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CP violation in the charm sector

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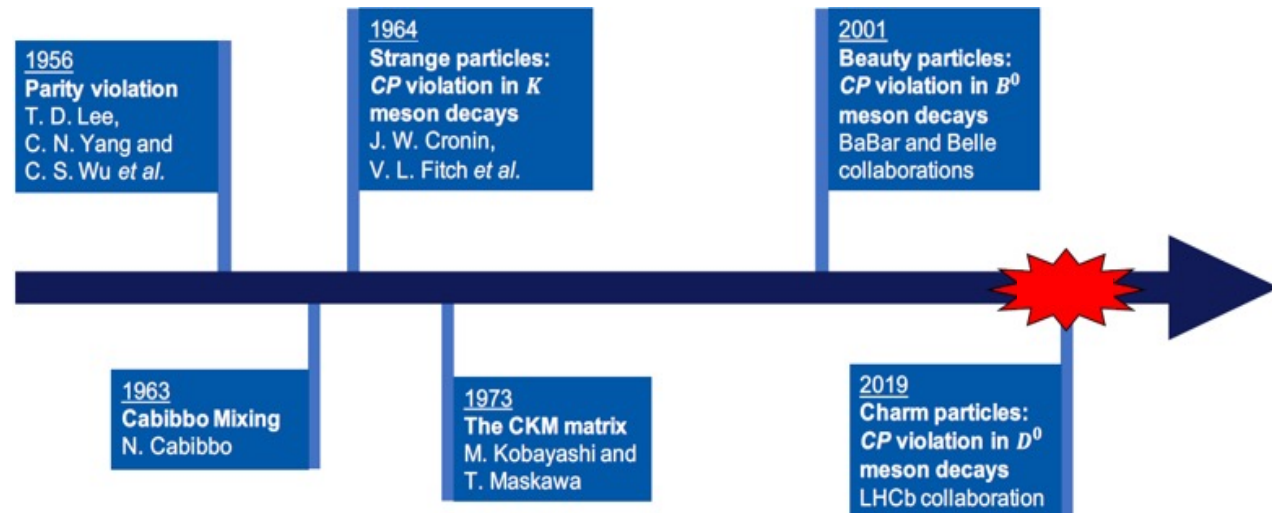
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Importance of CP violation in charm physics

- Charm physics is a powerful tool for the indirect search for New Physics
- CP violation in charm decays was **recently discovered**
- It opens up a new field of research: the study of CP-violating effects in the sector of **up-type quarks** and searches for **new physics** effects
- CP violation in SM highly suppressed → relatively large observation of CP violation can reveal new physics



CP violation in the decay (or direct CPV)

CP Violation in the decay consists of a difference in decay amplitude between the decay of $D^0 \rightarrow f$ and its CP-conjugate $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f}$

$$A_f \equiv \langle f | H | D^0 \rangle$$
$$\bar{A}_{\bar{f}} \equiv \langle \bar{f} | H | \bar{D}^0 \rangle$$
$$a_f^d = \frac{|A_f|^2 - |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}|^2}{|A_f|^2 + |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}|^2}$$

CPV can be observed if the total amplitude of $D^0 \rightarrow f$ (or $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f}$) consists of two interfering amplitudes with different phases

$$A_f = A_1 e^{i\phi_1} e^{i\delta_1} + A_2 e^{i\phi_2} e^{i\delta_2}$$
$$\bar{A}_{\bar{f}} = A_1 e^{-i\phi_1} e^{i\delta_1} + A_2 e^{-i\phi_2} e^{i\delta_2}$$
$$|A_f|^2 - |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}|^2 = 2|A_1||A_2|\sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2)\sin(\delta_1 - \delta_2)$$

Only **weak phases change** under the **action** of the **CP operator**
Strong phases can enhance the observed CP violation

CP violation in the mixing and interference between mixing and decay

$$\begin{aligned}
 |D_1\rangle &= p|D_0\rangle + q|\bar{D}^0\rangle \\
 |D_2\rangle &= p|D_0\rangle - q|\bar{D}^0\rangle
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left| \frac{q}{p} \right| \neq 1 \quad \text{CP violation in mixing}$$

$$|D_{1,2}(t)\rangle = [p|D_0\rangle \pm q|\bar{D}^0\rangle] e^{-i\left(m_{1,2} - i\frac{\Gamma_{1,2}}{2}\right)t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{m_1 - m_2}{\Gamma} \\
 y &= \frac{\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2}{2\Gamma} \\
 \Gamma &= \frac{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

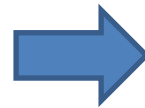
Four decay rates

$$\Gamma_{D^0 \rightarrow f}(t) = |\langle f|H|D^0(t)\rangle|^2$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f}}(t) = |\langle \bar{f}|H|\bar{D}^0(t)\rangle|^2$$

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$$\Im \left(\frac{q}{p} \frac{\bar{A}_f}{A_f} \right) \neq 0$$

$$\phi = \arg \left(\frac{q}{p} \right) \neq 0$$

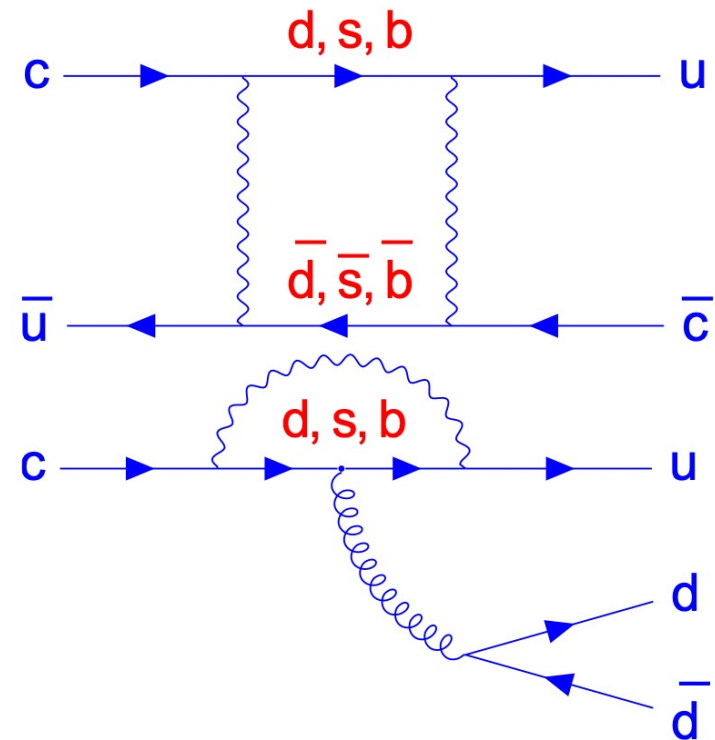
CP violation in interference between mixing and decay

Charm CP violation in the SM model

- Observation of CP violation is highly suppressed in the SM
- Interference with loop diagrams of down-type quark
 - beauty loop \rightarrow

