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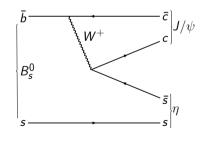
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We have analyzed 121.4 fb⁻¹ of data collected at the $\Upsilon(55)$ resonance by the Belle experiment using the KEKB asymmetric-energy e^+e^- collider to search for the decay $B_{\mu}^{0} \rightarrow J/\mu\sigma^{0}$. We observe no signal and report an upper limit on the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_{\mu}^{0} \rightarrow J/\mu\sigma^{0})$ of 1.21×10^{-5} at 90% confidence level. This result is the most stringent, improving the previous bound by 2 orders of magnitude.

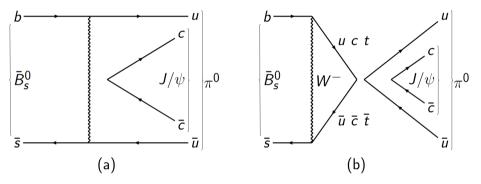
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Theoretical Motivation for the Decay $B_s^0 ightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$

- The *B* mesons, composited of a heavy anti-*b* quark and a light quark provide a rich environment for the flavour physics analysis.
- The \mathcal{B} for decay $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \pi^0$ is predicted from the measurement of $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \to J/\psi \eta)$, where η can transit to π^0 under the assumption of isospin-zero admixture in π^0 .
- Suppression factor due to the violation of strong isospin in the $\eta \pi^0$ transition is of the order of 10^{-2} .
- The factor is predicted from $\frac{\Gamma(\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^0)}{\Gamma(\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi\eta)}$ [PRD 86, 092008 (2012)] and the corresponding theoretical prediction for $\frac{\Gamma(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\pi^0)}{\Gamma(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\eta)}$ [Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 61, 455 (2008), PRL 101, 192001 (2008)].
- Theoretical prediction of ${\cal B}(B^0_s o J/\psi \pi^0) \sim 4 imes 10^{-6}.$

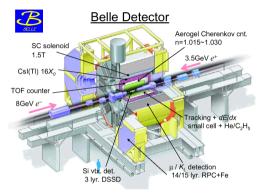


• The contributions from W exchange and annihilation processes are of the order of 10^{-8} or less (based on the measured branching fractions of $B_s^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-$ and $B_d^0 \to K^+K^-$ [PRL 118, 081801 (2017)]).



- Any significant deviation from the theoretical prediction can hint to NP phenomenon.
- The existing limit on the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \to J/\psi\pi^0)$ of 1.2×10^{-3} at 90% confidence level was first set by L3 collaboration in 1997 [Phys. Lett. B 391, 481 (1997)].

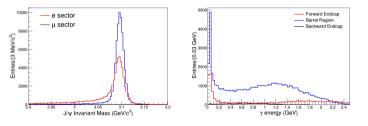
The Belle Detector



- 1 Silicon Vertex Detector (SVD)
- 2 Central Drift Chamber (CDC)
- **3** Aerogel Cherenkov Counter (ACC)
- Time-of-Flight scintillation counter (TOF)
- **5** Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECL)
- **6** K_L^0 and μ detector (KLM)
- Extreme Forward Calorimeter (EFC)
- The first five sub-detectors are housed inside a solenoidal magnetic field of strength 1.5 T pointing along the electron beam direction.
- The Belle detector collected a total of $\sim 1 \ ab^{-1}$ of collision data during its operation.

Particle Identification and Event Reconstruction

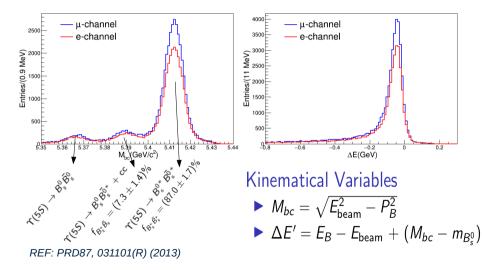
• We performed a "blind" analysis using simulated Monte Carlo (MC) data to optimize the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ selection criteria: Event Generator (EvtGen) and Simulator (Geant3).



