

Study of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\omega$ with untagged method

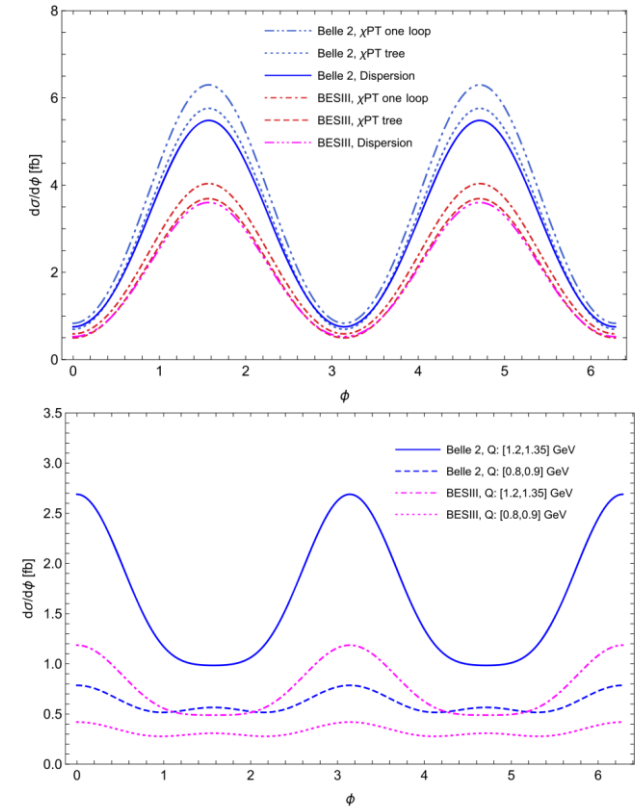
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Motivation

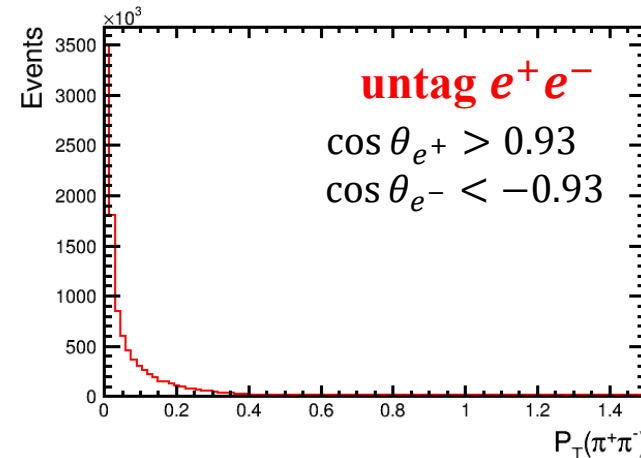
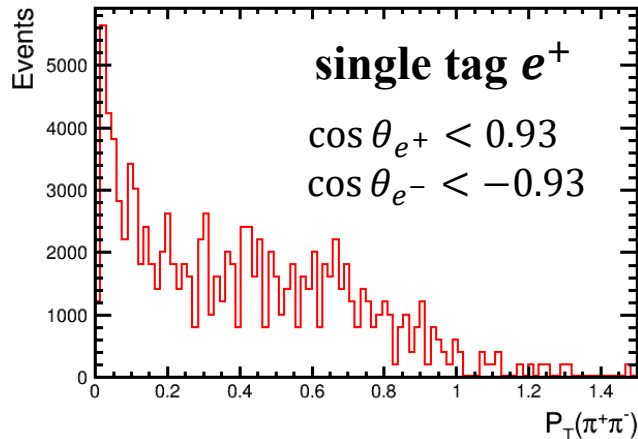
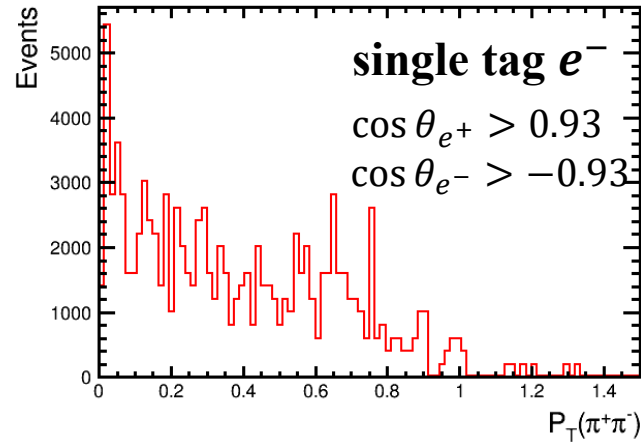
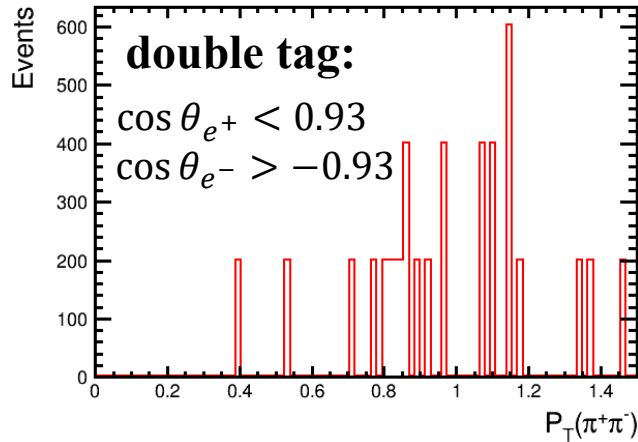
- An azimuthal asymmetry is predicted within the **Transverse-Momentum-Dependent** factorization theory in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-$ [1].
- The differential cross section with respect to azimuthal angle ϕ shows some **oscillation structure**.
 - ϕ is the angle between $\vec{P}_T(\pi^+) + \vec{P}_T(\pi^-)$ and $\vec{P}_T(\pi^+) - \vec{P}_T(\pi^-)$.
- Same oscillation phenomenon should also exist in the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow VV$ process.
- The clear and simple background pollution of $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\omega$ **process** is an ideal channel to study the azimuthal asymmetry.