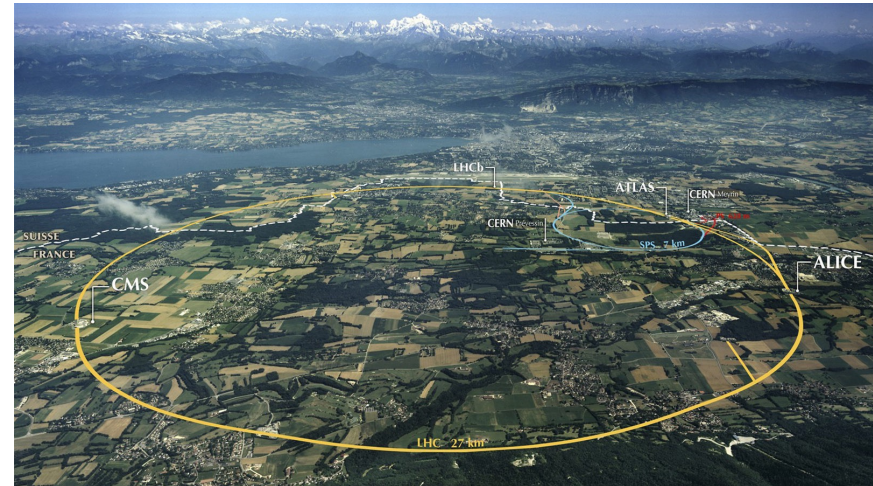
$$V_{ub}V_{cb} \left(\frac{m_b}{m_W}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-6}$$
 - strange-down loops \rightarrow

$$\frac{(m_s^2 - m_d^2)}{m_W^2} \sim 0 \text{ in the u-spin limit (GIM mechanism)}$$
- QCD corrections are large and difficult to calculate
- Lifetime of charged hadrons are not affected by these mechanisms



Charm physics program in LHCb

- Large $c\bar{c}$ production cross section $\sim 2.8 \text{ mb}@13 \text{ TeV}$
- Billions of $D^0 \rightarrow K^{\mp}\pi^{\pm}$ decays reconstructed with the full LHCb data sample
- Two ways to identify the flavour of D^0

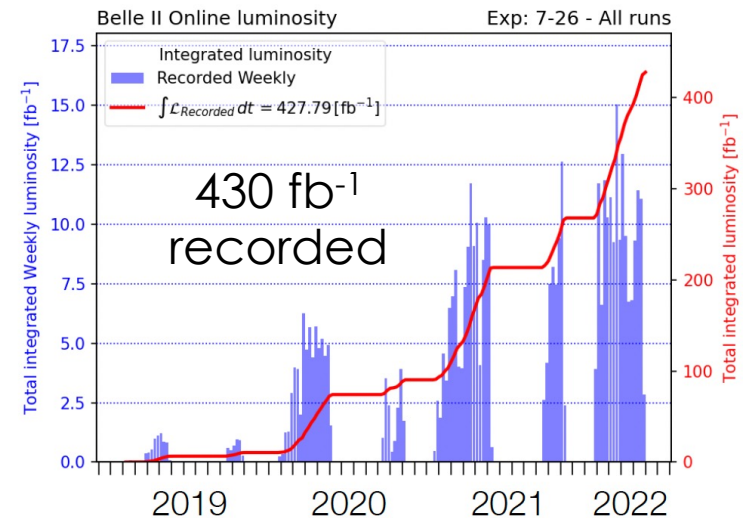
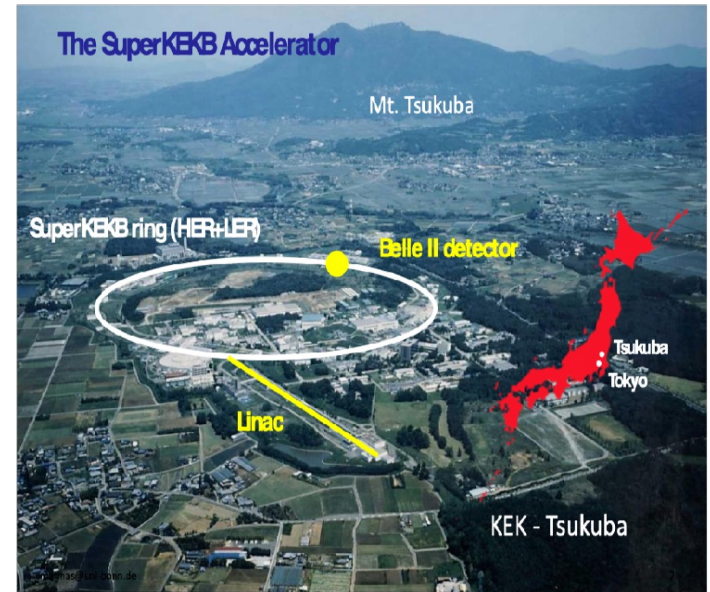


- Prompt tag: look at the π charge of $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0\pi^+$
- Semileptonic tag: look at the μ charge in $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^0\mu^-\nu_{\mu}X$

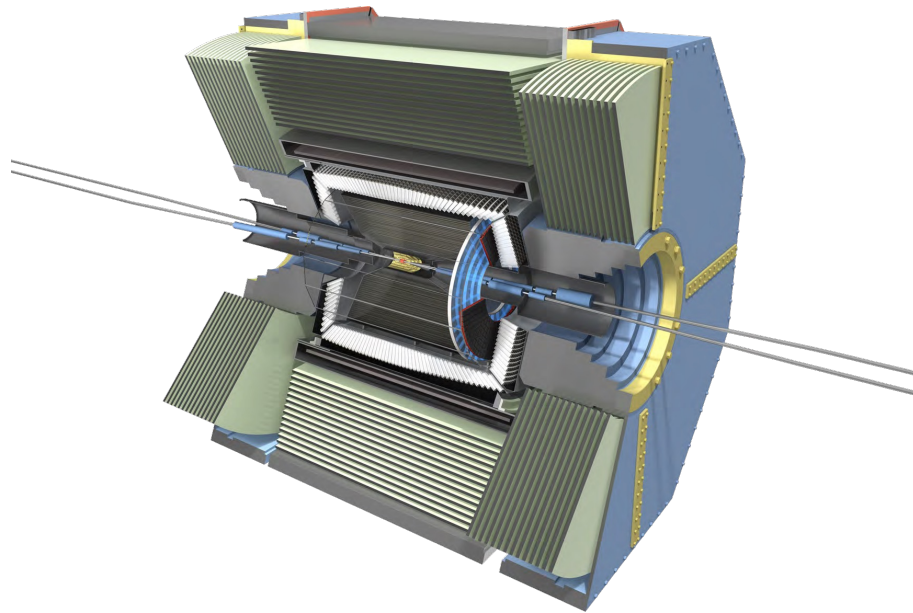
- Precise CP violation measurements need control of detection and production asymmetries at the per-mille level
- Direct CP violation \rightarrow observed for the first time by LHCb in 2019
 - $\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$ [[Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 \(2019\) 211803](#)]
- CP violation due to mixing and interference between mixing and decay \rightarrow per-mille level measurements performed

Charm physics program at Belle II

- Large $e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ cross-section provides low-background event samples
- $1.3M$ $c\bar{c}$ events per 1 fb^{-1} , all recorded to tape ($\sim 100\%$ trigger efficiency uniform across decay time and kinematics)
- Rich program of charm physics
 - Excellent reconstruction of final states with neutrals: e.g., $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$, $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$, $D^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma, \dots$ to complement LHCb physics program with charged hadrons
- Unique access to final states with invisible particles: e.g., di-neutrino final states
- Novel charm flavour tagging (CFT) [\[PRD 107 \(2023\) 112010\]](#) \rightarrow double the sample wrt D^{*+} -tagged

