



Flavour Physics

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- **Part I: Introduction**
 - what is (quark) flavour physics and why is it so exciting?
 - how we got here: brief history of flavour physics in the 20th century
- **Part II: Particle-Antiparticle Mixing**
 - a short summary of the formalism (don't worry, I'm an experimentalist ...)
 - introduce experimental facilities and techniques
- **Part III: Precision tests of the Standard Model**
 - CP violating observables: $\sin 2\beta$, CKM angle γ , $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ mixing phase ϕ_s
 - rare decays: search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, angular observables in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$

Applies for all neutral meson systems ($K^0\bar{K}^0$, $D^0\bar{D}^0$, $B^0\bar{B}^0$, $B_s^0\bar{B}_s^0$)

- different phenomenologies due to different mass and lifetime differences
- flavour mixing through box diagrams \rightarrow coupled system

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = a(t)|P^0\rangle + b(t)|\bar{P}^0\rangle$$

- time evolution described by two-component Schrödinger equation

$$-i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix} = H \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- with an effective Hamiltonian H
 - H is not Hermitian since it does not include decay products
- decompose H into Hermitian parts:

$$M \equiv \frac{1}{2} (H + H^\dagger) \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{2} \Gamma \equiv \frac{1}{2i} (H - H^\dagger)$$

$$H = M - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{21} & \Gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- assume CPT is conserved: particle/antiparticle have same mass/lifetime

$$\left. \begin{aligned} M &\equiv M_{11} = M_{22} \\ \Gamma &\equiv \Gamma_{11} = \Gamma_{22} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow H = \begin{pmatrix} M - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma & M_{12} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12} \\ M_{12}^* - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12}^* & M - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

- Eigenvalues

$$\omega_{H,L} = M - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma \pm \sqrt{\left(M_{12} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12}\right)\left(M_{12}^* - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12}^*\right)} \equiv m_{H,L} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{H,L}$$

- Eigenstates (labeled by their mass, H for "heavy", L for "light")

$$|P_{H,L}\rangle = p|P^0\rangle \mp q|\bar{P}^0\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{q}{p} = -\sqrt{\frac{H_{21}}{H_{12}}} = -\sqrt{\frac{M_{12}^* - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12}^*}{M_{12} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12}}}$$

- these are states with well-defined mass and decay width

$$|P_H(t)\rangle = \left(p \cdot |P^0\rangle - q \cdot |\bar{P}^0\rangle\right) \cdot e^{-im_H t} \cdot e^{-\Gamma_H t/2}$$

$$|P_L(t)\rangle = \left(p \cdot |P^0\rangle + q \cdot |\bar{P}^0\rangle\right) \cdot e^{-im_L t} \cdot e^{-\Gamma_L t/2}$$

- time evolution of initially pure flavour states

$$\left| P^0_{(t=0)}(t) \right\rangle = g_+(t) \cdot |P^0\rangle + \frac{q}{p} \cdot g_-(t) \cdot |\bar{P}^0\rangle$$

$$\left| \bar{P}^0_{(t=0)}(t) \right\rangle = g_+(t) \cdot |\bar{P}^0\rangle + \frac{p}{q} \cdot g_-(t) \cdot |P^0\rangle$$

with:

$$g_{\pm}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-\omega_L t} \pm e^{-\omega_H t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-iMt} e^{-\Gamma t/2} \left(e^{+i\Delta m t/2} e^{+\Delta\Gamma t/4} \pm e^{-i\Delta m t/2} e^{-\Delta\Gamma t/4} \right)$$

$$\Delta m \equiv m_H - m_L > 0$$

$$\Delta\Gamma \equiv \Gamma_H - \Gamma_L$$

- mixing probabilities as a function of time t :

$$\text{Prob}_{(P^0 \rightarrow P^0)}(t) = \text{Prob}_{(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0)}(t) = |g_+(t)|^2 = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\Gamma t} \left\{ \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2} \cdot t\right) + \cos(\Delta m \cdot t) \right\}$$

$$\text{Prob}_{(P^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0)}(t) = \left| \frac{q}{p} \right|^2 \cdot |g_-(t)|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left| \frac{q}{p} \right|^2 \cdot e^{-\Gamma t} \cdot \left\{ \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2} \cdot t\right) - \cos(\Delta m \cdot t) \right\}$$

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- observable time-dependent asymmetries

$$a_{\text{mix}}(t) \equiv \frac{N(P^0 \rightarrow P^0) - N(P^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0)}{N(P^0 \rightarrow P^0) + N(P^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0)} = \frac{\cos(\Delta m \cdot t) + \delta \cdot \cosh(\Delta \Gamma \cdot t/2)}{\cosh(\Delta \Gamma \cdot t/2) + \delta \cdot \cos(\Delta m \cdot t)}$$

$$\bar{a}_{\text{mix}}(t) \equiv \frac{N(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0) - N(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow P^0)}{N(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0) + N(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow P^0)} = \frac{\cos(\Delta m \cdot t) - \delta \cdot \cosh(\Delta \Gamma \cdot t/2)}{\cosh(\Delta \Gamma \cdot t/2) - \delta \cdot \cos(\Delta m \cdot t)}$$

with

$$\delta \equiv \frac{1 - |q/p|^2}{1 + |q/p|^2}$$

$\delta \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$ CP violation in mixing

- assume for now that CP is conserved in mixing, i.e. $\delta = 0$

$$a_{\text{mix}}(t) = \bar{a}_{\text{mix}}(t) = \frac{\cos(\Delta m \cdot t)}{\cosh(\Delta \Gamma \cdot t/2)} = \frac{\cos(x \cdot \Gamma \cdot t)}{\cosh(y \cdot \Gamma \cdot t)} \quad \text{with} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \Delta m / \Gamma \\ y = \Delta \Gamma / 2\Gamma \end{array} \right.$$

- oscillation frequency x : mass difference
 - damping parameter y : lifetime difference
- } between the two weak Eigenstates

Mixing: $K^0\bar{K}^0$ and $D^0\bar{D}^0$

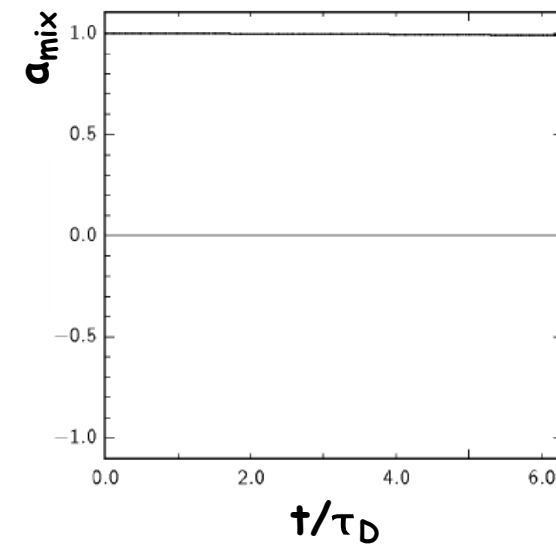
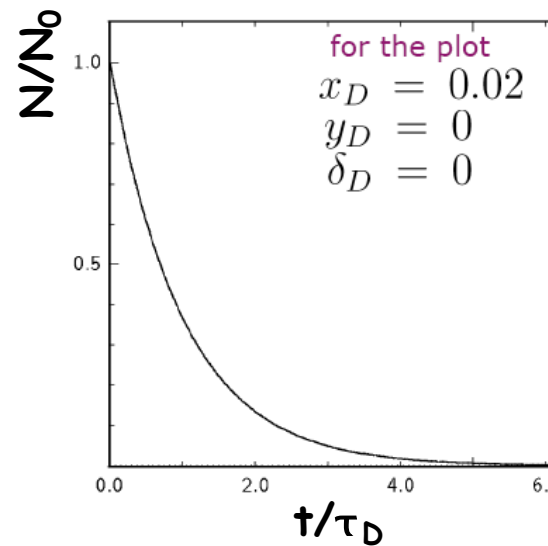
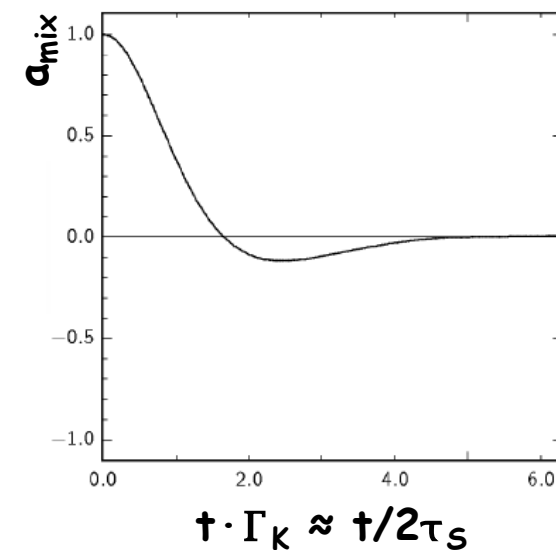
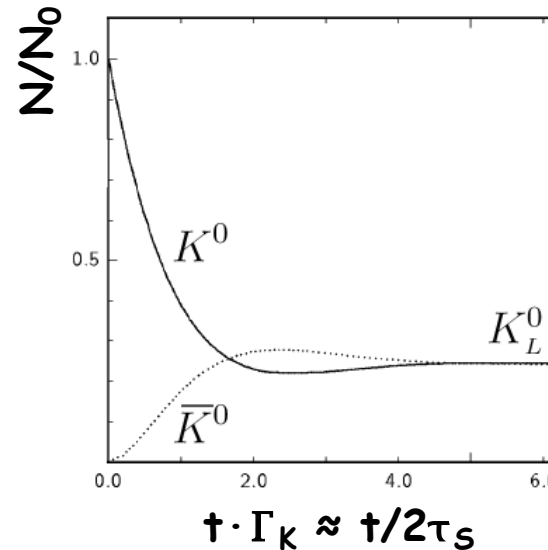
$K^0\bar{K}^0$

- $x_K \approx 0.95$
- $y_K \approx -0.996$ ($\tau_L \gg \tau_S$)
- strong damping, only K_L left after about one oscillation