[1] [PRL 134, 141901 \(2025\)](#)

Motivation

- The **TMD** factorization theory is based on the **quasireal photons** emitted off e^+ and e^- , which leads to a requirement of $P_T(\pi^+\pi^-) < 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c$.

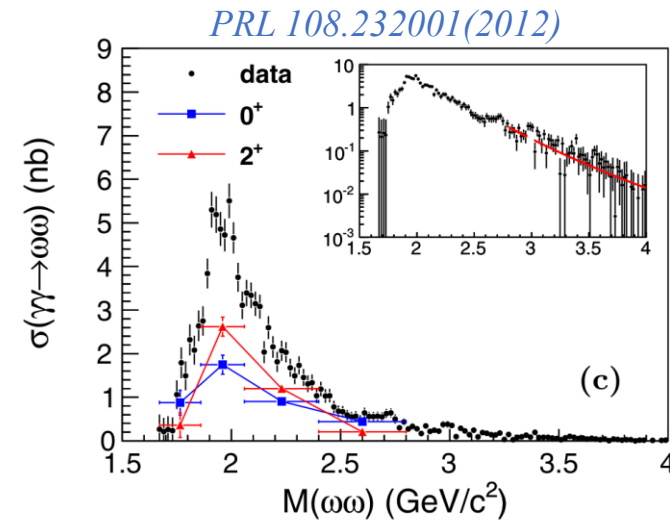
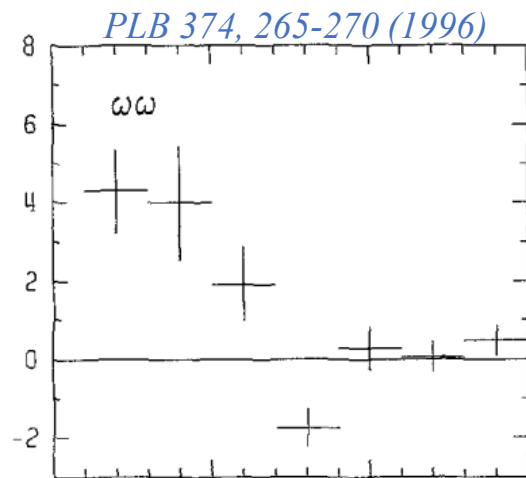


method	statistic ratio	$P_T < 0.1$ ratio
double tag	0%	0%
single tag e^-	1%	18%
single tag e^+	1%	20%
untag e^+e^-	98%	80%

- ✓ **98%** two-photon events comes from untag region!
- ✓ **80%** events from untag region satisfy $P_T(\pi^+\pi^-) < 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c$.

Motivation

- The cross section of two-photon process $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\omega$ is studied by ARGUS[1] and Belle[2] experiment. Two resonant structures below charmonium threshold are found by Belle experiment.



- With the large data sets collected by BESIII, the process of $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\omega$ can be studied with BESIII data for the first time.

Data sets and MC sample

➤ **Data sets:** **20.3 fb⁻¹ $\psi(3770)$**

➤ **Signal MC:**

- 1 million MC generated by **CppGamGam generator**.^[1]

