

Extraction of the angle γ from charmless 3-body B decays using results from BABAR

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CKM parameters and charmless B meson decays

Measure CKM parameters:

- SM: V_{CKM} is unitary.
- SM + NP: V_{CKM} may not be unitary.
- Need to test unitarity and self-consistency.

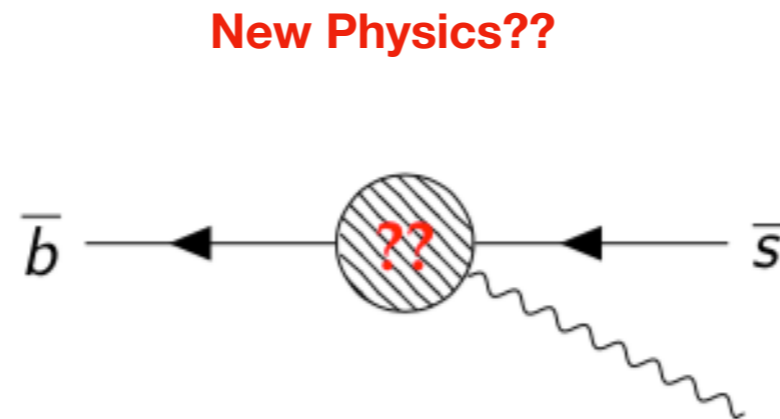
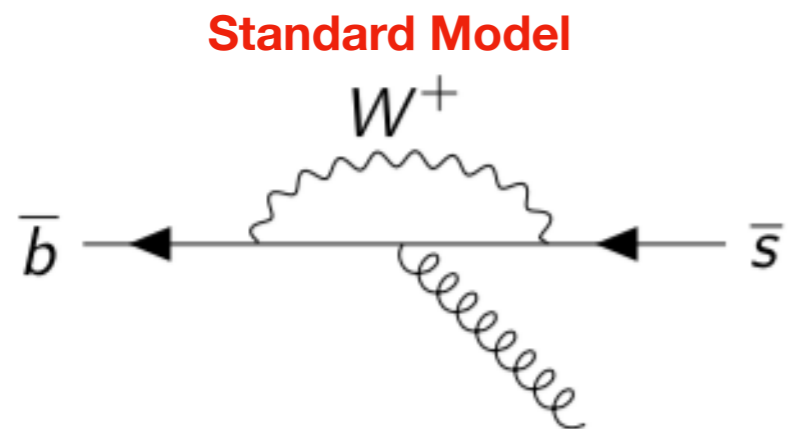
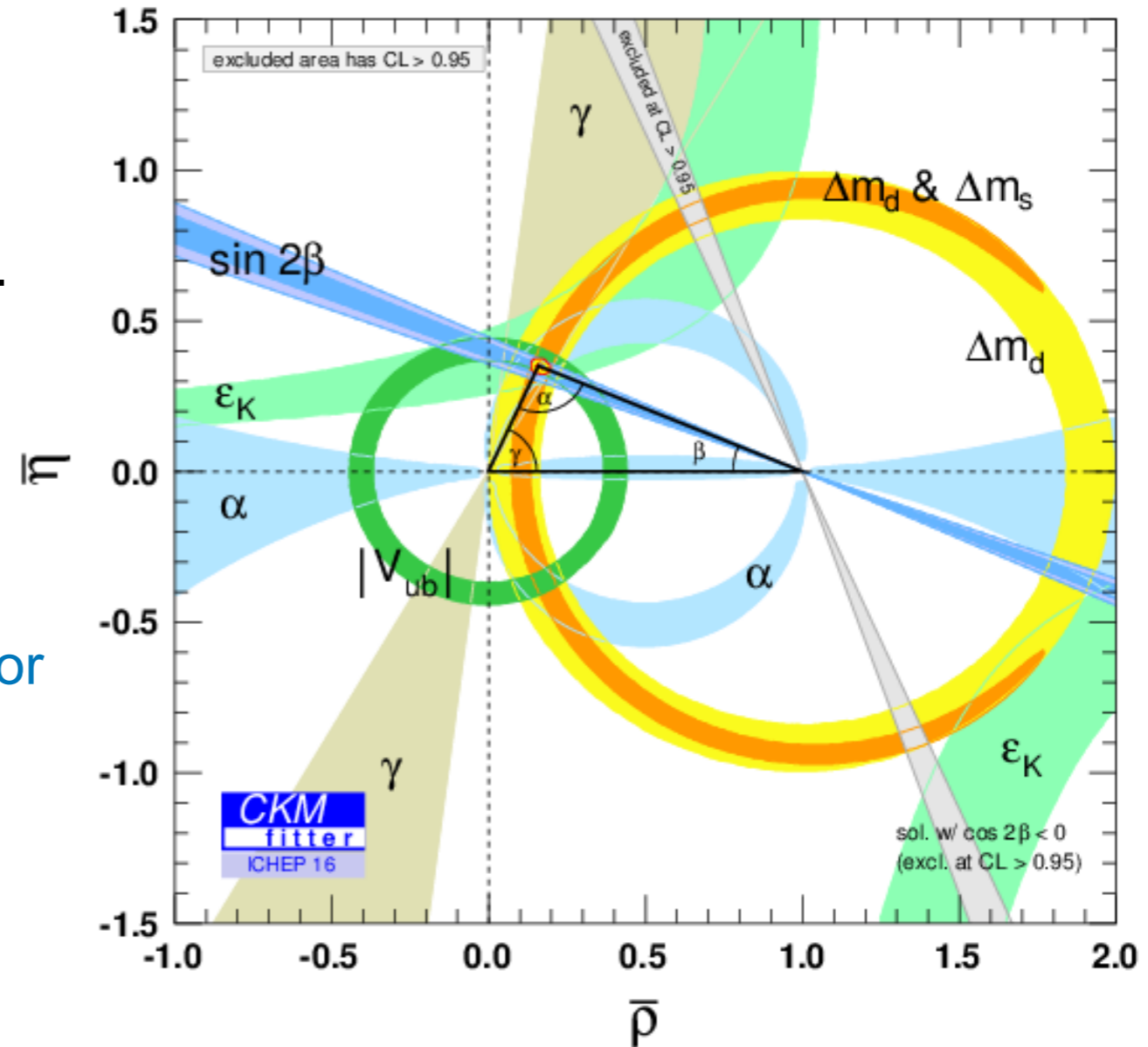
→ over-constrain the Unitarity Triangle.

Measure γ :

- from tree decays (eg. $B \rightarrow DK$).
- from loop decays [charmless].
- least known CKM parameter to date, not for long, though...

Charmless B meson decays:

- Tree and penguin contributions can have similar size.
- CPV
- NP searches



$$\alpha = 88.8^{\circ} \pm 2.3^{\circ}$$

$$\beta = 21.85^{\circ} \pm 0.68^{\circ}$$

$$\gamma = 72.1^{\circ} \pm 5.4^{\circ}$$

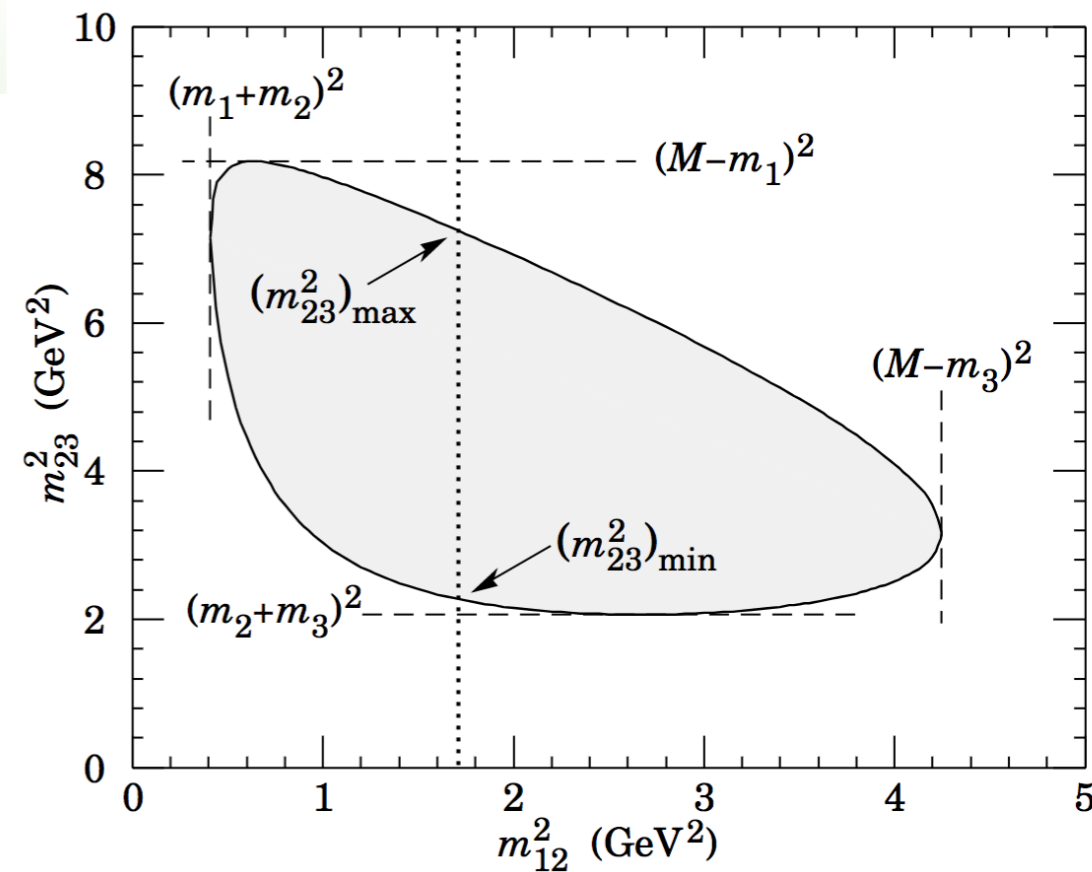
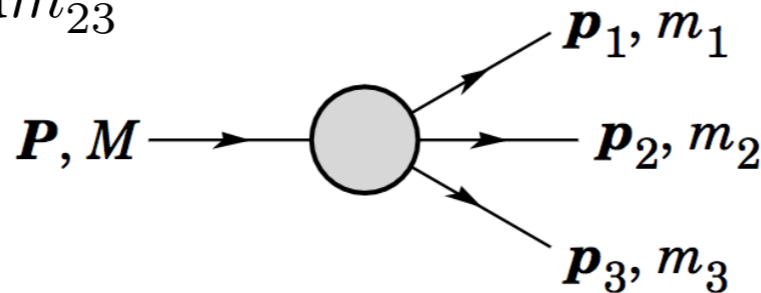
3-body decays

Dalitz plot

- Information on the resonant structure.
- Direct access to phases
- Branching ratios, direct and indirect CP asymmetries.

