

# Challenges in $\phi_3$ **Combination** @ Belle + Belle II

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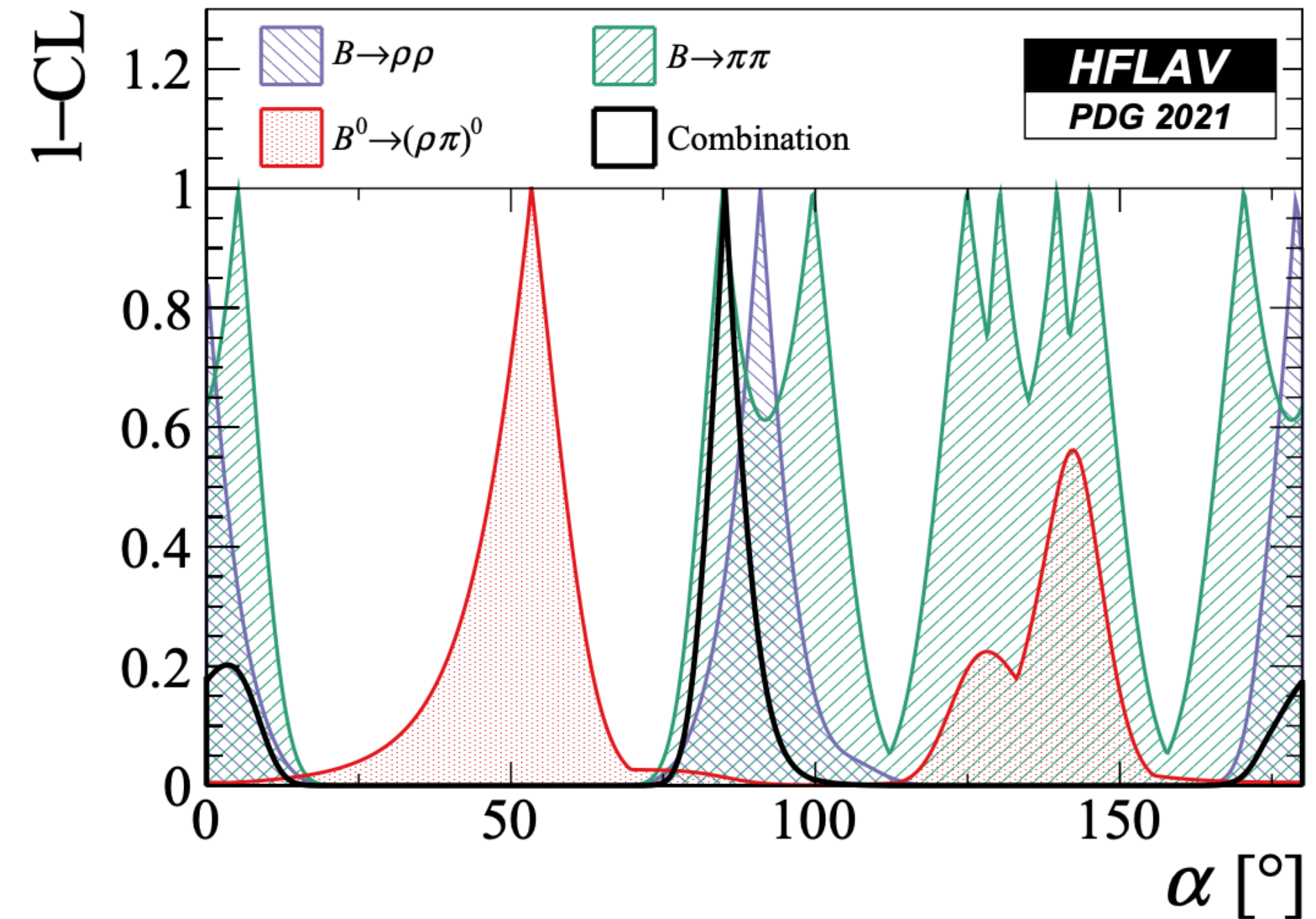
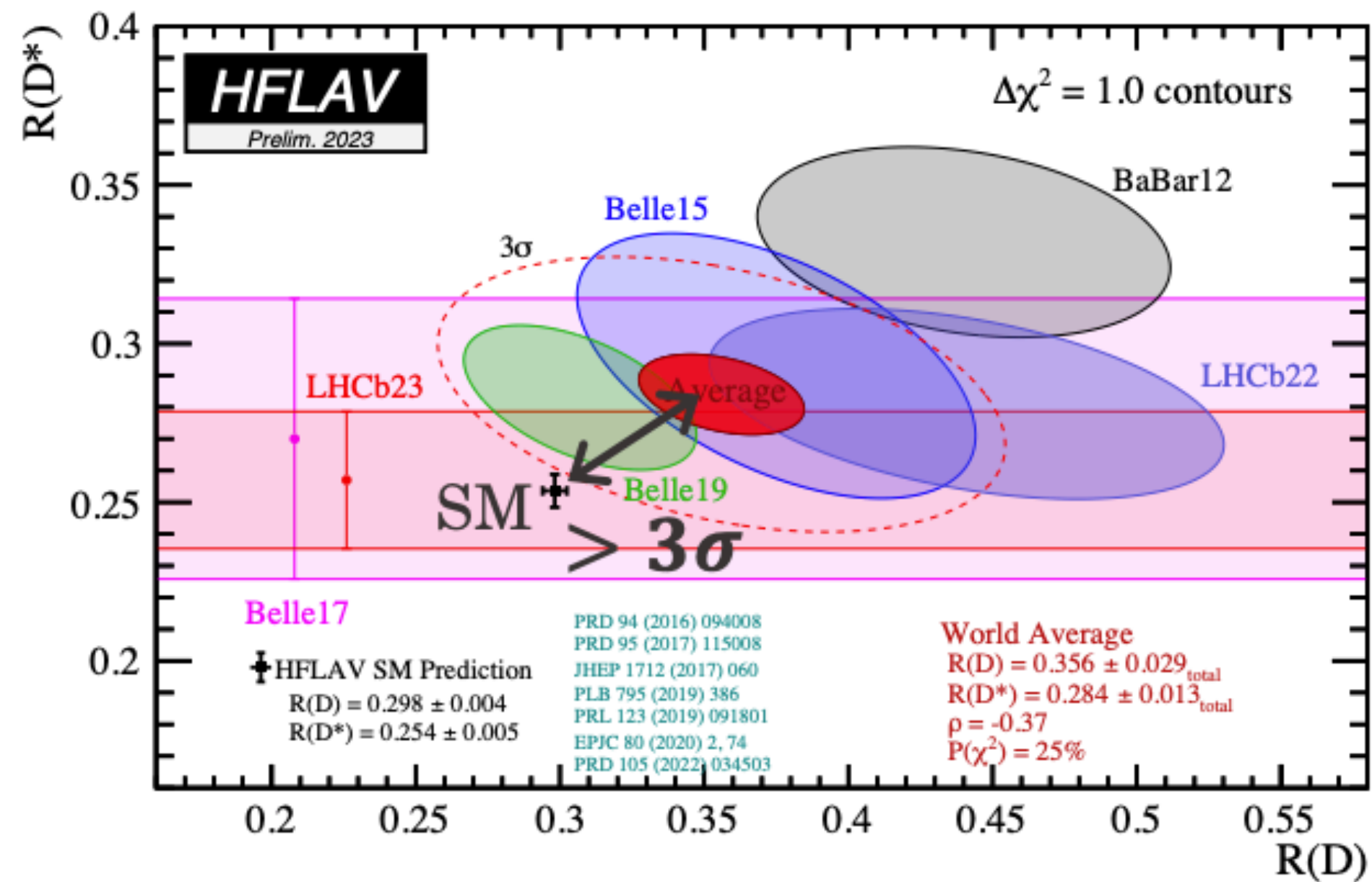


