



# Measurement of the branching fraction for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$

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## Abstract

We present the measurement of the branching fraction of decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  using the complete  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data, collected during Run 1 of the LHC. The branching fraction is measured relative to the decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$ , from which we obtain

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi)} = xx \pm xx \pm xx$$

The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decay can be further used to measure the weak CKM phase  $\gamma$  in a time-dependent analysis of the  $B_s^0$  and  $\bar{B}_s^0$  decay rates.



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## 1 Introduction

The weak phase  $\gamma$  is the least well known angle of the CKM unitary triangle. A key channel to measure  $\gamma$  is the time-dependent analysis of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K$  decays [REF HERE]. The measurement of  $\gamma$  presented in this note uses  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decays, where the  $K \pi \pi$  subsystem is dominated by excited kaon states, such as the  $K_1(1270)$  and  $K_1(1400)$  resonances. It is complementary to the above mentioned analysis of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K$ , making use of a fully charged final state, where every track is detected in the vertex locator. To account for the non-constant strong phase across the Dalitz plot, one can either develop a time-dependent amplitude model or select a suitable phase-space region and introduce a coherence factor as additional hadronic parameter to the fit. This analysis is based on the first observation of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decay presented in [1] and [2], where its branching ratio is measured relative to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$ . The branching ratio measurement is updated, exploiting the full Run 1 data sample, corresponding to  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity.

## 2 Data samples

We use the full Run 1 sample from Stripping 21, consisting of  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data, collected in the years 2011 and 2012 at a center of mass energies of 7 TeV and 8 TeV, respectively. The selected  $B_s^0$ -candidates are required to pass the L0 Hadron trigger on signal (TOS) or the L0 Global trigger independent of signal (TIS). Events that pass the L0 stage are further required to pass the HLT1 TrackAllL0 trigger on signal (TOS). All remaining candidates have to pass either the 2, 3 or 4-body topological trigger (TOS) of the HLT2 stage. For the presented analysis the B02DKPiPiD2HHHPIDBeauty2CharmLine is used to preselect signal  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  candidates. A summary of the cuts employed by this stripping line can be found in Table 2.1. In this table and throughout the note, we abbreviate  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s X_s (\rightarrow K \pi \pi)$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s X_d (\rightarrow \pi \pi \pi)$ , identifying  $X_s \rightarrow K \pi \pi$  and  $X_d \rightarrow \pi \pi \pi$  as the various resonances through which the decays proceed.

## 3 Simulated samples

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## 4 Selection

A twofold approach is used to isolate the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  candidates from data passing the stripping line. First, further one-dimensional cuts are applied to reduce the level of combinatorial background and to veto some specific physical background. After that, a

Variable	Stripping Cut
Track $\chi^2/\text{nDoF}$	$< 3$
Track $p$	$> 1000 \text{ MeV}/c$
Track $p_T$	$> 100 \text{ MeV}/c$
Track IP $\chi^2$	$> 4$
$D_s$ Daughter $p_T$	$\Sigma_{i=1}^3 p_i > 1800 \text{ MeV}/c$
$D_s$ Daughter DOCA	$0.5 \text{ mm}$
$D_s$ mass $m_{D_s}$	within $\pm 40 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ of PDG value
$D_s$ Vertex $\chi^2/\text{nDoF}$	$< 10$
$D_s$ min FD $\chi^2$	$> 36$
$X_d$ Daughter $p_T$	$> 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
$X_{s,d}$ Daughter DOCA	$0.4 \text{ mm}$
$X_{s,d}$ Daughter $p_T$	$\Sigma_{i=1}^3 p_{t,i} > 1250 \text{ MeV}/c$
$X_{s,d}$ Vertex $\chi^2/\text{nDoF}$	$< 8$
$X_{s,d}$ min FD $\chi^2/\text{nDoF}$	$> 16$
$X_{s,d}$ DIRA	$> 0.98$
$X_{s,d}$ $\Delta\rho$ (vertex displacement perpendicular to z-axis)	$> 0.1 \text{ mm}$
$X_{s,d}$ $\Delta Z$ (vertex displacement along z-axis)	$> 2.0 \text{ mm}$
$B_s^0$ DIRA	$> 0.98$
$B_s^0$ min IP $\chi^2$	$> 25$
$B_s^0$ Vertex $\chi^2/\text{nDoF}$	$< 10$
$B_s^0$ $\tau_{B_s^0}$	$> 0.2 \text{ ps}$
$K$ DLL $_{K\pi}$	$> -5$
$\pi$ DLL $_{K\pi}$	$< 10$

Table 2.1: Summary of the stripping selections for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decays.

39 multivariate classifier is trained which combines the information of several input vari-  
40 ables, including their correlation, into one powerful discriminator between signal and  
41 combinatorial background.

