

Semileptonic hyperon decays at BESIII

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Introduction

• Motivation:

- General modular method for the semileptonic hyperon decays
 - Determination of spin correlations and hyperon polarization
 - Test of the SM of flavour-changing weak decays [PRL10 (1963) 531]
 - Test of CP conservation in semileptonic hyperon decays
- Extraction of decay parameters using provided modular method
 - Last measurement of some decay observables performed > 30 years ago
 - One-step: $\Lambda \rightarrow p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$, etc.
 - Two-step: $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e$, $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$, etc.

• Theoretical work is based on:

- Polarization observables in $e^+ e^-$ annihilation to a $B\bar{B}$ pair [PRD 99 (2019) 056008]
- Helicity analysis for $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^+ (\rightarrow p\pi^0) l^- \bar{\nu}_l$ ($l = e^-, \mu^-$) [EPJ C59 (2009) 27]

• Helicity method allows:

- Compact calculations of the angular decay distributions
- Analyze the semileptonic decays of polarized hyperons
- Take into account the lepton mass effects \Rightarrow vector and axial-vector currents

Production process of two spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ baryons

- General framework of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ [PRD99 (2019) 056008]
- Spin density matrix of the production process:

$$\rho_{B_1, \bar{B}_2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mu, \bar{\nu}=0}^3 C_{\mu\bar{\nu}}(\theta_1) \sigma_\mu^{B_1} \otimes \sigma_{\bar{\nu}}^{\bar{B}_2}$$

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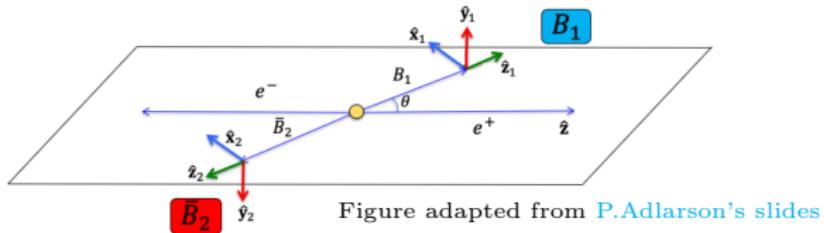
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- Main parameters of $C_{\mu\bar{\nu}}(\theta_1)$:

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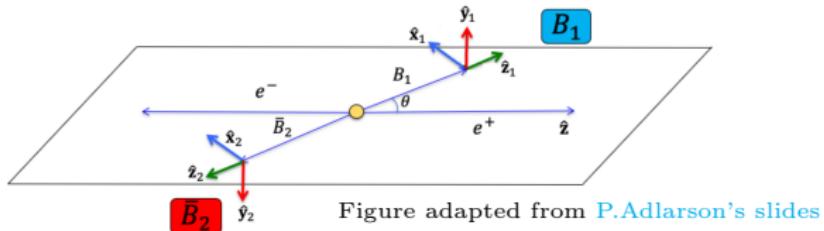
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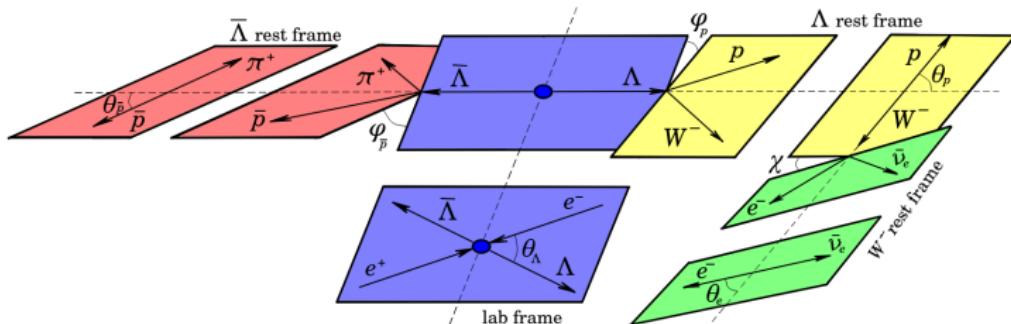
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- Production process doesn't depend on the final states. It is the same for:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow (\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-)(\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+)$
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow (\Lambda \rightarrow pe^-\bar{\nu}_e)(\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+)$ and c.c. process

