

Highlights from the LHCb experiment

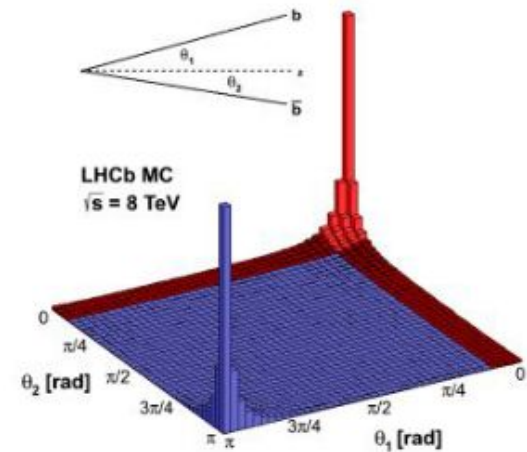
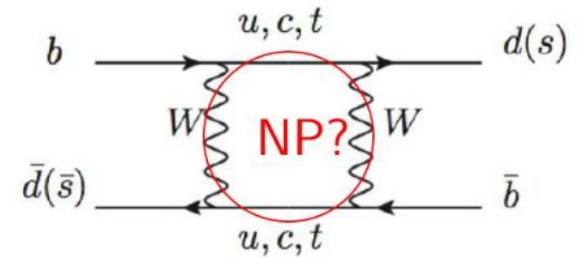
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Introduction

- ❖ Why 3 generations of fermions?
- ❖ Are there other sources of CPV violation?
- ❖ Precision measurements to test SM predictions
- ❖ Hadronic machines: large $b\bar{b}$ (and $c\bar{c}$) production cross section
 - → LHCb experiment: forward spectrometer with excellent vertexing, tracking and particle identification



The LHCb experiment

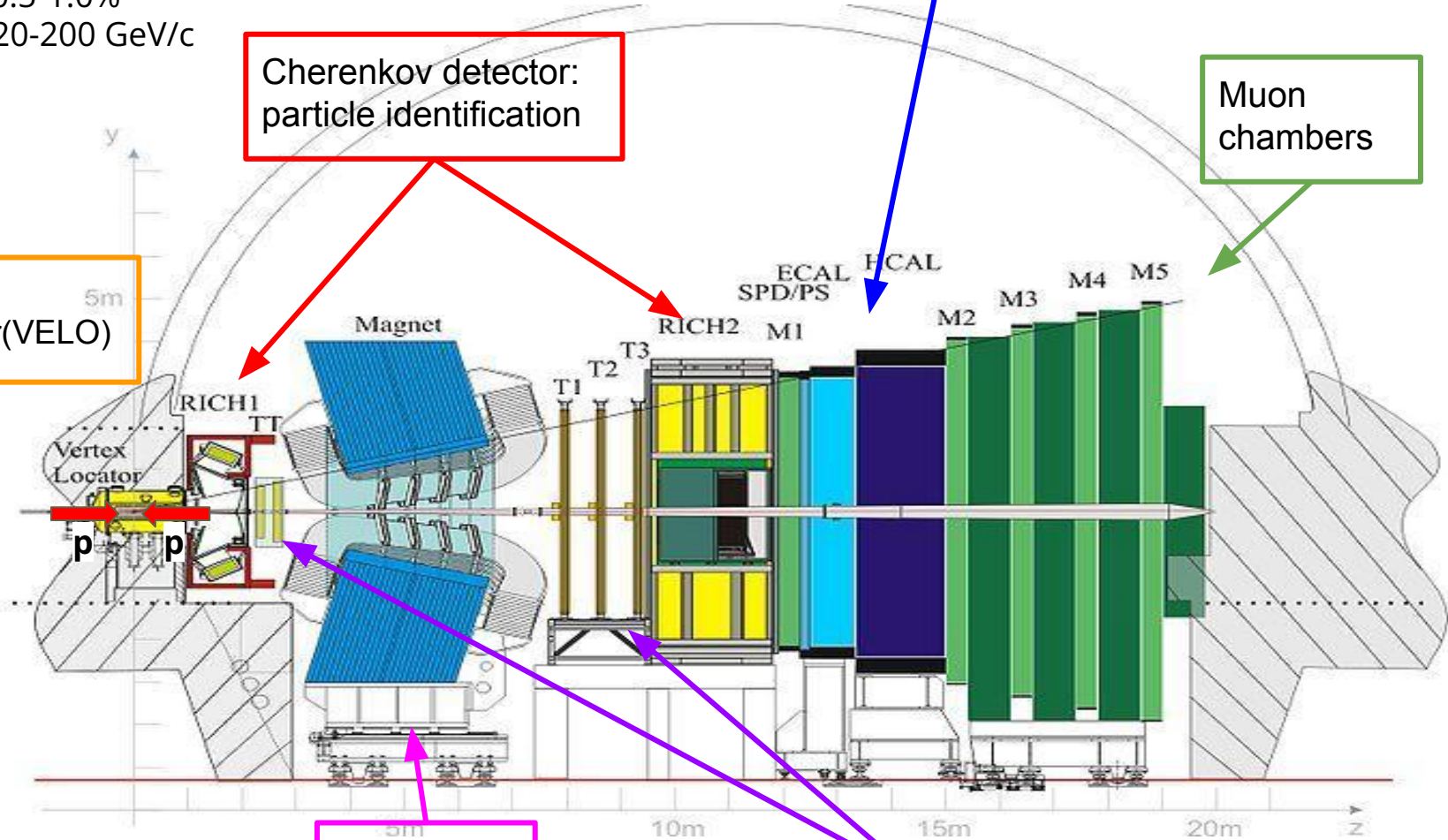
$\delta p/p = 0.5-1.0\%$
for $p = 20-200 \text{ GeV}/c$

Vertex
detector(VELO)

Cherenkov detector:
particle identification

Calorimeters: particle
identification

Muon
chambers



Magnet

Tracking stations: trajectory of
charged particles → momentum

Not only a flavour experiment

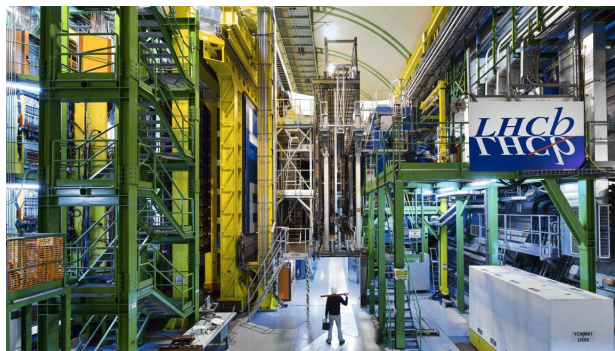
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- ❖ Designed to study B mesons decays, but rich physics program!

**CP violation
& CKM**

**Lepton
universality
tests**

**Hadronic
spectroscopy**

Rare decays



**Dark
sector**

Fixed target

Heavy ions

**Electroweak
physics**

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- ❖ **This talk:** selected measurements on flavour physics. See also:
 - Alice Biolchini, [Lepton flavour universality tests in \$b \rightarrow s \ell \ell\$ decays at LHCb experiment](#)
 - Camille Normand, [Bs \$\rightarrow \mu \mu \gamma\$ decay in the high- \$q^2\$ region](#)
 - Lisa Fantini, [Lepton number and lepton flavour violation searches in B decays at LHCb](#)

Lepton flavour universality tests



LFU tests in LHCb

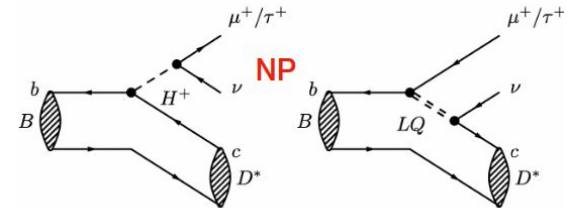
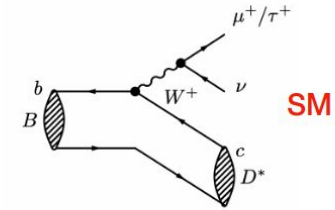
❖ EW couplings to leptons “universal” (the only difference is the mass) in the SM

❖ Can be tested in

➤ $b \rightarrow cl\nu$

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau^+\nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\mu^+\nu_\mu)}$$

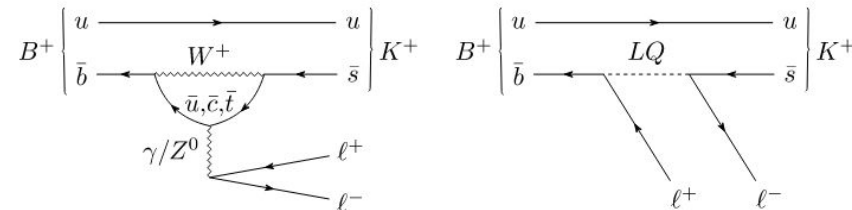
Predicted with a ~1% precision in the SM



➤ $b \rightarrow sll$ → Covered in [Alice's talk](#) !