## 42 4.1 Cut-based selection

43 In order to minimize the contribution of combinatorial background to our samples, we  
44 apply the following cuts to the b-hadron:

- 45 (i) DIRA  $> 0.99994$
- 46 (ii) min IP  $\chi^2 < 20$  to any PV
- 47 (iii) FD  $\chi^2 > 100$  to any PV
- 48 (iv) Vertex  $\chi^2/\text{nDoF} < 8$

49 (v)  $(Z_{D_s} - Z_{B_s^0}) > 0$ , where  $Z_M$  is the z-component of the position  $\vec{x}$  of the decay vertex  
 50 for the  $B_s^0/D_s$  meson

51 Additionally, we veto various physical backgrounds, which have either the same final  
 52 state as our signal decay, or can contribute via a single miss-identification of  $K \rightarrow \pi$  or  
 53  $K \rightarrow p$ :

- 54 •  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^- : |M(K\pi\pi) - m_{D_s}| > 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- 55 •  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K K \pi : \pi^- \text{ DLL}_{K\pi} < 5$
- 56 •  $B^0 \rightarrow D^+(\rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+) K \pi \pi$  : possible with single miss-ID of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+$ , vetoed by  
 57 changing mass hypothesis and recompute  $|M(K^+ \pi^- \pi^+) - m_{D_p}| > 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , or  
 58 the  $K^+$  has to fulfill  $\text{DLL}_{K\pi} > 10$
- 59 •  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+(\rightarrow p K^- \pi^+) K \pi \pi$  : possible with single miss-ID of  $K^+ \rightarrow p$ , vetoed by  
 60 changing mass hypothesis and recompute  $M(p K^- \pi^+) - m_{\Lambda_c^+} > 15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , or the  
 61  $K^+$  has to fulfill  $\text{DLL}_{Kp} > 0$

62 All signal candidates for the branching ratio measurement are reconstructed via the  
 63  $D_s \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$  channel. This decay can either proceed via the narrow  $\phi$  resonance, the  
 64 broader  $K^{*0}$  resonance, or non-resonant. Depending on the decay process being resonant  
 65 or not, we apply additional PID requirements:

- 66 1. resonant case, no additional PID requirements {In case of  $K^{*0}$  we also apply tighter  
 67 PID cuts}:
  - 68 (a)  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$ , with  $|M(K^+ K^-) - m_\phi| < 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - 69 (b)  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} K^+$ , with  $|M(K^- \pi^+) - m_{K^{*0}}| < 75 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- 70 2. non-resonant case:  $\text{DLL}_{K\pi} > 0$  for kaons

## 71 4.2 Multivariate stage

72 We use TMVA [3] to train a multivariate discriminator, which is used to further improve  
 73 the signal to background ratio. The 17 variables used for the training are:

- 74 •  $\max(\text{ghostProb})$  over all tracks
- 75 •  $\text{cone}(p_T)$  asymmetry of every track
- 76 •  $\min(\text{IP}\chi^2)$  over the  $X_s$  daughters
- 77 •  $\max(\text{DOCA})$  over all pairs of  $X_s$  daughters
- 78 •  $\min(\text{IP}\chi^2)$  over the  $D_s$  daughters

- 79 •  $D_s$  DIRA
- 80 •  $D_s$  FD significance
- 81 •  $\max(\cos(D_s h_i))$ , where  $\cos(D_s h_i)$  is the cosine of the angle between the  $D_s$  and
- 82 another track  $i$  in the plane transverse to the beam
- 83 •  $B_s^0$  IP $\chi^2$ , FD $\chi^2$  and Vertex  $\chi^2$

84 Various classifiers were investigated in order to select the most efficient discriminator.  
 85 As the result a boosted decision tree with gradient boost (BDTG) is chosen as nominal  
 86 classifier. We use truth-matched Monte Carlo (MC) as signal input. Those simulated  
 87 signal candidates are required to pass the same trigger and stripping requirements, that  
 88 were used to select the data samples. {What about other preselection cuts? Maybe we  
 89 could include the PID weights?} For the background we use events from the high mass  
 90 sideband ( $m_{B_s^0 \text{ candidate}} > 5600 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) of our data samples.

91 The distributions of the input variables for signal and background are shown in Fig. 4.1.

92 The relative importance of the input variables for the BDTG training is summarized  
 93 in Table 4.1.

Variable	relative importance [%]
max_ghostProb	14.93
log_Bs_IPCHI2_OWNPV	10.91
log_DsDaughters_min_IPCHI2	10.67
K_plus_ptasy_1.00	9.60
Bs_ENDVERTEX_CHI2	9.38
K_minus_fromDs_ptasy_1.00	8.99
log_Ds_FDCHI2_ORIVX	8.78
log_XsDaughters_min_IPCHI2	7.23
K_plus_fromDs_ptasy_1.00	6.62
Xs_max_DOCA	4.13
log_Bs_DIRA	3.36
pi_minus_ptasy_1.00	1.63
pi_minus_fromDs_ptasy_1.00	1.46
cos(Ds h)	0.93
log_Bs_FDCHI2_OWNPV	0.69
pi_plus_ptasy_1.00	0.43
log_Ds_DIRA	0.27

Table 4.1: Summary of the relative importance of each variable in the training of the BDTG.

