

Quantum Tomography of Neutral Mesons in Flavor Space

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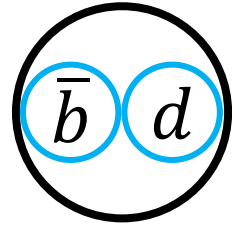


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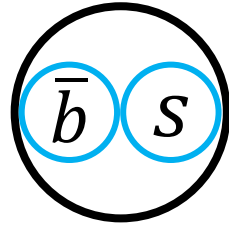


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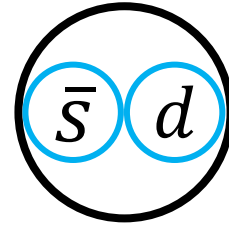
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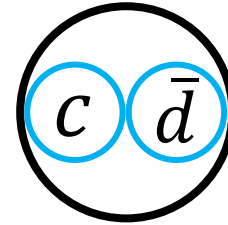
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B_s^0



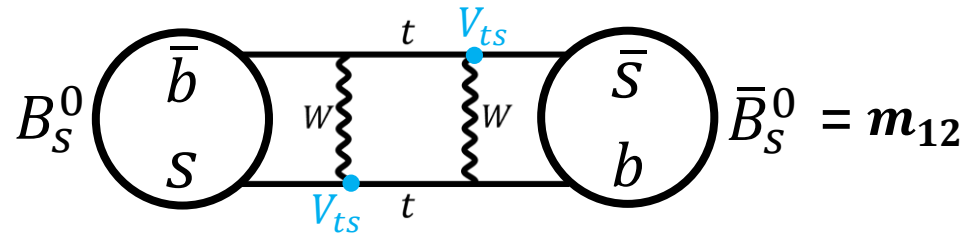
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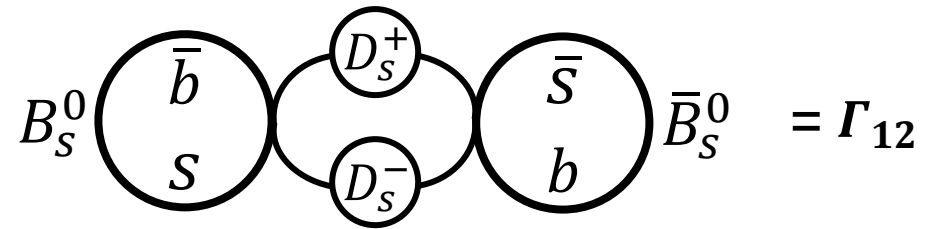
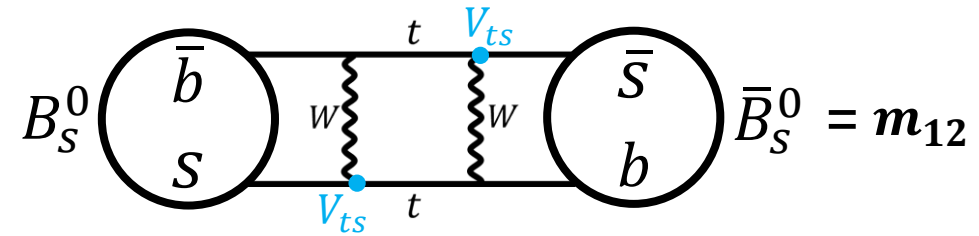
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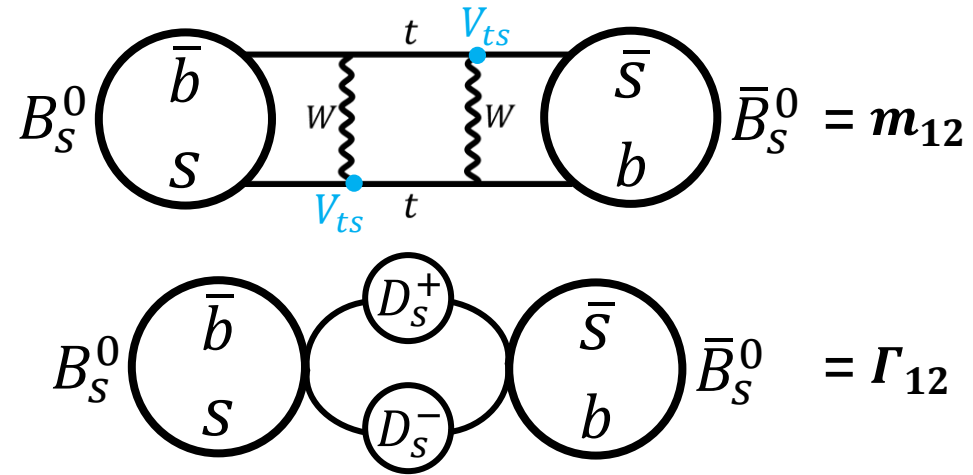
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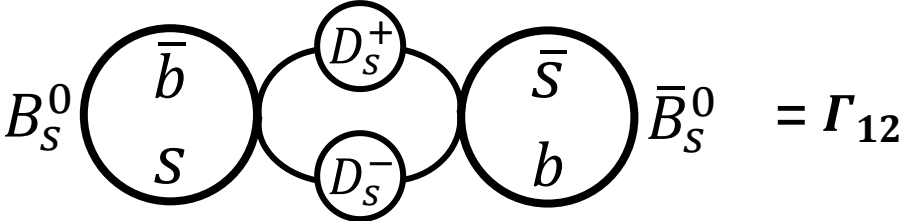
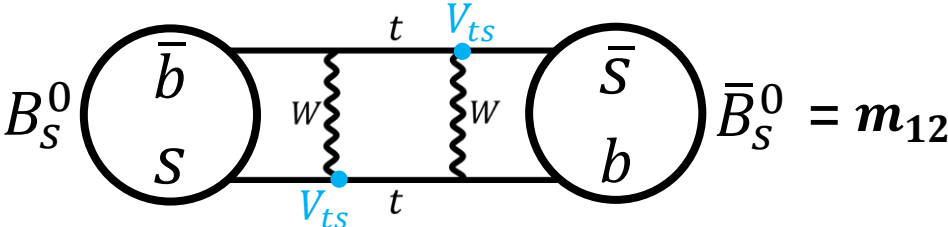


