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Measurement of the ratio
 $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)) / \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi(1020))$ in pp collisions
at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

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Abstract

The ratio $R_{f_0/\phi}$ of the branching fractions of the B_s^0 meson to the CP-odd eigenstate $J/\psi f_0(980)$ and to $J/\psi \phi(1020)$ is measured, where $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, $f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$, and $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$. The analysis is based on a data sample of pp collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of 7 TeV, collected by the CMS experiment, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.3 fb^{-1} . The result is $R_{f_0/\phi} = 0.140 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.018$, where the first uncertainty is statistical and the second is systematic. This result is consistent with theoretical predictions and previous measurements of $R_{f_0/\phi}$. It is the most precise measurement of the ratio to date.

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1 Introduction

Since the observation of the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)$, with $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ [1], this channel has been regarded with great interest in heavy-flavor physics. Given the quantum numbers $J^P = 0^+$ of the $f_0(980)$, the final state of this decay is a CP-odd eigenstate [2], allowing a measurement of the lifetime of the CP-odd part of the B_s^0 meson [3, 4]. This lifetime is needed to measure the mixing-induced CP-violating phase ϕ_s [5, 6] with a better precision than using only the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi(1020)$ [7–11]. The phase ϕ_s is predicted to be small in the standard model (SM) [12], making its determination interesting because of the large enhancements that can be introduced by new physics [13, 14]. In what follows, we will refer to the $f_0(980)$ as f_0 and the $\phi(1020)$ as ϕ .

The $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ branching fraction can be used to reduce the uncertainty in ϕ_s when measured using $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+K^-$ decays, where $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$, with $f_0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$, can contribute [15]. Furthermore, this branching fraction can help test [16] the theory in which the f_0 state is postulated to be a diquark-antidiquark (tetraquark) system [17] and new decay mechanisms can be involved [18]. This Letter presents the measurement of the ratio $R_{f_0/\phi}$ of the branching fractions $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0)\mathcal{B}(f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$ and $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$, where in both cases the J/ψ is detected through its decay to $\mu^+\mu^-$. It was recently measured by the LHCb experiment to be 0.162 ± 0.022 (stat) ± 0.016 (syst) [1], which is consistent with the theoretical estimate of approximately 0.2 [19] and with results from several other experiments [3, 20]. Experimentally, the ratio $R_{f_0/\phi}$ is given by

$$R_{f_0/\phi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0)\mathcal{B}(f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}}^{f_0}}{N_{\text{obs}}^{\phi}} \times \epsilon_{\text{reco}}^{\phi/f_0}, \quad (1)$$

where $N_{\text{obs}}^{f_0}$ and N_{obs}^{ϕ} are the observed yields of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)f_0$ with $f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)\phi$ with $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ decays, respectively, and $\epsilon_{\text{reco}}^{\phi/f_0}$ is the ratio of the detection efficiencies for the B_s^0 decay mode with a ϕ to the decay mode with a f_0 . Uncertainties in the b quark production cross section cancel in the ratio, as do those from the $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ branching fraction and the integrated luminosity. Given the similar topologies of the two final states, the systematic uncertainties related to the tracking efficiency and the muon identification also cancel in the ratio.

2 CMS detector

The central feature of the CMS apparatus is a superconducting solenoid of 6 m internal diameter. Within the 3.8 T field volume are a silicon pixel and strip tracker, a lead tungstate crystal electromagnetic calorimeter, and a brass and scintillator hadron calorimeter, each composed of a barrel and two endcap sections. Muons are measured in the pseudorapidity range $|\eta| < 2.4$ in gas-ionization detectors embedded in the steel flux-return yoke outside the solenoid, which are made using three technologies: drift tubes, cathode strip chambers, and resistive-plate chambers. Extensive forward calorimetry complements the coverage provided by the barrel and endcap detectors. The main subdetectors used in this analysis are the silicon tracker and the muon systems.

