



Mixing and Indirect CP Violation in Charm Decays at LHCb

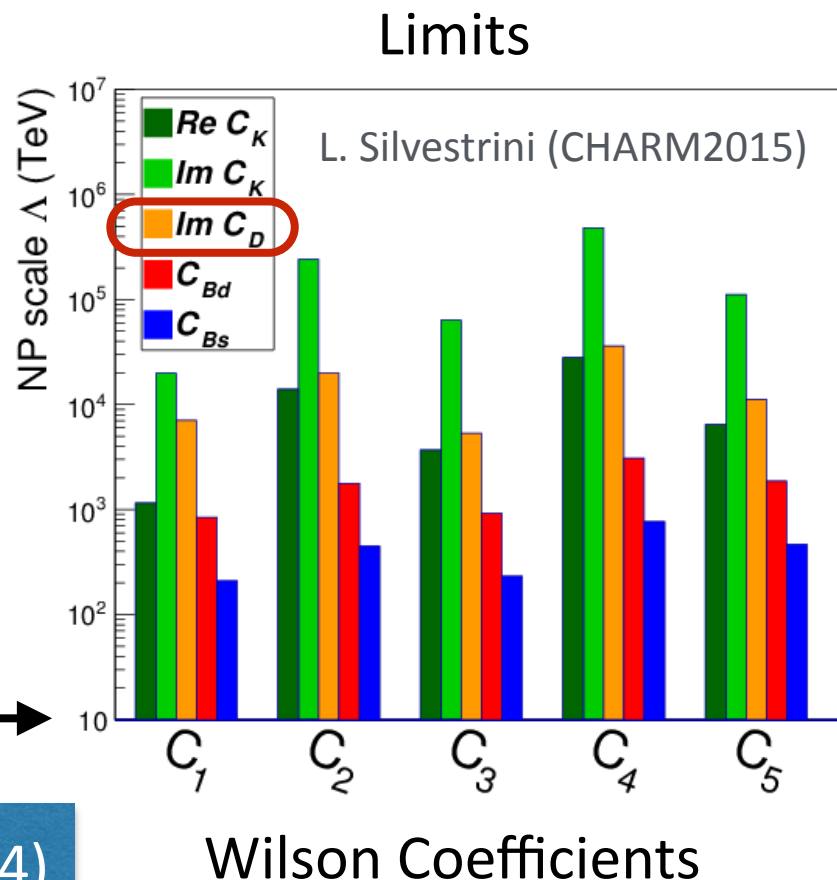
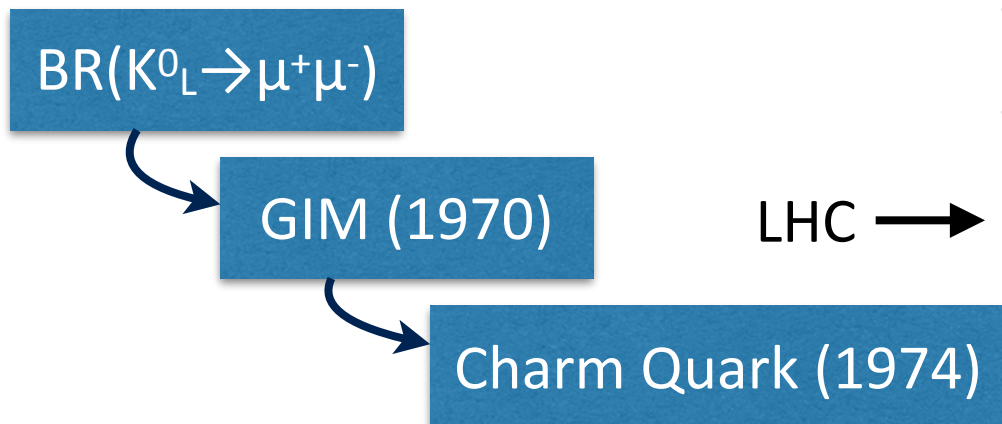
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Motivation

Indirect Searches

- Indirect searches probe New Physics scenarios at higher energies than those directly accessible at LHC
- Complementary studies to direct searches
Scale depends on NP scenario
- Often anomalies in well-known processes led to discovery



Indirect CP Violation

Mixing and Decay Amplitudes

- $D_{1,2}$ mass eigenstates are superposition of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 flavour eigenstates
- The study of their oscillations in time provides insights into CPV in mixing
- ...and interference between mixing and decay amplitudes

$$|D_1\rangle = p|D^0\rangle - q|\bar{D}^0\rangle$$

$$|D_2\rangle = p|D^0\rangle + q|\bar{D}^0\rangle$$

Mixing

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} D^0 \text{ (blue arrow)} \rightarrow \text{blue vertex} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \text{ (green arrow)} \rightarrow \text{green vertex} \rightarrow \bar{f} \text{ (green arrows)} \end{array} \right|^2 \neq \left| \begin{array}{c} \bar{D}^0 \text{ (green arrow)} \rightarrow \text{green vertex} \rightarrow D^0 \text{ (blue arrow)} \rightarrow \text{blue vertex} \rightarrow f \text{ (blue arrows)} \end{array} \right|^2$$

