

## Measurement of the Decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ and Evidence for $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^+$ in $e^+ e^-$ Annihilation at $\sqrt{s} \approx 10.87$ GeV

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We have studied  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  decays using  $23.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data collected at the  $\Upsilon(5S)$  resonance with the Belle detector at the KEKB  $e^+e^-$  collider. This highly pure  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  sample is used to measure the branching fraction,  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+) = [3.67^{+0.35}_{-0.33}(\text{stat})^{+0.43}_{-0.42}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.49(f_s)] \times 10^{-3}$  ( $f_s = N_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^{(*)}}/N_{b\bar{b}}$ ) and the fractions of  $B_s^0$  event types at the  $\Upsilon(5S)$  energy, in particular  $N_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}/N_{B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}} = (90.1^{+3.8}_{-4.0} \pm 0.2)\%$ . We also determine the masses  $M(B_s^0) = (5364.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and  $M(B_s^*) = (5416.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ . In addition, we observe  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  decays with a significance of  $3.5\sigma$  and measure  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm) = [2.4^{+1.2}_{-1.0}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst}) \pm 0.3(f_s)] \times 10^{-4}$ .

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The decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  [1] has a relatively large branching fraction and is a primary normalization mode at hadron colliders, where the absolute production rate of  $B_s^0$  mesons is difficult to measure directly. It proceeds dominantly via a Cabibbo-favored tree process. The decay  $B^0 \rightarrow D^- \pi^+$  proceeds through the same tree process but may also have additional contributions from  $W$  exchange, so a comparison of the partial widths of the two decays can give insight into the poorly known  $W$ -exchange process. The Cabibbo-suppressed mode  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  is mediated by  $b \rightarrow c$  and  $b \rightarrow u$  tree transitions of similar order ( $\sim \lambda^3$ , in the Wolfenstein parametrization [2]), which raises the possibility of measuring time-dependent  $CP$ -violating effects [3]. It has recently become possible to produce  $B_s^0$  events from  $e^+e^-$  collisions at the  $\Upsilon(5S)$  resonance in sufficiently large numbers to achieve interesting and competitive measurements.  $\Upsilon(5S)$  events may also be used to determine precisely the masses of  $B_s^*$  and  $B_s^0$ ; the mass difference can be compared with that of  $B^{*0}$  and  $B^0$  to test heavy-quark symmetry [4], which predicts equality between them. Properties of the  $\Upsilon(5S)$  such as the fraction of events containing a  $B_s^0$  and the relative proportions of  $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ ,  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ , and  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  provide additional tests of heavy-quark theories [5,6].

In this Letter, we report measurements performed with fully reconstructed  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  decays in  $L_{\text{int}} = (23.6 \pm 0.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data collected with the Belle detector at the KEKB asymmetric-energy (3.6 GeV on 8.2 GeV)  $e^+e^-$  collider [7] operated at the  $\Upsilon(5S)$  resonance. The beam energy in the center-of-mass (c.m.) frame

is measured to be  $E_b^* = \sqrt{s}/2 = 5433.5 \pm 0.5 \text{ MeV}$  with  $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  decays [8]. The total  $b\bar{b}$  cross section at the  $\Upsilon(5S)$  energy has been measured to be  $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)} = (0.302 \pm 0.014) \text{ nb}$  [9], which includes  $B^0$ ,  $B^+$ , and  $B_s^0$  events. Three  $B_s^0$  production modes are kinematically allowed:  $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ ,  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ , and  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ . The  $B_s^*$  decays electromagnetically to  $B_s^0$ , emitting a photon with energy  $E_\gamma \sim 53 \text{ MeV}$ . The fraction of  $b\bar{b}$  events containing a  $B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}$  pair has been measured to be  $f_s = N_{B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}}/N_{b\bar{b}} = (19.5^{+3.0}_{-2.3})\%$  [9]. The number of  $B_s^0$  mesons in the sample is thus  $N_{B_s^0} = 2 \times L_{\text{int}} \times \sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)} \times f_s = (2.78^{+0.45}_{-0.36}) \times 10^6$ . The  $B_s^0$  production mode ratios are defined as  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*} = N_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}/N_{B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}}$ ,  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0} = N_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0}/N_{B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}}$ , and  $f_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0} = N_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0}/N_{B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}}$ . The Belle Collaboration previously measured  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*} = (93^{+7}_{-9})\%$  [10].

