



Recent measurements of the CKM angle γ at LHCb

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- Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix describes the quark mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}}_{V_{CKM}} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

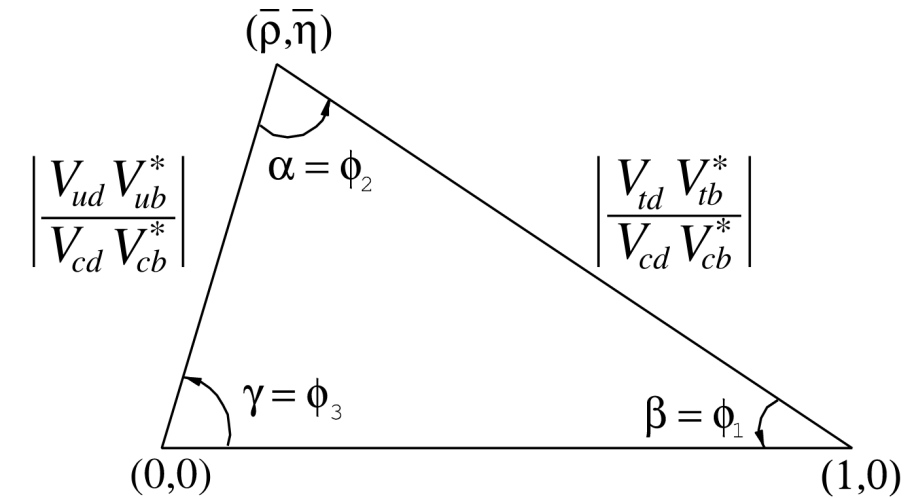
- Unitarity of V_{CKM} represented by a **triangle**¹ in the complex plane

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

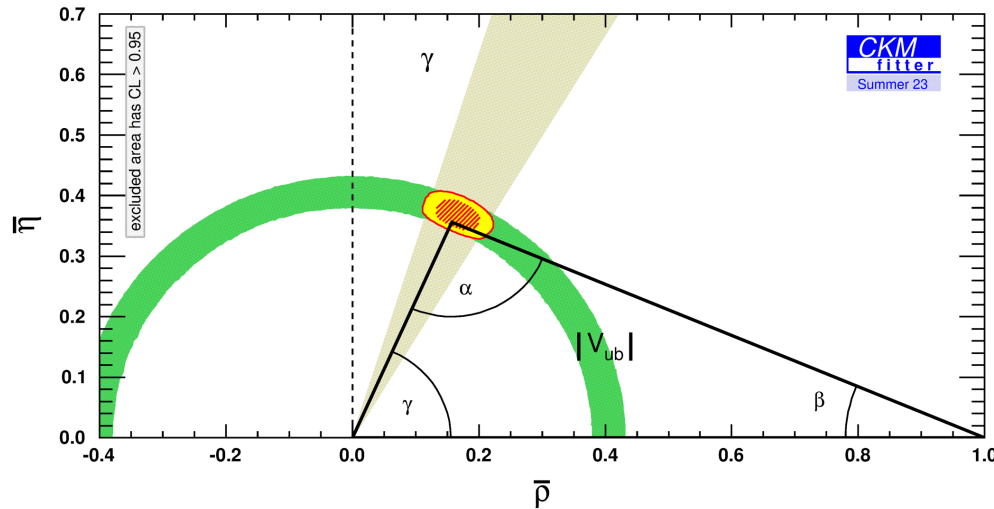
- Weak phase γ is the only angle **easily accessible at tree level**

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

- Hadronic parameters can be determined from data
=> **theoretical uncertainty** within the Standard Model on γ is **negligible**²

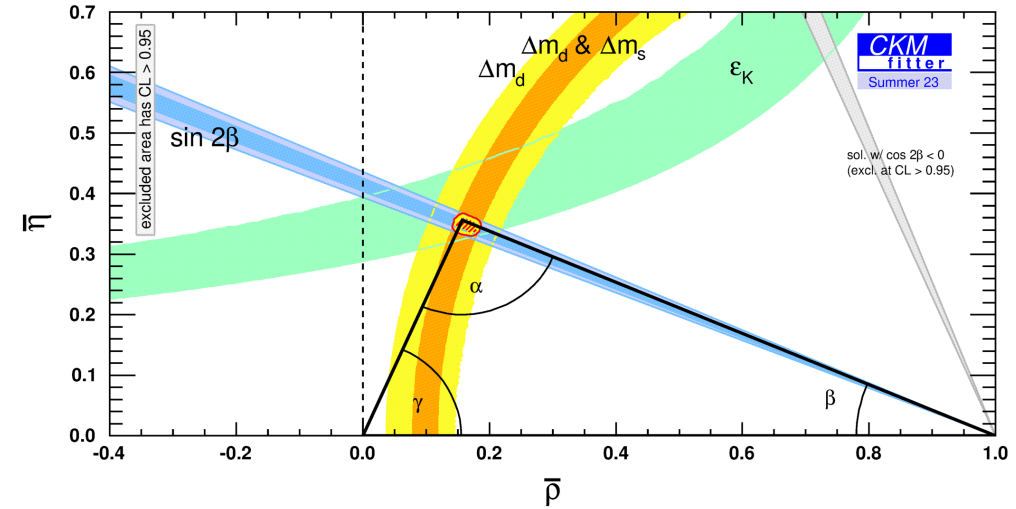


Tree-level (direct measurement)³



$$\gamma = (66.4^{+2.8}_{-3.0})^\circ \quad \text{World average (HFLAV⁴)}$$

Loop-level (indirect measurement)³



$$\gamma = (66.29^{+0.72}_{-1.86})^\circ$$

- **Direct** measurements of γ at **tree level** are expected to be **benchmarks** of the Standard Model

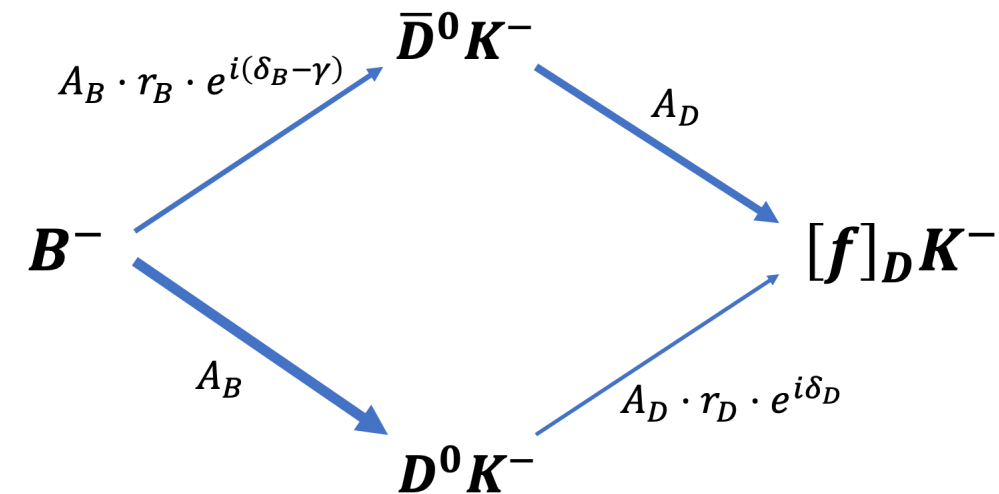
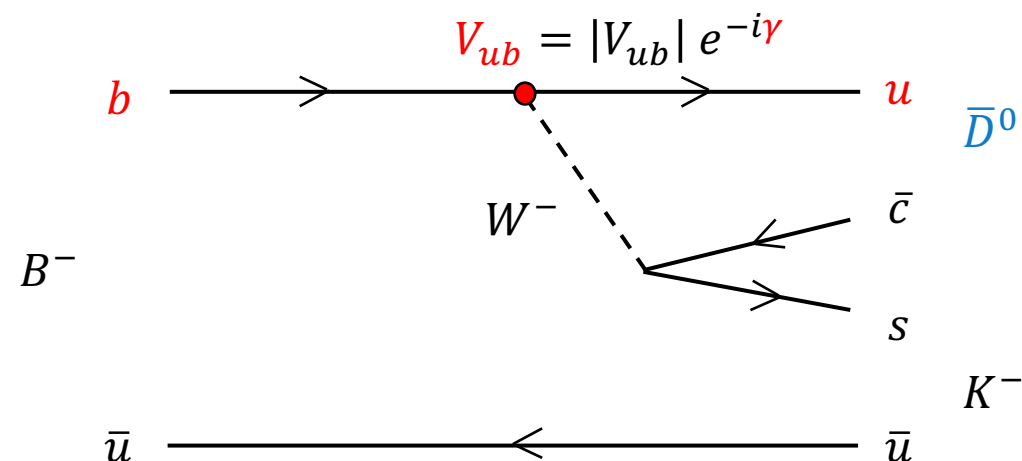
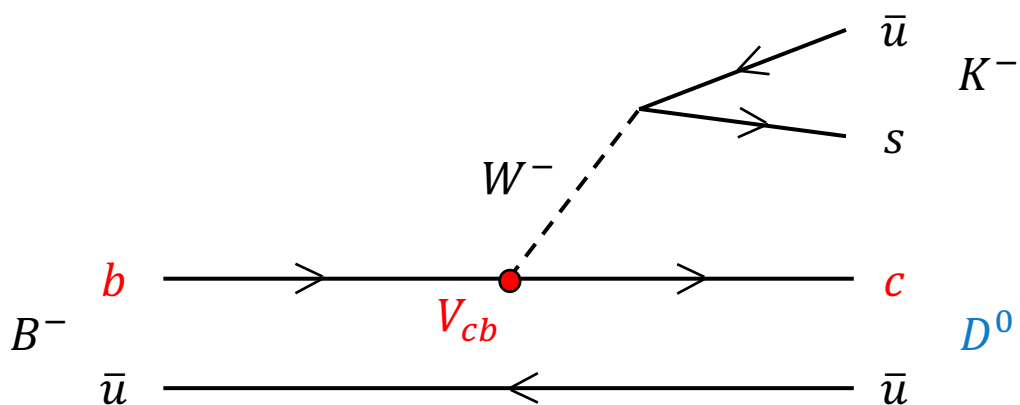
- **Indirect** measurements consist of global fits to the unitary triangle. Inputs include **loop processes**, where **New Physics** effects are expected to contribute



