

# Minimal New Physics Explanation for Anomalies in Hadronic tau decays

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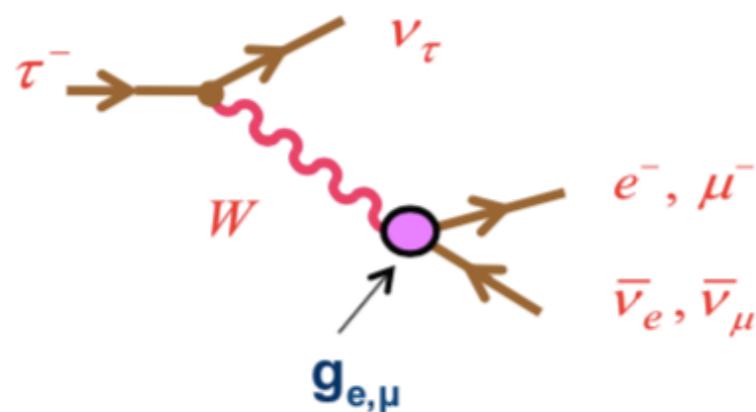
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# Tau decays as probes of SM & beyond

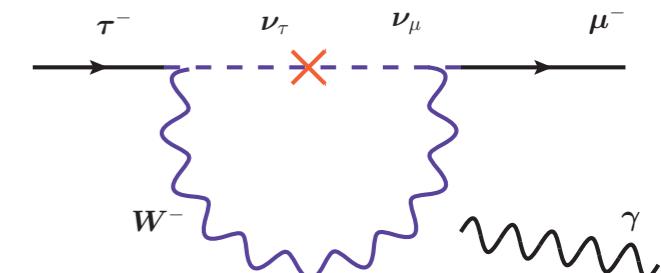
## Lepton flavor universality



## Charged lepton flavor violation

eg  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$

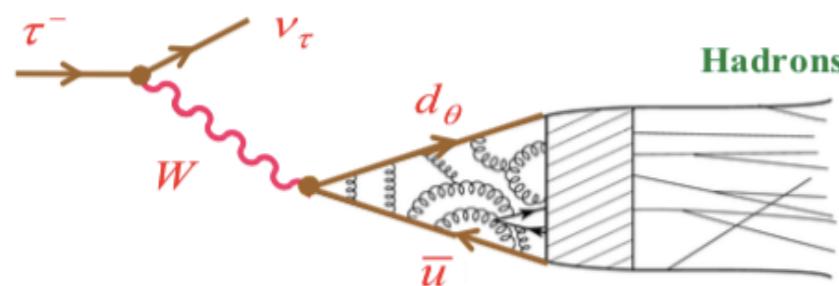
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} \supset \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_{\tau,L}) W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.}$$

## Determination of the SM parameters

$$V_{us}, \alpha_s, m_s$$



$$d_\theta = V_{ud} d + V_{us} s$$

## Tests of CP violation

## CP Violation in tau decays

$$A_{CP}^\tau = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S \bar{\nu}_\tau) - \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S \nu_\tau)}{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S \bar{\nu}_\tau) + \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S \nu_\tau)}$$

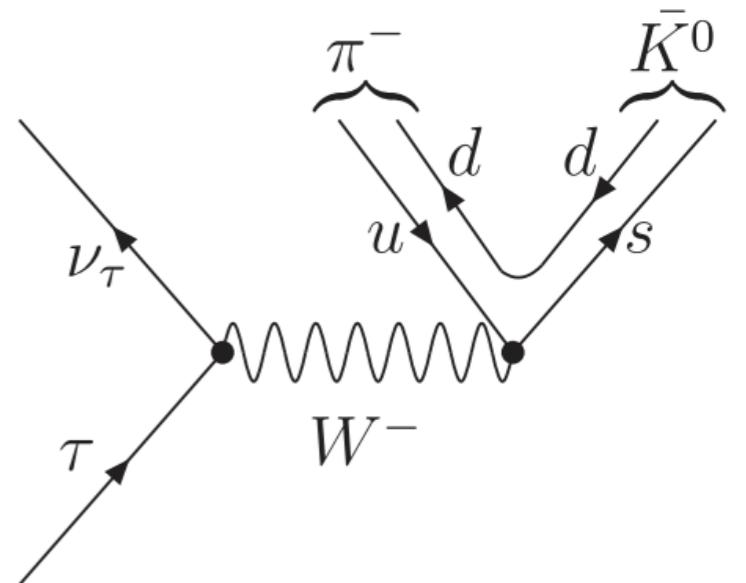
Bigi, Sanda, PLB 625, 2005

This asymmetry is nonzero in the SM, and comes from CPV in **neutral kaon mixing**

Using

$$|K_{S,L}\rangle = p |K^0\rangle \pm q |\bar{K}^0\rangle, \quad \frac{|p|^2 - |q|^2}{|p|^2 + |q|^2} \approx 2 \operatorname{Re}(\epsilon)$$

Indirect CPV parameter  
( $\sim 10^{-3}$ )



The SM prediction is

$$A_{CP}^\tau (\text{SM}) \approx 2 \operatorname{Re}(\epsilon)$$

$$= (0.33 \pm 0.01) \%$$

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### A sidenote :

The same dynamics also yields CPV for D meson decays

$$A_D \equiv \frac{\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow K_S \pi^+) - \Gamma(D^- \rightarrow K_S \pi^-)}{\Gamma(D^+ \rightarrow K_S \pi^+) + \Gamma(D^- \rightarrow K_S \pi^-)} \approx -2 \operatorname{Re}(\epsilon)$$

Experimental and SM values for CP asymmetry in D meson are **consistent** with each other

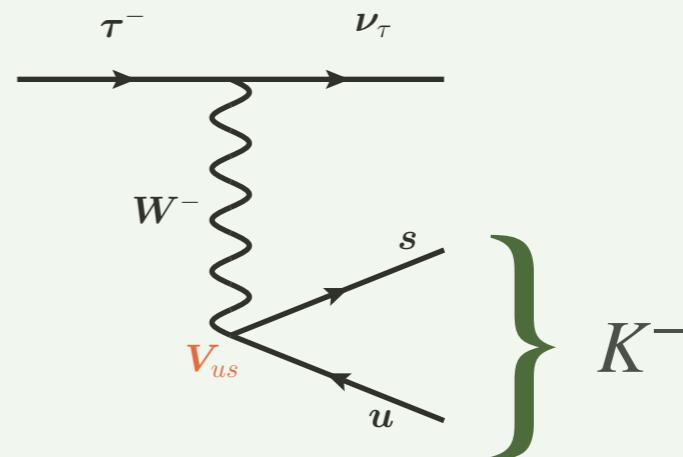
$$A_D(\text{SM}) = (-0.332 \pm 0.006) \%, \quad A_D(\text{Exp}) = (-0.41 \pm 0.09) \%$$

