

# Recent Achievements of BESIII

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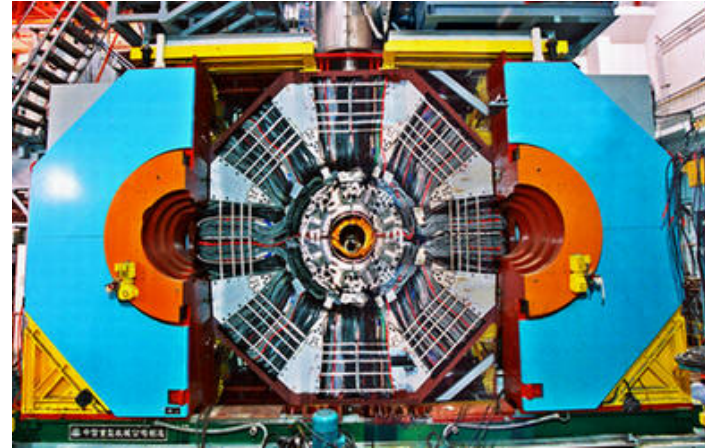
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# BESIII Physics Program

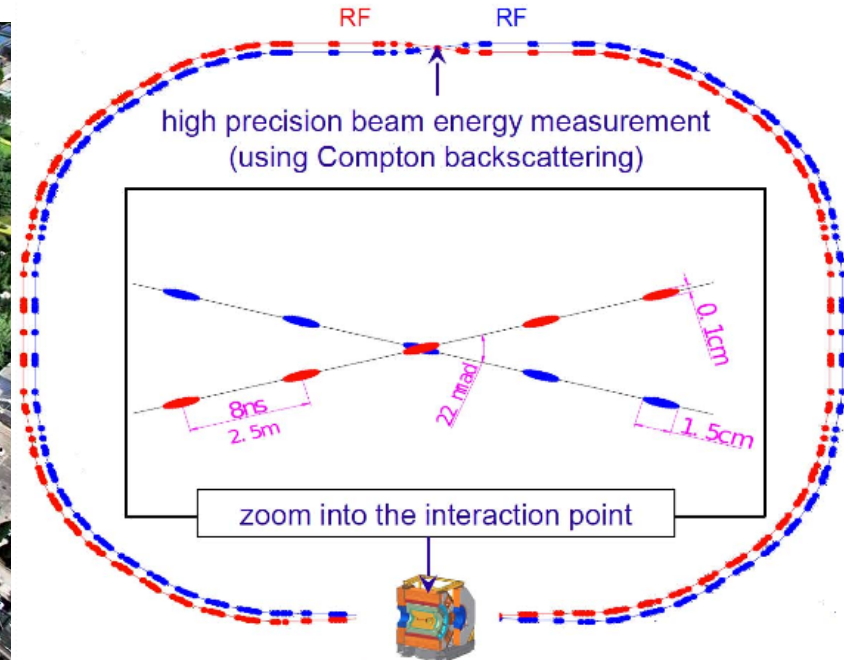
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- **Light Hadrons**
  - Meson and baryon spectroscopy
  - Search for exotic hadrons, e.g. glueballs, hybrids, tetraquarks
  - Light meson decays ( $\eta^{(\prime)}$ ,  $\omega$ )
- **Charmonium Physics**
  - X, Y, and Z states
  - Decays and transitions
- **Open Charm Physics**
  - D meson decays
  - $D\bar{D}$  mixing
- And many further topics
  - e.g. tau and two-photon physics



