

Measurements of Differential Cross Sections of Inclusive η Production in e^+e^- Annihilation at Energies from 2.0000 to 3.6710 GeV: Supplemental Material

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I. SUMMARY OF THE OBSERVED YIELDS FOR THE $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ PROCESS

186 Table I shows the obtained N_η^{obs} in different momentum ranges at different c.m. energies.

TABLE I. The obtained N_η^{obs} in different momentum ranges at different c.m. energies, where the uncertainties are statistical.

| p_η (GeV/c) | $\sqrt{s} = 2.0000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.2000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.3960$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.6444$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.9000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.0500$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.5000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.6710$ GeV |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.00 - 0.10 | 41 ± 11 | 38 ± 12 | 175 ± 25 | 94 ± 17 | 254 ± 30 | 32 ± 10 | 5 ± 5 | 15 ± 6 |
| 0.10 - 0.20 | 276 ± 33 | 416 ± 34 | 1607 ± 69 | 667 ± 47 | 1786 ± 78 | 235 ± 28 | 35 ± 13 | 80 ± 16 |
| 0.20 - 0.30 | 771 ± 42 | 1169 ± 51 | 4324 ± 104 | 1716 ± 71 | 4613 ± 118 | 595 ± 42 | 136 ± 22 | 120 ± 23 |
| 0.30 - 0.40 | 1294 ± 51 | 1716 ± 58 | 6911 ± 123 | 2598 ± 80 | 6813 ± 136 | 785 ± 48 | 136 ± 24 | 148 ± 24 |
| 0.40 - 0.50 | 1241 ± 47 | 1907 ± 59 | 7750 ± 123 | 3045 ± 81 | 8251 ± 134 | 1023 ± 51 | 222 ± 26 | 210 ± 26 |
| 0.50 - 0.60 | 1079 ± 42 | 1443 ± 49 | 6522 ± 108 | 2852 ± 75 | 7657 ± 126 | 888 ± 44 | 229 ± 24 | 227 ± 25 |
| 0.60 - 0.70 | 516 ± 29 | 865 ± 38 | 4187 ± 83 | 2196 ± 62 | 6368 ± 109 | 840 ± 40 | 165 ± 21 | 224 ± 23 |
| 0.70 - 0.80 | 653 ± 29 | 640 ± 30 | 2548 ± 63 | 1761 ± 52 | 5393 ± 94 | 665 ± 34 | 177 ± 18 | 198 ± 20 |
| 0.80 - 0.90 | 191 ± 15 | 449 ± 24 | 1811 ± 51 | 983 ± 38 | 3999 ± 77 | 557 ± 29 | 122 ± 15 | 151 ± 17 |
| 0.90 - 1.00 | - | 128 ± 12 | 1473 ± 43 | 596 ± 29 | 2576 ± 4 | 387 ± 23 | 112 ± 13 | 125 ± 15 |
| 1.00 - 1.10 | - | - | 694 ± 28 | 490 ± 25 | 1316 ± 43 | 229 ± 18 | 76 ± 10 | 93 ± 12 |
| 1.10 - 1.20 | - | - | - | 364 ± 20 | 960 ± 35 | 124 ± 13 | 61 ± 9 | 85 ± 11 |
| 1.20 - 1.30 | - | - | - | - | 876 ± 32 | 101 ± 11 | 41 ± 7 | 62 ± 9 |
| 1.30 - 1.40 | - | - | - | - | - | 73 ± 9 | 25 ± 6 | 56 ± 8 |
| 1.40 - 1.50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19 ± 5 | 29 ± 6 |

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II. SUMMARY OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS FOR THE $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ PROCESS

188 Table II shows the obtained f_η for different momentum ranges at different c.m. energies.

TABLE II. The obtained f_η for different momentum ranges at different c.m. energies, where the uncertainties are statistical.