The silicon tracker measures charged particles within the pseudorapidity range $|\eta| < 2.5$ and consists of 1440 silicon pixel and 15 148 silicon strip detector modules. Matching muons detected in the muon system to tracks measured in the silicon tracker results in a relative transverse momentum (p_T) resolution of 1–6%, for muons with $p_T < 100$ GeV [21].

The first level of the CMS trigger system, composed of custom hardware processors, uses information from the calorimeters and muon detectors to select the most interesting events in a fixed time interval of less than $4 \mu\text{s}$. The high-level trigger (HLT) processor farm further decreases the event rate from around 100 kHz to around 400 Hz, before data storage.

A more detailed description of the CMS detector, together with a definition of the coordinate system used and the relevant kinematic variables, can be found in Ref. [22].

3 Event selection

The data sample used for this measurement was collected in 2011 by the CMS experiment at the CERN LHC in proton-proton collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 7 TeV and corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 5.3 fb^{-1} .

The search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ decays is performed in events with two muon candidates selected by the dimuon trigger at the HLT, requiring the muon pair to originate from a displaced vertex. The dimuon candidates are further required to comply with $L_{xy}/\sigma_{xy} > 3$, where L_{xy} is the magnitude of the vector \vec{L}_{xy} , which lies in a plane transverse to the beam axis and points from the interaction point to the dimuon vertex, and σ_{xy} is its uncertainty; $\cos \alpha_{J/\psi} > 0.9$, where $\alpha_{J/\psi}$ is the angle between the direction of the dimuon transverse momentum and \vec{L}_{xy} ; $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.2$ for each muon candidate; $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ for the dimuon; the distance of closest approach of each muon track with respect to the other muon track $< 0.5 \text{ cm}$.

Reconstruction of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ decays begins with the search for J/ψ candidates by combining two muons of opposite charge to form a vertex with a fit probability $> 0.5\%$ and an invariant mass ($M_{J/\psi}$) within $|M_{J/\psi} - 3097.6 \text{ MeV}| < 150 \text{ MeV}$. To search for f_0 candidates, two tracks of opposite charge assumed to be pions are constrained to a vertex with a probability $> 5\%$. One pion candidate must have $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}$ and the other $p_T > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$. In addition, the f_0 candidate must have $p_T > 3.5 \text{ GeV}$ and an invariant mass (M_{f_0}) in the range $|M_{f_0} - 974 \text{ MeV}| < 50 \text{ MeV}$. The 974 MeV mass value is the fitted peak of the measured $\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass distribution for the signal events in data. This value is consistent with the f_0 mass from the PDG [23] and the LHCb measurement [1]. Finally, a vertex is formed with the J/ψ and f_0 candidates, constraining the dimuon mass to the nominal J/ψ mass [23]. The $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ candidates are required to have a vertex probability $> 10\%$, $p_T > 13 \text{ GeV}$, $\cos \alpha_{B_s^0} > 0.994$, where $\alpha_{B_s^0}$ is the angle between the direction of the B_s^0 transverse momentum and the vector \vec{L}_{xy} , and a proper decay length $> 100 \mu\text{m}$. The proper decay length is defined as $(\vec{L}_{xy} \cdot \vec{p}_T M_B / p_T^2)$, where \vec{p}_T is the transverse momentum of the B_s^0 candidate and M_B is the world-average B_s^0 mass [23]. In the case of multiple B_s^0 candidates per event, the one with smallest B_s^0 vertex fit χ^2 is selected. The selection criteria for the B_s^0 candidates are established by maximizing $S/\sqrt{S+B}$, where S is the signal yield obtained from Monte Carlo (MC) simulation and B is the background yield taken from sideband regions, defined as the number of events with a $\mu^+\mu^-\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass in the range 5.27 to 5.30 GeV or 5.43 to 5.46 GeV.

The same procedure and selection criteria are applied to the reconstruction of the normalization channel $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$, except the ϕ mass window $|M_\phi - 1020 \text{ MeV}| < 10 \text{ MeV}$ is tighter than that for the f_0 . In both decay channels, the S-wave contributions coming from $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ and $J/\psi K^+K^-$, with nonresonant $\pi^+\pi^-$ and K^+K^- , are considered to be negligible [2, 24].

