


**Measurement of  $CP$  Violation in  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(\rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)K_S^0(\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$  Decays**R. Aaij *et al.*\*  
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A measurement of time-dependent  $CP$  violation in the decays of  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  mesons to the final states  $J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)K_S^0$ ,  $\psi(2S)(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)K_S^0$  and  $J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-)K_S^0$  with  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  is presented. The data correspond to an integrated luminosity of  $6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected at a center-of-mass energy of  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$  with the LHCb detector. The  $CP$ -violation parameters are measured to be  $S_{\psi K_S^0} = 0.717 \pm 0.013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst})$  and  $C_{\psi K_S^0} = 0.008 \pm 0.012(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003(\text{syst})$ . This measurement of  $S_{\psi K_S^0}$  represents the most precise single measurement of the CKM angle  $\beta$  to date and is more precise than the current world average. In addition, measurements of the  $CP$ -violation parameters of the individual channels are reported and a combination with the LHCb Run 1 measurements is performed.

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Charge-parity ( $CP$ ) symmetry violation in transitions of neutral mesons to  $CP$ -invariant final states can occur in the interference of the decay amplitudes with and without neutral meson mixing. The  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi K_S^0$  decays involving charmonium states,  $\psi = [J/\psi, \psi(2S)]$ , are dominated by the  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  tree-level transition and have a clean experimental signature. Measurements of  $CP$  violation in neutral meson decays to charmonium final states have thus resulted in a high degree of precision for the angle  $\beta$  of the Cabibbo Kobayashi Maskawa (CKM) matrix:  $\sin(2\beta) = 0.699 \pm 0.017$  [1]. The first observation of  $CP$  violation in the  $B$ -meson system was reported in the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$  channel by the BABAR [2] and Belle [3] Collaborations. The measurement of the  $CP$ -violation parameter  $\sin(2\beta)$  has been updated several times by these experiments [4,5] and more recently by the LHCb [6,7] and Belle II [8] Collaborations.

A measurement of  $CP$  violation in the interference of  $B^0$  decays with and without mixing entails the measurement of the periodic change of decay-rate differences of initial  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  mesons to a common,  $CP$ -invariant final state,  $f$ , with time. The underlying decay-time-dependent  $CP$  asymmetry can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{CP}(t) &= \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow f)} \\ &= \frac{S \sin(\Delta m_d t) - C \cos(\Delta m_d t)}{\cosh(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Gamma_d t) + \mathcal{A}_{\Delta \Gamma} \sinh(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Gamma_d t)}, \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

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where  $S$ ,  $C$ , and  $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta \Gamma}$  are the  $CP$ -violation parameters and  $\Delta m_d$  is the  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  mixing frequency [9]. The parameter  $S$  can be related to the CKM angle  $\beta$  as  $S = \sin(2\beta + \Delta\phi_d + \Delta\phi_d^{\text{NP}})$ , where  $\Delta\phi_d^{\text{NP}}$  is a possible contribution from physics beyond the standard model. Contributions from penguin topologies to the decay amplitude that cause an additional phase shift  $\Delta\phi_d$  are CKM suppressed, hence deviations of  $S$  from  $\sin(2\beta)$  are expected to be small in the standard model [11–16]. In this measurement it is assumed that the width difference between  $B$  mass eigenstates,  $\Delta\Gamma_d$ , is compatible with zero [1], such that the denominator on the right-hand side of Eq. (1) is equal to one.

The LHCb detector [17,18] is a single-arm spectrometer covering the forward pseudorapidity region, designed for the study of particles containing  $b$  or  $c$  quarks. The detector elements that are particularly relevant to this measurement are a silicon-strip vertex locator (VELO) surrounding the proton-proton ( $pp$ ) interaction region that allows  $c$  and  $b$  hadrons to be identified from their characteristically long flight distance; a tracking system that consists of a dipole magnet and sets of tracking stations before and after the magnet, and provides a measurement of the momentum,  $p$ , of charged particles; and two ring-imaging Cherenkov detectors (RICH) that are able to discriminate between different species of charged hadrons. In addition, a muon system allows the identification of muons, and a calorimeter system provides electron identification. The online event selection is performed by a trigger [19], which consists of a hardware stage, based on information from the calorimeter and muon systems, followed by a software stage, which applies a full event reconstruction.