A discrepancy between **direct** and **indirect** measurements would be a clear sign of New Physics

Direct measurements of γ in $B \rightarrow DK$ like decays

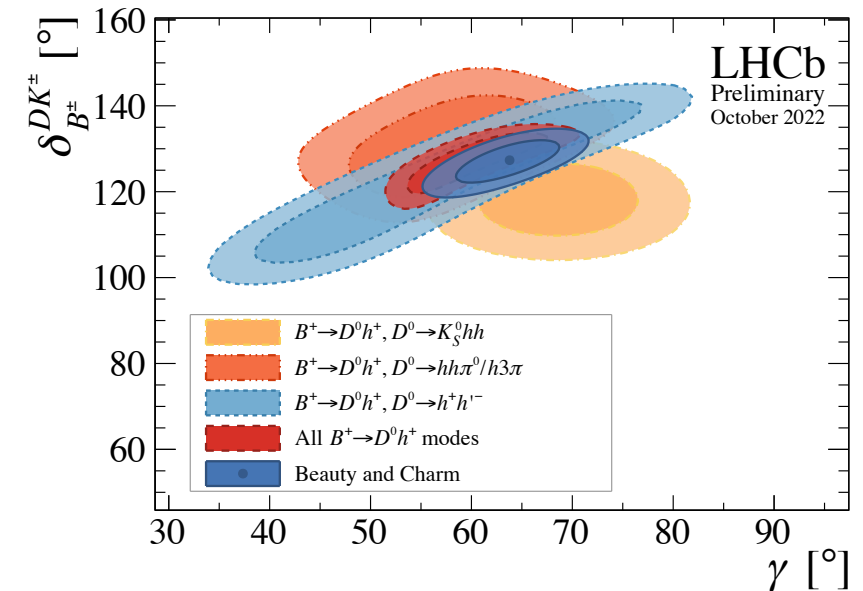
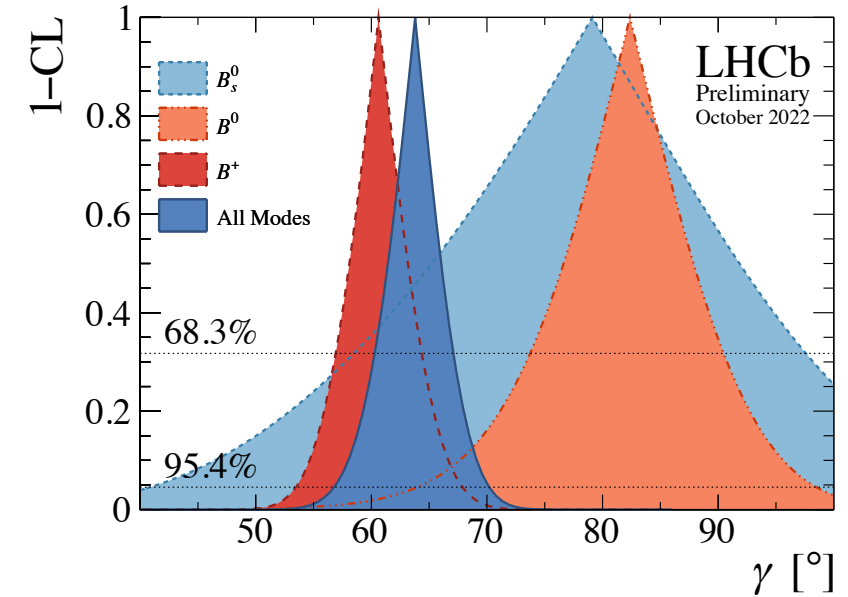
- The D meson is a superposition of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 states, which are reconstructed in common final states
- Both D^0 and \bar{D}^0 need to be able to decay to the same final state
- Interference between $b \rightarrow cW$ and $b \rightarrow uW$ transitions gives sensitivity to γ



- LHCb γ +charm combination⁵ 2022

$$\gamma = (63.8^{+3.5}_{-3.7})^\circ$$

- Expected sensitivity for Run 1-2 of about 4° surpassed
- World average dominated by LHCb
- Golden channel: $B^\pm \rightarrow DK^\pm$
 - Most precise measurement from a single analysis to date in $B^\pm \rightarrow [K_S h^+ h^-]_D h'^\pm$ decays at LHCb⁶: $\gamma = (68.7^{+5.2}_{-5.1})^\circ$
- Strategy to cover all B and D decay **combinations** to improve overall sensitivity to γ
- Important to perform analyses in sub-dominant channels to provide further constraints and cross-checks
 - Different systematic uncertainties (important for the future)
 - Different background contributions



- LHCb γ +charm combination⁷ 2024 includes recent measurements

- Recent measurements with other B decays

- $B^\pm \rightarrow D^* K^\pm$
- $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$
- $B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$

- Different families of D decays used
 - $D \rightarrow h^+ h^- (h^+ h^-)$: narrow but multiple solutions
 - $D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$: wide single solution

- Time-dependent measurement

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$

B decay	D decay	Ref.	Dataset	Status since Ref. [14]
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm h'^\mp$	[35]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^+ h^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	[19]	Run 1&2	New
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^+ \pi^-$	[36]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm h'^\mp \pi^0$	[37]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$	[38]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$	[39]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>
$B^\pm \rightarrow D^* h^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm h'^\mp$ (PR)	[35]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>
$B^\pm \rightarrow D^* h^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ (PR)	[20]	Run 1&2	New
$B^\pm \rightarrow D^* h^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ (FR)	[21]	Run 1&2	New
$B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm h'^\mp$	[22] [†]	Run 1&2	Updated
$B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^+ \pi^-$	[22] [†]	Run 1&2	Updated
$B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$	[22] [†]	Run 1&2	New
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm h'^\mp$	[40]	Run 1	<i>As before</i>
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm h'^\mp$	[23]	Run 1&2	Updated
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow h^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^+ \pi^-$	[23]	Run 1&2	Updated
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$	[24]	Run 1&2	Updated
$B^0 \rightarrow D^\mp \pi^\pm$	$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	[41]	Run 1	<i>As before</i>
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+ h^- \pi^+$	[25, 42] [†]	Run 1&2	Updated
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+ h^- \pi^+$	[43]	Run 1&2	<i>As before</i>

Measuring γ : GLW modes

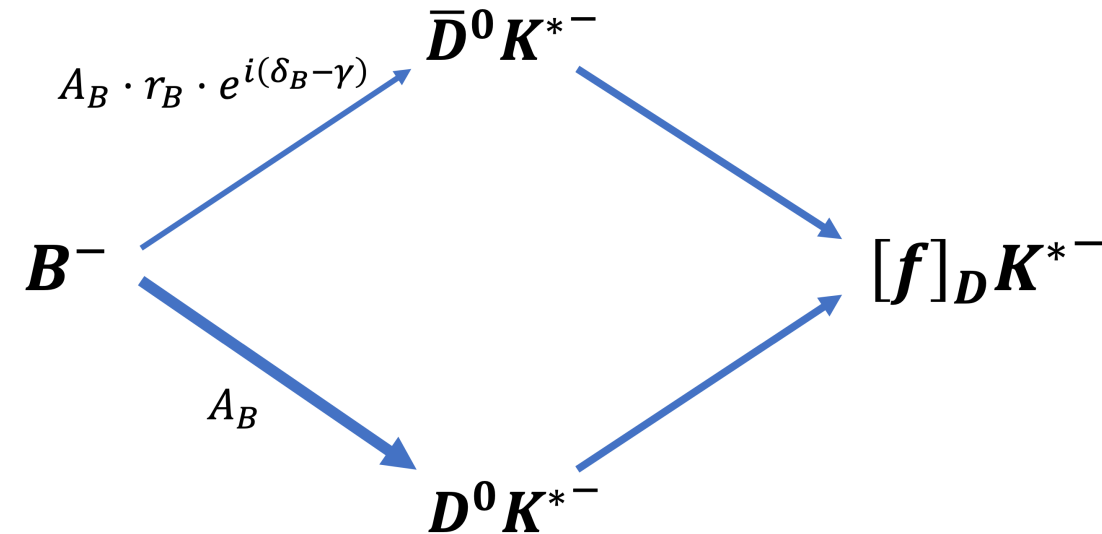
- **CP-even eigenstates**^{8,9}
 - $D \rightarrow K^+ K^-, D \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-, D \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$

$$R_{CP+} = \frac{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^{*-}) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^{*+})}{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [K^- \pi^+]_D K^{*-}) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [K^+ \pi^-]_D K^{*+})} \frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^-)} = 1 + r_B^2 + 2 \kappa r_B \cos(\delta_B) \cos(\gamma)$$

