

3.4. Neutral meson mixing and CP violation

In the following neutral flavored meson systems (K^0, D^0, B_d^0, B_s^0) in which particle and anti-particle are distinguished by the flavor quantum number will be discussed in a general way: $|P^0\rangle$ and $|\bar{P}^0\rangle$.

A.) Flavor and CP eigenstates

A generic flavored meson $|P^0\rangle$ and $|\bar{P}^0\rangle$ is described by:

$$F|P^0\rangle = +|P^0\rangle \quad F|\bar{P}^0\rangle = -|\bar{P}^0\rangle$$

CP conjugation transforms particle into anti-particle but introduces in general a phase η_{CP} :

$$CP|P^0\rangle = \eta_{CP}|\bar{P}^0\rangle \quad CP|\bar{P}^0\rangle = \eta_{CP}^*|P^0\rangle$$

Besides the flavor states there exists the physical states which are mixtures of the flavor states and which, in case CP is conserved, could be chosen to be CP eigenstates:

$$P_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|P^0\rangle + |\bar{P}^0\rangle) \quad P_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|P^0\rangle - |\bar{P}^0\rangle)$$

with $CP|P_+\rangle = +|P_+\rangle$ $CP|P_-\rangle = -|P_-\rangle$
 in case the phase η_{CP} is chosen to be +1.
 (convention)

B) Effective Lagrangian and the physical states

In the most general case the time dependence of a physical state can be described by:

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

$\Psi(t)$ should fulfill the Schrödinger Eq with the non-hermitian effective Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} (non-hermitian, because Ψ decays outside the (P^0, \bar{P}^0) subspace):

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \Psi(t) = \mathcal{H} \Psi(t)$$

One usually splits \mathcal{H} , which consists of a flavor conserving part \mathcal{H}_0 and a weak flavor-violating part \mathcal{H}_W ($\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_W$), into an hermitian and an anti-hermitian part:

$$\mathcal{H} = M - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma$$

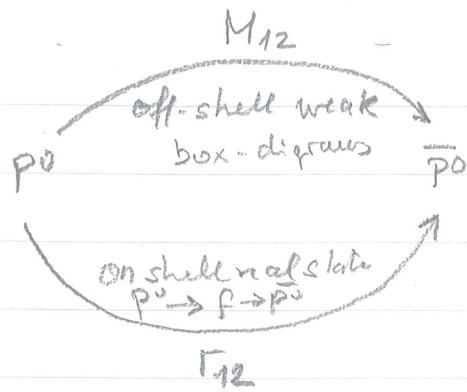
where both M (mass matrix) and Γ (decay matrix) are Hermitian.

With the representation $|\Psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ one can write \mathcal{H} a 2-dim matrix

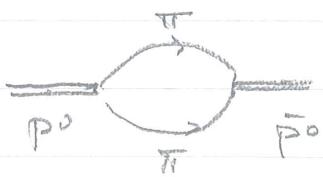
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{11} & M_{12} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12} \\ M_{21} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{21} & M_{22} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hermiticity of M and Γ : $M_{12} = M_{21}^*$, $\Gamma_{12} = \Gamma_{21}^*$ CPT: $M_{11} = M_{22}$, $\Gamma_{11} = \Gamma_{22}$

- The states P^0 and \bar{P}^0 are eigenstates to $\mathcal{H}_0 \rightarrow$ no mixing, no decay
 \mathcal{H}_0 therefore contributes only to $\text{diag}(M)$.
- M_{12} dispersive part of the $P^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{P}^0$ transition describes mixing via virtual intermediate states
- Γ_{12} absorptive part of $P^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{P}^0$ transition describe the mixing via real intermediate states
- Γ_{11}, Γ_{22} describe the decay to real final states



$$W \rightarrow [\text{loop}] + V \otimes W$$



The physical states $|P_a\rangle$ and $|P_b\rangle$ are obtained by diagonalizing the matrix \rightarrow eigenvalues $\lambda_{a,b}$ & eigenvectors $P_{a,b}$:

$$\lambda e |P_{a,b}\rangle = \lambda_{a,b} |P_{a,b}\rangle$$

$$\text{with } \lambda_{a,b} = m_{a,b} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{a,b}$$

where $m_{a,b}$ are the masses and $\Gamma_{a,b}$ are the decay widths:

$$|P_{a,b}(t)\rangle = e^{-im_{a,b}t} e^{-\Gamma_{a,b}t/2} |P_{a,b}(t=0)\rangle_{(a,b)}$$

The physical states are usually labelled by the properties which distinguish them the best:

lifetime for kaons: K_S, K_L

masses for B mesons: B_H, B_L

CP values for D mesons: D_1, D_2 (assuming no direct CPV)

