



Measurement of the CP Asymmetry of $D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s$ decay (Belle + Belle II)

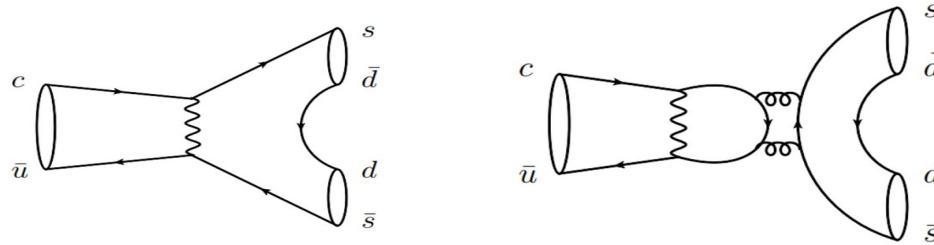


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Physics Motivation

- $D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s$ is a Singly Cabibbo Suppressed (SCS) decay, which involves the interference of $c\bar{u} \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ and $c\bar{u} \rightarrow d\bar{d}$ transitions.



- Due to this interference, the CP Asymmetry (A_{CP}) may be enhanced to an observable level within the Standard Model.
- The world-average determination of $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s)$: $(-1.9 \pm 1.0)\%$, is limited by the statistical precision.
- The world average is dominated by measurements from **Belle** and **LHCb**:
 - Using 921fb^{-1} and $D^0 \rightarrow K_s \pi^0$ as the control mode, Belle measured $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) = (-0.02 \pm 1.53 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.17 \text{ (control mode)})\%$ [**Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 171801**]
 - A more precise result of A_{CP} is obtained by LHCb with $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ as the control mode: $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) = (-3.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (control mode)})\%$ [**Phys. Rev. D 104, L031102**]
- The measurement of $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-)$ has been recently improved by LHCb bringing the corresponding uncertainty below the 0.1% level [**Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 091802**]

➡ **Goal of this analysis is to measure the time integrated Asymmetry (A_{CP}) in $D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s$ Decays using $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ as the control mode, with Belle and Belle II data.**

Time Integrated CP Asymmetry (A_{CP})

- Time integrated A_{CP} is defined as: $A_{CP} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) - \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)}{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) + \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)}$ $\Gamma = \text{partial decay width}$

- Experimentally we measure the quantity of raw asymmetry (A_{raw}), defined as:

$$A_{raw} \equiv \frac{N(D^0) - N(\bar{D}^0)}{N(D^0) + N(\bar{D}^0)}$$

$N(D^0) = \text{measured yield of } D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+, D^0 \rightarrow K_S K_S \text{ decays}$

$N(\bar{D}^0) = \text{measured yield of } D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-, \bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S K_S \text{ decays}$

$$A_{raw} \approx A_{FB}^{D^{*+}} + A_{CP} + A_{\epsilon}^{\pi_s}$$

$A_{\epsilon}^{\pi_s} = \text{asymmetry of the detection efficiency of the slow pion}$

$A_{FB} = \text{forward backward asymmetry}$

$$A_{CP}^{K_s K_s} = (A_{raw}^{K_s K_s} - A_{raw}^{KK}) + A_{CP}^{KK}$$

Assuming that the distributions of $\cos\theta$ and momenta for D^{*+} and π_s are in agreement, due to which, corresponding A_{FB} and A_{ϵ} cancel.

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-) = A_{CP}^{dir}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-) + \Delta Y = (6.7 \pm 5.4) \times 10^{-4}$$

direct CP Asymmetry

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 091802](#)

asymmetry from CP violation in mixing and in the interference between mixing and decay

[Phys. Rev. D104 \(2021\) 072010](#)

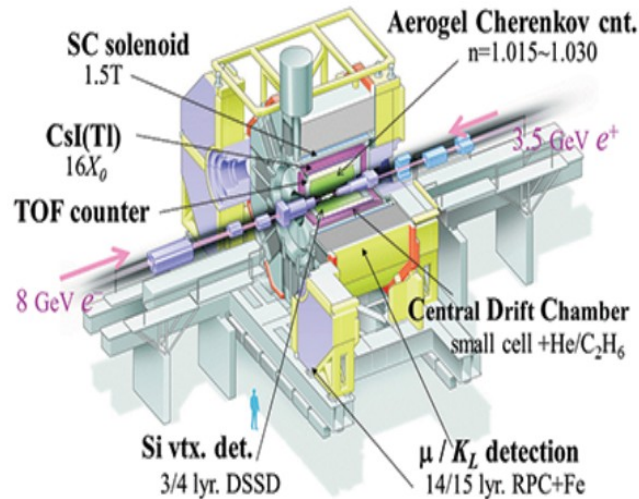
Experimental facility Belle and Belle II @ KEK, Japan



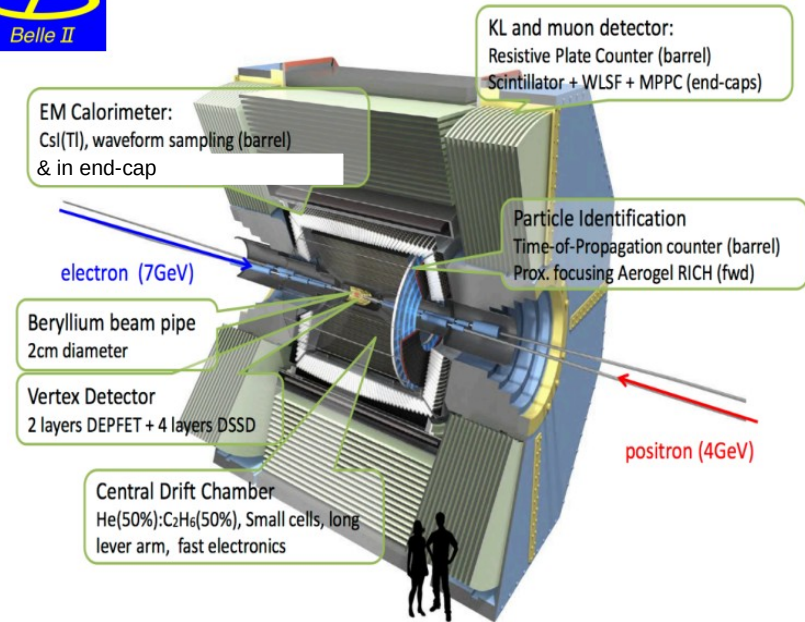
Instantaneous luminosity: $2.11 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
(June 2009, world record)

Dataset: 1 ab^{-1}

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Target dataset: 50 ab^{-1}

Collected till date: 428 fb^{-1}

Instantaneous luminosity: $4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
(June 2022, current world record)



