
Direct Test of time reversal and CPT symmetries with entangled neutral mesons



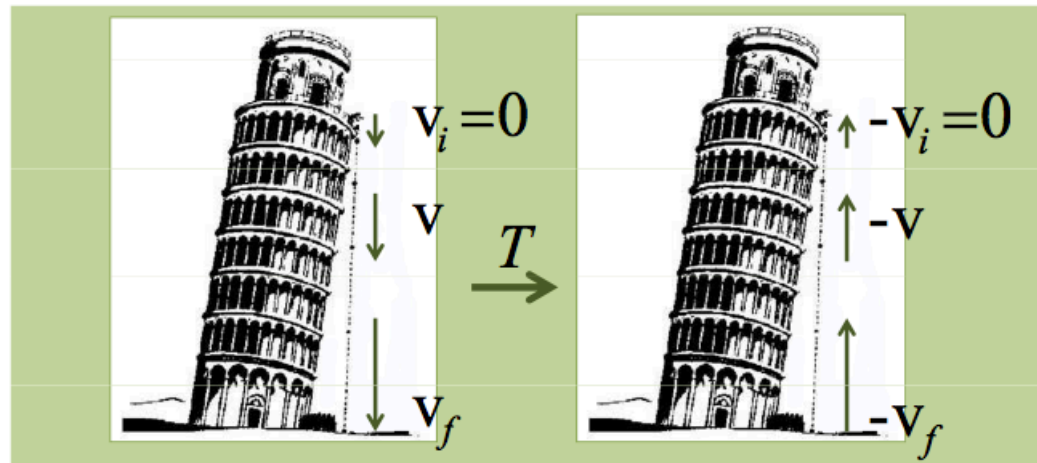
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Time Reversal: introduction

- The transformation of a system corresponding to the inversion of the time coordinate, the formal substitution $t \rightarrow -t$, is usually called ‘**time reversal**’, but a more appropriate name would actually be **motion reversal**.



- Exchange of in \leftrightarrow out states and reversal of all momenta and spins tests time reversal, i.e. the symmetry of the responsible dynamics for the observed process under time reversal $t \rightarrow -t$ (transformation implemented in QM by an antiunitary operator)
- Similarly for CPT tests: the exchange of in \leftrightarrow out states etc.. is required.

Test of Time Reversal symmetry

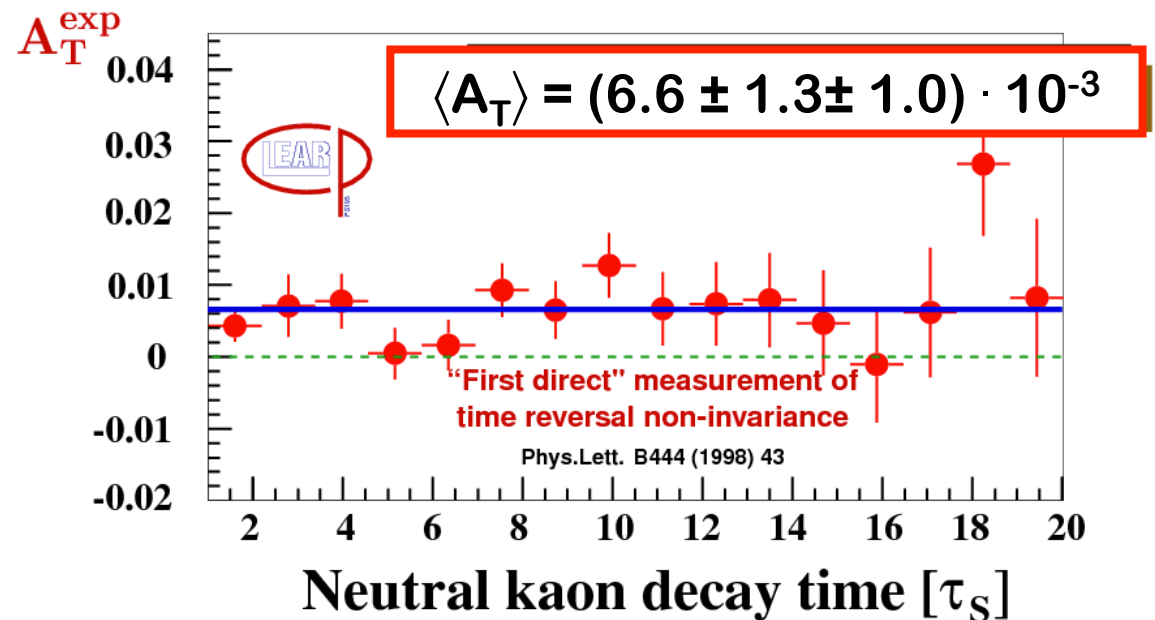
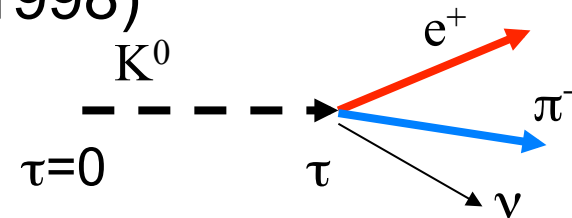
- T-Violation exists in the Standard Model of electro-weak interactions
- CPT theorem => All local unitary field theories with Lorentz invariance have CPT symmetry
- Automatic connection between CP-violation and T-violation
- T and CPT described by ANTIUNITARY rather than unitary operators, introducing many intriguing subtleties.
- Even though CPT invariance has been experimentally confirmed, particularly in the neutral kaon system with stringent limits, the theoretical connection between CP and T symmetries does not imply an experimental identity between them.

- Time reversal symmetry can be tested e.g. in the case of
 - (i) T-odd observable for a non degenerate stationary state: e.g. electric dipole moment of neutron;
 - (ii) transition between stable particles: e.g. neutrino oscillations
 - (iii) transition between unstable particles: e.g. K^0 oscillations

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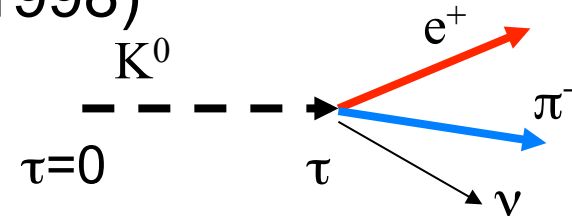
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$$= 4\Re \varepsilon$$

assumption: no CPT violation
in semileptonic decay:

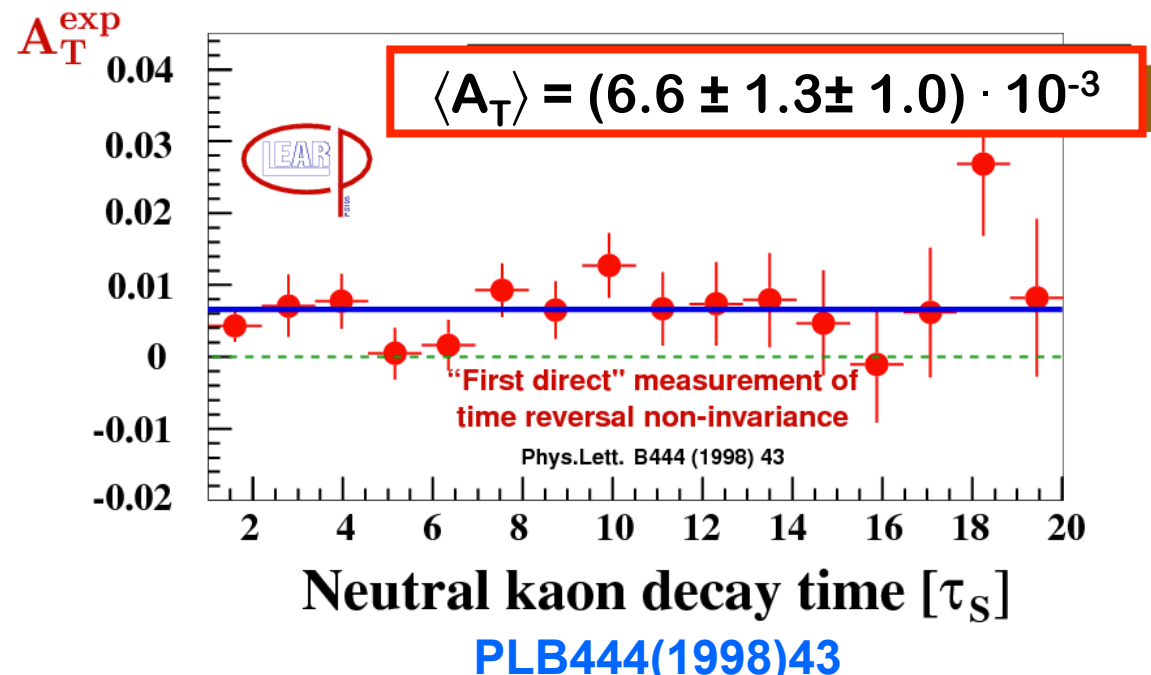
$$\Re(y - x_-) = 0$$

T viol

$$\varepsilon = \frac{H_{12} - H_{21}}{2(\lambda_S - \lambda_L)}$$

CPT viol

$$\delta = \frac{H_{11} - H_{22}}{2(\lambda_S - \lambda_L)}$$

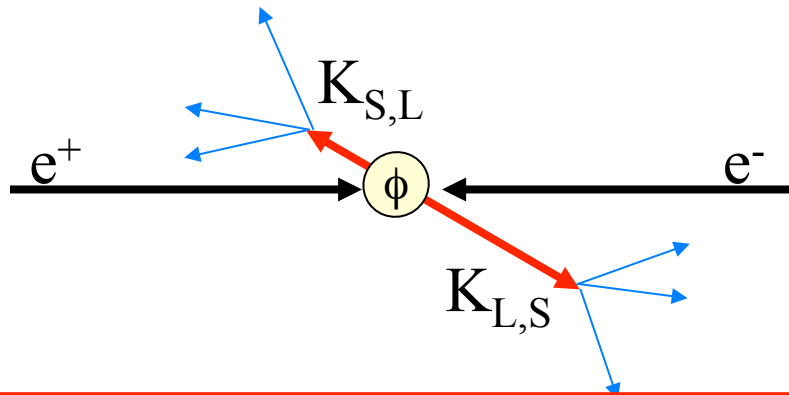
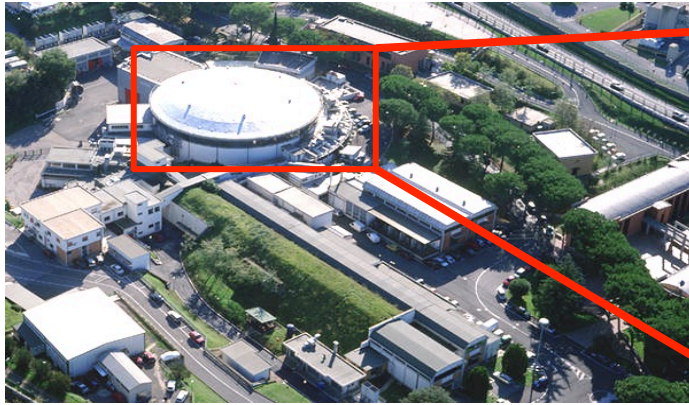


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- A direct evidence for T violation would mean an experiment that, considered by itself, clearly shows T violation INDEPENDENT and unconnected to the results for CP violation and CPT invariance
- Controversial interpretation of the CPLEAR result as “direct” test:
L. Wolfenstein “It is known from the detailed analysis of the CP-violating effects that this mixing indeed violates T as expected from CPT invariance. Thus the question we ask is not whether T is violated, which is known, but a didactic question as to whether we now have direct evidence.” “it is not as direct a test of TRV as one might like”
- 1) Remark: $K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$ is a CPT-even transition, so $CP \equiv T$ in this case !
CP and T cannot be distinguished (not independent)
T test: $K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$ vs $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0$
CP test: $K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$ vs $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0$
- 2) $A_T \propto \Re \varepsilon \propto \Delta\Gamma = \Gamma_S - \Gamma_L$; if $\Delta\Gamma \sim 0$ the TRV effect vanishes (in B meson system $\Delta\Gamma \sim 0$: no TRV through $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0$ transition); decay plays an essential role =>
not negligible initial state interaction effects associated with $\Delta\Gamma \neq 0$
- L. Wolfenstein IJMP(1999), PRL (1999), Bernabeu PLB (1999), NPB (2000), H. Quinn (JPPS (2008); Bernabeu et al. JHEP (2012)