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# Motivation

- In particle physics, we may measure same parameter of interests through a few different channels, from different experiments.
- Sometimes, we need to do combination among few different channels.

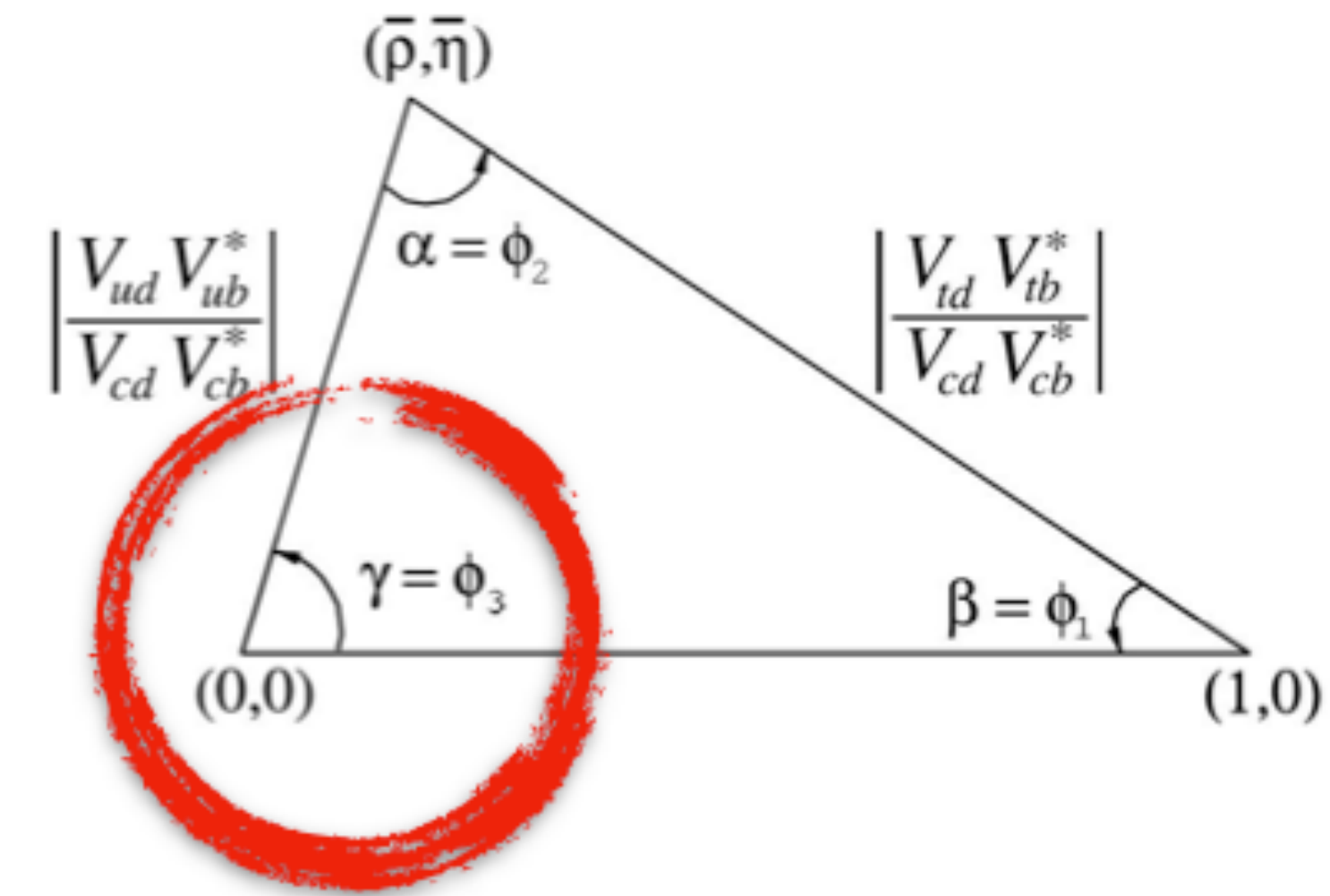


- If there is no combination, how to compare one SM point with several experimental results?

- For  $\alpha/\phi_2$  from isospin study, multi-favored solution from one channel. Combination may tell us a single solution!

# About $\phi_3$ combination

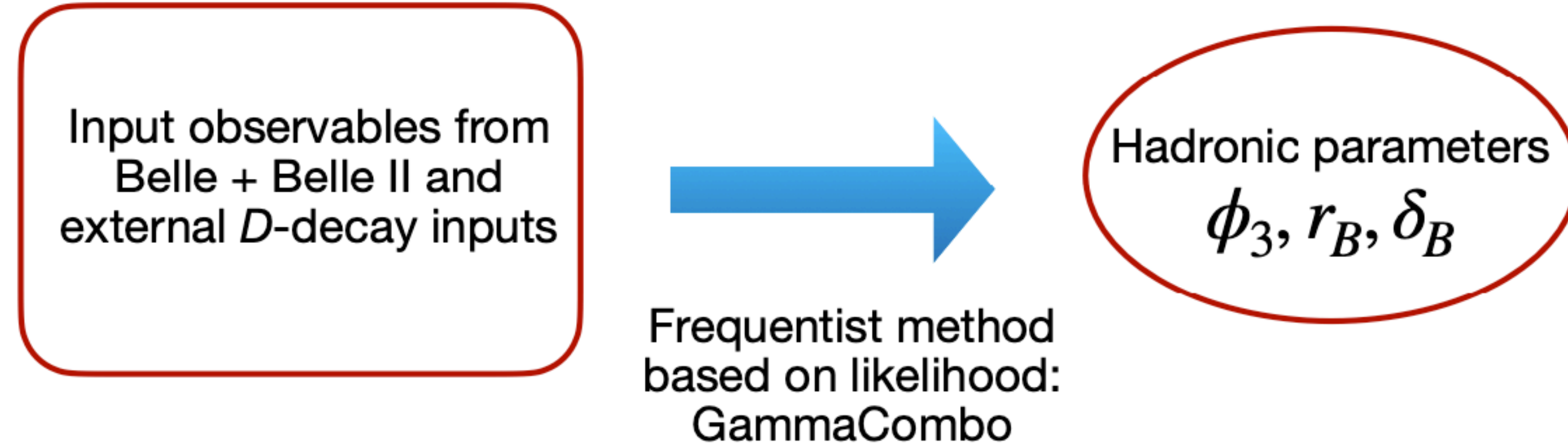
- $\phi_3 = \gamma = \arg\left(-\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}\right)$ , one angle of the CKM triangle.
- Current W.A.:  $\phi_3 = (66.2_{-3.6}^{+3.4})^\circ$  [HFLAV], statistically uncertainty dominated.
- Theoretically clean, non-tree SM contribute  $\sim 10^{-7}$  [arXiv:1308.5663]
- Experimental precision will achieve  $< 1^\circ$  by both LHCb and Belle II in next decades.



<i>B</i> decay	<i>D</i> decay	Method	Data set (Belle + Belle II)[fb <sup>-1</sup> ]
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^- h^+$	BPGGSZ	711 + 128 [JHEP 02 063 (2022)]
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	BPGGSZ	711 + 0 [JHEP 10 178 (2019)]
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0, K^- K^+$	GLW	711 + 189 [arxiv:2308.05048]
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-, K^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	ADS	711 + 0 [PRL 106 231803 (2011)]
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^- \pi^+$	GLS	711 + 362 [arxiv:2306.02940]
$B^+ \rightarrow D^* K^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^- \pi^+$	BPGGSZ	605 + 0 [PRD 81 112002 (2010)]
$B^+ \rightarrow D^* K^+$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0, K_S^0 \phi, K_S^0 \omega, K^- K^+, \pi^- \pi^+$	GLW	210+0 [PRD 73 051106 (2006)]

- Many results on  $\phi_3$  from Belle/Belle II, using different channels/methods.
- Why not combine them?
- A single  $\phi_3$  is more natural.

