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Why measure D_s^+ lifetime ?

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 - Using current Belle II data, we can achieve a precision competitive to existing world average.
 - We are still in the early stages of a broad Belle II physics program
 - A precision measurement of D_s^+ lifetime will be demonstration of:
 - Good Belle II detector performance .
 - Excellent vertexing capabilities.
- What is D_s^+ lifetime ?
 - Massive unstable particles decays to more stable particles (respecting different conservation laws), has a lifetime.
 - Lifetime depends on dominant decay modes and underlying physical interaction.
 - D_s^+ lifetime value is (5.04±0.04)×10⁻¹³ s [PDG 2021]

Proper decay time t:



Choice of decay mode for the D_s^+ lifetime measurement?

- We have to pick a D_s^+ decay mode with:
 - Large branching fraction. (higher statistics for precision measurement)
 - All charged tracks in the final state. (very good momentum resolution and decay vertex reconstruction is crucial for lifetime precision)
 - High sample purity i.e. ratio of signal with signal plus background.
- For lifetime measurement we chose decay mode: $D_s^+ o \phi[K^+K^-]\pi^+$:
 - Large branching fraction : 2.24 ± 0.08 % [PDG 2021]
 - Three charged tracks, K^+K^- and π^+ in the final state.
 - High sample purity of 93 % in the signal region.



Data and MC sample used for measurement:

- MC sample:
 - Run dependent MC sample
 - MC 13b_proc11 (40 fb⁻¹)
 - MC13b_prompt (40 fb⁻¹)
 - Total: 80 fb⁻¹
- Data:
 - 2019 data: Exp. 7,8,10. 9.7 fb⁻¹ (off + on resonance)
 - 2020 data: Exp. 12. 62.6 fb⁻¹ (off + on resonance)
 - Total: 72.3 fb⁻¹

Check out for latest data production updates: https://confluence.desy.de/display/BI/Data+Production+Status

Reconstruction of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi[K^+K^-]\pi^+$

Variable	Selection criterion	
Charged tracks		
dr	$ dr < 0.5 \text{ cm}$ \sum Selecting tracks originating near IP	
dz	dz < 2.0 cm	
#PXD hits	≥ 1 $\int_{Selecting tracks with momentum measured with be$	etter precision
# SVD hits	≥ 4	
# CDC hits	≥ 30 – Identification of charged tracks as pion or kaon.	
PID (binary, $\frac{L_{K}}{L_{K}+L_{\pi}}$)	$0 > 0.6$ for K and < 0.55 for π	• Beam spot constraint requires D_s^+ to originate from IP.
Vertex chi prob	> 0.001 (Tree fitter, beam spot constraint)	• This improves the decay time resolution by a
Helicity	$ \cos(\theta_{hel}) > 0.45$	factor of 3
$P^*_{D^+_s}$	$> 2.5 \text{ GeV/c}$ (remove D_s^+ from B decays)	To suppress the background
$\mathrm{M}_{\phi}^{\mathrm{S}}$	$(1.01 < M_{\phi} < 1.03) \text{ GeV/c}^2$	➤ B mesons have a finite lifetime
$M_{D_s^+}$	$(1.922 < M_{D_s^+} < 2.02) \ {\rm GeV/c^2}$	See backup slide #13 for details

Results from MC studies

• 40 fb⁻¹ run dependent MC sample is used for results in following slides.

D_s^+ mass and ϕ mass distributions after reconstruction:



- Reconstructed $M_{D_s^+}[K^+K^-\pi^+]$ and $M_{\phi}[K^+K^-]$ distributions are shown above
- We fit for lifetime only using the events in the $M_{D_{\tau}^{+}}$ signal region defined as :
 - M_D⁺_c∈ (1.96,1.976) GeV/c²
- Purity of sample i.e. S/(S+B) in the signal region is 93%.

Lifetime pdf:



- Event level resolution function: $R(t t' : mean, s, \sigma_t^i)$
 - A single gaussian is used as resolution function.
 - Resolution function has different width for each event.
 - We use the σ_t^i , error in decay time t for event i as the width of resolution function for that event.
 - σ_t^i could be "over" or "under" estimated.
 - To correct for that, we use a scaling factor s common for all events.

Lifetime pdf:

- **Background Events:** non *Ds* decays, majority random combination of final state particles:
 - Distribution of decay time t for background events, $F_{bkg}(t)$ is modelled using sum of 3 Asymmetric gaussian with common mean.
 - $F_{bkg}(t)$ is obtained using events in $M_{D_s^+}$ sidebands.
 - We fit for background events in signal region using pdf shape obtained from sideband events assuming the distribution are same. (assumption verified in MC using truth matching, see backup slides for details)



Lifetime pdf:

- Total decay time t pdf:
 - We use a 3d pdf, f(t, σ_t , $M_{D_s^+}$) in fit variables: decay time (t), error in decay time (σ_t) and $M_{D_s^+}$



For fit to data, no input (pdf shape parameters) are used from simulation.

using sideband events.

