

Charm physics studies at BESIII, Belle (II) and STCF Yu Zhang

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Electron-positron experiments for charm studies





 e^+e^- asymmetric collider at $\Upsilon(4S)$ To accumulate a dataset of $\int Ldt = 50ab^{-1}$

Future experiment—Super Tau Charm Facility



From Jingyu Tang's talk

Expect to accumulate datasets for charm hadrons with an integrated luminosity 100 times that of BESIII

Charm mixing

Mass eigenstates: $|D_{1,2}\rangle = p |D^0\rangle \pm q |\overline{D}^0\rangle$

Time evolution of an initially flavour eigenstate D meson:

 $\left|D^{0}_{phys}(t)\right\rangle = g_{+}(t)\left|D^{0}\right\rangle + \frac{q}{n}g_{-}(t)\left|\overline{D}^{0}\right\rangle, \left|\overline{D}^{0}_{phys}(t)\right\rangle = g_{+}(t)\left|\overline{D}^{0}\right\rangle + \frac{q}{n}g_{-}(t)\left|D^{0}\right\rangle$ $g_{+}(t) = \exp(-(im + \Gamma/2)t) \cosh((i\Delta m - \Gamma/2)t/2)$ $m \equiv (m_1 + m_2)/2, \Delta m \equiv m_2 - m_1$ $g_{-}(t) = \exp(-(im + \Gamma/2)t) \sinh((i\Delta m - \Gamma/2)t/2)$ $\Gamma \equiv (\Gamma_{1} + \Gamma_{2})/2, \Delta \Gamma \equiv \Gamma_{1} - \Gamma_{2}$ Charm mixing parameters: $x \equiv \frac{\Delta m}{\Gamma}$, $y \equiv \frac{\Delta \Gamma}{2\Gamma}$

Short distance contributions Long distance contributions

loop level $(x, y) \sim 10^{-7}$



$(x, y) \sim 10^{-3}$

Phys. Lett. B 810 (2020) 135802 Chin. Phys. C 42 (2018) 063101 D⁰ Phys. Rev. D 81 (2010) 114020 Phys. Rev. D 65 (2002) 054034 ū



Plots from arXiv:1503.00032

Indirect CPV associated with charm mixing

●Type 1. CP violation in mixing |p| ≠ |q|
 ●Mass eigenstates are not CP eigenstates



•Type 3. Interference between charm mixing and kaon mixing



[PRD 110 (2024) L031301]

Determination of mixing parameters with Belle+Belle II data

- Flavour-tagged D mesons from $D^* \to D(K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)\pi$ decays m^{2}_{-} [GeV²/ c^{4}
- Time-dependent distribution of decay rate

 m_{+}^{2} [GeV²/c⁴]

Charm mixing

 $p_{\pm b}(t) \propto g_{\pm}^{2}(t) + r_{b}g_{\pm}^{2}(t) + 2\sqrt{r_{b}}Re[X_{\pm b}g_{\pm}^{*}(t)g_{-}(t)]$

[arXiv: 2410.22961]

 $X_{\pm b}$: Strong-phase difference between D^0 and \overline{D}^0 decays r_{h} : Ratio of D^{0} and \overline{D}^{0} decay amplitude square



t [ps]

1.5

 σ_{t} [ps]

Binned time-dependent decay rate



Charm mixing study with quantum correlated $D\overline{D}$



[Phys. Rev. D 15 (1997) 1254]

- $D^0\overline{D}^0$ pairs produced by e^+e^- annihilations near threshold at BESIII/STCF are in QC state with $C = (-1)^{n+1}$, n is the number of accompany photons
- @3770 MeV
 - C odd for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^0\overline{D}^0$
- @Higher energy points
 - C even for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^0\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c. \rightarrow \gamma D^0\overline{D}^0$ C even for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 D^0\overline{D}^0$ C odd for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^0\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c. \rightarrow \pi^0 D^0\overline{D}^0$ C odd for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c \rightarrow \gamma \gamma D^0\overline{D}^0$ C odd for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 D^0\overline{D}^0$

Quantum-correlated double decay rates

$$C-even \qquad \Gamma(f_1, f_2) \propto 3(x^2 + y^2)(|\lambda_{D^0}|^2 + |\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}|^2 + 2R_{D^0}R_{\overline{D}^0}\lambda_{D^0}\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}) \\ + (2 - 3(x^2 - y^2))(1 + 2R_{D^0}R_{\overline{D}^0}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{D^0}\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}) + |\lambda_{D^0}\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}|^2) \\ - 4y[R_{\overline{D}^0}(1 + |\lambda_{D^0}|^2)\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}) + R_{D^0}(1 + |\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}|^2)\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{D^0})] \\ - 4x[R_{\overline{D}^0}(1 - |\lambda_{D^0}|^2)\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}) + R_{D^0}(1 - |\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}|^2)\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{D^0})]$$

