

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation at the EIC

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With V. Cirigliano, K. Fuyuto, C. Lee and E. Mereghetti, JHEP 03 (2021) 256₁

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

Lepton Flavor is not conserved:
Neutrino Oscillations

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV):

$$BR \sim \left(\frac{m_\nu}{m_W} \right)^2 \sim 10^{-44}$$

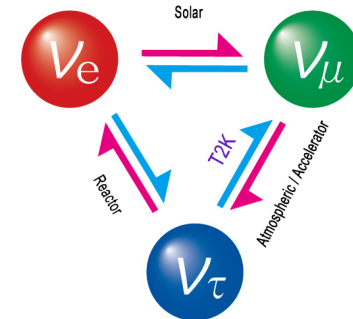
S. Petcov, '77; W. Marciano and A. Sanda, '77



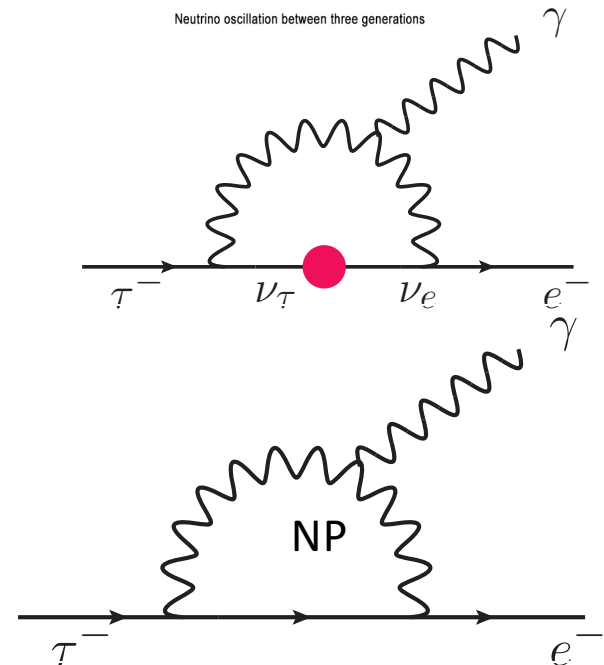
- A. CLFV is sensitive to the NP
- B. CLFV could be related to the neutrino mass generation mechanism;
Tree level or Loop level

For example:

Two loop neutrino mass model
QHC, SLC, E. Ma, Bin Yan, DMZ, PLB779 (2018)430-435

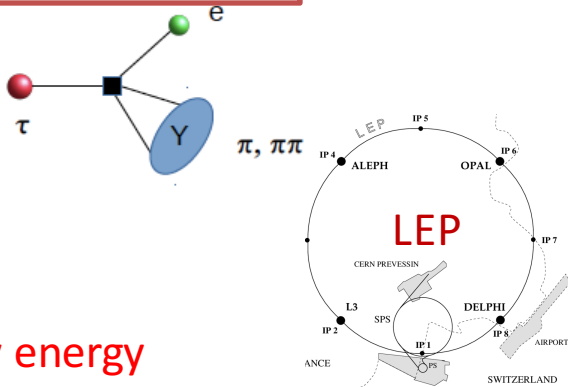


Neutrino oscillation between three generations



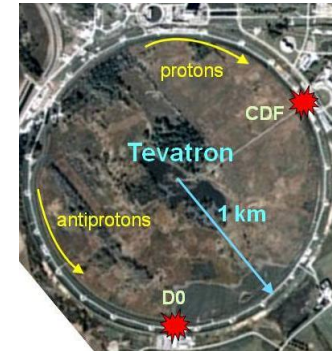
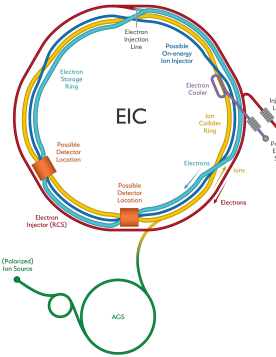
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Focus on tau lepton

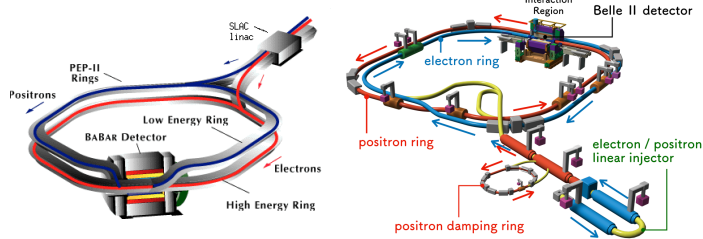


Low energy observables

EIC

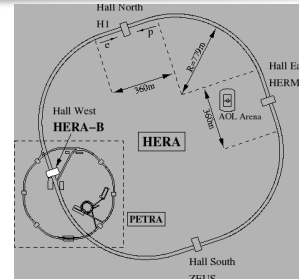
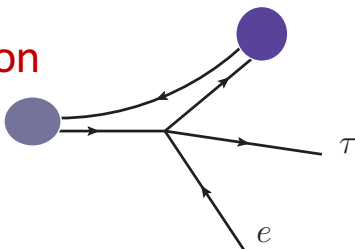


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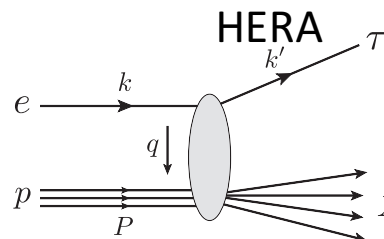