KLOE/KLOE-2 experiment at the Frascati ϕ -factory DAΦNE

DAΦNE collider



KLOE detector



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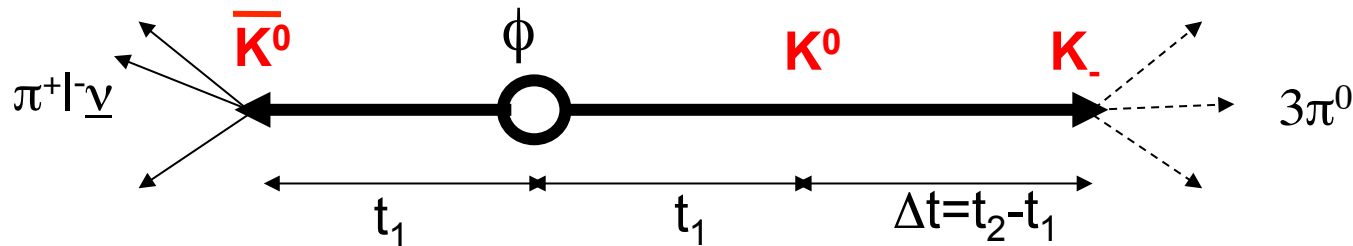
$$N = \sqrt{\frac{(1+|\varepsilon_S|^2)(1+|\varepsilon_L|^2)}{1-\varepsilon_S\varepsilon_L}} \approx 1$$

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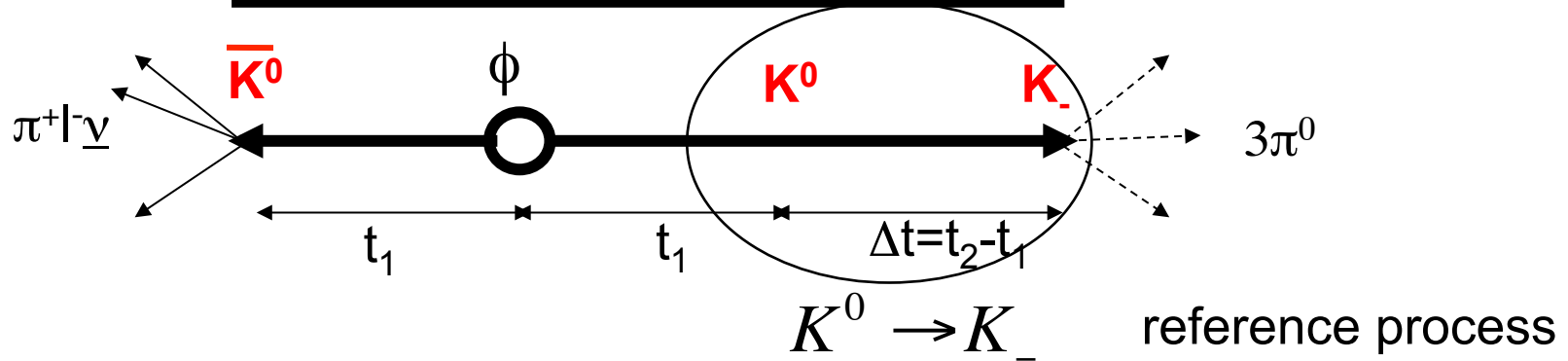


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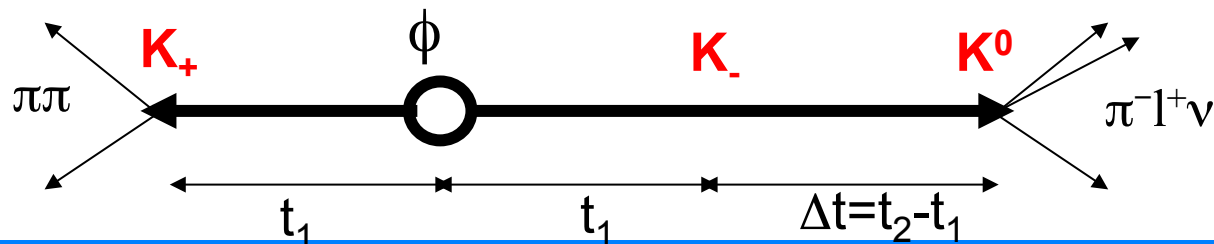
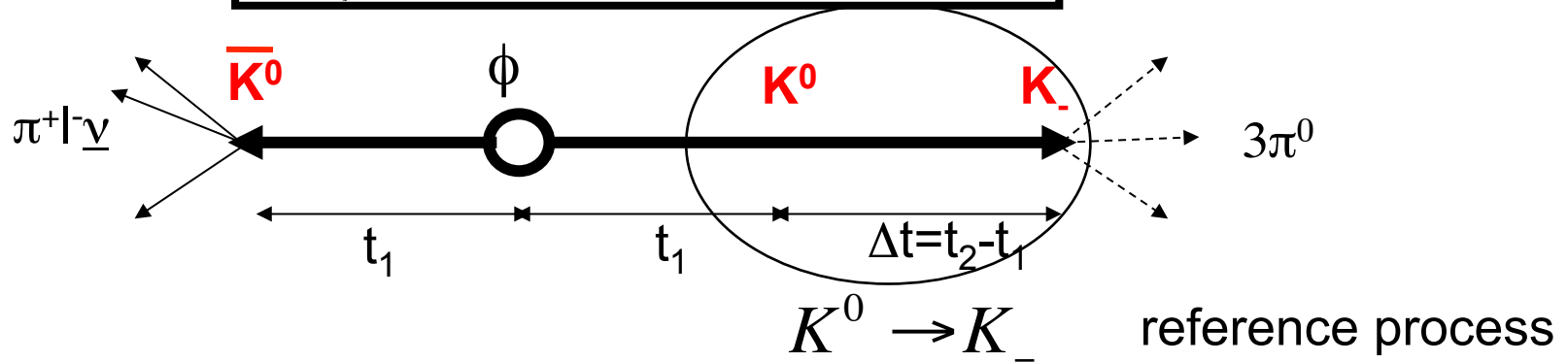


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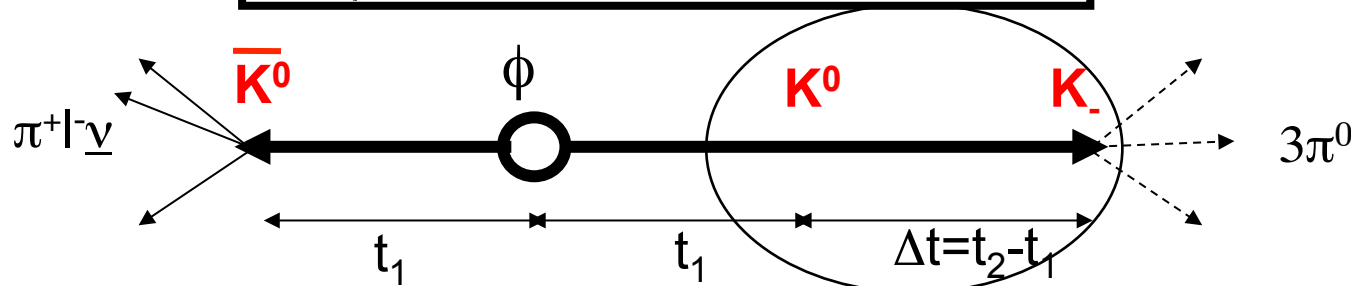


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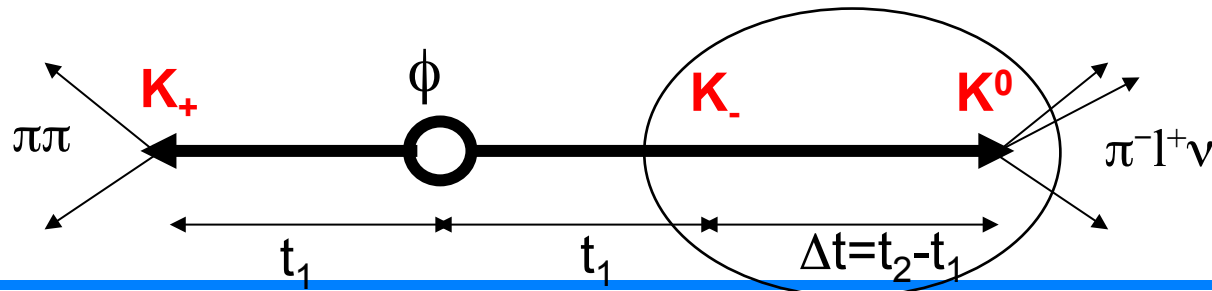
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$K^0 \rightarrow K_-$ reference process

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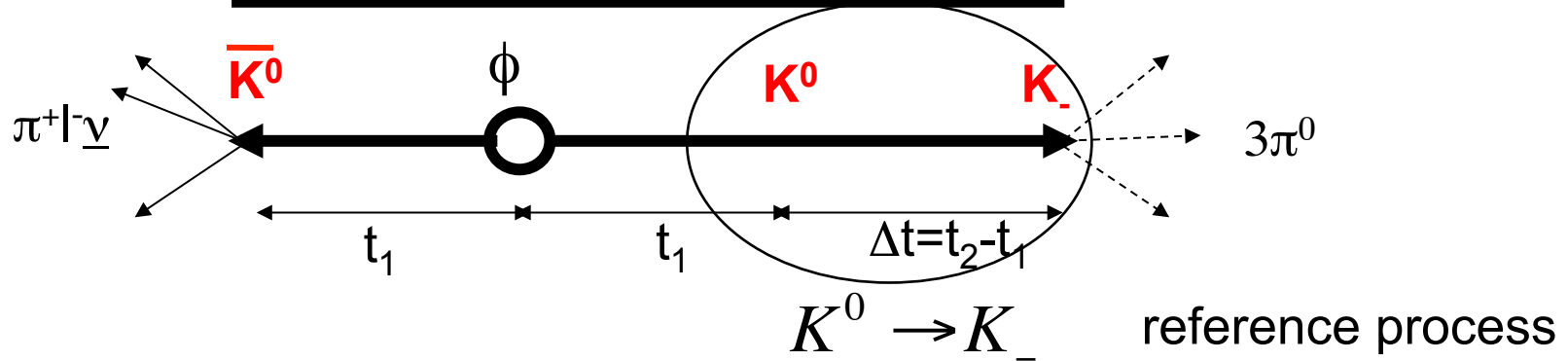