| p_η (GeV/c) | $\sqrt{s} = 2.0000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.2000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.3960$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.6444$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.9000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.0500$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.5000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.6710$ GeV |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.00 - 0.10 | 3.280 ± 0.123 | 3.435 ± 0.128 | 3.974 ± 0.075 | 4.352 ± 0.119 | 4.495 ± 0.090 | 4.489 ± 0.085 | 5.119 ± 0.109 | 4.873 ± 0.104 |
| 0.10 - 0.20 | 3.170 ± 0.063 | 3.313 ± 0.064 | 3.369 ± 0.033 | 3.763 ± 0.056 | 3.842 ± 0.042 | 3.864 ± 0.042 | 4.313 ± 0.053 | 4.277 ± 0.052 |
| 0.20 - 0.30 | 2.797 ± 0.049 | 2.926 ± 0.051 | 3.088 ± 0.028 | 3.243 ± 0.043 | 3.403 ± 0.034 | 3.423 ± 0.034 | 3.845 ± 0.043 | 3.829 ± 0.042 |
| 0.30 - 0.40 | 2.623 ± 0.048 | 2.734 ± 0.048 | 2.879 ± 0.026 | 3.016 ± 0.040 | 3.116 ± 0.031 | 3.157 ± 0.031 | 3.470 ± 0.038 | 3.526 ± 0.039 |
| 0.40 - 0.50 | 2.511 ± 0.049 | 2.657 ± 0.050 | 2.679 ± 0.025 | 2.826 ± 0.038 | 2.974 ± 0.031 | 2.937 ± 0.030 | 3.141 ± 0.035 | 3.207 ± 0.037 |
| 0.50 - 0.60 | 2.434 ± 0.051 | 2.481 ± 0.051 | 2.644 ± 0.027 | 2.729 ± 0.039 | 2.818 ± 0.029 | 2.819 ± 0.030 | 2.924 ± 0.034 | 3.077 ± 0.038 |
| 0.60 - 0.70 | 2.254 ± 0.049 | 2.384 ± 0.054 | 2.632 ± 0.029 | 2.648 ± 0.040 | 2.696 ± 0.029 | 2.732 ± 0.029 | 2.718 ± 0.031 | 2.910 ± 0.035 |
| 0.70 - 0.80 | 2.367 ± 0.048 | 2.401 ± 0.056 | 2.558 ± 0.031 | 2.701 ± 0.044 | 2.712 ± 0.030 | 2.746 ± 0.031 | 2.727 ± 0.033 | 2.809 ± 0.034 |
| 0.80 - 0.90 | 2.939 ± 0.089 | 2.368 ± 0.054 | 2.540 ± 0.033 | 2.719 ± 0.050 | 2.673 ± 0.032 | 2.718 ± 0.032 | 2.702 ± 0.033 | 2.799 ± 0.035 |
| 0.90 - 1.00 | - | 2.826 ± 0.089 | 2.516 ± 0.033 | 2.653 ± 0.055 | 2.809 ± 0.037 | 2.722 ± 0.034 | 2.713 ± 0.034 | 2.818 ± 0.036 |
| 1.00 - 1.10 | - | - | 3.057 ± 0.053 | 2.419 ± 0.051 | 2.749 ± 0.040 | 2.794 ± 0.038 | 2.812 ± 0.037 | 2.742 ± 0.035 |
| 1.10 - 1.20 | - | - | - | 3.147 ± 0.075 | 2.787 ± 0.047 | 2.918 ± 0.046 | 2.934 ± 0.041 | 2.889 ± 0.039 |
| 1.20 - 1.30 | - | - | - | - | 3.126 ± 0.056 | 2.774 ± 0.048 | 2.917 ± 0.042 | 2.844 ± 0.040 |
| 1.30 - 1.40 | - | - | - | - | - | 3.351 ± 0.065 | 2.928 ± 0.044 | 2.821 ± 0.040 |
| 1.40 - 1.50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3.096 ± 0.053 | 2.999 ± 0.047 |

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III. COMPARISONS ON SOME OBSERVABLES OF η BETWEEN DATA AND LUARLW MC

190 Figure 1 shows the event level comparison between data and LUARLW MC on the distributions of some reconstructed
 191 observables of η including the cosine of the polar angle ($\cos \theta$), the azimuthal angle (ϕ), the multiplicity of η (N_η) and
 192 the helicity of η . The good agreement between data and MC shows that the LUARLW model can reasonably reproduce
 193 the properties of η mesons.

