

1 Hadronic parameters

Interference effects can occur within the same final state, that is, the interference is always between $D^0 \rightarrow F$ and $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F$, not between $D^0 \rightarrow F$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \bar{F}$ for some generic final state F . The hadronic parameters in the i th bin of some final state F are:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{F_i} &= \int_i |\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} \\ \bar{A}_{F_i} &= \int_i |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where \mathcal{A} is the given amplitude at some position in the phase-space \mathbf{x} . That is, these quantities are proportional to some rate into the i th bin for a D of well-defined initial flavour. It is useful to define the fractional quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} K_{F_i} &= \frac{\int_i |\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}}{\int |\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}} \\ \bar{K}_{F_i} &= \frac{\int_i |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}}{\int |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The interference between the two decay paths can be parameterised by the complex number \mathcal{Z}_{F_i} , which is defined as

$$\mathcal{Z}_{F_i} = (A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{F_i})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_i \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}^*(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}, \quad (3)$$

i.e. the coherence factor / average strong phase is this quantity in polar coordinates, while the (c_i, s_i) of, for example, $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$, are this quantity in cartesian coordinates:

$$R_{F_i} e^{i\delta_{F_i}} = c_i - i s_i = \mathcal{Z}_{F_i}. \quad (4)$$

For the CP tags, $\mathcal{Z}_F = \pm 1$. The hadronic parameters can be summed to calculate, for example, the global coherence factor etc. using the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_F &= (A_F \bar{A}_F)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}^*(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= (A_F \bar{A}_F)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_i (A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{F_i})^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \\ &= \sum_i \sqrt{K_{F_i} \bar{K}_{F_i}} \mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Another useful parameter is the phase-space averaged relative rate, r_F , which is defined as

$$r_F^2 = \frac{\int |\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}}{\int |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}}, \quad (6)$$

and the corresponding parameter in one of the phase-space bins by

$$r_{F_i}^2 = \frac{\int_i |\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}}{\int_i |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}} = r_F^2 \frac{K_{F_i}}{\bar{K}_{F_i}} \quad (7)$$

Double tag observables

All of the observables for all tags can be related using these parameters. Beginning with the wavefunction of the $\psi(3770)$:

$$|\psi(3770)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|D^0\rangle |\bar{D}^0\rangle - |\bar{D}^0\rangle |D^0\rangle), \quad (8)$$

Consider the generic final state(s) F, G , where these could be the $K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$, a CP-tag such as K^+K^- etc, at positions in the phase-spaces \mathbf{x}_F and \mathbf{x}_G . The amplitude is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\langle F(\mathbf{x}_F)G(\mathbf{x}_G)|\psi(3770)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle F(\mathbf{x}_F)|D^0\rangle \langle G(\mathbf{x}_G)|\bar{D}^0\rangle - \langle F(\mathbf{x}_F)|\bar{D}^0\rangle \langle G(\mathbf{x}_G)|D^0\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathcal{A}_{D^0\rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}_F)\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0\rightarrow G}(\mathbf{x}_G) - \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0\rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}_F)\mathcal{A}_{D^0\rightarrow G}(\mathbf{x}_G))\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Taking the modulus-squared of this equation to get a rate gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(\mathbf{x}_F, \mathbf{x}_G) &\propto \frac{1}{2} (|\mathcal{A}_{D^0\rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}_F)|^2 |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0\rightarrow G}(\mathbf{x}_G)|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0\rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}_F)|^2 |\mathcal{A}_{D^0\rightarrow G}(\mathbf{x}_G)|^2) \\ &\quad - \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0\rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}_F)\mathcal{A}_{D^0\rightarrow F}^*(\mathbf{x}_F)\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0\rightarrow G}^*(\mathbf{x}_G)\mathcal{A}_{D^0\rightarrow G}(\mathbf{x}_G))\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