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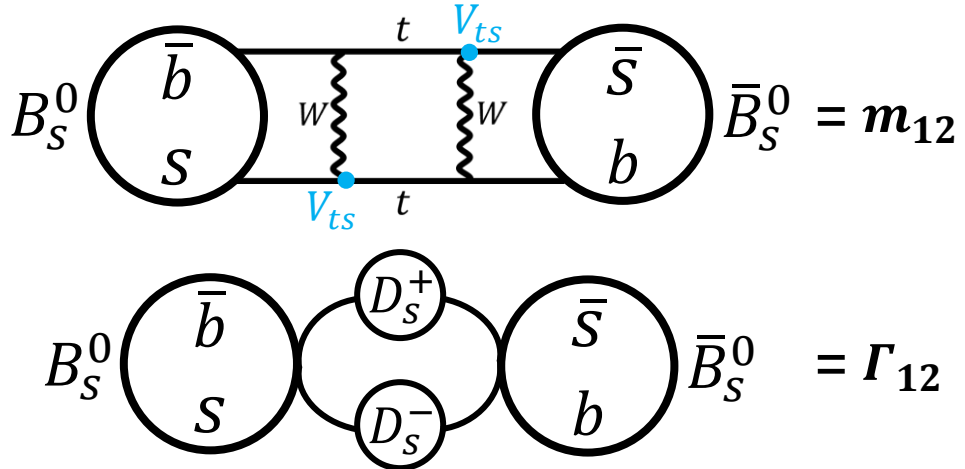
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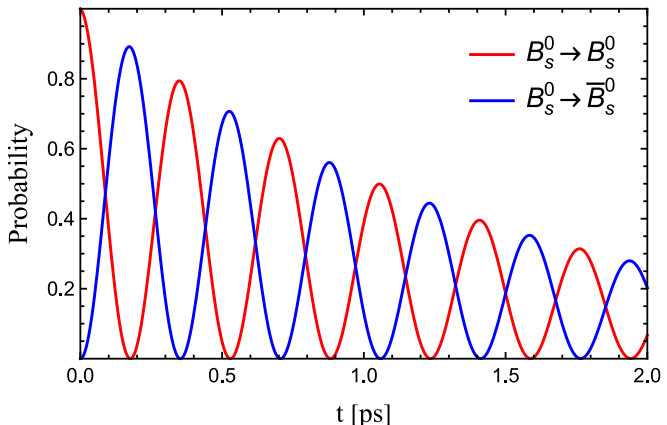
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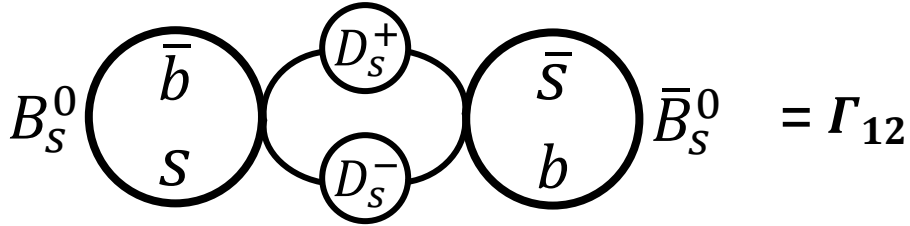
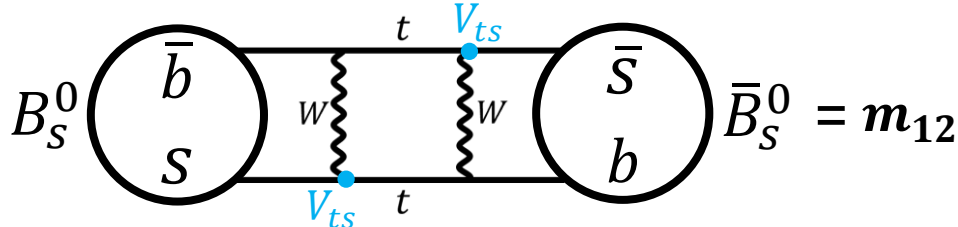