# Extraction of $V_{us}$

Branching fraction	HFLAV Spring 2017 fit (%)
$K^-\nu_\tau$	$0.6960 \pm 0.0096$
$K^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$0.4327 \pm 0.0149$
$K^-2\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	$0.0640 \pm 0.0220$
$K^-3\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0, \eta$ )	$0.0428 \pm 0.0216$
$\pi^-\bar{K}^0\nu_\tau$	$0.8386 \pm 0.0141$
$\pi^-\bar{K}^0\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$0.3812 \pm 0.0129$
$\pi^-\bar{K}^0\pi^0\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	$0.0234 \pm 0.0231$
$\bar{K}^0 h^- h^- h^+\nu_\tau$	$0.0222 \pm 0.0202$
$K^-\eta\nu_\tau$	$0.0155 \pm 0.0008$
$K^-\pi^0\eta\nu_\tau$	$0.0048 \pm 0.0012$
$\pi^-\bar{K}^0\eta\nu_\tau$	$0.0094 \pm 0.0015$
$K^-\omega\nu_\tau$	$0.0410 \pm 0.0092$
$K^-\phi\nu_\tau$ ( $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ )	$0.0022 \pm 0.0008$
$K^-\phi\nu_\tau$ ( $\phi \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0$ )	$0.0015 \pm 0.0006$
$K^-\pi^-\pi^+\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0, \omega$ )	$0.2923 \pm 0.0067$
$K^-\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0, \omega, \eta$ )	$0.0410 \pm 0.0143$
$K^-2\pi^-2\pi^+\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	$0.0001 \pm 0.0001$
$K^-2\pi^-2\pi^+\pi^0\nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0$ )	$0.0001 \pm 0.0001$
$X_s^-\nu_\tau$	$2.9087 \pm 0.0482$

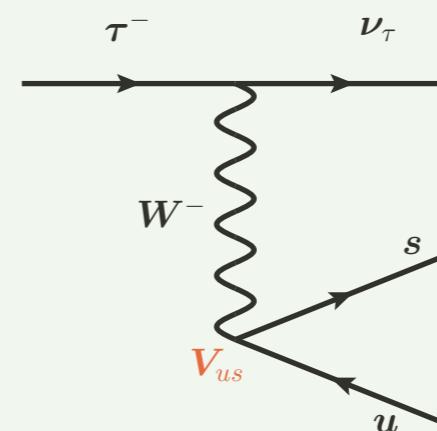
via exclusive mode:

$$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow K\nu_\tau)/\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \pi\nu_\tau)$$

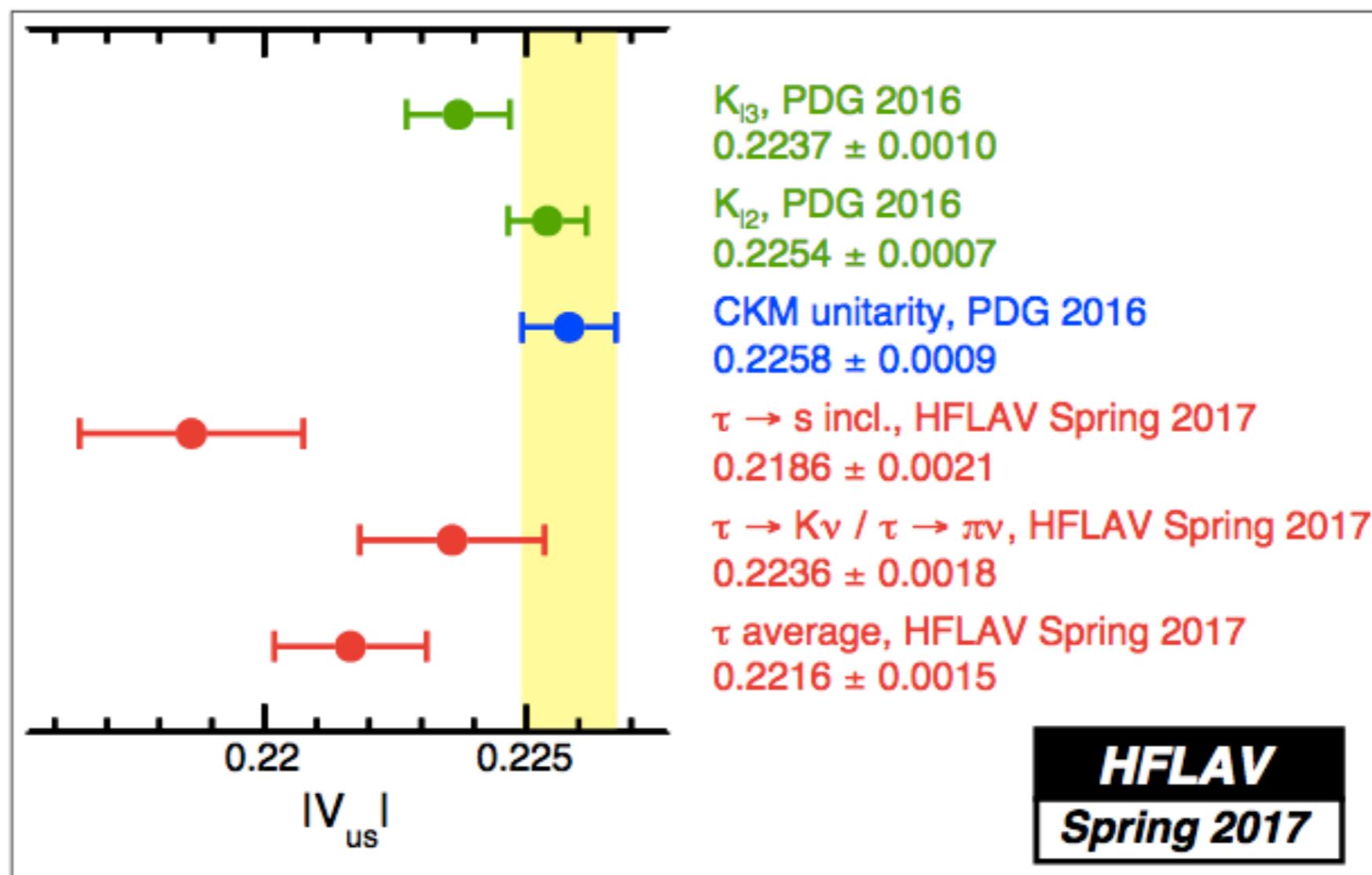


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# Status of $V_{us}$



$$|V_{us}|_{\text{uni}} = 0.22582(89)$$

from  $\sqrt{1 - |V_{ud}|^2}$  (CKM unitarity)

$$|V_{us}|_{\tau s} = 0.2186(21) - 3.1\sigma$$

from  $\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow X_s^- \nu_\tau)$

$$|V_{us}|_{\tau K/\pi} = 0.2236(18) - 1.1\sigma$$

from  $\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau)/\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)$

