

B_s^0 Decays at Belle

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The large data sample recorded with the Belle detector at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ energy provides a unique opportunity to study the poorly-known B_s^0 meson. Several analyses, made with a data sample representing an integrated luminosity of 23.6 fb^{-1} , are presented. We report the study of the large-signal $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} h^+$ ($h^+ = \pi^+, \rho^+$) decays including the first observations of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \rho^+$. In addition, several results on CP -eigenstate B_s^0 decays are described. These include the study of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta^{(\prime)}$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)$ decays, the charmless $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$, $B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ decays and the simultaneous fit of the three $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ modes from which $\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{CP}}/\Gamma_s$ is extracted. The preliminary measurement of $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)) < 1.63 \times 10^{-4}$ (at 90% C.L.) is presented for the first time.

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Introduction

The Belle experiment [1], located at the interaction point of the KEKB asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider [2], was designed for the study of B mesons¹ produced in e^+e^- annihilation at a center-of-mass (CM) energy corresponding to the mass of the $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance ($\sqrt{s} \approx 10.58$ GeV). After having recorded an unprecedented sample of ~ 700 millions of $B\bar{B}$ pairs, the Belle collaboration started to record collisions at higher energies, opening the possibility to study other particles, like the B_s^0 meson. Up to now, a data sample of integrated luminosity of $L_{\text{int}} = (23.6 \pm 0.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (out of a total of 120 fb^{-1}) has been analyzed at the energy of the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance ($\sqrt{s} \approx 10.87$ GeV).

Since the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance is just above the $B_s^0\bar{B}_s^0$ threshold, it was naturally expected that the B_s^0 meson could be studied with $\Upsilon(5S)$ data as well as the B mesons are with $\Upsilon(4S)$ data. The large potential of such $\Upsilon(5S)$ data was quickly confirmed [3, 4] with the 2005 engineering run representing 1.86 fb^{-1} . The main advantage with respect to the hadronic colliders is the possibility of measurements of absolute branching fractions. However, the abundance of B_s^0 mesons in $\Upsilon(5S)$ hadronic events has to be precisely determined. Above the $e^+e^- \rightarrow u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}, c\bar{c}$ continuum events, the $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ process can produce different kinds of final states involving a pair of non-strange B mesons [5] ($B^*\bar{B}^*, B^*\bar{B}, B\bar{B}, B^*\bar{B}^*\pi, B^*\bar{B}\pi, B\bar{B}\pi, B\bar{B}\pi\pi$ and $B\bar{B}\gamma$), a pair of B_s^0 mesons ($B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*, B_s^*\bar{B}_s^0$ and $B_s^0\bar{B}_s^0$), or final states involving a lighter bottomonium resonance below the open-beauty threshold [6]. The B^* and B_s^* mesons always decay by emission of a photon. The total $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ cross section at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ energy was measured to be $\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = (302 \pm 14) \text{ pb}$ [3, 7] and the fraction of B_s^0 events to be² $f_s = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)})/\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = (19.3 \pm 2.9) \%$ [8]. The dominant B_s^0 production mode, $b\bar{b} \rightarrow B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$, represents $f_{B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*} = (90.1^{+3.8}_{-4.0} \pm 0.2) \%$ of the $b\bar{b} \rightarrow B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ events, as measured with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ events (next Section).

For all the exclusive modes presented here, the B_s^0 candidates are fully reconstructed from the final-state particles. From the reconstructed four-momentum in the CM, $(E_{B_s^0}^*, \mathbf{p}_{B_s^0}^*)$, two variables are formed: the energy difference $\Delta E = E_{B_s^0}^* - \sqrt{s}/2$ and the beam-constrained mass $M_{\text{bc}} = \sqrt{s/4 - \mathbf{p}_{B_s^0}^{*2}}$. The signal coming from the dominant $e^+e^- \rightarrow B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$ production mode is extracted from a two-dimensional fit performed on the distribution of these two variables. The corresponding branching fraction is then extracted using the total efficiency (including sub-decay branching fractions) determined with Monte-Carlo (MC) simulations, $\sum \varepsilon \mathcal{B}$, and the number of B_s^0 mesons produced via the $e^+e^- \rightarrow B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$ process, $N_{B_s^0} = 2 \times L_{\text{int}} \times \sigma_{b\bar{b}} \times f_s \times f_{B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*} = (2.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^6$.

