**CEPC** Physics Workshop

# Flavour Physics Opportunities for Tau and Z

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## Introduction and Motivations

## Tau flavour physics

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## Z flavour physics

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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation?



Sought for more than 70 years...

In the SM fermion masses, thus the *flavour sector*, stems from the Yukawa interactions:  $-\mathcal{L}_{Y} = (Y_{u})_{ij} \,\overline{Q}_{L\,i} \, u_{R\,j} \,\widetilde{\Phi} + (Y_{d})_{ij} \,\overline{Q}_{L\,i} \, d_{R\,j} \,\Phi + (Y_{e})_{ij} \,\overline{L}_{L\,i} \, e_{R\,j} \,\Phi + h.c.$  $Y_f = V_f \hat{Y}_f W_f^{\dagger}, \quad f = u, d, e$ Rotations to the fermion mass basis: Unitary rotation matrices, couplings to photon and Z remain flavour-diagonal:  $(g_L)\bar{f}_L\gamma_\mu f_L + (g_R)f_R\gamma_\mu f_R)Z^\mu$  $e)f\gamma_{\mu}fA^{\mu}$ flavour-universal couplings to gauge bosons Couplings to the Higgs also flavour-conserving (aligned to the mass matrix):  $\frac{m_f}{dt} \bar{f}_L f_R h \qquad \text{(but not flavour-universal!)}$ No (tree-level) flavour-changing neutral currents

Gauge interactions flavour-univeral

Standard Model: LFU and no LFV

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Flavour violation occurs in charged currents only:  

$$\mathcal{L}_{cc} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (\overline{u}_L \gamma^{\mu} (V_u^{\dagger} V_d) d_L + \overline{\nu}_L \gamma^{\mu} (V_{\nu}^{\dagger} V_e) e_L) W_{\mu}^{+} + h.c.$$
but flavour-universal!  

$$V_{\text{CKM}} \equiv V_u^{\dagger} V_d \qquad \qquad U_{\text{PMNS}} \equiv V_{\nu}^{\dagger} V_e$$

However, if neutrinos are massless, we can choose:

$$V_{\nu} = V_e$$

No LFV ( $Y_e$  only 'direction' in the leptonic flavour space)

• Neutrinos oscillate  $\rightarrow$  Lepton family numbers are not conserved! We have to introduce neutrino mass terms:

> $\mathcal{L}_D = -(Y_{\nu})_{ij} \,\overline{\nu}_{R\,i} \,\widetilde{\Phi}^{\dagger} \,L_{L\,j} + \text{h.c.} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad (m_{\nu}^D)_{ij} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_{\nu})_{ij}.$ Dirac:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{C_{ij}}{\Lambda} \left( \overline{L_{L\,i}^c} \tau_2 \Phi \right) \left( \Phi^T \tau_2 L_{L\,j} \right) + \text{h.c.} \implies (m_{\nu}^M)_{ij} = \frac{C_{ij} v^2}{\Lambda}$ or Majorana:

• PMNS becomes 'physical': neutrino mass eigenstates couple to charged leptons of different flavours W LANN

• In the SM + massive neutrinos:

$$\frac{\Gamma(\ell_{\alpha} \to \ell_{\beta} \gamma)}{\Gamma(\ell_{\alpha} \to \ell_{\beta} \nu \bar{\nu})} = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1,3} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^{*} \frac{m_{\nu_{k}}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}} \right|^{2} \underbrace{\ell_{\alpha}}_{\ell_{\alpha}} \underbrace{\sum_{\nu_{k}} U_{\beta \nu_{k}} \sum_{\nu_{k}} \ell_{\beta}}_{Cheng Li ~77} \underbrace{k_{\beta} V_{\beta} V_{\beta} \sum_{\nu_{k}} \ell_{\beta}}_{Cheng Li ~77} \underbrace{k_{\beta} \sum_{\nu_{k}} \ell_{\beta}}_{Cheng Li ~77} \underbrace$$

neng Li 77, 80; Petcov 77

$$\implies BR(\mu \to e\gamma) \approx BR(\tau \to e\gamma) \approx BR(\tau \to \mu\gamma) = 10^{-55} \div 10^{-54}$$

Large mixing, but huge 'accidental' (?) suppression due to small neutrino masses

In presence of NP at the TeV we can expect large effects



- Unambiguous signal of New Physics
- Stringent test of NP coupling to leptons
- It probes scales far beyond the LHC reach

**B-physics LFU anomalies** 

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Global fits to  $b \to s \ell^+ \ell^-$  observables

It seems that we have to fit a deficit of muon events





Fits to the data: non-standard contributions preferred at the 4-5 $\sigma$  level

Aebischer et al. '19, Algueró et al. '19, Arbey et al. '19, Ciuchini et al. '19, Kowalska et al. '19, + many older refs.