94 The BDTG output distribution for test and training samples is shown in Fig 4.2. No  
 95 sign of overtraining is observed.

96 We determine the optimal cut value by maximizing the figure of merit  $S/\sqrt{S+B}$   
 97 where  $S$  is the signal yield and  $B$  the background yield in the signal region, defined to be



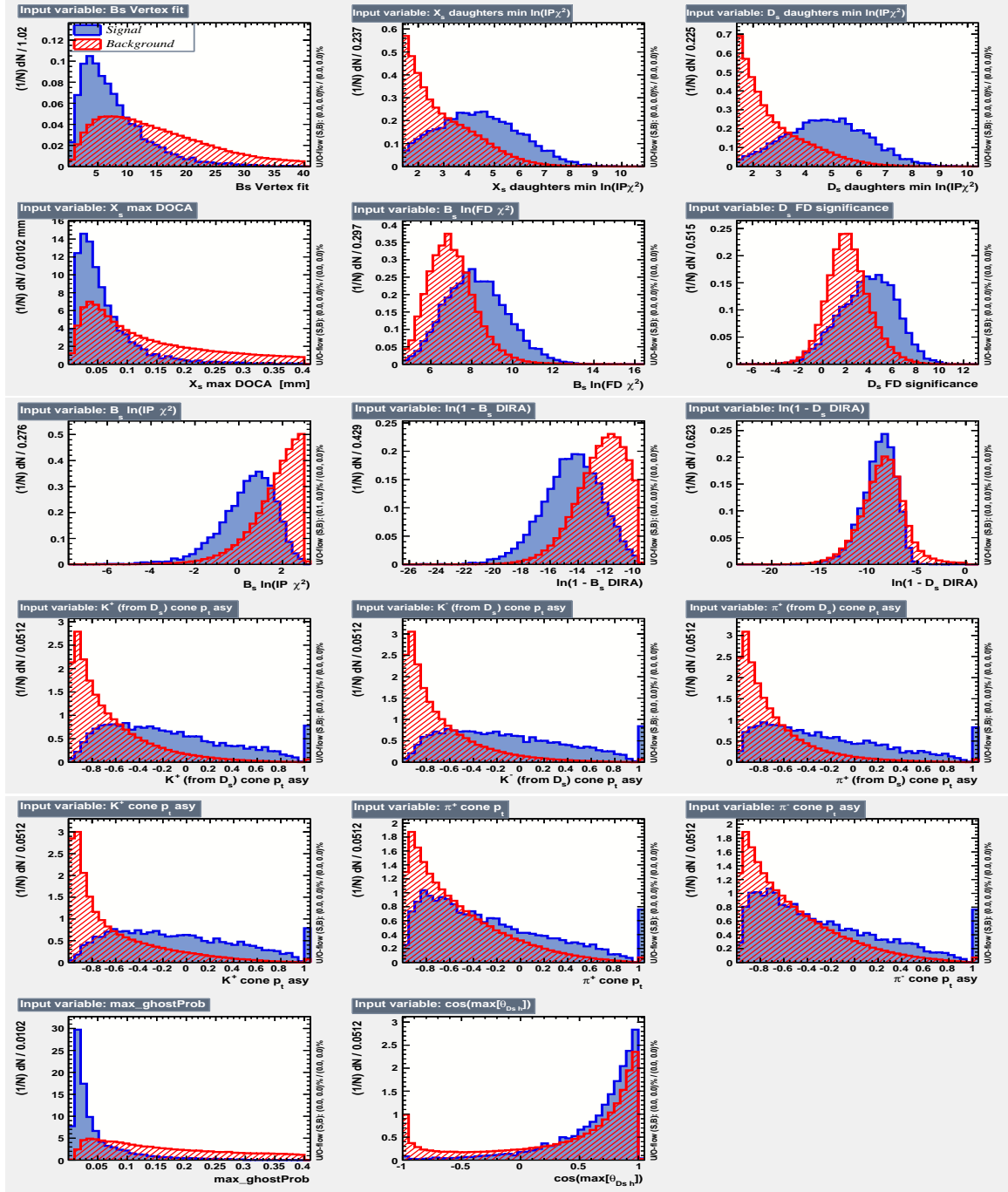


Figure 4.1: Distributions of the input variables used in the BDTG training. The background is shown as red hatched, while the signal is depicted solid blue.

