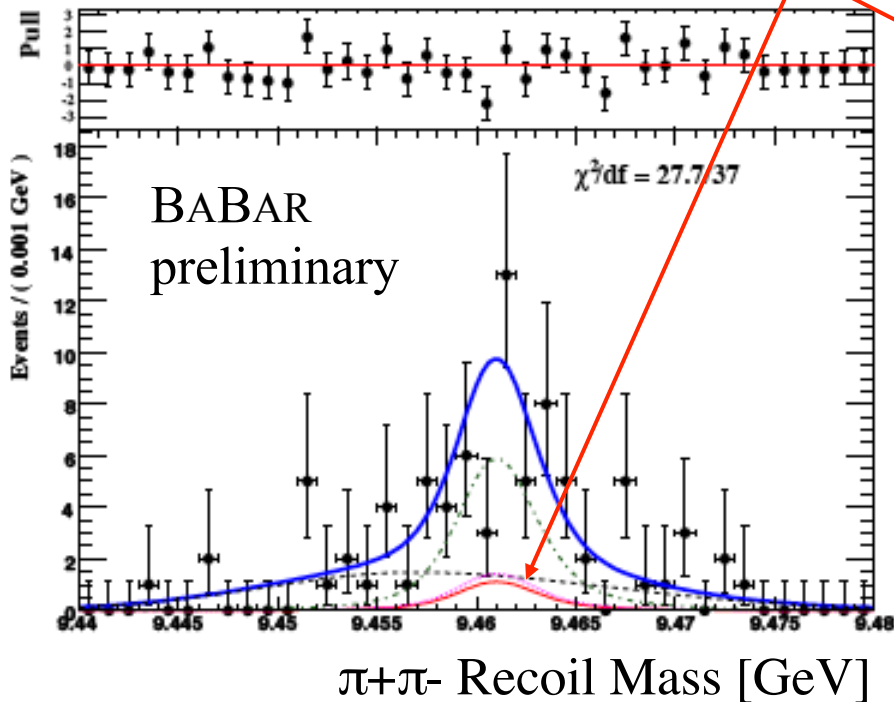
Fully or partially reconstructed  
final state, depending on the  
decay pattern of  $A^0$

## BaBar results:

- ✓  $A^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ , **PRL103**, 081803 (2009)
- ✓  $A^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ , **PRL103**, 181801 (2009)
- ✓  $A^0 \rightarrow$ invisible (light dark matter), **arXiv:1007.4646**, submitted to PRL

# Example: $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$ , $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma A^0$ , $A^0 \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

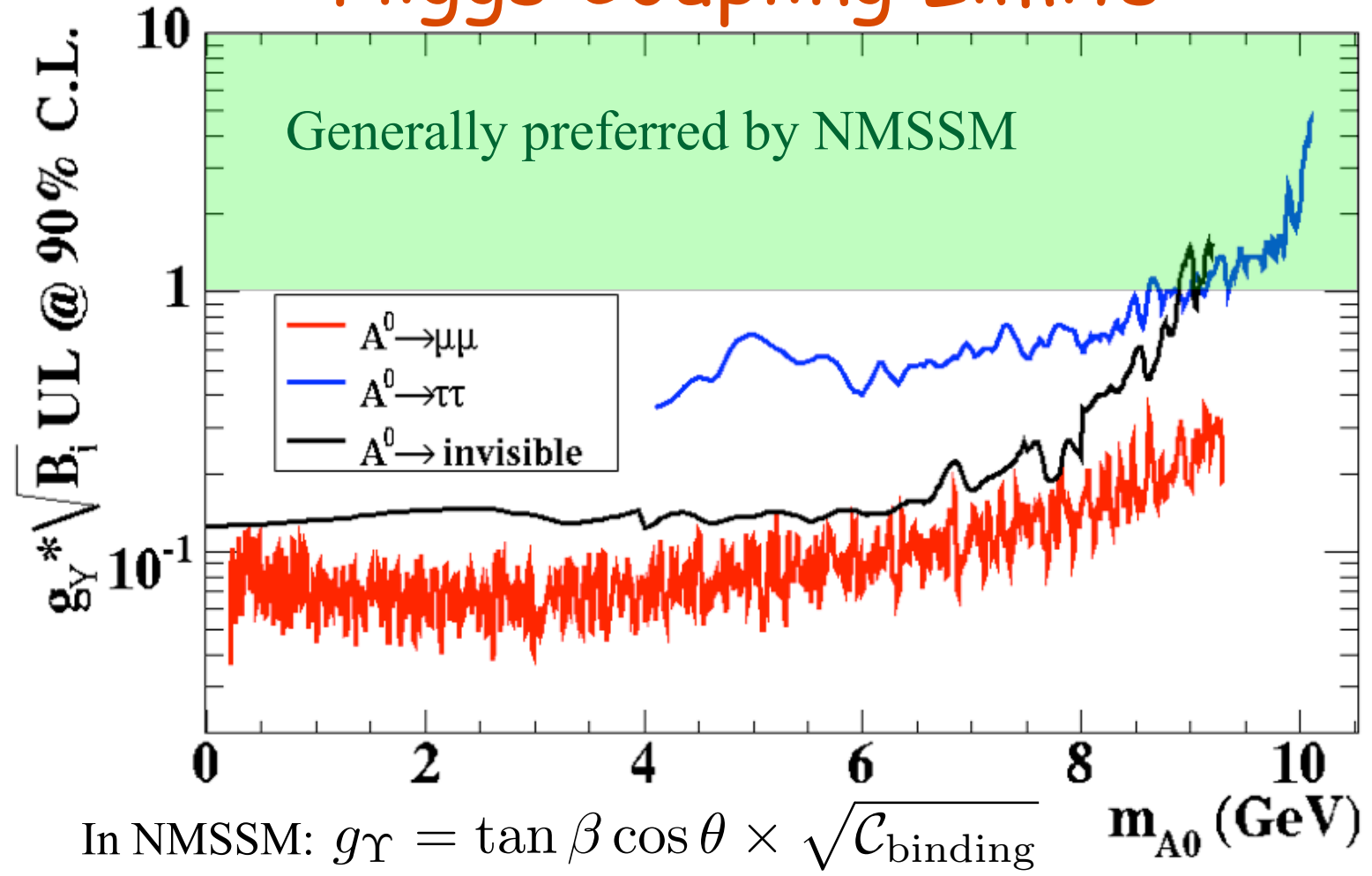
Most significant peak in missing mass:  $m_{A^0} = 7.58 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $2.0\sigma$  significance