Particle Identification

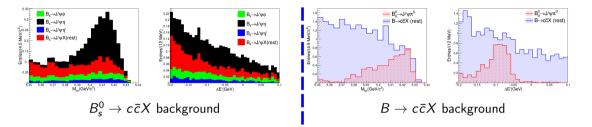
- e: Charged track matching with the energy cluster deposited in the ECL.
- μ: The penetration depth and lateral spread of the charged-particle hits in the KLM.
- γ: Electromagnetic clusters with no associated charged tracks.
- J/ψ mass-window cuts: Approximately $\pm 3\sigma$ around the nominal J/ψ mass.
- π^0 selection: We require the photon candidates to have a minimum threshold energy of 50 and 100 MeV in the barrel and both end-cap regions.

$B^0_s ightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ Reconstruction



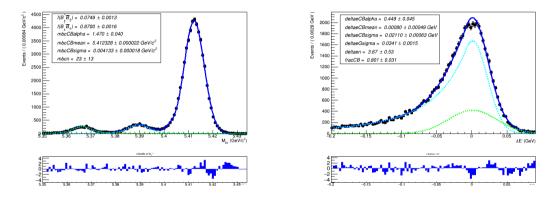
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Background Study



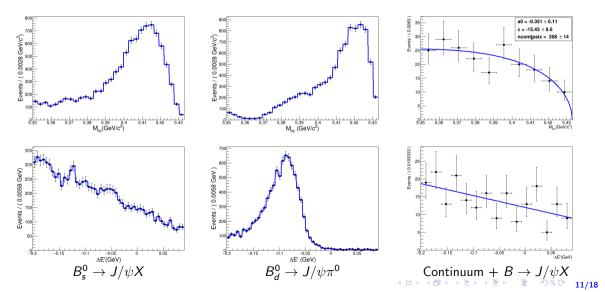
- The tagged components exist only at the generated level.
- The selected events have correctly reconstructed J/ψ more than 95% of the time, whereas a random combination of photons or a π^0 from the other end satisfies the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ selection criteria.
- Combinatorial events from the continuum background are suppressed using the reduced Fox-Wolfram variable.

Maximum Likelhood Fit Analysis: Signal PDF

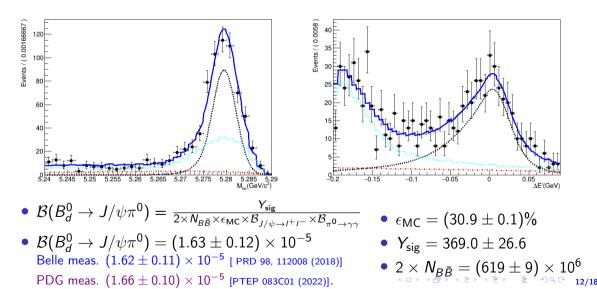


- Mean and width of the 2nd & 3rd Gaussian components are fixed (Determined from MC $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ and $\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow B_s^{0^*} \bar{B}_s^0/cc$ signals).
- Crystal Ball function for the primary M_{bc} peak.
- Crystal Ball and Gaussian function for the $\Delta E'$ distribution.

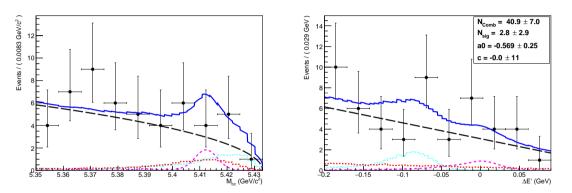
Fit Projections to the MC Simulated Backgrounds



MC Simulation Validation: $B_d^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ at $\Upsilon(4S)$ Resonance



Fit Validation: (GSim) Study



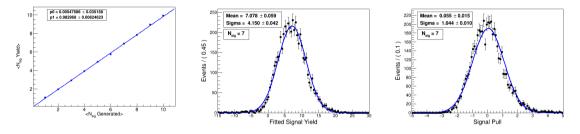
Projections of the 2D fit to GSim data with three $B_s^0 o J/\psi \pi^0$ input signals.

