



Search for lepton flavor violating in J/ψ decays at BESIII

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Motivation

BESIII introduction

• Search for charged lepton flavor violating decay $J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau$

• Search for charged lepton flavor violating decay $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$

Summary

Neutrino Flavor Violation is observed !



Models may enhance LFV effects up to a detectable level, such as leptoquark, Compositeness, Supersymmetry, Heavy Z' and Anomalous boson Coupling model.

Motivation



- Since LFV decay is forbidden in the SM, the observation of any LFV decay would be a signal of new physics beyond SM.
- In SM, Lepton Flavour is conserved for zero degenerate $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ masses and now we have clear indication that \mathbf{v} s have finite

mass.

Supersymmetry



Compositeness

Λ_c ~ 3000 TeV

Leptoquark $M_{LQ} =$ 3000 (λ_{ud}λ_{ed})^{1/2} TeV/c²







Heavy Neutrinos

|U_{µN}U_{eN}|² ~ 8x10⁻¹³



Second Higgs Doublet







M_{7'} = 3000 TeV/c²



Motivation

In the charged lepton sector, LFV is heavily suppressed in the Standard Model.

$$BR(\mu \to e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right| < 10^{-54} \qquad \mu \longrightarrow \nu_{\mu} \qquad \nu_{e}$$

Neutrinoless muon decay

• Both experimental searches and upper-limit predictions, including μ , τ LFV decays, π , *K* LFV decays and ϕ , J/ψ two-body LFV decays, etc.



Mr nr

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CLFV

- ◆ $\mathcal{B}(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ @ 90% C.L. MEG ◆ $\mathcal{B}(\tau^+ \to e^+ \gamma) < 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$ @ 90% C.L. BABAR
- $\mathcal{B}(\mu \to 3e) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12} @ 90\% \text{ C.L.}$ SINDRUM
- ◆ $\mathcal{B}(Z \to e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}) < 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$ @ 90% C.L. ATLAS
- $\bullet \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to \mu^{\ddagger} \tau^{\mp}) < 2 \times 10^{-6} @ 90\% \text{ C.L. BES}$

Current best limit

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Production target &

the capture magnet

Muon Transportatio

COMET

Stopping target 8

detector system

• Mu2e will search for CLFV with $\mu N \rightarrow e N$



Improve the current limit by a factor of **10**⁴

Search for New Physics with mass scale up to 10^4 TeV

- COMET will search for CLFV with $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ Next goal <6x10⁻¹⁷ (90%C.L.)
- MEGII and Mu3e has similar beam requirements. Intensity O(10⁸ muon/s), low momentum p = 28 MeV/c MEGII is expect to start next year the full engineering run aiming at a sensitivity down to 6x10⁻¹⁴ (90%C.L.)



BEPCII and BESIII

Charm Factory



Beijing Electron Positron Collider II

RF SR RF Beam energy: 1.0 – 2.45 GeV Luminosity: 1×10^{33} cm⁻²s⁻¹ Optimum energy: 1.89 GeV Energy spread: 5.16 × 10⁻⁴ No. of bunches: 93 1. 5cm IP

BESIII Detector



BESIII Physics Data

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Motivation



The cLFV decays of vector mesons $V \rightarrow l_i l_j$ are also predicted in various of extension models of SM:

 $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to e\mu)$ to $10^{-16} \sim 10^{-9}$ @ 90% C.L. $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to e(\mu)\tau)$ to $10^{-10} \sim 10^{-8}$ @ 90% C.L. Phys. Rev. D 63, 016003.
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• Experimental results before:

Decay mode	BESII UL	BESIII UL
Number of J/ψ	58×10^{6}	225.3×10 ⁶
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to e\mu)$	$< 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to e\tau)$	$< 8.3 \times 10^{-6}$	_
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to \mu \tau)$	$< 2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	_



Search for charged lepton flavor violating decay $J/\psi \to e\tau$

Data samples



 $\sqrt{s} = 3.097 \, \text{GeV}$

Based on 10 billion data set: 1310.6M collected @2009+2012 (sample I), 8774.01M collected @2017-2019 (sample II).

