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The Study of Radiative D_s Decays

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The study of weak radiative decays of charmed mesons is still in its developing stage. In the Standard Model (SM), the physics of charm meson is not generally expected to have new physics (NP) discovery potential. The weak decays of D mesons are also difficult to investigate due to the strong final state interactions. It has been pointed out that the $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$ decays obtain contributions coming from the non-minimal supersymmetry, which guides for a signal of NP. From earlier studies, we noticed $R_{\rho/\omega}$ could be violated already in the SM framework, while a similar relation for D_s^+ radiative decays offers a much better test for $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$. Here, we present a sensitivity study of the radiative charm decays $D_s^+ \longrightarrow \rho^+\gamma$ and $D_s^+ \longrightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$ at the Belle detector.

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1. Introduction

In the Standard Model, the physics of charmed mesons is not generally expected to have NP discovery potential because of the relevant CKM matrix [1] elements V_{cs} and V_{cd} are well known and the CP asymmetries and D^0 - $\bar{D}^0$ oscillations are small. Further, the weak decays of D mesons are also difficult to investigate due to the strong final state interactions. However, it has been pointed out that the oscillations and $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$ decays might have some contributions coming from the non-minimal supersymmetry (the NP scenario). Therefore, one can search for NP using $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$ transitions. It was suggested that the NP would result in deviation from $R_{\rho/\omega}$ [2].

$$R_{\rho/\omega} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow \rho^0/\omega\gamma)}{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0}\gamma)} = \frac{tan^2\theta_c}{2} \tag{1}$$

In order to find the best mode to test $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$ decay, the ratios between various Cabibbo suppressed and Cabibbo allowed charm meson radiative weak decay are calculated as predicted by the SM [3]. It has been noticed that the equation could be violated already in the SM framework because of large, unknown correction within the SM, while a similar relation for D_s^+ radiative decays offers a much better test for $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$.

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

Furthermore, radiative D_s decays, such as $D_s^+ \longrightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$ and $D_s^+ \longrightarrow \rho^+\gamma$, have not been observed yet. The theoretical analysis of the $D \longrightarrow V\gamma$ transitions was done using a model that combines heavy quark effective theory and the chiral Lagrangian approach and includes symmetry breaking [4]. In addition to the s-channel annihilation and t-channel W exchange, there is a long-distance penguin-like $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$ contribution in the Cabibbo-suppressed modes. Its magnitude is determined by the size of symmetry breaking, which was calculated with a vector dominance approach. Although smaller in magnitude, the penguin-like contribution would lead to sizable effects in case of cancellations among the other contributions to the amplitude. Thus, it may invalidate suggested tests beyond the standard model effects in these decays. Figure 1 shows the Feynman diagram of $c \longrightarrow u\gamma$ transition [5]. This model predicts a range of values for the branching ratios predicted for the various $D \longrightarrow V\gamma$ modes as shown in table 1. Here, we present the first experimental study of these modes.

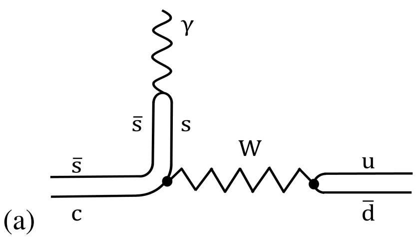


Figure 1: Feynman diagram

Decay Mode	Branching Fraction
$D_s^+ \to \rho^+\gamma$ [4]	(3-5) × 10^{-4}
$D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$ [4]	(2.1-3.2) × 10^{-5}

Table 1: Summary of the expected value of the branching fraction.

2. Analysis Strategy

For the signal Monte Carlo (MC) study, we have generated signal MC events with the EvtGen [6] and Geant packages [7]. Our selection is optimized with an MC simulation study. We have reconstructed D_s^+ from $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\gamma$ and $D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$, where $\rho^+ \to \pi^0\pi^+$ and $K^{*+} \to K_S^0\pi^+$, respectively. To reduce the combinatorial background, we keep only those candidates that satisfy the criteria: 0.08 GeV/c^2 < ΔM < 0.20 GeV/c^2, where ΔM is the difference between the reconstructed mass of D_s^{*+} and D_s^+ (ΔM ≡ M (D_s^{*+}) - M (D_s^+)). π^0 veto has been implemented to get rid of the huge background coming from π^0 decays. The kinematic variable that distinguishes the signal from the background is ΔM. We have performed background MC study in which the continuum background is found to be dominant. We employ multivariate analysis (MVA) using the FastBDT package to get rid of uds background. After applying a cut greater than 0.4 (0.5) for $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\gamma$ ($D_s^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$) decay mode, there is a loss of 65% (76%) of uds background at the cost of 10%(24%) of signal loss, respectively. For ${D_s}^+ \to \rho^+\gamma$ decay mode, peaking background is mostly coming from the ${D_s}^+ \to \rho^+\eta$, and for ${D_s}^+ \to K^{*+}\gamma$, mostly coming from the $D^0 \to K^0\pi^0$ and $D^0 \to K^0\eta$ decay modes, respectively.

