

**Extraction of the CKM phase  $\gamma$   
using charmless 3-body  
decays of *B* mesons**

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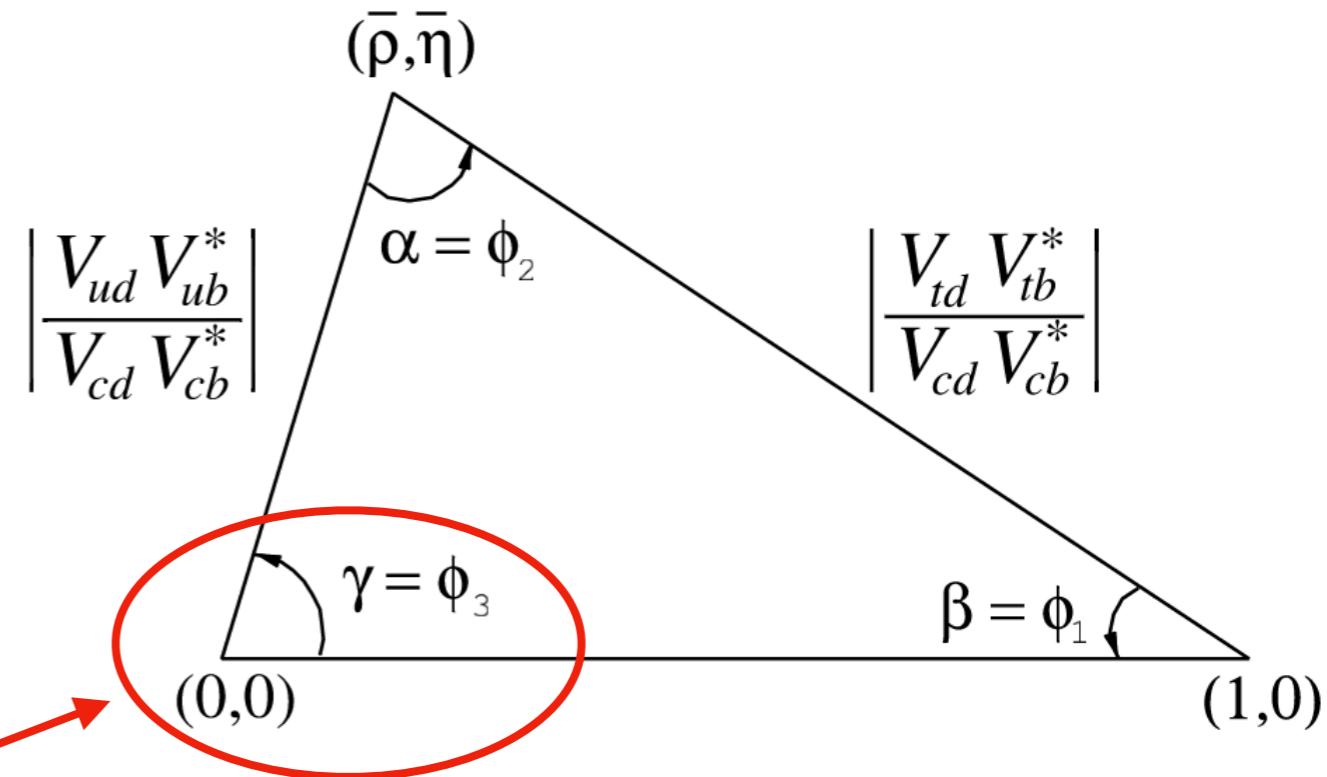
# Unitarity Triangle

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  $\gamma$  is hard to achieve.**

# CKM parameters and charmless B meson decays

## Measure CKM parameters:

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

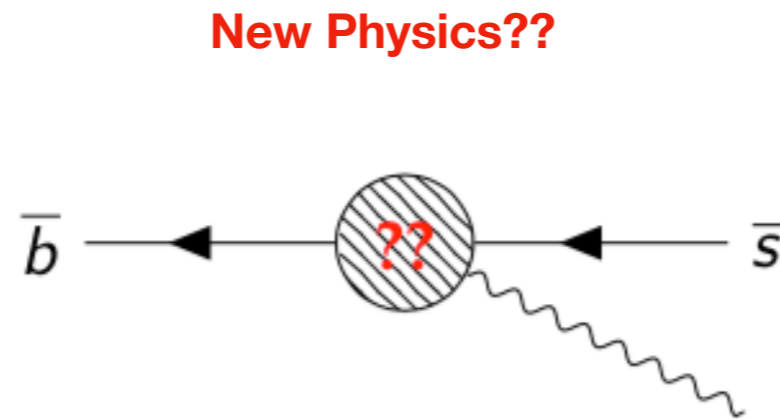
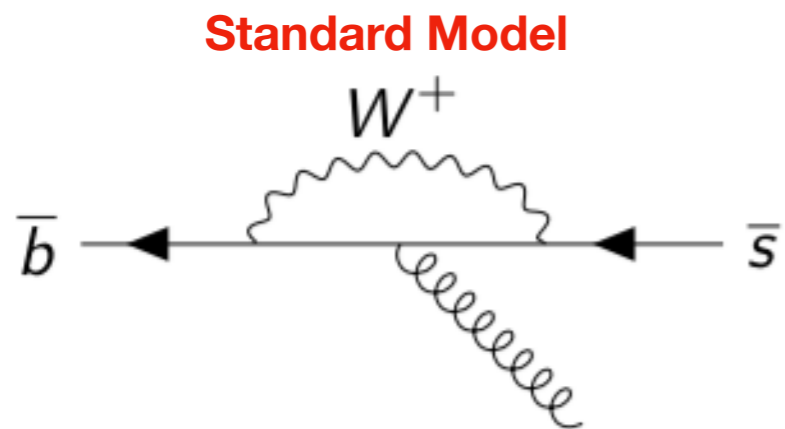
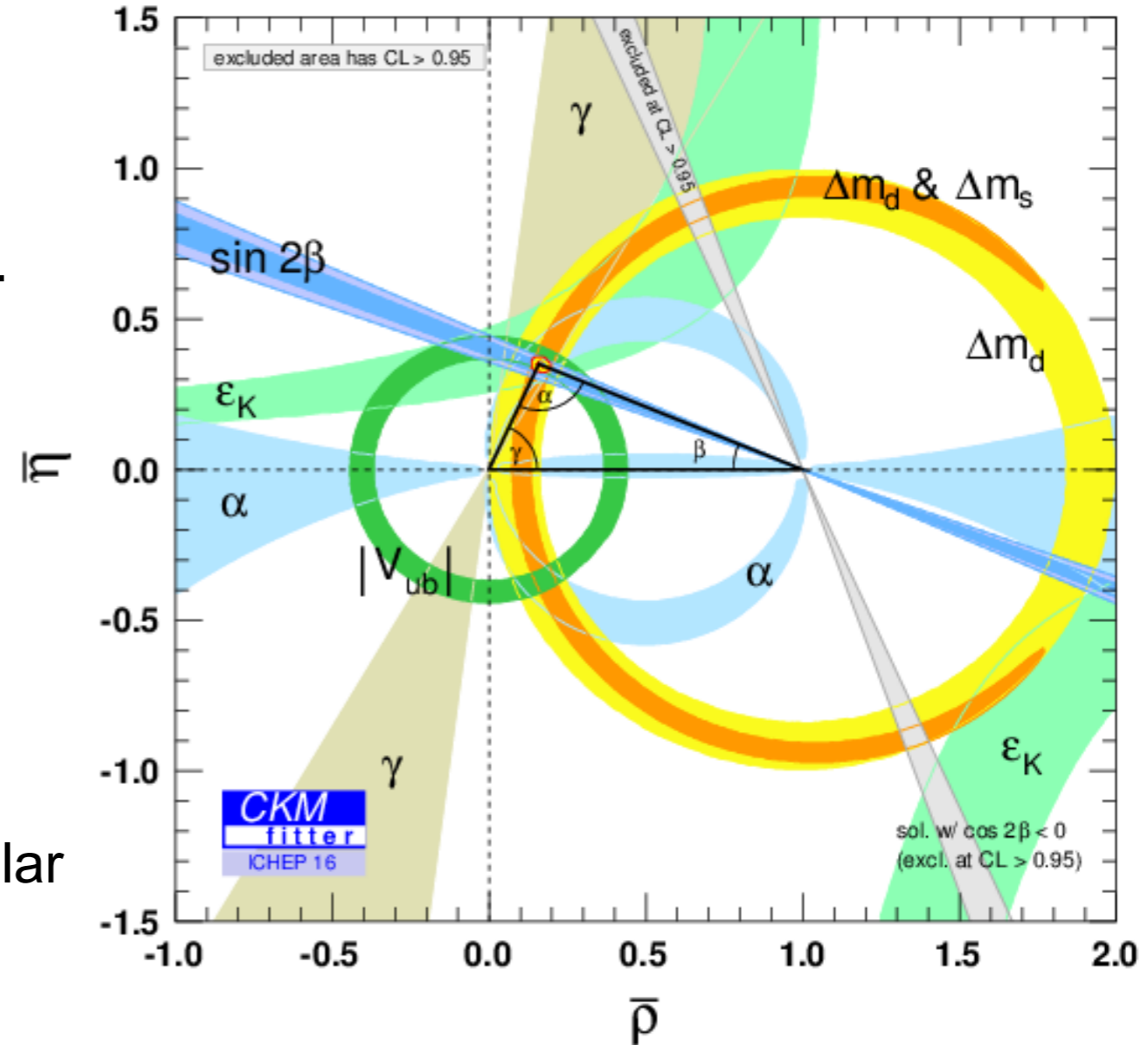
→ over-constrain the Unitarity Triangle.

