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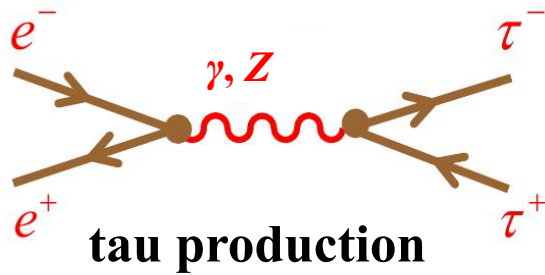
Some aspects of hadronic τ decays in resonance chiral theory



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Mini-overview of hadronic tau decays and Resonance Chiral Theory



γ exchange dominates at tau-charm factory.

Z exchange dominates at CEPC.

Number of taus produced at e^+e^- colliders:

ALEPH: $\sim 3 \times 10^5$

BaBar / Belle: $\sim 1 \times 10^9$

Belle-II: $\sim 5 \times 10^{10}$

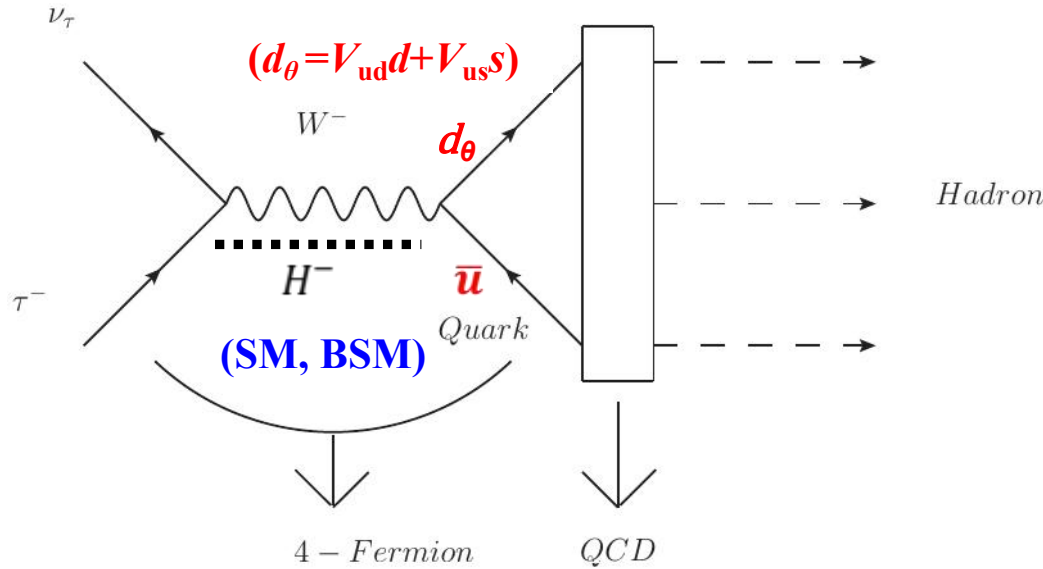
CEPC (Tera-Z factory): $\sim 3 \times 10^{10}$

STCF: $\sim 4 \times 10^{10}$ (**around 10% at threshold**)

Tau provides broad interests for particle physics:

- ✓ Precision tests for electroweak sector: V_{CKM} , lepton universality, $g-2$,
- ✓ Strong interactions: α_s , hadron resonances, chiral symmetry,
- ✓ Possible discoveries for new physics: cLFV, CPV,

Sketch for hadronic tau decays (similar for leptonic decays by dropping QCD part)



Theoretical tools: SM EFT + Chiral EFT

- **SM EFT → LEFT** [Cirigliano et al, '10] [Y.Liao et al., '21] [F.Z.Chen et al, '22]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_\mu V_{uD}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[(1 + \epsilon_L^{D\ell}) \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) D + \epsilon_R^{D\ell} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma_5) D \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\ell} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \left[\epsilon_S^{D\ell} - \epsilon_P^{D\ell} \gamma_5 \right] D + \frac{1}{4} \hat{\epsilon}_T^{D\ell} \bar{\ell} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) D \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

ϵ_X parameterize various new physics at high energy scale

- **Chiral EFT**

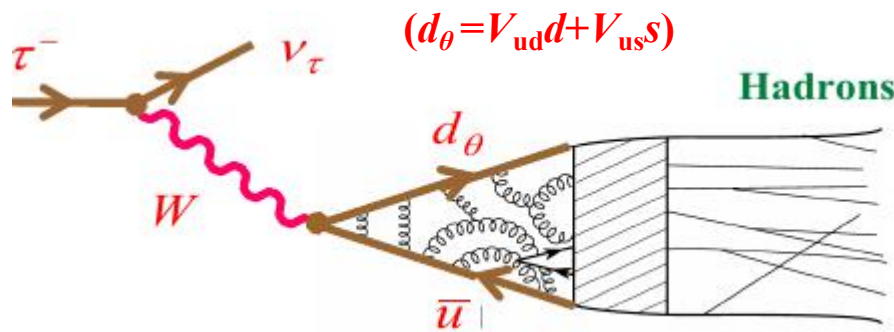
[Gasser, Leutwyler, '83 '84]

$\mathcal{O}(p^4)$:

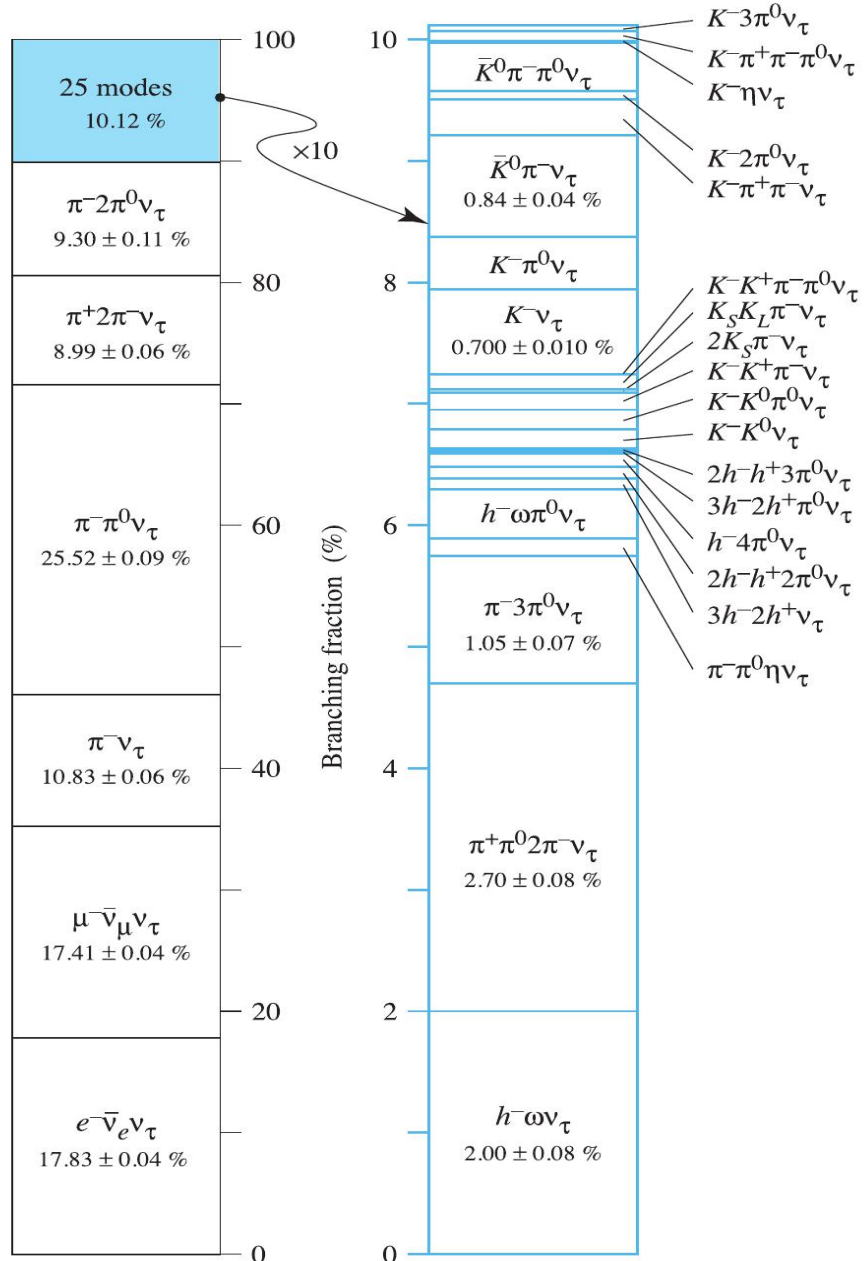
$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{F^2}{4} \langle u_\mu u^\mu + \chi_+ \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4^{\chi PT} = L_1 \langle u_\mu u^\mu \rangle^2 + L_2 \langle u_\mu u^\nu \rangle \langle u^\mu u_\nu \rangle + L_3 \langle u_\mu u^\mu u_\nu u^\nu \rangle + L_4 \langle u_\mu u^\mu \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle \\ + L_5 \langle u_\mu u^\mu \chi_+ \rangle + L_6 \langle \chi_+ \rangle^2 + L_7 \langle \chi_- \rangle^2 + \frac{L_8}{2} \langle \chi_+^2 + \chi_-^2 \rangle + \dots$$

