## Overview of τ physics at FCC-ee

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## **Luminosity & Statistics**



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## Outline

- a. τ Polarisation Measurement
- b. τ-lepton Properties and Lepton Universality
- c. Lepton Flavour Violating  $\tau$  decays
- d. Lepton Flavour Violating Z decays

References:

- FCC CDR Volume 1
- Mogens Dam

**Tau-lepton Physics at the FCC-ee circular e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Collider** SciPost Phys.Proc. 1 (2019) 041, DOI: <u>10.21468/SciPostPhysProc.1.041</u>

## **τ** Polarisation Measurement



### **Example: LEP experiment aleph**



## **Experimental aspects**

Use  $\tau$  decays as spin analysers (V-A)

- Two helicity states result in different kinematic distributions that are fitted to observed distribution of appropriate variables
- Divide (typically) into six decay modes

Important aspects

- Selection of τ decays
  - Backgrounds from qq, ee, μμ, γγ
- Interchannel separation
  - Mainly between  $h+n\pi^{\circ}$  states => Photon and  $\pi^{\circ}$  reconstruction
- Selection efficiency and backgrounds as function of kinematic variables
- Reconstruction of kinematic variables



## **Obtained results and precisions – case aleph**

		Obtained results		_				Eur.Ph	iys.J.C	20:40:	L-430,	2001		
	Channel	$\mathcal{A}_{ au}$ (%)	$\mathcal{A}_{e}~(\%)$											
	hadron rho	dron $15.21 \pm 0.98 \pm 0.49$ $15.28 \pm 1.30 \pm 0.12$ the $13.79 \pm 0.84 \pm 0.38$ $14.66 \pm 1.12 \pm 0.09$			Most precise channels									
	a1(3h)	$14.77 \pm 1.60 \pm 1.00$	$13.58 \pm 2.11 \pm 0.40$	ľ										
a1(h2 $\pi^{\circ}$ ) 16.34 ± 2.06 ± 1.52 15.62 ± 2.72 ± 0.47 electron 13.64 ± 2.33 ± 0.96 14.09 ± 3.17 ± 0.91							systematics							
	muon	$13.64 \pm 2.09 \pm 0.93$	$11.77 \pm 2.77 \pm 0.25$		Source	h	ρ	$A_{ au}$ 3 h	$h 2\pi^0$	e	μ	Incl. h		
pi	on inclusive	$14.93 \pm 0.83 \pm 0.87$	$\frac{14.91 \pm 1.11 \pm 0.17}{14.58 \pm 0.72 \pm 0.10}$		selection	-	0.01	-	-	0.14	0.02	0.08		
	Combined	$14.44 \pm 0.55 \pm 0.27$	$14.58 \pm 0.73 \pm 0.10$		ECAL scale	0.15	0.11	0.22	1.10	0.47	-	-		
•	LEP me	asurement stati	stics limited		misid.	0.13 0.05 0.22	- 0.24	- 0.37	- 0.22	0.07	0.07	0.18		
<ul> <li>At FCC-ee, ~ 10<sup>5-6</sup> larger statistics: Need much reduced systematics</li> </ul>				non- $\tau$ back. $\tau$ BR	$0.19 \\ 0.09$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.08 \\ 0.04 \end{array}$	$0.05 \\ 0.10$	$0.18 \\ 0.26$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.54 \\ 0.03 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.67 \\ 0.03 \end{array}$	$0.15 \\ 0.78$			
				modelling MC stat	- 0.30	- 0.26	$0.70 \\ 0.49$	$0.70 \\ 0.63$	- 0.61	- 0.63	0.09 0.26			
					TOTAL	0.49	0.38	1.00	1.52	0.96	0.93	0.87		
	The sinc	gle most importan	t systematics		Source	h	ρ	$A_e$ 3 h	$h2\pi^0$	e	$\mu$	Incl. $h$		
	(on the i	most precise char on and πº identific	nels) is due		tracking non- $\tau$ back.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.04\\ 0.11\end{array}$	-0.09	- 0.04 0.40	- 0.22 0.40	- 0.91	$0.05 \\ 0.24$	0.17		
					TOTAL	0.12	0.09	0.40	0.40	0.91	0.25	0.17		

