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Study of Quarkonium Energy Correlator (QEC) at BESIII

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Motivation

Heavy quarkonium as a probe to study hadronization

→ Fundamental questions to strong interaction:
How does colorful quarks and gluons transform into colorless hadrons — **Hadronization?**

→ **Heavy quarkonium** — an ideal system for studying the hadronization mechanism, how $c\bar{c} \rightarrow J/\psi$?

→ Classic method — NRQCD factorization

$$(2\pi)^3 2P_H^0 \frac{d\sigma_H}{d^3P_H} = \sum_n d\hat{\sigma}_n(P_H) \langle \mathcal{O}_n^H \rangle$$

- Encoded in $\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \rangle, \langle \mathcal{O}_8 \rangle$
- Remains largely unknown: amount of energy released? Energy distribution?

Production of a heavy quark pair
Expansion in α_s

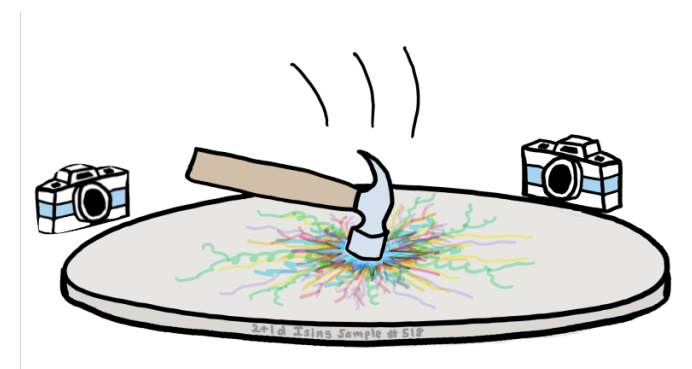
Hadronization — Long Distance Matrix Elements (LDME)
Expansion in v

→ New insight — **Energy-Energy Correlator (EEC)**

❖ Energy-weighted two-particle angular correlation

❖ Physics application: CMS α_s extraction from EEC ratio, Signature of jet from EEC by reanalyzing LEP data

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\cos\chi} = \sum_{i,j} \int \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \sigma(\vec{n}_i \cdot \vec{n}_j - \cos\chi) d\sigma$$



Caron-Huot, Kologlu, Kravchuk, Meltzer, Simmons-Duffin, 2022

See [Huaxing Zhu's reports](#) in Collaboration Meeting

→ **Quarkonium Energy Correlator (QEC)** — a novel observable arised from theorists

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Quarkonium Energy Correlator

→ **QEC Definition:**
$$\Sigma(\cos \chi) = \int d\sigma \sum_i \frac{E_i}{M} \delta(\cos \chi - \cos \theta_i)$$

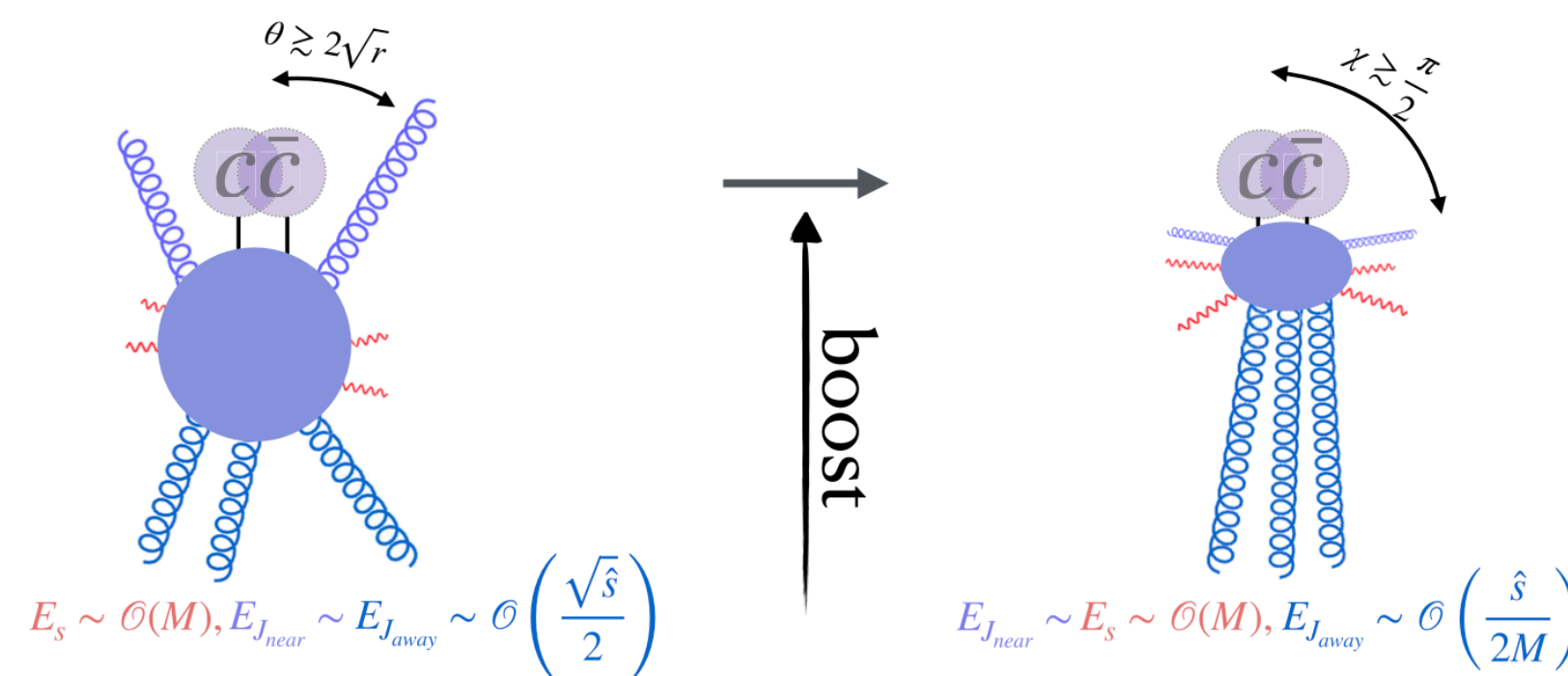
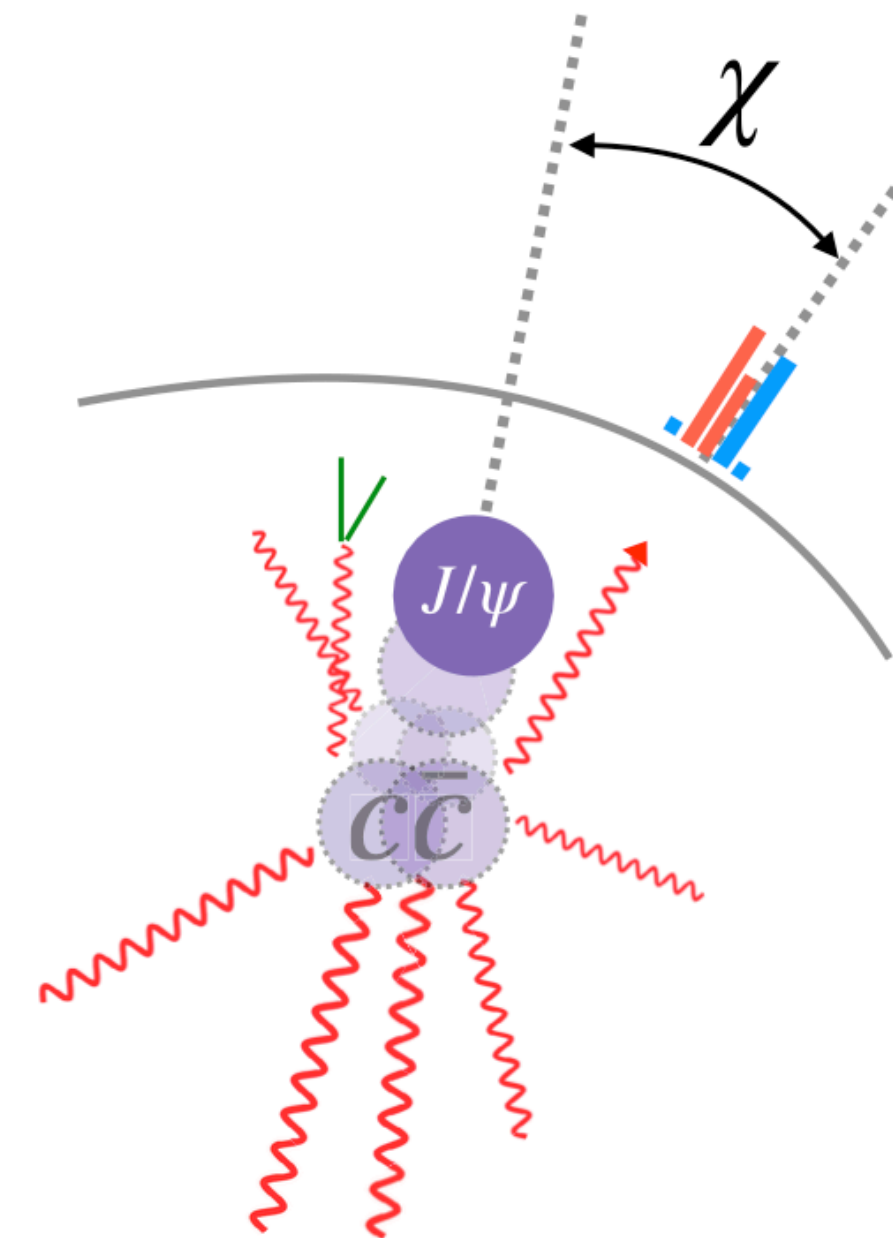
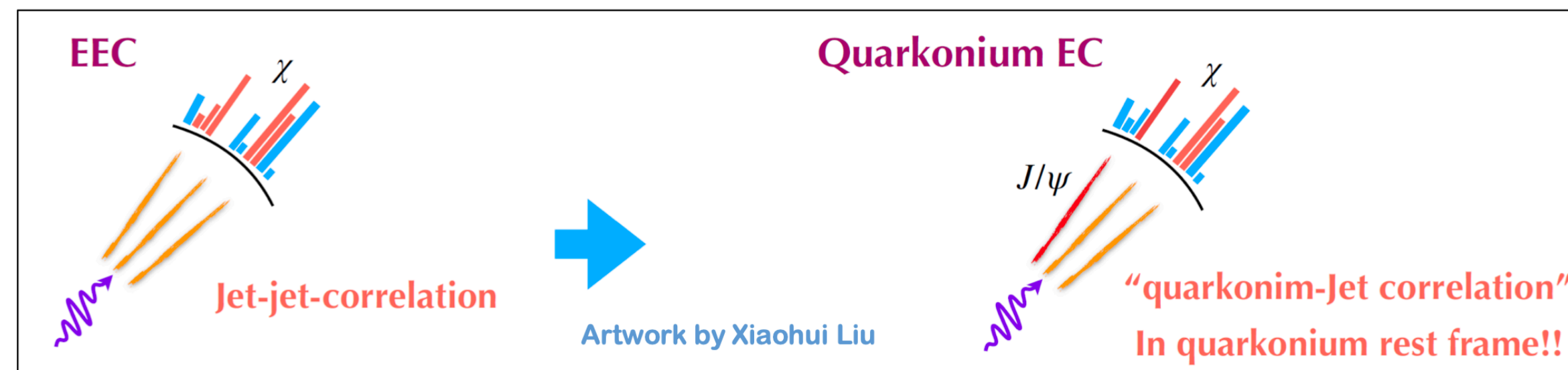
- ❖ $d\sigma$: the differential cross section for generating J/ψ
- ❖ χ : the angular of detector relative to the flying direction to J/ψ
- ❖ E_i : the total energy carried by particles propagating at the angle θ_i
- ❖ M : the mass of the J/ψ