1. Dominant CKM-favored B_s^0 Decays

We report the measurement of exclusive $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} h^+$ ($h^+ = \pi^+$ or ρ^+) decays [9, 10] which is an important milestone in the study of the poorly-known decay processes of the B_s^0 meson. These modes are expected to produce an abundant signal because of their relatively large predicted branching fractions [11, 12] and their clean signatures: four charged tracks and up to two photons. The leading amplitude for the four $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \pi^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \rho^+$ modes is a $b \rightarrow c$

¹The notation “ B ” refers either to a B^0 or a B^+ . Moreover, charge-conjugated states are implied everywhere.

²The branching-fraction values for $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ and those in Sections 2 and 3 are calculated with $f_s = (19.5^{+3.0}_{-2.3})\%$, also provided in Ref. [8].

tree diagram of order λ^2 (in the Wolfenstein parametrization [13] of the CKM quark-mixing matrix [14, 15]) with a spectator s quark. Besides being interesting in their own right, such measurements, if precise enough, can be of high importance for the current and forthcoming hadron collider experiments. It was for example recently pointed out [16] that the search for the very rare decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, which has a branching fraction very sensitive to New Physics contributions, will be systematically limited at LHCb by the poor knowledge of B_s^0 production, in case New Physics will enhance the decay probability by no more than a factor 3 above the Standard Model expectation.

In addition, polarization measurements of B decays have become of high interest since the observation of a surprisingly large transverse polarization in $B \rightarrow \phi K^*$ decays by Belle and BaBar [17, 18]. The relative strengths of the longitudinal and transverse states can be measured with an angular analysis of the decay products. In the helicity basis, the expected $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+$ differential decay width is proportional to

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+)}{d\cos\theta_{D_s^{*-}} d\cos\theta_{\rho^+}} \propto 4f_L \sin^2\theta_{D_s^{*-}} \cos^2\theta_{\rho^+} + (1-f_L)(1+\cos^2\theta_{D_s^{*-}}) \sin^2\theta_{\rho^+},$$

where $f_L = |H_0|^2 / \sum_{\lambda} |H_{\lambda}|^2$ is the longitudinal polarization fraction, H_{λ} ($\lambda = \pm 1, 0$) are the helicity

