

# Feasibility study for a search for $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ decay at Super $c - \tau$ factory

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SCTF<sup>a</sup> -  $e^+e^-$  collider and general purpose  $4\pi$  detector with longitudinal magnetic field.

$2E_b = 2 \div 5$  GeV,  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{35}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, 10 years,  $10$  ab<sup>-1</sup>,  $N_{\tau^+\tau^-} = 2.5 \times 10^{10}$

## Physical programme

- 1 Studies of charmonium states
- 2 Spectroscopy of states of light quarks
- 3 Physics of  $D$  mesons
- 4 Physics of charmed baryons
- 5  $\tau$  lepton physics
- 6 Measurement of  $\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}$
- 7 Two-photon physics

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<sup>a</sup>Super charm tau factory. Conceptual design report. (2011).

Recalculation from neutrino oscillation data<sup>a</sup> gives  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma} \sim 10^{-54}$ . At the Super B factories a limit scales as  $1/\sqrt{N_{\tau^+\tau^-}}$  (ISR background). The limit on  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma} \sim (2 \div 3) \times 10^{-9}$  at SBF<sup>b</sup> (PDG limit<sup>c</sup> today is  $4.4 \times 10^{-8}$ ). But at SCTF ISR background is vanishingly small.

A search for  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$  is a complicated task and this is suitable for detector optimization.

All systems are important for this problem: track system, PID system, calorimeter and muon system. Special sophisticated PID system is Focusing Aerogel RICH<sup>d</sup> for  $\mu/\pi$  separation up to  $1 \frac{\text{GeV}}{c}$  or  $\frac{\delta u}{u} \sim 10^{-3}$ .

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<sup>a</sup>Rev. of Nucl. And Part. Science 2008 58 p.315q

<sup>b</sup>SuperB Progress Reports – Physics. SuperB Collaboration.

<sup>c</sup>Phys.Rev.Lett. **104** (2010) 021802.

- 1 fast simulation
- 2 energy resolution 1.5% and 2.5% @ 1GeV
- 3 coordinate resolution of calorimeter - 1 cm
- 4 acceptance  $20^\circ < \Theta < 160^\circ$
- 5 threshold of photons detection 20 MeV
- 6 momentum resolution 0.4% @ 1GeV/c
- 7 efficiency 100%
- 8 particle identification is not simulated
- 9 background -  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  pairs decays  
( $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\bar{\nu}_\tau$ ;  $\tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+\bar{\nu}_\tau\nu_\mu\pi^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$ ;  $\tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+\bar{\nu}_\tau\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\nu_\tau\nu_\mu$   
etc.)

$$\Delta E = E_\mu + \omega - E_b$$

$$m_{bc} = \sqrt{E_b^2 - (\vec{p}_\mu + \vec{k})^2}$$

$$m_{vis} = \sqrt{(E_\mu + \omega)^2 - (\vec{p}_\mu + \vec{k})^2}$$

$$E_{miss} = 2E_b - E_\mu - \omega - E_{tag}$$

$$m_{miss}^2 = E_{miss}^2 - \vec{p}_{miss}^2$$

The energy of the signal photon is used in all standard selection criteria, which include a signature of signal.

For decay  $\tau \rightarrow l\gamma$  it's possible to reconstruct signal gamma using  $l$  and hadron system from tagging  $\tau$ .

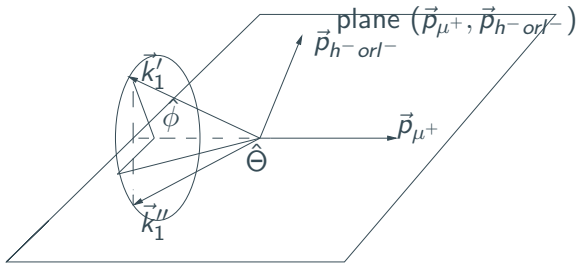
The same way as neutrino reconstruction for SM decays  $\tau^+\tau^-$  (where both  $\tau$  decay semileptonic)<sup>a</sup>.

