

UTfit combined analysis of $D - \bar{D}$ mixing data and extraction of the CKM angle γ

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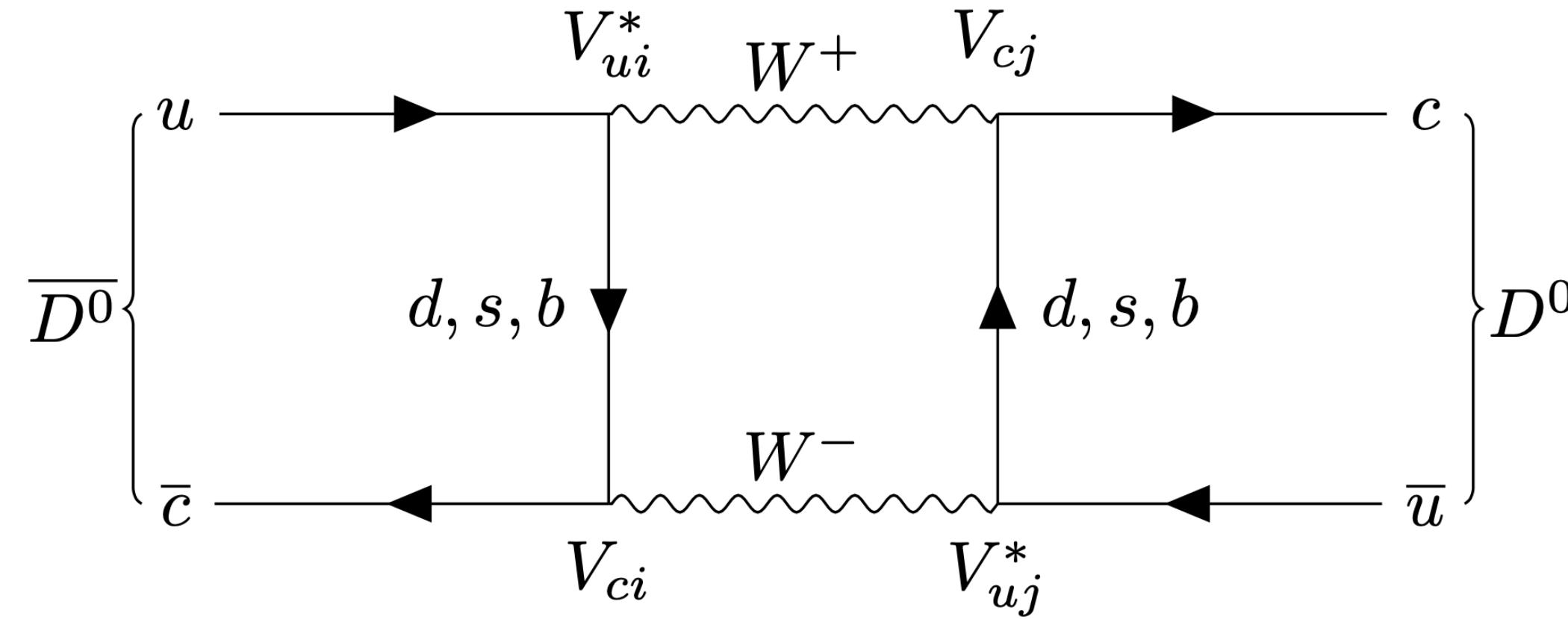
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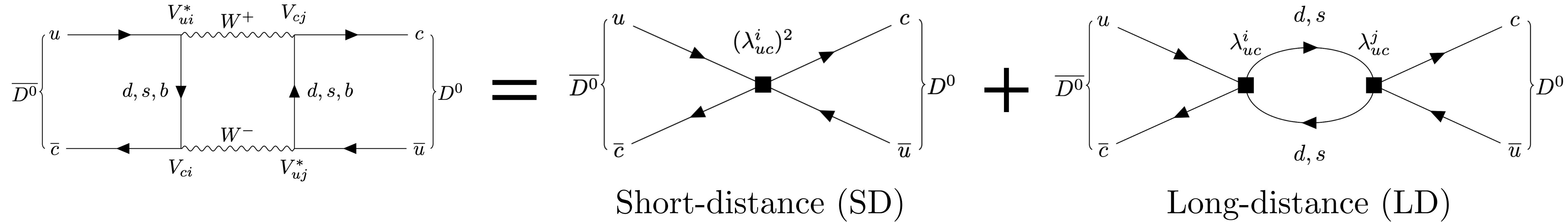
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Why charm mixing?



- NO FCNC at the tree-level in the SM
- GIM + CKM suppression. CPV starts at $O(\theta_c^4)$
- Many experimental results. No first-principles predictions yet

