

# **Tau physics at BESIII**

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# Introduction

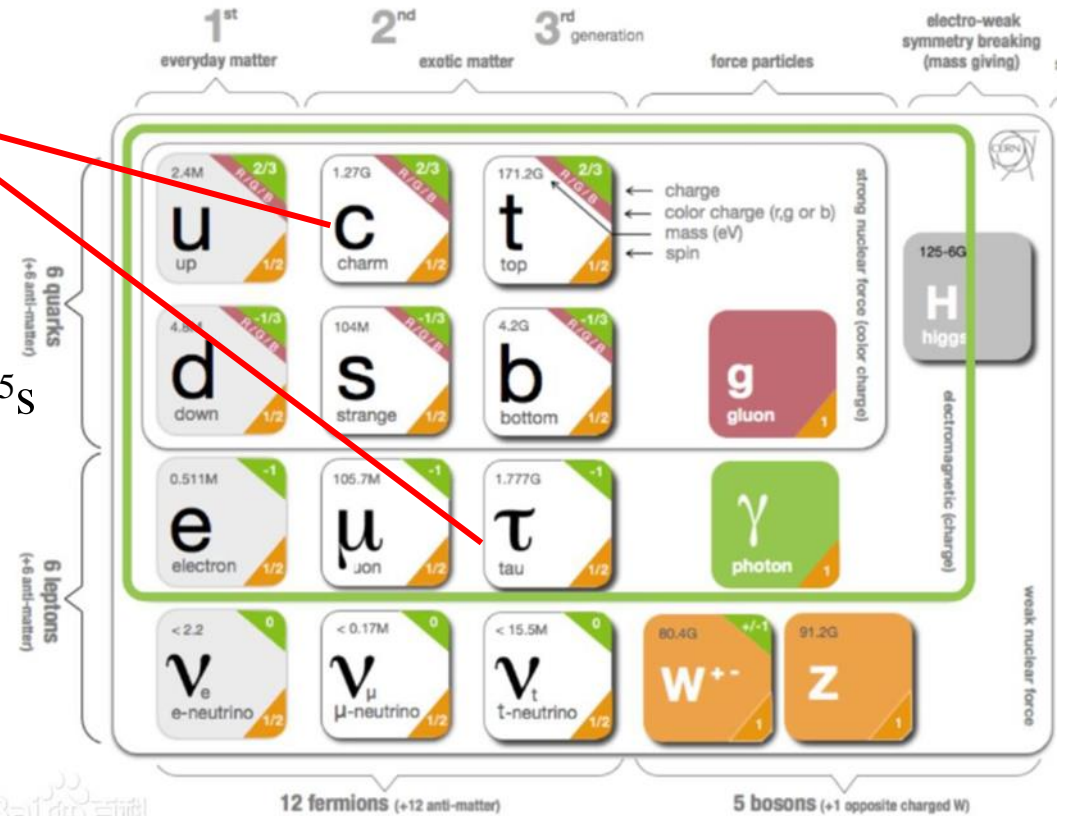
## BEPCII, BESIII

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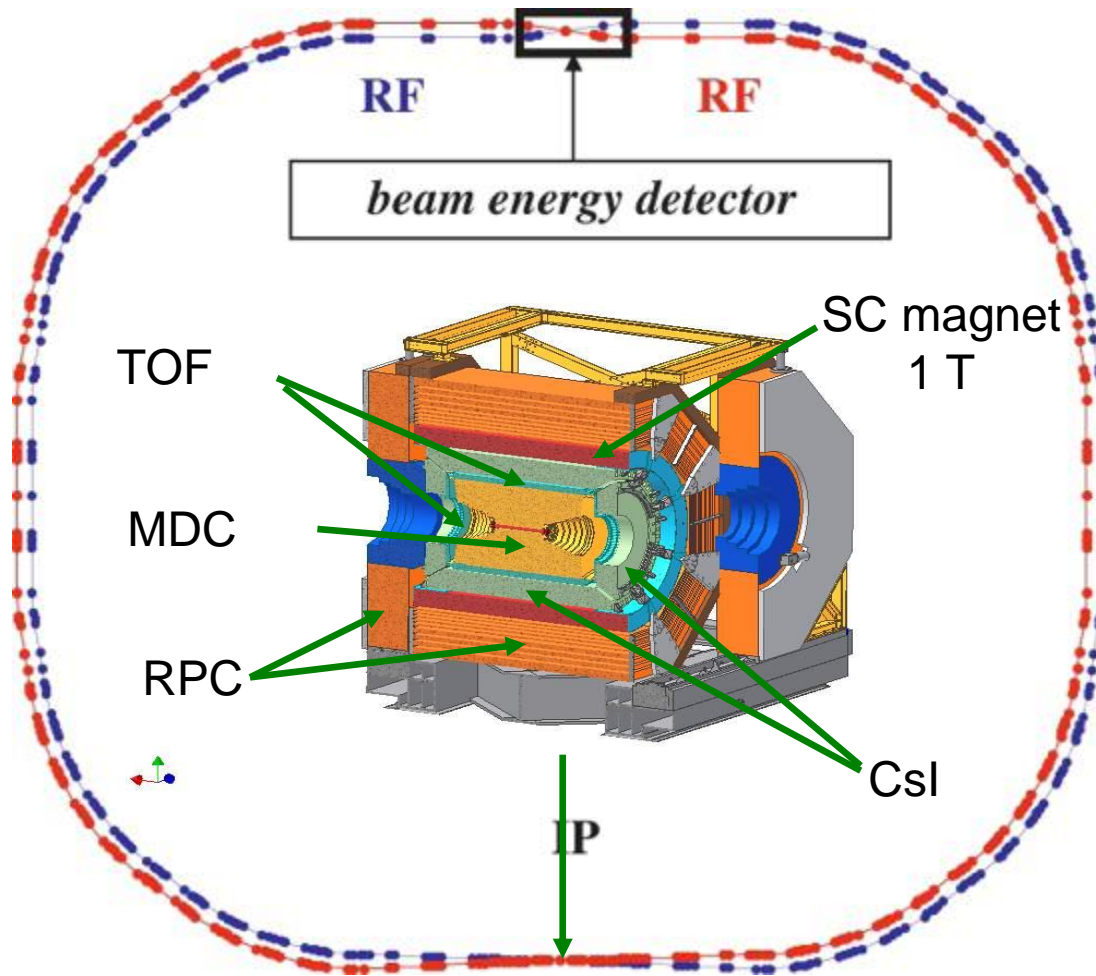
Mean life:  $(290.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-15} \text{s}$

