# Charm CP Violation: Theory

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$$\Delta a_{CP}^{dir} \sim 10^{-3} \times r_{\rm QCD} \,, \quad r_{\rm QCD} = \mathcal{A}^{\Delta U=0} / \mathcal{A}^{\Delta U=1}$$

Assuming the SM, the data implies  $r_{\text{OCD}}^{\text{EXP}} = O(1)$ .

What is 
$$r_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{SM}} \equiv |P/T|$$
?

- Light Cone Sum Rules (LCSR): r<sup>SM</sup><sub>QCD</sub> ~ 0.1.
   [Petrov Khodjamirian 1706.07780, Chala Lenz Rusov Scholtz 1903.10490, Lenz Piscopo Rusov 2312.13245]
- Large non-pert. effects like in charm  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule:  $r_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{SM}} = O(1)$ . [Grossman Schacht 1903.10952, Brod Kagan Zupan 1111.5000, Schacht Soni 2110.07619]
- Predictions based on  $\pi\pi/KK$  rescattering data: [Franco Mishima Silvestrini 1203.3131, Bediaga Frederico Magalhaes 2203.04056,

Pich Solomonidi Vale Silva 2305.11951 ]

### A caveat for the interpretation of the data

"The data implies |P/T| = O(1)"

This statement actually relies on an underlying, commonly made assumption:

• The relative strong phase between *P* and *T* is assumed *O*(1) (from rescattering).

Reminder: CP violation is an interference effect.

$$A = \left(-V_{cd}^* V_{ud}\right) \times T - \left(\frac{V_{cb}^* V_{ub}}{2}\right) \times P.$$

Direct CP asymmetry:

$$a_{CP}^{f} \equiv \frac{|A|^{2} - |\overline{A}|^{2}}{|A|^{2} + |\overline{A}|^{2}} = \text{CKM} \times \left|\frac{P}{T}\right| \times \sin\left(\arg\left(\frac{P}{T}\right)\right)$$

#### How to determine the strong phase from the data

• Strong phases can be obtained from measurements of time-dependent CP violation or quantum-correlated decays. [Xing hep-ph/9606422, Gronau Grossman Rosner

hep-ph/0103110, Bevan Inguglia Meadows 1106.5075, Bevan Meadows 1310.0050, Grossman Kagan Zupan 1204.3557, Xing 1903.09566, Grossman Schacht 1903.10952, Schacht 2207.085391

$$A_{CP}(f,t) \approx a_{CP}^{f} + \Delta Y^{f} \frac{t}{\tau_{D^{0}}}$$

• Analogous strong phase in multi-body decays can be determined from fit to CP violating time-integrated Dalitz plot.

[Dery Grossman Schacht Soffer 2101.02560]

• No measurements of phases yet, despite big experimental advances.  $\Delta Y^f$  have large errors, and sensitivity to phase is subleading.

$$\Delta Y^{K^+K^-} = (-0.3 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.3) \cdot 10^{-4} ,$$
  
$$\Delta Y^{\pi^+\pi^-} = (-3.6 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-4} .$$

[LHCb combination 2105.09889]



#### [Gavrilova Grossman Schacht, 2312.10140]

• Assuming SM, isospin allows determination of strong P/T phase from direct CP asymmetries and branching ratios only.

• Also enables extraction of magnitude of P/T without assumptions about phase.

•  $D \rightarrow \pi\pi$  has same group-theory structure as  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$  [Gronau London 1990], however, different approximations are used in the two systems.

$$\sin \arg(P/T)^{00} = \frac{-\operatorname{sign}(a_{CP}^{00})}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \delta_d} \left(\frac{a_{CP}^+}{a_{CP}^0} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathcal{B}^{+-}}{\mathcal{B}^{00}} + \cos \delta_d}\right)^2}},$$

$$\sin \arg(P/T)^{+-} = \frac{-\operatorname{sign}(a_{CP}^{+-})}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \delta_d} \left(\frac{a_{CP}^{00}}{a_{CP}^{+-}} \sqrt{2\frac{\mathcal{P}^{+-}\mathcal{B}^{00}}{\mathcal{P}^{+-}\mathcal{P}^{00}} + \cos \delta_d\right)^2}},$$

$$|P/T|^{00} = \frac{1}{|\mathrm{Im}\,(-\lambda_b/\lambda_d)|} \sqrt{(a_{CP}^{00})^2 + \frac{(a_{CP}^{+-}\sqrt{\mathcal{B}^{+-}\mathcal{P}^{00}} + a_{CP}^{00}\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}^{00}\mathcal{P}^{+-}}\cos\delta_d)^2}{2\mathcal{B}^{00}\mathcal{P}^{+-}\sin^2\delta_d}},$$

$$|P/T|^{+-} = \frac{1}{|\mathrm{Im}\,(-\lambda_d/\lambda_d)|} \sqrt{\left(a_{CP}^{+-}\right)^2 + \frac{\left(a_{CP}^{00}\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}^{00}\mathcal{P}^{+-}} + a_{CP}^{+-}\sqrt{\mathcal{B}^{+-}\mathcal{P}^{00}}\cos\delta_d\right)^2}{\mathcal{B}^{+-}\mathcal{P}^{00}\sin^2\delta_d}} \,.$$