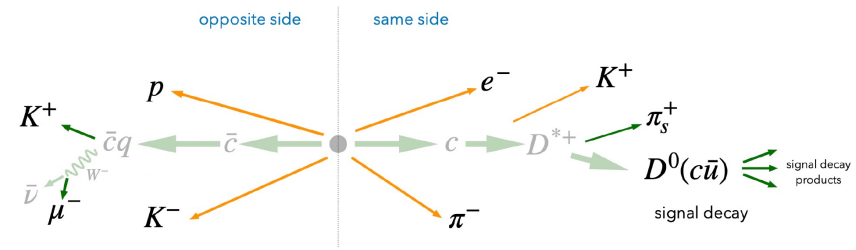


Latest results from Belle-II



Novel charm flavour tagging (CFT)

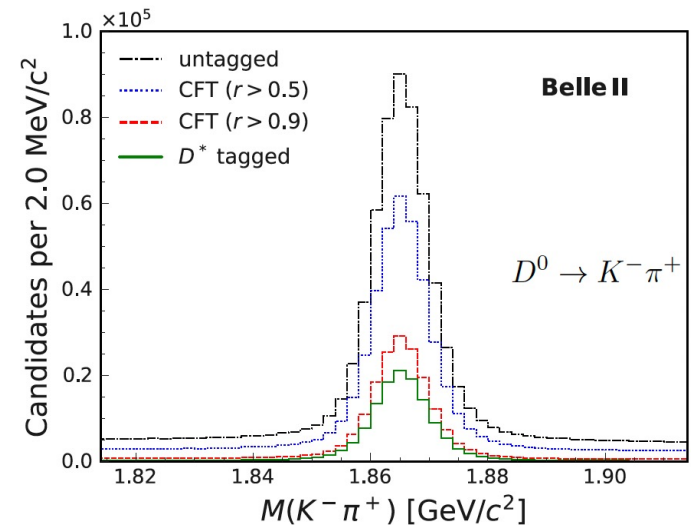
- Inspired by opposite-side b-flavor tagging
- Reconstruct particles most collinear with signal meson, use machine learning
- Trained using simulation
Performance measured and calibrated with data



$$\epsilon_{\text{tag}}^{\text{eff}} = (47.91 \pm 0.07(\text{stat}) \pm 0.51(\text{syst}))\%$$

best performance across any flavor tagger

- Doubles the sample size w.r.t. D^{*+} -tagged decays
- Performance measured and calibrated on data



Charm lifetimes

- Lifetime hierarchy of heavy-flavoured hadrons crucial to constrain and validate predictions of mixing and CP violation based on heavy quark expansion (HQE)

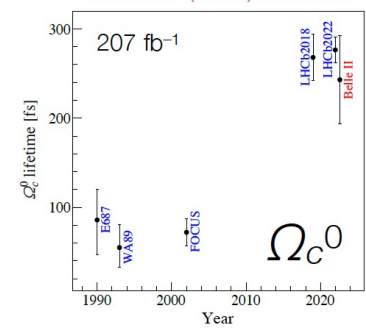
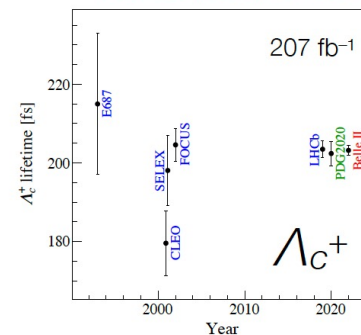
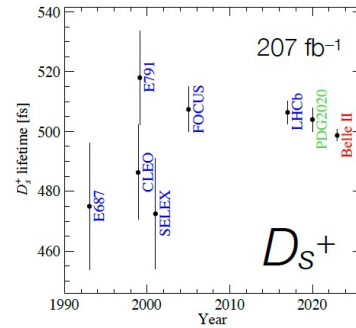
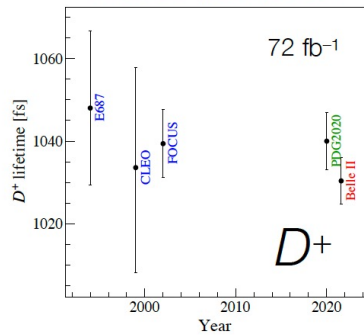
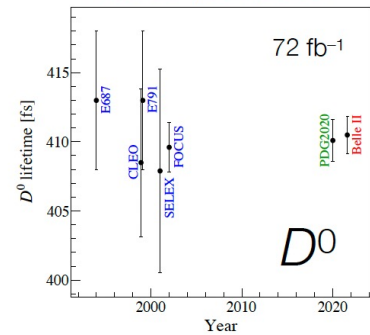
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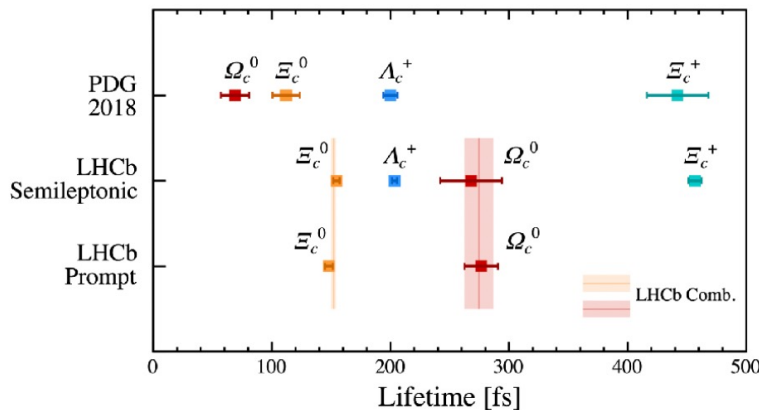
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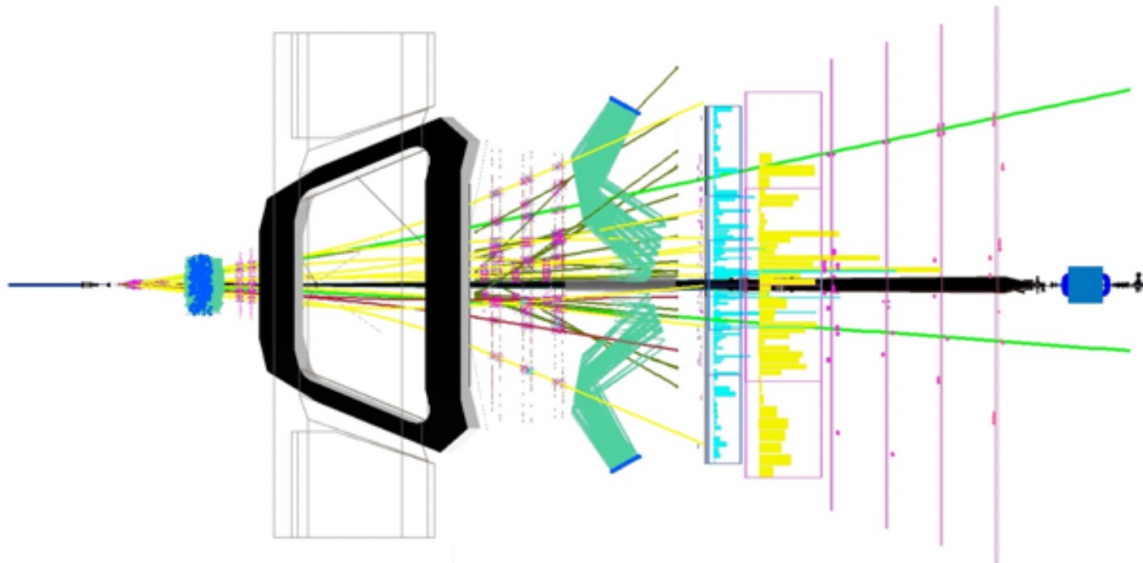