So to get the rate integrated over some bins (i, j) in F, G is given by

$$\int_i \int_j \Gamma(\mathbf{x}_F, \mathbf{x}_G) d\mathbf{x}_F d\mathbf{x}_G = \frac{1}{2} (A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{G_j} + \bar{A}_{F_i} A_{G_j}) - \sqrt{A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{F_i} A_{G_j} \bar{A}_{G_j}} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \mathcal{Z}_{G_j}^*) \quad (11)$$

Therefore, neglecting contributions from mixing, which to an excellent approximation only effect the no-coherence rate, the ρ observable in this region of the (double) phase-space is

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{F_i G_j} &= 1 - 2 \frac{\sqrt{A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{F_i} A_{G_j} \bar{A}_{G_j}} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \mathcal{Z}_{G_j}^*)}{A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{G_j} + \bar{A}_{F_i} A_{G_j}} \\ &= 1 - 2 \frac{r_{F_i} r_{G_j}}{r_{F_i}^2 + r_{G_j}^2} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \mathcal{Z}_{G_j}^*)\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

this can be written in terms of the coherence factors and strong phases as:

$$\rho_{F_i G_j} = 1 - 2 \frac{r_{F_i} r_{G_j}}{r_{F_i}^2 + r_{G_j}^2} R_{F_i} R_{G_j} \cos(\delta_{F_i} - \delta_{G_j}) \quad (13)$$

Another observable is the fraction of candidates in bin (i, j) . These may become useful observables with very large datasets for due to the lack of reliance on an absolute normalisation, and with a larger number of bins, for example in $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ where the phase-space integrated interference effects are small and the number of bins is large. These observables may also be useful for some debugging purposes.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_{F_i G_j} &= \frac{A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{G_j} + \bar{A}_{F_i} A_{G_j} - 2 \sqrt{A_{F_i} \bar{A}_{F_i} A_{G_j} \bar{A}_{G_j}} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \mathcal{Z}_{G_j}^*)}{A_F \bar{A}_G + \bar{A}_F A_G - 2 \sqrt{A_F \bar{A}_F A_G \bar{A}_G} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_F \mathcal{Z}_G^*)} \\ &= \frac{r_{F_i}^2 \bar{K}_{G_j} + r_{G_j}^2 \bar{K}_{F_i} - 2 r_{F_i} r_{G_j} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_{F_i} \mathcal{Z}_{G_j}^*)}{r_F^2 + r_G^2 - 2 r_F r_G \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}_F \mathcal{Z}_G^*)}\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

Some examples

Taking the signal side of the decay in all examples to be $K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$ (i.e. so $r_F \sim \tan^4 \theta_c$). The first example is the phase-space integrated CP tags. In this case, $R_G = K_G = r_G = 1, \delta_G = 0, 180^\circ$, the ρ observable simplifies to

$$\rho_{F_i}^{CP} = 1 \mp 2 \frac{r_{F_i}}{r_{F_i}^2 + 1} R_{F_i} \cos(\delta_{F_i}). \quad (15)$$

For the same-sign self-tag $F = G$, the ρ observables simplify to

$$\rho_{F_i F_j} = 1 - 2 \frac{r_{F_i} r_{F_j}}{r_{F_i}^2 + r_{F_j}^2} R_{F_i} R_{F_j} \cos(\delta_{F_i} - \delta_{F_j}), \quad (16)$$

which for the diagonal bins simplifies further to

$$\rho_{F_i F_i} = 1 - R_i^2 \quad (17)$$

For the phase-space integrated flavour tags, i.e. $K^+\pi^-$ and $K^+\pi^-\pi^0$, the rate simplifies to

$$\rho_{F_i G} = 1 - 2 \frac{r_{F_i} r_G}{r_{F_i}^2 + r_G^2} R_{F_i} R_G \cos(\delta_{F_i} - \delta_G) \quad (18)$$

Mixing observables

The binned observables for charm mixing are the relative rates of the WS to RS transitions as a function of proper decay time, i.e.