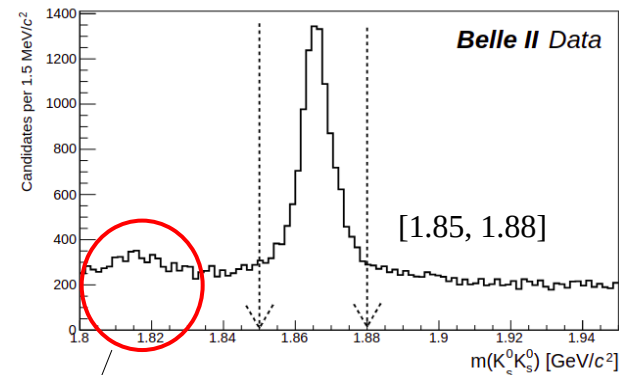
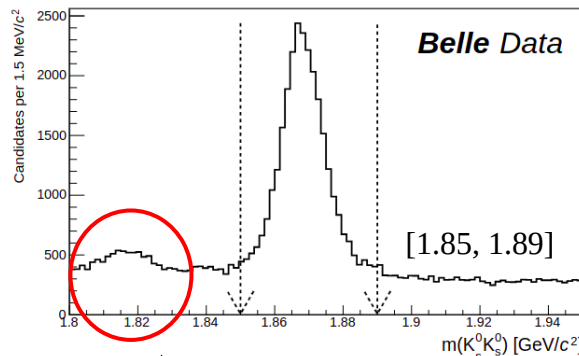
Used data sample collected at 427 fb^{-1} by Belle II (before LS1)
Measurement of the integrated luminosity of data samples collected during 2019-2022 by Belle II experiment arXiv:2407.00965(hep-ex)

$$D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0$$

Selection Criteria

| Variable | Criteria |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| $ d_r(\pi_s) $ | < 0.5 cm < 2 cm $[17, 150]^\circ$ |
| $ d_z(\pi_s) $ | |
| $\theta(\pi_s)$ | |
| $m(\pi^+\pi^-)$ | $[0.45, 0.55]$ GeV/c^2 |
| $m(K_s^0 K_s^0)$ | $[1.85, 1.89]$ GeV/c^2 (Belle) or $[1.85, 1.88]$ GeV/c^2 (Belle II) |
| $\Delta m = (m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0))$ | < 0.16 GeV/c^2 |
| $p_{\text{cms}}(D^{*+})$ | > 2.5 GeV/c \rightarrow (To reduce the events where D^{*+} coming from B meson) |
| TreeFitter probability | > 0.001 |
| Best-candidate selection | D^{*+} candidate with largest TreeFitter probability |

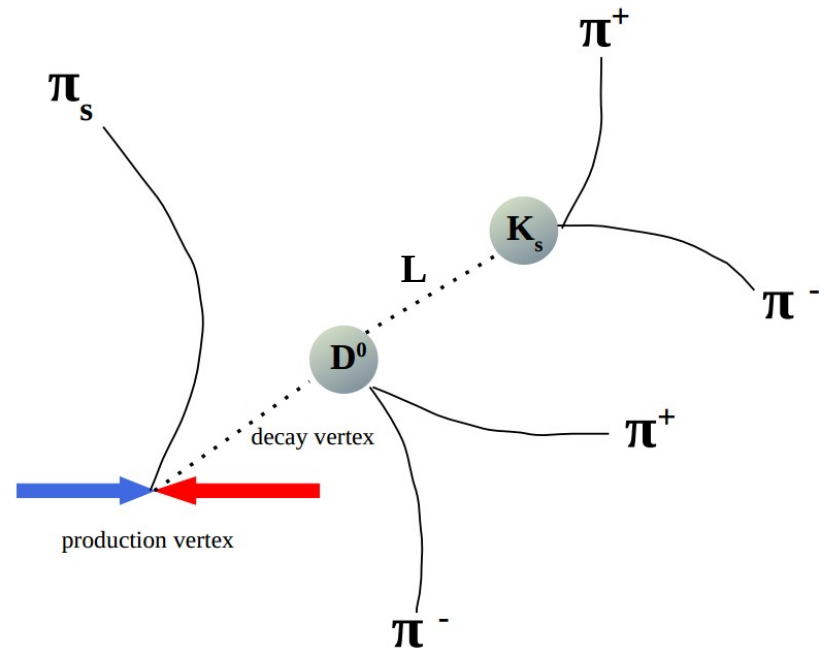
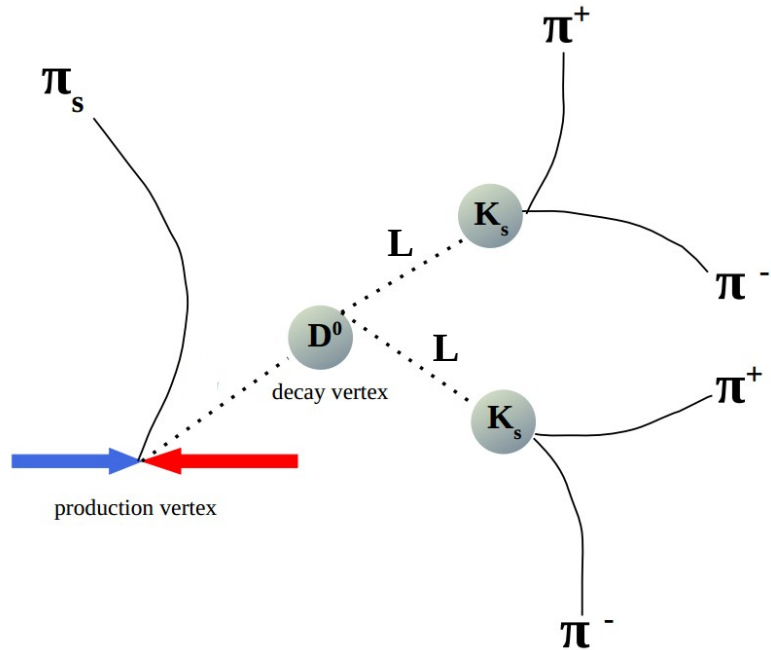
Treefitter is used with K_s mass constraint and IP constraint



$D_s \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0 \pi^+$ ($B = 7.7 \times 10^{-3}$), in which the charged pion acts as soft pion candidate.

$D^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^+ 2\pi^-$ is negligible and the only remaining physics background is $D^0 \rightarrow K_s \pi^+ \pi^-$

The background rejection variable S_{min}



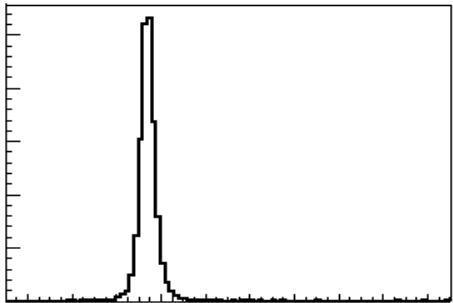
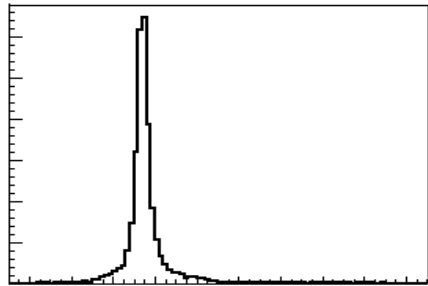
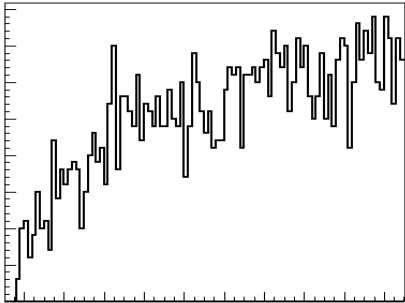
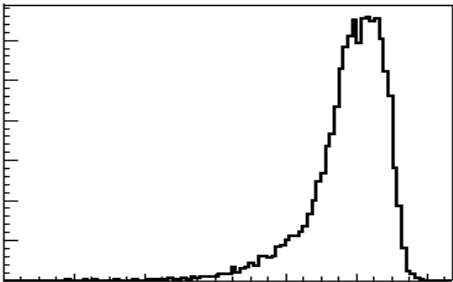
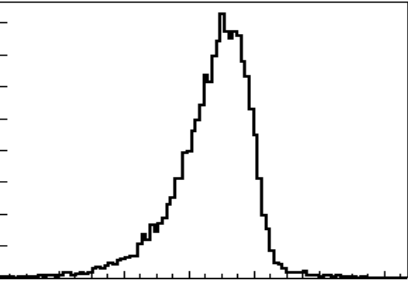
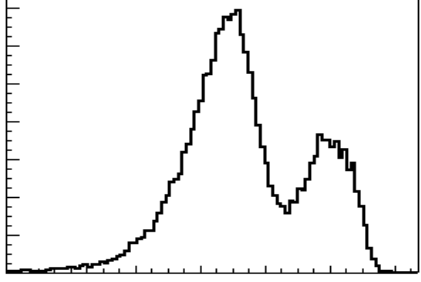
The flight distance of the K_s (with respect to the D^0 vertex) is exploited to provide separation of the peaking background ($D^0 \rightarrow K_s \pi^+ \pi^-$) from the signal ($D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s$).