$D^0\bar{D}^0$

- $x_D \approx 0.008$
- $y_D \approx 0.007$
- mixing very small, e.g. time-integrated probability

$$x_D = \frac{x_D^2 + y_D^2}{2(1 + x_D^2)} \approx 3 \times 10^{-5}$$



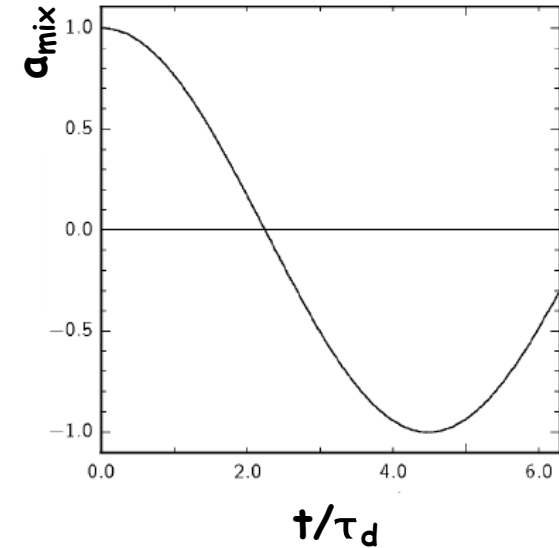
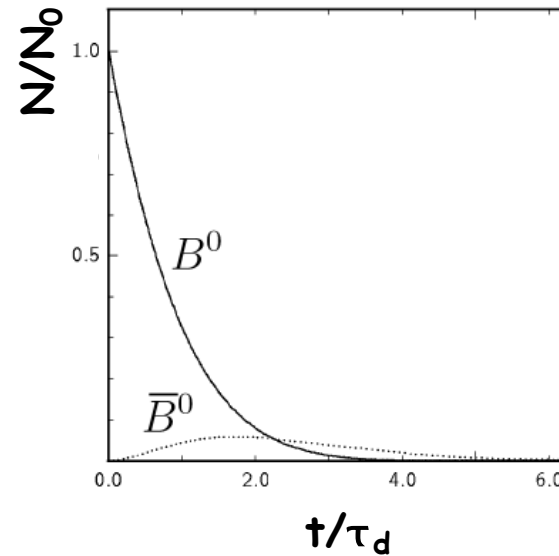
- 2007: first evidence @ B factories; 2012: first observation @ LHCb

Mixing: $B^0\bar{B}^0$ and $B_s^0\bar{B}_s^0$

$B^0\bar{B}^0$

- $x_d \approx 0.7$
- $y_d \approx 0$
- significant mixing:

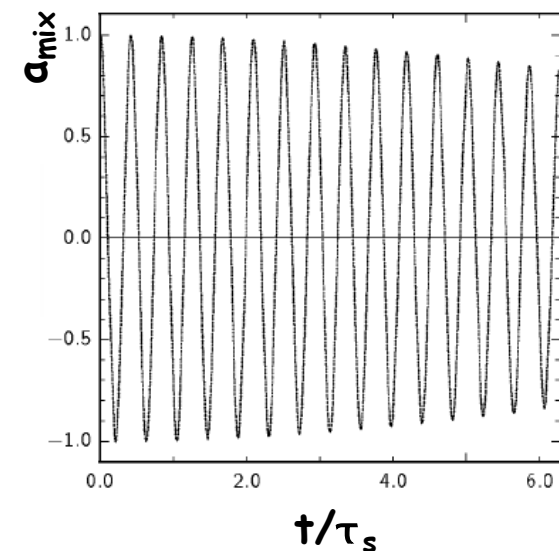
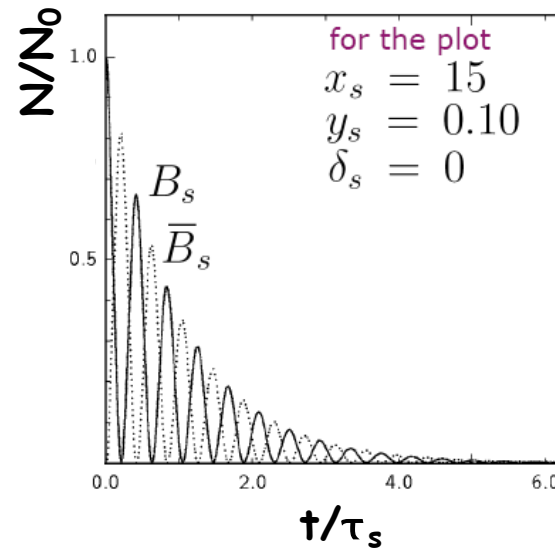
$$\chi_d = \frac{x_d^2}{2(1+x_d^2)} \approx 18\%$$



$B_s^0\bar{B}_s^0$

- $x_s \approx 26$
- $y_s \approx 0.07$
- very fast oscillation,
complete mixing:

$$\chi_s = \frac{x_s^2 + y_s^2}{2(1+x_s^2)} \approx 50\%$$



$B^0\bar{B}^0$ Oscillations

$B^0\bar{B}^0$ oscillation frequency \rightarrow length of R_+ side of the Unitarity Triangle

- $B^0\bar{B}^0$ transitions due to the off-diagonal elements of the effective Hamiltonian

$$H_{12} = M_{12} - (i/2) \Gamma_{12}$$

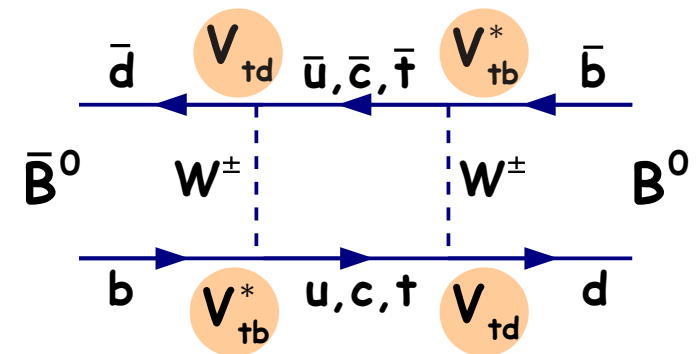
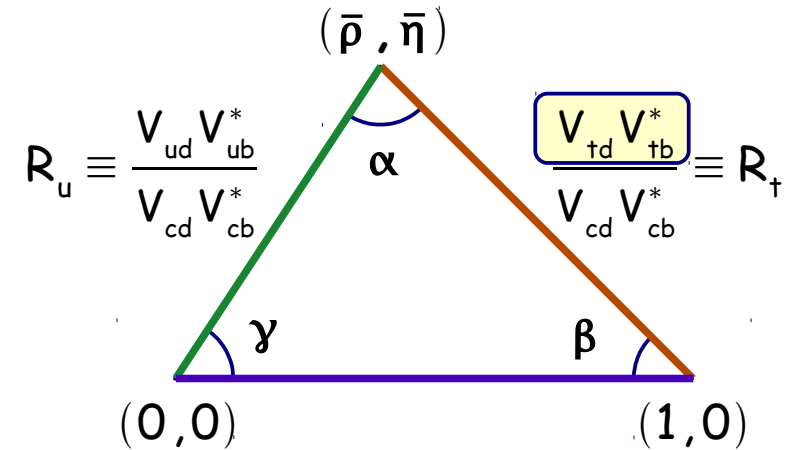
- M_{12} : dispersive part of the amplitude, transitions via off-shell intermediate states

- dominated by t-box: $M_{12} \propto (V_{td} V_{tb}^*)^2$

- Γ_{12} : "absorptive part of the amplitude, transitions via on-shell intermediate states

- dominated by c-box: $\Gamma_{12} \ll M_{12}$

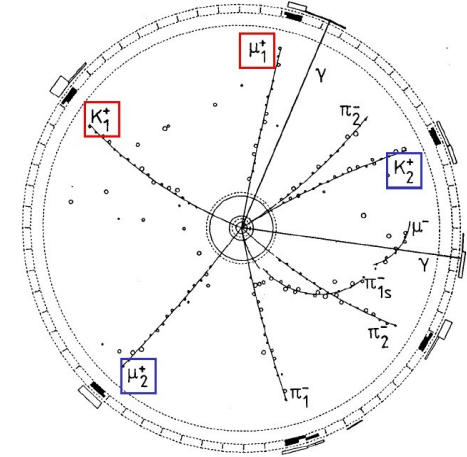
$$\Rightarrow \Delta m = 2 |M_{12}| \propto |V_{td}|^2 \cdot |V_{tb}|^2$$



First observation of time-integrated asymmetry by Argus (1987)

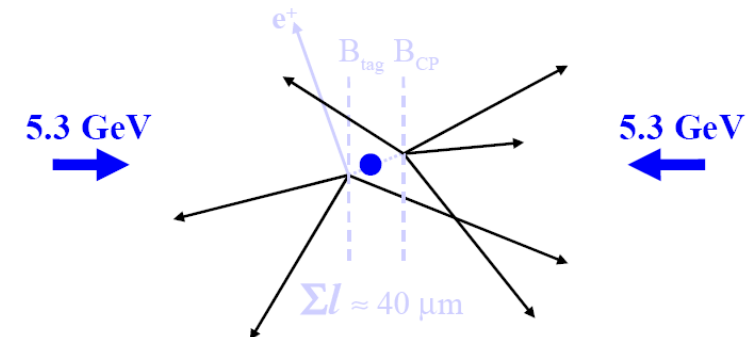
$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4s) \rightarrow B^0\bar{B}^0$$

- look at semi-leptonic decays, count fraction of like-sign dimuon events \rightarrow gives integrated mixing probability



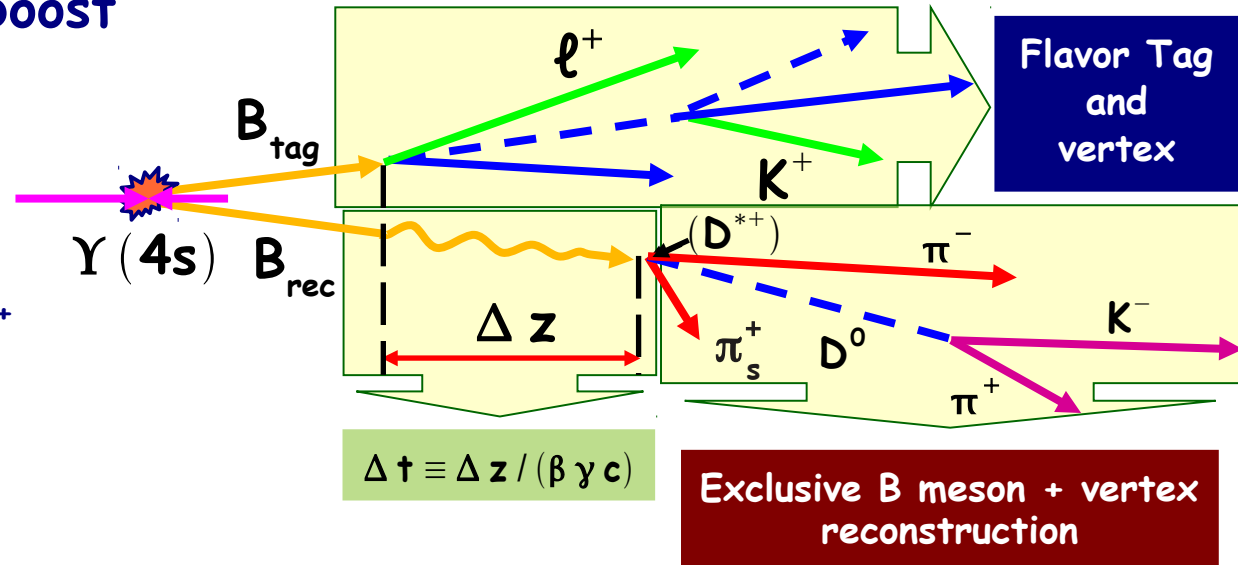
But: impossible to observe oscillation pattern at Argus

