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Measurement of CP violation parameters in $B^0 \rightarrow DK^*0$ decays

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The CP-violating angle γ is the only angle of the unitarity triangle which can be measured via tree-level processes. γ can also be measured indirectly using loop-level processes, which are susceptible to the effects of new physics. An observed discrepancy between the direct and indirect measurements of γ would be evidence for new physics. Reducing the experimental uncertainty on the direct γ measurement is therefore of great interest.

To measure γ , we exploit interference between decays with $b\to u$ and $b\to c$ quark transitions. One such decay is $B0\to DK^*0$, where D is a superposition of D0 and anti-D0 mesons. An analysis of this mode is presented with D reconstructed in the two-body final states $K-\pi+$, $K+\pi-$, K+K- and $\pi+\pi-$, and the four-body final states $K-\pi+\pi-\pi+$, $K+\pi-\pi+\pi-$ and $K+\pi-\pi+\pi-$. The data sample used corresponds to 5 fb-1 of proton-proton collisions collected by the LHCb experiment. Several observables are measured, including CP asymmetries. These provide constraints on γ as well the amplitude ratio rB and strong phase difference δB between the interfering decays.

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