## Measure $\gamma$ :

- from tree decays (eg.  $B \rightarrow DK$ ).
- from loop decays [charmless].
- least known CKM parameter to date.

## Charmless B meson decays:

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



$$\alpha = 88.8^\circ_{-2.3^\circ}^{+2.3^\circ}$$

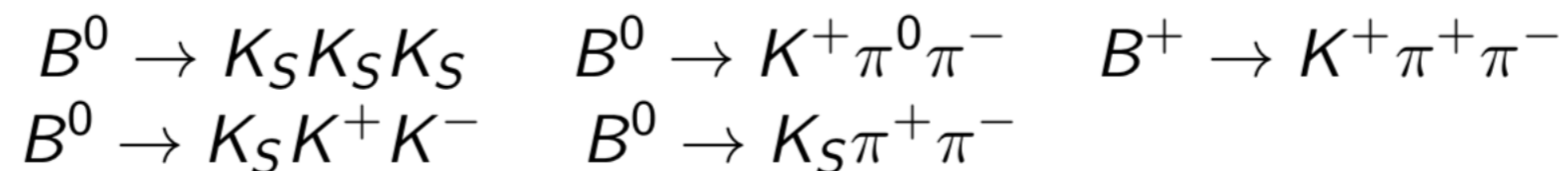
$$\beta = 21.85^\circ_{-0.67^\circ}^{+0.68^\circ}$$

$$\gamma = 72.1^\circ_{-5.8^\circ}^{+5.4^\circ}$$

# Method overview

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- Method to extract the CKM angle  $\gamma$  from charmless loop processes (NP sensitive) developed by David London, Bhubanjyoti Bhattacharya and Maxime Imbeault.
- Combine information from 5 charmless 3-body decays of  $B$  mesons under an assumption of flavour SU(3) symmetry.

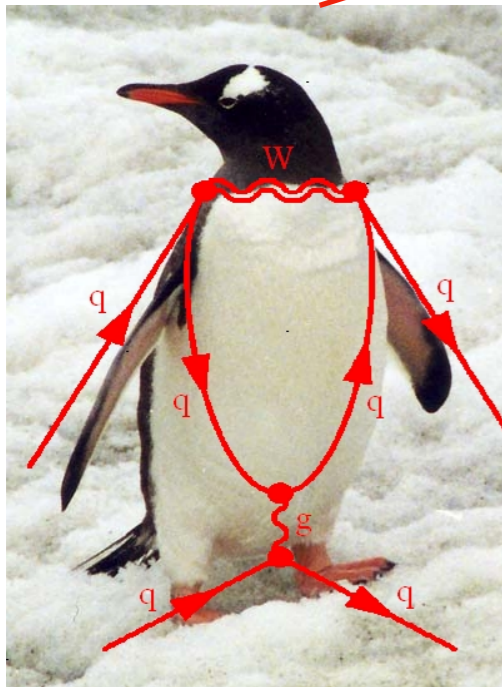


- We extracted  $\gamma$  and its uncertainty using BABAR's results.

# Flavour SU(3) symmetry I

Under flavour SU(3) symmetry assumption, **tree** and **penguin** diagrams are proportional for  $b \rightarrow s$  transitions:

$$P_{EW}(C) = \kappa T(C)$$



$$\kappa \equiv -\frac{3}{2} \frac{|\lambda_t^{(s)}| c_9 + c_{10}}{|\lambda_u^{(s)}| c_1 + c_2}$$

with

$$\lambda_p^{(s)} = V_{pb}^* V_{ps}$$

$c_i$  : Wilson coefficients



This relation holds only for **fully symmetric amplitudes**:

$$A_{fs}(s_{12}, s_{13}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (A(s_{12}, s_{13}) + A(s_{12}, s_{23}) + A(s_{13}, s_{23}) + A(s_{13}, s_{12}) + A(s_{23}, s_{12}) + A(s_{23}, s_{13}))$$

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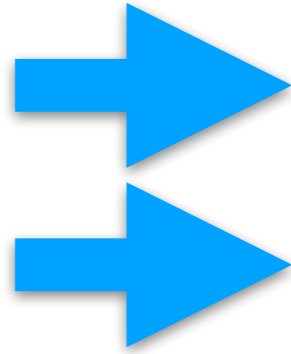
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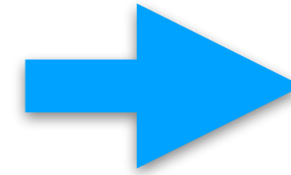
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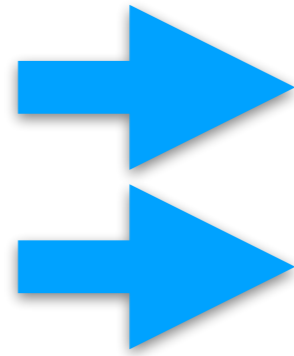
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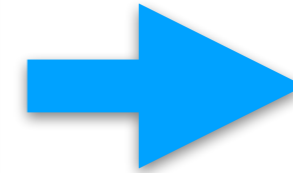
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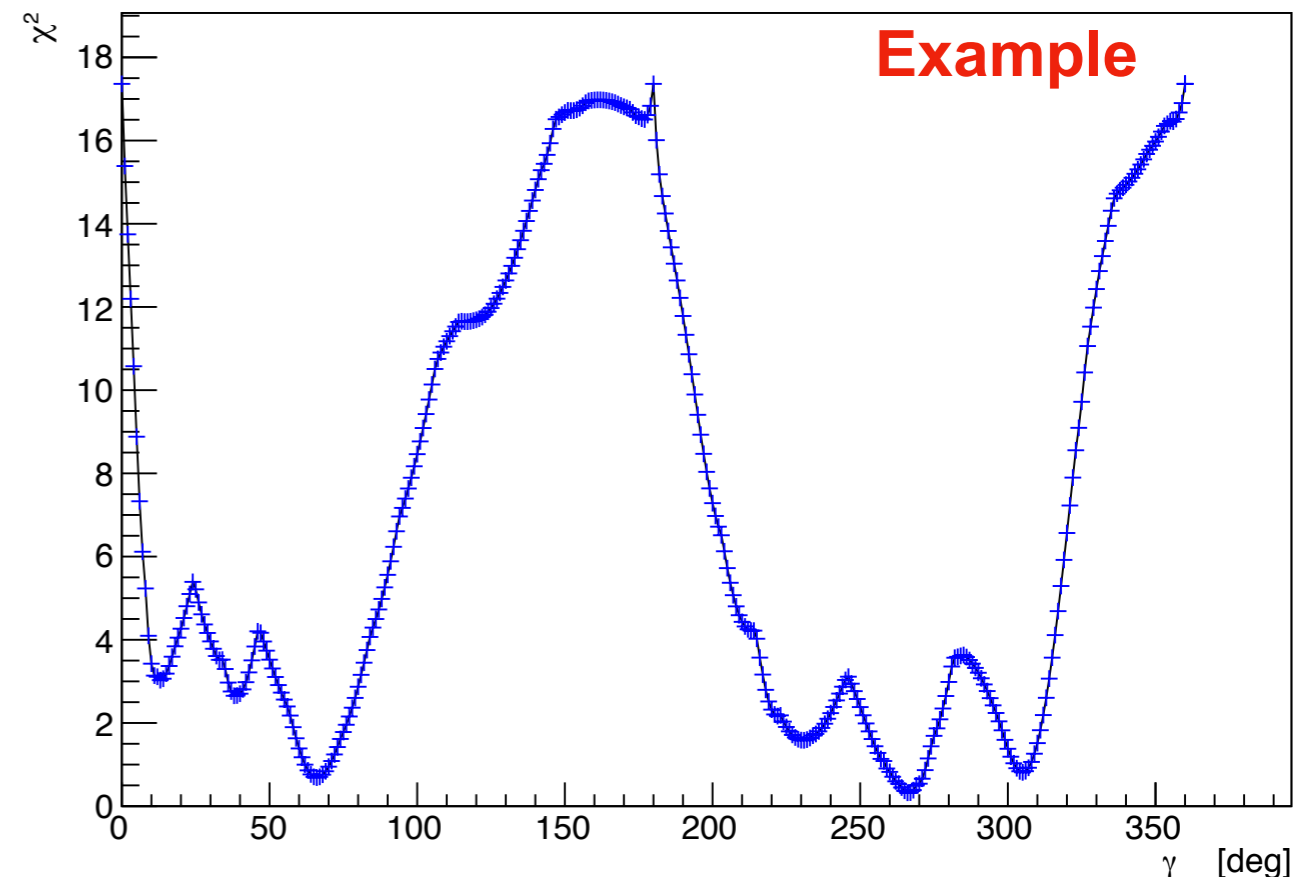