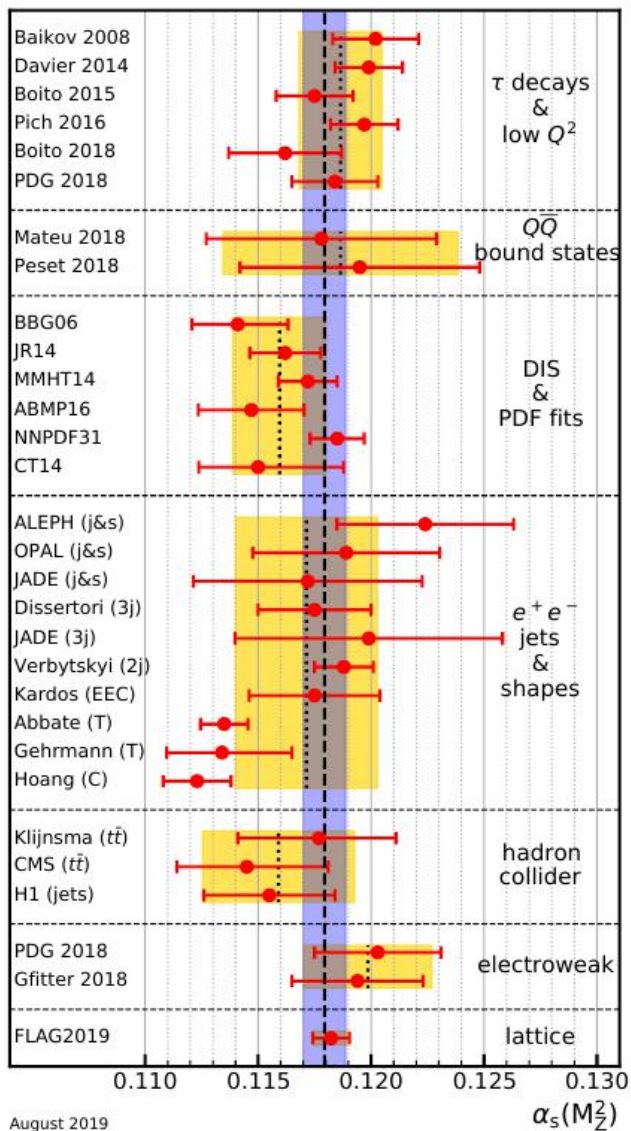
Hadronic decays: a unique feature for tau lepton



Valuable laboratory to study:
 fundamental parameters &
 rich hadron phenomenologies



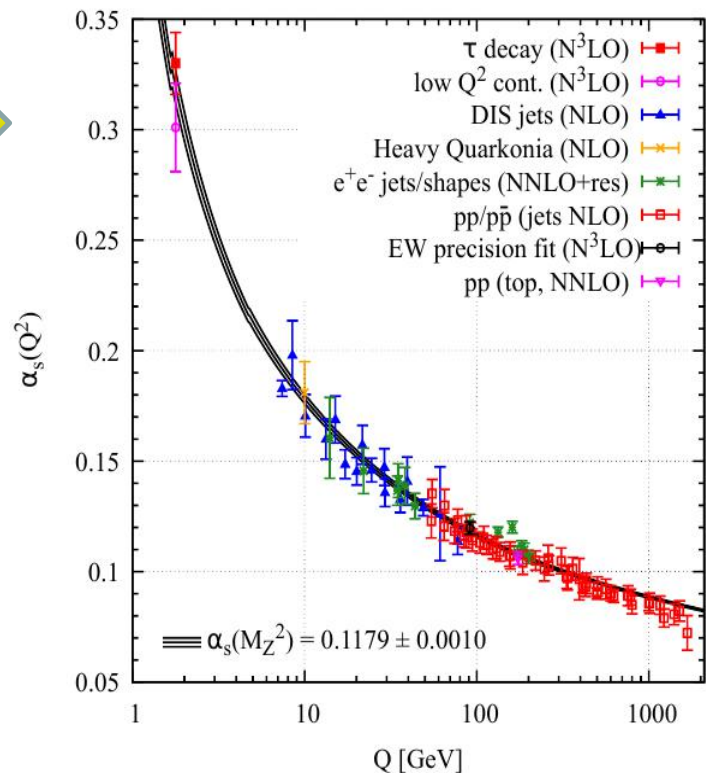
Strong coupling of QCD: α_s



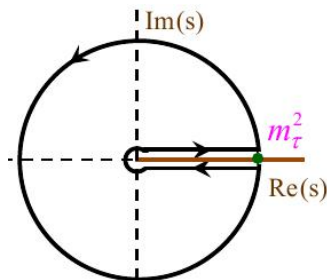
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Hadronic tau decay: an invaluable source to test the QCD prediction of $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ below 2 GeV.



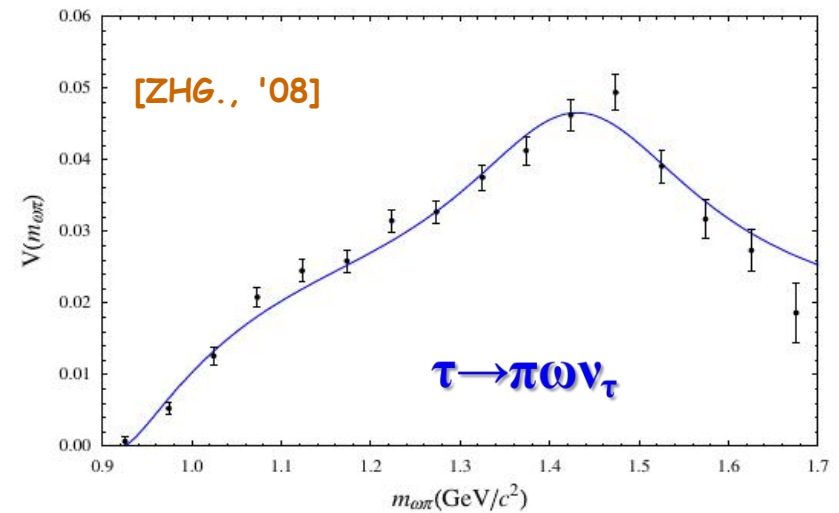
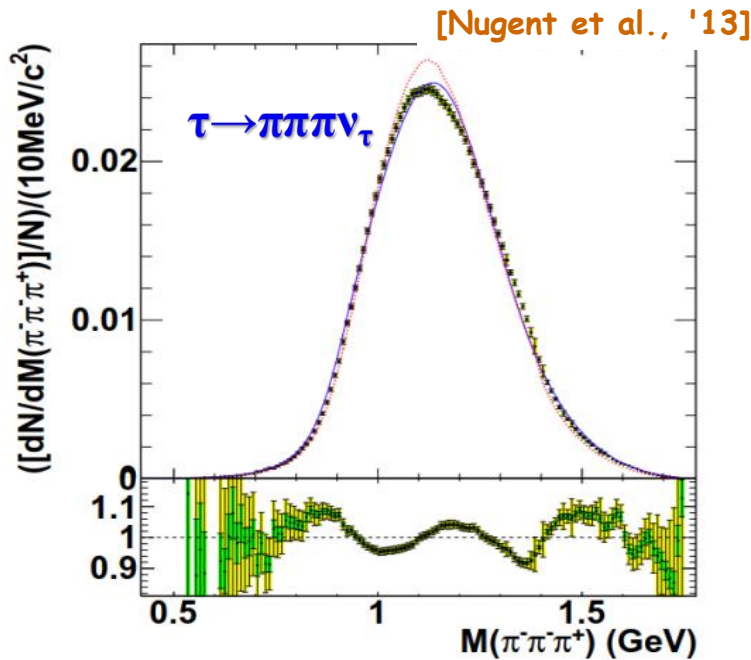
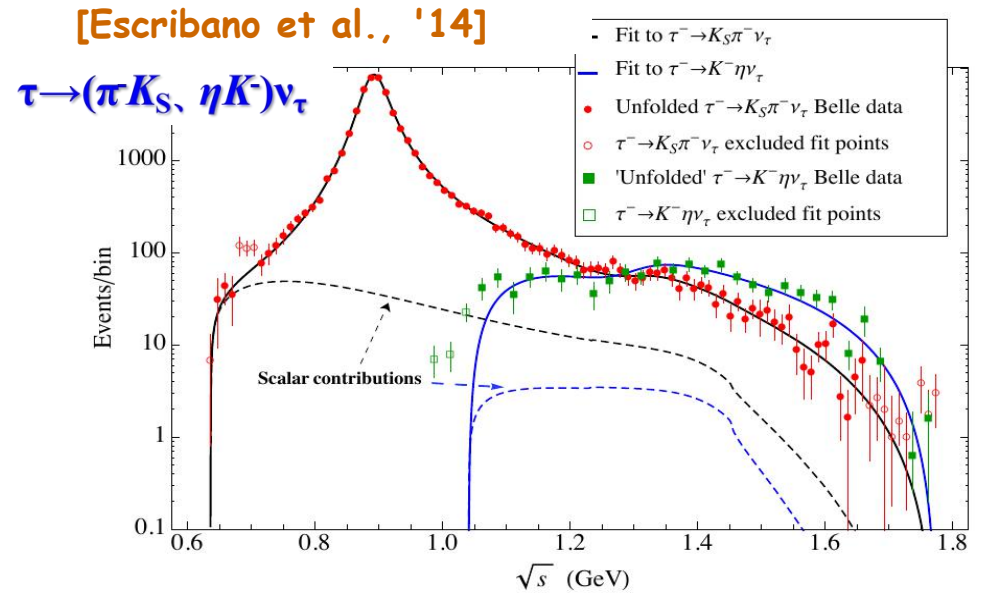
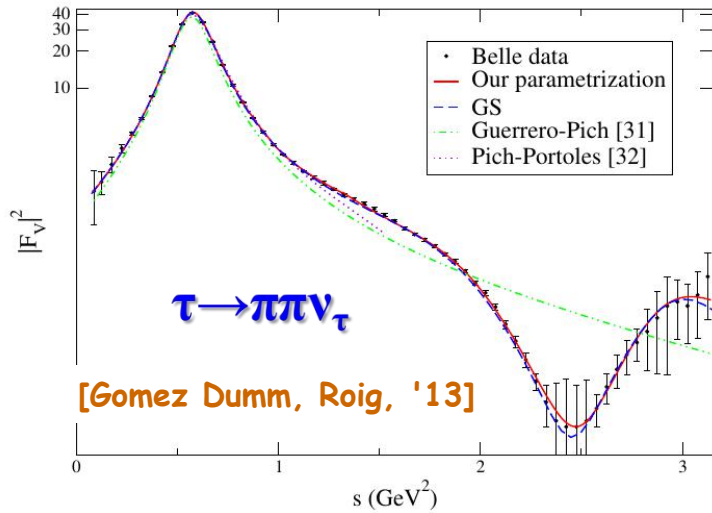
$$R_\tau = \frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \text{ hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau e \nu_e)} = \int_0^{m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \omega_J(s) \text{Im} \Pi^J(s)$$