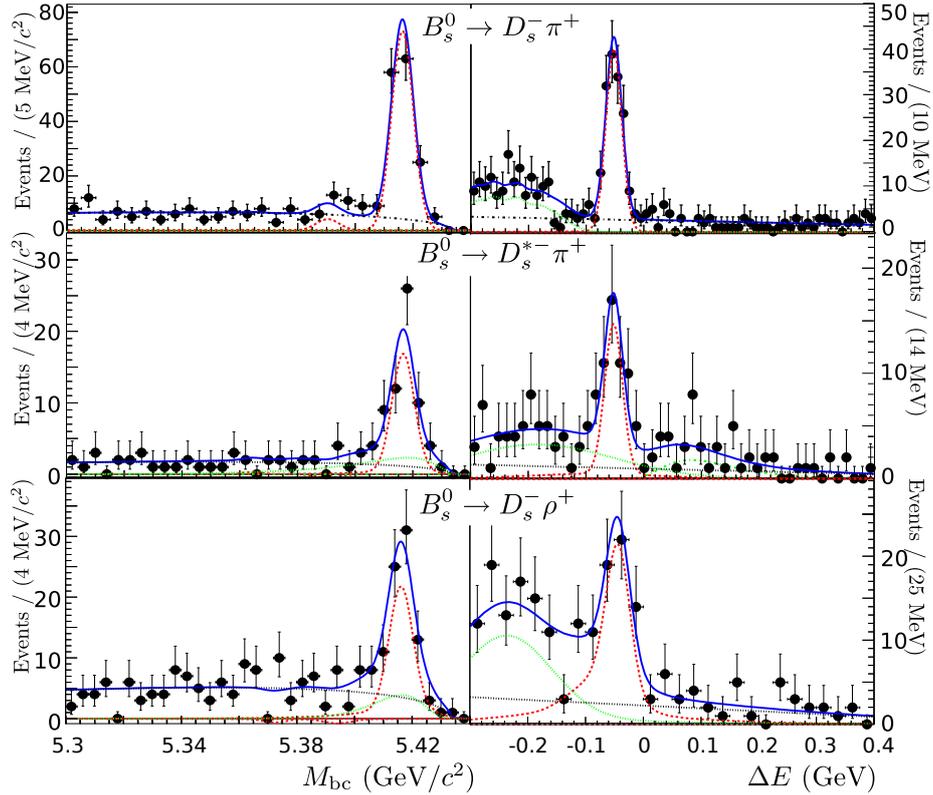


Figure 1: Left: M_{bc} distributions for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ (top) $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^+$ (middle) and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$ (bottom) candidates with ΔE restricted to the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ signal region. Right: ΔE distributions with M_{bc} restricted to the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ signal region. The black- (green-) dotted line represents the continuum (peaking) background, while the red-dashed curves are the signal shapes. The larger one is the signal in the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ kinematic region and the two others, which are very close to 0, are the signals in the two other B_s^0 production modes ($B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ and $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$).

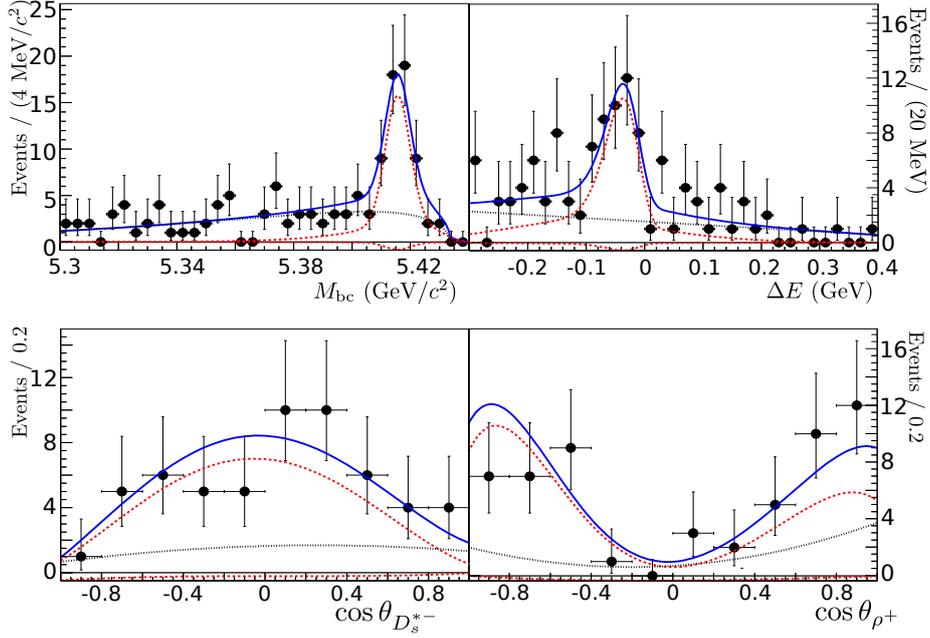


Figure 2: Fit of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+$ candidates. Top: M_{bc} and ΔE distributions, similarly to Fig. 1. Bottom: helicity distributions of the D_s^{*-} (left) and ρ^+ (right) with M_{bc} and ΔE restricted to the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ kinematic region. The black-dotted line represents the background, while the two red-dashed curves are the signal. The large (small) signal shape corresponds to the longitudinal (transverse) component.

amplitudes, and $\theta_{D_s^{*-}}$ (θ_{ρ^+}) is the helicity angle of the D_s^{*-} (ρ^+) defined as the supplement of the angle between the B_s^0 and the D_s^- (π^+) momenta in the D_s^{*-} (ρ^+) frame.

