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We report the results of a CP violation analysis of the decay $B^{\pm} \to D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0} K^{\pm}$, where $D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}$ indicates a neutral D meson detected in the final state $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, excluding $K_S^0\pi^0$. The analysis makes use of 324 million $e^+e^- \to B\overline{B}$ events recorded by the BABAR experiment at the PEP-II e^+e^- storage ring. Analyzing the $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ Dalitz plot distribution and the $B^{\pm} \to D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}K^{\pm}$ branching fraction and decay rate asymmetry, we find the following one-standard-deviation constraints on the amplitude ratio and on the weak and strong phases: $0.06 < r_B < 0.78, -30^\circ < \gamma < 76^\circ, -27^\circ < \delta < 78^\circ$. We also measure the magnitudes and phases of the components of the $D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ decay amplitude.

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An important component of the program to study CP violation is the measurement of the angle $\gamma = \arg(-V_{ud}V_{ub}^*/V_{cd}V_{cb}^*)$ of the unitarity triangle related to the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix [1]. The decays $B \to D^{(*)0}K^{(*)}$ can be used to measure γ with essentially no hadronic uncertainties, exploiting interference between $b \to u\overline{cs}$ and $b \to c\overline{us}$ decay amplitudes [2]. In one of the measurement methods [3], γ is extracted by analyzing the *D*-decay Dalitz plot distribution in $B^{\pm} \to DK^{\pm}$ with multi-body *D* decays [4]. This method has only been used with the Cabibbo-favored decay $D \to K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ [5, 6], and Cabibbo-suppressed decays are expected to be similarly sensitive to γ [7]. We present here the first *CP*-violation study of $B^{\pm} \to DK^{\pm}$ with a multibody, Cabibbo-suppressed *D* decay, $D \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$.

The data used in this analysis were collected with the BABAR detector at the PEP-II e^+e^- storage ring, and include 288 fb⁻¹ taken on the $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance and 27 fb⁻¹ collected 40 MeV below the resonance. Samples of simulated Monte Carlo (MC) events were analyzed with the same reconstruction and analysis procedures. These samples include an $e^+e^- \rightarrow B\overline{B}$ sample five times larger than the data; a continuum $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ sample, where q is a u, d, s, or c quark, with luminosity equivalent to the data; and a signal sample 300 times larger than the data, with both phase space D decays and decays generated according to the amplitudes measured by CLEO [8]. The BABAR detector and the methods used for particle reconstruction and identification are described in Ref. [9].

We use event-shape variables [10] to suppress the continuum background, and identify kaon and pion candidates using specific ionization and Cherenkov radiation. The invariant mass of D candidates must satisfy $1830 < M_D < 1895 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. We require $5272 < m_{ES} < 5300 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, where $m_{ES} \equiv \sqrt{E_{CM}^2/4 - |\mathbf{p_B}|^2}$, E_{CM} is the total e^+e^- center-of-mass (CM) energy, and $\mathbf{p_B}$ is the B candidate CM momentum. Events must satisfy $-70 < \Delta E < 60$ MeV, where $\Delta E = E_B - E_{CM}/2$ and E_B is the B candidate CM energy. We exclude the decay mode $D \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^0$, which is a previously studied CPeigenstate not related to the method of Ref. [3], by rejecting candidates with $489 < M(\pi^+\pi^-) < 508 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ or for which the distance between the $\pi^+\pi^-$ vertex and the B^- candidate decay vertex is more than 1.5 cm. We reject $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}K^{\pm}$ candidates in which the $K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ invariant mass satisfies $1840 < M(K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}) < 1890 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, to suppress $B^- \rightarrow D^0_{K^-\pi^+}\rho^-$ decays. We require d > 0.25, where d [10] is a neural net variable that separates signal candidates (which peak toward d = 1) from those with a misreconstructed D (peaking toward d = 0). In events with multiple candidates (9% of the sample), we keep the candidate whose m_{ES} value is closest to the nominal B^{\pm} mass [11]. The final signal reconstruction efficiency is $\epsilon = 11.4\%$.