Coherence factor
 (for non-resonant
 K^* contribution)

$$A_{CP+} = \frac{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^{*-}) - \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^{*+})}{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^{*-}) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [h^+ h^-]_D K^{*+})} = \frac{2 \kappa r_B \sin(\delta_B) \sin(\gamma)}{R_{CP+}}$$

- Measure rate ratios to the favoured mode
- Measure rate asymmetries between B^- and B^+
- Relatively smaller observable CP violation due to amplitudes of different sizes
- Measure **CP observables**, directly related to **physics parameters**



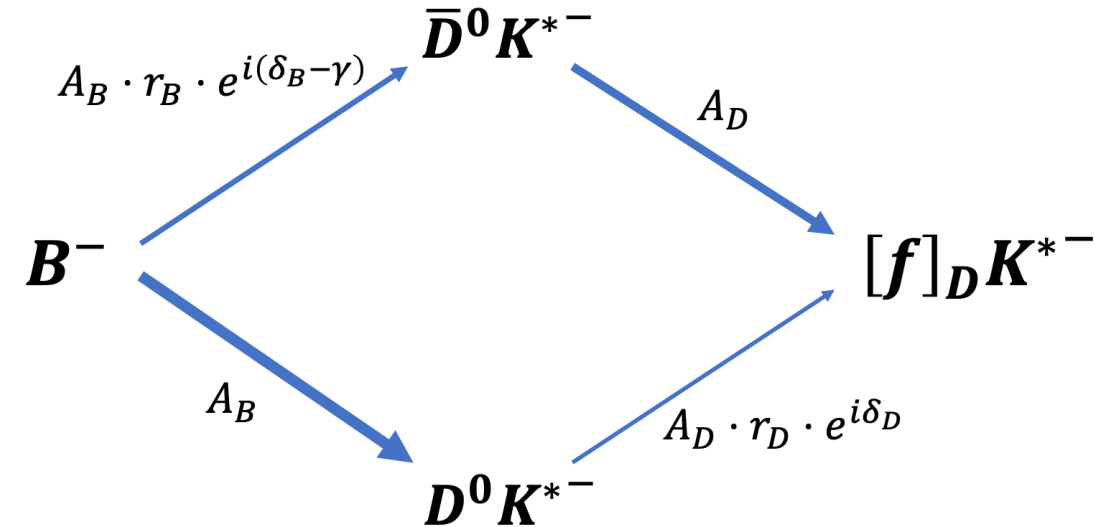
- non- CP eigenstates¹⁰

- Cabibbo-favoured (CF) / doubly Cabibbo-suppressed (DCS): $D \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$, $D \rightarrow \pi^- K^+$
 $D \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$, $D \rightarrow \pi^- K^+ \pi^- \pi^+$

$$R_{ADS} = \frac{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [\pi^- K^+]_D K^{*-}) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [\pi^+ K^-]_D K^{*+})}{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [K^- \pi^+]_D K^{*-}) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [K^+ \pi^-]_D K^{*+})} = r_B^2 + r_D^2 + 2 \kappa r_B r_D \cos(\delta_B + \delta_D) \cos(\gamma)$$

$$A_{ADS} = \frac{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [\pi^- K^+]_D K^{*-}) - \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [\pi^+ K^-]_D K^{*+})}{\Gamma(B^- \rightarrow [\pi^- K^+]_D K^{*-}) + \Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow [\pi^+ K^-]_D K^{*+})} = \frac{2 \kappa r_B r_D \sin(\delta_B + \delta_D) \sin(\gamma)}{R_{ADS}}$$

- External inputs: D decay parameters r_D, δ_D
- Maximal interference due to similar sized amplitudes



- **Three-body self-conjugate final states^{11,12}**

- $D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$, $D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+ K^-$: complex system of resonances
- The kinematics of the D decay can be represented in 2D in a Dalitz plot

- CP observables

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\pm} &= r_B \cdot \cos(\delta_B \pm \gamma) \\ y_{\pm} &= r_B \cdot \sin(\delta_B \pm \gamma) \end{aligned} \quad x_{\pm} + iy_{\pm} = r_B \cdot e^{i(\delta_B \pm \gamma)}$$

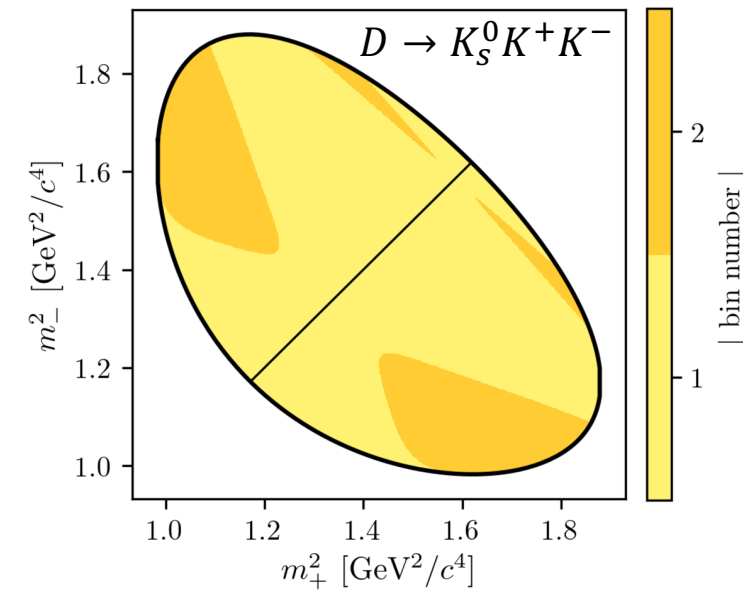
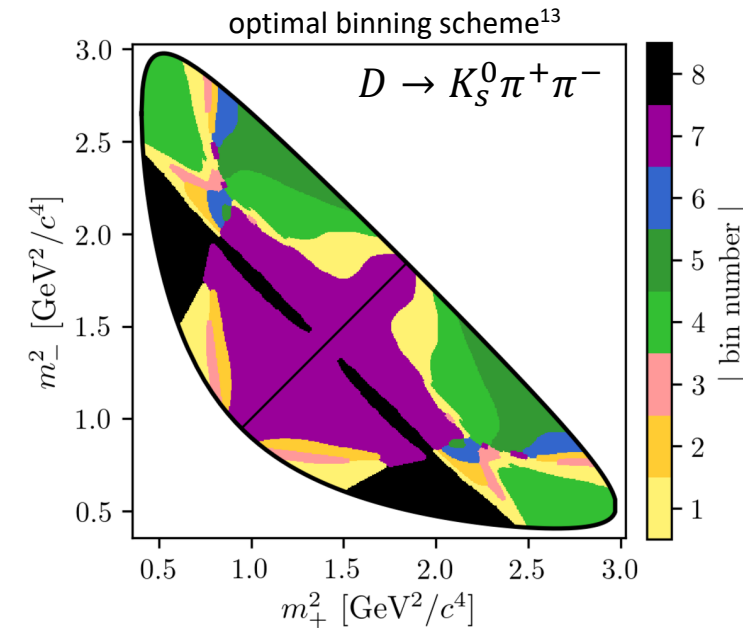
- Interference appears as different distributions of the D meson Dalitz plot for B^- and B^+ \rightarrow counting experiment in each bin

- Yields in each Dalitz bin

$$N_{\pm i}^- \propto F_{\pm i} + (x_-^2 + y_-^2) F_{\mp i} + 2\kappa \sqrt{F_i F_{-i}} (x_- c_{\pm i} + y_- s_{\pm i})$$

