



CP violation in charmless B decays

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Charmless B decays

- $b \rightarrow u$ tree and $b \rightarrow d, s$ loop transitions are rare \rightarrow charmless $\mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-6}$

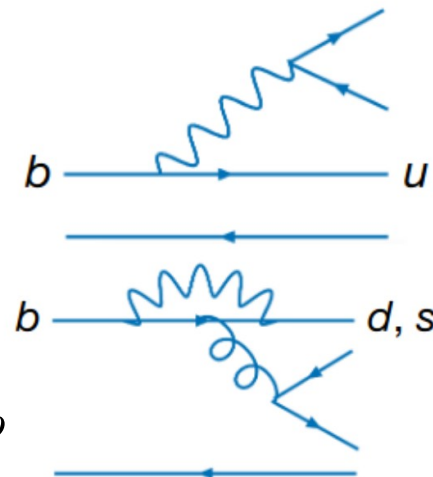
- relatively large loop contributions give sensitivity to NP

- probe the SM via:

\rightarrow over-constraining the CKM triangle: ϕ_1/β via TDCPV in $b \rightarrow s$ decays
 (\rightarrow Seema's talk)

\rightarrow via isospin sum rules ϕ_2/α via isospin analyses $B \rightarrow \pi\pi/\rho\rho$

- in decays to fully hadronic final states often poor theory predictions due to non-factorizable amplitudes
 \rightarrow suppress theory uncertainties by performing measurements of isospin related modes

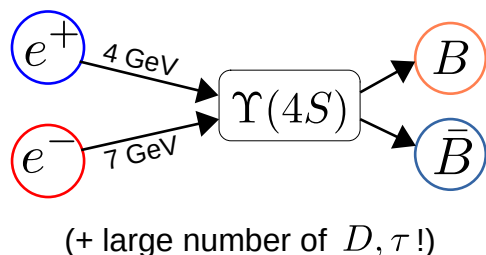


Showing today

- recent results related to $B \rightarrow \pi\pi/\rho\rho$ @ Belle II
- recent test of isospin sum rule in $B \rightarrow K\pi$ @ Belle II
- recent measurement of CP violation in three-body charmless B decays @ LHCb

Belle II @ SuperKEKB – B factory of 2nd generation

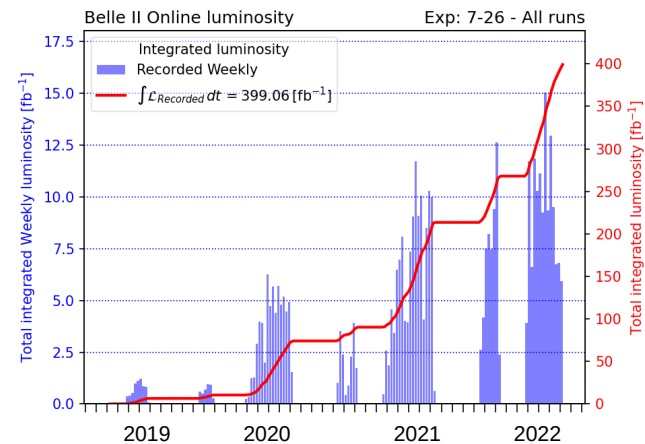
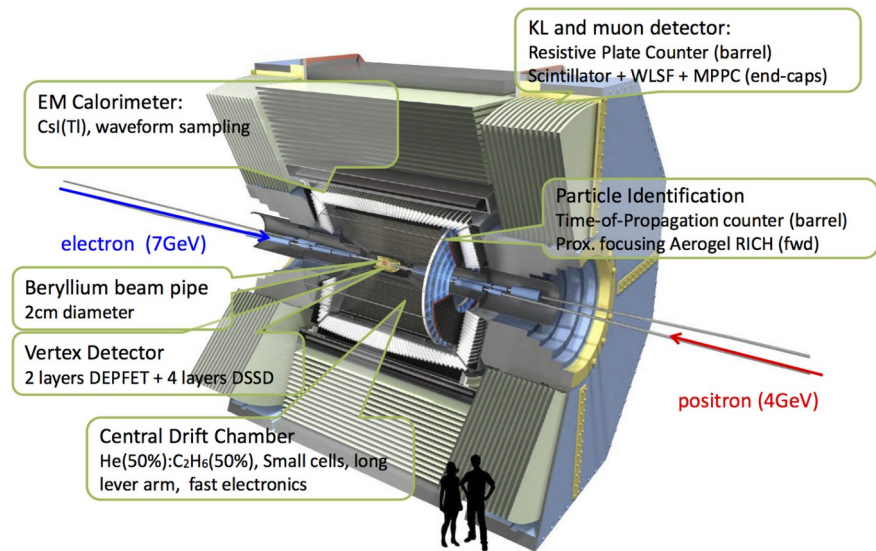
- **SuperKEKB:** asymmetric e^+e^- collider operating nominally at $\Upsilon(4S) = 10.58$ GeV



- **Belle II:** general purpose spectrometer
 - 4π coverage
 - clean e^+e^- environment with known initial state!
 - good charged track reconstruction efficiency, excellent particle identification, gamma reconstruction
 - excellent vertexing ($\sigma \sim 60\mu\text{m}$, for B,D vertices)