$$R_\tau = \oint_{|s|=m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \omega_J(s) \Pi^J(s)$$

$$\Pi^J(s) = \underset{\text{OPE}}{=} \sum_D \frac{C_D^J(s, \alpha_s(\mu), \mu) \langle O_D(\mu) \rangle}{(-s)^{D/2}}$$

Invariant-mass spectra for exclusive decays

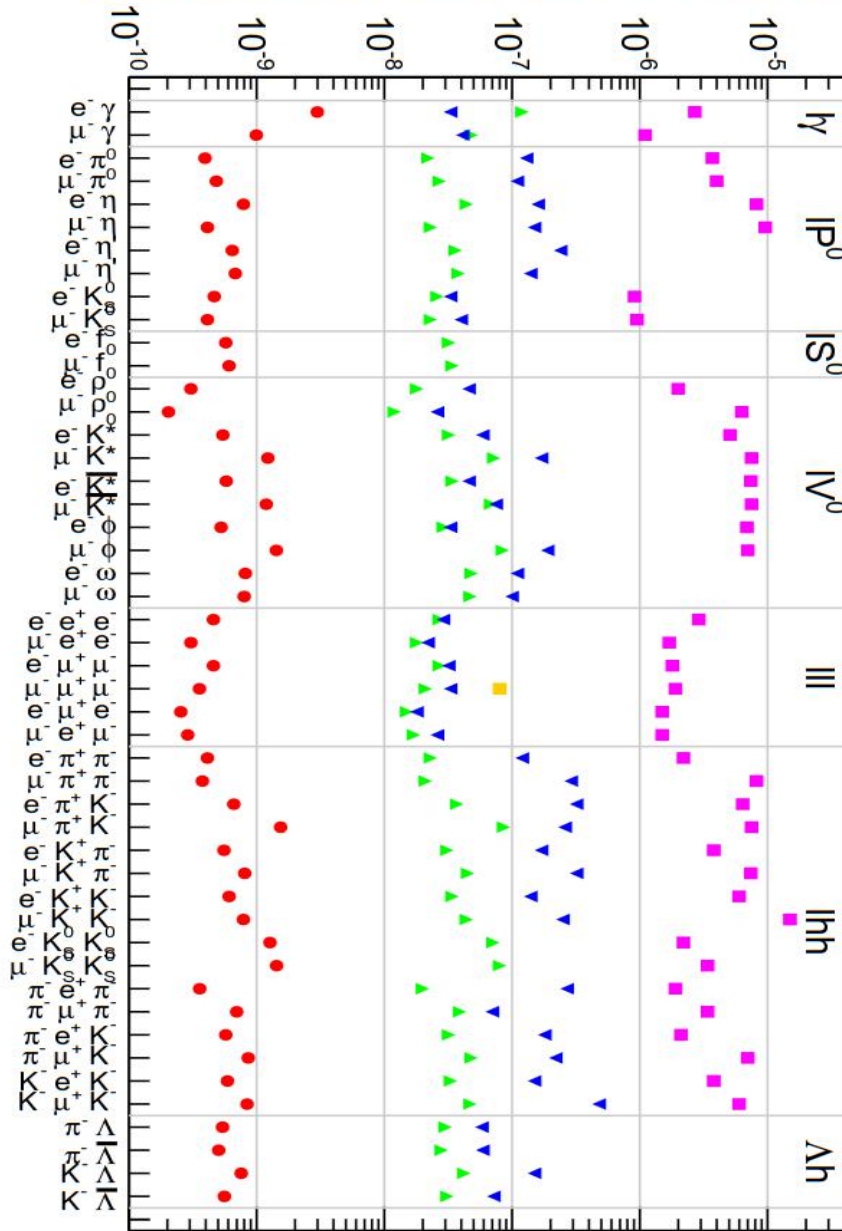


**Hadron properties, Form factors,
Chiral dynamics,**

➤ Charged lepton flavor violation in tau decays

90% C.L. upper limits for LFV τ decays

[Belle-II, '22]

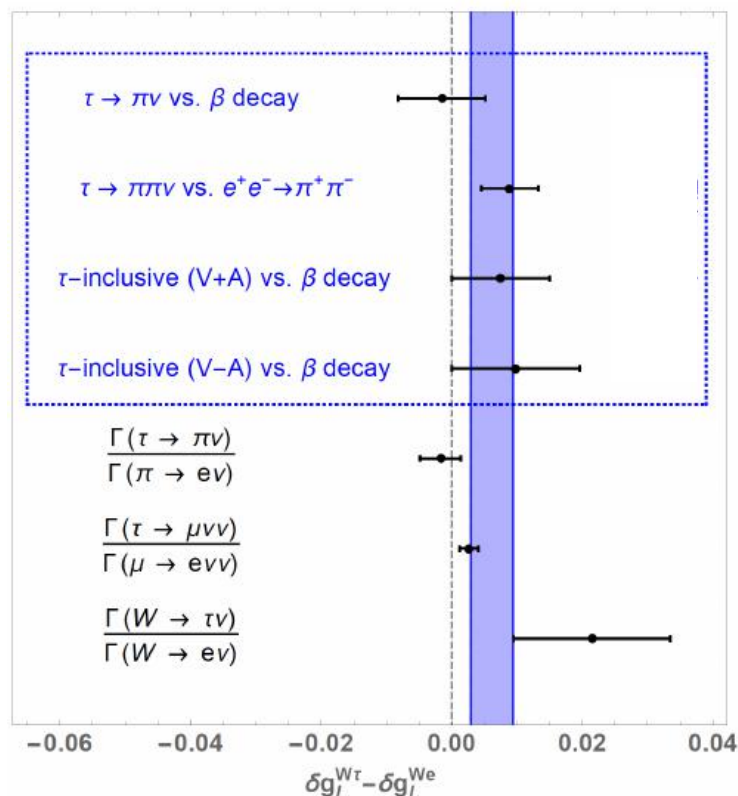
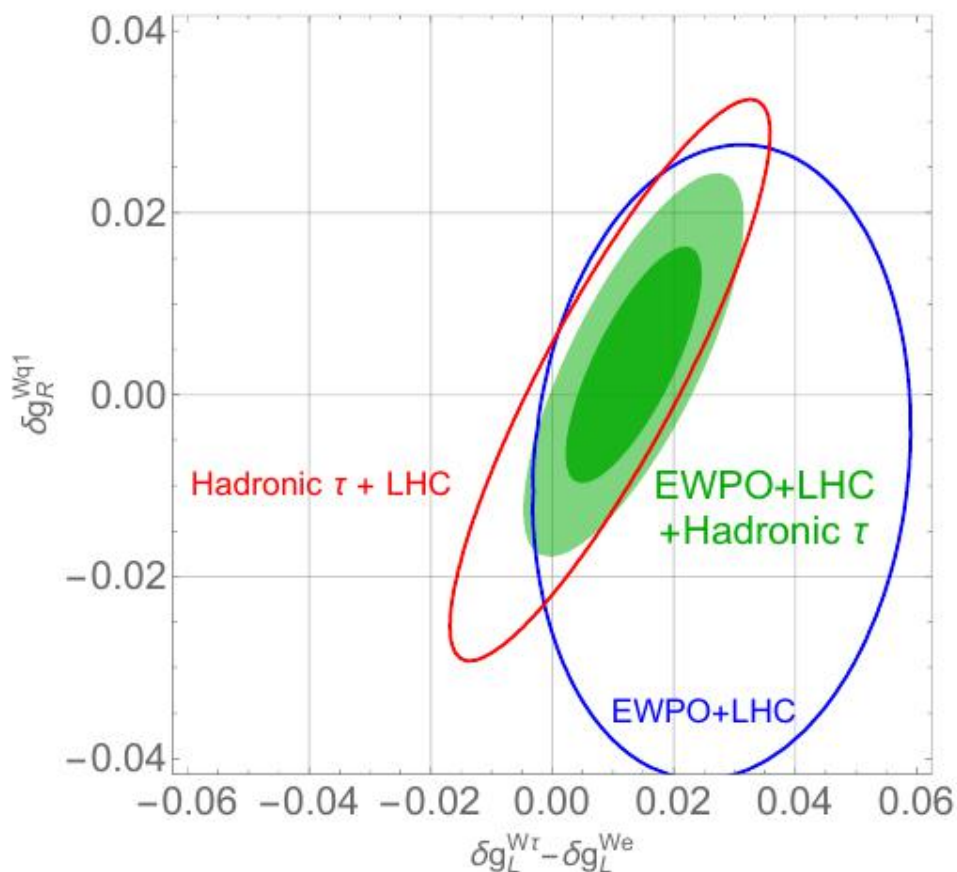


