

# Quantum tests in collider physics

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## TIME vs. REALITY:

## A novel quantum effect in $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ Entanglement



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# What is THE NOVELTY beyond Entanglement in Quantum Optics ?

➤  $\Delta F = 2$  Mixing ( $K^0 - \bar{K}^0, B^0 - \bar{B}^0, \dots$ )

➤ CP Violation {  
    Mixing  
    Mixing - Decay Interference  
    Decay

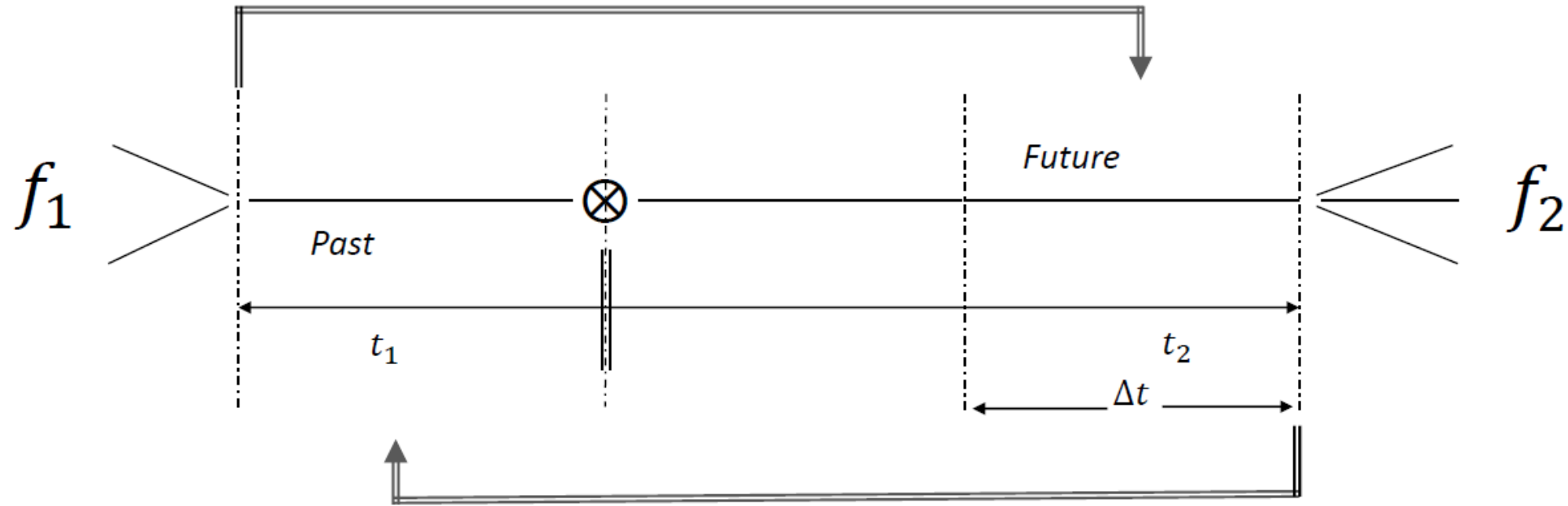
➤ Non-Trivial Time Evolution: Anton Zeilinger  
**Production**  $\Rightarrow$  **Entangled**  $\Rightarrow$  **Interference**  $\Rightarrow$  **Decoherence**

with rich **distinct** information from one or double decay on the three regimes

➤ States with definite Mass and Lifetime  $\lambda = M - i\Gamma/2, \quad \Delta M \neq 0, \Delta\Gamma \neq 0$   
are those with **definite Time Evolution**.

➤ Existence of B-Factory and  $\Phi$ -Factory Facilities

- I. **TIME HISTORY** of Entangled System: from Production to its fate
- **TIME REVERSAL** in  $\Delta t$  for unstable particles



II. **POST-TAG** of Past-decayed state: **Entanglement times  $t_1$**

- $K_S$  - TAG

# NOVEL EFFECTS

(1) As a **Tool** for the BYPASS of (otherwise) NO-GO THEOREMS

1.1 The Conundrum of **Time Reversal - and CPT** - for Unstable Particles

1.2 What is a  $K_S$  experimentally ?

(2) The discovery of new quantum phenomena:

## **SURVIVING CORRELATION - IN - TIME FROM FUTURE TO PAST**

It comes definite **from measurement in the future  $t_2$** , when the system is no-longer entangled, **to the state –depending on  $t_2$  (!?) - of the partner in the past  $t_1$** , before its decay when it was entangled and "unspeakable".

