Branching fractions and charge asymmetries in charmless hadronic *B* decays at *BABAR*

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Charmless Hadronic B decays



Branching fractions and charge asymmetries in charmless hadronic B decays are sensitive probes of the Standard Model (SM).



Contributions from New Physics (NP) processes can be as large as SM ones. The presence of strong interaction implies large theoretical uncertainties, but allows testing different QCD models.

This talk covers (some) charmless quasi-two-body decay modes involving different theoretical interests:

• η - η' puzzle

- Polarization puzzle
- Direct CP violation
 Test of QCD models

For charmless three body decay modes see Thomas E. Latham's talk on Saturday 9 AM



Decays with η or η' in the final state





B→η' K is unexpectedly large. Penguin diagram interference[†], form factor enhancement[‡] and higher α_s contributions[‡] may explain this effect. Also predict small B→ηK and B→η'K^{*} and large B→ηK^{*}.

Charge asymmetry is expected to be large in $B \rightarrow \eta K$, and suppressed in $B \rightarrow \eta' K^{\parallel}$ Prediction of the relative sign is opposite between SU(3) flavor symmetry[#] and QCD factorization^{‡O}.

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SU(3) Bound in $|S-sin2\beta|$ in $b \rightarrow s$ Transitions

For coherent *B* mesons, produced via Y(4S) decays, the timedependent asymmetry for the decay into a *CP* eigenstate f is

$$A_{f}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\overline{B^{0}}(t) \to f) - \Gamma(B^{0}(t) \to f)}{\Gamma(\overline{B^{0}}(t) \to f) + \Gamma(B^{0}(t) \to f)} = + \eta_{f} S_{f} \sin(\Delta m_{B}t) + C_{f} \cos(\Delta m_{B}t)$$

In penguin $b \rightarrow sq$ (q = u,d,s) decays $\Delta S = S - sin 2\beta$

Contributions to ΔS may come both from SM and NP, need to know magnitude of SM contributions to look for NP effects.

Different strategies to calculate upper bounds on $|\Delta S|$.

SU(3) flavor symmetry approach relates the bound to amplitudes of $B \rightarrow PP$ decays[†]

- Bound on ΔS in $B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K^0$ involves decays to $\pi^0 \pi^0$, $\pi^0 \eta$, $\pi^0 \eta'$, $\eta \eta$, $\eta' \eta'$, $\eta \eta'_{\cdot \eta}$
- Bound on ΔS in $B^0 \rightarrow \Phi K$ involves decays to $\eta \Phi$ and $\eta' \Phi$.

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Polarization in $B \rightarrow VV$ and $B \rightarrow VT$ Decays



Helicity conservation suggests longitudinal polarization $f_{1} \approx 1$

In 2003 both BaBar and Belle found $f_{I} \approx 0.5$ in $B \rightarrow \Phi K^*$

- $f_1 \approx 1$ seems to be respected for tree dominated decays ($\rho\rho$ and $\omega \rho$), but not in $b \rightarrow s$ penguin transitions.
- Different attempts to understand the effect both in SM and NP have improved the picture.
- No theoretical predictions for $B \rightarrow VT$ decays

Results of ωK^* and $\rho K^* f_1 \approx 0.5$.

Results from VT modes $\Phi K^*_{2}(1430)$

and $\omega K^*_{2}(1430)$ disagree, why?

Polarizations of Charmless Decays



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B→VA Decays

Few reliable theoretical predictions available for $B \rightarrow VA$ transitions. Some modes are expected to have high branching fraction and may shed light on the polarization puzzle.

Many experimental results about these modes in past 2-3 years.



Detector and Dataset



Topological Discriminating Variables



Main background source is continuum $q\overline{q}$ (q = u, d, s, c) production.



Due to the different masses of light quarks and *B* mesons, $q\bar{q}$ events have two back-to-back jets, while *B* decays are more spherical.

0.08

0.06

Signal

Continuum

The cosine between the thrust axis of the B meson and the thrust axis of the rest of the event has great discriminating power.