For each $B^{\pm} \to D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0} K^{\pm}$ candidate, we compute the neural net variable q [10]. The q distribution of $B\overline{B}$ events peaks toward q = 1, while that of continuum peaks at q = 0. For $\nu \in \{q, d\}$, we define the variables $\nu' \equiv \tanh^{-1} \left[(\nu - \frac{1}{2}(\nu_{max} + \nu_{min})) / \frac{1}{2}(\nu_{max} + \nu_{min}) \right]$, where $q_{max} = d_{max} = 1$, $q_{min} = 0.1$, and $d_{min} = 0.25$ are the allowed ranges for q and d. The ν' variables can be conveniently fit with Gaussians, as described later.

As in Ref. [10], we identify in the MC samples ten event types, one signal and nine different backgrounds. We list them here with the labels used to refer to them throughout the paper. $DK_{sig}: B^{\pm} \to D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}K^{\pm}$ events that are correctly reconstructed; these are the only events considered to be signal. DK_{bgd} : $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}K^{\pm}$ events that are misreconstructed; namely, some of the particles used to form the final state do not originate from the $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}K^{\pm}$ decay. $D\pi_D (D\pi_p)$: $B^- \rightarrow D^0\pi^-, D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ decays, where the decav $D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ is correctly reconstructed (misreconstructed). **DKX**: $B \to D^{(*)}K^{(*)-}$ events not containing the decay $D \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$. $D\pi X$: $B \to D^{(*)} \pi^-$ and $B \to D^{(*)}\rho^-$ decays, excluding $D \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$. **BBC**_D $(BBC_{\mathcal{D}})$: all other $B\overline{B}$ events with a correctly reconstructed (misreconstructed) D candidate. qq_D (qq_D): continuum $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ events with a correctly reconstructed (misreconstructed) D candidate.

The measurement of the *CP* parameters proceeds in three steps, each involving an unbinned maximum likelihood fit. In step 1, we measure the complex Dalitz plot amplitude $f(s_+, s_-)$ for the decay $D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, where $s_{\pm} = m^2(\pi^{\pm}\pi^0)$ are the squared invariant masses of the $\pi^{\pm}\pi^0$ pairs. In step 2, we extract the numbers of B^+ and B^- signal events and background yields. We obtain the CP parameters in step 3.

We parameterize $f(s_+, s_-)$ using the isobar model, $f(s_+, s_-) = [a_{\rm NR}e^{i\phi_{\rm NR}} + \sum_r a_r e^{i\phi_r} A_r(s_+, s_-)]/N_f$, where the first term represents a nonresonant contribution, the sum is over all intermediate two-body resonances r, and N_f is such that $\int ds_+ ds_- |f(s_+, s_-)|^2 = 1$. The amplitude for the decay chain $D^0 \to rC$, $r \to AB$ is $A_r(s_+, s_-) = F_r F_s \left(m_r^2 - M_{AB}^2 - im_r \Gamma_r(M_{AB})\right)^{-1}$, where m_r is the peak mass of the resonance [11], M_{AB}^2 is the squared invariant mass of the AB pair, F_r is a spin-dependent form factor [12], and $\Gamma_r(M_{AB})$ is the mass-dependent width for the resonance r [12]. The spin factors F_s are $F_0 = m_D^2$, $F_1 = M_{BC}^2 - M_{AC}^2 + (m_D^2 - m_C^2)(m_A^2 - m_B^2)M_{AB}^{-2}$, and $F_2 = (F_1^2 - \frac{1}{3}\mu_{CD}^2\mu_{AB}^2)m_D^{-2}$, where $\mu_{jk}^2 \equiv M_{AB}^2 - 2m_j^2 - 2m_k^2 + (m_j^2 - m_k^2)^2 M_{jk}^{-2}$, and m_i is the mass of particle i [11].

In step 1, we determine the parameters $a_{\rm NR}$, a_r , $\phi_{\rm NR}$, and ϕ_r by fitting a large sample of D^0 and \overline{D}^0 mesons, flavor-tagged through their production in the decay $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$ [13]. To select this sample, we require the CM momentum of the D^* candidate to be greater than 2770 MeV/c, and $|M_{D^*} - M_D - 145.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2| < 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, where M_{D^*} is the invariant mass of the D^* candidate. The signal and background yields are obtained from a fit to the M_D distribution, modeling the signal as a Gaussian and the background as an exponential. The signal Gaussian peaks at $1863.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and has a width of $17.4 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$.

