

Normalization of Partial-Wave CP Asymmetries

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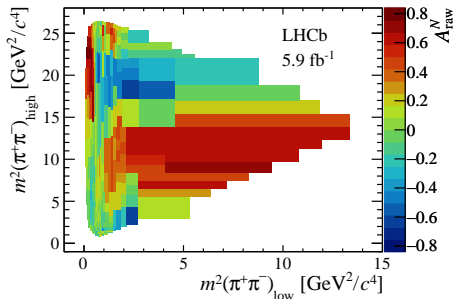
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1 Introduction

from Regional CPA to partial-wave CPA in multi-body decays

Regional CPA in $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\pm$



decay-angular correlated CPAs:

Forward-backward Asymmetry induced CPAs: (ZHZ, PLB820,136537)

$$A_{CP}^{FB} = \frac{1}{2}(A_{FB} - \bar{A}_{FB}),$$

$$A_{FB} \equiv \frac{N_F - N_B}{N_F + N_B} = \frac{\text{Re}(a_S a_P^*)}{|a_S|^2 + |A_P|^2/3}.$$

partial-wave CPAs: (ZHZ, XH Guo, JHEP 2021, 177)

$$A_{CP,I}^{\text{conv}} = \frac{w_I - \bar{w}_I}{w_I + \bar{w}_I}, \quad |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \sum_I w_I P_I(c_\theta).$$

decay angular correlated CPV observables

- isolate the interfering dynamics between different partial-wave amplitudes
- model independent analysis, comparing with, such as amplitude analysis.
- statistical advantage

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FB-CPA, see Jian-Yu Yang's talk

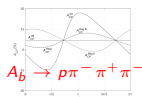


Figure 4. The FB-CPAs (red, green and blue) as a function of the strong phase δ for the decay $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$. The solid, dashed and dotted lines represent the CPAs for the 1S_0 , 3S_1 and 3P_0 partial waves, respectively. The different lines (red, green and blue) represent the CPAs for the 1S_0 , 3S_1 and 3P_0 partial waves, respectively, in the 1S_0 , 3S_1 and 3P_0 partial waves, respectively.

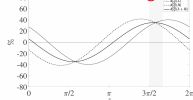


FIG. 5. The FB-CPAs of three different regions in phase space: I ($0 \leq \delta < \pi$), II ($\pi \leq \delta < 3\pi/2$), and III ($3\pi/2 \leq \delta < 2\pi$), which are respectively showed as red, green and blue lines. The solid, dashed, and dotted lines, respectively, are functions of the strong phase δ for 1S_0 , 3S_1 and 3P_0 partial waves, respectively.

Normalization of PWCPAs

Normalization problems in angular-distribution CPAs

- Lee-Yang parameters and CPV,

$$A_{CP,\alpha}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-) \equiv \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}.$$

- Parital Wave CPAs

$$A_{CP,I}^{\text{conv}} = \frac{w_I - \bar{w}_I}{w_I + \bar{w}_I}, \quad |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \sum_I w_I P_I(c\theta),$$

- neither α nor w_I is positive-definite, hence

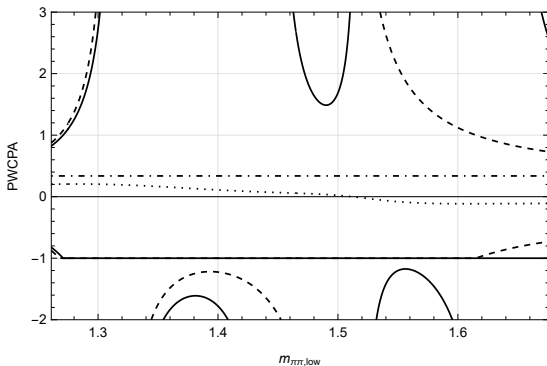
$$-\infty < A_{CP,\alpha}, A_{CP,I}^{\text{conv}} < +\infty$$

The problem to α -CPA in hyperon decays is not serious, since the CPV is small, hence $\alpha \approx -\bar{\alpha}$, $|\alpha - \bar{\alpha}| \ll |\alpha|$. But the problem sometimes can be **much serious for PWCPAs in bottom hadron decays.**

How serious?

