

## Measurements of $\sin 2\beta$ and $\cos 2\beta$ from $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ decays at **BABAR**.

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Recent measurements of  $\sin 2\beta$  and  $\cos 2\beta$  using  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  decays are presented using data collected by the **BABAR** experiment at the PEP-II asymmetric-energy  $B$ -factory.

### I. INTRODUCTION.

The Standard Model (SM) of particle physics describes charge conjugation-parity ( $CP$ ) violation as a consequence of a complex phase in the three-generation Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) quark-mixing matrix [1]. In this framework, measurements of  $CP$  asymmetries in the proper-time distribution of neutral  $B$  decays to  $CP$  eigenstates containing a charmonium and  $K^0$  meson provide a direct measurement of  $\sin 2\beta$  [2]. The unitarity triangle angle  $\beta$  is  $\arg[-V_{cd}V_{cb}^*/V_{td}V_{tb}^*]$  where the  $V_{ij}$  are CKM matrix elements.  $CP$  violation in the  $B$ -meson system was established by the **BABAR** [3] and Belle [4] collaborations in 2001.

The **BABAR** detector [5] is located at the SLAC PEP-II  $e^+e^-$  asymmetric energy  $B$ -factory [6] where data is collected on or just below the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance. A small fraction ( $\approx 10\%$ ) is collected at approximately 40 MeV below the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance, and is used to study background from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  ( $q = u, d, s, c$ ) continuum events. The **BABAR** experimental program includes the measurement of the angle  $\beta$  through the measurement of time-dependent  $CP$ -asymmetries,  $A_{CP}$  as discussed in Ref. [7].  $A_{CP}$  is defined as

$$A_{CP}(t) \equiv \frac{N(\overline{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f) - N(B^0(t) \rightarrow f)}{N(\overline{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f) + N(B^0(t) \rightarrow f)} = S \sin(\Delta m_d t) - C \cos(\Delta m_d t), \quad (1)$$

where  $N(\overline{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f)$  is the number of  $\overline{B}^0$  that decay into the  $CP$ -eigenstate  $f$  after a time  $t$  and  $\Delta m_d$  is the difference between the  $B$  mass eigenstates. The sinusoidal term describes interference between mixing and decay and the cosine term is the direct  $CP$  asymmetry. In Eq. 1,  $A(\overline{B}^0(t) \rightarrow \overline{f})$  ( $A(B^0(t) \rightarrow \overline{f})$ ) is the decay amplitude of  $\overline{B}^0$  ( $B^0$ ) to the final state  $\overline{f}$  ( $f$ ).

In this article, the current status of measurements of  $\sin 2\beta$  and  $\cos 2\beta$  from  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  decays at **BABAR** are discussed. All results are final unless otherwise stated. Additional results on  $CP$  violation measurements in  $B$  to charm decays at **BABAR** can be found in Ref. [8].

### II. $\sin 2\beta$ FROM $B^0 \rightarrow$ CHARMONIUM + $K^0$

The determination of  $\beta$  from  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  decay modes currently provides the most stringent constraint on the unitarity triangle. For these decay modes, the  $CP$  violation parameters  $S$  and  $C$  are  $S_{b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s} = -\eta_f \sin 2\beta$  and  $C_{b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s} = 0$ , where  $\eta_f$  is  $-1$  for  $(c\bar{c})K_s^0$  decays (e.g.  $J/\psi K_s^0$ ,  $\psi(2S)K_s^0$ ,  $\chi_{c1}K_s^0$ ,  $\eta_c K_s^0$  [9]) and  $\eta_f$  is  $+1$  for the  $(c\bar{c})K_L^0$  (e.g.  $J/\psi K_L^0$ ) state. We use the value  $\eta_f = 0.504 \pm 0.033$  for the  $J/\psi K^{*0}(K^{*0} \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^0)$  final state since it can be both  $CP$  even and  $CP$  odd due to the presence of even and odd orbital angular momentum contributions [10]. These modes have most recently been used to measure  $\sin 2\beta$  using a sample of  $347.5 \times 10^6 \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\overline{B}$  decays [11]. This result is preliminary.