The D_s^- mesons are reconstructed via three modes : $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi (\rightarrow K^+ K^-) \pi^-$, $D_s^- \rightarrow K^{*0} (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) K^-$ and $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 (\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) K^-$. Based on the ratio of the second and the zeroth Fox-Wolfram moments [19], R_2 , the continuum events are efficiently rejected by taking advantage of the difference between their event geometry (jet like, high R_2) and the signal event shape (spherical, low R_2). The $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^+$ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+$) candidates with R_2 smaller than 0.5 (0.35) are kept for further analysis. A best candidate selection, based on the intermediate-particle reconstructed masses, is then implemented in order to keep only one B_s^0 candidate per event. The M_{bc} and ΔE distributions of the selected B_s^0 candidates for the three D_s^- modes are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, where the various components of the probability density function (PDF) used for the fit are described. The $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+$ candidates are observed with two additional variables, $\cos \theta_{D_s^{*-}}$ and $\cos \theta_{\rho^+}$, which are the cosines of the helicity angles defined above. They are needed for the measurement of the longitudinal polarization fraction, f_L .

Table 1 presents a summary of the numerical results obtained for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \pi^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \rho^+$ modes. The different sources of systematic uncertainties affecting the measurements are identified and quoted as a second error. Our results on the B_s^0 decays are consistent with theoretical predictions [11, 12] and with existing measurements (Table 1).

Mode	$N_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$	S	ϵ (10^{-3})	\mathcal{B} (10^{-3})	\mathcal{B} World average (10^{-3})
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$	145_{-13}^{+14}	21σ	15.8	$3.7_{-0.3}^{+0.4} \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5$	3.2 ± 0.9 [8]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^+$	$53.4_{-9.4}^{+10.3}$	7.1σ	9.13	$2.4_{-0.4}^{+0.5} \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4$	First measurement
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$	$92.2_{-13.2}^{+14.2}$	8.2σ	4.40	$8.5_{-1.2}^{+1.3} \pm 1.1 \pm 1.3$	First measurement
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+$	$77.8_{-13.4}^{+14.5}$	7.4σ	2.67	$11.9_{-2.0}^{+2.2} \pm 1.7 \pm 1.8$	First measurement
Observable	This work		World average		
$m(B_s^0)$	$(5364.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$		$(5366.4 \pm 1.1) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [20]		
$m(B_s^*)$	$(5416.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}/c^2$		$(5411.7 \pm 1.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [21]		
$f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$	$(90.1_{-4.0}^{+3.8} \pm 0.2) \%$		$(93_{-9}^{+7})\%$ [4]		
$f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0}$	$(7.3_{-3.0}^{+3.3} \pm 0.1) \%$		First measurement		
$f_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0}$	$(2.6_{-2.5}^{+2.6}) \%$		First measurement		
$f_L(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+)$	$1.05_{-0.10}^{+0.08+0.03}$		First measurement		

Table 1: Summary of the results for the four $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \pi^+$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \rho^+$ modes [9, 10]. Top: signal yields in the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ production mode, $N_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$, significances, S , including systematics, total signal efficiencies, ϵ (including all sub-decay branching fractions), and branching fractions, \mathcal{B} , where the uncertainty due to f_s (third error) is separated from the others systematics (second error). The first error represents the statistical uncertainties. Bottom: other measurements obtained with the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ analysis and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \rho^+$ longitudinal polarization fraction. The world averages (made without the measurements presented here) are shown for comparison in the last column of the tables.

