

# Experimental Flavour Physics

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- Same physics, different environments
- The CKM mechanism: measuring the sides of the unitarity triangle
- CP violation: measuring the angles of the unitarity triangle
- Rare decays



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# Disclaimer and choices



- I do not want to present a 'collection' of measurements
- The phenomenological framework has been detailed by other speakers
- I have chosen
  - not to discuss kaon & charm physics (!)
  - not to discuss spectroscopy (including tetraquarks, pentaquarks)
  - I have made wild choices in b-physics
- My wish is that you go back home
  - having a feeling of some analyses
  - identifying the main differences between Belle-II and LHCb
  - being even more enthusiastic about flavour physics

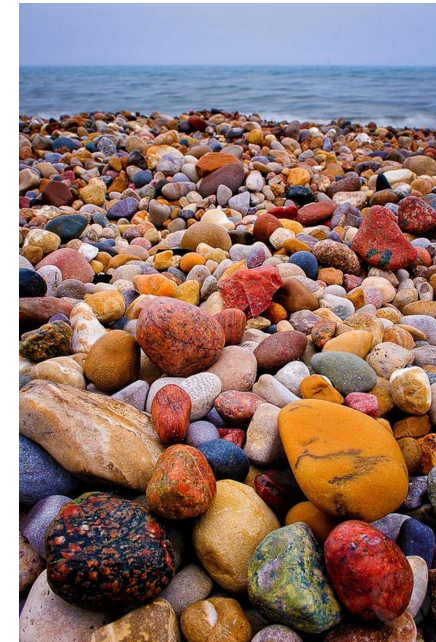
# Standard Model

describes precisely a (very) large number of precise measurements

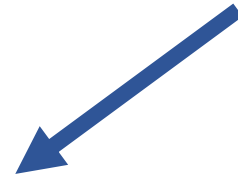
Does not explain various key-questions/observations :

- Dark matter candidate ?
- Large baryon asymmetry observed in the Universe
- Why 3 families ?
- Origin of the hierarchy of the W bosons couplings to the different quarks ?

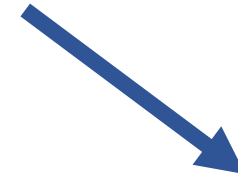
~1980 - 2012: theory-guided  
today: experimentally guided ?



# How to find cracks in the SM fortress ?



**Direct** evidence for new particles

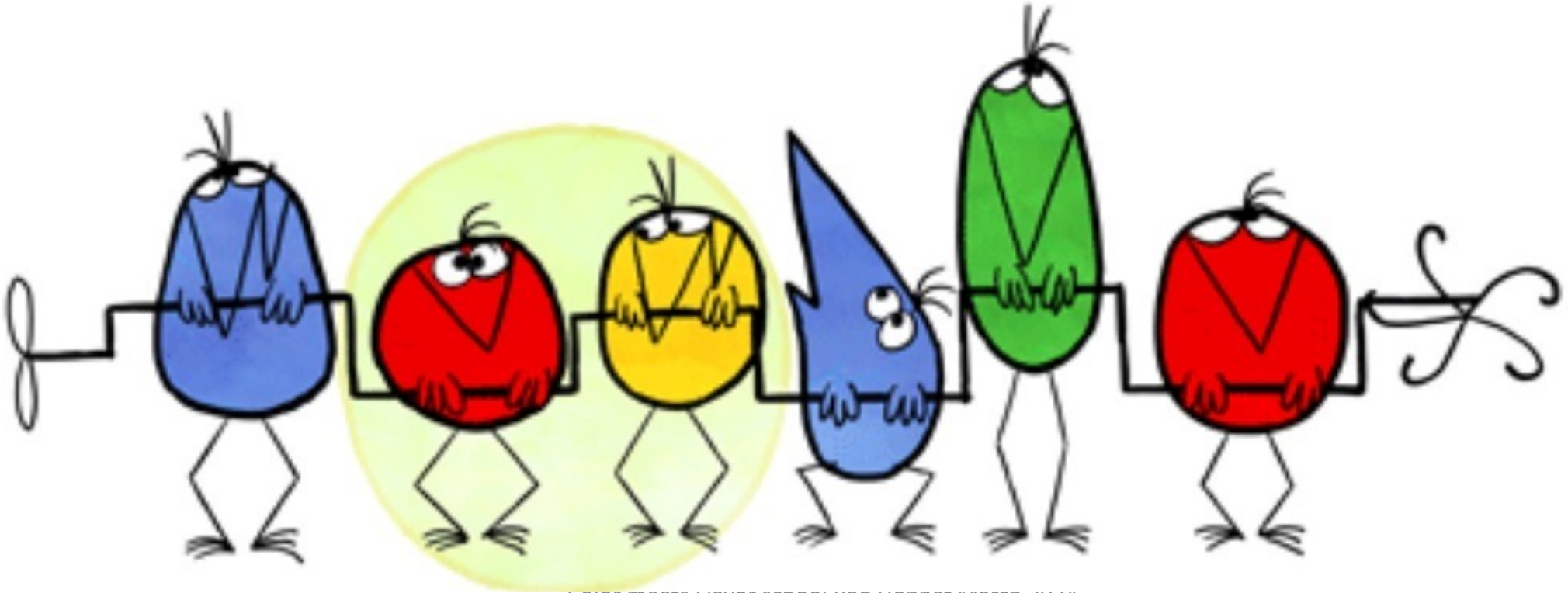


**Indirect** evidence through precision measurements sensitive to the presence of virtual states present in the decay of SM particles

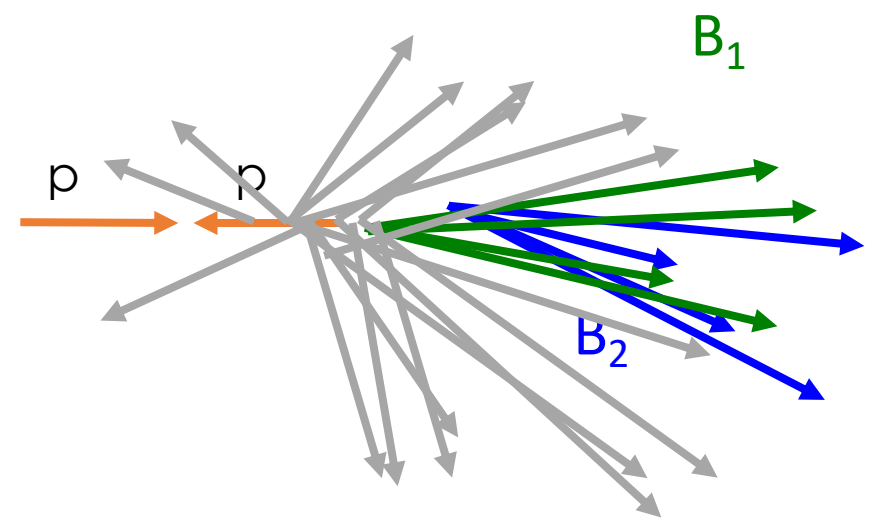
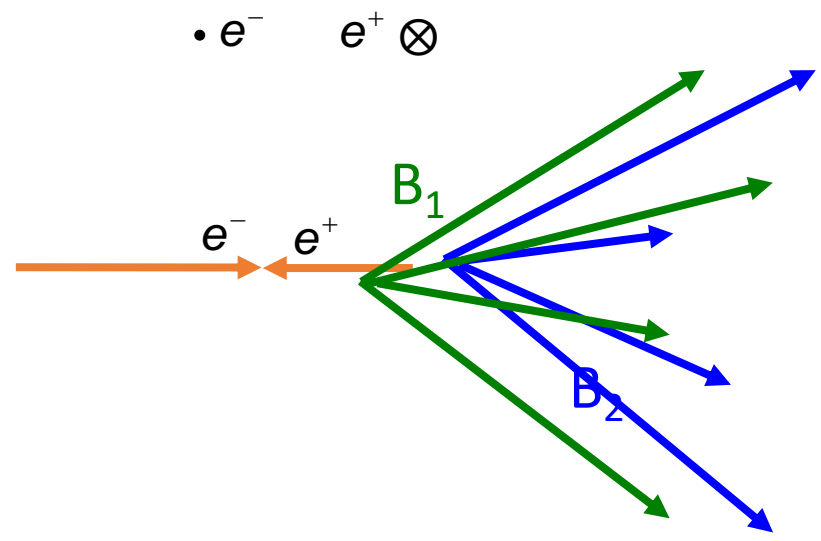
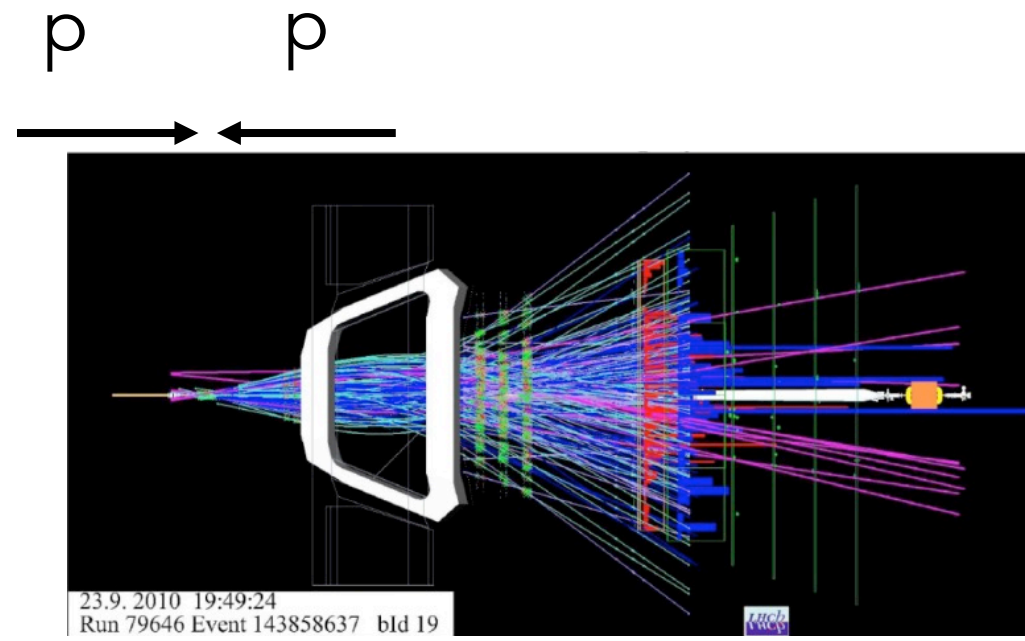
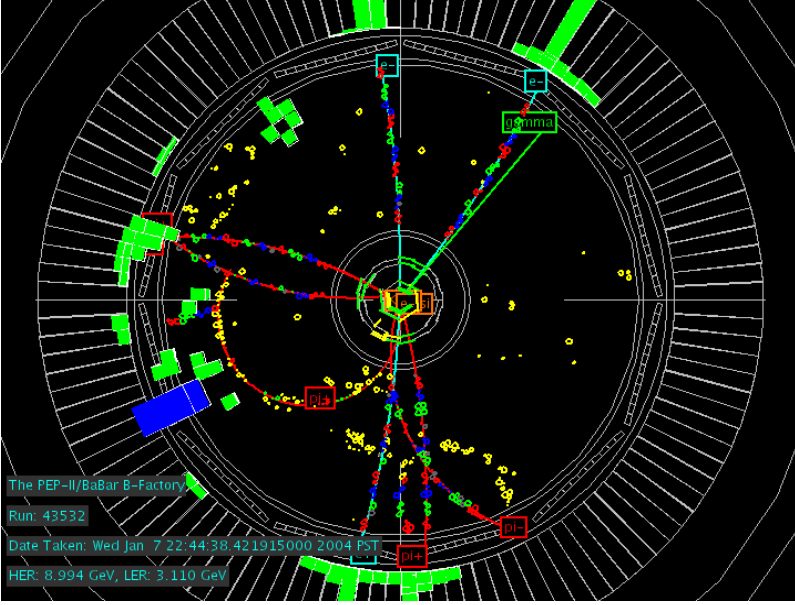
**Heavy flavours physics**



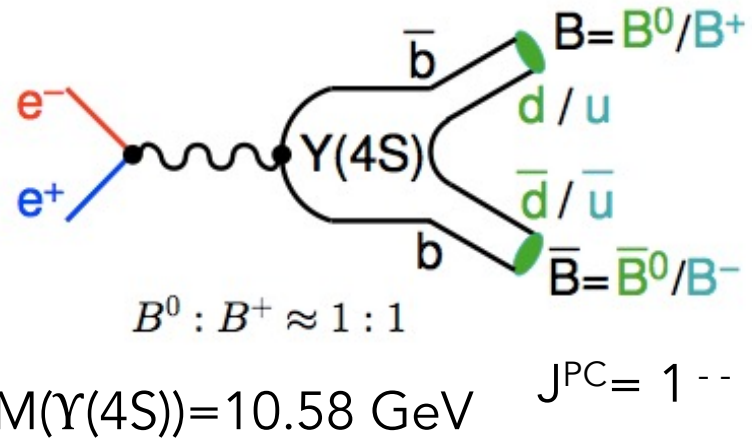
# Same physics different environments



# sketch of an event at B-factory and at LHCb



# B-Factories



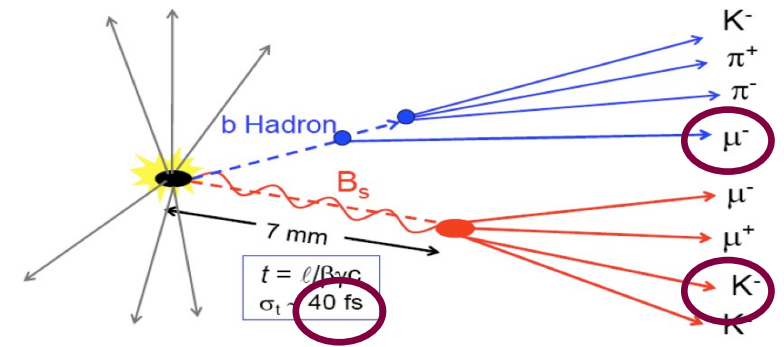
only ( $B^+$ ,  $B^0$ ) are produced (no fragmentation)

( $B^+$ ,  $B^0$ ) are produced nearly at rest in the  $Y(4S)$  cms

Two pseudoscalar bosons with  $L=1$ , antisymmetric wave function

If the two B could oscillate independently: they could become a state made up of two identical mesons (=bosons), this would be a symmetric state ...

# LHCb



Two independent b-hadrons produced

Time measured from primary vertex

All types of b-hadrons :  $B_s$  and  $\Lambda_b$  also

Fragmentation tracks

Experiment	Integrated <sup>(*)</sup> luminosity	$b\bar{b}$ cross section	Hadronic background	Main $b$ -hadron species species produced
BaBar	$433 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.1 nb	3.7 nb	$\bar{B}^0$ and $B^-$
Belle	$711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.1 nb	3.7 nb	$\bar{B}^0$ and $B^-$
Belle II	$400 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.1 nb	3.7 nb	$\bar{B}^0$ and $B^-$ +cc
LHCb	$9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	140 $\mu\text{b}$ (13 TeV)	60 mb	$\bar{B}^0$ , $B^-$ , $\bar{B}_s^0$ , $\Lambda_b$ and $B_c^-$

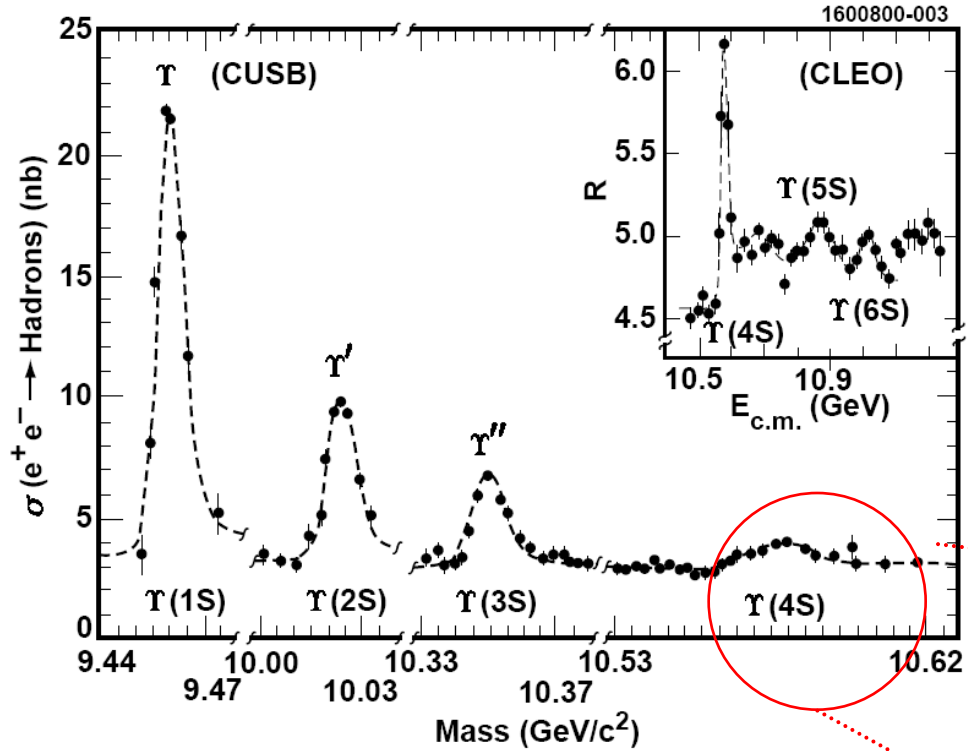
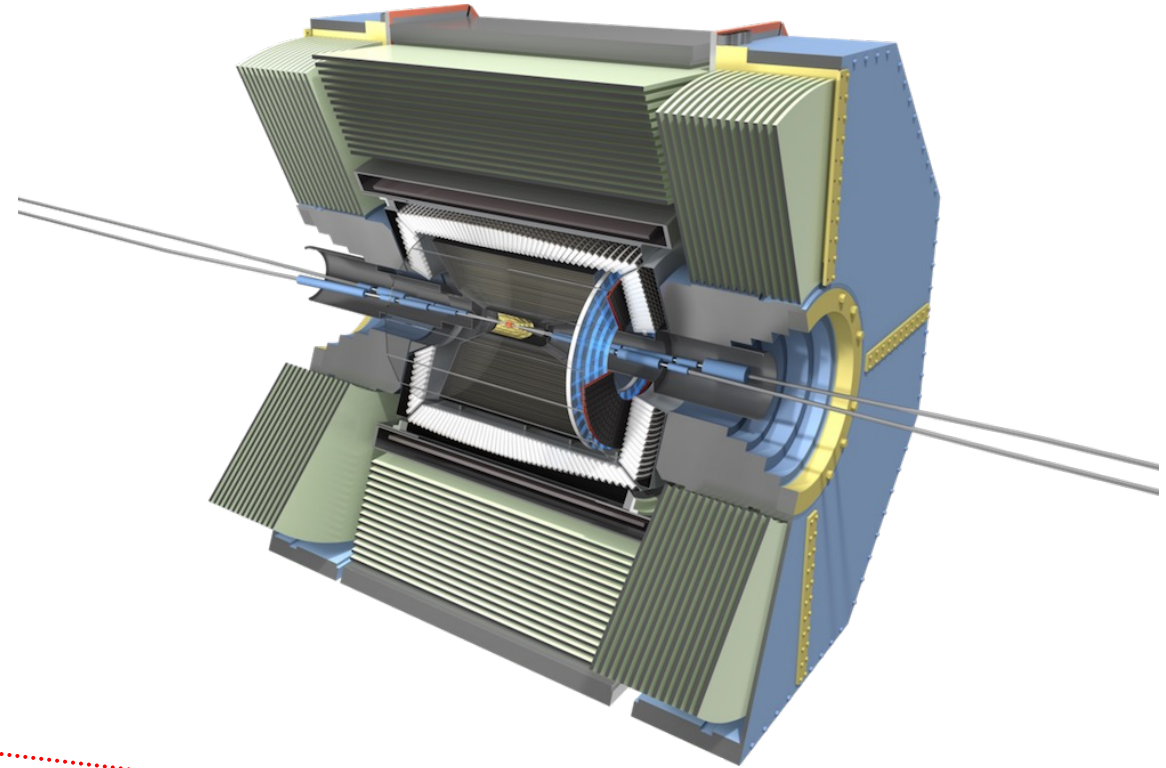
(\*) at hand