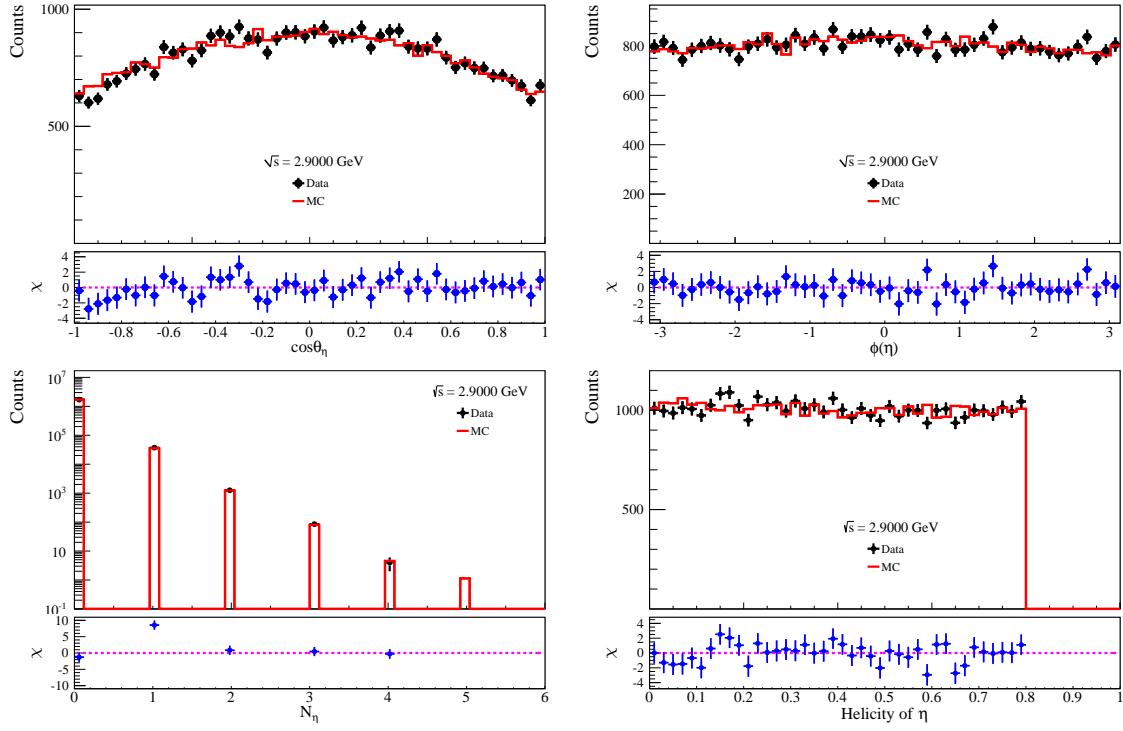


FIG. 1. Event level comparisons between LUARLW MC and data at $\sqrt{s} = 2.9000$ GeV in terms of: the cosine of the polar angle (θ) distribution of η , the azimuth angle (ϕ) of η , the number of reconstructed η , and the helicity distributions in each event, respectively. The pull variable χ , defined as the residual between data and MC, normalized by the uncertainty of the data, is shown on the bottom of each figure.

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IV. NORMALIZED DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTIONS OF THE $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ PROCESS

195 Table III and IV shows the normalized differential cross sections of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ process at different momentum
 196 ranges at different c.m. energy points. The cross sections from the first four c.m. energy points are listed in Table III,
 197 and the last four c.m. energy points are listed in Table IV.

TABLE III. The normalized differential cross section of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ process at different momentum ranges at the first four c.m. energy points, where the first uncertainties are statistical and the second are systematic. Systematic uncertainties are regarded as uncorrelated between different momentum ranges except 2% of that due to the reconstruction of the photons.

