

Physics 129: Particle Physics
Lecture 22: Weak decays of hadrons (continued),
Mixing in the K^0 and B Systems

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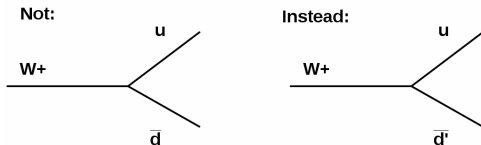
- Suggested Reading:
 - ▶ Thomson Chapter 14.2-14.6
 - ▶ Griffiths 10.5
- Homework schedule for the rest of the semester:
 - ▶ HW # 11: Released later today, due Wed Nov 18
 - ▶ HW # 12: Released Nov 18, due Wed Dec 2
 - ▶ HW # 13: Released Nov 25, due Sat Dec 11
- Final project details to be posted next week, due by Dec 15

Our Weak Interaction Roadmap

- Unlike strong and EM, weak interactions don't conserve parity
 - ▶ Vertex selects left-handed state for particles (and right handed state for anti-particles)
 - Subject of last Tuesday's lecture
- W^\pm coupling to leptons respect flavor families (e, μ, τ) but coupling to quarks do not
 - ▶ Coupling not diagonal in quark flavor: Need to change basis
 - Subject of last Thursday's lecture
 - ▶ Introduction of this change in basis gives new phenomenology, including mixing and CP violation
 - This week's lectures
- W^\pm has charge, so it couples to photon
 - ▶ Cannot write down a weak theory independent of QED
 - ▶ Unified electroweak theory includes Z^0 as well as W^\pm and γ
 - Topic for the week of Nov 17
- Need mechanism to give W^\pm and Z^0 mass
 - ▶ This is the Higgs mechanism
 - Discuss this after Thanksgiving

Review: Choice of weak eigenstates

- Suppose strong and weak eigenstates of quarks not the same
- Weak coupling:



- Here d' is an admixture of down-type quarks
- But wf must remain properly normalized
 - ▶ That means transformation $d \leftrightarrow d'$ must be unitary

The Cabbibo Angle

- If we had only 2 quark generations, would need only 1 number to relate the bases

► Expressing it as an angle θ_C ensures proper normalization

- For two generations:

$$\begin{aligned}d' &= d \cos \theta_C + s \sin \theta_c \\s' &= s \cos \theta_C - d \sin \theta_c\end{aligned}$$

- With this formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}p \text{ \& } \pi \text{ decay} &\propto G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_C \\K \text{ decay} &\propto G_F^2 \sin^2 \theta_C \\\mu \text{ decay} &\propto G_F^2\end{aligned}$$

- Using experimental measurements, find

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta_c &= 0.97420 \pm 0.00021 \\\sin \theta_c &= 0.2243 \pm 0.0005\end{aligned}$$

Review: The GIM Mechanism (I)

- Flavor changing neutral currents (FCNC) are highly suppressed
- Two examples of FCNC suppression:
 1. $BR(K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 6.84 \times 10^{-9}$
 2. $BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu) / BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \nu) < 10^{-7}$
- Why are these decay rates so small?
 - ▶ Z that couples to $f\bar{f}$ pairs, but it does not change flavor (same as γ)
 - ▶ Two W^\pm exchange can produce FCNC
 - ▶ Need second order charged weak interactions, but even this would give a bigger rate than seen unless there is a cancellation

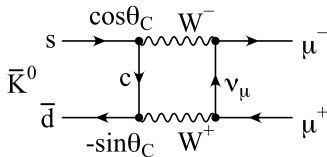
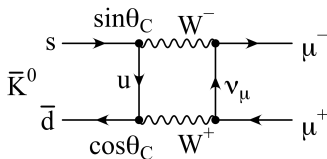
Review: The GIM Mechanism (II)

- Reminder:

$$d' = d \cos \theta_C + s \sin \theta_c$$

$$s' = s \cos \theta_C - d \sin \theta_c$$

- Consider the “box” diagram



- \mathcal{M} term with u quark $\propto \cos \theta_C \sin \theta_C$
- \mathcal{M} term c quark $\propto -\cos \theta_C \sin \theta_C$
- Same final state, so we add \mathcal{M} 's
- Terms cancel in limit where we ignore quark masses