**Very** rough comparison:

	B-Factories	LHCb
Average B-flight distance	200 $\mu\text{m}$ *	1 cm
Typical bb rate	~10-100 Hz	~ 200 kHz
Event multiplicity	~10	~100
Number of channels	0,1 M	1,1 M

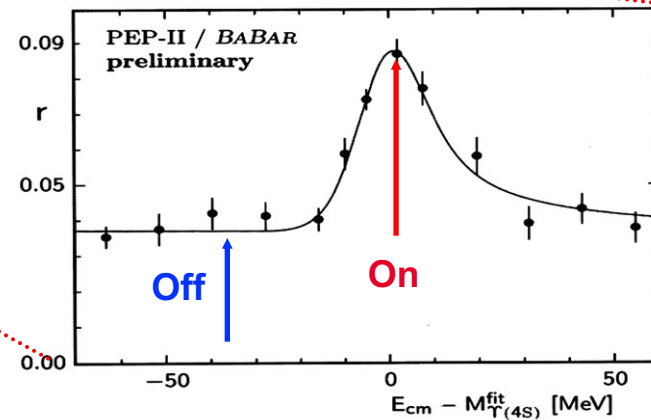
# Belle-II (BFactories)

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow BB \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$$



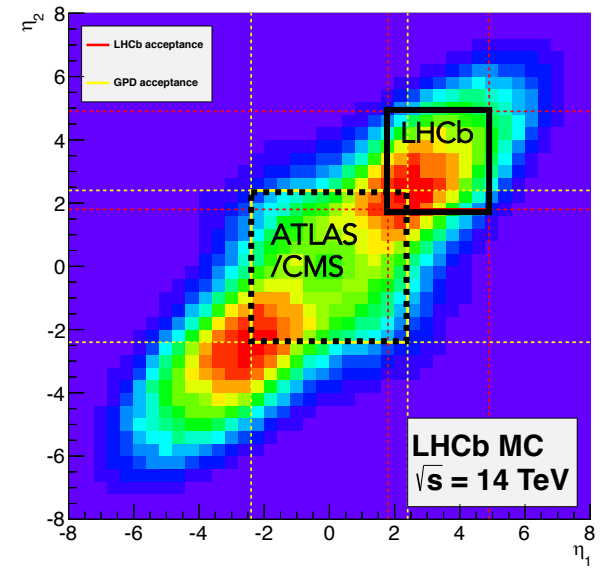
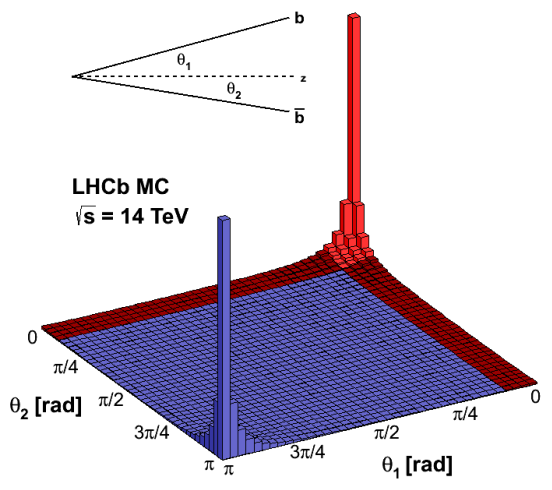
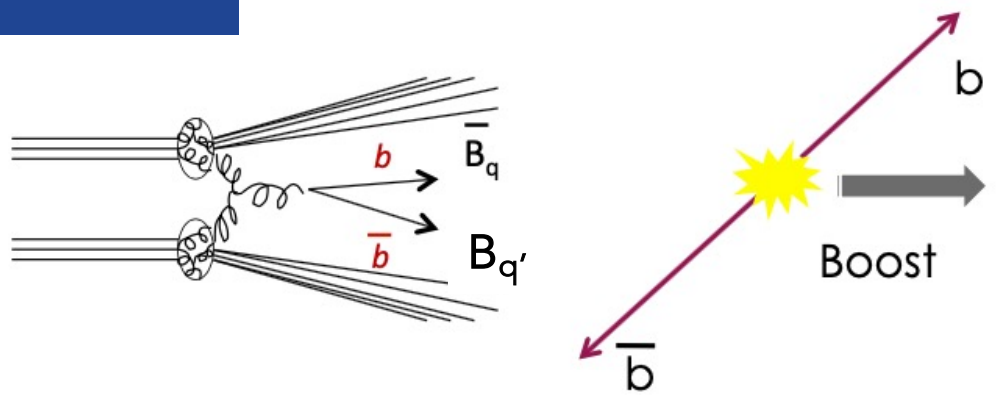
$\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^+B^-, B^0B^0$   
to approx. 50% each

$\Upsilon(4S)$  Energy Scan

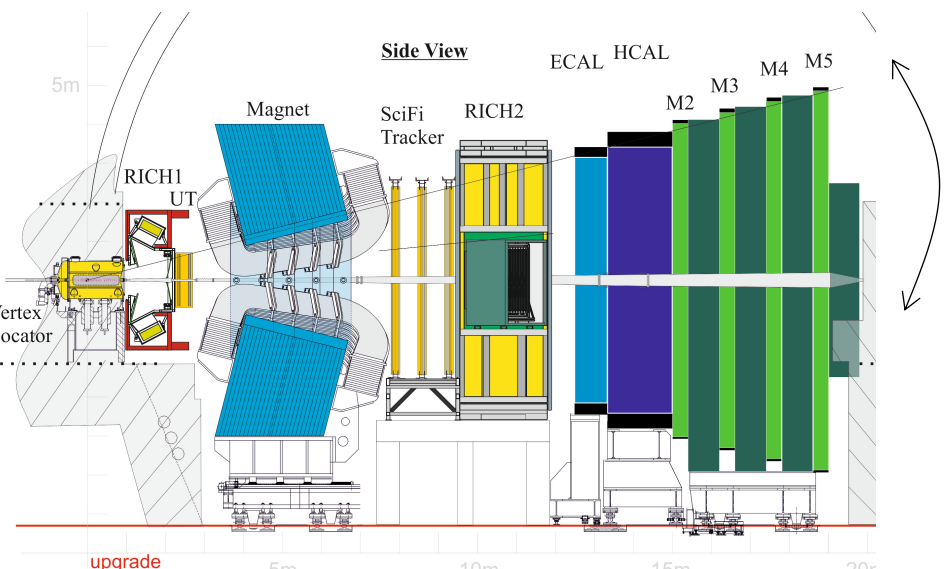
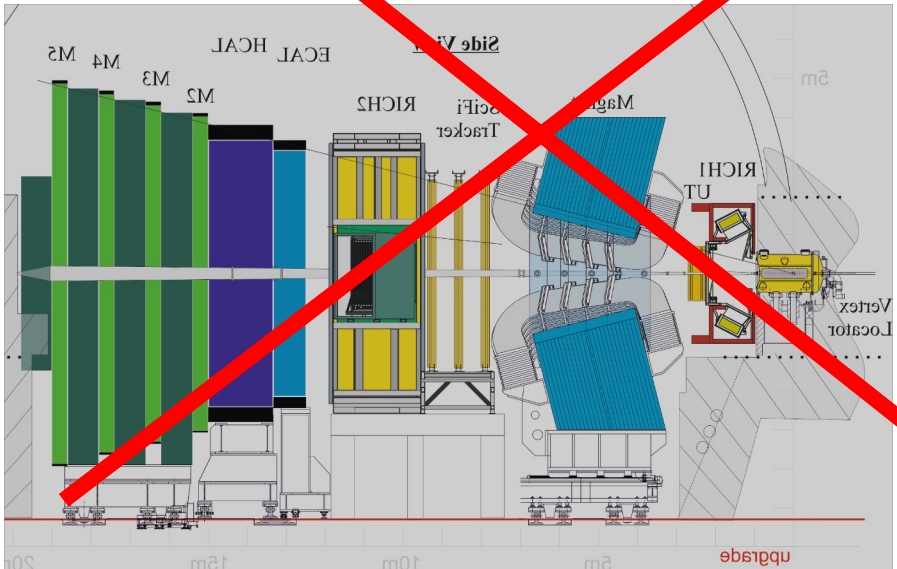




The 2 b-quarks are produced in the same direction along the beam axis



~ 25% of the  $b\bar{b}$  production between 15 and 300 mrad



Color meets FI

# A crucial difference between B-Factories and LHCb : trigger

At B-Factories : recording of all  $\Upsilon(4S)$  events possible

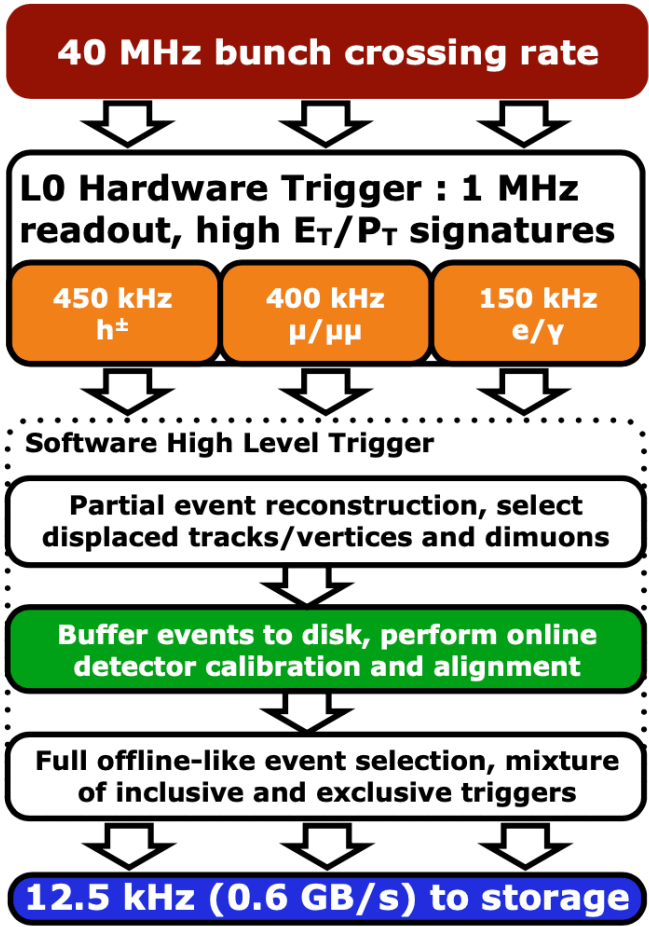
At LHCb bb production cross section is huge :  $290 \mu\text{b}$  .... but the inelastic cross section is about 300 times larger

Should trigger on **interesting events**

At 13 TeV for Run3 (x5 higher peak lumi) :  
Nominal Charm rate: 5 MHz  
Nominal Beauty rate: 200 kHz



# LHCb trigger diagram for the data recorded from 2015 to 2018

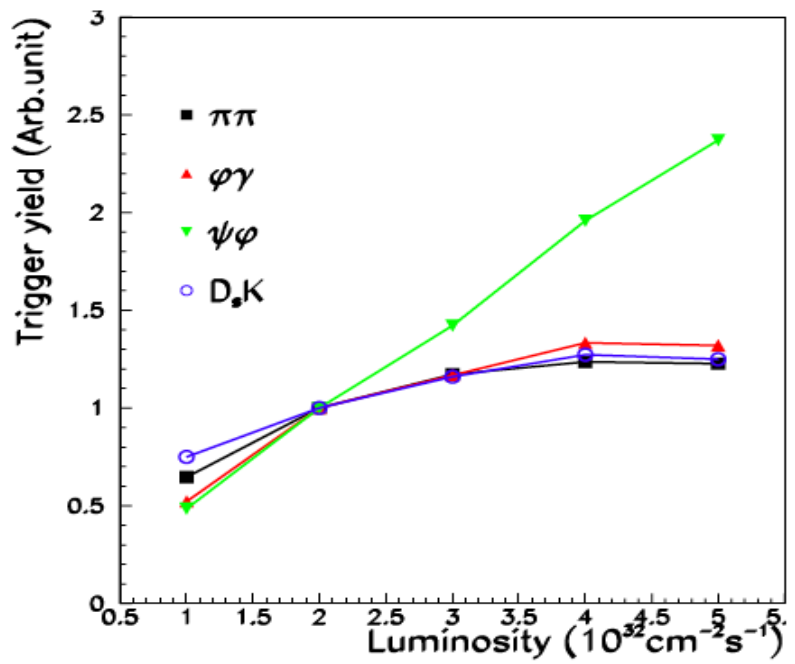
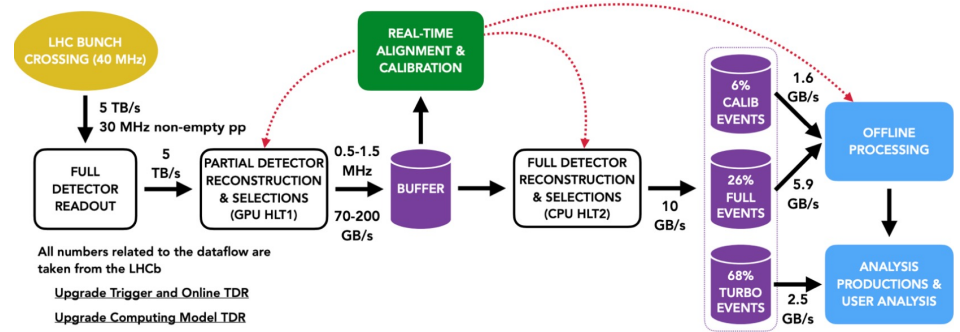


