



V_{us} : an inclusive measurement in τ decays

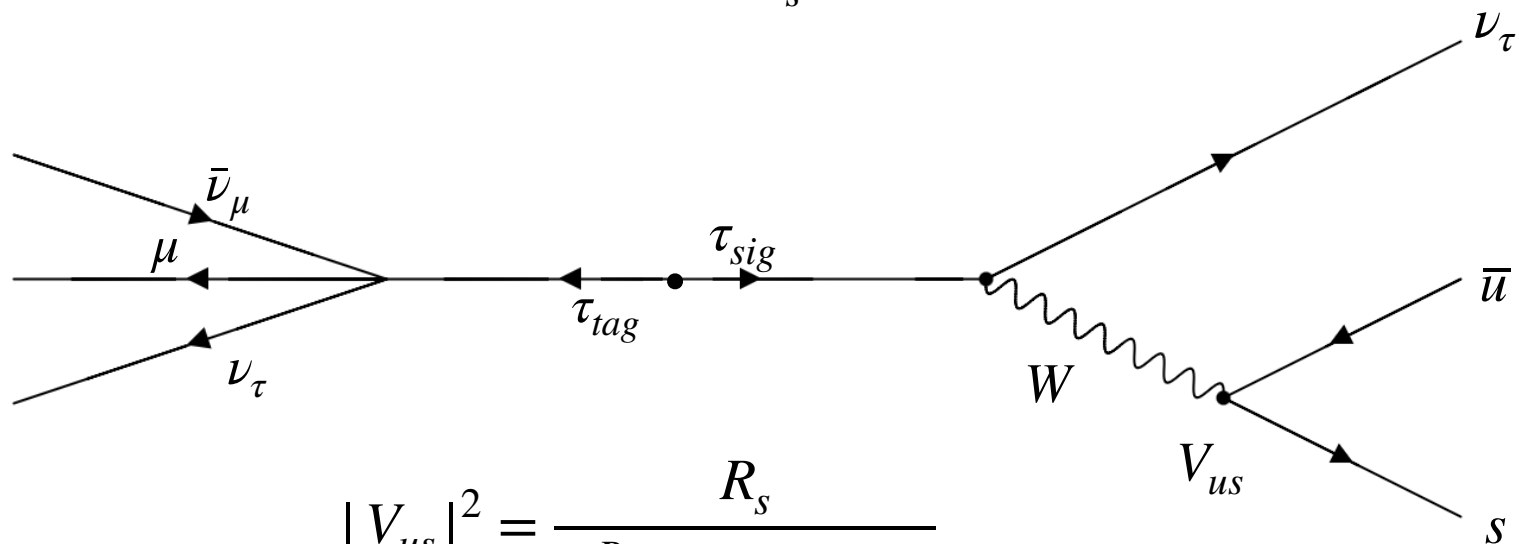
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$|V_{us}|$ from $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow X_s \nu)$

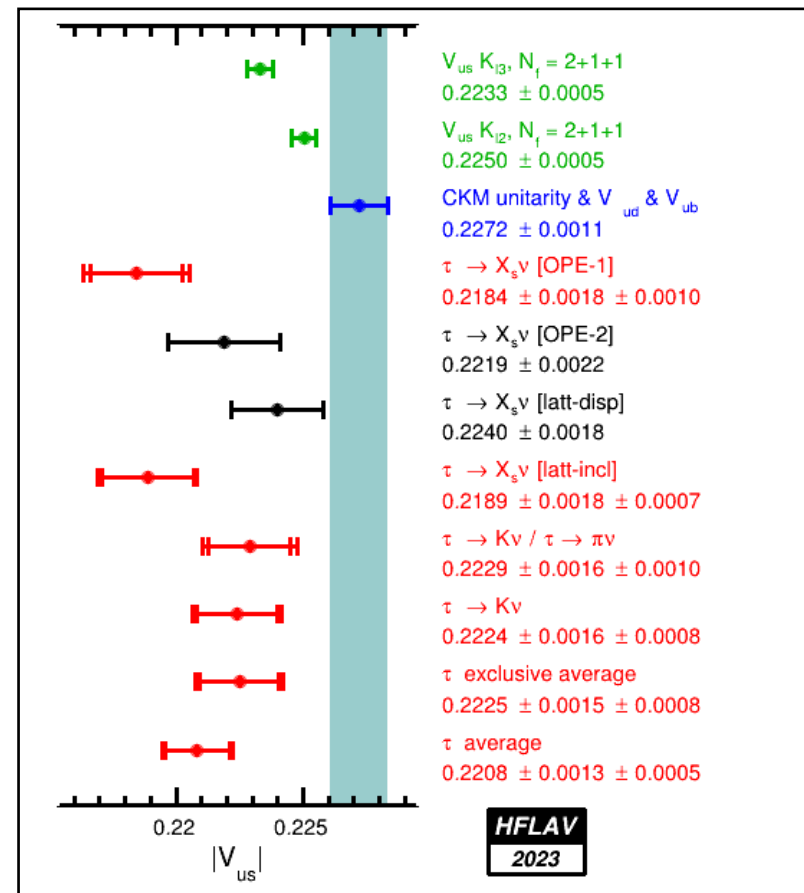
Precision measurement of $|V_{us}|$ is a test of CKM unitarity, where an anomaly is present

