#### CP Violation in baryon decays

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# Why CPV in baryon decays

**CPV** may be one of the necessary conditions for baryogenesis

**CPV** is well established in meson decays

- ➤ no significant deviation from SM prediction
- $\succ$  not strong enough to account for the baryogenesis

□ However, no CPV has been observed in baryon sector yet

- $\succ$  Evidence of CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-(3.3 \sigma)$  [Nat.Phys.13(2017)391]
- ≻ Recent measurement shows no CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-(2.9 \sigma)$

The Standard Model predicts similar CP violation in baryon and meson decays
 Unlike mesons, only direct CPV occurs in baryon decays due to baryon number conservation

□ Searching for CPV in baryon decays:

□ Test of the SM and the CKM mechanism

• Explore new physics





# Experimental methods & observables

□ Asymmetry in the yields of CP-conjugate processes

$$A_{CP} = A_{raw} - A_{prod} - A_{det} - A_{other} > \Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}^{signal} - A_{CP}^{control}$$

$$A_{raw} = \frac{N(H \to f) - N(H \to f)}{N(H \to f) + N(\overline{H} \to \overline{f})}$$

$$A_{CP} \propto cos\Delta\phi sin\Delta\delta$$

□ Miranda technique: Measuring CPV on binned phase space → asymmetry significance:  $S_{CP}^i = \frac{n_i - \alpha \overline{n}_i}{\sqrt{\alpha(n_i + \overline{n}_i)}}$ 

• Energy test: A statistical T test to compare the baryon anti-baryon samples

$$T\equiv rac{1}{2n(n-1)}\sum_{i
eq j}^n\psi_{ij}+rac{1}{2\overline{n}(\overline{n}-1)}\sum_{i
eq j}^{\overline{n}}\psi_{ij}-rac{1}{n\overline{n}}\sum_{i=1}^n\sum_{j=1}^{\overline{n}}\psi_{ij}$$

 $\square \text{ Triple product asymmetry:} \quad A_{\widehat{T}}(C_{\widehat{T}}) = \frac{N(C_{\widehat{T}} > 0) - N(C_{\widehat{T}} < 0)}{N(C_{\widehat{T}} > 0) + N(C_{\widehat{T}} < 0)} \quad \overline{A}_{\widehat{T}}(\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}}) = \frac{\overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} > 0) - \overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} < 0)}{\overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} > 0) + \overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} < 0)} \quad a_{CP}^{\widehat{T} \text{-odd}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( A_{\widehat{T}} - \overline{A}_{\widehat{T}} \right) \\ A_{CP} \propto \cos \Delta \phi \cos \Delta \delta$ 

**□** k-nearest neighbour (kNN): 
$$T = \frac{1}{n_k(n_+ + n_-)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_+ + n_-} \sum_{k=1}^{n_k} I(i,k)$$

 $\square \text{ Amplitude analysis:} \qquad \stackrel{(-)}{\mathcal{A}} = \sum_{i} \stackrel{(-)(-)}{a_i \mathcal{A}_i} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{A}_{CP}^i = \frac{|a_i|^2 - |\overline{a}_i|^2}{|a_i|^2 + |\overline{a}_i|^2}$ 



# Overview of CPV in baryon decays

- $\Lambda_b^0 \to p K^- / p \pi^-$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K_s^0 \pi^-$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \to p D^0 K^-$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^- / K^- K^+$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- K^+ / p \pi^- \pi^+$
- $\Xi_b^- \to p K^- K^+$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \to ph^-h^+h^-$

## LHCb experiment



### LHCb experiment



LHCb Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp by years 2010-2024



$$\succ \ \frac{f_{\Lambda_b^0}}{f_u + f_d} = 0.259 \pm 0.018$$

 $\blacktriangleright \text{ Run I: } \sim 3/\text{fb} @ \text{Ecm} = 7-8\text{TeV}$ 

- → Run II: ~6/fb @ Ecm =13 TeV
- $\blacktriangleright$  Run III: ~25/fb @ Ecm = 13.6 TeV

More charm baryons:  $\Lambda_c$ ,  $\Xi_c$  ...

CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to pK^-/p\pi^-$ 

Phys.Lett.B 787 (2018) 124-133

Search for *CP* violation in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to p K^-$  and  $\Lambda_b^0 \to p \pi^-$  decays

Run1 3/fb @ Ecm=7-8TeV

CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to pK^-/p\pi^-$ 

• Mediated by the same quark-level transitions contributing to  $B^0/B_s^0$ 

■ Predicted CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-/p\pi^-$  up to ~30%



generalized<br/>factorization<br/>approachpQCD $10^2 \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \to pK^-)$  $5.8 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$  $-5^{+26}_{-5}$  $10^2 \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \to p\pi^-)$  $-3.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.0$  $-31^{+43}_{-1}$ 

Phys.Rev.D 91 (2015) 11, 116007

$$A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \to pK^-) = -0.020 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.019$$

 $A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \to p\pi^-) = -0.035 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.020$ 

$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP} \left( \Lambda_b^0 \to p K^- \right) - A_{CP} \left( \Lambda_b^0 \to p \pi^- \right) \\= 0.014 \pm 0.022 \pm 0.010$$

INDEPENDENT from the proton detection and  $\Lambda_b^0$  production asymmetry

# CPV in decays with $K_S^0$ and $\Lambda^0$

JHEP05(2016)081Run I 3/fbObservations of  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$  and  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$ decays and searches for other  $\Lambda_b^0$  and  $\Xi_b^0$  decays to $\Lambda h^+ h'^-$  final states



# CPV in decays with $K_S^0$ and $\Lambda^0$

■ Not favored by the LHCb due to low detection efficiencies for  $K_S^0$  and  $\Lambda^0$ ■ Large CPV expected for  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K_S^0 \pi^-$ 

 $\square$  First attempt to find CP violation in multi-body decays of  $\Lambda_b^0$ 

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 10^2 \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \to pK^{*-}) & 19.6 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0 \\ 10^2 \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \to p\rho^{-}) & -3.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.0 \end{array}$$



CPV in  $\Lambda_h^0 \to p D^0 [K^+ \pi^-] K^-$ 

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# Studies of beauty baryon decays to $D^0 ph^-$ and $\Lambda_c^+ h^-$ final states

Run I+II 9/fb

$$\operatorname{CPV} \operatorname{in} \Lambda_b^0 \to p D^0 [K^+ \pi^-] K^-$$

 $\Box \Lambda_b^0 \to p D^0 [K^+ \pi^-] K^- \text{ receives contributions from } b \to c \text{ (DCS) and} \\ b \to u \text{ of similar magnitude}$ 

□ The interference between these two amplitudes is expected to be large

□ Interference is anticipated to be amplified in  $\Lambda^*(pK^-)$  region



$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\mathcal{M}(B^- \to K^- D^0[\to f])}{\mathcal{M}(B^- \to K^- \overline{D}^0[\to f])} \right|^2 &\approx \left| \frac{V_{cb} V_{us}^*}{V_{ub} V_{cs}^*} \right|^2 \quad \left| \frac{a_1}{a_2} \right|^2 \quad \frac{Br(D^0 \to f)}{Br(\overline{D}^0 \to f)} \approx \\ &\approx \left| \frac{0.22}{0.08} \right|^2 \quad \left| \frac{1}{0.26} \right|^2 \quad 0.0077 \sim 1 \;, \end{aligned}$$

□ Asymmetry in the full PHSP:  $A_{CP} = 0.12 \pm 0.09^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$ 

□ Asymmetry in the low  $M(pK^-)$  region:  $A_{CP} = 0.01 \pm 0.16^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$ 

Consistent with CP conservation!

CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0(\Xi_b^0) \to ph^-h^+h^-$ 

Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79:745

Measurements of CP asymmetries in charmless four-body  $\Lambda_b^0$  and  $\Xi_b^0$  decays

Run I 3/fb

CPV in  $\Lambda_h^0(\Xi_h^0) \to ph^-h^+h^-$ 

- Follow the path of the observation of CPV in charmless multibody decays of B mesons
- Dominant diagrams with amplitudes of similar magnitude
- Contain rich resonance structures, both in the two- or three-body baryonic invariant-mass spectra
- Large CPV expected due to the strongphase differences induced by the interference patterns
- □ Six decay modes from 0.5-10K signals
- $\square CP observables: \Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP} A_{CP}^{con.}$