• Ensembles of 5000 identical samples for different pseudo-experiments having $N_{sig} = (1, 2, .., 10)$ signals are generated.

Signal Pull =
$$\frac{N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{Yield}} - N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{exp}}}{N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{Error}}}$$

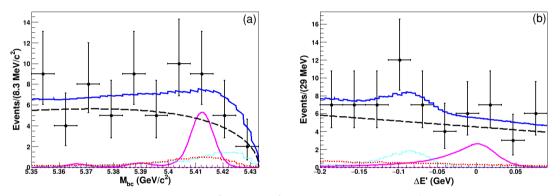
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The Linearity Test and Pull Bias



- The mean of the extracted yield is linear to the generated signals with a slope \sim 1.
- The Fit bias is computed for an input of 7 $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ signal events.
- Estimated bias of $(5.5 \pm 1.5)\%$ corresponds to an systematic uncertainty of +0.23 events in the signal yield extraction.

Data Unblinding for the $B_s^0 ightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ Events



Projections of the fit to selected $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ events in the 121.4 fb⁻¹ of e^+e^- collision data.

- Based on the MC, the yields corresponding to $B_s^0 \rightarrow c\bar{c}X$ and $B_d^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^0$ background components are fixed to $4.33 \pm 2.08^{+0.51}_{-0.52}$ and $5.17 \pm 2.27^{+0.49}_{-0.53}$ events, respectively.
- We obtain the signal and combinatorial background yields of 0.0 ± 3.2 and 50.0 ± 4.0, where the uncertainties are statistical only.

Systematic Uncertainties

Source	Uncertainty (events)
PDF parametrization	$^{+0.7}_{-0.8}$
Fit bias	$+0.2 \\ -0.0$
Total (quadratic sum)	$^{+0.7}_{-0.8}$

TABLE I. Additive systematic uncertainties on $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \to J/\psi \pi^0)$.

 Additive and multiplicative uncertainties affect the measurements, differently.

TABLE	II.	Multiplicative	systematic	uncertainties	on
$\mathcal{B}(B^0_s \to A)$	$J/\psi\pi$	^{.0}).			

Source	Uncertainty (%)
π^0 reconstruction	2.2
Tracking	2×0.35
Lepton-ID selection	2×2.25
MC statistics	0.32
Number of B_s^0 mesons	$^{+10.3}_{-10.7}$
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi ightarrow l^+ l^-)$	0.77
$\mathcal{B}(\pi^0 \to \gamma \gamma)$	0.03
J/ψ mass-vertex fit $\chi^2 < 60$	2.25
Total (quadratic sum)	$^{+11.7}_{-12.1}$

Results

• The upper limit on the branching fraction is calculated using the Bayesian approach:

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0_s o J/\psi \pi^0) = rac{N^{
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m at 90\% \ CL})}{2 imes N_{B^0_s ar{B}^0_s} imes \epsilon imes \mathcal{B}_{J/\psi} imes \mathcal{B}_{\pi^0}},$$

• $N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{Yield}}$ is 8.03 (7.64) $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ events with (without) systematic uncertainties. • $N_{B_{\epsilon}^0 \bar{B}_{\epsilon}^0} = (9.08^{+0.94}_{-0.98}) \times 10^6$ and $\epsilon = 0.310 \pm 0.001$.

Branching fraction	UL at 90% CL
${\cal B}(B^0_s o J/\psi \pi^0)$ without systematic	$<11.51 imes10^{-6}$
${\cal B}(B^0_s o J/\psi \pi^0)$ with systematic	$< 12.10 imes 10^{-6}$

• The reported UL is the most stringent limit and improves the previous upper bound by two orders of magnitude set by the L3 collaboration in 1997.