Review: More Than Two Generations

- Generalize to N families of quark ($N = 3$ as far as we know)
- U is a unitary $N \times N$ matrix and d'_i is an N -column vector

$$d'_i = \sum_{j=1}^N U_{ij} d_j$$

U is called the CKM matrix

- How many independent parameters do we need to describe U ?
 - ▶ $N \times N$ matrix: N^2 elements
 - ▶ But each quark has an unphysical phase: can remove $2N - 1$ phases (leaving one for the overall phase of U)
 - ▶ So, U has $N^2 - (2N - 1)$ independent elements
- However, an orthogonal $N \times N$ matrix has $\frac{1}{2}N(N - 1)$ real parameters
 - ▶ So U has $\frac{1}{2}N(N - 1)$ real parameters
 - ▶ $N^2 - (2N - 1) - \frac{1}{2}N(N - 1)$ imaginary phases ($= \frac{1}{2}(N - 1)(N - 2)$)
- $N = 2$ 1 real parameter, 0 imaginary
- $N = 3$ 3 real parameters, 1 imaginary
- Three generations requires an imaginary phase: CP Violation inherent

The CKM Matrix

- Write hadronic current

$$J^\mu = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u} \ \bar{c} \ \bar{t}) \gamma_\mu \frac{(1 - \gamma_5)}{2} V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

- V_{CKM} gives mixing between strong (mass) and (charged) weak basis
- Often write as

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Wolfenstein parameterization:

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2/2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

Here λ is the $\approx \sin \theta_C$.

Best Fit for CKM Matrix from PDG

- From previous page

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2/2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

- Impose Unitary and use all experimental measurements

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 0.22453 \pm 0.00044 & A &= 0.836 \pm 0.015 \\ \rho &= 0.122^{+0.018}_{-0.17} & \eta &= 0.355^{+0.12}_{-0.11} \end{aligned}$$

- Result for the magnitudes of the elements is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.97446 \pm 0.00010 & 0.22452 \pm 0.00044 & 0.00365 \pm 0.00012 \\ 0.22438 \pm 0.00044 & 0.97359 \pm 0.00011 & 0.04214 \pm 0.00076 \\ 0.00896 \pm 0.00024 & 0.04133 \pm 0.00074 & 0.999105 \pm 0.00032 \end{pmatrix}$$

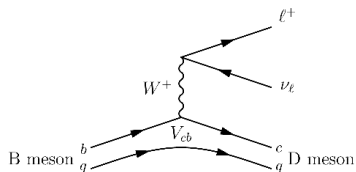
Weak hadron decays and the CKM matrix

- Since hadronic current is

$$J^\mu = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u} \ \bar{c} \ \bar{t}) \gamma_\mu \frac{(1 - \gamma_5)}{2} V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

We get a V_{CKM} factor for each $Wq\bar{q}$ vertex

- ▶ We need to keep track of these factors when we calculate decay rates
- Example: Semileptonic decay of B meson



- ▶ B mesons: $q\bar{b}$
- ▶ \bar{B} mesons: $b\bar{q}$
- ▶ Pseudo-scalar mesons decay weakly through W^\pm emission

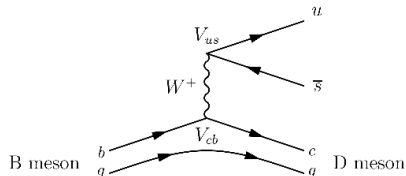
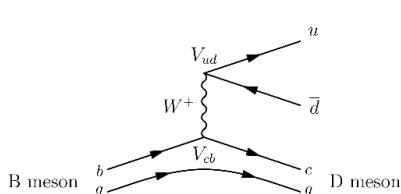
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Factor of V_{cb} in matrix element, $|V_{cb}|^2$ in decay rate

- ▶ From previous page: $V_{cb} = 0.04214 \pm 0.00076$
- ▶ This gives a factor $\approx 1.76 \times 10^{-3}$ in decay rate
- ▶ Explains why weakly decaying B mesons have relatively long lifetimes

$$\tau(B^+) = 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$$

How does this work for hadronic decays?



NB: overline on b-quark difficult to see!

