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# Experimental Flavour Physics

## Lecture II: Unitarity Triangle metrology and CPV measurements

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# Lecture plan

Lecture I Why study flavour and where ? Focus on how to do this at hadron machines, in particular the LHC and LHCb. Closing digression on hadron spectroscopy.

Today!

Lecture II Unitarity Triangle metrology and CPV measurements

Lecture III New Physics searches through studies of Flavour-Changing Neutral Currents (and other processes)

Lecture IV Charm physics, and future prospects for experimental flavour studies

Upfront admission: I will be saying a lot about LHCb.

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There are *many more* CPV measurements of interest !

# Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix

The CKM matrix appears in the SM Lagrangian as a consequence of diagonalising the mass matrices. Therefore connected to quark masses (& Higgs mechanism).

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

It must be unitarity, *i.e.*  $V_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger V_{\text{CKM}} = V_{\text{CKM}} V_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger = \mathbf{1}$ , and can be parameterised with three angles and one imaginary phase, which is the origin of SM CPV.

This tight system of four parameters means that CKM physics is highly predictive !

One representation [[Chau & Keung, PRL 53 \(1984\) 1802](#)]:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

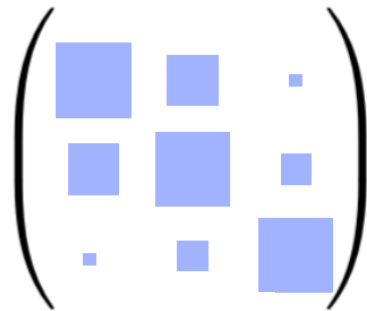
Measurements indicate a striking hierarchy:  $s_{12} \sim 0.2$ ,  $s_{23} \sim 0.04$ ,  $s_{13} \sim 0.004$ .

# Observed hierarchy of CKM matrix

A fit to data, imposing unitarity constraint [PDG review], and showing magnitudes:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97446 \pm 0.00010 & 0.22452 \pm 0.00044 & 0.00365 \pm 0.00012 \\ 0.22438 \pm 0.00044 & 0.97359^{+0.00010}_{-0.00011} & 0.04214 \pm 0.00076 \\ 0.00896^{+0.00024}_{-0.00023} & 0.04133 \pm 0.00074 & 0.999105 \pm 0.000032 \end{pmatrix}$$

or represented graphically:



This is presumably telling us something, but what? (very different picture to one seen in neutrino sector)



Hierarchy motivates an alternative representation based on expansion in  $\lambda = \sin \theta_c$ .

# CKM matrix expressed in Wolfenstein parametrisation

[Wolfenstein, PRL 51 (1983) 1945]

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This is expanded to  $\lambda^3$ , which will be adequate for most of our subsequent discussion, but not all...



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Note that at order  $\lambda^3$  only two elements are complex:  $V_{ub}$  and  $V_{td}$ . Thus transitions involving these vertices will be of great interest in CPV studies (but please don't forget that it is only phase *differences* between transitions that are physical).



# Unitarity Triangles(s)

The CKM matrix must be unitary:  $V_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger V_{\text{CKM}} = V_{\text{CKM}} V_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger = 1$

This imposes various constraints, including  $\sum_k V_{ik} V_{jk}^* = 0$  where  $i \neq j$ .

There are 6 such independent relations, which can be represented as **unitarity triangles** in the complex plane. Experimentally, the most interesting is:

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

As the sides are of similar length, & its parameters can be studied in  $B^0$ ,  $B^+$  decays.

Another, relevant for  $B_s^0$  physics is:

$$V_{us}V_{ub}^* + V_{cs}V_{cb}^* + V_{ts}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

Note that the area of all triangles is the same =  $\frac{1}{2} J$ , the Jarlskog invariant.

$$J = c_{12}c_{13}^2c_{23}s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}\sin\delta \approx 3 \times 10^{-5}$$

[Jarlskog, PRL  
55 (1985) 1039]

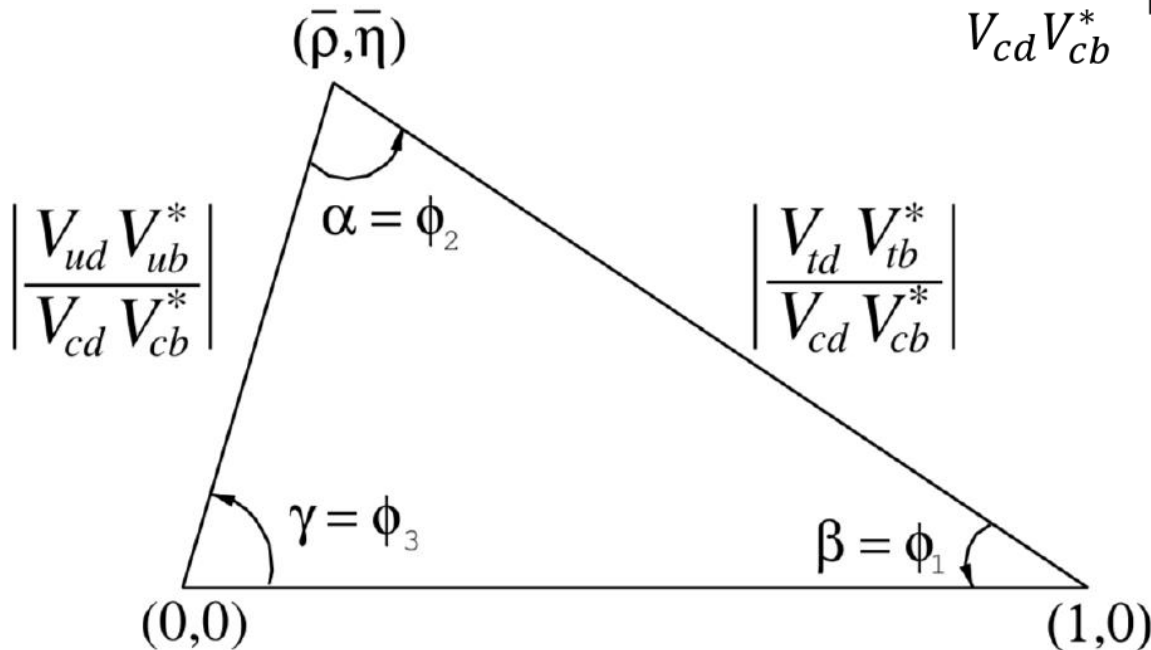
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→ triangle in Argand plane

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$$\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} + 1 + \frac{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} = 0$$



Expressions for angles:

$$\alpha = \arg \left[ -\frac{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}{V_{ub}V_{cb}^*} \right]$$

$$\beta = \arg \left[ -\frac{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}{V_{td}V_{tb}^*} \right]$$

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

Upper vertex:  $\bar{\rho} + i\bar{\eta} = -(V_{ud}V_{ub}^*)/(V_{cd}V_{cb}^*)$

$\bar{\rho} = \rho(1 - \lambda^2/2 + \dots)$   $\bar{\eta} = \eta(1 - \lambda^2/2 + \dots)$  ( $\phi_2, \phi_1$  &  $\phi_3$  alternative notation)

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## Goal of Unitarity Triangle tests

Over-constrain triangle by making measurements of all parameters, in particular, comparing those made in tree-level processes (pure SM) and those made with loops (New Physics sensitive).

We hope to find inconsistencies !

for angles:

$$\left| \frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*} \right|$$

$$\left[ -\frac{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}{V_{ub}V_{cb}^*} \right]$$

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$(0,0)$

$(1,0)$

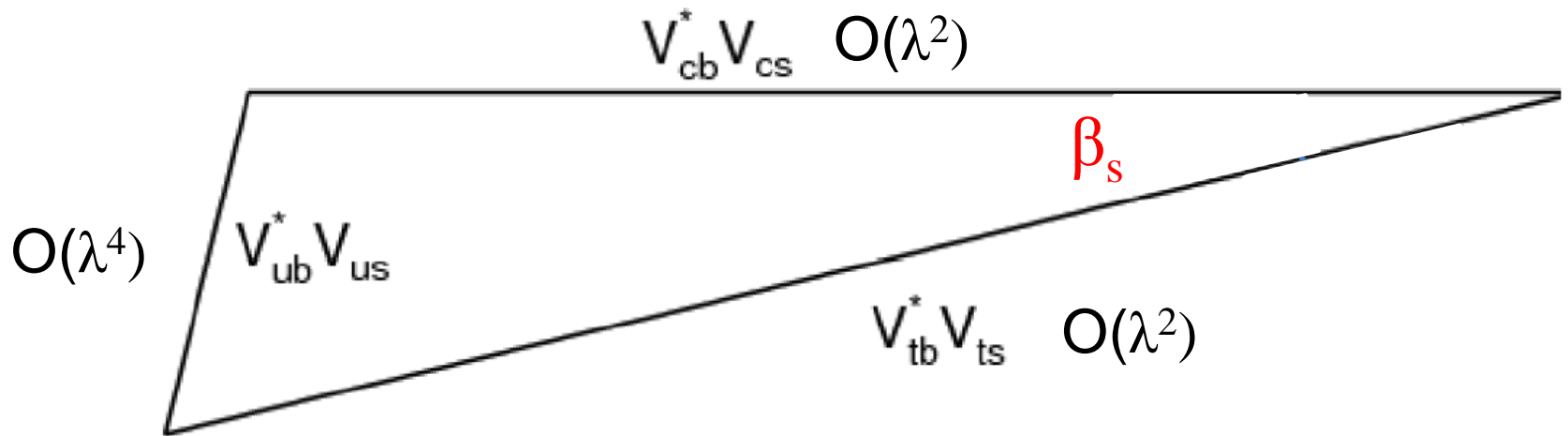
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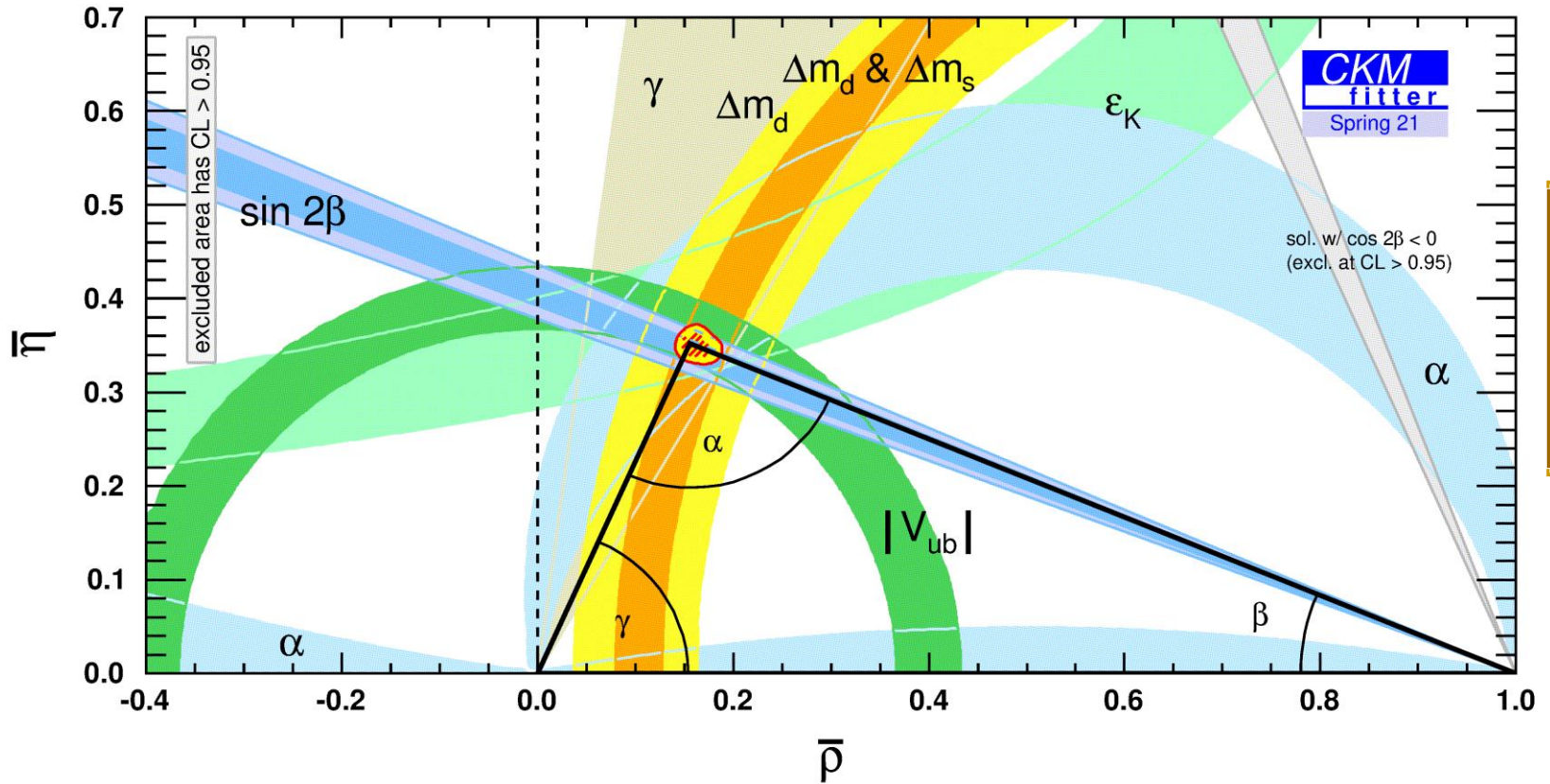
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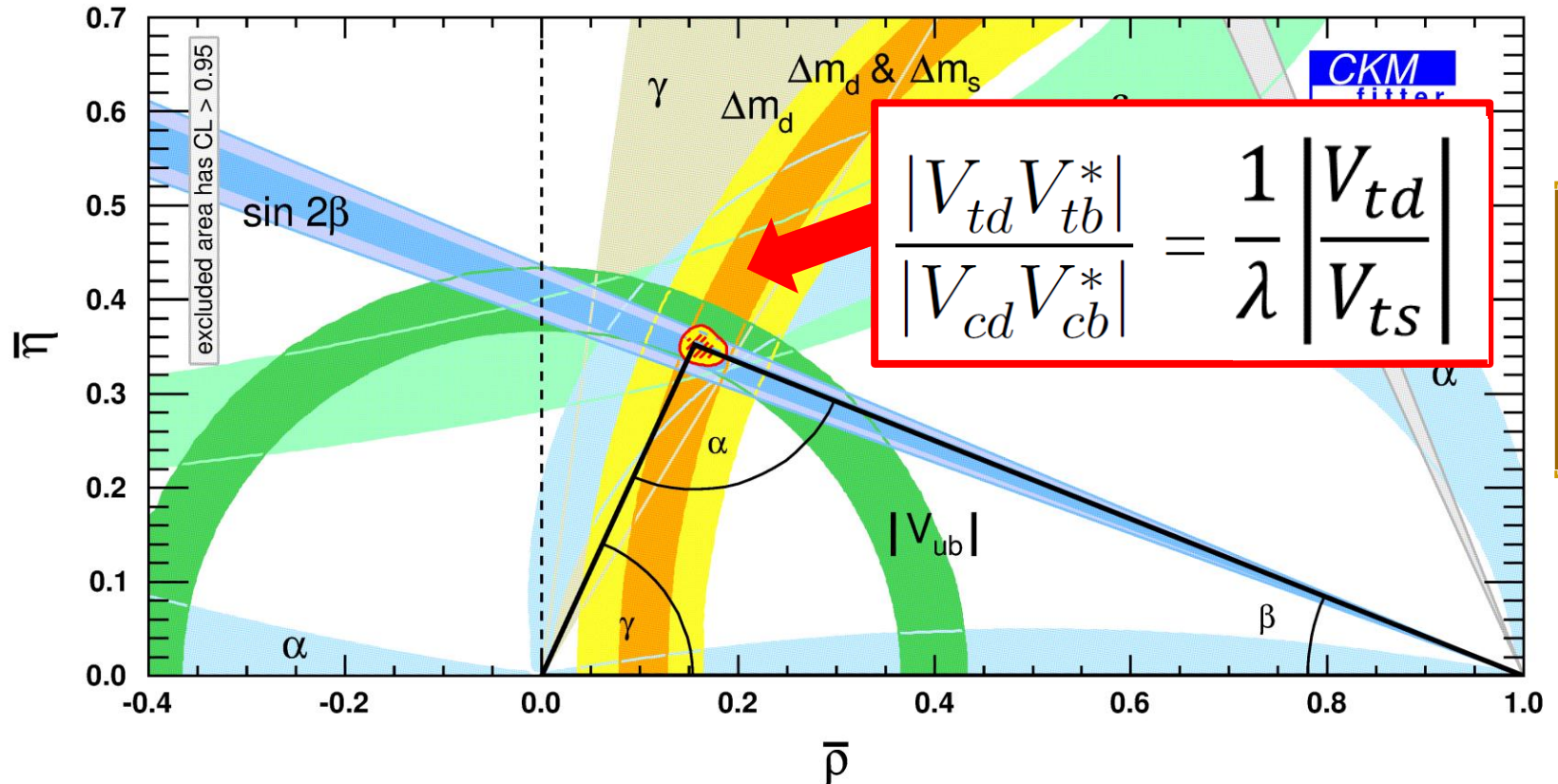


The  $B^0_s$  triangle is very squashed, & contains a small angle  $\beta_s$  ( $= -\varphi_s/2$  – see later).

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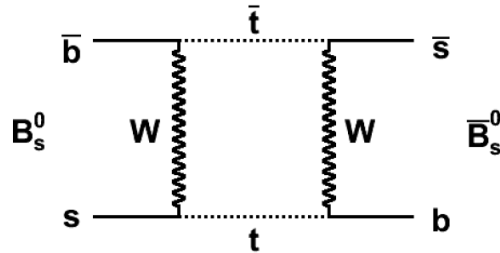
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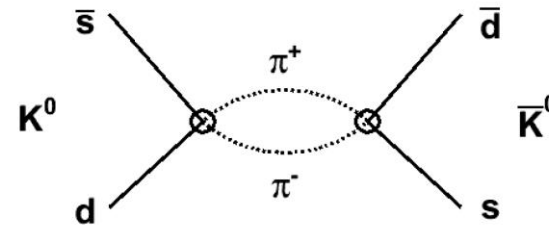
# Neutral-meson mixing

Mixing is critical for much of following discussion, so warrants a recap of essentials. Phenomenon occurs for  $K^0$ ,  $D^0$ ,  $B^0$  and  $B_s^0$  systems. Physically caused by either

Virtual,  
Short-range  
(box diagrams)



and/or



On-shell,  
long-range  
(common  
intermediate  
states)

Physical states are superposition of flavour eigenstates

Subscripts indicate  
Short or Long lived  
(see  $K^0$  system);  
sometimes Heavy or  
Light used, or 1, 2.

$$B_{S,L}^0 = pB^0 \pm q\bar{B}^0$$

$p$  &  $q$  are complex and  
 $|p|^2 + |q|^2 = 1$

If CP is conserved the physical states = CP eigenstates, which means  $\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| = 1$ .

Known not to be the case in the  $K^0$  system, where  $\varepsilon = \frac{p-q}{p+q} \approx 2 \times 10^{-3}$ , and

the SM calculations indicate small, but finite, breaking in other systems too.

Mass and width splittings between physical states:

$$\Delta m = m_L - m_S \quad \text{set by short-range effects}$$

$$\Delta \Gamma = \Gamma_S - \Gamma_L \quad \text{set by long-range effects}$$

# Neutral-meson mixing

There is a wide range in the sizes of the mixing parameters across the four systems, which has significant practical consequences for measurements.

