

## $\tau$ Lepton Physics at Belle and BaBar

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### Outline

1. Lepton universality and  $\tau$  lepton mass
2. Lepton universality and  $\tau$  branching fractions
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**General**

- $\tau$  lepton is one of the six fundamental leptons
- As the heaviest lepton, it may decay into both leptons and hadrons:  
PDG lists more than 200 different  $\tau$  decays
- We can study all interactions allowed in the Standard Model  
and search for effects of New Physics
- It is a very clean laboratory with no hadrons  
in the initial and only a few in the final state
- $\tau$  leptons will be an important tool at LHC

## $\tau$ Lepton Factories

| Group               | $\int L dt, \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $N_{\tau\tau}, 10^6$ |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| LEP (Z-peak)        | 0.34                         | 0.33                 |
| CLEO (10.6 GeV)     | 13.8                         | 12.6                 |
| BaBar (10.6 GeV)    | 516                          | 482                  |
| Belle (10.6 GeV)    | 782                          | 719                  |
| $\tau$ -c (4.2 GeV) | 10                           | 32                   |
| SuperB              | 50k                          | 45k                  |

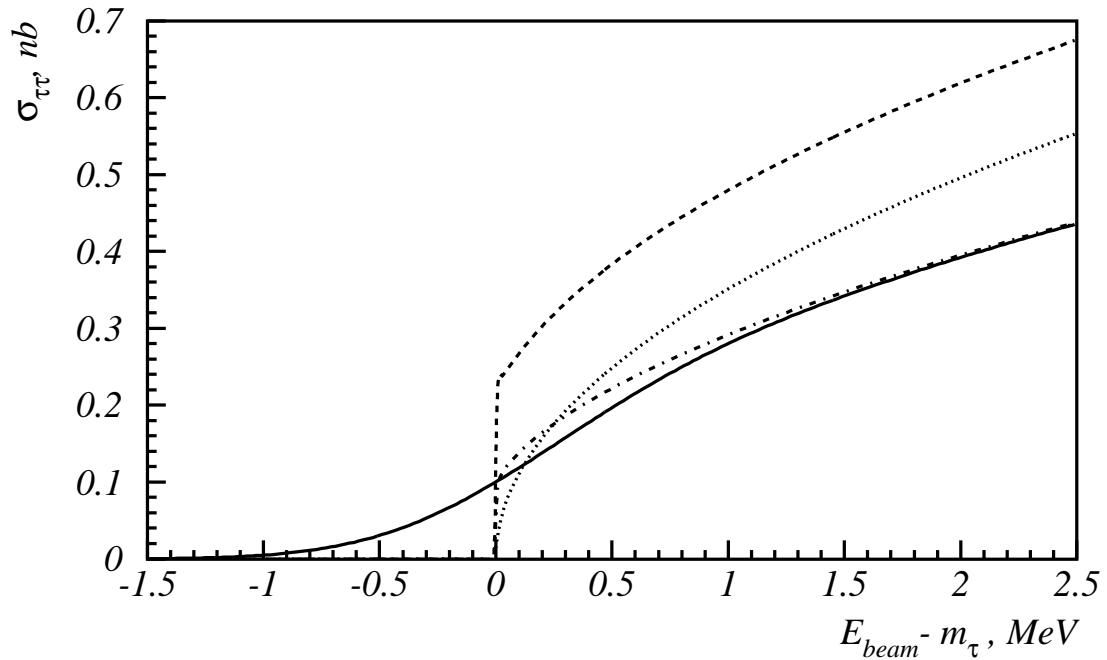
BaBar ( $\sim 557 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) and Belle ( $\sim 946 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) collected together about  $1.5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 B-factory is also a  $\tau$  factory producing  $0.9 \cdot 10^6 \tau^+ \tau^-$  pairs per each  $\text{fb}^{-1}!!$

Super-c- $\tau$ -factory ( $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) with  $\int L dt = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
 will yield  $32 \cdot 10^9 \tau^+ \tau^-$  pairs!!

## Lepton universality and $M_\tau$

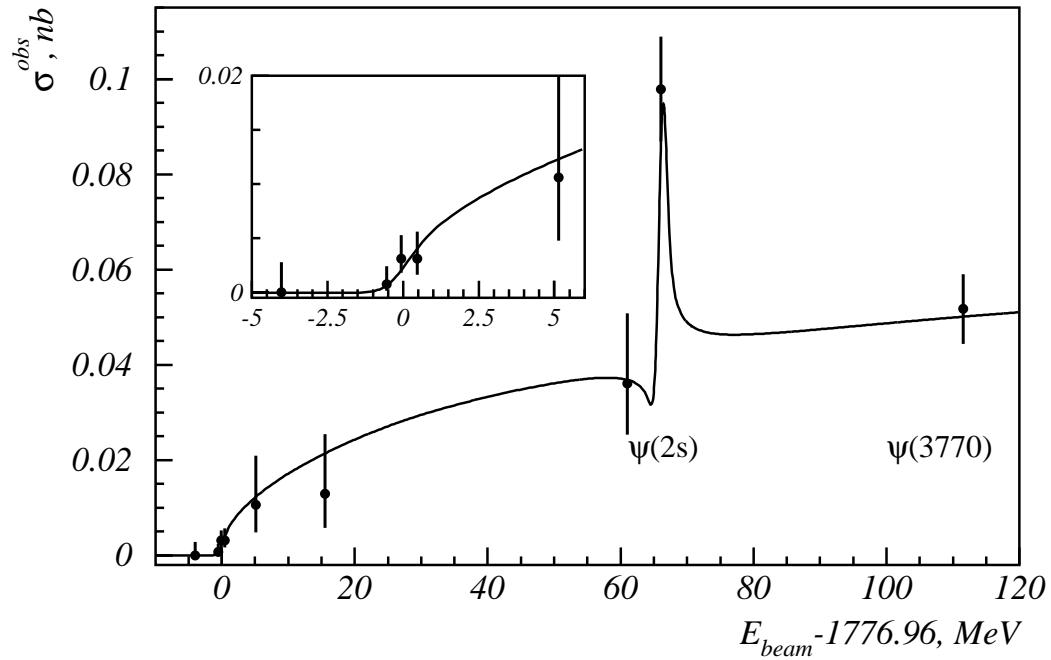
$$r = \left( \frac{G_{\tau \rightarrow e \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_e}}{G_{\mu \rightarrow e \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e}} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{M_\mu}{M_\tau} \right)^5 \left( \frac{t_\mu}{t_\tau} \right) \mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_e) \frac{F_{\text{cor}}(M_\mu, M_e)}{F_{\text{cor}}(M_\tau, M_e)}$$

