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Status of Direct CPV searches in Charm at LHCb

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- Search for CP violation in $D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

Introduction

Introduction to CPV in charm

- *Up*-type quark: unique probe of NP in the flavour sector, complementary to studies in *K* and *B* systems (precision CKM physics in the *B* sectors needs input from charm)
- New Physics may be hidden in the loops, but these are very suppressed in charm. *CPV* is expected to be small: $O(10^{-3} - 10^{-4})$
- Moreover, long-distance contributions are non-negligible and precise theoretical predictions are difficult
- *CPV* classification:

DIRECT CPV
Different decay amplitudes
for D and \bar{D}

Only CPV possible for charged hadrons

CPV IN MIXING
Different mixing rates
 $D^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0$ and $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow D^0$

CPV IN INTERFERENCE
between mixing and decay

TIME DEPENDENT CPV

Charm production at LHCb

- LHCb detector: excellent particle identification, IP and momentum resolution (~13 μm on the transverse plane and $\Delta p/p \sim 0.5\% - 0.8\%$, respectively.)
- Huge charm production $\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}X)_{p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c, 2.0 < y < 4.5} = 2369 \pm 3 \pm 152 \pm 118 \mu\text{b}$.

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D^0 X) = 2072 \pm 2 \pm 124 \mu\text{b},$$

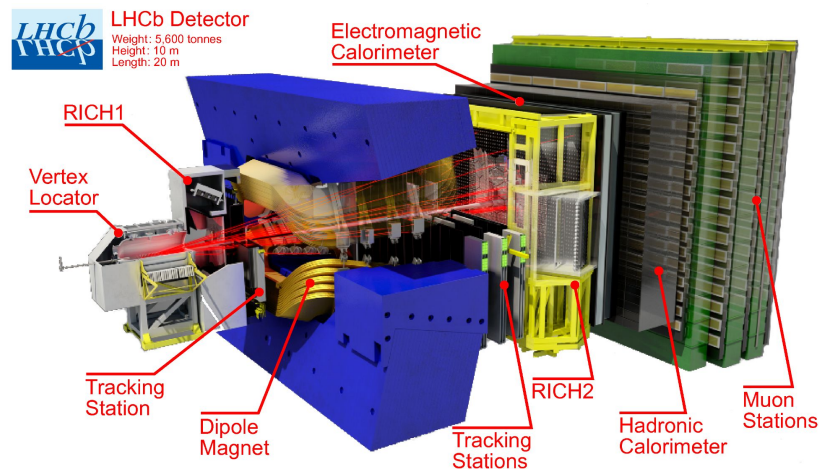
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D^+ X) = 834 \pm 2 \pm 78 \mu\text{b},$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D_s^+ X) = 353 \pm 9 \pm 76 \mu\text{b},$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D^{*+} X) = 784 \pm 4 \pm 87 \mu\text{b},$$

[JHEP 05 (2017) 074]

$>10^{12}$ $c\bar{c}$ pairs per year!

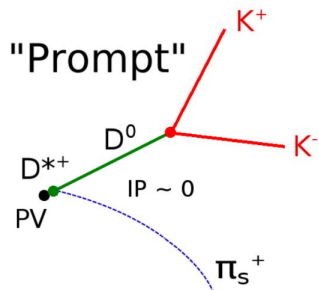


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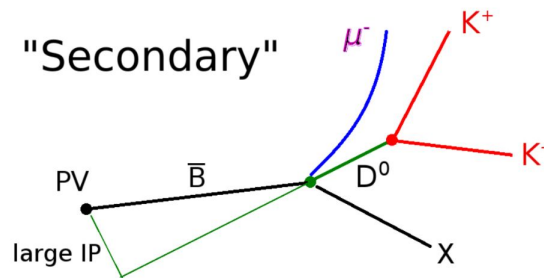
Flavour tagging

- Whether the decaying D meson is produced as D^0 or \bar{D}^0 needs to be determined to perform mixing and CPV measurements
- There are two possible tagging methods

$D^{*\pm}$ -tag



Semileptonic-tag



- Both samples used by LHCb, independent and complementary in lifetime coverage

Measuring the CP asymmetry

- We want to measure the time integrated asymmetries

$$A_{CP}(f) = \frac{\Gamma(M \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{\Gamma(M \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{f})} = \frac{1 - |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}/A_f|^2}{1 + |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}/A_f|^2}$$

