CP asymmetries at D0

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Using two independent measurements of the semileptonic CP asymmetry in the $B_s$ system, we constrain the CP-violating phase of the $B_s$ system to be $\phi_s = -0.70^{+0.47}_{-0.39}$. The data sample corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 1.1 fb$^{-1}$ accumulated with D0 detector at the Fermilab Tevatron Collider. We also measure the direct CP violating asymmetry in the decay $B^+ \to J/\psi K^+$ to be $A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+) = +0.0067 \pm 0.0074$(stat)$\pm 0.0026$(syst). The data corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 1.6 fb$^{-1}$.

I. SEMILEPTONIC CP ASYMMETRY IN THE $B_s$ SYSTEM

In the Standard Model (SM), the light (L) and heavy (H) mass eigenstates of the mixed $B_s^0$ system are expected to have sizable mass and decay width differences: $\Delta M_s \equiv M_H - M_L$ and $\Delta \Gamma_s \equiv \Gamma_L - \Gamma_H$. The two mass eigenstates are expected to be almost pure CP eigenstates. The CP-violating mixing phase is predicted [1] to be $\phi_s = (4.2 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$. New phenomena may alter $\phi_s$ leading to a reduction of the observed $\Delta \Gamma_s$ compared to the SM prediction $\Delta \Gamma^S_M$: $\Delta \Gamma_s = \Delta \Gamma^S_M \times |\cos \phi_s|$. While $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$ oscillations have been detected [2] and the mass difference has recently been measured [3], the CP-violating phase remains unknown.

Both CP-violating phase $\phi_s$ and decay width difference $\Delta \Gamma_s$ of the $B_s$ system were for the first time directly constrained at D0 from the fit to the time-dependent angular distribution of the decay products in the decay sequence $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \phi$, $J/\psi \to \mu \mu$, $s \to K^+K^-$ [6]. The result remained 4-fold ambiguous due to undefined CP-conserving strong phases. The semileptonic asymmetry in the $B_s$-system, which is in general defined as

$$A_{SL}^\pm = \frac{N(B_s^\pm \to l^\pm + X) - N(B_s^\mp \to l^- + X)}{N(B_s^0 \to l^+ + X) + N(B_s^0 \to l^- + X)}, \quad \text{(1)}$$

is related to both $\phi_s$ and $\Delta \Gamma_s$ via

$$A_{SL}^\pm = \frac{\Delta \Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} \tan \phi_s. \quad \text{(2)}$$

Its measurement gives independent access to $\phi_s$, both resolving the mentioned ambiguity and adding statistics to the measurement.

Recently we at D0 accessed the semileptonic asymmetry $A_{SL}^\pm$ indirectly, by measuring the dimuon asymmetry in the inclusive dimuon sample [4], and directly, by measuring the untagged asymmetry in the exclusive sample of events consistent with the decay $B_s^\pm \to \mu \mu D_s$, $D_s \to \phi \pi^\pm$ [2]. The combination of the two results gives the best estimate of the charge asymmetry in semileptonic $B_s^0$ decays: $A_{SL}^\pm = 0.0001 \pm 0.0090$ [7]. Using (2) and the result $\Delta M_s = 17.8 \pm 0.1$ ps$^{-1}$ from CDF experiment [3] we obtained $\Delta \Gamma_s \cdot \tan \phi_s = A_{SL}^\pm \cdot \Delta M_s = 0.02 \pm 0.16$ ps$^{-1}$. Using this constraint we repeated the fit to the $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \phi$ data. In Fig. [1] we show the likelihood contours in $\Delta \Gamma_s$ vs $\phi_s$ plane without (dashed line) and with (solid line) the constraint from the measurements of the semileptonic asymmetry $A_{SL}^\pm$ in the $B_s^0$ decays. The contours indicate error ellipses, $\Delta \ln(L) = 0.5$, corresponding to the confidence level of 39%.

Finally, from the fit likelihood profile we found for $\phi_s < 0$ the decay width difference and the CP-violating phase in the $B_s$-system to be $\Delta \Gamma_s = 0.13 \pm 0.09$ ps$^{-1}$, $\phi_s = -0.70^{+0.47}_{-0.39}$. The measurement uncertainty is dominated by limited statistics. The systematic uncertainties include a variation of the background model in the analysis of the decay $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \phi$, detector acceptance, and sensitivity to the details of track and vertex reconstruction. The results are consistent with the SM predictions [4].