→ **Advantage of QEC observable**

- ❖ Clear physical meaning: average energy at the angle χ emitted during the hadronization
- ❖ Infrared-safe property (theorist's point of view): Quarkonium-hadron correlator weighted by the energy of light hadrons
- ❖ Distinguishing capability between different production mechanisms (Color-singlet (CS) or Color-octet (CO) mechanisms in the NRQCD)

→ **Magic trick — boost into J/ψ rest frame**

- ❖ Dead-cone effects: collinear radiation suppression
- ❖ Hard radiation depopulated at $\cos \chi \sim 1$



QEC in e^+e^- scenario: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow J/\psi + X$

$$\Sigma(\cos\chi) = \sum_{ch} \Sigma_{P.T.}^{ch}(\cos\chi) + \Sigma_{N.P.}^{ch}(\cos\chi),$$

→ Hard radiation contribution $\Sigma_{P.T.}$

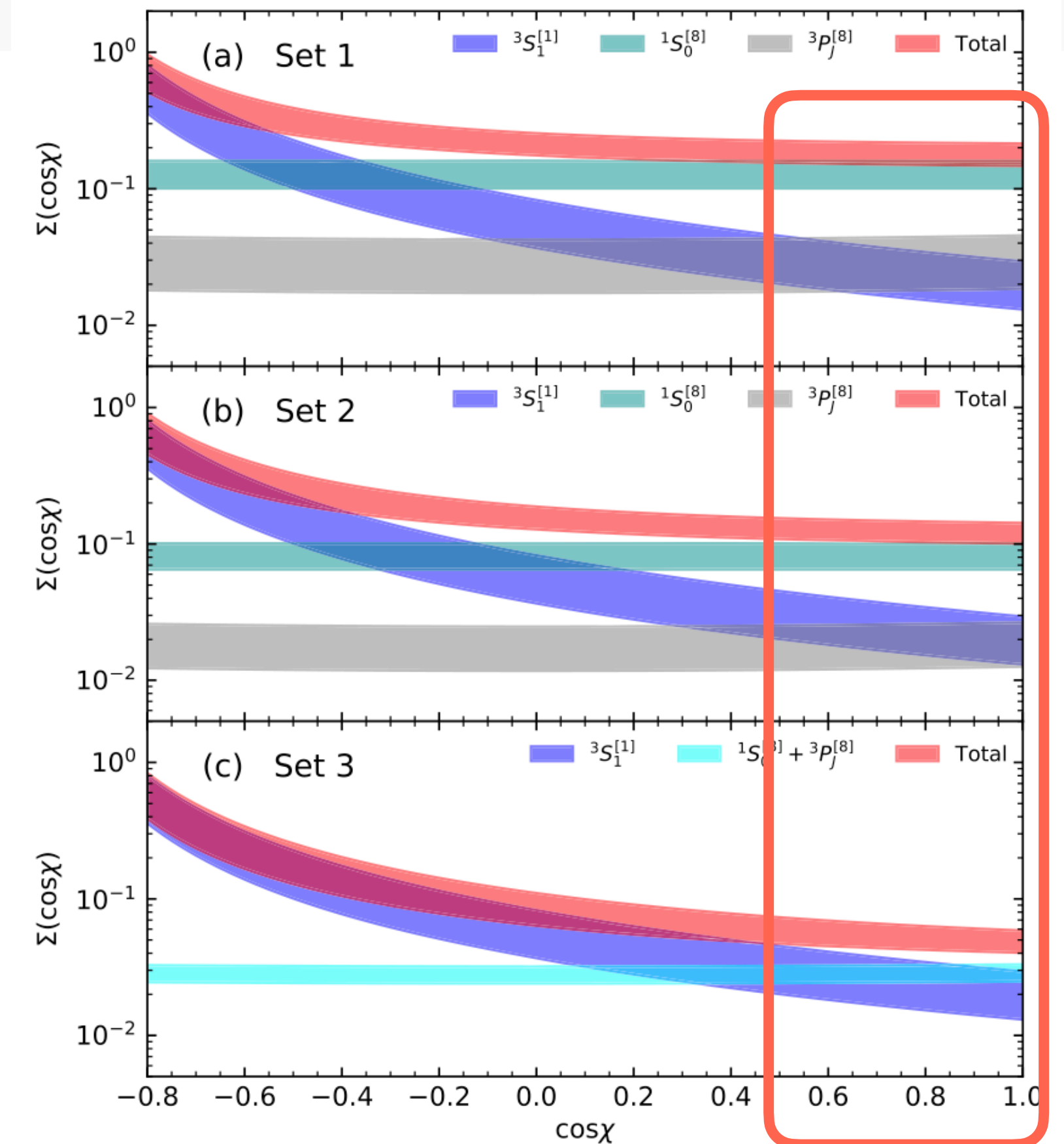
- ❖ Color-singlet (CS) mechanism: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow c\bar{c}[^3S_1^{[1]}] + g + g$
- ❖ Calculate using perturbative theory
- ❖ Dominate when $\chi \gtrsim (\pi/2)$

→ Nonperturbative soft radiation contribution $\Sigma_{N.P.}$

- ❖ Color-octet (CO) mechanism: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow c\bar{c}[^1S_0^{[8]}, ^3P_J^{[8]}] + g$
- ❖ Physics necessary for comprehending the hadronization mechanism
- ❖ Dominate when $\chi \lesssim (\pi/2)$

→ Advantages at BESIII

- ❖ Lower energy → Nonperturbative contribution more significant than perturbative contribution
- ❖ Clean detection environment → better suppress feed-down background



Theoretical predictions for J/ψ energy correlator in e^+e^- collision at Belle energy

Sizable hadronization effect!
“See” the hadronization energy distribution

Analysis method

Analysis method

- Reconstruct prompt J/ψ by $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and prompt $\psi(2S)$ by $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- / e^+ e^-$
 - ❖ Only muon channel has been used for preliminary study so far

- Require additional charged tracks accompanying charmonia

- Remove the contributions from feed-down effects
 - ❖ Non-prompt J/ψ — ISR return return back to J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$, prompt $\psi(2S)$, χ_{cJ}
 - ❖ Non-prompt $\psi(2S)$ — ISR return back to $\psi(2S)$

- The main event selection basically follows BAM-557

Data and MC samples

Data and MC samples

- As a preliminary study, only data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.946 \text{ GeV}$ is used
 - ❖ Integrated luminosity $160.37 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.85 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
 - ❖ Boss version: 7.0.7
- Inclusive and exclusive signal MC samples (200 thousand events for each)
 - ❖ $J/\psi X$ – ConExc
 - $\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi, \pi^0\pi^0J/\psi, K^+K^-J/\psi, K_S^0K_S^0J/\psi, K_L^0K_L^0J/\psi, \eta J/\psi, \eta' J/\psi$ (PHSP); $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (PHOTOS VLL)
 - Relative ratios refer to cross section measurement
 - ❖ $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}J/\psi$ – KKMC
 - $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}J/\psi; J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (PHOTOS VLL)
 - ❖ $\psi(2S)X$ – ConExc
 - $\pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S), \pi^0\pi^0\psi(2S)$ (PHSP); $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi, \pi^0\pi^0J/\psi$ (JPIPI), $\eta J/\psi$ (HELAMP); $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (PHOTOS VLL)
 - Relative ratio between $\pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S)$ and $\pi^0\pi^0\psi(2S)$ follows 2 : 1 relation
 - $\psi(2S)$ decay BFs follow PDG values
 - ❖ $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}\psi(2S)$ – KKMC
 - $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}\psi(2S); \psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi X; J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (PHOTOS VLL)
 - ❖ $\chi_{cJ}X$ – KKMC
 - $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}\psi(2S); \psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{cJ}$ (P2GC1 or P2GC2); $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$ (AV2GV); $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (PHOTOS VLL)

Event selection

Track and Shower selection

→ Good charged tracks

- ❖ $|V_r| < 1 \text{ cm}$, $|V_z| < 10 \text{ cm}$, $|\cos \theta| < 0.93$

→ Good photons

- ❖ Barrel ($|\cos \theta| < 0.8$): $E > 25 \text{ MeV}$
- ❖ Endcap ($0.86 < |\cos \theta| < 0.92$): $E > 50 \text{ MeV}$
- ❖ $0 < T_{\text{TDC}} < 14(\times 50 \text{ ns})$
- ❖ Isolation angle $\theta > 20^\circ$

Event selection

→ $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi X, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- ❖ More than one positive or more than one negative reconstructed charged tracks
- ❖ For muon identification, require EMC deposited energy $E_{\text{EMC}}^\mu < 0.6 \text{ GeV}$

→ $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- ❖ Exactly one positive and one negative reconstructed charged tracks and less than two photons