In the studies presented today, time dependent CPV is negligible

In general for D^0 SCS decays $A_{CP}(f) = A_{CP}^{dir}(f) + A_{CP}^{mix} + A_{CP}^{int}$

- However the observable is the yield asymmetry, which must be corrected to extract the physical asymmetry

$$A_{raw} = \frac{N(D \rightarrow f) - N(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{N(D \rightarrow f) + N(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})} = A_{CP} + A_P + A_D$$

- A_P is the production asymmetry in pp collisions
- A_D is the detection asymmetry due to the detector
- A_P and A_D are determined and corrected for using calibration samples

Observation of CPV in charm

Observation of CPV in charm with ΔA_{CP}

- Full Run1 + Run2 dataset , D^* and semileptonic tag
- Observable is mainly sensitive to direct CPV

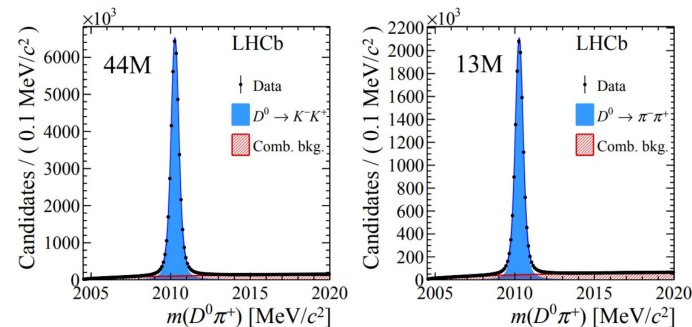
$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-) - A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$$

assuming universal a_{cp}^{ind}

$$\simeq \Delta a_{CP}^{dir} + \frac{\Delta \langle t \rangle}{\tau_{D^0}} a_{CP}^{ind} \quad \Delta \langle t \rangle = \langle t \rangle_{KK} - \langle t \rangle_{\pi\pi}$$

- Experimentally robust as production and detection asymmetries cancel to first order
- Not clear is NP or not, additional measurements are needed!

D^* tag sample



$$\Delta a_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

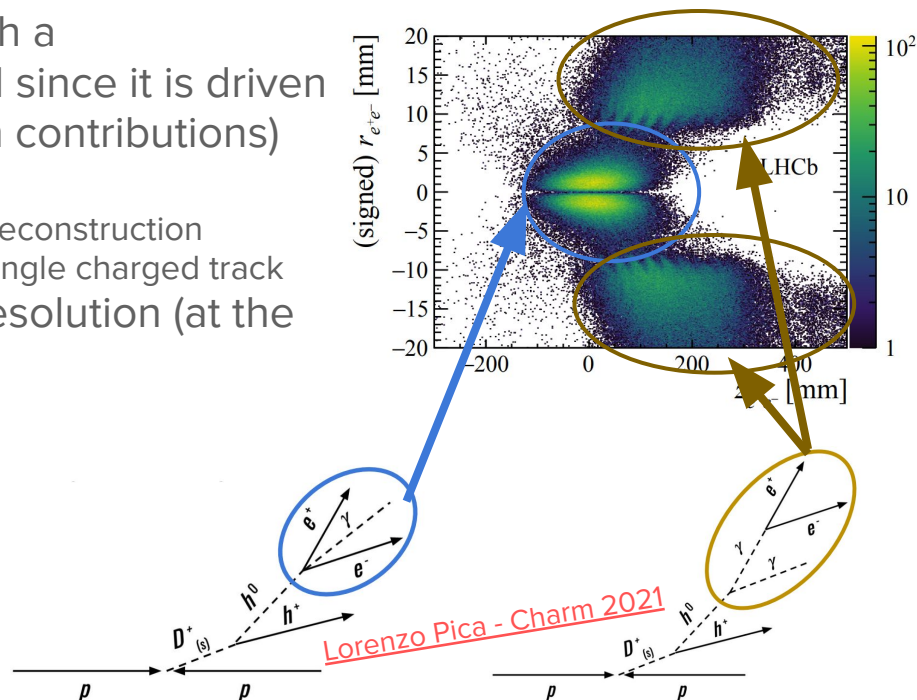
CP violation observed at 5.3σ !