Mixing parameters

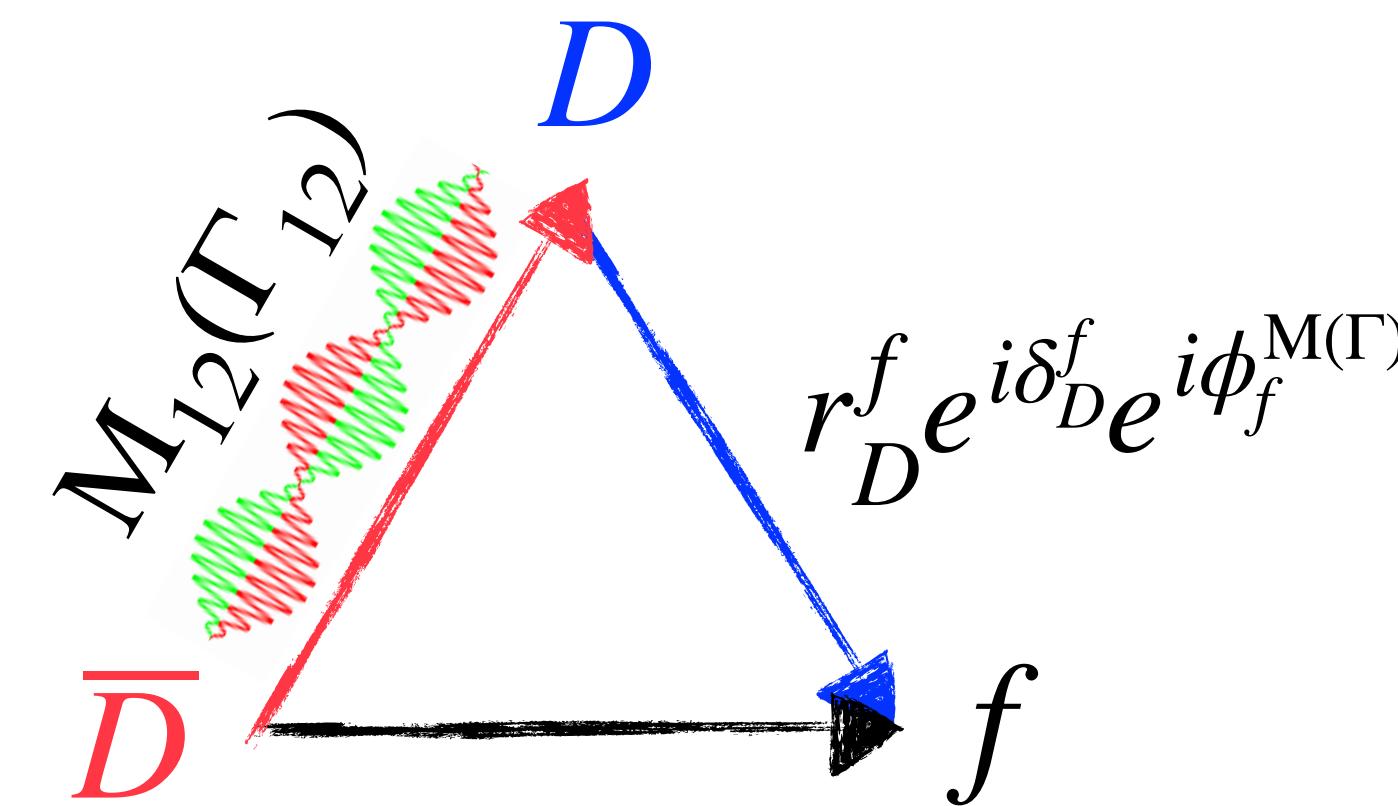


- In the SM, it is expected LD $\approx 100 \times$ SD

$$\langle D | S - 1 | \bar{D} \rangle = M_{12} - i/2\Gamma_{12}$$

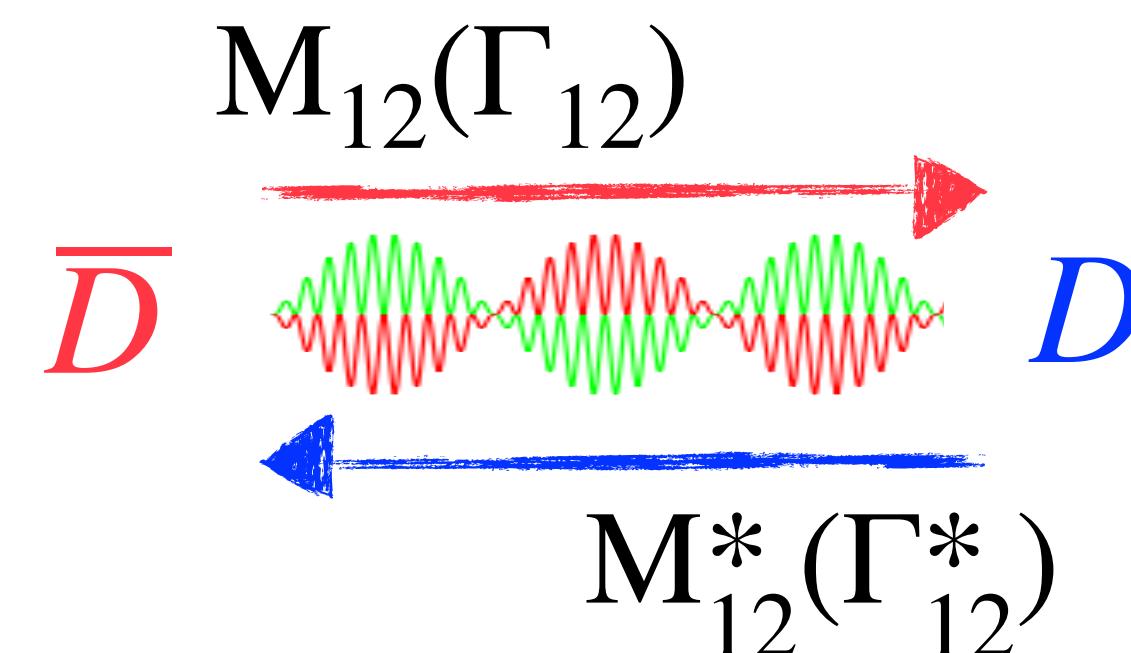
Indirect CPV

- CPV between decay with and without Dispersive (Absorptive) mixing



$$\phi_f^{\text{M}(\Gamma)} = \phi^{\text{M}(\Gamma)} + \psi_f$$

- CPV in pure mixing

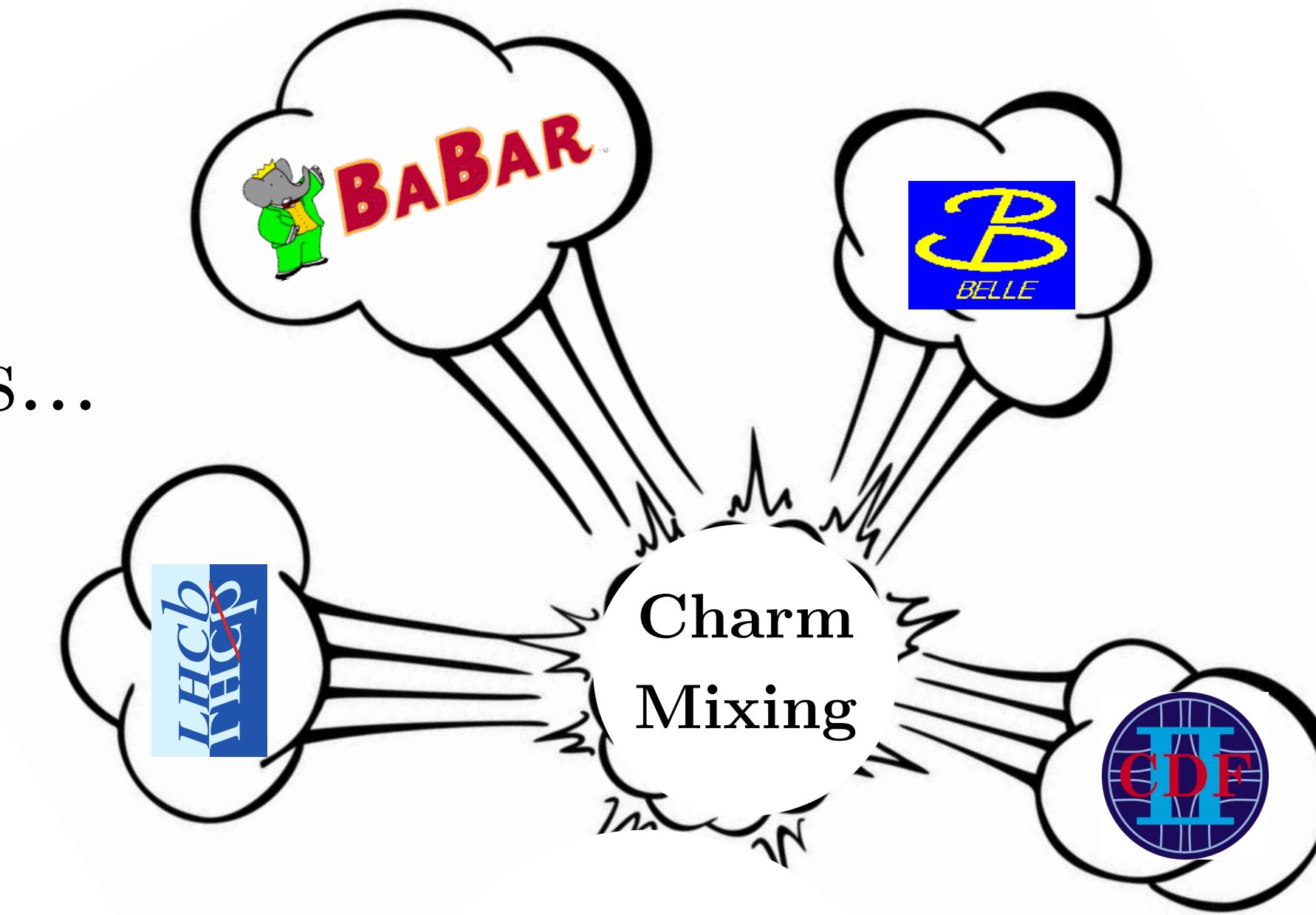


$$\phi_{12} = \phi_f^{\text{M}} - \phi_f^{\Gamma} = \phi^{\text{M}} - \phi^{\Gamma}$$

Measurements of CPV

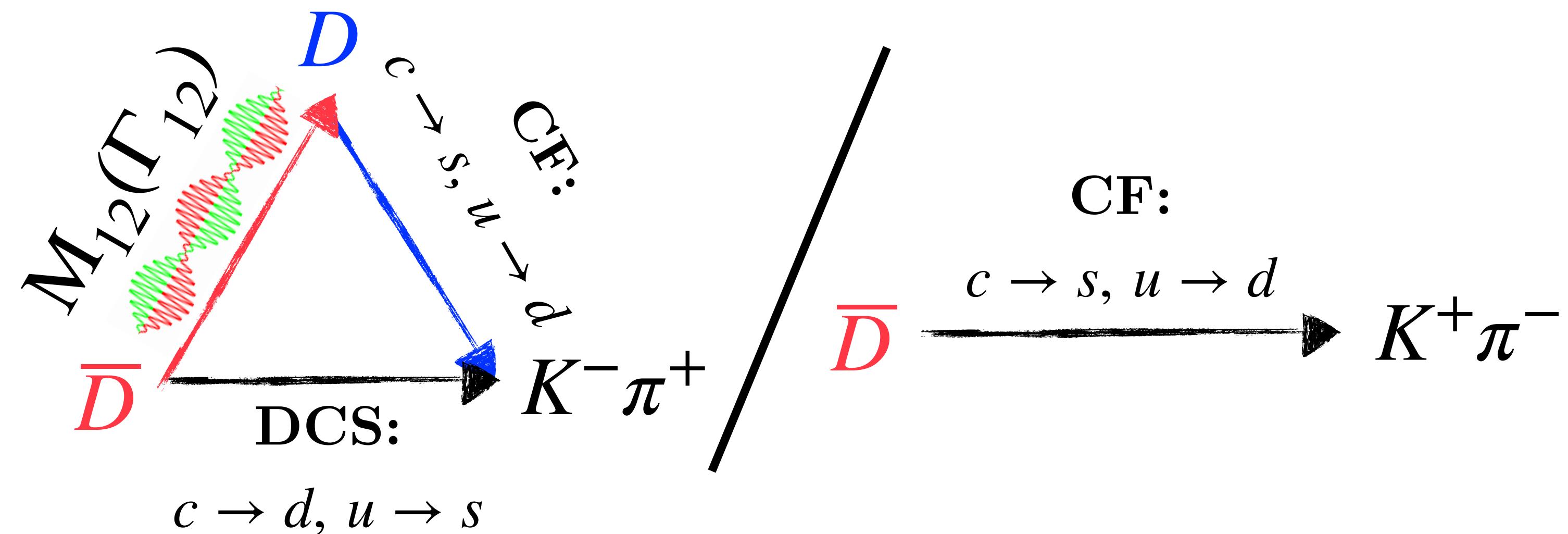
More than 15 years of experiments...