- Now have a CKM element at each vertex
- Also need a factor for probability that our $u\bar{d}$ turns into a π^+ (or a ρ^+)
- Note also that diagrams where W decays between the two quarks are possible
- And in some cases annihilation diagrams also possible
- But can estimate relative rates for decays

► Eg, expect

$$\frac{BR(B \rightarrow DK^+)}{BR(B \rightarrow D\pi^+)} \approx \left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right|^2$$

Implications of the CKM picture

- We have already seen in GIM mechanism that 2^{nd} order weak interactions with two W 's exchanged can be important
- Phenomenology of these interactions is rich
- First system where it was explored: Neutral kaons
- Kaons played essential role in understanding particle physics
- Have already seen two examples:
 - ▶ $K^+ \rightarrow 2\pi, 3\pi$: Parity violation
 - ▶ $K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$: Very low BR due to GIM mechanism
- Today and Thursday, explore special role of neutral K system
 - ▶ Mixing
 - ▶ CP Violation
- Will also include some discussion of neutral B mesons, which exhibit similar phenomena

Reminder: Strange Particle Phenomenology

- Strange pseudoscalar mesons: 2 isodoublets

$$\begin{pmatrix} K^+ \\ K^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \bar{K}^0 \\ K^- \end{pmatrix}$$

where $K^+ = \bar{s}u$, $K^- = \bar{u}s$, $K^0 = \bar{s}d$, $\bar{K}^0 = \bar{d}s$

- Because strangeness conserved in SI, K^0 and \bar{K}^0 are distinct particles
- Strange particles are pair produced via SI

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^- p &\rightarrow \Lambda K^0 \\ \pi^+ p &\rightarrow p K^+ \bar{K}^0 \end{aligned}$$

- First reaction has much lower threshold than second
 - ▶ Can produce a pure K^0 beam
- Today, neutral K beams produced using high intensity proton beams hitting targets
 - ▶ Background a big issue for K^0 experiments, most notably from neutrons

Neutral Kaon Decays

- $m(K^0) = 497$ MeV. Not many decay modes open
 - ▶ Fully leptonic decays highly suppressed (GIM)
 - ▶ $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ (and charge conjugate) occurs
 - ▶ Since parity not conserved in weak interactions, both 2π and 3π decays possible
- Since both K^0 and \bar{K}^0 can decay to same states, they can *mix* through virtual decays

$$K^0 \longleftrightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \pi\pi \\ \pi\pi\pi \end{array} \right\rangle \longleftrightarrow \bar{K}^0$$

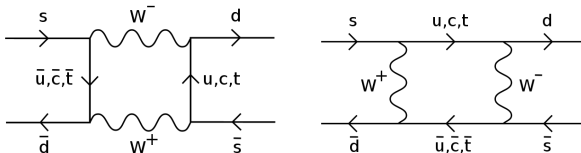
- These are 2^{nd} order weak interactions with $\Delta S = 2$
- If we start with a pure K^0 state at $t = 0$, it will at some later time have a combination of K^0 and \bar{K}^0

$$|K(t)\rangle = \alpha(t) |K^0\rangle + \beta(t) |\bar{K}^0\rangle$$

with $\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} = 1$

Neutral Kaon Mixing (I)

- Can describe this 2^{nd} order weak interactions in quark terms:



- If there were no weak interactions, K^0 and \bar{K}^0 would be degenerate in mass
- Weak Interactions break the degeneracy
- Because physical observables (eg mass, lifetime) are eigenstates of complete Hamiltonian (SI+WI), must select correct linear combination of K^0 and \bar{K}^0 define the states that propagate and decay

The mass and lifetime eigenstates are not the flavor eigenstates!

Neutral Kaon Mixing (I)

- We can *almost* guess the correct basis to use
 - ▶ We know weak interactions don't conserve P since ν are LH and $\bar{\nu}$ are RH
 - ▶ Parity would turn a LH ν into a RH ν
 - ▶ But Charge Conjugation turns a ν into a $\bar{\nu}$
 - ▶ Hence, CP turns a LH ν into a RH $\bar{\nu}$
- Weak Interaction Lagrangian appears to be CP invariant
- In fact, CP is violated in CKM matrix ($\sim 10^{-3}$ effect)
- But the CP basis is close to the correct one and that's what we'll use today
 - ▶ We'll add the small CP violating piece on Thurs

Neutral Kaon Mixing (II)