# Workflow



- ① Read all Belle/Belle II  $\phi_3$  papers
- ② Construct a combined likelihood
- ③ Find the solution with minimum -LLH

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{\alpha} | \vec{A}^{\text{obs}}) = \prod_i f_i(\vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}} | \vec{\alpha}),$$

$$f_i(\vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}} | \vec{\alpha}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})^T \underline{V}_i^{-1} (\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})\right)$$

$V$  covers uncertainties and correlations.

Sounds very easy, especially we have the available package from LHCb: GammaCombo.

In practice, still some **challenges** during the combination.

# Challenge 1: asymmetric uncertainties

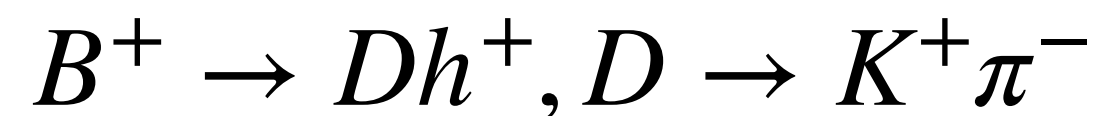
$$f_i(\vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}}|\vec{\alpha}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})^T V_i^{-1}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})\right)$$

- In likelihood construction, use symmetric Gaussian.
- But sometimes, the measured observables are not.

e.g.

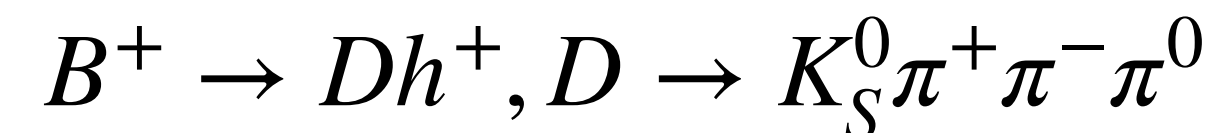
$$\mathcal{A}_{DK} = -0.39_{-0.28}^{+0.26}(\text{stat})_{-0.03}^{+0.04}(\text{syst}),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{D\pi} = -0.04 \pm 0.11(\text{stat})_{-0.01}^{+0.02}(\text{syst}),$$

