

CP violation in beauty and charm decays at Belle and Belle II

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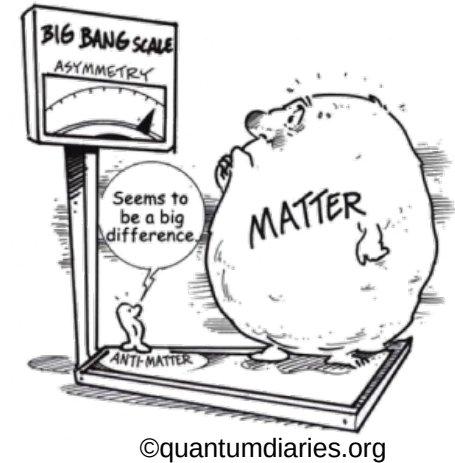
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Introduction

- Big Bang created equal amounts of matter and antimatter
 - Nowadays we only observe matter
- Process to produce such an asymmetry: Baryogenesis
 - Requires CP violation
- Standard Model (SM) allows for CP violation via irreducible complex phase in CKM matrix
- Not “strong” enough to explain the observed asymmetry
 - Measurements of large CP violation → new physics

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



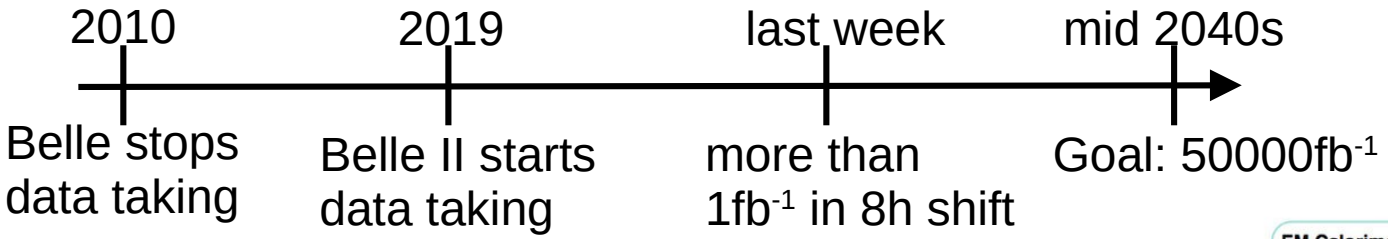
Today:

- Direct CP violation in c-quark decays: $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ h^+ h^-$, $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p h^+ h^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
- Time dep. CP violation in b-quark decays: $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$

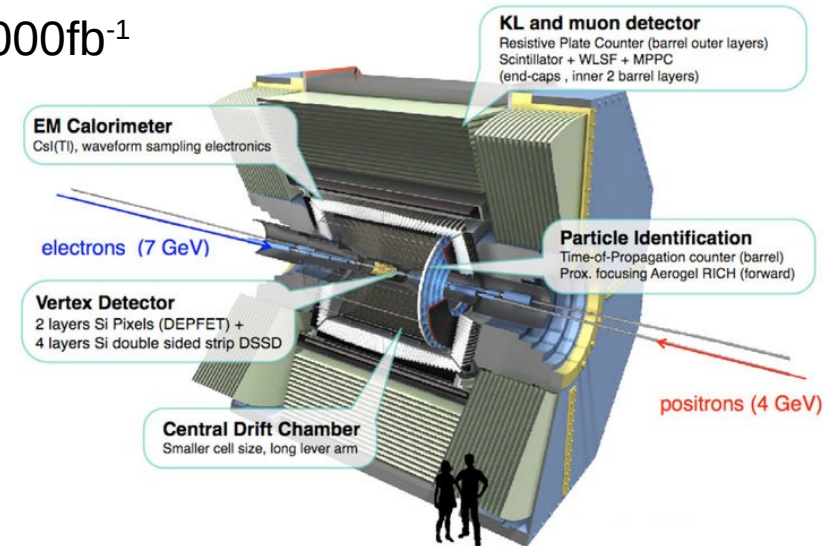
SuperKEKB and Belle II

- SuperKEKB: Asymmetric e^+e^- collisions at and near $\Upsilon(4S)=10.58\text{ GeV}$ resonance
 - Belle collected $\sim 1000\text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - Belle II collected $\sim 640\text{ fb}^{-1}$ (ongoing data-taking right now)
 - World record luminosity $L_{peak}=5.2\times 10^{34}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}) &= 1.1\text{ nb} \\ \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}) &= 1.3\text{ nb} \\ \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}) &= 1.7\text{ nb} \\ \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}) &= 0.8\text{ nb} \end{aligned}$$