- CF/DCS decays to $K\pi$
- Phase-space analysis of $K_S^0\pi\pi$
- SCS decays to $\pi\pi, KK$



CF/DCS decays to $K\pi$

- Experiments measure the ratio between DCS/CF decay rates



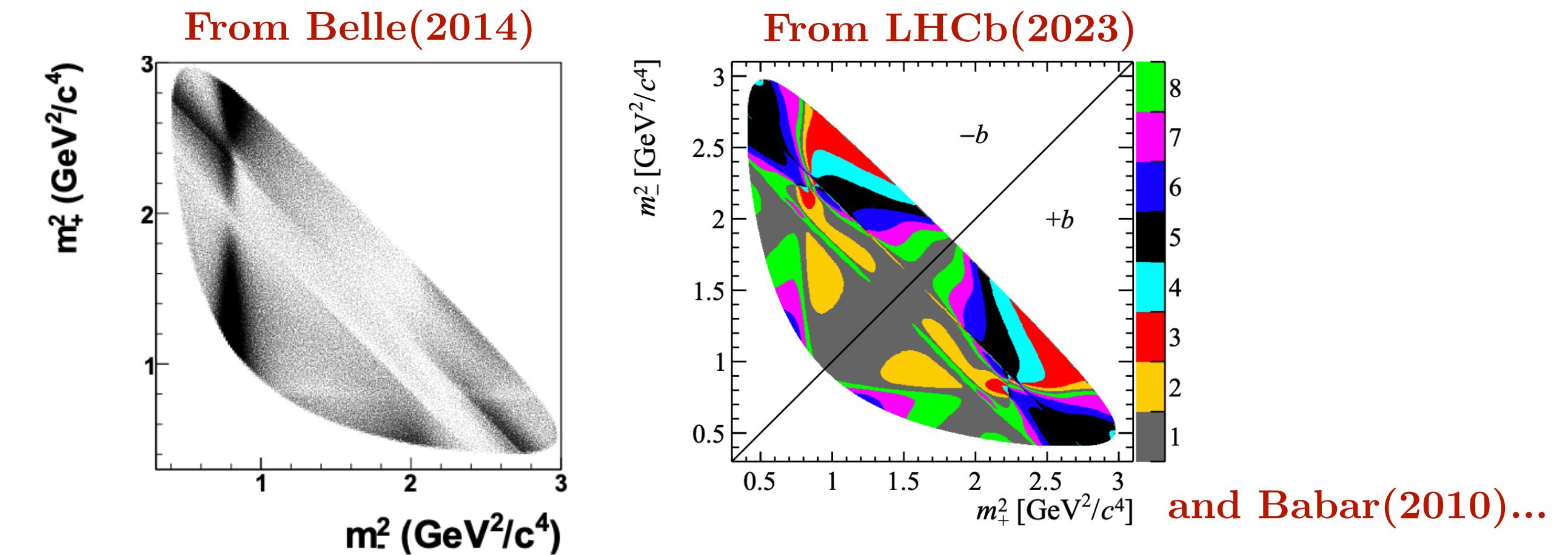
- The coefficients of the expansion in time depend on the charm parameters
 (e.g. Belle(2006), Babar(2007), LHCb(2024, 2025))

$$\frac{d\Gamma(\bar{D} \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)}{d\Gamma(\bar{D} \rightarrow K^-\pi^+)}(t) = (r_D^{K\pi})^2 + (t/\tau)L^-(|M_{12}|, |\Gamma_{12}|, \phi_K^M, \phi_{K\pi}^\Gamma) + (t/\tau)^2Q^-(|M_{12}|, |\Gamma_{12}|, \phi_K^M, \phi_{K\pi}^\Gamma)$$

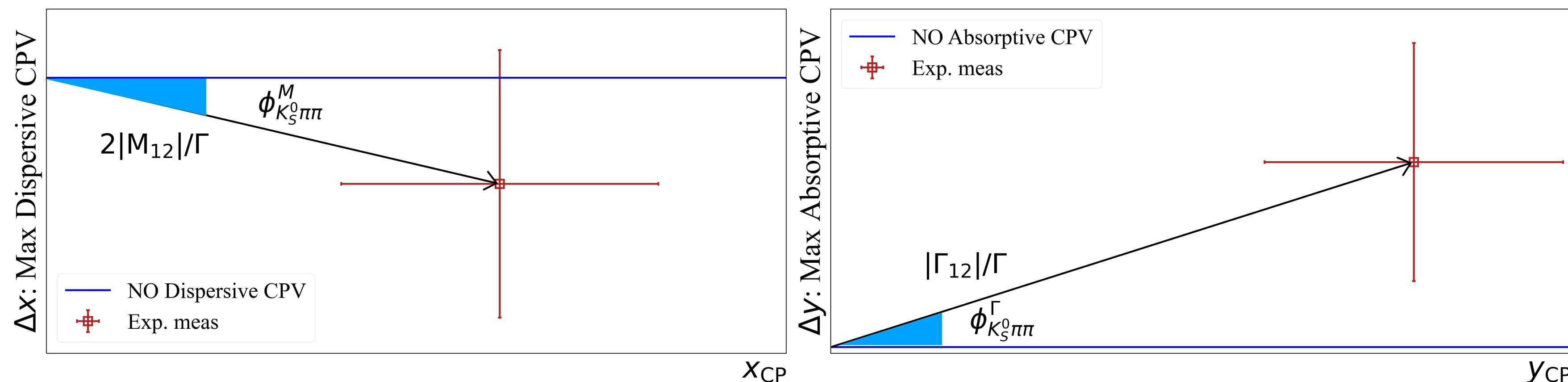
Three-body states

- They measure the distributions of the events

$$\frac{d\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)(m_+^2, m_-^2)}{d\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)(m_-^2, m_+^2)}(t)$$

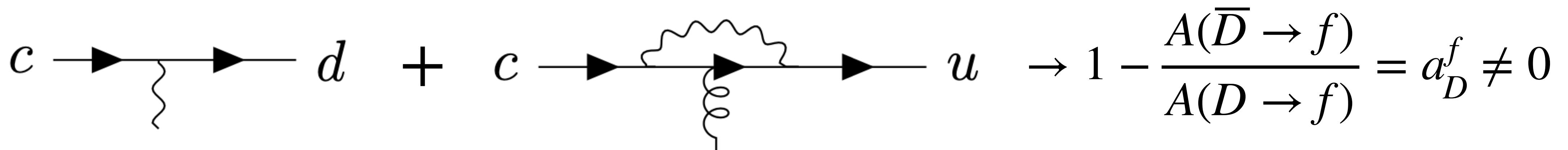


- We fit ‘‘polar observables’’ to extract the charm parameters



SCS decays to CP eigenstates

- SCS decays to $\pi^+\pi^- (K^+K^-)$ in the SM has tree-level + penguin



- Direct and indirect CPV enter the asymmetries

$$A_f(t) = \frac{d\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow f) - d\Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow f)}{d\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow f) + d\Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow f)}(t) = a_D^f + \Delta Y_f t/\tau$$

(e.g. CDF(2014), LHCb(2021))
Both time-dependent
and time-integrated analysis
(e.g. CDF(2012), Babar(2008), Belle(2008),
LHCb(2023))

$$\Delta Y_f = (-2 |M_{12}|/\Gamma \sin \phi_f^M + a_D^f |\Gamma_{12}|/\Gamma)$$

Theoretical framework

- A pair of CPV phases for each of the final states



Too many phases!

Approximate
universality

$$\phi_2^M, \phi_2^\Gamma$$

A. Kagan, L. Silvestrini(2020)

U-spin decomposition

- In the SM, we can write

$$\lambda_{uc}^j = V_{uj}^* V_{cj} \quad \Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}} = \sum_{i,j=d,s} \lambda_{uc}^i \lambda_{uc}^j \Gamma_{ij} \quad M_{12}^{\text{SM}} = \sum_{i,j=d,s,b} \lambda_{uc}^i \lambda_{uc}^j M_{ij}$$

- Employing CKM unitarity, we get

$$\Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2}{4} \Gamma_2 \times \left[1 + \frac{2\lambda_{uc}^b}{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)} \frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma_2} + \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^b)^2}{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2} \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_2} \right]$$

- The amplitudes have flavour structures

$$\Gamma_0 = (\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d)^2 = O(1) \quad \Gamma_1 = (\bar{s}s - \bar{d}d)(\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d) = O(\varepsilon) \quad \Gamma_2 = (\bar{s}s - \bar{d}d)^2 = O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Approximate Universality

- Employing the U-spin decomposition, the Γ_2 term is dominant

$$\Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2}{4} \Gamma_2 \times \left[1 + \left(\frac{0.3}{\varepsilon} \right) \times 10^{-3} + \left(\frac{0.3}{\varepsilon} \right)^2 \times 10^{-7} \right]$$

- Two universal CPV phases can be defined w.r.t. the dominant term

$$\phi_2^M = \arg \left[\frac{M_{12}}{M_2(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2/4} \right], \quad \phi_2^\Gamma = \arg \left[\frac{\Gamma_{12}}{\Gamma_2(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2/4} \right]$$

- They provide good approximations for their final-state dep. counterparts

$$\phi_f^{M(\Gamma)} \rightarrow \phi_2^{M(\Gamma)}, \quad \delta\phi_f = \phi_f^M - \phi_2^M = \phi_f^\Gamma - \phi_2^\Gamma$$

Is it a good approximation?

