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Time-integrated mixing probability for B mesons

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Abstract

A measurement of the integrated mixing probability for neutral B mesons $\bar{\chi}$ is presented, based on a data sample corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 27.9 pb^{-1} collected by the CMS experiment at the LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$. Pairs of muons are selected, where each particle has momentum $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$ and pseudorapidity $|\eta| < 2.1$. By comparing the amount of equal charge combinations to the overall number of pairs, the value $\bar{\chi} = 0.134 \pm 0.001(\text{stat.}) \pm ?(\text{syst})$ is obtained. This result is used to constrain the probabilities for the hadronization of a b -quark to either a B^0 or B_s meson.

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1 Introduction

Flavor changing neutral currents induce the flavor (F) transformation $\Delta F = 2$ of a neutral B-meson into its antiparticle and viceversa. In the standard model this phenomenon is described by box diagrams involving the exchange of two up-like quarks (mostly top) and two W bosons. Precise measurements of the flavor oscillation frequencies, $\Delta m_d = 0.508 \pm 0.003$ (stat) ± 0.003 (syst) ps^{-1} and $\Delta m_s = 17.77 \pm 0.10$ (stat) ± 0.07 (syst) ps^{-1} have been performed for B^0 mesons by the B-factories [1? ? ?], and for B_s mesons by the CDF collaboration [?]. The corresponding time integrated mixing probabilities, $\chi_d = \frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow B^0)} = 0.1873 \pm 0.0024$ and $\chi_s = 0.49927 \pm 0.00003$ are computed by integrating the functions describing the time dependent B-flavor oscillation.

A measurement of the average time integrated mixing probability, $\bar{\chi} = \frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow B \rightarrow \bar{B})}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow B)} = f_d \chi_d + f_s \chi_s$ (charge conjugate processes are always implied) with the CMS detector at the LHC is described here, where f_d and f_s are the fractions of B^0 and B_s mesons in an unbiased sample of weakly decaying b -hadrons. The measurement of $\bar{\chi}$ provides therefore a constraint on the values of f_d and f_s . Uncertainties on the b -sample composition are among the largest sources of systematic errors in the measurements of b -hadrons branching fractions at LHC [?].

Experimentally, $\bar{\chi}$ is measured by comparing the rates of events with two equal or opposite charge leptons from the semileptonic decay $B \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell X$. Same-charge events occur when one, and one only, of the two B-hadrons produced undergoes mixing (hereafter, mixed events). Opposite-charge data (hereafter, unmixed) are observed when either none or both the mesons have oscillated. Precise measurements of $\bar{\chi}$ have been performed by the LEP collaborations [? ? ? ?] in e^+e^- collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 91$ GeV. The LEP average $\bar{\chi} = 0.126 \pm 0.004$ [?] is still the most precise determination of $\bar{\chi}$. The latest CDF result $\bar{\chi} = 0.126 \pm 0.008$ [?] is well consistent with the LEP value, confirming the hypothesis that B-hadrons are produced in equal proportions in e^+e^- and $p\bar{p}$ colliders. It should be noted that, to derive this result, a sizable fraction of the CDF dimuon sample is assigned to an unknown origin, not explained by standard model sources [?].

It is not expected a priori that the B-hadron sample composition at the LHC be the same as at LEP or Tevatron, because the initial state in a pp collision is not flavor symmetric, with four valence u -quarks and two valence d -quarks. The LHCb collaboration has measured the composition of the B-hadron mixture by comparing the event rates in fully reconstructed final states [?]. These measurements are however performed in a different kinematical domain, and are intrinsically limited by the knowledge of the branching ratios of the reference B decays. A measurement of $\bar{\chi}$ at CMS allows therefore a comparison with the results obtained at flavor symmetric colliders or in a different kinematic range at LHC. Besides increasing our understanding of the $b \rightarrow B$ fragmentation process, this helps improving the measurements of rare B decays from the LHC experiments.