## $\gamma$ and $\pi^o$ reconstruction in $\tau$ decays – case aleph



#### ⇒ Key: Overall detector design; good ECAL pattern recognition essential

# **τ-lepton properties and Lepton Universality**



τ lifetime [fs]

## Tau Mass (i)

- Current world average:  $m_{\tau} = 1776.86 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV}$
- Best in world: BES<sub>3</sub> (threshold scan)  $m_{\tau} = 1776.91 \pm 0.12$  (stat.)  $^{+0.10}_{-0.13}$  (syst.) MeV
- Best at LEP: OPAL
  - About factor 10 from world's best
  - Main result from endpoint of distribution
    - of pseudo-mass in  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^{\pm}(n\pi^{o})\nu_{\tau}$
  - Dominant systematics:
    - \* Momentum scale: 0.9 MeV
    - $\star$  Energy scale: 0.25 MeV (including also  $\pi^o$  modes)
    - Dynamics of τ decay: 0.10 MeV
- Same method from Belle
  - Main systematics
    - Beam energy & tracking system calib.: 0.26 MeV
    - Parameterisation of the spectrum edge: 0.18 MeV

 $m_{\tau} = 1776.61 \pm 0.13$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.35$  (syst.) MeV

Pseudo-mass:  $M_{min} = \sqrt{M_{3\pi}^2 + 2(E_{beam} - E_{3\pi})(E_{3\pi} - P_{3\pi})}$ 



 $M_{min} (GeV/c^2)$ 

## Tau Mass (ii)

- Prospects for FCC-ee:
  - 3 prong, 5 prongs, (perhaps even 7 prongs?)
  - Statistics 10<sup>5</sup> times OPAL: δ<sub>stat</sub> = 0.004 MeV

Systematics:

- At FCC-ee, *E<sub>BEAM</sub>* known to better than 0.1 MeV (~ 1 ppm) from resonant depolarisation
  - Negligible effect on  $m_\tau$
- \* Likely dominant experimental contribution comes from understanding of the mass scale
  - Use high stats  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  sample to fix momentum scale. Extrapolate down to momenta typical for  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi$ .
  - Use known particles, e.g.  $D^{\circ} \rightarrow K^{-}\pi^{+}/K^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{-}$  and  $D^{+} \rightarrow K^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{+}$ , to fix mass scale
    - m<sub>D</sub> known to 50 keV (KEDR)
- Reduce uncertainty from parametrisation of spectrum edge by use of theoretical spectrum checked against high statistics data
- Cross checks using 5-prongs
- □ Suggested overall systematics:  $\delta_{syst} \leq 0.1 \text{ MeV}$ 
  - Could potentially touch current precision but probably no substantial improvement ??

⇒ Key: precise control of momentum scale also in dense, multi-prong topologies

## Tau Lifetime (i)

- Current world average:  $\tau_{\tau} = 290.3 \pm 0.5$  fs
- Best in world (Belle): τ<sub>τ</sub> = 290.17 ± 0.53 stat ± 0.22 syst fs
  - **Large statistics**: 711 fb<sup>-1</sup> (a) Y(4s):  $6.3 \times 10^8 \tau^+ \tau^-$  events
  - Use 3 vs. 3 prong events (1.1M events); reconstruct 2 secondary vertices + primary vertex
  - $\Box$  Measure flight distance  $\Rightarrow$  proper time
  - $\square$  Dominant systematics: Vertex detector alignment to ~0.25  $\mu m$ 
    - \* Vertex detector outside 15 mm beam pipe
- Best at LEP (DELPHI): τ<sub>τ</sub> = 290.0 ± 1.4 stat ± 1.0 syst fs
  - **Δ** "Low" statistics: ~250,000 τ<sup>+</sup>τ<sup>-</sup> events
  - Three methods:
    - Decay length (1v3 + 3v3), impact parameter difference (1v1), miss distance (1v1)
  - Lowest systematics from decay length method (1v3)
    - $\star\,$  Dominant systematics: Vertex detector alignment to 7.5  $\mu m$ 
      - Alignment with data (qq events): statistics limited
    - $\star$  Vertex detector: 7.5  $\mu m$  point resolution at 63, 90, and 109 mm





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## Tau Lifetime (ii)

#### Prospects at FCC-ee

Small beam-pipe radius (15 mm): Vertex detector with 3 μm space points at 18, 38, 58 mm