>30% probability to observe a peak of this significance *anywhere* in  $m_{A^0} < 9.2 \text{ GeV}$  range

arXiv:1007.4646

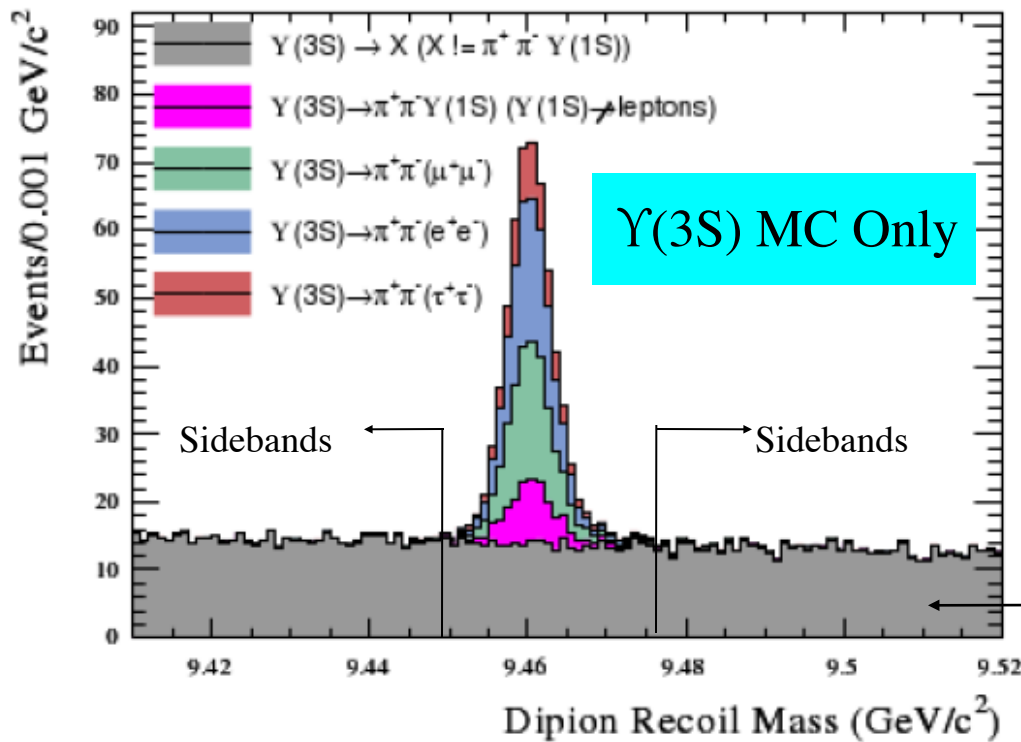
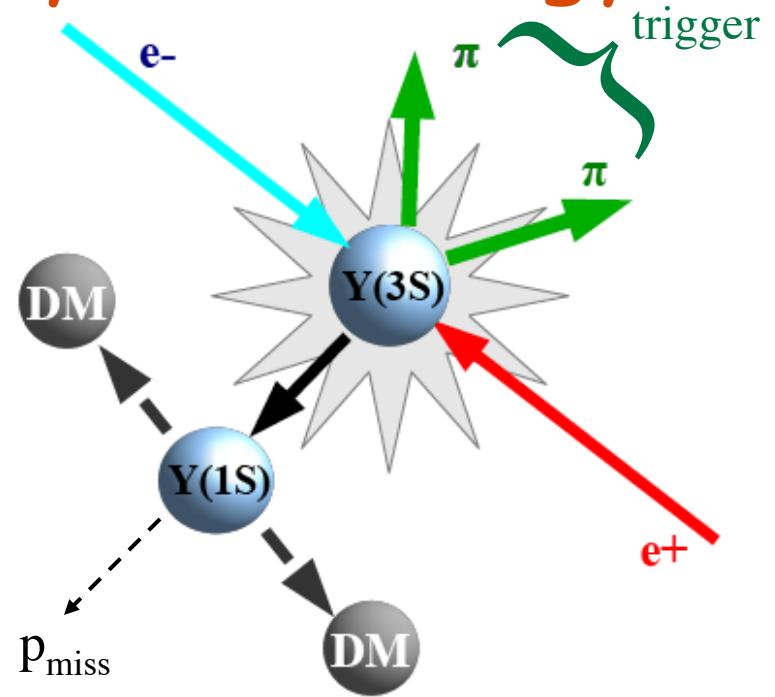
# Higgs Coupling Limits



Also place significant constraints on other models, e.g. axion-like states, dark photons (from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\phi$ )

# $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow$ invisible: Analysis Strategy

Leverage the charged dipion transition to the  $\Upsilon(1S)$  (4.48%) to suppress background



$$m_{\text{recoil}}^2 = s + m_{\pi\pi}^2 - 2 E_{\pi\pi} \sqrt{s}$$

Additional non-peaking backgrounds from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  not included



# $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ : Signal Extraction

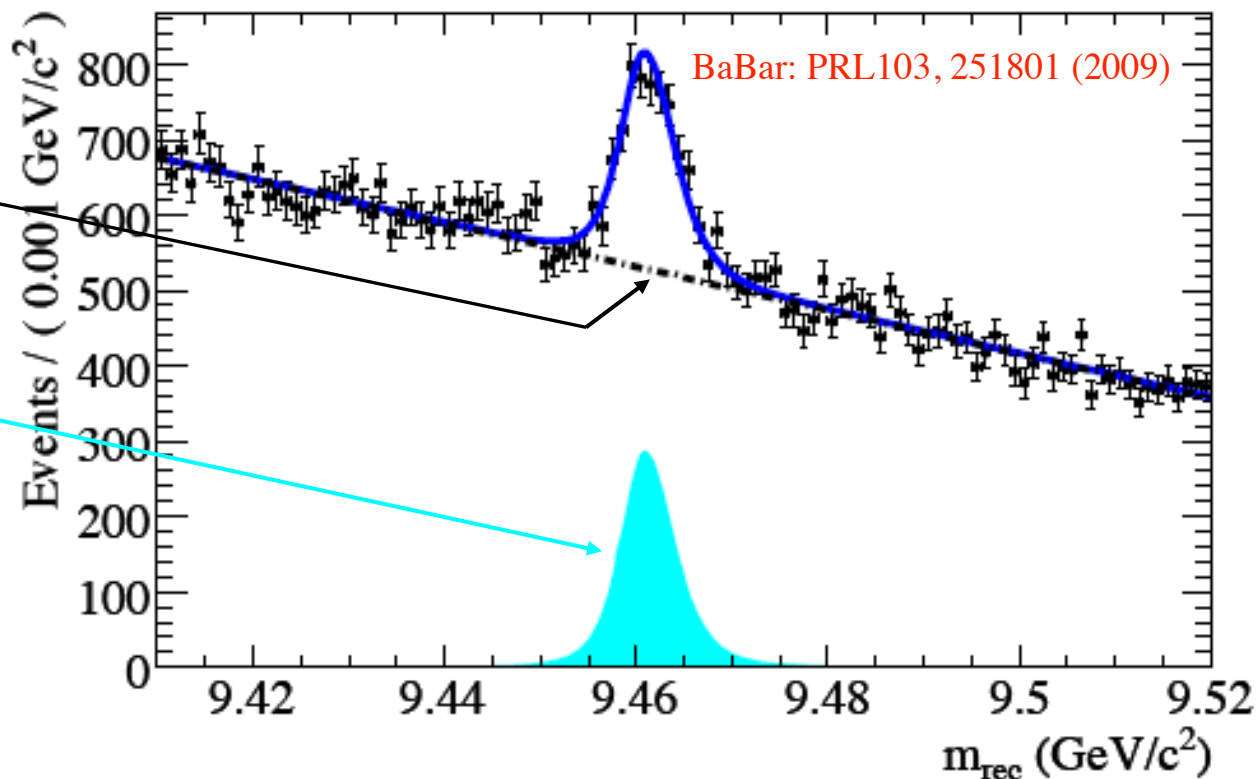
Maximum likelihood fit to  
2-track “invisible” sample