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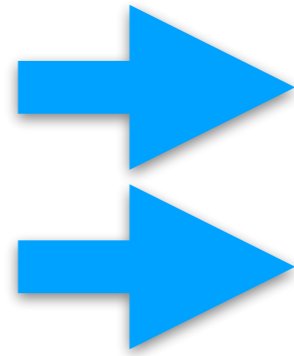
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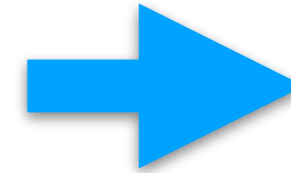
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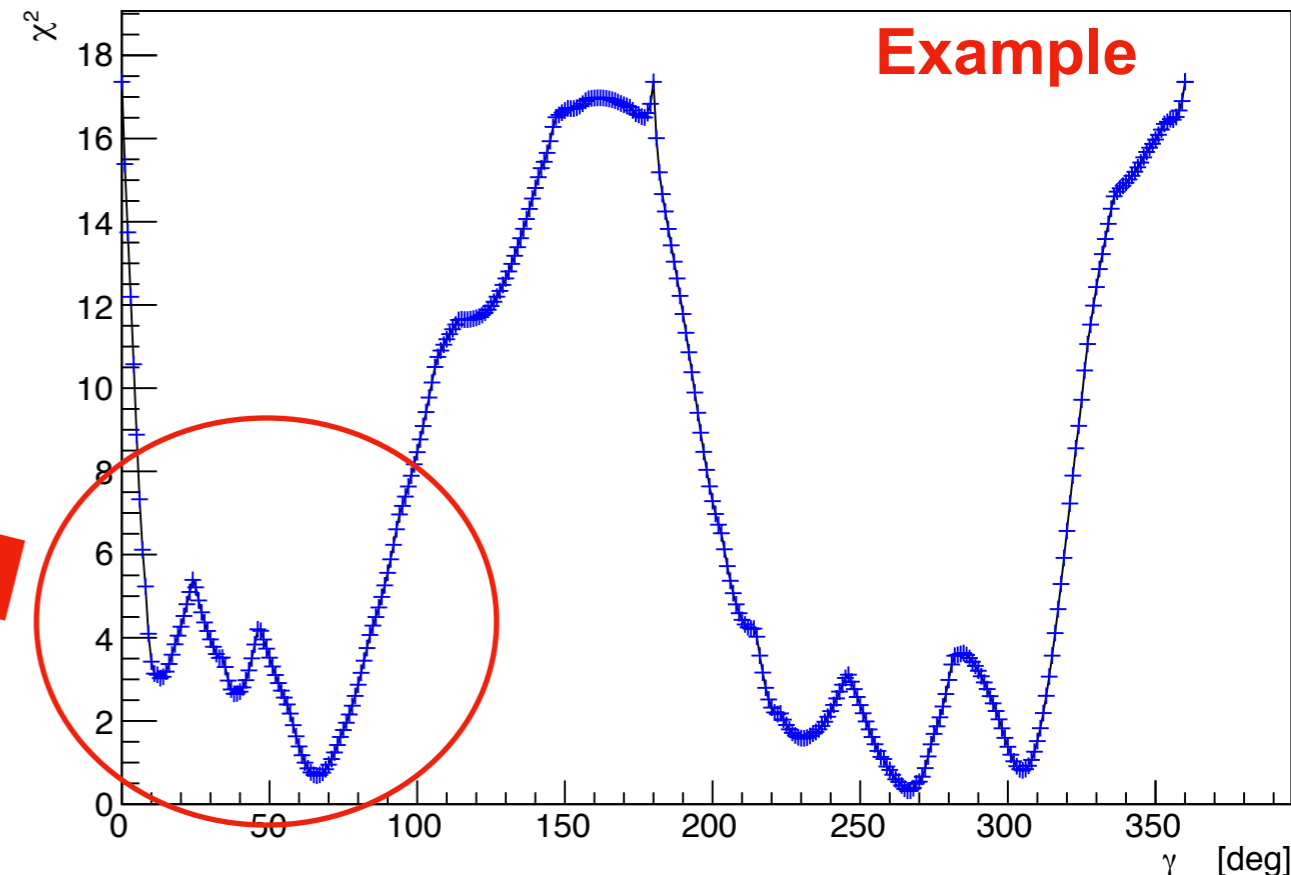
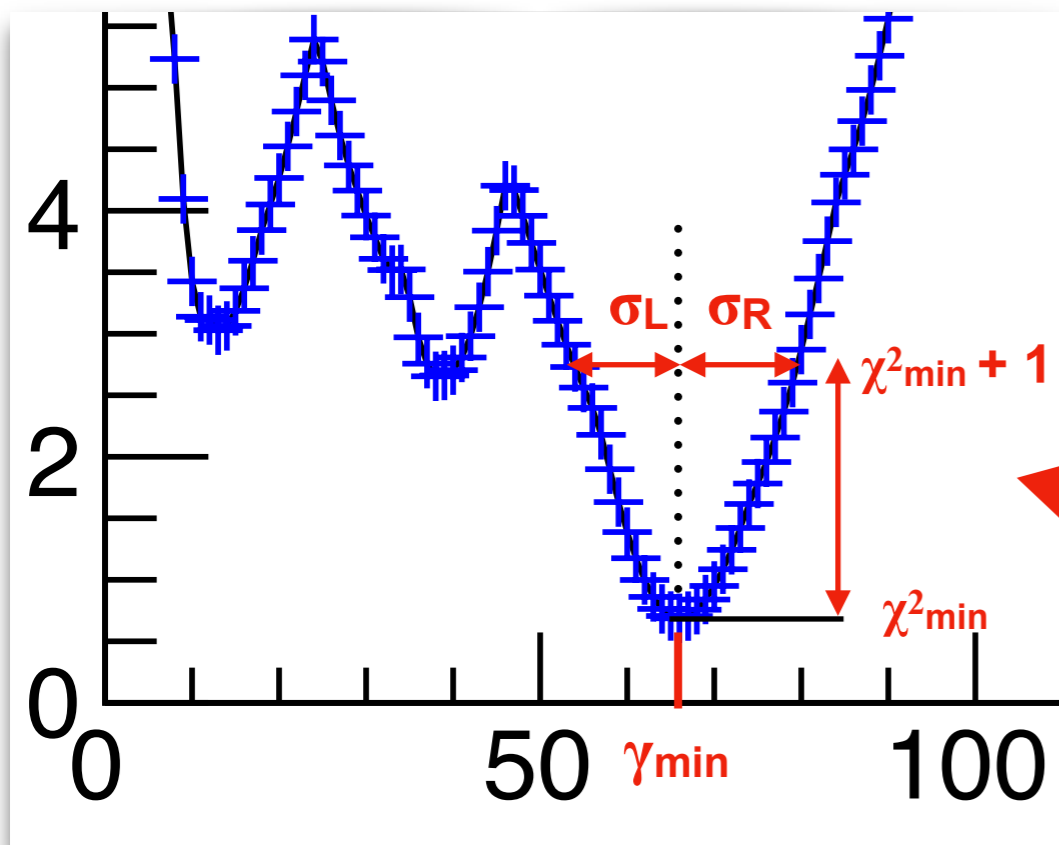