➤ **Inclusive background:**

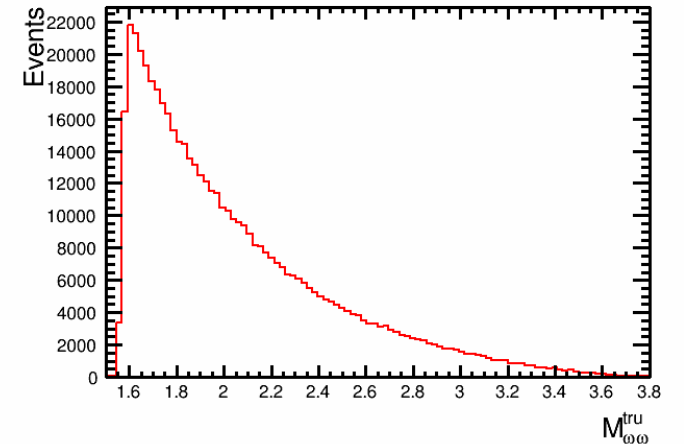
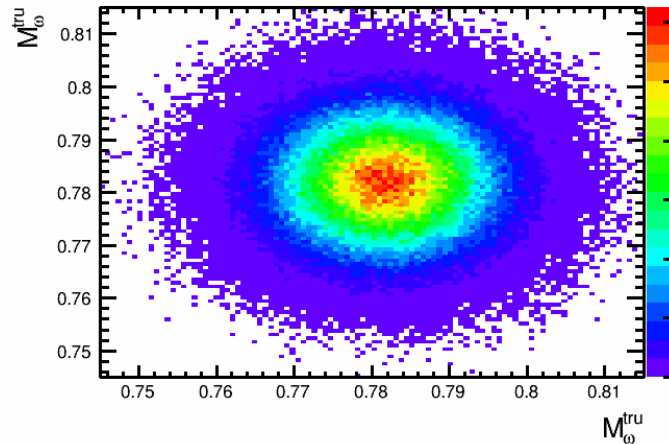
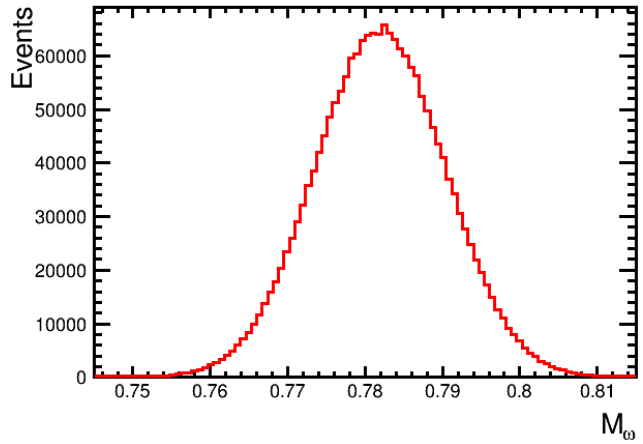
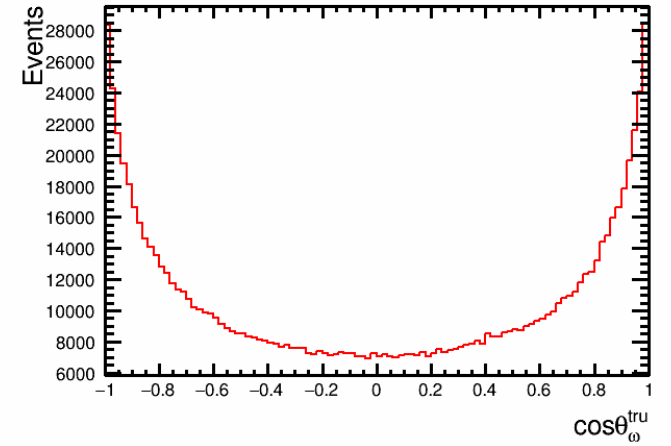
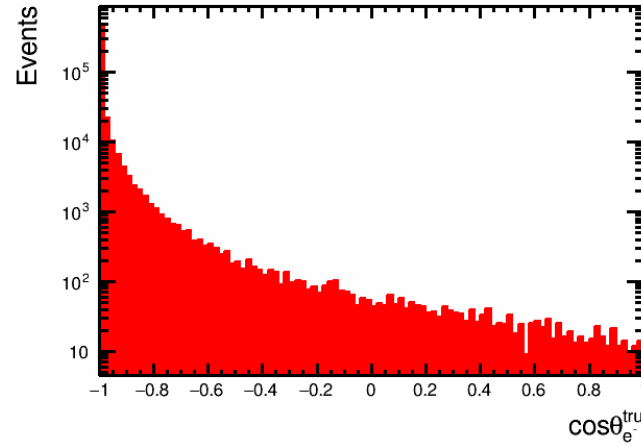
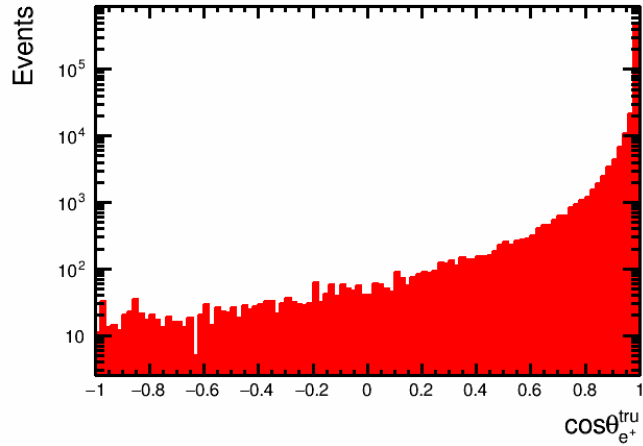
- Hadrons background generated by R-QCD group by Weiping Wang.
- /besfs5/offline/data/tauqcd/bes3gen/712/psipp/

➤ **Exculsive background MC:**

- 1 million $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ MC generated by CppGamGam generator.

[1]BAM-636

MC truth distribution



Event selection: $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \omega\omega \rightarrow e^+e^- 2(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$

➤ Good charged track

- $V_r < 1$ cm, $|V_z| < 10$ cm, $|\cos \theta| < 0.93$, $N_{good} = 4$

➤ PID (dE/dx+TOF)

- $Prob(\pi) > Prob(p/K)$, $N(\pi^+) = N(\pi^-) = 2$

➤ Vertex Fit: SUCCESS

➤ Good photons:

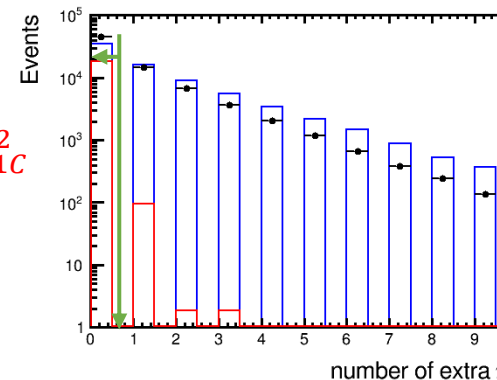
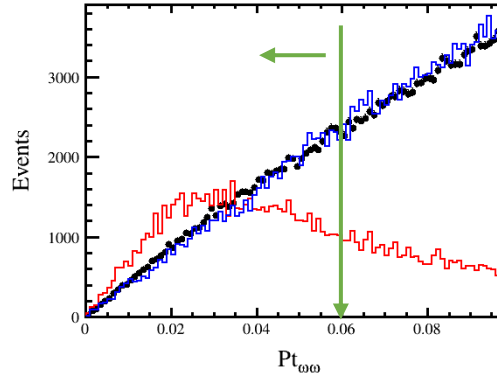
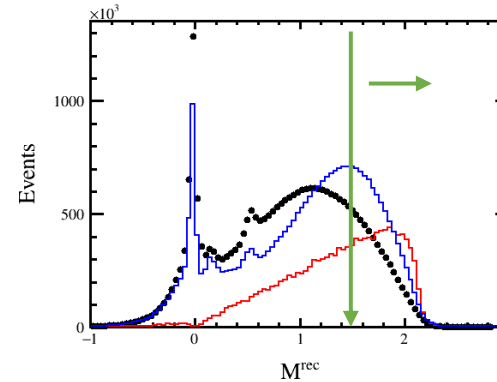
- $|\cos \theta_\gamma| < 0.8$ or $0.86 < |\cos \theta_\gamma| < 0.92$
- $E_\gamma \geq 25$ MeV (*barrel*), $E_\gamma \geq 50$ MeV (*endcaps*)
- EMC time: 0~700 ns
- $\theta(\gamma, \pi) > 10^\circ$
- $N_\gamma \geq 4$

