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CKM Fits: What the Data Say (focused on B-Physics)

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Outline

- CKM phase invariance and unitarity
- Statistical issues
- CKM metrology
 - Inputs
 - Tree decays: $|V_{ub}|, |V_{cb}|$
 - Solution Loop decays: $\Delta m_d, \Delta m_s, \epsilon_K$
 - UT angles: α , β , γ
 - The global CKM fit
- What about New Physics?
- Conclusion

The Unitary Wolfenstein Parameterization

 \checkmark The standard parameterization uses Euler angles and one CPV phase \rightarrow unitary !

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overset{\text{Chau and Keung}}{\underset{[and PDG]}{PRL 53, 1802 (1984)}}$$

$$\overset{\text{Mow, define}}{\underset{[and PDG]}{S_{12} \equiv \lambda}} \qquad s_{23} \equiv A\lambda^2 \qquad s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \equiv A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta)$$

⇔ And insert into $V \rightarrow V$ is still unitary ! With this one finds (to <u>all</u> orders in λ) :

$$\rho + i\eta = \frac{\sqrt{1 - A^2 \lambda^4} (\overline{\rho} + i\overline{\eta})}{\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2} \left[1 - A^2 \lambda^4 (\overline{\rho} + i\overline{\eta}) \right]} \quad \text{where:} \quad \overline{\rho} + i\overline{\eta} = -\frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*} \quad \text{Charles et al.}$$
EPJC 41, 1 (2005)

$$\lambda^{2} \equiv \frac{|V_{us}|^{2}}{|V_{ud}|^{2} + |V_{us}|^{2}} \qquad A^{2}\lambda^{4} \equiv \frac{|V_{cb}|^{2}}{|V_{ud}|^{2} + |V_{us}|^{2}}$$

Physically meaningful quantities are phase-convention invariant

→ Four unknowns [unitary-exact and phase-convention invariant]:

$$\lambda,\overline{
ho},\overline{\eta}$$

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The CKM Matrix: Four Unknowns

Measurement of Wolfenstein parameters:



A from $|V_{cb}|$ (inclusive and exclusive semileptonic B decays)
 → combined precision: 2%

 $\neq \overline{\rho}, \overline{\eta}$ from (mainly) CKM angle measurements:

 \rightarrow combined precision: 20% (ρ), 7% (η)

Predictive Nature of KM Mechanism

All measurements must agree

Pre B-Factory:

Can the KM mechanism describe flavor dynamics of many constraints from vastly different scales?

This is what matters and not the measurement of the CKM phase's value *per se*



The (rescaled) Unitarity Triangle: The B_d System

Convenient method to illustrate (dis-)agreement of observables with CKM predictions



The Unitarity Triangle: The B_s System (hadron machines)

(sb) triangle ("B_s triangle"): $V_{us}V_{ub}^{*} + V_{cs}V_{cb}^{*} + V_{ts}V_{tb}^{*} = 0$ $O(\lambda^{4}) + O(\lambda^{2}) + O(\lambda^{2}) = 0$ \Rightarrow squashed triangle $\chi = \beta_{s} = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{cs}V_{cb}^{*}}{V_{cb}^{*}} \right]$ Attention: sign
(ut) triangle: $V_{td}V_{ud}^{*} + V_{ts}V_{us}^{*} + V_{tb}V_{ub}^{*} = 0$ $O(\lambda^{3}) + O(\lambda^{3}) + O(\lambda^{3}) = 0$ \Rightarrow non-squashed triangle



Generic B physics experiment



Probing short distance (quarks) but confined in hadrons (what we observe)

→ QCD effects must be under control (various tools: HQET, SCET, QCDF, LQCD,...)
 → "Theoretical uncertainties" have to be controlled quantitatively in order to test the Standard Model. There is however no systematic method to do that.