- Partial width of the decay:

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{(2\pi^3)} \frac{1}{32M^2} |\bar{A}|^2 dm_{12}^2 dm_{23}^2$$



Experimental parametrisation of the DP: Isobar Model

The total amplitude of a 3-body decay is described as a coherent sum of partial amplitudes:

$$A(m_{12}^2, m_{23}^2) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j e^{i\phi_j} F_j(m_{12}^2, m_{23}^2)$$

Isobar parameters:
weak dynamics

Lineshape:
strong dynamics

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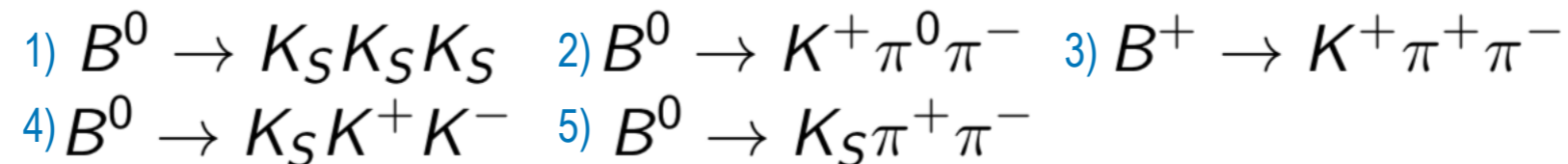
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- Use BABAR models (resonant content, lineshapes) and analysis results (isobar parameters, correlation matrices) to reconstruct the amplitudes of the different decay modes over the DP and extract γ with its uncertainty.

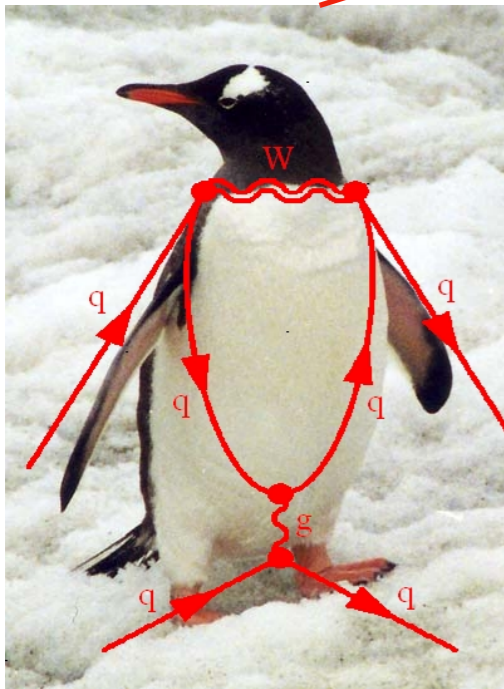
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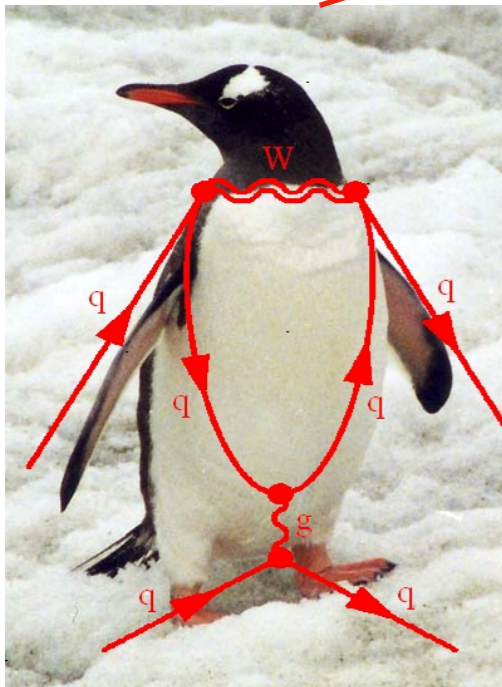
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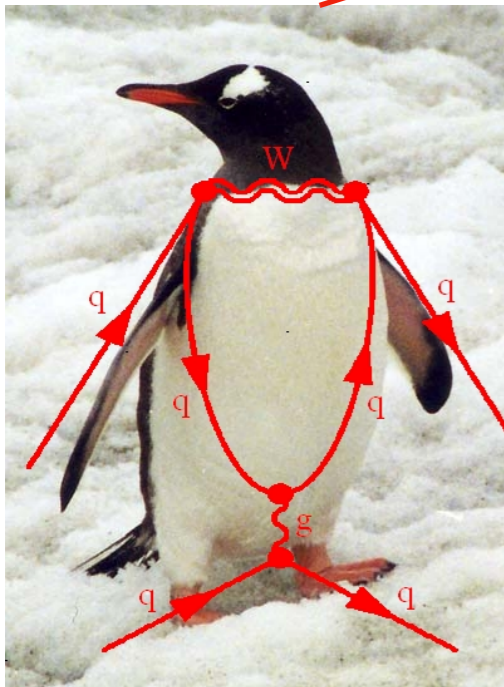
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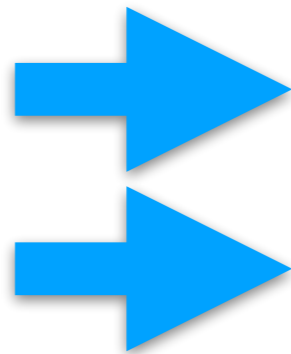
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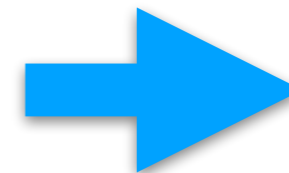
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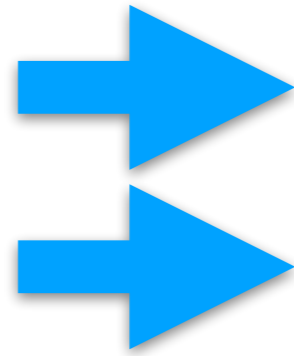


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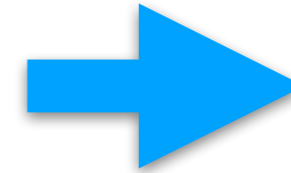
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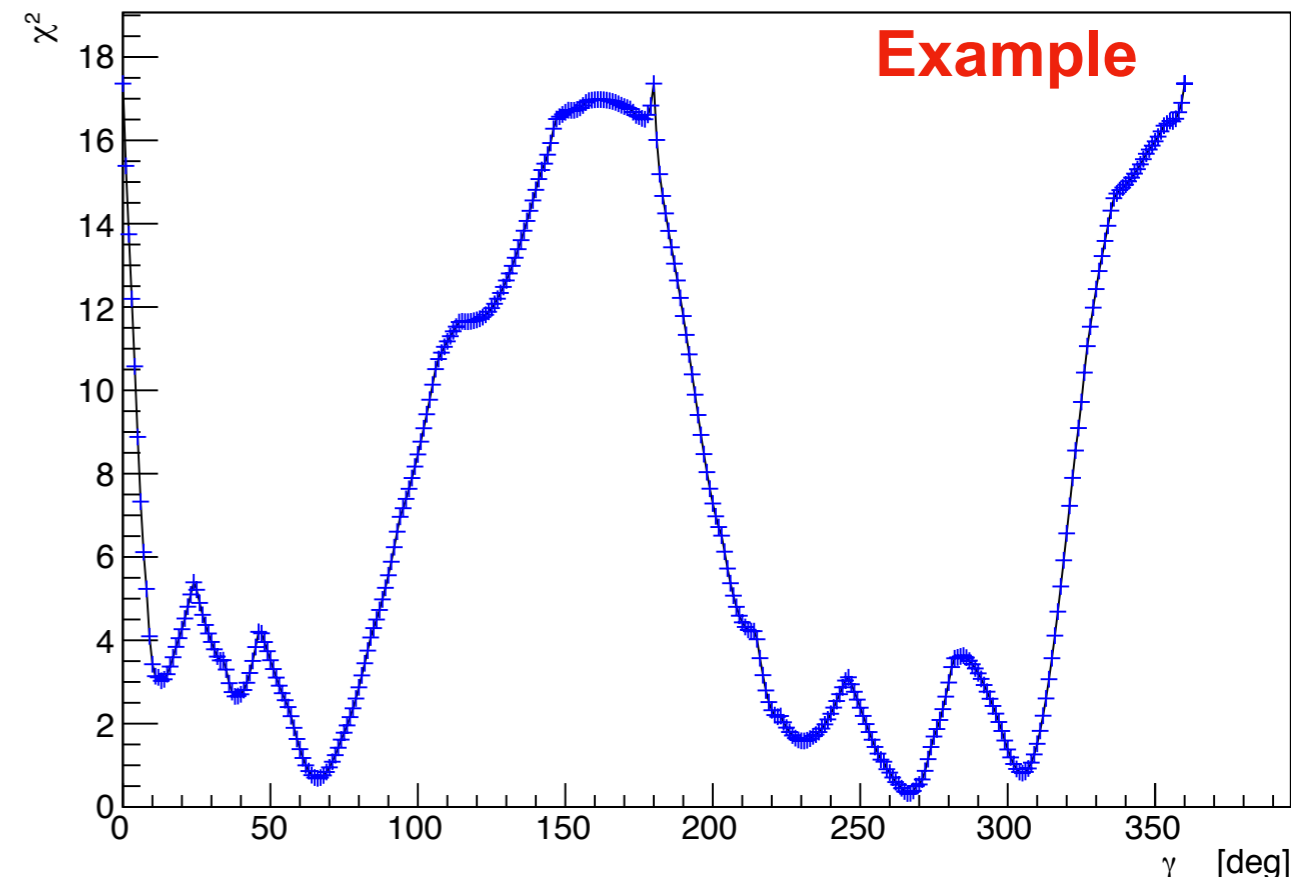


