

Vorlesung:

Teilchenphysik I (Particle Physics I)

V14a: Meson-Mixing

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Summary Lecture 13b

Concept of quark mixing

- **Cabbibo**: charged-current couplings for quarks smaller than for leptons
→ u quark couples to linear combination of d and s quarks
- **GIM mechanism**: flavor-changing neutral currents ($K \rightarrow \gamma$) suppressed
→ 2x2 mixing matrix, prediction of a new quark, the charm quark
- **KM**: CP violation requires >3x3 mixing matrix
→ CKM matrix, 3rd family postulated

CKM matrix

- Unitary complex 3x3 matrix
- physical degrees of freedom:
 - three magnitudes
 - and one complex phase
- Unitarity relations represented as unitarity triangles
- experimentally: strong hierarchy of elements – diagonal dominant
→ long life times of mesons with heavy quarks

$$| V_{CKM} | =$$

0.97434	0.22506	0.00357
0.22492	0.97351	0.0411
0.00875	0.0403	0.99915

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Neutral mesons can – and do - mix

Quantum numbers of hadrons:

- Hadrons produced in strong interactions → **strong** eigenstates
- Strong eigenstates: not necessarily **physical** particles (= mass eigenstates) or eigenstates of **weak** interactions → **flavor mixing**
- Flavor-changing weak processes in systems of neutral mesons: particle-antiparticle **oscillations**

$$|P\rangle \leftrightarrow |\bar{P}\rangle$$

Particle – antiparticle systems with established mixing:

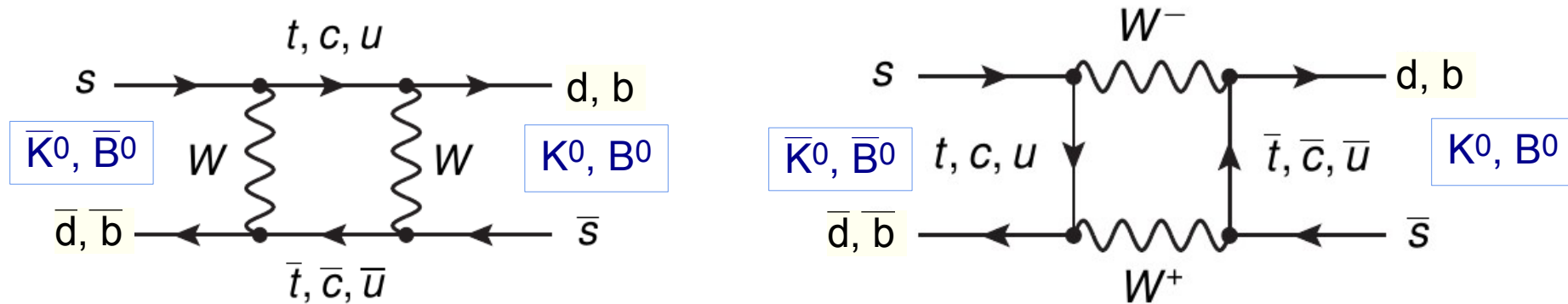
Neutral kaons: $|K^0\rangle = |\bar{s}d\rangle \leftrightarrow |\bar{K}^0\rangle = |s\bar{d}\rangle$

Neutral D mesons: $|D^0\rangle = |c\bar{u}\rangle \leftrightarrow |\bar{D}^0\rangle = |\bar{c}u\rangle$

Neutral B mesons: $|B_d^0\rangle = |\bar{b}d\rangle \leftrightarrow |\bar{B}_d^0\rangle = |b\bar{d}\rangle$
 $|B_s^0\rangle = |\bar{b}s\rangle \leftrightarrow |\bar{B}_s^0\rangle = |b\bar{s}\rangle$

Meson Mixing and Box-Diagrams

In the Standard Model, mixing is caused by “box diagrams”



consider **time evolution** of a quantum-mechanical state:

- Starting point: **pure** state $|P\rangle$ or $|\bar{P}\rangle$ created in **strong** interaction
- After time interval Δt : **mixture** of $|P\rangle$ and $|\bar{P}\rangle$ with particle decays superimposed (different lifetimes for different particles)
- Phenomenological description of time evolution: **Schrödinger equation** with “effective Hamilton operator” Σ

Mixing: Time evolution

Formalism:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} |P(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{P}(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \Sigma \begin{pmatrix} |P(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{P}(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \left(M - i \frac{\Gamma}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} |P(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{P}(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } M^\dagger = M, \Gamma^\dagger = \Gamma$$

Mass
matrix

Decay
width
matrix

Components of the effective Hamilton operator:

$$\Sigma = M - i \frac{\Gamma}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} - i\Gamma_{11}/2 & M_{12} - i\Gamma_{12}/2 \\ M_{12}^* - i\Gamma_{12}^*/2 & M_{22} - i\Gamma_{22}/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- M_{11}, M_{22} : quark masses and binding energies given by **strong** interactions
→ **no** oscillations
- $\Gamma_{11}, \Gamma_{22}, M_{12}, \Gamma_{12}$: **oscillation** and **decay** through **weak** processes
- CPT symmetry: particle and antiparticles have the **same masses and decay widths** → $M_{11} = M_{22} = m, \Gamma_{11} = \Gamma_{22} = \Gamma$