98 within  $\pm 50$  MeV/ $c^2$  of the nominal  $B_s^0$  mass. To avoid a bias in the determination of the  
 99 branching fraction, we determine S and B using our normalization channel. All trigger,  
 100 stripping and additional selections described in this and the previous chapters are applied

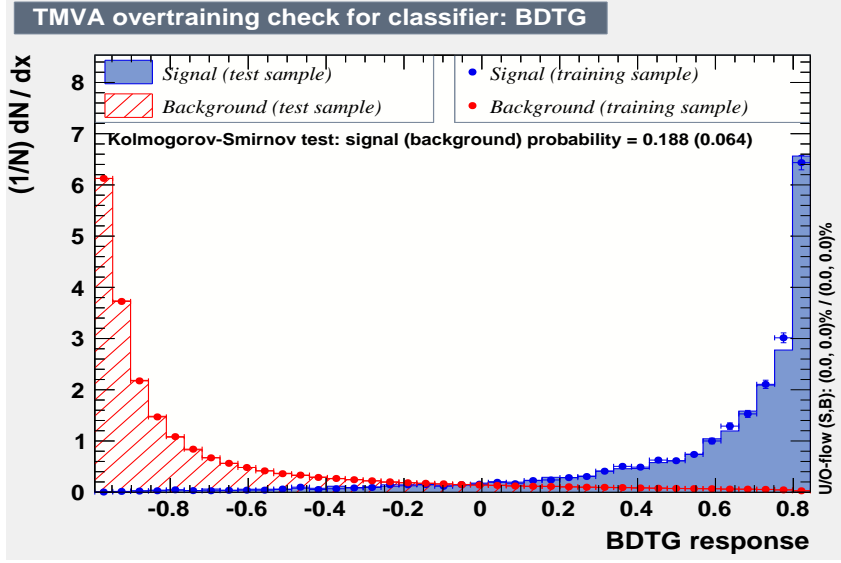


Figure 4.2: BDTG output classifier distribution for (blue) signal and (red) background. The response of an independent test sample is overlaid.

to the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  data samples. After that, we perform a simplified version of the fit to the invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates described in Sec. 6. Here, a gaussian signal model and an exponential function to model combinatorial background is used. From this fit we can estimate the number of signal events in our normalization channel. Multiplying that number with the PDG branching fraction of  $\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi)}$  and the ratio of efficiencies discussed in Sec. 7 allows us to estimate the expected number of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  signals. The number of background events can then be computed as

$$N_{bkg} = N_{all} - N_{sig}|_{m_{B_s^0} \pm 50 \text{ MeV}/c^2}. \quad (4.1)$$

The efficiency curves as a function of the cut value are shown in Fig. 4.3.

## 5 Models for signal and background components in invariant mass spectrum

The expected Signal shape, as well as the expected shape for the combinatorial and physical backgrounds have to be known in order to properly describe the invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates.

### 5.1 Signal model

The mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  signal is modeled using two gaussian functions, which share the same mean  $\mu$ , but are allowed to have different widths  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ . Another

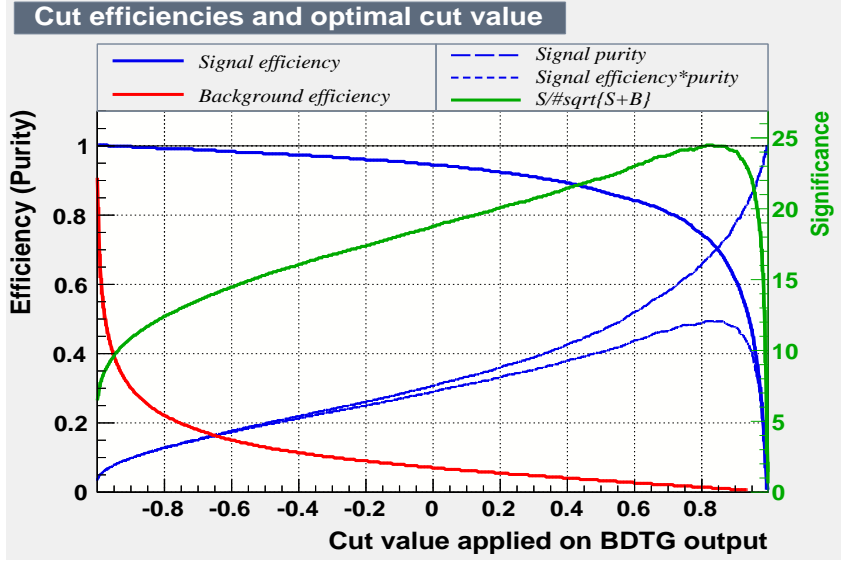


Figure 4.3: Efficiency and purity curves for (blue) signal, (red) background and the (green) FoM curve, as a function of the chosen cut value.

double gaussian is used to account for the contribution of  $B^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decays, which are also present in the  $m(D_s K \pi \pi)$  spectrum. All parameters of both double gaussians except the core width  $\sigma_1$  {Why is it fixed and to what? } are allowed to float in the nominal fit. The same approach is used to describe the invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates. A double gaussian is used to model this signal shape, all parameters except the core width  $\sigma_1$  are allowed to float.