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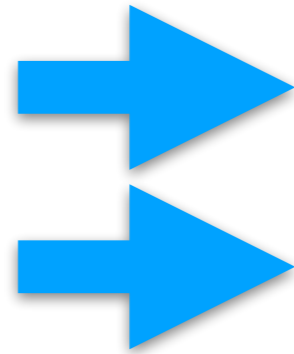
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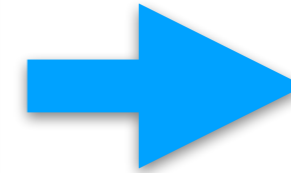
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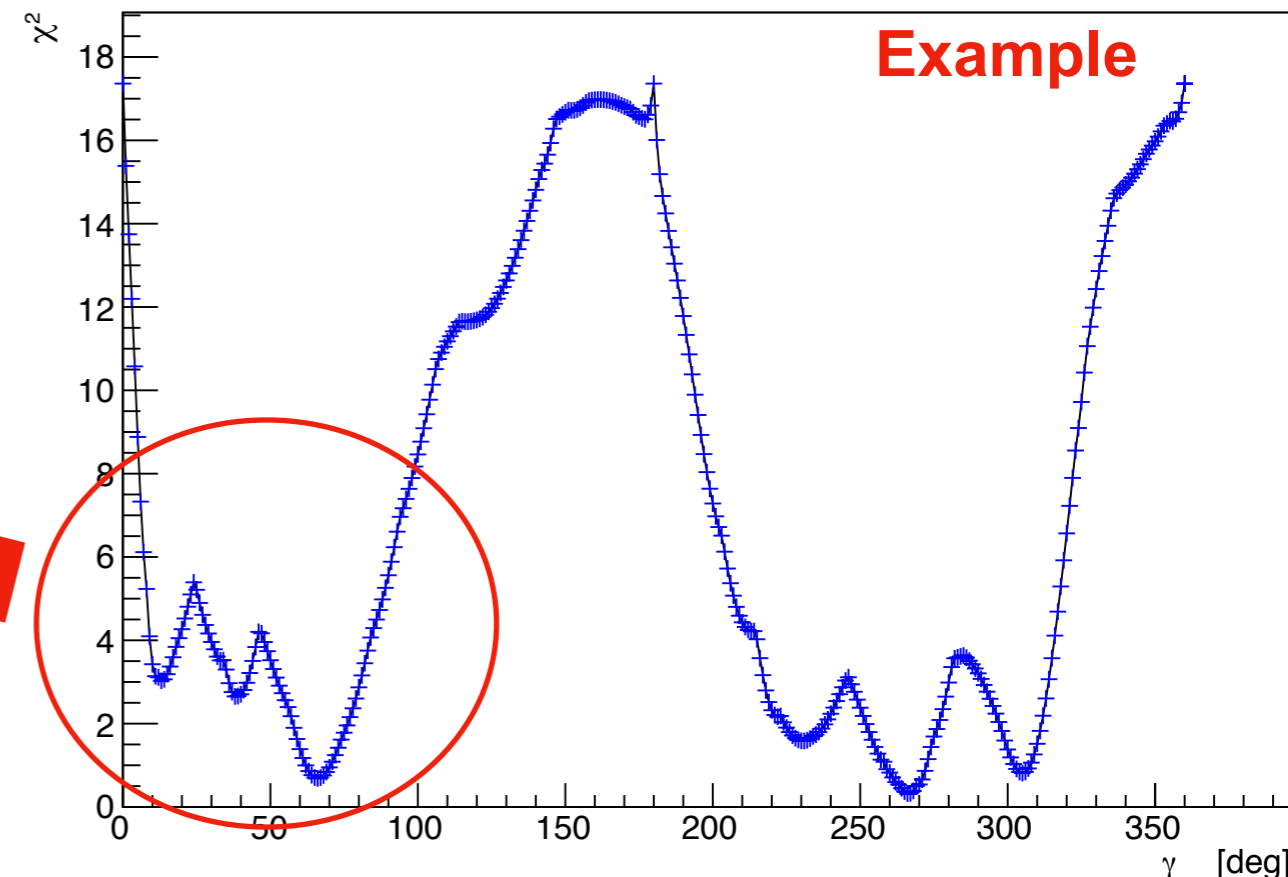
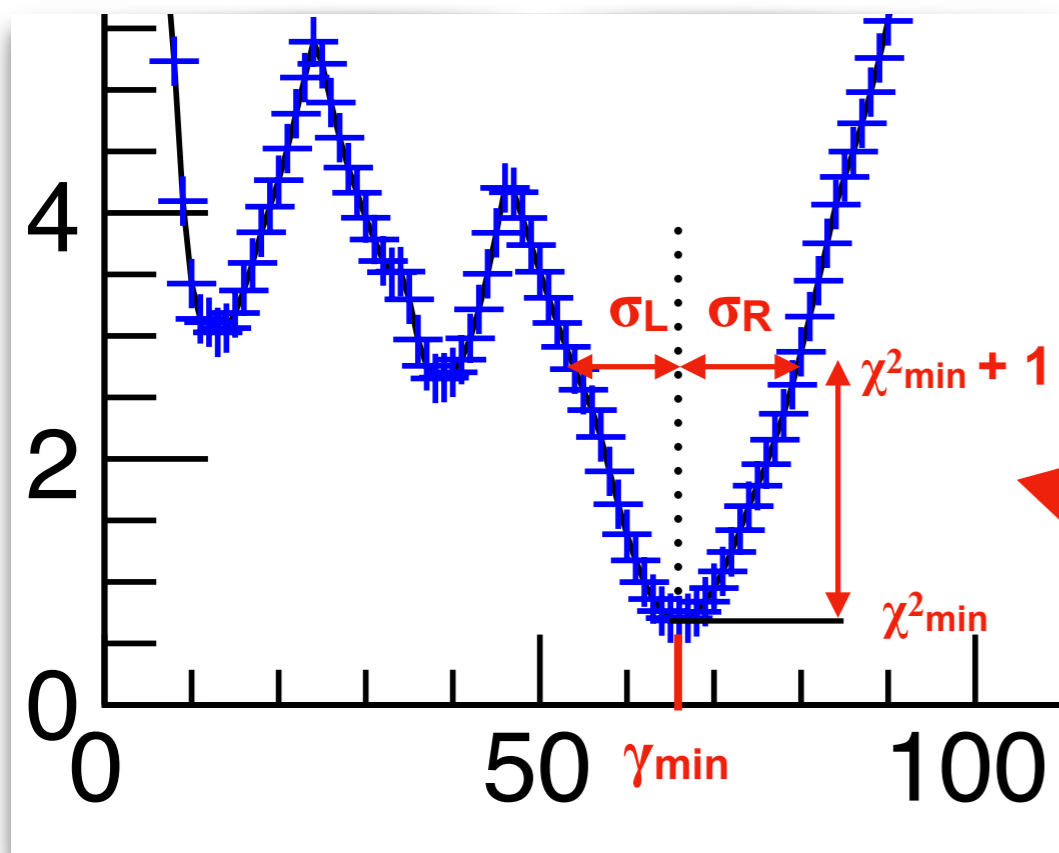