One can attempt to explain class 1 and 2 anomalies simultaneously

Relevant constraints from  $B \to K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$  which can be however relaxed if  $C_S = C_T$ 

Alonso Grinstein Camalich '15 LC Crivellin Ota '15 Simultaneous explanation of the anomalies

Ops with only 3<sup>rd</sup> family:

$$Q_{\ell q}^{(1)} = (\bar{L}_3 \gamma^{\mu} L_3) (\bar{Q}_3 \gamma_{\mu} Q_3) , \quad Q_{\ell q}^{(3)} = (\bar{L}_3 \gamma^{\mu} \tau_I L_3) (\bar{Q}_3 \gamma_{\mu} \tau_I \tau_I L_3) (\bar{Q}_3 \gamma_{\mu} \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I L_3) (\bar{Q}_3 \gamma_{\mu} \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I \tau_I$$

(in the interaction basis)

Flavour structure justified by:

- Theoretical considerations (SM hierarchies, MFV paradigm, ...)
- Observed anomalies (3rd generation affected more than 2nd generation, 2nd generation more than 1st generation)

Glashow Guadagnoli Lane '14, Bhattacharya et al. '14, LC Crivellin Ota '15, Feruglio Paradisi Pattori '16,'17 ...

Operators involving 2nd generations generated by rotations to the mass basis:

$$Y^f = V^{f\dagger} \hat{Y}^f W^f, \quad f = u, d, e$$

Giving e.g. :

$$C_{S}(\bar{L}_{3}\gamma^{\mu}L_{3})(\bar{Q}_{3}\gamma_{\mu}Q_{3}) \longrightarrow C_{S}V_{23}^{d}V_{33}^{d*}|V_{23}^{e}|^{2} (\bar{L}_{2}\gamma^{\mu}L_{2})(\bar{Q}_{2}\gamma_{\mu}Q_{3})$$

$$\longrightarrow b \rightarrow s\mu\mu \qquad \qquad \searrow \sim V_{cb} \times V_{tb}$$

Both kinds of anomalies can be fitted. However...

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CEPC potential as a "Tera-Z factory":  

$$BR(Z \to \tau^+ \tau^-) \simeq 3.4\%$$
  
 $10^{12} Z \implies 3 \times 10^{10} \tau^+ \tau^-$ 

#### LFU tests in tau decays



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#### Tau LFU prospects

#### Preliminary study for the FCC-ee (10<sup>11</sup> tau pairs):

Observable	Measurement	Current precision	FCC-ee <b>stat.</b>	Possible syst.	Challenge
m <sub>τ</sub> [MeV]	Threshold / inv. mass endpoint	1776.86 ± 0.12	0.005	0.12	Mass scale
τ <sub>τ</sub> [fs]	Flight distance	290.3 <b>± 0.5 fs</b>	0.005	< 0.040	Vertex detector alignment
Β(τ→eνν) [%]	Selection of τ <sup>+</sup> τ <sup>-</sup> , identification of final state	17.82 <b>± 0.05</b>	0.0001 (	No estimate; possibly 0.003	Efficiency, bkg, Particle ID
B(τ→μνν) [%]		17.39 <b>± 0.05</b>			

Lepton U	niversality Test	S:		
Quantity	Measurement	Current precision	FCC-ee precision	
g <sub>µ</sub> /g <sub>e</sub>	$\Gamma_{\tau  ightarrow \mu}/\Gamma_{\tau  ightarrow e}$	1.0018 <b>± 0.0015</b>	Improvement by a	
g <sub>τ</sub> /g <sub>μ</sub>	$\Gamma_{\tau  ightarrow e}/\Gamma_{\mu  ightarrow e}$	1.0030 <b>± 0.0015</b>		

With the precise FCC-ee measurements of lifetime and BRs,  $m_{\tau}$  could become the limiting measurement in the universality test

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Tau LFV: present limits and Belle II prospects



Radiative modes affected by ISR photon background: Expected sensitivity too optimistic?

