

The angle γ of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa ansatz: a journey towards precision at LHCb

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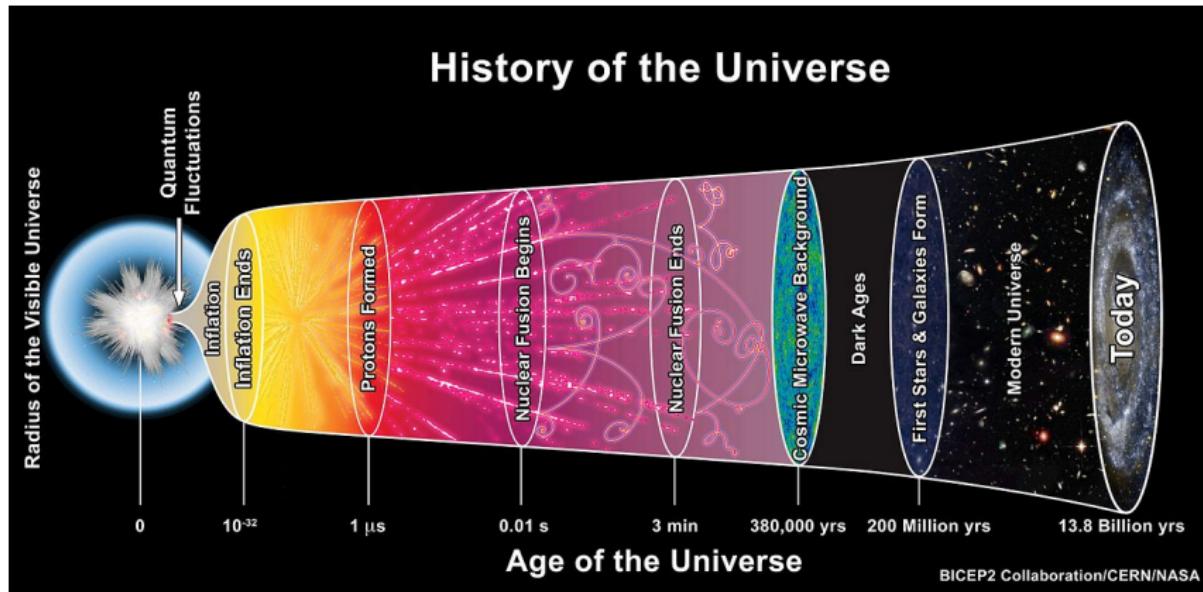
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Introduction to CP violation

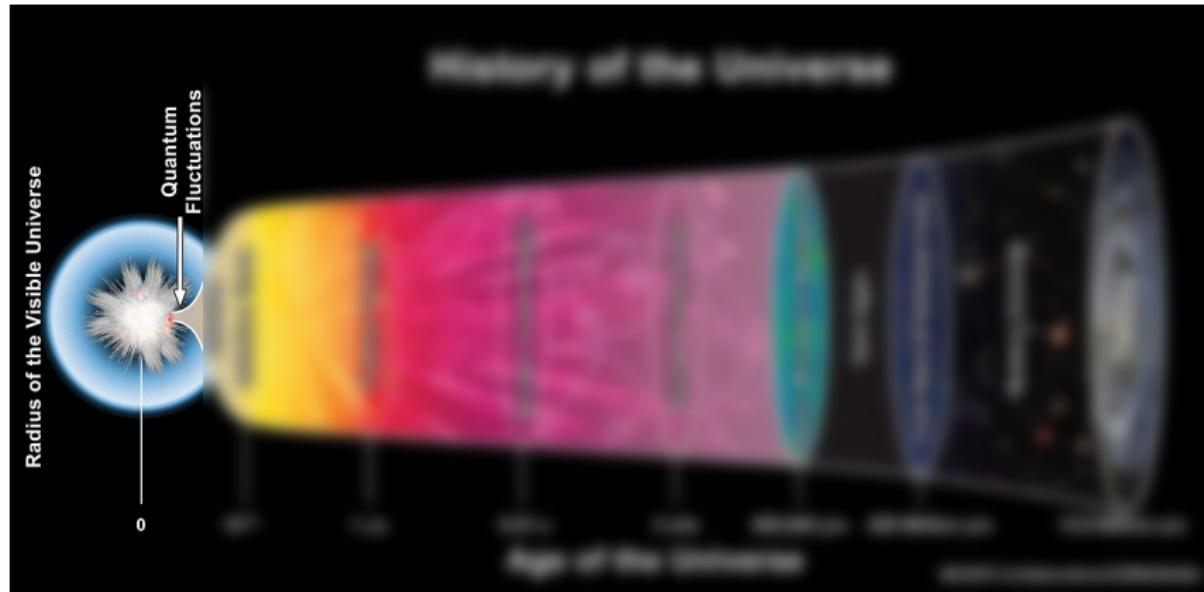
What is γ and why measure it?

Big Bang and matter-antimatter asymmetry



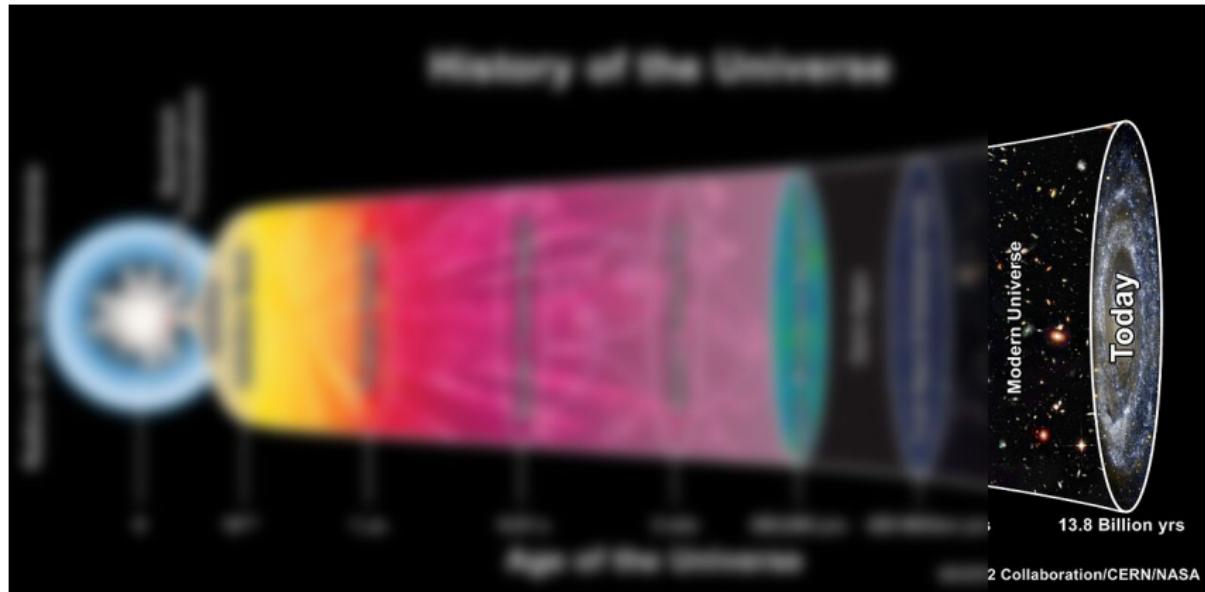
Where is the antimatter in the universe?

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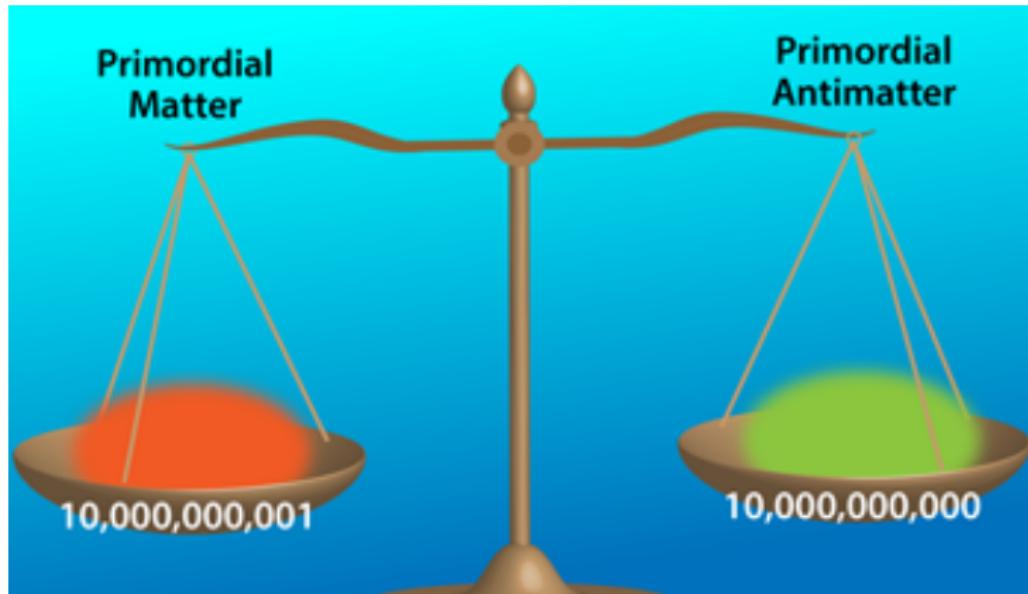
Initially equal amounts of matter and antimatter...

Big Bang and matter-antimatter asymmetry



... but today we only see matter!

Big Bang and matter-antimatter asymmetry



APS/Alan Stonebraker

The difference is very small...

Big Bang and matter-antimatter asymmetry



Quantum Diaries: "Why B physics? Why not A Physics?"

... but the effects we observe today are obviously huge!
How can we explain this?

CP violation

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1980



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James Watson Cronin
Prize share: 1/2

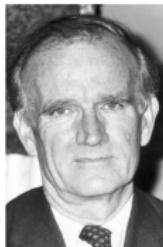


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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1980 was awarded jointly to James Watson Cronin and Val Logsdon Fitch "for the discovery of violations of fundamental symmetry principles in the decay of neutral K-mesons"

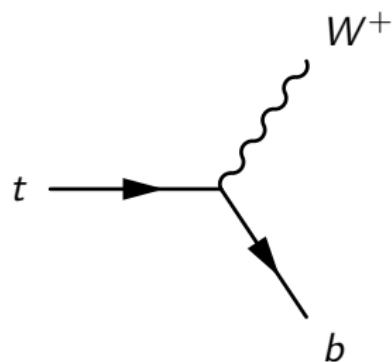
- *CP* violation discovery in 1964
- Phys. Rev. Lett. **13**, 138
- Observed $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Since, *CP* violation has also been observed in the B , B_s and D systems

Can Standard Model CPV explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry?
Or, could it be physics beyond the SM?