The equations have one free parameter ( $m_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^2$ ) for leptonic decay of the tagging  $\tau$ .

The selection criteria are based on angle differences  $\Delta\Theta, \Delta\phi$  do not contain energy of signal photon.

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<sup>a</sup>J. H. Kühn, Phys. Lett. B **313** (1993) 458.

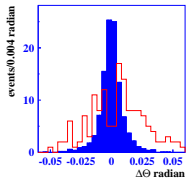


$$P_{e^+} + P_{e^-} = P_{\tau^+} + P_{\tau^-} = P_{\mu^+} + P_{\gamma} + P_{\tau^-} = P_{\mu^+} + P_{\gamma} + P_{h^- \text{ or } l^-} + P_{\nu_{\tau} \text{ or } \nu_{\tau} \bar{\nu}_l}$$

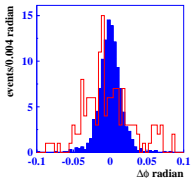
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# Selection criteria

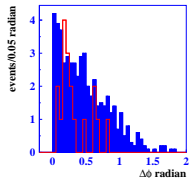
Signal is blue, background is red (arbitrary scale)



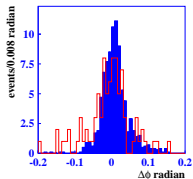
tagging mode  $\pi^- \nu_\tau$



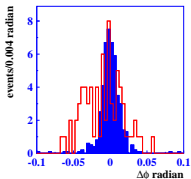
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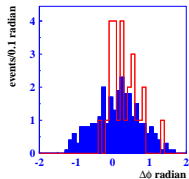
tagging mode  $e^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$



tagging mode  $\pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$



tagging mode  $\pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$



tagging mode  $\pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$

After summation of all points

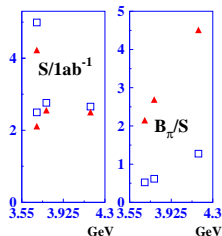
$$10 \text{ ab}^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma} = 10^{-9}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 1.5\% \quad \frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 2.5\%$$

$$S = 21.2 \quad S = 19.1$$

$$B = 11.5^{+1.5}_{-1.2} \quad B = 45.4^{+2.5}_{-1.7}$$

Number of signal events (at  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma} = 10^{-9}$ )  
for  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  and background signal ratio for pions,  
squares – 1.5% triangles – 2.5% resolutions.



- 1 selection criteria without signal photon energy increase sensitivity by a factor of 3- 4
- 2 achievable limits for  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$  are  $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$  @  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 2.5\%$  and  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-10}$  @  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 1.5\%$  ( $\mu/\pi$  separation 1/10)
- 3 selection criteria without signal photon energy are useful for a search  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma, \tau \rightarrow e \gamma$  at SCTF and they may be useful for the same research at SBF



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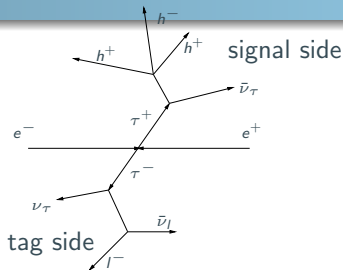
- ① Measurement of the branching fractions based on the full statistics
- ② Study of the hadronic dynamics, attempt to improve the systematics, detailed analysis of the intermediate states
- ③ CP -violation search
- ④ A feasibility study of  $m_{\nu_\tau}$  measurement

