

Search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and a measurement of the branching fraction for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$

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We search for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and measure the branching fraction for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ using 121.4 fb^{-1} of data collected at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance with the Belle detector at the KEKB asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider. The $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ branching fraction is measured to be $(3.6 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst}) \pm 0.6(f_s)) \times 10^{-5}$, where f_s is the fraction of $B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ in $b\bar{b}$ events. Our result is in good agreement with the theoretical predictions as well as with a recent measurement from LHCb. We observe no statistically significant signal for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and set a 90% confidence-level upper limit on its branching fraction at 3.1×10^{-6} . This constitutes a significant improvement over the previous result.

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In the Standard Model (SM), the exclusive decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ are explained by the radiative transitions $b \rightarrow s\gamma\gamma$ and $b \rightarrow s\gamma$, respectively. The leading-order Feynman diagrams for these processes are shown in Fig. 1. Within the SM framework, the branching fraction (BF) for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ is expected to be about 4×10^{-5} with 30% uncertainty [1,2]. First observation of this decay was made by the Belle Collaboration using 23.6 fb^{-1} of data collected at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance and its BF was measured to be $(5.7_{-1.9}^{+2.2}) \times 10^{-5}$ [3]. The latest tabulated world-average value is $(3.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$ [4]. These experimental results are in good agreement with the theoretical expectations. Furthermore, the good agreement between theory and experimental results on exclusive decays mediated by $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ transitions [1,2,5,6] as well as on inclusive

$B \rightarrow X_s\gamma$ rates [6–8] rules out large contributions to $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ from physics beyond the SM. However, potential contributions from new physics could remain hidden within the large uncertainties in the SM predictions [9,10]. The decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ has not been observed yet.

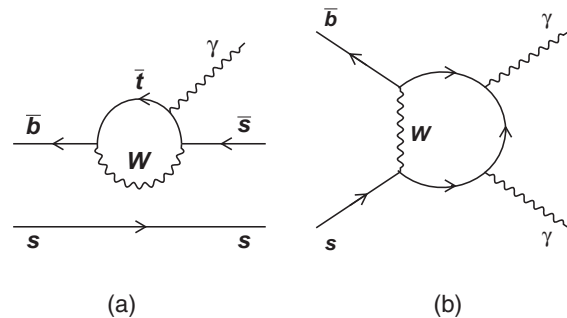


FIG. 1. Leading-order Feynman diagrams for the decays (a) $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ and (b) $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$.

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Currently, the upper limit on its BF is 8.7×10^{-6} at 90% confidence level (C.L.) [3]. This is almost an order of magnitude larger than the range covered by published theoretical calculations [11–13]. The $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ BF is also constrained by the $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ results in the R -parity conserving SUSY scenario [9]. However, in the R -parity violating (RPV) case, the possible contribution from λ -irreducible diagrams [14] (which have a negligible impact on the $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ amplitude at one loop) may enhance its BF by more than an order of magnitude [9].

The results presented in this paper are based on 121.4 fb $^{-1}$ of data collected at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance with the Belle detector [15,16] at the KEKB [17] asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider at KEK in Japan. The Belle detector consists of a four-layer silicon vertex detector (SVD), a central drift chamber (CDC), aerogel Cherenkov counters (ACC), time-of-flight counters (TOF) and an electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL). These detector components are located inside a solenoid with a magnetic field of 1.5 T whose flux-return yoke is instrumented to detect K_L^0 mesons and muons.

The $b\bar{b}$ production cross section at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ center of mass (c.m.) energy is measured to be $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)} = (0.340 \pm 0.016)$ nb [18], while the fraction of $B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ in $b\bar{b}$ events is $f_s = (17.2 \pm 3.0)\%$ [18]. The $B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ pairs include $B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$, $B_s^*\bar{B}_s$ and $B_s\bar{B}_s$ with measured percentages $f_{B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*} = (87.0 \pm 1.7)\%$ and $f_{B_s^*\bar{B}_s} = (7.3 \pm 1.4)\%$ [18]. The B_s^0 mesons decay to ground-state B_s^0 mesons through the emission of a photon. Charge conjugate modes are implied throughout this paper.