Sensitive to NP coupling to EW penguin

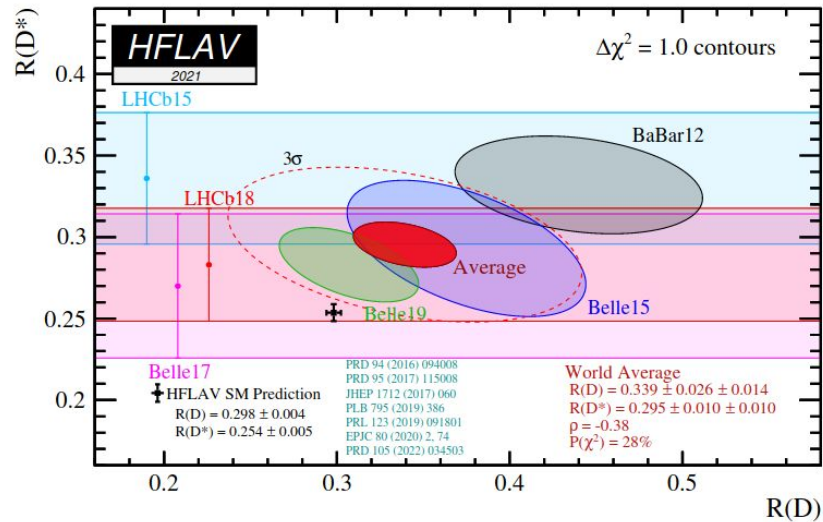
LFU tests theoretically clean



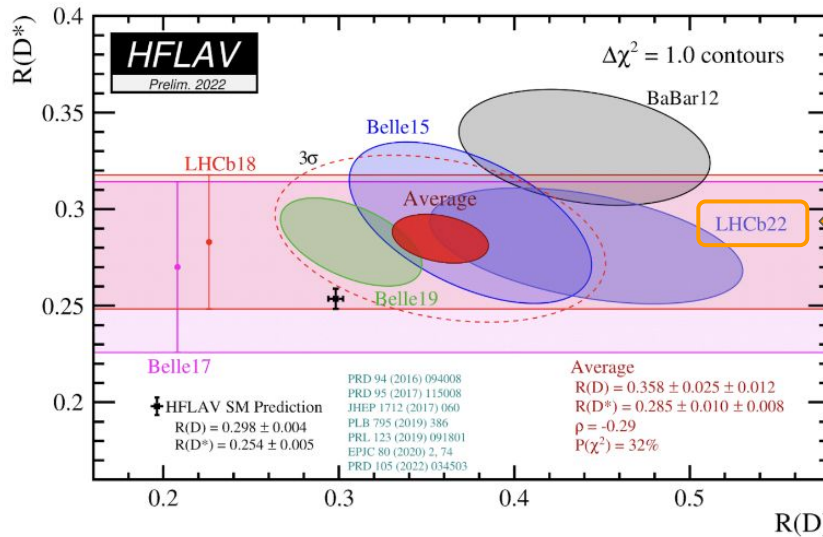
$$R_H [q_{\min}^2, q_{\max}^2] = \frac{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{dq^2}}{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{dq^2}}, \quad q^2 = m^2(\ell\ell)$$

$b \rightarrow c l \nu$

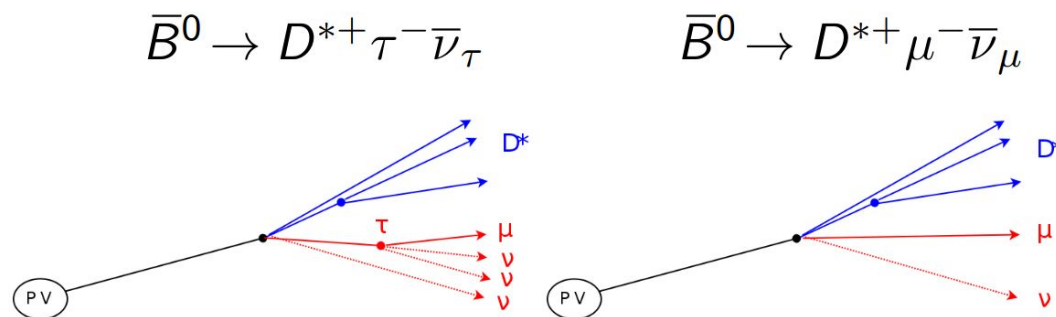
Until ~ 1 year ago:
longstanding 3.3σ effect



Recent update from LHCb!
→ 3.2σ effect



- ❖ First joint measurement of R(D) and R(D^{*}) at a hadron collider
 - Run 1 (2011-2012) dataset
- ❖ Experimental challenge: neutrinos → no narrow peak to fit



- ❖ Strategy: make 3D template fits to q^2 , missing mass and lepton energy distributions

- ❖ Both precision measurement and inclusive analysis with high statistics
 - Understanding of background fundamental

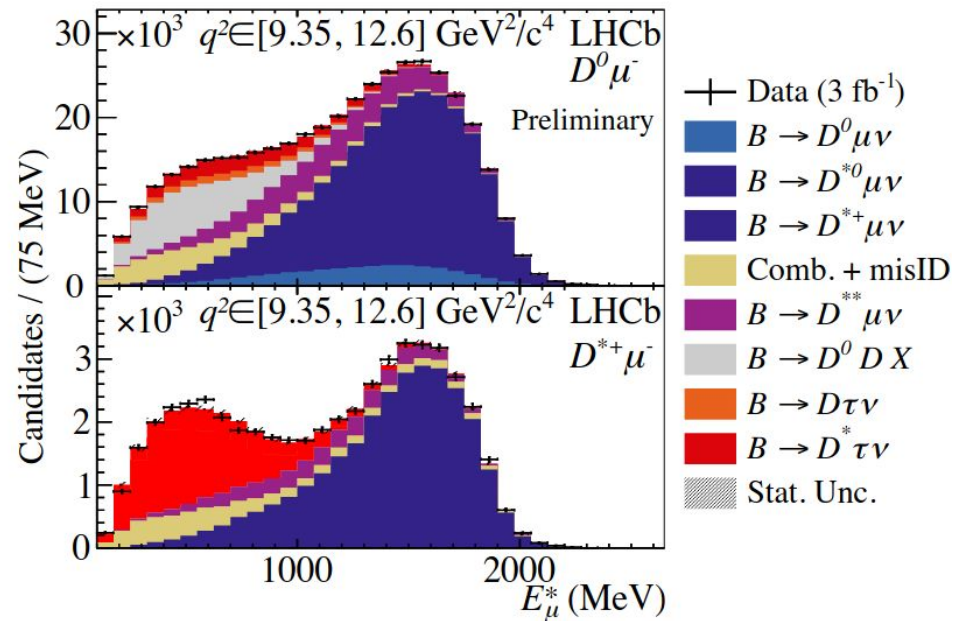
❖ Final result:

$$\mathcal{R}(D^*) = 0.281 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.024$$

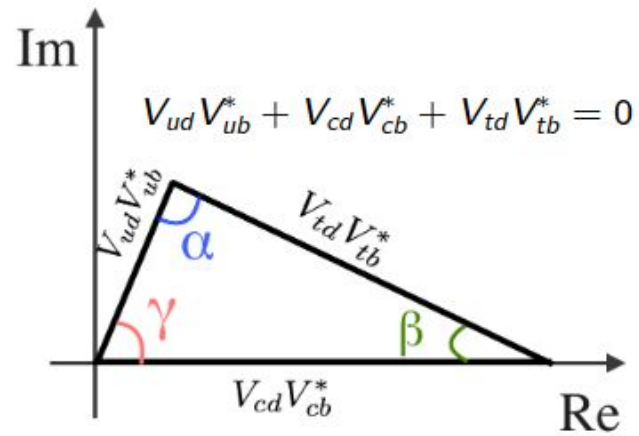
$$\mathcal{R}(D) = 0.441 \pm 0.060 \pm 0.066$$

