ATLAS results on hadron spectroscopy, including exotic states

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ABSTRACT

Recent results of the ATLAS experiment at LHC on hadron spectroscopy, including exotic states, are presented. Comparison of the results with various theoretical predictions is discussed.

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1 Introduction

The ATLAS detector [1] at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) consists of several subsystems including the inner detector (ID), the electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters, and the muon spectrometer (MS). Muon reconstruction at ATLAS makes use of both the ID and the MS, and covers the pseudorapidity range $|\eta| < 2.5$.

A three-level trigger system allows ATLAS to effectively select events containing single muons with large transverse momentum $p_T$ (above $\sim 20$ GeV), events with two muons with the minimal muon $p_T$ thresholds of $4 - 6$ GeV, and events with three muons with the muon $p_T$ threshold of $4$ GeV. During 2011-2012 data taking ATLAS has accumulated data samples of $pp$ collisions corresponding to luminosities of $\sim 5$ fb$^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and $\sim 20$ fb$^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV.

In this proceeding, recent results of the ATLAS experiment at LHC on hadron spectroscopy, including exotic states, are presented. The $\Lambda_b^0 \to \psi(2S)\Lambda^0$ decay is observed and the branching ratio of the $\Lambda_b^0 \to \psi(2S)\Lambda^0$ and $\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi\Lambda^0$ decays is measured [2]. The decays $B^+_c \to J/\psi D^+_s$ and $B^+_c \to J/\psi D^+_s$ are studied and their branching fractions are measured relative to that of the $B^+_c \to J/\psi\pi^+$ decay [3].

The production cross sections and properties of the hidden-charm states $X(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$ are measured in their decays to $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$. A search for a hidden-charm analogue of the $X(3872)$, $X_b$, is conducted by reconstructing $\Upsilon(1S) (\to \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^+\pi^-$ events [5]. Corrections for detector effects are done with high-statistics Monte Carlo (MC) samples. Uncertainties due to simulation of physics processes and detector, MC statistic, luminosity measurement and assumptions of the analysis procedures are included into systematic errors.

The measurements are compared to theoretical predictions and to the measurements by other experiments.

2 Observation of the $\Lambda_b^0 \to \psi(2S)\Lambda^0$ decay

In all events with $J/\psi$ or $\psi(2S)$ candidates, pairs of tracks from particles with opposite charge are combined to form $\Lambda^0$ candidates. Tracks of the selected charmonium and $\Lambda^0$ candidates are simultaneously refitted with the dimuon and dihadron masses constrained to the world average masses of $J/\psi$ or $\psi(2S)$ and $\Lambda^0$ [6], respectively. The combined momentum of the refitted $\Lambda^0$ track pair is required to point to the dimuon vertex. To control $B^0$ reflections to the $\Lambda_b^0$ signal distributions, a $B^0$ decay topology fit is also attempted for each track quadruplet successfully fitted to the $\Lambda_b^0$ topology, i.e. the pion mass is assigned to both hadron tracks and the dihadron mass is constrained to the world average mass of $K^0_{S/S}$ [6]. To suppress the $B^0$ background the requirement $P(\Lambda_b^0) > P(B^0)$ is applied, where $P(\Lambda_b^0)$ and $P(B^0)$ are the chi-squared probabilities of the quadruplet fits with $\Lambda_b^0$ and $B^0$ topologies, respectively.

Figure 1: The invariant mass distributions for the combined sample of the selected $\Lambda_b^0$ and $\Lambda_b^0$ candidates obtained after their fits to the $\Lambda_b^0 \to \psi(2S)\Lambda^0$ (left plot) and $B^0 \to \psi(2S)K^0_S$ (right plot) topologies [2]. The solid histograms represent fit results. The $\Lambda_b^0$ and $B^0$ signals and their mutual reflections are also shown.

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signals are seen. The \( m(\psi(2S)\Lambda^0) \) and \( m(\psi(2S)\Lambda'^0) \) distributions are simultaneously fitted to sums of signal and two-component background distributions. The signals are described by modified Gaussian functions [7]. The non-resonant backgrounds are described by independent exponential functions. The mutual \( B^0 \) and \( \Lambda^0 \) reflections are described by MC templates normalised to the numbers of \( B^0 \) and \( \Lambda^0 \) hadrons obtained in the fit. The fit yields \( N(\Lambda^0_0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Lambda^0_0) = 603 \pm 38 \). A similar fit of the \( m(J/\psi(2S)\Lambda^0) \) and \( m(J/\psi(2S)\Lambda'^0) \) distributions yields \( N(\Lambda^0_0 \rightarrow J/\psi(2S)\Lambda^0_0) = 6940 \pm 130 \). Using these yields and correcting for detector effects and for the branching fractions of the \( J/\psi \) and \( \psi(2S) \) decays to two muons, the branching ratio of the \( \Lambda^0_0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Lambda^0_0 \) and \( \Lambda^0_0 \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda^0_0 \) decays is measured to be

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\frac{\Gamma(\Lambda^0_0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Lambda^0_0)}{\Gamma(\Lambda^0_0 \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda^0_0)} = 0.501 \pm 0.033 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.016 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.011 \text{ (B),}
\]

where the third uncertainty originates from the uncertainties of the charmonium branching fractions.