Digression: Statistics



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D.R. Cox, Principles of Statistical Inference, CUP (2006) W.T. Eadie et al., Statistical Methods in Experimental Physics, NHP (1971) www.phystat.org

Statistics tries answering a wide variety of questions \rightarrow two main different! frameworks:

Frequentist: probability **about the data** (randomness of measurements), given the model

P(data|model)

[only repeatable events (Sampling Theory)]

Hypothesis testing: given a model, assess the <u>consistency</u> of the data with a particular parameter value \rightarrow 1-CL curve (by varying the parameter value)

Bayesian: probability about the model (degree of belief), given the data

P(model|data) CLikelihood(data,model) × Prior(model)

<u>P(data model) ≠ P(model data)</u> :	P (pregnant female) ~ 3%	
model: Male or Female	but	Lyons – CDF Stat Committee
data: pregnant or not pregnant	P (female pregnant) >>>3%	

Although the graphical displays appear similar: the meaning of the "Confidence level" is not the same. It is especially important to understand the difference in a time where one seeks₁₀ deviation of the SM.

Digression: Statistics (cont.)

The Bayesian approach in physical science fails in the sense that nothing guarantees that <u>my</u> uncertainty assessment is any good for <u>you</u> - I'm just expressing an **opinion (degree of belief)**. To convince you that it's a good uncertainty assessment, I need to show that the **statistical model** I created makes good predictions in situations where we know what the **truth** is, and the process of **calibrating predictions** against reality is inherently frequentist."

hep-ph/0607246: "Bayesian Statistics at Work: the Troublesome Extraction of the CKM Angle α " (J. Charles *et al.*)

How to read a Posterior PDF?

→ updated belief (after seeing the data) of the plausible values of the parameter
 ♦ it's a bet on a proposition to which there is no scientific answer



My talk is about "What the Data say", thus I will stick to the frequentist approach

Metrology: Inputs to the Global CKM Fit

I) Direct Measurement: magnitude $|V_{ud}|$ and $|V_{us}|$ [not discussed here] $|V_{ub}|$ and $|V_{cb}|$ $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$

CPV in K^0 mixing [not discussed here] B_d and B_s mixing

II) Angle Measurements: sin 2 β α : ($B \rightarrow \pi \pi, \rho \rho, \rho \pi$) γ : ADS, GLW, Dalitz (GGSZ)

$|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$



For $|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$ exist exclusive and inclusive semileptonic approaches (complementary)



data (spectra and moments of $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ and $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ distributions)

↓ |V_{ub}| (→ ρ² + η²) is crucial for the SM prediction of sin(2β)

 \boxed{V} |V_{cb}| (→ A) is important in the kaon system (ε_K, BR(K→πνν), ...)

Complication for charmless decays:

$$\frac{\Gamma(b \to u | v)}{\Gamma(b \to c | v)} \approx \frac{\left| V_{ub} \right|^2}{\left| V_{cb} \right|^2} \approx \frac{1}{50}$$

- →need to apply kinematic cuts to suppress $b \rightarrow c\ell v$ background
- →measurements of partial branching fractions in restricted phase space regions
- →theoretical uncertainties more difficult to evaluate



$|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$



$B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_{\tau}$

- helicity-suppressed annihilation decay sensitive to $f_B \times |V_{ub}|$ ۲
- Powerful together with Δm_d : removes f_B (Lattice QCD) dependence
- Sensitive to charged Higgs replacing the *W* propagator



-1.5 └── -1

-0.5

0

0.5

 $\overline{\rho}$

1.5

2

Δm_d and Δm_s



Δm_d and Δm_s : constraints in the (ρ - η) plane

$$\Delta m_{s} = \frac{G_{F}^{2}}{6\pi^{2}} m_{B_{s}} m_{W}^{2} \eta_{B} S_{0}(x_{t}) f_{B_{s}}^{2} B_{s} \left| V_{ts} V_{tb}^{*} \right|^{2}$$

Very weak dependence on $\overline{\rho}$ and $\overline{\eta}$

The point is:

$$f_{B_{s}}^{2}B_{s} = \frac{f_{B_{s}}^{2}B_{s}}{f_{B_{d}}^{2}B_{d}}f_{B_{d}}^{2}B_{d} = \xi^{2}f_{B_{d}}^{2}B_{d}$$