S_{min} is used in the fit (no cut on S_{min} is applied).

$$S_{min} = \log(\min (L_i/\sigma_i))$$

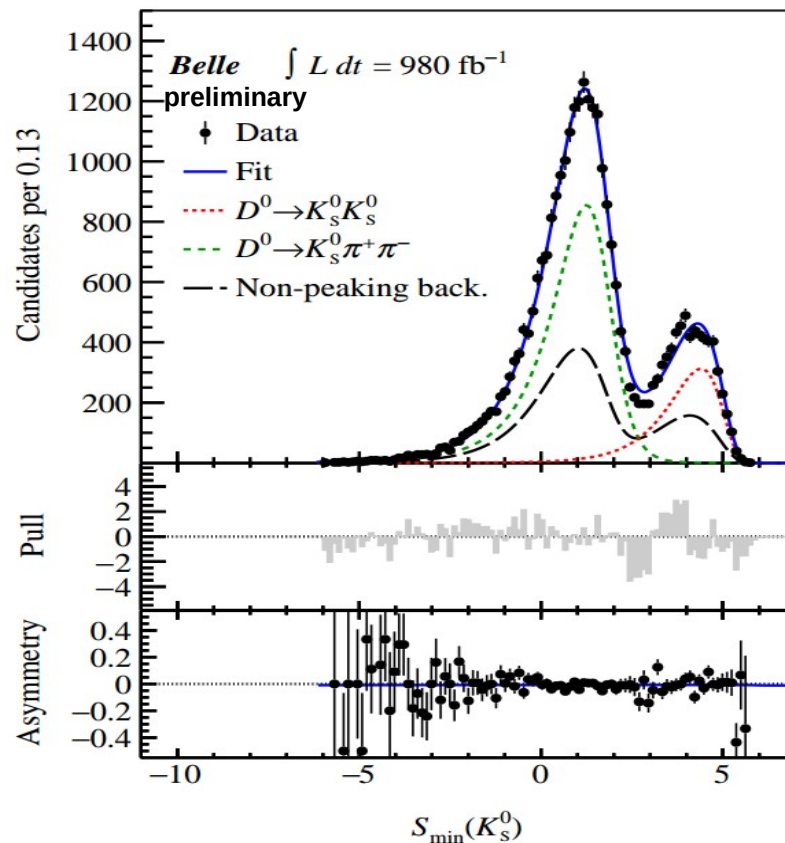
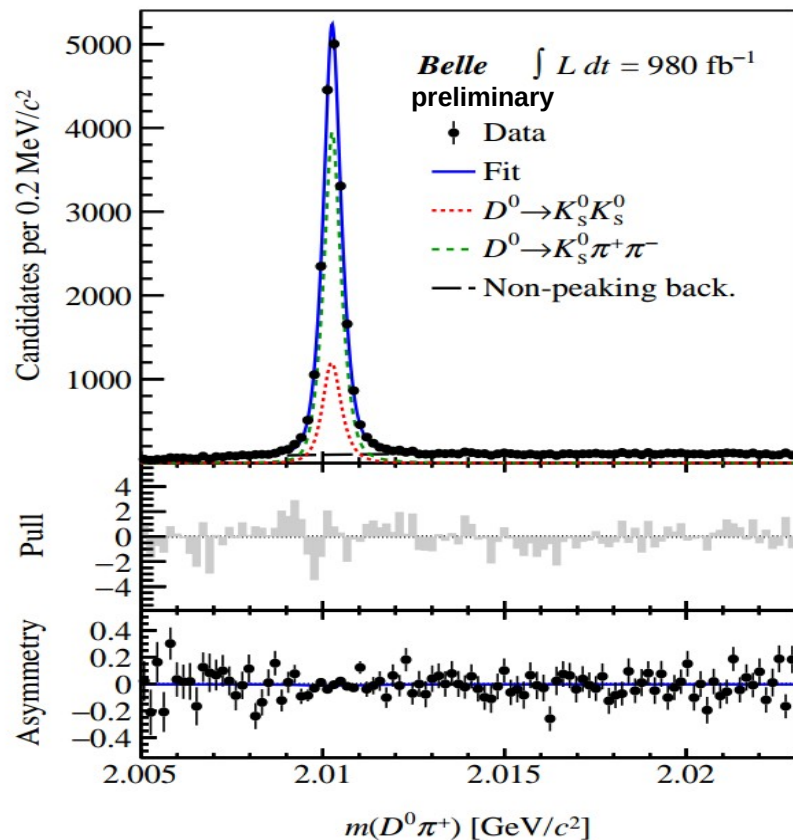
where, i runs over the K_s candidates.

Sample Composition ($D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s$)

| Variables | Signal | Peaking Background | Non-peaking Background |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| $m(D^0\pi^+)$ |  |  |  |
| S_{min} |  |  |  |

- Asymmetry determined from unbinned fit to (m, S_{min}) distributions of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 candidates.
- Shapes determined from either simulation or sideband data, assumed to be the same for D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decays. 7

