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Cross Section measurements of process

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \phi \pi^0$$

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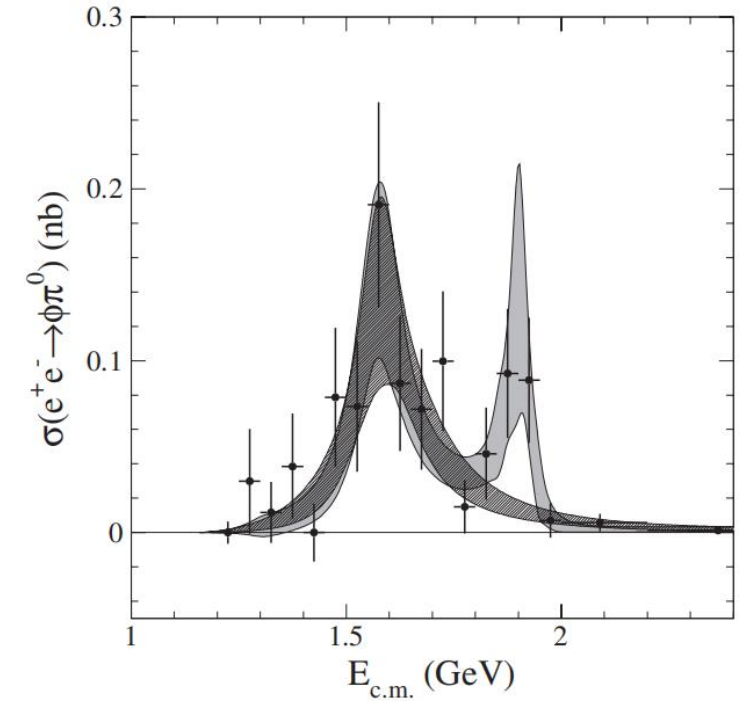
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Motivation

- The $\phi\pi^0$ process is significant in the search for ρ -like excited states. Even though they are OZI-suppressed, its observation indicates that such excited states may exist, therefore it is considered a candidate for ρ -like excited state.
- Motivated by a narrow peak near $E_{cm} \approx 1900$ MeV reported by the BaBar experiment, we perform a search for this structure.



BOSS Version & Data sets

➤ Process :

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi\pi$

➤ BOSS Version :

- 713,6.6.5.p01

➤ Signal MC :

- 1.8400GeV -2.3960 GeV

➤ Data samples :

- listed in the right table

E _{cm} (GeV)	Run No.	Lumi.(1/pb)	E _{cm} (GeV)	Run No.	Lumi.(1/pb)
1840	81849-81970	1.501	1970	82463-82530	2.229
1870	81971-82104	2.002	2000	41729-41909	10.1
1872	82543-82656	2.014	2050	41911-41958	3.34
1874	82657-82783	2.019	2100	41588-41728	12.2
1875	82835-82909	1.485	2125	42004-43253	108
1876	82105-82203	2.035	2150	41533-41570	2.84
1877	82784-82834	1.341	2175	41416-41532	10.6
1878	82204-82261	2.021	2200	40989-41121	13.7
1882	82262-82310	2.033	22324	41240-41239	11.9
1886	82311-82358	2.031	23094	41240-41411	21.1
1900	82359-82404	2.022	23864	40806-40951	22.5
1940	82405-82462	2.040	23960	40459-40769	66.9

Event selection

➤ The charged tracks

- $|\cos\theta| < 0.93$
- $|V_r| < 1cm, |V_z| < 10cm$
- $N_{charge}^{good} = 2 \quad \sum Q = 0$

➤ PID

- $Prob_{PID}(K) > Prob_{PID}(p)$
- $Prob_{PID}(K) > Prob_{PID}(\pi)$

➤ Vertex fit

- A successful vertex fit for the particles with k and π is necessary for each candidate event.

➤ Neutral Tracks

- $0 \leq TDC \leq 700ns$
- Barrel: $E > 25MeV$, End cap: $E > 50MeV$
- Angle $> 10^\circ$
- $N_\gamma^{good} \geq 2$

Background analysis

Table 1: Decay trees and their respective final states.

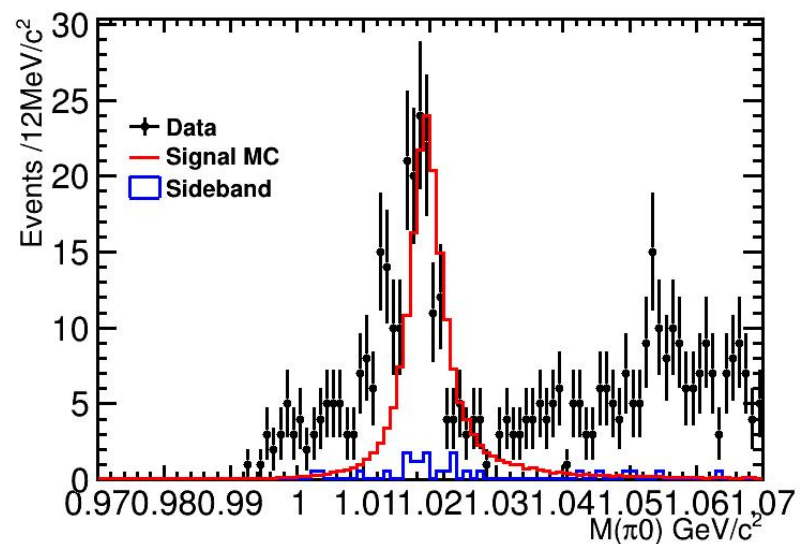
rowNo	decay tree	decay final state	iDcyTr	nEtr	nCEtr
1	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\phi, \phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-$	1	492	492
2	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-$	3	263	755
3	$e^+e^- \rightarrow vgam\gamma^I, vgam \rightarrow \pi^0\phi, \phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-\gamma^I$	5	189	944
4	$e^+e^- \rightarrow vgam\gamma^I, vgam \rightarrow \pi^0K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-\gamma^I$	0	130	1074
5	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0a_0^0, a_0^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-$	4	112	1186
6	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0a_0^0\gamma^f, a_0^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-\gamma^f$	2	78	1264
7	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0f_0', f_0' \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-$	6	64	1328
8	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0f_0'\gamma^f, f_0' \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0K^+K^-\gamma^f$	8	45	1373
9	$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\gamma^I\gamma^I$	$K^+K^-\gamma^I\gamma^I$	7	44	1417
10	$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\gamma^I$	$K^+K^-\gamma^I$	9	7	1424
11	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-$	$\pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-$	11	2	1426
12	$e^+e^- \rightarrow vgam\gamma^I, vgam \rightarrow \pi^0K^+K^{*-}, K^{*-} \rightarrow \pi^0K^-$	$\pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-\gamma^I$	10	1	1427
13	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0K^-K^{*+}, K^{*+} \rightarrow \pi^0K^+$	$\pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-$	12	1	1428
14	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0K^+K^{*-}, K^{*-} \rightarrow \pi^0K^-$	$\pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-$	13	1	1429
15	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\phi, \phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-$	14	1	1430