## 5.2 Background models for $m(D_s \pi \pi \pi)$

Different background sources arise in the invariant mass spectrum of candidates for the normalization mode.

The following backgrounds have to be accounted for:

- combinatorial background: This contribution arises from either a real  $D_s$ , which is paired with random tracks to form the  $B_s^0$  candidates, or via real  $X_d$ 's, which are combined with three tracks that fake a  $D_s$  candidate to form a fake  $B_s^0$ .
- Partially reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  decays, with  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma$  or  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \pi^0$ , where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  is not reconstructed in the decay chain.

In both cases of combinatorial background, the distribution in the invariant mass spectrum of  $B_s^0$  candidates is expected to be smooth and decrease with higher masses. Therefore, one exponential function is used to model these contributions. The shape of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  contribution is expected to be peaking in the  $m(D_s \pi \pi \pi)$

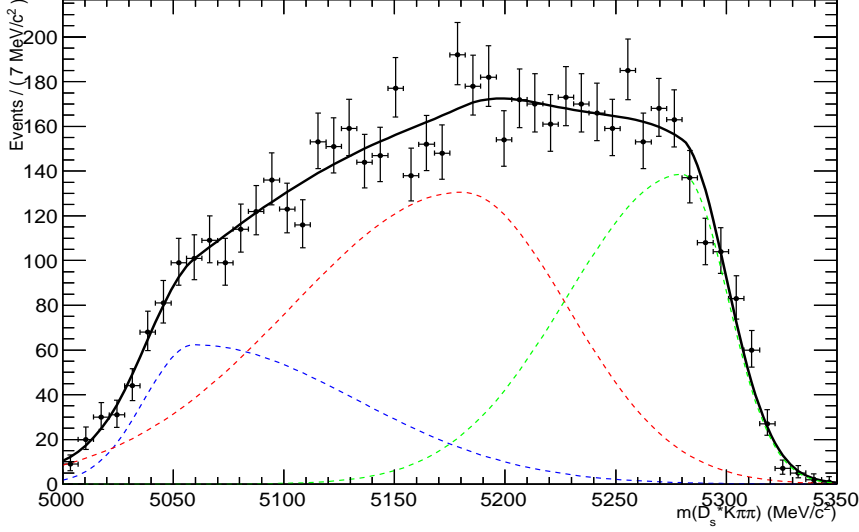


Figure 5.1: Invariant mass distribution of simulated  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  events, where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  is excluded from the reconstruction. A fit of the sum of three bifurcated gaussians to this distribution is overlaid.

spectrum, with large tails due to the missing momentum, which is carried away by the  $\pi^0$  or  $\gamma$ . We rely on simulation to estimate the shape of this contribution.

Figure 5.1 shows the fit of the sum of three bifurcated gaussians to the invariant mass distribution of simulated  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  event. The pion or photon from  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s(\gamma/\pi^0)$  is excluded from the reconstruction. The obtained shape parameters are used as input values for the nominal  $m(D_s \pi \pi \pi)$  mass fit. The yield of this contribution is directly determined in the nominal fit.

### 5.3 Background models for $m(D_s K \pi \pi)$

For the signal channel, the following background sources have to be considered:

- combinatorial background: Same contributions as discussed in Sec. 5.2.
- Partially reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  decays, with  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma$  or  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \pi^0$ , where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  is not reconstructed in the decay chain.
- Partially reconstructed  $B^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  decays, with  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma$  or  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \pi^0$ , where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  is not reconstructed in the decay chain.
- miss-identified  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  decays, where one of the pions is wrongly identified as a kaon  $\pi \rightarrow K$ .

- miss-identified, partially reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  decays, where one of the pions is wrongly identified as a kaon  $\pi \rightarrow K$  and the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  from  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma/\pi^0$  is not reconstructed.

Again the combinatorial background is expected to be flat in the spectrum of the invariant mass of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  candidates. An exponential function is used to model this contribution.

The shape of the partially reconstructed  $B_s^0/B^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  background is taken from simulation. {I think we take them from the normalization mode} A MC sample of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  events, where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  is excluded from the reconstruction, is generated. The sum of three bifurcated gaussians is then fitted to the mass distribution of  $B_s^0$  candidates. The distribution and the overlaid fit is shown in Fig. 5.2.

