## Recent tau-lepton results at Belle and Belle II

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Unravelling the mysteries of 2023/8/21 matter, life and the universe.



#### Introduction:  $\tau$  physics  $\blacksquare$ oluction'  $\tau$  phy  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L})=\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L})$  is the set of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L})=\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L})$  , we can express that



*e*−(*µ*−)

 $\lambda$ 

- Leptonic and Hadronic decays: > 200 decay channels!
- → Sensitive to new physics<sup>w-</sup>

#### Search

- Lepton Flavor Violation.  $\tau \to \ell \gamma, \tau \to \ell \ell \ell, \tau \to \ell \ell \ell^+$  $\bar{\nu}_e(\bar{\nu}_\mu)$ 
	- Observation  $\rightarrow$  Clear signs of new physics  $2020$

#### Precision measurements of the tau properties

- Lepton Flavor Universality
	- Deviation from the SM  $\rightarrow$  Indirect signs of new physics

*W*<sup>−</sup>

0.511 MeV/

ptons

## Belle, Belle II experiments

### Belle experiment (1999 - 2010)

- 8 GeV  $e^-$  and 3.5 GeV  $e^+$ 
	- Recorded ~1000 fb-1 data
- Belle II experiment (2018 )
- $\overline{7}$  GeV  $e^-$  and 4 GeV  $e^+$ 
	- Recorded 424 fb-1 data

### Belle (II) detectors

- Good efficiency of neutral particles  $(\pi^0, \eta)$
- Good reconstruction of missing energy
- Specific low-multi triggers at Belle II
	- Eg. single track trigger





#### <u>This method is used in Belle (II)  $\tau$  analysis to identify an  $\tau$  event.</u>

# LFV decay:  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} V^0$



### Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- Forbidden in the SM but possible in several new physics
	- $\tau \rightarrow \ell V^0$ : sensitive to leptoquark model Ex[otic decay](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP06(2023)118)  $\rightarrow$  High signal detection efficiency is cru



2023/8/21 5 Improved the sensitivities by untagged reconstruction a

## Belle: Analysis approach

Signal-side: Reconstruct  $\ell$  and  $V^0$ 

•  $V^0$ :  $\rho^0$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $K^*(\bar{K}^{*0})$ 

Tag-side: Require 1, 3-prong  $\tau$ 



Background (eg.  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi \nu$ , ee  $\rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ) suppression: BDT!

- Prepare BDT classifier for each  $\ell V^0$  mode
- Training: 11 input variables for  $\ell\omega$ , 9 input variables for others



## Belle:  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} V^0$  results

### No significant excess in all  $\ell V^0$  modes



#### **World leading results**



Set ULs at 90% CL by counting approach systematic uncertainty of the expected number of signal events ( $\sigma$  observed number of observed number of observed number of observed number of  $\sigma$ 

$$
B(\tau \to eV^0) < (1.7 - 2.4) \times 10^{-8}
$$
  

$$
B(\tau \to \mu V^0) < (1.7 - 4.3) \times 10^{-8}
$$

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Untagged approach





M⌧ [GeV*/*c<sup>2</sup>]





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### $\ell^\pm \to \ell^\pm \alpha$  search at Belle II Phys.Rev.Lett.130,181803

- Search for  $\tau \to \ell + \alpha$  (invisible)
	- eg. Axion-like particle (ALP)
- Upper Limit from ARGUS<sup>1011</sup>
- 476 pb<sup>-1</sup> data (1995)  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  iments are the top pp−1 data (1995) and set upper limits on the the term is an and set upper limits on the term is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{$

 $\frac{1}{2}$  10<sup>9</sup> UL at 95% CL $10^{8}$ **RG** coolino  $\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to e^{\pm}\alpha)/\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to e^{\pm}\nu\bar{\nu})$   $\langle (0.6-3.4) \times 10^{-2}, \frac{\pi}{8} \rangle$  $B(\tau^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm} \alpha)/B(\tau^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm} \nu \bar{\nu})$  *<*  $(0.3 - 3.6) \times 10^{-2}$ ,  $\geq 10^{7}$ SN1987A<sub>er</sub>  $2.0 < m_{\alpha} < 1.6$  GeV  $\epsilon$  <sup>10<sup>6</sup> $\epsilon$ </sup>  $0.0 < m_{\alpha} < 1.6$  GeV  $\frac{3}{2}$  is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  if  $\frac{1}{2}$  $10^{5}$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10<sup>6</sup>$  $\frac{10^2}{10^2}$  *− 10<sup>3</sup>*  $m_a$  [eV]