→ $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} \psi(2S), \psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- ❖ Exactly two positive and two negative reconstructed charged tracks and less than two photons
- ❖ At least one pair of selected charged tracks satisfy J/ψ selection
- ❖ 1C kinematic fit to J/ψ mass to choose the only muon pair with minimal $\chi^2, \chi^2 < 50$

→ $e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)X, \psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- ❖ More than two positive or more than two negative reconstructed charged tracks
- ❖ Same J/ψ kinematic fit requirement
- ❖ All other charged track pairs are considered as $\pi^+\pi^-$ without PID

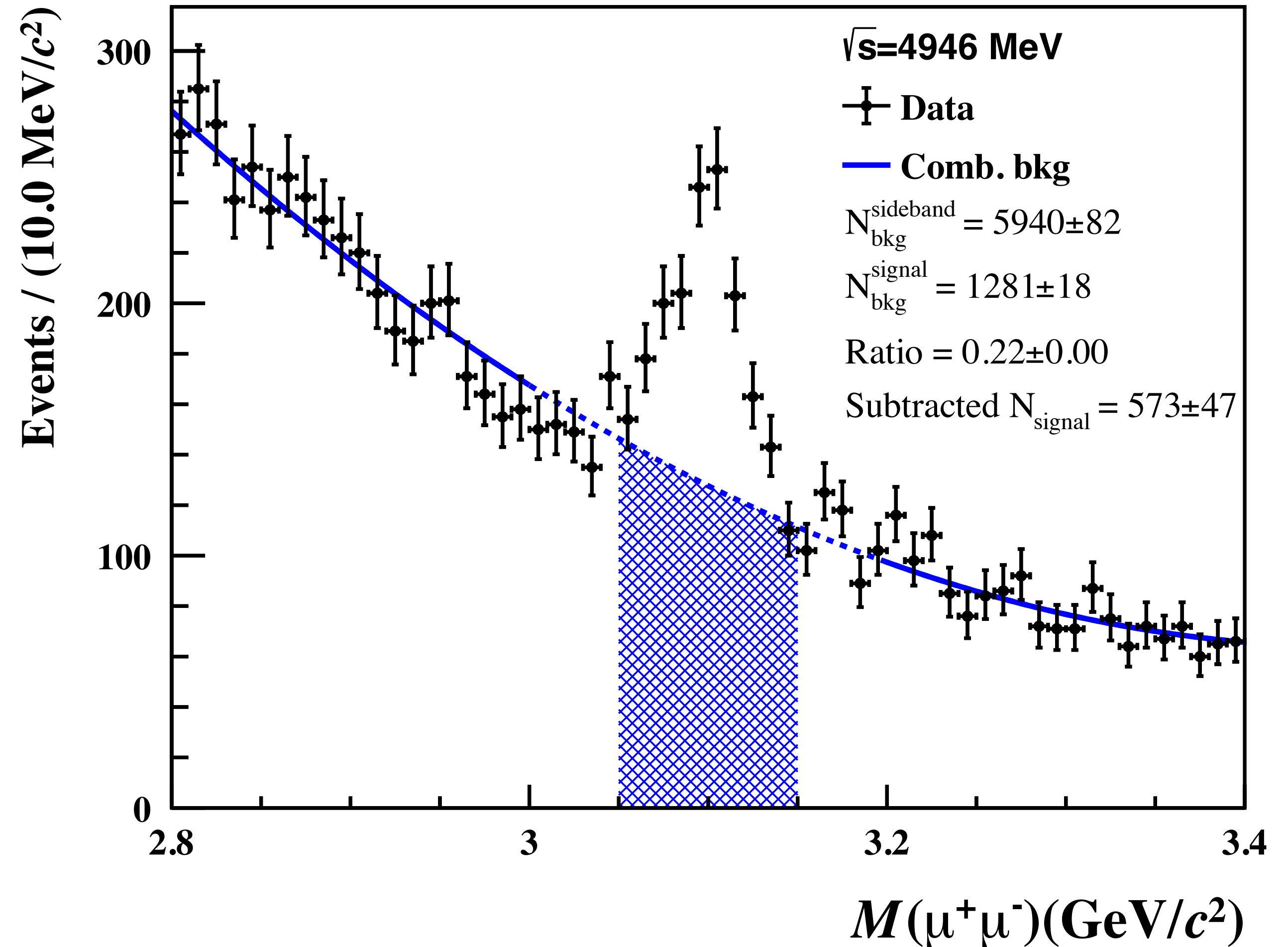
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- } One of the configurations

Event selection — $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi X$

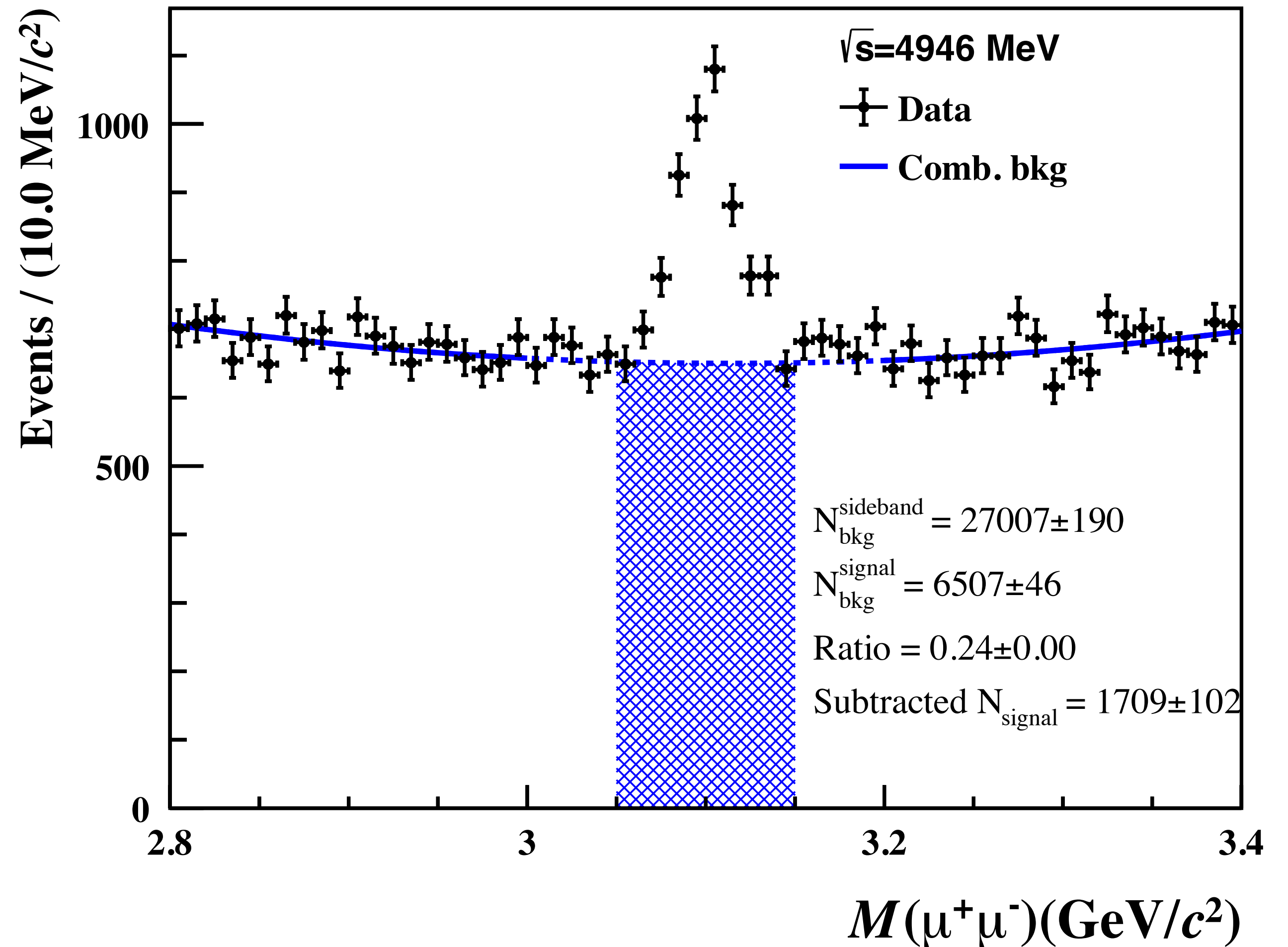
- Di-muon invariant mass spectrum
- Sideband region: $[2.8, 3.0] \cup [3.2, 3.4] \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Signal region: $[3.05, 3.15] \text{ GeV}/c^2$

- Fit sideband region by a quadratic function
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the sideband region: 5940 ± 82
- Extrapolate to signal region
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the signal region: 1281 ± 18
- Signal yields in the signal region after subtracting background: 573 ± 47



Event selection — $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} J/\psi$

