

Tau lifetime and decays

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- The world largest statistics of τ leptons collected by e⁺e⁻ B-factories (Belle and BaBar) and LHCb opens new era in the precision tests of the Standard Model (SM).
- Basic tau properties, like: lifetime, mass, couplings, electric dipole moment, anomalous magnetic dipole moment and other appear as free parameters in the SM (mass), which should be measured experimentally as precise as possible, or provide unique possibility to test SM and search for the effects of New Physics (anomalous magnetic moment).
- In the SM τ decays due to the charged weak interaction described by the exchange of W[±] with a pure vector coupling to only left-handed fermions. There are two main classes of tau decays:
 - Decays with leptons, like: τ⁻ → ℓ⁻ν_ℓν_τ, τ⁻ → ℓ⁻ν_ℓν_τγ, τ⁻ → ℓ⁻ℓ'+ℓ'-ν_ℓν_τ; ℓ, ℓ' = e, μ. They provide very clean laboratory to probe electroweak couplings, which is complementary/competitive to precision studies with muon (in experiments with muon beam). Plenty of New Physics models can be tested/constrained in the precision studies of the dynamics of decays with leptons.
 - Hadronic decays of τ offer unique tools for the precision study of low energy QCD.

Introduction: B-factories (Belle and BaBar)

Integrated luminosity of B factories



B-factories are also charm- and τ -factories ! B-factory experimental strategy is proved to be fruitful to search for New Physics.

Aerogel Cherenkov cnt.

Central Drift Chamber small cell +He/C.H.

 μ/K , detection

14/15 lvr. RPC+Fe

19 lavers of RPCs (LSTs)

Drift Chamber 40 layers acking + dE

Silicon Vertex Tracker

n=1.015~1.030

Precision studies of τ properties at B-factories

• Tau lifetime:

Belle: $\tau_{\tau} = (290.17 \pm 0.53(\text{stat}) \pm 0.33(\text{syst}))$ fs; PRL 112, 031801 (2014)

BaBar(prelim.): $\tau_{\tau} = (289.40 \pm 0.91(\text{stat}) \pm 0.90(\text{syst}))$ fs; Nucl. Phys. B 144, 105 (2005)

• Tau mass:

Belle: $m_{\tau} = (1776.61 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.35(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$; PRL 99, 011801 (2007) **BaBar**: $m_{\tau} = (1776.68 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.41(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$; PRD 80, 092005 (2009) Accuracy comparable with the most precision measurements done by **KEDR** and **BES** at the $\tau^+\tau^-$ production threshold.

- Tau electric dipole moment (EDM): **Belle**: $\operatorname{Re}(d_{\tau}) = (1.15 \pm 1.70) \times 10^{-17} \text{ e·cm}, \operatorname{Im}(d_{\tau}) = (-0.83 \pm 0.86) \times 10^{-17} \text{ e·cm};$ PLB 551, 16 (2003) ($\int Ldt = 29.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) We are working on EDM with full statistics
- Hadronic contribution to $a_{\mu} (\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_{\tau})$: Belle: $a_{\mu}^{\pi\pi} = (523.5 \pm 1.1 (\text{stat}) \pm 3.7 (\text{syst})) \times 10^{-10}$; PRD 78, 072006 (2008)
- Lepton universality: **BaBar**: $\left(\frac{g_{\mu}}{g_{\theta}}\right)_{\tau} = 1.0036 \pm 0.0020$, $\left(\frac{g_{\tau}}{g_{\mu}}\right)_{h} = 0.9850 \pm 0.0054$, h= π , K; PRL 105, 051602 (2010)
- Michel parameters in $\tau \to \ell \nu \nu(\gamma)$ ($\rho, \eta, \xi, \delta, \overline{\eta}, \kappa$): Belle: study is going on.
- Anomalous magnetic moment of τ (a_{τ}):
 - In τ⁻ → ℓ⁻ ν
 _ℓ ν_τ γ it is not so promising to measure a_τ at B-factories (see the talk: D. Epifanov "Tau physics at Super B-factory" at KEK-FF2014 Workshop).
 - Technique to measure $a_{ au}$ in $e^+e^-
 ightarrow au^+ au^-$ process is under discussion.