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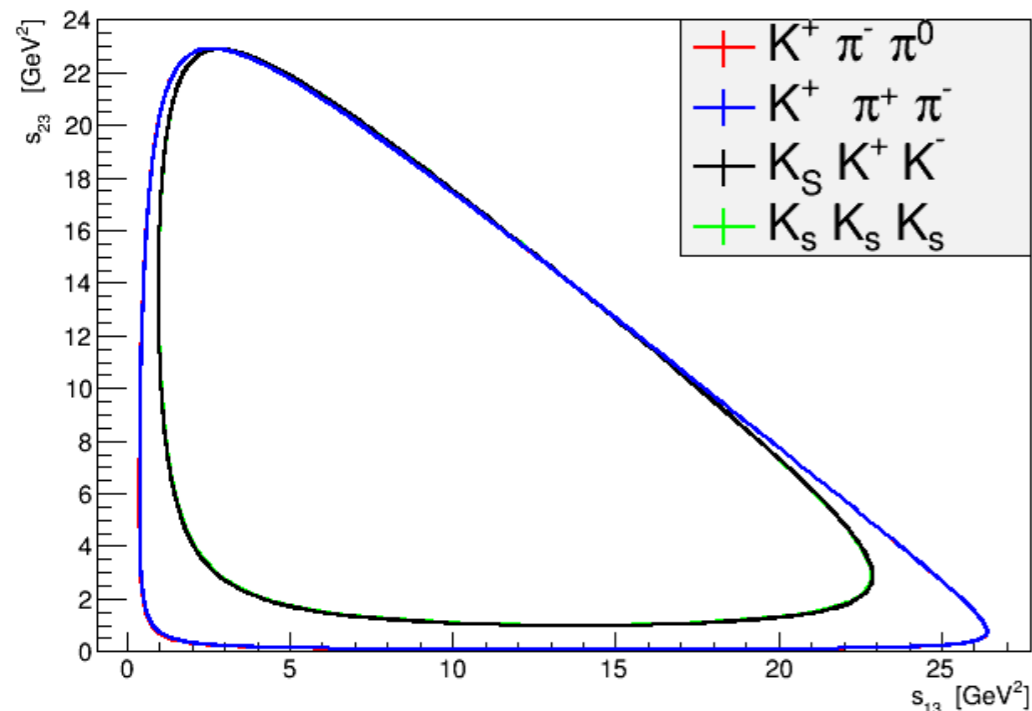
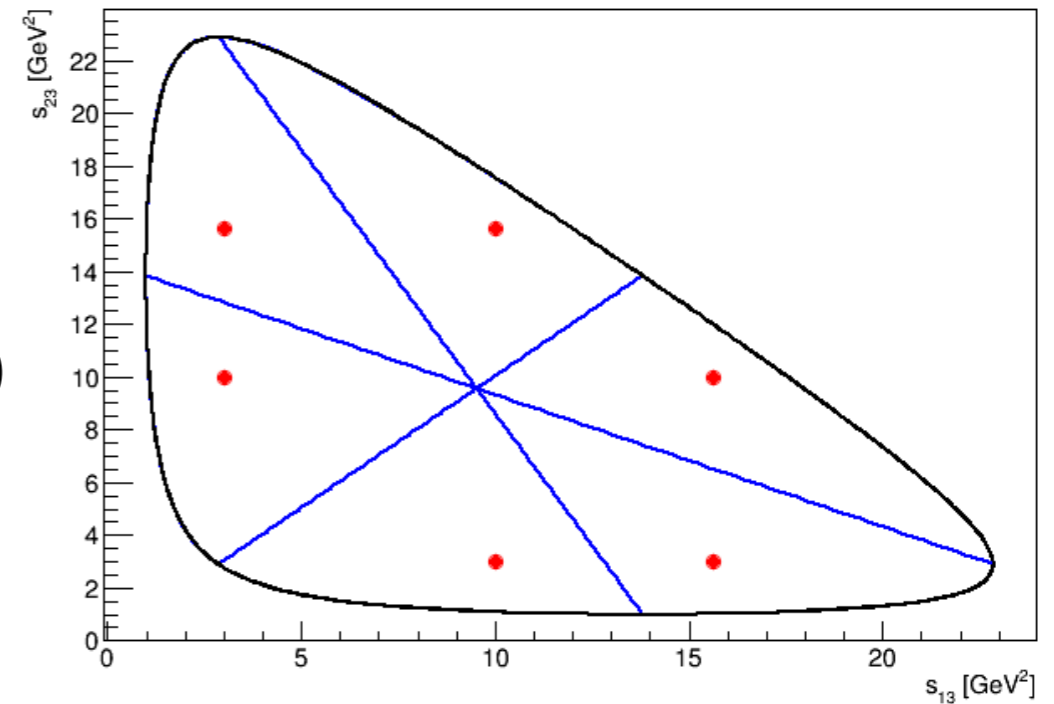


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Fully symmetrised amplitudes

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The fully symmetric DP is divided into 6 regions containing the same information.



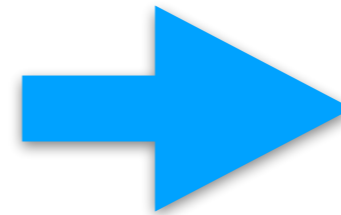
Kinematic boundaries of the different modes

The information we can use is limited by the size of $B^0 \rightarrow K_S K_S K_S$ DP (smallest one).

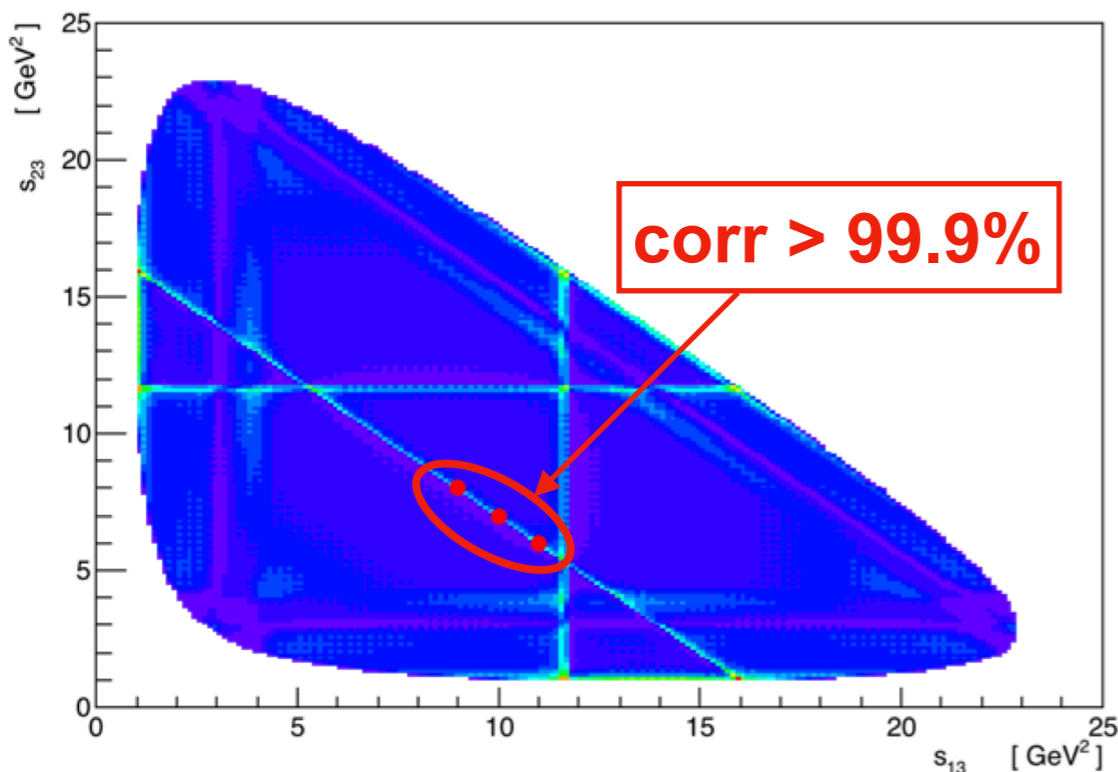
Choice of points on the DP

The use of several points allows:

- Improving the validity of flavour SU(3) hyp.
- Using the maximum amount of information.
- Improving the statistical uncertainties.



Extract γ using the **maximum possible** number of points on the DP.



In practice, due to very high correlations between certain points we are limited to the use of **3 simultaneous points**.

Cov matrix:
33x33 (39x39)

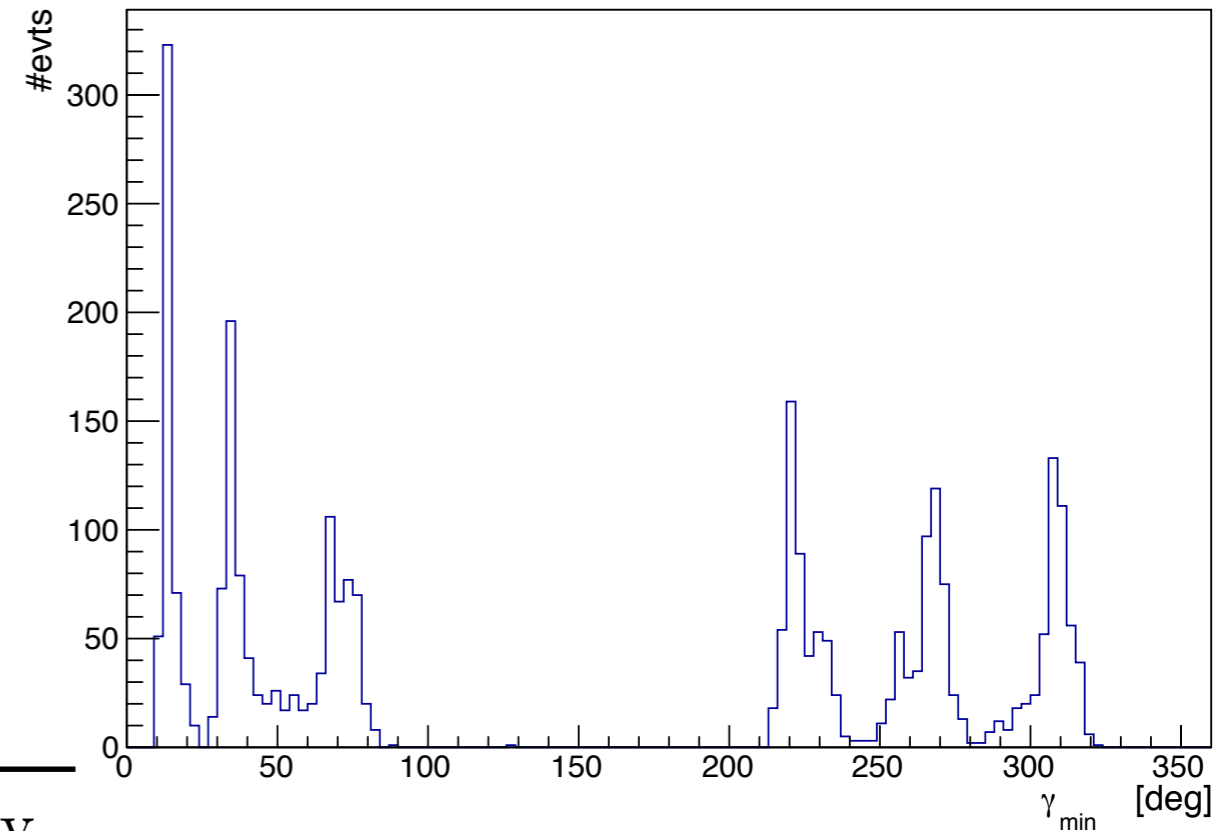
Method for extracting the results

- Several hundred combinations of 3 points randomly scattered over the DP.
- For each set of points: scan on the value of γ (500 fits with random initial parameters).
- Extract minima and statistical uncertainties for each scan.
- Combine results of all scans.
- Estimate systematic uncertainties.

