# CP violation in tau decay into Kaons

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CP violation in 
$$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \nu K_S \pi^{\pm}$$

- CP violation in tau decay in one kaon was firstly predicted by Bigi and Sanda (*arXiv:hep-ph/0506037*);
- The origin of CP asymmetry is the  $K^0 \bar{K}^0$  mixing;  $|K_{S,L}\rangle = p|K^0\rangle \pm q|\overline{K}^0\rangle \qquad \tau^+(\tau^-) \to \nu K^0(\bar{K}^0)\pi$
- K-short in final state is identified by a **two pion system**  $m_{\pi\pi} \approx m_K$ ;

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$$\Gamma(t) = \Gamma(K^0(t) \to 2\pi), \qquad \overline{\Gamma}(t) = \Gamma(\overline{K^0}(t) \to 2\pi)$$

• The interference amplitude  $K_S - K_L$  is as important as the pure K-short

$$\Gamma(t) = \Gamma(K^0(t) \to \pi\pi) = \frac{|A_S|^2}{4|p|^2} \left( e^{-\Gamma_S t} + |\epsilon|^2 e^{\Gamma_L t} + 2\operatorname{Re}\left[\epsilon^* e^{i\Delta m - \Gamma t}\right] \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{-} &\to \pi^{-} \kappa_{S}^{0} (\geq 0\pi^{0}) \nu_{\tau}, \quad \tau^{-} \to \kappa^{-} \kappa_{S}^{0} (\geq 0\pi^{0}) \nu_{\tau}, \quad \tau^{-} \to \pi^{-} \kappa^{0} \bar{\kappa_{0}} (\kappa_{S}^{0} \kappa_{L}^{0}) \nu_{\tau} \\ A_{1} & A_{2} & A_{3} \end{aligned}$$
$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{f_{1} A_{1} + f_{2} A_{2} + f_{3} A_{3}}{f_{1} + f_{2} + f_{3}} = \frac{f_{1} - f_{2}}{f_{1} + f_{2} + f_{3}} A_{1} \qquad A_{2} = -A_{1} \\ A_{3} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Experimental efficiency

Realistic example: fixed length cuts in LAB frame:

$$t_{1,2}^{LAB} = \frac{L_{1,2}}{\beta c} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(t,E) = \theta(t - \frac{L_1}{\beta \gamma c})\theta(-t + \frac{L_2}{\beta \gamma c})$$

The experimental efficiency depends of the **decay time** t and the **energy of the kaon**.

$$A_1 = \int f(E)A_1(E)dE$$



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- However, the energy dependence of the efficiency function makes the asymmetry non vanishing when  $K^0$  and  $\bar{K}^0$  are produces with different energies:

$$A_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int f_{K^0}(E) dE \ A_1(E) - \int f_{\bar{K^0}}(E) dE \ A_1(E) \right]$$

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- The A3 asymmetry is only a consequence of the **different energy** (different time dilatation) of K and Kbar;
- The asymmetry is a consequence of the energy dependence of F=F(t,E): finite experimental efficiency. We would have A3=0 in a perfect experiment;
- Need of **Kaons spectrum** for theoretical predictions;

# Relevance for BELLE II



• We need the reconstruction efficiency of the experiment parametrized by **kaon decay time** and **energy** in the LAB frame

$$A_{3} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \left( \int_{\Delta E} f_{K^{0}}(E) A_{\epsilon}(E_{i}) dE - \int_{\Delta E} f_{\bar{K}^{0}}(E) A_{\epsilon}(E_{i}) dE \right) \qquad F(t, E_{i}) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots 10$$

For each kaon event we measure energy E and decay length:



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We divide the energy distribution of the kaon in 10 bins with the same number of entries.

$$f(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau_{K_S^0}}$$

The **relative selection efficiency** is the ratio between the decay time distribution and the reference one.







