



Study of $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega$

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Motivation

1. Search for potential excited baryons

Evidence of a resonance Λ^* has been found in $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Lambda \overline{\Lambda} \omega$ ^[1]with a significance of 3.0 σ .

Searching for potential excited baryons in similar process $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega$ is of interest.

2. Search for possible $B\overline{B}$ threshold enhancements

An enhancement near the $\Lambda\overline{\Lambda}$ mass threshold has been observed referring to $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Lambda\overline{\Lambda}\phi^{[2]}$. We attempt to find threshold enhancement in $\Sigma^0\overline{\Sigma}^0$. $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0\overline{\Sigma}^0\omega$ may be a feasible channel to search for it.

3. Measure the branching fraction

The decay $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega$ has not been observed at BESIII yet, and we plan to measure this branching fraction.

Data Set and MC Samples

Data Set	Number (× 10 ⁶)	Total (× 10 ⁶)
2009 ψ (3686) data	107.7 ± 0.6	
2012 ψ (3686) data	345.4 ± 2.6	2712.4 ± 14.3 ^[3]
2021 ψ (3686) data	2259.3 ± 11.1	

MC Samples	Number (× 10 ⁶)	Total (× 10 ⁶)	
Inclusive MC (2009+2012+2021)	About 2.81	About 2.81	
Signal MC	0.1 (2009)	3.0	
$PHSP + OMEGA_DALITZ$ $(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}{}^0 \omega, \Sigma^0 \rightarrow \gamma \Lambda,$ $\overline{\Sigma}{}^0 \rightarrow \gamma \overline{\Lambda}, \omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)$	0.4 (2012)		
	2.5 (2021)		
$\begin{array}{c c} & \textbf{Background MC} \\ & JPIPI+PHSP \\ (\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{-}J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^{0}\Sigma^{0}\overline{\Sigma}^{0}, \\ \Sigma^{0} \rightarrow \gamma\Lambda, \overline{\Sigma}^{0} \rightarrow \gamma\overline{\Lambda}, \Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^{-}, \overline{\Lambda} \rightarrow \overline{p}\pi^{+}) \end{array}$	5.0	5.0	

BOSS Version: 7.0.9

Event Selection

$\psi(3686) \longrightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}{}^0 \omega \longrightarrow \gamma \Lambda \gamma \overline{\Lambda} \omega \longrightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- p \overline{p} \gamma \gamma$

+1. Charged Tracks

- $|\cos\theta| \le 0.93$
- $N_{\rm p} \ge 3$ && $N_{\rm n} \ge 3$
- **2. Good Photons**
- $0 \leq TDC \leq 14$
- Endcap: E ≥ 0.050 GeV,
 0.86 < |cosθ |< 0.92
- Barrel: $E \ge 0.025$ GeV, $|cos\theta| < 0.8$
- $\theta_{c\gamma} \geq 10^{\circ}$
- $4 \leq N_{\gamma}(\text{good}) \leq 15$

+ 3. Rec. Λ and $\overline{\Lambda}$

- PID to select p and \overline{p} $Prob (p) > Prob (\pi^+) \&\& Prob (p) > Prob (K^+)$ $Prob (\overline{p}) > Prob (\pi^-) \&\& Prob (\overline{p}) > Prob (K^-)$
- *p* with *Trk⁻* and *p* with *Trk⁺*.
 vertex fit and secondary vertex fit.
- For more than one combination, choose

$$\Delta_{min} = \left(M_{p\pi^{-}} - m(\Lambda)\right)^{2} + \left(M_{\bar{p}\pi^{+}} - m(\bar{\Lambda})\right)^{2}$$

✦ 5. Kinematic Fit

- 5C kinematic fit (4C+1C: $M_{\gamma\gamma} \rightarrow M_{\pi^0}$) is performed over all possible $\pi^0 2(\pi^+\pi^-)p\overline{p}\gamma\gamma$ combinations. The combination with the least χ^2_{5c} is selected as for further analysis.
- 4C kinematic fit, calculate the values of $\chi^2_{4c}(4\gamma)$, $\chi^2_{4c}(3\gamma)$, $\chi^2_{4c}(5\gamma)$.