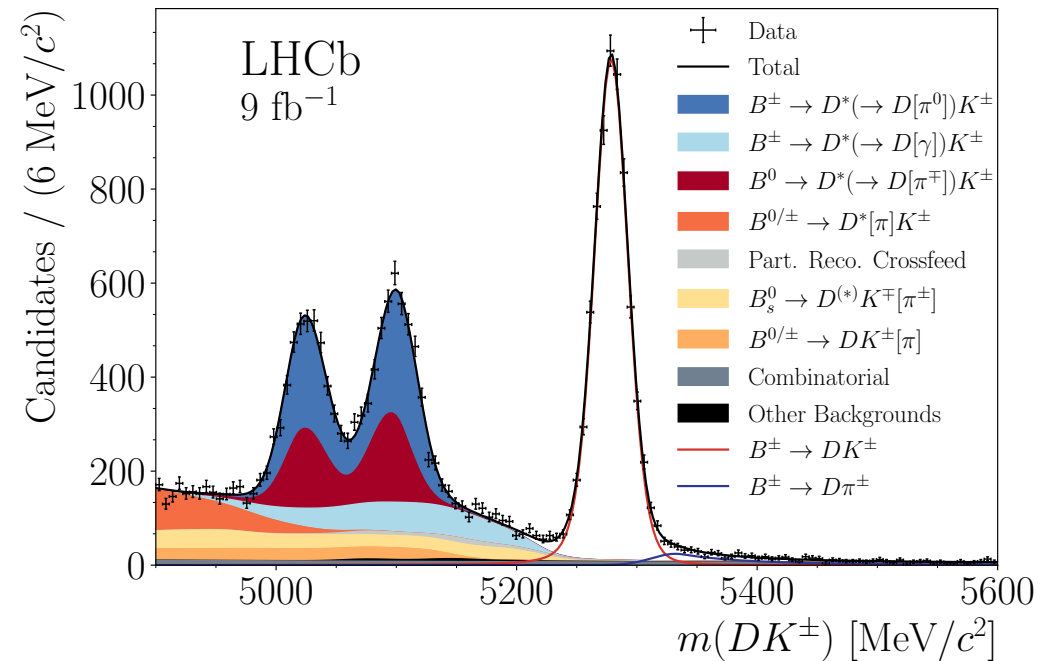
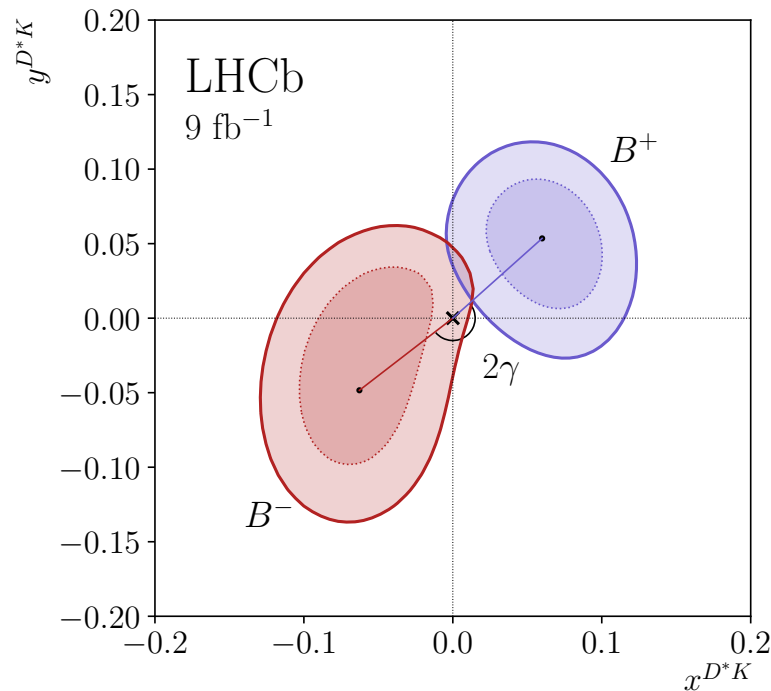
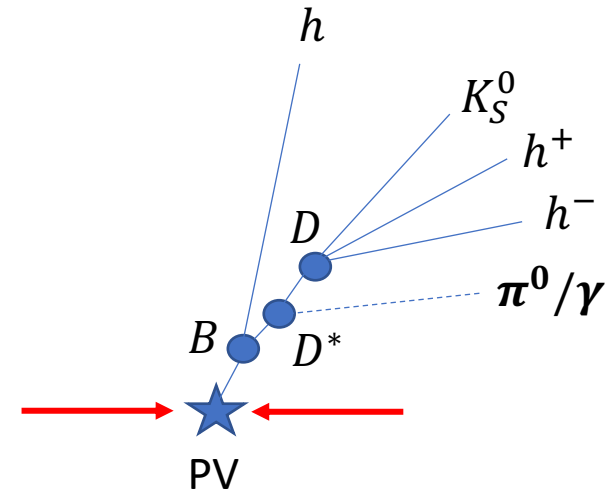
Fractional yield of flavour-tagged D^0

Strong-phase differences (input from CLEO¹³+BESIII^{14,15,16})

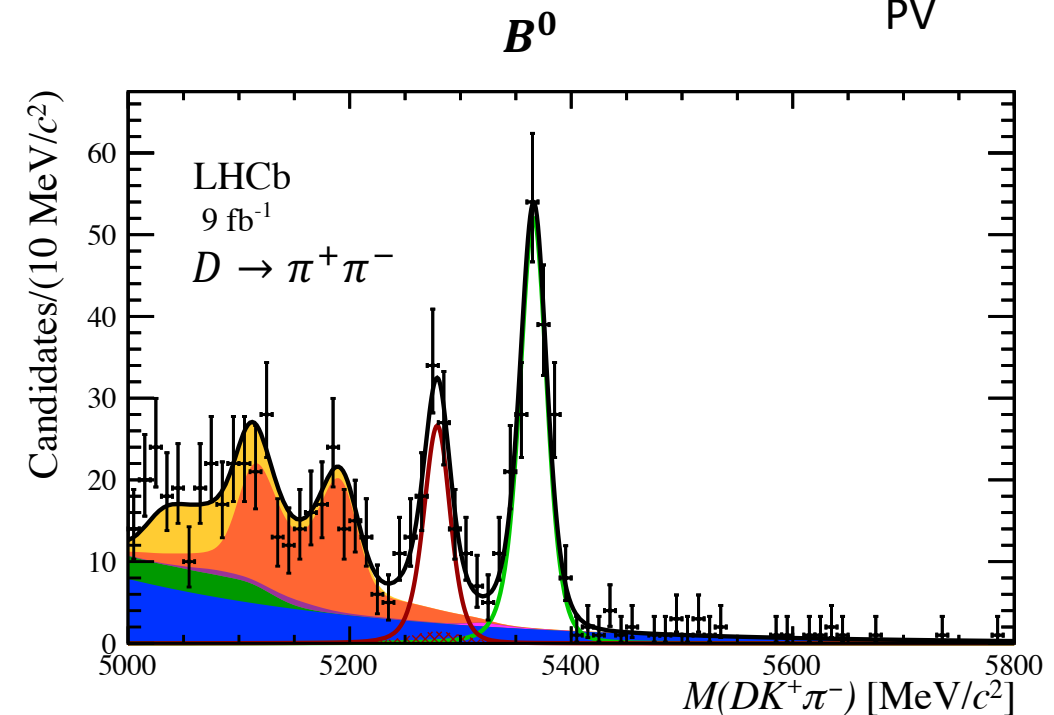
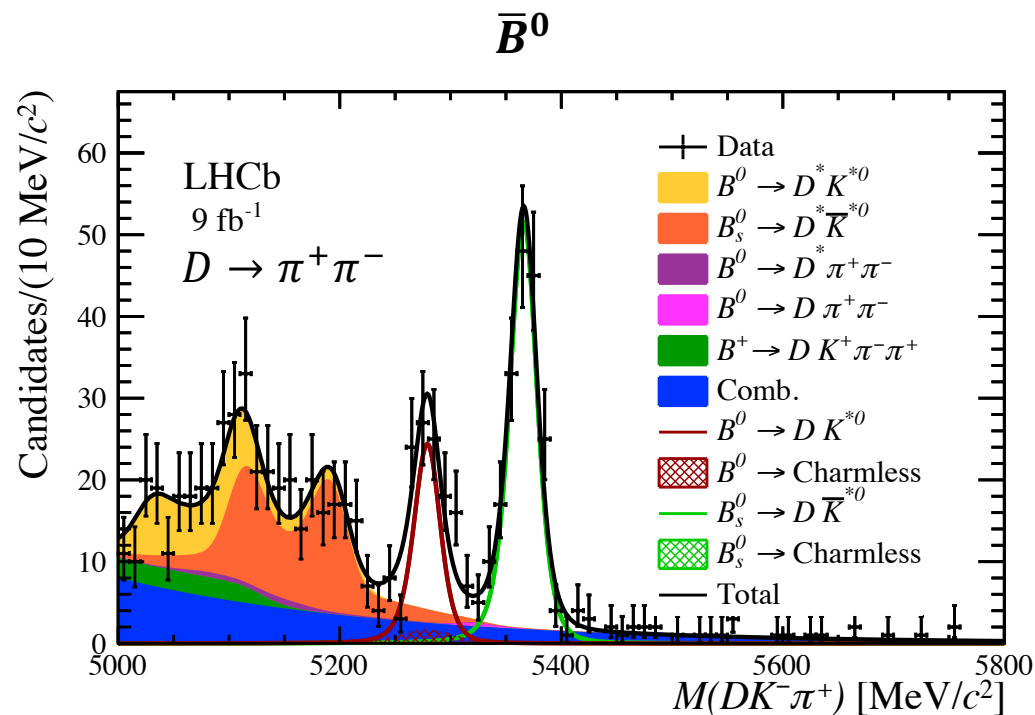
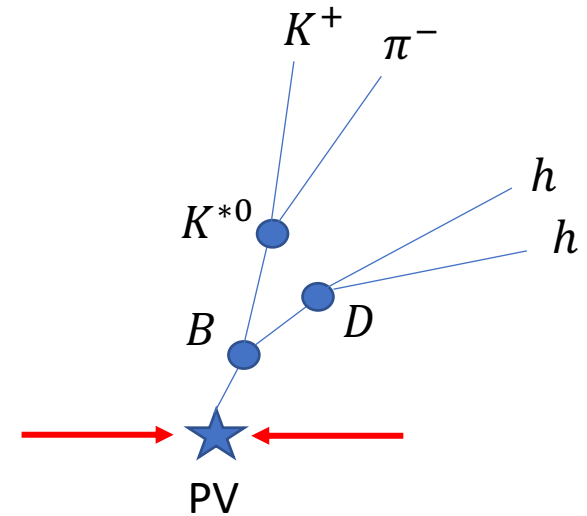


