

# CP violation in charm decays at LHCb

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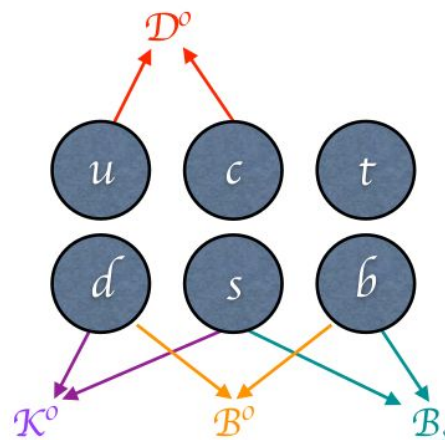
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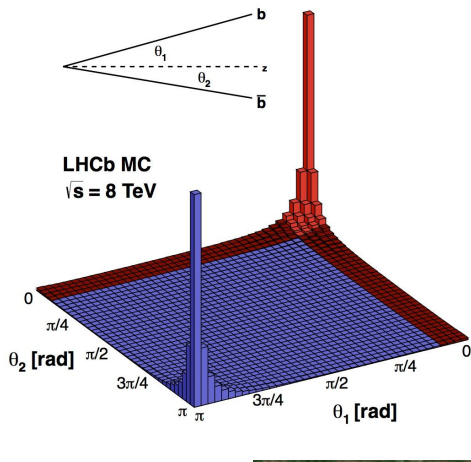
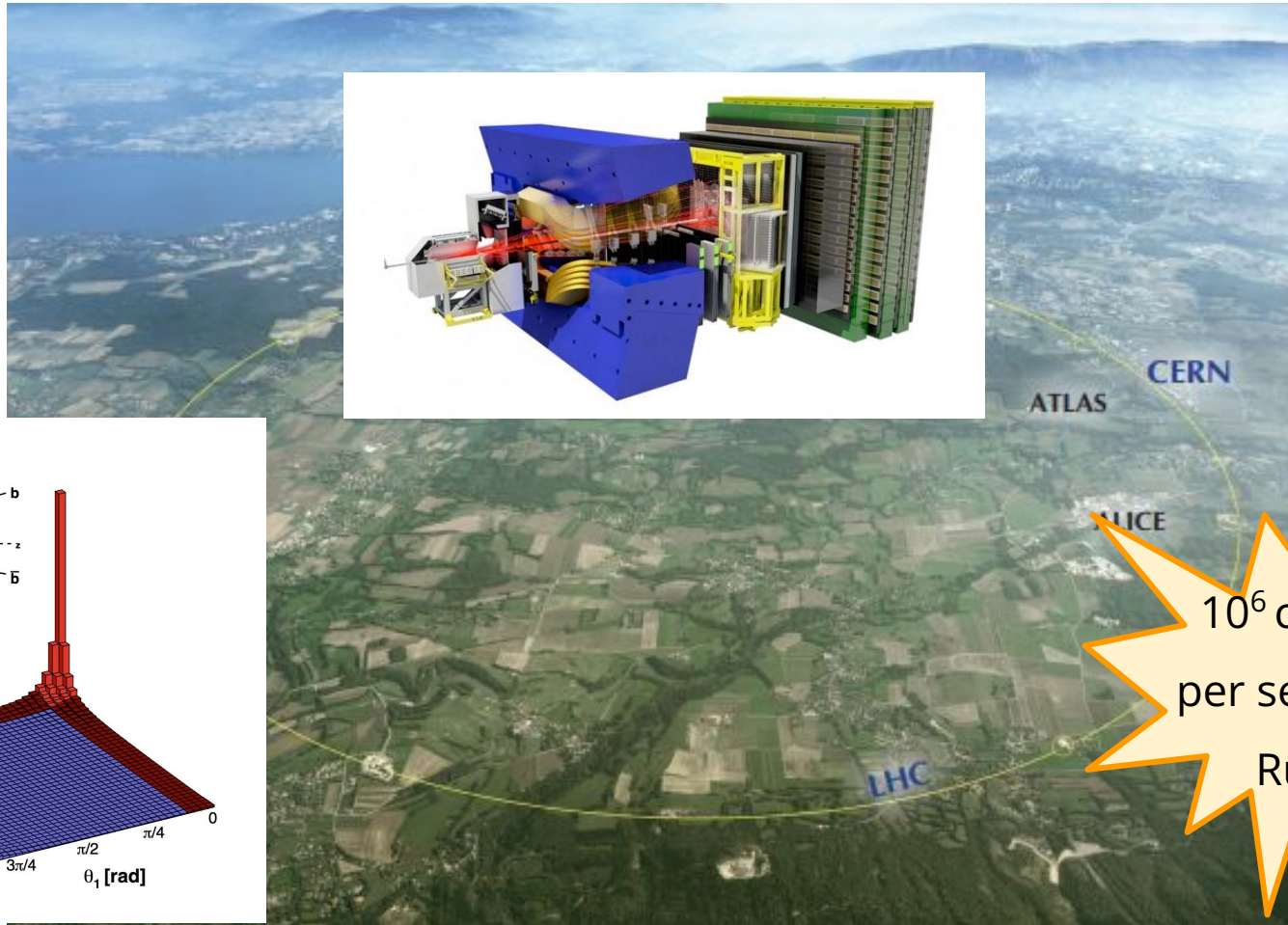
# The charm quark

- ❖ Charm transitions are a unique portal for obtaining a novel access to flavor dynamics
  - CPV and flavour changing neutral currents extremely suppressed
    - CPV expected  $\lesssim 10^{-3}$
    - powerful probe for new interactions at energy scales  $\gg$  colliders' energy
  - Experimentally challenging: smaller effects → large statistics and tight control of systematics required



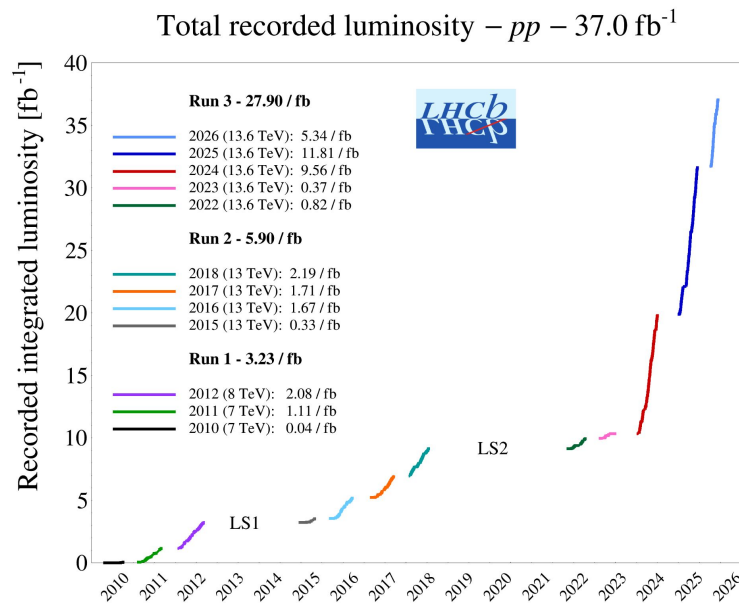
# The LHCb experiment

- ❖ **LHCb**: forward spectrometer designed to study  $b$ - and  $c$ - hadrons



# The need of an upgraded detector

- ❖ LHCb Run 1 and Run 2: huge success!
- ❖ The majority of measurements is statistically limited
  - LHCb Upgrade I: 5x instantaneous luminosity ( $\mu \sim 5.3$ )
- ❖ Improve physics performance, despite the more challenging environment
  - New tracking system, improved PID and triggerless readout



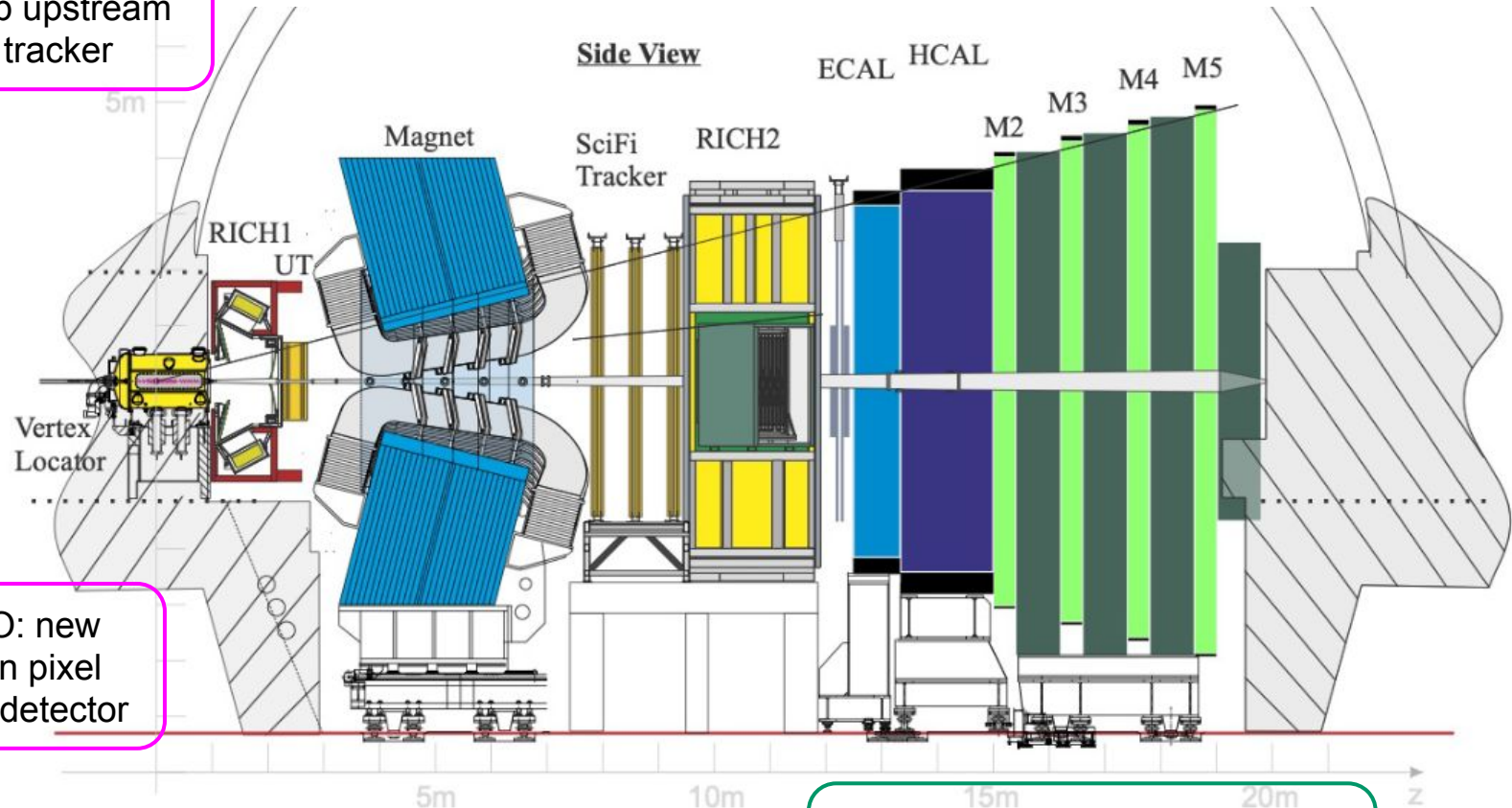
# The upgraded LHCb detector

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UT: new silicon strip upstream tracker

SciFi: new scintillating fibres tracker

RICH: new mechanics, optics, photodetectors



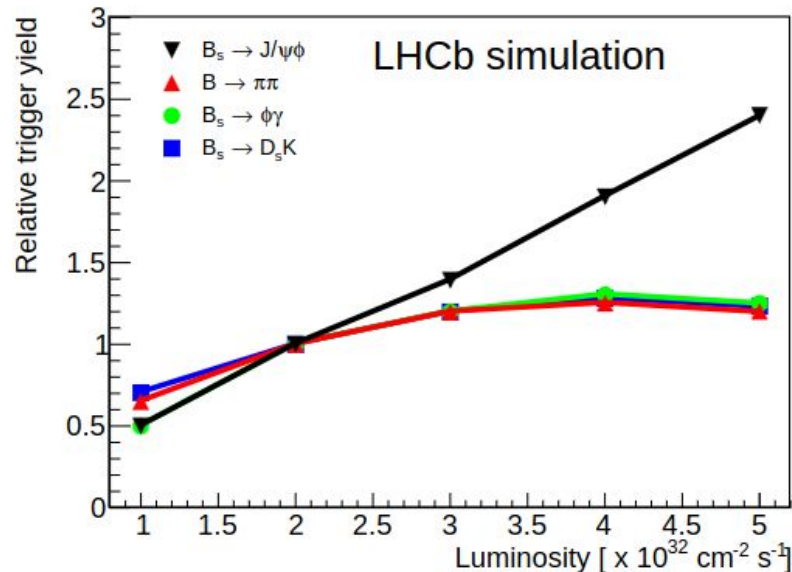
VELO: new silicon pixel vertex detector

New frontend electronics and new DAQ for all sub-detectors!

# Trigger system: from Run 1+2 to Run 3

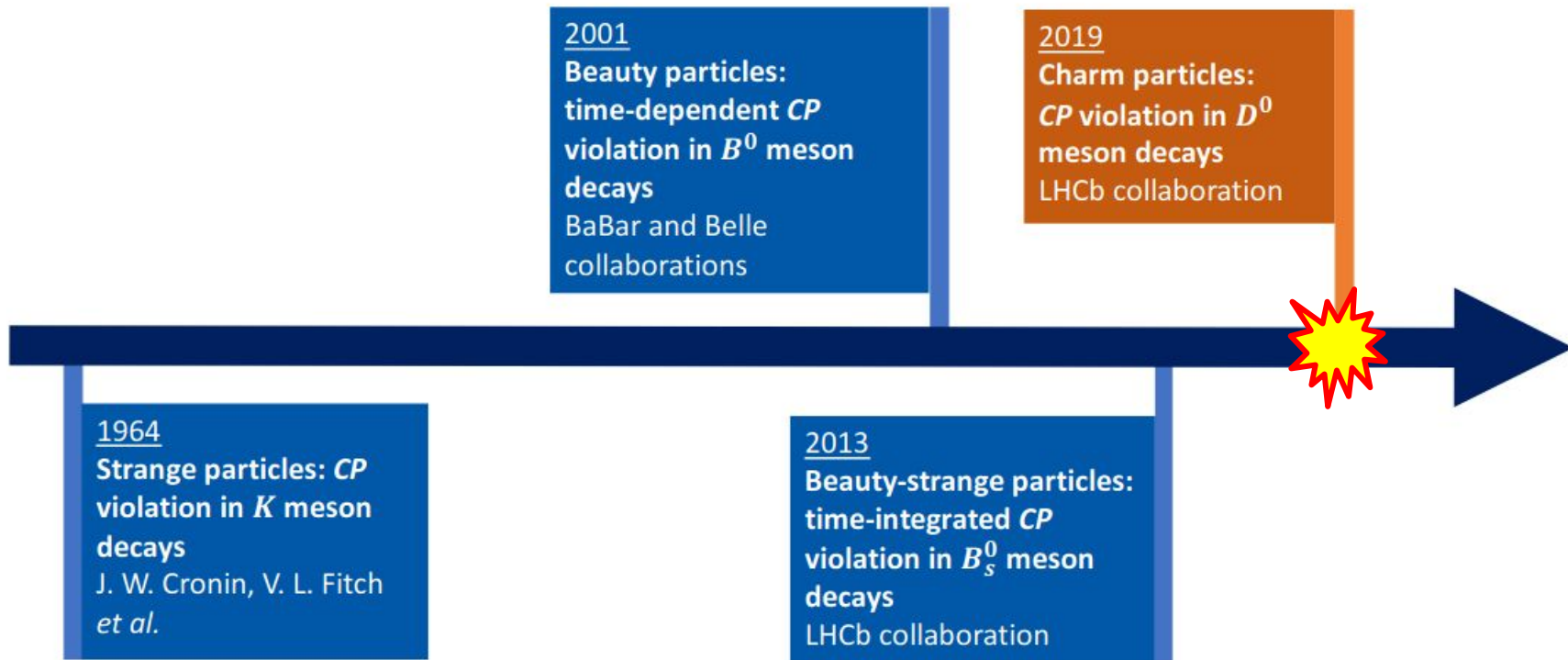
- ❖ Trigger strategy in Run 1 + Run 2:
  - Hardware trigger (L0) based on information from calorimeters and muon stations, followed by a software trigger
- ❖ Higher instantaneous luminosity in Run 3
  - Information from calorimeters not enough to efficiently select hadronic channels
  - L0 trigger removed → triggerless readout and reconstruction of events at full LHC

collision rate



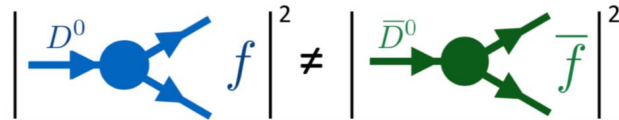
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# CPV in charm