$$R_{F_i}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow F)(t)}{\Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F)(t)} \quad (19)$$

For a D meson tagged at production as a D^0 , the wavefunction as a function of decay time to lowest order in the mixing parameters (x, y) is given by

$$|D(t)\rangle = e^{-i\omega t} \left(|D^0\rangle + (y + ix) \frac{t}{2\tau} \frac{p}{q} |\bar{D}^0\rangle \right) \quad (20)$$

So the amplitude for transitions into the final state F is given by

$$\langle F|D(t)\rangle = e^{-i\omega t} \left(\langle F|D^0\rangle + (y + ix) \frac{t}{2\tau} \frac{p}{q} \langle F|\bar{D}^0\rangle \right) = e^{-i\omega t} \left(\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}) + (y + ix) \frac{t}{2\tau} \frac{p}{q} \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}) \right), \quad (21)$$

neglecting CP violation (so $p/q = 1$) and mod-squaring to get the rate gives

$$\Gamma(D^0(t) \rightarrow F(\mathbf{x})) \propto |\mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 + (x^2 + y^2) \frac{t^2}{4\tau^2} |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x})|^2 - \frac{t}{\tau} \text{Re}((y + ix) \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow F}^*(\mathbf{x})) \quad (22)$$

So integrating over some region of the phase space i and writing in terms of the previously defined parameters gives the rate:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(D^0(t) \rightarrow F_i) &\propto e^{-t/\tau} \left(N_{F_i} + (x^2 + y^2) \frac{t^2}{4\tau^2} \bar{N}_{F_i} - \frac{t}{\tau} \text{Re}((y + ix) \mathcal{Z}_{F_i}) \right) \\ &= \bar{N}_{F_i} e^{-t/\tau} \left(r_{F_i}^2 + (x^2 + y^2) \frac{t^2}{4\tau^2} - \frac{t}{\tau} r_{F_i} R_{F_i} (y \cos \delta_F - x \sin \delta_F) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

So neglecting mixing in denominator of Eq.17, the ratio as a function of decay time is given by

$$R_{F_i}(t) = r_{F_i}^2 - \frac{t}{\tau} r_{F_i} R_{F_i} (y \cos \delta_F - x \sin \delta_F) + (x^2 + y^2) \frac{t^2}{4\tau^2} \quad (24)$$

The time-integrated rate is therefore

$$\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow F_i) = \bar{A}_{F_i} \left(r_{F_i}^2 + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} - r_{F_i} R_{F_i} (y \cos \delta_{F_i} - x \sin \delta_{F_i}) \right), \quad (25)$$

On the other hand, for the conjugate process, which in this example is probably Cabibbo favoured, the rate is given by

$$\Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F_i) = \bar{A}_{F_i} \left(1 + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} r_{F_i}^2 - R_{F_i} r_{F_i} (y \cos \delta_{F_i} + x \sin \delta_{F_i}) \right) \sim \bar{A}_{F_i} \quad (26)$$

on our third hands, for CP tags $r_F = 1$, and hence the rate is approximately given by

$$\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow F_i) = \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow F_i) = \bar{A}_{F_i} (1 \mp y) \quad (27)$$

Mixing corrections to ρ observables

Although the quantum-correlated rates are largely free from mixing corrections, the ρ observables do depend on the mixing parameters via the normalisation, i.e. as the no-coherence hypothesis will be affected by mixing. The correct definition of Eq.11 is really:

$$\rho_{F_i G_j} = \frac{\overline{A}_{F_i} \overline{A}_{G_j} \left(r_{F_i}^2 + r_{G_j}^2 - 2r_{F_i} r_{G_j} R_{F_i} R_{G_j} \cos(\delta_{F_i} - \delta_{G_i}) \right)}{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow F_i) \Gamma(\overline{D}^0 \rightarrow G_j) + \Gamma(\overline{D}^0 \rightarrow F_i) \Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow G_j)} \quad (28)$$

