

2. B) In a proton-antiproton collider  $b$  quarks are produced in the process:

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{b}b + X,$$

where  $X$  denotes additional particles and the proton anti-proton centre of mass energy is 1.8 TeV. The bottom quarks hadronize, and, for the case of interest here, one becomes a  $B_d^0$  and "oscillates" into a  $B_d^0$  meson. The mass of the  $B_d^0$  is 5.3 GeV and it has an average momentum of 10 GeV/c and a lifetime of 1.58 ps. It is desired to measure the rate of oscillation of the  $B_d^0$  experimentally.

- i) The  $B_d^0$  mass is 5.3 GeV, and it has an average momentum of 10 GeV/c and a lifetime of 1.58 ps. How far does it travel? {4}
- ii) The  $B_d^0$  meson can "oscillate" into a  $B_d^0$  meson. Draw a Feynman diagram for this process indicating the CKM couplings and masses and hence the Standard Model parameters to which this measurement gives one access. {4}
- iii) Describe the component of the ALEPH or CDF detector used to measure this decay distance. Assuming that the  $B_d^0$  meson oscillates once in its lifetime, what resolution must that detector have to measure the oscillation? {4}
- iv) The bottom quark that did not hadronize into a  $B_d^0$  meson is used to tag the flavour of the bottom quark that did hadronize into a  $B_d^0$ . Sketch how this tagging is used to distinguish a  $B_d^0$  which has oscillated from one which has not oscillated. {5}
- v) Describe with the aid of a graph what quantity or quantities are used in this tagging process to measure the oscillation frequency. {3}

- vi) If a  $B_s^0$  meson were formed instead of a  $B_d^0$  meson, indicate the difference in the Feynman diagram describing the  $B_s^0$  oscillations and the demands on detector resolution. **{4}**