$$\rho = -0.43$$

- ❖ Run 2 measurement ongoing



CKM metrology

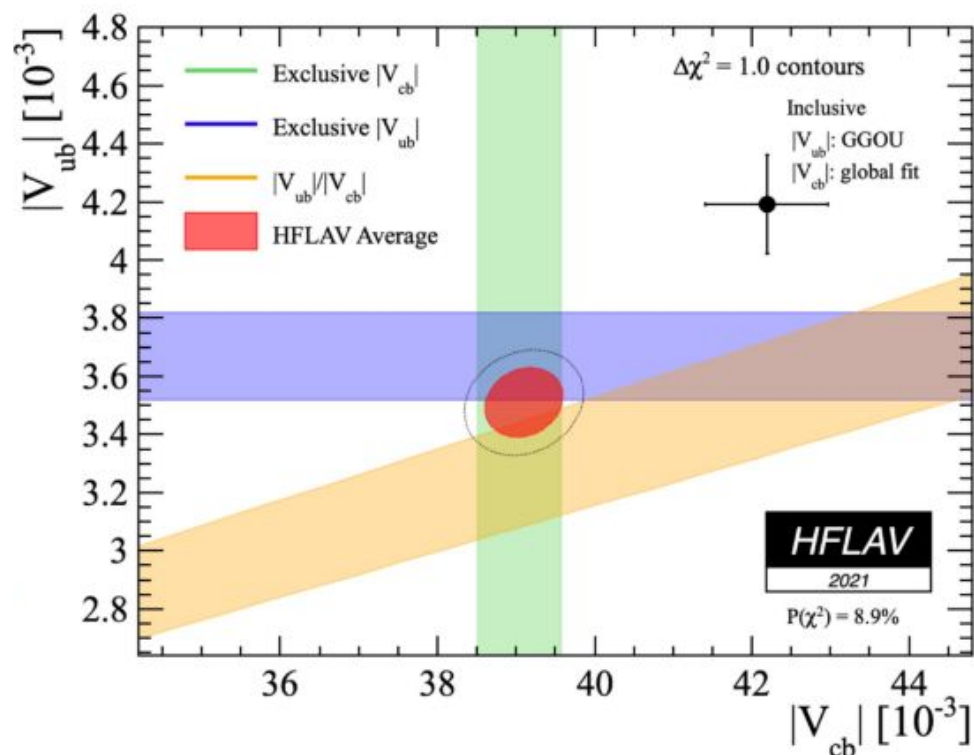


$|V_{cb}|$ measurement

❖ Long-standing tension ($\sim 3\sigma$) between inclusive and exclusive determinations

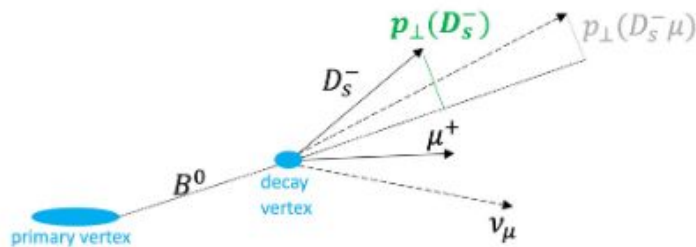
❖ At LHCb

- $|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$ using Λ_b^0 decays
- B_s^0 system



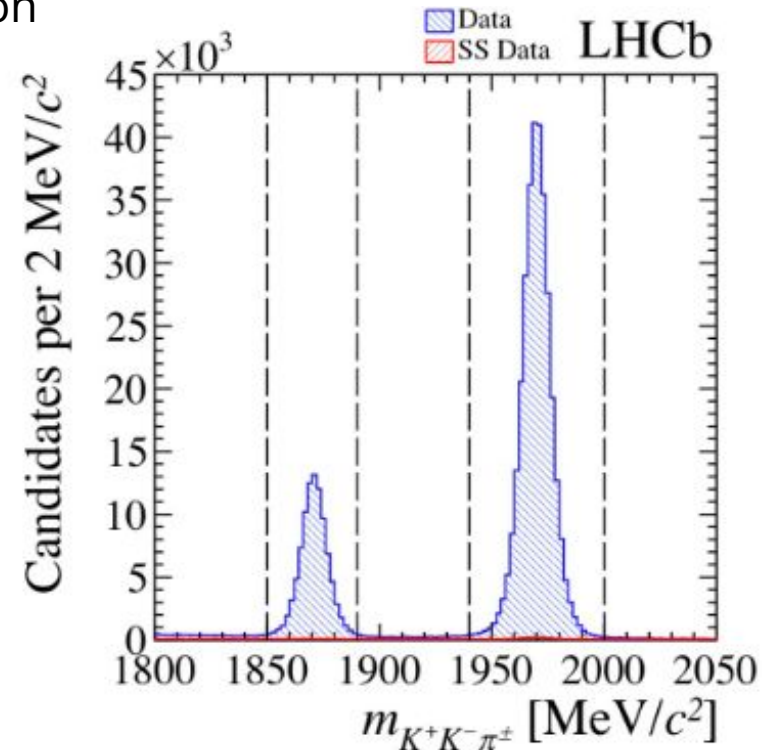
$|V_{cb}|$ via $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu$

- ❖ 2011-2012 data, $B^0 \rightarrow D^* \mu \nu$ used as normalization
- ❖ Unreconstructed neutrino \rightarrow 2D fit to
 - $\triangleright p_{\perp}$, correlated with hadron recoil (preserves FF information)



$$\triangleright m_{\text{corr}} \equiv \sqrt{m^2(D_s^- \mu^+) + p_{\perp}^2(D_s^- \mu^+) + p_{\perp}(D_s^- \mu^+)}$$

- ❖ \rightarrow simultaneous extraction of $|V_{cb}|$ and FF

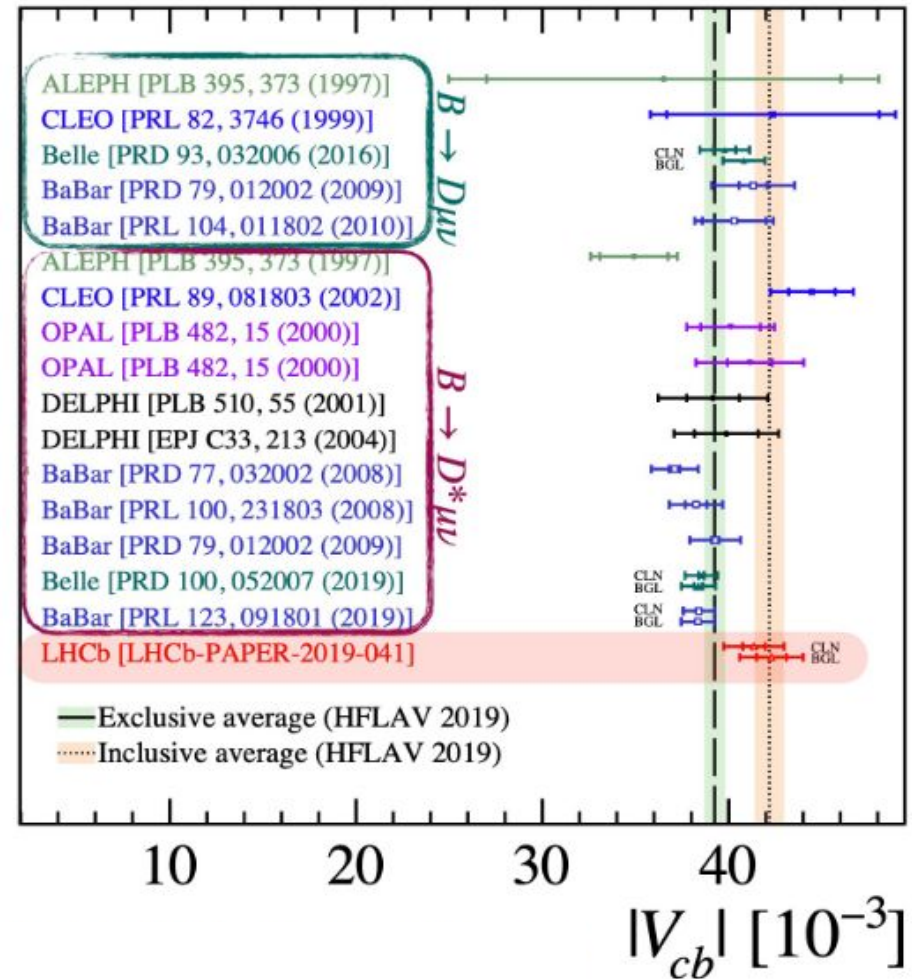


$|V_{cb}|$ via $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu$

❖ Final result:

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{CLN}} = (41.6 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst}) \pm 1.2(\text{ext})) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{BGL}} = (42.3 \pm 0.8(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst}) \pm 1.2(\text{ext})) \times 10^{-3}$$

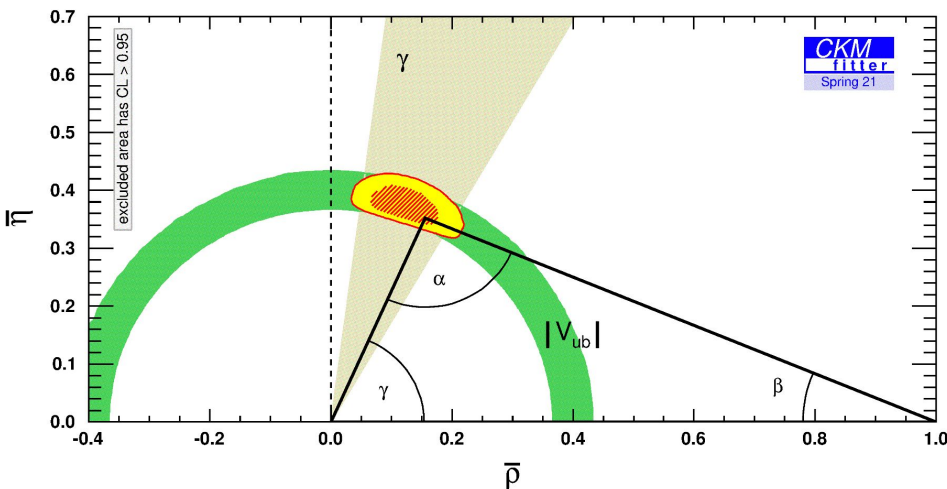


❖ Limited by external inputs → will benefit from LHCb Run 3 measurement on f_s/f_d and any update on $K^+K^-\pi^+$ resonance from Belle II