Events are selected containing at least two muons, each with $p_T > 4$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.1$, where p_T is the projection of the track momentum in the direction orthogonal to the beam axis, and the pseudorapidity $\eta = -\ln[\tan(\theta/2)]$ is defined from the angle θ between the track momentum and the counterclockwise beam direction. Each muon must belong to a jet reconstructed with a particle flow algorithm. The momentum of the muon in the direction orthogonal to the jet axis, p_T^{jet} , is used to discriminate signal events from the background, which includes muons from c and light hadrons decays, punch through and muons from the cascade process $B \rightarrow \bar{D}X \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell X'$. This last source results in muons with the opposite charge correlation to the original B meson flavor as compared to the signal, diluting the sensitivity of the measurement.

47 To improve background rejection the muon is removed from the jet when computing the jet
 48 axis direction. The signal fractions in the mixed and unmixed samples are determined with a
 49 two-dimensional (2D) fit to the muons p_T^{jet} .

50 The measurement is performed first on the full selected sample. Then events are separated into
 51 three sets, depending on whether the impact parameters d_{xy} of the two muons are both below a
 52 given threshold, both above the threshold, or one below and one above. The impact parameter,
 53 defined as the distance of minimal approach of the muon track to the collision point, projected
 54 in the plane orthogonal to the beam direction, is a good estimator of the proper decay time of
 55 the B hadron. Due to the much larger oscillation frequency, B_s contributes more to mixing in
 56 the low d_{xy} region, whereas the high d_{xy} sample contains a significant fraction of events from
 57 B^0 mixing. Finally, the measurements are repeated separately for positive-charge and negative-
 58 charge mixed events.

59 This paper is structured as follows. A brief description of the CMS detector is presented in
 60 Section 2. Section 3 describes the collision and simulated data used for this measurement and
 61 the selection criteria. Section 4 contains a detailed description of the categories in which events
 62 are grouped according to each muon's production process and kinematic features, while the fit
 63 to the p_T^{jet} distributions is discussed in Section 5. Section 6 is devoted to the determination of
 64 the systematic uncertainties. Section ?? summarizes the results.

65 2 The CMS detector

66 A detailed description of the CMS experiment can be found elsewhere [2]. The central feature
 67 of the CMS apparatus is a superconducting 3.8 T solenoid of 6 m internal diameter. Within
 68 the field volume are the silicon tracker, the crystal electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL), and
 69 the brass/scintillator hadron calorimeter (HCAL). Muons are detected in the pseudorapidity
 70 range $|\eta| < 2.4$ by gaseous detectors utilizing three technologies: drift tubes (DT), cathode
 71 strip chambers (CSC), and resistive plate chambers (RPC), embedded in the steel return yoke.
 72 The silicon tracker is composed of pixel detectors (three barrel layers and two forward disks on
 73 either side of the detector, made of 66 million $100 \mu\text{m} \times 150 \mu\text{m}$ pixels) followed by microstrip
 74 detectors (ten barrel layers, three inner disks and nine forward disks on either side of the detec-
 75 tor, with the strip pitch between 80 and $180 \mu\text{m}$). Thanks to the strong magnetic field and high
 76 granularity of the silicon tracker, the transverse momentum p_T of muons matched to recon-
 77 structed tracks is measured with the resolution better than 1.5% for $p_T < 100 \text{ GeV}$. The silicon
 78 tracker also provides the vertex position with $\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$ accuracy. The impact parameter resolu-
 79 tion is measured with a sample of muons from $Y(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays to be $28 \mu\text{m}$ for muons
 80 with $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$.

81 The first level (L1) of the CMS trigger system, composed of custom hardware processors, uses
 82 information from the calorimeters and muon detectors to select the most interesting events.
 83 The rapidity coverage of the L1 muon triggers used in this analysis is $|\eta| < 2.4$. The high-level-
 84 trigger processor farm further decreases the event rate before data storage.