| r                 | $t_\tau$ , fs                   | $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_e)$ , % | $M_\tau$ , MeV                                   | Comments                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0.9405<br>±0.0249 | $305.6 \pm 6.0$<br>$\pm 0.0185$ | $17.93 \pm 0.26$<br>$\pm 0.0136$                           | $1784.1^{+2.7}_{-3.6}$<br>$+0.0071$<br>$-0.0095$ | PDG, 1992<br>$-2.4\sigma$  |
| 0.9999<br>±0.0069 | $291.0 \pm 1.5$<br>$\pm 0.0052$ | $17.83 \pm 0.08$<br>$\pm 0.0045$                           | $1777.0^{+0.30}_{-0.27}$<br>$\pm 0.0008$         | PDG, 1996<br>$-0.01\sigma$ |
| 1.0020<br>±0.0051 | $290.6 \pm 1.1$<br>$\pm 0.0038$ | $17.84 \pm 0.06$<br>$\pm 0.0034$                           | $1776.99^{+0.29}_{-0.26}$<br>$\pm 0.0008$        | PDG, 2004<br>$+0.4\sigma$  |

$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$  Near Threshold

Dotted – Born, dashed – Coulomb, FSR and VP,  
dash-dotted – ISR, solid – beam energy spread

## $M_\tau$ at KEDR: Observed $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$



$$\int L dt = 6.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}, \quad 81 \text{ events selected}$$

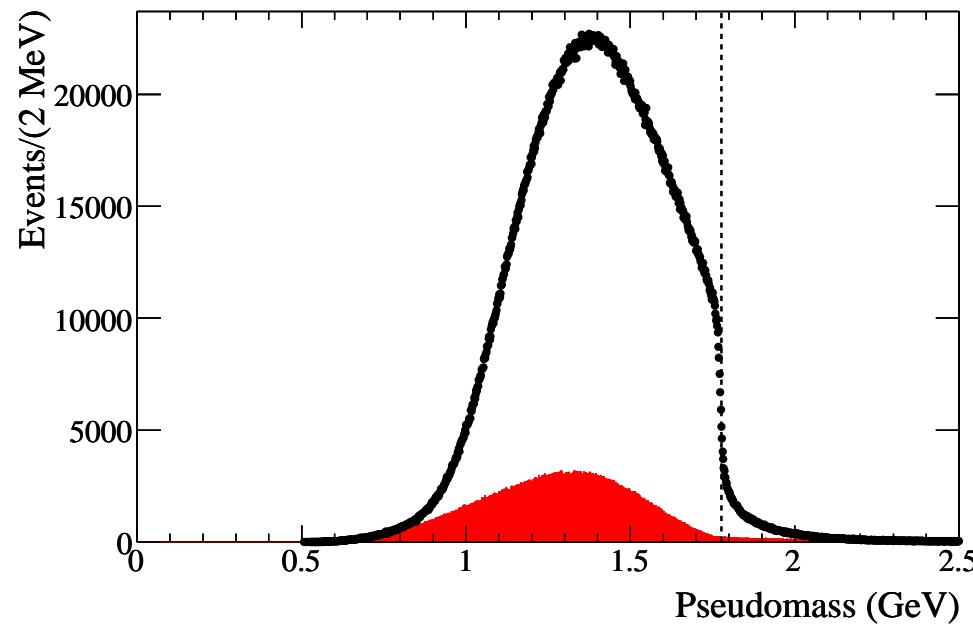
$$M_\tau = (1776.81^{+0.25}_{-0.23} \pm 0.15) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

V.V. Anashin et al., JETP Lett. 85, 347 (2007)

## $M_\tau$ at Belle and BaBar – I

Pseudomass method (ARGUS – 1992) uses  
 $M_p$  – maximum inv. mass of observed hadrons

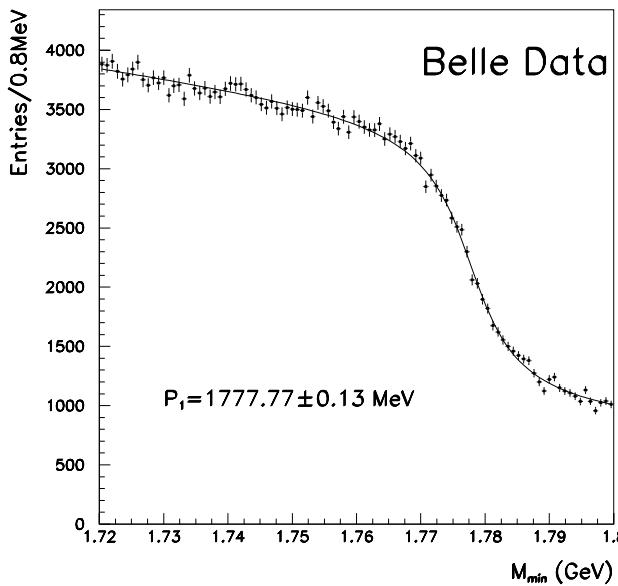
$$M_\tau^2 \geq M_p^2 = M_h^2 + 2(E_{\text{beam}} - E_h)(E_h - |\vec{p}_h|)$$



$$f(M_p) \sim (p_1 + p_2 M_p) \tan^{-1} (M_p - p_3)/p_4 + p_5 + p_6 M_p$$

The smearing of the endpoint and tail are caused by ISR/FSR and resolution

## $M_\tau$ at Belle and BaBar – II



Both BaBar and Belle use  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\nu_\tau + c.c.$ ,  
which has a large branching  $\sim 9\%$   
and large statistics in the endpoint region