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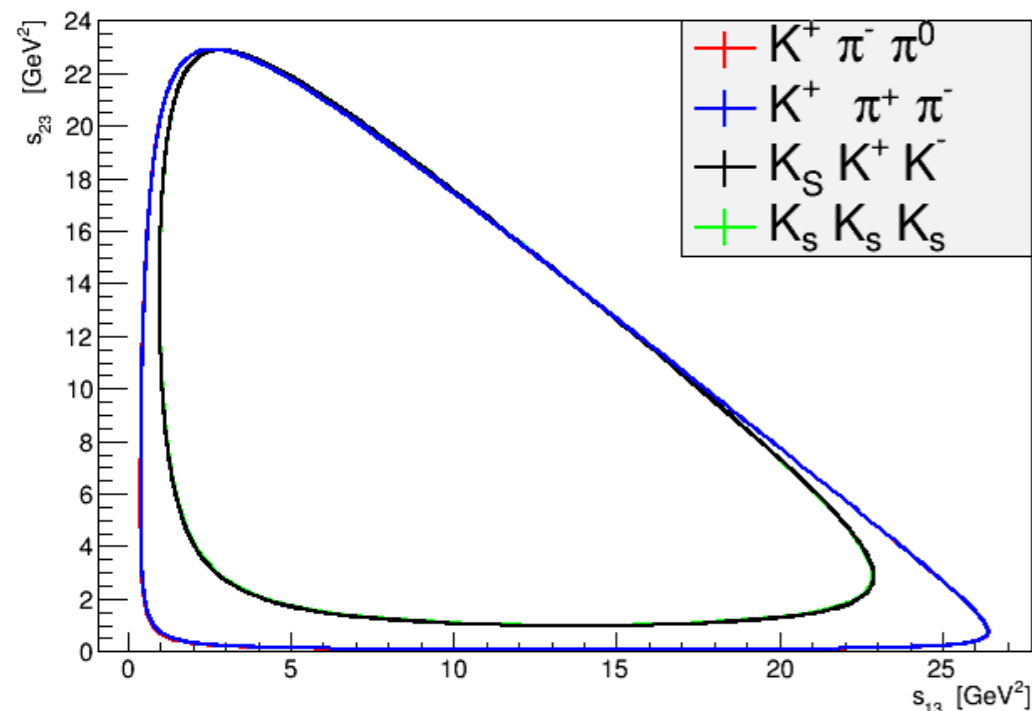
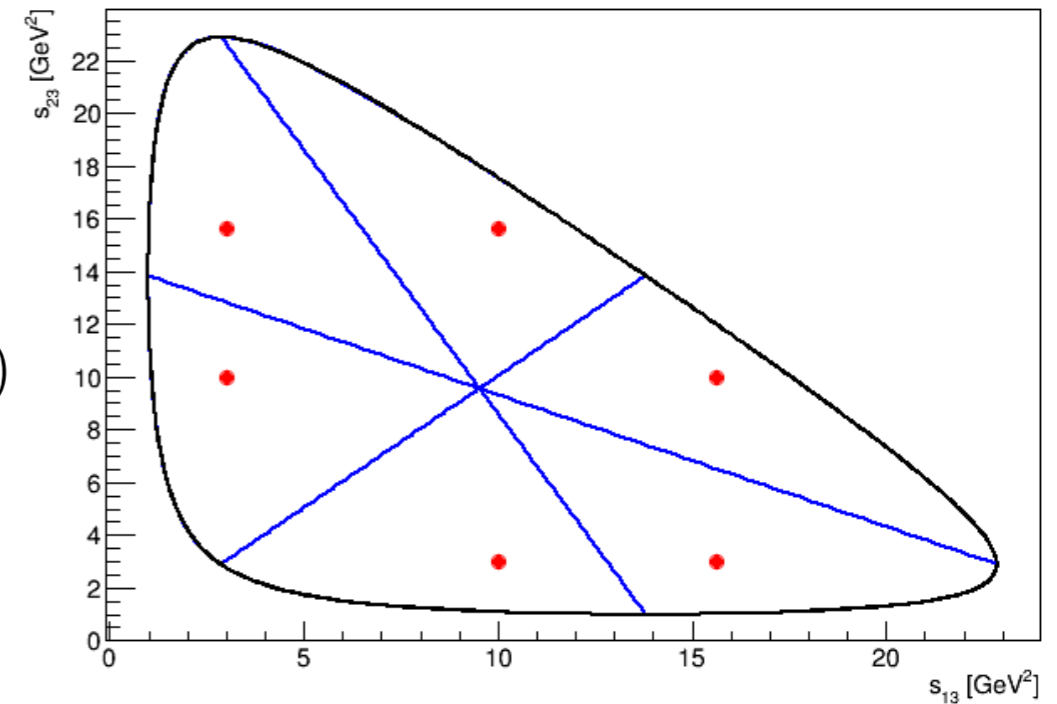


# Choice of points on the DP I

## Fully symmetrised amplitudes

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



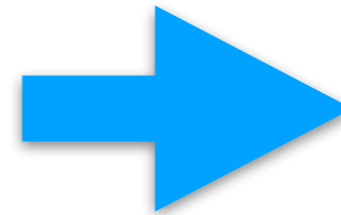
## Kinematic boundaries of the different modes

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 II

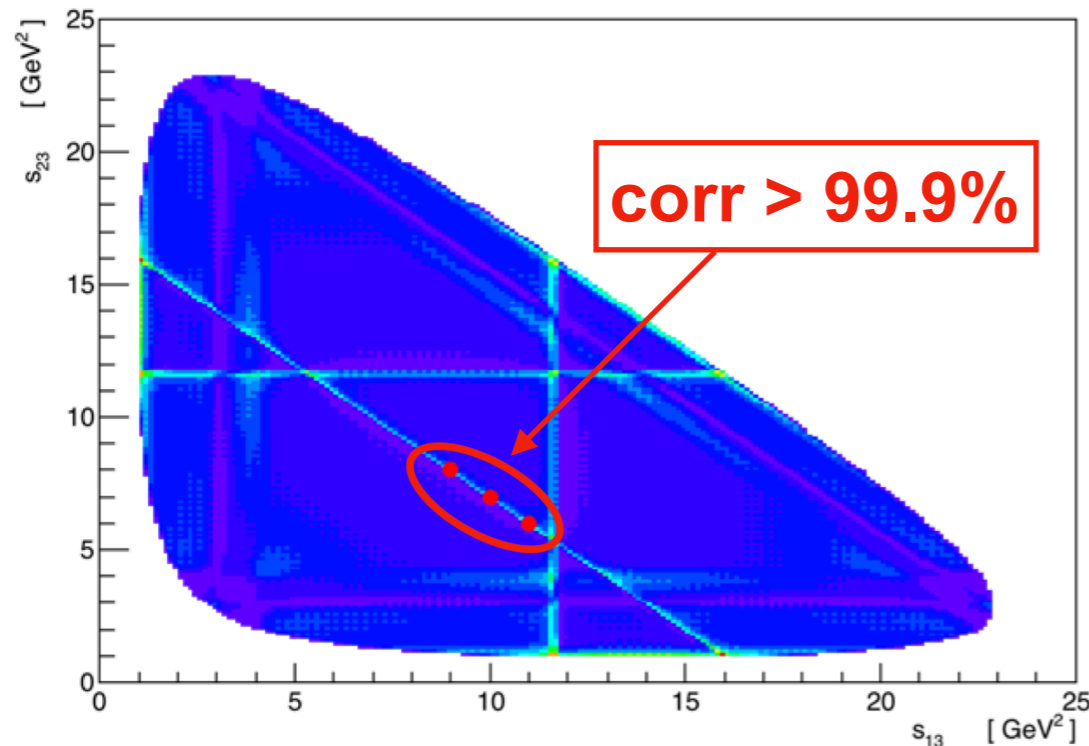
## The use of several points allows:

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



Extract  $\gamma$  using the **maximum possible** number of points on the DP.

$K_s K_s K_s$



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

Cov matrix:  
33x33 (39x39)

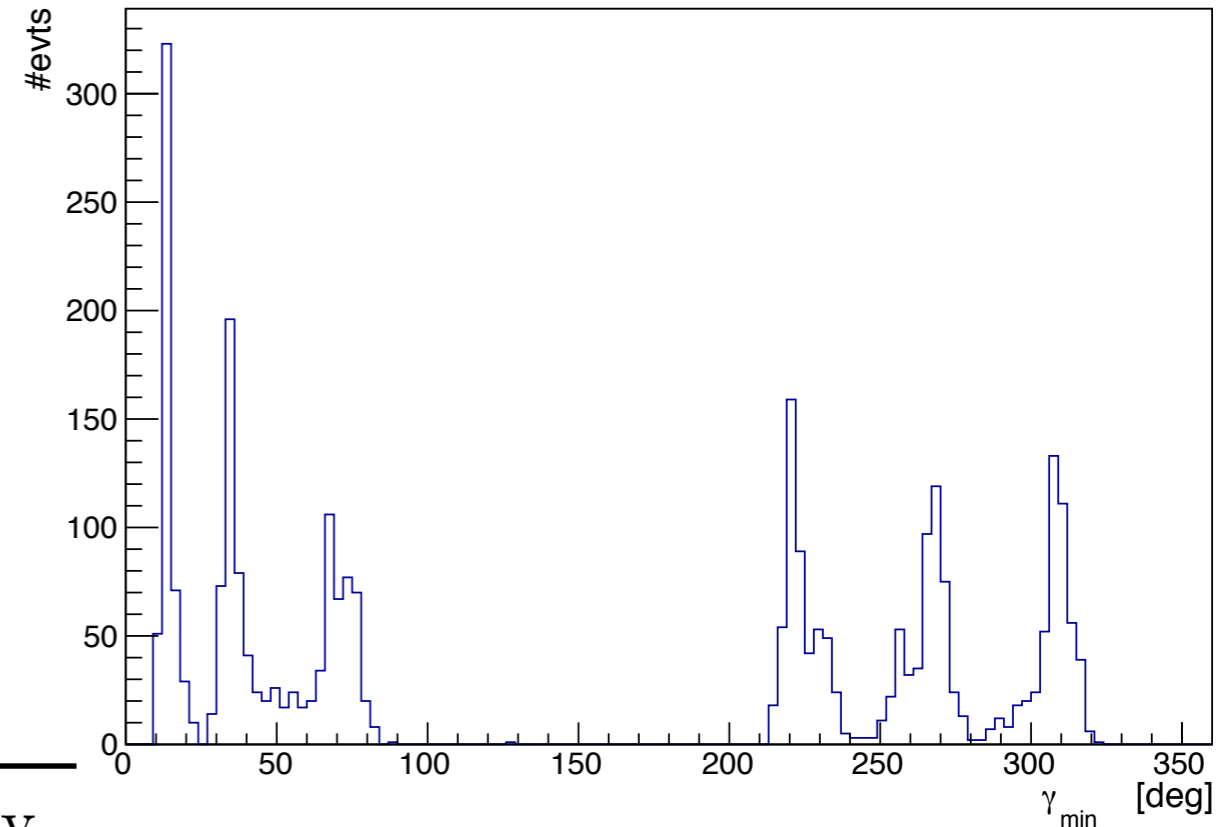
## Method for extracting the results

- Combinations of 3 points randomly scattered over the DP
- For each set of points: scan on the value of  $\gamma$  (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 $\gamma$ 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.