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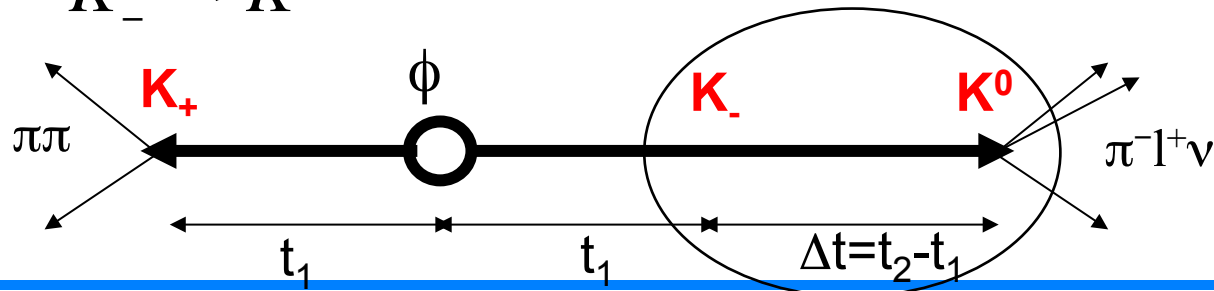
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Note: CP and CPT conjugated process

$$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_- \quad K_- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$$

$$K_- \rightarrow K^0 \quad \text{T-conjugated process}$$

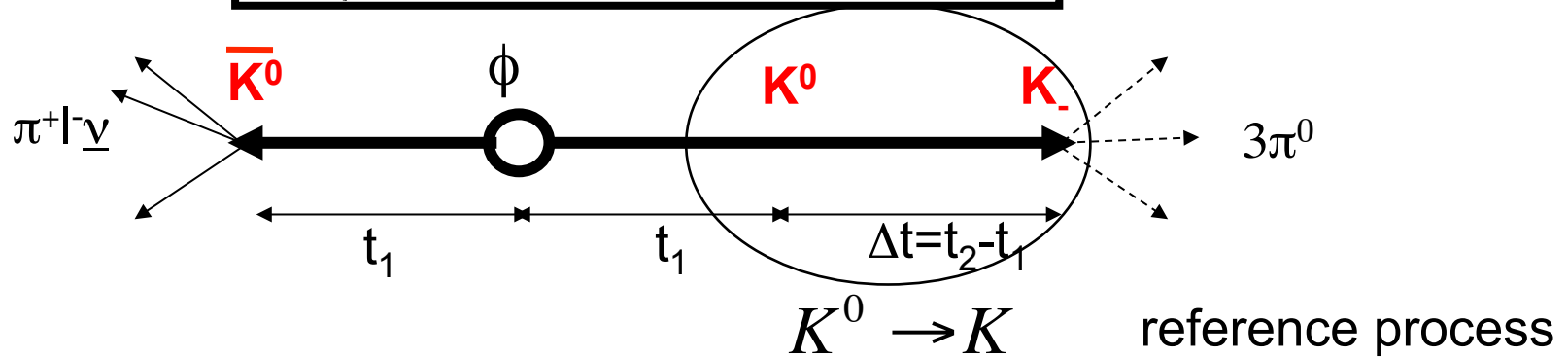


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$$I(\pi\pi, l^+; \Delta t) = C(\pi\pi, l^+) \times P[K_-(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)]$$

In general with $f_{\bar{X}}$ decaying before f_Y , i.e. $\Delta t > 0$:

$$I(f_{\bar{X}}, f_Y; \Delta t) = C(f_{\bar{X}}, f_Y) \times P[K_X(0) \rightarrow K_Y(\Delta t)]$$

with
$$C(f_{\bar{X}}, f_Y) = \frac{1}{2(\Gamma_S + \Gamma_L)} |\langle f_{\bar{X}} | T | \bar{K}_X \rangle \langle f_Y | T | K_Y \rangle|^2$$

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$K_- \rightarrow K^0$	$K^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$K_- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_-$
$K_- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$K_- \rightarrow K^0$	$K^0 \rightarrow K_-$
$K_- \rightarrow K_+$	$K_+ \rightarrow K_-$	$K_+ \rightarrow K_+$	$K_+ \rightarrow K_+$
$K_- \rightarrow K_-$	$K_- \rightarrow K_-$	$K_- \rightarrow K_-$	$K_- \rightarrow K_-$

already in the
table with
conjugate as
reference

4 distinct tests
of *T* symmetry

4 distinct tests
of *CP* symmetry

4 distinct tests
of *CPT* symmetry

Two identical
conjugates
for one reference

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T symmetry test

Reference		T -conjugate	
Transition	Final state	Transition	Final state
$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$(\ell^+, \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0)$	$K_- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$(\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \ell^-)$
$K_+ \rightarrow K^0$	$(\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \ell^+)$	$K^0 \rightarrow K_+$	$(\ell^-, \pi \pi)$
$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_+$	$(\ell^+, \pi \pi)$	$K_+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$(\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \ell^-)$
$K_- \rightarrow K^0$	$(\pi \pi, \ell^+)$	$K^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$(\ell^-, \pi \pi)$

One can define the following ratios of probabilities:

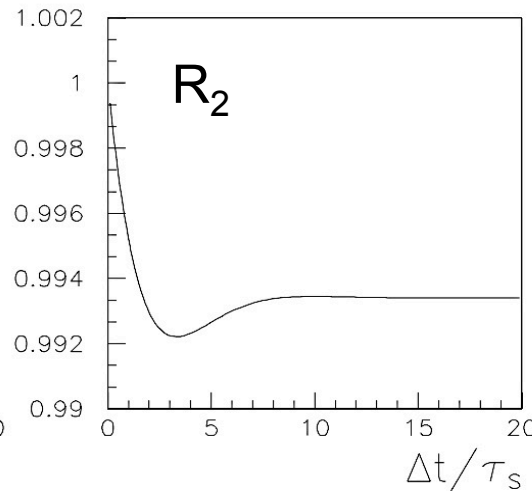
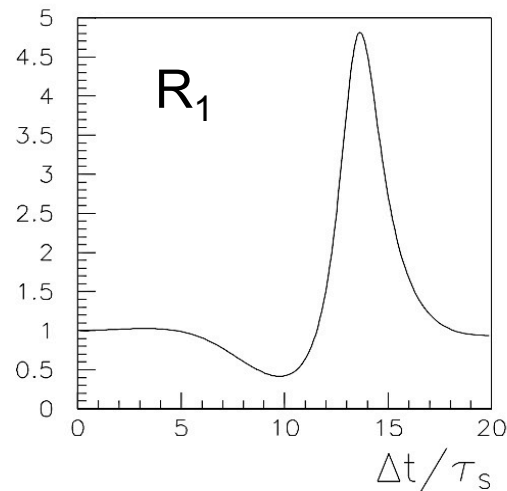
$$\begin{aligned}
 R_1(\Delta t) &= P [K^0(0) \rightarrow K_+(\Delta t)] / P [K_+(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)] \\
 R_2(\Delta t) &= P [K^0(0) \rightarrow K_-(\Delta t)] / P [K_-(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)] \\
 R_3(\Delta t) &= P [\bar{K}^0(0) \rightarrow K_+(\Delta t)] / P [K_+(0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\Delta t)] \\
 R_4(\Delta t) &= P [\bar{K}^0(0) \rightarrow K_-(\Delta t)] / P [K_-(0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\Delta t)] .
 \end{aligned}$$

Any deviation from $R_i=1$ constitutes a violation of T-symmetry

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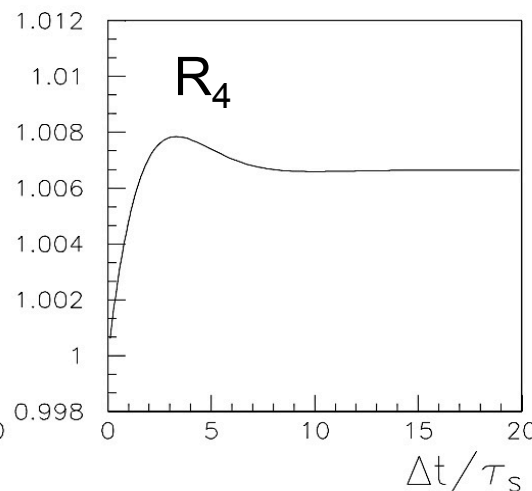
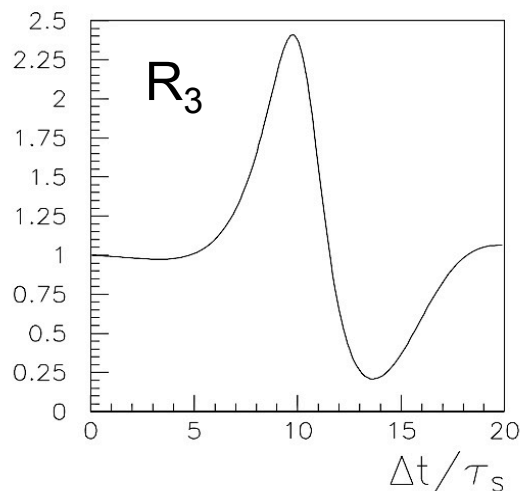
Any deviation from $R_i=1$ constitutes a direct evidence of T-symmetry violation



$$R_i(\Delta t=0)=1$$

$$R_2(\Delta t \gg \tau_S)=1-4\text{Re}(\varepsilon)$$

$$R_4(\Delta t \gg \tau_S)=1+4\text{Re}(\varepsilon)$$



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$$R_1^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t) \equiv \frac{I(\ell^-, \pi\pi; \Delta t)}{I(3\pi^0, \ell^+; \Delta t)} = R_1(\Delta t) \times \frac{C(\ell^-, \pi\pi)}{C(3\pi^0, \ell^+)}$$

$$R_2^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t) \equiv \frac{I(\ell^-, 3\pi^0; \Delta t)}{I(\pi\pi, \ell^+; \Delta t)} = R_2(\Delta t) \times \frac{C(\ell^-, 3\pi^0)}{C(\pi\pi, \ell^+)}$$

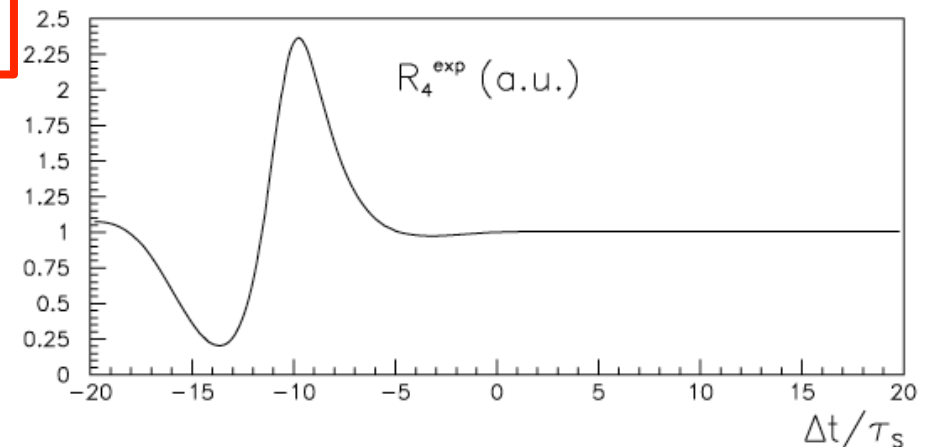
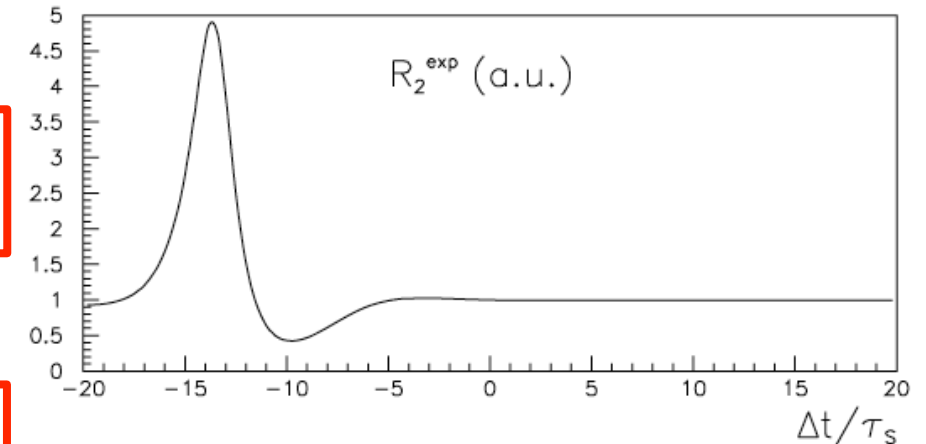
$$R_3^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t) \equiv \frac{I(\ell^+, \pi\pi; \Delta t)}{I(3\pi^0, \ell^-; \Delta t)} = R_3(\Delta t) \times \frac{C(\ell^+, \pi\pi)}{C(3\pi^0, \ell^-)}$$

$$R_4^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t) \equiv \frac{I(\ell^+, 3\pi^0; \Delta t)}{I(\pi\pi, \ell^-; \Delta t)} = R_4(\Delta t) \times \frac{C(\ell^+, 3\pi^0)}{C(\pi\pi, \ell^-)}$$