	$\Delta m / \Gamma$		$\Delta\Gamma/2\Gamma$	
$K^0$	Large	$\sim 500$	Maximal	$\sim 1$
$D^0$	Small	$0.39 \pm 0.11 \%$	Small	$0.65 \pm 0.06\%$
$B^0$	Medium	$0.769 \pm 0.004$	Small	$(20 \pm 5) \times 10^{-4}$
$B_s^0$	Large	$26.81 \pm 0.08$	Medium	$0.0675 \pm 0.004$

Refs: [PDG](#), [HFLAV](#) and [Lenz & Nierste, [JHEP 0706 \(2007\) 072](#)]

Size of mixing effects is highly sensitive to SM parameters (CKM elements, GIM mechanism, quark masses...) and could easily be perturbed by New Physics. Indeed, mixing can be used to set severe bounds ( $\sim 10^3$  TeV) on most general forms of New Physics models (see e.g. Nir [arXiv:1605.00433](#)).



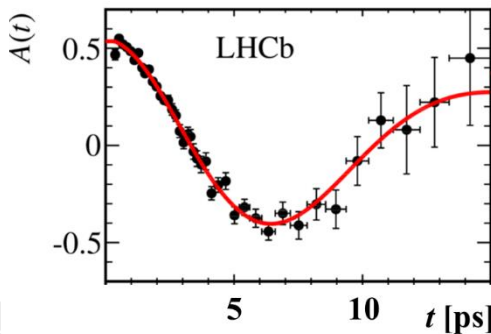
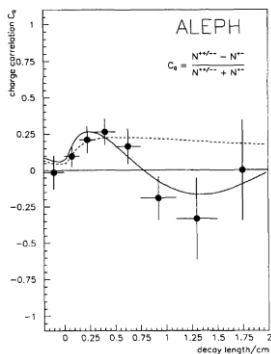
# Neutral-meson mixing

Mixing leads to an oscillation of probability to observe meson in either flavour eigenstate with proper time, e.g. if at  $t=0$  we have a  $B^0$ , then at later time  $t$

$$\text{Prob. to decay as } \begin{matrix} \bar{B}^0 \\ B^0 \end{matrix} \propto e^{-\Gamma_d t} (1 \mp \cos \Delta m_d t)$$

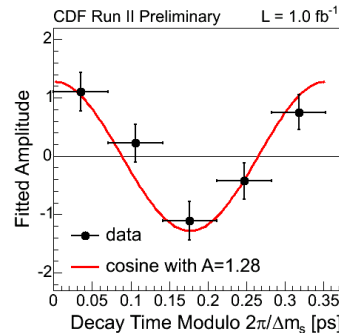
Time-integrated B-oscillations were first observed by UA1 [PLB 186 (1987) 247] & ARGUS [PLB 192 (1987) 245].  $B^0$  ( $B^0_s$ ) oscillations first resolved by ALEPH (CDF).

$B^0$  discovery → state-of-the-art

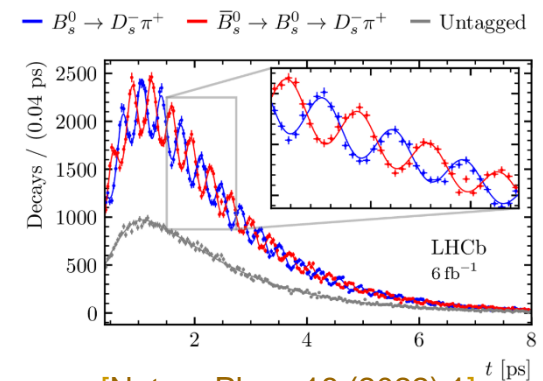


[EPJC 76 (2016) 412]

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[PRL 97 (2006) 242003]



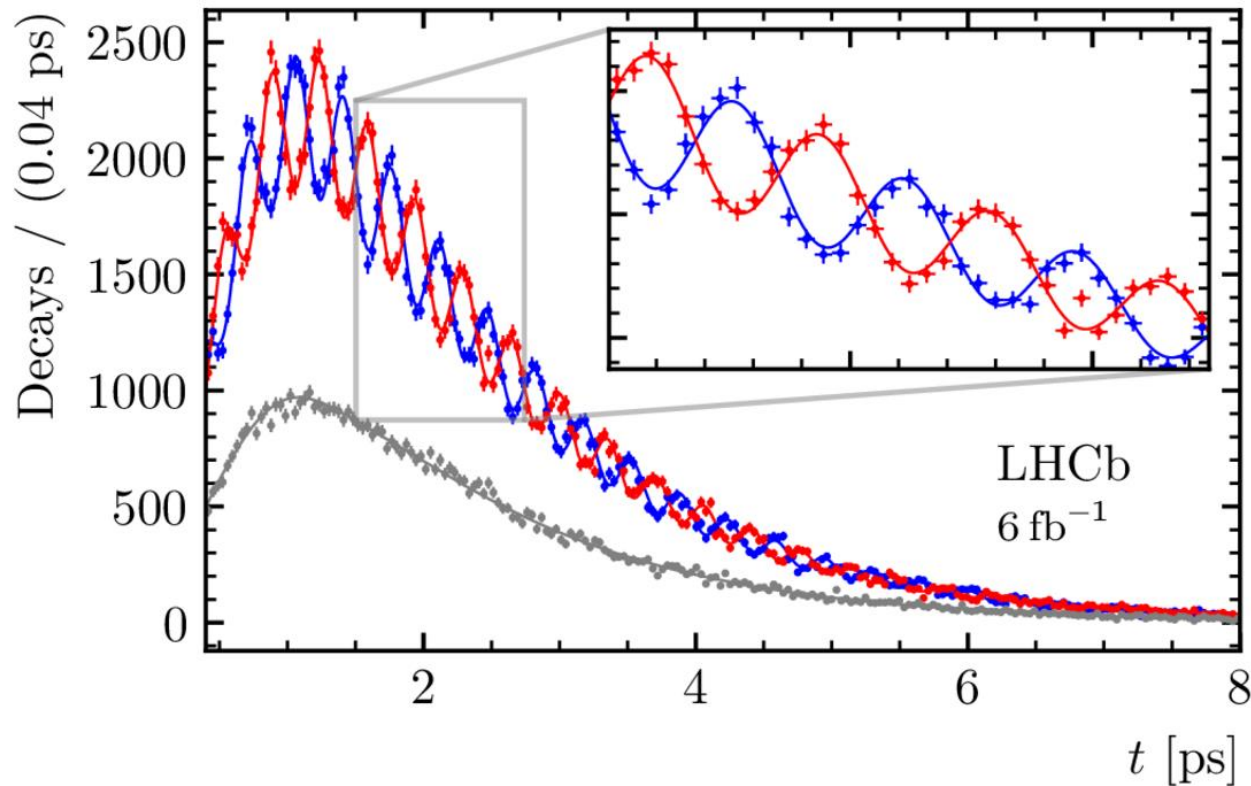
[Nature Phys. 18 (2022) 1]

State-of-the-art measurements in both  $B^0$  and  $B^0_s$  systems are from LHCb.

# $B_s^0$ mixing – a closer look at that plot

$B_s^0$ -mixing studies impossible at B-factories, due to  $E_{\text{CM}}$  & frequency of oscillations.

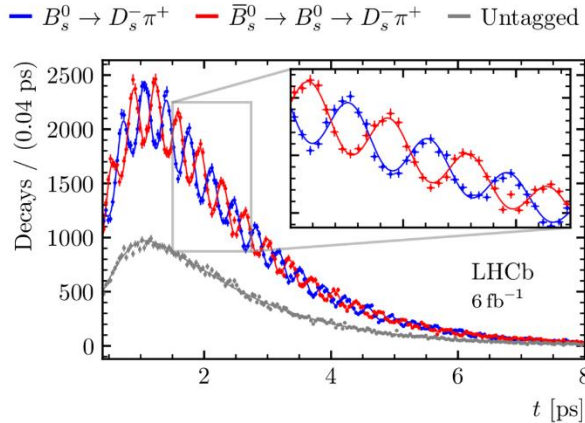
—  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$     —  $\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$     — Untagged



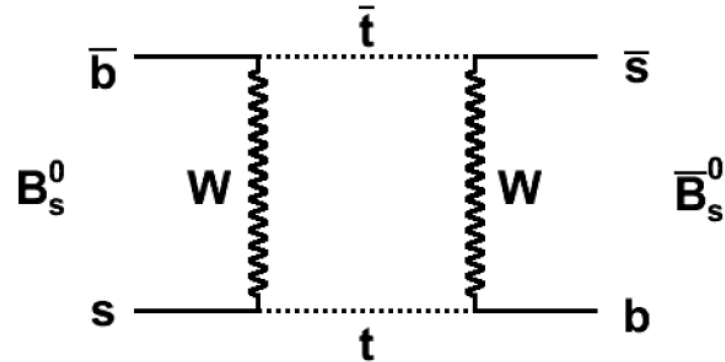
$B_s^0$  studies are only possible at hadron machines (and at FCC-ee, but that's another story). Require significant boost and excellent proper-time resolution.

# $B^0_{(s)} - \bar{B}^0_{(s)}$ mixing – accessing CKM elements

In  $B^0$  and  $B^0_s$  systems, mixing driven by  $\Delta m_{d(s)}$  and is calculable in SM.



Nature Phys. 18 (2022) 11



Depends on CKM elements in box & factors that can be calculated in lattice QCD.

For  $B^0_s$  case  $\rightarrow$

$$\Delta m_s = \frac{G_F^2}{6\pi^2} m_{B_s} m_W^2 \eta_B S_0(x_t) f_{B_s}^2 B_s |V_{ts} V_{tb}^*|^2$$

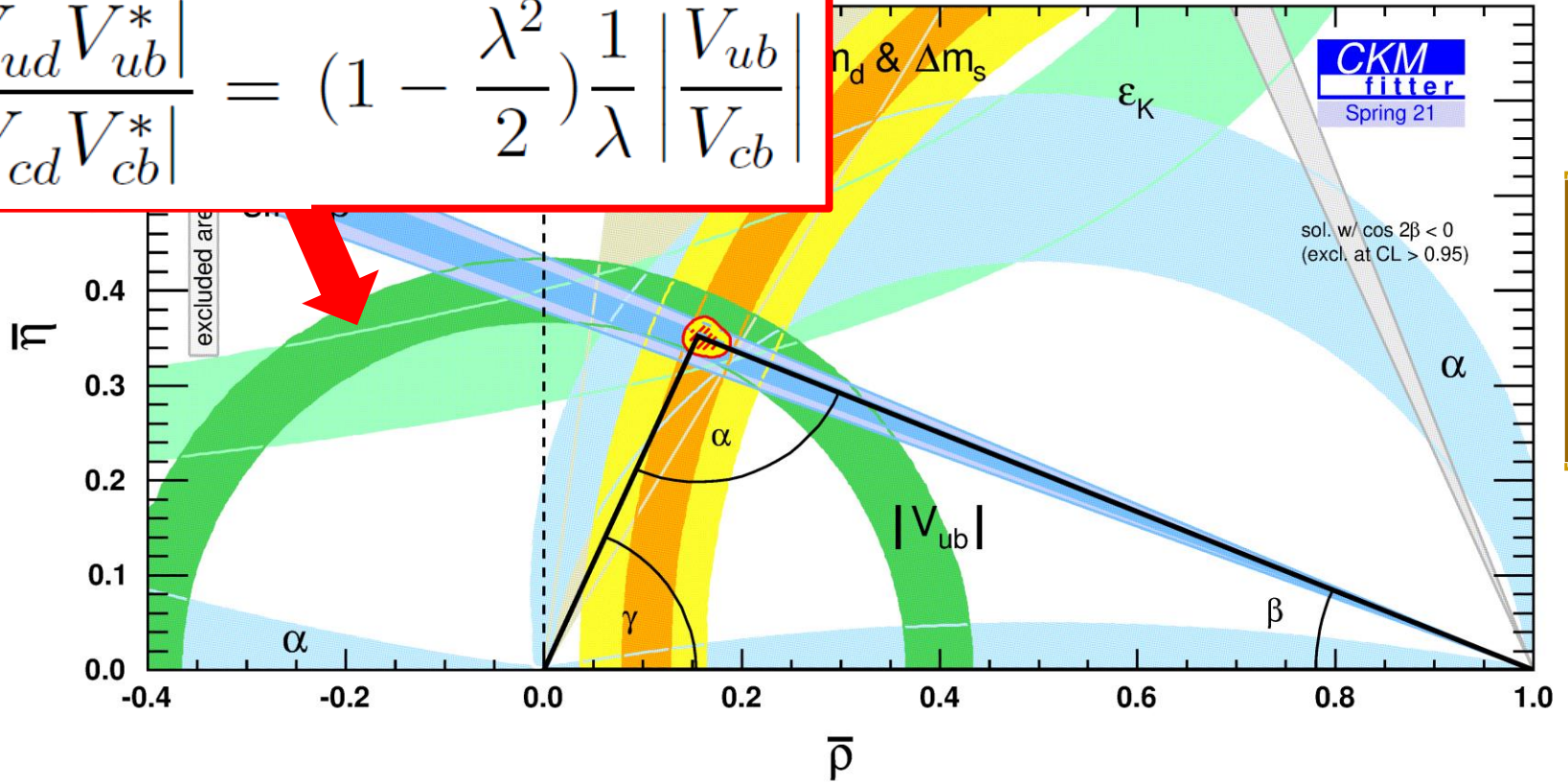
Equivalent expression for  $B^0$  mixing, involving  $V_{td}$ . Ratio of frequencies is then

$$\frac{\Delta m_d}{\Delta m_s} = \frac{m_{Bd}}{m_{Bs}} \zeta_{\Delta m}^{-2} \frac{|V_{td}|^2}{|V_{ts}|^2}$$

$\zeta_{\Delta m}$ , being a ratio of QCD factors of value close to 1 can be calculated to a few % in lattice QCD, hence giving access to  $|V_{td}|/|V_{ts}|$ . Experimental inputs dominated by LHCb, but it is lattice inputs that limit precision.

# The Unitarity Triangle - CKM metrology

$$\frac{|V_{ud} V_{ub}^*|}{|V_{cd} V_{cb}^*|} = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \frac{V_{ub}}{V_{cb}} \right|$$



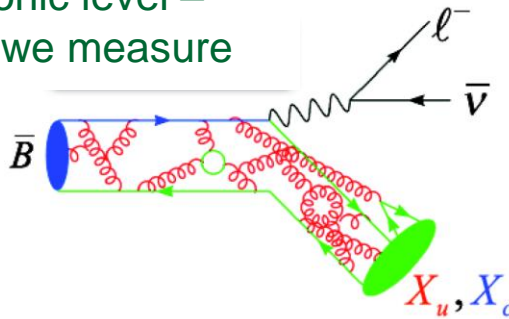
Length of side opposite  $\beta$  is given by measuring  $|V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}|$  from ratio  $b \rightarrow u$  /  $b \rightarrow c$ .

# Measuring $|V_{ub}| / |V_{cb}|$

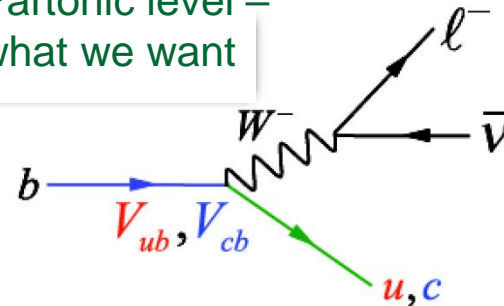


We can measure the ratio of  $b \rightarrow ulv$  to  $b \rightarrow clv$  processes at hadron level, but then must use theory or lattice QCD to correct back to quark level.

Hadronic level –  
what we measure



Partonic level –  
what we want



Two broad strategies followed:

- Inclusive  $b \rightarrow X_u lv$ , using e.g. endpoint of  $p_l$  spectrum to isolate signal from  $b \rightarrow X_c lv$

$$|V_{ub}| = (4.13 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{[2022 PDG review]}$$

- Exclusive, e.g.  $B \rightarrow \pi lv$ . But then need calculation of hadronic form factor.

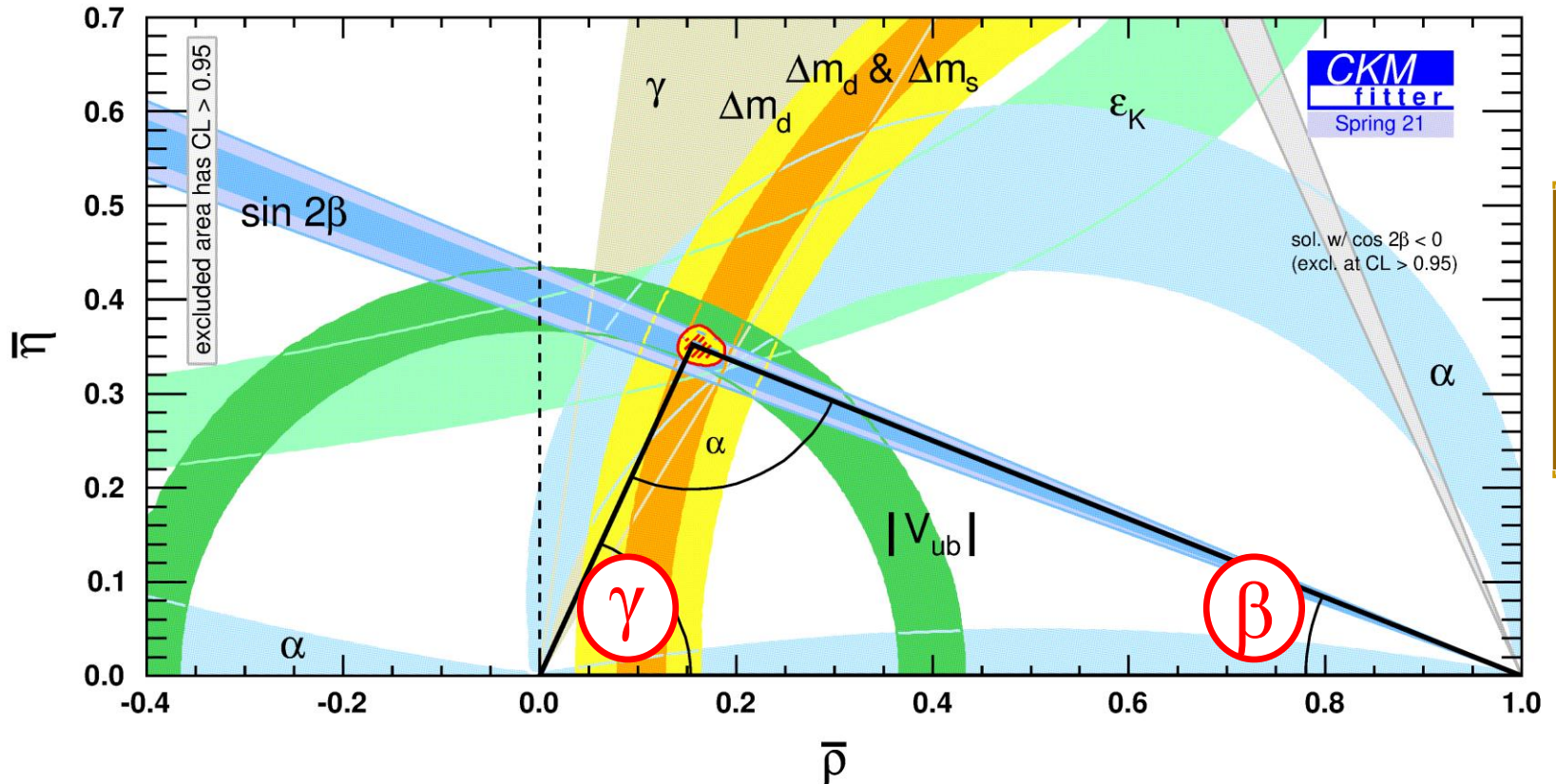
$$|V_{ub}| = (3.70 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{[2022 PDG review]}$$

There is tension between these two numbers at the  $\sim 2 \sigma$  level, and a similar but worse issue with  $|V_{cb}|$ , which means that caution is needed when using results in UT.