The measured ratio lies in the range 0.5–0.8 found for the branching ratios of analogous \( B \) meson decays [6]. The only available calculation for the branching ratio of the two \( \Lambda^0_0 \) decays (0.8 ± 0.1 [8, 9]) exceeds the measured value.

3 Study of the \( B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+ \) and \( B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{*+} \) decays

For the \( D_s^{*+} \rightarrow \phi(K^+K^-)\pi^+ \) reconstruction, tracks of particles with opposite charges are assigned kaon mass hypotheses and combined in pairs to form \( \phi \) candidates. An additional track is assigned a pion mass and combined with the \( \phi \) candidate to form a \( D_s^{*+} \) candidate.

The \( B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+ \) candidates are built by combining the five tracks of the \( J/\psi \) and \( D_s^+ \) candidates. Figure 2 shows the invariant mass distribution for the selected \( J/\psi D_s^+ \) candidates (left plot) and the \( |\cos \theta'(\mu^+)| \) distribution (right plot), where the helicity angle \( \theta'(\mu^+) \) is the angle between the \( \mu^+ \) and \( D_s^+ \) candidate momenta in the rest frame of the muon pair from \( J/\psi \) decay [3]. The red solid lines represent the projection of the likelihood fit to the model described in the text. The contributions of the \( B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+ \) decay are shown with the magenta long-dashed lines; the brown dash-dot and green dotted lines show the \( B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{*+} \) \( A_{00} \) and \( A_{\pm\pm} \) component contributions, respectively; the blue dashed lines show the background model.

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The mass distribution of the $B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*+}_s$ signal components, the mass shape templates obtained from the simulation with the kernel estimation technique are used. The transverse polarisation fraction is determined to be $\Gamma_{T}^{+} = 2.8^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$ ± 0.3. A sample of $B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ decays is used to derive the ratios of branching fractions $B_{B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*+}_s}/B_{B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{+}_s} = 3.8 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.4$ ± 0.2 and $B_{B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*+}_s}/B_{B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+} = 10.4 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.5$ ± 0.6, where the third error corresponds to the uncertainty of the branching fraction $D^{*+}_s \rightarrow \phi(K^+K^-)\pi^+$ decay. Figure 3 compares these results with those of the LHCb measurement [10] and to the expectations from various theoretical calculations. The measured ratios of the branching fraction are generally described by perturbative QCD, sum rules, and relativistic quark models. There is an indication of underestimation of the decay rates for the $B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*+}_s$ decays by some models, although the discrepancies do not exceed two standard deviations when taking into account only the experimental uncertainty. The measurement results agree with those published by the LHCb experiment.

4 Measurement of the hidden-charm states $X(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$

Two muon tracks are fitted to a common vertex. The dimuon invariant mass is then constrained to the $J/\psi$ mass, and the four-track vertex fit of the two muon tracks and pairs of non-muon tracks is performed to find $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ candidates. Only $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ combinations with rapidity within the range $|y| < 0.75$ and transverse momenta within the range $10 < p_T < 70$ GeV are considered.

Figure 4(Left) shows the invariant mass of the selected $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ candidates. The fitted function is the sum of a fourth-order polynomial background and two double-Gaussian functions. The double-Gaussian functions for $\psi(2S)$ and $X(3872)$ contain about 470 k and 30 k candidates, respectively. To separate prompt production of the $\psi(2S)$ and $X(3872)$ states from the non-prompt production occurring via the decays of long-lived particles such as $b$-hadrons, the pseudo-proper lifetime $\tau$ is used. The pseudo-proper lifetime is defined as $\tau = Lxym/c^2$, where $Lxy$ is the transverse decay length, $m$ is the invariant mass and $p_T$ is the transverse momentum of the $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ candidate.

The measured differential cross section (times the product of the relevant branching fractions) for prompt production of $X(3872)$ is shown in Figure 4(Right). It is described within the theoretical uncertainty by the prediction of the NRQCD model which, in this case, considers $X(3872)$ to be a mixture of $\chi_{c1}(2P)$ and a $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ molecular state [11]. However, the prediction for the $X(3872)$ prompt production is dominated by the $\chi_{c1}(2P)$ component.
The distributions of the dipion invariant mass $m_{\pi\pi}$ in the $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays are measured by determining the corrected yields of $\psi(2S)$ and $X(3872)$ signals in narrow bins of $p_T$. The measured non-prompt production cross section of $X(3872)$ is split into short-lived ($\tau_{SL} = 0.40 \pm 0.05$ ps) and long-lived ($\tau_{LL} = 1.45 \pm 0.05$ ps) components. The ratio of short-lived to non-prompt $X(3872)$ to non-prompt $\psi(2S)$, shown in Figure 5(Right), is fitted with a function $a/p_T^2$ [12]. The value of $a$, and the measured non-prompt yields of $X(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$ states, are used to determine the fraction of non-prompt $X(3872)$ from short-lived sources, integrated over the $p_T$ range ($p_T > 10$ GeV) covered in this measurement, giving:

$$\frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow B_c + \text{any})B(B_c \rightarrow X(3872) + \text{any})}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow X(3872) + \text{any})} = (25 \pm 13 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2 \text{ (sys)} \pm 5 \text{ (spin)})\%,$$

where the last uncertainty comes from varying the spin-alignment of $X(3872)$.
Figure 6: (Left) Normalised differential decay width of \( \psi(2S) \to J/\psi(\to \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^+\pi^- \) in bins of dipion invariant mass over the range \( 0.28 < m_{\pi\pi} < 0.595 \text{ GeV} \), fitted with the Voloshin–Zakharov model [4]. Also shown is the normalised \( m_{\pi\pi} \) phase-space distribution (red shaded histogram). (Right) Normalised differential decay width of \( X(3872) \to J/\psi(\to \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^+\pi^- \) in bins of dipion invariant mass over the range \( 0.28 < m_{\pi\pi} < 0.79 \text{ GeV} \) [4]. Also shown is the MC prediction for the decay \( X(3872) \to J/\psi(\to \mu^+\mu^-)\rho^0(\to \pi^+\pi^-) \) (blue histogram) and the normalised distribution of \( m_{\pi\pi} \) phase-space (red shaded histogram).

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5 Search for a hidden-beauty analogue of the \( X(3872), X_b \)

Figure 7: (Left) The \( \pi^+\pi^- \Upsilon(1S) \) invariant mass distribution in the kinematic bin most sensitive to an \( X_b \) signal: \( |y| < 1.2, p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}, \text{ and } \cos \theta^* > 0 \) [5]. (Right) Observed 95% CLs upper limits (solid line) on the relative production rate \( R = (\sigma B)/(\sigma B)_{2S} \) of a hypothetical \( X_b \) parent state decaying isotropically to \( \pi^+\pi^- \Upsilon(1S) \), as a function of mass [5]. The median expectation (dashed) and the corresponding 1σ and 2σ bands (green and yellow respectively) are also shown. The bar on the right shows typical shifts under alternative \( X_b \) spin-alignment scenarios, relative to the isotropic case shown with the solid point.

Each pair of oppositely charged muons is subjected to a common vertex fit. Any dimuon with an invariant mass within 350 MeV of the \( \Upsilon(1S) \) mass is retained and considered an \( \Upsilon(1S) \to \mu^+\mu^- \) candidate. Dipion candidates are formed from oppositely charged pions. The \( \Upsilon(1S) \) candidate and the dipion system are
combined by performing a four-track common-vertex fit, with the $\mu^+\mu^-$ mass constrained to the $\Upsilon(1S)$ mass.

Figure 7(Left) shows the $\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$ invariant mass distribution in the kinematic bin most sensitive to an $X_b$ signal: $|y| < 1.2$, $p_T > 20\text{ GeV}$, and $\cos \theta^* > 0$. The angle $\theta^*$ is defined as the angle, in the parent rest frame, between the dipion momentum and the lab-frame parent momentum. The only apparent peaks are at the masses of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ (10023 MeV) and $\Upsilon(3S)$ (10355 MeV). A hypothesis test for the presence of a narrow $X_b$ peak is performed every 10 MeV from 10 GeV to 11 GeV. At each mass, the presence of a signal is tested by performing simultaneous fits to the nearby $\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$ mass spectrum in these bins; no evidence for new narrow states is found for masses $10.05 - 10.31\text{ GeV}$ and $10.40 - 11.00\text{ GeV}$. Upper limits are also set on the ratio $R = \left[ \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow X_b)B(X_b \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S))}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S))B(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S))} \right]$.

Figure 7(Right) shows the observed 95% CL upper limits on the relative production rate. The results range from 0.8% to 4.0% depending on the $X_b$ mass. The analogous ratio for the $X(3872)$ is 6.56%: such or larger value is excluded for all $X_b$ masses considered.

6 Summary

The $\Lambda^0_b \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Lambda^0$ decay is observed and the branching ratio of the $\Lambda^0_b \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Lambda^0$ and $\Lambda^0_b \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda^0$ decays is measured. The decays $B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^+_s$ and $B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^+_s$ are studied and their branching fractions are measured relative to that of the $B^+_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ decay. The production cross sections and properties of the hidden-charm states $X(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$ are measured in their decays to $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$. A search for a hidden-beauty analogue of the $X(3872)$, $X_b$, is conducted by reconstructing $\Upsilon(1S)(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^+\pi^-$ events.

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