



Observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ using e^+e^- collisions and a determination of the B_s - \bar{B}_s width difference $\Delta\Gamma_s$

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Abstract

We have made the first observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ decays using 23.6 fb^{-1} of data recorded by the Belle experiment running on the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance. The branching fractions are measured to be $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-) = (1.03_{-0.32}^{+0.39} {}_{-0.25}^{+0.26})\%$, $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{\mp}) = (2.75_{-0.71}^{+0.83} \pm 0.69)\%$, and $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}) = (3.08_{-1.04}^{+1.22} {}_{-0.86}^{+0.85})\%$; the sum is $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}) = (6.85_{-1.30}^{+1.53} {}_{-1.80}^{+1.79})\%$. Assuming $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ saturates decays to CP -even final states, the branching fraction determines the ratio $\Delta\Gamma_s/\cos\varphi$, where $\Delta\Gamma_s$ is the difference in widths between the two B_s - \bar{B}_s mass eigenstates, and φ is a CP -violating weak phase. Taking CP violation to be negligibly small, we obtain $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s = 0.147_{-0.030}^{+0.036} (\text{stat.}) {}_{-0.041}^{+0.042} (\text{syst.})$, where Γ_s is the mean decay width.

Decays of B_s mesons help elucidate the weak Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa structure of the Standard Model (SM). Because they are not produced in $\Upsilon(4S)$ decays, B_s mesons are much less studied than their B_d^0 and B^\pm counterparts. Most B_s data comes from the hadron collider experiments CDF and DØ. Recently, another method to study B_s decays has been exploited: that of running an e^+e^- collider at a center-of-mass (CM) energy corresponding to the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance, which subsequently decays to $B_s^{(*)}\overline{B}_s^{(*)}$ pairs. Both the CLEO [1] and Belle [2–4] Collaborations have used this method to measure inclusive and exclusive B_s^0 decays. In this paper we use $L_{\text{int}} = 23.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of data recorded by Belle at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ ($\sqrt{s} = 10.87 \text{ GeV}$) to make the first observation ($> 5\sigma$) of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ [5]. First measurements of the $D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ final state were made by the ALEPH [6] and DØ [8] Collaborations using inclusive $\phi\phi X$ and $D_s^+ D_s^- X$ samples. CDF [7] measured the single decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$. Here we exclusively reconstruct all three final states: $D_s^+ D_s^-$, $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$, and $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$.

These final states are expected to be predominantly CP -even [9], and the (Cabibbo-favored) partial widths should dominate the difference in decay widths $\Delta\Gamma_s^{CP}$ between the two B_s - \overline{B}_s CP eigenstates [9]. This parameter equals $\Delta\Gamma_s / \cos\varphi$, where $\Delta\Gamma_s$ is the width difference between the mass eigenstates, and φ is a CP -violating weak phase [13]. Thus the branching fraction gives a constraint in $\Delta\Gamma_s$ - φ parameter space. Both of these parameters can receive contributions from new physics [10, 11]. The values favored by current measurements [12] differ somewhat from the SM prediction [10].

The Belle detector [14] running at the KEKB collider [15] includes a silicon vertex detector, a central drift chamber, an array of aerogel threshold Cherenkov counters, time-of-flight scintillation counters, and an electromagnetic calorimeter. At the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance, the $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ cross section is $\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 0.302 \pm 0.014 \text{ nb}$ [1, 2], and the fraction of $\Upsilon(5S)$ decays producing B_s mesons is $f_s = 0.193 \pm 0.029$ [16]. Three production modes are kinematically allowed: $B_s\overline{B}_s$, $B_s\overline{B}_s^*$ or $B_s^*\overline{B}_s$, and $B_s^*\overline{B}_s^*$. In this analysis we use only the last (dominant) mode, for which the fraction is $f_{B_s^*\overline{B}_s^*} = 0.901^{+0.038}_{-0.040}$ [4]. The B_s^* decays via $B_s^* \rightarrow B_s\gamma$, and the γ is not reconstructed. Thus the number of $B_s\overline{B}_s$ pairs used in this analysis is $N_{B_s\overline{B}_s} = L_{\text{int}} \cdot \sigma_{b\bar{b}} \cdot f_s \cdot f_{B_s^*\overline{B}_s^*} = (1.24 \pm 0.20) \times 10^6$.