Of the D^0 candidates in the signal region 1848 $< M_D < 1880 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, we obtain from the fit $N_S = 44780 \pm 250$ signal and $N_B = 830 \pm 70$ background events. To obtain the parameters of $f(s_{\pm}, s_{\mp})$, we fit these candidates with the probability distribution function (PDF) $N_S |f(s_+, s_-)|^2 \epsilon(s_+, s_-) + N_B |f_B(s_+, s_-)|^2$, where the background PDF $f_B(s_+, s_-)$ is a binned distribution obtained from events in the sideband 1930 $< M_D < 1990 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, and $\epsilon(s_+, s_-)$ is an efficiency function, parameterized as a two-dimensional third-order polynomial determined from MC. To within the MC-signal statistical uncertainty, $\epsilon(s_+, s_-) = \epsilon(s_-, s_+)$. The region $M_D < 1848 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, which contains $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ events that are absent from the signal region, is not used.

Table I summarizes the results of this fit, with systematic errors obtained by varying the masses and widths of the $\rho(1700)$ and σ resonances, setting $F_r = 1$, and varying $\epsilon(s_+, s_-)$ to account for uncertainties in reconstruction and particle identification. The Dalitz plot distribution of the data is shown in Fig. 1(a). The distribution is marked by three destructively interfering $\rho\pi$ amplitudes, suggesting an I = 0-dominated final state [14].

The fit for step $i \in \{2, 3\}$ uses the PDF

$$\mathcal{P}_{i}^{C} = \sum_{t} \frac{N_{t}}{2\eta} (1 - CA_{t}) \,\mathcal{P}_{i,t}^{(C)}(\xi_{i}) \div \int \mathcal{P}_{i,t}^{(C)}(\xi_{i}') \, d^{n_{i}}\xi_{i}', \ (1)$$

TABLE I: Result of the fit to the $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$ sample, showing the amplitudes ratios $R_r \equiv a_r/a_{\rho^+(770)}$, phase differences $\Delta \phi_r \equiv \phi_r - \phi_{\rho^+(770)}$, and fit fractions $f_r \equiv \int |a_r A_r(s_+, s_-)|^2 ds_- ds_+$. The first (second) errors are statistical (systematic). We take the mass (width) of the σ meson to be 400 (600) MeV/ c^2 .

State	R_r (%)	$\Delta \phi_r$ (°)	$f_r(\%)$
$\rho^{+}(770)$	100	0	$67.8 {\pm} 0.0 {\pm} 0.6$
$ ho^{0}(770)$	$58.8 {\pm} 0.6 {\pm} 0.2$	$16.2{\pm}0.6{\pm}0.4$	$26.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.1$
$\rho^{-}(770)$	$71.4 {\pm} 0.8 {\pm} 0.3$	$-2.0{\pm}0.6{\pm}0.6$	$34.6 {\pm} 0.8 {\pm} 0.3$
$\rho^+(1450)$	$21 \pm 6 \pm 13$	$-146{\pm}18{\pm}24$	$0.11{\pm}0.07{\pm}0.12$
$\rho^0(1450)$	$33 \pm 6 \pm 4$	$10 \pm 8 \pm 13$	$0.30{\pm}0.11{\pm}0.07$
$\rho^{-}(1450)$	$82 \pm 5 \pm 4$	$16 \pm 3 \pm 3$	$1.79{\pm}0.22{\pm}0.12$
$\rho^+(1700)$	$225 \pm 18 \pm 14$	$-17 \pm 2 \pm 3$	$4.1 {\pm} 0.7 {\pm} 0.7$
$\rho^0(1700)$	$251 \pm 15 \pm 13$	$-17 \pm 2 \pm 2$	$5.0 {\pm} 0.6 {\pm} 1.0$
$\rho^{-}(1700)$	$200 \pm 11 \pm 7$	$-50 \pm 3 \pm 3$	$3.2{\pm}0.4{\pm}0.6$
$f_0(980)$	$1.50{\pm}0.12{\pm}0.17$	$-59 \pm 5 \pm 4$	$0.25{\pm}0.04{\pm}0.04$
$f_0(1370)$	$6.3 {\pm} 0.9 {\pm} 0.9$	$156 \pm 9 \pm 6$	$0.37{\pm}0.11{\pm}0.09$
$f_0(1500)$	$5.8 {\pm} 0.6 {\pm} 0.6$	$12 \pm 9 \pm 4$	$0.39{\pm}0.08{\pm}0.07$
$f_0(1710)$	$11.2 \pm 1.4 \pm 1.7$	$51 \pm 8 \pm 7$	$0.31{\pm}0.07{\pm}0.08$
$f_2(1270)$	$104 \pm 3 \pm 21$	$-171 \pm 3 \pm 4$	$1.32{\pm}0.08{\pm}0.10$
$\sigma(400)$	$6.9 {\pm} 0.6 {\pm} 1.2$	$8 \pm 4 \pm 8$	$0.82{\pm}0.10{\pm}0.10$
Non-Res	$57 \pm 7 \pm 8$	$-11 \pm 4 \pm 2$	$0.84{\pm}0.21{\pm}0.12$