➤ No picking background

➤ Dominating background:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0$$

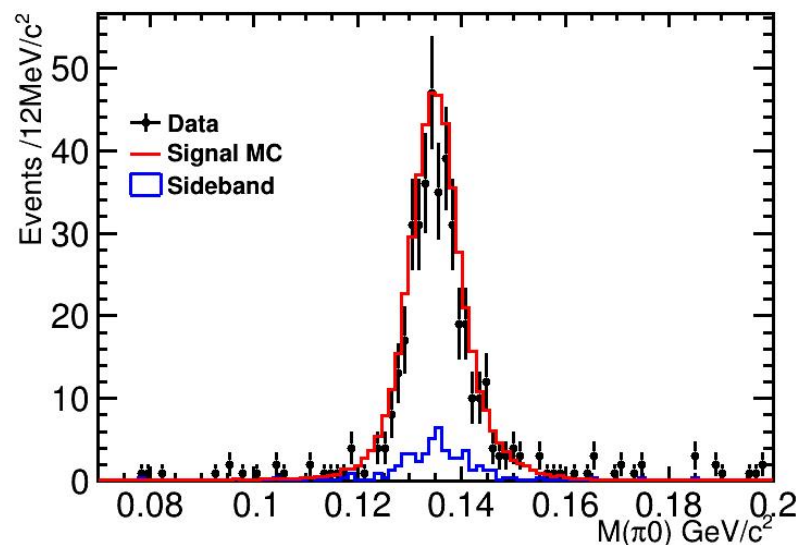
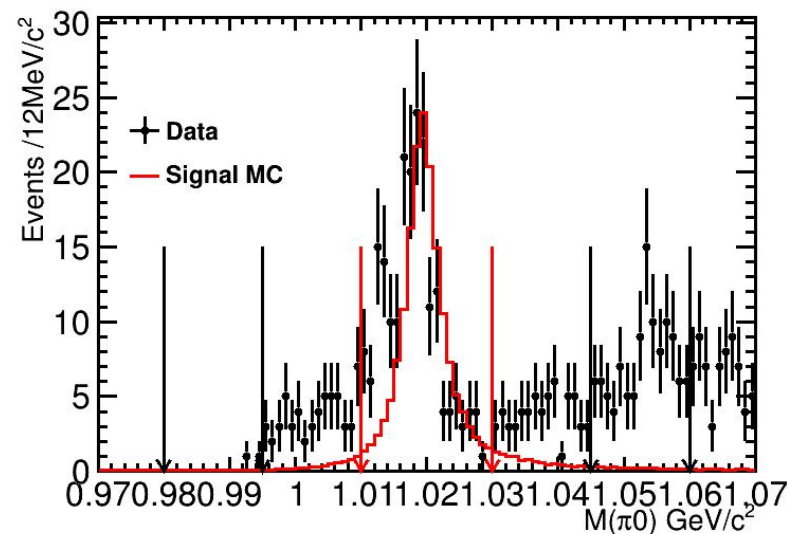
Background analysis



Condition:
 $\text{chisq}(\gamma\gamma KK) < \text{chisq}(\gamma KK)$

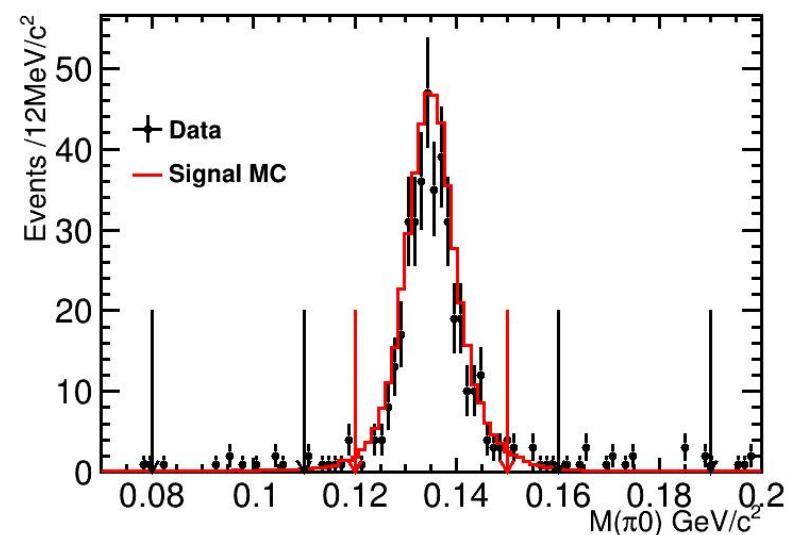
Φ

signal:[1.01,1.03]
Left sideband:[0.98,0.995]
Right sideband:[1.045,1.06]



π^0

signal:[0.12,0.15]
Left sideband:[0.08,0.11]
Right sideband:[0.16,0.19]



$E_{cm} < 2.0\text{GeV}$

Signal yields

Due to the insufficient statistical data, We adopt the method of counting.