- Belle II detector: Upgrade of Belle detector
 - New pixel detector
 - Excellent vertex reconstruction
 - Clean e^+e^- environment
 - Excellent neutral reconstruction (e.g. K_S^0, π^0, γ)



Direct CP violation in
 $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p h^+ h^-$ and $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ h^+ h^-$

Belle II: 428 fb⁻¹

Direct CP violation in $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ h^+ h^-$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p h^+ h^-$ ($h = \pi, K$)

- Direct CP violation $A_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(P \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{P} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{\Gamma(P \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{P} \rightarrow \bar{f})}$
- First measurements of CP violation in charmed baryon decays to hadronic three-body final states

- SM-test of U -spin symmetry
([PRD 99.033005](#), [EPJC 79, 429](#))

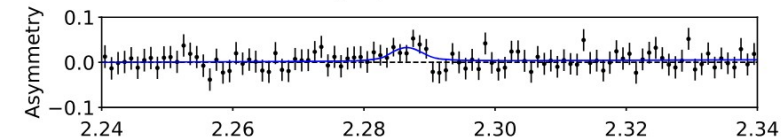
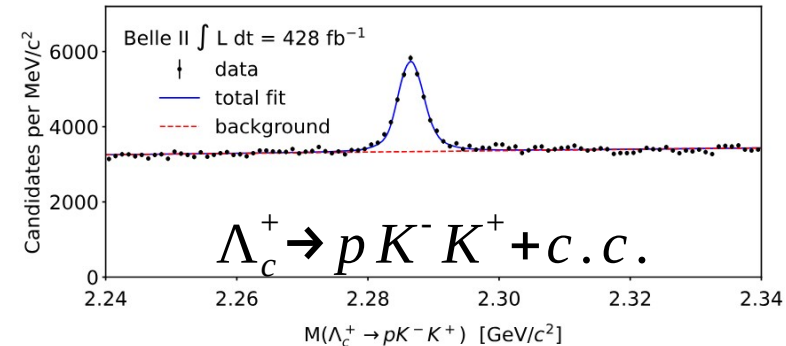
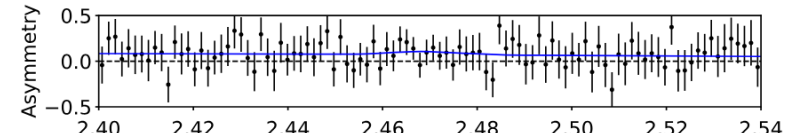
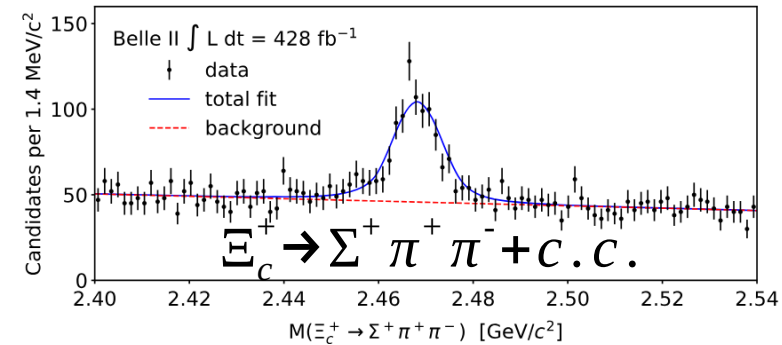
$$A_{CP}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^+ K^-) = 0$$

$$A_{CP}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^+ K^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-) = 0$$

- Corrected for detector and production induced asymmetries
- Signal yields determined in unbinned fits of the baryon invariant mass

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Direct CP violation in $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ h^+ h^-$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p h^+ h^-$ ($h = \pi, K$)

Results:

$$A_{CP}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^+ K^-) = (3.7 \pm 6.6 \pm 0.6)\%$$

$$A_{CP}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) = (9.5 \pm 6.8 \pm 0.5)\%$$

$$A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^+ K^-) = (3.9 \pm 1.7 \pm 0.7)\%$$

$$A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-) = (0.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.2)\%$$

from which we derive

$$A_{CP}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^+ K^-) = (13.4 \pm 7.0 \pm 0.9)\%$$