The Belle detector is a large-solid-angle magnetic spectrometer that consists of a silicon vertex detector, a central drift chamber (CDC), an array of aerogel threshold Cherenkov counters (ACC), a barrel-like arrangement of time-of-flight (TOF) scintillation counters, and an electromagnetic calorimeter composed of CsI(Tl) crystals located inside a superconducting solenoid coil that provides a 1.5 T magnetic field. An iron flux return located outside of the coil is instrumented to detect  $K_L^0$  and to identify muons. The detector is described in detail elsewhere [11].

Reconstructed charged tracks are required to have a maximum impact parameter with respect to the nominal interaction point of 0.5 cm in the radial direction and 3 cm

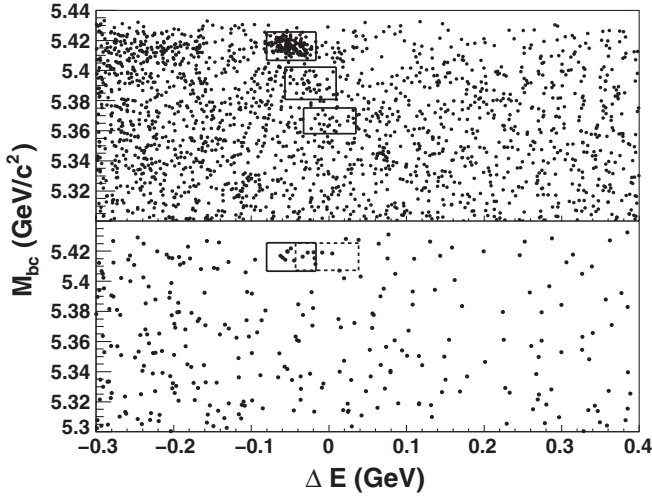


FIG. 1.  $(M_{bc}, \Delta E)$  scatter plots for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  (top) and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^\pm$  (bottom) candidates. The three boxes in the top plot are the  $\pm 2.5\sigma$  signal regions ( $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ ,  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ , and  $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ , from top to bottom) while those in the bottom plot are the  $\pm 2.5\sigma$   $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  regions for signal (solid) and for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  background (dashed).

in the beam-axis direction. A likelihood ratio  $\mathcal{R}_{K/\pi} = \mathcal{L}_K / (\mathcal{L}_\pi + \mathcal{L}_K)$  is built using ACC, TOF, and CDC ( $dE/dx$ ) measurements. A track is identified as a pion if  $\mathcal{R}_{K/\pi} < 0.6$  or as a kaon otherwise. With this selection, the identification efficiency for pions (kaons) is about 91% (85%), while the fake rate is about 9% (14%).

Neutral kaons are reconstructed via the decay  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  with no identification requirements for the two charged pions. The  $K_S^0$  candidates are required to have an invariant mass within  $\pm 7.5$  MeV/ $c^2$  ( $\pm 4\sigma$ ) of the nominal  $K_S^0$  mass (all nominal mass values are taken from Ref. [12]). Requirements on the  $K_S^0$  vertex displacement from the interaction point and on the difference between vertex and  $K_S^0$  flight directions are applied. The criteria are described in detail elsewhere [13]. The  $K^{*0}$  ( $\phi$ ) candidates are reconstructed via the decay  $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  ( $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ ) with an invariant mass within  $\pm 50$  MeV/ $c^2$  ( $\pm 12$  MeV/ $c^2$ ) of the nominal mass.