Today: Recent highlights from light hadron and (exotic) charmonium spectroscopy

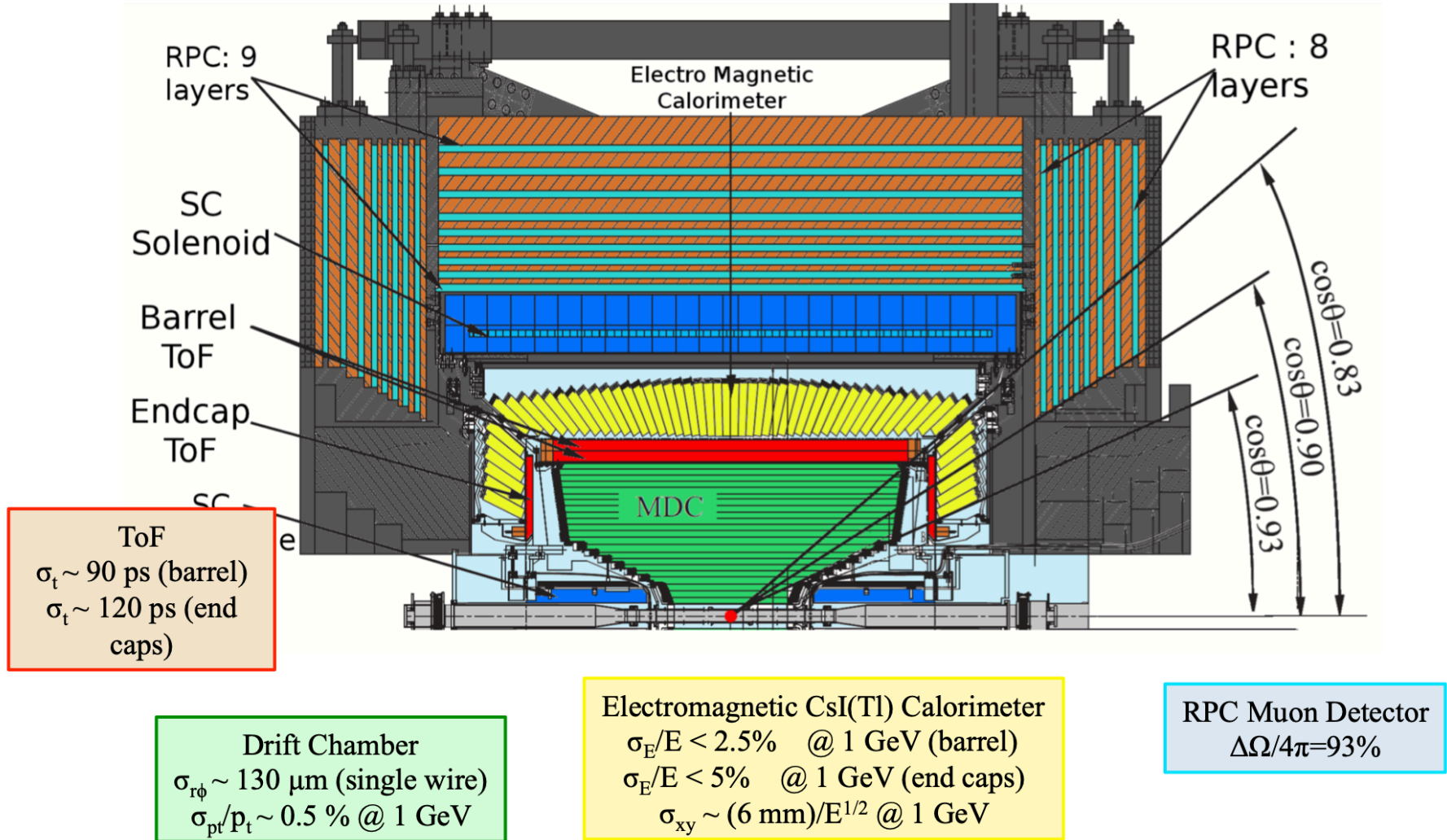
# BESIII at BEPC II



## Symmetric electron-positron collider BEPC II

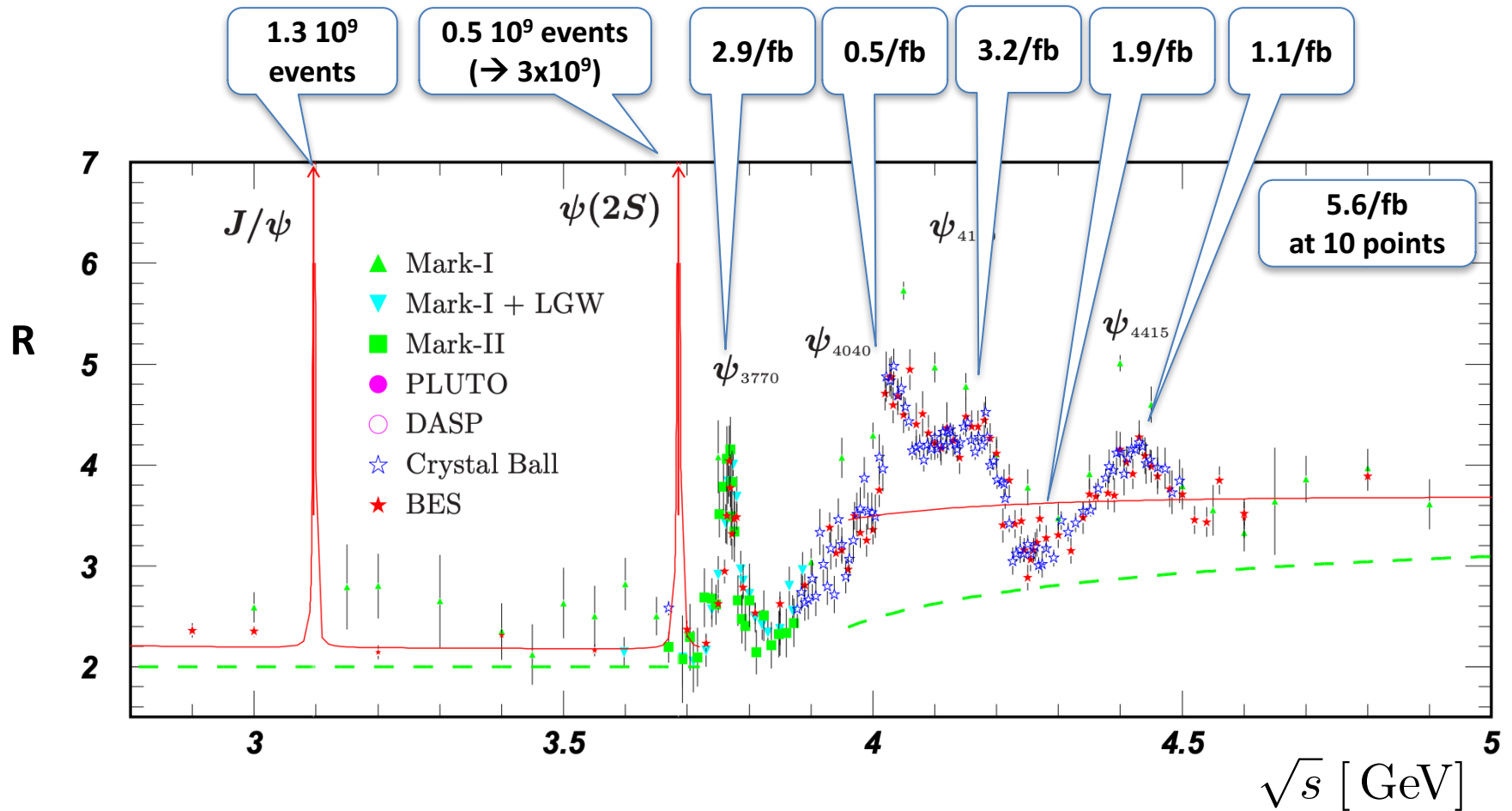
- Energy range:  $\sqrt{s} = 2.0 - 4.6$  GeV ( $\sim 5$  GeV since summer 2019)
- Design luminosity achieved:  $1 \times 10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> (at  $\psi(3770)$ )
- Energy spread:  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$
- Operating since March 2008