$+4. \pi^+\pi^-$ from ω

• Vertex fit on the rest unused positive and negative tracks .

Further Selection



Veto Background (I)

 χ^2_{5C} distributions and FOM optimization













Due to the energy leakage of photons

Veto $3.09 < M^{rec}(4\gamma) < 3.145 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Veto Background (II)

Suppress the backgrounds with one more or one less photon in their final states.



Veto $\chi^2_{4c}(4\gamma) > \chi^2_{4c}(3\gamma)$ events

Veto $\chi^2_{4c}(4\gamma) > \chi^2_{4c}(5\gamma)$ events

Mass windows

Invariant mass distributions of Σ^0 , $\overline{\Sigma}^0$ and ω .



The left sideband of Σ^0 and $\overline{\Sigma}^0$ are not used, since they are close to the threshold.



Based on topology analysis, there is no potential peaking contribution on M_{ω} spectrum.

QED Background

The same event selection is performed on the data sample collected in 2021 at $\sqrt{s} = 3.65$ GeV. The corresponding luminosity is 401 pb^{-1} .



Branching Fraction Measurement

An unbinned extended likelihood fit is performed on $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ invariant mass spectrum.



$$\begin{split} &Br(\psi(3686) \to \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}{}^0 \omega) \\ &= N_{\omega}^{obs} / (N_{data}^{total} * Br(\Sigma^0 \to \gamma \Lambda) * Br(\overline{\Sigma}{}^0 \to \gamma \overline{\Lambda}) * Br(\omega \to \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-) * \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{eff} \\ &\approx (\mathbf{1.27 \pm 0.16}) \times \mathbf{10}^{-5} \end{split}$$

Require M_{Σ^0} , $M_{\overline{\Sigma}^0}$ and M_{ω} are all in their respective mass regions.

Discrepancy between the data and signal MC.



Visualization of backgrounds in the inclusive MC.





Characteristic distribution, evidence of intermediate states?

- The Characteristic distribution is only in ω signal region.
- The distributions slope along $M(\omega)$.

Intermediate State (III)

A shift is performed on ω sideband, by forcing $M_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}$ back into ω signal region. Maintain the momentum, and randomly assign its mass within the signal region using an uniform distribution.

$$E_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}}^{\text{shift}} = \sqrt{M_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}}^{\text{shift}} + p_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}}^{2}}$$

Exclusive MC of the dominant background channel is generated to examine effects of the shift.

$$\psi'
ightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi, J/\psi
ightarrow \pi^0 \Sigma^0 ar{\Sigma}^0, \Sigma^0
ightarrow \Lambda \gamma, ar{\Sigma}^0
ightarrow ar{\Lambda} \gamma, \Lambda
ightarrow \pi^- p ar{\Lambda}
ightarrow \pi^+ ar{p}$$



Intermediate State (IV)

Subtract the background from data with shifted ω sideband.



Clear peaks of intermediate states.

Intermediate State (V)





It's difficult to distinguish indications or clues available, due to the limited statistics.

[4] M. Ablikim et al. [BESIII Collaboration], Phys. Rev. D, 108, 092011 (2023).

3.5

4.5

Δ

5

 $M^2(\omega\Sigma^+)$ [GeV²/ c^4]

5.5

6

6.5

Intermediate State (VI)

We compare the values between $M_{\Sigma^0 \omega}$ and $M_{\overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega}$, then only retain the one with lower mass.



Intermediate State (VII)

/	Function	to fit		
Signal: (Relativistic Voigt is not analytic)Relativistic Breit-Wigner (RBW) $ BW(m) ^2 = \frac{k}{(m-m_0)^2 + m_0^2 \Gamma^2}$, where $k = \frac{2\sqrt{2}m_0\Gamma\sqrt{m_0^2(m_0^2 + \Gamma^2)}}{\pi\left(\sqrt{m_0^2 + \sqrt{m_0^2(m_0^2 + \Gamma^2)}}\right)}$ Background: (a) Signal deducted inclusive MC + PHSP MC of $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega$. (b) Shifted ω sideband + PHSP MC of $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega$.				
Backgro	ound Function	Significance	Mass (MeV/c ²)	Width (MeV)
	(a)	5.4σ	2058.2 ± 8.8	73.7 ± 14.5
	(b)	3.7σ	2065.8 ± 12.2	54.2 ± 21.6