Mixing: Time evolution (2)

Diagonalize effective Hamilton operators Σ

→ masses and decay widths of **physical** particles

■ Ansatz: consider two linear combinations of $|P\rangle$ and $|\bar{P}\rangle$

$$|P_L\rangle = p|P\rangle + q|\bar{P}\rangle, \quad |P_H\rangle = p|P\rangle - q|\bar{P}\rangle$$

with $|P_L\rangle$ “**light**” and $|P_H\rangle$ “**heavy**” mass eigenstate

and p, q complex coefficients with normalization condition $|p|^2 + |q|^2 = 1$

■ **Time evolution** of **physical** particles $|P_L\rangle$ und $|P_H\rangle$:

$$|P_{L,H}(t)\rangle = \exp\left[-iM_{L,H}t - \frac{\Gamma_{L,H}}{2}t\right] |P_{L,H}\rangle$$

■ Time evolution of **strong** eigenstates $|P\rangle$ and $|\bar{P}\rangle$:

transformation using matrix of eigenvectors (p, q) and $(p, -q)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} |P(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{P}(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p & p \\ q & -q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \exp\left[-iM_L t - \frac{\Gamma_L}{2}t\right] & 0 \\ 0 & \exp\left[-iM_H t - \frac{\Gamma_H}{2}t\right] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & p \\ q & -q \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} |P\rangle \\ |\bar{P}\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Mixing: Time evolution (3)

Result of calculation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} |P(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{P}(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_+(t) & \frac{p}{q}g_-(t) \\ \frac{q}{p}g_-(t) & g_+(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |P\rangle \\ |\bar{P}\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } g_{\pm}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\exp \left[-iM_L t - \frac{\Gamma_L}{2} t \right] \pm \exp \left[-iM_H t - \frac{\Gamma_H}{2} t \right] \right)$$

Interpretation as **transition probabilities** :

- $|g_+(t)|^2$: probability for $|P\rangle$ ($|\bar{P}\rangle$) to remain in the same state
- $|q/p|^2 |g_-(t)|^2$: probability for $|P\rangle$ to oscillate to $|\bar{P}\rangle$ after time interval t
- $|p/q|^2 |g_-(t)|^2$: probability for $|\bar{P}\rangle$ to oscillate to $|P\rangle$ after time interval t

Remark: indirect CP violation if $p \neq q$ (more later)

Mixing: Time evolution (4)

Usual convention: express masses and widths of heavy and light mass eigenstates by **average values and differences**

$$m = M_{11} = M_{22} = \frac{1}{2}(M_H + M_L)$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{11} = \Gamma_{22} = \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_L + \Gamma_H)$$

$$\Delta m = M_H - M_L$$

$$\Delta \Gamma = \Gamma_L - \Gamma_H$$

sometimes also: $x = \frac{\Delta m}{\Gamma}$

Transition probabilities as a function of Γ , $\Delta \Gamma$, Δm :

$$|g_{\pm}(t)|^2 = \frac{\exp[-\Gamma t]}{2} \left[\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta \Gamma t}{2}\right) \pm \cos(\Delta m t) \right]$$

