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We report the first observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ decay in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV using 360 pb^{-1} of data collected by the CDF II detector at the Fermilab Tevatron. We observe 20.2 ± 5.0 and 12.3 ± 4.1 $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ candidates, in $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay modes, respectively. We present a measurement of the relative branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi) = 0.52 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{syst}) \pm 0.06(\text{BR})$ using the $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay mode.

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The decays of B mesons to charmonium final states have been studied extensively in the past, and the measurements [1–3] show that the ratio of the branching fractions of B^+ and B^0 decay to the $\psi(2S)$ final states over the J/ψ final states are approximately 60% as shown in Table I. The $B^{+,0} \rightarrow J/\psi K^{+,*0}$ [$\psi(2S)K^{+,*0}$] and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ [$\psi(2S)\phi$] are color-suppressed Cabibbo-favored decays that have the same tree-level decay topology as shown in Fig. 1. The relative branching ratio between $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ has not been measured.

Only one $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ candidate event has been reported, at LEP in 1993 [5].

The $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ mode has recently been used to determine the decay widths for the heavy and light B_s^0 mass eigenstates by measuring the relative contribution of the CP -odd and CP -even components to the observed angular distribution as a function of the decay time [6,7]. Observing the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ would allow an independent measurement of the decay widths for the heavy and light B_s^0 mass eigenstates in the future. In particular, the spin

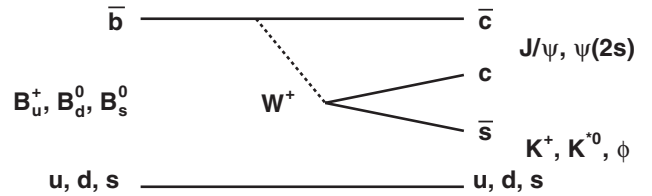
TABLE I. The current relative branching ratio of B meson decays to charmonium final states.

Decay channel	Value	Reference
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)}$	$0.64 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.07$	BABAR [1]
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^{*0})}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0})}$	0.61 ± 0.10	PDG [4]
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^0)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^0)}$	$0.82 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.12$	PDG [4]

alignment of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ could be different from that of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$.

In this Letter, we report the observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ in both $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ decay modes produced in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV. We also measure the ratio of branching fractions for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$. Many systematic effects cancel in the measurement of the ratio, including uncertainties in total integrated luminosity, bottom-quark production and fragmentation, and trigger and reconstruction efficiencies. In addition, for this ratio of branching fractions measurement we use only the $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay mode in order to guarantee identical topologies for the J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ channels. Similar decay modes, such as $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ and $B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^+$, are used as control samples to perform consistency checks, and study the systematic uncertainties. Charge conjugate modes are implied throughout this Letter. The data sample is comprised of about $3 \times 10^6 J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, $1 \times 10^5 \psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, and $1.6 \times 10^4 \psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ candidates. The total integrated luminosity is approximately 360 pb^{-1} and was collected using the Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF II) between February 2002 and July 2004.

The CDF II detector is described in detail elsewhere [8]. The main components for this analysis are tracking and muon systems. The tracks are reconstructed by the silicon microstrip detector [9,10], and the Central Outer Tracker (COT) [11], which are immersed in a uniform axial 1.4 T magnetic field provided by a superconducting solenoid. Planar drift chambers [12] located outside the calorimeter are used to identify muons in the central region ($|\eta| < 1.0$, where η is the pseudorapidity). The events are selected with a three-level trigger system. At Level 1, charged particle trajectories in the plane transverse to the beam direction are reconstructed from the COT hits using a hardware processor [13]. The trigger requires tracks with transverse momentum $p_T(\mu) > 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ to be matched to hits in the muon detector. At Level 2, opening angle and opposite-charge cuts are imposed on the muon pairs. At Level 3, the two muon tracks are required to be oppositely charged with invariant mass between 2.7 and 4.0 GeV/c^2 .

FIG. 1. Tree-level Feynman diagram of B mesons decaying to charmonium final states.