- For CF/DCS decays to $K\pi$, the misalignment is a CKM phase

$$\delta\phi_{K\pi} = O\left(\frac{\lambda_{uc}^b}{\lambda_{uc}^d}\right)^2 \simeq 10^{-6}$$

- For $K_S^0\pi\pi$, after correcting for $K - \bar{K}$ mixing

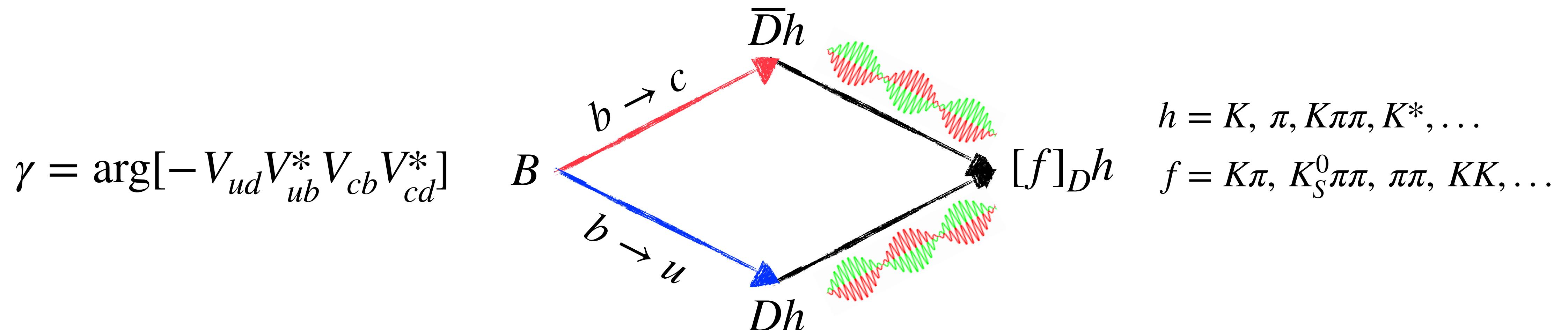
$$\delta\phi_{K_S^0\pi\pi} - 2\epsilon_I - |\lambda_{uc}^b/\lambda_{uc}^s| \sin\gamma = -2\text{Im}[r_0] \simeq 10^{-4}$$

- For SCS decays to $\pi\pi(KK)$, the misalignment is unknown and non-perturbative, but we can get an additional $O(\varepsilon)$ suppression

$$\delta\phi_{KK} = -\delta\phi_{\pi\pi}, \quad \frac{\phi_{KK}^{M(\Gamma)} + \phi_{\pi\pi}^{M(\Gamma)}}{2} = \phi_2^{M(\Gamma)} (1 + O(\varepsilon^2))$$

Beauty observables?

- The observables depend also on $r_D^{K\pi}$, $\delta_D^{K\pi}$, ...
- Additional information are provided by beauty observables **LHCb(2021)**



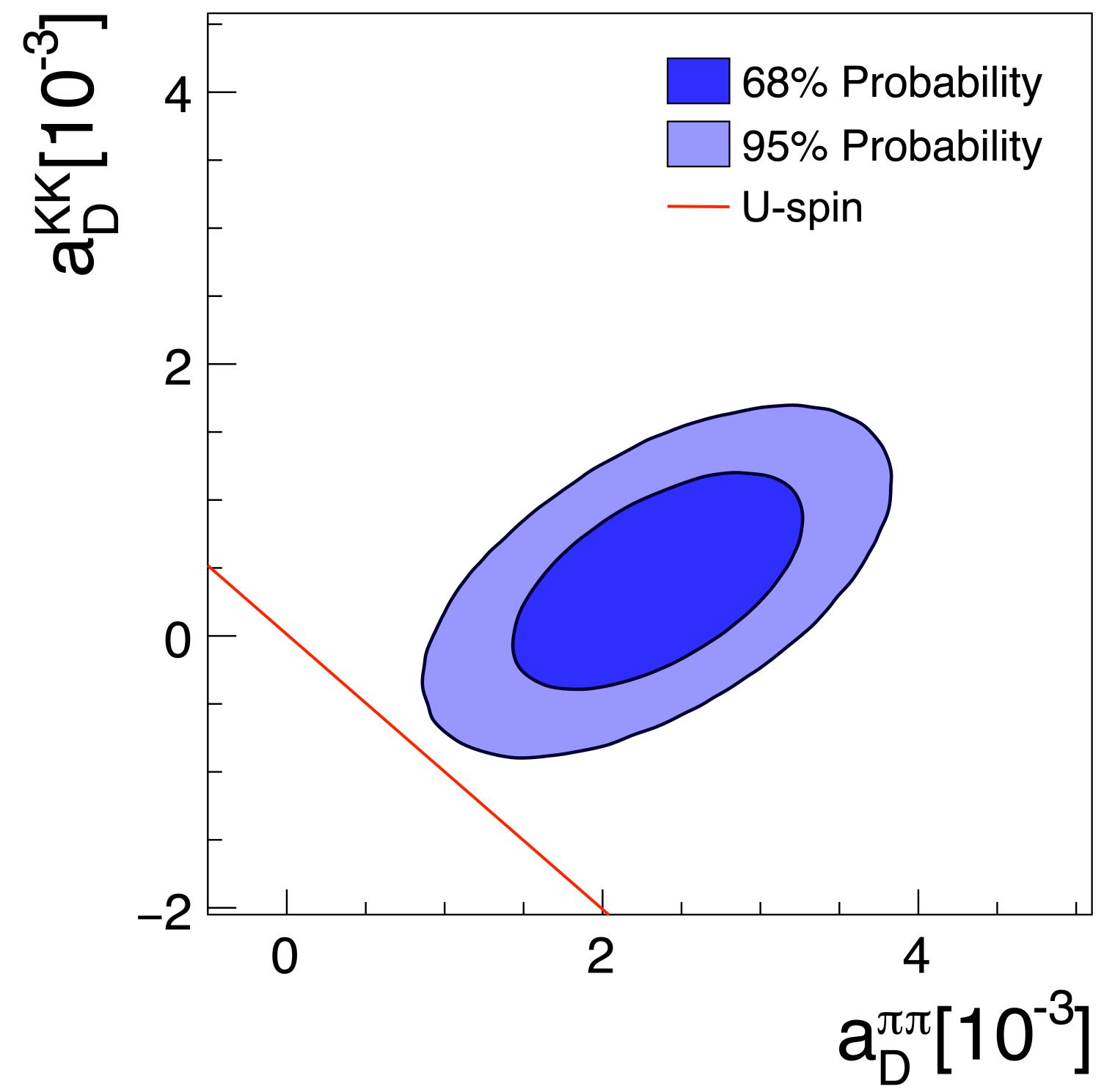
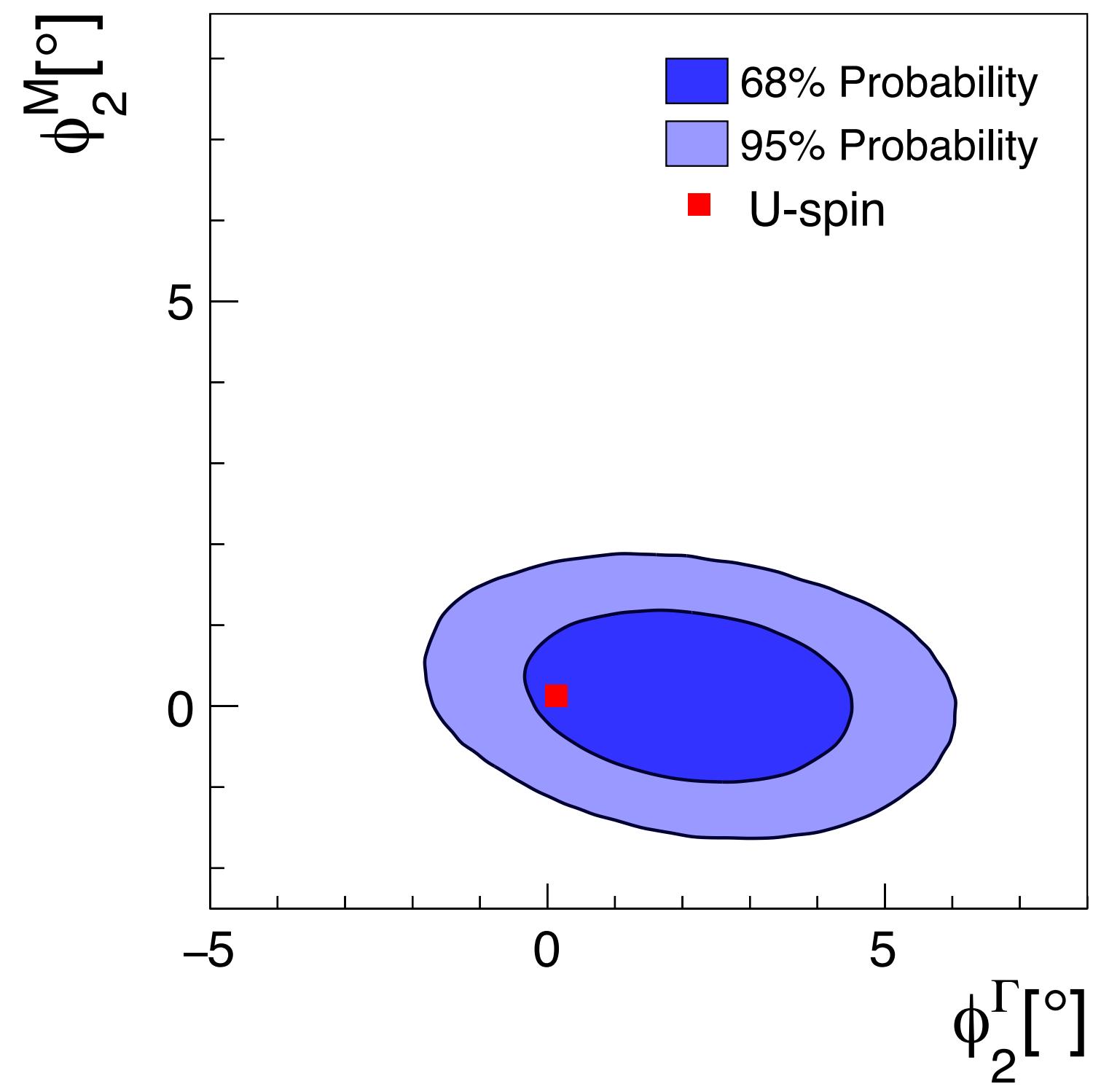
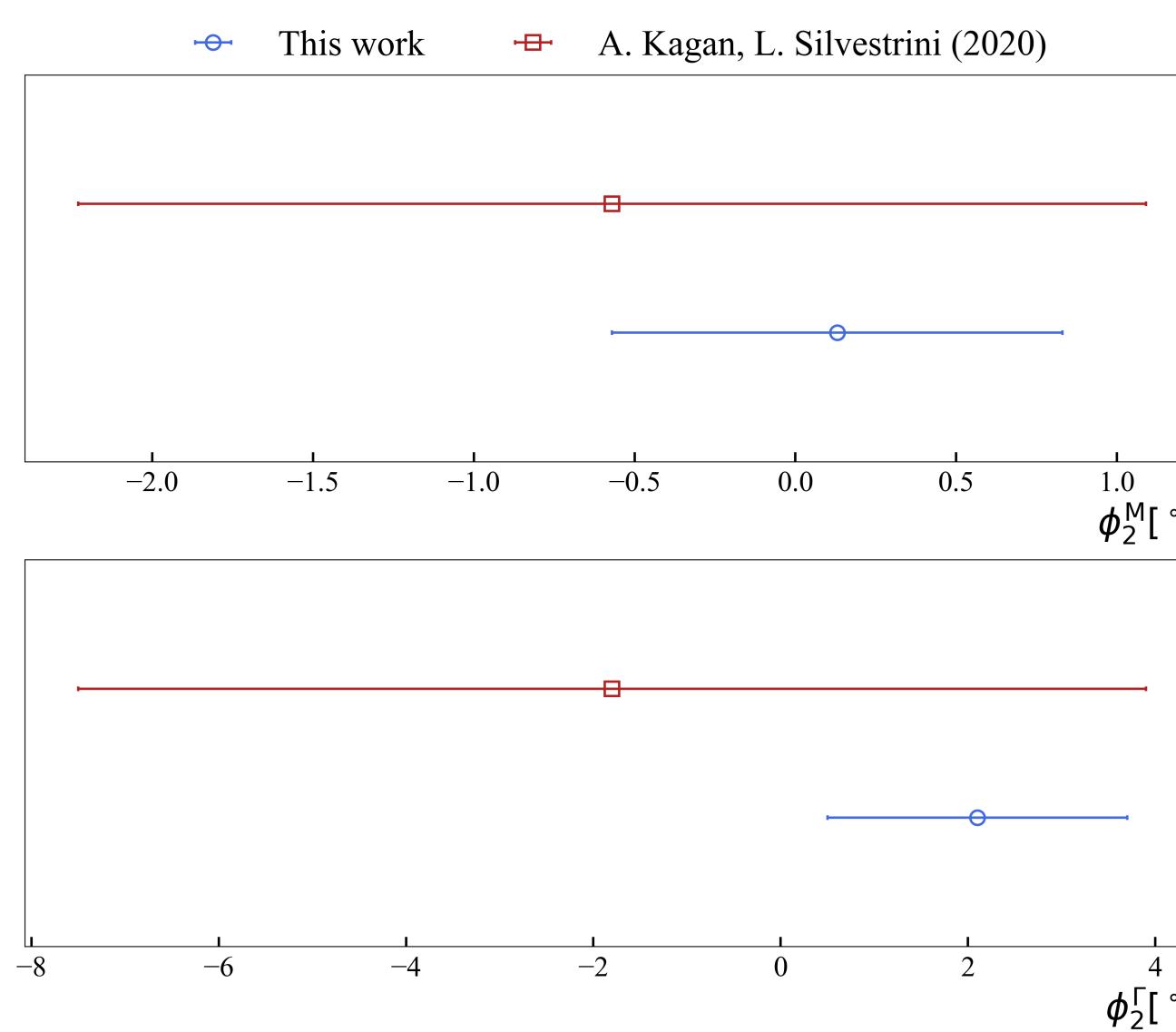
- Bayesian combination of the observables