85 3 Data selection and Monte Carlo simulation

86 The data employed for this measurement were collected with the CMS detector during the
 87 2010 running period of the LHC. They correspond to an integrated luminosity $\mathcal{L} = 27.9 \pm$
 88 1.1 pb^{-1} [3]. A sample of events with two muons, each with transverse momentum $p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}$
 89 were selected at the trigger level. Further requirements, designed to increase the purity of the

90 muon candidates and to increase the fraction of muons from b decay in the sample, are applied
 91 at the analysis stage. A muon candidate is selected by matching information from the silicon
 92 tracker and muon chambers. The track must contain at least 12 hits from the silicon tracker,
 93 with signals in at least two pixel layers, and a normalized χ^2 not exceeding 2. The overall χ^2
 94 obtained by combining the information from the tracker and the muon chambers should not
 95 exceed 10 times the number of degrees of freedom. Finally, each muon must be contained in
 96 the kinematical region defined by $|\eta| < 2.1$ and $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$.

97 Primary interaction vertices are reconstructed event-by-event from the reconstructed tracks. A
 98 candidate vertex is accepted if its fit has at least four degrees of freedom and its distance from
 99 the beam spot does not exceed 24 cm along the beam line and 1.8 cm in the plane transverse
 100 to the beams. Tracks are assigned to the primary vertex for which the track's distance to the
 101 vertex along the beam direction is smallest at the point of closest approach in the transverse
 102 plane. Muon tracks are required to have an impact parameter d_{xy} perpendicular to the beam
 103 direction and with respect to its assigned primary vertex of less than 0.2 cm. Events are kept
 104 only if both muon tracks are assigned to the same primary vertex, and both cross the beam axis
 105 within 1 cm of that vertex position along the beam direction.

106 Jets are reconstructed with a particle flow technique combining information from the tracker,
 107 the calorimeters and the muon chamber. The anti- K_T algorithm is employed, with a cone se-
 108 lection of ... Jets with $p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}$ are rejected. Muons not associated to a selected jet are
 109 then neglected. The muon momentum in the direction perpendicular to the jet axis, p_T^{jet} , is then
 110 computed. To increase the discriminant power of this variable, the muon 3-momentum is first
 111 subtracted from the jet. If less than two muons associated to different jets are found, the event
 112 is rejected.

113 The dimuon invariant mass must be contained in the range $5 \text{ GeV} < M_{\mu\mu} < 70 \text{ GeV}$. The lower
 114 bound rejects events from charmonium resonances and sequential semileptonic decays from a
 115 single b quark (for example $b \rightarrow J/\psi X \rightarrow \mu\mu X$, or $b \rightarrow c\mu X \rightarrow \mu\mu X'$), the upper bound removes
 116 events from Z^0 decays.

117 If more than one muon pair is selected in an event, the combination with the largest values of
 118 p_T^{jet} is used. A total of ... are finally selected.

119 A sample of simulated Monte Carlo (MC) events were generated using the minimum-bias set-
 120 tings of PYTHIA 6.422 [4] (parameter MSEL=1), with the Z2 tune [5], and incorporating the
 121 CTEQ6L1 parton distribution functions (PDF) [6]. To increase the generation efficiency within
 122 the selected acceptance, a filter was applied at the generator level requiring two muons with
 123 $p_T^{\text{gen}} > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta^{\text{gen}}| < 2.5$. The generated samples include events with muons orig-
 124 inating from the decay of light mesons (mostly charged pions and kaons) within the tracker
 125 volume.

126 A third MC sample was produced to simulate the Drell-Yan process. MC events, including the
 127 full simulation of the CMS detector and trigger via the GEANT4 package [7], are subjected to
 128 the same reconstruction and selection as the real data.

