

Multi-body B decays

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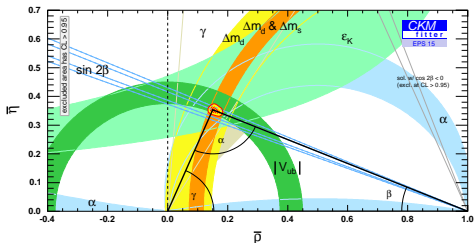
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B decays physics goals

Plot from CKM Fitter collaboration



→ $\gamma(\phi_3) : B \rightarrow DK, \pi$
(GLW, ADS, GGSZ methods)
 $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}s$ (tree level)

→ $\alpha(\phi_2) : B \rightarrow \pi\pi, \rho\pi, \rho\rho$
 $b \rightarrow u\bar{u}d$ (loop sensitive)

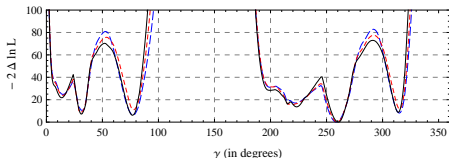
→ $\beta(\phi_1) : B \rightarrow K + \text{charmonium}$
 $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}d$ (loop sensitive)

- Amazing work by by the experimental community!
- Direct measurements (CKMFitter) : $\alpha(\phi_2) = 87.6_{-3.3}^{+3.5}$, $\beta(\phi_2) = 21.85_{-0.67}^{+0.68}$
- Direct γ measurement is statistics limited : $\gamma(\phi_3) = 73.2_{-7.0}^{+6.3}$

However, LHCb program to get $\delta\gamma$ to less than 1° (long run)

γ from three-body decays

- 3-body final state under SU(3) : $B \rightarrow K\pi\pi, K\bar{K}K$
 - 6 final state symmetries : permutations of 3 particles
- Fully-symmetric state (Rey-Le Lorier, London, 1109.0881)
 - More observables than unknowns $\Rightarrow \gamma$ can be extracted
 - BB, Imbeault, London, 1303.0846



→ SM-like : 77°

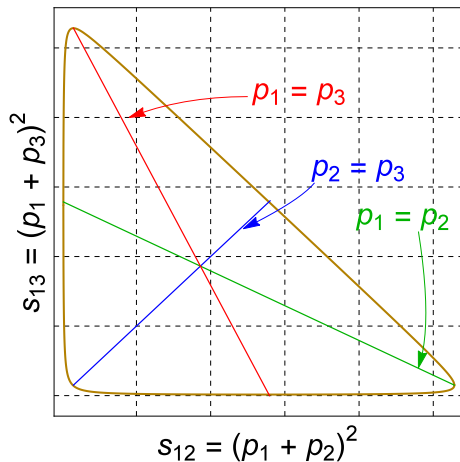
→ $32^\circ, 259^\circ, 315^\circ$

$K\pi\pi - K\bar{K}K$ puzzle ?

- Group theory analysis : I-spin, U-spin, SU(3) relations
 - BB, Gronau, Imbeault, London, Rosner, 1402.2909

Three-body decays : Dalitz plots

- Three-body final state : $|P_1(p_1)P_2(p_2)P_3(p_3)\rangle$ $s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$
 → Momentum dependent. One relation $s_{12} + s_{23} + s_{13} = \text{constant}$



Features of a Dalitz plot:

- Independent measurements at different points may be possible
- Same SM weak phase (such as γ); Hadronic parameters are local
- Consistency checks : Flavor symmetries (SU(3), U-spin etc) provide amplitude relationships

Three-body decays : Dalitz plots

- General three-body amplitude : $\mathcal{A} = a + e^{i\phi} b$
 - 2 parts separated by a **relative weak phase ϕ** (ignore overall phase)
 - $a \equiv a(p_1, p_2, p_3)$, $b \equiv b(p_1, p_2, p_3)$: $|a|, |b|$, relative strong phase
 - 4 unknowns at any general point on a Dalitz plot
- Only 2 (local/momentum dependent) observables
 - CP averaged branching ratio $\propto |\mathcal{A}|^2 + |\overline{\mathcal{A}}|^2$
 - direct-CP asymmetry $\propto |\mathcal{A}|^2 - |\overline{\mathcal{A}}|^2$
- The general three-body state is **NOT** a CP eigenstate!
 - CP conjugate of $K_s(p_1)\pi^+(p_2)\pi^-(p_3)$ is $K_s(p_1)\pi^-(p_2)\pi^+(p_3)$
 - Indirect/mixing-induced CP asymmetries not obvious

Bottom Line : Not enough observables to solve for γ

Can U-spin symmetry help?