# The BESIII Detector



# Data Samples

World's largest  $\tau$ -charm data samples in direct  $e^+e^-$  annihilations



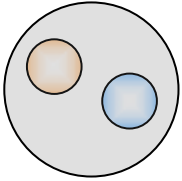
Clean environment, complementary to hadron machines

# QCD Bound States

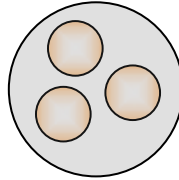
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## Conventional hadrons

mesons:  $q\bar{q}$

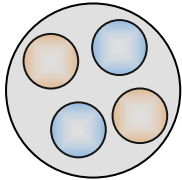


baryons:  $qqq$

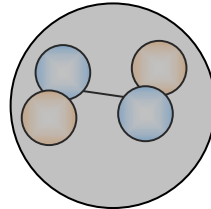


## Exotic hadrons (other color-neutral configurations)

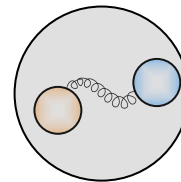
tetraquarks:  $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$



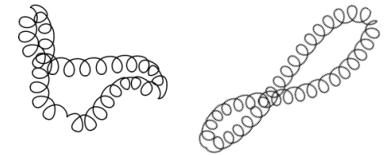
molecules:  $[q\bar{q}][q\bar{q}]$



hybrids:  $q\bar{q}g$



glueballs:  $gg, ggg$



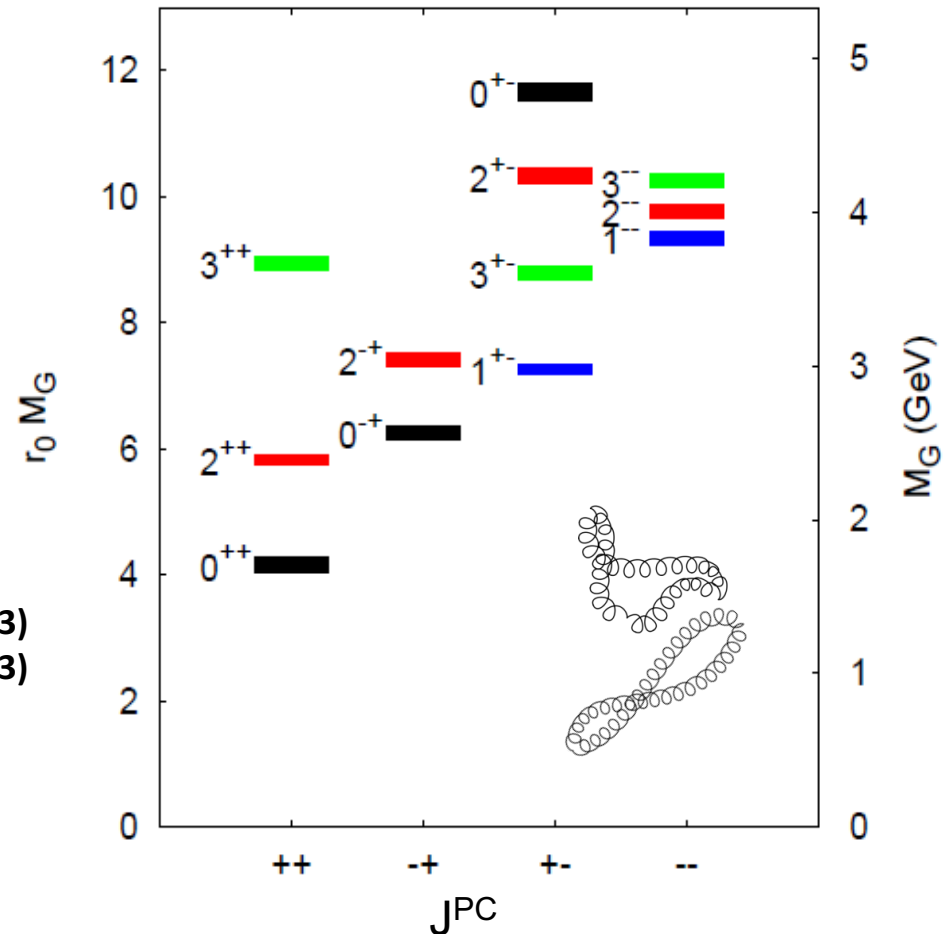
Candidates for exotic hadrons exist

Nature of these states is far from being understood

# Glueballs

- Lattice predictions
  - $0^{++}$ :  $m \sim 1710$  MeV
  - $2^{++}$ :  $m \sim 2390$  MeV
  - $0^{-+}$ :  $m \sim 2560$  MeV
- Production in (gluon-rich) radiative  $J/\psi$  decays
  - large BFs predicted
  - $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0^{++}}) = 3.8(9) \times 10^{-3}$
  - $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2^{++}}) = 1.1(2)(1) \times 10^{-2}$
  - CLQCD, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 021601 (2013)
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- Mixing with nearby  $q\bar{q}$  states complicates the clear identification

Glueball Spectrum  
(Lattice QCD)