- Not only statistic but also systematic uncertainties are important in $\tau \rightarrow l \gamma$
- Clean background makes $\tau \rightarrow l l' l''$ one of the best channels to search for LFV signals.
- $\tau \rightarrow l + \text{hadrons}$ provides a different laboratory to probe different LFV origins, comparing with the pure leptonic processes.

➤ **Powerful tool to constrain new physics: combination of hadronic tau data + LHC data**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_\mu V_{uD}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left(1 + \epsilon_L^{D\ell}\right) \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) D + \epsilon_R^{D\ell} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma_5) D \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\ell} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \left[\epsilon_S^{D\ell} - \epsilon_P^{D\ell} \gamma_5 \right] D + \frac{1}{4} \hat{\epsilon}_T^{D\ell} \bar{\ell} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \cdot \bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) D \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

[Cirigliano et al., PRL'18]



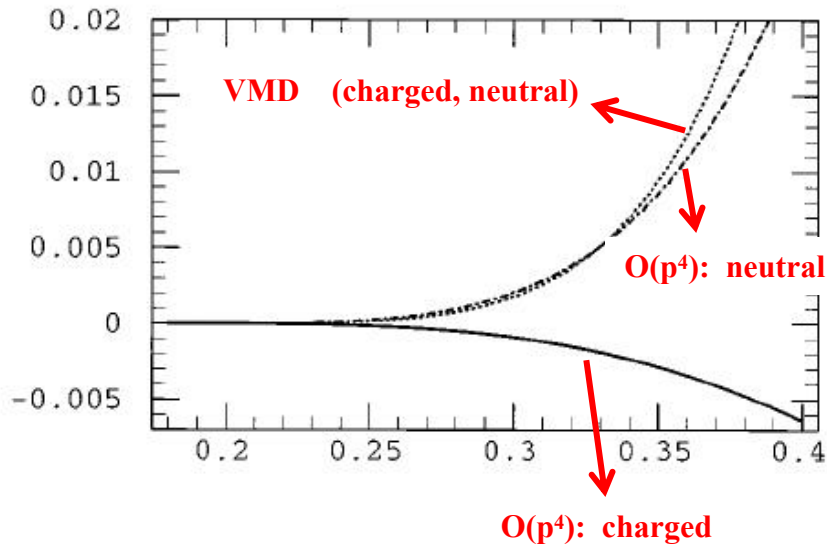
Chiral symmetry is RELEVANT to tau decays

Example: $\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi \pi \pi$ transition amplitudes in the low energy region
 VMD models do not automatically respect chiral symmetry.

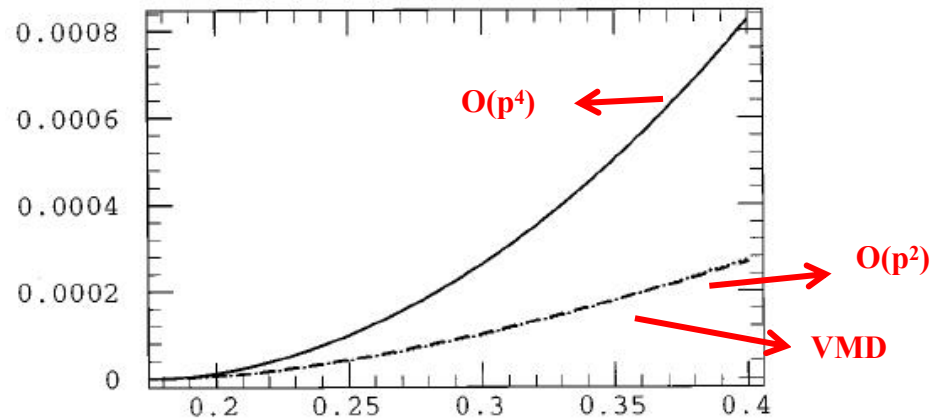
$$J_\alpha = -i \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3f_\pi} \text{BW}_a(Q^2) (B_\rho(s_2) V_{1\alpha} + B_\rho(s_1) V_{2\alpha})$$

[Kuhn, Santamaria, ZPC'90]

W_D structure function



W_{SA} structure function (neutral channel)



[Colangelo, et al., PRD'96]

- Resonance chiral theory implements the constraint of chiral symmetry from the very beginning in the construction of the Lagrangians.

Resonance chiral theory (R χ T)

Chiral group: $G = SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$, $H = SU(3)_V$, $u(\phi) = G/H$

Resonances : $R \xrightarrow{G} h R h^\dagger$, $h \in H$

pNGB and external sources : $X = u_\mu, \chi_\pm, f_\pm^{\mu\nu}, h_{\mu\nu}$

Operators	P	C	h.c.	chiral order
u	u^\dagger	u^T	u^\dagger	1
Γ_μ	Γ^μ	$-\Gamma_\mu^T$	$-\Gamma_\mu$	p
u_μ	$-u^\mu$	u_μ^T	u_μ	p
χ_\pm	$\pm\chi_\pm$	χ_\pm^T	$\pm\chi_\pm$	p^2
$f_{\mu\nu} \pm$	$\pm f_\pm^{\mu\nu}$	$\mp f_{\mu\nu}^T \pm$	$f_{\mu\nu} \pm$	p^2
$h_{\mu\nu}$	$-h^{\mu\nu}$	$h_{\mu\nu}^T$	$h_{\mu\nu}$	p^2

Operators	P	C	h.c.
$V_{\mu\nu}$	$V^{\mu\nu}$	$-V_{\mu\nu}^T$	$V_{\mu\nu}$
$A_{\mu\nu}$	$-A^{\mu\nu}$	$A_{\mu\nu}^T$	$A_{\mu\nu}$
S	S	S^T	S
P	$-P$	P^T	P

Minimal R χ T Lagrangian [Ecker, et al., '89]

$$\mathcal{L}_{2V} = \frac{F_V}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle V_{\mu\nu} f_+^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{iG_V}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle V_{\mu\nu} [u^\mu, u^\nu] \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2A} = \frac{F_A}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle A_{\mu\nu} f_-^{\mu\nu} \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2S} = c_d \langle S u_\mu u^\mu \rangle + c_m \langle S \chi_+ \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2P} = id_m \langle P \chi_- \rangle.$$

Operators beyond minimal

[Cirigliano, et al., '04]:

$$\mathcal{L}_{VAP} = \lambda_1^{VA} \langle [V^{\mu\nu}, A_{\mu\nu}] \chi_- \rangle + \dots,$$

[Ruiz-Femenia, Pich and Portolés, '03]

$$\mathcal{L}_{VVP} = d_1 \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \langle \{V^{\mu\nu}, V^{\rho\alpha}\} \nabla_\alpha u^\sigma \rangle + \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{VJP} = \frac{c_1}{M_V} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \langle \{V^{\mu\nu}, f_+^{\rho\alpha}\} \nabla_\alpha u^\sigma \rangle + \dots,$$

QCD dynamics in $R\chi T$

- Low energy QCD: implemented from the construction of $R\chi T$
- Intermediate energy: explicit resonance states
- **High energy information:** to match the same physical objects in $R\chi T$ and QCD, $\langle J(x_n) \cdots J(0) \rangle^{R\chi T} = \langle J(x_n) \cdots J(0) \rangle^{QCD}$.

