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Search for quark-annihilation type B-meson decays  $B^- \to D_S^- \phi$ and  $\mathbf{B}^- \to D_S^{*-} \phi$  ADAM CUNHA, BABAR COLLABORATION — We report on searches for  $B^- \to D_S^- \phi$  and  $B^- \to D_S^{*-} \phi$  based on 230 million  $\Upsilon(4S) \to B\overline{B}$ decays collected with the BaBar detector at SLAC. The Standard Model branching fractions for these decays are expected to be highly suppressed since they proceed through annhilation of the *b* and  $\bar{u}$  quarks in the  $B^-$  meson.

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