2. Study of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta^{(\prime)}$ and Search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)$

B_s^0 decays to CP eigenstates are important for CP -violation parameter measurements [22]. Results about the first observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta$ and the first evidence for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta'$ are reported [23]. The J/ψ candidates are formed with oppositely-charged electron or muon pairs, while η candidates are reconstructed via the $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ modes. A mass (mass and vertex) constrained fit is then applied to the η (J/ψ) candidates. The η' candidates are reconstructed via the $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $\eta' \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma$ modes, while the ρ^0 candidates are selected from $\pi^+ \pi^-$ pairs. If more than one candidate per event satisfies all the selection criteria, the one with the smallest fit residual is selected. The main background is the continuum, which is reduced by requiring $R_2 < 0.4$. The combined M_{bc} and ΔE distributions are presented in Figs. 3 ($B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta$) and 4 ($B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta'$). We obtain $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta) = (3.32 \pm 0.87(\text{stat.})_{-0.28}^{+0.32}(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.42(f_s)) \times 10^{-4}$ and $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta') = (3.1 \pm 1.2(\text{stat.})_{-0.6}^{+0.5}(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.4(f_s)) \times 10^{-4}$. This is, respectively, the first observation (7.3σ) and the first evidence (3.8σ) for these modes.

The $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)$ mode is especially interesting for the hadron-collider experiments because it has only four charged tracks in its final state. Recent calculations predict the ratio

$$R_{f/\phi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)) \times \mathcal{B}(f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi) \times \mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-)}$$

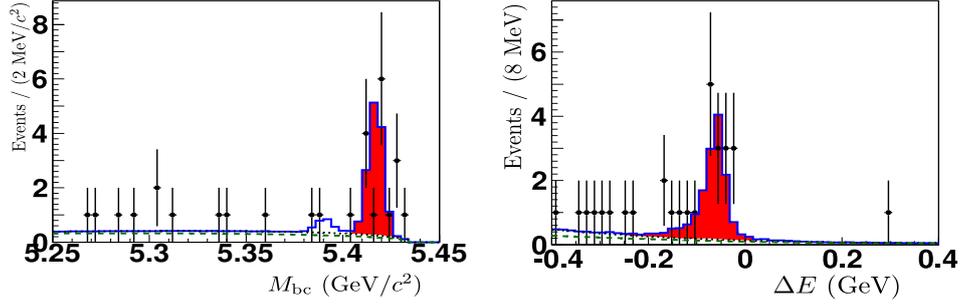


Figure 3: M_{bc} (left) and ΔE (right) distributions, similarly to Fig. 1, of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta$ candidates (points with error bars) and the fitted PDF (solid line). The sub-modes $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, which are fitted separately, are summed in these plots. The green-dotted line (red region) represents the continuum (signal) component of the PDF. The small peak in the M_{bc} plot is the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ contribution, as the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ signal range in ΔE overlaps with that of the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ signal.

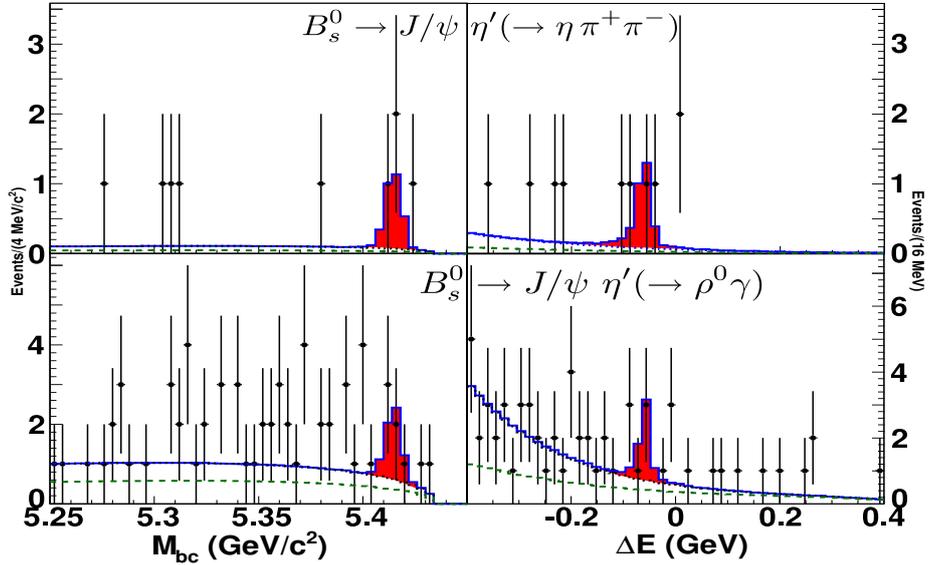


Figure 4: M_{bc} (left) and ΔE (right) distributions, similarly to Fig. 1, of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \eta'$ candidates (points with error bars) and the fitted PDF (solid line). The green-dotted line represents the continuum component of the PDF. The red region represents the signal component of the PDF.