For example: $\pi\pi$ vector form factor

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{F}_{\pi\pi}^v(q^2)]^{R\chi T} &= 1 + \frac{F_V G_V}{F^2} \frac{q^2}{M_V^2 - q^2}, \\ [\mathcal{F}_{\pi\pi}^v(q^2)]^{QCD} &\rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for } q^2 \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

This leads to

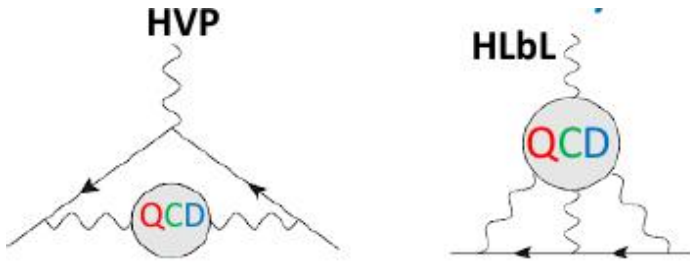
$$[\mathcal{F}_{\pi\pi}^v(q^2)]^{R\chi T} = [\mathcal{F}_{\pi\pi}^v(q^2)]^{QCD} \implies F_V G_V = F^2$$

Phenomenologies in $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$

Why to focus on $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$

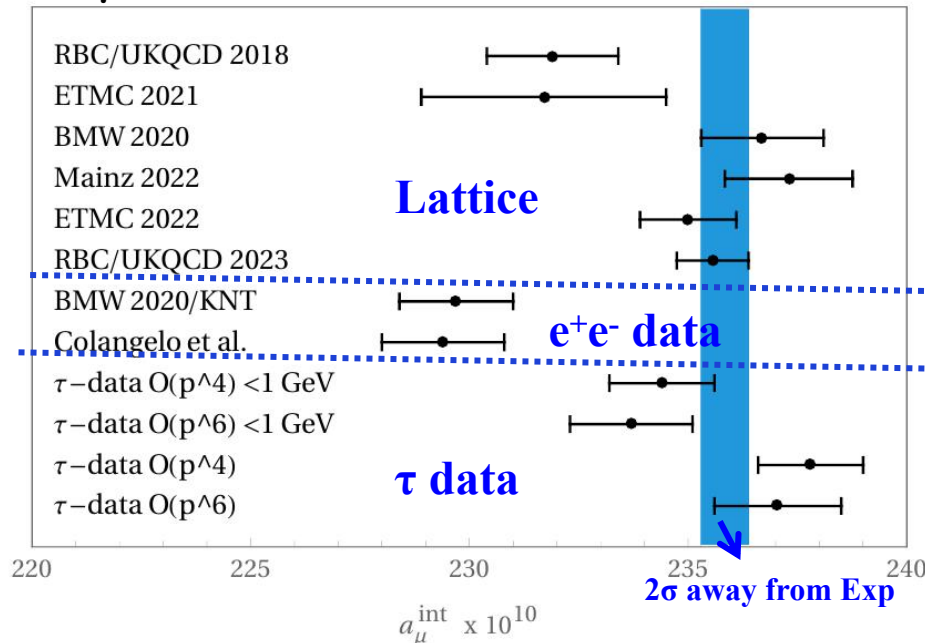
➤ Relevance to precise determination of a_μ

SM uncertainty dominated by

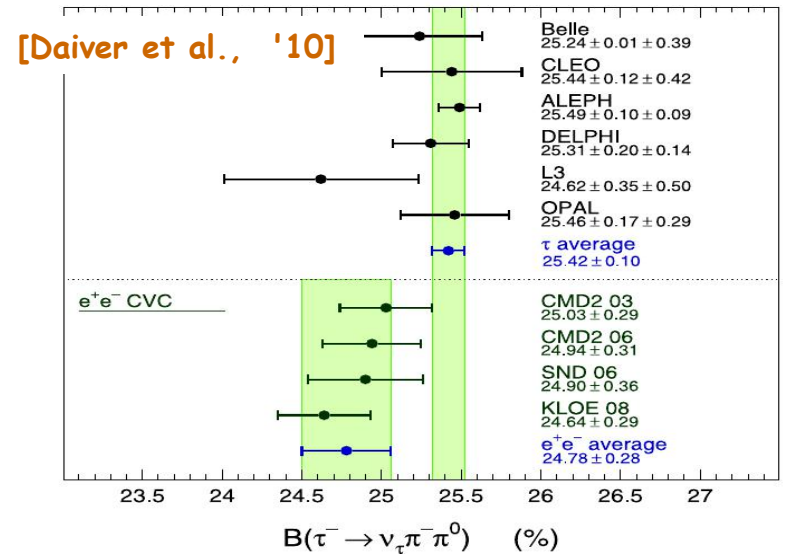
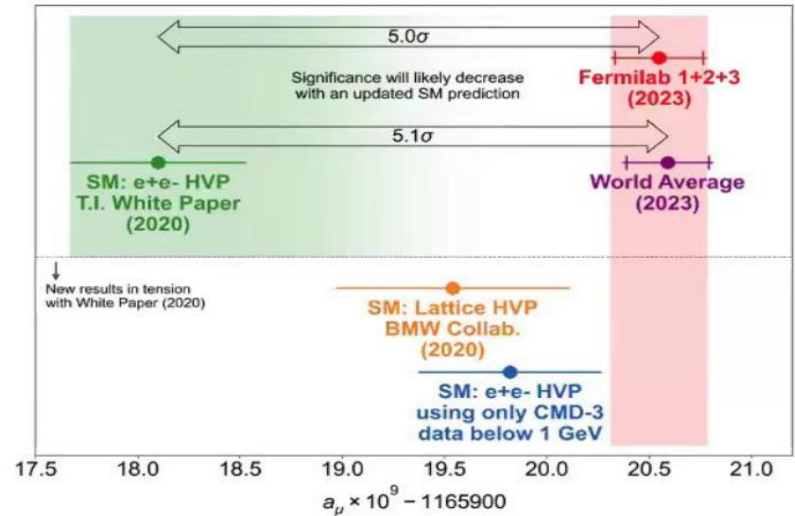


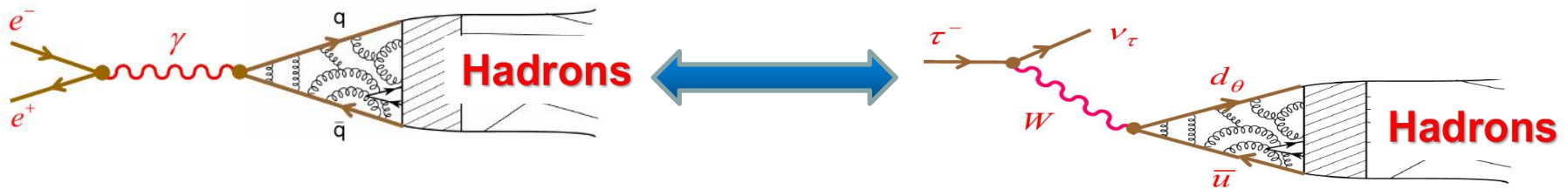
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Dominated by $\pi\pi$ ($> \sim 75\%$)

$a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$ [Masjuan et al., '23]



[Muon $g-2$, '23]





❖ Key problem in the matching: isospin breaking (IB) effects

IB corrections to a_μ

[Cirigliano et al., JHEP'02]

$$\Delta a_\mu^{\text{vacpol}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{t_{\text{max}}} dt K(t) \left[\frac{K_\sigma(t)}{K_\Gamma(t)} \frac{d\Gamma_{\pi\pi[\gamma]}}{dt} \right] \times \left(\frac{R_{\text{IB}}(t)}{S_{\text{EW}}} - 1 \right)$$

$$R_{\text{IB}}(t) = \frac{1}{G_{\text{EM}}(t)} \frac{\beta_{\pi^+\pi^-}^3}{\beta_{\pi^+\pi^0}^3} \left| \frac{F_V(t)}{f_+(t)} \right|^2$$