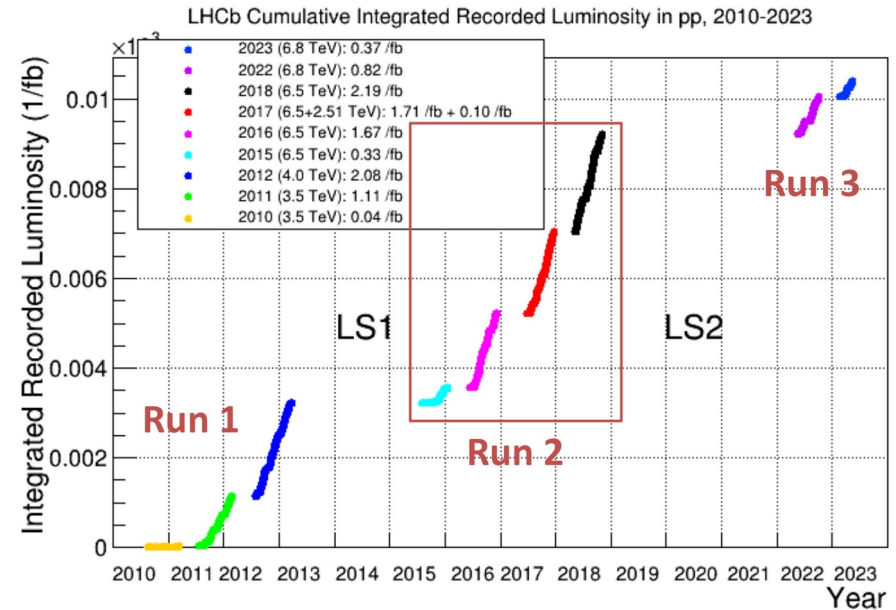
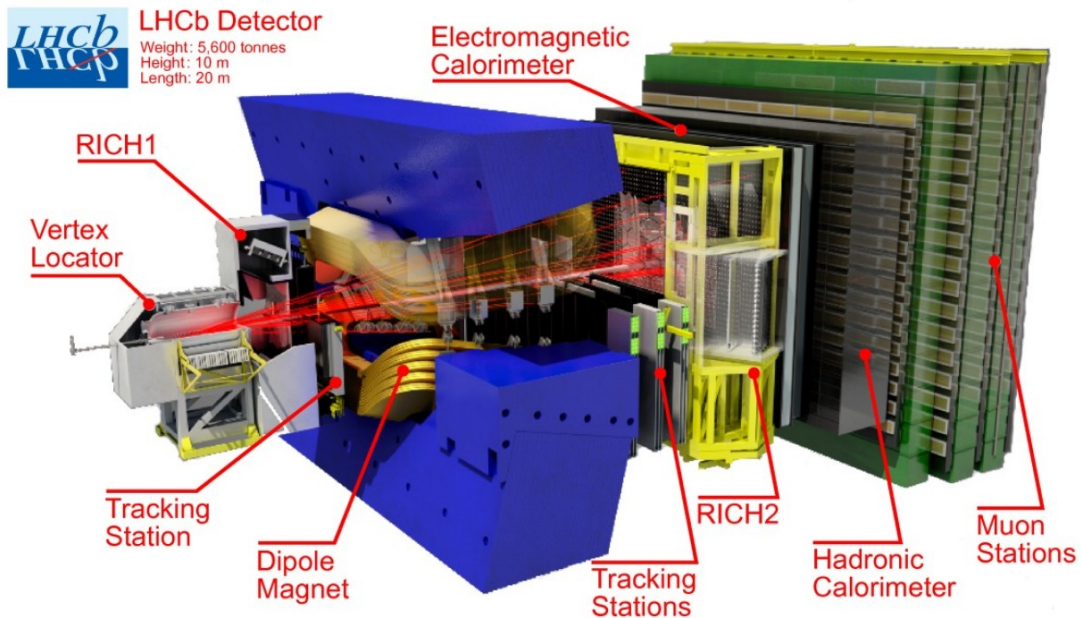
Up to now collected ~ 362 fb⁻¹ of data @ $\Upsilon(4S)$
(~BaBar, ~1/2 of Belle)

→ some results based on 190 fb⁻¹ only



LHCb experiment

- single arm spectrometer @ LHC
 - high-precision tracking → particle identification → decay vertex system



→ analyses presented today based on RUN II data

$$\mathcal{L} = 5.9 \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \text{p-p collisions @ 13 TeV (2015-2018)}$$

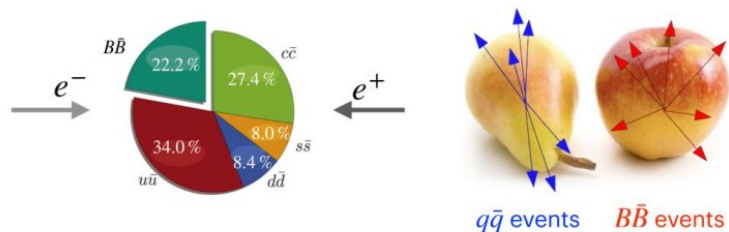
Analysis workflow @ Belle II

1. Reconstruction

- combine final state particle candidates in kinematic fits to form B candidates

2. Selection

- optimize event-shape multivariate classifier + particle ID criteria



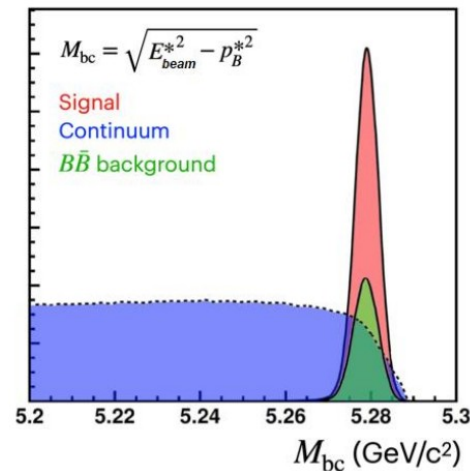
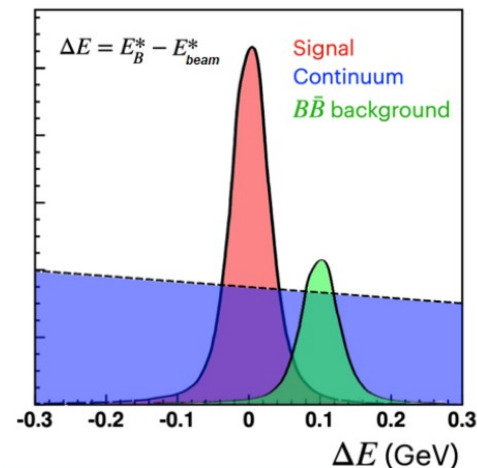
3. Modelling + Fit

- extract models from simulation (+calibrate on data)
- fit to data to extract physics quantities

4. Systematic uncertainties

- toy studies + control modes

Challenges: small BR, high backgrounds, neutrals



Determination of ϕ_2 from $B \rightarrow \pi\pi / \rho\rho$

→ ϕ_2 can be determined from TDCPV in $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- / \rho^+\rho^-$
but due to sizable $b \rightarrow d$ penguin contribution

$$S \propto \sin(2\phi_2 + 2\Delta\phi_2)$$

→ $\Delta\phi_2$ can be accessed based on the isospin relations

→ Br, \mathcal{A}_{CP} in $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+, B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$

→ $Br, \mathcal{A}_{CP}, f_L$ in $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^0\rho^+, B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\rho^0$