Babar, Belle II

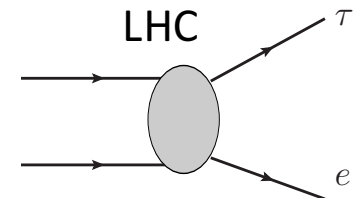
Meson



HERA



LHC

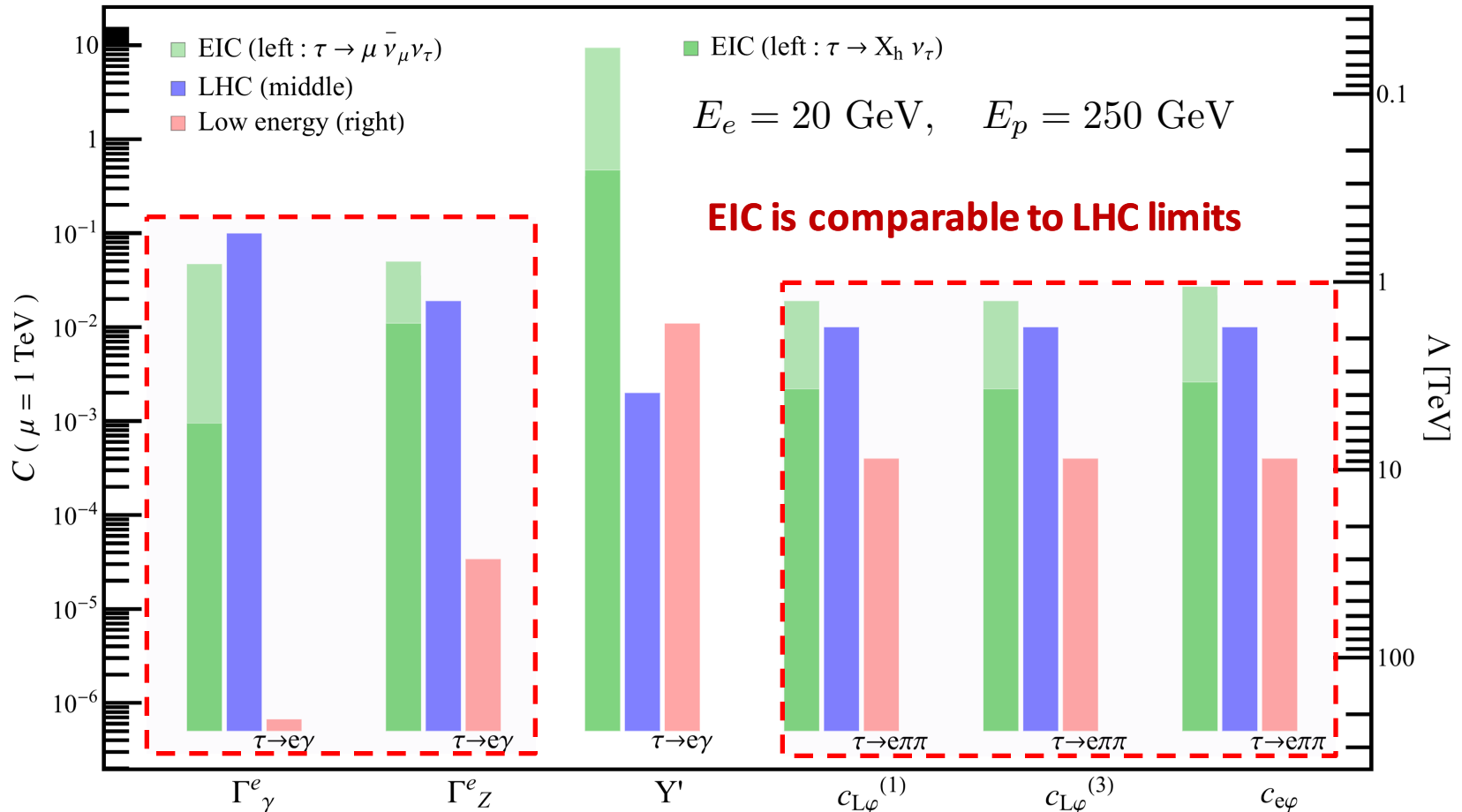


The first Global Picture

For example: **Dipole, Yukawa and Vector/Axial vector current**

Upper limit on LFV coupling and lower limit on new physics scale

$\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

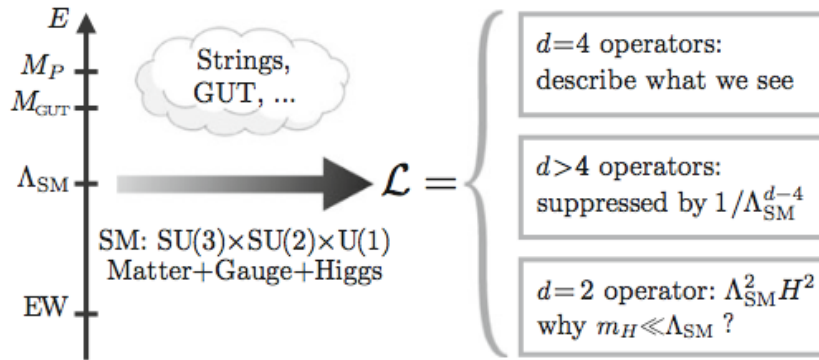


CLFV and EFT

Linear realized EFT



Higgs is a **fundamental particle**
Weak interacting



Appelquist-Carazzone
Decoupling theorem:

W. Buchmüller, D. Wyler 1986
B. Grzadkowski et al, 2010
L. Lehman, A. Marin, 2015
B. Henning et al, 2015
H-L. Li et al, 2020

$$\mathcal{L} = C_6 O_6 + C_8 O_8 + \dots$$

Full Theory

$$\mathcal{L}(\chi, \phi)$$

Large Scale, heavy and
light particle

Renormalization group

$$\mu = M$$

Renormalization group

Matching

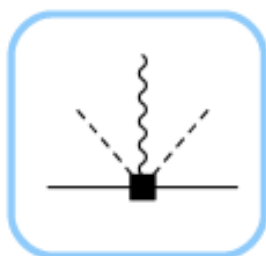
$$\mathcal{L}(\phi)$$

Low energy, light particle

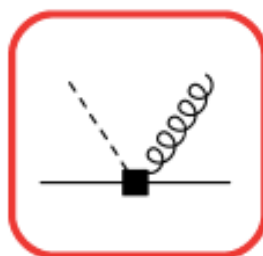
EFT

CLFV and EFT

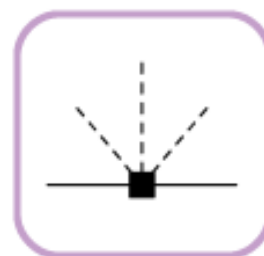
Four types operators:



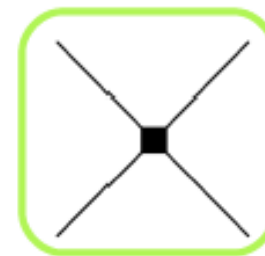
vector/axial currents



dipole



Yukawa



four-fermion

For example:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{2c_W} Z_\mu \left[\left(c_{L\varphi}^{(1)} + c_{L\varphi}^{(3)} \right)_{\tau e} \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + c_{e\varphi} \bar{\tau}_R \gamma^\mu e_R \right] \\ - \frac{e}{2v} [\Gamma_\gamma^e]_{\tau e} \bar{\tau}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g}{2c_W v} [\Gamma_Z^e]_{\tau e} \bar{\tau}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R Z_{\mu\nu}$$

Four-fermion operators:

we assume the generic quark flavor structures

$$[C_{Ld}]_{\tau e} = \begin{pmatrix} [C_{Ld}]_{dd} & [C_{Ld}]_{ds} & [C_{Ld}]_{db} \\ [C_{Ld}]_{sd} & [C_{Ld}]_{ss} & [C_{Ld}]_{sb} \\ [C_{Ld}]_{bd} & [C_{Ld}]_{bs} & [C_{Ld}]_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

CLFV and EFT

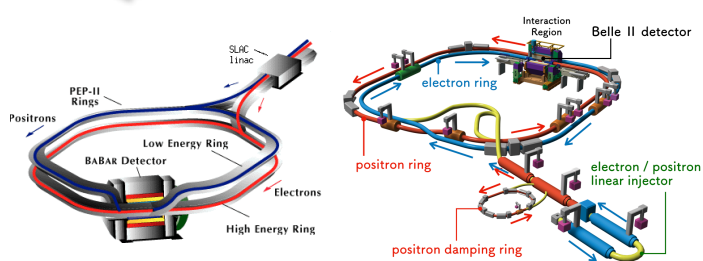
Low energy
observables

Few GeV

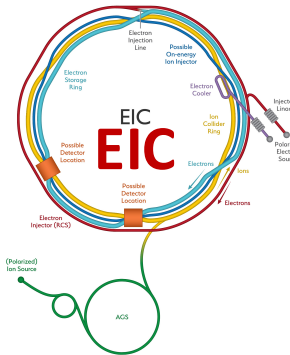
100 GeV

Few TeV

High energy
observables



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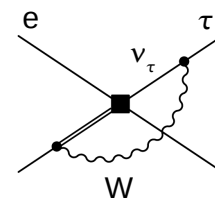
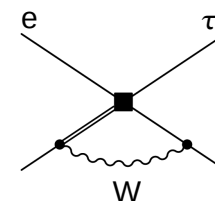
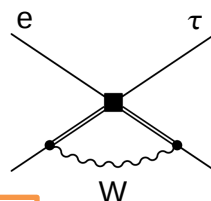
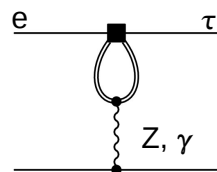
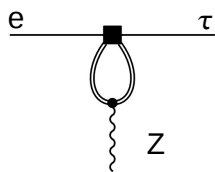


LHC

The RG running effects should be included

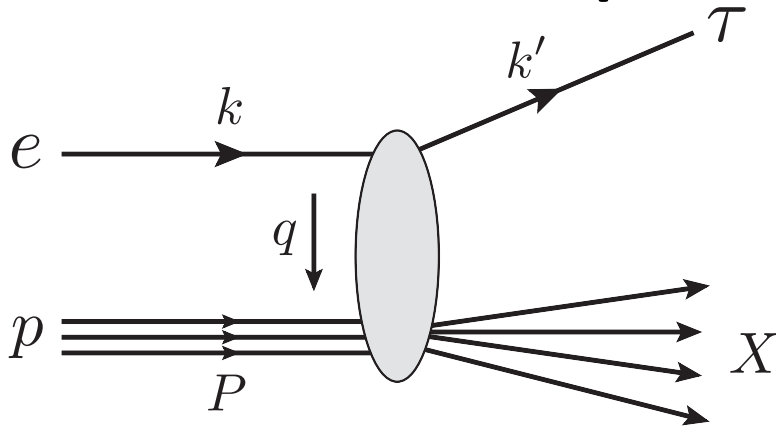
The operator mixing effects:

double lines: top quark



To constrain the top quark component

DIS production @EIC



$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}, \quad y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot p_e}$$

The generic cross section:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma_{\lambda_e \lambda_T}}{dx dy} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_a \left[\frac{1 - \lambda_e}{2} (\hat{\sigma}_{LL}^a + \hat{\sigma}_{LR}^a) + \frac{1 + \lambda_e}{2} (\hat{\sigma}_{RL}^a + \hat{\sigma}_{RR}^a) \right] f_a(x, Q^2) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_a \left[\frac{1 - \lambda_e}{2} (-\hat{\sigma}_{LL}^a + \hat{\sigma}_{LR}^a) + \frac{1 + \lambda_e}{2} (-\hat{\sigma}_{RL}^a + \hat{\sigma}_{RR}^a) \right] \lambda_T \Delta f_a(x, Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