In addition to the  $CP$  modes described above, a large sample  $B_{\text{flav}}$  of  $B^0$  decays to the flavor eigenstates  $D^{(*)-}h^+(h^+ = \pi^+, \rho^+, \text{ and } a_1^+)$  and  $J/\psi K^{*0}(K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$  is used for calibrating the flavor tagging performance and  $\Delta t$  resolution. Studies are performed to measure apparent  $CP$  violation from unphysical sources using a control sample of  $B^+$  mesons decaying to the final states  $J/\psi K^{(*)+}$ ,  $\psi(2S)K^+$ ,  $\chi_{c1}K^+$ , and  $\eta_c K^+$ . The event selection and candidate reconstruction are unchanged from those described in Refs. [7, 12, 13] with the exception of a new  $\eta_c K_s^0$  event selection based on the Dalitz structure of the  $\eta_c \rightarrow K_s^0 K^+ \pi^-$  decay. We calculate the time interval  $\Delta t$  between the two  $B$  decays from the measured separation  $\Delta z$  between the decay vertices of  $B_{\text{rec}}$  and  $B_{\text{tag}}$  along the collision ( $z$ ) axis [7]. The  $z$  position of the  $B_{\text{rec}}$  vertex is determined from the charged daughter tracks. The  $B_{\text{tag}}$  decay vertex is determined by fitting tracks not belonging to the  $B_{\text{rec}}$  candidate to a common vertex, employing constraints from the beam spot location and the  $B_{\text{rec}}$  momentum [7]. Events are accepted if the calculated  $\Delta t$  uncertainty is less than 2.5 ps and  $|\Delta t|$  is less than 20 ps. The fraction of events satisfying these requirements is 95%.

At the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance,  $A_{CP}$  is extracted from the distribution of the difference of the proper decay times,  $t \equiv t_{CP} - t_{tag}$ , where  $t_{CP}$  refers to the decay time of the signal  $B$  meson ( $B_{CP}$ ) and  $t_{tag}$  refers to the decay time of the other  $B$  meson in the event ( $B_{tag}$ ). Multivariate algorithms are used to identify signatures of  $B$  decays that determine (“tag”) the flavor of the  $B_{tag}$  at decay to be either a  $B^0$  or  $\overline{B}^0$  candidate. These algorithms account for

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correlations among different sources of flavor information and provide an estimate of the mistag probability for each event. Each event whose estimated mistag probability is less than 45% is assigned to one of six tagging categories. The **Lepton** category contains events with an identified lepton; the remaining events are divided into the **Kaon I**, **Kaon II**, **Kaon-Pion**, **Pion**, or **Other** categories based on the estimated mistag probability. For each category  $i$ , the tagging efficiency  $\varepsilon_i$  and fraction  $w_i$  of events having the wrong tag assignment are measured from data. The figure of merit for tagging is the effective tagging efficiency  $Q \equiv \sum_i \varepsilon_i (1 - 2w_i)^2 = (30.4 \pm 0.3)\%$ , where the error shown is statistical only.

With the exception of the  $J/\psi K_L^0$  mode, we use the beam-energy substituted mass  $m_{ES} = \sqrt{(E_{\text{beam}}^*)^2 - (p_B^*)^2}$  to determine the composition of our final sample, where  $E_{\text{beam}}^*$  and  $p_B^*$  are the beam energy and  $B$  momentum in the  $e^+e^-$  center-of-mass frame. For the  $J/\psi K_L^0$  mode we use the difference  $\Delta E$  between the candidate center-of-mass energy and  $E_{\text{beam}}^*$ . We use events with  $m_{ES} > 5.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ( $\Delta E < 80 \text{ MeV}$  for  $J/\psi K_L^0$ ) in order to determine the properties of the background contributions. We define a signal region  $5.27 < m_{ES} < 5.29 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ( $|\Delta E| < 10 \text{ MeV}$  for  $J/\psi K_L^0$ ) that contains  $CP$  candidate events that satisfy the tagging and vertexing requirements as listed in Table I.