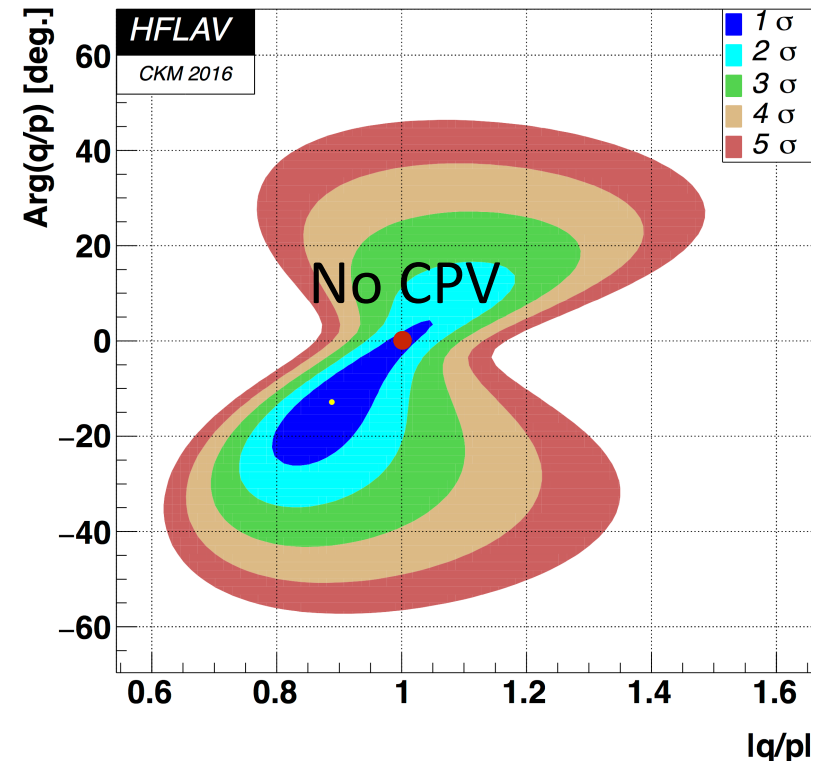
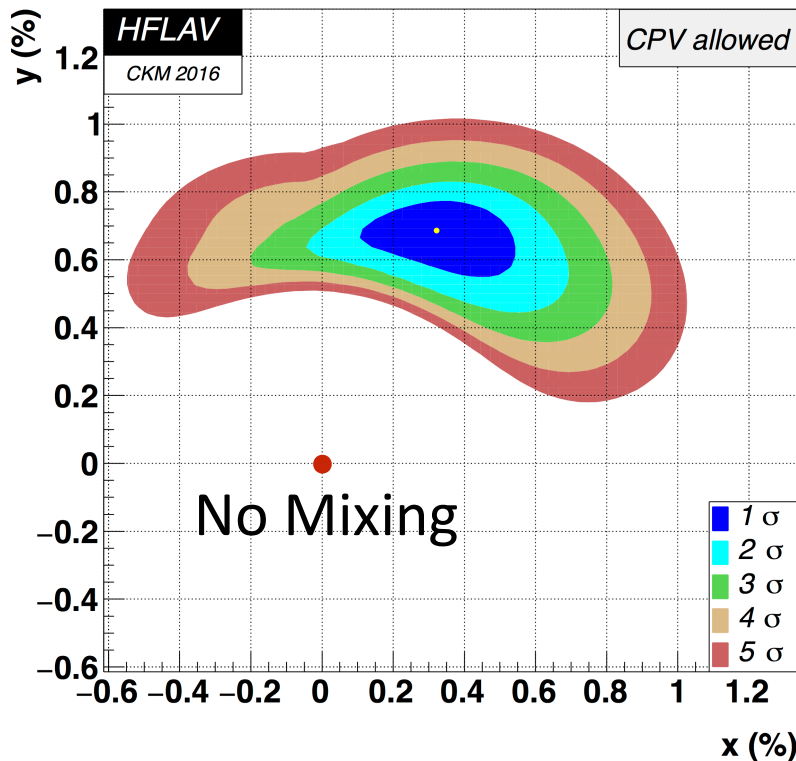
Interference Mixing and Decay

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Observables

$$x \equiv \frac{m_1 - m_2}{\Gamma}$$

$$y \equiv \frac{\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2}{2\Gamma}$$

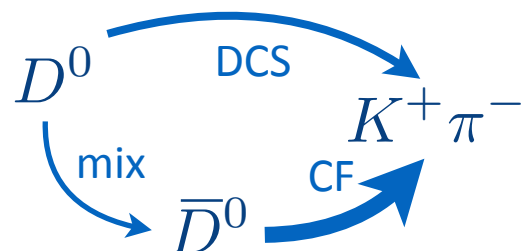


Mixing established with $>11.5\sigma$

No CPV sign yet!