We select $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$, $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$, and $D_s^+ D_s^-$ decays in which $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi\pi^+$, $K_S^0 K^+$, $\overline{K}^{*0} K^+$, $\phi\rho^+$, $K_S^0 K^{*+}$, and $\overline{K}^{*0} K^{*+}$. We require that charged tracks originate from near the e^+e^- interaction point. Charged kaons are selected by requiring that a kaon likelihood variable based on dE/dx measured in the central drift chamber and information from the

aerogel threshold Cherenkov counters and time-of-flight scintillation counters be > 0.60 ; this requirement is $\sim 90\%$ efficient and has a π^\pm misidentification rate of $\sim 10\%$. Tracks having kaon likelihood < 0.60 are identified as π^\pm . Neutral K_S^0 candidates are reconstructed from $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs having an invariant mass within $10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ of the K_S^0 mass [16] and satisfying loose requirements on the decay vertex position [17]. The momentum of tracks (except the π^\pm from K_S^0 decay) must be $> 100 \text{ MeV}/c$.

Neutral π^0 candidates are reconstructed from $\gamma\gamma$ pairs having an invariant mass within $15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ of the π^0 mass. The photons must have a laboratory energy greater than 100 MeV . Neutral \bar{K}^{*0} (charged K^{*+}) candidates are reconstructed from a K^- (K_S^0) and π^+ having an invariant mass within $50 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ of $M_{K^{*0}}$ ($M_{K^{*+}}$). Neutral ϕ (charged ρ^+) candidates are reconstructed from a K^+K^- ($\pi^+\pi^0$) pair having an invariant mass within $12 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ($100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$) of M_ϕ (M_{ρ^+}).

The invariant mass windows used for D_s^+ candidates are $10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ($2.5 - 3.2\sigma$) for the three final states containing K^* candidates, $20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ (1.7σ) for $\phi\rho^+$, and $15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ($\gtrsim 4.0\sigma$) for the remaining two modes. For the three vector-pseudoscalar final states, we impose a loose requirement on the helicity angle θ_{hel} , which is the angle between the momentum of the charged daughter of the vector particle and the direction opposite the D_s momentum in the rest frame of the vector particle. We require $|\cos\theta_{\text{hel}}| > 0.20$, which retains 99% of signal decays and rejects 18% of remaining background.

To reconstruct $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow D_s^+\gamma$ decays, we pair D_s^+ candidates with photon candidates and require that the mass difference $M_{\tilde{D}_s^+\gamma} - M_{\tilde{D}_s^+}$ be within $12.0 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ of the nominal value ($143.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$), where \tilde{D}_s^+ denotes the reconstructed D_s^+ candidate. This requirement (and that for \mathcal{R} discussed below) is determined by optimizing a figure-of-merit $S/\sqrt{S+B}$, where S is the expected signal based on Monte Carlo (MC) simulation and B is the expected background as estimated from a data sideband. We require that the photon energy in the CM system be greater than 50 MeV , and that the energy deposited in the central 3×3 array of cells of the electromagnetic calorimeter cluster be at least 85% of the energy deposited in the central 5×5 array of cells.

Signal B_s decays are reconstructed from $D_s^{(*)}D_s^{(*)}$ pairs using two quantities: the beam-energy-constrained mass $M_{\text{bc}} = \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^2 - p_B^2}$, and the energy difference $\Delta E = E_B - E_{\text{beam}}$, where p_B and E_B are the reconstructed momentum and energy of the B_s^0 , and E_{beam} is the beam energy. These quantities are evaluated in the e^+e^- CM frame. When the B_s^0 is not

fully reconstructed, e.g., due to losing the γ from $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow D_s^+ \gamma$, ΔE is shifted lower but M_{bc} remains almost unchanged. We determine our signal yields by fitting events in the region $5.20 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{bc} < 5.45 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $-0.15 \text{ GeV} < \Delta E < 0.10 \text{ GeV}$. The modes $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow B_s \bar{B}_s$, $B_s \bar{B}_s^*$ and $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ are well-separated in M_{bc} - ΔE space. We see no evidence for $B_s \bar{B}_s$ and $B_s \bar{B}_s^*$ and thus do not fit for them. The expected yields based on Ref. [4] are less than one event for each of $D_s^+ D_s^-$, $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$, $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ final states.