EM corrections

Kinematics

IB effects in Form Factors

$G_{\text{EM}}(t) \sim$ virtual photon + real photon

Photon loops
in $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\nu_\tau$

Radiative decays:
 $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$

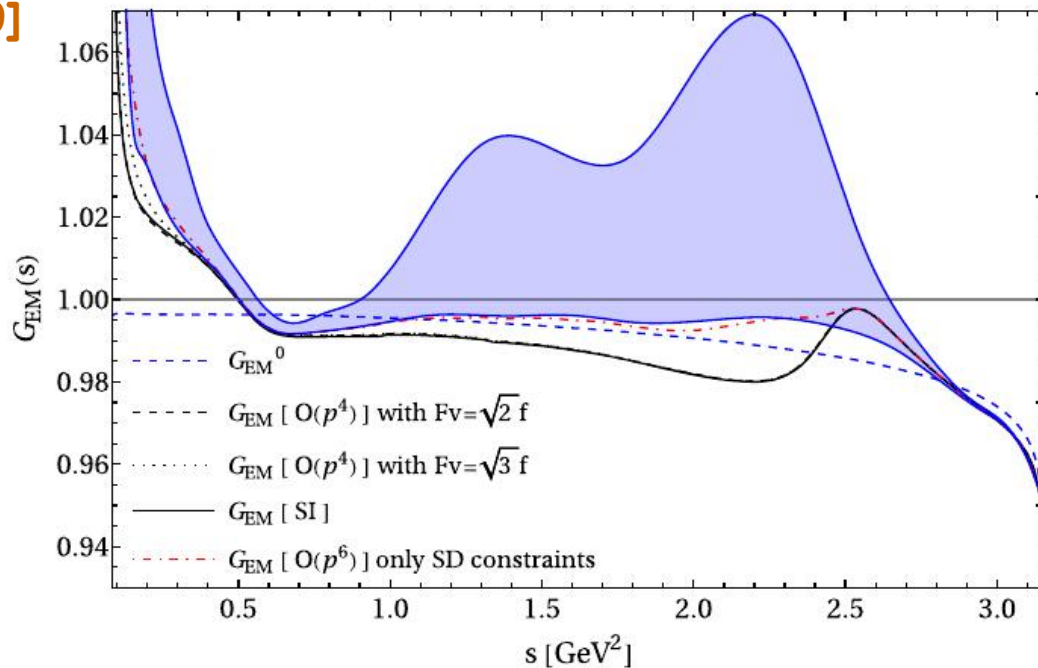


TABLE IV. Contributions to $\Delta a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$ in units of 10^{-11} using the dispersive representation of the form factor. From the two evaluations labeled $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$, the left (right) one corresponds to $F_V = \sqrt{2}F$ ($F_V = \sqrt{3}F$).

$[s_1, s_2]$	$\Delta a_{\mu, G_{EM}^{(0)}}^{\text{HVP,LO}}$	$\Delta a_{\mu, \text{SI}}^{\text{HVP,LO}}$	$\Delta a_{\mu, [\mathcal{O}(p^4)]}^{\text{HVP,LO}}$	$\Delta a_{\mu, [\mathcal{O}(p^4)]}^{\text{HVP,LO}}$	$\Delta a_{\mu, [\text{SD}]}^{\text{HVP,LO}}$	$\Delta a_{\mu, [\mathcal{O}(p^6)]}^{\text{HVP,LO}}$
$[4m_\pi^2, 1 \text{ GeV}^2]$	+17.8	-11.0	-11.3	-17.0	-32.4	-74.8 ± 44.0
$[4m_\pi^2, 2 \text{ GeV}^2]$	+18.3	-10.1	-10.3	-16.0	-31.9	-75.9 ± 45.5
$[4m_\pi^2, 3 \text{ GeV}^2]$	+18.4	-10.0	-10.2	-15.9	-31.9	-75.9 ± 45.6
$[4m_\pi^2, m_\tau^2]$	+18.4	-10.0	-10.2	-15.9	-31.9	-75.9 ± 45.6

Referenced value using the tau data to calculate a_μ

$$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{th}} = (12.5 \pm 6.0) \times 10^{-10}$$

➤ CP violation in tau decays

$$A_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau H) - \Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \nu_\tau \bar{H})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau H) + \Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \nu_\tau \bar{H})}$$

Intensive discussions on tau \rightarrow Ks pi nu

$$A_Q = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau) - \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \nu_\tau)}{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau) + \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \nu_\tau)}$$

$$\approx (0.36 \pm 0.01)\%$$

SM prediction

[Bigi et al., PLB'05]

[Grossman et al., JHEP'12]

[Cirigliano et al., PRL'18]

[Rendo et al., PRD'19]

$$\left(-0.36 \pm 0.23_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.11_{\text{syst}} \right)\%$$

BaBar

[Lees et al., PRD'12]

[Chen et al., PRD'19 JHEP'20]

Other types of CPV observables: T-odd triple-product asymmetry

A typical T-odd kinematical variable:

$$\xi \equiv \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} a^\mu b^\nu c^\rho d^\sigma \frac{\text{rest frame}}{\text{of particle } a} \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) m_a / s_a$$

a, b, c, d: either momentum or spin

T transformation $(t \rightarrow -t, \vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}, \dots)$: $\bar{\xi} \rightarrow -\xi$

❖ When spin is involved, measurement of polarization is needed.

[Nelson, et al., PRD'94] [Tsai, PRD'95] [Datta, PRD'07] ...

❖ When focusing on the situation with four momenta, *i.e.*

$$\xi = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_1^\mu p_2^\nu p_3^\rho p_4^\sigma \frac{\text{rest frame}}{\text{of particle 1}} \vec{p}_2 \cdot (\vec{p}_3 \times \vec{p}_4) m_1$$

In this case, there should be at least four particles in the final state!

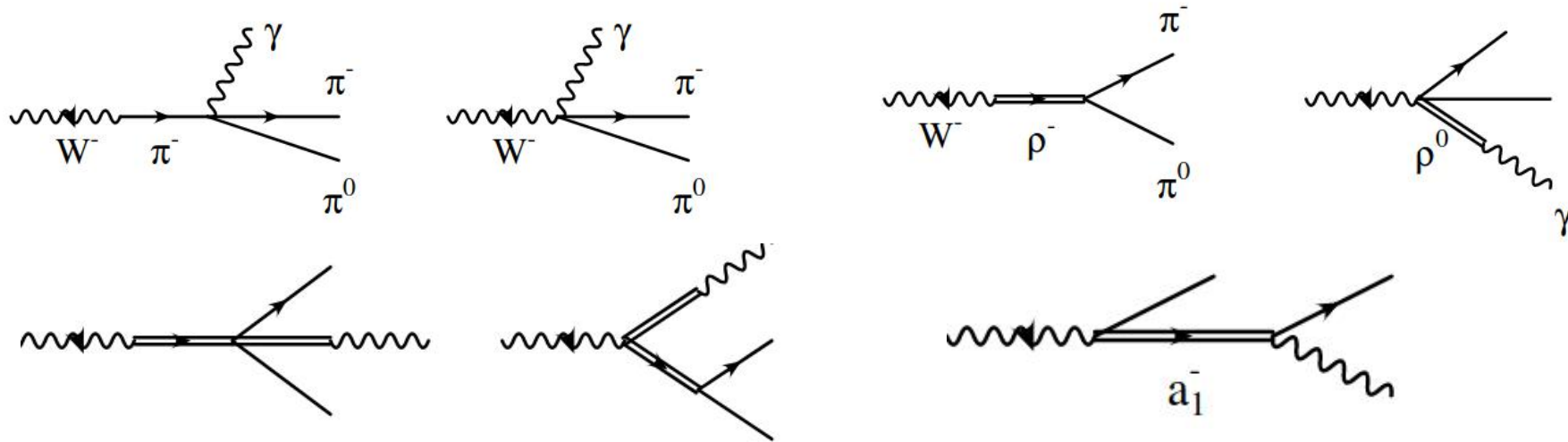
➤ Pro: Strong phase is not necessary for a CPV phenomenon using TPA.

Con: TPA could also be caused by the final-state interactions!

$\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$: good place to probe T-odd triple-product asymmetry

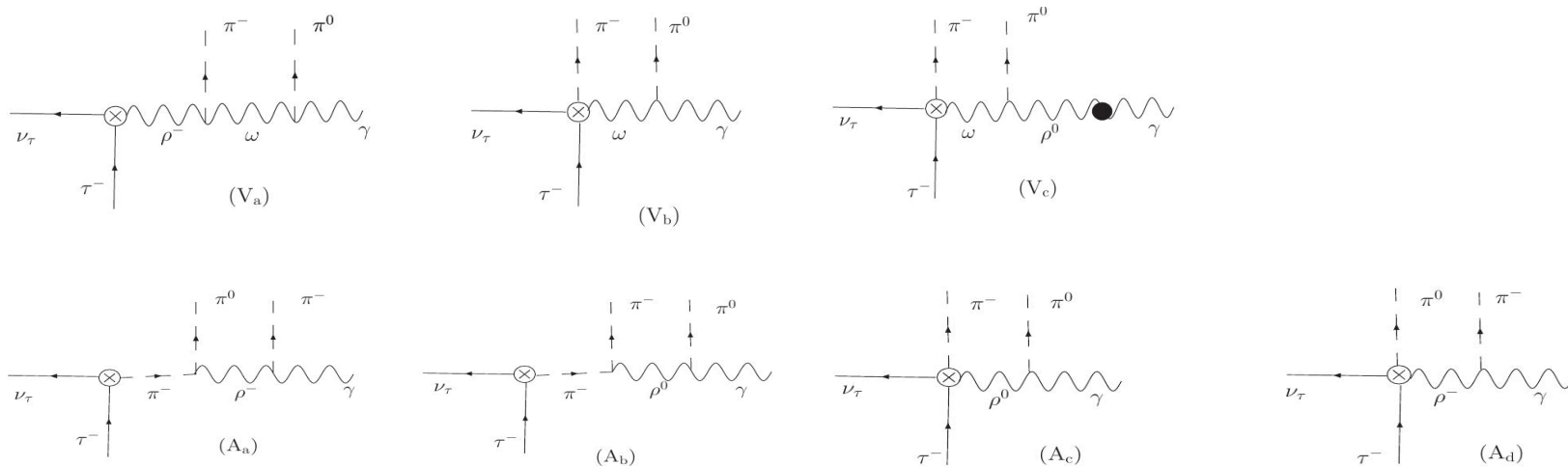
Minimal RChT contributions to $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$

