



Precision Hyperon (Semileptonic Decay) Physics at STCF



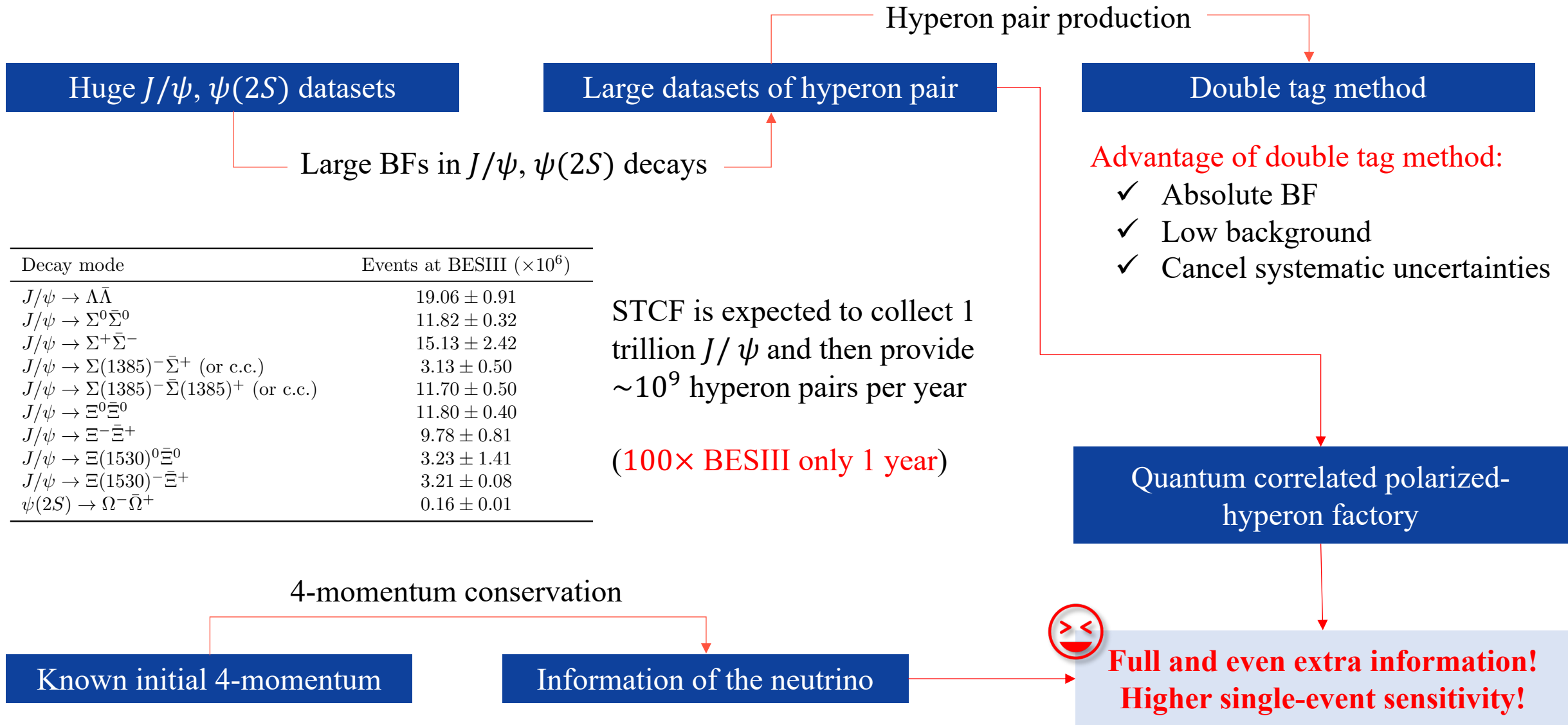
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Decay mode	Events at BESIII ($\times 10^6$)
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$	19.06 ± 0.91
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \bar{\Sigma}^0$	11.82 ± 0.32
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$	15.13 ± 2.42
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma(1385)^- \bar{\Sigma}^+(1385)^+$ (or c.c.)	3.13 ± 0.50
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma(1385)^- \bar{\Sigma}(1385)^+$ (or c.c.)	11.70 ± 0.50
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0 \bar{\Xi}^0$	11.80 ± 0.40
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^- \bar{\Xi}^+$	9.78 ± 0.81
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi(1530)^0 \bar{\Xi}^0$	3.23 ± 1.41
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi(1530)^- \bar{\Xi}^+$	3.21 ± 0.08
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Omega^- \bar{\Omega}^+$	0.16 ± 0.01