[DELPHI: 7.5 µm @63, 90, 109 mm]

 $\sigma(d_0) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 \cdot GeV^2/(p^2 \sin^3(\theta))}.$ 

Impact parametre resolution ~5 times better than at LEP for relevant momenta

- \* DELPHI: a = 20  $\mu$ m, b = 65  $\mu$ m
- \* Belle: a = 19 μm, b = 50 μm
- \* FCC-ee: a =  $3 \mu m$ , b = 15  $\mu m$
- Assume same alignment uncertainty as Belle:
  - $\star$  0.25  $\mu m$ , i.e. factor 30 improvement wrt DELPHI.
  - \* Possible systematics on flight distance method: 1.3/30 fs

$$\delta_{syst} = 0.04 \text{ fs}$$
 ;  $\delta_{stat} = 0.001 \text{ fs}$ 

- Further prospects: lifetime can be measured with different systematics in many modes
   1v1: impact parameter difference, miss distance
   1v3: flight distance
  - □ 3v3 (4 × 10<sup>9</sup> events): flight distance sum

⇒ Key: Careful design and precise control of vertex detector

## **Tau Leptonic Branching Fractions**

#### World average

□ B(τ→evν) = 17.82 ± 0.05 %

;  $B(\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu) = 17.39 \pm 0.05 \%$ 

- ◆ Dominated by Aleph @ LEP
  - $\Box B(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu) = 17.837 \pm 0.072_{stat} \pm 0.036_{syst}\% ; B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu) = 17.319 \pm 0.070_{stat} \pm 0.032_{syst}\%$
- Three uncertainty contributions dominant in the Aleph measurement
  - \* Selection efficiency: 0.021 / 0.020 %
  - $\star$  Non- $\tau^{+}\tau^{-}$  background: 0.029 / 0.020 %
  - \* Particle ID: 0.019 / 0.021 %

All of these were limited by statistics: size of test samples, etc.

#### Prospects at FCC-ee

Enormous statistics:

#### $\delta_{\text{stat}} = 0.0001$ %

- Systematic uncertainty is hard to (gu)estimate at this point.
  - Depends intimately on the detailed performance of the detector(s)
    - At the end of the day, between LEP experiments,  $\delta_{\text{syst}}$  varied by factor ~3
      - Lesson: Design your detector with care!

With the large statistics, we will learn a lot. Suggest a factor 10 improvement wrt Aleph:

$$\delta_{syst}$$
 = 0.003 %

⇒ Key: Many ingredients; tracking, calorimetry, overall detector design

## **Summary of Precisions & Lepton Universality**

Observable	Measurement	Measurement Current precision F		Possible syst.	Challenge	
m <sub>τ</sub> [MeV]	Threshold / inv. mass endpoint	1776.86 ± 0.12	0.004	0.1	Mass scale	
τ <sub>τ</sub> [fs]	Flight distance	290.3 <b>± 0.5 fs</b>	0.001	0.04	Vertex detector alignment	
Β(τ→eνν) [%]	Selection of τ⁺τ⁻, identification of final state	17.82 <b>± 0.05</b>	0.0001	0.000	Efficiency, bkg, Particle ID	
Β(τ→μνν) [%]		17.39 ± <b>0.05</b>	0.0001	0.003		





## $\tau^{\text{-}} \rightarrow e^{\text{-}} \gamma_{\prime} \ \tau^{\text{-}} \rightarrow \mu^{\text{-}} \gamma$

Current limits:

□  $Br(\tau^- \rightarrow e^-\gamma) < 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$  BaBar, 10.6 GeV; 4.8 × 10<sup>8</sup> e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> →  $\tau^+\tau^-$ : 1.6 expected bckg □  $Br(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\gamma) < 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$  3.6 expected bckg

- Main background: Radiative events (IRS+FSR),  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-\gamma$  $\Box \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$  faked by combination of  $\gamma$  from ISR/FSR and  $\mu$  from  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\bar{\nu}\nu$
- At FCC-ee, with 1.7 × 10<sup>11</sup>  $\tau^+\tau^-$  events, what can be expected?
  - Boost 4 5 times higher than at superKEKB
  - Detector resolutions rather different, especially ECAL
  - $\square$  Parametrised study of signal and the main background,  $e^+e^- \to \tau^+\tau^-\gamma,$  performed
    - \* See following 2 pages
  - From this study (assuming a 25% signal and background efficiency), projected BR sensitivity: 2 X 10<sup>-9</sup>