It is asymmetric compared to the correlation from past to future.

If EPR → Spooky Action at a Distance → Bell Theorem → end of Hidden Variables and proof of "Lack of Local Realism" → Quantum Information,

then → What about the novel correlation - in - time ? → **Spooky Action to the Past** →???

# OUTLINE

- **Entangled** two-body C=- neutral meson system
  - Time Evolution and **“Survival”** probability: the Total Width
  - The state  $|K_{\rightarrow f}\rangle$  not decaying to f. **The  $K_L$  tag**
  - The Conundrum of **Time Reversal** –and CPT- **for Unstable Particles:**  
NO-GO and its Bypass (in 1999): **The Conceptual Basis**
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- From the observation of second decay  $f_2$  at  $t_2$  to the partner state before its decay at  $t_1$ . **SURPRISE of the “initial” state depending on  $t_2$ .**
  - **The  $K_s$  tag**
  - **Conclusion: An epistemological open question**



## ENTANGLED C = - neutral meson system

➤ Actually existing at DAΦNE with  $\Phi \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0$ ,

at BABAR and BELLE with  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^0 \bar{B}^0$

$$C\mathcal{P} = + \Rightarrow |i(t=0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |K^0\rangle |\bar{K}^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle |K^0\rangle \}$$

with particle 1 decaying at  $t_1$ , particle 2 decaying at  $t_2 > t_1$

➤ Even With Mixing,  $|i(t)\rangle$  **does not generate any  $K^0 K^0$ , nor  $\bar{K}^0 \bar{K}^0$** , due to antisymmetry (not valid for symmetric C=+ !)

➤ Time Evolution  $\rightarrow$  definite in terms of **non-orthogonal eigenstates of the non-normal Hamiltonian**

$$|K_{S,L}\rangle \propto [(1 + \epsilon_{S,L}) |K^0\rangle \pm (1 - \epsilon_{S,L}) |\bar{K}^0\rangle],$$

$$\mathcal{CP} \rightarrow \langle K_S | K_L \rangle \simeq \epsilon_L + \epsilon_S^*,$$

$$\epsilon = (\epsilon_S + \epsilon_L)/2 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}, \quad \delta = (\epsilon_S - \epsilon_L)/2 \rightarrow \mathcal{CPT}$$





quantum  
**entanglement**



## TIME EVOLUTION $|i(t)\rangle$

➤ The entangled state is **non-separable** in parts:

(i) "which is which" is not defined;

(ii) the two parts are not definite: any two linearly independent combinations.

Only the state  $|i\rangle$  is definite: **the state of each part is "unspeakable"**.

➤ The time evolution, written as

$$|i(t=0)\rangle = N/\sqrt{2} \{ |K_S\rangle |K_L\rangle - |K_L\rangle |K_S\rangle \}, \quad |N|^2 = (1 - |\langle K_S | K_L \rangle|^2)^{-1} \Rightarrow |i(t)\rangle = e^{-i(\lambda_S + \lambda_L)t} |i(t=0)\rangle$$

**The Survival Probability**  $P(t_1) = \|i(t=t_1)\|^2 = e^{-\Gamma t_1}$ , **Total Width**  $\Gamma = \Gamma_S + \Gamma_L$

$|i(t)\rangle$  is unaltered, it remains the same: NO INTEREST BEFORE THE FIRST DECAY.  
The considered observable has been the **Double Decay Rate Intensity**  $I(f_1, f_2; \Delta t)$  !

➤ **Careful!**  $P(t_1)$  iff nothing else is observed in the future

➤ **How to inquire in the "unspeakable" regime ?**



## FIRST DECAY $f_1 \rightarrow$ TAGGING AND FILTERING

- Any state can decay to  $f$ , **but** that with zero probability

$$|K_{\rightarrow f}\rangle = N_{\rightarrow f} [ |K_L\rangle - \eta_f |K_S\rangle ]; \quad \eta_f = \frac{\langle f | T | K_L \rangle}{\langle f | T | K_S \rangle}$$

- If you observe the first decay to  $f_1$  at  $t_1$ , projecting  $|i(t = t_1)\rangle$  to  $f_1$ , the **living partner** (2) corresponds to the pure state

$$|K^{(2)}(t = t_1)\rangle = |K_{\rightarrow f_1}\rangle \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{TAG of (2)}$$