Semileptonic-hadronic decay chain (1)



- Decay matrix or transition matrix:

$$b_{\mu\nu} \text{ for } \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \{0, \pm 1\} \right\}$$

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- Helicity amplitudes:

$$H_{\frac{1}{2}0}, H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}, H_{\frac{1}{2}1}, H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}$$

[PRD99 (2019) 056008]

$$B_{\frac{1}{2}}, B_{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- Kinematic variables and parameters:

$$\Omega = \{\phi_{\bar{p}}, \theta_{\bar{p}}, 0\}, \Omega' = \{\chi, \theta_e, 0\}$$

$$q^2 \in (m_e^2, (M_\Lambda - M_p)^2), \alpha_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_e, q^2)$$

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$$\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}$$

Semileptonic Λ decay

- Momenta and masses: $\Lambda(p_1, M_1) \rightarrow p(p_2, M_2) + e^-(p_e, m_e) + \bar{\nu}_e(p_{\bar{\nu}_e}, 0)$
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$$\text{vector} \begin{cases} H_{\frac{1}{2}1}^V = \sqrt{2M_-} \left(-F_1^V - \frac{M_1 + M_2}{M_1} F_2^V \right), \\ H_{\frac{1}{2}0}^V = \frac{\sqrt{M_-}}{\sqrt{q^2}} \left((M_1 + M_2) F_1^V + \frac{q^2}{M_1} F_2^V \right), \end{cases} \quad \text{axial-vector} \begin{cases} H_{\frac{1}{2}1}^A = \sqrt{2M_+} \left(F_1^A - \frac{M_1 - M_2}{M_1} F_2^A \right), \\ H_{\frac{1}{2}0}^A = \frac{\sqrt{M_+}}{\sqrt{q^2}} \left(-(M_1 - M_2) F_1^A + \frac{q^2}{M_1} F_2^A \right). \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } M_\pm = (M_1 \pm M_2)^2 - q^2; \quad H_{-\lambda_2, -\lambda_W}^{V,A} = \pm H_{\lambda_2 \lambda_W}^{V,A}$$

Intermediate step

- $\alpha_{\Lambda}^{sl}(\theta_e, q^2) \Rightarrow \{\alpha, \alpha', \alpha'', \beta_{1,2}, \gamma_{1,2}\}(q^2)$ and $g_{av}^{\Lambda}(q^2), g_w^{\Lambda}(q^2)$
- $(\alpha, \alpha', \alpha'', \beta_{1,2}$ and $\gamma_{1,2})/n \in [-1, +1]$

$$n = |H_{\frac{1}{2}1}|^2 + |H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}|^2 + 2(|H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 + |H_{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2), \quad \alpha' = |H_{\frac{1}{2}1}|^2 + |H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}|^2 - 2(|H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 + |H_{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2),$$

$$\alpha = |H_{\frac{1}{2}1}|^2 - |H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}|^2 + 2(|H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 - |H_{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2), \quad \alpha'' = |H_{\frac{1}{2}1}|^2 - |H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}|^2 - 2(|H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 - |H_{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2),$$

$$\beta_1 = 4\Im(H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}^* H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}), \quad \gamma_1 = 4\Re(H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}^* H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}),$$

$$\beta_2 = 4\Im(H_{\frac{1}{2}1}^* H_{\frac{1}{2}0}), \quad \gamma_2 = 4\Re(H_{\frac{1}{2}1}^* H_{\frac{1}{2}0}),$$

where

$$\beta_{1,2} = \left(\frac{(n \mp \alpha'')^2}{2} - \frac{(\alpha \mp \alpha')^2}{2} \right)^{1/2} \sin \phi, \quad \gamma_{1,2} = \left(\frac{(n \mp \alpha'')^2}{2} - \frac{(\alpha \mp \alpha')^2}{2} \right)^{1/2} \cos \phi$$