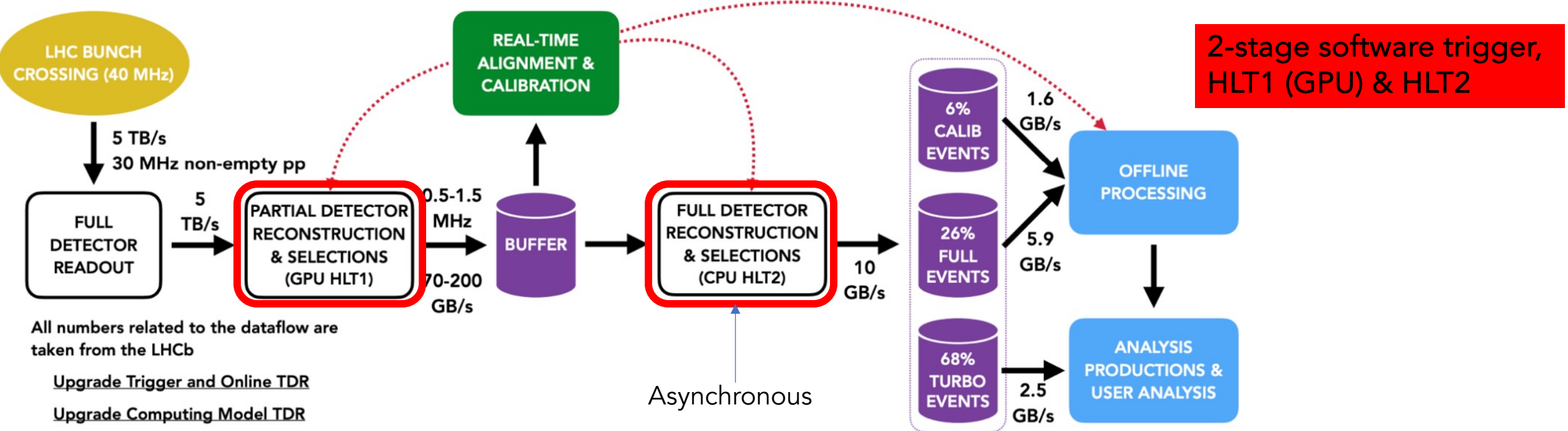
Beauty: 40 kHz



# LHCb trigger diagram for Run3 (from 2022)

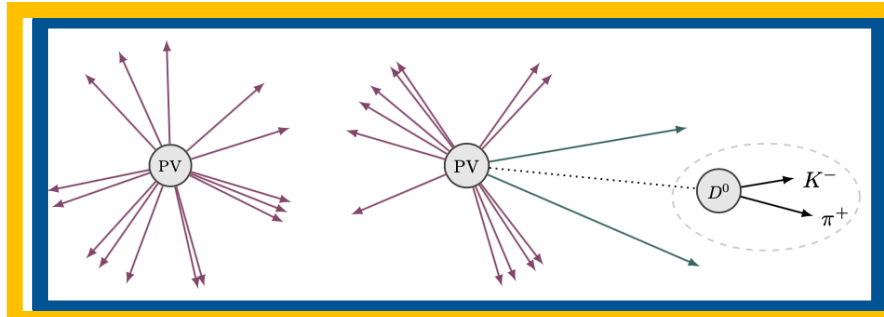
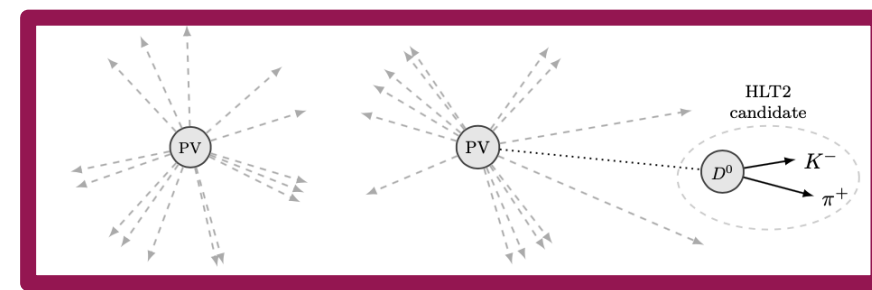
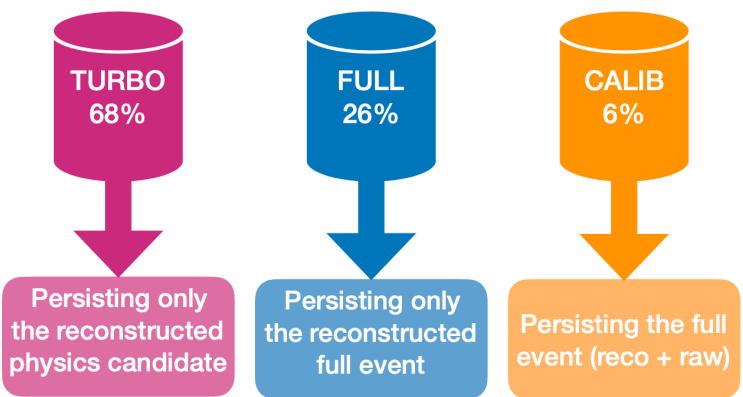
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Detector data received by O(500) FPGAs and built into events in the event building (EB) farm servers

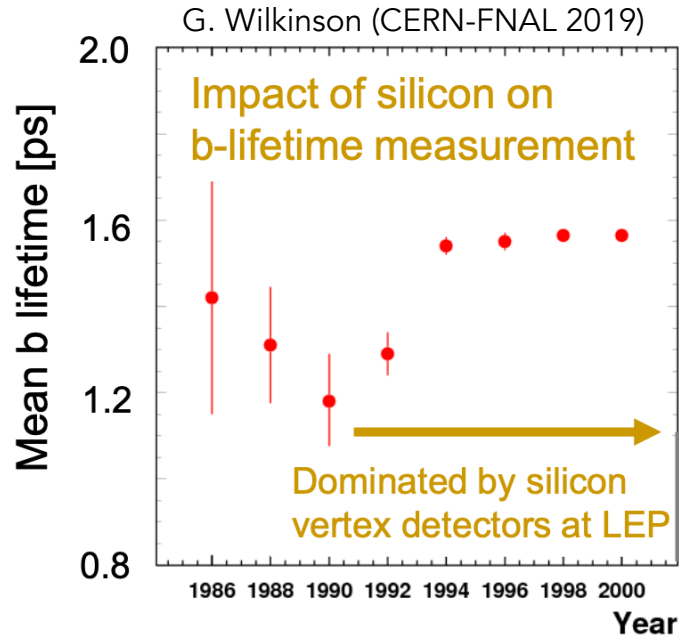
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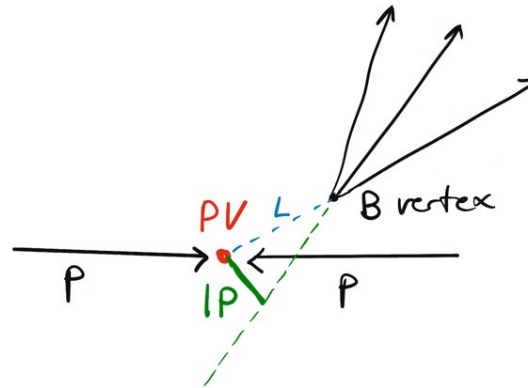


# Key-aspects present in both experiments: vertex detectors

## Silicon vertex detectors



Aluminium foil separates VELO vacuum from LHC vacuum (+ shields it from high-frequency fields of the beams)



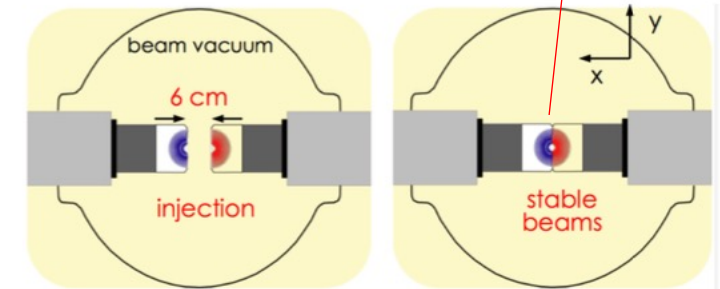
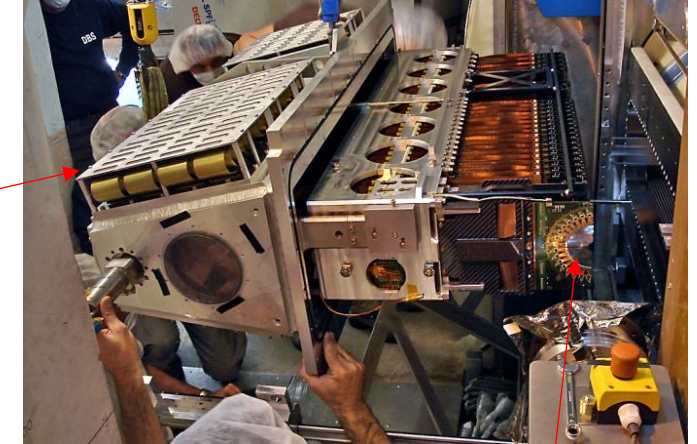
IP resolution  $< 35 \mu\text{m}$  for  $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

$$t = ml/p$$

$$\sigma_t = \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^2 \sigma_l^2 + \left(\frac{t}{p}\right)^2 \sigma_p^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  resolution on  $B_s$  decay time  $\sim 50 \text{ fs}$

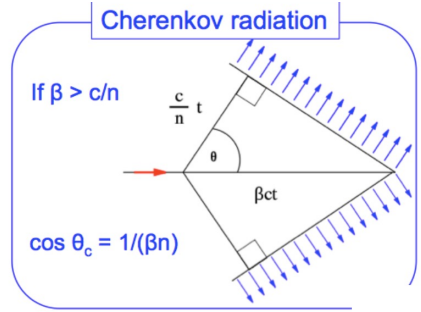
## LHCb – VERtEX LOcator



active area :  $\sim 8 \text{ mm}$  from beam  
New one even closer ( $\sim 5 \text{ mm}$ )



# Key-aspects present in both experiments: hadron PID

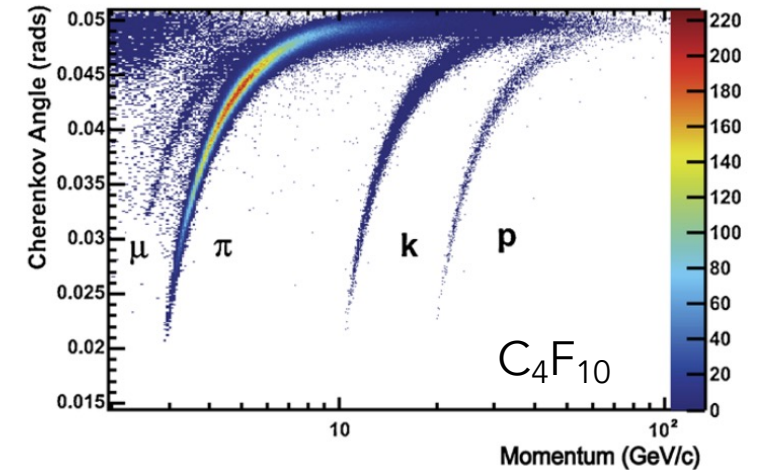
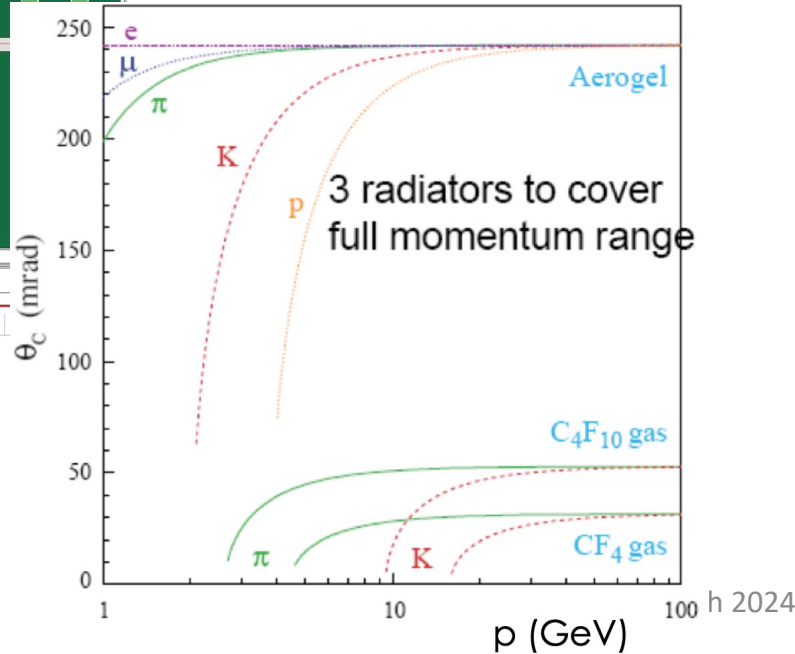
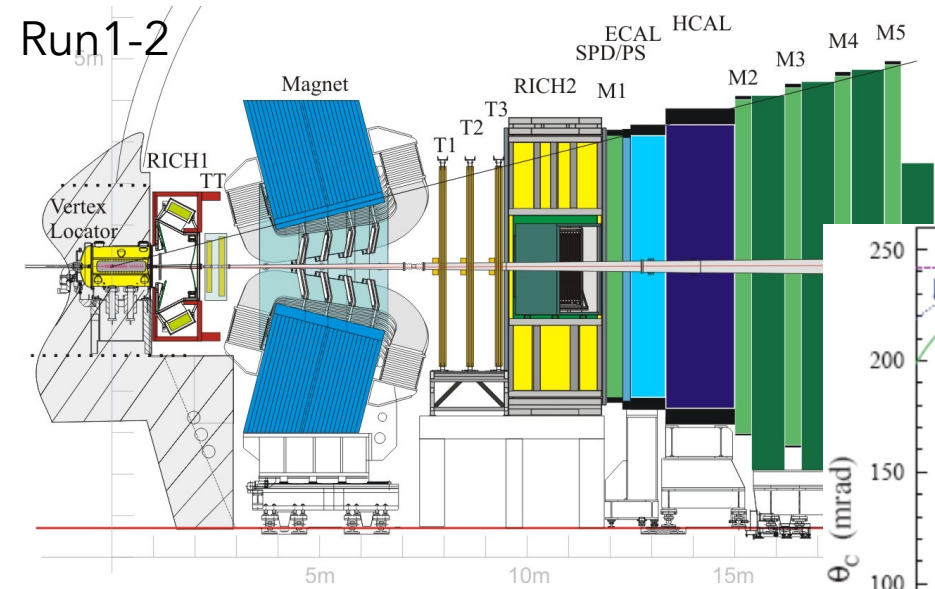
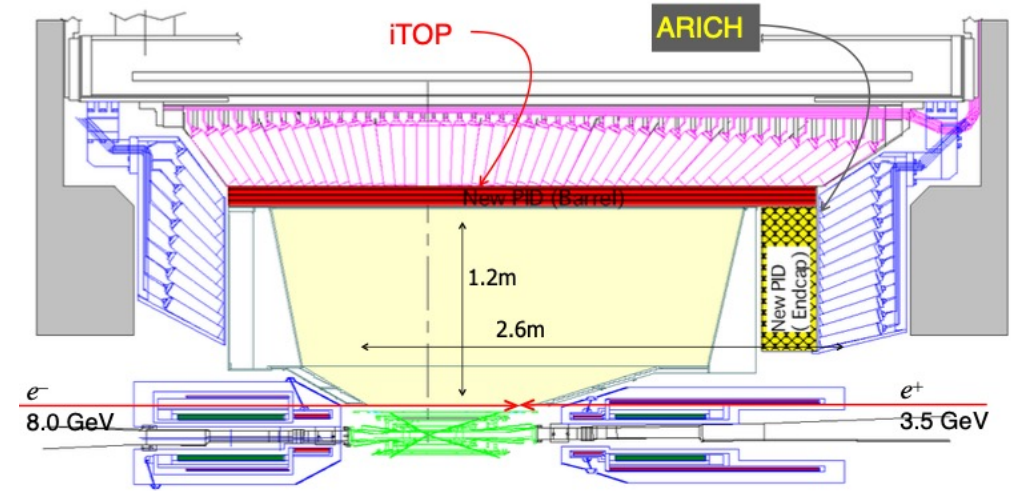