Signal Monte Carlo (MC) events for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ decays are generated using EVTGEN [19]; the response of the detector is simulated using GEANT3 [20], with beam-related backgrounds from data added to the simulated samples. Charged tracks are required to originate from the interaction point (IP) by satisfying the criteria $dr < 0.5$ cm and $|dz| < 3$ cm, where $|dz|$ and dr are the distances of closest approach to the IP along the z axis (collinear with the positron beam) and in the transverse r - ϕ plane, respectively. Kaons are identified with an efficiency of about 85% by requiring $\mathcal{L}_K/(\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi) > 0.6$, where \mathcal{L}_K and \mathcal{L}_π are the likelihoods of the track being due to a kaon and pion, respectively, obtained using information from ACC, CDC and TOF. Tracks failing this requirement are assumed to be pions. To be reconstructed as a ϕ meson candidate, a pair of oppositely charged kaons must have an invariant mass within ± 12 MeV/ c^2 ($\pm 2.5\sigma$) of the nominal ϕ mass. Similarly, the K^{*0} candidates in the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma$ control sample are reconstructed with oppositely charged kaon and pion candidates by requiring $|M_{K\pi} - m_{K^{*0}}| < 75$ MeV/ c^2 , where $M_{K\pi}$ and $m_{K^{*0}}$ are the invariant mass of the kaon-pion pair and the nominal K^{*0} mass, respectively. Photons are reconstructed by identifying energy deposits in the ECL not matched to any charged

track and are required to have a minimum energy of 100 MeV. To reject merged π^0 mesons and other neutral hadrons, the ratio of the energy deposited by a photon candidate in the (3×3) and (5×5) ECL crystal array centered on the crystal with the highest energy deposition is required to exceed 0.95. In the $B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis, to reduce the effect of beam-related backgrounds, we use photons only from the barrel region ($33^\circ < \theta < 128^\circ$, θ being the lab-frame polar angle). Daughter photons from π^0 and η decays contribute to backgrounds for both $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$. These are suppressed by applying a likelihood requirement based on the energies and polar angles of the photons and the diphoton invariant mass, calculated by combining the candidate photon with each other photon in the event. In addition, the timing characteristics of the energy clusters used for photon reconstruction are required to be consistent with the beam collision time that is determined at the trigger level for the candidate event. To be considered as a $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$) candidate, a pair of photons (a ϕ meson and a photon) needs to satisfy the requirements on the beam-energy constrained mass M_{bc} and energy difference ΔE . These are defined as $M_{bc} =$

$\sqrt{(E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{c.m.}})^2 - (p_{B_s^0}^{\text{c.m.}})^2}$ and $\Delta E = E_{B_s^0}^{\text{c.m.}} - E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{c.m.}}$, where $E_{\text{beam}}^{\text{c.m.}}$ is the beam energy, and $p_{B_s^0}^{\text{c.m.}}$ and $E_{B_s^0}^{\text{c.m.}}$ are the momentum and energy, respectively, of the B_s^0 meson candidate, with all variables evaluated at the c.m. frame. Signal candidates are required to satisfy $M_{bc} > 5.3$ GeV/ c^2 for each mode, -0.4 GeV $< \Delta E < 0.1$ GeV for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ mode and -0.7 GeV $< \Delta E < 0.2$ GeV for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ mode. No events with multiple B_s^0 candidates are found in the signal MC sample, while the rate of multiple B_s^0 candidates in data is far below 1% for each analysis. Multiple candidates are removed by selecting the one with the more energetic photons.