The physical states can be written as

$$|P_a\rangle = p |p^0\rangle + q |\bar{p}^0\rangle$$

with $|p|^2 + |q|^2 = 1$

$$|P_b\rangle = p |p^0\rangle - q |\bar{p}^0\rangle$$

(Remark: we used CPT invariance: $q/p_a \stackrel{!}{=} q/p_b =: q/p$)

One further defines the following quantities:

$$\Delta m = m_b - m_a \quad \Delta \Gamma = \Gamma_b - \Gamma_a$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma_a + \Gamma_b) \quad m = \frac{1}{2} (m_a + m_b)$$

For q/p one finds:

$$q/p = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\delta \epsilon_{11}}{\delta \epsilon_{12}}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{M_{12}^* - i\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{12}^*}{M_{12} + i\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{12}}}$$

The sign \pm of q/p determines whether m_a or m_b is heavier.

The usual choice is $\Delta m > 0$: $q/p > \leftrightarrow +$ sign.

Attention: This choice is not fixing the sign of $\Delta \Gamma$

(experiment has to tell whether $\Delta \Gamma \geq 0$; i.e. CP even/odd lives longer)

Remark: While P^0 and \bar{P}^0 as well as $|P_1\rangle$ and $|P_2\rangle$ are orthogonal P_a and P_b are in general not orthogonal:

$$\xi = \langle P_a | P_b \rangle = |p|^2 - |q|^2 \neq 0$$

If CP symmetry is conserved and P_a, P_b are CP eigenstates: $|q/p| = 1 \rightarrow \xi = 0$

C.) Time evolution of flavor states:

Physical states:

$$|P_a\rangle = p |p^0\rangle + q |\bar{p}^0\rangle$$

$$|P_b\rangle = p |\bar{p}^0\rangle - q |p^0\rangle$$

[Depending on the properties which distinguish the states
best one could label them (P_A, P_L) , (P_B, P_L) or (P_1, P_2)]

For the flavor states one obtains correspondingly:

$$|P^0\rangle = \frac{1}{2p} [|P_a\rangle + |P_b\rangle]$$

$$|\bar{p}^0\rangle = \frac{1}{2q} [|P_a\rangle - |P_b\rangle]$$

Using the time dependence of $|P_a\rangle$ and $|P_b\rangle$ as above:

$$\begin{aligned} |P^0(t)\rangle &= \frac{1}{2p} \left\{ e^{-im_a t} e^{-\Gamma_a t/2} \underbrace{|P_a(0)\rangle}_{+} + e^{-im_b t} e^{-\Gamma_b t/2} \underbrace{|P_b(0)\rangle}_{-} \right\} \\ &= p |P^0\rangle + q |\bar{p}^0\rangle \quad = \quad p |p^0\rangle - q |\bar{p}^0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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

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

with: $g_+(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-im_a t - \Gamma_a t/2} + e^{-im_b t - \Gamma_b t/2} \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-imt} \left(e^{-i\gamma_a m t - \Gamma_a t/2} + e^{+i\gamma_b m t - \Gamma_b t/2} \right)$$

$$g_-(t) = \dots \quad \left(\dots - \dots \right)$$

with $m = \frac{1}{2} (m_a + m_b)$ as above.

Starting from a pure sample of P^0 mesons (e.g. produced in strong interaction) the probability to measure the flavor state \bar{P}^0 at time t is given by:

$$|\langle \bar{P}^0 | P^0(t) \rangle|^2 = |g_-(t)|^2 \left| \frac{q}{p} \right|^2$$

and correspondingly for a pure \bar{P}^0 sample at $t=0$:

$$|\langle P^0 | \bar{P}^0(t) \rangle|^2 = |g_-(t)|^2 \left| \frac{p}{q} \right|^2$$

Possibility
for CPV
in may

With the above expressions for $|g_{\pm}(t)|^2$ one finds:

$$\begin{aligned} |g_{\pm}(t)|^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(e^{-\Gamma_a t} + e^{-\Gamma_b t} \pm e^{-\Gamma_L t} (e^{-i\Delta m t} + e^{+i\Delta m t}) \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\Gamma_L t}}{2} \left(\cosh\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Gamma \cdot t\right) \pm \cos(\Delta m t) \right) \end{aligned}$$

[See Chaps. 3, 4
K⁺, K⁻ Mixing]

For $\Delta\Gamma=0$ (in B-mesons) and $|p/q| \approx 1$ (fulfilled for all P^0):

$$\text{Prob } (P^0 \rightarrow P^0)(t) = e^{-\frac{\Gamma_L t}{2}} (1 + \cos(\Delta m t))$$

$$\text{Prob } (P^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0)(t) = e^{-\frac{\Gamma_L t}{2}} (1 - \cos(\Delta m t))$$