In practice two measurable ratios with $\Delta t < 0$ or > 0

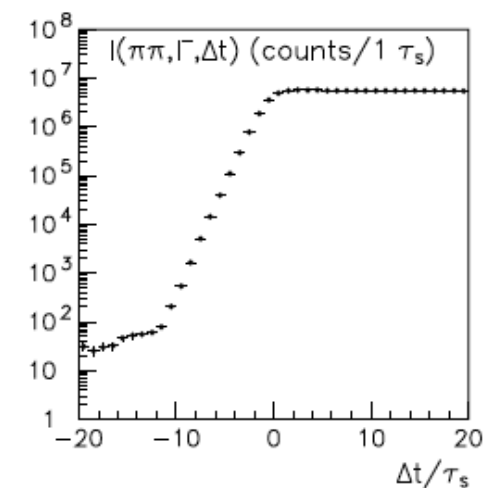
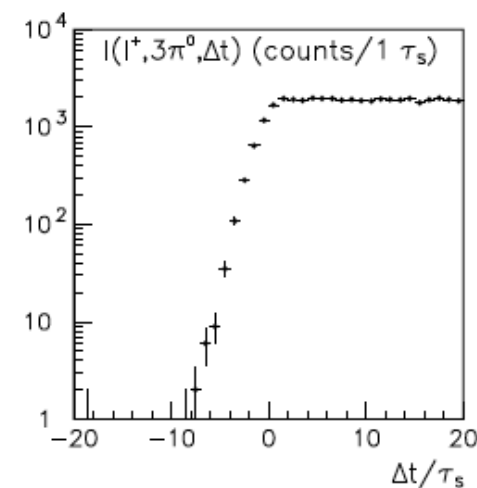
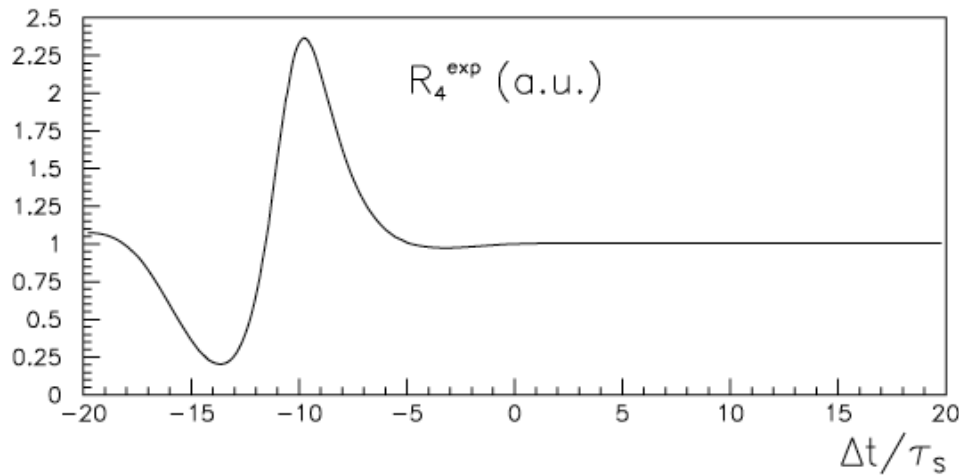
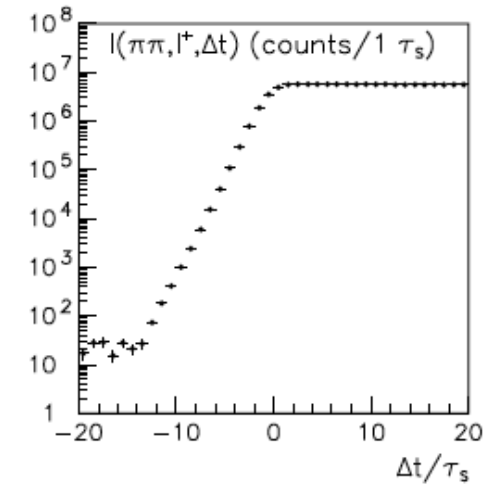
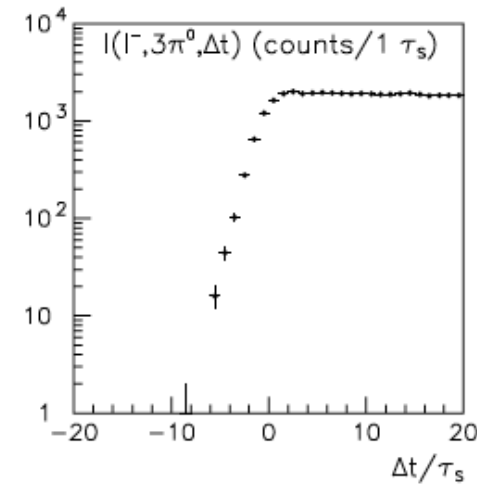
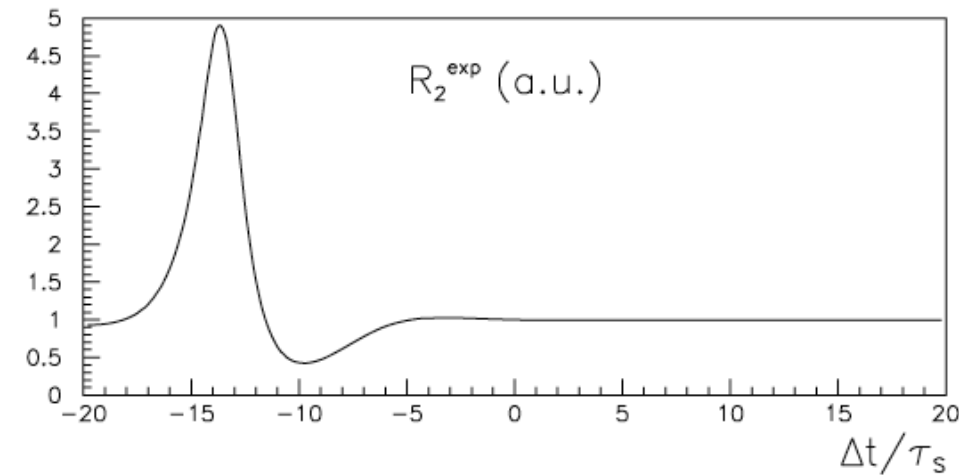
$$R_2^{\text{exp}}(-\Delta t) = \frac{1}{R_3^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t)} = \frac{1}{R_3(\Delta t)} \times \frac{C(3\pi^0, \ell^-)}{C(\ell^+, \pi\pi)},$$

$$R_4^{\text{exp}}(-\Delta t) = \frac{1}{R_1^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t)} = \frac{1}{R_1(\Delta t)} \times \frac{C(3\pi^0, \ell^+)}{C(\ell^-, \pi\pi)}.$$



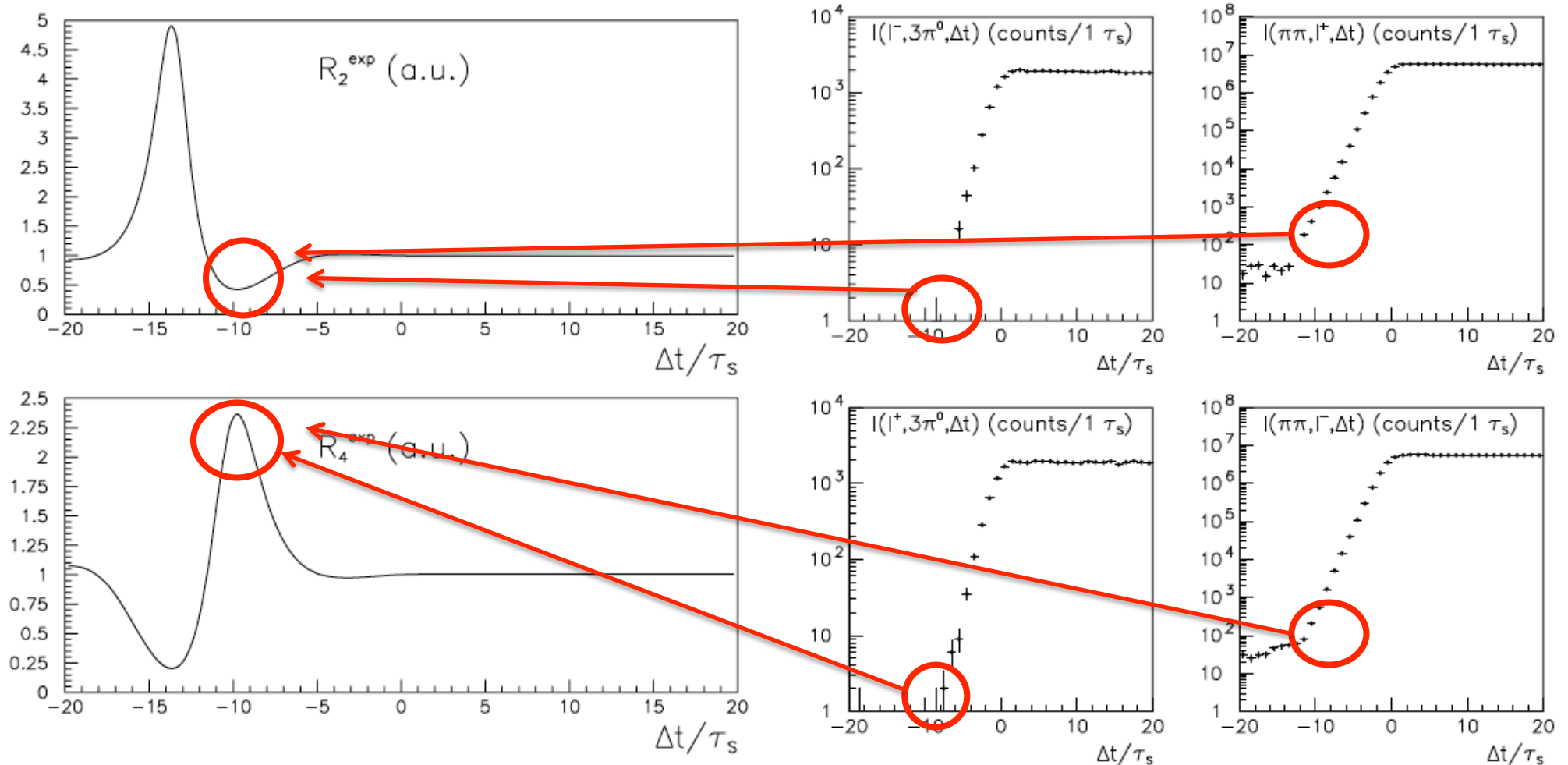
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toy MC with $L=10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