$$\cos(\theta_C) = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^2}$$

$p$  being measured by the tracking, the particle is identified

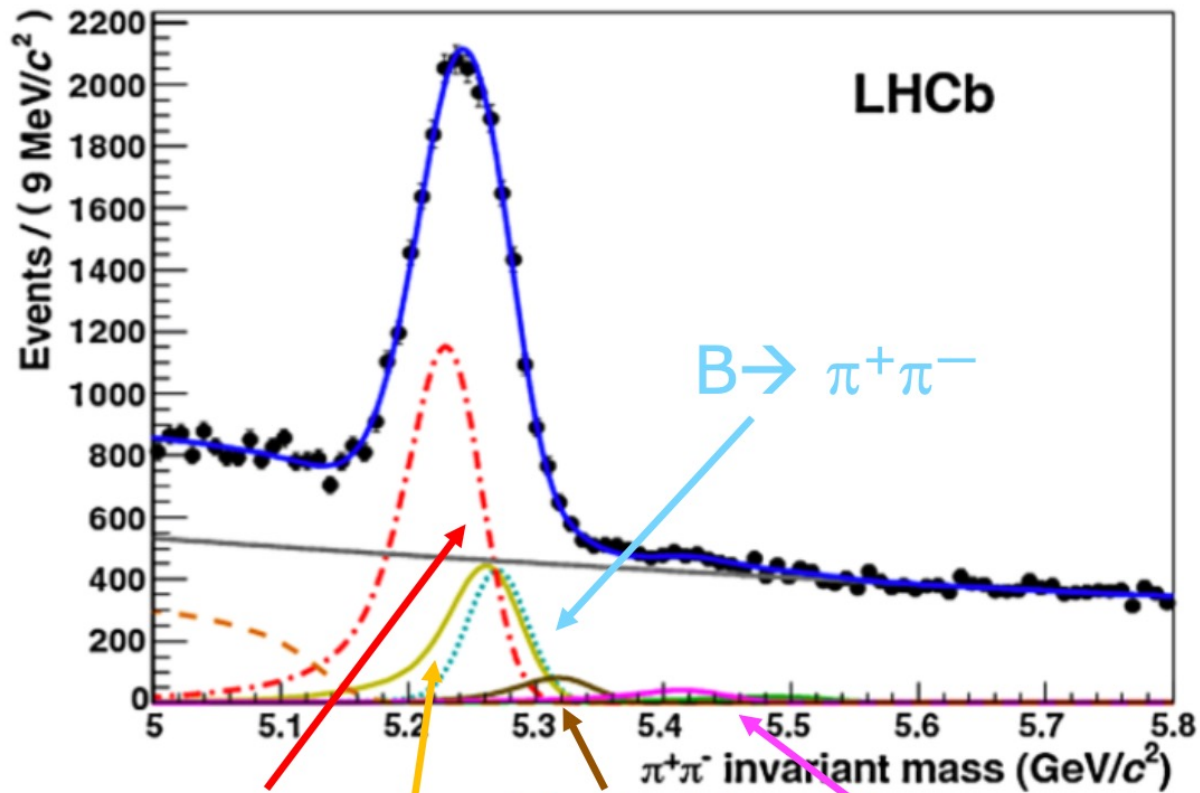
## LHCb: Cerenkov

## Belle-II: ToF and Cerenkov

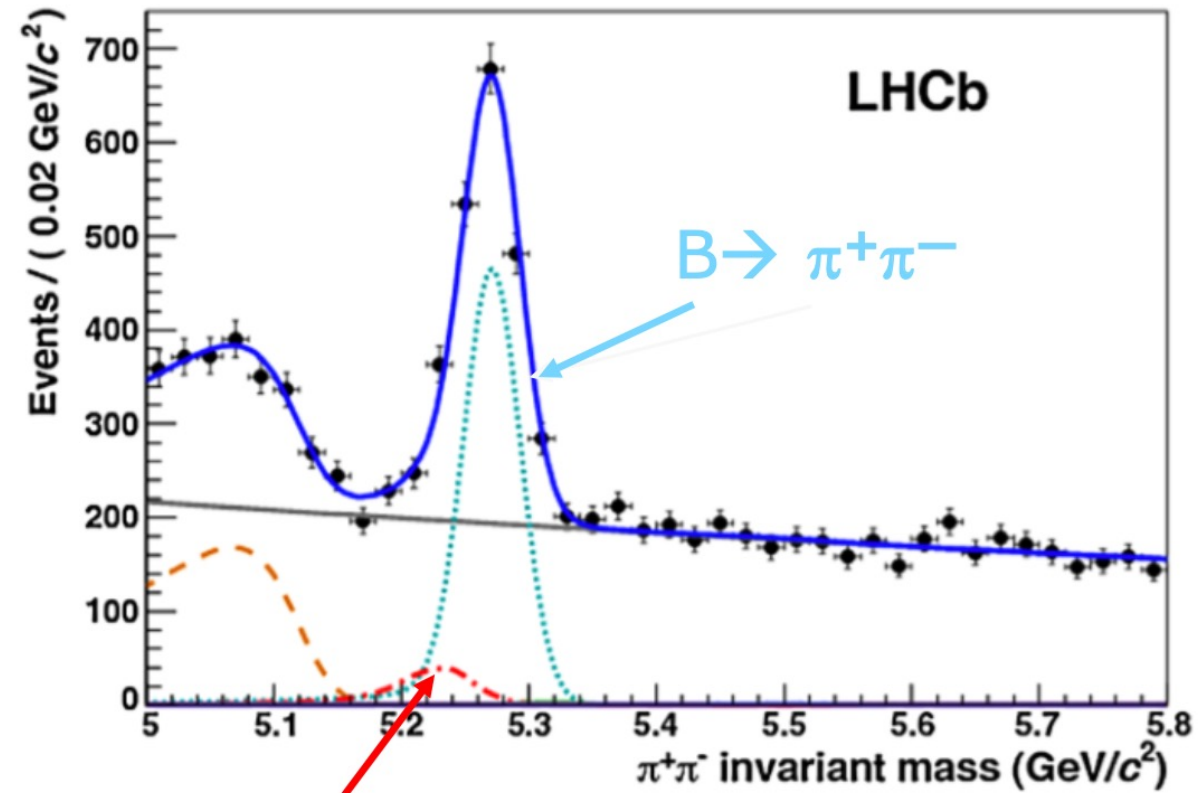


# Impact of the RICH on $B^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$ observation in LHCb

before



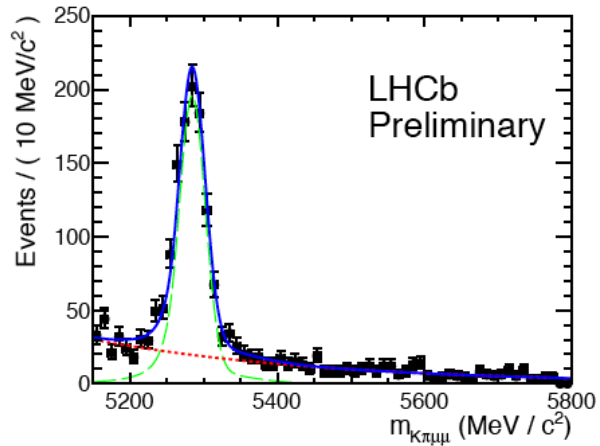
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# Signal selection

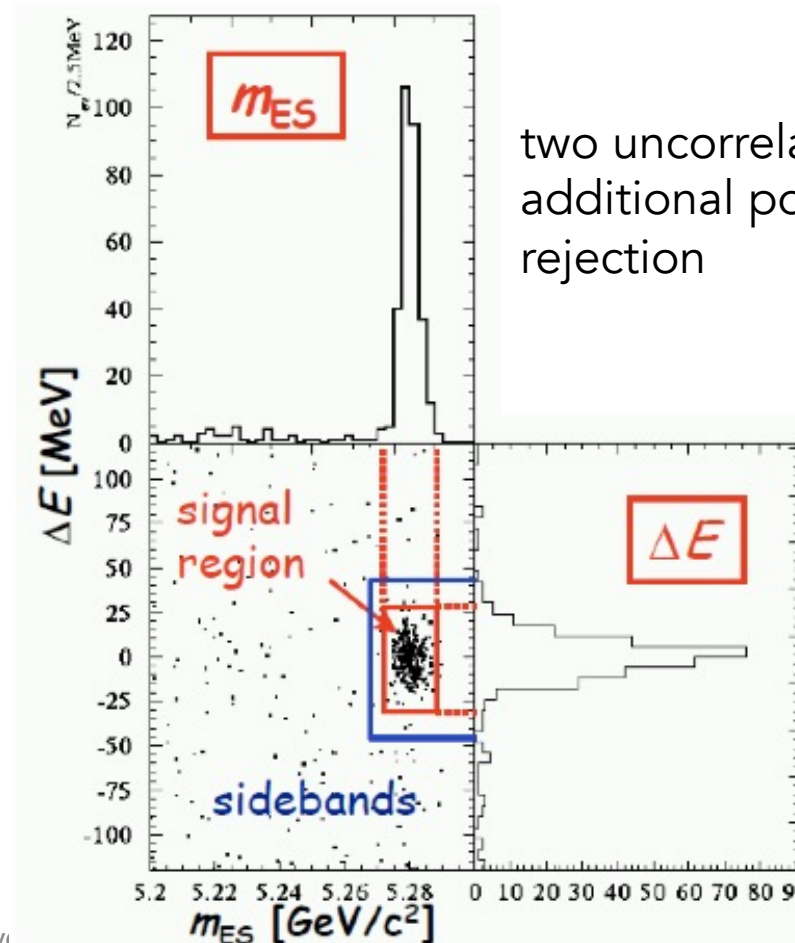
LHCb: 'standard' invariant mass plot



**BFactories:** 2 variables  $\Delta E$  and  $m_{ES}$  or  $m_{BC}$

From the lab frame boost all tracks back in the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  rest frame

$$\sqrt{s} = 2E_{\text{beam}}^* \quad \Delta E = E_B^* - E_{\text{beam}}^*, \quad m_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^{*2} - p_B^{*2}}$$



# ΔE and $m_{ES}$ or $m_{BC}$

$$\Delta E = E_B^* - E_{\text{beam}}^*$$

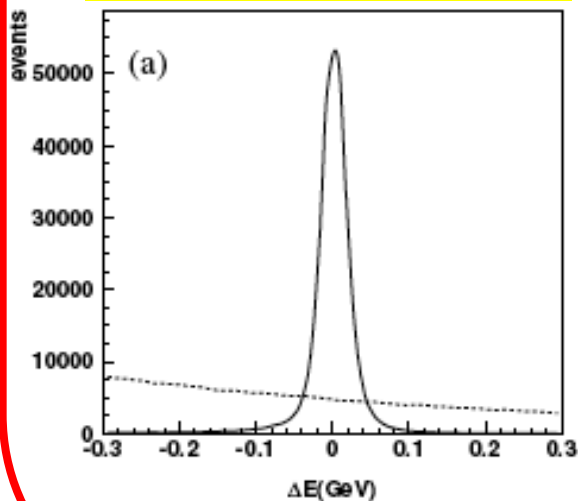
$$\sigma_{\Delta E}^2 = \sigma_{E_B^*}^2 + \sigma_{E_{\text{beam}}^*}^2$$



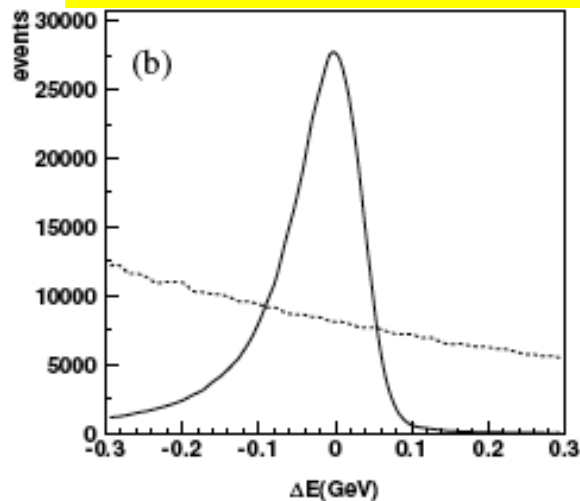
reconstruction  
(dominant)

beam energy spread

charged tracks only



charged tracks + neutral



$$m_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^{*2} - p_B^{*2}}$$

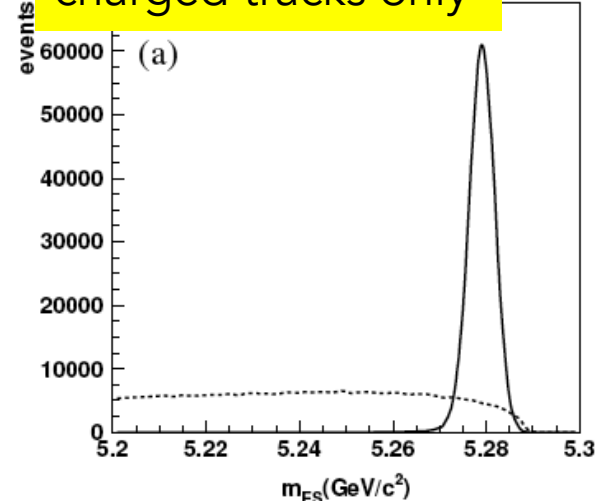
independent of the mass hypothesis of the particles

from detector measurement

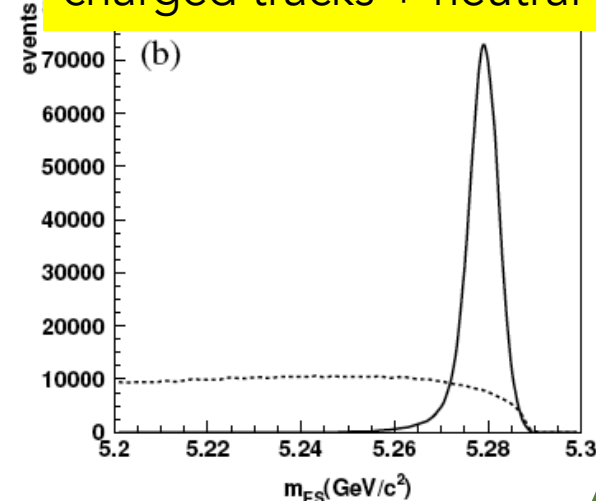
$$\sigma_{m_{ES}}^2 \approx \sigma_{E_B^*}^2 + \left(\frac{p_B^*}{m_B}\right)^2 \sigma_{p_B^*}^2$$

dominated by the beam energy knowledge

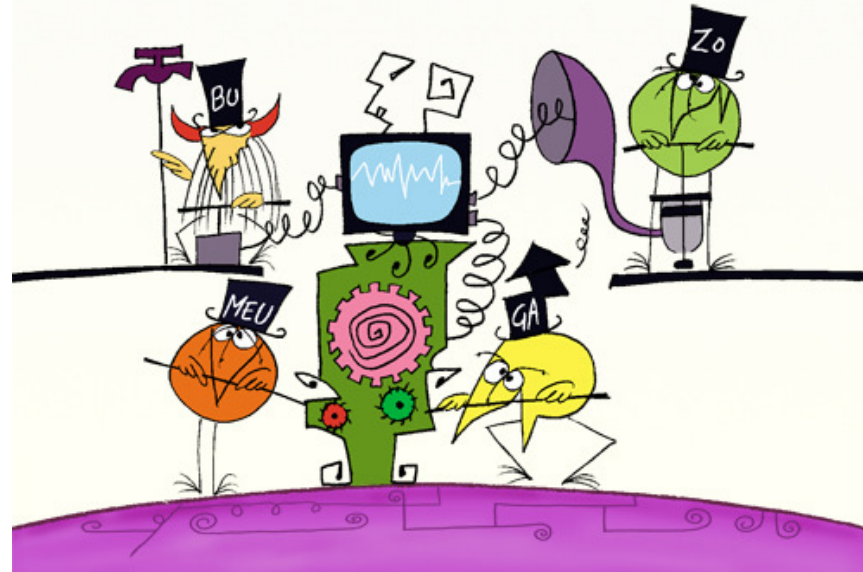
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# The CKM mechanism: measuring the sides of the unitarity triangle

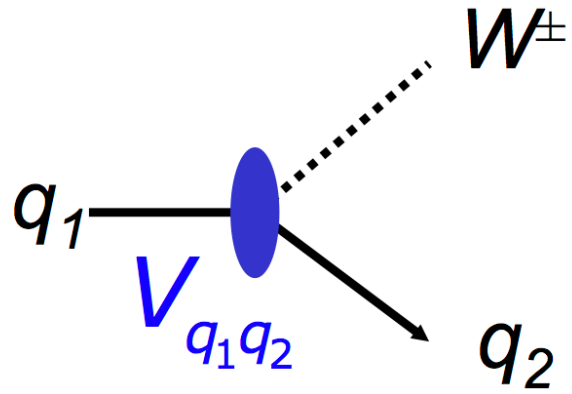




# CP-Violation in the Renormalizable Theory of Weak Interaction

Makoto KOBAYASHI and Toshihide MASKAWA

Department of Physics, Kyoto University, Kyoto



1973  
Before the discovery of the 4<sup>th</sup> quark  
  
Prediction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> family

$$V_{CKM}^\dagger V_{CKM} = V_{CKM} V_{CKM}^\dagger = 1$$

SM with 3 families: 3 angles ( $\theta_{ij}$ ) and one phase ( $\delta$ )

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij} \end{matrix}$$

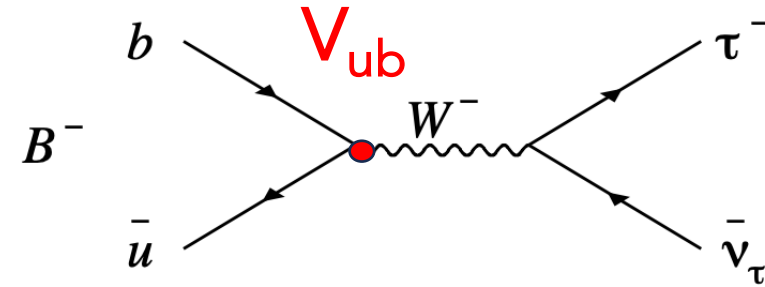
The element  $s_{13}e^{-i\delta}$  in the CKM matrix is circled in orange and labeled  $V_{ub}$  in blue.

**Measurements !**

How to measure those numbers ?

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

Magnitudes are typically determined from branching ratios

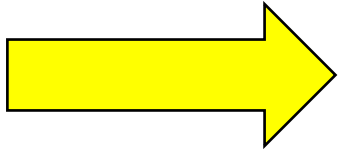


$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau) = \frac{G_F^2 m_B m_\tau^2}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2 \tau_B$$

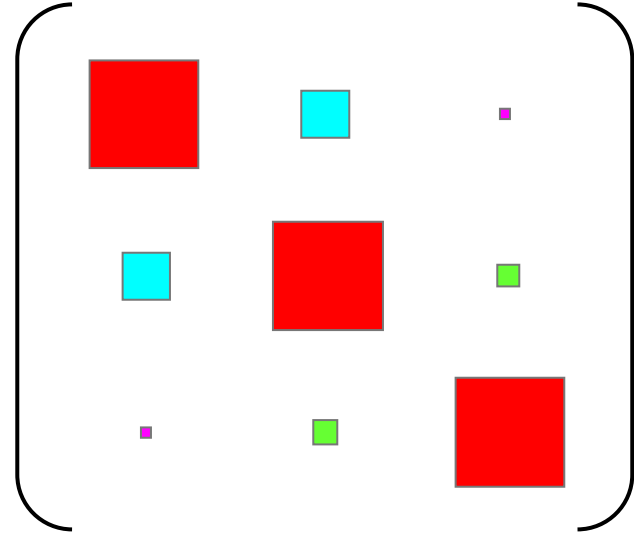
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*NB : only an example, other methods using other decays also exist !*

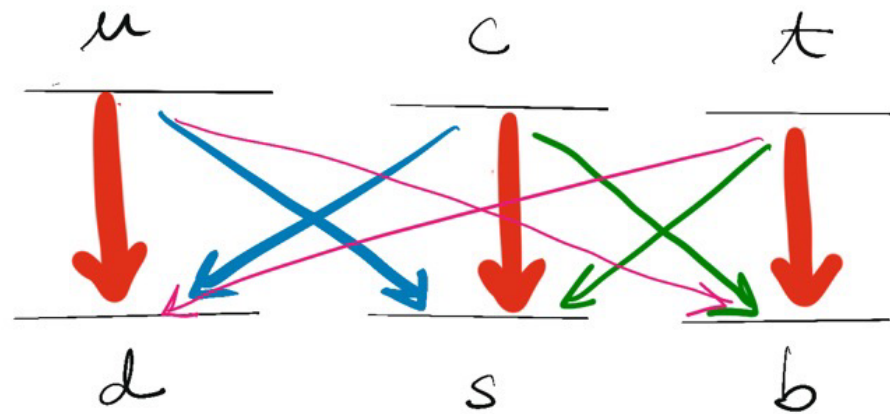
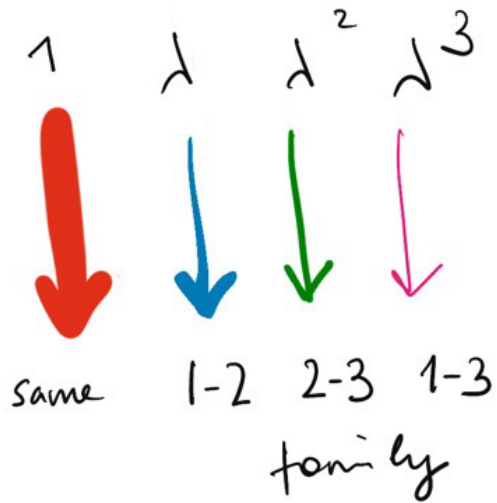
Phases : CP violation



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




Why this structure ?