Search for CP violation in $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+ \pi^0$ and
 $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+ \eta$ decays

Overview

- Measurement of direct CP asymmetries
- $h^+ = \pi^+$ or K^+ , these are in fact **8 decays** with a **Golden channel: $A_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0) = 0$** in SM since it is driven by a single isospin amplitude (no penguin contributions)
- Challenging to reconstruct in LHCb:
 - Large combinatorial background from neutral reconstruction
 - Cannot reconstruct a displaced vertex with a single charged track
- Exploit $e^+e^-\gamma$ final state to recover mass resolution (at the price of a lower BF):
 - $h^0 \rightarrow \gamma(\rightarrow e^+e^-)\gamma$, with converted photon (86%)
 - $h^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$ (14%)
- $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+\pi^0$ Run 1 and Run 2 (9 fb⁻¹)
- $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+\eta$ Run 2 (6 fb⁻¹)

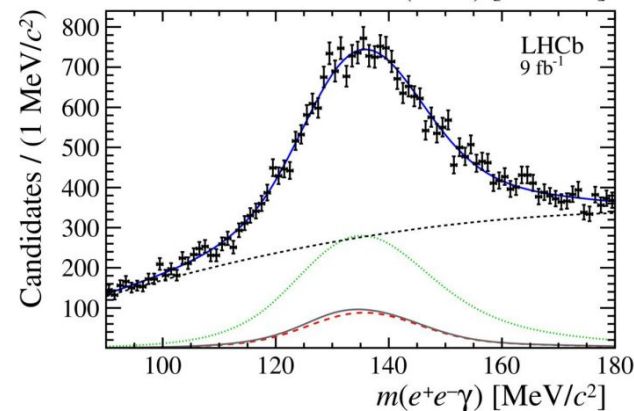
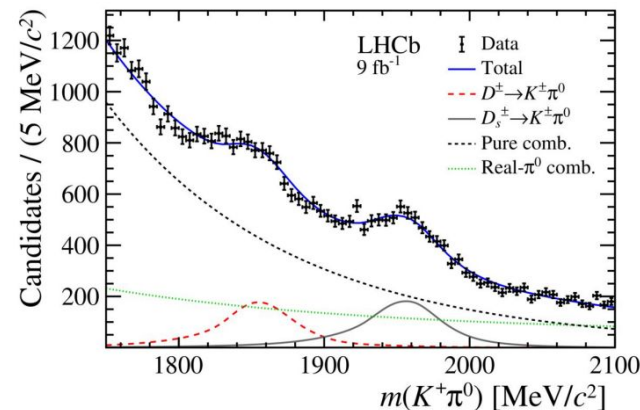
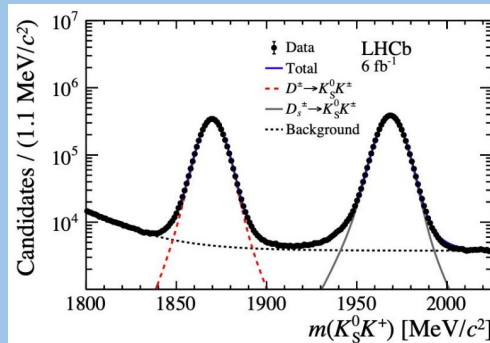
Decay	Branching fraction
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$98.8 \pm 0.03\%$
$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$	$1.17 \pm 0.04\%$
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$39.41 \pm 0.20\%$
$\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$	$0.68 \pm 0.04\%$



Signal selection and control samples

- Main background is combinatorial: rejected with track/vertex quality and displacement and transverse momentum
- Raw asymmetry and signal yields determined from 2D fits to $m(h^+h^0)$ and $m(\gamma e^+e^-)$

$D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 h^+$ as control samples to subtract production and detection asymmetries, A_{CP} measured with high precision [PRL 122 (2019) 191803]



Results

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0) = (-1.3 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.6)\%$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0) = (-3.2 \pm 4.7 \pm 2.1)\%$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta) = (-0.2 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.4)\%$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \eta) = (-6 \pm 10 \pm 4)\%$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0) = (-0.8 \pm 3.9 \pm 1.2)\%$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta) = (0.8 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.5)\%$$