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



Preferred values for  $\gamma$ : central values ( $\mu$ ) and statistical uncertainties ( $\sigma_L$ ,  $\sigma_R$ ).

|           | $\mu$         | $\sigma_L$   | $\sigma_R$   | frequency |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| minimum 1 | $12.9^\circ$  | $4.3^\circ$  | $8.4^\circ$  | 484       |
| minimum 2 | $36.6^\circ$  | $6.1^\circ$  | $6.6^\circ$  | 474       |
| minimum 3 | $68.9^\circ$  | $8.6^\circ$  | $8.6^\circ$  | 461       |
| minimum 4 | $223.2^\circ$ | $7.5^\circ$  | $10.9^\circ$ | 499       |
| minimum 5 | $266.4^\circ$ | $10.8^\circ$ | $9.2^\circ$  | 487       |
| minimum 6 | $307.5^\circ$ | $8.1^\circ$  | $6.9^\circ$  | 488       |

$$\gamma_{\text{SM}} = 72.1^\circ \begin{matrix} +5.4^\circ \\ -5.8^\circ \end{matrix}$$

## Results

- 6 possible values for  $\gamma$ .
- 3rd minimum compatible with SM.
- Statistical error of the order of  $10^\circ$ .

# 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,  $\mu^{\text{all}}$ , is used to assign a systematic uncertainty

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

## Influence flavour SU(3) breaking

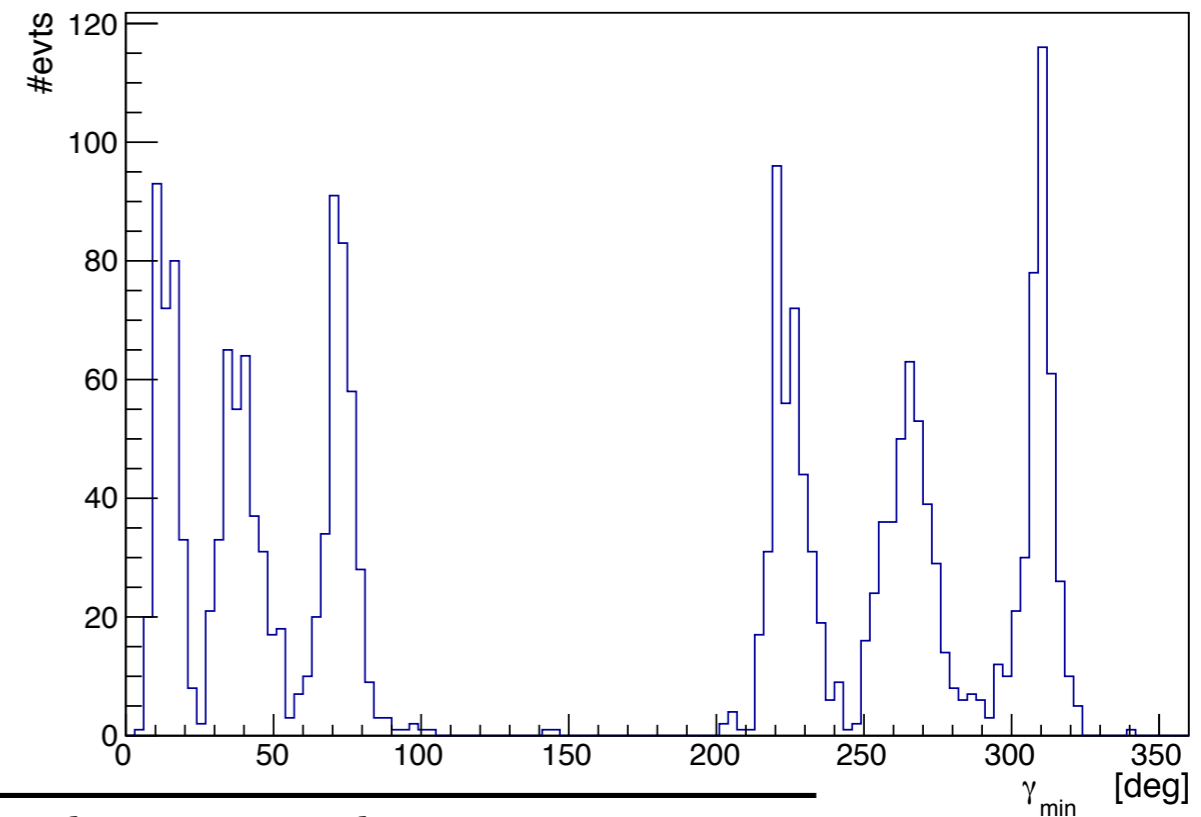
- So far we do not take into account flavour SU(3) breaking.
- $\gamma$  is re-extracted with 5 modes, letting  $\alpha_{\text{SU}(3)}$  float in the fit. [next slide]
- Central values found with 5 modes are used to assign a systematic uncertainty

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

# Extraction of $\gamma$ 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.

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



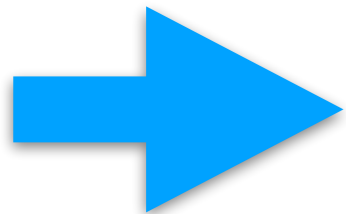
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|-----------|-------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| minimum 1 | 11.9  | 5.8        | 9.1        | 1.3                 | 1.0                             | 306       |
| minimum 2 | 39.2  | 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 the ones obtained extracting  $\gamma$  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 I

- 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  $R(s_{13}, s_{23})$

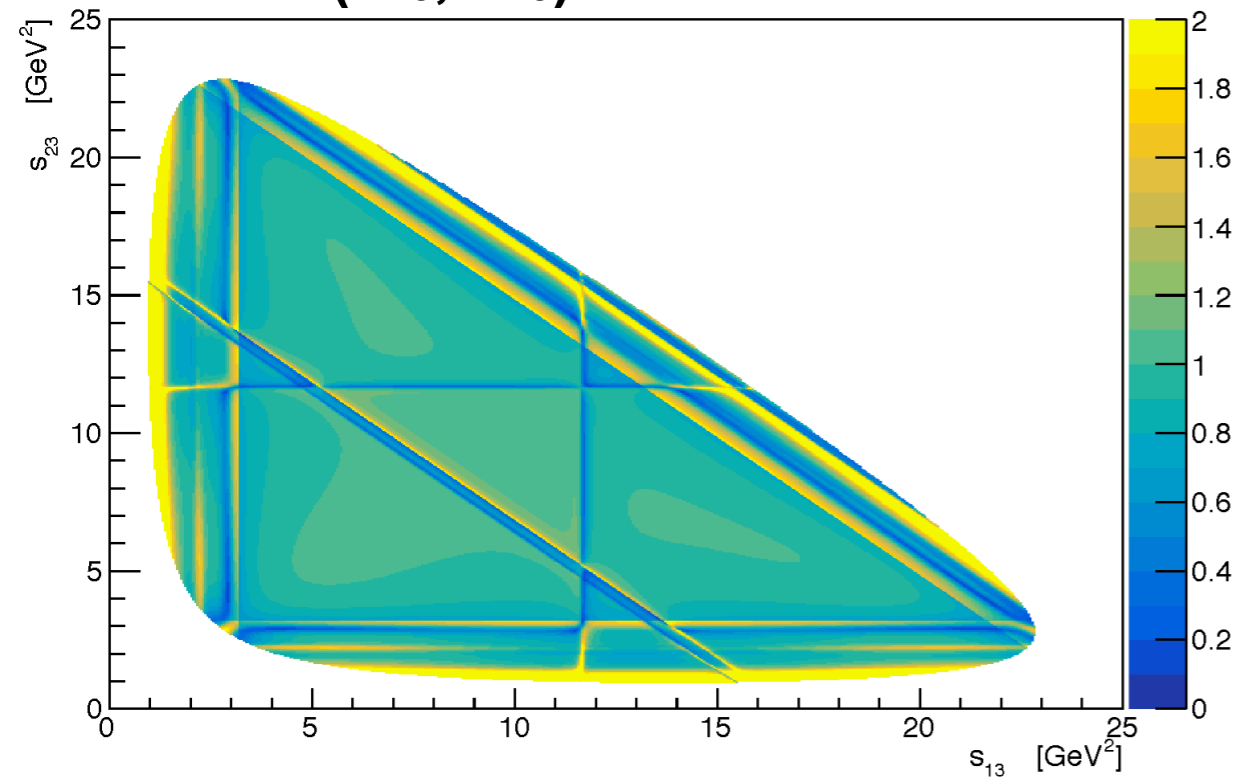
$$R(s_{13}, s_{23}) = \frac{A^{K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-}(s_{13}, s_{23}) + \bar{A}^{K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-}(s_{13}, s_{23})}{A^{K_S K^+ K^-}(s_{13}, s_{23}) + \bar{A}^{K_S K^+ K^-}(s_{13}, s_{23})}$$