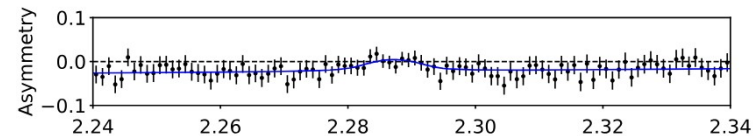
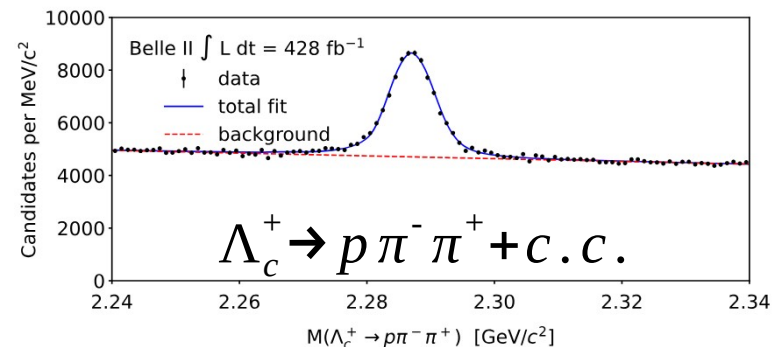
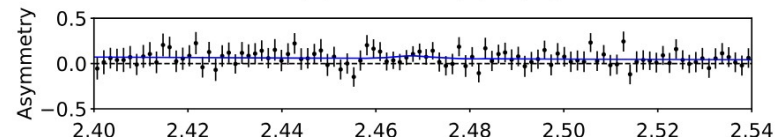
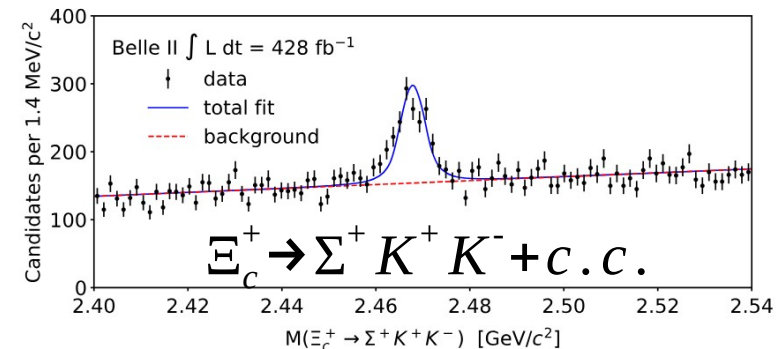
$$A_{CP}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^+ K^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-) = (4.0 \pm 6.6 \pm 0.7)\%$$

→ No CP violation observed

→ Consistent with SM U -symmetry

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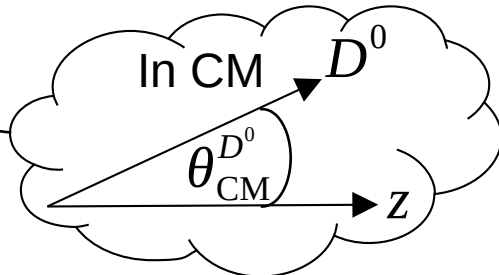
Direct CP violation in

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

Belle II: 428 fb^{-1}

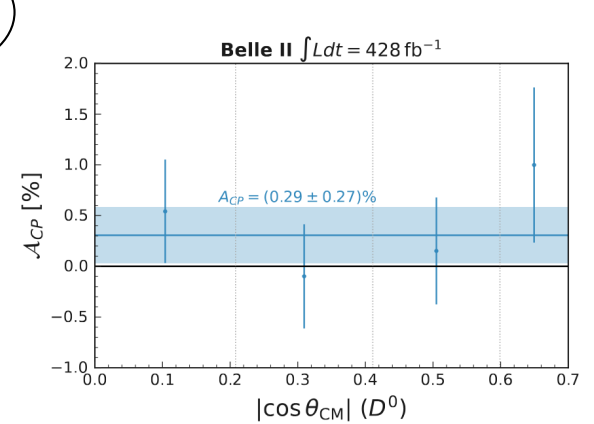
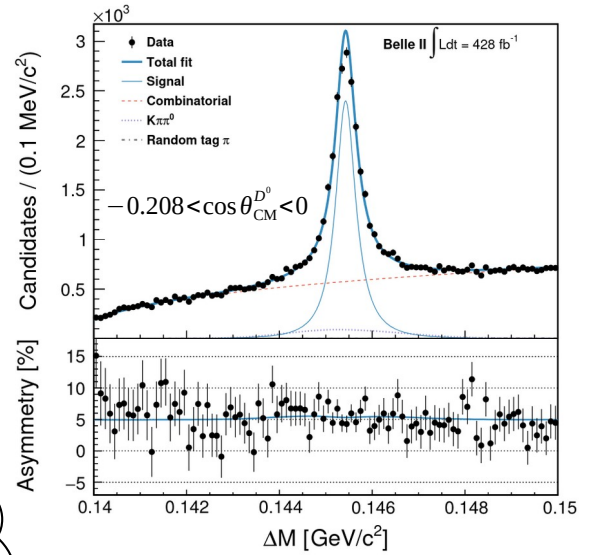
Direct CP violation in $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