The measurements reported in this Letter use the  $pp$  collision data collected by the LHCb experiment during Run 2 (2015 to 2018) at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV. The three decay modes  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)K_S^0$ ,

$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0$ , and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K_S^0$ , with  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ , are studied, and a combined, time-dependent maximum-likelihood fit is performed to measure the  $CP$ -violation parameters. To select the signal modes, trigger decisions associated with particles reconstructed off-line are applied, and requirements are made on whether the decision was caused by the reconstructed signal candidate, by other reconstructed particles in the event, or both. For the dimuon channels, only candidates responsible for the muon trigger decision are considered. For the reconstruction of  $\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  candidates, muons with momentum transverse to the beam direction,  $p_T$ , larger than 500 MeV/ $c$  are required to form a good-quality vertex. The dimuon invariant mass must be within  $\pm 100$  MeV/ $c^2$  of the known  $J/\psi$  or  $\psi(2S)$  masses [10]. For the selection of  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  candidates, all events selected by the trigger are considered. The two electron candidates are required to have  $p_T > 500$  MeV/ $c$  and to form a good-quality vertex. The dielectron invariant mass is required to be in the range [2300, 3300] MeV/ $c^2$ . The final-state  $K_S^0$  meson is reconstructed from two tracks forming a good-quality vertex.

Because of its long flight distance, about two thirds of all  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  decays occur downstream of the VELO but before the next tracking subdetector, the tracker turicensis (TT), which is located upstream of the LHCb magnet. Tracks that are reconstructed from hits in the VELO as well as by subsequent LHCb tracking detectors are called long ( $L$ ). Tracks that are only measured by the TT and the tracking stations are called downstream ( $D$ ). Consequently a  $K_S^0$  candidate can be reconstructed as a “ $LL$ ,” “ $DD$ ,” or “ $LD$ ” track combination. In addition, upstream ( $U$ ) tracks, which are only measured by the VELO and TT and then bent out of the LHCb acceptance due to their low momentum, are included and matched to a  $L$  track to form a “ $UL$ ”  $K_S^0$  candidate.  $L$  and  $D$  tracks are required to have momenta above 2 GeV/ $c$  whereas for  $U$  tracks the requirement is lower, at 1 GeV/ $c$ . Moreover, the two tracks are required to have a reconstructed invariant mass within  $\pm 80$  MeV/ $c^2$  of the known  $K_S^0$  mass [10]. The  $K_S^0$  reconstruction categories  $LD$  and  $UL$  are included for the first time in a measurement of time-dependent  $CP$  violation at LHCb and add 13% to the signal yield of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0$  mode. As the precision of the measured dimuon vertex determines the decay-time precision and does not depend on the kaon reconstruction, the new reconstruction categories were found to be as well suited for the measurement as the  $LL$  and  $DD$  categories. The signal  $B^0$  candidates are formed from reconstructed  $K_S^0$  and  $\psi$  candidates forming a good-quality vertex, which is displaced from the primary  $pp$  interaction vertex (PV). Because of the inclusive trigger approach used for the dielectron channel, an additional off-line selection is applied to reduce the background level. Reduced  $K_S^0$  mass

windows of 25 MeV/ $c^2$  and 33 MeV/ $c^2$  are chosen for  $LL$  and  $DD$   $K_S^0$  candidates, and a more stringent requirement on the alignment between the  $B$  momentum vector and the direction defined by the PV and  $B$  decay vertex is applied.

Background due to  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi\Lambda(\rightarrow p\pi^-)$  decays where the proton is misidentified as a pion is suppressed by removing candidates with the recalculated proton-pion invariant mass in the range [1110, 1130] MeV/ $c^2$  and a poor pion identification likelihood, as measured by the RICH detectors. Background contributions from decays involving short-lived intermediate hadronic resonances like  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi K^{*0}$  with a misidentified charged kaon are suppressed by requiring that the reconstructed  $K_S^0$  decay time exceeds 0.5 ps. In the following,  $K^{*0}$  denotes the resonance  $K^*(892)^0$ . The  $B^+ \rightarrow \psi K^+$  decay can also mimic the signal if an extra low-momentum  $U$ -track pion is combined with the misidentified charged kaon. This source of background contribution is reduced by requiring that the pion candidates have low kaon-identification likelihoods.