Candidates for  $D_s^-$  are reconstructed in the three modes  $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi \pi^-$ ,  $D_s^- \rightarrow K^{*0} K^-$ , and  $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K^-$  and required to have mass within  $\pm 15$  MeV/ $c^2$  ( $\pm 3\sigma$ ) of the nominal  $D_s^-$  mass for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  and within  $\pm 8$  MeV/ $c^2$  for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$ . Following Ref. [10], the signals for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  are observed using two variables: the beam-constrained mass of the  $B_s^0$  candidate  $M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_b^{*2} - \vec{p}_{B_s^0}^{*2}}$  and the energy difference  $\Delta E = E_{B_s^0}^* - E_b^*$ , where  $(E_{B_s^0}^*, \vec{p}_{B_s^0}^*)$  is the four-momentum of the  $B_s^0$  candidate expressed in the c.m. frame. We select candidates with  $M_{bc} > 5.3$  GeV/ $c^2$  and  $-0.3 < \Delta E < 0.4$  GeV. In each event the  $B_s^0$  candidate with the  $D_s^-$  mass closest to its nominal value is selected for further

TABLE I. Parametrization of  $M_{bc}$  and  $\Delta E$  mean values.

Signal	Mean of $(M_{bc}, \Delta E)$
$B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$	$(m_{B_s^*}, \sqrt{E_b^{*2} - (m_{B_s^*}^2 - m_{B_s^0}^2)} - E_b^*)$
$B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$	$(\sqrt{(m_{B_s^*}^2 + m_{B_s^0}^2)/2 - [(m_{B_s^*}^2 - m_{B_s^0}^2)/4E_b^*]^2}, -\frac{m_{B_s^*}^2 - m_{B_s^0}^2}{4E_b^*})$
$B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$	$(m_{B_s^0}, 0)$

analysis; only  $\approx 1\%$  of events have more than one candidate.

Further selection criteria are developed using Monte Carlo (MC) samples based on EVTGEN [14] and GEANT [15] detector simulation. The most significant source of background is continuum events,  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}, c\bar{c}$ . In addition, for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  mode there is also a large background from  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ , where the  $\pi^+$  is misidentified as a  $K^+$ . The expected continuum background,  $N_{bkg}$ , is estimated using MC-generated continuum events representing three times the data. The expected signal,  $N_{sig}$ , is obtained assuming  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+) = 3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*} = 93\%$  for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  analysis and  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm) = 3.7 \times 10^{-4}$  for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  analysis. For  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$ , we assume the values of  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+)$  and  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$  obtained in the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  analysis.

To improve signal relative to background, criteria are chosen to maximize  $N_{sig}/\sqrt{N_{sig} + N_{bkg}}$ , evaluated in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  signal region (Fig. 1). Two topological variables are used. First, we use the ratio of the second and zeroth Fox-Wolfram moments [16],  $R_2$ , which has a broad distribution between zero and one for jetlike continuum events and is concentrated in the range below 0.5 for the more spherical signal events. Candidates for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$ ) are required to have  $R_2 < 0.5$  ( $< 0.4$ ). We then use the helicity angle  $\theta_{hel}$  of the  $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi \pi^-$  ( $D_s^- \rightarrow K^{*0} K^-$ ) decays, defined as the angle between the momentum of the positive daughter of the  $\phi$  ( $K^{*0}$ ) and the momentum of the  $D_s^-$  in the  $\phi$  ( $K^{*0}$ ) rest frame; for signal decays consisting in a spin-0 particle decaying into a spin-1 particle and a spin-0 particle, the distribution is  $\propto \cos^2 \theta_{hel}$ , while for combinatorial background under  $D_s$  signal it is flat. Candidates for  $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi \pi^-$  and  $D_s^- \rightarrow K^{*0} K^-$  are required to satisfy  $|\cos \theta_{hel}| > 0.2$  ( $> 0.35$ ) for the

TABLE II. Signal efficiencies, yields ( $N$ ), and significances ( $S$ ).