129 4 Templates for different muon classes

130 The fraction of signal events in each data sample is obtained from a fit to the 2D distribution
 131 of the p_T^{jet} of the two muons. For this purpose, reconstructed muons in the simulated events
 132 are separated into different classes, defined according to their origin. The single-particle p_T^{jet}

133 distributions are obtained for each class from simulation and fitted using analytical functions.
 134 From these functions, the 2D templates are built symmetrically. This procedure is described in
 135 the following section.

136 4.1 Definition of muon classes

137 Information from the generation process is used to assign each reconstructed muon in the simu-
 138 lation to a well-defined category. Reconstructed muon candidates are linked to the correspond-
 139 ing generated charged particles with a hit-based associator, which reduces the probability of
 140 incorrect associations to a negligible level. Tracks are assigned to one of the following classes:

- 141 1. primary B decays (bP), corresponding to muons produced in the semileptonic decay of a
 142 B hadron, $b \rightarrow \mu^- X$.
- 143 2. sequential B decays (bS), where the muon comes from the semileptonic decay of a charm
 144 hadron or the leptonic decay of a tau lepton produced in the B-hadron decay;
- 145 3. uncorrelated background muons (bkg). This class includes those produced from lep-
 146 tonic or semileptonic decays of promptly produced charm hadrons, of charged pions and
 147 kaons, from charmonium states, and long lived hadrons punching through the calorime-
 148 ters up to the muon chambers.

149 For events in class (1), the charge of the muon track tags the flavor of the parent b-quark at
 150 decay time: a negative-charge muon is produced from the decay of an hadron containing a
 151 b-quark, a positive-charge muon flags a \bar{b} -quark. Most of the muons in class (2) are produced
 152 in the cascade process $b \rightarrow cX \rightarrow \mu^+ X'$ with the reverse charge-flavor correlation, diluting the
 153 sensitivity of the measurement (Wrong Charge bS decays). The same correlation as for the
 154 signal is found instead if either the muon comes from a tau lepton, $b \rightarrow \tau^- X \rightarrow \mu^- X'$, or from
 155 a charm hadron produced from the virtual W^* boson in double charm B-decays $b \rightarrow cW^{*-} \rightarrow$
 156 $c\bar{c}X \rightarrow \mu^- X'$.

157 The charge of class (3) muons does not convey any information on b-quark flavor.

158 Table 1 gives the single-muon sample composition from the simulation for MC events passing
 the full selection, including trigger. The predicted composition of the dimuon events from the

Table 1: Percentage of each muon class in the simulated events. The uncertainties are statistical only.

Source	Fraction in simulation (%)
Primary B (bP)	59.8 ± 0.1
Sequential B decays (bS)	12.4 ± 0.2
Random Background (bkg)	27.8 ± 0.1

159 simulation is shown in Table 2, grouped on the basis of the charge correlation. The uncertainties
 160 given in the tables are the statistical uncertainties from the simulated samples.

162 The shape of the muon p_T^{jet} spectrum is determined by the production and decay properties of
 163 the parent hadron. Primary B decays are neatly separated from the rest due to the larger mass
 164 and harder fragmentation of b-quarks. A slight separation is observed between sequential B
 165 decays and uncorrelated background. The spectra from Good Charge and Wrong Charge bS
 166 decays are identical. Fig.1 shows the template histograms obtained in the simulation for the
 167 three classes.

Table 2: Percentage of dimuon event sources in the simulation. Events from B-decays are classified as GC and WC on the basis of the correlation between the muon charge and the b-quark flavor.