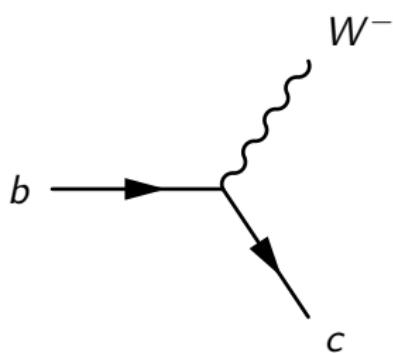
The CKM matrix and the Unitary Triangle

In SM, the charged current W^\pm interactions couple (left-handed) up- and down-type quarks, given by

$$\frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_L & \bar{c}_L & \bar{t}_L \end{bmatrix} \gamma^\mu W_\mu V_{CKM} \begin{bmatrix} d_L \\ s_L \\ b_L \end{bmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$



(a) $t \rightarrow b W^+$



(b) $b \rightarrow c W^-$

The CKM matrix and the Unitary Triangle

The Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix V_{CKM} has a single complex phase that is responsible for all CPV in SM

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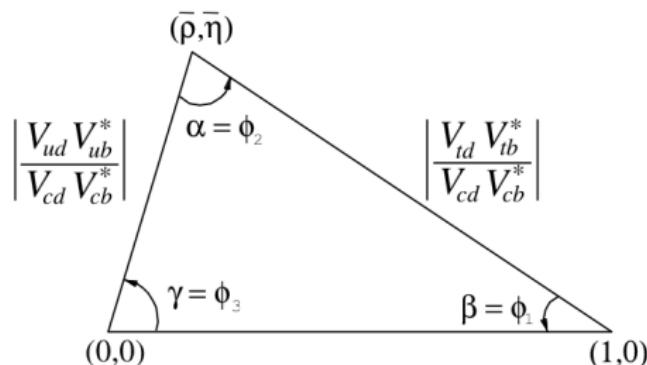
V_{CKM} must be unitary, which gives us 9 constraints, such as:

$$V_{ud} V_{ub}^* + V_{cd} V_{cb}^* + V_{td} V_{tb}^* = 0$$

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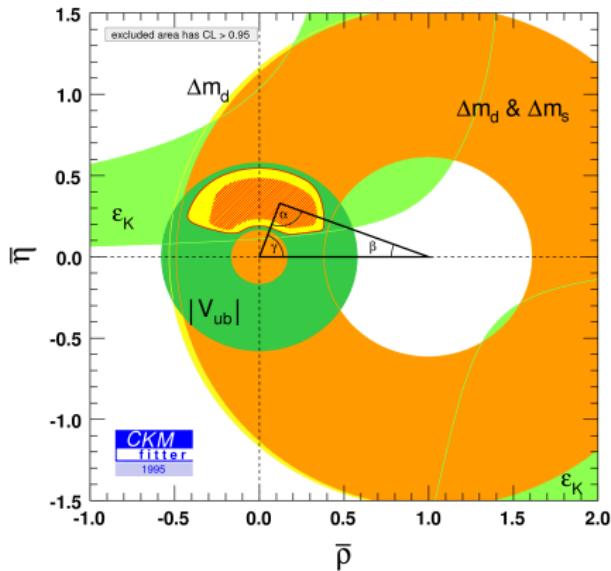
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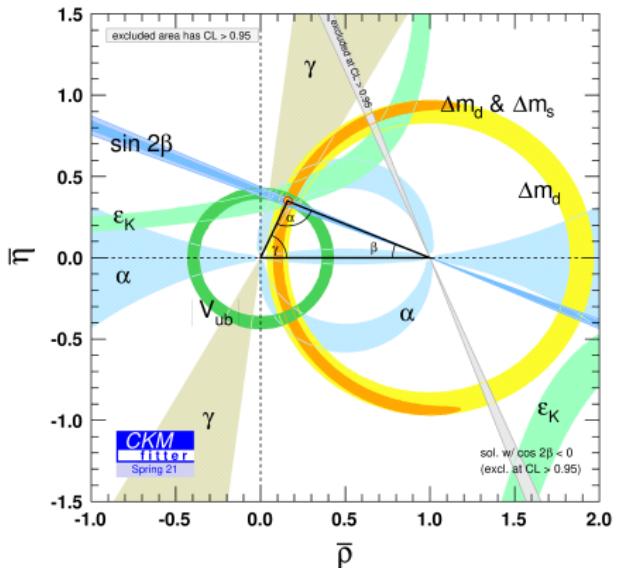
Initially, the Unitary Triangle was poorly constrained...



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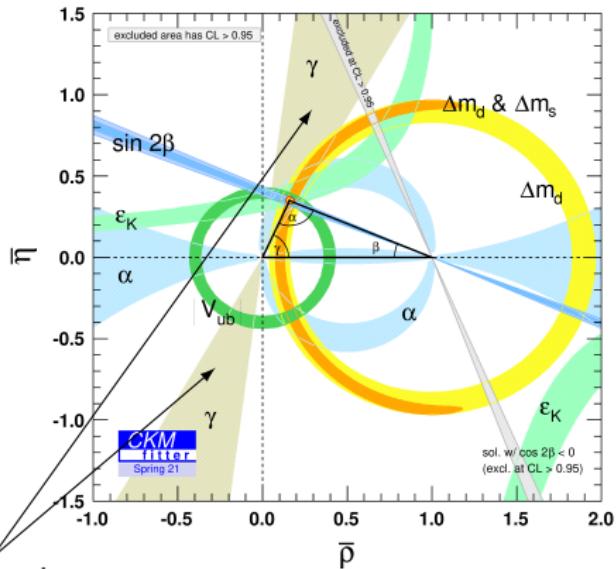
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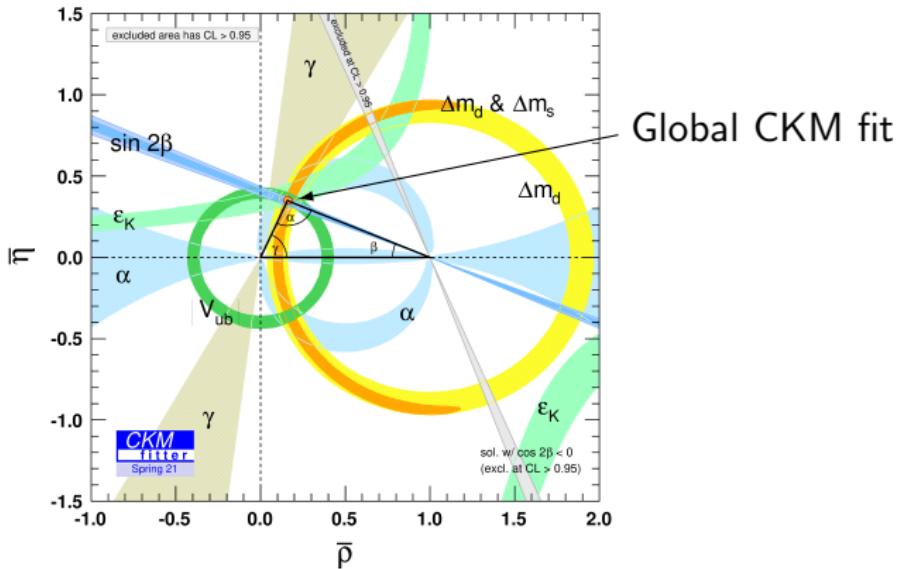


Direct γ measurements

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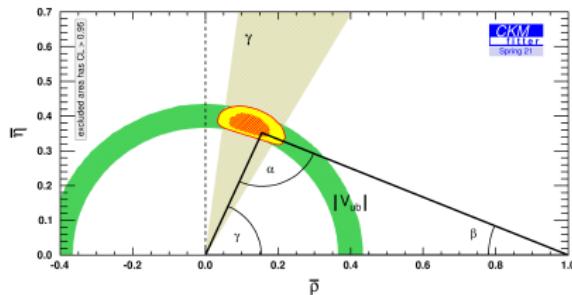
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- Why is $\gamma = \arg\left(-\frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}\right)$ important?
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 - ② Only CKM angle accessible in tree level decays
 - ③ Compare with global CKM fit: Is the Unitary Triangle a triangle?

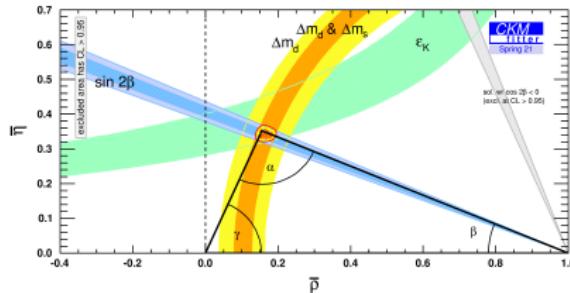


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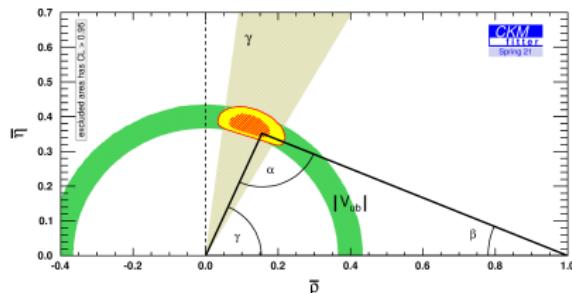


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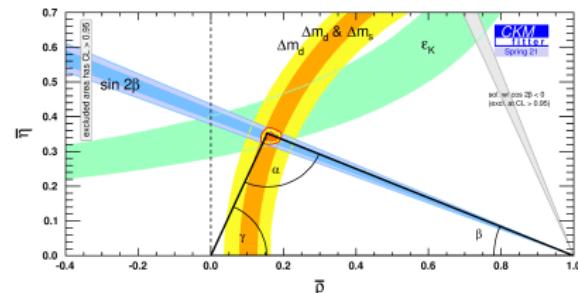
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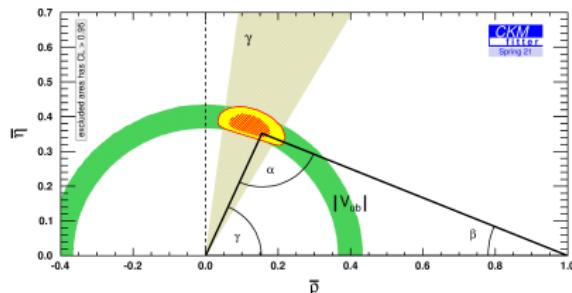


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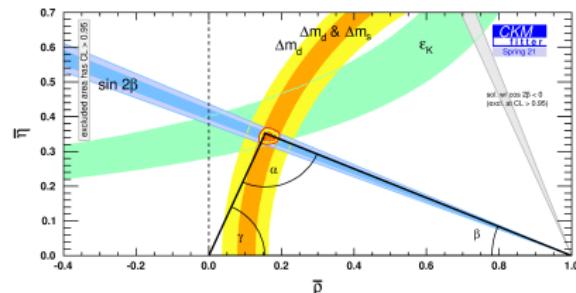
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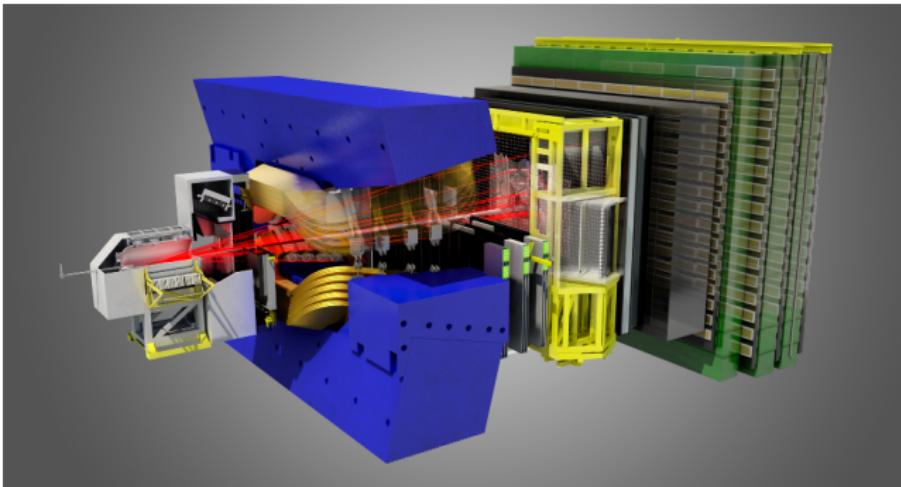
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Need to reduce uncertainties significantly in direct measurements!