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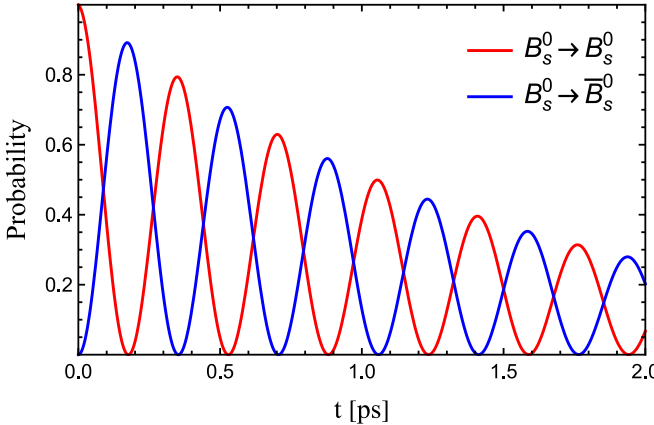
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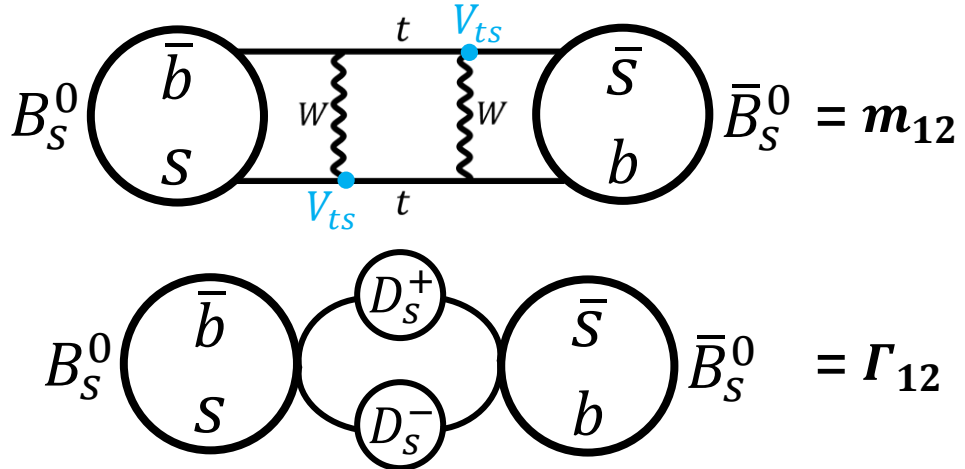
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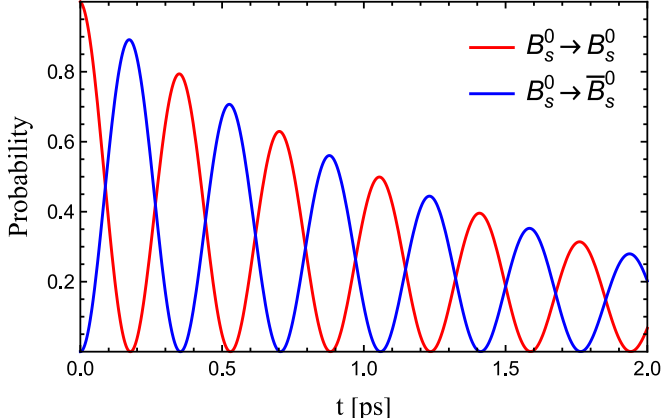
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 Meson is a flavor qubit

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

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Flavor oscillation + Flavor tagging decay = Flavor polarizer in any direction !

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$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2 - im_1 t} + e^{-\Gamma_2 t/2 - im_2 t}) & \frac{1}{2}(e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2 - im_1 t} - e^{-\Gamma_2 t/2 - im_2 t}) \\ \frac{1}{2}(e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2 - im_1 t} - e^{-\Gamma_2 t/2 - im_2 t}) & \frac{1}{2}(e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2 - im_1 t} + e^{-\Gamma_2 t/2 - im_2 t}) \end{pmatrix}$$