Hence, for the CP tags, the mixing corrections take the form

B -observables

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-t/\tau} \overline{A}_{F_i})^{-1} \Gamma(B \rightarrow [D \rightarrow [F_i(t)] K^\pm]) &= r_{F_i}^2 + r_B^2 + 2r_{F_i} r_B R_{F_i} \cos(\delta_B + \delta_{F_i} \mp \gamma) \\ &+ \frac{yt}{\tau} (r_B \cos(\delta_B - \gamma) + r_{F_i} R_{F_i} \cos \delta_D) \\ &+ \frac{xt}{\tau} (r_B \sin(\delta_B - \gamma) - r_{F_i} R_{F_i} \sin \delta_D) \\ &+ \frac{x^2 + y^2}{4\tau^2} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

2 $K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ binning convention

- Define everything in the coordinates of $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$, with the lower half of the binning histogram in Fig. 4 having positive bin numbers, which is the convention used in Ref. [1].

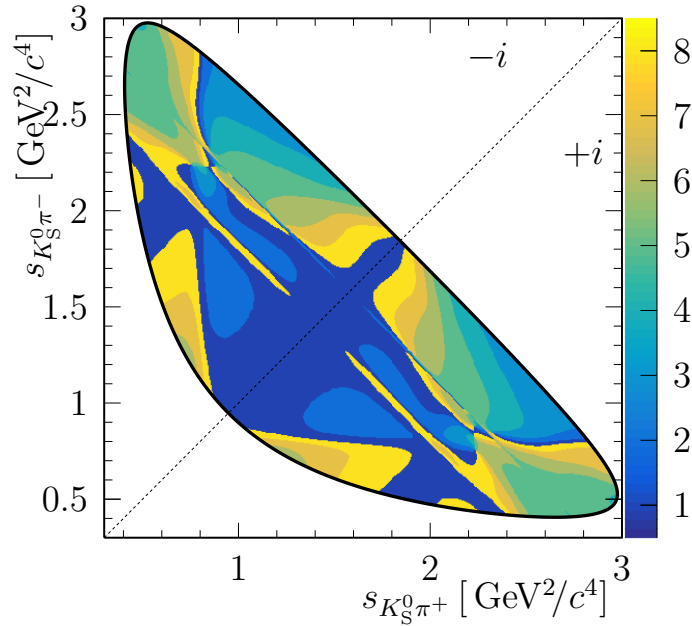


Figure 1: Binning Histogram

- The models for each amplitude are shown in Fig. 2

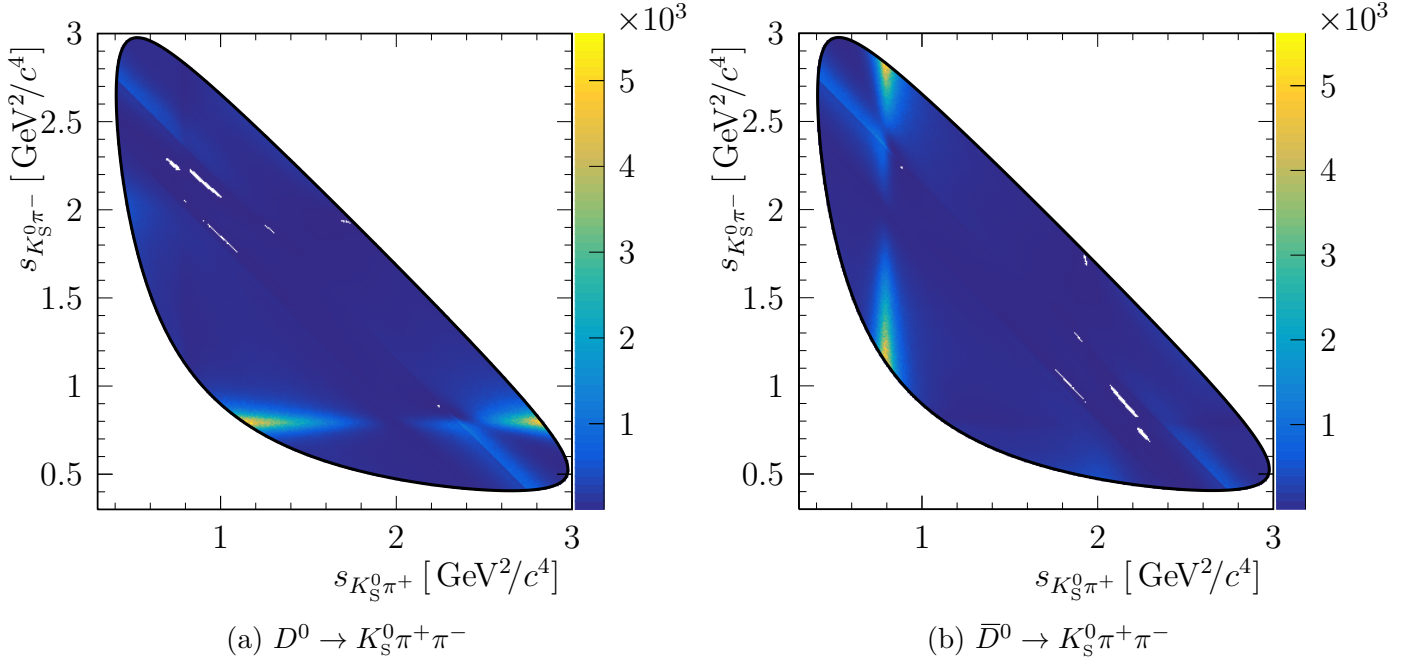


Figure 2: Dalitz plots for $D^0(\bar{D}^0) \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

- Define the following quantities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_i &= \frac{\int_i \left| \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x}}{\int \left| \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x}} \\
 \bar{K}_i &= \frac{\int_i \left| \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x}}{\int \left| \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x}} \\