$$m_{\tau} = 1776.86 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV}$$

- The heaviest lepton
- Provide plenty of tests to standard model



# BEPCII and BESIII



## BEPCII

Energy region: 2.0 ~ 4.6 GeV  
Luminosity:  $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
@1.89 GeV  
bunch:  $2 \times 93$   
current:  $2 \times 0.91 \text{ A}$

## BESIII

DC: position: 135  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
momentum: 0.5% @ 1 GeV,  
 $\sigma_{dE/dx}$ : 6%  
EMC: 2.5% @ 1 GeV  
6 (9) mm  
TOF: 65 ps (B)  
60 ps (EC)  
 $\mu$  counter : 9 layers (B)  
8 layers (EC)

# Tau mass measurement

- Tau lepton mass is a fundamental parameter of the Standard Model

$$m_e = 0.5109989461 \pm 0.0000000031 \text{ MeV } (6.1 \times 10^{-9}); \text{ PDG(2018)}$$

$$m_\mu = 105.6583745 \pm 0.0000024 \text{ MeV } (2.3 \times 10^{-8});$$

$$m_\tau = 1776.86 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV } (6.8 \times 10^{-5})$$

- Leptonic universality test

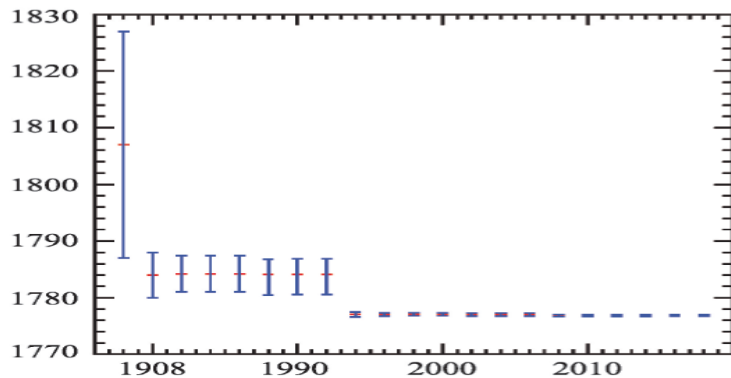
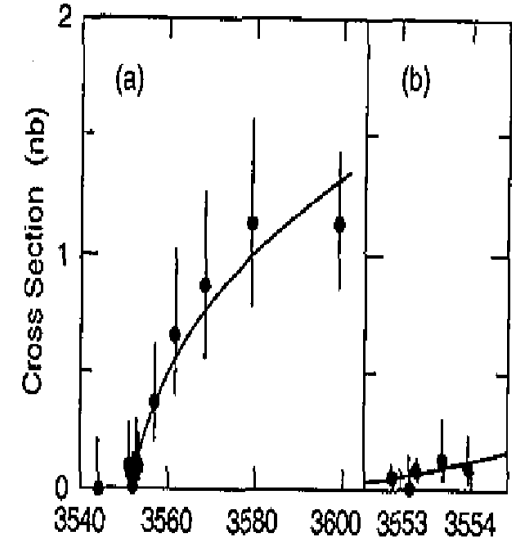
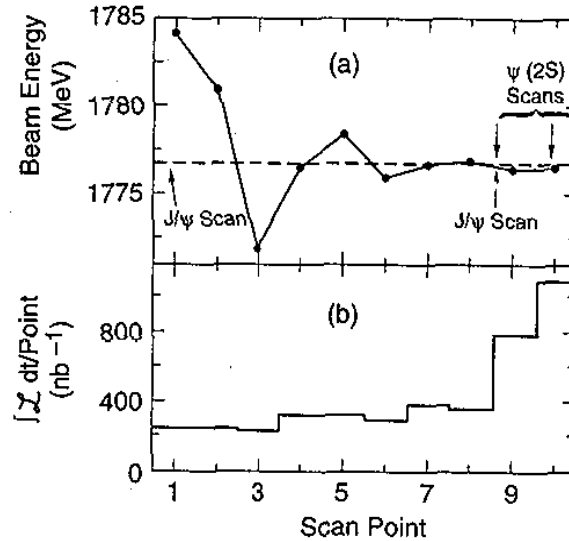
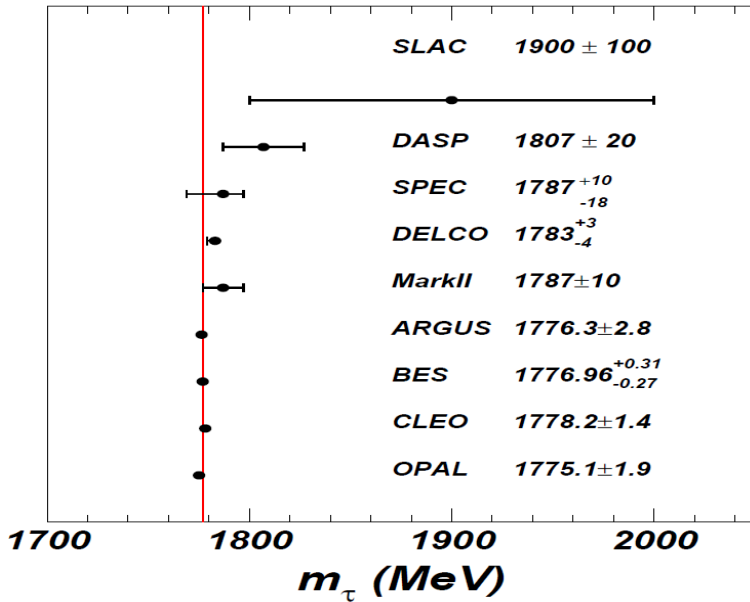
$$\left( \frac{g_\tau}{g_\mu} \right)^2 = \frac{\tau_\mu}{\tau_\tau} \left( \frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau} \right)^5 \frac{B(\tau \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\tau)}{B(\mu \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\mu)} (1 + \Delta_e)$$