This fact was always recognized for “**flavour tag**”: First decay to  $l^+(l^-) \rightarrow$  Partner tagged to  $\bar{K}^0(K^0)$ . **It is, however, valid in general as stated!**

- **What for the decayed state (1)?** The state before decay was undefined. Written as a superposition of  $|K_{\rightarrow f}\rangle$  and its orthogonal  $|K_{\rightarrow f}^\perp\rangle$

$$\text{Decay to } f_1 \Rightarrow |K_{\rightarrow f_1}^\perp\rangle \quad \text{FILTERED for (1)}$$

**Decay Rate** given by the **decay probability** to  $f_1$  of  $|K_{\rightarrow f_1}^\perp\rangle \equiv$  **FILTERING IDENTITY**

## $\Delta t$ HISTORY OF THE LIVING PARTNER

- The subsequent  $\Delta t$ - evolution of particle (2) and its decay to  $f_2$  are definite from the prepared tagged state.
- For  $\Delta t \leq \text{few } \tau_s$ , one has an interference pattern, because no decay channel - due to CP Violation - projects either  $K_S$  or  $K_L$  !
- For long enough  $\Delta t$ , one has **Decoherence**  $K_L \text{ tag} \Leftrightarrow |\eta_1| e^{-\Delta\Gamma\Delta t/2} \ll 1$  with a quantitative purity of the  $K_L$  -state
- The observable is the **Double Decay Rate, the Intensity**  $I(f_1, f_2; \Delta t)$ . Tagging of the living partner at  $t_1$  and Filtering of its state in its Decay to  $f_2$  at  $t_2$

allows to talk of  $\Delta t$  Transition Probability  $P \left( K_{\rightarrow f_1} \xrightarrow{\Delta t} K_{\rightarrow f_2}^\perp \right)$

“independent of the decay” and connected to  $I(f_1, f_2; \Delta t)$ .