The background due to random track combinations, named combinatorial background, is reduced with a boosted decision tree classifier (BDT) [20]. This model is trained on simulated  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi K_S^0$  decays as the signal proxy and  $B$ -meson candidates with  $m(\psi K_S^0) > 5400$  MeV/ $c^2$  as the background proxy. In the simulation, the  $pp$  collisions are generated with the event-generator PYTHIA [21] with a specific LHCb configuration [22]. The material interaction in the detector is simulated with the GEANT4 toolkit [23]. Decays of unstable particles are simulated with EVTGEN [24] with a phase-space model including  $CP$  violation, in which final-state radiation is generated using PHOTOS [25]. The training features show good agreement between background-subtracted data and simulation. They include the impact parameter of the reconstructed  $B^0$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $K_S^0$  candidates, defined as the shortest distance between each particle’s reconstructed trajectory and the PV, the  $p_T$  of the  $K_S^0$  and  $\pi^\pm$  mesons and the  $K_S^0$  pseudorapidity. A kinematic fit to the signal decay tree where the  $\psi$  and  $K_S^0$  masses are constrained to their known values is performed, and the resulting fit  $\chi^2$  is added to the set of training features. To minimize overtraining, a  $k$ -folding technique [26] is used with  $k = 5$  and the training is stopped as soon as the classifiers’ separation power no longer significantly improves on the test sample. The predictions of the BDTs trained on the five folds are averaged. The BDT classifiers are trained separately for each  $K_S^0$  reconstruction class. The selection is finalized by applying a requirement on the BDT output that maximizes the signal yield sensitivity. Following the selection procedure, 0.7% of events contain multiple signal candidates; in these cases the candidate with the highest  $p_T$  is selected.

The flavor of the  $B$  meson at production, needed to evaluate Eq. (1), is determined by different methods that either exploit additional particles produced in the

fragmentation of the  $b$  quark associated with the signal- $B$  meson (same side tagging, SS) or from the decay of the  $b$  hadron produced in association with the signal (opposite side tagging, OS). The particles considered in these processes include protons and pions from the signal  $b$ -quark fragmentation process, and kaons, electrons, muons, and reconstructed charged charm-hadron decays as well as a weighted mean of the charges of all reconstructed decay vertices of the associated partner  $b$ -hadron decay. Collectively, these methods are referred to as flavor tagging (FT) [27,28]. From the measured particle charges, the initial  $B$  state can be inferred in the form of a tagging decision  $d = (+1, -1) \equiv (B^0, \bar{B}^0)$ . In addition, a probability estimate that the assigned decision is wrong (predicted mistag or  $\eta$ ) is estimated for each candidate by means of a multivariate classification method.

The predicted mistag is calibrated by means of a dedicated software package [29], using flavor-specific channels that are kinematically similar to the signal channels, to guarantee the calibrated mistag function,  $\omega(\eta)$ , closely matches the mistag probability in the calibration channels. The difference in the tagging response for  $\bar{B}^0$  and  $B^0$  mesons is taken into account with separate calibrated tagging responses  $\omega^-(\eta)$  and  $\omega^+(\eta)$ , respectively. Two calibration channels are considered in this analysis: the  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}(\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-)$  decays where the  $J/\psi$  is either reconstructed from two electrons or two muons, depending on the targeted signal mode. Selection criteria similar to the signal requirements are applied and weights to subtract background contributions are determined from a fit to the  $B$  candidate invariant mass distribution with the sPlot method [30,31]. Before calibrating the tagging output, the samples are weighted such that the relevant candidate kinematic distributions and properties match those of the corresponding  $B$  candidates in the signal decay modes. These distributions and properties are the  $B$  candidate pseudorapidity,  $p_T$  and azimuth angle, and the number of reconstructed PVs and tracks in each event. After the calibration of individual tagging algorithms, the OS and SS combinations are calibrated using both control channels.