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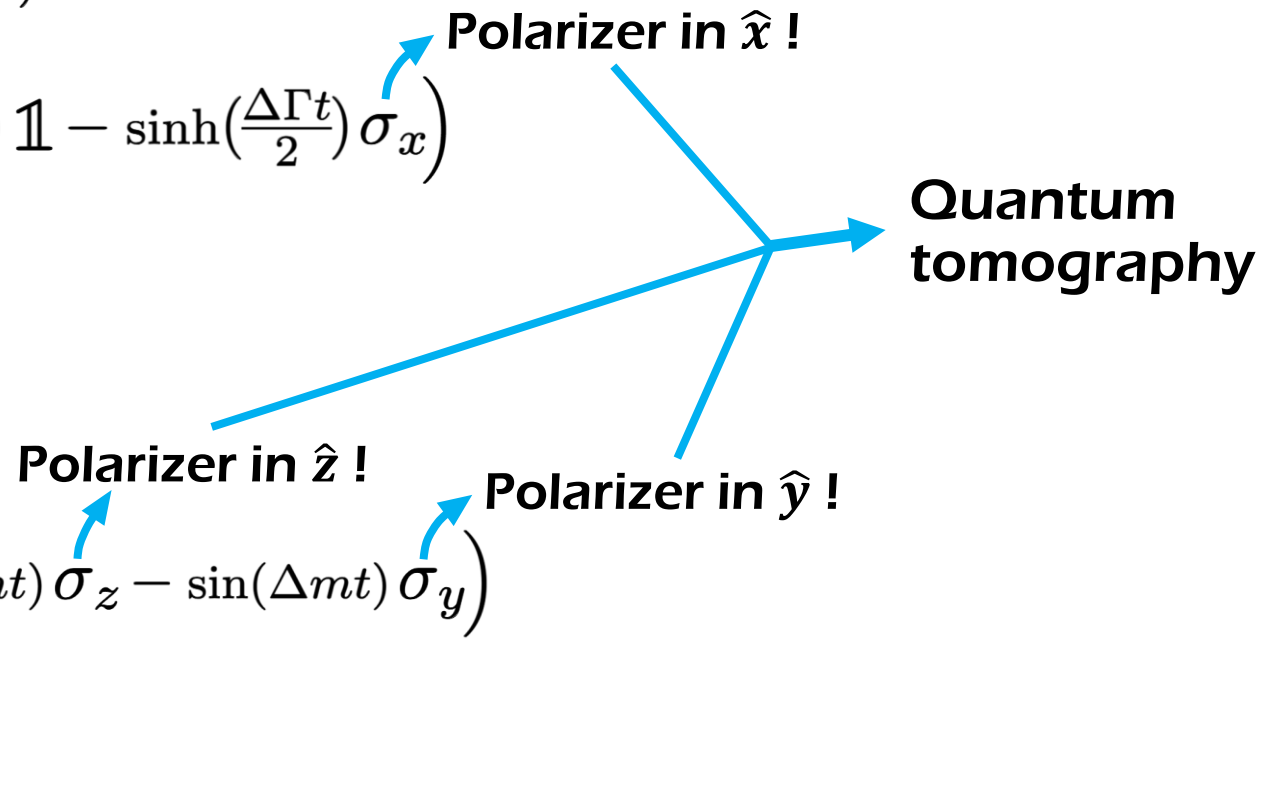
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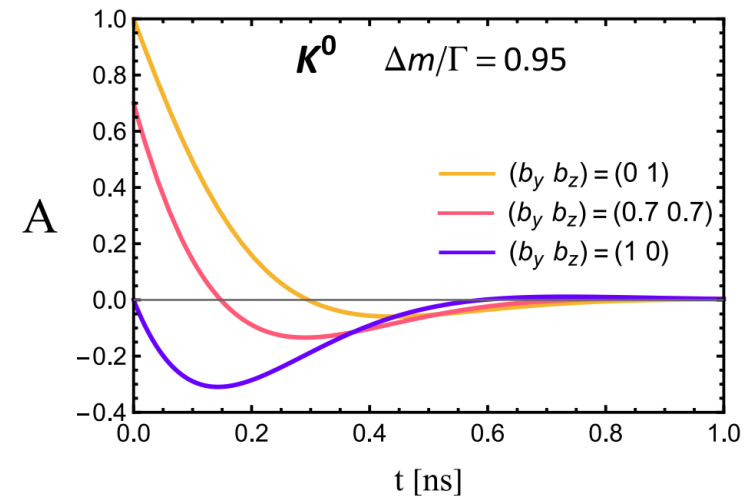
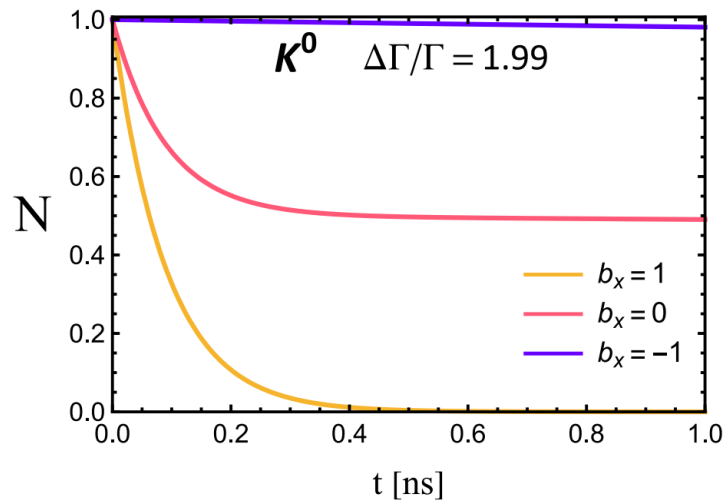
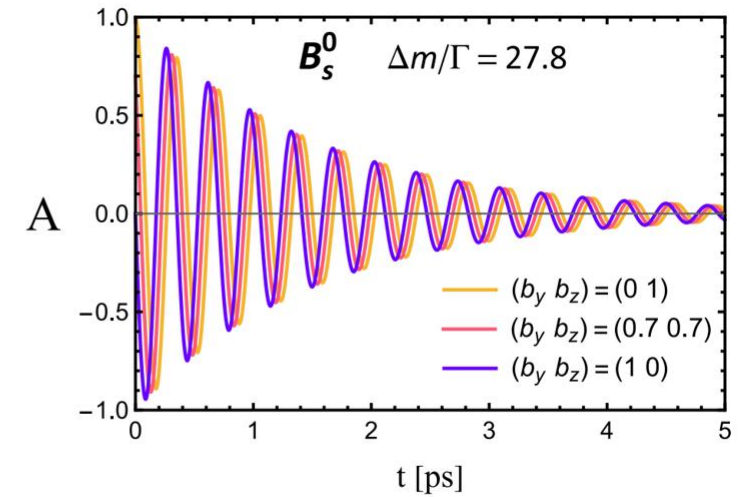
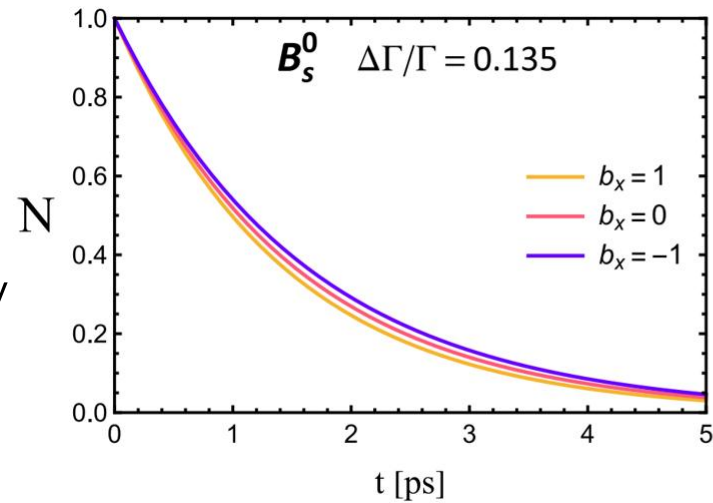
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Fitting to the distributions gives $\vec{b}(0)$