Fit projections for Belle Data

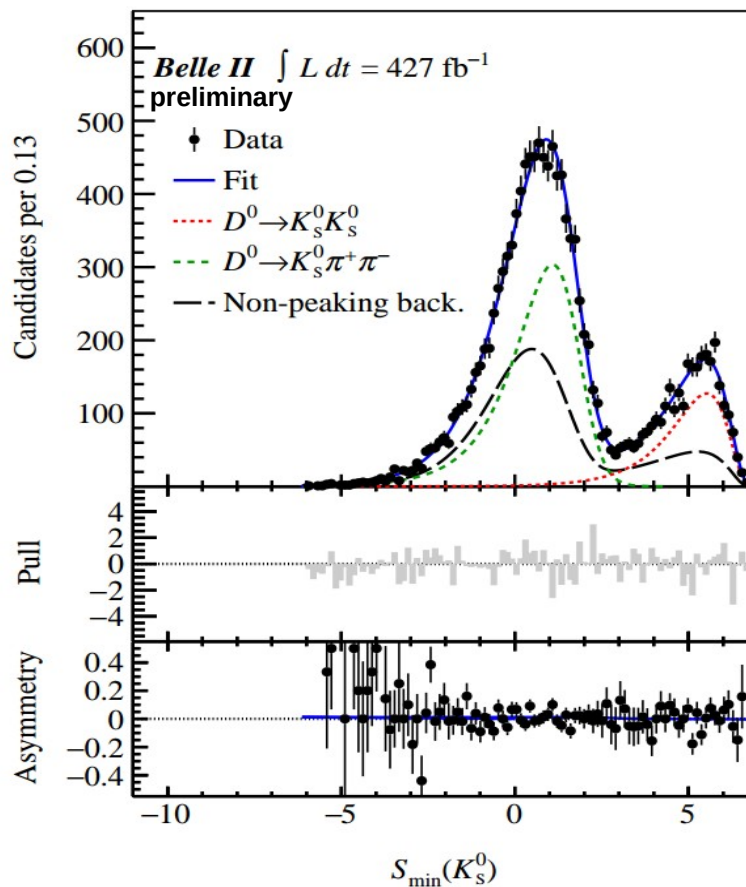
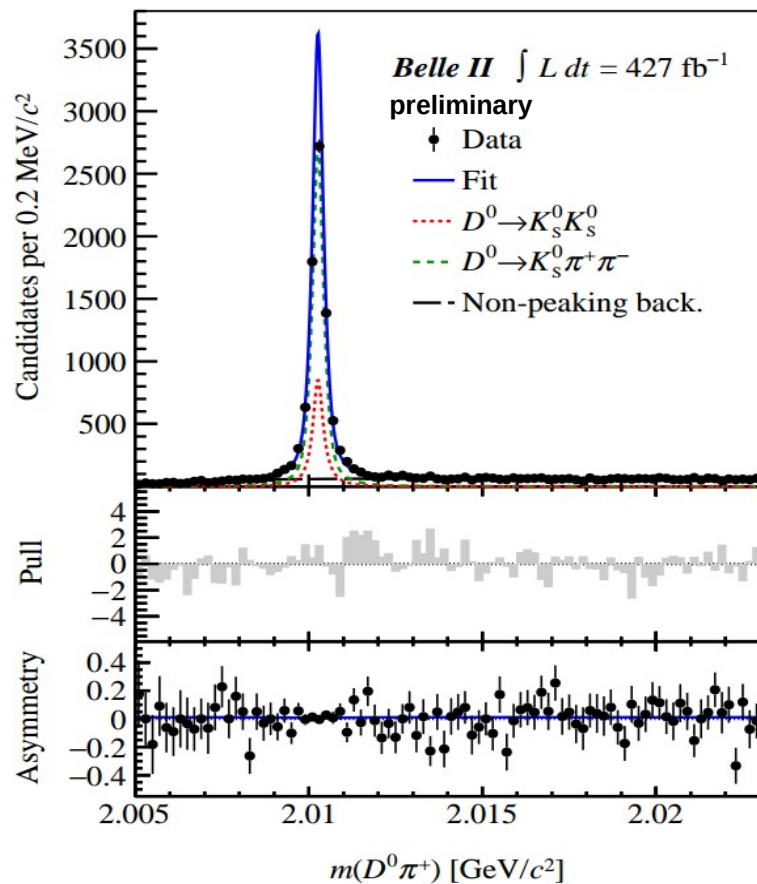


The fit model describes the data well in Belle, except in the region around $S_{\min}(K_s^0) = 3.5$.

Fit to data:

- $N(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) = 4,864 \pm 78$
- $A_{\text{raw}}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) = (-1.0 \pm 1.6)\%$

Fit projections for Belle II Data



The fit model describes the data well in Belle II

- $N(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) = 2,214 \pm 51$
- $A_{\text{raw}}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) = (-0.6 \pm 2.3)\%$

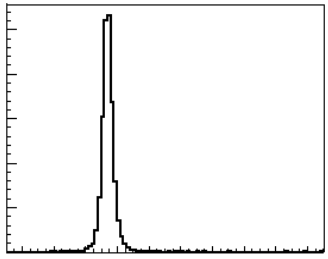
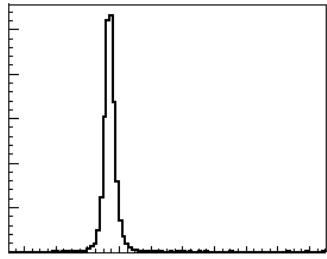
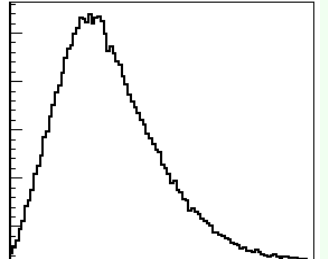
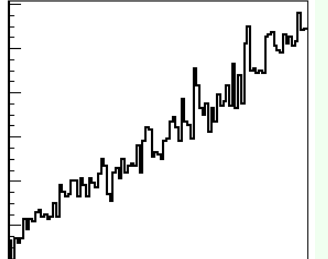
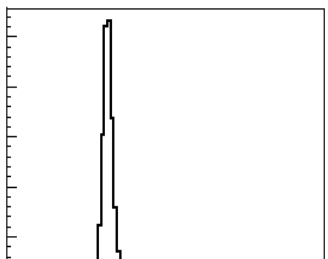
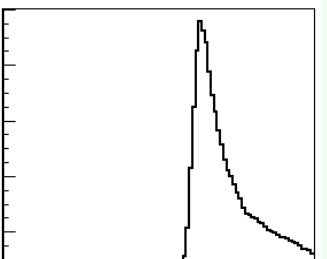
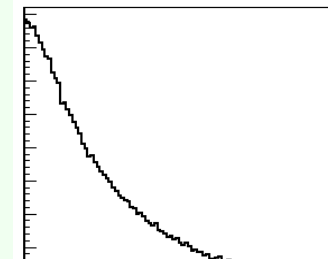
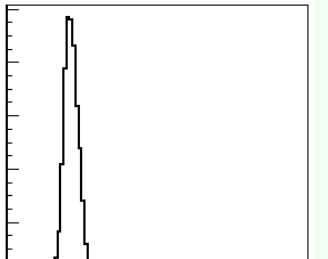
D⁰ → K⁺K⁻ decay

Selection Criteria

| Variable | Criteria |
|--|---|
| $ d_r (\pi_s^+, K^\pm)$ | $< 0.5 \text{ cm}$ (Selection criteria on Impact parameters) |
| $ d_z (\pi_s^+, K^\pm)$ | |
| $\theta(\pi_s^+, K^\pm)$ (Belle II only) | $[17, 150]^\circ$ |
| # CDC hits (K^\pm) | > 20 |
| # SVD hits (K^\pm) | > 0 |
| $\mathcal{L}_K / (\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_{\pi/e})(K^\pm)$ | 0.6/0.1 → (Identification of charged kaon from pion/electron) |
| $\Delta m = (m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0))$ | $< 0.16 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ |
| $p_{\text{cms}}(D^{*+})$ | $> 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ → (To reduce the events where D ^{*+} coming from B meson) |
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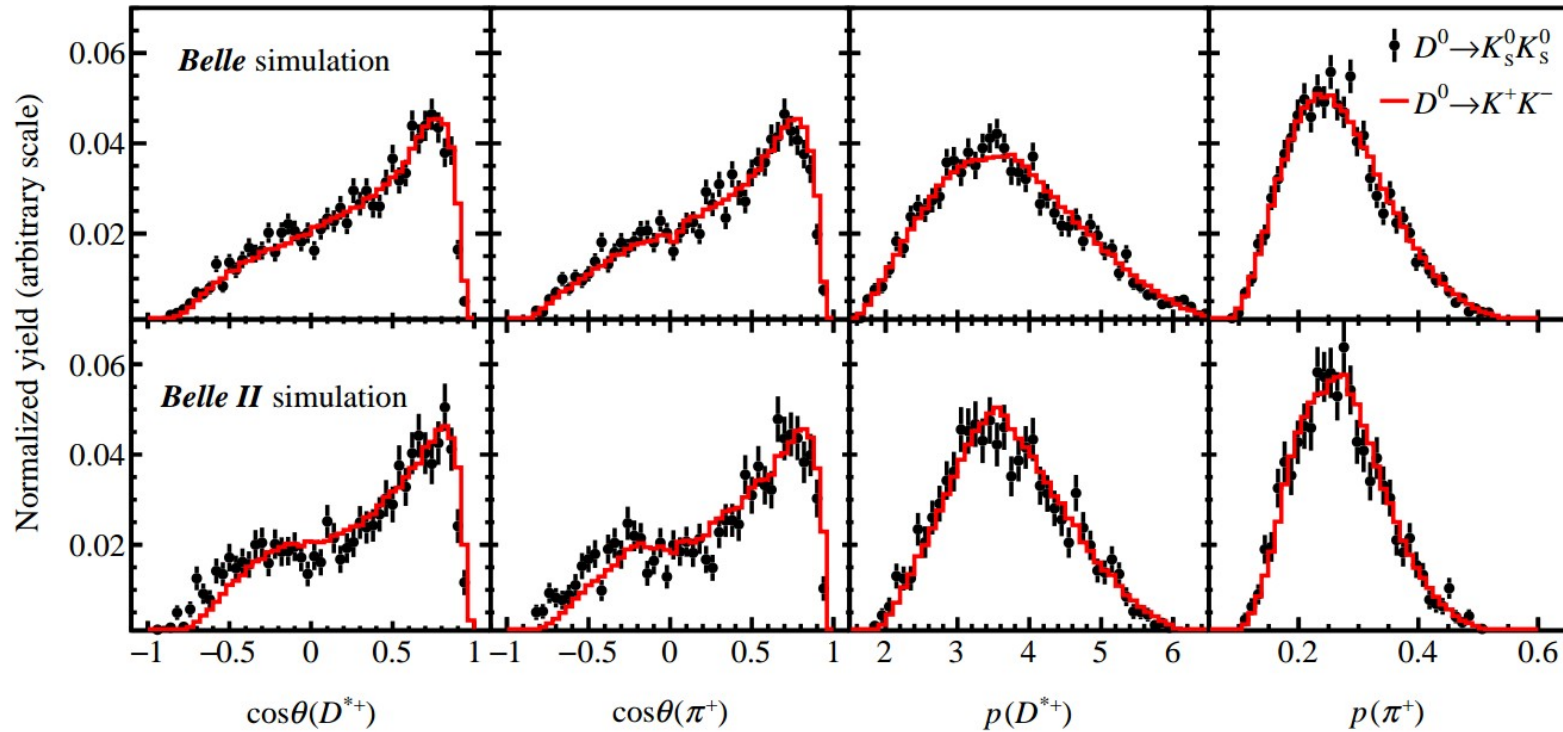
Treefitter is used with IP constraint.