C-odd

$$\Gamma(f_1, f_2) \propto (x^2 + y^2) (|\lambda_{D^0}|^2 + |\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}|^2 - 2R_{D^0}R_{\overline{D}^0}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{D^0}\lambda_{\overline{D}^0})) + (2 - (x^2 - y^2))(1 - 2R_{D^0}R_{\overline{D}^0}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{D^0}\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}) + |\lambda_{D^0}\lambda_{\overline{D}^0}|^2)$$

$$\lambda_{D^0} = r_{f_1} |\frac{q}{p}| e^{-i(\delta_D^{f_1} + \phi)} \qquad \lambda_{\overline{D}^0} = 1/r_{f_2} |\frac{p}{q}| e^{i(\delta_D^{f_2} + \phi)}$$

$$\delta_D^f: \text{ CP-conserving phase, } \phi: \text{ indirect CPV phase, } |\frac{p}{q}|: \text{ indirect CPV}$$

Exploring the QC in $D^0\overline{D}^0$ decays allows to extract the mixing and CPV parameters along with CP-conserving strong-phase differences with time-integrated decay rates

Analysis strategy



$$e^{+}e^{-} \rightarrow D^{0}\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c. \qquad e^{+}e^{-} \rightarrow D^{*0}\overline{D}^{*0} + c.c$$

$$N^{+}_{S,T} = 2N_{D^{*0}\overline{D}^{0}}\Gamma_{+}(S,T)\epsilon^{+}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \gamma D^{0}) \qquad N^{+}_{S,T} = 2N_{D^{*0}\overline{D}^{0}}\Gamma_{+}(S,T)\epsilon^{+}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \gamma D^{0})BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0}) \qquad N^{+}_{S,T} = 2N_{D^{*0}\overline{D}^{0}}\Gamma_{+}(S,T)\epsilon^{+}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \gamma D^{0})BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0}) \qquad N^{-}_{S,T} = N_{D^{*0}\overline{D}^{0}}\Gamma_{-}(S,T)\epsilon^{-}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0})BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{+}(S,T)}{\Gamma_{-}(S,T)} = \frac{N^{+}_{S,T}\epsilon^{+}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \gamma D^{0})}{N^{-}_{S,T}\epsilon^{-}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0})} \qquad \frac{\Gamma_{+}(S,T)}{\Gamma_{-}(S,T)} = \frac{N^{+}_{S,T}\epsilon^{+}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0})}{2N^{-}_{S,T}\epsilon^{-}_{S,T}BF(D^{*0} \rightarrow \pi^{0}D^{0})}$$

Status and prospects of charm mixing and indirect CPV



- Belle II could finally reach $\sigma(x) \sim 0.028\%$ and $\sigma(y) \sim 0.023\%$ with $K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay only by scaling the existing measurement results, see also in arXiv: 1808.10567
- As a comparison, $\sigma(x) < 0.005\%$, $\sigma(y) < 0.005\%$, $\sigma(|q/p|) < 0.004$ and $\sigma(\arg(q/p)) < 0.18^{\circ}$ with $K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay for LHCb Upgrade II, see also in arXiv: 1808.08865
- By then, STCF could still be critical to provide inputs of strong-phase differences between D^0 and \overline{D}^0 decays
- Currently, BESIII provide these inputs to charm mixing and indirect CPV studies in Belle (II) and LHCb

Status and prospects of strong-phase measurements

C-odd correlated $D^0\overline{D}^0$ pairs at BESIII (STCF) is an ideal place to determine the strong-phase parameters and provide best constraints