## Hypothesis:

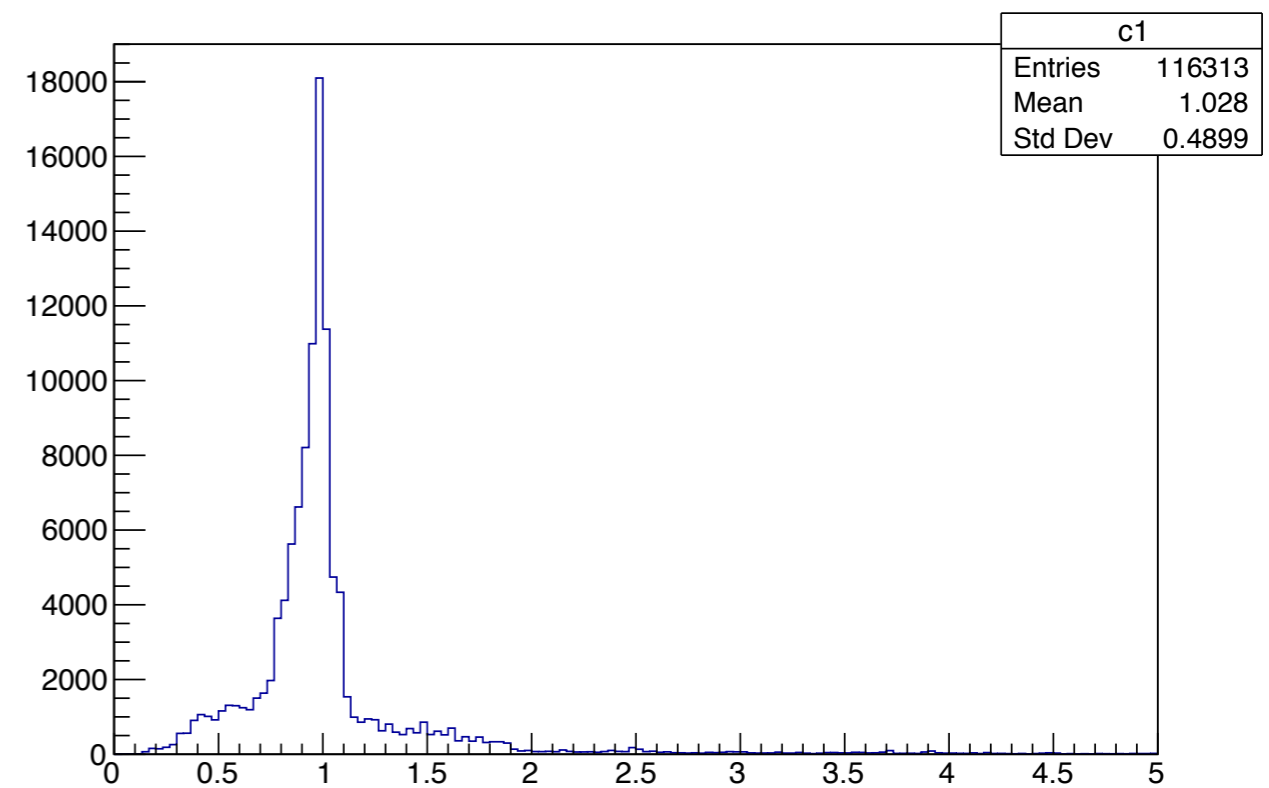
- Flavour SU(3) symmetry is conserved when averaging over many points over the DP.

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Histogram of the values of  $R(s_{13}, s_{23})$

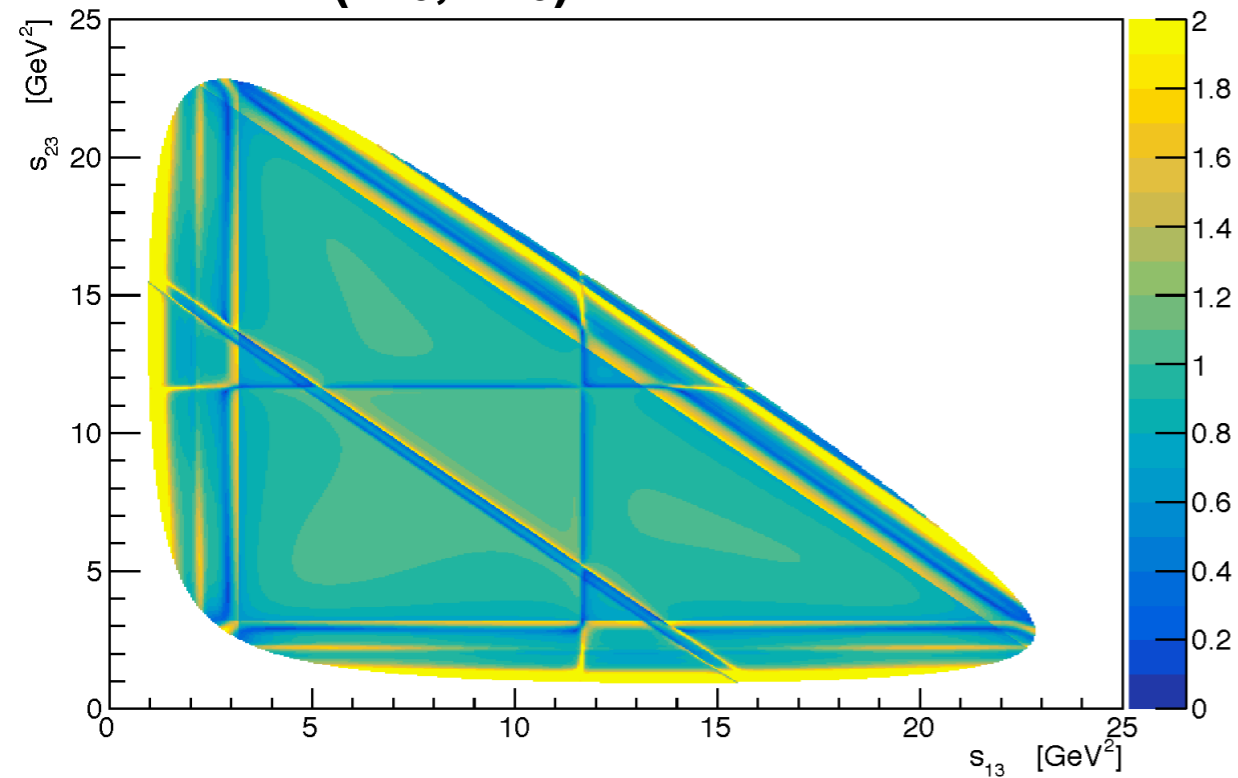


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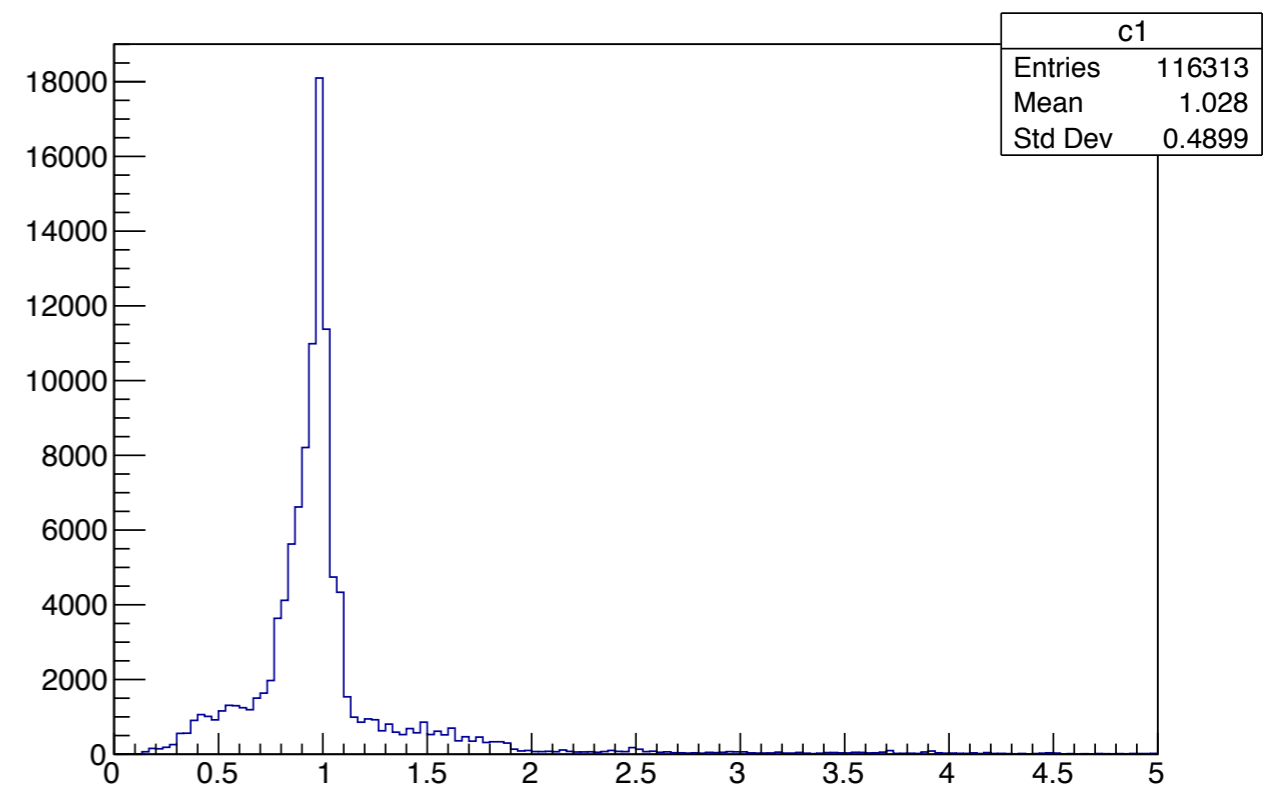
- $R(s_{13}, s_{23})$  varies over the DP, especially near resonances
- $\langle R(s_{13}, s_{23}) \rangle = 1.03$ , close to 1