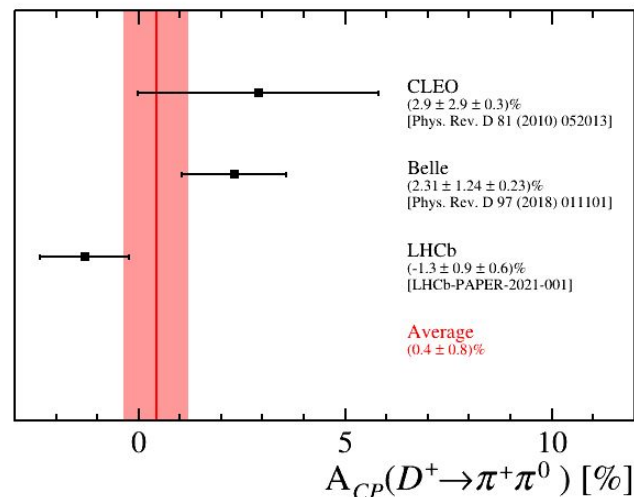
$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \eta) = (0.9 \pm 3.7 \pm 1.1)\%$$

First five results are world best, the rest are slightly worse w.r.t. very recent Belle publication [\[PRD 103, 112005 \(2021\)\]](#)

Update for $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow \eta' \pi^+$ [\[PLB771 \(2017\) 21\]](#) is in the pipeline

Main systematics:

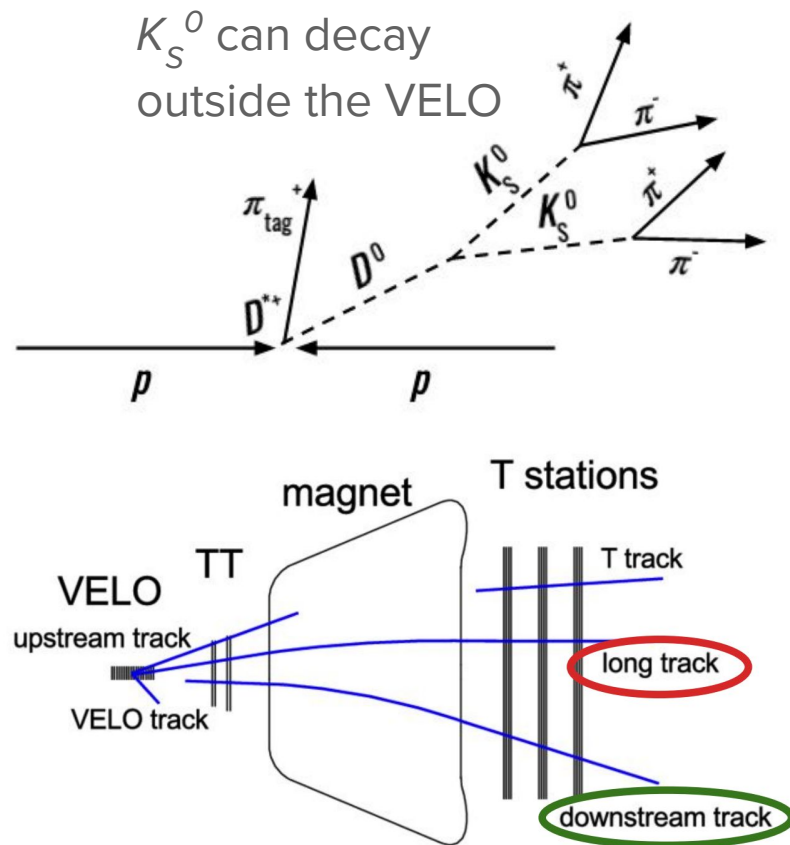
- Fit model
- Control mode for $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta$
($D_s^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 h^+$ has the lowest stat)



Search for CP asymmetry in $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$