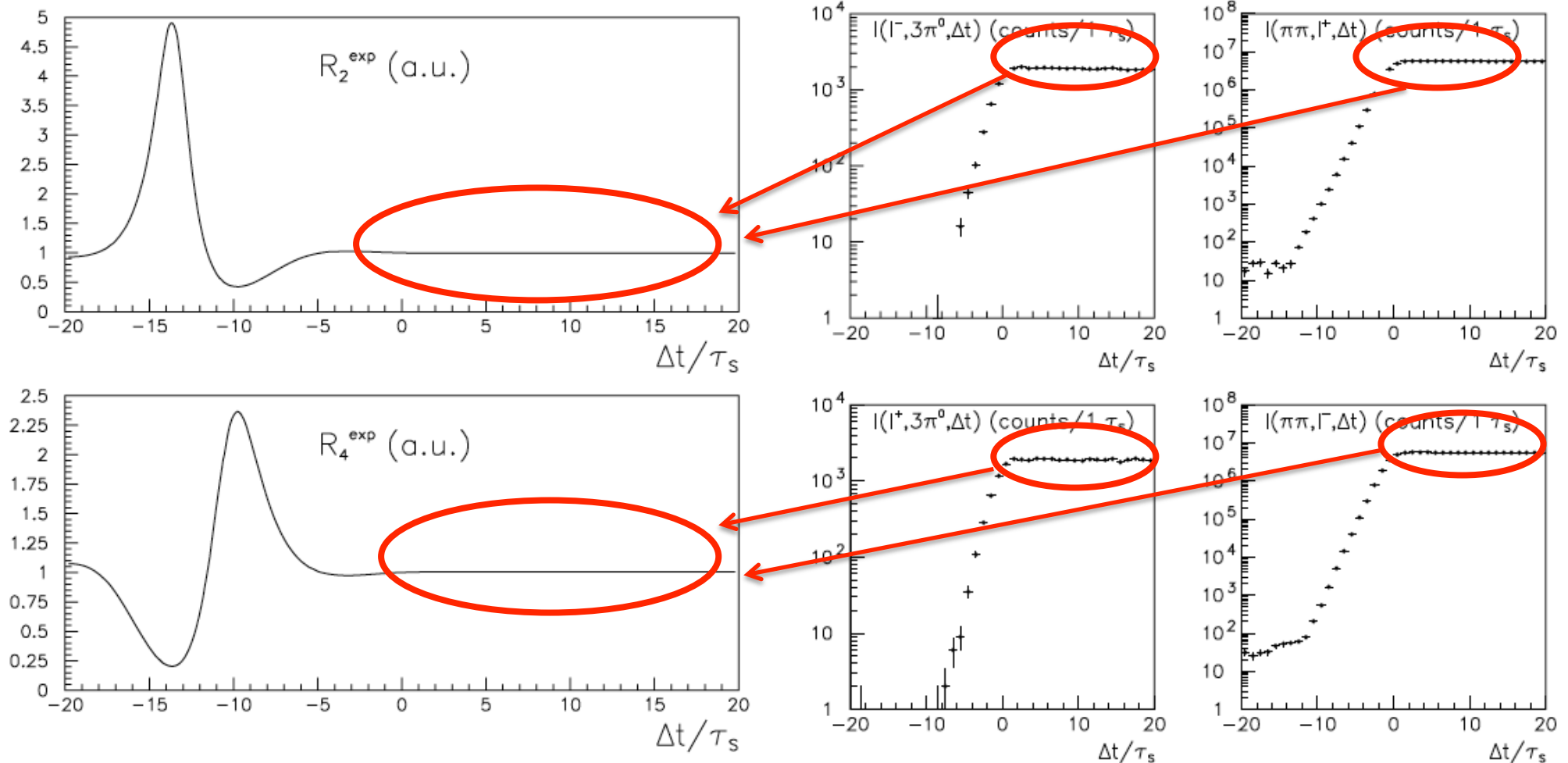
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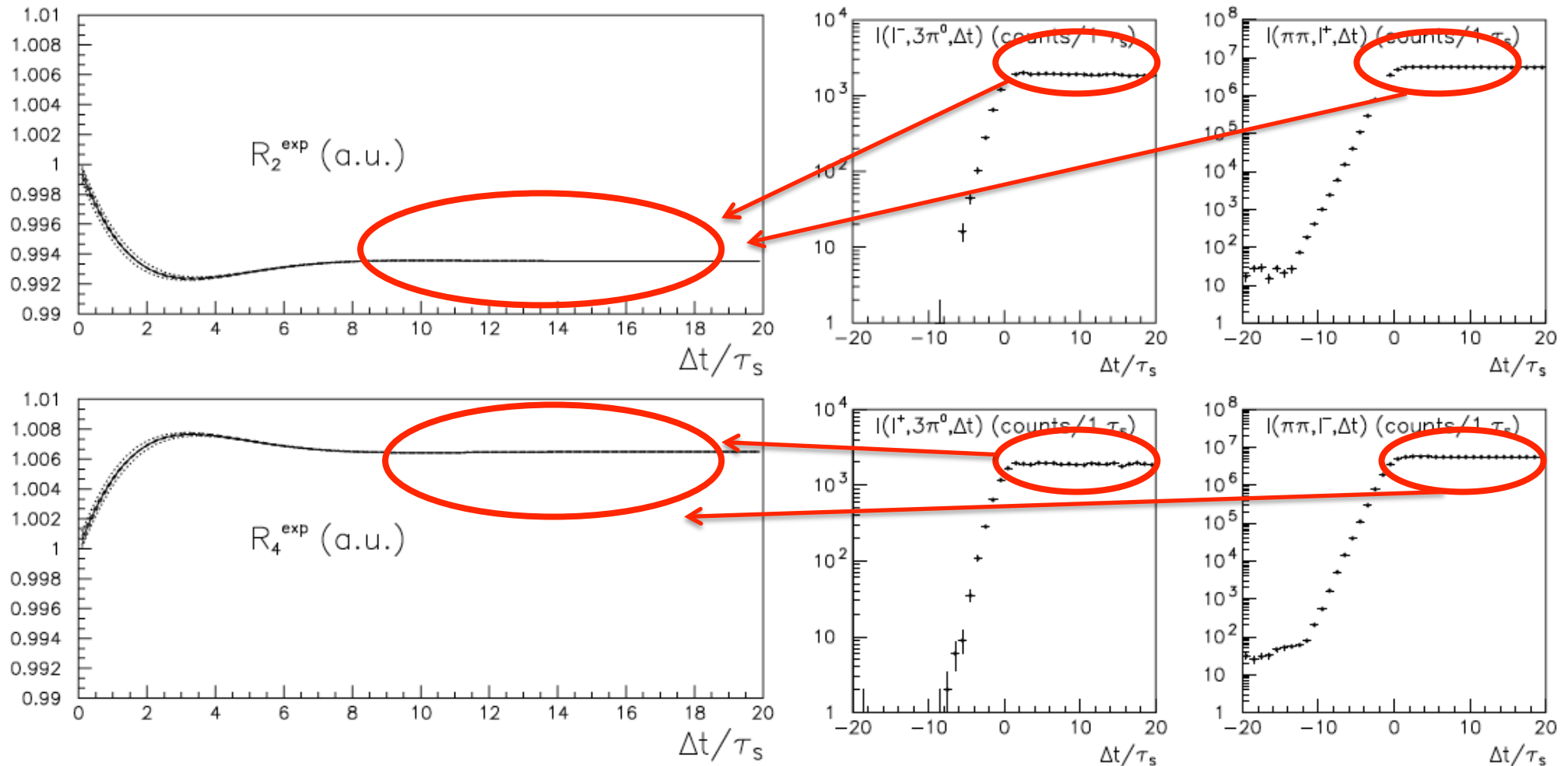
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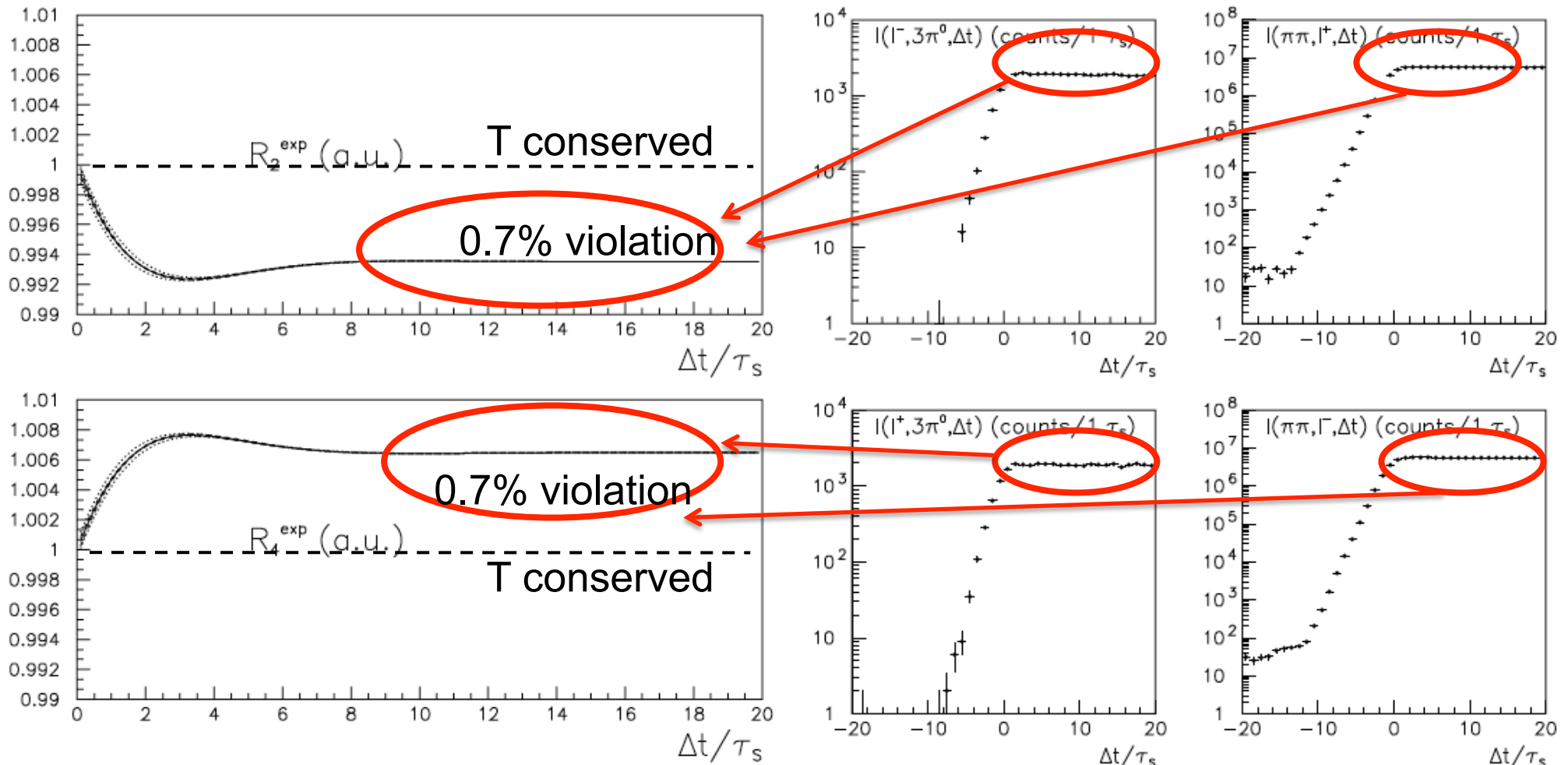
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Direct test of Time Reversal symmetry with neutral kaons

toy MC with $L=10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



$$R_2(\Delta t \gg \tau_S) = 1 - 4\text{Re}(\epsilon) \sim 0.993$$

$$R_4(\Delta t \gg \tau_S) = 1 + 4\text{Re}(\epsilon) \sim 1.007$$

Direct test of Time Reversal symmetry with neutral kaons

Integrating in a Δt region between 0 and $300 \tau_S \Rightarrow$
stat. significance of 4.4, 6.2, 8.8 σ with $L=5, 10, 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (full efficiency)

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pros:

in the “plateau” region the impact of direct CP violation effects on the assumption of orthogonality of K^+ and K^- states has been evaluated \Rightarrow negligible

cons:

-in the “plateau” region one needs to measure the absolute value of R_i .

