Search for Radiative D_s Decays

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- A similar ratio for D_s^+ radiative decays offers a much better probe for an NP signal(Phys. Rev. D 54, 5883(1996)), as the latter

$$R_K \equiv \frac{\Gamma(D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma)}{\Gamma(D_s^+ \to \rho^+\gamma)} = \tan^2\theta_c$$

is less sensitive to SM corrections and offers a more robust NP probe.

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Presenting herein...

- Radiative decays $D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$ have not been observed experimentally.

- The first sensitivity study of radiative D_s meson decays with data collected by the Belle experiment.

- Predictions for branching fractions and comparisons with theoretical models.

Belle experiment at KEKB

- KEKB is an asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider operating near $\Upsilon(4S)$ mass peak (~ 10.58 GeV/c^2, $> B\bar{B}$ threshold).

- Belle detector has good performances on momentum/vertex resolution; particle identification, etc.

- Accumulated data set of ~ 1 ab^{-1}: which provides a large $B\bar{B}$ sample (772 millions), and also a large charm sample to study charm physics.

- Fruitful Charm results are lasting to produce, although the accumulation of final data set finished >14 years ago.

Belle Detector
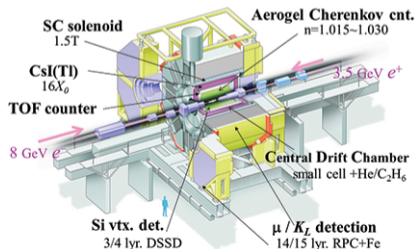
$e^+e^- \to$	Cross section [nb]
$\Upsilon(4S)$	1.05 ± 0.10
$c\bar{c}$	1.30
$s\bar{s}$	0.38
$u\bar{u}$	1.61
$d\bar{d}$	0.40
$\tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)$	0.919
$\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$	1.148
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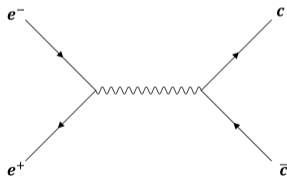
Analysis In a Nutshell
Challenges:

- Small signal rates, large background

1) Event Selection and Reconstruction

- Final state particle with good track selection, particle ID criteria etc.
- Forming D_s meson using final state particles.
- Simultaneous optimization using E_γ, $E9E25_\gamma$ and π^0 veto
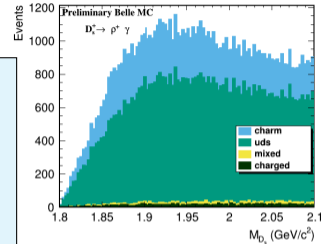
Signal modes:

- $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\gamma, \rho^+ \to \pi^+\pi^0$
- $D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$
- ① $K^{*+} \to K_s^0\pi^+$
- ② $K^{*+} \to K^+\pi^0$

2) Background suppression

- Understand the background levels
- Cut on the output of MVA classifiers optimized and trained using simulated data

3) Signal Extraction

- Develop Fit model using simulation

4) Validation
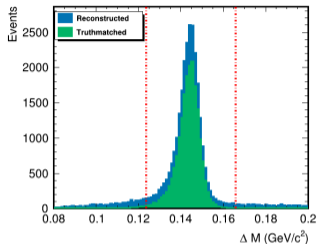
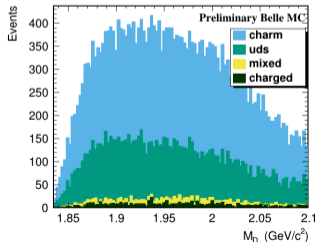- Ensemble and control sample study

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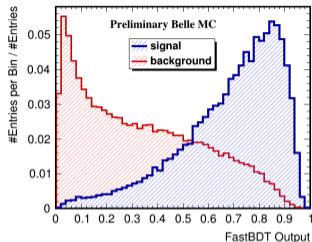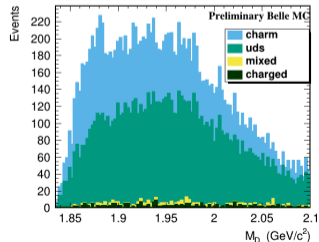
- $\Delta M = M_{D_s^{*+}} - M_{D_s^+}$

Decay mode	MVA cut	Bkg. Rej.	Sig. Ret.
$D_s^+ \to \rho^+ \gamma$	>0.4	66 %	90 %
$D_s^+ \to K^{*+} \gamma$[1]	>0.5	74 %	78 %
$D_s^+ \to K^{*+} \gamma$[2]	>0.5	74 %	77 %

- Cut on the output of MVA classifiers optimized and trained using simulated data

- Expected around 80-100, 15-20 [1] and 8-10[2] events assuming Branching fraction 10^{-4} for $D_s^+ \to \rho^+ \gamma$ and 10^{-5} for $D_s^+ \to K^{*+} \gamma$ using Belle data