➤ Good π^0 list:

- $0.115 \leq M_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 0.150$ GeV/ c^2
- $\chi^2_{1c} < 20$
- Helicity < 0.95
- $N_{\pi^0} \geq 2$
- Choose the $2\pi^0$ combination with minimum sum of χ^2_{1c}

➤ Further requirement:

- Recoil mass > 1.5 GeV/ c^2
- $P_T < 0.06$ GeV/ c
- Number of extra $\pi^0 = 0$



— Hadrons
— Signal
— Data

	Efficiency	
	Absolute(%)	Relative(%)
Total	1	
nGood=4	46.07	46.07
PID	41.75	90.61
Vtxfit	41.36	99.05
Good Photon	19.38	46.86
Good pi0	10.78	55.61
Recoil mass	5.15	47.75
P_T cut	2.19	42.51
Extra π^0	2.18	99.46

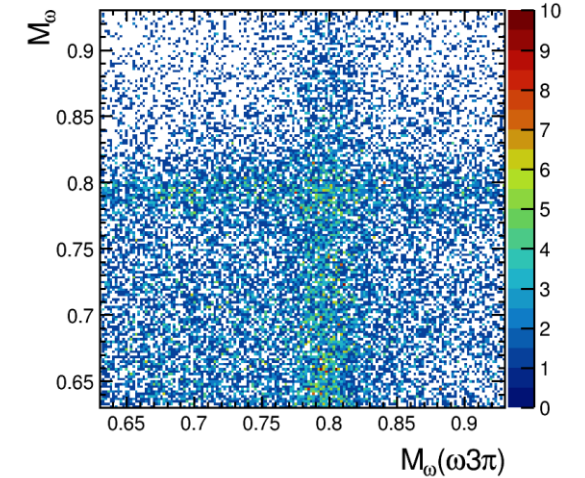
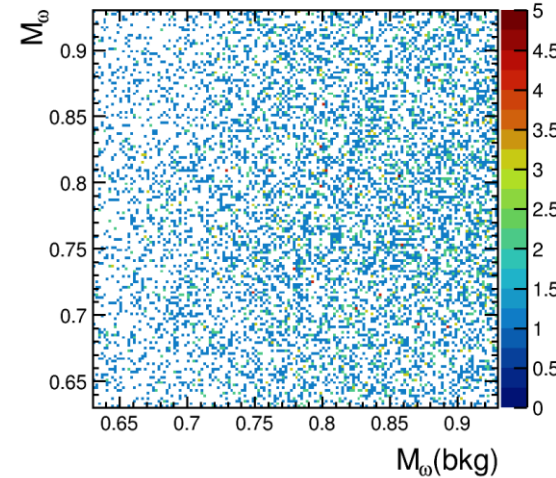
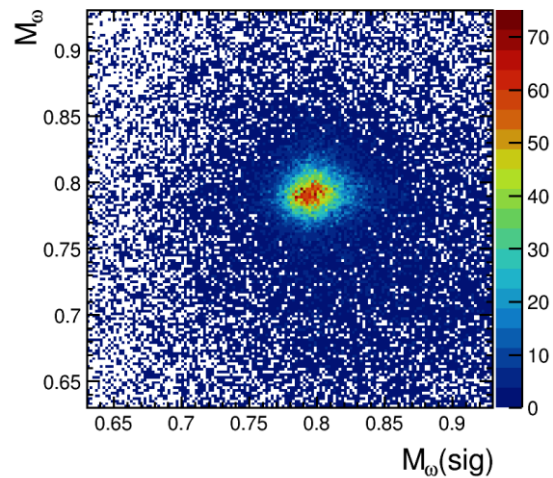
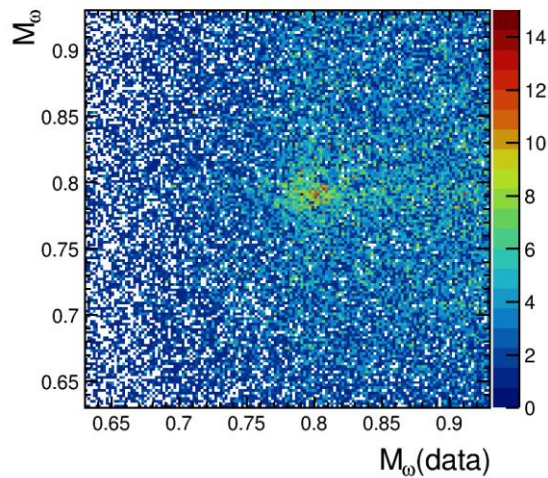
Extraction of $\omega\omega$ signal

➤ Every event has 4 pairs of $\omega\omega$ combinations.