→ Wolfenstein parametrization in power of  $\lambda$  ( $=\sin\theta_c$ ) =  $s_{12}$  =  $|V_{us}| \sim 0.22$

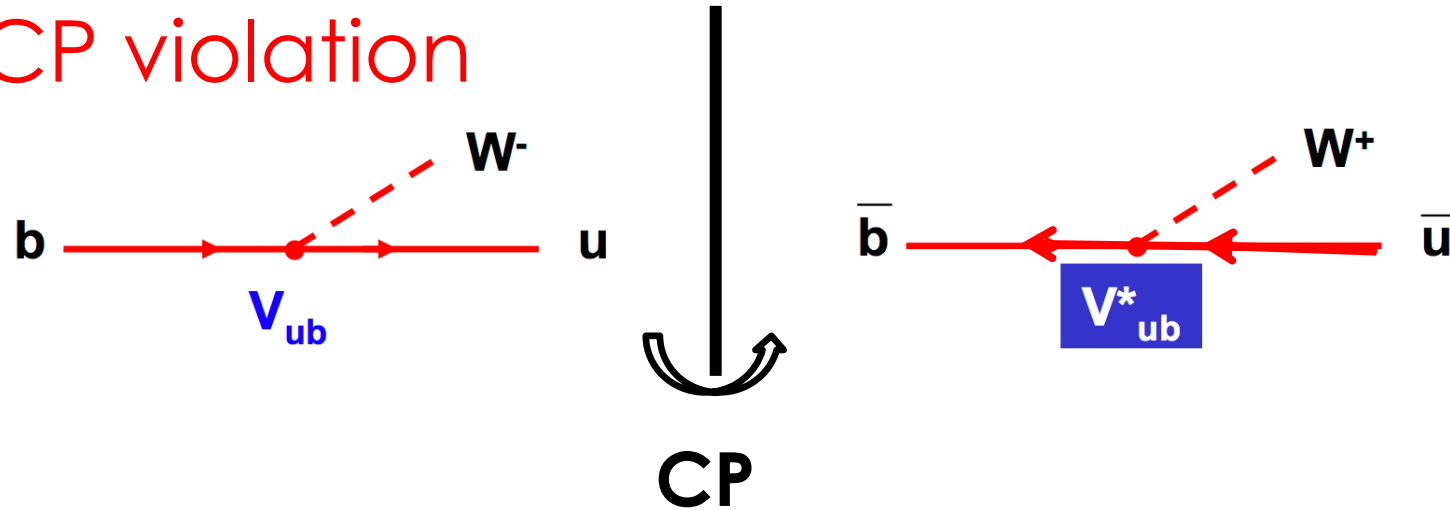
$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

$V_{ub}$  

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

$V_{ub}^* \neq V_{ub} \rightarrow$  CP violation



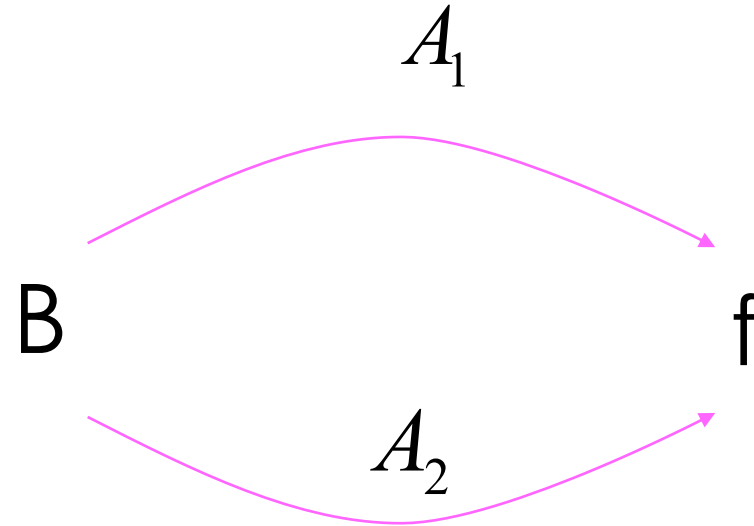
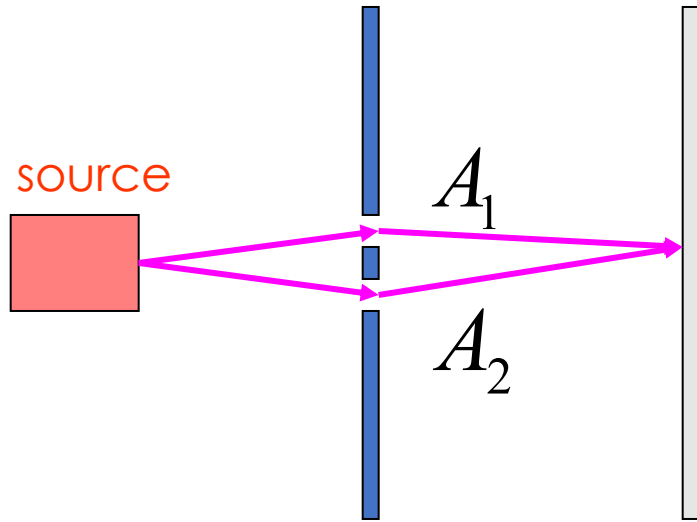
But CP violation has been discovered studying  $K^0$  ( $s\bar{d}$ ) mesons !

Large effects for particles with a **b** quark  
 Small effects for particles with a **c** or **s** quark

Distinctive flavour sector of Standard Model not necessarily replicated in extended theories




One amplitude : no sensitivity on phase ( $|V_{ij}|^2 = |V_{ij}^*|^2$ )



Sensitivity to the phase difference

$\delta_i$  strong phase  
 $\phi_i$  weak phase

**CP** 

$$A_f = A(B \rightarrow f) = a_1 e^{i(\delta_1 + \phi_1)} + a_2 e^{i(\delta_2 + \phi_2)}$$

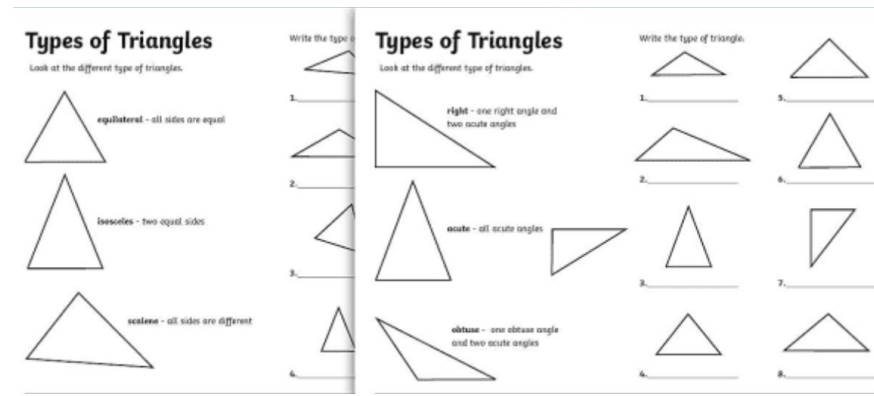
$$\bar{A}_f = A(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{f}) = a_1 e^{i(\delta_1 - \phi_1)} + a_2 e^{i(\delta_2 - \phi_2)}$$

to observe CPV :

$$\delta_1 \neq \delta_2$$

$$a_2 \neq 0$$

# Triangle(s)



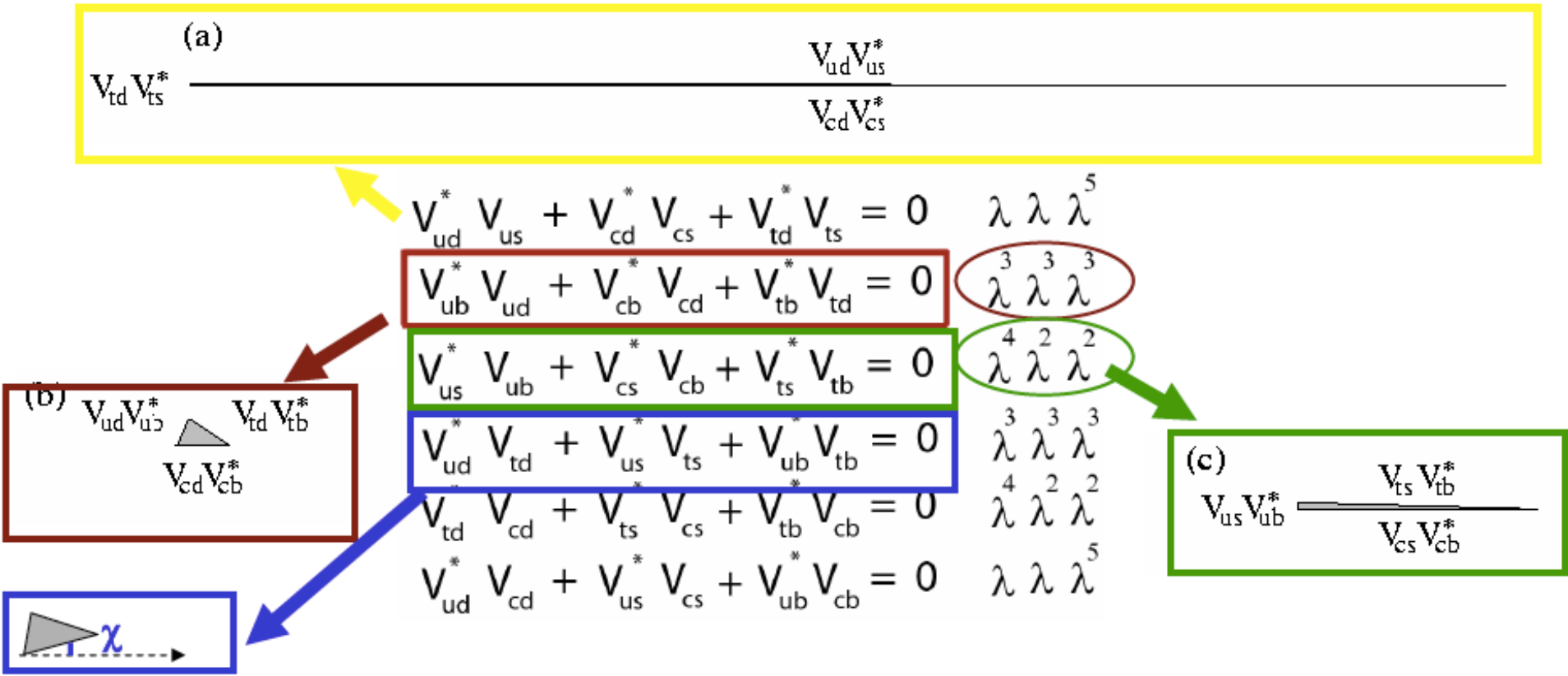
*Stay within the 3 families*

$$(u \quad c \quad t) \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Unitarity of  $V_{CKM}$   $V V^\dagger = V^\dagger V = \mathbf{1}$

$\rightarrow 9$  relations  $\sum_{k=1}^n V_{ik} V_{jk}^* = \delta_{ij}$ ,

The non-diagonal elements of the matrix products  $\rightarrow$  6 triangle equations



They all have the same area  $J/2$

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

Jarlskog invariant

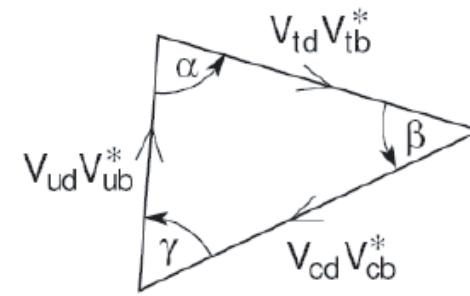
“the” unitarity triangle :  $V_{ub}^* V_{ud} + V_{cb}^* V_{cd} + V_{tb}^* V_{td} = 0$

$$V_{td} V_{tb}^* = A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) + A\lambda^5(\rho + i\eta)$$

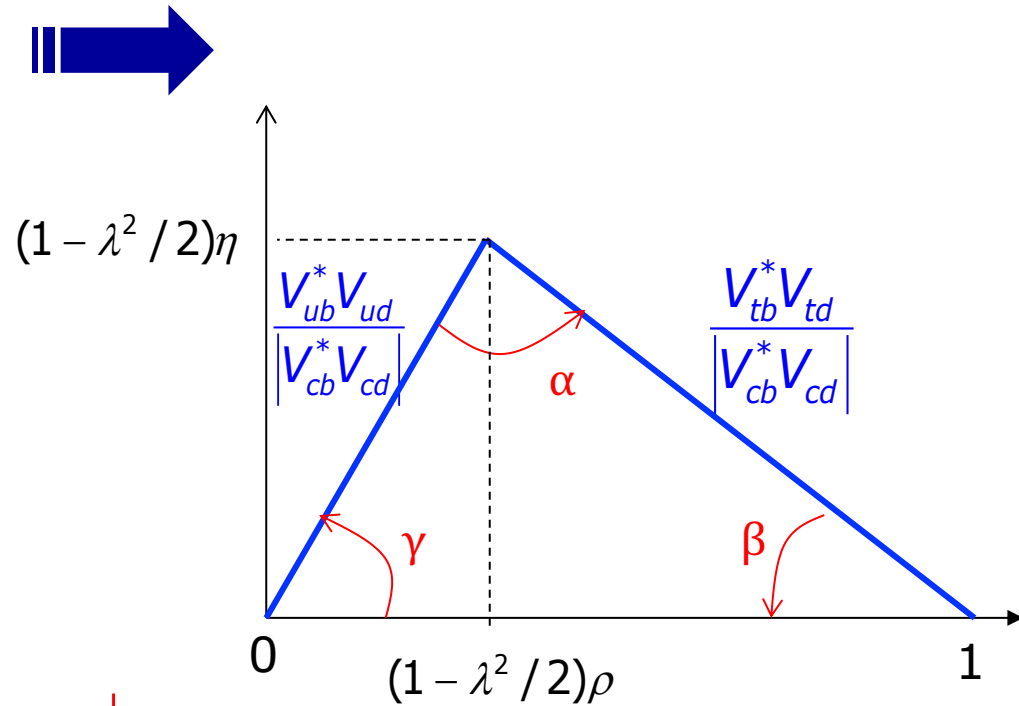
$$V_{ud} V_{ub}^* = A\lambda^3(\rho + i\eta) \times \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right)$$

$$V_{cd} V_{cb}^* = -A\lambda^3$$

at order  $\lambda^5$



Basis of the triangle aligned on the real axis, normalized to 1



$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \phi_2 \\ \beta &= \phi_1 \\ \gamma &= \phi_3 \end{aligned}$$

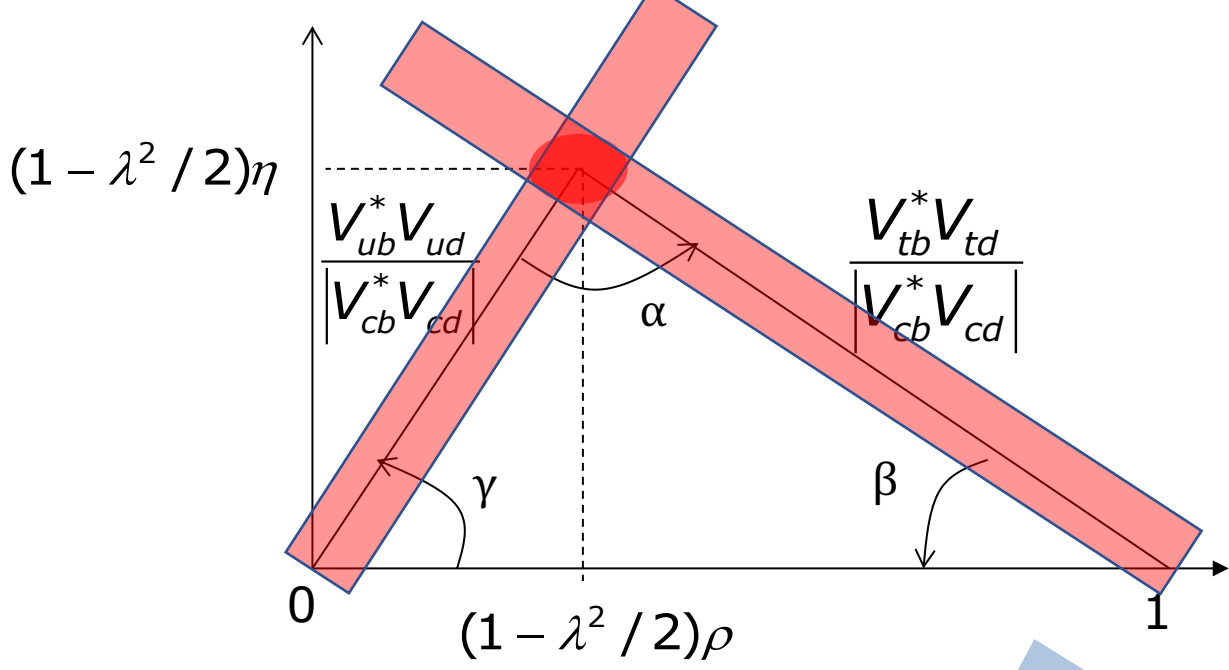
$$\beta = \arg\left(\frac{V_{td} V_{tb}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}\right) = \text{atan}\left(\frac{(1 - \lambda^2 / 2)\eta}{1 - (1 - \lambda^2 / 2)\rho}\right)$$

$$\gamma = \arg\left(\frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}\right) = \text{atan}\left(\frac{\eta}{\rho}\right)$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$$

2 sides ; 3 angles  
 ⇒ aim : to overconstrain this unitarity triangle  
 precision test of the Standard !

