

Measurements of heavy flavor properties at CMS

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A new decay channel $B_{s2}(5840)^0 \rightarrow B^0 K_s$ has been observed by 6.3σ to 7.0σ . Accompanied with the observation, there is also a hint of $B_{s1} \pm B^0 K_s$. Corresponding branching fraction ratio to $B^{0+} K^-$ channel is calculated to be $R_2^{0\pm} = 0.432 \pm 0.077(stat) \pm 0.075(syst.) \pm 0.021(PDG)$ and $R_1^{0\pm} = 0.49 \pm 0.12(stat) \pm 0.07(syst.) \pm 0.02(PDG)$. In the study of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$ decay, all there decay parameters of interest show consistency with LHCb and ATLAS results. However, the measured parity asymmetry parameter disagree with the HQET prediction by over 5 standard deviation. Standard lifetime measurement for $B^0, B_s, B_c^+, \Lambda_b$ matches fine with the world-averaged values. The CMS result for B_c^+ is in favor of the LHCb result to those derived at Tevatron.

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1. Measurements

This letter provides a review of B hadron properties research conducted with the CMS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). All data is collected in proton-proton collision at the center-of-mass energy of 7TeV (5.2 fb^{-1}) and that of 8TeV (19.6 fb^{-1}).

1.1 Studies of P wave excited states of B_s and the observation of $B_{s2}(5840)^0 \rightarrow B^0 K_s$ decay

In a B_s^0 bound state, since the bottom quark is heavier than the strange quark, the system is suitable to be described with the heavy quark effective theory (HQET). Several orbitally excited states of B_s^0 meson has seen through $B^{(*)+} K^-$ decay channel. According to HQET, there is no significant difference to replace $B^{(*)+} K^-$ with $B^{(*)0} K_s$. It indeed replaces the $u\bar{u}$ pair with a $d\bar{d}$ pair in the decay. In figure 1, first observation of the $B_{s2}^* \rightarrow B^0 K_s$ and the evidence of $B_{s1}^* \rightarrow B^* K_s$, in which $B^* \rightarrow B^0 \gamma$, $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu\mu) K^{*0} (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-)$, are presented using the 8TeV data. [1] The significance of the $B_{s2}^* \rightarrow B^0 K_s$ decay is calculated to be in the range of 6.3 to 7.0 standard deviation, and it's 3.6 to 3.9 standard deviation for $B_{s1}^* \rightarrow B^* K_s$. The corresponding branching fraction ratios of $B^0 K_s$ channel to $B^{(*)+} (\rightarrow J/\psi K^+) K^-$ channel are provided:

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in which the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B^{*+} \rightarrow B^{+} \gamma)$ is assumed to be 100%.

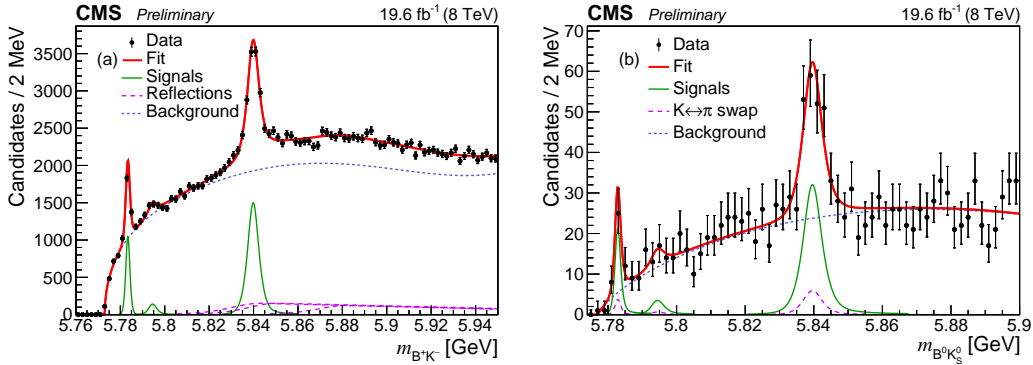


Figure 1: The fitting result to invariant mass spectrum of $B^+ K^-$ and $B^0 K_s$, where $m_{BK} = M(BK) - M(B) + M_B^{PDG}$ is used to improve mass resolution. In $B^+ K^-$ spectrum, the reflection term comes from the excited B^0 meson decays. While in $B^0 K_s$ spectrum, the long-dashed line denotes the swapping of $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm$ in the B^0 reconstruction.