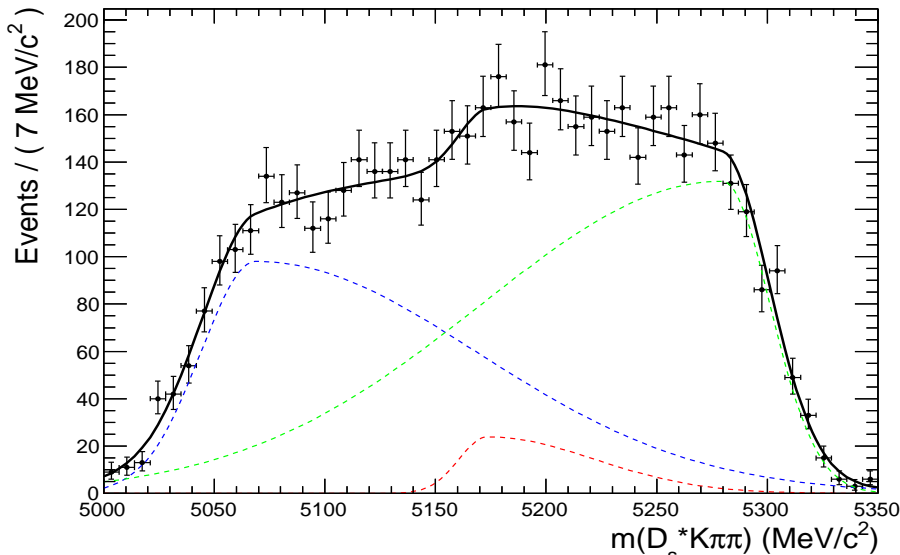


Figure 5.2: Invariant mass distribution of simulated  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  events, where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  is excluded from the reconstruction. A fit of the sum of three bifurcated gaussians to this distribution is overlaid.

The obtained shape parameters are used as input values for the nominal  $m(D_s K \pi \pi)$  mass fit. For the contribution of the  $B^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  background, the same shape is used, but the means  $\mu_i$  of the bifurcated gaussians are shifted down by  $m_{B_s^0} - m_{B^0}$  [4]. The yield of both contributions are directly determined in the nominal fit.

To determine the shape of miss-identified  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates in the  $m(D_s K \pi \pi)$  spectrum, we take a truth matched signal MC sample of our normalization channel. We then use the PIDCalib package to determine the  $\pi \rightarrow K$  fake rate. For every candidate in our MC sample, a  $p$  and  $\eta$ -dependent event weight is computed and assigned. We flip the particle hypothesis from pion to kaon for the  $\pi$  with the biggest miss-ID weight for each

event and recompute the invariant  $B_s^0$  mass. This distribution is then modelled using two  
crystal ball functions. The distribution and fit is shown in Fig. 5.3(left).

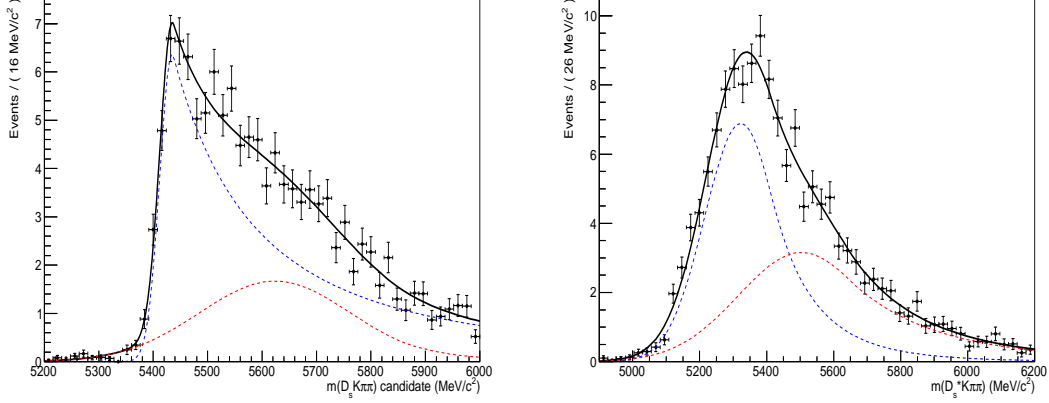


Figure 5.3: Invariant mass distribution of (left) simulated  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  events, where one of the  $\pi$ 's is reconstructed as a  $K$  and the miss-ID probability for each event is taken into account. The corresponding distribution for simulated  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  events, where the  $\gamma/\pi^0$  from the  $D_s^*$  is excluded from reconstruction, is shown on the right. A fit of the sum of two crystal ball functions to each of these distributions is overlaid.

The expected yield of miss-identified  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates in the  $m(D_s K \pi \pi)$  spectrum is computed by multiplying the fake probability of  $\propto 3.2\%$ , which is derived from PIDCalib, by the yield of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  signal candidates, determined in the nominal mass fit of our normalization channel.

In the same way as mentioned above, we can determine the rate of miss-identified, partially reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  decays in our sample of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decays using PIDCalib and a MC sample of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  events. The invariant mass distribution we obtain when we exlude the  $\gamma/\pi^0$ , flip the the particle hypothesis  $\pi \rightarrow K$  and apply the event weights given by the fake rate, is shown in Fig. 5.3 (right). The fit of two crystal ball functions to this distribution is overlaid. The yield of this contribution is determined from the yield of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  candidates in the nominal mass fit of our normalization channel, multiplied by the miss-ID probability of  $\propto 3.6\%$ .