Overview

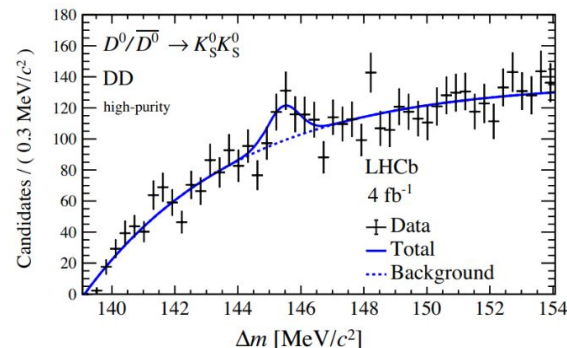
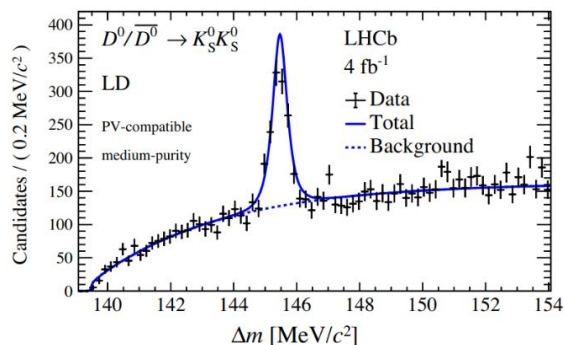
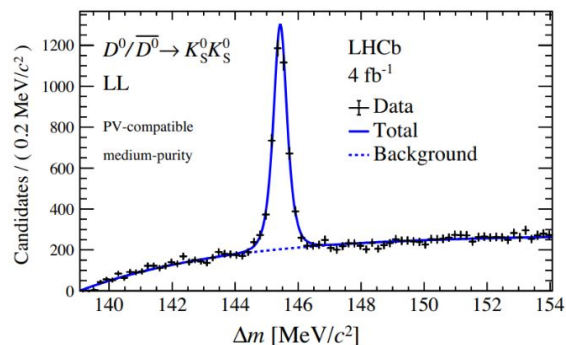
- A_{CP} in $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ is SM is predicted to be **sizeable** [PRD 92, 054036 (2015)], [PRD 86, 036012 (2012)], [PRD 100, 093002 (2019)], [PRD 99, 113001 (2019)]
- Challenging at LHCb, due to the long K_S^0 lifetime
- **Three samples are analysed separately:**
 - **LL** \rightarrow both K_S^0 are reconstructed with **long tracks**
 - **LD** \rightarrow one K_S^0 is reconstructed with **long** and the other with **downstream** tracks
 - **DD** \rightarrow both K_S^0 are reconstructed with **downstream** tracks
- This analysis exploits the full run 2 sample (6 fb^{-1})



Signal selection and control samples

- Main backgrounds are:
 - $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$: reduced with a cut on the $D^0 - K_S^0$ vertices distance and then statistically separated with a simultaneous fit to the distributions of $\Delta m = m(D^*) - m(D^0)$ and $m(K_S^0)$
 - **Combinatorial**: reduced with a multivariate discriminant and accounted for in the fit
- A_P and A_D are corrected for using a $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ calibration sample, $A_{CP}(KK)$ is taken from [\[PLB 767 \(2017\) 177-187\]](#). Selections equalized between signal and calibration sample
- Separate measurements are performed by splitting in:
 - LL, LD and DD categories:
 - 2015-2016, 2017-2018 (different trigger selections)
 - purity level (determined using a kNN classifier)
 - compatibility for D^* to come from PV

Results



Competitive with Belle, aim to improve significantly in Run3 with better KS reconstruction

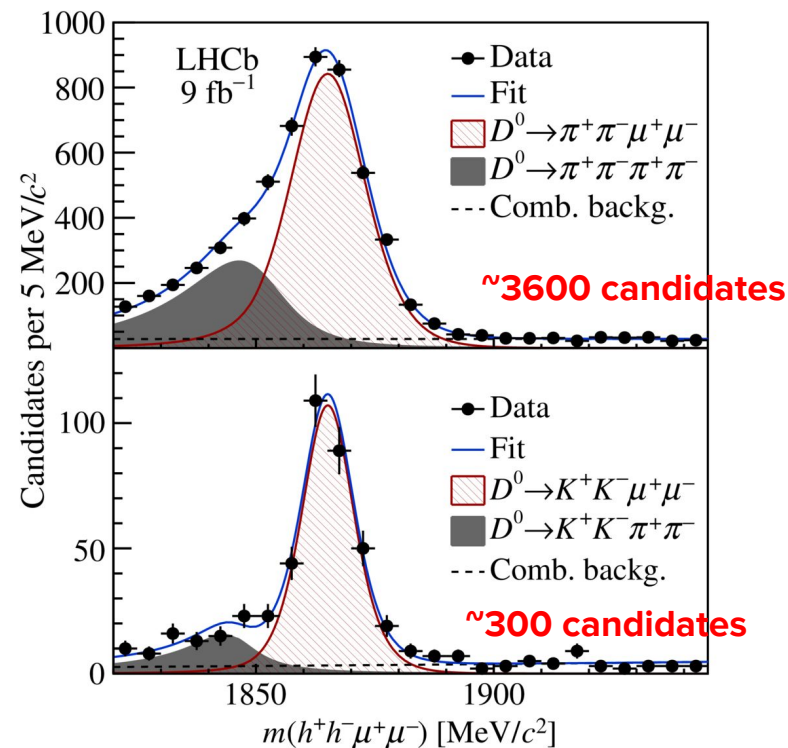
$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) = (-3.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.2 (A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow KK)))\%$$

