

**Measurement of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections near threshold using initial-state radiation**

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We report a measurement of exclusive  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections as a function of center-of-mass energy near the  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  threshold with initial-state radiation. The analysis is based on a data sample collected with the Belle detector with an integrated luminosity of  $967 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

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Recently a number of measurements of exclusive cross sections for  $e^+e^-$  annihilation into charmed hadron pairs above open-charm threshold were performed by the  $B$ -factory experiments using initial-state radiation (ISR). These include Belle measurements [1] of  $e^+e^-$  cross sections for the  $D\bar{D}$  ( $D = D^0$  or  $D^+$ ),  $D^+D^{*-}$ ,  $D^{*+}D^{*-}$ ,  $D^0D^-\pi^+$ ,  $D^0D^{*-}\pi^+$ , and  $\Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-$  final states [2–6] and BABAR measurements of the  $D\bar{D}$ ,  $D\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D^*\bar{D}^*$  final states [7,8], which are, in general, consistent with those of Belle. In addition, CLEO scanned the  $e^+e^-$  center-of-mass energy range from 3.97 to 4.26 GeV and obtained exclusive cross sections for the  $D\bar{D}$ ,  $D\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D^*\bar{D}^*$ ,  $D\bar{D}\pi$ , and  $D\bar{D}^*\pi$  final states [9]. The first measurements of the exclusive cross sections for  $e^+e^-$  annihilation into charmed strange meson pairs  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  were performed by CLEO with high accuracy but with limited maximum energy (4.26 GeV) [9]. Recently BABAR presented  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections averaged over 100 MeV wide bins [10]. The observed cross sections were found to be an order of magnitude smaller than those for nonstrange charmed meson production.

Although the recent BES fit to the total cross section for hadron production in  $e^+e^-$  provided new parameter values for the  $\psi$  resonances [11], the available exclusive  $e^+e^-$  cross sections have not yet been qualitatively explained. One of the main problems is the numerous open-charm thresholds in the region that influence the cross section behavior and, thus, complicate theoretical descriptions.

The  $Y$  states [12] (with masses above open charm threshold and quantum numbers  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ ), which do not exhibit strong decays to any of the measured open-charm final states and have remain unexplained since their discovery more than five years ago, provide additional motivation to pursue all possible experimental information about the decomposition of charmed particle production in the charm-threshold region.

Here we report a measurement of exclusive  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections as a function of center-of-mass energy from the  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  thresholds to 5.0 GeV, continuing our studies of the exclusive open-charm production in this mass range. The analysis is based on a study of events with ISR photons in a data sample collected with the Belle detector [13] at the  $Y(nS)$  ( $n = 1, \dots, 5$ ) resonances and nearby continuum with an integrated luminosity of  $967 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at the KEKB [14] asymmetric-energy  $e^+e^-$  collider.

We follow the full reconstruction method that was previously used for the measurements of the  $e^+e^-$  cross sections to  $D\bar{D}$ ,  $D^0D^-\pi^+$ , and  $D^0D^{*-}\pi^+$  final states [2,4,5]. We select  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  signal events in which the  $D_s^{(*)+}$  and  $D_s^{(*)-}$  mesons are fully reconstructed. ISR photon candidates are indicated by  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$ . In general, an  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  is not required to be detected and its presence in the event is inferred from a peak at zero in the spectrum of recoil mass squared against the  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  system. The recoil mass squared is defined as

$$M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}) = (E_{\text{c.m.}} - E_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}})^2 - p_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}}^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$  is the initial  $e^+e^-$  center-of-mass (c.m.) energy, and  $E_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}}$  and  $p_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}}$  are energy and three-momentum of the  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  combination, respectively. To suppress backgrounds two cases are considered: (1) the  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  is outside of the detector acceptance and the polar angle for the  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  combination in the c.m. frame is in the range  $|\cos(\theta_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}})| > 0.9$ ; (2) the  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  is within the detector acceptance [ $|\cos(\theta_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}})| < 0.9$ ]. In the latter case, the  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  is required to be detected and the mass of the  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combination should be greater than ( $E_{\text{c.m.}} - 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ ). To suppress backgrounds from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}(m)(\pi^+\pi^-)\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$ , ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) processes, we exclude events that contain additional charged tracks that were not used in the  $D_s^{(*)+}$  and the  $D_s^{(*)-}$  reconstruction.

