# The cLFV searches at BESIII

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#### **Beijing Electron Positron Collider II (BEPCII)**

**Linac:** The injector, a 202M long electron position linear accelerator that can accelerate the electrons and positrons to 1.3 GeV.

**BESIII:** Beijing Spectrometer III, the main detector for BEPC II.



**The storage ring:** A sports track shaped accelerator with a circumference of 237.5M.

#### **BEPCII: a double-ring machine**



**Beam energy:** 1-2.3 GeV Luminosity:  $1 \times 10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> **Optimum energy:** 1.89 GeV **Energy spread:** 5.16 × 10<sup>-4</sup> No. of bunches: 93 **Bunch length:** 1.5 cm **Total current: 0.91** A **SR mode:** 0.25A @ 2.5 GeV /home21/home/zhaozhuo/setup/liferateNew.edl

2016/04/05 22:29:41 E32/cm^2/s Luminosity 10.00 e+ $e_{-}$ Energy 1.8830 1.8833 [GeV] 849.97 852.83 Current [mA] 1.52 Lifetime 2.27[hr] Inj.Rate 0.00 0.00 [mA/min]

#### **BESIII Detector**



Wire tracker (no Si); TOF + dE/dx for PID; CsI Ecal; RPC muon

#### **Physics in τ-c energy region**



- Nucleon form factors
- Y(2175) resonance
- Exotic states with s quark, Zs
- MLLA/LPHD and QCD predictions

- Light hadron spectroscopy
- Gluonic and exotic states
- Rare and forbidden decays
- Physics with charmonium and τ lepton

- XYZ particles
- Vcd|, Vcs|
- f<sub>D</sub> and f<sub>Ds</sub>
- $D_0 \overline{D}_0$  mixing, CPV
- Charmed baryons

#### **R** scan: precision $\Delta \alpha_{\text{QED}}$ , $a_{\mu}$ , charm quark mass extraction.

#### $J/\psi$ Data Sample



- Huge and clean data which provide a good lab to probe rare decays such as LFV process.
- More data will be taken in the next run.

#### Why charged Lepton Flavor Violation?

- The non-zero neutrino masses and mixing can introduce flavor transitions, but the expected branching fractions are at an extremely rare level.
- Thus, searching for the cLFV events which are SM forbidden would be clear signal of physics beyond the SM.
- For example,



#### Why charged Lepton Flavor Violation?

• Theoretical prospects for  $\mu \rightarrow e$ ,  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ 



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and  $\mu \rightarrow \gamma e$  : 10<sup>-13</sup> and

#### Why charged Lepton Flavor Violation?

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 LFV in Meson decays

Channel	Upper limit	Experiment
$\pi^0 \to \mu^{\pm} e^{\mp}$	$3.59 \times 10^{-10}$	KTeV
$\eta \to \mu^{\pm} e^{\mp}$	$6 \times 10^{-6}$	Saturne SPES2
$K_L^0 \to \pi^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$7.56 \times 10^{-11}$	KTeV
$K_L^0 \to 2\pi^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$1.64 \times 10^{-10}$	KTeV
$K_L^{\overline{0}} \to \mu^+ e^-$	$4.7 \times 10^{-12}$	<b>BNL E871</b>
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-$	$1.3\times10^{-11}$	BNL E865, E777
$D^+ \to \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$3.4 \times 10^{-5}$	Fermilab E791
$D^+ \to K^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$6.8 \times 10^{-5}$	Fermilab E791
$D^0 \to \mu^{\pm} e^{\mp}$	$8.1 \times 10^{-7}$	$\operatorname{BaBar}$
$D_s^+ \to \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$6.1 \times 10^{-4}$	Fermilab E791
$D_s^+ \to K^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$	Fermilab E791
$B^0 \to \mu^{\pm} e^{\mp}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-8}$	Babar $(347 \text{ fb}^{-1})$
$B^0 \to \tau^{\pm} e^{\mp}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	CLEO $(9.2 \text{ fb}^{-1})$
$B^0 \to \tau^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-5}$	CLEO $(9.2 \text{ fb}^{-1})$
$B^+ \to K^+ e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$9.1 \times 10^{-8}$	BaBar (208 fb <sup><math>-1</math></sup> )
$B^+ \to K^+ e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$7.7 \times 10^{-5}$	BaBar $(348 \text{ fb}^{-1})$
$B_s^0 \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$6.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$CDF (102 \text{ fb}^{-1})$

• LFV in quarkonium decays

$l_{1}l_{2}$	$\mu au$	e au	$e\mu$
$B(\Upsilon(1S) \to l_1 l_2)$	$6.0 \times 10^{-6}$	_	
$B(\Upsilon(2S) \to l_1 l_2)$	$3.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-6}$	_
$B(\Upsilon(3S) \to l_1 l_2)$	$3.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.2 \times 10^{-6}$	_
$B(J/\psi \to l_1 l_2)$	$2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
$B(\phi \to l_1 l_2)$	n/a	n/a	$4.1 \times 10^{-6}$

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# $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ at BESIII (1)

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- $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$  at **BESIII**, 225M  $J/\psi$  events are used.
- Event topology: two opposite, back-to-back, charged tracks, no obvious extra EMC showers
- Most of the backgrounds are from  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ ,  $e^+e^-\rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$  and  $e^+e^-\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$
- To suppress these backgrounds, several powerful criteria are employed.