## $M_\tau$ at Belle and BaBar – II

Summary of Belle and BaBar measurements

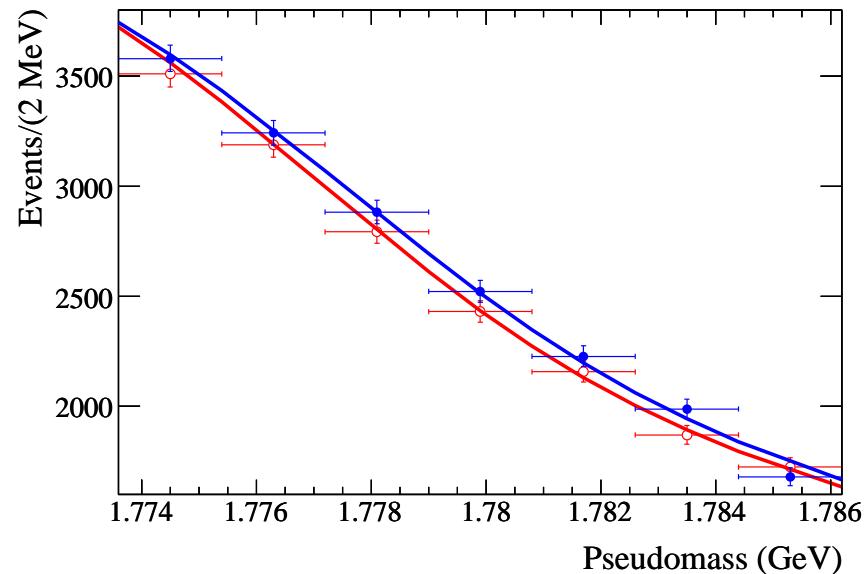
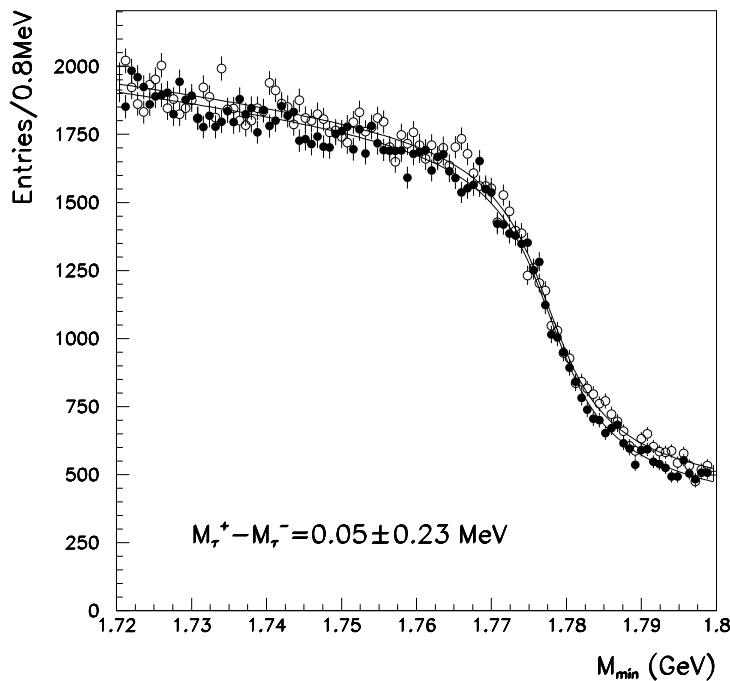
| Group                        | BaBar                       | Belle                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\int L dt, \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | 423                         | 414                         |
| $N_{\tau\tau}, 10^6$         | 388                         | 380                         |
| $N_{\text{ev}}, 10^5$        | 682                         | 580                         |
| $M_\tau, \text{ MeV}$        | $1776.68 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.41$ | $1776.61 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.35$ |

BaBar: B. Aubert et al., arXiv:0909.3562

Belle: K. Belous et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 011801 (2007)

## CPT Test by $M_{\tau^+}$ vs. $M_{\tau^-}$ – I

In the pseudomass method  $M_{\tau^+}$  and  $M_{\tau^-}$  are measured separately  
and  $\Delta M = M_{\tau^+} - M_{\tau^-}$  can be determined



Belle:  $\Delta M = 0.05 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.14$  MeV

BaBar:  $\Delta M = -0.61 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.06$  MeV

## CPT Test by $M_{\tau^+}$ vs. $M_{\tau^-}$ – II

| Group                              | OPAL, 2000     | Belle, 2007     | BaBar, 2009      |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| $N_{\tau^+\tau^-}, 10^6$           | 0.16           | 380             | 388              |
| $\Delta M$ , MeV                   | $0.0 \pm 3.2$  | $0.05 \pm 0.27$ | $-0.61 \pm 0.24$ |
| $\Delta M/M_\tau, 10^{-4}$         | $0.0 \pm 18.0$ | $0.3 \pm 1.5$   | $-3.4 \pm 1.4$   |
| $\Delta M/M_\tau, 10^{-4} 90\% CL$ | $< 30.0$       | $< 2.8$         | $< 5.5$          |

From MC studies BaBar finds, assuming no CPT violation, that there is a 1.2% chance of obtaining a result as different from zero as that of BaBar.

## $\tau$ Lepton Mass Measurements

| Group       | $M_\tau$ , MeV                      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| BES, 1996   | $1776.96^{+0.18+0.25}_{-0.21-0.17}$ |
| PDG, 2006   | $1776.99^{+0.29}_{-0.26}$           |
| KEDR, 2007  | $1776.81^{+0.25}_{-0.23} \pm 0.15$  |
| Belle, 2007 | $1776.61 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.35$         |
| PDG, 2008   | $1776.83 \pm 0.18$                  |
| KEDR, 2008  | $1776.69^{+0.17}_{-0.19} \pm 0.15$  |
| BaBar, 2008 | $1776.68 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.41$         |

$r = 1.0039 \pm 0.0040$  ( $0.99\sigma$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Leptonic universality is OK!

The  $r$  sensitivity is six times higher than in 1992 (0.004 vs. 0.025)

This test ( $G_\tau/G_\mu$ ) is limited by the accuracy of  $\tau_\tau$  and  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)$

KEDR, 2008: A. Shamov, NPB (Proc. Suppl.) 189, 21 (2009)

## Charged Current Universality – I

$$|G_\mu/G_e|$$

|                                                                      |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu)/\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e)$  | $1.0000 \pm 0.0020$ |
| $\mathcal{B}(\pi \rightarrow \mu)/\mathcal{B}(\pi \rightarrow e)$    | $1.0021 \pm 0.0016$ |
| $\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow \mu)/\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow e)$        | $1.004 \pm 0.007$   |
| $\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow \pi\mu)/\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow \pi e)$ | $1.002 \pm 0.002$   |
| $\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \mu)/\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow e)$        | $0.997 \pm 0.010$   |

A. Pich: NPB (Proc. Suppl.) 181-182, 300 (2008)

## Charged Current Universality – II

$|G_\tau/G_e|$

|                                                                |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu)\tau_\mu/\tau_\tau$          | $1.0005 \pm 0.0023$ |
| $\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \tau)/\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow e)$ | $1.036 \pm 0.014$   |