Measurement of Δm_s reduces the uncertainties on $f_{B_d}^2 B_d$ since ξ is better known from Lattice QCD $\sigma_{rel}(f_{B_{d/s}}^2 B_{d/s}) = 36\% \rightarrow \sigma_{rel}(\xi^2 = f_{B_s}^2 B_s / f_{B_d}^2 B_d) = 10\%$

 \rightarrow Leads to improvement of the constraint from Δm_d measurement on $|V_{td}V_{tb}^*|^2$

$$\Delta m_{d} = \frac{G_{F}^{2}}{6\pi^{2}} m_{B_{d}} m_{W}^{2} \eta_{B} S_{0}(x_{t}) f_{B_{d}}^{2} B_{d} |V_{td} V_{tb}^{*}|^{2} \propto A^{2} \lambda^{6} [(1 - \bar{\rho})^{2} + \bar{\eta}^{2}]$$

Δm_s

hep-ex/0603029



The signal has a significance of 5.4σ

Constraint on |V_{td}/V_{ts}|



angle β



$\sin 2\beta$

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"The" raison d'être of the B factories:					
$\sin(2\beta) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1) \stackrel{\text{HFAG}}{\underset{\text{icher 2006}}{\text{PRELIMINARY}}}$					
	BaBar hep-ex/0607107		0,710 : ★	± 0.034 ± 0.019	
	Belle hep-ex/0608039 <mark> ↓ ★</mark>		0.642 :	± 0.031 ± 0.017	
	Average HFAG			0.674 ± 0.026	
0.5	0.6	0	.7	0.8	

 Conflict with sin2β_{eff} from *s*-penguin modes ? (New Physics (NP)?)



	sin(2f	s^{eff}) = sin	$(2\phi_1^{eff})$ HFAG
h→ccs	World Average	1	0.68 ± 0.0
2 /000	BaBar	*	0.12 ± 0.31 ± 0.1
Ŷ	Belle		0.50 ± 0.21 ± 0.0
0	Average		0.39 ± 0.1
	BaBar		0.55 ± 0.11 ± 0.0
×	Belle		0.64 ± 0.10 ± 0.0
`F	Average		0.59 ± 0.0
×	BaBar		0.66 ± 0.26 ± 0.0
×°	Belle		0.30 ± 0.32 ± 0.0
S	Average		0.51 ± 0.2
<u>×</u> .	BaBar	· + + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + -	0.33 ± 0.26 ± 0.0
×.	Belle		0.33 ± 0.35 ± 0.0
Ř	Average		0.33 ± 0.2
×	BaBar		0.17 ± 0.52 ± 0.2
20	Average	<u> </u>	0.17 ± 0.5
<i>(</i> 0	BaBar	6	↔ 0.62 ^{+0.25} _{-0.30} ± 0.0
Ϋ́,	Belle	· ★ <mark><</mark>	0.11 ± 0.46 ± 0.0
8	Average		0.48 ± 0.2
0	BaBar	U 🗧	0.62 ± 0.2
×	Belle	··· * <-	0.18 ± 0.23 ± 0.1
ې پ پ	Average		0.42 ± 0.1
° X	Ba <mark>Bar \star \star</mark>	<u><u></u></u>	-0.84 ± 0.71 ± 0.0
ĸ	Ave <mark>rage 🗼</mark>		-0.84 ± 0.7
R of	BaBar Q2B		$0.41 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.1$
¥	Belle	1	0.68 ± 0.15 ± 0.03 +0.2
÷ ×	Average		0.58 ± 0.13 +0.1
-2	-1	0	1 2

NP can contribute differently among the various s-penguin modes (Naïve average: 0.52±0.05).

NB: a disagreement would falsify the SM. The interference NP/SM amplitudes introduces hadronic uncertainties 22

→ Cannot determine the NP parameters cleanly

angle α



angle α





Time-dependent CP observable :

$$A_{h^{+}h^{-}}(t) = S_{h^{+}h^{-}} \sin(\Delta m_{d}t) - C_{h^{+}h^{-}} \cos(\Delta m_{d}t)$$
$$= \sqrt{1 - C_{h^{+}h^{-}}^{2}} \sin(2\alpha_{\text{eff}}) \cdot \sin(\Delta m_{d}t) - C_{h^{+}h^{-}} \cos(\Delta m_{d}t)$$

Time-dependent *CP* analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ alone determines α_{eff} : but, we need α !