- Measurement of γ in $B^\pm \rightarrow D^* h^\pm$ with $D^* \rightarrow D \pi^0/\gamma, D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ decays
- Partially reconstructed D^* meson, where π^0/γ is not reconstructed. Measurement performed in Dalitz bins of the D decay phase space. Also performed the corresponding fully reconstructed measurement¹⁷ and the $D \rightarrow h^+ h^-$ analysis¹⁸
- The physics parameters of interest can be interpreted from the measured CP observables x_\pm, y_\pm :

$$\gamma = (92_{-17}^{+21})^\circ$$



- Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow [h^+h^-(h^+h^-)]_D K^{*0}$ decays
- Simultaneous fit for each D meson final state and each B^0 flavour, which is tagged using the kaon child from the K^{*0}
- CP -violating observables measured in $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$



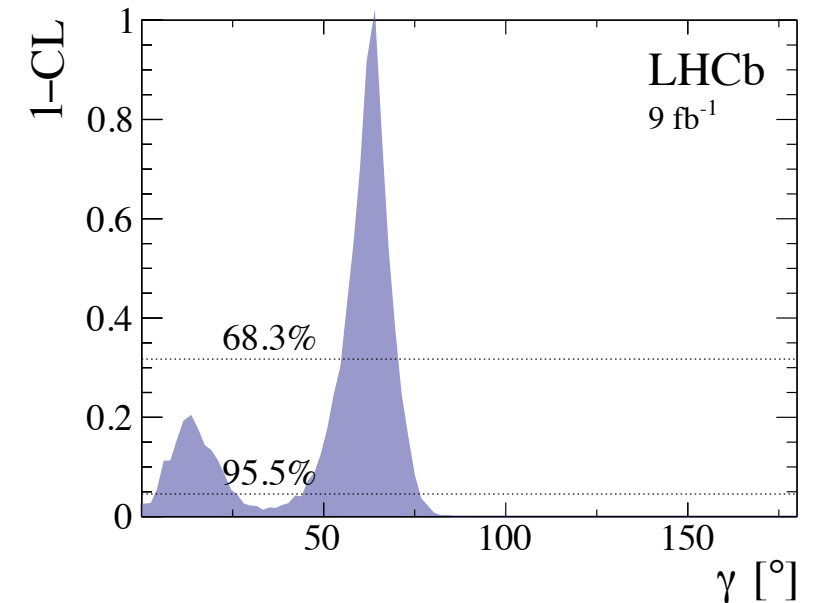
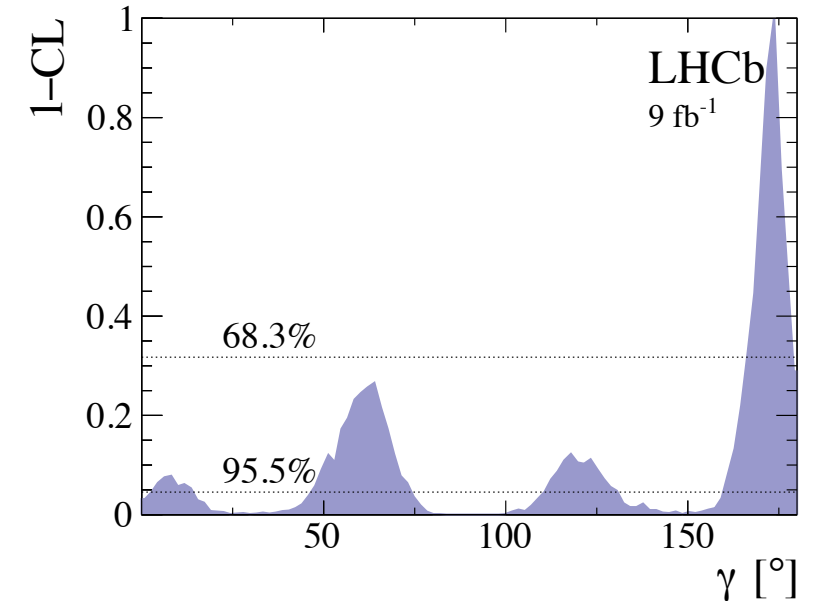
- The physics parameters of interest can be interpreted from the measured CP -violating observables, B_S^0 results consistent with no CP violation
- **Multiple solutions** due to trigonometric equations relating CP observables to physics parameters. Solution compatible with world average:

$$\gamma = (61.7 \pm 8.0)^\circ$$

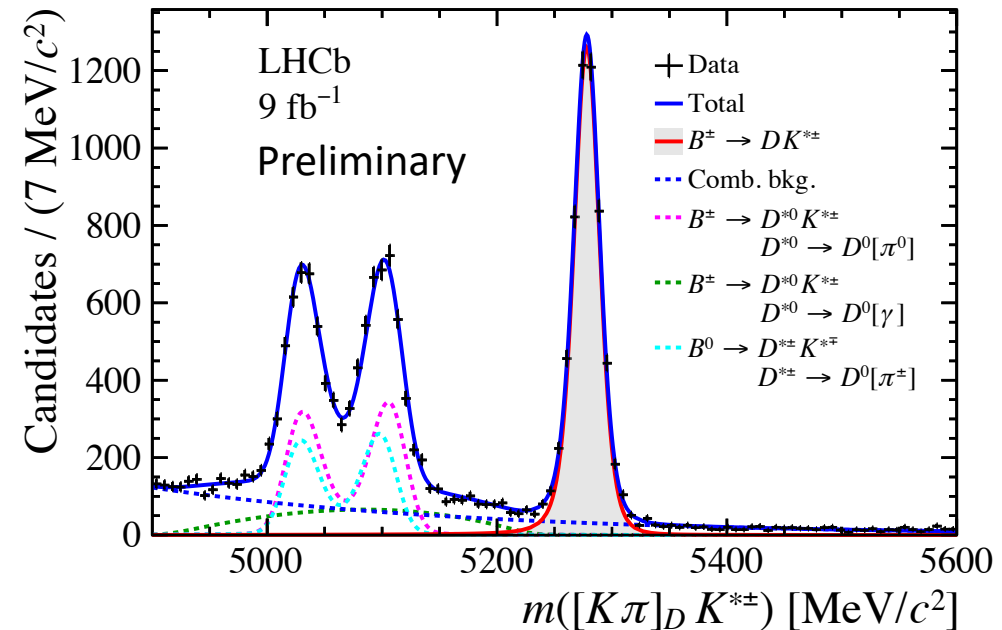
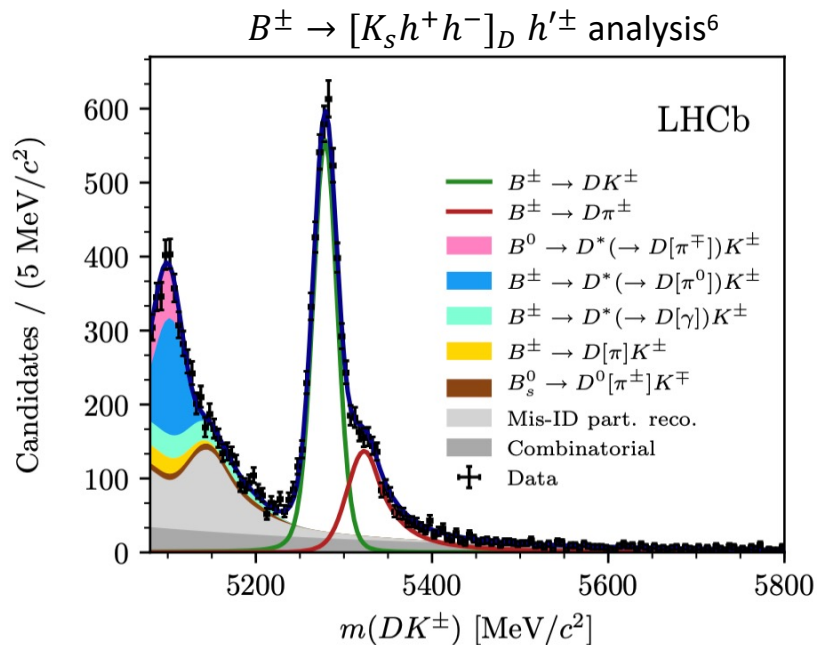
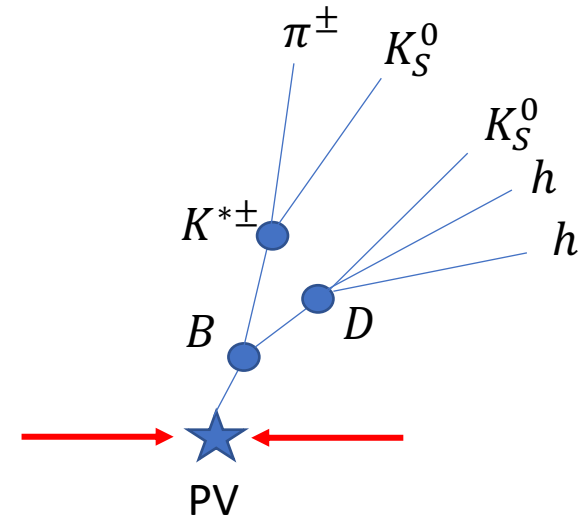
- **Combining** with $B^0 \rightarrow [K_S^0 h^+ h^-]_D K^{*0}$ measurement¹⁹ removes two solutions and strengthens the one consistent with the world average, yielding:

$$\gamma = (63.2_{-8.1}^{+6.9})^\circ$$

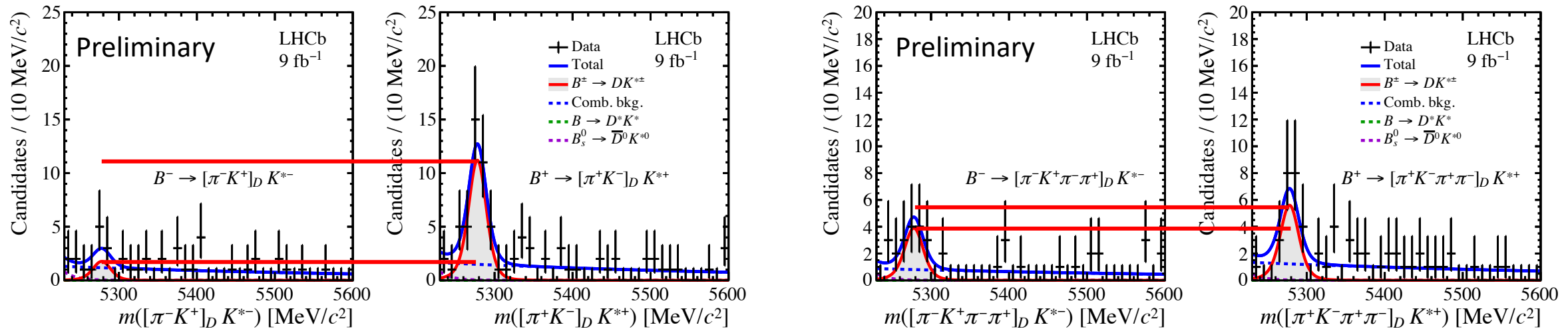
- Result for γ consistent with LHCb γ combination
- Measurement of γ in B^0 decays coming closer to the average value obtained with B^\pm decays



- Measurement of γ in $B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$ decays, **comprehensive study**:
 - $D \rightarrow h^+h^- (h^+h^-)$
 - $D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+h^-$ ← first measurement at LHCb in this channel
- Advantages of this channel compared to golden channel:
 - **Clean signal peak**
 - **No mis-ID component**
 - Lower partially reconstructed backgrounds



- Simultaneous fit for the different categories defined by B charge and D decay mode to measure the CP observables

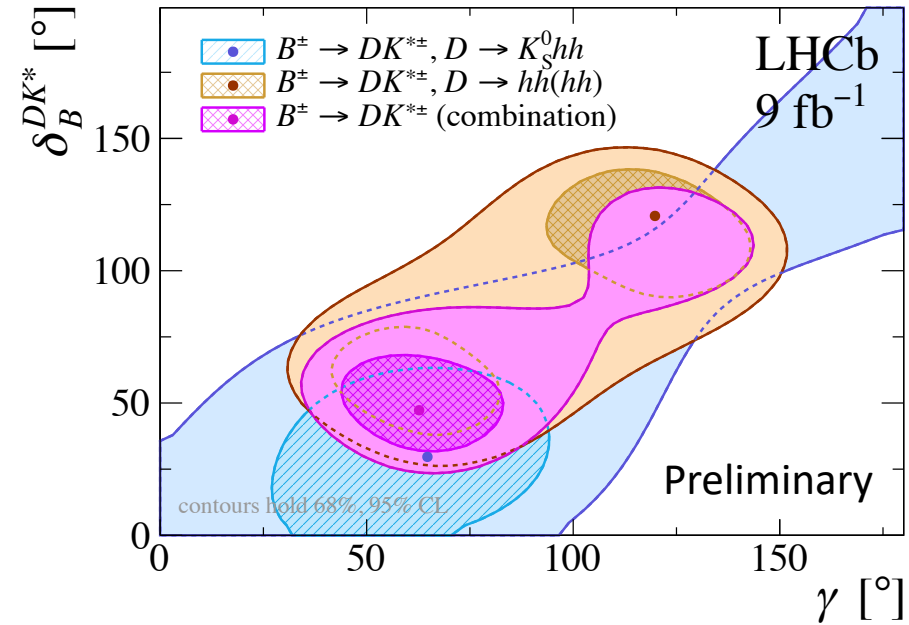
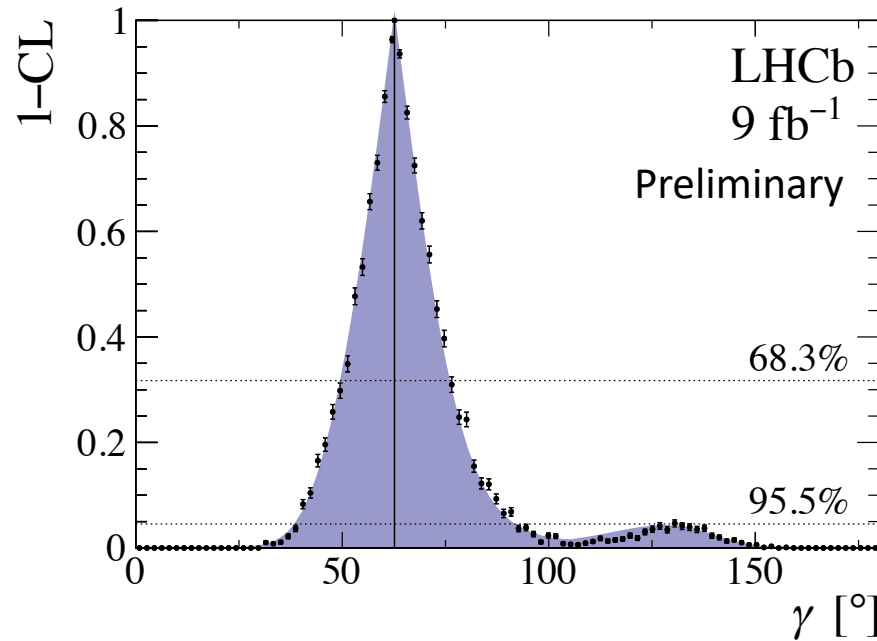
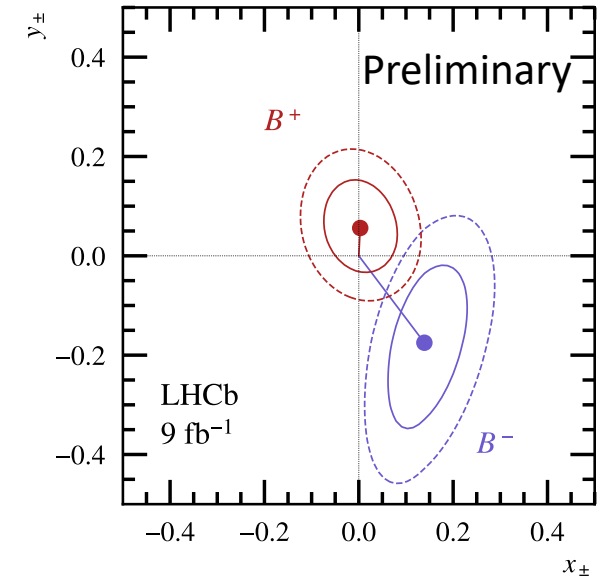


- Small asymmetries within the favoured modes, while larger **asymmetries** observed for the suppressed modes and CP -eigenstates modes
- CP observables measured for **all three types of D decay modes** considered in this analysis
- **First observation** of the suppressed $B^\pm \rightarrow [\pi^\pm K^\mp]_D K^{*\pm}$ and $B^\pm \rightarrow [\pi^\pm K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\mp]_D K^{*\pm}$ decays