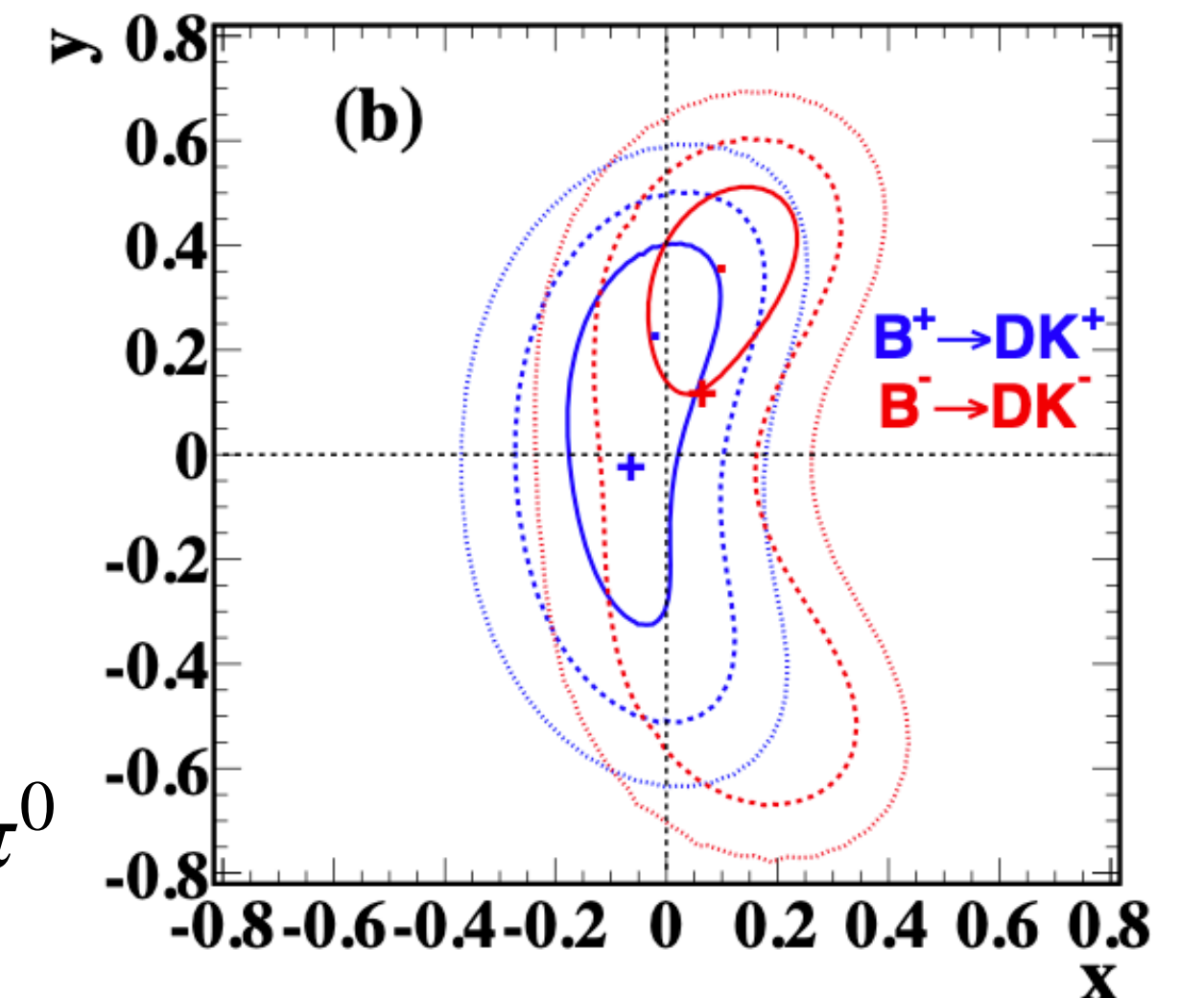


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e.g.



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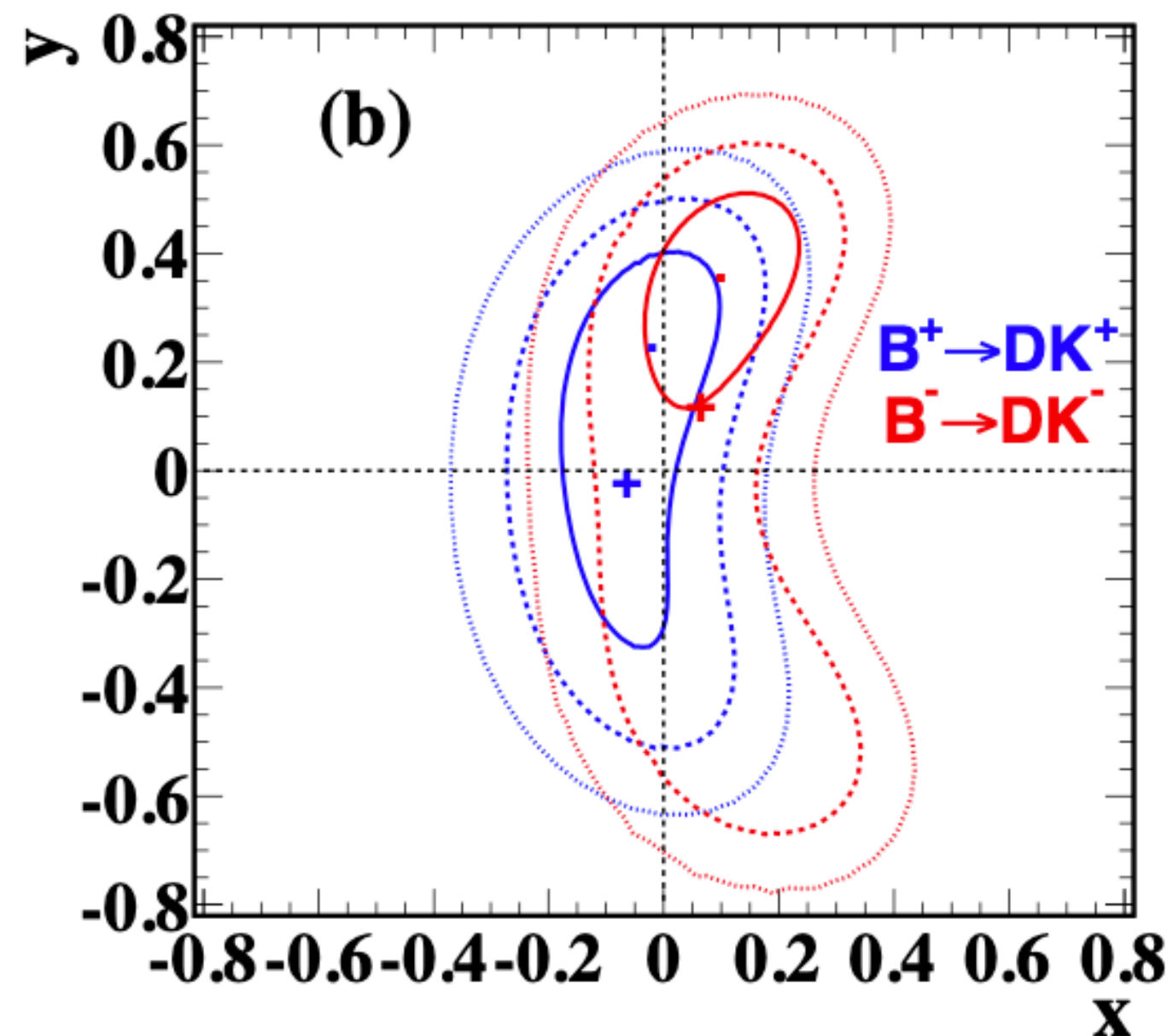
	$B^\pm \rightarrow D\pi^\pm$				$B^\pm \rightarrow DK^\pm$					
$x_+$	$0.039 \pm 0.024$	$+0.018$	$+0.014$	$-0.013$	$-0.012$	$-0.030 \pm 0.121$	$+0.017$	$+0.019$	$-0.018$	$-0.018$
$y_+$	$-0.196$	$+0.080$	$+0.038$	$+0.032$	$-0.030$	$0.220$	$+0.182$	$\pm 0.032$	$+0.072$	$-0.071$
$x_-$	$-0.014 \pm 0.021$	$+0.018$	$+0.019$	$-0.010$	$-0.010$	$0.095 \pm 0.121$	$+0.017$	$+0.023$	$-0.016$	$-0.025$
$y_-$	$-0.033 \pm 0.059$	$+0.018$	$+0.019$	$-0.019$	$-0.010$	$0.354$	$+0.144$	$+0.015$	$+0.032$	$-0.049$