Calculation:

$$N_{obs} = N_{red} - \frac{1}{2}N_{blue} * f_{\phi} - \frac{1}{2}N_{green} * f_{\pi^0} + \frac{1}{4}N_{pink} * f_{\pi^0} * f_{\phi}$$

Represent:

N_{red} : ϕ, π^0 events

N_{blue} : $\pi^0, \text{non-}\phi$ events

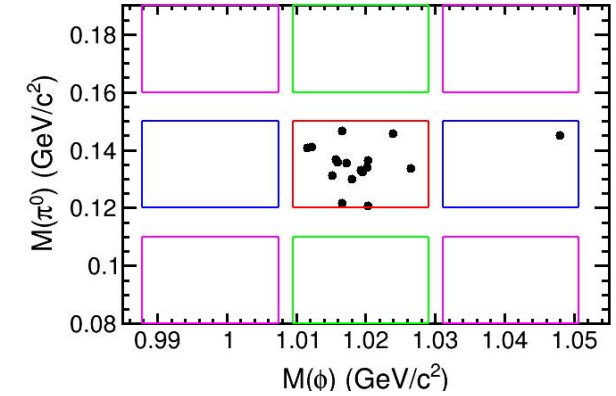
N_{green} : $\phi, \text{non-}\pi^0$ events

N_{pink} : non- $\pi^0, \text{non-}\phi$ events

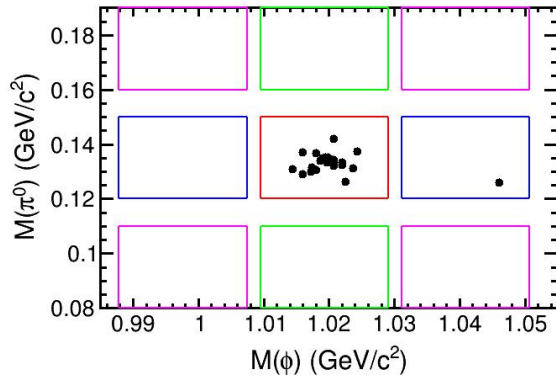
f_{ϕ} : Normalization Factor for ϕ

f_{π^0} : Normalization Factor for π^0

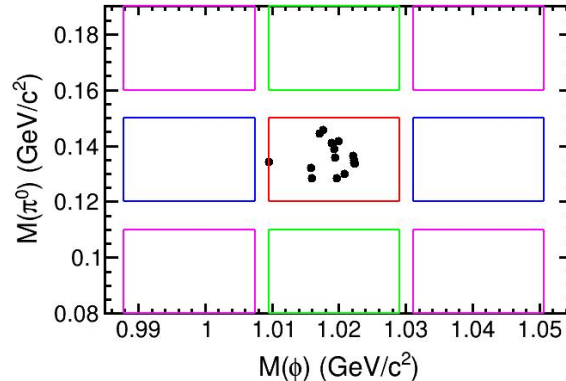
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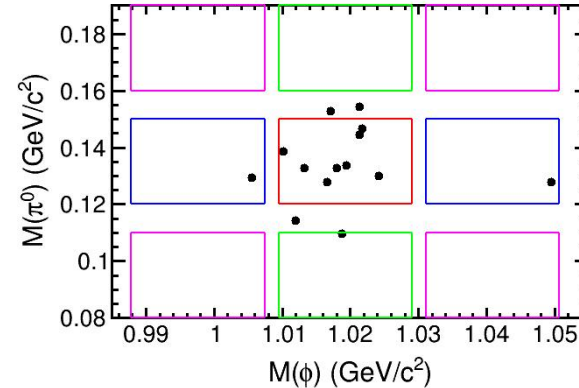
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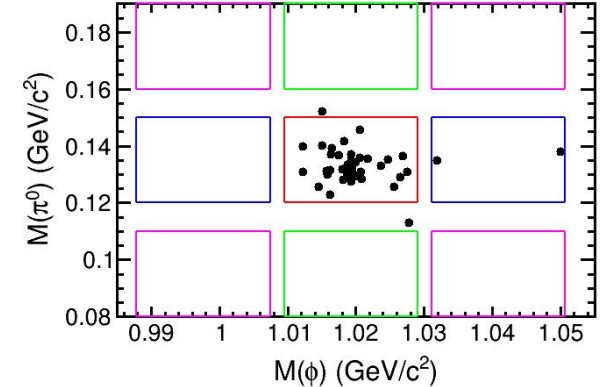
@1.872GeV