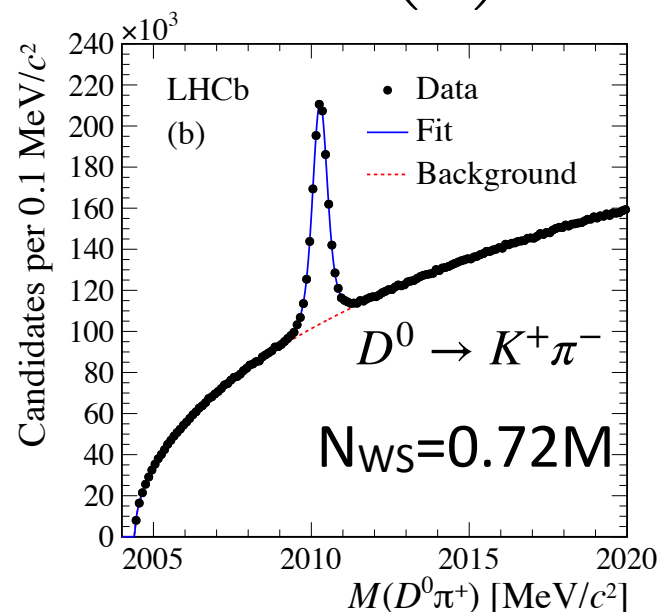
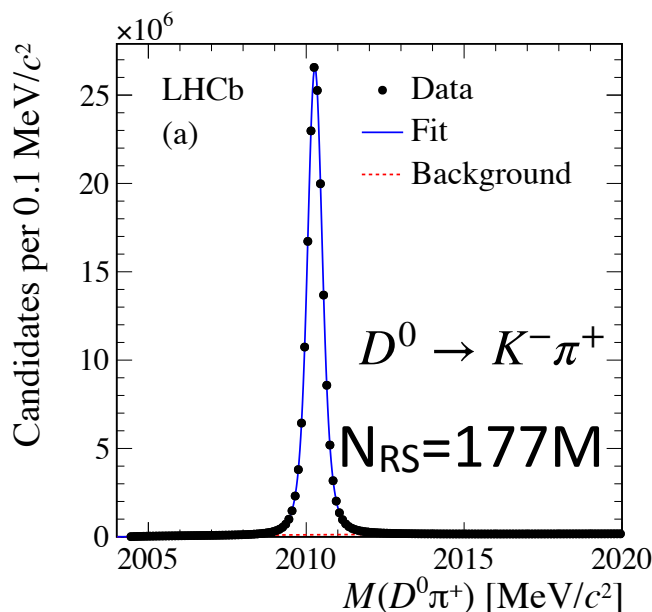
Charm Mixing Measurement

- Mixing parameters are measured separately to D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decays
- Any different oscillation pattern between D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decays indicates CPV



$$R^\pm(t) = \frac{N_{WS}^\pm(t)}{N_{RS}^\pm(t)} \approx \underbrace{R_D^\pm}_{\text{decay}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{R_D^\pm} y'^\pm \frac{t}{\tau}}_{\text{mixing/decay}} + \underbrace{\frac{x'^{\pm 2} + y'^{\pm 2}}{4}}_{\text{mixing}} \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right)^2$$

- 2011-2016: 5/fb
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$
- Cut on D^0 mass, fit Δm
- Measure ratio in intervals of decay time up to $20\tau_{D^0}$



Wrong Sign Ratio in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ Decays - Results

Challenges

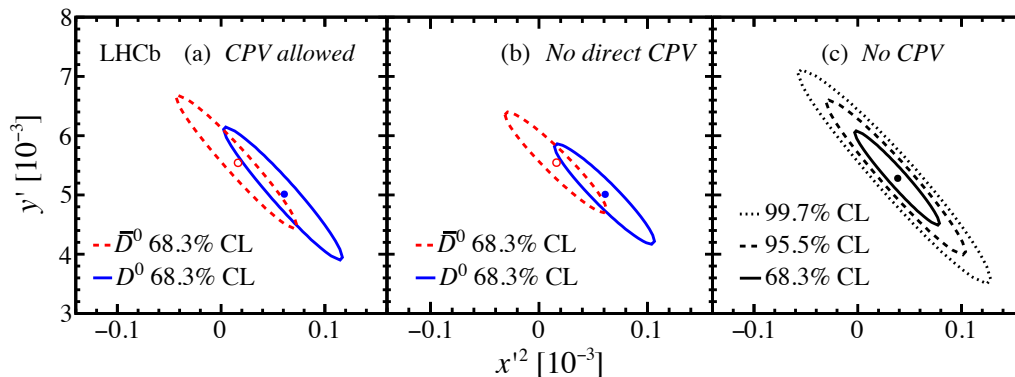
- Contamination from D^0 decays from B
Bias D^0 lifetime towards higher values
- Instrumental asymmetries $\epsilon(K^+ \pi^+)/\epsilon(K^+ \pi^-)$