- Neutral Kaons transform under CP (not unique definition)

$$CP |K^0\rangle = |\bar{K}^0\rangle$$

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- Therefore, we can write

$$|K_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|K^0\rangle + |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right) \quad CP |K_1\rangle = |K_1\rangle$$

$$|K_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|K^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right) \quad CP |K_2\rangle = -|K_2\rangle$$

- $|K_1\rangle$ and $|K_2\rangle$ are CP eigenstates and *almost* the physical basis

CP of Possible Hadronic Decays

$\pi^0\pi^0$:

- Spin 0 to 2 spin 0 particles: $\ell = 0$

$$P(\pi^0\pi^0) \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$$

$$C\pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^0$$

$$CP(\pi^0\pi^0) \rightarrow +1(\pi^0\pi^0)$$

$\pi^+\pi^-$:

- Spin 0 to 2 spin 0 particles: $\ell = 0$

$$P(\pi^+(\vec{p})\pi^-(-\vec{p})) \rightarrow \pi^+(-\vec{p})\pi^-(\vec{p})$$

$$C\pi^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\mp$$

$$CP(\pi^+\pi^-) \rightarrow +1(\pi^+\pi^-)$$

$\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$:

- Any two π^0 combo must have even ℓ (Bose stats)
- $J = 0$ so ℓ of 3rd π^0 also even wrt other two
- But π has intrinsic parity $P = -1$

$$P(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0) \rightarrow (-1)^3\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$$

$$C\pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^0$$

$$CP(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0) \rightarrow -1(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)$$

$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$:

- Small Q suggests $\ell = 0$. If so, same argument as above
- Both CP states allowed but $CP(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0) = -(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$ state highly dominant

2π states have $CP = +1$ and 3π states have $CP = -1$

Hadronic Decays of the $|K_1\rangle$ and $|K_2\rangle$

- Associating the CP states with the decays:

$$|K_1\rangle \rightarrow 2\pi$$

$$|K_2\rangle \rightarrow 3\pi$$

- However, very little phase space for 3π decay: Lifetime of $|K_2\rangle$ much longer than of $|K_1\rangle$
- Physical states called “K-long” and “K-short”:

$$\tau(K_S) = 0.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ sec}$$

$$\tau(K_L) = 0.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}$$

- We'll use distinction that $|K_1\rangle$, $|K_2\rangle$ are the CP eigenstates and $|K_S\rangle$, $|K_L\rangle$ are true mass eigenstates (including CP violation)

A More Formal Treatment of Mixing

- Write our state ψ as linear combination of K^0 and \bar{K}^0 :

$$\psi = \alpha |K^0\rangle + \beta |\bar{K}^0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

- Schrodinger eq tells us

$$i \frac{d\psi}{dt} = H\psi$$

where H is Hermitian matrix: "generalized mass matrix"

- In matrix form:

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

- Diagonal elements equal from CPT
- If CP is a good symmetry, M_{12} and Γ_{12} are real
- Find eigenstates by diagonalizing the matrix

$$\begin{aligned} M &= (m_1 + m_2)/2 & \Delta m &\equiv M_{12} = (m_1 - m_2)/2 \\ \Gamma &\equiv \Gamma_{12} = (\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2)/2 & \Delta\Gamma &= (\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2)/2 \end{aligned}$$

Time Dependence (I)

- Write wave functions (ignoring for now CP violation)

$$\begin{aligned} |K_1(t)\rangle &= e^{-im_1 t - \Gamma_1 t/2} |K_1\rangle \\ |K_2(t)\rangle &= e^{-im_2 t - \Gamma_2 t/2} |K_2\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Writing this in terms of strong eigenstates

$$\begin{aligned} |K^0\rangle_{\text{at } t=0} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[e^{-im_1 t - \Gamma_1 t/2} |K_1\rangle + e^{-im_2 t - \Gamma_2 t/2} |K_2\rangle \right] \\ |\bar{K}^0\rangle_{\text{at } t=0} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[e^{-im_1 t - \Gamma_1 t/2} |K_1\rangle - e^{-im_2 t - \Gamma_2 t/2} |K_2\rangle \right] \end{aligned}$$