@1.874GeV



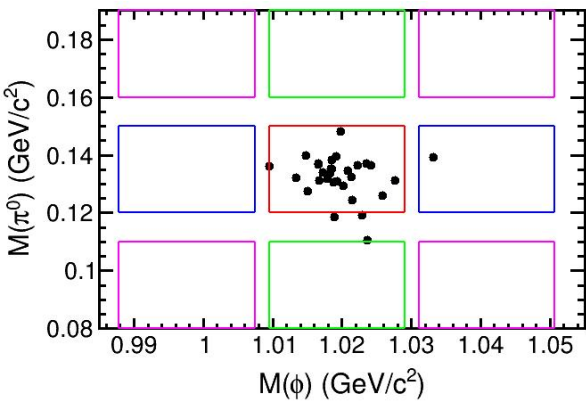
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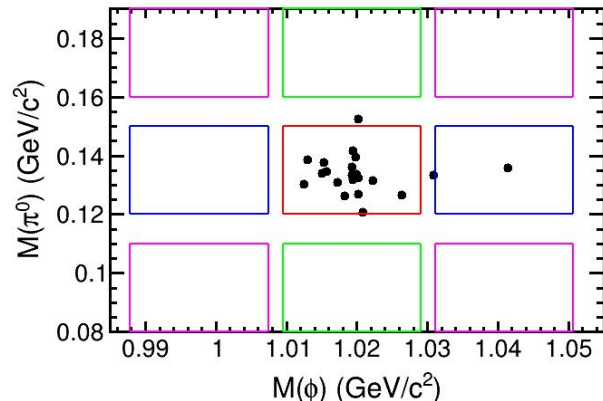
$E_{cm} < 2.0 \text{ GeV}$

Signal yields

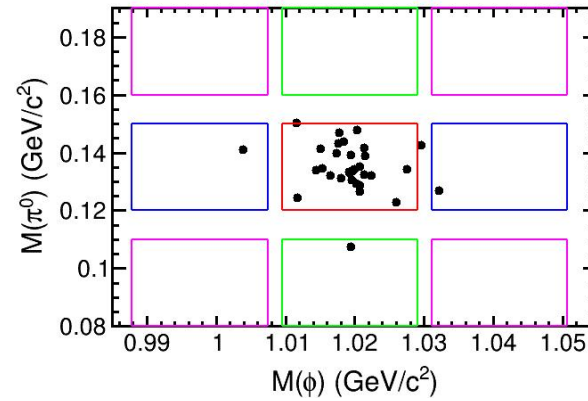
@1.876 GeV



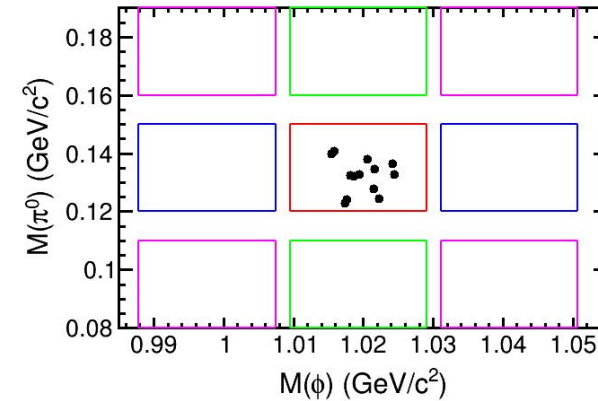
@1.877 GeV



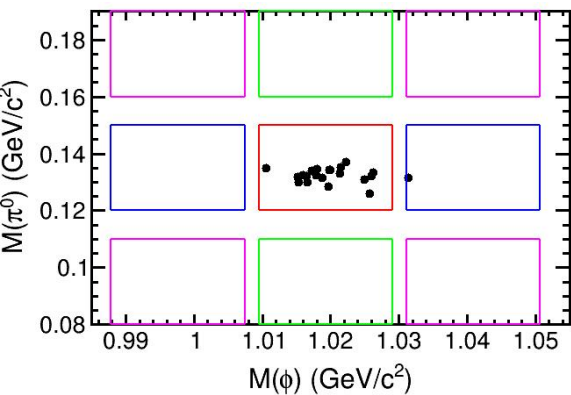
@1.878 GeV



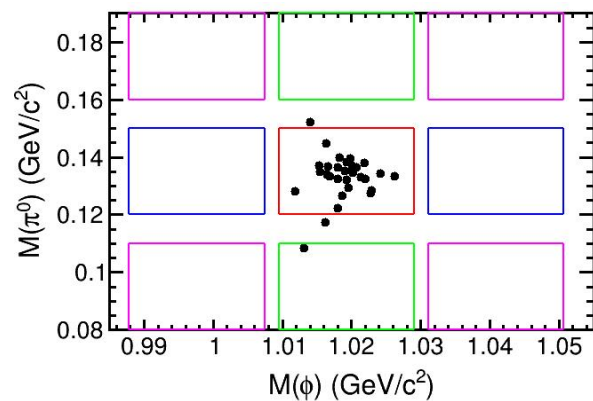
@1.882 GeV



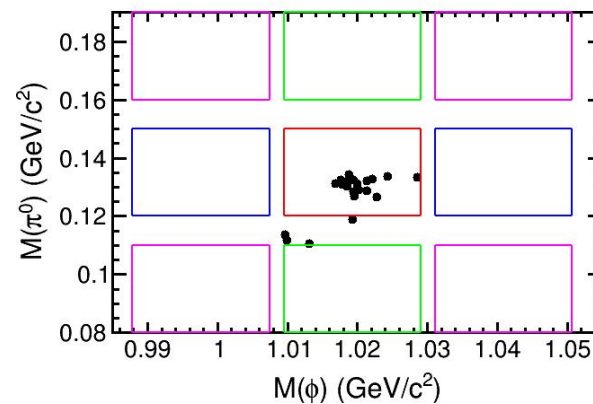
@1.886 GeV



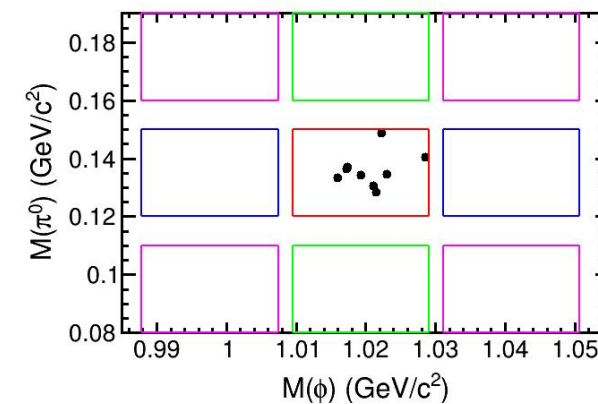
@1.900 GeV



@1.940 GeV



@1.970 GeV



$$E_{cm} > 2.0\text{GeV}$$

Signal yields

The data samples are sufficiently numerous, we fit the invariant mass spectrum.