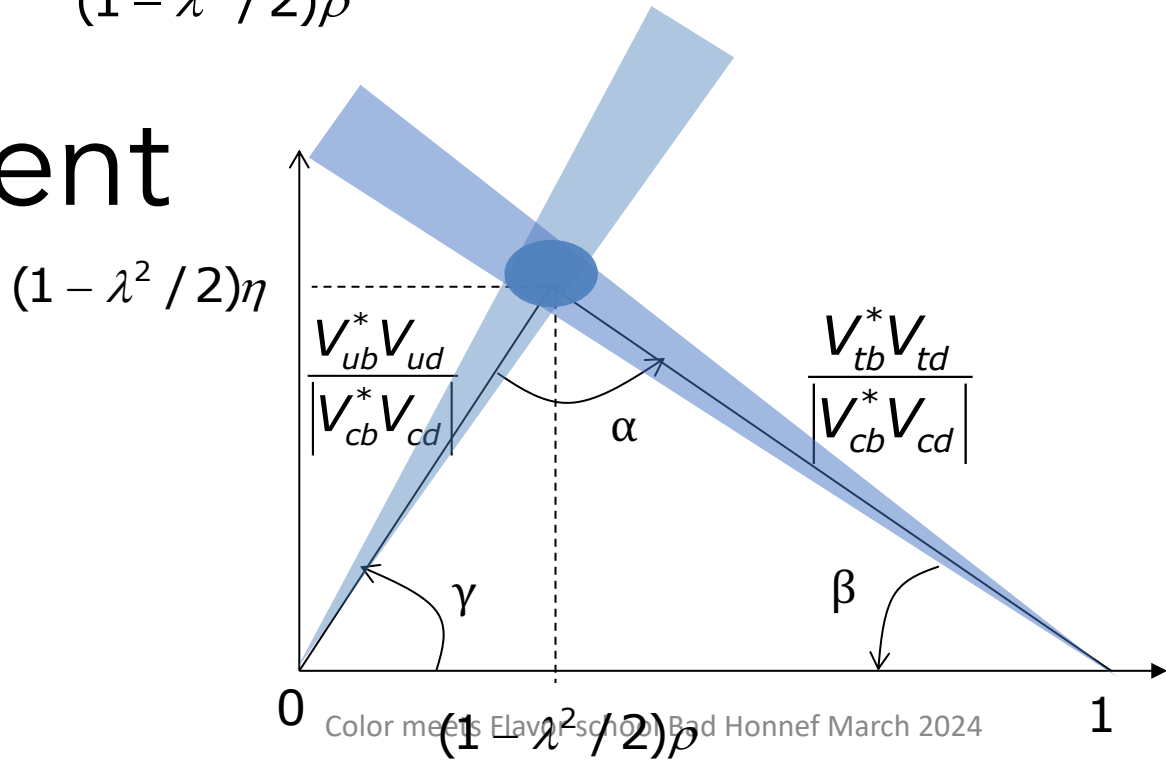
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Are the measurements involving only tree diagrams in agreement with measurements involving loop and box diagrams ?

in agreement with

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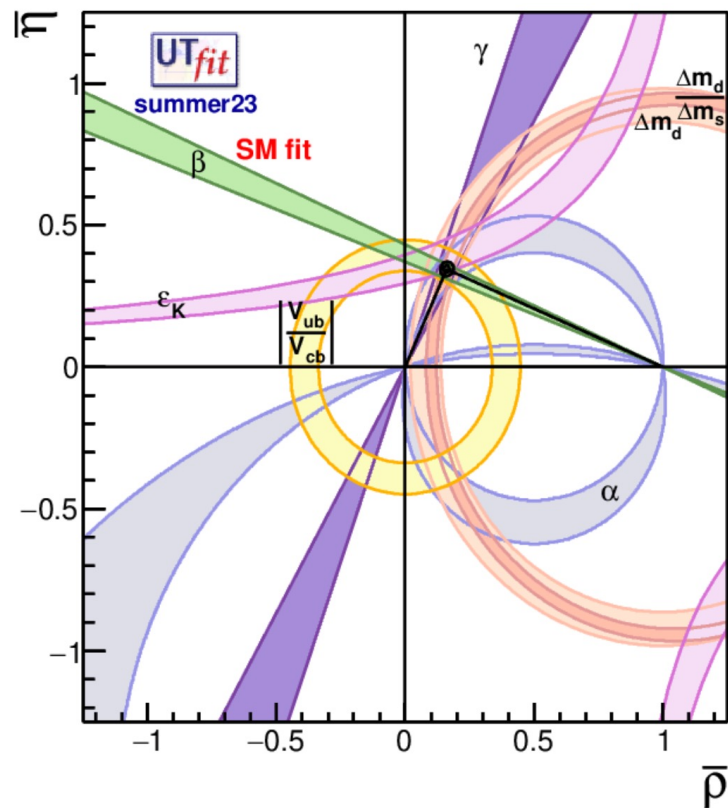
# Two main collaborations for CKM fits:

Different statistical treatments (bayesian or frequentist)

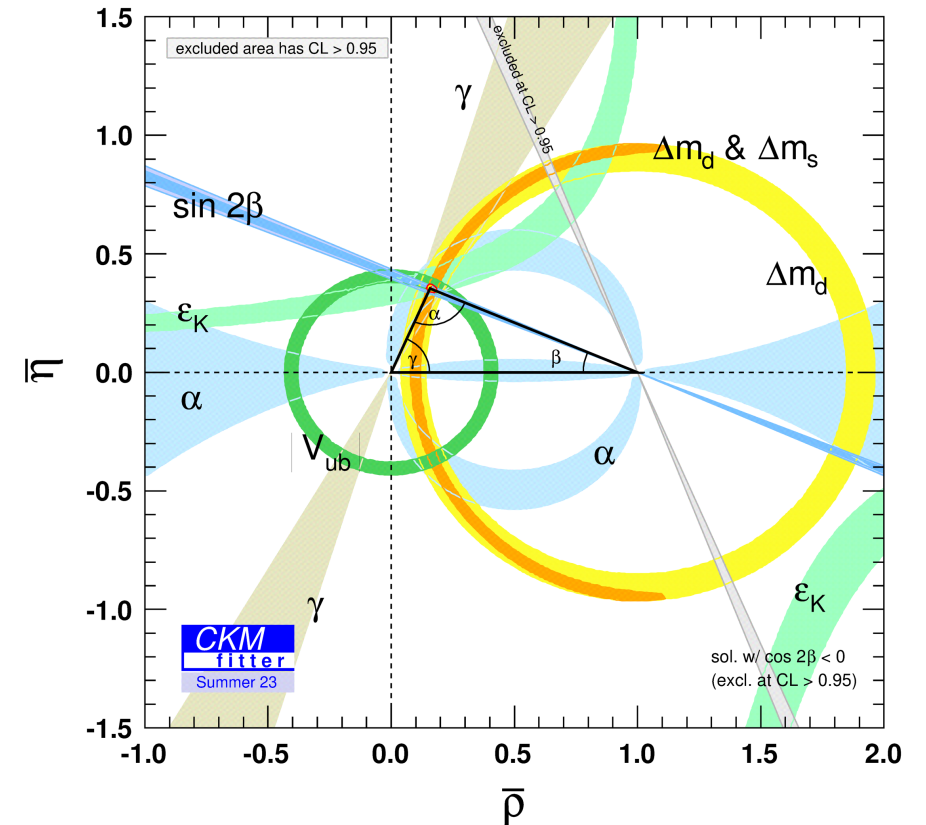
Different choices of TH inputs

Mostly similar exp results

UTfit

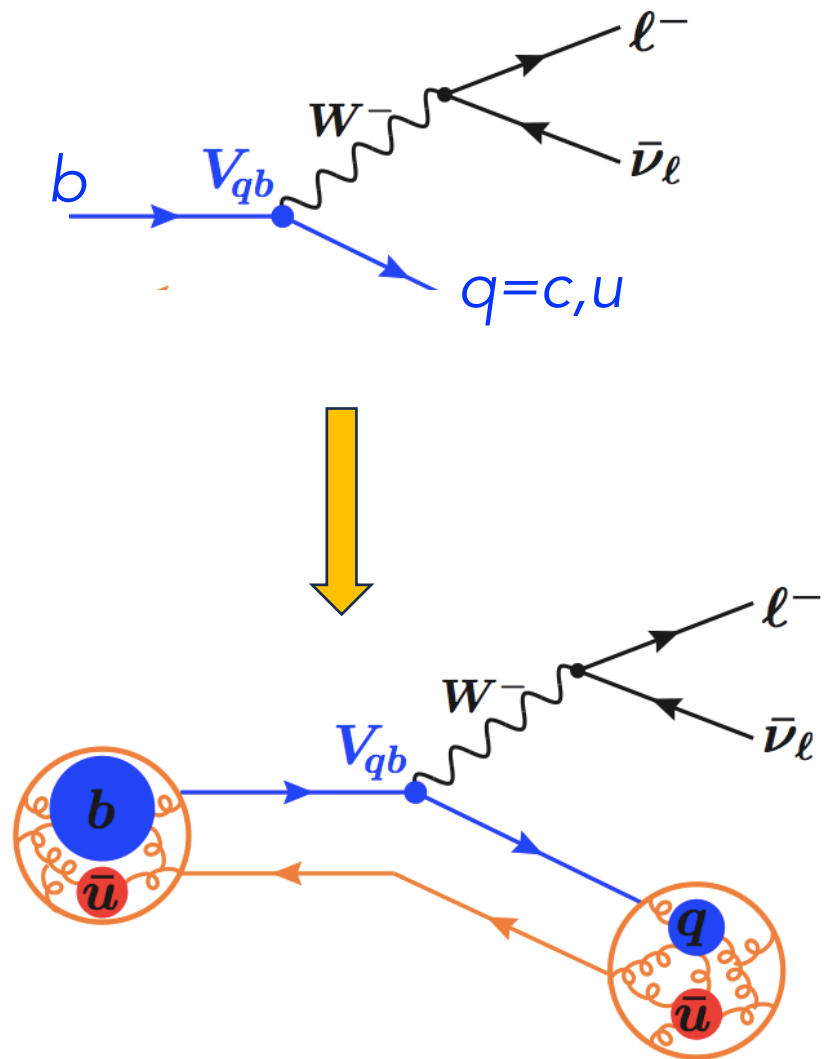
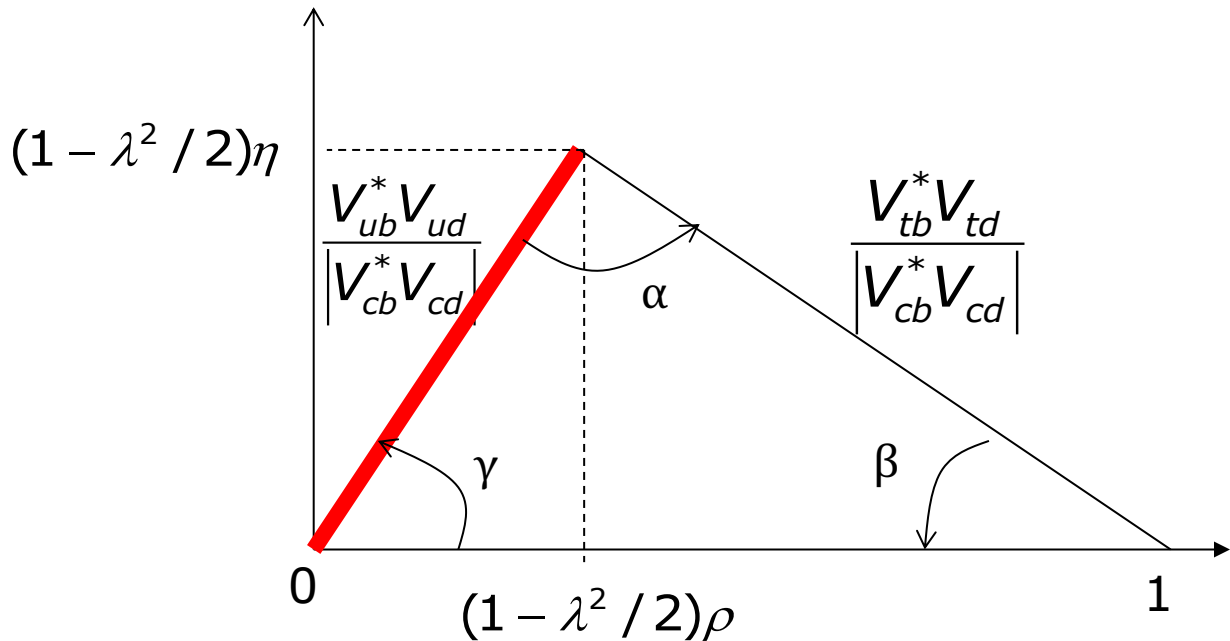


CKMfitter



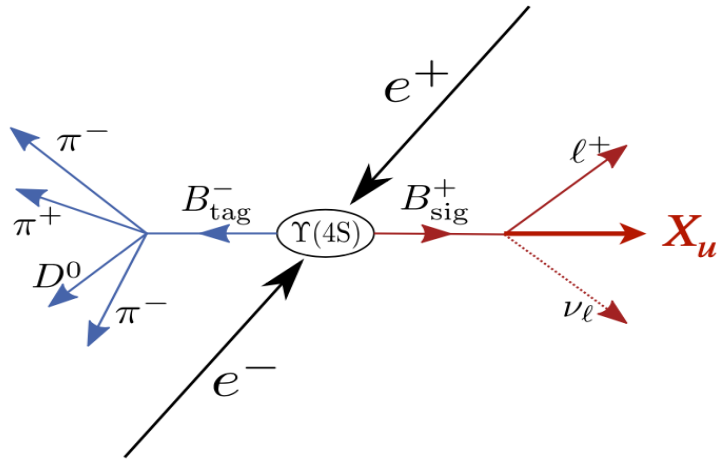


# The CKM magnitudes $|V_{ub}|$ and $|V_{cb}|$ are determined from semileptonic B meson decays



- $|V_{cb}|$  is entering everywhere
- Dealing with hadrons not quarks

## BFactories (Belle-II)

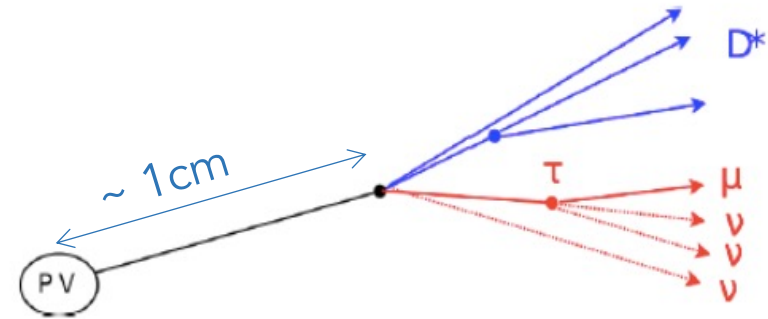


Beam energy const. + tag-side  
→ kinematical constraints

Inclusive decays

Access to absolute BR

## LHCb



Very large boost → flight distance  
reconstruction  
→ kinematical constraints

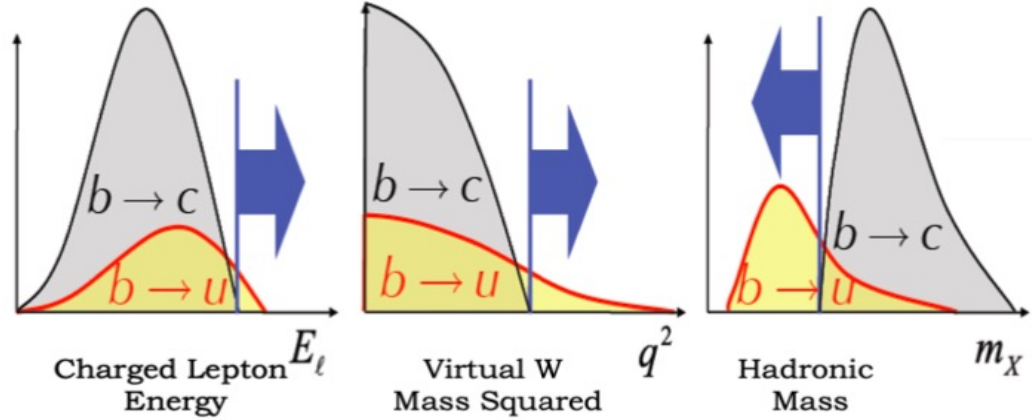
All b-hadrons species

No access to absolute BR

## Exclusive or inclusive measurements ?



# $|V_{ub}|$ : inclusive determinations

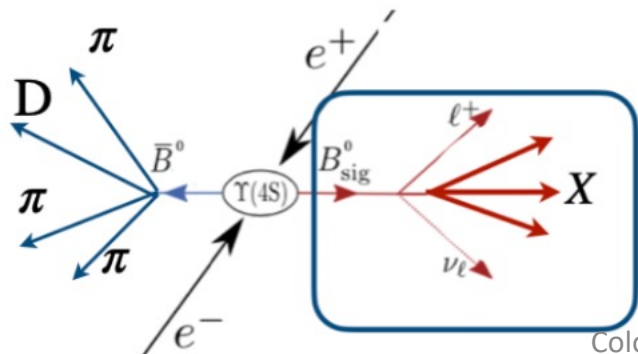


$$\frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow u \ell \nu)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow c \ell \nu)} \approx \frac{|V_{ub}|^2}{|V_{cb}|^2} = |\lambda(\rho - i\eta)|^2 \approx \frac{1}{150}$$

Even with modern technics, the reduction of the huge  $b \rightarrow c$  background has significant consequences on the systematics uncertainties

HQET breaks down due to experimental cuts

More information, higher purity reconstructing the other B.