# Types of CPV

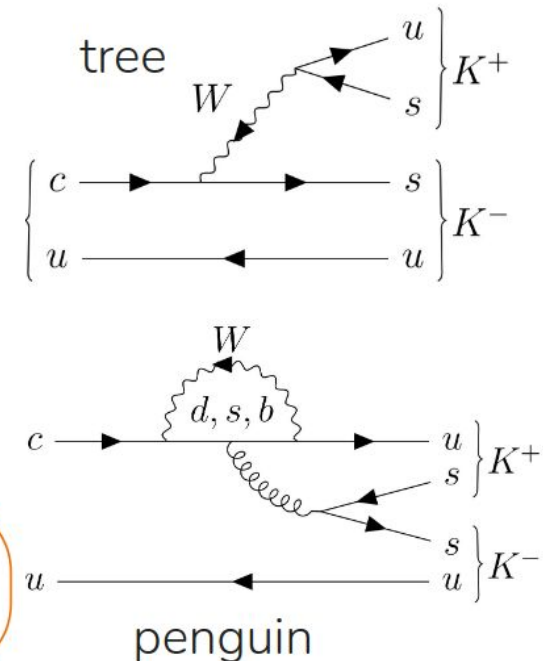
## ❖ CPV in the decay



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

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

$$a_f^d = \frac{|\mathcal{A}(M \rightarrow f)|^2 - |\mathcal{A}(\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{f})|^2}{|\mathcal{A}(M \rightarrow f)|^2 + |\mathcal{A}(\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{f})|^2} \propto \sin(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \sin(\delta_2 - \delta_1)$$



Need at least two interfering amplitudes with different weak and strong phases

# Types of CPV (2)

- ❖ Weak interactions violate flavour conservation → flavoured neutral meson oscillate:

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} M^0(t) \\ \bar{M}^0(t) \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} M & M_{12} \\ M_{12}^* & M \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{12}^* & \Gamma \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} M^0(t) \\ \bar{M}^0(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ❖ CPV in mixing

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

$$\arg \left( \frac{M_{12}}{\Gamma_{12}} \right) = \phi_2^M - \phi_2^\Gamma \neq 0$$

- ❖ CPV in the interference between decay and mixing

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

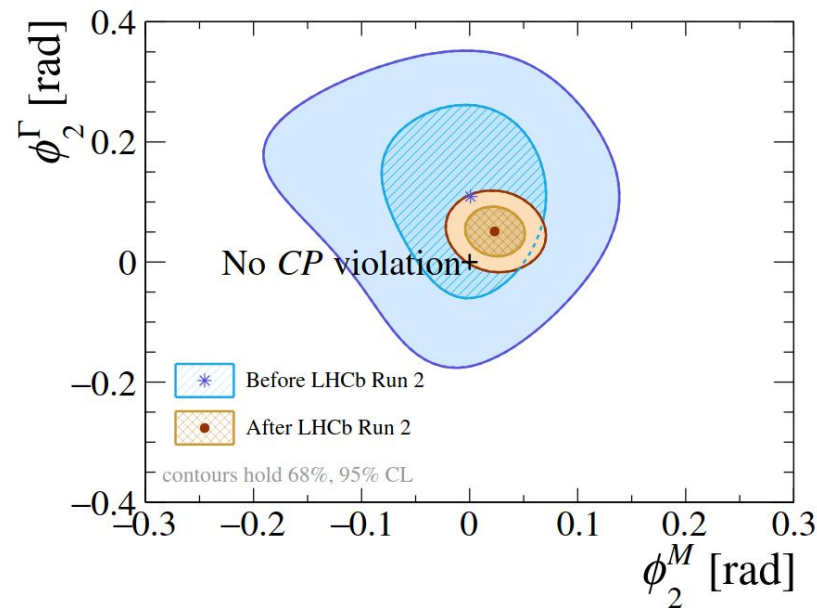
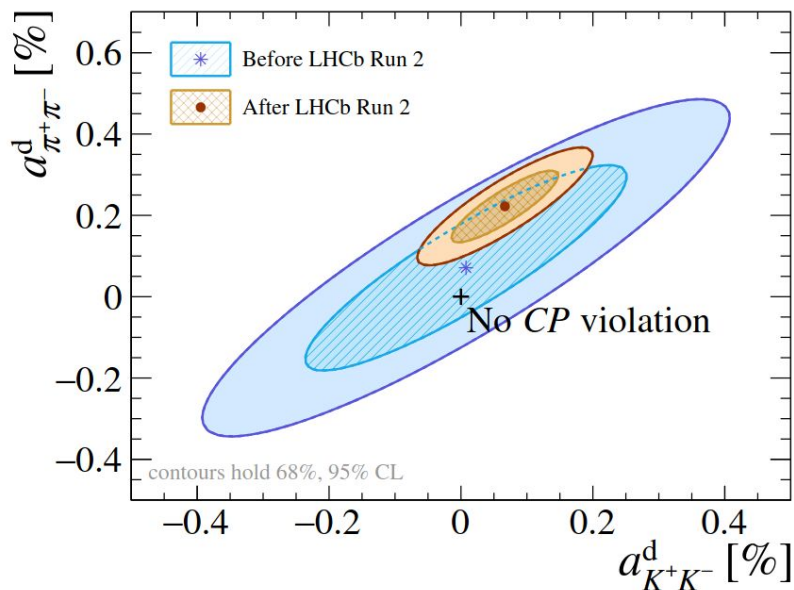
# CPV in charm: state of the art

❖ **CPV in charm observed by LHCb in 2019** [PRL122. 211803](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.05237)

➤  $\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(K^+K^-) - A_{CP}(\pi^+\pi^-) = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4} (5.3\sigma)$

❖ Then, evidence that this is mainly coming from  $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  decays

➤  $a_{\pi\pi}^d = (23.2 \pm 5.2) \times 10^{-4} (3.8\sigma)$  [PRL131.091802](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.05237)

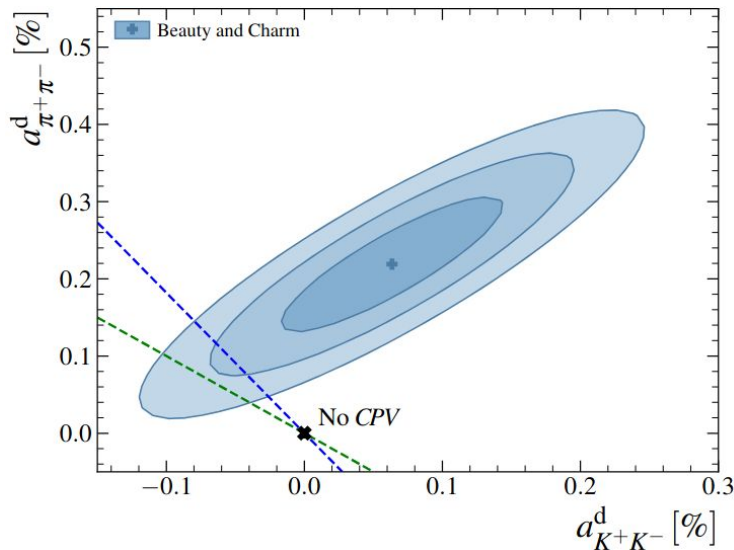


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# CPV in charm: state of the art

- ❖ Is U-spin a good symmetry?

[LHCb-CONF-2024-004](#)



Strict U-spin limit:  $\frac{a_{K^+K^-}^d}{a_{\pi^+\pi^-}^d} = -1$

Improved U-spin limit:  $\frac{a_{K^+K^-}^d}{a_{\pi^+\pi^-}^d} \left| \frac{A(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-)}{A(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)} \right| = -1$

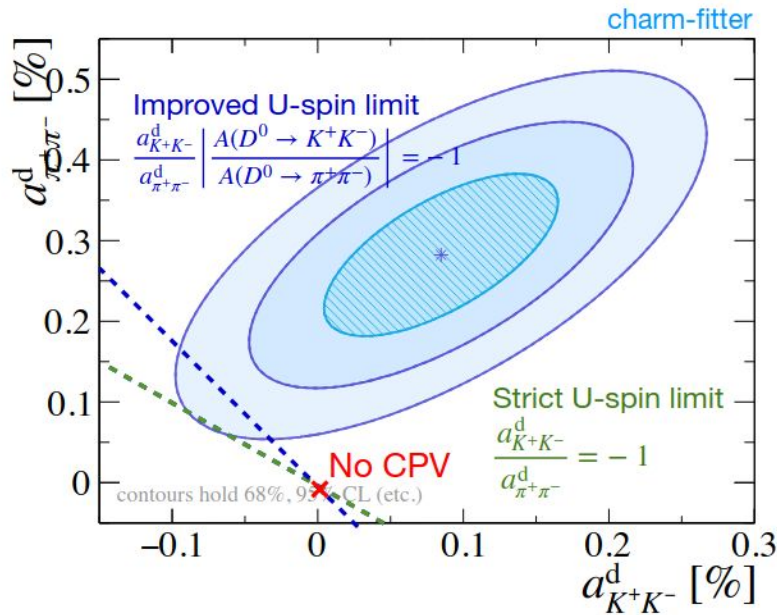
- ❖ Measured CPV  $\rightarrow \left| \frac{P}{T} \right| \sin(\delta_P - \delta_T) = O(1)$

- SM or not? Theoretical interpretation is debated

- ❖ More data  $\rightarrow$  more precision  $\rightarrow$  clarify physics picture

# How do we determine $a_d$ from $A^{CP}$ measurements?

see also T.Pajero and K.Vos [slides](#) @ CKM 2025



Kagan Silvestrini 2001.07207

$$x_{12} \equiv \frac{2|M_{12}|}{\Gamma}, \quad y_{12} \equiv \frac{|\Gamma_{12}|}{\Gamma}$$

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

$$a_{K^+K^-}^d = (8.5 \pm 5.3) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$a_{\pi^+\pi^-}^d = (28.2 \pm 6.6) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$A_{CP}^f(t) \approx a_f^d + \Delta Y_f \frac{t}{\tau_{D^0}}$$

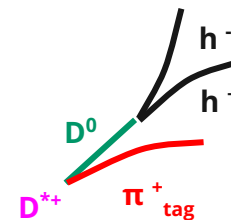
$$\Delta Y_f \approx -x_{12} \sin \phi_2^M + y_{12} a_f^d + x_{12} a_f^d \cot \delta_f$$

$\arg(P/T)$

# How can we measure CPV in charm?

$$A_{CP}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(D^0(t) \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{D}^0(t) \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma(D^0(t) \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{D}^0(t) \rightarrow f)} \overset{\text{Very small mixing}}{\approx} a_{\text{dir}}^f + \Delta Y_f \frac{t}{\tau_D}$$

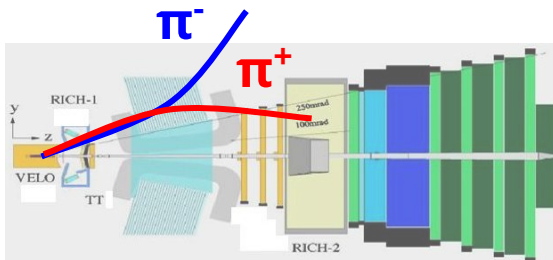
$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{raw}} \equiv \frac{N_{D^0} - N_{\bar{D}^0}}{N_{D^0} + N_{\bar{D}^0}}$$



$$A_{\text{raw}}(f, t) = A_{CP}(f, t) + A_D(\pi_s^+, p(t)) + A_P(D^{*+}, p(t))$$

Production asymmetry: initial state pp is not CP symmetric

Asymmetric detector acceptance + material interaction different for particles/antiparticles



# From $\Delta A^{\text{CP}}$ to $A^{\text{CP}}$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ )

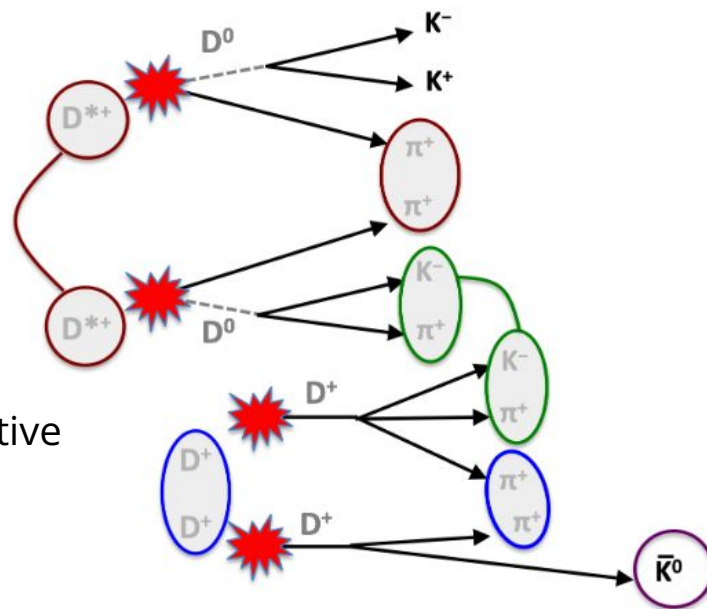
[PRL131.091802](https://arxiv.org/abs/1311.0918)

❖ New in Run 2: two independent ways to cancel nuisance asymmetries

- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ ,  $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 \pi^+$
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \Phi \pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^+$
- ~40% improvement of  $\sigma_{\text{stat}}$

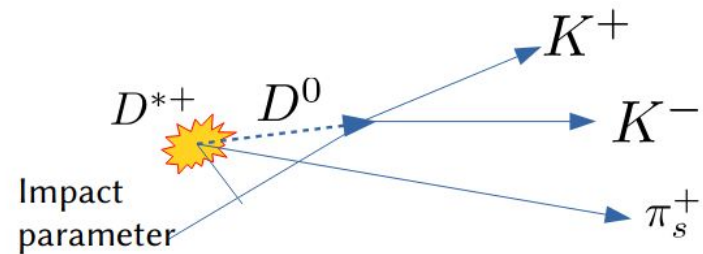
❖ Main systematic uncertainties

- Kinematic reweighting → reduces also effective yield
- Secondary contamination  $pp \rightarrow H^b \rightarrow H^c$ :  
interplay between suppression and understanding of residual effect
- Knowledge of detector material → need accurate model in simulation and/or new data-driven approaches

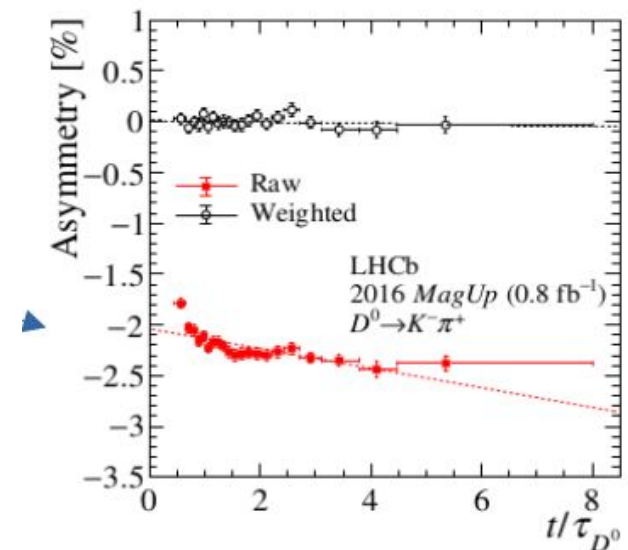
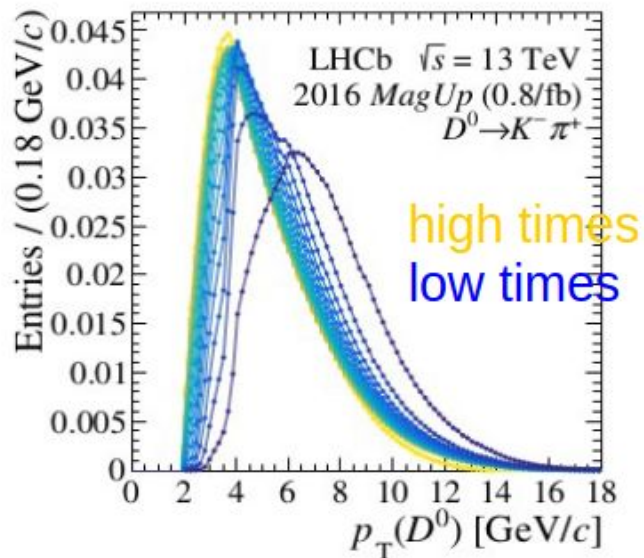


# Detection asymmetries

[PRD104072010](#)



- ❖ Correlation between decay-time and momentum induced by trigger requirements
  - → fakes time-dependent CPV
- ❖ Weighting of  $D^0$  and anti- $D^0$ , and  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  momentum distributions to equalise kinematics
  - Procedure validate with control mode: Cabibbo-favoured  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$



# First LHCb results in Run 3

- ❖ “Measurements of charmed meson and antimeson production asymmetries at 13.6 TeV” (data collected in 2022 and 2023) [JHEP10\(2025\)050](#)
- ❖ “Measurement of CP asymmetry in  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$  decays with the upgraded LHCb detector” (data collected in 2024) [JHEP02\(2026\)253](#)

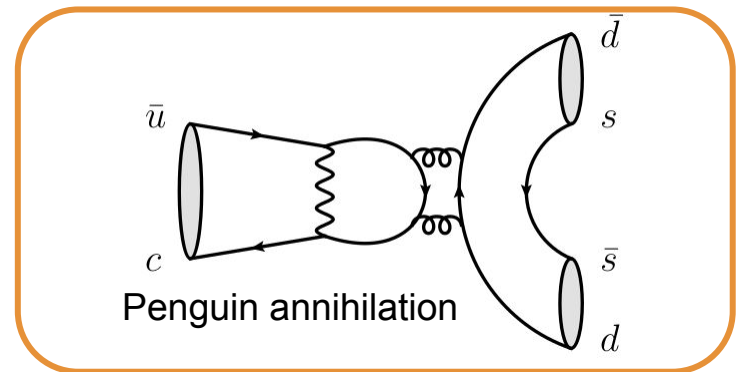
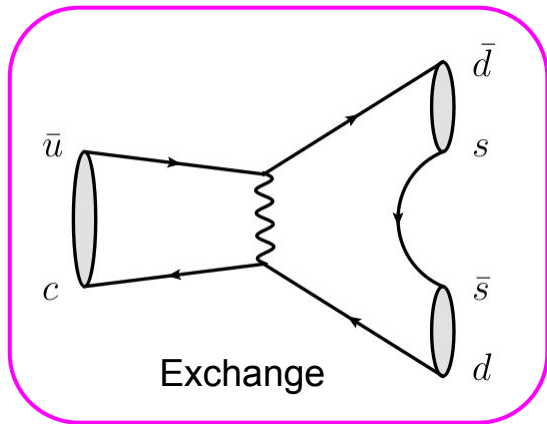
# The $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ decay channel

