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## Measurement of *CP*-Violating Asymmetries in $B^0 \rightarrow (\rho \pi)^0$ Using a Time-Dependent Dalitz Plot Analysis

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### Abstract

We report a measurement of CP-violating asymmetries in  $B^0 \to (\rho \pi)^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  decays using a time-dependent Dalitz plot analysis. The results are obtained from a data sample of 347 million  $\Upsilon(4S) \to B\overline{B}$  decays, collected by the BABAR detector at the PEP-II asymmetric-energy B Factory at SLAC. We measure 26 coefficients of the bilinear form factor terms occurring in the time-dependent decay rate of the  $B^0$  meson and derive the physically relevant quantities from these coefficients. In particular we find a three standard deviation evidence of direct CP-violation in the  $B^0 \to \rho^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$  decays, with systematic uncertainties included. We also achieve a constraint of the angle  $\alpha$  of the Unitarity Triangle. All results presented are preliminary.

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## **1** INTRODUCTION

Measurements of the parameter  $\sin 2\beta$  [1, 2] have established *CP* violation in the  $B^0$  meson system and provide strong support for the Kobayashi and Maskawa model of this phenomenon as arising from a single phase in the three-generation CKM quark-mixing matrix [3]. We present, in this paper, results from a time-dependent analysis of the  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  Dalitz plot (DP) that is dominated by the  $\rho(770)$  intermediate resonances of all charges and their interference. The goal of the analysis is the simultaneous extraction of the strong transition amplitudes and the weak interaction phase  $\alpha \equiv \arg \left[-V_{td}V_{tb}^*/V_{ud}V_{ub}^*\right]$  of the Unitarity Triangle. In the Standard Model, a non-zero value for  $\alpha$  is responsible for the occurrence of mixing-induced *CP* violation in this decay. The *BABAR* and Belle experiments have obtained constraints on  $\alpha$  from the measurement of effective quantities  $\sin 2\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  in *B* decays to  $\pi^+\pi^-$  [4, 5] and from *B* decays to  $\rho^+\rho^-$  [6, 7], using an isospin analysis [8].

Unlike  $\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\rho^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$  is not a *CP* eigenstate, and four flavor-charge configurations  $(B^0(\overline{B}^0) \rightarrow \rho^{\pm}\pi^{\mp})$  must be considered. The corresponding isospin analysis [9] is unfruitful with the present statistics since two pentagonal amplitude relations with 12 unknowns have to be solved (compared to 6 unknowns for the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $\rho^+\rho^-$  systems). However, it has been pointed out by Snyder and Quinn [10], that one can obtain the necessary degrees of freedom to constrain  $\alpha$  without ambiguity by explicitly including in the analysis the variation of the strong phases of the interfering  $\rho$  resonances in the Dalitz plot.

#### 1.1 DECAY AMPLITUDES

We consider the decay of a spin-zero  $B^0$  with four-momentum  $p_B$  into the three daughters  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^0$ , with  $p_+$ ,  $p_-$ , and  $p_0$  their corresponding four-momenta. Using as independent (Mandelstam) variables the invariant squared masses

$$s_{+} = (p_{+} + p_{0})^{2}, \qquad s_{-} = (p_{-} + p_{0})^{2}, \qquad (1)$$

the invariant squared mass of the positive and negative pion,  $s_0 = (p_+ + p_-)^2$ , is obtained from energy and momentum conservation

$$s_0 = m_{B^0}^2 + 2m_{\pi^+}^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2 - s_+ - s_- .$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The differential  $B^0$  decay width with respect to the variables defined in Eq. (1) (*i.e.*, the *Dalitz* plot) reads

$$d\Gamma(B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|A_{3\pi}|^2}{8m_{B^0}^3} ds_+ ds_- , \qquad (3)$$

where  $A_{3\pi}$  is the Lorentz-invariant amplitude of the three-body decay.

We assume in the following that the amplitudes  $A_{3\pi}$  and its complex conjugate  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}$ , corresponding to the transitions  $B^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  and  $\overline{B}^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ , respectively, are dominated by the three resonances  $\rho^+$ ,  $\rho^-$  and  $\rho^0$ . The  $\rho$  resonances are assumed to be the sum of the ground state  $\rho(770)$  and the radial excitations  $\rho(1450)$  and  $\rho(1700)$ , with resonance parameters determined by a combined fit to  $\tau^+ \to \overline{\nu}_{\tau} \pi^+ \pi^0$  and  $e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-$  data [11]. Since the hadronic environment is different in *B* decays, we cannot rely on this result and therefore determine the relative  $\rho(1450)$  and  $\rho(1700)$  amplitudes simultaneously with the *CP* parameters from the fit. Variations of the other parameters and possible contributions to the  $B^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  decay other than the  $\rho$ 's are studied as part of the systematic uncertainties (Section 4).

Including the  $B^0\overline{B}^0$  mixing parameter q/p into the  $\overline{B}^0$  decay amplitudes, we can write [10, 12]

$$A_{3\pi} = f_{+}A^{+} + f_{-}A^{-} + f_{0}A^{0} , \qquad (4)$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi} = f_{+}\overline{\mathcal{A}}^{+} + f_{-}\overline{\mathcal{A}}^{-} + f_{0}\overline{\mathcal{A}}^{0} , \qquad (5)$$

where the  $f_{\kappa}$  (with  $\kappa = \{+, -, 0\}$  denote the charge of the  $\rho$  from the decay of the  $B^0$  meson) are functions of the Dalitz variables  $s_+$  and  $s_-$  that incorporate the kinematic and dynamical properties of the  $B^0$  decay into a (vector)  $\rho$  resonance and a (pseudoscalar) pion, and where the  $A^{\kappa}$  are complex amplitudes that may comprise weak and strong transition phases and that are independent of the Dalitz variables. Note that the definitions (4) and (5) imply the assumption that the relative phases between the  $\rho(770)$  and its radial excitations are *CP*-conserving.

Following Ref. [11], the  $\rho$  resonances are parameterized in  $f_{\kappa}$  by a modified relativistic Breit-Wigner function introduced by Gounaris and Sakurai (GS) [15]. Due to angular momentum conservation, the spin-one  $\rho$  resonance is polarized in a helicity-zero state. For a  $\rho^{\kappa}$  resonance with charge  $\kappa$ , the GS function is multiplied by the kinematic function  $-4|\mathbf{p}_{\kappa}||\mathbf{p}_{\tau}|\cos\theta_{\kappa}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}_{\kappa}$  is the momentum of either of the daughters of  $\rho$ -resonance defined in the  $\rho$ -resonance rest frame, and where  $\mathbf{p}_{\tau}$  is the momentum of the particle not from  $\rho$  decay defined in the same frame, and  $\cos\theta_{\kappa}$ the cosine of the helicity angle of the  $\rho^{\kappa}$ . For the  $\rho^+$  ( $\rho^-$ ),  $\theta_+$  ( $\theta_-$ ) is defined by the angle between the  $\pi^0$  ( $\pi^-$ ) in the  $\rho^+$  ( $\rho^-$ ) rest frame and the  $\rho^+$  ( $\rho^-$ ) flight direction in the  $B^0$  rest frame. For the  $\rho^0$ ,  $\theta_0$  is defined by the angle between the  $\pi^+$  in the  $\rho^0$  rest frame and the  $\rho^0$  flight direction in the  $B^0$  rest frame. With these definitions, each pair of GS functions interferes destructively at equal masses-squared.

The occurrence of  $\cos \theta_{\kappa}$  in the kinematic functions substantially enhances the interference between the different  $\rho$  bands in the Dalitz plot, and thus increases the sensitivity of this analysis [10].

#### **1.2 TIME DEPENDENCE**

With  $\Delta t \equiv t_{3\pi} - t_{\text{tag}}$  defined as the proper time interval between the decay of the fully reconstructed  $B_{3\pi}^0$  and that of the other meson  $B_{\text{tag}}^0$ , the time-dependent decay rate  $|\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^+(\Delta t)|^2 (|\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^-(\Delta t)|^2)$  when the tagging meson is a  $B^0$  ( $\overline{B}^0$ ) is given by

$$|\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^{\pm}(\Delta t)|^{2} = \frac{e^{-|\Delta t|/\tau_{B^{0}}}}{4\tau_{B^{0}}} \left[ |A_{3\pi}|^{2} + |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}|^{2} \mp \left( |A_{3\pi}|^{2} - |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}|^{2} \right) \cos(\Delta m_{d}\Delta t) \pm 2\mathrm{Im} \left[ \overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi} A_{3\pi}^{*} \right] \sin(\Delta m_{d}\Delta t) \right],$$
(6)

where  $\tau_{B^0}$  is the mean  $B^0$  lifetime and  $\Delta m_d$  is the  $B^0\overline{B}^0$  oscillation frequency. Here, we have assumed that CP violation in  $B^0\overline{B}^0$  mixing is absent (|q/p| = 1),  $\Delta\Gamma_{B_d} = 0$  and CPT is conserved. Inserting the amplitudes (4) and (5), one obtains for the terms in Eq. (6)

$$|A_{3\pi}|^{2} \pm |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}|^{2} = \sum_{\kappa \in \{+,-,0\}} |f_{\kappa}|^{2} U_{\kappa}^{\pm} + 2 \sum_{\kappa < \sigma \in \{+,-,0\}} \left( \operatorname{Re}\left[f_{\kappa}f_{\sigma}^{*}\right] U_{\kappa\sigma}^{\pm,\operatorname{Re}} - \operatorname{Im}\left[f_{\kappa}f_{\sigma}^{*}\right] U_{\kappa\sigma}^{\pm,\operatorname{Im}} \right) ,$$
  
$$\operatorname{Im}\left(\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}A_{3\pi}^{*}\right) = \sum_{\kappa \in \{+,-,0\}} |f_{\kappa}|^{2} I_{\kappa} + \sum_{\kappa < \sigma \in \{+,-,0\}} \left( \operatorname{Re}\left[f_{\kappa}f_{\sigma}^{*}\right] I_{\kappa\sigma}^{\operatorname{Im}} + \operatorname{Im}\left[f_{\kappa}f_{\sigma}^{*}\right] I_{\kappa\sigma}^{\operatorname{Re}} \right) , \qquad (7)$$

with

$$U_{\kappa}^{\pm} = |A^{\kappa}|^2 \pm |\overline{A}^{\kappa}|^2 , \qquad (8)$$

$$U_{\kappa\sigma}^{\pm,\mathrm{Re(Im)}} = \mathrm{Re(Im)} \left[ A^{\kappa} A^{\sigma*} \pm \overline{A}^{\kappa} \overline{A}^{\sigma*} \right] , \qquad (9)$$

$$I_{\kappa} = \operatorname{Im}\left[\overline{A}^{\kappa}A^{\kappa*}\right] , \qquad (10)$$

$$I_{\kappa\sigma}^{\text{Re}} = \text{Re}\left[\overline{A}^{\kappa}A^{\sigma*} - \overline{A}^{\sigma}A^{\kappa*}\right] , \qquad (11)$$

$$I_{\kappa\sigma}^{\rm Im} = {\rm Im} \left[ \overline{A}^{\kappa} A^{\sigma *} + \overline{A}^{\sigma} A^{\kappa *} \right] .$$
(12)