Source	Fraction in simulation (%)
GC-GC	60.1 ± 0.2
GC-WC	5.0 ± 0.1
GC- <i>bkg</i>	13.5 ± 0.1
WC-WC	0.1 ± 0.1
WC- <i>bkg</i>	0.6 ± 0.1
<i>bkg-bkg</i>	20.7 ± 0.1

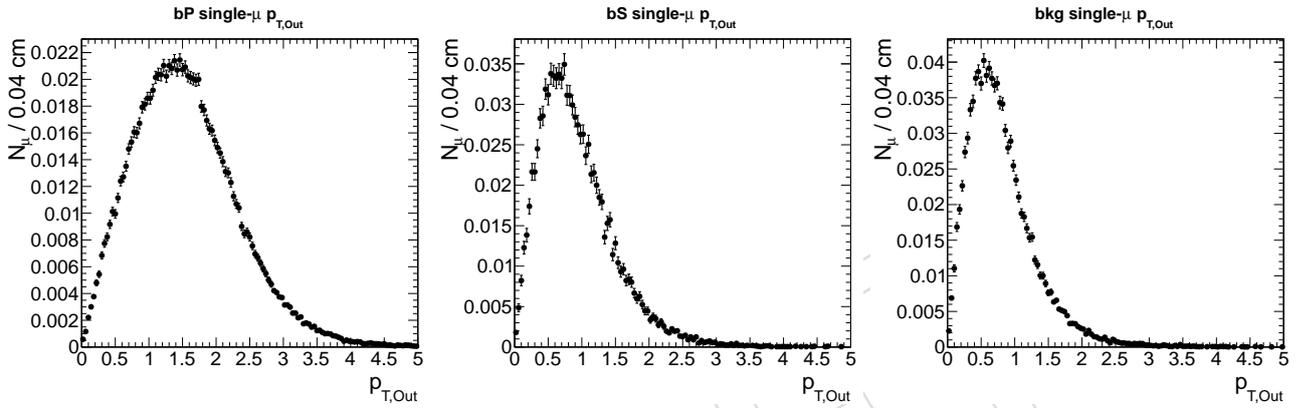


Figure 1: 1D p_T^{jet} distributions for the different categories. Left: B hadron direct decays (bP), center: B hadron sequential decays (bS), right: hadrons containing light quarks decays (*bkg*).

4.2 Two-dimensional template distributions

In principle, nine two-dimensional (2D) distributions should be obtained combining the three one-dimensional (1D) templates defined above. In order to reduce the number of categories, the p_T^{jet} distributions are symmetrized (i.e. $bP-bkg=bkg-bP$, etc.) using a method originally developed by the CDF collaboration [8], and already used by CMS for the measurement of the $b\bar{b}$ production cross section in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV [?]. The 1D histograms, built as described above, are normalized to unity within the fit range $0 < p_T^{jet} < 5$ GeV. The symmetrized 2D template histogram for the events with a muon of class ρ and another of class σ ($\rho, \sigma = 1, 2, 3$ according to the definition in Section 4.1) is then constructed as:

$$T_{ij}^{\rho\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}(S_i^\rho S_j^\sigma + S_j^\rho S_i^\sigma), \quad (1)$$

where S_i^ρ is the content of the i^{th} bin of the histogram describing the class ρ , and analogously for index j and class σ . In this way six symmetric distributions are obtained. The 1D projections of the corresponding templates are shown in Fig. 2.

5 Measurement of $\bar{\chi}$

Consistent with the symmetric 2D templates, the data events are also randomized by taking the p_T^{jet} of the two muons in each event, and filling the bin corresponding to $[p_T^{jet}(\mu_1), p_T^{jet}(\mu_2)]$ or to $[p_T^{jet}(\mu_2), p_T^{jet}(\mu_1)]$ according to the outcome of a random number generator. Events where