Assuming no CPT violation in semileptonic decays:

$$\frac{C(\ell^-, 3\pi^0)}{C(\pi\pi, \ell^+)} \simeq \frac{C(\ell^+, 3\pi^0)}{C(\pi\pi, \ell^-)} \simeq \frac{\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0) \Gamma_L}{\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi) \Gamma_S} \equiv D.$$
$$R_2(\Delta t) = \frac{R_2^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t)}{D},$$
$$R_4(\Delta t) = \frac{R_4^{\text{exp}}(\Delta t)}{D}.$$

- It is needed to measure the constant D with $\sim 0.1\%$ precision,

i.e. BRs and K_S, K_L lifetimes

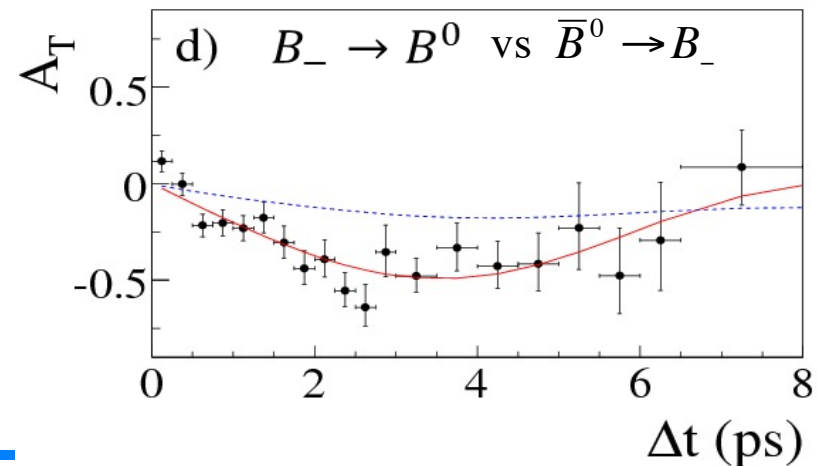
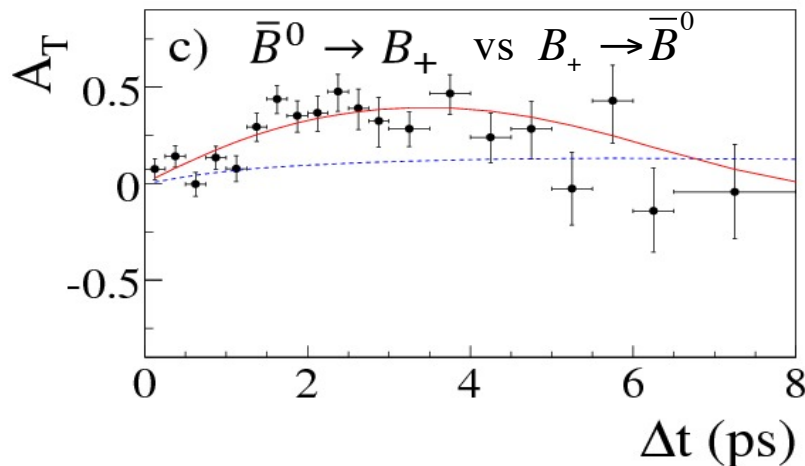
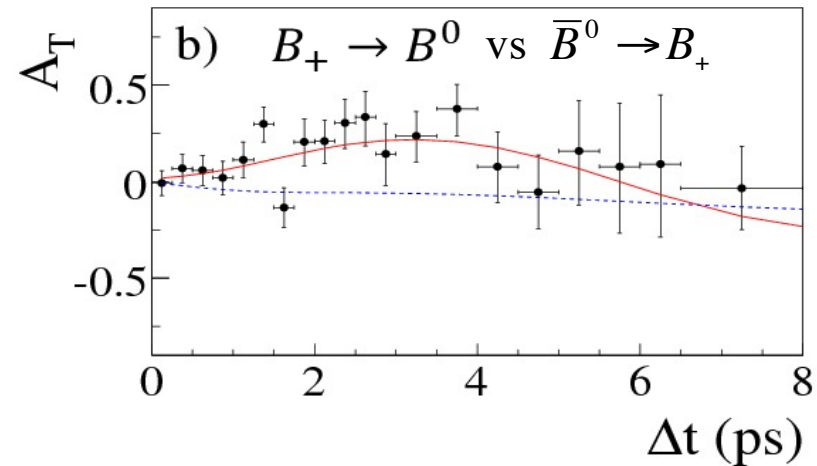
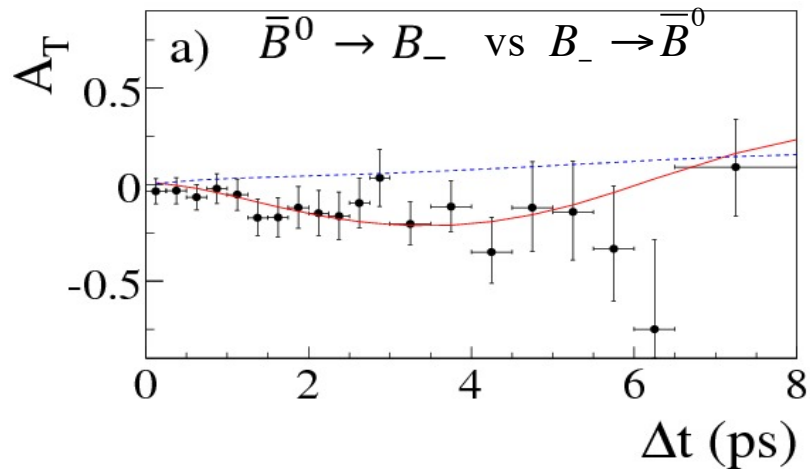
-in the “plateau” region effect proportional to $\text{Re}(\varepsilon)$

T test could be feasible at KLOE-2 @ DAΦNE with $L=O(10 \text{ fb}^{-1})$

Direct test of Time Reversal symmetry in neutral B mesons

Direct T violation observed at BABAR
in the B's with significance of 14σ
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$$I_i(\Delta\tau) \sim e^{-\Gamma\Delta\tau} \left\{ C_i \cos(\Delta m \Delta\tau) + S_i \sin(\Delta m \Delta\tau) + C'_i \cosh(\Delta\Gamma\Delta\tau) + S'_i \sinh(\Delta\Gamma\Delta\tau) \right\}$$

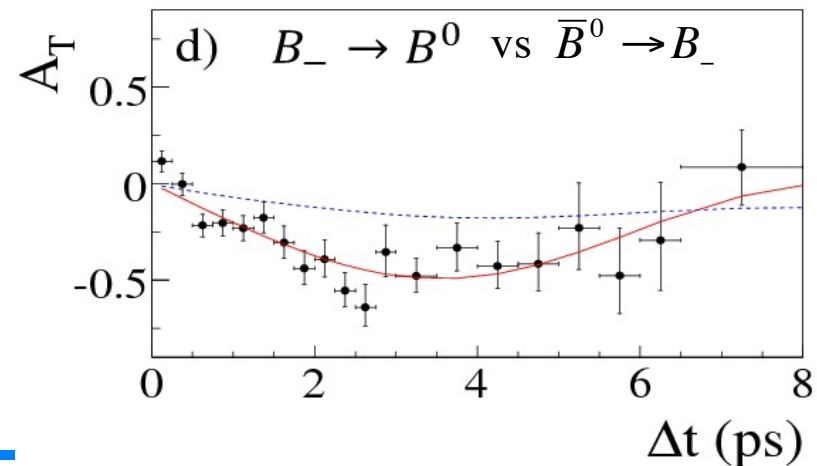
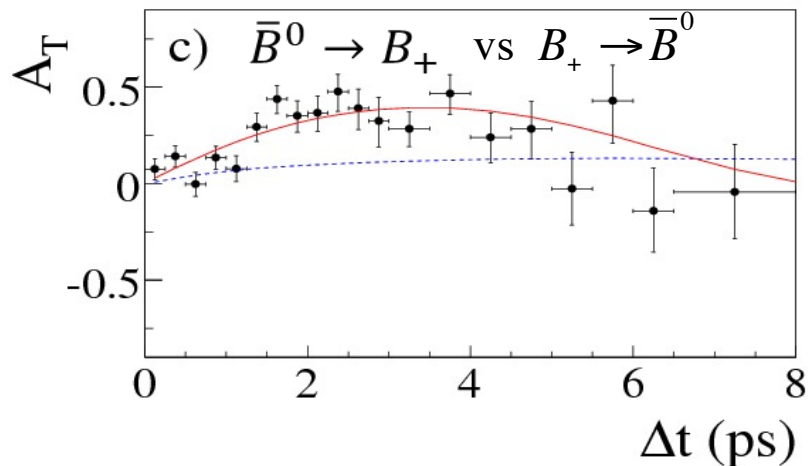
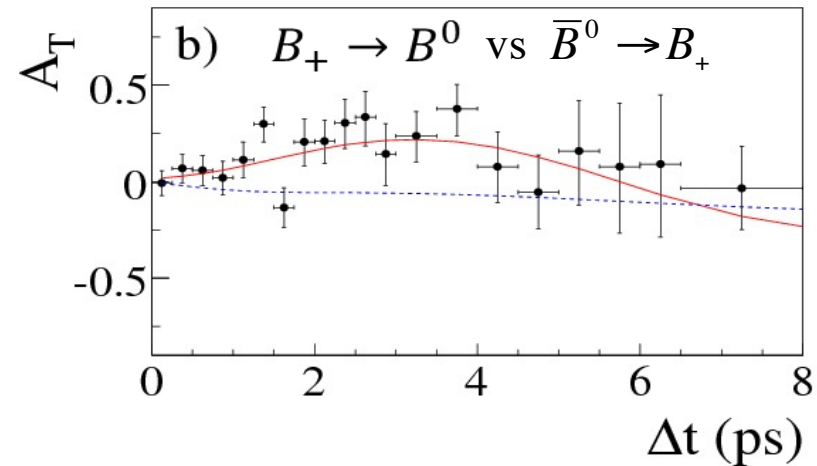
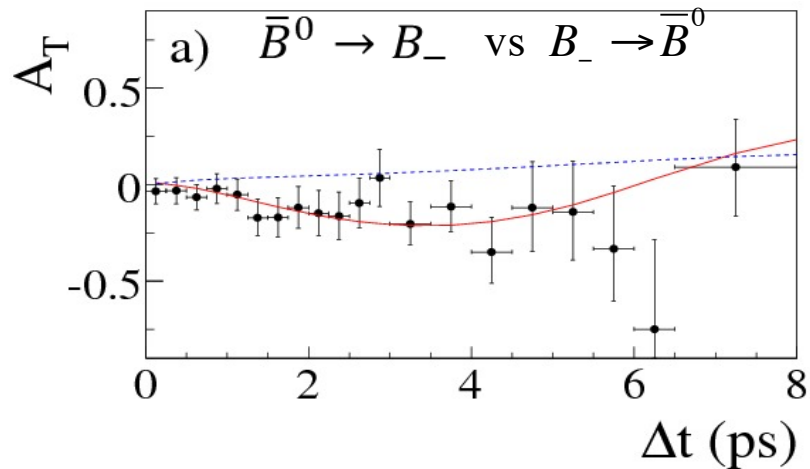


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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_T^+ &= -1.37 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.06 \\ \Delta S_T^- &= 1.17 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.11 \\ \Delta C_T^+ &= 0.10 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.08 \\ \Delta C_T^- &= 0.04 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.08 \end{aligned}$$



Direct test of CPT symmetry with neutral kaons

CPT symmetry test

Reference		<i>CPT</i> -conjugate	
Transition	Decay products	Transition	Decay products
$K^0 \rightarrow K_+$	$(\ell^-, \pi\pi)$	$K_+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$(3\pi^0, \ell^-)$
$K^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$(\ell^-, 3\pi^0)$	$K_- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$(\pi\pi, \ell^-)$
$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_+$	$(\ell^+, \pi\pi)$	$K_+ \rightarrow K^0$	$(3\pi^0, \ell^+)$
$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$(\ell^+, 3\pi^0)$	$K_- \rightarrow K^0$	$(\pi\pi, \ell^+)$

One can define the following ratios of probabilities:

$$R_{1,CPT}(\Delta t) = P [K^0(0) \rightarrow K_+(\Delta t)] / P [K_+(0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\Delta t)]$$

$$R_{2,CPT}(\Delta t) = P [K^0(0) \rightarrow K_-(\Delta t)] / P [K_-(0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\Delta t)]$$

$$R_{3,CPT}(\Delta t) = P [\bar{K}^0(0) \rightarrow K_+(\Delta t)] / P [K_+(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)]$$