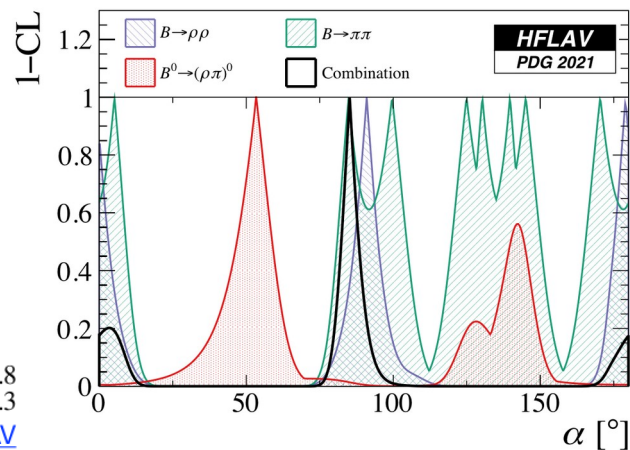
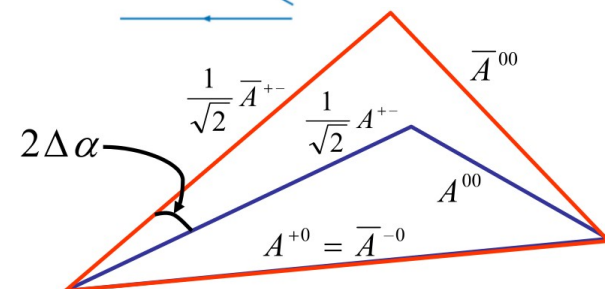
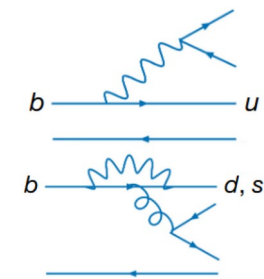
→ $\rho\rho$ less ambiguity in ϕ_2 due to smaller penguin contribution

→ possible to measure TDCPV in $\rho^0\rho^0$

→ low Br's: $10^{-6} - 10^{-5}$

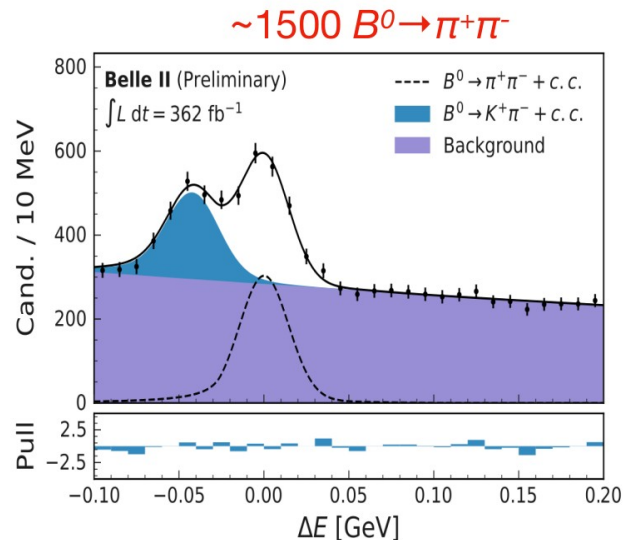
+ large contributions from continuum backgrounds

Several recent measurement @ Belle II providing new inputs for ϕ_2



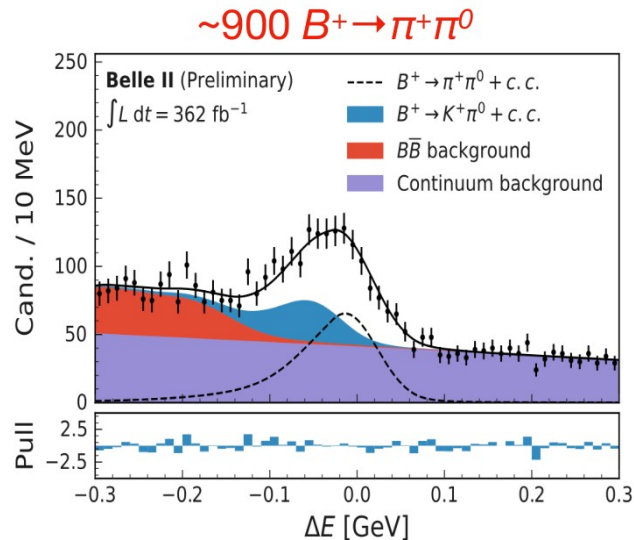
$$\alpha[^\circ] = 85.2^{+4.8}_{-4.3}$$

[HFLAV](#)

$B \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decays[arxiv: 2310.06381] (with 362 fb⁻¹)

$$\mathcal{B}(\pi^+\pi^-) = (5.83 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-6}$$

world's best



$$\mathcal{B}(\pi^+\pi^0) = (5.10 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\pi^+\pi^0) = -0.081 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.008$$

→ compatible and competitive with W.A. results

→ for the mode with π^0 systematically limited by the π^0 efficiency

The case of $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$

[PRD107 (2023) 112009] (with 190 fb⁻¹)

- very very challenging measurement due to only 4 photons in the final state
- signal swamped by large backgrounds (mostly true π^0 combination from $q\bar{q}$ events)
- still, uniquely accessible @ Belle II
- 4D fit is performed to extract \mathcal{B} and A_{CP}

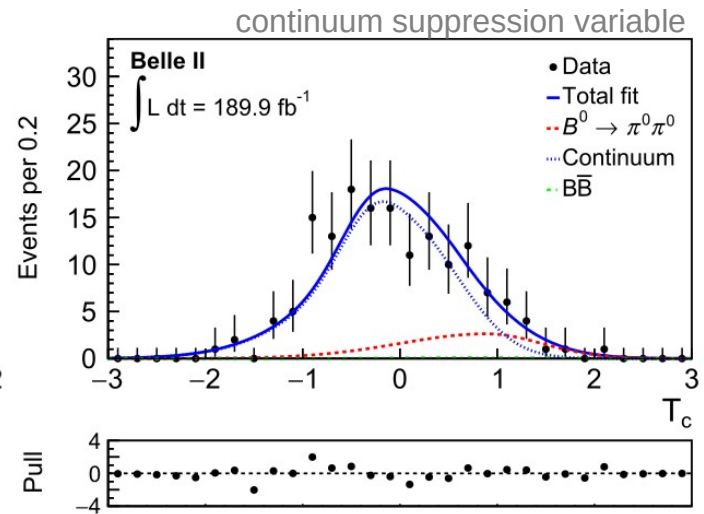
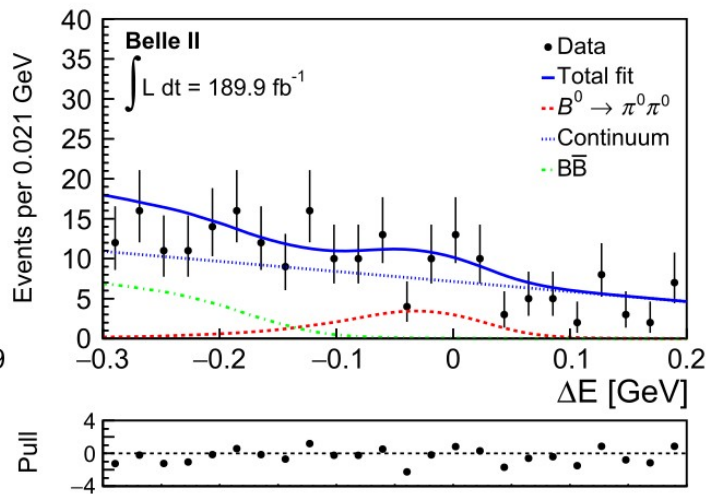
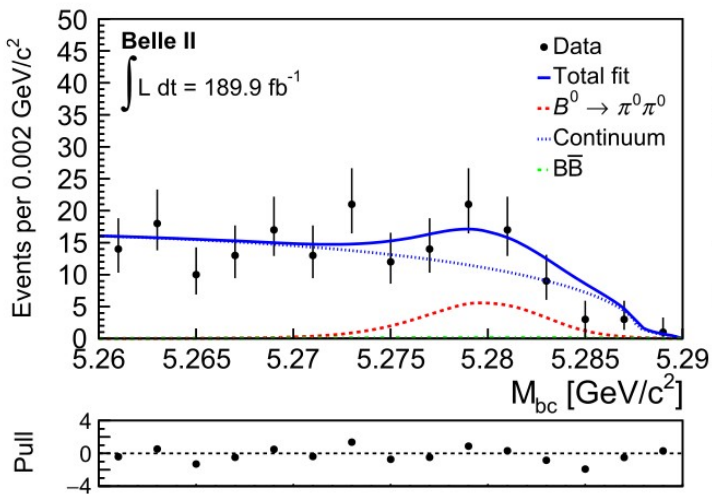
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = (1.38 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = 0.14 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.07$$