 \mathcal{Z}_i &= \frac{\int_i \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}^*(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{\int_i \left| \mathcal{A}_{\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x} \int_i \left| \mathcal{A}_{D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x}}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

where the integrals are over the i th bin. There are the following relations between these quantities in the positive to negative bins.

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_i &= \bar{K}_{-i} \\
 \mathcal{Z}_i &= \mathcal{Z}_{-i}^*
 \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

- Calculating these quantities from models gives:

i		\mathcal{Z}_i	K_i	\overline{K}_i
1	0.656	0.039	0.174	0.079
2	0.628	-0.397	0.087	0.017
3	0.095	-0.831	0.069	0.020
4	-0.485	-0.764	0.026	0.016
5	-0.944	0.027	0.086	0.051
6	-0.586	0.550	0.059	0.014
7	0.025	0.798	0.127	0.013
8	0.436	0.421	0.135	0.027
-1	0.656	-0.039	0.079	0.173
-2	0.627	0.396	0.018	0.087
-3	0.094	0.831	0.020	0.069
-4	-0.485	0.764	0.016	0.026
-5	-0.944	-0.027	0.051	0.086
-6	-0.586	-0.551	0.014	0.059
-7	0.025	-0.799	0.013	0.127
-8	0.435	-0.421	0.027	0.136

- So, with respect to what is written in Ref. [2], $\mathcal{Z}_i = c_i - is_i$
- In this binning convention, the number of candidates in the bin (j, i) where j is the bin for the signal-side, i.e. $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$ is proportional to, and define the equivalent set of symbols to Eq. 1 for this final state as $K', \overline{K}', \mathcal{Z}'$

$$N_{ji} = r_{K3\pi}^2 K'_j \overline{K}_i + \overline{K}'_j K_i - 2r_{K3\pi} \sqrt{K_i \overline{K}_i K'_j \overline{K}'_j} \text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}'_j \mathcal{Z}_i^*) \quad (32)$$