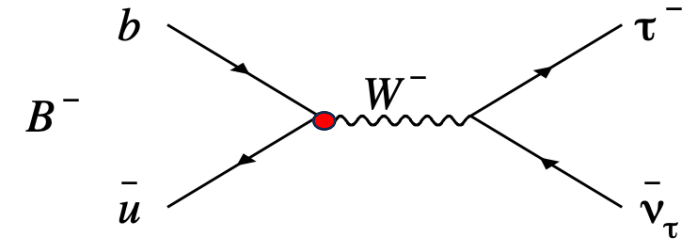
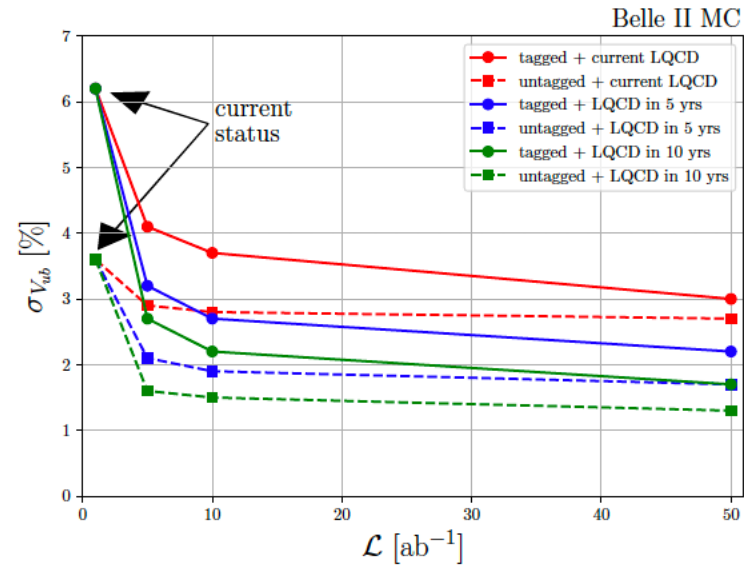
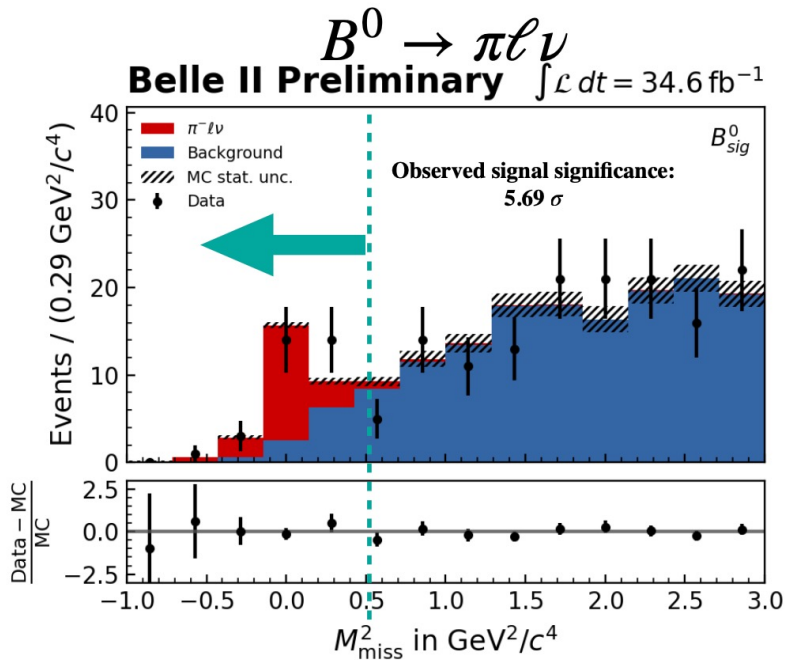


→ Future

Use very effective ML techniques (Adversarial Networks or Aspiration Networks with which one can explicitly avoid to shape a variable of interest)

# $|V_{ub}|$ : exclusive determinations

$B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$  differential BF

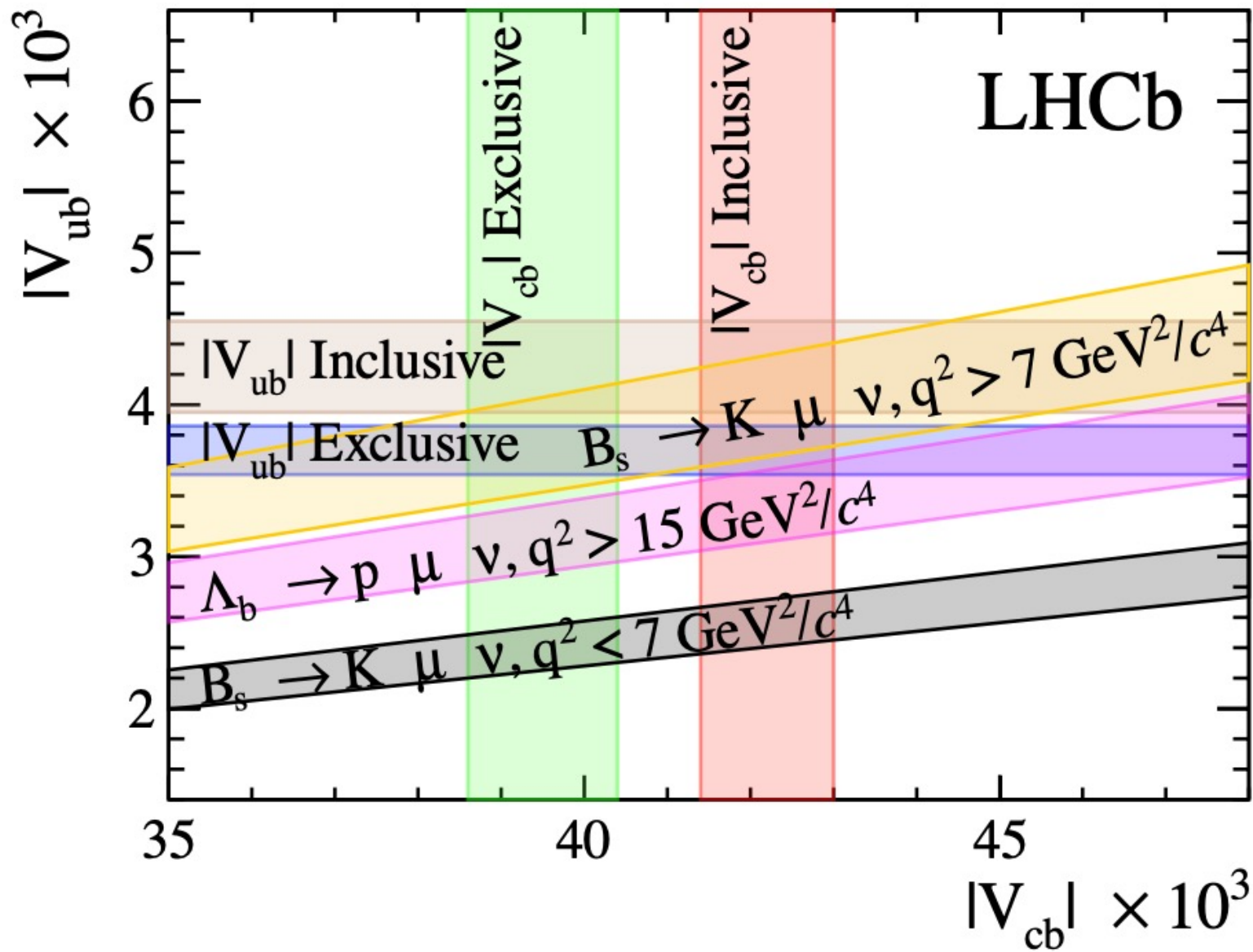


$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau) = \frac{G_F^2 m_B m_\tau^2}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2 \tau_B$$

LHCb is also bringing information (but  $\Lambda_c$  BF knowledge is an issue)

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{q^2 > 15 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4}}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu \nu)_{q^2 > 7 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4}}$$

$$\frac{|V_{ub}|}{|V_{cb}|} = 0.083 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.004$$

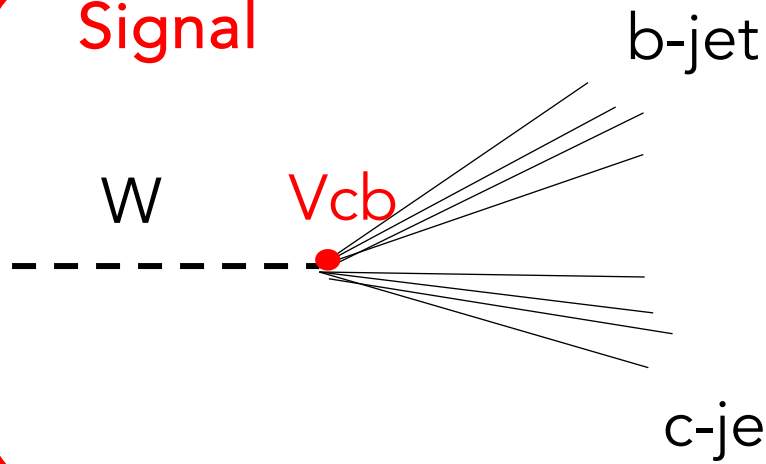


Taken from [Basem Khanji@ Implications workshop 2020](#)



# New colliders = new opportunities $|V_{cb}|$ from W decays

Signal

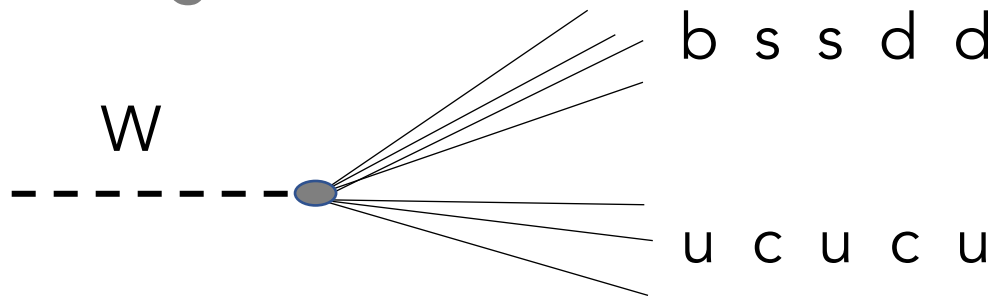


$$\text{BR}(W \rightarrow q_1 \bar{q}_2) = 67\%$$

Signal 220k  $W \rightarrow (bc)$  for  $10^8$  WW

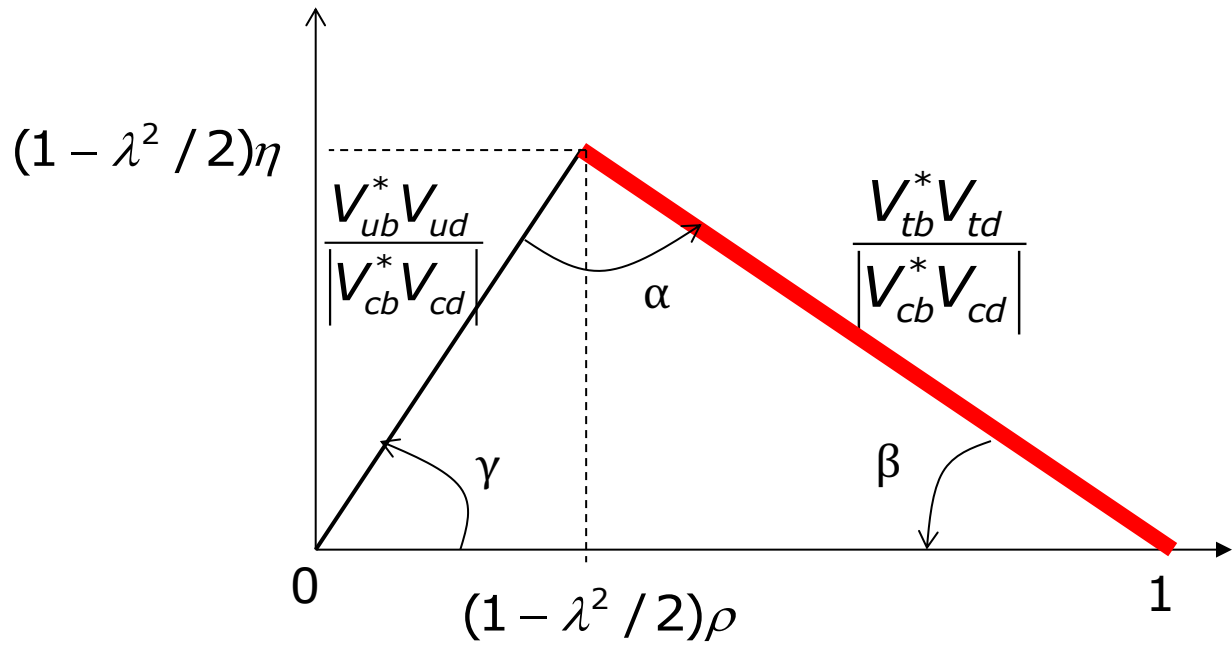
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2/2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

background



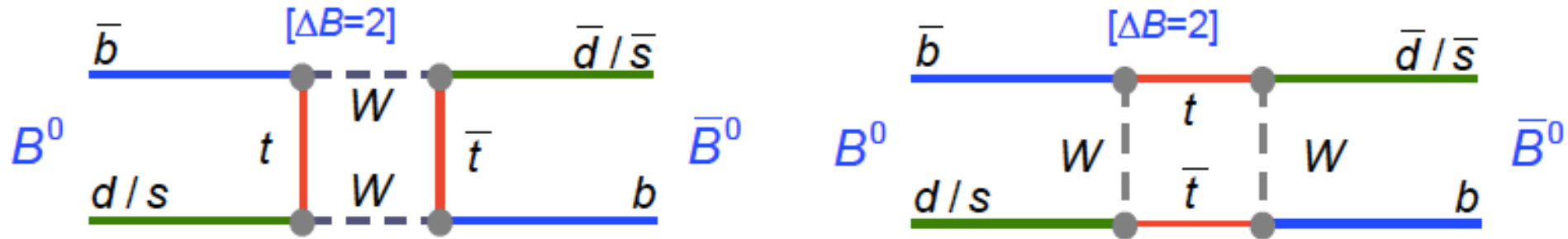
depends crucially on: b-jet, c-jet, light jet flavour tagging

$V_{cb}$  precision down to 0.4% (or less ?!) ?



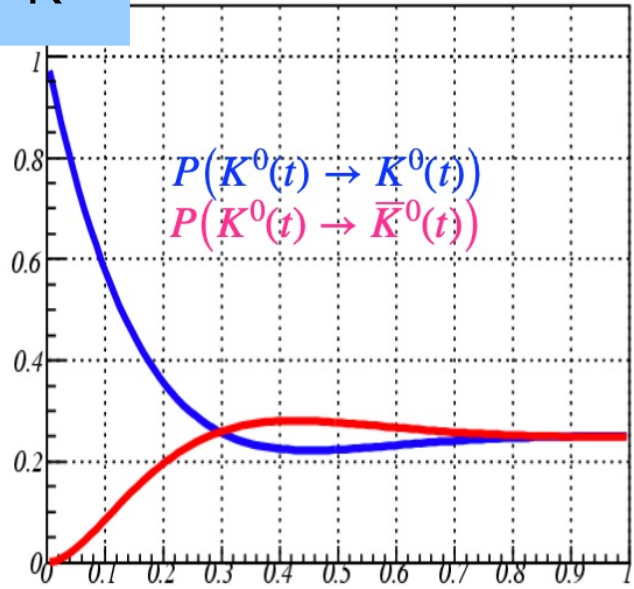
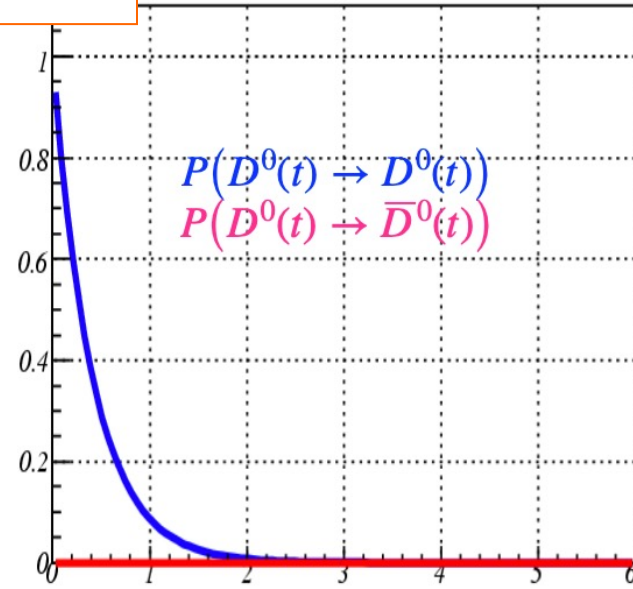
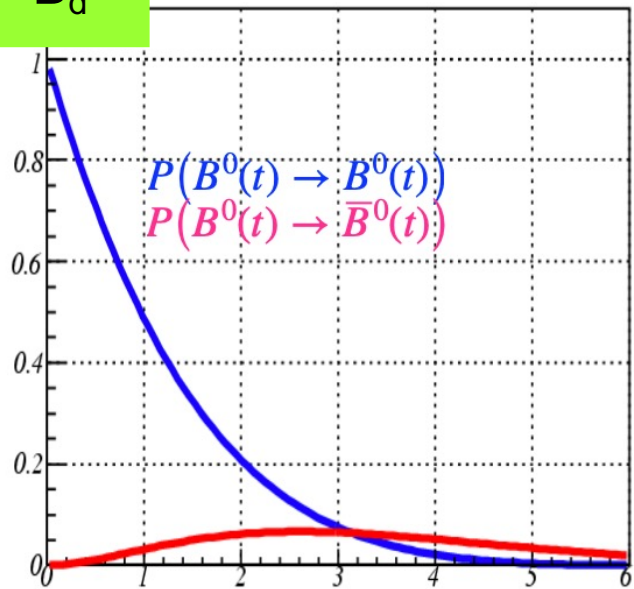
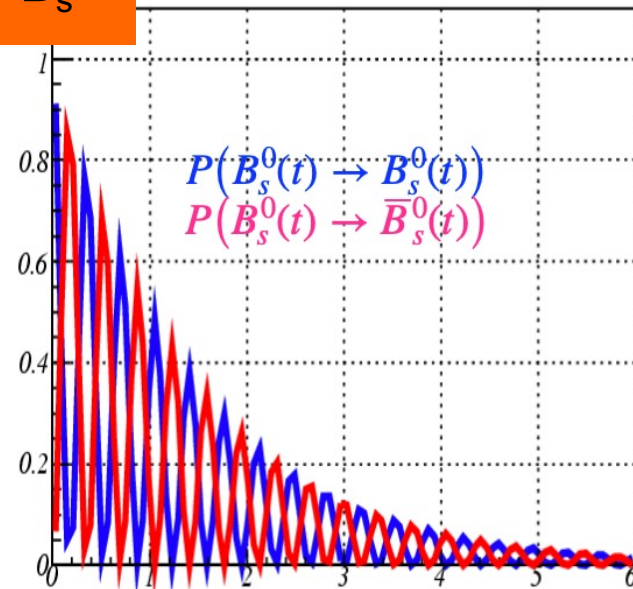
# Neutral meson mixing

