# Machine Learning with $D^0 ightarrow K^0_s \pi^+ \pi^-$ at LHCb

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Mixing parameters:

$$x \equiv \frac{(m_1 - m_2)}{\Gamma}$$
  $y \equiv \frac{(\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2)}{2\Gamma}$ 

Mass Eigenstates:

$$\left| D_{1,2} \right\rangle = p \left| D^0 \right\rangle \pm q \left| \bar{D}^0 \right\rangle$$

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### World Average



## Neutral Meson Mixing

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\mathcal{A}_{f}(t)\right|^{2} &= \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{-\Gamma t}\left[\left(\left|\mathcal{A}_{f}\right|^{2} - \left|\frac{q}{p}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{f}\right|^{2}\right)\cos(x\Gamma t) - 2\mathcal{I}m\left(\mathcal{A}_{f}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{f}^{*}\left[\frac{q}{p}\right]^{*}\right)\sin(x\Gamma t)\right. \\ &+ \left(\left|\mathcal{A}_{f}\right|^{2} + \left|\frac{q}{p}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{f}\right|^{2}\right)\cosh(y\Gamma t) - 2\mathcal{R}e\left(\mathcal{A}_{f}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{f}^{*}\left[\frac{q}{p}\right]^{*}\right)\sinh(y\Gamma t)\right] \end{aligned}$$

### The LHCb Detector



### Data samples

- Single-tagged:  $B^- \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-) \mu^- \bar{\nu_{\mu}}$
- Double-tagged:  $\bar{B^0} \rightarrow D^{*+} (\rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^0_s \pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^+) \mu^- \bar{\nu_{\mu}}$



- VELO: Vertex Locator
- **TT and T1-T3:** Tracking stations located before and after the dipole magnet

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## The LHCb Data Flow



## **Pre-Selection**

#### Pre-selection Requirements

- *B* meson flight distance  $\chi^2$ :  $\chi^2_{FD} > 100$
- $\chi^2_{\it FD}$  : Difference between the  $\chi^2$  of the primary vertex fit with and without the particle
- Probability that the muon is a muon:  $\mathrm{ProbNNmU} \geq 0.6$
- Pion does not look like a muon

#### Decay Tree Fitter

- Kinematic refit with known  $D^0$  and  $K_s^0$  masses
- Fit must have converged
- Fit quality must be good:  $\chi^2 < 25$

# What is Machine Learning?

#### Types of Machine Learning:

- **Supervised:** Data points have known outcome
- Unsupervised: Data points have unknown outcome

#### Types of Supervised Learning:

- **Regression:** Predicted quantity is continuous
- Classification: Predicted quantity is a category



### Boosted Decision Trees



- Features: properties of the data used for prediction
- **Target:** predicted category or label of the data
- Label: the target value for a single data point

## Gradient Boosted Decision Trees

- Gradient Boosting is an ensembling technique
- Prediction is done by an ensemble of estimators
- Gradient boosting provides improved predictions by combining an ensemble of estimators
- Weak Learner: A decision tree which does not perform very well



### XGBoost

- XGBoost: eXtreme Gradient Boosting
- Can be used in a range of computing environments: parallelisation and distributed computing
- XGBoost is much faster than other gradient boosting implementations



# Boosting to Uniformity

- It is important to have flat efficiency in decay time and Dalitz variables to avoid biases
- uBoost uses a combination of FlatnessLoss and AdaLoss
- FlatnessLoss: penalises non-uniformity
- AdaLoss: penalises poor predictions like regular boosting
- Loss Function:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{AdaLoss} + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{FL}$$



## **BDT** Input Variables

- *m<sub>corr</sub>*(*B*): corrected mass of the *B*-meson candidate with respect to the best primary vertex
- **Corrected Mass:** Mass corrected for the missing transverse energy of the neutrino
- $\theta_{DIRA}$  of the *B*-meson candidate
- **DIRA (Direction Angle)**: The angle between a line drawn from the primary vertex to the decay vertex of the particle and the sum of the 4-momentum of its decay products
- $\chi^2/ndof$  of the *B*-meson decay vertex
- $\chi^2$  of the *B*-meson primary vertex
- $p_T$  of the muon candidate
- $p_T$  of the  $D^0$  candidate
- $\chi^2/\mathit{ndof}$  of the  $D^0$  meson decay vertex

### Multivariate Analysis



### Mass Plots



**Delta mass:**  $\delta m = m(D^*) - m(D^0)$ 

## Summary

- Measure mixing parameters of  $D^0$  meson using  $D^0\to K^0_s\pi^+\pi^-$  decay at LHCb detector
- Mixing is suppressed in the charm sector and experimentally challenging
- $D^0 
  ightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  offers direct access to the mixing parameters x and y
- Machine learning is crucial for the amplitude fit used in this analysis