$\tau$  mass is sensitive to universality:  $m_\tau^5$

- Threshold scan method is used

# History of $M_\tau$ measurement

see Walter Toki's talk

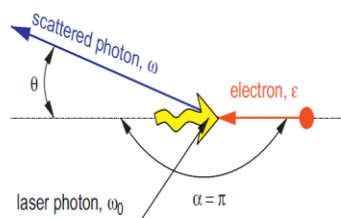
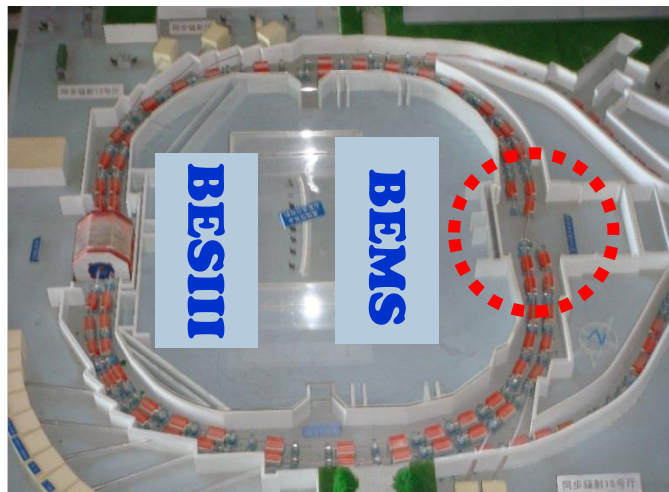


Measurement results of  $m_\tau$  in the 21 century.

Measured $m_\tau$ (value+statistic+systematic)	Year	Exp. Group	Data sample	Method
$1776.91 \pm 0.12^{+0.10}_{-0.13}$	2014	BESIII	$23.26 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	Threshold-scan
$1776.68 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.41$	2009	Babar	$423 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	Pseudo-mass
$1776.81^{+0.25}_{-0.23} \pm 0.15$	2007	KEDR	$6.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	Threshold-scan
$1776.61 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.35$	2007	Belle	$414 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	Pseudo-mass

# Beam energy measurement system (BEMS)

see Alexey's talk



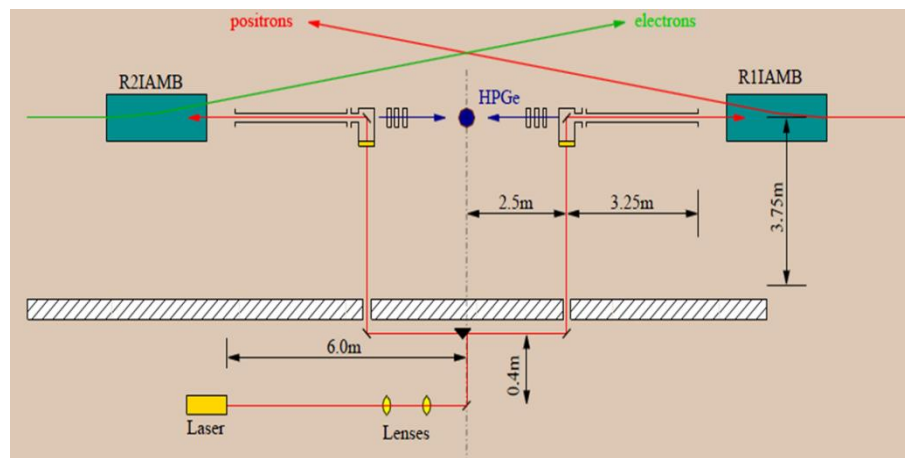
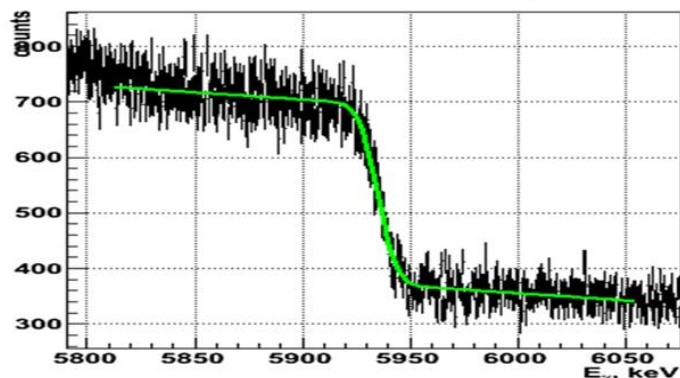
Head on collision, backscattered photons :

$$\omega_{max} = \frac{\epsilon^2}{\epsilon + m_e^2/4\omega_0^2}$$

Beam energy:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\omega_{max}}{2} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{m_e^2}{\omega_0 \omega_{max}}} \right]$$

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# Statistical optimization of $M_\tau$

$$\mu_i(m_\tau, s_i) = \mathcal{L}_i \cdot (\varepsilon \cdot \mathcal{B}_f \cdot \sigma_{obs}(m_\tau, s_i) + \sigma_{BG})$$