- $\alpha^2 + (\alpha')^2 - (\alpha'')^2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 (\gamma_i^2 + \beta_i^2) = n^2$
- Main parameters to describe semileptonic hyperon decays are:

or

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $F_1^V(0), F_2^V(0), F_1^A(0)$
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $g_{av}^D(0) = \frac{F_1^A(0)}{F_1^V(0)}, \quad g_w^D(0) = \frac{F_2^V(0)}{F_1^V(0)}$

- Last measurement of g_{av} and g_w in $\Lambda \rightarrow pe^- \bar{\nu}_e$ by E-555 (Fermilab) [PRD41 (1990) 780]
 - $g_{av} = 0.731 \pm 0.016$ and $g_w = 0.15 \pm 0.30$
 - $g_{av} = 0.719 \pm 0.016$ with constraint $g_w \approx 0.97$ (CVC)

Exclusive joint angular distribution

- Process $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\Lambda \rightarrow p e^- \bar{\nu}_e)(\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p} \pi^+)$

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- $C_{\mu\bar{\nu}}(\theta_\Lambda; \alpha_\psi, \Delta\Phi)$
- $b_{\mu 0}^\Lambda \equiv b_{\mu 0}(\theta_p, \varphi_p, \theta_e, q^2; g_{av}^\Lambda, g_w^\Lambda)$
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$$d\Gamma \propto \mathcal{W}(\xi; \alpha_\psi, \Delta\Phi, g_{av}^\Lambda, g_w^\Lambda, \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}) =$$

$$\sigma_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_l, q^2) [1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta_\Lambda] \quad \text{Cross section}$$

$$+ a_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_l, q^2) \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} (\sin^2 \theta_\Lambda (n_{1,x} n_{2,x} - \alpha_\psi n_{1,y} n_{2,y}) + (\cos^2 \theta_\Lambda + \alpha_\psi) n_{1,z} n_{2,z})$$

$$+ a_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_l, q^2) \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \cos(\Delta\Phi) \sin \theta_\Lambda \cos \theta_\Lambda (n_{1,x} n_{2,z} + n_{1,z} n_{2,x})$$

$$+ \sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \sin(\Delta\Phi) \sin \theta_\Lambda \cos \theta_\Lambda (a_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_l, q^2) n_{1,y} + \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} n_{2,y})] \quad \text{Polarization}$$

Spin correlations

where

$$a_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_e, q^2) = \frac{\alpha_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_e, q^2)}{\sigma_\Lambda^{sl}(\theta_e, q^2)} = \frac{\alpha + \alpha'' \cos^2 \theta_e \mp (n + \alpha') \cos \theta_e}{n + \alpha' \cos^2 \theta_e \mp (\alpha + \alpha'') \cos \theta_e}$$

- $\Delta\Phi \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ independent determination of α_Λ^{sl} and $\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}$
- Same expression for $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-)(\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+)$ [PLB772(2017)16]: $\alpha_\Lambda^{sl} \Leftrightarrow \alpha_\Lambda$
- Possible measurement of g_{av} and g_w using BESIII data

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Thank you for your attention!