Kinematics Discriminating Variables



Kinematics discriminating variables can discriminate between signal and background from both continuum and other *B* decays:

- Requirements on particles energies and momenta and on daughter resonances mass suppress combinatorial background from continuum and $b \rightarrow c$ events .
- Helicity angles are defined for both two and three body decays.
- $m_{\rm FS}$: energy substituted mass of the *B* meson.
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Analysis Technique



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Results obtained with extended unbinned maximum likelihood fit

$$\mathcal{L} = e^{-\sum_{j} n_{j}} \prod_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j} n_{j} \times \mathcal{P}_{j}(\Delta E^{i}) \mathcal{P}_{j}(m_{ES}^{i}) \mathcal{P}_{j}(\mathcal{D}^{i}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{i events} \\ \text{j fit components} \end{array}$$

Where useful, daughter resonances mass are used in the fit.

In $B \rightarrow VV$ and $B \rightarrow VT$ decays polarization is extracted using angular information:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}\cos\theta_1\mathrm{d}\cos\theta_2} = \begin{cases} (1-f_L)\sin^2\theta_1\sin^2\theta_2 + 4f_L\cos^2\theta_1\cos^2\theta_2 & \text{for } B \to VV\\ (1-f_L)\sin^2\theta_1\sin^2\theta_2\cos^2\theta_2 + \frac{f_L}{3}\cos^2\theta_1(3\cos^2\theta_2 - 1)^2 & \text{for } B \to VT \end{cases}$$

 θ_1 and θ_2 are the helicity angles of the two *B* meson daughters. For charge decays we can also measure the charge asymmetry:

$$\mathcal{A}_{ch} \equiv \frac{\Gamma^{-} - \Gamma^{+}}{\Gamma^{-} + \Gamma^{+}} \quad \Gamma^{\pm} = \Gamma(B^{\pm} \to f^{\pm})$$

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$B \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)} K, B^+ \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)} \pi^+$ Modes Results



Measurement of $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ branching fraction is now systematic limited due to uncertainties on the daughters branching fractions. $B^+ \rightarrow \eta K^+$ and $B \rightarrow \eta \pi^+$ have similar kinematic and branching fraction: a joint fit is performed to extract signal yields and charge asymmetries. 3.3 σ evidence of direct CPV in $B^+ \rightarrow \eta K^+$, combining this result with Belle one, we have 4.1σ deviation from zero. $A_{cb}(\eta K^{+}) = -0.36 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.03$ Charge asymmetry in $B^+ \rightarrow \eta' K^+$ is Previous BaBar small: impossible to identify the sign. n K New BaBar B^o decays have low branching ---- Belle fraction (except $\eta' K^0$); ηK^0 , $\eta \omega$, and Combined n' **K**⁺ $\eta\omega$ have more than 3σ significance. 467 10⁶ BB pairs η **π**⁺ **NEW RESULTS!** hep-ex 0907.1743 My own averages, $n' \pi^{\dagger}$ Submitted to PRD Not from HFAG

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-0.6

-0.4

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$B \rightarrow \omega V$ Branching Fraction Results

This study includes both B^+ and B^0 decay modes. Mass of the $K\pi$ system includes $K^*(892)$, $(K\pi)^*_0$ and $K^*_2(1430)$.

First observation of four decay modes, with high branching fraction.



Main sources of systematic error are the presence of a fit bias and the uncertainties on the PDFs parametrization.

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$B \rightarrow \omega V$ Polarization Results

Polarization is extracted for all the VV and VT modes, but ωK^{*} $(K^{*} \rightarrow K^0_{\ s} \pi^+)$ and $\omega \rho^0$, where the signal yield is too small.

Results from different *K** sub-decays are combined summing the likelihood functions.