Precision comparable to Belle is achieved using ~1/3 of data size!

→ due to improved pi0 eff. and continuum rejection

Systematics dominated by pi0 eff., followed by continuum modeling



$B \rightarrow \rho\rho$ decays

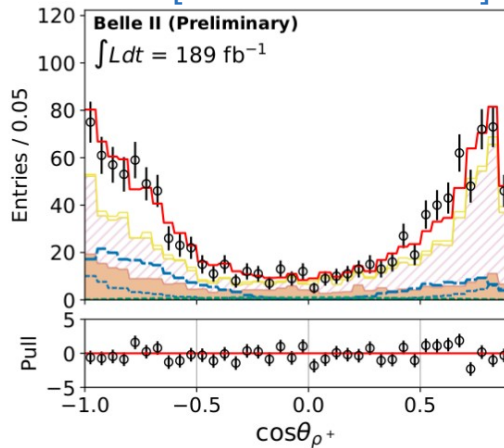
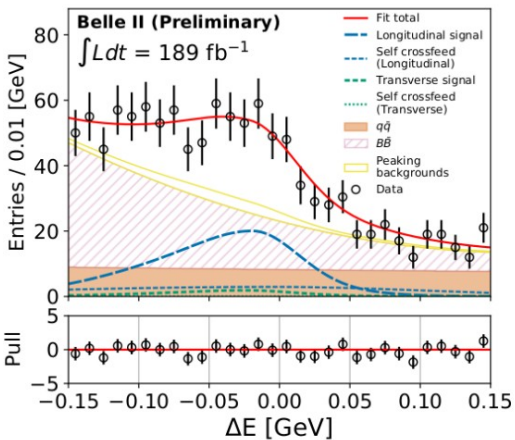
(with 190 fb-1)



- due to large width of ρ limited signal/background separation capabilities
- four pions in the final state → multiple non-negligible peaking background contributions
- angular analysis needed to disentangle longitudinal and transverse polarizations

$$B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-$$

[arxiv: 2208.03554]



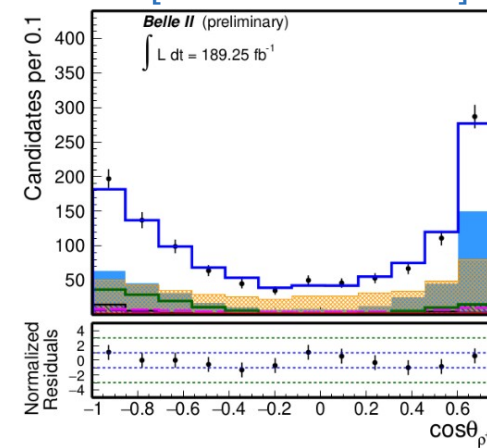
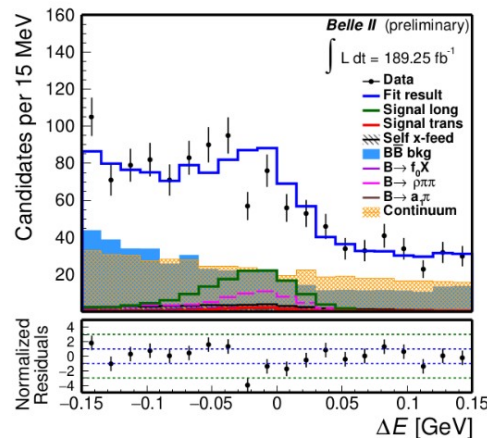
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^-) = [2.67 \pm 0.28 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.28 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-5},$$

$$f_L = 0.956 \pm 0.035 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.033 (\text{syst})$$

- major systematics from data/MC mismodelings
- update to full dataset and time-dependent CPV in $\rho^+ \rho^-$ ongoing

$$B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$$

[arxiv: 2206.12362]



$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0) = [23.2_{-2.1}^{+2.2} (\text{stat}) \pm 2.7 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6},$$

$$f_L = 0.943_{-0.033}^{+0.035} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.027 (\text{syst}),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} = -0.069 \pm 0.068 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.060 (\text{syst})$$

- on par with Belle precision

Isospin sum rule test

[arxiv: 2310.06381] (with 360 fb⁻¹)

→ Stringent null test of SM, sensitive to presence of non-SM dynamics.