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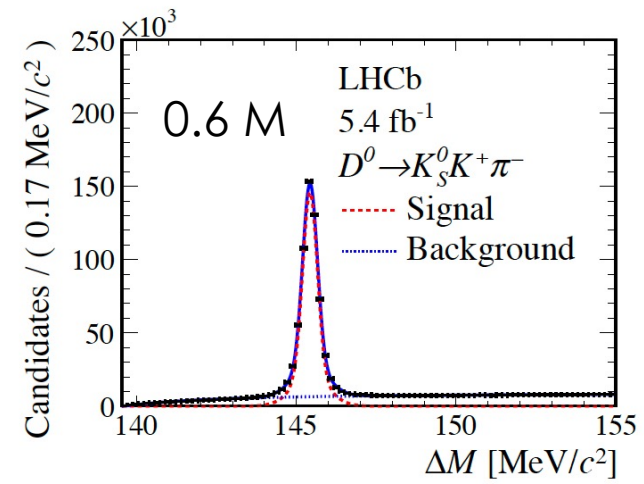
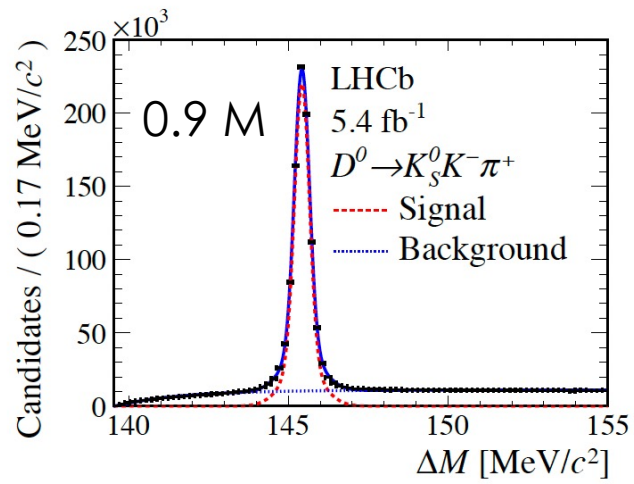
- Belle II data provide unique opportunity for precision measurements of absolute lifetimes
- World-best D^0 , D^+ , D_s^+ and Λ_c^+ lifetimes
- Confirmation of LHCb result indicating that the Ω_c^0 is not the shortest-lived weakly decaying charmed baryon
- High-precision measurements with systematics under control pave the way to time-dependent measurements at Belle II

Latest results from LHCb

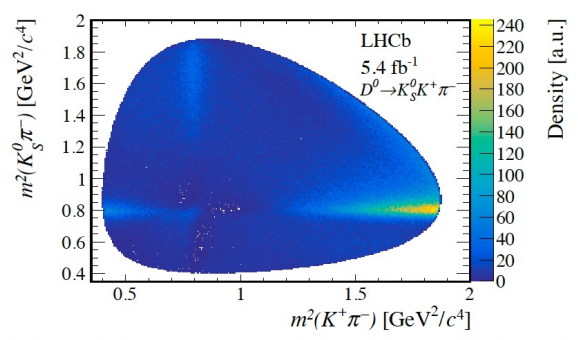
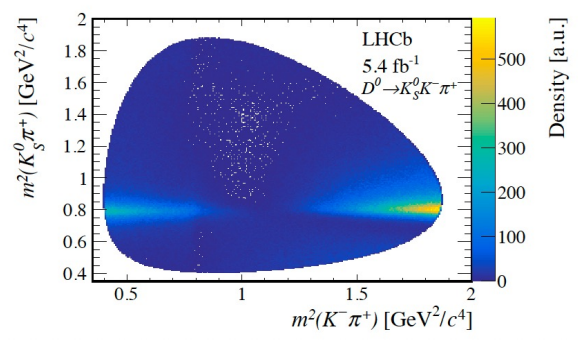


CP violation in $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ decays

[LHCb-PAPER-2023-019]



Rich Dalitz structure



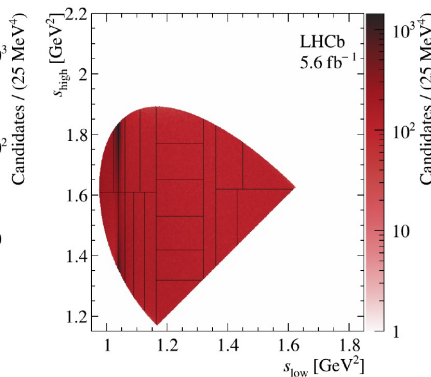
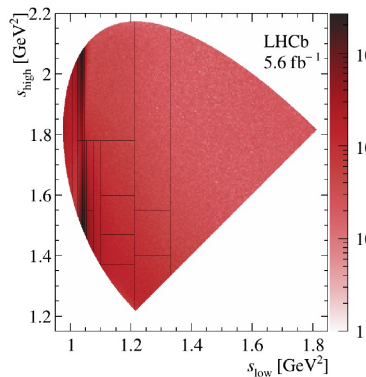
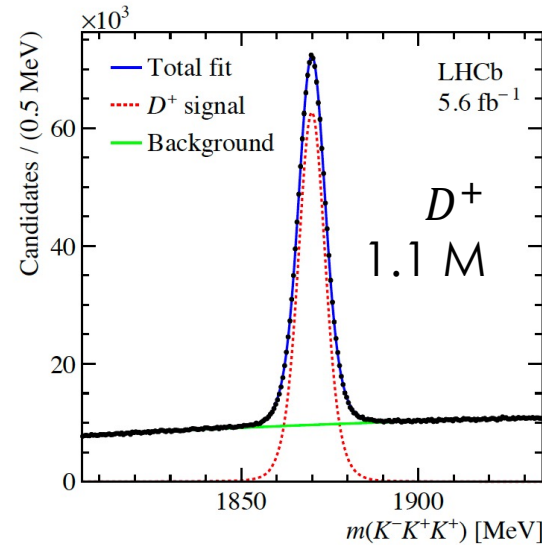
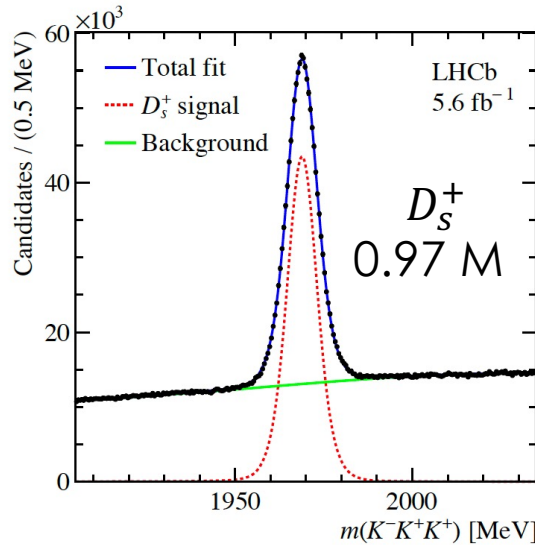
Energy test

Search for differences in the D^0 and \bar{D}^0 Dalitz plot via the distances between decays in the phase-space distributions.

