Di-electron Widths of the \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) \) Resonances


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Abstract

We determine the di-electron widths of the Υ(1S), Υ(2S), and Υ(3S) resonances with better than 2% precision by integrating the cross-section of $e^+e^- \rightarrow Υ$ over the $e^+e^-$ center-of-mass energy. Using $e^+e^-$ energy scans of the Υ resonances at the Cornell Electron Storage Ring and measuring Υ production with the CLEO detector, we find di-electron widths of $1.354 \pm 0.004$ ($\sigma_{\text{stat}}$) ± 0.020 ($\sigma_{\text{syst}}$) keV, $0.619 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.010$ keV, and $0.446 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.007$ keV for the Υ(1S), Υ(2S), and Υ(3S), respectively.
The widths of the Υ mesons, \( \bar{b}b \) bound states discovered in 1977 [1], are related to the quark-antiquark spatial wave function at the origin [2]. These widths provide a testing ground for QCD lattice gauge theory calculations [3]. Improvements in the lattice calculations, such as avoidance of the quenched approximation [4], provide an incentive for more accurate experimental tests. The di-electron widths (\( \Gamma_{ee} \)) of the \( \Upsilon(1S) \), \( \Upsilon(2S) \), and \( \Upsilon(3S) \) have previously been measured with precisions of 2.2%, 4.2%, and 9.4%, respectively [5]. Validation of the lattice calculations at an accuracy of a few percent will increase confidence in similar calculations used to extract important weak-interaction parameters from data. In particular, \( \Gamma_{ee} \) and \( f_D \) [6] provide complementary tests of the calculation of \( f_B \), which is used to determine the CKM parameter \( V_{td} \).

Our measurement of \( \Gamma_{ee} \) follows the method of [5]: we integrate the production cross section of \( \Upsilon \) over incident \( e^+e^- \) energies. If we ignore initial state radiation for clarity, the partial width is given by

\[
\Gamma_{ee} = \frac{M_\Upsilon^2}{6\pi^2} \int \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon) dE.
\]

We also determine the \( \Upsilon \) full widths using \( \Gamma = \Gamma_{ee}/B_{\ell\ell} \), where \( B_{\ell\ell} \) is the \( \Upsilon \) branching fraction to a pair of leptons.

The Cornell Electron Storage Ring (CESR), an \( e^+e^- \) collider, scanned center-of-mass energies in the vicinity of the \( \Upsilon(1S) \), \( \Upsilon(2S) \), and \( \Upsilon(3S) \), and the CLEO III detector collected the \( \Upsilon \) decay products to determine the cross section at each energy. A fit to this resonance lineshape yields \( \int \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon) dE \). This fit includes the effects of initial-state radiation, beam energy spread, backgrounds, and interference between \( \Upsilon \) and continuum decays. The eleven \( \Upsilon(1S) \) scans, six \( \Upsilon(2S) \) scans, and seven \( \Upsilon(3S) \) scans have integrated luminosities of 0.27, 0.08, and 0.22 \( \text{fb}^{-1} \), respectively, with 0.19, 0.41, and 0.14 \( \text{fb}^{-1} \) of data below each peak to constrain backgrounds.

The CLEO III detector is a nearly \( 4\pi \) tracking volume detector surrounded by a CsI crystal calorimeter [7] [8]. Charged tracks are reconstructed in a 47-layer wire drift chamber and 4-layer silicon strip detector, and their momenta are inferred from their radii of curvature with respect to the beam axis of \(|\cos \theta| < 0.85\), with endcaps extending this range to \(|\cos \theta| < 0.98\). Electron showers have a resolution of 75 MeV at 5 GeV (the beam energy).

The \( \Upsilon \) mesons are produced nearly at rest and decay into leptonic final states \( e^+e^- \), \( \mu^+\mu^- \), or \( \tau^+\tau^- \), or into hadrons via \( gggg \), \( g\gamma \gamma \), or \( q\bar{q} \) intermediate states. The \( \Upsilon(2S) \) and \( \Upsilon(3S) \) can also make transitions into other \( b\bar{b} \) resonances such as \( \chi_{bJ}(nP) \), \( \Upsilon(1S) \), and \( \Upsilon(2S) \). The leptonic decays together account for only about 7% of the decays of each resonance and are difficult to distinguish from background, so we select hadrons, fit the hadronic cross section, and report \( \Gamma_{ee} \Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_{tot} \). We then correct for the missing leptonic modes to report \( \Gamma_{ee} \), assuming \( B_{ee} = B_{\mu\mu} = B_{\tau\tau} \) and obtaining the well-measured \( B_{\mu\mu} \) from [6]. (The \( \tau \) mass shifts \( B_{\tau\tau} \) below the \( B_{ee} \) or \( B_{\mu\mu} \) expectation by only 0.05% at these energies.) Thus, \( \Gamma_{ee} = (\Gamma_{ee}\Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_{tot})/(1 - 3B_{\mu\mu}) \).