- $\pi_1^0 \pi_1^+ \pi_1^-, \pi_2^0 \pi_2^+ \pi_2^-$
- $\pi_1^0 \pi_1^+ \pi_2^-, \pi_2^0 \pi_2^+ \pi_1^-$
- $\pi_1^0 \pi_2^+ \pi_1^-, \pi_2^0 \pi_1^+ \pi_2^-$
- $\pi_1^0 \pi_2^+ \pi_2^-, \pi_2^0 \pi_1^+ \pi_1^-$

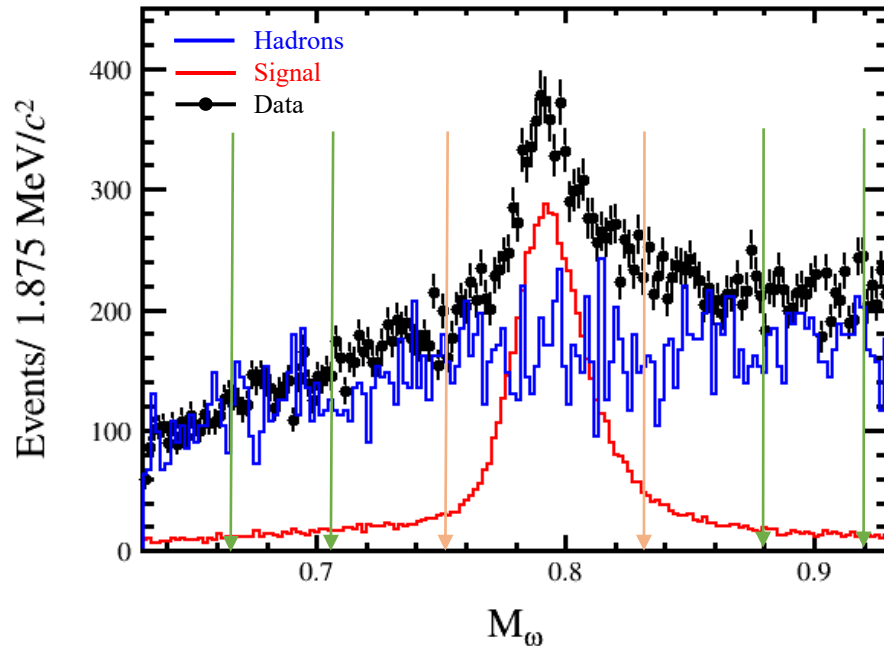
➤ Require $|M_{\omega_{1,2}} - m_{\omega}^{PDG}| < 0.15 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ at least one of this four combination.

- Relative efficiency is 99.81% for signal MC.



Extraction of $\omega\omega$ signal

- Require the oppsite ω mass within PDG mass $\pm 40\text{MeV}$, and we can obtain the M_ω mass spectrum:



Signal region:

• 0.752~0.832

Sideband region:

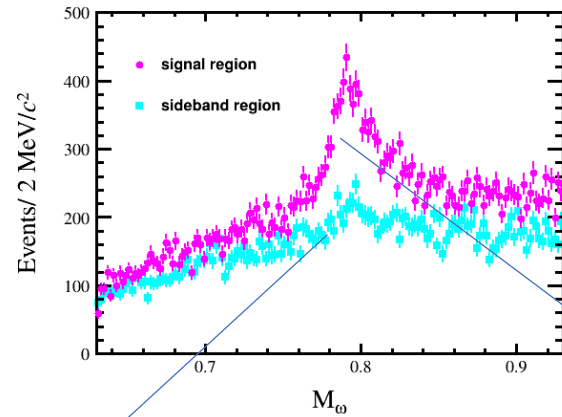
• 0.664~0.704

• 0.880~0.920

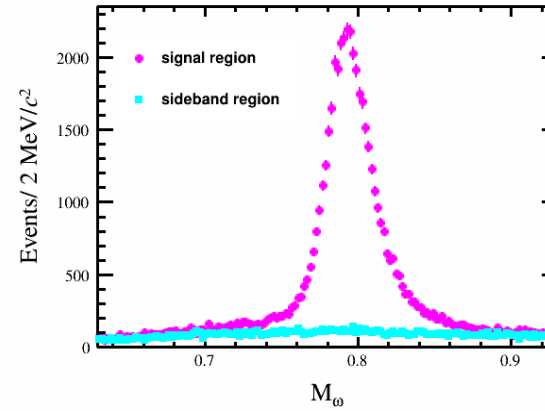
- Sideband region has the same interval width with signal region. $\Rightarrow$ scale factor = 1
- Clear $\omega\omega$ signals can be observed and no peaking background from hadrons background.