- Flavor of D^0 tagged in $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 [\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0] \pi^+$
(or $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 [\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0] \pi^-$)
- Corrected for detector induced asymmetries
- Signal yields determined in unbinned fits to $M(D^0)$ and $\Delta M = M(D^{*+}) - M(D^0)$ in bins of $\cos \theta_{CM}^{D^0}$



$$A_{CP} = (0.29 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.13) \%$$

- Consistent with CP symmetry
- **34%** more precise than current best (BaBar: [PRD 78, 051102](#)) despite only 10% more data

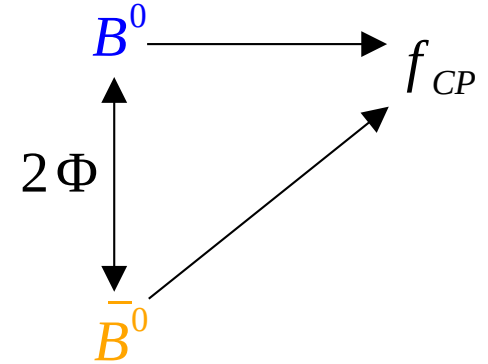


Time dependent CP violation in

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

Belle: 711 fb^{-1} + Belle II: 365 fb^{-1}

- Neutral particle being able to oscillate into its anti-particle gives rise to mixing-induced CP violation
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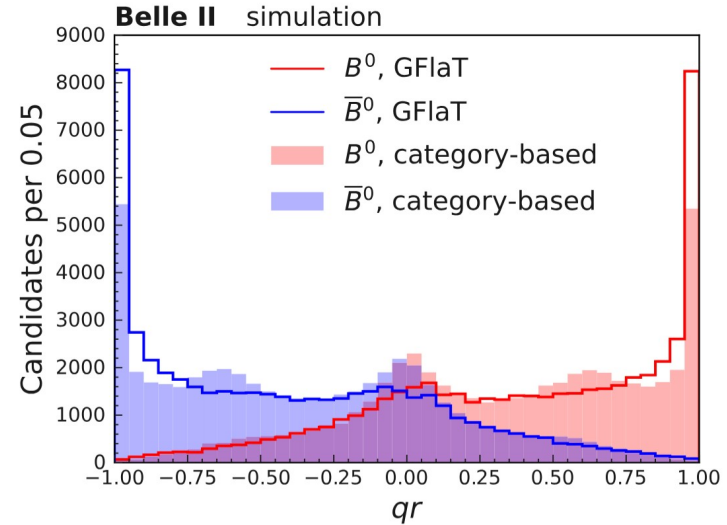
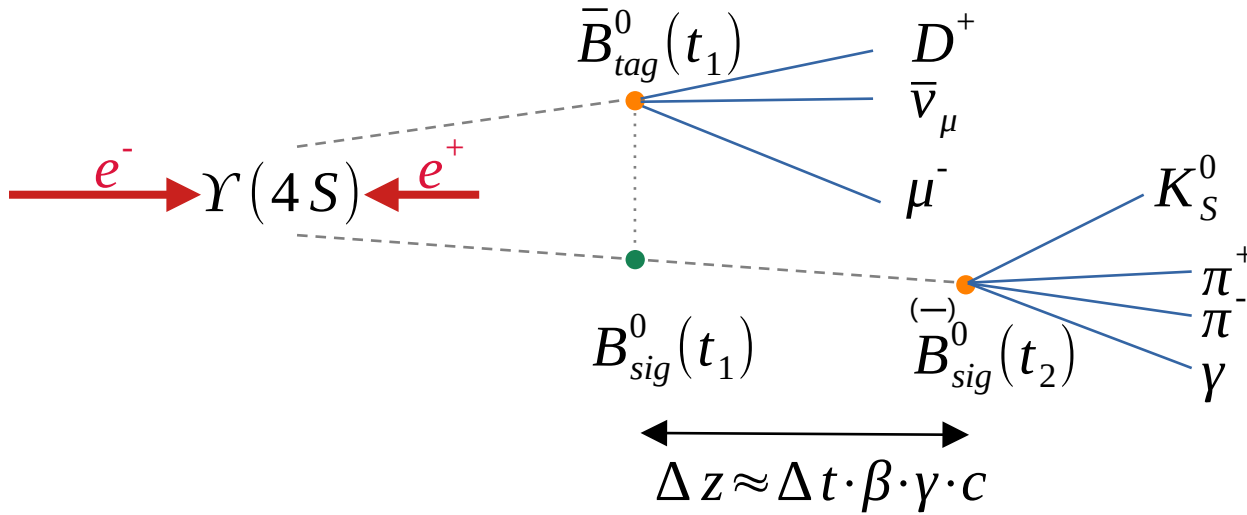