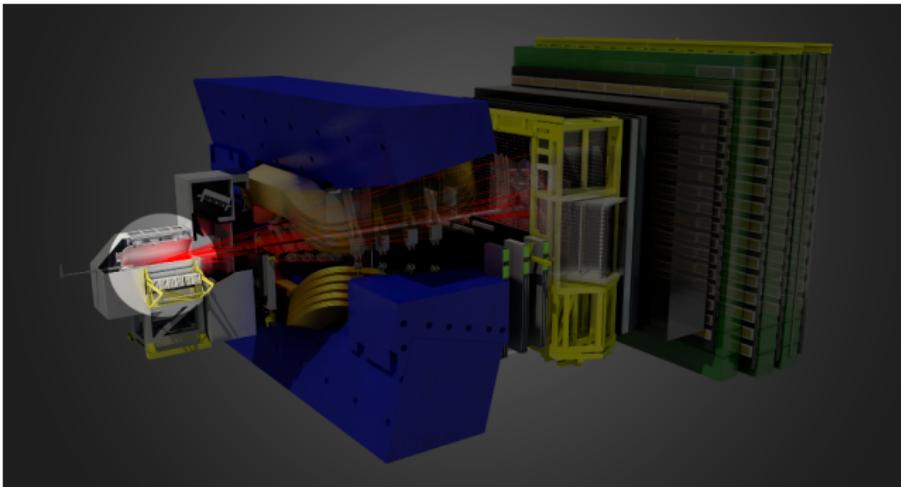
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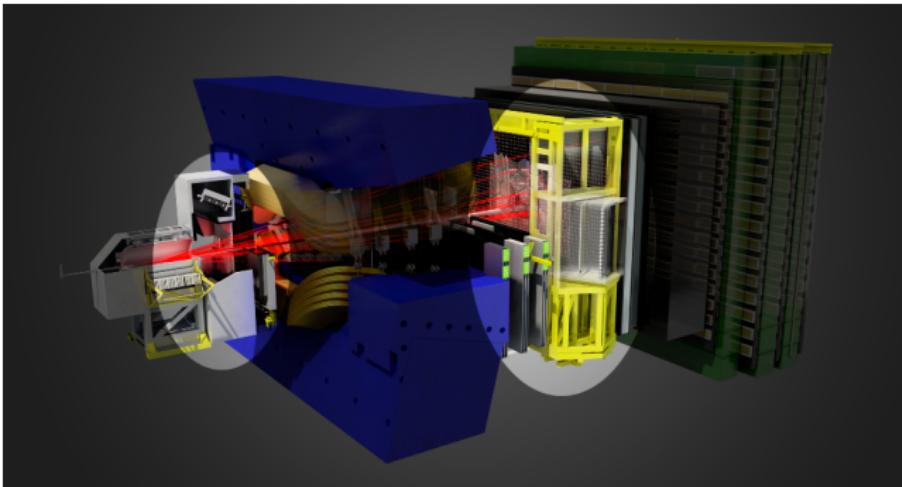
LHCb: A beauty experiment with a lot of charm

The LHCb detector



VELO: Vertex locator to reconstruct B and D vertices

The LHCb detector



RICH: Identify B and D daughter particles

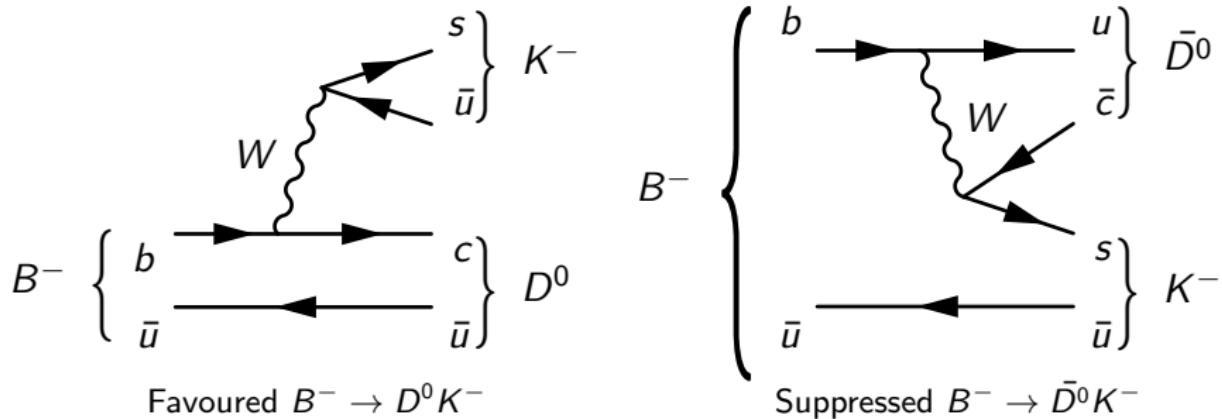
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It's all about interferences!

Sensitivity through interference

Measure γ through interference effects in $B^\pm \rightarrow DK^\pm$



- Superposition of D^0 and \bar{D}^0

- $b \rightarrow u \bar{c} s$ and $b \rightarrow c \bar{u} s$ interference \rightarrow Sensitivity to γ

$$\mathcal{A}(B^-) = \mathcal{A}_B \left(\mathcal{A}_{D^0} + r_B e^{i(\delta_B - \gamma)} \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B^+) = \mathcal{A}_B \left(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0} + r_B e^{i(\delta_B + \gamma)} \mathcal{A}_{D^0} \right)$$

- The magnitude of interference effects governed by $r_B \approx 0.1$

What D final states?

What D final states should we consider?

No single method is sufficient to determine γ precisely!

- ① GLW method: CP eigenstates

- $D \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-, \dots$

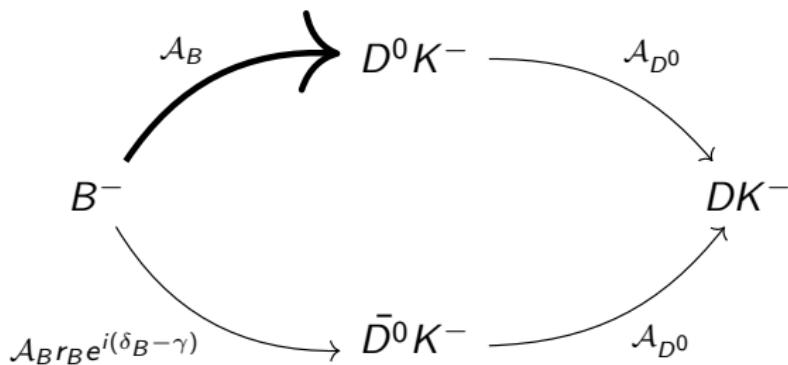
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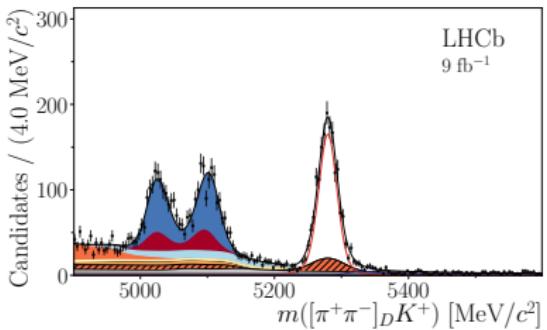
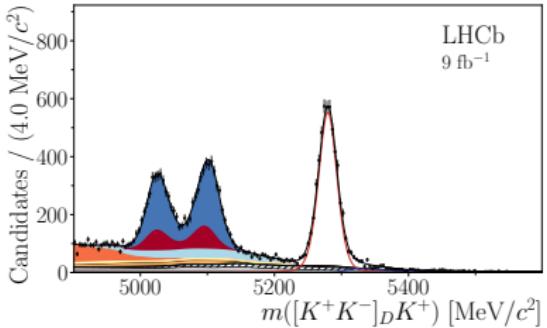
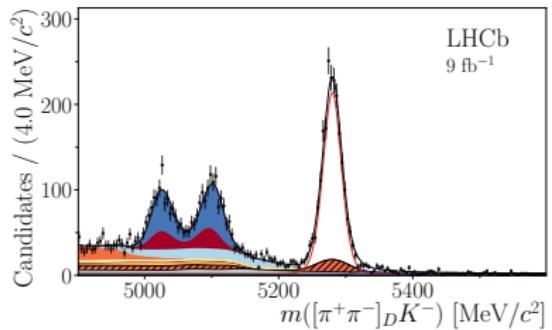
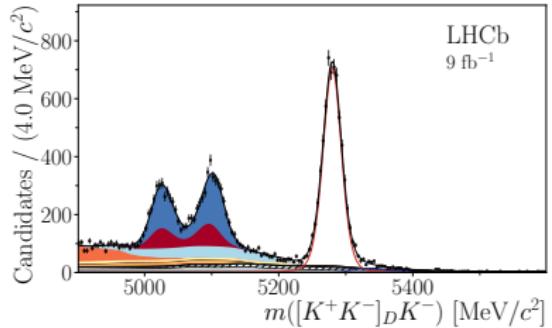
Naively, we expect the size of CPV effects to be around $r_B \approx 10\%$

For CP eigenstates, $\mathcal{A}_{D^0} = \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0}$



$$|\mathcal{A}(B^-)|^2 \propto 1 + r_B^2 + 2r_B \cos(\delta_B - \gamma)$$

D decays to a CP eigenstate



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In $B^\pm \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^\pm$, we see significant CPV effects