Conclusions



- Charmless hadronic B decays are a good place to test Standard Model and look for New Physics effects.
- The η-η' puzzle seems to be understood. ηK⁺ have a 3.3σ evidence of direct CPV.
- The polarization puzzle is not understood, yet:
 - Tree-dominated decays seems to obey $f_L \approx 1$
 - Penguin-dominated VV modes have $f_L \approx 0.5 \ (\Phi K^*, \rho K^*, \omega K^* \ (?))$
 - Disagreement in VT modes $f_L(\Phi K^*_2(1430)) \approx 1$, but $f_L(\omega K^*_2(1430)) \approx 0.5$
- QCD factorization explains well some AP decays (such as $b_1(a_1(1260))\pi$, $b_1(a_1(1260))K$), but overestimates some b_1V modes: insight needed.
- Penguin dominated $b \rightarrow s$ decay modes (such as ηK_{s}^{0}) may provide new independent measurement of $sin 2\beta$: quest for New Physics!
- B factory sensitivity is now approaching the level required to observe these modes: nK^o_s physics case should be considered at new super-flavor factories SuperKEKB/SuperB.

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Backup

Experimental Status



Bounds on $|\Delta S - sin 2\beta|$



 ΔS in SM may come from λsuppressed contributions to the decay amplitude

- These contributions are expected to be small.
- Both SM and NP effects are channel-dependent: need to calculate bounds
- ΦK⁰_s is a pure penguin mode and SM contributions are expected to be very small

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Neutral Modes with η and η' Results



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TABLE II: Fitted signal event yield and fit bias in events (ev), detection efficiency ϵ , daughter branching fraction product $\prod \mathcal{B}_i$, significance \mathcal{S} , and measured branching fraction \mathcal{B} with statistical error for each B^0 decay mode. For the combined measurements we give the significance (with systematic uncertainties included) and the branching fraction with the statistical and systematic uncertainties (in parentheses the 90% CL upper limit). Significances greater than 7 standard deviations (σ) are omitted.

Mode	Yield (ev)	Fit bias (ev)	ϵ (%)	$\prod \mathcal{B}_i$ (%)	$\mathcal{S}(\sigma)$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$		467 106
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}K^0$	21^{+10}_{-9}	0	32.1	13.6	2.5	$1.03^{+0.49}_{-0.44}$		
$\eta_{3\pi}K^0$	12^{+7}_{-6}	0	20.6	7.9	2.5	$1.56^{+0.92}_{-0.79}$		BB pairs
ηK^{0}					3.5	$1.15^{+0.43}_{-0.38} \pm 0.09$ (< 1.8)	
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta_{\gamma\gamma}$	13^{+10}_{-9}	+1	23.9	15.5	1.4	$0.7^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$		
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta_{3\pi}$	9^{+6}_{-5}	+1	18.0	17.9	1.5	$0.5^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$		
$\eta_{3\pi}\eta_{3\pi}$	$0.2^{+2.4}_{-1.7}$	-0.1	11.1	5.2	0.1	$0.1^{+0.9}_{-0.6}$		
$\eta\eta$					1.9	$0.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.1$ ((< 1.0)	
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}\phi$	0^{+6}_{-5}	0	29.3	19.4	0.1	0.0 ± 0.2		
$\eta_{3\pi}\phi$	4^{+4}_{-3}	0	18.3	11.2	1.9	$0.4^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$		
$\eta\phi$					1.4	$0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$ ((< 0.5)	
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}\omega$	36^{+13}_{-12}	+3	18.7	35.1	3.4	$1.08^{+0.42}_{-0.39}$		
$\eta_{3\pi}\omega$	8^{+7}_{-5}	+1	13.1	20.2	1.8	$0.59^{+0.57}_{-0.40}$		
$\eta\omega$					3.7	$0.94^{+0.35}_{-0.30}\pm 0.09$ (< 1.4)	
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}K^0$	490^{+25}_{-24}	-2	26.6	6.1	_	$64.9^{+3.3}_{-3.2}$		NEW RESULTS!
$\eta'_{\rho\gamma}K^0$	1003 ± 41	+27	28.3	10.2	_	72.4 ± 3.0		$H_{00} \rightarrow 0007 1742$
$\eta' \dot{K}^0$					—	$68.5 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.1$		Hep-ex 0907.1743
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}$	$1.6^{+2.1}_{-1.1}$	0	19.9	3.1	2.2	$0.6^{+0.7}_{-0.3}$		Submitted to PRD
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}\eta'_{\rho\gamma}$	8^{+9}_{-7}	+2	19.8	10.3	0.8	$0.6^{+0.9}_{-0.7}$	7	
$\eta'\eta'$					1.0	$0.6^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \pm 0.4$ (< 1.7)	
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}\phi$	-2^{+2}_{-1}	0	24.4	8.6	0.0	$-0.2^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$		
$\eta'_{\rho\gamma}\phi$	5^{+8}_{-7}	0	23.9	14.5	0.7	$0.3^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$		
$\eta' \phi$					0.5	$0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3$ (< 1.1)	alter
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}\omega$	14^{+7}_{-6}	+1	17.9	15.6	3.4	$1.03^{+0.54}_{-0.46}$		P
$\eta'_{\rho\gamma}\omega$	16^{+17}_{-15}	-2	15.2	26.2	1.2	$0.94^{+0.91}_{-0.81}$		
$\eta'\omega$					3.6	$1.01^{+0.46}_{-0.38} \pm 0.09$ (< 1.8)	