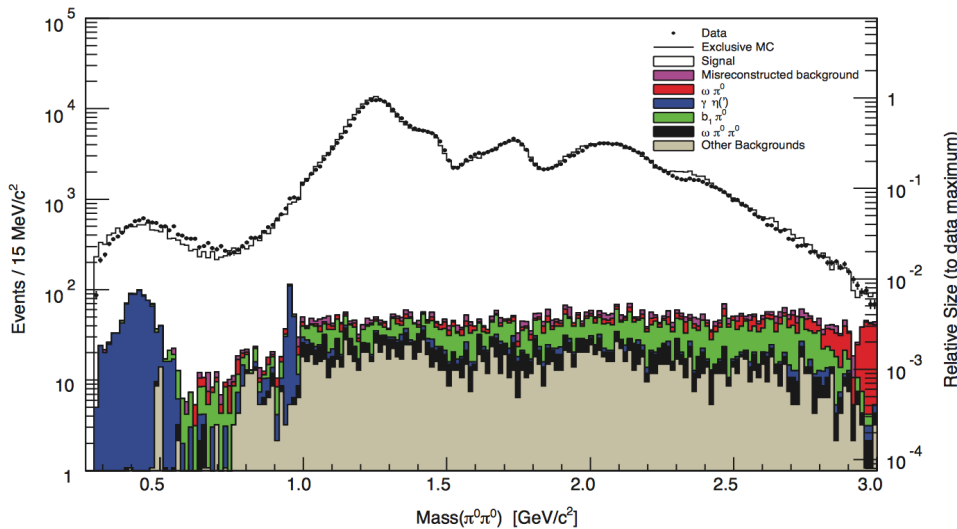


Y. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. D **73**, 014516 (2006)

# Partial Wave Analyses

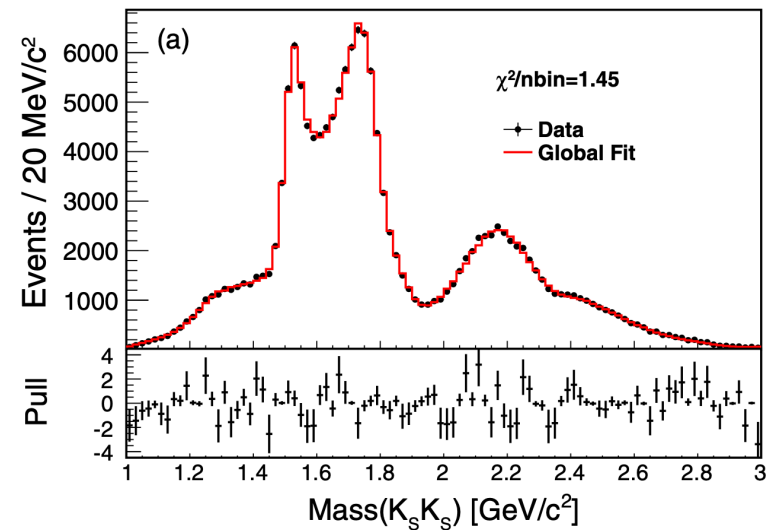
- Partial Wave Analyses of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0\pi^0, \eta\eta, K_S^0K_S^0$ 
  - many broad and overlapping resonances, many open channels
  - complex structure, parameterization challenging
- Approach: Model Independent Partial Wave Analysis
  - do not parameterize mass-dependent kinematics of the amplitudes

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0\pi^0$$



Phys.Rev. D92 052003 (2015)

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$$



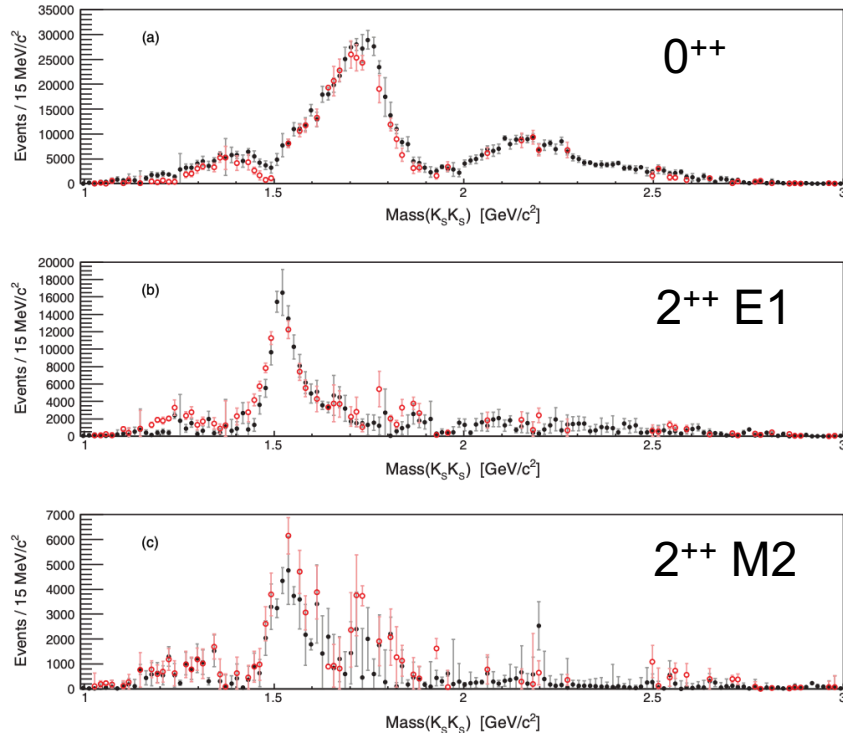
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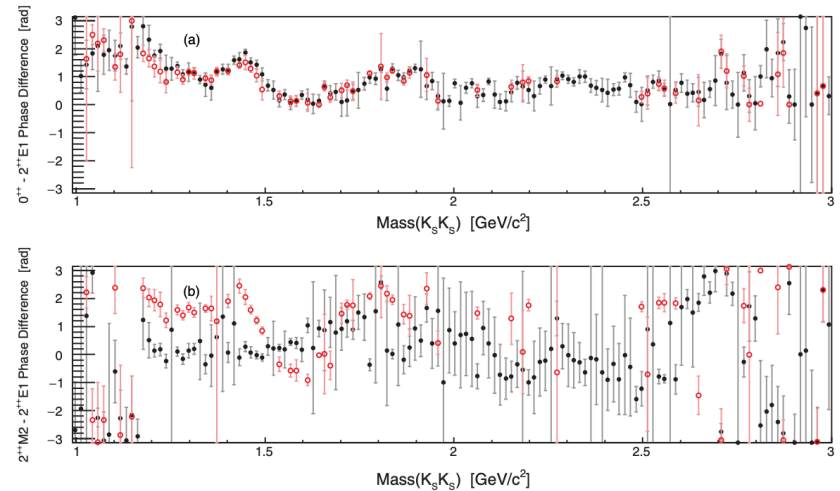
# Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$