Decay

Oscillation due
to decay width
difference

Oscillation due
to mass
difference

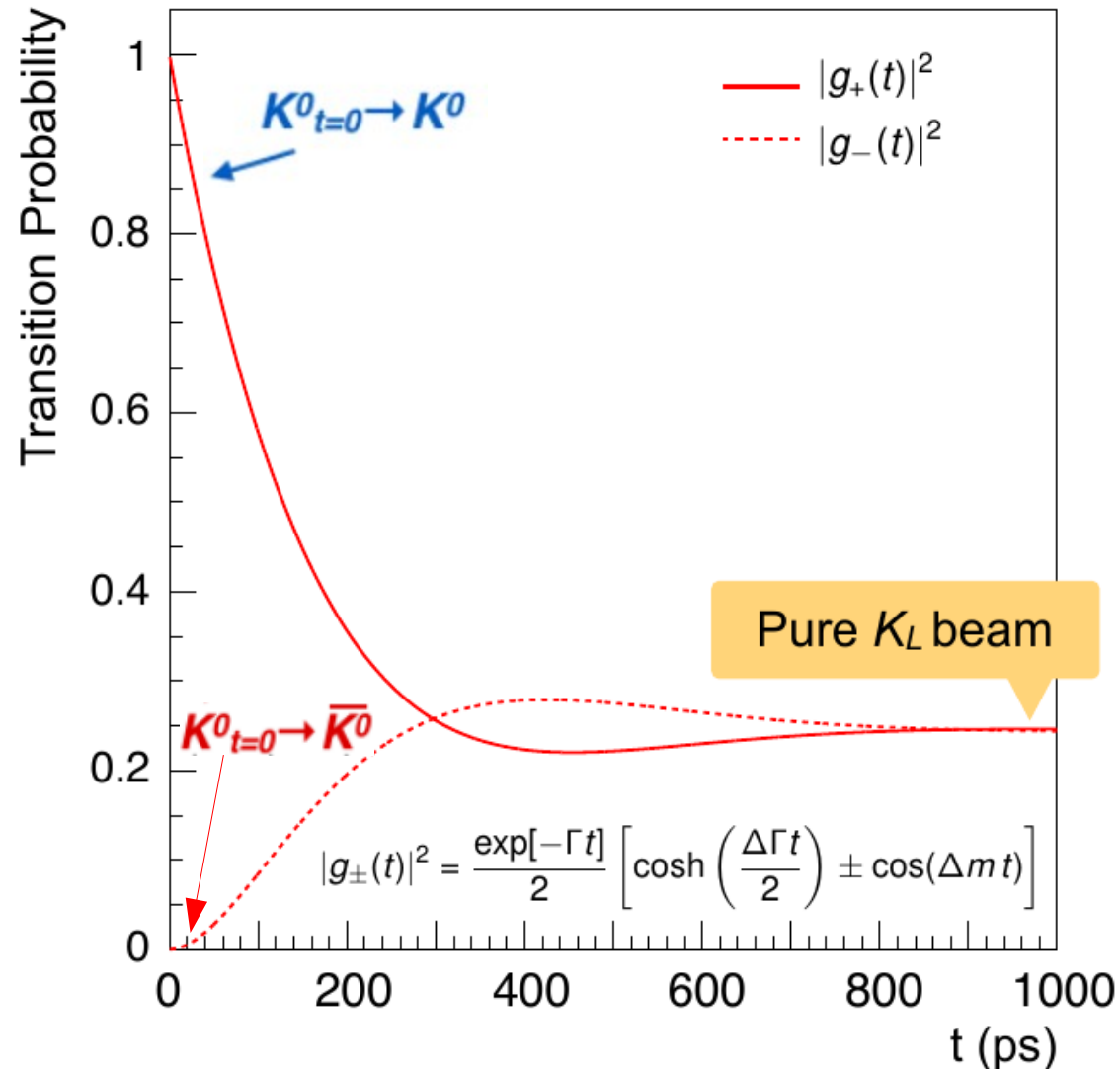
Example: Neutral Kaon Mixing

Historically, mass eigenstates were distinguished by lifetime (K-short / K-long) instead of mass (light / heavy)

$$|P_L\rangle = |K_S^0\rangle, |P_H\rangle = |K_L^0\rangle$$

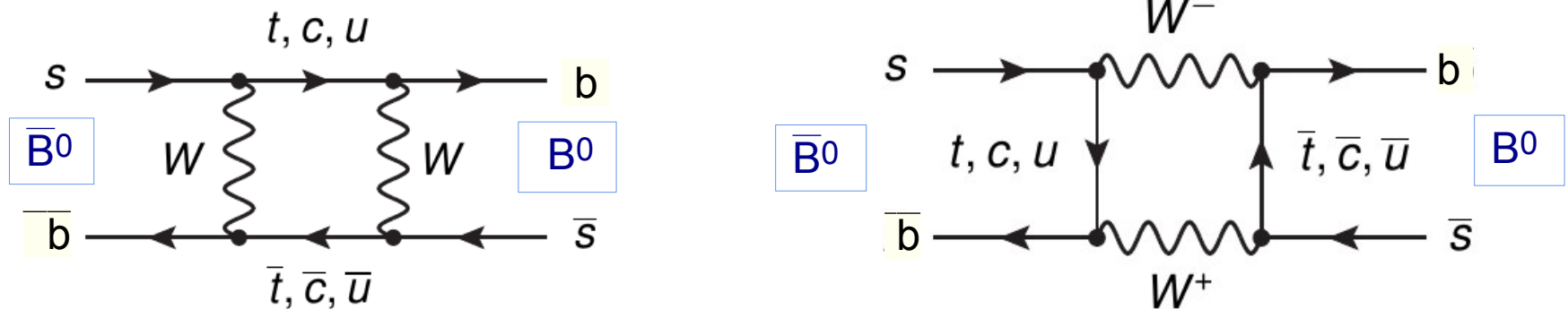
Kaon oscillation parameters:

- $\Gamma = \frac{1}{178.8 \text{ ps}}$
- $\Delta\Gamma \approx \Gamma$
- $\Delta m = 0.0053 \text{ ps}^{-1}$
- mass and life time differences are of same order of magnitude



Example2: Neutral B-Meson Mixing

Mass difference from box diagrams:



approximation: m_t is the only relevant quark mass, $V_{tb} \approx 1$

- Result: $\Delta m_{b,s} \sim (V_{td,ts}^* V_{tb})^2$
- $|V_{td}|$ and $|V_{ts}|$ can be determined from **oscillation frequency**