Decay	Strong-phase parameters	2.93 fb ⁻¹ data	Status
$K^0_{S,L}\pi^+\pi^-$	C _i , S _i	PRL 124 (2020) 241802 PRD 101 (2020) 112002	8 and 20 fb ⁻¹ ongoing Unbinned phase correction: ongoing
$K^0_{S,L}K^+K^-$	c _i , s _i	PRD 102 (2020) 052008	20 fb ⁻¹ ongoing Unbinned phase correction: ongoing
$K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$	δ_D , R_D	JHEP 05 (2021) 164	8 and 20 $\rm fb^{-1}$ ongoing
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	$F^+/c_i, s_i$	PRD 106 (2022) 092004 PRD 110 (2024) 112008	20 fb ⁻¹ ongoing
$K^+K^-\pi^+\pi^-$	$F^+/c_i, s_i$	PRD 107 (2023) 032009	<i>c_i</i> , <i>s_i</i> : arXiv: 2502.12873
$K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	F^+/c_i , s_i	PRD 108 (2023) 032003	C_i, S_i : ongoing
$K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}\pi^{0}$	δ_D, R_D	JHEP 05 (2021) 164	8 and 20 $\rm fb^{-1}$ ongoing
$K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$	δ_D	EPJC 82 (2022) 1009	20 fb^{-1} ongoing
$K^0_S K^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$	δ_D, R_D	-	20 fb^{-1} ongoing
$ \begin{array}{c} \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 \\ K^+K^-\pi^0 \end{array} $	F^+	PRD 111 (2025) 012007	20 fb ⁻¹ ongoing

- Integrated luminosity of $\psi(3770)$ data at BESIII has reached 20 fb⁻¹ by the year of 2024
- The uncertainty of strong-phase inputs will be further reduced
- STCF will provide more precise inputs for Belle II and LHCb Upgrade

CP Violation in direct charm-meson decays

• CPV in direct decays A and CP-transformed \overline{A}

•Non-zero CP-violating phase difference $\xi_j - \xi_k$ and CP-conserving phase difference $\delta_j - \delta_k$

$$A_{CP} = \frac{|A|^2 - |\bar{A}|^2}{|A|^2 + |\bar{A}|^2} = -\frac{2\Sigma |A_j| |A_k| \sin(\xi_j - \xi_k) \sin(\delta_j - \delta_k)}{\sum_j |A_j|^2 + 2\Sigma |A_j| |A_k| \cos(\xi_j - \xi_k) \cos(\delta_j - \delta_k)}$$

LHCb made the first observation



 $a_{K^+K^-}^{\text{dir}} = (7.7 \pm 5.7) \times 10^{-4}, \qquad a_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{\text{dir}} = (23.2 \pm 6.1) \times 10^{-4}.$ [PRL 131 (2023) 091802]

Measurement of direct CP asymmetry in $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ with Belle and Belle II data



- Consistent with no CP violation
- $A_{CP}(D^0 \to K_S^0 K_S^0) = (-3.1 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2)$ by LHCb [PRD 104 (2021) L031102] with a significance of 2.4 σ

Search for CPV in $D^+_{(s)} \rightarrow K^0_S K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ using triple and quadruple products with Belle and Belle II data



Singly Cabibbo suppressed

Search for CPV in $D^+_{(s)} \to K^0_S K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ using triple and quadruple products with Belle and Belle II data



$$\begin{split} C_{\rm TP} &= (\vec{p}_{K^-} \times \vec{p}_{\pi_h^+}) \cdot \vec{p}_{K_S^0} \,, \\ C_{\rm QP} &= (\vec{p}_{K^-} \times \vec{p}_{\pi_h^+}) \cdot (\vec{p}_{K_S^0} \times \vec{p}_{\pi_l^+}) \end{split}$$

$A_X(D_{(s)}^+) \equiv \frac{N(D_{(s)}^+, X > 0) - N(D_{(s)}^+, X < 0)}{N(D_{(s)}^+, X > 0) + N(D_{(s)}^+, X < 0)}$	
$A_{\overline{X}}(D_{(s)}^{-}) \equiv \frac{N(D_{(s)}^{-}, \overline{X} > 0) - N(D_{(s)}^{-}, \overline{X} < 0)}{N(D_{(s)}^{-}, \overline{X} > 0) + N(D_{(s)}^{-}, \overline{X} < 0)}$	D^+

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}^X \equiv \frac{A_X(D_{(s)}^+) - A_{\overline{X}}(D_{(s)}^-)}{2}$$