12 No significant difference was observed between D^0 and \bar{D}^0

CP violation in $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- K^+$ decays

[JHEP 07 (2023) 067]



Miranda technique
[Phys. Rev. D **80**, 096006]

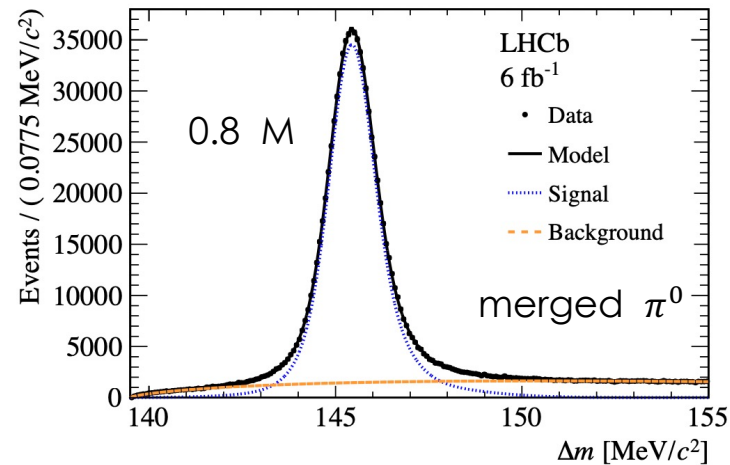
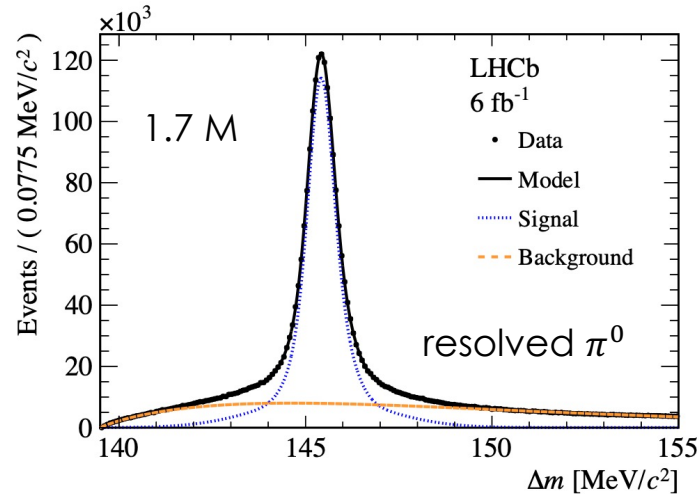
binned model-independent
technique that measures
CP violation observables in
each bin

χ^2 -test against null-
hypothesis (no CPV) to
search for CPV

No evidence of CP violation was observed
p-values wrt null-hypothesis 13.3% for D_s^+ and
13 31.6% for D^+

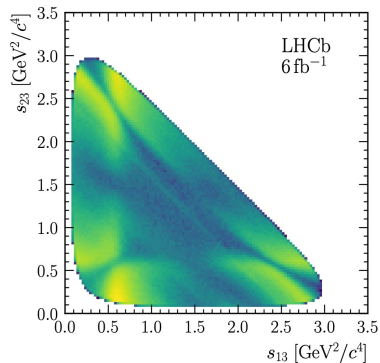
CP violation in $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ decays

[JHEP 09 (2023) 129]

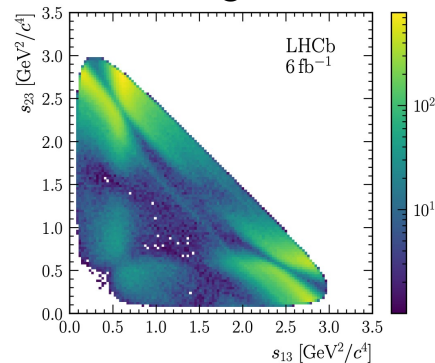


resolved π^0

merged π^0



reconstructed
from two photons



single cluster in
electromagnetic
calorimeter

Energy test

Search for differences in the D^0 and \bar{D}^0 Dalitz plot via the distances between decays in the phase-space distributions.

CP violation in $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$

CP violation was observed in 2019 by LHCb with $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$ decays measuring the difference of the time-integrated CP asymmetry

$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(KK) - A_{CP}(\pi\pi)$$

LHCb observed (5.3 σ) CP violation in the neutral charm decay

$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

Time-integrated CP asymmetry

$$A_{CP}(f) = \frac{\int \epsilon(t) [\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow f)(t) - \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})(t)] dt}{\int \epsilon(t) [\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow f)(t) + \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})(t)] dt} = a_f^d + \frac{\langle t \rangle_f}{\tau_{D^0}} \Delta Y_f$$

$\epsilon(t)$ is the time-dependent reconstruction efficiency

ΔY_f is related to the parameters describing mixing and interference between mixing and decay

$\langle t \rangle_f$ is the average acceptance-dependent decay time of the D^0 mesons in the experimental sample

CP violation in $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$

The flavour of the initial state (D^0 or \bar{D}^0) is tagged by the charge of the pion from $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_{\text{tag}}^+$ and $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi_{\text{tag}}^-$ coming from primary vertexes

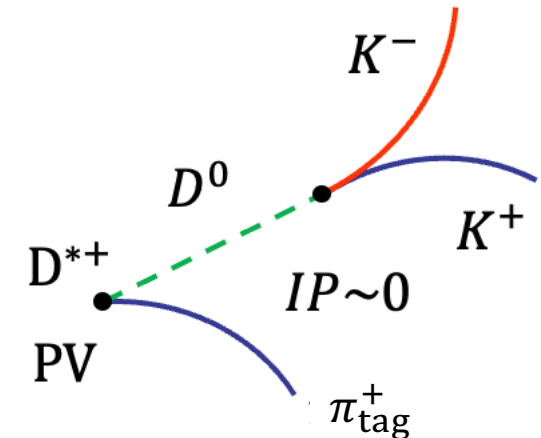
The asymmetry, made of the number of reconstructed D^0 and \bar{D}^0 , is defined as

$$A = \frac{N(D^0 \rightarrow f) - N(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})}{N(D^0 \rightarrow f) + N(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow \bar{f})}$$

and it is related to the CP asymmetry as

$$A = A_{CP} + \underbrace{A_D(\pi) + A_P(D^{*+})}_{\text{nuisance asymmetries}}$$