The final FT calibration parameters are determined from a fit to the decay-time distribution of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$  signal candidates where constraints on the OS parameters from the  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  calibration are applied. In this fit the asymmetries of the  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  production,  $\alpha \equiv [N(\bar{B}^0) - N(B^0)]/[N(\bar{B}^0) + N(B^0)]$  and reconstruction, as well as of tagging efficiencies, defined here as  $\Delta\epsilon_{\text{tag}} \equiv (\epsilon_{\text{tag}}^{\bar{B}^0} - \epsilon_{\text{tag}}^{B^0})/(\epsilon_{\text{tag}}^{\bar{B}^0} + \epsilon_{\text{tag}}^{B^0})$ , are determined and production and tagging asymmetries are propagated to the signal fit. The tagging power measures the effective loss in signal yield compared to a perfectly tagged sample for a measurement of the time-dependent  $CP$  asymmetry. It is calculated as  $\epsilon_{\text{tag}} \mathcal{D}^2$ , where

TABLE I. Flavor tagging efficiency and  $\mathcal{D}^2$  factor for each decay channel.

Channel	$\epsilon_{\text{tag}}(\%)$	$\mathcal{D}^2(\%)$
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K_S^0$	$85.34 \pm 0.05$	$4.661 \pm 0.013$
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K_S^0$	$92.20 \pm 0.08$	$6.462 \pm 0.032$
$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K_S^0$	$84.81 \pm 0.15$	$4.59 \pm 0.04$

the tagging efficiency  $\epsilon_{\text{tag}}$  is the fraction of tagged events in relation to the total sample size and  $\mathcal{D}$  is the FT dilution factor  $[1 - 2\omega(\eta)]$ . A summary of the values of  $\epsilon_{\text{tag}}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^2$  found for each considered decay is given in Table I, and in the following, only events with available tagging decisions are considered. The tagging power depends on the selection criteria used to isolate each signal. For the dielectron mode, the stricter requirements imposed by the trigger and subsequent selection cause the tagging power to be higher than for the dimuon modes.

Unbinned, extended maximum-likelihood fits to the invariant-mass distributions of the signal candidates are performed for each final state to determine the signal and background contributions. From the result of these fits, sets of weights are determined using the sPlot method and are used to obtain the signal decay-time distributions from the data. The  $B^0$  signal is described by a two-sided Hypatia probability density function (PDF) [32] in each channel. The Hypatia parameters defining the tails are determined from the respective simulation sample. The width and mean are allowed to float in the fit to the data. The same model and all its shape parameters are used to describe background  $B_S^0$  decays into the same final states, but the mean, relative to that of the  $B^0$  component, is offset by the known mass difference [10]. The combinatorial background is described by an exponential distribution and the partially reconstructed low-mass background is described by a Gaussian distribution.

Figure 1 shows the invariant mass distribution of the selected candidates of all the decay modes, with the full fit functions and their partial contributions. In total,  $306\,090 \pm 570$ ,  $23\,560 \pm 160$ , and  $42\,700 \pm 220$  signal decays with an identified flavor at production are found in the modes  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K_S^0$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K_S^0$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K_S^0$ , respectively.

The  $CP$ -violation parameters  $S$  and  $C$  are determined from a weighted maximum-likelihood fit to the time-dependent decay rates of  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  tagged decays in the individual decay channels, after the results of individual years and reconstruction categories were found to be consistent. In addition, a simultaneous fit of all channels is performed using the same model. The time-dependent decay rate is expressed as

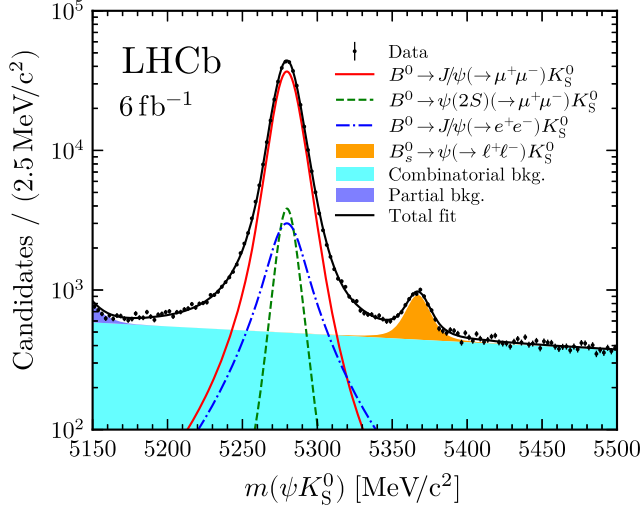


FIG. 1. Invariant-mass distribution of the selected candidates with an identified flavor at production of the three signal channels.