Phys. Rev. D 98, 072003 (2018)

Extracted Intensity



Relative Phase wrt/ 2<sup>++</sup> E1 amplitude



nominal solution  
ambiguous solution

- Only 0<sup>++</sup> and 2<sup>++</sup> contribute significantly
- Ambiguities are resolved in a model-dependent fit

# Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$

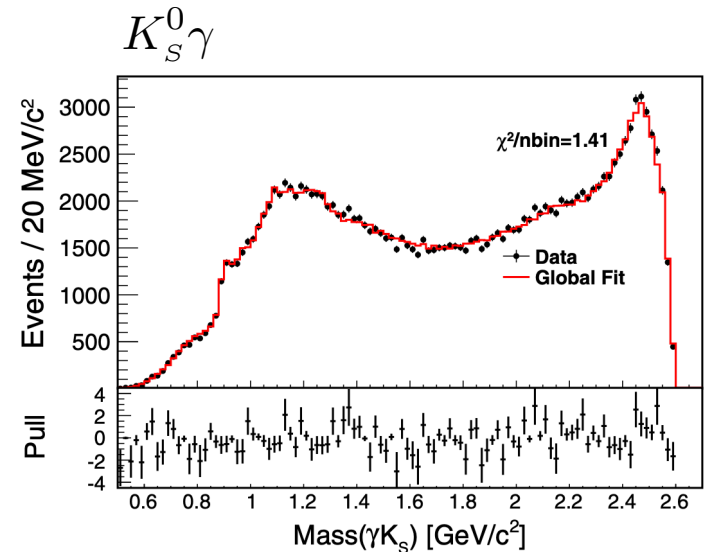
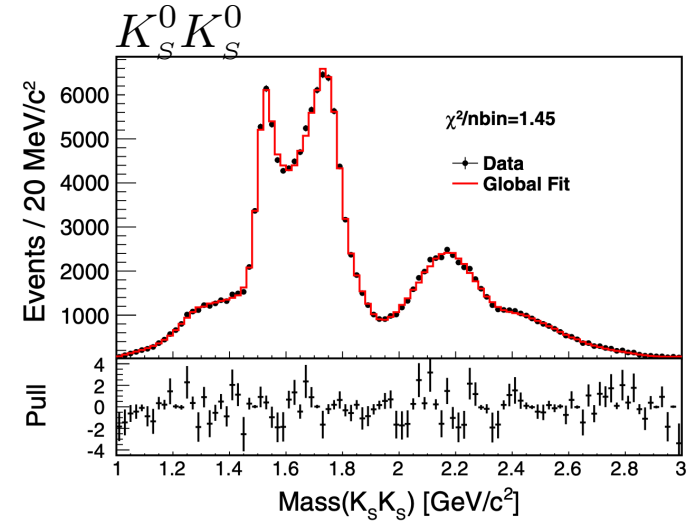
Parameterization:

7 contributions  $0^{++} K_S^0 K_S^0$

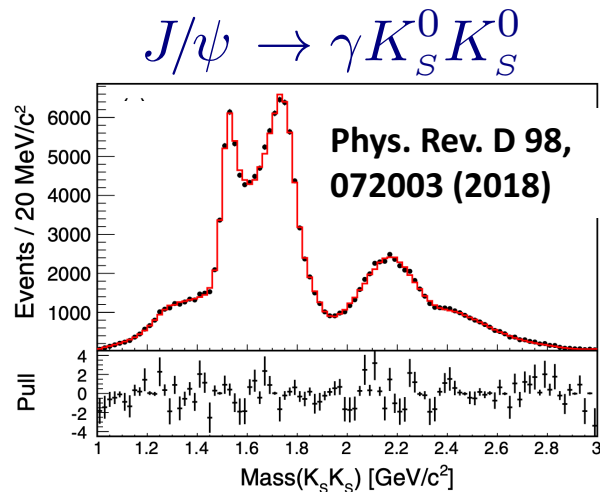
4 contributions  $2^{++} K_S^0 K_S^0$

$K^*(892)$  and  $K_1(1270)$  in  $K_S^0 \gamma$

Resonance	$M$ (MeV/ $c^2$ )	$\Gamma$ (MeV/ $c^2$ )	Branching fraction
$K^*(892)$	896	48	$(6.28_{-0.17-0.52}^{+0.16+0.59}) \times 10^{-6}$
$K_1(1270)$	1272	90	$(8.54_{-1.20-2.13}^{+1.07+2.35}) \times 10^{-7}$
$f_0(1370)$	$1350 \pm 9_{-2}^{+12}$	$231 \pm 21_{-48}^{+28}$	$(1.07_{-0.07-0.34}^{+0.08+0.36}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_0(1500)$	1505	109	$(1.59_{-0.16-0.56}^{+0.16+0.18}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_0(1710)$	$1765 \pm 2_{-1}^{+1}$	$146 \pm 3_{-1}^{+7}$	$(2.00_{-0.02-0.10}^{+0.03+0.31}) \times 10^{-4}$
$f_0(1790)$	$1870 \pm 7_{-3}^{+2}$	$146 \pm 14_{-15}^{+7}$	$(1.11_{-0.06-0.32}^{+0.06+0.19}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_0(2200)$	$2184 \pm 5_{-2}^{+4}$	$364 \pm 9_{-7}^{+4}$	$(2.72_{-0.06-0.47}^{+0.08+0.17}) \times 10^{-4}$
$f_0(2330)$	$2411 \pm 10 \pm 7$	$349 \pm 18_{-1}^{+23}$	$(4.95_{-0.21-0.72}^{+0.21+0.66}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_2(1270)$	1275	185	$(2.58_{-0.09-0.20}^{+0.08+0.59}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_2'(1525)$	$1516 \pm 1$	$75 \pm 1 \pm 1$	$(7.99_{-0.04-0.50}^{+0.03+0.69}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_2(2340)$	$2233 \pm 34_{-25}^{+9}$	$507 \pm 37_{-21}^{+18}$	$(5.54_{-0.40-1.49}^{+0.34+3.82}) \times 10^{-5}$
$0^{++}$ PHSP	...	...	$(1.85_{-0.05-0.26}^{+0.05+0.68}) \times 10^{-5}$
$2^{++}$ PHSP	...	...	$(5.73_{-1.00-3.74}^{+0.99+4.18}) \times 10^{-5}$