## New physics in $\tau \rightarrow s$ ?

### The low-energy effective Lagrangian

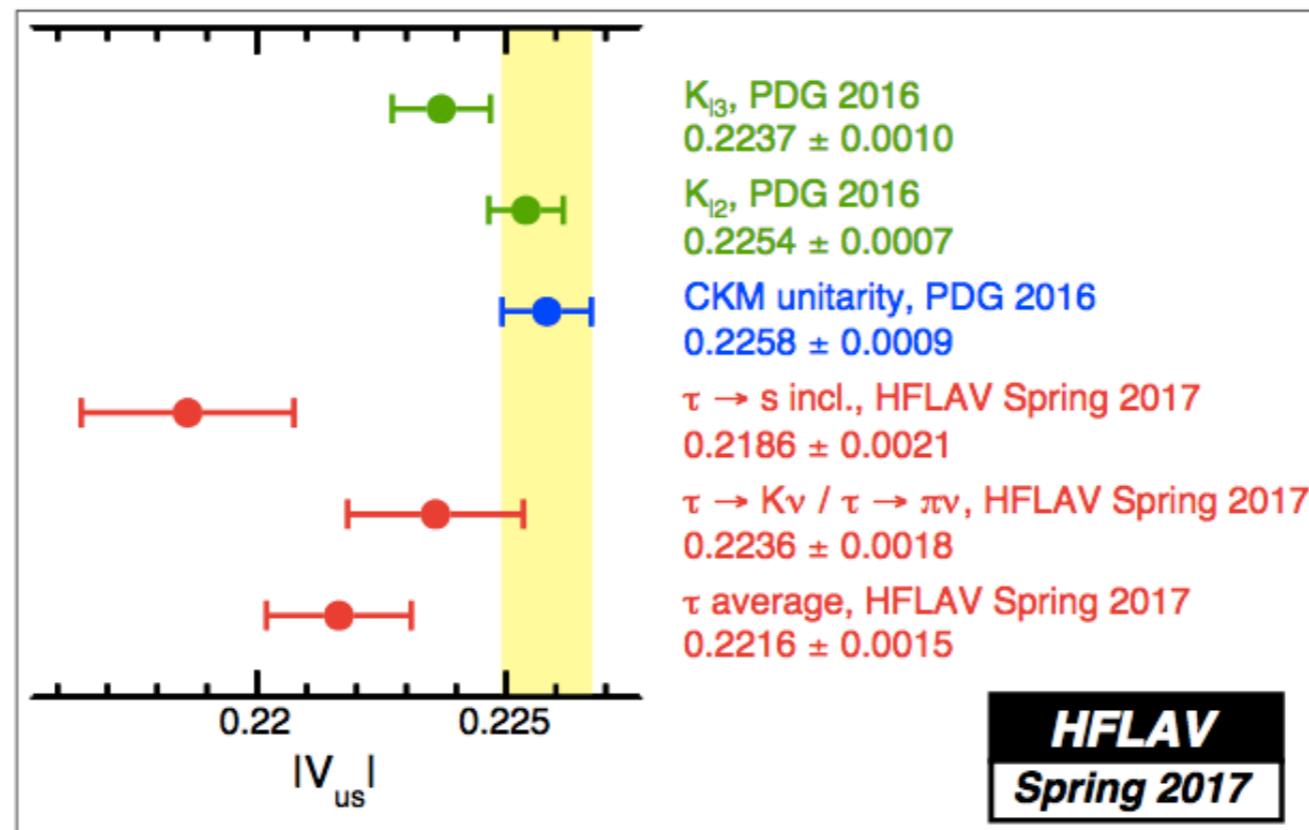
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{\Delta S=1} \supset & -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us} \left[ \textcolor{blue}{c_L^V \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_{\tau L} \cdot \bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu s_L} + c_R^V \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_{\tau L} \cdot \bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu s_R \right. \\ & + c_L^S \bar{\tau}_R \nu_{\tau L} \cdot \bar{u}_R s_L + c_R^S \bar{\tau}_R \nu_{\tau L} \cdot \bar{u}_L s_R \\ & \left. + c_T \bar{\tau}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_{\tau L} \cdot \bar{u}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} s_L \right] + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

Vector  
Scalar  
Tensor

In the SM :  $c_L^V = 1$  and rest coefficients are zero

# Nature of NP interaction?

V<sub>us</sub> extraction from  
*EXCLUSIVE* mode  
is almost consistent



V<sub>us</sub> extraction from  
*INCLUSIVE* mode  
is anomalous

NP keeps two body decay unaffected, but  
modifies inclusive rate

Tensors !! —————→

$\langle K^-(q) | \bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} u | 0 \rangle = 0 \quad \text{For } \tau \rightarrow K\nu$   
No antisymmetric structure is possible

## Nature of NP interaction?

Need interference of two amplitudes to yield non-zero CP asymmetry

$$A_{CP} \propto |A_1 + A_2|^2 - |\bar{A}_1 + \bar{A}_2|^2 = -4|A_1||A_2| \sin(\delta_1^S - \delta_2^S) \sin(\delta_1^W - \delta_2^W)$$

$$A_j = |A_j| e^{i\delta_j^S} e^{i\delta_j^W}, (j = 1, 2)$$

Both strong and weak phases  
are necessary

$\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi^- \nu_\tau$  :

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds} \propto \left| f_0(s) \left( c_V + \frac{s}{m_\tau(m_s - m_u)} c_S \right) \right|^2,$$

No strong phase in scalar-vector interference

$$\left| f_+(s) c_V - T(s) \right|^2$$

Relative strong phase in tensor-vector interference

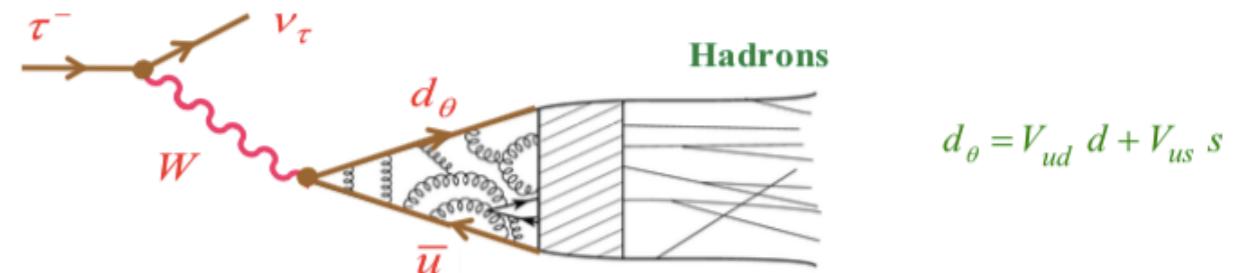
Only tensor operator can generate direct CPV !