$$A_{CP}(\Delta t) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow f_{CP}) - \Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow f_{CP})}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow f_{CP}) + \Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow f_{CP})}(\Delta t) = S_{CP} \cdot \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t) - C_{CP} \cdot \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$$

mixing induced CP violation

direct CP violation

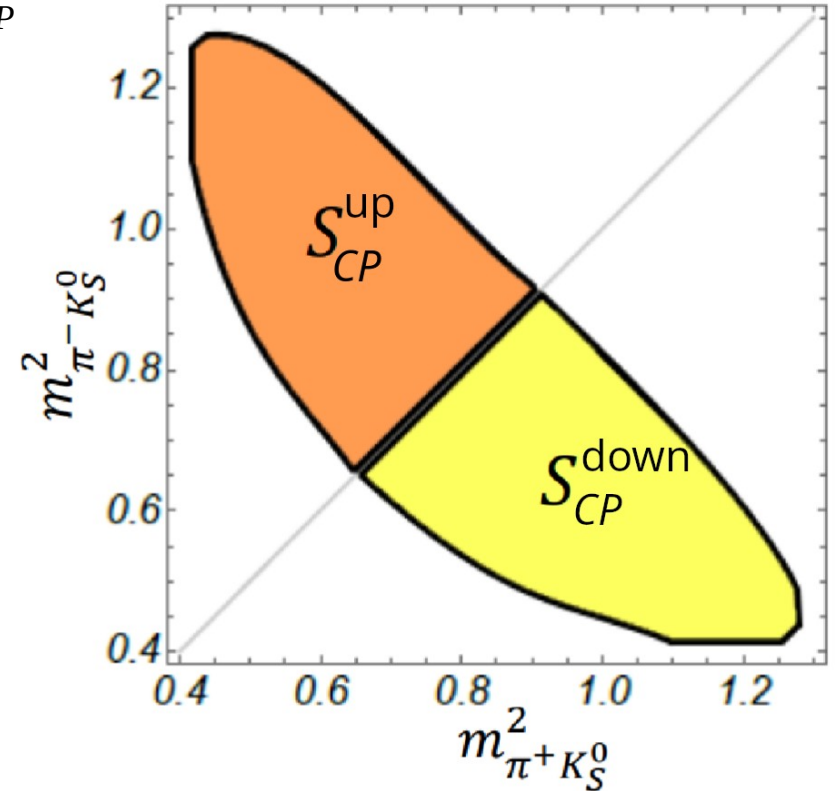
Time dependent CP violation measurements



[PRD 110, 012001](#)

Requirement	Belle	Belle II
Good vertex resolution	$\Delta z \approx 200 \mu m$	$\Delta z \approx 130 \mu m$
High tagging efficiency	$\epsilon_{tag} \approx 30\%$	$\epsilon_{tag} \approx 37\%$

- Only $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \rho^0 [\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-]$ true CP eigenstate f_{CP}
- $B^0 \rightarrow f_{CP} \gamma$ photon dominantly left-handed
 - SM predicts $S \approx 0$
- Contributions from non- CP eigenstates, e.g. $K^{*+} \pi^-$ can be disentangled in amplitude analysis (not done here)
- We measure S_{CP}, C_{CP} and S_{CP}^+, S_{CP}^-
 - $S_{CP}^+ = S_{CP}^{\text{up}} + S_{CP}^{\text{down}}$
 - $S_{CP}^- = S_{CP}^{\text{up}} - S_{CP}^{\text{down}}$
 - Can constrain C_7/C_7' [[JHEP09\(2019\)034](#)]