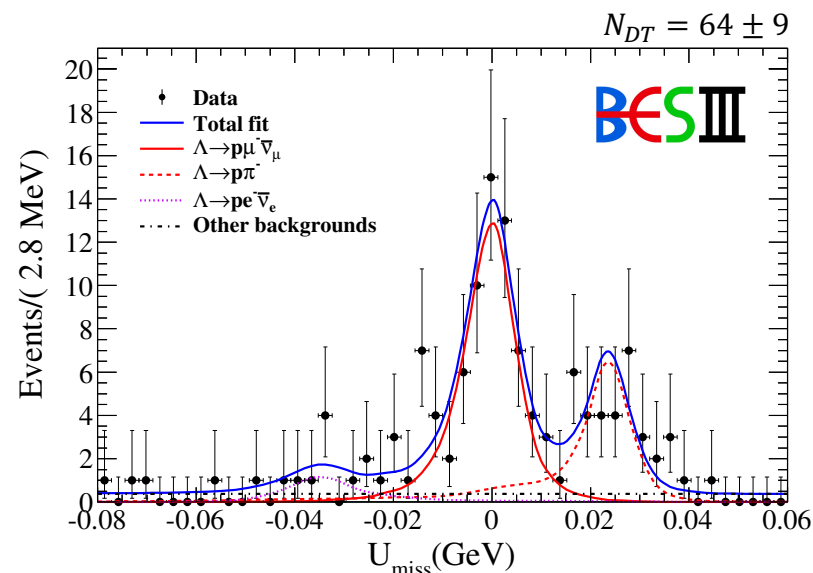
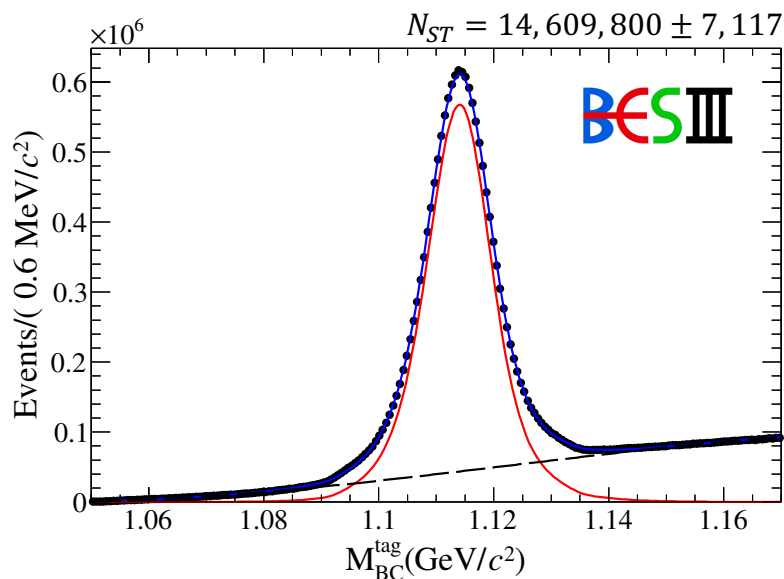
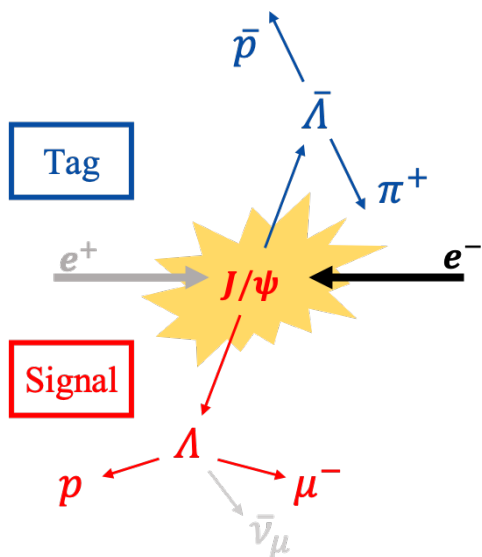
Background

- Before our measurement, there are only **fixed-target experiments** performed about 50 years ago.
- All these previous branching fraction results are **relative with huge uncertainty**.
- The best previous result was obtained **based on only 14 events** selected from about 0.6M **bubble chamber pictures**.