Contributions

- Conference talks:
 - "Light hyperon physics at *BESIII*",
[32nd Rencontres de Blois](#), France, 17-22 October 2021
 - "CP violation of hyperon-antihyperon pairs at *BESIII*",
[BEACH2022](#), Poland, 5-11 June 2022
- Publications:
 - "Light hyperon physics at the *BESIII* experiment", *Proceedings of 32nd Rencontres de Blois conference*, submitted
 - "Study of CP violation in hyperon decays at super-charm-tau factories with a polarized electron beam", [\[PRD 105 \(2022\) 116022\]](#)
 - "First Measurement of the Absolute Branching Fraction for $\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ", [\[PRL 127 \(2021\) 121802\]](#)

Backups



Decay chain: $\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 0$

[PRD99(2019)056008]

- Relation between helicity amplitudes and decay parameters

$$\text{normalization } |A_S|^2 + |A_P|^2 = |B_{-\frac{1}{2}}|^2 + |B_{\frac{1}{2}}|^2 = 1,$$

$$\alpha_D = -2\Re(A_S^* A_P) = |B_{1/2}|^2 - |B_{-1/2}|^2,$$

$$\beta_D = -2\Im(A_S^* A_P) = 2\Im(B_{1/2} B_{-1/2}^*),$$

$$\gamma_D = |A_S^*|^2 - |A_P|^2 = 2\Re(B_{1/2} B_{-1/2}^*),$$

$$\text{where } \beta_D = \sqrt{1 - \alpha_D^2} \sin \varphi_D \text{ and } \gamma_D = \sqrt{1 - \alpha_D^2} \cos \varphi_D$$

- Non-zero elements of the decay matrix $a_{\mu\nu}$:

$$a_{00} = 1,$$

$$a_{03} = \alpha_D,$$

$$a_{10} = \alpha_D \cos \varphi \sin \theta,$$

$$a_{11} = \gamma_D \cos \theta \cos \varphi - \beta_D \sin \varphi,$$

$$a_{12} = -\beta_D \cos \theta \cos \varphi - \gamma_D \sin \varphi,$$

$$a_{13} = \sin \theta \cos \varphi,$$

$$a_{20} = \alpha_D \sin \theta \sin \varphi,$$

$$a_{21} = \beta_D \cos \varphi + \gamma_D \cos \theta \sin \varphi,$$

$$a_{22} = \gamma_D \cos \varphi - \beta_D \cos \theta \sin \varphi,$$

$$a_{23} = \sin \theta \sin \varphi,$$

$$a_{30} = \alpha_D \cos \theta,$$

$$a_{31} = -\gamma_D \sin \theta,$$

$$a_{32} = \beta_D \sin \theta,$$

$$a_{33} = \cos \theta$$

- Main parameters: $\theta \equiv \theta_{p/\bar{p}}$, $\varphi \equiv \varphi_{p/\bar{p}}$, $\alpha_D \equiv \alpha_{\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}}$, $\varphi_D \equiv \varphi_{\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}}$

Decay chain: $\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \{0, \pm 1\}$

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$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_D^{sl} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 \mp \cos \theta_l)^2 |H_{\frac{1}{2}1}|^2 + \frac{1}{4}(1 \pm \cos \theta_l)^2 |H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta_l (|H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 + |H_{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2), \\ \alpha_D^{sl} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 \mp \cos \theta_l)^2 |H_{\frac{1}{2}1}|^2 - \frac{1}{4}(1 \pm \cos \theta_l)^2 |H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta_l (|H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 - |H_{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2), \\ \beta_D^{sl} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta_l ((1 \pm \cos \theta_l) \Im(H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}^* H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}) + (1 \mp \cos \theta_l) \Im(H_{\frac{1}{2}1}^* H_{\frac{1}{2}0})), \\ \gamma_D^{sl} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta_l ((1 \pm \cos \theta_l) \Re(H_{-\frac{1}{2}0}^* H_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}) + (1 \mp \cos \theta_l) \Re(H_{\frac{1}{2}1}^* H_{\frac{1}{2}0}))\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}b_{12} &= \pm(\gamma_D^{sl} \sin \chi - \beta_D^{sl} \cos \chi) \cos \theta_p \cos \phi_p \\ &\quad \pm(\gamma_D^{sl} \cos \chi + \beta_D^{sl} \sin \chi) \sin \phi_p,\end{aligned}$$

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- Main parameters:

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- Upper and lower signs refer to $(e^-, \bar{\nu}_e)$ and (e^+, ν_e) configurations, respectively

