

Mixing and CPV in charm decays at LHCb

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Formalism

$$A_{CP}(D \rightarrow f) = \frac{\Gamma(D \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{\Gamma(D \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})}$$

- Direct CP violation when $|A_f|^2 \neq |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}|^2$
- For oscillating neutral mesons, mass eigenstates $|D_{1,2}\rangle = p|D^0\rangle \pm q|\bar{D}^0\rangle$
 - CP violation in mixing when $|q/p| \neq 1$
 - CP violation in decay-mixing interference when $\phi_f \equiv \arg[(q\bar{A}_f)/(pA_f)] \neq 0$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} D^0(t) \\ \bar{D}^0(t) \end{pmatrix} = \left(M - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma \right) \begin{pmatrix} D^0(t) \\ \bar{D}^0(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Phenomenological parametrisation

$$x \equiv \frac{2(m_1 - m_2)}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}, \quad y \equiv \frac{\Gamma_2 - \Gamma_1}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}, \quad \left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - y^2 &= x_{12}^2 - y_{12}^2, \\ xy &= x_{12}y_{12} \cos \phi_{12}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \frac{q}{p} \right|^{\pm 2} (x^2 + y^2) = x_{12}^2 + y_{12}^2 \pm 2x_{12}y_{12} \sin \phi_{12}$$

Theoretical parametrisation

$$x_{12} \equiv \frac{2|M_{12}|}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}, \quad y_{12} \equiv \frac{|\Gamma_{12}|}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}, \quad \phi_{12} \equiv \arg \left(\frac{M_{12}}{\Gamma_{12}} \right)$$

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 PRD 80 (2009) 076008
 PRD 103 (2021) 053008

\mathcal{CP} violation in charm



- \mathcal{CP} violation in charm decays predicted to be small $\sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$
- SM calculations dominated by long distance contributions, need further experimental results to improve predictions
- LHCb huge charm data sample allowed direct \mathcal{CP} violation to be observed in $D^0 \rightarrow h^+h^-$ decays by LHCb in March 2019!
PRL 122 (2019) 211803
- Still looking for indirect \mathcal{CP} violation (time-dependent \mathcal{CP} asymmetries)
- All results presented today have been obtained with full LHCb Run 2 data

Experimental asymmetries

$$A_{\text{raw}}(D \rightarrow f) \simeq A_{CP}(D \rightarrow f) + A_{\text{det}}(f) + A_{\text{det}}(\text{tag}) + A_{\text{prod}}(D)$$

Final state detection
asymmetry

Production asymmetry

Physical CP asymmetry

Tagging particle detection
asymmetry

- Measured *raw asymmetry* includes also experimental **nuisance asymmetries** that must be canceled
 - One or more **calibration samples** are usually used to measure and correct for detection and production asymmetries
 - D^0 flavour at production is determined by the charge of the **tagging** pion in the $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0\pi^\pm$ decay

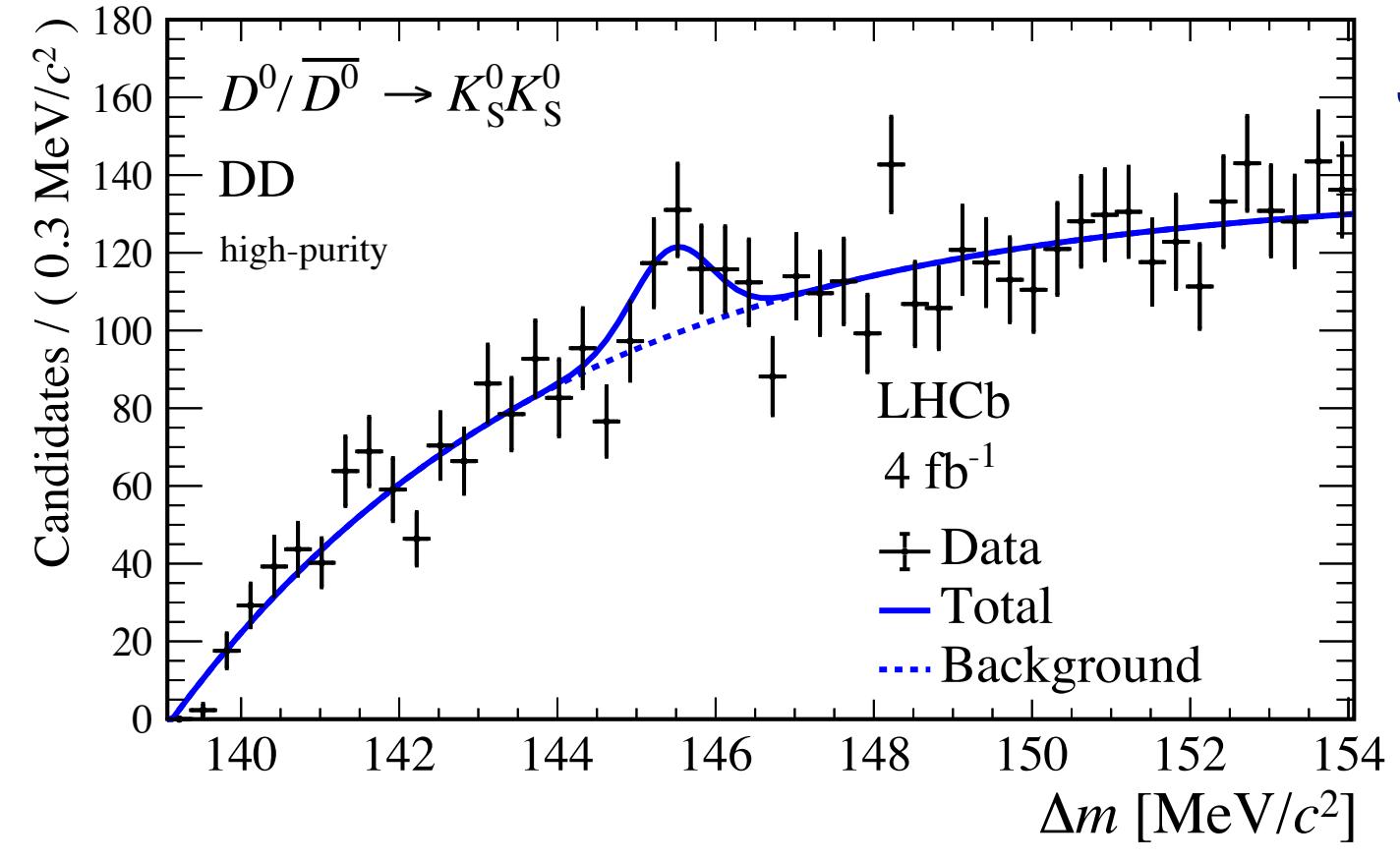
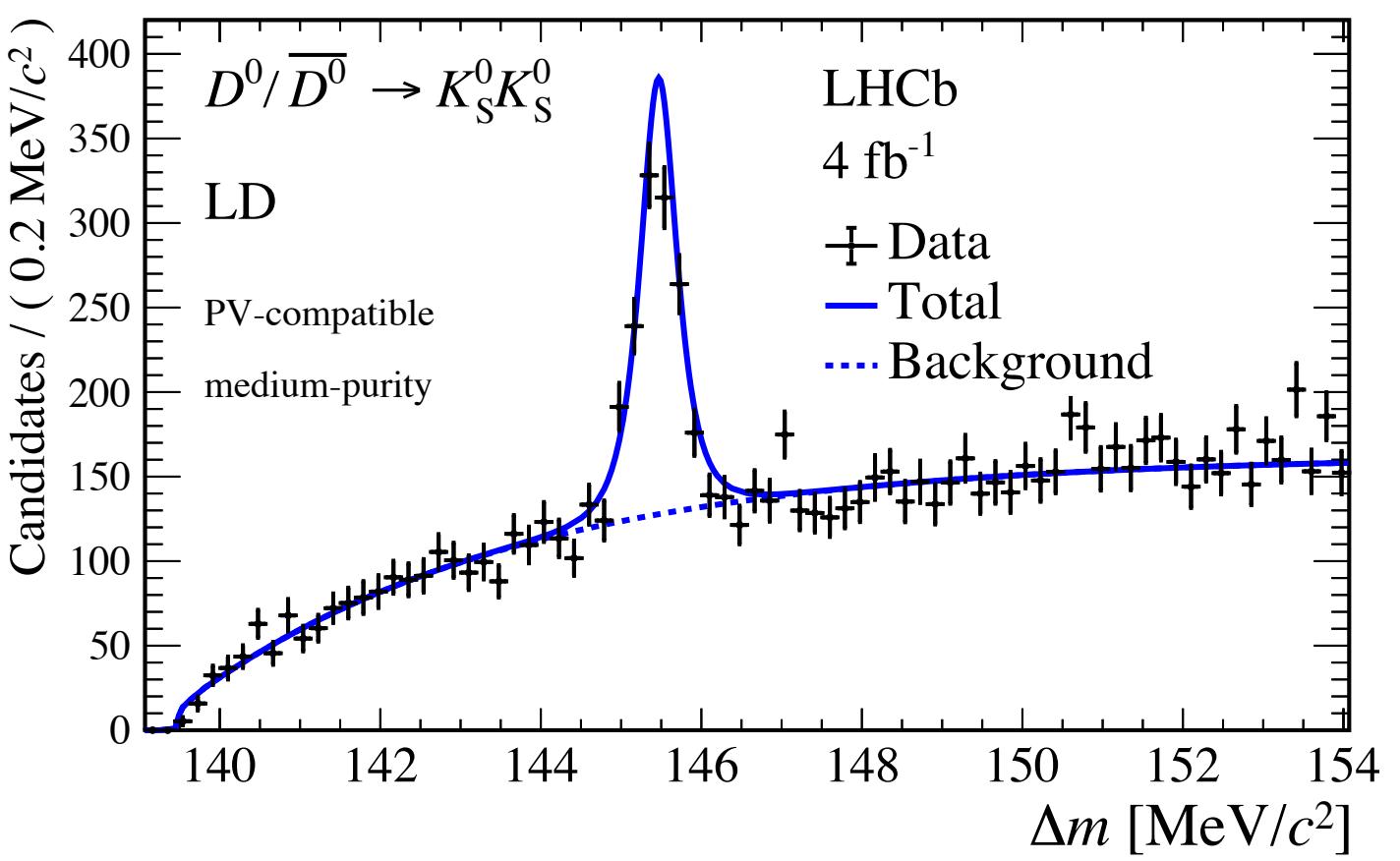
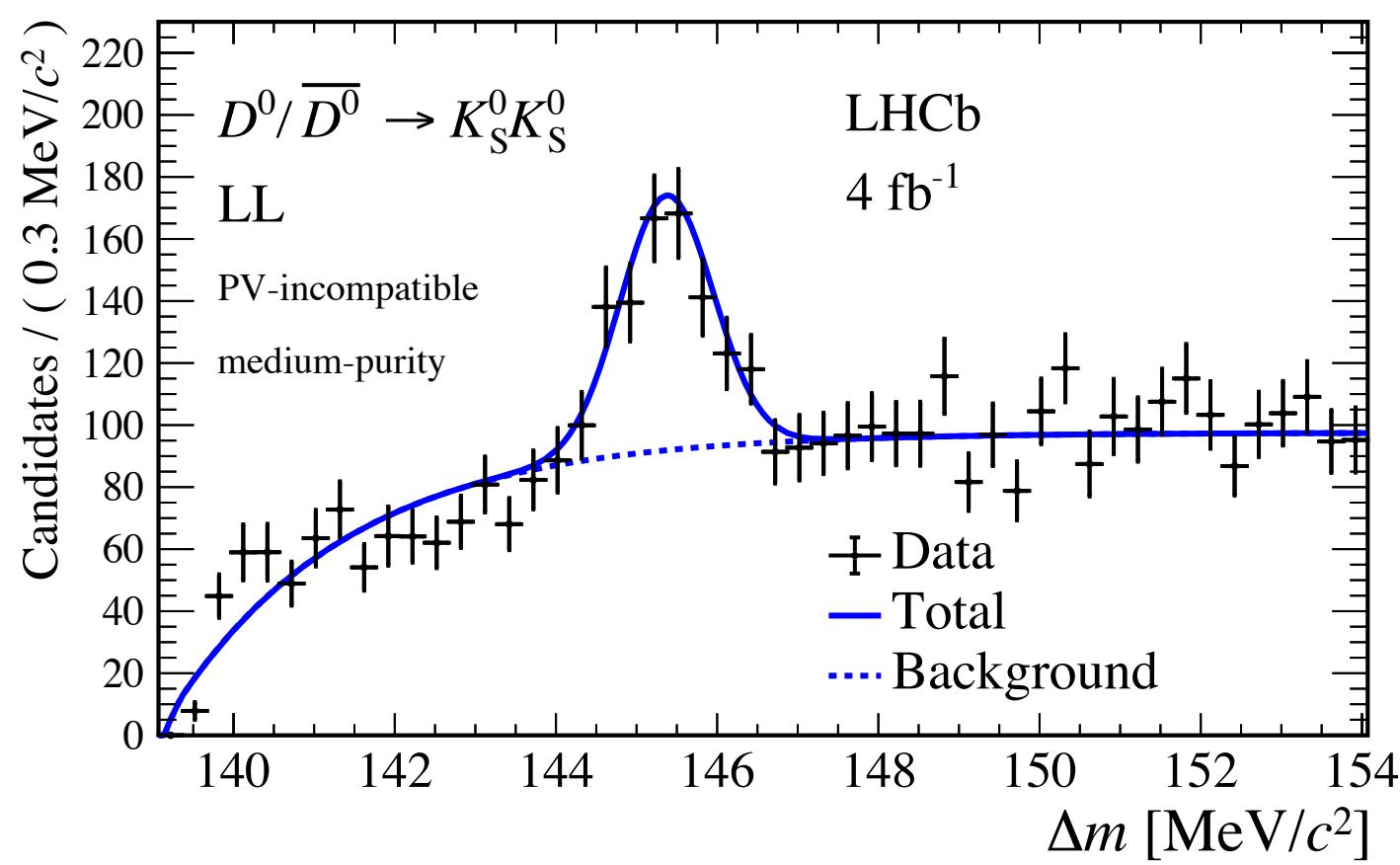
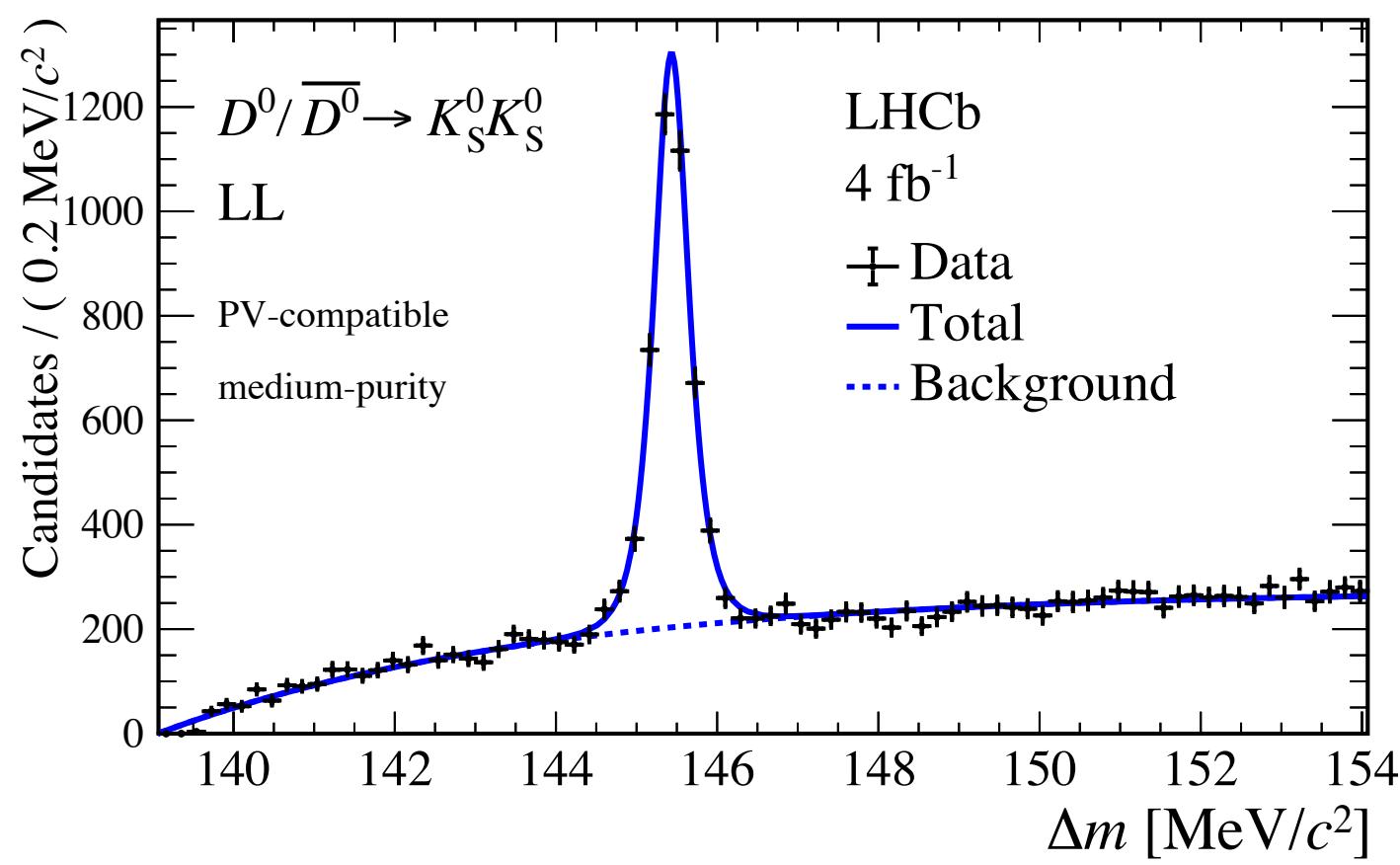
Direct \mathcal{CP} violation