Non-peaking background:

✓ Float all parameters and  
yield

Peaking Component:

✓ Fix shape, float yield  
Contains peaking  
background and signal



$$\text{BR}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{invisible}) = [-1.6 \pm 1.4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.6 \text{ (syst.)}] \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{BR}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ @ 90\% C.L. [BaBar PRL103, 251801 (2009)]}$$

$$\text{BR}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ @ 90\% C.L. [Belle PRL98, 132001 (2007)]}$$

Also:  $\text{BR}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma\chi\chi) < [0.5-24] \times 10^{-5}$  @ 90% C.L. for  $m_\chi < 4.5$  GeV [BaBar Preliminary, arXiv:1007.4646]

# Gauge Bosons in the "Dark Sector"

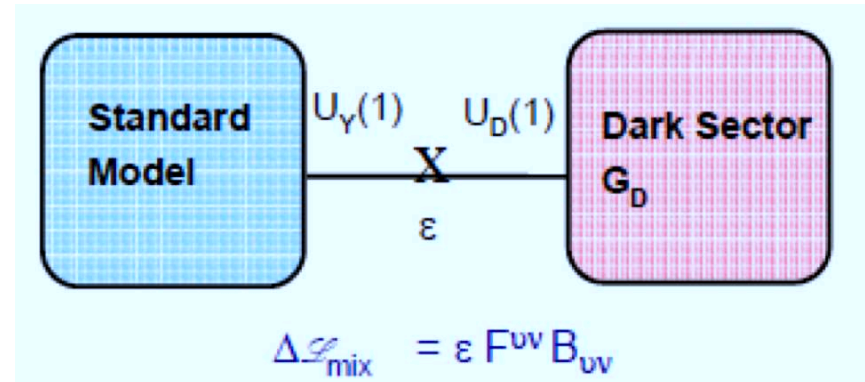
Models motivated by  $\gamma$ -ray and positron emission from the galactic center (INTEGRAL, PAMELA, ATIC, etc)

Dark matter particles in  $\sim$ TeV range, but new gauge bosons in  $\sim$ GeV range

Coupling to leptons due to small mixing between SM and DS

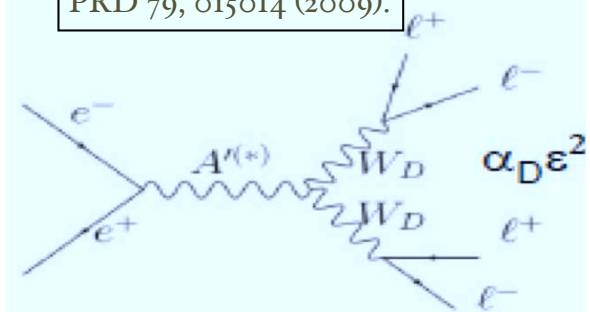
New gauge bosons decay to lepton pairs, anti-proton production forbidden by kinematics or suppressed  $\rightarrow$  explains PAMELA/ATIC features

Search for low-mass states in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation @ B-Factories



## Generic dark boson Non-abelian structure

N. Arkani-Hamed *et al.*,  
PRD 79, 015014 (2009).

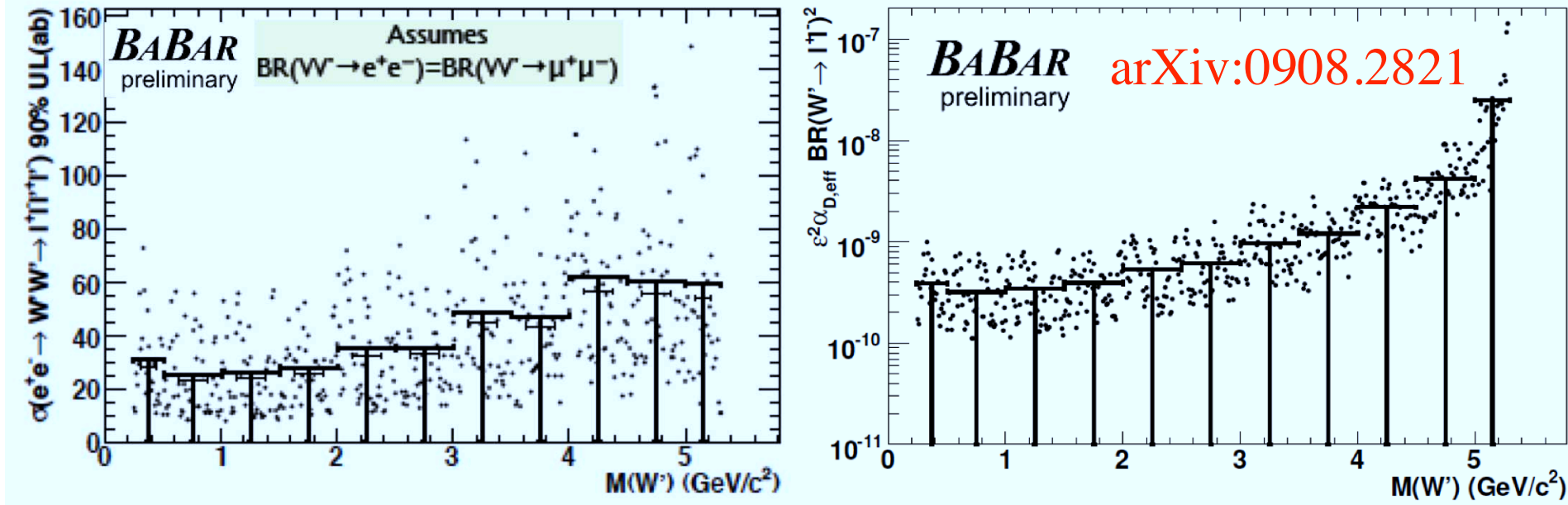


4 leptons (+gamma)

# Direct Search for Dark Sector

Look for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow l^+l^-l'^+l'^-$  final states ( $4e, 2e, 2\mu, 4\mu$ ) as a function of two-lepton mass

Full BaBar dataset ( $\sim 540 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )



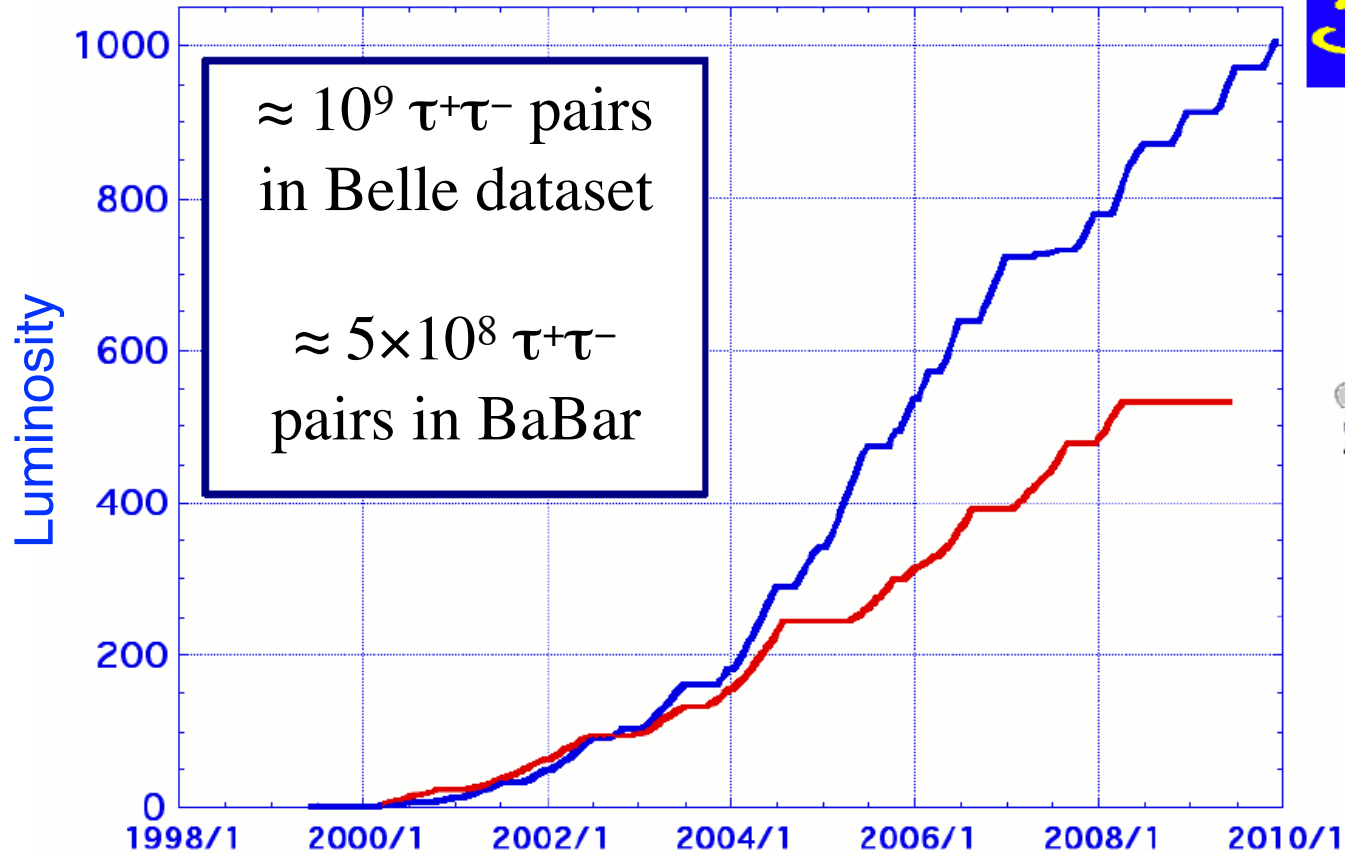
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow W'W' \rightarrow l^+l^-l'^+l'^-) < (25 - 60) \text{ ab}$$

Some of the smallest cross section ULs measured @ B-Factories

# Tau Factories

Integrated Luminosity

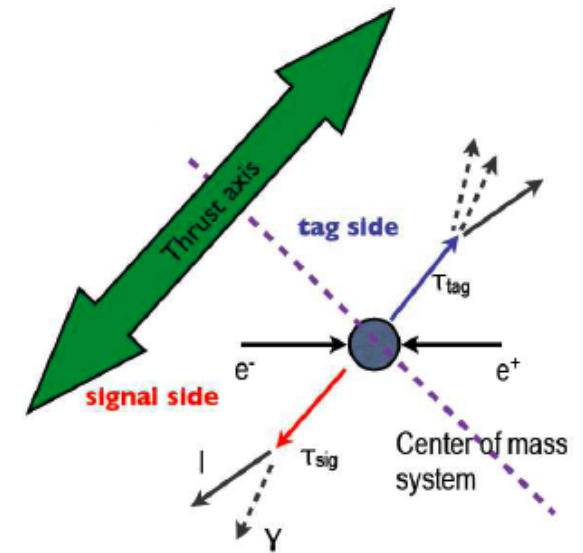
>  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  !



Largest tau decay samples to date: high statistics searches for Lepton Flavor Violation in tau decays and other rare processes

# LFV Search Strategy

- Select a large clean sample of “tag” tau decays
  - Clean leptonic and hadronic tau decays: “1-prong” and “3-prong”
    - ☞  $\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu, \tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu, \tau \rightarrow \pi\nu, \tau \rightarrow \rho\nu, \tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$
- Look for LFV decays of the “other”  $\tau$ 
  - Typically a fully-reconstructed final state
    - ☞  $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma, \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma, \tau \rightarrow ll, \tau \rightarrow lh^0$



- Take advantage of kinematics (known beam energy):

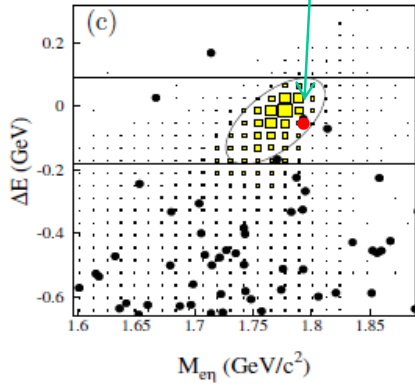
$$\Delta E \equiv E_{rec}^* - E_{beam}^*$$

$$\Delta M_{ec} \equiv M_{rec} - m_\tau = \sqrt{\frac{E_{beam}^{*2}}{c^4} - \frac{|\vec{p}_{3l}^*|^2}{c^2}} - m_\tau$$

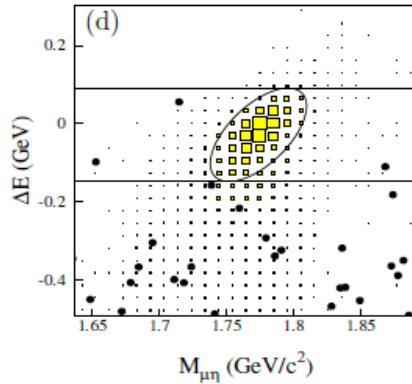
✓ Very clean environment (nearly background-free in many modes)

# Example: $\tau^+ \rightarrow l^+ \eta$

one observed event in data  
 $\tau \rightarrow e \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$