We reconstruct $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ followed by $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$, where $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$. For the measurement of the relative branching fraction between $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$, it is desirable to have selection criteria similar for both decay modes. All three B_s^0 decay channels involve only the well-known J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$ and ϕ decays, which have been used extensively in other measurements at CDF, and their selection criteria are well established. In this analysis, we follow the selection requirements developed in the b hadron mass measurements [14] and apply them to the three B_s^0 decay modes of interest.

The reconstruction begins by selecting $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ or $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ candidates, with pairs of oppositely charged tracks that satisfy the muon pair trigger requirements. The reconstructed $\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass is required to be within 80 MeV/c^2 of the J/ψ or $\psi(2S)$ mass [4]. The $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ is reconstructed by associating a $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ candidate (with its mass constrained to the J/ψ mass) with a pair of tracks, each with $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$. The invariant mass of $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ is required to be within 20 MeV/c^2 of the world average $\psi(2S)$ mass [4]. Once a J/ψ or $\psi(2S)$ candidate is selected, we search for a $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ candidate with a pair of additional tracks. The invariant mass of K^+K^- is required to be within 10 MeV/c^2 of the ϕ mass [4]. The p_T of the ϕ candidate is required to be greater than 2.0 GeV/c . The B_s^0 meson candidates are then reconstructed by associating a J/ψ or $\psi(2S)$ candidate with a ϕ candidate. All tracks [4 tracks in $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ or $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ followed by $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and 6 tracks in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ followed by $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$] are required to be consistent with having originated from a common vertex satisfying vertex quality requirements. Prompt background, with tracks coming directly from the primary vertex, can be reduced by exploiting variables sensitive to the long lifetime of the B_s^0 meson. To reduce prompt background, the transverse decay length (L_{xy}) of the B_s^0 is required to exceed 100 μm , where L_{xy} is defined as the transverse vector from the beam axis to the B_s^0 decay vertex projected onto the transverse momentum of the B_s^0 candidate. To ensure a well measured B meson decay vertex, each track is required to have a measurement in at least three axial layers of the silicon detector. The transverse momentum of the B_s^0 candidates is

required to be greater than $6.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ to further reduce combinatoric background. To improve the B meson mass resolution, the $\mu^+ \mu^-$ mass is constrained to the J/ψ or $\psi(2S)$ mass, while the $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ mass is constrained to the $\psi(2S)$ mass.

Two sources of background are expected in the B_s^0 signal region: combinatoric background and kinematic ‘‘reflection’’ of $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ (for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$) or $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$ [for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$], where the pion from the K^{*0} decay is misassigned as a kaon. The combinatoric background is modeled by a first order polynomial. The $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ [$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$] reflection background results in a broad distribution near and above the B_s^0 signal region. The fraction of $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ [$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$] events that fall into the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ [$B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$] signal region is estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation. The background contribution from reflection in our data sample is then calculated by multiplying the fraction determined from Monte Carlo simulation by the number of the $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ and $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$ candidates in the same data. The contribution of the $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ reflection in the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ signal region is estimated to be 6.6 ± 0.3 events. The contribution of the $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$ reflection in the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$ signal region is estimated to be 0.34 ± 0.05 and 0.19 ± 0.03 events for $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ modes, respectively. The $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ [$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$] reflection background is highly suppressed because only a small fraction of the misidentified $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ can satisfy the $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ mass requirement.