$$P(\vec{\theta} | \mathbf{O}) \propto P(\mathbf{O} | \vec{\theta}) P_0(\vec{\theta})$$

CPV parameters

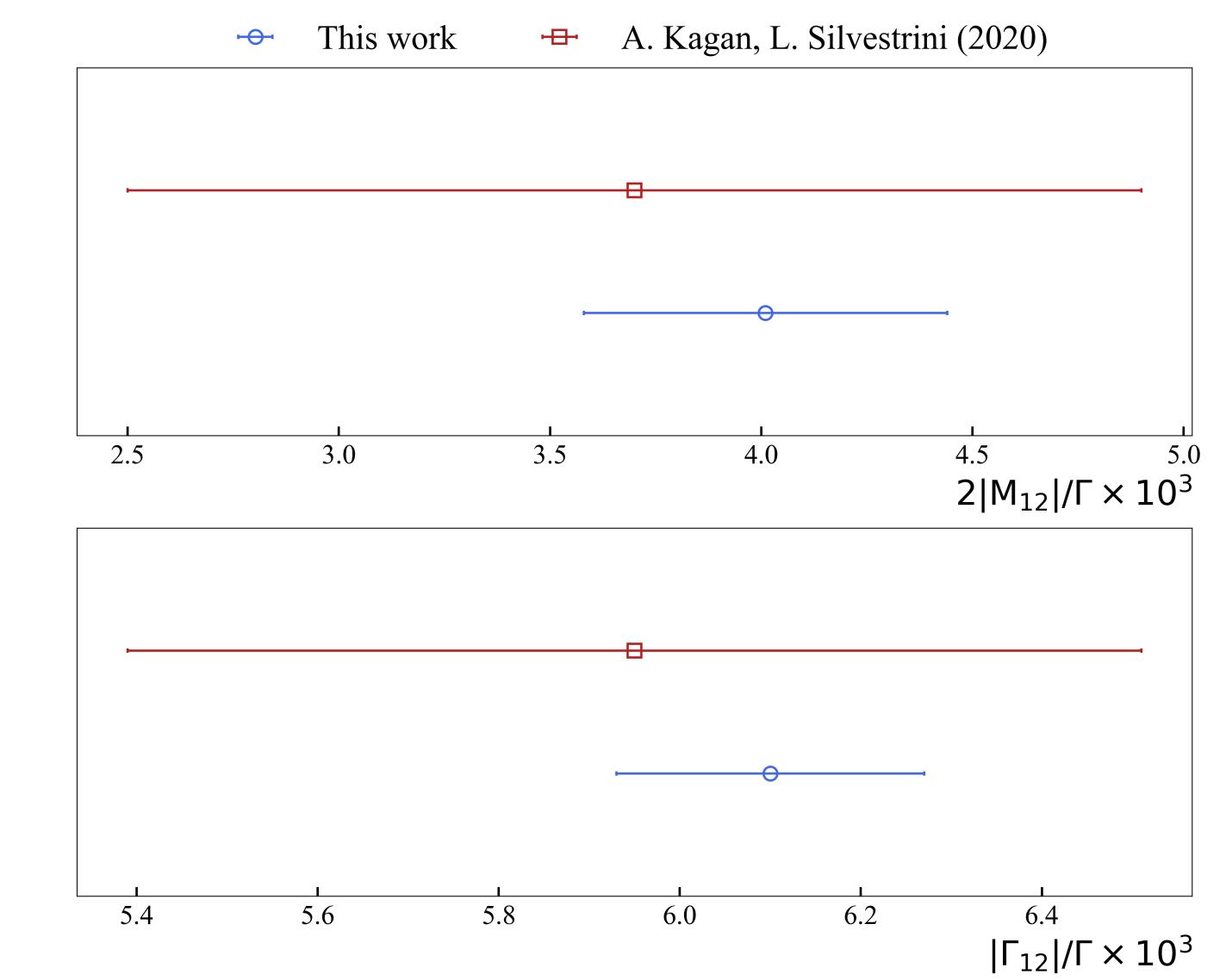
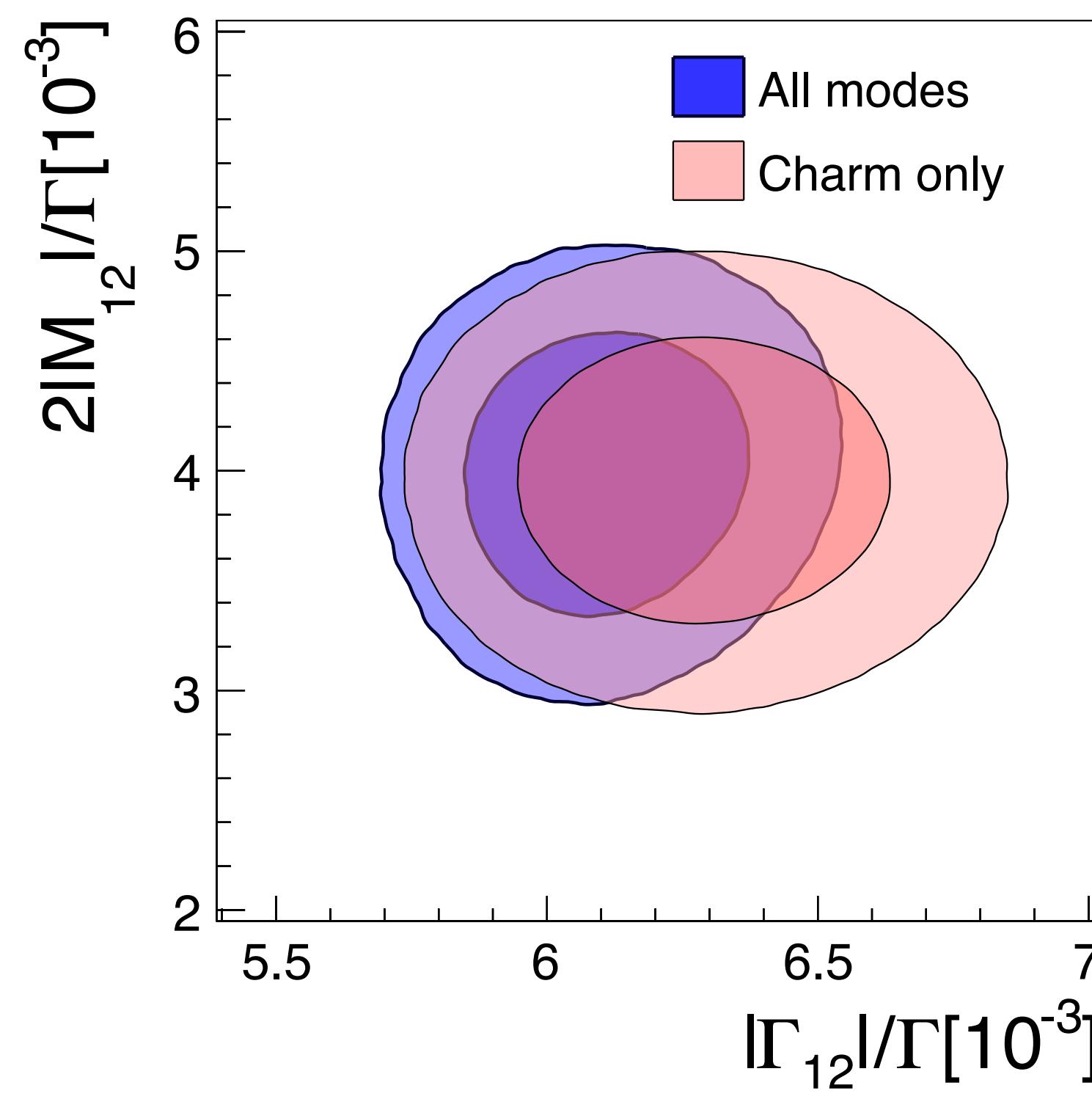
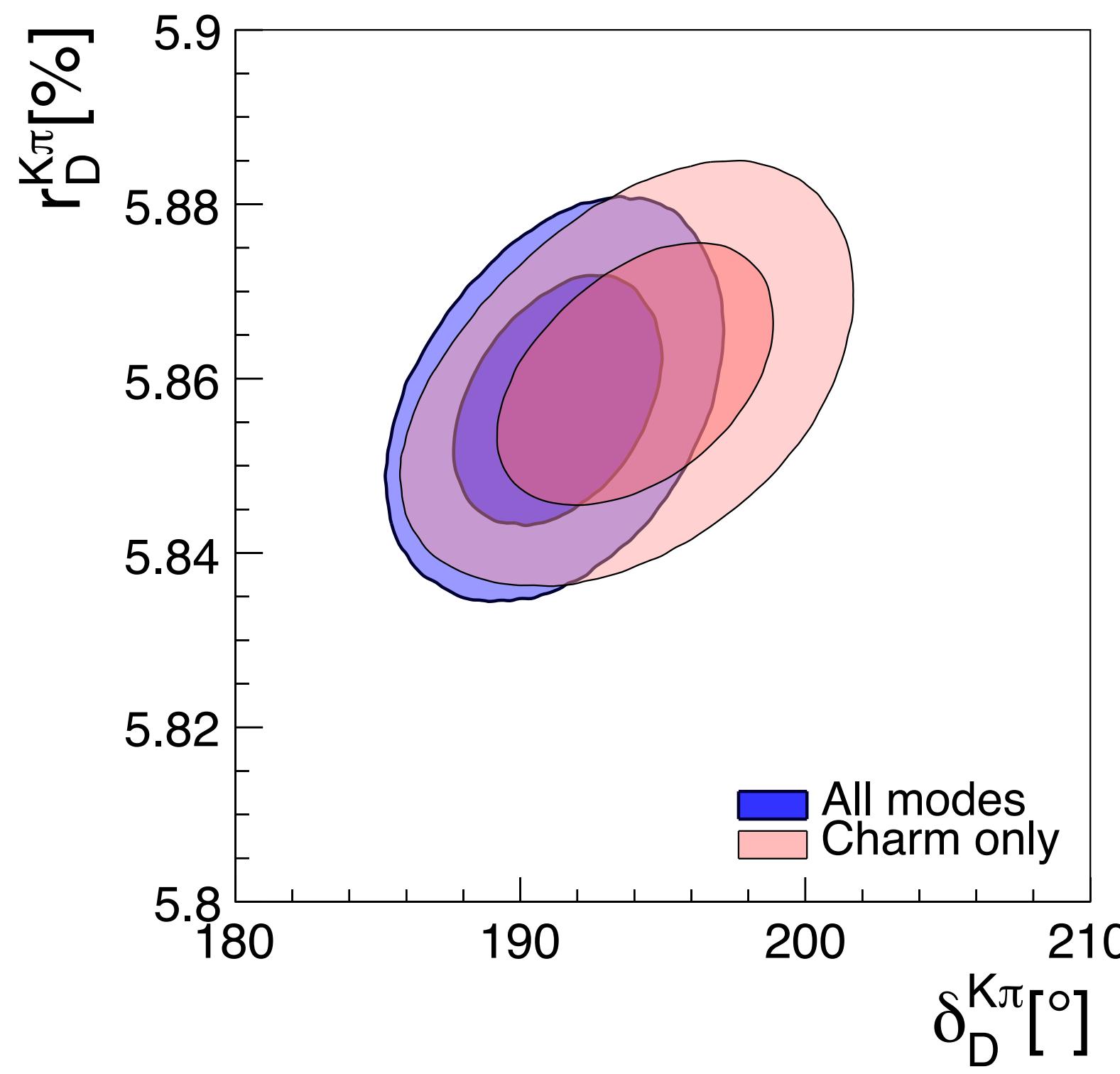
- In the Approximate Universality framework, the CPV parameters are estimated to be