Results

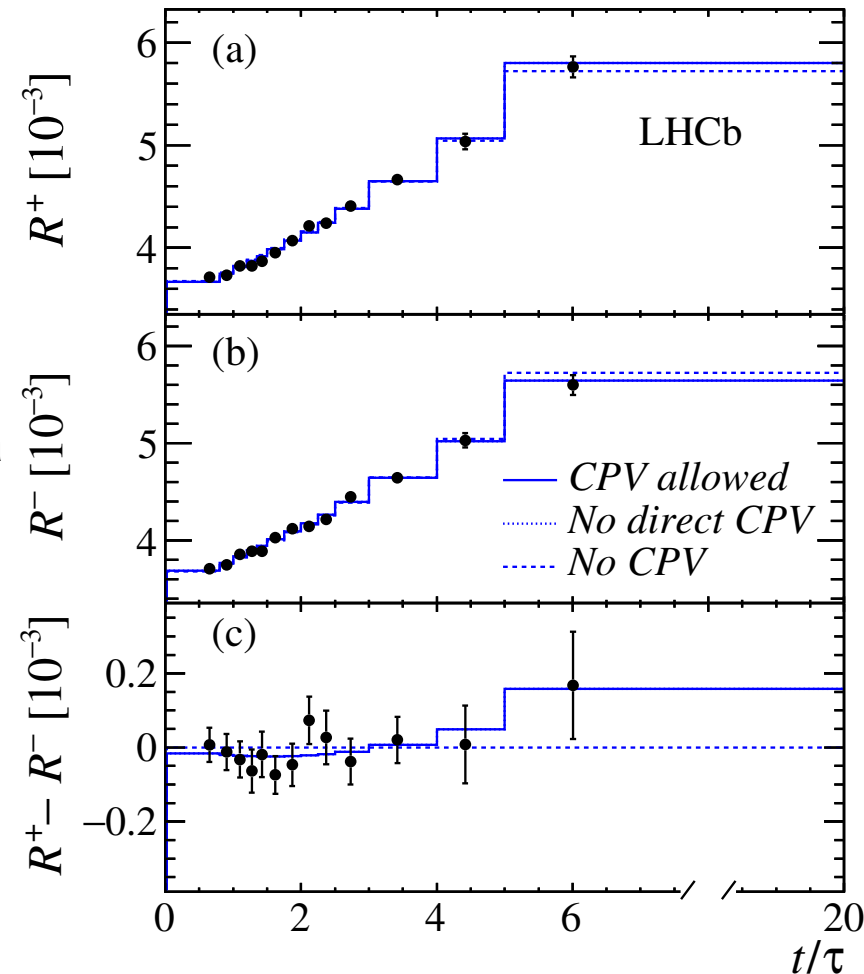
- No measurable CPV observed
 $-1.00 < |q/p| < 1.35$ @ 68.3% CL
- Improved determination of mixing parameter by a factor 2

$$x'^2 = (3.9 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$y' = (5.28 \pm 0.52) \times 10^{-3}$$



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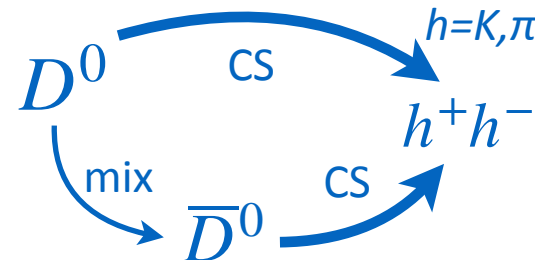
CP Violation in Time-Dependent Rate