| p_η (GeV/c) | $\sqrt{s} = 2.0000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.2000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.3960$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 2.6444$ GeV |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.00-0.10 | $0.010 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.002$ | $0.008 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001$ | $0.010 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.002$ | $0.013 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.002$ |
| 0.10-0.20 | $0.065 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.006$ | $0.081 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.006$ | $0.075 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.006$ | $0.080 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.010$ |
| 0.20-0.30 | $0.160 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.008$ | $0.200 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.025$ | $0.186 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.006$ | $0.177 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.011$ |
| 0.30-0.40 | $0.252 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.013$ | $0.274 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.055$ | $0.277 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.023$ | $0.250 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.010$ |
| 0.40-0.50 | $0.232 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.019$ | $0.296 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.046$ | $0.289 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.036$ | $0.274 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.013$ |
| 0.50-0.60 | $0.195 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.012$ | $0.209 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.016$ | $0.240 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.022$ | $0.248 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.013$ |
| 0.60-0.70 | $0.086 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.032$ | $0.121 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.010$ | $0.153 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.008$ | $0.185 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.015$ |
| 0.70-0.80 | $0.115 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.020$ | $0.090 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.021$ | $0.091 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.008$ | $0.152 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.009$ |
| 0.80-0.90 | $0.042 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.012$ | $0.062 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.006$ | $0.064 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.012$ | $0.085 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.004$ |
| 0.90-1.00 | — | $0.021 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.005$ | $0.052 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.006$ | $0.050 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.008$ |
| 1.00-1.10 | — | — | $0.030 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.009$ | $0.038 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.015$ |
| 1.10-1.20 | — | — | — | $0.036 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.007$ |

TABLE IV. The normalized differential cross section of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ process at different momentum ranges at the last four c.m. energy points, where the first uncertainties are statistical and the second are systematic. Systematic uncertainties are regarded as uncorrelated between different momentum ranges except 2% of that due to the reconstruction of the photons.

| p_η (GeV/c) | $\sqrt{s} = 2.9000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.0500$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.5000$ GeV | $\sqrt{s} = 3.6710$ GeV |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.00-0.10 | $0.014 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.003$ | $0.013 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.027$ | $0.011 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.002$ | $0.026 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.008$ |
| 0.10-0.20 | $0.081 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.013$ | $0.083 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.010$ | $0.063 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.008$ | $0.126 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.009$ |
| 0.20-0.30 | $0.186 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.018$ | $0.187 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.010$ | $0.218 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.023$ | $0.170 \pm 0.033 \pm 0.018$ |
| 0.30-0.40 | $0.251 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.016$ | $0.228 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.008$ | $0.196 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.037$ | $0.192 \pm 0.032 \pm 0.027$ |
| 0.40-0.50 | $0.291 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.017$ | $0.276 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.013$ | $0.290 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.058$ | $0.249 \pm 0.031 \pm 0.044$ |
| 0.50-0.60 | $0.256 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.009$ | $0.230 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.008$ | $0.279 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.056$ | $0.258 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.032$ |
| 0.60-0.70 | $0.204 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.014$ | $0.211 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.008$ | $0.187 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.031$ | $0.240 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.025$ |
| 0.70-0.80 | $0.173 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.014$ | $0.168 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.006$ | $0.201 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.018$ | $0.205 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.021$ |
| 0.80-0.90 | $0.127 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.014$ | $0.139 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.007$ | $0.137 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.010$ | $0.156 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.009$ |
| 0.90-1.00 | $0.086 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.010$ | $0.097 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.011$ | $0.126 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.009$ | $0.130 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.005$ |
| 1.00-1.10 | $0.043 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.008$ | $0.059 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.007$ | $0.088 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.004$ | $0.094 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.007$ |
| 1.10-1.20 | $0.032 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.003$ | $0.033 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.003$ | $0.075 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.004$ | $0.090 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.004$ |
| 1.20-1.30 | $0.032 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.010$ | $0.026 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.004$ | $0.049 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.005$ | $0.065 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.003$ |
| 1.30-1.40 | — | $0.023 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.004$ | $0.030 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.003$ | $0.059 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.008$ |
| 1.40-1.50 | — | — | $0.025 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.002$ | $0.033 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.004$ |

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V. NORMALIZED DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTIONS AS FUNCTION OF z

199 In the main text, the normalized differential cross sections of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ process are given as function of
200 hadron momentum. According to the relation $z \equiv 2\sqrt{p_\eta^2 c^2 + M_\eta^2 c^4}/\sqrt{s}$, these cross sections could be converted to
201 be z -dependent by

$$\frac{1}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})} \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X)}{dz_\eta} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{M_\eta^2 c^2}{p_\eta^2}} \frac{1}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})} \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X)}{dp_\eta}. \quad (1)$$

202 The z -dependent cross sections for the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ process are shown in Fig. 2.