**Example 1.5 Belle (II) can set more stringent limits on the invisible b** 

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### $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} \alpha$ : Analysis approach  $E = \frac{E}{\text{Belle } \Pi}$ <sup>262</sup> Analysis approach

- Split event in two hemispheres based on the thrust axis three-body decays, <sup>τ</sup> *<sup>±</sup>* <sup>→</sup> "*±*ν!ν<sup>τ</sup> . Therefore, the lepton momentum in the <sup>τ</sup> -rest frame (*p*<sup>τ</sup>  $264$  )  $264$  )  $264$  )  $264$  )  $264$  ( $264$  )  $264$  ( $264$  )  $264$  ( $264$  )  $264$ 
	- Signal side: 1 lepton track ( $l = e, \mu$ )
	- Tag side: 3-pion ( $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi \nu$  decay)
	- Veto neutrals to suppress hadronic bkg
- Exploit the shape differences
	- Signals:  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \alpha$  two-body decays
	- Events / 0.03 Backgrounds:  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu$  three-body decays  $\frac{g}{g}$
- $\rightarrow$   $p_{\ell}$ ,  $E_{\ell}$  in tau rest frame: monochromatic

### How to obtain tau direction?

Require  $\tau \to a_1(\rightarrow 3\pi)\nu$  in tag side

$$
\Rightarrow \vec{e}_{\tau_{\text{tag}}} \approx \vec{e}_{3\pi} \quad m_{\tau} = 1.78 \text{ GeV}
$$

$$
m_{a_1} = 1.26 \text{ GeV}
$$



Truth p<sub>u</sub> in  $\tau$ (truth)-rest frame [GeV/c]

 $\sqrt{P}$ 

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#### Heavy neutrino search in  $\tau$ Submitted to PRL (arXiv:2212.10095 efficiency  $\mathcal{L}$

Neutrino mass,  $m_\nu \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  Need a mechanism to establish it

• One approach is to include right-handed neutrino

 $\pmb{\tau^\pm}\to \pmb{\pi^\pm\nu_h}\,$   $(\pmb{\nu_h}\to \pmb{\pi^\pm\ell^\mp})\, \frac{\nu_h:}{}^{\mathsf{M} \text{ajorana neutrino (long-lived)}}$  $F_{\rm eff}$  are construction effects on the neutrino transformation different mass masses  $v_h$  :

Signal-side: Require  $\pi \pi \ell$  ( $\ell = e, \mu$ )

•  $v_h \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \ell^{\mp}$ :  $\pi$  and  $\ell$  with a common vertex Tag-side: Require 1, 3-prong  $\tau$ 

Background:  $ee \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $\ell\ell$ ,  $ee\ell\ell$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Suppress the bkgs by  $M(\pi \pi \ell)$ ,  $\Delta E$  cuts.

 $\Delta E = (E_{\pi\pi\ell}^{\rm CM} - \sqrt{s}/2)$ 

Peak search in  $m_{\pi\ell}$  distribution



 $\vec{\nu}$ 

 $\ell$ 

 $v_h$ 

 $\tau_{\rm tag}$ 

 $\tau_{\rm sig}$ 





## Corrections factors



$$
M_{\min} = \sqrt{m_{3\pi}^2 + 2(\sqrt{s} - E_{3\pi})(E_{3\pi} - |\vec{p}_{3\pi}|)}
$$

Beam energy calibration and momentum correction are crucial

- Beam energy is corrected using B-meson hadronic decays
- Momentum scale : extract scale factors for  $K/\pi$  using  $D^{*+} \to D^0 (\to K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$
- $\cdot$   $\vec{p}$  due to imperfect  $\vec{B}$ , mismodeling in material  $\rightarrow$  bias mass extraction





Therefore no additional source of systematic uncertainty is systematic uncertainty in the systematic uncertainty is

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### Conclusions and outlook

Belle (II) has an excellent sensitivity for  $\tau$  physics

- LFV decays,  $\tau \to \ell \alpha$ ,  $\ell V^0$  : most stringent BF limit
- World's most precise measurement of  $\tau$  mass

Statistical uncertainty is still dominant for  $\tau$  decay searches, eg. LFV

- Now, 424 fb $^{-1}$  at Belle II.
	- Expect more results on larger statistics  $\rightarrow$  Stay tuned!