The 27 coefficients (8)–(12) are real-valued parameters that multiply the  $f_{\kappa}f_{\sigma}^{*}$  bilinears (where  $\kappa$  and  $\sigma$  denote the charge of the  $\rho$  resonances) [16]. These are the observables that are determined by the fit. Each of the coefficients is related in a unique way to physically more intuitive quantities, such as tree-level and penguin-type amplitudes, the angle  $\alpha$ , or the quasi-two-body *CP* and dilution parameters [17] (*cf.* Section 6). The parameterization (7) is general; the information on the mirror solutions (*e.g.*, on the angle  $\alpha$ ) that are present in the transition amplitudes  $A^{\kappa}$ ,  $\overline{A}^{\kappa}$  is conserved. In this paper, we determine the relative values of U and I coefficients to  $U_{+}^{+}$ .

The choice to fit for the U and I coefficients rather than fitting for the complex transition amplitudes and the weak phase  $\alpha$  directly is motivated by the following technical simplifications: (*i*) in contrast to the amplitudes, there is a unique solution for the U and I coefficients requiring only a single fit to the selected data sample, (*ii*) in the presence of background, the U and I coefficients are approximately Gaussian distributed, which in general is not the case for the amplitudes, and (*iii*) the propagation of systematic uncertainties and the averaging between different measurements are straightforward for the U's and I's.

The  $U_{\kappa}^+$  coefficients are related to resonance fractions (branching fractions and charge asymmetries); the  $U_{\kappa}^-$  determine the relative abundance of the  $B^0$  decay into  $\rho^+\pi^-$  and  $\rho^-\pi^+$  and the time-dependent direct CP asymmetries. The  $I_{\kappa}$  measure mixing-induced CP violation and are sensitive to strong phase shifts. Finally, the  $U_{\kappa\sigma}^{\pm,\text{Re}(\text{Im})}$  and  $I_{\kappa\sigma}^{\text{Re}(\text{Im})}$  describe the interference pattern in the Dalitz plot, and their presence distinguishes this analysis from the quasi-two-body analysis previously reported in [17]. They represent the additional degrees of freedom that allow one to determine the unknown penguin pollution and the relative strong phases. However, because the overlap regions of the resonances are small and because the events reconstructed in these regions suffer from large misreconstruction rates and background, a substantial data sample is needed to perform a fit that constrains all amplitude parameters.

We determine the quantities of interest in a subsequent least-squares fit to the measured U and I coefficients.

#### 1.3 NORMALIZATION

The decay rate (6) is used as a probability density function (PDF) in a maximum-likelihood fit and must therefore be normalized:

$$|\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^{\pm}(\Delta t)|^2 \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\langle |A_{3\pi}|^2 + |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}|^2 \rangle} |\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^{\pm}(\Delta t)|^2 , \qquad (13)$$

where

$$\langle |A_{3\pi}|^2 + |\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{3\pi}|^2 \rangle = \sum_{\kappa \in \{+,-,0\}} \langle |f_{\kappa}|^2 \rangle U_{\kappa}^+ + 2\operatorname{Re}_{\kappa < \sigma \in \{+,-,0\}} \langle f_{\kappa}f_{\sigma}^* \rangle \left( U_{\kappa\sigma}^{+,\operatorname{Re}} + i \cdot U_{\kappa\sigma}^{+,\operatorname{Im}} \right) .$$
(14)

The complex expectation values  $\langle f_{\kappa} f_{\sigma}^* \rangle$  are obtained from high-statistics Monte Carlo integration of the Dalitz plot (3), taking into account acceptance and resolution effects.

The normalization of the decay rate (6) renders the normalization of the U and I coefficients arbitrary, so that we can fix one coefficient. By convention, we set  $U_{+}^{+} \equiv 1$ .

### 1.4 THE SQUARE DALITZ PLOT

Both the signal events and the combinatorial  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  (q = u, d, s, c) continuum background events populate the kinematic boundaries of the Dalitz plot due to the low final state masses compared to the  $B^0$  mass. We find the representation (3) is inadequate when one wants to use empirical reference shapes in a maximum-likelihood fit. Large variations occurring in small areas of the Dalitz plot are very difficult to describe in detail. These regions are particularly important since this is where the interference, and hence our ability to determine the strong phases, occurs. We therefore apply the transformation

$$ds_+ ds_- \longrightarrow |\det J| \, dm' \, d\theta' \,, \tag{15}$$

which defines the Square Dalitz plot (SDP). The new coordinates are

$$m' \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos\left(2\frac{m_0 - m_0^{\min}}{m_0^{\max} - m_0^{\min}} - 1\right), \ \theta' \equiv \frac{1}{\pi}\theta_0,$$
(16)

where  $m_0$  is the invariant mass between the charged tracks,  $m_0^{\text{max}} = m_{B^0} - m_{\pi^0}$  and  $m_0^{\text{min}} = 2m_{\pi^+}$ are the kinematic limits of  $m_0$ ,  $\theta_0$  is the  $\rho^0$  helicity angle, and J is the Jacobian of the transformation that zooms into the kinematic boundaries of the Dalitz plot. The new variables range between 0 and 1. The determinant of the Jacobian is given by

$$|\det J| = 4 |\mathbf{p}_{+}^{*}||\mathbf{p}_{0}^{*}| m_{0} \cdot \frac{\partial m_{0}}{\partial m'} \cdot \frac{\partial \cos \theta_{0}}{\partial \theta'} , \qquad (17)$$

where  $|\mathbf{p}_{+}^{*}| = \sqrt{E_{+}^{*} - m_{\pi^{+}}^{2}}$  and  $|\mathbf{p}_{0}^{*}| = \sqrt{E_{0}^{*} - m_{\pi^{0}}^{2}}$ , and where the energies  $E_{+}^{*}$  and  $E_{0}^{*}$  are in the  $\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$  rest frame. Figure 1 shows the determinant of the Jacobian as a function of the SDP parameters m' and  $\theta'$ . If the events in the nominal Dalitz plot were distributed according to a uniform (non-resonant) prior, their distribution in the SDP would match the plot of  $|\det J|$ .

The effect of the transformation (15) can be seen by looking at Figure 2 which displays the nominal and square Dalitz plots for signal events generated with toy Monte Carlo (MC): the homogenization of the distribution is clearly visible. This simulation does not take into account any detector effect and corresponds to a particular choice of the decay amplitudes for which destructive interferences occur at equal  $\rho$  masses. To simplify the comparison, hatched areas showing the interference regions between  $\rho$  bands and dashed isocontours  $\sqrt{s_{+,-,0}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  have been superimposed on both Dalitz plots.

# 2 THE BABAR DETECTOR AND DATASET

The data used in this analysis were collected with the BABAR detector at the PEP-II asymmetricenergy  $e^+e^-$  storage ring at SLAC between October 1999 and June 2006. The sample consists of about 310 fb<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to  $(346 \pm 3) \times 10^6 B\overline{B}$  pairs collected at the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance ("onresonance"), and an integrated luminosity of 21.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected about 40 MeV below the  $\Upsilon(4S)$ ("off-resonance"). A detailed description of the *BABAR* detector is presented in Ref. [18]. The tracking system used for track and vertex reconstruction has two main components: a silicon vertex tracker (SVT) and a drift chamber (DCH), both operating within a 1.5 T magnetic field generated by a superconducting solenoidal magnet. Photons are identified in an electromagnetic calorimeter (EMC) surrounding a detector of internally reflected Cherenkov light (DIRC), which associates Cherenkov photons with tracks for particle identification (PID). Muon candidates are identified with the use of the instrumented flux return (IFR) of the solenoid.

## 3 ANALYSIS METHOD

The U and I coefficients and the  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  event yield are determined by a maximumlikelihood fit of the signal model to the selected candidate events. Kinematic and event shape variables exploiting the characteristic properties of the events are used in the fit to discriminate signal from background.

### 3.1 EVENT SELECTION AND BACKGROUND SUPPRESSION

We reconstruct  $B^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  candidates from pairs of oppositely-charged tracks, which are required to form a good quality vertex, and a  $\pi^0$  candidate. In order to ensure that all events are within the Dalitz plot bounaries, we constrain the three-pion invariant mass to the B-mass. We use information from the tracking system, EMC, and DIRC to remove tracks for which the PID is consistent with the electron, kaon, or proton hypotheses. In addition, we require that at least one track has a signature in the IFR that is inconsistent with the muon hypothesis. The  $\pi^0$  candidate mass must satisfy  $0.11 < m(\gamma\gamma) < 0.16 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , where each photon is required to have an energy greater than 50 MeV in the laboratory frame (LAB) and to exhibit a lateral profile of energy deposition in the EMC consistent with an electromagnetic shower.