$|G_\tau/G_\mu|$

|                                                                  |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e)\tau_\mu/\tau_\tau$              | $1.0006 \pm 0.0022$ |
| $\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \pi)/\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu)$       | $0.996 \pm 0.005$   |
| $\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow K)/\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu)$           | $0.979 \pm 0.017$   |
| $\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \tau)/\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \mu)$ | $1.039 \pm 0.013$   |

## Lepton Universality and Branching Fractions – I

Three recent measurements at BaBar ( $467 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ):

| Ratio                                                                                                                     | BaBar                             | PDG-08              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)$ | $0.9796 \pm 0.0016 \pm 0.0035$    | $0.9725 \pm 0.0039$ |
| $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)$               | $0.5945 \pm 0.0014 \pm 0.0061$    | $0.6076 \pm 0.0061$ |
| $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)$                 | $0.03882 \pm 0.00032 \pm 0.00056$ | $0.0384 \pm 0.0013$ |

| Mode                  | $e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$ | $\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$ | $\pi^- \nu_\tau$ | $K^- \nu_\tau$ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| $N_{\text{ev}}, 10^3$ | 884                        | 731                            | 369              | 25             |

$$\left( \frac{G_\mu}{G_e} \right)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)} \frac{f(m_e^2/m_\tau^2)}{f(m_\mu^2/m_\tau^2)},$$

where  $f(x) = 1 - 8x + 8x^3 - x^4 - 12x^2 \log x$ ,  $m_\nu = 0$ .

$|G_\mu/G_e| = 1.0036 \pm 0.0029$ , consistent with  $1.000 \pm 0.002$  (A. Pich, 2008).

B. Aubert et al., arXiv:0808.1121

## Lepton Universality and Branching Fractions – II

$$\left(\frac{G_\tau}{G_\mu}\right)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} \frac{2m_\pi m_\mu^2 \tau_\pi}{\delta_{\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu / \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu} m_\tau^3 \tau_\tau} \left(\frac{1 - m_\mu^2/m_\pi^2}{1 - m_\pi^2/m_\tau^2}\right)^2,$$

$$\left(\frac{G_\tau}{G_\mu}\right)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(K^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} \frac{2m_K m_\mu^2 \tau_K}{\delta_{\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu / K^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu} m_\tau^3 \tau_\tau} \left(\frac{1 - m_\mu^2/m_K^2}{1 - m_K^2/m_\tau^2}\right)^2,$$

where the radiative corrections are

$$\delta_{\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu / \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu} = 1.0016 \pm 0.0014 \text{ and } \delta_{\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu / K^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu} = 1.0090 \pm 0.0022.$$

$|G_\tau/G_\mu| = 0.9859 \pm 0.0057 (0.9836 \pm 0.0087)$  with pions (kaons)

compared to  $0.996 \pm 0.005 (0.979 \pm 0.017)$ .

### Lepton Universality and Branching Fractions – III

From PDG  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau) = (17.82 \pm 0.05)\%$  and previous  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)$   
the new WA  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau) = (17.363 \pm 0.043)\%$ .

From this and assuming  $\mu - e$  universality as well as from  
 $\tau_\tau/\tau_\mu$  and assuming  $\tau - \mu$  universality, one obtains

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)^{\text{univ}} = (17.833 \pm 0.030)\%.$$

The total hadronic branching

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{had}} = 1 - 1.97257 \cdot \mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)^{\text{univ}} = (64.823 \pm 0.059)\%$$

and the total hadronic width  $R_{\tau, \text{had}} = 3.6350 \pm 0.0094$ .

## Decays with $\eta$ Mesons at Belle

| Mode                     | Group       | $N_{\text{ev}}$ | $\mathcal{B}_{\text{exp}}$               |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| $\pi^-\pi^0\eta\nu_\tau$ | Belle, 2008 | $5675 \pm 111$  | $(1.35 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.08) \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
|                          | CLEO, 1992  | $125 \pm 16$    | $(1.7 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-3}$    |
| $K^-\eta\nu_\tau$        | Belle, 2008 | $1545 \pm 51$   | $(1.58 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.09) \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
|                          | CLEO, 1996  | $61 \pm 14$     | $(2.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-4}$    |
| $K^-\pi^0\eta\nu_\tau$   | Belle, 2008 | $241 \pm 34$    | $(4.6 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-5}$    |
|                          | CLEO, 1999  | $47 \pm 12$     | $(17.7 \pm 5.6 \pm 7.1) \cdot 10^{-5}$   |
| $K^{*-}\eta\nu_\tau$     | Belle, 2008 | $119 \pm 19$    | $(1.30 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.11) \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
|                          | CLEO, 1999  | $27 \pm 6$      | $(2.90 \pm 0.80 \pm 0.42) \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $K_S\pi^-\eta\nu_\tau$   | Belle, 2008 | $45 \pm 8$      | $(4.4 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-4}$    |
|                          | CLEO, 1999  | 15              | $(1.00 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.11) \cdot 10^{-3}$ |

Important for estimating BG in searches for second-class currents!

Belle ( $490 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ): K. Inami et al., Phys. Lett. B 672, 209 (2009)

## $\tau^-$ Decays with Kaons

1. Decays with 1 or 3 kaons are Cabibbo-suppressed,  $A \propto \sin \theta_c$ 
  - $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow S = -1) = (2.87 \pm 0.12)\%$ , ALEPH, 1999;  
 $(2.81 \pm 0.19)\%$ , OPAL, 1999
  - From strange spectral functions  $m_s$ ,  $|V_{us}|$
  - Hadronic physics,  $K^*$
2. Decays with 2 kaons,  $A \propto \cos \theta_c$ 
  - $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow (K\bar{K}X)^-\nu_\tau) \sim 0.7\%$
  - Vector or Axial-vector? Wess-Zumino anomaly
  - CVC tests in  $\tau$  vs.  $e^+e^-$
  - Hadronic physics,  $K^*\bar{K}n\pi$ ,  $V(\rho, \phi)n\pi$