#### $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ at BESIII (2)

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- To suppress backgrounds from electron mis-ID from  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$ ,
- (1) no associated hits in the MUC;
- (2) 0.95 <E/p< 1.50 GeV, where E is the energy deposit in the EMC and p the momentum measured by the MDC;
- (3) the absolute value of  $\chi^{e}_{dE/dx}$  (the difference between measured and expected dE/dx for electron hypothesis over its resolution) should be less than 1.8;





#### $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$ at BESIII (3)

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- To suppress backgrounds from muon mis-ID from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$ ,
- (1) Penetration depth in the MUC larger than 40 cm;
- (2) E/p<0.5 GeV and 0.1 <E< 0.3 GeV
- (3) the value of  $\chi^{e}_{dE/dx}$  (the difference between measured and expected dE/dx for electron hypothesis over its resolution) should be less than -1.8;



FIG. 2 (color online). The distributions of the penetration depth in the MUC (left) and the deposited energy in the EMC (right) for the simulated muon, pion, and kaon samples.

### J/ψ → eµ at BESIII (4)



FIG. 3. A scatter plot of  $E_{\rm vis}/\sqrt{s}$  versus  $|\Sigma \vec{p}|/\sqrt{s}$  for the  $J/\psi$  data. The indicated signal region is defined as  $0.93 \le E_{\rm vis}/\sqrt{s} \le 1.10$  and  $|\Sigma \vec{p}|/\sqrt{s} \le 0.1$ .

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TABLE I. Summary of systematic uncertainties (%).

Sources	Error
$e^{\pm}$ tracking	1.00
$\mu^{\pm}$ tracking	1.00
$e^{\pm}$ ID	0.62
$\mu^{\pm}$ ID	0.04
Acollinearity, acoplanarity	5.36
Photon veto	1.19
$N_{J/\psi}$	1.24
Total	5.84

With 225 M J/ψ data

B(J/ψ → eμ) < N<sup>UL</sup><sub>obs</sub>/(N<sub>J/ψ</sub>ε)<**1.6 × 10<sup>-7</sup>** @ 90% C.L.

where N<sup>UL</sup><sub>obs</sub> is calculated based on the POLE program which is a Feldman-Cousins method including the number of observed events, the number of background events and its uncertainty, and the systematic uncertainties.

#### Prospect for J/ $\psi$ → eτ at BESIII

Simulated based on BESIII

•  $J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau, \tau \rightarrow \mu \upsilon_{\mu} \upsilon_{\tau}$ 

software and hardware systems

- Event topology: two opposite charged tracks, missing momenta
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With 1300 M J/ $\psi$  MC events

B(J/ $\psi \rightarrow e\tau$ )<sup>sensitivity</sup> < N<sup>UL</sup><sub>obs</sub>/(N<sub>J/ $\psi$ </sub>ε)< 6.3 × 10<sup>-8</sup> @ 90% C.L.

where N<sup>UL</sup><sub>obs</sub> is calculated based on the POLE program which is a Feldman-Cousins method including the number of background events and its uncertainty, and the systematic uncertainties (assumed to be 5%), where the number of observed events is set to be zero.

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Simulated based on BESIII

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software and hardware systems

- Event topology: two opposite charged tracks, missing momenta
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- After background suppression, the detection efficiency is estimated to be 19%

With 1300 M J/ $\psi$  MC events

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### Prospect for J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma e\tau$ ; γµτ at BESIII

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma e\tau, \tau \rightarrow \mu \upsilon_{\mu} \upsilon_{\tau}$
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \mu \tau, \tau \rightarrow e \upsilon_e \upsilon_\tau$

Simulated based on BESIII software and hardware systems

 Event topology: two opposite charged tracks, missing momenta, one photon.
 With 1300 M J/ψ data



# Result with experimental data is on the way

- BESIII collaboration got the
  leading upper limit on J/ψ → eμ
  decay with 225 M J/ψ.
- Better upper limits on  $J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau$ and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\tau$  are coming soon.
- upper limits on  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma e\tau$  and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \mu \tau$  are coming soon.
- New data taking plan has been approved! Better constraints can be expected.











# Backup

For the polar and azimuthal angles of the two charged tracks, these conditions should hold:  $|\Delta \theta| < 0.9^{\circ}$ , where  $|\Delta \theta| = |180^{\circ} - (\theta_1 + \theta_2)|$  and  $|\Delta \phi| < 1.4^{\circ}$ , where  $|\Delta \phi| = |180^{\circ} - |\phi_1 - \phi_2||$ .

"back-to-back"