Prompt D^{*+} decay



production asymmetry

$$A_P = \frac{\sigma(D) - \sigma(\bar{D})}{\sigma(D) + \sigma(\bar{D})}$$

reconstruction asymmetry

$$A_D = \frac{\epsilon(f) - \epsilon(\bar{f})}{\epsilon(f) + \epsilon(\bar{f})}$$

Final results

The value of the CP asymmetries are

$$C_{D^+} : \mathcal{A}_{CP}(K^- K^+) = [13.6 \pm 8.8 (\text{stat}) \pm 1.6 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-4},$$

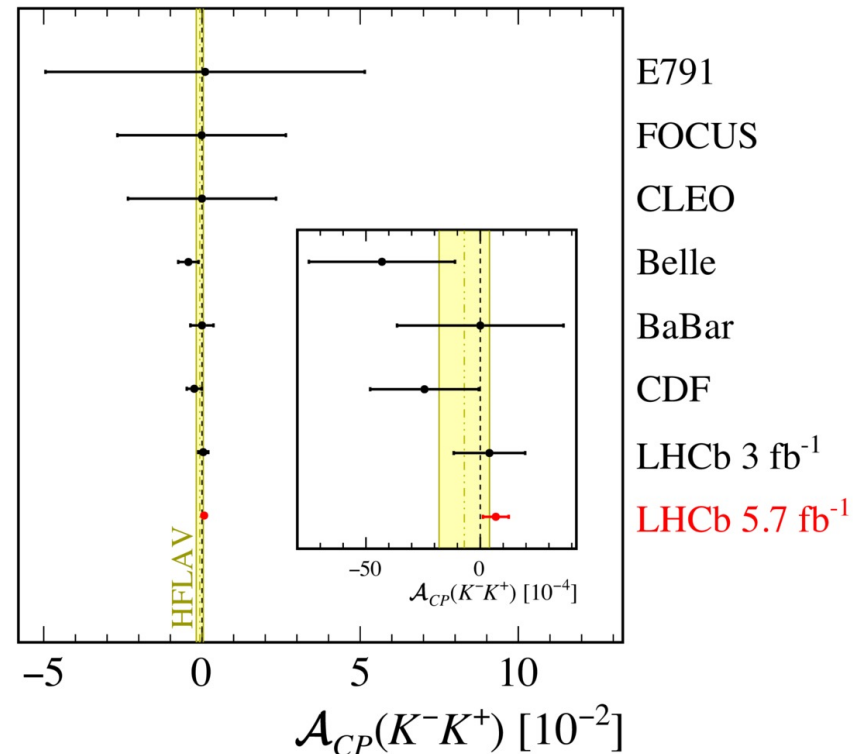
$$C_{D_s^+} : \mathcal{A}_{CP}(K^- K^+) = [2.8 \pm 6.7 (\text{stat}) \pm 2.0 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-4}.$$

with a total correlation corresponding to $\rho = 0.06$

The average corresponds to

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(K^- K^+) = [6.8 \pm 5.4 (\text{stat}) \pm 1.6 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-4}$$

consistent with the previous results



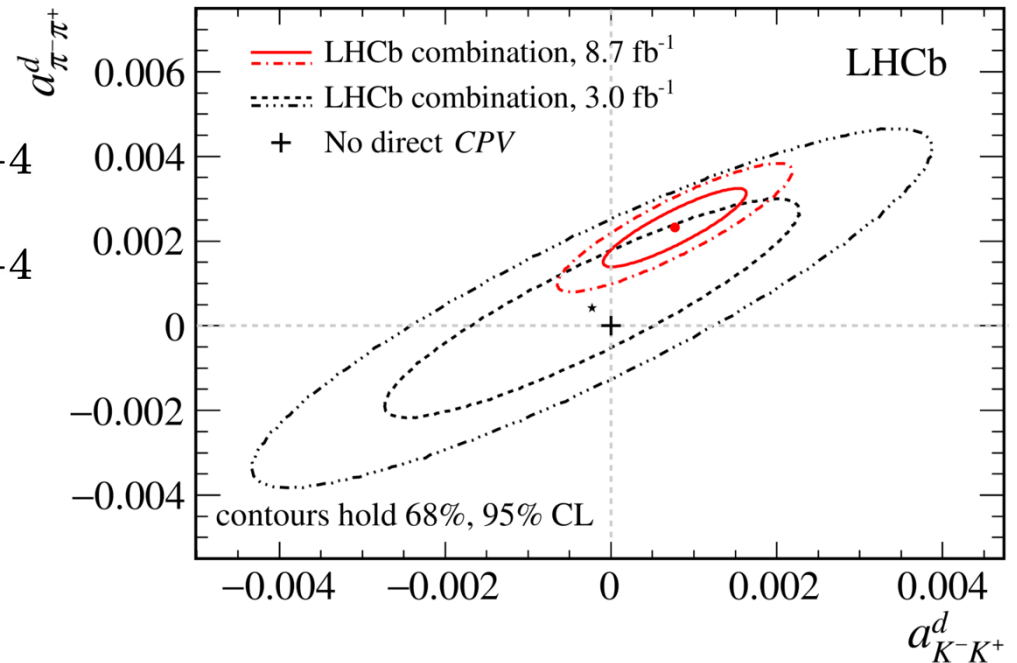
First evidence for direct CP violation

Combining this measurement with the ΔA_{CP} and ΔY_f LHCb measurements

$$a_{K^-K^+}^d = (7.7 \pm 5.7) \times 10^{-4}$$

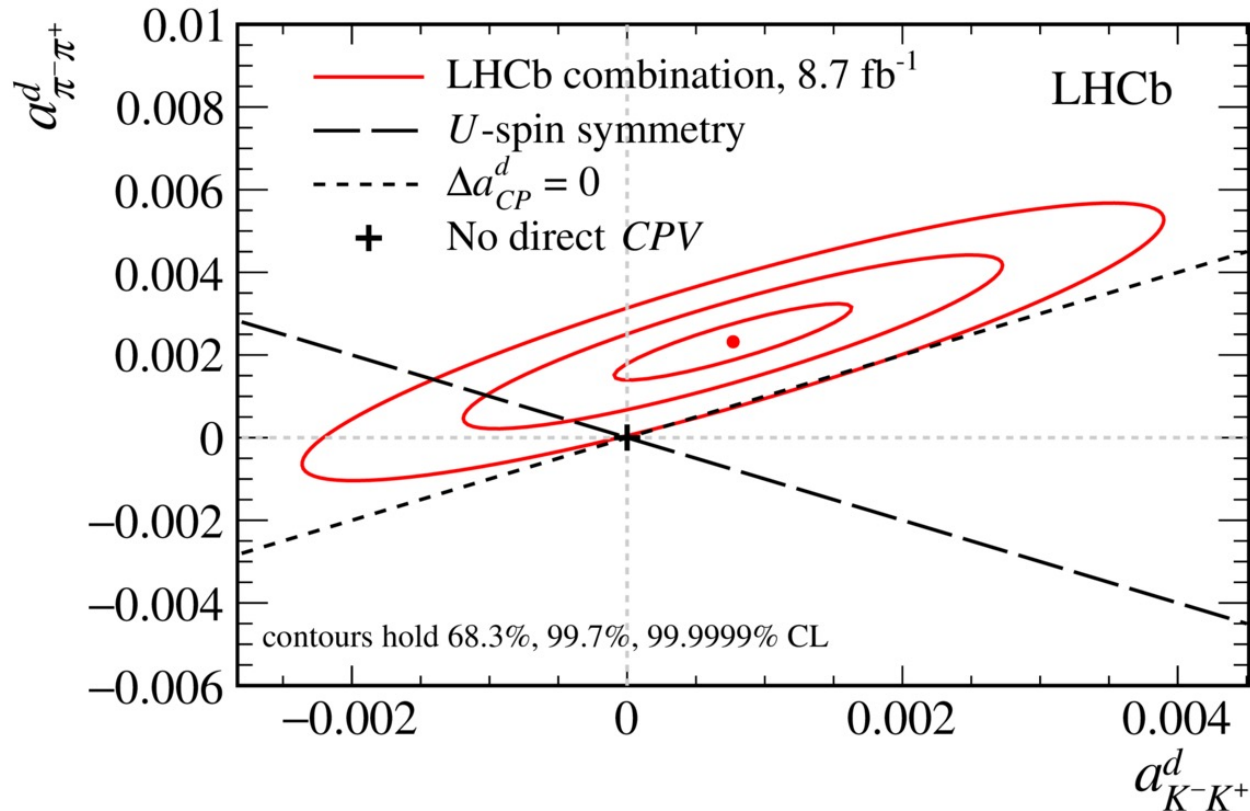
$$a_{\pi^-\pi^+}^d = (23.2 \pm 6.1) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{with } \rho(a_{KK}^d, a_{\pi\pi}^d) = 0.88$$