- More observables in U-spin pairs : $B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^-$, $B_d^0 \rightarrow K_S K^+ K^-$
- Amplitudes have the same structure as before : $\mathcal{A} = a + e^{i\phi} b$
 - $\rightarrow \mathcal{A}_d = V_{ub}^* V_{ud} T_d + V_{cb}^* V_{cd} P_d$ $\mathcal{A}_s = V_{ub}^* V_{us} T_s + V_{cb}^* V_{cs} P_s$
 - $\rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{A}}_d = V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \overline{T}_d + V_{cb}^* V_{cd} \overline{P}_d$ $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s = V_{ub}^* V_{us} \overline{T}_s + V_{cb}^* V_{cs} \overline{P}_s$
- T_d and \overline{T}_d come from two regions of the same Dalitz plot
 - $\rightarrow |p_1 p_2 p_3\rangle$ and $|p_1 p_3 p_2\rangle$ represent 2 regions of the same Dalitz plot
- U-spin relates hadronic parameters : $T_d = T_s, \dots$
 - \rightarrow U-spin relationship : $|\mathcal{A}_d|^2 - |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_d|^2 = |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s|^2 - |\mathcal{A}_s|^2$ (consistency check)
- Solve this problem using indirect-CP asymmetry : $\text{Im} [(q/p) A^* \overline{A}]$
 - \rightarrow 2-body strategy : [Fleischer, hep-ph/9903456](#)
 - \rightarrow Independent measurement gives $B_d - \overline{B}_d$ mixing phase

A_{CP} in three-body decays

- Local (momentun dependent) branching fraction and CP asymmetry:

$$\Gamma(t) = \frac{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow f)}{2}$$

Note that $|f\rangle \neq |\bar{f}\rangle$

$$A_{CP}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow f)}$$

A_{CP} not a true “CP asymmetry”

Used for simplification

- Time-dependent Dalitz analysis : extract coefficients

$$\cos(\Delta mt) \propto \int_{\text{bin}} |\mathcal{A}|^2 - |\tilde{\mathcal{A}}|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{A} = \langle f|B^0\rangle, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \langle \bar{f}|B^0\rangle$$

$$\sin(\Delta mt) \propto \int_{\text{bin}} \text{Im} \left[(q/p) \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{A} \text{ has the form } a + e^{i\phi} b$$

$$\sinh(\Delta\Gamma t/2) \propto \int_{\text{bin}} \text{Re} \left[(q/p) \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \right]$$

\rightarrow Also for U-spin pair

$$\cosh(\Delta\Gamma t/2) \propto \int_{\text{bin}} |\mathcal{A}|^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{A}}|^2$$

Now we have enough observables to extract weak phase information

Further details in : [BB, D. London, 1503.00737](#)

Source of uncertainty

- In order to perform a fit we may use redefinitions:

$$\int_{\text{bin}} |\mathcal{A}|^2 \equiv |\mathcal{A}'|^2, \quad \int_{\text{bin}} |\tilde{\mathcal{A}}|^2 \equiv |\tilde{\mathcal{A}}'|^2, \quad \int_{\text{bin}} \text{Im} \left[(q/p) \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \right] \equiv ?$$

- Use approximation : $\int_{\text{bin}} \text{Im} \left[(q/p) \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \right] \approx \text{Im} \left[(q/p) \mathcal{A}'^* \tilde{\mathcal{A}}' \right]$