An unbinned log-likelihood fit is used to extract signal yields from the reconstructed mass spectra, as shown in

Fig. 2. The signal distribution is modeled as a Gaussian, and the background distribution is modeled as a first order polynomial. The background component from misidentified K^{*0} decays is also included, with a shape obtained from the Monte Carlo simulation. The width for each of the two $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$ modes is fixed in the following way. We take the ratio of the widths for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$ relative to $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ as a scale factor determined from Monte Carlo simulation, and we then calculate the width for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$, using the width of $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ from data. A comparison of the Monte Carlo calculation and data for the control samples of $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ and $B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^+$ shows that the relative ratio of the widths of the two modes can be well predicted by Monte Carlo simulation. The signal yields, fitted masses, and mass resolution of the three decay channels are summarized in Table II. A consistency check (Monte Carlo calculation independent) is performed by fitting the $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ invariant mass spectra for events in the B_s signal region after sideband subtraction. The $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ signal yield obtained this way in data is consistent with that from fitting the B_s mass spectra, indicating that the B^0 reflection background from $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ [$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{*0}$] or other decay modes is indeed negligible.

The background contribution in the signal region (defined as a window 6 times the expected mass resolution, as shown in Table II, around the mean value of the B_s signal peak) for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$, followed by $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays, is estimated to be 10.0 ± 3.2 and 6.5 ± 2.6 events, respectively. The probability of a statistical fluctuation of the expected total background in the signal region to the observed or higher number of

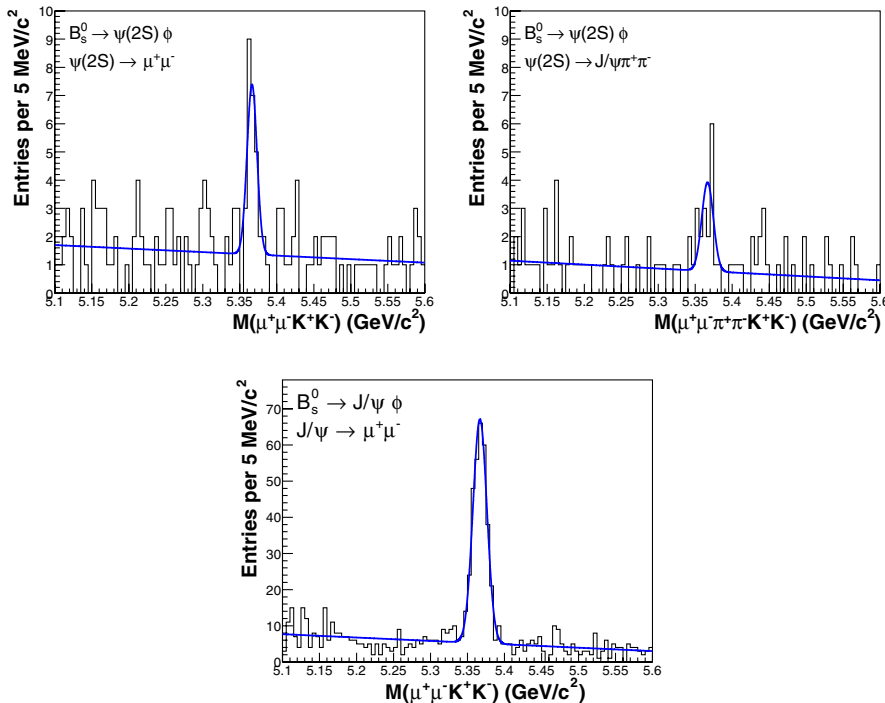


FIG. 2 (color online). Invariant mass distributions for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ (bottom), and for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi$, followed by $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (upper left), or $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ (upper right). The curves are the results of the fits described in the text.

TABLE II. The numbers of observed signal events, the fitted masses, and the signal width (Gaussian sigma, or mass resolution) for each of the three B_s^0 decay channels.

Decay	Mean [MeV/ c^2]	Width [MeV/ c^2]	Yield
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$	5366.76 ± 0.66	9.42 ± 0.58	292.2 ± 15.9
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi; \psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	5366.50 ± 1.86	6.63 (fixed)	20.2 ± 5.0
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi; \psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$	5366.63 ± 3.20	7.77 (fixed)	12.3 ± 4.1

events is 2.5×10^{-7} for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ with $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and 1.6×10^{-5} for $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$. These correspond to 5.0σ and 4.2σ one-sided Gaussian significance for the two decay modes, respectively. The combined probability of the two modes is 1.1×10^{-10} , corresponding to a 6.4σ significance for the observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$.