$\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$ PDG 2020

$\Gamma(\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu)/\Gamma(\Lambda \rightarrow N\pi)$

VALUE (10^{-4})	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
1.57 ± 0.35	OUR FIT			
1.57 ± 0.35	OUR AVERAGE			
1.4 ± 0.5	14	BAGGETT	1972B HBC	K^-p at rest
2.4 ± 0.8	9	CANTER	1971B HBC	K^-p at rest
1.3 ± 0.7	3	LIND	1964 RVUE	
1.5 ± 1.2	2	RONNE	1964 FBC	



[BESIII, PRL 127, 121802 \(2021\)](#)

First absolute BF measurement

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu) = (1.48 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-4}$$

- ✓ Update measurement after about 50 years break
- ✓ The first study at a collider experiment
- ✓ The most precise result to date

Test lepton flavor universality

$$R^{\mu e} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu)_{BESIII}}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow pe^-\bar{\nu}_e)_{PDG}} = 0.178 \pm 0.028$$

Consistent
with LFU

$$R_{SM}^{\mu e} = 0.153 \pm 0.008$$

[PRL 114, 161802 \(2015\)](#)

Discussion and perspective

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100× statistics at STCF

Assuming the central values are same and the systematical uncertainty is comparable to the statistical one.

$$R^{\mu e} = \frac{B(\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu)_{STCF}}{B(\Lambda \rightarrow pe^-\bar{\nu}_e)_{STCF}} = 0.178 \pm 0.0036$$



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4.6σ deviation



$$R_{SM}^{\mu e} = 0.153 \pm 0.008$$

[PRL 114, 161802 \(2015\)](#)

Half uncertainty

Inputs from theorists are needed !!!



$$R_{SM}^{\mu e} = 0.153 \pm 0.004$$

Background

- About second-class currents, previous nuclear β decay experiments gave contradictory conclusions.
 - ✓ Refs. [1-4] are in favor of the existence of the second-class currents
 - ✓ Refs. [5-8] reported the absence of second-class currents.
- In hyperon β decay, flavor-SU(3)-symmetry-breaking effects [9-10] or second-class currents [11] can cause a nonzero axial-vector form factor g_2 , and some of the experiments suggest a large g_2 [12].

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Background

- In order to confirm the existence of second-class currents, **a unique observable (R) was first proposed by S. Weinberg** in 1958.

$$R \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)}$$

- If there is no second-class currents, R value should be just the phase-space ratio for these two decays, **no matter flavor-SU(3)-symmetry-breaking effects exist or not**, so any experimental deviation from this deduction would be **decisive evidence** for the existence of second-class currents.

PHYSICAL REVIEW

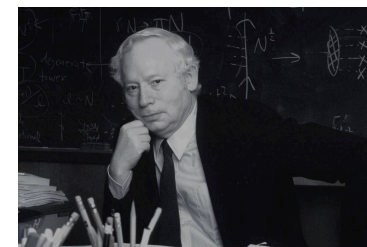
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NOVEMBER 15, 1958

Charge Symmetry of Weak Interactions*

STEVEN WEINBERG
Columbia University, New York, New York
(Received June 25, 1958)

[Phys. Rev. 112, 1375 \(1958\)](#)



Background

- T. D. Lee and C. N. Yang calculate R on the basis of no second-class currents.

$$R_{\text{theory}} \cong 1.57$$

PHYSICAL REVIEW

VOLUME 119, NUMBER 4

AUGUST 15, 1960

Implications of the Intermediate Boson Basis of the Weak Interactions: Existence of a Quartet of Intermediate Bosons and Their Dual Isotopic Spin Transformation Properties

T. D. LEE

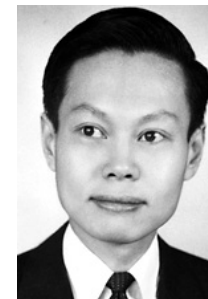
Columbia University, New York, New York

AND

C. N. YANG

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

(Received April 11, 1960)