[Cirigliano et al., JHEP'02]



Contributions from VVP and VJP operators in RChT

[Chen, Duan, ZHG, JHEP'22]



High energy constraints to the resonance couplings

$$\int d^4x \int d^4y e^{i(p \cdot x + q \cdot y)} \langle 0 | T [V_\mu^a(x) V_\nu^b(y) P^c(0)] | 0 \rangle$$

$$= d^{abc} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\alpha q^\beta \Pi_{\text{VVP}}(p^2, q^2, r^2),$$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \Pi_{\text{VVP}}^{(8)}[(\lambda p)^2, (\lambda q)^2, (\lambda p + \lambda q)^2]$$

$$= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \Pi_{\text{VVP}}^{(0)}[(\lambda p)^2, (\lambda q)^2, (\lambda p + \lambda q)^2]$$

$$= -\frac{\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0}{2\lambda^4} \frac{p^2 + q^2 + r^2}{p^2 q^2 r^2} [1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^6}\right).$$

$$c_1 + 4c_3 = 0 \quad c_1 - c_2 + c_5 = 0 \quad c_5 - c_6 = \frac{N_C M_V}{64\sqrt{2}\pi^2 F_V}$$

$$d_1 + 8d_2 = -\frac{N_c M_V^2}{(8\pi F_V)^2} + \frac{F^2}{4F_V^2} \quad d_3 = -\frac{N_c M_V^2}{(8\pi F_V)^2} + \frac{F^2}{8F_V^2}$$

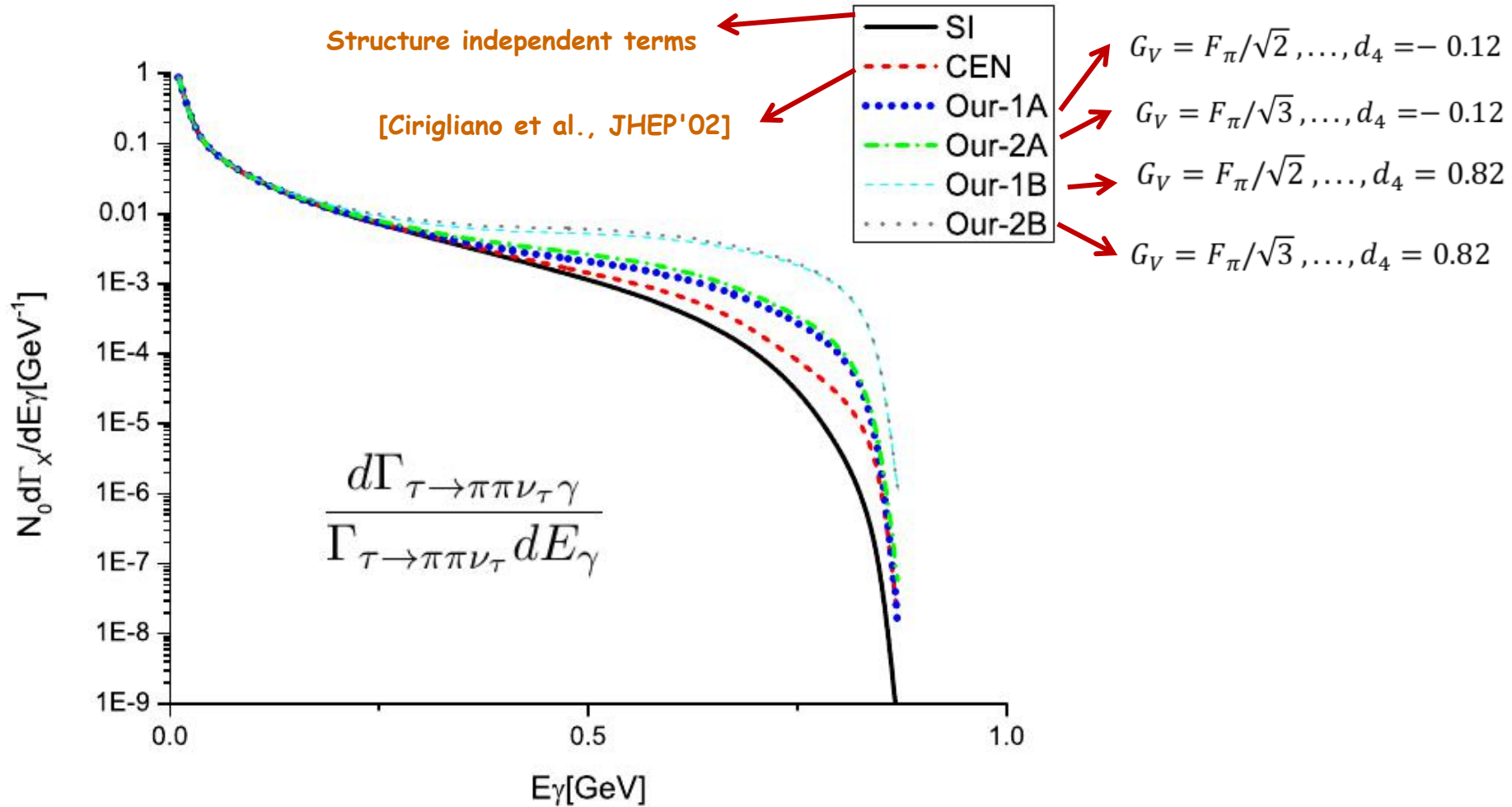
Other constraints from scattering and form factors

$$F_A = F_\pi, \quad F_V = \sqrt{2}F_\pi, \quad G_V = F_\pi/\sqrt{2}.$$

Or

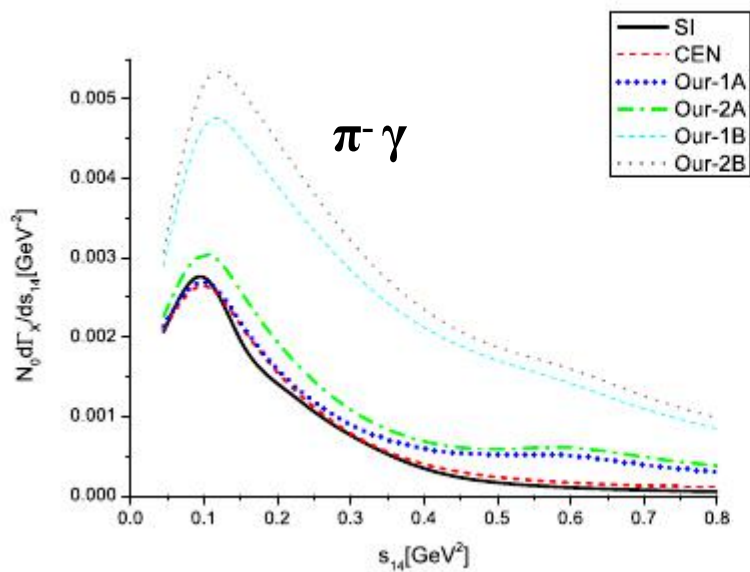
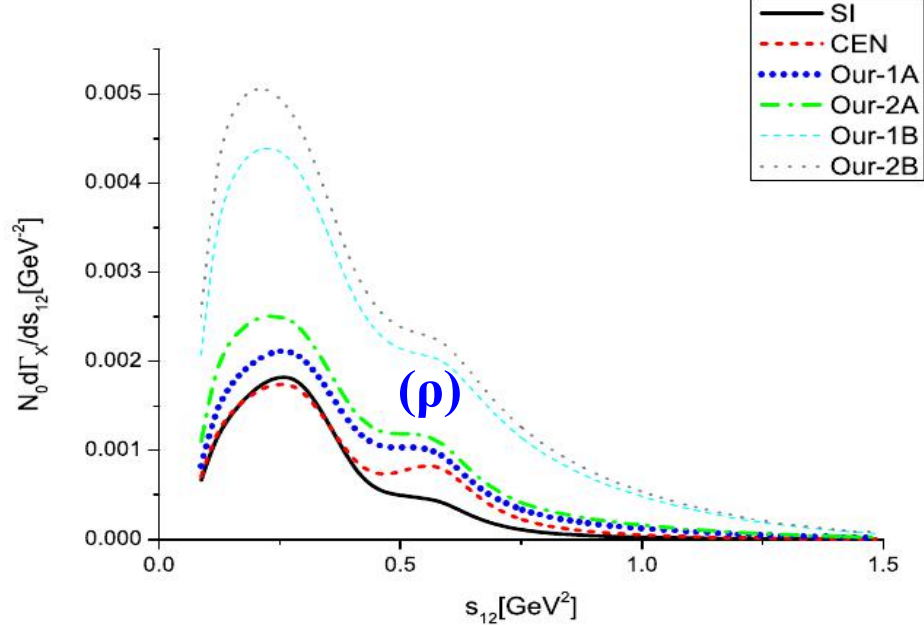
$$F_A = \sqrt{2}F_\pi, \quad F_V = \sqrt{3}F_\pi, \quad G_V = F_\pi/\sqrt{3}$$