We measure the relative branching fraction between $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ using only the $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay mode, and the control sample data [$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ and $B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^+$] are used to study the systematic uncertainties. The relative branching ratio for the $\mu^+\mu^-$ mode is extracted using the formula:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi)} = \frac{N_{\psi(2S)\phi}}{N_{J/\psi\phi}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} \times \frac{\epsilon_{J/\psi\phi}}{\epsilon_{\psi(2S)\phi}}, \quad (1)$$

where $\epsilon_{J/\psi\phi}/\epsilon_{\psi(2S)\phi} = 0.925 \pm 0.006$ is the ratio of the combined trigger and selection efficiencies derived from Monte Carlo simulation (with the error due to the size of the simulated samples), and $N_{J/\psi\phi}$ or $N_{\psi(2S)\phi}$ is the total number of reconstructed B_s^0 mesons for each mode. The $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ and $\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ are the world average branching fractions [4].

In our analysis, we use a Monte Carlo simulation to determine the relative efficiency for the two decay modes, and the control sample data are used to study the systematic uncertainties. The simulation of the CDF II detector is based on a GEANT description [15]. Transverse momentum and rapidity distributions of single b quarks are generated based on next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbative QCD [16]. The B_s^0 meson spectrum used in the Monte Carlo simulation is consistent with the data from inclusive $B \rightarrow J/\psi X$ [8]. The EVTGEN program [17] is used to decay B mesons into the final states of interest.

Since both modes are B_s^0 decays, and the decay topologies are very similar, most systematic uncertainties cancel in the ratio. Systematic uncertainties originate from fitting the invariant mass distributions to obtain signal yields, from determination of the relative efficiencies, and from the measured branching fractions of J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ decays taken from Ref. [4]. Consistency checks are performed on the fitting method by varying the range and using different functions, and no statistically significant

variation is found. Systematic uncertainty from the fitting method is evaluated by dropping the fixed width constraint.

Systematic uncertainties on the ratio of efficiencies are due to the differences in the kinematics of the two decay modes. For example, due to the mass difference between $\psi(2S)$ and J/ψ , the $p_T(\mu)$ distributions are somewhat different between the two decay modes. To take into account the difference in $p_T(\mu)$ distributions, the single muon efficiency measured from data [18] is used to reweight the Monte Carlo samples, and the relative efficiency (central value and error) is recalculated. We vary the measured muon efficiency, and find that the systematic uncertainty due to the difference in $p_T(\mu)$ distributions is negligible. The main systematic uncertainty due to decay kinematics difference comes from lack of knowledge of the angular correlation in the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ decay. The central value of the relative efficiency is determined by assuming that the angular correlation of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ decay is the same as that of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$. To evaluate the effects on our measurement, we generate Monte Carlo samples with pure CP -even and CP -odd decays for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ and recalculate the relative efficiency. We take the difference between CP -even and CP -odd cases as the systematic uncertainty, which turns out to be the major component (5.5%). The systematic uncertainty from the fitting contributes at the 3.9% level. The total systematic uncertainty is 6.7%.

The contribution from the branching fractions is calculated by propagating the world average uncertainties. The dominant contribution is due to the measured branching ratio $\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (0.73 \pm 0.08)\%$ [4].

Using Eq. (1), we derive the ratio of relative branching fractions:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi)} = 0.52 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{syst}) \pm 0.06(\text{BR}) \quad (2)$$

where the first error is statistical, the second is systematic, and the third is due to the branching ratios of $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$.

In summary, we present the first observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ decay, in both $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ modes in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV using the CDF II detector. We also present the measurement of the ratio of branching fractions between $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ using the $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay mode.

This result for B_s^0 is consistent with the ratios of branching fractions for the corresponding decays of B^+ and B^0 [4], indicating that the relative branching ratio of B meson decays between $\psi(2S)$ and J/ψ final states is independent of the flavor of the lighter quark.

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