# The Unitarity Triangle: CP-violation measurements



Now we will discuss the CPV measurements that access the angles  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .\*

\* Why not discuss  $\alpha$ ? Any  $\alpha$ -related observable involves the same quark transitions as are probed in  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  studies, so it is unlikely to tell us anything more. But improved measurements are always worthwhile !

# Decays into CP eigenstates: $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$

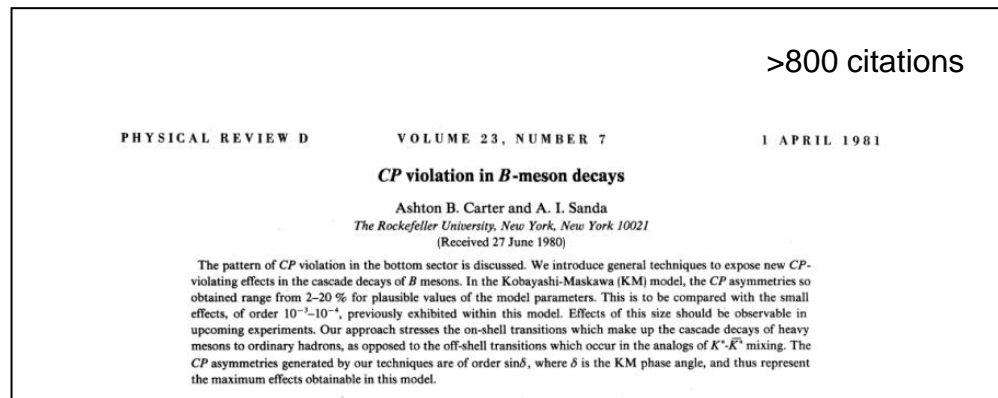
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Incidentally, someone who was amongst the first to realise the potential of b-hadrons in CPV studies, and one responsible for a seminal paper, afterwards followed a very different career...

Obama-era U.S. defense secretary toasts the latest CP-violation results from LHCb



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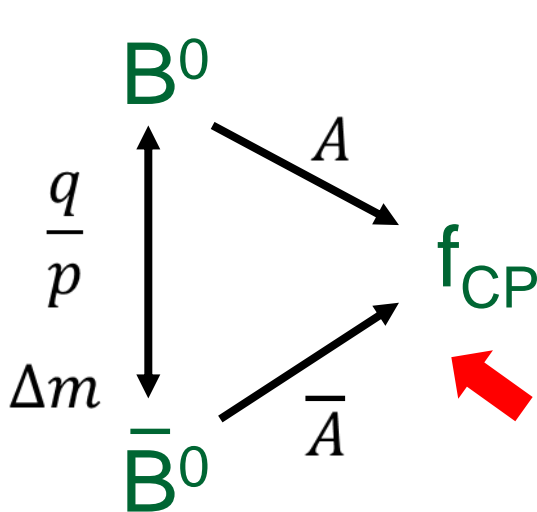
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Key point: to observe a complex phase we need to have two (or more) interfering amplitudes, as here

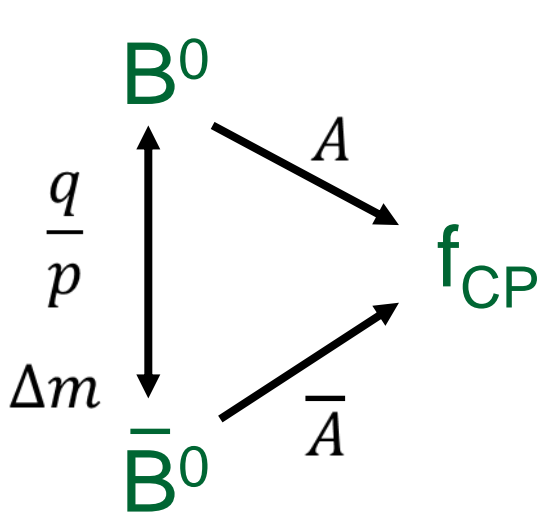
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There are three ways that CP violation can appear:

CPV in the decay (or 'direct CPV').

(This is also the only possibility that applies for charged hadron decays, for instance in the measurement of  $\gamma$ .)

$$|A| \neq |\bar{A}|$$

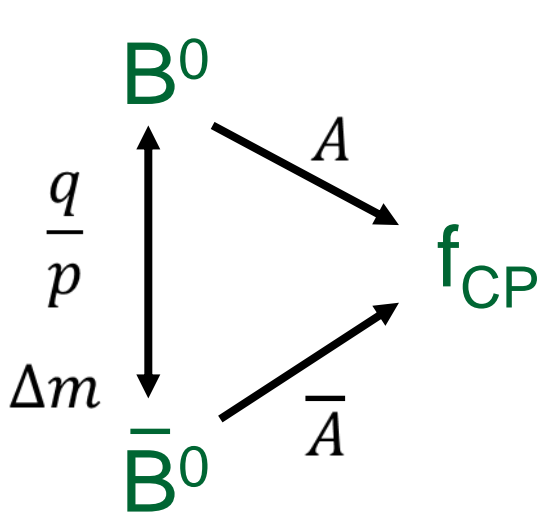
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CPV in the mixing (one category of so-called 'indirect CPV').

Occurs if there are different ways to oscillate  $B^0 \leftrightarrow B^0$ bar. In SM very small.

$$\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| \neq 1$$

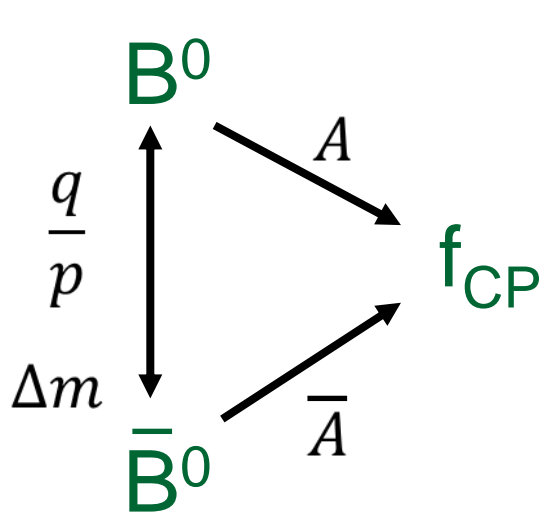
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There are three ways that CP violation can appear:

CPV in mixing-decay interference (also a category of 'indirect CPV', & the most relevant in the  $B^0 B^0$ bar and  $B_s^0 B_s^0$ bar systems).

$\text{Im} \lambda_{CP} \neq 0$

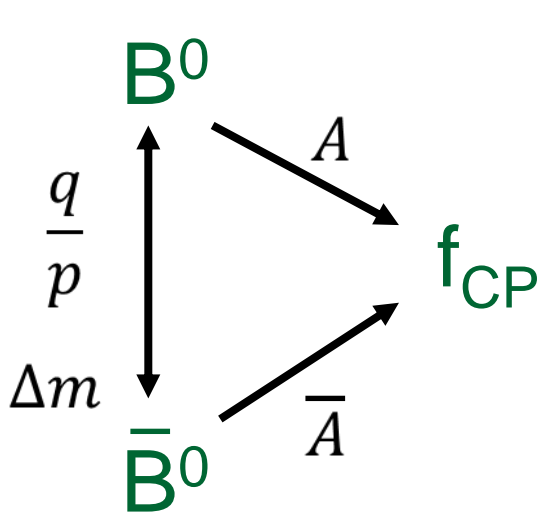
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- And in this decay  $C \approx 0$ , with no significant direct CPV (all the CPV comes from *mixing-decay interference*).

NB both these assumptions can be checked / corrected for.

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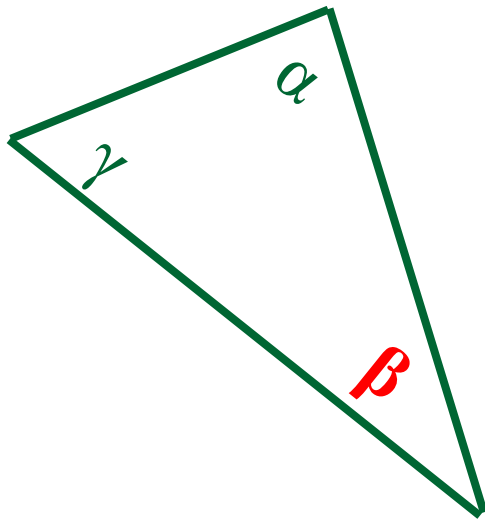
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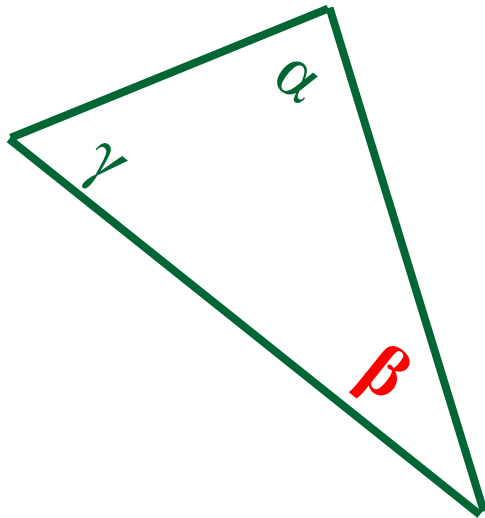
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In practice we measure a  $t$ -dependent CP asymmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{CP}(t) &\equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0) - \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0) + \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0)} \\ &= \sin 2\beta \sin(\Delta m t) \end{aligned}$$

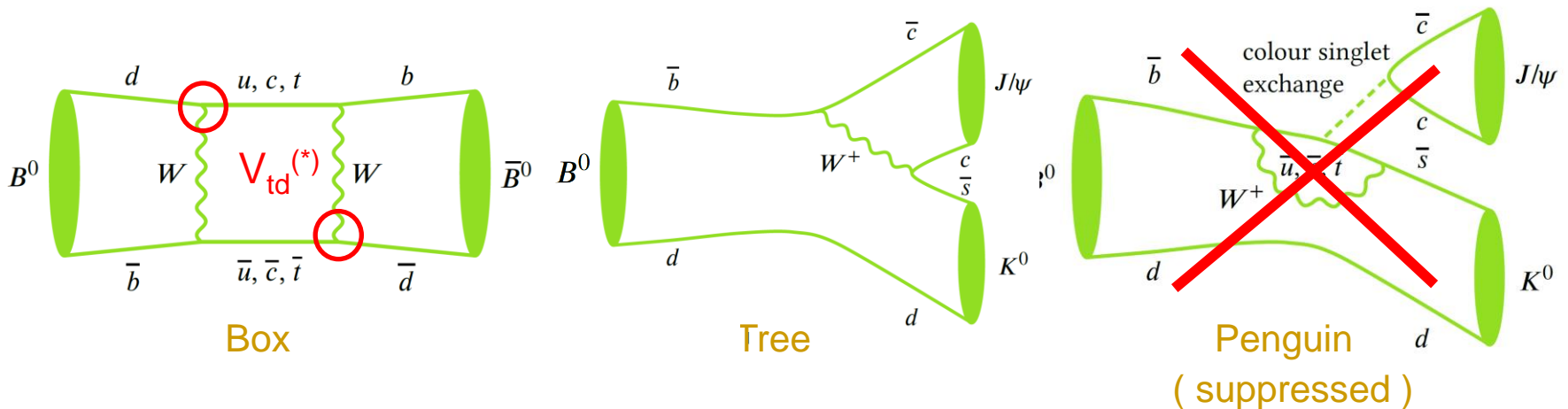
This is theoretically **clean**!  
(at least, at current precision)

\* These expressions assume width-splitting  $\Delta\Gamma=0$ , which is an excellent approximation in  $B^0$  system.

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To reiterate, measurement probes interference between box and tree diagrams:



Sensitive to any CP violating phases in either, but are only expected in the box. In the SM this comes from the phase difference associated with  $V_{td}$ , but could arise from other sources through New Physics. So possible  $\sin 2\beta_{\text{meas}} \neq \sin 2\beta_{\text{SM}}$  !

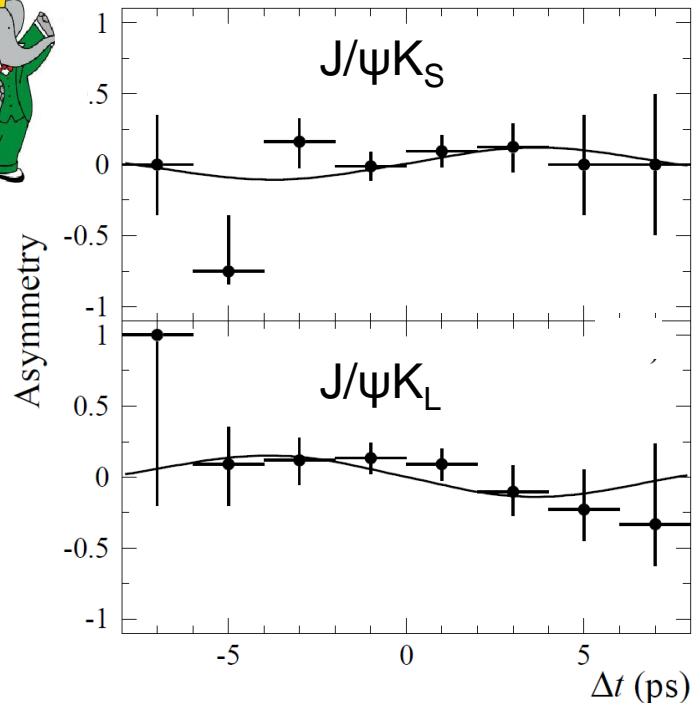


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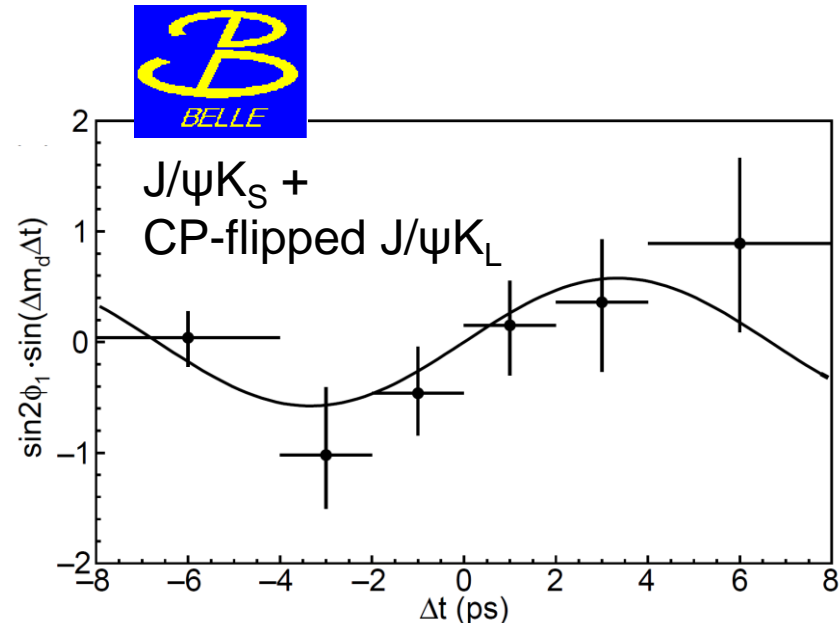
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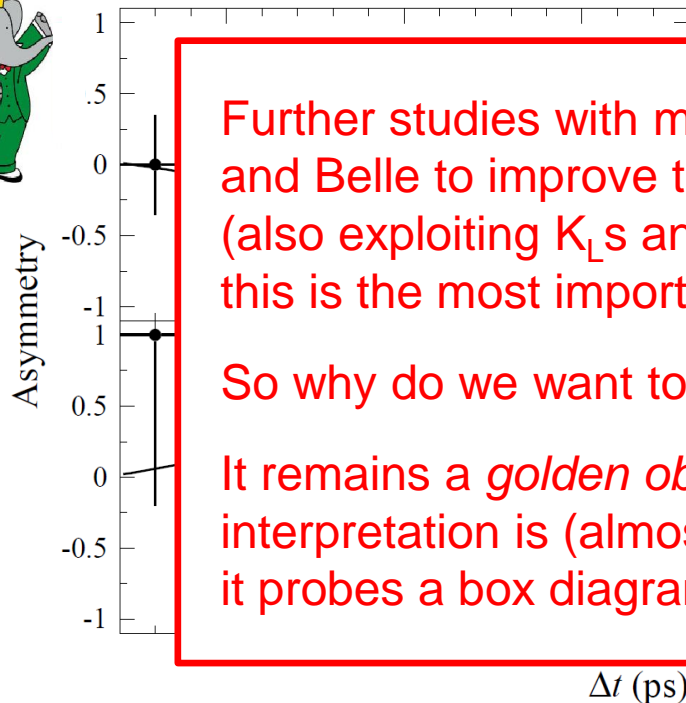
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Further studies with much larger data sets allowed BaBar and Belle to improve these measurements dramatically (also exploiting  $K_L$ s and other charmonium states) – this is the most important legacy of the B factories.

So why do we want to measure this CP asymmetry better ?

It remains a *golden observable* in flavour physics. The interpretation is (almost) free of hadronic uncertainties, and it probes a box diagram where New Physics may well lurk.

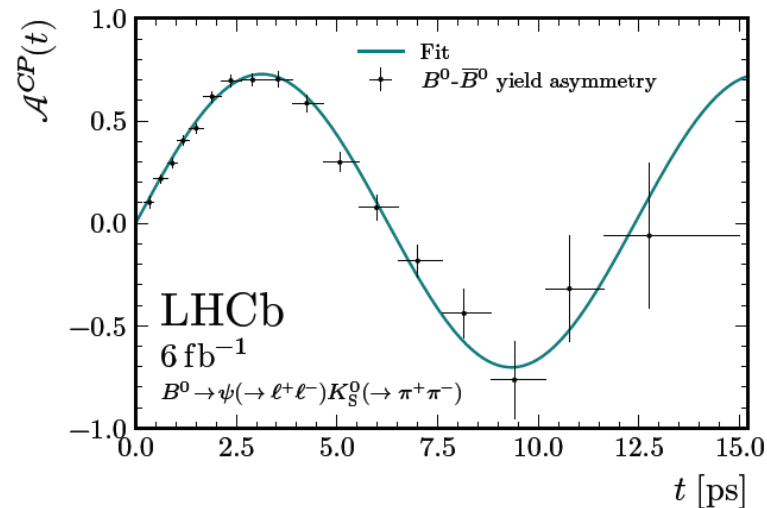
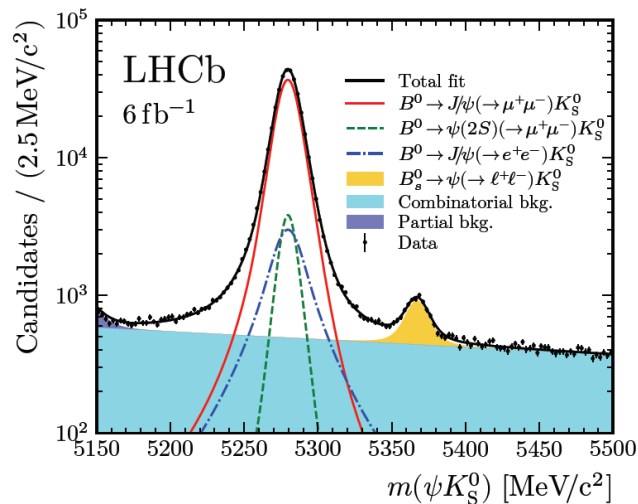
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# $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$ : LHCb comes to the party

This summer LHCb announced a Run 2 measurement of  $\sin 2\beta$  using  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi K_S$  ( $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ) decays [LHCb-PAPER-2023-013], which augments results from Run 1 [PRL 115 (2015) 031601, JHEP 11 (2017) 170].