A *B*-meson candidate is characterized kinematically by the energy-substituted mass  $m_{\rm ES} = [(\frac{1}{2}s + \mathbf{p}_0 \cdot \mathbf{p}_B)^2 / E_0^2 - \mathbf{p}_B^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and energy difference  $\Delta E = E_B^* - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{s}$ , where  $(E_B, \mathbf{p}_B)$  and  $(E_0, \mathbf{p}_0)$  are the four-vectors of the *B*-candidate and the initial electron-positron system, respectively. The asterisk denotes the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  frame, and *s* is the square of the invariant mass of the electron-positron system. We require  $5.272 < m_{\rm ES} < 5.288 \, {\rm GeV}/c^2$ , which retains 81% of the signal and 8% of the continuum background events. The  $\Delta E$  resolution exhibits a dependence on the  $\pi^0$  energy and therefore varies across the Dalitz plot. We account for this effect by introducing the transformed quantity  $\Delta E' = (2\Delta E - \Delta E_+ - \Delta E_-)/(\Delta E_+ - \Delta E_-)$ , with  $\Delta E_{\pm}(m_0) = c_{\pm} - (c_{\pm} \mp \bar{c}) (m_0/m_0^{\max})^2$ , where  $m_0$  is strongly correlated with the energy of  $\pi^0$ . We use the values  $\bar{c} = 0.045 \, {\rm GeV}$ ,  $c_- = -0.140 \, {\rm GeV}$ ,  $c_+ = 0.080 \, {\rm GeV}$ ,  $m_0^{\max} = 5.0 \, {\rm GeV}$ , and require  $-1 < \Delta E' < 1$ . These values have been obtained from Monte Carlo simulation and are tuned to maximize the selection of correctly reconstructed over misreconstructed signal events. The requirement retains 75% (25%) of the signal (continuum).

Backgrounds arise primarily from random combinations in continuum events. To enhance discrimination between signal and continuum, we use a neural network (NN) [19] to combine four discriminating variables: the angles with respect to the beam axis of the *B* momentum and *B* thrust axis in the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  frame, and the zeroth and second order monomials  $L_{0,2}$  of the energy flow about the *B* thrust axis. The monomials are defined by  $L_j = \sum_i \mathbf{p}_i \times |\cos \theta_i|^j$ , where  $\theta_i$  is the angle with respect to the *B* thrust axis of track or neutral cluster *i*,  $\mathbf{p}_i$  is its momentum, and the sum excludes the *B* candidate. The NN is trained in the signal region with off-resonance data and simulated signal events. The final sample of signal candidates is selected with a requirement on the NN output that retains 77% (8%) of the signal (continuum).

The time difference  $\Delta t$  is obtained from the measured distance between the z positions (along the beam direction) of the  $B_{3\pi}^0$  and  $B_{\text{tag}}^0$  decay vertices, and the boost  $\beta\gamma = 0.56$  of the  $e^+e^$ system:  $\Delta t = \Delta z/\beta\gamma c$ . To determine the flavor of the  $B_{\text{tag}}^0$  we use the B flavor tagging algorithm of Ref. [22]. This produces six mutually exclusive tagging categories. We also retain untagged events in a seventh category to improve the efficiency of the signal selection and because these events contribute to the measurement of direct CP violation. Events with multiple B candidates passing the full selection occur in 16% ( $\rho^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ ) and 9% ( $\rho^0\pi^0$ ) of the cases. If the multiple candidates have different  $\pi^0$ 's, we choose the candidate with the reconstructed  $\pi^0$  mass closest to the nominal one; in the case that both candidates have the same  $\pi^0$ , we pick the first one.

The signal efficiency determined from MC simulation is 24% for  $B^0 \to \rho^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$  and  $B^0 \to \rho^0 \pi^0$  events, and 11% for non-resonant  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  events.

Of the selected signal events, 22% of  $B^0 \to \rho^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$ , 13% of  $B^0 \to \rho^0 \pi^0$ , and 6% of non-resonant events are misreconstructed. Misreconstructed events occur when a track or neutral cluster from the tagging *B* is assigned to the reconstructed signal candidate. This occurs most often for lowmomentum tracks and photons and hence the misreconstructed events concentrate in the corners of the Dalitz plot. Since these are also the areas where the  $\rho$ -mesons overlap strongly, it is important to model the misreconstructed events correctly. The details of the model for misreconstructed events over the Dalitz plot is detailed in Section 3.3.1.

#### 3.2 BACKGROUND FROM OTHER *B* DECAYS

We use MC simulated events to study the background from other B decays. More than a hundred channels have been considered in the preliminary studies, of which twenty-nine have been finally included in the likelihood model – decays with at least two events expected after selection. These exclusive B-background modes are grouped into eighteen different classes gathering decays with similar kinematic and topological properties: six for charged charmless B-decays, eight for neutral charmless B-decays and four for exclusive neutral charmed B-decays. Two additional classes account for inclusive neutral and charged  $b \rightarrow c$  decays.

Table 1 summarizes the twenty background classes which are used in the fit. For each mode, the expected number of selected events is computed by multiplying the selection efficiency (estimated using MC simulated decays) by the branching fraction scaled up to the dataset luminosity (310 fb<sup>-1</sup>). The world average branching ratios have been used for the experimentally known decay modes. When only upper limits are given, they have been translated into branching ratios using all information available such as additional conservative hypotheses (e.g. 100% longitudinal polarization for  $B \to \rho \rho$  decay) if needed.

#### 3.3 THE MAXIMUM-LIKELIHOOD FIT

We perform an unbinned extended maximum-likelihood fit to extract the inclusive  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ event yield and the U and I coefficients defined in Eqs. (8)–(12). The fit uses the variables  $m_{\rm ES}$ ,  $\Delta E'$ , the NN output, and the Dalitz plot to discriminate signal from background. The  $\Delta t$ measurement allows to the determination of mixing-induced *CP* violation and provides additional continuum-background rejection.

The selected on-resonance data sample is assumed to consist of signal, continuum-background and B-background components, separated by the flavor and tagging category of the tag side B decay. The signal likelihood consists of the sum of a correctly reconstructed ("truth-matched", TM) component and a misreconstructed ("self-cross-feed", SCF) component.

The probability density function (PDF)  $\mathcal{P}_i^c$  for an event *i* in tagging category *c* is the sum of the probability densities of all components, namely

$$\mathcal{P}_{i}^{c} \equiv N_{3\pi} f_{3\pi}^{c} \left[ (1 - \overline{f}_{SCF}^{c}) \mathcal{P}_{3\pi-TM,i}^{c} + \overline{f}_{SCF}^{c} \mathcal{P}_{3\pi-SCF,i}^{c} \right] \\ + N_{q\bar{q}}^{c} \frac{1}{2} (1 + q_{tag,i} A_{q\bar{q}, tag}) \mathcal{P}_{q\bar{q},i}^{c} \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{class}^{B^{+}}} N_{B^{+}j} f_{B^{+}j}^{c} \frac{1}{2} (1 + q_{tag,i} A_{B^{+}, tag,j}) \mathcal{P}_{B^{+},ij}^{c} \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{class}^{B^{0}}} N_{B^{0}j} f_{B^{0}j}^{c} \mathcal{P}_{B^{0},ij}^{c} , \qquad (18)$$

where:  $N_{3\pi}$  is the total number of  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  signal events in the data sample;  $f_{3\pi}^c$  is the fraction of signal events that are tagged in category c;  $\overline{f}_{SCF}^c$  is the fraction of SCF events in tagging category c, averaged over the Dalitz plot;  $\mathcal{P}_{3\pi-\text{TM},i}^c$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{3\pi-\text{SCF},i}^c$  are the products of PDFs of the discriminating variables used in tagging category c for TM and SCF events, respectively;  $N_{q\bar{q}}^c$  is the number of continuum events that are tagged in category c;  $q_{\text{tag},i}$  is the tag flavor of the event, defined to be +1 for a  $B_{\text{tag}}^0$  and -1 for a  $\overline{B}_{\text{tag}}^0$ ;  $A_{q\bar{q},\text{tag}}$  parameterizes possible tag asymmetry in continuum events;  $\mathcal{P}_{q\bar{q},i}^c$  is the continuum PDF for tagging category c;  $N_{\text{class}}^{B^+}$  ( $N_{\text{class}}^{B^0}$ ) is the number of charged (neutral) B-related background classes considered in the fit;  $N_{B+j}$  ( $N_{B^0j}$ ) is the number of expected events in the charged (neutral) B-background class j; that are tagged in category c;  $A_{B^+,\text{tag},j}$  describes a possible tag asymmetry in the charged-B background class j; correlations between the tag and the position in the Dalitz plot (the "charge") are absorbed in tag-flavor-dependent Dalitz plot PDFs that are used for charged-B and continuum background;  $\mathcal{P}_{B^+,ij}^c$  is the  $B^+$ -background PDF for tagging category c and class j; finally,  $\mathcal{P}_{B^0,ij}^c$  is the neutral-B-background PDF for tagging category c and class j.

The PDFs  $\mathcal{P}_X^c$  ( $X = \{TM, SCF, \text{continuum}, B - bkg\}$ ) are the product of the four PDFs of the discriminating variables,  $x_1 = m_{ES}, x_2 = \Delta E', x_3 = \text{NNoutput}$ , and the triplet  $x_4 = \{m', \theta', \Delta t\}$ :

$$\mathcal{P}_{X,i(j)}^{c} \equiv \prod_{k=1}^{4} P_{X,i(j)}^{c}(x_{k}) .$$
(19)

The extended likelihood over all tagging categories is given by

$$\mathcal{L} \equiv \prod_{c=1}^{7} e^{-\overline{N}^{c}} \prod_{i}^{N^{c}} \mathcal{P}_{i}^{c} , \qquad (20)$$

where  $\overline{N}^c$  is the total number of events expected in category c.