We determine  $\sin 2\beta$  with a simultaneous maximum likelihood fit to the  $\Delta t$  distribution of the tagged  $B_{CP}$  and  $B_{\text{flav}}$  samples. There are 65 free parameters in the fit:  $\sin 2\beta$  (1), the average mistag fractions  $w$  and the differences  $\Delta w$  between  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  mistag fractions for each tagging category (12), parameters for the signal  $\Delta t$  resolution (7), parameters for  $CP$  background time dependence (8), and the difference between  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  reconstruction and tagging efficiencies (7); for  $B_{\text{flav}}$  background, time dependence (3),  $\Delta t$  resolution (3), and mistag fractions (24). For the  $CP$  modes (except for  $J/\psi K_L^0$ ), the apparent  $CP$  asymmetry of the non-peaking background in each tagging category is allowed to be a free parameter in the fit. We fix  $\tau_{B^0} = 1.530 \text{ ps}$ ,  $\Delta m_d = 0.507 \text{ ps}^{-1}$  [14],  $|\lambda| = 1$ , and  $\Delta \Gamma_d = 0$ . The fit to the  $B_{CP}$  and  $B_{\text{flav}}$  samples yields  $\sin 2\beta = 0.710 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.019$  [15]. Figure 1 shows the  $\Delta t$  distributions and asymmetries in yields between events with  $B^0$  tags and  $\bar{B}^0$  tags for the  $\eta_f = -1$  and  $\eta_f = +1$  samples as a function of  $\Delta t$  overlaid with the projection of the likelihood fit result.

We perform a separate fit with only the cleanest  $\eta_f = -1$  sample, in which we treat both  $|\lambda|$  and  $\sin 2\beta$  as free parameters. We do not use the modes  $J/\psi K^{*0}$  and  $J/\psi K_L^0$  to minimize the dependence of the results on the background parametrization. We obtain  $|\lambda| = 0.932 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.017$ . The updated value of  $\sin 2\beta$  is consistent with the current world average [16] and the theoretical estimates of the magnitudes of CKM matrix elements in the context of the SM [17].

Ref. [18] presents a model-independent study of this shift using the measurements of  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$  [19] to

TABLE I: Number of events  $N_{\text{tag}}$  in the signal region after tagging and vertexing requirements, signal purity  $P$  including the contribution from peaking background, and results of fitting for  $CP$  asymmetries in the  $B_{CP}$  sample and various subsamples. In addition, results on the  $B_{\text{flav}}$  and charged  $B$  control samples test that no artificial  $CP$  asymmetry is found where we expect no  $CP$  violation ( $\sin 2\beta = 0$ ). Errors are statistical only. The signal region is  $5.27 < m_{ES} < 5.29 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  ( $|\Delta E| < 10 \text{ MeV}$  for  $J/\psi K_L^0$ ).