# Challenge 2: irregular correlation

$$f_i(\vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}}|\vec{\alpha}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})^T V_i^{-1}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})\right)$$

- In likelihood construction, the correlation is described by the matrix.
- But sometimes, the correlation is more complex. Not just simple ellipse.

e.g.



**No same!**

	$x_+$	$y_+$	$x_-$	$y_-$
$x_+$	1	0.486	0.172	-0.231
$y_+$		1	-0.127	0.179
$x_-$			1	0.365
$y_-$				1

Matrix used in the combination.

$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+, D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$   
[JHEP 10\(2019\)178](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.02701)

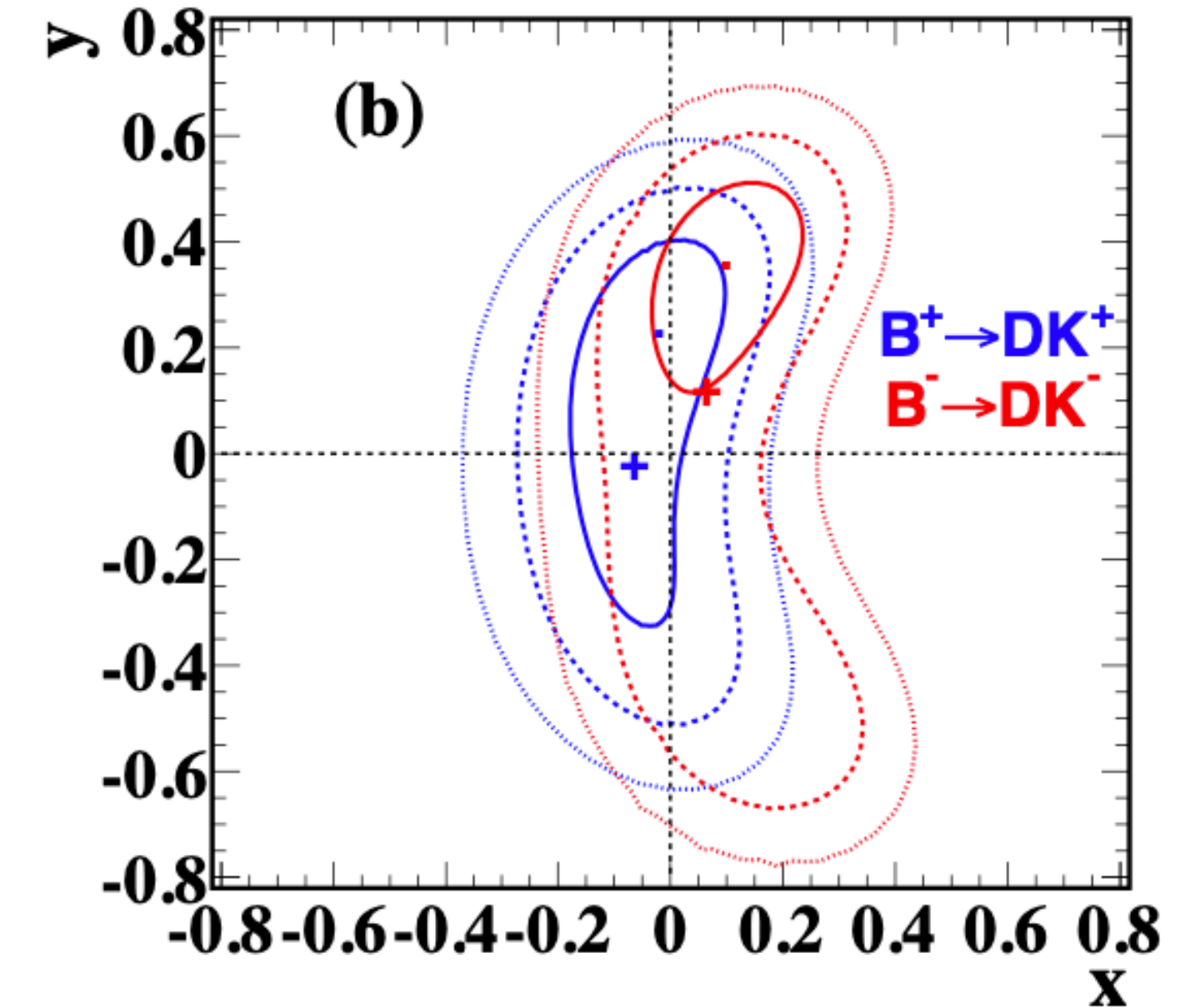
## Challenge 3: unknown correlation in some results

- Some results didn't provide the correlation matrix in their paper.
- How to include these results properly in the combination?