1.2 Λ_b polarization and angular parameters in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$

The Λ_b decays to $J/\psi \Lambda$ via a $b \rightarrow s$ loop, which for long time is treated as a good source of QCD study. For this decay process, assuming uniform detector acceptance over the azimuthal angles, the angular distribution of decay products can be expressed with five parameters [2] and we

Table 1: The measured polarization, parity asymmetry with the corresponding statistical error (former) and systematic error (latter) in comparison with theoretical [4–6] and other experimental results [7, 8]. Remark that notation of α_b used in ATLAS, LHCb, and theoretical papers is equal to $-\alpha_1$. As for α_2 , given the reference papers don't provide the value directly, the values are calculated from helicity amplitude provided in common and found to be equivalent to -1 .

Parameter	CMS	LHCb	ATLAS	Prediction
P	$0.00 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06$	$0.06 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.02$	-	$0.1 \sim 0.2$
$-\alpha_1$	$-0.14 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.10$	$0.05 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.07$	$0.30 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.06$	$-0.2 \sim -0.1$ 0.78 (HQET)
α_2	$-1.11 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.11$	-1	-1	-

have most interest in 3 meaningful ones: P , the Λ_b transverse polarization, α_1 , the parity asymmetry parameter for the $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda$ decay, and α_2 , the Λ longitudinal polarization. We performed the angular analysis [3] using both 7 TeV and 8 TeV data. The results is summarized in Table 1. All experimental results is in consistency, while the HQET predicted α_1 is disfavored by over 5σ .

1.3 Lifetime of b hadrons in decays with J/ψ

The 8TeV collision data triggered by events with a J/ψ candidate is used, and the result is summarized in Table 2. For B^0 and Λ_b decays, we perform unbinned maximum likelihood fit to the mass spectrum, lifetime ($c\tau$) to extract all the needed information. In the case of B_s , due to the non-negligible contribution from $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$, extended fit is adopted. We indirectly measure the B_c^+ lifetime on the basis of the precisely known B^+ lifetime from the difference of total decay width.

Table 2: Summary of measured $c\tau$ in comparison with PDG values [9]. Note that the former uncertainty term stands for statistical uncertainty, while the latter stands for systematic uncertainty.

Channel	CMS result	PDG value
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$	$453.0 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.8 \mu\text{m}$	$456.0 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{m}$
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s$	$457.8 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.8 \mu\text{m}$	$456.0 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{m}$
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda$	$442.9 \pm 8.2 \pm 2.8 \mu\text{m}$	$441.0 \pm 3.0 \mu\text{m}$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$	$502.7 \pm 10.2 \pm 3.4 \mu\text{m}$	$497.4 \pm 9.6 \mu\text{m}$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi(1020)$	$443.9 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.5 \mu\text{m}$	$443.7 \pm 3.6 \mu\text{m}$
$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+$	$162.3 \pm 7.8 \pm 4.2 \mu\text{m}$	$152.7 \pm 2.7 \mu\text{m}$

As a result, the CMS measurements are all in good match with the world-averaged values. Our measured B_c^+ lifetime, presented in $c\tau$, is in favor of the LHCb result ($153.9 \pm 3.3 \mu\text{m}$) [10] to the Tevatron results($\sim 135 \mu\text{m}$) [11, 12].

2. Conclusion

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Property study of B hadrons has played a must-have role in understanding QCD. The CMS B physics analysis group has brought numerous results from LHC Run-I data and foreseen updates with run-II data will lead to deeper insights to the physics picture.

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