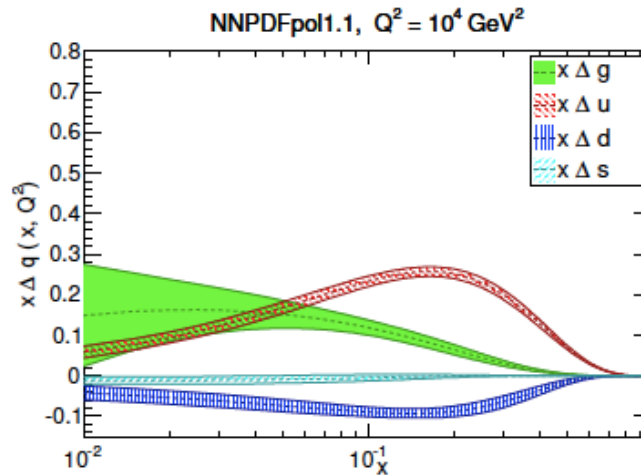
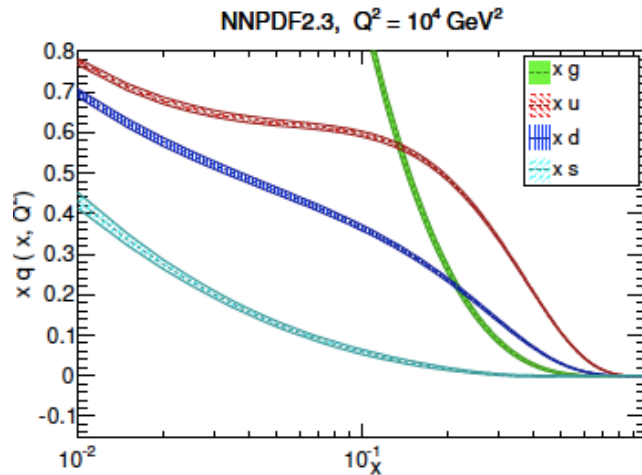
Unpolarized Cross Section

Polarized Cross Section

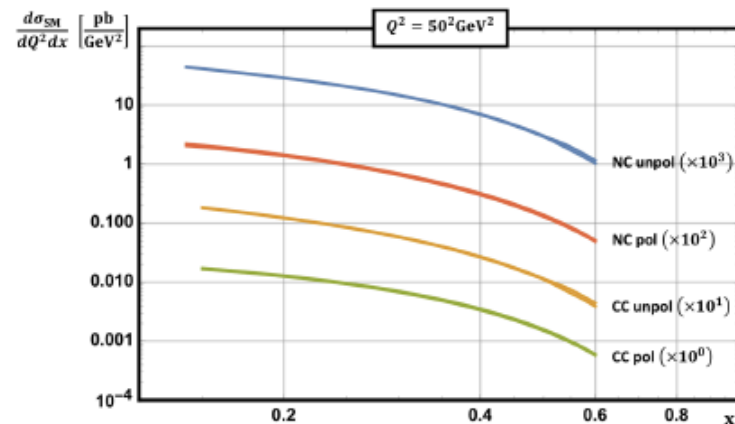
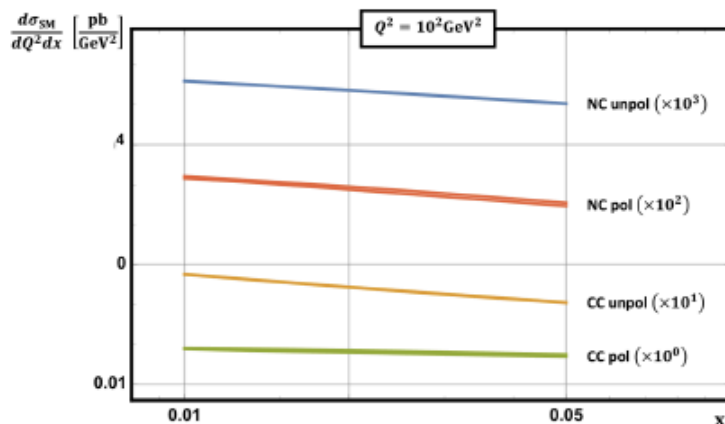
λ_e, λ_T polarization of electron and proton

Polarized and unpolarized cross section

B. Fuks, J. Proudom, J. Rojo and I. Schienbein, JHEP05(2014)045

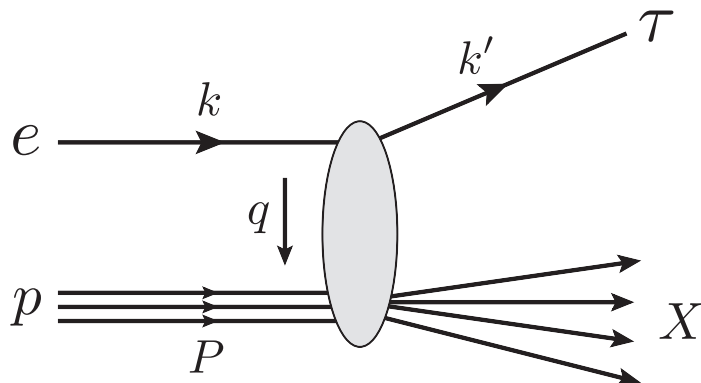


R. Boughezal, F. Petriello, D. Wiegand, arxiv: 2004.00748



Polarized cross section was suppressed by PDF and we will focus on the unpolarized case 9

Collider analysis @ EIC



Signal: $E_e = 20 \text{ GeV}$, $E_p = 250 \text{ GeV}$

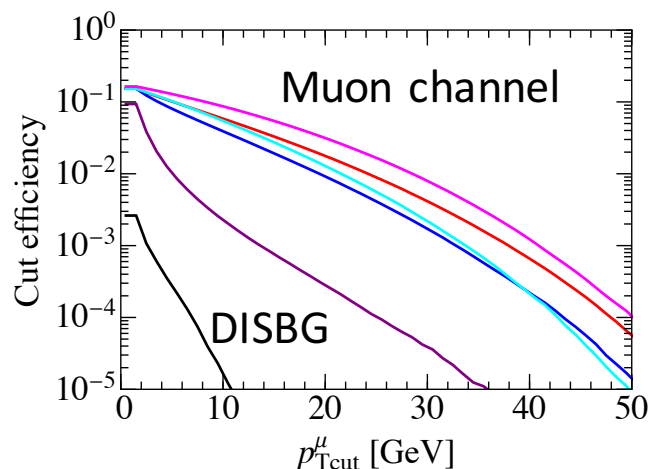
$$(1) e^- p \rightarrow \tau^- X \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau X;$$

$$(2) e^- p \rightarrow \tau^- X \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau X;$$

$$(3) e^- p \rightarrow \tau^- X \rightarrow \nu_\tau X_h X$$

Background: **SM DIS production**

The **electron and hadronic** decay channels would be challenge due to the large backgrounds; **Background cut efficiency:** $\epsilon_{\text{cut}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$



