

# Measurements of $B \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$ and Forward-Backward Asymmetry in $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$ at Belle

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We present measurements of  $B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$  and forward-backward asymemtry in  $B \to K^* \ell^+ \ell^$ with a large data sample accumulated on the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance by Belle detector at the KEKB asymmetric energy  $e^+e^-$  collider.

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## 1. Introduction

The  $b \rightarrow s$  processes are sensitive to new physics effect. If new heavy particles can contribute to the decays, their amplitudes will interfere with the Standard Model (SM) amplitudes and thereby modify the decay rate as well as decay distributions.

To evaluate the new physics contributions in  $b \rightarrow s$  processes, Wilson coefficients are used [1]. These coefficients parameterize the strength of the short distance interaction. If new physics contributes to the  $b \rightarrow s$  processes, the relevant coefficients will deviate from the SM values. For electroweak penguin decays, the effective Wilson coefficients  $C_7^{\text{eff}}$ ,  $C_9^{\text{eff}}$  and  $C_{10}^{\text{eff}}$  appear in the partial decay width. A next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) calculation for these effective coefficients has many correction terms [2], so leading coefficients  $A_7$ ,  $A_9$  and  $A_{10}$  are usually used for the evaluation.

Measurements of  $B \to X_s \gamma$  decay, which are consistent with the SM prediction [?], strongly constrain the magunitude of the Wilson coefficient  $A_7$  [4]. However sign of  $A_7$  cannot determined from  $B \to X_s \gamma$ . The  $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$  process is promising from this point of view, since not only the photonic penguin diagram but also the Z-penguin and box diagrams contribute to this decay mode. As a result, we can determine the relative signs of the Wilson coefficients  $A_7$ ,  $A_9$  and  $A_{10}$  as well as their absolute values.

## **2.** Measurement of $B \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$

We use a 253 fb<sup>-1</sup> data sample containing  $275 \times 10^6 B$  meson pairs for  $B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$  analysis [6]. A semi-inclusive technique is utilized to reconstruct  $B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$ . The  $X_s$  system is reconstructed from one neutral or charged kaon and zero to four pions. We require the invariant mass of  $X_s$  to be less than 2.0 GeV. We select an electron or muon pair with invariant mass greater than 0.2 GeV. We obtain the branching fraction to be

$$\mathscr{B}(B \to X_s \ell \ell) = (4.11 \pm 0.83 \substack{+0.85 \\ -0.81}) \times 10^{-6},$$

We also measure the  $M_{X_s}$  and  $q^2$  distributions. Clean prediction of the branching fraction of  $B \rightarrow K^* \ell \ell$  for  $1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2$  is available. Combining this result with Babar result [7], we can set the allowed area in  $C_9 - C_{10}$  plane. Sign of  $C_7$  flipped case with SM  $C_9$  and  $C_{10}$  is excluded at 90% confidence level [8].

# **3.** Measurement of Forward-Backward Asymmetry in $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$

The data sample corresponds to 357 fb<sup>-1</sup> which contains 386 million  $B\overline{B}$  pairs is used for measurement of forward-backward asymmetry in  $B \to K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$ .  $B^0 \to K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-$  and  $B^+ \to K^{*+} \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays are reconstructed, where  $\ell$  stands for an electron or a muon. We observe  $113.6 \pm 13.0$  $B \to K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$  signal events with a purity of 44%.

To extract ratios of Wilson coefficients, we perform an unbinned maximum likelihood fit with probability density function that includes the normalized double differential decay width  $(1/\Gamma)d^2\Gamma/dq^2d\cos\theta$  [9], where  $\cos\theta$  is the cosine of the angle between negative (positive) charged

lepton and  $B^0$  or  $B^+$  ( $\overline{B}^0$  or  $B^-$ ) meson momenta in the dilepton rest frame. The forward-backward asymmetry is defined as

$$A_{\rm FB}(q^2) = \frac{\int_0^1 \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta - \int_{-1}^0 \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta}{\int_0^1 \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta + \int_{-1}^0 \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta}.$$

The  $A_7$  is fixed to SM value, -0.330, since the measurement of the branching fraction of  $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$  is consistent with the prediction within the SM, while the  $A_9/A_7$  and  $A_{10}/A_7$  are allowed to float in the fit. We measure the ratios of Wilson coefficients,

$$A_9/A_7 = -15.3^{+3.4}_{-4.8} \pm 1.1,$$
  
$$A_{10}/A_7 = 10.3^{+5.2}_{-3.5} \pm 1.8,$$

which are consistent with the SM values -12.3 and 12.8, respectively. Figure 1 shows fit results projected on the background-subtracted forward-backward asymmetry distribution in bins of  $q^2$ .

In Fig. 2, we show confidence level(C.L.) contours in the  $A_9/A_7 - A_{10}/A_7$  based on fit likelihood smeared by systematic error, which is assumed to have a Gaussian distribution. We also calculate an interval on  $A_9A_{10}/A_7^2$  at 95% C.L. for any allowed  $A_7$  value,

$$-1401 < A_9 A_{10} / A_7^2 < -26.4.$$

We determine the sign of  $A_9A_{10}$  to be negative, and exclude solutions in the first or third quadrant with more than 95% C.L. Both second and fourth quadrant solutions are allowed, so the sign of  $A_7A_{10}$  cannot be determined yet. We exclude new physics scenarios shown by the red and magenta curves in figure 1, which have positive  $A_9A_{10}$ .

## 4. Conclusion

We have measured the branching fraction of  $B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$  and forward-backward asymmetry in  $B \to K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$ . The measured Wilson coefficients are consistent with the SM prediction.

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**Figure 1:** Fit results for the negative  $A_7$  solution projected to forward-backward asymmetry(solid blue) and forward-backward asymmetry curves with several input parameter including efficiency effect;  $A_7A_{10}$  sign flipped (dashed green), both  $A_7A_{10}$  and  $A_9A_{10}$  signs flipped (dash-dot red) and  $A_9A_{10}$  sign flipped(dotted magenta) to SM value. The new physics scenarios shown by the red and magenta curves are excluded.



**Figure 2:** Confidence level contours for negative  $A_7$ . Black, red, green, blue and black curves show 1 to 5  $\sigma$  contours. Black and red points show the best fit and the SM value.