The dominant source of background for both decay modes is the production of light quark-antiquark pairs ($q = u, d, s, c$) in the e^+e^- annihilation, identified herein-after as continuum. Since the quarks carry significant momenta, continuum events are jetlike and are therefore topologically different from isotropic $B_s^{(*)}\bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ events, where B_s mesons carry much smaller momenta. To suppress this background, event shape variables such as the modified Fox-Wolfram moments [21] and the absolute value of the cosine of the angle between the thrust axis of the decay products of the B_s candidate and the rest of the event are used as inputs to a neural network (NN) [22]. The NN output (C_{NB}) is designed to peak at 1 for signal-like events and at -1 for background-like events. The NN output is also included in the unbinned maximum likelihood fit to extract the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ signal yield. As C_{NB} peaks sharply at 1 and -1 , it is very difficult to model it with a simple analytic function. Therefore, to improve the modeling, after rejecting the events with $C_{\text{NB}} < C_{\text{NBmin}}$, a modified NN output is calculated as

$$C'_{\text{NB}} = \log \left(\frac{C_{\text{NB}} - C_{\text{NB}_{\text{min}}}}{C_{\text{NB}_{\text{max}}} - C_{\text{NB}}} \right), \quad (1)$$

where $C_{\text{NB}_{\text{min}}} = -0.6$ and $C_{\text{NB}_{\text{max}}} \sim 1$ are the lower and upper limits of C_{NB} for the events used in the fit. For $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, an optimized criterion of $C_{\text{NB}} > 0.77$ is applied and this variable is excluded from the fit since considerable correlations are observed between C_{NB} with each of the variables M_{bc} and ΔE .

We perform a four-dimensional (two-dimensional) unbinned extended maximum likelihood fit comprising M_{bc} , ΔE , $\cos \theta_{\text{hel}}$ and C'_{NB} (M_{bc} and ΔE) to extract the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) signal yields. The ϕ helicity angle (θ_{hel}) is the angle between the B_s^0 momentum and that of one of the ϕ daughters in the ϕ rest frame. The total fit probability distribution function (PDF) consists of two components: signal and $q\bar{q}$ background. The signal component is further composed of signal coming from $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$, $B_s^* \bar{B}_s$ and $B_s \bar{B}_s$ decays, the relative fractions being fixed to the values measured in Ref. [18]. Backgrounds arising from B_s and non- B_s decays are combined with the $q\bar{q}$ continuum as they have a small contribution and do not peak in the signal region. MC samples are used to parametrize the signal and background PDFs. The PDF for each component is represented by the product of one-dimensional functions since the correlations among the variables are negligible. The M_{bc} , ΔE , $\cos \theta_{\text{hel}}$ and C'_{NB} shapes of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ signal are modeled with the sum of a Crystal Ball (CB) [23] and Gaussian function with a common mean, a CB function, a $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{hel}}$ distribution and the sum of two Gaussian functions, respectively. The background PDFs are described by an ARGUS function [24] for M_{bc} with its end point fixed to $5.434 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, a first-order Chebychev polynomial for ΔE , a parabola for $\cos \theta_{\text{hel}}$ and a Gaussian function for C'_{NB} . For the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ mode, the signal M_{bc} distributions are parametrized with a combination of CB and Gaussian functions with a common mean and the signal ΔE distributions are modeled with CB functions. The background is described by an ARGUS function for M_{bc} and a first-order Chebychev polynomial for ΔE . For both analyses, the signal parameters are determined from MC except for the means and widths of the M_{bc} and ΔE distributions describing the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ contribution. The widths of M_{bc} and ΔE are calibrated using correction factors obtained from the $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0 \gamma$ control sample. As a cross-check, the branching fraction of this mode is measured and found to be in good agreement with the world average [6]. The M_{bc} mean is similarly adjusted using information from the $B_s \rightarrow D_s \pi$ analysis [18]. The ΔE mean of the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ component is allowed to float in the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ analysis. For the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ mode, we fix the ΔE mean to the signal MC value, as the correction to the ΔE mean, obtained from the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ analysis, is found to be within

the statistical error. The uncertainty associated with this procedure is included as a systematic uncertainty for this mode. All background parameters apart from the ARGUS end point are allowed to float. In total, we have nine free parameters for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ fit which are the signal and background yields, ΔE mean of the $B_s^* \bar{B}_s^*$ component and the background shape parameters. Similarly, for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ fit we have four free parameters which are the signal and background yields and the background shape parameters.