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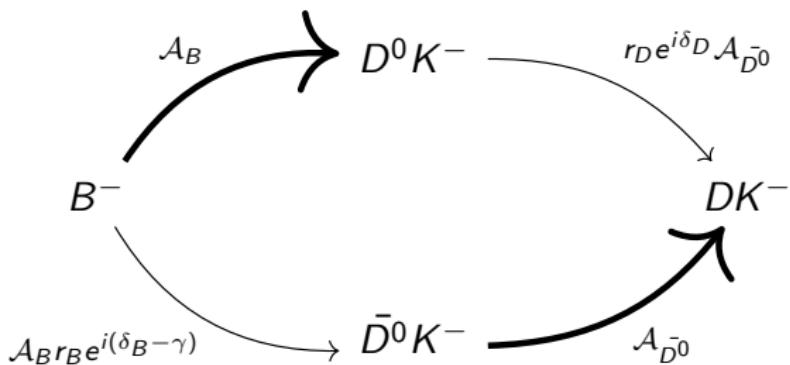
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 - $D \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-, \dots$
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 - $D \rightarrow K^-\pi^+, K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+, \dots$
- ③

Doubly Suppressed Cabibbo D decays

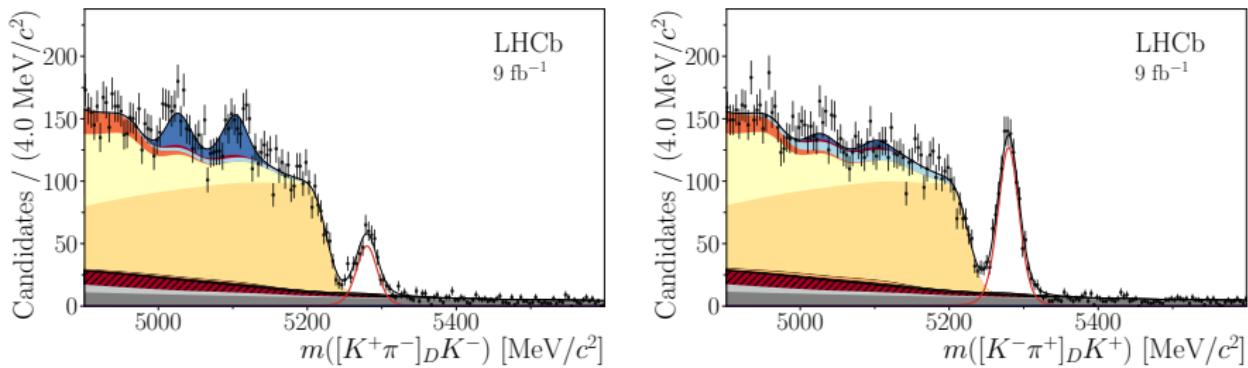
Interference effects can be greatly enhanced

Use a Doubly Suppressed Cabibbo decay: $\mathcal{A}_{D^0} = r_D e^{i\delta_D} \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0}$



$$|\mathcal{A}(B^-)|^2 \propto r_D^2 + r_B^2 + 2r_B r_D \cos(\delta_B - \gamma + \delta_D)$$

Doubly Suppressed Cabibbo D decays



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$B^\pm \rightarrow [K^\mp \pi^\pm]_D K^\pm$ has lower statistics, but a spectacular asymmetry!

Additionally, the partially reconstructed background has an equal but opposite asymmetry

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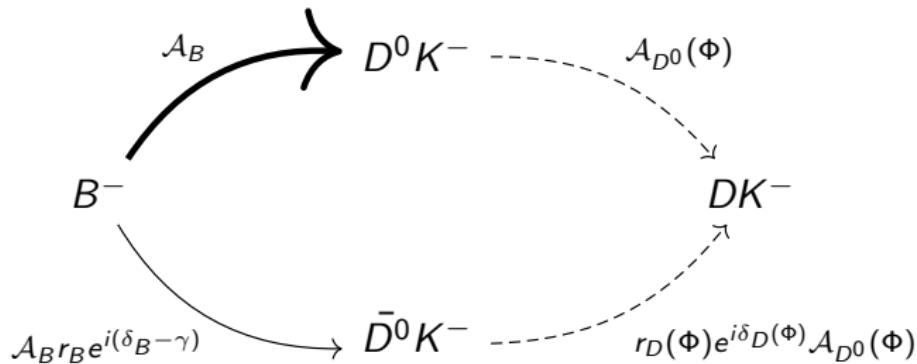
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- ③ BPGGSZ method: Multi-body final states
 - $D \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-, K_S^0K^+K^-, \dots$

Multi-body D decays

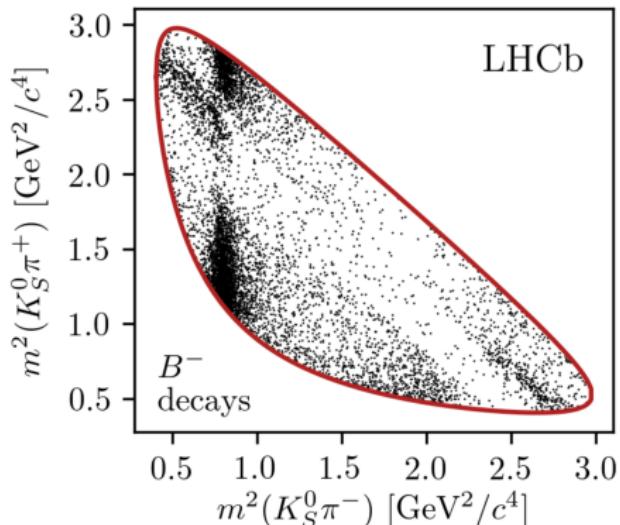
The three-body D -decay phase space is two-dimensional \implies Dalitz plot

B^\pm decay rate depends on the D^0 and \bar{D}^0 strong-phase difference

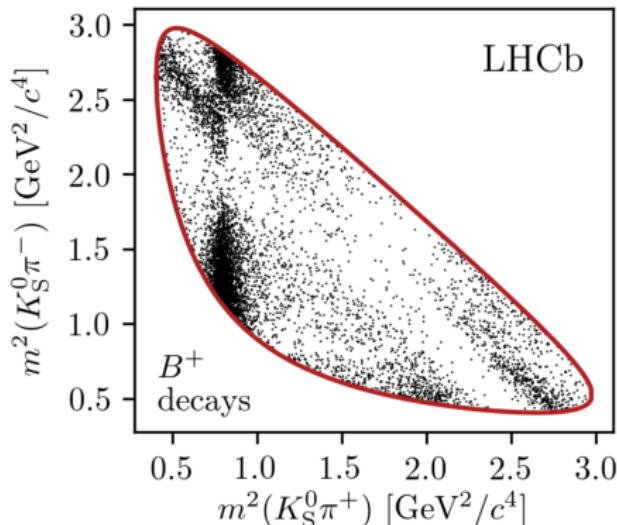


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Multi-body D decays



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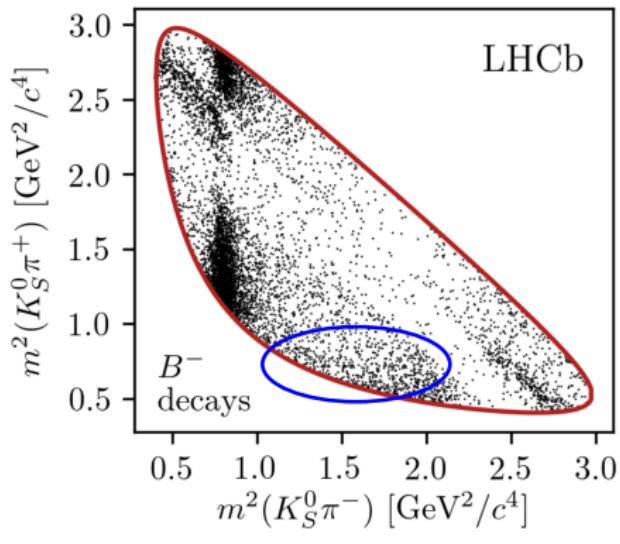


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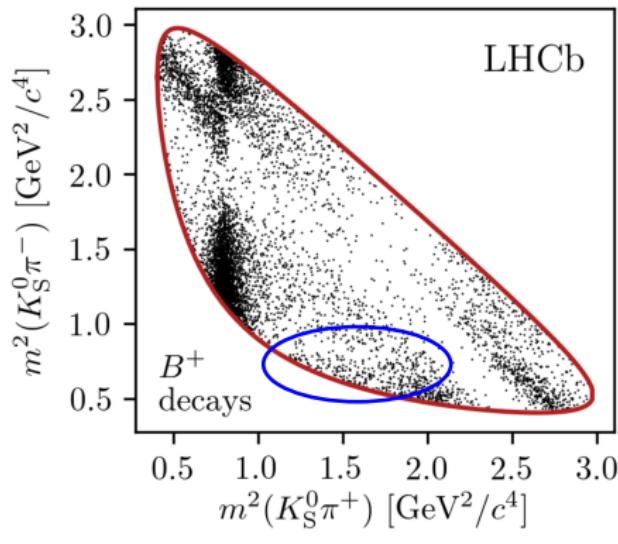
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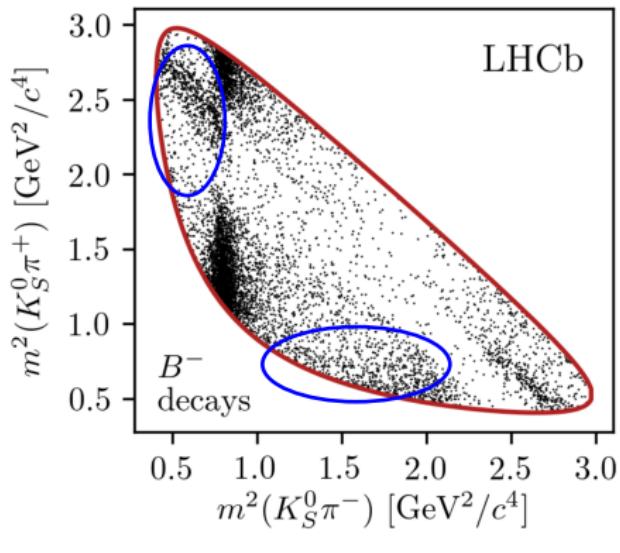