$$\mathcal{P}(t, d, \eta) \propto e^{-\Gamma_d t / \hbar} \left\{ [1 + d(1 - 2\omega^+(\eta))] P_{B^0}(t) + [1 + d(1 - 2\omega^-(\eta))] P_{\bar{B}^0}(t) \right\} \quad (2)$$

with

$$P_{B^0, (\bar{B}^0)}(t) \propto (1 \mp \alpha)(1 \mp \Delta \epsilon_{\text{tag}}) \times [1 \mp S \sin(\Delta m_d t) \pm C \cos(\Delta m_d t)], \quad (3)$$

and where  $\Gamma_d$  is the  $B^0$  decay width. The decay-time resolution is accounted for in the fit by convolving Eq. (2) with a decay-time resolution model that is validated on simulation, corresponding to an effective resolution of about 60 fs. The effect of the resolution on the  $CP$ -asymmetry amplitude is at the level of 0.5‰ and thus small compared to the statistical sensitivity. The resolution model consists of the sum of three Gaussian distributions centered at zero with widths defined as linear functions of the decay-time uncertainty. A possible bias in the decay-time reconstruction due to VELO misalignment is considered and modeled by a second-degree polynomial of the decay-time uncertainty. The parameters of the model are determined from a fit to the decay-time distribution of a data sample made of  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  candidates compatible with originating from the PV. The effect of the decay-time dependent signal-reconstruction efficiency is accounted for by multiplying the total PDF by a cubic spline model, whose shape is allowed to float in the fit. The parameters  $\Delta m_d$  and  $\Gamma_d$  are allowed to vary in the fit with Gaussian constraints to their known values [10]. Similarly, the FT calibration parameters and the production asymmetry are constrained to the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$  fit results using the full covariance matrix. The effect of kaon regeneration and  $CP$  violation in the neutral kaon system on the  $CP$ -violation

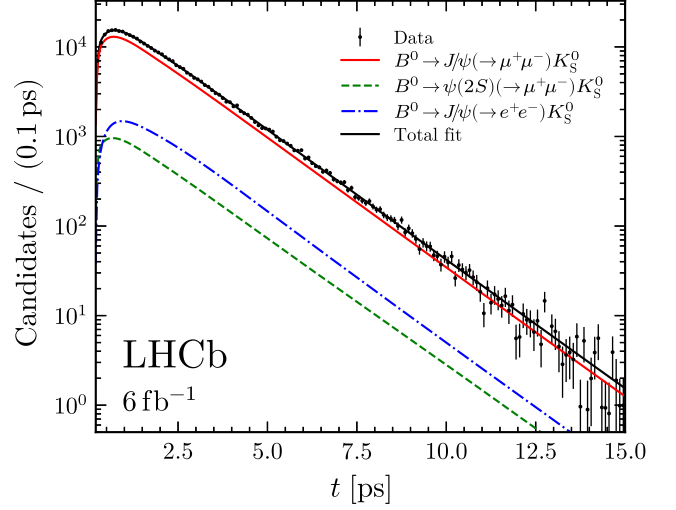


FIG. 2. Decay-time distribution of the signal with an identified flavor at production, where the background is statistically subtracted by means of the sPlot method. The projections of the time-dependent fit for the individual contributions of the three decay modes and for the total are superimposed.

parameters of the  $B^0$  system are estimated [33,34] and applied as a correction for each mode. The correction assigned to the combined fit is +0.0016 for  $S$  and  $-0.0035$  for  $C$ . Figure 2 shows the decay-time distribution of the signal candidates with the fit result overlaid. Figure 3 shows the corresponding  $CP$  asymmetry as a function of decay time, where the data points correspond to the maximum-likelihood estimator of the time-integrated  $CP$  asymmetry in each decay-time bin, defined as  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{int}}^{CP} = -(\sum_j^N \kappa_j d_j D_j) / (\sum_j^N \kappa_j D_j^2)$ , whereby  $D_j = (1 - \omega_j^+ - \omega_j^-)$  is the tagging dilution,  $d_j$  is the tagging decision, and  $\kappa_j$  is the signal event weight obtained with the sPlot method.