Approximately half of the events have multiple $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ candidates, which usually arise from low momentum γ 's produced from π^0 decays. For these events we select the candidate that minimizes the quantity

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{(2+N)} \left\{ \sum_{\#D_s} [(\tilde{M}_{D_s} - M_{D_s})/\sigma_M]^2 + \sum_{\#D_s^*} [(\widetilde{\Delta M} - \Delta M)/\sigma_{\Delta M}]^2 \right\}, \quad (1)$$

where $\Delta M = M_{D_s^*} - M_{D_s}$; \tilde{M}_{D_s} and $\widetilde{\Delta M}$ are reconstructed quantities; σ_M and $\sigma_{\Delta M}$ are the uncertainties on \tilde{M}_{D_s} and $\widetilde{\Delta M}$; and the summations run over the two D_s^+ daughters and possible D_s^{*+} daughters ($N=0, 1, 2$) of a B_s^0 candidate. According to the MC simulation, this criterion selects the correct B_s^0 candidate 85%, 76%, and 75% of the time, respectively, for $D_s^+ D_s^-$, $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$, and $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ final states.

We reject background from $e^+ e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ($q = u, d, s, c$) continuum events based on event topology: $q\bar{q}$ events tend to be collimated, while $B_{(s)} \bar{B}_{(s)}$ events tend to be spherical. We distinguish these topologies using a Fisher discriminant based on a set of modified Fox-Wolfram moments [18]. This discriminant is used to calculate a likelihood \mathcal{L}_s ($\mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}$) for an event assuming the event is signal ($q\bar{q}$ background). We form the ratio $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{L}_s/(\mathcal{L}_s + \mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}})$ and require $\mathcal{R} > 0.20$. This selection is 95% efficient for signal decays and removes $> 80\%$ of $q\bar{q}$ background.

The remaining background consists of $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)} \rightarrow D_s^+ X$, $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow BBX$ (where $b\bar{b}$ hadronizes into B^0 , \bar{B}^0 , or B^\pm), and $B_s \rightarrow D_{sJ}^\pm(2317)D_s^{(*)}$, $B_s \rightarrow D_{sJ}^\pm(2460)D_s^{(*)}$, and $B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm D_s^\mp \pi^0$ decays. The last three processes peak at negative values of ΔE , and their yields are estimated using analogous $B_d \rightarrow D_{sJ}^\pm D^{(*)}$ branching fractions. The total yields for all backgrounds within an M_{bc} - ΔE signal region spanning 3σ in $(M_{bc}, \Delta E)$ resolution are 0.25 ± 0.03 , 0.25 ± 0.06 , and 0.15 ± 0.13 events, respectively, for $B_s \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$, $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$, and $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ decays. To check our background estimates, we count events in the sideband region $M_{bc} < 5.375 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and find reasonable agreement with the yields predicted from MC simulation. All selection criteria are finalized before looking at events in the signal

regions. The final event samples are shown in Fig. 1.

To measure the signal yields, we perform a two-dimensional extended unbinned maximum-likelihood fit to the M_{bc} - ΔE distributions. For each sample, we include probability density functions (PDFs) for signal and $q\bar{q}$, $B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)} \rightarrow D_s^+ X$, and $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow BBX$ backgrounds. As these backgrounds have similar M_{bc} , ΔE shapes, we use a single PDF for them, taken to be an ARGUS function [20] for M_{bc} and a third-order Chebyshev polynomial for ΔE . All shape parameters are taken from MC simulation. Other backgrounds are very small and considered only when evaluating systematic uncertainties.

The signal PDFs have three components: correctly reconstructed (CR) decays; “wrong combination” (WC) decays in which a non-signal track or photon is included in place of a true daughter track or photon; and “cross-feed” (CF) decays in which a $D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp$ or $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$ is reconstructed as $D_s^+D_s^-$ or $D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp$, respectively, or else a $D_s^+D_s^-$ or $D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp$ is reconstructed as $D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp$ or $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$. In the former (latter) case the signal decay has lost (gained) a photon, and ΔE is typically shifted lower (higher) by 100-150 MeV. The PDF for CR events is modeled with a single Gaussian for M_{bc} and a double-Gaussian with common mean for ΔE . The means and widths are taken from MC simulation and calibrated using $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-}\pi^+$ and $B^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D^-$ control samples. The PDFs for WC and CF events are modeled from MC simulation using non-parametric PDFs with Kernel Estimation [19]. The fractions of WC and CF-down events are also taken from MC simulation. The fractions of CF-up events are difficult to simulate and thus floated in the fit, as the extraneous γ usually originates from a B decay chain and many B , B_s partial widths are unmeasured. As the CF-down fractions are fixed, the three distributions ($D_s^+D_s^-$, $D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp$, and $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$) are fitted simultaneously [21]. The CF fractions are typically 0.1–0.4.