# Predictions for BELLE II

• Need of energy distribution for K and Kbar, simplified toy model with K\* resonance:

$$A_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int f_{K^0}(E) dE \ A_1(E) - \int f_{\bar{K^0}}(E) dE \ A_1(E) \right]$$

• This sets an upper bound on A3:

 $A_3 \approx 9.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \approx 0.03 \cdot 2Re[\epsilon]$ 

 $\sqrt{s}|_{e^+e^-} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$ 



### Conclusions

- CP asymmetry has been studied in  $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \nu K_S \pi^{\pm}$  with measurement that at 3 sigma are not consistent with the SM;
- BELLE II aims to study CP violation in tau decay into kaons: we need theoretical predictions for all the decay modes involved:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^- \to \pi^- K_S^0 (\geq 0\pi^0) \nu_\tau, & \tau^- \to K^- K_S^0 (\geq 0\pi^0) \nu_\tau, & \tau^- \to \pi^- K^0 \bar{K^0} (K_S^0 K_L^0) \nu_\tau \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \end{aligned}$$

- The asymmetry depends on the **reconstruction efficiency F(t,E)** parametrized by the decay time and the energy of the kaon;
- The energy dependence makes the **asymmetry A3 non vanishing**;

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#### Toy model for Kaon and anti-Kaon energy spectrum to set an upper bound for the A3 asymmetry.

Toy model case:





 $A_3 \approx 0.19(2Re[\epsilon])$ 

CP-violation asymmetry has been observed in the decay of the  $\tau$  into a Kaon:

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u K_S \pi$$

$$A_{\epsilon} = \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} F(t) [\Gamma(\tau^{+} \to \bar{\nu_{\tau}} K_{S} \pi^{+}) - \Gamma(\tau^{-} \to \bar{\nu_{\tau}} K_{S} \pi^{-})] dt}{\int_{0}^{\infty} F(t) [\Gamma(\tau^{+} \to \bar{\nu_{\tau}} K_{S} \pi^{+}) + \Gamma(\tau^{-} \to \bar{\nu_{\tau}} K_{S} \pi^{-})] dt}$$
$$= \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} dt \ F(t) [\Gamma(K^{0}(t) \to 2\pi) - \Gamma(\bar{K^{0}}(t) \to 2\pi)]}{\int_{0}^{\infty} dt \ F(t) [\Gamma(K^{0}(t) \to 2\pi) + \Gamma(\bar{K^{0}}(t) \to 2\pi)]}$$

 $t \to \text{Kaon proper time}$ 

Fixed experimental cuts in the the Kaon's frame:  $F(t) = \theta(t - t_1)\theta(-t + t_2)$ 

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We are interested in determining the asymmetry coefficient related to the time integrated asymmetry of the decay of the  $\tau$  into three pseudoscalar mesons:

$$A_{3}(t_{1},t_{2}) = \frac{\int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} [\Gamma(\tau^{+} \to \bar{\nu_{\tau}}K_{L}K_{S}\pi^{+}) - \Gamma(\tau^{-} \to \nu_{\tau}K_{L}K_{S}\pi^{-})]dt}{\int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} [\Gamma(\tau^{+} \to \bar{\nu_{\tau}}K_{L}K_{S}\pi^{+}) + \Gamma(\tau^{-} \to \nu_{\tau}K_{L}K_{S}\pi^{-})]dt}$$

It does not make sense to take fixed experimental cuts in the Kaon frame: we **fix time cuts in LAB frame** 

$$A_{3}(t_{1}^{LAB}, t_{2}^{LAB}) = \frac{A_{\epsilon}(t_{1}^{LAB}/\gamma, t_{2}^{LAB}/\gamma)^{K^{0}(\tau^{+})} - A_{\epsilon}(t_{1}^{LAB}/\gamma, t_{2}^{LAB}/\gamma)^{K^{0}(\tau^{-})}}{2}$$

$$A_3(t_1^{LAB}, t_2^{LAB}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int f_{K^0}(E) dE \ A_\epsilon \left( \frac{t_1^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)}, \frac{t_2^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)} \right) - \int f_{\bar{K^0}}(E) dE \ A_\epsilon \left( \frac{t_1^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)}, \frac{t_1^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)} \right) \right]$$