Bhabha scattering (\( e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \)) is our largest potential background. We suppress these events by requiring the greatest track momentum (\( P_{\text{max}} \)) to be less than 80% of the beam energy, shown in Figure [II(a)], which reduces the Bhabha background to approximately the same magnitude as the hadronic continuum (\( e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \)) background. Continuum annihilation processes such as these are accounted for by including a \( 1/s \) term in the lineshape fit, where \( s = E_{CM}^2 = (2E_{\text{beam}})^2 \).
We therefore add to the fit function a small log $s$ resonance, with a cross-section inversely proportional to the initial-state photon energy.

The contribution of two-photon events ($e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- X$) grows with log $s$. We suppress these by requiring the total visible energy (energy sum of all charged tracks and neutral showers) to be more than 40% of the center-of-mass energy, shown in Figure 1(b). The $Υ(2S)$ and $Υ(3S)$ additionally have backgrounds from radiative returns to each lower-energy resonance, with a cross-section inversely proportional to the initial-state photon energy. We therefore add to the fit function a small log $s$ term (8% of continuum at 9 GeV) and $1/(\sqrt{s} - M_T)$ terms for $Υ(1S)$ and $Υ(2S)$ (about 0.5% of continuum at the $Υ(3S)$). Because the off-resonance data are only 20 MeV below each peak, the different functional forms affect the background estimation at the peak by less than 0.04%.

Cosmic rays and beam-gas interactions (collisions between a beam electron and a gas nucleus inside the beampipe) are suppressed by requiring charged tracks to point toward the beam-beam intersection point. We reduce this to less than 1% of the continuum by demanding that at least one reconstructed track pass within 5 mm of the beam axis and the vertex reconstructed from all primary tracks be within 7.5 cm of the intersection point along the beam axis. We determine and subtract the remaining contamination at each energy using special single-beam and no-beam data runs normalized using events with a solitary large impact parameter track (for cosmic rays) or vertices along the beam axis but far from the collision point (for beam-gas). Individual backgrounds for the $Υ(3S)$ are illustrated in Figure 2.

While our hadronic selection criteria eliminate essentially all $Υ \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $Υ \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decays, they accept 57% of $Υ \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$, according to a GEANT-based Monte Carlo simulation [10] including final-state radiation [11]. We therefore add to the fit function an $Υ \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ background term, including interference with continuum $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$, using the measured $B_{ττ}$ [12].

A small fraction of hadronic $Υ$ decays fail our event selection criteria. Instead of estimating this inefficiency with the Monte Carlo simulation, which would introduce dependence on the decay model, hadronization model, and detector simulation, we use a data-based approach. We select $Υ(2S) \rightarrow π^+π^-Υ(1S)$ events to study $Υ(1S)$ decays tagged by $π^+π^-$. If the $π^+π^-$ were sufficient to satisfy the trigger, the efficiency would be the ratio of $Υ(1S)$ events satisfying our selection criteria (excluding the $π^+π^-$ tracks and showers) to all $Υ(1S)$ events.

FIG. 1: Two of the distributions used to identify hadronic $Υ$ decays. Solid histograms are data, dashed are simulated $Υ(1S)$ decays, both with all hadronic selection criteria applied except the one shown. Dotted lines indicate selection thresholds.
FIG. 2: The event yield as a function of center-of-mass energy in the region of the $\Upsilon(3S)$. The top points are data, with the fit superimposed, and the dashed curve represents the sum of all backgrounds. The lower points and lines show the individual non-1/s background contributions.

FIG. 3: Mass of the system recoiling against the $\pi^+\pi^-$ in $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$ candidates satisfying the two-track trigger, for (a) all events, and (b) events that satisfy the hadronic trigger. The dashed curve represents backgrounds and the solid curve represents the sum of backgrounds and the recoiling $\Upsilon(1S)$ signal.

Although this procedure could be applied directly to the $\Upsilon(2S)$ sample, the loose two-track trigger involved is prescaled, and thus can only determine the hadronic efficiency to within 3% of itself. Instead, we use the two-track trigger to determine the efficiency of an non-prescaled but more restrictive hadronic trigger ($\epsilon_{\text{htrig}}$), and then use the full statistics from the hadronic trigger to determine our selection efficiency once this trigger has been satisfied ($\epsilon_{\text{cuts}}$). Our combined event selection and trigger efficiency is then the product of $\epsilon_{\text{htrig}}$ and $\epsilon_{\text{cuts}}$.