Backup

## Recent tau physics result

Summary of Journal/Conference papers in 2022

- Belle: 5 papers [Link]
- Belle II: 3 papers [Link]



## Belle II experiment

Flavor physics experiment to search for new physics

- Asymmetric  $e^+e^-$  collider mainly at  $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$  GeV
	- Produce B, D,  $\tau$ , etc..
- Goal:  $50$  ab<sup>-1</sup> data in  $\sim$ 10 years
	- 50  $\times$  Belle data:  $N_{B\bar{B}} \sim 50 \times 10^9$



#### Summary of I EV in tau de Summary of LFV in tau de  $\frac{1}{2}$  at the 90% confidence level. The 90% confidence level.

arXiv.2203.14919



### Thrust

•  $V_{th}$  is the magnitude of thrust in the event. The thrust axis,  $\hat{n}_{th}$ , is defined so that the value  $V_{\text{th}}$ ,

$$
V_{\rm th} = \sum \frac{|\vec{p}_i^{\rm CM} \cdot \hat{n}_{\rm th}|}{\sum \vec{p}_i^{\rm CM}} \tag{4.3}
$$

is maximized. Here,  $\vec{p}_i^{\text{CM}}$  is the three-momentum of each particle in the CM frame.



## $\tau \rightarrow \ell V^0$ : Belle

 $V^0$  meson reco.

### BDT: LightGBM library

Systematic uncertainties



- $M_{V^0}, M_{\nu}^2, P_{\nu}^{\text{c.m.}}, T, P_{\ell}^{\text{sig}}, E_{\text{tag}}^{\text{hemi}}, \cos \theta_{\text{miss-tag}}^{\text{c.m.}}$
- $\bullet$  (categorical variables)  $\tau_{\text{tag}}$  decay mode, collision energy average number of tracks (particles) in the reconstructed  $\mathcal{L}$  +  $\mathcal{L}$  events for each signal model model
- (additional for the  $\ell\omega$  modes)  $P_{\pi^0}^{\text{sig}}$ ,  $E_{\gamma}^{\text{low}}$ , the range of the uncertainty of



## $\tau \rightarrow \ell V^0$ : Belle II

#### Signal:  $\tau \to \ell \phi (\to K K)$ Final:  $\tau \to \ell \varphi (\to K\kappa)$ <br>1.014  $< m_{KK} < 1.024$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup> Bkg:  $ee \to q\bar{q}, \tau \to 3\pi\nu$



### BDT: XGBoost library

- Event-shape
- Kinematic properties of  $\tau_{\text{sig}}$ ,  $\phi$
- Variables related to the ROE



#### Heavy neutrino ● There is no right-handed neutrino in the SM thus neutrinos should be strictly massless;

Right handed neutrino (eg. Heavy Neutral Lepton, HNL) Rignt handed neutrino (eg. Heavy Neut [20] K. Hanagaki et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 485, 490 (2002). Neutral Lepton, HNL) [22] S. Brandt, C. Peyrou, R. Sosnowski, and A. Wroblewski, Phys. Lett. 12, 57 (1964);

- No strong interaction (it is lepton)
- No weak interaction (it is right-handed)  $\overrightarrow{q}$
- No electromagnetic interaction (it is neutral) No electroneces et is interaction ( ● No electromagnetic interaction (it is neutral).  $W_{\mathcal{C}}$ al) see  $\mathcal{E}$
- $\rightarrow$  The only way to interact is to mix with left-handed neutrino:  $v_r$  U<sub>r</sub>  $v_h$

$$
\nu_{\alpha} = \sum_{i} U_{\alpha i} \nu_{i}, \quad \alpha = e, \mu, \tau, ..., i = 1, 2, 3, 4, ...
$$

α – flavor eigenstates, i – mass eigenstates.  $\alpha$ : flavor eigenstates, i: mass eigenstates

May also contribute to explanation of baryogenesis and DM  $(\nu MSM)$ 



 $\frac{p}{2}$  q

q'