The fit results are listed in Table I, and projections of the fit are shown in Fig. 2. The branching fraction for channel i is calculated as $\mathcal{B}_i = Y_i/(\varepsilon_{MC}^i \cdot N_{B_s\bar{B}_s} \cdot 2)$, where Y_i is the fitted CR yield, and ε_{MC}^i is the MC efficiency with intermediate branching fractions [16] included. The efficiencies ε_{MC}^i include small correction factors to account for differences between MC simulation and data for kaon identification. Inserting all values gives the branching fractions listed in Table I. The statistical significance is calculated as $\sqrt{-2\ln(\mathcal{L}_0/\mathcal{L}_{\max})}$, where \mathcal{L}_0 and \mathcal{L}_{\max} are the values of the likelihood function when the signal yield Y_i is fixed to zero and when it is the fitted value, respectively. We include systematic uncertainty in the significance by smearing the likelihood function by a Gaussian having a width equal to the

total systematic error related to the signal yield.

TABLE I: Signal yields (Y), efficiencies including intermediate branching fractions (ε), branching fractions (\mathcal{B}), and signal significance (S) including systematic uncertainty. The first error listed is statistical, the second is from systematics due to the analysis procedure, and the third is from systematics due to external inputs.

Mode	Y (events)	ε ($\times 10^{-4}$)	\mathcal{B} (%)	S
$D_s^+ D_s^-$	$8.5^{+3.2}_{-2.6}$	3.31	$1.03^{+0.39+0.15}_{-0.32-0.13} \pm 0.21$	6.2
$D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$	$9.2^{+2.8}_{-2.4}$	1.35	$2.75^{+0.83}_{-0.71} \pm 0.40 \pm 0.56$	6.6
$D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$	$4.9^{+1.9}_{-1.7}$	0.643	$3.08^{+1.22+0.57}_{-1.04-0.58} \pm 0.63$	3.1
Sum	$22.6^{+4.7}_{-3.9}$		$6.85^{+1.53}_{-1.30} \pm 1.11^{+1.40}_{-1.41}$	

The systematic errors are listed in Table II. The error due to PDF shapes is evaluated by varying shape parameters by $\pm 1\sigma$ for backgrounds, and by trying different parameterizations for the WC and CF components. The systematic error for the fixed CF-down fractions is evaluated by fitting a $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ control sample and comparing the fraction of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^+$ contamination with that predicted by MC simulation. The difference is taken as the range of variation for the CF-down fractions. We vary the fractions over this range and take the r.m.s. variation in \mathcal{B} as the systematic error. The error due to the fixed WC fractions is evaluated in the same way, but the range of variation for the WC fractions is $\pm 20\%$. The uncertainty due to K^\pm identification depends on momentum but is $\sim 2.5\%$ per track; as our final states typically have four charged kaons, this error is 10-11%. The error due to tracking efficiency is 1.0% per track. Uncertainty due to the unknown $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ longitudinal polarization fraction (f_L) affects all three modes due to the CF components. For our nominal result, we take f_L to be the world average (WA) value for the analogous spectator decay $B_d^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D^{*-}$: 0.52 ± 0.05 [16]. The systematic error is taken as the change in \mathcal{B} when f_L is varied by twice the error on the WA value. Significant uncertainties arise from D_s^+ branching fractions, $\sigma_{\Upsilon(5S)}$, f_s , and $f_{B_s^* \overline{B}_s^*}$, which are external factors that should be measured more precisely in the future. We list separately the systematic error due to