$$|\phi_2^\Gamma| < 0.3^\circ, \quad \phi_2^M \sim \phi_2^\Gamma \sim \phi^{\text{U-spin}} = 0.13^\circ, \quad a_D^{KK} = -a_D^{\pi\pi}$$



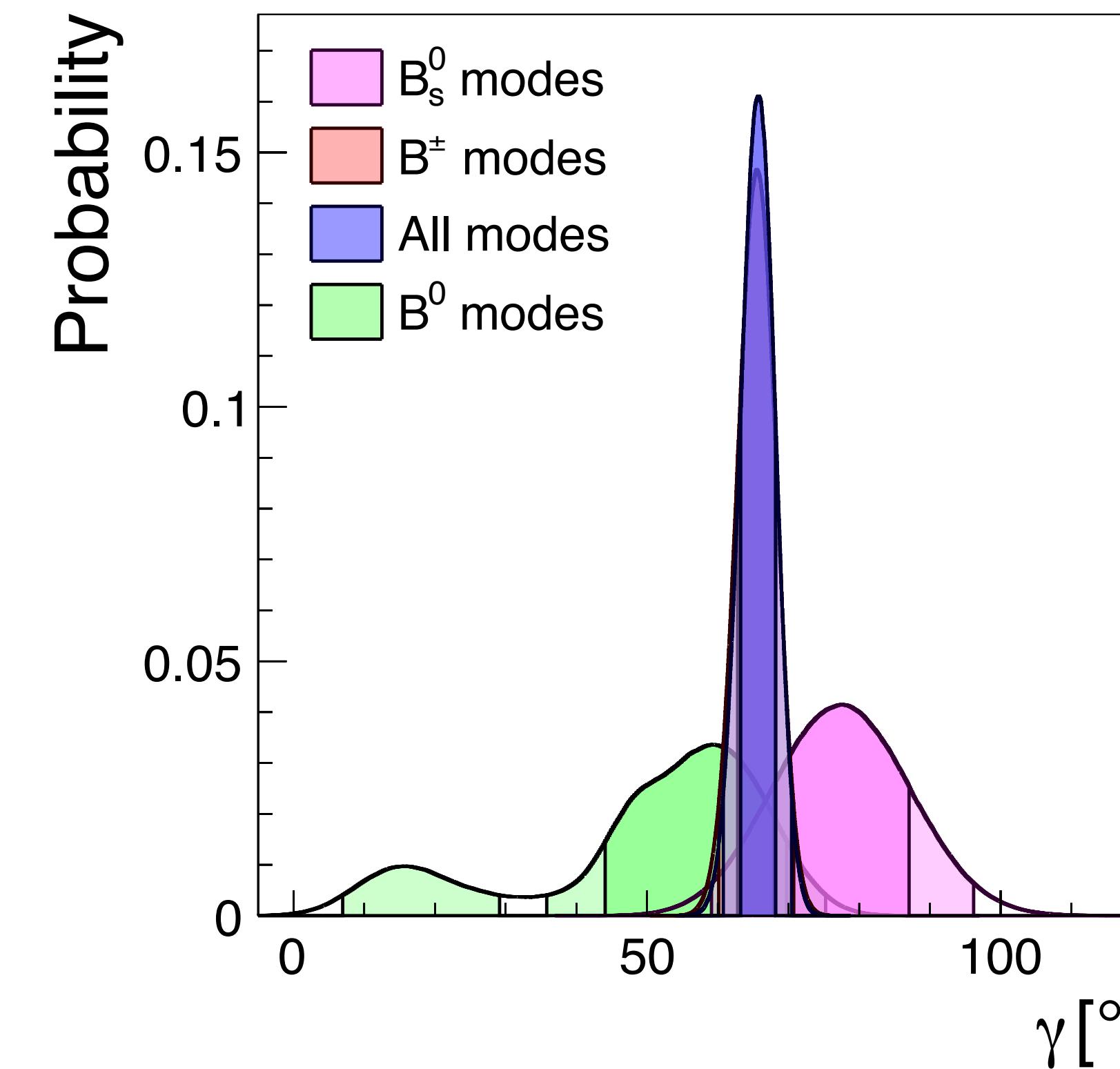
Impact of beauty observables

- Including beauty observables guarantees a better determination of $\delta_D^{K\pi}$, resulting in $O(25\%)$ improvement on $|\Gamma_{12}|$