This is an example: PWCPAs in $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^\pm$

Figure: $A_{CP,l}^{\text{conv}} = \frac{w_l - \bar{w}_l}{w_l + \bar{w}_l}$, for $l = 1$ (solid), 2 (dotted), 3 (dashed), and 4 (dash-dotted). Also present alternatively-defined PWCPAs: $\tilde{A}_{CP,l}^{\text{conv}} \equiv \frac{w_l - \bar{w}_l}{|w_l| + |\bar{w}_l|}$.



Normalization problems in angular-distribution CPAs

solution to α -CPA

Since α is normalized, we can redefine α -CPA as:

$$A_{CP,\alpha} = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \bar{\alpha})$$

This does not work for PWCPAs:

$$A'_I = \frac{w_I}{w_0}, \quad A'_{CP,I} = \frac{1}{2}(A'_I + \bar{A}'_I), \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{A}_{CP,I} = \frac{w_I - \bar{w}_I}{w_0 + \bar{w}_0},$$

extra factor is needed

$$A_I = \eta_I A'_I, \quad A_{CP,I} = \eta_I \dot{A}_{CP,I} = \eta_I \frac{w_I - \bar{w}_I}{w_0 + \bar{w}_0},$$

How to chose the normalization factors η_I ?

2 The partial wave CP asymmetries and their normalization

normalized PWCPAs

$$A_{CP,l} = \eta_l \hat{A}_{CP,l} = \eta_l \frac{w_l - \bar{w}_l}{w_0 + \bar{w}_0} = \frac{\eta_l(2l+1) \int [|\mathcal{M}|^2 - |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2] P_l(c_\theta) \tilde{d}c_\theta}{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2 + |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2] \tilde{d}c_\theta},$$

experiment-friendly CPA observables

$$\hat{A}_{CP,l} \equiv \frac{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2 - |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2] \text{sgn}(P_l(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta}{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2 + |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2] \tilde{d}c_\theta} = \frac{\sum_i (N_i - \bar{N}_i) \text{sgn}_{l,i}}{N + \bar{N}},$$

It can be easily seen that

- $\hat{A}_{CP,l}$'s satisfy the normalization condition $-1 \leq \hat{A}_{CP,l} \leq +1$,
- for $l = 0$, $\hat{A}_{CP,l}$ is just the direct CPA,
- $\sigma_{\hat{A}_{CP,l}} \approx \hat{\sigma}$, where the $\hat{\sigma}$ is the statistical error which takes the familiar form $1/\sqrt{N + \bar{N}}$ in the absence of the background.

expressing $\{A_{CP,I}\}$ in terms of $\{\hat{A}_{CP,I}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{A}_{CP,I} &\equiv \frac{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2 - |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2] \operatorname{sgn}(P_I(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta}{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2 + |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2] \tilde{d}c_\theta} \\
 &= \frac{\int [\sum_k (w_k - \overline{w}_k) P_k(c_\theta)] \operatorname{sgn}(P_I(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta}{\int [\sum_k (w_k + \overline{w}_k) P_k(c_\theta)] \tilde{d}c_\theta} \\
 &= \frac{\int [\sum_k (w_k - \overline{w}_k) P_k(c_\theta)] \operatorname{sgn}(P_I(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta}{w_0 + \overline{w}_0} \\
 &= \sum_k \frac{w_k - \overline{w}_k}{w_0 + \overline{w}_0} \int P_k(c_\theta) \operatorname{sgn}(P_I(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta \\
 &= \sum_k A_{CP,k} \frac{1}{\eta_k} \int P_k(c_\theta) \operatorname{sgn}(P_I(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta = \sum_k \Omega_{Ik} A_{CP,k} \\
 \Omega_{Ik} &= \frac{\omega_{Ik}}{\eta_k}, \quad \omega_{Ik} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} \operatorname{sgn}(P_I(c_\theta)) P_k(c_\theta) dc_\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

One can see that: $\hat{A}_{CP,I}$ is pretty much dominated by $A_{CP,I}$ (with the same I).