Measurement of γ angle

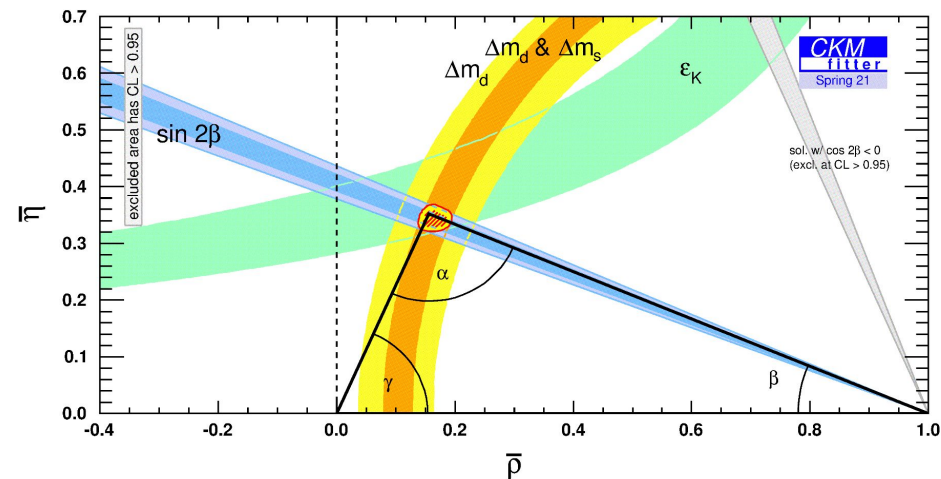
$$\gamma = -\arg\left(\frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}\right)$$

- ❖ Accessible studying processes involving only tree-level diagrams
 - Negligible theoretical uncertainty ($<10^{-7}$) [JHEP 1401 \(2014\) 051](#)
 - Comparison between direct and indirect determination, obtained using unitarity relation \rightarrow sensitive to NP



$$\gamma = (66.2^{+3.3}_{-3.5})^\circ$$

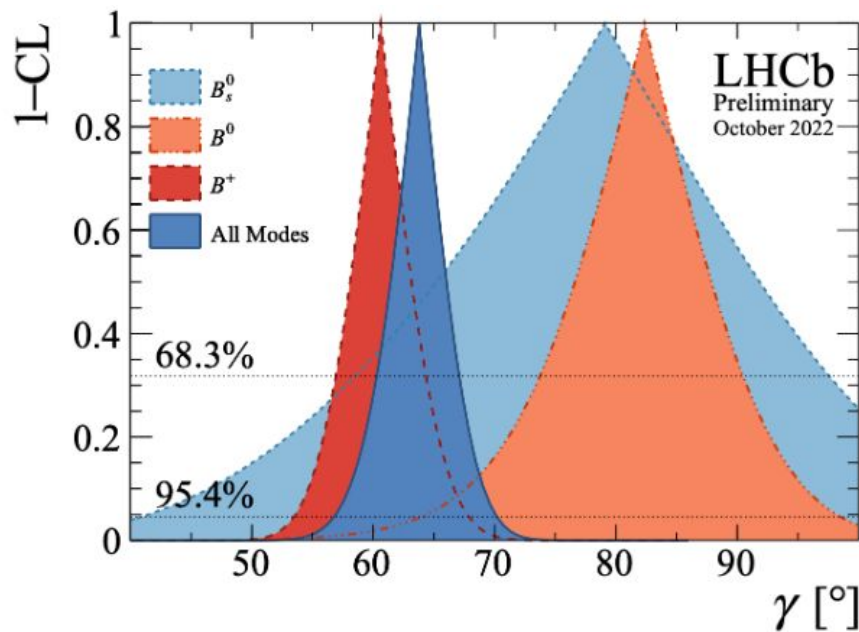
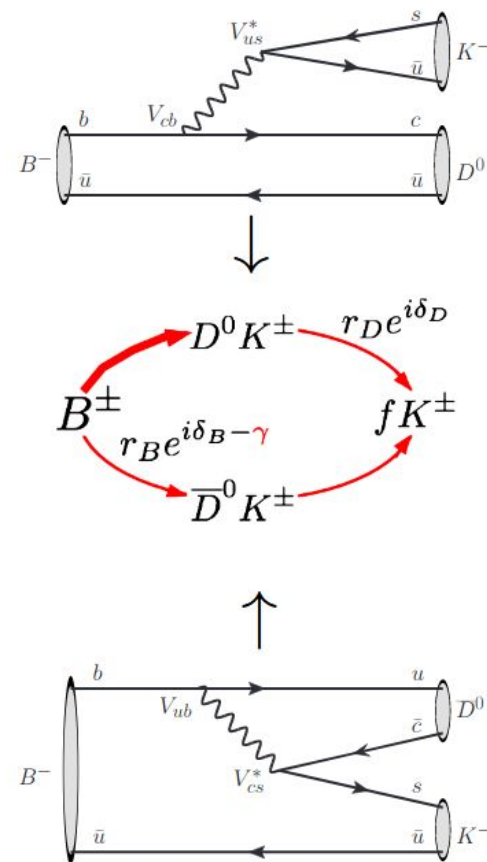
From [HFLAV](#)



$$\gamma = (65.5^{+1.1}_{-2.7})^\circ$$

Measurement of γ angle

- ❖ Interference between $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}s$ and $b \rightarrow \bar{u}c s$ transitions
- ❖ \rightarrow occurs when D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decay to the same final state
 - CP eigenstates, e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$, $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
 - CF or DCS decays, e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$
 - self-conjugated 3-body final states, e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$



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CPV in charm



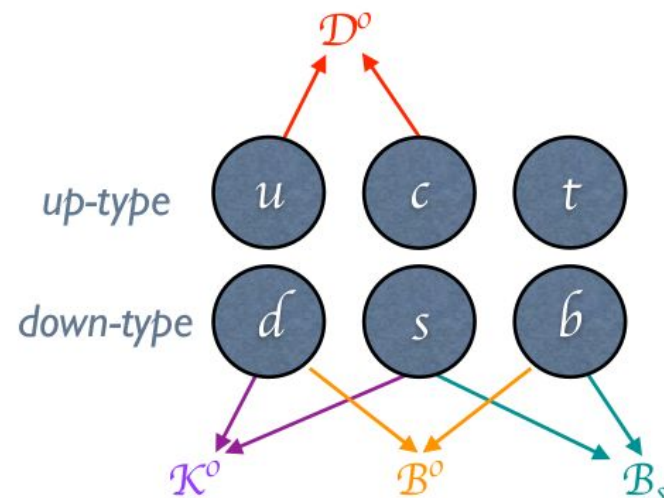
The charm quark

❖ Charm transitions are a unique portal for obtaining a novel access to flavor dynamics

- complementarity with K^0 and $B^0_{(s)}$
- expected CPV in charm $\lesssim 10^{-3}$ → difficult to observe it experimentally

❖ Theoretical predictions challenging:

- non-perturbative QCD regime (mass c -mesons $O(2 \text{ GeV})$)
- → large uncertainties