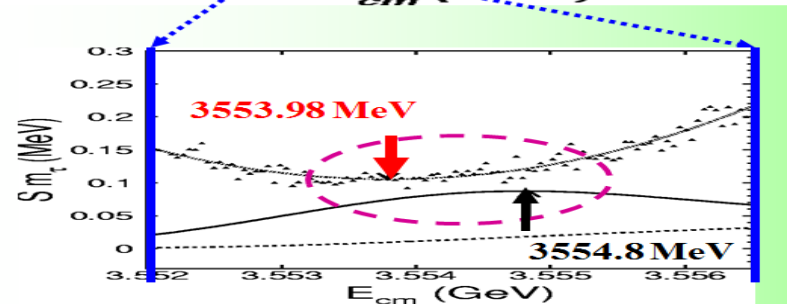
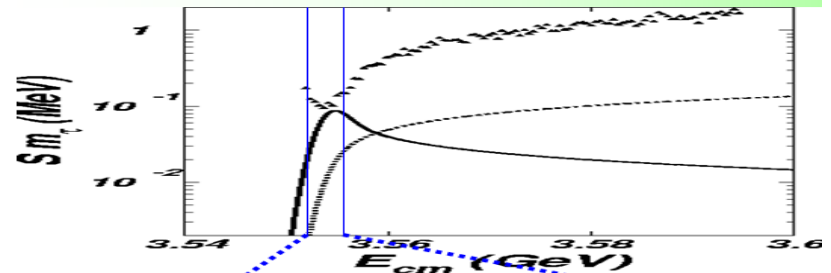
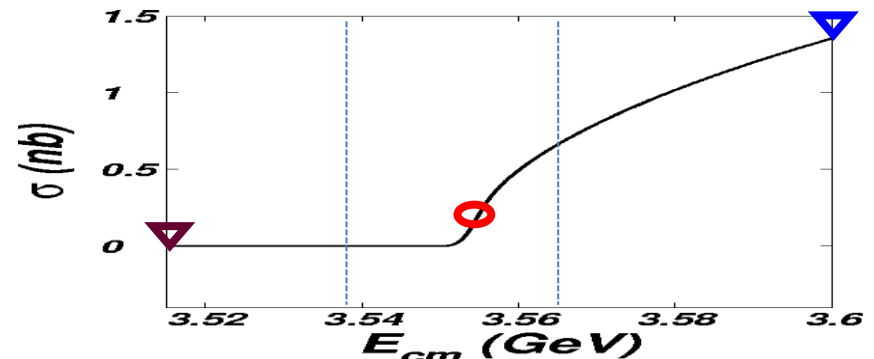
**Assume :  $M_\tau$  is known**

To find :

1. What's the optimal distribution of data taking point;
2. How many points are needed in scan experiment;
3. How much luminosity is required for certain precision.

points	$\Delta E_1$	$\Delta E_2$	$\Delta E_3$	$\Delta E_4$	$\Delta E_5$
$\Delta E_i/\text{MeV}$	-5	-0.325	+0.075	+3.5	+15
$L_i\%$	14	39	26	7	14

$$\Delta E_i = E_i - M_\tau$$

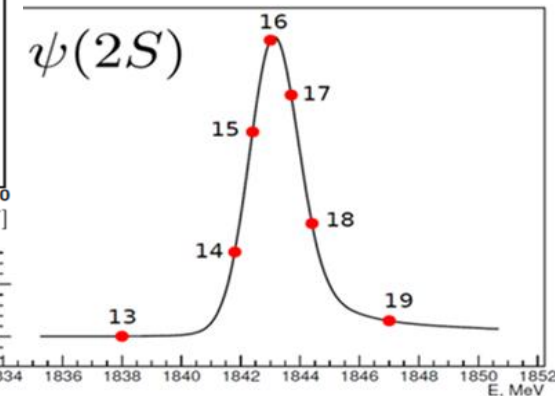
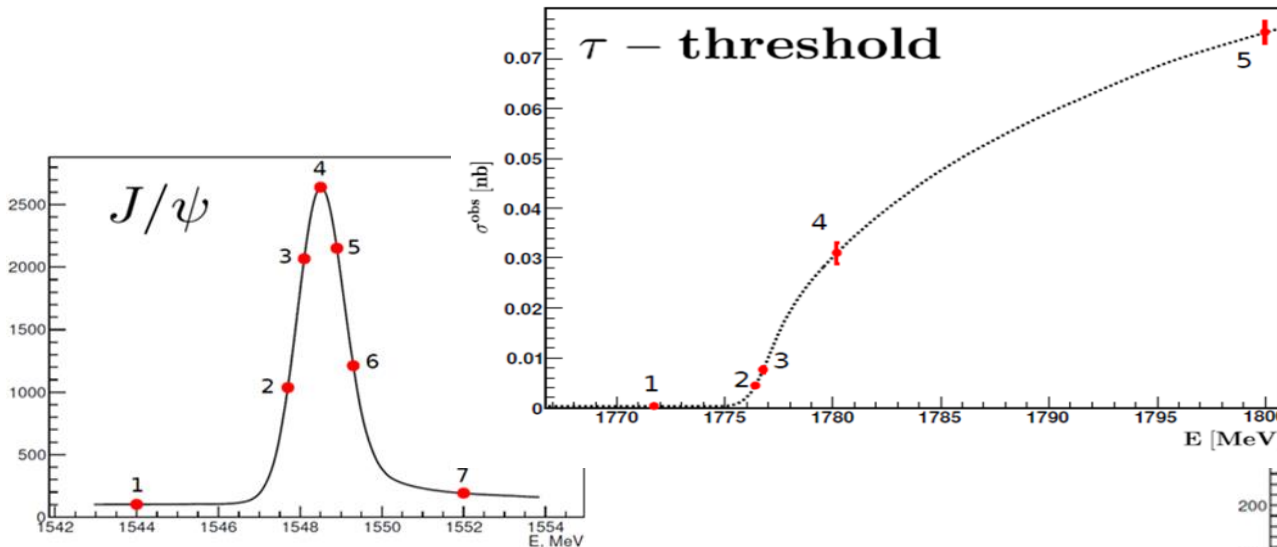


# Data taking scenario

## Three stages:

- $J/\psi$  scan, 7 points, determine  $M_{J/\psi}$  and  $\sigma_E$
- Tau mass threshold scan
- $\psi'$  scan, 7 points, determine  $M_{\psi'}$  and  $\sigma_E$