$\tau \rightarrow \mu \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$



No excess



After event selection

Expected # of BG  
(0.0-1.4) events

- 1 event  $e \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$
- 0 events others

$$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow l P^0) < (2.2-4.4) \times 10^{-8}$$

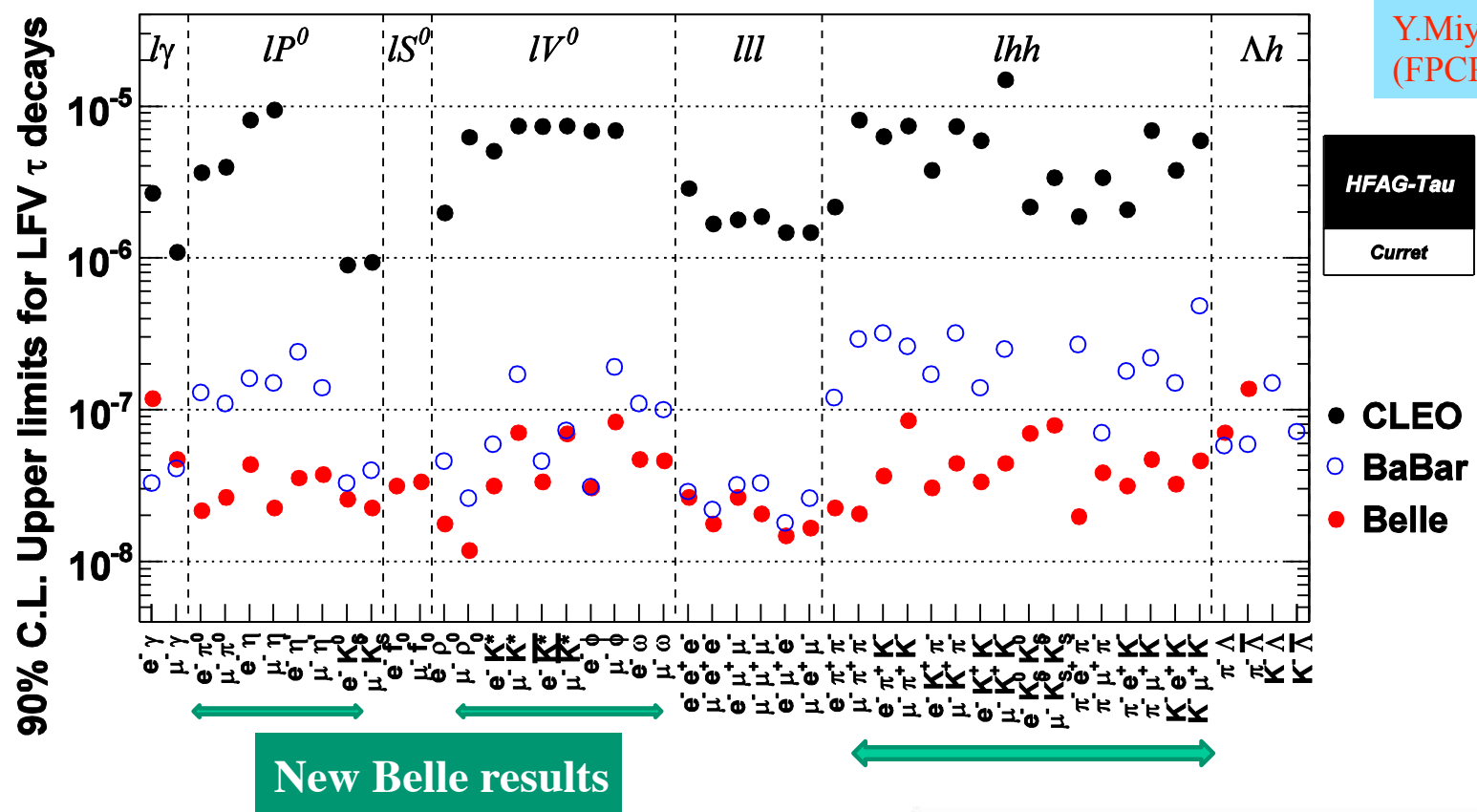
@90% C.L. (preliminary)

Y.Miyazaki (FPCP 2011)

$\tau \rightarrow$	Eff.	$N_{\text{BG}}^{\text{exp}}$	UL ( $10^{-8}$ )	$\tau \rightarrow$	Eff.	$N_{\text{BG}}^{\text{exp}}$	UL ( $10^{-8}$ )
$\mu \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$	8.2%	$0.63 \pm 0.37$	3.6	$\mu \eta' (\rightarrow \pi \pi \eta)$	8.1%	$0.00^{+0.16}_{-0.00}$	10
$\mu \eta (\rightarrow \pi \pi \pi^0)$	6.9%	$0.23 \pm 0.23$	8.6	$\mu \eta' (\rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma)$	6.2%	$0.59 \pm 0.41$	6.6
<b><math>\mu \eta (\text{comb.})</math></b>			<b>2.3</b>	<b><math>\mu \eta' (\text{comb.})</math></b>			<b>3.8</b>
$e \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$	7.0%	$0.66 \pm 0.38$	8.2	$e \eta' (\rightarrow \pi \pi \eta)$	7.3%	$0.63 \pm 0.45$	9.4
$e \eta (\rightarrow \pi \pi \pi^0)$	6.3%	$0.69 \pm 0.40$	8.1	$e \eta' (\rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma)$	7.5%	$0.29 \pm 0.29$	6.8
<b><math>e \eta (\text{comb.})</math></b>			<b>4.4</b>	<b><math>e \eta' (\text{comb.})</math></b>			<b>3.6</b>
<b><math>\mu \pi^0 (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)</math></b>	4.2%	$0.64 \pm 0.32$	<b>2.7</b>	<b><math>e \pi^0 (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)</math></b>	4.7%	$0.89 \pm 0.40$	<b>2.2</b>

# Summary of LFV in Tau Decays

Y.Miyazaki (FPCP'11)