Sample	$N_{\text{tag}}$	$P(\%)$	$\sin 2\beta$
Full $CP$ sample	11496	76	$0.710 \pm 0.034$
$J/\psi K_S^0, \psi(2S)K_S^0, \chi_{c1}K_S^0, \eta_c K_S^0$	6028	92	$0.713 \pm 0.038$
$J/\psi K_L^0$	4323	55	$0.716 \pm 0.080$
$J/\psi K^{*0}(K^{*0} \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0)$	965	68	$0.526 \pm 0.284$
1999-2002 data	3084	79	$0.755 \pm 0.067$
2003-2004 data	4850	77	$0.724 \pm 0.052$
2005-2006 data	3562	74	$0.663 \pm 0.062$
$J/\psi K_S^0 (K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$	4076	96	$0.715 \pm 0.044$
$J/\psi K_S^0 (K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0)$	988	88	$0.581 \pm 0.105$
$\psi(2S)K_S^0 (K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$	622	83	$0.892 \pm 0.120$
$\chi_{c1}K_S^0$	279	89	$0.709 \pm 0.174$
$\eta_c K_S^0$	243	75	$0.717 \pm 0.229$
<b>Lepton category</b>	703	97	$0.754 \pm 0.068$
<b>Kaon I category</b>	900	93	$0.713 \pm 0.066$
<b>Kaon II category</b>	1437	91	$0.711 \pm 0.075$
<b>Kaon-Pion category</b>	1107	89	$0.635 \pm 0.117$
<b>Pion category</b>	1238	91	$0.587 \pm 0.175$
<b>Other category</b>	823	89	$0.454 \pm 0.469$
<b><math>B_{\text{flav}}</math> sample</b>	112878	83	$0.016 \pm 0.011$
<b><math>B^+</math> sample</b>	27775	93	$0.008 \pm 0.017$

quantify the effect of contributions from penguin operators and long-distance contributions from penguin contractions. They find that the deviation of the measured  $S_{CP}$  term from  $\sin 2\beta$ ,  $\Delta S_{J/\psi K_S^0} \equiv S_{J/\psi K_S^0} - \sin 2\beta = 0.000 \pm 0.017$  which is comparable to the systematic error from our previous publication [12]. The theoretical estimates of  $\Delta S_{J/\psi K_S^0}$  are  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  [20] and  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$  [21].

### III. $\cos 2\beta$ FROM $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ DECAYS.

The analysis of  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  decay modes imposes a constraint on  $\sin 2\beta$  only, leading to a four-fold ambiguity in the determination of  $\beta$ . This ambiguity can leave possible new physics undetected even with very high precision measurements of  $\sin 2\beta$ . Additional constraints are obtained from the ambiguity-free measurement of  $\cos 2\beta$  using the angular and time-dependent asymmetry in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*$  decays and the time-dependent Dalitz plot analyses of  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*0} h^0$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} D^{*-} K_S^0$ . The  $BABAR$   $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*0} h^0$  analysis is described in Refs. [22] and [23].