1D Fit: MC shape

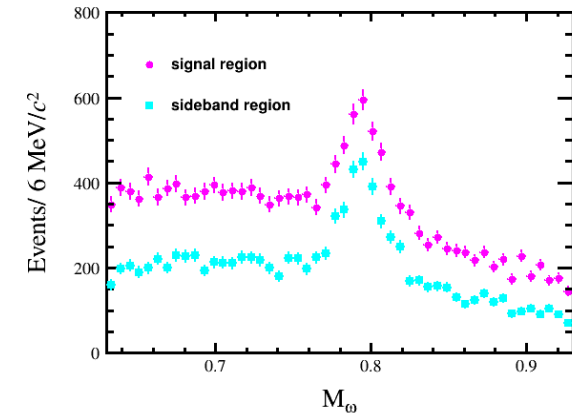
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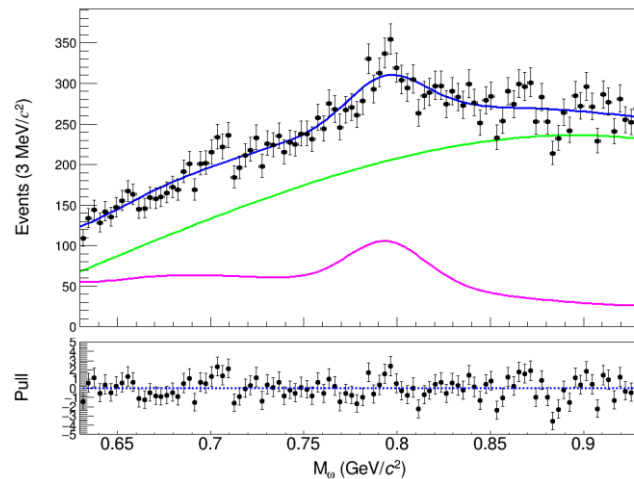
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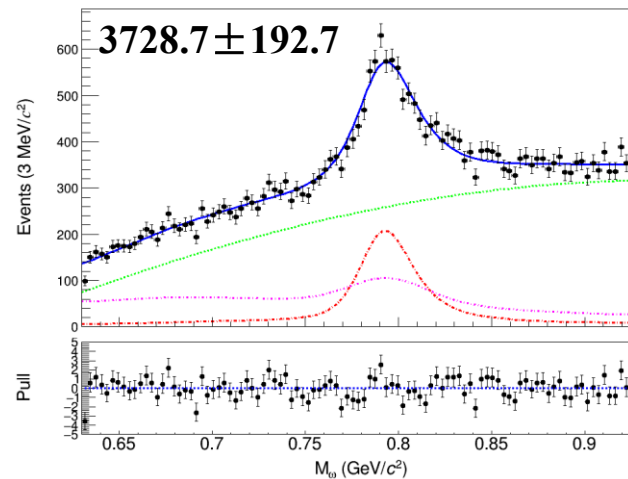
$M_{\omega}^{\omega 3\pi}$



chebychev + $\omega 3\pi$ -bkg shape (sideband region)



signal MC shape + 3rdCheby + fixed bkg shape



Here, the signal events are counted as twice.
 $N_{sig} \sim 1864$

1D Fit: MC shape

$$\phi = \text{Angle}(\vec{P}_T(\pi^+) + \vec{P}_T(\pi^+), \vec{P}_T(\pi^+) - \vec{P}_T(\pi^+))$$

ϕ is in the region $[0^\circ, 360^\circ]$. Every 45° one bin, divide ϕ into 8 intervals.

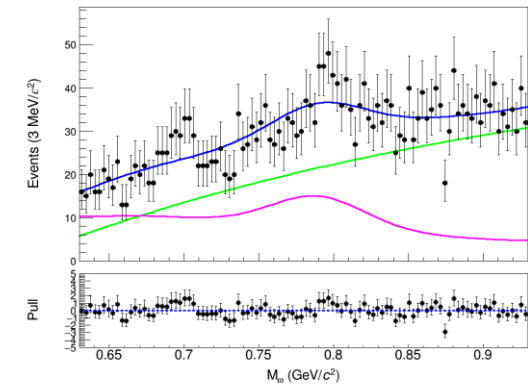
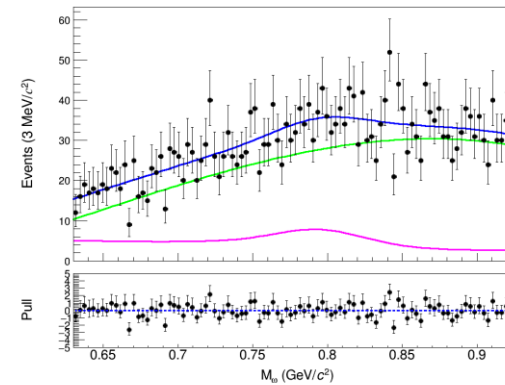
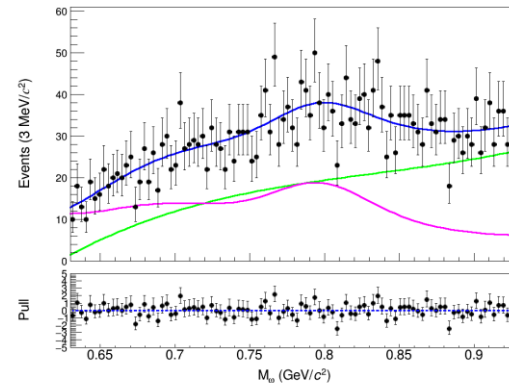
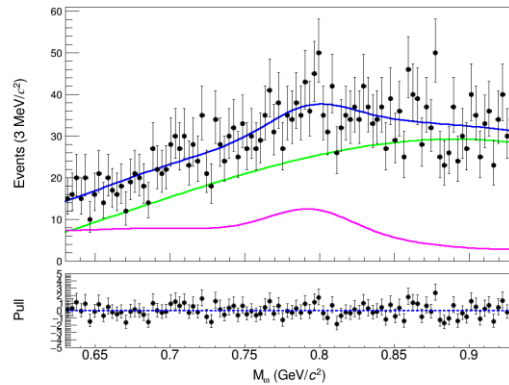
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Bin-2