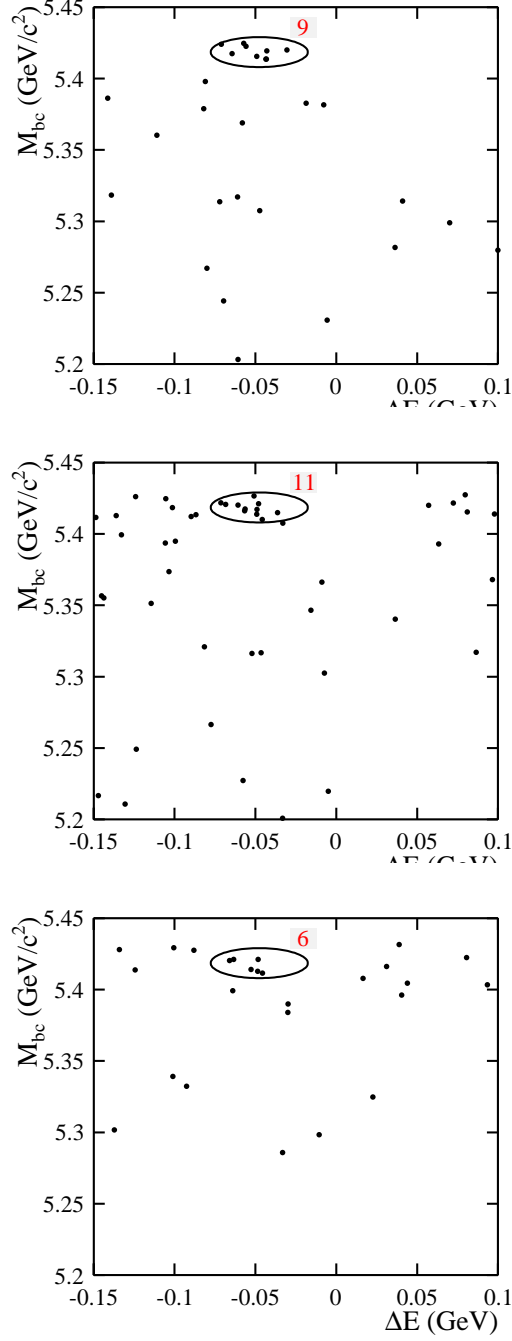


FIG. 1: M_{bc} vs. ΔE scatter plots. The signal ellipses correspond to 3σ in resolution for $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ decays; the number of candidates within the ellipses is listed. The top, middle, and bottom plots correspond to $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$, $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$, and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$, respectively.