All charged tracks are required to originate from the vicinity of the interaction point; we impose the requirements  $|dr| < 1 \text{ cm}$  and  $|dz| < 4 \text{ cm}$ , where  $dr$  and  $dz$  are the impact parameters perpendicular to and along the beam direction with respect to the interaction point, respectively. Charged kaons are required to have a ratio of particle identification likelihood,  $\mathcal{P}_K = \mathcal{L}_K/(\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi) > 0.6$  [15]. No identification requirements are applied for pion candidates.

$K_S^0$  candidates are reconstructed from  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pairs with an invariant mass within  $10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  of the  $K_S^0$  mass. The distance between the two pion tracks at the  $K_S^0$  vertex must be less than  $1 \text{ cm}$ , the transverse flight distance from the interaction point is required to be greater than  $0.1 \text{ cm}$ , and the angle between the  $K_S^0$  momentum direction and the flight direction in the  $x$ - $y$  plane should be smaller than  $0.1 \text{ rad}$ .

Photons are reconstructed in the electromagnetic calorimeter as showers with energies greater than  $50 \text{ MeV}$  that are not associated with charged tracks. Pairs of photons are combined to form  $\pi^0$  candidates. If the mass of a  $\gamma\gamma$  pair lies within  $15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  of the  $\pi^0$  mass, the pair is fitted with a  $\pi^0$  mass constraint and considered as a  $\pi^0$  candidate. ISR photon candidates are required to have energies greater than  $2.5 \text{ GeV}$ . Photon candidates used in  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$ , and  $D_s^{*+}$  reconstruction are required to have energies greater than  $100 \text{ MeV}$ .

$\eta$  candidates are reconstructed using  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  ( $\pm 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass window) and  $\gamma\gamma$  ( $\pm 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass window) decay modes ( $\sim 2.5\sigma$  in each case).  $\eta'$  candidates are reconstructed using  $\eta\pi^+\pi^-$  ( $\pm 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass window) and  $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$  ( $\pm 15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass window) decay modes ( $\sim 2.0\sigma$  in each case). A mass- and vertex-constrained fit is applied to  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  candidates.

$D_s^+$  candidates are reconstructed using six decay modes:  $K_S^0K^+$ ,  $K^-K^+\pi^+$ ,  $K^-K^+\pi^+\pi^0$ ,  $K_S^0K^-\pi^+\pi^+$ ,  $\eta\pi^+$ , and

$\eta'\pi^+$ . Before calculation of the  $D_s^+$  candidate mass, a vertex fit to a common vertex is performed for tracks that form the  $D_s^+$  candidate. A  $\pm 15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass signal window is used for all modes ( $\sim 3\sigma$  in each case). To improve the momentum resolution of  $D_s^+$  meson candidates, the tracks from the  $D_s^+$  candidate are fitted to a common vertex with a  $D_s^+$  mass constraint.  $D_s^{*+}$  candidates are reconstructed using the  $D_s^+\gamma$  decay mode. A  $\pm 15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass window is used ( $\sim 2.5\sigma$ ). A mass-constrained fit is also applied to  $D_s^{*+}$  candidates.

The  $D_s^+$  and  $D_s^{*+}$  sidebands used for background studies are 4 times as large as the signal region and are divided into windows of the same width as that of the signal. To avoid signal oversubtraction, the selected sidebands are shifted by  $30 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  from the signal region. The  $D_s(D_s^*)$  candidates from these sidebands are refitted to the central mass value of each window.

The  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+D_s^-)$  distribution for  $M_{D_s^+D_s^-} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  after all the requirements described above is shown in Fig. 1(a). A clear peak corresponding to the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^-\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  process is evident near zero recoil mass. The shoulder at positive values is mainly due to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^{*-}\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  background. We define the signal region with an asymmetric requirement  $-0.7 \text{ (GeV}/c^2)^2 < M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+D_s^-) < 0.4 \text{ (GeV}/c^2)^2$  to suppress this background. The polar angle distribution of the  $D_s^+D_s^-$  combinations and the mass spectrum of the  $D_s^+D_s^-\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combinations (after subtraction of  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$ ) in case (2), after the  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+D_s^-)$  requirement, are shown in Figs. 1(b) and 1(c). These distributions are in agreement with a Monte Carlo (MC) simulation and are typical of ISR