Form factors

$$F_i^{V,A}(q^2) = F_i^{V,A}(0) \prod_{n=0}^{n_i} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{q^2}{m_{V,A}^2 + n\alpha'^{-1}}} \approx F_i^{V,A}(0) \left(1 + q^2 \sum_{n=0}^{n_i} \frac{1}{m_{V,A}^2 + n\alpha'^{-1}} \right) \equiv F_i^{V,A}(0) c_i^{V,A}(q^2)$$

	$F_i^{V,A}(0)$ ($\Lambda \rightarrow p$)	$m_{V,A}$	α' [GeV $^{-2}$]	n_i
$F_1^V(q^2)$	$-\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}^1$	$m_{K^*(892)^0}$ $(J^P = 1^-)$	0.9	$n_1 = 1$
$F_2^V(q^2)$	$\frac{M_\Lambda \mu_p}{2M_p} F_1^V(0)^2$			$n_2 = 2$
$F_3^V(q^2)$	0^4			$n_3 = 2$
$F_1^A(q^2)$	$0.719 F_1^V(0)^3$			$n_1 = 1$
$F_2^A(q^2)$	0^4			$n_2 = 2$
$F_3^A(q^2)$	$\frac{M_\Lambda(M_\Lambda + M_p)}{(m_{K^-})^2} F_1^A(0)^4$			$n_3 = 2$

- 1 [PR135(1964)B1483], [PRL13(1964)264]
- 2 $\mu_p = 1.793$ [Lect.NotesPhys.222(1985)1], [Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci.53(2003)39], [JHEP0807(2008)132]
- 3 [PRD41(1990)780]
- 4 Vanish in the $SU(3)$ symmetry limit; Goldberger-Treiman relation [PR110(1958)1178], [PR111(1958)354]

Helicity amplitudes of the lepton pair $h_{\lambda_l \lambda_\nu}^l$

- Lepton and antineutrino spinors

$$\bar{u}_{l^-}(\mp \frac{1}{2}, p_{l^-}) = \sqrt{E_l + m_l} \left(\chi_\mp^\dagger, \frac{\pm |\vec{p}_{l^-}|}{E_l + m_l} \chi_\mp^\dagger \right),$$

where $\chi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\chi_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are Pauli two-spinors

$$v_{\bar{\nu}}(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{E_\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_+ \\ -\chi_+ \end{pmatrix},$$

- SM form of the lepton current ($\lambda_W = \lambda_{l^-} - \lambda_{\bar{\nu}}$)

$$h'_{\lambda_{l^-}=\mp 1/2, \lambda_{\bar{\nu}}=1/2} = \bar{u}_{l^-}(\mp \frac{1}{2}) \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma_5) v_{\bar{\nu}}(\frac{1}{2}) \begin{cases} \epsilon_\mu(-1) \\ \epsilon_\mu(0) \end{cases}$$

where $\epsilon^\mu(0) = (0; 0, 0, 1)$ and $\epsilon^\mu(\mp 1) = (0; \mp 1, -i, 0)/\sqrt{2}$

- Moduli squared of the helicity amplitudes [EPJ C59 (2009) 27]

$$\text{nonflip}(\lambda_W = \mp 1) : |h'_{\lambda_l=\mp \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_\nu=\pm \frac{1}{2}}|^2 = 8(q^2 - m_l^2),$$

$$\text{flip}(\lambda_W = 0) : |h'_{\lambda_l=\pm \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_\nu=\pm \frac{1}{2}}|^2 = 8 \frac{m_l^2}{2q^2} (q^2 - m_l^2)$$

- Upper and lower signs refer to the configurations $(l^-, \bar{\nu}_l)$ ($\lambda_\nu = 1/2$) and (l^+, ν_l) ($\lambda_\nu = -1/2$), respectively
- In case of the **e-mode** only **nonflip transition** remains under assumption $\frac{m_e^2}{2q^2} \rightarrow 0$