Measurement of the τ -lepton lifetime, motivation

Precise measurement of the tau lifetime is necessary for the tests of lepton universality in the SM: $g_e = g_\mu = g_\tau$



$$\Gamma(L^- \to \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell \nu_L(\gamma)) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(L^- \to \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell \nu_L(\gamma))}{\tau_L} = \frac{g_L^2 g_\ell^2}{32M_W^4} \frac{m_L^5}{192\pi^3} F_{\rm corr}(m_L, m_\ell)$$

$$F_{\rm corr}(m_L, m_\ell) = f(x) \left(1 + \frac{3}{5} \frac{m_L^2}{M_W^2} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\alpha(m_L)}{2\pi} \left(\frac{25}{4} - \pi^2 \right) \right)$$

$$f(x) = 1 - 8x + 8x^3 - x^4 - 12x^2 \ln x, \ x = m_\ell / m_L$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mu^-
ightarrow \mathbf{e}^- ar{
u}_{\mathbf{e}}
u_{\mu}(\gamma)) = 1$$

$$\frac{g_{\tau}}{g_{e}} = \sqrt{\mathcal{B}(\tau^{-} \to \mu^{-} \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_{\tau}(\gamma)) \frac{\tau_{\mu}}{\tau_{\tau}} \frac{m_{\mu}^{5}}{m_{\tau}^{5}} \frac{F_{\text{corr}}(m_{\mu}, m_{e})}{F_{\text{corr}}(m_{\tau}, m_{\mu})}, \ \frac{g_{\tau}}{g_{e}} = 1.0024 \pm 0.0021 \ (\text{HFAG2012})$$

$$\frac{g_{\tau}}{g_{\mu}} = \sqrt{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \to e^- \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_{\tau}(\gamma)) \frac{\tau_{\mu}}{\tau_{\tau}} \frac{m_{\mu}^5}{m_{\tau}^5} \frac{F_{\rm corr}(m_{\mu}, m_{\theta})}{F_{\rm corr}(m_{\tau}, m_{\theta})}, \ \frac{g_{\tau}}{g_{\mu}} = 1.0006 \pm 0.0021 \ (\text{HFAG2012})$$

Measurement of the τ -lepton lifetime, motivation



S. Schael et al. [ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL, LEP EWG] Phys. Rep. 532, 119 (2013)

$$\frac{2\mathcal{B}(\boldsymbol{W} \to \tau \nu_{\tau})}{\mathcal{B}(\boldsymbol{W} \to \mu \nu_{\mu}) + \mathcal{B}(\boldsymbol{W} \to \mathbf{e}\nu_{\mathbf{e}})} = 1.066 \pm 0.025$$

2.6σ deviation from the Standard Model

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Measurement of τ_{τ} at Belle, method

We analyze $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-\bar{\nu}_{\tau}, \pi^+\pi^-\pi^-\nu_{\tau})$ events.



- τ momentum direction is determined with two-fold ambiguity in CMS, for the analysis we use the average axis.
- Asymmetric-energy layout of experiment allows us to determine τ⁺τ⁻ production point in LAB independently from the position of beam IP.
- Possibility to test CPT conservation measuring τ⁻ and τ⁺ lifetimes separately.

Measurement of τ_{τ} at Belle, selections

Use the data sample of $\int Ldt = 711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ with $N_{\tau\tau} = 650 \times 10^6$

Selection criteria:

- Event is separated into two hemispheres in CMS, Thrust>0.9.
- Each hemisphere contains 3 charge pions with the ±1 net charge.
- There are no additional K_{S}^{0} , Λ , π^{0} candidates. Number of additional photons $N_{\gamma} < 6$ with $E_{\gamma}^{\text{TOT}} < 0.7$ GeV.

•
$$P_{\perp}(6\pi) > 0.5 \text{ GeV/}c$$
, 4 GeV/ $c^2 < M_{\text{inv}}(6\pi) < 10.25 \text{ GeV/}c^2$

- Pseudomass $\sqrt{M_h^2 + 2(E_{\text{beam}} E_h)(E_h P_h)} < 1.8 \text{ GeV/}c^2$, $h = (3\pi)^-$, $(3\pi)^+$.
- Cuts on the quality parameters of the vertex fits and tau axis reconstruction.
- Minimal distance between τ^- and τ^+ axes in LAB dl < 0.02 cm.





1148360 events were selected with \sim 2% background contamination, the main background comes from $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (q =u, d, s).