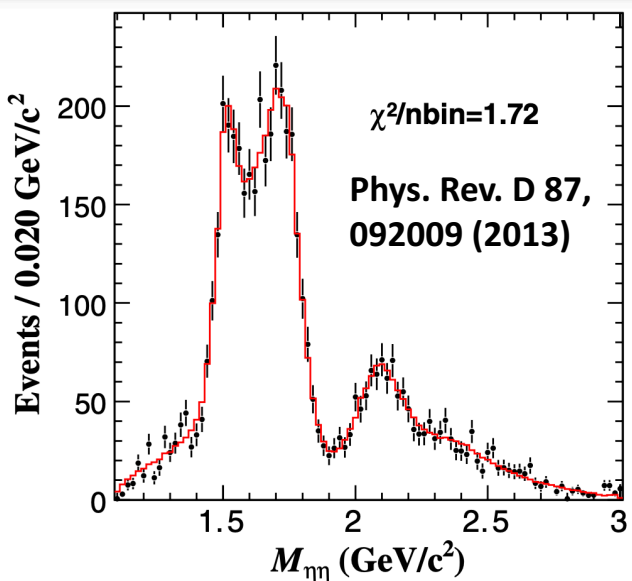


# Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 / \eta\eta$



Resonance	$M$ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$\Gamma$ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Branching fraction
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$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta\eta$

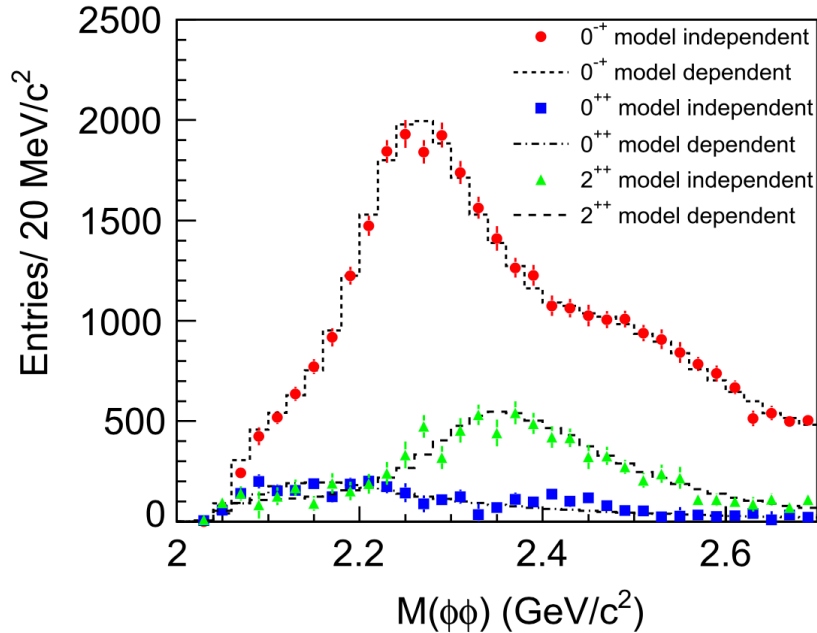


Resonance	Mass (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Width (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X \rightarrow \gamma \eta\eta)$
$f_0(1500)$	$1468^{+14+23}_{-15-74}$	$136^{+41+28}_{-26-100}$	$(1.65^{+0.26+0.51}_{-0.31-1.40}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_0(1710)$	$1759 \pm 6^{+14}_{-25}$	$172 \pm 10^{+32}_{-16}$	$(2.35^{+0.13+1.24}_{-0.11-0.74}) \times 10^{-4}$
$f_0(2100)$	$2081 \pm 13^{+24}_{-36}$	$273^{+27+70}_{-24-23}$	$(1.13^{+0.09+0.64}_{-0.10-0.28}) \times 10^{-4}$
$f_2'(1525)$	$1513 \pm 5^{+4}_{-10}$	$75^{+12+16}_{-10-8}$	$(3.42^{+0.43+1.37}_{-0.51-1.30}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_2(1810)$	$1822^{+29+66}_{-24-57}$	$229^{+52+88}_{-42-155}$	$(5.40^{+0.60+3.42}_{-0.67-2.35}) \times 10^{-5}$
$f_2(2340)$	$2362^{+31+140}_{-30-63}$	$334^{+62+165}_{-54-100}$	$(5.60^{+0.62+2.37}_{-0.65-2.07}) \times 10^{-5}$

10x larger BF for  $f_0(1710)$  compared to  $f_0(1500)$  observed in both channels

# Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\phi\phi$

Phys. Rev. D 93, 112011 (2016)