Decay chain	Generator	Generated
$J/\psi \rightarrow \omega f_2(1270), \omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma, f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	PHSP, VSP_PWAVE, TSS	5.8M
$J/\psi ightarrow \eta n ar n, \eta ightarrow \gamma \gamma$	PHSP	5.8M
$J/\psi ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	OMEGA-DALITZ	29M
$J/\psi ightarrow ho\pi$	HELAMP	29M
$J/\psi ightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	PHSP	29M
$J/\psi ightarrow ar{p}n\pi^+$	PHSP	5.8M
$J/\psi \rightarrow K^* \bar{K^0}(K^* \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) + c.c.$	HELAMP, VSS	11.6M

Generator and number of events list for exclusive MC samples of 2009 and 2012

Decay chain	Generator	Generated
$J/\psi \rightarrow \omega f_2(1270), \omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma, f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	PHSP, VSP_PWAVE, TSS	19M
$J/\psi \rightarrow \rho \pi$ (include direct $\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$)	HELAMP, OMEGA-DALITZ	190M
$J/\psi ightarrow ar{p}n\pi^+$	PHSP	38M

Generator and number of events list for exclusive MC samples of 2018 and 2019

Inclusive samples:
225 million @ 2009
1000 million @ 2012
4600 million @ 2018
4100 million @ 2019

• 1 million τ inclusive events with $J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau$ and τ inclusive decays to any decay channels

Event Selection



 $\blacklozenge J/\psi \to e\tau, \tau \to \pi\pi^0 \nu$

- Select one electron and one charged pion
- igarleft At least two photon showers and one π^0



◆ The final-state electron from the process $J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau$ is monochromatic, therefore the momentum of the electron P_e and the recoiling mass against the electron M_{e_recoil}

• One undetected neutrino with missing energy $E_{\text{miss}} > 0.43 GeV$



Background study



• The dominant background contaminations stem from the continuum process (e.g. radiative Bhabha) and from hadronic J/ψ decays such as $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

◆ U_{miss} = E_{miss} - c | P_{miss} |, The areas between the arrows represent the signal region.
 ◆ In total, 6.9 ± 1.9 (63.6 ± 13.2) background events are expected for the data sample I (II).





Determination of upper limit at 90%
 confidence level (C.L.) with Bayesian method.
 Combined result:

 $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to e\tau) < 7.5 \times 10^{-8} @ 90\%$ C.L.

Results

• The 1st submitted paper based on full 10 billion J/ψ data of BESIII

 This result improves the previous published limits by two orders of magnitude and is comparable with the theoretical predictions.





Search for charged lepton flavor violating decay $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$

Data samples



	Data size 09+17-19 (10 ⁶)	
> Data: Full J/ψ $\psi(3770)$ $\chi_{c1}(1P)$ 3.080GeV data	8998 2.93 fb ⁻¹ 458.21 pb ⁻¹ 168.58 pb ⁻¹	e^- J/ψ $\sqrt{s} = 3.097 \text{ GeV}$
→ Signal MC: $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$	0.1+0.1+0.1	PHOTOS VLL
$ First Exclusive MC J/\psi \to ee J/\psi \to \mu\mu J/\psi \to \pi\pi J/\psi \to KK J/\psi \to pp $	133.8+5239 133.6+5230 0.33+12.90 0.64+25.10 4.75+1860	PHOTOS VLL PHOTOS VLL VSS VSS J2BB1
Continuum MC: $ee → ee(γ)$ $ee → μμ(γ)$	81+526.1 0.3+1.9	Babayaga Babayaga
\succ Inclusive MC: Full J/ψ	230+8774	Evtgen & LundCharm

Preliminary Selection

Good charged track:

- $|V_r| < 1.0 \ cm;$
- $|V_z| < 10.0 \ cm;$
- $|cos\theta| < 0.93;$
- $N_{charge}^{good} = 2, \Sigma Q = 0;$
- Two charged tracks $\Delta T \leq 1.0 \ ns$



Good photon:

- Barrel ($|cos\theta| < 0.80$) $E_{\gamma 1} > 25 MeV$;
- Endcap $(0.86 < |cos\theta| < 0.92) E_{\gamma 2} > 50 MeV;$
- Gap $(0.80 < |cos\theta| < 0.86) E_{\gamma 3} > 50 MeV;$
- TDC time window [0, 700] ns;
- Angle with nearest charged track $> 20^{\circ}$;
- Reject the events with $N_{\gamma} > 0$



Particle ID:

- π : prob $(\pi) \ge 0$ && prob $(\pi) \ge$ prob(K);
- $K: \operatorname{prob}(K) \ge 0 \&\& \operatorname{prob}(K) \ge \operatorname{prob}(\pi);$
- $p: \operatorname{prob}(p) \ge 0 \&\& \operatorname{prob}(p) \ge \operatorname{prob}(K) \&\& \operatorname{prob}(p) \ge \operatorname{prob}(\pi)$

Event Selection



Each J/ψ candidate is reconstructed with two back-to-back good charged tracks, which will be further identified as electron and muon.