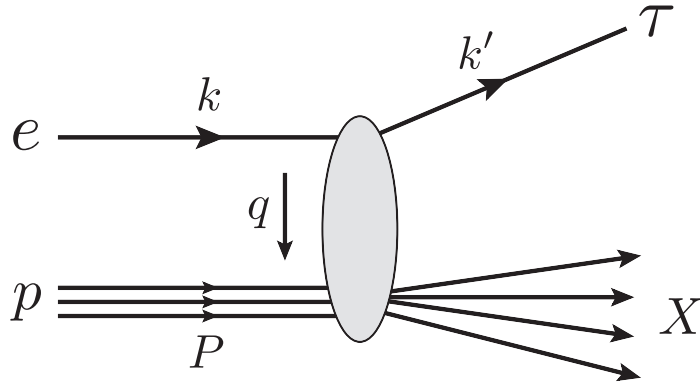
Based on Pythia8+Delphes

$$p_T^\mu > 10 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{j1} > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\cancel{E}_T > 15 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_{\mu,j1}| < 3.$$

Background free process

The sensitivity of CLFV@ EIC



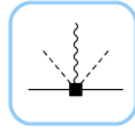
- (1) The cut efficiencies are **sensitive** to the **quark flavor** in the initial state;
- (2) The cut efficiencies are **not sensitive** to the **polarization of tau** lepton

τ_L	$(C_{LQ,U})_{uu}$	$(C_{LQ,U})_{cc}$	$(C_{LQ,D})_{dd}$	$(C_{LQ,D})_{ss}$	$(C_{LQ,D})_{bb}$	$c_{L\varphi}^{(1)} + c_{L\varphi}^{(3)}$
$\epsilon_{\text{cut}}(\%)$	9.9	2.6	5.8	3.2	0.91	4.9
τ_R	$(C_{eu})_{uu}$	$(C_{eu})_{cc}$	$(C_{ed})_{dd}$	$(C_{ed})_{ss}$	$(C_{ed})_{bb}$	$C_{e\varphi}$
$\epsilon_{\text{cut}}(\%)$	9.6	2.5	5.6	3.1	0.85	3.3
	$(C_{GG})_{\tau e}$	$(\Gamma_{\gamma}^e)_{\tau e}$	$(\Gamma_Z^e)_{\tau e}$	$(C_{GG})_{e\tau}$	$(\Gamma_{\gamma}^e)_{e\tau}$	$(\Gamma_Z^e)_{e\tau}$
$\epsilon_{\text{cut}}(\%)$	6.8	0.15	19	6.4	0.15	18

The sensitivity of CLFV@ LHC

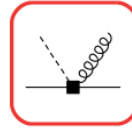
(1) Z and Higgs decays

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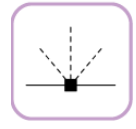


vector/axial currents

$$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow e\tau) < 8.1 \times 10^{-6}$$



dipole



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ATLAS: PLB 800 (2020)135069

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\tau) < 4.7 \times 10^{-3}$$

(2) Top quark decays

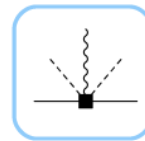
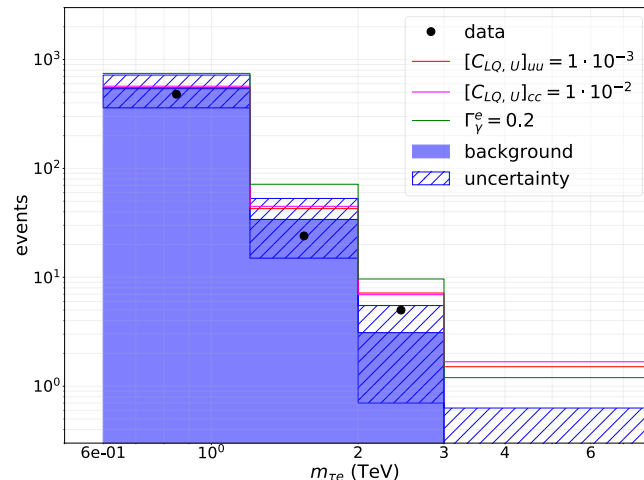


four-fermion

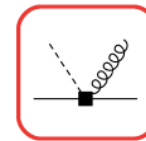
$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qe\tau) < 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

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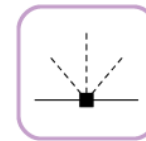
(3) High invariant mass Drell-Yan



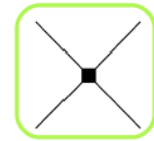
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four-fermion

POWHEG + Pythia8 + Delphes @NLO

ATLAS: EPJC 76 (2016) 10,541

$$\mathcal{L} = 36 \text{ fb}^{-1} @ 13 \text{ TeV}$$

The sensitivity of CLFV@ low energy

Observable	Upper limit on BR (90% C.L.)
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma$	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \pi^0$	$< 8.0 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \eta$	$< 9.2 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \eta'$	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- K_S^0$	$< 2.6 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \pi^+ K^-$	$< 3.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \pi^- K^+$	$< 3.1 \times 10^{-8}$
$B^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \tau^\mp$	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-5}$
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ \tau^-$	$< 7.4 \times 10^{-5}$
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \tau^+$	$< 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ \tau^-$	$< 4.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^- \tau^+$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$