Total lum.  $\sim 100\text{pb}^{-1}$ ,  
uncertainty:  $0.1\text{MeV}$

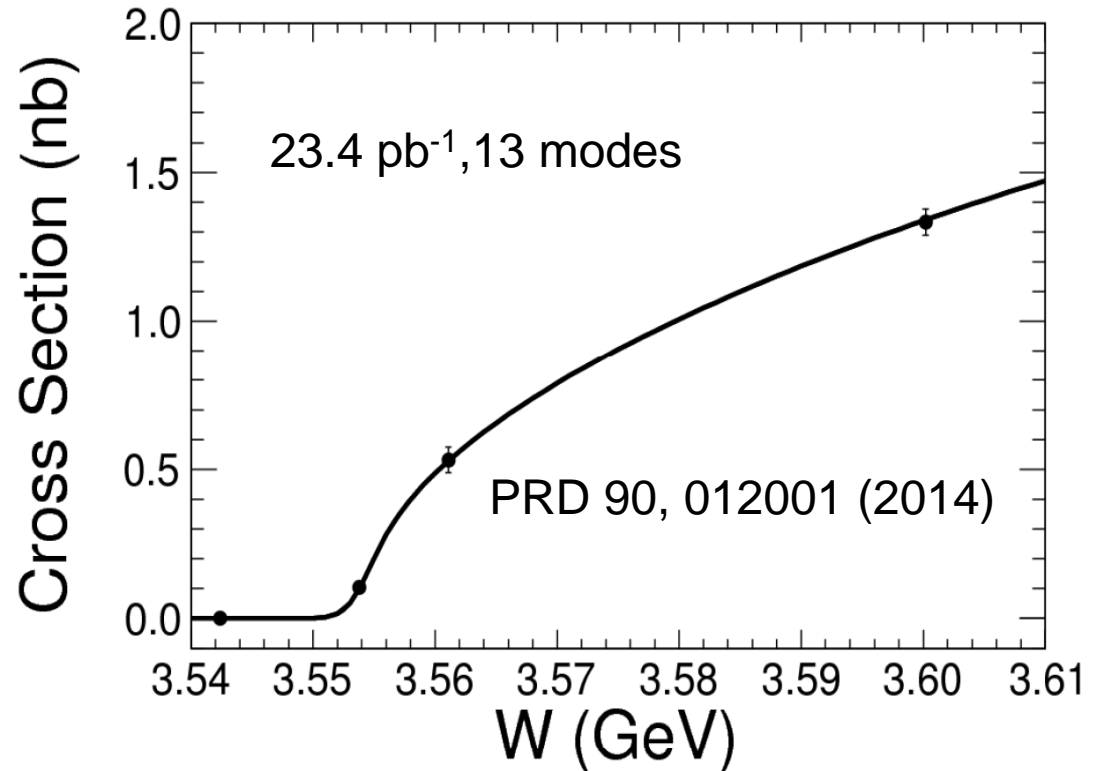


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# Tau scan in 2011

Scan	$E_{CM}$ (MeV)	$\mathcal{L}(\text{nb}^{-1})$
$J/\psi$	3088.7	$78.5 \pm 1.9$
	3095.3	$219.3 \pm 3.1$
	3096.7	$243.1 \pm 3.3$
	3097.6	$206.5 \pm 3.1$
	3098.3	$223.5 \pm 3.2$
	3098.8	$216.9 \pm 3.1$
	3103.9	$317.3 \pm 3.8$
$\tau$	3542.4	$4252.1 \pm 18.9$
	3553.8	$5566.7 \pm 22.8$
	3561.1	$3889.2 \pm 17.9$
	3600.2	$9553.0 \pm 33.8$
$\psi'$	3675.9	$787.0 \pm 7.2$
	3683.7	$823.1 \pm 7.4$
	3685.1	$832.4 \pm 7.5$
	3686.3	$1184.3 \pm 9.1$
	3687.6	$1660.7 \pm 11.0$
	3688.8	$767.7 \pm 7.2$
	3693.5	$1470.8 \pm 10.3$



$$M_\tau = 1776.91 \pm 0.12 \begin{matrix} +0.10 \\ -0.13 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{PDG2012: } 1776.82 \pm 0.16 \text{ MeV}$$

# Tau scan in 2011(II)

final state	1		2		3		4		total	
	Data	MC	Data	MC	Data	MC	Data	MC	Data	MC
$ee$	0	0	4	3.7	13	12.2	84	76.1	101	92.0
$e\mu$	0	0	8	9.1	35	31.4	168	192.6	211	233.1
$e\pi$	0	0	8	8.6	33	29.7	202	184.4	243	222.6
$eK$	0	0	0	0.5	2	1.8	16	16.9	18	19.3
$\mu\mu$	0	0	2	2.9	8	9.2	49	56.3	59	68.4
$\mu\pi$	0	0	4	3.9	11	14.1	89	86.7	104	104.7
$\mu K$	0	0	0	0.2	3	0.8	7	9.0	10	10.1
$\pi\pi$	0	0	1	2.0	5	7.7	57	54.0	63	63.8
$\pi K$	0	0	1	0.3	0	0.8	10	8.2	11	9.3
$KK$	0	0	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.3	2	0.4
$e\rho$	0	0	3	6.1	19	20.6	142	132.0	164	158.7
$\mu\rho$	0	0	8	3.3	18	11.8	52	63.3	68	78.5
$\pi\rho$	0	0	5	3.4	15	10.8	97	96.0	117	110.2
Total	0	0	44	44.2	153	151.2	974	975.7	1171	1171.0