- symmetric beam energies \rightarrow lab frame = $\Upsilon(4s)$ rest frame
 - $m_{\Upsilon(4s)} = 10.58 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow p_B = 340 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \beta\gamma = 0.064$
 - mean B decay length $c\tau_B \cdot \beta\gamma \sim 30 \mu\text{m}$, too small to resolve
- $B^0\bar{B}^0$ produced in coherent quantum state, oscillate in phase until one decays
 - need to measure difference of decay times to observe oscillation pattern
 - but $B^0\bar{B}^0$ produced back-to-back, cannot reconstruct position of production vertex



High-luminosity e^+e^- colliders with asymmetric beam energies

- produce $\Upsilon(4s)$ with Lorentz boost
- Babar: 9 GeV e^- + 3.1 GeV e^+
 - $\beta\gamma = 0.56$, $\langle\Delta z\rangle = 260 \mu\text{m}$
- Belle: 8 GeV e^- + 3.5 GeV e^+
 - $\beta\gamma = 0.425$, $\langle\Delta z\rangle = 200 \mu\text{m}$

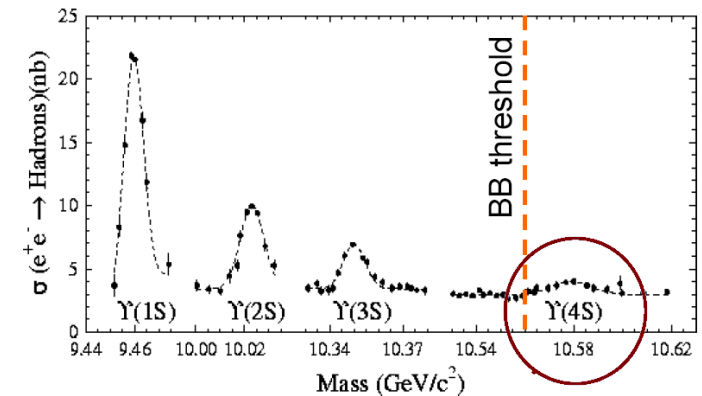


Reconstruction strategy:

- reconstruct B_{rec} fully \rightarrow B_{rec} decay vertex, momentum and flavour at decay
- assign remaining final-state particles to B_{tag} decay (no full reconstruction)
 - reconstruct B_{tag} decay vertex \rightarrow fixes $t=0$ for oscillation measurement
 - infer flavour of B_{tag} at its decay \rightarrow fixes flavour of B_{rec} at $t=0$
- B_{rec} oscillated (not oscillated) if opposite (same) flavour at $t=0$ and decay
- calculate oscillation time from B_{rec} momentum and Δz of decay vertices

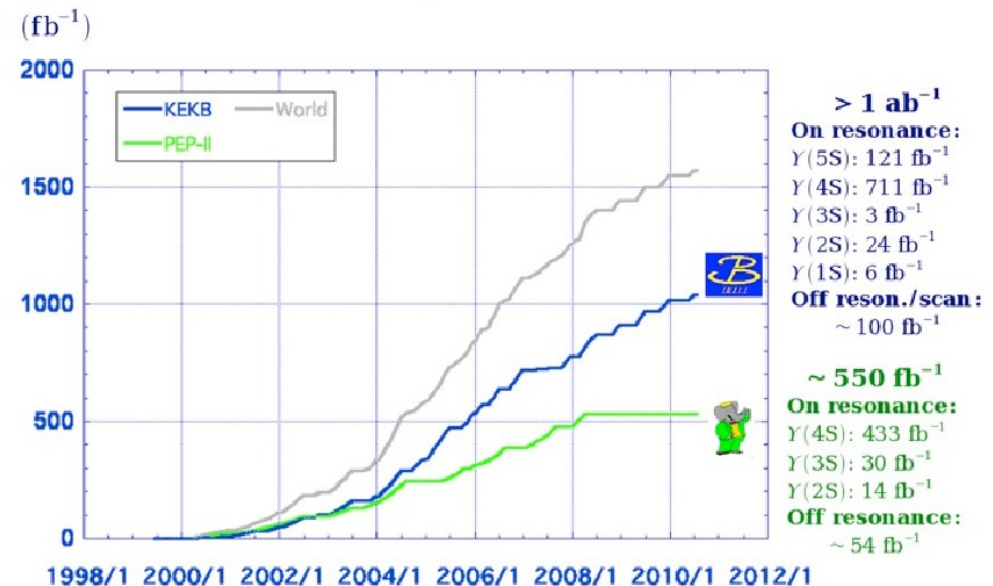
$\Upsilon(4s)$ resonance: bound $b\bar{b}$ state just above $B\bar{B}$ threshold

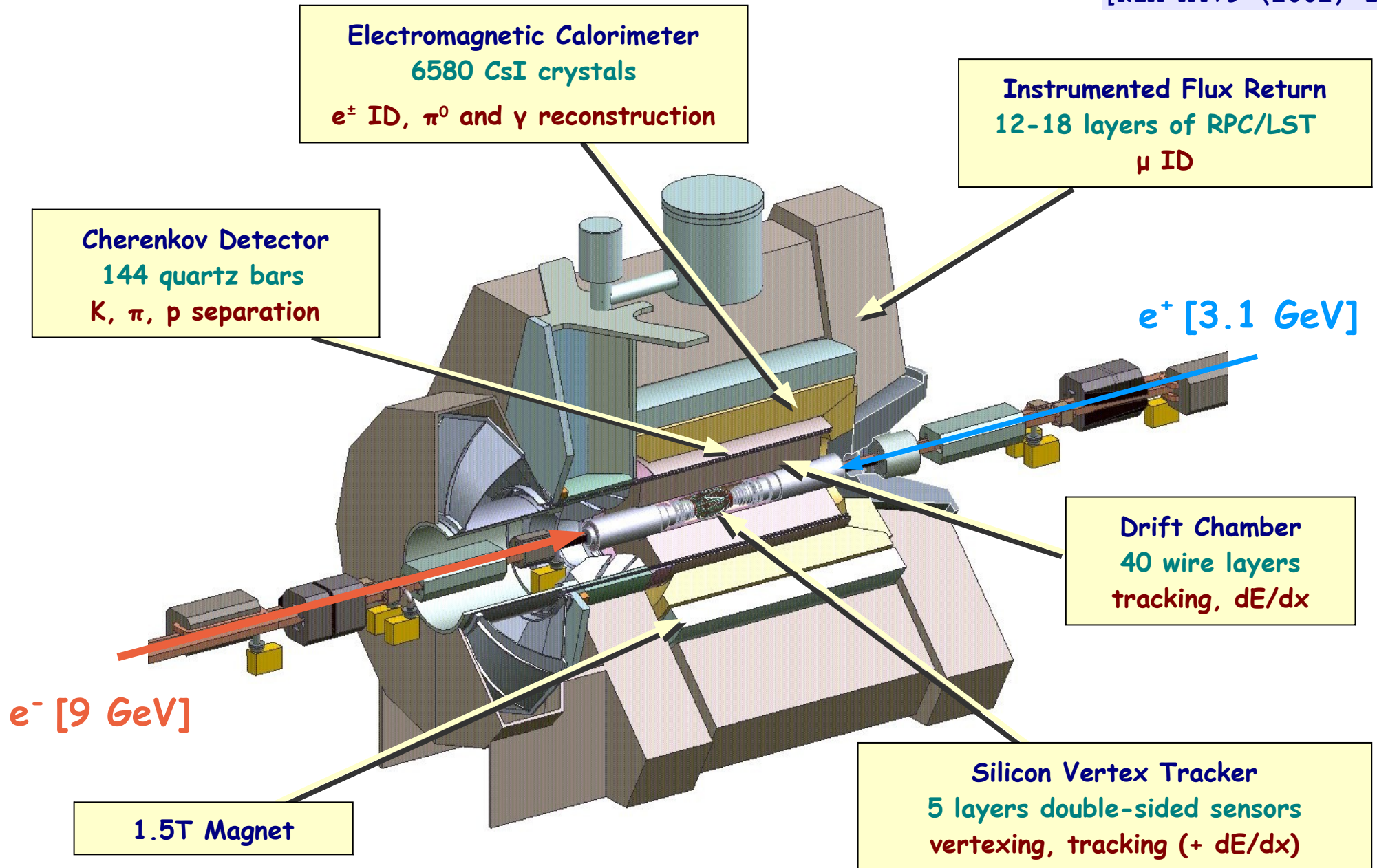
- decays $\sim 50\%$ to B^+B^- and $\sim 50\%$ to $B^0\bar{B}^0$
- $\sigma_{b\bar{b}} \approx 1 \text{ nb} \rightarrow$ with 1 fb^{-1} produce 10^6 $B\bar{B}$ pairs
- $\sigma_{b\bar{b}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}} \approx 0.25 \rightarrow$ large fraction of B events
- “clean” events \rightarrow only tracks from B decays