- ❖ In  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$  decay channel  $A_{CP}$  could be as large as  $\sim 1\%$  [PRD 92 \(2015\) 054036](#)

$$\frac{|\mathcal{A}|^2 - |\bar{\mathcal{A}}|^2}{|\mathcal{A}|^2 + |\bar{\mathcal{A}}|^2} = \text{Im} \frac{\lambda_b}{(\lambda_s - \lambda_d)} \text{Im} \frac{A_b}{A_{sd}}$$

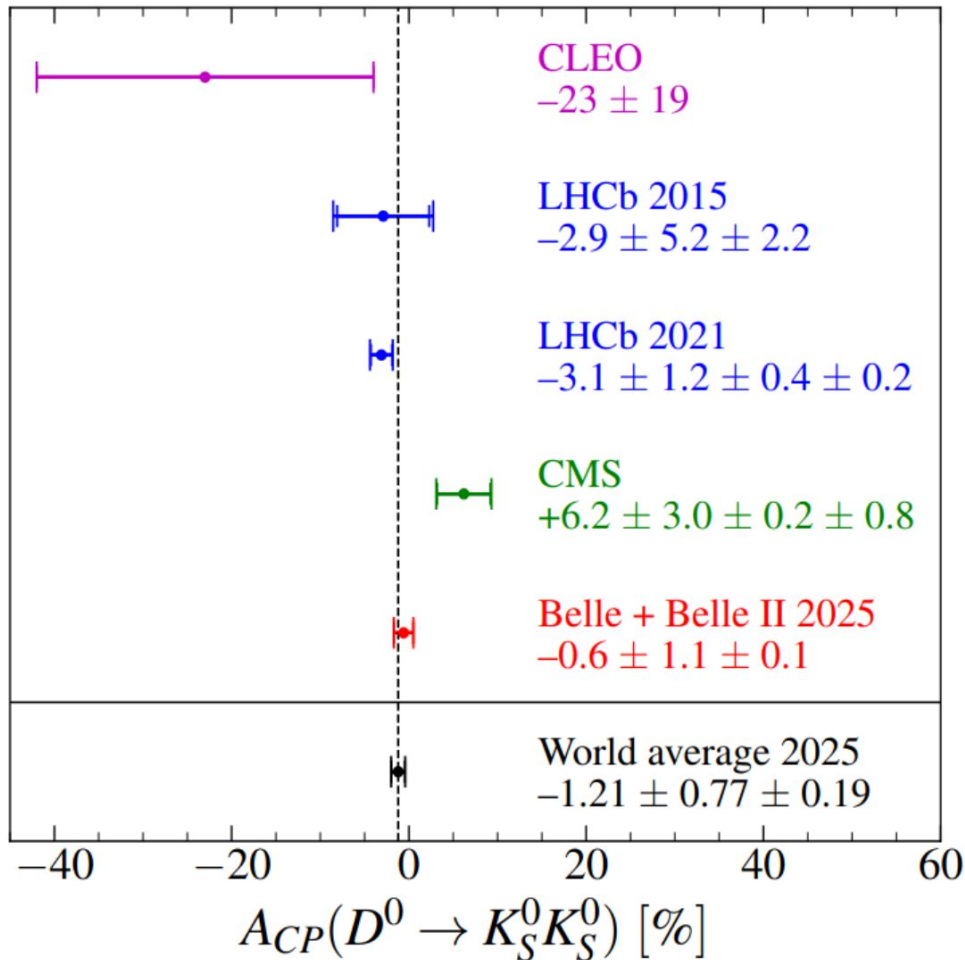
$$\lambda_q \equiv V_{cq}^* V_{uq}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\sim 10^{-3}$



- ❖ Conversely, some theory fits to data constrain the exchange contribution and predict small  $A_{CP}(K_S^0 K_S^0) \approx 0.35 \cdot A_{CP}(\pi^+ \pi^-) = O(10^{-4})$  [PRD 99\(2019\)113001](#)

# $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ : experimental status



CLEO: [PRD 63 071101](#)

LHCb Run 1: [JHEP 10\(2015\)055](#)

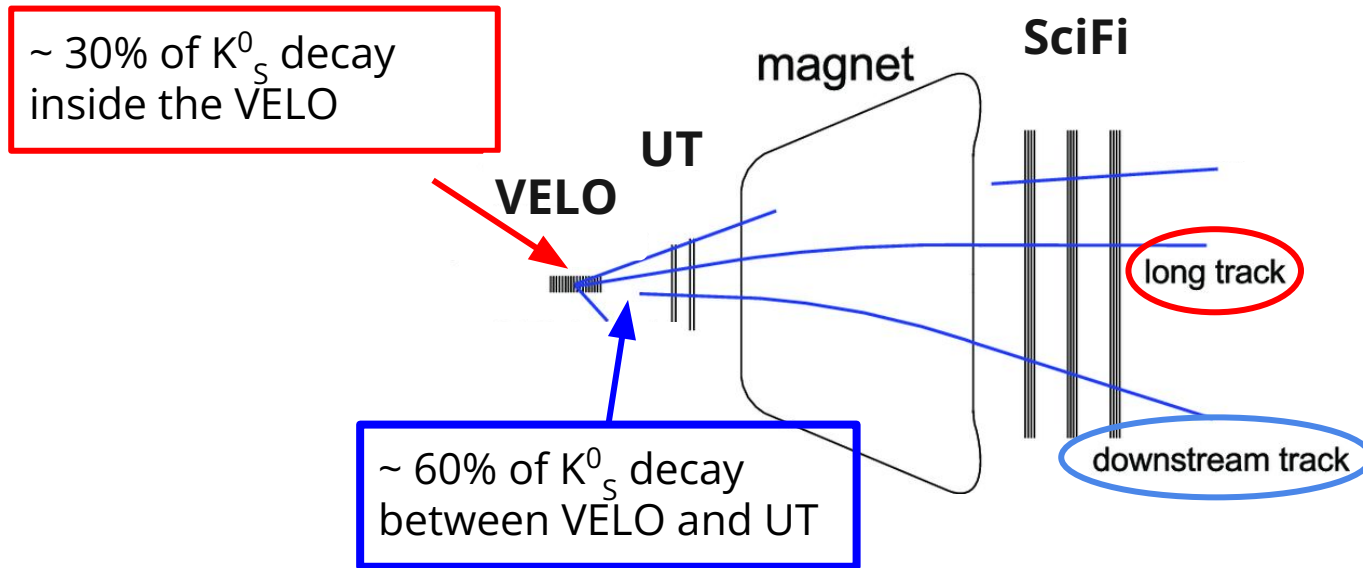
LHCb Run 2: [PRD 104 L031102](#)

CMS: [EPJC s10052-024-13244](#)

Belle + Belle II: [PRD 112 012017\(2025\)](#)

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# $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ @ LHCb

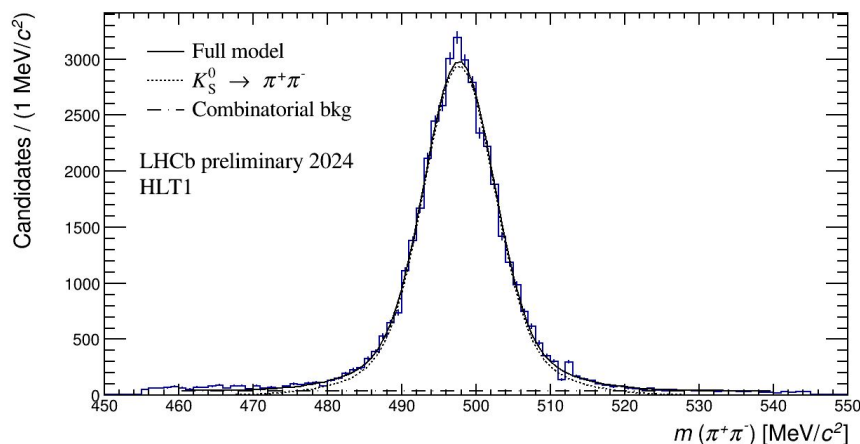


- ❖  $K_S^0$  are difficult to select at trigger level
  - No downstream tracking at HLT1 (in Run1, Run 2 and the majority of 2024 data-taking)
  - Different topology w.r.t. b- and c- hadrons even when they decay inside VELO acceptance

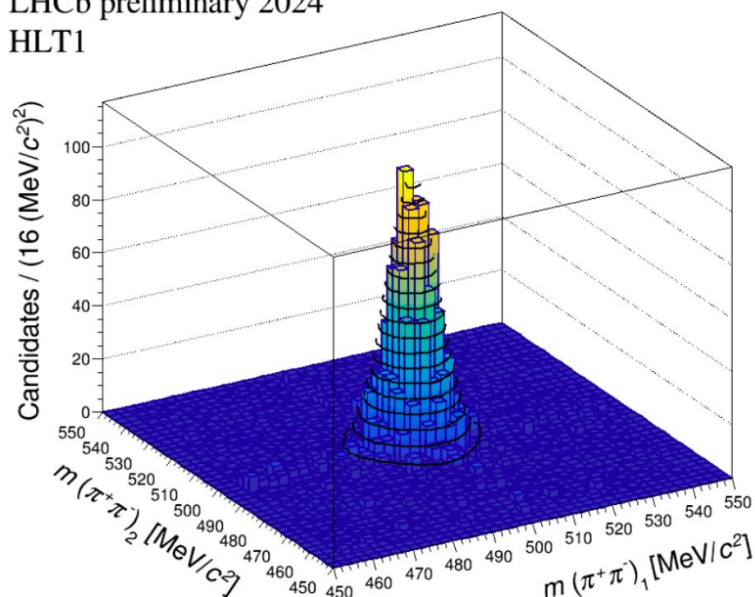
# Selecting $K_S^0$ at the first trigger level

[LHCb-FIGURE-2024-013](#)

- ❖ Software trigger → flexibility in design selections
  - $K_S^0$  candidates reconstructed directly at the first level of the trigger!
  - Dedicated selections to collect single  $K_S^0$  and pairs of  $K_S^0$  → increase efficiency in selecting decays like  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$
  - No other LHC experiment does this



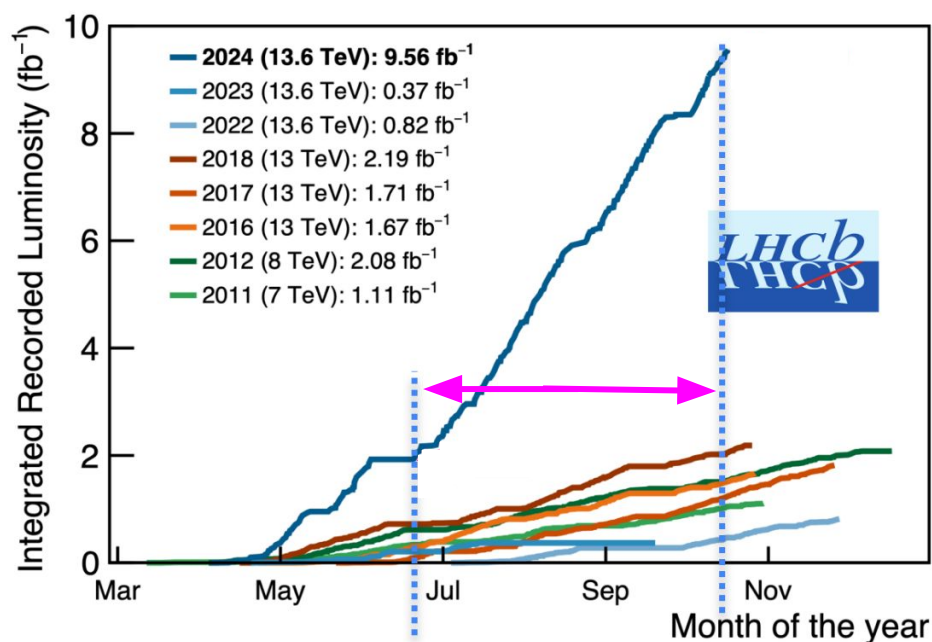
LHCb preliminary 2024  
HLT1



# Dataset

- ❖ Sample used here is  $6.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of best quality, final trigger configuration, design luminosity (or close to it)
- ❖ Split into 8 subsamples by running conditions
  - Each subsample analyzed separately

| Data block | $\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$ |
|------------|--|
| A          | 0.7                                    |
| B          | 0.7                                    |
| C          | 0.6                                    |
| D          | 1.1                                    |
| E          | 1.1                                    |
| F          | 0.9                                    |
| G          | 0.7                                    |
| H          | 0.4                                    |
| Total      | 6.2                                    |



# Methodology

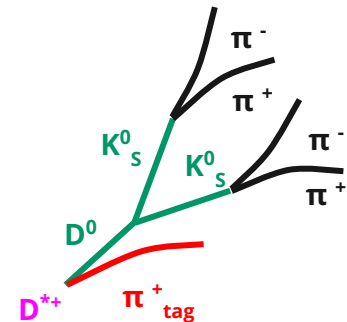
- ❖ Time-integrated measurement. Quantity to be measured:

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

- ❖ Experimentally

$$\mathcal{A}^{raw} \equiv \frac{N_{D^0} - N_{\bar{D}^0}}{N_{D^0} + N_{\bar{D}^0}}$$

- ❖  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$  decay used to tag  $D^0$



Production asymmetry: initial state pp is not CP symmetric

$$N(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) \propto \sigma(D^{*+}) \epsilon(\pi^+) \Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)$$

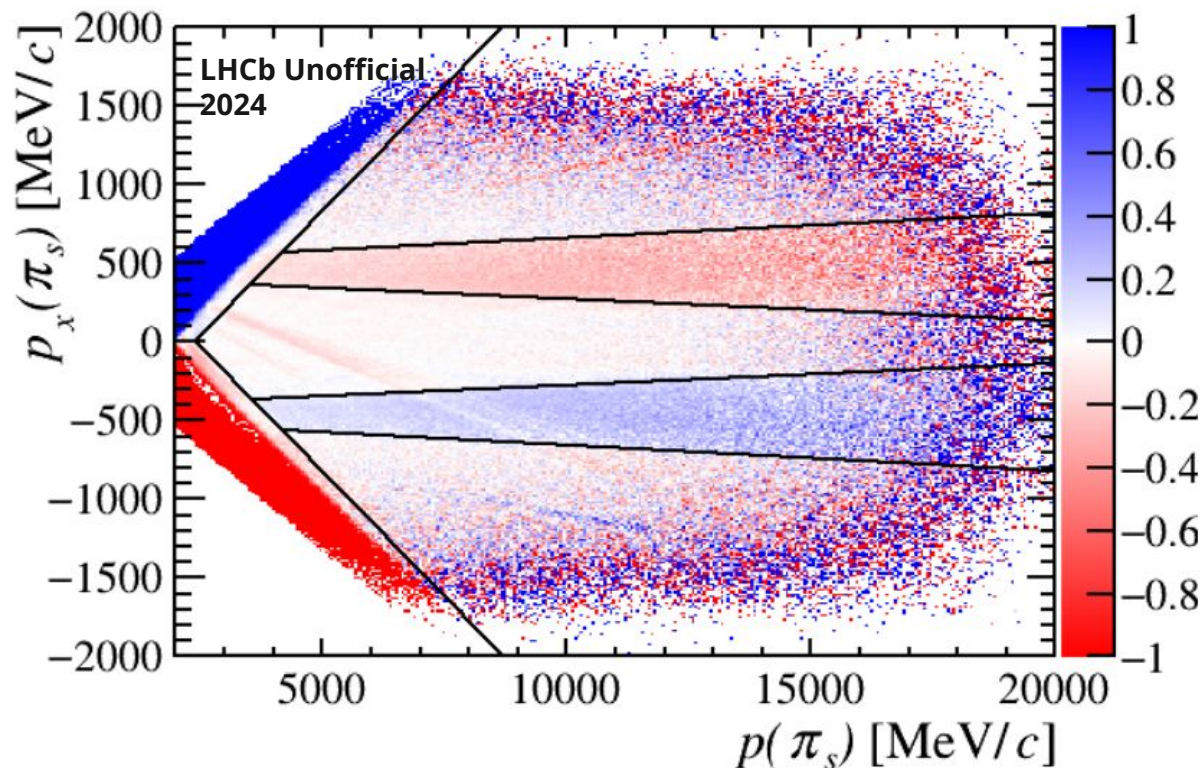
$$N(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) \propto \sigma(D^{*-}) \epsilon(\pi^-) \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)$$

The symbols  $\sigma(D^{*+})$  and  $\epsilon(\pi^+)$  in the first equation are highlighted with a purple box and a red box, respectively, with a red  $\neq$  symbol between them. Similarly,  $\sigma(D^{*-})$  and  $\epsilon(\pi^-)$  in the second equation are highlighted with a purple box and a red box, respectively, with a red  $\neq$  symbol between them.