First observation of CPV in charm

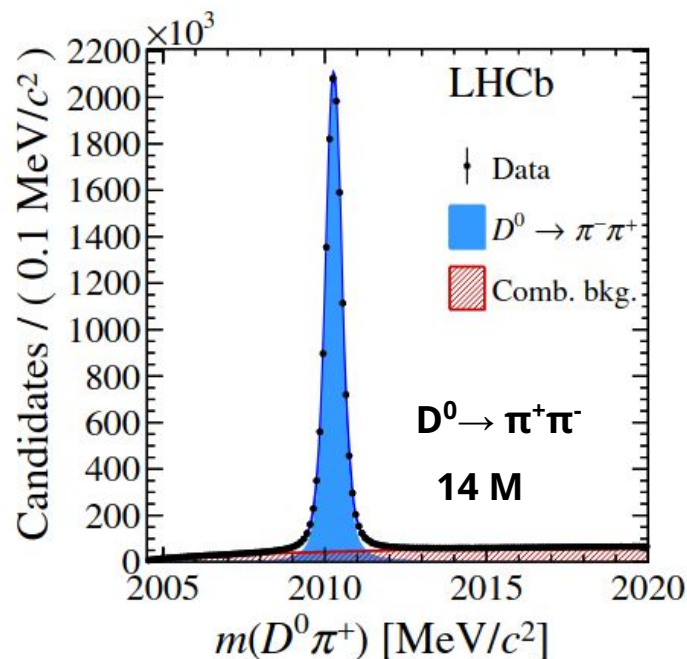
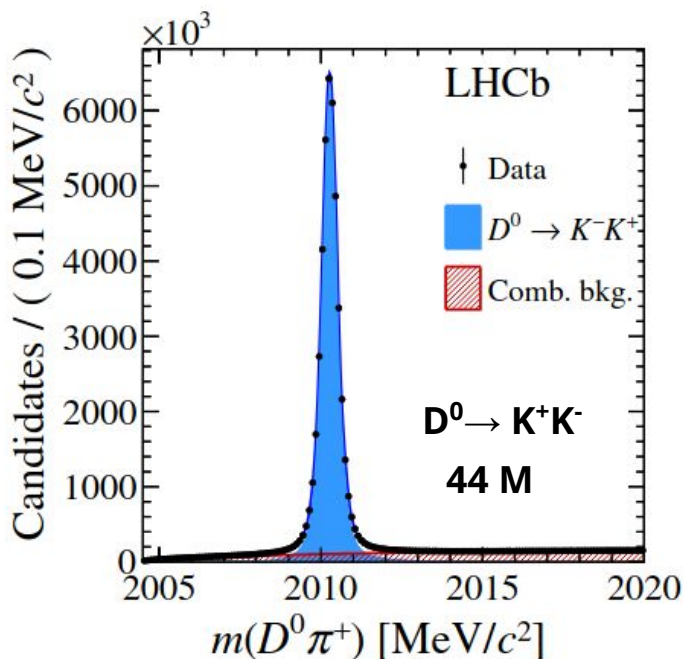
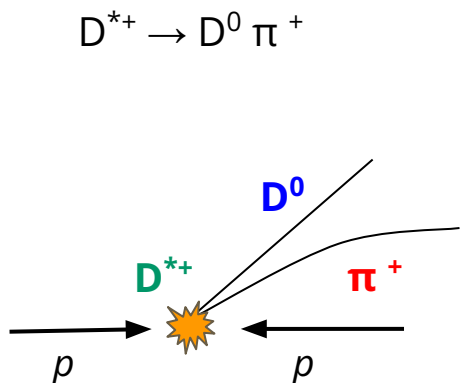
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- ❖ Difference in CP asymmetries between $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
 - Need to distinguish between D^0 and \bar{D}^0

$$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(f) = \frac{\Gamma(D \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{\Gamma(D \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{raw} \equiv \frac{N_{D^0} - N_{\bar{D}^0}}{N_{D^0} + N_{\bar{D}^0}}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{raw} \approx \mathcal{A}^{CP} + \mathcal{A}^{prod} + \mathcal{A}^{det}$$

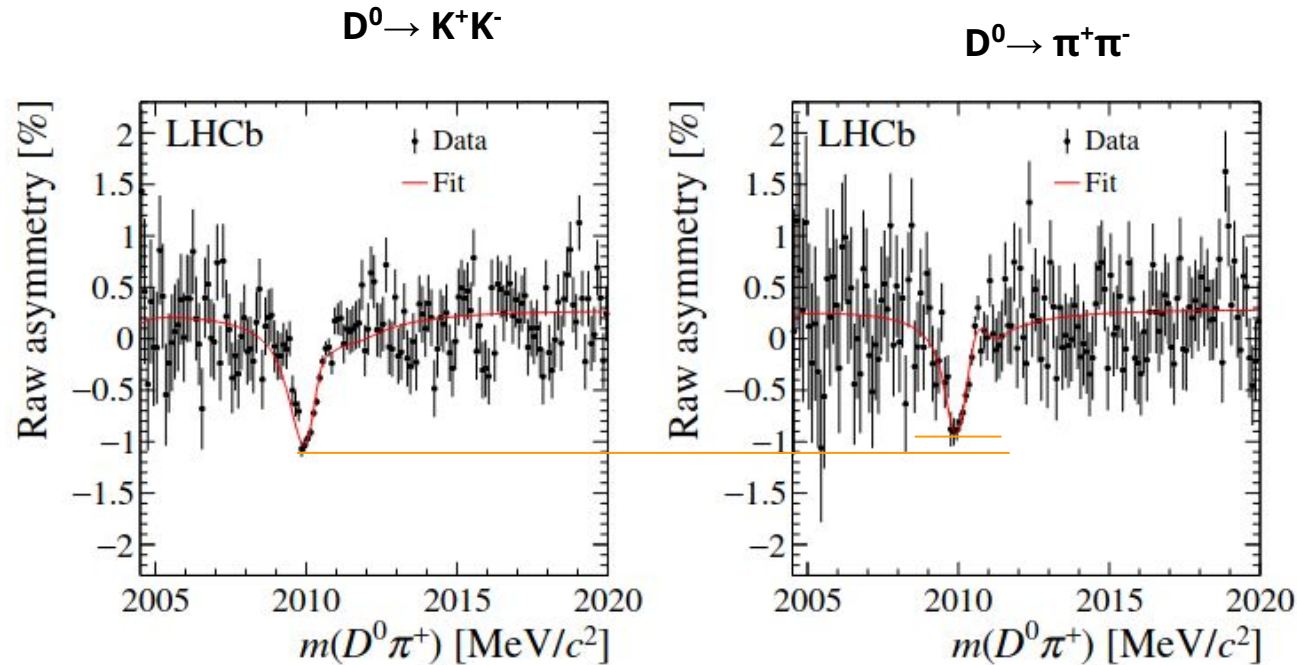


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$$\Delta A^{\text{CP}} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

5.3 σ from zero



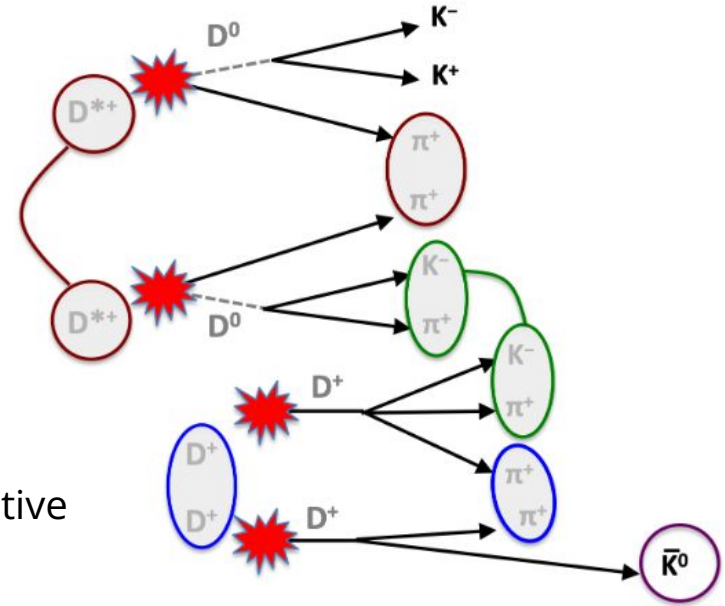
- ❖ SM or not?
- ❖ Large samples needed
- ❖ → LHCb: $10^6 \bar{c}c$ pairs per second in acceptance (Run 2)

$A^{CP} (D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-)$

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❖ New in Run 2: two independent ways to cancel nuisance asymmetries

- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$, $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$, $D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 \pi^+$
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$, $D_s^+ \rightarrow \Phi \pi^+$, $D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^+$
- ~40% improvement of σ_{stat}



❖ Main systematic uncertainties

- Kinematic reweighting → reduces also effective yield
- Knowledge of detector material → need accurate model in simulation and/or new data-driven approaches

$A^{\text{CP}}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-)$

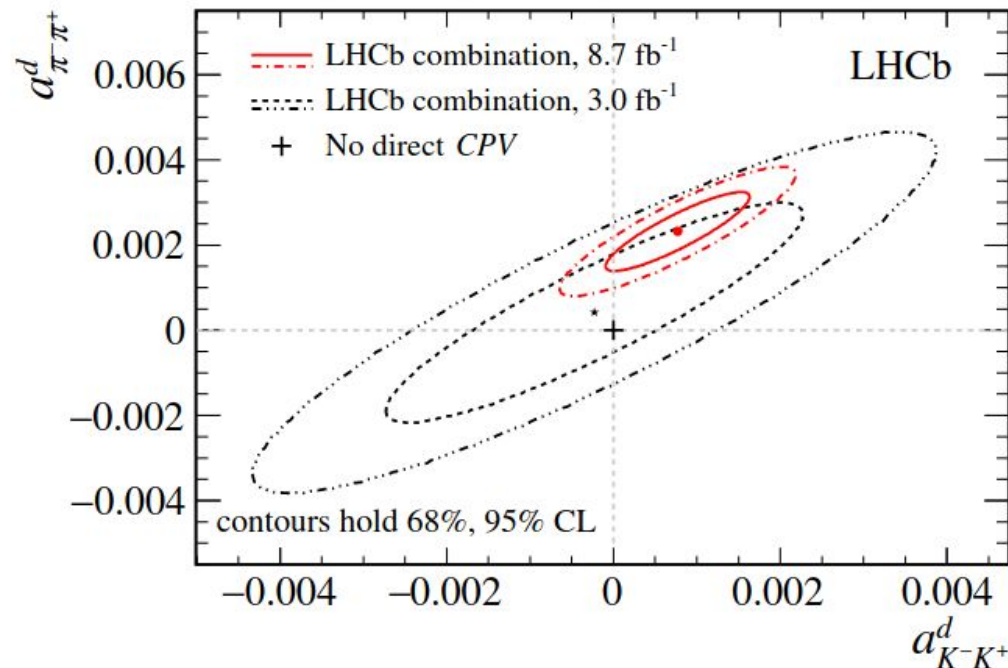
$$A^{\text{CP}}(K^+K^-) = [6.8 \pm 5.4 (\text{stat}) \pm 1.6 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-4}$$