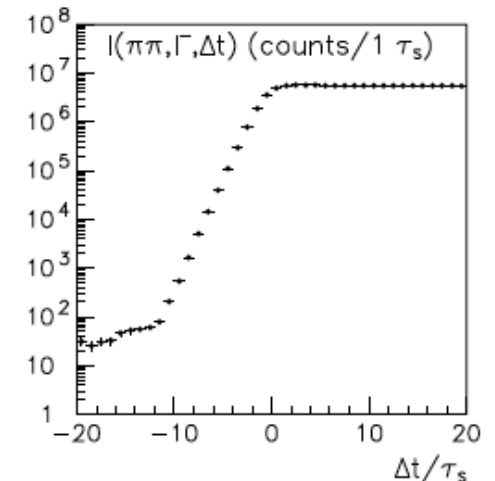
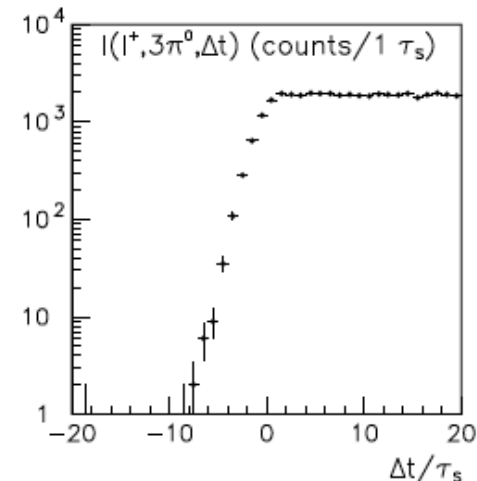
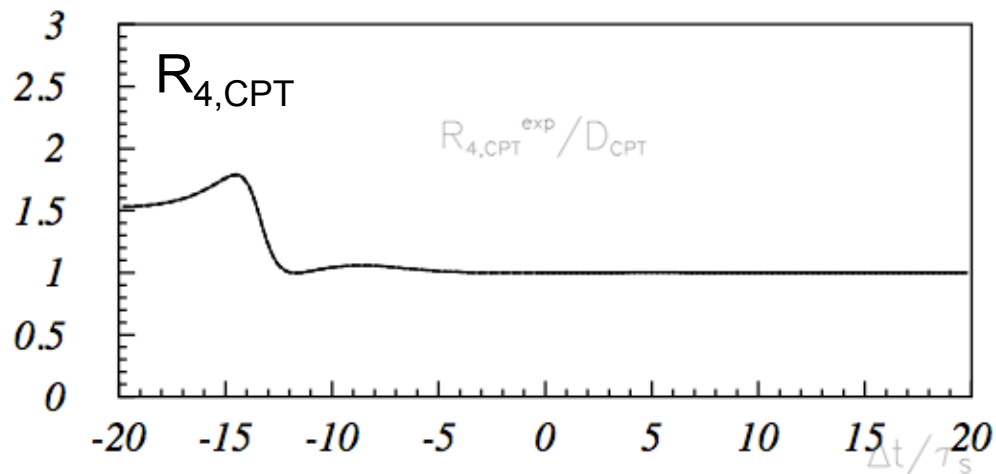
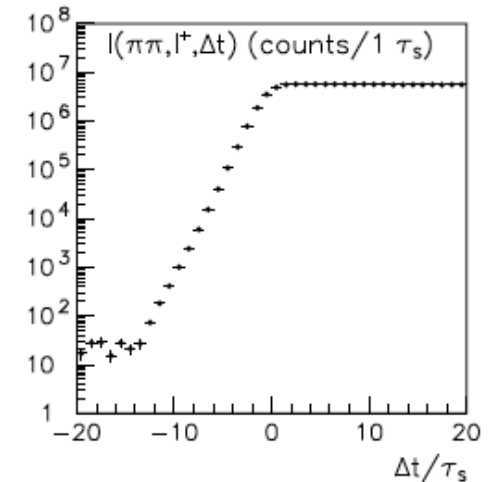
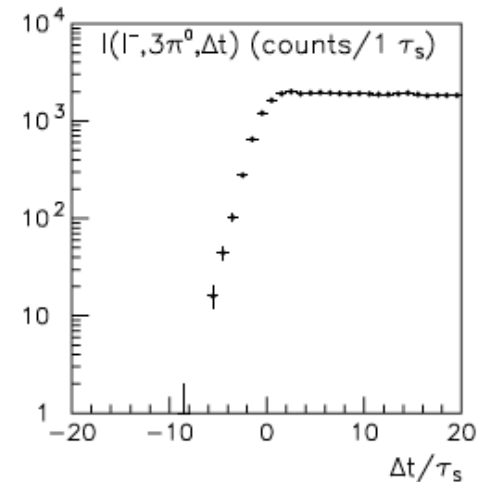
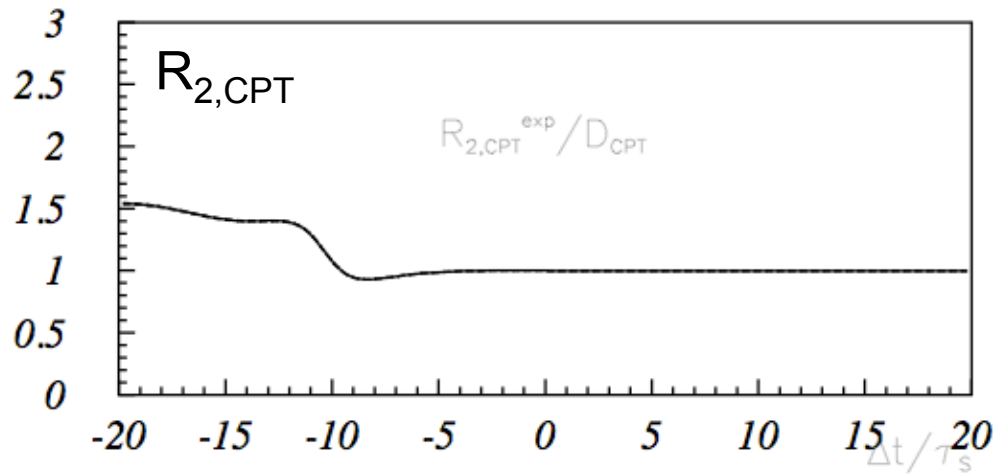
$$R_{4,CPT}(\Delta t) = P [\bar{K}^0(0) \rightarrow K_-(\Delta t)] / P [K_-(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)]$$

Any deviation from $R_{i,CPT}=1$ constitutes a violation of T-symmetry

Direct test of CPT symmetry with neutral kaons

for visualization purposes, plots with
 $\text{Re}(\delta)=3.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ $\text{Im}(\delta)=1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$