$\tau^- \rightarrow (K\pi)^-\nu_\tau$  at Belle and BaBar – I

Summary of Belle and BaBar  $\tau^- \rightarrow (K\pi)^-\nu_\tau$  measurements

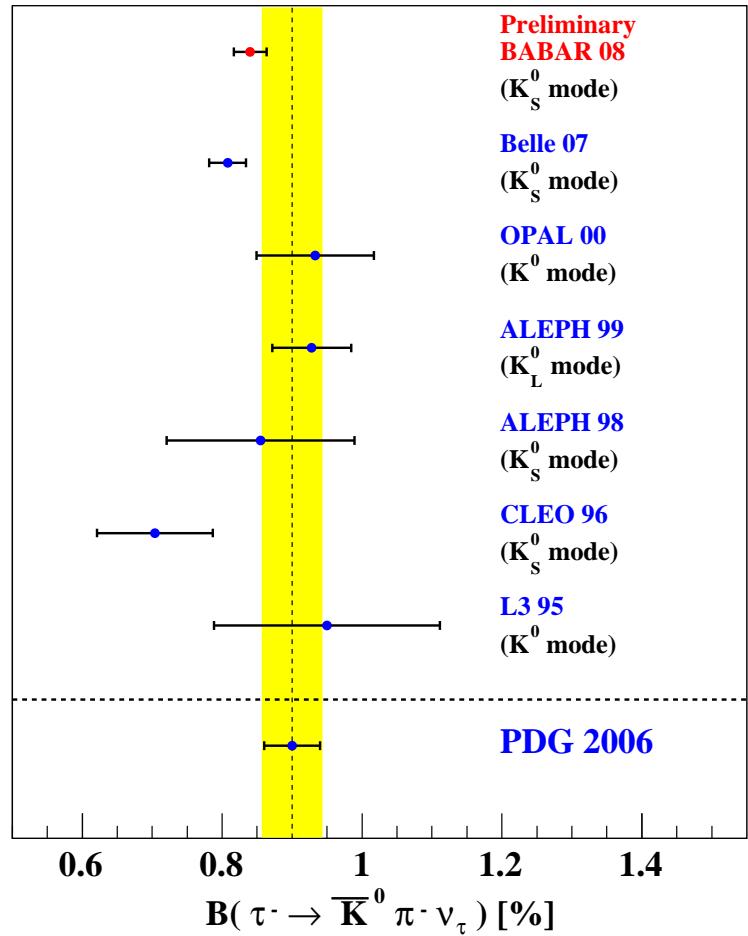
| Mode                 | Group     | $\int L dt, \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $N_{\tau\tau}, 10^6$ | $N_{\text{ev}}, 10^3$ | $\mathcal{B}, \%$           |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| $K^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$   | BaBar [1] | 230                          | 212                  | 78.1                  | $0.416 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.018$ |
| $K_S^0\pi^-\nu_\tau$ | BaBar [2] | 385                          | 353                  | 83.7                  | $0.420 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.012$ |
| $K_S^0\pi^-\nu_\tau$ | Belle [3] | 351                          | 313                  | 53.1                  | $0.404 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.013$ |

BaBar [1]: B. Aubert et al., Phys. Rev. D 76, 051104 (2007)

BaBar [2]: B. Aubert et al., arXiv:0808.1121

Belle [3]: D. Epifanov et al., Phys. Lett. B 654, 65 (2007)

## $\tau^- \rightarrow (K\pi)^-\nu_\tau$ at Belle and BaBar – II

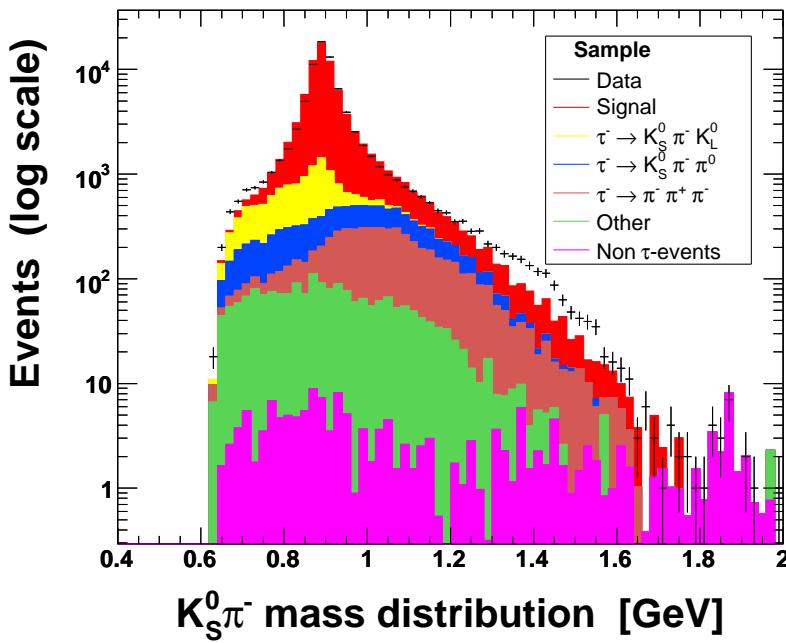
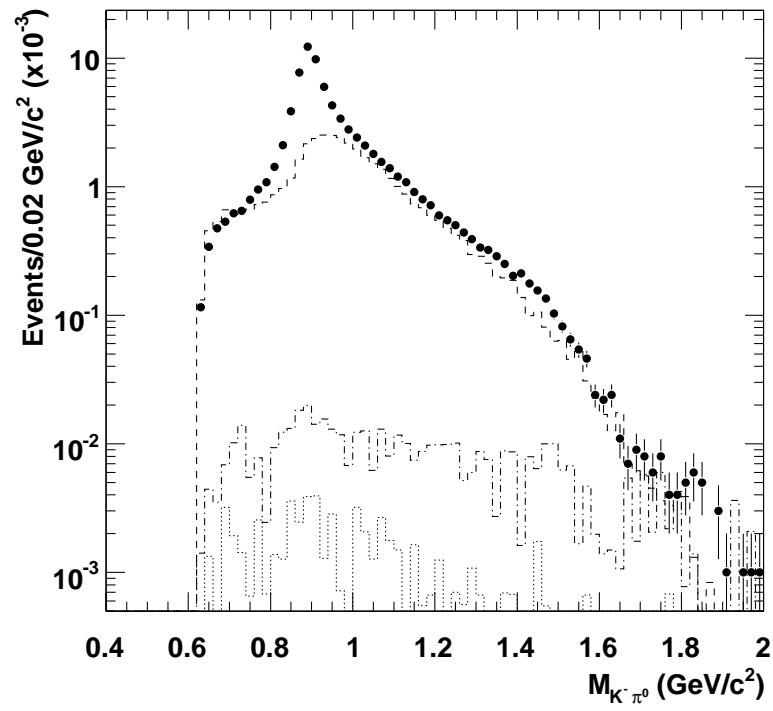


$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{BaBar}}(K^-\pi^0\nu_\tau) = \\ (0.416 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.018)\%$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{PDG}}(K^-\pi^0\nu_\tau) = \\ (0.454 \pm 0.030)\%$$

For both modes new  $\mathcal{B}$  are consistent with PDG, but lower!