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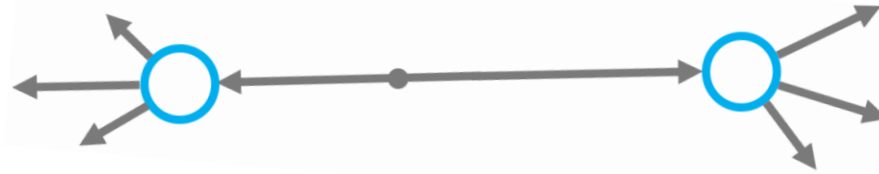
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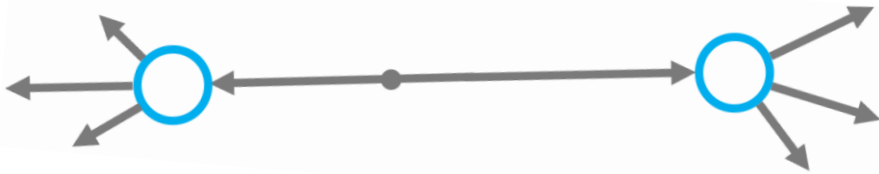
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$$\frac{d^2 N_{\text{tot}}}{dt_1 dt_2} = N_0 e^{-\Gamma(t_1+t_2)} \left(\text{ch}_{t_1} \text{ch}_{t_2} - \text{ch}_{t_1} \text{sh}_{t_2} b_x^{\mathcal{A}} - \text{sh}_{t_1} \text{ch}_{t_2} b_x^{\mathcal{B}} + \text{sh}_{t_1} \text{sh}_{t_2} \boxed{C_{xx}} \right)$$

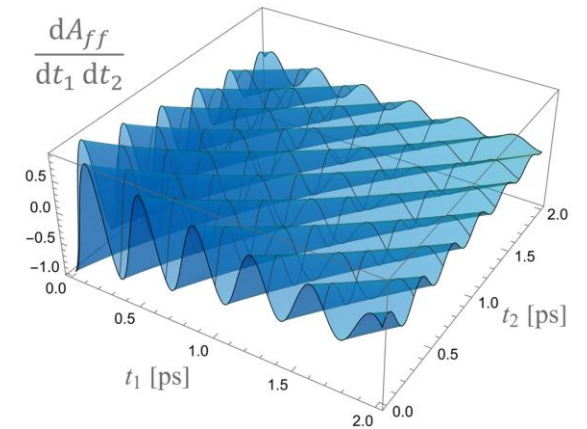
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$$\text{ch}/\text{sh}_t = \cosh / \sinh(\Delta \Gamma t / 2)$$



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$$\rho = \frac{a}{4} \left(\mathbb{1}_4 + b_i^{\mathcal{A}} \sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 + b_i^{\mathcal{B}} \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes \sigma_i + \boxed{C_{ij}} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j \right)$$