Differential decay widths as a function of photon energies

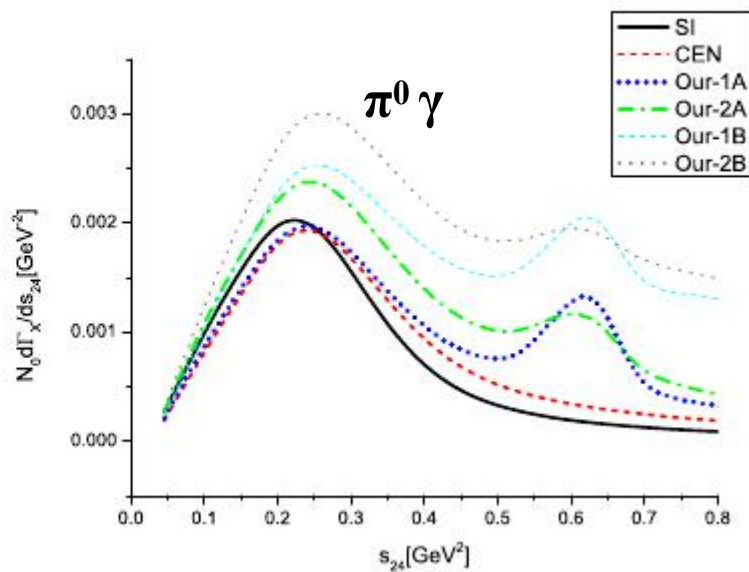


- ❖ When the photon energy cutoff is around 300 MeV, the absolute branching ratio is predicted to be around 10^{-4} and it has a good chance to be well measured at Belle-II, STCF, CEPC,

Invariant-mass distributions of the $\pi\pi$ system



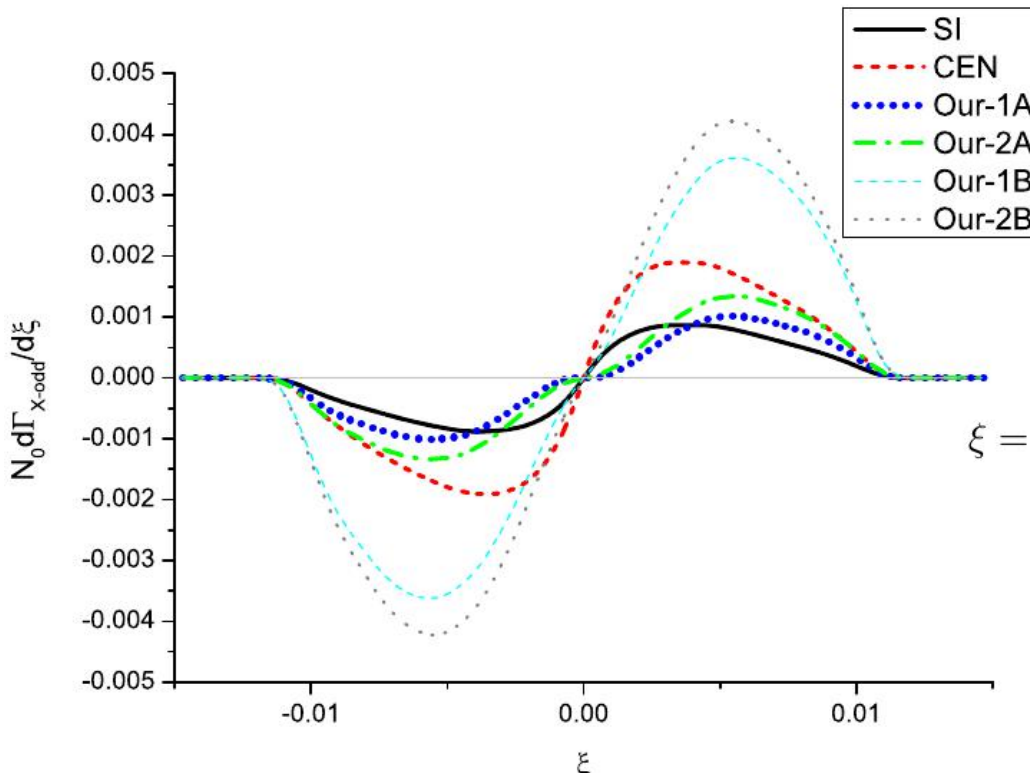
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Predictions of the T-odd asymmetry distribution in $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$

[Chen, Duan, ZHG, JHEP'22]



$$\tau^-(P) \rightarrow \pi^-(p_1)\pi^0(p_2)\nu_\tau(q)\gamma(k)$$

$$\xi = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P^\mu k^\nu p_1^\rho p_2^\sigma / m_\tau^4 \underset{\text{of } \tau}{\text{rest frame}} \vec{k} \cdot (\vec{p}_1 \times \vec{p}_2) / m_\tau^3$$

E_γ^{cut}	$A_\xi(\text{Our-1A})$	$A_\xi(\text{Our-2A})$	$A_\xi(\text{Our-1B})$	$A_\xi(\text{Our-2B})$
100 MeV	1.2/1.7/1.0/1.6	1.3/1.8/0.98/1.4	1.6/1.7/1.4/1.6	1.7/1.8/1.3/1.4
300 MeV	1.5/2.6/1.0/2.2	1.6/2.5/0.73/1.6	2.3/2.6/2.0/2.2	2.4/2.5/1.7/1.6
500 MeV	0.98/1.4/0.58/0.88	0.91/1.4/0.68/0.43	2.1/1.4/1.8/8.8	2.1/1.4/1.5/4.3

$$A_\xi = \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} \quad \text{with} \quad N_\pm = \int_{\xi \gtrless 0} d\Gamma$$

(numbers are multiplied by 10^{-2})

- The magnitudes of A_ξ for $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$ are around **two orders larger** than those in $K_{l3\gamma}$. It has the good chance to be measured in Belle-II, STCF, CEPC

Prospects of revealing the genuine CPV signals

- CPV signals can be probed by taking the differences of A_ξ in $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi^0\gamma\nu_\tau$ and $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\gamma\nu_\tau$

$$A_\xi = \frac{\Gamma_+ - \Gamma_-}{\Gamma_+ + \Gamma_-} \quad \overline{A}_{\bar{\xi}} = \frac{\overline{\Gamma}_+ - \overline{\Gamma}_-}{\overline{\Gamma}_+ + \overline{\Gamma}_-}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma}_+ = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2m_\tau} \int_{\overline{\xi} > 0} d\Phi (\overline{M}_0 + \overline{\xi}\overline{M}_1), \quad \overline{\Gamma}_- = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2m_\tau} \int_{\overline{\xi} < 0} d\Phi (\overline{M}_0 + \overline{\xi}\overline{M}_1)$$

$$\mathcal{M} = e G_F V_{ud}^* \epsilon^{*\mu}(k) \left\{ (1 + \mathbf{g}_V) F_\nu \bar{u}(q) \gamma^\nu (1 - \gamma_5) (m_\tau + \not{P} - \not{k}) \gamma_\mu u(P) \right. \\ \left. + [(1 + \mathbf{g}_V) V_{\mu\nu} - (1 - \mathbf{g}_A) A_{\mu\nu}] \bar{u}(q) \gamma^\nu (1 - \gamma_5) u(P) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\xi = A_\xi - \overline{A}_{\bar{\xi}} \supset \text{Im}(\mathbf{g}_V^* \mathbf{g}_A) \text{Re}[F_V(t/u)^* A_i], \quad \text{Im}(\mathbf{g}_V^* \mathbf{g}_A) \text{Re}(V_j^* A_i)$$

- Generally speaking, sizable hadronic contributions are also expected to enhance the CPV signals in $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\nu_\tau$.
- TPA in other types of τ decays could be also possible.

Summary

Tau offers a laboratory for a broad range of interesting topics:

➤ **Precision tests of SM: CKM, α_s , m_τ , lepton universality,**

➤ **Hadron interactions: light-flavor resonances, chiral symmetry, form factors, second-class currents,**

➤ **BSM tests:**

CPV (rate asym., triple-product asym.)

LFV (lepton/radiative decays, hadron decays)

... ..

➤ **Resonance chiral theory offers a systematical tool to study the tau decays.**

E.g., rich phenomenologies in $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma \nu_\tau$: photon spectrum, $\pi^- \pi^0$, $\pi^- \gamma$, $\pi^0 \gamma$ spectra, the triple-product T-odd asymmetries.

Thanks for your patience!