Intermediate State (VIII)

- The uncertainty of sideband normalization is estimated by varying the fixed number of events one standard deviation. The uncertainty of sideband range is estimated by expanding the range by 10 MeV/ c^2 . After considering the uncertainties, the significance reduced to 3.5σ .
- The look-elsewhere effect (LEE) is estimated^[5]. The entire fitting parameter space is divided into 10,000 pixels, then we calculate the significance of background-only MC at each fixed pixel.
 We can count the Euler characteristics on the significance
 0.2
 0.18

Γ [GeV]

After considering the LEE, the significance is only 2.4σ .



Systematic Uncertainties of Branching Fraction

Source Uncertainty (%)		
Tracking ($\pi^+\pi^-$ from ω)	2 (1 per pion) ^[6] .	
Photon detection	2 (0.5 per photon) ^[7]	
π^0 reconstruction	1 ^[8]	
Quoted (<i>w</i>) branching fraction	0.78 ^[9]	
Quoted (π^0) branching fraction	d (π^0) branching fraction $0.03^{[9]}$	
Quoted $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ branching fraction	0.78 ^[9]	
Total number of $\psi(3686)$	0.53 ^[3]	J
Σ ⁰ mass window	2.72	
$\overline{\Sigma}^0$ mass window	negligible	
Veto J/ ψ (Recoil $\pi^+\pi^-$)	negligible	
Veto J/ ψ (Recoil $\gamma\gamma\pi^0$)	3.77	
Fit range	negligible	

Directly cited from previous works.

Systematic Uncertainties of Branching Fraction

Source	Uncertainty (%)	
Signal shape	1.30	
Background function	0.80	
Kinematic fit	1.13	
MC sample size	0.73	
Λ reconstruction, mass window and PID	3.56	
$\overline{\Lambda}$ reconstruction, mass window and PID	1.77	
Data-MC discrepancy	5.34	
Total	8.18	

Signal shape

Replace signal function with a double Gaussian function.

• Background function Use $\Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0$ sideband instead of the Chebyshev polynomial.

Kinematic fit Compare efficiency change with and without helix parameter corrections^[10]

• MC sample size

 $\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon)/N \cdot \varepsilon}$, where N is the size of signal MC samples.

• $\Lambda \overline{\Lambda}$ Reconstruction

The control sample of $J/\psi \rightarrow pK^{-}\bar{A} + c.c^{[11]}$ is used to correct the efficiency. The correction factor is defined as $f^{i} = \frac{\varepsilon_{data}}{\varepsilon_{MC}}$, and the corrected efficiency is calculated by $\varepsilon_{corrected} = \frac{\sum_{i} N_{select}^{i} \times f^{i}}{\sum_{i} N_{generate}^{i}}$

The total uncertainties of f^i are taken the uncertainty of $\Lambda \Lambda^{\text{generate}}$ reconstruction.

• Data-MC discrepancy

Correct the polar angle distributions of final particles in the signal MC to the data, bin by bin. Take the efficiency difference after correction as the uncertainty.

Summary

- >>> Using $(2712.4 \pm 14.3) \times 10^6 \psi(3686)$ data events, the decay $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega$ is observed with a statistical significance of 9.3σ . The branching fraction is measured as $Br(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0 \omega) = (1.27 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-5}$. Compared with the previous work^[4], $Br(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \overline{\Sigma}^- \omega) = (1.90 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-5}$, the isospin conservation is upheld according to the measurements. (1:1 is expected)
- >>> An intermediate state is found with the significance of 2.5σ . Its mass and width are measured to be (2065.8 ± 12.2 ± 7.6) MeV/ c^2 and (54.2 ± 21.6 ± 19.8) MeV, respectively. However, because of the limited statistics, it is difficult to determine the properties of the intermediate state.



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Fit to Sideband

We performed the same fit to Σ^0 sideband, $\overline{\Sigma}^0$ sideband and 2-D sideband.