## $M(K\pi)^-$ from BaBar

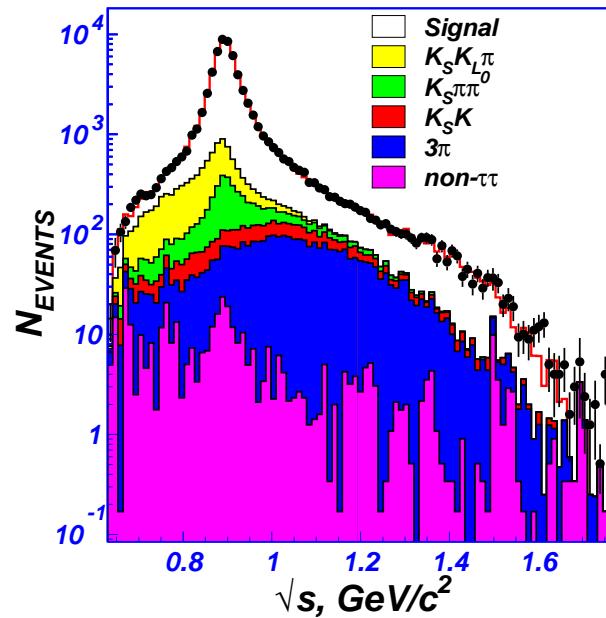
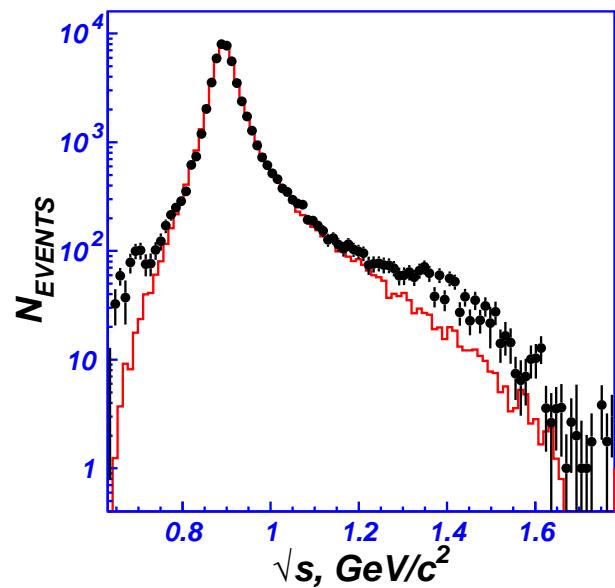


$\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ : B. Aubert et al., Phys. Rev. D76, 051104 (2007)

$\tau^- \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^- \nu_\tau$ : B. Aubert et al., arXiv:0808.1121

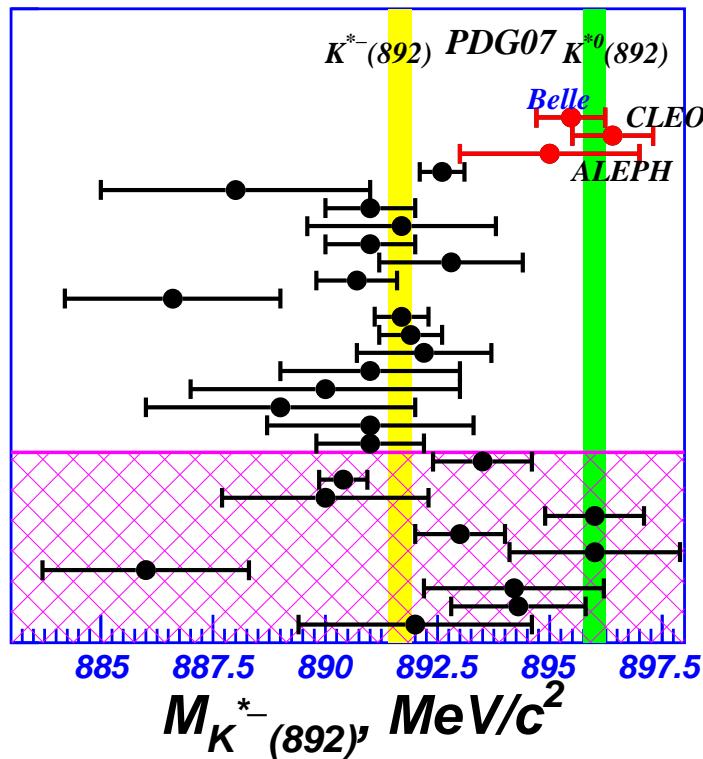
Analysis of  $M(K\pi)$  spectra is in progress

## $K_S\pi$ Mass Spectrum at Belle



The  $M_{K\pi}$  spectrum is well described by the  $K^*(892)$ ,  $K^*(800)$  ( $\kappa$ ) and  $K_0^*(1430)$  (or  $K^*(1410)$ ).

## $K^*(892)^0$ Mass and Width Measurement at Belle



$$M(K^*(892)^-) = (895.47 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.59) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(K^*(892)^-) = (46.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}$$

$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- h^+ h^- \nu_\tau$  from BaBar and Belle