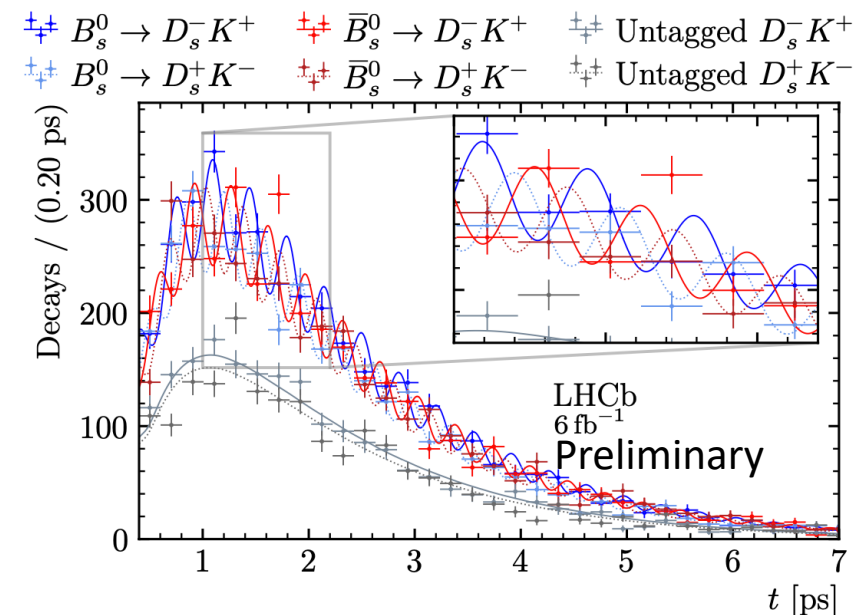
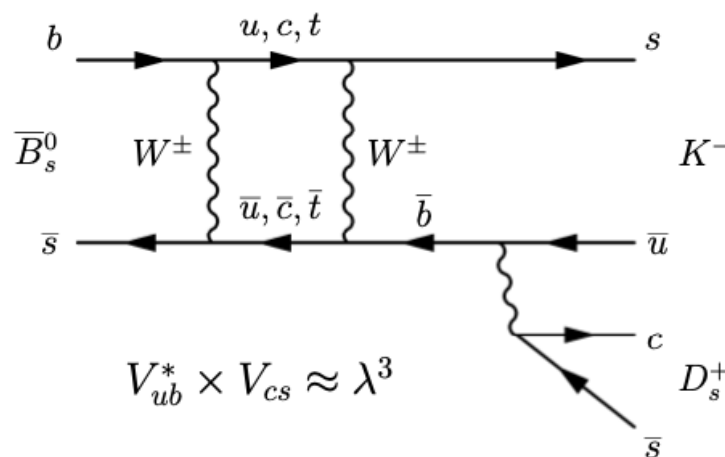
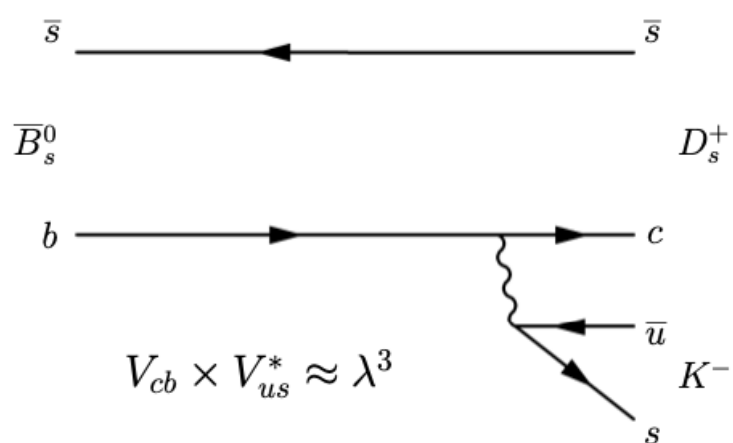
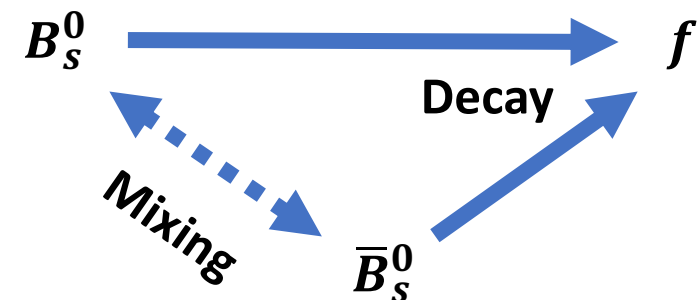
- The physics parameters of interest can be interpreted from the measured CP -violating observables

$$\gamma = (63 \pm 13)^\circ$$

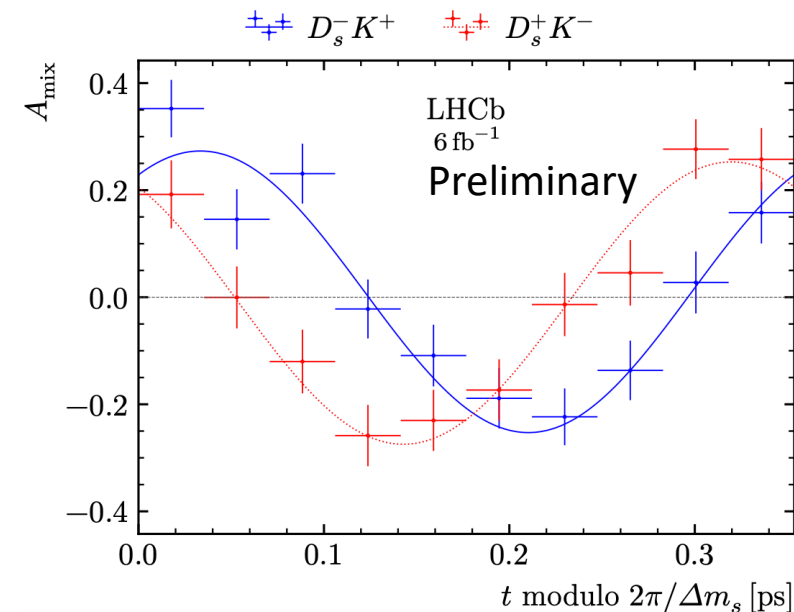
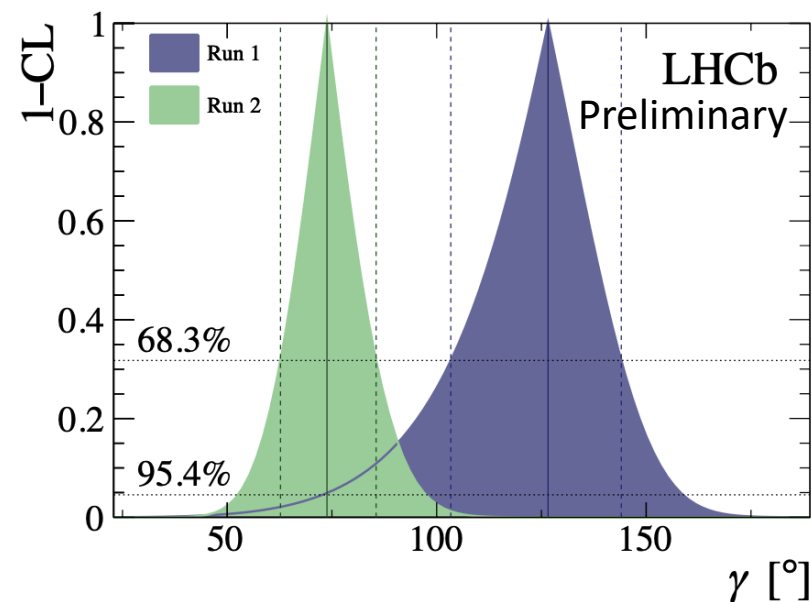
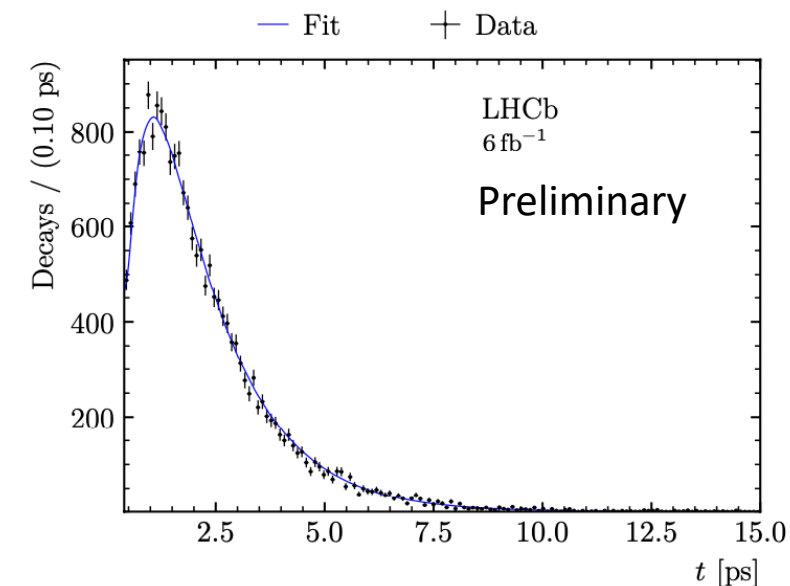
- Model-independent results, using strong-phase c_i, s_i inputs from CLEO and BESIII
- Result for γ consistent with world average