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TABLE III: Fitted signal event yield and fit bias, detection efficiency ϵ , daughter branching fraction product $\prod \mathcal{B}_i$, measured branching fraction \mathcal{B} , charge asymmetry \mathcal{A}_{ch} with statistical error, and significance $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}}$ of the charge asymmetry for each charged decay mode. For the combined measurements we give the branching fraction, the charge asymmetry and the significance of the charge asymmetry with the statistical and systematic uncertainties.

Mode	Yield (ev)	Fit bias (ev)	ϵ (%)	$\prod \mathcal{B}_i$ (%)	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	\mathcal{A}_{ch}	$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}}(\sigma)$
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}\pi^+$	286^{+31}_{-30}	+18	35.1	39.3	$4.16_{-0.47}^{+0.48}$	$-0.02^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$	0.4
$\eta_{3\pi}\pi^+$	95^{+19}_{-18}	+7	23.4	22.7	$3.53^{+0.77}_{-0.73}$	$+0.06 \pm 0.18$	0.4
$\eta \pi^+$					$4.00 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.24$	$-0.03 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.03$	0.3
$\eta_{\gamma\gamma}K^+$	215^{+31}_{-30}	+21	34.0	39.3	$3.11^{+0.50}_{-0.48}$	-0.37 ± 0.12	3.1
$\eta_{3\pi}K^+$	69^{+16}_{-15}	+6	22.9	22.7	$2.60^{+0.66}_{-0.62}$	-0.32 ± 0.22	1.5
ηK^+					$2.94^{+0.39}_{-0.34}\pm0.21$	$-0.36 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.03$	3.3
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}\pi^+$	96^{+20}_{-19}	+1	29.4	17.5	4.0 ± 0.8	-0.25 ± 0.19	1.3
$\eta'_{\rho\gamma}\pi^+$	111^{+31}_{-29}	+7	25.9	29.4	$2.9^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	$+0.56^{+0.29}_{-0.27}$	2.1
$\eta' \pi^+$					$3.5\pm0.6\pm0.2$	$+0.03\pm 0.17\pm 0.02$	0.2
$\eta'_{\eta\pi\pi}K^+$	1601^{+44}_{-43}	-5	28.7	17.5	$68.5^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$	-0.004 ± 0.027	0.2
$\eta'_{\rho\gamma}K^+$	2991^{+72}_{-71}	-10	29.3	29.4	74.6 ± 1.8	$+0.016 \pm 0.023$	0.7
$\eta' K^+$					$71.5 \pm 1.3 \pm 3.2$	$+0.008^{+0.017}_{-0.018}\pm0.009$	0.4



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