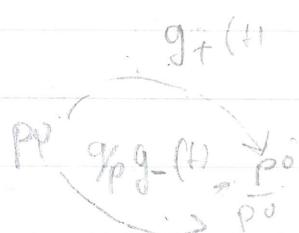
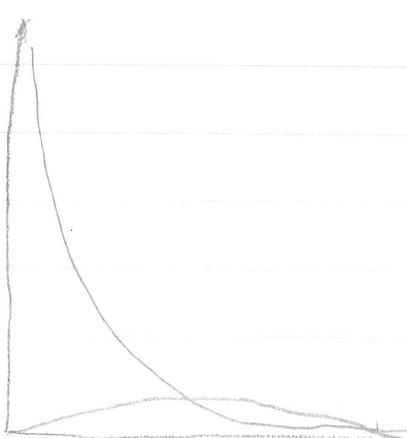
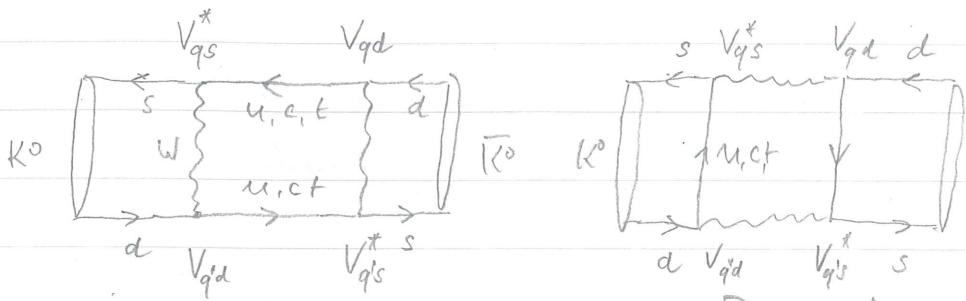


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D. Standard Model prediction for mixing

The short distance contribution to the $P^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{P}^0$ transition is described by M_{12} respectively Δm and can be calculated from the contributing box diagrams. For kaons one obtains



Propagator q, q'

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \sum_{q, q'} V_{qs}^* V_{qd} \bar{V}_q \cdot V_{q'd} V_{qs} \bar{V}_{q'} \quad \text{with } q q' = \begin{matrix} uu & cc & tt \\ cu & cc & tc \\ tu & tc & tt \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \int d^4 k k p k_\nu \left(\frac{V_{us}^* V_{cd}}{k^2 - m_u^2} + \frac{V_{cs}^* V_{cd}}{k^2 - m_c^2} + \frac{V_{ts}^* V_{cd}}{k^2 - m_t^2} \right)^2$$

$$\sim \int d^4 k k p k_\nu \left(V_{us}^* V_{cd} \left[\frac{1}{k^2 - m_u^2} - \frac{1}{k^2 - m_c^2} \right] + V_{ts}^* V_{cd} \left[\frac{1}{k^2 - m_t^2} - \frac{1}{k^2 - m_c^2} \right] \right)^2$$

$$\text{Unitarity relation: } V_{us}^* V_{ud} + V_{cs}^* V_{cd} + V_{ts}^* V_{cd} = 0$$

Neglecting w , the further calculation the u-quark mass the loop integrals results to 3 terms described by the Iannini-Lim-Flit.

$$\text{Initial quarks: } cc \quad S_0 \left(\frac{m_c^2}{m_w^2} \right) \approx 3.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$tt \quad S_0 \left(\frac{m_t^2}{m_w^2} \right) \approx 2.5$$

$$ct \quad S_0 \left(\frac{m_t^2}{m_w^2}, \frac{m_c^2}{m_w^2} \right) \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{For the CKM factors one obtains: } |V_{cd} V_{cs}^*|^2 \gg |V_{td} V_{ts}^*|^2 \\ \sim \chi^2 \quad \sim \chi^{10} \\ \sim 2.7 \cdot 10^{-2} \quad \sim 1.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

$$\rightarrow M_{K\bar{K}} \sim S_0 \left(\frac{m_c^2}{m_w^2} \right) |V_{cd} V_{cs}^*|^2$$

Taking the hadronic part into account;

$$\begin{aligned} \langle K^0 | j_\mu j^\mu | \bar{K}^0 \rangle &= \sum_x \langle K^0 | j_\mu | x \rangle \langle x | j^\mu | \bar{K}^0 \rangle \\ &= B_K \underbrace{\langle K^0 | j_\mu | 0 \rangle}_{\text{bag factor which accounts}} \underbrace{\langle 0 | j^\mu | K^0 \rangle}_{\text{decay constant}} = B_K f_K^2 p_{K^0}^\mu \end{aligned}$$

↑
bag factor which accounts
for the vacuum insertion.

