

Measurement of the branching fraction of $\eta_c \rightarrow K_S^0 K \pi$

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Motivation

- The branching fraction of $\eta_c \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ with higher accuracy is essential to measure the parameters of the M1 transition.
- Current branching fraction measures have relatively large error.
 - $Br(\eta_c \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp) = (2.60 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.25)\%$ (PR D86 092009 (BESIII))
 - $Br(\eta_c \rightarrow K \bar{K} \pi) = (8.5 \pm 1.8)\%$ (PRL 96 052002 (BABR))
- We have taken $\sim 10^9 J/\psi$ data, however $\Delta Br(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c) \sim 25\%$ if we use the J/ψ data directly.
- While if we use XYZ data with the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c$, $h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$, η_c can be observed using $RM(\pi^+\pi^-\gamma)$ with $RM(\pi^+\pi^-)$ falling into the h_c mass region.

Methods to measure the branching fraction

- We measure the branching fraction via the decay
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c, \eta_c \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ (exclusive mode)
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c, \eta_c \rightarrow anything$ (inclusive mode)
- Recoil the η_c signal with $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ (Inclusive Mode).
- Recoil the η_c signal with η_c reconstructed with $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ (Exclusive Mode).
- The Branching fraction is

$$Br(\eta_c \rightarrow K_S K^\pm \pi^\mp) = \frac{N_{signal}^{exclusive}}{N_{signal}^{inclusive}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon^{inclusive}}{\epsilon^{exclusive}} \cdot \frac{1}{Br(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}.$$

And via this method we can also cancel part of the system errors.

Data Sets and Monto Carlo Samples

BOSS version

6.6.4.p01

Data Sets

We used the XYZ data at the energy points of 4.23 GeV , 4.26 GeV , 4.36 GeV and 4.42 GeV .

Monto Carlo Samples

200K Monto Carlo Samples are generated at each of the four energy points of 4.23 GeV , 4.26 GeV , 4.36 GeV and 4.42 GeV .

Exclusie Mode

Event Selections

Good Charged tracks selections

- $V_{xy} < 1cm$, $|V_z| < 10cm$ (except for the two tracks from K_S^0)
- $|\cos \theta| < 0.93$

Good photon selections($1 \leq N_\gamma \leq 20$)

- $E_\gamma > 25MeV$ for $|\cos \theta| < 0.8$
- $E_\gamma > 50MeV$ for $0.86 < |\cos \theta| < 0.92$
- $0 \leq TDC \leq 14$ (in unit of $50ns$)

Event Selections

To improve the efficiency of selections, we assume the following charged tracks as pions

K_S^0 Reconstruction($N_{K_S^0} \geq 1$)

- $L/\sigma_L > 2$ (L : decay length; σ_L : error of decay length)
- $|m_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{invariant} - m_{K_S^0}| \leq 20\text{MeV}$

We Choose the K_S^0 candidate as the one with the minimum χ_{vertex}^2 .

preliminary $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ list

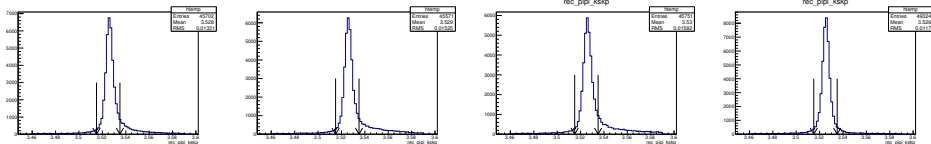
- $3.46 < m_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{recoil} < 3.59\text{GeV}$ (h_c mass region)
- $2.5 < m_{\pi^+\pi^-\gamma}^{recoil} < 3.4\text{GeV}$ (η_c mass region)

Another π^+K^- or π^-K^+ pair is required

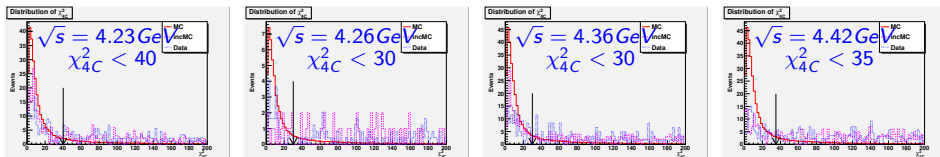
Combination with the minimum $\chi^2 = \chi_{4C}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{PID}^2(i)$ is kept

Optimized Selections

- $3.515 < M_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{recoil} < 3.535 \text{ (} M_{h_c} \pm 3\sigma \text{)}$



- The χ_{4C}^2 cut is optimized with the figure of merit $(FOM) \frac{S}{\sqrt{S+B}}$