- Decay to same CP eigenstate

CPV leads to different time-dependent rate between D^0 and \bar{D}^0

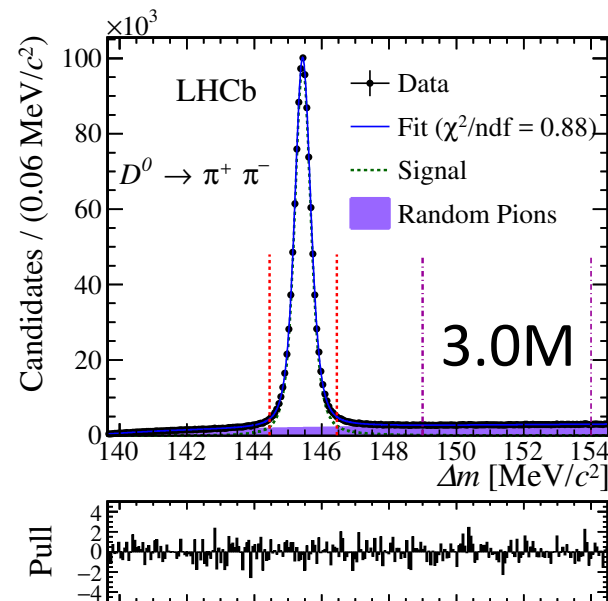
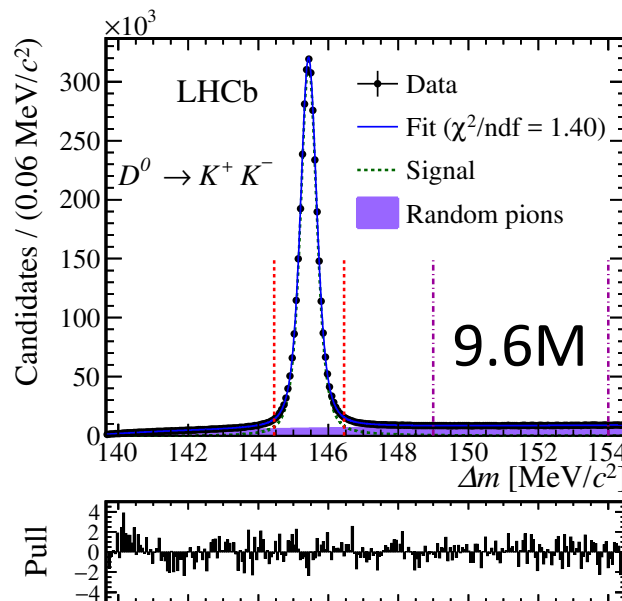
$$A_\Gamma \equiv \frac{\hat{\Gamma}(D^0 \rightarrow f) - \hat{\Gamma}(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow f)}{\hat{\Gamma}(D^0 \rightarrow f) + \hat{\Gamma}(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow f)} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) y \cos \phi_f - \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) x \sin \phi_f \right]$$

CPV mixing *CPV mixing/decay*



Dataset

- Run1 (2011-2012): 3/fb
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$
- Cut on D^0 mass, study Δm
- Combinatorial background sideband-subtracted
- Measured asymmetry in intervals of decay time $[0.6, 20] \tau_{D^0}$

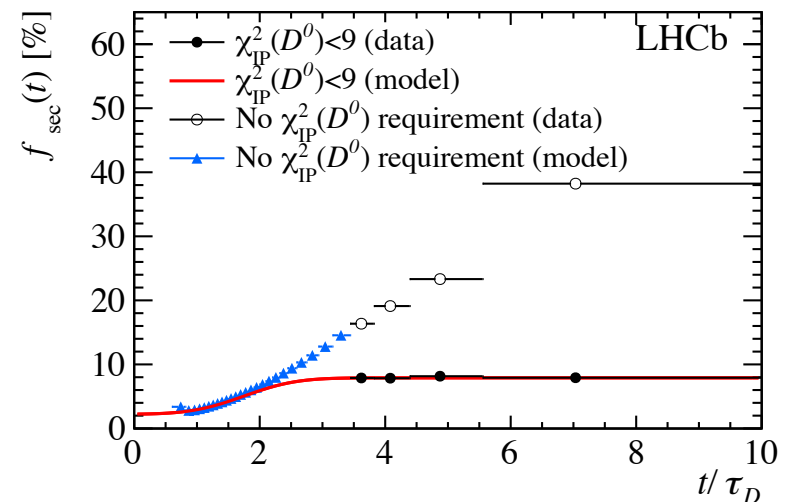
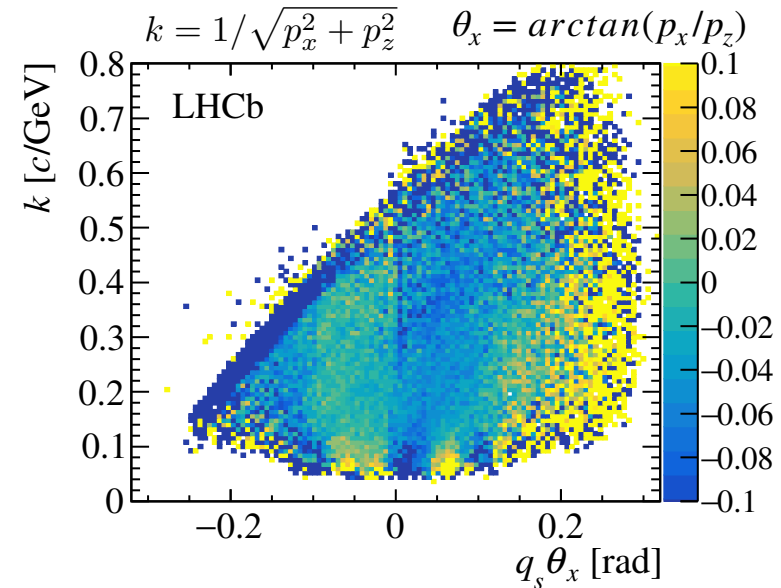