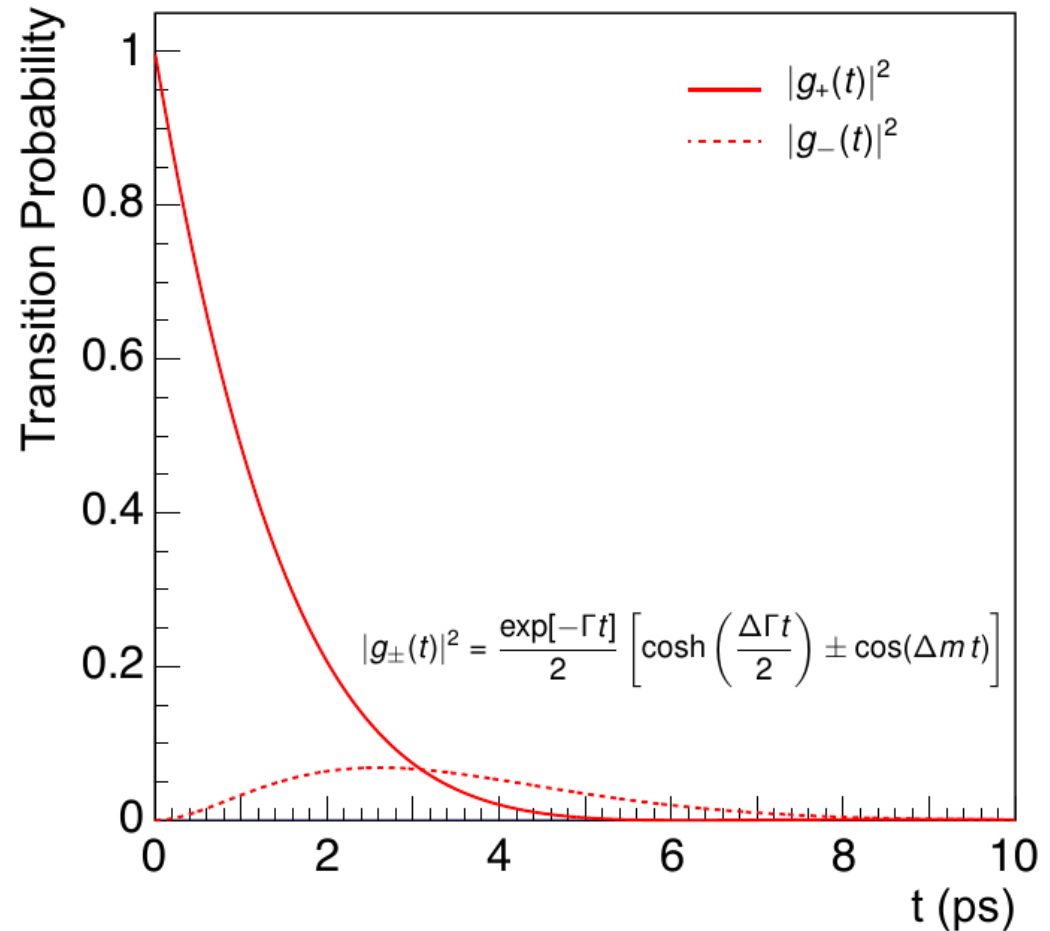
Measurements of oscillation frequency:

- B_d system: ARGUS (DESY), UA1 (CERN) 1987 ($\rightarrow$ large value of $\Delta m_d =$ indirect hint: top quark very heavy), B factories at SLAC & KEK ([more later](#))
- B_s system: Tevatron, LHCb

Neutral B_d – Meson Mixing

B_d oscillation parameters:

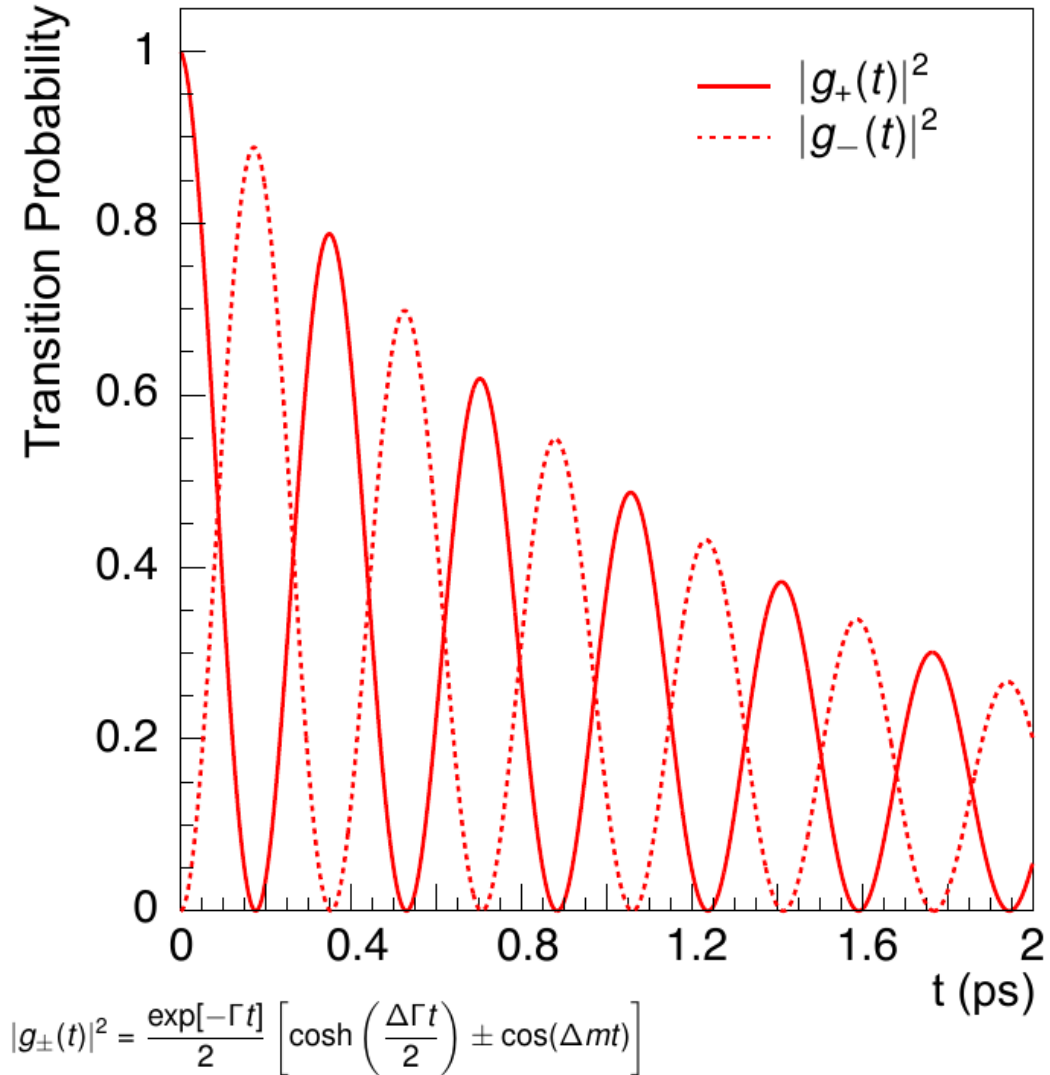
- $\Gamma_d = \frac{1}{1.53 \text{ ps}}$
- $\Delta\Gamma_d \approx 0$
- $\Delta m_d = 0.507 \text{ ps}^{-1} \approx \Gamma_d$
- life time approx.
one oscillation period
- dominant effect:
oscillation due to
mass difference Δm_d



Neutral B_s – Meson Mixing

B_s oscillation parameters:

- $\Gamma_s = \frac{1}{1.47 \text{ ps}}$
- $\Delta\Gamma_s \approx 0$
- $\Delta m_s = 17.77 \text{ ps}^{-1}$
- Fast oscillation, many periods before decay
- dominant effect:
oscillation due to
mass difference Δm_s



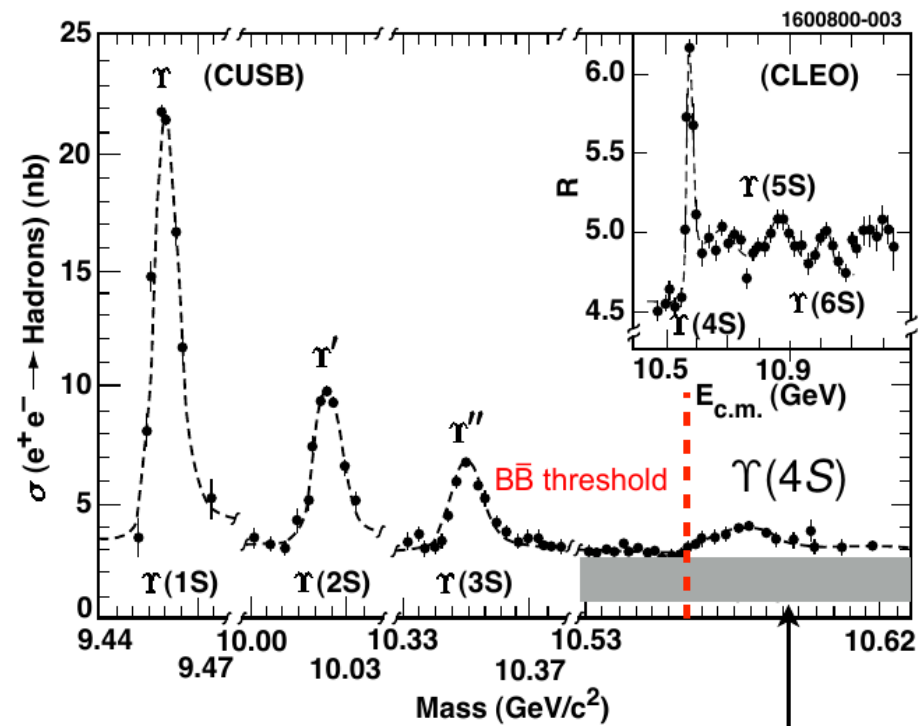
Experimental challenge:
resolution of fast oscillation !