Combined result:

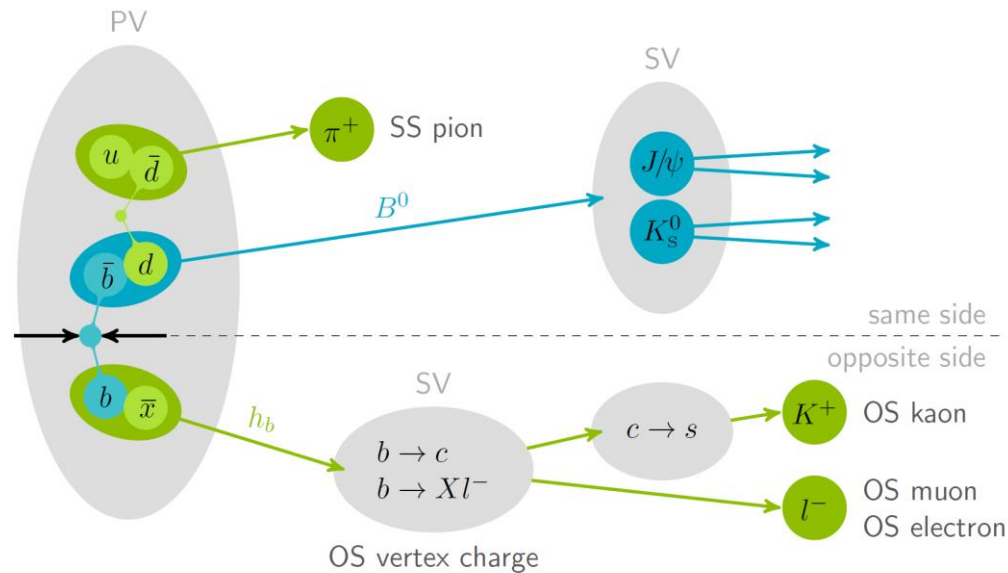
Sine coefficient	=	$0.723 \pm 0.014$
Cosine coefficient	=	$0.007 \pm 0.012$

As no evidence yet of direct CPV, can interpret sine coefficient as  $\sin 2\beta$ .

Now more precise than B factories! But why not even better, given that the sample is *much* larger, e.g.  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)K_S$ : LHCb: 420k, BaBar  $\sim 10k$  [PRD 79 (2009) 072009] ?

# Flavour tagging at a hadron collider

Measurement demands we know whether decaying meson was  $B^0$  or  $B^0$ bar at birth. This requires *flavour tagging* \*. Look at either decay products of the other b-hadron ('opposite sign') or for fragmentation products associated with signal B ('same sign').



Flavour tag decision can be wrong, either through misidentification or mixing of OS b-hadron. This leads to *dilution* of asymmetry, and reduces effective signal statistics by a large factor (up to  $x \sim 1/30$ ) at hadron collider experiments.

For  $t$  variable in asymmetry, we need to know proper time between birth & death of signal B, which at LHC is related to distance between primary and decay vertices.

\* NB in high- $p_T$  physics the term 'flavour tagging' means something different, typically 'is this jet b-like or c-like?'.

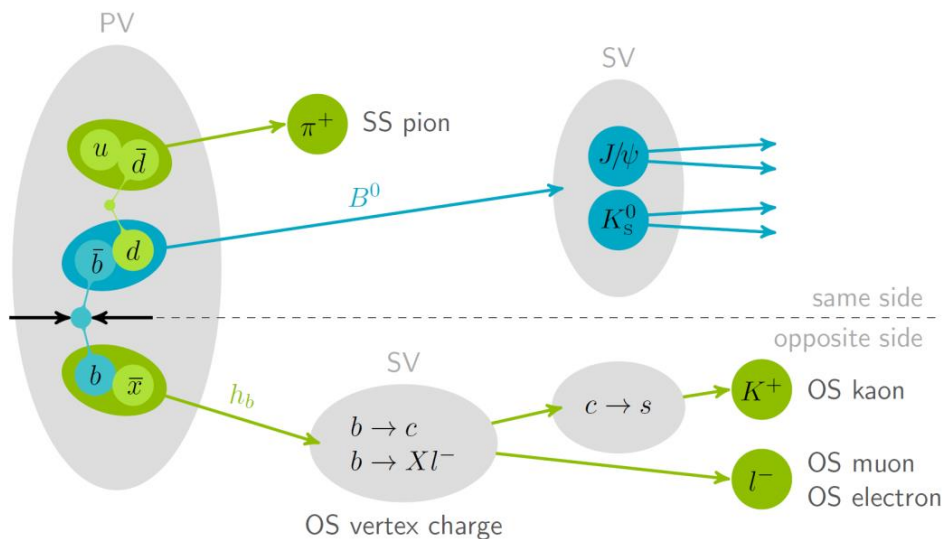
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Effective tagging efficiency for a single tag given by

$$\epsilon_{\text{tag}}(1 - 2\omega_{\text{tag}})^2$$

with  $\epsilon_{\text{tag}}$  the tagging efficiency  
 $\omega_{\text{tag}}$  the mistag probability.

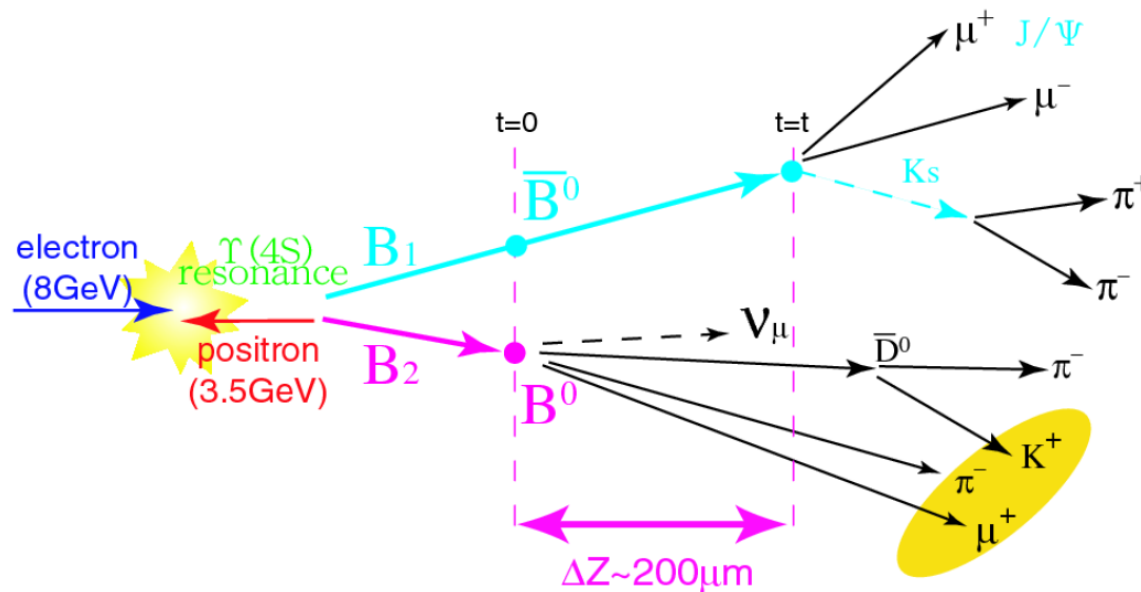
In practice such a quantity is formed for the ensemble of tags used in the analysis and gives a parameter that defines the proportion of events that, if perfectly tagged, would contribute to the measurement. Varies with meson type, how event is triggered, and with understanding of data set. Example values from LHCb studies.



Analysis	Effective tagging efficiency
Run 2 $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)K_S$	$4.661 \pm 0.013 \%$
[LHCb-PAPER-2023-013] $J/\psi(ee)K_S$	$6.462 \pm 0.032 \%$
Run 2 $B_S \rightarrow J/\psi KK$	$4.73 \pm 0.34 \%$
[EPJC 79 (2019) 706]	
Run 2 $B_S \rightarrow D_S \pi$	$6.10 \pm 0.15 \%$
[Nature Phys. 18 (2022) 1]	

# Flavour tagging at the Y(4S)

Life is easier for BaBar/Belle and Belle-II At the Y(4S) one has no fragmentation particles and production of coherent  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  system  $\rightarrow$  (i) No same sign tag (bad), (ii) many fewer mistags (very good), (iii) no mixing until one B decays (very good).



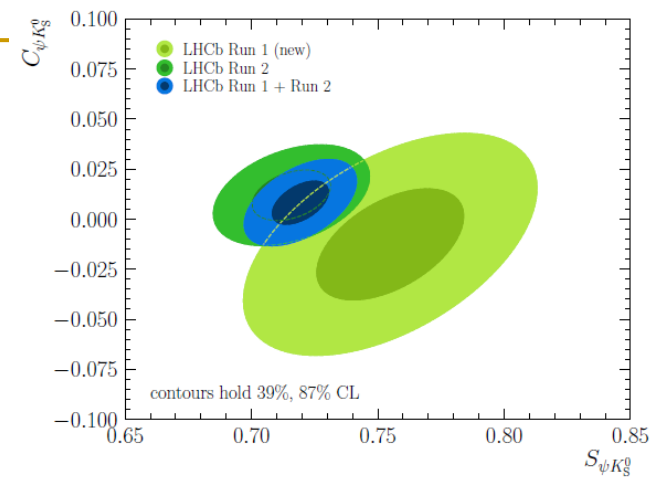
The dilution is less than at LHC, and reduces effective signal statistics by only  $\sim 1/3$ .

Why do B-factories have asymmetric beam energies? For coherent system what matters is the time-difference  $\Delta t$  between the two B decays. At the Y(4S) the mesons are produced at rest, & so it is necessary to *boost* system to measure  $\Delta t$ .

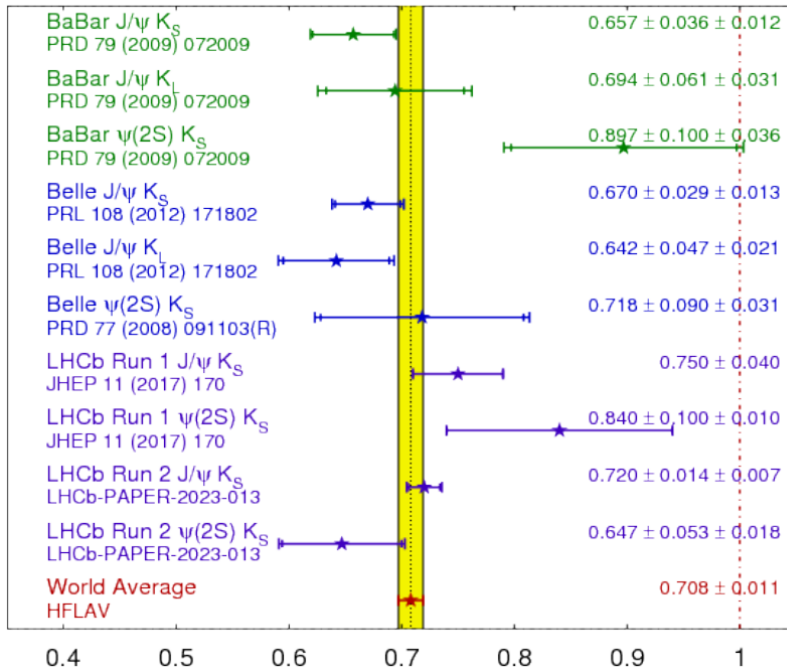
# sin2β: current status and impact of the LHC

Global state of play:

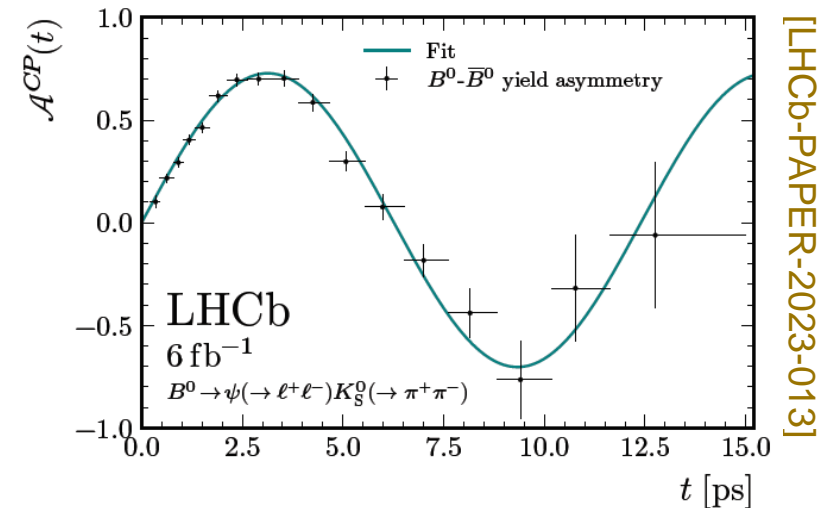
$$\beta = (22.5 \pm 0.4)^\circ$$



$\sin(2\beta) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1)$  **HFLAV** Summer 2023 PRELIMINARY



Latest result has shrunk world average uncertainty substantially:  $0.7^\circ \rightarrow 0.4^\circ$ .

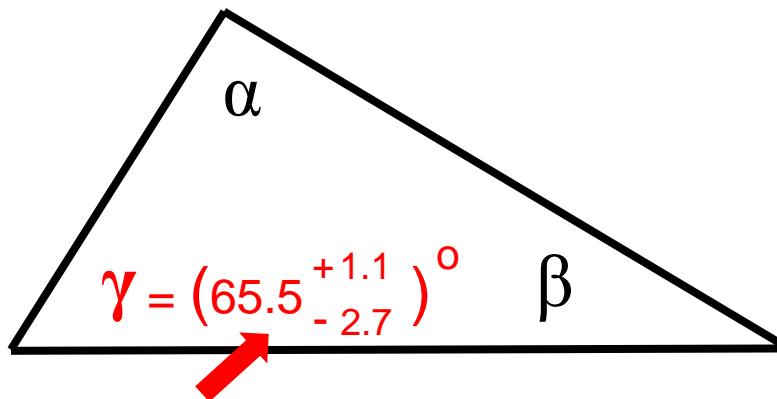


Must keep improving precision: Belle II, LHCb Run 3 and (why not?) ATLAS/CMS



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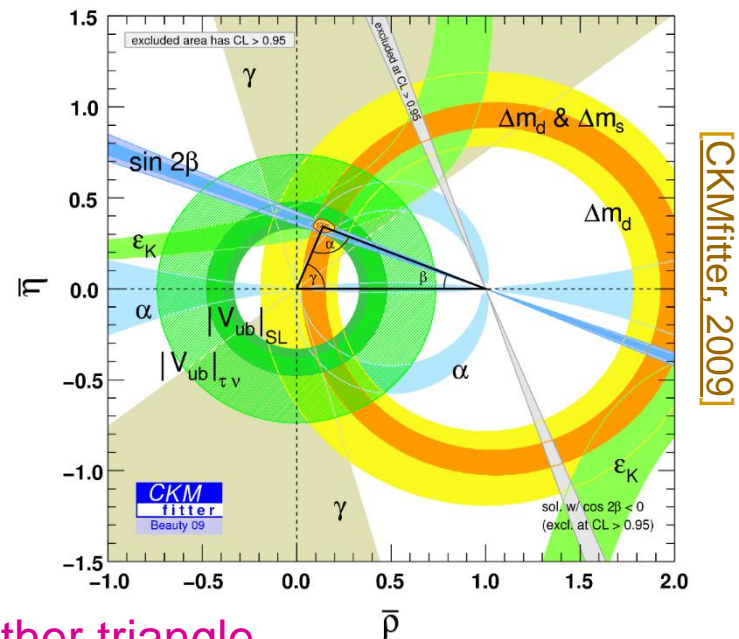
A particular responsibility for flavour physics at the LHC is to improve our knowledge of the angle  $\gamma$ .



The predicted value of  $\gamma$  [CKMfitter, 2021] in context of SM is known very well from other triangle parameters (& will be known even better as experiment & lattice QCD improve).

A key task of flavour physics is to match this precision in a direct measurement !

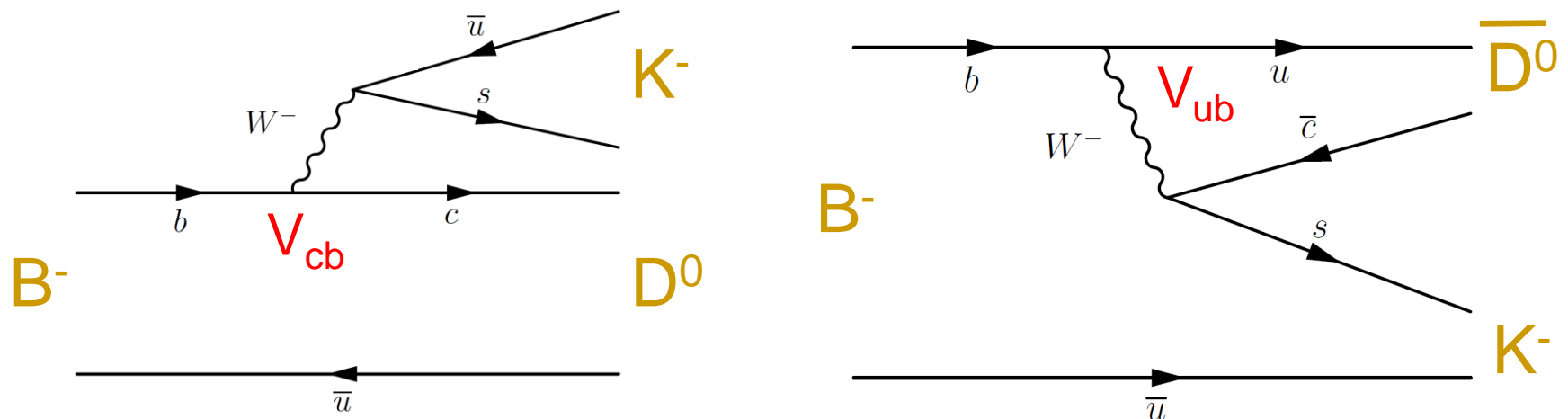
At LHC turn-on  $\gamma$  uncertainty was  $>20^\circ$ .





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This angle is special – it can be measured at tree-level through  $B \rightarrow DK$  decays.