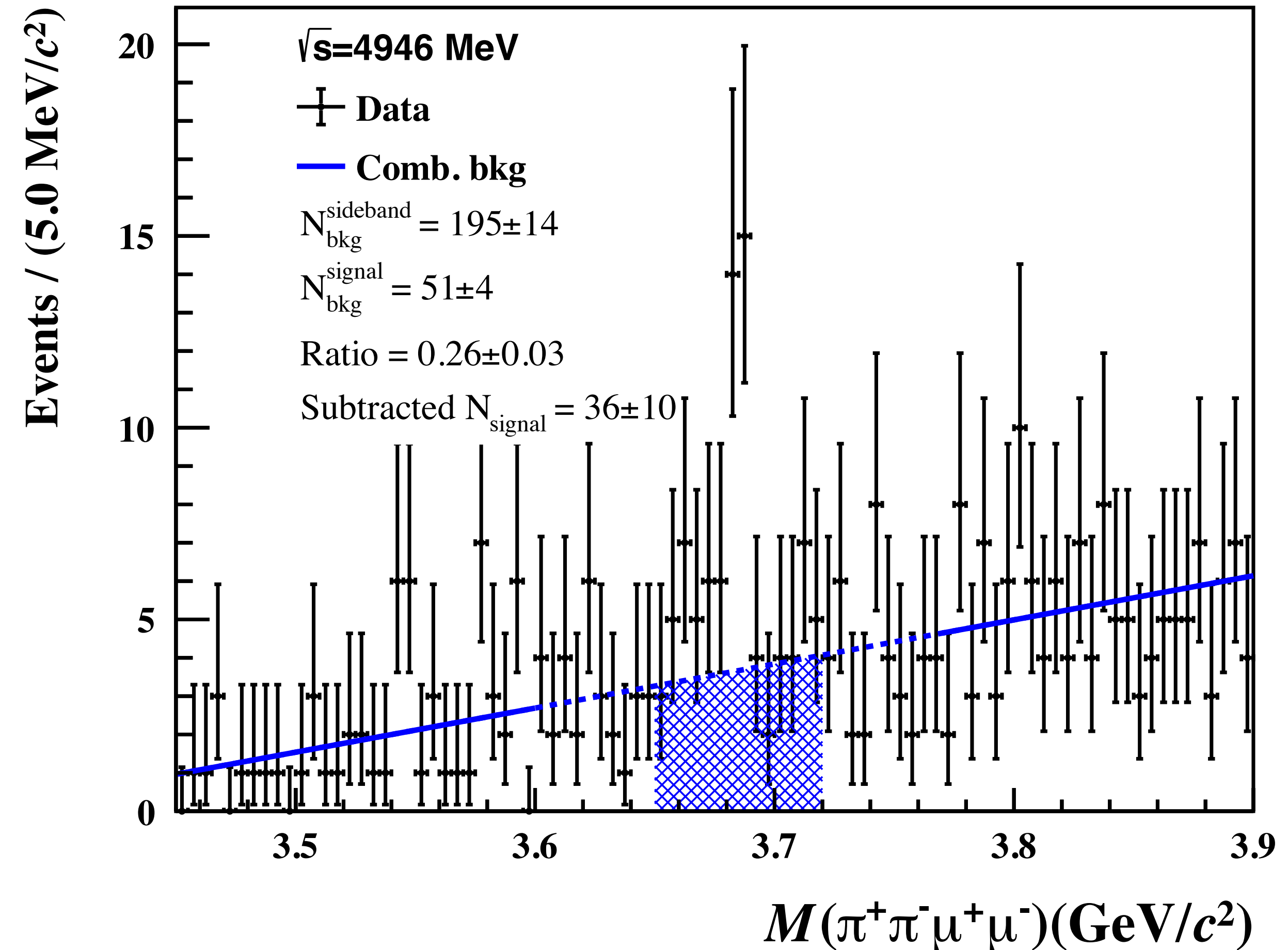
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- Fit sideband region by a quadratic function
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the sideband region: 27007 ± 190
- Extrapolate to signal region
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the signal region: 6507 ± 46
- Signal yields in the signal region after subtracting background: 1709 ± 102



Event selection — $e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)X$

- $\pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass spectrum
- Sideband region: $[3.45, 3.60] \cup [3.77, 3.90] \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Signal region: $[3.65, 3.72] \text{ GeV}/c^2$

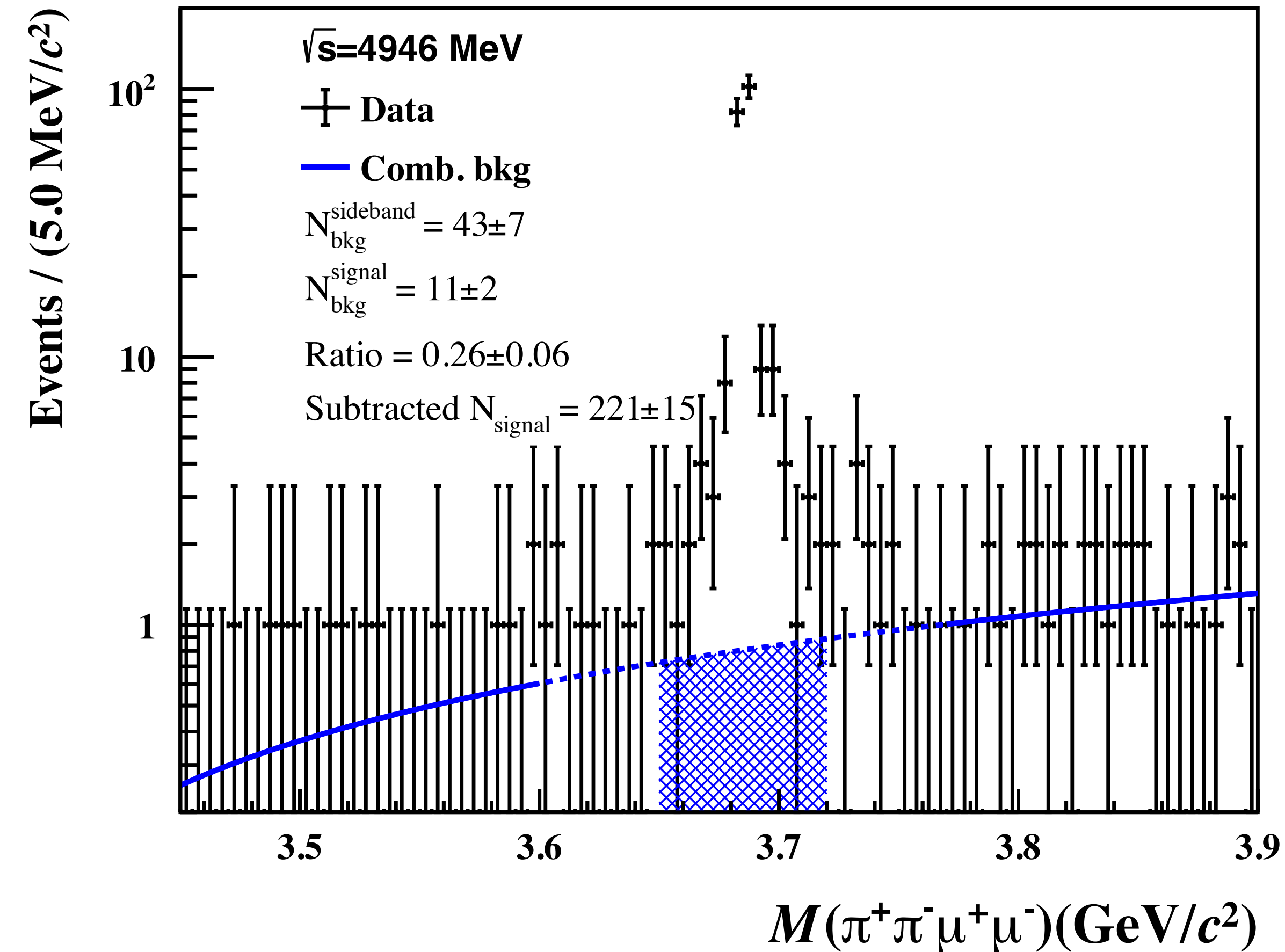
- Fit sideband region by a linear function
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the sideband region: 195 ± 14
- Extrapolate to signal region
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the signal region: 51 ± 4
- Signal yields in the signal region after subtracting background: 36 ± 10



Event selection — $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}}\psi(2S)$

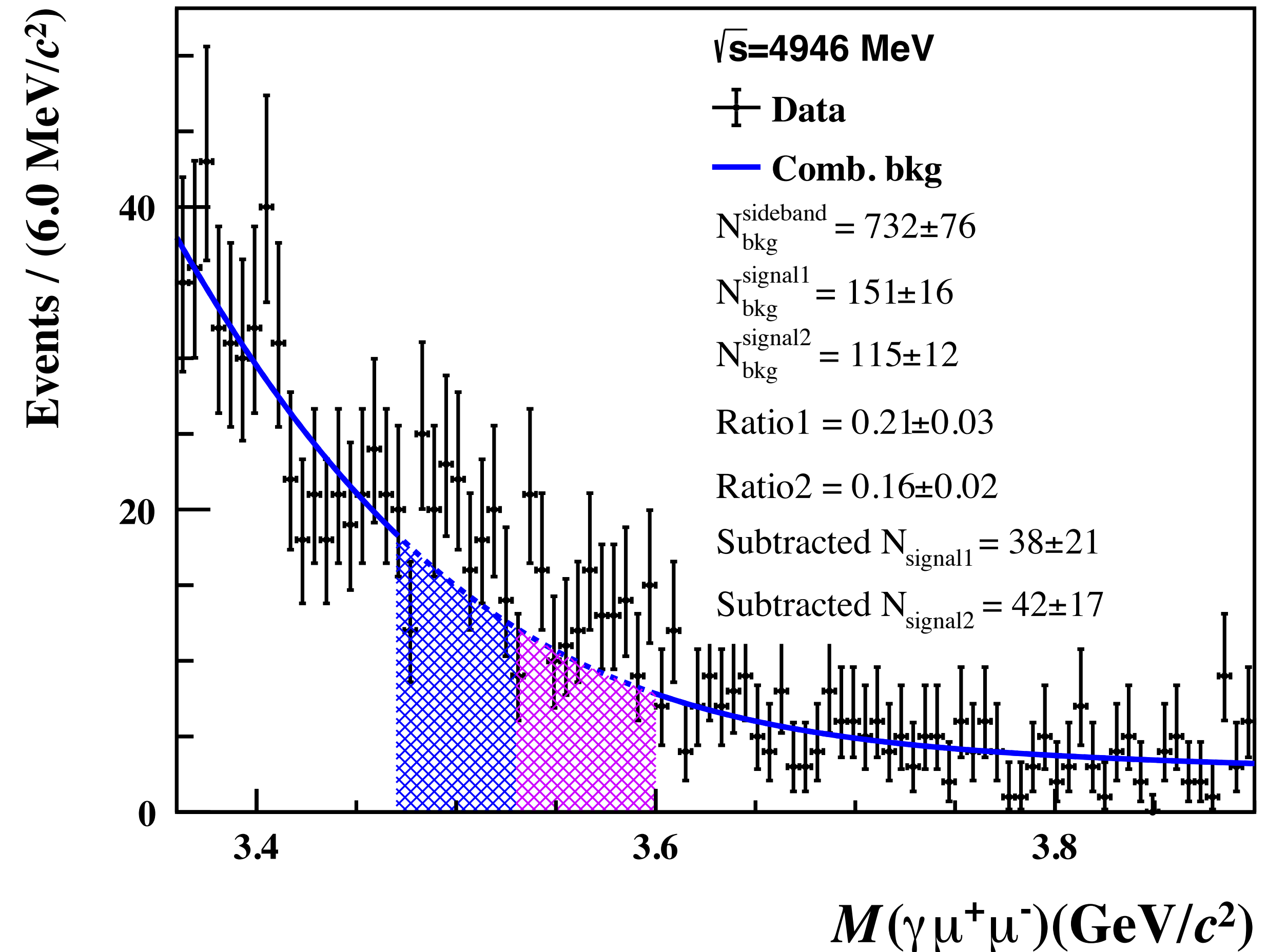
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- Fit sideband region by a linear function
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the sideband region: 43 ± 7
- Extrapolate to signal region
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the signal region: 11 ± 2
- Signal yields in the signal region after subtracting background: 221 ± 15