B Factories

Large number of B-Mesons needed to perform (precision) measurements

- use **bottonium resonances** in e^+e^- colliders (DORIS, CERN, PEP-II, KEKb, SupderKEKb, experiments Argus, Cleo, BaBar, Belle (II))
- best choice **$\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance** just above the energy to produce 2 B_d mesons
- approx 50% $B^0\bar{B}^0$ and 50% B^+B^-

example ARGUS experiment
at DORIS (DESY)



See e.g. [D. G. Cassel](#),
ARGUS Fest (2007)

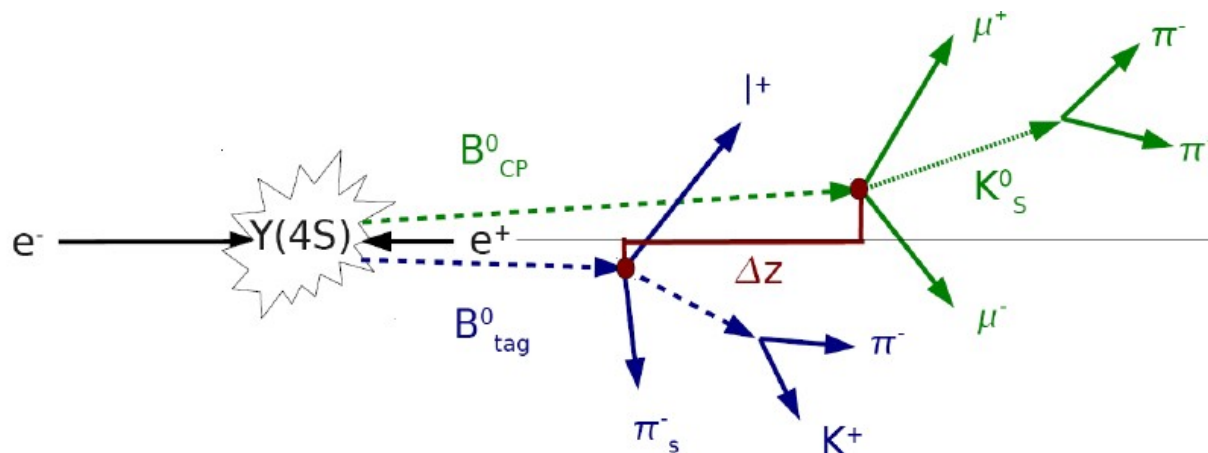
B-Factories

Electron-positron collider with **asymmetric** beam energies:

- $\Upsilon(4S)$: $B\bar{B}$ -pair produced approximately **at rest** in e^+e^- center-of-mass frame
- $B\bar{B}$ rest frame **moving** relative to laboratory frame $\rightarrow$ all decay lengths Lorentz boosted $\rightarrow$ better measurement

$B\bar{B}$ pair = **entangled** quantum state (cf. EPR paradoxon)

- Oscillations in $B^0\bar{B}^0$ system
 $\rightarrow$ first decay of a B^0 or $\bar{B}^0$ determines flavor of other $\bar{B}^0$ or B^0
- Observable: **decay length difference** $\Delta z = O(200 \text{ } \mu\text{m})$



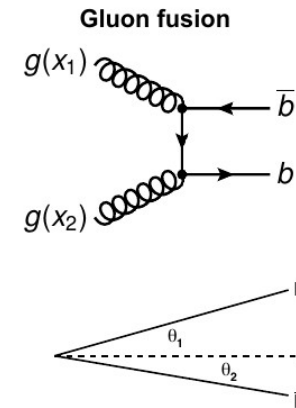
The LHC as a B Factory

Heavy quarks are copiously produced in hadron colliders

- Dominant process: **gluon fusion**
- Process kinematics: $m_b \ll \sqrt{s}$
 - momentum fractions of gluons $x_1 \gg x_2$
 - b and $\bar{b}$: both emitted either into forward or backward direction

- $B^\pm$ mesons: 40%
- B^0_d mesons: 40%
- B^0_s mesons: 10%
- B baryons: 10%

Note: Contrary to e^+e^- b factories, QCD effects lead to rapid destruction of quantum-mechanical entanglement of the two b quarks.