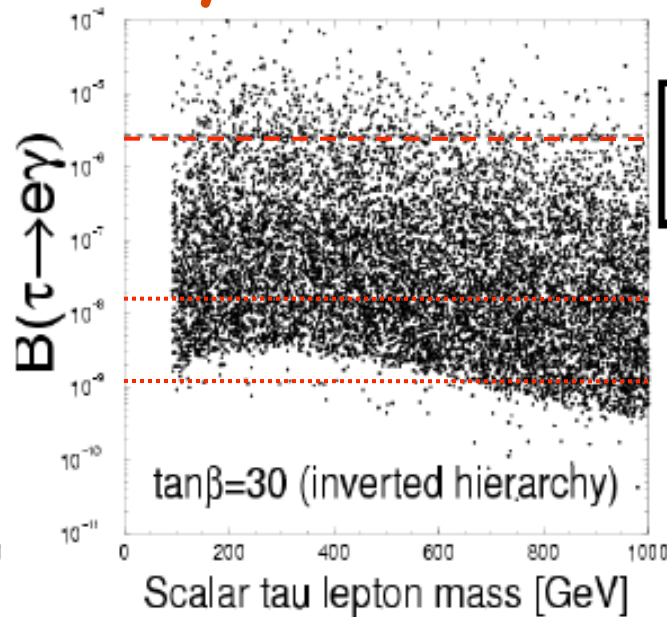
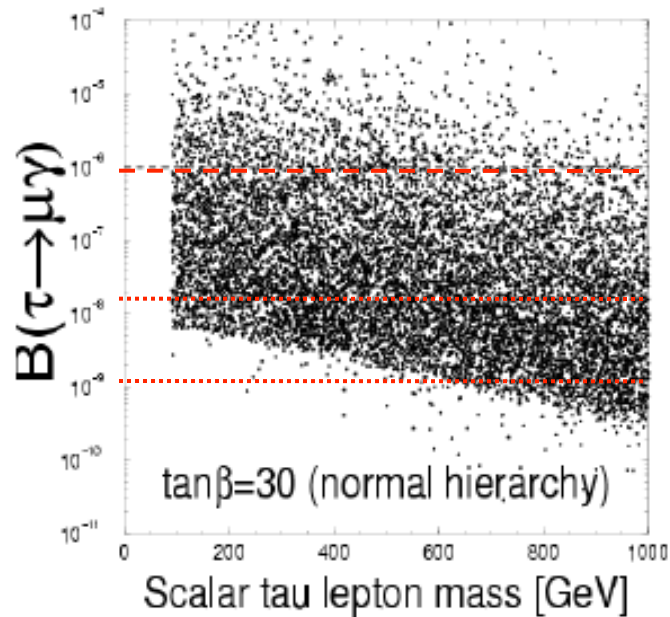


Also related: LFV in Upsilon decays:  
Limits new (bblτ) contact terms @ 1.6-1.7 TeV

[BaBar: PRL104, 151802 (2010)]

	$\mathcal{B} (10^{-6})$	UL ( $10^{-6}$ )
$\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow e^\pm \tau^\mp)$	$0.6^{+1.5+0.5}_{-1.4-0.6}$	$< 3.2$
$\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^\pm \tau^\mp)$	$0.2^{+1.5+1.0}_{-1.3-1.2}$	$< 3.3$
$\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow e^\pm \tau^\mp)$	$1.8^{+1.7+0.8}_{-1.4-0.7}$	$< 4.2$
$\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^\pm \tau^\mp)$	$-0.8^{+1.5+1.4}_{-1.5-1.3}$	$< 3.1$

# LFV and New Physics Models



CLEO '00

B Factories now

Super B-  
Factories in 2020

## Model examples:

SUSY Higgs (PLB549(2002)159, PLB566(2003)217)

SM+Heavy Majorana  $\nu_R$  (PRD66(2002)034008)

Non-Universal  $Z'$  (PLB547(2002)252)

SUSY SO(10) (NPB649(2003)189, PRD68(2003)033012)

mSUGRA+seesaw (EPJC14(2000)319, PRD66(2002)115013)

$B(\tau \rightarrow l\gamma)$

$10^{-10}$

$10^{-9}$

$10^{-9}$

$10^{-8}$

$10^{-7}$

$B(\tau \rightarrow lll)$

$10^{-7}$

$10^{-10}$

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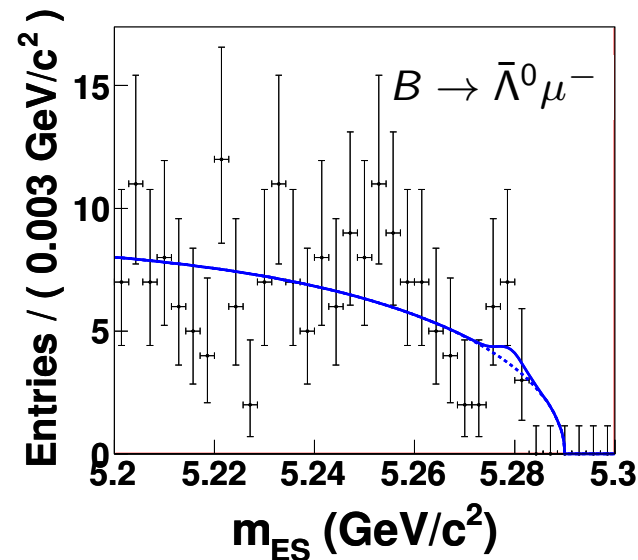
Non-trivial constraints on high-mass physics from LFV searches



# Baryon Number Violation in B Decays

- BNV and LFV are related in some new physics models (e.g. B-L conserving leptogenesis)
  - Newest BaBar search:  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_{(c)} l$
  - No observation, but first measurement of these modes

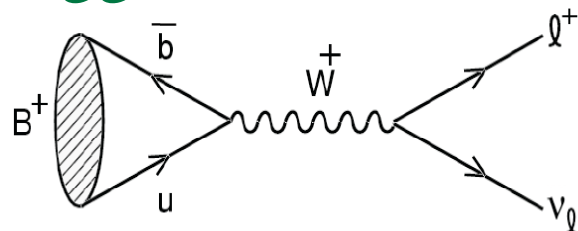
Decay mode	Upper limit
$B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \mu$	$170 \times 10^{-8}$
$B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ e$	$500 \times 10^{-8}$
$B^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \mu$	$6.0 \times 10^{-8}$
$B^- \rightarrow \Lambda^0 e$	$8.2 \times 10^{-8}$
$B^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}^0 \mu$	$6.3 \times 10^{-8}$
$B^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}^0 e$	$3.1 \times 10^{-8}$



BaBar: PRD **83**, 091101 (2011)

# Rare B Decays

- Powerful (indirect) probe of New Physics
  - Old smoking gun:  $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$ , sensitive to charged Higgs



$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}) = \frac{G_F^2 m_B}{8\pi} m_l^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_l^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2 \tau_B$$