A total of 68 parameters, including the inclusive signal yield and the parameters from Eq. (6), are varied in the fit. Most of the parameters describing the continuum distributions are also floated in the fit.

#### 3.3.1 THE $\Delta t$ AND DALITZ PLOT PDFS

The Dalitz plot PDFs require as input the Dalitz plot-dependent relative selection efficiency,  $\epsilon = \epsilon(m', \theta')$ , and SCF fraction,  $f_{\text{SCF}} = f_{\text{SCF}}(m', \theta')$ . Both quantities are taken from MC simulation. Away from the Dalitz plot corners the efficiency is uniform, while it decreases when approaching the corners, where one out of the three bodies in the final state is close to rest so that the acceptance requirements on the particle reconstruction become restrictive. Combinatorial backgrounds and hence SCF fractions are large in the corners of the Dalitz plot due to the presence of soft neutral clusters and tracks.

For an event i, we define the time-dependent Dalitz plot PDFs

$$P_{3\pi-\mathrm{TM},i} = \varepsilon_i \left(1 - f_{\mathrm{SCF},i}\right) |\det J_i| \left|\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^{\pm}(\Delta t)\right|^2, \qquad (21)$$

$$P_{3\pi-\text{SCF},i} = \varepsilon_i f_{\text{SCF},i} |\det J_i| |\mathcal{A}_{3\pi}^{\pm}(\Delta t)|^2 , \qquad (22)$$

where  $P_{3\pi-\text{TM},i}$  and  $P_{3\pi-\text{SCF},i}$  are normalized. The corresponding phase space integration involves the expectation values  $\langle \varepsilon (1 - f_{\text{SCF}}) | \det J | f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma*} \rangle$  and  $\langle \varepsilon f_{\text{SCF}} | \det J | f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma*} \rangle$  for TM and SCF events, where the indices  $\kappa$ ,  $\sigma$  run over all resonances belonging to the signal model. The expectation values are model-dependent and are computed with the use of MC integration over the square Dalitz plot:

$$\left\langle \varepsilon \left(1 - f_{\rm SCF}\right) \left| \det J \right| f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma *} \right\rangle = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \varepsilon \left(1 - f_{\rm SCF}\right) \left| \det J \right| f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma *} dm' d\theta'}{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \varepsilon \left| \det J \right| f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma *} dm' d\theta'} , \tag{23}$$

and similarly for  $\langle \varepsilon \mid \det J \mid f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma*} \rangle$ , where all quantities in the integrands are Dalitz plot-dependent.

Equation (18) invokes the phase space-averaged SCF fraction  $\overline{f}_{SCF} \equiv \langle f_{SCF} | \det J | f^{\kappa} f^{\sigma*} \rangle$ . The PDF normalization is decay-dynamics-dependent and is computed iteratively. We determine the average SCF fractions separately for each tagging category from MC simulation.

The width of the dominant  $\rho(770)$  resonance is large compared to the mass resolution for TM events (about  $8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  core Gaussian resolution). We therefore neglect resolution effects in the TM model. Misreconstructed events have a poor mass resolution that strongly varies across the Dalitz plot. It is described in the fit by a 2 × 2-dimensional resolution function

$$R_{\rm SCF}(m'_r, \theta'_r, m'_t, \theta'_t) , \qquad (24)$$

which represents the probability to reconstruct at the coordinate  $(m'_r, \theta'_r)$  an event that has the true coordinate  $(m'_t, \theta'_t)$ . It obeys the unitarity condition

$$\int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} R_{\rm SCF}(m'_r, \theta'_r, m'_t, \theta'_t) \, dm'_r d\theta'_r = 1,$$
(25)

and is convolved with the signal model. The  $R_{SCF}$  function is obtained from MC simulation.

We use the signal model described in Section 1.1. It contains the dynamical information and is connected with  $\Delta t$  via the matrix element (6), which serves as PDF. It is diluted by the effects of mistagging and the limited vertex resolution [17]. The  $\Delta t$  resolution function for signal and *B*-background events is a sum of three Gaussian distributions, with parameters determined by a fit to fully reconstructed  $B^0$  decays [22].

The Dalitz plot- and  $\Delta t$ -dependent PDFs factorize for the charged-*B*-background modes, but not (necessarily) for the neutral-*B* background due to  $B^0\overline{B}^0$  mixing.

The charged *B*-background contribution to the likelihood (18) involves the parameter  $A_{B^+, \text{tag}}$ , multiplied by the tag flavor  $q_{\text{tag}}$  of the event. In the presence of significant tag-"charge" correlation (represented by an effective flavor-tag-versus-Dalitz-coordinate correlation), it parameterizes possible direct *CP* violation in these events. We also use distinct square Dalitz plot PDFs for each reconstructed *B* flavor tag, and a flavor-tag-averaged PDF for untagged events. The PDFs are obtained from MC simulation and are described with the use of non-parametric functions. The  $\Delta t$  resolution parameters are determined by a fit to fully reconstructed  $B^+$  decays. For each  $B^+$ background class we adjust effective lifetimes to account for the misreconstruction of the event that modifies the nominal  $\Delta t$  resolution function.

The neutral-*B* background is parameterized with PDFs that depend on the flavor tag of the event. In the case of *CP* eigenstates, correlations between the flavor tag and the Dalitz coordinate are expected to be small. However, non-*CP* eigenstates, such as  $a_1^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ , may exhibit such correlation. Both types of decays can have direct and mixing-induced *CP* violation. A third type of decays involves charged kaons and does not exhibit mixing-induced *CP* violation, but usually has a strong correlation between the flavor tag and the Dalitz plot coordinate (the kaon charge), because it consists of *B*-flavor eigenstates. The Dalitz plot PDFs are obtained from MC simulation and are described with the use of non-parametric functions. For neutral *B* background, the signal  $\Delta t$  resolution model is assumed.

The Dalitz plot treatment of the continuum events is similar to the one used for charged-B background. The square Dalitz plot PDF for continuum background is obtained from on-resonance events selected in the  $m_{\rm ES}$  sidebands and corrected for feed-through from B decays. A large number of cross checks has been performed to ensure the high fidelity of the empirical shape parameterization. Analytical models have been found insufficient. The continuum  $\Delta t$  distribution is parameterized as the sum of three Gaussian distributions with common mean and three distinct widths that scale the  $\Delta t$  per-event error. This yields six shape parameters that are determined by the fit. The model is motivated by the observation that the  $\Delta t$  average is independent of its error, and that the  $\Delta t$  RMS depends linearly on the  $\Delta t$  error.

#### 3.3.2 PARAMETERIZATION OF THE OTHER VARIABLES

The  $m_{\rm ES}$  distribution of TM signal events is parameterized by a bifurcated Crystal Ball function [21], which is a combination of a one-sided Gaussian and a Crystal Ball function. The mean of this function is determined by the fit. A non-parametric function is used to describe the SCF signal component.

The  $\Delta E'$  distribution of TM events is parameterized by a double Gaussian function, where all five parameters depend linearly on  $m_0^2$ . Misreconstructed events are parameterized by a broad single Gaussian function.

Both  $m_{\rm ES}$  and  $\Delta E'$  PDFs are parameterized by non-parametric functions for all *B*-background classes.

The  $m_{\rm ES}$  and  $\Delta E'$  PDFs for continuum events are parameterized with an Argus shape function [23] and a second order polynomial, respectively, with parameters determined by the fit.

We use non-parametric functions to empirically describe the distributions of the NN outputs found in the MC simulation for TM and SCF signal events, and for *B*-background events. We distinguish tagging categories for TM signal events to account for differences observed in the shapes.

The continuum NN distribution is parameterized by a third order polynomial that is defined to be positive. The coefficients of the polynomial are determined by the fit. Continuum events exhibit a correlation between the Dalitz plot coordinate and the shape of the event that is exploited in the NN. To correct for residual effects, we introduce a linear dependence of the polynomial coefficients on the distance of the Dalitz plot coordinate to the kinematic boundaries of the Dalitz plot. The parameters describing this dependence are determined by the fit.

# 4 SYSTEMATIC STUDIES

The contributions to the systematic error on the signal parameters are summarized in Table 3. Table 4 summarizes the correlation coefficient extracted from the systematic covariance matrix.

The most important contribution to the systematic uncertainty stems from the signal modeling of the Dalitz plot dynamics.

To estimate the contribution to  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  decay via other resonances and non-resonant decays, we have performed an independent analysis where we include these other decays in the fit model. For simplicity, we assume a uniform Dalitz distribution for the non-resonance events and consider possible resonances including  $f_0(980)$ ,  $f_2(1270)$ , and a low mass *s*-wave  $\sigma$ . The fit does not find significant number of any of those decays. However, the inclusion of a low mass  $\pi^+\pi^$ *s*-wave component degrades our ability to identify  $\rho^0\pi^0$  events significantly. The systematic effects (contained in the "Dalitz plot model" field in Table 3) is estimated by observing the difference between the true values and Monte Carlo fit results, in which events are generated based on the new fit results and fit with the nominal setup where only  $\rho$  is taken into account.

We vary the mass and width of the  $\rho(770)$ ,  $\rho(1450)$  and  $\rho(1700)$  within ranges that exceed twice the errors found for these parameters in the fits to  $\tau$  and  $e^+e^-$  data [11], and assign the observed differences in the measured U and I coefficients as systematic uncertainties (" $\rho, \rho', \rho''$  lineshape" in Table 3). Since some of the U and I coefficients exhibit significant dependence on the  $\rho(1450)$  and  $\rho(1700)$  contributions, we leave their amplitudes (phases and fractions) free to vary in the nominal fit.