# Inclusive Hadronic Tau decay

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**Key observable is**

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**SU(3) breaking quantity**

$$\delta R_\tau \equiv \frac{R_\tau^{NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \frac{R_\tau^S}{|V_{us}|^2}$$

Correction from :

$$m_s \leftrightarrow m_u, \langle \bar{s}s \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle \bar{u}u \rangle$$



$$\delta R_\tau^{\text{SM}} = 0.242(32)$$

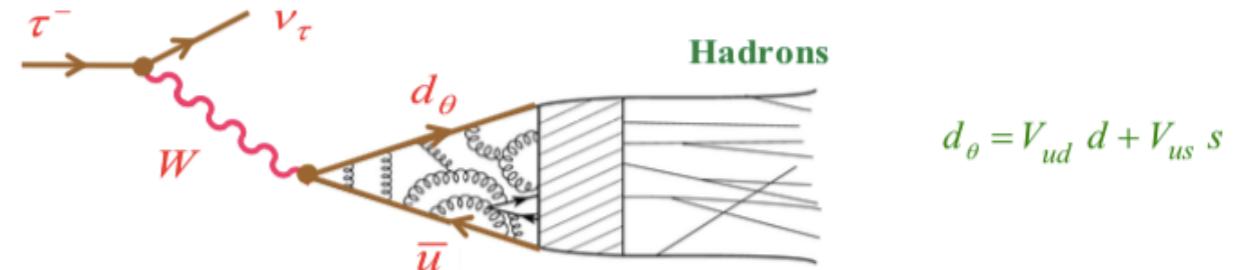
E. Gamiz et. al, PRL 94 (2005) 011803

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**In presence of  
tensor contribution:**



$$\delta R_{\tau, \text{theory}} \simeq \delta R_\tau^{\text{SM}} - 288\pi^2 \text{Re}[C_T] \frac{\langle 0 | \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}u + \bar{s}s) | 0 \rangle}{m_\tau^3} - 18 |C_T|^2$$

V-T interference term

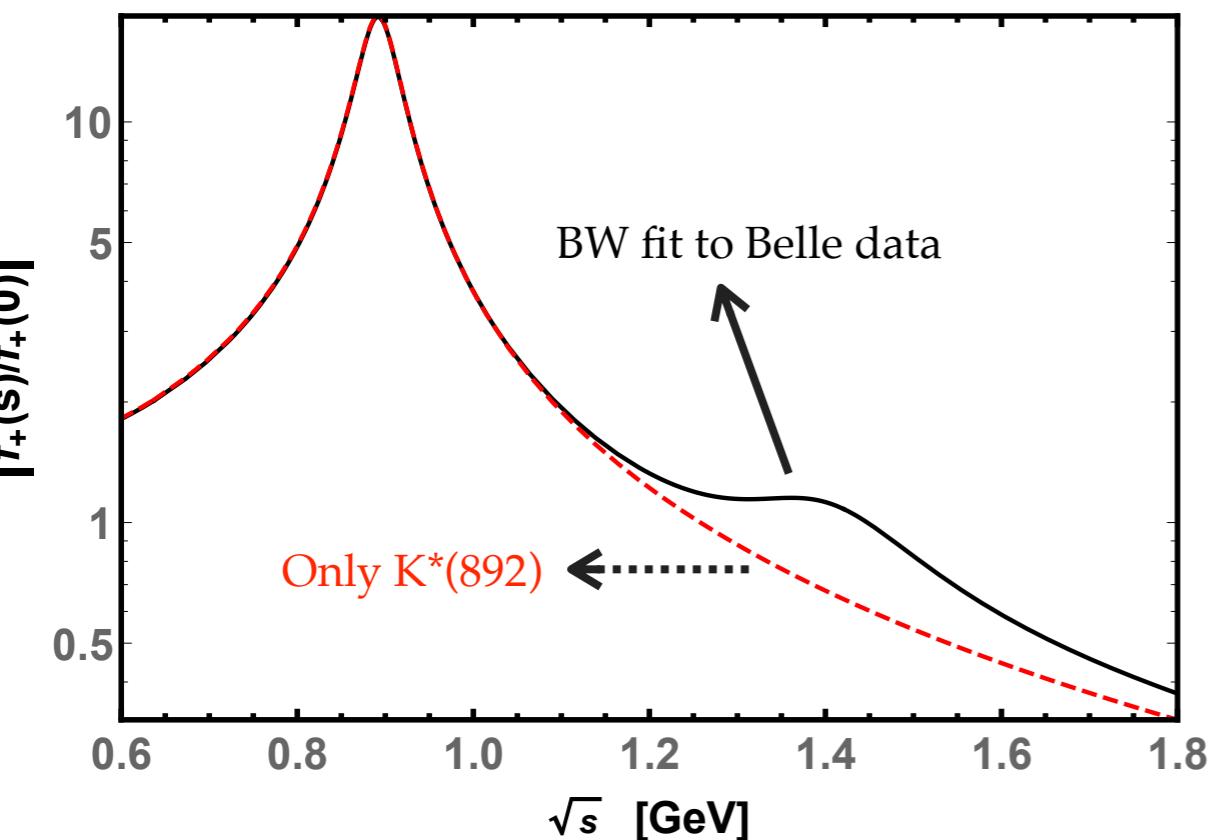
Pure tensor term

## CPV in $\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi^- \nu_\tau$

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Devi, Dhargyal, Sinha,  
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$$A_{CP}^{\tau, \text{BSM}} = \frac{\sin \delta_T^W |c_T|}{\Gamma_\tau \text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi \nu_\tau)} \times \int_{s_{\pi K}}^{m_\tau^2} ds' \kappa(s) |f_+(s')| |B_T(s')| \sin [\delta_+(s') - \delta_T(s')]$$



### Vector and Tensor Form factors :

Contribution from  $K^*(892)$  and  $K^*(1410)$ ,  
dominated by elastic  $K^*(892)$  resonance

Can be parametrised by **Omnes function**

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**In elastic region:** Watson final state theorem

