# Second-Class Currents @ Belle II Pasado, Presente & Futuro.

Más anécdotas que ecuaciones, con física de por medio.

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"Oh my sweet summer child..."

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- With Eduard as co-advisor, we developed a sensitivity study for Lepton Number Violation decays:

#### **Exclusion regions for Majorana-neutrino N:**



### **The Belle II Collaboration**

#### A B-Factory of next generation





### **The Belle II Collaboration**

1100 members, 123 institutions, 26 countries





### **The Belle II Experiment**



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arXiv:1011.0352 [physics.ins-det]

#### Software:

Open-source sophisticated algorithms for simulation, reconstruction, visualization, and analysis.



#### Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 3 1 (2019)



#### EPJ Web Conf., 245 (2020) 11007

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- Challenges at L= $6.5 \times 10^{35}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>:
  - **Higher background** (Radiative Bhabha, Touschek, beam-gas scattering, etc.).
  - Higher trigger rates (High performance DAQ, computing).

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#### Let's talk about the tau



- At Y(4S):  $\sigma(e^+e^- --> BB) = 1.05 \text{ nb}$  $\sigma(e^+e^- --> \tau + \tau -) = 0.92 \text{ nb}$
- Approximately 10<sup>10</sup> tau pairs during Belle II lifetime.
- B-Factories are also *t*-factories





- Features of a B-Factory:
  - Well-defined initial state.
  - High vertex resolution.
  - Excellent calorimetry.
  - Sophisticated particle ID.

Figure: <u>The particle zoo.</u>

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- We decided to continue our journey in Belle II joining the Tau working group.



#### **G. Lopez Castro**

### **Second Class Currents**

**Classification of hadronic currents** 

 V-A currents can be classified by their transformation proprieties under G-parity <sup>1</sup>.

$$G = Ce^{i\pi I_2}$$

• First-class currents:

**Standard Model** 

- $J^{PG} = 0^{++}, 0^{--}, 1^{-+}, 1^{+-}, \dots$
- Second-class currents (SCC):

**New Physics** 

$$J^{PG}=0^{+-},0^{-+},1^{++},1^{--},\ldots$$

- Unsuccessful searches of SCC in nuclear Physics.
- Another possibility: Search in tau decays<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Leroy, C., & **Pestieau, J.** (1978). Physics Letters B, 72(3), 398-399.

<sup>1</sup>S. Weinberg. *Physical Review*, *112* (4), 1375 (1958).

#### A quest of 44 years<sup>1</sup> and counting



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#### A measurement of the BR provides capability of testing QCD models

<sup>2</sup>Escribano, R. et. al. (2016). Phys. Rev. D 94, 034008.

#### **BSM searches**

•  $\tau^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^- \nu_{\tau}$  in the SM: isospin violation



• The corresponding suppression of the SM contribution can make new physics visible.



• Second paper during the PhD.

 Constraints on scalar and tensor couplings can be obtained from upper limits on BRs.<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_V + \mathcal{M}_S + \mathcal{M}_T$$
  
=  $\frac{G_F V_{ud} \sqrt{S_{EW}}}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R) \left[ L_\mu H^\mu + \tilde{\epsilon}_S L H + 2 \tilde{\epsilon}_T L_{\mu\nu} H^{\mu\nu} \right]$ 



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> E. A. Garcés, MHV, G. López Castro, P. Roig; JHEP, 2017(12), 27.

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 $BR_{exp}^{Belle} < 7.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$  90% CL

670 fb<sup>-1</sup>

470 fb<sup>-1</sup>



Strong backgrounds: non-suppressed  $\tau \rightarrow \eta + X$ 



Figure: Hayasaka, *PoS* EPS-HEP2009 (2009) 374

#### • What about Belle II?

#### **Experimental Results**

- $\angle(\eta,\pi)$
- ∠(p<sub>miss</sub>, V<sub>thrust</sub>)
- M<sub>miss</sub>
- $P_t(\pi)$
- $\eta(\eta)$
- $\angle(\gamma, \gamma)_{\eta}$



- $\cos( heta_{miss})$
- $\mathsf{PID}_{\mathsf{e}}(\pi)$ 
  - $\mathsf{PID}_{\mu}(\pi)$
  - $PID_{K}(\pi)$
- Ε(γ)

#### TMVA overtraining check for classifier: BDT



Optimization

proposed by

at arXiv preprint

physics/0308063

Punzi, G.