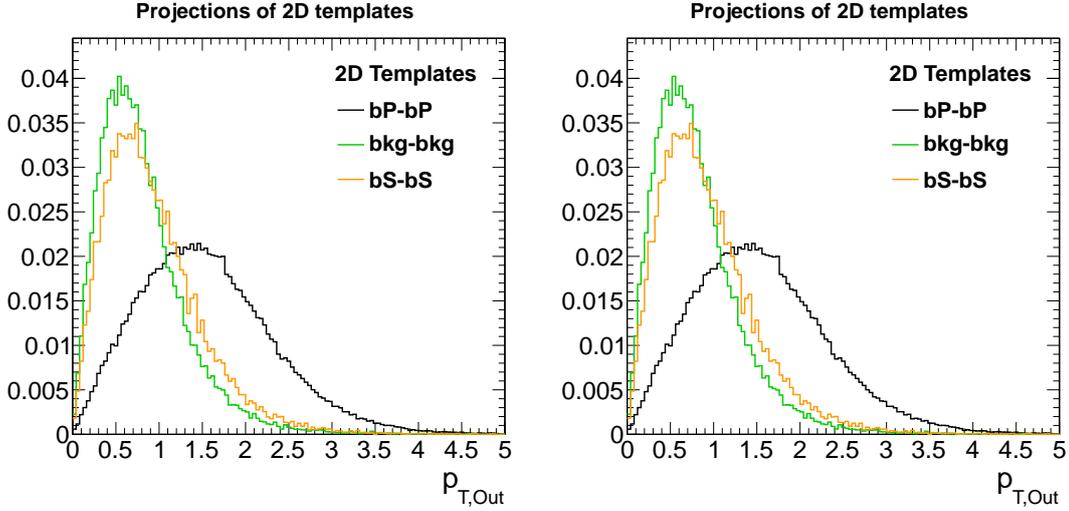


Figure 2: 1D projections of the p_T^{jet} 2D templates used in the fit for bP - bP bS - bS (bottom left), bkg - bkg on the left, and bP - bS bP - bkg bS - bkg on the right.

184 the two muons have the same electric charge are collected in the Like-Charge (LC) sample, the
 185 others in the Opposite-Charge (OC) sample. The amount of events from different sources in
 186 each sample is determined with a two dimensional (2D) binned maximum-likelihood fit. The
 187 fit minimizes the function:

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$$-2 \cdot \ln(L) = -2 \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1} [n_{ij} \ln(v_{ij}) - v_{ij}] - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k'=1}^3 \left(\frac{r_{k'} - r_{k'}^{MC}}{\sigma_{r_{k'}}^{MC}} \right)^2 \right\}, \quad (2)$$

189 where n_{ij} is the content of the data histogram in the bin (i, j) , $v_{ij} = \sum_{\rho,\sigma} f_{\rho,\sigma} T_{ij}^{\rho,\sigma}$, $f_{\rho,\sigma}$ is the param-
 190 eter expressing the number of events from the $T^{\rho,\sigma}$ template ($\rho = 1, 3, \sigma = 1, \rho$). In principle six
 191 parameters must be determined in each of the two fits. To reduce the number of fit parameters
 192 and ease the fit convergence, the three parameters $f_{bS,bS}$, $f_{bkg,bkg}$, and $f_{bS,bkg}$ are constrained so that
 193 the ratios $f_{bS,bS}/f_{bP,bP}$, $f_{bkg,bkg}/f_{bP,bkg}$, and $f_{bS,bkg}/f_{bP,bS}$ are compatible with the MC expectations
 194 within their statistical uncertainties. In Eq. (2), k is the index of the constrained templates ($bSbS$,
 195 $bkgbkg$, and $bSbkg$) r_k is the ratio of the constrained fit fraction with respect to the reference fit
 196 fraction (for instance in the $bSbS$ case $r_{bS,bS} = f_{bS,bS}/f_{bP,bP}$), r_k^{MC} is the ratio of the constrained
 197 fraction and reference fraction in the simulation, and $\sigma_{r_k}^{MC}$ its statistical uncertainty from the
 198 number of simulated events.

199 Tab. 3 gives the results of the fit to the LC and OC data samples. The quoted uncertainties are
 200 obtained from the fit and are statistical only.