Measurement of τ_{τ} at Belle, fit of decay length

Decay length PDF

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{P}(x) &= \mathcal{N} \int e^{-x'/\lambda_{T}} R(x-x';\vec{P}) dx' + \mathcal{N}_{uds} R(x;\vec{P}) + \mathcal{P}_{cb}(x), \\ R(x;\vec{P}) &= (1-2.5x) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(x-P_{1})^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}\right), \end{split}$$

$$\sigma = P_2 + P_3 |x - P_1|^{1/2} + P_4 |x - P_1| + P_5 |x - P_1|^{3/2}$$

• Free parameters of the fit:
$$\lambda_{\tau}$$
, \mathcal{N} , $\vec{P} = (P_1, ..., P_5)$

- λ_{τ} estimator of $c\tau_{\tau}$, $c\tau_{\tau} = \lambda_{\tau} + \Delta_{corr}$, Δ_{corr} is determined from MC;
- $R(x; \vec{P})$ detector resolution function;
- \mathcal{N}_{uds} contribution of background from $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \ (q = u, \ d, \ s)$ (predicted by MC)
- $\mathcal{P}_{cb}(x)$ PDF for background from $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \ (q=c, \ b)$ (fixed from MC)

From the fit of experimental data $\lambda_{\tau} = 86.53 \pm 0.16 \ \mu$ m, applying correction $\Delta_{corr} = 0.46 \ \mu$ m we got: $C\tau_{\tau} = 86.99 \pm 0.16 \ \mu$ m



Measurement of τ_{τ} at Belle, result



285 290 295



Systematic uncertainties			
Source	$\Delta c \tau$ (μ m)		
Silicon vertex	0.000		
detector alignment	0.030		
Asymmetry fixing	0.030		
Fit range	0.020		
Beam energy, ISR, FSR	0.024		
Background contribution	0.010		
au-lepton mass	0.009		
Total	0.101		

 $c\tau_{\tau} = (86.99 \pm 0.16(\text{stat}) \pm 0.10(\text{syst})) \ \mu\text{m}.$ $\tau_{\tau} = (290.17 \pm 0.53(\text{stat}) \pm 0.33(\text{syst})) \ \text{fs}.$

$$| au_{ au^+} - au_{ au^-}|/ au_{
m average} < 7.0 imes 10^{-3}$$
 at 90% CL.

Lepton universality

 $g_{\tau}/g_{e} = 1.0024 \pm 0.0021$ (HFAG2012)

 $\mathbf{g}_{\tau}/\mathbf{g}_{e} = 1.0031 \pm 0.0016$ (new Belle τ_{τ}) $g_{\tau}/g_{\mu} = 1.0006 \pm 0.0021$ (HFAG2012) $\mathbf{g}_{\tau}/\mathbf{g}_{\mu} = 1.0013 \pm 0.0016$ (new Belle τ_{τ})

Hadronic τ decays

Cabibbo-allowed decays ($\mathcal{B} \sim \cos^2 \theta_c$) $\mathcal{B}(S = 0) = (61.85 \pm 0.11)\%$ (PDG) Cabibbo-suppressed decays ($\mathcal{B} \sim \sin^2 \theta_c$) $\mathcal{B}(S = -1) = (2.88 \pm 0.05)\%$ (PDG)

 $\left\{ \ , \ q^2 \leq M_\tau^2 \right.$

$$iM_{fi} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} S = 0 \\ S = -1 \end{array} \right\} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{u}_{\nu_{\tau}} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma^5) u_{\tau} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \cos \theta_c \cdot \langle \text{hadrons}(q^{\mu}) | \hat{J}_{\mu}^{S=0}(q^2) | 0 \rangle \\ \sin \theta_c \cdot \langle \text{hadrons}(q^{\mu}) | \hat{J}_{\mu}^{S=-1}(q^2) | 0 \rangle \end{array} \right.$$

The main tasks

- Measurement of branching fractions with highest possible accuracy
- Measurement of low-energy hadronic spectral functions
 - Determination of the decay mechanism (what are intermediate mesons and their contributions)
 - Precise measurement of masses and widths of the intermediate mesons
- Search for CP violation
- Comparison with hadronic formfactors from e⁺e⁻ experiments to check CVC theorem
- Measurement of $\Gamma_{\text{inclusive}}(S = 0)$ to determine α_s
- Measurement of $\Gamma_{\text{inclusive}}(S = -1)$ to determine s-quark mass and V_{us} :