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### Integrated luminosity at the B factories

(... and tau Factories)

• We actually have 1 ab<sup>-1</sup> of data waiting to be analysed!



1998/1 2000/1 2002/1 2004/1 2006/1 2008/1 2010/1 2012/1

### **Conversion from Belle to Belle II**

The B2BII package

- The B2BII package is being developed to convert recorded Belle events to the Belle II format.
- This allows to reproduce Belle results using BASF2, preserving the legacy of the Belle datasets.
  - Also, it allows new studies with Belle data using the advanced analysis tools provided at BASF2.





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 The conversion process has been validated for B decays, and several studies using B2BII are ongoing.

Combined analysis of Belle and Belle II data to determine the CKM angle  $\phi_3$  using  $B^+ \to D(K^0_S h^+ h^-) h^+$  decays



The Belle and Belle II collaborations

• I started trying to answer a "simple" question: may we do the same for  $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi v$ ?





### **Boosted Decision Trees**

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- To select  $\tau \rightarrow \eta + X$  events, a BDT with 4 variables is trained using a FastBDT (part of Basf2 modules).
- As **signal**, samples of  $\tau \rightarrow \eta$  from generic tau decays + signal MC are used.
- As **background**, non  $\tau \rightarrow \eta$  decays from tau pair MC, qqbar and BBar.
- Splitting samples for training and testing in 50% each.
- A Random Forest is an ensemble method that combines different trees.
- Final output is determined by the majority vote of all the trees.





#### Variables in training:

- $A(\gamma s) = |E_{\gamma_1} E_{\gamma_2}|/(E_{\gamma_1} + E_{\gamma_2})$
- ∠(γ<sub>1</sub>, γ<sub>2</sub>)
- θ(γ)'s

Selected to avoid any dependency to the dynamics of the  $\tau \rightarrow \eta$ + *X* decays.



### **SM decays after BDT cut**

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### **Belle II: Towards the high-luminosity scenario**

#### The glass is half-empty

- Latest estimations with high-luminosity conditions @ Belle II.
- A large degradation of performance observed w.r.t. previous results, mainly coming from large number of photons from the beam.



### **Discovery of** $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi v$ **@ Belle II**

Not "if", but "when"

- We need a significant amount of data, but it is reachable within the lifetime of Belle II.
- I hope to the be there, but you never know...



The glass is half-full

• Despite the not positive results related to the discovery of  $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi v$ , there is a lot that we have learned on the way.

## Search of second class currents at Belle II using the $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi \nu$ decay.

Michel H. Villanueva (Cinvestav, Mexico)

22st January 2016





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BaBar (2009)

ARGUS (1992)

Belle II (2018)

1775

1770

• We developed many of the tools used for tau physics at Belle II.



• We got the first measurement of the tau mass with (very) early data.



### Tau decay event in early Belle II data



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#### The glass is half-full

• Currently, I contribute as one of the conveners of the  $\tau$  working group, with several results on the pipe:



Purity [%]

#### A bit of extra-tau duties

 Deputy coordinator of the of Belle II computing <u>https://belle2.jp/computing/</u>



Convener of the Training group in the HEP Software Foundation https://hepsoftwarefoundation.org/



The HEP Software Foundation facilitates cooperation and common efforts in High Energy Physics software and computing internationally.







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#### The glass is half-full

- But always with  $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi v$  in mind.
  - TO-DO:  $\eta$  efficiency reconstruction and  $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi \pi^0 \nu$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \eta K \pi^0 \nu$ , etc.
  - Close communication with Tauola/KKMC developers and experts.
  - Keeping close communication with Gabriel on the potential in tau lepton measurements.

- The knowledge that I got during my time at Cinvestav has been an unique and fundamental tool during my time at Belle II.
  - And I am deeply grateful for that.



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# Thank you, Gabriel



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