In all three signal regions, we observe $91_{-13}^{+14} B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ signal events with a significance of 10.7σ , that includes the systematic uncertainties. The signal significance is evaluated as $\sqrt{-2 \ln(\mathcal{L}_0/\mathcal{L}_{\text{max}})}$, where \mathcal{L}_0 and \mathcal{L}_{max} are the likelihood values when the signal yield is constrained to 0 and when it is optimized, respectively. Systematic uncertainties are included by convolving the likelihood curve with a Gaussian function of width equal to the additive systematics.

The branching fraction for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ is determined with the relation

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma) = \frac{N(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)}{2f_s \sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \epsilon \mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-)}, \quad (2)$$

where $N(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)$ is the signal yield of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$, f_s is the fraction of $B_s^{(*)} B_s^{(*)}$ events in the $b\bar{b}$ sample, $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)}$ is the $b\bar{b}$ production cross section, \mathcal{L}_{int} is the integrated luminosity at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ energy and ϵ is the signal selection efficiency. We measure the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ BF to be $(3.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-5}$, where the first uncertainty is statistical, the second is systematic and the third is due to the uncertainty in f_s . No statistically significant signal is observed for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and we measure the single-event sensitivity to be 0.5×10^{-6} . We use a Bayesian approach and integrate the likelihood curve from 0% to 90% of the total integral under the curve to obtain a 90% C.L. upper limit of 3.1×10^{-6} on the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ branching fraction. The results are summarized in Table I, while the fit results projected onto the signal regions are shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The systematic uncertainties summarized in Table II are associated with the photon reconstruction efficiency,

TABLE I. Results of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analyses. The uncertainty in the efficiency calculation is due to the limited MC statistics.

	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
$\epsilon(\%)$	36.1 ± 0.1	14.0 ± 0.1
N	91_{-13}^{+14}	$-3.9_{-2.6}^{+3.7}$
$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$36 \pm 5(\text{stat.}) \pm 3(\text{syst.}) \pm 6(f_s)$	< 3.1 (90% C.L.)

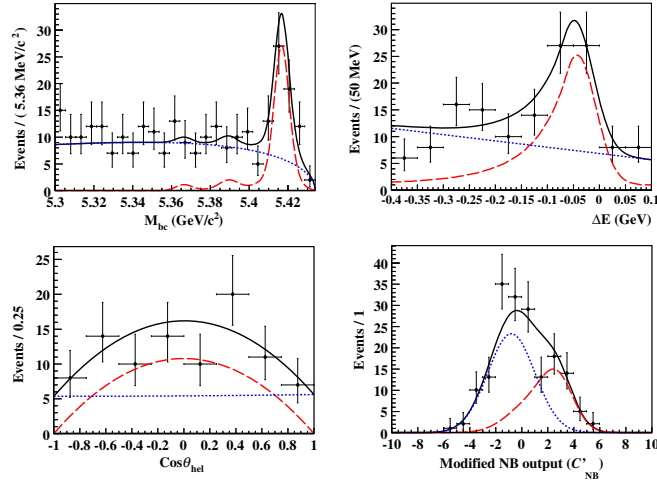
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FIG. 2 (color online). Data fits for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ analysis. The projections are shown only for events inside the $B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$ signal region except for the plotted variable. The $B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$ signal region is defined as $M_{bc} > 5.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, $-0.2 < \Delta E < 0.02 \text{ GeV}$, $|\cos\theta_{\text{hel}}| < 0.8$ and $0.0 < C'_{\text{NB}} < 10.0$. The points with error bars represent the data, the solid black curve represents the total fit function and the red dashed (blue dotted) curve represents the signal (continuum background) contribution.