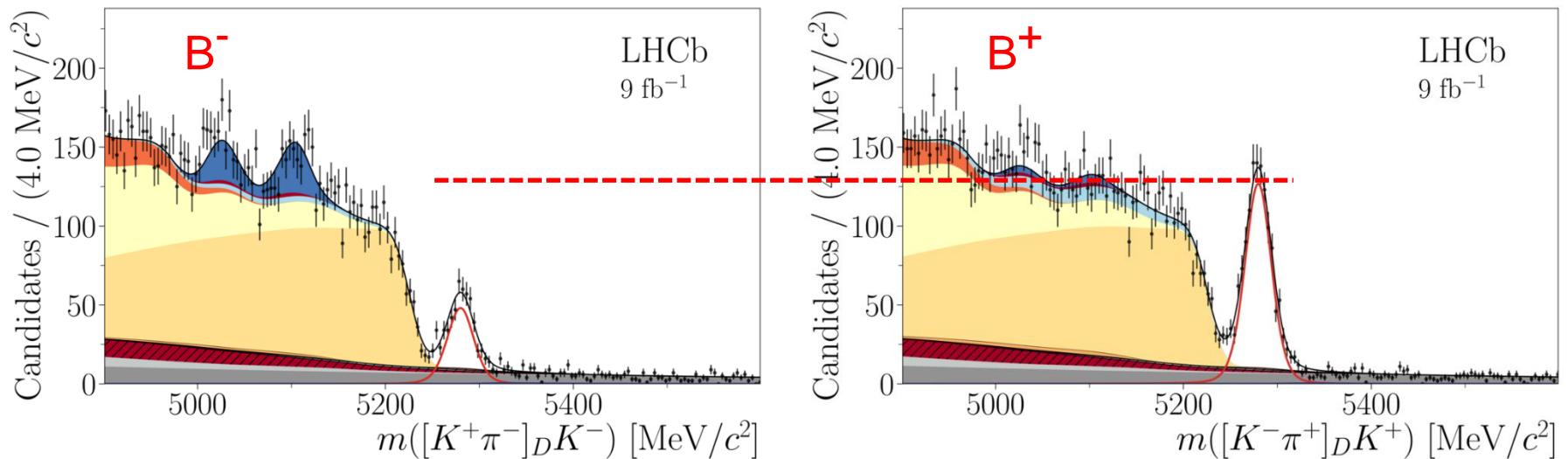
If we reconstruct  $D^0$  and  $\bar{D}^0$  in a state accessible to both, Interference occurs & decay rates become sensitive to relative phase between  $V_{cb}$  and  $V_{ub}$ , which is  $\gamma$ .

There are QCD nuisance parameters involved, but sufficient observables can be measured to determine these without any assumption. Theoretically ultra clean !

Tree level means New Physics unlikely to perturb measured value from the  $\gamma$  of the SM (*c.f.*  $\beta$ ), hence measurement provides 'SM benchmark' for other tests !

# The Unitarity Triangle: measuring $\gamma$

To access these interference effects means looking for rather suppressed decays, e.g. this  $B^- \rightarrow DK^-$  decay, with  $D \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  (and  $B^+$  conjugate case): visible BR  $\sim 10^{-8}$ , Hence out of reach to previous generation of flavour physics experiments.

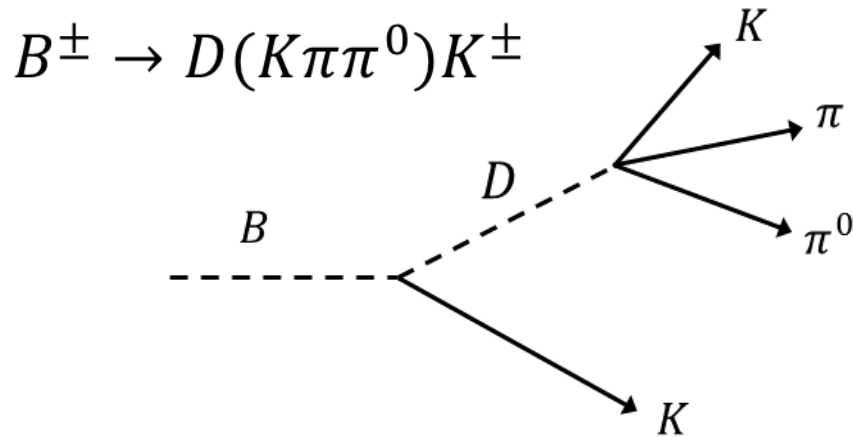


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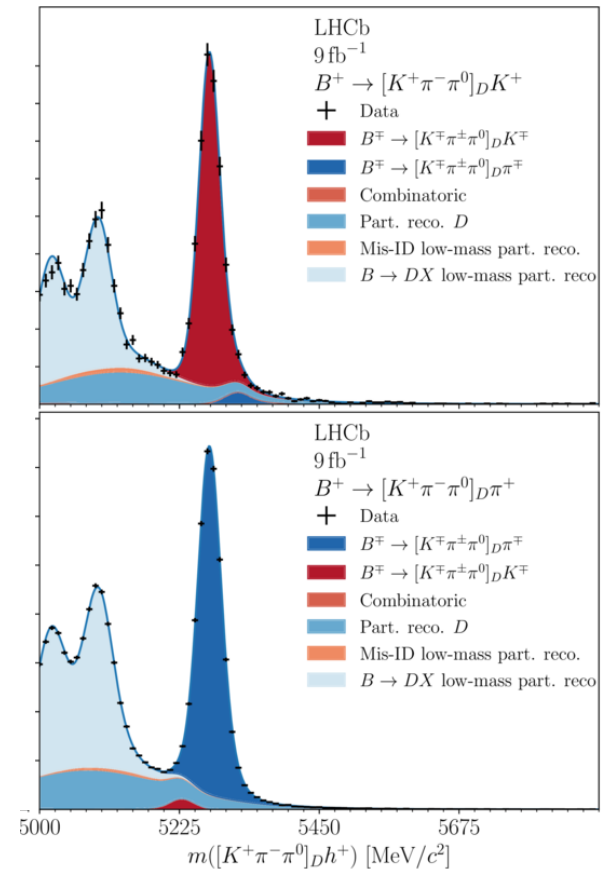
Very significant CP violation observed, that can be cleanly related to the phase  $\gamma$ .

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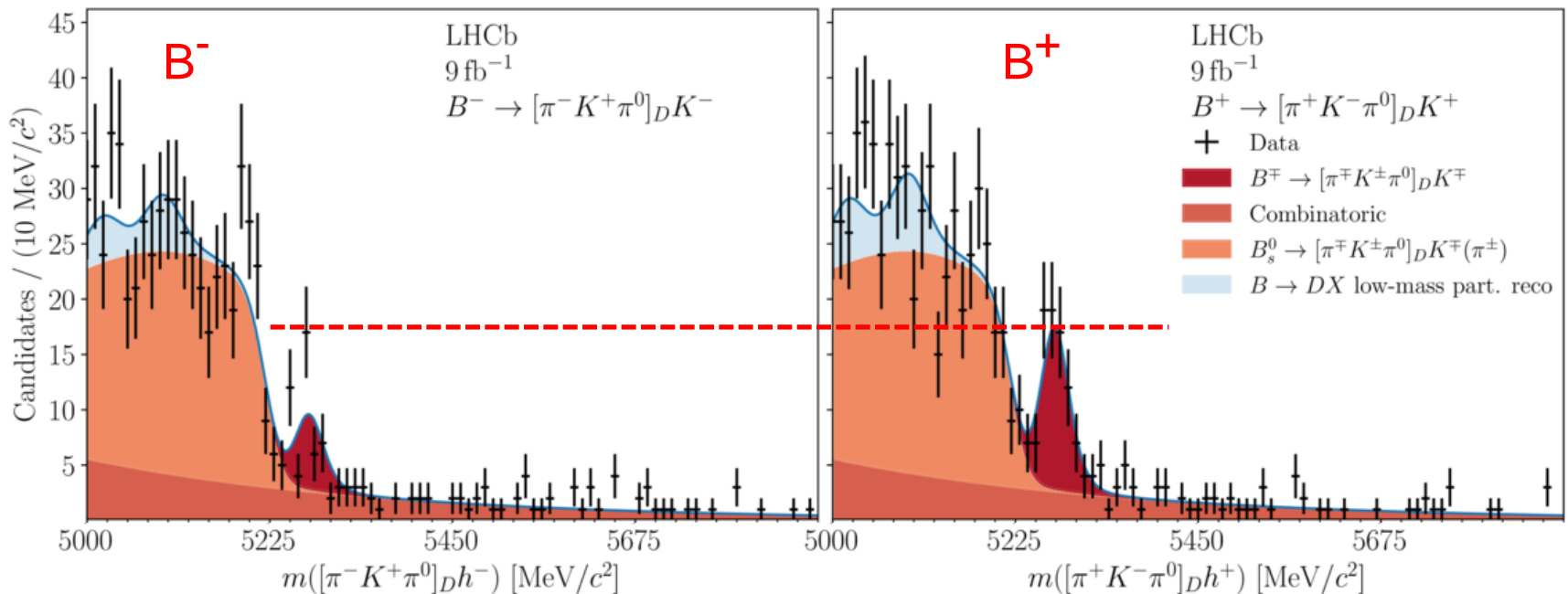
Furthermore, the RICH detector does an excellent job in separating the  $B \rightarrow DK$  mode (top plot) from the order-of-magnitude more abundant  $B \rightarrow D\pi$  mode (bottom plot).



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Thus, even in  $B^\pm \rightarrow D(K\pi\pi^0)K^\pm$  the suppressed mode can be seen, together with its CP-violating asymmetry - again, this was not accessible at BaBar / Belle.



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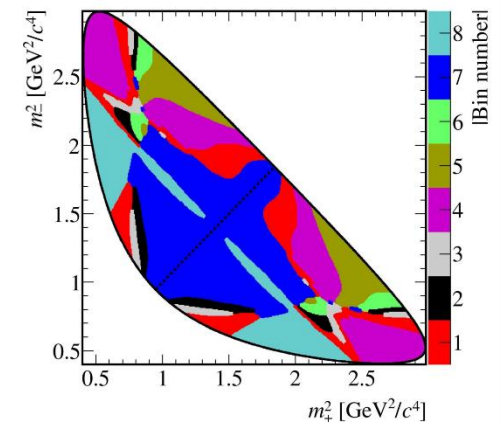
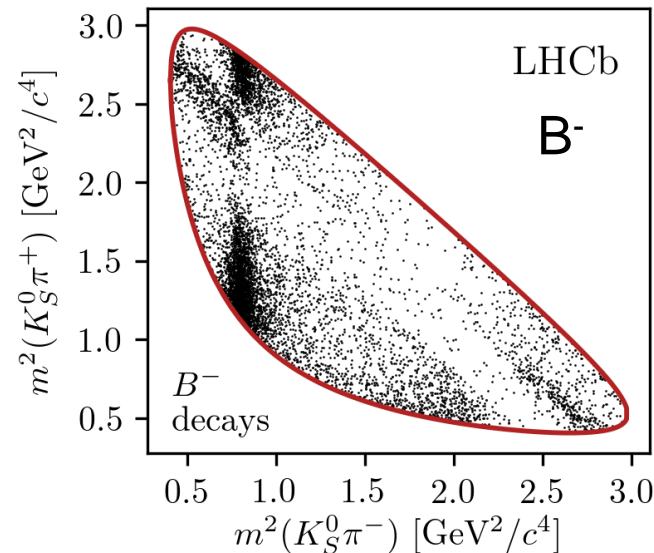
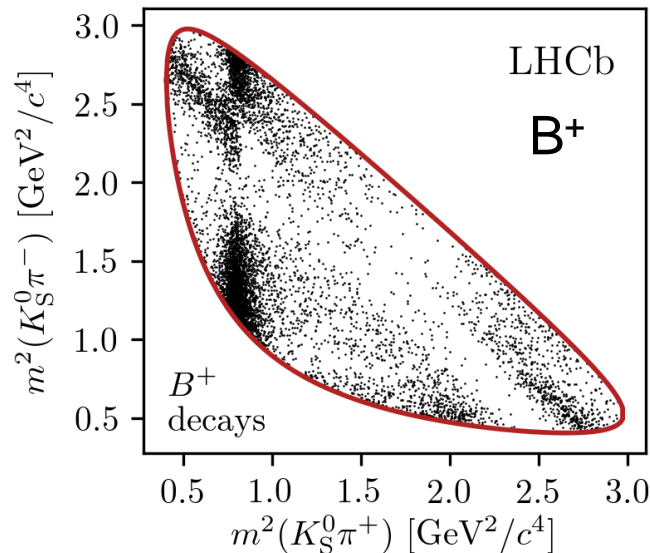
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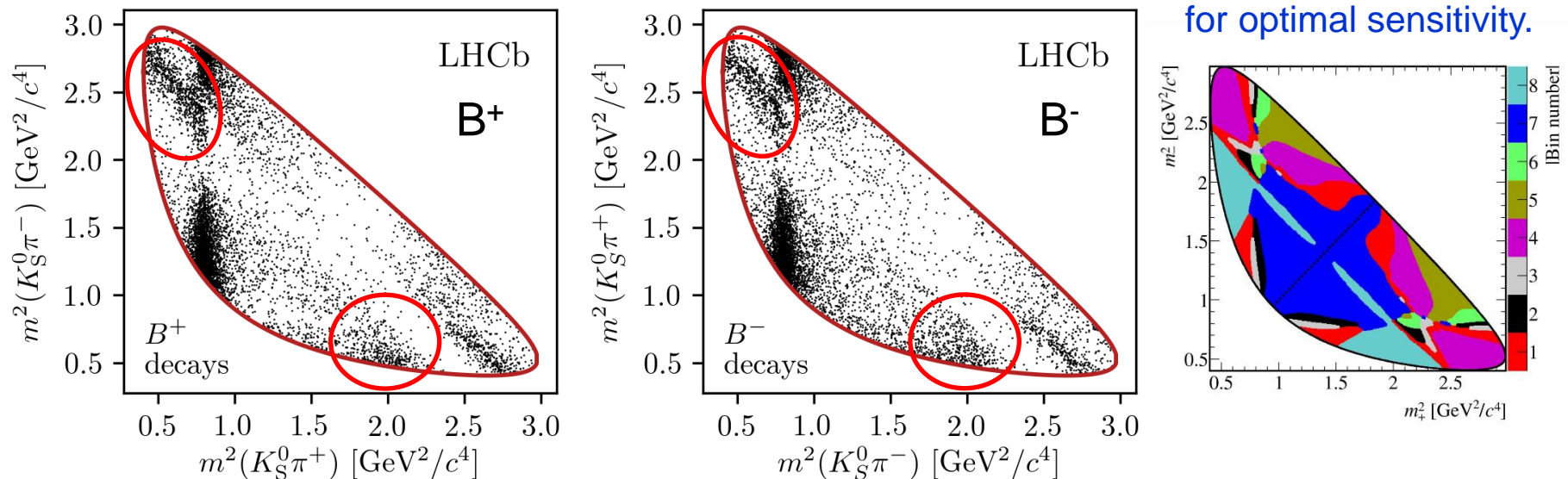
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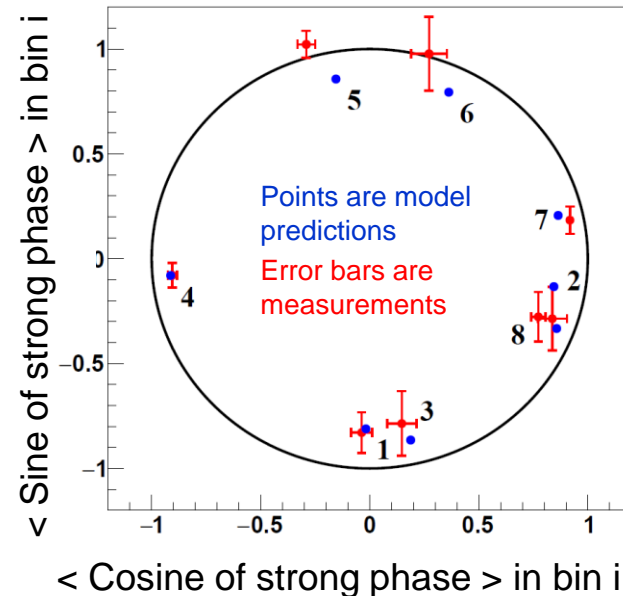
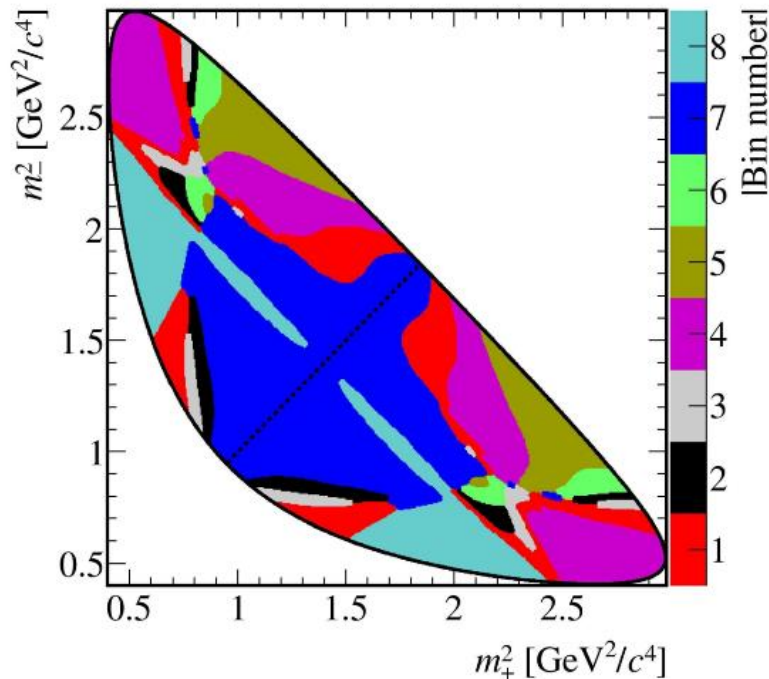


CP asymmetries visible by eye, but quantitative analysis requires external input...