$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{CP}^{K^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{A}_{CP}^{K^0\pi^+} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{CP}^{K^+\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{CP}^{K^0\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)} \approx 0 \quad (\text{within } \sim 1\%)$$

Gronau (Phys. Lett. B 627 (2005) no.1, 82-88)

→ experimentally consistent with 0 at 10% level, limited by $K_S^0\pi^0$ mode

→ Belle II in unique position to measure all observables at single experiment

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-) = (20.67 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.62) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(K^+\pi^-) = -0.072 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.007$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0) = (13.93 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.84) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(K^+\pi^0) = +0.013 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.005$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K_S^0\pi^+) = (24.40 \pm 0.71 \pm 0.86) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(K_S^0\pi^+) = +0.046 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.007$$

$$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^0$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K_S^0\pi^0) = (10.16 \pm 0.65 \pm 0.67) \times 10^{-6}$$

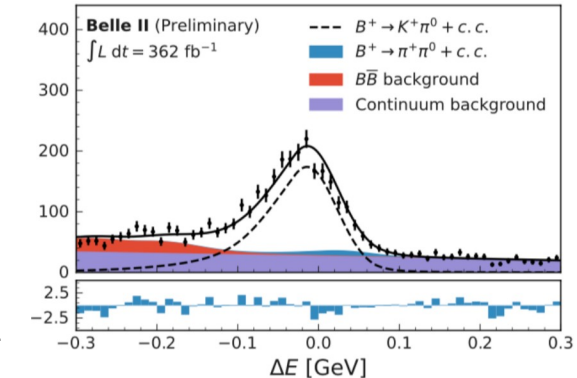
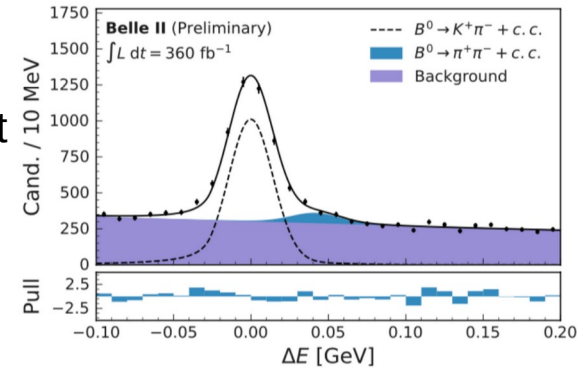
$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(K_S^0\pi^0) = -0.006 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05$$

→

$$I_{K\pi} = -0.03 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.05$$

(world average 0.13 ± 0.11)

precision on par with W/A!
→ 5% uncertainty achievable @ 10 fb⁻¹



$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0$ decay

(with 362 fb⁻¹)

→ time-dependent CP violation measurement is performed

Only K_S^0 decay vertex available for B decay vertex reconstruction → degraded resolution due to K_S^0 flight length (~10 cm)

→ $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$ w/o J/ψ vertexing used as a control channel

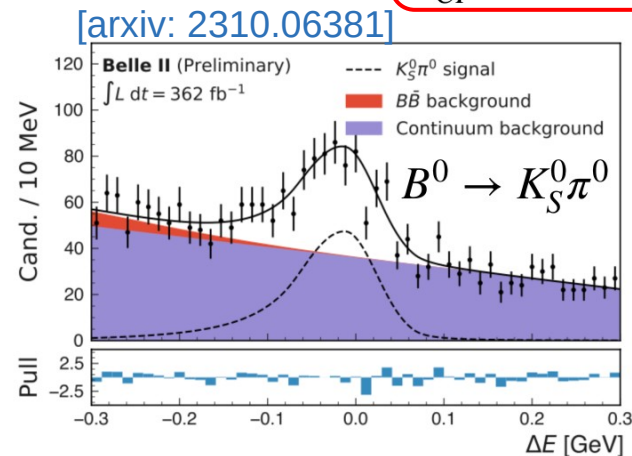
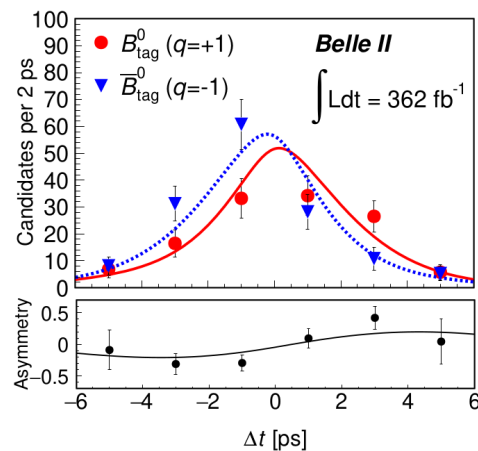
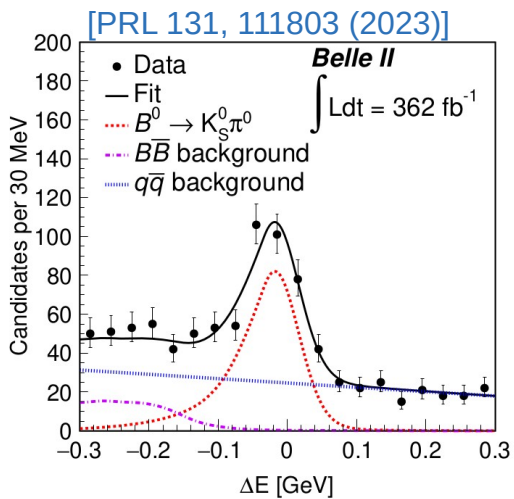
→ fit to decay-time distributions yields: $A = 0.04_{-0.14}^{+0.15} \pm 0.05$

$$S = 0.75_{-0.23}^{+0.20} \pm 0.04$$

→ results combined with time-integrated analysis to enhance sensitivity

$$\mathcal{B} = (10.50 \pm 0.62 \pm 0.67) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$A_{CP} = -0.01 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05$$



world's best

Studies of three-body charmless B decays @ LHCb

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→ two recent measurements, based on the RUN II data (5.9 fb⁻¹)

Direct CP violation in charmless
three-body decays of B^\pm mesons

$$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm K^+ K^-$$

[PRD.108.012008(2023)]

Search for direct CP violation in charged
charmless B → PV decays

$$B^\pm \rightarrow (\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^\pm$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow (\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) K^\pm$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow (K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \pi^\pm$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow (K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) K^\pm$$

$$B^\pm \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-) K^\pm$$

[PRD.108.012013(2023)]

Studies of three-body charmless B decays @ LHCb

- motivated by large asymmetries observed in RUN I measurements of $B^\pm \rightarrow h^\pm h^+ h^-$ ($h = K, \pi$)
(PhysRevD.90.112004, PhysRevLett.124.031801(2020), PhysRevLett.123.231802(2019), PhysRevD101012006(2020))
- condition for direct CPV: interference between amplitudes with different strong and weak phases
(leading to the same final state)

→ in three body charmless decays interference from:

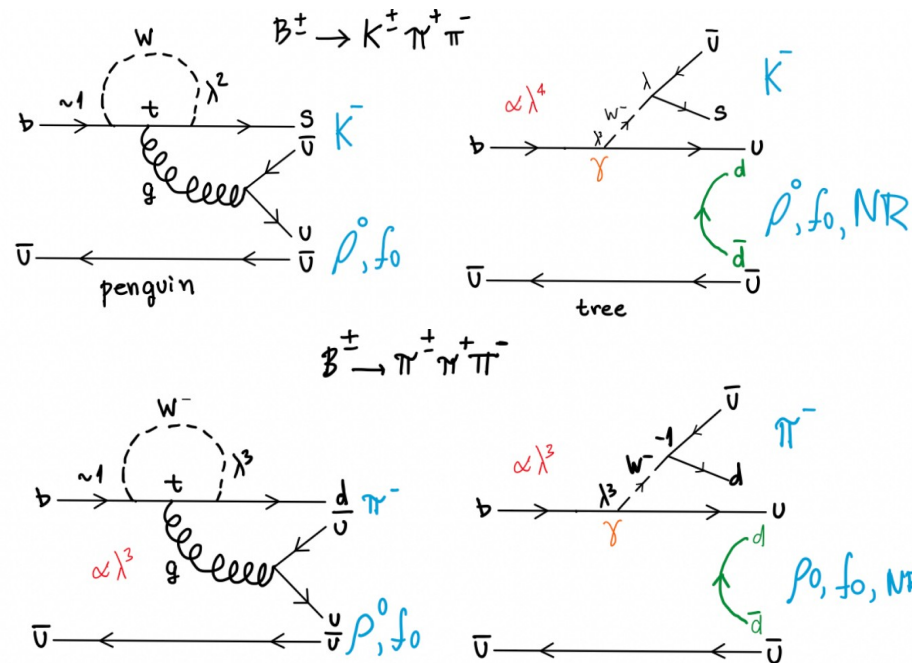
- penguin and tree diagrams
- intermediate resonances
- final-state-interactions (FSI)

hadronic rescattering: $\pi\pi \longleftrightarrow KK$

→ coupling final states with same quantum numbers

e.g. $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ & $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-$

- providing a way to understand the role of short- and long-distance contributions to the strong phase difference needed for CPV



Direct CPV in $B^\pm \rightarrow h^\pm h^+ h^-$

[PRD.108.012008(2023)]

→ event selection:

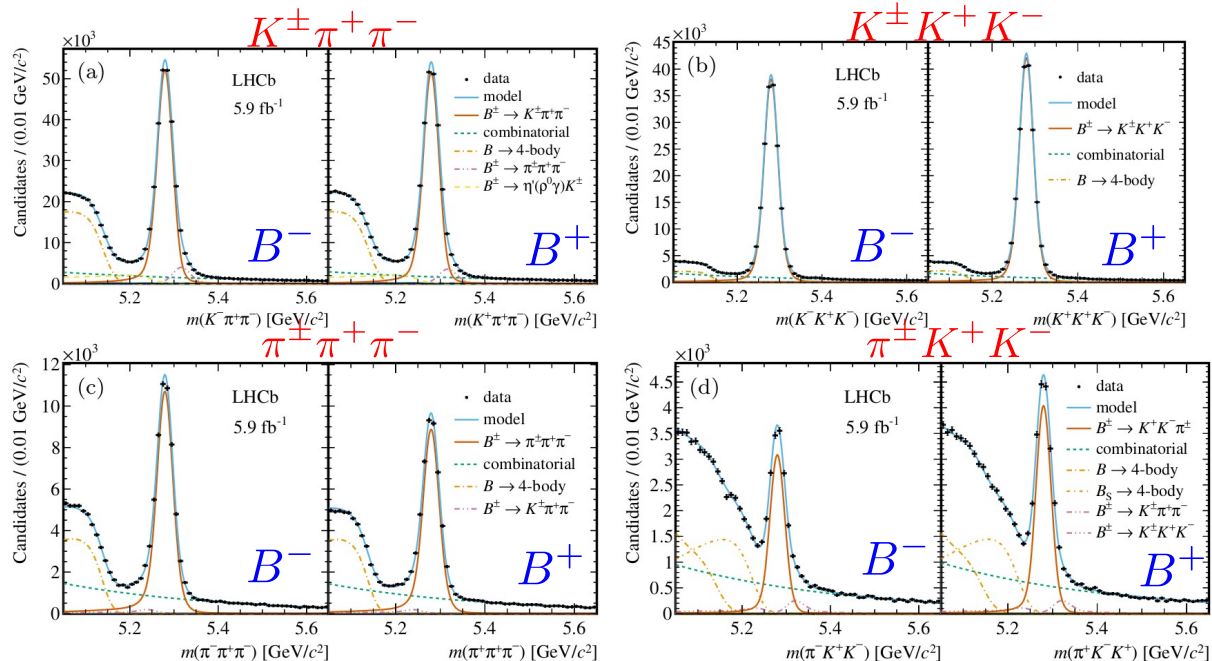
- multivariate selector (BDT) based on 10 topological/kinematic observables
- stringent PID requirements to reduce cross contamination to % level
- charm vetoes

→ fit $m(h^\pm h^+ h^-)$ distributions to determine signal yields and raw asymmetries

→ signal reconstruction efficiency maps are obtained from the MC as a function of Dalitz space position

→ the obtained raw asymmetries are corrected for reconstruction efficiency and the B^\pm production determined from $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K^\pm$ control channel

$$A_{CP} = \frac{A_{raw}^{corr} - A_P}{1 - A_{raw}^{corr} A_P}$$



Decay mode	Total yield	A_{raw}
$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$	$499\,200 \pm 900$	$+0.006 \pm 0.002$
$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm K^+ K^-$	$365\,000 \pm 1000$	-0.052 ± 0.002
$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$	$101\,000 \pm 500$	$+0.090 \pm 0.004$
$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-$	$32\,470 \pm 300$	-0.132 ± 0.007

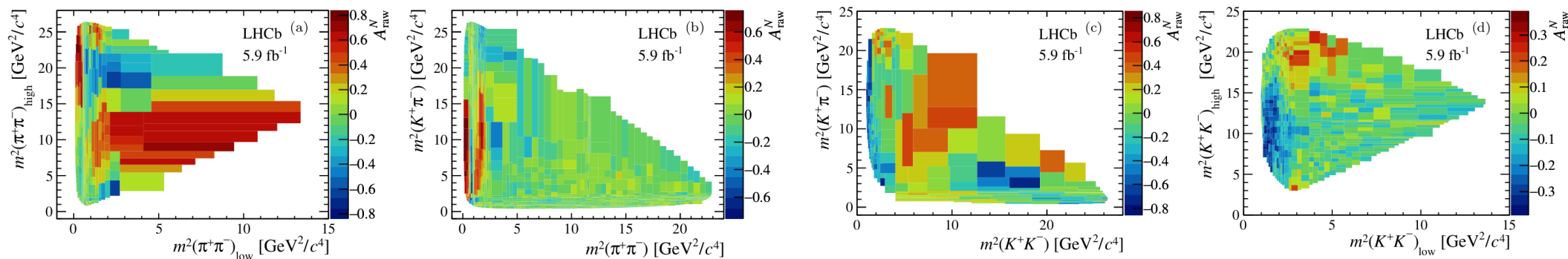
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→ obtained phase space integrated asymmetries:

	stat.	syst.	$J/\psi K$		
$A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-)$	± 0.011	± 0.002	± 0.003	± 0.003	$\Rightarrow 2.4\sigma$
$A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm K^+ K^-)$	± 0.037	± 0.002	± 0.002	± 0.003	$\Rightarrow 8.5\sigma$ → First observation!
$A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-)$	± 0.080	± 0.004	± 0.003	± 0.003	$\Rightarrow 14.1\sigma$
$A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-)$	± 0.114	± 0.007	± 0.003	± 0.003	$\Rightarrow 13.6\sigma$ → First observation!