First approximation

Let the diagonal elements of Ω equal 1 (by properly choose η_k in $\Omega_{lk} = \omega_{lk}/\eta_k$)

$$\hat{A}_{CP,l} = \sum_k \Omega_{lk} A_{CP,k} \rightarrow \hat{A}_{CP,l} = A_{CP,l} + \sum_{k \neq l} \Omega_{lk} A_{CP,k}.$$

The advantages for this choice is clear, the elements of Ω_{lk} are quite smaller than 1 for $k \neq l$ ($\Omega_{lk} < \Omega_{ll}$), hence one can see transparently that $\hat{A}_{CP,l}$ will get the most important contribution from $A_{CP,l}$. Since $\hat{A}_{CP,l}$ are clearly normalized, we conclude that $A_{CP,l}$ are now *roughly* normalized.

This implies that the factors η_l are chosen as

$$\tilde{\eta}_l = \omega_{ll} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} \text{sgn}(P_l(c_\theta)) P_l(c_\theta) dc_\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} |P_l(c_\theta)| dc_\theta.$$

More “precise” way to obtain η_I

$$\hat{A}_{CP,I} = \sum_k \Omega_{Ik} A_{CP,k},$$

Truncate the Legendre expansion at some finite number L , this allows us to express $A_{CP,I}$ inversely in terms of $\hat{A}_{CP,k}$:

$$A_{CP,I} = \sum_{k=0}^L (\Omega_L^{-1})_{Ik} \hat{A}_{CP,k} = \eta_I \sum_{k=0}^L (\omega_L^{-1})_{Ik} \hat{A}_{CP,k},$$

where Ω_L^{-1} and ω_L^{-1} are the inverse matrices of Ω_L and ω_L , respectively, and the relation $(\Omega_L^{-1})_{Ik} = \eta_I (\omega_L^{-1})_{Ik}$ has been used.

The statistical error of $A_{CP,I}$ is related to that of $\hat{A}_{CP,I}$ according to

$$\sigma_I^2 = \left[\Omega_L^{-1} \hat{\rho} (\Omega_L^{-1})^T \right]_{II} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \eta_I^2 \left[\omega_L^{-1} \hat{\rho} (\omega_L^{-1})^T \right]_{II} \hat{\sigma}^2,$$

where $\hat{\rho}_{kk'}$ are the correlation coefficients between $\hat{A}_{CP,k}$ and $\hat{A}_{CP,k'}$, which, as will be shown below, can be well estimated as

$$\hat{\rho}_{kk'} \approx \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} \text{sgn}(P_k(c_\theta)) \text{sgn}(P_{k'}(c_\theta)) dc_\theta.$$

quasi-normalized PWCPAs: $A_{CP,l}$

Instead of the requirement of normalization, it would be practically more useful to choose the η_l 's in such a way that *the statistical error of $A_{CP,l}$ also equals to $\hat{\sigma}$, i.e., $\sigma_l = \hat{\sigma}$* . This means that η_l should be chosen as

$$\eta_l^{(L)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{[\omega_L^{-1} \hat{\rho}(\omega_L^{-1})^T]_{ll}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{k,k'=0}^L (\omega_L^{-1})_{lk} \omega_L^{-1})_{lk'} \hat{\rho}_{kk'}}}, \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, L.$$

Example: $L = 4$

One first calculates the numerical values of the matrix ω and $\hat{\rho}$, which read

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 & -0.1250 & 0 \\ -0.1547 & 0 & 0.3849 & 0 & -0.0642 \\ 0 & -0.1 & 0 & 0.3250 & 0 \\ -0.0400 & 0 & -0.0768 & 0 & 0.2866 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -0.1547 & 0 & -0.0423 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -0.5492 & 0 \\ -0.1547 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -0.2475 \\ 0 & -0.5492 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.0423 & 0 & -0.2475 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

Example: $L = 4$

Then substituting these results into Eq. (1), one obtains

$$\eta_0^{(4)} = 1, \quad \eta_1^{(4)} = 0.5418, \quad \eta_2^{(4)} = 0.3847, \quad \eta_3^{(4)} = 0.3312, \quad \eta_4^{(4)} = 0.2829.$$

For comparison, the factors η_l for the uncorrelated limit read

$$\eta_0^{(4)} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}=\mathbb{1}} = 1, \quad \eta_1^{(4)} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}=\mathbb{1}} = 0.4308, \quad \eta_2^{(4)} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}=\mathbb{1}} = 0.3540, \quad \eta_3^{(4)} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}=\mathbb{1}} = 0.2942, \quad \eta_4^{(4)} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}=\mathbb{1}} = 0.2674,$$

and the first few $\tilde{\eta}_l$'s based on the rough estimation in Eq. (1) take the following values:

$$\tilde{\eta}_0 = 1, \quad \tilde{\eta}_1 = 0.5, \quad \tilde{\eta}_2 = 0.3849, \quad \tilde{\eta}_3 = 0.3250, \quad \tilde{\eta}_4 = 0.2866.$$