To validate the fitting tool, we perform fits on large MC samples with the measured proportions of signal, continuum and *B*-background events. No significant biases are observed in these fits. The statistical uncertainties on the fit parameters are taken as systematic uncertainties ("Fit bias" in Table 3).

Another major source of systematic uncertainty is the *B*-background model. The expected event yields from the background modes are varied according to the uncertainties in the measured or estimated branching fractions (" $N_{\text{Background}}$ " in Table 3). Since *B*-background modes may exhibit *CP* violation, the corresponding parameters are varied within appropriate uncertainty ranges ("*B* background *CP*" in Table 3). As is done for the signal PDFs, we vary the  $\Delta t$  resolution parameters and the flavor-tagging parameters within their uncertainties and assign the differences observed in the on-resonance data fit with respect to nominal fit as systematic errors.

Other systematic effects are much less important to the measurements of U and I coefficients, and they are combined in "Others" field in Table 3. Details are given below.

The parameters for the continuum events are determined by the fit. No additional systematic uncertainties are assigned to them. An exception to this is the Dalitz plot PDF: to estimate the systematic uncertainty from the  $m_{\rm ES}$  sideband extrapolation, we select large samples of offresonance data by loosening the requirements on  $\Delta E$  and the NN. We compare the distributions of m' and  $\theta'$  between the  $m_{\rm ES}$  sideband and the signal region. No significant differences are found. We assign as systematic error the effect seen when weighting the continuum Dalitz plot PDF by the ratio of both data sets. This effect is mostly statistical in origin. The uncertainties associated with  $\Delta m_d$  and  $\tau$  are estimated by varying these parameters within the uncertainties on the world average [20].

The systematic effects due to the signal PDFs comprise uncertainties in the PDF parameterization, the treatment of misreconstructed events, the tagging performance, and the modeling of the signal contributions.

When the signal PDFs are determined from fits to a control sample of fully reconstructed B decays to exclusive final states with charm, the uncertainties are obtained by varying the parameters within the statistical uncertainties. In other cases, the dominant parameters have been left free to vary in the fit, and the differences observed in these fits are taken as systematic errors.

The average fraction of misreconstructed signal events predicted by the MC simulation has been verified with fully reconstructed  $B \rightarrow D\rho$  events [17]. No significant differences between data and the simulation were found. We vary  $\overline{f}_{SCF}$  for all tagging categories relatively by 25% to estimate the systematic uncertainty.

Tagging efficiencies, dilutions and biases for signal events are varied within their experimental uncertainties.

The systematic errors for the parameters that measure interference effects are dominated by the uncertainty in the signal model, mainly the tail description of the  $\rho$  resonance. For the other parameters, the uncertainty on the fit bias and the *B*-background contamination are important.

## 5 FIT RESULTS

The maximum-likelihood fit results in the  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  event yield  $1847 \pm 69$ , where the error is statistical only. For the U and I coefficients, the results are given together with their statistical and systematic errors in Table 5. The corresponding correlation matrix is given in Table 6. We have generated a sample of Monte Carlo experiments to determine the probability density distributions of the fit parameters. Within the statistical uncertainties of this sample we find Gaussian distributions of the distribution for the fitted U and I coefficients. This allows us to use the least-squares method to derive other quantities from these (Section 6).

The signal is dominated by  $B^0 \to \rho^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$  decays. We observe an excess of  $\rho^0 \pi^0$  events, which is in agreement with our previous upper limit [24], and the latest measurement from the Belle collaboration [25]. The result for the  $\rho(1450)$  amplitude is in agreement with the findings in  $\tau$  and  $e^+e^-$  decays [11]. For the relative strong phase between the  $\rho(770)$  and the  $\rho(1450)$  amplitudes we find  $(171 \pm 23)^\circ$  (statistical error only), which is compatible with the result from  $\tau$  and  $e^+e^-$  data.

Figure 3 shows distributions of  $\Delta E'$ ,  $m_{\rm ES}$ , the NN output,  $\Delta t/\sigma(\Delta t)$ , where  $\sigma(\Delta t)$  is the perevent error on  $\Delta t$ , as well as the Dalitz plot variables m' and  $\theta'$ , which are enhanced in signal content by requirements on the signal-to-continuum likelihood ratios of the other discriminating variables. Figure 4 shows distribution of the minimum of three di-pion invariant masses, again enhanced in signal content. This plot shows clearly that  $\rho(770)$  dominates the signal component.

As a validation of our treatment of the time dependence we allow  $\tau_{B^0}$  to vary in the fit. We find  $\tau_{B^0} = (1.513 \pm 0.066)$  ps, while the remaining free parameters are consistent with the nominal fit. To validate the SCF modeling, we leave the average SCF fractions per tagging category free to vary in the fit and find results that are consistent with the MC prediction.

# 6 INTERPRETATION OF THE RESULTS

The U and I coefficients are related to the quasi-two-body parameters, defined in Ref. [17] as follows

$$C^{+} = \frac{U_{-}^{+}}{U_{+}^{+}}, \qquad C^{-} = \frac{U_{-}^{-}}{U_{-}^{+}}, \qquad S^{+} = \frac{2I_{+}}{U_{+}^{+}}, \qquad S^{-} = \frac{2I_{-}}{U_{-}^{+}}, \qquad \mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi} = \frac{U_{+}^{+} - U_{-}^{+}}{U_{+}^{+} + U_{-}^{+}}, \tag{26}$$

and where  $C = (C^+ + C^-)/2$ ,  $\Delta C = (C^+ - C^-)/2$ ,  $S = (S^+ + S^-)/2$ , and  $\Delta S = (S^+ - S^-)/2$ and  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}$  is the time and flavor integrated asymmetry. In contrast to our previous analysis [17], the definitions of Eq. (26) explicitly account for the presence of interference effects, and are thus exact even for a  $\rho$  with finite width, as long as the U and I coefficients are obtained with a Dalitz plot analysis. This treatment leads to a dilution of the result and hence to slightly increased statistical uncertainties compared to neglecting the interference effects.

For the *CP*-violation parameters, we obtain

$$\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi} = -0.142 \pm 0.041 \pm 0.015 , \qquad (27)$$

$$C = 0.154 \pm 0.090 \pm 0.037 , \qquad (28)$$

$$S = 0.01 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.028 , \qquad (29)$$

where the first errors given are statistical and the second are the systematic uncertainties. For the other parameters in the quasi-two-body description of the  $B^0(\overline{B}{}^0) \to \rho \pi$  decay-time dependence, we measure

$$\Delta C = 0.377 \pm 0.091 \pm 0.021 , \qquad (30)$$

$$\Delta S = 0.06 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.029 . \tag{31}$$

The systematic errors are dominated by the uncertainty on the CP content of the *B*-related backgrounds. Other contributions are the signal description in the likelihood model (including the limit on non-resonant  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  events), and the fit bias uncertainty. The covariance matrix, including systematic, of the five quasi-two-body parameters is given in Table 7.

One can transform the experimentally convenient, namely uncorrelated, direct *CP*-violation parameters *C* and  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}$  into the physically more intuitive quantities  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{+-}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{-+}$ , defined by

$$\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{+-} = \frac{|\kappa^{+-}|^2 - 1}{|\kappa^{+-}|^2 + 1} = -\frac{\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi} + C + \mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}\Delta C}{1 + \Delta C + \mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}C} , \qquad (32)$$
$$\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{-+} = \frac{|\kappa^{-+}|^2 - 1}{|\kappa^{-+}|^2 + 1} = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi} - C - \mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}\Delta C}{1 - \Delta C - \mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}C} ,$$

where  $\kappa^{+-} = (q/p)(\overline{A}^-/A^+)$  and  $\kappa^{-+} = (q/p)(\overline{A}^+/A^-)$ , so that  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{+-}(\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{-+})$  involves only diagrams where the  $\rho(\pi)$  meson is emitted by the W boson. We find

$$\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{+-} = 0.03 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.03 , \qquad (33)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{-+} = -0.38 \,{}^{+0.15}_{-0.16} \pm 0.07 \,\,, \tag{34}$$

with a correlation coefficient of 0.62 between  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{+-}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{-+}$ . The confidence level contours including systematic errors are given in Fig. 5. The significance, including systematic uncertainties and

calculated by using a minimum  $\chi^2$  method, for the observation of non-zero direct *CP* violation is at the 3.0 $\sigma$  level. The evidence of direct *CP* violation is almost entirely from the  $B^0 \to \rho^- \pi^+$  decays.

The measurement of the resonance interference terms allows us to determine the relative phase

$$\delta_{+-} = \arg\left(A^{+*}A^{-}\right) , \qquad (35)$$

between the amplitudes of the decays  $B^0 \to \rho^- \pi^+$  and  $B^0 \to \rho^+ \pi^-$ . Through the definitions (8)– (12), we can derive a constraint on  $\delta_{+-}$  from the measured U and I coefficients by performing a least-squares minimization with the six complex amplitudes as free parameters. The constraint can be improved with the use of strong isospin symmetry. The amplitudes  $A^{\kappa}$  represent the sum of tree-level and penguin-type amplitudes, which have different CKM factors: the tree-level  $(T^{\kappa})$  $B^0 \to \rho^{\kappa} \pi^{\overline{\kappa}}$  transition amplitude is proportional to  $V_{ud}V_{ub}^*$ , while the corresponding penguin-type amplitude  $(P^{\kappa})$  comes with  $V_{qd}V_{qb}^*$ , where q = u, c, t. Here we denote by  $\overline{\kappa}$  the charge conjugate of  $\kappa$ , where  $\overline{0} = 0$ . Using the unitarity of the CKM matrix one can reorganize the amplitudes and obtain [12]

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{\kappa} &= T^{\kappa} e^{-i\alpha} + P^{\kappa} ,\\
\overline{A}^{\kappa} &= T^{\overline{\kappa}} e^{+i\alpha} + P^{\overline{\kappa}} ,
\end{aligned}$$
(36)

where the magnitudes of the CKM factors have been absorbed in the  $T^{\kappa}$ ,  $P^{\kappa}$ ,  $T^{\overline{\kappa}}$  and  $P^{\overline{\kappa}}$ . The Eqs. (36) represent 13 unknowns of which two can be fixed due to an arbitrary global phase and the normalization condition  $U^+_+ = 1$ . Using strong isospin symmetry and neglecting isospin-breaking effects, one can identify  $P^0 = -(P^+ + P^-)/2$ , which reduces the number of unknowns to be determined by the fit to 9. This set of parameters provides the constraint on  $\delta_{+-}$ , shown in the left plot of Fig. 6. We find for the solution that is favored by the fit

$$\delta_{+-} = (34 \pm 29)^{\circ} , \qquad (37)$$

where the errors include both statistical and systematic effects. There is a clear structure of multiple solutions which give comparable  $\chi^2$ . Only a marginal constraint on  $\delta_{+-}$  is obtained for C.L. < 0.05.