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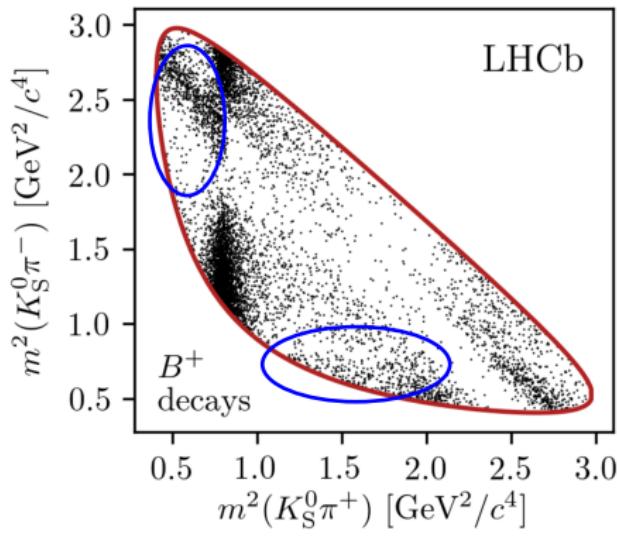
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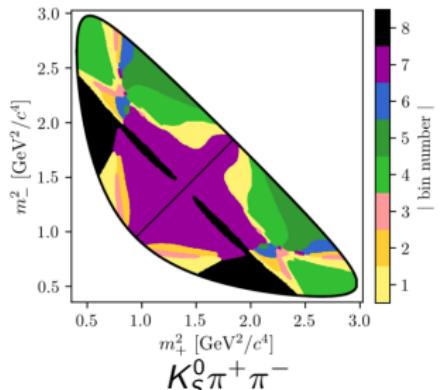
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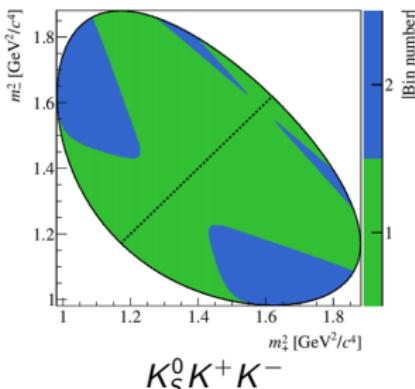
Multi-body D decays

- Interpretation of γ from the multi-body charm decays require external inputs of the charm strong-phase differences
- The three-body decays $D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ have been studied extensively, using an optimised phase-space binning:
 - CLEO [Phys. Rev. D82 \(2010\) 112006](#)
 - BESIII [Phys. Rev. D101 \(2020\) 112002](#)
- With charm inputs from CLEO and BESIII, the measurement of γ becomes model independent



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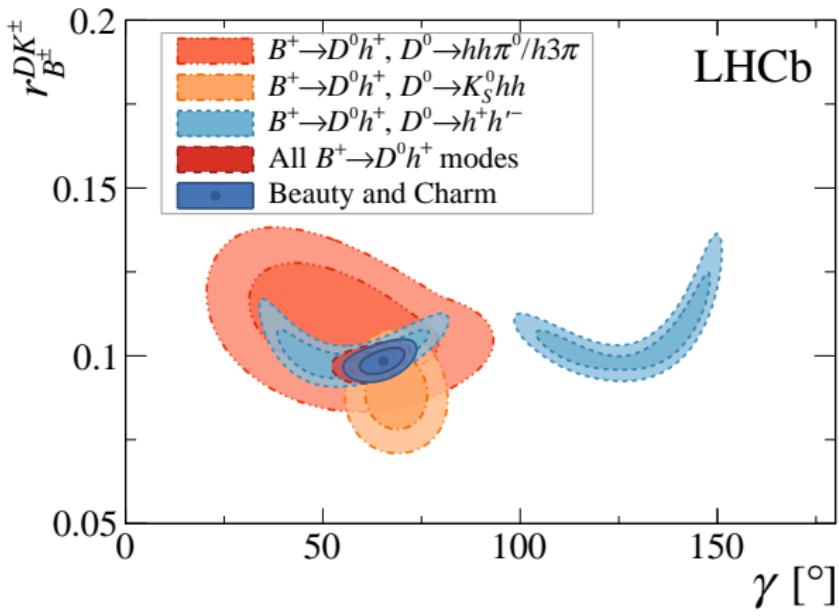
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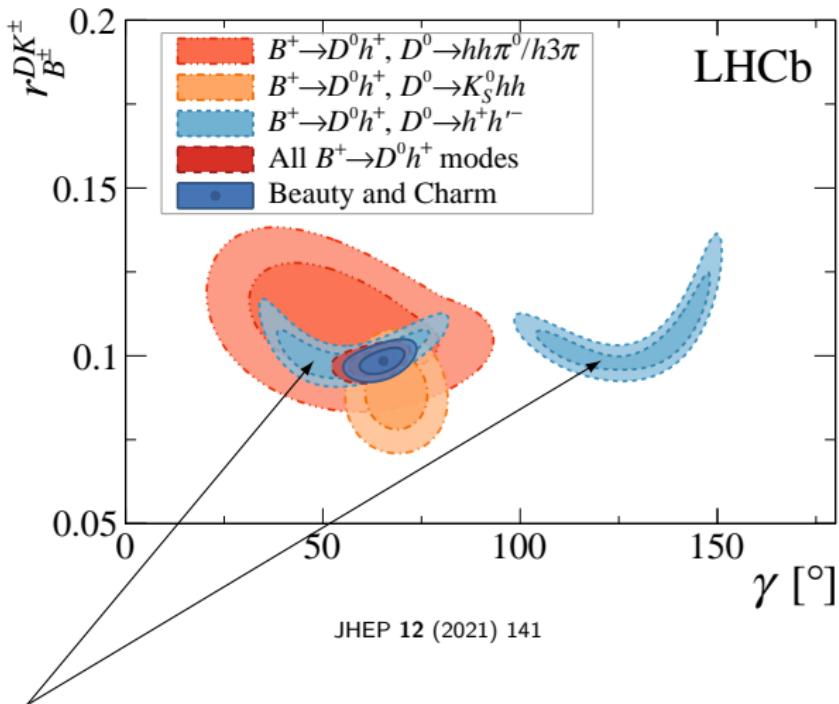
Lots of beauty in charm!

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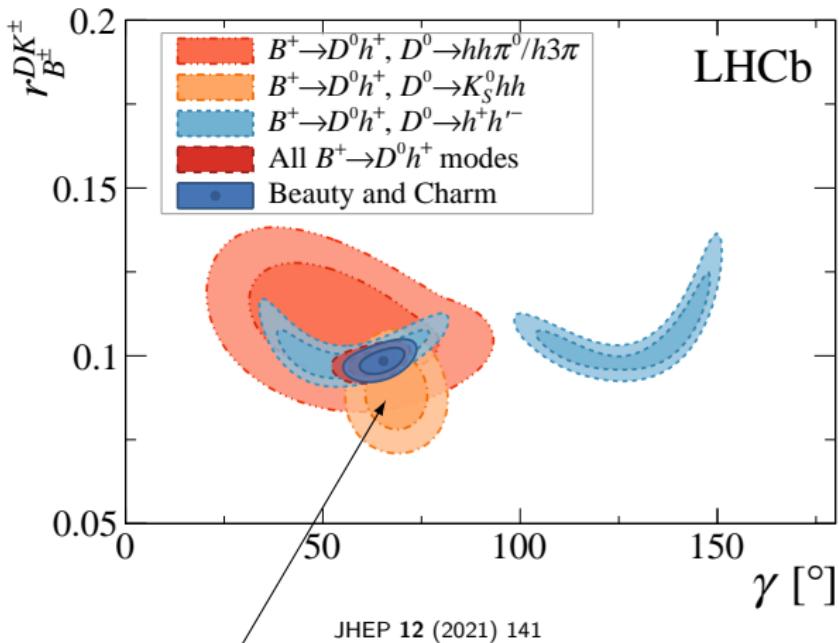
Currently, γ measurements are dominated by $B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$

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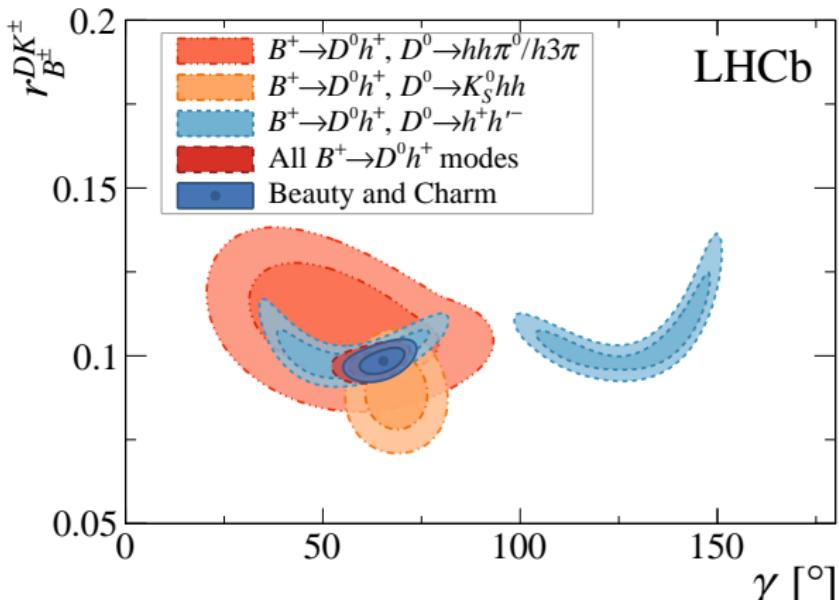
GLW+ADS: Narrow bands, but many degenerate solutions

The LHCb γ and charm combination



BPGGSZ: Wider, but unique solution

The LHCb γ and charm combination



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A combination of direct γ measurements is necessary!

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Other B decays are also interesting for γ measurements:

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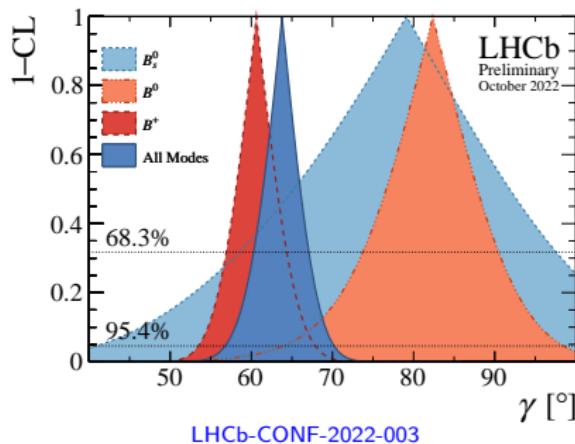
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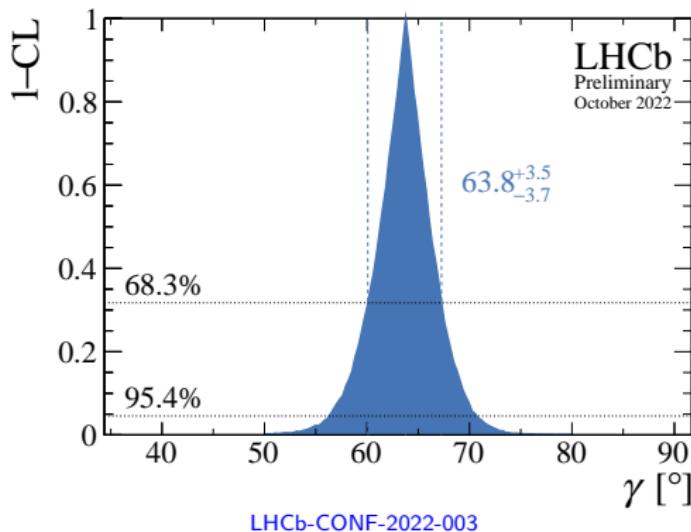
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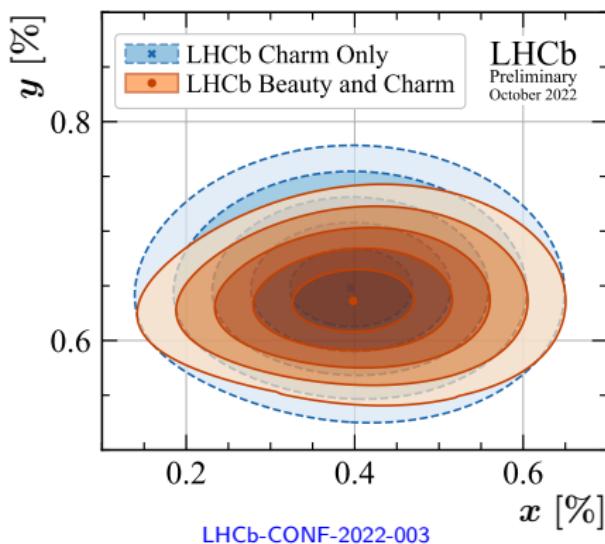
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This is the most precise determination of γ by a single experiment!
Charged B^\pm modes dominate, but all measurements are consistent