Isospin analysis (α can be resolved up to an 8-fold ambiguity within [0,π])



Isospin Analysis: $B \rightarrow \pi \pi$



Isospin Analysis: $B \rightarrow \rho \rho$



Isospin Analysis: angle α_{eff} [B $\rightarrow \pi\pi/\rho\rho$]

Isospin analysis $B \rightarrow \pi \pi$: **Isospin analysis** $B \rightarrow \rho \rho$: |α-α_{eff}| < 32.1° (95% CL) $|\alpha - \alpha_{eff}| < 22.4^{\circ} (95\% \text{ CL})$ 1.2 $B \rightarrow \pi \pi$ (WA) CKM fitter ICHEP 06 $B{\rightarrow}\rho\rho \;(WA)$ 1 0.8 – CL 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 └⊥ -50 -30 -40 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 α - α_{eff} (deg)

The $B \rightarrow \rho \pi$ System

 α (deg)



Dalitz analysis + isospin (pentagon) analy

Lipkin *et al.*, PRD 44, 1454 (1991)

Isospin Analysis: angle $\alpha [B \rightarrow \pi \pi / \rho \pi / \rho \rho]$



 $B \rightarrow \rho \rho$: at very large statistics, systematics and model-dependence will become an issue $B \rightarrow \rho \pi$ Dalitz analysis: model-dependence is an issue !

angle γ



angle γ [next UT input that is not theory limited]



Several variants:

- GLW : D⁰ decays into CP eigenstate
- ADS : D^{0} decays to $K^{-}\pi^{+}$ (favored) and $K^{+}\pi^{-}$ (suppressed)
- **GGSZ** : D^0 decays to $K_S \pi^+ \pi^-$ (interference in Dalitz plot)
 - All methods fit simultaneously: γ , r_B and δ (different r_B and δ)



Giri et al, PRD 68, 054018 (2003)



 $\sigma_{\!_{\gamma}}$ depends significantly on the value of $r_{\!_{\mathsf{B}}}$

Constraint on γ



Putting it all together_





Inputs:

The global CKM fit: Testing the CKM Paradigm



γ CKM fitter BEAUTY 2006 0.6 εĸ ວ ອີ sin2β 0.5 γ sol. w/ cos2β < 0 (excl. at CL > 0.95 0.4 Ц 0.3 α εĸ 0.2 0.1 듣 F ß α 0 -0.4 -0.2 0.2 0.4 0.8 1 0 0.6 $\bar{\rho}$

CP Violating

CP Conserving

CP-insensitive observables imply CP violation !



The global CKM fit: Testing the CKM Paradigm (cont.)



[No NP in $\Delta I=3/2$ b \rightarrow d EW penguin amplitude Use α with β (charmonium) to cancel NP amplitude]

CKM mechanism: dominant source of CP violation The global fit is not the whole story: several Δ F=1 rare decays are not yet measured \rightarrow Sensitive to NP

The global CKM fit: selected predictions

Wolfenstein parameters:

$$A = 0.806_{-0.014}^{+0.014} \qquad \lambda = 0.2272_{-0.0010}^{+0.0010} \qquad \overline{\rho} = 0.195_{-0.055}^{+0.022} \qquad \overline{\eta} = 0.326_{-0.015}^{+0.027}$$

Jarlskog invariant:

$$J = (2.91^{+0.25}_{-0.14}) \times 10^{-5}$$

UT Angles:

$$\alpha = (99.0_{-9.4}^{+4.0})^{\circ} \quad \beta = (22.03_{-0.62}^{+0.72})^{\circ} \quad \gamma = (59.0_{-3.7}^{+9.2})^{\circ} \quad \Sigma_{meas.} = (175_{-27}^{+40})^{\circ}$$

UT sides:

$$R_u = 0.380^{+0.011}_{-0.009} \quad R_t = 0.868^{+0.060}_{-0.025}$$

B-B mixing:

 $\Delta m_s = (18.9^{+5.7}_{-2.8}) ps^{-1} \text{ (CKM Fit)} \qquad \Delta m_s : 17.77 \pm 0.1 \text{(stat.)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (syst.)} ps^{-1} \text{ (direct,CDF)}$

 $\mathbb{B} \rightarrow \tau v$

 $BF(B^+ \to \tau^+ \nu_{\tau}) = (0.87^{+0.13}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-4} \text{ (CKM Fit)} (1.45^{+0.46}_{-0.43}) \times 10^{-4} \text{ (direct,WA)}^{36}$

New Physics?