where ξ_i is the set of n_i event variables $\xi_2 = \{\Delta E, q', d'\},$ $\xi_3 = \{\Delta E, q', s_-, s_+\}, t$ corresponds to one of the ten event types listed above, $N_t = N_t^+ + N_t^-$ is the number of events of type $t, A_t = (N_t^- - N_t^+)/N_t$ is their charge asymmetry, $C = \pm 1$ is the electric charge of the *B* candidate, and $\eta \equiv \sum_t N_t$. Using MC, we verify that the variables in each set ξ_i are uncorrelated for each event type. Therefore, the PDFs $\mathcal{P}_{i,t}^{(C)}$ are the products

$$\mathcal{P}_{2,t}(\Delta E, q', d') = \mathcal{E}_t(\Delta E) \mathcal{Q}_t(q') \mathcal{C}_t(d')$$

$$\mathcal{P}^C_{3,t}(\Delta E, q', s_+, s_-) = \mathcal{E}_t(\Delta E) \mathcal{Q}_t(q') \mathcal{D}'^C_t(s_+, s_-).$$
(2)

The parameters of the Dalitz plot PDF $\mathcal{D}'_{DK_{\text{sig}}}^{C}(s_{+}, s_{-})$ are obtained from the data as described below. Those of all other functions in Eq. (2) are obtained from the MC samples. The functions $\mathcal{E}_{t}(\Delta E)$ are parameterized as the sum of a Gaussian and a second-order polynomial. The PDFs $\mathcal{Q}_{t}(q')$ and $\mathcal{C}_{t}(d')$ are the sum of a Gaussian and an asymmetric Gaussian. The PDF parameters are different for each event type. Assuming no CP violation in the background, we take $\mathcal{D}'_{t}^{+}(s_{+}, s_{-}) =$ $\mathcal{D}'_{t}^{-}(s_{-}, s_{+})$ and $A_{t} = 0$ for $t \neq DK_{\text{sig}}$. The functions $\mathcal{D}'_{D\pi X}(s_{+}, s_{-})$ and $\mathcal{D}'_{DK_{\text{bgd}}}^{C}(s_{+}, s_{-})$ are binned histograms obtained from the MC. For other event types, $\mathcal{D}'_{t}^{C}(s_{+}, s_{-}) = \epsilon(s_{+}, s_{-})\mathcal{D}_{t}^{C}(s_{+}, s_{-})$, where the efficiency function $\epsilon(s_{+}, s_{-})$ has different parameters for wellreconstructed and misreconstructed D candidates. We define $z_{\pm} \equiv r_{B}e^{i(\delta \pm \gamma)}$, where δ is a CP-even phase

We define $z_{\pm} \equiv r_B e^{i(\delta \pm \gamma)}$, where δ is a *CP*-even phase and r_B is the ratio of the magnitudes of the $b \to u\overline{c}s$ and $b \to c\overline{u}s$ amplitudes. Ignoring negligible $D^0 - \overline{D}^0$ mixing effects [15], the signal Dalitz PDF is

$$\mathcal{D}_{DK_{\text{sig}}}^{\pm}(s_{\pm}, s_{-}) = \left| f(s_{\mp}, s_{\pm}) + z_{\pm} f(s_{\pm}, s_{\mp}) \right|^2.$$
(3)