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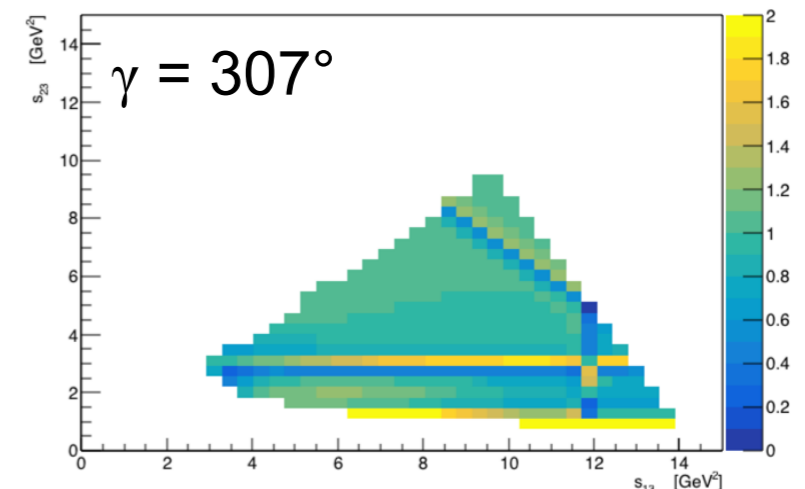
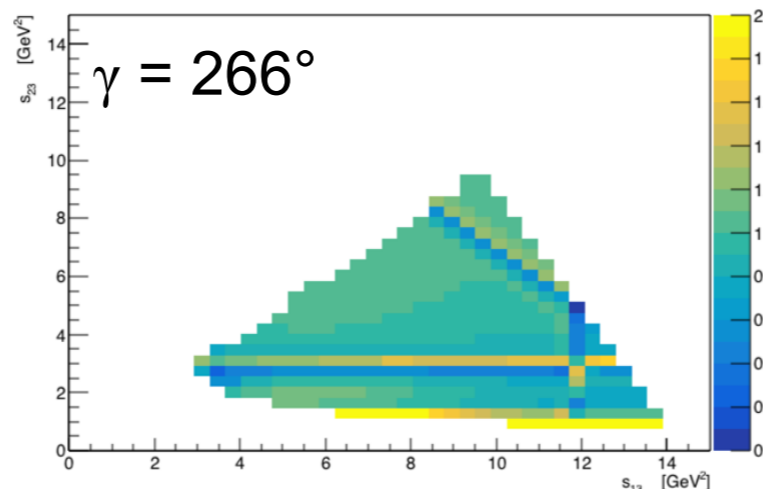
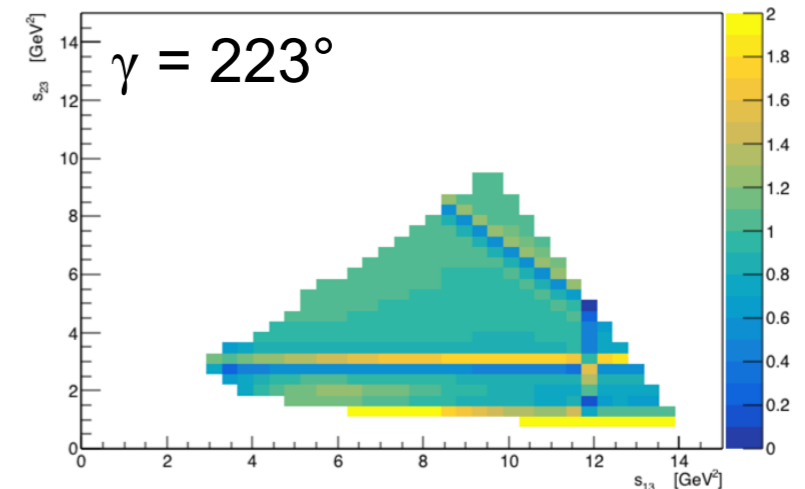
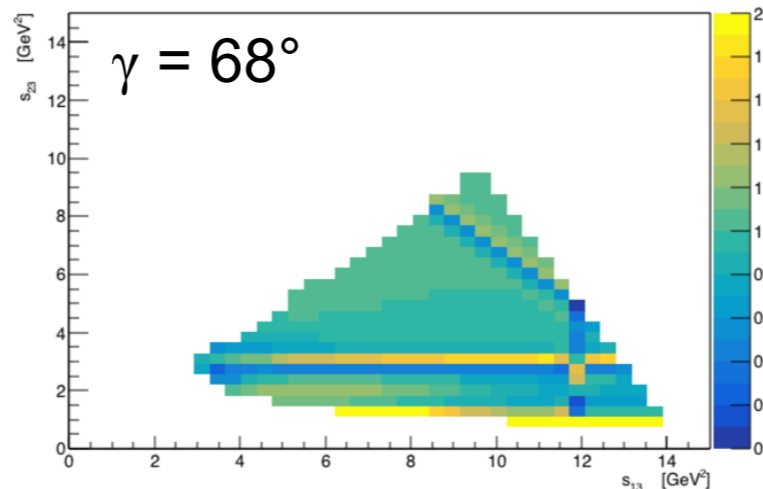
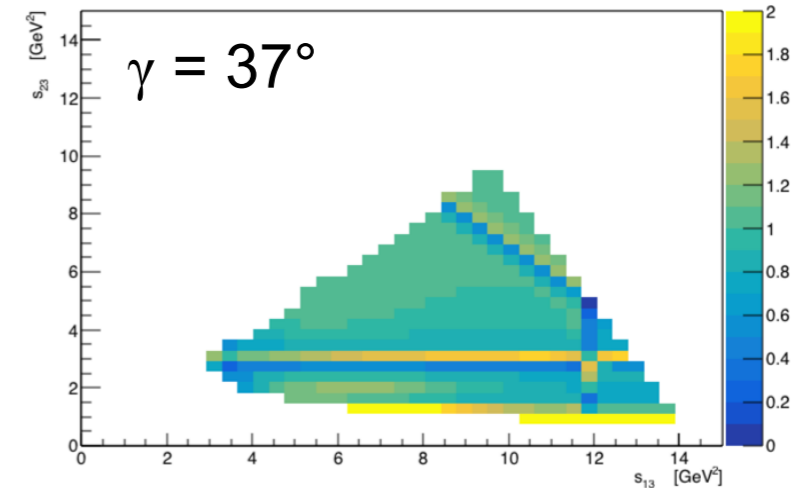
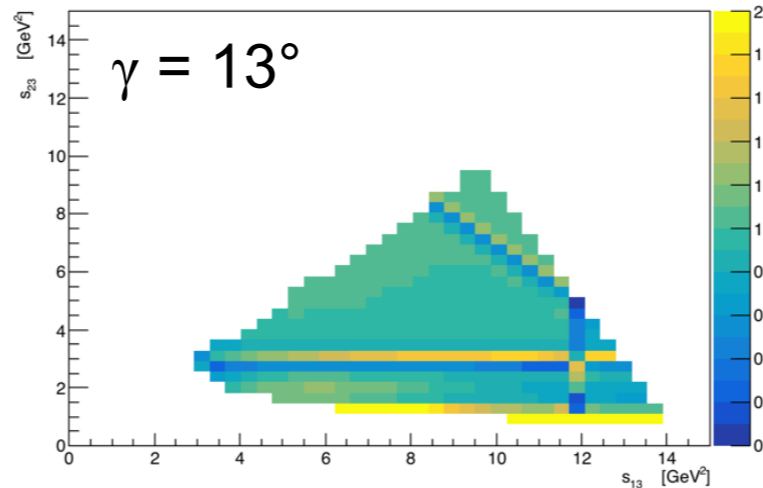
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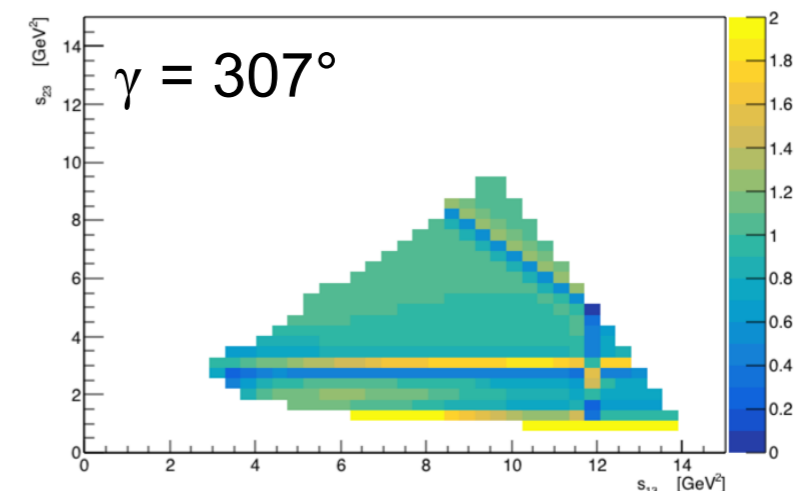
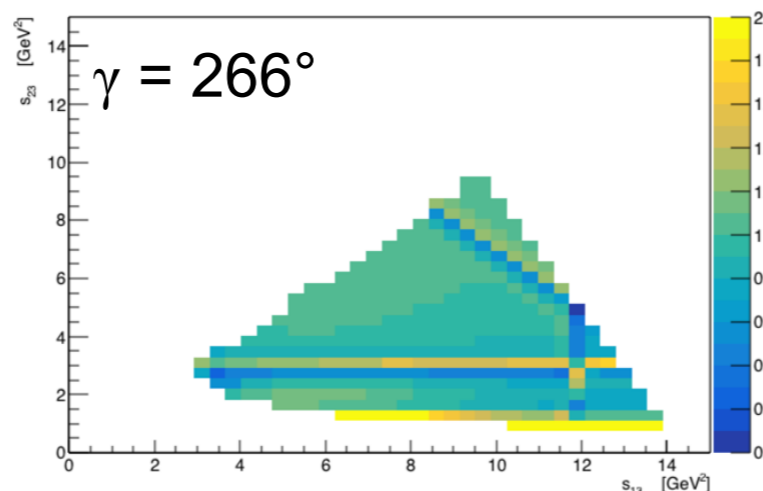
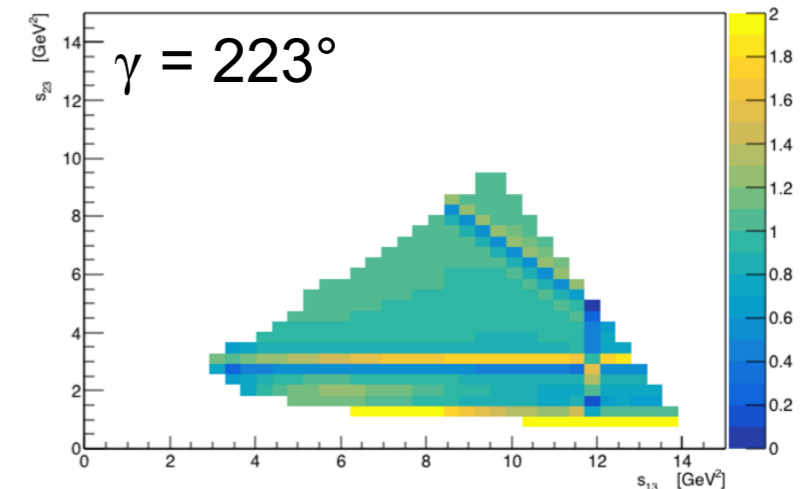
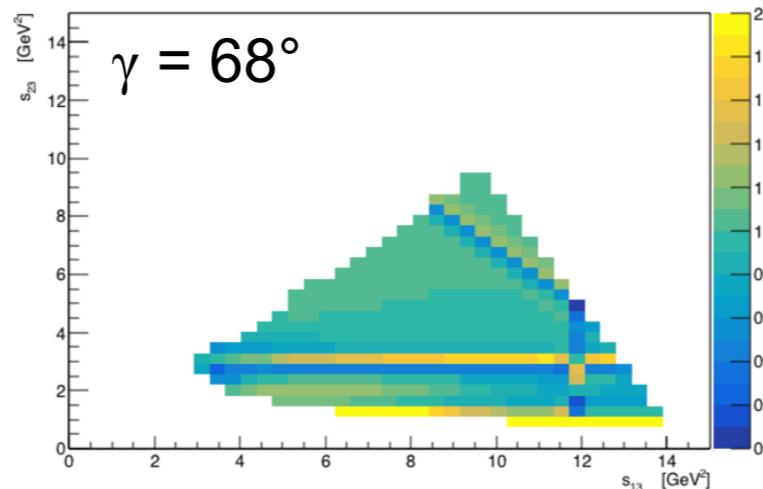
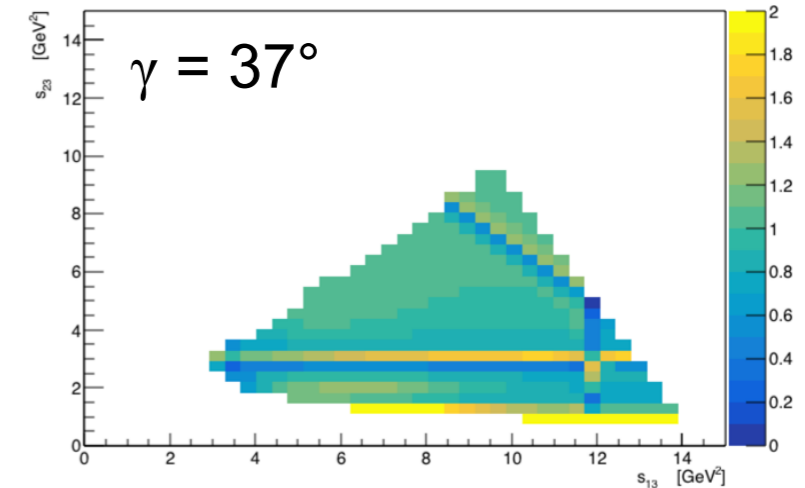
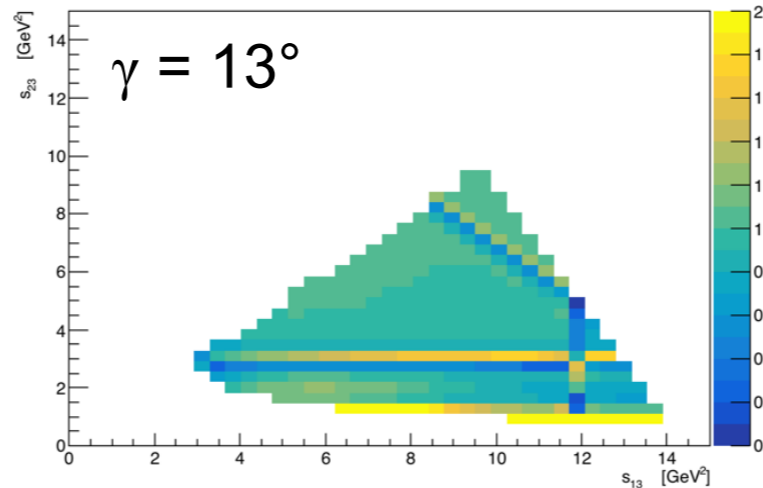
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# Conclusion