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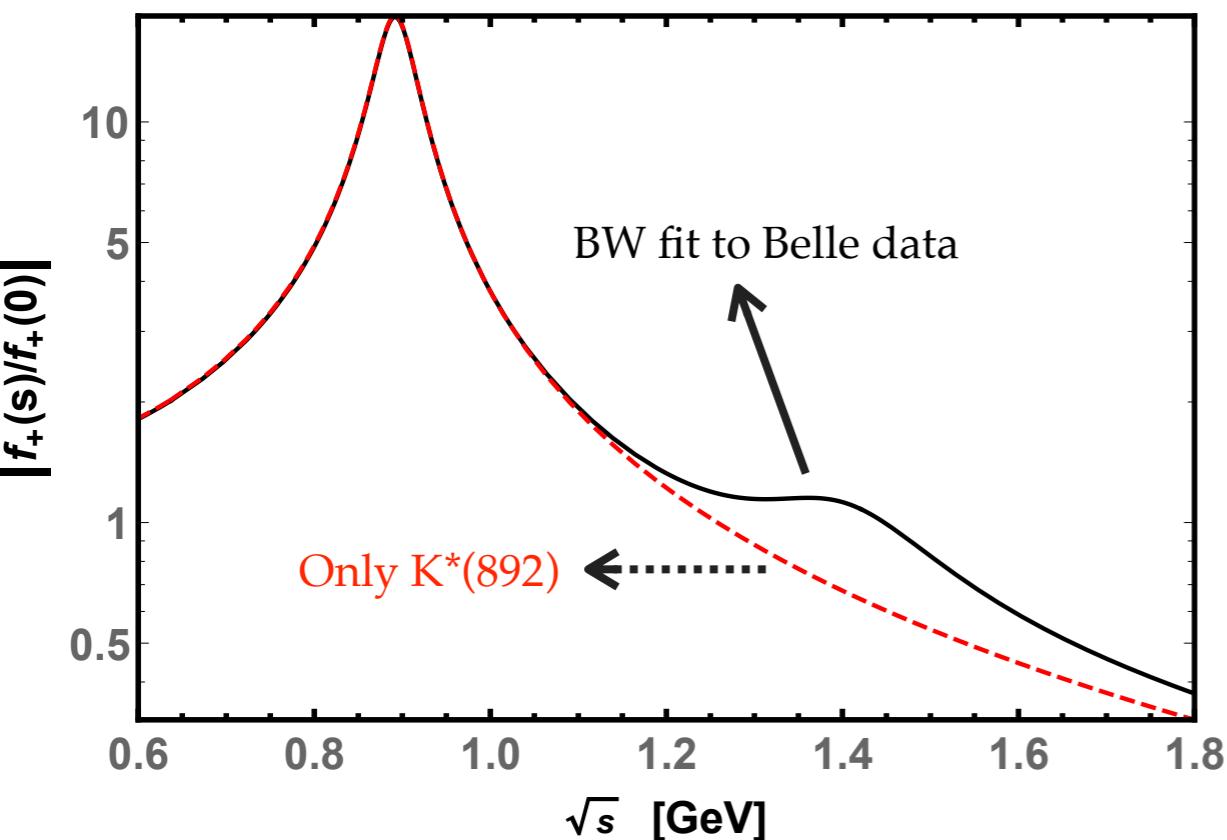
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**Vector-Tensor interference vanishes up to inelastic corrections!!**

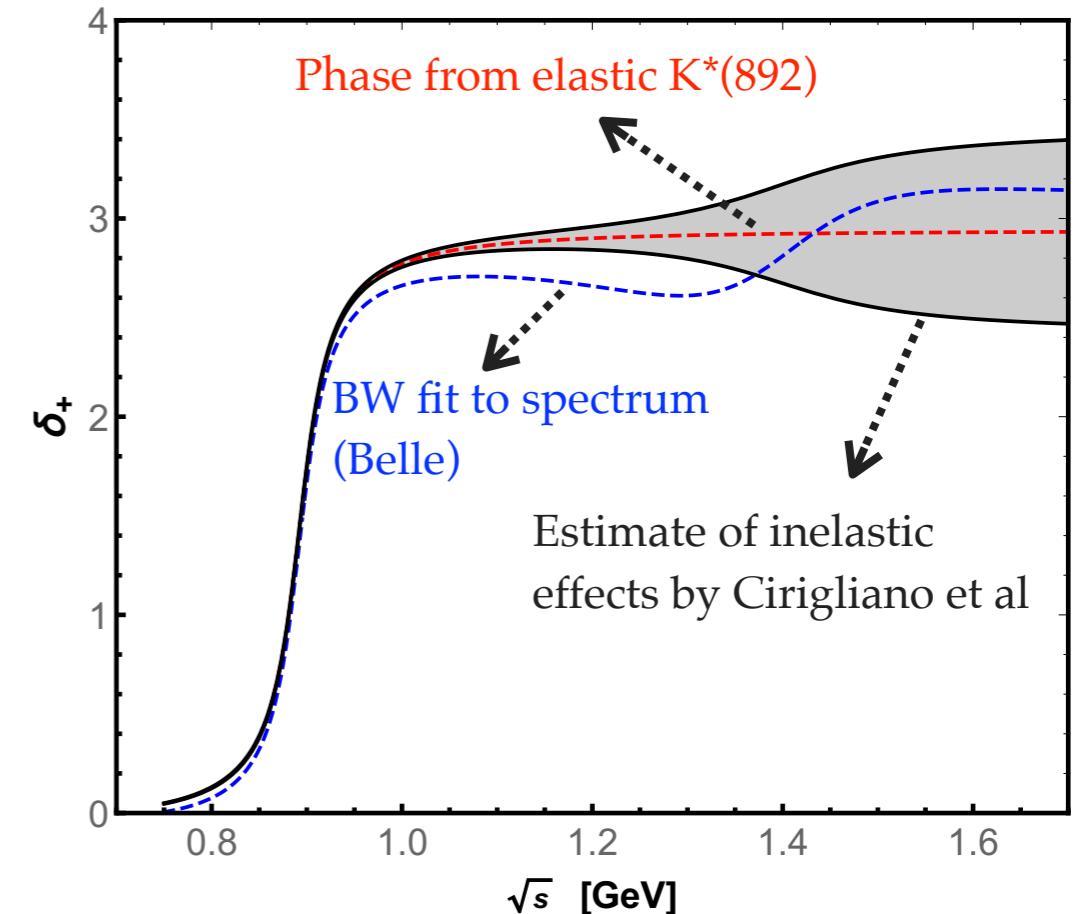
## CPV in $\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi^- \nu_\tau$