New Physics in $B_d - \overline{B}_d$ Mixing?

$$r_d^2 \exp(2i\theta_d) = \frac{\left\langle B^0 \left| H_{eff}^{full} \right| \bar{B}^0 \right\rangle}{\left\langle B^0 \left| H_{eff}^{SM} \right| \bar{B}^0 \right\rangle}$$

No significant modification of the $B-\overline{B}$ mixing amplitude

NP Parameterization in B_s system

$$\frac{\left\langle B_{s}^{0} | H_{eff}^{\mathrm{SM}+\mathrm{NP}} | \overline{B}_{s}^{0} \right\rangle}{\left\langle B_{s}^{0} | H_{eff}^{\mathrm{SM}} | \overline{B}_{s}^{0} \right\rangle} = r_{s}^{2} e^{i2\theta_{s}} = 1 + h_{s} e^{i2\sigma_{s}}$$

Grossman, PL **B380**, 99 (1996) Dunietz, Fleischer, Nierste, PRD **63**, 114015 (2001)

Hypothesis: NP in loop processes only (negligible for tree processes)

Mass difference: $\Delta m_s = (\Delta m_s)^{SM} r_s^2$ Width difference: $\Delta \Gamma_s^{CP} = (\Delta \Gamma_s)^{SM} cos^2 (2\chi - 2\theta_s)$ Semileptonic asymmetry: $A^s{}_{SL} = -Re(\Gamma_{12}/M_{12})^{SM} sin(2\theta_s)/r_s^2$ $S\psi\phi = sin(2\chi - 2\theta_s)$

UT of B_d system: non-degenerated \rightarrow (h_d, σ_d) strongly correlated to the determination of (ρ, η) UT of B_s system: highly degenerated \rightarrow (h_s, σ_s) almost independent of (ρ, η)

B_s mixing phase very small in SM: χ =-1.02+0.06 (deg) →Bs mixing: very sensitive probe to NP NP wrt to SM: • reduces $\Delta\Gamma_s$ • enhances Δm_s

NP in B_s System

First constraint for NP in the B_s sector Still plenty of room for NP Large theoretical uncertainties: LQCD

 $h_s \sim <= 3 (h_d \sim <=0.3, h_{\kappa} \sim <= 0.6)$

B_s-mixing phase

ICHEP06 – Conf note 5144

(Preliminary)

$$eta_{_{s}}=(-0.56^{_{+0.44}}_{_{-0.41}})$$
 (stat+syst) [rad]

Time-dependent angular distribution of untagged decays $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ + charge asymmetry

Prediction from global CKM fit :

 $\beta_{s} = (-0.0175^{\rm +0.0015}_{\rm -0.0008}) \; \text{[rad]}$

Precision prediction
 Sensitive test to NP

NP in b \rightarrow s transitions?

NP related solely to the third generations?

Conclusion

•CKM mechanism: success in describing flavor dynamics of many constraints from vastly different scales.

•Improvement of Lattice QCD is very desirable [Charm/tau factory will help]

- •B_s: an independent chapter in Nature's book on fundamental dynamics
 there is no reason why NP should have the same flavor structure as in the SM
 - B_s transitions can be harnessed as powerful probes for NP (χ : "NP model killer")

•With the increase of statistics, lots of assumptions will be needed to be reconsidered [e.g., extraction of α from B \rightarrow 3 π ,4 π , etc., P_{EW}, ...]