An inclusive measurement of $\tau \rightarrow X_s \nu$ was never done before



$$|V_{us}|^2 = \frac{R_s}{\frac{R_{VA}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \delta R_{theory}}$$

$$R_s = \frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow X_s \nu)}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow e \nu \nu)} \quad R_{VA} = \frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow Y_d \nu)}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow e \nu \nu)}$$



Decay channels of interest

	Decay	Contribution	BR [10 ⁻³]
1	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ X^0 \nu$	Vus	10
4	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S X^0 \nu$	Vud	3-4
3	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+ X^0 \nu$	Vud	1-2
7	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L X^0 \nu$	Vud control for 4	-

	Decay	Contribution	BR [10 ⁻³]
2	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S X^0 \nu$	Vus	10
5	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S K_S X^0 \nu$	Vud	0.2-0.5
6	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_L K_S X^0 \nu$	Vud	1-2
4b	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S K^+ \pi^- X^0 \nu$	Vud	<3-4

$$B_{K^+} = B(\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ Y^0 \nu) = \frac{N_1}{\epsilon_1} - \frac{N_3}{\epsilon_3} - 2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{N_4}{\epsilon_4}$$

$$X^0 = \pi^0, \pi^+ \pi^-, K_S, K_L, K^+ \pi^-$$

$$Y^0 = \pi^0, \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$B_{K^0} = B(\tau^+ \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+ Y^0 \nu) = \frac{3}{2} \left(2 \frac{N_2}{\epsilon_2} - 2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{N_4}{\epsilon_4} - 2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{N_5}{\epsilon_5} - \frac{N_6}{\epsilon_6} \right)$$

b

Decay channels with three strange mesons are neglected ($X^0 \neq K^+ K^-$)

mDST file

/pnfs/desy.de/belle/belle2/DATA/belle/MC/release-08-00-08/DB00003307/MC16rd_proc16/prod00045482/s00/e0012/4S/r03363/taupair/mdst/sub00/mdst_000002_prod00045482_task113362000002.root

Total events: 371605 ($\mathcal{L} = 0.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
Events with τ_{tag} reconstructed in $l\nu\nu$: 296753

Example $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S K^+ \pi^- X^0 \nu$:
At least one charged K, at least one Ks
(reconstructed in 2 pions, both charged or neutral), at least two charged pions (from MCParticleList)

2KL	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_L X^0 \nu$	3688	1.24
5KL	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_L K_L X^0 \nu$	114	0.04
4bKL	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_L K^+ \pi^- X^0 \nu$	285	0.09

Too few K_L (or too many K_S ?)

	Decay	N	%
1	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ X^0 \nu$	8133	2.74
4	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S X^0 \nu$	613	0.21
3	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+ X^0 \nu$	761	0.26
7	$\tau^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L X^0 \nu$	521	0.18
2	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S X^0 \nu$	4181	1.41
5	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S K_S X^0 \nu$	395	0.13
6	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_L K_S X^0 \nu$	664	0.22
4b	$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S K^+ \pi^- X^0 \nu$	502	0.17