Instrumental Asymmetries

- **Soft pion charge reconstruction asymmetry**
Time dependent correction due to correlation between soft pion kinematics and D^0 decay time
- **Reweighted the soft pion kinematic to recover left-right asymmetry of the detector**
Validated on $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi^+$ decays

D^0 from B decays (Secondaries)

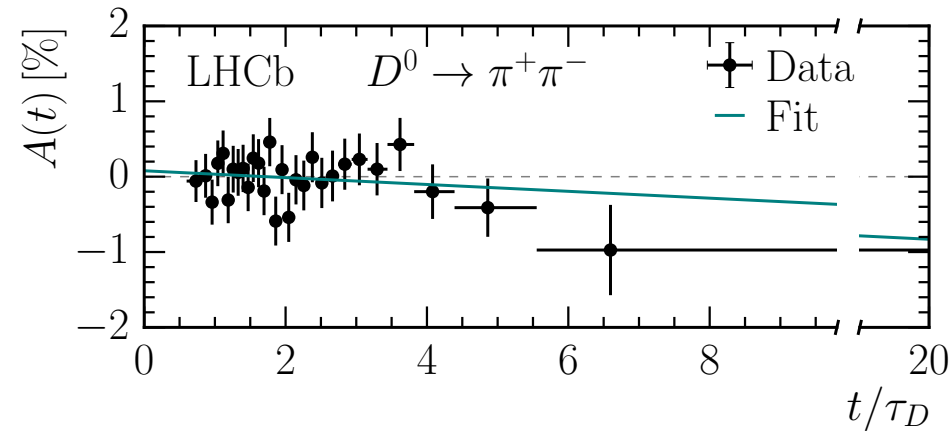
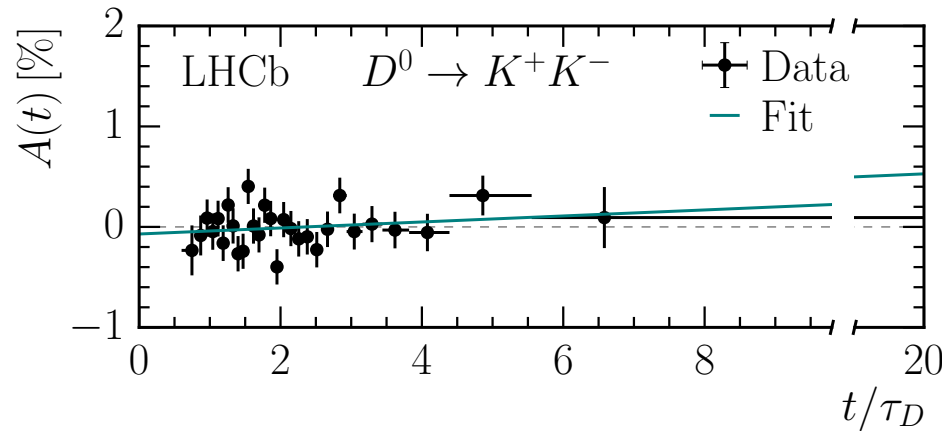
- **Undetected B decays mimic a larger D^0 decay time**
Dilutes the asymmetry
- **Applied requirement of the D^0 pointing to PV**
Residual background from B decays estimated with a model calibrated by the yield of secondaries at higher decay time



A_Γ with $D^0 \rightarrow hh$ decays - Results

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No CPV

- Compatible to CP conservation up to 3×10^{-4} sensitivity

$$A_\Gamma(KK) = (-3.0 \pm 3.2 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$A_\Gamma(\pi\pi) = (4.6 \pm 5.8 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-4}$$

- A complementary measurement yields compatible results

Based on data-driven per-event acceptance calculation

- Combination with statistically independent muon-tagged sample ($B \rightarrow D^0 \mu^- X$)