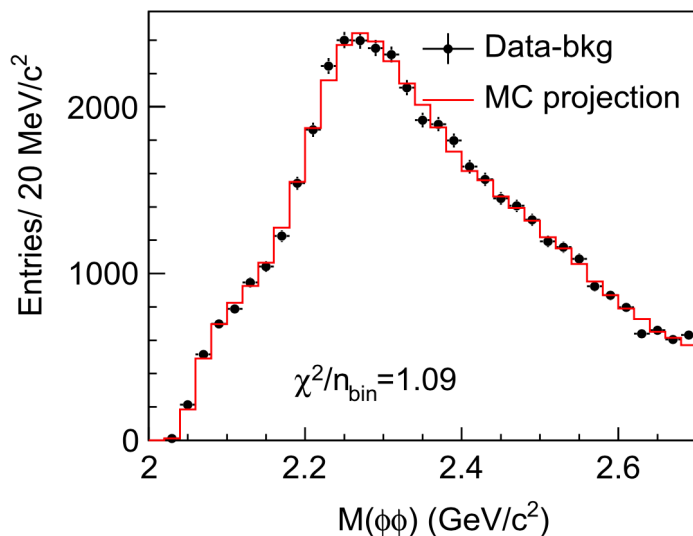
dominant  $0^+$  component

broad  $2^{++}$  component at  $\sim 2.3$  GeV

$f_2(2010)$ ,  $f_2(2300)$  and  $f_2(2340)$

previously observed in  $\pi N$  scattering

Phys. Lett. B 201, 568 (1988)

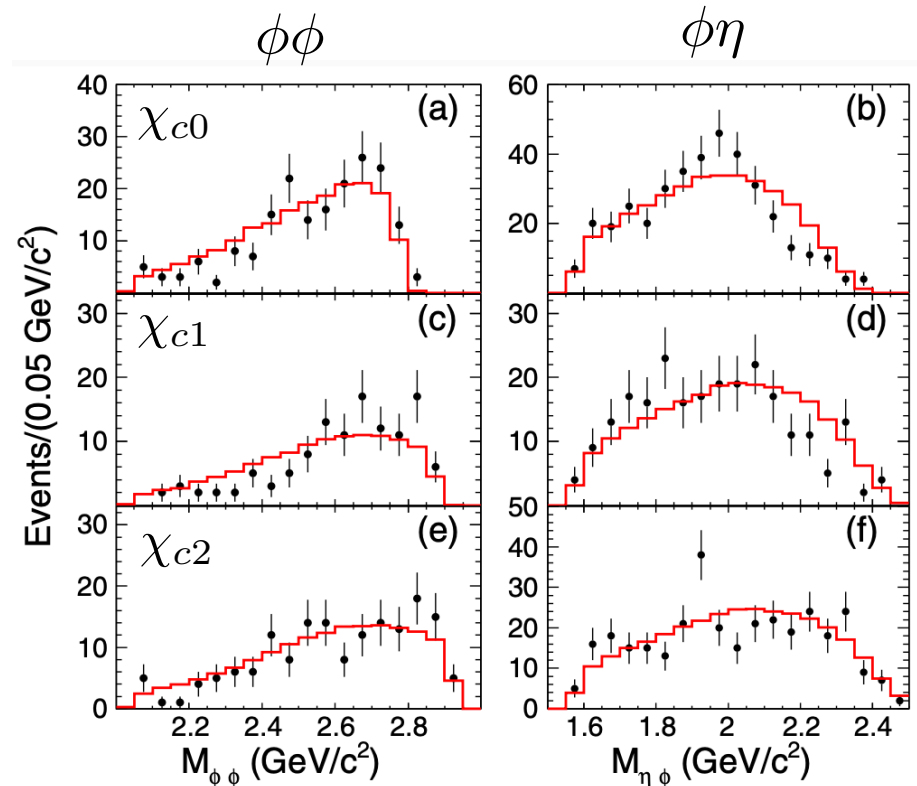
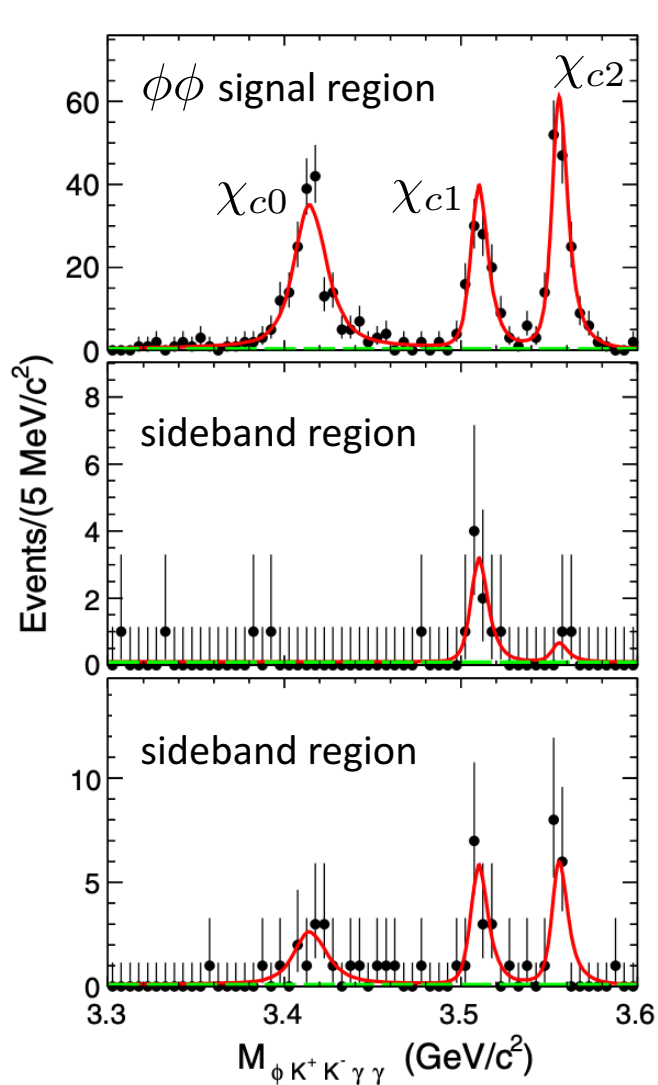


