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SUMMARY:

- Hadronic decays of the τ lepton
- Kühn-Santamaría Model in TAUOLA
- Our study:
- 1. Tools : χ PT, Large N_c, R χ T
- 2. Two meson processes: $\tau^- \rightarrow (\pi \pi, \pi K)^- \nu_{\tau}$
- 3. Three meson processes: $\tau^- \rightarrow (3\pi, KK\pi)^- \nu_{\tau}$
- Conclusions

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A long story of successes in VFF of π π : See complete Bibliography in (Portolés, '05)

$$\left\langle \pi^{-}\pi^{0} \left| \overline{d} \gamma^{\mu} u \right| 0 \right\rangle = \sqrt{2} F(s) (p_{\pi^{-}} - p_{\pi^{0}})^{\mu}$$

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Figure 2: Comparison of the result of our fit with the experimental data on $F_V(s)$ from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ (time-like) [15] and $e^-\pi^\pm \rightarrow e^-\pi^\pm$ (space-like) [16]. The result of Ref. [9] $(M_{\rho} = 775 \text{ MeV})$ is also shown. In the region $-0.4 \text{ GeV} \lesssim s/\sqrt{|s|} \lesssim 0.8 \text{ GeV}$ both curves are almost indistinguishable. HADRONIC τ DECAYS WITHIN $R\chi T$ YRW 09 Frascati Pablo Roig (INFN)

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Coupled channel determination ($K\pi$, $K\eta$ and $K\eta'$)

- Chiral constraints
- Resonance Chiral Theory matching
- Analyticity and unitarity strictures

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(MeV)	Our results	Our results BW combination	PDG
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$\Gamma_{\mathbf{K}^{\star}(892)}$	47.50(41)	46.79(41)	50.8(9)
<i>M</i> _{<i>K</i>[*](1410)}	1307(17)	1598(25)	1414(15)
$\Gamma_{K^{*}(1410)}$	206(49)	224(47)	232(21)

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CONCLUSIONS

- Current analyses of $\tau^- \rightarrow (3\pi^-, K^+K^-\pi^-) v_{\tau}$ data using the **KS**(-like) model in **TAUOLA** have shown theoretical inconsistencies. We liked to improve the description of hadronization used.
- We have studied them within $R\chi T$ with a Large N_c -inspired QCD-guided approach (as it was done for $\tau^- \rightarrow (\pi\pi, K\pi) v_{\tau}$). We have improved the off-shell a_1 width and revisited $\tau^- \rightarrow 3\pi^- v_{\tau}$. Using the available experimental data, we are able to predict the spectra of all KK π charge channels.
- Our resonance widths (V and A-V) have been implemented in TAUOLA (matrix elements on the way) and all them may be used by the (super)Bfactories.
- Our expressions are easy to extend to the e⁺e⁻ scattering below 2 GeV and thus might be of use for PHOKHARA.
- LHC, BABAR, BELLE, BES-III... are & will be providing testing grounds for our predictions.
- Promising & exciting future: V_{us}, m_s and, of course, hadronization of QCD.
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BACKUP SLIDES

HADRONIC DECAYS OF THE T LEPTON $\mathfrak{M} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{CKM} \overline{u}(v_\tau) \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) u(\tau) T_{\mu}$ v_{τ} τ $\tau^- \rightarrow h_1(p_1)h_2(p_2)h_3(p_3)V_{\tau}$ $(p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^{\mu} = Q^{\mu}, V_1 = \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{Q_{\mu}Q_{\nu}}{Q^2}\right)(p_2 - p_1)^{\nu}$ $T_{\mu} = V_{1\mu}F_{1} + V_{2\mu}F_{2} + Q_{\mu}F_{\mu} + i\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}p_{1}^{\nu}p_{2}^{\rho}p_{3}^{\sigma}F_{\nu}$ $\frac{d\Gamma}{d\Omega^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{CKM}|^2}{128(2\pi)^5 M^3} \int ds dt f\left(I_{0^-}, I_{1^+}, I_{1^-}\right)$

(Kühn, Santamaría '90)(KS)

(Gómez-Cadenas, González-García, Pich '90) (GGP)

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(Kühn-Santamaría '90)

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 $(2\pi, 3\pi)$

K-S-like MODEL IN TAUOLA

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We are involved in an ambitious program for describing within a **theoretical framework** as close as possible to **QCD** the considered decays.