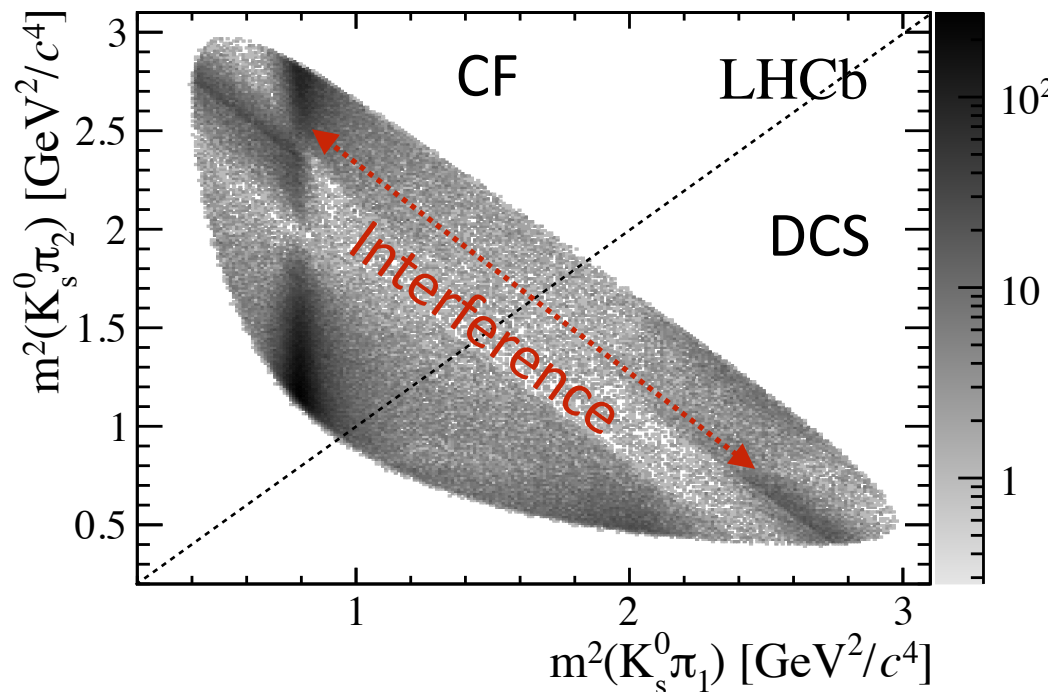
$$A_\Gamma = (-2.9 \pm 2.8) \times 10^{-4}$$

Direct Access to Mixing and CP Parameters

- Allows to measure directly x , y , $|q/p|$, ϕ
- Presence of multiple interfering amplitudes enhances sensitivity to mixing
- Coexistence of CF and DCS suppressed amplitudes in a CP eigenstate

Challenges

- Need a model to describe resonances



Semi-Unbinned

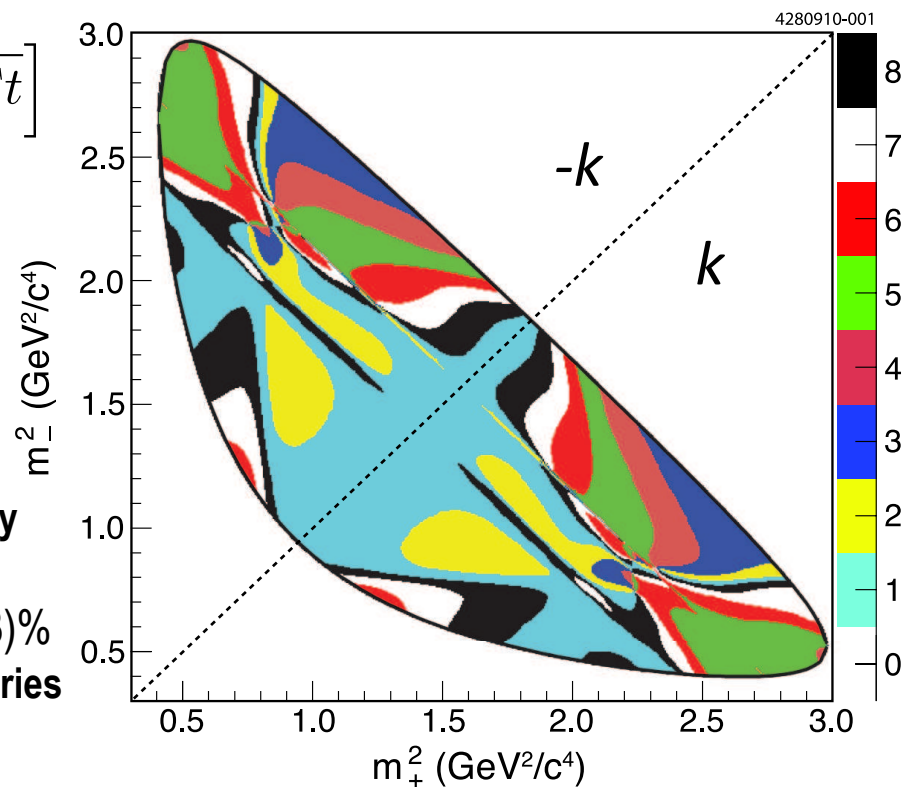
- To avoid the complication of performing a time-dependent amplitude analysis, we applied a semi-unbinned approach
- The phase-space is split in regions with slow variation of the strong phase following BaBar's 2008 model
- In each of these the D^0 decay time distribution is studied