Most precise to date, compatible with no CPV at 2.4σ

Search for CP asymmetry in $D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

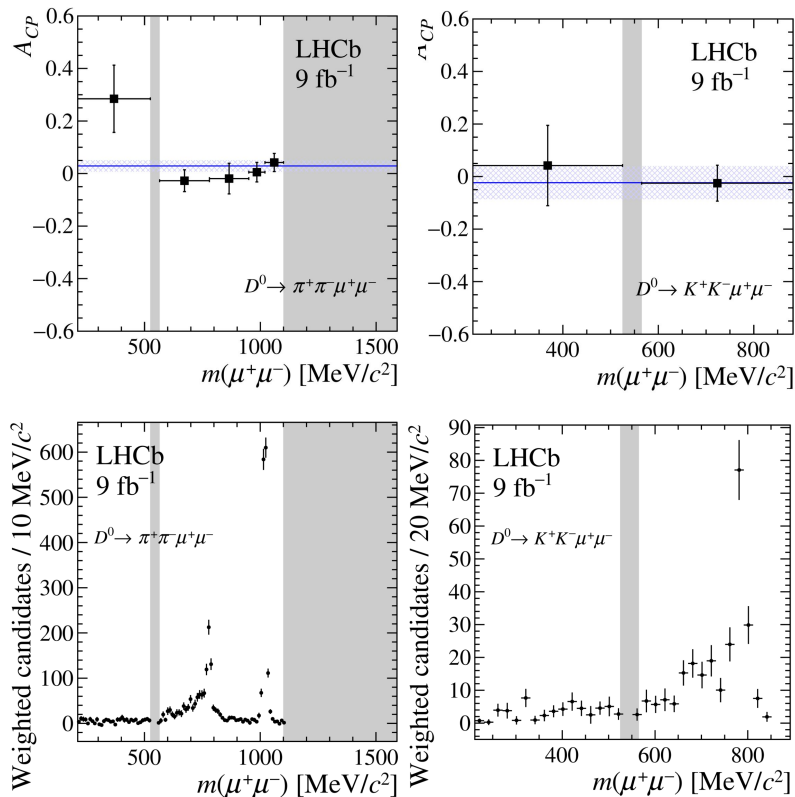
Overview

- Rarest observed charm meson decay [\[PRL 119, 181805 \(2017\)\]](#), dominated by vector meson intermediate resonances
- A_{CP} is predicted to be **up to O(1%) in NP models** [\[PRD101 \(2020\) 115006\]](#) ...
- First LHCb measurements (which includes angular observables) available at [\[PRL 121, 091801 \(2018\)\]](#)
- **Now:** update with the full Run1+Run2 dataset (more details and full angular analysis shown in [D. Brundu's talk](#) (WP3))
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ used as control sample



Results

Measurement in the
full phase space and in
bins of $m(\mu\mu)$
No CPV observed (yet)



$m(\mu^+\mu^-)$ [MeV/c ²]	A_{CP} [%]
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$	
< 525	$28 \pm 13 \pm 1$
525–565	–
565–780	$-2.7 \pm 4.1 \pm 0.4$
780–950	$-1.9 \pm 5.8 \pm 0.4$
950–1020	$0.5 \pm 3.7 \pm 0.4$
1020–1100	$4.2 \pm 3.4 \pm 0.4$
> 1100	–
Full range	$2.9 \pm 2.1 \pm 0.4$
$D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-$	
< 525	$4 \pm 15 \pm 1$
525–565	–
> 565	$-2.5 \pm 6.8 \pm 0.6$
Full range	$-2.3 \pm 6.3 \pm 0.6$

Conclusion

- LHCb collected the largest charm sample to date
- After the observation of non-zero direct CPV, the hunt continues in other channels (even in rare decays!)
- Significant improvements may come in the upgrade, not only for the additional luminosity, but from higher efficiency thanks to our fully software trigger

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