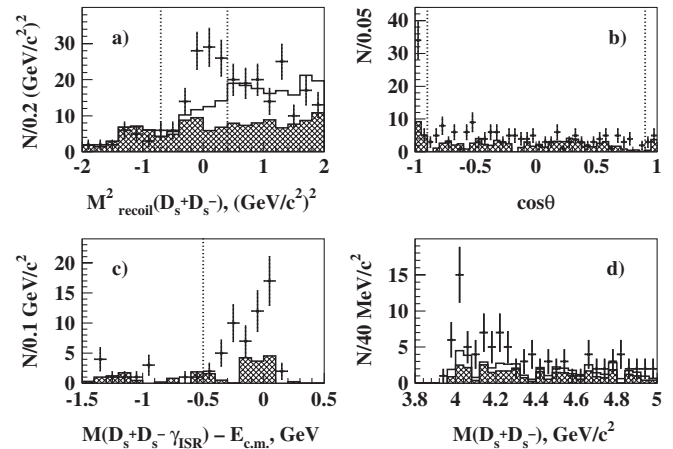


FIG. 1. (a) The distribution of  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+D_s^-)$  for  $M_{D_s^+D_s^-} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  after all the requirements are applied. (b) The polar angle distribution of the  $D_s^+D_s^-$  combinations. (c) The mass spectrum of the  $D_s^+D_s^-\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combinations after subtraction of  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$  energy in case (2). (d) The  $M_{D_s^+D_s^-}$  spectrum after all the requirements applied. Crosshatched histograms show the normalized  $M_{D_s^+}$  and  $M_{D_s^-}$  sideband contributions. Feed down from the  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$  final state is shown by the open histograms. The signal windows are shown by vertical dashed lines.

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production. The  $M_{D_s^+ D_s^-}$  spectrum with all the requirements applied is shown in Fig. 1(d). A clear peak is seen at the threshold near the  $\psi(4040)$  mass.

The  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+ D_s^{*-})$  distribution for  $M_{D_s^+ D_s^{*-}} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  after all the requirements are applied is shown in Fig. 2(a). A clear peak corresponding to  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  signal process is again evident around zero. We define the signal region for  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+ D_s^{*-})$  by a requirement  $\pm 0.7 \text{ (GeV}/c^2)^2$  around zero. The polar angle distribution of the  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  combinations and the mass spectrum of  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combinations (after subtraction of the  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$  energy) in case (2) after the requirement on  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+ D_s^{*-})$  is applied are shown in Figs. 2(b) and 2(c). The  $M_{D_s^+ D_s^{*-}}$  spectrum after all the requirements are applied is shown in Fig. 2(d). Two clear peaks are seen at the  $\psi(4160)$  and the  $\psi(4415)$  masses.

The  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-})$  distribution for  $M_{D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  after all the requirements are applied is shown in Fig. 3(a). A peak corresponding to  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  is again evident around zero recoil mass. We define the signal region for  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-})$  by a requirement  $\pm 0.7 \text{ (GeV}/c^2)^2$  around zero recoil mass. The polar angle distribution of the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  combinations and the mass spectrum of the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combinations (after subtraction of  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$ ) that survive the  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-})$  requirement in case (2) are shown in Figs. 3(b) and 3(c). The full  $M_{D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}}$  spectrum after all the requirements are applied is shown in Fig. 3(d). With such limited statistics no structures are evident.

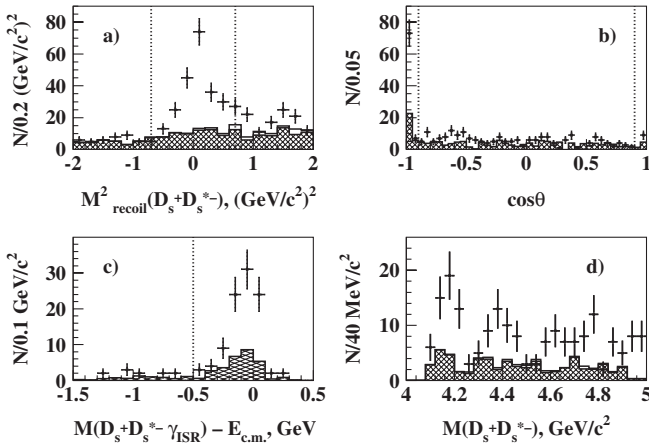


FIG. 2. (a) The distribution of the  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^+ D_s^{*-})$  for  $M_{D_s^+ D_s^{*-}} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  after all the requirements are applied. (b) The polar angle distribution of the  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  combinations. (c) The mass spectrum of the  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combinations after subtraction of  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$  in case (2). (d) The obtained  $M_{D_s^+ D_s^{*-}}$  spectrum. Crosshatched histograms show the normalized  $M_{D_s^+}$  and  $M_{D_s^{*-}}$  sideband contributions. The small contamination from the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  final state is shown by the open histograms. The signal windows are shown by vertical dashed lines.