Flavor correlation matrix

Observables:

$$\frac{d^2 N_{\text{tot}}}{dt_1 dt_2} = N_0 e^{-\Gamma(t_1+t_2)} \left(\text{ch}_{t_1} \text{ch}_{t_2} - \text{ch}_{t_1} \text{sh}_{t_2} b_x^{\mathcal{A}} - \text{sh}_{t_1} \text{ch}_{t_2} b_x^{\mathcal{B}} + \text{sh}_{t_1} \text{sh}_{t_2} \boxed{C_{xx}} \right)$$

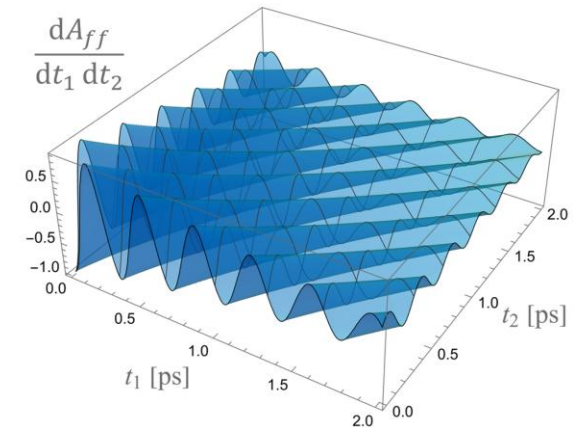
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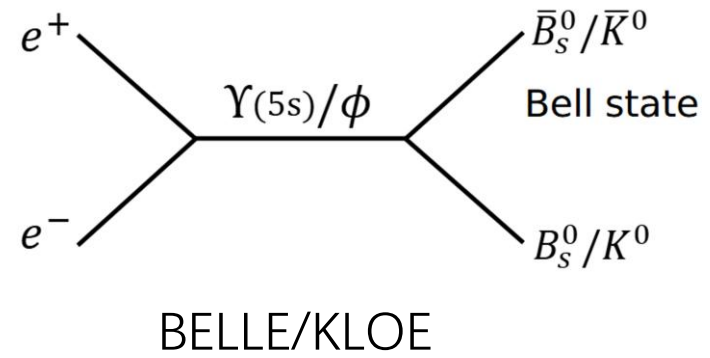
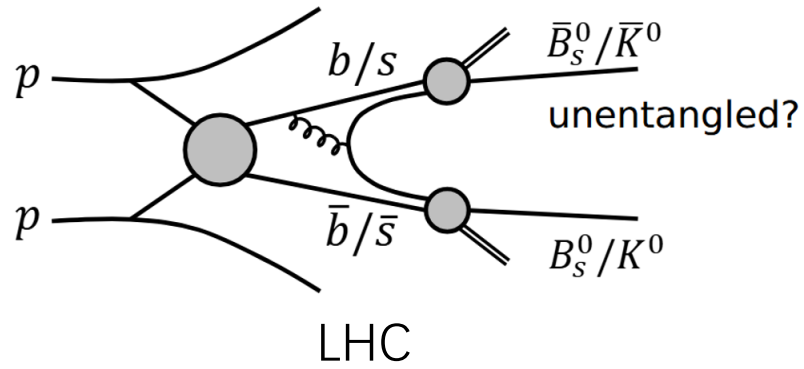
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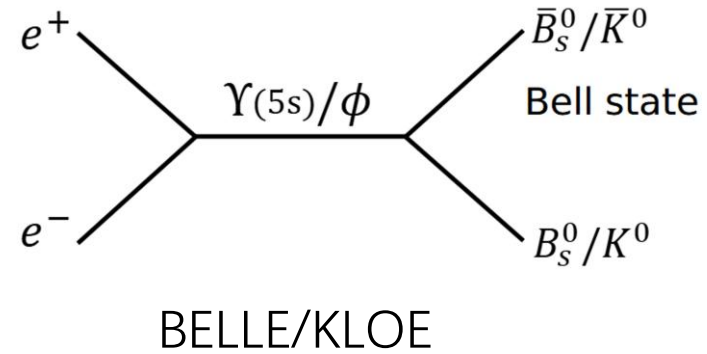
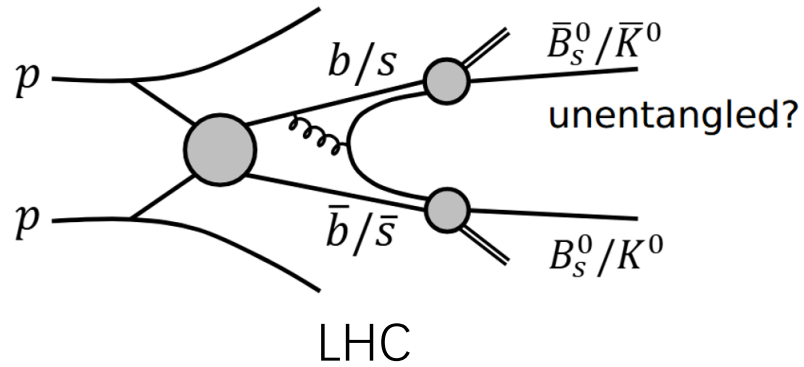