Baseline results: extraction of γ using 4 modes

- $\alpha_{\text{SU}(3)}$ fixed to 1 in the fit.
- 501 sets of random 3-points combinations (correlations < 70%).
- 500 fits randomising the initial values of the parameters per set.
- Fit convergence = 100%.

Histogram of the central values of the minima extracted from the 501 sets of points.



Preferred values for γ : central values (μ) and statistical uncertainties (σ_L , σ_R).

	μ	σ_L	σ_R	frequency
minimum 1	12.9°	4.3 °	8.4°	484
minimum 2	36.6 °	6.1°	6.6°	474
minimum 3	68.9 °	8.6 °	8.6°	461
minimum 4	223.2°	7.5°	10.9°	499
minimum 5	266.4°	10.8°	9.2°	487
minimum 6	307.5°	8.1°	6.9°	488

$$\gamma_{\text{SM}} = 72.1^{\circ+5.4^{\circ}}_{-5.8^{\circ}}$$

Results

- 6 possible values for γ .
- 3rd minimum compatible with SM.
- Statistical error of the order of 10°.

Systematic uncertainties

Influence of "poorly resolved" minima

- To combine the results obtained from the different sets of 3 points we average on the central values of the minima.
- Some minima are not deep enough to extract statistical uncertainties. They are labelled as "**poorly resolved minima**" and are **not included** in the average for the baseline result.
- The central value including all the minima, μ^{all} , is used to assign a systematic uncertainty

$$\text{Syst1} = |\mu - \mu^{\text{all}}|$$

Influence flavour SU(3) breaking

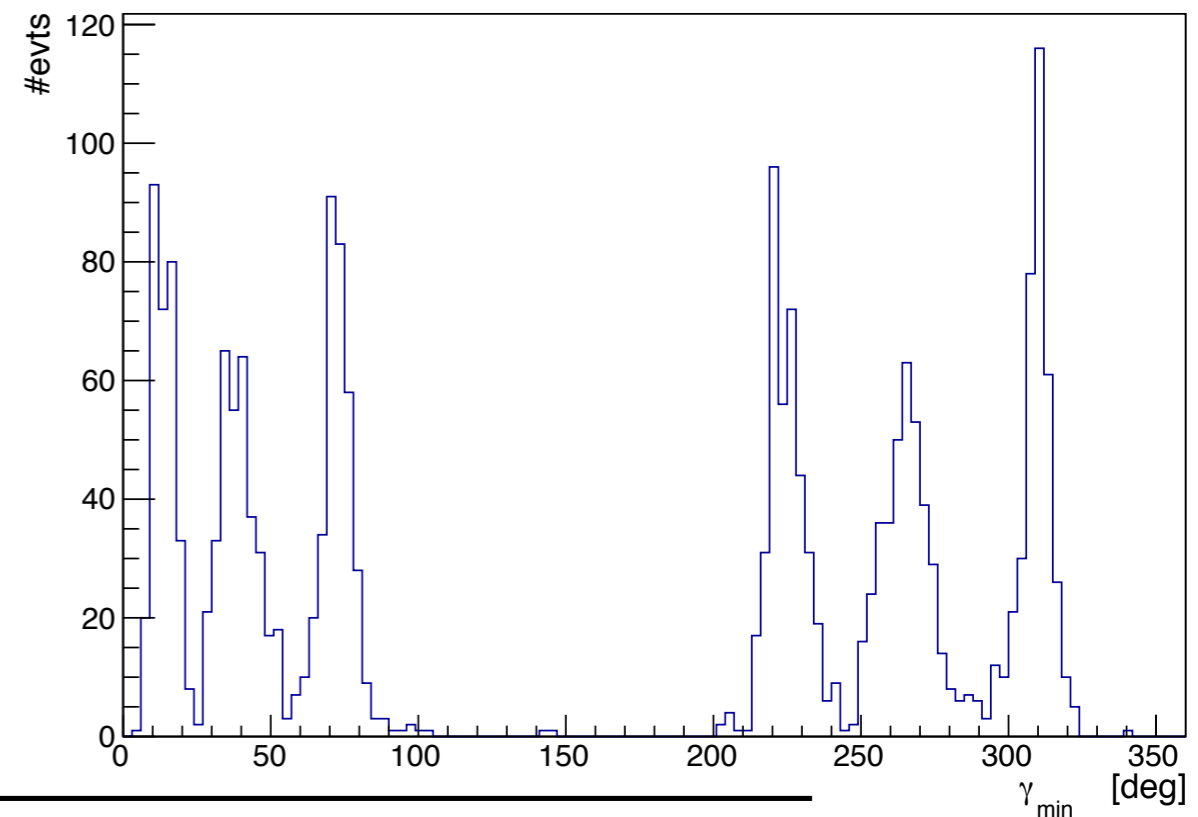
- So far we do not take into account flavour SU(3) breaking.
- γ is re-extracted with 5 modes, letting $\alpha_{\text{SU}(3)}$ float in the fit. [next slide]
- Central values found with 5 modes are used to assign a systematic uncertainty

$$\text{Syst2} = |\mu^{4\text{modes}} - \mu^{5\text{modes}}|$$

Extraction of γ using 5 modes

- $\alpha_{SU(3)}$ free in the fit.
- 401 sets of random 3-points combinations (correlations < 80%).
- 500 fits randomising the initial values of the parameters per set.
- Fit convergence $\gtrsim 80\%$.

Histogram of the minima extracted from the 401 sets of points.



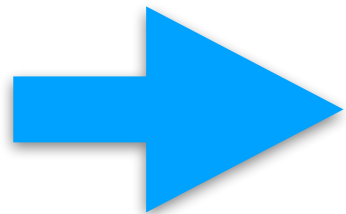
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minimum 2	39.2	6.3	6.7	1.2	2.6	329
minimum 3	71.3	9.5	9.3	0.4	2.4	372
minimum 4	223.9	7.4	9.5	0.1	0.7	383
minimum 5	265.0	11.0	10.0	1.2	1.3	378
minimum 6	308.4	8.8	7.0	0.6	0.9	391

Central values and statistical uncertainties are compatible with those obtained extracting γ with 4 modes.

Summary of systematic uncertainties

	minimum 1	minimum 2	minimum 3	minimum 4	minimum 5	minimum 6
syst 1	0.8°	0.3°	0.2°	0.7°	1.4°	0.7°
syst 2	1.0°	2.6°	2.4°	0.7°	1.3°	0.9°



Statistical uncertainties dominate ($\approx 10^\circ$)

Further tests of flavour $SU(3)$ breaking

Test no 1 of flavour SU(3) breaking

- From the theoretical expressions for the amplitudes:

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

- If flavour SU(3) symmetry is conserved, $\alpha_{SU(3)} = 1$, and thus these amplitudes are equal.
- We define the ratio $R(s_{13}, s_{23})$