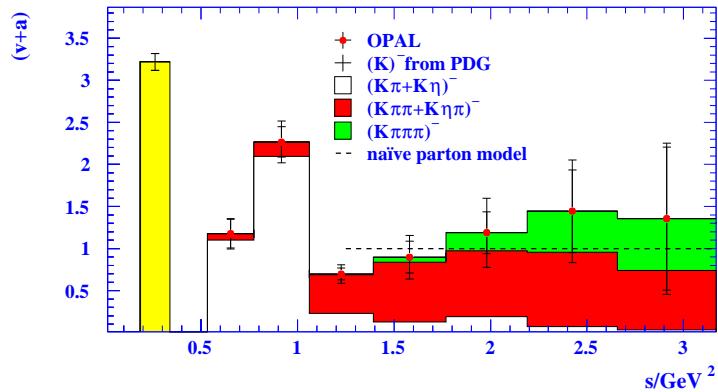
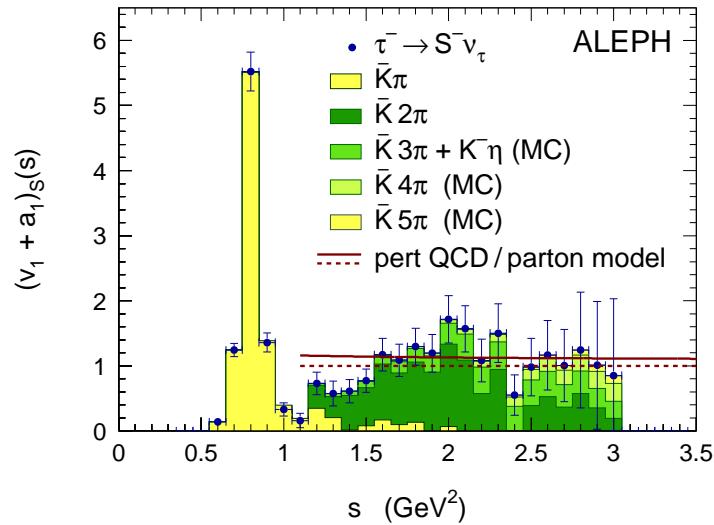
| Mode                                      | BaBar, $342 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | Belle, $666 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | PDG2006               |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| $N_{\text{ev}}, 10^6$                     | 1.6                          | 8.86                         | –                     |
| $\mathcal{B}(\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-), 10^{-2}$ | $8.83 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.13$     | $8.42 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.26$     | $9.02 \pm 0.08$       |
| $N_{\text{ev}}, 10^4$                     | 7.0                          | 79.4                         | –                     |
| $\mathcal{B}(K^- \pi^+ \pi^-), 10^{-3}$   | $2.73 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.09$     | $3.28 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.17$     | $3.33 \pm 0.35$       |
| $N_{\text{ev}}, 10^4$                     | 1.8                          | 10.8                         | –                     |
| $\mathcal{B}(K^- K^+ \pi^-), 10^{-3}$     | $1.346 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.036$  | $1.53 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05$     | $1.53 \pm 0.10$       |
| $N_{\text{ev}}$                           | 275                          | 3160                         | –                     |
| $\mathcal{B}(K^- K^+ K^-), 10^{-5}$       | $1.58 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.12$     | $2.62 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.17$     | $< 3.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |

BaBar: B. Aubert et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 011801 (2008)

Belle: M.J. Lee et al., arXiv:0812.0480

Results of Belle and BaBar are not very consistent

## Strange spectral function



ALEPH:  $|V_{us}| = 0.2204 \pm 0.0028_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0003_{\text{th}} \pm 0.0001_{m_s}$

J.Prades from OPAL data:  $|V_{us}| = 0.2219 \pm 0.0034$ ,  $m_s = (81 \pm 20)$  MeV

$m_s$  – J.G.Körner,A.Pivovarov,2001-2005,  $m_s = (130 \pm 27)$  MeV

$|V_{us}|$  determination from  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)} &= \frac{f_K^2 |V_{us}|^2}{f_\pi^2 |V_{ud}|^2} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{m_K^2}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2}{\left(1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2} \times \frac{\delta_{\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau}}{\delta_{\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_{tau}}} \\ &= 0.06531 \pm 0.00056 \pm 0.00093,\end{aligned}$$

All non-perturbative effects are in  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.189 \pm 0.007$  from the lattice.

One obtains  $|V_{us}| = 0.2254 \pm 0.0023$   
consistent with  $0.2262 \pm 0.0011$  from unitarity.

Another method, which uses  $R_{\tau, \text{strange}}$  based on PDG plus BaBar/Belle  $\mathcal{B}$ 's,  
gives  $|V_{us}| = 0.2169 \pm 0.0029$  or  $\sim 3\sigma$  lower than the unitarity value.

Might be due to theory problems.

## Monte Carlo Simulation of $\tau$ Decays

TAUOLA, KORALB(Z) – very important tools for LEP, CLEO, BaBar, Belle, LHC

S.Jadach, Z.Wąs, Comp. Phys. Commun. 36, 191 (1985);

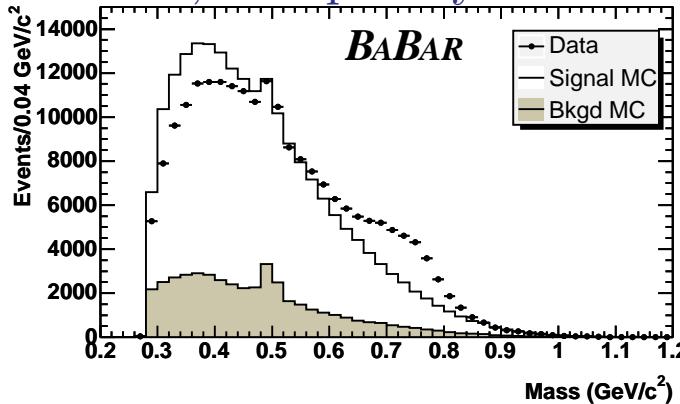
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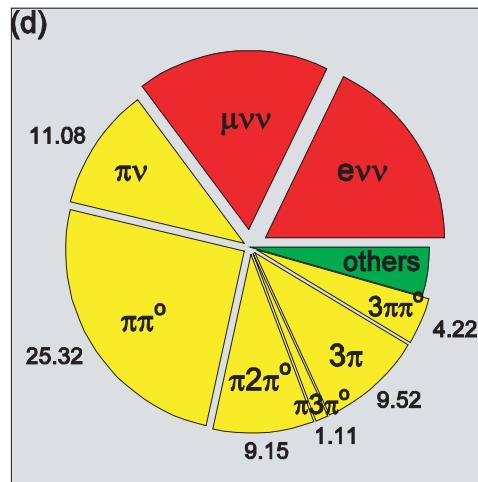
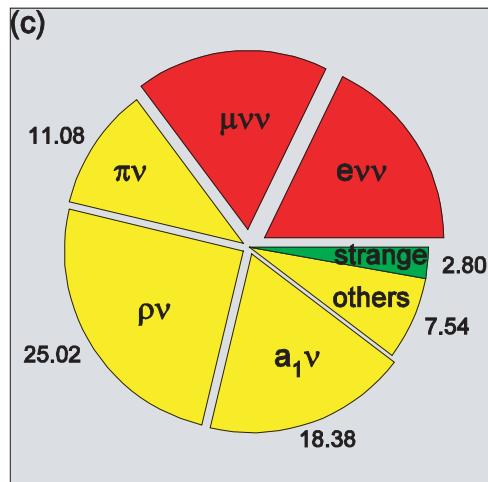
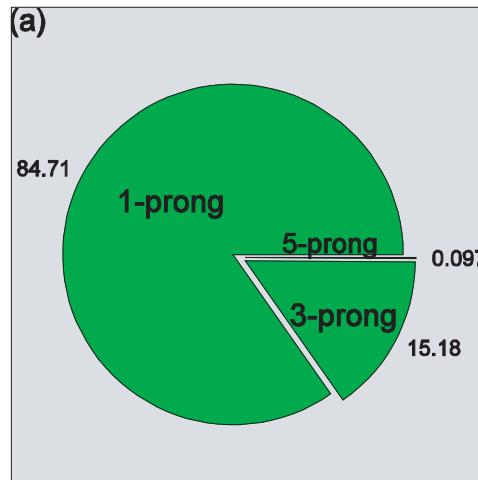
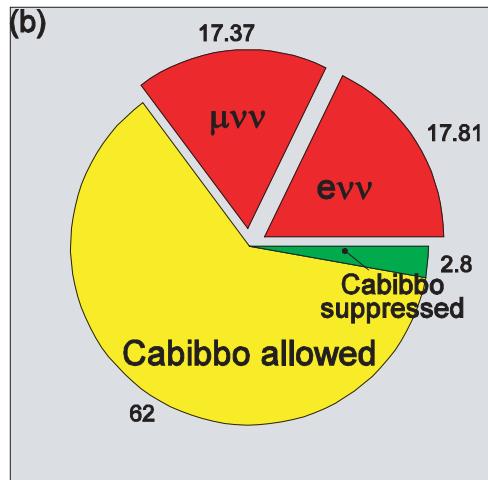
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## Conclusions