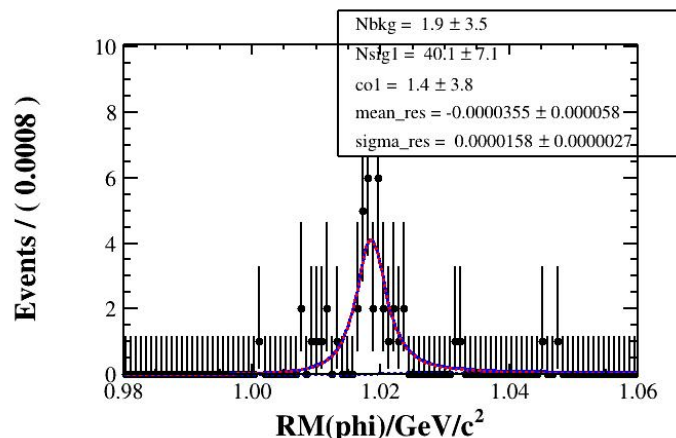
The fit are performed to the distribution of $RM(\Phi)$.

Signal is described by

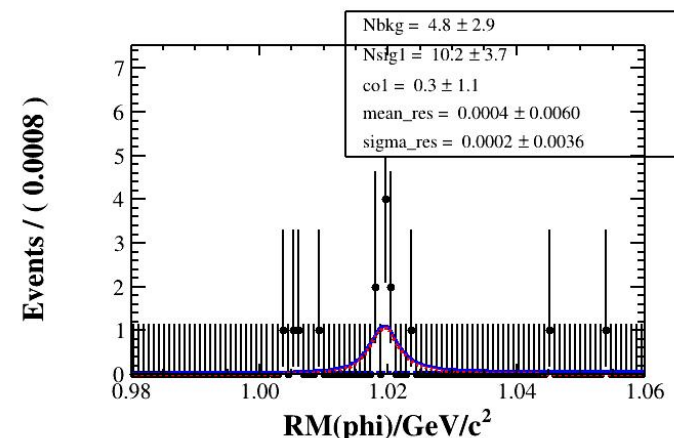
MC shape $\otimes$ Gauss

Background is described with a first-order polynomial function.

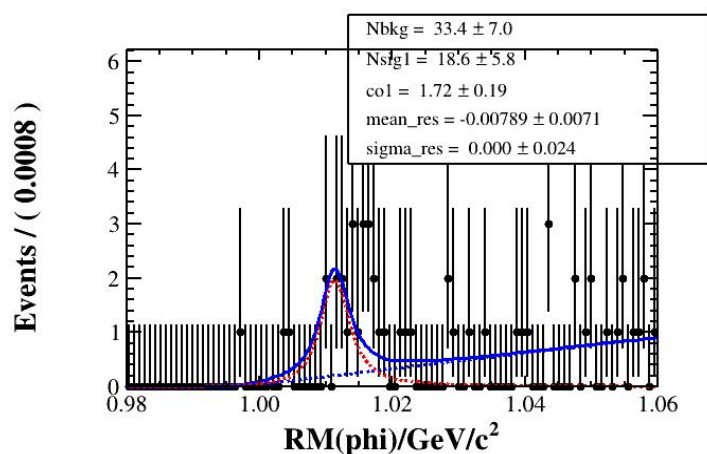
@2.000Gev



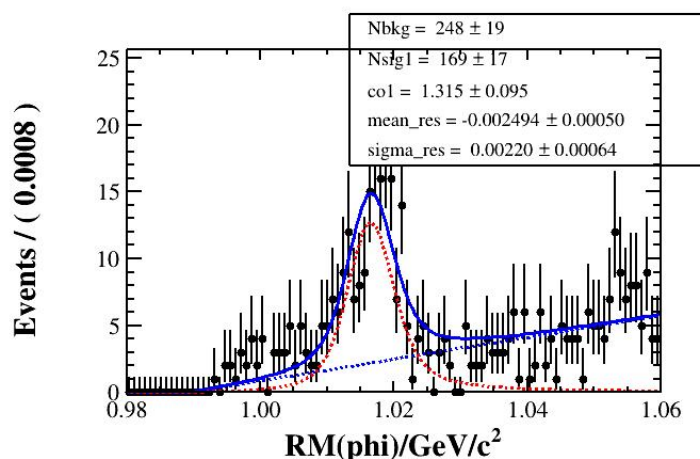
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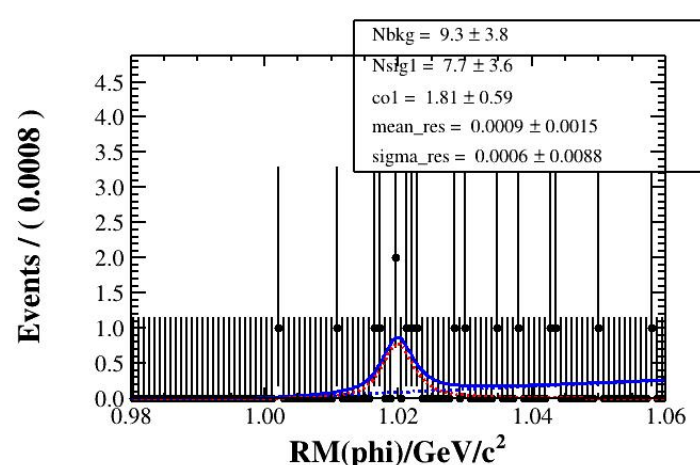
@2.100Gev