- We studied a method for extracting  $\gamma$  from charmless 3-body decays relying on flavour SU(3) symmetry.
- The values of  $\gamma$  were obtained using BABAR results.
  - 6 minima (1 consistent with SM).
  - Well separated, no overlap.
  - Statistical error about  $10^\circ$  (BABAR results only).
  - Statistical error dominates over Systematics.

$$\gamma_1 = 12.9^\circ_{-4.3^\circ}^{+8.4^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 0.8^\circ \quad (\text{syst}) \pm 1.0^\circ \quad (\text{syst})$$

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$$\gamma_5 = 266.4^\circ_{-10.8^\circ}^{+9.2^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 1.4^\circ \quad (\text{syst}) \pm 1.3^\circ \quad (\text{syst})$$

$$\gamma_6 = 307.5^\circ_{-8.1^\circ}^{+6.9^\circ} \quad (\text{stat}) \pm 0.7^\circ \quad (\text{syst}) \pm 0.9^\circ \quad (\text{syst})$$

- Paper in preparation.

# Perspectives

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

## Thomas Grammatico's Masters thesis

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$$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 K^+ K^-$$

Fully anti-symmetric amplitudes:

$$|A\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{6} (|123\rangle - |132\rangle + |312\rangle - |321\rangle + |231\rangle - |213\rangle)$$