Study of $au^- ightarrow K^0_S X^- u_ au$ decays at Belle

S. Ryu et al. [Belle Collaboration], Phys. Rev. D 89, 072009 (2014)

Data sample of $\int Ldt = 669 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ with $N_{\tau\tau} = 616 \times 10^6$ was used to study inclusive decay $\tau^- \rightarrow K_8^0 X^- \nu_{\tau}$ as well as 6 exclusive modes:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \pi^{-} K^{0}_{S} \nu_{\tau} & K^{-} K^{0}_{S} \nu_{\tau} & \pi^{-} K^{0}_{S} K^{0}_{S} \nu_{\tau} \\ \pi^{-} K^{0}_{S} \pi^{0} \nu_{\tau} & K^{-} K^{0}_{S} \pi^{0} \nu_{\tau} & \pi^{-} K^{0}_{S} K^{0}_{S} \pi^{0} \nu_{\tau} \end{array}$$

After the standard $\tau \tau$ preselection criteria we select events with particular configuration.

 Event is separated into two hemispheres in CMS, Thrust>0.9

• Tag side: 1-prong (e,
$$\mu$$
 or $\pi/K(n \ge 0)\pi^0$)

Signal side:

•
$$K_{S}^{0} \to \pi^{+}\pi^{-}$$
:
0.485 GeV/ $c^{2} < M_{\pi\pi} < 0.511$ GeV/ c^{2} (±5 σ)
2 cm< $L_{K_{S}^{0}} < 20$ cm, $\Delta Z_{1,2} < 2.5$ cm
• $\pi^{0} \to \gamma\gamma$: $-6 < S_{\gamma\gamma} (= \frac{m_{\gamma\gamma} - m_{\pi^{0}}}{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}) < 5$
• Charged kaon (pion):
 $\mathcal{P}_{K/\pi} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{K}}{\mathcal{L}_{\pi} + \mathcal{L}_{K}} > 0.7(< 0.7)$
 $E_{\Sigma^{\text{extra}}}^{\text{LAB}} < 0.2$ GeV



Calculation of branching fractions

Mode	$\kappa_{\rm S}^0 x^-$	$\pi^{-}\kappa_{S}^{0}$	$\kappa^-\kappa^0_S$	$\pi^{-} K_{S}^{0} \pi^{0}$	$K^{-}K_{S}^{0}\pi^{0}$	$\pi^{-} \kappa_{S}^{0} \kappa_{S}^{0}$	$\pi^{-}K_{S}^{0}K_{S}^{0}\pi^{0}$
N ^{data}	397806 ± 631	157836 ± 541	32701 ± 295	26605 ± 208	8267 ± 109	6684 ± 96	303 ± 33
εdet (%)	9.66	7.09	6.69	2.65	2.19	2.47	0.82
$\frac{N^{bg}}{N^{data}}$ (%)	4.20 ± 0.46	8.86 ± 0.05	3.55 ± 0.07	5.60 ± 0.10	2.43 ± 0.10	7.89 ± 0.24	11.6 ± 1.60
$\left(\frac{\Delta \mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{B}}\right)_{\text{syst}}$ (%)	2.4	2.5	4.0	3.9	5.2	4.4	8.1

The main non- $\tau\tau$ background comes from $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (q = u, d, s, c). To take into account cross-feed background 6 decay modes are analysed simultaneously:

$$N_i^{ ext{sig}} = \sum_j (\mathcal{E}^{-1})_{ij} (N_j^{ ext{data}} - N_j^{ ext{bg}})$$

For the $\pi^- K^0_S \nu$, $K^- K^0_S \nu$, $\pi^- K^0_S \pi^0 \nu$ and $K^- K^0_S \pi^0 \nu$ modes lepton tag is applied and normalisation to the two-lepton events ($\tau^{\mp} \rightarrow e^{\mp} \nu \nu$, $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \nu \nu$) method is used to calculate branching fractions:

$$\mathcal{B}_i = rac{\mathcal{N}_i^{ ext{sig}}}{\mathcal{N}_{ extbf{e} extsf{-}\mu}^{ ext{sig}}} rac{\mathcal{B}_{ extbf{e}}\mathcal{B}_{\mu}}{\mathcal{B}_{ extbf{e}} + \mathcal{B}_{\mu}}$$

To increase statistics for the remaining $\pi^- K_S^0 K_S^0 \nu$ and $\pi^- K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0 \nu$ modes 1-prong tag and luminosity normalisation method are used:

$$\mathcal{B}_{i} = \frac{N_{i}^{\text{sig}}}{2\mathcal{L}\sigma_{\tau\tau}\mathcal{B}_{1-\text{prong}}}$$