@2.125Gev



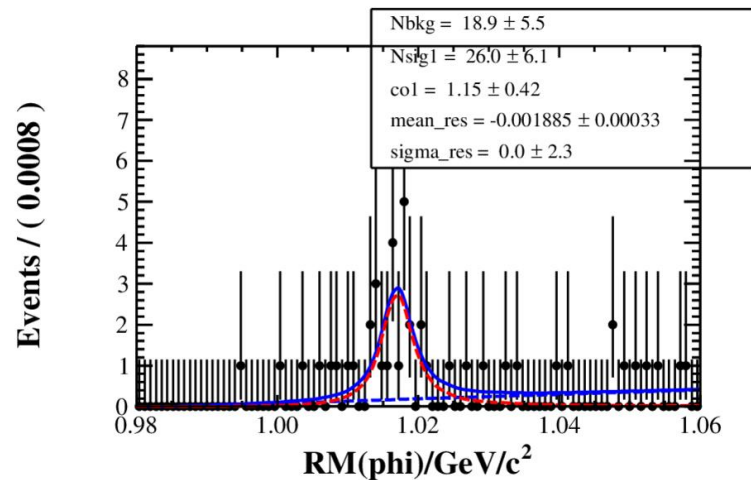
@2.150Gev



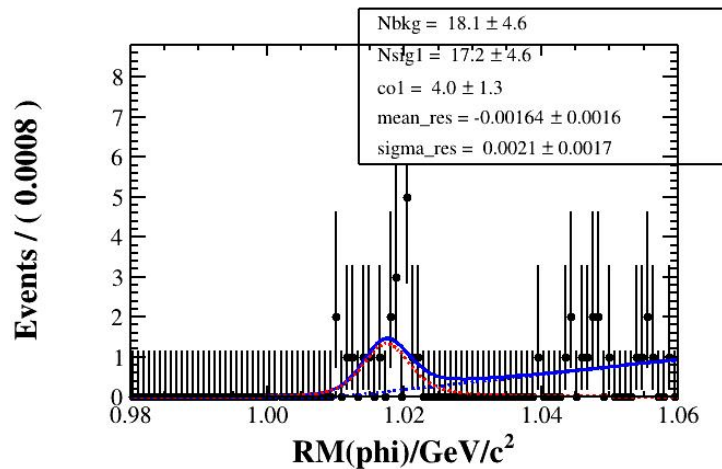
$E_{cm} > 2.0\text{GeV}$

Signal yields

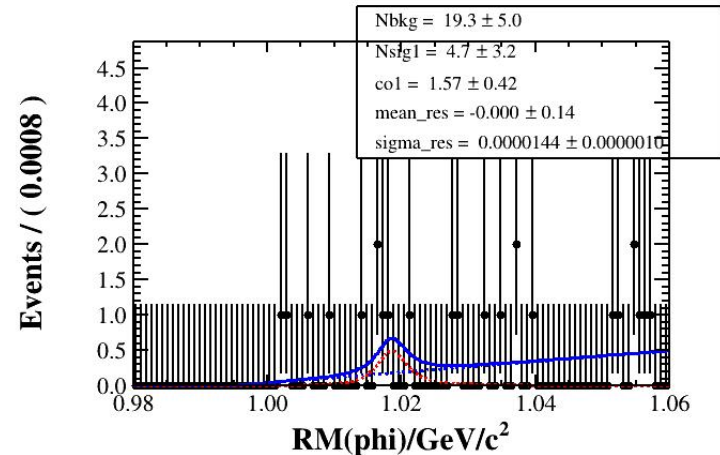
@2.175GeV



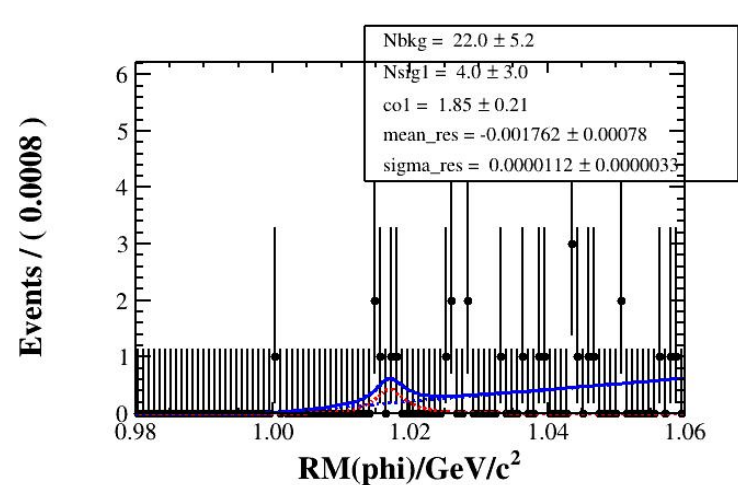
@2.200GeV



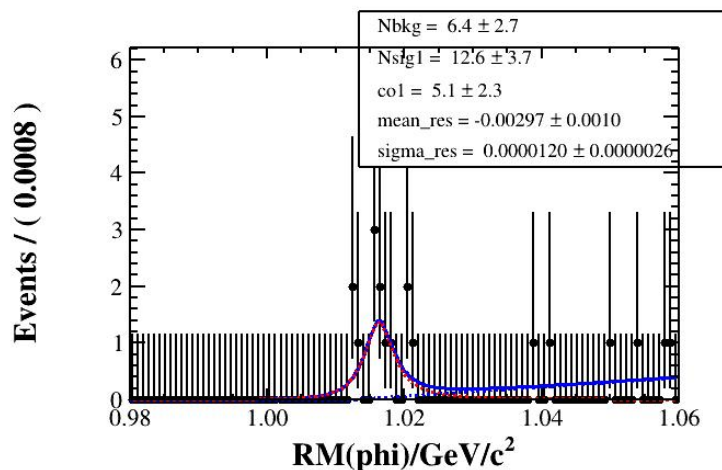
@2.2324GeV



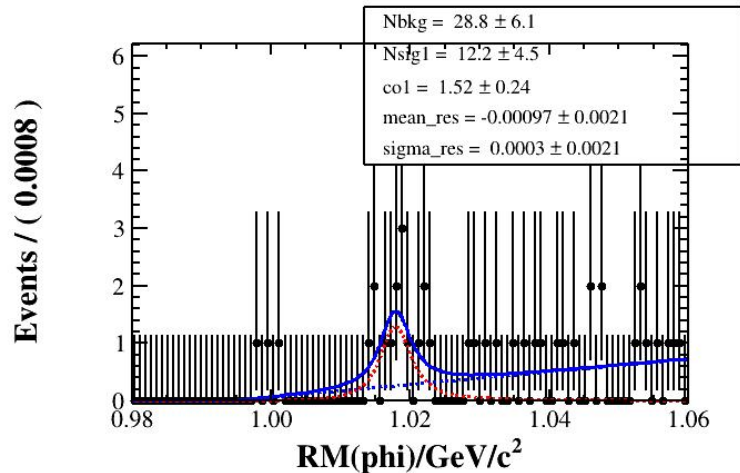
@2.3094GeV



@2.3864GeV



@2.3960GeV

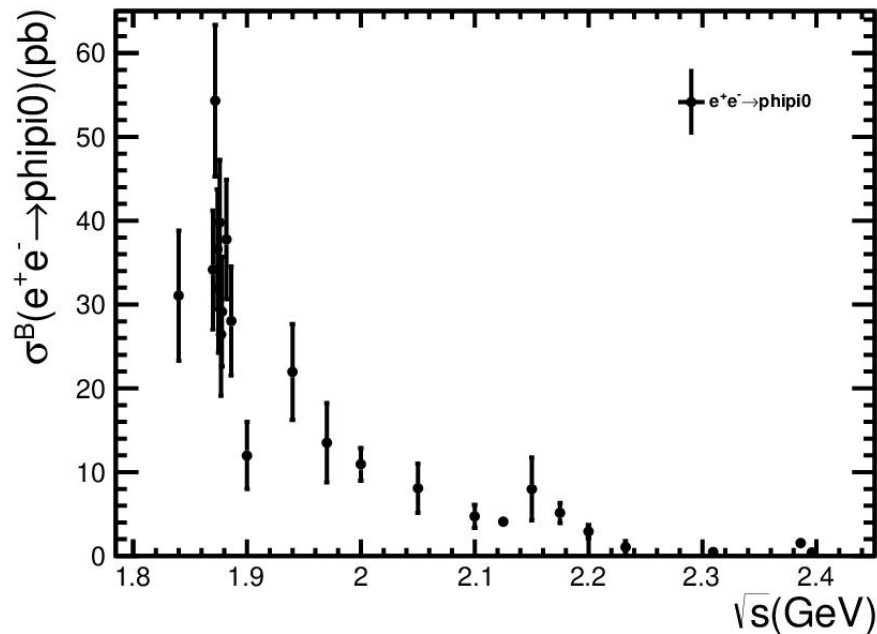


Cross section

Cross section calculation:

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{phipi0}) = \frac{N_{obs}}{\epsilon \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot (1 + \delta) \cdot \frac{1}{|1 - \Pi|^2}}$$

N_{obs} : signal yields



$\sqrt{s}(\text{Gev})$	$\mathcal{L}(1/\text{pb})$	N_{obs}	ϵ	$(1 + \delta) \cdot \frac{1}{ 1 - \Pi ^2}$	$\sigma^B(\text{pb})$
1840	1.501	16 ± 4.0	0.30929	1.0236772	31.052 ± 7.763
1870	2.002	23 ± 4.8	0.23826	1.0243653	34.123 ± 7.121
1872	2.014	36 ± 6.0	0.32228	1.0243725	54.294 ± 9.049
1874	2.019	26 ± 5.1	0.32099	1.0243773	36.574 ± 7.174
1875	1.485	17 ± 4.2	0.32142	1.0243780	31.960 ± 7.708
1876	2.035	29 ± 5.4	0.31878	1.0244025	39.807 ± 7.412
1877	1.341	13 ± 3.7	0.32137	1.0244017	26.442 ± 7.322
1878	2.021	20 ± 4.5	0.31278	1.0243997	29.145 ± 6.558
1882	2.033	28 ± 5.3	0.31697	1.0243975	37.759 ± 7.147
1886	2.031	19 ± 4.4	0.30308	1.0244248	28.019 ± 6.489