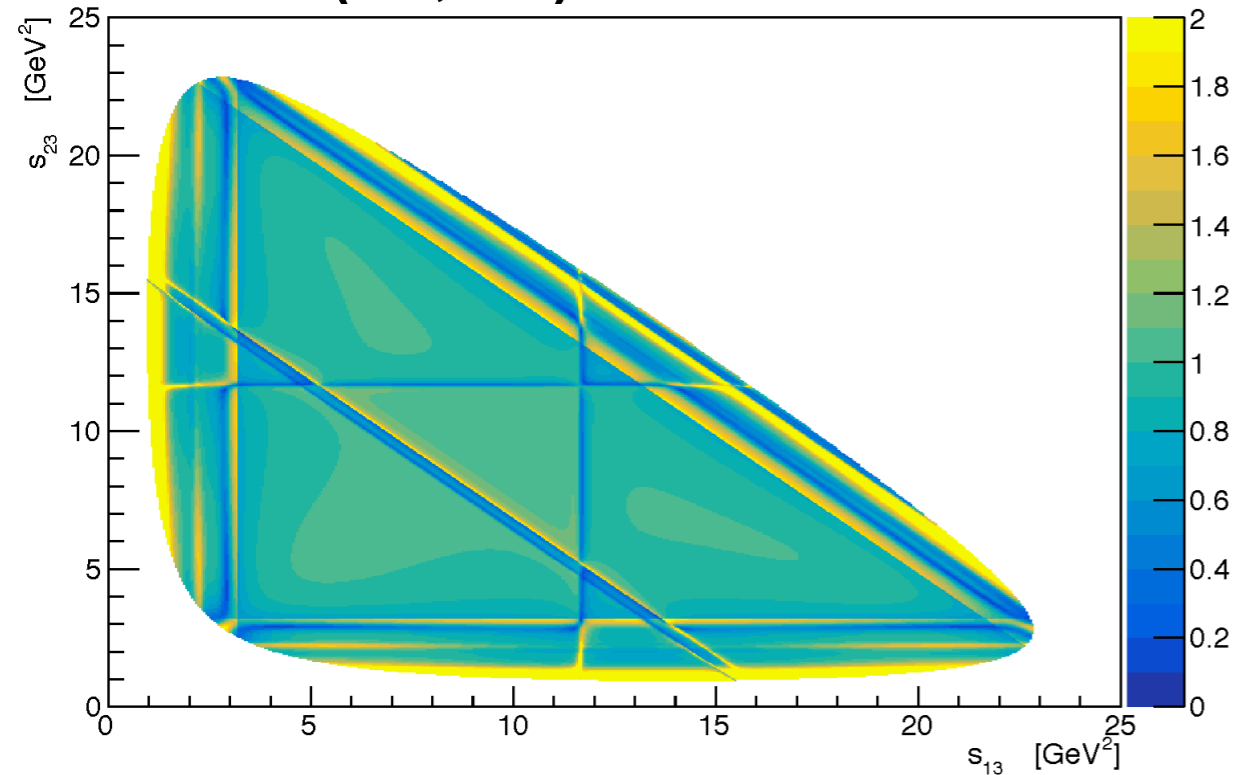
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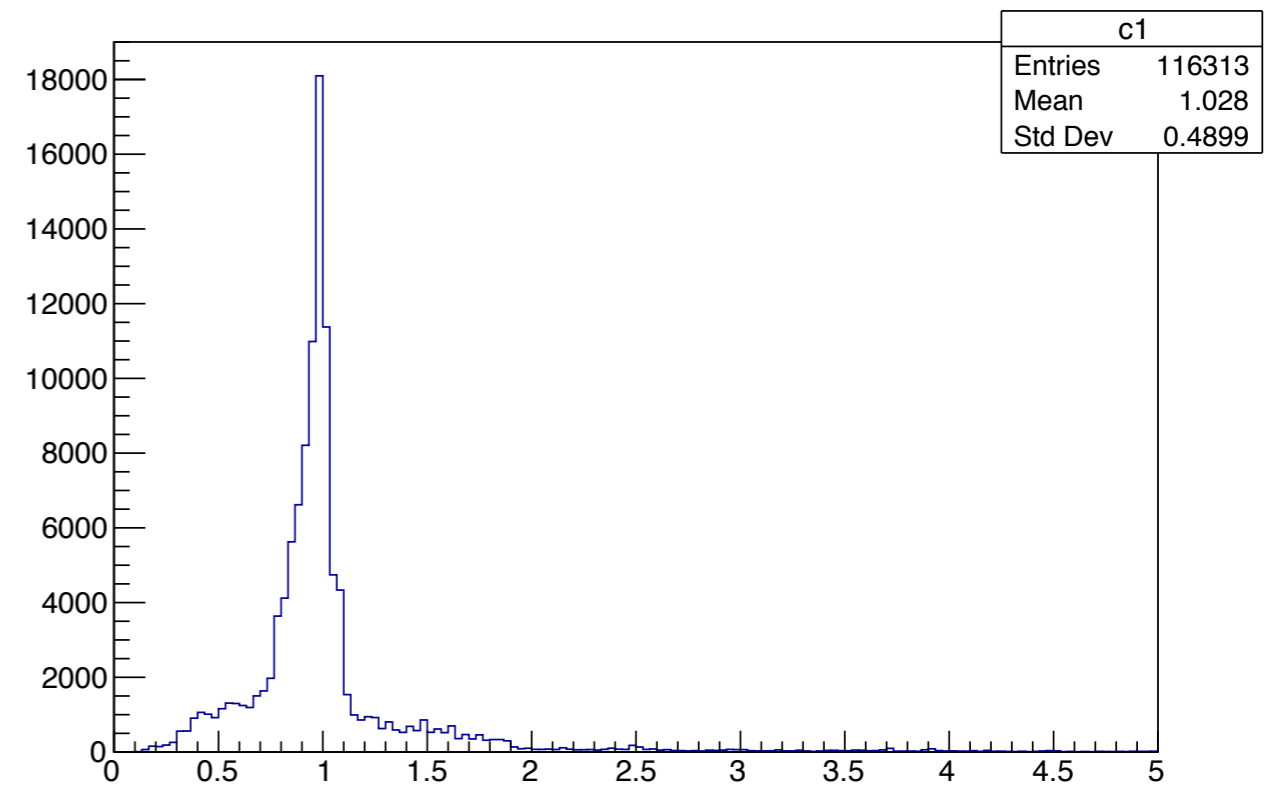
- Flavour SU(3) symmetry is conserved when averaging over many points over the DP.

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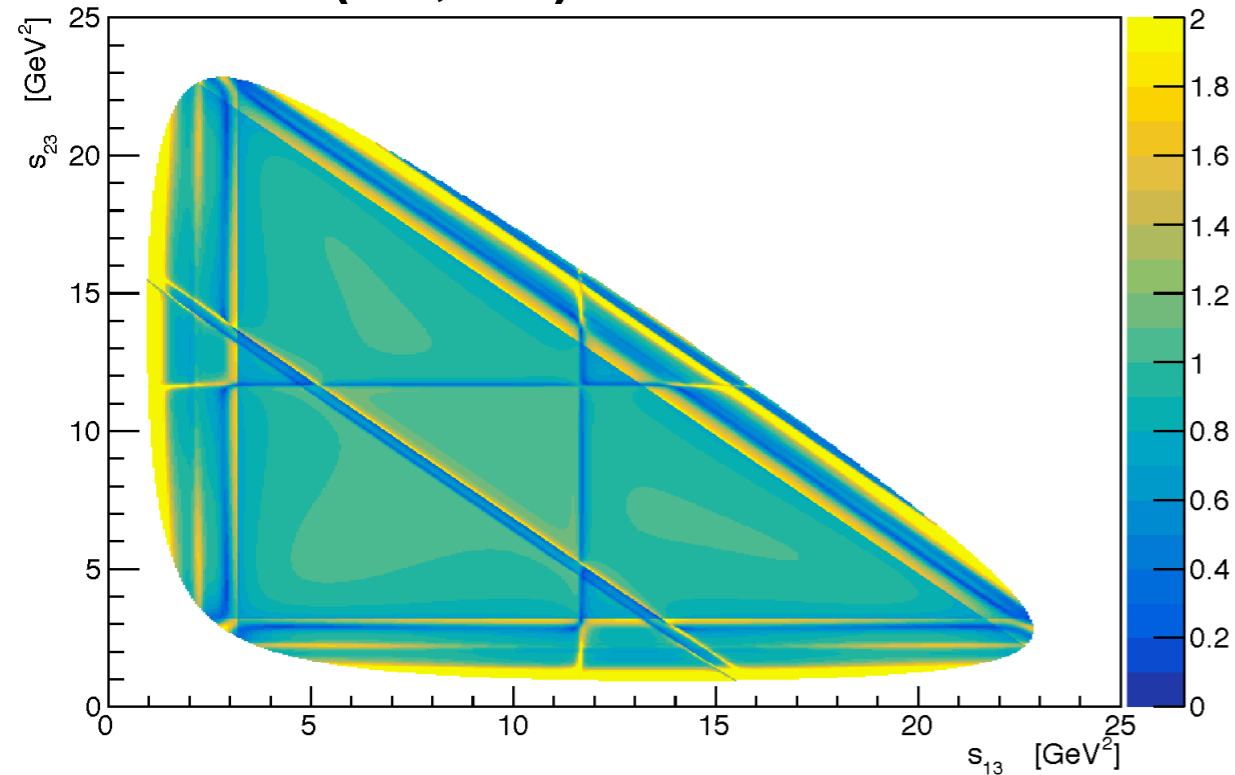


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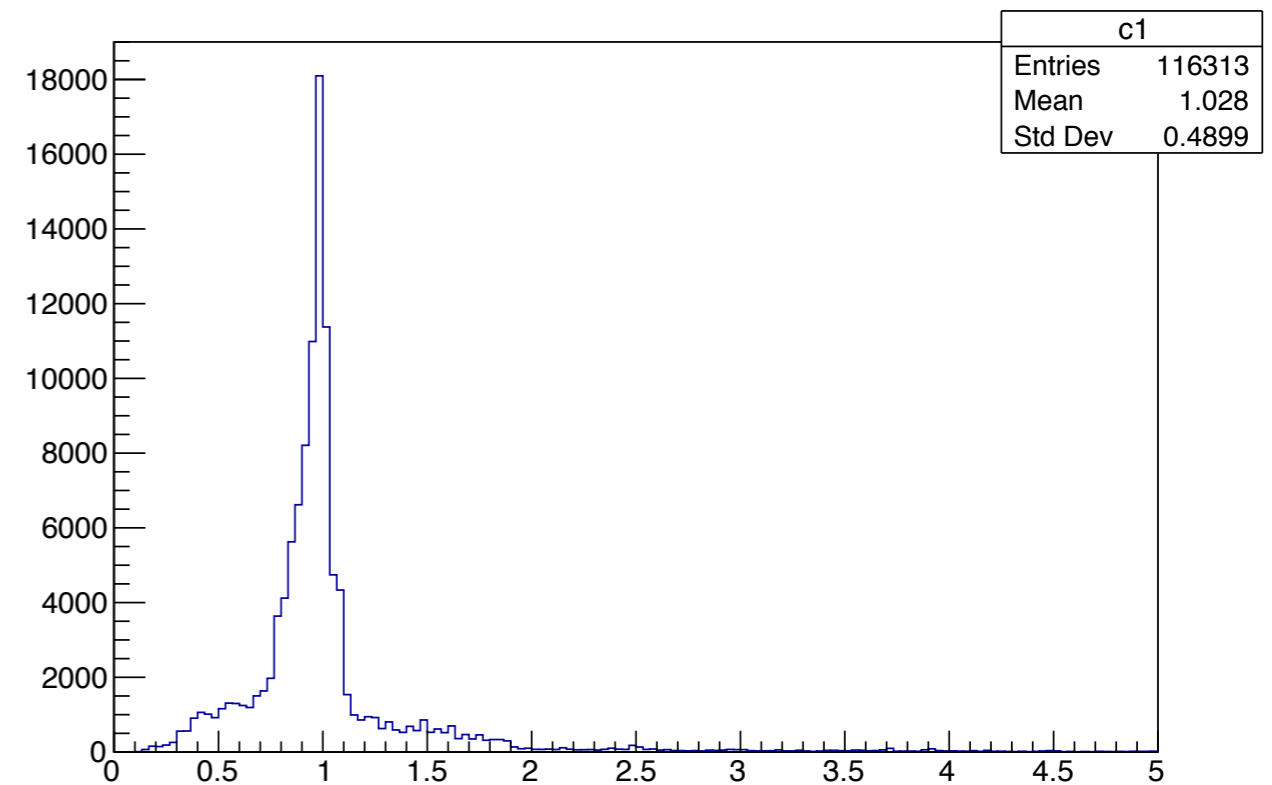
- $R(s_{13}, s_{23})$ varies over the DP, especially near resonances
- $\langle R(s_{13}, s_{23}) \rangle = 1.03 \approx 1$