$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \bar{K}_S^0)$

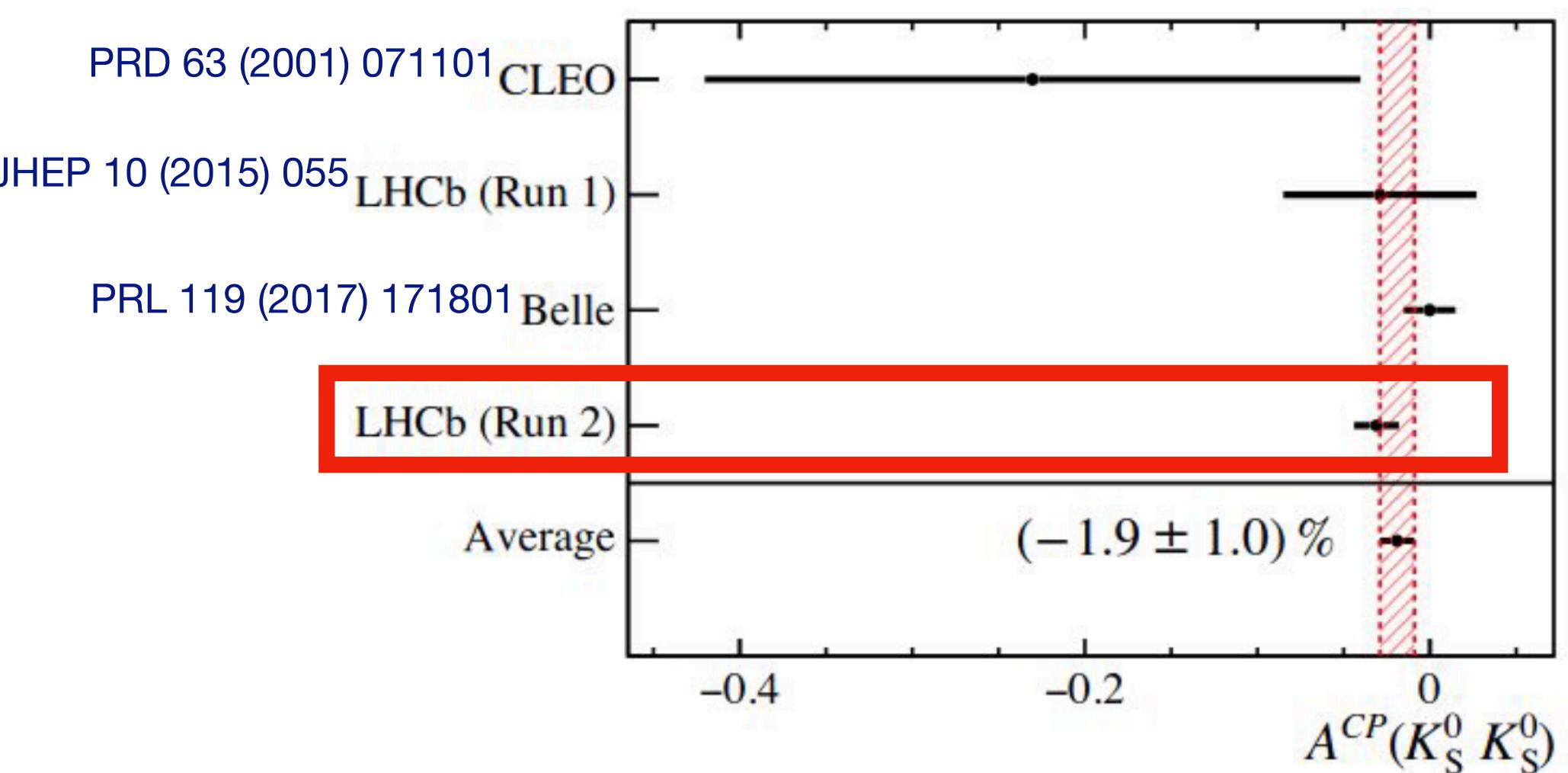
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$$A_{CP} = (-3.1 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2) \%$$

[arXiv:2105.01565](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.01565)



- Consistent with no CP violation at 2.4σ
- Most precise measurement of this quantity to date



$A_{CP}(D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+ \pi^0, h^+ \eta)$

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- All compatible with \mathcal{CP} symmetry
- First five results are the most precise measurements to date

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

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

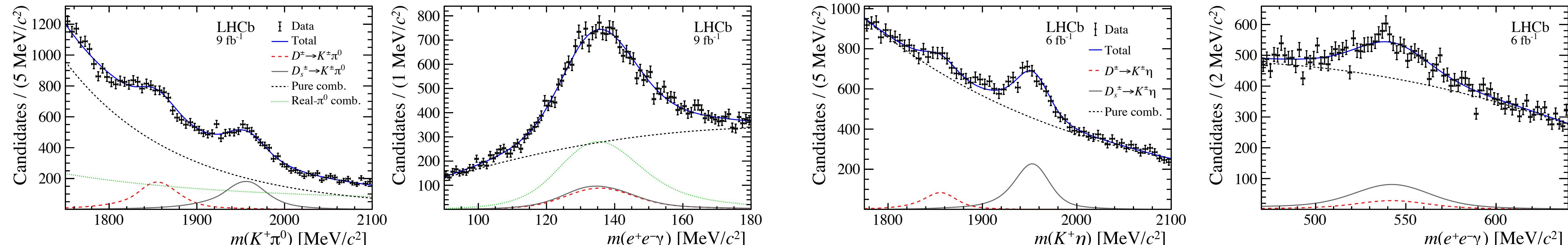
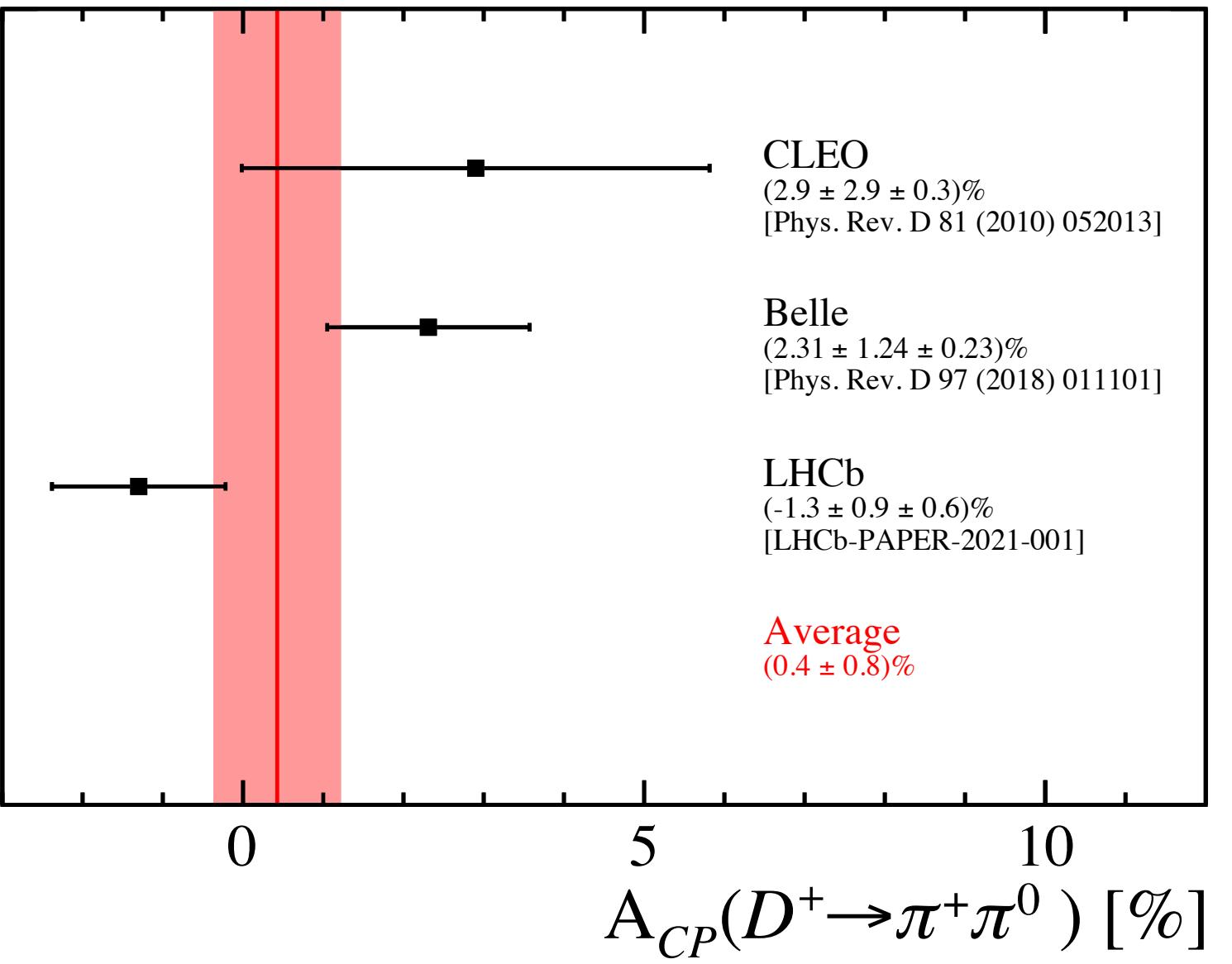
$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta) = (-0.2 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.4)\%,$$

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

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

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

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



Indirect \mathcal{CP} violation

ΔY_f in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$



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$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow f, t) = A_{CP}^{\text{dir}}(D^0 \rightarrow f) + \Delta Y_f \frac{t}{\tau_{D^0}}$$

$$\Delta Y_f \simeq -x_{12} \sin \phi_f^M + \textcircled{y_{12} a_f^d} \simeq -x_{12} \sin \phi_{12}$$

