Time-independent measurements of the CKM angle γ at LHCb

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Motivation to measure γ

- CKM unitarity can be tested by overconstraining the Unitarity Triangle (UT)
- Why γ?
 - Negligible theoretical uncertainty
 - Directly measured at tree level



[1] Phys. Rev. D 91, 073007, ckmfitter.in2p3.fr

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



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Direct measurements of γ through interference



Use final states accessible to both D^0 and \overline{D}^0 mesons Measurement technique depends on D-decay mode

LHCb γ and charm combination

[2] J. High Energ. Phys. 2021, 141 (2021)[3] LHCb-CONF-2022-003

- First performed by LHCb in 2021 [2] (updated in 2022 [3])
- Input from γ measurements in *B*-decays can improve knowledge of charm mixing parameters

$$A(B^- \to [\pi^- K^+]_D K^-)|^2 \propto \cos(\delta_B + \delta_D^{K\pi} - \gamma)$$



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Comparing direct and indirect γ

- LHCb combination: $\gamma_{\text{direct}} = (63.8^{+3.5}_{-3.7}) \circ [3]$
- HFLAV: $\gamma_{direct} = (66.2^{+3.4}_{-3.6})^{\circ}$ [4]
- Indirect combinations give $\gamma = (65.6^{+0.9}_{-2.7})^{\circ}$ [1] or $\gamma = (65.8 \pm 2.2)^{\circ}$ [5]
- New measurements using B⁰_s decays consistent with average [6]
- Tension between B^0 and B^+ is reduced by new measurements in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays (TODAY)
- To reach LHCb Run 4 goal of $\Delta \gamma = 1^{\circ}$ we will require additional channels e.g. $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^{*}K^{\pm}$ (TODAY)

[4] Phys. Rev. D 107, 052008, https://hflav.web.cern.ch
[5] *Rend. Fis. Acc. Lincei* 34, 37–57 (2023)
[6] LHCb-CONF-2023-004



Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays

[7] Phys. Rev. D 94, 079902
[8] JHEP 05 (2024) 025
[9] Eur. Phys. J. C 84 (2024) 206

- Charge on the kaon from the $K^{*0}(892) \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ decay indicates *B*-meson flavour at decay
- Branching fractions lower than in $B^{\pm} \rightarrow DK^{\pm}$, but interference is larger $(r_{B^0} \sim 3r_{B^{\pm}})$
- Interference diluted by coherence factor $\kappa = 0.958^{+0.005}_{-0.046}$ [7]
- Recent results using ADS/GLW [8] and BPGGSZ [9] final states will be presented



Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays: ADS modes [8]

Similar amplitudes between the two paths can produce large interference effects when using D-decays with large difference in magnitude between CF/CS D decays e.g. $D \to K\pi(\pi\pi)$



Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays: ADS modes [8]

$$\overline{B}{}^0 \to [K^+\pi^-]_D \overline{K}{}^{*0}$$



$$R_{\pi K}^{-} = 0.093 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.005$$

 $R^{-}_{\pi K \pi \pi} = 0.038 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.006$

$$\overline{B}{}^0 \to [\pi^+ K^-]_D \overline{K}{}^{*0}$$



 $R_{\pi K}^{+} = 0.069 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.005$

 $R^+_{\pi K\pi\pi} = 0.060 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.006$

Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays: GLW modes [8]

- GLW method uses $D^0 \rightarrow CP$ eigenstate decays e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$
- γ extracted from ratio (w.r.t. favoured $B^0 \rightarrow [K^+\pi^-]_D K^{*0}$) and asymmetry (comparing rates of B^0 and \overline{B}^0 decays) observables
- $D^0 \rightarrow 4\pi$ is a quasi-GLW mode with known CP even content





Observable	Value ± stat. ± syst
$R_{CP}^{\pi\pi}$	$1.104 \pm 0.111 \pm 0.026$
$A_{CP}^{\pi\pi}$	-0.034 ± 0.094 ± 0.016
R_{CP}^{KK}	$0.811 \pm 0.057 \pm 0.017$
A_{CP}^{KK}	-0.047 ± 0.063 ± 0.015
$R_{CP}^{\pi\pi\pi\pi}$	0.882 ± 0.086 ± 0.033
$A_{CP}^{\pi\pi\pi\pi}$	$0.021 \pm 0.087 \pm 0.016$

Direct measurements of γ with multibody D-decays

- Intermediate resonances introduce phase-space dependence on the D-decay amplitudes
- Self-conjugate $D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ ($h = \pi, K$) modes described by Dalitz plots
- Measurement requires D-decay strong-phase information as input





Model-independent measurements

[11] Phys. Rev. D 101, 112002[12] Phys. Rev. D 102, 052008[13] Phys. Rev. D 82, 112006

- Systematic uncertainties associated with amplitude models are non-trivial
- Instead strong-phase inputs determined in Dalitz plot bins at charm factories [11,12]
- Binning schemes chosen to optimize sensitivity to γ (isolate regions with similar δ_D) [13] $D \to K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^ D \to K_S^0 K^+ K^-$