# The ideal solution to challenge 1/2

$$f_i(\vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}}|\vec{\alpha}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})^T V_i^{-1}(\vec{A}_i(\vec{\alpha}) - \vec{A}_i^{\text{obs}})\right)$$

- The most ideal solution is using the entire likelihood function, not just Gaussian function.
- So the irregular correlation, asymmetric uncertainties are included in the combination.



- In practice, such information are lost. “The student graduated.” “The result was 10 years ago. No files are left.” etc.
- Let’s see the compromise solution in  $\phi_3$  combination...



# Solution to challenge 1: asymmetric uncertainties

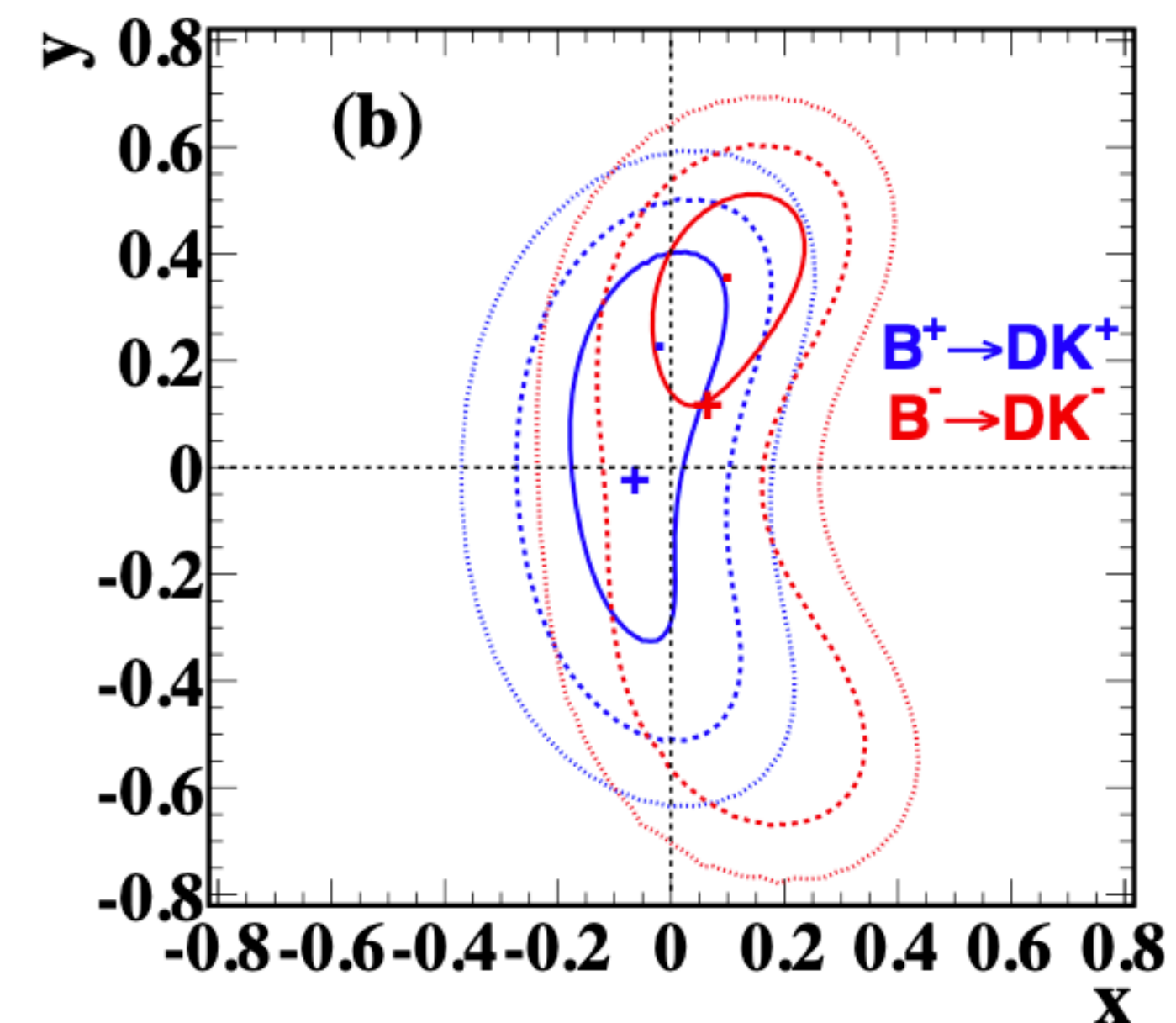
- Symmetrize it!
  - Generate toy MC samples with asymmetric Gaussian.
  - Take the **standard width** of the sample as a new uncertainty.
  - Keep the origin mean value unchanged, as it's the point with maximum likelihood.