## 6 Massfits for signal and normalization channel

This section describes the nominal fits to the invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates after all selection steps, described in the previous Sections, are applied. The obtained yields are summarized in Tab. 6.1.

## 6.1 Fit to $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$ candidates

An unbinned maximum likelihood fit is performed to the invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates. As discussed in Sec. 5.1, the fit is given as the sum of the double gaussian signal model, the sum of three bifurcated gaussians to model the partially reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  background, as well as an exponential to account for combinatorial background. The invariant mass distribution and the fit to it is shown in Fig. 6.1.

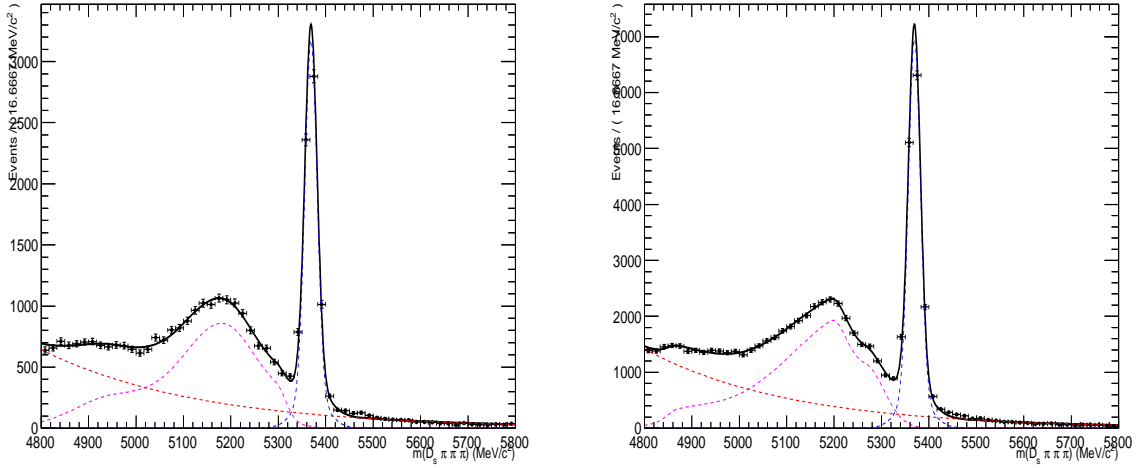


Figure 6.1: Invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  candidates for (left) 2011 and (right) 2012 data. A fit described in the text is overlaid. The dashed lines show the (green) partially reconstructed and (red) combinatorial background, as well as the (blue) signal component.

The determined number of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  decays is  $7173 \pm 115$  for 2011 data and  $15640 \pm 151$  for 2012 data. The determined yield for the partially reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  background is (2011)  $13685 \pm 449$  and (2012)  $28702 \pm 573$ , while the yield for the combinatorial background is (2011)  $12193 \pm 457$  and (2012)  $25212 \pm 564$ .

## 6.2 Fit to $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$ candidates

Fig. 6.2 shows the invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  candidates. A unbinned maximum likelihood fit is overlaid, which consists of two double gaussian models for the  $B^0$  and  $B_s^0$  signal, two sums of three bifurcated gaussians for the  $B_s^0/B^0 \rightarrow D_s^* K \pi \pi$  partially reconstructed background contributions and two sums of double crystal ball functions for the single miss-ID  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$  and the partially reconstructed, miss-identified  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^* \pi \pi \pi$  decays.

The extracted signal yields are (2011)  $332 \pm 27$  and (2012)  $787 \pm 39$ .