## $\tau \to \mu \gamma$ Study – The signal

#### • Generate **signal events** with pythia8: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)$ , with $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\gamma$



## $\tau \to \mu \gamma$ Study – The background

- Background: Generate 5 x 10<sup>8</sup> events  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-(\gamma) \rightarrow (\mu^+\nu\nu)(\mu^-\nu\nu)(\gamma)$  **a** 1 x 10<sup>9</sup>  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu$  decays corresponding to
  - 5.7 x 10<sup>9</sup> τ decays from 8.4 x 10<sup>10</sup> Z decays
- $\blacklozenge$  Study all  $\mu$  and  $\gamma$  combinations



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 $\tau^{-} \rightarrow \ell^{-} \ell^{+} \ell^{-}$ 

• Current limits:

□ All 6 combs. of  $e^{\pm}$ ,  $\mu^{\pm}$ : Br  $\leq 2 \times 10^{-8}$  Belle@10.6 GeV; 7.2 × 10<sup>8</sup>  $e^{+}e^{-} \rightarrow \tau^{+}\tau^{-}$ : no cand. □  $\mu^{-}\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$ : Br < 4.6 × 10<sup>-8</sup> LHCb 2.0 fb<sup>-1</sup>: background candidates

♦ FCC-ee prospects

Expect this search to have very low background, even with FCC-ee like statistics
 Should be able to have sensitivity down to BRs of *stores*

• Many more decay modes to search for when time comes...





## $Z \rightarrow e \tau ~~and~~ Z \rightarrow \mu \tau$

Current limits:

 $\Box Br(Z \rightarrow e\tau) < 9.8 \times 10^{-6} LEP/OPAL \quad (4 \times 10^{6} Z decays)$ 

 $\square \ \textbf{Br}(\textbf{Z} \rightarrow \textbf{\mu} \textbf{\tau}) < \textbf{12.} \times \textbf{10}^{-6} \quad LEP/DELPHI \quad (4 \times 10^6 \text{ Z decays})$ 

Method:

Identify clear tau decay in one hemisphere
 Look for "beam-energy" lepton (electron or muon) in other hemisphere

Limitation: How to define "beam-energy" lepton

□ Unavoidable background from  $\tau \rightarrow evv / \tau \rightarrow \mu vv$  with two (very) soft neutrinos □ How much background depends on energy/momentum resolution □ Example DELPHI



## $Z \to {\boldsymbol{\ell}} \tau$ - Study of Sensitivity

- Generate very upper part of μ momentum spectrum from τ → μνν decays
   Luminosity equivalent to 5 x 10<sup>12</sup> Z decays
- Inject LFV signal of adjustable strength

□ Here for illustration,  $Br(Z \rightarrow \tau \mu) = 10^{-7}$ , i.e. 500,000 e/µ

- Smear momentum by variable amounts, here **1.8 x 10**-3
- Define x > 1 as signal region —
- Derive 95% confidence limit on excess in signal region
- Findings:
  - Sensitivity scales linear with momentum resolution
  - FCC-ee detectors have a momentum

resolutiuon at p=45.6 GeV of about 1.5 x 10<sup>-3</sup>

- Ten times better than for LEP detectors
- □ Add contribution from beam-energy spread (0.9 x 10<sup>-3</sup>). Total: 1.8 x 10<sup>-3</sup>
- Sensitivity for  $5 \times 10^{12}$  Z decays,  $\delta p/p = 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ , 25% signal and bkg efficiency (clear tau)
  - □ For  $Z \rightarrow \tau \mu$ , sensitivity down to BRs of **10**<sup>-9</sup>
  - □ For Z→τe, similar sensitivity
    - Momentum resolution of electrons tend to be slightly worse than muons due to bremsstrahlung.
       However, downwards smearing is not a major concern.