Sample Composition ($D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$)

| Variables | Signal | $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ | $D^0 \rightarrow$ multibody (semi-leptonic, $K\pi\pi^0$) | $D_s \rightarrow KK\pi$ |
|---------------|---|--|---|---|
| $m(D^0\pi^+)$ |  |  |  |  |
| $m(K^+K^-)$ |  |  |  |  |

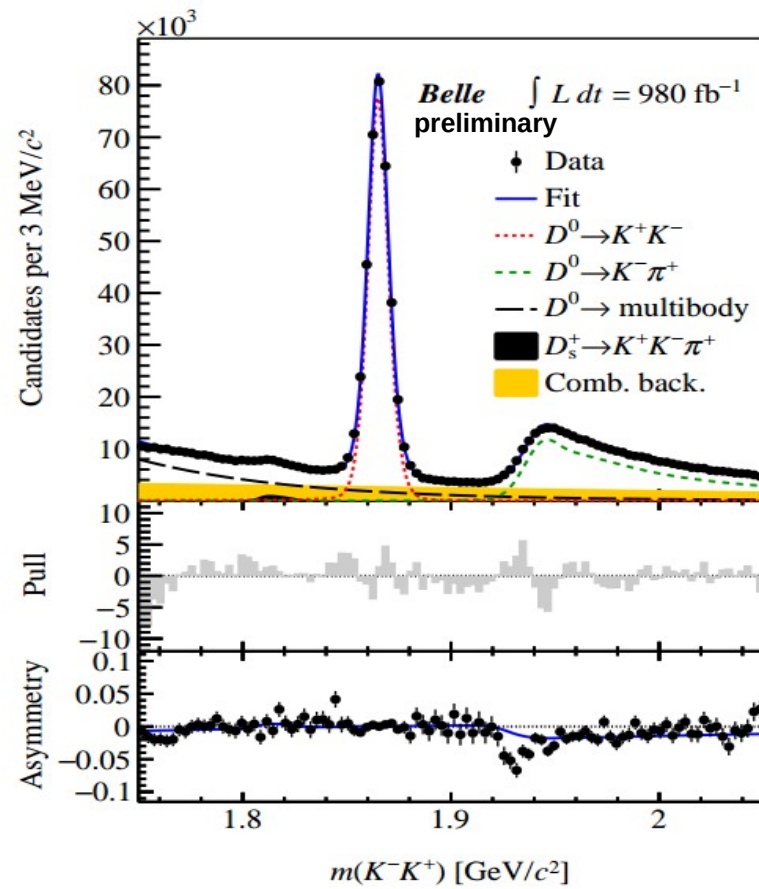
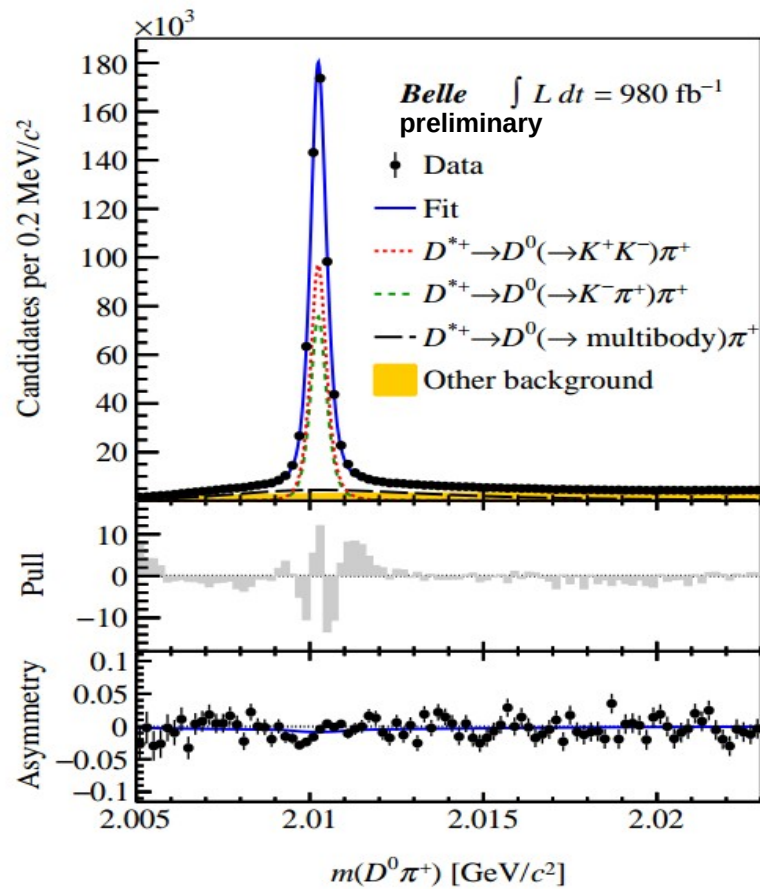
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Distributions of momentum and $\cos\theta$ for D^{*+} and π_s



- The kinematic difference between signal and control modes in Belle II.
- Exclusively determined by the PID requirement on the charged kaons in the control mode, which imposes a reduced acceptance in the backward region due to the limited acceptance from the TOP.
- In Belle this effect is essentially absent because the PID requirement and detector acceptance are different (also due to the fact that the boost in the forward direction is larger than in Belle II). 12