τ −

τ



#### <sup>292</sup> Appendix A: Derivation of Eq. 3 293 If a particle with a mass m and width Γ has a momentum p, then the probability that it is it is in the probability that it is in method **p**  $\frac{1}{2}$  +  $\frac{1}{2}$  =  $\frac{1}{2}$ p #neutrinos in this method

Particle with a mass *m* and width  $\Gamma$  has a momentum  $p$ , the nucleonality that it travels distance *l* ar exactor is 205 the contractive and matrix ride dimension p, and distance  $\ell$  or a reater is probability that it travels distance  $\ell$  or greater is

$$
P(l) = \exp\left(-\frac{m\Gamma l}{p}\right), \qquad dP(l) = \frac{m\Gamma}{p} \exp\left(-\frac{m\Gamma l}{p}\right)dl.
$$
\nEstimate  $c\tau \sim |U|^{-2}m(v_h)^{-5}$ 

The number of neutrinos detected in the Belle detector is

$$
n(\nu_h) = N_0 \int \varepsilon(m, l) dP(l)
$$
  
=  $2N_{\tau\tau} \mathcal{B}(\tau \to \pi\nu_h) \mathcal{B}(\nu_h \to \pi\ell) \frac{m\Gamma}{p} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m\Gamma l}{p}\right) \varepsilon(m, l) dl$   
=  $|U_{\tau}|^2 |U_{\ell}|^2 2N_{\tau\tau} f_1(m) f_2(m) \frac{m}{p} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m\Gamma l}{p}\right) \varepsilon(m, l) dl,$   
 $|U_{\tau}|^2, |U_{\ell}|^2 \text{coupling come from } B(\tau \to \pi\nu_h), B(\nu_h \to \pi\ell)\Gamma$ 

 $|U_{\tau}|^2$ ,  $|U_{\ell}|^2$  coupling come from  $B(\tau \to \pi \nu_h)$ ,  $B(\nu_h \to \pi \ell)$  is the  $|U_{\ell}|^2$  dependence, we define functions  $f_{1,2}(m)$  as  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  $\frac{2}{(10 \text{ rad of 100 s})}$  and  $\frac{2}{(10 \text{ rad/s})}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  $T^{\sigma}(1)1(1^{n\sigma}) \to (1^{n\sigma}n\sigma)1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}1^{n\sigma}$ 2 coupling contraction branching from the branching fraction  $\sum_{i=1}^n U_i$  or  $\sum_{i=1}^n U_i$  or  $\sum_{i=1}^n U_i$  or  $\sum_{i=1}^n U_i$  $U_{\tau}|^{2} f_1(m) = B(\tau \to \pi \nu_h)$  and  $|U_{\ell}|^{2} f_2(m) = \Gamma(\nu_h \to \pi \ell) = \Gamma B(\tau \to \pi \nu_h)$ 

2023/8/21 28  $\sigma_{\tau}$   $\sigma_{1}$ ,  $\sigma_{2}$  ,  $\sigma_{3}$  and  $\sigma_{\ell}$   $\sigma_{1}$ ,  $\sigma_{2}$  $(x, \tau) \rightarrow x_0 = 0.06$ ,  $x_0$ ι.t.w norn  $2023/8/21$ ative mixing coefficients are different b.t.w normal and inverted nierarchy<br>- W 12 Util2 (x = 2 y =) N x = 0.06 x = 0.40 x = 0.46 from escillation data -  $|U_{\alpha}|$  / $|U|$  ( $u - e, \mu, U$ ) /  $x_e$   $-$  0.00,  $x_{\mu}$   $-$  0.40,  $x_{\tau}$   $-$  0.40 in only oscination data  $20$ 299 coupling to the coupling of the coupling o<br>299 coupling to the coupling of the coupling o 300 coemes from the partial width Fig. or Fig. + B(v) = B(v) = B(v) = B(v) + Fig. + B(v) + Fig. Relative mixing coefficients are different b.t.w normal and inverted hierarchy  $x_\alpha = |U_\alpha|^2/|U|^2$   $(\alpha = e, \mu, \tau) \rightarrow x_e = 0.06, x_\mu = 0.48, x_\tau = 0.46$  from oscillation data





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● vary collision energy around the tau pair production threshold

in the kinematics of the three