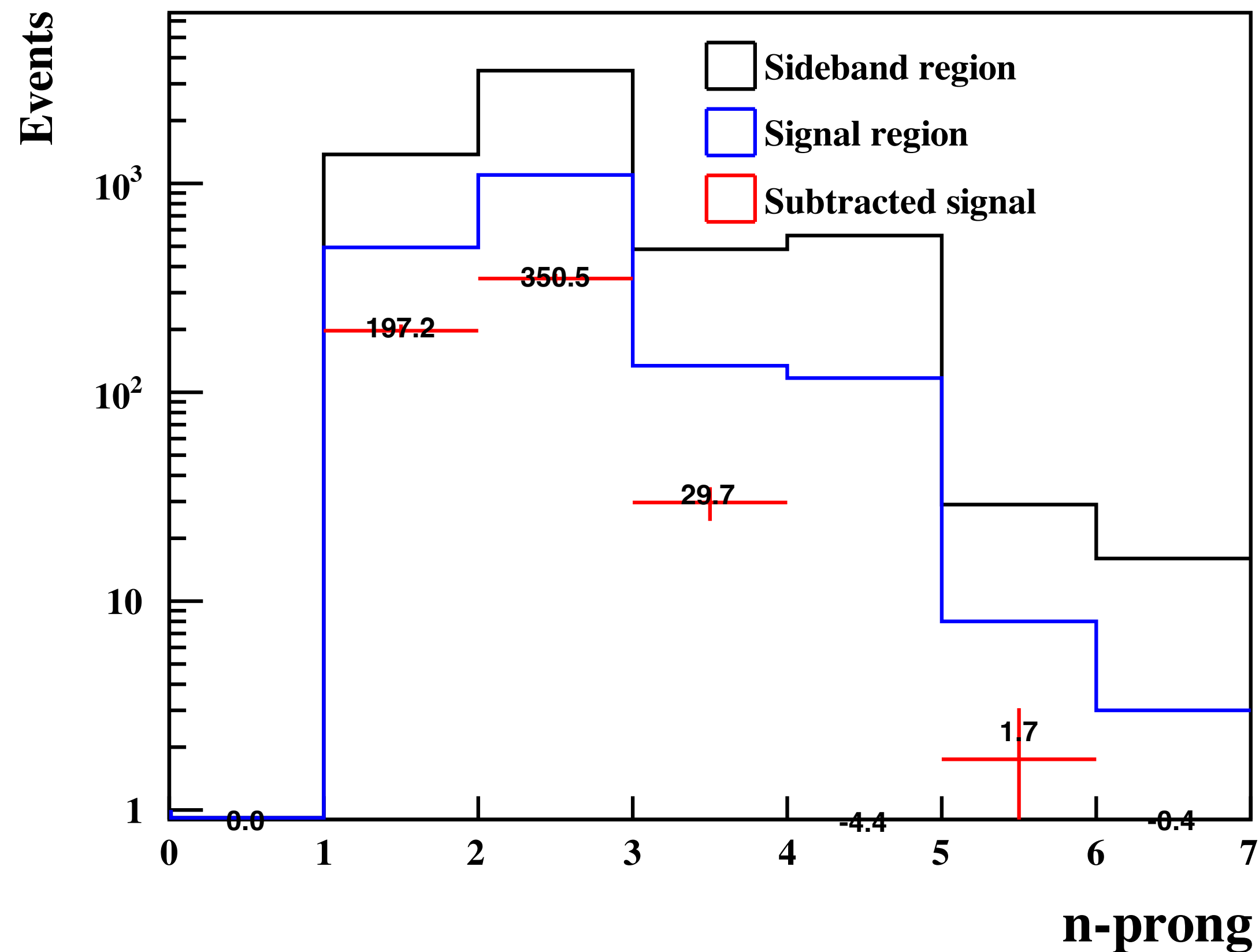
Event selection — $e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi_{cJ}X$ ($J = 1,2$)

- $\gamma\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass spectrum
- Sideband region: $[3.36,3.47] \cup [3.60,3.90]$ GeV/c^2
- χ_{c1} signal region: $[3.65,3.72]$ GeV/c^2
- χ_{c2} signal region: $[3.53,3.60]$ GeV/c^2
- Fit sideband region by an exponential function
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the sideband region: 732 ± 76
- Extrapolate to signal region
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the χ_{c1} signal region: 151 ± 16
 - ❖ Estimated background yields in the χ_{c2} signal region: 115 ± 12
- Signal yields in the signal region after subtracting background: 38 ± 21 (χ_{c1}), 42 ± 17 (χ_{c2})

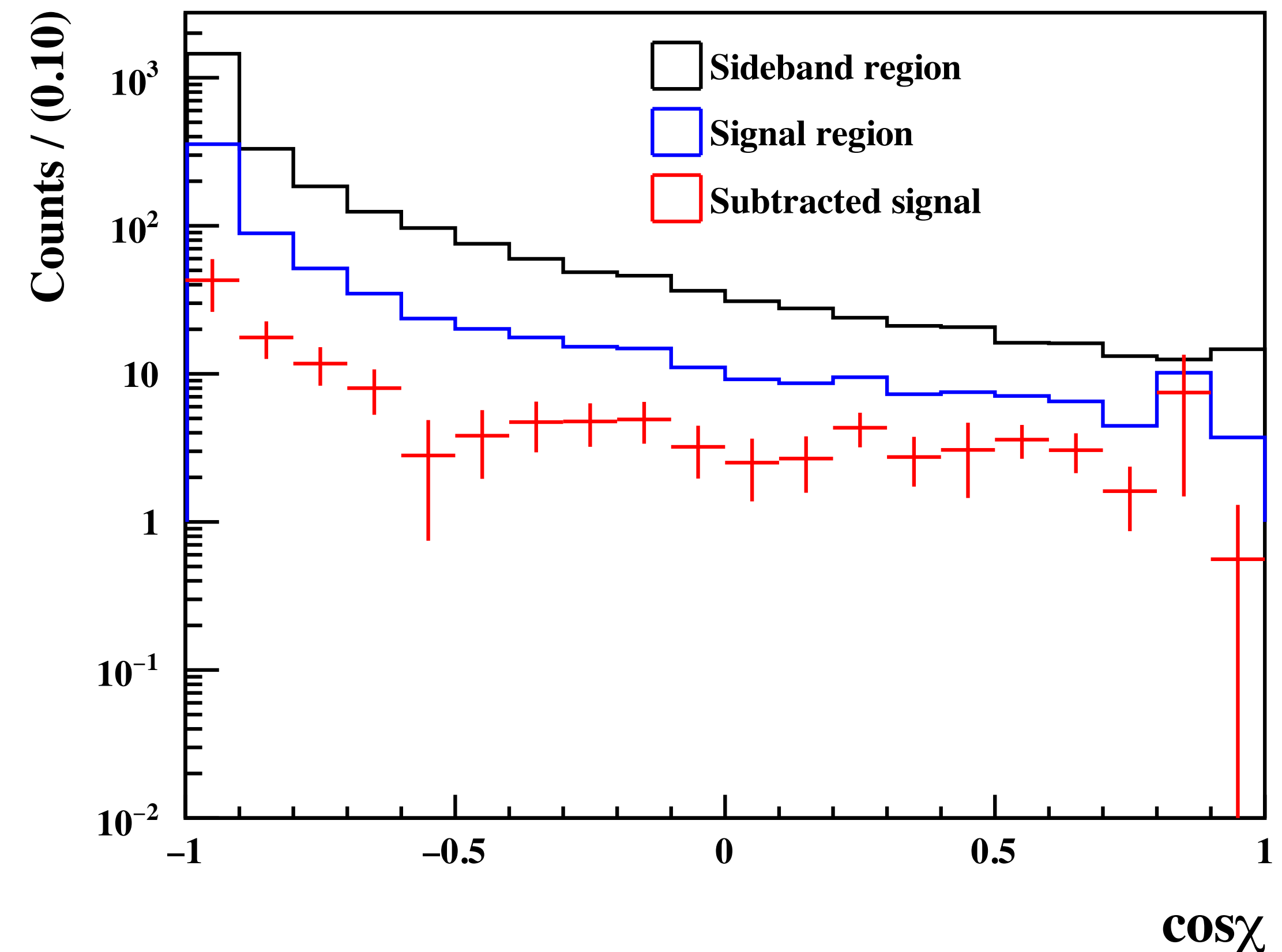


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J/ψ QEC — sideband subtraction



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- Assuming sideband scale factor is independent on n-prong



- Pion assumption on all other good charged tracks
- Boost to J/ψ rest frame
- Angular distribution weighted by pion energy
- Assuming sideband scale factor is independent on $\cos\chi$

J/ψ background analysis

$$\rightarrow N_{J/\psi\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} = \mathcal{R}_{J/\psi\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} \times N_{J/\psi\text{ISR}}^{\text{obs}} = 8.4 \pm 0.6$$