	$X imes 10^{-3}$	$\mathcal{A}_{C\!P}^X$ Belle	$\mathcal{A}_{C\!P}^X$ Belle II	Combined \mathcal{A}_{CP}^X	Significance		
<i>D</i> +	C_{TP}	$-4.0\pm5.9\pm3.0$	$-0.2\pm7.0\pm1.8$	$-2.3\pm4.5\pm1.5$	0.5σ		
	$C_{ m QP}$	$-1.0\pm5.9\pm2.5$	$-0.4\pm7.0\pm2.4$	$-0.7\pm4.5\pm1.7$	0.2σ		
	$C_{ m TP}C_{ m QP}$	$+6.4 \pm 5.9 \pm 2.2$	$+0.6 \pm 7.0 \pm 1.3$	$+3.9\pm4.5\pm1.1$	0.8σ		
	$\cos heta_{K^0_S} \cos heta_{K^-}$	$-4.7\pm5.9\pm3.0$	$-0.6\pm6.9\pm3.0$	$-2.9\pm4.5\pm2.1$	0.6σ		
	$C_{\mathrm{TP}}\cos heta_{K^0_S}\cos heta_{K^-}$	$+1.9\pm5.9\pm2.0$	$-0.2\pm7.0\pm1.9$	$+1.0\pm4.5\pm1.4$	0.2σ		
	$C_{ m QP}\cos heta_{K^0_S}\cos heta_{K^-}$	$+14.9 \pm 5.9 \pm 1.4$	$+7.0 \pm 7.0 \pm 1.6$	$+11.6 \pm 4.5 \pm 1.1$	2.5σ		
D_s^+	C_{TP}	$-0.3\pm3.1\pm1.3$	$+1.0\pm3.9\pm1.1$	$+0.2\pm2.4\pm0.8$	0.1σ		
	$C_{ m QP}$	$+0.6 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.2$	$+2.0 \pm 3.9 \pm 1.4$	$+1.1 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.9$	0.4σ		
	$C_{ m TP}C_{ m QP}$	$+1.5\pm3.2\pm1.4$	$-2.7\pm3.9\pm1.7$	$-0.2\pm2.5\pm1.1$	0.1σ		
	$\cos heta_{K^0_S} \cos heta_{K^-}$	$-3.7 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.1$	$-6.3 \pm 3.9 \pm 1.2$	$-4.7\pm2.4\pm0.8$	1.8σ		
	$C_{\mathrm{TP}}\cos heta_{K^0_S}\cos heta_{K^-}$	$-4.4\pm3.2\pm1.4$	$+0.8\pm3.9\pm1.4$	$-2.2\pm2.5\pm1.0$	0.8σ		
	$C_{ m QP}\cos heta_{K^0_S}\cos heta_{K^-}$	$-1.6 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.3$	$-0.0\pm3.9\pm1.7$	$-1.0\pm2.4\pm1.0$	0.4σ		

[arXiv: 2409.15777]

Precision measurement of $|V_{cd(s)}|$



- Precision test of the CKM unitarity is an important approach to search for new physics
- Besides the CP-violating phases in the triangle $V_{ud}^*V_{cd} + V_{us}^*V_{cs} + V_{ub}^*V_{cb} = 0$, $|V_{cd(s)}|$ are also key parameters



Precision test of lepton flavor universality in charm sector



Precision test of LQCD calculations





Decay constant f_{D^+} and $|V_{cd}|$ with $D^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l$



Precision of decay constant and $|V_{cd}|$ reach 1.2%

Decay constant $f_{D_s^+}$ and $|V_{cs}|$ with $D_s^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l$



Study of the $D \to K\ell^+\nu_{\ell}$ decay

➤ 7.93 fb⁻¹ data @ 3.773 GeV $\gg \mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^- e^+ \nu_e) = (3.521 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.016)\%$ $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (3.419 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.016)\%$ $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \overline{K}^0 e^+ \nu_e) = (8.864 \pm 0.039 \pm 0.082)\%$ $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \overline{K}^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = (8.665 \pm 0.046 \pm 0.084)\%$

➤ LFU test (SM: 0.975±0.001)

 $\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^- \mu^+ \nu_{\mu})}{\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to K^- e^+ \nu_e)} = 0.971 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.006 \;(\sim 0.7\%)$ $\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \bar{K}^0 \mu^+ \nu_{\mu})}{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \bar{K}^0 e^+ \nu_e)} = 0.978 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.013 \,(\sim 1.5\%)$



[PRD 110 (2024) 112006]

Study of the $D \rightarrow K\ell^+\nu_\ell$ decay



- $f_+^K(0) = 0.7366 \pm 0.0011 \pm 0.0013$, consistent with the LQCD calculation
- $|V_{cs}| = (0.9623 \pm 0.0015 \pm 0.0017 \pm 0.0040)$ MeV

Summary

- Precision study of charm mixing and CP violation would be one of the most important goals of heavy flavor physics in coming years
- More precise determination of the CKM matrix elements in the charm sector is also essential to test SM
- Charm physics studies at Belle (II) and BESIII (or STCF in the future) are complementary to each other
- There are a lot of other progresses, eg. charmed baryons, rare charm decays etc...
 - See <u>Belle</u>, <u>Belle II</u>, <u>BESIII</u>