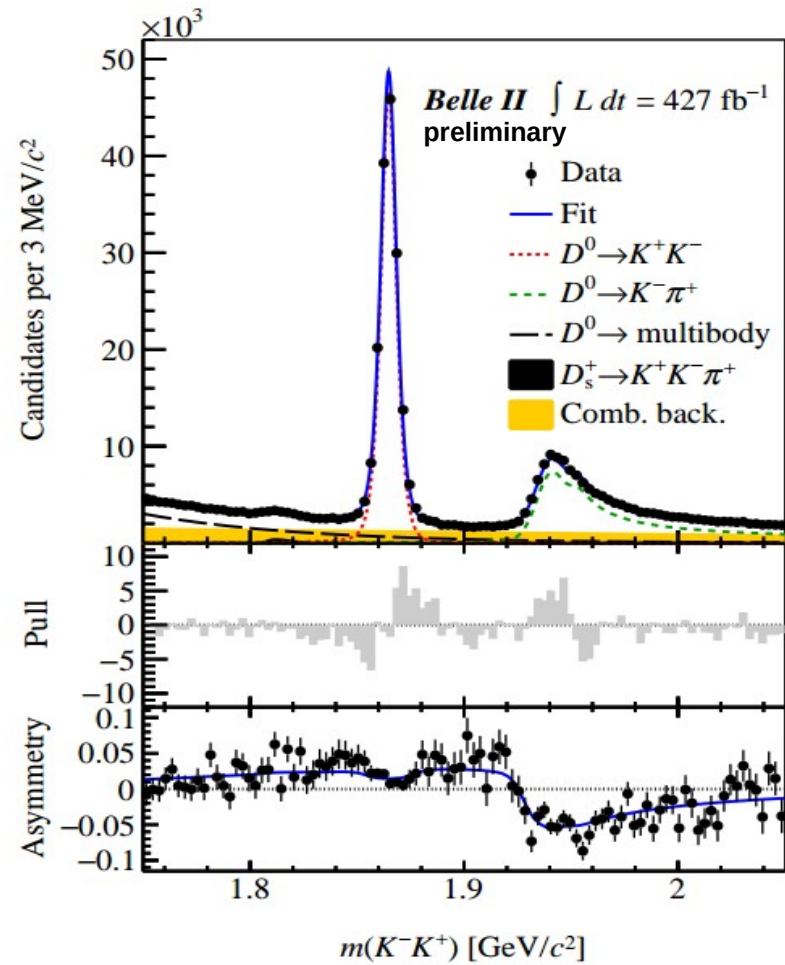
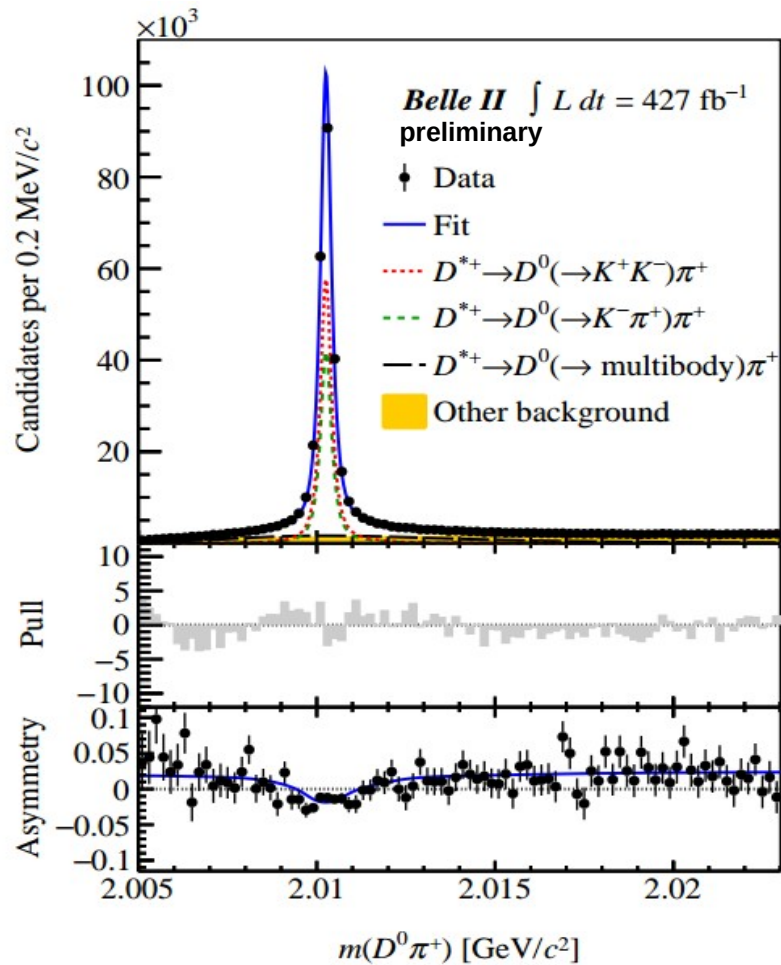
Fit projections for $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ (Belle)



$$N(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-) = 3,08,760 \pm 570$$

$$A_{\text{raw}}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-) = (0.17 \pm 0.19)\%$$

Fit projections for $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ (Belle II)



$$N(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-) = 1,45,520 \pm 400$$

$$A_{\text{raw}}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-) = (1.61 \pm 0.27)\%$$

Sources of systematic uncertainties in $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s)$

- **PDF shape:**

- ◆ Different signal and background models are tried, while the D^0 and \bar{D}^0 shapes are same.
- ◆ Same PDFs as that of the default fit model are used, but asymmetries are introduced in the shape parameters.

- **Re-Weighting:**

- ◆ Distributions of $\cos\theta$ and momenta for D^{*+} and π_s are not in perfect agreement for the signal and control modes.
- ◆ The difference between the weighted and unweighted fits are incorporated as a systematic.

- **$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-)$: External input**

| Source | Uncertainty (%) | |
|---|-----------------|----------|
| | Belle | Belle II |
| Modeling in the $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0$ fit | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| Modeling in the $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ fit | 0.02 | < 0.01 |
| Kinematic equalization | 0.06 | 0.07 |
| Input $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-)$ | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Total systematic | 0.09 | 0.10 |
| Statistical | 1.60 | 2.30 |

Results

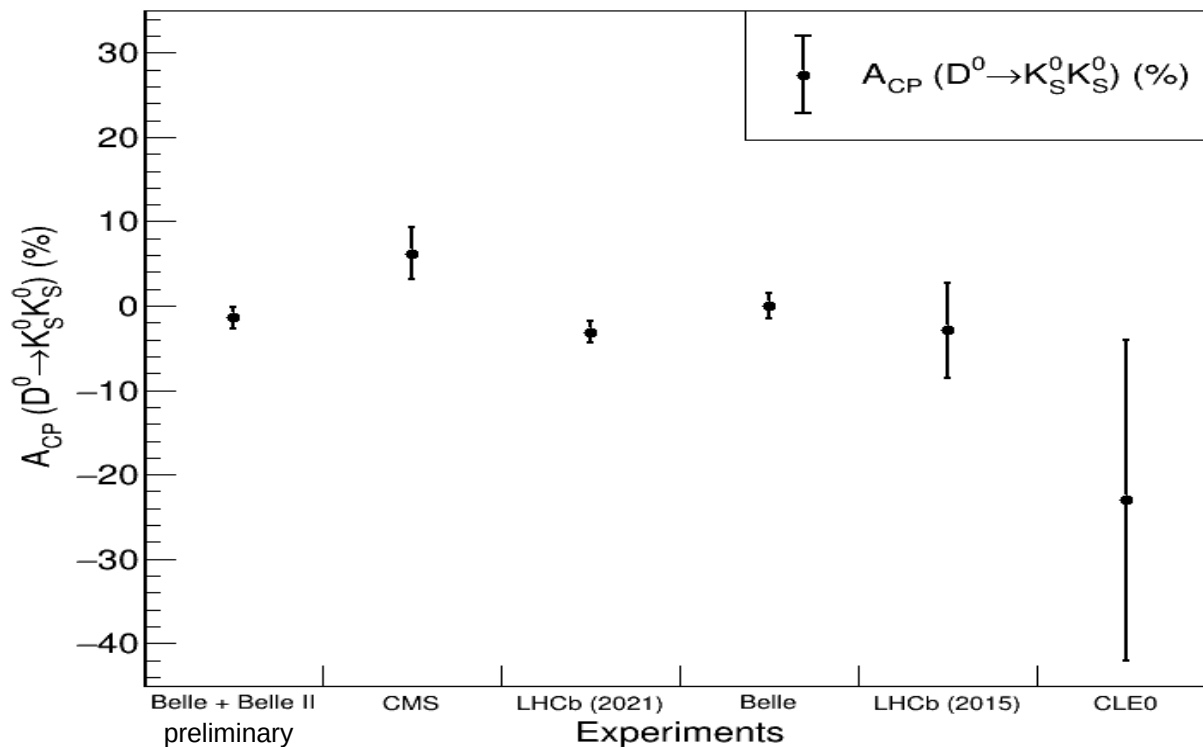
$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s)$ in Belle: $(-1.1 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.1) \%$