 Before claiming NP discovery, be sure that everything is "under control" (assumptions, theoretical uncertainties, etc.)
 → null tests of the SM

• There are still plenty of measurements yet to be done

BACKUP SLIDES

Radiative Penguin Decays: BR($B \rightarrow \rho \gamma$)/BR($B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$)

 $B \rightarrow \rho \gamma$ ($\propto |V_{td}|^2$) & $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ ($\propto |V_{ts}|^2$) sensitive to New Physics

FLAVOR STRUCTURE

		$b \rightarrow s$	$b \rightarrow d$	$s \rightarrow d$
STRUCUTRE	$\Delta F=2$ box	ΔM_{Bs} $A_{CP}(B_s \rightarrow \psi \phi)$	$\begin{array}{l} \Delta M_{Bd} \\ A_{CP}(B_{d} {\rightarrow} \psi K) \end{array}$	$\Delta M_{K}, \epsilon_{K}$
	$\Delta F=1$ 4-quark box	$B_d \rightarrow \phi K, B_d \rightarrow K\pi, \dots$	$B_d \rightarrow \pi \pi, B_d \rightarrow \rho \pi,$	ε'/ε, K→3π,
	gluon penguin	$\begin{array}{l} B_{d} \rightarrow X_{s} \gamma, \ B_{d} \rightarrow \phi K, \\ B_{d} \rightarrow K \pi, \dots \end{array}$	$B_d \rightarrow X_d \gamma, B_d \rightarrow \pi \pi,$	$\epsilon'/\epsilon,K_L^{}{\rightarrow}\pi^0 l^{+}l^{-},$
	γ penguin	$\begin{split} & B_d {\rightarrow} X_s l^{\dagger} l^{-}, B_d {\rightarrow} X_s \gamma \\ & B_d {\rightarrow} \phi K, B_d {\rightarrow} K \pi, \dots \end{split}$	$\begin{split} & \mathbf{B}_{d} {\rightarrow} \mathbf{X}_{d} l^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\varGamma}, \mathbf{B}_{d} {\rightarrow} \mathbf{X}_{d} \boldsymbol{\gamma} \\ & \mathbf{B}_{d} {\rightarrow} \pi \pi, \dots \end{split}$	$\epsilon'/\epsilon, K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-,$
	Z ⁰ penguin	$\begin{split} & \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{d}} {\rightarrow} \mathbf{X}_{\mathrm{s}} l^{\dagger} \mathcal{I}, \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{s}} {\rightarrow} \mu \mu \\ & \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{d}} {\rightarrow} \phi \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{d}} {\rightarrow} \mathbf{K} \pi, \dots \end{split}$	$\begin{split} & \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{d}} {\rightarrow} \mathbf{X}_{\mathrm{d}} l^{\dagger} l^{-}, \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{d}} {\rightarrow} \mu \mu \\ & \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{d}} {\rightarrow} \pi \pi, \dots \end{split}$	$\begin{split} & \epsilon'/\epsilon, K_L {\rightarrow} \pi^0 l^{\dagger} l^{}, \\ & K {\rightarrow} \pi \nu \nu, K {\rightarrow} \mu \mu, \end{split}$
	H ⁰ penguin	$B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$	$B_d \rightarrow \mu \mu$	$K_{L,S}{\rightarrow}\mu\mu$

ELECTROWEAK

G. Isidori – Beauty '03

Bayes at work

Zero events seen

$P(n; \lambda) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n / n!$

R. Barlow – YETI06

Bayes at work again Is that uniform prior really credible?

$$\int_{0}^{3} P(\lambda) d\lambda >> 0.95$$

Bayes: the bad news

- The prior affects the posterior. It is your choice. That makes the measurement subjective. This is BAD. (We're physicists, dammit!)
- A Uniform Prior does not get you out of this.
- Beware snake-oil merchants in the physics community who will sell you Bayesian statistics (new – cool – easy – intuitive) and don't bother about robustness.

Digression: Statistics(cont.)

One has achieved the remarkable feat of learning something about the radius of the hypersphere, whereas one knew nothing about the Cartesian coordinates and without making any experiment.

the individual Cartesian coordinates x,y,z...

What do we known about the **radius** $r = \sqrt{(x^2+y^2+...)}$?