Contamination rates and efficiencies are studied by MC simulation

$$\diamond N_{J/\psi\text{ISR}}^{\text{obs}} = 1709 \pm 102, \mathcal{R}_{J/\psi\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} = (4.94 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\rightarrow N_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} = \frac{N_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{obs}} \times \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi X} \times \mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}}}{\epsilon_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}} \times \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi}} = 351.9 \pm 23.9$$

$$\diamond N_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{obs}} = 221 \pm 15, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi X} = \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi X} - \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c1}} \times \mathcal{B}_{\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi} - \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c2}} \times \mathcal{B}_{\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi} = 56.2\%,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} = (45.3 \pm 0.2)\%, \epsilon_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}} = (46.1 \pm 0.1)\%, \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi} = 34.68\%$$

$$\rightarrow N_{\psi(2S)X}^{\text{bkg}} = \frac{(N_{\psi(2S)X}^{\text{obs}} - \mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} \times N_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{obs}}) \times \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi X} \times \mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)X}^{\text{bkg}}}{\bar{\epsilon}_{\psi(2S)X} \times \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi}} = 88.6 \pm 26.6$$

$$\diamond N_{\psi(2S)X}^{\text{obs}} = 36 \pm 10, N_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{obs}} = 221 \pm 15, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi X} = 56.2\%, \mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} = (1.22 \pm 0.04)\%, \mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)X}^{\text{bkg}} = (67.5 \pm 0.2)\%,$$

$$\bar{\epsilon}_{\psi(2S)X} = (41.1 \pm 0.2)\%, \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi} = 34.68\%$$

$$\rightarrow N_{\chi_{c1}X}^{\text{bkg}} = \frac{N_{\chi_{c1}X}^{\text{obs}} \times \mathcal{R}_{\chi_{c1}X}^{\text{bkg}}}{\epsilon_{\chi_{c1}X}} = (1.8 \pm 1.0), N_{\chi_{c2}X}^{\text{bkg}} = \frac{N_{\chi_{c2}X}^{\text{obs}} \times \mathcal{R}_{\chi_{c2}X}^{\text{bkg}}}{\epsilon_{\chi_{c2}X}} = (2.0 \pm 0.8)$$

$$\diamond N_{\chi_{c1}X}^{\text{obs}} = 38 \pm 21, \mathcal{R}_{\chi_{c1}X}^{\text{bkg}} = (2.2 \pm 0.0)\%, \epsilon_{\chi_{c1}X} = (46.7 \pm 0.2)\%$$

$$\diamond N_{\chi_{c2}X}^{\text{obs}} = 42 \pm 17, \mathcal{R}_{\chi_{c2}X}^{\text{bkg}} = (2.0 \pm 0.0)\%, \epsilon_{\chi_{c2}X} = (41.1 \pm 0.1)\%$$

$$\rightarrow N_{J/\psi X}^{\text{sig}} = N_{J/\psi X}^{\text{obs}} - N_{J/\psi\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} - N_{\psi(2S)\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} - N_{J/\psi X}^{\text{bkg}} - N_{\chi_{c1}\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} - N_{\chi_{c2}\text{ISR}}^{\text{bkg}} = 126 \pm 58$$

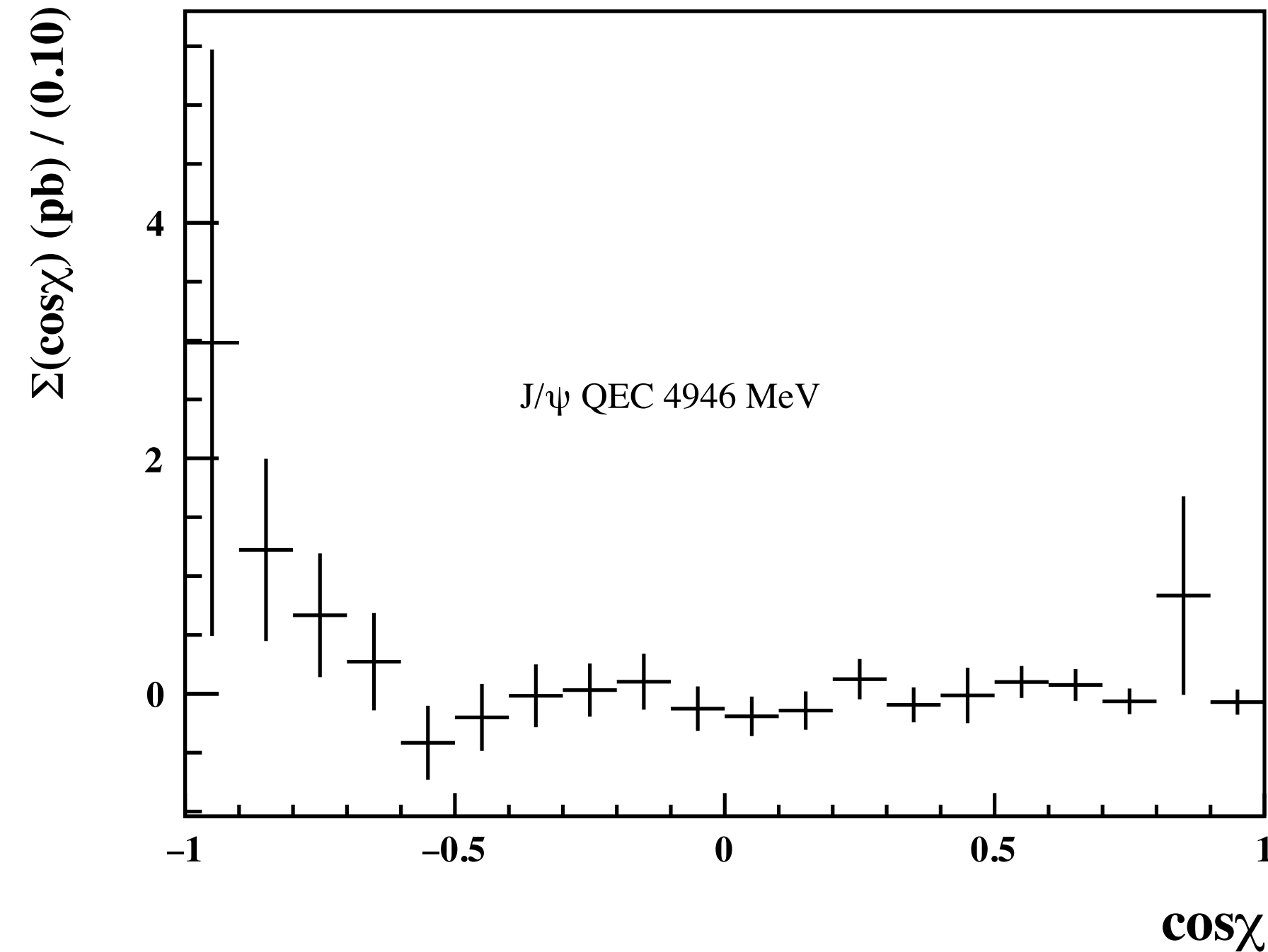
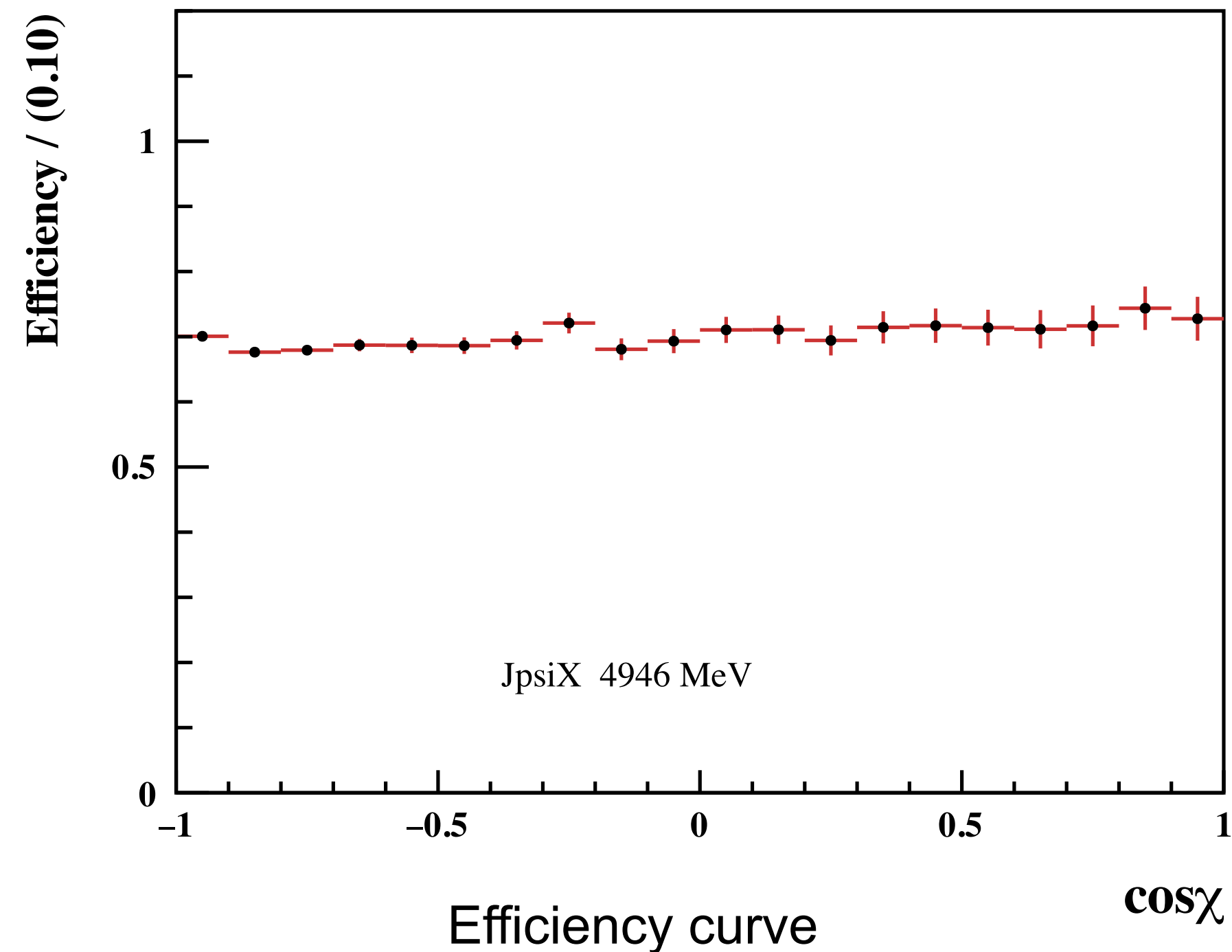
$$\diamond N_{J/\psi X}^{\text{obs}} = 573 \pm 47$$

J/ψ QEC

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Sigma_{\text{QEC}}(\cos\chi) &= \int d(\sigma_{J/\psi X}) \Sigma_i \frac{E_i}{M_{J/\psi}} \delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\chi) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \int d(\mathcal{L} \sigma_{J/\psi X}) \Sigma_i \frac{E_i}{M_{J/\psi}} \delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\chi) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \int \frac{d(N_{J/\psi X})}{\mathcal{B}_{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}} \Sigma_i \frac{E_i}{M_{J/\psi}} \delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\chi) \frac{1}{\epsilon_i} \end{aligned}$$