### Tau LFV prospects

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•  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell$ : background-free at the B-factories (with 4-7×10<sup>8</sup> tau pairs)

If this is the case (?), CEPC can give  $(3 \times 10^{10} \text{ pairs and search effic. } \approx 10\%)$ :

$$BR(\tau \to \ell \ell \ell) \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-10}$$

(Q: is it really background free at Tera-Z?)

 τ → ℓγ : limited by radiative events bg (leptonic tau decays + ISR or FSR γ) Simulation performed for FCC-ee.
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Rescaling by the CEPC number of taus:

$${
m BR}( au o \ell \gamma) \lesssim 3 imes 10^{-9}$$

(again at the level of Belle II expectation)



### Write-up ongoing Other obs are being considered: CPV in tau decays, tau EDM, ...

Ideal wish list:

LFU: Estimate of systematics in leptonic tau BRs measurement LFV: Signal & background simulations (in particular 3-body decays)

Personal (more *realistic*) view:

LFU tests should be the priority  $\rightarrow$  let's discuss about systematics!

LFV already taken care of by Belle II (and we can rely on FCC)

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#### Z LFV decays



- LHC searches limited by backgrounds (in particular  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ ): max ~10 improvement can be expected at HL-LHC (3000/fb)
- CEPC can definitely reach better sensitivities
- Severe indirect constraints from low-energy LFV observables, e.g.:





### Z LFV prospects

#### A study in the context of the FCC-ee:

•  $Z \rightarrow \mu e$ :

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In contrast to the LHC, no background from  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ :

Z mass constraint much more effective (collision energy is known)

 $\rightarrow$  background rate < 10<sup>-11</sup> (with a 0.1% momentum resolution at ~45 GeV)

Main issue: muons can release enough energy in the ECAL to be mis-id as electrons. Mis-id probability measured by NA62 for a LKr ECAL:  $4 \times 10^{-6}$  (for  $p_{\mu} \sim 45$  GeV)



### Z LFV prospects

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To avoid mis-id, select one hadronic  $\tau$  (>3 prong, or reconstructed excl. mode) Main background from  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$  (with one leptonic  $\tau$  decay)



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#### Z LFU tests



- Very important test in view of the LFU anomalies in B decays
- With 10<sup>12</sup> Z, CEPC has no problem of statistics
- Can systematics (lepton-id efficiencies? what else?) be controlled so as to measure BRs with e.g. 10<sup>-4</sup> precision?

We need your input!

(Q: Is any EW precision expert studying this?)

*Ideal* wish list:

LFV: Study of the muon mis-id for  $\mu$ -*e* 

Signal & background study for  $\ell$ - $\tau$ 

LFU: Estimate of the achievable precision given the systematics

Personal (more *realistic*) view:

 $Z \rightarrow \mu e$  is a nice process *but* 

barring extreme tuning indirect bounds overwhelming

(sensitivity on  $\mu \rightarrow e$  LFV will improve > ×1000 within a decade!)

For  $Z \rightarrow \ell \tau$  we can readapt FCC-ee simulation

The priority should be to focus Z LFU assessment!



LFU tests in tau decays



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#### Tau LFU prospects

Preliminary study for the FCC-ee (10<sup>11</sup> tau pairs):

- World average
  - □ B(τ→evv) = 17.82 ± 0.05 %

; B(τ→μνν) = 17.39 ± 0.05 %

• Dominated by ALEPH

 $\Box B(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu) = 17.837 \pm 0.072_{stat} \pm 0.036_{syst}\% \quad ; \quad B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu) = 17.319 \pm 0.070_{stat} \pm 0.032_{syst}\%$ 

- Three uncertainty contributions were dominant in the Aleph measurement
  - ✤ Selection efficiency: 0.021 / 0.020 %
  - \* Non- $\tau^+\tau^-$  background: 0.029 / 0.020 %
  - \* Particle ID: 0019 / 0.021 %
  - □ All of these are limited by statistics: size of test samples, etc.
- Prospects at FCC-ee
  - Enormous statistics:

 $\delta_{\text{stat}} = 0.0001$ %

- □ Systematic uncertainty is hard to (gu)estimate at this point.
  - \* Depends intimately on the detailed performance of the detector(s)
    - At the end of the day, between LEP experiments,  $\delta_{syst}$  varied by up to a factor 3
      - Lesson: Design your detector with care!

Let me put here as a *placeholder* a suggested factor 10 improvement wrt ALEPH:

$$\delta_{\text{syst}} = 0.003 \%$$

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