Finally, following the same procedure, we can also derive a constraint on  $\alpha$  from the measured U and I coefficients. The resulting C.L. function versus  $\alpha$  is given in the right hand plot of Fig. 6. It includes systematic uncertainties. Ignoring the mirror solution at  $\alpha + 180^{\circ}$ , we find  $\alpha \in (75^{\circ}, 152^{\circ})$  at 68% C.L. No constraint on  $\alpha$  is achieved at two sigma and beyond.

### 7 SUMMARY

We have presented the preliminary measurement of CP-violating asymmetries in  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ decays dominated by the  $\rho$  resonance. The results are obtained from a data sample of 347 million  $\Upsilon(4S) \to B\overline{B}$  decays. We perform a time-dependent Dalitz plot analysis. From the measurement of the coefficients of 26 form factor bilinears we determine the three CP-violating and two CPconserving quasi-two-body parameters, where we find a  $3.0\sigma$  evidence of direct CP violation. Taking advantage of the interference between the  $\rho$  resonances in the Dalitz plot, we derive constraints on the relative strong phase between  $B^0$  decays to  $\rho^+\pi^-$  and  $\rho^-\pi^+$ , and on the angle  $\alpha$  of the Unitarity Triangle. These measurements are consistent with the expectation from the CKM fit [26].

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Figure 1: Jacobian determinant (17) of the transformation (15) defining the SDP. Such pattern would be obtained in the SDP if events were uniformly distributed over the nominal Dalitz plot.



Figure 2: Nominal (left) and square (right) Dalitz plots for Monte-Carlo generated  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ decays. Comparing the two Dalitz plots shows that the transformation (15) indeed homogenizes the distribution of events which are no more along the plot boundaries but rather cover a larger fraction of the physical region. The decays have been simulated without any detector effect and the amplitudes  $A^+$ ,  $A^-$  and  $A^0$  have all been chosen equal to 1 in order to have destructive interferences at equal  $\rho$  masses. The main overlap regions between the charged and neutral  $\rho$  bands are indicated by the hatched areas. Dashed lines in both plots correspond to  $\sqrt{s_{+,-,0}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ : the central region of the Dalitz plot (defined by requiring that all 3 two-body invariant masses exceed this threshold) contains almost no signal event.

Class	Mode	BR $[10^{-6}]$	Expected number of events
0	$B^+  ightarrow  ho^+  ho^0_{[long]}$	$19.1\pm3.5$	$52 \pm 10$
0	$B^+ \to a_1^+ (\to (\rho \pi)^+) \pi^0$	$20.0 \pm 15.0$	$32\pm24$
0	$B^+ \rightarrow a_1^0 (\rightarrow \rho^{+-} \pi^{-+}) \pi^+$	$20.0 \pm 15.0$	$19 \pm 14$
1	$B^+ \to \pi^+ \rho^0$	$8.7 \pm 1.0$	$73\pm~8$
1	$B^+ \to \rho^0 K^+$	$4.3\pm~0.6$	$6\pm~1$
2	$B^+ \to \pi^+ K^0_S (\to \pi^+ \pi^-)$	$8.3\pm~0.4$	$10\pm~1$
3	$B^+ \to \pi^0 \rho^+$	$10.8 \pm 1.4$	$63\pm~8$
3	$B^+ \to \pi^+ K^0_S (\to \pi^0 \pi^0)$	$3.7\pm~0.2$	$15\pm~2$
4	$B^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^0$	$5.5\pm~0.6$	$14\pm~2$
4	$B^+ \to K^+ \pi^0$	$12.1\pm~0.8$	$8\pm1$
5	$B^+ \to (K^{(**)}(1430)\pi)^+ \to (K^+\pi\pi)^+$	$29.0 \pm 5.4$	$38\pm 5$
6	$B^0 \to \pi^- K^{\star +} (\to K^0_S \pi^+)$	$3.3\pm~0.4$	$2\pm 1$
7	$B^0 \to \rho^+ \rho^{\text{[long]}}$	$25.2 \pm 3.7$	$67 \pm 10$
7	$B^0 \to (a_1 \pi)^0$	$39.7\pm3.7$	$39 \pm 4$
8	$B^0 \to K^+ \pi^-$	$18.9\pm~0.7$	$12\pm~0$
9	$B^0 \to \pi^- K^{\star +} (\to K^+ \pi^0)$	$3.3\pm~0.4$	$20\pm~2$
9	$B^0 \to K^{(**)}(1430)\pi \to K\pi\pi^0$	$11.2 \pm 2.2$	$212\pm34$
10	$B^0 \to \gamma K^{\star 0}(892, 1430) (\to (K^+ \pi^-)^0)$	$27.4 \pm 1.5$	$14 \pm 1$
10	$B^0 \to \pi^0 K^{\star 0} (\to K^+ \pi^-)$	$1.3\pm~0.5$	$9\pm4$
10	$B^0  o \eta' ( o  ho^0 \gamma) \pi^0$	$0.4\pm~0.2$	$3\pm~2$
11	$B^0 \to \rho^- K^+$	$9.9 \pm 1.6$	$103\pm17$
12	$B^0 \to K^+ \pi^- \pi^0_{[\text{nonres}]}$	$4.6 \pm 4.6$	$38 \pm 38$
13	$B^0 \to \pi^0 K^0_S(\to \pi^+\pi^-)$	$5.8 \pm 0.5$	$50 \pm 4$
14	$B^0 \to D^- (\stackrel{\sim}{\to} \pi^- \pi^0) \pi^+$	$7.5 \pm 2.3$	$599 \pm 184$
15	$B^0 \to \overline{D}{}^0 (\to K^+ \pi^-) \pi^0$	$11.0 \pm 3.2$	$100\pm~29$
16	$B^0 \to \overline{D}{}^0 (\to \pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^0$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$	$35\pm~9$
17	$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^0$	$2.6\pm~0.5$	$77\pm~15$
18	$B^0 \to \{\text{neutral generic } b \to c \text{ decays}\}$	_	$173 \pm 15$
19	$B^+ \to \{\text{charged generic } b \to c \text{ decays}\}$	_	$396\pm20$

Table 1: Summary of the *B*-background modes taken into account for the likelihood model. They have been grouped in twenty classes: charged charmless (six), neutral charmless (eight), exclusive neutral charmed (four) and inclusive neutral and charged charmed decays. Modes with at least two events expected after final selection have been included.

Variable	TM Signal	SCF Signal	Continuum	B-Background
$\Delta E$	$\operatorname{GG}$	G	P2	NP
$m_{ m ES}$	biCB	NP	Argus	NP
Neural Net	NP	NP	P3	NP
Dalitz	see text	see text	NP	NP
$\Delta t$	GGG	GGG	GGG	GGG

Table 2: Summary of PDF parameterizations where G=Gaussian, PX=X-order polynomial, NP=non-parametric, and biCB=bifurcated Crystal Ball. See Section 3.3.1 for a detailed description of the Dalitz plot parameterization for signal.

	$I_0$	$I_{-}$		$I_{-0}^{\mathrm{Im}}$	$I_{-0}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	$I_+$	$I_{+0}^{\rm Im}$
Dalitz plot model	0.010	0.006		0.110	0.102	0.020	0.018
$\rho, \rho', \rho''$ lineshape	0.003	0.012		0.240	0.103	0.009	0.225
Fit bias	0.014	0.023		0.173	0.375	0.008	0.186
$N_{\mathrm{Background}}$	0.002	0.008		0.064	0.085	0.005	0.026
B background CP	0.005	0.009		0.082	0.061	0.011	0.039
Others	0.002	0.006		0.104	0.052	0.005	0.051
Sum	0.017	0.027		0.315	0.402	0.023	0.292
	$I_{\pm 0}^{ m Re}$	$I_{+-}^{\mathrm{Im}}$	$I_{+-}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	$U_{0}^{-}$	$U_0^+$	$U_{-0}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$	$U_{-0}^{-,\mathrm{Re}}$
Dalitz plot model	0.017	0.007	0.127	0.082	0.041	0.144	0.209
$\rho, \rho', \rho''$ lineshape	0.308	0.138	0.306	0.012	0.012	0.086	0.159
Fit bias	0.301	0.036	0.048	0.088	0.001	0.050	0.087
$N_{\text{Background}}$	0.049	0.178	0.176	0.002	0.009	0.034	0.045
B background $CP$	0.042	0.044	0.095	0.015	0.002	0.020	0.073
Others	0.073	0.059	0.095	0.004	0.002	0.012	0.050
Sum	0.431	0.143	0.335	0.121	0.043	0.175	0.276
	$U_{-0}^{+,\mathrm{Im}}$	$U_{-0}^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	$U_{-}^{-}$	$U_{-}^{+}$	$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$
Dalitz plot model	0.034	0.024	0.022	0.030	0.036	0.258	0.076
$\rho, \rho', \rho''$ lineshape	0.222	0.045	0.010	0.030	0.050	0.216	0.089
Fit bias	0.034	0.058	0.004	0.005	0.053	0.007	0.004
$N_{\mathrm{Background}}$	0.045	0.017	0.013	0.005	0.117	0.103	0.034
B background $CP$	0.032	0.018	0.032	0.009	0.063	0.075	0.019
Others	0.027	0.015	0.010	0.002	0.045	0.020	0.027
Sum	0.227	0.078	0.025	0.043	0.082	0.337	0.117
	$U_{+0}^{+,{ m Re}}$	$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Im}}$		$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	$U_{+}^{-}$
Dalitz plot model	0.045	0.014		0.250	0.703	0.227	0.010
$\rho, \rho', \rho''$ lineshape	0.140	0.169		0.200	0.169	0.159	0.031
Fit bias	0.020	0.007		0.069	0.012	0.033	0.027
$N_{ m Background}$	0.069	0.137		0.122	0.024	0.166	0.014
<i>B</i> background <i>CP</i>	0.014	0.042		0.029	0.025	0.025	0.034
Others	0.024	0.032		0.067	0.024	0.044	0.009
Sum	0.148	0.170		0.328	0.723	0.279	0.042
	$\mathcal{A}_{ ho\pi}$		С	Δ	$\Delta C$	S	$\Delta S$
Dalitz plot model	0.008	(	0.002	0.	013	0.015	0.024
$\rho, \rho', \rho''$ lineshape	0.011	(	0.021	0.	011	0.016	0.008
Fit bias	0.004	(	0.012	0.	015	0.028	0.011
$N_{\rm Background}$	0.002	(	0.005	0.	011	0.002	0.011
B background $CP$	0.003	(	0.029	0.	006	0.017	0.005
Others	0.001	(	0.007	0.	005	0.006	0.007
Sum	0.015	(	26	0.	021	0.028	0.029