to be ≈ 0.2 [24]. From the CLEO analysis of $D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)e^+ \nu_e$, $R_{f/\phi}$ is estimated to be 0.42 ± 0.11 [25]. From QCD estimates [26] and BES result of $\mathcal{B}(f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$, $R_{f/\phi} \approx 0.24$.

With the same selection for the J/ψ as described above, and the reconstruction of $f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ candidates, the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)$ signal is fitted using the energy difference, ΔE , and the $f_0(980)$ mass, $M_{\pi^+\pi^-}$, distributions (Fig. 5). No significant signal (6.0 ± 4.4 events, 1.7σ) is seen and we set the upper limit

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)) \times \mathcal{B}(f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 1.63 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (at 90\% C.L.)},$$

or, similarly,

$$R_{f/\phi} < 0.275 \text{ (at 90\% C.L.)}$$

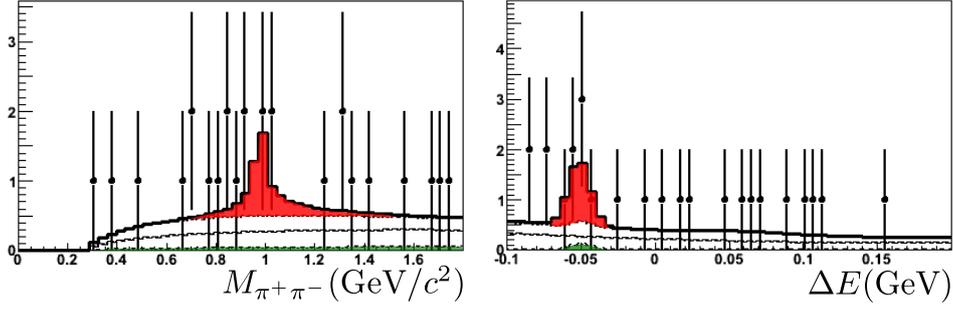


Figure 5: $f_0(980)$ mass (left) and ΔE (right) distributions of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)$ candidates. The solid-black line is the total fitted PDF. The green region represents the contribution of the non-resonant $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$, while the red region is the signal. The dotted-black curve is the contribution of the other $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi X$ modes.

using our preliminary result of $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)$ [27]. These limits are clearly in the region of interest and an update using our full data sample (120 fb^{-1}) is very important.

3. Observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ and Searches for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$, $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$

We present our results for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$, $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$, $B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ charmless decays [28]. The $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ mode is particularly interesting because it can be used for the determination of the CKM angle γ [29] and may be sensitive to New Physics [30]. The charged pion and kaon candidates are selected using charged tracks and identified with energy deposition, momentum and time-of-flight measurements. The K_S^0 candidates are reconstructed via the $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay, by selecting two oppositely-charged tracks matching various geometrical requirements [31]. A likelihood based on a Fisher discriminant using 16 modified Fox-Wolfram moments [32] is implemented to reduce the continuum, which is the main source of background.

We do observe a 5.8σ excess of 24 ± 6 events in the $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^*$ region for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ mode (Fig. 6). The branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-) = (3.8_{-0.9}^{+1.0}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.5(f_s)) \times 10^{-5}$ is derived. However, no significant signal is seen for the other modes. Including the systematics uncertainties, we set the following upper limits at 90% confidence level: $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) < 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$, $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) < 2.6 \times 10^{-5}$ and, assuming $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0) = 2 \times \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)$, $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0) < 6.6 \times 10^{-5}$. The later is the first limit set for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 \bar{K}^0$ mode. All the other values are compatible with the CDF results [33, 34].