4 Results

The signal yields of both decay channels are extracted using unbinned maximum-likelihood fits of the mass distributions. The invariant mass distribution of the $J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ candidates is shown in Fig. 1. It is fit with a superposition of a Gaussian function representing the signal, a polynomial function to account for the combinatorial background, and another Gaussian function for any possible peaking background. The latter models resonant structures that could appear in the left sideband of the $J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ signal mass owing to the misidentification of a kaon as a pion coming from decays such as $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*(892)(K^+\pi^-)$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+K^-$. In addition, $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+(\pi^+)$ decays can be a source of background when combined with an extra background pion candidate. When allowing all parameters to float, the fit returns $N_{\text{obs}}^{f_0} = 873 \pm 49$ events and a B_s^0 mass of 5369.1 ± 0.9 MeV, with a resolution of 15.9 ± 0.9 MeV, where the uncertainties are statistical only. The mean and the resolution of the B_s^0 are consistent with the MC simulation.

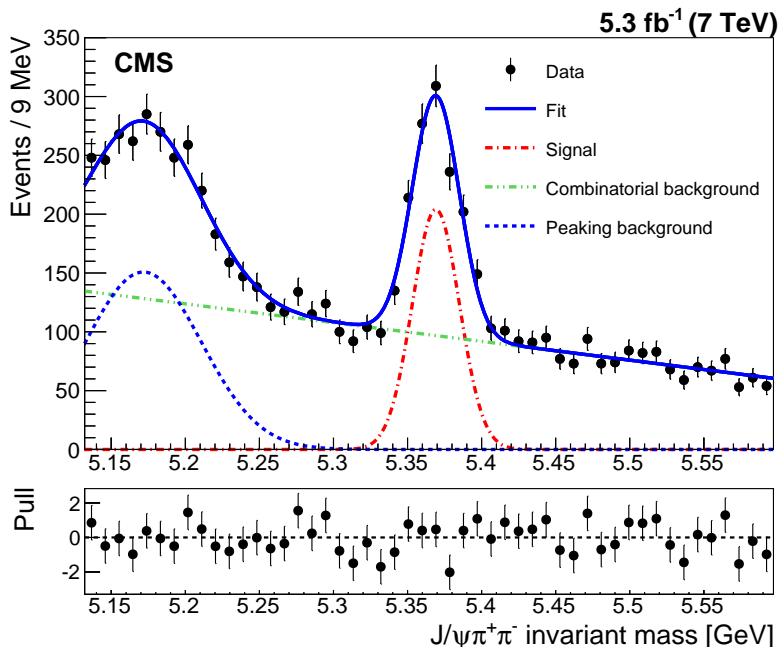


Figure 1: Invariant mass distribution of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ candidates (filled circles). The signal is modelled as a Gaussian (dot-dashed line), the combinatorial background as a first-order polynomial function (dashed-double-dotted line), and the peaking background by a Gaussian (dotted line). The result of the total fit is shown with the solid line. The bottom plot shows the pull, which is the deviation of the data from the fit divided by the uncertainty in the data.

The $J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)\phi(K^+K^-)$ invariant mass distribution is modelled by two Gaussian functions for the signal and a constant function for the combinatorial background. A signal yield of $N_{\text{obs}}^\phi = 8377 \pm 107$ events is obtained, with a B_s^0 mass of 5366.8 ± 0.2 MeV and a resolution of 17.1 ± 0.1 MeV, which are consistent with the MC simulation. The corresponding invariant mass distribution is presented in Fig. 2.