- If a state ψ that is purely $|K^0\rangle$ is produced at $t = 0$, at a later time it will be a combination of $|K^0\rangle$ and $|\bar{K}^0\rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle K^0 | \psi(t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle K_1 | + \langle K_2 |) | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-im_1 t - \Gamma_1 t/2} + e^{-im_2 t - \Gamma_2 t/2} \right] \\ \langle \bar{K}^0 | \psi(t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle K_1 | - \langle K_2 |) | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-im_1 t - \Gamma_1 t/2} - e^{-im_2 t - \Gamma_2 t/2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Time Dependence (II)

- Square to get probability:

$$|\langle K^0 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[e^{-\Gamma_1 t} + e^{-\Gamma_2 t} + 2e^{-(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2)t/2} \cos(\Delta m t) \right]$$

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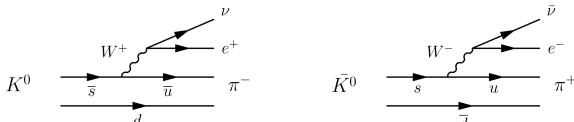
- The $|K^0\rangle$ and $|\bar{K}^0\rangle$ oscillate with frequency Δm and at the same time they decay

Observing the Oscillation

- Oscillation provides a way to measure ΔM
- Also demonstrates that this QM phenomenon is happening
- How do we see it?
 1. Start with pure K^0 beam (low energy)
Look at time dependence of hyperon yield in interactions ($\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda \pi$)

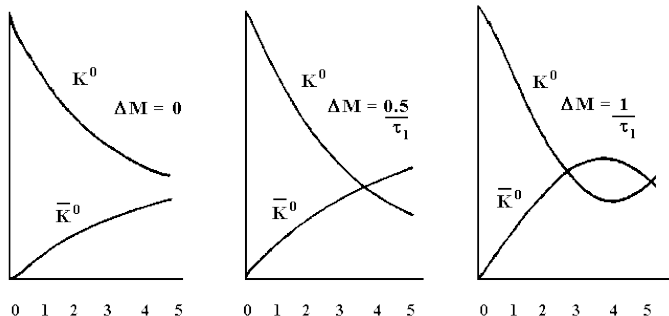
$$\Delta m \tau_1 = 0.477 \pm 0.2$$

2. Look for decays that *tag* the flavor: semileptonic
Observe time dependence in ℓ^+ vs ℓ^- rate



- Note: Phenomenology of K mixing depends on two things
 - ▶ Large lifetime difference: time to mix before decaying
 - ▶ Small mass difference: short oscillation frequency
- In B system things look somewhat different (we'll discuss later)

What we expect to see

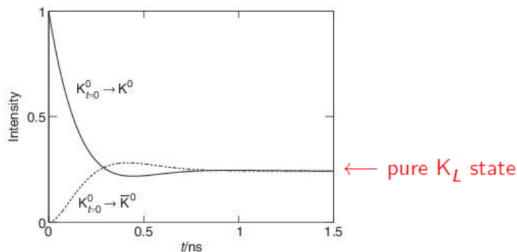


- Begin with K^0 state at $t = 0$

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For the measured ΔM



- Start with a K_0 beam
- After many K_S lifetimes, have a pure K_L beam
 - ▶ In absence of CP violation, equal parts K_0 and \bar{K}_0

Observation of $K_0 - \bar{K}_0$ Oscill using semileptonic decays

- Use lepton flavor to distinguish K_0 and \bar{K}_0

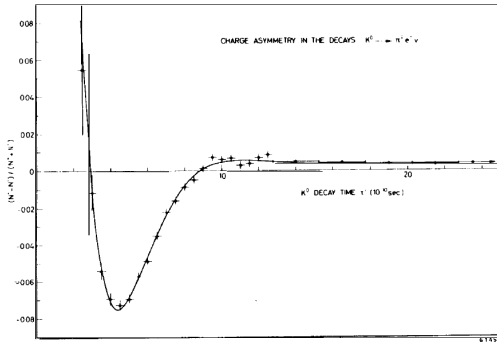
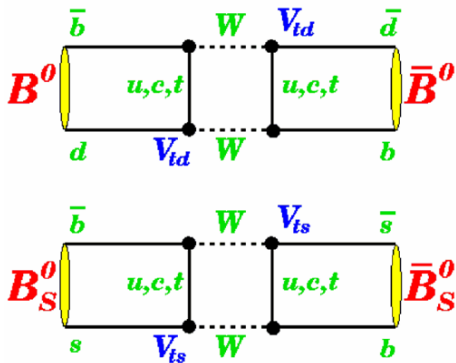


Fig. 3. Time dependence of the charge asymmetry of semileptonic decays.