Table 3: Summary of systematic uncertainties.

	$N_{3\pi}$	$I_0$	$I_{-}$	$I_{-0}^{\rm Im}$	$I_{-0}^{\rm Re}$	$I_+$	$I_{+0}^{\rm Im}$	$I_{+0}^{\rm Re}$	$I_{+-}^{\rm Im}$	$I_{+-}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	$U_0^-$	$U_0^+$	$U_{-0}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$
$N_{3\pi}$	1.00												
$I_0$	0.15	1.00											
$I_{-}$	0.52	0.47	1.00										
$I_{-0}^{\mathrm{Im}}$	-0.24	-0.01	0.05	1.00									
$I_{-0}^{ m Re}$	-0.64	0.28	-0.41	-0.08	1.00								
$I_+$	-0.26	0.37	0.26	-0.35	0.43	1.00							
$I_{\pm 0}^{\mathrm{Im}}$	-0.23	0.17	-0.26	-0.22	0.56	0.33	1.00						
$I_{\pm 0}^{ m Re}$	-0.29	-0.02	0.02	0.65	-0.08	-0.21	-0.48	1.00					
$I_{\pm-}^{\rm Im}$	0.84	0.13	0.39	-0.39	-0.57	-0.24	-0.13	-0.45	1.00				
$I_{+-}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	0.40	-0.23	0.23	0.39	-0.63	-0.66	-0.42	0.36	0.35	1.00			
$U_{0}^{-}$	0.00	0.47	0.04	0.02	0.13	0.06	0.31	-0.03	0.05	-0.04	1.00		
$U_{0}^{+}$	0.11	-0.22	0.12	0.31	-0.27	-0.21	-0.21	0.24	-0.05	0.44	-0.14	1.00	
$U_{-0}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$	-0.66	0.10	-0.44	-0.02	0.75	0.48	0.31	-0.03	-0.63	-0.69	-0.07	-0.15	1.00
$U_{-0_{-}}^{-,\mathrm{Re}}$	0.27	-0.17	-0.06	-0.69	-0.15	0.10	-0.19	-0.31	0.36	-0.02	-0.40	-0.11	-0.19
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	0.24	0.56	0.05	-0.61	0.26	0.31	0.31	-0.51	0.38	-0.49	0.28	-0.52	0.03
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	0.25	0.01	-0.01	-0.40	-0.05	-0.01	-0.13	-0.25	0.33	-0.10	-0.37	-0.30	-0.06
$U_{-}^{-}$	0.25	0.24	0.12	-0.05	-0.16	0.05	0.07	-0.09	0.27	0.04	0.42	-0.14	0.06
$U_{-}^{+}$	-0.39	0.12	-0.16	-0.02	0.24	0.25	0.21	0.00	-0.29	-0.26	0.21	-0.02	0.19
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	0.66	0.12	0.27	-0.55	-0.42	-0.04	-0.03	-0.63	0.76	-0.07	-0.05	-0.20	-0.26
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	0.66	-0.10	0.28	-0.38	-0.66	-0.24	-0.47	-0.27	0.72	0.31	-0.31	0.10	-0.47
$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	-0.48	0.24	-0.34	-0.31	0.78	0.54	0.68	-0.36	-0.39	-0.83	0.21	-0.45	0.68
$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	0.76	0.21	0.35	-0.41	-0.45	-0.16	-0.03	-0.54	0.83	0.08	0.09	-0.24	-0.52
$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	-0.71	-0.19	-0.34	0.51	0.50	0.07	0.22	0.40	-0.78	-0.11	0.09	0.10	0.50
$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	-0.78	-0.15	-0.41	0.36	0.50	0.13	0.04	0.46	-0.90	-0.23	-0.01	0.13	0.58
$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	-0.35	-0.07	-0.25	0.36	0.25	-0.12	0.14	0.29	-0.33	-0.02	0.06	0.01	0.25
$U_{+-}^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	-0.78	-0.20	-0.37	0.45	0.57	0.17	0.22	0.40	-0.85	-0.18	0.03	0.13	0.57
$U_{+}^{-}$	-0.14	0.10	-0.01	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.07	-0.03	0.02	0.03	0.37	0.03	0.21

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$U_{-0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	1.00													
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	0.39	1.00												
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	0.60	0.43	1.00											
$U_{-}^{-}$	-0.26	0.12	-0.13	1.00										
$U_{-}^{+}$	-0.07	0.21	-0.37	-0.14	1.00									
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	0.35	0.52	0.43	0.30	-0.20	1.00								
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	0.61	0.21	0.43	0.08	-0.22	0.76	1.00							
$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	-0.11	0.47	0.04	-0.00	0.30	-0.08	-0.49	1.00						
$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	0.30	0.56	0.47	0.17	-0.27	0.77	0.56	-0.11	1.00					
$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	-0.59	-0.59	-0.53	-0.13	0.10	-0.80	-0.82	0.30	-0.75	1.00				
$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	-0.33	-0.41	-0.41	-0.31	0.32	-0.73	-0.63	0.25	-0.83	0.69	1.00			
$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	-0.44	-0.25	-0.44	0.05	0.10	-0.33	-0.42	0.15	-0.35	0.49	0.34	1.00		
$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	-0.50	-0.56	-0.56	-0.16	0.22	-0.84	-0.80	0.32	-0.87	0.94	0.79	0.47	1.00	
$U_{+}^{-}$	-0.37	-0.02	-0.32	0.71	0.14	0.13	-0.02	0.05	-0.09	0.08	-0.01	0.26	0.06	1.00

Table 4: Correlation matrix of systematic uncertainties for the U and I coefficients. Note that all elements above the diagonal are omitted for readability.

Parameter	Description	Result
$\overline{\begin{array}{c} U_0^+ \\ U^+ \end{array}}$	Coefficient of $ f_0 ^2$ Coefficient of $ f ^2$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.237 \pm 0.053 \pm 0.043 \\ 1.33 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{c} U_0^-\\ U^-\\ U_+^- \end{array}$	Coefficient of $ f_0 ^2 \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$ Coefficient of $ f ^2 \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$ Coefficient of $ f_+ ^2 \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$	$\begin{array}{c} -0.055 \pm 0.098 \pm 0.13 \\ -0.30 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.03 \\ 0.53 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.04 \end{array}$
I <sub>0</sub> I_ I <sub>+</sub>	Coefficient of $ f_0 ^2 \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$ Coefficient of $ f ^2 \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$ Coefficient of $ f_+ ^2 \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$	$\begin{array}{c} -0.028 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.02 \\ -0.03 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.03 \\ 0.039 \pm 0.097 \pm 0.02 \end{array}$
$U_{+-}^{+,\text{Im}}$ $U_{+-}^{+,\text{Re}}$ $U_{+-}^{-,\text{Im}}$	Coefficient of $\text{Im}[f_+f^*]$ Coefficient of $\text{Re}[f_+f^*]$ Coefficient of $\text{Im}[f_+f^*]\cos(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$	$egin{array}{l} 0.62 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.72 \ 0.38 \pm 0.55 \pm 0.28 \ 0.13 \pm 0.94 \pm 0.17 \end{array}$
$U_{+-}^{-,\text{Re}}$ $I_{+-}^{\text{Im}}$ $I_{+-}^{\text{Re}}$	Coefficient of $\operatorname{Re}[f_+f^*]\cos(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$ Coefficient of $\operatorname{Im}[f_+f^*]\sin(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$ Coefficient of $\operatorname{Re}[f_+f^*]\sin(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.14 \pm 0.91 \pm 0.33 \\ -1.9 \ \pm 1.1 \ \pm 0.1 \\ -0.1 \ \pm 1.9 \ \pm 0.3 \end{array}$
$U^{+,Im}_{+0}$ $U^{+,Re}_{+0}$ $U^{-,Im}_{+0}$	Coefficient of $\text{Im}[f_+f_0^*]$ Coefficient of $\text{Re}[f_+f_0^*]$ Coefficient of $\text{Im}[f_+f_0^*]\cos(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$	$0.03 \pm 0.42 \pm 0.12$ $-0.75 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.15$ $-0.93 \pm 0.68 \pm 0.08$
$U_{+0}^{-,\mathrm{Re}}$ $I_{+0}^{\mathrm{Im}}$ $I_{+0}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	Coefficient of $\operatorname{Re}[f_+f_0^*]\cos(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$ Coefficient of $\operatorname{Im}[f_+f_0^*]\sin(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$ Coefficient of $\operatorname{Re}[f_+f_0^*]\sin(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$	$\begin{array}{rrr} -0.47 \pm 0.80 & \pm 0.3 \\ -0.1 & \pm 1.1 & \pm 0.3 \\ 0.2 & \pm 1.1 & \pm 0.4 \end{array}$
$U_{-0}^{+,\text{Im}}$ $U_{-0}^{+,\text{Re}}$ $U_{-0}^{-,\text{Im}}$	Coefficient of $\text{Im}[ff_0^*]$ Coefficient of $\text{Re}[ff_0^*]$ Coefficient of $\text{Im}[ff_0^*]\cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)$	$\begin{array}{c} -0.03 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.23 \\ -0.52 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.08 \\ 0.24 \pm 0.61 \ \pm 0.2 \end{array}$
$U_{-0}^{-,\operatorname{Re}}$ $I_{-0}^{\operatorname{Im}}$ $I_{-0}^{\operatorname{Re}}$	Coefficient of $\operatorname{Re}[ff_0^*]\cos(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$ Coefficient of $\operatorname{Im}[ff_0^*]\sin(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$ Coefficient of $\operatorname{Re}[ff_0^*]\sin(\Delta m_d\Delta t)$	$\begin{array}{c} -0.42 \pm 0.73 \pm 0.28 \\ 0.7 \ \pm 1.0 \ \pm 0.3 \\ 0.92 \pm 0.91 \ \pm 0.4 \end{array}$