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- ❖  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi \pi$  ( $D^{*+}$ -tagged) is used as a calibration channel
  - Same final state particles as signal (5 pions)
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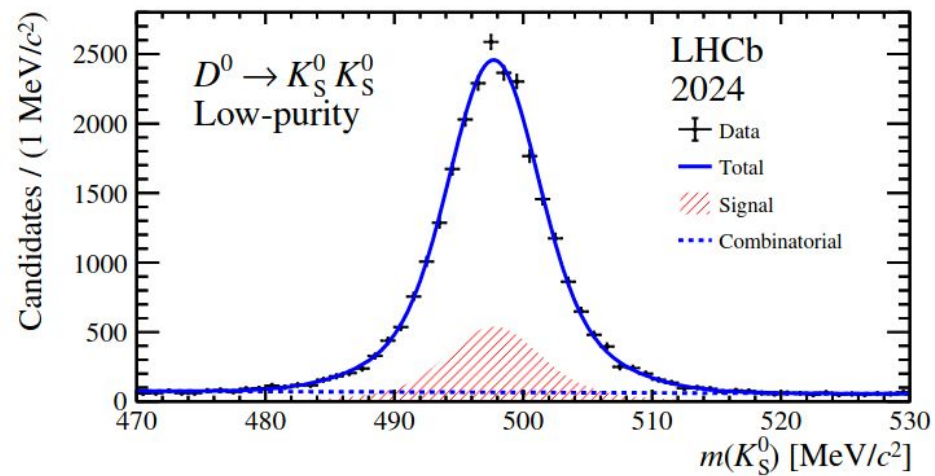
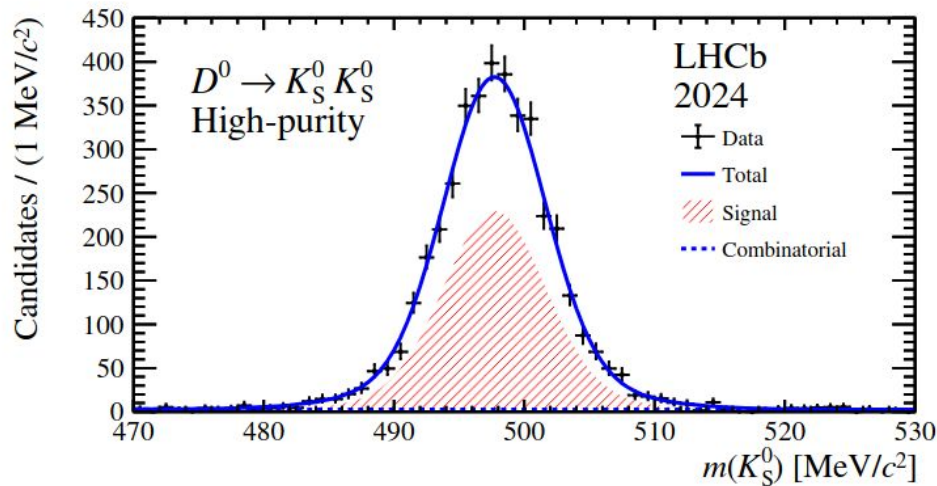
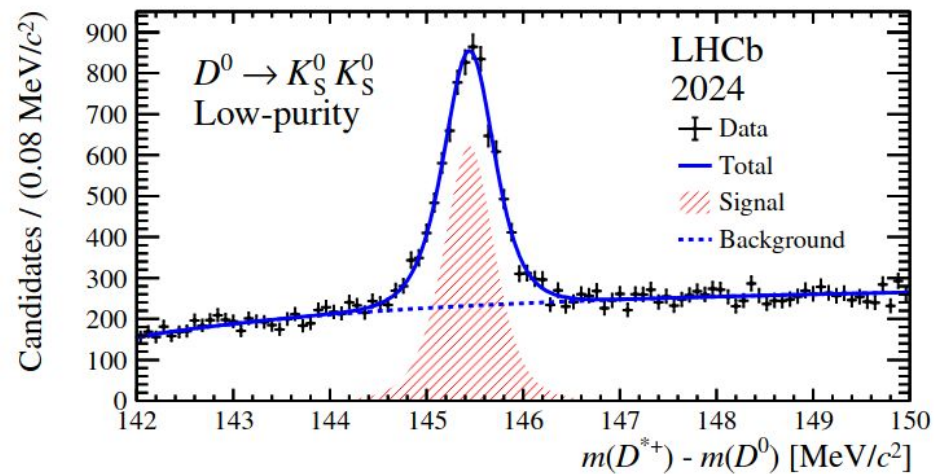
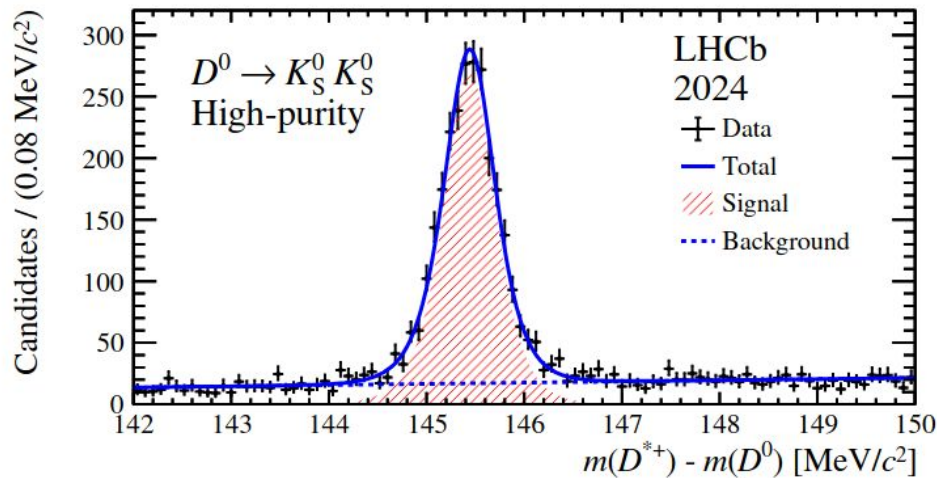


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- ❖ Yields extracted via a multidimensional fit to  $\Delta m = m(D^{*+}) - m(D^0)$  and the two  $m(K_S^0)$
  
- ❖ Restrict to “easiest” category of candidates for faster result
  - Only  $K_S^0$  decaying inside VELO
  - This will be revisited for the final Run 3 result with full data sample

# Mass distributions

- ❖ Two bins with different purity defined according to a MVA classifier

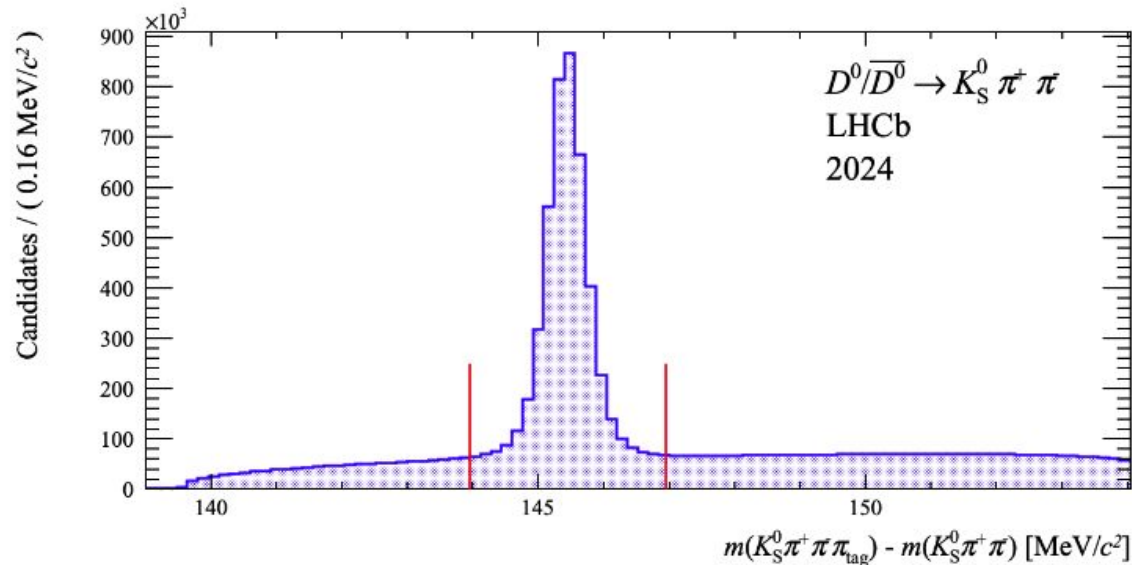
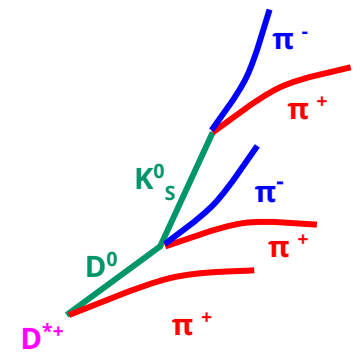


# Yields

- ❖ Total signal yield:  $15,676 \pm 229$
- ❖ → Largest existing  $D^*$ -tag sample!
  - LHCb Run 2    ~8000 candidates
  - Belle            ~4000 candidates
  - Belle II        ~2200 candidates
  - CMS             ~2000 candidates
  - 19k non- $D^*$  sample collected by Belle and Belle II, but with much more background
- ❖ LHCb Run2 : 5400 candidates ( $6\text{fb}^{-1}$ ) if considering only  $K_S^0$  decaying in the VELO → **x3 efficiency gain (new trigger) with a x5 instantaneous luminosity**  
→ **decays collected at rate ~15 times larger**

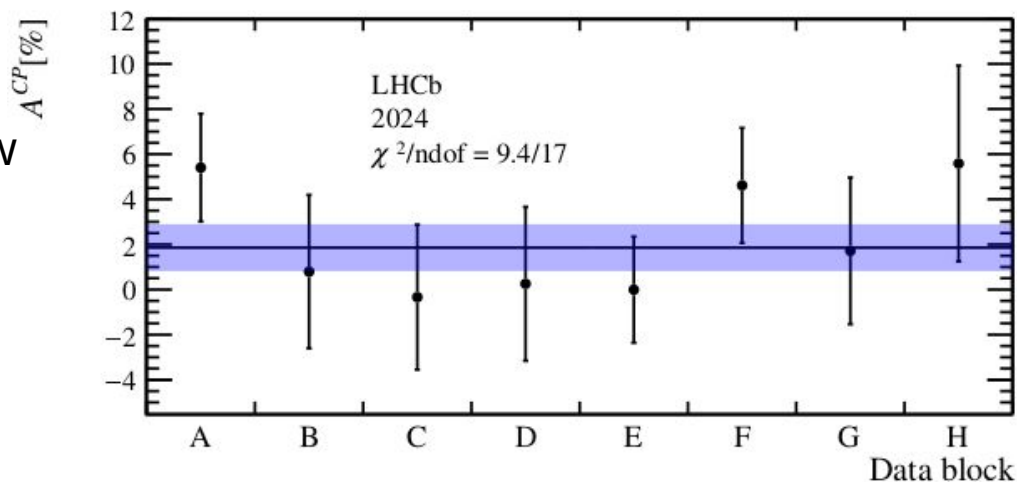
# Calibration sample

- ❖  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi \pi$  sample
  - HLT1:  $K_S^0$  trigger
  - HLT2: Dedicated selection without cuts related to  $D^{*+}/D^0$  vertex position (different resolution in signal)
- ❖ Yield/ $\text{pb}^{-1}$ :  $\sim 750 D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi \pi$  (S/B  $\sim 10$ ) vs  $2.5 D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$



# Results

- ❖ Results for each subsample, calibrated and averaged over Low Purity and High Purity bins. All compatible

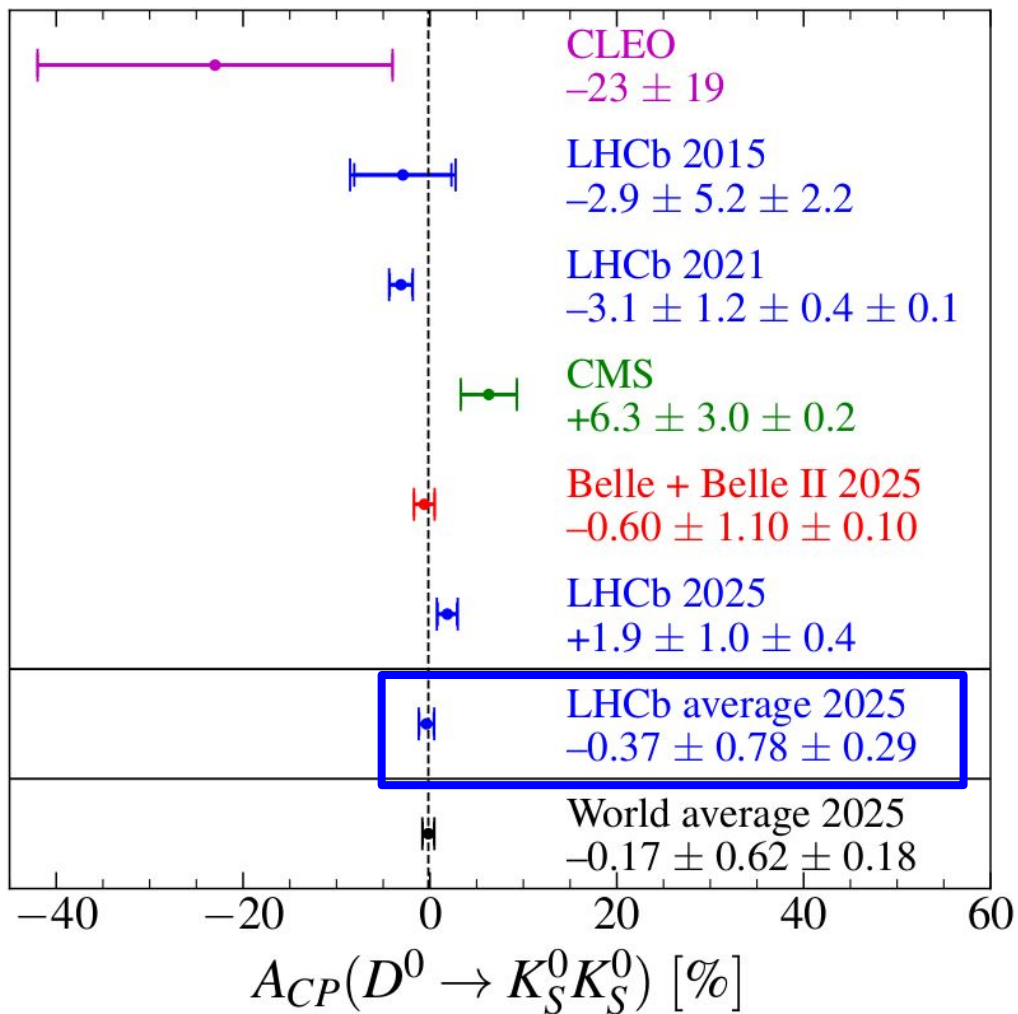


- ❖ Global average yields the result:

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) = (1.86 \pm 1.04 \pm 0.41)\%$$

- ❖ World's best result from a single experiment!

# Results (2)



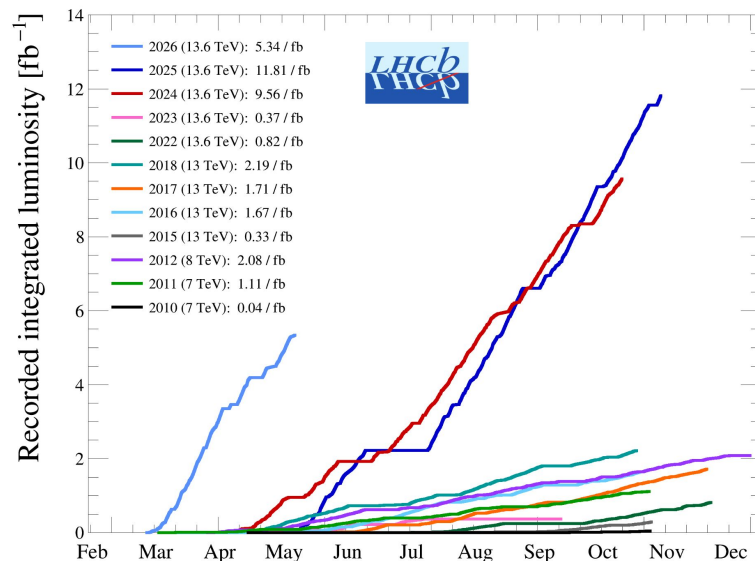
- ❖ Compatible with no CPV
- ❖ Compatible with previous WA
- ❖ Marginal agreement with previous LHCb results
  - p-value of combination  $\sim 1.2\%$
  - $2.9 \sigma$  from Run 2 measurement
- ❖ New WA compatible with no CPV with a 0.65% uncertainty
- ❖  $\rightarrow$  Approaching interesting region of sensitivity

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# Future prospects

- ❖ Analysed  $6.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data (2024)
  - Much more data is already available!

Total recorded luminosity by year –  $pp$



- ❖ Only  $K_S^0$  candidates decaying in the VELO acceptance considered in this analysis
  - Further improvements expected from the inclusion of downstream candidates → new dedicated HLT1 trigger line from 2025

# Conclusions

- ❖ Many new results on charm physics in the last years, but still a lot to explore
  - Hunting CPV in mixing
  - Need to clarify if the size of observed CPV in the decay is compatible or not with SM expectations
- ❖ Detectors and techniques are improving, much more data has been collected → **Unprecedented precision in CPV measurements in charm can be now achieved**
- ❖ Stay tuned for new results!