# Tau scan in 2018

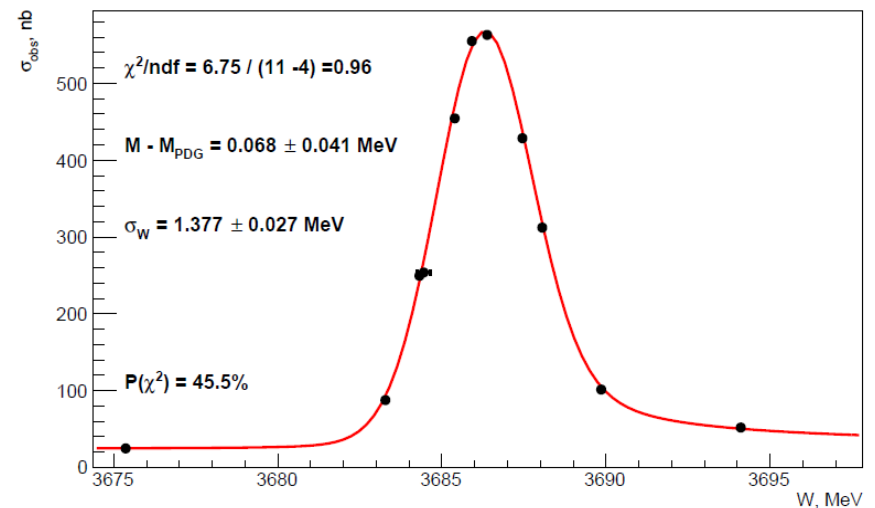
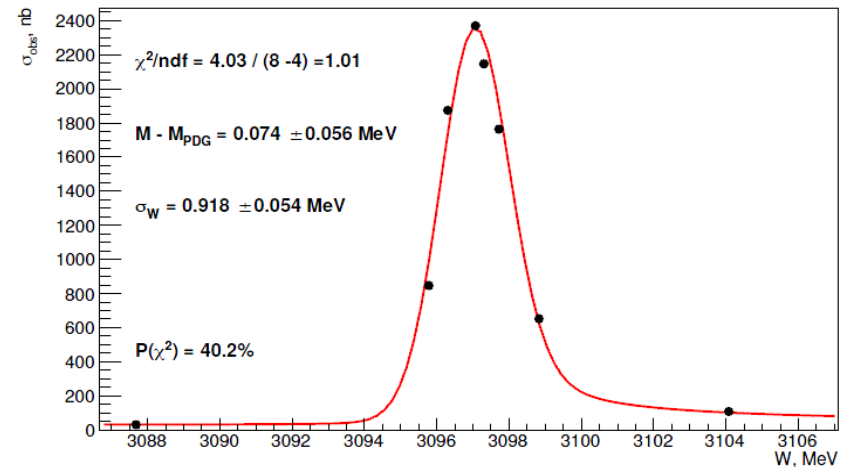
#	$L, pb^{-1}$	$W_{cm}, MeV$
1	2.5	$3087.67 \pm 0.078$
2	3.0	$3095.78 \pm 0.082$
3	6.1	$3096.30 \pm 0.075$
4	3.0	$3097.07 \pm 0.087$
5	1.9	$3097.30 \pm 0.103$
6	4.8	$3097.72 \pm 0.086$
7	5.6	$3098.83 \pm 0.083$
8	5.7	$3104.07 \pm 0.087$

total 32.6

$\psi(2S)$  scan

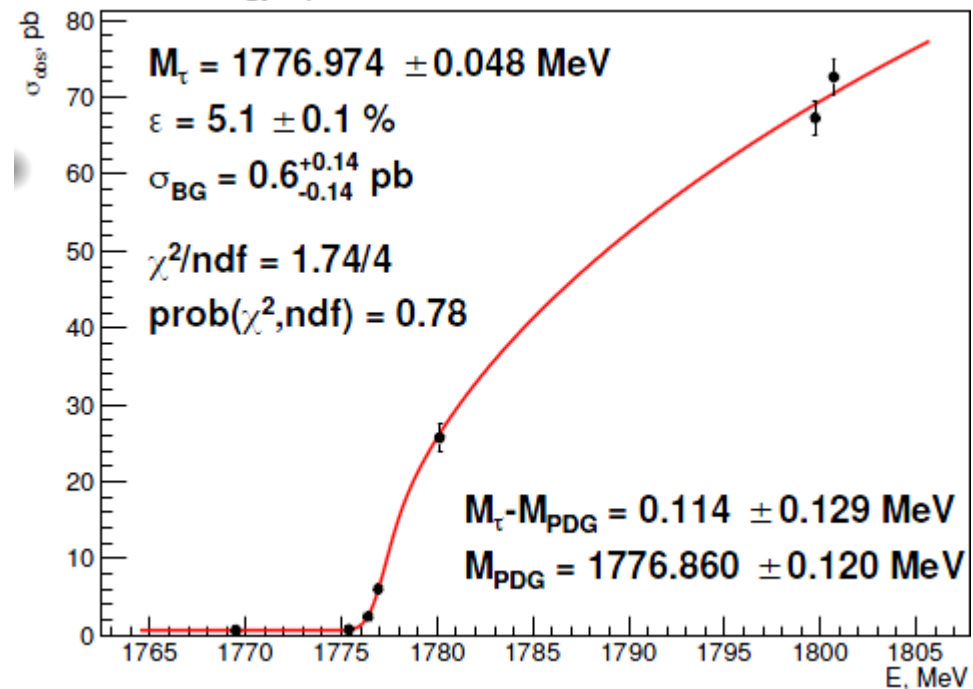
#	$L, pb^{-1}$	$W_{cm}, MeV$
1	5.2	$3675.37 \pm 0.13$
2	16.4	$3683.28 \pm 0.10$
3	3.4	$3684.45 \pm 0.21$
4	3.6	$3684.32 \pm 0.12$
5	4.6	$3685.39 \pm 0.10$
6	6.7	$3685.92 \pm 0.10$
7	6.1	$3686.38 \pm 0.10$
8	5.1	$3687.45 \pm 0.10$
9	5.1	$3688.06 \pm 0.10$
10	6.0	$3689.85 \pm 0.10$
11	5.0	$3694.11 \pm 0.10$

total 67.2



# Tau mass scan in 2018 (II)

$\tau$ -threshold scan		
1	23.8	$3539.07 \pm 0.05$
1'	4.0	$3550.87 \pm 0.18$
2	42.6	$3552.87 \pm 0.07$
3	27.1	$3553.93 \pm 0.08$
4	9.2	$3560.36 \pm 0.16$
5	15.0	$3599.57 \pm 0.12$
5'	14.9	$3601.51 \pm 0.12$
total	136.6	