Inelastic effects start around  $K^*(1410)$  resonance

Inelastic phase shifts can't be extracted from experimental fits

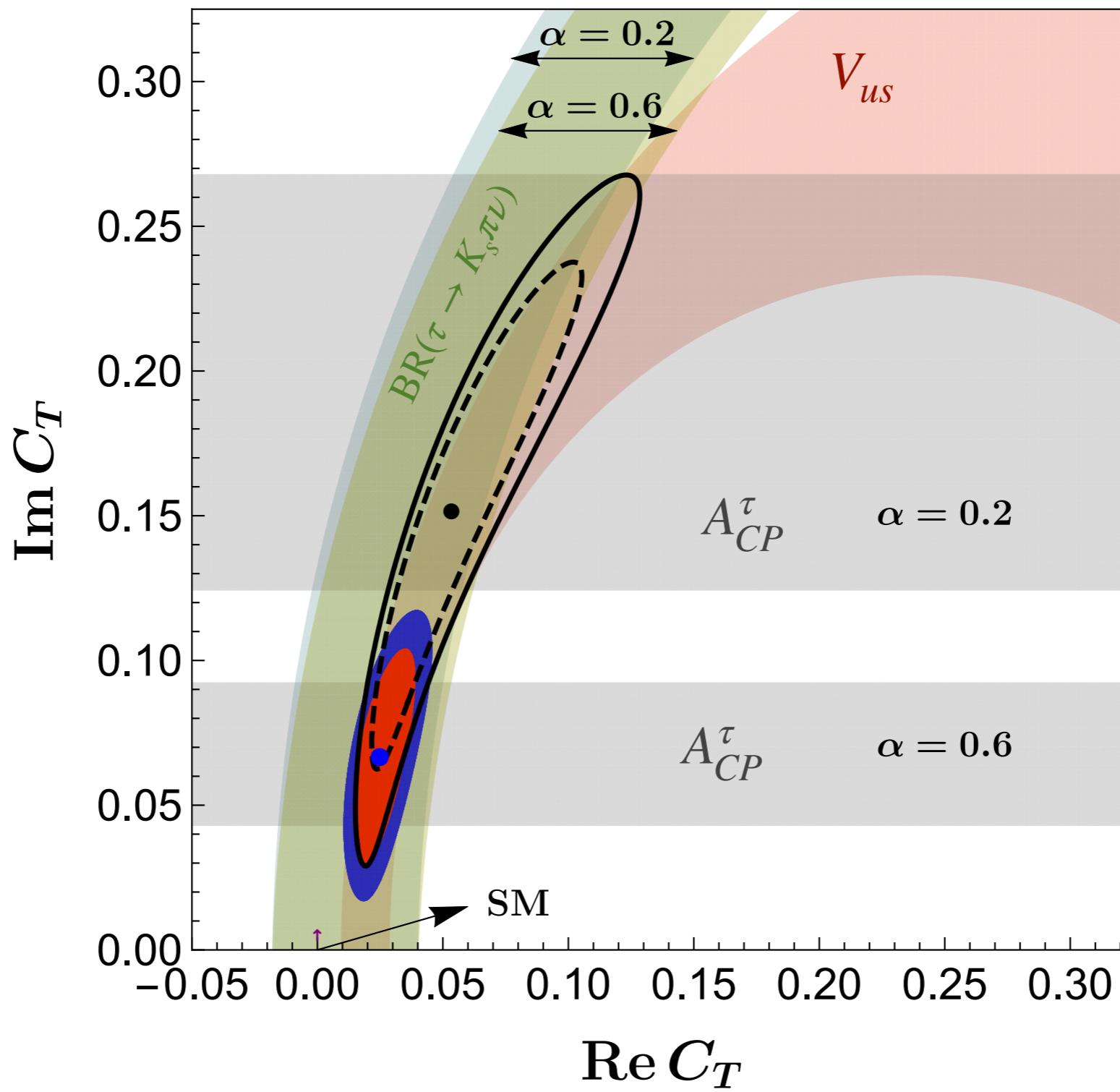
We take the following assumption:

$$\delta_T(s) - \delta_+(s) = \alpha \times \text{Arg}[\text{BW}(K^*(1410))]$$



Belle collab., PLB 654, 65 (2007)  
Cirigliano et al, PRL 120, 141803 (2018)

## Combined NP resolution



# Implications from SM Gauge Invariance

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 \downarrow \text{EW gauge inv.} \\
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 = \frac{C}{\Lambda^2} \left[ (\bar{\nu}_{\tau,L} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \tau_R) (\bar{s}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R) - V_{us} (\bar{\tau}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} \tau_L) (\bar{u}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R) \right] + \text{h.c.}
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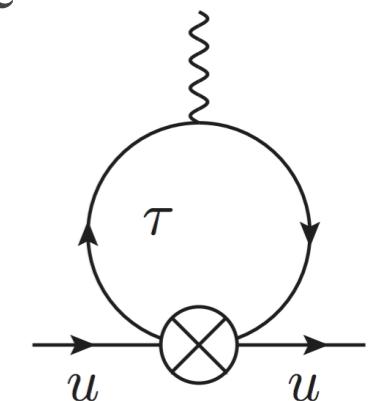
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Bound from **neutron EDM**  $|\text{Im } c_T| \lesssim 10^{-5}$



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↓

$$\frac{\mathcal{K}v^2}{2\Lambda^4} \left[ (\bar{\nu}_{\tau,L} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \tau_R) (\bar{s}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R) \right]$$

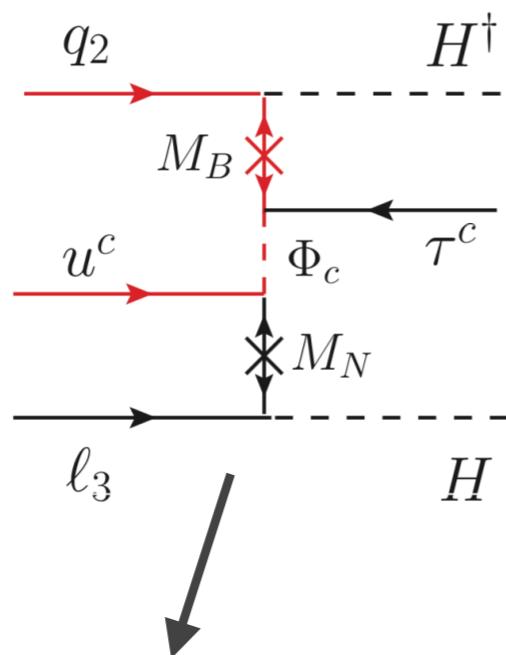
No Neutron EDM operator  
(Thanks to the Higgses)