Several sources of systematic uncertainties on the  $CP$ -violating observables are investigated, including those

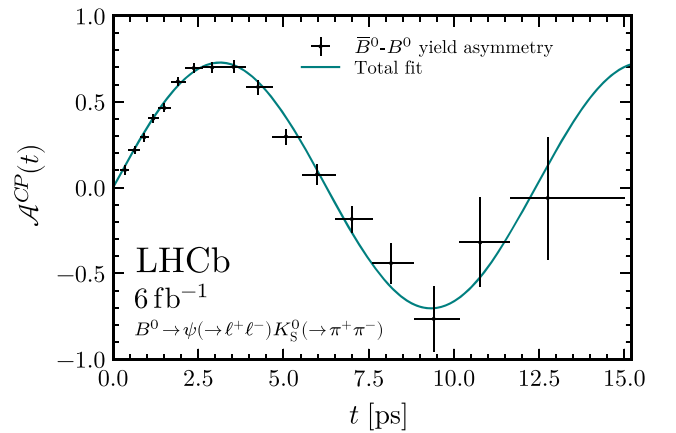


FIG. 3. Time-dependent  $CP$  asymmetry from the maximum-likelihood estimator of the binned asymmetry with the fit result overlaid.

TABLE II. Summary of systematic uncertainties on  $S$  and  $C$ . Each contribution is a weighted average of the uncertainties of the individual fits, except for the fitter validation.

Source	$\sigma(S)$	$\sigma(C)$
Fitter validation	0.0004	0.0006
Decay-time bias model	0.0007	0.0013
FT $\Delta\epsilon_{\text{tag}}$ portability	0.0014	0.0017
FT calibration portability	0.0053	0.0001
$\Delta\Gamma_d$ uncertainty	0.0055	0.0017

associated with the choice of fit model and the uncertainty of the external inputs. The corresponding effects are studied using pseudoexperiments in which ensembles of pseudo-data are generated using parameters that differ from those used in the baseline fit. The generated datasets are then fitted with the nominal model to test whether biases in the parameters of interest occur. Each contribution is evaluated separately in each signal mode. Sources of leading systematic uncertainty are listed in Table II. A small bias in the result of the baseline fit is observed and assumed to be fully correlated among different signal modes. The resulting systematic uncertainty on the combined result is obtained from the arithmetic mean of individual decay channels. Other sources of systematic uncertainty are assumed to be uncorrelated. The total systematic uncertainty for the combined fit is a weighted average of the individual uncertainties, taking into account the sensitivity of each mode to the  $CP$ -violating parameters. The systematic uncertainty due to the uncertainty of  $\Delta\Gamma_d$  is obtained by analyzing pseudoexperiments generated with input values shifted by  $+1\sigma$  and  $-1\sigma$  from its assumed central value of zero, where  $\sigma$  is the sum of the current world average uncertainty and absolute central value. The larger deviation is chosen as the systematic uncertainty. Small differences in the FT calibration parameters and in the tagging efficiency asymmetry between the control channels and the signal modes are observed in simulation (FT calibration portability). The contribution due to the portability of the FT calibration is evaluated by analyzing pseudoexperiments accounting for the different calibration values at generation level. The systematic uncertainty due to the observed  $\Delta\epsilon_{\text{tag}}$  differences in simulation is evaluated from the fit to data with modified input values. Uncertainties on the parameters of the decay-time bias correction function are evaluated with pseudoexperiments, where the parameters are varied within their uncertainties. The uncertainty of  $\Delta m_d$  is included in the statistical uncertainty and its isolated contribution to the combined fit is  $\sigma_{\Delta m_d}(S) = 0.0004$  and  $\sigma_{\Delta m_d}(C) = 0.0023$ . The systematic uncertainty due to the choice of the sPlot method as background subtraction method is included in the fitter validation uncertainty. Additional possible sources of systematic uncertainties are considered and found negligible. These include the

decay-time dependence of the FT efficiency and of the mistag; the choice of model for the decay-time efficiency, and the validation of the decay-time bias correction method.