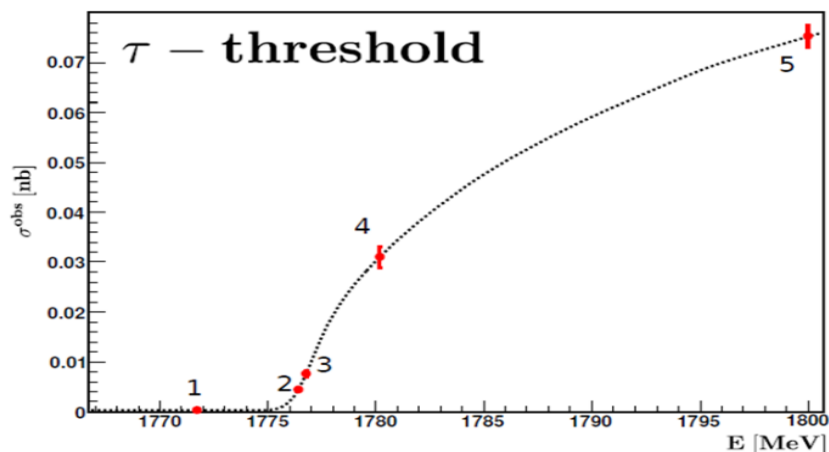


- The systematic uncertainty is in progress
- Uncertainty of  $M_\tau$  will be less than 0.1 MeV

# Data comparison between 2011 scan and 2018 scan

Sample	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	total
2011 scan	4.3pb <sup>-1</sup>		5.6pb <sup>-1</sup>	3.9pb <sup>-1</sup>	9.6pb <sup>-1</sup>	23.4pb <sup>-1</sup>
2018 scan	27.8pb <sup>-1</sup>	42.6pb <sup>-1</sup>	27.1pb <sup>-1</sup>	35.6pb <sup>-1</sup>	29.9pb <sup>-1</sup>	136.6pb <sup>-1</sup>

Sample	J/ψ	ψ'
2011 scan	1.5pb <sup>-1</sup>	7.5pb <sup>-1</sup>
2018 scan	38pb <sup>-1</sup>	68pb <sup>-1</sup>



# Test of standard model

$$\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell) = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} f_{D^+}^2 |V_{cd}|^2 m_\ell^2 M_{D^+} \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{M_{D^+}^2}\right)^2$$

$$R_{\tau/\mu} = \frac{\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu)} = \frac{m_\tau^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{M_{D^+}^2}\right)^2}{m_\mu^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{M_{D^+}^2}\right)^2}$$

2.93 fb<sup>-1</sup>

**D<sup>+</sup> → τ ν**

B<sub>τν</sub>: (1.20 ± 0.24 ± 0.12) × 10<sup>-3</sup>

using B<sub>μν</sub> = (3.74 ± 0.17) × 10<sup>-4</sup>

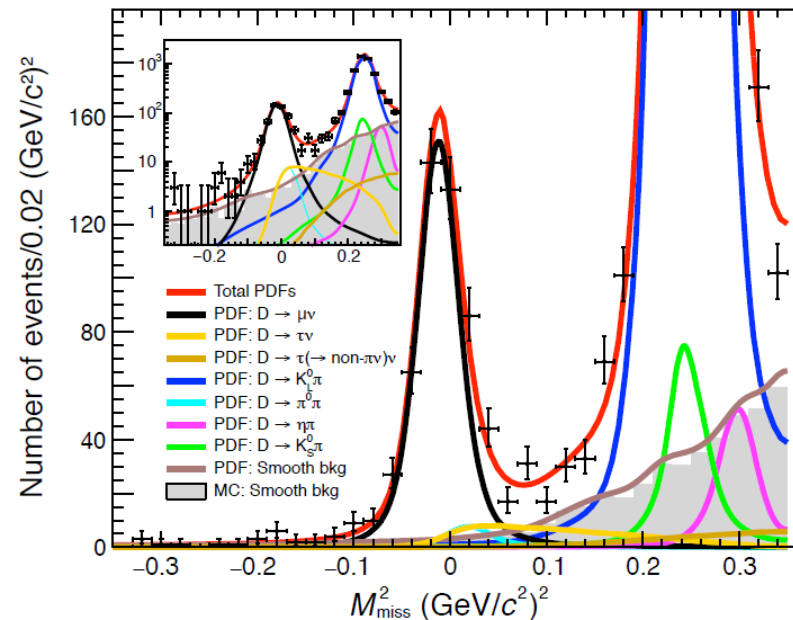
**R<sub>τ/μ</sub> = 3.21 ± 0.64 ± 0.43**

Consistent with SM prediction 2.67

**f<sub>D<sup>+</sup></sub> = 224.5 ± 22.8 ± 11.3 MeV**

Consistent with LQCD prediction

212.6 ± 0.6 MeV





# $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- The  $\psi(2S)$  provides a unique opportunity to compare the three lepton generations by studying the leptonic decays

$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu, \tau\tau$$

$$\frac{B_{ee}}{v_e(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}v_e^2)} = \frac{B_{\mu\mu}}{v_\mu(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}v_\mu^2)} = \frac{B_{\tau\tau}}{v_\tau(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}v_\tau^2)}$$