#### Fixed time cutes in the LAB frame:



- Kaons energy spectrum in the hadronic reference frame (CM of K, Kbar and pion);
- The asymmetry A3 is only a consequence of the **different energy** of K and Kbar: more precisely is a consequence of **different time dilatation** effect for the two kaons;
- This is not a realistic model! But makes us understand that the origin of the asymmetry A3 is the energy dependence of the efficiency function

$$F(t,E) = \theta(\gamma(E)t - t_1^{LAB})\theta(-\gamma(E)t + t_2^{LAB})$$

$$A_3(t_1^{LAB}, t_2^{LAB}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int f_{K^0}(E) dE \ A_\epsilon \left( \frac{t_1^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)}, \frac{t_2^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)} \right) - \int f_{\bar{K^0}}(E) dE \ A_\epsilon \left( \frac{t_1^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)}, \frac{t_1^{LAB}}{\gamma(E)} \right) \right]$$



Figure 5: Asymmetry  $A_3$  assuming a fixed value for  $t_1^{LAB} = \tau_S/100$ . The value  $\gamma_{max} = E_K^{max}/m_K \approx 1.7$  is used assuming the case in which the kaon is emitted with maximum energy.



Figure 4: Asymmetry  $A_3$  assuming a fixed value for  $t_2^{LAB} = 100\tau_S$ . The value  $\gamma_{max} = E_K^{max}/m_K \approx 1.7$  is used assuming the case in which the kaon is emitted with maximum energy.

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The asymmetry A3 is a consequence of **the energy dependence of the efficiency function F=F(t,E)**:

- In the case of fixed time cuts in Kaon frame (Grossman paper):  $F(t) = \theta(t t_1)\theta(-t + t_2) \rightarrow A_3 = 0$
- In the case of fixed time cuts in LAB frame:  $F(t, E) = \theta(\gamma(E)t t_1^{LAB})\theta(-\gamma(E)t + t_2^{LAB})$

The asymmetry A3 is only a consequence of the **limit of experimental efficiency**: if we were integrating the all the times then **A3=0**; On the other hand **A1 is a physical CP symmetry**;

Fixing time cuts in the LAB frame is **not a realistic model**. A more realistic model is to **fix length cuts** in the experimental apparatus:

$$t_{1,2}^{LAB} = \frac{L_{1,2}}{\beta c} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(t,E) = \theta(t - \frac{L_1}{\beta \gamma c})\theta(-t + \frac{L_2}{\beta \gamma c})$$

**Fixed length cuts** of the experimental apparatus: we detect all the Ks that decay within the length L1 and L2:

$$t_{1,2}^{LAB} = \frac{L_{1,2}}{\beta c} \rightarrow F(t, E) = \theta(t - \frac{L_1}{\beta \gamma c})\theta(-t + \frac{L_2}{\beta \gamma c}) \rightarrow F(t, E) = \theta(t - \frac{L_2}{\beta \gamma c})$$
Fix lengths cuts in LAB frame means energy dependent time cuts in Kaon frame
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$$A_{\epsilon}(E)/2Re[\epsilon]$$

$$L_1 = 0$$

$$L_2 = \tau_L \ c/10$$

$$A_{\epsilon}(E) = \frac{T_1}{20} + \frac{T_1$$

#### The origin of asymmetry A3 is

to fix cut-offs in the LAB frame (fix time cuts, fix length cuts)

# This creates energy dependent cuts in the Kaon rest frame because of **time dilatation** that make the A1 asymmetry energy dependent:

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Since Kaon and anti Kaon are emitted with different energy they will have different time dilatation and asymmetry A1 that will not cancel out:

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#### Real experiment case

$$A_{\epsilon}(E) = \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} dt \ F(t,E) \ [\Gamma(K^{0}(t) \to 2\pi) - \Gamma(\bar{K^{0}}(t) \to 2\pi)]}{\int_{0}^{\infty} dt \ F(t,E) \ [\Gamma(K^{0}(t) \to 2\pi) + \Gamma(\bar{K^{0}}(t) \to 2\pi)]}$$
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• We need the **experimental efficiency function** F(t,E) parametrized by **kaon decay time** and **energy** in the LAB frame;

Dividing the whole experimental energy spectrum into 10 bins and building the efficiency function for each bin (Thank you Paolo!)  $F(t, E_i)$  for i = 1, ...10

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• We need the **energy distribution** for the Kaon and Kaon-bar;