## Knowledge of $D \to \pi^+\pi^-$ translates into $D \to \pi^0\pi^0$

#### [Gavrilova, Grossman, Schacht 2312.10140]

$$\frac{\sin \delta^{+-}}{\sin \delta^{00}} = \frac{a_{CP}^{+-}}{a_{CP}^{00}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\mathcal{B}^{+-}}{\mathcal{P}^{+-}} \frac{\mathcal{P}^{00}}{\mathcal{B}^{00}}},$$

$$\frac{|P/T|^{00}}{|P/T|^{+-}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\mathcal{B}^{+-}}{\mathcal{P}^{+-}} \frac{\mathcal{P}^{00}}{\mathcal{B}^{00}}}{\mathcal{B}^{00}}.$$
Results

- Although we have essentially no information about  $\sin \delta^{00}$  we can obtain non-trivial information about  $r^{00}$ , due to the correlation to  $r^{+-}$  from isospin.
- Overall additional relative systematic uncertainty of O(10%).
- |P/T| is large. Future data will significantly reduce errors.

### Numerical Results: Systematic Uncertainties

- Our results relate P/T to  $\mathcal{B}^f$  and  $a_{CP}^f$ .
- In experimental extraction of  $a_{CP}^{f}$  additional assumptions are made.
- For extraction of  $a_{CP}^{+-}$  LHCb assumes a universal  $\Delta Y$ . We use same  $\Delta Y$  for the extraction of  $a_{CP}^{00}$ .
- A universal  $\Delta Y$  is motivated by U-spin [Kagan Silvestrini 2001.07207] It follows overall systematic theory uncertainty of  $O(\varepsilon^2) \sim 10\%$ .
- In order to reach theory uncertainty of O(1%) we need extractions of  $a_{CP}^{f}$  without universality assumption: future data on  $\Delta Y^{+-}$  and  $\Delta Y^{00}$ .
- Our numerics with current data include universality assumption, implying an additional overall theory uncertainty of O(10%).

[Dery Grossman Schacht Soffer 2101.02560]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(D^0 \to \pi^+ \rho^-) &= -\lambda \, T^{P_1 V_2} - V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \, R^{P_1 V_2} \\ \mathcal{A}(D^0 \to \pi^- \rho^+) &= -\lambda \, T^{P_2 V_1} - V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \, R^{P_2 V_1} \end{aligned}$$

• Time-integrated CP asym. of 2-body decays give only combinations

$$|\widetilde{R}^{P_1V_2}|\sin(\delta_{P_1V_2})$$
 and  $|\widetilde{R}^{P_2V_1}|\sin(\delta_{P_2V_1})$ ,

but not magnitudes and phases separately.

- Three body decay changes 2 things:
  - We have additional kinematic dependences.
  - Only in a three-body decay we have interference between  $D^0 \to \pi^+(\rho^- \to \pi^-\pi^0)$  and  $D^0 \to \pi^-(\rho^+ \to \pi^+\pi^0)$ .

Extraction of all parameters from time-integrated CP meas.

# Local $a_{CP}^{\text{dir}}(D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)$ in overlap region of $\rho^{\pm}$

#### [Dery Grossman Schacht Soffer 2101.02560]



• Separate measurement of both CP asymmetries allows for first time test of the U-spin expansion in CKM-suppressed amplitudes.

U-spin limit sum rule: Broken at 2.7
$$\sigma$$
 [LHCb, 2209.03179]  
 $\Sigma a_{CP}^{dir} \equiv a_{CP}^{dir}(D^0 \to K^+K^-) + a_{CP}^{dir}(D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-) \stackrel{\text{U-spin}}{=} 0$   
 $a_{CP}^{dir}(D^0 \to K^+K^-) = (7.7 \pm 5.7) \cdot 10^{-4}$   
 $a_{CP}^{dir}(D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-) = (23.2 \pm 6.1) \cdot 10^{-4}$ 

- U-spin breaking is expected: Only approximate symmetry.
- Amount goes beyond generic expectations of  $\sim 30\%$ .

### For your next grant

- Increase precision of  $a_{CP}^{dir}(D_s^+ \to K_S \pi^+)$  and  $a_{CP}^{dir}(D^+ \to K_S K^+)$ .
- **2** Probe U-spin sum rule  $a_{CP}^{\text{dir}}(D_s^+ \to K_S \pi^+) = -a_{CP}^{\text{dir}}(D^+ \to K_S K^+).$
- Solution Measure also  $a_{CP}^{dir}(D_s^+ \to K^+ \pi^0)$  to probe improved sum rule.

[Müller Nierste Schacht 1506.04121]

CP Asymmetry	HFLAV avg. /10 <sup>-4</sup> [https://hflav.web.cern.ch/]
$a_{CP}^{dir}(D_s^+ \to K_S \pi^+)^a$	$16 \pm 18$
$a_{CP}^{dir}(D^+ \to K_S K^+)^a$	$-1 \pm 7$
$a_{CP}^{dir}(D_s^+ \to K^+ \pi^0)$	$200 \pm 300$

• Is  $a_{CP}^{dir}(D_s^+ \to K_S \pi^+)$  enhanced, like  $D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-$  ?