one finally obtains:

$$\Delta M_K = 2|M_{12}| = \frac{G_F^2 \cdot M_W^2}{6\pi^2} \cdot \eta_{ACO} \underbrace{B_K f_K^2 m_K}_{\text{perturbative QCD constants}} [S_0(m_c^2/M_W^2) |V_{cb} V_{cs}^*|^2]$$

For the B system one has $|V_{tb} V_{tb}^*|^2 \sim |V_{cb} V_{cb}^*|^2$ (both $\sim A^2 \chi^6$)
because of $m_b^2 \gg m_c^2$ it is now the top-loop which contributes:

$$\Delta M_B = \frac{G_F^2 M_W^2}{6\pi^2} \cdot \eta_{ACO} \underbrace{B_S f_S^2 m_B}_{\text{changes for } B_S} [S_0(m_c^2/M_W^2) |V_{tb} V_{tb}^*|^2]^2$$

$B_S: V_{ts} V_{tb}$

For D -mesons the mass of the heaviest internal quark
(d-type: b-quark m_b) is not large enough to compensate
the large CKM suppression $\sim |V_{ub} V_{cb}^*|^2$. As a result
the light s-quark dominates the short range mixing:

$$\Delta M_D \sim |V_{us} V_{cb}^*|^2 \cdot S_0(m_s^2/M_W^2) \sim \chi^2 S_0(m_s^2/M_W^2)$$

$\sim m_s^2/M_W^2$ $\sim m_s^2/M_W^2$

→ Mixing parameters are small (very slow mixing); most
of the D 's decay before they mix.

As mentioned earlier the mixing consists of 2 components M_{12} and $\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{12}$. The calculation of Γ_{12} (real intermediate states) is difficult and is important for kaons and D mesons. Within the SM Γ_{12} can be approximated by the "on shell" (absorptive) part of the box diagrams \rightarrow quark representation of the final state (very poor approx. for kaons)

To describe the mixing often, in addition to Δm , dimensionless parameters x and y are introduced:

$$x = \frac{\Delta m}{\Gamma} \quad y = \frac{\Delta \Gamma}{2\Gamma}$$

Summary of mixing parameters for neutral mesons

System	τ	Δm	x	y
K^0	$0.26 \cdot 10^{-9} s$	5.29 ms^{-1}	0.477	-1
D^0	$0.41 \cdot 10^{-12} s$	0.0024 ps^{-1}	0.0097	0.0078
B_d^0	$1.53 \cdot 10^{-12} s$	0.507 ps^{-1}	0.78	0.0015 *
B_s	$1.47 \cdot 10^{-12} s$	17.77 ps^{-1}	26.1	0.06 *

*) theoretical values.

Figure with mixing diagrams for the 4 neutral mesons,
 \rightarrow Nils Tandy paper

E) Neutral meson decay

In addition to the oscillation we consider in the following also the subsequent decay of neutral mesons.

We consider 4 different decay amplitudes:

$$\mathcal{A}_f = \mathcal{A}(P^0 \rightarrow f)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\bar{f}} = \mathcal{A}(P^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})$$

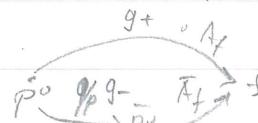
$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_f = \mathcal{A}(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow f)$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{f}} = \mathcal{A}(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})$$

and we define the complex parameter γ (observable):
Modulus & phase of γ .

$$\gamma_f = \frac{q}{P} \frac{\bar{\mathcal{A}}_f}{\mathcal{A}_f} \quad \bar{\gamma}_f = \frac{1}{\gamma_f} \quad \gamma_{\bar{f}} = \frac{q}{P} \frac{\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{f}}}{\mathcal{A}_{\bar{f}}} \quad \bar{\gamma}_{\bar{f}} = \frac{1}{\gamma_{\bar{f}}}$$

The time-dependent decay rate $\Gamma(P^0 \rightarrow f)(t) = |\mathcal{A}(P^0 \rightarrow f)|^2$
gives the probability that an initial P^0 decay at time t
into the final state f :



$$\Gamma(P^0 \rightarrow f)(t) = |\mathcal{A}(P^0 \rightarrow f)(t) + \mathcal{A}(P^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0 \rightarrow f)|^2$$

$$\Gamma(P^0 \rightarrow f)(t) = |\gamma_f|^2 \left[|g_+(t)|^2 + |\gamma_{\bar{f}}|^2 |g_-(t)|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \gamma_f g_+^*(t) g_-(t) \} \right]$$

$$\text{analog } \Gamma(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow f)(t) = |\bar{\gamma}_f|^2 |\bar{g}_-|^2 \left[|g_-(t)|^2 + |\gamma_f|^2 |g_+(t)|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \gamma_f g_+(t) g_-^*(t) \} \right]$$

$$\text{with } |g_{\pm}(t)|^2 = \frac{e^{-\Gamma t}}{2} \left(\cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Gamma t \right) \pm \cos(\Delta m t) \right)$$

$$g_+^*(t) g_-^*(t) = \frac{e^{-\Gamma t}}{2} \left(\sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Gamma t \right) + i \sin(\Delta m t) \right)$$