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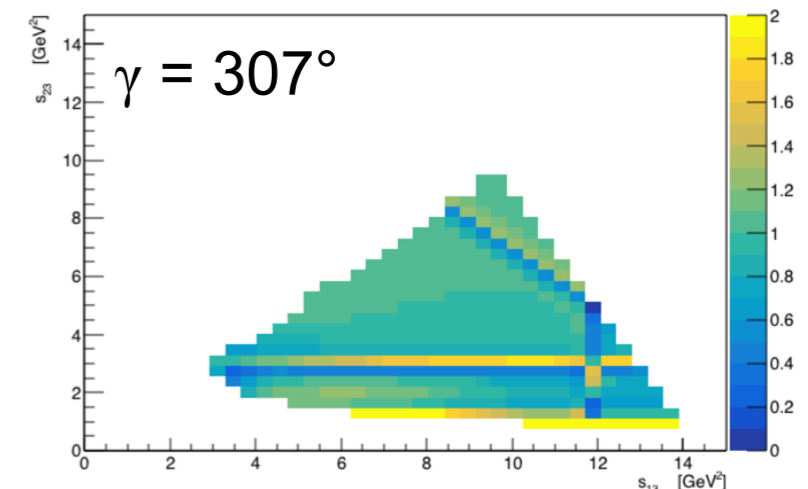
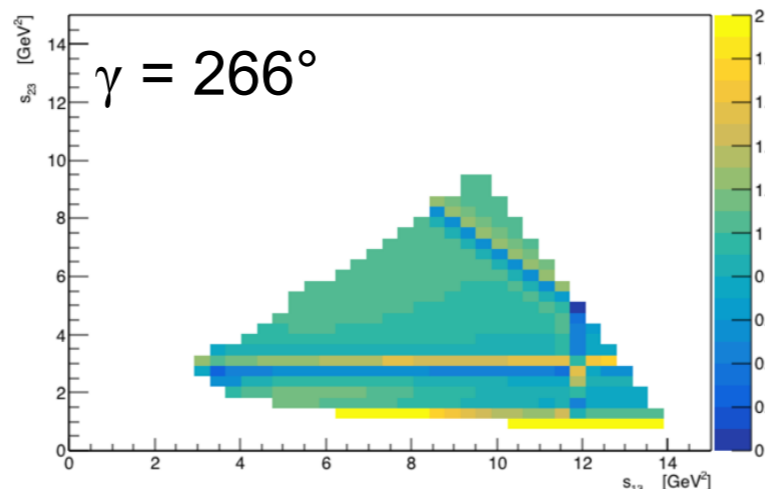
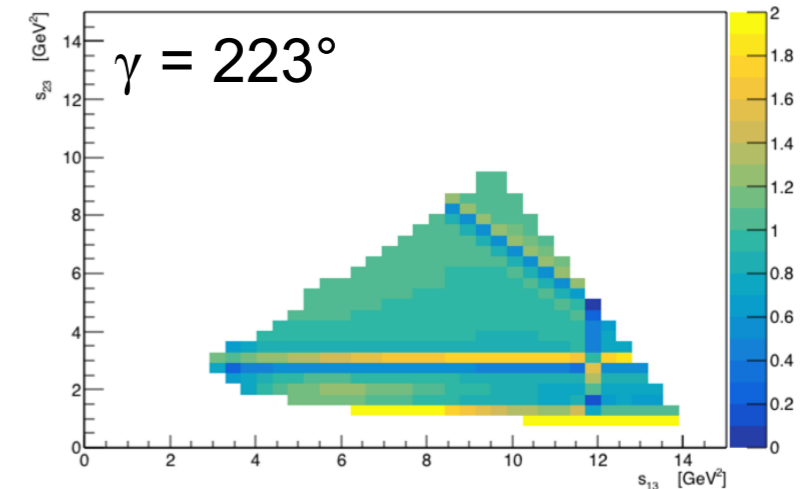
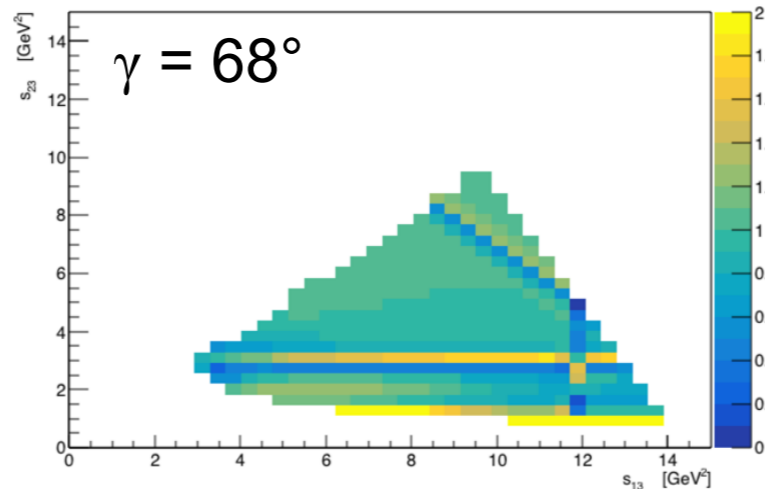
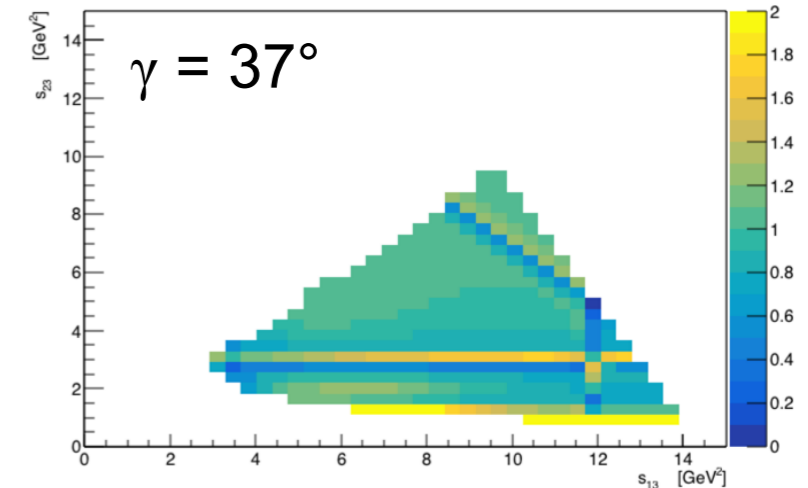
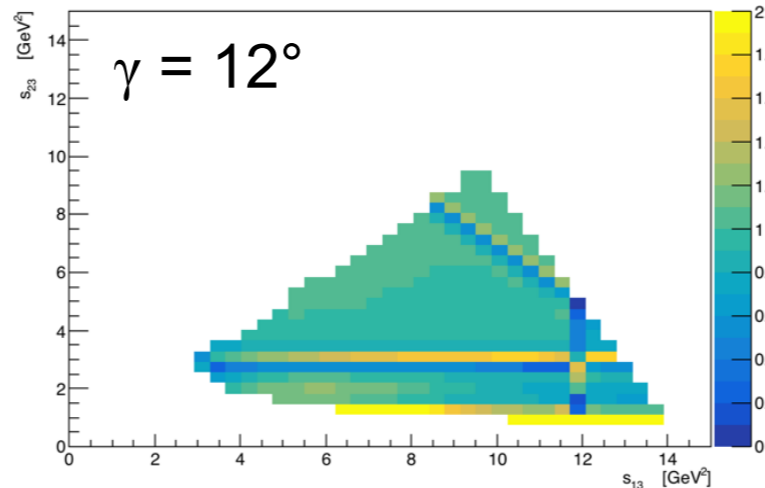
- $R(s_{13}, s_{23})$ varies over the DP, especially near resonances → **as expected.**
- $\langle R(s_{13}, s_{23}) \rangle = 1.03 \approx 1$ → **as expected.**

The hypothesis of flavour SU(3) symmetry conserved "on average" holds.

Test no 2 of flavour SU(3) breaking

- Extract $\alpha_{SU(3)}$ value by a fit at several single points (≈ 400) over the DP fixing γ to the values of the 6 minima we found previously.