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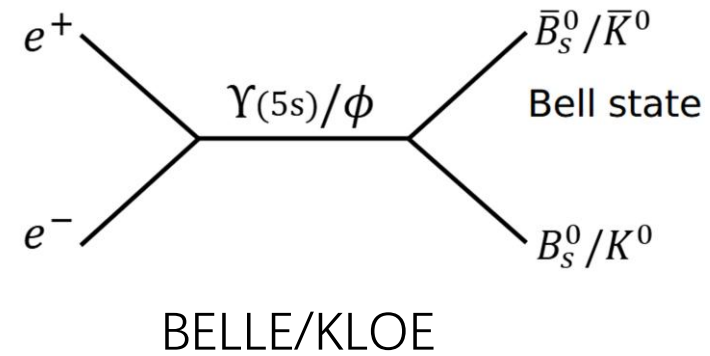
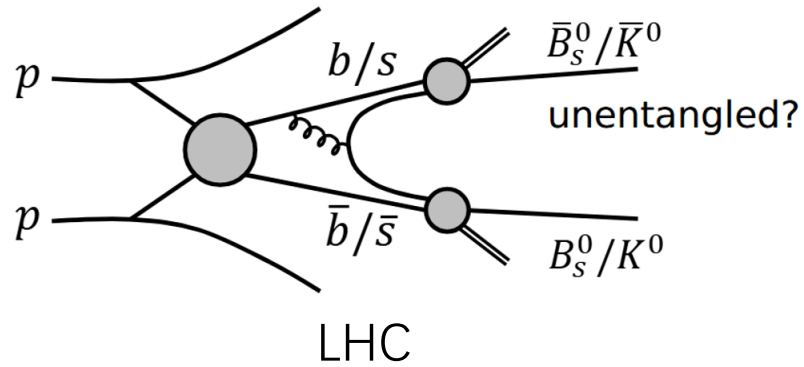


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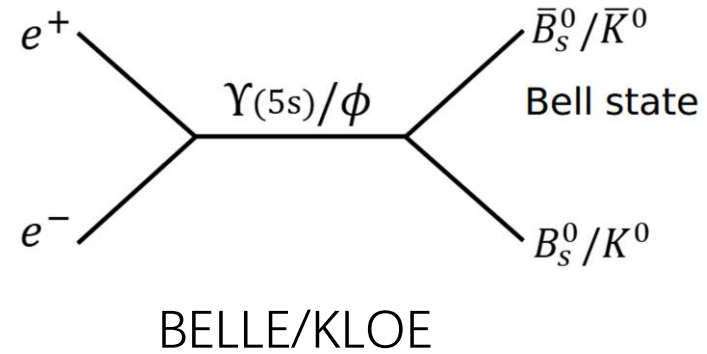
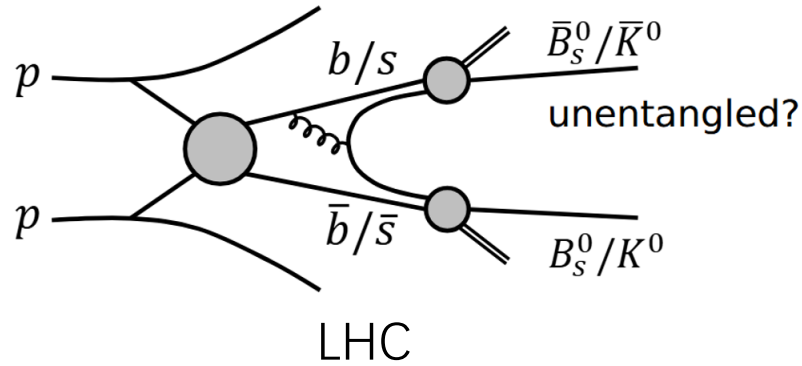
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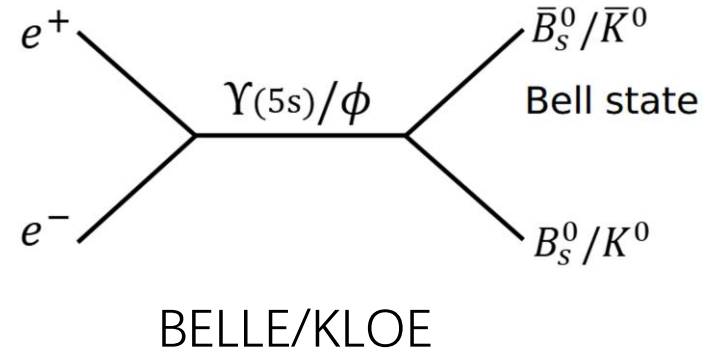
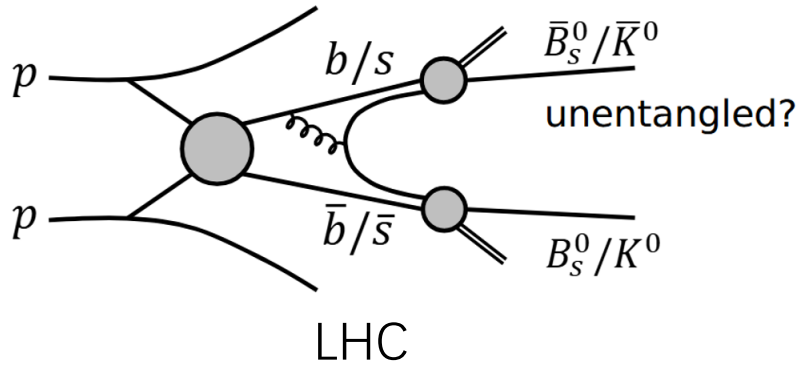
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Bell Variable	0.1856 ± 0.0015	0.187 ± 0.004
Conditional Entropy	-0.16 ± 0.31	-0.154 ± 0.007
SSRE (magic)	0.38 ± 0.15	0.389 ± 0.003