Peaking contribution from sidebands is negligible.

IO Check

We perform the same fit to the selected inclusive MC sample. The output result of ω yield accords with the input within 1σ .

Input ω events	362	
Output ω events	378.3 ± 25.7	



Simultaneous Fit

The result of simultaneous fit accords with 1D fit



8.2 The LEE with two parameters (m, Γ) undefined under the null hypothesis.

In cases where there are two parameters undefined under the null hypothesis, such as mass (m) and width (Γ) the Look Elsewhere Effect is broader. Ref [14] solved the case for a multi-dimensional search.

Suppose we would like to estimate the global significance of some observed excess. When allowing both the mass and the width float, we observe that the highest significance of $Z\sigma$ occurs for some specific mass and width. This observation corresponds to a local background fluctuation with a *p*-value of p_{local} . However, any fluctuation at any mass and width in the 2D search plane of *m* and Γ would have drawn our attention. The increased probability to observe a fluctuation of $Z\sigma$ or more anywhere in the mass-width plane $A = (m, \Gamma)$ (LEE) is given by the global *p*-value, p_{global} . The local *p*-value is based on scanning the $q_0(m, \Gamma)$ test statistic, $q_0(m, \Gamma)$ given by

$$q_0(m,\Gamma) = -2\log\frac{L(0,m,\Gamma,\hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu},\hat{m},\hat{\Gamma},\hat{\theta})}.$$
(55)

The distribution of the maximum local significance $u = Z^2 = \max_{m,\Gamma} q_0(m,\Gamma)$ was studied in [14]. The global *p*-value is given by

$$p_{global} \approx E[\phi(A_u)] = p_{local} + e^{-u/2}(N_1 + \sqrt{u}N_2)$$
 (56)

where N_1 and N_2 are coefficients that are estimated by calculating the average Euler characteristic of the plane A. To solve for N_1 and N_2 , it is convenient to set two reference levels u_0 and u_1 , find the Euler characteristics for each level, and solve the consequent system of two linear equations. In a 2D manifold with closed islands, some with holes, each disconnected full island takes the value +1. Each hole contributes -1. In that sense a full round shape has the Euler characteristic of +1. If you dig a hole in it, its Euler characteristics becomes +1 - 1 = 0 (Figure 12).

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Estimate The Look-Elsewhere Effect

In this analysis, we generated a set of 10 background-only MC samples, each has 3000 events. We choose the reference level of μ as 0.1 and 1, respectively. Solving the equation, this gives $N_1 \approx 10, N_2 \approx 1$.

Use the formula $p_{\text{global}} \approx E[\phi(A_u)] = p_{\text{local}} + e^{-u/2}(N_1 + \sqrt{u}N_2),$

for u =13.6, it gives p_{global} =0.01509 (double side probability) , Z=2.4 σ



Barlow Test of Mass Windows



Veto J/ ψ , recoil $\pi^+\pi^-$ mass window

Decay psi(2S) 1.0000 Sigma0 anti-Sigma0 omega Enddecay	PHSP;
Decay Sigma0 1.0000 gamma Lambda0 Enddecay	PHSP;
Decay anti-Sigma0 1.0000 gamma anti-Lambda0 Enddecay	PHSP;
Decay omega 1.000 pi- pi+ pi0 Enddecay	OMEGA_DALITZ;
End	

Decay Card of signal MC

Decay psi(2S) 1.000 J/psi pi+ pi- Enddecay	JPIP	PI;
Decay J/psi 1.000 pi0 Sigma0 anti-Sig Enddecay	ma0 PHSP;	
Decay Sigma0 1.0000 gamma Lambda0 Enddecay		PHSP;
Decay anti-Sigma0 1.0000 gamma anti-Lambda0 Enddecay		PHSP;
Decay Lambda0 1.000 p+ pi- Enddecay	PHSP;	
Decay anti-Lambda0 1.000 anti-p- pi+ Enddecay	PHSP;	
Decay pi0 1.000 gamma gamma Enddecay	PH	ISP;
End		

Decay Card of $\pi^0 \Sigma^0 \overline{\Sigma}^0$ exclusive MC