Several cross-checks are performed to assess the consistency of the results by splitting the data by  $K_S^0$  reconstruction categories, years of data taking, SS and OS tagging, amongst several others. In addition, the fits are performed in bins of  $B$ -meson momentum, pseudorapidity, and other variables correlated to FT performance. The results are also stable against variations of the mass-fit model and the choice of figure of merit used to determine the optimal BDT requirement. Furthermore, the result is unaffected by the specific description of the decay-time efficiency. The decay-time resolution and its modeling only play a minor role in this measurement due to the high decay-time resolution of the LHCb detector and the comparatively slow  $B^0$  oscillation. The choice of decay-time resolution model therefore does not affect the result. The influence of the correlation of invariant mass and decay time was found to be negligible. Several alternative approaches to determine  $CP$ -violating parameters are also performed and are consistent with the baseline results. These include the determination of  $S$  and  $C$  parameters from the time-integrated asymmetry, a fit based on different assumptions on the normalizations of the  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  amplitudes, and a statistical method to determine  $CP$ -violation parameters using a model-independent approach to account for the decay-time efficiency.

The  $CP$ -violation parameters are measured to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{J/\psi(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0} &= 0.716 \pm 0.015(\text{stat}) \pm 0.007(\text{syst}), \\
 C_{J/\psi(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0} &= 0.010 \pm 0.014(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003(\text{syst}), \\
 S_{\psi(2S)(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0} &= 0.649 \pm 0.053(\text{stat}) \pm 0.018(\text{syst}), \\
 C_{\psi(2S)(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0} &= -0.087 \pm 0.048(\text{stat}) \pm 0.005(\text{syst}), \\
 S_{J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K_S^0} &= 0.754 \pm 0.037(\text{stat}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst}), \\
 C_{J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K_S^0} &= 0.042 \pm 0.034(\text{stat}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst}).
 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding correlation coefficients between  $S$  and  $C$  are 0.446, 0.503, and 0.374 for  $J/\psi(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)$ ,  $\psi(2S)(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)$ , and  $J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)$  final states, respectively. A combined fit of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)K_S^0$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow ee)K_S^0$  modes results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{J/\psi K_S^0} &= 0.722 \pm 0.014(\text{stat}) \pm 0.007(\text{syst}), \\
 C_{J/\psi K_S^0} &= 0.015 \pm 0.013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003(\text{syst}),
 \end{aligned}$$

with a correlation coefficient of 0.437. A simultaneous fit of the three decay modes is performed and results in

$$S_{\psi K_S^0} = 0.717 \pm 0.013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst}),$$

$$C_{\psi K_S^0} = 0.008 \pm 0.012(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003(\text{syst}),$$

with a correlation coefficient of 0.441. Finally, a combination of the LHCb Run 1 and Run 2 results is performed. It is assumed that sources of systematic uncertainties from external parameters  $\Delta m_d$ ,  $\Delta\Gamma_d$ , and  $\alpha$  are fully correlated between these measurements. The combination of measurements yields

$$S_{\psi K_S^0}^{\text{Run 1\&2}} = 0.724 \pm 0.014(\text{stat} + \text{syst}),$$

$$C_{\psi K_S^0}^{\text{Run 1\&2}} = 0.004 \pm 0.012(\text{stat} + \text{syst}),$$

with a correlation coefficient of 0.40, and for final states that contain a  $J/\psi$  meson the combination is

$$S_{J/\psi K_S^0}^{\text{Run 1\&2}} = 0.726 \pm 0.014(\text{stat} + \text{syst}),$$

$$C_{J/\psi K_S^0}^{\text{Run 1\&2}} = 0.010 \pm 0.012(\text{stat} + \text{syst}),$$

with a correlation coefficient of 0.41.

In summary, a measurement of time-dependent  $CP$  violation in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K_S^0$ , and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K_S^0$  decays using the full LHCb Run 2 data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  from  $pp$  collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV is reported. These measurements are in agreement with recent predictions by the CKMfitter group [35] and the UTfit group [36] and the current world averages as reported by HFLAV [1]. The result of the simultaneous fit to all channels is more precise than the current HFLAV world average.

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