Tau Physics

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Papers

BaBar Published

- 1) Mtau
- 2)Various LFV
- 3) Various strange decays
- 4) various high muliplicity hadronic

Foreseen papers in time to be included in the book: IN OCT 2009

- 1) Universality (DONE)
- 2) strange spectral functions
- 3) R_tau
- 4) lifetime
- 5) 2nd class currents (DONE)

Belle

Published

- 1) Mtau
- 2) LFV
- 3) various strange decays
- 4)non-strange SF: Rtau (2pi)
- 5) EDM
- 6) various decays with eta's

Foreseen papers in time to be included in the book: IN OCT 2009

- 1) Strange spectral functions (Partial)
- 2) 2nd class current (Prelim)
- 3) CP violation in tau decays (DONE)
- 4) Vector/Axial Vector Scalar Form Factors

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- 4.EDM of the tau lepton (Hisaki)
- 5. tau Branching Fraction (Mike)
- 6. Test of Lepton Universality (Mike)
- 7. Measurement of |Vus| (Mike)

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Inter-correlation

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Subsection: lifetime
No paper yet

related to

OPE formalism

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related to

ISR pipi etc g-2

related to

Charm lifetime ratios

Foreseen resolution:

cross-referencing & division of topics

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Foreseen resolution:

cross-referencing

Foreseen resolution:

combined section on

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Foreseen resolution:

cross-referencing

17.3 EDM of the τ lepton

17.4 τ Branching Fractions:

In this section we present the measurements and averaage values of the \u03c4 branching fractions \u00e1, including those which have been recently measured by the B-Factories. We take into account correlations between measurements, arising from common dependence on the r-pair crosssection Bancrice, Pietrzyk, Roney, and Was (2008) and a the assumed knowledge of the branching fractions for the background modes. For measurements from the same experiment, we treat the dependence on detector-specific

We report here results from single-quantity averages, which includes correlations between the B-Factories, as well as the results from a global fit, which includes correlations between the different branching fractions. We label results from the former as "HFAG Average", and the lake ter as "HFAG Fit" in the following figures.

For the "HFAG Fit", we use 131 measurements from non-B-Factory experiments, which includes the set of 124 measurements used in the global fit performed by the PDG?. The measurements from non-B-Factories include. 37 measurements from ALEPH, 2 measurements from AR-GUS, 1 measurement from CELLO, 36 measurements from from DELPHI, 2 measurements from HRS, 11 measurements from L3, 19 measurements from OPAL, and 3 meas surements from TPC.

All of those measurements can be expressed as a linear function of the form $\frac{(\sum_i n_i P_i)}{(\sum_i P_i P_i)}$ of few selected branching fractions (P_i) , which are labelled as base modes. The base modes are chosen such that they sum up to unity.

For the 124 measurements used in the PDG global fit, there are 31 base modes. Those results and their corresponding references are listed in Ref. ?. We first augment this set with 4 additional base modes of $B(\tau^-)$ $K^-\pi^0\eta\nu_\tau$), $B(\tau^- \to \bar{K}^0\pi^-\eta\nu_\tau)$, $B(\tau^- \to \bar{K}^0\pi^-2\pi^0\nu_\tau)$ a and $B(\tau^- \to K^0 h^- h^- h^+ \nu_\tau)$, because 2 of these modes (containing n) have been recently measured by the B-Factories with significant precision. We also include 2 measurements from CLEO for the modes containing 1, 2 measurements from ALEPH for the other modes, and 1 mean surement from OPAL of $B(\tau^- \to \bar{K}^0 \pi^- >= 1\pi^0 \nu_{\tau})$. We further include 1 measurement of $B(\tau^- \to \pi^-\pi^-\pi^+\eta\nu_\tau)$ from CLEO, 1 measurement of $B(\tau^- \to K^- \omega \nu_\tau)$ from CLEO3, and replace 1 base node of $B(r^- \rightarrow h^- \omega \nu_\tau)$ with 2 base nodes containing measurements of $B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \omega \nu_\tau)$ a and $B(\tau^- \to K^- \omega \nu_e)$. This leads us to a global fit to a set of 131 measurements with 36 base nodes.

Finally we include the following 22 measurements from the B-Factorine

12 measurements from the BaBar collaboration; see Table 1.

 10 measurements from the Belle collaboration; see Table 2

where the uncertainties are statistical and systematic, respectively.