In this way one obtains the "Master Equations" for time-dependent neutral meson decays:

$$\Gamma(P^0 \rightarrow f)(t) = |A_f|^2 \frac{e^{-\Gamma t}}{2} \cdot$$

$$(1 + |\lambda_f|^2) \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \lambda_f \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) + (1 - |\lambda_f|^2) \cos(4mt) - 2 \operatorname{Im} \lambda_f \sin(4mt)$$

$$= |A_f|^2 \cdot \left(1 + |\lambda_f|^2\right) \frac{e^{-\Gamma t}}{2} \left(\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) + D_f \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) + C_f \cos mt - S_f \sin mt \right)$$

$$\text{with } D_f = \frac{2 \operatorname{Re} \lambda_f}{1 + |\lambda_f|^2} \quad C_f = \frac{1 - |\lambda_f|^2}{1 + |\lambda_f|^2} \quad S_f = \frac{2 \operatorname{Im} \lambda_f}{1 + |\lambda_f|^2}$$

analog:

$$\Gamma(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow f)(t) =$$

$$|A_f|^2 \cdot \left|\frac{P}{q}\right|^2 (1 + |\lambda_f|^2) \frac{e^{-\Gamma t}}{2} \left(\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) + D_f \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) - Q \cos mt + S_f \sin mt \right)$$

i.e. differences in the time-dependent decay rate (CPV):

$$\beta_{CP}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(P^0 \rightarrow f)(t) - \Gamma(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma}}$$

$$= \frac{2C_f \cos(4mt) - 2S_f \sin(4mt)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right) + 2D_f \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}t\right)} = 0$$

$$\text{if } \lambda_f = \frac{q}{P} \frac{A_f}{\bar{A}_f} = 1$$

= CP violation in the interference between mixing and decay.

\Rightarrow Master Eq for time-dependent CP V in neutral meson decays!

F) Classification of CP violation

Usually the observed CP violation effects in meson decays are classified in the following way:

(i) CPV in decay:

$$\Gamma(P^0 \rightarrow f) \neq \Gamma(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})$$

implies $\left| \frac{\bar{A}_f}{A_f} \right| \neq 1$ if $\bar{f} = g_{CP} f : \left| \frac{\bar{A}_f}{A_f} \right| \neq 1$

$$\text{e.g. } \Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \neq \Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+)$$

In charged mesons where no mixing is possible this is the only type of CP V which can occur.

(ii) CPV in mixing

$$P(P^0 \rightarrow \bar{P}^0) \neq P(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow P^0)$$

this implies $\left| \frac{g}{p} \right| \neq 1$ (see mixing equations)

while for B-mesons $\left| \frac{g}{p} \right| = 1 + O(10^{-4} \cdot 10^{-5}) \approx 1$

This is the dominantly effect for kaons. ($O(10^{-3})$)

(iii) CPV in interference between a decay w/ ad w/o mix:

$P^0 \xrightarrow{f} \bar{P}^0 \xrightarrow{\bar{f}}$ \rightarrow time-dependent effect (see above)
no effect in time-integrated moments

can only occur if $\text{Im}(\lambda_f) = \text{Im}\left(\frac{g}{p} \frac{\bar{A}_f}{A_f}\right) \neq 0$
i.e. if either g/p or \bar{A}_f/A_f has a non-trivial phase.



An alternative classification distinguishes between direct and indirect CPV.

Direct CPV: $A(P^0 \rightarrow f) \neq A(\bar{P}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})$

Indirect CPV: CPV that involves the mixing phenomenon in any way

Final remarks

CP violating effects all depend on Y_{CP} and should be of the same order in the SM.

The observable asymmetries = ratios of CP violation to CP conserving quantities are enhanced for suppressed quantities: Observable asymmetries large in B decays than in kaons $\rightarrow B_s$ have small CKM couplings and large lifetimes (suppressed w.r.t kaons)

To exhibit a CP violating phase the process must involve at least 4 CKM matrix elements (definition of Y_{CP})

- Below the charm threshold on-shell processes cannot violate CP as only V_{ud} and V_{us} are involved.
- CPV in kaon sector only through virtual processes to which also heavier quarks can contribute:
 $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ mixing or penguin decays.
- Above the charm-threshold CPV also on-shell processes possible!

Also semi leptonic kaon decays allow to show that the major effect comes from CPV in way: $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^- l^+ \bar{\nu}_e$

1) ^{with} a single heavier in the final state CPT enforces the equality of $K^0 \rightarrow f$ and $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f}$
⇒ no direct CPV.