**10**<sup>-9</sup>



## $Z \to e \mu$

e

(E-E<sub>b</sub>

(b)

- Current limit:
  - **7.5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> LHC/ATLAS** (20 fb<sup>-1</sup>; no candidates)

**1.7 X 10<sup>-6</sup> LEP/OPAL** (4.0 X 10<sup>6</sup> Z decays: no candidates)  $\frac{2}{3}$  OPAL DATA 91-94

Clean experimental signature:

Beam energy electron vs. beam energy muon

- Main experimental challenge:
  - Catastrophic bremsstrahlung energy loss of muon in electromagnetic calorimeter
    - $\boldsymbol{\ast}$  Muon would deposit (nearly) full energy in ECAL: Misidentification  $\mu \rightarrow e$
    - ♦ NA62: Probability of muon to deposit more than 95% of energy in ECAL: 4 x 10<sup>-6</sup>
    - Possible to reduce by
      - ECAL longitudinal segmentation: Require energy > mip in first few radiation lengths
      - Aggressive veto on HCAL energy deposit and muon chamber hits
    - ✤ If dE/dx mesaurement available, (some) independent e/µ separation at 45.6 GeV
      - Could give handle to determine misidentification probability  $P(\mu \rightarrow e)$
      - Notice: ATLAS uses transition radiation as part of electron ID.
- ♦ FCC-ee:
  - □ Misidentification from catastrophic energy loss corresponds to limit of about  $Br(Z \rightarrow e\mu) \simeq 10^{-8}$
  - □ Possibly do  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  better than that Br(Z → eµ) ~ 10<sup>-9</sup> (probably even 10<sup>-10</sup> with IDEA dE/dx)

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# Summary

- From 5 x 10<sup>12</sup> Z decays, FCC-ee will produce 1.7 x 10<sup>11</sup> τ<sup>+</sup>τ<sup>-</sup> pairs
- Factor ~3 higher statistics than Belle2 projection; plus higher boost (γ = 25)
   Boost is advantageous for most studies
- Potential for very precise  $\sin^2\theta_W$  determination vis **\tau polarisation** measurement
- Improve Lepton universality test by at least a factor 10 down to  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$  level
  - $\square$  Substantial improvement in  $\tau$  lifetime
  - **□** Substantial improvement in **τ** branching fractions
    - Virtually no progress since LEP
  - $\square$  Competitive measurement of  $\tau$  mass
- Searches for lepton flavour violating τ decays; sensitivites comparable to Belle2
   Range from ≤ 10<sup>-10</sup> to few x 10<sup>-9</sup>
- Improved sensitivity to lepton flavour violating Z decays by factor O(104)
   Sensitivities down to 10<sup>-9</sup>
- + Plus hadronic branching ratios and spectral functions,  $\alpha_s$ ,  $\nu_{\tau}$  mass, ...

## Summary - Detector requirements

• Precision τ physics sets very strong detector requirements; constitutes a good benchmark

Vertexing

 $\star$  Lifetime measurement to 10<sup>-4</sup> corresponds to 0.22  $\mu m$  flight distance

Tracking

- Two (or rather multi) track separation: measure 3-, 5-, 7-, and perhaps even 9-prong decays
- Extremely good control of momentum and mass scale
  - τ mass measurement
  - Sensitivity of search fpr flavour violating Z decays, e.g. Z → μτ, scales linearly in momentum resolution at 45.6 GeV
- Low material budget: Minimize confusion from hadronic interaction in material
- Calorimetry
  - $\star\,$  Clean  $\gamma$  and  $\pi^o\,reconstruction$  from 0.2 to 45 GeV is key to precison  $\tau$  physics
  - \* Collimated topologies: Important to be able to separate γs from closelying hadronic showers
    - Aleph actually did pretty well with 3x3 cm ECAL cells divided into three longitudinal samplings. Should make sure that current detector concept do at least as well.
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  - \* Necessary if one desires to separate  $\pi/K$  modes (o 45 GeV momentum range)
  - Redundancy: Provides valuable handle to create test samples for study of calorimetry
    - For IDEA drift chamber, even for  $e/\mu$  separation

# Extra Slides



## $\tau \to \mu \gamma$ Study – Check of method

**Cross check:** Perform similar study at B-factory,  $\sqrt{s} = 10.6 \text{ GeV}$  $\Box$  Again 5 x 10<sup>8</sup> events  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-(\gamma) \rightarrow (\mu^+\nu\nu)(\mu^-\nu\nu)(\gamma)$ 



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