Neglecting CP
violation in the decay

$$\phi_f^M \equiv \arg \left(\frac{M_{12} A_f}{\bar{A}_f} \right) \simeq \phi_{12}$$

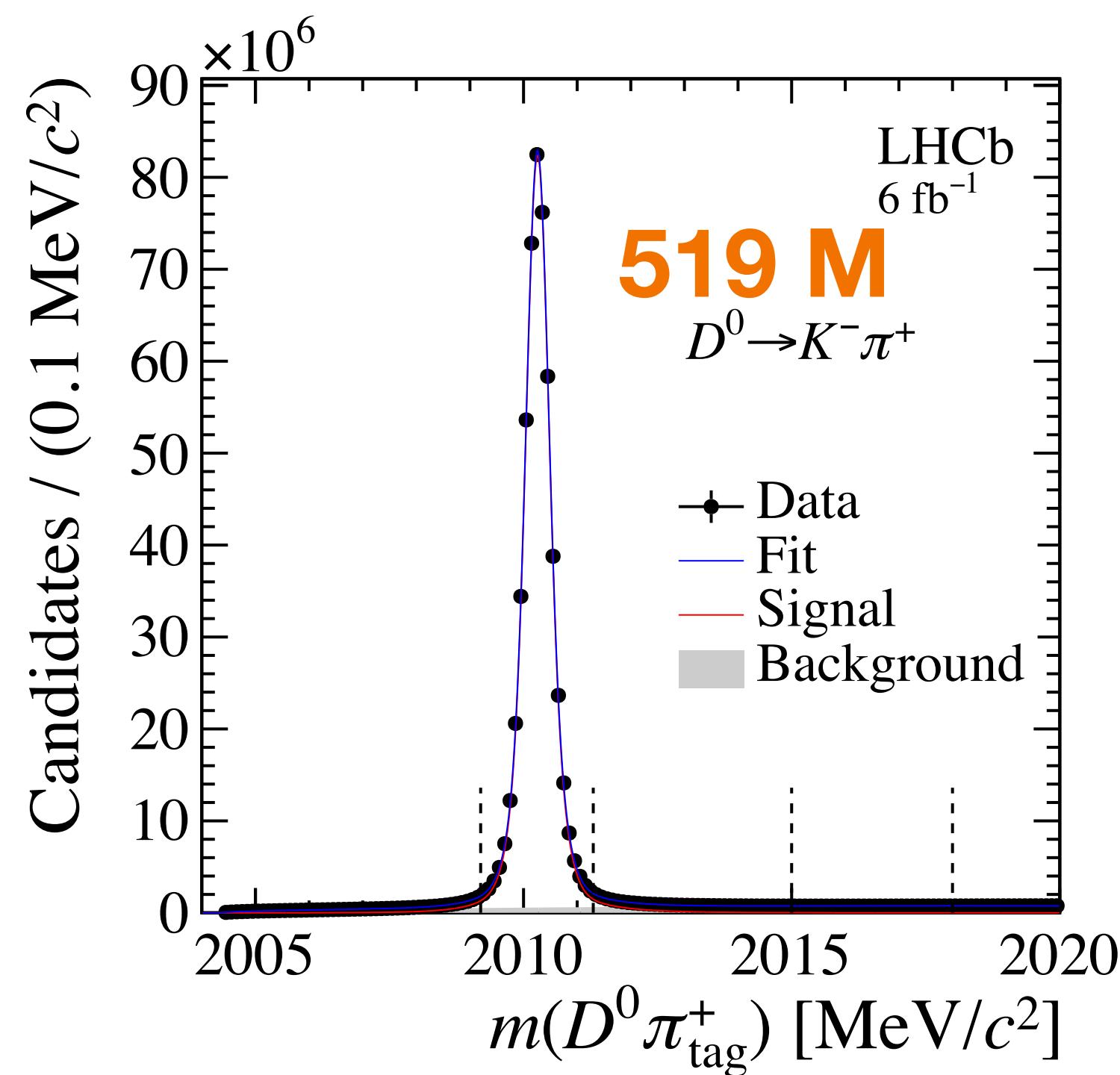
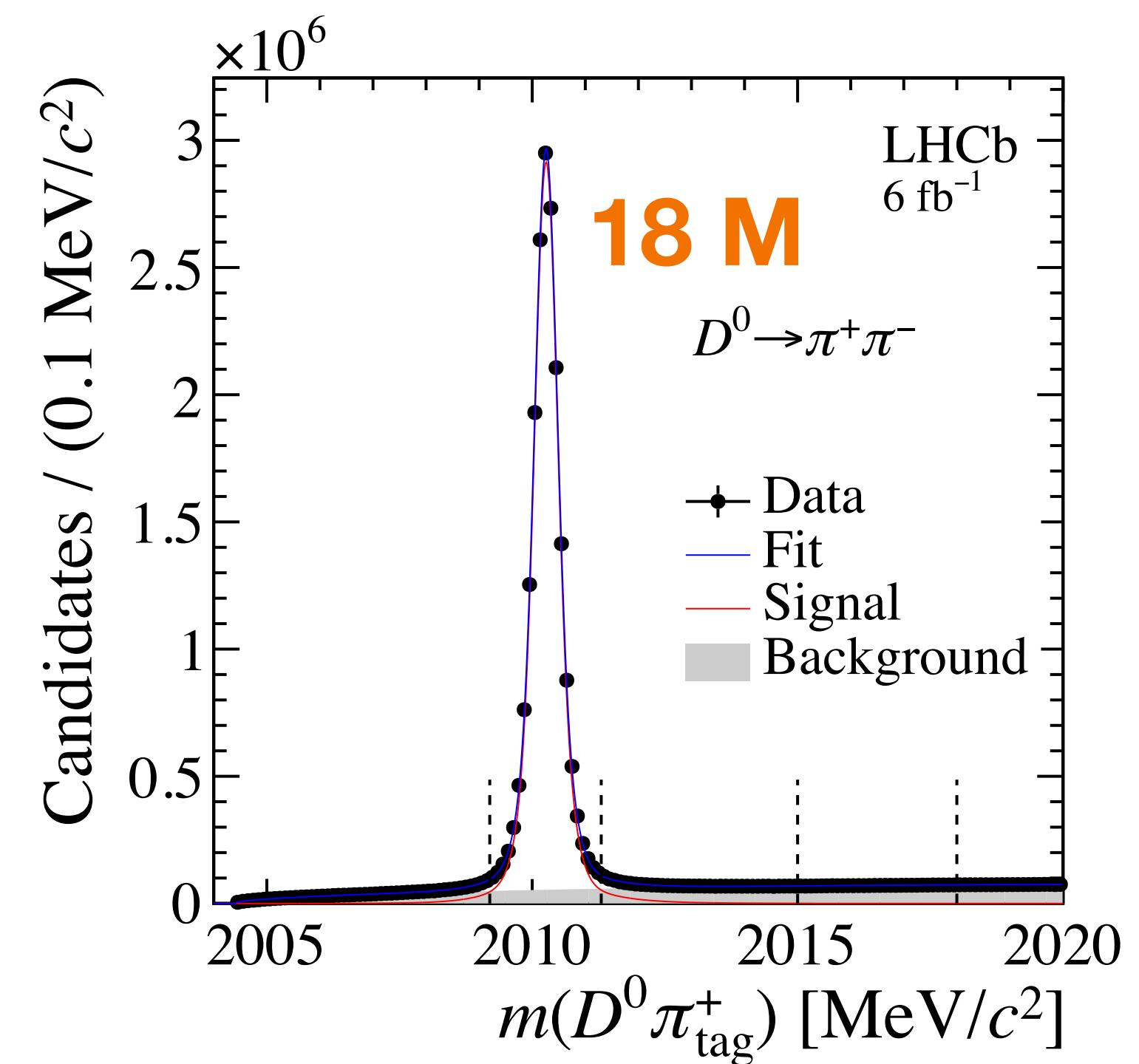
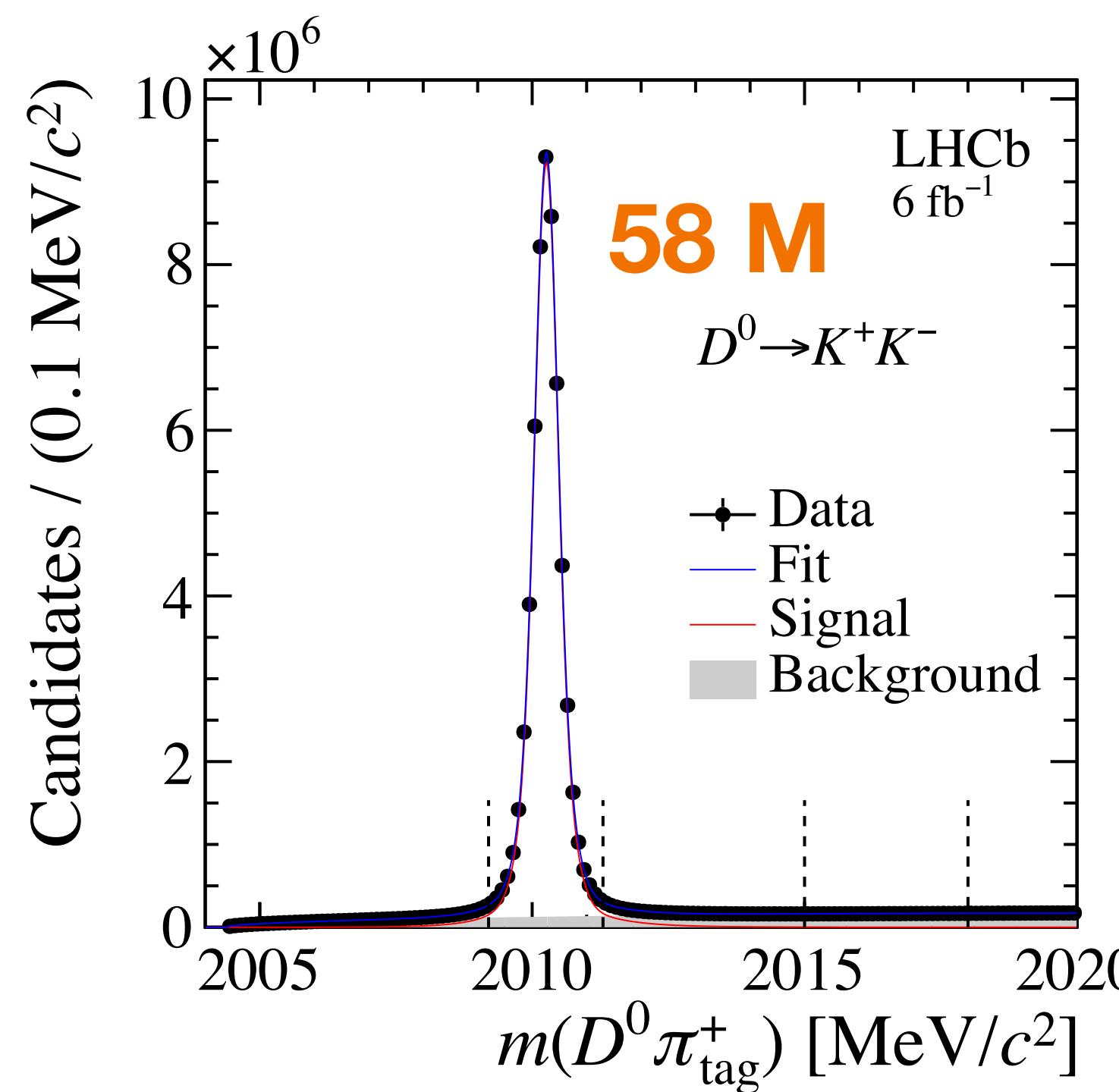
Superweak approximation

- SM expectation $\sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$ PRD 103 (2021) 053008
PLB 810 (2020) 135802
- Strategy: measure asymmetry in bins of D^0 decay time and measure the linear **slope**
- Selection induces correlations between kinematics and decay time \rightarrow possible time-dependent nuisance asymmetries are removed by **equalising D^0 and \bar{D}^0 kinematics**
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$ is used as a control sample ($\Delta Y_{K^-\pi^+} < 3 \times 10^{-5}$ from experimental results)