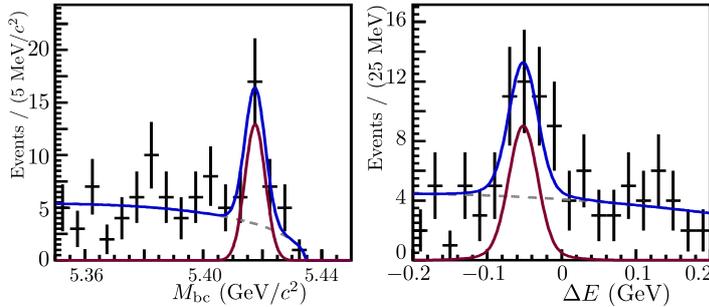


Figure 6: Distributions, similarly to Fig. 1, of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ candidates and the fitted PDF (solid blue line). The solid-red and the dotted-grey curves represent the signal and the continuum component of the PDF, respectively.

4. Study of $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ and Measurement of $\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{CP}}/\Gamma_s$

We finally report the results from our analysis of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ decays [35]. These modes are CP eigenstates and CKM favored ($b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ transition of order λ^2). In the heavy-quark limit, they are CP even and dominate $\Delta\Gamma$ [36]. The relative width difference of the $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$ system can be obtained from the relation

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{CP}}}{\Gamma_s} = \frac{2 \times \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-})}{1 - \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-})}. \quad (4.1)$$

In order to reconstruct the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ candidates, we form D_s^- candidates from 6 modes: $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi\pi^-$, $D_s^- \rightarrow K^{*0}K^-$, $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K^-$, $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi\rho^-$, $D_s^- \rightarrow K^{*0}K^{*-}$ and $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K^{*-}$. Only one candidate per event is selected using $M(D_s^-)$ and $M(D_s^{*-}) - M(D_s^-)$ informations. The same likelihood as in the previous Section, based on modified Fox-Wolfram moments [32], is used to reject 80% of the continuum events, while 95% of the signal is kept. The ΔE and M_{bc} distributions for each of the three $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ modes are fitted simultaneously. The signal PDF is made of two components studied with signal MC simulations: the correctly reconstructed candidates and the wrong combinations in which a non-signal track (photon) is included in place of a true daughter track (photon). In addition the so-called cross-feed contributions are included: a $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{\mp}$ ($D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$) event can be selected as a $D_s^+ D_s^-$ ($D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{\mp}$) candidate with a lower energy because one photon is missing; conversely, a $D_s^+ D_s^-$ ($D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{\mp}$) candidate can be reconstructed as a $D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{\mp}$ ($D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$) candidate with an additional photon, hence its energy larger than expected.

Mode	$N_{\text{sig.}}$	S	\mathcal{B}	\mathcal{B} World Average
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$	$4.9_{-1.7}^{+1.9}$	3.2σ	$(3.1_{-1.0}^{+1.2}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst.}))\%$	First evidence
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^{\mp}$	$9.2_{-2.4}^{+2.8}$	6.6σ	$(2.8_{-0.7}^{+0.8}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst.}))\%$	First observation
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$	$8.5_{-2.6}^{+3.2}$	6.2σ	$(1.0_{-0.3}^{+0.4}(\text{stat.}) + 0.3(\text{syst.}))\%$	$(1.04_{-0.34}^{+0.37})\%$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$	$22.6_{-3.9}^{+4.7}$		$(6.9_{-1.3}^{+1.5}(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.9(\text{syst.}))\%$	$(4.0 \pm 1.5)\%$

Table 2: Signal event yields, $N_{\text{sig.}}$, significances, S , including systematics and branching fractions, \mathcal{B} , for the three $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$ modes and their sum. The world averages, performed from other existing measurements [37–39], are those reported in Ref. [40].