Conclusion

- In summary, we analyzed the 121.4 fb⁻¹ of e^+e^- collision data at $\Upsilon(5S)$ resonance to search for the decay $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \pi^0$.
- As no signals are observed, we set a UL on the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \to J/\psi\pi^0)$ of 12.10×10^{-6} at 90% CL [PRD 109, 032007 (2024)].
- The reported UL is the most stringent limit and **improves the previous upper bound by two orders of magnitude** set by the L3 collaboration in 1997.
- The predicted branching fraction of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ of order 4×10^{-6} is within the acceptable region of the measured UL.
- The precise measurement of this branching fraction can be performed at the Belle II experiment, a successor of the Belle experiment, which plans to collect approximately 5 ab⁻¹ of data at Υ(5S) resonance in the near future.

Thank you!

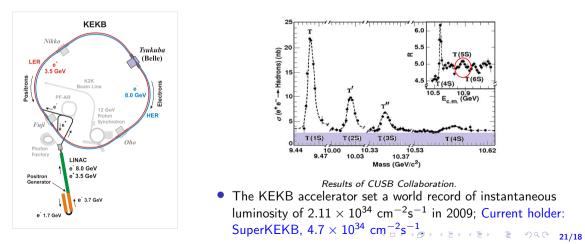
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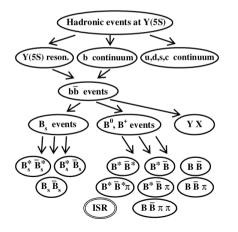
KEKB Accelerator

 The KEKB is an asymmetric-energy e⁺e⁻ collider at KEK(Japan), which operated for around 10 year (1999-2010) producing the BB mesons like in a factory.



$B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ -mesons production

 Υ(5S) resonance is the 4th excited state of the bb̄ system with a J^{PC} value of 1⁻⁻
 and rest mass energy of 10.885 GeV/c².



• $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = 0.340 \pm 0.016$ nb. [PRD 87, 031101(R) (2013)]

- ❷ Fraction of $b\bar{b}$ events producing B_s^0 mesons, $f_s = 22.0^{+2.0}_{-2.1}$ [JHEP 08, 131 (2023)].
- **3** Total int. lum. = (121.4 ± 1.6) fb⁻¹.

4 The number of analysed $B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ mesons:

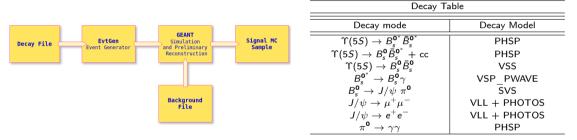
$$2 \times N_{B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0} = 2 \times 121.4 \text{ fb}^{-1} \times \sigma_{b\bar{b}}^{\Upsilon(5S)} \times f_s$$

= (18.16^{+1.87}_{-1.95}) × 10⁶

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MC Event Generation

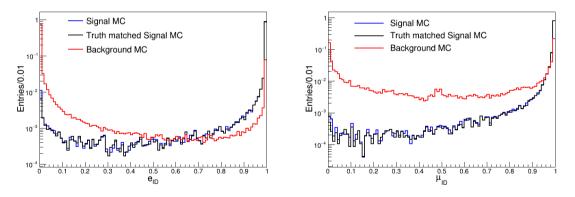
We perform a "blind" analysis using simulated Monte Carlo (MC) data to optimize the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ selection criteria.



- We have generated 100,000 experimental dependent MC simulated events for each of the leptonic mode (Signals with $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ channels).
- For background study: MC samples dedicated for $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (continuum), $e^+e^- \rightarrow B_s^{0^{(*)}}\bar{B}_s^{0^{(*)}}$, and $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{non-}B_s^0\bar{B}_s^0$ events are analysed. (six times more events than expected in the data)

Lepton Selection

• We select oppositely charged particles whose closest approach to the nominal IP is within 0.5 cm and 3 cm along the radial and z-axis, respectively.