Decay mode	units	Belle	Babar	PDG 2006
$\pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	$10^{-2}$	$8.42 \pm 0.003^{+0.26}_-0.25$ <sup>1</sup>	$8.83 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.13$ <sup>2</sup>	$9.02 \pm 0.08$
$K^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	$10^{-3}$	$3.3 \pm 0.01^{+1.6}_-1.7$ <sup>1</sup>	$2.73 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.09$ <sup>2</sup>	$3.33 \pm 0.5$
$\pi^- K^- K^+ \nu_\tau$	$10^{-3}$	$1.55 \pm 0.01^{+0.06}_-0.05$ <sup>1</sup>	$1.346 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.036$ <sup>2</sup>	$1.54 \pm 0.09$
$K^- K^- K^+ \nu_\tau$	$10^{-5}$	$3.29 \pm 0.17^{+0.19}_-0.20$ <sup>1</sup>	$1.58 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.12$ <sup>2</sup>	$< 3.7$
$\pi^- \phi \nu_\tau$	$10^{-5}$		$3.42 \pm 0.55 \pm 0.25$ <sup>2</sup>	$< 20$
$K^- \phi \nu_\tau$	$10^{-5}$	$4.05 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.26$ <sup>3</sup>	$3.39 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.28$ <sup>2</sup>	$< 6.7$
$K^- K^- K^+ \nu_\tau$ (ex. $\phi$ )	$10^{-6}$		$< 2.5$ <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1</sup>PhysRevD.81.113007 (2010);  $666\text{fb}^{-1}$

<sup>2</sup>Phys.Rev.Lett. 100 (2008) 011801;  $342\text{fb}^{-1}$

<sup>3</sup>Physics Letters B643 (2006);  $401\text{fb}^{-1}$



- 1 4-track events from tauskim
- 2 Zero charge, without  $K_S \pi^0$
- 3 lepton ( $\mu, e$ ) and three hadrons
- 4  $Pr(K) > 0.75, Pr(l) > 0.7$
- 5  $E_{extra} > 0.2\text{GeV}$

- 1  $\max\left[\frac{P_t}{\text{GeV}/c}\right] > 0.5$
- 2  $7 > \frac{m_{miss}}{\text{GeV}/c^2} > 1$
- 3  $v_r < 0.5 \text{ cm } |v_z| < 2.5 \text{ cm}$
- 4  $150^\circ > \Theta_{miss}^{c.m.s.} > 30^\circ$
- 5  $\Theta_{hadrons/lepton}^{c.m.s.} > 90^\circ$

We use TAUOLA generator. Tau decays into three pseudoscalar hadrons and tau-neutrino are described with four form factors.

TAUOLA generator uses the quasi two-body model. It allows to parametrize  $F_s, F_v, F_1, F_2$  form factors.

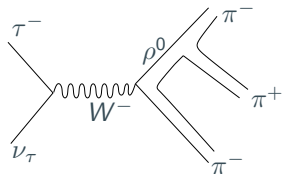
There are many intermediate states available for  $h^- h^+ h^- \nu_\tau$ .

$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$  ( $\rho\pi, \rho'\pi, f_0\pi, f_2\pi$ )

$K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$  ( $\rho K, K^* \pi$ )

$K^- K^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$  ( $\bar{K}^* K, \phi\pi$ )

$K^- K^+ K^- \nu_\tau$  ( $\phi K$ )



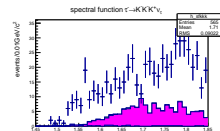
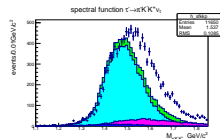
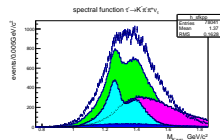
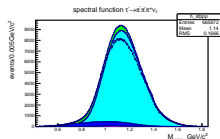
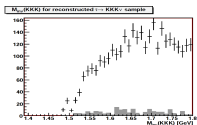
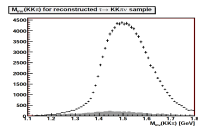
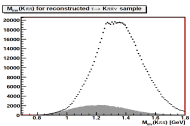
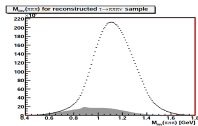
However, not all intermediate states, observed in the experiments are included now in this generator ( $\phi\pi^-, \phi K^-, \rho K^-$ ).