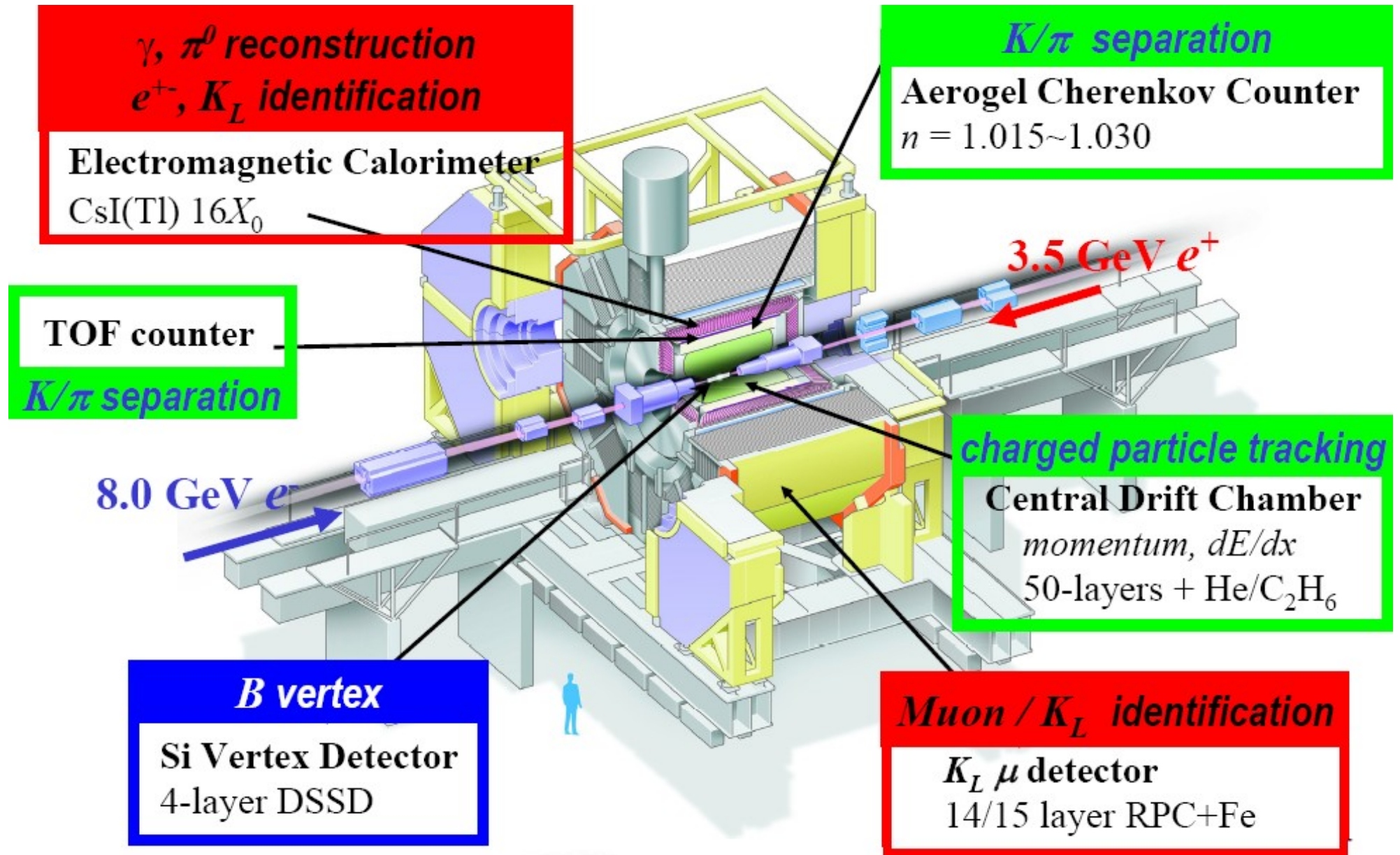


Need highest possible luminosity to beat small production cross section

- PEP-II ring at SLAC, California
 - peak luminosity $12 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - integrated luminosity: 553 fb^{-1}
- KEK-B ring at KEK, Japan
 - peak luminosity $21 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - integrated luminosity: 1040 fb^{-1}







Event Selection

Kinematic variables: exploit precisely known beam energy

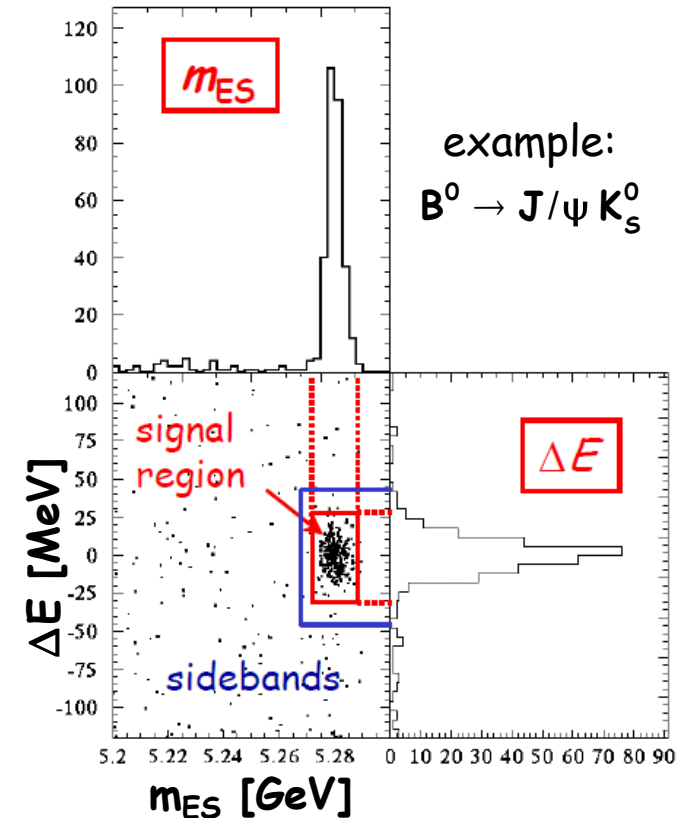
- energy conservation in center-of-mass frame

$$E_B^* = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} = E_{\text{beam}}^* \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta E \equiv E_B^* - E_{\text{beam}}^* = 0 \\ m_{\text{ES}} \equiv \sqrt{(E_{\text{beam}}^*)^2 - (\vec{p}_B^*)^2} \end{array} \right.$$

- m_{ES} : “energy-substituted” invariant mass

- E_{beam}^* : beam energy, known to ~ 2.5 MeV

- E_B^* : energy of B meson, only known to ~ 10 -40 MeV from detector resolution



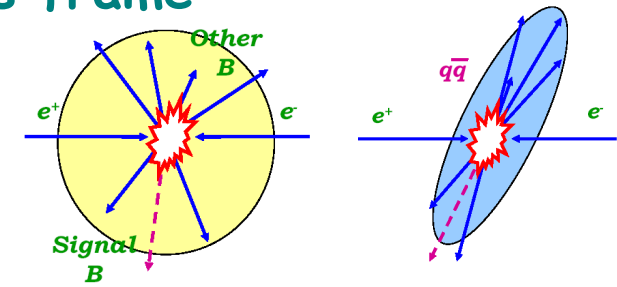
Event shape:

- B mesons produced almost at rest in center-of-mass frame

→ decay products isotropically distributed

- light quarks produced with high momenta

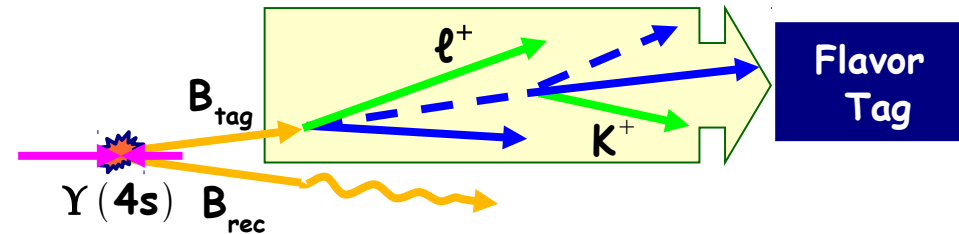
→ boost along flight direction → jet-like topology



Flavour Tagging

Infer flavour of B_{rec} at $t=0$ from decay properties of B_{tag}

- lepton tag ($b \rightarrow c \ell^- \bar{\nu}$)
 - small wrong-tag fraction $< 5\%$
 - contamination of wrong-sign leptons from $b \rightarrow c \rightarrow s$ cascade decays small
 - clean identification of e^\pm, μ^\pm
 - low efficiency: BF only 11% each
- kaon tag ($b \rightarrow c \rightarrow s$)
 - high efficiency: 66% of B^0 decay to K^+
 - but significant wrong-tag fraction:
 - 13% of B^0 have a K^- in the decay chain
 - contamination from mis-identified π^+
- inclusive tags (e.g. decay vertex charge)
 - typically use neural-net techniques
 - high efficiency, high wrong-tag fraction



efficiency ε :

fraction of reconstructed events for which flavour tag is obtained

wrong-tag fraction ω :

fraction of tagged events for which tagging decision is wrong

figure of merit:

effective tagging power

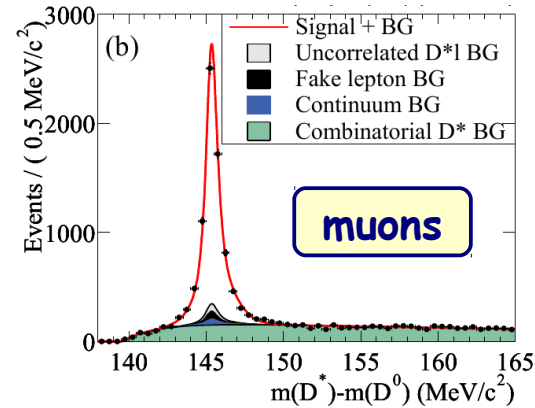
$$\varepsilon \cdot D^2 = \varepsilon \cdot (1 - 2\omega)^2$$

total tagging power at B factories, combining all algorithms

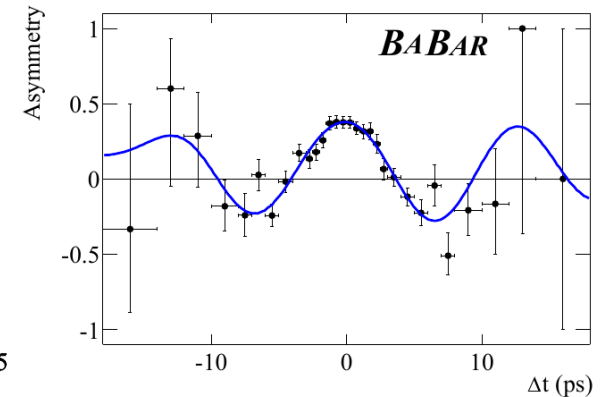
$$\varepsilon \cdot D^2 \approx 30\%$$

Semi-leptonic decays:

- $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ with $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$
- reasonable branching fraction
- clean event sample
 - soft pion from $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$
- but neutrino not reconstructed
- B flavour from lepton charge