$$\mathcal{P}_{D^0}^k \propto e^{-\Gamma t} \left[T_k - \sqrt{T_k T_{-k}} (y c_k - x s_k) \Gamma t \right]$$

$$T_k = \int_k |\mathcal{A}_{D^0}|^2 d\mathcal{D}$$

$$c_k - i s_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_k T_{-k}}} \int_k \mathcal{A}_{D^0}^* \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0} d\mathcal{D}$$

- T_k , c_k and s_k are hadronic parameters constrained from CLEO [PRD82(2010) 112006]
- First model-independent measurement of x and y with 2011 data (1/fb, N=178k)
 $x = (0.86 \pm 0.53 \pm 0.17)\%$ $y = (0.03 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.13)\%$
- Compatible, but not yet competitive with B factories
Their precision is $\sim 0.2\%$



Interplay Between LHCb and BESIII

<https://indico.ihep.ac.cn/event/7249/>

Multibody Decays

- Especially in multi body decays, a synergy between LHCb and BESIII could be very advantageous
- BESIII could measure with good precision the variation of the strong phases in the Dalitz plot
- LHCb could use those phases as inputs to perform binned analysis of our data
- Precision is slightly degraded, but avoids the need of performing extremely complex time-dependent Dalitz plot analyses at LHCb
- Notable examples are $D^0 \rightarrow K^0_S \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$



LHCb Run2 and Beyond

What to Expect?

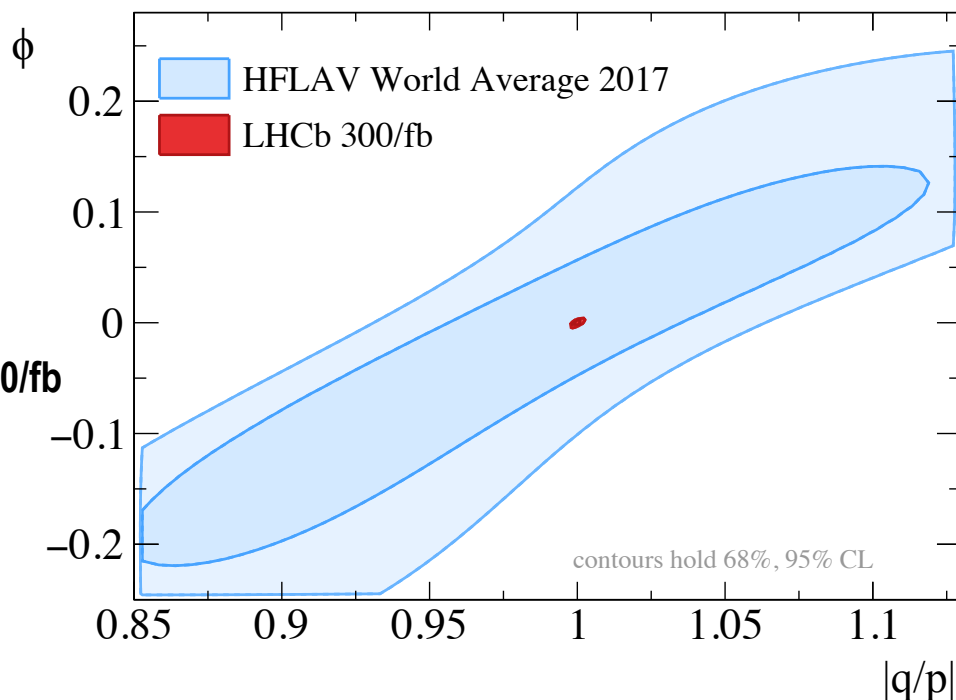
- We have already started analysing Run2 data and already produced an update for the WS mixing analysis
- More analysis are in the pipeline, as we are approaching the 10^{-4} precision on CP observables (A_F)

Upgrade (2020-2023)

- Will provide a factor 3 larger dataset, very similar to current experiment
Analyses strategies should follow what's done in LHCb

Upgrade II (2025-)

- A LHCb experiment for HL-LHC to collect 300/fb
- Ambitious but extremely rewarding



Conclusions

Mixing

- We have the potential to measure x with Run2 data in $D^0 \rightarrow K^0_S \pi^+ \pi^-$

No CPV found yet

- Nevertheless, we are setting the stage for very interesting measurements in the future
- Precision levels approaching the SM predictions (10^{-4})

Future

- Synergy with BESIII
- Will the Upgrade(s) finally provide the answers to our questions?