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Charmless decay	Quark transition	Charmed decay	Quark transition	
$\Lambda^0_b \to p \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	$b \rightarrow u \overline{u} d \ (T + P)$	$\Lambda_b^0 \to (\Lambda_c^+ \to p\pi^-\pi^+)\pi^-$	$b \to c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
$\Lambda_b^0  ightarrow p K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	$b \rightarrow u \overline{u} s \; (T + P)$	$\Lambda^0_b \to (\Lambda^+_c \to p K^- \pi^+) \pi^-$	$b \to c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
$\Lambda^0_b \to p K^- K^+ \pi^-$	$b \rightarrow d\bar{s}s \ (T + P)$	$\Lambda_b^0  o (\Lambda_c^+  o p \pi^- \pi^+) \pi^-$	$b \rightarrow c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
$\Lambda^0_b \to p K^- K^+ K^-$	$b \rightarrow s \overline{s} s \ (T + P)$	$ \Lambda^0_b \to (\Lambda^+_c \to p K^- \pi^+) \pi^- $	$b \rightarrow c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
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v –		$\Xi_b^0 \to (\Xi_c^+ \to pK^-\pi^+)\pi^-$	$b \rightarrow c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
$\varXi^0_b \to p K^- \pi^+ K^-$	$b \rightarrow s \overline{d} d \ / \ b \rightarrow u \overline{u} s$ ( P / T)	$\Lambda_b^0  ightarrow (\Lambda_c^+  ightarrow p K^- \pi^+) \pi^-$	$b \rightarrow c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
		$\Xi_b^0 \to (\Xi_c^+ \to p K^- \pi^+) \pi^-$	$b \rightarrow c \overline{u} d$ (T)	
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<i>b</i>	$V_{ud} \sim 1$ $u$	W-72	L'	
	$V_{ub} \sim \lambda^{2}$	d	d	
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<i>b</i>	$V_{ud} \sim 1$ $u$	W-7	L'	
	$v_{ub} \sim \lambda^{-1}$		~ °	
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$$CPV in \Lambda_{b}^{0}(\Xi_{b}^{0}) \rightarrow ph^{-}h^{+}h^{-}$$

$$= \text{Simultaneous fit to 6 decay modes}$$

$$= \text{Example: } \Lambda_{b}^{0} \rightarrow pk^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$$

$$= \text{Global CPV measurement:}$$

$$\geq \Delta_{dcp}(\Lambda_{b}^{0} \rightarrow pk^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}) = (1.1 \pm 2.5 \pm 0.6)\%$$

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CPV in  $\Lambda_h^0 \to p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ 

Nature Physics 13, 391–396 (2017)

Measurement of matter-antimatter differences in beauty baryon decays

Run I 3/fb

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Search for CP violation and observation of P violation in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  decays

Run I+II (2011-2017) 6.6/fb

CPV in 
$$\Lambda_b^0 \to p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$$

□ Search for CPV with scalar triple-product asymmetries,  $\hat{T}$  flips the direction of final state momenta and spin

$$C_{\widehat{T}} \equiv \vec{p}_p \cdot (\vec{p}_{h_1} \times \vec{p}_{h_2}), \ \overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} \equiv \vec{p}_{\overline{p}} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\overline{h}_1} \times \vec{p}_{\overline{h}_2})$$

**D** Data divided into 4 subsamples:  $C_{\hat{T}} > 0, C_{\hat{T}} < 0, -\overline{C_{\hat{T}}} > 0, -\overline{C_{\hat{T}}} < 0$ 

$$A_{\widehat{T}}(C_{\widehat{T}}) = \frac{N(C_{\widehat{T}} > 0) - N(C_{\widehat{T}} < 0)}{N(C_{\widehat{T}} > 0) + N(C_{\widehat{T}} < 0)} \qquad \overline{A}_{\widehat{T}}(\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}}) = \frac{\overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} > 0) - \overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} < 0)}{\overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} > 0) + \overline{N}(-\overline{C}_{\widehat{T}} < 0)}$$

 $\square$   $A_{\hat{T}}$  and  $\bar{A}_{\hat{T}}$  are not clean CPV observables, FSI effects can introduce fake asymmetries.