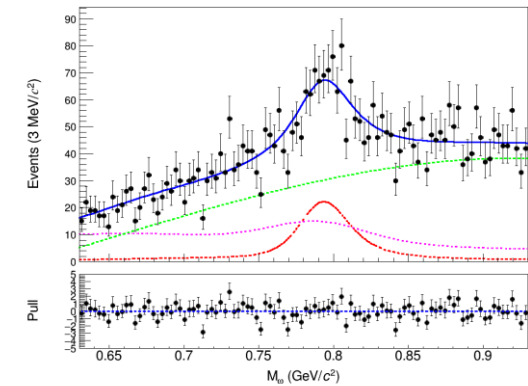
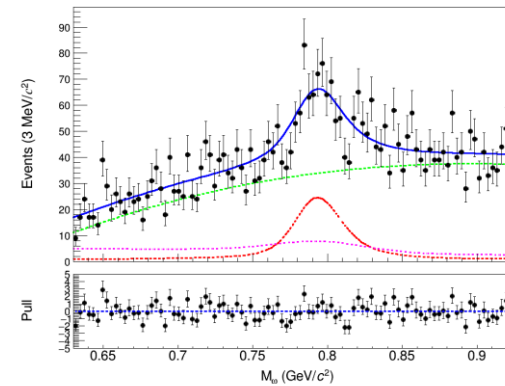
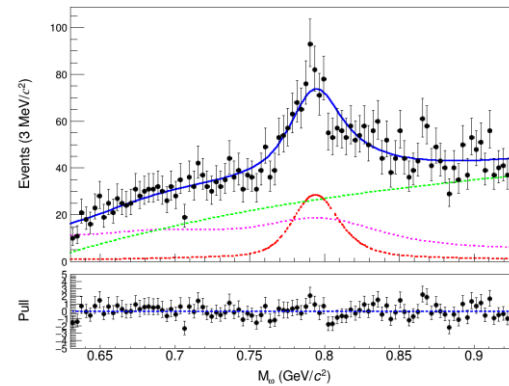
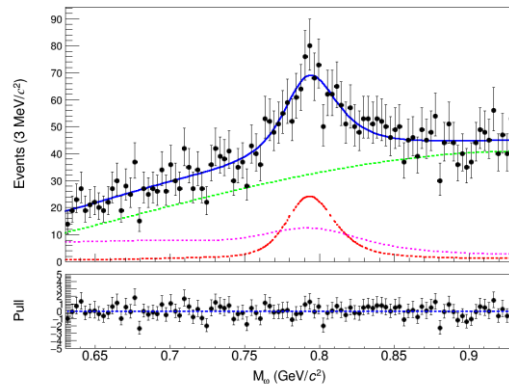
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Bin-4

sideband



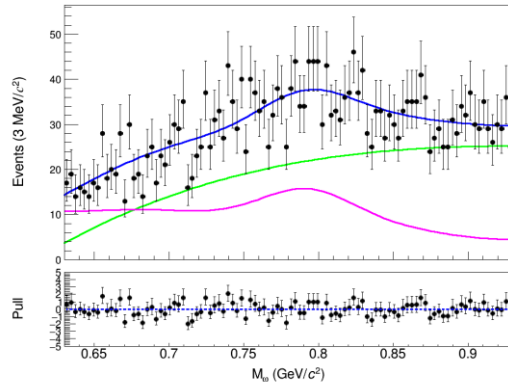
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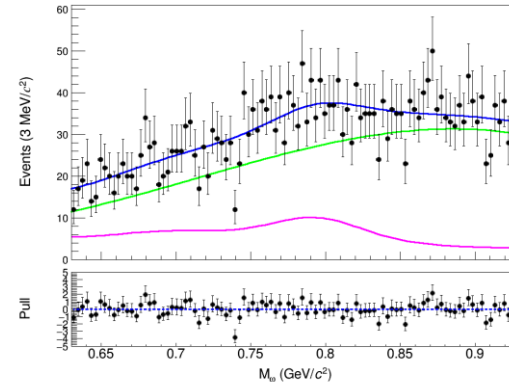
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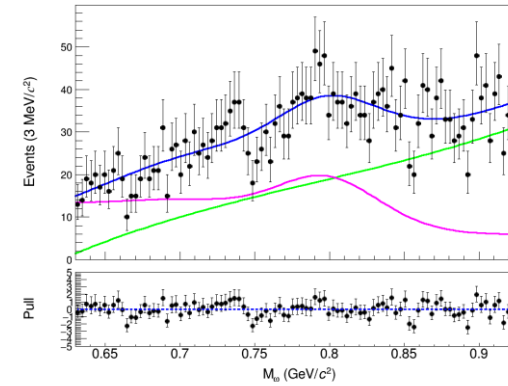
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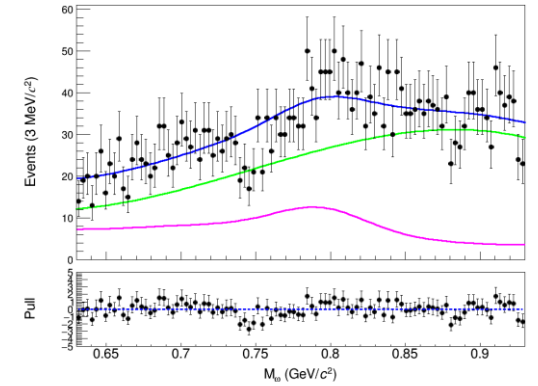
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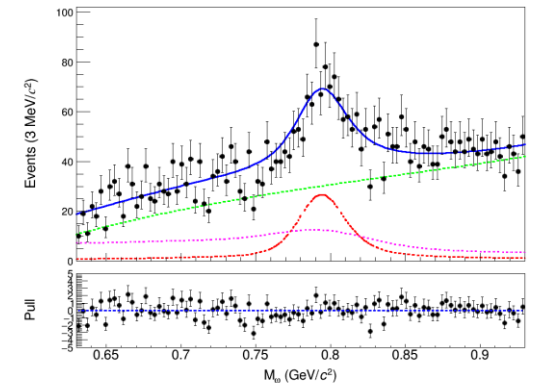
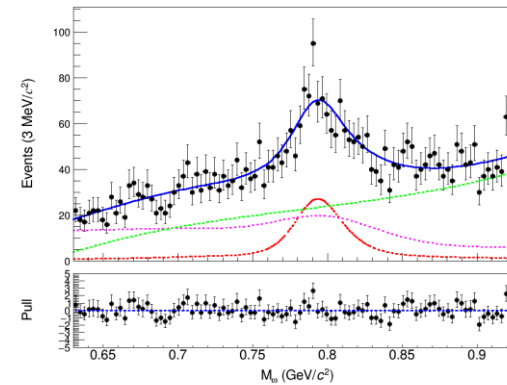
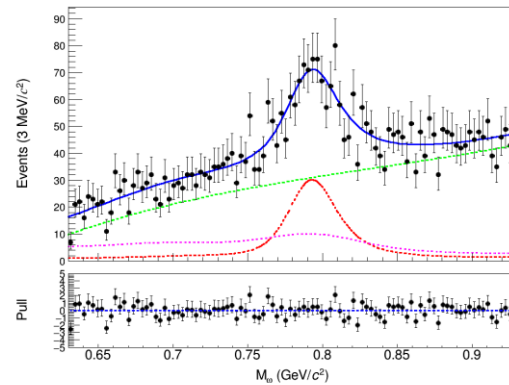
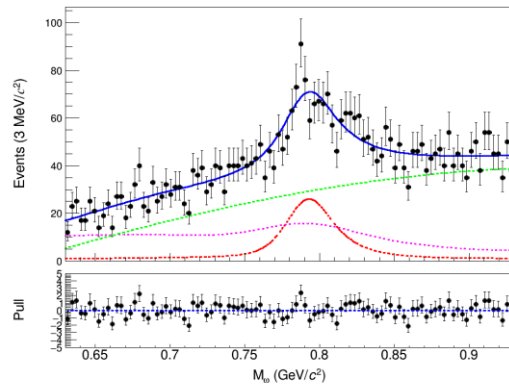