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In the step-2 fit, we extract the $B^{\pm} \rightarrow D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0} K^{\pm}$ signal yield and asymmetry, as well as some background yields, as described in Ref. [10]. From this fit we find $N_{DK_{\text{sig}}} = 170 \pm 29$ signal events, corresponding to the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B^{\pm} \rightarrow D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}K^{\pm}) = (4.6 \pm 0.8 \pm$ $0.4) \times 10^{-6}$, and the decay rate asymmetry $A_{DK_{\text{sig}}} =$ $-0.02 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.03$. The first errors are statistical and the second are systematic, due to sources described below.

Only the complex parameters z_{\pm} are free in the step-3 fit. This fit minimizes the function

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{e=1}^{N_{\text{ev}}} \log \mathcal{P}_3^{C_e}(\xi_3^e) + \frac{1}{2}\chi^2, \tag{4}$$

where $N_{\rm ev}$ is the number of events in the data sample. The term $\chi^2 = \sum_{u,v=1}^2 X_u V_{uv}^{-1} X_v$ increases the sensitivity of the fit by using the results of the step-2 fit via $X_1 = N_{DK_{\rm sig}} - (n_- + n_+)$ and $X_2 = A_{DK_{\rm sig}} - (n_- - n_+)/(n_- + n_+)$, where

$$n_{\pm} = N^0 \frac{\int \mathcal{D}'_{DK_{\rm sig}}^{\pm}(s_+, s_-) ds_+ ds_-}{\int |f(s_{\pm}, s_{\pm})|^2 \epsilon(s_+, s_-) ds_+ ds_-}$$
(5)

are the expected numbers of B^{\pm} signal events. In Eq. (5), N^0 is the product of the number $N_{B^+B^-}$ of charged B^+B^- pairs in the dataset, the branching fractions $\mathcal{B}(B^- \to D^0K^-)$ [11] and $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$ [13], and the reconstruction efficiency ϵ . The error matrix V_{uv} is the sum of two components: the step-2 fit error matrix V_{uv}^{stat} , which is almost diagonal (the correlation coefficient is -2.8%), and the N^0 systematic error matrix V_{uv}^{syst} . Here $V_{12}^{\text{syst}} = V_{22}^{\text{syst}} = 0$, and $V_{11}^{\text{syst}} = \sum_{c=1}^{4} (N^0 \sigma_c^{\text{rel}})^2$, where σ_c^{rel} are the relative errors on the four components $N_{B^+B^-}$ (1.1%), ϵ (3.3%), $\mathcal{B}(D \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$ (3.8%) [13], and $\mathcal{B}(B^- \to D^0K^-)$ (5.9%) [11].

We parameterize z_{\pm} with the polar coordinates

$$\rho_{\pm} \equiv |z_{\pm} - x_0|, \quad \theta_{\pm} \equiv \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\Im[z_{\pm}]}{\Re[z_{\pm}] - x_0} \right), \quad (6)$$

where the parameter $x_0 = 0.85$ is obtained from

$$x_0 \equiv -\int \Re \left[f(s_+, s_-) f^*(s_-, s_+) \right] \epsilon(s_+, s_-) ds_+ ds_-.$$
(7)

This parameterization is optimal due to the polar symmetry of $n_{\pm} = N^0(1 + \rho_{\pm}^2 - x_0^2)$, and avoids nonlinear correlatinos and biases that occur with the parameterizations (r_B, γ, δ) or $(\Re[z_{\pm}], \Im[z_{\pm}])$. The step-3 fit yields

$$\rho_{-} = 0.72 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05,$$

$$\theta_{-} = (173 \pm 42 \pm 2 \pm 19)^{\circ},$$

$$\rho_{+} = 0.75 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05,$$

$$\theta_{+} = (147 \pm 23 \pm 1 \pm 13)^{\circ},$$
(8)

where the first errors are statistical, the second are due to V_{11}^{syst} , and the third are due to additional systematic

errors, described below. The largest correlation coefficient is $c_{\rho_-\rho_+} = 14\%$, originating from V_{11}^{syst} . All others are 1% or less. Contours of constant \mathcal{L} values are shown in Fig. 1(b).