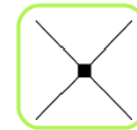
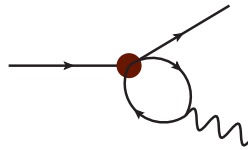
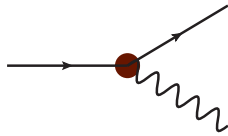
	BR (90% CL)
$\pi \rightarrow e \nu$	$(1.230 \pm 0.004) \cdot 10^{-4}$
$K \rightarrow e \nu$	$(1.582 \pm 0.007) \cdot 10^{-5}$
$D \rightarrow e \nu$	$< 8.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$D \rightarrow \tau \nu$	$(1.20 \pm 0.27) \cdot 10^{-3}$
$D_s \rightarrow e \nu$	$< 8.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$D_s \rightarrow \tau \nu$	$(5.48 \pm 0.23) \cdot 10^{-2}$
$B \rightarrow e \nu$	$< 9.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$B \rightarrow \mu \nu$	$(6.46 \pm 2.74) \cdot 10^{-7}$
$B \rightarrow \tau \nu$	$(1.09 \pm 0.24) \cdot 10^{-4}$

Indirect
bounds

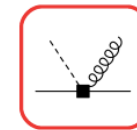
	BR (90% CL)
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$< 1.78 \cdot 10^{-10}$
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$< 3.0 \cdot 10^{-9}$
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$< 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$< 1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$

The sensitivity of CLFV@ low energy

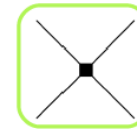
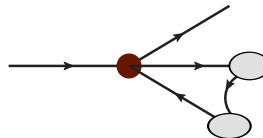
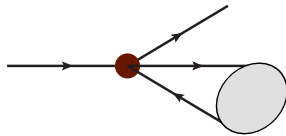
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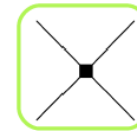
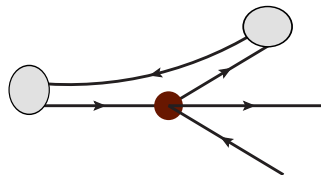
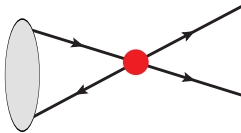
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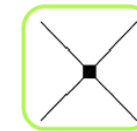
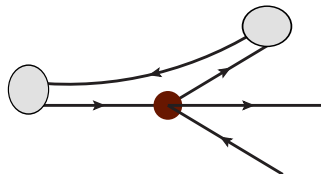
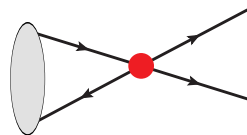
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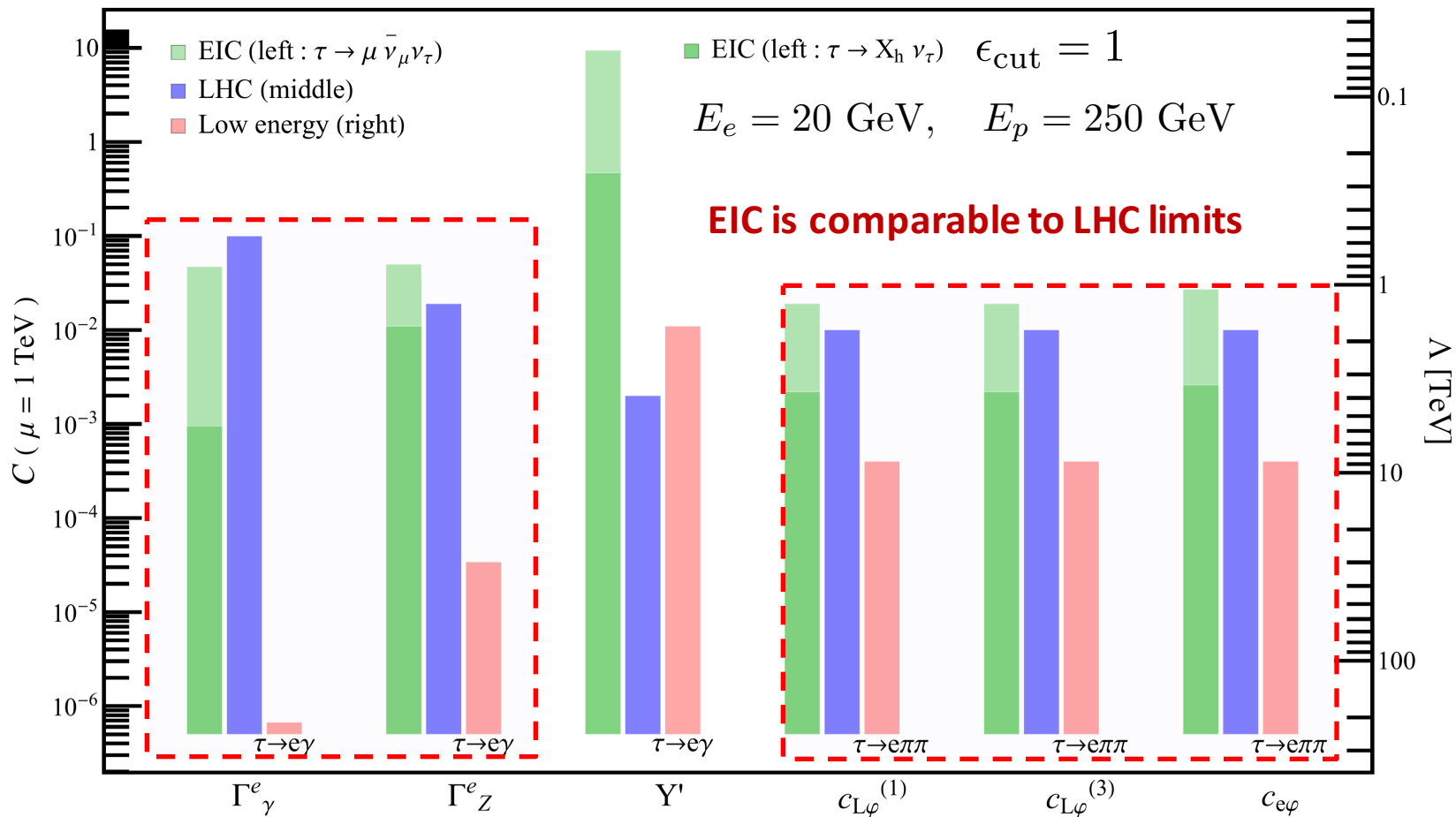
Indirect constraints