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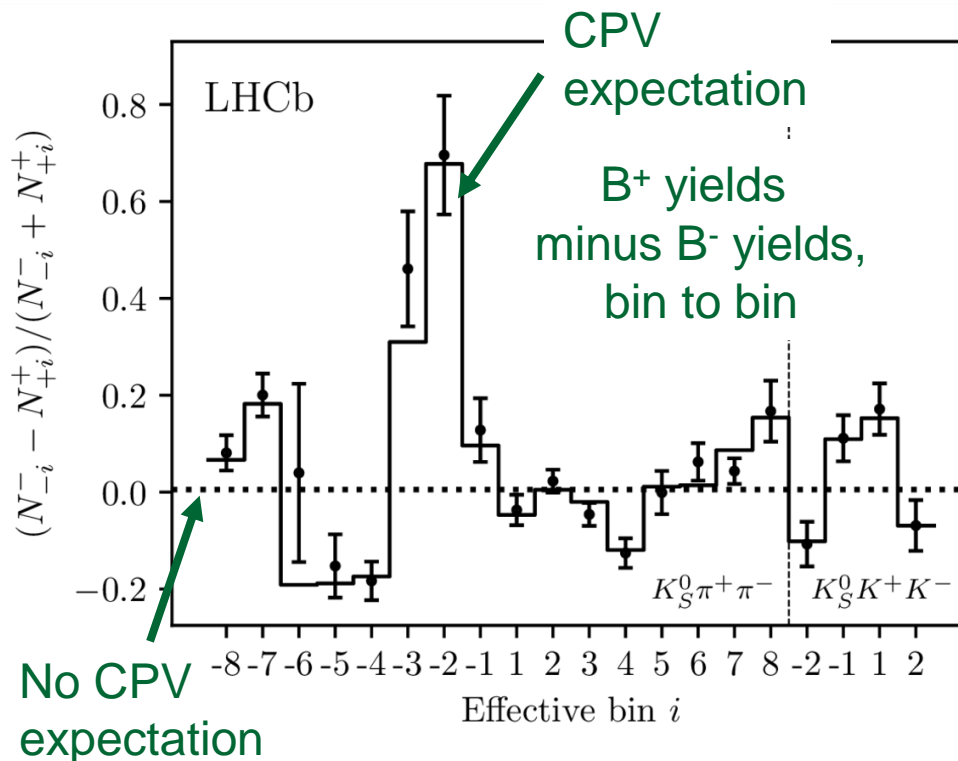


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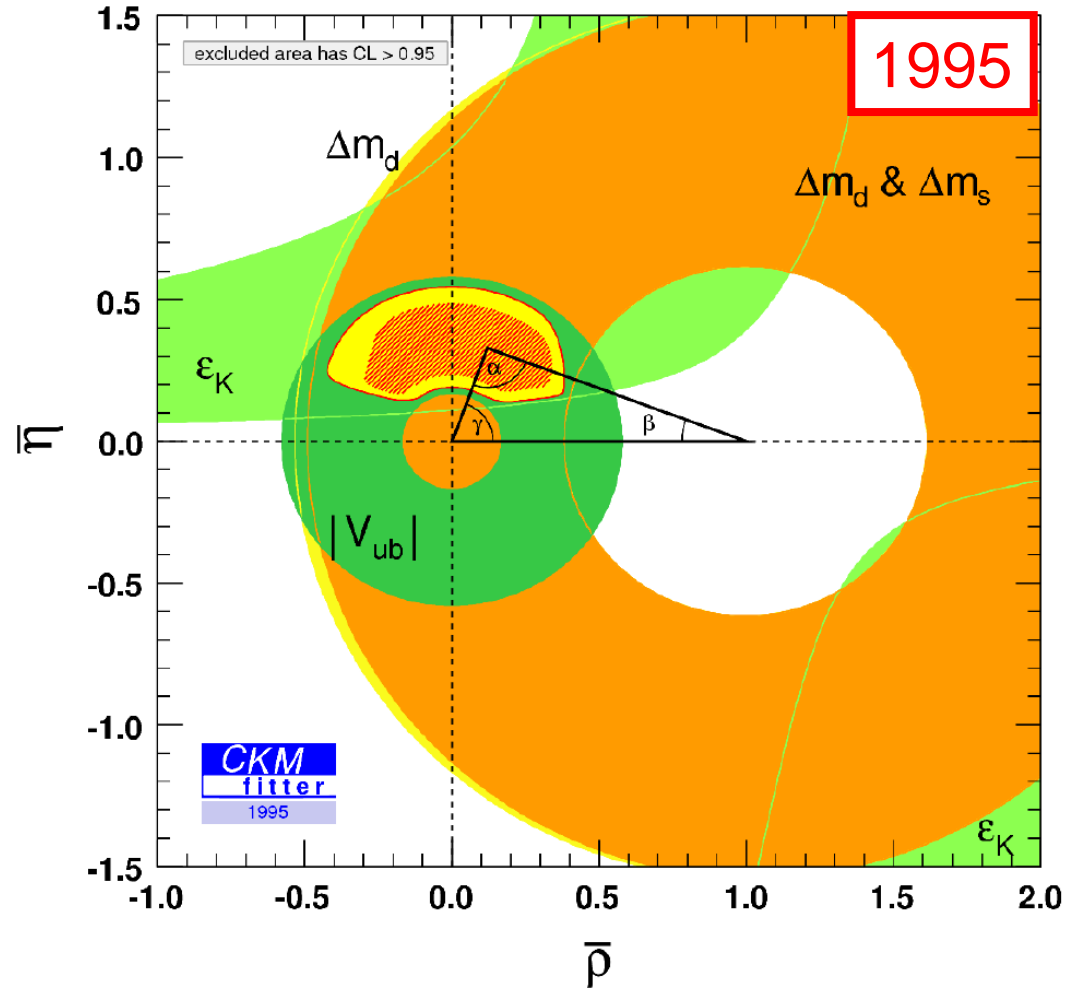
This, and ensemble of other LHCb results (but not yet including new  $B \rightarrow D(K\pi\pi^0)K$  results) gives

$$\gamma = (65.4^{+3.8}_{-4.2})^\circ \quad \text{[JHEP 12 (2021) 141]}$$

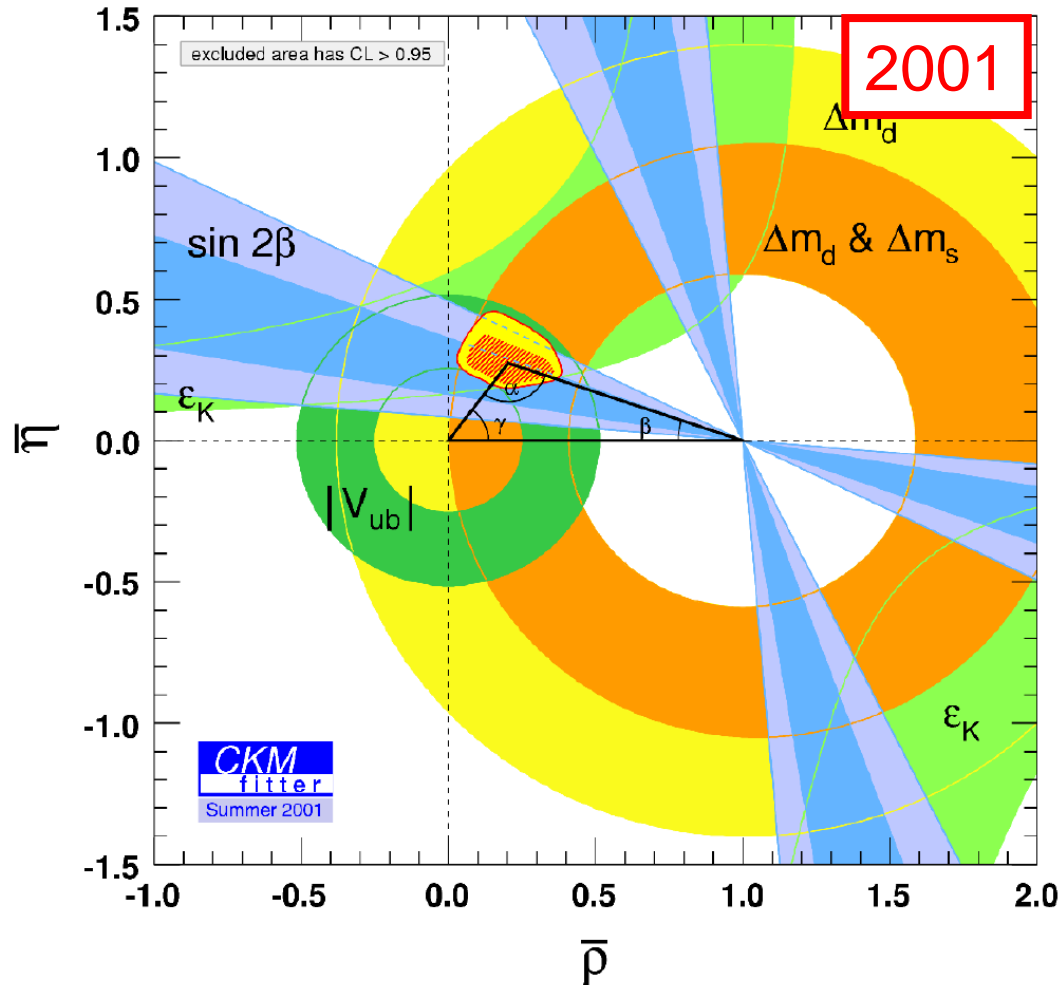
Final LHCb Run 1 + 2 result should have a precision of 2-3 degrees.

In agreement with indirect prediction but not yet as precise  $\rightarrow$  need more data !

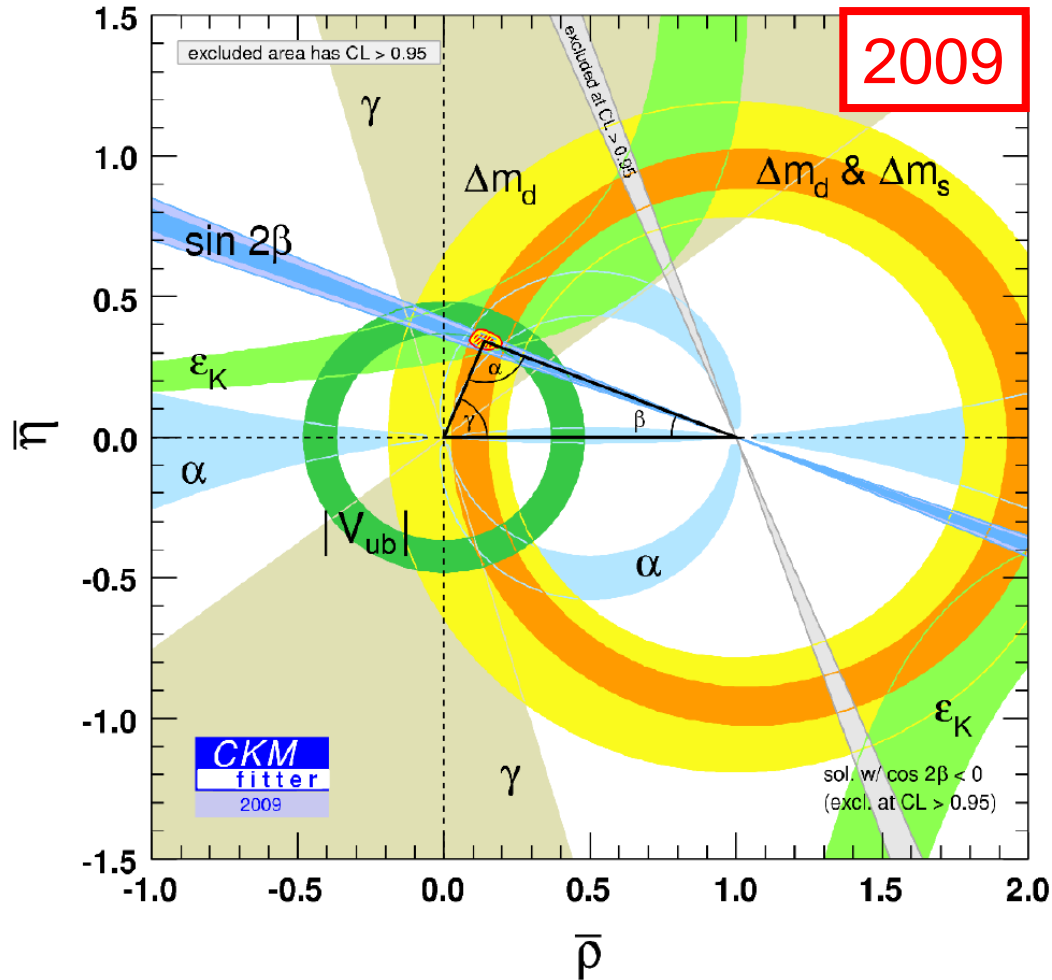
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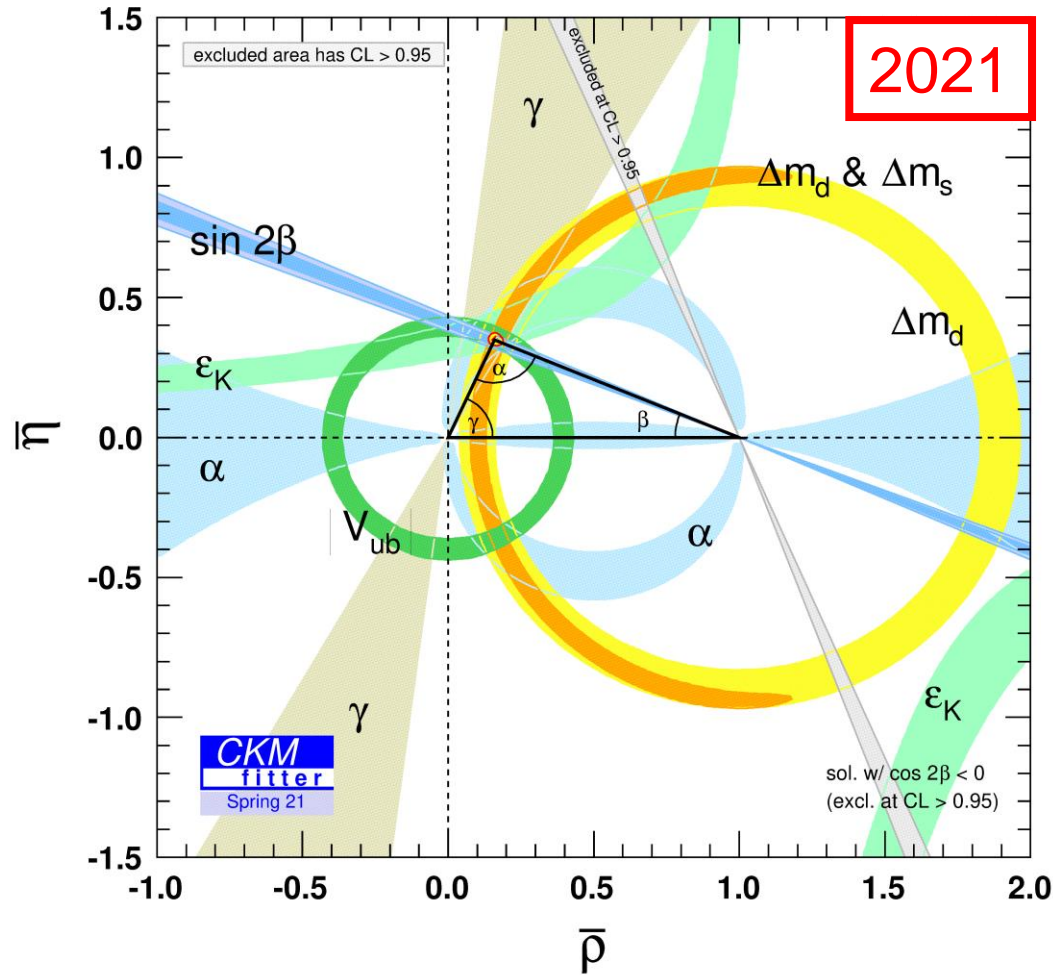
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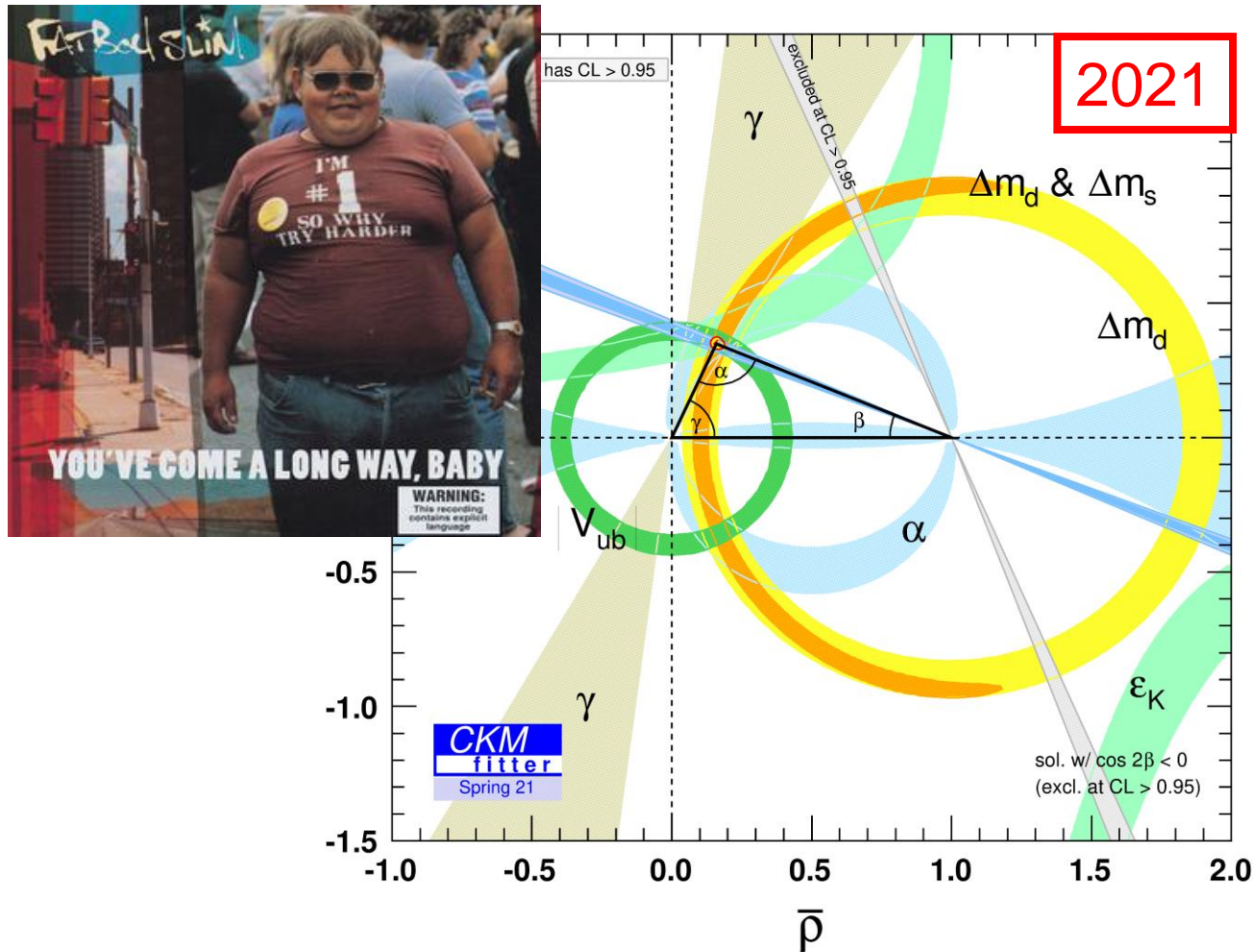
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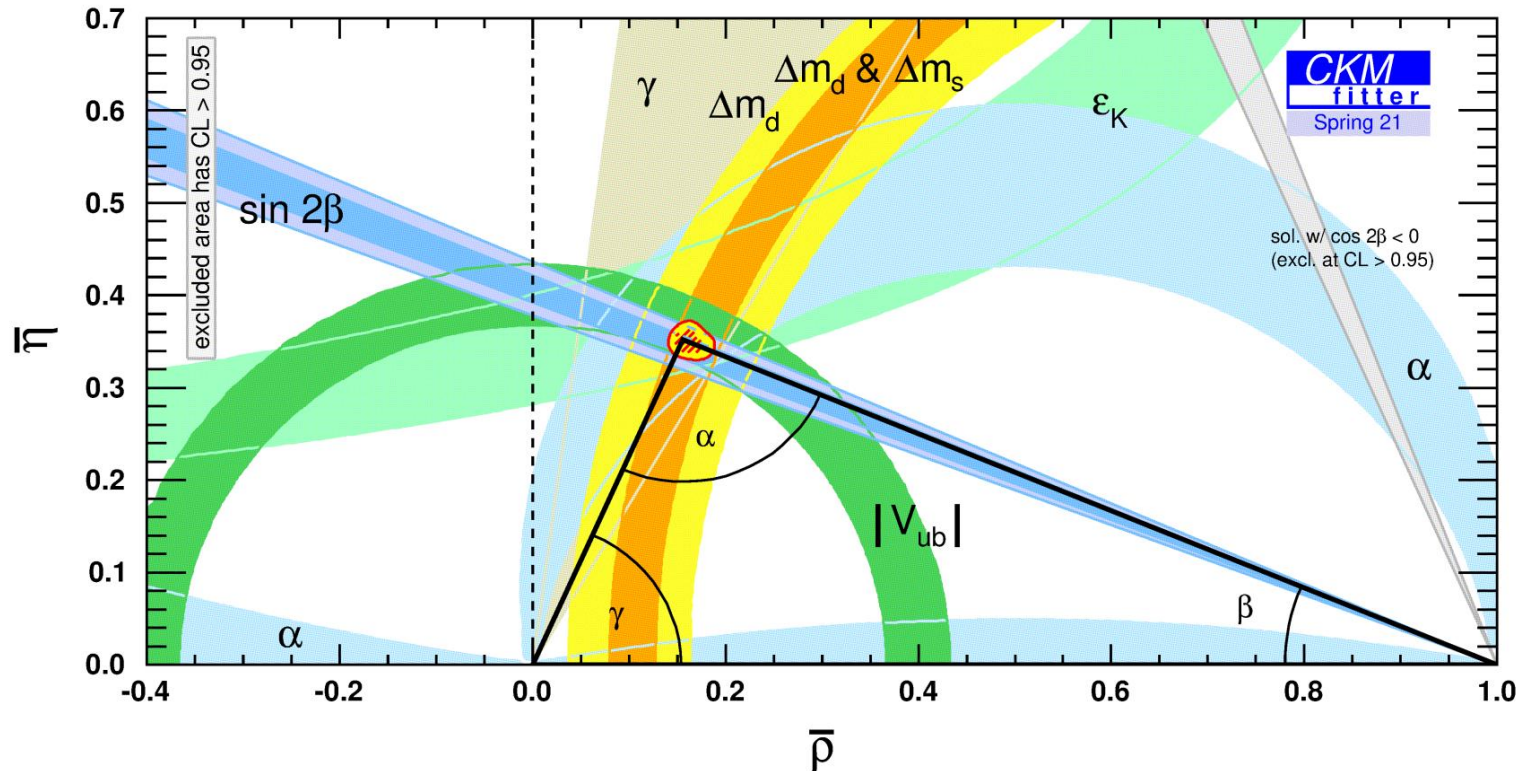


Enormous improvements in precision, thanks to both experiment and theory (esp. lattice), with LHCb playing an increasingly important role – set to continue.