CKM angle γ

- We included observables coming from time-dependent analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow D^- \pi^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^+$ to extract the CKM angle γ



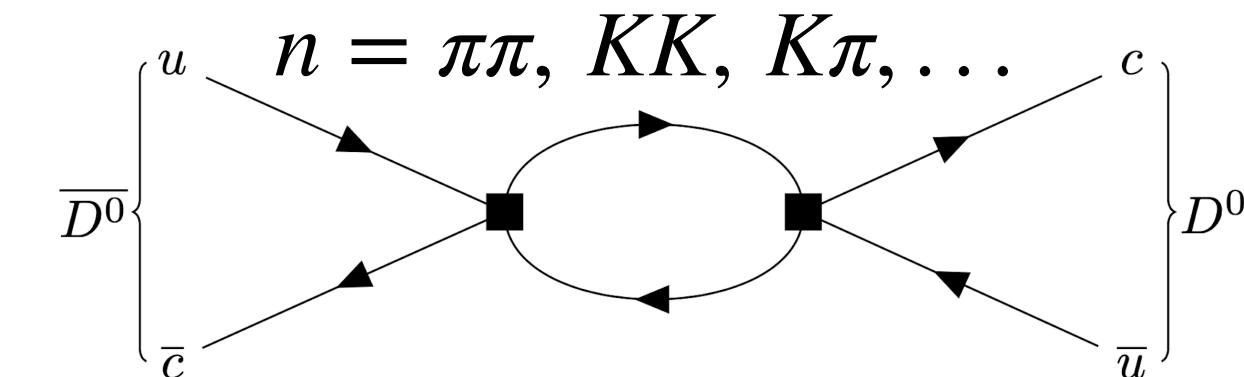
All modes
estimate
 $\gamma = 65.7(2.5)^\circ$

UT fit
Indirect determination
 $\gamma_{\text{UT}} = 65.6(1.4)^\circ$

Next steps

- Computing the dominant LD from Lattice QCD?

$$\text{LD} = i \int d^4x \langle D | T\{H_w^{\Delta C=1}(x) H_w^{\Delta C=1}(0)\} | \bar{D} \rangle$$



- Light intermediate states obstruct the analytic continuation to Euclidean time ($t \rightarrow -i\tau$)

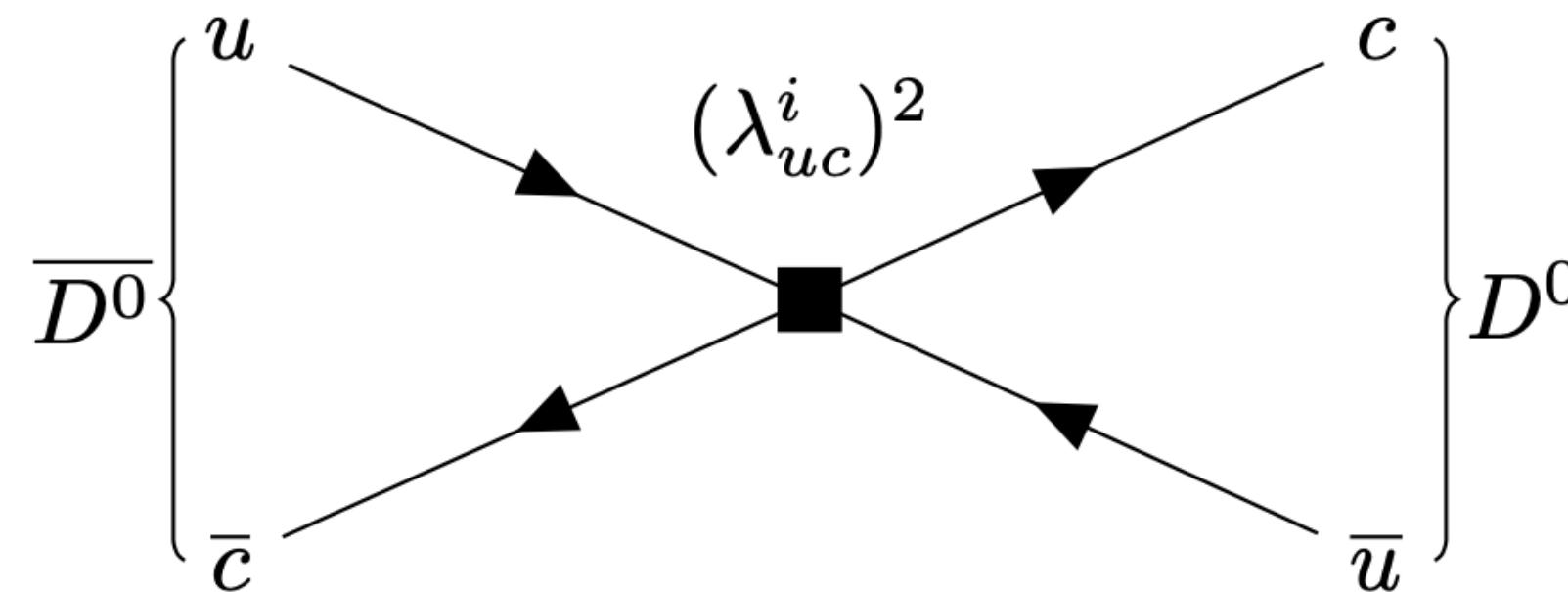
$$\text{LD} = \sum_{n; \mathbf{p}_n=0} \langle D | H_w^{\Delta C=1}(0) | n \rangle \langle n | H_w^{\Delta C=1}(0) | \bar{D} \rangle \int_0^\infty d\tau e^{-(E_n - m_D)\tau} \quad E_n > m_D$$

- The RM123 Coll. has proposed a novel method to circumvent this problem
 - ◆ Spectral Function Reconstruction (SFR) method [R. Frezzotti, G. Gagliardi et al \(2023\)](#)
 - ◆ $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ decay rate at large q^2 [R. Frezzotti, G. Gagliardi et al \(2024\)](#)
 - ◆ $K \rightarrow l \bar{\nu} l' + l' -$ decay rate [In preparation](#)
- A recent paper has proposed to apply the SFR method to $D - \bar{D}$

Backup

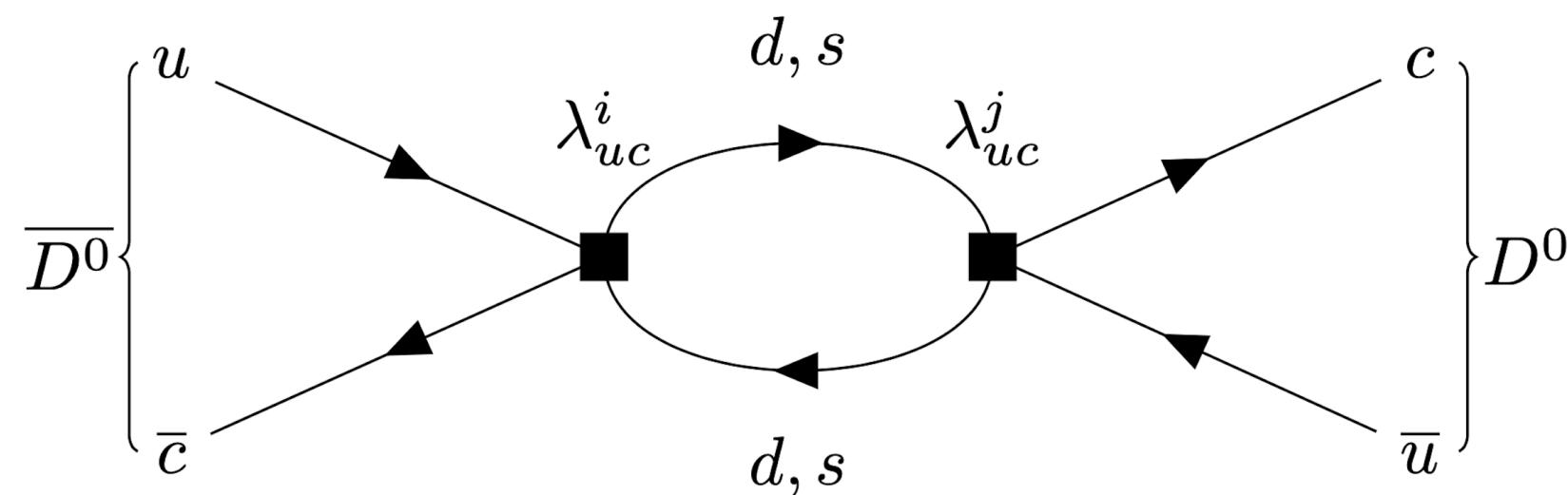
Short vs long distance

- The short distance contribution is given by



$$\text{SM: } \propto (\lambda_{uc}^b m_b)^2 \approx (\theta_C^5 m_b)^2$$

- The long distance contribution is given by



$$\text{SM: } \propto (\lambda_{uc}^s m_s)^2 \approx (\theta_c m_s)^2 \approx 10^2 \times \text{SD}$$