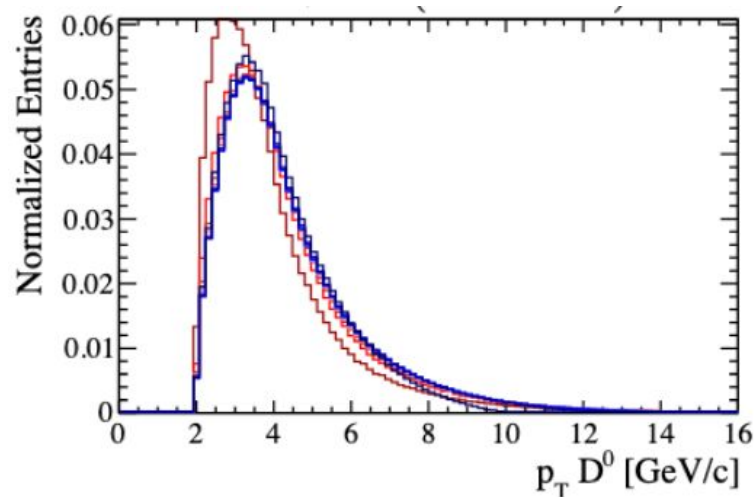
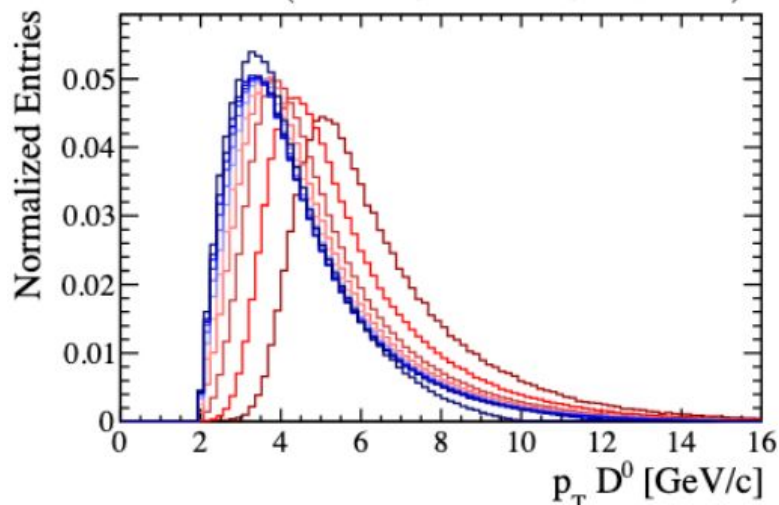
# Backup slides

# Not only more yields...

- ❖ Dedicated trigger selections developed to reduce correlations between decay-time and momentum → better control of systematic uncertainties



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# Overview of current results

[https://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/p/Summary\\_Charm.html](https://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/p/Summary_Charm.html)

## CPV in decay

## Mixing + mixing-induced CPV

$\Delta A^{CP} \& A^{CP} (D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^-):$   $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0:$

PRL 122(2019)211803

PRD 104(2021)L031102

LHCb-PAPER-2022-024

$D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)} \pi^+:$

LHCb-PAPER-2021-051

$D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+:$

PRL 122(2019)191803

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

JHEP 06(2021)019

$A_{\Gamma}(D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^-):$

PRD 104(2021)072010

$y_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^-):$

PRD 105(2022)092013

**WS**  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-:$

PRD 97(2018)031101

$D^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+:$

JHEP 06(2013)112

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

PLB 740(2015)158

$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+:$

PLB 728(2014)585

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p h^+ h^-:$

JHEP 03(2018)182

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^- \pi^+, \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+:$

JHEP 02(2019)126

$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+:$

PRD 102(2020)071101(R)

$D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

PRL 128(2022)221801

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+:$

PRL 116(2016)241801

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

PRL 127(2021)111801

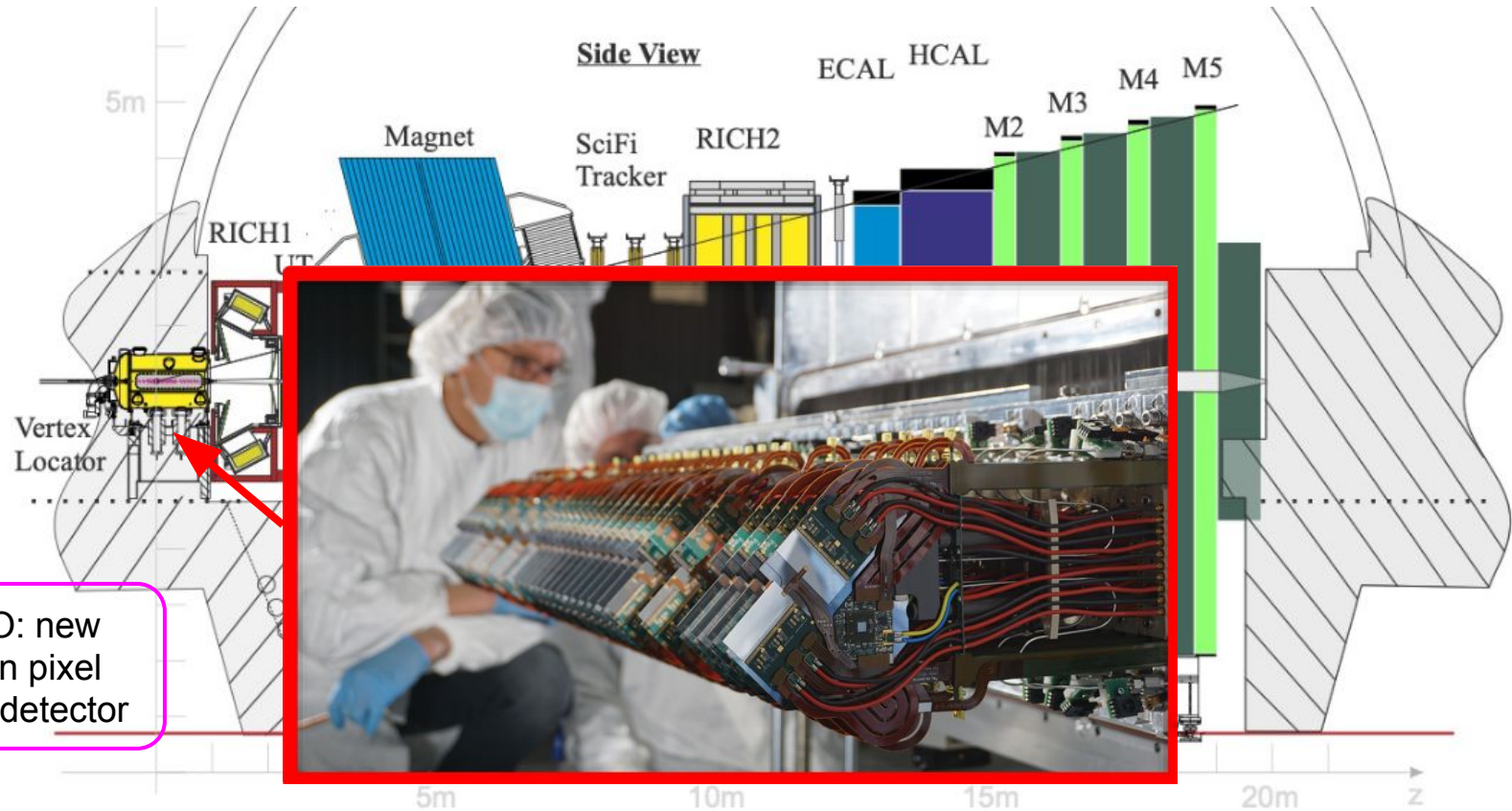
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Two-body  
final state

Multi-body  
final state

# The upgraded LHCb detector

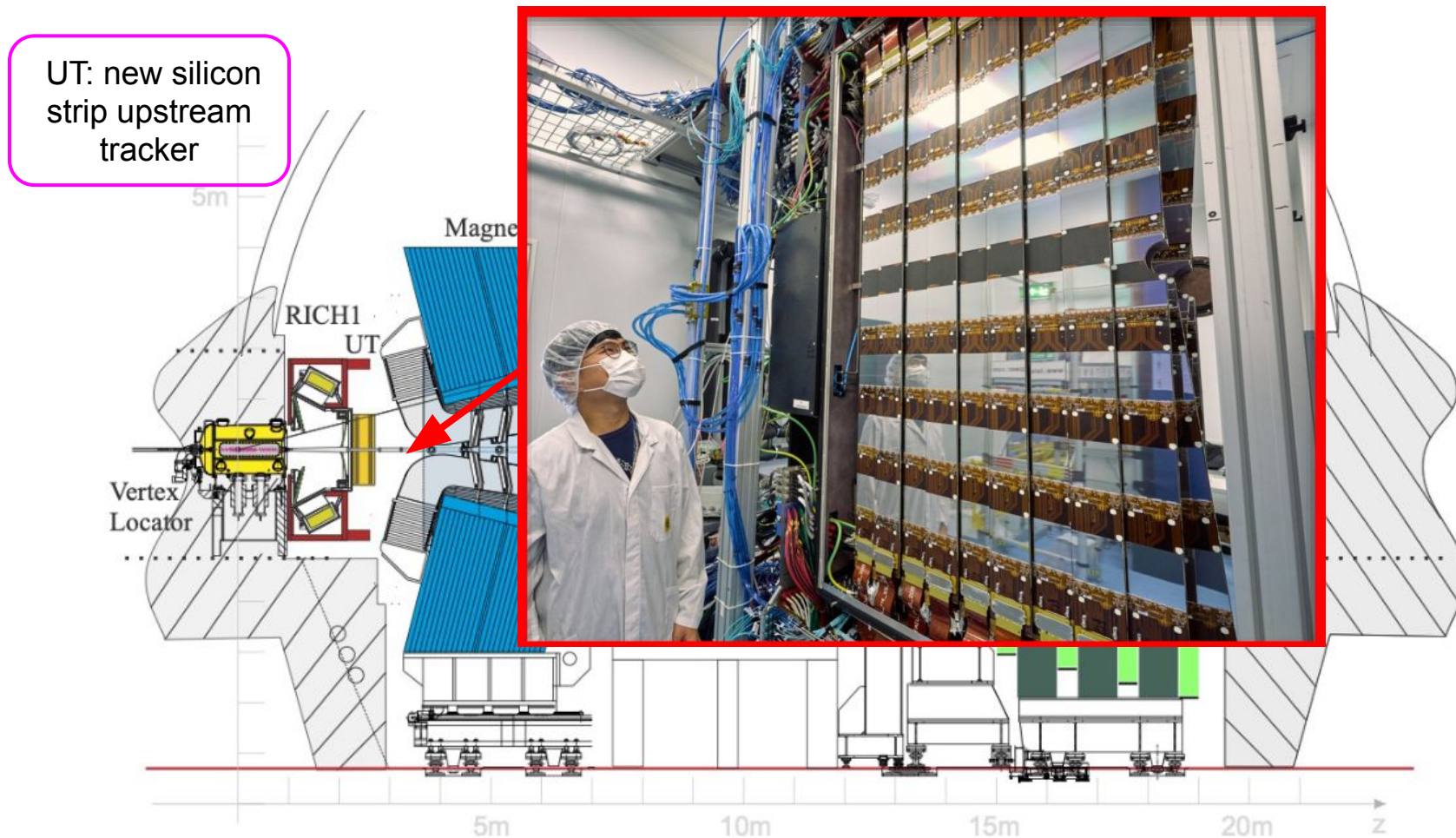
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VELO: new  
silicon pixel  
vertex detector

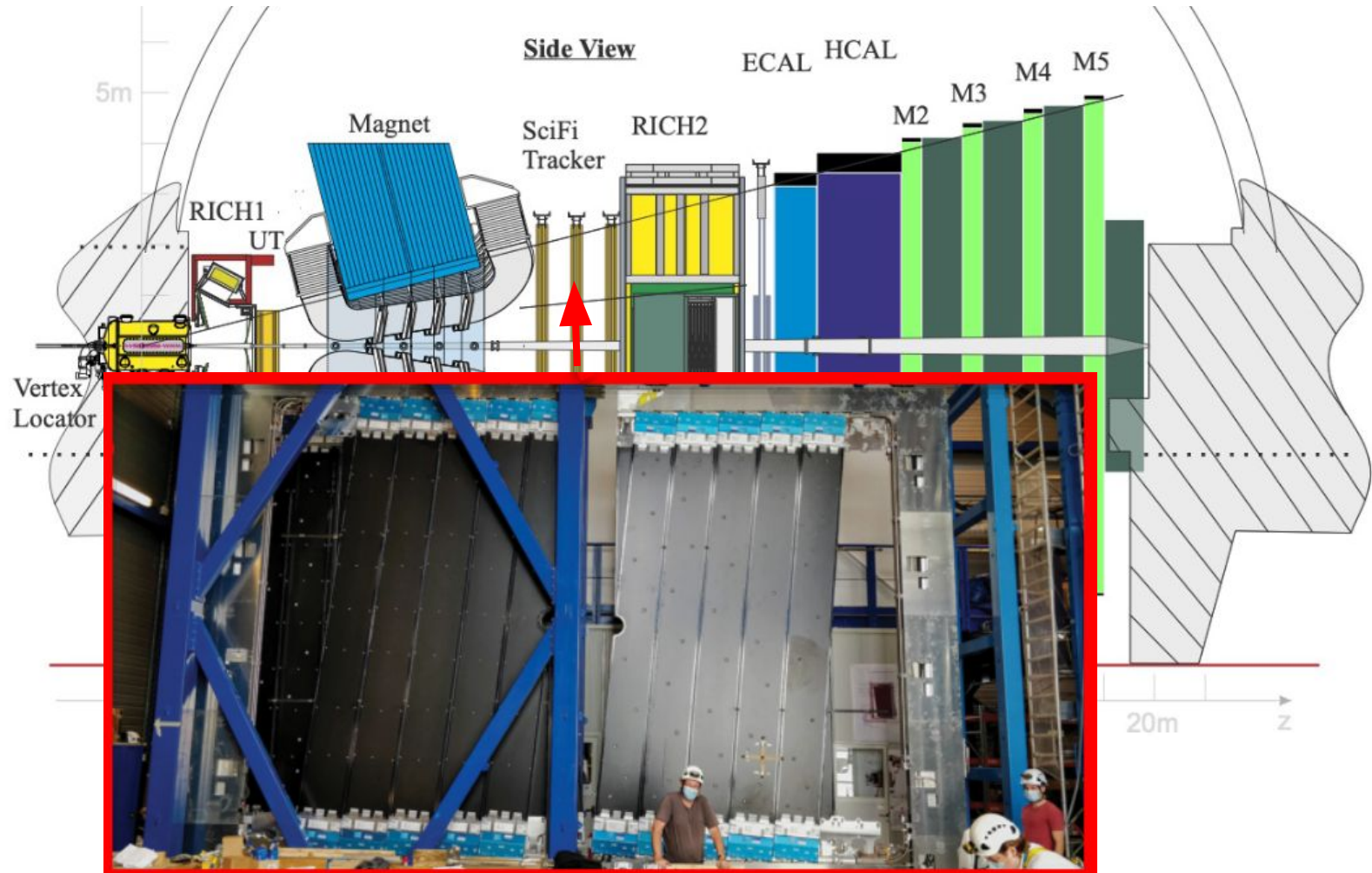
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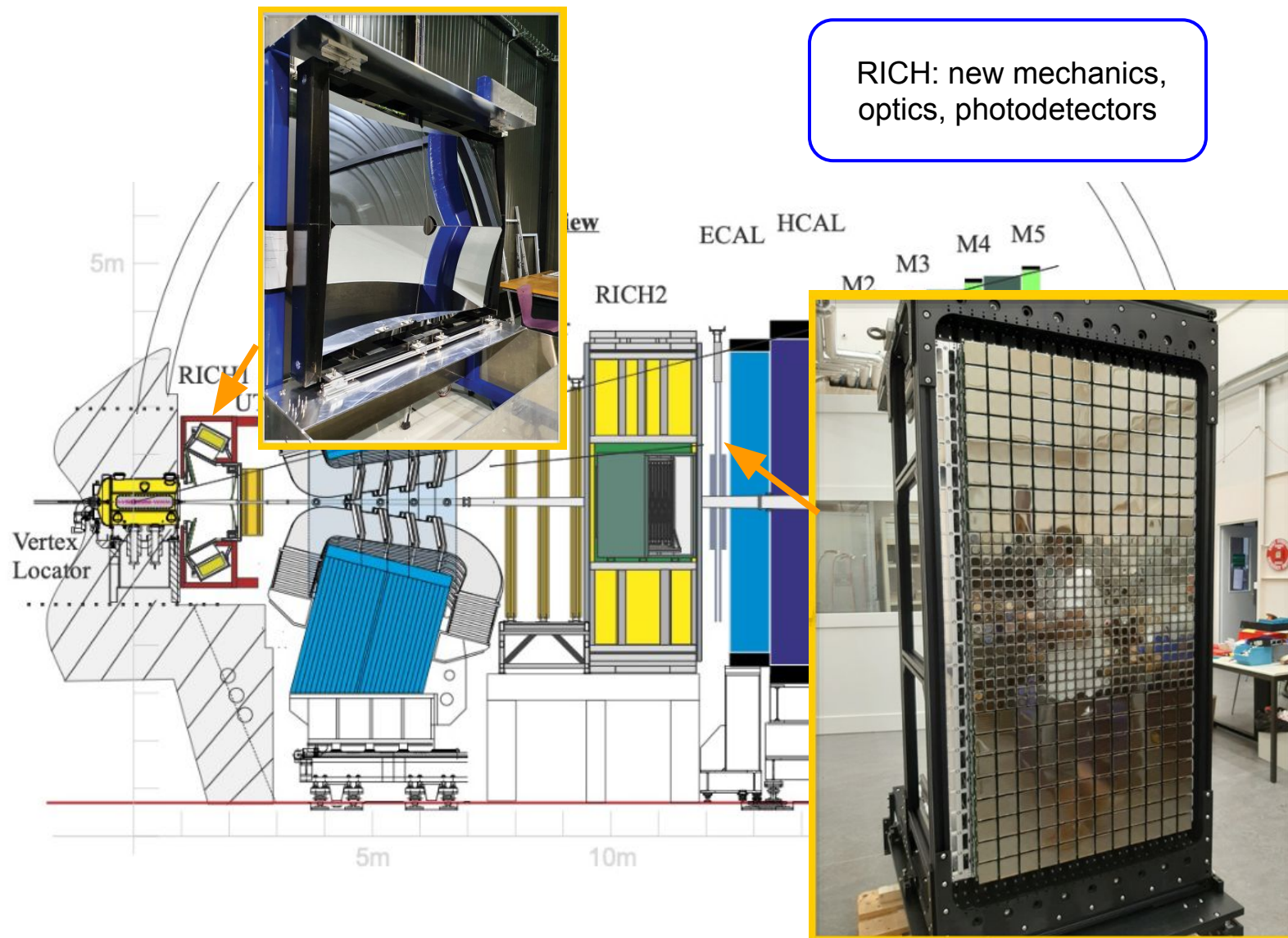
# The upgraded LHCb detector