Effective FCNC Processes ( $CP$  conserving — **top** loop dominates in box diagram):



$$\Delta m_q = \frac{G_F^2}{6\pi^2} m_{B_q} m_W^2 \eta_B S(x_t) f_{B_q}^2 B_q |V_{tq} V_{tb}^*|^2 \quad (\text{for } q = d, s)$$

Perturbative QCD →  $\eta_B$   
CKM Matrix Elements →  $|V_{tq} V_{tb}^*|^2$   
Loop integral (top loop dominates) →  $S(x_t)$   
Non-perturbative QCD : dominant theoretical uncertainty →  $f_{B_q}^2 B_q$

$K^0$  $D^0$  $B_d^0$  $B_s^0$ 

	$x = \Delta m / \Gamma$	$y = \Delta \Gamma / 2\Gamma$
$K^0$	$\sim 500$	$\sim 1$
$D^0$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-5}$	$\sim 7 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$B_d^0$	$\sim 0.77$	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$B_s^0$	$\sim 27$	$\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-2}$

A lot of experimental consequences

# Measurement of the oscillation frequency of the $B_s$ meson in a nutshell

- Select a flavour specific final state :  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$      $\overline{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ \pi^-$
- Tag the flavour at production time (will come back to it later)
- Measure the time:

$$t = ml/p$$

$$\sigma_t = \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^2 \sigma_l^2 + \left(\frac{t}{p}\right)^2 \sigma_p^2$$

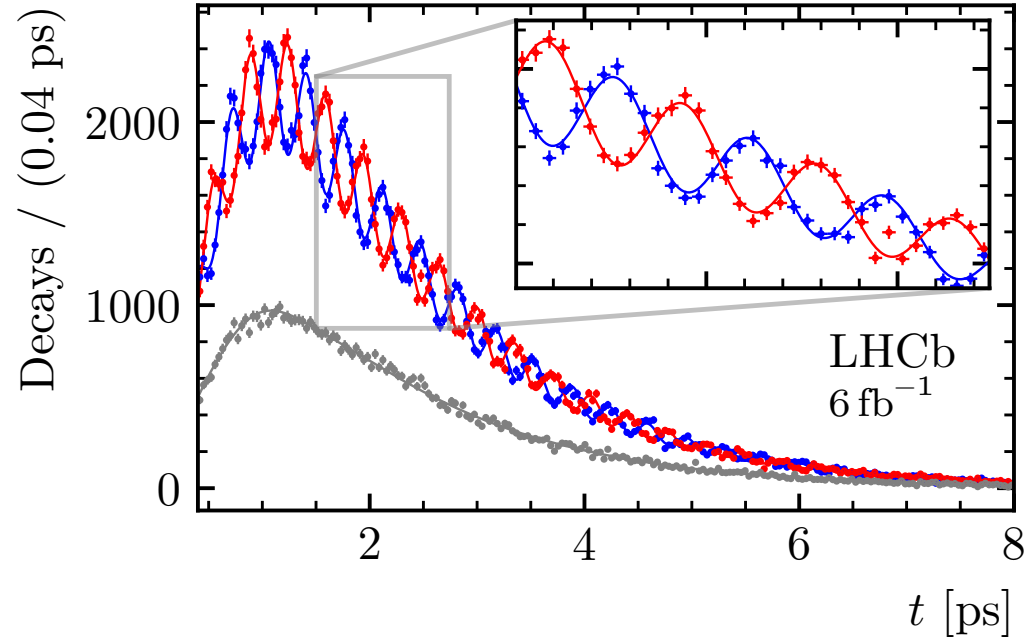
~50 fs resolution

# LHCb $\Delta m_s$ measurement

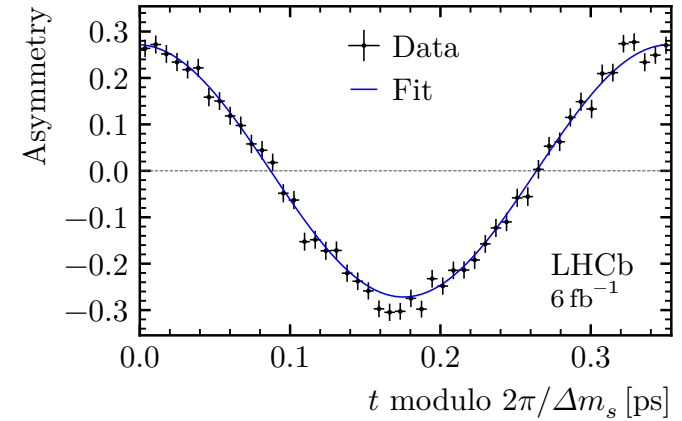


different flavour at decay and production  
 same flavour at decay and production

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



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$$\Delta m_s = 17.7683 \pm 0.0051 \pm 0.0032 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

3  $10^{-4}$  precision

tagging power ~ 6%

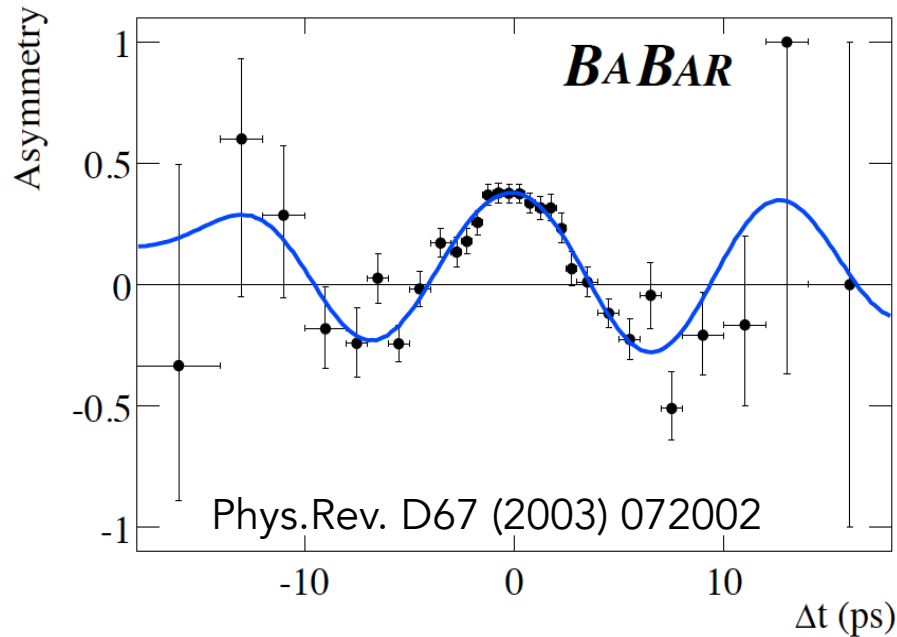
(factor 2 improvement wrt first publication (New J. Phys. 15 (2013) 053021))



# $\Delta m_d$ is also measured (even before)

(by many experiments) [HFLAV](#)

Extra slide

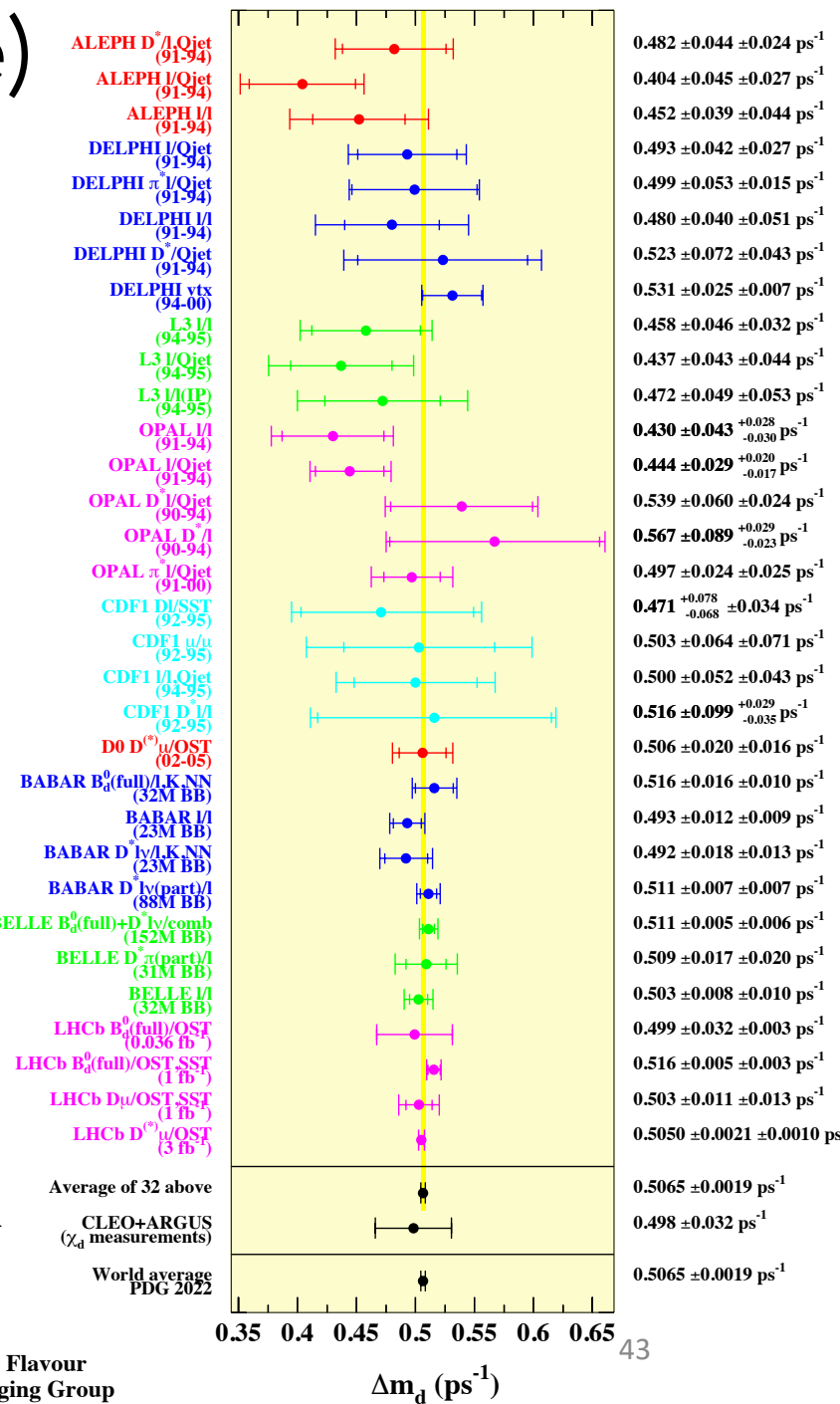
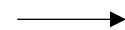


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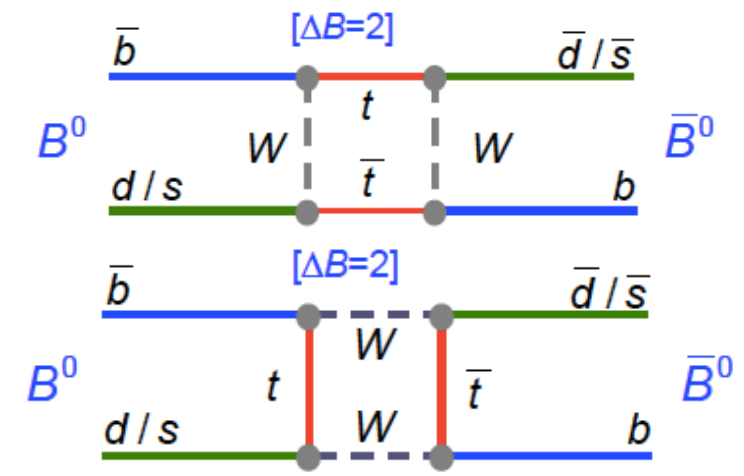
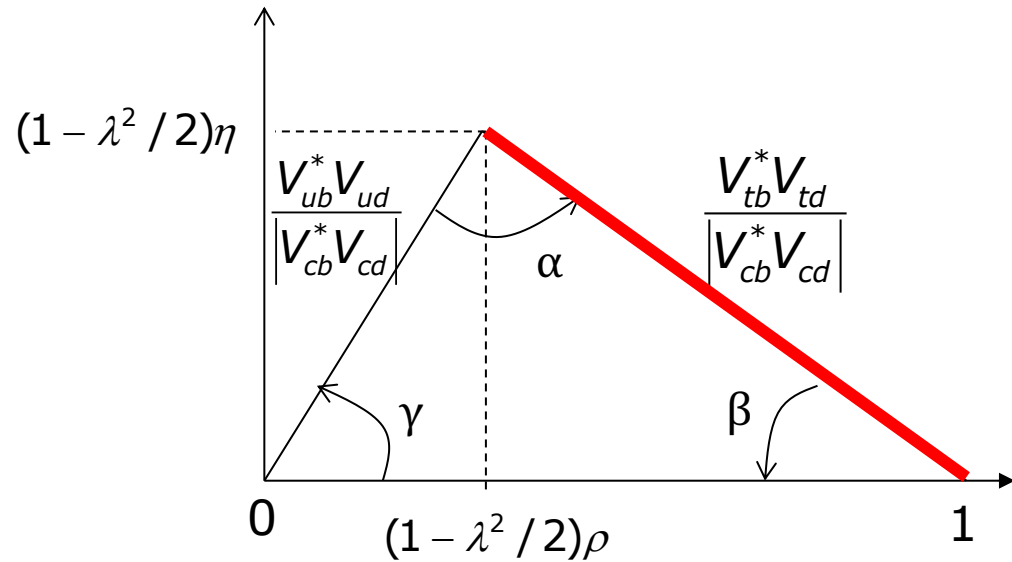
$$\Delta m_d = 0.5065 \pm 0.0019 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

Precision :  $3.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$

time integrated measurements



# Impact on the unitarity triangle determination

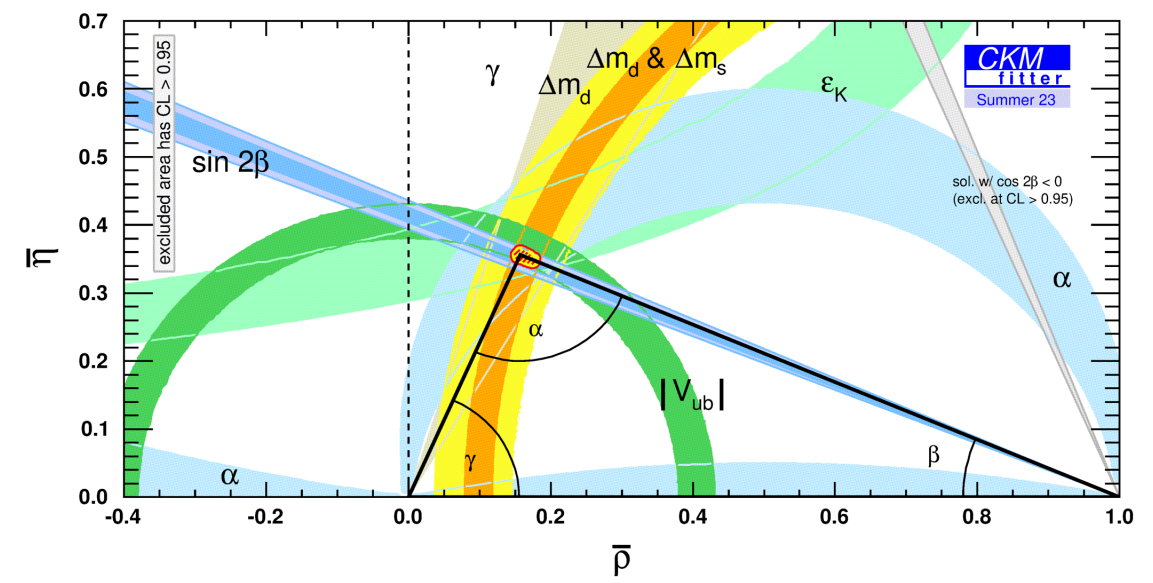


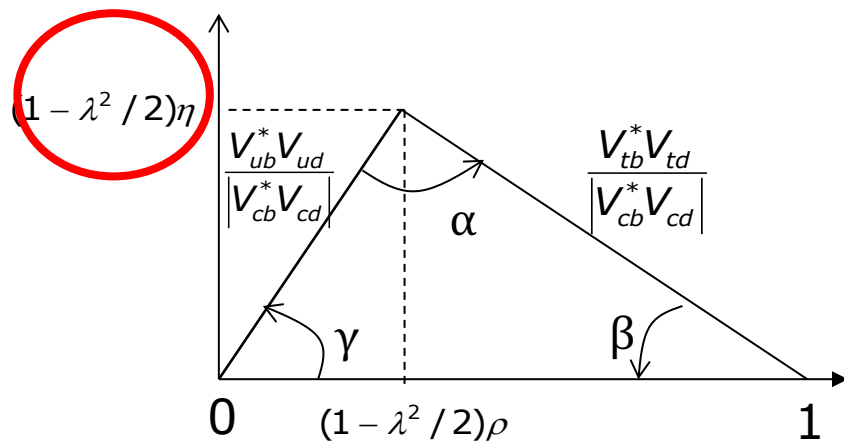
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$$\Delta m_s = \frac{G_F^2}{6\pi^2} m_{B_s} m_W^2 \eta_B S(x_t) f_{B_s}^2 B_s |V_{ts} V_{tb}^*|^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta m_d}{\Delta m_s} = \frac{m_{B_d}}{m_{B_s}} \left( \frac{f_{B_d}^2 B_d}{f_{B_s}^2 B_s} \right) \lambda^2 \left( (1 - \bar{\rho})^2 + \bar{\eta}^2 \right)$$

smaller theoretical uncertainty





$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

Measurements not involving CP violation:

- $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|$
- $B_d$  and  $B_s$  mixing

$\eta \neq 0$

We would know that CP is violated even if we would not have directly observed it