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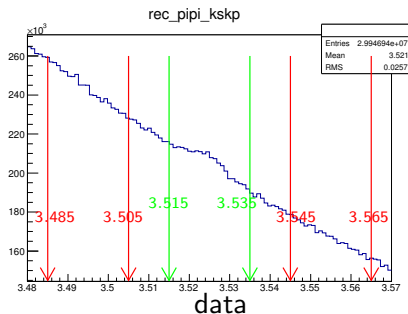
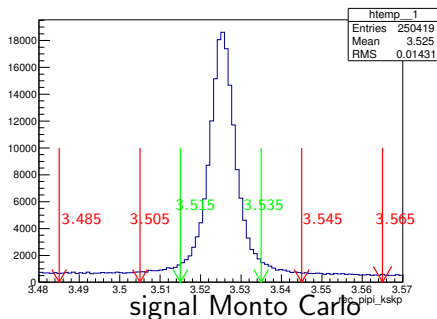
We use the $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ list to recoil the η_c and h_c signal

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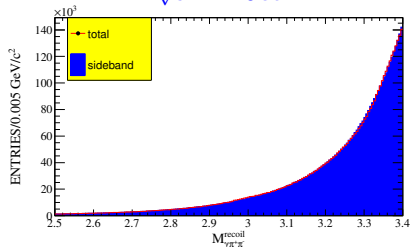
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We use the sideband method to analyze the results ($M_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{recoil}$), and we choose the same range of $M_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{recoil}$ as the exclusive processes.

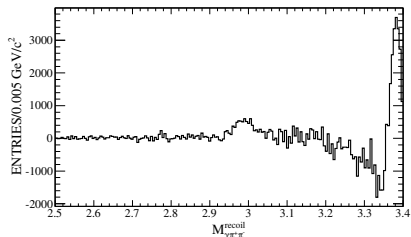
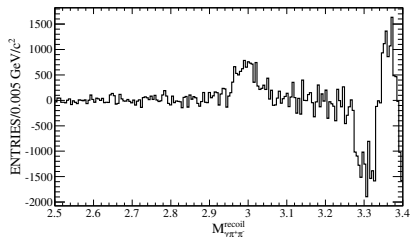
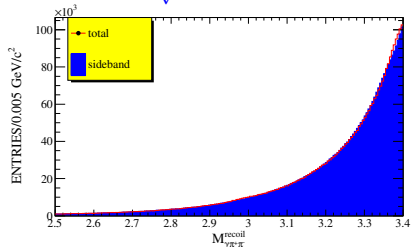


results of sideband $M_{\pi^+\pi^-\gamma}^{\text{recoil}}$

$\sqrt{s} = 4.23 \text{ GeV}$



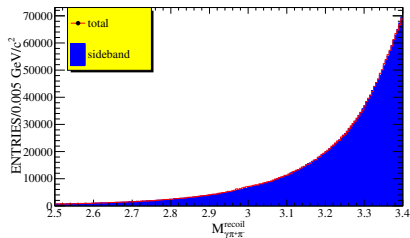
$\sqrt{s} = 4.26 \text{ GeV}$



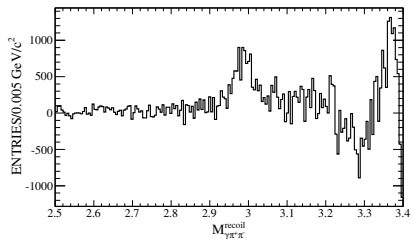
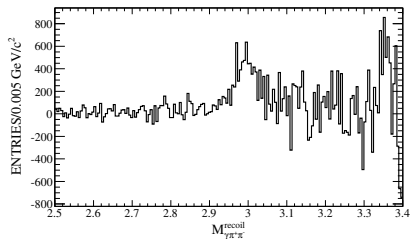
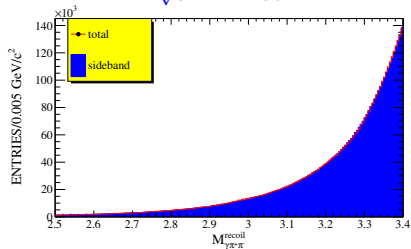
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results of sideband $M_{\pi^+\pi^-\gamma}^{\text{recoil}}$

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$\sqrt{s} = 4.42\text{GeV}$



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Fit Simultaneously

To fit the distribution of $M_{\pi^+\pi^-\gamma}^{recoil}$, we use the fit function

$$F(m) = \sigma \otimes [\epsilon(m) \times |S(m)|^2 \times E_\gamma^3 \times d(E_\gamma)] + B(m),$$

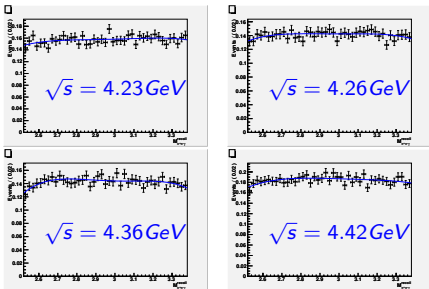
where

- $d(E_\gamma) = \frac{E_0^2}{E_\gamma E_0 + (E_\gamma - E_0)^2}$,
- $\sigma \rightarrow$ Double-Gaussians,
- $S(m) \rightarrow$ Breit-Wigner shapes with common fixed M and σ ,
- $B(m) \rightarrow$
 - Chebyshev Polynomial of the first kind for the exclusive mode,
 - sideband for inclusive mode.