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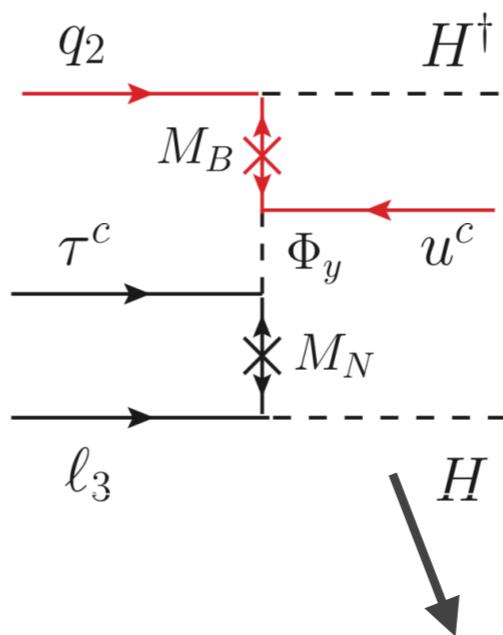
# A toy UV model

	$(SU(3)_C, SU(2)_W)_Y$	$U(1)_{q_2}$	$U(1)_{u_1}$	$U(1)_{\ell_3}$	$U(1)_{e_3}$
$B$	$(3, 1)_{-1/3}$	0	1	0	0
$B^c$	$(\bar{3}, 1)_{1/3}$	-1	0	0	0
$N$	$(1, 1)_0$	0	0	-1	0
$N^c$	$(1, 1)_0$	0	0	0	1
$\Phi_c$	$(3, 1)_{2/3}$	0	+1	0	-1
$\Phi_y$	$(1, 1)_1$	0	0	0	0

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \supset & k_1 H^\dagger q_2 B^c + k_2 H \ell_3 N + k_3 \Phi_c u_1^c N^c \\ & + k_4 \Phi_c^\dagger e_3^c B + k_5 \Phi_y u_1^c B + k_6 \Phi_y^\dagger e_3^c N^c \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{4k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4}{M_N M_B m_c^2} \left[ (q_2 H^\dagger e_3^c) (\ell_3 H u_1^c) \right]$$



$$\frac{4k_1 k_2 k_6 k_7}{M_N M_B m_y^2} \left[ (q_2 H^\dagger u_1^c) (\ell_3 H e_3^c) \right]$$

↓ Fierz Transformation

$$-\frac{1}{2} (q_2 H^\dagger u_1^c) (\ell_3 H e_3^c) - \frac{1}{2} (q_2 H^\dagger \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_1^c) (\ell_3 H \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_3^c)$$

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We have explored the possibility of addressing the anomalies in **V<sub>us</sub>** and **CP asymmetry** in tau decays via NP in a model-independent analysis.

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Thank you

# **Back-up**

## $\tau$ : The Heaviest Lepton

Mass : 1776.86(12) MeV      PDG 2018

Lifetime : 290.3(5) fs      PDG 2018

The only known lepton heavy enough to decay into both leptons and hadrons

PDG 2018 lists 244 various decay modes of the tau

Decays to lighter leptons     $\tau \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell \nu_\tau (\ell = e, \mu)$  : 17 % each

Decays to hadrons             $\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + \nu_\tau$  : 65 %

Largest BR                     $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$  : 25 %

## NP in Hadronic Tau decay

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us} \left[ \bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu u_L \cdot \bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma_\mu \tau_L \right] + \frac{D v^2}{2 \Lambda^4} \left[ \bar{s}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} u_R \cdot \bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma^\mu \tau_R \right]$$

$$c_T = \left( \frac{v}{\Lambda} \right)^4 \frac{D}{4V_{us}}, \quad c_T \text{ is a complex number}$$

$\text{Im } c_T$  : Contributes to CP asymmetry

$\text{Re } c_T \text{ & } \text{Im } c_T$  : Contributes to  $\tau \rightarrow X_s \nu_\tau$

## Calculation of $R_\tau$

$$\sum_n \Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau n) = \frac{1}{2m_\tau} \int \frac{d^3 p_\nu}{(2\pi)^3 2E_\nu} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s,s'} \sum_n \int d\phi_n \left| \langle \nu_\tau n | \mathcal{H} | \tau \rangle \right|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q - p_n)$$

Can be written in term of spectral functions using:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{ij,VV}^{\mu\nu} &\equiv \int d\phi_n (2\pi)^3 \delta^4(q - p_n) \sum_n \langle 0 | V_{ij}^\mu | n \rangle \langle n | V_{ij}^{\nu\dagger} | 0 \rangle \\ &= (q^\mu q^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} q^2) \rho_{ij,VV}^{(1)}(q^2) + q^\mu q^\nu \rho_{ij,VV}^{(0)}(q^2) \end{aligned}$$

Spectral functions are equal to imaginary part of the associated correlators

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{ij,VV}^{\mu\nu}(q) &\equiv i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T\{ V_{ij}^\mu(x) V_{ij}^{\nu\dagger}(0) \} | 0 \rangle && \text{Optical theorem} \\ &= (q^\mu q^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} q^2) \Pi_{ij,VV}^{(1)}(q^2) + q^\mu q^\nu \Pi_{ij,VV}^{(0)}(q^2) \end{aligned}$$

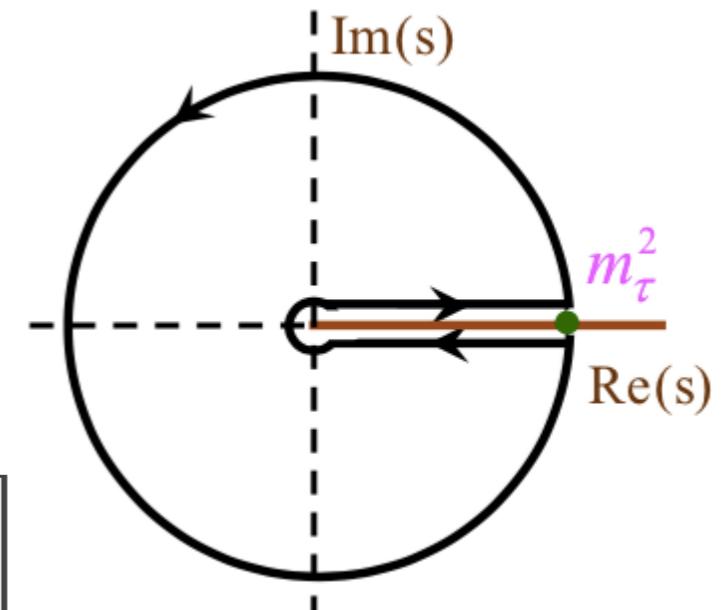
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$$R_\tau^{S(NS)} = 12\pi |V_{us(d)}|^2 S_{EW} \int_0^{m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \left[ \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \text{Im}\Pi^{(1)}(s) + \text{Im}\Pi^{(0)}(s) \right]$$