ΔY_f in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

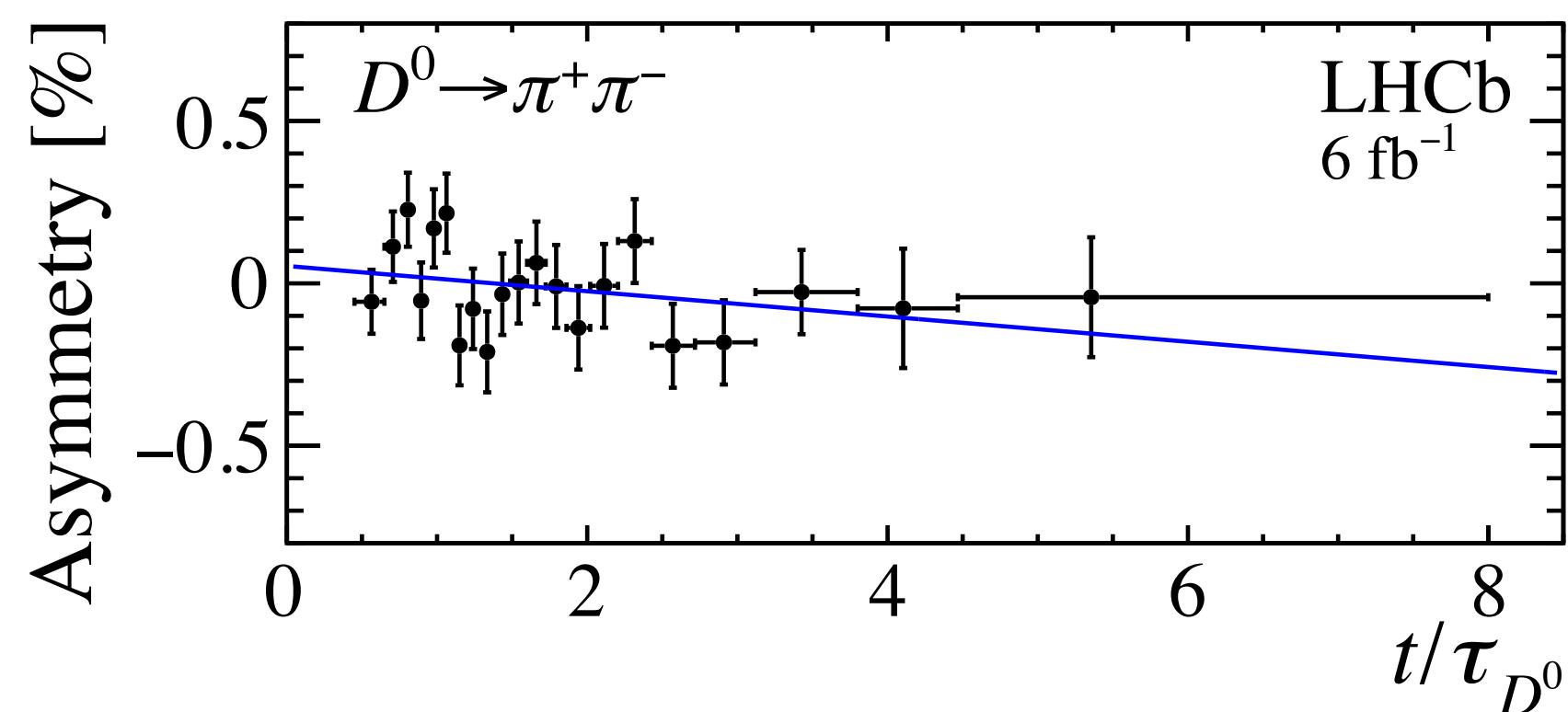
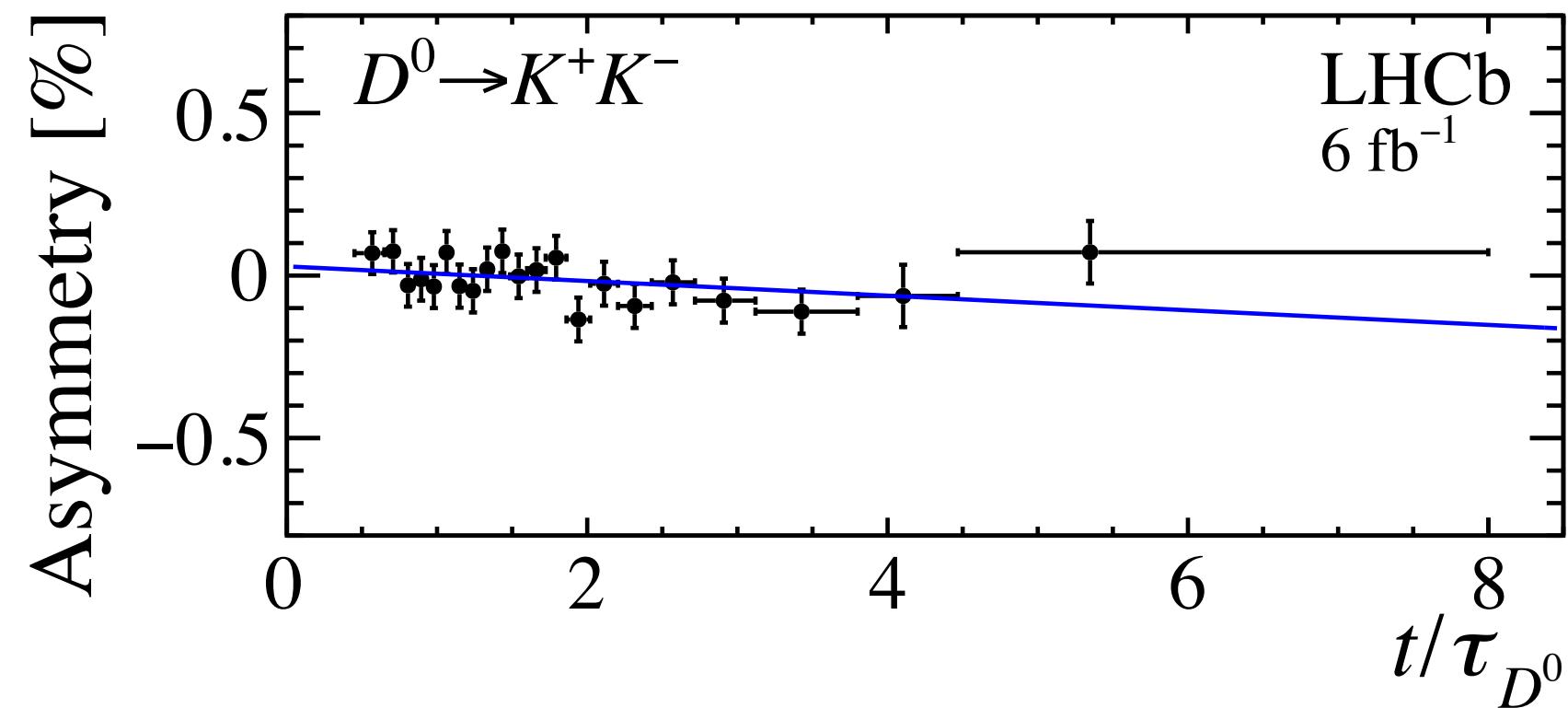
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- Combinatorial background removed with sideband subtraction in $m(D^0\pi^+)$ in each decay time
- A correction is applied for contamination of secondary D^0 by measuring their size and asymmetry with a multidimensional fit on (IP, t)

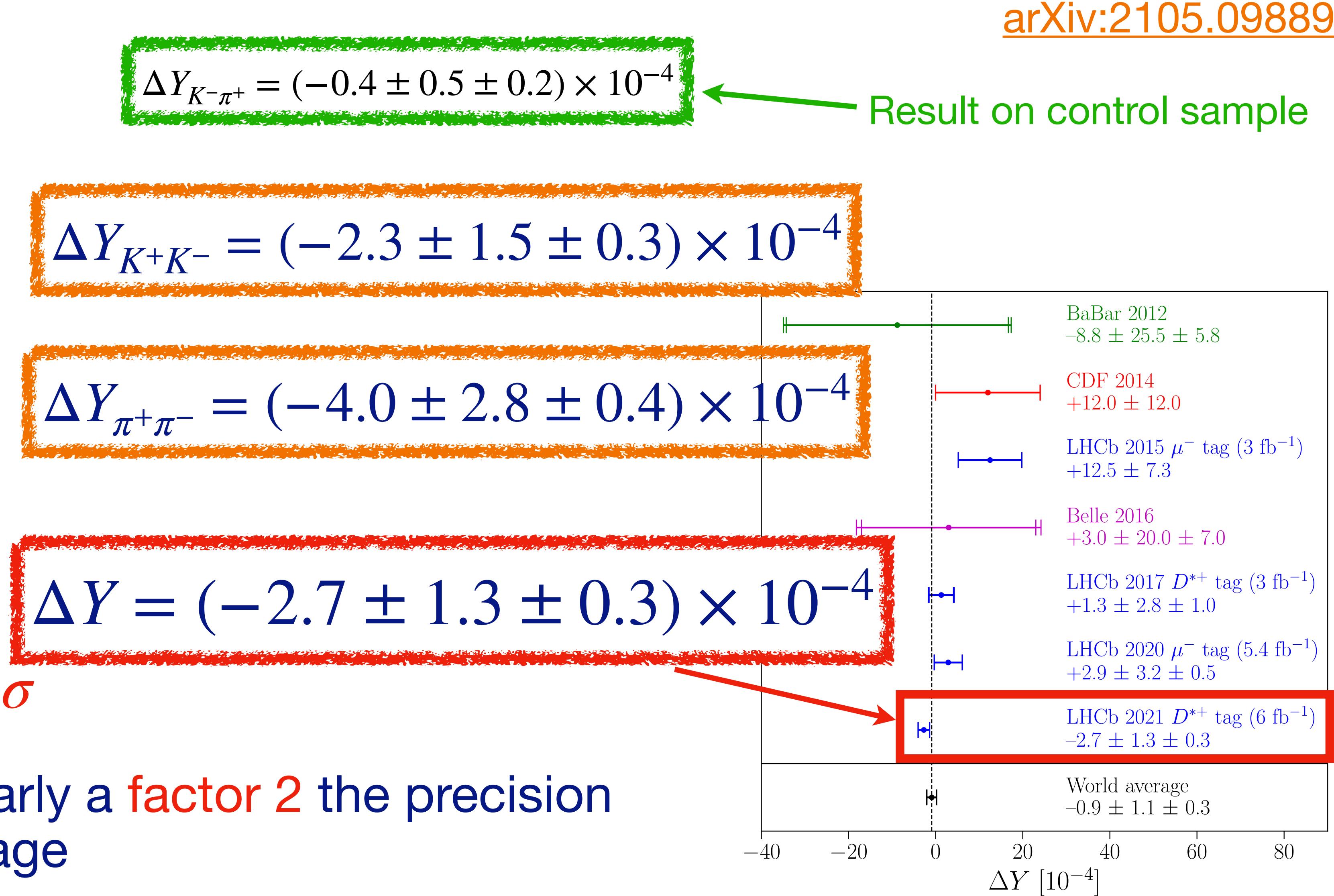


ΔY_f in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

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- Compatible with 0 within 2σ
- This result improves by nearly a factor 2 the precision of the previous world average



D^0 mixing parameters with $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

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- $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ is particularly sensitive to x [arXiv:2106.03744](#)
PRD 99 (2019) 012007
- Analysis performed with model-independent **bin-flip** method, which does not require accurate modelling of the efficiency
- Measure, as a function of the D^0 decay time, the **yield ratios** between symmetric bins in the Dalitz plot (m_+^2, m_-^2)
→ they can be written as a function of $x_{CP}, y_{CP}, \Delta x$ and Δy

$$x_{CP} = \frac{1}{2} \left[x \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) + y \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

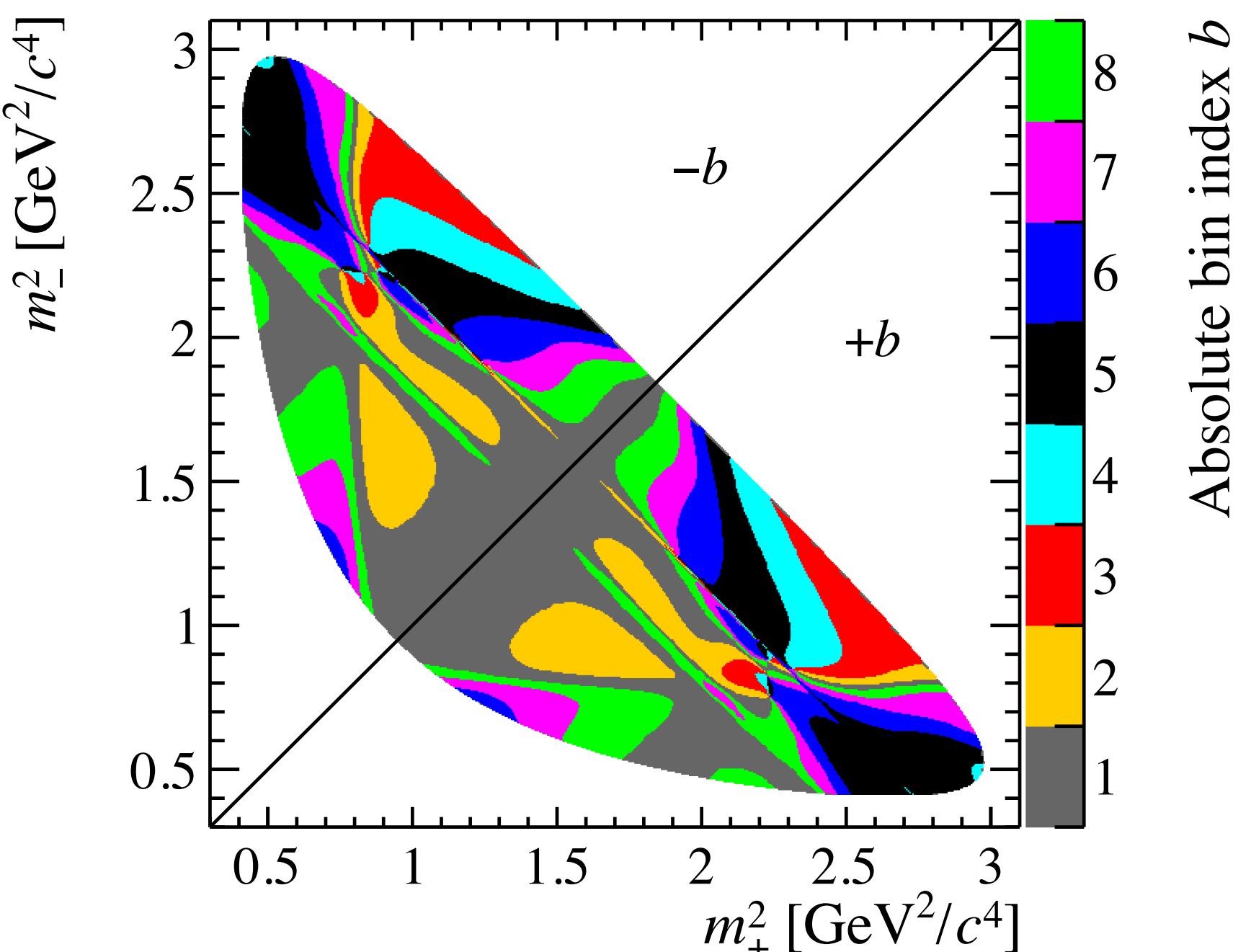
$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} \left[x \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) + y \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

$$y_{CP} = \frac{1}{2} \left[y \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) - x \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{2} \left[y \cos \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| - \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) - x \sin \phi \left(\left| \frac{q}{p} \right| + \left| \frac{p}{q} \right| \right) \right]$$