$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s)$ in Belle II: $(-2.2 \pm 2.3 \pm 0.1) \%$

$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s)$ (Belle + Belle II) = $(-1.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.1) \%$

first uncertainty is statistical
second is systematic.

Comparison of A_{CP} with previous Measurements



The combined results have comparable precision to the world-best measurement from LHCb.

- Measured the A_{CP} in $D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s$ with (Belle + Belle II) dataset.

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) \text{ in Belle: } (-1.1 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.1) \%$$

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) \text{ in Belle II: } (-2.2 \pm 2.3 \pm 0.1) \%$$

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s K_s) \text{ (Belle + Belle II)} = (-1.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.1) \%$$

- It has a factor-two better systematic uncertainty compared to the previous Belle published results, thanks to the usage of the $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ control mode, which provides a more precise A_{CP} external input compared to the $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^0$ control mode used in previous study. **Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) 171801**
- The combined results has comparable precision to the world-best measurement from LHCb.

Thank you very much for your kind Attention

Back-Up Slides

| Measurement | Belle | Belle II |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Reconstruction of B Vertex | $\sigma_z = 61 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ | $\sigma_z = 26 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ |
| Tracking | $\sigma_{p_t}/p_t = 0.0019 p_t [\text{GeV}/c] \oplus 0.0030/\beta$ | $\sigma_{p_t}/p_t = 0.0011 p_t [\text{GeV}/c] \oplus 0.0025/\beta$ |
| K π ID | Kaon efficiency (ϵ_K) ≈ 0.85 with pion fake rate (ϵ_π) ≈ 0.010 for p= 2 GeV/c | $\epsilon_K \approx 0.90$ with $\epsilon_\pi \approx 0.040$ for p=2 GeV/c |
| Muon ID | Muon efficiency (ϵ_μ) ≈ 0.90 with fake rate of muon (ϵ) ≈ 0.020 for p= 0.8 GeV/c tracks | $\epsilon_\mu \approx 0.92\text{-}0.98$ with, $\epsilon = 0.02\text{-}0.06$ for p > 1 GeV/c |
| L1 trigger | 500 Hz typical average Efficiency for hadronic events $\epsilon_{hadron} \approx 1$ | 30 kHz max. average rate $\epsilon_{hadron} \approx 1$ |
| DAQ | $\approx 5\%$ dead time at 500 Hz L1 rate | $< 3\%$ dead time at 30 kHz L1 rate |

Table 2.1: Comparison of the performance metrics of Belle with Belle II [\[46\]](#).

Fit Models for D-→KsKs

mation, the 2D probability distribution function (PDF) of each component factorizes into the product of the two 1D PDFs,

$$\text{pdf}^i(\Delta m, \gamma) = \text{pdf}^i(\Delta m)\text{pdf}^i(\gamma) \quad (i = K_s^0 K_s^0, K_s^0 \pi \pi, \text{bkg}), \quad (6)$$

and that no substantial differences are observed between PDFs of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decays, which are then assumed to be identical (Appendix A). Possible asymmetries in the PDFs shapes are tested in the systematic studies, as discussed in Section 5.1.

The PDFs for the signal and peaking background component are derived using simulation. For signal, each of the Δm and γ distributions is modeled using a Johnson's S_U function [21]

$$J(x|\mu_J, \lambda_J, \delta_J, \gamma_J) \propto \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}[\gamma_J + \delta_J \sinh^{-1}(\frac{x-\mu_J}{\lambda_J})]}^2}{\sqrt{1 + (\frac{x-\mu_J}{\lambda_J})^2}}, \quad (7)$$

as shown in Figure 4

The Δm PDF of the $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ background is modelled using the sum of a Johnson's S_U and a Gaussian function with a common mean parameter for the Belle II analysis, while for the Belle Analysis, it is modelled only with a Johnson's S_U function,

$$\text{pdf}^{K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\Delta m) = f_J J(\Delta m|\mu_J, \lambda_J, \delta_J, \gamma_J) + (1 - f_J)G(\Delta m|\mu_J, \sigma_G). \quad (8)$$

The γ is modelled using a Johnson's S_U function. The distributions resulting from the fits to truth-matched $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ background in simulation are shown in Figure 5.

The Δm PDF of the non-peaking background is modeled empirically as a threshold-like distribution,

$$\text{pdf}^{\text{bkg}}(\Delta m) \propto (\Delta m - \Delta m_0)^{1/2} + \alpha(\Delta m - \Delta m_0)^{3/2} + \beta(\Delta m - \Delta m_0)^{5/2} \quad (9)$$

with threshold parameter Δm_0 fixed to the known value of the charged pion mass [20]. The value of the parameters α and β are determined directly from the fit to the data. The γ distribution is modeled as the sum of two Johnson S_U functions using data candidates populating the Δm sideband region $[0.14, 0.143] \cup [0.148, 0.158]$ GeV/ c^2 (Figure 6). We have tested on simulation that this sideband reproduces the distribution of the non-peaking background in the signal region (Appendix A).

Omitting the arguments to simplify the notation, the total fit function is

$$\begin{aligned} f^q(\Delta m, \gamma) = & N^{K_s^0 K_s^0} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{K_s^0 K_s^0}) \text{pdf}^{K_s^0 K_s^0} \\ & + N^{K_s^0 \pi \pi} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{K_s^0 \pi \pi}) \text{pdf}^{K_s^0 \pi \pi} \\ & + N^{\text{bkg}} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{\text{bkg}}) \text{pdf}^{\text{bkg}}, \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

where $q = 1$ (-1) for D^0 (\bar{D}^0) candidates and N^i and A_{raw}^i are, respectively, the total yield and the raw asymmetry of the component i . The parameter α of the background is only shape parameter left free in the fit, together with the yields and asymmetries. All other parameters are fixed to their values as determined on simulation or data sideband.