Chen Ning Yang



Tsung-Dao Lee

[Phys. Rev. 119, 1410 \(1960\)](#)

Background

$$R \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e) \cdot \tau_{\Sigma^+}}{\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e) \cdot \tau_{\Sigma^-}}$$

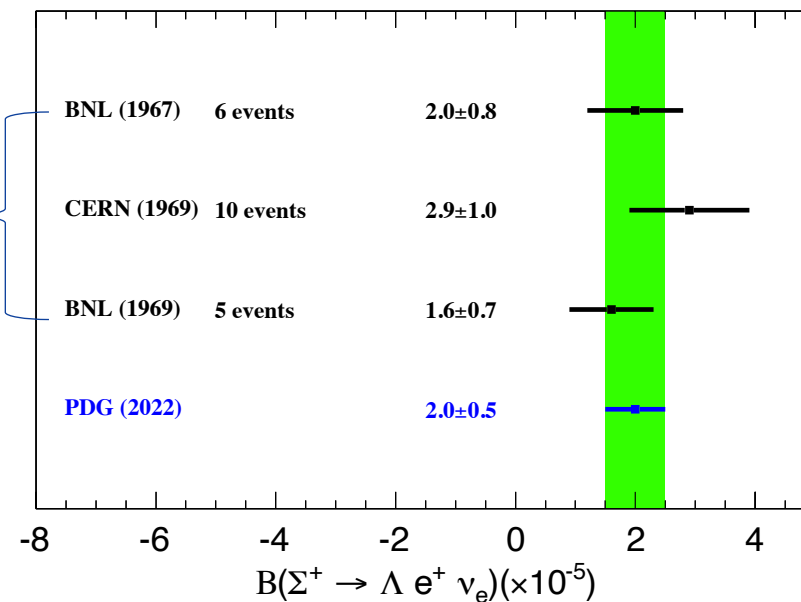
From PDG2022 [1]:

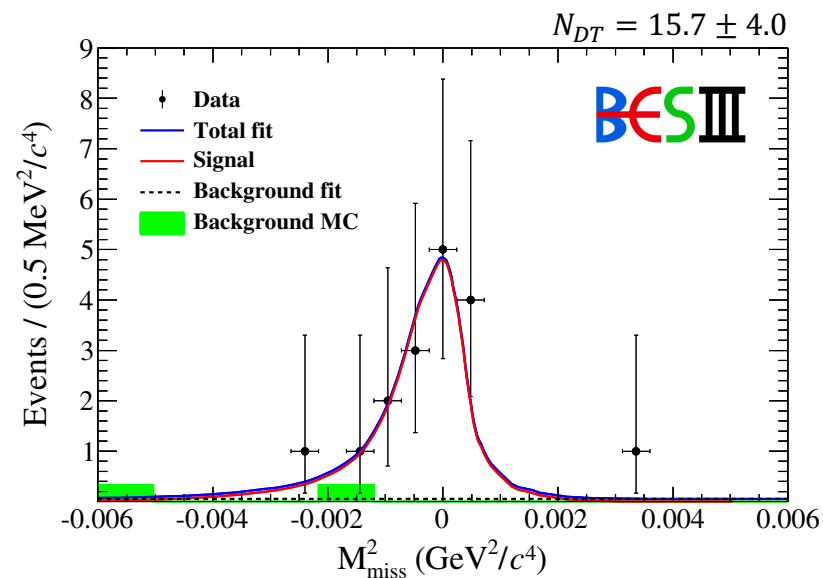
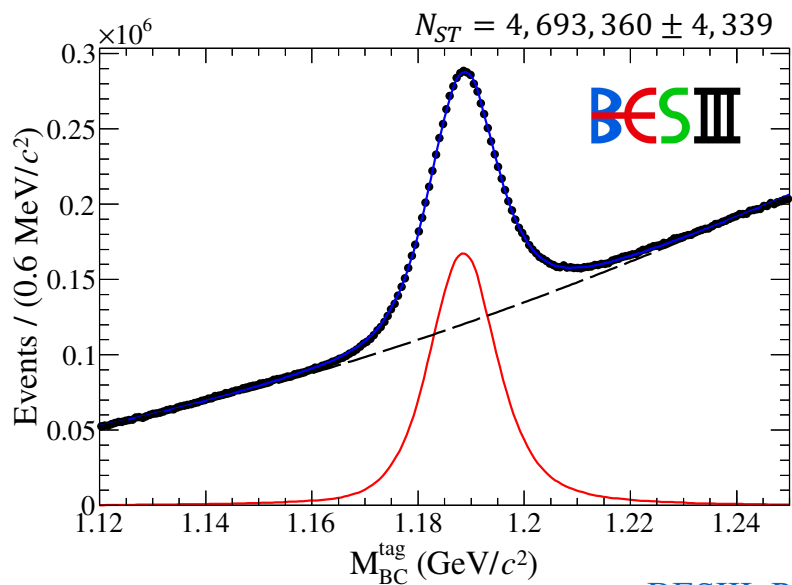
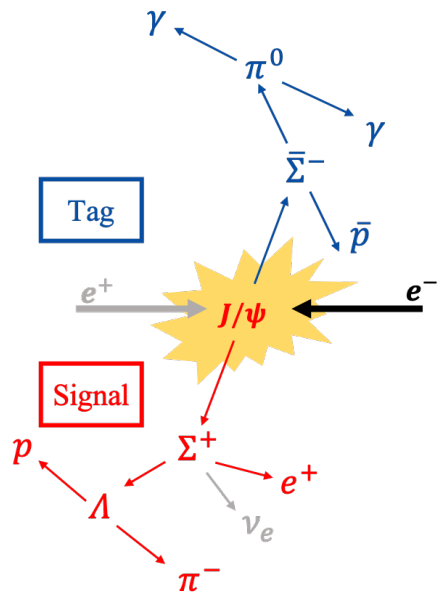
$$\sigma(\tau_{\Sigma^+}) \sim 0.3\% \quad \sigma[\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e)] \sim 4.7\%$$