γ_i	$\langle \alpha_{SU(3)} \rangle_i$
12°	1.06
37°	1.06
68°	1.05
223°	1.06
266°	1.05
307°	1.05



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Summary and results

- We studied a method for extracting γ from charmless 3-body decays relying on flavour SU(3) symmetry.
- Using BABAR results:
 - **6 values for γ** (1 consistent with SM).
 - Well separated, no overlap.
 - **Statistical error about 10°** (BABAR results only!).
 - Statistical error dominates over Systematics.

$$\gamma_1 = 12.9^\circ_{-4.3^\circ}^{+8.4^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 1.3^\circ \quad (\text{syst}),$$

$$\gamma_2 = 36.6^\circ_{-6.1^\circ}^{+6.6^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 2.6^\circ \quad (\text{syst}),$$

$$\gamma_3 = 68.9^\circ_{-8.6^\circ}^{+8.6^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 2.4^\circ \quad (\text{syst}),$$

$$\gamma_4 = 223.2^\circ_{-7.5^\circ}^{+10.9^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 1.0^\circ \quad (\text{syst}),$$

$$\gamma_5 = 266.4^\circ_{-10.8^\circ}^{+9.2^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 1.9^\circ \quad (\text{syst}),$$

$$\gamma_6 = 307.5^\circ_{-8.1^\circ}^{+6.9^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 1.1^\circ \quad (\text{syst}).$$

- Paper in preparation.

Perspectives

The results of this study are very encouraging and we are following up in this direction.

- Take into account other symmetry states (under way):
 - totally anti-symmetric states
 - mixed states } may help to decrease the statistical uncertainties and reduce the number of solutions.
- Interesting longer term possibility: dedicated analysis in a single experiment (LHCb, BELLE 2...) or even joint analysis?

BACKUP

Observables

$$A = ae^{i\phi_a}, B = be^{i\phi_b}, C = ce^{i\phi_c} \text{ and } D = de^{i\phi_d}$$

$$\phi_a = 0$$

$$X_{K^+\pi^+\pi^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = a^2 + (\kappa b)^2 + c^2 + 2ac \cos \phi_c \cos \gamma - 2\kappa ab \cos \phi_b - 2\kappa bc \cos(\phi_b - \phi_c) \cos \gamma$$

$$Y_{K^+\pi^+\pi^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = -2(ac \sin \phi_c + \kappa bc \sin(\phi_b - \phi_c)) \sin \gamma$$

$$X_{K_S K^+ K^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = \alpha_{SU(3)}^2 X_{K^+\pi^+\pi^-}^{th}$$

$$Y_{K_S K^+ K^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = \alpha_{SU(3)}^2 Y_{K^+\pi^+\pi^-}^{th}$$

$$Z_{K_S K^+ K^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = \alpha_{SU(3)}^2 (-c^2 \cos \gamma - ac \cos \phi_c + \kappa bc \cos(\phi_b - \phi_c)) \sin \gamma$$

$$X_{K_S \pi^+ \pi^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = a^2 + (\kappa d)^2 + d^2 + 2ad \cos \phi_d \cos \gamma - 2\kappa ad \cos \phi_d - 2\kappa d^2 \cos \gamma$$

$$Y_{K_S \pi^+ \pi^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = -2ad \sin \phi_d \sin \gamma$$

$$Z_{K_S \pi^+ \pi^-}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = (-d^2 \cos \gamma - ad \cos \phi_d + \kappa d^2) \sin \gamma$$

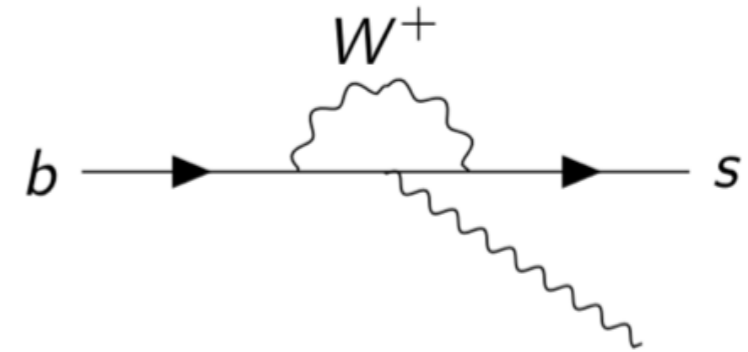
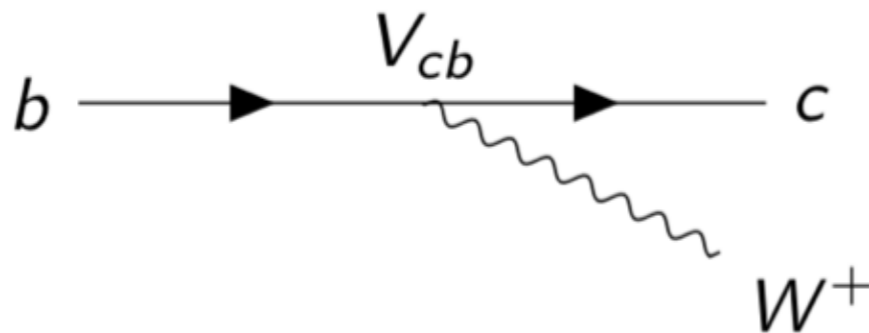
$$X_{K^+\pi^+\pi^0}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = \frac{1}{2} (b^2 + \kappa^2 c^2 - 2\kappa bc \cos \gamma \cos(\phi_b - \phi_c))$$

$$Y_{K^+\pi^+\pi^0}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = \kappa bc \sin \gamma \sin(\phi_b - \phi_c)$$

$$X_{K_S K_S K_S}^{th}(s_1, s_2) = 2\alpha_{SU(3)}^2 a^2$$

CKM matrix

In the SM, transitions between different quark flavours can only happen in weak interaction through the exchange of a W^\pm boson.



CKM matrix

- 3x3 complex unitary matrix.
- 3 angles + 1 phase (= unique source of CPV in SM).

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Wolfenstein parametrisation

- 3rd order development in $\lambda = |V_{us}|$
- $\lambda \approx 0.23$, $A \approx 0.8$, $\rho \approx 0.14$, $\eta \approx 0.35$

Unexplained hierarchy between transitions

$$V_{CKM} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2/2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

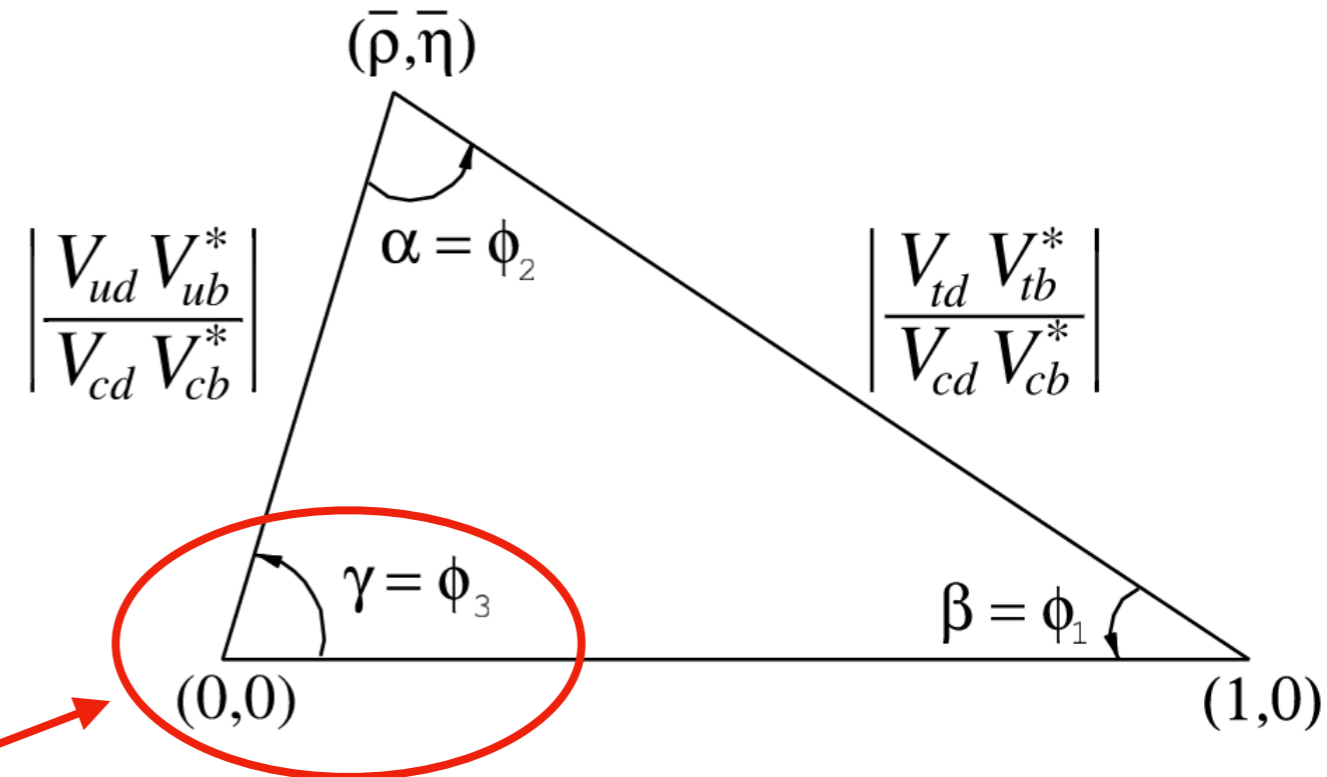
Unitarity Triangle

CKM matrix is unitary $\begin{cases} \sum_i V_{ij} V_{ik}^* = \delta_{jk} \\ \sum_j V_{ij} V_{kj}^* = \delta_{ik} \end{cases}$

Unitarity Triangle defined by:

$$V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

$$\bar{\rho} + i\bar{\eta} = -\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}$$



$$\gamma = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} \right]$$

**b → u highly suppressed:
great precision on γ is hard to achieve.**