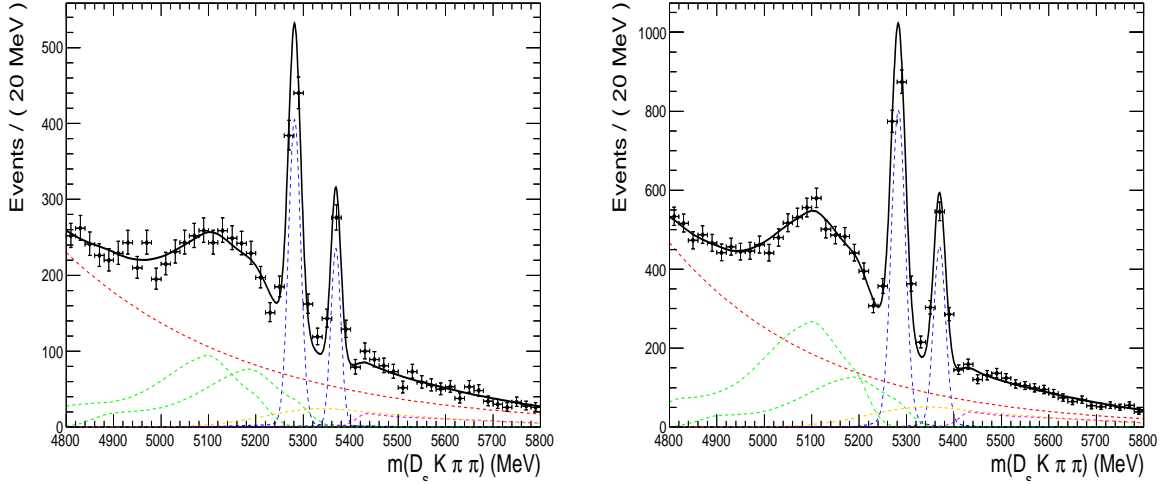


Figure 6.2: Invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  candidates for (left) 2011 and (right) 2012 data. A fit described in the text is overlaid. The dashed lines show the (green) partially reconstructed and (red) combinatorial background, as well as the (blue) signal component. Additional, the dashed magenta line depicts the miss-ID background and the dashed yellow line shows the miss-identified, partially reconstructed background component.

Decay	yield 2011	yield 2012
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$	$332 \pm 27$	$787 \pm 39$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$	$7173 \pm 115$	$15640 \pm 151$

Table 6.1: Summary of signal yields from the fits to 2011 and 2012 data.

## 7 Efficiency corrections

Several relative efficiency corrections are needed to measure the branching fraction of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$  with respect to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$ . Precise knowledge of the efficiency related to the detector acceptance, PID requirements, used trigger lines and offline selections are crucial for both, the determination of  $\gamma$  and the branching ratio measurement.

### 7.1 Relative efficiency for BR measurement

For the branching ratio measurement, the relative efficiency is given by

$$\epsilon_{rel} = \epsilon_{rel}^{acc} \cdot \epsilon_{rel}^{sel} \cdot \epsilon_{rel}^{pid}, \quad (7.1)$$

where  $\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon_{Norm}}{\epsilon_{Sig}}$  is the ratio of the efficiency for the signal and normalization mode. To evaluate these efficiencies, we rely on simulation. The three efficiencies given in Eq. 7.1 are:



- $\epsilon_{rel}^{acc}$ : This is the relative efficiency due to the geometrical acceptance of the LHCb detector. All tracks are required to have a polar angle between 10 and 400 mrad and a minimal momentum of  $|p| > 1.6$  GeV/c in order to be recorded for further analysis. Since the particle species of one track differs between the signal and normalization mode, the efficiencies caused by the geometrical acceptance are expected to be different for the two channels.
- $\epsilon_{rel}^{sel}$ : The relative selection efficiency due to trigger and offline requirements.
- $\epsilon_{rel}^{pid}$ : The relative PID efficiency due to the identification likelihood requirements for tracks from both modes. This is evaluated using efficiencies from  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0(K^-\pi^+)\pi^+$  calibration data, which is weighted by the expected momentum (p) distribution taken from simulation.

Using the definition given in Eq. 7.1, the branching ratio can be expressed as

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi)} = \frac{\mathcal{Y}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi)}{\mathcal{Y}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi)}, \cdot \epsilon_{rel} \quad (7.2)$$

where  $\mathcal{Y}(x)$  represents the yield of the respective channel. The single efficiencies, as well as the total selection efficiency, for the signal and normalization channel, is given in Table 7.1.

Efficiency (%)	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi$	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi$
2011 $\epsilon^{acc}$	$15.84 \pm 0.04$	$9.85 \pm 0.04$
2012 $\epsilon^{acc}$	$16.11 \pm 0.04$	yyy
2011 $\epsilon^{sel}$	$0.658 \pm 0.011$	$0.894 \pm 0.013$
2012 $\epsilon^{sel}$	$0.574 \pm 0.008$	yyy
2011 $\epsilon^{pid}$	$74.88 \pm 0.85$	$92.64 \pm 0.47$
2012 $\epsilon^{pid}$	$74.30 \pm 0.85$	-
2011 total $\epsilon$	$0.078 \pm 0.002$	$0.082 \pm 0.001$
2012 total $\epsilon$	$0.069 \pm 0.002$	zz

Table 7.1: Efficiencies due to the detector acceptance, selection requirements and PID cuts for the signal and normalization mode. All values are obtained using simulated events.

## 8 Systematic errors

Several systematic errors contribute to the overall uncertainty on the branching fractions. We consider the most significant ones:

- Particle identification
- Signal and background models

239 • Determination of the selection efficiency with MC

240 • MC statistics

241 • BDTG efficiency

242 Text with short description of every source and how we determine systematic uncer-  
243 tainty.

Source	Uncertainty on $\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi)}$ [%]
PID	
Fit model	
MC efficiency determination	
MC statistics	
BDTG efficiency	
Total	

Table 8.1: Summary of considered systematic uncertainties on the branching ratio determination.

## 244 9 Results and summary

245 Using the definition of the branching ratio given in Eq. 7.2, we compute from the measured  
246 yields and efficiencies:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s K \pi \pi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s \pi \pi \pi)} = 0.051 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.xxx, \quad (9.1)$$

247 where the uncertainties are statistical and systematical, respectively. Further discus-  
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