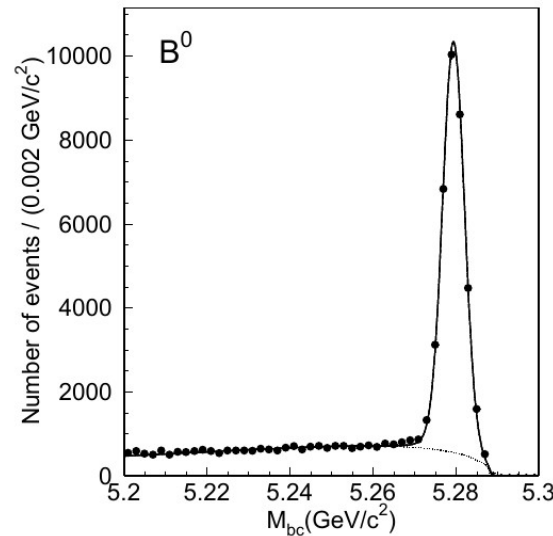


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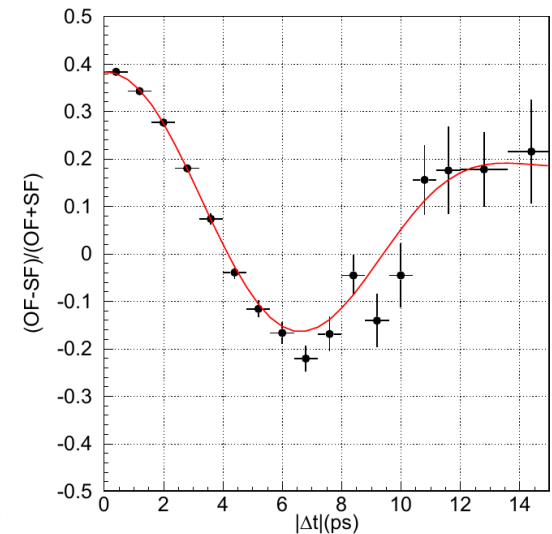


Hadronic decays:

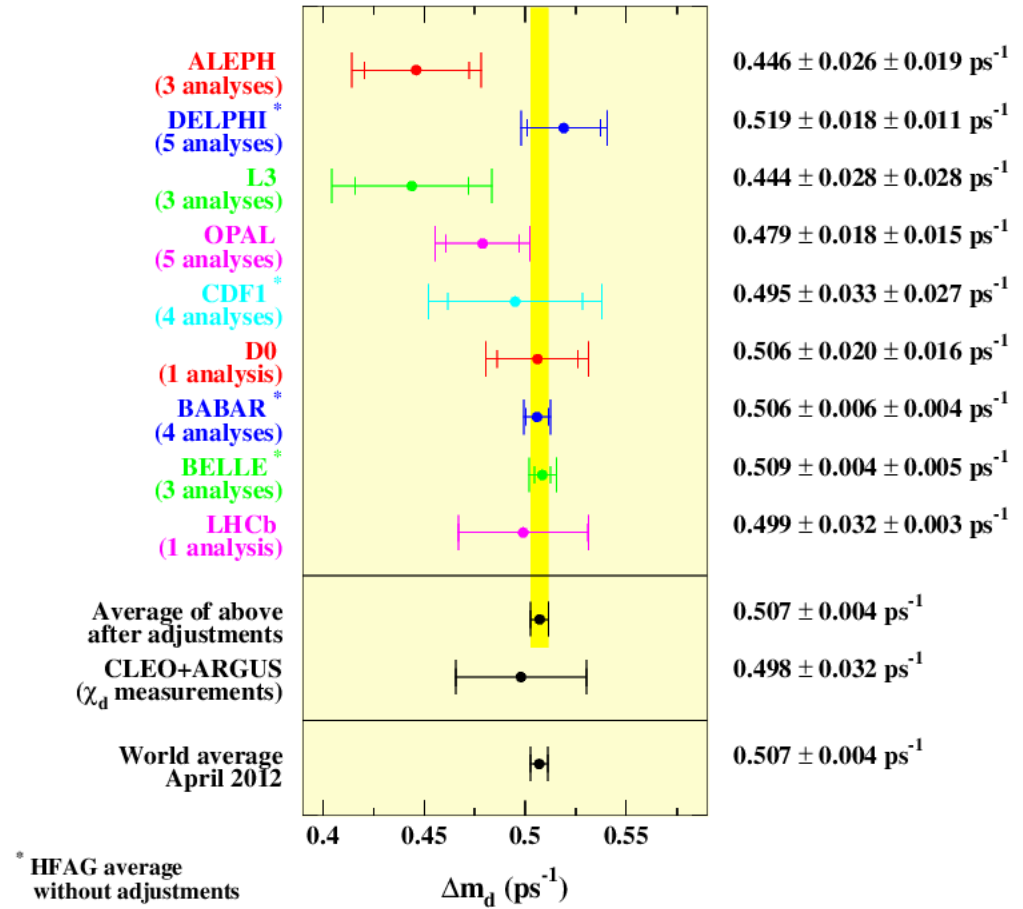
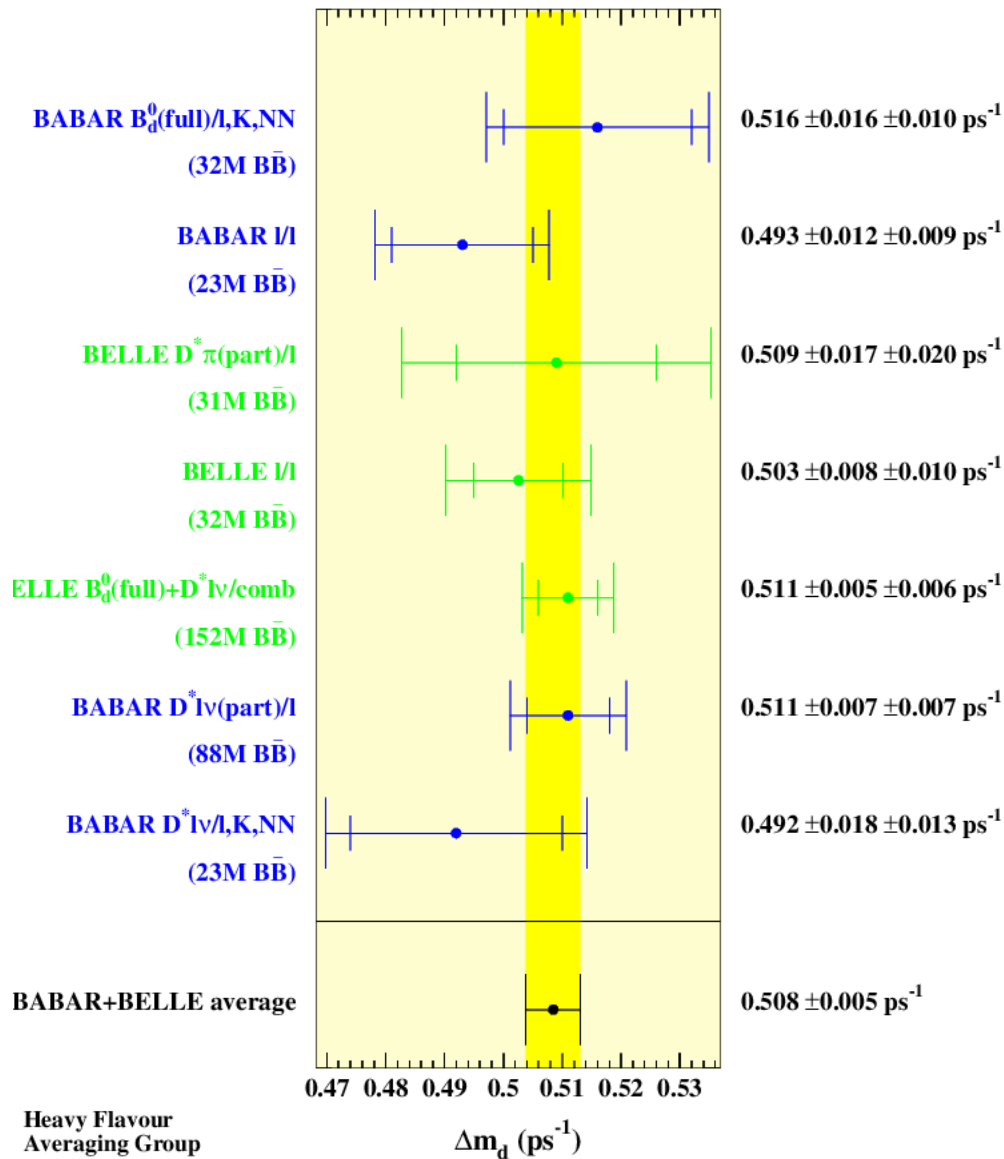
- $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \pi^+$ with $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$
- $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ with $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$
- clean event samples
- all particles reconstructed
- but small branching fractions
- B flavour from charge of fast pion ($D^{*-} \pi^+$) or Kaon ($J/\psi K^{*0}$)



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Results Δm_d



Heavy Flavour Averaging Group
[\[http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hfag/\]](http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hfag/)

Theory Uncertainties

Uncertainty on $|V_{tb}|^2 \cdot |V_{td}|^2$ dominated by non-perturbative QCD factors

$$\Delta m_d = \frac{G_F}{6\pi^2} \cdot m_W^2 \cdot \eta_b \cdot S_0\left(\frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}\right) \cdot m_{B_d} \cdot f_{B_d}^2 \cdot \hat{B}_{B_d} \cdot |V_{tb}|^2 |V_{td}|^2$$

Fermi constant \rightarrow G_F
 perturbative QCD \rightarrow $S_0\left(\frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}\right)$
 "Inami-Lim function" for box diagram \rightarrow $S_0\left(\frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}\right)$
 W-boson mass \rightarrow m_W
 B_d mass \rightarrow m_{B_d}
 decay constant \rightarrow f_{B_d}
 "bag parameter" \rightarrow \hat{B}_{B_d}
 $|V_{tb}|^2 |V_{td}|^2$

- best determination of $f_{B_d}^2$ and \hat{B}_{B_d} from lattice QCD \rightarrow uncertainty $\sim 10\%$

Theory uncertainties partially cancel in the ratio $\Delta m_d / \Delta m_s$

- uncertainty from lattice QCD $\sim 3\%$
- still measure R_+ side of unitarity triangle, since $|V_{tb}|^2 \cdot |V_{ts}|^2$ hardly depends on ρ and η
- measure Δm_s from $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ oscillation frequency
- B_s^0 not produced at the $\Upsilon(4s) \rightarrow$ hadron colliders

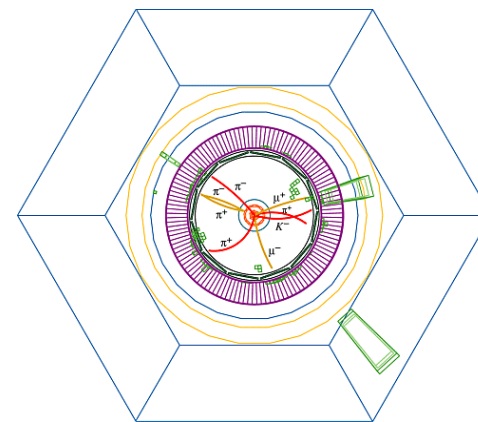
$$\frac{\Delta m_d}{\Delta m_s} = \frac{m_{B_d}}{m_{B_s}} \cdot \frac{f_{B_d}^2 \hat{B}_{B_d}}{f_{B_s}^2 \hat{B}_{B_s}} \cdot \frac{|V_{tb}|^2 |V_{td}|^2}{|V_{tb}|^2 |V_{ts}|^2}$$

