

Improved Measurement of $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$ and Precise Determination of the CKM Angle α

We present improved measurements of the branching fraction, the longitudinal polarization fraction f_L , and the direct CP asymmetry A_{CP} in the B meson decay channel $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0$. The data sample was collected with the BaBar detector at SLAC. The results are $BF(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^0) = (23.7 \pm 1.4 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-6}$, $f_L = 0.950 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.006$, and $A_{CP} = -0.054 \pm 0.055 \pm 0.010$, where the uncertainties are statistical and systematic, respectively. Based on these results, we perform an isospin analysis and determine the CKM phase angle $\alpha = \arg(-V_{td}V_{tb}/V_{ud}V_{ub})$ to be $(92.4 \pm 6.0 \pm 6.5)$ degrees.

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