$\Upsilon(5S)$ mode	$\sum_k \epsilon_k \mathcal{B}_k$	$N$	$S$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ mode		$161 \pm 15$	
$B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$	1.58%	$145_{-13}^{+14}$	$21.0\sigma$
$B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$	1.58%	$11.8_{-3.0}^{+5.8}$	$2.7\sigma$
$B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$	1.56%	$4.0_{-3.7}^{+4.6}$	$1.1\sigma$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$ mode			
$B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$	1.12%	$6.7_{-2.7}^{+3.4}$	$3.5\sigma$

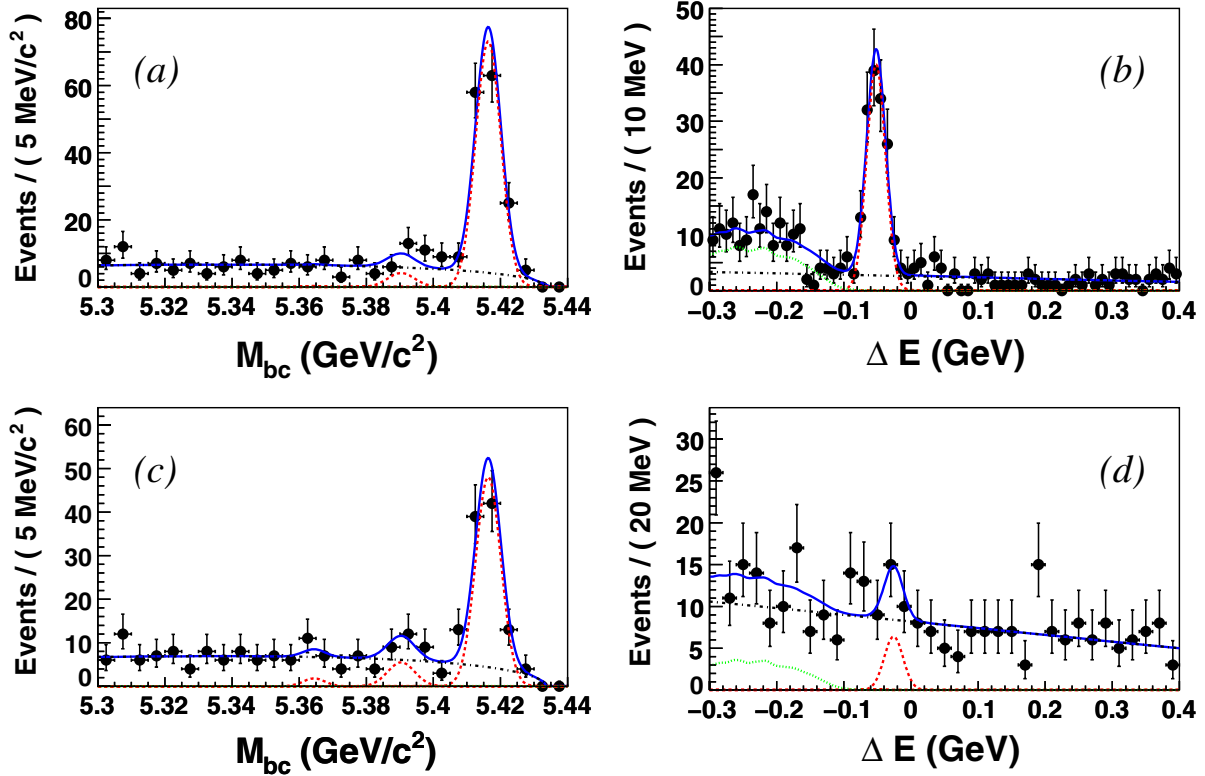


FIG. 2 (color online). (a)  $M_{bc}$  distribution of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  candidates with  $\Delta E$  in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}$  signal region  $[-80, -17]$  MeV. (b)  $\Delta E$  distribution of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  candidates with  $M_{bc}$  in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}$  signal region  $[5.41, 5.43]$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$ . The different fitted components are shown with dashed curves for the signal, dotted curves for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  background, and dash-dotted curves for the continuum. (c),(d) show the same distributions but using the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}$  signal region ( $\Delta E \in [-57, 9]$  MeV and  $M_{bc} \in [5.38, 5.40]$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$ ).