# Overall consistency of the Unitarity Triangle

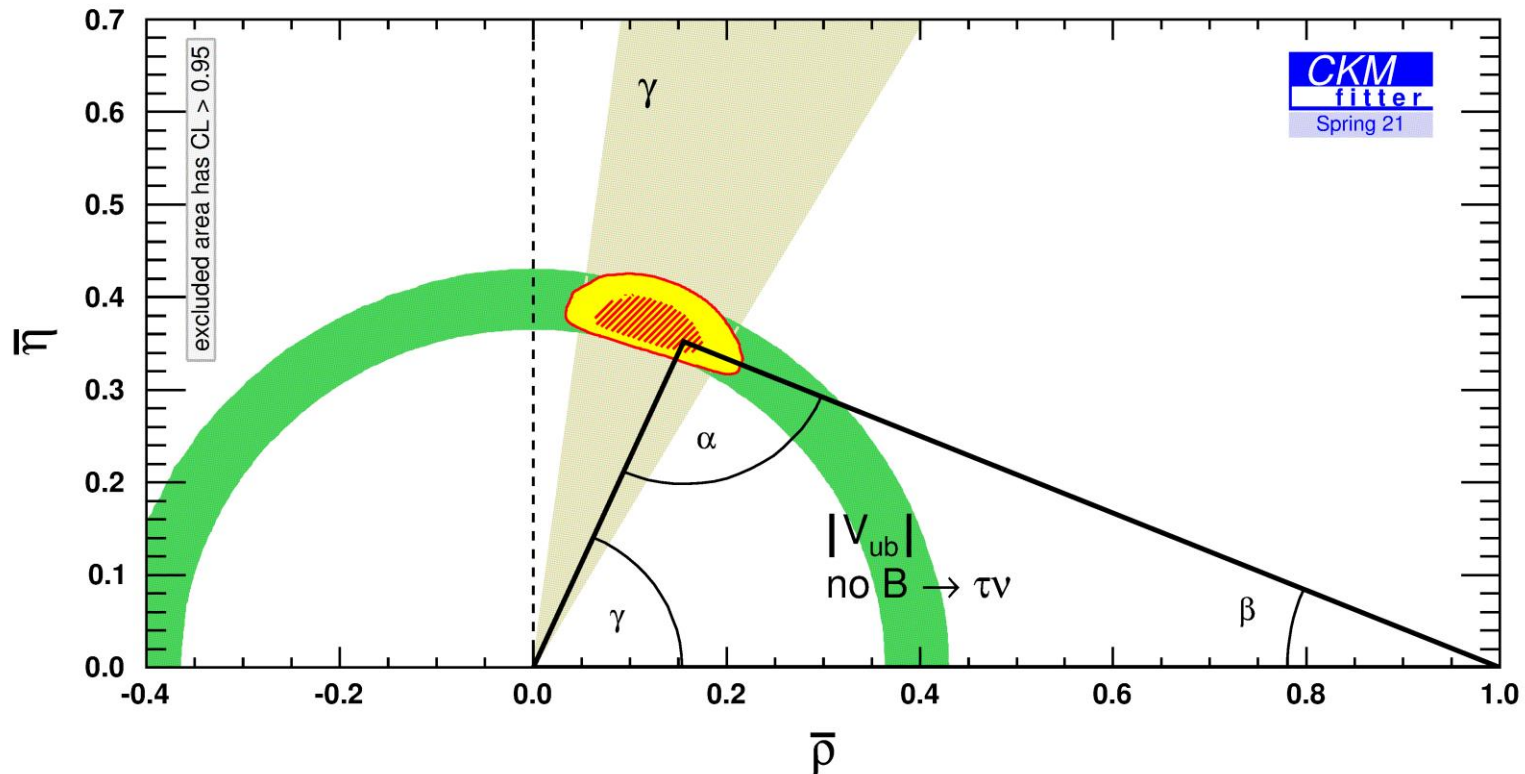
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The CKM paradigm is the dominant mechanism of CPV in nature, but it is certainly possible for New Physics to give  $\sim 10\%$  level effects. More measurements needed!

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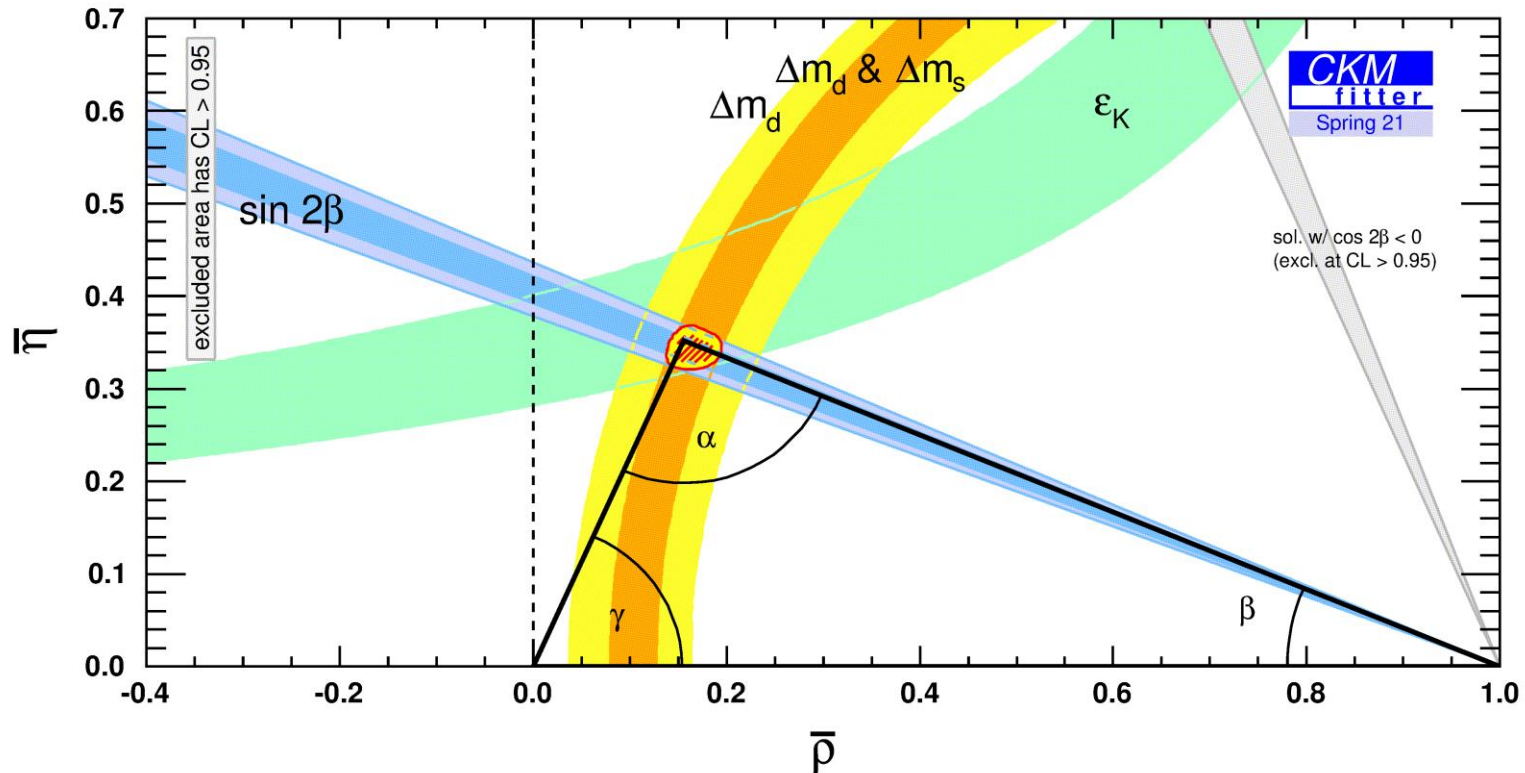


Tree observables are  $\gamma$  & the  $|V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}|$  side, here showing exclusive measurement.



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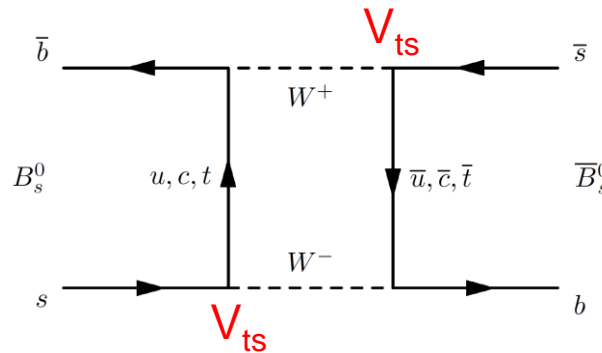


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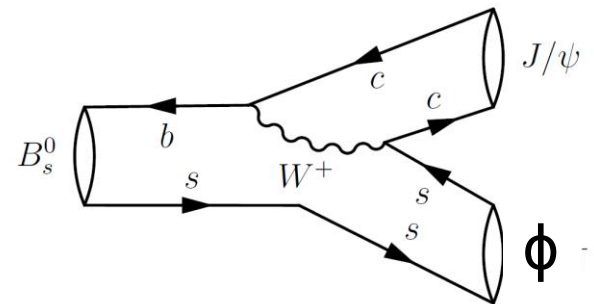
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Now we probe CKM elements that are complex only at higher order

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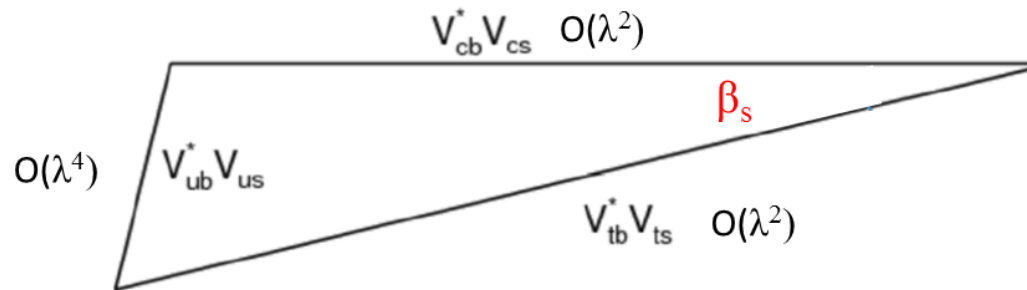
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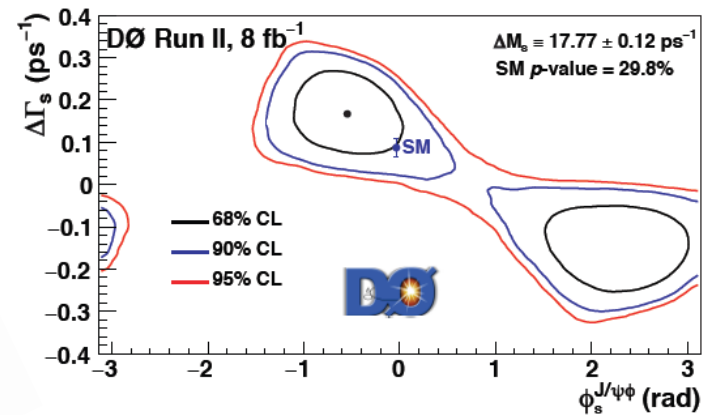
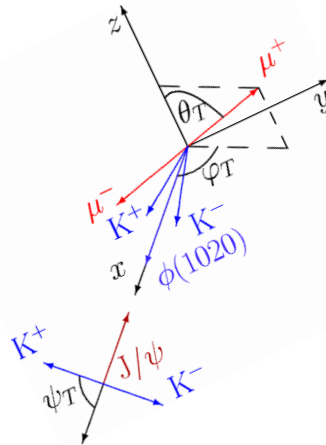
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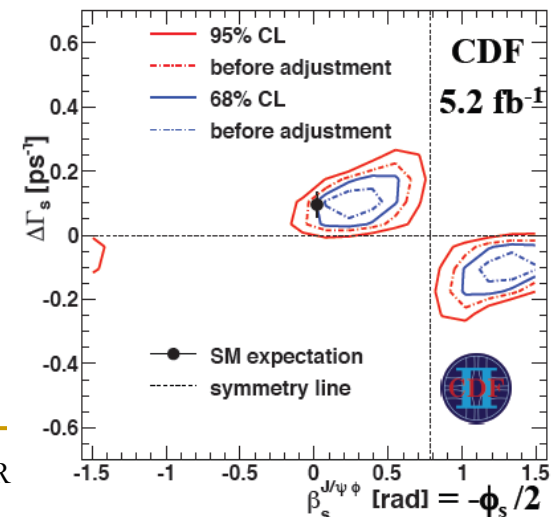
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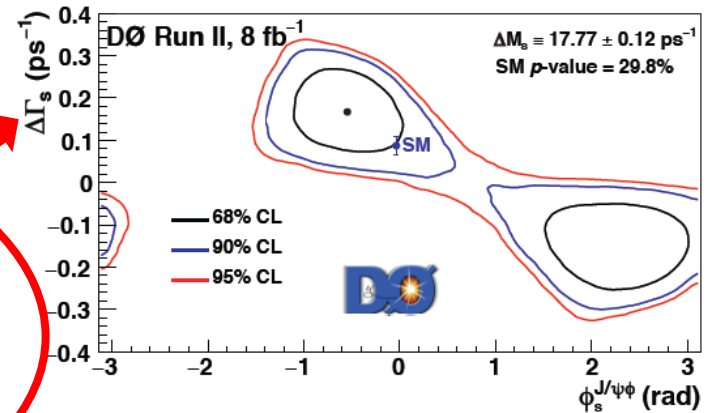
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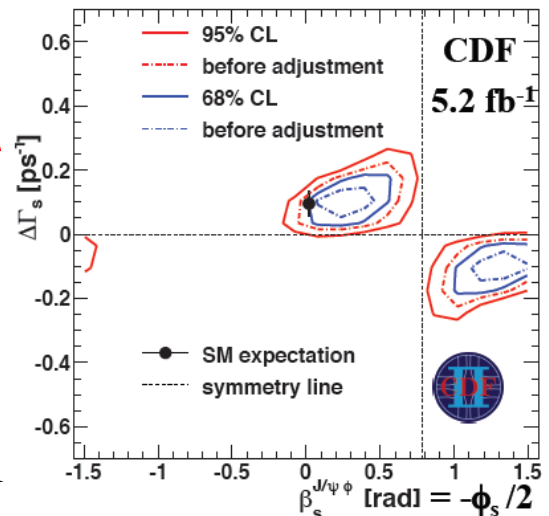
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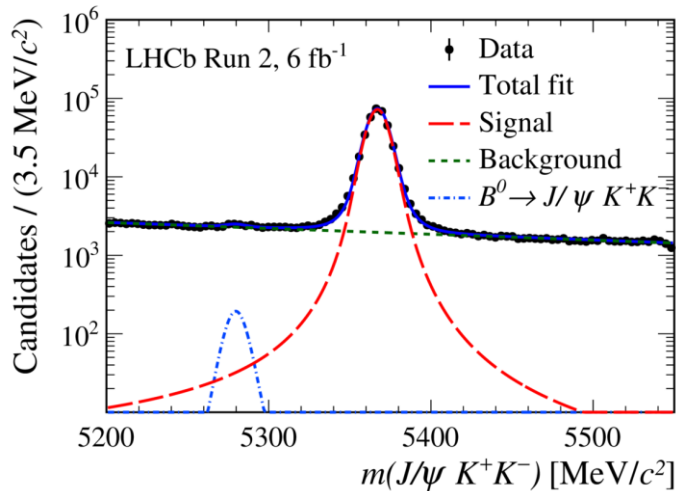


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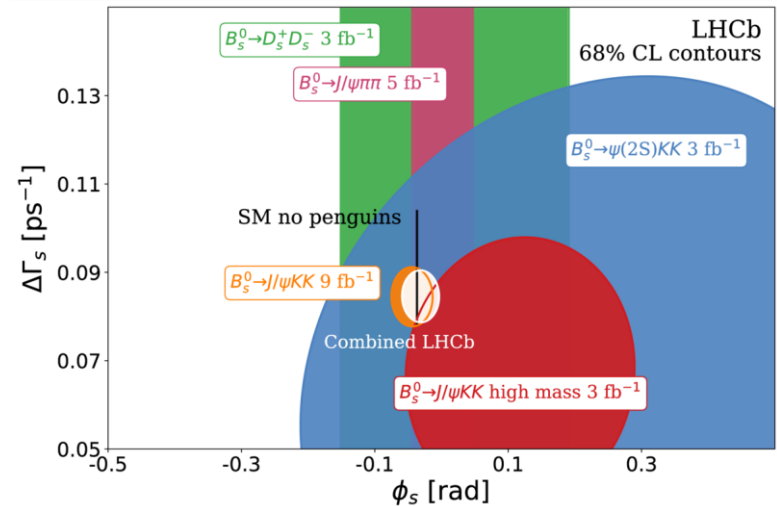
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Results for full Run 2  $J/\psi\phi$  study, together with other LHCb measurements.