The LHCb γ and charm combination

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Mixing effects to γ measurements are approaching the statistical sensitivity
Knowledge of y is significantly improved through correlations with $\delta_D^{K\pi}$

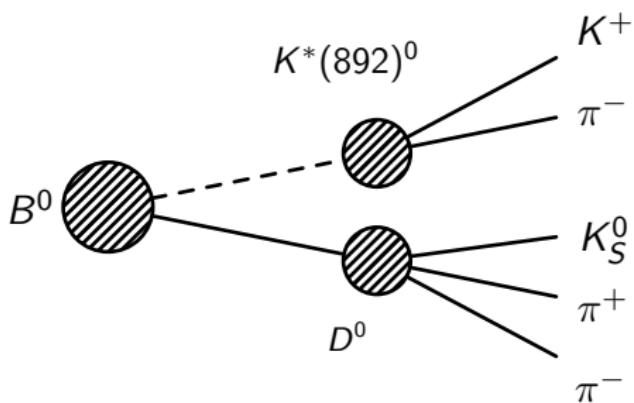
Neutral B decays

More interference with less statistics

Neutral B decays

Neutral B decays are analysed with an identical strategy:

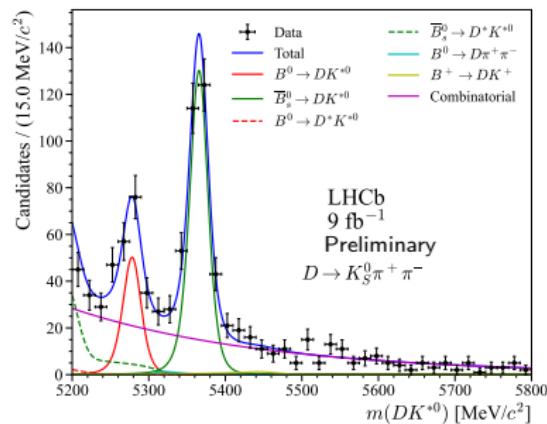
LHCb-PAPER-2023-009 (in preparation) New results!



$$B^0 \rightarrow (K_S^0 h^+ h^-)_D (K^+ \pi^-)_{K^*}$$

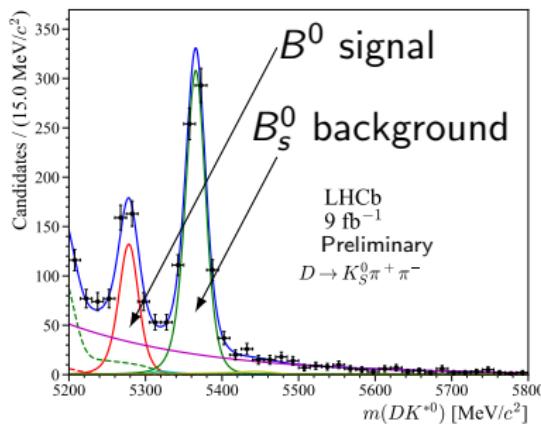
This results supersedes that of JHEP **08** (2016) 137

Neutral B decays



LL

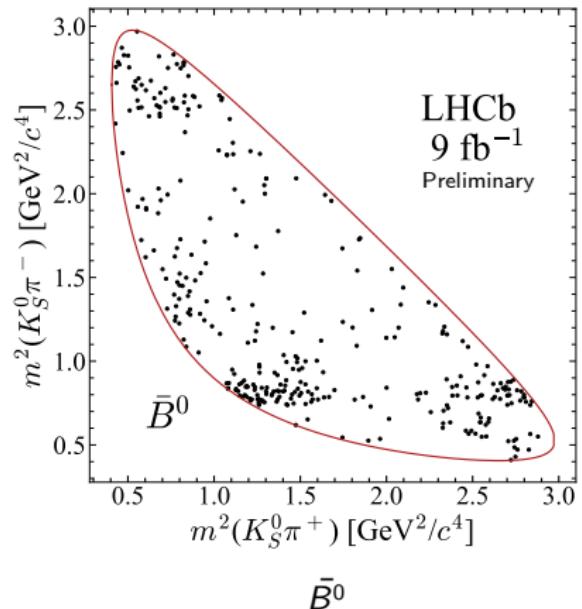
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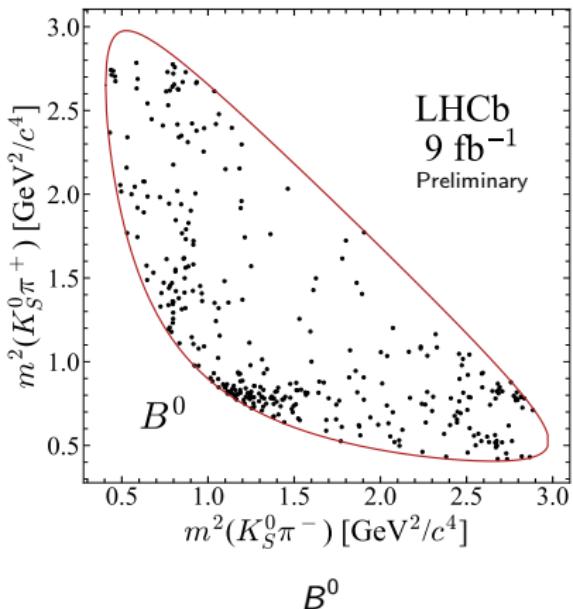
DD

- Two separate selections of K_S^0 :
 - LL (long tracks): K_S^0 decays in the VELO
 - DD (downstream tracks): K_S^0 decays downstream of the VELO
- $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ candidates with $D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ ($D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+ K^-$):
 - LL: 102 ± 17 (12 ± 6)
 - DD: 288 ± 25 (32 ± 8)

Neutral B decays

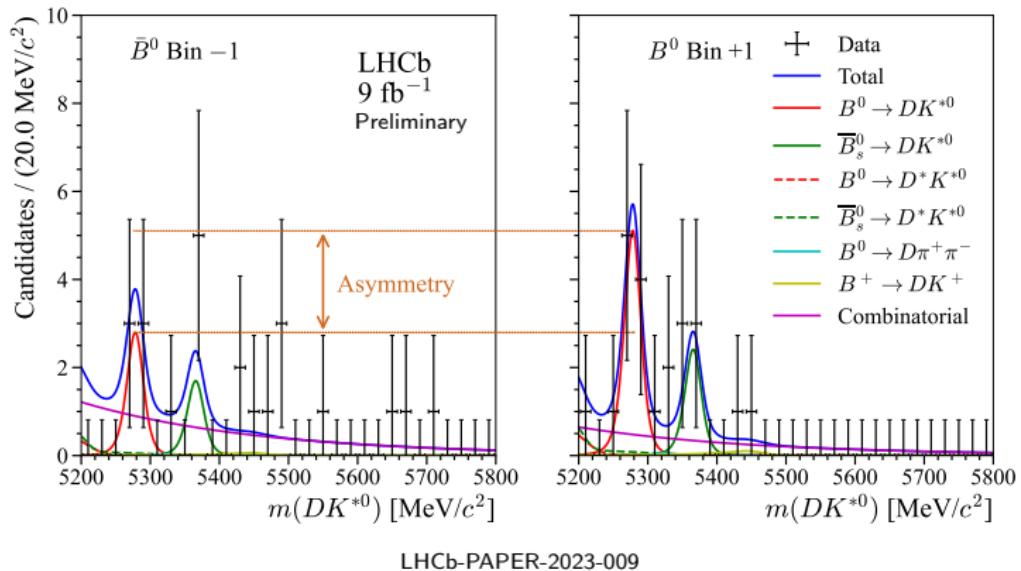
 \bar{B}^0

$$B^0 \rightarrow [K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-]_D K^{*0} \text{ Dalitz plots}$$

 B^0

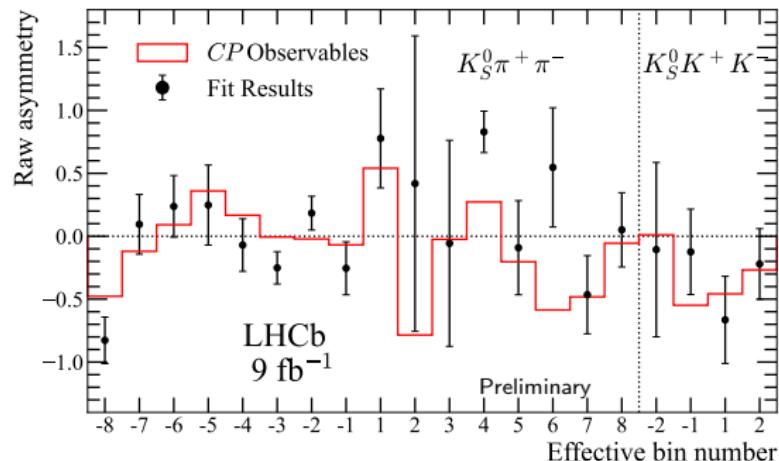
Can you find the asymmetries?