Experimental procedure



Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays: BPGGSZ modes [9]

- Integrated fit performed to ensure backgrounds are understood
- Binned fit performed to determine the CP observables
- Each component parameterized according to their expected interference

Figures from [10]



Measurement of γ in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays: BPGGSZ modes [9] [14] J. High Energ. Phys. 2016, 131 (2016)]

- Bins with large asymmetries enhance the sensitivity to γ
- Measurement supersedes Ref. [14]



Summary of results using $B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$ decays

 $D \rightarrow K_{S}^{0}h^{+}h^{-}$



Combined value $\gamma = (63.2^{+6.9}_{-8.1})^{\circ}$ is more **consistent** with measurements in B^+ decays with competitive precision

Measuring γ using $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ decays

[15] JHEP 12 (2023) 013[16] JHEP 02 (2024) 118



- Two separate measurements with the same decay chain but different techniques
 - The neutral particle can be reconstructed [15] or not [16]
 - Negligible overlap between the analyses

 $CP(\pi^0) = -1 \& CP(\gamma) = 1$

• Introduces phase shift of $\pi \to \mathcal{A}(\pi^0) = -\mathcal{A}(\gamma)$

 $N_i(B^-) = h^{B^-}[F_i + (x_-^2 + y_-^2)F_{-i} \pm 2\sqrt{F_iF_{-i}}(c_ix_- + s_iy_-)]$

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Fully reconstructed $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ [15]

 2D fits to disentangle backgrounds in the signal region

Signal corresponds to filled shapes

• $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^{*}\pi^{\pm}$ is additional signal channel – used to determine F_{i}



Fully reconstructed $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ [15]

- $\mathcal{A}(\pi^0) = -\mathcal{A}(\gamma)$ observed
- γ consistent with combination



$$\gamma = (69^{+13}_{-14})^{\circ}$$

 $r_B^{D^*K} = 0.15 \pm 0.03$
 $\delta_B^{D^*K} = (311 \pm 14)^{\circ}$



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Partially reconstructed $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ [16]

Blue filled shapes corresponds to signal

 $D \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$



- $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* \pi^{\pm}$ is additional signal channel used to determine F_i
- Knowledge of the backgrounds is a large systematic uncertainty

+Data Candidates / (6 MeV/ c^2) Data LHCb LHCb Total Total 1000 $9 \, {\rm fb}^{-1}$ $9 \, {\rm fb}^{-1}$ $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* (\rightarrow D[\pi^0]) K^{\pm}$ $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* (\rightarrow D[\pi^0]) K^{\pm}$ $B^{\pm} \to D^* (\to D[\gamma]) K^{\pm}$ $B^{\pm} \to D^* (\to D[\gamma]) K^{\pm}$ $B^0 \to D^* (\to D[\pi^{\mp}]) K^{\pm}$ $B^0 \to D^* (\to D[\pi^{\mp}]) K^{\pm}$ 800 $B^{0/\pm} \rightarrow D^*[\pi] K^{\pm}$ $B^{0/\pm} \rightarrow D^*[\pi] K^{\pm}$ Part. Reco. Crossfeed Part. Reco. Crossfeed 600 $B^0_{*} \to D^{(*)} K^{\mp}[\pi^{\pm}]$ $B_s^0 \to D^{(*)} K^{\mp}[\pi^{\pm}]$ $B^{0/\pm} \to DK^{\pm}[\pi]$ $B^{0/\pm} \to DK^{\pm}[\pi]$ 400 Combinatorial Combinatorial Other Backgrounds 50Other Backgrounds $B^{\pm} \rightarrow DK^{\pm}$ $B^{\pm} \rightarrow DK^{\pm}$ 200^{-1} $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D\pi^{\pm}$ $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D\pi^{\pm}$ 5000 5200 5400 5600 5000 5200 5600 5400 $m(DK^{\pm})$ [MeV/ c^2] $m(DK^{\pm})$ [MeV/ c^2]

$D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+ K^-$

Partially reconstructed $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ [16]

- Uncertainty on γ is statistically dominated
- Results consistent with expectations
- $x_{\pm}^{D^*K}$, $y_{\pm}^{D^*K}$ more precise than in fully reconstructed analysis, but $\Delta \gamma \propto 1/r_B^{D^*K}$



Summary

- Presented 4 recent LHCb γ measurements
 - $B^0 \rightarrow [h'h(\pi\pi)]_D K^{*0}$ [JHEP 05 (2024) 025]
 - $B^0 \to \left[K_S^0 h^+ h^- \right]_D K^{*0}$ [Eur. Phys. J. C 84 (2024) 206]
 - $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ (full reco.) [JHEP 12 (2023) 013]
 - $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ (partial reco.) [JHEP 02 (2024) 118]
- Tensions resolved in B⁰ and B⁺ decays
- Two model-independent measurements with

 $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^* K^{\pm}$ decays help improve precision

Questions?



Backup: Fit components in fully reconstructed $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^*(D\gamma)K^{\pm}$







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Backup: Fit components in fully reconstructed $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D^*(D\pi^0)K^{\pm}$