3. Control Sample Study

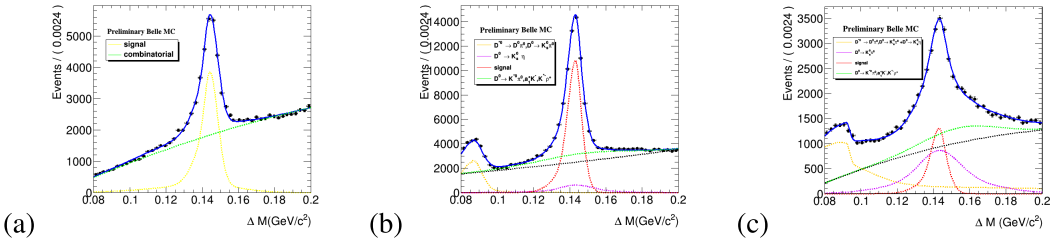
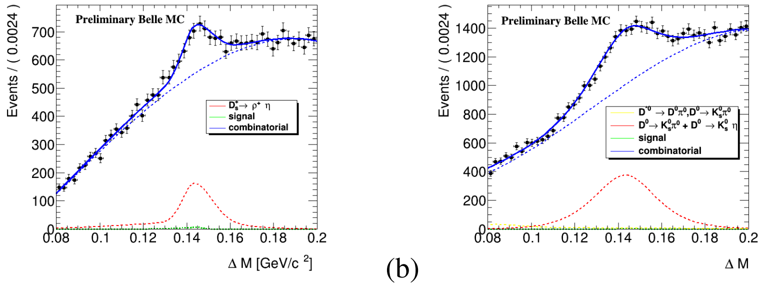


Figure 2: Fitted distribution of ΔM for (a) $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\eta$, (b) $D^0 \to K_S^0\pi^0$ and (c) $D^0 \to K_S^0\eta$ decay modes, respectively.

We utilize the peaking backgrounds $D_s^+ \to \rho^+[\eta \to \gamma\gamma]$, $D^{*0} \to [D^0 \to K_S^0\eta]\gamma$ and $D^{*0} \to [D^0 \to K_S^0\pi^0]\gamma$ as our control sample to verify the signal extraction procedure and to calibrate the MC/Data resolution of our MC studies. Figure 2 shows the 1D unbinned maximum likelihood fit on ΔM for (a) $D_s^+ \to \rho^+\eta$ and (b) $D^0 \to K_S^0\pi^0$ and (c) $D^0 \to K_S^0\eta$ decay modes, respectively.



(a) (b)

Figure 3: Fitted distribution of ΔM for (a)$D_s^+ \longrightarrow \rho^+\gamma$ (left) and (b) $D_s^+ \longrightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$ (right) decay modes, respectively.

4. Signal Extraction

We have performed 1D unbinned maximum likelihood fit on ΔM for (a) $D_s^+ \longrightarrow \rho^+\gamma$ and (b) ${D_s}^+ \longrightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$ decay modes, respectively shown in Figure 3. For $D_s^+ \longrightarrow \rho^+\gamma$ case, the signal is modeled with the sum of two Bifurcated Gaussian with common mean. The peaking background is modeled with the sum of two Bifurcated Gaussian, combinatorial background with third-order Chebyshev Polynomial. For ${D_s}^+ \longrightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$ mode, the signal is modeled with the sum of two Bifurcated Gaussian. The Peaking backgrounds are modeled with the sum of a Gaussian and a Bifurcated Gaussian. The combinatorial background is modeled with third-order Chebyshev Polynomial.

5. Preliminary Results and Outlook

We are expecting 300-400 (20-30) events for $D_s^+ \longrightarrow \rho^+\gamma$ ($D_s^+ \longrightarrow K^{*+}\gamma$) decay modes using 10^{-4}(10^{-5}) branching fraction.

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