201 Projections of the p_T^{jet} distributions with the results of the fits are shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 3: Top: The projected d_{xy} distributions from data with the results of the fit for muons
 with $p_T > 4\text{ GeV}$ (left) and $p_T > 6\text{ GeV}$ (right). The distribution from each dimuon source is
 shown by the histograms. Bottom: The pull distribution from the fit.

Table 3: Results of the likelihood fit to data.

Parameter
$N_{b\bar{b}}$
$N_{bkg bkg}^{LC}$
$N_{bkg bkg}^{OC}$
$N_{b\bar{b} bkg}^{LC}$
$N_{b\bar{b} bkg}^{OC}$
f_{bW}
$\bar{\chi}$

Table 4: Statistical correlation of the fit parametrs with $\bar{\chi}$

Parameter	f_{bW}	$N_{b\bar{b}}$	$N_{b\bar{b} bkg}^{LC}$	$N_{b\bar{b} bkg}^{OC}$	$N_{bkg bkg}^{LC}$	$N_{bkg bkg}^{OC}$
Correlation	0	0	0	0	0	0

6 Systematic uncertainties

Several sources of systematic uncertainties have been considered for this measurement. They are divided into uncertainties due to the model dependencies for both the signal and the backgrounds, experimental effects affecting the p_T^{jet} definition, and the fit method. Each of these is described separately in the subsections below.

6.1 Model-dependent uncertainties

Analysis bias: the value of $\bar{\chi}$ depends on the composition of the weakly-decaying B-hadrons after hadronization. The mixture observed in the MC after all selection requirements are applied is consistent with that at the generation phase. The statistical uncertainty of this comparison is propagated to the systematic uncertainty on $\bar{\chi}$.

B hadron composition: differences in the masses of the weakly decaying heavy hadrons might affect the p_T^{jet} distributions. The b and c-hadron sample compositions are varied by the errors of the LEP measurements, p_T^{jet} templates are recomputed and the fit is repeated. The variation on the result is added in quadrature to the systematic uncertainty.

Sequential B decays: the contribution from bW decays is determined by the fit, while the less sizeable bG contribution is constrained to that result by the r_{GW} factor. The systematic uncertainty is computed by varying the branching fractions for $b \rightarrow \tau X$, $b \rightarrow D\bar{D}X$, and $b \rightarrow DX$ by their errors [?], and repeating the fit with the recomputed values of r_{GW} .

b-quark fragmentation: uncertainties in the production of B hadrons from the fragmentation of a b quark affect the shape of the p_T^{jet} distributions. The systematic uncertainty is computed as the difference between the default result and those obtained with two different hadronization models in the PYTHIA simulation: the Lund symmetric [4] and the Peterson [9] functions *da ridiscutere: pare che sia meglio un'altra parametrizzazione.*

Heavy Flavor decays : PYTHIA default generator is used to describe the semileptonic decays of beauty and charm hadrons. MC events are then weighted to reproduce the spectra measured at the B-factories, described by the EVTGEN Monte Carlo. Templates are recomputed and the fit is repeated. The difference with the default result is the systematic uncertainty.

229 *Light-meson decays in flight:* muons from π and K decays have different p_T^{jet} distributions. The
 230 shape is also different for muons from light mesons produced in the hadronization of a light
 231 quark, or from the decay of a heavy hadron. The relative amount of high- p_T pion to kaon
 232 tracks is varied in a range of $\pm\%$, consistent with the precision of CMS measurements [?], [?
 233]. Likewise, the fraction of light mesons from light quarks or from heavy flavors is varied by
 234 $\pm\%$, corresponding to the uncertainties on the measurements of heavy flavor production at the
 235 LHC [?], [?], [?], [?].

236 The generator-level filter applied to the simulated sample, requiring two muons to be produced
 237 within the tracker volume in each event, affects the shape and composition of the decays-in-
 238 flight template. The impact of the filter on the BB fraction is estimated by extracting the decays-
 239 in-flight template from an unbiased simulated sample in which only one generated muon is
 240 required to pass the filter and the other muon is used in determining the template. Repeating
 241 the analysis with this new template results in a ?? variation for $\bar{\chi}$.