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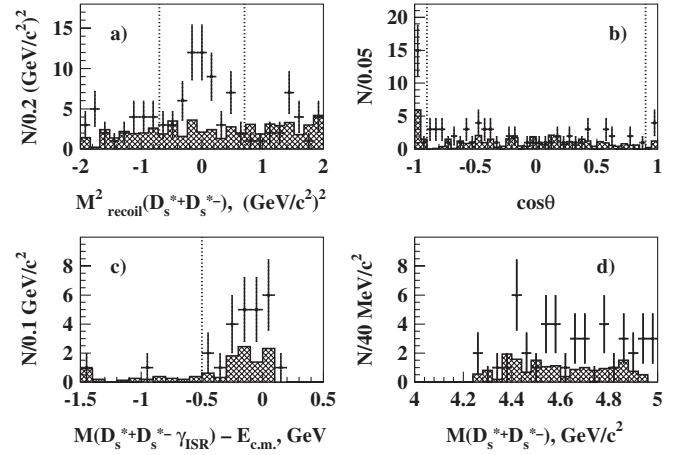


FIG. 3. (a) The distributions of the  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-})$  for  $M_{D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  after all the requirements are applied. (b) The polar angle distribution of the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  combinations. (c) The mass spectrum of the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  combinations after subtraction of  $E_{\text{c.m.}}$  in case (2). (d) The  $M_{D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}}$  spectrum after all the requirements are applied. Crosshatched histograms show the normalized  $M_{D_s^{*+}}$  and  $M_{D_s^{*-}}$  sideband contributions. The signal windows are shown by vertical dashed lines.

The contribution of multiple entries after all the requirements is found to be  $\sim 6\%$ ,  $\sim 22\%$ ,  $\sim 23\%$ , for the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$ ,  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$ , and  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  final states, respectively. In such cases, only one  $D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$  combination per event, that with the minimum value of  $\chi_{\text{tot}}^2 = \chi_{M(D_s^+)}^2 + \chi_{M(D_s^-)}^2 + \chi_{M(D_s^{*+})}^2 + \chi_{M(D_s^{*-})}^2$ , is used, where  $\chi_{M(D_s^+)}$ ,  $\chi_{M(D_s^-)}$ ,  $\chi_{M(D_s^{*+})}$ , and  $\chi_{M(D_s^{*-})}$  correspond to the mass fits for the  $D_s^+$ ,  $D_s^-$ ,  $D_s^{*+}$ , and the  $D_s^{*-}$  candidates.

The following sources of background are considered:

(1) combinatorial background under the  $D_s^{(*)+} [D_s^{(*)-}]$  peak combined with a correctly reconstructed  $D_s^{(*)+} [D_s^{(*)-}]$  from the signal or other processes; (2) both the  $D_s^{(*)+}$  and the  $D_s^{(*)-}$  are combinatorial; (3) for the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$  final state, reflections from the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  and  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  processes followed by  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma$ , where the low momentum  $\gamma$  is not reconstructed; for the  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  final state, reflection from the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-} \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  process followed by  $D_s^* \rightarrow D_s \gamma$ , where the low momentum  $\gamma$  is not reconstructed; (4) reflection from the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-} \pi_{\text{miss}}^0 \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  processes, where the  $\pi_{\text{miss}}^0$  is not reconstructed; (5) the contribution of  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-} \pi^0$ , when an energetic  $\pi^0$  is misidentified as a single  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$ .

The contribution from background (1) is extracted using the  $D_s^{(*)-}$  and  $D_s^{(*)+}$  sidebands. Background (2) is present in both the  $M_{D_s^{(*)+}}$  and  $M_{D_s^{(*)-}}$  sidebands and is, thus, subtracted twice. To account for this oversubtraction we use a double sideband region, when events are selected from both the  $M_{D_s^{(*)+}}$  and the  $M_{D_s^{(*)-}}$  sidebands. The

contributions from the combinatorial backgrounds (1–2) are shown in Figs. 1(d) and 2(d) as crosshatched histograms.