This is the first evidence of CP violation in $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+$ (3.8σ) in an individual charm meson decay

U-spin symmetry



$a_{KK}^d + a_{\pi\pi}^d \neq 0$ at the level of 2.7 standard deviation

CP violation in mixing with $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ from B decays (bin-flip method)

For each decay-time interval (j), the ratio of the number of decays in each negative Dalitz-plane bin ($-b$) to its positive counterpart ($+b$) is measured

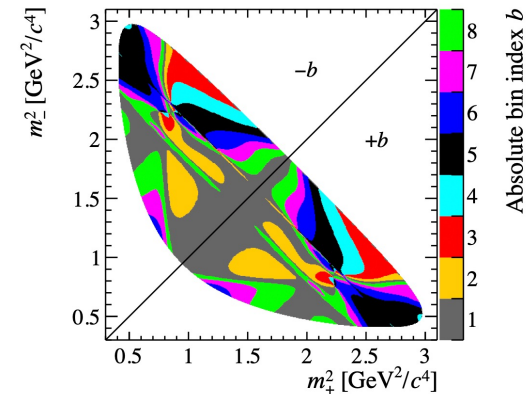
$$R_{bj}^{\pm} \approx \frac{r_b + \frac{1}{4} r_b \langle t^2 \rangle_j \operatorname{Re}(z_{CP}^2 - \Delta z^2) + \frac{1}{4} \langle t^2 \rangle_j |z_{CP} \pm \Delta z|^2 + \sqrt{r_b} \langle t \rangle_j \operatorname{Re}[X_b^*(z_{CP} \pm \Delta z)]}{1 + \frac{1}{4} \langle t^2 \rangle_j \operatorname{Re}(z_{CP}^2 - \Delta z^2) + r_b \frac{1}{4} \langle t^2 \rangle_j |z_{CP} \pm \Delta z|^2 + \sqrt{r_b} \langle t \rangle_j \operatorname{Re}[X_b(z_{CP} \pm \Delta z)]}$$

$r_b \rightarrow$ value of the ratio for $t = 0$

$\langle t \rangle$ ($\langle t^2 \rangle$) \rightarrow average (squared) decay time

$z = (-y + ix)$ with $z_{CP} \pm \Delta z \equiv \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\pm 1} z$

X_b is the amplitude-weighted average strong phase as measured by CLEO and BESIII Collaboration [Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 112006, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 112002]



$$x_{CP} = -\operatorname{Im}(z_{CP}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[x \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) + y \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

$$\Delta x = -\operatorname{Im}(\Delta z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[x \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) + y \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

$$y_{CP} = -\operatorname{Re}(z_{CP}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[y \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) - x \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

$$\Delta y = -\operatorname{Re}(\Delta z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[y \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) - x \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

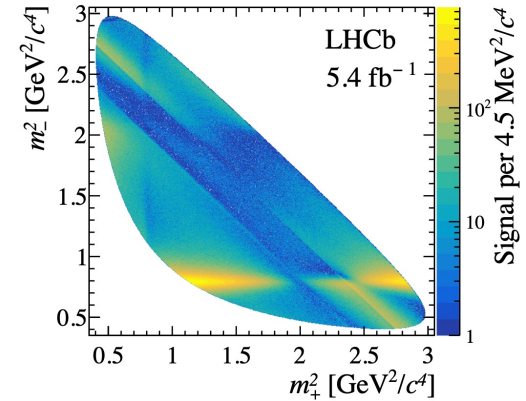
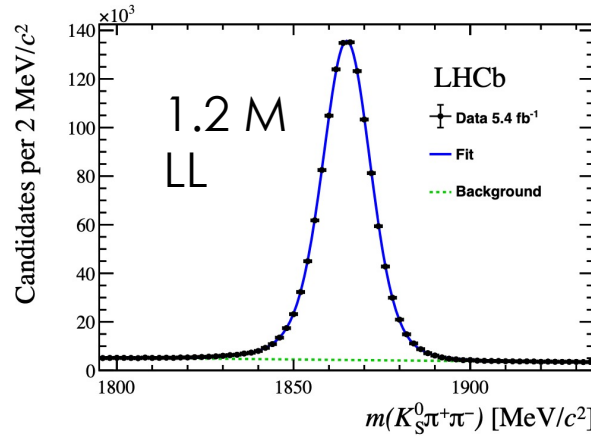
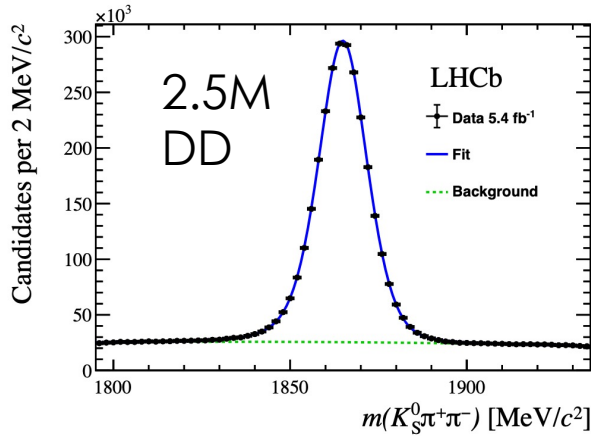
Useful parametrisation in terms of mixing parameters

$$x_{CP}, y_{CP}, \Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow x, y, \phi, \left| \frac{q}{p} \right|$$