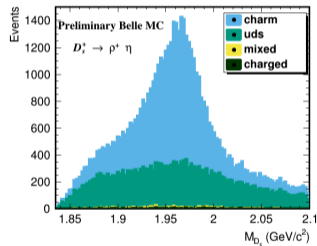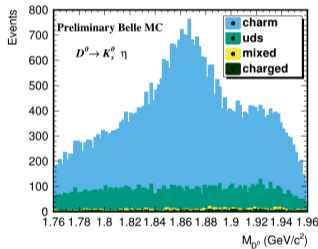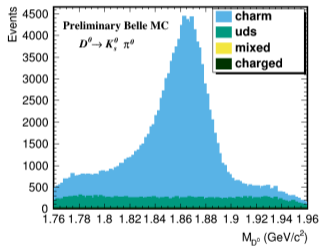| Decay mode	efficiency(%)
$D_s^+ \to \rho^+ \gamma$	0.47 ± 0.01
$D_s^+ \to K^{*+} \gamma$ [1]	3.09 ± 0.02
$D_s^+ \to K^{*+} \gamma$ [2]	0.79 ± 0.01

Signal extraction
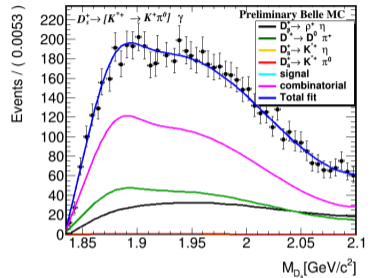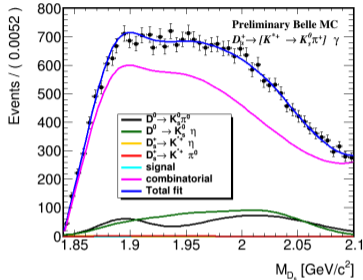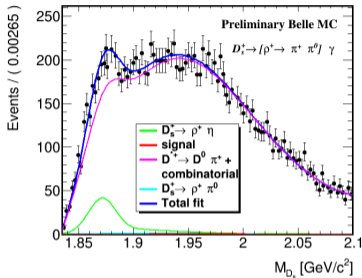
- ΔM signal window = [0.1237, 0.1660] GeV/c^2
- $M_{D_s} \in (1.835, 2.10)$ GeV/c^2
- Performed 1D unbinned maximum likelihood fit to extract signal yield using 711 fb^{-1} of Belle MC sample taking peaking backgrounds into consideration.

Validation

Control mode study:

- $D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\eta, \rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$
- $D^{*0} \rightarrow [D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^0]\gamma$
- $D^{*0} \rightarrow [D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\eta]\gamma$

- To verify the signal extraction procedure and to calibrate the MC/Data resolution of our MC studies, we perform a control sample study on a decay channel.

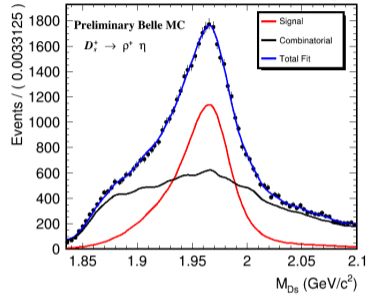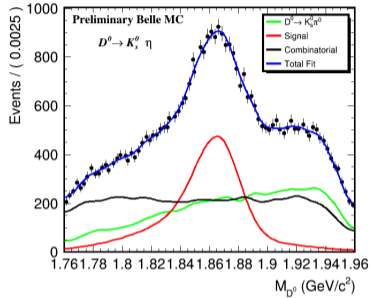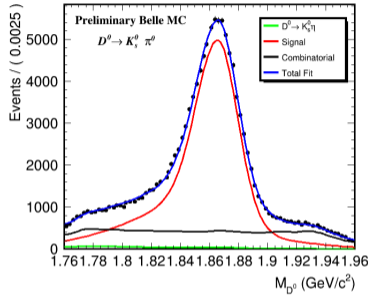- Similar cut applied including FastBDT output

- $\Delta M = M_{D_s^{*+}} - M_{D_s}$
- $M_{D_s} \in (1.835, 2.10)\,\text{GeV}/c^2$
- $\Delta M = M_{D^{*0}} - M_{D^0}$
- $M_{D^0} \in (1.76, 1.96)\,\text{GeV}/c^2$

Decay mode	efficiency(%)
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\eta$	0.43 ± 0.01
$D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^0$	3.37 ± 0.02
$D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\eta$	3.15 ± 0.02

Crosschecks with MC

- Performed 1D unbinned maximum likelihood fit of M_{D_s} and M_{D^0} within the signal window of ΔM to extract signal yield using 711 fb^{-1} of Belle MC sample taking peaking backgrounds into consideration.

$$\text{ratio(R)} = \frac{B(D^0 \to K_s^0 \pi^0)}{B(D^0 \to K_s^0 \eta)}$$

- R as per MC (DECAY.DEC) = 2.91 (2.84)

Summary

Conclusion

- Belle is still producing new results.
- Performed MC Study with implementation of π^0/η veto and MVA training to get rid of the huge background for $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\gamma$ and $D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$ decay mode.
- Validated using control mode studies on $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\eta$, $D^0 \to K_s^0\eta$, $D^0 \to K_s^0\pi^0$. We will calculate of branching fraction or upper limit depending on the final observation.
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- As a summary, I would like to say, "Our Belle is not only keeping alive but still keeping energetic with fruitful charm results, although its final full data set was achieved more than 14 years ago."

Please stay tuned!!!!

Thank you for your attention