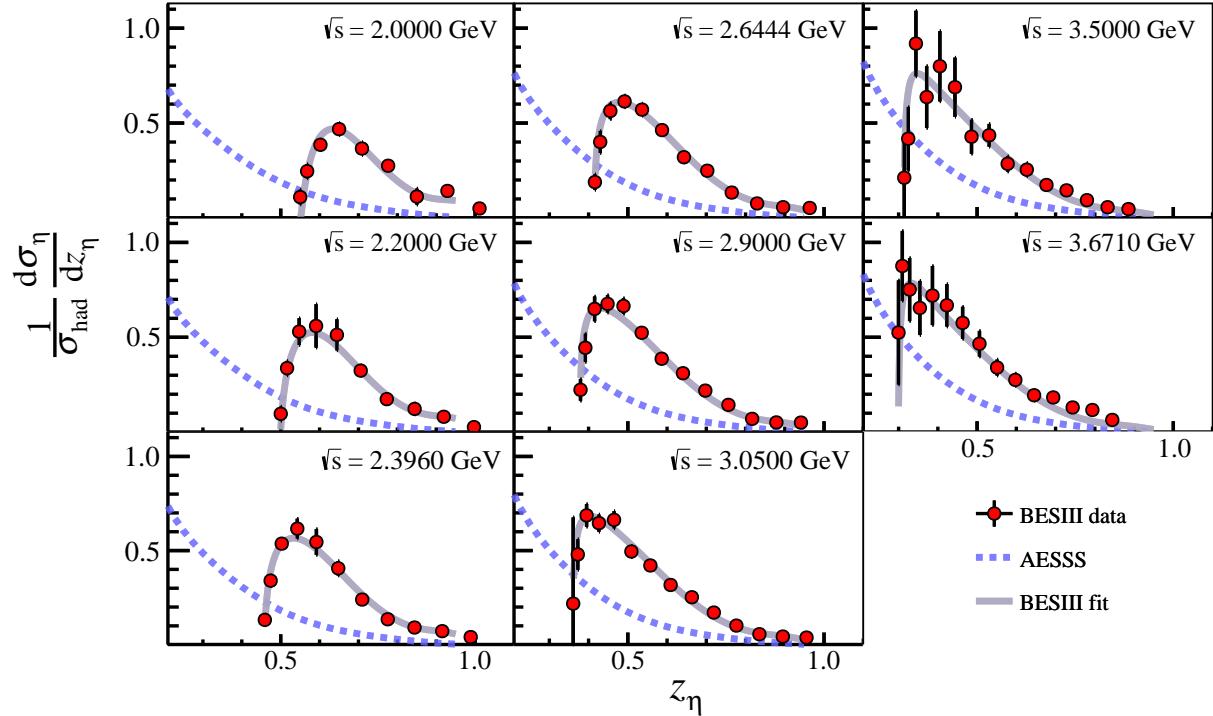


FIG. 2. Normalized differential cross sections for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta + X$ process as function of z . The points with error bars are the measured values. The blue dotted curves denote the predictions by using the AESSS FFs, while the curves in gray denote the calculations by using the newly extracted FFs from our fit.

VI. A GLOBAL ANALYSIS OF η FRAGMENTATION FUNCTIONS WITH BESIII DATA

As new BESIII experimental data become available, especially for its low energy scales, they can provide additional insights into the hadronization process. Up to now, the AESSS [1] FFs at NLO accuracy stand as the primary and sole resource for η . The AESSS FFs are extracted from data of η production in e^+e^- annihilation with \sqrt{s} approximately at 10, 30, and 90 GeV, and in proton-proton collisions at a \sqrt{s} of about 200 GeV. However, the predictions from AESSS FFs significantly deviate from experimental results within the low-energy range of the BESIII experiment.

In [2], we conduct a comprehensive global QCD analysis of single inclusive production of η at NNLO accuracy. We incorporate existing SIA world data along with our low- Q scale BESIII data, aiming to probe the effective region of leading twist QCD collinear factorization. Furthermore, we adopt a parameterized functional approach to investigate the contributions from higher twist. This methodology provides a testing framework for analyzing experimental results over a wide range of energy scales, from low to high, extending traditional theoretical descriptions to encompass the BESIII regime. In the following, we have summarized the essential information for the QCD based analysis for the η inclusive production.