Table 5: Fit results for the U and I coefficients. The errors given are statistical (first) and systematic (second). The free normalization parameter  $U_{+}^{+}$  is fixed to 1.

	$N_{3\pi}$	$I_0$	$I_{-}$	$I_{-0}^{\rm Im}$	$I_{-0}^{\rm Re}$	$I_+$	$I_{+0}^{\rm Im}$	$I_{+0}^{\rm Re}$	$I_{+-}^{\rm Im}$	$I_{+-}^{\rm Re}$	$U_0^-$	$U_0^+$	$U_{-0}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$
$N_{3\pi}$	1.00												
$I_0$	-0.07	1.00											
$I_{-}$	-0.06	0.20	1.00										
$I_{-0}^{\mathrm{Im}}$	0.16	-0.17	-0.12	1.00									
$I_{-0}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	-0.01	-0.08	-0.13	0.12	1.00								
$I_+$	0.03	-0.03	-0.05	0.02	0.27	1.00							
$I_{+0}^{\mathrm{Im}}$	0.08	0.03	0.11	-0.04	-0.20	-0.36	1.00						
$I_{\pm 0}^{ m Re}$	0.01	0.10	-0.05	0.01	0.29	0.10	-0.07	1.00					
$I_{\pm -}^{\rm lm}$	-0.01	0.16	0.28	-0.23	-0.32	-0.11	0.21	-0.06	1.00				
$I_{+-}^{\mathrm{Re}}$	0.05	-0.00	-0.12	-0.25	-0.01	0.03	-0.04	-0.00	0.07	1.00			
$U_{0}^{-}$	-0.03	0.09	0.23	-0.09	-0.11	-0.04	0.11	-0.08	0.28	0.04	1.00		
$U_{0}^{+}$	0.17	-0.06	-0.01	0.35	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.11	-0.27	-0.02	1.00	
$U_{-0_{-}}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$	-0.05	-0.05	-0.41	-0.09	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.11	-0.08	0.02	1.00
$U_{-0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	0.08	-0.16	-0.37	0.20	0.18	0.08	-0.09	0.10	-0.34	0.05	-0.41	0.18	0.25
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	0.05	0.01	-0.07	0.05	-0.00	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.07	-0.00	-0.03	0.15	0.25
$U_{-0}^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.07	-0.01	-0.03	0.09	0.17
$U_{-}^{-}$	-0.02	0.00	0.03	0.07	-0.02	-0.06	0.09	-0.05	0.05	-0.02	0.20	0.05	0.01
$U_{-}^{+}$	0.12	-0.07	-0.17	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.02	0.09	-0.20	0.04	-0.24	0.04	0.04
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	0.06	0.03	0.07	-0.13	-0.09	-0.15	0.09	0.00	0.20	0.09	0.04	-0.07	0.09
$U_{\pm 0}^{-,\mathrm{Re}}$	0.05	-0.13	-0.29	0.24	0.26	0.31	-0.32	0.09	-0.44	-0.06	-0.37	0.13	0.01
$U_{\pm 0}^{+,\mathrm{Im}}$	0.02	-0.02	-0.11	0.04	0.11	0.23	-0.40	0.10	-0.20	-0.03	-0.21	0.02	-0.03
$U_{\pm 0}^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	-0.05	-0.01	0.07	-0.02	-0.07	-0.04	-0.03	-0.06	-0.09	-0.04	0.03	-0.02	-0.12
$U^{-,\mathrm{Im}}_{\pm}$	0.01	-0.01	0.05	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	0.07	-0.06	0.11	0.02	0.09	-0.00	0.04
$U^{-,\mathrm{Re}}_{\perp}$	-0.04	-0.01	0.06	-0.07	0.00	0.01	-0.06	0.06	-0.16	-0.04	-0.02	-0.05	-0.09
$U^{+,\mathrm{Im}}_{+,\mathrm{Im}}$	-0.07	0.03	0.06	0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.07	0.03	-0.11	-0.07	-0.00	0.01	-0.13
$U^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	0.03	0.01	0.04	-0.05	-0.05	-0.02	0.08	0.01	0.17	0.04	0.06	-0.03	0.06
$U_{+}^{-}$	0.02	0.04	0.00	-0.06	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.17	-0.02	0.01

$U_{-0}^{-,{\rm Re}} \ U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Im}} \ U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Re}} \ U_{-}^{-}$	$U_{-}^{+}$	$U_{\pm0}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$	$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	$U_{\pm0}^{+,\mathrm{Im}}$	$U_{+0}^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	$U_{+-}^{-,\mathrm{Im}}$	$U_{+-}^{-,\mathrm{Re}}$	$U_{+-}^{+,\mathrm{Im}}$	$U_{+-}^{+,\mathrm{Re}}$	$U_{+}^{-}$
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$U_{-0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	1.00													
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	0.12	1.00												
$U_{-0}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	0.04	0.07	1.00											
$U_{-}^{-}$	0.09	0.04	-0.13	1.00										
$U_{-}^{+}$	0.24	0.00	0.01	-0.07	1.00									
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	-0.04	0.08	0.05	-0.00	0.26	1.00								
$U_{+0}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	0.40	-0.04	-0.02	-0.08	0.32	-0.14	1.00							
$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	0.09	-0.02	0.02	-0.26	0.17	-0.09	0.35	1.00						
$U_{+0}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	-0.19	-0.10	-0.11	-0.03	-0.05	-0.07	-0.04	0.03	1.00					
$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Im}}$	-0.05	0.03	0.12	0.09	-0.05	0.08	-0.09	-0.12	-0.01	1.00				
$U_{+-}^{-,{\rm Re}}$	-0.17	-0.13	-0.03	-0.10	-0.02	-0.05	-0.04	0.08	0.35	-0.02	1.00			
$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Im}}$	-0.19	-0.10	-0.03	-0.04	-0.07	-0.15	0.01	0.07	0.25	-0.01	0.18	1.00		
$U_{+-}^{+,{\rm Re}}$	0.02	0.05	-0.03	0.14	0.11	0.30	-0.09	-0.13	-0.03	0.16	-0.10	-0.11	1.00	
$U_{+}^{-}$	-0.00	0.01	0.06	-0.05	0.08	0.06	-0.04	0.07	-0.05	-0.06	-0.04	-0.10	-0.04	1.00

Table 6: Correlation matrix of statistical uncertainties for the U and I coefficients. Note that all elements above the diagonal are omitted for readability.



Figure 3: Distributions of (top to bottom, left to right)  $\Delta E'$ ,  $m_{\rm ES}$ , NN output,  $\Delta t/\sigma(\Delta t)$ , m' and  $\theta'$  for samples enhanced in  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  signal. The dots with error bars give the on-resonance data. The solid histogram shows the projection of the fit result. The dark, medium and light shaded areas represent respectively the contribution from continuum events, the sum of continuum events and the *B*-background expectation, and the sum of these and the misreconstructed signal events.



Figure 4: Distribution of minimum of the three di-pion invariant masses, for samples enhanced in  $B^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  signal. The dots with error bars give the on-resonance data. The solid histogram shows the projection of the fit result. The dark, medium and light shaded areas represent respectively the contribution from continuum events, the sum of continuum events and the *B*-background expectation, and the sum of these and the misreconstructed signal events.

	${\cal A}_{ ho\pi}$	C	$\Delta C$	S	$\Delta S$
$\overline{\mathcal{A}_{o\pi}}$	1.93				
$C^{r}$	-0.71	9.68			
$\Delta C$	-0.55	2.63	8.93		
S	-0.03	-0.71	-0.13	15.3	
$\Delta S$	-0.03	-0.57	-0.07	3.93	17.08

Table 7: Covariance matirx multipled by 1000 of the quasi-two-body parameters.



Figure 5: Confidence level contours for the direct CP asymmetries  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{+-}$  versus  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho\pi}^{-+}$ . The shaded areas represent  $1\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$  and  $3\sigma$  contours, respectively.



Figure 6: Confidence level functions for  $\delta_{+-}$  (left) and  $\alpha$  (right). Indicated by the dashed horizontal lines are the confidence level (C.L.) values corresponding to  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$ , respectively.