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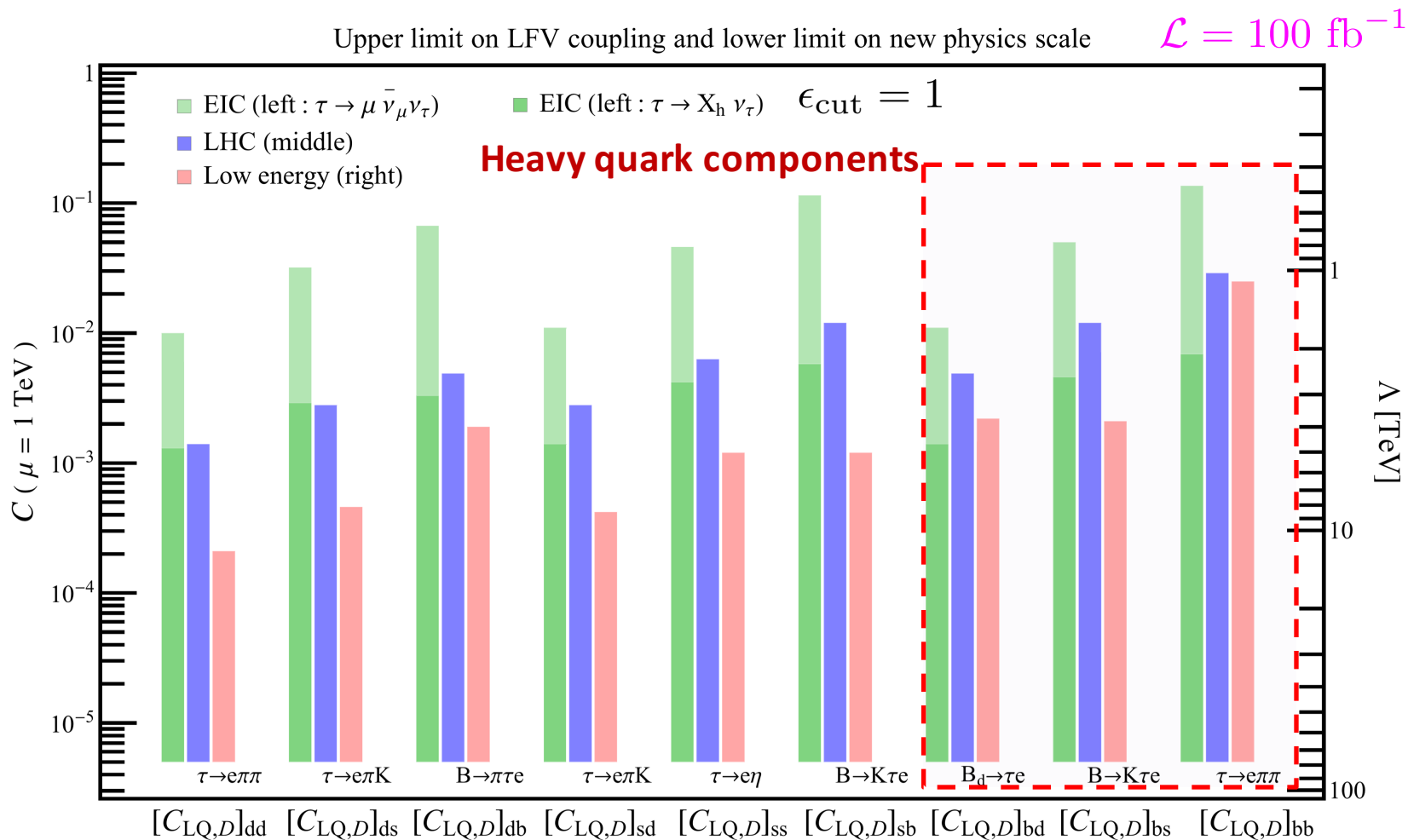
Upper limit on LFV coupling and lower limit on new physics scale

$\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



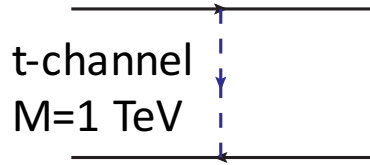
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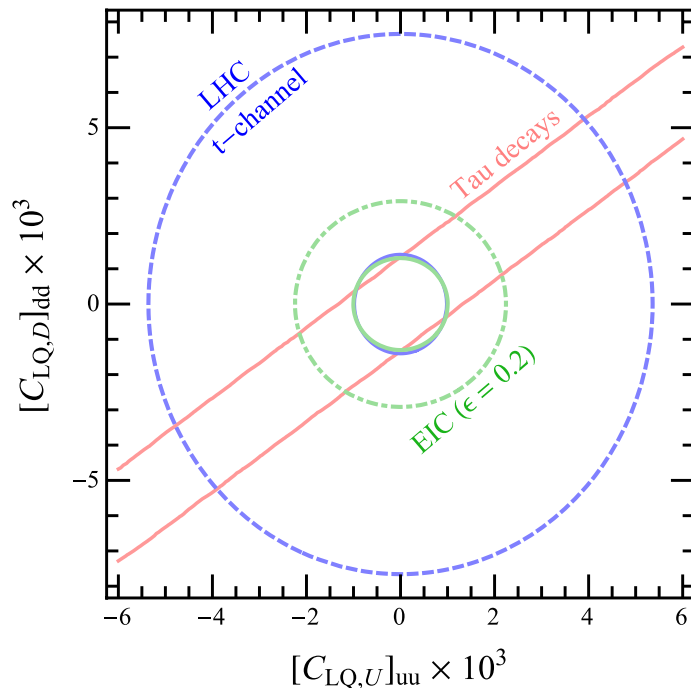
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Global analysis:

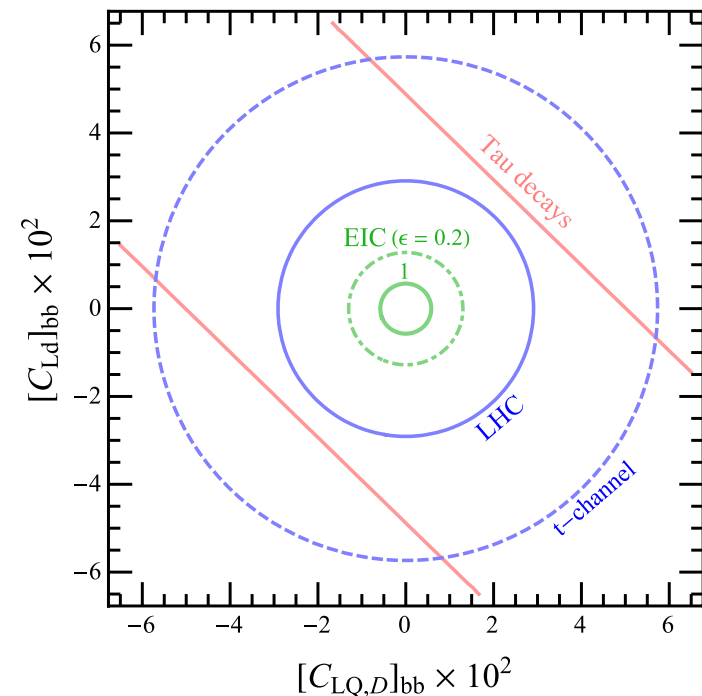


Scenario	Operators
A	$c_{L\varphi}^{(1,3)}$, $[C_{LQ,U}]_{uu}$, $[C_{LQ,D}]_{dd,ss}$, $[C_{Lu}]_{uu}$, $[C_{Ld}]_{dd,ss}$
B	$c_{L\varphi}^{(1,3)}$, $[C_{LQ,D}]_{dd,ss,bb}$, $[C_{Ld}]_{dd,ss,bb}$

Scenario A

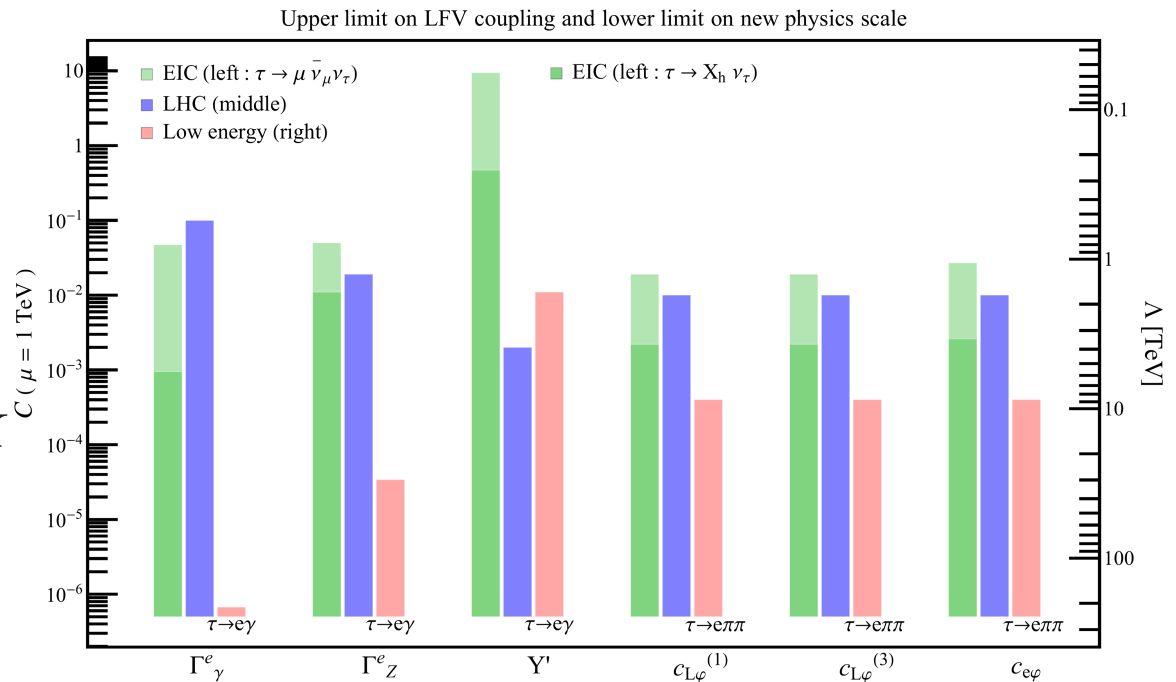
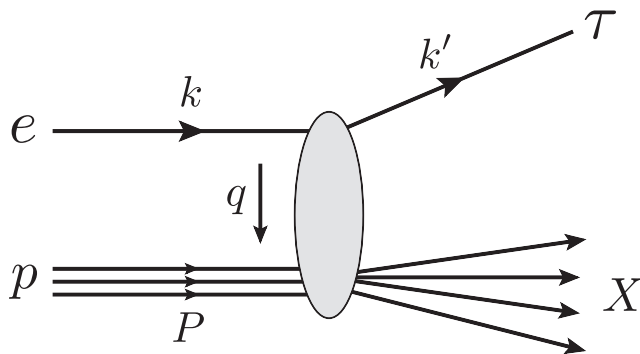


Scenario B



Summary

- A. CLFV can unveil/constrain mechanism for neutrino mass generation;
- B. EIC is an ideal machine to probe the CLFV effects;
- C. EIC is competitive and complementary to LHC and B factories;



Thank you!