242 The total model-dependent systematic uncertainty, found by adding in quadrature the contri-
 243 butions listed above, is .

244 6.2 Experimental uncertainties in p_T^{jet} determination

245 Jets are reconstructed with a particle flow algorithm which exploits at best the detector in-
 246 formation. Difference in the resolution in data and simulation affect the definition of the jet
 247 direction, and therefore the p_T^{jet} templates. The resolution is measured both in data and in
 248 MC using a subset of events where a secondary vertex can be reconstructed from the charged
 249 tracks contained in the jet. The vertex must be formed by at least three tracks, and the distance
 250 in space between its position and that of the nearest primary vertex must exceed N times the
 251 error. In this very pure sample of events from B-decay, the vector joining the primary vertex
 252 to the secondary vertex positions is used to determine the azimuthal and polar coordinates of
 253 the decaying B-hadron with great precision. They are then compared to those obtained inde-
 254 pendently from the jet direction. The RMS azimuthal resolution is $\Delta\phi = \sigma(\phi_{jet} - \phi_{vertex}) = \dots$
 255 rad in the data, and ... in the MC. For the polar angle the resolution is $\Delta\theta = \dots$ in data and ... in
 256 the MC.

257 6.3 Uncertainties related to the Monte Carlo precision and the fit method

258 There are three general categories of systematic uncertainty caused by the MC statistical preci-
 259 sion and the fitting procedure. These include:

260 *Monte Carlo precision:* the likelihood fit is validated using a set of 500 parameterized simulated
 261 datasets, each with the same number of events as the data sample. The fit results from these
 262 datasets reproduce the input values with uncertainties consistent with those obtained in data,
 263 and the pull distribution is well described by a normal function. The r.m.s. of the results ob-
 264 tained for $\bar{\chi} \dots\%$, is taken as the systematic uncertainty related to the finite simulated sample.

265 *Template parameterization:* the distributions in the simulated data used for the fit are smoothed
 266 using a superposition of a ????? . The associated systematic uncertainty, evaluated by using dif-
 267 ferent parametrizations, is equal to ... The systematic uncertainty from the use of symmetrized
 268 templates is estimated to be ... by comparing the results obtained in the simulation when a sum
 269 of symmetrized templates is used as pseudo-data instead of the usual randomized distribution.

270 *Bin size and fit upper bound:* varying the bin size in the range ... accounts for a systematic
 271 uncertainty of while varying the fit upper bound in the range ... accounts for ...

272 The total systematic uncertainty related to the fit method is found by adding the contributions
273 in quadrature, which gives ...

274 6.4 Overall systematic uncertainty

275 All the systematic uncertainties described so far are summarized in Table 5 and sum in quadra-
276 ture to ..., with the larger contribution coming from ... For sake of completeness, Table 5 reports
277 also the breakdown of the systematic uncertainties affecting the measurement of f_{bW} which is
278 another significant physical parameter. Table 6 reports the correlation of the other fitted pa-
279 rameters with $\bar{\chi}$, including the systematic uncertainties.

Table 5: Systematic uncertainties on the measurements of $\bar{\chi}$ and of f_{bW}

Source	$\bar{\chi}$	f_{bW}
Model dependency		
Jet definition		
Monte Carlo precision and fit method		
Total		

Table 6: Correlation, including statistical and systematic uncertainties, of the fit parametrs with $\bar{\chi}$

Parameter	f_{bW}	$N_{b\bar{b}}$	$N_{b\bar{b} bkg}^{LC}$	$N_{b\bar{b} bkg}^{OC}$	$N_{bkg bkg}^{LC}$	$N_{bkg bkg}^{OC}$
Correlation	0	0	0	0	0	0

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