CPV in decay

$$A^{\text{CP}}(K^+K^-) = a_{\text{KK}}^d + \langle t \rangle_{\text{KK}} / \tau_{D^0} \Delta Y$$

mixing-induced
CPV

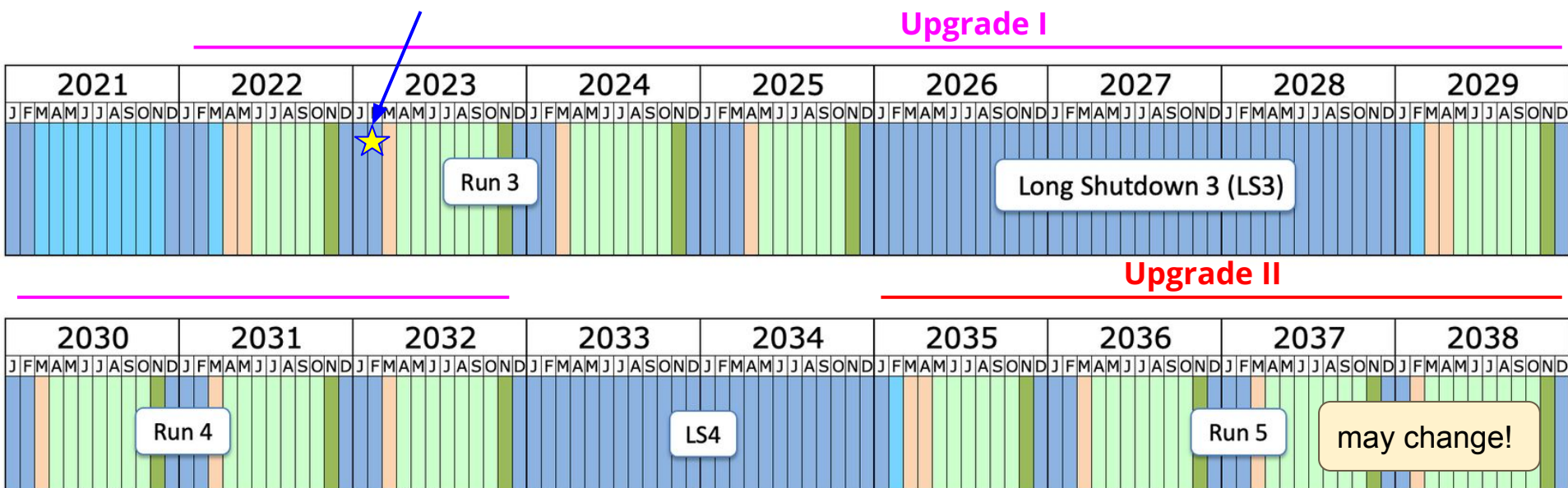
$$\rightarrow a_{\text{KK}}^d = (7.7 \pm 5.7) \times 10^{-4} \quad a_{\pi\pi}^d = (23.2 \pm 6.1) \times 10^{-4} \quad \mathbf{3.8\sigma \text{ from 0}}$$



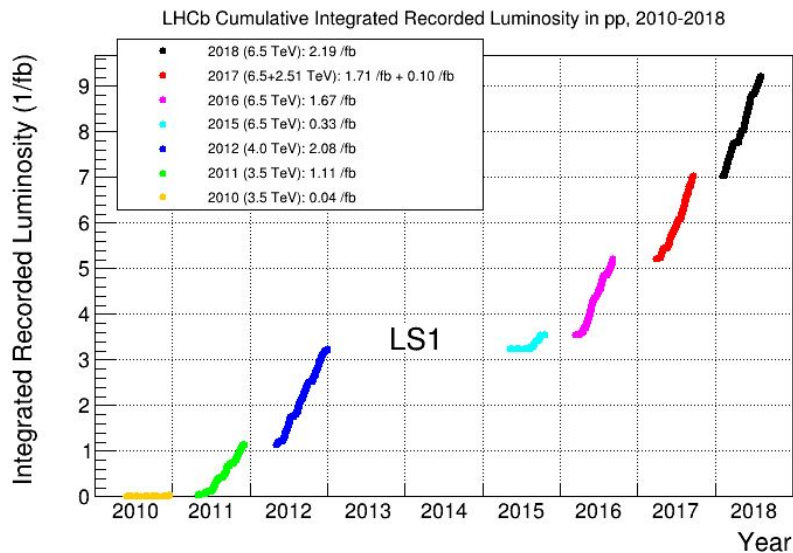
Looking at the future

Timeline

we are here



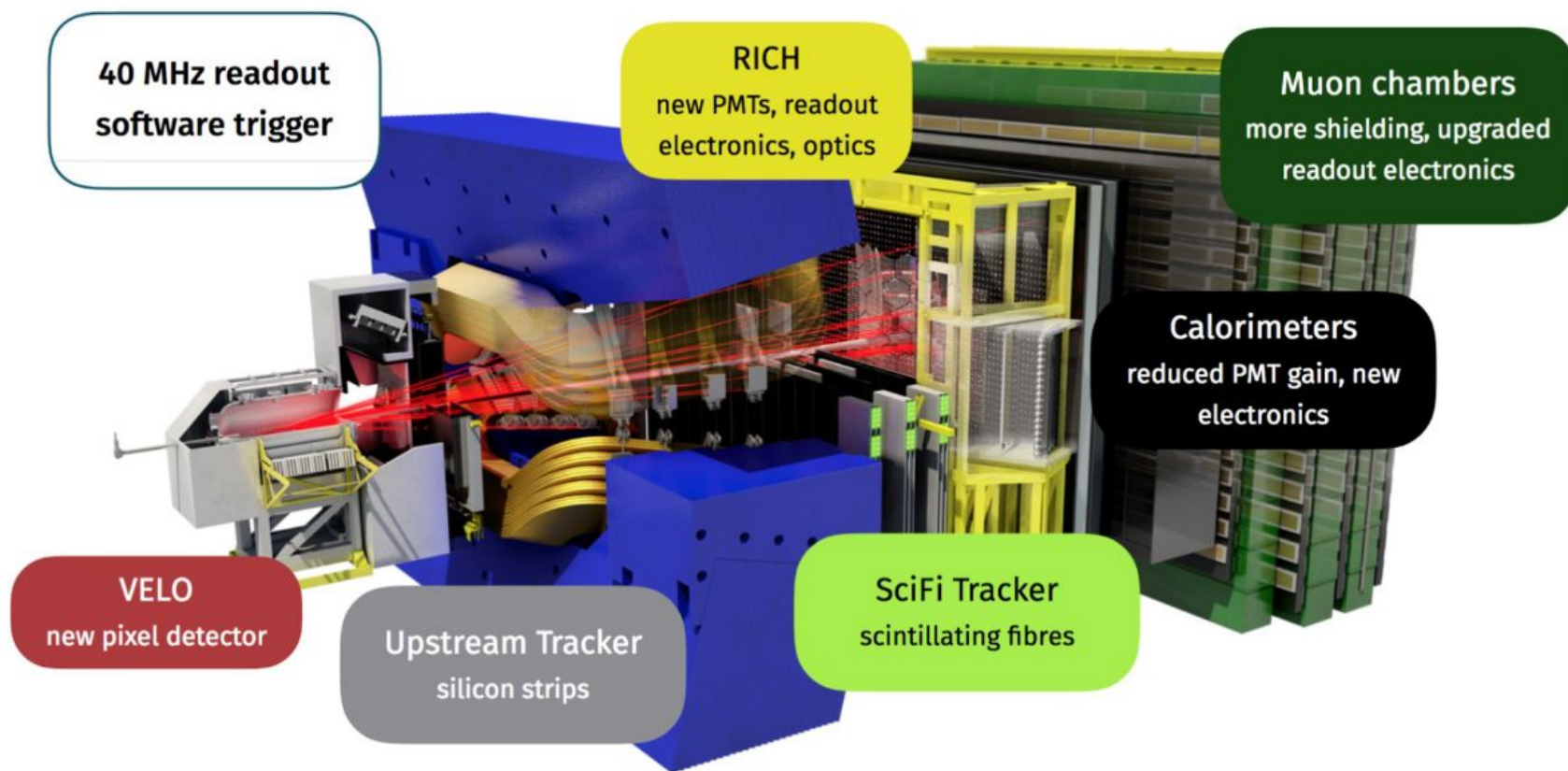
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- ◆ Run 1+2
 - Integrated luminosity 9 fb⁻¹
- ◆ Upgrade I
 - Integrated luminosity ~41 fb⁻¹
- ◆ Upgrade II
 - Integrated luminosity ~250 fb⁻¹