The comparison shows that

- 1) all the above factors η_l are **universal**.
- 2) the contributions to the factors η_l from the correlation between the statistical errors of different CPA observables $A_{CP,l}$ are small,
- 3) the rough estimation of the η_l based on Eq. (1), i.e., $\tilde{\eta}_l$, works pretty well.
- 4) the truncation-dependence of $\eta_l^{(L)}$ and $\eta_l^{(L)} \Big|_{\hat{\rho}=\mathbb{1}}$ is small.

Table: The numerical values of $\eta_l^{(L)}$, $\eta_l^{(L)}|_{\hat{\rho}=1}$ (for truncation $L \leq 8$), and $\tilde{\eta}_l$ (for $l \leq 8$).

	$l \backslash L$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$\eta_l^{(L)}$	0	1								
	1	1	0.5							
	2	1	0.5	0.3896						
	3	1	0.5418	0.3896	0.3312					
	4	1	0.5418	0.3847	0.3312	0.2829				
	5	1	0.5552	0.3847	0.3332	0.2829	0.2615			
	6	1	0.5552	0.3899	0.3332	0.2807	0.2615	0.2345		
	7	1	0.5656	0.3899	0.3312	0.2807	0.2630	0.2345	0.2205	
	8	1	0.5656	0.3967	0.3312	0.2793	0.2630	0.2322	0.2205	0.2064
$\eta_l^{(L)} _{\hat{\rho}=1}$	0	1								
	1	1	0.5							
	2	1	0.5	0.3804						
	3	1	0.4308	0.3804	0.2942					
	4	1	0.4308	0.3540	0.2942	0.2674				
	5	1	0.4383	0.3540	0.2787	0.2674	0.2441			
	6	1	0.4383	0.3200	0.2787	0.2423	0.2441	0.2131		
	7	1	0.4256	0.3200	0.2668	0.2423	0.2232	0.2131	0.1998	
	8	1	0.4256	0.3252	0.2668	0.2378	0.2232	0.1986	0.1998	0.1915
$\tilde{\eta}_l$		1	0.5	0.3849	0.3250	0.2866	0.2592	0.2385	0.2220	0.2086

3 Application to $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays

Analysis of the PWCPAs for the decays $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$

Focus on $m_{\pi\pi} \sim (1.25, 1.7)$ GeV: $\rho^0(1450)$, $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1500)$, $f_2(1270)$, $f_2(1430)$, $f_2'(1525)$, etc..

Legendre expansion of the decay amplitude squared (truncated up to $l = 4$):

$$|\mathcal{M}^\pm|^2 = \sum_{l=0}^4 w_l^\pm P_l(c_\theta),$$

$$w_0^\pm = \left(|\mathcal{M}_{f_0}^\pm|^2 + \frac{1}{5} |\mathcal{M}_{f_2}^\pm|^2 + \frac{1}{3} |\mathcal{M}_{\rho^0}^\pm|^2 \right), \quad w_1^\pm = \left(2\text{Re}[\mathcal{M}_{\rho^0}^\pm \mathcal{M}_{f_0}^{\pm*}] + \frac{4}{5} \text{Re}[\mathcal{M}_{\rho^0}^\pm \mathcal{M}_{f_2}^{\pm*}] \right),$$