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II. DIRECT CP VIOLATION IN THE DECAY $B^+ \to J/\psi K^+$

A direct CP asymmetry in the decay $B^+ \to J/\psi K^+$, $A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+)$, has recently been measured at D0:

$$A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+) = \frac{N(B^- \to J/\psi K^-) - N(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+)}{N(B^- \to J/\psi K^-) + N(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

This decay proceeds via $b \to c\bar{s}s$ transition which is predominantly tree level. The SM gives the order of magnitude estimate $A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+) = \mathcal{O}(0.003)$ \cite{9}, which in the realistic New Physics (NP) models can be enhanced to 0.01 or higher \cite{5}.

The events consistent with the decay chain $B^+ \to J/\psi K^+$, $J/\psi \to \mu^+\mu^-$ and its charge conjugate were selected. The $J/\psi K^+$ mass peak was modeled using unbinned likelihood fit to the sum of contributions from $B \to J/\psi K$, $B \to J/\psi\pi$, and $B \to J/\psi K^*$ decays, as well as combinatorial background, see Fig. [2].

The systematic shift from the detector-induced asymmetries was accounted for in the detector model (for the first time applied in \cite{4}), which expresses the number of signal events with the kaon charge $q$, the sign of the kaon pseudorapidity $\gamma$, and the solenoid polarity at which the event was recorded $\beta$, and different asymmetries $A_i$ (see section IV of \cite{4} for the explanation of $N$, $\epsilon^\beta$, and different $A_i$):

$$n_q^{\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{4} N\epsilon^\beta(1 + qA)(1 + q\epsilon A_{det})(1 + q\beta\gamma A_{q\beta\gamma})(1 + q\beta\gamma A_{q\beta\gamma}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

The initial data sample of Fig. [2] was divided into subsamples corresponding to eight possible combinations of $\beta$, $\gamma$, and $q$, in each subsample the unbinned fit was performed to find the number of events in the $J/\psi K^+$ peak, $n_q^{\beta\gamma}$, and the system [4] was solved for all asymmetries.

A systematic shift from charge asymmetric kaon interactions with detector material was estimated from data by comparing the exclusive decay $c \to D^{*+} \to D^0\pi^+$, $D^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-K^-$ and its charge conjugate. To account for the momentum dependence of the kaon cross-section \cite{3}, the kaon asymmetry in the $D^*$ sample was measured in kaon momentum bins to convolve it with the PDF of the kaon momentum of the $J/\psi K$ sample.

Finally, after subtracting kaon asymmetry, we obtained $A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+) = +0.0067 \pm 0.0074(stat) \pm 0.0026(syst)$, which is consistent with the PDG-2007 world average, $A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+) = +0.015 \pm 0.017$ \cite{9}, but has a factor of two better precision, thus providing the most stringent bounds for new models predicting large values of $A_{CP}(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+)$. The measurement uncertainty is mainly due to limited statistics. Systematic uncertainty is largely dominated by the variation of the $J/\psi K$ mass peak model.

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FIG. 1: The error ellipse ($\Delta \ln(L) = 0.5$) in the plane ($\Delta \Gamma_s$, $\phi_s$) for the fit to the $B^0_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ data (dashed line) and for the fit with the constraint from the two D0 measurements of the charge asymmetry $A^{SL}_{2L}$ in semileptonic $B^0_s$ decays (solid line). The central values of four solutions of the unconstrained fit are indicated by squares. Also shown is the band representing the relation $\Delta \Gamma_s = \Delta \Gamma_s^{SM} \times |\cos \phi_s|$ with $\Delta \Gamma_s^{SM} = 0.088 \pm 0.017$ ps$^{-1}$ [1] (dark shade) and the area corresponding to $\Delta \Gamma_s \cdot \tan \phi_s = 0.02 \pm 0.16$ ps$^{-1}$ [3] (light shade).

FIG. 2: Result from the unbinned fit of the invariant mass distribution of the $J/\psi K$ system in the $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ decay and its charge conjugate.