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Many works on $K\pi$ FF: See complete Bibliography in (Jamin, Pich & Portolés, '06, '08)

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Gives a pretty accurate description of ALEPH spectral function and structure functions

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[Beldjoudi, Truong, 1995] Current Algebra + Dispersion Relations $(\pi\pi, K\pi, K\eta, 3\pi, K\pi\pi)$ χ PT+ R χ T + Dispersion Relations [Guerrero, Pich, 1997] [Pich, Portolés, 2001] (Pion form factor) [Sanz-Cillero, Pich, 2003] $R\chi T$ + large-N_c expansion [Rosell, Sanz-Cillero, Pich, 2004] (Pion form factor) R_χT (chiral symmetry) 🕨 [Gómez Dumm, Pich, Portolés, 2004] 🧎 Large-N_C expansion Asymptotic behaviour ruled by QCD all 3P

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About TAUOLA

Kühn & Santamaría model F.F. = $\frac{M_{R}^{2}}{M_{R}^{2} - q^{2} - i\sqrt{q^{2}}\Gamma_{R}(q^{2})}$ Low-energy expansion in $\tau \rightarrow \pi \pi \pi \nu_{\tau}$ $F_{1}^{A}\left(Q^{2}, s_{1}, s_{2}\right)_{KS} = 1 + \frac{s_{1}}{M_{M}^{2}} + \frac{Q^{2}}{M_{M}^{2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q^{4}}{M_{M}^{4}}\right)$ $F_1^A \left(Q^2, \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \right)_{\chi PT} = \underbrace{1}_{O\left(p^2\right) \chi PT} + \underbrace{\frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{s}_1}{\mathbf{M}_V^2}}_{O\left(p^2\right) \chi PT} + \underbrace{\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mathbf{q}^4}{\mathbf{M}_R^4}\right)}_{O\left(p^2\right) \chi PT}$ HADRONIC T DECAYS WITHIN RXT

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$$\tau^- \rightarrow (\pi \pi \pi)^- v_{\tau}$$
 : Axial-vector form factors

$$\left\langle \pi_{p_{1}}^{-} \pi_{p_{2}}^{-} \pi_{p_{3}}^{+} \middle| \left(V_{\mu}^{-} - A_{\mu}^{-} \right) e^{i L_{QCD}} \middle| 0 \right\rangle = \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{Q_{\mu}Q_{\nu}}{Q^{2}} \right) \left[F_{1}^{A} \left(Q^{2}, s_{1}, s_{2} \right) \left(p_{1} - p_{3} \right)^{\nu} + F_{1}^{A} \left(Q^{2}, s_{2}, s_{1} \right) \left(p_{2} - p_{3} \right)^{\nu} \right]$$

$$Q = p_{1} + p_{2} + p_{3}$$

$$s_{i} = (Q - p_{i})^{2} + \sum_{m_{\pi}=0}^{A} Q_{\mu} + i F_{3}^{A} \mathcal{E}_{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} p_{1}^{\alpha} p_{2}^{\beta} p_{3}^{\gamma}$$

Kühn & Santamaría Model

$$F_1^{A}(Q^2, s_1, s_2) = \left. \mathbf{N} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}O(p^2)} \quad BW_{\boldsymbol{a}_1}(Q^2) \frac{BW_{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(s_1) + \alpha \ BW_{\boldsymbol{\rho}'}(s_1) + \beta \ BW_{\boldsymbol{\rho}''}(s_1)}{1 + \alpha + \beta} \\ + \mathbf{ADRONIC} \ \boldsymbol{\tau} \text{ DECAYS WITHIN } \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\chi}\mathbf{T}$$

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(Ecker, Gasser, Pich, De Rafael '89)
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$$\mathcal{L}^{(P_{i}++)}_{R\chi\tau} = \mathcal{L}^{(3)}_{\chi} + \mathcal{L}^{4m}_{V,A} + \mathcal{L}_{V} + \mathcal{L}_{A} + \mathcal{L}_{VAP};$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{V} = \frac{F_{V}}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle V_{\mu\nu} f_{+}^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{iG_{V}}{\sqrt{2}} \langle V_{\mu\nu} u^{\mu} u^{\nu} \rangle$$
Antisymmetric tensor formalism

$$\mathcal{L}_{VAP} = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \lambda_{i} O^{i} (V_{\mu\nu}, A^{\mu\nu}, \phi) = \lambda_{1} ([V_{\mu\nu}, A^{\mu\nu}] \chi_{-}) + \dots$$
(Gómez Dumm, Pich, Portolés '04)