$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^\pm$ ) mode. These two selections reject 43% (73%) of the continuum while retaining 95% (85%) of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^\pm$ ) signal. MC studies show that background from  $B^+$  and  $B^0$  decays is small and flat enough to be described together with the continuum events for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  mode and is negligible for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^\pm$  mode. The most relevant background from  $B_s^0$  decays is  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ .

For each mode, a two-dimensional unbinned extended maximum likelihood fit [17] in  $M_{bc}$  and  $\Delta E$  is performed on the selected candidates, which are shown in Fig. 1. Each signal probability density function (PDF) is described by a sum of two Gaussians. For the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  analysis, all three  $B_s^0$  production modes ( $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}$ ,  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}$ , and  $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ ) are fitted simultaneously. For the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^\pm$  mode, only the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}$  component is taken into account. The resolutions for  $M_{bc}$  and  $\Delta E$  are estimated from MC simulation and scaled by a common factor (one for each variable) left free in the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  fit. Approximating  $p_{B_s^*}^*$  with  $p_{B_s^0}^*$  in the  $B_s^* \rightarrow B_s^0 \gamma$  decay, the mean values are parametrized, as shown in Table I, as functions of the  $B_s^0$  and  $B_s^*$  masses, which are also left free in the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  fit. The continuum (together with possible  $B^+$  and  $B^0$  background) is modeled with an ARGUS function [18] for  $M_{bc}$  and a linear function

for  $\Delta E$ . A nonparametric two-dimensional PDF, obtained from MC simulation with the kernel-estimation method [19], is used to describe the shape of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  background.

For the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  mode, the three signal yields are expressed as a function of three free parameters,  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+)$ ,  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}}$ , and  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}}$ , with the relations

TABLE III. Relative systematic uncertainties (in %) for  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^\pm)$ .

Source	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$		$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^\pm$	
Integrated luminosity	+1.3	-1.3	+1.4	-1.2
$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{Y(5S)}$	+4.8	-4.4	+5.0	-4.4
$f_s$	+13.3	-13.3	+13.6	-13.4
$f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^{*0}}$	...	...	+4.8	-4.1
$D_s^-$ branching fractions	+6.6	-6.1	+6.8	-5.9
Efficiencies (MC stat.)	+1.2	-1.2	+1.5	-1.3
Efficiencies ( $R_2, \cos\theta_{\text{hel}}$ )	+4.8	-4.8	+4.8	-4.8
$\pi^\pm, K^\pm$ identification	+5.4	-5.4	+5.2	-5.2
Track reconstruction	+4.0	-4.0	+4.0	-4.0
PDF shapes	+1.0	-1.0	+3.3	-2.7
Total	+17.8	-17.5	+19.0	-18.1



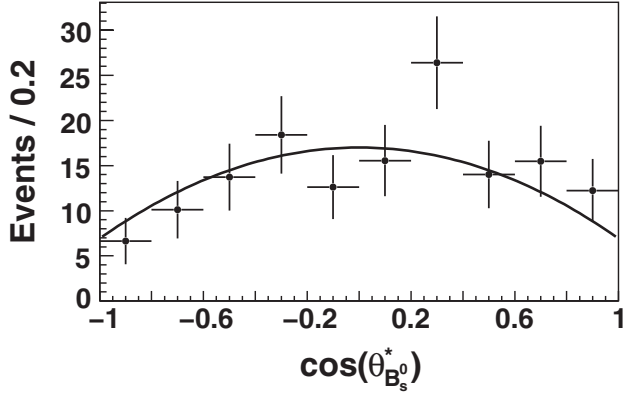


FIG. 3. Fitted distribution of the cosine of the angle between the  $B_s^0$  momentum and the beam axis in the c.m. frame for the  $Y(5S) \rightarrow B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  signal.