→ Relation is exact for a point-sized bin

→ Approximation gets worse as bin size increases

- Given data set \Rightarrow Larger statistical error for smaller bins

- Optimum bin size required to strike a balance

→ Vary bin size for fits to check its effect on physical parameters

Flavor-SU(3) symmetry

- Symmetry under interchange of u, d, s quarks
- 8 identical pseudoscalars under flavor SU(3) (8 generators of SU(3))
 - 3 Pions (π^\pm, π^0), 4 Kaons (K^\pm, K^0, \bar{K}^0) (+ a combination of η, η')
 - $|P_1 P_2 P_3\rangle$ has three identical particles under SU(3)
- The fully-symmetric state is simple : amplitude symmetrized in momentum
 - $|K^0(p_1)\pi^+(p_2)\pi^-(p_3)\rangle_{\text{FS}} = |K^0(p_1)\pi^+(p_3)\pi^-(p_2)\rangle_{\text{FS}}$
 - Mixing-induced CP asymmetry is simple : $\propto \text{Im} [(q/p)\mathcal{A}^*\bar{\mathcal{A}}]$
- **Complication : amplitude analysis is required**
 - Isobar method : $\mathcal{A}(s_{12}, s_{13}) \propto \sum_j c_j e^{i\phi_j} F_{\text{BW}}^j(s_{12}, s_{13})$
 - Superposition of non-resonant and resonant (quasi-two-body) modes

Flavor-SU(3) relations

- 9 independent flavor-SU(3) matrix elements describe all $B \rightarrow 3P$ amplitudes
 - BB, Gronau, Imbeault, London, Rosner, 1402.2909
- 16 $b \rightarrow s$ decay channels and 16 $b \rightarrow d$ decay channels
 - Amplitudes of these decays depend on 9 matrix elements
 - ⇒ Not all amplitudes are independent : there are relations
- Isospin symmetry alone gives 6 relations in $b \rightarrow s$ (momentum dependent)
 - $\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+ \pi^0)_{\text{FS}} = - \mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 \pi^-)_{\text{FS}}$
 - $\sqrt{2} \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow 3\pi^0)_{\text{FS}} = - \sqrt{3} \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)_{\text{FS}}$ (4 more)
- Full SU(3) gives a 7th relation in $b \rightarrow s$ decays:
 - $\sqrt{2} \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)_{\text{FS}} = \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^+ K^-)_{\text{FS}}$
 - U spin + FS version of : $\mathcal{A}(K_1^+ \pi_2^+ \pi^-) + \mathcal{A}(K_2^+ \pi_1^+ \pi^-) = \mathcal{A}(K^+ K^+ K^-)$

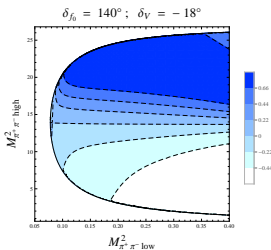
Gronau, Rosner, hep-ph/0304178

Using flavor-SU(3) relations

- Relations can be checked using amplitude analysis
- Expect larger deviations from SU(3) in some regions
 - Near narrow resonances : resonance masses break flavor symmetries
 - Near kinematic boundaries since $m_K \neq m_\pi$
- No contributions from vector resonances to FS states
 - Smaller contribution to SU(3) breaking in FS states
- Integrate over the kinematically-allowed regions
 - Expect smaller deviations from SU(3)
 - Possible cancellation of SU(3) breaking in the average
- Expect no (or tiny) deviations from Isospin relations
 - Deviations most likely show loopholes in amplitude analysis

Using Flavor SU(3) in B^+ decays

- Local asymmetries observed by LHCb in $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$
 - Region : $s_{\pi^+ \pi^- \text{ low}} < 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$, $s_{\pi^+ \pi^- \text{ high}} > 15 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Observed asymmetry : $A_{CP} \sim (60 \pm 10)\%$ Aaij et al.,1310.4740
- ρ (vector) & f^0 (scalar) channels interfere : BB, Gronau, Rosner, 1306.2625
 - $\mathcal{A}_{B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-}(s_{\text{low}}, s_{\text{high}}) = \mathcal{A}_\rho F_\rho(s_{\text{low}}, s_{\text{high}}) + \mathcal{A}_{f^0} F_{f^0}(s_{\text{low}}, s_{\text{high}})$
 - $\mathcal{A}_{f^0}, \mathcal{A}_\rho$ from Flavor-SU(3) fits to $B \rightarrow PS, PV$ decays



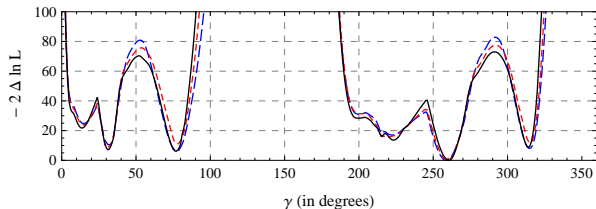
- Large local CP asymmetries can be due to interference between different isobar channels
- Local effects can be smaller in FS state
- Test for U-spin FS relation (local and integrated)

$$\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)_{\text{FS}} = \sqrt{2} \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^+ K^-)_{\text{FS}}$$