Neutral B decays



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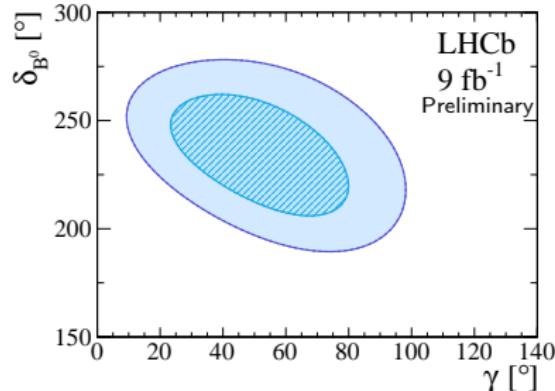
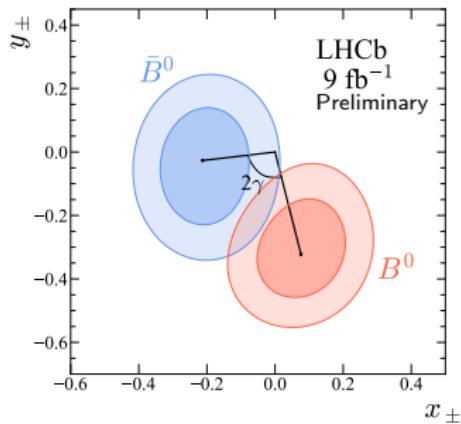
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- Asymmetries differ in size and magnitude across bins of phase space

Neutral B decays



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- Measured CP -violating observables:

$$x_{\pm} \equiv r_{B^0} \cos(\delta_{B^0} \pm \gamma) \text{ and } y_{\pm} \equiv r_{B^0} \sin(\delta_{B^0} \pm \gamma)$$

- Measured value of γ is consistent with world average:

- $\gamma = (49 \pm 20)^\circ$
- $\delta_{B^0} = (236 \pm 19)^\circ$
- $r_{B^0} = 0.27 \pm 0.07 \leftarrow 3 \text{ times larger than the } B^{\pm} \text{ modes!}$

B decays to excited D^* final states

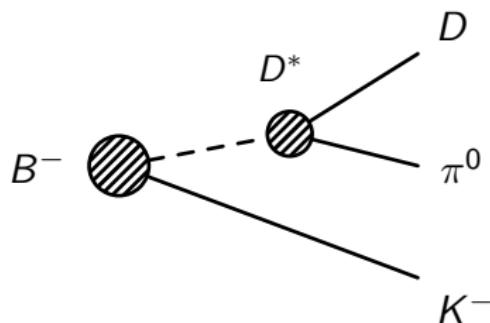
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A measurement with neutral particles

B decays to excited D^* final states

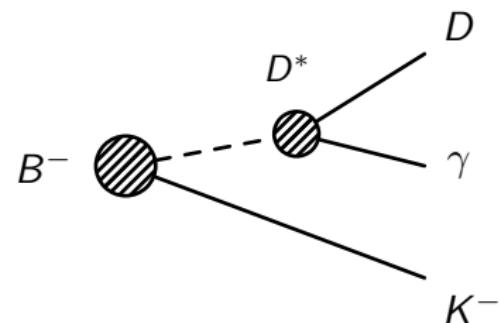
$B^- \rightarrow D^* K^-$ decays are also a powerful probe of CPV:

LHCb-PAPER-2023-012 (in preparation) New results!



$$B^- \rightarrow [D\pi^0]_{D^*} K^-$$

$$\mathcal{A}(D^0) + r_B e^{i(\delta_B - \gamma)} \mathcal{A}(\bar{D}^0)$$

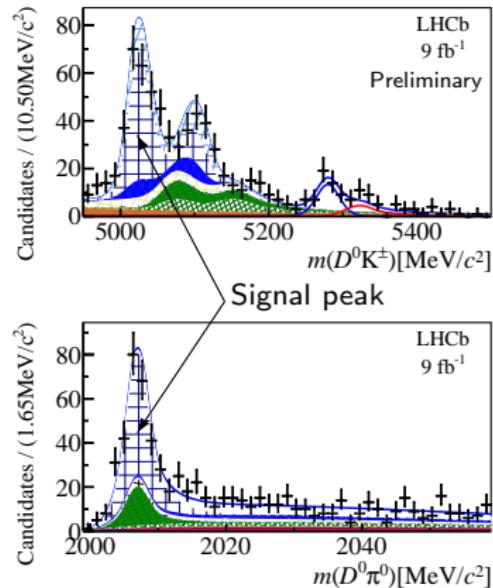


$$B^- \rightarrow [D\gamma]_{D^*} K^-$$

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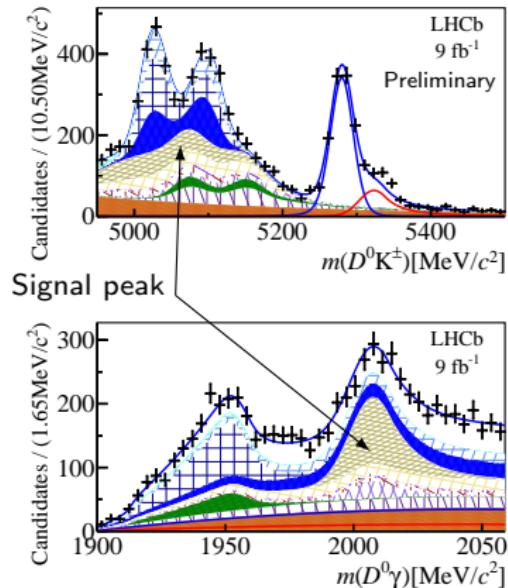
The relative sign swap, due to the phase difference of π between π^0 and γ , results in opposite CP asymmetries between $D^* \rightarrow D\pi^0$ and $D^* \rightarrow D\gamma$

B decays to excited D^* final states



$$D^* \rightarrow D\pi^0$$

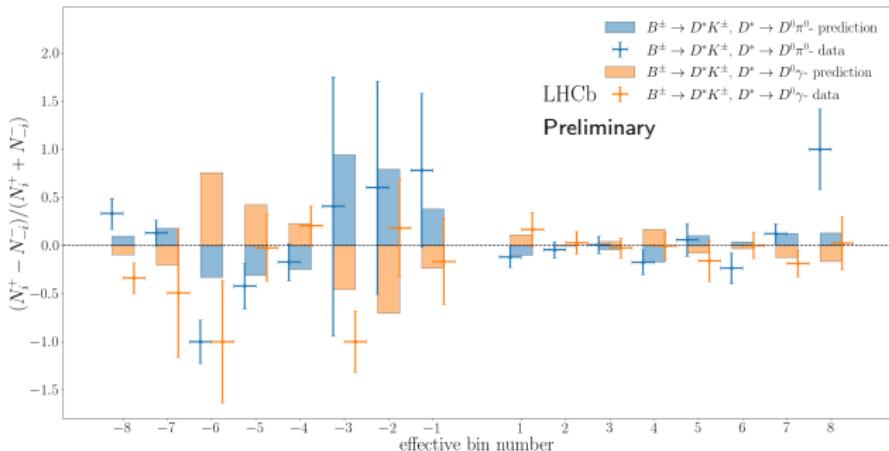
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$$(a) D^* \rightarrow D\gamma$$

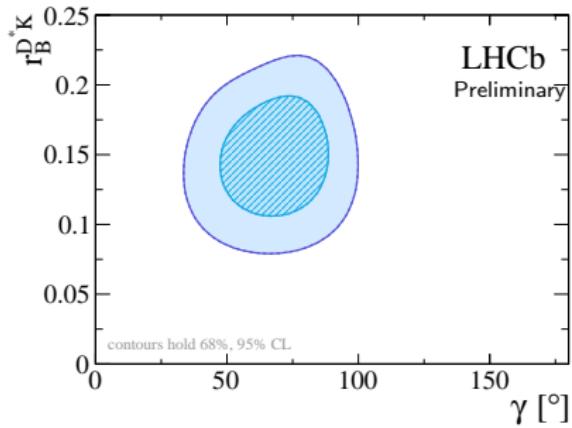
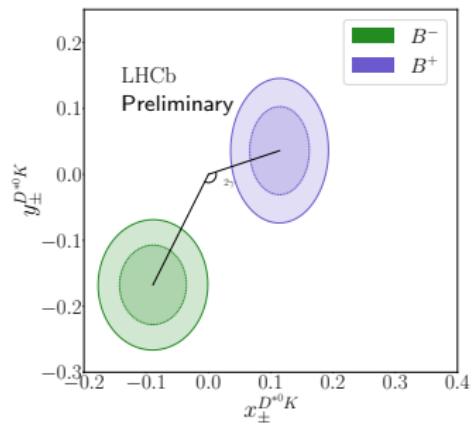
A 2D fit is necessary to separate signal from background

B decays to excited D^* final states



- Good agreement between individual bin asymmetries and the combined CP fit
- Bin asymmetries between $D^* \rightarrow D\pi^0$ and $D^* \rightarrow D\gamma$ are generally opposite in sign

B decays to excited D^* final states



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These results provide strong constraints on γ :

- $\gamma = (69 \pm 14)^\circ$
- $\delta_B^{D^*K} = (311 \pm 15)^\circ$
- $r_B^{D^*K} = 0.15 \pm 0.03$

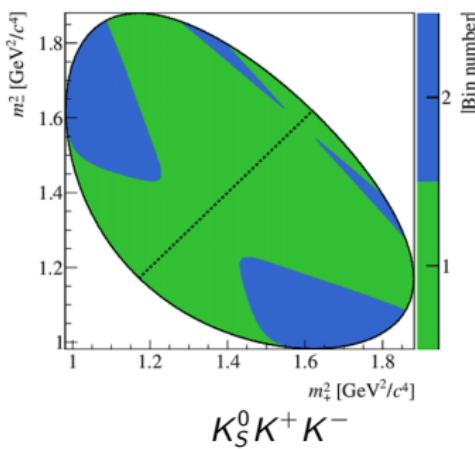
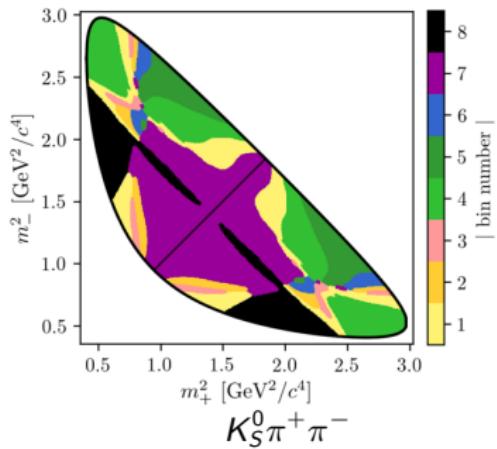
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A journey through five dimensions

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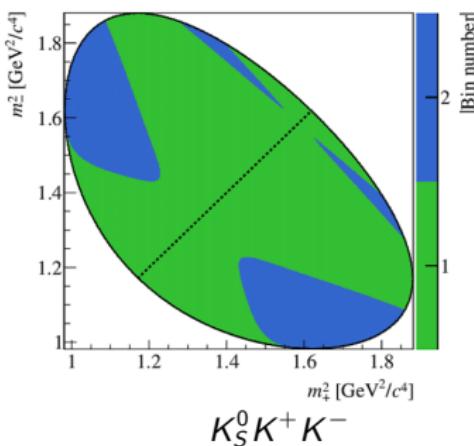
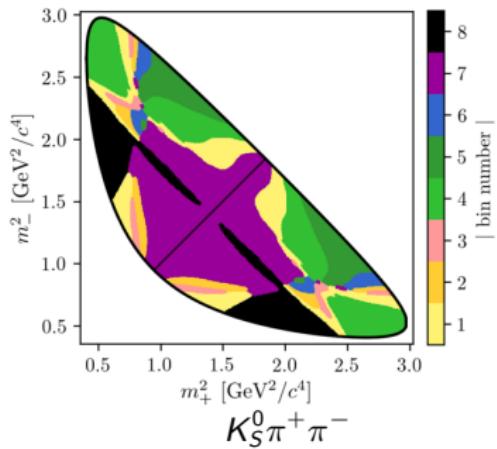
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- ... but the four-body phase space is five-dimensional!