Fit Models for D->KK (control mode)

The raw asymmetry of the control decays is determined using an unbinned (and extended) fit to the two-dimensional $(m(K^+K^-), m(D^0\pi_s))$ distribution of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 candidates. The fit considers the $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^+K^-)\pi^+$ and all the background components discussed in the previous section. Simulation shows that 2D PDF of each component, except for the $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+$ background, can be approximated into the product of the two 1D PDFs,

$$\text{pdf}^i(m(K^+K^-), m(D^0\pi_s)) = \text{pdf}^i(m(K^+K^-))\text{pdf}^i(m(D^0\pi_s)) \quad (i = K^+K^-, \dots), \quad (13)$$

and that no substantial differences are observed between PDFs of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decays, which are then assumed to be identical (Appendix [A](#)). Possible asymmetries in the PDFs shapes are tested in the systematic studies, as discussed in Section [5.2](#).

The control decays and physics backgrounds PDFs are determined in simulation using truth matching. The $m(K^+K^-)$ and $m(D^0\pi_s)$ PDFs of the $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^+K^-)\pi^+$ decays are each modelled using the sum of two Gaussian functions (with a common mean) and of a Johnson's S_U function (Figure [22](#)),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pdf}^{K^+K^-}(m) = & f_J J(m|\mu_J, \lambda_J, \delta_J, \gamma_J) + \\ & + (1 - f_J) [f_{G1} G(m|\mu_{G1}, \sigma_{G1}) + (1 - f_{G1}) G(m|\mu_{G1}, \sigma_{G2})], \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

with m being either $m(K^+K^-)$ or $m(D^0\pi_s)$.

Fit Models for D->KK (control mode)

341 The $m(K^+K^-)$ PDF of the mis-identified $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$ background is
 342 parametrized using the sum of a Gaussian and a Johnson's S_U function as shown in [Figure 23](#).
 343 Given that $m(D^0\pi_s)$ is unaffected by the mis-assigned mass hypothesis to the D^0
 344 final state particles, the $m(D^0\pi_s)$ PDF is shared with that of the control decays.

345 The partially reconstructed $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow \text{multibody})\pi^+$ decays are modeled as an
 346 exponential function in $m(K^+K^-)$ and as a Johnson's S_U function, with parameter γ_J
 347 fixed to unity, in $m(D^0\pi_s)$ ([Figure 24](#)).

348 For each of the aforementioned components there is a corresponding one in which an
 349 unrelated soft pion is associated with the identified D^0 candidate. These random pions
 350 components (indicated as K^+K^- rnd, $K\pi$ rnd, and mult rnd) share the same $m(K^+K^-)$
 351 distribution as the component with the correctly reconstructed soft pion and are modeled
 352 in $m(D^0\pi_s)$ with PDF derived directly from the fit to the data:

$$353 \quad \text{pdf}^{\text{rnd}}(m|m_0, A, B, C) = \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{m - m_0}{C}\right)\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m}{m_0}\right)^A + B \left(\frac{m}{m_0} - 1\right), \quad (15)$$

354 where $m = m(D^0\pi_s)$ and $m_0 = m_D^0 + m_\pi^+ = 2.00441 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ denotes the $m(D^0\pi_s)$ thresh-
 355 old.

356 The $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+$ background in which the pion acts as the soft pion exhibits a
 357 kinematic correlation between $m(D^0\pi_s)$ and $m(K^+K^-)$ which can be calculated analyt-
 358 ically as ([Figure 25](#))

$$359 \quad \langle m(K^+K^-) \rangle (m(D^0\pi_s)) = m_{D_s^+} + m_{D^0} - m(D^0\pi_s) = 3.83319 \text{ GeV}/c^2 - m(D^0\pi_s), \quad (16)$$

360 using the known D_s^+ and D^0 masses [\[20\]](#). The two-dimensional PDF is written as the
 361 product of the $m(K^+K^-)$ PDF, conditional to the value of $m(D^0\pi_s)$, and of the $m(D^0\pi_s)$
 362 PDF,

$$363 \quad \text{pdf}^{D_s^+}(m(K^+K^-), m(D^0\pi_s)) = \text{pdf}^{D_s^+}(m(K^+K^-)|m(D^0\pi_s)) \text{pdf}^{D_s^+}(m(D^0\pi_s)). \quad (17)$$

364 The first term is parametrized as a Johnson's S_U function with mean parameter given
 365 by $\mu_J + \langle m(K^+K^-) \rangle (m(D^0\pi_s))$. An offset with respect to the analytical $\langle m(K^+K^-) \rangle$,
 366 μ_J , is used to account for possible data-simulation differences in the peak positions. The
 367 $m(D^0\pi_s)$ PDF is a first-order polynomial defined only about the threshold value of $m_D^0 +$
 368 m_π^+ [\[20\]](#). The obtained distributions when fitting truth-matched decays are shown in
 369 [Figure 26](#).

370 Finally, the purely combinatorial background is described as a linear function in
 371 $m(K^+K^-)$ and as a random-pion background in $m(D^0\pi_s)$. The $m(D^0\pi_s)$ parametrization
 372 this component is shared with that of the other random-pion components.

373 Omitting the arguments to simplify the notation, the total fit function is

$$374 \quad f = N^{K^+K^-} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{K^+K^-}) \text{pdf}^{K^+K^-} + N^{K^+K^- \text{ rnd}} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{K^+K^- \text{ rnd}}) \text{pdf}^{K^+K^- \text{ rnd}} \\
 375 \quad + N^{K\pi} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{K\pi}) \text{pdf}_{K\pi} + N^{K\pi \text{ rnd}} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{K\pi \text{ rnd}}) \text{pdf}^{K\pi \text{ rnd}} \\
 376 \quad + N^{\text{mult}} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{\text{mult}}) \text{pdf}^{\text{mult}} + N^{\text{mult rnd}} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{\text{mult rnd}}) \text{pdf}^{\text{mult rnd}} \\
 377 \quad + N^{D_s^+} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{D_s^+}) \text{pdf}^{D_s^+} + N^{\text{comb}} (1 + qA_{\text{raw}}^{\text{comb}}) \text{pdf}^{\text{comb}} \quad (18)$$

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How to calculate weight to correct the discrepancy in costheta and momenta of D^{*+} and soft pion?

4.2 Kinematic equalization

The D^{*+} forward-backward asymmetry is expected to vary as a function the D^{*+} polar angle⁴. The π_s detection asymmetry is expected to vary both as a function of momentum and of polar angle. To ensure a precise cancellation of these nuisance asymmetries in Equation (4), the D^{*+} and π_s kinematic distributions of the control sample must coincide with those of the signal sample. We expect these differences to be mostly due to the differing acceptance introduced by the PID requirements. PID is used only for the control mode, so the most backward region of the detector (which is covered only by the CDC and not by the TOP) cannot accept $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ decays while it can accept $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0K_s^0$ decays. The effect is more evident in Belle II compared to Belle because of the smaller boost.

Simulation shows that, because of the different selection criteria, small differences are present (Figures 14 and 15). A weighting procedure is therefore implemented to reduce the observed differences. We fit a six-order polynomial to the ratio between the $\cos\theta(D^{*+})$ distributions of truth-matched $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0K_s^0$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ decays in simulation. The

⁴Neglecting possible efficiency effects, because of the CP symmetric initial state, the forward-backward asymmetry is expected to be an odd function of the cosine of the polar angle in the c.m.s.

$$A_{row}^{KK} = A_{FB}^{KK} + A_{CP}^{KK} + A_{E}^{KK} \rightarrow (i)$$

$$A_{row}^{LsLs} = A_{FB}^{LsLs} + A_{CP}^{LsLs} + A_{E}^{LsLs} \rightarrow (ii)$$

assuming these cancel

So (i) - (ii),

$$A_{row}^{KK} - A_{row}^{LsLs} = A_{CP}^{KK} - A_{CP}^{LsLs}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{CP}^{LsLs} = (A_{row}^{LsLs} - A_{row}^{KK}) + A_{CP}^{KK}$$