- Plot shows asymmetry $\frac{N(\ell^+) - N(\ell^-)}{N(\ell^+) + N(\ell^-)}$
- Removes (trivial) lifetime dependence
- We'll come back to the non-zero value at large times Thursday (CP violation)

How About the B system?



- Again, second order in weak interactions
- Different CKM matrix elements for B^0 and B_s
 - ▶ Larger ΔM for B_s than B_d
- Many possible final states for the decay
 - ▶ Difference in lifetime of the B_L and B_S states small
- NB: D^0 - \bar{D}^0 mixing also exists, but *very small* since mass differences in down sector smaller

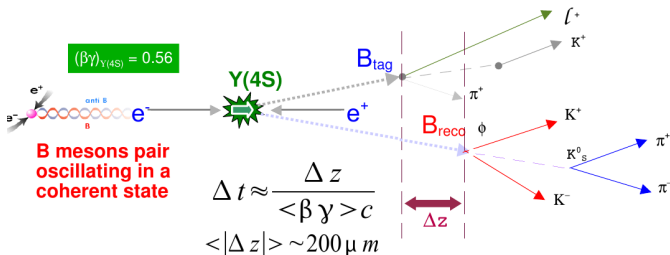
Observing B^0 - \overline{B}^0 Mixing

- B hadrons produced in Strong or EN interactions: pair produced
 - ▶ Flavor conserved in SI and EM
- If one B -hadron identified as B or \overline{B} , know the that the other has opposite flavor
- Can “tag” flavor of one B
 - ▶ $b \rightarrow W^- c \rightarrow \ell^- \nu c, \bar{b} \rightarrow W^+ \bar{c} \rightarrow \ell^+ \bar{\nu} \bar{c}$
 - ▶ $b \rightarrow W^- c \rightarrow W^- D^{+(*)}, \bar{b} \rightarrow W^+ \bar{c} \rightarrow W^+ D^{-(*)}$
 - ▶ Fully or partially reconstructed B^+ or B^-
- Study time evolution of other B using same processes to determine flavor (b or \bar{b})
- For B^0 most incisive studies from $\Upsilon(4s)$
- B_s not produced on $\Upsilon(4s)$: hadron colliders for B_s mixing

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4s)$: How do the $B\bar{B}$ pairs behave?

- B and \bar{B} come from $\Upsilon(4s)$ in a coherent $L = 1$ state
 - ▶ $\Upsilon(4s)$ is $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
 - ▶ B mesons are scalars
 - ▶ Thus, $L = 1$
- $\Upsilon(4s)$ decays strongly so B and \bar{B} produced as flavor eigenstates
 - ▶ After production, each meson oscillates in time, but *in phase* so that at any time there is only one B and one \bar{B} until one particle decays
 - Coherent oscillations
 - ▶ Once one B decays, the other continues to oscillate, but coherence is broken
 - ▶ Possible to have events with two B or two \bar{B} decays
- This common evolution will become important for CP studies
 - ▶ Time integrate asymmetries vanish for cases where CP violation comes from mixing diagrams
 - ▶ More on this later

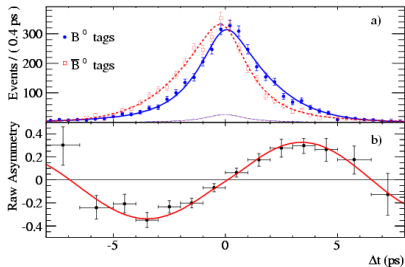
Asymmetric B-Factories



- e^+ and e^- beams with different energies
 - ▶ $Y(4s)$ boosted along beamline
 - ▶ B mesons travel finite distance before decaying
 - ▶ Typical distance between decay of the two B mesons: $\sim 200 \mu m$
- Two B -factories built:
 - ▶ SLAC
 - ▶ KEK

Example of B Mixing (B^0 and B_s)

- ΔM for $B^0 = 0.510 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.002 \text{ ps}^{-1}$



- ΔM for $B_s = 17.761 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.007 \text{ ps}^{-1}$