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$$m_\pm^2 \equiv \begin{cases} m^2(K_s^0 \pi^\pm) & \text{for } D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \\ m^2(K_s^0 \pi^\mp) & \text{for } \bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \end{cases}$$



Almost constant strong-phase difference in each Dalitz bin → external inputs from CLEO and BESIII

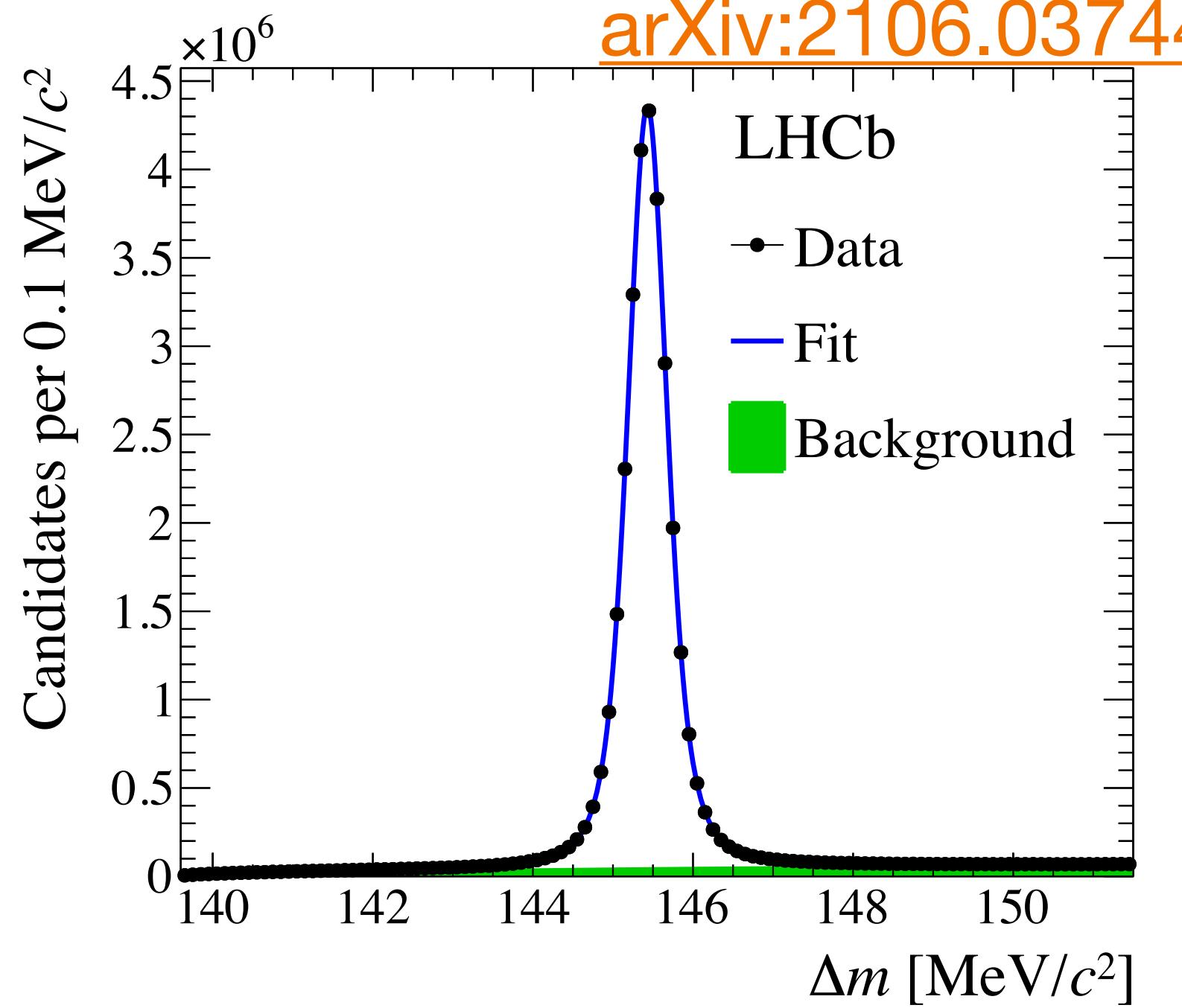
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- In each of the 2 (flavour) \times 16 (Dalitz bin) \times 13 (decay time bin) subsamples, a **fit** is performed to $\Delta m = m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0)$ to obtain the yield $\rightarrow 31$ M signal decays in total
- Signal selection induces correlation between decay time and phase-space that could bias the measurement \rightarrow a data-driven correction is applied to make the **decay-time acceptance uniform** in the phase space
- Correction is applied for **residual detection asymmetry of pions**, calculated from the difference of raw asymmetries of calibration samples $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$

$$A_{\text{meas}}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) = A_{\text{det}}(\pi^+ \pi^-) + A_{\text{det}}(\pi^+) + A_{\text{prod}}(D_s^+) + A_{\text{trigger}}(D_s^+)$$

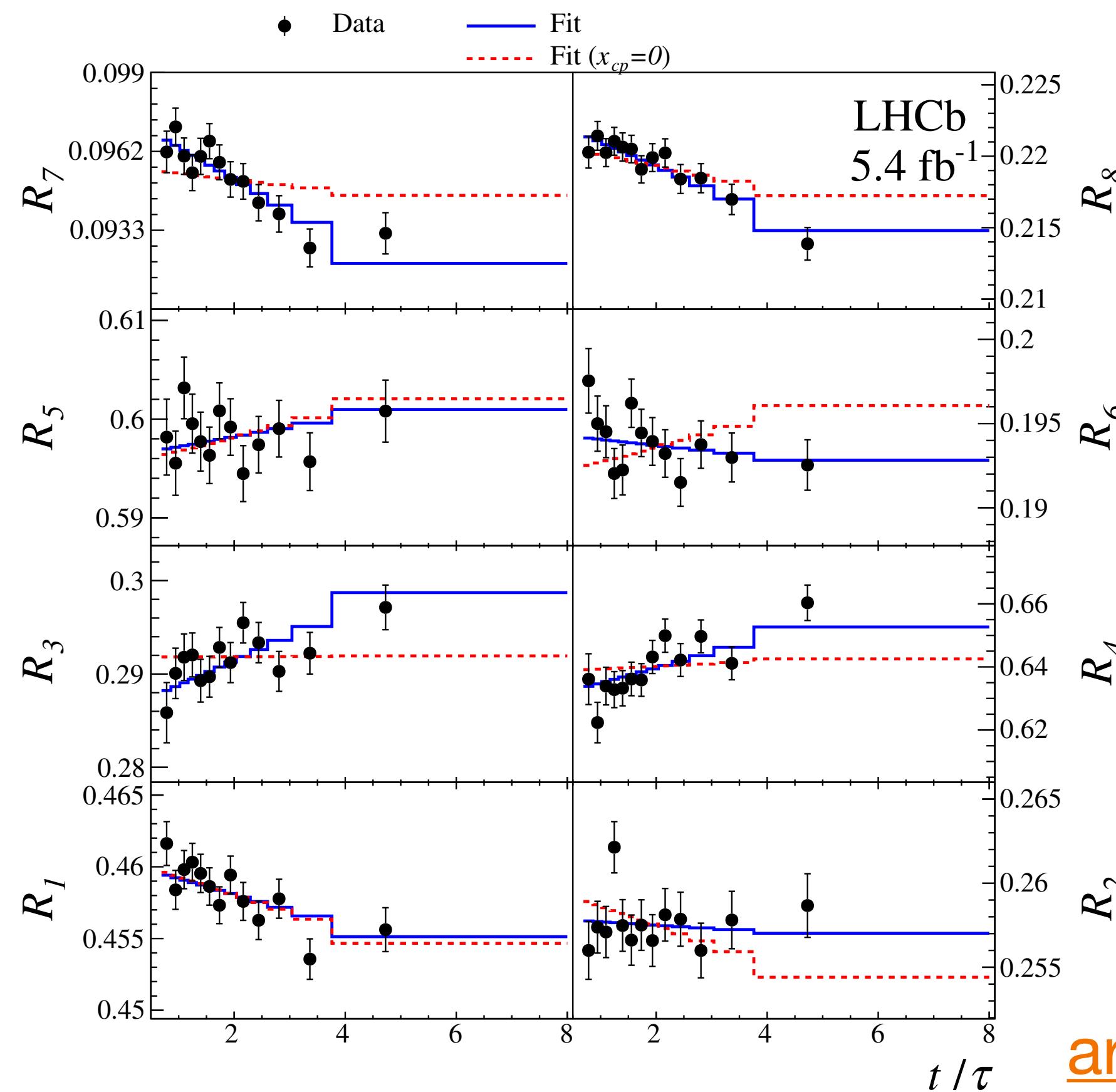
$$A_{\text{meas}}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+) = A_{\text{det}}(\pi^+) + A_{\text{prod}}(D_s^+) + A_{\text{trigger}}(D_s^+)$$



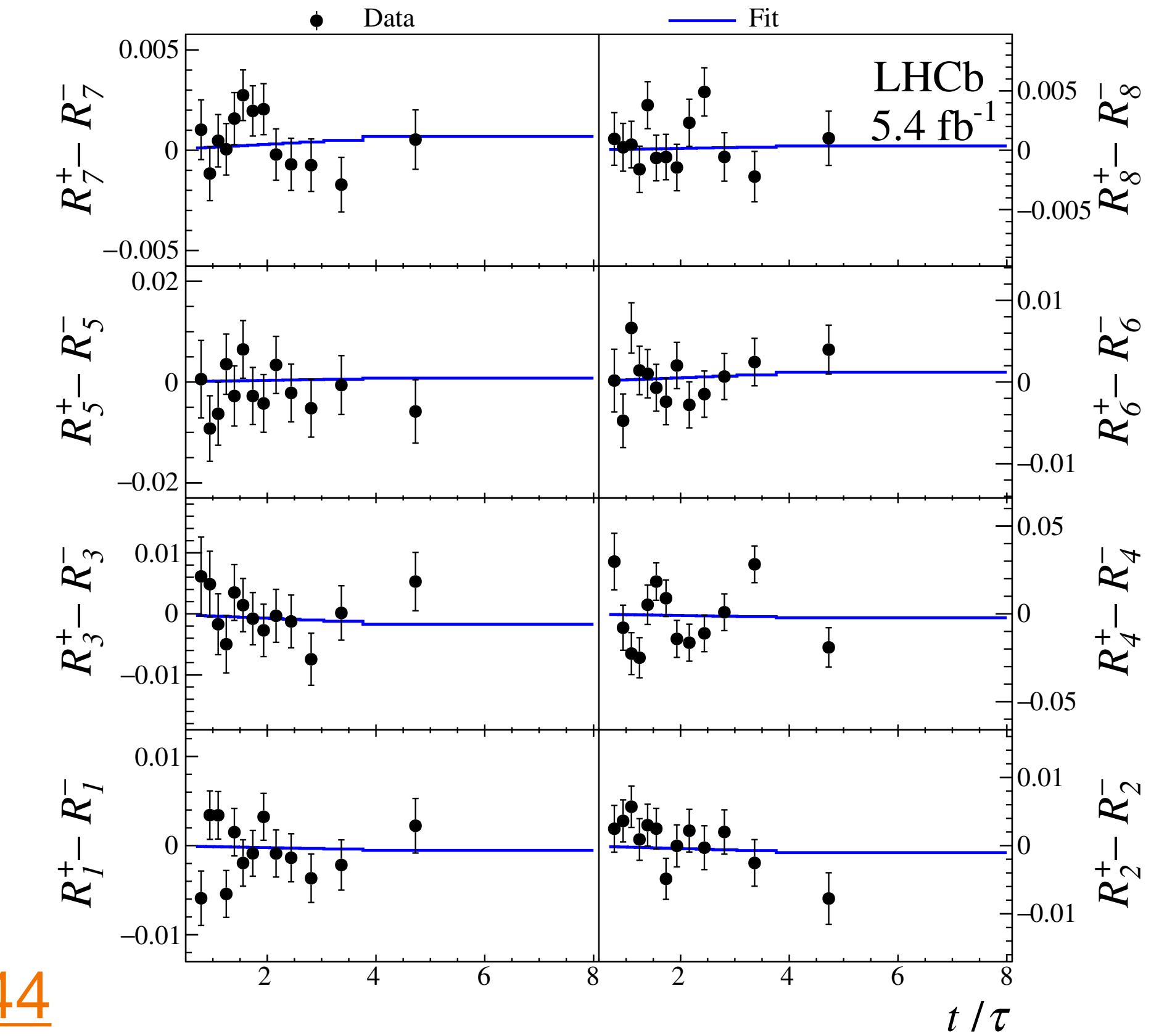
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- \mathcal{CP} -averaged ratios
- Deviations from constant values are due to mixing



- Differences of D^0 and \bar{D}^0 yield ratios
- Deviations from constant values are due to \mathcal{CP} violation

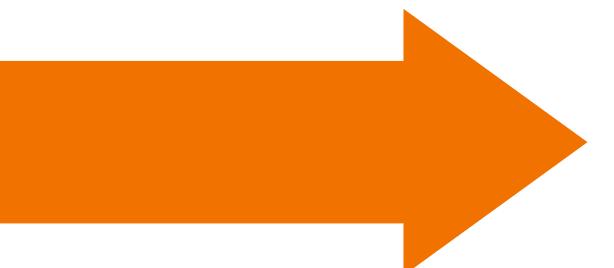


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D^0 mixing parameters with $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