A. Physical Observable

The cross section for the single-inclusive hadron production in electron-positron annihilation ($e^+ + e^- \rightarrow h + X$), normalized to the total cross section σ_{tot} , can be schematically written as

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}} \frac{d\sigma^h}{dz} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}} \sum_{k=T,L} \frac{d\sigma_k^h}{dz}, \quad (2)$$

where $z = 2P_h \cdot q/Q^2$ is the scaling variable ($z = 2E_h/\sqrt{s}$ in electron-positron center of mass frame), P_h and q are the four momenta of the observed hadron and time-like γ/Z boson, respectively, and $Q^2 = q^2 = s$ with \sqrt{s} being the center of mass energy.

More specifically, the transverse (T) and longitudinal (L) part in Eq. (2) can be factorised as a convolution of perturbative coefficient functions C_i^k with $k = T, L$ and non-perturbative fragmentation functions (FFs) D_i^h ,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}} \frac{d\sigma_k^h}{dz} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}} \sum_i C_i^k(z, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}) \otimes D_i^h(z, \mu^2). \quad (3)$$

In our calculation, both factorization and renormalization scales are set equal to the center of mass energy of the collision, $\mu_R = \mu_F = \sqrt{s} = Q$. The symbol \otimes denotes the standard convolution integral defined as

$$[f \otimes g](z) = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy f(x)g(y)\delta(z - xy). \quad (4)$$

In pQCD, the coefficient functions can be calculated as a perturbative series in $a_s = \alpha_s/4\pi$ with α_s the QCD running coupling,

$$C_i^k = C_i^{k,(0)} + a_s C_i^{k,(1)} + a_s^2 C_i^{k,(2)} + \dots \quad (5)$$

To minimize corrections from higher-order effects, we employ the most precise results available for all perturbative coefficients up to NNLO. The expressions for σ_{tot} and the coefficient C are detailed in Refs. [3] and [4–7], respectively.

In our study, we derive fragmentation functions for η using cross-sections from electron-positron single inclusive annihilation (SIA). This analysis integrates our BESIII datasets and comprehensive world datasets [8–19]. The latter cover a broad spectrum of center-of-mass energies from 9.46 GeV at ARGUS to 91.2 GeV at ALEPH and OPAL. The datasets used in this analysis are detailed in Section VI C. For each dataset, the experiment name, associated references, and the number of data points included in the fit are specified. In the small- z region, soft gluon effects render the DGLAP evolution equations unstable, resulting in discrepancies between theoretical models and experimental data. Consequently, all theoretical models restrict their analyses to data points where $z \geq z_{min}$, with z_{min} defining the lower bound of z . In our analysis, we restrict the data to $z \geq 0.05$ and impose an upper limit at $z < 0.95$ to mitigate the significant enhancement from threshold logarithms $\propto \log(1 - z)$.

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B. Fitting framework

240 The fitting framework we employ is grounded in the methodology outlined in Ref. [20], where the fitting process is
 241 performed in Mellin space. Dokshitzer-Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi (DGLAP) equations [21–24] evaluate the FFs
 242 with the energy scale Q^2 as:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln Q^2} D_i^h(z, Q) = \sum_j [P_{ji} \otimes D_j^h](z, Q), \quad (6)$$

243 where P_{ji} are the time-like splitting functions, and z is the fraction of the four-momentum of the parton taken by the
 244 η meson.

245 We take the parameterization form of FFs at initial scale μ_0 following the approach in the series of DSS global
 246 QCD analyses [25–28]:

$$D_i^h(z, \mu_0) = \frac{N_i z^{\alpha_i} (1-z)^{\beta_i} [1 + \gamma_i (1-z)^{\delta_i}]}{B[2 + \alpha_i, \beta_i + 1] + \gamma_i B[2 + \alpha_i, \beta_i + \delta_i + 1]}, \quad (7)$$

247 $B[a, b]$ denotes the Euler Beta function, with a and b chosen such that N_i is normalized to the second moment
 248 $\int_0^1 z D_i^h(z, \mu_0) dz$ of the FFs. Given the limitation of using SIA data, which precludes differentiation between quark
 249 and antiquark fragmentation functions, our analysis adopts the quark combination $q^+ = q + \bar{q}$ for the parametrization.
 250 In Equation (7), the index i represents the quark combinations u^+, d^+, s^+, c^+, b^+ , and the gluon g .