We add to the list of base nodes one additional measumment of $B(K^-\phi\nu_{\tau}(\phi \rightarrow KK)) = B(K^-K^+K^-\nu_{\tau}) \times$ $(B(\phi \to K^+K^-) + B(\phi \to K_L^0K_L^0))$, which leads us to a global fit to a set of 153 measurements with 37 base nodes.

We try to take into account the correlations between measurements, and avoid applying the PDC-style scale factors to all our measurements. However, two of the measurements from the B-Factories have significant discrepancy with respect to each other. Those are measurements systematics as sources of correlated systematic uncertain—of $B(\tau^- \to K^- K^+ K^- \nu_*)$ from BaBar and Belle experise ments, which are more than 50 apart. We scale the errors from those measurements by a scale factor of 5.44 obtained from results of single-quantity "HFAG Average", using the same prescription as the PDG collaboration.

As far as possible, we try to include the measurements quoted in the original publications. For example, ALEPH presents results with the correlation matrix between measurements of hadronic modes in Ref. Schael et al. (2005). Their paper also quotes derived measurements for the pionic modes, after subtracting the kaonic contributions as measured by other experiments. PDG interpretes these published correlations between hadronic modes as correlations between the pionic modes, and uses the mea-CLEO, 6 measurements from CLEO3, 14 measurements surements of pionic modes. Our reasoning is that the B-Factories can measure the kaonic modes with better precision, thanks to the excellent particle-identification system in our respective experiments. Thus the estimates for the kaonic contribution subtracted from the hadronic modes should be revisited based on data from B-Factories.

We interpret the ALEPH data as measurements for the hadronic modes and treat their measured correlation matrix as between the following decay modes : $\tau^- \rightarrow$ $e^- \bar{\nu}_s \nu_{\sigma}$, $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_{\tau_1} \tau^- \rightarrow h^- \bar{\nu}_{\tau_1} \tau^- \rightarrow h^- \pi^0 \nu_{\tau_1} \tau^- \rightarrow$ $h^{-}2\pi^{0}\nu_{\tau}, \tau^{-} \rightarrow h^{-}3\pi^{0}\nu_{\tau}, \tau^{-} \rightarrow h^{-}4\pi^{0}\nu_{\tau}, \tau^{-} \rightarrow 3h^{-}\nu_{\tau}$ $\tau^- \rightarrow 3h^-\pi^0\nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow 3h^-2\pi^0\nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow 3h^-3\pi^0\nu_\tau, \tau^- \rightarrow 5h^-\nu_\tau$ and $\tau^- \rightarrow 5h^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$, where $h^- = \pi^-$ or -K, as in the original publication. Since the ALEPH measure ments of those branching fractions have been constrained to add up to unity, we exclude the weakest measurement of $\tau^- \rightarrow 3h^- 3\pi^0 \nu_\tau$ in our global fit, as in the PDG global

If the unitarity constraint is dropped from the global fit to 124 measurements, sum of the 31 base modes fall short from unity by 1.0 σ (0.9 σ) in the scenario when ALEPH correlation matrix is modified (un-modified). From the global fit to 153 measurements including those from B-Factories, sum of the 37 base modes fall short from unity by 1.6σ (1.9σ) when ALEPH correlation matrix is modified (un-modified).

A summary of quality of those global fits are presented in Table 3 for the constrained and unconstrained cases with data from non-B-Factories and including those from B-Factories. The results of the global fit to 131 and 153 measurements are presented in Tables 4 and 5 for the constrained and unconstrained cases, respectively.

Charge conjugate \u03c4 decays are implied throughout.

Table 1. Branching fraction measurements from the BaBar collaboration.

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B(\tau^- \to \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)/B(\tau^- \to e^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau) = (0.9796 \pm 0.0016 \pm 0.0036)
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2010).
B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \nu_\tau)/B(\tau^- \to e^- \bar{\nu}_\tau \nu_\tau) = (0.5945 \pm 0.0014 \pm 0.0061)
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2010).
B(r^- \to K^- \nu_\tau)/B(r^- \to e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau) = (0.03882 \pm 0.00032 \pm 0.00057)
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2010).
     \rightarrow K^-\pi^0\nu_\tau) = (0.416 ± 0.003 ± 0.018)%
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2007)
B(\tau^- \to K^0\pi^-\nu_\tau) = (0.840 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.023)\%
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2009)
B(r^- \to R^0 \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_r) = (0.342 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.015)\%
                                                                                               (Parameyoran, 2009)
B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau (ac. K^0)) = (8.834 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.127)\%
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2006a)
B(\tau^- \to K^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_{\tau} (ac. K^0)) = (0.273 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.009)\%
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2006a)
     \rightarrow K^-\pi^-K^+\nu_*) = (0.1346 \pm 0.0010 \pm 0.0036)\%
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2006a)
B(r^- \rightarrow K^-K^-K^+\nu_e) = (1.58 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-3}
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2006a)
B(r^- \rightarrow 3h^- 2h^+ \nu_{\tau} (ee, K^0)) = (8.58 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-4}
                                                                                               (Aubort, 2005)
B(r^- \rightarrow 2\pi^-\pi^+ \eta \nu_{\tau} (ox. K^0)) = (1.60 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-4}
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Table 2. Branching fraction measurements from the Belle collaboration.