• Is the sum rule broken, like the one between  $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, K^+K^-$ ?

<sup>*a*</sup>"More precise measurements of these asymmetries can be expected when the data already collected by LHCb in 2018 are included in a future analysis"

[LHCb, 1903.01150]

## But is U-spin actually a good symmetry?

#### Spectroscopy: Eightfold way.

[Gell-Mann, Ne'eman 1961]

• SU(3)<sub>F</sub> limit agrees with baryon octet mass splitting to ~ 10%

[Greiner Müller 1989]

#### Does it work for rates, too?

- Estimate for breaking on amplitude level:  $f_K/f_{\pi} 1 \sim 0.2$ .
- Two often-cited examples of seemingly O(1) U-spin breaking:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-)}\bigg|_{\exp} \sim 3, \qquad \frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K_S K_S)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)}\bigg|_{\exp} \sim 0.03.$$

• Strict SU(3)<sub>*F*</sub> limit (including phase space):

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-)} = 1, \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K_S K_S)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)} = 0,$$

#### [detailed review in Schacht 2207.08539]

#### A closer look

 Amplitude-level SU(3)<sub>F</sub> breaking of ε ~ 30% suffices in order to explain the data. [Savage 1991]

$$\frac{(1+\varepsilon)^2}{(1-\varepsilon)^2} \sim 3.$$

• Amplitude-level SU(3)<sub>F</sub> -breaking in  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S K_S$ :

$$\varepsilon' \sim \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^0 \overline{K}^0)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K_S K_S)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)}} \sim 0.26,$$

• Observations agree with global fits.

[Hiller Jung Schacht 1211.3734, Müller Nierste Schacht 1503.06759]

### The picture holds at higher order, too.

[Brod Grossman Kagan Zupan 1203.6659]

Ratio of branching ratios:

$$R_{DPP} \equiv \frac{|\mathcal{A}(D^0 \to K^+ K^-)/(V_{cs} V_{us})| + |\mathcal{A}(D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-)/(V_{cd} V_{ud})|}{|\mathcal{A}(D^0 \to K^+ \pi^-)/(V_{cd} V_{us})| + |\mathcal{A}(D^0 \to K^- \pi^+)/(V_{cs} V_{ud})|} - 1$$

U-spin prediction

$$R_{DPP}^{\rm th} = O(\varepsilon^2)$$
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Data

$$R_{DPP}^{\exp} = 0.046 \pm 0.008 \,,$$

- If *U*-spin breaking were O(1), we would have  $R_{DPP}^{exp} = O(1)$ .
- Instead, perfectly consistent with  $O(\varepsilon^2)$ .

CP Asymmetry	HFLAV avg.	Experiments	
	[https://hflav.web.cern.ch/]		
$D^0 \to \pi^0 \eta'$			
$D^0 \rightarrow \eta \eta'$			
$D^+  o \pi^+ \eta'$	$(0.40 \pm 0.20)\%$	LHCb'23, Belle'11, CLEO'10	
$D_s^+ \to K^+ \eta'$	$(6.0 \pm 18.9)\%$	CLEO'10	

- Formalism and branching ratio fit: Slight tension in B(D<sup>+</sup><sub>s</sub> → K<sup>+</sup>η') and B(D<sup>+</sup> → K<sup>+</sup>η'). [Bolognani, Nierste, Schacht, Vos, 2410.08138, accepted by JHEP]
- CP asymmetry predictions: Stay tuned. [Bolognani, Nierste, Schacht, Vos, in preparation]

### Conclusions

- Charm is a unique gate to flavor structure of up-type quarks.
- This is just the beginning of the exploration of charm CPV.
  - ► Is the sum rule  $a_{CP}^{\text{dir}}(D_s^+ \to K_S \pi^+) = -a_{CP}^{\text{dir}}(D^+ \to K_S K^+)$  broken at O(1), like the one between  $D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-, K^+ K^-$ ?
  - How large is P/T in  $D^0 \rightarrow \rho \pi$ ? Many more opportunities in multi-body decays.
  - Basically uncharted territory:

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \to \pi^0 \eta'), \quad A_{CP}(D^0 \to \eta \eta'), \quad A_{CP}(D^+_s \to K^+ \eta').$$

And much more!

# **BACK-UP**

• Relevant ratio of strong isospin matrix elements:

$r_{QCD}^{\Delta I=1/2} \equiv A^{\Delta I=1/2} / A^{\Delta I=3/2}$	Kaon	Charm	Beauty
Data	22	2.5	1.5
"No QCD" limit	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
Enhancement	<b>O</b> (10)	<b>O</b> (1)	$O(\alpha_s)$

[D: Franco Mishima Silvestrini 1203.3131, B: Grinstein Pirtskhalava Stone Uttayarat 1402.1164]

• Rescattering most important in *K* decays, less important but still significant in *D* decays, and small in *B* decays.