Electron identification :

- Not associated in the MUC
- $-1.5 < \chi^{e}_{dE/dx} < 1.5 \ (\chi^{e}_{dE/dx} \text{ is defined as the difference between measured and expected } dE/dx under the electron hypothesis normalized by the <math>dE/dx$ resolution)
- E/p > 0.96 (E is the deposite energy in the EMC and p is the modulus of the momentum from the MDC)

Muon identification :

- $0.1 < E < 0.3 \text{ GeV}, \chi^e_{dE/dx} < -1.6$
- The penetration depth of the track in the MUC , > 40 cm
- Each candidate track must penetrate more than three layers in the MUC, and $\chi^2_{MUC} < 100$





Selection and Background study



- ♦ The signal region is defined with $|\sum \vec{p}|/\sqrt{s} \le 0.02$ and $0.95 \le E_{vis}/\sqrt{s} \le 1.04$
 - $|\Sigma \vec{p}|$: the magnitude of the vector sum of the momenta
 - E_{vis} : the total reconstructed energy of e and μ in the event
- J/ψ MC events $\rightarrow J/\psi$ decay background (N_{bkg1})
- ◆ $\psi(3770)$, $\chi_{c1}(1P)$ and 3.080*GeV* data → Continuum background (N_{bkg2})
- The normalized background is estimated to be
 - $N_{bkg1}^{norm} = 24.8 \pm 1.5$ and $N_{bkg2}^{norm} = 12.0 \pm 3.7$.
- By analyzing the full data, 29 candidate events are observed, consistent with background estimation.

Systematic uncertainty



Sources	Δ_{sys} [%]		
Tracking and PID	13		
TOF timing	0.52		
Photon veto	0.83		
$ \Delta heta $ and $ \Delta \phi $	2.6		
Total	14		

- ◆ Control samples J/ψ(e⁺e⁻) → e⁺e⁻ and J/ψ → μ⁺μ⁻ are used to estimate the systematic uncertainties of tracking and PID of electron and muon, TOF timing, γ veto, and |Δθ| and |Δφ| requirement.
 ◆ They are added in quadrature to the total efficiency-related systematic
- They are added in quadrature to the total efficiency-related systematic uncertainty of 14%.

Upper limit



$$L = P(N_{obs}|N_{J/\psi} \cdot \mathcal{B} \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}_{sig} + \hat{N}_{bkg1} + \hat{N}_{bkg2}) \cdot G(\hat{\varepsilon}_{sig}|\varepsilon_{sig}^{MC}, \varepsilon_{sig}^{MC} \cdot \sigma_{sig}^{MC})$$

$$\cdot P(N_{inc}^{J/\psi-MC}|\hat{N}_{bkg1} \cdot f_1) \cdot \prod_k P(N_{cont}^k|\hat{N}_{bkg2} \cdot f_2) \cdot G(N_{J/\psi}|N_{J/\psi}^{data}, \delta N_{J/\psi}^{data})$$



Comparison with theory



$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to e\mu) < 4.5 \times 10^{-9} @ 90\%$ C.L.



- Excluding the parameter space of some models, such as BLMSSM model, a
- supersymmetric model where baryon (B) and lepton (L) numbers are local gauge
- Br($\rho \rightarrow e\mu$) symmetries.
 - Improves the previous published limits
 by a factor of more than 30 and comparable
 with the theoretical predictions
 - The most precise result of CLFV search in heavy quarkonium systems

Summary



 BESIII has great potentials with unique (and increasing) datasets and analysis techniques, performed wide range study of new physics, with many first searches or best limits.

Some new physics models can inspire the CLFV decay rate up to a detectable level.

 \bullet The latest searching results for CLFV decays on J/ ψ are reported.

• The UL is set to be $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau) < 7.5 \times 10^{-8} @ 90\%$ CL.

◆ The UL is set to be $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu) < 4.5 \times 10^{-9}$ @ 90% CL, which is the most stringent CLFV result in heavy quarkonium sector up to now.



Thank you

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Leptoquark model





Back up

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$JI\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ angle





CLFV in **SM**



Backup

 $JI\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ cut flow



Cut flow	Efficiency 2009 (%)	Efficiency 2017-2019 (%)
Generated(100000, 200000)	100	100
$N_{charged}^{good} = 2, \sum Q = 0$	88.00	87.27
$\Delta TOF \leq 1.0 \mathrm{ns}$	86.45	85.67
E/P > 0.5 for electron, $E/P < 0.5$ for muon	83.31	82.60
$E_{\gamma B} < 0.025 \text{ GeV}, E_{\gamma G} < 0.050 \text{ GeV}, E_{\gamma E} < 0.050 \text{ GeV}$	76.00	74.47
$N_{hits}^e = 0$ for electron in MUC	73.33	71.15
E/P > 0.96 for electron	60.34	59.09
$ \chi^{e}_{dE/dx} < 1.5$ for electron	55.37	53.37
$0.1 \text{ GeV} < E_{deposited} < 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ for muon	54.35	52.35
$0 < \chi^2_{MUC} < 100$ for muon	32.35	40.33
$d_{\mu} > 40 \mathrm{cm}$ for muon	27.38	30.06
$\chi^{e}_{dE/dx} < -1.6$ for muon	26.04	28.42
$ \Delta \theta < 1.2^\circ, \Delta \phi < 1.5^\circ$	24.21	24.96
$ \Sigma \vec{p} /\sqrt{s} \leq 0.02, \ 0.95 \leq E_{vis}/\sqrt{s} \leq 1.04$	20.67	21.20