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B(\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \pi^0 \nu_{\pi}) = (25.67 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.39)\%
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                                                                                                    (Epifanov, 2007)
B(\tau^- \to K^0 \pi^- \nu_\tau) = (0.808 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.026)\%
B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau \text{ (ex. } K^0)) = (8.420 \pm 0.003 \stackrel{+0.260}{_{-0.260}})\%
                                                                                                         (Lee, 2010)
B(\tau^- \to K^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau (ex. K^+)) = (0.330 \pm 0.001 \frac{+0.016}{-0.016})\%
                                                                                                         (Lee, 2010)
B(\tau^- \to K^- \pi^- K^+ \nu_\tau) = (0.155 \pm 0.001 \stackrel{+0.008}{_{-0.000}})\%,

B(\tau^- \to K^- K^- K^+ \nu_\tau) = (3.29 \pm 0.17 \stackrel{+0.008}{_{-0.20}}) \times 10^{-3}
                                                                                                         (Lee, 2010)
                                                                                                         Lee (2010)
                                                                                                      (Inami, 2009)
B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 \eta \nu_\tau) = (1.35 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}
B(\tau^- \to K^- \eta \nu_\tau) = (1.58 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-4}
                                                                                                      (Inami, 2009)
B(\tau^- \to K^- \pi^0 \eta \nu_\tau) = (0.46 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-4}
                                                                                                      (Inami, 2009)
B(\tau^- \to K^0 \pi^- \eta \nu_\tau) = (0.88 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-4}
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- In the following, we present results of branching fractions of modes separated according to one or three or five charged tracks ("prongs") in the final state, or decays containing K⁰, η, K⁰:
- 1-prong decays with 0 or 1 π⁰:

 Unit is an expected and average values of B(τ⁻ → μ⁻ν_τν_τ),
 B(τ⁻ → π⁻ν_τ), B(τ⁻ → K⁻ν_τ),
 Where h⁻ = π⁻ or K⁻, are presented in Figure 2,
 and those of B(τ⁻ → π⁻π⁰ν_τ), B(τ⁻ → K⁻π⁰ν_τ) and B(τ⁻ → K⁻π⁰ν_τ) decays are presented in Figure 3. as

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 - The measurements and average values of $B(\tau^- \to h^- \to h^- h^+ \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)), $B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)), $B(\tau^- \to \pi^- K^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$) and $B(\tau^- \to K^- K^+ \nu_\tau)$, where $h^- = \pi^-$ or K^- , are presented.
 - The measurements of $B(\tau^- \to K^- \phi v_\tau)$ are also presented in Figure 5, along with results from the singlequantity averaging procedure. While the BaBar measurement uses the same data set as in the measurements
- of B(τ⁻ → K⁻K⁻K⁺ν_τ), Belle measurement uses a different data set for B(τ⁻ → K⁻φν_τ) measurement than used for their B(τ⁻ → K⁻K⁻ν_τ) measurement. To avoid redundancy, we do not use measurements of B(τ⁻ → K⁻φν_τ) in the global fit, and use.
- a results for this mode from "HFAG Fit" are quoted in Figure 5.
 The BaBar experiments also reports B(τ → π − φν_τ) = (3.42 ± 0.55 ± 0.25) × 10⁻⁵ Aubert (2008a). Since it