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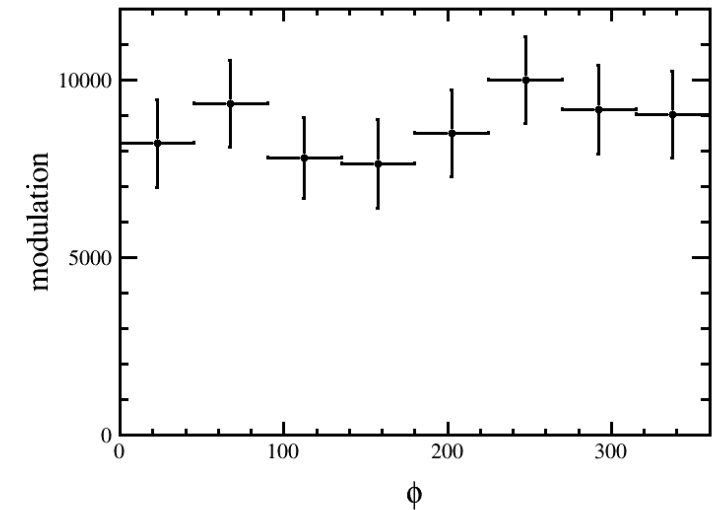
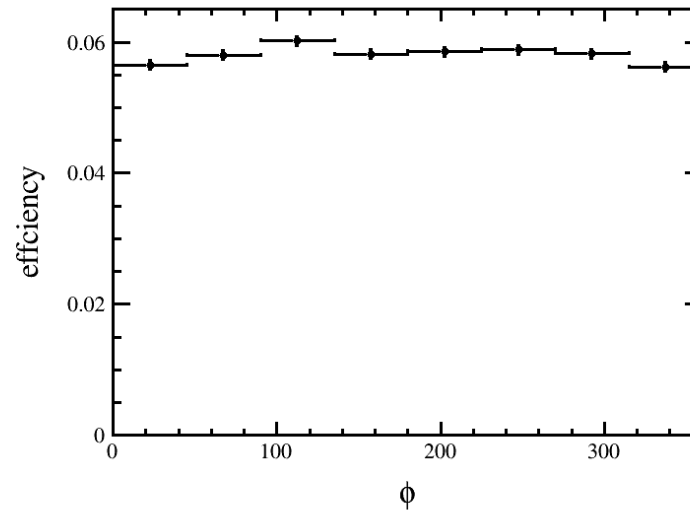
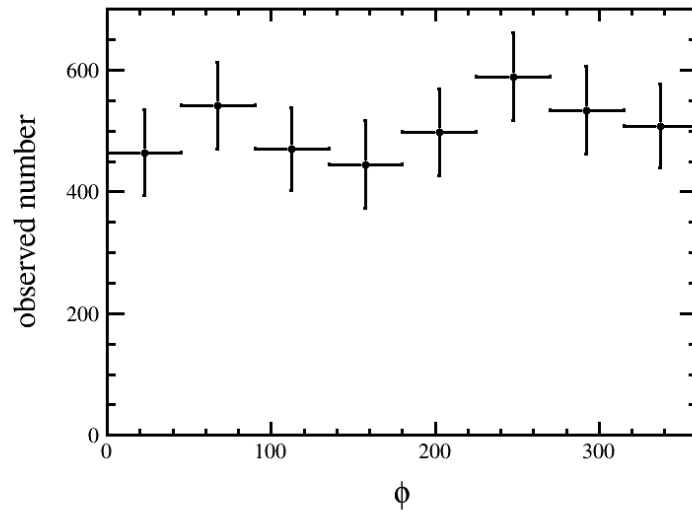
sideband

signal



1D fit: MC shape

- The observed signal events, efficiency curves and modulation of ϕ are shown below.
- In the $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\omega$ process, modulation of ϕ shows some oscillation structures.



Summary and to do list

➤ Summary

- ✓ About **1860** $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega\omega$ signal events are observed with **untagged method** at BESIII detector for the first time.
- ✓ Divide ϕ into 8 intervals, and modulation of ϕ shows some oscillation structures.

➤ To do list

- Try other fit methods, such as 2D fit.
- Study the statistical uncertainty caused by double counting signal events.
- Study the systematic uncertainties.
- Observe the modulation of ϕ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-$ process with untagged method.
- ...