• Tracks satisfying the $e_{\text{ID}} > 0.01$ and $\mu_{\text{ID}} > 0.4$ are identified as electrons and muons.

Lepton ID optimization

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Figure 2 shows the sensitivity of conditions on likelihood ratio (LH) to reject background over signal events for (a) μ_{ID} and (b) e_{ID} . We employ the loose requirements of $\mu_{ID} = 0.4$ and $e_{ID} = 0.01$ in contrast to the optimized values of 0.97 and 0.83, respectively.

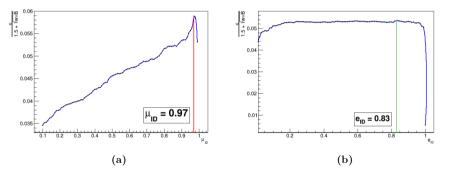
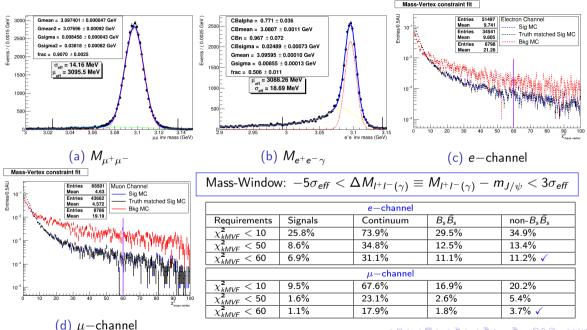
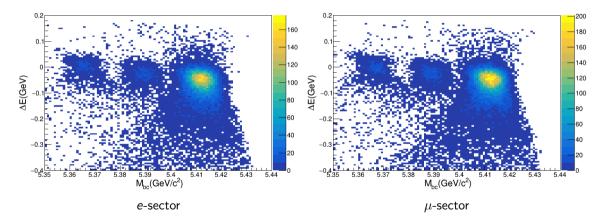


Figure 2: Punzi's FOM optimization: (a) μ_{ID} and (b) e_{ID} .

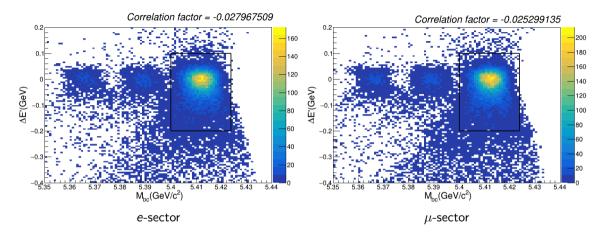


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$M_{\rm bc} - \Delta E$ distributions



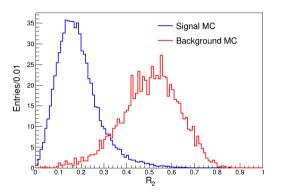
Negative slope of the cluster positions is due to the unaccounted energy loss from the exotic states.



• We redefine the ΔE variable as,

$$\Delta E
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m bc} - m_{B^0_s})c^2$$

Continuum Suppression



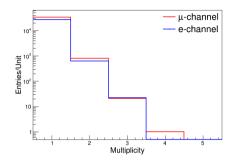




Topology of the continuum and $B\bar{B}$ events in the CM frame

- Reduced Fox-Wolfram: $R_2 = \frac{H_2}{H_0}$, where $H_l = \sum |p_i||p_j|P_l(\cos(\theta_{ij}))$.
- The continuum background is suppressed by R_2 to be < 0.4

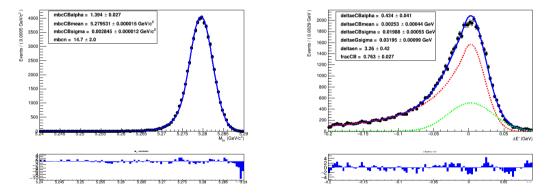
Best $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ Candidate Selection



- The best candidate with the least χ^2 sum of the J/ψ mass-vertex constraint fit and π^0 mass constraint fit is kept.
- This procedure retains the correct B_s^0 candidates in more than 77.0% of time.
- The efficiency of selecting the $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \pi^0$ events is estimated to be $(31.02 \pm 0.10)\%$, which includes both leptonic modes.