$b\bar{b}$ Production at Hadron Colliders

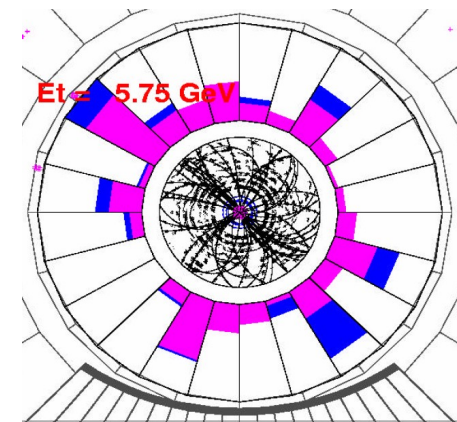
Advantages and disadvantages with respect to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4s)$ B factories

- all species of b hadrons produced: $B^\pm, B^0, B_s^0, B_c^+, \Lambda_b$
- $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$ much higher than at B factories
- $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ much smaller than at B factories
- large number of additional particles from underlying hadronic interaction
- selective and efficient trigger vital
- exploit features of B decays:
 - B mesons heavy \rightarrow decay products have large transverse momentum p_T
 - B mesons live long \rightarrow decay products have large impact parameters with respect to primary vertex

Facility	\sqrt{s}	$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$ [nb]	$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$
$e^+e^- @ \Upsilon(4s)$	10.58 GeV	1	0.25
HERA-B pA	42 GeV	~ 30	10^{-6}
Tevatron $p\bar{p}$	1.96 TeV	5×10^3	10^{-3}
LHC pp	7 TeV	3×10^5	10^{-2}
LHC pp	14 TeV	6×10^5	10^{-2}



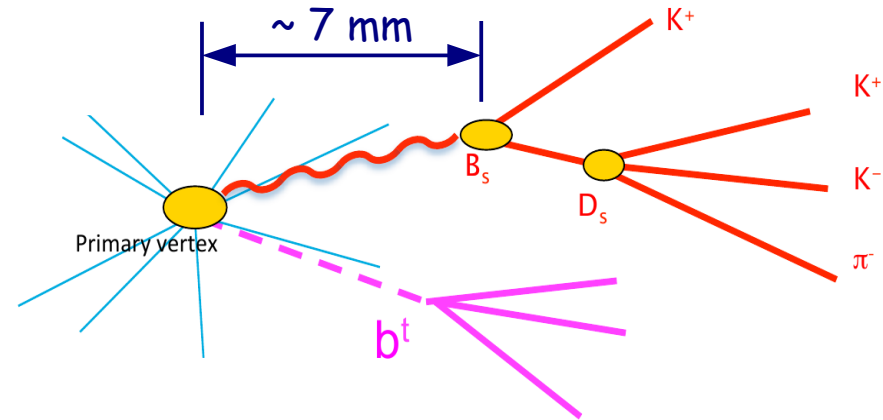
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$
event in BaBar



$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
event in CDF

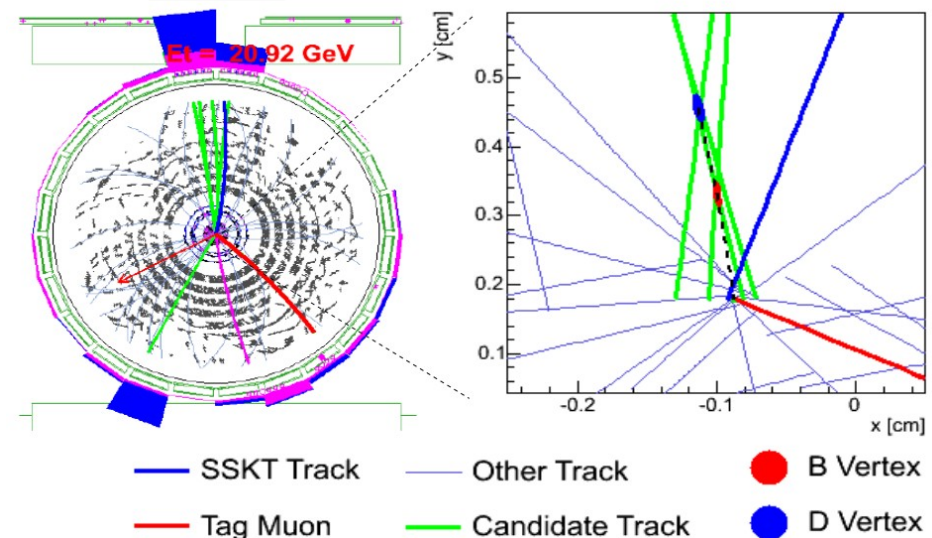
$b\bar{b}$ pair is not created in a coherent quantum state

- reference for oscillation measurement: primary vertex, B flavour at production
- primary vertex reconstruction: excellent precision due to large number of charged tracks from underlying event



Flavour tagging: more challenging due to the many extra tracks

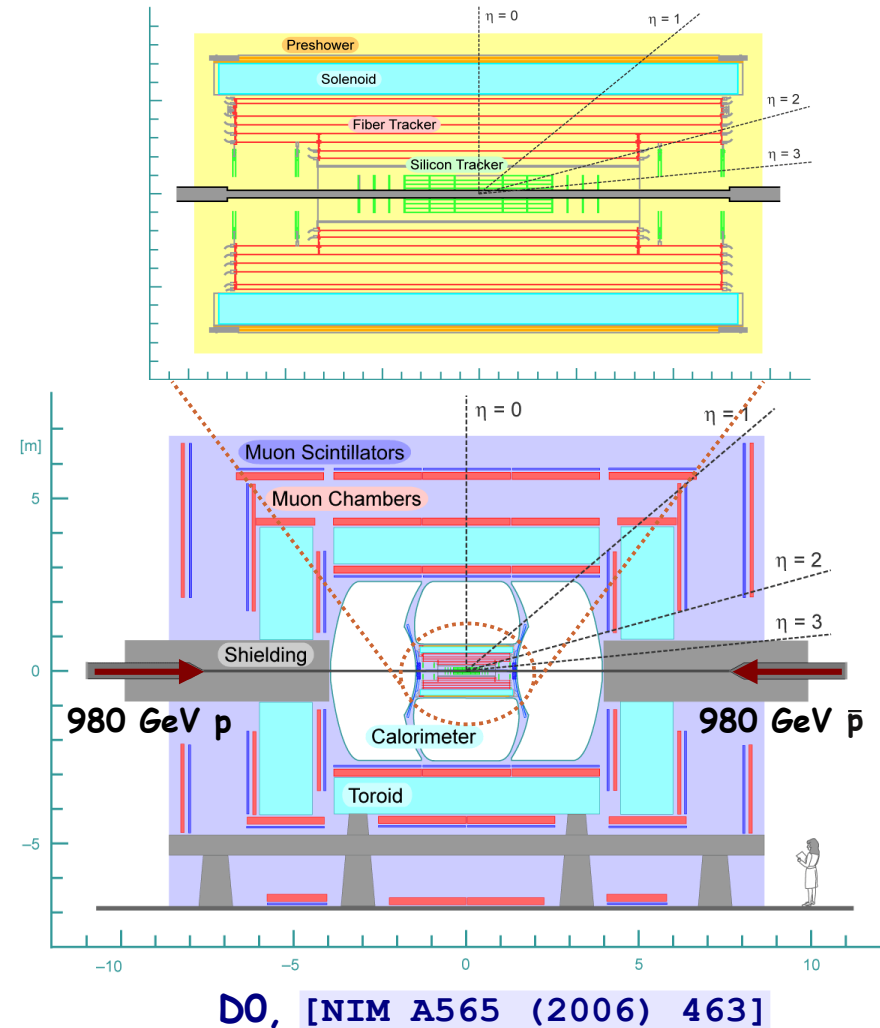
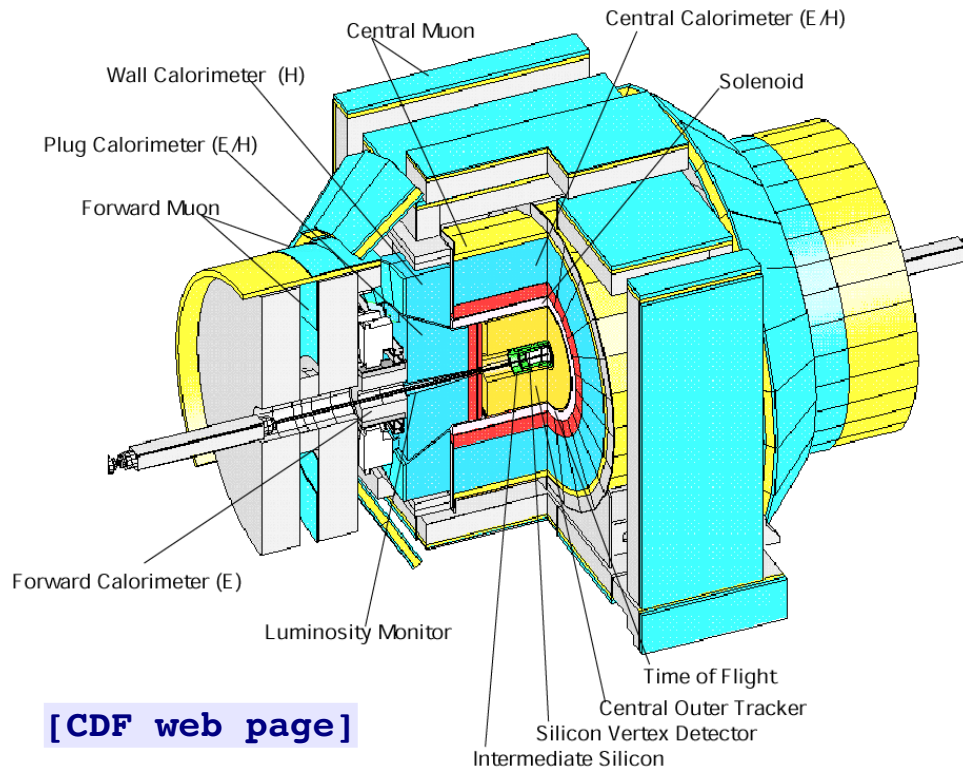
- “opposite side tagging” a la B factories (lepton, kaon, vertex charge)
- in addition “same side tagging”: charge of a kaon from b fragmentation chain or from B^{**} decays
 - select kaon close to B in phase space
- combined tagging power