[arXiv:2308.01468]

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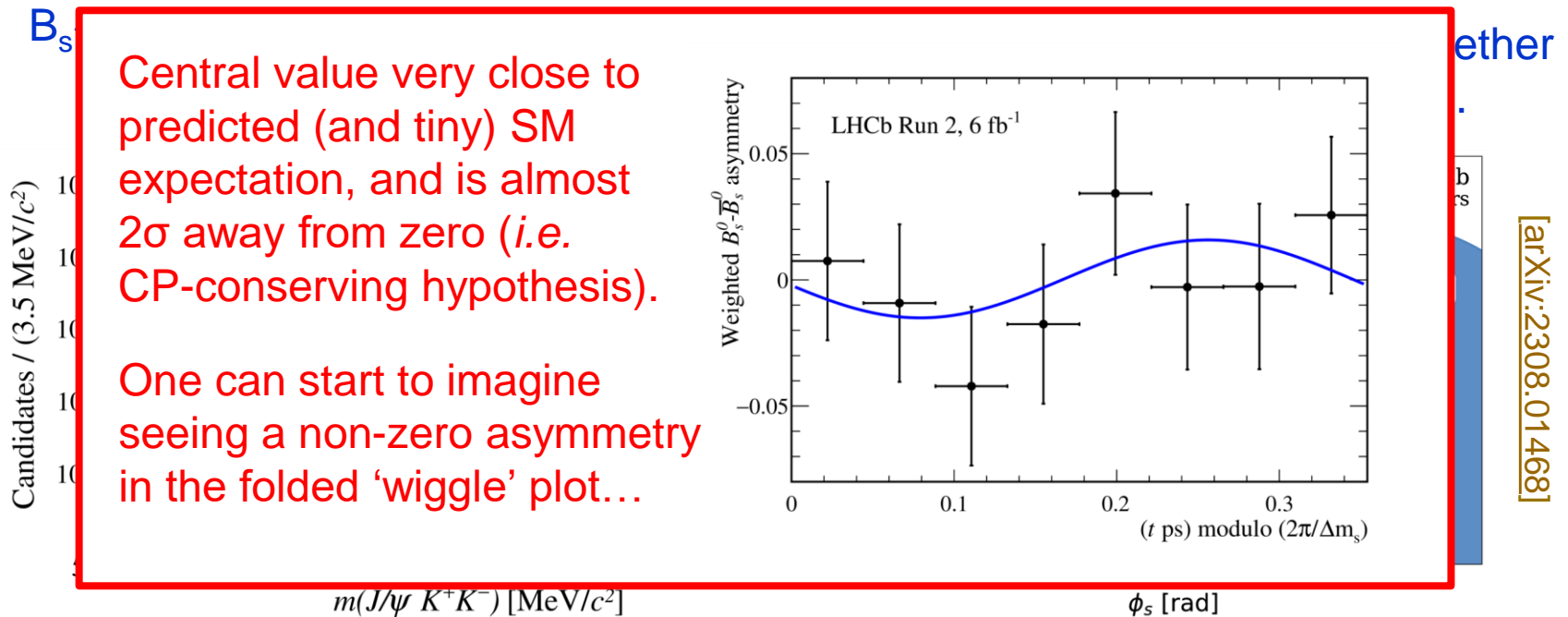
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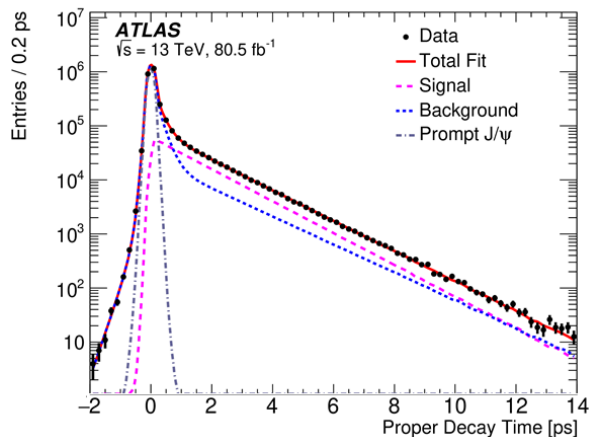


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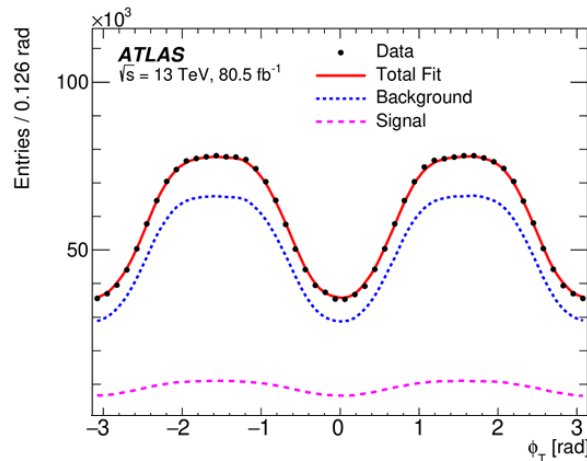
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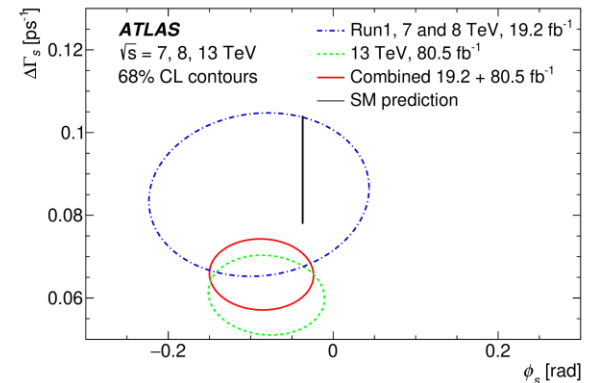
Proper decay time



Transversity angle  $\varphi_T$



Results, including those of Run 1 [[JHEP 08 \(2016\) 147](#)]



Combining with Run 1 results [[JHEP 08 \(2016\) 147](#)]

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_s &= -0.087 \pm 0.036 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.021 \text{ (syst.) rad} \\ \Delta\Gamma_s &= 0.0657 \pm 0.0043 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.0037 \text{ (syst.) ps}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Note that this value of  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  is rather low compared to other measurements. This introduces some tension when performing LHC-wide combination.

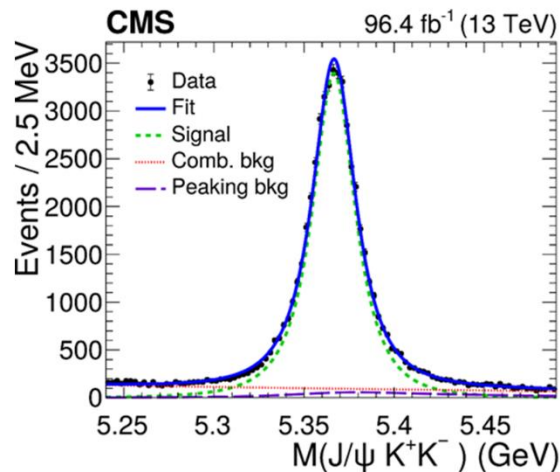


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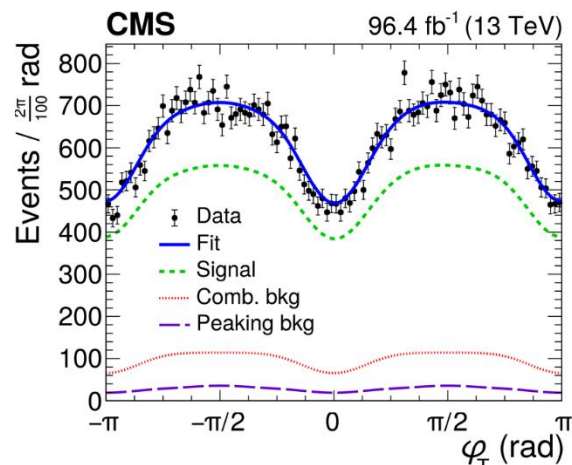
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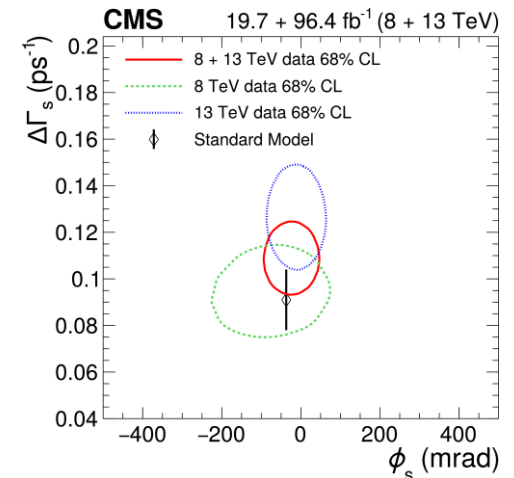
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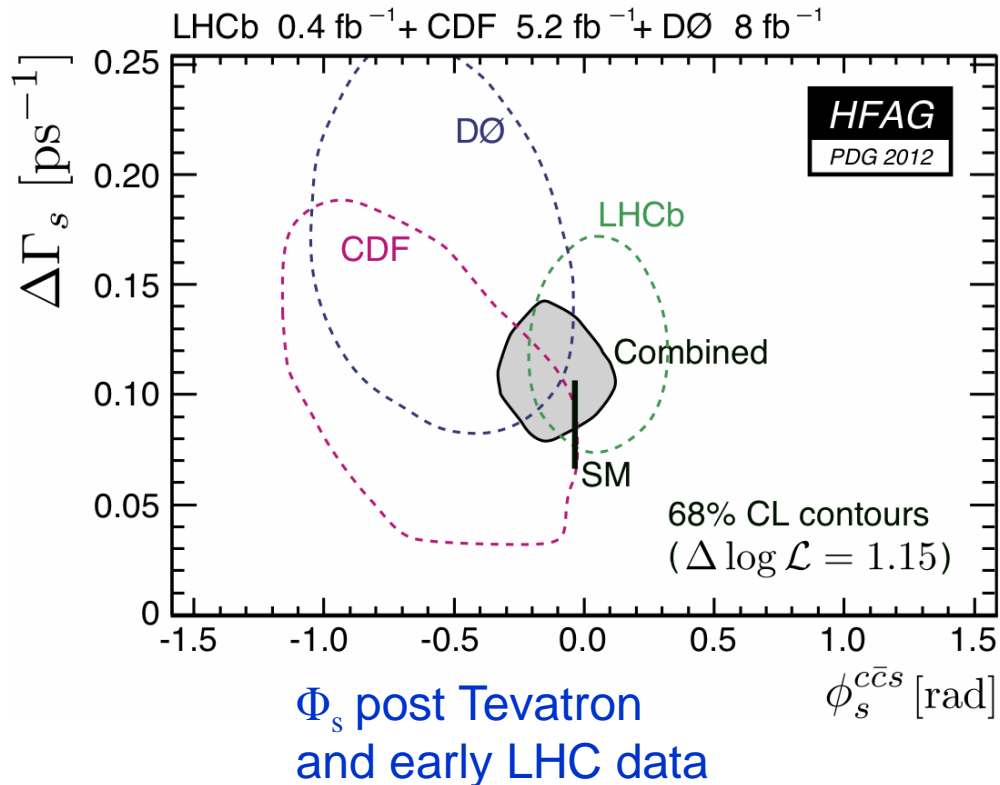
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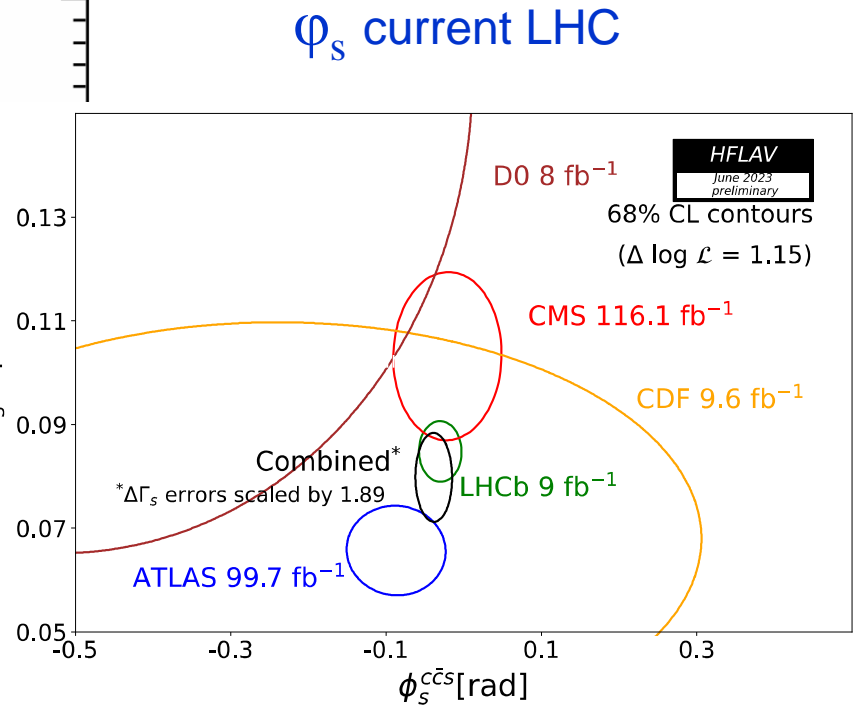
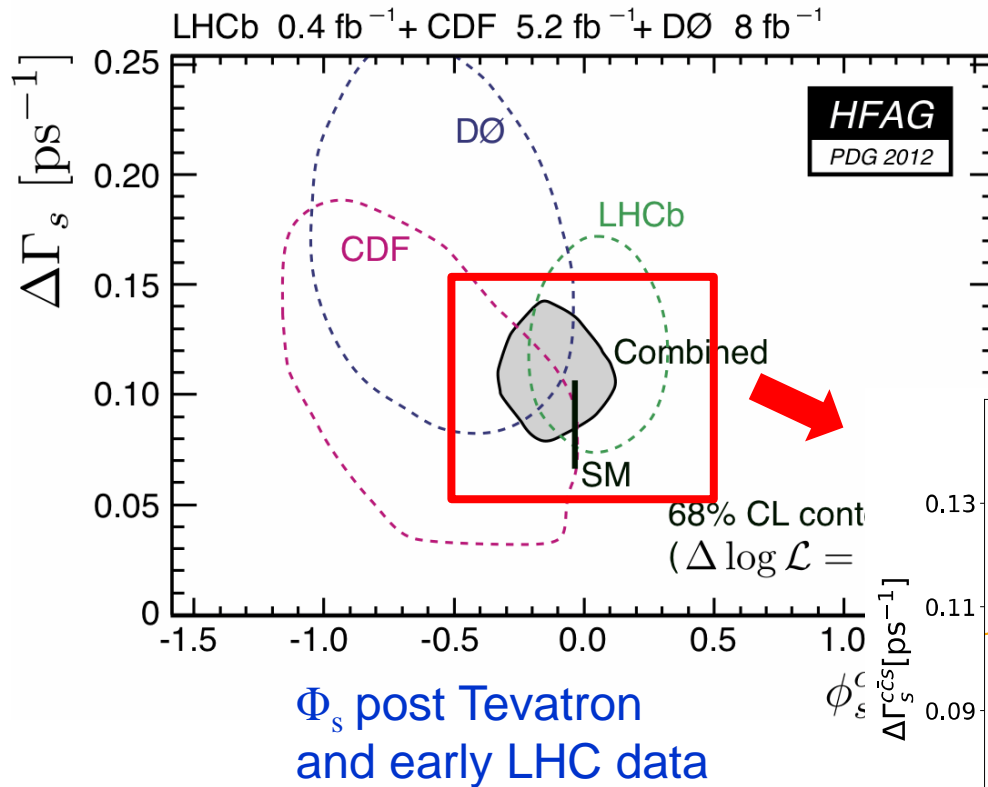
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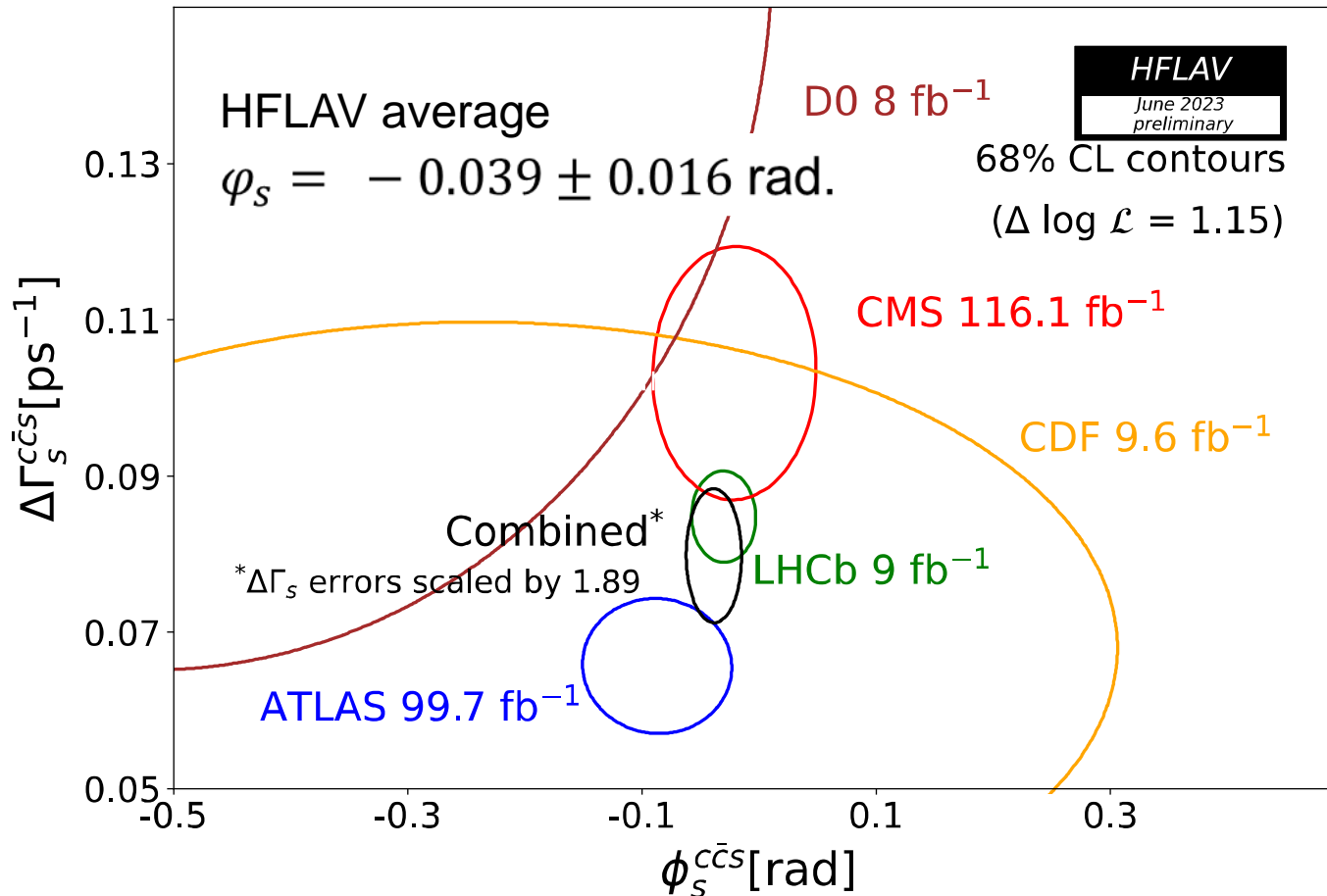
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$\varphi_s$  now measured with 16 mrad precision and so far compatible with SM.  
Hint of non-zero value emerging – will be very interesting with Run 3 data set !

# Conclusions and outlook

The CKM matrix and CP violation lie at the heart of some of the deepest problems in modern physics.

The B factories showed us, triumphantly, that the CKM paradigm is correct at first order, but more precise tests are required. Indeed many observables are theoretically pristine and should be measured with the highest precision attainable.

Hadron colliders are ideally suited to this challenge, as shown by achievements in the measurement of  $\beta$  and, even more so,  $\gamma$  and  $\phi_s$ . The prospects for improving these measurements are outstanding (see lecture IV).

Many, many other CPV studies out there (e.g. those of charmless B decays).