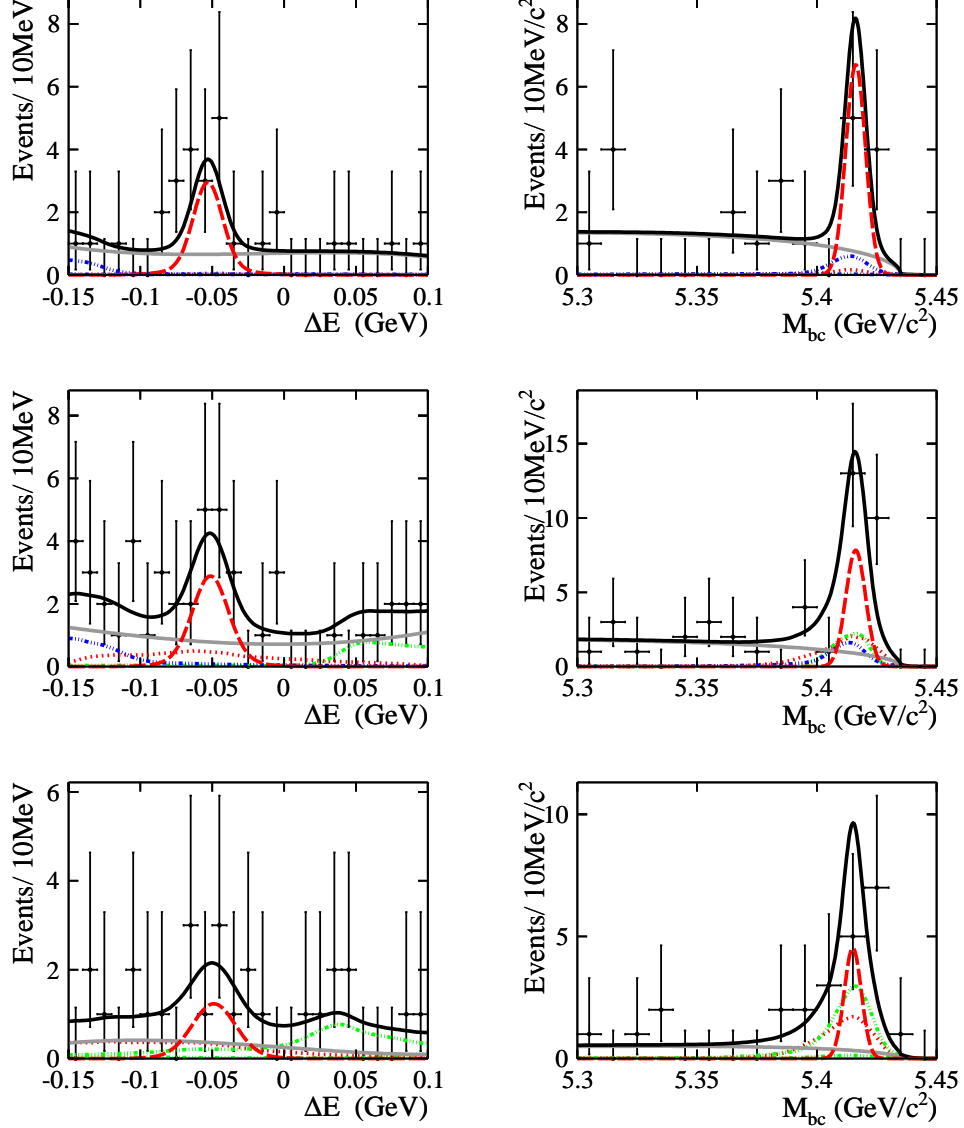


FIG. 2: M_{bc} and ΔE projections of the fit result. The rows correspond to $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$ (top), $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$ (middle), and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ (bottom). The red dashed (dotted) curves show RC (WC) signal, the green and blue dash-dotted curves show CF signal, the grey solid curve shows background, and the black solid curves show the total.

these factors in Table I.

In the limit $m_{c,b} \rightarrow \infty$ while $(m_b - 2m_c) \rightarrow 0$, the $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ process saturates the decay width [22]. If also the number of colors $N_c \rightarrow \infty$, then $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$, $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$ (along with $D_s^+ D_s^-$) are CP even (+), and $\Gamma[B_s^0(CP+) \rightarrow D_s^{(*)} D_s^{(*)}]$ saturates $\Delta\Gamma_s^{CP}$ [9]. This gives the relationship $2\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}) = (\Delta\Gamma_s^{CP}/2)[(1 + \cos\varphi)/\Gamma_L + (1 - \cos\varphi)/\Gamma_H]$,

TABLE II: Systematic errors (%). The first twelve sources affect the signal yield and thus the signal significance.

Source	$D_s^+ D_s^-$		$D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$		$D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$	
	$+\sigma$	$-\sigma$	$+\sigma$	$-\sigma$	$+\sigma$	$-\sigma$
CR PDF Shape	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4
Background PDF	1.1	1.3	1.9	2.0	3.0	6.1
WC+CF PDF	0.3	0.3	1.5	1.5	4.4	4.4
WC/CF Fractions	0.2	0.2	5.0	5.0	8.7	8.7
\mathcal{R} Requirement ($q\bar{q}$ suppr.)	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Best Candidate Selection	6.9	0.0	2.2	0.0	2.2	0.0
K^\pm Identification	10.1	10.1	10.6	10.6	10.9	10.9
K_S^0 Reconstruction	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
π^0 Reconstruction	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
γ	-	-	3.8	3.8	7.6	7.6
Tracking	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Polarization	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.3
MC Statistics for ε	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
$D_s^{(*)}$ Branching Fractions	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.5
Luminosity			± 1.3			
$\sigma_{\Upsilon(5S)}$			± 4.6			
f_s			± 15			
$f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$			$+4.2$ -4.4			
Total	24.9	24.0	25.1	25.1	27.5	28.0

where $\Gamma_{L,H}$ are the decay widths of the light and heavy mass eigenstates [13]. Substituting $\Gamma_{L,H} = \Gamma \pm \Delta\Gamma_s/2$ and $\Delta\Gamma_s^{CP} = \Delta\Gamma_s/\cos\varphi$ [13] allows one to use the branching fraction \mathcal{B} to constrain $\Delta\Gamma_s$ and φ . If CP violation is negligible, then $\cos\varphi \simeq 1$ and the above expression can be inverted to give $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s = 2\mathcal{B}/(1 - \mathcal{B})$. Inserting \mathcal{B} from Table I yields

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Gamma_s} = 0.147^{+0.036}_{-0.030} {}^{+0.042}_{-0.041}, \quad (2)$$

where the first error is statistical and the second is systematic. This result is 1.3σ higher than that of Ref. [8] but consistent with the theory prediction [10]. There is theoretical uncertainty

arising from the CP -odd component in $B^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp, D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ and contributions from other two-body final states; the effect upon $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$ is estimated in Ref. [9] to be $\pm 3\%$. This is much smaller than the statistical/systematic errors on our measurement, but there may be additional contributions coming from three-body final states, which are neglected in [9].

In summary, we have measured the branching fractions for $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ using e^+e^- data taken at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance. Our results constitute the first observation of $B^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$ (6.6σ significance) and provide the first evidence for $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ (3.1σ significance). We use these measurements to determine the $B_s^0\text{-}\overline{B}_s$ decay width difference $\Delta\Gamma_s$ with improved fractional precision.

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