 $\succ \chi^{e}_{dE/dx}$: difference between the measured and expected χ_{dedx} for the electron hypothesis.

 $> d_{\mu}$: penetration depth in MUC *NumLayers*: penetration layers *MaxHitsInLayer*: Max hits in one layer

> Signal efficiency:
$$\varepsilon_{sig}^{MC} = \sum \epsilon_{sig}^{i} \times \frac{n^{\iota}}{N} = (21.18 \pm 0.13)\%$$

Backup

 $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ background



Sample	Mode	Size 09+17-19 (M)	Survived	Scale factor	Normalized
Exclusive MC	$J/\psi ightarrow e^+e^-$	133.8+5239	0+58	1/10.0	5.80±0.76
	$J/\psi ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	133.6+5230	1+174	1/10.0	17.40 ± 1.32
	$J/\psi ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	0.33+12.90	0+27	1/10.0	2.70 ± 0.52
	$J/\psi \to K^+K^-$	0.64+25.10	0+0	1/10.0	0
	$J/\psi ightarrow p^+p^-$	4.75+1860	0+0	1/10.0	0
Inclusive MC	$J/\psi ightarrow anything$	230+8774	0+6+9=15	8.2	1.83 ± 0.47
Continuum MC	$e^+e^- \to e^+e^-(\gamma)$	81+274.8+251.3	0	9.0	0
	$e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$	0.3+1.0+0.9	0+0+0	9.0	0
Data	$\psi(3770)$ data $ ightarrow$ 09	2.93 fb^{-1}	10	1.3416	13.42 ± 4.24
	$\chi_{c1}(1P)$ data $ ightarrow$ 18,19	458.21 pb^{-1}	1	7.4390	$\textbf{7.44} \pm \textbf{7.44}$
	3.080GeV data	224.04 + 877.52	0	15.5533	-

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\mu_{i}}{\sigma_{i}^{2}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_{i}^{2}}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i} \mu_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i}}, V(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_{i}^{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i}}$$

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$JI\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ background



• The normalized background in the signal region N_{bkg1}^{norm} is calculated as, $N_{bkg1}^{norm} = N_{bkg1}^{J/\psi-MC} \cdot f_1, \qquad f_1 = \frac{N_{J/\psi}^{data}}{N_{L/\psi}^{MC}}$

- $N_{bkg1}^{J/\psi-MC}$: the number of J/ψ background decays in the J/ψ inclusive and exclusive MC samples
- $N_{J/\psi}^{data}$: the total number of J/ψ events in the data
- $N_{J/\psi}^{MC}$: the total number of equivalent J/ψ events in the J/ψ inclusive and exclusive MC samples The normalized number in the signal region is estimated to be $N_{bkg1}^{norm} = 24.8 \pm 1.5$.
- By assuming a 1/s energy-dependence of the cross sections, the normalized number of continuum backgrounds at the J/ψ peak, $N_{bkg2}^{norm,k}$, can be obtained by

$$N_{bkg2}^{norm,k} = N_{cont}^k \times f_2^k, \qquad f_2^k = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{J/\psi}}{\mathcal{L}_k} \times \frac{s_k}{s_{J/\psi}}$$

- N_{cont}^{k} : the number of background events survived in the signal region at the energy with index k
- $\mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{J/\psi}$: the integrated luminosities at energies k and at the J/ψ peak The normalized number is estimated to be $N_{bkg2}^{norm} = 12.0 \pm 3.7$.



$$G_{BL} = SU(3)_C \bigotimes SU(2)_L \bigotimes U(1)_Y \bigotimes U(1)_B \bigotimes U(1)_L$$

BLMSSM

In the BLMSSM, the local B and L are spontaneously broken at the TeV scale. The superpotential of the BLMSSM is written as:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{BLMSSM}} = \mathcal{W}_{\text{MSSM}} + \mathcal{W}_{B} + \mathcal{W}_{L} + \mathcal{W}_{X}$$
$$(m_{\tilde{L}}^{2})_{ii} = (m_{\tilde{R}}^{2})_{ii} = S_{m}^{2}$$

Back up