$$\langle h_1 h_2 h_3 | H^\mu | 0 \rangle = F_s(m_{12}^2, m_{13}^2, Q^2) Q^\mu + \{ F_1(m_{12}^2, m_{13}^2, Q^2) (p_1 - p_2)_\nu + F_2(m_{12}^2, m_{13}^2, Q^2) (p_2 - p_3)_\nu \} (g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2}) + i F_v(m_{12}^2, m_{13}^2, Q^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{1\nu} p_{2\rho} p_{3\sigma}$$

Where  $Q = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$ ,  $F_s$  - pseudoscalar,  $F_1, F_2$  - pseudovector,  $F_v$  - vector form factors.

# Comparison of the spectral function

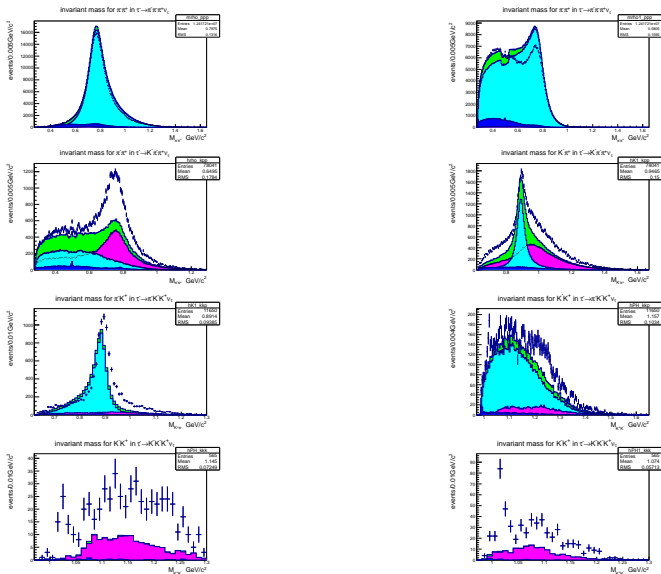
cyan - signal, magenta - background from 3-prong, blue - other background, green - total, open - experiment  
PhysRevD.81.113007 (2010) 80 fb<sup>-1</sup> simulation only  $\tau^+\tau^-$  events



# Invariant mass of the pair of mesons



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## Results

- ① First step of this analysis has been done
- ② Preliminary selection criteria were developed and applied to the data
- ③ TAUOLA generator does not include some intermediate states

## Plans

- ① Absolute branching fraction measurement
- ② Study of the hadron dynamics

Thank you very much for inviting me  
to this conference



$$P = p_1 + k_1 + p_2 + t_2$$

$$(p_1 + k_1)^2 = (p_2 + t_2)^2 = m_\tau^2$$

$$k_1^2 = 0, t_2^2 = m_q^2$$

$$k_1 P = \frac{P^2}{2} - P p_1$$

$$k_1 p_1 = \frac{m_\tau^2 - m_1^2}{2}$$

$$k_1 p_2 = \frac{m_q^2 - m_\tau^2 - m_2^2 + 2(P - p_1)p_2}{2}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{[\{A p_{1\theta} p_{2\delta} + B p_{2\theta} P_\delta + C P_\theta p_{1\delta}\} \epsilon^{\mu\theta\delta\psi} + D g^{\mu\psi}] \epsilon_{\nu\phi\pi\psi} P^\nu p_1^\phi p_2^\pi}{\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\rho} \epsilon_{\alpha_1\beta_1\gamma_1\rho} P_\alpha p_{1\beta} p_{2\gamma} P^{\alpha_1} p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\gamma_1}}$$

$$k_1 P = A \quad k_1 p_1 = B \quad k_1 p_2 = C$$

$$k_1^2 \propto A^2[-m_1^2 m_2^2 + (p_1 p_2)^2] + 2AB[-(p_1 p_2)(P p_2) + (p_1 P)m_2^2] +$$