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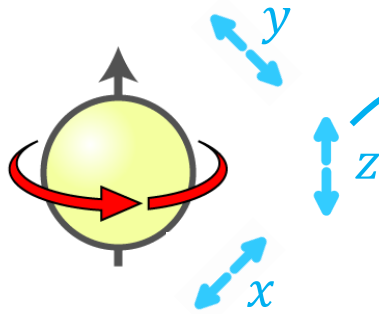
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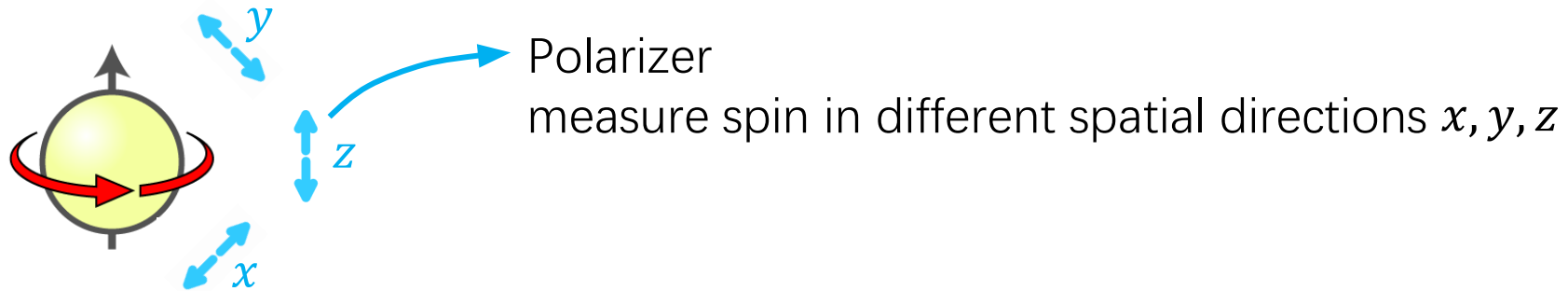
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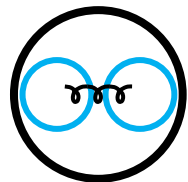
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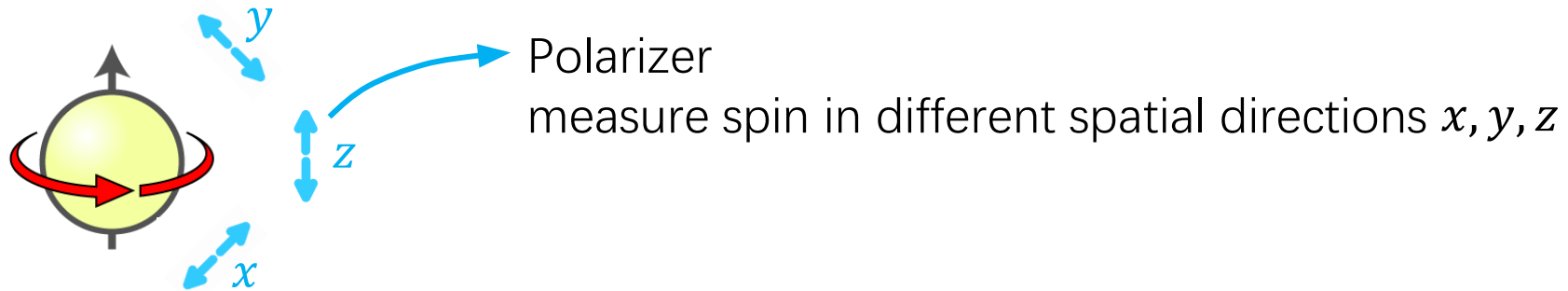
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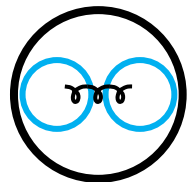
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Flavors are tagged by semi-leptonic decay

$$M^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell X, \quad \bar{M}^0 \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell X$$

Fitting to the distributions gives $\vec{b}(0)$

$\Delta\Gamma$ provides sensitivity to $b_x(0)$

Δm provides sensitivity to $b_y(0)$, $b_z(0)$

	B_s^0	B^0	D^0	K^0
$\Delta m/\Gamma$	26.8	0.769	4.6×10^{-3}	0.95
$\Delta\Gamma/\Gamma$	0.135	4.0×10^{-3}	0.012	1.99