2. There can be no interference effect of $K^0 \rightarrow f$ and $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f}$ though way.

$$K^0 \rightarrow f +$$

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

⇒ CPV can only appear through way.

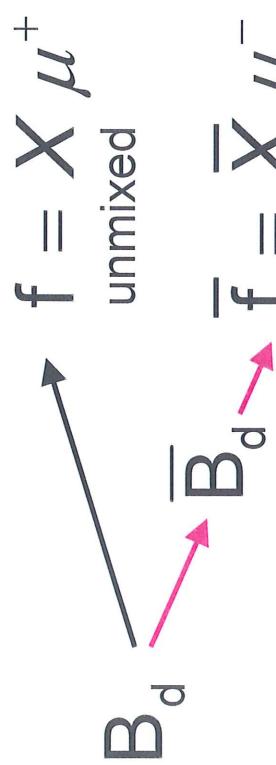
Time dependent mixing

$$\begin{aligned}g_+(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-im_H t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_H t} + e^{-im_L t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} \right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-iMt} \left(e^{-i\frac{1}{2}\Delta m t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_H t} + e^{+i\frac{1}{2}\Delta m t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} \right) \\g_-(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-im_H t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_H t} - e^{-im_L t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} \right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-iMt} \left(e^{-i\frac{1}{2}\Delta m t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_H t} - e^{+i\frac{1}{2}\Delta m t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} \right)\end{aligned}$$

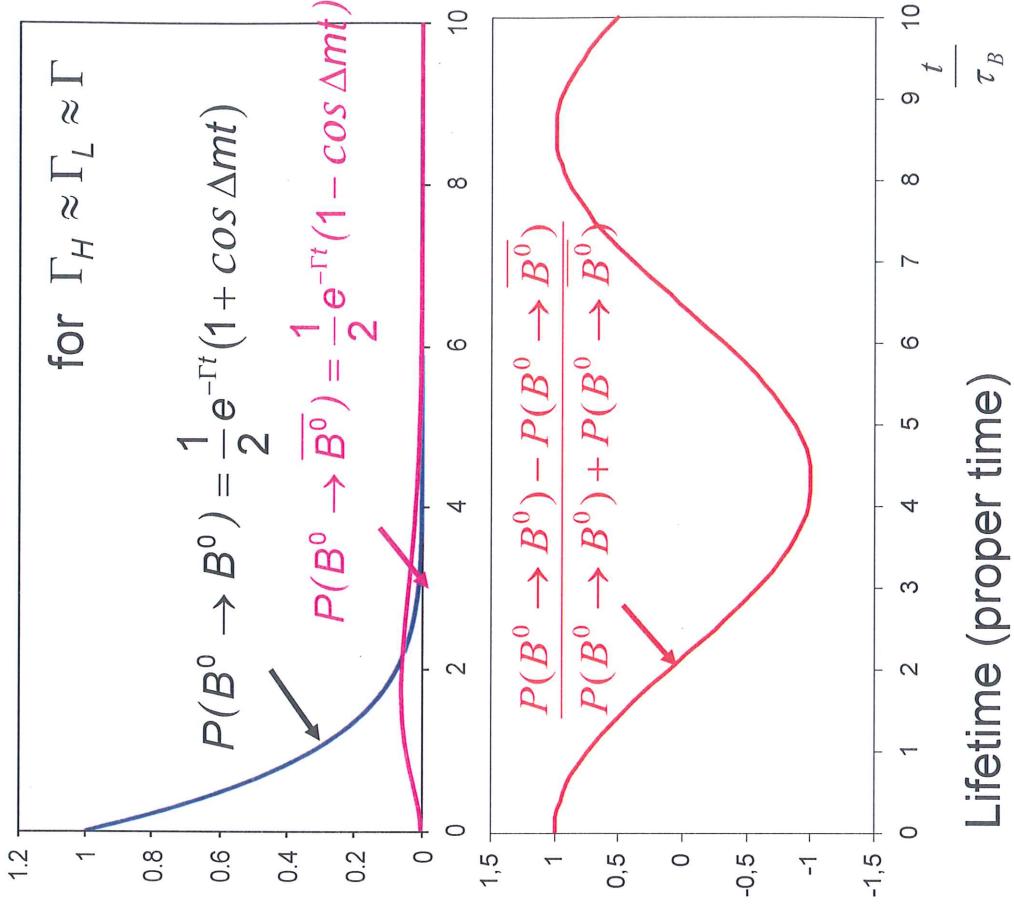
$$\begin{aligned}|g_{\pm}(t)|^2 &= \frac{1}{4} (e^{-\Gamma_H t} + e^{-\Gamma_L t} \pm e^{-\Gamma t} (e^{-i\Delta m t} + e^{+i\Delta m t})) \\&= \frac{1}{4} (e^{-\Gamma_H t} + e^{-\Gamma_L t} \pm 2e^{-\Gamma t} \cos \Delta m t) \\&= \frac{e^{-\Gamma t}}{2} \left(\cosh \frac{1}{2}\Delta \Gamma t \pm \cos \Delta m t \right)\end{aligned}$$