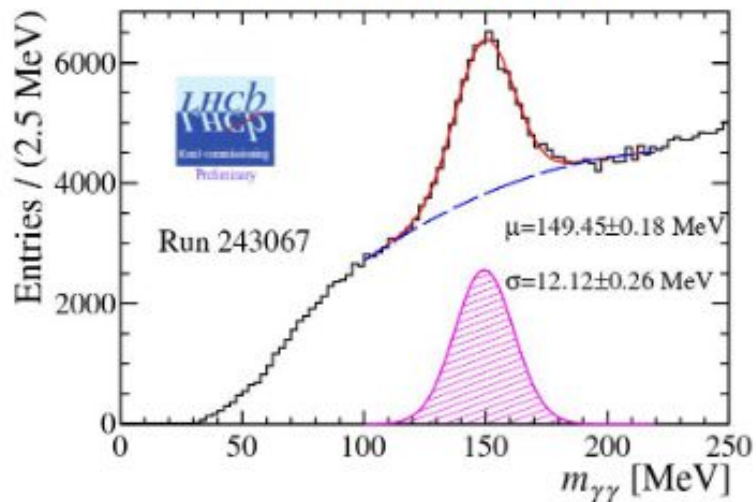
LHCb experiment in Run 3

- ❖ 5x increase in instantaneous luminosity
 - From ~ 1 PV per event, to ~ 5 PVs per event

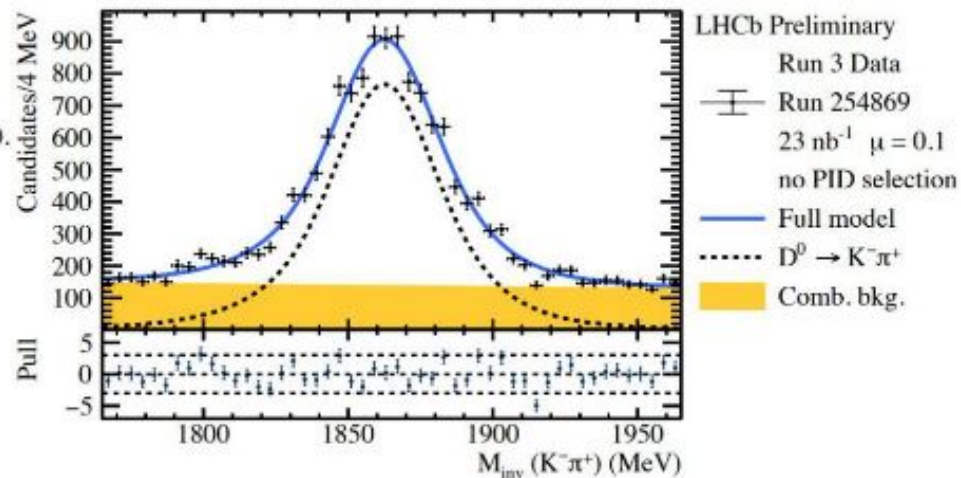
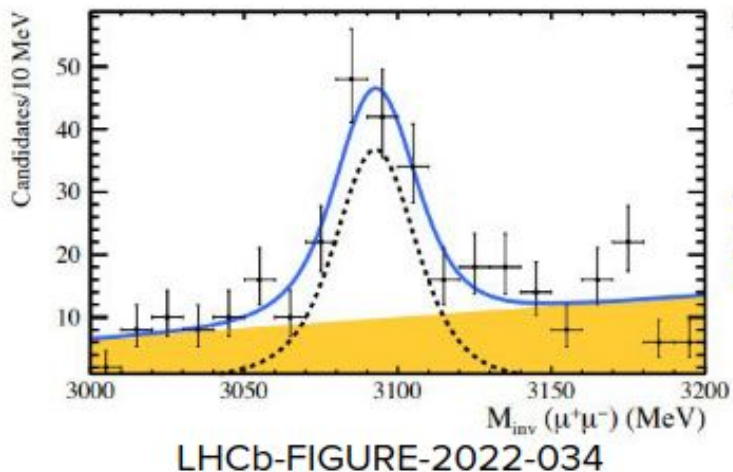


First mass peaks

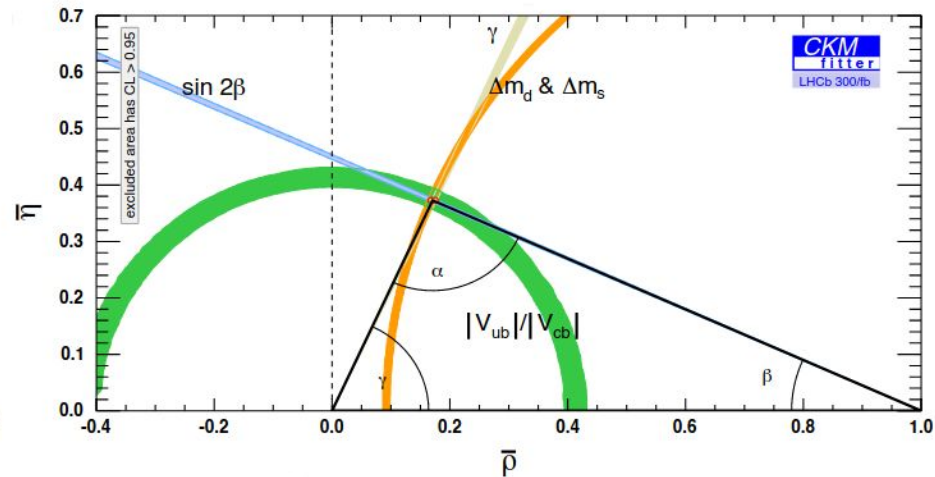
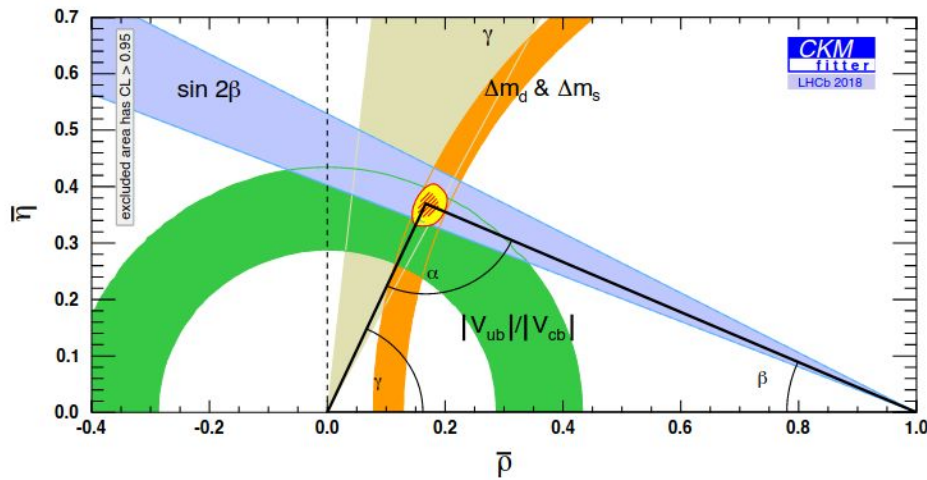
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- ❖ Currently working hard on understanding new detector and improving calibration and alignment



- ❖ Pile-up ~40, 200 Tb/s data produced
- ❖ To keep same performance, timing needed in some sub-detectors
 - R&D ongoing on new technologies

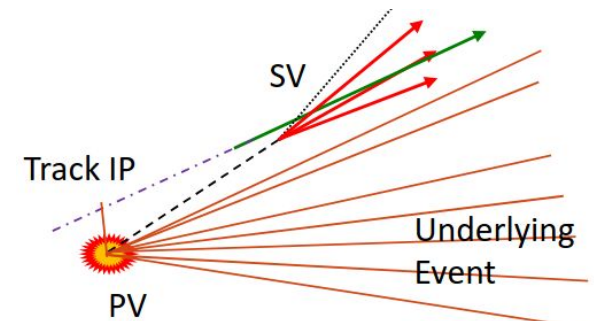
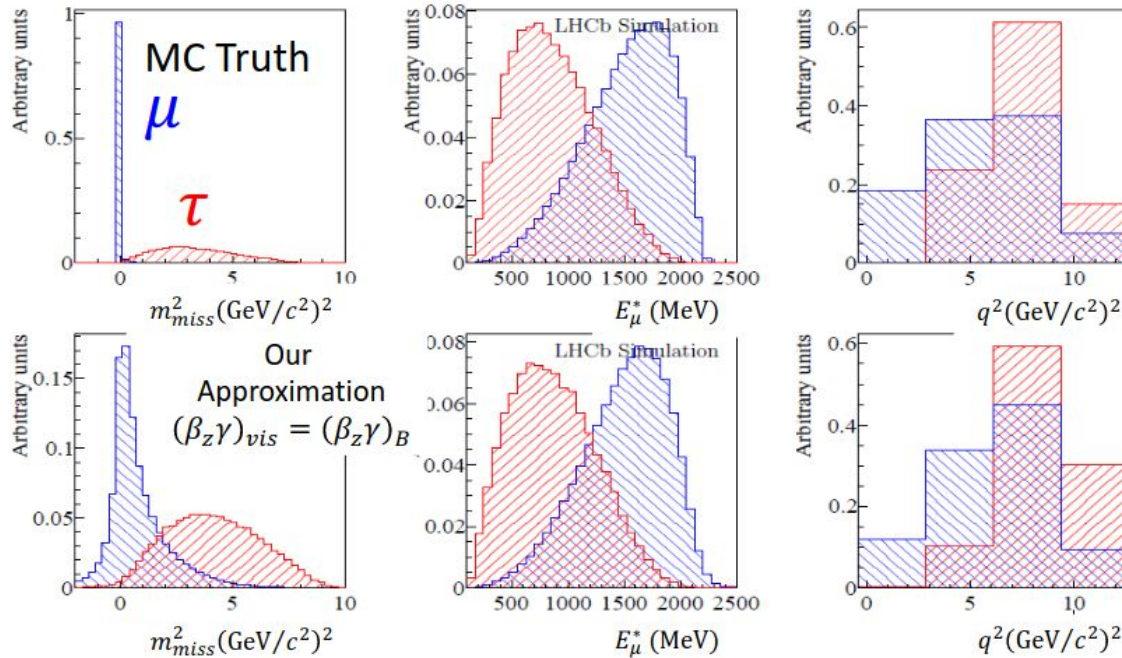