Result on branching fractions (Belle and BaBar)



 $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \to K^0_S X^- \nu_{\tau}) = (9.14 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-3}$

J. Beringer et al., Phys. Rev. D 86, 010001 (2012).

J. P. Lees et al. [BaBar Collaboration], Phys. Rev. D 86, 092013 (2012)

 $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \to K^- K_S^0 K_S^0 \nu_{\tau}) < 6.3 \times 10^{-7}$ at 90% CL $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \to K^- K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0 \nu_{\tau}) < 4.0 \times 10^{-7}$ at 90% CL

Study of $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K^0_S K^0_S \pi^0 \nu_{\tau}$ dynamics at Belle

 $f_1(1285)\pi^-(34\pm5)\% \oplus f_1(1420)\pi^-(12\pm3)\% \oplus K^*(892)^-K^0_S\pi^0(54\pm6)\%$



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Study of $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K^0_S K^0_S \pi^0 \nu_{\tau}$ dynamics at Belle



Lepton-flavor-violating (LFV) au decays



Model	$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma)$	$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell)$
mSUGRA+seesaw	10-8	10-9
SUSY+SO(10)	10 ⁻⁸	10-10
SM+seesaw	10-9	10-10
Non-universal Z'	10-9	10-8
SUSY+Higgs	10-10	10-8

- Probabiliity of LFV decays of charged leptons is extremely small in the Standard Model, $\mathcal{B}(\tau \to \ell \nu) \sim \left(\frac{\Delta m_{\nu}^2}{m_{W}^2}\right)^2 < 10^{-54}$
- Many models beyond the SM predict LFV decays with the branching fractions up to < 10⁻⁸. As a result observation of LFV is a clear signature of New Physics (NP).
- τ lepton is an excellent laboratory to search for the LFV decays due to the enhanced couplings to the new particles as well as large number of LFV decay modes
- Study of the different τ LFV decay modes allows us to test various NP models.
- Recently LHCb performed results of the search for LFV τ⁻ → μ⁻μ⁺μ⁻ and LNV+BNV τ⁻ → pμ⁻μ⁻, p
 μ⁺μ⁻ at hadronic collider (PLB 724, 36 (2013)).

LHCb experiment

- One-arm forward spectrometer (15 ÷ 300 mrad)
- Design luminosity: 2×10^{32} 1/(cm²s)
- Experimental information: 2011: 1 fb⁻¹@7 TeV, 2012: 2 fb⁻¹@8 TeV
- Trigger: L0(hardware): 1 MHz, HLT(software): 3-4 KHz
- μ ID: efficiency~97% with \leq 3% $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ misid for $P = 2 \div 100$ GeV



 $\sigma_{\text{inclusive}}(\tau) = 80 \ \mu b @ 7 \text{ TeV} (80\% \text{ from } D_{\text{s}}^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_{\tau})$ LHCB is also Super- τ factory with $N(\tau) \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{11}$!

LFV $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$, $p \mu^- \mu^-$, $\bar{p} \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb

Statistics of 1 fb⁻¹@7 TeV collected in 2011, $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi(\mu^+\mu^-)\pi^-$ is used for normalization.

- $p_T^{1 \mathrm{trk}} > 0.3 \ \mathrm{GeV/c}, \ p_T^{3 \mathrm{trk}} > 4 \ \mathrm{GeV/c}$
- ct(SV-PV)>100 μ m, $\psi(\vec{p}^{3trk}, \vec{R}_{SV-PV}) \sim 0^{\circ}$
- $M_{\mu^+\mu^-} > 0.45 \text{ GeV/}c^2$ to suppress background from $D_s^- \to \eta(\mu^+\mu^-\gamma)\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$
- Blinded analysis:

 $(m_{ au} - 20 \text{ MeV/}c^2) < \mathcal{M}_{ ext{inv}} < (m_{ au} + 20 \text{ MeV/}c^2)$ $(\pm 2\sigma_M)$ region is blinded

• τ candidate is categorized using 3 likelihoods:

- *M*_{3body}: includes geometrical properties to identify displaced 3-body decays
- *M*_{PID}: particle identification (RICH+ECAL+Muon)
- \mathcal{M}_{inv} : invariant mass of au decay products



$$\mathcal{B}(\text{LFV}) = \mathcal{B}(D_s^- \to \phi(\mu^+\mu^-)\pi^-) \frac{t_{\mathcal{D}_s}^{\mathcal{D}_s}}{\mathcal{B}(D_s^- \to \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{det}}^{\text{det}} \epsilon_{\text{norm}}^{\text{lig}}}{\epsilon_{\text{sig}}^{\text{det}} \epsilon_{\text{sig}}^{\text{lig}}} \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{norm}}}$$

$$t_{\mathcal{D}_s}^{\mathcal{D}_s} = 0.78 \pm 0.05: \text{ fraction of taus from } D_s^- \text{ decays}$$

LFV $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$, $p \mu^- \mu^-$, $\bar{p} \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb

	$ au^- o ar{oldsymbol{ ho}} \mu^+ \mu^-$		$ au^- o {m ho} \mu^- \mu^-$	
\mathcal{M}_{3body}	Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed
$-0.05 \div 0.20$	$\textbf{37.9} \pm \textbf{0.8}$	43	41.0 ± 0.9	41
$0.20 \div 0.40$	12.6 ± 0.5	8	11.0 ± 0.5	13
$0.40 \div 0.70$	6.76 ± 0.37	6	7.64 ± 0.39	10
0.70 ÷ 1.00	0.96 ± 0.14	0	0.49 ± 0.12	0



Observed limits at 90% (95%) CL:

$$egin{array}{lll} \mathcal{B}(au^- o \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 8.0 \ (9.8) imes 10^{-8}, \ \mathcal{B}(au^- o ar{p} \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 3.3 \ (4.3) imes 10^{-7}, \ \mathcal{B}(au^- o ar{p} \mu^- \mu^-) &< 4.4 \ (5.7) imes 10^{-7}. \end{array}$$

Decays with protons violate barion(B) and lepton(L) numbers, but $|\Delta(B - L)| = 0$

Results on LFV decays of τ



48 different LFV modes were studied at B-factories

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{B}(\tau^-\to\bar{\pmb{p}}\mu^+\mu^-) &< & 3.3\times10^{-7},\\ \mathcal{B}(\tau^-\to \pmb{p}\mu^-\mu^-) &< & 4.4\times10^{-7}. \end{array}$$

First UL for BNV and LNV τ decays with protons from LHCb !

- The world largest statistics of τ leptons collected by e⁺e⁻ B-factories (Belle and BaBar) and LHCb opens new era in the precision tests of the Standard Model and search for the effects of New Physics.
- With statistics of 711 fb⁻¹ τ lifetime and upper limit on the relative lifetime difference between τ⁺ and τ⁻ have been measured at Belle:

 $au_{ au} = (290.17 \pm 0.53(\text{stat}) \pm 0.33(\text{syst})) \text{ fs.},$ $| au_{ au^+} - au_{ au^-}|/ au_{ ext{average}} < 7.0 imes 10^{-3} ext{ at } 90\% ext{ CL}.$

New result is almost twice more precise than the current world average value. $|\tau_{\tau^+} - \tau_{\tau^-}|/\tau_{\rm average}$ has been measured for the first time.

- Using data sample of $\int Ldt = 669 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ six } \tau$ hadronic decay modes with K_S^0 have been investigated at Belle. Branching fractions for all modes as well as for the inclusive decay $\tau^- \to K_S^0 X^- \nu_{\tau}$ have been measured. For the $\tau^- \to \pi^- K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0 \nu_{\tau}$ decay $f_1(1285) \pi^- \nu_{\tau}$ and $K^{*-}(892) K_S^0 \nu_{\tau}$ mechanisms have been observed. BaBar obtained strong UL on the branching fraction of the strange hadronic decays with 3 kaons.

 $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- o ar{p}\mu^+\mu^-) < 3.3 imes 10^{-7}, \ \mathcal{B}(\tau^- o p\mu^-\mu^-) < 4.4 imes 10^{-7}$

were measured for the first time.

- Lots of ongoing τ analyses at Belle, BaBar and LHCb, new results are expected soon.
- Broad τ physics program with ×50 statistics expected from Belle II e⁺e⁻ Super Flavor Factory in the next decade (today's talk about Belle II by Alan Schwartz).