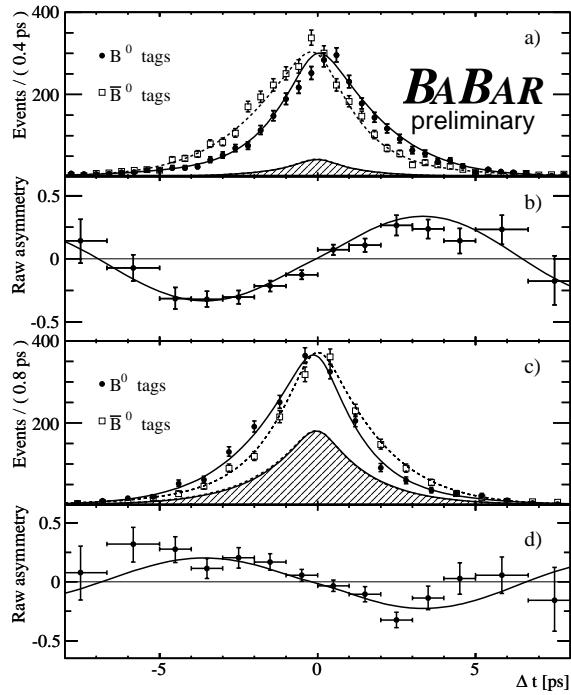


FIG. 1: a) Number of  $\eta_f = -1$  candidates ( $J/\psi K_S^0$ ,  $\psi(2S)K_S^0$ ,  $\chi_{c1}K_S^0$ , and  $\eta_cK_S^0$ ) in the signal region with a  $B^0$  tag ( $N_{B^0}$ ) and with a  $\bar{B}^0$  tag ( $N_{\bar{B}^0}$ ), and b) the raw asymmetry ( $N_{B^0} - N_{\bar{B}^0})/(N_{B^0} + N_{\bar{B}^0}$ ), as functions of  $\Delta t$ . Figures c) and d) are the corresponding distributions for the  $\eta_f = +1$  mode  $J/\psi K_L^0$ . All distributions exclude **Other**-tagged events. The solid (dashed) curves represent the fit projections in  $\Delta t$  for  $B^0(\bar{B}^0)$  tags. The shaded regions represent the estimated background contributions.

### A. $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$ .

Both  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  mesons can decay to the same final state  $D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$  via a process dominated by the single weak phase  $W$ -emission  $b \rightarrow c\bar{s}$  transition. Possible penguin contributions are neglected and it is therefore assumed that there is no direct  $CP$  violation. According to Ref. [24], the decay can be divided into two half Dalitz planes  $s^+ \leq s^-$  and  $s^+ \geq s^-$ , where  $s^+ \equiv m^2(D^{*+}K_S^0)$  and  $s^- \equiv m^2(D^{*-}K_S^0)$ , such that the time-dependent decay rate asymmetry of  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$  is

$$A(t) \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{\bar{B}^0} - \Gamma_{B^0}}{\Gamma_{\bar{B}^0} + \Gamma_{B^0}} = \eta_y \frac{J_c}{J_0} \cos(\Delta m_{dt}) - \left( \frac{2J_{s1}}{J_0} \sin 2\beta + \eta_y \frac{2J_{s2}}{J_0} \cos 2\beta \right) \sin(\Delta m_{dt}),$$

where  $\eta_y = -1(+1)$  for  $s^+ \leq s^-$  ( $s^+ \geq s^-$ ). The parameters  $J_0, J_c, J_{s1}$  and  $J_{s2}$  are the integrals over the half Dalitz phase space with  $s^+ < s^-$  of the functions  $|a|^2 + |\bar{a}|^2$ ,  $|a|^2 - |\bar{a}|^2$ ,  $\text{Re}(\bar{a}a^*)$  and  $\text{Im}(\bar{a}a^*)$ , where  $a$  and  $\bar{a}$  are the decay amplitudes of  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$

and  $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$ , respectively. If the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$  has only a non-resonant component, the parameters  $J_{s2} = 0$  and  $J_c$  are at the few percent level [24]. The  $CP$  asymmetry can be extracted by fitting the  $B^0$  time-dependent decay distribution. The measured  $CP$  asymmetry is  $\sin 2\beta$  multiplied by a factor of  $2J_{s1}/J_0$  because the final state is an admixture of  $CP$  eigenstates with different  $CP$  parities. In this case, the value of the dilution factor  $2J_{s1}/J_0$  is estimated to be large [24], similar to the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}$ . The situation is more complicated if intermediate resonances such as  $D_{sJ}^+$  are present. In this case, the parameter  $J_{s2}$  is non-zero and  $J_c$  can be large. The resonant components are expected to be dominated by two  $P$ -wave excited  $D_{s1}$  states [24]. One such state is  $D_{s1}^+(2536)$  that has a narrow width and does not contribute much to  $J_{s2}$ . The other  $D_{s1}^+$  resonant state is predicted in the quark model [25] to have a mass above the  $D^{*+}K_S^0$  mass threshold with a large width. In this case, the  $J_{s2}$  can be large. Therefore by studying the time-dependent asymmetry of  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$  in two different Dalitz regions, the sign of  $\cos 2\beta$  can be determined for a sufficiently large data set using the method described in Refs. [24, 26]. This would allow the resolution of the  $\beta \rightarrow \pi/2 - \beta$  ambiguity despite the large theoretical uncertainty of  $2J_{s2}/J_0$ . However, one of the expected  $P$ -wave  $D_{s1}^+$  may be the newly discovered  $D_{sJ}^+(2317)$  or  $D_{sJ}^+(2460)$ . These states are below the  $D^{*+}K_S^0$  mass threshold, so they will not contribute to the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$ . The fits to  $208.7 \times 10^6 \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$  decays yield:  $J_c/J_0 = 0.76 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.07$ ,  $(2J_{s1}/J_0) \sin 2\beta = 0.10 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.06$ , and  $(2J_{s2}/J_0) \cos 2\beta = 0.38 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.05$  [27]. The measured value of  $J_c/J_0$  is significantly different from zero, which, according to Ref. [24], may indicate that there is a sizable broad resonant contribution to the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}K_S^0$  from an unknown  $D_{s1}^+$  state with an unknown width. Under this assumption then the measured value of  $2J_{s2}/J_0$  implies that the sign of  $\cos 2\beta$  is preferred to be positive at a 94% confidence level.