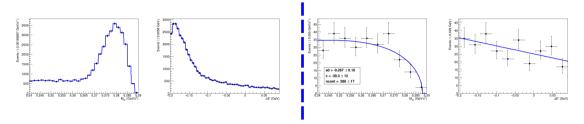
Control Sample $(B^0_d \to J/\psi \pi^0 \text{ at } \Upsilon(4S) \text{ Resonance})$

• To validate the selection criteria and estimating the discrepancy between the simulated and actual data.



Projections of the 2D-fit to $B^0_d \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ MC simulated data.

PDFs for the Candidates in the Simulated Background Events



- Left: The distributions are modeled using a non-parameterized 2D histogram PDF determined from an MC simulated event sample, which is 100 times more than the expected b → ccq events in data.
- Right: The distributions are parameterized using an ARGUS with an endpoint at 5.289 GeV/ c^2 for $M_{\rm bc}$ and a first-order Chebychev polynomial for $\Delta E'$.

Correction Factors

Variable	Function	Parameter	Value (MC)	Value(Data)
N ^{bc}	Crystal Ball	Mean (MeV/c²)	5279.53 ± 0.02	5279.6 ± 0.17
		Sigma (MeV/c²)	2.85 ± 0.01	2.52 ± 0.15
DÉ	Crystal Ball	Mean (MeV)	2.53 ± 0.44	1.68 ± 2.92
		Sigma (MeV)	19.88 ± 0.55	20.71 ± 4.25
	Gaussian	Sigma (MeV)	31.95 ± 0.99	34.04 ± 8.85

Variable	Parameter	Correction Factor	
3 6	Shift in mean (MeV/c ²)	0.07 ± 0.17	
W _{pc}	Fudge factor for sigma	0.89 ± 0.05	
Č.	Shift in mean (MeV)	-0.94 ± 2.51	
DL	Fudge factor for sigma	1.05 ± 0.10	

• Fudge factor = $\frac{\sigma_{\text{Data}}}{\sigma_{\text{MC}}}$ • Shift in mean = $\mu_{\text{data}} - \mu_{\text{MC}}$

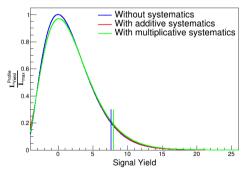
- We find that the statistical uncertainties dominate the slight difference between the simulated and actual distributions.
- Small discrepancies between the simulated and actual data are accounted for in the systematic evaluation after data unblinding.