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$$\begin{aligned}x_{CP} &= (-3.97 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-3} \\y_{CP} &= (-4.59 \pm 1.20 \pm 0.85) \times 10^{-3} \\\Delta x &= (-0.27 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-3} \\\Delta y &= (0.20 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-3}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}x &= (3.98^{+0.56}_{-0.54}) \times 10^{-3} \\y &= (-4.6^{+1.5}_{-1.4}) \times 10^{-3} \\|q/p| &= 0.996 \pm 0.052, \\\phi &= 0.056^{+0.047}_{-0.051}.\end{aligned}$$

First observation with a significance of more than 7 standard deviations of the mass difference between D^0 mass eigenstates

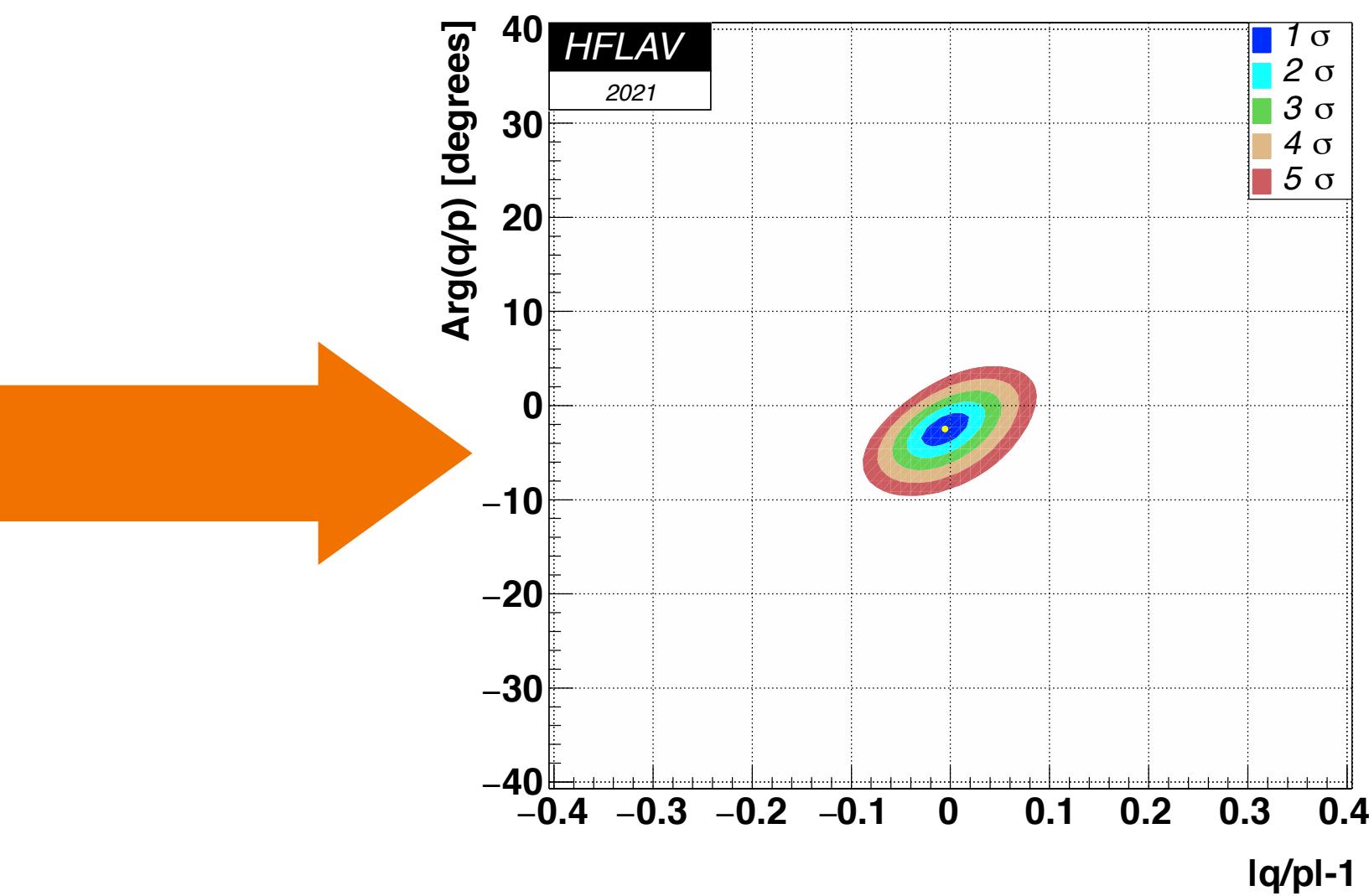
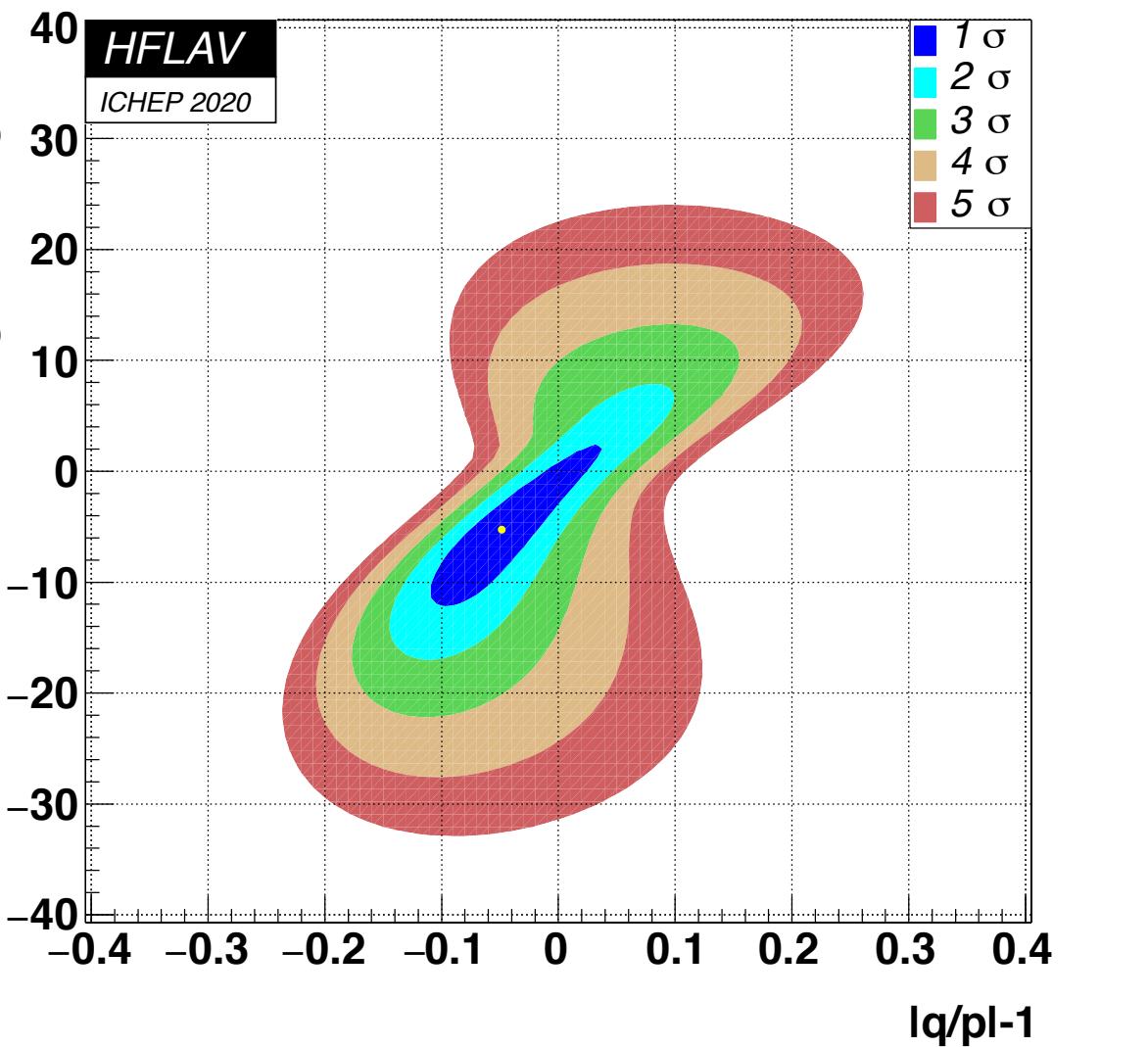
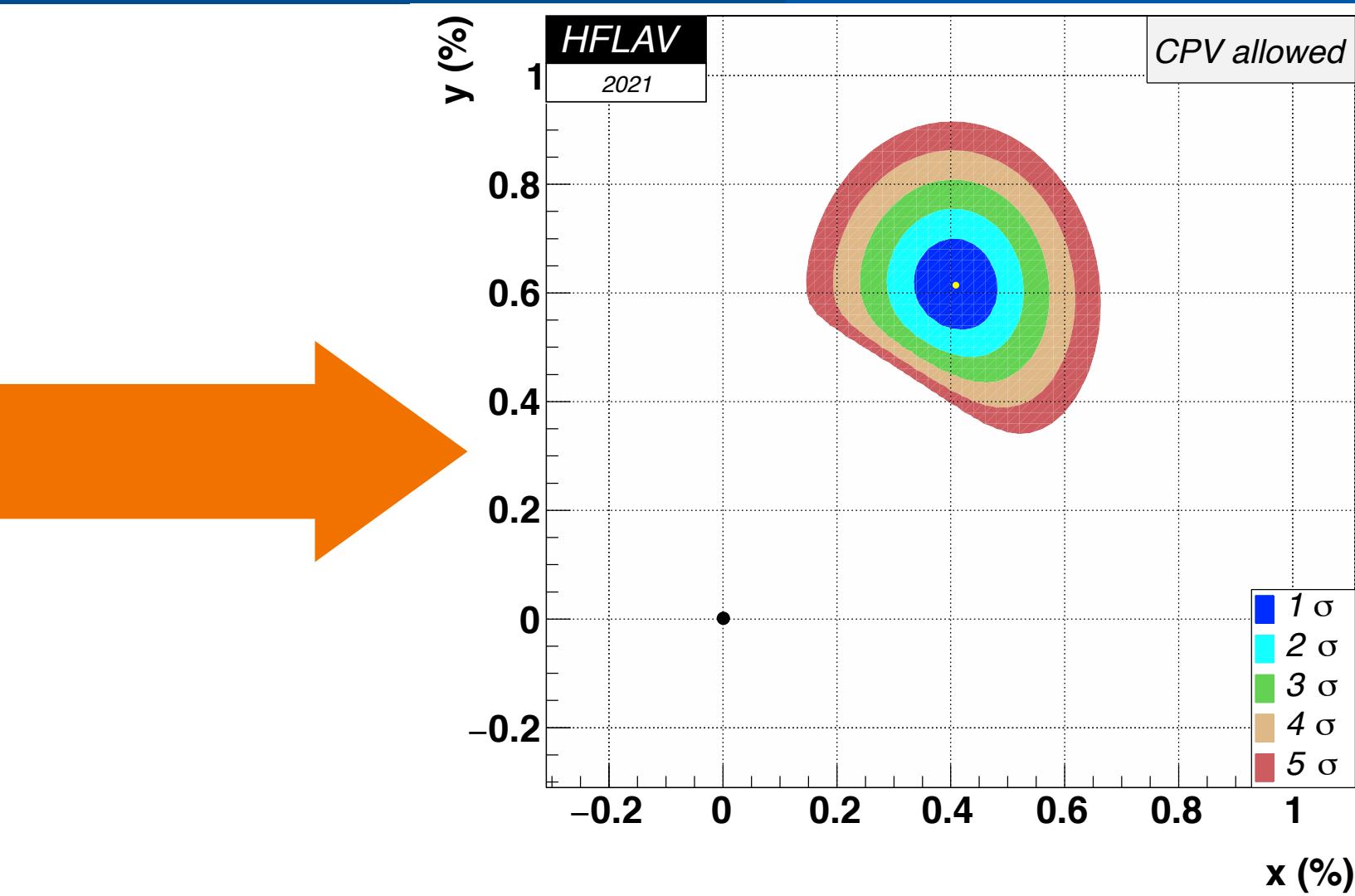
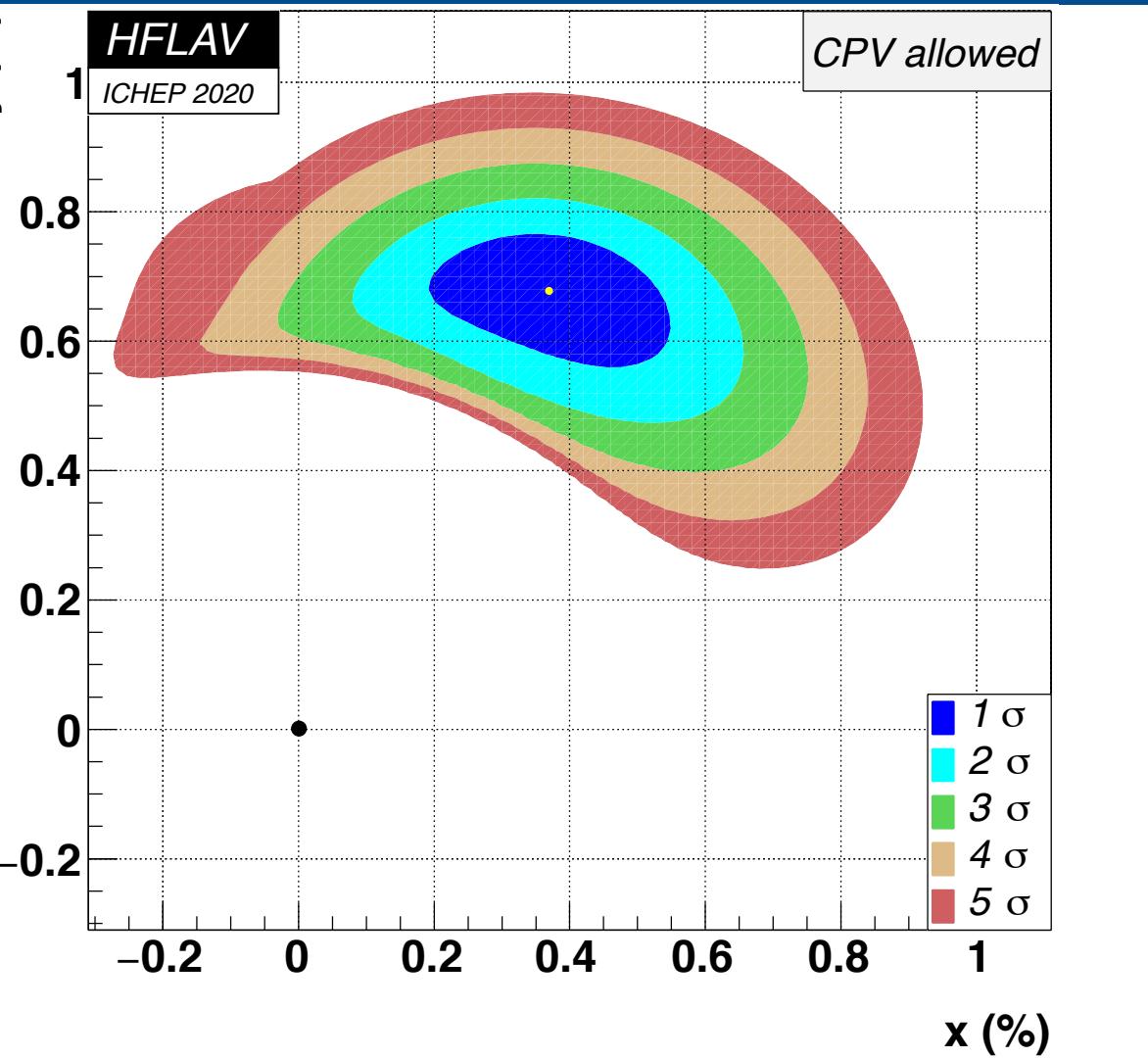
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New world averages