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More discussion about asymmetric uncertainty [[arXiv:physics/0401042](https://arxiv.org/abs/physics/0401042)] Thanks Lu Cao.

# Solution to challenge 2: irregular correlation

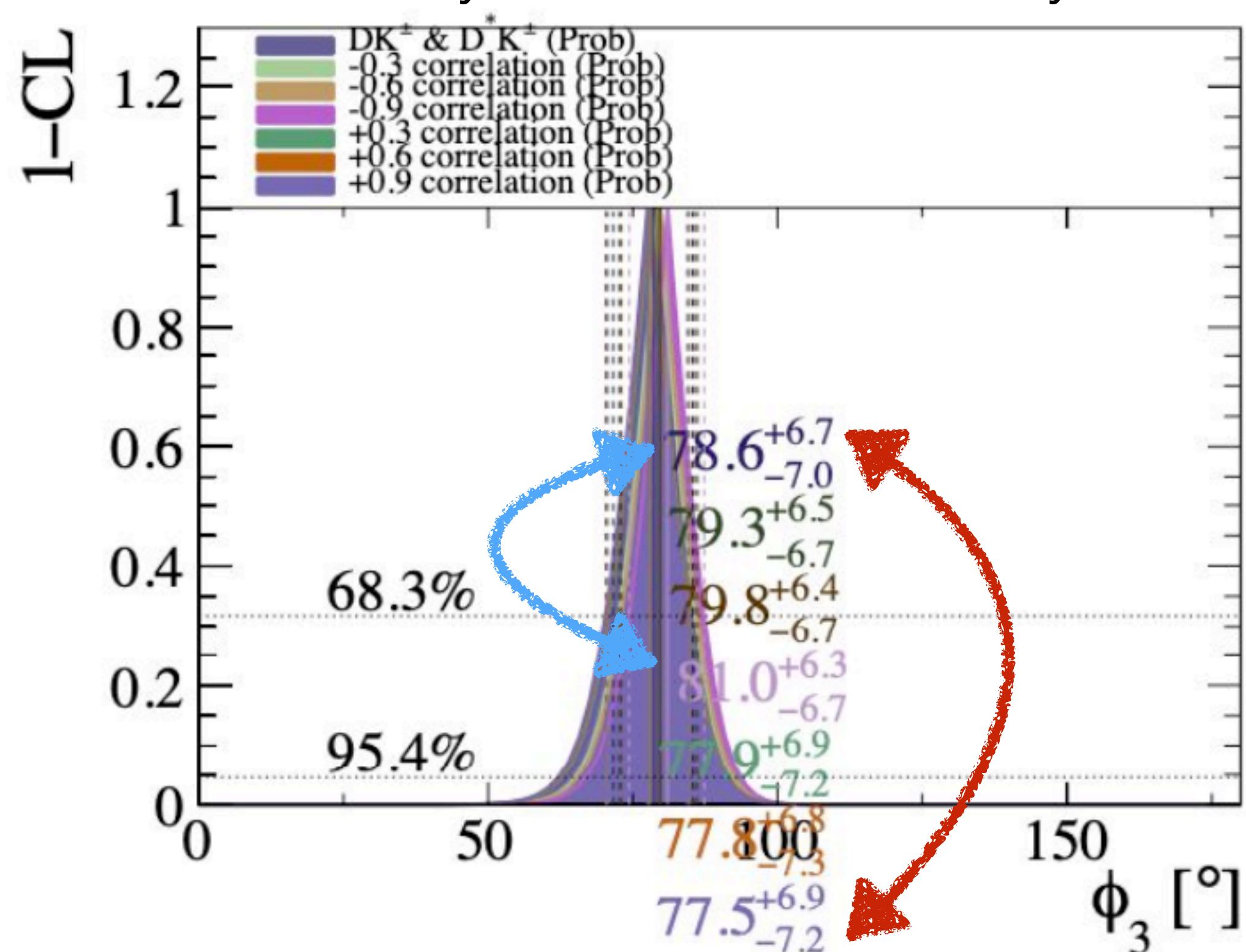
- We can't get the full information, not just these contours.
- Still use correlation matrix only. Nothing we can do.



- Lucky thing:  $B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+, D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  contribute little in this  $\phi_3$  combination.
- Lesson here: if the correlation is quite irregular. Better to save the full information, so your result will be used correctly by others.

# Solution to challenge 3: unknown correlation in some results

- Try contact the author first!
- Solution, if the information is really lost:
  - assign 0 correlation for the nominal result.
  - Vary correlation up to  $\pm 0.9$  to check possible bias; take the maximum bias as additional systematic uncertainty.



- additional uncertainties to cover this missing correlation:  $(78.6^{+6.8+2.4}_{-7.2-1.1})^\circ$
- Lucky, the bias are not much.
- Lessons: if you measure multi-observables, check the correlation and report it! Make your result more precise.

# Summary

- Several issues and compromise solutions in combination  $\phi_3$  study.
- Reminder:
  - if you measure more than one observable, don't forget check the correlation and report the correlation matrix;
  - if the correlation is non-trivial, store the entire shape of likelihood scan for future precise combination.