FIG. 1: (a) The 2-dimensional (s_+, s_-) distribution of the $D^{*+} \to D^0 \pi^+$ data. Charge conjugation is implied. (b) One-, two-, and three-standard-deviation contours of \mathcal{L} as functions of θ_{\pm} vs. ρ_{\pm} . The solid (dashed) curves correspond to B^+ (B^-) results. The no-interference point $(\rho_{\pm} = x_0, \theta_{\pm} = 180^\circ)$ is marked with an \times . (c) Projection of the three-dimensional confidence level $1 - \alpha$ onto r_B and γ . (d) $1 - \alpha$ vs. γ .

The third errors in Eq. (8) and the systematic errors on $\mathcal{B}(B^{\pm} \to D_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}}K^{\pm})$ and $A_{DK_{\text{sig}}}$ are obtained as follows. The uncertainty in the model used for $f(s_+, s_-)$ is the largest source of error on the CP parameters: $\sigma_{\rho_+}^{\text{model}} = 0.03, \ \sigma_{\theta_-}^{\text{model}} = 14^\circ, \ \sigma_{\theta_+}^{\text{model}} = 11^\circ.$ This error is evaluated by removing all but the $\rho(770)$, $\rho(1450)$, $f_0(980)$, and nonresonant terms in $f(s_+, s_-)$; adding an $f'_{2}(1525)$, an ω , and a nonresonant P-wave contribution; varying the meson "radius" parameter in F_r [12]; and propagating the errors from Table I. Uncertainties due to the masses and widths of the $\rho(1700)$ and σ resonances are small by comparison. Other errors are due to uncertainties on background yields that are fixed in the fits [10], the finite MC sample size, a possible reconstruction efficiency charge asymmetry, and uncertainties in the background PDF shapes, evaluated by comparing MC and data in signal-free sidebands of the variables M_D , ΔE , and m_{ES} . We also evaluate errors due to possible charge asymmetries in DKX and DK_{bgd} events, uncertainties in particle identification and the efficiency functions, the finite s_{\pm} measurement resolution, the background PDF f_B in the D^* sample, D-flavor mistagging

in the D^* sample, and correlations between the D flavor and the kaon charge in qq_D events.

The analysis procedure is validated in several ways. Conducting the analysis on the MC sample yields results consistent with the generated values. We carry out the step-3 fit on a sample of $1800 \pm 70 \ B^- \rightarrow D_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}^0\pi^$ events, obtaining the background Dalitz plot distribution from the ΔE sideband. The fit yields $\rho_- = 0.815 \pm 0.034$, $\theta_- = (186\pm7)^\circ$, $\rho_+ = 0.854 \pm 0.035$, $\theta_+ = (192\pm7)^\circ$, consistent with $\rho_{\pm} = x_0$, $\theta_{\pm} = 180^\circ$, which corresponds to $z_{\pm} = 0$. We verify the signal efficiency by measuring the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow D^0\pi^-)$ with $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$. We compare the fit variable distributions of data and MC events in signal-free sidebands. Good agreement is found in all cases.

We use the frequentist approach outlined in Ref. [6] to extract confidence regions of $\mathbf{p} = (r_B, \gamma, \delta)$, accounting for the dependence of the experimental errors on the values of z_{\pm} and for small non-Gaussian effects in the likelihood function. Two-dimensional projections onto r_B and γ of regions of one, two, and three standard deviations (σ) are shown in Fig. 1c. These regions are defined as containing the \mathbf{p} values with three-dimensional significance α smaller than 19.9%, 73.9%, and 97.1%, respectively. Fig. 1d shows the projected γ -dependence of the confidence level $1 - \alpha$. We find the one- σ regions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0.06 < \ r_B & < 0.78, \\ -30^{\circ} < \ \gamma & < 76^{\circ}, \\ -27^{\circ} < \ \delta & < 78^{\circ}, \end{array} \tag{9}$$

including both statistical and systematic errors. Sensitivity to r_B , γ , and δ arises from both the Dalitz plot distribution and the signal branching fraction and asymmetry.

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