SciFi: new scintillating  
fibres tracker



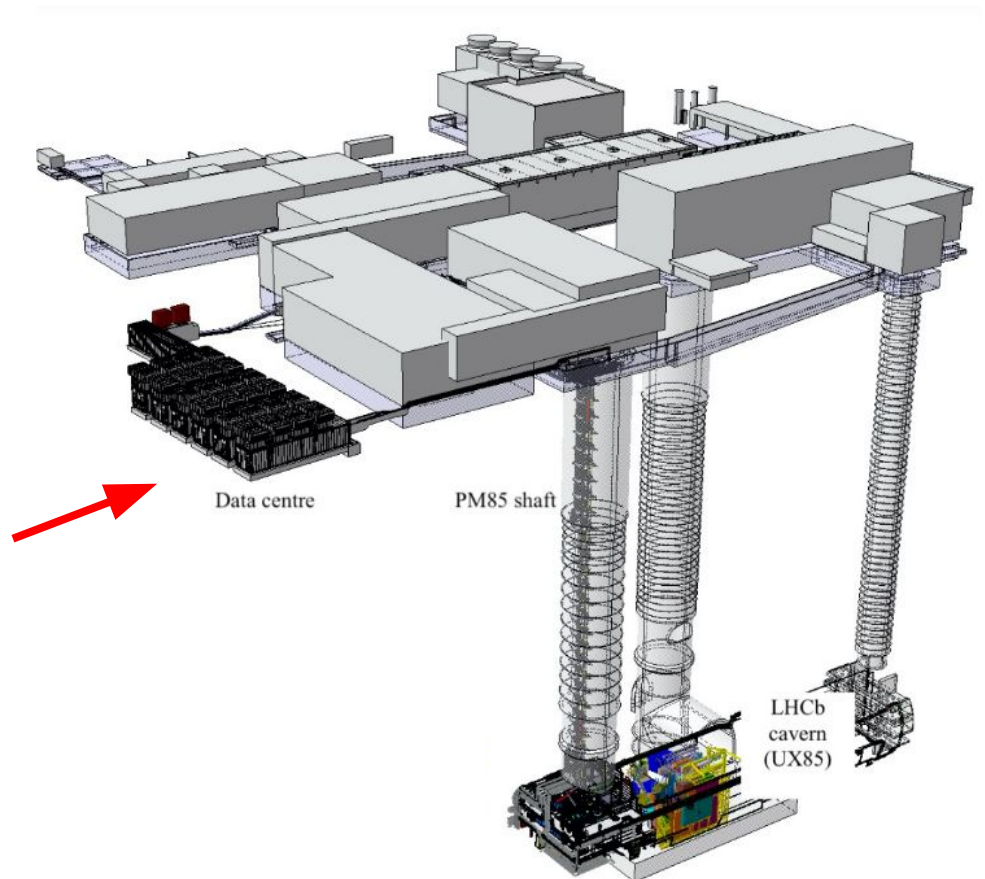
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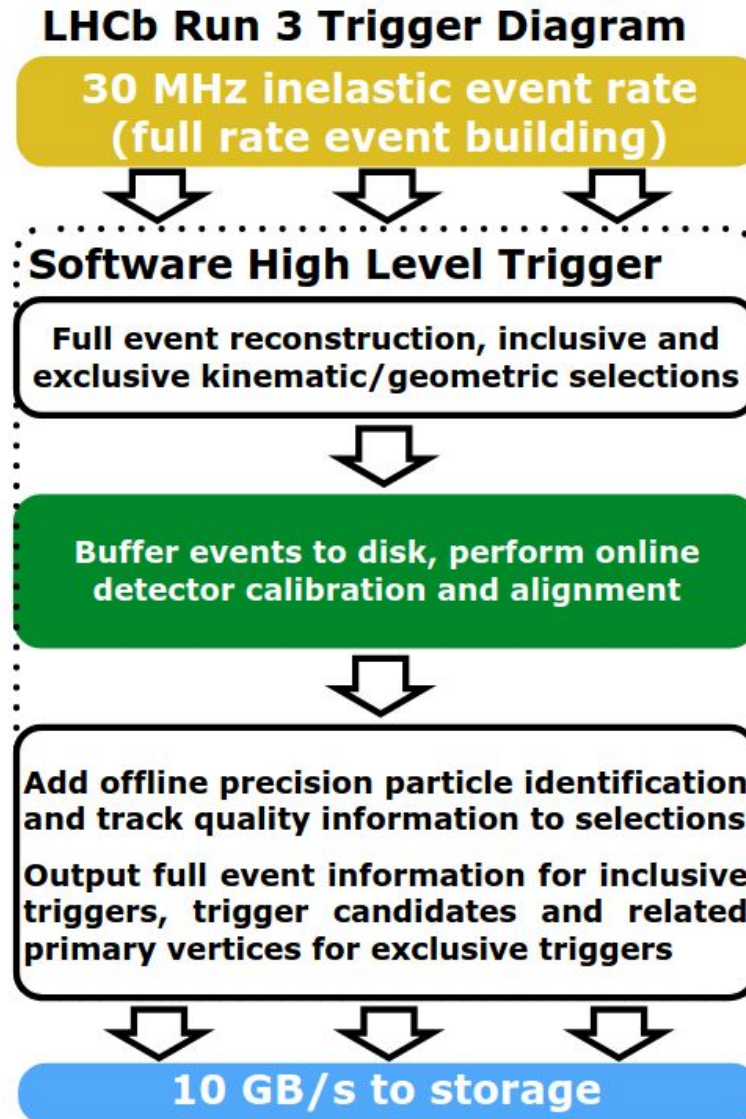
# The upgraded LHCb detector

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New frontend electronics and  
new DAQ for all sub-detectors!

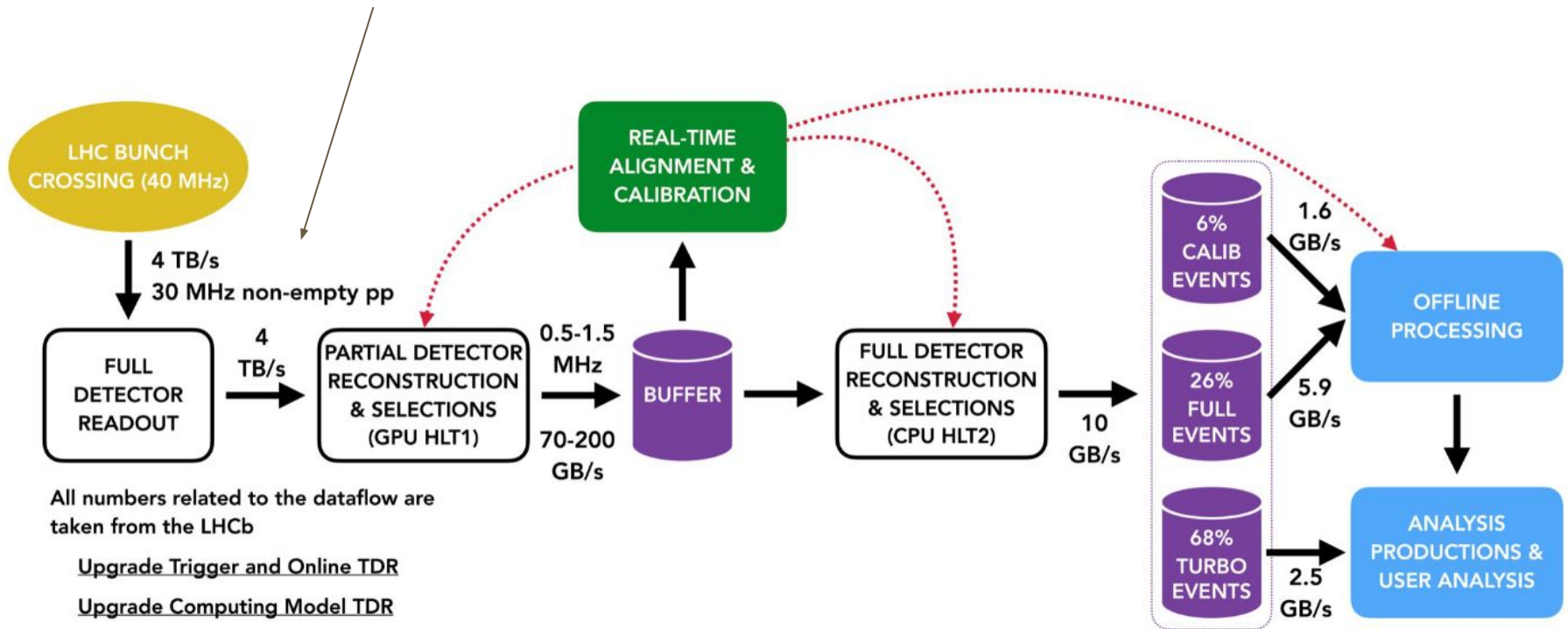
# Trigger in Run 3



# Data flow

Largest data rates in HEP so far!

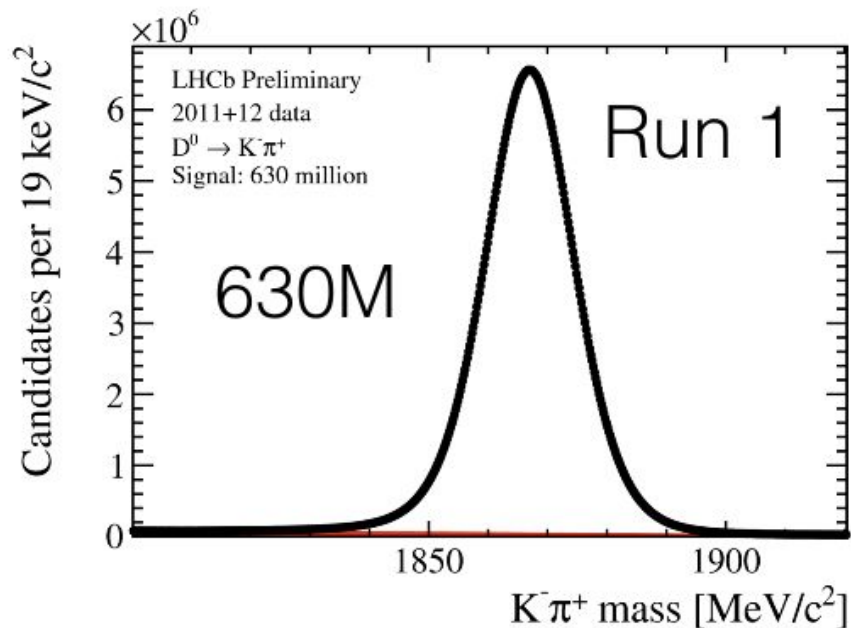
[LHCb-FIGURE-2020-016](#)



# LHC: a charm factory

$10^6$   $c\bar{c}$  pairs  
per second in  
Run 2

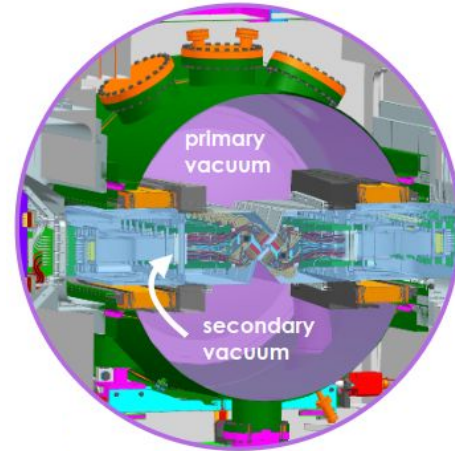
- ❖ In LHCb acceptance:
  - $\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}X) \sim 2.4 \text{ mb}$  ( $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ) [JHEP 03\(2016\)159](#)
  - $\sigma(pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X) \sim 0.1 \text{ mb}$  ( $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ )
- ❖ Data needs to be properly saved on disk  $\rightarrow$  trigger
  - $\sim 1$  billion  $D^0$  decays collected in Run 1 + Run 2



# Start of Run 3: a rollercoaster ride

## ❖ 2022

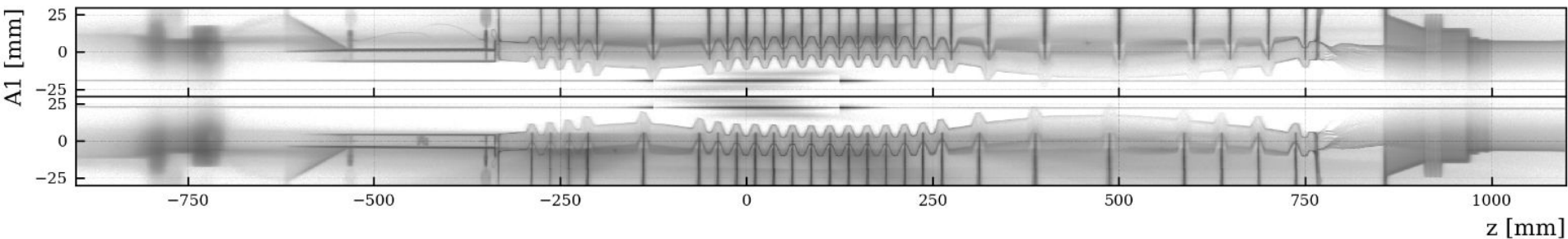
- all detectors installed but UT
- local commissioning of subdetectors
- global commissioning of trigger, alignment and calibration
- VELO routinely closed in the last couple of months



## ❖ 2023

- LHC vacuum incident in the VELO in Jan: operated with VELO aperture of 49 mm
- UT completed installation

[LHCb Upgrade detector seminar](#)



# New trigger system: implications for charm decays

## ❖ 1) Charge asymmetries

- L0 trigger for hadrons in Run 2: information from the calorimeter
- Calorimeter is quite coarse: many particles fall in the same cell
- Cannot combine efficiencies for single tracks to determine efficiency of a decay
- Difficult to evaluate trigger induced asymmetries in CPV measurements
- Not a problem anymore in Run 3: L0 trigger removed

# The vertex detector

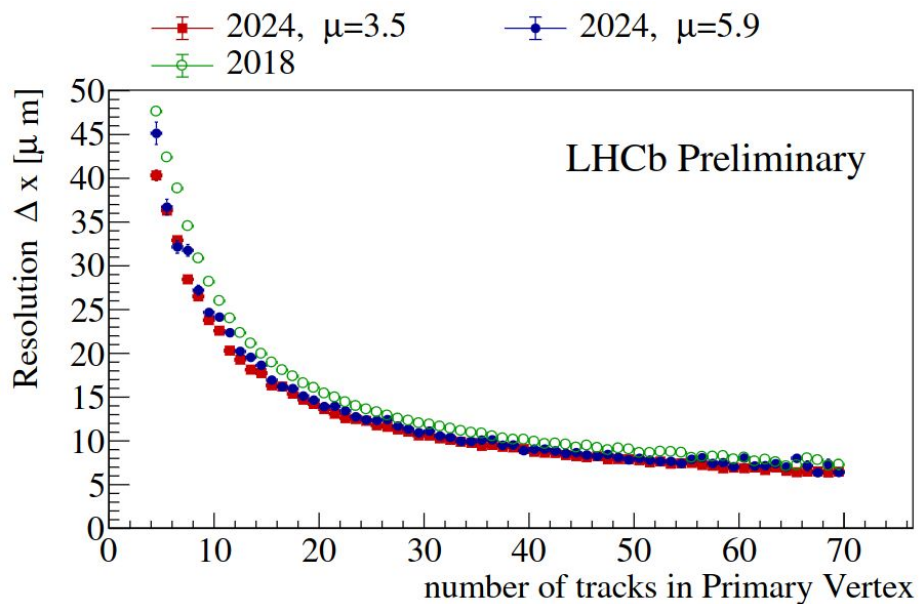
- ❖ Charm and beauty hadrons:
  - $\tau \sim O(0.1-1 \text{ ps})$
  - Can fly several mm before decaying: distinctive feature to select them
- ❖ High resolution vertex detector
  - Silicon pixels  $\rightarrow$  high granularity, single hit resolution  $\sim 13 \mu\text{m}$
- ❖ VELO is separated from the primary vacuum by the 1.1m long thin walled “RF box”
- ❖ 3.5 mm clearance from the beam and 900  $\mu\text{m}$  clearance from the sensors
- ❖  $\rightarrow$  aperture is so small that during LHC injection the VELO halves and boxes must be retracted