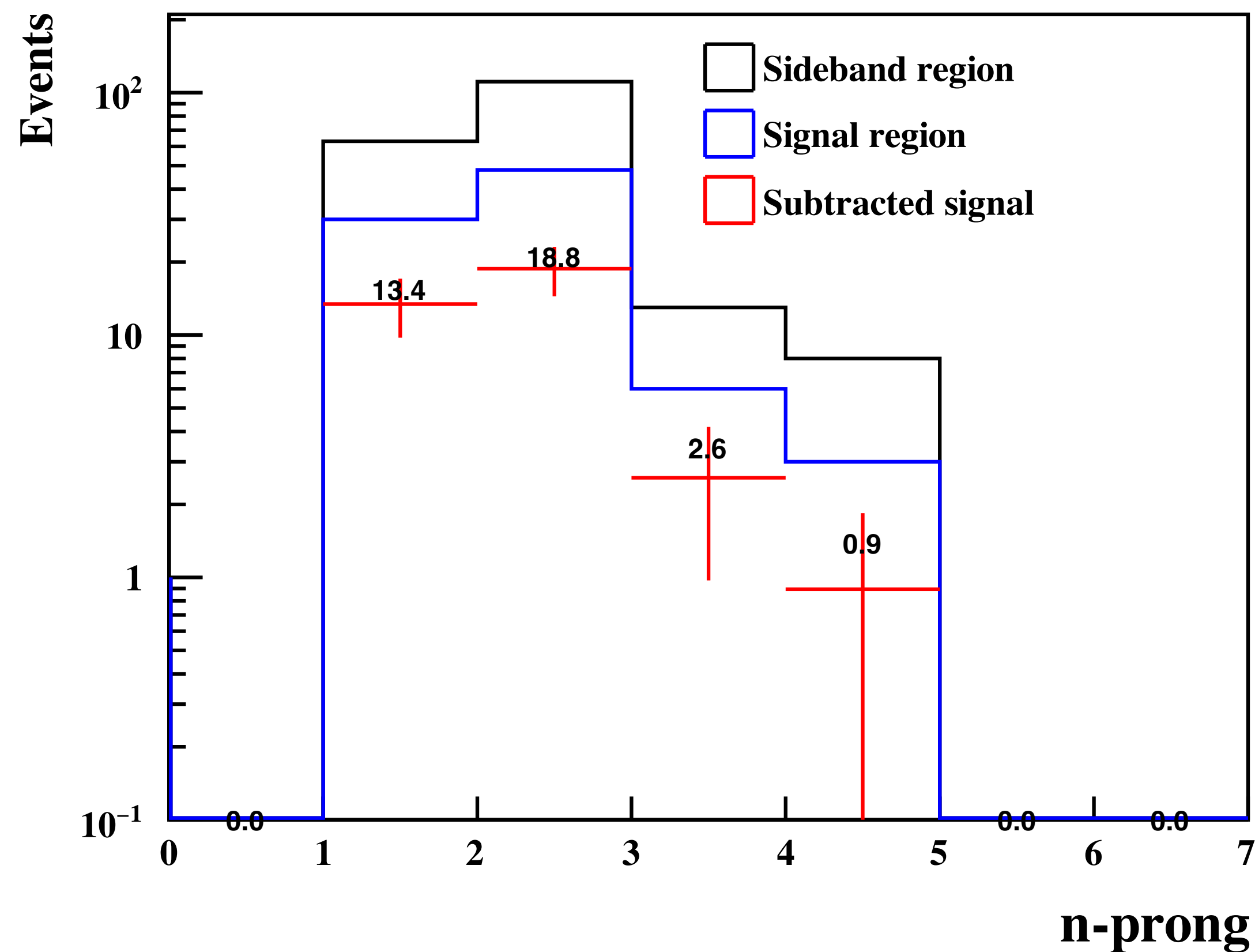
Final J/ψ QEC distribution @ 4946 MeV

- Background subtracted
- Consider experimental efficiency

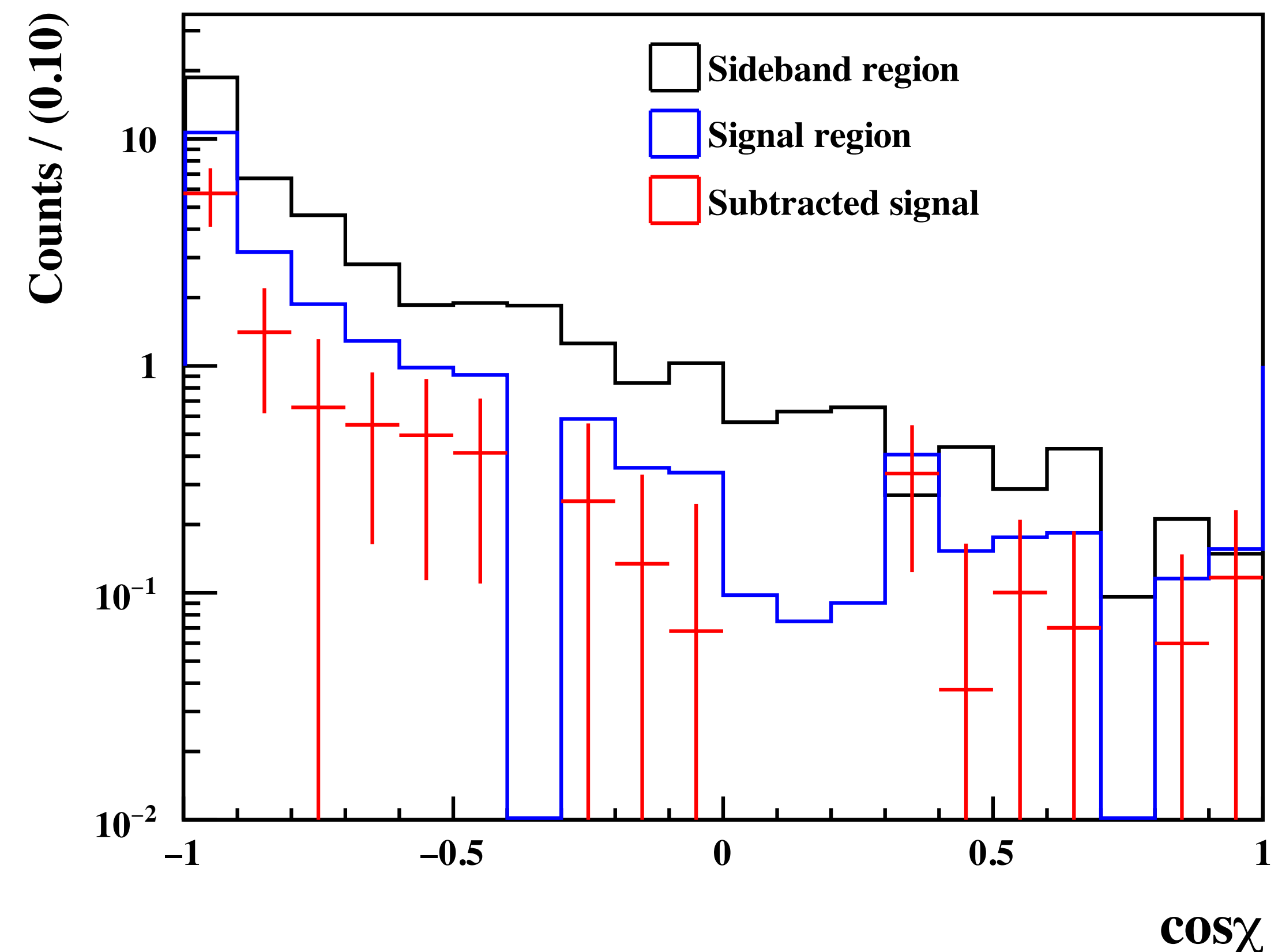


$\psi(2S)$ QEC analysis

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$\psi(2S)$ background analysis

$$\rightarrow N_{\psi(2S)ISR}^{\text{bkg}} = \mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)ISR}^{\text{bkg}} \times N_{\psi(2S)ISR}^{\text{obs}} = 2.7 \pm 0.2$$