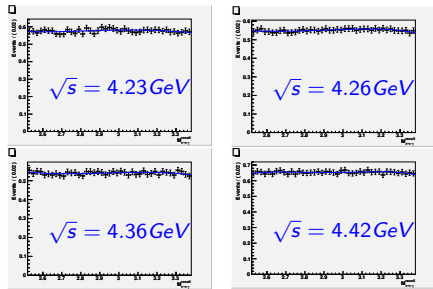
Efficiency Curves

We generate large-width signal Monto Carlo samples, and divide the MC truth after selection by the truth before selection to get the efficiency curve.

Exclusive Processes



Inclusive Processes



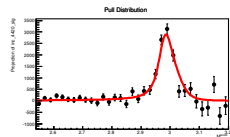
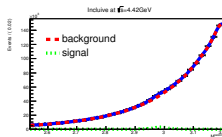
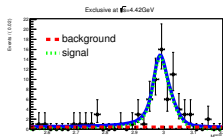
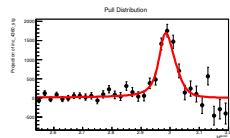
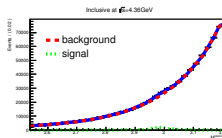
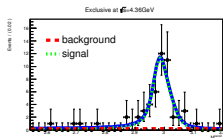
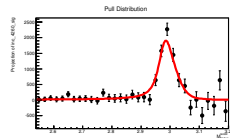
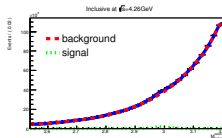
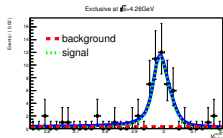
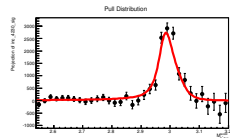
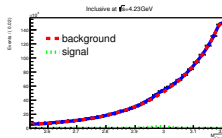
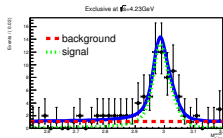
Resolution

We generated 0-width signal Monto Carlo samples, and fit the signal with a double-Gaussians shape.

As the selections are similar, we use the results of the exclusive processes as the inclusive processes

Category		Gaussian 1		Gaussian 2		Coefficient
		$M_1(\text{MeV})$	$\sigma_1(\text{MeV})$	$M_2(\text{MeV})$	$\sigma_2(\text{MeV})$	
Exclusive	4230	2.61	11.29	23.61	26.37	6.44614e-01
	4260	1.73	10.79	20.13	23.70	6.04471e-01
	4360	1.64	10.73	20.54	23.52	6.01291e-01
	4420	2.45	11.28	22.10	25.76	6.34061e-01
Inclusive	4230	2.61	11.29	23.61	26.37	6.44614e-01
	4260	1.73	10.79	20.13	23.70	6.04471e-01
	4360	1.64	10.73	20.54	23.52	6.01291e-01
	4420	2.45	11.28	22.10	25.76	6.34061e-01

Simultaneous Fit



Branching Fraction

Fit Results:

Category		N_{signal}
Exclusive	4230	58.0 ± 9.1
	4260	47.5 ± 7.4
	4360	47.8 ± 7.5
	4420	62.4 ± 8.8
Inclusive	4230	11922.6 ± 719.3
	4260	8030.8 ± 601.4
	4360	7176.5 ± 499.7
	4420	12477.5 ± 708.5

Efficiency:

Category		Efficiency(%)
Exclusive	4230	15.66
	4260	13.94
	4360	14.91
	4420	17.90
Inclusive	4230	48.12
	4260	44.14
	4360	42.59
	4420	51.15

We use the formula on the "Introduction" page to calculate the branching fraction.

And we get the weighted average value, as

Category	Branching fraction(%)
4230	2.16 ± 0.36
4260	2.71 ± 0.47
4360	2.95 ± 0.51
4420	2.34 ± 0.32
average	2.34 ± 0.20

Summary

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- We measured the branching fraction of the process $\eta_c \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ via the exclusive and inclusive processes of the four energy points: 4.23 GeV, 4.26 GeV, 4.36 GeV and 4.42 GeV.
- We fit the signal simultaneously.
- We improved the accuracy of the measurement of the branching fraction.
- We can apply this method to others exclusive analysis.

Plants

- Optimize the analysis
- System errors