$$B^2[-P^2 m_2^2 + (P p_2)^2] + 2BC[-(P p_1)(P p_2) + (p_1 p_2)P^2] +$$

$$2AC[-(p_1 p_2)(P p_1) + (p_2 P)m_1^2] + C^2[-P^2 m_1^2 + (P p_1)^2] + D^2 = 0$$

$$\cos \hat{\Theta} = \frac{Pp_1(P^2/2 - Pp_1) - P^2(m_\tau^2 - m_1^2)/2}{\sqrt{\{Pp_1\}^2 - m_1^2 P^2(P^2/2 - Pp_1)}}$$

$$\cos \Theta = \frac{-k_1 p_1 + k_1 P P p_1 / P^2}{\sqrt{(\{Pp_1\}^2 / P^2 - m_1^2)(k_1 P)^2 / P^2}}$$

$$\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \hat{\Theta}} \cos \hat{\phi} = \frac{m_q^2 - m_\tau^2 - m_2^2 + Pp_2 - p_1 p_2 + Pp_2 P p_1 / P^2 - (P^2 p_1 p_2 - Pp_2 P p_1) m_\tau^2 / P^2 m_1^2}{2\sqrt{(-m_2^2 + Pp_2^2 / P^2 + \{p_1 p_2 - Pp_1 P p_2 / P^2\}^2 / m_1^2)(\{P^2/2 - Pp_1\}^2 / P^2)}}$$

$$\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \Theta} \cos \phi = \frac{k_1 p_2 - k_1 P P p_2 / P^2 - (p_1 p_2 - Pp_2 P p_1 / P^2) k_1 p_1 / m_1^2}{\sqrt{(-m_2^2 + Pp_2^2 / P^2 + \{p_1 p_2 - Pp_1 P p_2 / P^2\}^2 / m_1^2) \{k_1 P\}^2 / P^2}}$$

$$\Delta \Theta = \hat{\Theta} - \Theta \quad \Delta \phi = \hat{\phi}(m_q^2 = 0) - \phi$$

$\sqrt{s}$ GeV	3.686	3.686	3.77	3.77	4.17	4.17
$\frac{\sigma_E}{E}$	1.5%	2.5%	1.5%	2.5%	1.5%	2.5%
$\pi^- \nu_\tau$ S	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.2	2.7
B	$2.5 \pm 0.4$	$8.2 \pm 0.7$	$2.7 \pm 0.4$	$10.1 \pm 0.4$	$4.5 \pm 0.9$	$12.5 \pm 0.8$
$\pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ S	6.9	5.5	6.7	5.9	6.5	6.1
B	$9.0 \pm 1.4$	$30 \pm 2$	$8.3 \pm 1.3$	$35 \pm 2$	$11.5 \pm 1.6$	$42 \pm 2$
$\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$ S	8.8	7.9	8.5	7.8	5.6	5.5
B	$2.2 \pm 0.5$	$6.3 \pm 0.7$	$2.9 \pm 0.5$	$12.3 \pm 1.0$	$6.8 \pm 0.8$	$23.2 \pm 1.4$
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$ S	9.0	7.5	8.4	7.9	5.1	5.1
B	$1.6 \pm 0.5$	$10.0 \pm 0.9$	$3.3 \pm 0.5$	$13.4 \pm 1.1$	$6.1 \pm 0.7$	$19.9 \pm 1.3$
$\pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ S	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5
B	$1.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.4 \pm 0.3$	$1.0 \pm 0.3$	$3.8 \pm 0.5$	$1.5 \pm 0.3$	$3.8 \pm 0.5$
$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$ S	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.6	1.9	1.7
B	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	$1.4 \pm 0.3$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	$1.8 \pm 0.3$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$2.0 \pm 0.3$