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Study of $B \rightarrow K \pi \pi \gamma$ decays

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In $b \rightarrow s$ gamma transitions, the standard model predicts that B_0 (\bar{B}_0) decays are related predominantly to the presence of right (left) handed photons in the final state. Therefore, the mixing-induced CP asymmetry in $B \rightarrow f_{CP}$ decays, where f_{CP} is a CP eigenstate, is expected to be small. This prediction may be altered by new-physics (NP) processes in which opposite helicity photons are involved. Independently, decays to $K \pi \pi \gamma$ can display an interesting hadronic structure: they have contributions from several kaonic resonances decaying to $K\pi\pi$. The decays of these resonances themselves exhibits a resonant structure, with contributions from $K^*\pi$, $K\rho$ and a $(K\pi)$ S-wave. In the present analysis, we extract information about the $K\pi\pi$ resonant structure by means of an amplitude analysis of the $K\pi\pi$ and $K\pi$ invariant mass distributions in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^+\gamma$ decays. The results are used, assuming isospin symmetry, to extract the mixing-induced CP parameters of the process $B_0 \rightarrow K^0 S \rho^0 \gamma$ from the time-independent analysis of $B_0 \rightarrow K^0 S \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$.

Summary

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