Appropriate detector setup: forward spectrometer (LHCb)

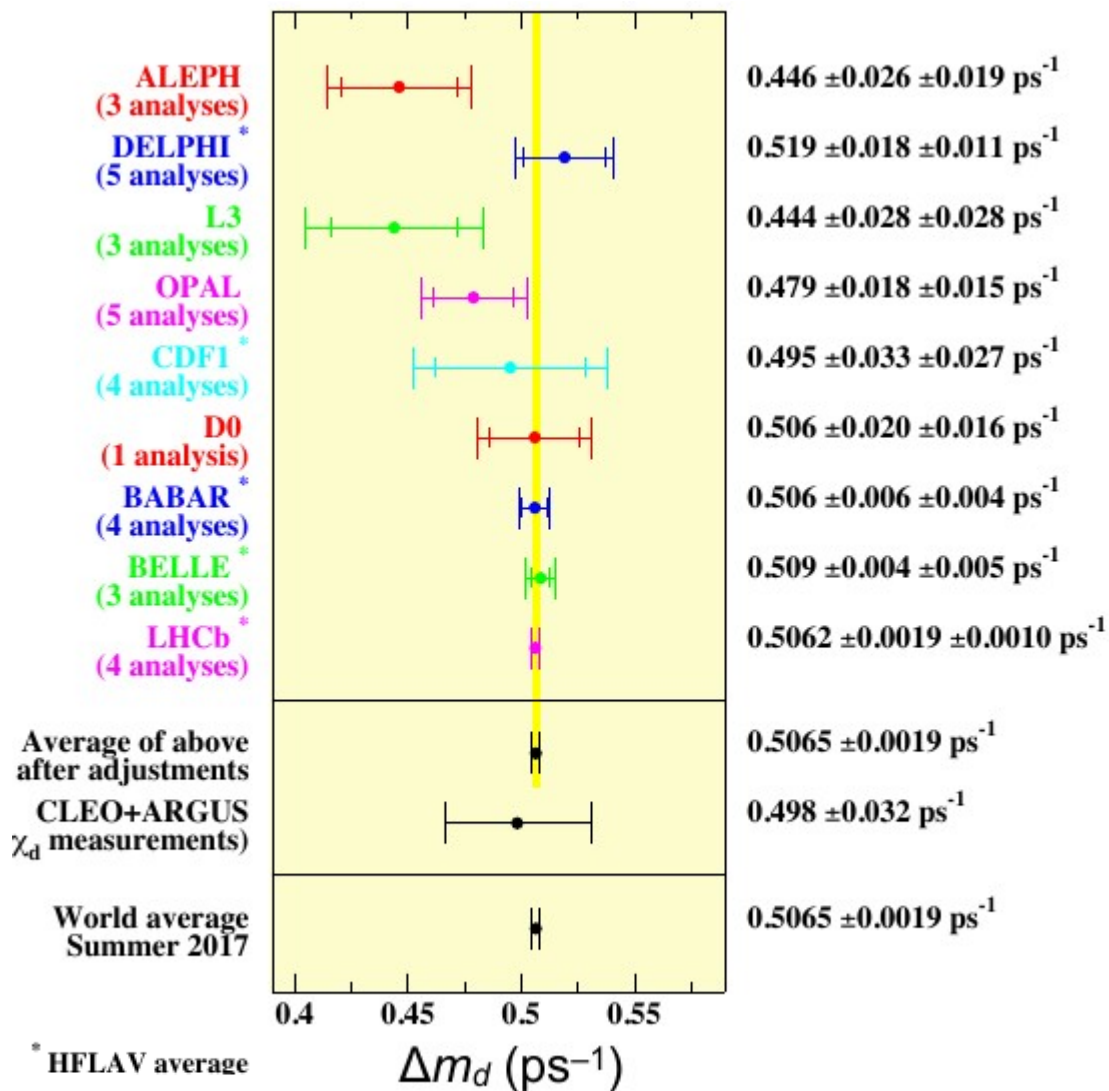
Measurements of B_d Mixing

■ ARGUS/CLEO:

- Symmetric beam energies
→ **time-integrated** mixing probability measurement
- Idea: mixing parameters from **number of lepton pairs with same charge sign** in semileptonic B and $\bar{B}$ decays (observable: asymmetry χ_d)

■ LEP/B factories/Tevatron/LHCb:

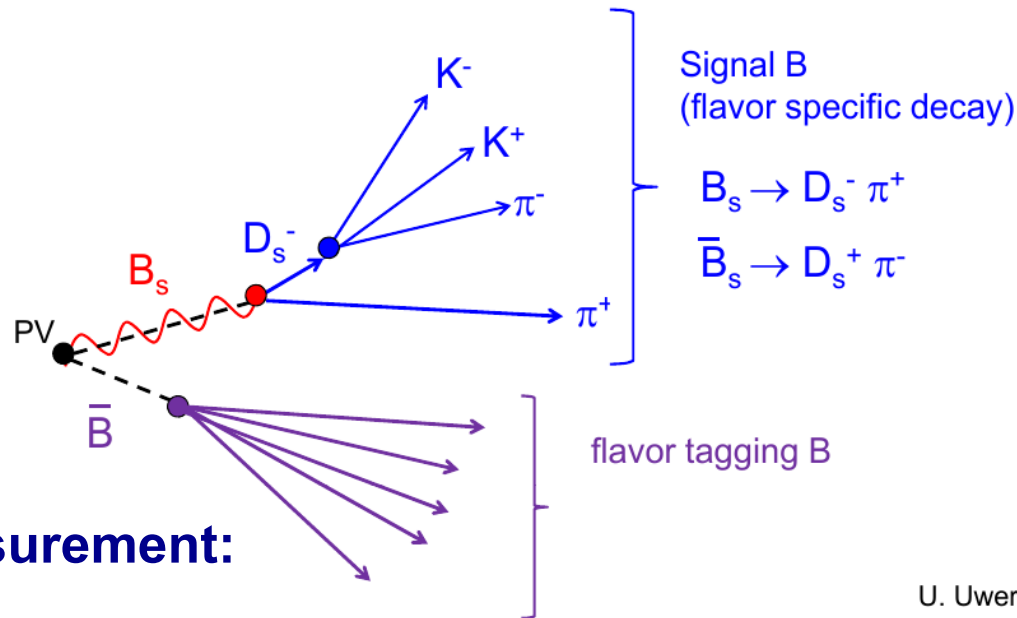
- **Time-resolved** measurement of oscillation frequency Δm_d
- Rough idea: count number of B and $\bar{B}$ decays as a function of Δz (various methods)



Y. Amhis et al., "Averages of b-hadron, c-hadron, and tau-lepton properties as of summer 2016," [arXiv:1612.07233](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.07233) and online update at <http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hflav>

Measurements of B_s Mixing

- First measurement of B_s oscillation frequency by the CDF experiment at Tevatron in 2006
- most precise measurements by the LCHb experiment at the LHC



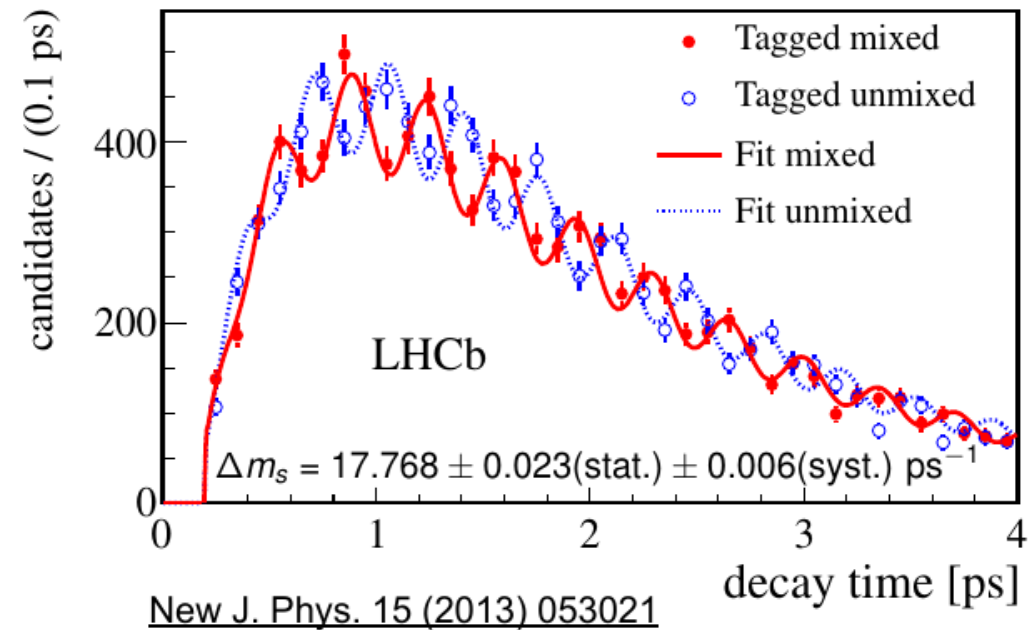
Principle of measurement:

- B_s **flavor** at **decay time**: charge of **decay products**
- B_s **flavor** at **production time**: flavor of **other B hadron** (“opposite sign tag”) or search for partner of $\bar{s}$ quark in B_s (“same sign tag”)
- B_s **lifetime**: decay length $L \rightarrow$ decay time $t = Lm/p$

LHCb: B_s Mixing results

- Theoretical transition probability:

$$|g_{\pm}(t)|^2 = \frac{\exp[-\Gamma_s t]}{2} \left[\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s t}{2}\right) \pm \cos(\Delta m_s t) \right]$$



- Probability density function to describe observed oscillation signal:

$$P(t|\sigma_t) \sim \Gamma_s \frac{\exp[-\Gamma_s t]}{2} \left[\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s t}{2}\right) \Theta(t) \pm D \cos(\Delta m_s t) \right] \otimes R(t, \sigma_t)$$

Dilution factor (due to mistags)

Time resolution and acceptance