Braaten, Narison, Pich'92

Analyticity of  $\Pi$ : making use of **Cauchy theorem**

$$R_\tau^{S(NS)} = 6i\pi |V_{us(d)}|^2 S_{EW} \oint_{|s|=m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \left[ \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \Pi^{(1)}(s) + \Pi^{(0)}(s) \right]$$



Use of OPE:

$$\Pi^J(s) = \sum_{D=2,4,\dots} \frac{1}{(-s)^{D/2}} \sum_{\dim O=D} C^{(J)}(s, \mu) \langle O_D(\mu) \rangle$$

## New Physics in $R_\tau^S$

The tensor contribution:

$$R_{\tau, BSM}^S = 6\pi i |V_{us}|^2 \oint_{|s|=m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \left[ -12 \operatorname{Re}[C_T] \frac{\Pi_{TV}}{m_\tau} \right.$$

$$\left. + 16 |C_T|^2 \left(1 + \frac{s}{2m_\tau^2}\right) \left(\Pi_{TT}^{(Q)} + \Pi_{TT}^{(R)}\right) \right]$$

Vector-tensor interference term

Pure tensor term

Using

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Pi_{TV}(-Q^2) &\simeq -\frac{2}{Q^2} \langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle \\ \Pi_{TT}^{(Q)} = \Pi_{TT}^{(R)} &= -\frac{N_C}{24\pi^2} \log(Q^2) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Ignored mass and  $\alpha_s$  corrections

Craigie, Stern, PRD 26, 1982

## Calculation of $V_{us}$ in SM

$$\delta R_\tau \equiv \frac{R_\tau^{NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \frac{R_\tau^S}{|V_{us}|^2}$$

: SU(3) breaking quantity, depend on  $m_s$

$$\delta R_\tau \approx 24 S_{EW} \frac{m_s^2(m_\tau^2)}{m_\tau^2} \Delta(\alpha_s)$$

$$|V_{us}| = \sqrt{\frac{R_\tau^S}{\frac{R_\tau^{NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \delta R_\tau}}$$

$S_{EW}$  : EW corrections,  $\Delta(\alpha_s)$  : known upto  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

$$\delta R_\tau = 0.242(32) \quad \text{Gamiz et al, hep-ph/0612154}$$

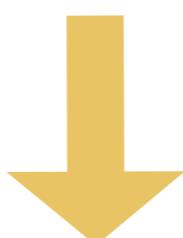
### Experimental information

$$R_\tau^S = 0.1633(27)$$

$$R_\tau^{NS} = 3.4718(72)$$

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97417(21)$$

HFLAV report 2017



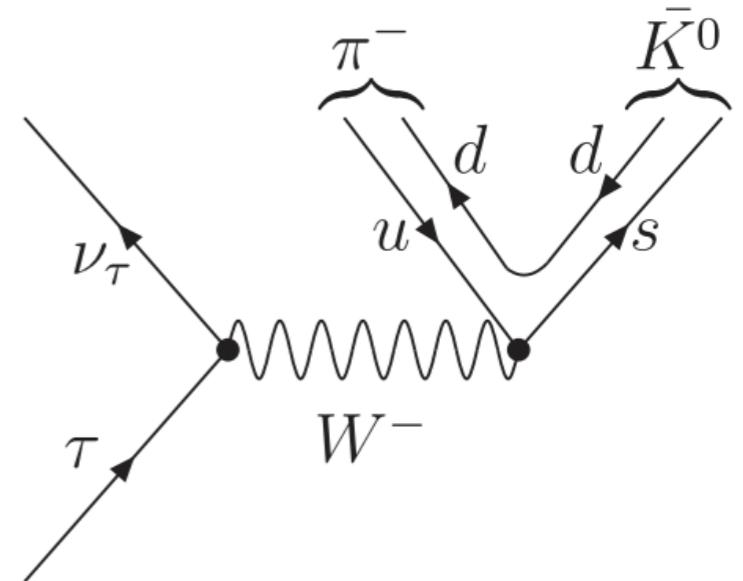
$$|V_{us}|_{\tau s} = 0.2186 \pm 0.0018_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{theory}}$$

$-3.1\sigma$  away from unitarity!

## CP Violation in tau decays

In the SM,  $\tau^+ (\tau^-)$  decay first into a  $K^0 (\bar{K}^0)$  state

In experiments, intermediate  $K_s$  is not observed directly, rather defined via a final  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  state with  $m_{\pi\pi} \approx m_K$  and decay time  $\tau_s$



Therefore, CP asymmetry depends on the integrated decay times and can be expressed as (reconstructed over a time interval  $t_1 < \tau_s < t_2$ )

$$A_{CP}^\tau(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt [\Gamma(K^0(t) \rightarrow \pi\pi) - \Gamma(\bar{K}^0(t) \rightarrow \pi\pi)]}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt [\Gamma(K^0(t) \rightarrow \pi\pi) + \Gamma(\bar{K}^0(t) \rightarrow \pi\pi)]}$$

Grossman, Nir, JHEP 04 (2012) 002

## Form factors for $\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi^- \nu_\tau$

Vector and Tensor form factors are parametrized by **Omnés function**

$$\Omega(s) = \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{s_{\pi K}}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(s')}{s'(s' - s)} \right\}$$

with phase taken from Belle's fit

$$f_+(s) = f_+(0) \Omega(s),$$

$$B_T(s) = B_T(0) \Omega(s),$$

Cirigliano et al, PRL 120, 141803 (2018)

## Decay Rate CP Asymmetry

BABAR result reanalysis

Measured asymmetry  $A = \frac{f_1 A_1 + f_2 A_2 + f_3 A_3}{f_1 + f_2 + f_3}$

$$A = (-0.27 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.08) \%$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &: \tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \nu_\tau && \text{(signal)} \\ f_2 &: \tau^- \rightarrow K^- K_S^0 \nu_\tau \\ f_3 &: \tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K^0 \bar{K}^0 \nu_\tau \end{aligned}$$

BABAR:  $A_1 = -A_2 = A_Q$  (valid in SM)  $A_Q = (0.33 \pm 0.01) \%$

$$A_Q = (-0.36 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.11) \%$$
 BABAR correction factor = 1.08

Correct extraction of asymmetry assuming NP in the signal :

Put  $A_2 = (-0.33 \pm 0.01) \%$  and extract  $A_1 = (-0.33 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.10) \%$