Backgrounds (3–4) are suppressed by the tight requirement on  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-})$ . The remaining background (3) for the  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$  final state is estimated using a MC simulation of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  process. To reproduce the shape of the  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$  mass spectrum we use the initial measurement of the  $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$  mass spectrum. The remainder of background (3) for the  $D_s^+D_s^-$  final state is estimated using a MC simulation of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^-\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  processes. To reproduce the shape of the  $D_s^+D_s^-$  mass spectrum we use the initial measurement of the  $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$  mass spectrum and the first iteration of the  $D_s^+D_s^-$  mass spectrum. The contributions from background (3) for the  $D_s^+D_s^-$  and the  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$  final states are shown in Figs. 1(a), 1(d), 2(a), and 2(d) as open histograms. Uncertainties in these estimates are included in the systematic errors.

To estimate the contribution from background (4), we study the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}\pi^0\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  processes using fully reconstructed final states. From a MC study we estimate the fraction of reconstructed events for the cases where the  $\pi^0$  is not detected. After the application of the requirement on  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2(D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-})$  this contribution is found to be less than 0.5% and negligibly small; uncertainties in this estimate are included in the systematic errors.

The contribution from background (5), in which an energetic  $\pi^0$  is misidentified as the  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  candidate, is determined from the data using fully reconstructed  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}\pi^0$  events. Only three events with  $M_{D_s^+D_s^-} < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and  $M_{D_s^+D_s^-}\pi^0 - E_{\text{c.m.}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$  are found in the data. Assuming a uniform  $\pi^0$  polar angle distribution, this background contribution in the  $|\cos(\theta_{D_s^+D_s^-})| > 0.9$  signal subsample (case 1) is  $3\epsilon_{\pi^0} \sim 0.6$  events in the whole  $M_{D_s^+D_s^-}$  mass range, where  $\epsilon_{\pi^0}$  is the  $\pi^0$  reconstruction efficiency. For the  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$  and the  $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$  final states the expected backgrounds are  $\sim 0.6$  events and 0 events in the whole  $M_{D_s^+D_s^{*-}}$  and  $M_{D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}}$  mass ranges. The probability of  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  misidentification due to asymmetric  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays is also estimated to be small. Thus the contribution from

background (5) is found to be negligibly small; uncertainties in these estimates are included in the systematic error.

The  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections are extracted from the background subtracted  $D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  mass distributions

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}) = \frac{dN/dm}{\eta_{\text{tot}}dL/dm}, \quad (2)$$

where  $m \equiv M_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}}$ ,  $dN/dm$  is the obtained mass spectrum, and  $\eta_{\text{tot}}$  is the total efficiency [16]. The factor  $dL/dm$  is the differential ISR luminosity:

$$dL/dm = \frac{\alpha}{\pi x} \left( (2 - 2x + x^2) \ln \frac{1+C}{1-C} - x^2 C \right) \frac{2m\mathcal{L}}{E_{\text{c.m.}}^2}, \quad (3)$$

where  $x = 1 - m^2/E_{\text{c.m.}}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  is the total integrated luminosity, and  $C = \cos\theta_0$ , where  $\theta_0$  denotes the polar angle range for  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$  in the  $e^+e^-$  c.m. frame ( $\theta_0 < \theta_{\gamma_{\text{ISR}}} < 180 - \theta_0$ ). The total efficiencies determined by the MC simulation grow quadratically with energy from 0.015%, 0.010%, 0.005% near threshold to 0.045%, 0.025%, 0.011% at 5.0 GeV/ $c^2$  for the  $D_s^+D_s^-$ ,  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$ , and the  $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$  final states, respectively. The resulting  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  exclusive cross sections averaged over the bin width are shown in Fig. 4. Since the bin width is much larger than the  $M_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}}$  resolution, which varies from  $\sim 2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  around threshold to  $\sim 6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  at  $M_{D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}} = 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , no correction for resolution is applied. The next-to-leading order radiative corrections are taken into account by the  $dL/dm$  formula. The next-to-next-to-leading order corrections are included in the systematics. The contribution of final state radiation is strongly suppressed [17] and is neglected in this study.

The  $R$  ratio, defined as  $R = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})/\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ , where  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 4\pi\alpha^2/3s$ , for the sum of the exclusive  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections is shown in Fig. 5.