Binned four-body decay: $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$

But how do we navigate through a 5D space?



Use an amplitude model! JHEP **02** (2019) 126

Ultimately, the charm strong-phase differences will be measured directly at BESIII, and the γ measurement will be model independent

Binned four-body decay: $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$

A binning scheme must satisfy the following:

- Minimal dilution of strong phases when integrating over bins
- Enhance interference between $B^\pm \rightarrow D^0 K^\pm$ and $B^\pm \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^\pm$

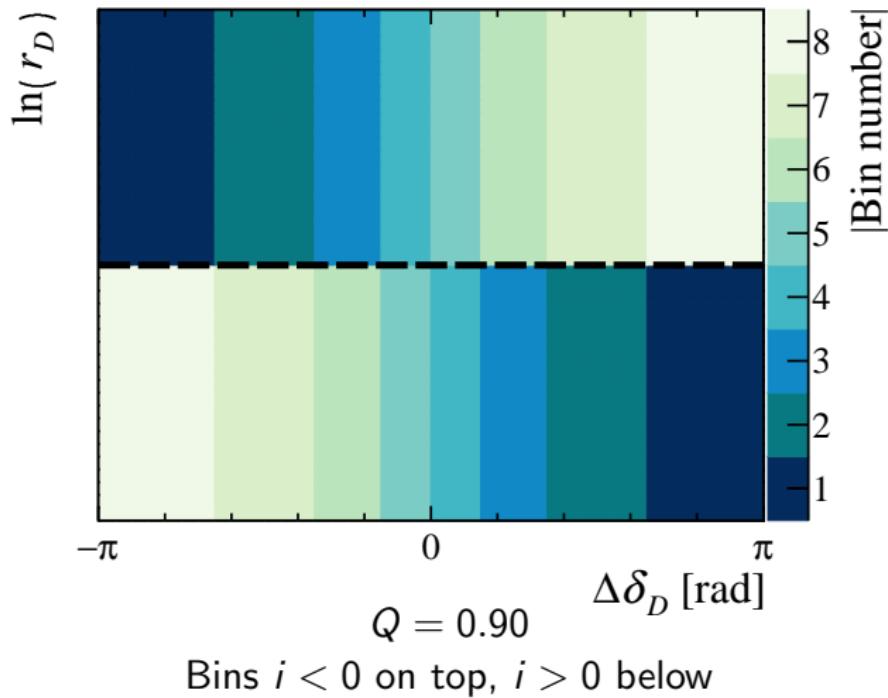
How to bin a 5-dimensional phase space?

- ① For each B^\pm candidate, use the amplitude model to calculate

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}(D^0)}{\mathcal{A}(\bar{D}^0)} = r_D e^{i\delta_D}$$

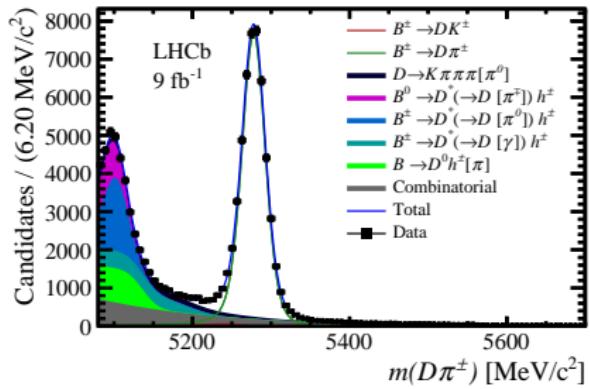
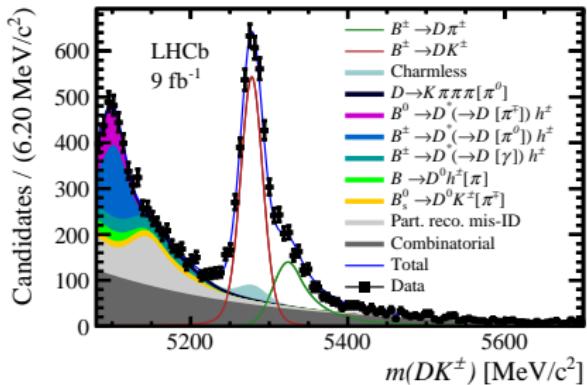
- ② Split δ_D into uniformly spaced bins
- ③ Use the symmetry line $r_D = 1$ to separate bin $+i$ from $-i$
- ④ Optimise the binning scheme by adjusting the bin boundaries in δ_D

Binning scheme



Phase-space binned $B^\pm \rightarrow [K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-]_D K^\pm$

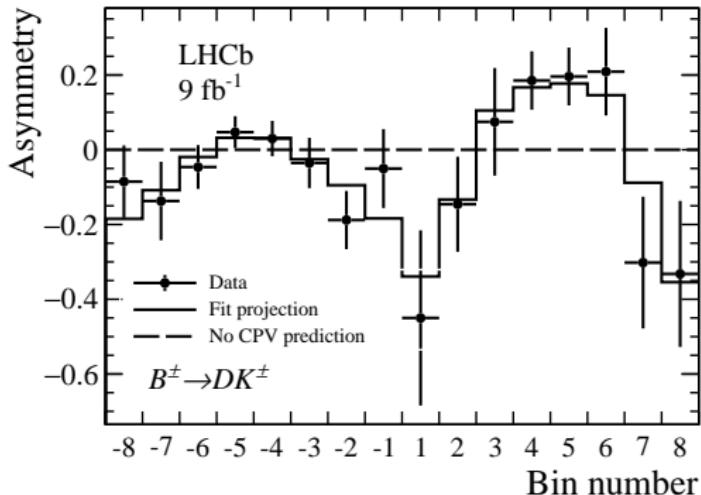
Fully charged final state \implies Highly suitable for LHCb



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- $B^\pm \rightarrow [K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-]_D h^\pm$ signal yield:
 - $B^\pm \rightarrow DK^\pm$: 3026 ± 38
 - $B^\pm \rightarrow D\pi^\pm$: 44349 ± 218

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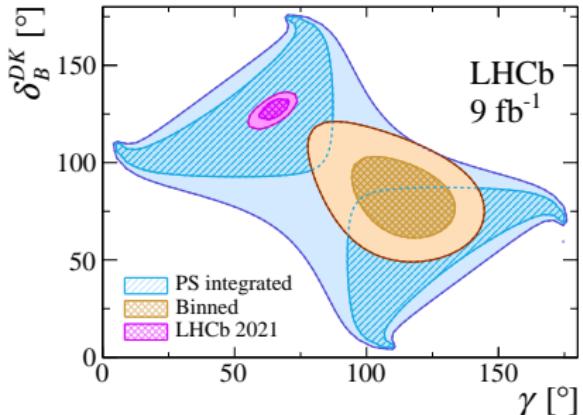
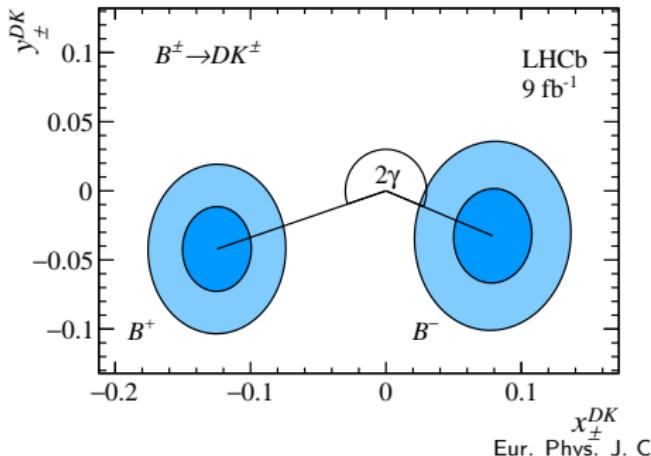
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- Clear bin asymmetries are seen, and the non-trivial distribution is driven by the change in strong-phase differences across phase space
- While the interpretation of γ require charm inputs, the observed bin asymmetries are model independent

Phase-space binned $B^\pm \rightarrow [K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-]_D K^\pm$

From the phase-space binned asymmetries, we obtain:

- $\gamma = (116^{+12}_{-14})^\circ$
- $\delta_B^{DK} = (81^{+12}_{-14})^\circ$
- $r_B^{DK} = 0.110^{+0.020}_{-0.020}$



These results are model dependent, and will be updated once BESIII
strong-phase inputs are available

The angle γ of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa ansatz

Almost at the end of this seminar, but not the end of the journey!

Future prospects

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- The measurements presented today will make valuable improvements to future γ combinations
- Several interesting Run 1+2 results are in the pipeline:
 - ① Update of $B^\pm \rightarrow [K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-]_D h^\pm$ with charm inputs from BESIII
 - ② GLW and ADS results from $B^0 \rightarrow D K^{*0}$ could shed light on the (slight) tension between B^0 and B^\pm
 - ③ Time-dependent measurements, such as $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^+$ with Run 2, will be interesting to compare with results from B^\pm/B^0
- LHCb, during Run 3 and 4, anticipates to collect five times more data
 - γ is still dominated by statistical uncertainties!

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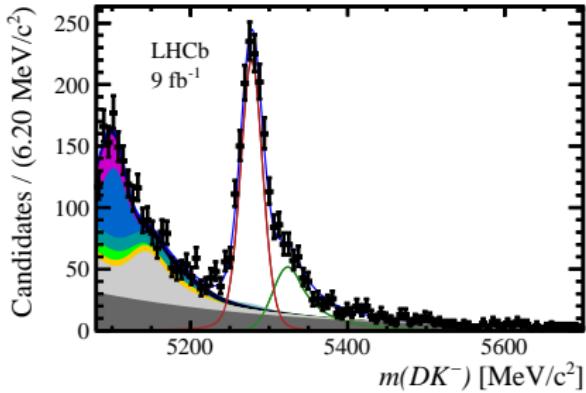
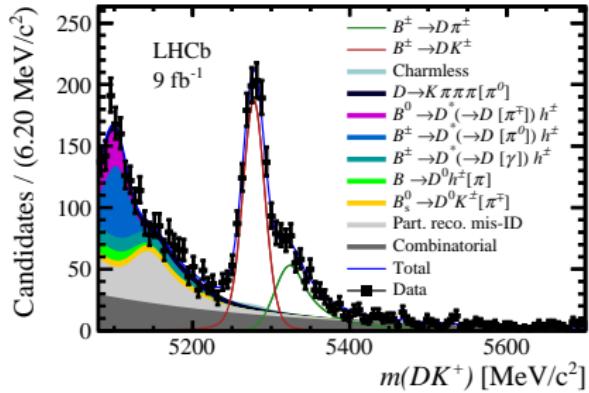
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Thanks for your attention!

Backup slides

Phase-space integrated $B^\pm \rightarrow [K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-]_D K^\pm$

Additionally, one can measure the phase-space integrated asymmetries and measure additional CP -violating observables



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More B^- candidates because $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ is predominantly CP -even ([Phys. Rev. D 107 032009](#))