# TR-ASYMMETRY: CONCEPTUAL BASIS FOR BYPASSING NO-GO

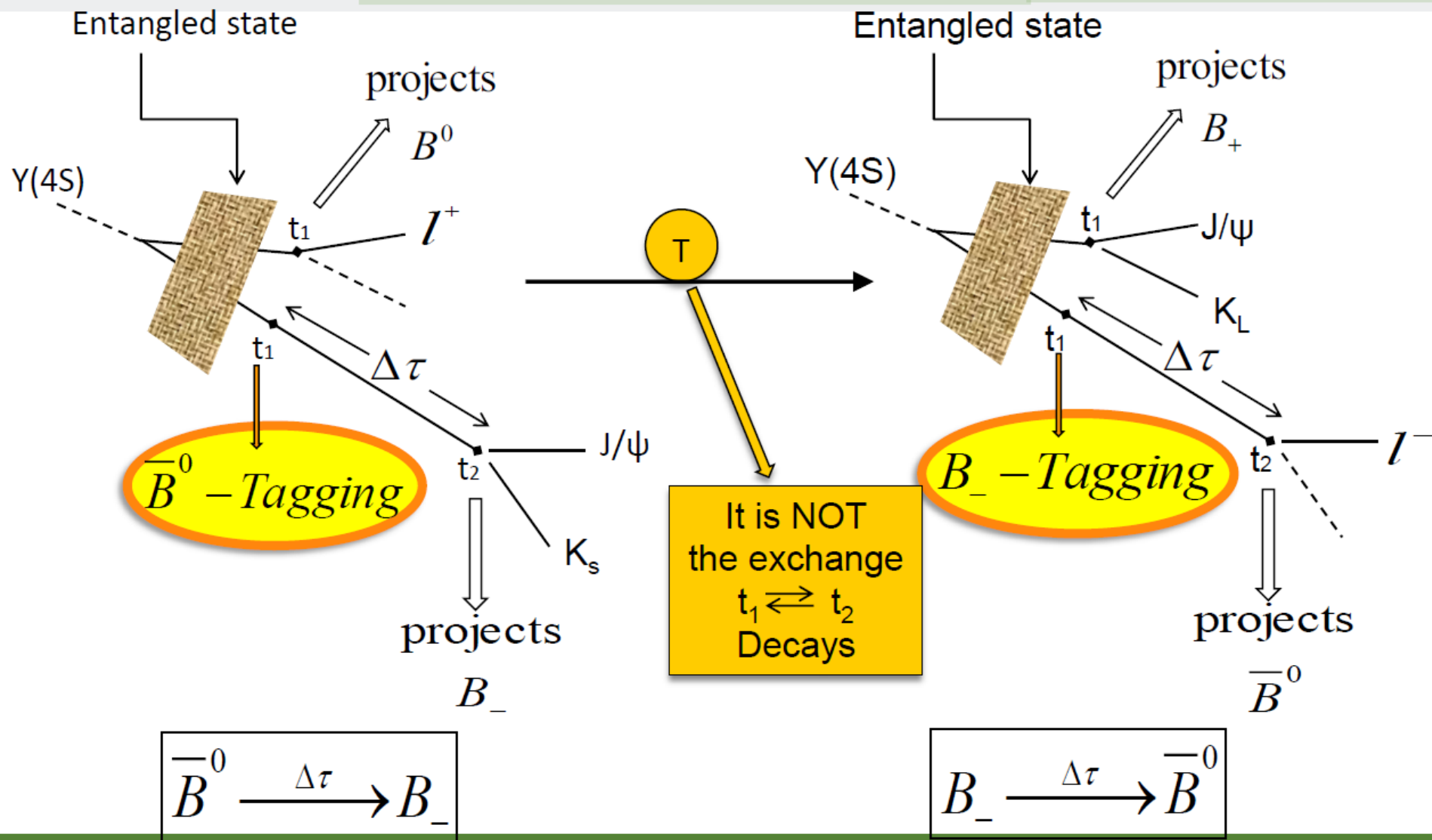
- Neutral Mesons  $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ ,  $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$  are UNSTABLE and the Decay is irreversible.
- **T and CPT, ANTIUNITARITY!** , need however the exchange of initial and final states →NO-GO.  
L. Wolfenstein, PRL 1999 : "The T-reverse of a decaying state is not a physical state".
- **BYPASS** M. C. Banuls, J. B., PLB 1999, NPB 2000 → Do not include the Decay Products in your Asymmetry, write it in terms of Meson States and the Decay should not be an essential ingredient for getting a non-vanishing value:
  - 1) Use the Decay as a **Quantum Filtering Measurement** of the Meson State ONLY:  
Orthogonal to Non-Decay State.
  - 2) **Quantum ENTANGLEMENT: Quantum Information** from the First Decay to the (still alive) Partner for the Preparation of the initial Meson State: Non-Decay State **if Antisymmetric entangled system.**
  - 3) The test of Symmetries is made in the Time Evolution of the Partner  
**from the first to the second decay.**  
L. Wolfenstein, IJMP E 1999: "It appears to be a true TRV Effect"



# WHAT IS T-TRANSFORMATION EXPERIMENTALLY ?

The problem is in the preparation and filtering of the appropriate initial and final meson states for a T-test in transitions

J.B., Martinez Vidal, Villanueva, JHEP 2012, COVER PAGE RMP vol. 87 (2015)



## POST-TAG TO THE PAST DECAYED STATE

➤ In the entangled  $|i(t)\rangle$  state, there is no privilege of one of the decay times →  
**Study the implications of observing the second decay to  $f_2$  at time  $t_2$**

➤ The partner  $K^{(1)}(t = t_2)$  is tagged

$$|K^{(1)}(t = t_2)\rangle = N_1\{\eta_2|K_S\rangle - |K_L\rangle\}$$

**which has not been observed!** But it decayed at time  $t_1 < t_2$

Fixing the observation  $(\eta_2, t_2)$  and evolving  $t_1$  from  $t_1=0$  to  $t_1=t_2$ , **its past state had to be**

$$|K^{(1)}(t = 0)\rangle = N[\eta_2 e^{-i\lambda_L t_2}|K_S\rangle - e^{-i\lambda_S t_2}|K_L\rangle]$$

➤ **DOUBLE SURPRISE!** Not only there is a **post-tag of the initial state**,  
**it depends on when the second decay will be observed.**