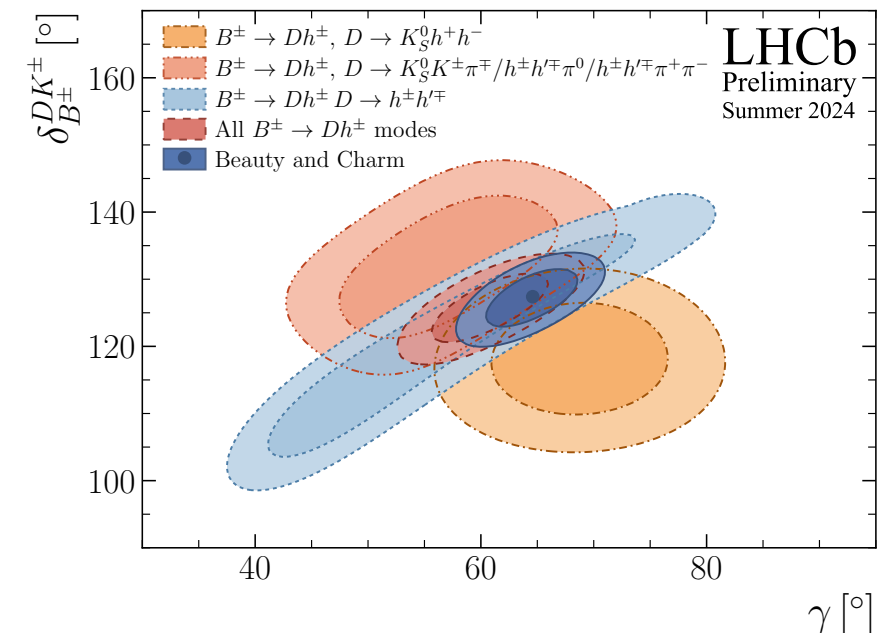
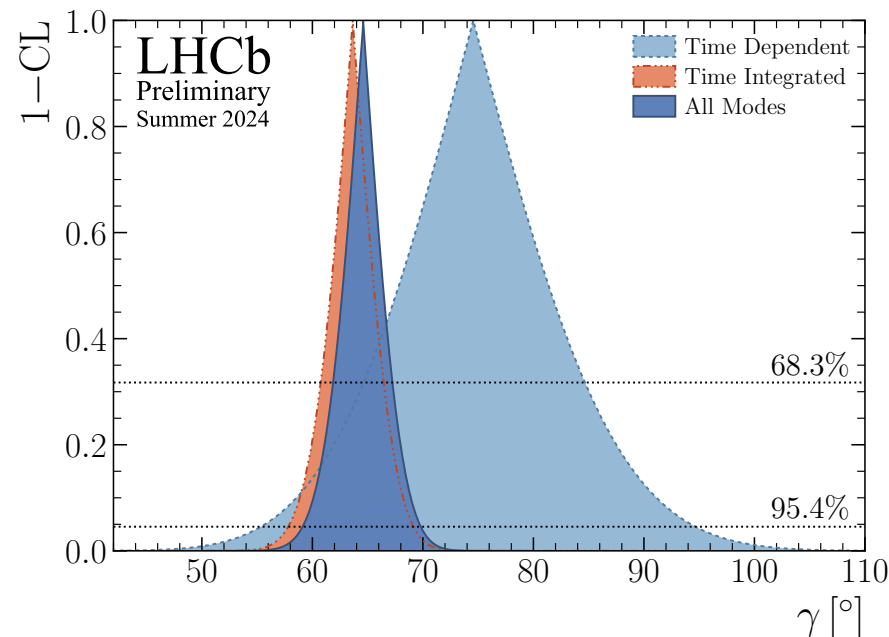
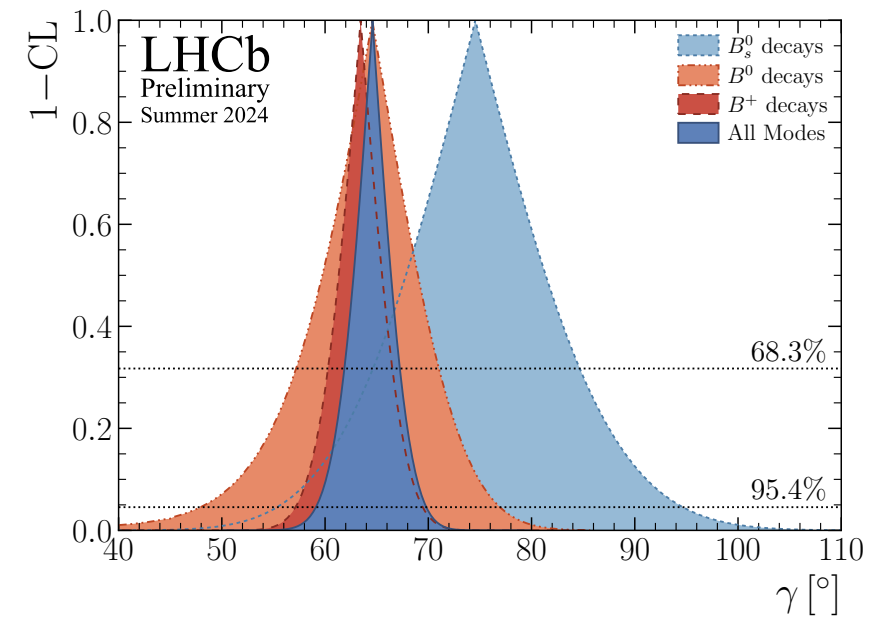
- CP -violating parameters measured in $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$ decays
- Interference between mixing and decay amplitudes
 - **Time dependent**
- CP -violating observables functions of γ and mixing phase β_s
 - $\gamma - 2\beta_s$
- Initial flavour of the B meson determined using **flavour tagging**



- Signal obtained from 2D fit in $m(B_S^0)$ and $m(D_S^\mp)$ with *sPlot* technique
- Fit to **decay-time distribution** of background-subtracted $B_S^0 \rightarrow D_S^\mp K^\pm$ signal to determine the *CP* observables
- Result for γ when combining with Run 1: $\gamma = (81_{-11}^{+12})^\circ$
- Most precise determination of γ in B_S^0 meson decays



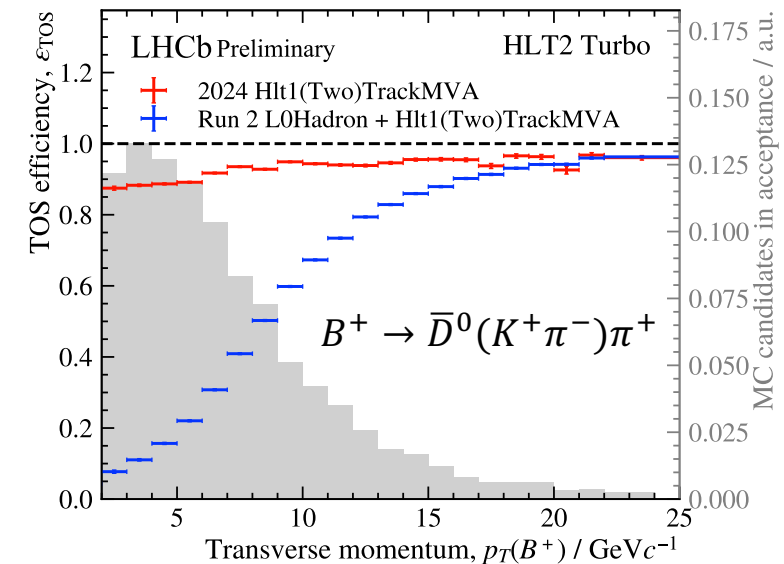
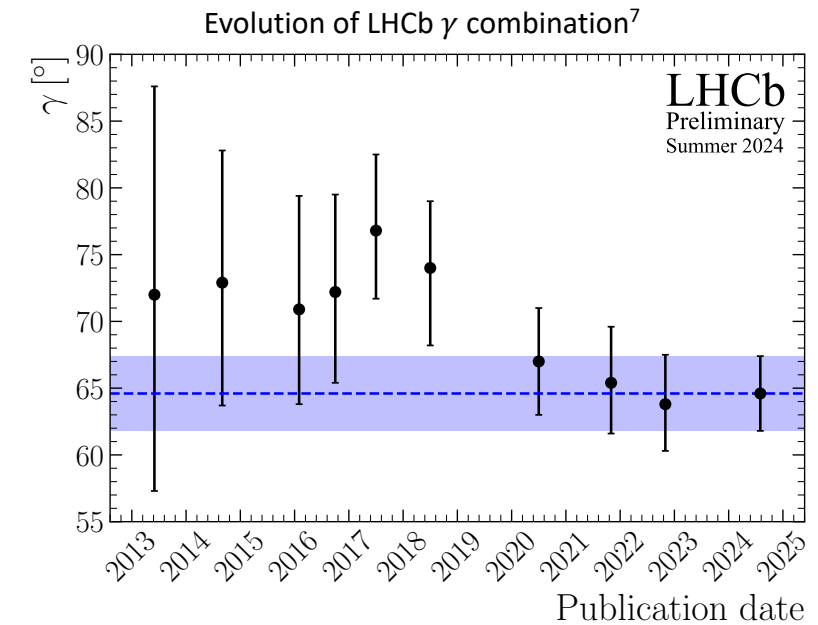
- LHCb γ +charm combination 2024 $\gamma = (64.6 \pm 2.8)^\circ$
- World's most precise direct determination of γ . Expected sensitivity for Run 1-2 of about 4° surpassed
- Result for γ from neutral B^0 decays now closer to the value obtained in charged B^\pm decays
- Consistency between B species now more evident



- Recent γ measurements included in the latest LHCb combination, **further improving the precision**
- Strategy to cover all B and D decay **combinations** to improve sensitivity to γ , providing **further constraints** and cross-checks
- Only a few more Run 2 results still to be completed
- **Statistically limited:** a precision of less than 1° is expected^{20,21} with **more data** to be collected in Run 3 and beyond

Upgrade I (50 fb^{-1})	Upgrade II (300 fb^{-1})
1°	0.35°

- **Removal of hardware trigger** in Run 3 good for hadronic final states such as those used for γ measurements, with large increase in yields at low momentum²²



- Presented recent **measurements of the CKM angle γ at LHCb**:
 - $B^\pm \rightarrow D^* h^\pm, D^* \rightarrow D\pi^0/\gamma, D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ JHEP **02** (2024) 118
 - $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}, D \rightarrow h^+ h^- (h^+ h^-)$ JHEP **05** (2024) 025
 - $B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}, D \rightarrow h^+ h^- (h^+ h^-), K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ LHCb-PAPER-2024-023 (in preparation)
 - $B_S^0 \rightarrow D_S^\mp K^\pm$ LHCb-PAPER-2024-020 (in preparation)
 - LHCb γ +charm combination 2024 LHCb-CONF-2024-004
 - Strong impact from **combination with** measurements of γ from the same B decay channels
 - Expected sensitivity of about 4° for Run 1-2 surpassed
- $$\gamma = (64.6 \pm 2.8)^\circ$$
- More precise determination of γ in the future, which is a standard candle measurement of CP violation in the Standard Model

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