**D** Define the clean CP-violating observable:

Does not require a non-zero strong phase difference!

Both strong phase and weak phase differences are needed

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Anti-Particle,  $-\overline{C_{T}} < 0$ 

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Particle,  $C_T > 0$ 

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Particle,  $C_T < 0$ 

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CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ 

■ PV and CPV integrated over the whole phase space:

•  $a_{CP}^{T-odd} = (-0.7 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.2)\%$ 



- Asymmetries for different binning scheme:
  - $\square$  A: 16 bins of polar and azimuthal angle of proton and  $\Delta^{++}$
  - **D** B: asymmetries as a function of  $|\Phi|$  angle
  - **D** 1:  $m(p\pi^{-}\pi^{+}) > 2.8 GeV$ , dominated by  $a_1(1260)$
  - **D** 2:  $m(p\pi^{-}\pi^{+}) < 2.8 GeV$ , dominated by  $N^{*+}$



χ<sup>2</sup> taking into account statistical and systematic effects
 In B<sub>2</sub> region, deviation from CP conservation 2.9σ. CPV not established

CPV in 
$$\Lambda_b^0 \to p\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$$

□ Energy test is a model-independent unbinned test sensitive to local differences between two samples □ provide superior discriminating power between different samples than traditional  $\chi^2$  test

$$T \equiv \frac{1}{2n(n-1)} \sum_{i \neq j}^{n} \psi_{ij} + \frac{1}{2\overline{n}(\overline{n}-1)} \sum_{i \neq j}^{\overline{n}} \psi_{ij} - \frac{1}{n\overline{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\overline{n}} \psi_{ij}$$

□ ψ<sub>ij</sub> = e<sup>-d<sub>ij</sub>/2δ<sup>2</sup></sup>: d<sub>ij</sub> is their Euclidean distance in phase space, δ the distance scale probed using the energy test
 □ The p-value is calculated using a permutation method

Distance scale $\delta$	$1.6 \ { m GeV^2}/c^4$	$2.7~{ m GeV^2}/c^4$	$13 \ { m GeV^2}/c^4$	marginally consistent with
p-value (CP conservation, P even)	$3.1 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.7  imes 10^{-3}$	$1.3  imes 10^{-2}$	the CP-conserving
p-value ( $CP$ conservation, $P$ odd)	$1.5  imes 10^{-1}$	$6.9  imes 10^{-2}$	$6.5 imes10^{-2}$	
p-value ( $P$ conservation)	$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.0  imes 10^{-7}$	$1.6  imes 10^{-1}$	

 $\square$  A new test is statistic is defined as  $Q = p_1 p_2 p_3$ , significance for CPV <  $3\sigma$ 

CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to pK^-\mu^+\mu^-$ 

JHEP 06 (2017) 108

# Observation of the decay $\Lambda_b^0 \to p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ and a search for CP violation

Run I: 3/fb

CPV in  $\Lambda_h^0 \to p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ 

□ Search for CPV in FCNC process

Dominated by loop diagrams

□ new heavy particles could provide additional weak phases

□ sensitive to CPV effects from physics beyond the SM

direct CP asymmetry:

 $\Delta A_{CP} = \mathcal{A}_{CP} \left( \Lambda_b^0 \to p K^- \mu^+ \mu^- \right) - \mathcal{A}_{CP} \left( \Lambda_b^0 \to p K^- J / \psi \right)$ 





 $a_{CP}^{T-odd} = (1.2 \pm 5.0 \pm 0.7)\%$ 

CPV in  $\Xi_h^- \to pK^-K^+$ 

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# Search for $C\!P$ violation in $\varXi^-_b \to p K^- K^-$ decays

Run I: 3/fb Run II: 2/fb (2015-2016)

CPV in  $\Xi_b^- \to pK^-K^-$ 

- Charmless  $b \rightarrow u, b \rightarrow s$  transition
- Study CPV over PHSP using model dependent amplitude analysis



Approximately 685 candidates with a purity of 67% are retained for amplitude analysis