Time-dependent mixing ($\Delta\Gamma \approx 0$)

Mixing probability:

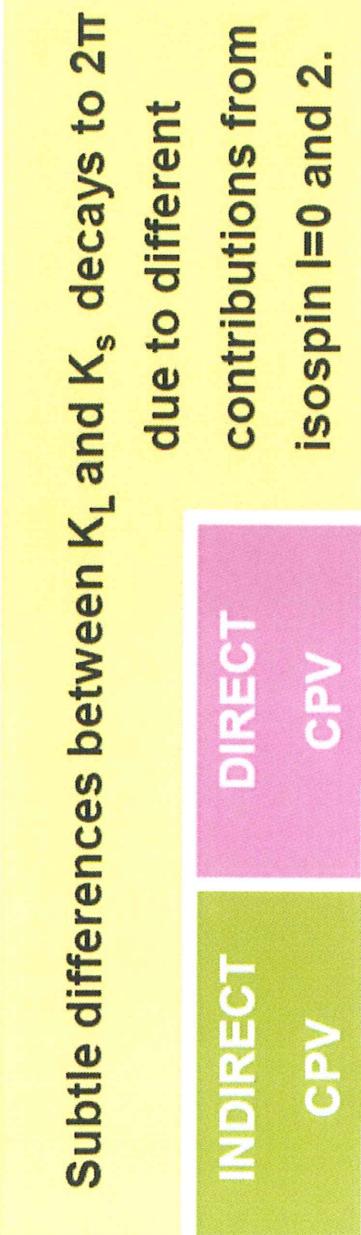


$$A(t) = \frac{\text{unmixed}(t) - \text{mixed}(t)}{\text{unmixed}(t) + \text{mixed}(t)} = \cos(\Delta m t)$$



Direct CP Violation in $K^0 \rightarrow \pi\bar{\pi}$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} (\pi^+ \pi^-) \\ (\pi^0 \pi^0) \end{Bmatrix} \text{CP} = +1$$



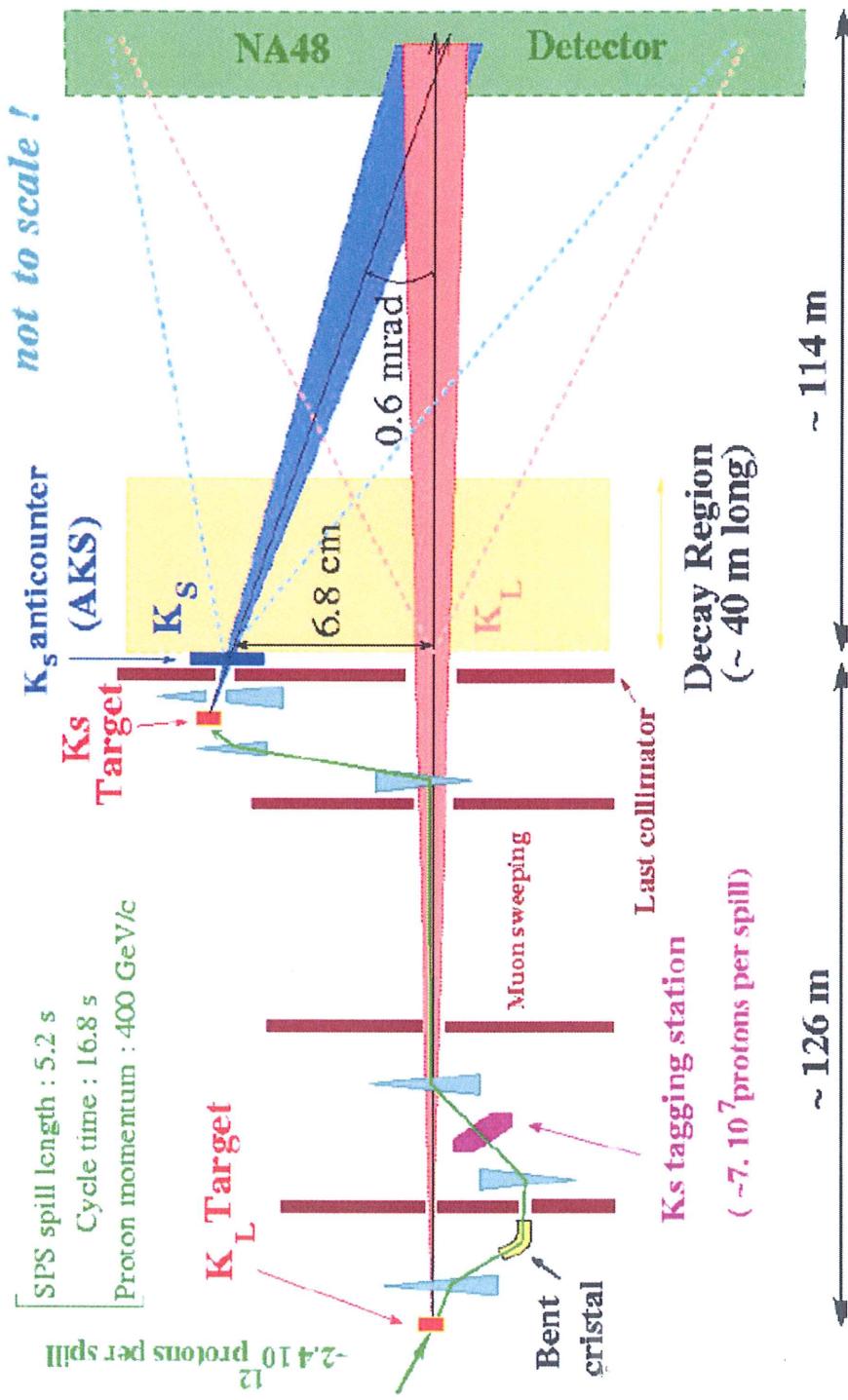
$$\langle 2\pi | K_L \rangle = \varepsilon \langle 2\pi | K_1 \rangle + \langle 2\pi | K_2 \rangle$$