Amplitude decomposition

- The absorptive part of the mixing hamiltonian reads

$$\Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2}{4} \Gamma_2 + \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)\lambda_{uc}^b}{2} \Gamma_1 + \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^b)^2}{4} \Gamma_0$$

- The amplitudes and CKM matrix elements satisfy

$$\Gamma_0 = (\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d)^2 = O(1) \quad \Gamma_1 = (\bar{s}s - \bar{d}d)(\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d) = O(\varepsilon) \quad \Gamma_2 = (\bar{s}s - \bar{d}d)^2 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d \approx 0.44 - i1.2 \times 10^{-4} \quad \lambda_{uc}^b \approx (5.7 + i12) \times 10^{-5}$$

- We get the expansion

$$\Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{(\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d)^2}{4} \Gamma_2 \times \left[1 + (0.86 + i1.8) \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{0.3}{\epsilon} \right) + (-6.4 + i7.8) \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{0.3}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \right]$$

Estimates

- Estimates of $\phi_2^{\text{M},\Gamma}$ can be obtained by using the SM definitions

$$\left. \phi_2^\Gamma \right|_{SM} = \arg \left[1 + \frac{2\lambda_{uc}^b}{\lambda_{uc}^s - \lambda_{uc}^d} \frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma_2} \right] = \arg \left[1 - \frac{V_{ub}^* V_{ud}}{V_{cb}^* V_{cd}} \times \left(\frac{2}{1 - \frac{V_{us}^* V_{cs}}{V_{ud}^* V_{cd}}} \right) \varepsilon^{-1} \right]$$
$$\simeq \left| \frac{\lambda_{uc}^b}{\lambda_{uc}^d} \right| \sin(\gamma) \varepsilon^{-1} \approx (2.2 \times 10^{-3}) \times \left[\frac{0.3}{\varepsilon} \right]$$

Upper bound

$$|\phi_2^\Gamma| = \left| \frac{\lambda_{uc}^b}{\lambda_{uc}^d} \right| \sin(\gamma) \frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma_2}$$

- Now, we have that $|\Gamma_2| = y_{12}\Gamma/(\lambda_{uc}^d)^2$ and

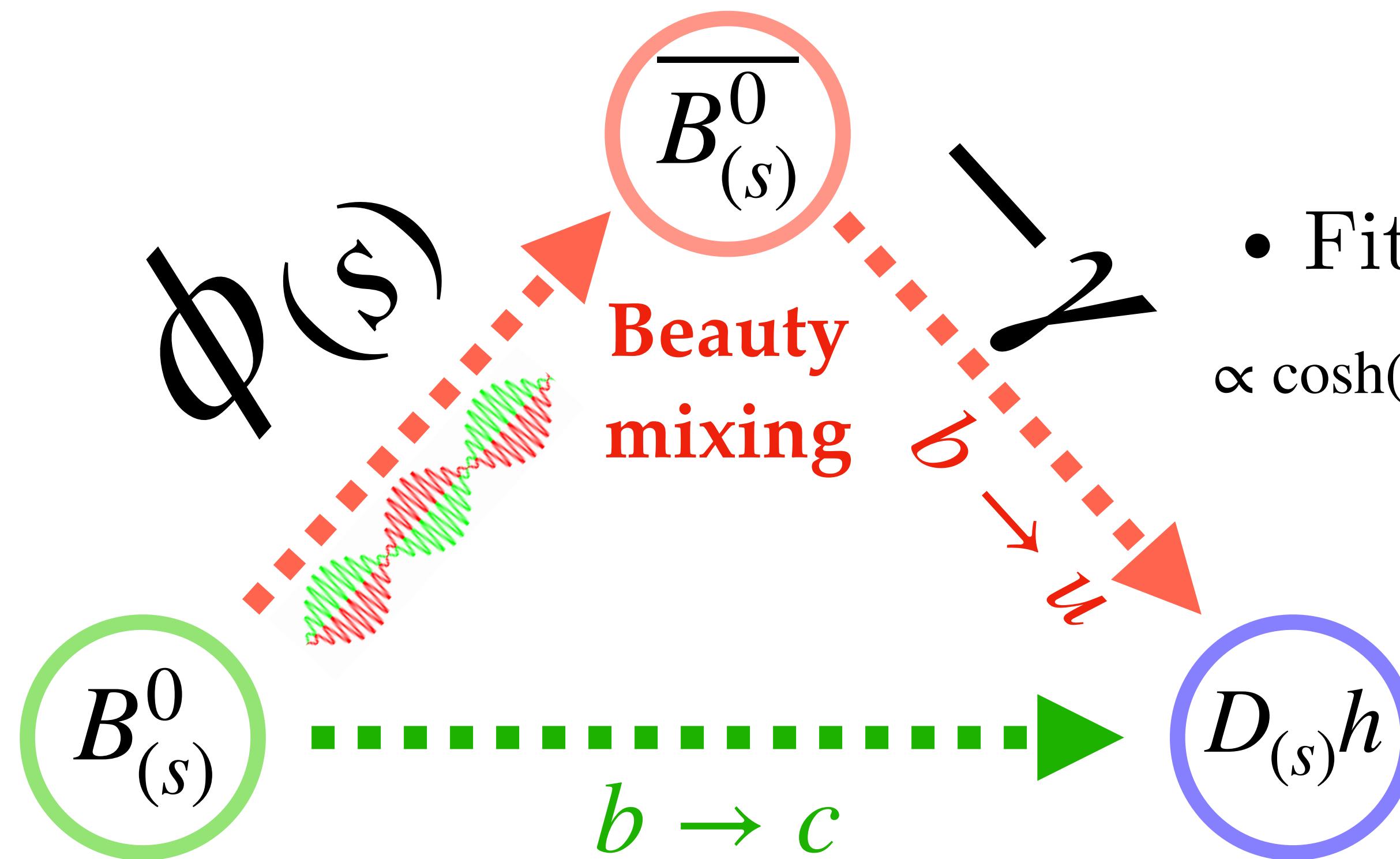
$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_2^\Gamma| &= \left| \frac{\lambda_{uc}^b \lambda_{uc}^d}{y_{12}} \right| \sin(\gamma) \frac{|\Gamma_{sd}|}{\Gamma} \frac{|\Gamma_{ss} - \Gamma_{dd}|}{|\Gamma_{sd}|} \rightarrow O(\varepsilon) \\ &< 1 + O(\varepsilon) \xleftarrow{SU(3)_f} \end{aligned}$$

Also see [M. Bobrowski, A. Lenz, J. Riedl, J. Rohrwild \(2010\)](#)

$$|\phi_2^\Gamma| < 5 \times 10^{-3} \varepsilon (1 + O(\varepsilon)) < 0.3^\circ$$

Neutral B meson obs.

- Exploiting the CPV phase of the interference between $B_{(s)}^0$ mixing and decay to charmed mesons $D_{(s)}^\mp h^\pm$



Mixing phases $\phi = -2\beta$
 $\phi_s = 2\beta_s$

- Fitting the time-dependent decay rates
$$\propto \cosh(\Delta\Gamma_{(s)}t/2) - G_f \sinh(\Delta\Gamma_{(s)}t/2) + C_f \cos(\Delta m_{(s)}t) - S_f \sin(\Delta m_{(s)}t)$$

Observables!!

$$C_f \quad G_f \propto \cos(\delta_{B_{(s)}^0}^f + (\phi_{(s)} - \gamma))$$
$$S_f \propto \sin(\delta_{B_{(s)}^0}^f + (\phi_{(s)} - \gamma))$$

The spectral density

- We define a correlator

$$C(t) = e^{-im_D t} \int d^3x \langle D | H_w^{\Delta C=1}(x) H_w^{\Delta C=1}(0) | \bar{D} \rangle, \quad \text{LD} = i \int dt e^{im_D t} C(t)$$

- Introducing a spectral density

$$C(t) = \int_{E^*}^{\infty} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} e^{-iE't} \rho(E'), \quad \rho(E') = \langle D | H_w^{\Delta C=1}(0) (2\pi)^4 \delta^3(\hat{P}) \delta(\hat{H} - E') H_w^{\Delta C=1}(0) | \bar{D} \rangle$$

- The LD contribution reads

$$\text{LD}(\varepsilon) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{E^*}^{\infty} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} \frac{\rho(E')}{E' - m_D - i\varepsilon} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{E^*}^{\infty} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} K(E' - m_D; \varepsilon) \rho(E')$$

The SFR method

- The determination of the spectral density from the Euclidean $C(t)$ is ill-posed

$$C(t) = \int \frac{dE'}{2\pi} e^{-E't} \rho(E')$$

- The convolution of $\rho(E')$ with a Kernel at fixed ε can be computed as

$$\text{LD}(\varepsilon) \simeq \sum_t g_t(E, \varepsilon) C(t), \quad K(E' - m_D; \varepsilon) = \sum_t g_t(E, \varepsilon) e^{-E't}$$

- The HLT method provides us with a method to determine the coefficients

$$W[\mathbf{g}] = A[\mathbf{g}]/A[\mathbf{0}] + \lambda B[\mathbf{g}]$$

$$A[\mathbf{g}] = \int_{E^*}^{\infty} dE' \left| \sum_t g_t(E, \varepsilon) e^{-E't} - K(E' - E; \varepsilon) \right|^2 \quad B[\mathbf{g}] \propto \sum_{t_1, t_2} g_{t_1}(E, \varepsilon) g_{t_2}(E, \varepsilon) \text{Cov}(t_1, t_2)$$