Phenomenological parametrisation

Great improvement on the knowledge of x and q/p

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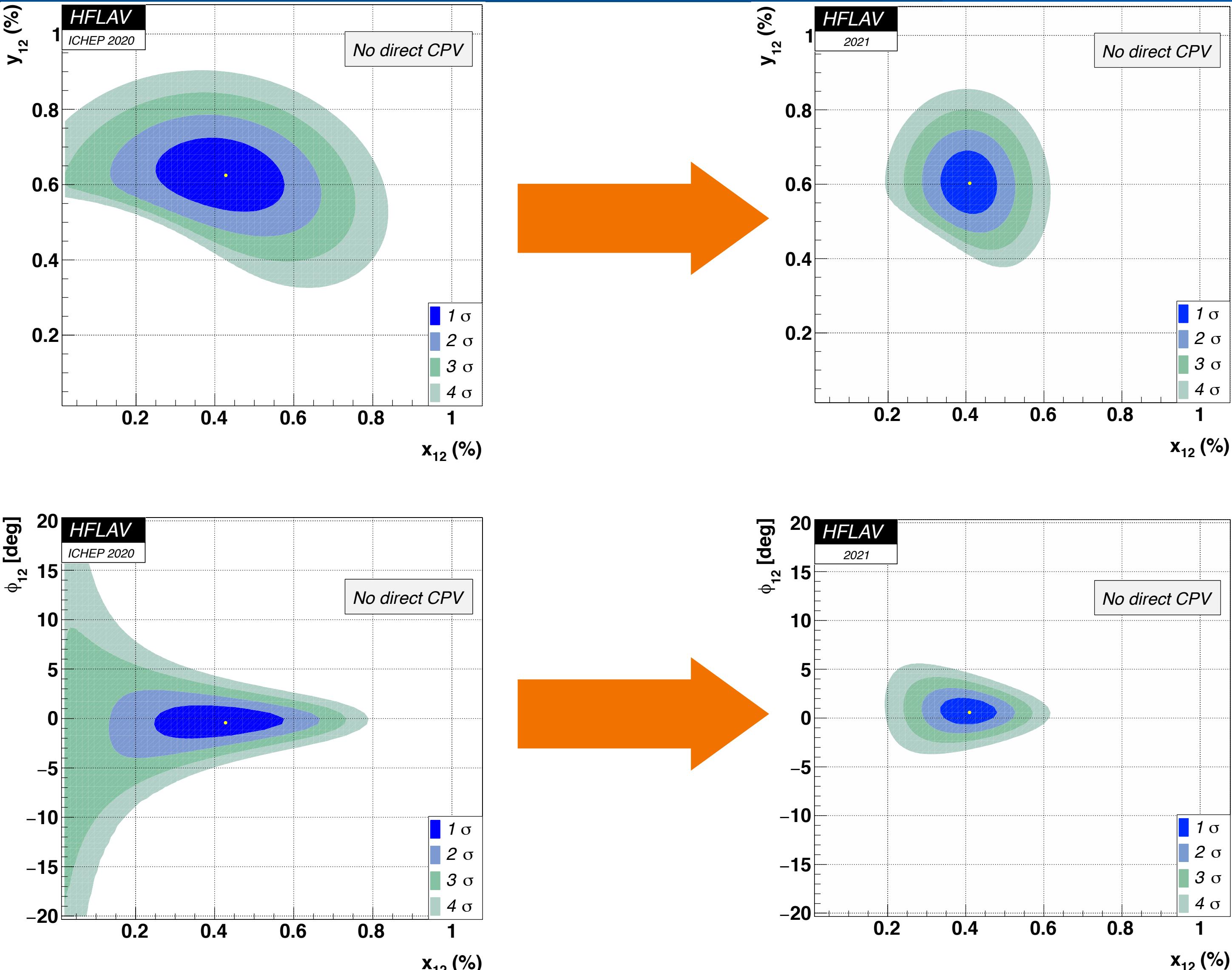
New world averages

Theoretical parametrisation

Bounds on the phase of the dispersive \mathcal{CP} -violating contributions to D^0 mixing are tightened

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See talk by Mark to see how precision further improves when including beauty observables!



Future prospects and conclusions

Conclusions

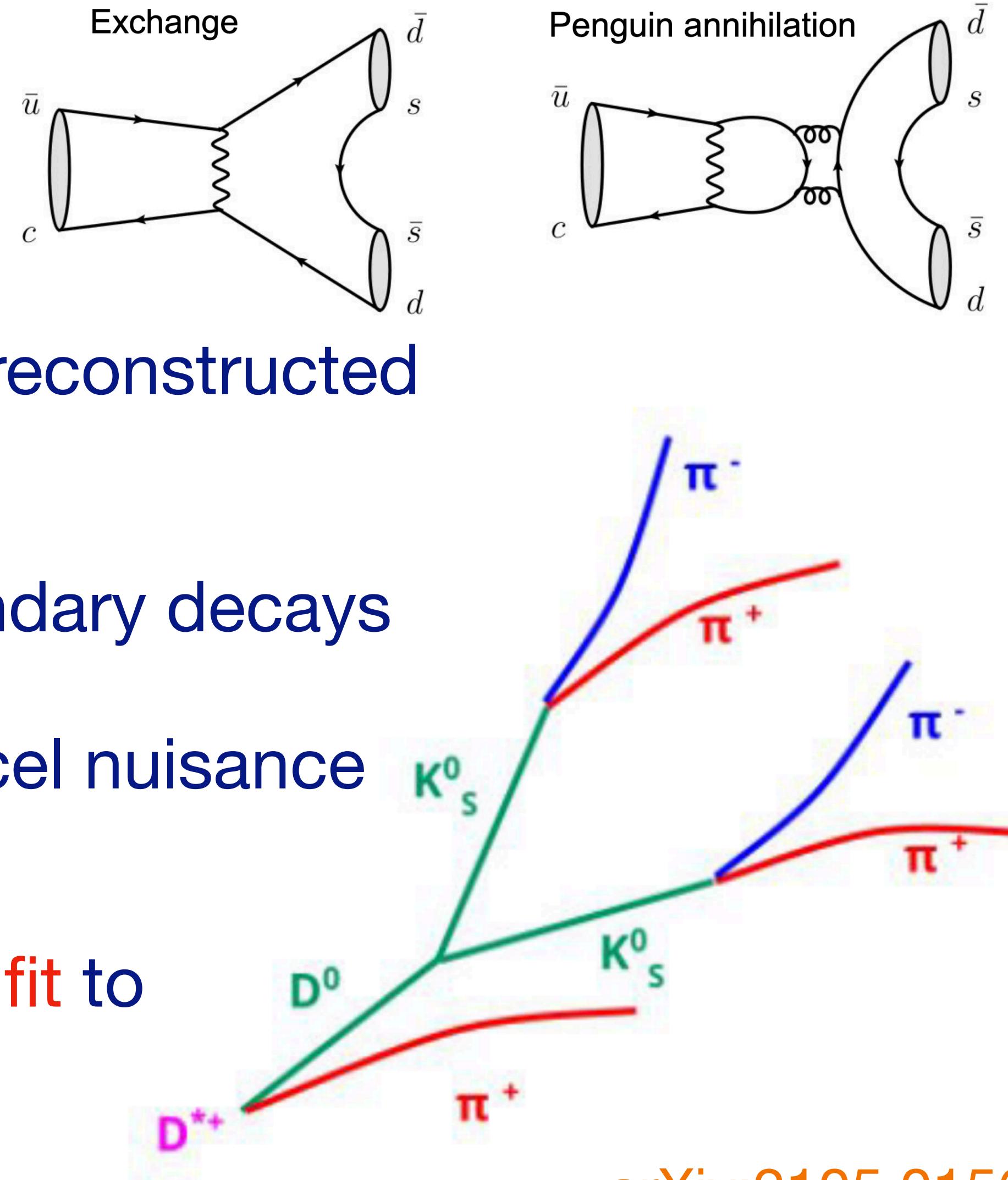
- Most precise determination of $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0)$ and measured $A_{CP}(D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+ \pi^0, h^+ \eta)$ with an uncertainty of $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
- Observation of a nonzero difference between D^0 mass eigenstates \rightarrow more than 7 standard deviations of significance
- Most precise measurement of time-dependent CP asymmetry in D^0 decays, improving by nearly a factor 2 the precision of the world average of ΔY
- Soon new measurements with Run 2 data - stay tuned
- The statistical uncertainty of many CP violating observables in charm will be reduced by ~1 order of magnitude with the LHCb Upgrade I and II

Backup

$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \bar{K}_s^0)$

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- A_{CP} expected to be as large as $\sim 1\%$ PRD 92 (2015) 054036
- K_s^0 challenging → need to consider separately K_s^0 reconstructed from **long pions** (L) and **downstream** pions (D)
- Consider D^{*+} produced both in prompt and secondary decays
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ used as a **calibration** sample to cancel nuisance detection and production asymmetries
- Raw asymmetry obtained from a multidimensional **fit** to $\Delta m = m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0)$ and $m(K_s^0)$



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Sample	2015 + 2016 (2 fb^{-1})			2017 + 2018 (4 fb^{-1})		
	Yield	\mathcal{A}^{CP}	[%]	Yield	\mathcal{A}^{CP}	[%]
LL PV-comp.	1388 ± 41	$0.3 \pm$	2.5 ± 0.6	4056 ± 77	$-4.3 \pm$	1.6 ± 0.4
LL PV-incomp.	178 ± 31	-11 ± 17	± 2	430 ± 41	$-3.0 \pm$	7.9 ± 1.1
LD PV-comp.	411 ± 25	$-7.2 \pm$	5.8 ± 1.1	1145 ± 49	$-2.9 \pm$	3.8 ± 0.7
LD PV-incomp.	58 ± 18	-10 ± 31	± 4	349 ± 64	-5 ± 17	± 2
DD	—	—	—	87 ± 28	-35 ± 47	± 6

Systematic uncertainties for:

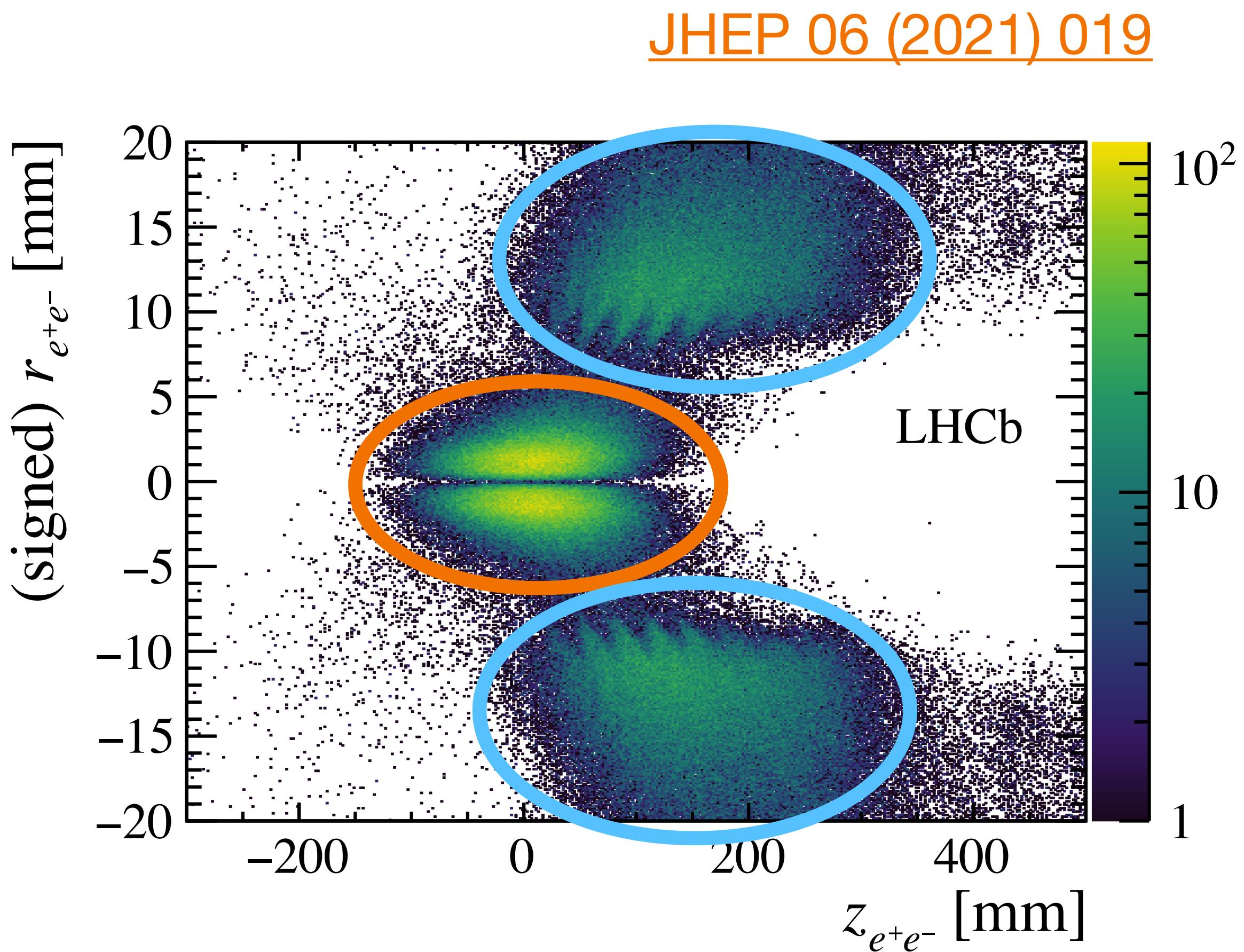
- Residual background in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
- Fit model
- Difference in secondaries fraction between signal and calibration

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$A_{CP}(D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow h^+ \pi^0, h^+ \eta)$

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- In the SM, $A_{CP} \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$ for SCS $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$, $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \eta$ and $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta$, and $A_{CP}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0) = 0$ PRD 85 (2012) 034036
- h^0 reconstructed in $\gamma(\rightarrow e^+ e^-)\gamma$ or $e^+ e^- \gamma$ final states to reconstruct the secondary vertex
→ useful to suppress background from pp
- Raw asymmetry obtained from multidimensional fit to $m(e^+ e^- \gamma)$ and $m(h^+ h^0)$
- $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 h^+$ used as a calibration sample to cancel nuisance detection and production asymmetries



Systematic uncertainties

Source	$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$	$D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$
Fit model	0.59	1.55	1.01
PID asymmetry	0.06	0.27	0.15
Secondary decays	< 0.01	0.01	0.02
Combined A_{Raw} Run 1 and Run 2	0.23	0.65	0.30
Control modes	0.03	1.18	0.59
$A_{\text{Mix}}(K^0)$	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+)$	0.12	0.08	0.26
Total	0.65	2.07	1.24

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Source	$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta$	$D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \eta$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \eta$
Fit model	0.35	0.15	4.04	1.08
PID asymmetry	0.06	0.01	0.87	0.16
Secondary decays	< 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04
Control modes	0.05	0.39	0.14	0.12
$A_{\text{Mix}}(K^0)$	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+)$	0.12	0.20	0.08	0.26
Total	0.38	0.46	4.13	1.13

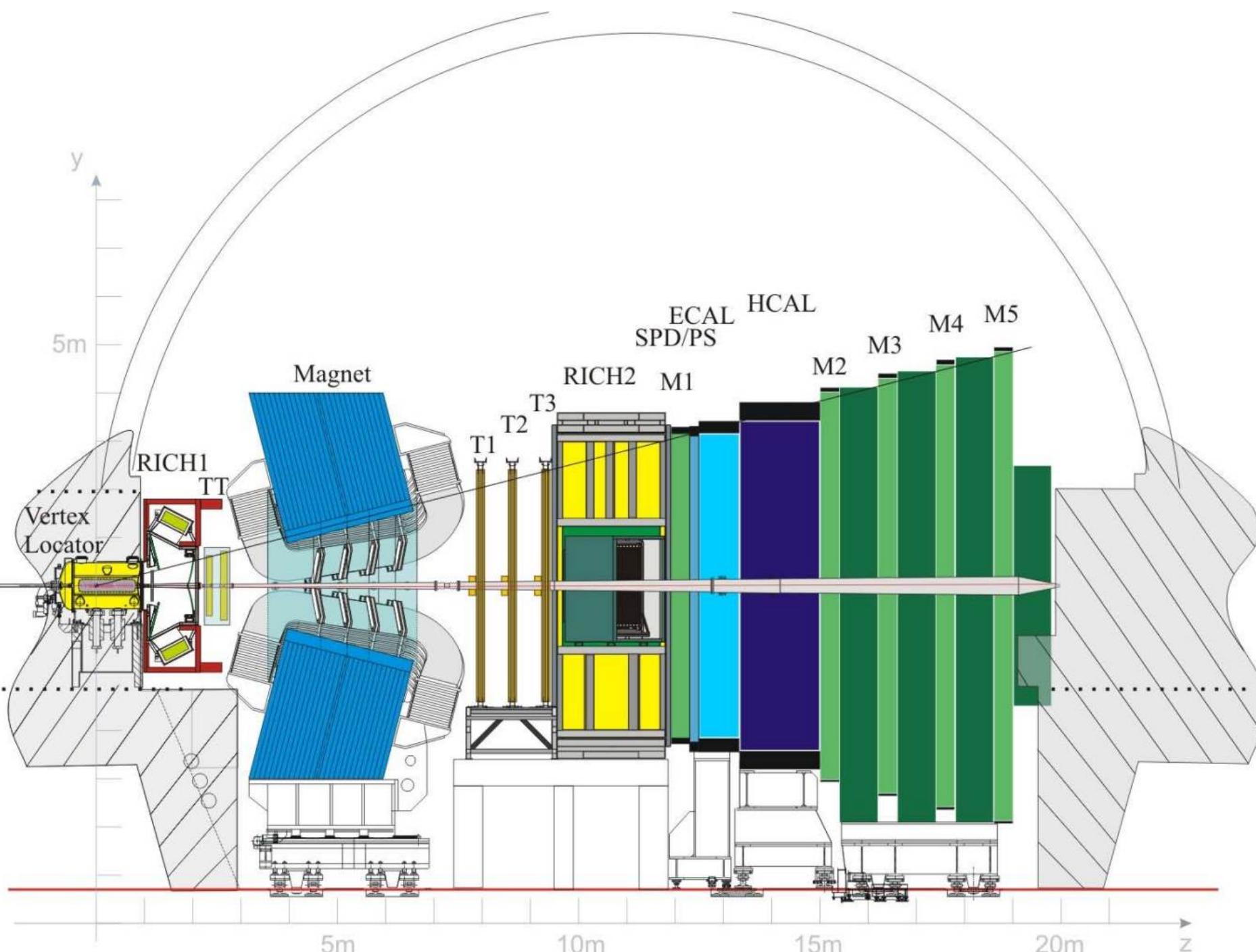
Charm at LHCb

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- Large $c\bar{c}$ production cross section
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}X)_{\sqrt{s}=13 \text{ TeV}} = (2369 \pm 3 \pm 152 \pm 118) \mu\text{b}$
- More than 1 billion $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$ decays reconstructed with the full LHCb data sample
- LHCb detector: JINST 3 (2008) S08005
 - ♦ Excellent vertex resolution (13 μm in transverse plane for PV)
 - ♦ Excellent IP resolution ($\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$)
 - ♦ Very good momentum resolution ($\delta p/p \sim 0.5\% - 0.8\%$)
 - ♦ Excellent PID capabilities
 - ♦ Very good trigger efficiency (~90%)

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$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D^0 X) = 2072 \pm 2 \pm 124 \mu\text{b}$$
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D^+ X) = 834 \pm 2 \pm 78 \mu\text{b}$$
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D_s^+ X) = 353 \pm 9 \pm 76 \mu\text{b}$$
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow D^{*+} X) = 784 \pm 4 \pm 87 \mu\text{b}$$

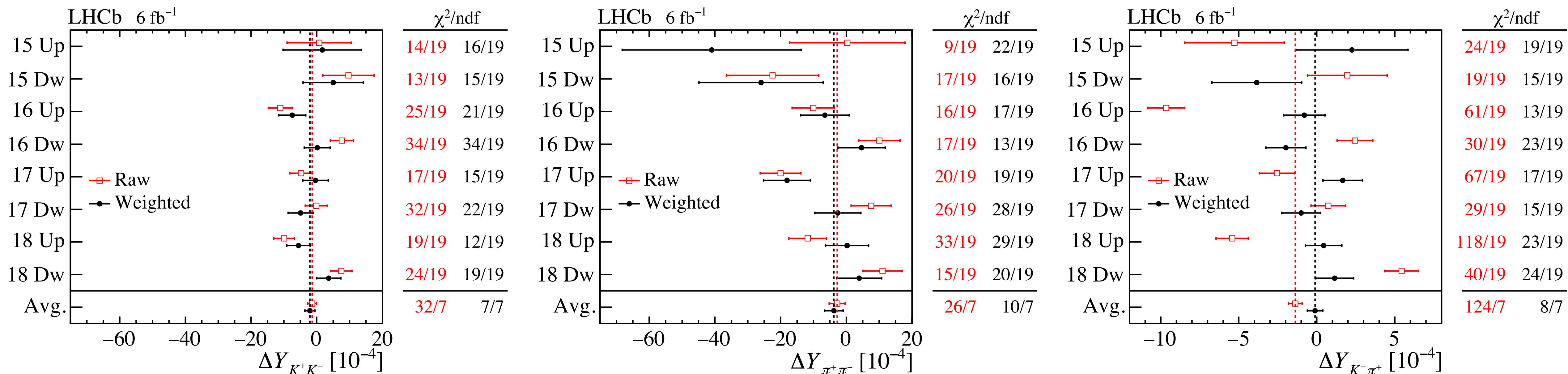


ΔY_f in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

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- Signal yield obtained with a **sideband subtraction** in $m(D^0\pi^+)$ after fitting the distribution in each decay time
- A correction is applied for contamination of **secondary D^0** by measuring their size and asymmetry with a multidimensional fit on (IP, t)

$$\Delta Y_{K^-\pi^+} = (-0.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$$



Systematic uncertainties

Source	$\Delta Y_{K^+K^-}$ [10 ⁻⁴]	$\Delta Y_{\pi^+\pi^-}$ [10 ⁻⁴]
Subtraction of the $m(D^0\pi_{\text{tag}}^+)$ background	0.2	0.3
Flavour-dependent shift of D^* -mass peak	0.1	0.1
D^{*+} from B -meson decays	0.1	0.1
$m(h^+h^-)$ background	0.1	0.1
Kinematic weighting	0.1	0.1
Total systematic uncertainty	0.3	0.4
Statistical uncertainty	1.5	2.8

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Systematic uncertainties (in units of 10^{-3})

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Source	x_{CP}	y_{CP}	Δx	Δy
Reconstruction and selection	0.199	0.757	0.009	0.044
Secondary charm decays	0.208	0.154	0.001	0.002
Detection asymmetry	0.000	0.001	0.004	0.102
Mass-fit model	0.045	0.361	0.003	0.009
Total systematic uncertainty	0.291	0.852	0.010	0.110
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Strong phase inputs	0.23	0.66	0.02	0.04
Detection asymmetry inputs	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.08
Statistical (w/o inputs)	0.40	1.00	0.18	0.35
Total statistical uncertainty	0.46	1.20	0.18	0.36

Future prospects

- Some key measurements still to be performed with Run 2 data, such as:
 - ❖ $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-)$ → expected uncertainty 7×10^{-4}
 - ❖ $y_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow h^+h^-)$
- With Upgrade I and II, LHCb will be able to reduce the statistical uncertainty of the CP violating observables in charm by ~ 1 order of magnitude
- No systematic uncertainties are known to have irreducible contributions which exceed the ultimate statistical precision
→ strong potential of probing SM and characterise new physics contributions to CP violation in the charm sector with future upgrades

$$D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$$

Sample (lumi \mathcal{L})	Tag	Yield	$\sigma(x)$	$\sigma(y)$	$\sigma(q/p)$	$\sigma(\phi)$
Run 1–2 (9 fb^{-1})	SL	10M	0.07%	0.05%	0.07	4.6°
	Prompt	36M	0.05%	0.05%	0.04	1.8°
Run 1–3 (23 fb^{-1})	SL	33M	0.036%	0.030%	0.036	2.5°
	Prompt	200M	0.020%	0.020%	0.017	0.77°
Run 1–4 (50 fb^{-1})	SL	78M	0.024%	0.019%	0.024	1.7°
	Prompt	520M	0.012%	0.013%	0.011	0.48°
Run 1–5 (300 fb^{-1})	SL	490M	0.009%	0.008%	0.009	0.69°
	Prompt	3500M	0.005%	0.005%	0.004	0.18°

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$$\Delta Y$$

Sample (\mathcal{L})	Tag	Yield K^+K^-	$\sigma(A_\Gamma)$	Yield $\pi^+\pi^-$	$\sigma(A_\Gamma)$
Run 1–2 (9 fb^{-1})	Prompt	60M	0.013%	18M	0.024%
Run 1–3 (23 fb^{-1})	Prompt	310M	0.0056%	92M	0.0104 %
Run 1–4 (50 fb^{-1})	Prompt	793M	0.0035%	236M	0.0065 %
Run 1–5 (300 fb^{-1})	Prompt	5.3G	0.0014%	1.6G	0.0025 %