$$\sigma(\tau_{\Sigma^-}) \sim 0.7\% \quad \sigma[\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)] \sim 25\%$$



1. Fixed-target experiments
2. Bubble chamber pictures
3. Indirect measurement





[BESIII, PRD 107, 072010 \(2023\)](#)

First direct measurement of absolute BF

$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e) = (2.93 \pm 0.74 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$$

- ✓ Update measurement after about 50 years break
- ✓ The first study at a collider experiment
- ✓ The most precise result in a single experiment

Search for second-class currents

$$R \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e)_{PDG} \cdot \tau_{\Sigma^+ PDG}}{\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)_{BESIII} \cdot \tau_{\Sigma^- PDG}} = 1.06 \pm 0.28$$

NO evidence for second-class currents

Discussion and perspective

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[BESIII, PRD 107, 072010 \(2023\)](#)

BESIII



$$R_{\text{theory}} \cong \mathbf{1.57}$$

[Phys. Rev. 119, 1410 \(1960\)](#)

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10σ deviation

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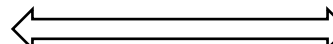
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Without the certain mean value and the corresponding uncertainty, we cannot claim the observation of second-class currents.

In the SM : First-row unitarity relation

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$$

2.3σ tension

 A hint of new physics?

PDG 2024 : Independent measurements

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 0.9984 \pm 0.0007$$

 $|V_{ub}|$: Small ($|V_{ub}|^2 \cong 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$) \rightarrow The effect could be ignored in current precision

 $|V_{ud}|$: Most precise; results from different decays are consistent at $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$ \rightarrow Precise and reliable

 $|V_{us}|$: $\sigma(|V_{us}|) = 2.7 \times \sigma(|V_{ud}|)$; inconsistency between results from different decays

Most precise

Kaon : 2.3σ tension from CKM unitarity

$$|V_{us}| = 0.22431 \pm 0.00085$$

[PDG 2024](#)

Second most precise

Tau : 3.7σ deviation from CKM unitarity

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2207 \pm 0.0014$$

[HFLAV 2022](#)

2.2σ tension

[PRL 92, 251803 \(2004\)](#)