- Parameters determined in 3D fit to

- $M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^{*2} - |\vec{p}_B^*|^2}$

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

- Δt

$$C = -0.17 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.04$$

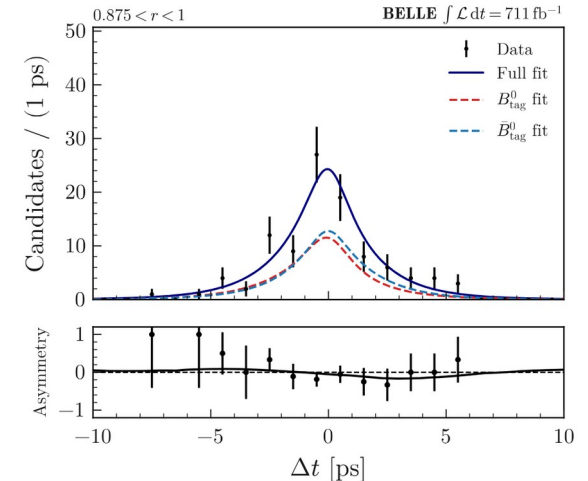
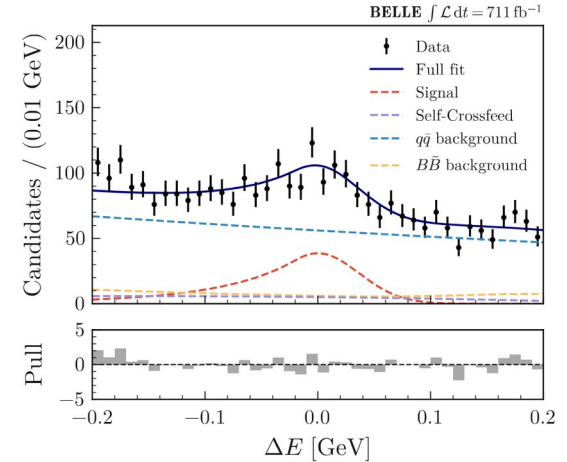
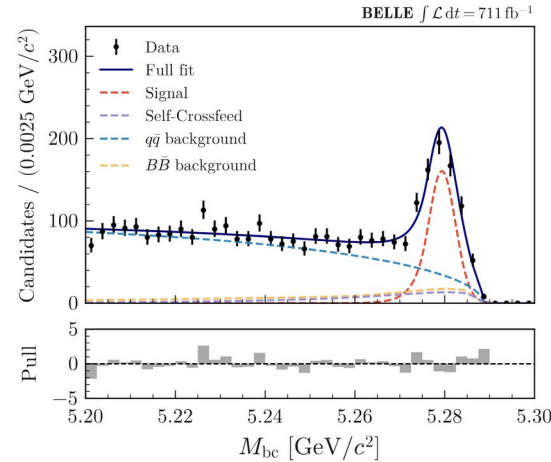
$$S = -0.29 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.05$$

$$S^+ = -0.57 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.10$$

$$S^- = 0.31 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.05$$

→ Most precise determination

→ Superseding previous Belle ([PRL 101, 251601](#)) and BaBar ([PRD 93, 052013](#)) measurements by **factor 2**

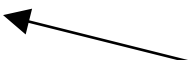



Summary

- CP violation measurements are great probe for new physics
- Belle and Belle II data are analyzed in combined measurements
- Presented two direct CP violation searches of c-quark decays
 - **Worlds most precise determinations**
- Showed time dependent CP measurement of $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$
 - Consistent with previous determinations with **factor 2 improvement of uncertainties**
- All presented measurements are statistically limited

Backup

Raw CP violation

- We measure: $A_{raw}^{sig} = A_{CP}^{sig} + A^{det} + A^{prod}$  Can be removed by averaging over production angle $\cos\Theta^*$

- Estimate A^{det} and A^{prod} in control channel (cc): $A_{raw}^{cc} = A_{CP}^{cc} + A^{det} + A^{prod}$  Precisely known

→ Measure: $A_{CP}^{sig} = A_{raw}^{sig} - A_{raw}^{cc} + A_{CP}^{cc}$