The systematic errors for the  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+}D_s^{(*)-})$  measurements are summarized in Table I. The systematic errors associated with the background (1–2) subtraction are estimated from the uncertainty in the scaling factors

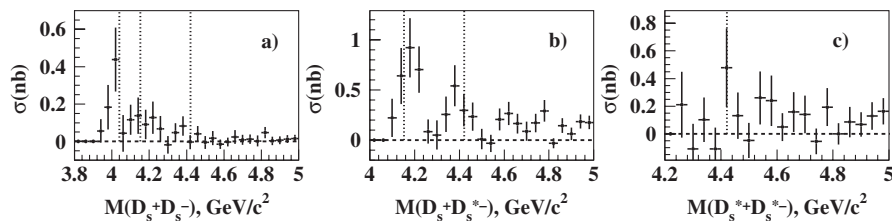


FIG. 4. The cross section averaged over the bin width for (a) the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^-$  process, (b) the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^{*-} + \text{c.c.}$  process, and (c) the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$  process. Error bars show statistical uncertainties only. There is a common systematic uncertainty for all measurements, 11% for  $D_s^+D_s^-$ , 17% for  $D_s^+D_s^{*-}$ , and 31% for  $D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$ . This uncertainty is described in the text. The dotted lines show masses of the  $\psi(4040)$ ,  $\psi(4160)$ , and  $\psi(4415)$  states [18].

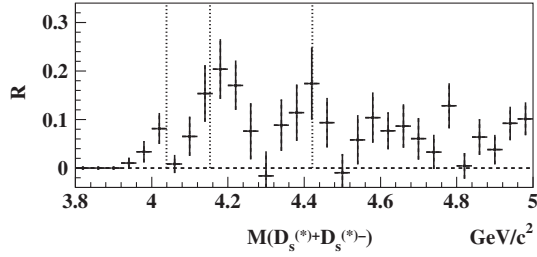


FIG. 5. The R ratio for the sum of the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$ ,  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$ , and  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  final states. The vertical dotted lines show the masses of the  $\psi(4040)$ ,  $\psi(4160)$ , and  $\psi(4415)$  states [18]. Error bars show statistical uncertainties only.

for the sideband subtractions. This is done using fits to the  $M_{D_s^{(*)+}}$  and  $M_{D_s^{(*)-}}$  distributions in the data with different signal and background parametrizations and are found to be 3%, 7%, and 24% for the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$ ,  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$ , and the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  final states, respectively. Uncertainties in the contribution from background (3) are estimated to be 2% for the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$  final state and smaller than 1% for the  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  final state. Uncertainties in the backgrounds (4–5) are estimated conservatively to be smaller than 1% of the signal for all final states. The systematic errors ascribed to the cross section calculation include an error on the differential ISR luminosity (2%) and statistical errors of the MC simulation for the total efficiency calculations. In the case of the  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  state there is an additional uncertainty due to the unknown helicity distribution, estimated following a procedure similar to that used in Ref. [3]. Another source of systematic error comes from the uncertainties in track and photon reconstruction efficiencies (1% per track, 1.5% per photon, and 7% per soft photon). Other contributions include the uncertainty in the identification efficiency and the absolute  $D_s^+$  and  $D_s^{*+}$  branching fractions [18]. The total systematic uncertainties are 11%, 17%, and 31% for the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$ ,  $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$ , and the  $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  final states, respectively.

In summary, we report the measurement of the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$  exclusive cross sections over the center-of-mass energy range from the  $D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$  thresholds to 5.0 GeV. A clear peak at threshold around the  $\psi(4040)$  mass is seen in the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$  cross section. In the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  cross section two peaks are evident around the  $\psi(4160)$  and the  $\psi(4415)$  masses. The limited statistics do not reveal any structures in the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$  cross section. The obtained R ratio for the sum of  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections has a rich structure including peaks around the  $\psi(4040)$ ,  $\psi(4160)$ , and  $\psi(4415)$  masses. Both the  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  cross section and the R ratio exhibit an obvious dip near the  $Y(4260)$  mass, similar to what is seen in  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D^* \bar{D}^*$  and in the total cross section for charm production. The obtained

TABLE I. Contributions to the systematic error on the cross sections.

Source	$D_s^+ D_s^-$	$D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$	$D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$
Background subtraction	$\pm 4\%$	$\pm 7\%$	$\pm 24\%$
Cross section calculation	$\pm 7\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 12\%$
$\mathcal{B}(D_s^{(*)})$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$
Reconstruction	$\pm 6\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 16\%$
Kaon identification	$\pm 2\%$	$\pm 2\%$	$\pm 2\%$
Total	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 17\%$	$\pm 31\%$

cross sections are consistent within errors with those from *BABAR* [10]. The CLEO exclusive cross sections [9] are not radiatively corrected and, therefore, cannot be directly compared to the results reported here.

In this study we do not perform a fit to the obtained  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} D_s^{(*)-}$  cross sections. The numerous open-charm thresholds in this region complicate the cross sections' behavior and coupled-channel modifications to the description of any particular final state require one to take into account all other final states contributing to the total cross section for charm production.

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