Largest uncertainty

Hyperon : consistent with CKM unitarity

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2250 \pm 0.0027$$

Dominated by the $\Lambda \rightarrow pe^- \bar{\nu}_e$

Decay width of $\Lambda \rightarrow pe^{-}\bar{\nu}_e$ in the SM

$$\Gamma_{\text{SM}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda \rightarrow pe^{-}\bar{\nu}_e}}{\tau_{\Lambda}} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{us}|^2 f_1(0)^2 \Delta^5}{60\pi^3} \left[\left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\delta + \frac{6}{7}\delta^2\right) + \frac{4}{7}\delta^2 g_w^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left(3 - \frac{9}{2}\delta + \frac{12}{7}\delta^2\right) g_{av}^2 + \frac{12}{7}\delta^2 g_{av2}^2 + \frac{6}{7}\delta^2 g_w + (-4\delta + 6\delta^2) g_{av} g_{av2} \right]$$

[PRD 70, 114036 \(2004\)](#)



$$\Delta \equiv M_{\Lambda} - M_p$$

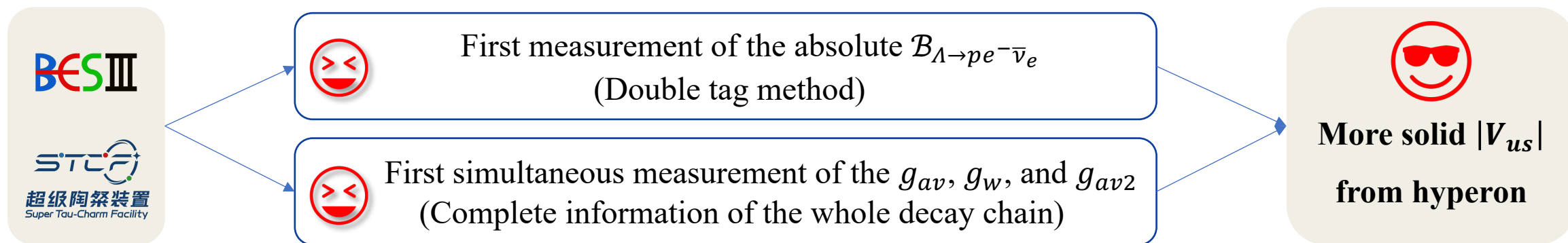
$$\delta \equiv \frac{M_{\Lambda} - M_p}{M_{\Lambda}}$$

➤ Extracting $|V_{us}|$, requires $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda \rightarrow pe^{-}\bar{\nu}_e}$, $f_1(0)$, $g_{av} \equiv \frac{g_1(0)}{f_1(0)}$, $g_w \equiv \frac{f_2(0)}{f_1(0)}$, and $g_{av2} \equiv \frac{g_2(0)}{f_1(0)}$,

□ $f_1(0)$: From LQCD

□ $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda \rightarrow pe^{-}\bar{\nu}_e}$, g_{av} , g_w , and g_{av2} : From experimental measurement

	Current status	
$\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda \rightarrow pe^- \bar{\nu}_e}$	No absolute measurement [1]	 The assumption of $g_{av2} = 0$ has not been verified
g_{av2}	No measurement [1]	
g_{av}	Measured based on two assumptions of $g_{av2} = 0$ and $g_w = 0.97$ [1]	 The assumption of $g_w = 0.97$ deviates from the measurement 2.7σ
g_w	The latest and most precise measurement is $g_w = 0.15 \pm 0.30$ [2]	



Discussion and perspective

BESIII

$\sim 2\text{k}$ events of $\Lambda \rightarrow pe^{-}\bar{\nu}_e$

$|V_{us}| = xxx \pm (\sim 0.010_{\text{exp}})$, using Cabibbo $f_1(0)$

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$f_1(0)$ from LQCD

Precision calculation for the radiative correction



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$\sim 0.2\text{M}$ events of $\Lambda \rightarrow pe^{-}\bar{\nu}_e$

$|V_{us}| = xxx \pm (\sim 0.0013_{\text{exp}})$, using Cabibbo $f_1(0)$

Comparable to the averaged $\sigma_{|V_{us}|}$ from Kaon (~ 0.0009) are Tau (~ 0.0014)

➤ The proposed STCF is expected to collect 1 trillion J/ψ and then provide $\sim 10^9$ hyperon pairs per year, which enables us to pursue precision hyperon semileptonic decay physics including:

- ① Test the lepton flavor universality
- ② Search for second-class currents
- ③ Test the CKM matrix unitarity

▣ To achieve these goals, **inputs from theorists are needed !!!**



Thank you~!