Using the MC simulation, the detection efficiencies for the two processes are calculated as the ratio of the reconstructed and generated yields. The B_s^0 meson production is simulated using PYTHIA 6.4.24 [25] and its decays simulated with EVTGEN [26]. The decay model used for the

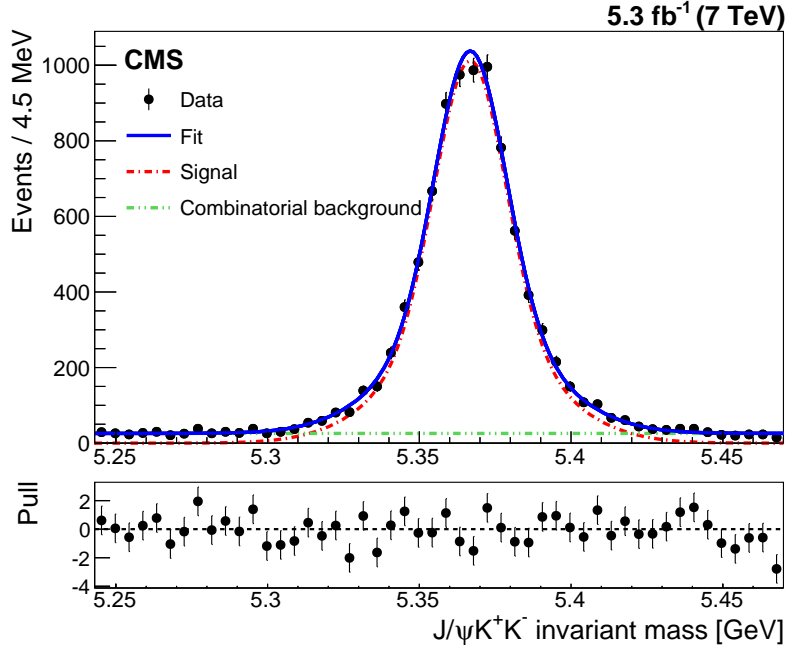


Figure 2: Invariant mass distribution of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)\phi(K^+K^-)$ candidates (black filled circles). The signal model is a double Gaussian (dot-dashed line), while the combinatorial background model is a constant function (dash-double-dotted line). The total fit is represented by the solid line. The bottom plot shows the ratio of the deviation of the data to the fit and the statistical uncertainty in the data.

$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ decay is a phase-space model reweighted to reflect the spin-1 structure of the $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay. The corresponding models for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ decay are: a pseudoscalar-vector-vector with CP violation [27, 28] for the B_s^0 decay; a vector-lepton-lepton model with radiation (PHOTOS) [29] for the $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay; and a vector-scalar-scalar model [26] for the $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ decay. The events are processed with a GEANT4-based detector simulation [30] and the same reconstruction algorithms used on data. In order to validate the MC simulation samples, relevant kinematic and geometric variables of both simulated decay channels are compared with the data after background subtraction and found to be in agreement. For example, Fig. 3 compares the p_T and invariant mass distributions of the $f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ candidates for background-subtracted data and MC simulation. The f_0 width was set to 50 MeV in the MC simulation. The ratio of the detection efficiencies for the two B_s^0 decays is measured to be $\epsilon_{\text{reco}}^{\phi/f_0} = 1.344 \pm 0.095$, where the uncertainty is statistical. This uncertainty is included in the final statistical uncertainty of the ratio measurement. Using the corresponding values of $N_{\text{obs}}^{f_0}$, N_{obs}^ϕ , and $\epsilon_{\text{reco}}^{\phi/f_0}$ in Eq. (1), we measure $R_{f_0/\phi} = 0.140 \pm 0.013$, where the uncertainty is statistical.

The stability of the $R_{f_0/\phi}$ measurement is verified with control checks using different run periods, selection criteria, and geometric acceptances. To study possible effects from varying run conditions, the value of $R_{f_0/\phi}$ is determined for two subsamples, found by dividing the data into two. The ratio is also measured after changing the selection criteria for the proper decay length and p_T of the B_s^0 candidates and the p_T of the leading and subleading pion candidates, and by using different azimuthal angle and η requirements for the muons. None of these cross-checks revealed any statistically significant biases.