$N_M = N_{B_s^0} \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+) f_M \sum_k \varepsilon_k^M \mathcal{B}_k$ , where  $M$  is one of the three  $B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ -pair production modes and  $k$  runs over the  $D_s^-$  modes; the third fraction is defined as  $f_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0} = 1 - f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*} - f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0}$ . The values of  $\sum_k \varepsilon_k^M \mathcal{B}_k$ , which are the total  $D_s^-$  branching fractions [12] weighted by the reconstruction efficiencies, are listed in Table II.

Figure 2 shows the  $M_{bc}$  and  $\Delta E$  projections in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  and in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$  regions of the data, together with the fitted function. In the  $M_{bc}$  distribution, the three signal components are present due to overlap of the signal boxes; the peak on the right (middle, left) is due to  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  ( $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0$ ,  $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ ) production. Table II presents the fitted signal yields as well as the significance defined by  $S = \sqrt{2 \ln(\mathcal{L}_{\max}/\mathcal{L}_0)}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_{\max}$  ( $\mathcal{L}_0$ ) is the value at the maximum (with the corresponding yield set to zero) of the likelihood function convolved with a Gaussian distribution that represents the systematic errors.

Systematic uncertainties on the branching fractions are shown in Table III. Those on  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$  and  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0}$  are mainly

due to PDF uncertainties. Those due to the beam energy, the momentum calibration, and the  $p_{B_s^*}^* \approx p_{B_s^0}^*$  approximation are propagated as systematics on the  $B_s^*$  mass and  $B_s^0$  mass. The momentum normalization uncertainties are much more important in the latter case because the measured energy of the  $B_s^0$  candidate is used instead of the beam energy.

We measure the branching fraction  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+) = [3.67_{-0.33}^{+0.35}(\text{stat})_{-0.42}^{+0.43}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.49(f_s)] \times 10^{-3}$ , where the largest systematic uncertainty, due to  $f_s$ , is quoted separately, the fraction  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*} = (90.1_{-4.0}^{+3.8} \pm 0.2)\%$  and the two fitted masses  $m_{B_s^0} = (5364.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and  $m_{B_s^*} = (5416.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ . These four measurements supersede the previous Belle values [10]. We obtain for the first time values for the two fractions  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0} = (7.3_{-3.0}^{+3.3} \pm 0.1)\%$  and  $f_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0} = (2.6_{-2.5}^{+2.6})\%$ , using the correlation ( $-0.77$ ) between  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$  and  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^0}$ .

Our branching fraction is compatible with the CDF result [12,20], and is slightly higher ( $1.3\sigma$ ) than  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^- \pi^+)$  [12]. The value of  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$  is significantly larger than the theoretical expectation of  $\approx 70\%$  [5,6]. The  $B_s^0$  mass is compatible with the world average value [12], while our value for the  $B_s^*$  mass is  $2.6\sigma$  larger than the result from CLEO [21]. The mass difference obtained,  $m_{B_s^*} - m_{B_s^0} = 52.0 \pm 1.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , is  $4.0\sigma$  larger than the world average of  $m_{B^{*0}} - m_{B^0}$  [12], while heavy-quark symmetry predicts equal values [4].

The distribution of the angle between the  $B_s^0$  momentum and the beam axis in the c.m. frame is of theoretical interest [5] and is presented in Fig. 3 for the signal events in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  region, using the  $_s$ Plot method [22]. A fit to a  $1 + a \cos^2 \theta_{B_s^0}^*$  distribution returns  $\chi^2/(\text{number of degrees of freedom}) = 8.74/8$  and  $a = -0.59_{-0.16}^{+0.18}$ . It has been checked that the signal efficiency does not depend on this angle. We naively expect  $a = -0.27$  by summing over all the possible polarization states.