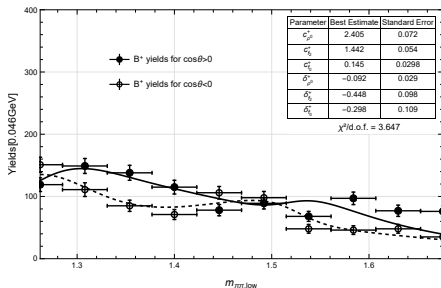
$$w_2^\pm = \left(\frac{2}{3} |\mathcal{M}_{\rho^0}^\pm|^2 + \frac{2}{7} |\mathcal{M}_{f_2}^\pm|^2 + 2\text{Re}[\mathcal{M}_{f_0}^\pm \mathcal{M}_{f_2}^{\pm*}] \right), \quad w_3^\pm = \frac{6}{5} \text{Re}[\mathcal{M}_{\rho^0}^\pm \mathcal{M}_{f_2}^{\pm*}],$$

$$w_4^\pm = \frac{18}{35} |\mathcal{M}_{f_2}^\pm|^2,$$

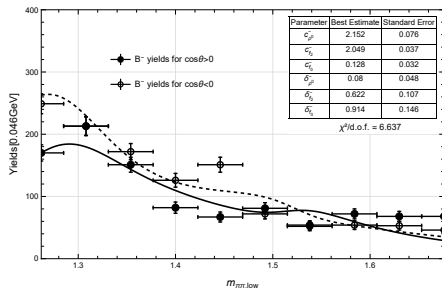
The decay amplitudes are parameterized as

$$\mathcal{M}_R^\pm = c_R^\pm F_R^{BW} e^{i\delta_R^\pm} P_l(c_\theta).$$

Data fitting



(a)



(b)

Figure: The fitting results of the parameters (shown in the upper right corner of each figure) from the event yields of $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$ (a) and $B^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ (b) for $\cos \theta > 0$ and $\cos \theta < 0$.

Predictions of PWCPAs based on the extracted parameters

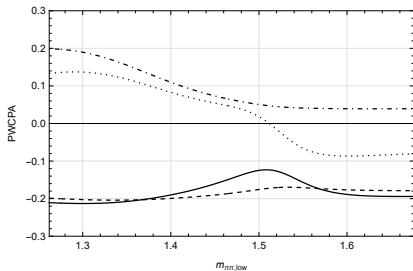


Figure: The quasi-normalized PWCPAs $A_{CP,l} |_{\eta_l = \eta_l^{(4)}}$ of $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\pm$ for $l = 1$ (solid), 2 (dotted), 3 (dashed), and 4 (dash-dotted).

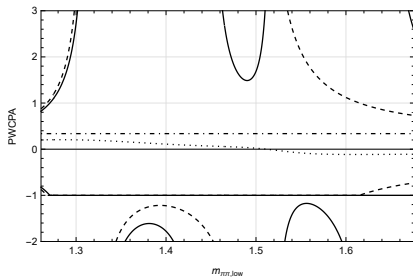


Figure: The conventionally defined PWCPAs, $A_{CP,l}^{conv}$, for $l = 1$ (solid), 2 (dotted), 3 (dashed), and 4 (dash-dotted). Also present alternatively-defined PWCPAs: $\tilde{A}_{CP,l}^{conv} \equiv \frac{w_l - \bar{w}_l}{|w_l| + |\bar{w}_l|}$.

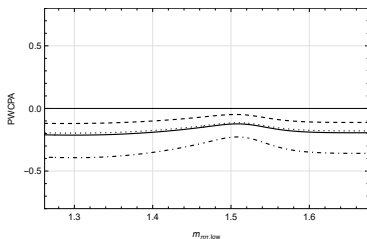
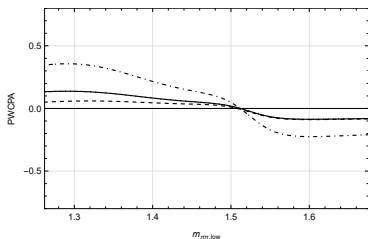
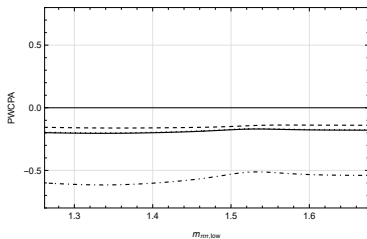
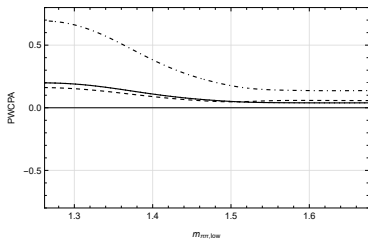
(a) $l = 1$ (b) $l = 2$ (c) $l = 3$ (d) $l = 4$

Figure: Comparisons of various definitions of PWCPAs, $A_{CP,l}|_{\eta_l=\eta_l^{(4)}}$ (solid), $A_{CP,l}|_{\eta_l=\tilde{\eta}_l}$ (dotted), $\hat{A}_{CP,l}$ (dashed), and $\check{A}_{CP,l}$ (dot-dashed).