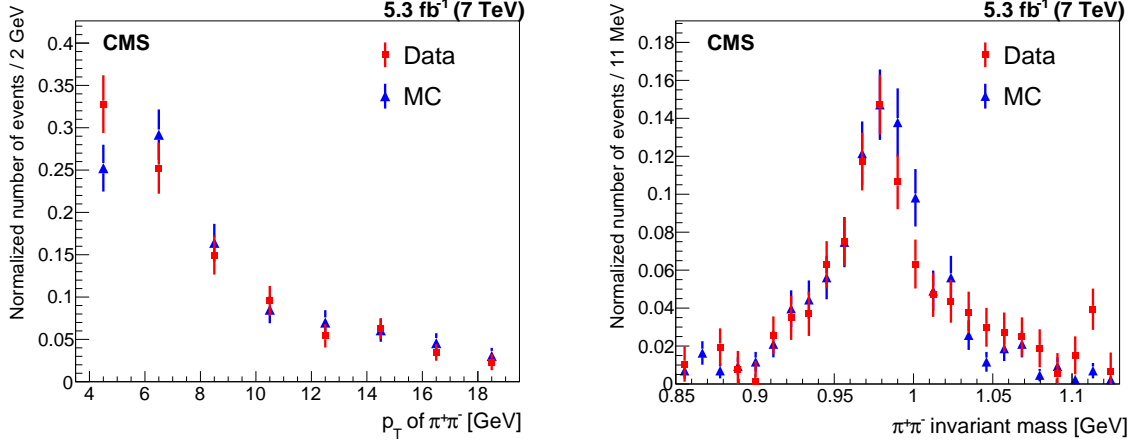


Figure 3: Comparison of normalized MC simulation (triangles) and background-subtracted data (squares) for the p_T (left) and invariant mass (right) distributions of the $f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ candidates.

5 Systematic uncertainties

Potential systematic uncertainties in the measurement of $R_{f_0/\phi}$ come from sources such as the signal yield extraction procedure, data selection effects caused by the f_0 mass window, and the relative efficiency estimation.

Systematic uncertainties in the signal yield extraction are estimated by changing the modeling of the signal and the background invariant mass distributions in the likelihood fits. For the case of the $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ mass distribution the signal shape is changed to a double-Gaussian function and the background to an exponential function, while for the $J/\psi K^+K^-$ mass distribution the signal is changed to a Gaussian function and its background is modelled as a first-order polynomial function. These changes lead to a maximum variation of 2.1% in $R_{f_0/\phi}$.

To estimate the possible contribution of unknown background in the f_0 mass region that could affect the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ yield, the f_0 mass window is widened from 50 to 100 MeV around the f_0 mass, resulting in a variation in $R_{f_0/\phi}$ of 6.4%.

The poorly known f_0 natural width can affect the estimate of $\epsilon_{\text{reco}}^{\phi/f_0}$, an input to the determination of $R_{f_0/\phi}$, as shown in Eq. (1). In the MC simulation used to estimate the ratio of the efficiencies, the f_0 width was set to 50 MeV. This value was varied by ± 10 MeV, resulting in a systematic uncertainty of 8.6% in $R_{f_0/\phi}$.

In addition, different decay models used in the signal MC generation could influence the estimated detection efficiency. For both channels the decay models are set to phase space instead of the default decay models, leading to a 6.2% systematic uncertainty in $R_{f_0/\phi}$.

Combining these uncertainties in quadrature leads to a total systematic uncertainty of 12.6%.

6 Summary

Using data collected by the CMS experiment in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.3 fb^{-1} , 873 ± 49 events of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ and 8377 ± 107 events of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)\phi(K^+K^-)$ are observed. The ratio of the branching fraction of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)f_0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ to the branching fraction of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)\phi(K^+K^-)$,

$R_{f_0/\phi}$, is found to be

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0)\mathcal{B}(f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)} = 0.140 \pm 0.013 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.018 (\text{syst}). \quad (2)$$

This result is consistent with the theoretical prediction of about 0.2 [19] and with previous measurements [1, 3, 20]. It is the most precise measurement of the ratio to date.

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