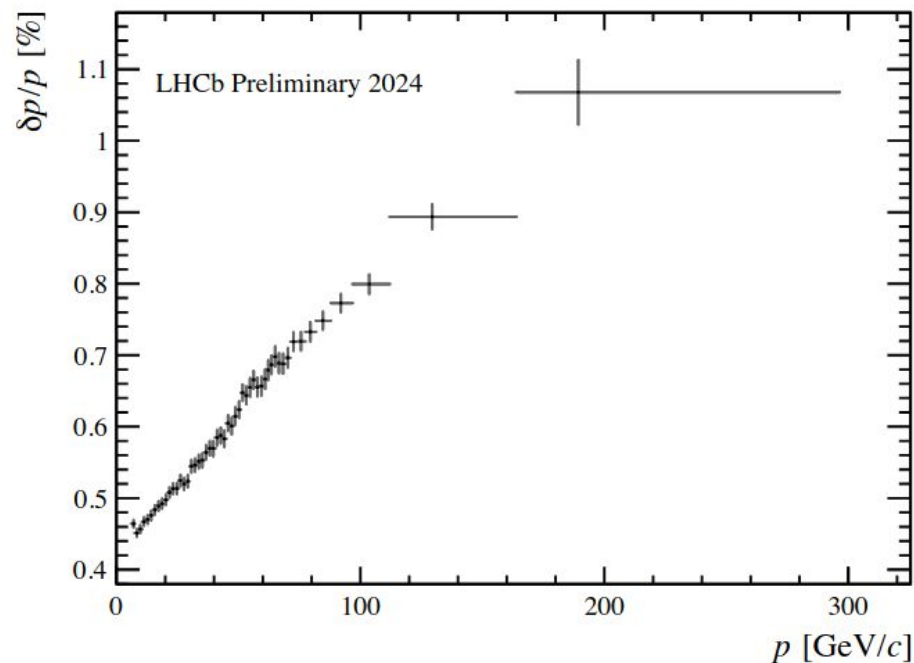
# On the rise: excellent performance in 2024

- ❖ PV resolution better than Run 2!
- ❖ Momentum resolution between 0.4% and 1.1%

[LHCb-FIGURE-2024-011](#)



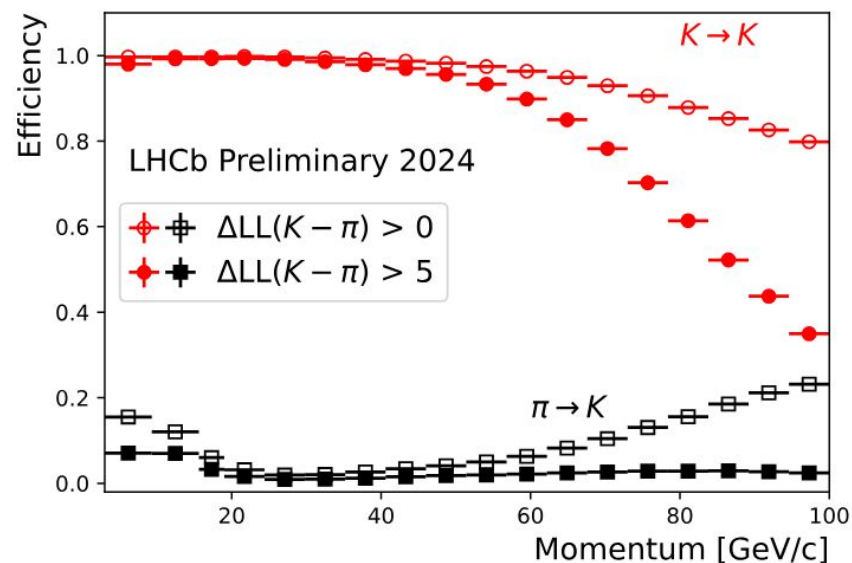
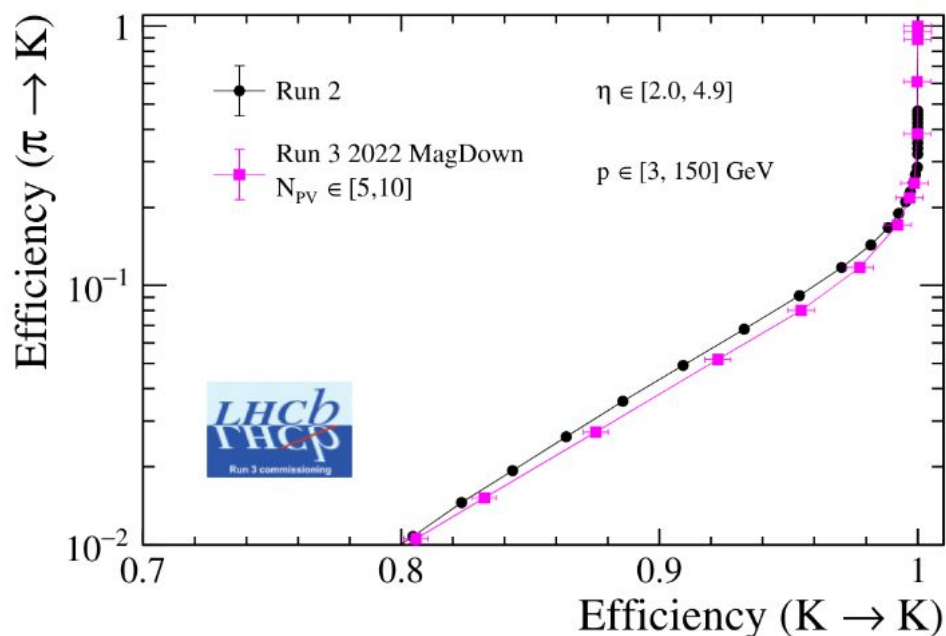
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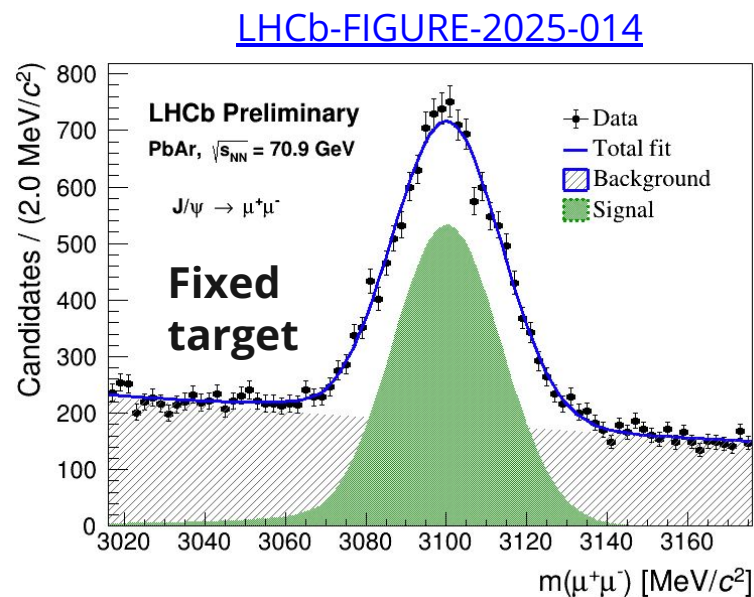
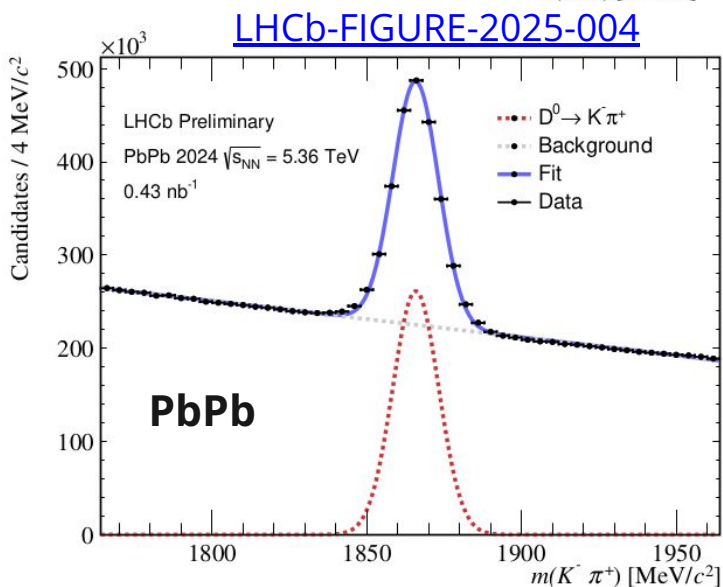
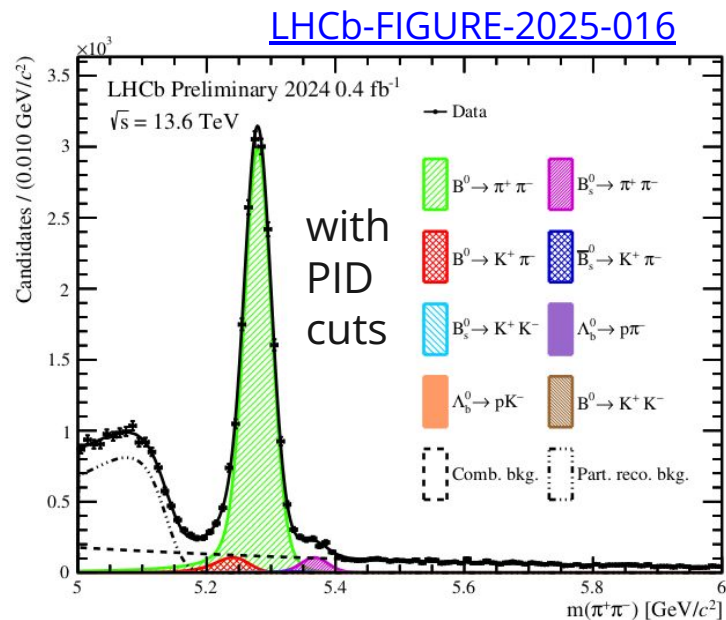
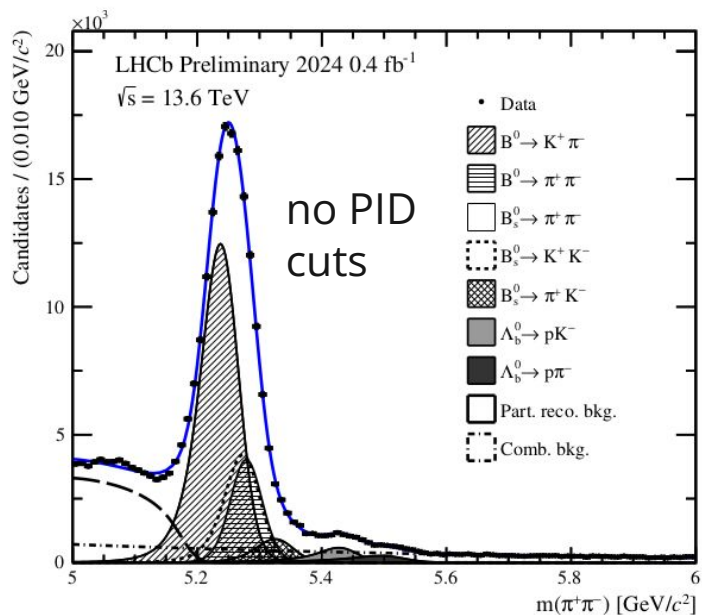
# On the rise: excellent performance in 2024 (2)

- ❖ Excellent hadron identification in the full range of momentum!

[LHCb-FIGURE-2023-019](#)

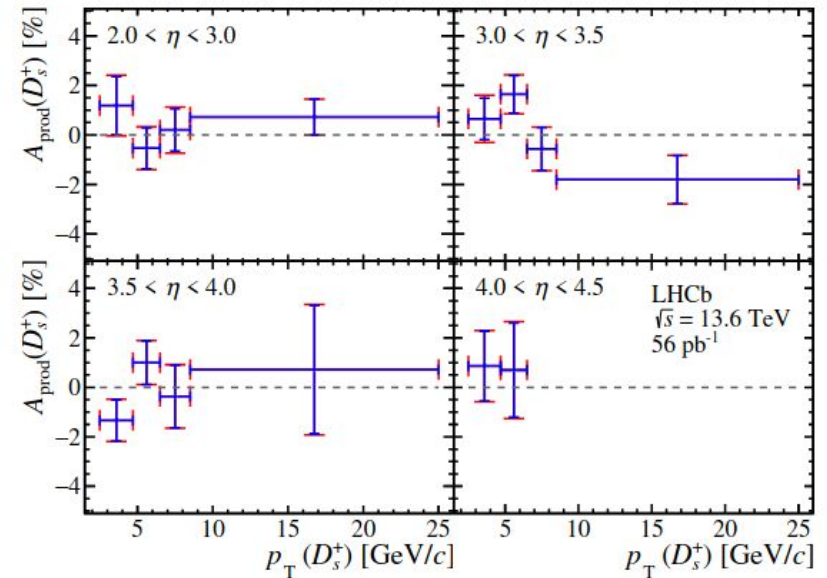
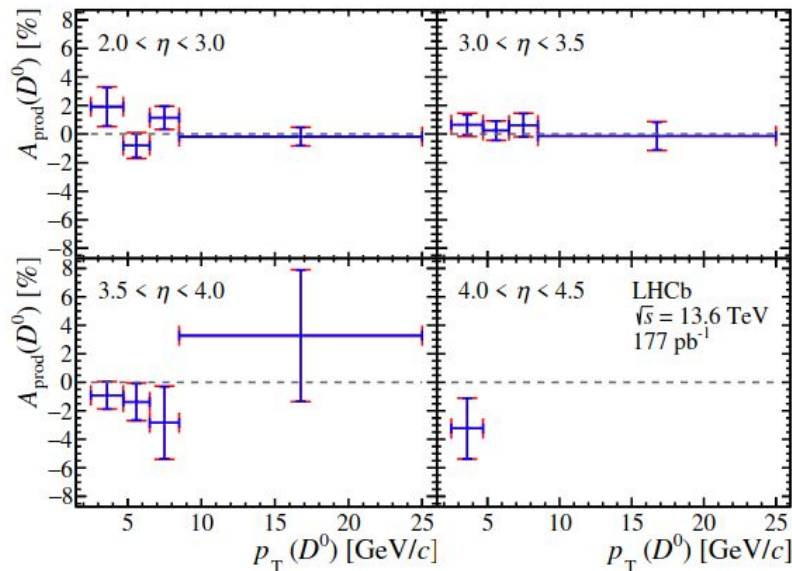


# On the rise: excellent performance in 2024 (3)



# First LHCb results in Run 3

- ❖ “Measurements of charmed meson and antimeson production asymmetries at 13.6 TeV” (data collected in 2022 and 2023) [arXiv:2505.14494](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.14494)

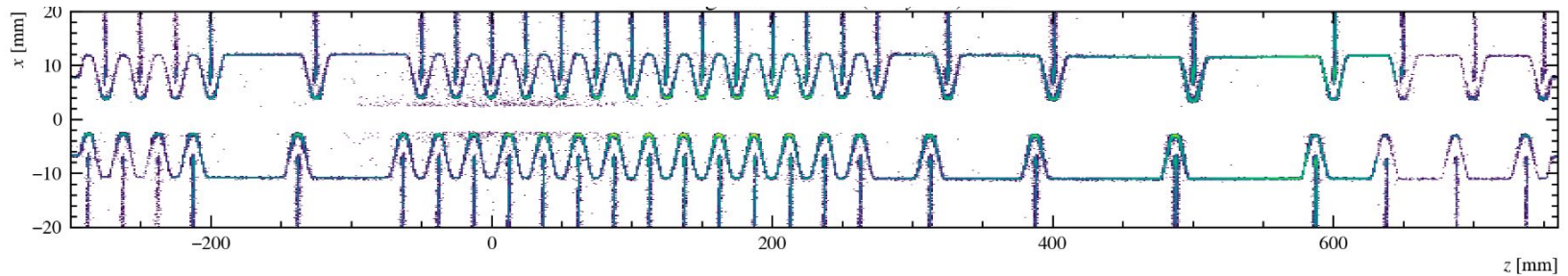


# Data-taking

## ❖ 2024

- VELO RF-box replaced
- UT included in global data-taking  
after June TS

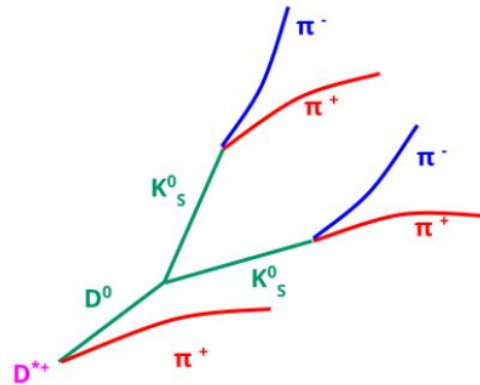
### Selfie of the new RF-box and VELO modules with reconstructed hadronic interaction vertices



# Selections

## ❖ Trigger:

- HLT1: single  $K_S^0$  with relatively high  $p_T$  ( $>2.45$  GeV)
- HLT2: full decay chain reconstruction