1d $M_{D_s^+}$ fit:



- Signal pdf $F_{sig}(M_{D_s^+})$: Sum of two gaussian with common mean
- Background pdf $F_{bkg}(M_{D_s^+})$: 3rd order chebychev polynomial
- In the signal region: $N_{sig} = 32293$ and $N_{bkg} = 2440$
- Sample purity = 93%.

Final fit results (MC):



Fit for 10 fb⁻¹ data:



- Lifetime value from fit is:
 - $\tau = (5.099 \pm 0.075) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$
- Lifetime result from 10 fb⁻¹ MC:
 - $\tau = (4.988 \pm 0.065) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$
- Lifetime result latest PDG value is: $\tau = (5.04 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$

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Summary:

- D_s^+ lifetime measurement at Belle II is in progress.
- Final version of lifetime fit pdf is ready.
- Lifetime measurement results obtained using MC sample:
 - Results from MC sample I: $\tau = (5.036 \pm 0.032) \times 10^{-13}$ s
 - Results from MC sample II: $\tau = (5.063 \pm 0.033) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$
 - Both are consistent with generated MC value of $5.000 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s.}$
- Fitted for lifetime using above pdf for 10 fb-1 of data
 - Results from 10 fb⁻¹ of data: $\tau = (5.099 \pm 0.075) \times 10^{-13}$ s.
 - Results from corresponding 10 fb⁻¹ run-dependent MC: $\tau = (4.988 \pm 0.065) \times 10^{-13}$ s
- Work on cross-checks for bias and systematic uncertainty measurement ongoing.
- We plan to release first Belle II note soon.
- If interested in lifetime measurements, check other charm lifetime analysis in progress at Belle II:
 - D^0 , D^+ lifetime and Λ_c^+ lifetime
 - See June B2GM slides for latest updates

Backup

Selection variables:

Cut on helicity angle:



FIG. 6: Distribution of $\cos(\theta_{hel})$ for truth matched signal (red) and background (blue) events. To suppress the maximum amount of background and retain maximum amount of signal we require $|\cos(\theta_{hel})| > 0.45$

Cut on D_s^+ momentum in e^+e^- COM frame:





(a) $P_{D_s^+}^*$ distribution for truth matched background (b) $P_{D_s^+}^*$ distribution for truth matched signal events

FIG. 5: $P_{D_s^+}^*$ distribution for truth matched signal (5a) and background events (5b) from different production type. We require $P_{D_s^+}^* > 2.5$ to get rid of D_s^+ coming from B meson decays.

Fitting for $F_{bkg}(t)$:



(a) side-band background events fit

Projecting the pdf obtained from sidebands on background events decay time distribution in signal region:



(b) signal region truth matched background events

Johnson SU Pdf and σ_t fit:

Johnson's S_U distribution.

This PDF results from transforming a normally distributed variable x to this form:

 $z = \gamma + \delta \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\lambda}\right)$

The resulting PDF is

$$PDF[Johnson S_U] = \frac{\delta}{\lambda\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\lambda}\right)^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\gamma + \delta \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\lambda}\right)\right)^2\right].$$

It is often used to fit a mass difference for charm decays, and therefore the variable x is called "mass" in the implementation. A mass threshold allows to set the PDF to zero to the left of the threshold.

Truth matched signal events , σ_t fit:

Background sideband events, σ_t fit:



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Data-MC comparison

- Both data (bucket-10) and MC (run-dependent MC bucket 10) samples used correspond to an integrated luminosity of 10.4 fb⁻¹
- Will compare the $M_{D_s^+}$, t and σ_t fit between data and MC.



- Nsig is 6558±102 for data and 8231±121 for MC,
 - Nsig (data/MC) = 79.67 ± 1.71 % (20% lower signal in data)
- Nbkg (data) = 3975±88, MC = 3344±98, 0.00357,
 - ratio data/MC = 1.19±0.04 (20% higher bkg. in data)
- Purity in signal region: Data = 90.42 %, MC = 93.38 %

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Data-MC comparison

σ_t fit for events in $M_{D_s^+}$ sidebands:



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MC study to check for bias in lifetime measurement

Bias from selection criterion:

- To check for any bias in lifetime measurement coming from reconstruction, we fit for generated decay time using the truth matched signal events.
- We fit the generated decay time t_{gen} for 8 independent MC samples with luminosity 10 fb⁻¹ each.
- * τ_{gen} from all 8 MC samples are consistent with no bias from the selection criterion.