Systematic Uncertainty due to Fixed Parameters

Variable	$B_s^{0^{(*)}} \bar{B}_s^{0^{(*)}}$	Function	Parameter	$Yield(+\sigma)$	$\operatorname{Yield}(-\sigma)$	$\Delta Yield$
	$B_s^{0^*} \bar{B}_s^{0^*}$ (СВ	$\mu^* (\text{GeV}/\text{c}^2)$	-0.20 ± 3.10	0.20 ± 3.30	$^{+0.19}_{-0.21}$
			$\sigma^* (\text{GeV}/c^2)$	-0.20 :	-0.20 ± 3.10	
			α	-0.05 ± 3.10	0.00 ± 3.20	$^{+0.04}_{-0.01}$
			n	-0.02 ± 3.20	0.10 ± 3.20	$^{+0.01}_{-0.11}$
			$f^{\dagger}_{B_{2}^{0^{*}}\bar{B}_{2}^{0^{*}}}$	0.00 ± 3.10	-0.03 ± 3.20	$^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
			μ	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$+0.00 \\ -0.00$
	$B_{s}^{0*}\bar{B}_{s}^{0}$	Double-G	σ (G ₁) (GeV/c ²)	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$+0.00 \\ -0.00$
M_{bc}	$B_s^0 \overline{B}_s^0$ or $B_s^0 \overline{B}_s^0^*$	with common	σ (G ₂) (GeV/c ²)	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$+0.00 \\ -0.00$
	$B_{s}^{0}B_{s}^{0}$	mean	fraction (G_1)	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$+0.00 \\ -0.00$
			$f^{\dagger}_{B_{-}^{0*}B_{-}^{0}}$	0.00 ± 3.20	-0.06 ± 3.10	$^{+0.05}_{-0.01}$
	$B_s^0 \bar{B}_s^0$ with	Durble C	μ	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
			σ (G ₁) (GeV/c ²)	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$+0.00 \\ -0.00$
	$B_{\tilde{s}}B_{\tilde{s}}$	common	σ (G ₂) (GeV/c ²)	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$+0.00 \\ -0.00$
		mean	fraction (G ₁)	-0.01 ± 3.20	-0.01 ± 3.20	$^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
	All	ARGUS	Endpoint (GeV/c^2)	0.00 ± 3.20	-0.05 ± 3.20	$^{+0.04}_{-0.01}$
		CB+G	μ^* (GeV)	-0.19 ± 3.20	0.20 ± 3.20	$^{+0.18}_{-0.21}$
			σ^* (CB) (GeV)	0.00 ± 3.10		-0.01
$\Delta E'$	All	with	α	-0.17 ± 3.10	0.20 ± 3.30	$^{+0.16}_{-0.21}$
ΔE	All	common	n	-0.06 ± 3.10	0.10 ± 3.20	$^{+0.05}_{-0.11}$
	mean	mean	σ^* (G) (GeV)	0.00 ± 3.20		-0.01
			fraction (CB)	0.00 ± 3.20	-0.03 ± 3.20	$^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
	Events corres	ponding to B_d^0	$\rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ PDF	-0.26 ± 3.10	0.30 ± 3.30	$^{+0.25}_{-0.31}$
Events corresponding to $B_s^0 \rightarrow c\bar{c}X$ PDF -0.52 ± 3.10 0.60 ± 3.30					$^{+0.51}_{-0.61}$	
Total systematic due to the fixed PDF parameters (events)					$^{+0.67}_{-0.79}$	

Upper Limit Calculation

• With the absence of any significant signal yield, we report an upper limit (UL) on the branching fraction using the Bayesian approach.



Convolution function: Gaussian($\mu = 0$, $\sigma =$ systematic uncertainty)

- Additive systematic = 0.8 events
- Multiplicative systematic = $0.12 \times \text{signal}$ yield

• ULs on the yields at 90% confidence level (CL) are estimated to be 8.03 and 7.64 $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^0$ events with and without systematic uncertainties, respectively.

HadronB(J) skimming

- The Hadron-B criteria select the B-meson and continuum events with an efficiency of 99% and 84% while rejecting the non-hadronic (two-photon, Bhabha, and lepton pairs) by more than 95%.
 - Good charged tracks nTrk \geq 3; |dr| < 2cm, |dz| < 4cm, and $|P_t^*| > 100$ MeV.
 - $E_{sum}(\text{sum of good cluster's energy}) > 0.18\sqrt{s} \text{ or } HJM > 1.8 \text{ GeV}.$
 - $|P_z^*|$ (sum of z-comp. of good tracks and photon momenta) $< 0.5\sqrt{s}$.
 - nECL > 1.
 - $HJM/E_{vis} > 0.25$ or HJM > 1.8 GeV.
 - $E_{sum}/nECL < 1$ GeV.
 - J/ψ Condition: An event with at least one combination of oppositely charged tracks with momentum p > 0.8 GeV/c and invariant mass between 2.4 4.0 GeV/ c^2 .