In consequence...

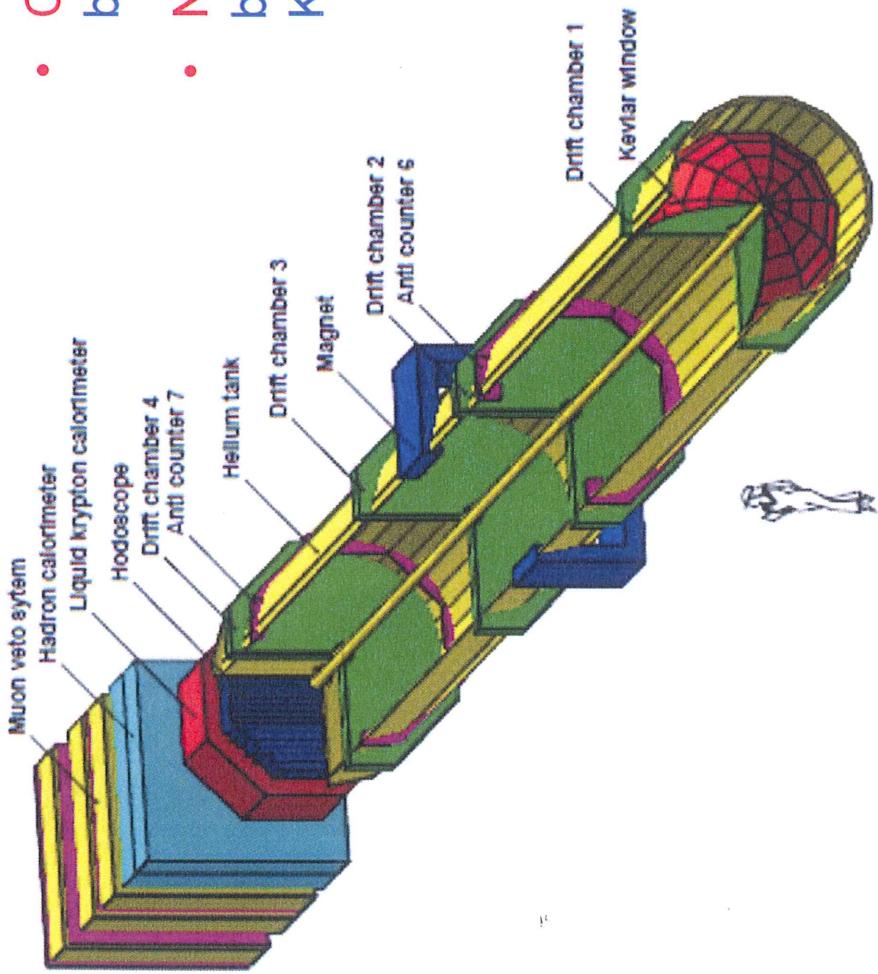
$$\frac{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) - \Gamma(\overline{K^0} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) + \Gamma(\overline{K^0} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)} = 2 \operatorname{Re}(\varepsilon')$$

If $\varepsilon' \neq 0$ particle and
antiparticle decay rates
differ:

NA48 Simultaneous K_L and K_S beams



NA48 Detector



- **Charged particles** reconstructed by magnetic spectrometer
- **Neutral particles** reconstructed by quasi-homogenous Liquid Krypton e.m. calorimeter