Final remarks

- ❖ LHCb is an ideal lab for measurements in flavour sector
 - Presented a selection of world leading results
 - Not covered today, but LHCb showed capabilities that go well beyond its design (e.g. heavy ions, EW physics)
- ❖ Now focusing on Run 3 to acquire a larger dataset
- ❖ Started R&D towards an even more capable detector

Backup slides

- ❖ To solve for full B momentum: approximation + knowledge of PV-SV direction



Time-integrated CPV: methodology

- ❖ Difference of decay rate between two CP conjugate states

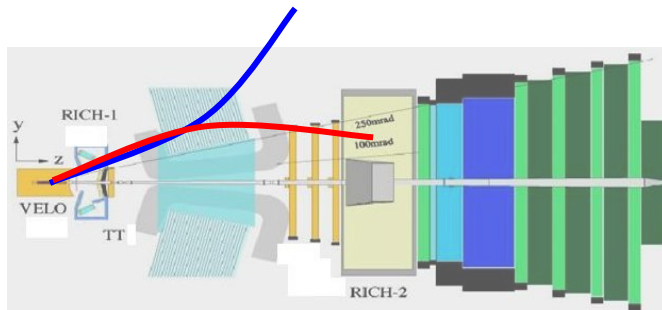
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- ❖ Quantity measured

$$\mathcal{A}^{raw} \equiv \frac{N_D - N_{\bar{D}}}{N_D + N_{\bar{D}}}$$

Production asymmetry: initial state pp is not CP symmetric

$$\mathcal{A}^{raw} \approx \mathcal{A}^{CP} + \mathcal{A}^{prod} + \mathcal{A}^{det}$$

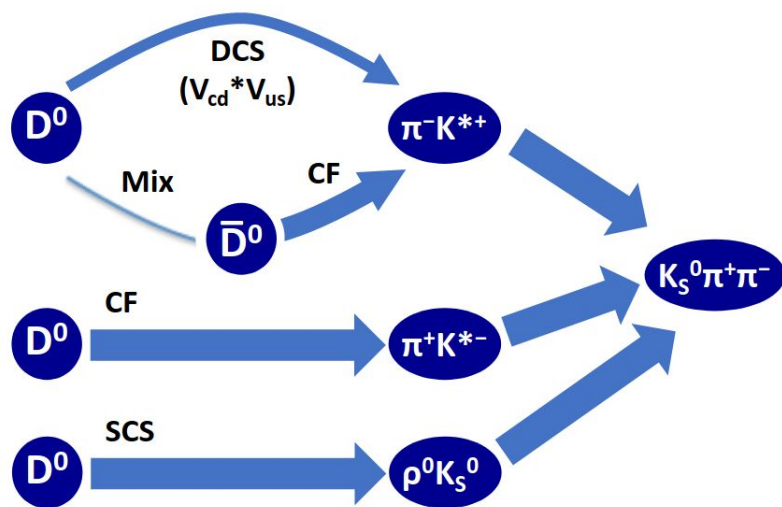
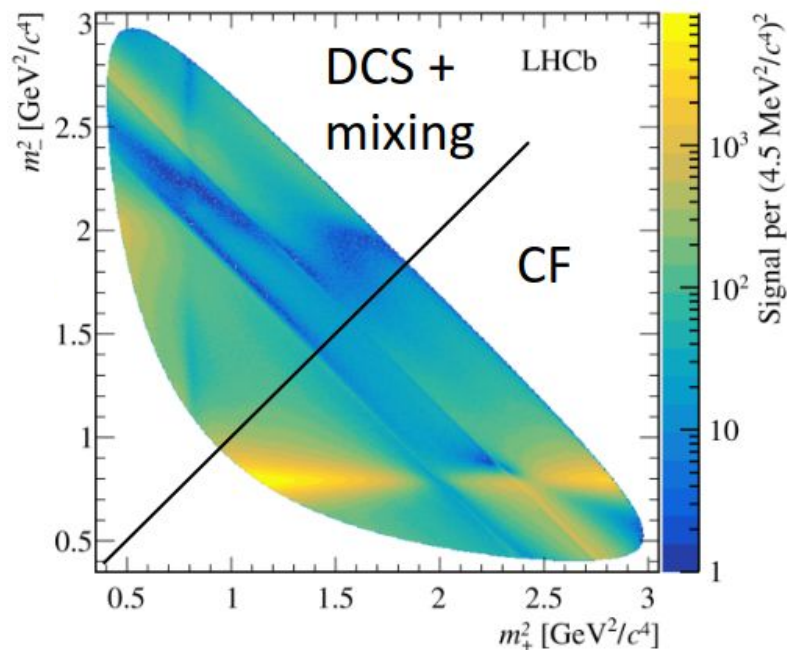


Asymmetric detector acceptance + material interaction different for particles/antiparticles

Mixing (and mixing-induced CPV) in $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

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- ❖ Can directly measure all four mixing and CPV parameters: $x = \Delta m / \Gamma$, $y = \Delta \Gamma / 2\Gamma$, q/p , Φ
- ❖ Requires time and phase-space dependent analysis
- ❖ Model-independent “bin-flip” method
 - Strong phases constrained from CLEO and BESIII



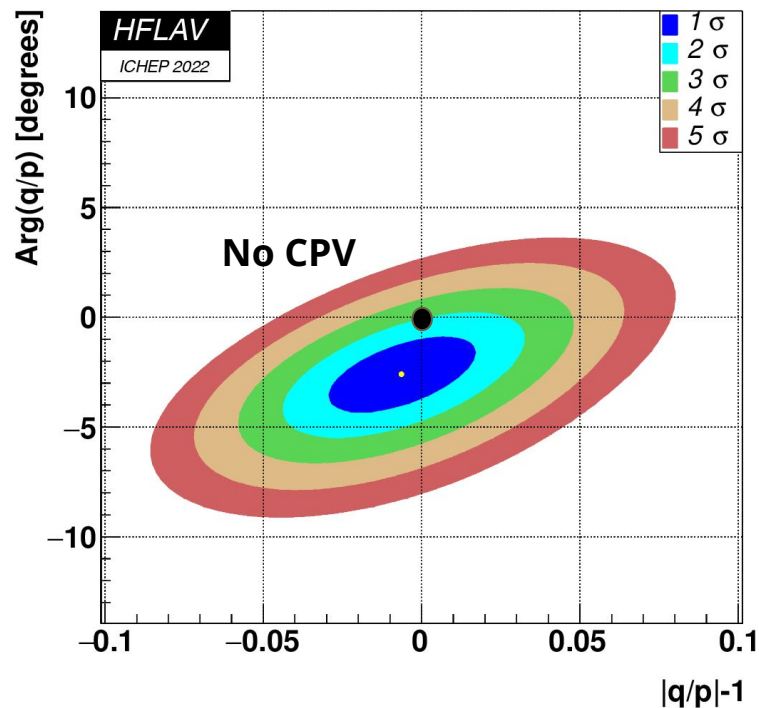
$$\sigma_{\text{stat}} \sim 1.5 \sigma_{\text{syst}}$$

$$x_{\text{CP}} = (3.97 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$y_{\text{CP}} = (4.59 \pm 1.20 \pm 0.85) \times 10^{-3}$$

Prospects

Current status
(average on all available
measurements)



Future prospects (only $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$)

Sample (lumi \mathcal{L})	Tag	$\sigma(q/p)$	$\sigma(\phi)$
Run 1-3 (23 fb^{-1})	SL	0.036	2.5°
	Prompt	0.017	0.77°
Run 1-4 (50 fb^{-1})	SL	0.024	1.7°
	Prompt	0.011	0.48°
Run 1-5 (300 fb^{-1})	SL	0.009	0.69°
	Prompt	0.004	0.18°

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