- We know a lot after CLEO and LEP, Belle and Babar gaining speed
- Advantages in statistics and searches. Systematic effects?
- Lepton universality holds, more precise  $\tau_\tau$  and  $\mathcal{B}_e$  needed
- Interesting possibilities for QCD,  $|V_{us}|$
- Why most  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{new}} < \mathcal{B}_{\text{old}}$ ?
- Clean laboratory for studies of light mesons, e.g., of various  $K^*$ 's
- Hadronic f/f in TAUOLA should be updated
- B factories with  $\sim 1.5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  are also unique  $\tau$  factories with high potential for New Physics and precision studies in SM, even more expected from SuperB and Super- $c - \tau$

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## A Zoo of $\tau$ decays

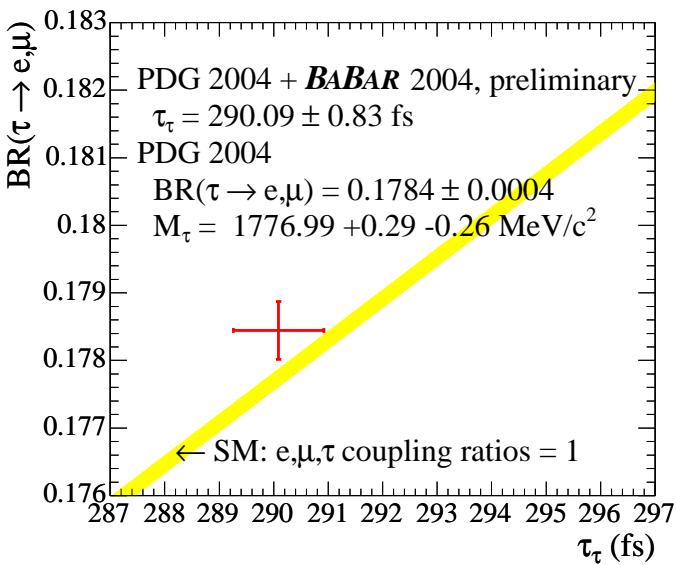


## $\tau$ Lifetime

### Measurements of $\tau_\tau$ , fs

| Source       | $N_{\tau\tau}, 10^3$ | $\tau_\tau$ , fs           | $\delta\tau_{\tau \text{sys}}, \%$ |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| DELPHI, 2004 | 150                  | $290.9 \pm 1.4 \pm 1.0$    | 0.34                               |
| PDG, 2006    | –                    | $290.6 \pm 1.0$            | 0.28                               |
| BaBar, 2004  | 79000                | $289.40 \pm 0.91 \pm 0.90$ | 0.31                               |

- Measurement bias – 0.220%
- Background – 0.142%
- Alignment – 0.111%
- $\tau$  momentum – 0.100%
- Total – 0.310%



## $\tau$ Leptonic Branching

Measurements of  $B_e$ , %

| Source      | $N_{\tau\tau}, 10^3$ | $B, \%$                      | $\delta B_{\text{sys}}, \%$ |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALEPH, 2005 | 56                   | $17.837 \pm 0.072 \pm 0.036$ | 0.2                         |
| CLEO, 1997  | 3250                 | $17.76 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.17$    | 1.0                         |
| PDG, 2006   | –                    | $17.84 \pm 0.05$             | 0.28                        |

Systematic uncertainties in CLEO, %

| $N_{\text{ev}}$ | $N_{\tau\tau}$ | $\epsilon$ | Trig. | PID  | BG   | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|-------|------|------|-------|
| 0.36            | 0.71           | 0.48       | 0.28  | 0.19 | 0.16 | 1.00  |

## Alternatives for the pseudomass fit parameterization

Two other functions were considered:

$$F_1(M_p) = (p_3 + p_4 M_p) \frac{M_p - p_1}{\sqrt{p_2 + (M_p - p_1)^2}} + p_5 + p_6 M_p$$

and

$$F_2(M_p) = (p_3 + p_4 M_p) \frac{-1}{1 + \exp \frac{M_p - p_1}{p_2}} + p_5 + p_6 M_p.$$

## Systematic uncertainties in $M_\tau$

| Source                                          | BaBar | Belle |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| CM energy and $ p $ reconstruction              | 0.40  | 0.26  |
| MC Modeling ( $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu_\tau$ ) | 0.05  | 0.02  |
| MC Statistics                                   | 0.05  | 0.14  |
| Fit Range                                       | 0.05  | 0.04  |
| Parameterization                                | 0.03  | 0.18  |
| Momentum resolution                             | Negl. | 0.02  |
| Background                                      | Negl. | 0.01  |
| Total                                           | 0.41  | 0.35  |

Both groups assume  $M_{\nu_\tau} = 0$

Belle: 10 MeV  $\Rightarrow \Delta M_\tau = -0.1$  MeV

BaBar: 1 MeV  $\Rightarrow \Delta M_\tau = -0.02$  MeV

Charge asymmetry from  $\Delta M$  in  $D^\pm$ ,  $D_s^\pm$ ,  $\Lambda_c^\pm$ : Belle - 0.14 MeV, BaBar - 0.06 MeV

## $|V_{us}|$ from BaBar and Belle

S. Banerjee at KAON 07 combined the recent data on the  $K\pi\nu_\tau$  with older data for the other modes