### B. $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}(K^{*0} \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^0)$ .

BABAR has measured the sign of  $\cos 2\beta$  in a time-dependent angular analysis of  $104 B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}(K^* \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^0)$  decays in  $88.0 \times 10^6 \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$  of data recorded between 1999 and 2002 [28]. Interference between decays to  $CP$ -even ( $L=0,2$ ) and  $CP$ -odd ( $L=1$ ) final states give terms proportional to  $\cos 2\beta$  in the decay rate. Strong phase differences and transversity amplitudes  $A$ , that appear also in these terms, have been separately measured in a time-integrated angular analysis of  $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*\pm}$

and  $J/\psi K^{*0}(K^* \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-)$  decays:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{\parallel} - \delta_0 &= (-2.73 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.05) \text{ rad}, \\ \delta_{\perp} - \delta_0 &= (+2.96 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.05) \text{ rad}, \\ |A_0|^2 &= 0.566 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.005, \\ |A_{\parallel}|^2 &= 0.204 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.005, \\ |A_{\perp}|^2 &= 0.230 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.004.\end{aligned}$$

The analysis in principle allows a second solution for the strong phase differences, leading to a sign ambiguity in  $\cos 2\beta$ . This ambiguity has been resolved with the inclusion of S-wave  $K\pi$  final states in the analysis. The interference between the S-wave and P-wave contributions gives additional terms in the decay rates with a clear dependence on the  $K\pi$  mass due to the resonance shapes. The other solution for the strong phase differences can be excluded as leading to an unphysical dependence of the strong phase differences on the  $K\pi$  mass [29]. Using the values from Eq. 2, and fixing  $\sin 2\beta$  to 0.731<sup>1</sup>, the fit to the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}(K^{*0} \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^0)$  sample gives  $\cos 2\beta = +2.72^{+0.50}_{-0.79} \pm 0.27$ . By comparing this result with the outcome of fits to 2000 data-sized Monte Carlo samples, the sign of  $\cos 2\beta$  is determined to be positive at the 86% confidence level, in agreement with Standard Model expectations.

<sup>1</sup> This was the world average at the time - see Ref. [30].

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS.

When the *BABAR* measurement of  $\sin 2\beta$  using  $b \rightarrow c\bar{s}s$  decays is combined with the most recent *Belle* result described in Ref. [31] then the world average value of  $\sin 2\beta$  from  $b \rightarrow c\bar{s}s$  decays is  $\sin 2\beta = 0.674 \pm 0.026$ . The combined constraint on  $\beta$  in the  $\bar{\rho}\bar{\eta}$  plane from the *BABAR* and *Belle*  $b \rightarrow c\bar{s}s$  charmonium +  $K^0$  meson analyses [11, 31], the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*$  [28, 32],  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*0} h^0$  [22, 33] and  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} D^{*-} K_s^0$  [27] analyses strongly favour the solution  $\beta = 21.1 \pm 1.0^\circ$  where  $\cos 2\beta$  is positive [16].

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