TABLE V. Parameters describing the NNLO FFs ($i^+ = i + \bar{i}$) for η . Inputs for light and gluon FFs are set at the initial scale $\mu_0 = 1.0$ GeV. Inputs for the charm and bottom FFs refer to $\mu = m_c$ and $\mu = m_b$, respectively.

| Parameter | N | α | β | γ | δ |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| $u^+ = d^+ = s^+$ | N_{u^+} | α_{u^+} | β_{u^+} | γ_{u^+} | δ_{u^+} |
| g | N_g | α_g | β_g | - | - |
| c^+ | N_{c^+} | α_{c^+} | β_{c^+} | - | - |
| b^+ | N_{b^+} | α_{b^+} | β_{b^+} | - | - |

251 Utilizing the isospin symmetry, we employ the AESSS scheme [1], which posits $D_{u^+}^\eta = D_{d^+}^\eta = D_{s^+}^\eta$. Considering the
 252 number of experimental data points from e^+e^- annihilation to determine the η FFs is rather limited, we fix $\gamma_{c^+, b^+, g}$
 253 and $\delta_{c^+, b^+, g}$ to zero. During the scale evolution of the fragmentation functions, charm and bottom quarks are included
 254 in the scale evolution above $\mu = m_c$ and $\mu = m_b$, with $m_c = 1.43$ GeV and $m_b = 4.3$ GeV denoting the masses of the
 255 charm and bottom quarks, respectively. Following these considerations, the free parameters for η are summarized in
 256 Table V.

257 Parameters defining the fragmentation functions (FFs) for quarks and gluons into eta, delineated in Equation (7),
 258 are ascertained by standard χ^2 minimization. The minimized χ^2 value is delineated by the following equation:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{(T_j - E_j)^2}{\Delta E_j^2}, \quad (8)$$

259 where E_j represents the experimentally measured value, ΔE_j signifies the associated uncertainty, and T_j corresponds
 260 to the theoretical prediction for the parameters in Equation (7). For the experimental uncertainties ΔE_j , we currently
 261 account for both statistical and systematic errors in quadrature.

262 Fixed-order NNLO calculations in SIA are accessible [4–7] and requisite for accurate predictions, allowing the FFs
 263 fits to be conducted according to this benchmark.

264 Given the relatively low energy scale at BESIII, the consideration of hadron mass corrections [29–31] becomes
 265 pertinent. Our methodology for hadron mass corrections adheres to the approach outlined in these references. With
 266 hadron mass (m_h) effects considered, the scaling variable transitions from $z = 2E_h/\sqrt{s}$ to the designated light-cone
 267 scaling variable ξ . It is given by,

$$\xi = \frac{z}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_h^2}{Q^2 z^2}} \right). \quad (9)$$

268 Consequently, the differential cross section in the presence of hadron mass effects for a SIA process need to be modified

269 as

$$\frac{d\sigma^h}{dz} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{m_h^2}{Q^2 \xi^2}} \frac{d\sigma^h}{d\xi}. \quad (10)$$

270 To assess the higher twist contributions within the global analysis framework, we utilize the approach developed
271 by Accardi et al. [32], and extend it to include higher twist effects with a phenomenological function dependent on z :

$$\frac{d\sigma_k^h}{dz} = \frac{d\sigma_k^{h,LT}}{dz}(z, Q^2) \left[1 + \frac{C_{T4}(z)}{Q^2} + \frac{C_{T6}(z)}{Q^4} + \dots \right], \quad (11)$$

272 where $d\sigma_k^{h,LT}$ represents the leading twist contribution as delineated in Eq.(2). The subsequent terms, specifically
273 the second and third, correspond to the twist-4 and twist-6 corrections to the leading twist, attenuated by $\frac{1}{Q^2}$ and
274 $\frac{1}{Q^4}$ respectively. The higher twist coefficient functions are parameterized by a polynomial function as

$$C_{T4}(x) = h_0 x^{h_1} (1 + h_2 x), C_{T6}(x) = h_3 x^{h_4} (1 + h_5 x), \quad (12)$$

275 with h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4 and h_5 as free parameters. In this analysis, we employ C_{T4} and C_{T6} to effectively characterize
276 the data points. More complex parametrizations necessitate extensive data analysis, which lies beyond the scope of
277 the current study.