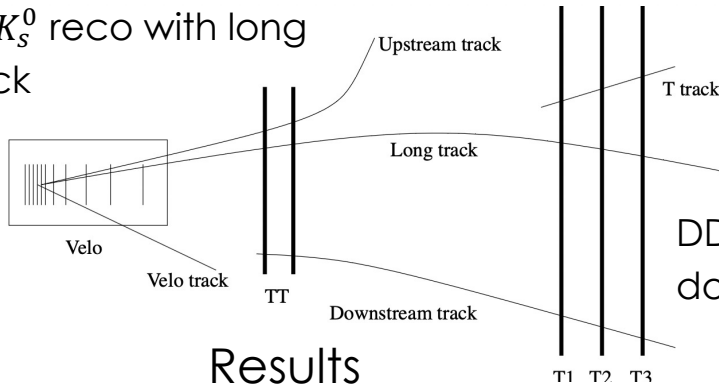
[Phys. Rev. D108 (2023) 052005]

CP violation in mixing with $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ from B decays

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LL: K_S^0 reco with long track



DD: K_S^0 reco with downstream track

Combination with previous LHCb results

$$x = (4.01 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$y = (5.5 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$|q/p| = 1.012^{+0.050}_{-0.048},$$

$$\phi = -0.061^{+0.037}_{-0.044} \text{ rad.}$$

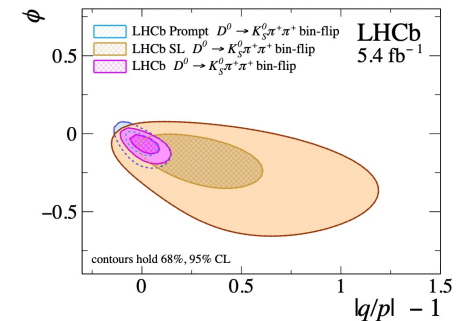
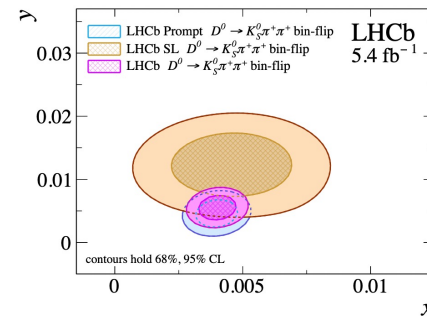
Results

$$x_{CP} = [4.29 \pm 1.48 \pm 0.26] \times 10^{-3},$$

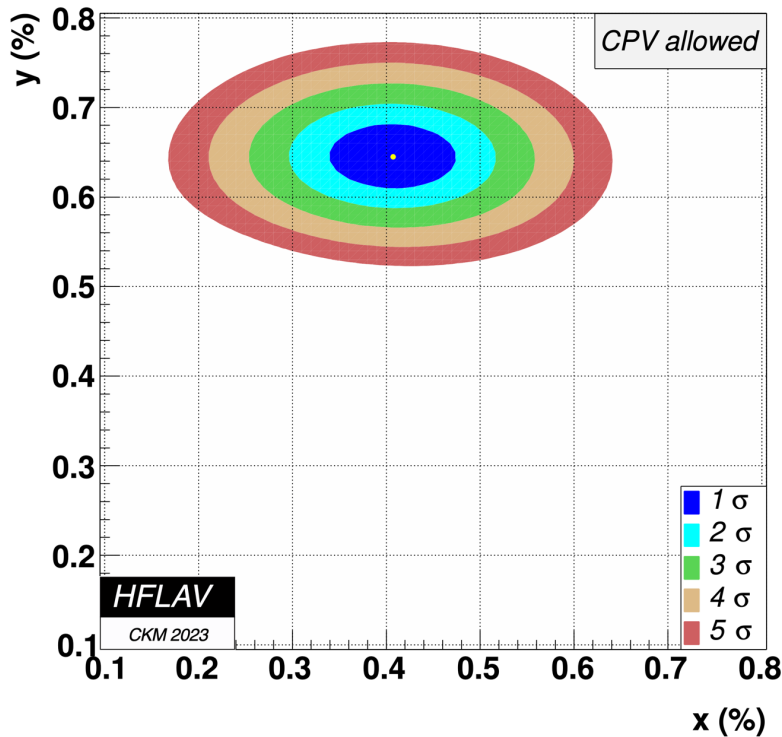
$$y_{CP} = [12.61 \pm 3.12 \pm 0.83] \times 10^{-3},$$

$$\Delta x = [-0.77 \pm 0.93 \pm 0.28] \times 10^{-3},$$

$$\Delta y = [3.01 \pm 1.92 \pm 0.26] \times 10^{-3},$$

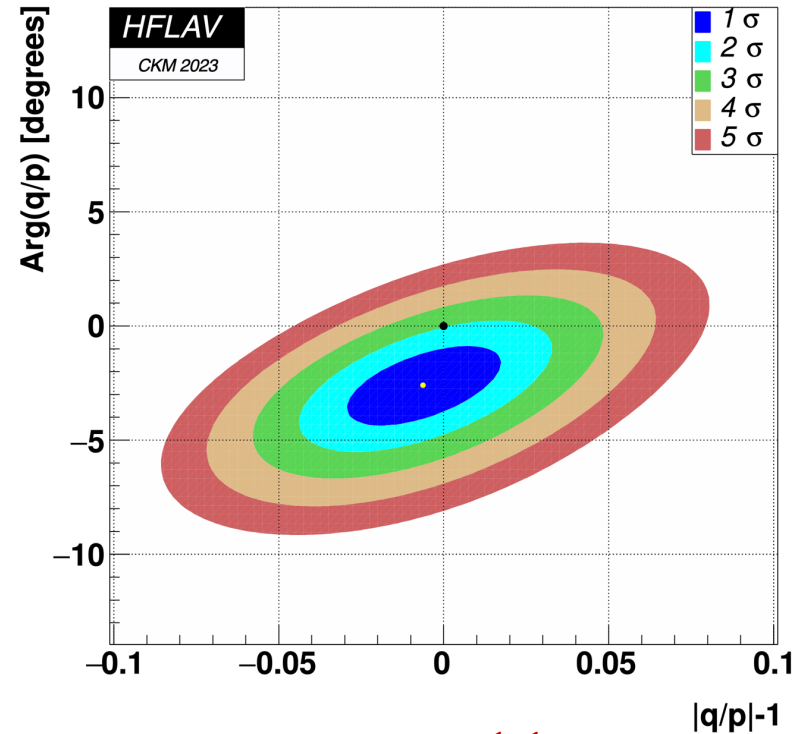


CP violation in mixing (HFLAV)



$$x = 0.407 \pm 0.044$$

$$y = 0.645^{+0.024}_{-0.023}$$



$$\phi = -2.6^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$$

$$\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| = 0.944^{+0.016}_{-0.015}$$

No sign of CP violation in mixing and interference between mixing and decay

Conclusions

- The LHCb experiment plays an important role in the **determination of CP violation** in charm decay
- LHCb observed for the first time **CP violation in a charm decay**
- **High precision** reached in **CP violation** mixing parameters
- **Several searches** are ongoing in LHCb to understand the nature of **CP violation** with additional decays (two and three bodies)
- The **Belle-II experiment** has on tape a sample equivalent to BaBar and half of Belle
- **Belle-II data-taking will restart soon (early next year)** → an important contribution is expected in the following years to complement the LHCb measurements in the charm sector
- **Exciting time** ahead for **LHCb** with the **2024** and **2025** data-taking campaign