- is the only measurement for this channel, no averaging has been performed.
- 5-prong decays with 0 π⁰, 0 K⁰: The measurements and average values of B(τ⁻ → h⁻ h⁻h⁺h⁺ν_τ, (ex. K⁰)) and B(τ⁻ → π⁻ f₁(1285)ν_τ) are presented in Figure 6. The f₁(1285) content is determined from 2π⁻2π⁺ as well as π⁻π⁺η final states Aubert, (2008b). The average value of B(τ⁻ → π⁻ f₁(1285)ν_τ) from the single-quantity averaging procedure is also quoted in Figure 6.
 – decays with K⁰:
- The measurements and average values of $B(\tau^- \to \pi^- K^0 \nu_\tau)$ and $B(\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 K^0 \nu_\tau)$ are presented in Figure 7.
- decays with η:
 The measurements and average values of B(τ → K ¬ην_τ),
 B(τ → π ¬K⁰ην_τ) and B(τ → K ¬π⁰ην_τ) are presented in Figure 8. The K* content is determined from τ → π ¬K⁰ην_τ, and τ → K ¬π⁰ην_τ, decay modes. The measurements and average values for B(τ →
- $K^* = \eta \nu_\tau$) are also presented in Figure 8. The measurements and average values of $B(\tau^- \to \pi^-\pi^0 \eta \nu_\tau)$ and $B(\tau^- \to \pi^-\pi^-\pi^+ \eta \nu_\tau)$ (ex. K^0)) are presented in Figure 9.
- decays with K*0: The measurements and average values for B(τ⁻ → K⁻K*0ν_τ) are presented in Figure 10. The Belle experiments also reports B(τ⁻ → K⁻K*0π⁰ν_τ) = (2.39 ± 0.46 ± 0.26) × 10⁻⁵?, which is the first measurement for this mode.

Table 5. Results for branching fractions (in %) from unitarity constrained fit to data from non-B-Factories and including those from B-Factories.

Base modes from τ - decay		With B-Factory Data		
leptonic modes				
e 0,0,	17.838 ± 0.048	17.833 ± 0.040		
pe Operate	17.352 ± 0.046	17.408 ± 0.038		
non-strange modes				
T P.	10.903 ± 0.064	10.831 ± 0.061		
x-x0p*	25.495 ± 0.095	25.531 ± 0.090		
$\pi^{-}2\pi^{0}\nu_{\tau}$ (ex. K^{0})	9.233 ± 0.099	9.278 ± 0.097		
$\pi^- 3\pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	1.031 ± 0.075	1.046 ± 0.074		
$h^-4\pi^0\nu_+\ (ac.\ K^0,\eta)$	0.098 ± 0.039	0.107 ± 0.039		
K K v	0.153 ± 0.016	0.160 ± 0.016		
K-x0K0v,	0.154 ± 0.020	0.162 ± 0.019		
π K g K g ω+	0.024 ± 0.005	0.024 ± 0.005		
$\pi^- K_B^0 K_L^0 \nu_{\tau}$	0.108 ± 0.025	0.119 ± 0.024		
$\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+\nu_{\tau}$ (ex. K^0,ω)	8.952 ± 0.061	8.983 ± 0.050		
$\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0,ω)	2.749 ± 0.069	2.751 ± 0.009		
$h^-h^-h^+2\pi^0\nu_{\pi}$ (ex. K^0, ω, η)	0.085 ± 0.037	0.097 ± 0.036		
$h^-h^-h^+3\pi^0\nu_+$	0.026 ± 0.005	0.032 ± 0.003		
π K K † υ+	0.153 ± 0.007	0.144 ± 0.003		
π-K-K+π ⁰ ν _*	0.006 ± 0.002	0.006 ± 0.002		
$3h^-2h^+\nu_{\tau}$ (ex. K^0)	0.081 ± 0.005	0.082 ± 0.003		
$3h^-2h^+\pi^0\nu_{\pi}$ (ex. K^0)	0.019 ± 0.003	0.020 ± 0.002		
$\pi^-\pi^0\eta\nu_\tau$	0.175 ± 0.024	0.139 ± 0.007		
T 404	1.953 ± 0.064	1.969 ± 0.064		
h T w,	0.404 ± 0.042	0.409 ± 0.042		
W	strange modes	0.000 + 0.010		
K-v,	0.686 ± 0.022	0.697 ± 0.010		
K T Dr	0.453 ± 0.027	0.431 ± 0.015		
$K^{-}2\pi^{0}\nu_{\pi}$ (ex. K^{0})	0.057 ± 0.023	0.060 ± 0.022		
$K^- \exists \pi^0 \nu_\tau \text{ (ex. } K^0, \eta)$	0.036 ± 0.022	0.039 ± 0.022		
Κ°π ν, Κ°π π°ν,	0.888 ± 0.037	0.831 ± 0.018		
$K^0\pi^-2\pi^0\nu_*$	0.358 ± 0.035 0.027 ± 0.023	0.350 ± 0.015 0.035 ± 0.023		
K°h-h-h+p+				
	0.023 ± 0.020 0.334 ± 0.023	0.028 ± 0.020 0.293 ± 0.007		
$K^-\pi^-\pi^+\nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω) $K^-\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω, η)				
$K = \pi \times \pi^-\pi^- (\alpha K, K^-, \omega, \eta)$ $K = \phi v_+ (\phi \rightarrow KK)$	0.039 ± 0.014	0.041 ± 0.014 0.004 ± 0.001		
$K^-\eta v_*(\phi \rightarrow KK)$	0.027 ± 0.006	0.004 ± 0.001		
K π ⁰ π»				
$K^0\pi^-\eta\nu_*$	0.018 ± 0.009 0.022 ± 0.007	0.005 ± 0.001 0.009 ± 0.001		
K-av.	0.041 ± 0.009	0.000 ± 0.001 0.041 ± 0.009		
Sum of strange modes	3,0091 ± 0.0722	2.8796 ± 0.0501		
Sum of all modes	100.00	100.00		
100.00 100.00 100.00				