# OBSERVABILITY OF “BACK FROM THE FUTURE” EFFECT

- Entanglement times  $t_1 < t_2$
- Decay  $t_1$ -time distribution to  $f_1 = f_2 = f$ , at different fixed  $t_2$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle f | K^{(1)}(t_1) \rangle|_{t_2}^2 &= \mathcal{N} \left\{ e^{-\Gamma_S t_1} + |\rho|^2 e^{-\Gamma_L t_1} \right. \\ &\quad - 2(\Re \rho) e^{-\Gamma t_1 / 2} \cos(\Delta m) t_1 \\ &\quad \left. - 2(\Im \rho) e^{-\Gamma t_1 / 2} \sin(\Delta m) t_1 \right\} ; \\ \Gamma &\equiv \Gamma_S + \Gamma_L ; \\ \text{- QM post-diction } \rho(t_2) &= e^{-i(\lambda_S - \lambda_L)t_2} \end{aligned}$$

- Extract the relative PROBABILITY AMPLITUDE



## THE $K_S$ -TAG

- Decoherence is reached for **large  $\Delta t$  before the observation of the second decay**

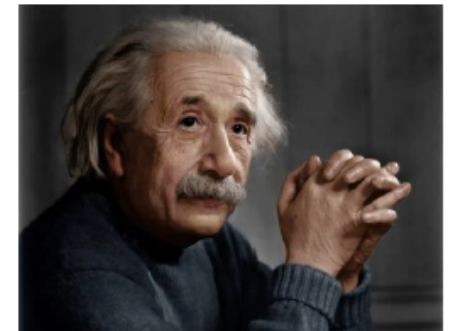
$$e^{-\Delta\Gamma\Delta t/2}/|\eta_2| \ll 1$$

**leading to a pure  $K_S$ -beam**

- Most rewarding: -  $\mathcal{CP}$  and  $\langle K_L | K_S \rangle \neq 0 \rightarrow$  No decay channel able to tag either  $K_L$  or  $K_S$
- After 58 years of CPV: **this POST-TAG condition in times is the only way to study rare  $K_S$ -decays.** Compare with 60 year history of  $K_L$  decays!
- Example: Difference of charge Asymmetries  $A_L - A_S \rightarrow$  Direct test of CPT!

## CONCLUSION

- Entanglement in particle anti-particle system  $M^0 - \bar{M}^0$
- NOVEL EFFECTS
  - Tools for Particle Physics
  - Quantum Phenomena
- Solution for NO - GO's
  - TR for Unstable Particles
  - $K_s$  - tag
- **POST-TAG of the past-decayed state depending on what and when measurement on the partner in the future.**
- In Classical and Quantum Physics, Time is a parameter to describe the **evolving definite reality, not an observable.**
- With the **surviving correlation-in-time**, Einstein would claim :  
**“A Spooky Action to the Past”**



## NO (UNKNOWN) CAUSAL EFFECT

- CAUSAL INFLUENCE says that the cause must precede the effect according to ALL inertial observers, so that for the Post-Tag effect in the entangled K-mesons system –in which there are both time-like and space- like intervals,
  - **If the Interval is time-like**, future is future for all observers → the future to past “influence” is NOT CAUSAL.
  - **If the Interval is space-like**, there could be observers exchanging future and past, BUT the two events could only connect with a signal velocity higher than the speed of light → this “influence” is NOT CAUSAL.
- Then, independent of the space-time interval between the future observation in CM of the second decay and the past state of the partner, **“the Post-Tag correlation in time” effect CANNOT BE A CAUSAL INFLUENCE.**
- Whereas the EPR correlation between observables NEEDS a space-like interval to ensure no causal influence, the Post-Tag effect cannot be a causal influence for ALL cases → no loop-holes. This is an additional argument, besides the fact that TIME IS NOT AN OBSERVABLE, to skate that **the Post-Tag effect goes beyond the EPR correlation.**



## FOR PHILOSOPHERS ..... EPISTEMOLOGY

**Physics** → QM correctly describes the **behaviour of nature when it is observed**

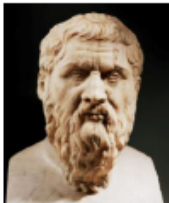
↔ Scientific Methodology

**Philosophy** → What QM says about nature's reality?

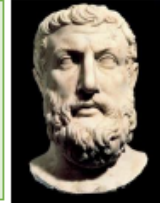
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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| - Spooky Action at a Distance  | - Spooky Action to the Past     |
| - EPR Correlation-Bell Theorem | - Surviving Correlation-in-time |
| - Lack of Local Realism        | - Lack of Instant Realism       |

**(x,t) is not a definite, separate event ↔ Role of time in QM ?**



**TIME versus REALITY**  
Heraclitus vs. Parmenides



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