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Resonances + Goldstone Bosons

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SHORT-DISTANCE CONSTRAINTS

Vector Form Factor $\langle \pi | v_{\mu} | \pi \rangle$: $\lim_{t \to \infty} F_V(t) = 0 \qquad \Longrightarrow$

$$F_V(t) = 1 + \sum_{i} \frac{F_{V_i} G_{V_i}}{f^2} \frac{t}{M_{V_i}^2 - 1}$$
$$\sum_{i} F_{V_i} G_{V_i} = f^2$$

Axial Form Factor $\langle \gamma | a_{\mu} | \pi \rangle$: $G_{A}(t) =$

$$h_{A}(t) = \sum_{j} \left\{ \frac{2 F_{V_j} G_{V_j} - F_{V_j}^2}{M_{V_j}^2} + \frac{F_{A_j}^2}{M_{A_j}^2 - t} \right\}$$

 $\lim_{t\to\infty}\,G_{\!A}(t)=0$

 \rightarrow

$$\sum_{i} \left(2 F_{V_i} G_{V_i} - F_{V_i}^2 \right) / M_{V_i}^2 = 0$$

Weinberg Sum Rules:

$$\Pi_{LR}(t) \;=\; -rac{f^2}{t} \;+\; \sum_i \; rac{F_{V_i}^2}{M_{V_i}^2 + t} \;-\; \sum_i \; rac{F_{\mathcal{A}_i}^2}{M_{\mathcal{A}_i}^2 + t}$$

$$\lim_{t
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 $\sum_{i} \left(M_{V_{i}}^{2} F_{V_{i}}^{2} - M_{A_{i}}^{2} F_{A_{i}}^{2} \right) = 0$

<u>The axial-form factor and the $a_1: \tau^- \rightarrow (3\pi)^- \nu_{\tau}$ </u>

$$(\text{Gómez-Dumm, Pich, Portolés '00})$$

$$\Gamma_{\rho}(s) = \frac{M_{\rho}s}{96\pi F^{2}} \left[\sigma_{\pi}^{3} \Theta(s - 4m_{\pi}^{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{K}^{3} \Theta(s - 4m_{K}^{2}) \right]$$

$$(\text{This work})$$

$$\Gamma_{a_{1}}(Q^{2}) = \Gamma_{a_{1}}^{3\pi}(Q^{2}) + \Gamma_{a_{1}}^{K\overline{K}\pi}(Q^{2}) + \Gamma_{a_{1}}^{(K\pi)^{0}K^{0}}(Q^{2}),$$

$$\Gamma_{a_{1}}^{3\pi}(Q^{2}) = \frac{1}{48(2\pi)^{3}} \left(\frac{Q^{2}}{M_{a_{1}}^{2}} \right)^{\alpha} \iint ds dt \left(F_{1}V_{1\mu} + F_{2}V_{2\mu} \right),$$

$$\left(F_{1}^{\dagger}V_{1\mu} + F_{2}^{\dagger}V_{2\mu} \right), \quad F_{i}^{\prime} = F_{i} \frac{M_{a_{1}}^{2} - Q^{2}}{\sqrt{2}F_{A}Q^{2}}$$

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CLEO analyses & KS-like models

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Assuming **CVC** and comparing to ALEPH '99 allows to derive $(\Gamma_V/\Gamma_T) = 0.167 \pm 0.024$ in $\tau^- \rightarrow (KK \pi)^- v_{\tau}$. Under **CVC** one can relate e⁺e⁻ data to the τ decay.

(Davier, Descotes-Genon, Höcker, Malaescu, Zhang '08)

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(Apart from the error intrinsic to using Breit-Wigner function for resonance exchange)

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Until recently, there was some confusion on this issue for the $K\overline{K}\pi$ modes:

- (Davier, Descotes-Genon, Höcker, Malaescu, Zhang '08) 1. In the ALEPH analysis of τ decay modes with kaons [12], an estimate of the vector contribution was obtained using the e^+e^- annihilation data from DM1 [13] and DM2 [14] in the $K\overline{K}\pi$ channel. extracted in the I = 1 state. This contribution was found to be small, and, using the conserved vector current (CVC), a branching fraction of $\mathcal{B}_{CVC}(\tau \to \nu_{\tau}(K\overline{K}\pi)_V) = (0.26 \pm 0.39) \cdot 10^{-3}$, was found, corresponding to an axial fraction of $f_{A,CVC}(K\overline{K}\pi) = 0.94^{+0.06}_{-0.08}$
- 2. The ALEPH CVC result was corroborated by a partial-wave and lineshape analysis of the a_1 resonance from τ decays in the $\nu_{\tau}\pi^{-}2\pi^{0}$ mode performed by CLEO [15]. The effect of the K*K decay mode of the a_1 was seen through unitarity and a branching fraction of $\mathcal{B}(a_1 \to K^*K) = (3.3 \pm 0.5)\%$ was derived. With the known $\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau a_1^-$ branching fraction, this value more than saturates the total branching fraction available for the $K\overline{K}\pi$ channel, yielding an axial fraction of $f_{A,a_i}(K\overline{K}\pi) = 1.30 \pm 0.24$.
- 3. Another piece of information, also contributed by CLEO [16], but conflicting with the two previous results, is based on a partial-wave analysis in the $K^-K^+\pi^-$ channel using two-body resonance production and including many possible contributing channels. A much smaller axial fraction of $f_{4,K\overline{K}\pi}(K\overline{K}\pi) = 0.56 \pm 0.10$ was found here.

Since the three determinations are inconsistent, the value $f_A = 0.75 \pm 0.25$ has been used previously to account for the discrepancy [1]. This led to a systematic uncertainty in the V, A spectral functions that competed with the purely experimental uncertainties.

Precise cross section measurements for e^+e^- annihilation to $K^+K^-\pi^0$ and to $K^0K^\pm\pi^\mp$ have been recently published by the BABAR Collaboration [7], using the method of radiative return. In the mass range of interest for τ physics they show strong dominance of $K^*(890)K$ dynamics and a fit of the Dalitz plot yields a clean separation of the I = 0, 1 contributions. Assuming CVC, the mass distribution of the vector final state in the decays $\tau \to \nu_{\tau} K \overline{K} \pi$ can be obtained. The result is shown in Fig. 1 and compared with the full τ spectrum from ALEPH [12] summing up the contributions from the $K^-K^+\pi^-$, $\overline{K}{}^0K^0\pi^-$, and $K^-K^0\pi^0$ modes. The BABAR results reveal a small vector component. After integration, one obtains

$$f_{A,CVC}(K\overline{K}\pi) = 0.833 \pm 0.024,$$
 (7)

which is about 1.3 σ lower than the ALEPH determination using the same method (but with much poorer e^+e^- input data) and 2.7 σ higher than the CLEO partial-wave-analysis result. The new determination has a precision that exceeds the previously used value by an order of magnitude, thus effectively reducing the uncertainties in the vector and axial-vector spectral functions to the experimental errors only.

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The final state $K^+K^-\pi^0$ can be produced through the intermediate states $K^{*\pm}(892)K^{\mp}$ or $K_2^{*\pm}(1430)K^{\mp}$, and we expect a Dalitz plot with a symmetric population density with respect to the exchange $K^+\pi^0(K^{*+}) \leftrightarrow K^-\pi^0(K^{*-})$, see Fig. 13.

The final state $K_s^0 K^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$ is obtained via the decays of $K^{*\pm}(892)K^{\mp}$ and $K^{*0}(892)K_s^0$, or $K_2^{*\pm}(1430)K^{\mp}$ and $K_2^{*0}(1430)K_s^0$, *i.e.*, both charged $K^{*\pm}(K_s^0\pi^{\pm})$ and neutral $K^{*0}(K^{\mp}\pi^{\pm})$ can be produced. The population density of the Dalitz plot is expected to be asymmetric in this case. This effect is clearly seen in Fig. 14.

phase of the isospin components. The analysis described in the following applies only to the $K_s^0 K^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$ Dalitz plot, since only in this case, with both charged and neutral K^* contributing, we can separately extract the isoscalar and isovector components. Because the $KK^*(892)$ and



FIG. 13: The Dalitz plot distribution for the $K^+K^-\pi^0$ final state.



FIG. 14: The Dalitz plot distribution for the $K_s^0 K^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$ final state.

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FIG. 15: (a) Dalitz plot distributions for $K_{\sigma}^{0}K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ events with an invariant mass $m_{K_{\sigma}^{0}K\pi} < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c^{2}$. (b) $K_{\sigma}^{0}\pi^{\pm}$ projection, with the broad charged $K^{*}(892)$ peak, (c) $K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ projection, with the narrow neutral $K^{*}(892)$ peak. (d) K_{σ}^{0} K^{\pm} projection.

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