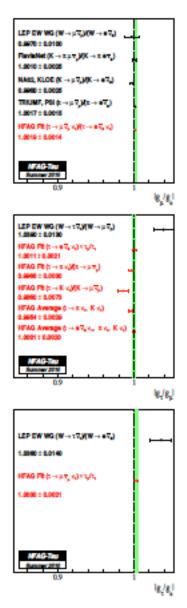


Fig. 11. Measurements of lepton universality from W, kaon, pion and tau decays.

value of $m_s(2 \text{ GeV}) = 94 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}$ Jamin, Oller, and Pich (2006), which contributes to an error of 0.0010 on |V ... |. We note that this error is equivalent to half the difference between calculations of $|V_{ns}|$ obtained using fixed order perturbation theory (FOPT) and contour improved perturbation theory (CIPT) calculations of δR_{theory} Maltman (2010), and twice as large as the theoretical error proposed in Ref. Gamiz, Jamin, Pich, Pradus, and Schwab (2008).

As in Ref. Davier, Hocker, and Zhang (2006), we improve upon the estimate of electronic branching fraction by averaging its direct measurement with its ortimates of $(17.899 \pm 0.040)\%$ and $(17.794 \pm 0.062)\%$ obtained from the averaged values of muonic branching fractions and the averaged value of the lifetime of the τ lepton = (290.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10⁻¹⁵ \times ?, assuming lepton universality and taking into account the correlation between the leptonic branching fractions. This gives a more precise estimate for the electronic branching fraction: $B_{\pi}^{uni} = (17.852 \pm 0.027)\%$.

Assuming lepton universality, the total hadronic branching fraction can be written as: $B_{bad} = 1-1.972558 B_{\bullet}^{ani}$, which gives a value for the total τ hadronic width normalized to the electronic branching fraction as Rhad -

 3.6291 ± 0.0086

The non-strange width is $R_{min-strange} = R_{had} - R_{strange}$, where the estimate for the strange width R_{strange} 0.1613 ± 0.0028 is obtained from the sum of the strange branching fractions with the unitarity constrained fit as listed in Table 5. This gives a value of $|V_{ns}|$ = 0.2174 ± 0.0022 , which is 3.3σ lower than the CKM unitarity prediction.

A similar estimation using results from the unconstrained fit to the branching fractions gives $|V_{us}|$ = 0.2166 ± 0.0023 , which is 3.6σ lower than the CKM unitarity prediction. Since the sum of base modes from our unconstrained fit is less than unity by 1.6 σ , instead of using $B_{min-strange} = 1 - B_{leptonic} - B_{strange}$, we also evaluate $|V_{ns}|$ from the sum of the averaged non-strange branching fractions. This gives $|V_{nc}| = 0.2169 \pm 0.0023$, which is 3.5 σ lower than the CKM unitarity prediction.

Summary of those $|V_{\bullet \bullet}|$ values are plotted in Figure 12, where we also include values from kaon decays obtained from Ref. Antonelli et al. (2010) and from hyperon decays ps. obtained from Ref. Jamin (????).

Summary

- •Planning is in place a few questions about particular sections- still need to bring Tony Pich into the theory section writing process
- Text is coming together
- •Trying to phone-meet ~every 2-3 weeks (Hisaki & Mike)
- Still Need to bring in more contributors