CPV in  $\Xi_b^- \to pK^-K^+$ 



Component	$A^{C\!P}~(10^{-2})$
$\Sigma(1385)$	$-27 \pm 34 \; (\text{stat}) \pm 73 \; (\text{syst})$
$\Lambda(1405)$	$-1 \pm 24 \; (\text{stat}) \pm 32 \; (\text{syst})$
$\Lambda(1520)$	$-5 \pm 9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 8 \text{ (syst)}$
$\Lambda(1670)$	$3 \pm 14 \text{ (stat)} \pm 10 \text{ (syst)}$
$\Sigma(1775)$	$-47 \pm 26 \; (\text{stat}) \pm 14 \; (\text{syst})$
$\Sigma(1915)$	$11 \pm 26 \text{ (stat)} \pm 22 \text{ (syst)}$

No evidence of CPV, larger samples are needed.

CPV in 
$$\Lambda_c^0 \to pK^-K^+/p\pi^-\pi^+$$

JHEP 03 (2018) 182  
**A measurement of the** *CP*  
**asymmetry difference between**  

$$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-K^+$$
 and  $p\pi^-\pi^+$  decays  
Run I: 3/fb

- complementary to measurements in *b*-hadrons
- CPV only occur in SCS decays at the  $O(10^{-3})$  level
- FSI, NP and SU(3)F breaking could enhance the CPV

$$\delta_{V_{\text{CKM}}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{8}\lambda^4 & 0 & 0\\ \frac{1}{2}A^2\lambda^5(1-2(\rho+i\eta)) & -\frac{1}{8}\lambda^4(1+4A^2) & 0\\ \frac{1}{2}A\lambda^5(\rho+i\eta) & \frac{1}{2}A\lambda^4(1-2(\rho+i\eta)) & -\frac{1}{2}A^2\lambda^4 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^6)$$





$$\Delta A_{CP}^{wgt} = A_{CP}(pK^-K^+) - A_{CP}(p\pi^-\pi^+)$$
  
= (0.30 ± 0.91 ± 0.61)%

Search for CPV in cabibbo suppress decay  $\Lambda_c^0 \rightarrow pK^-K^+/p\pi^-\pi^+$ 

CPV in  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ 

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#### Search for *CP* violation in $\Xi_c^+ ightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ decays using model-independent techniques <sub>Run I: 3/fb</sub>

CPV in 
$$\Xi_c^0 \to pK^-\pi^+$$
 ( $S_{CP}$  method)

• Search for CPV using model independent binned/unbinned method



$$S_{CP}^{i} = \frac{n_{+}^{i} - \alpha n_{-}^{i}}{\sqrt{\alpha(n_{+}^{i} + n_{-}^{i})}}$$

 $\alpha = \frac{n_+}{n_-}$  account for production asymmetry

$$\chi^2 \equiv \Sigma (S_{CP}^i)^2$$

The p-values using  $\chi^2$  test are larger than 32% consistent with no evidence for CPV

# CPV in $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ (kNN method)



no significant deviation from the hypothesis of CP symmetry

### Conclusion

- Search for CPV in b-baryon is a frontier of flavor physics
- Still no CPV observed
- More data in LHCb upgrade I is coming.
- Many new analyses coming soon

# Backup

CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \gamma$ 

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# Measurement of the photon polarization in $\Lambda_b^0\to\Lambda\gamma$ decays

Run II: 6/fb

CPV in  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \gamma$ 

- FCNC decay is sensitive to new heavy particles in the loop
- Due to the chirality of the electroweak interaction, the photons produced in  $b(\bar{b})$  quark are predominantly left(right) handed polarized

• 
$$\alpha_{\gamma} = \frac{\gamma_L - \gamma_R}{\gamma_L + \gamma_R}$$

• A discrepancy in the absolute value of the photon polarization in b and  $\overline{b}$  decays would be a hint of CP asymmetry



Distribution of  $cos\theta_p$  for  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda\gamma$  and  $\overline{\Lambda}_b^0 \to \overline{\Lambda}\gamma$  decays

 $\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\gamma} &= 0.82 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.13 \\ \alpha_{\gamma}(\Lambda_b^0) &= 0.55 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.10 \\ \alpha_{\gamma}(\bar{\Lambda}_b^0) &= 1.26 \pm 0.42 \pm 0.20 \end{aligned}$ 

consistent with CP symmetry