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**A Model Independent Measurement of the Branching Fraction of  $\Upsilon(4S)$  Decays to Neutral  $B$  Pairs** ROMULUS GODANG, University of South Alabama, LUCIEN CREMALDI, DON SUMMERS, University of Mississippi, BABAR COLLABORATION — Isospin violation in  $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$  decays induces a difference in the branching fractions  $f_{00} = \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^0\bar{B}^0)$ , and  $f_{+-} = \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B^+B^-)$ . These branching fractions are important inputs for many  $B$  meson measurements at  $B$  factories. Isospin violation in the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance decays may be at the level of a few percent mostly due to electromagnetic interactions and the mass difference between the up and the down quarks. We discuss a model independent measurement of the  $f_{00}$  branching fraction based on a data sample of  $\sim 470$  million  $B\bar{B}$  pairs collected at the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance with the BABAR detector. We reconstruct neutral  $B$  meson in the channel  $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell$  using a partial reconstruction technique.

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