kaon identification efficiency, tracking efficiency, the requirement on C_{NB} that is estimated by comparing the efficiencies in data and MC simulations with the $B^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^0\gamma$ control sample, limited MC statistics, integrated luminosity, $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)}$, f_s , PDF parametrization and fit bias. The uncertainty due to PDF parametrization is estimated by the variation in the signal yield when varying each fixed parameter by $\pm 1\sigma$. To investigate the extent of a bias in the fit, pseudoexperiments are generated using the same PDFs as in the final fit but with the signal and background yields fixed to the expected values. Events generated from the pseudoexperiments are then fitted to obtain the yield and residual distributions. The observed biases of -0.28 ± 0.08 and -0.10 ± 0.07

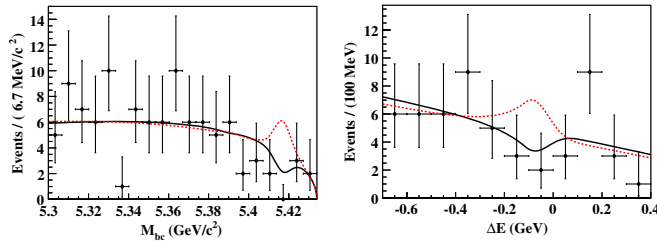


FIG. 3 (color online). Data fits for the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis. The projections are shown only for events inside the $B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$ signal region except for the plotted variable. The $B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$ signal region is defined as $M_{bc} > 5.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $-0.3 < \Delta E < 0.05 \text{ GeV}$. The points with error bars represent the data, the solid black curve represents the total fit function, the dotted red curve represents the fit with the signal yield constrained to its 90% C.L. upper limit.

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TABLE II. Summary of systematic uncertainties.

Additive systematic uncertainties (events)		
Source	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
PDF parametrization	+1.6 -1.7	± 0.4
Fit bias	± 0.1	± 0.1
Total (quadratic sum)	+1.6 -1.7	± 0.4
Multiplicative systematic uncertainties (%)		
Source	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
Photon reconstruction efficiency	2.2	2×2.2
Kaon identification efficiency	2.6	–
Tracking efficiency	0.7	–
C_{NB} requirement	4.8	8.7
MC statistics	0.2	0.4
$\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$	1.0	–
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\Upsilon(5S)}$		1.3
$\sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)}$		4.7
f_s		17.4
Total (quadratic sum)	19.1	20.6

for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ are corrected and their uncertainties are assigned as systematic uncertainties. The uncertainties due to kaon identification and tracking efficiency are 1.3% and 0.3%, measured using control samples of $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0\pi_{\text{slow}}^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi_{\text{slow}}^+$ and $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0\pi^+$, $D^0 \rightarrow K_S\pi^+\pi^-$, $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ decays, respectively. The uncertainty in the $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ BF represents another source of systematic uncertainty in the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ analysis, which is taken from [4].

To conclude, we have used the entire Belle $\Upsilon(5S)$ data set to measure $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma) = (3.6 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst}) \pm 0.6(f_s)) \times 10^{-5}$. This improved measurement supersedes our earlier result [3] and is consistent with theoretical predictions [1,2] and a recent LHCb result [25]. We search for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, where we observe no statistically significant signal, and set the 90% C.L. upper limit on its BF at 3.1×10^{-6} . This result is an improvement by a factor of about 3 over the previous published result, consistent with the expected sensitivity for our data sample. This result rules out large contributions to the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ branching fraction from RPV SUSY. It also indicates that the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ could be observed at the upcoming Belle II experiment with a dedicated run at the $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance.

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