Backup slides

CPV in hadronic τ decays at B-factories

- CPV has not been observed in lepton decays
- It is strongly suppressed in the SM ($A_{SM}^{CP} \lesssim 10^{-12}$) and observation of large CPV in lepton sector would be clean sign of New Physics
- τ lepton provides unique possibility to search for CPV effects, as it is the only lepton decaying to hadrons, so that the associated strong phases allows us to visualize CPV in hadronic τ decays.

I. CPV in $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_{\rm S}(\geq 0\pi^0)\nu_{\tau}$ at BaBar (Phys. Rev. D 85, 031102 (2012)) Data sample of $\int Ldt = 476$ fb⁻¹ was analyzed $A_{\rm CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_{\rm S}^0(\geq 0\pi^0)\bar{\nu}_{\tau}) - \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_{\rm S}^0(\geq 0\pi^0)\nu_{\tau})}{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_{\rm S}^0(\geq 0\pi^0)\bar{\nu}_{\tau}) + \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_{\rm S}^0(\geq 0\pi^0)\nu_{\tau})} = (-0.36 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.11)\%$ 2.8 σ deviation from the SM expectation: $A_{\rm CP}^{K^0} = (+0.36 \pm 0.01)\%$

II. CPV in $\tau^- \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^- \nu_{\tau}$ **at Belle (Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 131801 (2011))** $\int \text{Ldt}=699 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Angular distributions were analyzed, $A_{CP}(W = M_{K_S\pi})$ was measured ($d\omega = d \cos \beta d \cos \theta$):



Further studies of CPV in τ at e^+e^- factories

- At e⁺e[−] machines with unpolarized beams effect of τ spin-spin correlation in e⁺e[−] → τ⁺(ζ⁺)τ[−](ζ[−]) reaction can be used to study CPV effects in the spin-dependent part of the decay rate.
- The idea is to study $(\tau^{\mp} \rightarrow h_{CP}^{\mp}\nu; \tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \rho^{\pm}\nu)$ events (as an example let's take $h_{CP}^{\mp} = (K\pi)^{\mp}$). $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \rho^{\pm}\nu$ serves as spin analyzer.

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\sigma(\vec{\zeta^*},\vec{\zeta^*})}{d\Omega_{\tau}} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{64E_{\tau}^2} \beta_{\tau}(D_0 + D_{ij}\zeta_i^*\zeta_j^{\prime*}), \quad \frac{d\Gamma(\tau^{\pm}(\vec{\zeta^*}) \to \rho^{\pm}\nu)}{dm_{\pi\pi}^2 d\Omega_{\rho}^* d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi}} = A' \mp \vec{B'}\vec{\zeta'^*} \\ \frac{d\Gamma(\tau^{\mp}(\vec{\zeta^*}) \to (K\pi)^{\mp}\nu)}{dm_{K\pi}^2 d\Omega_{K\pi}^* d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi}} &= (A_0 + \eta_{CP}A_1) + (\vec{B}_0 + \eta_{CP}\vec{B}_1)\vec{\zeta^*} \\ (A_0 + \eta_{CP}^*A_1) - (\vec{B}_0 + \eta_{CP}^*\vec{B}_1)\vec{\zeta^*} \\ \frac{d\sigma((K\pi)^{\mp}, \rho^{\pm})}{dm_{K\pi}^2 d\Omega_{K\pi}^* d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi} dm_{\pi\pi}^2 d\Omega_{\rho}^* d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi} d\Omega_{\tau}} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta_{\tau}}{64E_{\tau}^2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F} + \eta_{CP}\mathcal{G} \\ \mathcal{F} + \eta_{CP}^*\mathcal{G} \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F} = D_0 A_0 A' - D_{ij} B_0 i B'_j, \quad \mathcal{G} = D_0 A_1 A' - D_{ij} B_1 i B'_j \\ \frac{d\sigma((K\pi)^{\mp}, \rho^{\pm})}{dm_{K\pi}^2 d\Omega_{K\pi} d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi} dm_{\rho\rho}^2 d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi} d\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi}} = \sum_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2} \frac{d\sigma((K\pi)^{\mp}, \rho^{\pm})}{dm_{K\pi}^2 d\Omega_{K\pi}^* d\Omega_{\pi}^* d\Omega$$

 η_{CP} is extracted in the simultaneous unbinned maximum likelihood fit of the $((\kappa_{\pi})^{-}, \rho^{+})$ and $((\kappa_{\pi})^{+}, \rho^{-})$ events in the 12D phase space. Similar technique was developed to measure Michel parameters at B-factories.

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