- In terms of the coherence factor/strong phase $\mathcal{Z}'_j = R_j e^{j\delta_j}$, this is

$$Y_{ji} \propto r_{K3\pi}^2 K'_j K_{-i} + \overline{K}'_j K_i - 2r_{K3\pi} \sqrt{K_i K_{-i} K'_j \overline{K}'_j} R_j (c_i \cos \delta_j - s_i \sin \delta_j) \quad (33)$$

- Which, if we integrate over the bins of $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$, gets us to the equation used in Ref. [3].

$$Y_i \propto K_i + r_{K3\pi}^2 K_{-i} - 2r_{K3\pi} \sqrt{K_i K_{-i}} R_{K3\pi} (c_i \cos \delta_{K3\pi} - s_i \sin \delta_{K3\pi}) \quad (34)$$

- Verify all of this on a large Toy MC sample ($\sim 200,000$ or so events), show consistency by plotting the pull for the 80 observables:

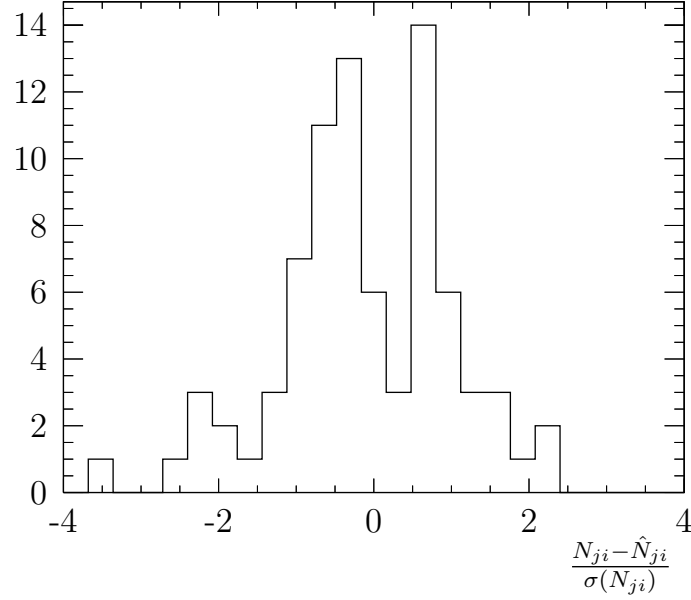


Figure 3: Pulls for observables

An example of the Dalitz plot for this decay (with the ‘tag’) being $D \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$ is shown below:

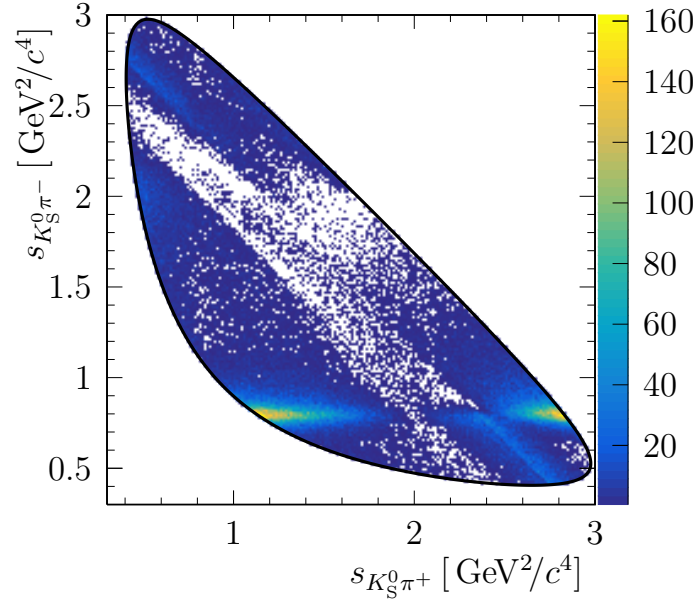


Figure 4: Quantum-correlated Dalitz plot for $D \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^-\pi^+$ vs $D \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$

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