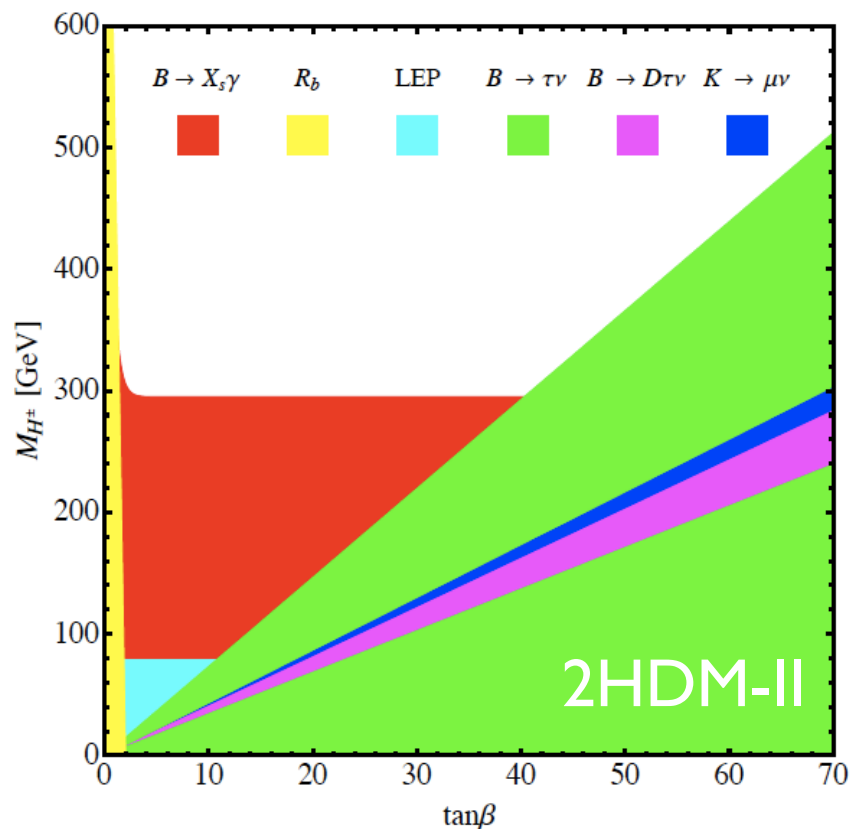
$$\mathcal{B}_{SM}(B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu) = (0.80 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-4}$$

(using  $f_B = 190 \pm 13$  MeV and  $V_{ub} = (3.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$ )

Charged Higgs contribution:

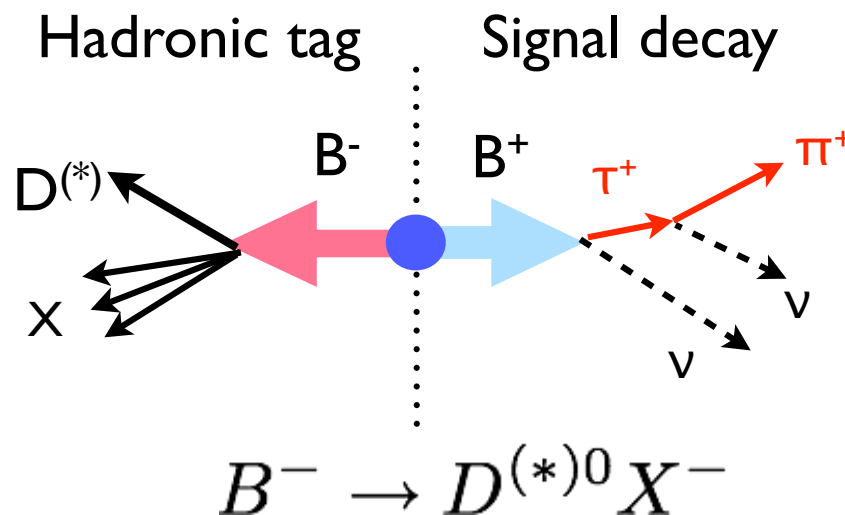
$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)_{SM} \times r_H$$

$$r_H = \left(1 - \frac{m_B^2}{m_H^2} \tan^2 \beta\right)^2$$



# $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$ : Experimental Technique

- Reconstruct “the tag B” completely
  - ☞ efficiency  $\sim 0.2\%$
- Reconstruct leptonic and hadronic  $\tau$  decay modes ( $\sim 70\%$  BF)
- Key discriminant: unassociated neutral energy  $E_{\text{extra}}$ 
  - ☐ Look for excess of events @  $E_{\text{extra}} \sim 0$



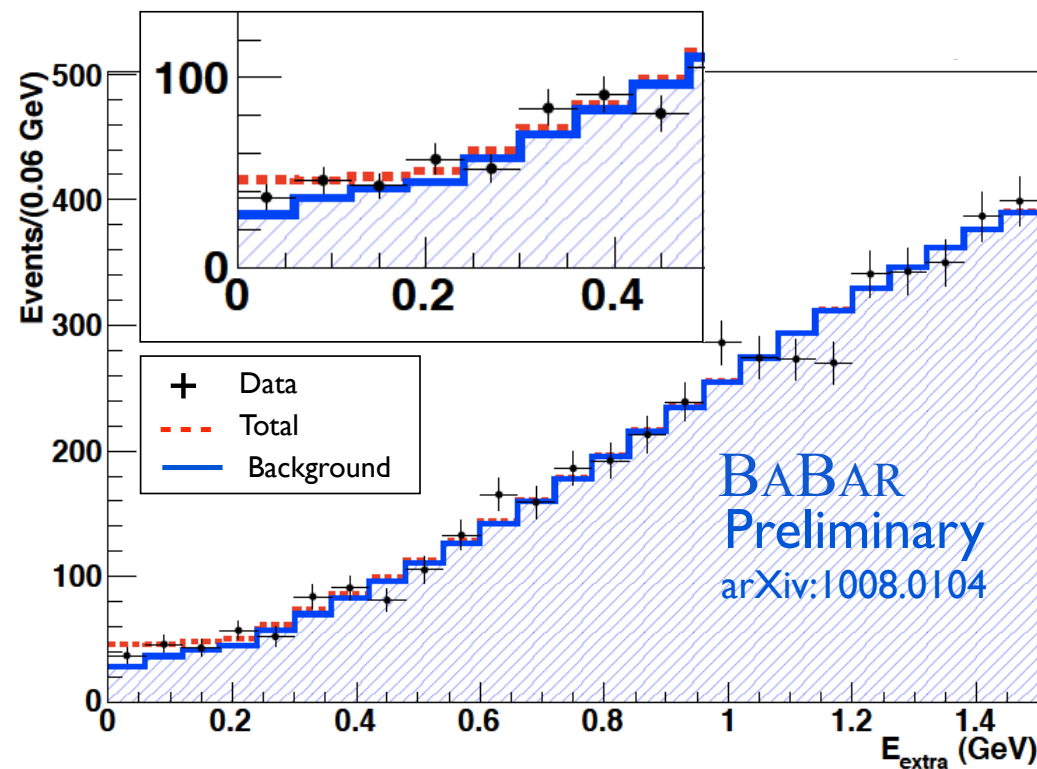
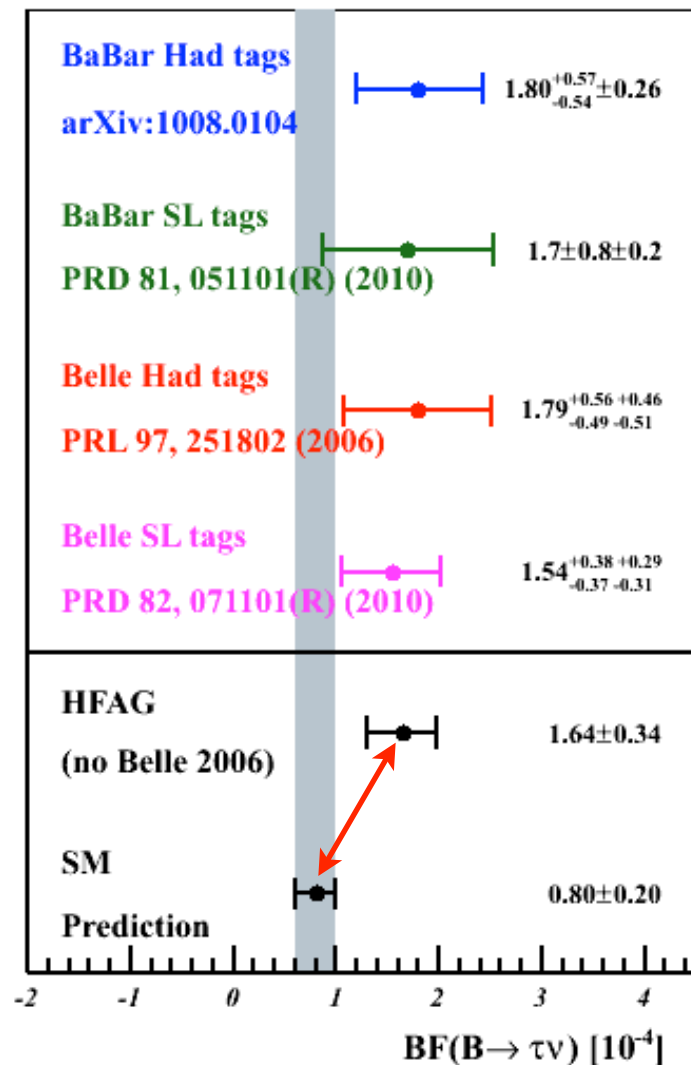
$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+, K^- \pi^+ \pi^0, K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+, K_s^0 \pi^0, K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-, K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0, K^+ K^-, \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^0, D^0 \gamma$$