Cross section

$\sqrt{s}(\text{Gev})$	$\mathcal{L}(1/\text{pb})$	N^{obs}	ϵ	$(1 + \delta) \cdot \frac{1}{ 1 - \Pi ^2}$	$\sigma^{\text{B}}(\text{pb})$	$\sqrt{s}(\text{Gev})$	$\mathcal{L}(1/\text{pb})$	N^{obs}	ϵ	$(1 + \delta) \cdot \frac{1}{ 1 - \Pi ^2}$	$\sigma^{\text{B}}(\text{pb})$
1900	2.022	9 ± 4.4	0.31189	1.0244973	11.995 ± 3.998	2150	2.84	7.7 ± 3.6	0.36551	1.0309417	8.007 ± 3.743
1940	2.040	15 ± 3.9	0.32802	1.0253173	21.945 ± 5.706	2175	10.6	26.0 ± 6.1	0.37561	1.0316347	5.141 ± 1.206
1970	2.229	8 ± 2.9	0.33205	1.0256117	13.516 ± 4.731	2200	13.7	17.2 ± 4.6	0.37720	1.0322960	2.927 ± 0.783
2000	10.1	40.1 ± 7.1	0.34482	1.0257275	10.943 ± 1.937	22324	11.9	4.7 ± 3.2	0.38148	1.0331155	1.069 ± 0.728
2050	3.34	10.2 ± 3.7	0.35489	1.0272650	8.084 ± 2.932	23094	21.1	4.0 ± 3.0	0.38415	1.0346510	0.509 ± 0.382
2100	12.2	18.6 ± 5.8	0.36073	1.0293558	4.732 ± 1.376	23864	22.5	12.6 ± 2.3	0.38063	1.0356943	1.530 ± 0.279
2125	108	169 ± 17	0.36210	1.0301695	4.076 ± 0.410	23960	66.9	12.2 ± 4.5	0.39097	1.0358138	0.448 ± 0.165

Cross section fit

Model Fitting:

$$\sigma^{Dressed}(\sqrt{s}) = \left| \frac{a}{s^n} \sqrt{PS(\sqrt{s}) + \text{Componet}(\rho(1900)) + \text{Componet}(\rho(2170))} \right|^2$$

$$PS(\sqrt{s}) = \frac{\sqrt{(s - (M_\phi - M_{\pi^0})^2)(s - (M_\phi + M_{\pi^0})^2)}}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

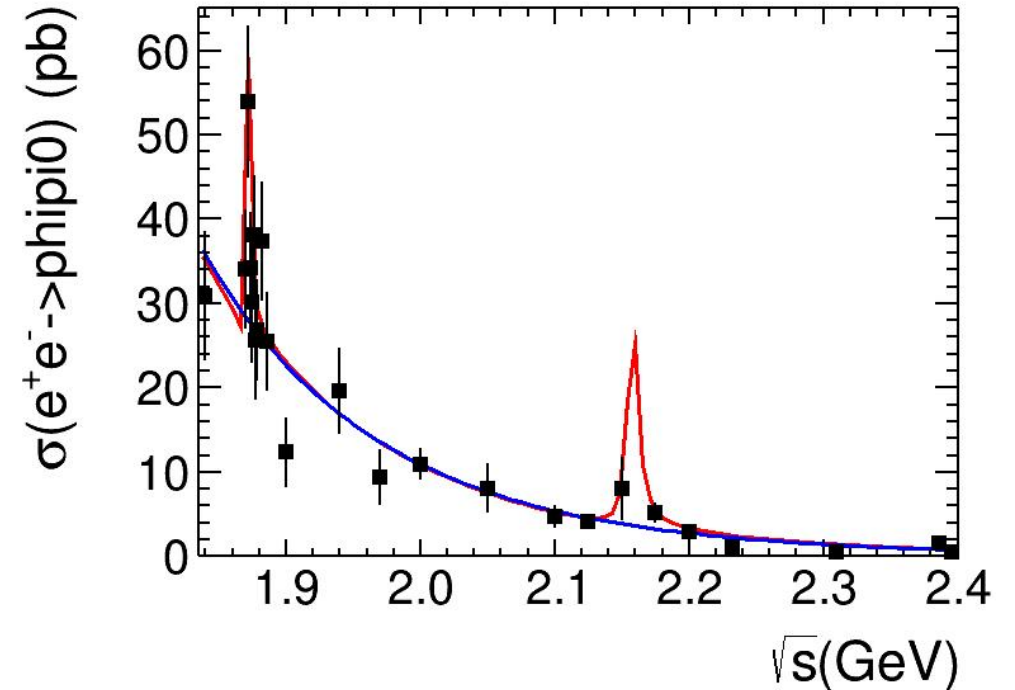
$$PS(M) = \frac{\sqrt{(M^2 - (M_\phi - M_{\pi^0})^2)(M^2 - (M_\phi + M_{\pi^0})^2)}}{2M}$$

$$\text{Componet}(\phi(1900)) = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{\sqrt{12\pi\Gamma_{ee}B_R\Gamma_{tot}}}{s - M^2 + iM\Gamma_{tot}} \sqrt{\frac{PS(\sqrt{s})}{PS(M)}} e^{i\phi(1900)}$$

$$\text{Componet}(\phi(2170)) = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{\sqrt{12\pi\Gamma_{ee}B_R\Gamma_{tot}}}{s - M^2 + iM\Gamma_{tot}} \sqrt{\frac{PS(\sqrt{s})}{PS(M)}} e^{i\phi(2170)}$$

Iterative MC generation method:

To evaluate the efficiency and ISR correction factor, re-generate the MC events with ISR effect, with the CONEXC taking the new line shape as input.



$\rho(1900)$ significant $\approx 2.18\sigma$

$\rho(2170)$ significant $\approx 0.07\sigma$

Systematic Uncertainty

Luminosity	1.0%
Tracking	2.0%
PID	2.0%
Signal shape	11.59%
Background shape	9.76%
Fitting range	7.32%
Sum	17.1%

Summary

- Based on the data samples accumulated by the Beijing Spectrometer III (BESIII) detector when the center-of-mass energy is between 1.840 and 2.396 GeV, we conducted a precise measurement of the cross section for the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi\pi^0$.
- The systematic uncertainties have been completed.
- By fitting cross section , We found that the significance of $\rho(1900)$ is 2.29σ , and the significance of $\rho(2170)$ is 0.08σ . **No significant signal was found for this process.** However, we observed a significant jump at 1900.

Next to do:

- *Prepare the memo.*