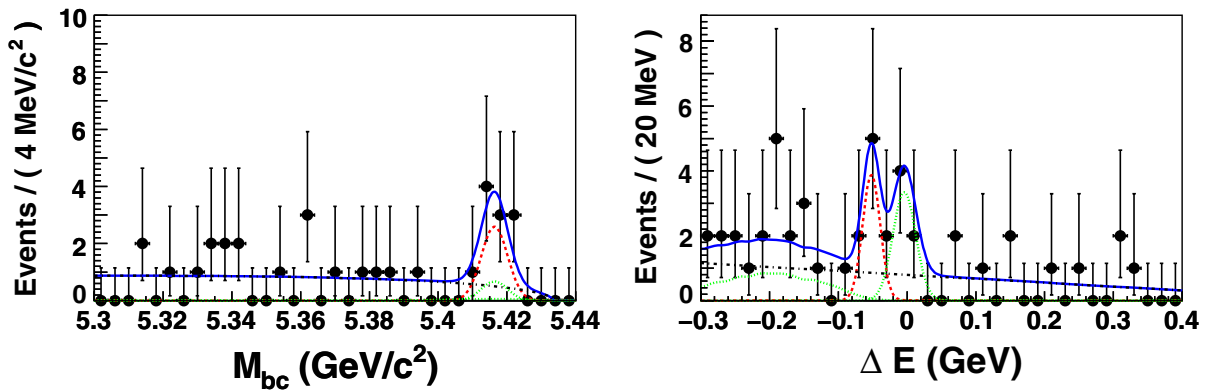


FIG. 4 (color online). Left:  $M_{bc}$  distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^+$  candidates with  $\Delta E$  in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  signal region. Right:  $\Delta E$  distribution of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^+$  candidates with  $M_{bc}$  in the  $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$  signal region; the left (right) peak is the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^+$  ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ ) component. The dashed curves, dotted curves, and dash-dotted curves represent the signal,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)-} \pi^+$  backgrounds, and continuum, respectively.

For the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  mode, mean values and resolutions for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm$  components are calibrated using the results of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm$  fit. The four yields (signal, continuum,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm$ , and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^\pm$ ) are allowed to float, but, due to the very small contribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^\pm$ , the ratio between the yields of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{*-} \pi^\pm$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm$  is fixed from a fit to data without kaon identification.

The fit results are shown in Fig. 4 and Table II. Systematic errors are presented in Table III. We find  $6.7_{-2.7}^{+3.4}$  signal events ( $3.5\sigma$ ), corresponding to  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm) = [2.4_{-1.0}^{+1.2}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst}) \pm 0.3(f_s)] \times 10^{-4}$ , using the previously fitted value of  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*}$ . In the ratio  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm) = (6.5_{-2.9}^{+3.5})\%$ , the errors are dominated by the low  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  statistics.

In summary, a large  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm$  signal is observed and six physics parameters are measured: the branching fraction  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^\pm) = [3.67_{-0.33}^{+0.35}(\text{stat})_{-0.42}^{+0.43}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.49(f_s)] \times 10^{-3}$ , the fractions of the  $B_s^0$  pair production modes at the  $Y(5S)$  energy,  $f_{B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*} = (90.1_{-4.0}^{+3.8} \pm 0.2)\%$ ,  $f_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0} = (7.3_{-3.0}^{+3.3} \pm 0.1)\%$ ,  $f_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0} = (2.6_{-2.5}^{+2.6})\%$ , and the masses  $m_{B_s^*} = (5416.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $m_{B_s^0} = (5364.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ . In addition, evidence ( $3.5\sigma$ ) for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$  decay is obtained, leading to a measurement  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm) = [2.4_{-1.0}^{+1.2}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst}) \pm 0.3(f_s)] \times 10^{-4}$ .

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