$$X = n\pi^\pm + mK + p\pi^0 + qK^0$$

$$n + m \leq 5, \quad m, p, q \leq 2$$

# $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$ : Results



$\sim 2\sigma$  difference wrt SM  
and  $\sim 3\sigma$  difference wrt  
CKM fits

# Summary

- B Factories continue to provide significant constraints on new physics models
  - ❑ Direct searches: unique sensitivity to low-mass new physics in high-statistics datasets
  - ❑ Indirect constraints: rare and forbidden decays set constraints on new physics in TeV scale, complementary to the LHC
- Super B Factories will increase statistics by  $\sim 100$ 
  - ❑ Combined with LHC discoveries, these measurements provide unique information on the dynamics and flavor structure of new physics

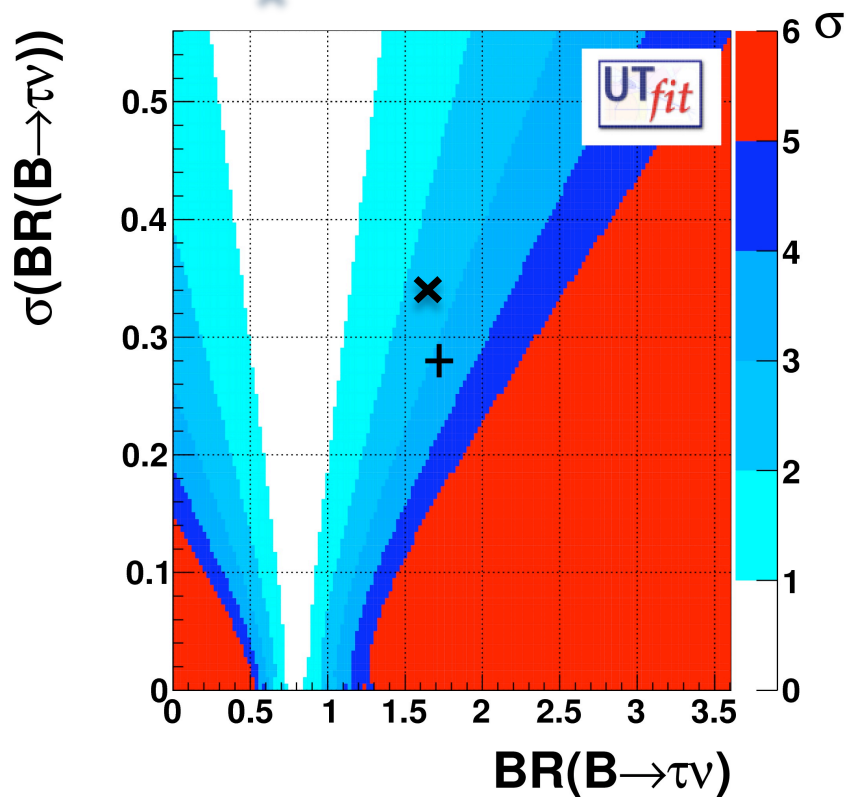


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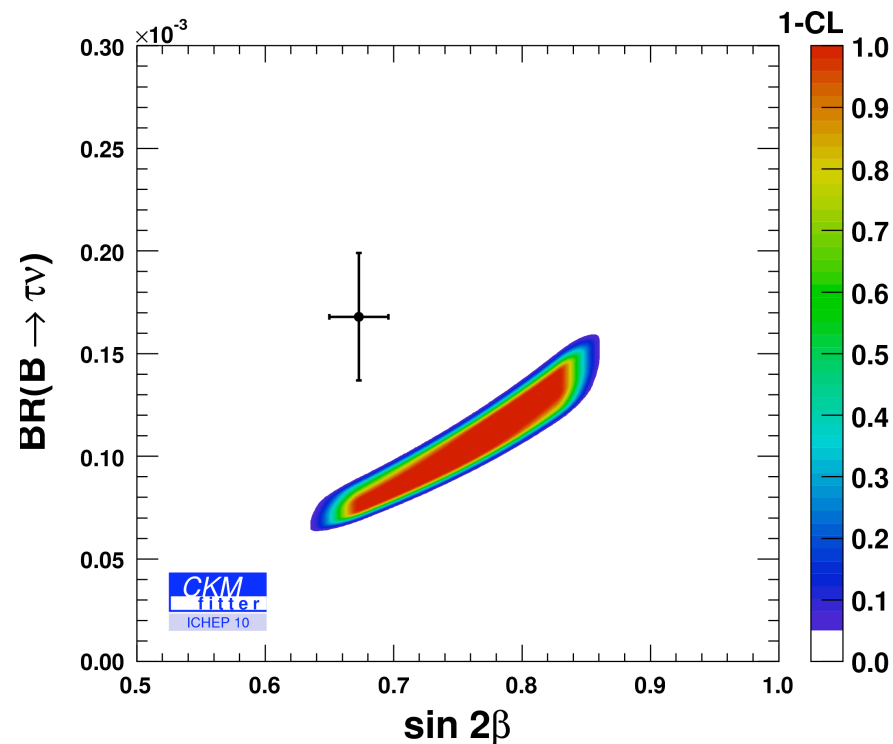
# $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$ vs CKM Fits

www.utfit.org

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ckmfitter.in2p3.fr



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