The mass of the system recoiling against the $\pi^+\pi^-$ candidates in the two-track trigger sample is shown in Figure 3. After correcting for leptonic decays in the $\Upsilon(1S)$ sample, we find $\epsilon_{\text{htrig}} = (99.59^{+0.29}_{-0.45})\%$ from the ratio of fit yields.

From $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$ events that satisfy the hadronic trigger, we find $\epsilon_{\text{cuts}} = (98.33 \pm 0.33)\%$. This has been corrected for leptonic decays, the boost of the $\Upsilon(1S)$, track and shower confusion from the $\pi^+\pi^-$, and the efficiency of the full set of triggers. Only the first correction is significant. Our event selection and trigger efficiency is therefore $(97.93^{+0.44}_{-0.56})\%$ for the sum of all non-leptonic $\Upsilon(1S)$ decays.

To find the $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ efficiencies, we correct the $\Upsilon(1S)$ efficiency for energy
dependence and for transitions specific to these excited states, using simulations. Energy dependence is negligible; only transitions to lower Υ resonances which then decay to $e^+e^-$ or $μ^+μ^-$ introduce a significant loss of efficiency. We measure the branching fractions of these decays to be $(1.58 \pm 0.16\%)$ and $(1.34 \pm 0.13\%)$, respectively, resulting in $Υ(2S)$ and $Υ(3S)$ efficiencies of $(96.18 \pm^{+0.44}_{-0.56} \pm 0.15\%)$ and $(96.41 \pm^{+0.44}_{-0.56} \pm 0.13\%)$. Both uncertainties are statistical, but the first is common to all three resonances.

We use Bhabha events to determine the relative luminosity of each scan point. We select the Bhabhas by requiring two or more central tracks with momenta between 50% and 110% of the beam energy, and a ratio of shower energy to track momentum consistent with $e^+$ and $e^-$. Contamination from Υ → $e^+e^-$ is 2–5% and is readily calculated given $B_{ee}$ once we have done our Υ lineshape fit. Our subtraction includes energy-dependent interference between $Υ \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and Bhabhas.

We determine the overall luminosity scale using the method of [13] from Bhabhas, $e^+e^- \rightarrow μ^+μ^-$, and $e^+e^- \rightarrow γγ$, with the Babayaga event generator [14]. The systematic uncertainties from the three processes are 1.6%, 1.6%, and 1.8%, respectively, dominated by track finding and resonance interference for $e^+e^-$ and $μ^+μ^-$, and by photon finding and angular resolution for $γγ$. The three measurements give consistent results off-resonance, where Υ contamination is negligible. We use the weighted mean to determine the luminosity, and take the RMS scatter of 1.3% as the systematic uncertainty.

Bhabha and $γγ$ luminosities, normalized to the same value off-resonance, deviate by $(0.8 \pm 0.2\%)$, $(0.3 \pm 0.4\%)$, and $(0.7 \pm 0.2\%)$ at the Υ(1S), Υ(2S), and Υ(3S) peaks. We correct each $Γ_{ee}$ by half of its discrepancy and take half the discrepancy and its uncertainty in quadrature as a systematic uncertainty.

Accurate measurement of beam energies are also needed to determine $Γ_{ee}$. An NMR probe calibrates the field of the CESR dipole magnets and hence provides the beam energy, after corrections for RF frequency shifts, steering and focusing magnets, and electrostatic electron-positron separators. To limit our sensitivity to drifts in this measurement, we limit scans to 48 hours and alternate measurements above and below the peak. By repeating a resonance cross-section measurement at a point of high slope, we find that the beam energy calibration drifts by less than 0.04 MeV within a scan (at 68% confidence level), which implies a 0.2% uncertainty in $Γ_{ee}$.