→ localized asymmetries: using sPlot technique asymmetry maps in Dalitz space are made



→ localized asymmetries ranging from -80% - 80%, several asymmetry flips

Direct CPV in $B^\pm \rightarrow h^\pm h^+ h^-$

[PRD.108.012008(2023)]

- closer look is taken in region between 1 and 2.25 GeV^2/c^4 where the S-wave $\pi\pi \longleftrightarrow KK$ rescattering effect is seen in elastic scattering experiments
- in all four studied final states significant CPV effects are confirmed in the “rescattering region” with very high significance
- an indication of $\chi_{c0}(1P)$ is seen for the first time in the high inv. mass region of $\pi\pi$ and KK of $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-$
- U-spin symmetry predicted relation (Phys. Lett. B564 (2003) 90)

$$\Delta\Gamma(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-) = -\Delta\Gamma(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-)$$

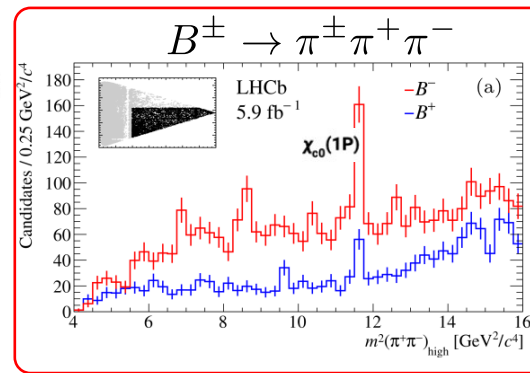
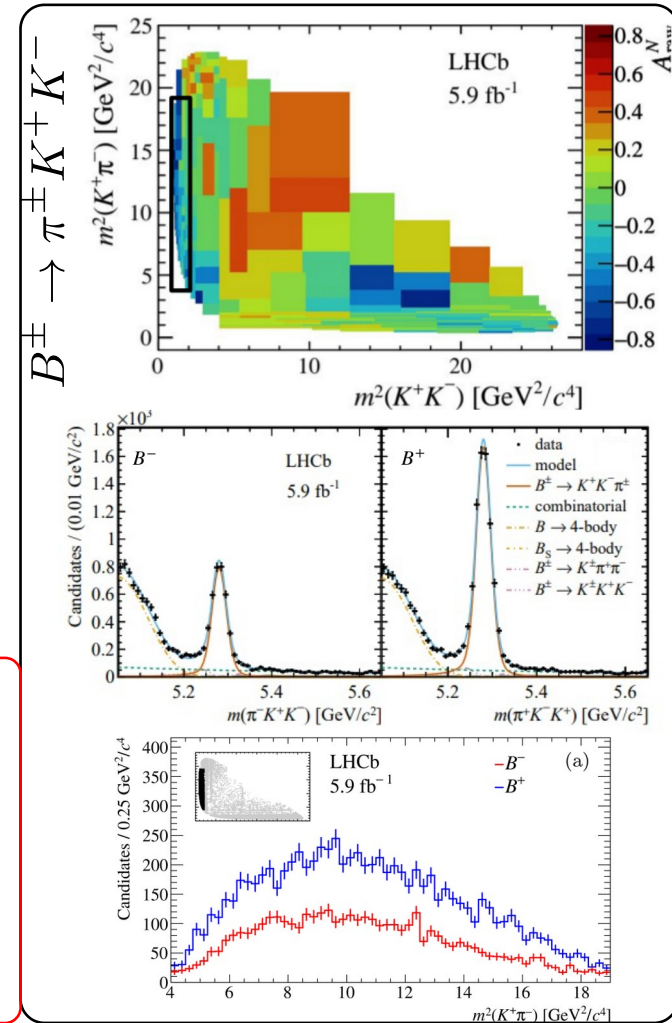
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measured:

$$\frac{A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-) \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm K^+ K^-)}{A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-) \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-)} = -0.92 \pm 0.18$$

$$\frac{A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-) \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-)}{A_{CP}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm K^+ K^-) \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm K^+ K^-)} = -1.06 \pm 0.08$$

→ consistent with 1 (U-spin pred.)



CP violation in charged charmless $B \rightarrow PV$ decays

[PRD.108.012013(2023)]

→ novel method is used to extract direct CPV in quasi-two-body $B \rightarrow PV$ decays, which result in three-body final states (due to V decay)

→ the method avoids full amplitude analysis, based on the key features of three-body B decays

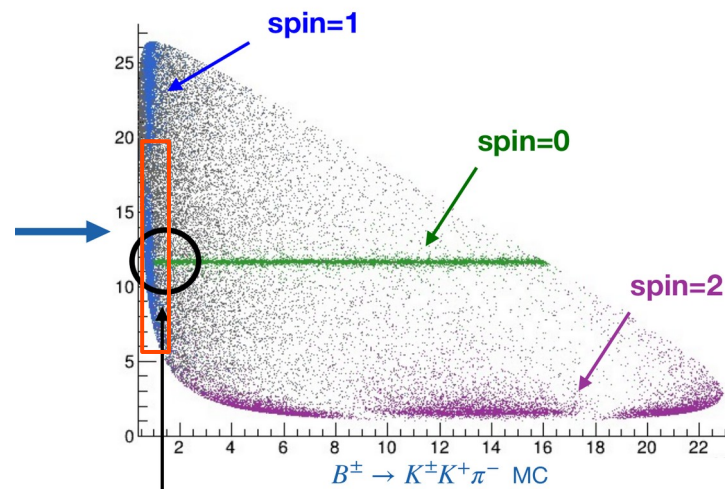
- 1) large available phase space
- 2) dominance of scalar and vector resonances @ $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- 3) lear signatures of the resonant amplitudes in the Dalitz plot

→ method description:

In $B^\pm \rightarrow R(\rightarrow h_1^- h_2^+) h_3^\pm$ a narrow band in $m^2(h_1^- h_2^+)$ around the resonance is selected

The distribution of $m^2(h_1^- h_3^+)$ in a band reflects the angular distribution of decay products:

- | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| Vector: | → parabolic | (decay width $\propto \cos^2 \theta_{hel}$) |
| Scalar: | → uniform | (isotropic in $\cos \theta_{hel}$) |
| V+S inter.: | → linear | ($\propto \cos \theta_{hel}$) |



Overlap between vector and scalar resonances

CP violation in charged charmless $B \rightarrow PV$ decays

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→ in total: $|\mathcal{M}_\pm|^2 = f(\cos \theta(m_V^2, s_\perp)) = \underbrace{p_0^\pm}_{\text{scalar}} + \underbrace{p_1^\pm \cos \theta(m_V^2, s_\perp)}_{\text{interference}} + \underbrace{p_2^\pm \cos^2 \theta(m_V^2, s_\perp)}_{\text{vector}}$ $s_\perp \equiv m^2(h_1^- h_3^+)$

→ $m^2(h_1^- h_3^+)$ distribution is therefore fitted (for B^+ and B^-) with the ansatz $f(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2$

→ finally A_{CP}^V is determined as $A_{CP}^V = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_-|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_+|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_+|^2} = \frac{p_2^- - p_2^+}{p_2^- + p_2^+}$

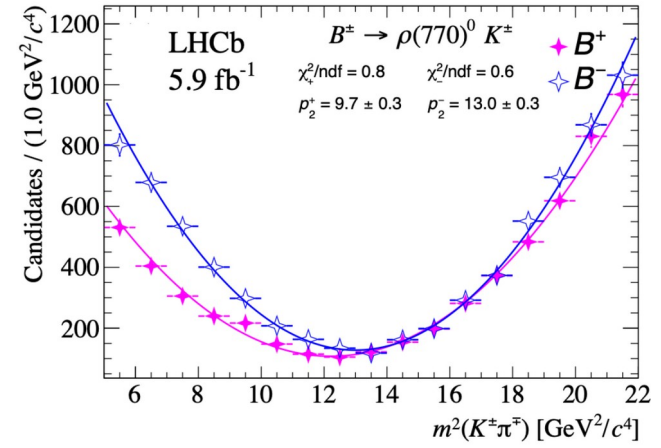
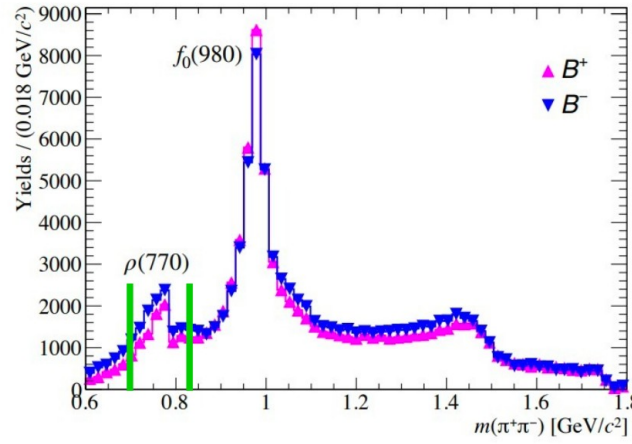
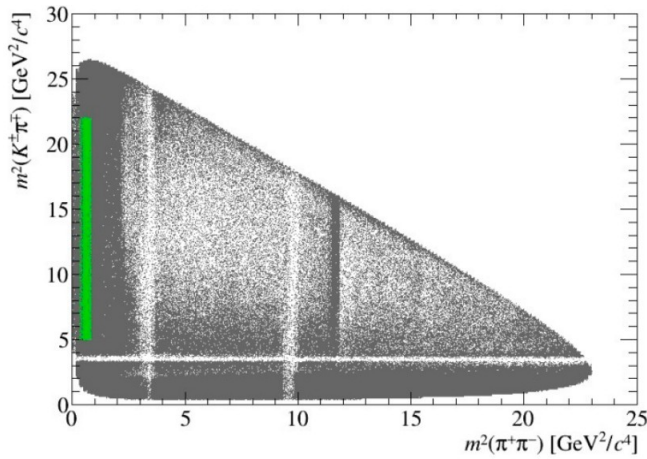
Results

$B^\pm \rightarrow (\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) K^\pm$

$$A_{CP}(\rho(770)^0 K^\pm) = +0.150 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.011 \implies 6.8\sigma$$

First observation!

→ large contribution from $f_0(980)$



Complete set of results

Decay channel	This work	Previous measurements
$B^\pm \rightarrow (\rho(770)^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)\pi^\pm$	$-0.004 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.009$	$+0.007 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.016$ (LHCb)
$B^\pm \rightarrow (\rho(770)^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)K^\pm$	$+0.150 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.011$	$+0.44 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.04$ (BABAR) $+0.30 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.02$ (Belle)
$B^\pm \rightarrow (K^*(892)^0 \rightarrow K^\pm\pi^\mp)\pi^\pm$	$-0.015 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.012$	$+0.032 \pm 0.052 \pm 0.011$ (BABAR) $-0.149 \pm 0.064 \pm 0.020$ (Belle)
$B^\pm \rightarrow (K^*(892)^0 \rightarrow K^\pm\pi^\mp)K^\pm$	$+0.007 \pm 0.054 \pm 0.032$	$+0.123 \pm 0.087 \pm 0.045$ (LHCb)
$B^\pm \rightarrow (\phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+K^-)K^\pm$	$+0.004 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.007$	$+0.128 \pm 0.044 \pm 0.013$ (BABAR)

→ significantly more precise than previous measurements

→ apart from $B^\pm \rightarrow \rho^0 K^\pm$ other modes consistent with zero, as expected from CPT constraint.

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→ in $B^\pm \rightarrow \rho^0 K^\pm$ large A_{CP} likely due to FSI.

Summary

- recent measurements of observables sensitive to ϕ_2/α @ Belle II
 - most precise $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$
 - on par with world's best in $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ and $B \rightarrow \rho\rho$
 - updates to LS1 dataset ongoing

- test of $K\pi$ isospin sum rule @ Belle II
 - in agreement with the SM, still statistically limited (by $K_s^0 \pi^0$)
 - precision competitive to W.A.
 - world's best result on $A_{CP}(K_s^0 \pi^0)$

- measurement of CPV in three-body charmless B decays @ LHCb
 - first observation of CPV in $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm K^+ K^-$
 - highly non-uniform asymmetries across the Dalitz space
 - indication of CPV involving $\pi\pi \longleftrightarrow KK$ rescattering

- measurement of CP asymmetries in $B \rightarrow PV$
 - novel method that allows to extract A_{CP}^V w/o the full amplitude analysis
 - first observation of CPV in $B^\pm \rightarrow \rho^0(770)K^\pm$