Evidences indicating we are on the right path for the choices of η_I

- 1) $A_{CP,I}|_{\eta_I=\eta_I^{(4)}}$ and $A_{CP,I}|_{\eta_I=\tilde{\eta}_I}$ are very close to $\hat{A}_{CP,I}$;
- 2) $A_{CP,I}|_{\eta_I=\eta_I^{(4)}}$ and $A_{CP,I}|_{\eta_I=\tilde{\eta}_I}$ are very close to each other;
- 3) $\hat{A}_{CP,I}$ are quite different from $A_{CP,I}|_{\eta_I=\eta_I^{(4)}}$, $A_{CP,I}|_{\eta_I=\tilde{\eta}_I}$, and $\hat{A}_{CP,I}$.

4 Summary

summary

- The problem of the normalization of the PWCPAs in multi-body decay processes of heavy hadrons.
- Introduce the quasi-normalized PWCPAs.
- Analysis of the quasi-normalized PWCPAs in the decay processes $B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\pm$.
- Generalized PWCPAs in multibody decays (such as 4-body decays of heavy hadrons).

Thanks for the attention!

Backups

The expression of the correlation coefficients $\hat{\rho}_{kk'}$

The correlation matrix is defined according to

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 \hat{\rho}_{lk} = \sum_i \left(\frac{\partial \hat{A}_{CP,k}}{\partial N_i} \frac{\partial \hat{A}_{CP,l}}{\partial N_i} \sigma_{N_i}^2 + \frac{\partial \hat{A}_{CP,l}}{\partial \bar{N}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{A}_{CP,k}}{\partial \bar{N}_i} \sigma_{\bar{N}_i}^2 \right).$$

Hence $\hat{\rho}_{lk}$ takes the form

$$\hat{\rho}_{lk} = \frac{1}{(N + \bar{N})^2} \sum_i \left\{ \frac{\sigma_{N_i}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{N}_i}^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left[\text{sgn}_{l,i} \text{sgn}_{k,i} + \frac{\sum_j (N_j - \bar{N}_j) \text{sgn}_{l,j} \sum_{j'} (N_{j'} - \bar{N}_{j'}) \text{sgn}_{k,j'}}{(N + \bar{N})^2} \right] \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\sigma_{N_i}^2 - \sigma_{\bar{N}_i}^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left[\frac{\text{sgn}_{l,i} \sum_j (N_j - \bar{N}_j) \text{sgn}_{k,j} + \text{sgn}_{k,i} \sum_j (N_j - \bar{N}_j) \text{sgn}_{l,j}}{N + \bar{N}} \right] \right\}.$$

In the limit of CP symmetry, we obtain

$$\hat{\rho}_{lk} \approx \frac{1}{(N + \bar{N})^2} \sum_i \left(\frac{\sigma_{N_i}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{N}_i}^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right) \text{sgn}_{l,i} \text{sgn}_{k,i} = \frac{\sum_i (N_i + \bar{N}_i) \text{sgn}_{l,i} \text{sgn}_{k,i}}{N + \bar{N}} \\ \approx \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} \text{sgn}(P_k(c_\theta)) \text{sgn}(P_{k'}(c_\theta)) dc_\theta.$$

The expression of the correlation coefficients $\hat{\rho}_{kk'}$

There is no need for CP symmetry assumption at all

Obtain ρ_{lk} by an alternative way

Normalized Legendre weights:

$$A_l = \eta_l \frac{w_l}{w_0}.$$

Experiment-friendly observables

$$\hat{A}_l \equiv \frac{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2] \text{sgn}(P_l(c_\theta)) \tilde{d}c_\theta}{\int [|\mathcal{M}|^2] \tilde{d}c_\theta} = \frac{\sum_i N_i \text{sgn}_{l,i}}{N}.$$

Perform almost exactly the same procedure one obtain exactly the same expressions for $\tilde{\eta}_l$ and $\eta_l^{(L)}$.

The PWCPAs can be alternatively defined as

$$\tilde{A}_{CP,l} = (A_l - \bar{A}_l)/2.$$