278 C. Results

279 Initially, we apply a global analysis to the SIA data for η employing fixed-order pQCD calculations at NNLO, without
280 hadron mass corrections and higher twist effects. It turns out that we can reproduce the similar χ^2 results in AESSS
281 [1] without the BESIII low energy data, and a satisfactory fit is obtained for η . However, this satisfactory convergence
282 is compromised when incorporating BESIII low energy data, despite the inclusion of hadron mass corrections. This
283 finding compellingly advocates the incorporation of both mass corrections and higher twist effects, which yield χ^2/N_{dp}
284 values of 1.52 for η , indicating of a satisfactory fit quality.

285 In the following, we discuss the quality of the fits and compare our predictions to the included datasets. The
286 overall statistical quality of our fit, as quantified by the χ^2 per data point (χ^2/N_{dp}), for both individual and combined
287 datasets, is summarized in Tables VI.

288 The optimal fit parameters for π^0 , K_S^0 , and η fragmentation functions (FFs), along with the corresponding higher
289 twist effects, are detailed in Tables VII, and VIII.

TABLE VI. The list of input datasets in analyses of η . For each dataset, we indicate the corresponding published reference, the name of the experiments, the center-of-mass energy \sqrt{s} and the value of χ^2 per data point for the individual dataset in our best-fit. The total values of χ^2/N_{dp} have been presented as well.

| Exp(η) | \sqrt{s} [GeV] | N_{dp} | χ^2/N_{dp} |
|---------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| ARGUS [8] | 9.46 | 6 | 5.69 |
| HRS [9] | 29.0 | 13 | 3.10 |
| MARK II [10] | 29.0 | 7 | 0.56 |
| JADE [11] | 34.4 | 2 | 3.77 |
| JADE [12] | 35.0 | 4 | 0.44 |
| CELLO [13] | 35.0 | 4 | 0.18 |
| ALEPH [14] | 91.2 | 8 | 0.59 |
| ALEPH [15] | 91.2 | 18 | 1.07 |
| ALEPH [16] | 91.2 | 5 | 11.18 |
| L3 [17] | 91.2 | 5 | 1.11 |
| L3 [18] | 91.2 | 11 | 1.19 |
| OPAL [19] | 91.2 | 11 | 0.90 |
| BESIII | 2.00 | 8 | 2.38 |
| BESIII | 2.20 | 9 | 0.67 |
| BESIII | 2.39 | 10 | 1.25 |
| BESIII | 2.64 | 11 | 0.36 |
| BESIII | 2.90 | 13 | 0.67 |
| BESIII | 3.05 | 13 | 0.55 |
| BESIII | 3.50 | 15 | 0.72 |
| BESIII | 3.67 | 15 | 1.42 |
| TOTAL | | 188 | 1.52 |

TABLE VII. Parameters describing the NNLO FFs ($i^+ = i + \bar{i}$) for η with one standard deviation uncertainties. Inputs for light and gluon FFs are set at the initial scale $\mu_0 = 1.0$ GeV. Inputs for the charm and bottom FFs refer to $\mu = m_c$ and $\mu = m_b$, respectively.

| Parameter | N | α | β | γ | δ |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| $u^+ = d^+ = s^+$ | 0.030 ± 0.003 | 2.4 ± 0.9 | 0.4 ± 0.7 | 341 ± 339 | 4.0 ± 0.5 |
| g | 0.123 ± 0.005 | -0.1 ± 0.4 | 0.5 ± 0.3 | - | - |
| c^+ | 0.0008 ± 0.0010 | 46.8 ± 41.7 | 7.9 ± 8.3 | - | - |
| b^+ | 0.007 ± 0.001 | 50.0 ± 43.1 | 18.6 ± 1.1 | - | - |

TABLE VIII. Parameters of higher twist effect for η with one standard deviation uncertainties.

| | h_0 | h_1 | h_2 | h_3 | h_4 | h_5 |
|----|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| HT | -4.5 ± 0.9 | -1.5 ± 0.2 | -5.5 ± 0.5 | 3.0 ± 0.8 | -2.8 ± 0.5 | -6.8 ± 1.7 |

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