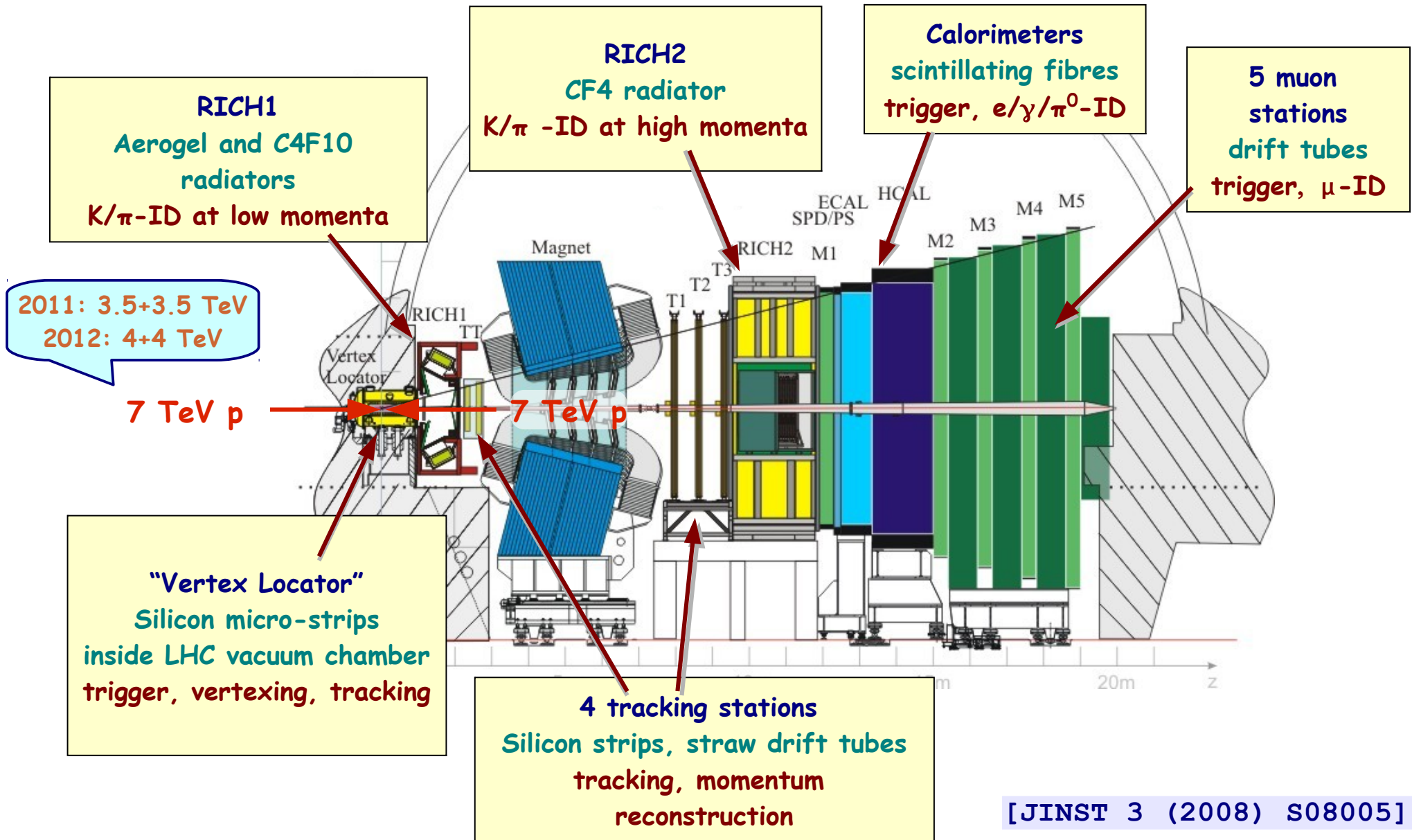
$$\epsilon \cdot D^2 = \text{few \%}$$

Typical general-purpose detectors

- main focus: high-energy frontier, top-quark physics and Higgs searches
- but also significant B-physics programme
 - e.g. first observation of $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ oscillation
 - main limitations: trigger, π/K separation

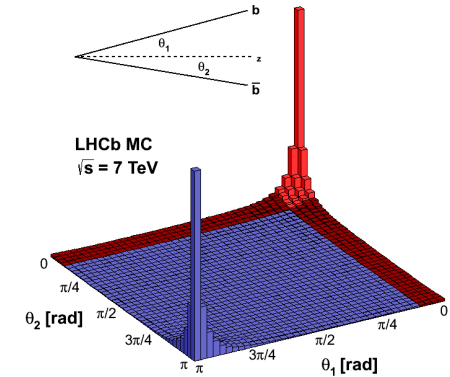


Dedicated experiment for heavy flavour physics at the LHC



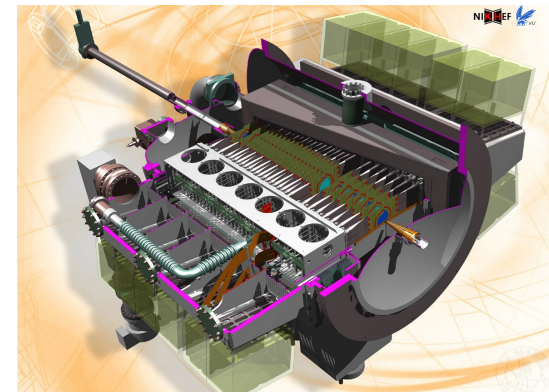
Key features that distinguish LHCb from general purpose detectors

- forward geometry
- large acceptance, $b\bar{b}$ production forward peaked
- large Lorentz boost, helps with proper-time resolution
- lower p_T trigger thresholds than at central detectors



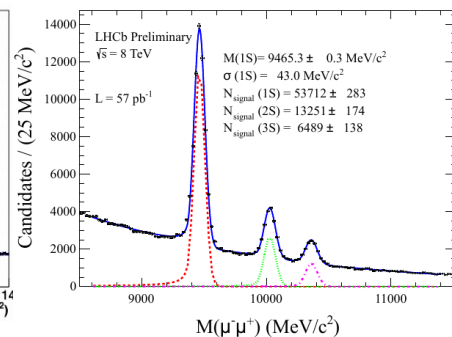
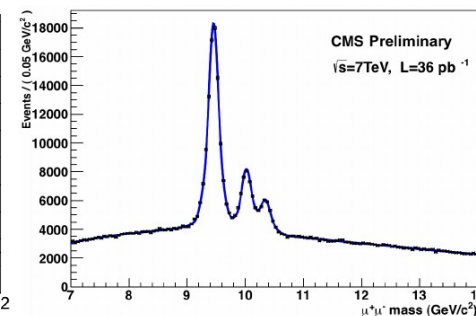
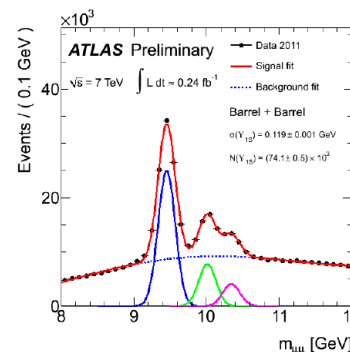
- vertex detector inside LHC vacuum vessel

- impact parameter resolution to identify tracks from B decays (\rightarrow trigger)
- proper-time resolution, e.g. to resolve fast $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ oscillations

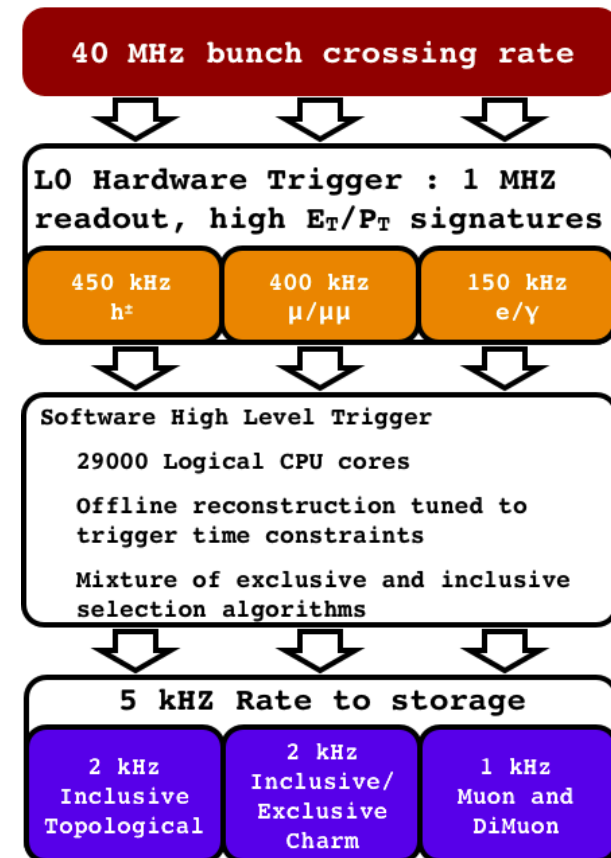
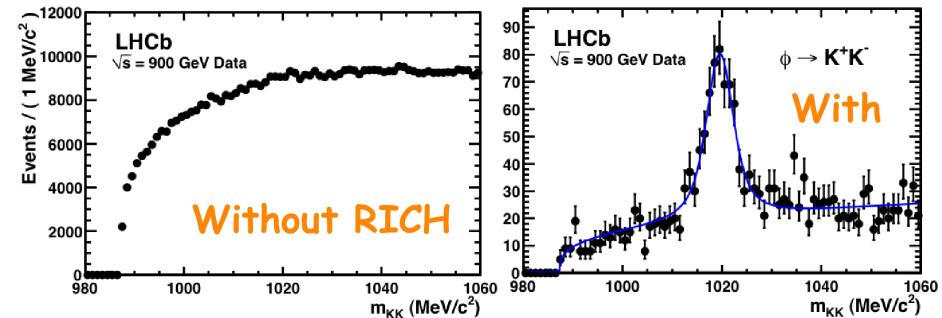