The data for each resonance are separately fit to a lineshape that consists of a three-fold convolution of (a) a Breit-Wigner resonance including interference between $Υ \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ with zero phase difference at $\sqrt{s} \ll M_Υ$, (b) an initial-state radiation distribution as given in Equation (28) of [15], and (c) the Gaussian spread in CESR beam energy of about 4 MeV, plus the background terms described above. The radiative corrections account for emission of real and virtual photons by the initial $e^+e^-$. We do not correct for vacuum polarization, which is absorbed into the definition of $Γ_{ee}$. The resulting $Γ_{ee}$ therefore represents the Born diagram coupling of a pure $e^+e^-$ state to the Υ. The lineshape fits are insensitive to the Breit-Wigner widths at the 0.1% level, so we fix these widths to their PDG values [5]. The value of $Γ_{ee}Γ_{had}/Γ_{tot}$ of each resonance is allowed to float, as is the continuum normalization, and, to remove sensitivity to beam energy shifts between scans, the peak energy of each scan. In addition, we fit for the beam energy spread of groups of scans with common CESR horizontal steerings, but allow shifts when the steerings change, since they can change the beam energy spread by 1%.

The fit results are plotted in Figure [4]. The fit function describes the data well, though it results in larger $χ^2$ values for the Υ(1S) and Υ(2S). The $χ^2$ per degree of freedom ($N_{dof}$)
TABLE I: All uncertainties in $\Gamma_{ee}$. The correction for leptonic modes is made for $\Gamma_{ee}$ but not $\Gamma_{ee} \Gamma_{\text{had}} / \Gamma_{\text{tot}}$. The uncertainties in hadronic efficiency and overall luminosity scale are common to all three resonances.

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FIG. 4: The hadronic yield versus center-of-mass energy in the vicinity of the three $\Upsilon$ resonances. Points represent the data, corrected for fitted beam energy shifts between scans, the solid line is the fit, the dashed line is the sum of all backgrounds, and the insets show high-energy measurements. The pull of each point is shown above.

for $\Upsilon(1S)$ is $240/187$ (0.5% confidence level), for $\Upsilon(2S)$ is $107/66$ (0.1% confidence level), and for $\Upsilon(3S)$ is $155/159$ (59% confidence level). We see no obvious trends in pull (residual divided by uncertainty) versus energy or versus date, so we take the large $\chi^2$ values as an indication that point-to-point uncertainties are underestimated, and add $\sigma_{\text{stat}} / \sqrt{\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} - 1}$ to the systematic uncertainty, if $\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} > 1$. This effectively multiplies the statistical uncertainty ($\sigma_{\text{stat}}$) by $\sqrt{\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}}}$. All uncertainties are listed in Table I.  

We assume that $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ interferes only with the $q\bar{q}$ component of hadronic $\Upsilon$ decays. The $\Upsilon(1S)$ fit favors this interference scheme over the no-interference hypothesis by 3.7
TABLE II: The results of $\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{tot}$ for the three resonances, the di-electron widths $\Gamma_{ee}$, and their ratios. The first uncertainty is scaled statistical and the second is systematic.

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<td>$\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_{tot}$ (1S)</td>
<td>$1.252 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.019$ keV</td>
<td>$0.581 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.009$ keV</td>
<td>$0.413 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.006$ keV</td>
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<td>$\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}$ (1S)</td>
<td>$1.354 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.020$ keV</td>
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<td>$\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}$ (2S)</td>
<td>$0.457 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.004$</td>
<td>$0.329 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.003$</td>
<td>$0.720 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.007$</td>
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<td>$\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}$ (3S)</td>
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It is also possible that $e^+e^- \to q\bar{q} \to$ hadrons interferes with $\Upsilon \to ggq \to$ hadrons. If so, full interference between all final states, all with a common phase difference near $\pm \pi/2$ ($\Upsilon \to ggq$ phase minus $\Upsilon \to q\bar{q}$ phase), would shift $\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_{tot}$ by $\pm 5.4\%$, $\pm 3.8\%$, and $\pm 3.5\%$ for the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$, and $\Upsilon(3S)$, respectively [16]. This is the most extreme case. Overlap of isospin and flavor states for these two processes suggest that this interference, if it occurs, affects $\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_{tot}$ at no more than the $\sim 1\%$ level.

Our values of $\Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_{tot}$, listed in Table II, are consistent with, but more precise than, the PDG world averages [5] and our $\Upsilon(3S)$ measurement is substantially more precise. Also listed in the Table are the di-electron widths and ratios of these widths, in which common systematic uncertainties have been canceled. Assuming $B_{ee} = B_{\mu\mu}$ and using [9], we obtain new values of the $\Upsilon$ full widths: $54.4 \pm 0.2$ ($\sigma_{\text{stat}}$) $\pm 0.8$ ($\sigma_{\text{syst}}$) $\pm 1.6$ ($\sigma_{B_{\mu\mu}}$) keV for the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $30.5 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.3$ keV for the $\Upsilon(2S)$, and $18.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.9$ keV for the $\Upsilon(3S)$.

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