## ❖ Offline selection:

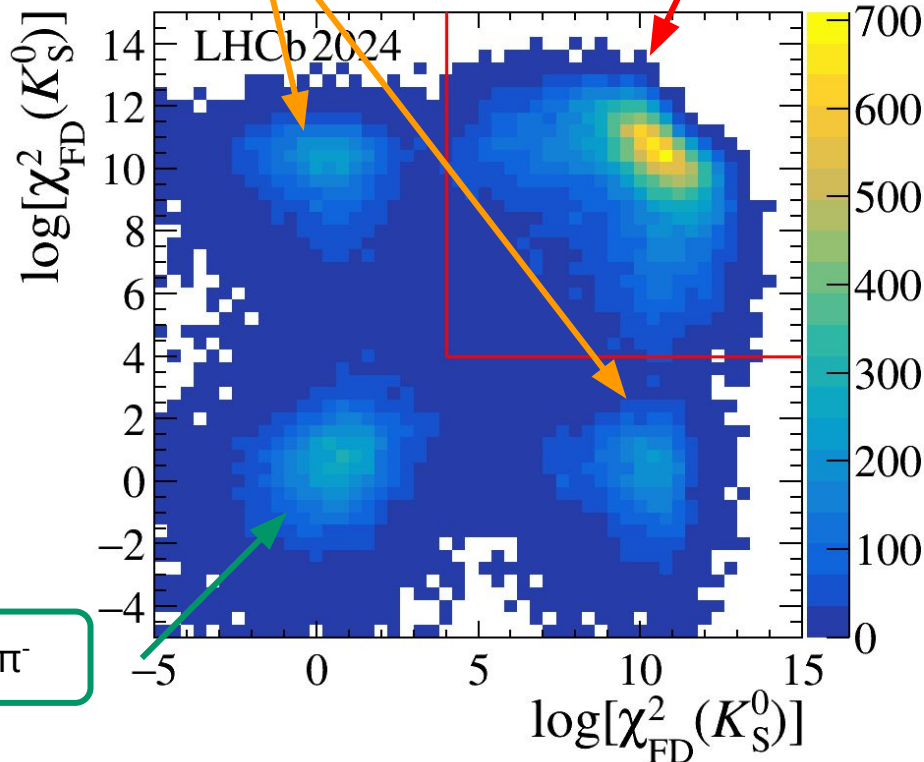
- To remove contribution from other decay channels that can bias the measurement
- To increase the sensitivity on  $A^{CP}$ , reducing random combinations of particles which satisfy trigger selections

# Contamination from $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays

| Decay channel  | $\prod \mathcal{B}_i$ ( $10^{-4}$ ) |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0, K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$       | $0.68 \pm 0.02$                     |
| $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-, K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ | $194. \pm 13.$                      |
| $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$                          | $75.6 \pm 2.0$                      |

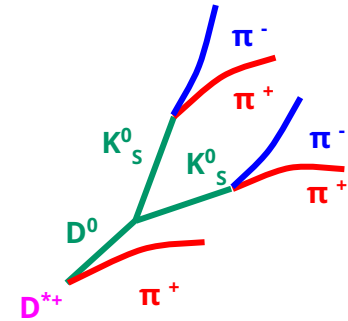
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$D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$

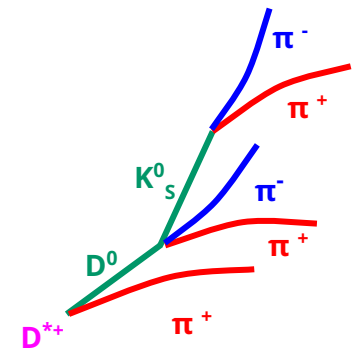


$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$

$D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$

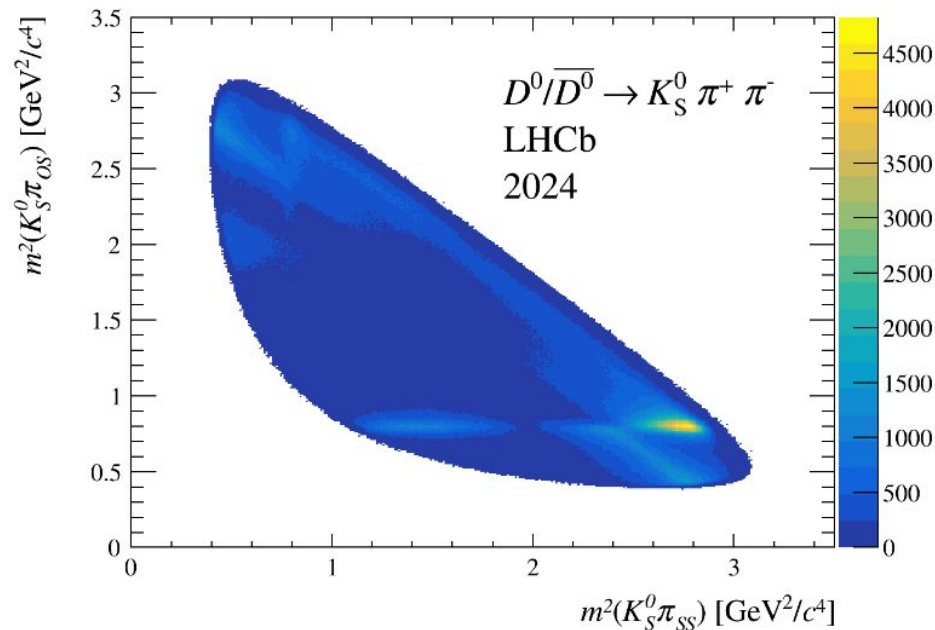
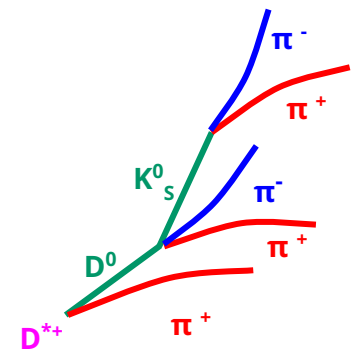


$D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$



# Calibration sample (2)

- ❖  $D^0$  final state in calibration sample is not symmetric
  - Main contribution:  $D^0 \rightarrow K^{*-}(892)\pi^+$ ,  $K^{*-}(892) \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^-$
- ❖ Can introduce a detection asymmetry(not present in the signal sample)
  - Need preliminary re-weight to symmetrize pion pair
    - O(0.1%) correction

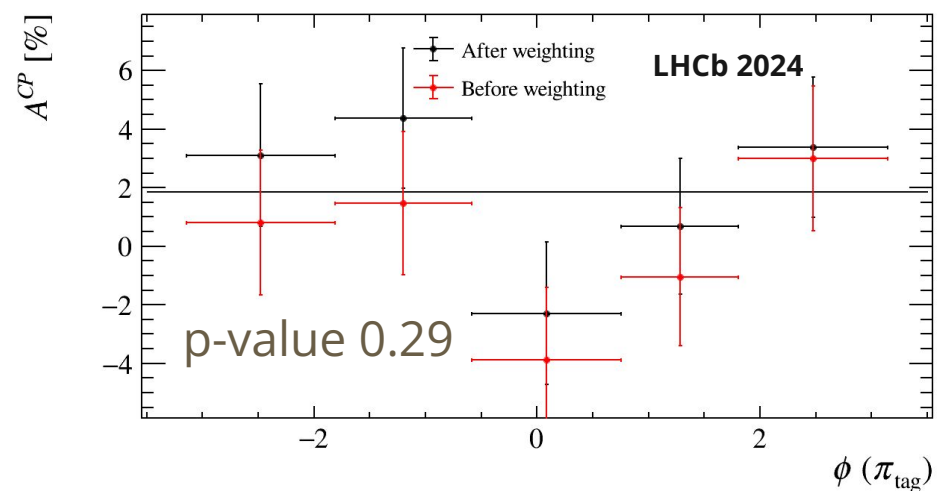
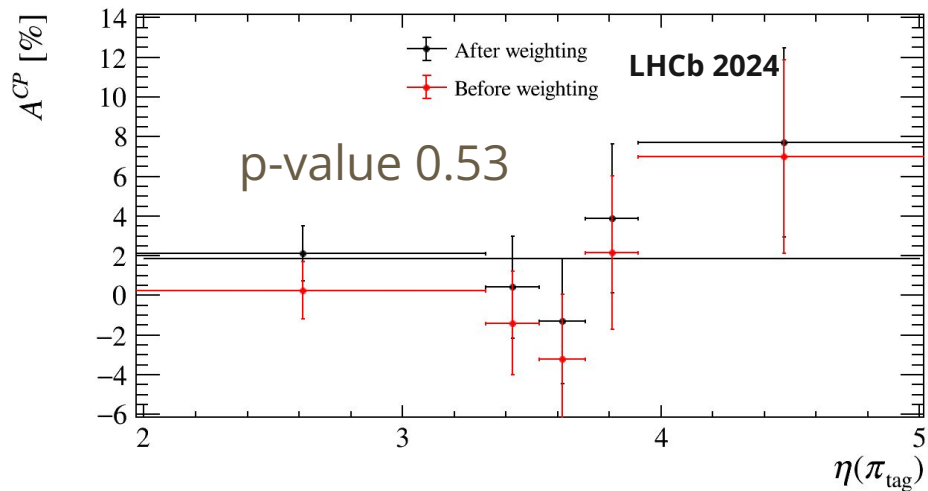
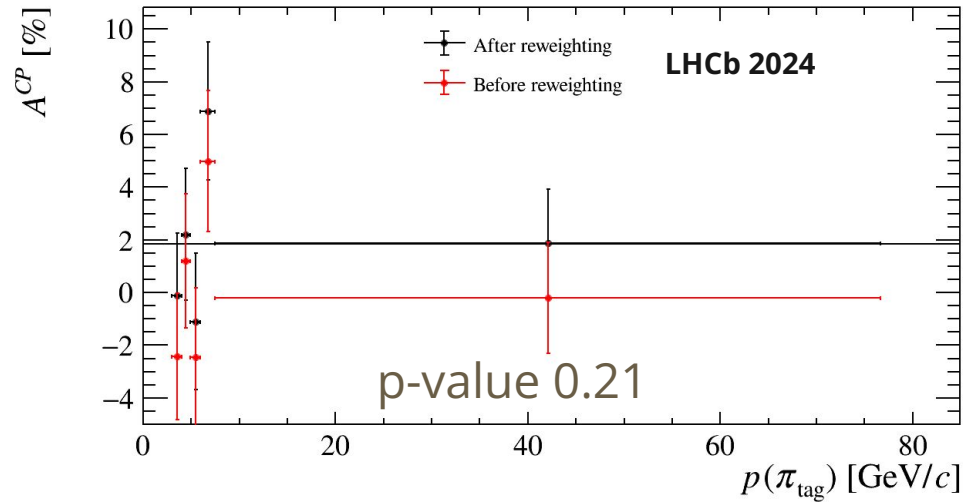


# Systematic uncertainties

- ❖ 1. Fit model
  - $A_{CP}$  sensitivity to model of signal pdf → 0.27%
- ❖ 2. Cancellation of spurious charge asymmetries
  - Statistical fluctuations of calibration sample → 0.24%
  - Choice of  $k$  in kNN-based charge calibration → 0.20%
- ❖  $K^0$  material effects contribution to  $A^{raw}(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi\pi)$ 
  - precisely measured in Run 2 detector, expected small
  - measured effect in used sample: < 0.05%
- ❖ Total combined systematics → 0.41%
- ❖ Total statistical uncertainty 1.04%

# Cross-checks

- ❖ Verified that  $A_{CP}$  does not depend on  $D^0$ ,  $D^{*+}$ ,  $\pi^+$   $\pi_{tag}^+$  kinematic quantities



# Cancellation of nuisance asymmetries

- ❖ Signal candidates weighted by

$$w^{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \frac{n_C^+(\vec{p}) + n_C^-(\vec{p})}{2n_C^{\pm}(\vec{p})}$$

$n_{(C)}^{\pm}$  is density of  $D^0/\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  events in P space (P describes  $\pi_{\text{tag}}$  kinematics)

- ❖ Unbiased estimate of  $A_{CP}$  - even in case of large asymmetries

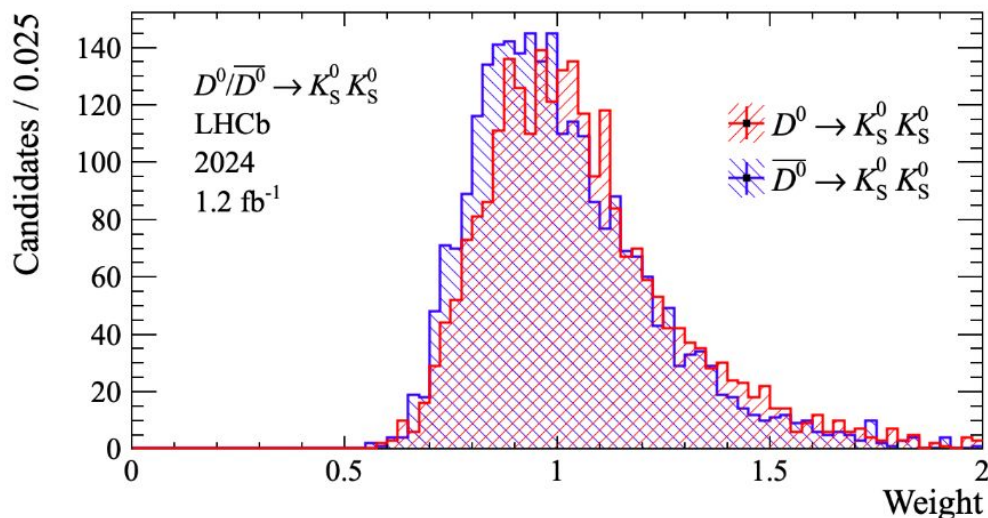
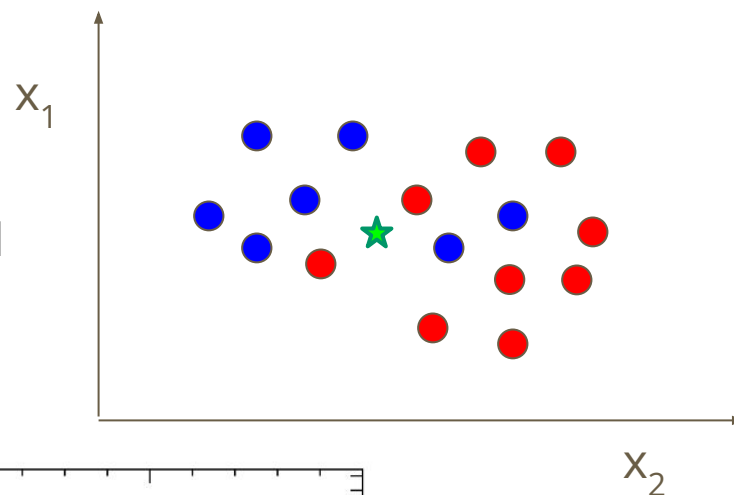
# Cancellation of nuisance asymmetries (2)

- ❖  $n_c/(n_c^+ + n_c^-)$  extracted using kNN algorithm (k=30)

- kNN output =  $n^+/(n^++n^-)$
- $k = n^++n^-$

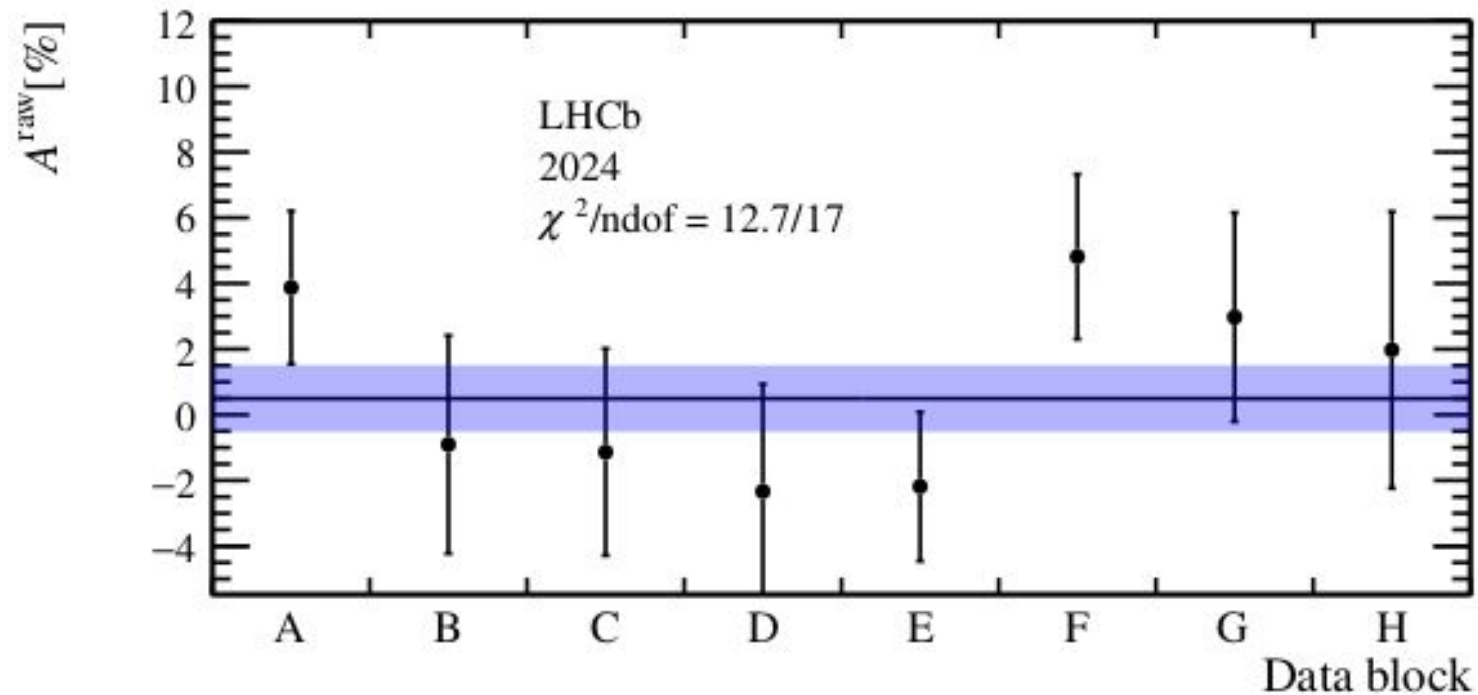
- ❖ Distance evaluated in the  $p_x(\pi_{\text{tag}})$ ,  $p_y(\pi_{\text{tag}})$  and  $p_z(\pi_{\text{tag}})$  space
- ❖ Average correction: +1.35%

- $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$
- $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$
- ★  $D^0/\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$



# Results

Before correcting for production and detection asymmetries



# Results

After correcting for production and detection asymmetries