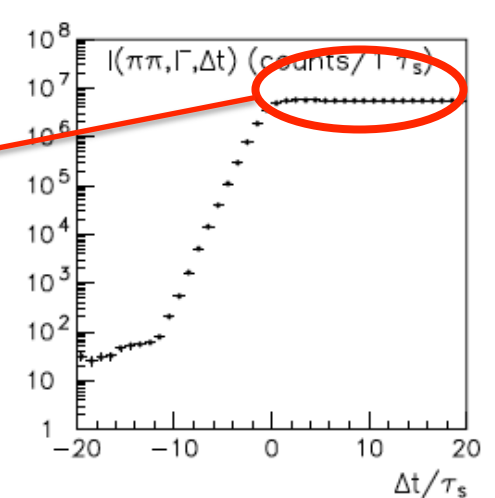
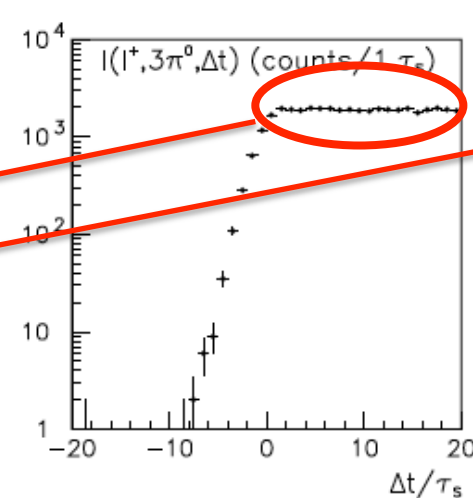
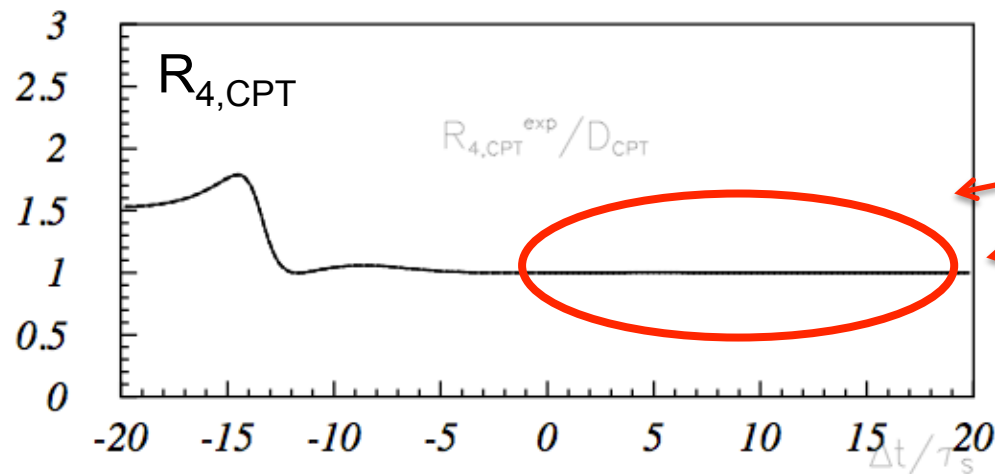
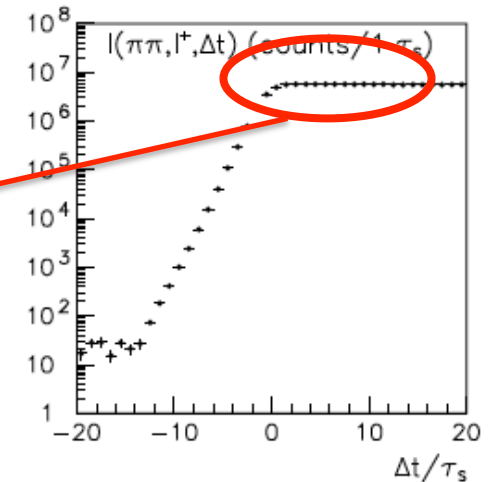
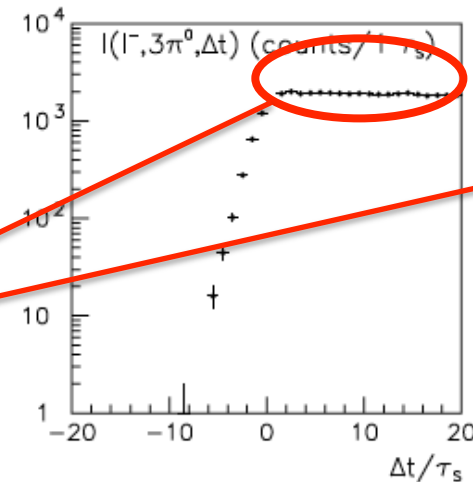
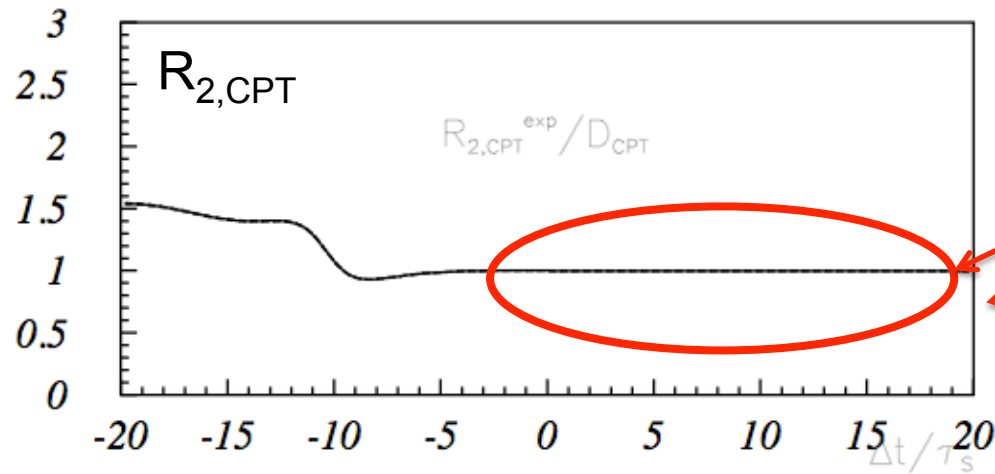
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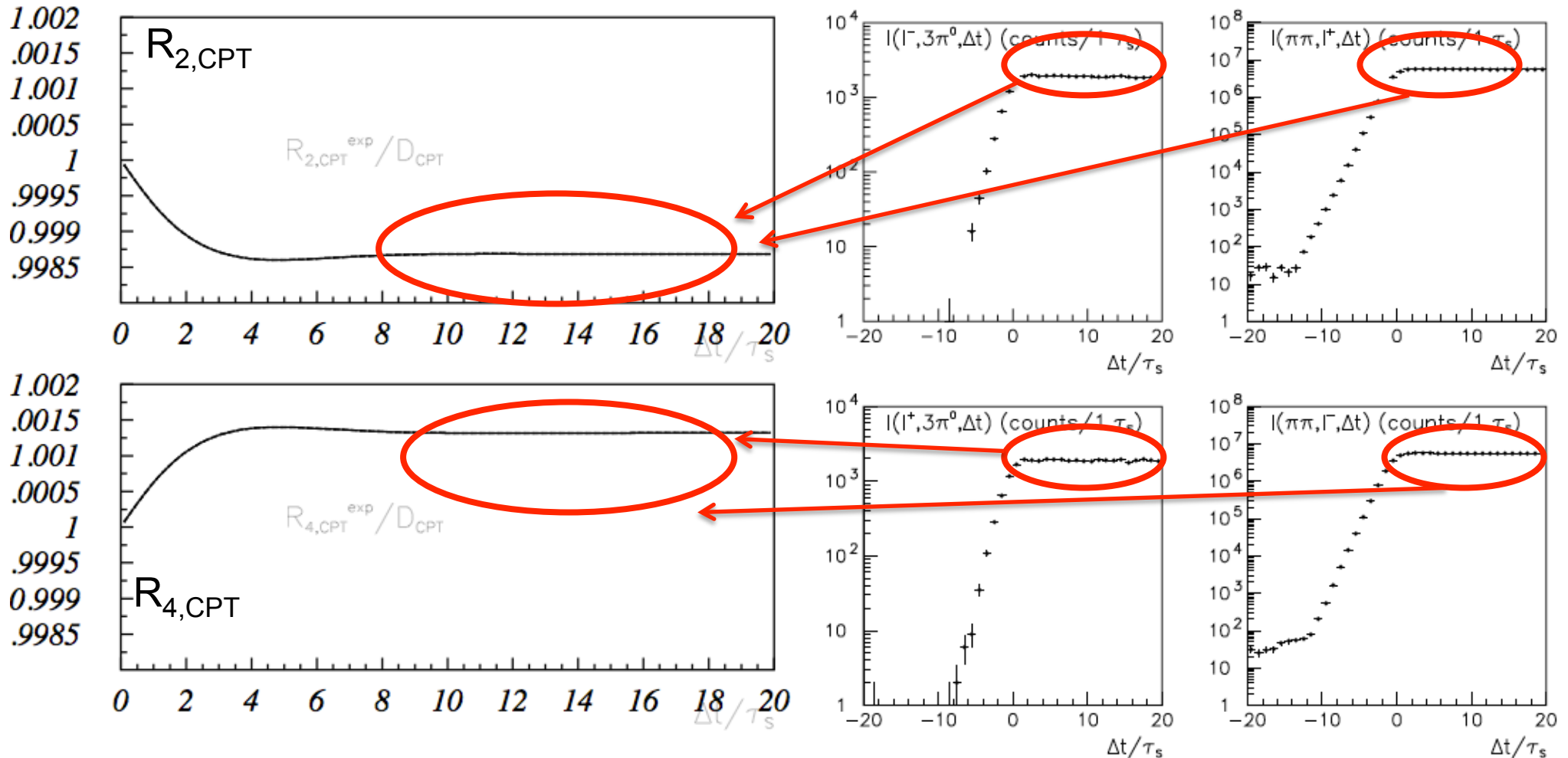
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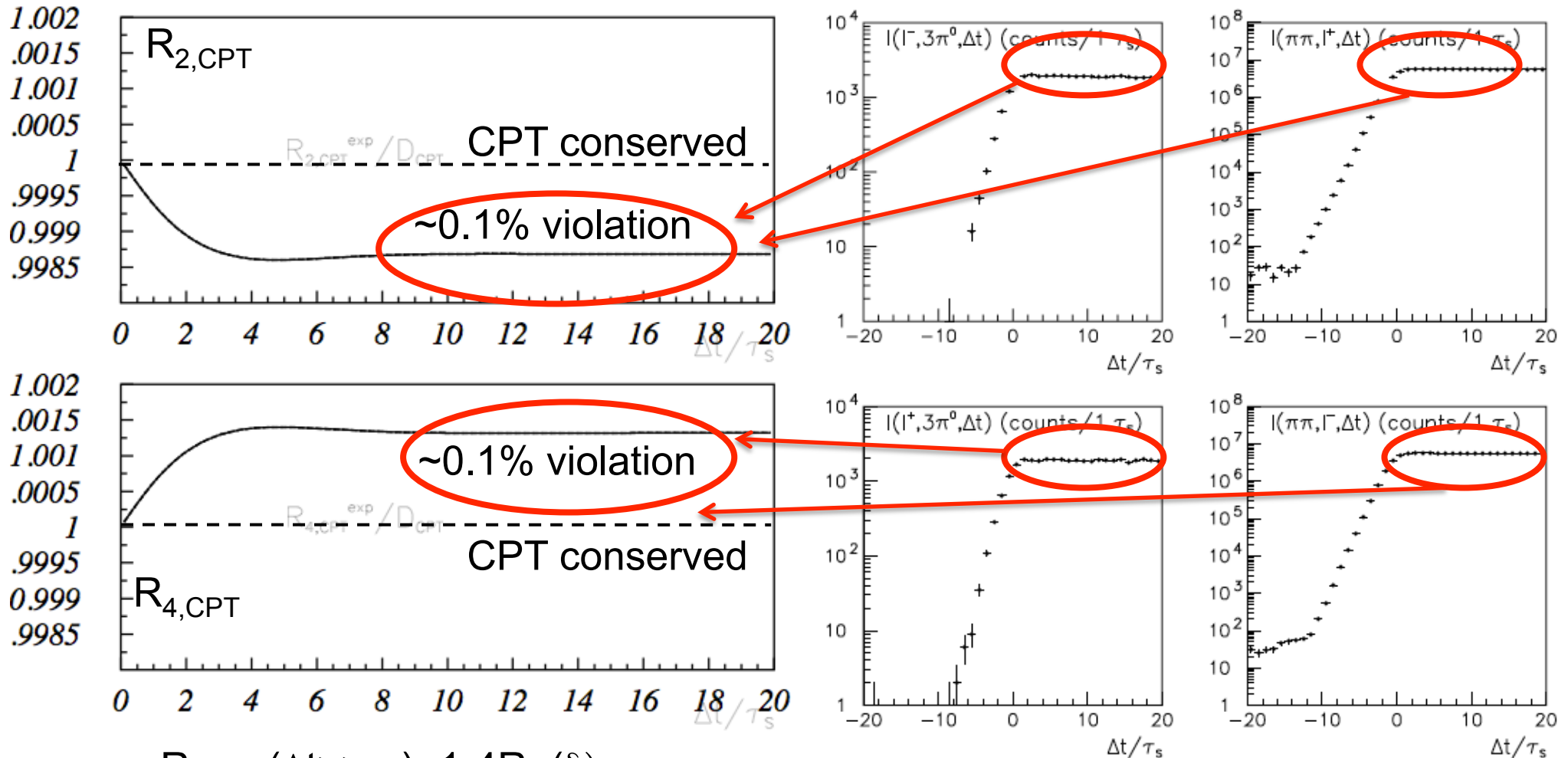
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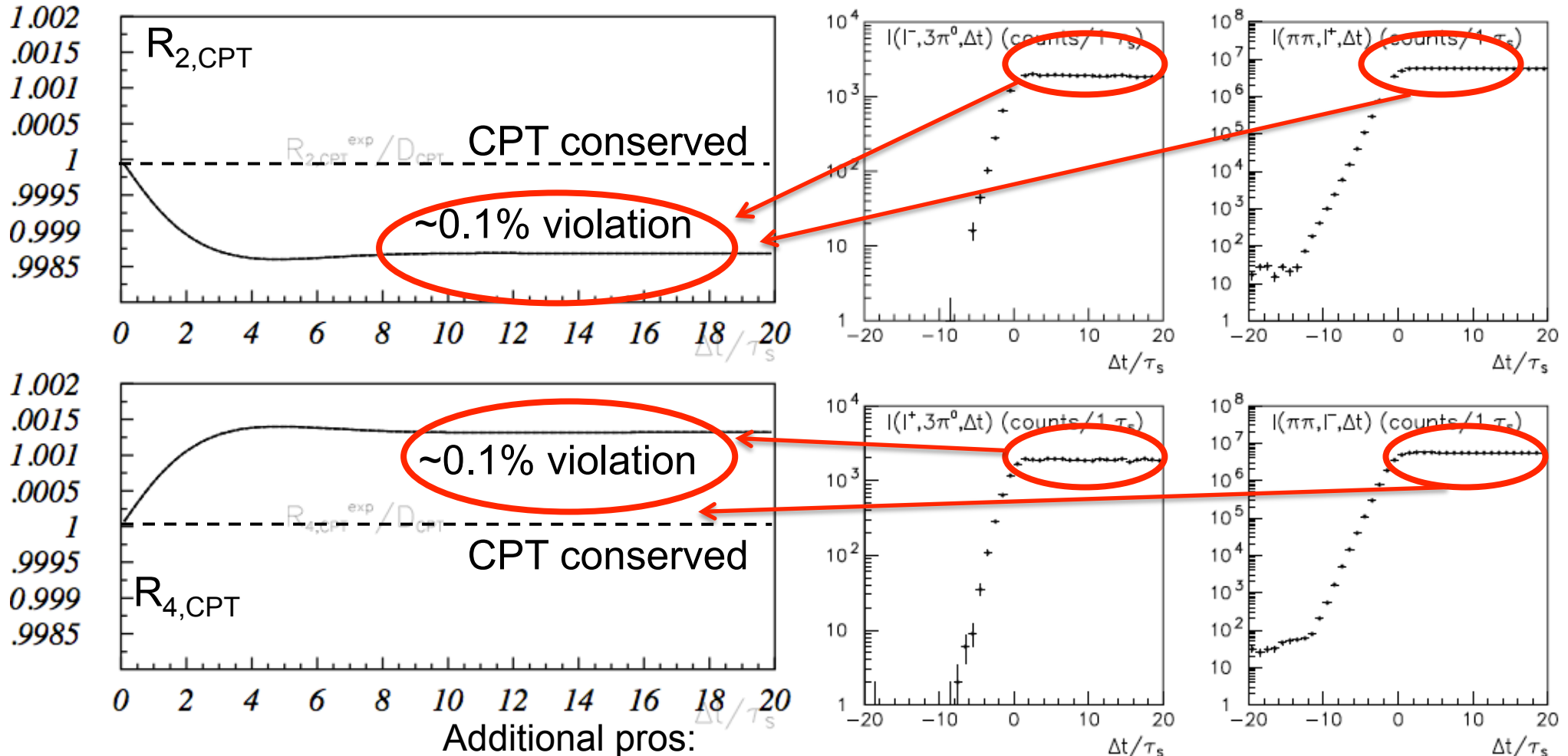
$$R_{2,CPT}(\Delta t \gg \tau_S) = 1 - 4\text{Re}(\delta)$$

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Additional pros:

$R_{2,CPT}(\Delta t \gg \tau_S) = 1 - 4\text{Re}(\delta)$ - contrary to T violation, the effect $\propto \Re \delta$ does not vanish with $\Delta\Gamma \rightarrow 0$

$R_{4,CPT}(\Delta t \gg \tau_S) = 1 + 4\text{Re}(\delta)$ - No assumption on CPT violation in semileptonic decays is needed

Conclusions

- The neutral meson system is an excellent laboratory for the study of discrete symmetries.
- By exploiting the EPR entanglement of neutral meson pairs produced at a ϕ -factory (or B-factories), it is possible to overcome some conceptual difficulties affecting previous tests of time reversal symmetry. It is possible to perform a direct test of the time reversal symmetry, independently from CP violation and CPT invariance constraints.
- In this conceptual framework theoretically very clean direct CPT tests in neutral kaon transitions could be also performed.
- The KLOE-2 experiment at the DAFNE collider could perform - with an integrated luminosity of $O(10 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ - a statistically significant direct T symmetry test for the first time in the kaon sector, and a direct CPT symmetry test.