- tracking system

- momentum and invariant mass resolution to fight combinatorial backgrounds

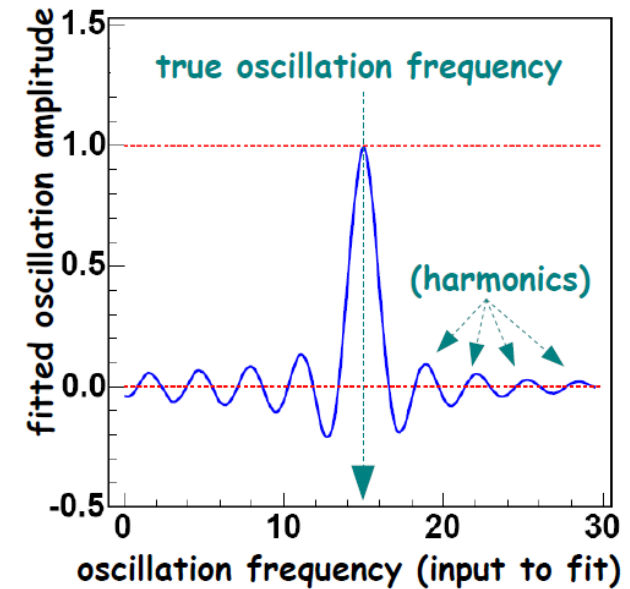


- two RICH detectors for
 - efficient K/π separation from few GeV for flavour tagging up to 100 GeV, e.g. to separate $B^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow K\pi$, $B^0_s \rightarrow KK$
- flexible, selective and efficient trigger, also for hadronic final states
 - hardware level (L0):
 - high- p_T track segments in muon system
 - high-ET clusters (e,h, γ) in calorimeters
 - software level (HLT):
 - multi-processor computing farm
 - access to full detector data
 - combined efficiency:
 - 90 % for dimuon channels (e.g. J/ψ)
 - 30 % for fully hadronic final states



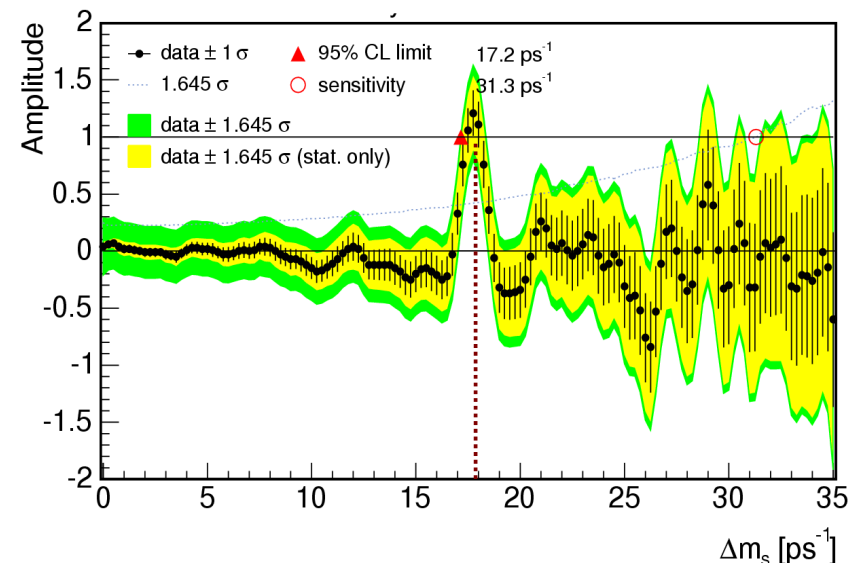
Perform frequency-domain analysis

- scan over oscillation frequency, fit amplitude A as a function of the assumed frequency
- normalize to the expected signal amplitude
→ $A=1$ at true mixing frequency, $A \sim 0$ elsewhere
- useful method for combining results from different experiments when no clear signals observed
- similar method applied for Higgs searches now



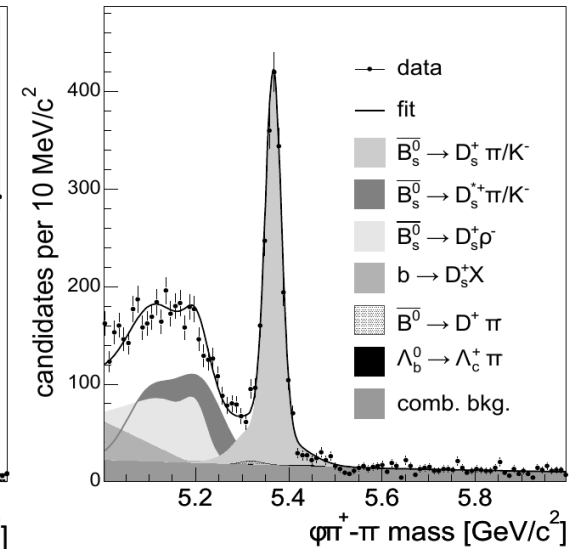
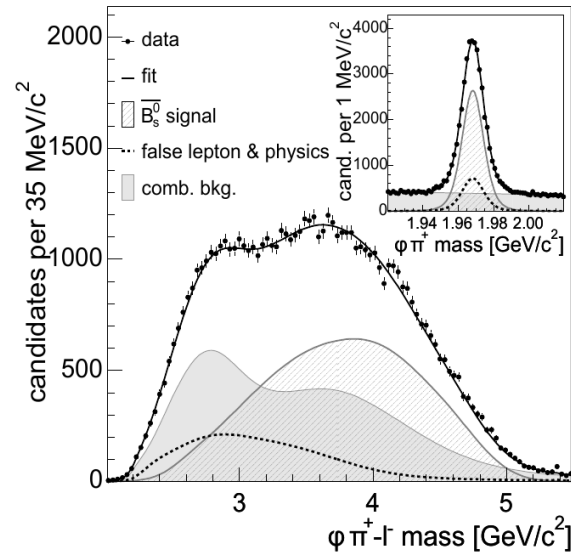
CDF (2006, 1fb^{-1})

- clear signal at $\Delta m_s = 17.75 \text{ ps}^{-1}$
→ statistical significance $A/\sigma_A = 6.05$
- lower limit at 95 % CL: $\Delta m_s = 17.2 \text{ ps}^{-1}$
→ frequency below which $A + 1.645 \cdot \sigma_A < 1$
- sensitivity: 31.3 ps^{-1}
→ value for which $1.645 \cdot \sigma_A = 1$



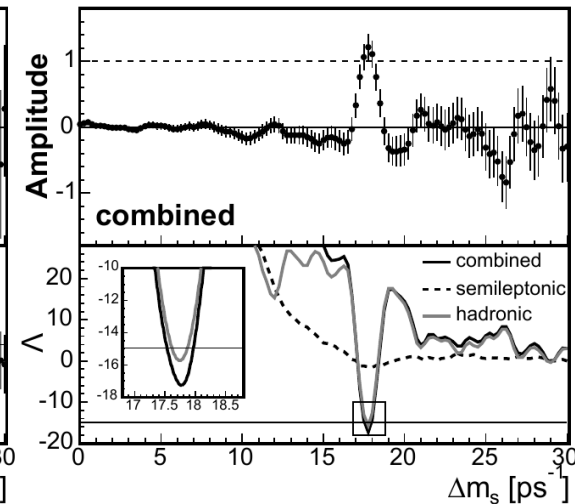
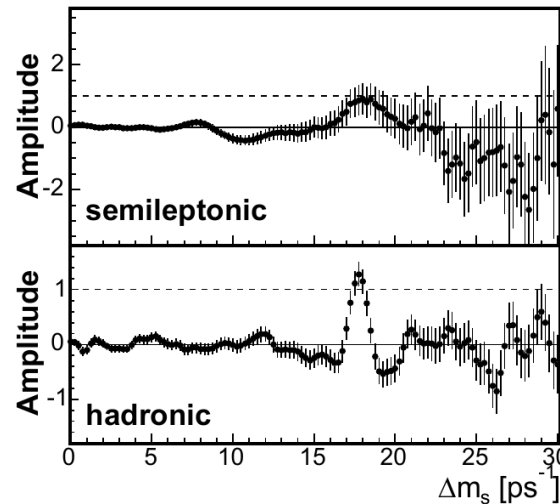
Semi-leptonic decays:

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$ with
 $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi \pi^-, K^{*0} K^-$ or $\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$
- B flavour from lepton charge
- reasonable branching fraction
- but neutrino not reconstructed
 - limits proper time resolution



Hadronic decays:

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+, B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- 3\pi$ with
 $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi \pi^-, K^{*0} K^-$ or $\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$
- B flavour from fast pion charge
- smaller branching fraction
- but all particles reconstructed

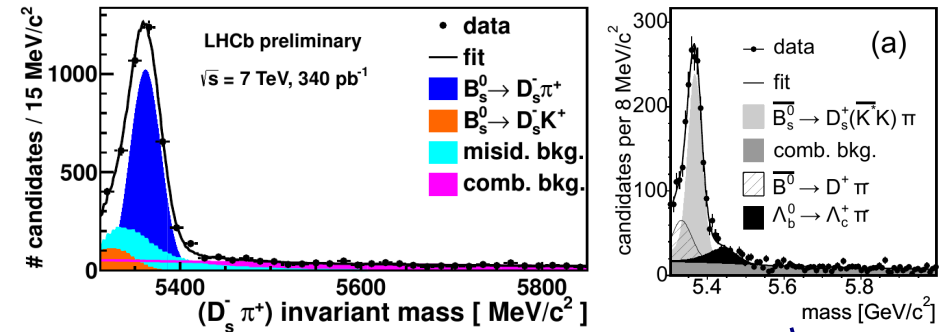
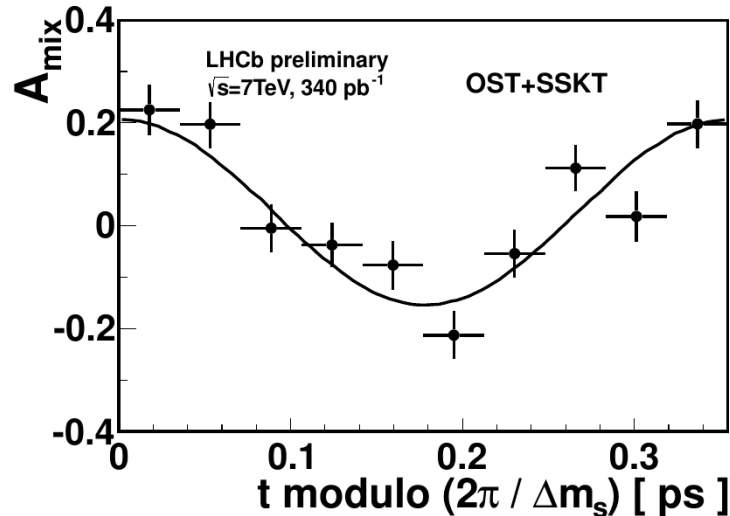


$$\Delta m_s = 17.75 \pm 0.10(\text{stat}) \pm 0.07(\text{syst}) \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

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Analysis strategy inspired by CDF

- but look only at fully reconstructed hadronic decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ to fully exploit excellent proper-time resolution
- employ opposite-side tagging and same-side kaon tagging algorithms



	LHCb	CDF
signal event yields $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$	9200 in 0.34 fb^{-1}	4100 in 1 fb^{-1}
proper time resolution	45 ps	87 ps
tagging power opposite side	3.2 %	1.8 %
tagging power same side	1.3 %	3.7 %

$$\Delta m_s = 17.725 \pm 0.041 \pm 0.026 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

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