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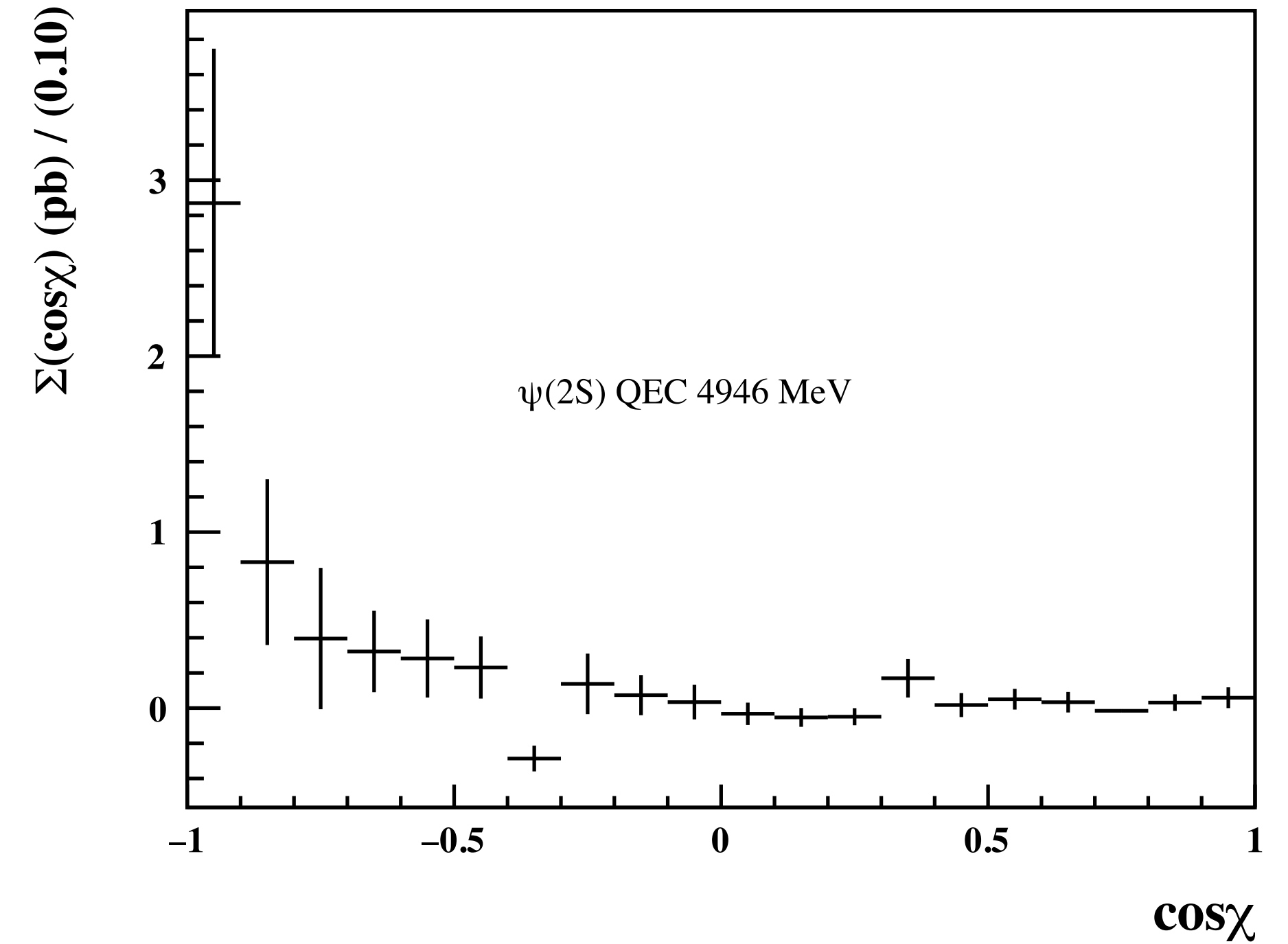
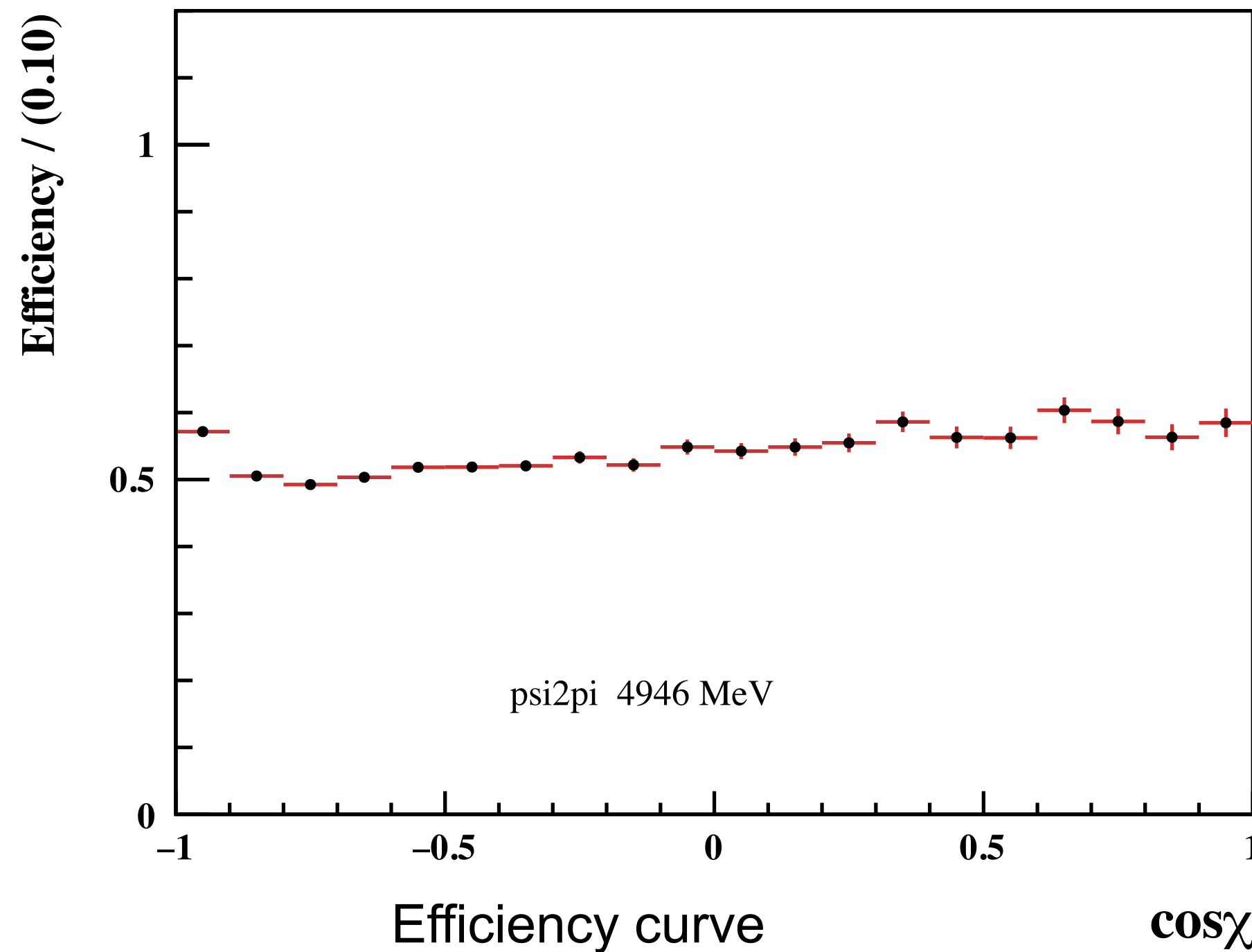
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$\psi(2S)$ QEC

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Sigma_{\text{QEC}}(\cos\chi) &= \int d(\sigma_{\psi(2S)X}) \Sigma_i \frac{E_i}{M_{\psi(2S)}} \delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\chi) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \int d(\mathcal{L} \sigma_{\psi(2S)X}) \Sigma_i \frac{E_i}{M_{\psi(2S)}} \delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\chi) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \int \frac{d(N_{\psi(2S)X})}{\cdot \mathcal{B}_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-}} \Sigma_i \frac{E_i}{M_{\psi(2S)}} \delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\chi) \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon_i} \end{aligned}$$

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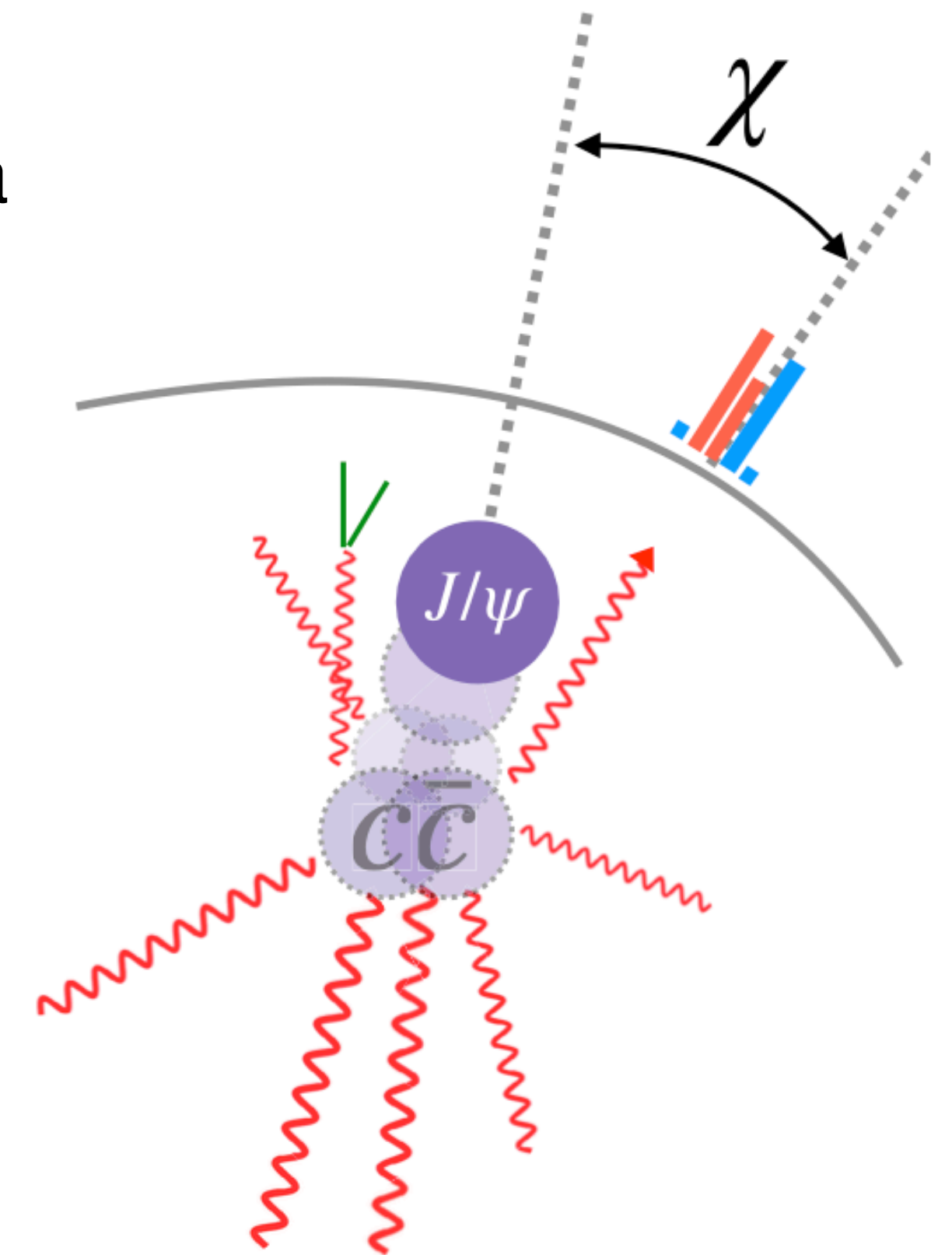
Summary

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- Energy-energy correlator sheds light on hadronization
- A new observable — **Quarkonium Energy Correlator (QEC)**
- We perform the first study on J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ QEC at BESIII using 4946 data
- Next to do:
 - ❖ Improve analysis strategy, e.g. Mis-ID correction, $\cos \chi$ -dependent scale factor, contamination rate and efficiency
 - ❖ Utilize more data at high energy points
 - ❖ ...



Thanks for your attention!





Backup

$J/\psi - \psi(2S)$ QEC ratio