The fit results can be seen in Fig. 7 while the numerical values are reported in Table 2. With Eq. (4.1), we extract

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{CP}}}{\Gamma_s} = (14.7_{-3.0}^{+3.6}(\text{stat.}) + 4.4(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-2}.$$

This value is in agreement with the results from ALEPH, $(25_{-14}^{+21})\%$ [37], DØ, $(7.2 \pm 3.0)\%$ [39], and CDF³, $(12_{-10}^{+9})\%$ [41]. With only 23 fully-reconstructed signal events, our measurement is already competitive with the Tevatron values.

³This is a measurement of $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s = (\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{CP}} \cos \phi)/\Gamma_s$, ϕ being the CP -violating phase (assumed to be negligible).

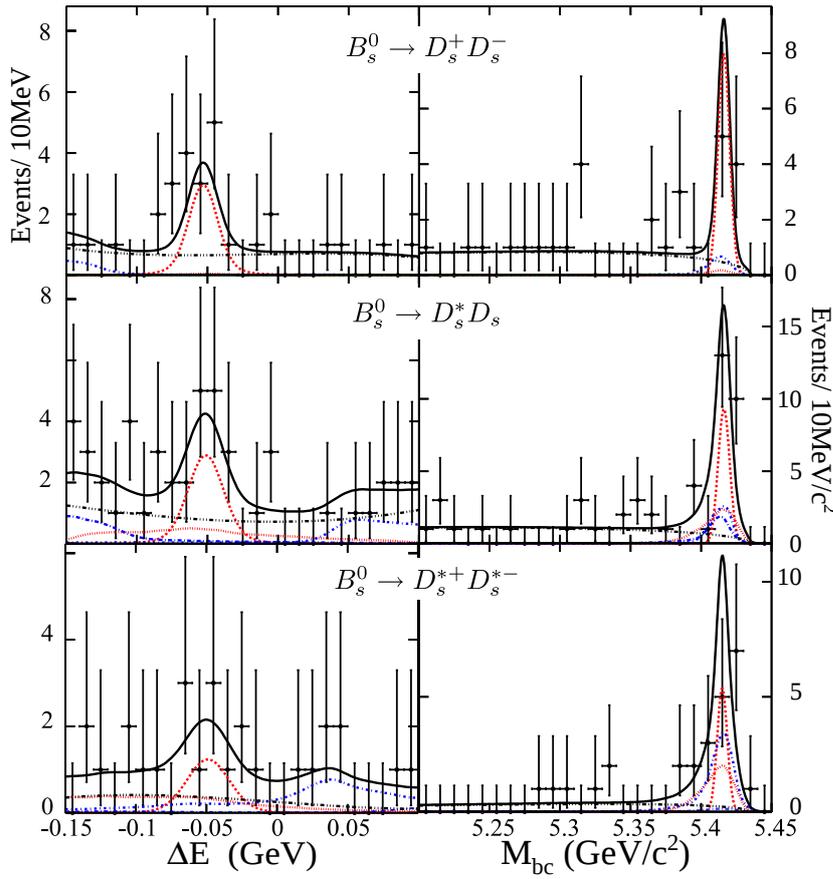


Figure 7: ΔE (left) and M_{bc} (right) distributions, similarly to Fig. 1, of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$ (top), $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm} D_s^\mp$ (middle) and $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ (bottom) candidates, together with the fitted PDF. Except the continuum background component, which is shown by the black dashed-dotted curve, all the other contributions are peaking in M_{bc} . The correct (wrong) combination signal, shown by the peaking (smooth) red dashed curve and the cross-feed components, shown by the blue dashed-dotted curve are well separated in ΔE .

Conclusion

We presented new results on B_s^0 decays obtained from 23.6 fb^{-1} of $\Upsilon(5S)$ data recorded by the Belle detector. While modes with large statistics can provide precise measurements of branching fractions and $B_s^{(*)}$ properties, first observations of several CP -eigenstate B_s^0 decays are a confirmation of the large potential of our $120 \text{ fb}^{-1} e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(5S)$ data sample and advocate an ambitious B_s^0 program at super- B factories.

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