Three-body decay route to new physics

- γ extracted by applying SU(3) to fully symmetric state

→ Full Analysis : [BB, Imbeault, London, 1303.0846](#)



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→ Other solutions :
 32° , 259° , 315°

→ **Discrete Ambiguity**

- **Key** : γ extraction by applying SU(3) to other symmetry states
 - Break discrete ambiguity : more information from other states
- **Also key** : estimate systematic uncertainties in γ extraction
- **Interesting situation** : γ widely different from SM value
 - Significant SU(3) breaking ?
 - NP in three-body B decays; $K\pi\pi - KKK$ puzzle

Summary

- Three-body B decays may provide new information
- γ from three-body B decays is loop sensitive
- Flavor symmetry tests \rightarrow U-spin, SU(3) :
Compare flavor symmetry related decays
- U-spin related three-body decay pairs :
Time-dependent Dalitz analysis for γ
- Amplitude analysis \rightarrow SU(3) related final states
- Future theory studies of additional symmetry states

Three-body $b \rightarrow s$: more SU(3) relations

4 additional relations (isospin symmetry) :

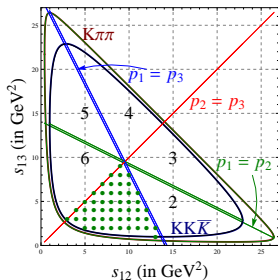
$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^0\pi^+\pi^0)_{\text{FS}} = \mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^+\pi^-)_{\text{FS}} + \sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^0\pi^0)_{\text{FS}}$$

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^0\pi^-)_{\text{FS}} = \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^+\pi^-)_{\text{FS}} + \sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^0\pi^0)_{\text{FS}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^0K^+K^-)_{\text{FS}} + \sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^0K^0\bar{K}^0)_{\text{FS}} \\ = -\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^-K^+\bar{K}^0)_{\text{FS}} - \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+K^-K^0)_{\text{FS}} \end{aligned}$$

γ from 3-body using flavor SU(3)



Fully-symmetric amplitudes :

$$2\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 \pi^-)_{\text{FS}} = b e^{i\gamma} - \kappa c$$

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)_{\text{FS}} = -(d + \tilde{P}'_{uc})e^{i\gamma} - a + \kappa d$$

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)_{\text{FS}} = -(c + \tilde{P}'_{uc})e^{i\gamma} - a + \kappa b$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^0 K^0 \bar{K}^0)_{\text{FS}} = \alpha_{\text{SU}(3)}(\tilde{P}'_{uc} e^{i\gamma} + a)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B_d^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^0 K^-)_{\text{FS}} = \alpha_{\text{SU}(3)}\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)_{\text{FS}}$$

- Hadronic parameters : $a, b, c, d, \alpha_{\text{SU}(3)}, \tilde{P}'_{uc}$; Theory input : κ
- $\tilde{P}'_{uc} = 0$ for no CP-asymmetry in $3K_S$ channel
- Observables : $X = |\mathcal{A}|^2 + |\bar{\mathcal{A}}|^2$, $Y = |\mathcal{A}|^2 - |\bar{\mathcal{A}}|^2$, $Z = \text{Im}[\mathcal{A}^* \bar{\mathcal{A}}]$
- Simplest fit : $\alpha_{\text{SU}(3)} = 1$; 9 observables \Rightarrow 7 hadronic unknowns + γ
 \rightarrow Full Analysis : BB, Imbeault, London, 1303.0846

“ $B \rightarrow \pi K$ puzzle” and γ

- Flavor SU(3) relates: $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0, \pi^0 K^+$; $B_d^0 \rightarrow \pi^- K^+, \pi^0 K^0$
- 9 measurements : 4 branching ratios + 4 direct CP asymmetries
+ 1 indirect CP asymmetry
- 9 unknowns : 4 magnitudes + 3 relative strong phases + $\beta + \gamma$
- SM can explain data but still room for NP
 - Best fit value for $\gamma = (35.9 \pm 7.7)^\circ$: large deviation from γ_{tree}
 - [Baek, Chiang, London, 0903.3086](#)
- Problematic in (certain) NP models as well!
 - [Imbeault, Baek, London, 0802.1175](#)
 - [Endo, Yoshinaga, 1206.0067](#)