$$v_l = [1 - (4m_l^2/M_{\psi(2S)}^2)]^{1/2}$$

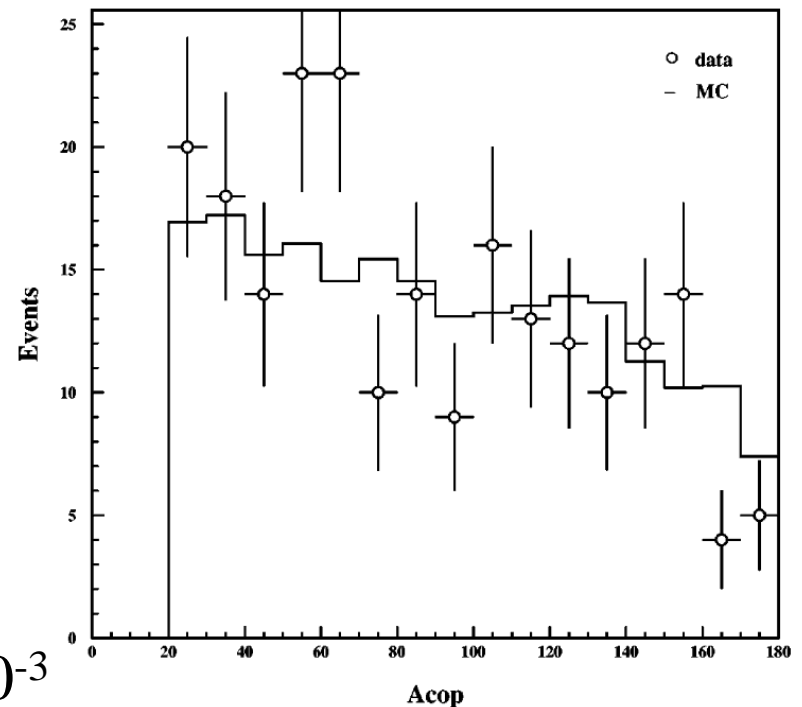
$$B_{ee} \simeq B_{\mu\mu} \simeq \frac{B_{\tau\tau}}{0.3885} \equiv B_{ll}$$

$$B_{\tau\tau} = (2.71 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.55) \times 10^{-3}$$

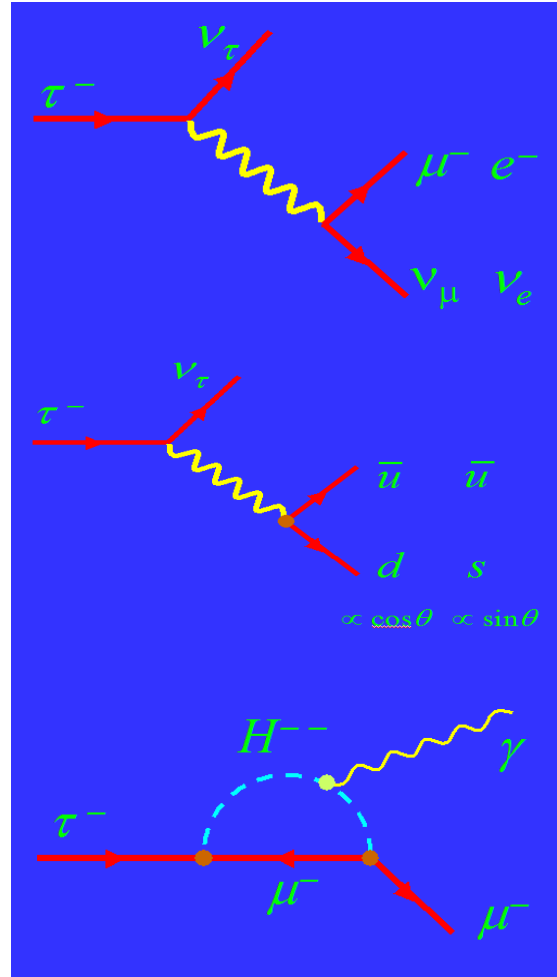
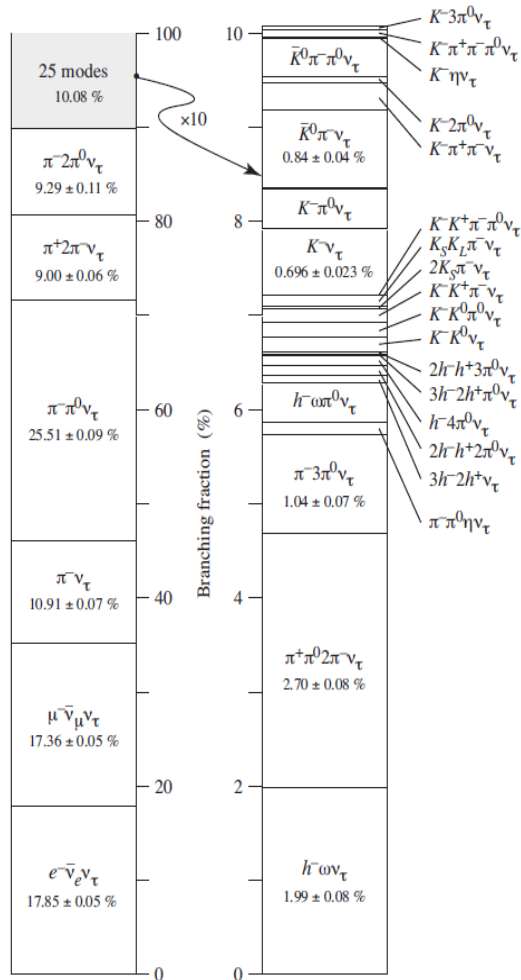
$$B_{\tau\tau} / 0.3885 = (7.0 \pm 1.1 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{SM prediction: } B_{ll} = (8.4 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3}$$

3.96M



# Branch ratio of tau decay



- ❖ **Pure leptonic**  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$  ( $<0.3\%$ )
- ❖ **Semi-leptonic**
  - **Cabibbo favoured**  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$  ( $<0.5\%$ )
  - **Cabibbo suppressed**  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau$  ( $<1.5\%$ )
- ❖ **Rare and forbidden**
  - **Lepton Flavor V**  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \gamma$  ( $<10^{-8}$ )
  - **Lepton Number V**  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  ( $<10^{-8}$ )
  - **Baryon Number V**  
 $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{p} \gamma$  ( $<10^{-6}$ )

# Summary

- Mass of tau lepton has been measured in 2014, dominate the world average value

$$M_\tau = 1776.91 \pm 0.12 \begin{matrix} +0.10 \\ -0.13 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV}$$

- More precise measurement of mass of tau lepton ( $< 0.1 \text{ MeV}$ ) will be available soon
- More data are needed to study the tau decays to test the SM and beyond

**Thank you for your attention!**