Resonance	M (MeV/ $c^2$ )	$\Gamma$ (MeV/ $c^2$ )	B.F. ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )
$\eta(2225)$	$2216^{+4+21}_{-5-11}$	$185^{+12+43}_{-14-17}$	$(2.40 \pm 0.10^{+2.47}_{-0.18})$
$\eta(2100)$	$2050^{+30+75}_{-24-26}$	$250^{+36+181}_{-30-164}$	$(3.30 \pm 0.09^{+0.18}_{-3.04})$
$X(2500)$	$2470^{+15+101}_{-19-23}$	$230^{+64+56}_{-35-33}$	$(0.17 \pm 0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.08})$
$f_0(2100)$	2101	224	$(0.43 \pm 0.04^{+0.24}_{-0.03})$
$f_2(2010)$	2011	202	$(0.35 \pm 0.05^{+0.28}_{-0.15})$
$f_2(2300)$	2297	149	$(0.44 \pm 0.07^{+0.09}_{-0.15})$
$f_2(2340)$	2339	319	$(1.91 \pm 0.14^{+0.72}_{-0.73})$
$0^-+$ PHSP			$(2.74 \pm 0.15^{+0.16}_{-1.48})$

# First Observation of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi\eta$

Phys. Rev. D 101, 012012 (2020)

Study of  $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi\eta$  produced in  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{cJ}$



No significant deviation from phase space distributions

# X(1835)

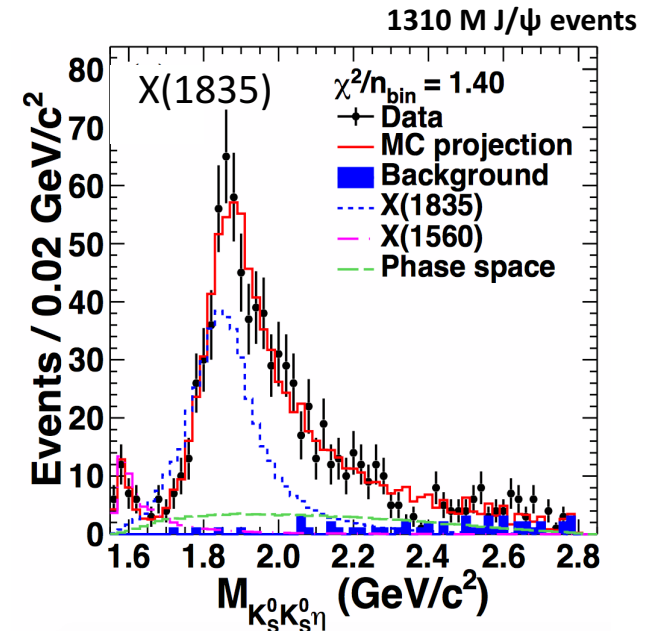
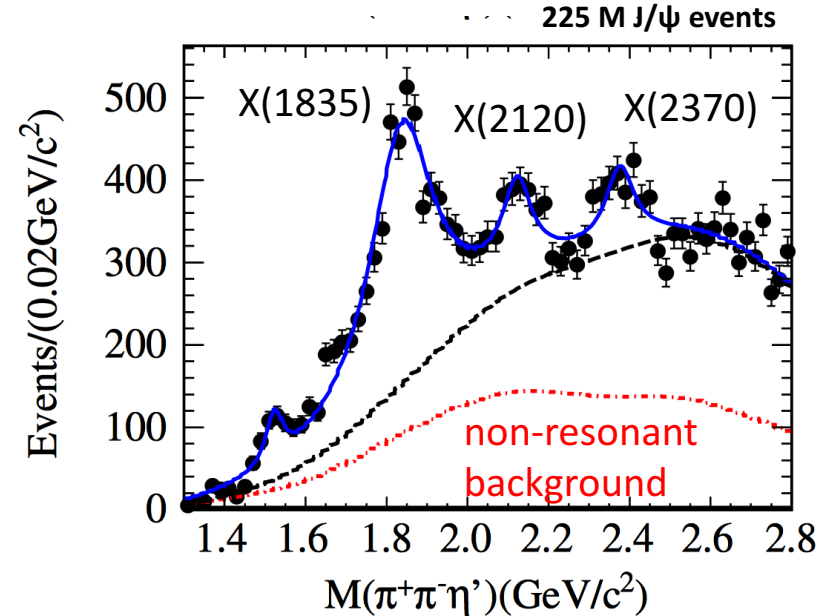
Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 072002 (2011)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 091803 (2015)

- Systematic study of X(1835) at BESIII with large statistics
  - previously observed at BES and BESII
- $J^{PC}$  consistent with  $0^{-+}$
- observed in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta', \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta$

Resonance	$M(\text{MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma(\text{MeV}/c^2)$
$f_1(1510)$	$1522.7 \pm 5.0$	$48 \pm 11$
X(1835)	$1836.5 \pm 3.0$	$190.1 \pm 9.0$
X(2120)	$2122.4 \pm 6.7$	$83 \pm 16$
X(2370)	$2376.3 \pm 8.7$	$83 \pm 17$

Nature of X(1835) unclear, interpretations include glueball,  $p\bar{p}$  bound state, excited  $\eta$  meson



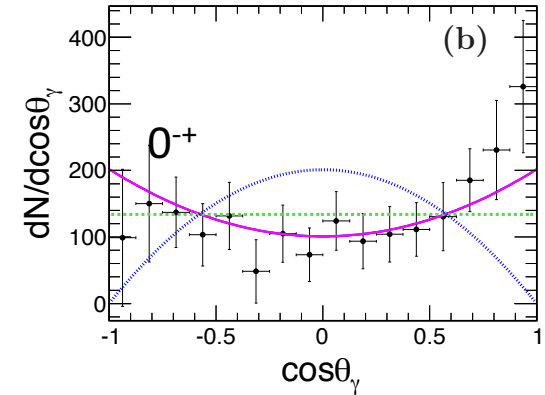
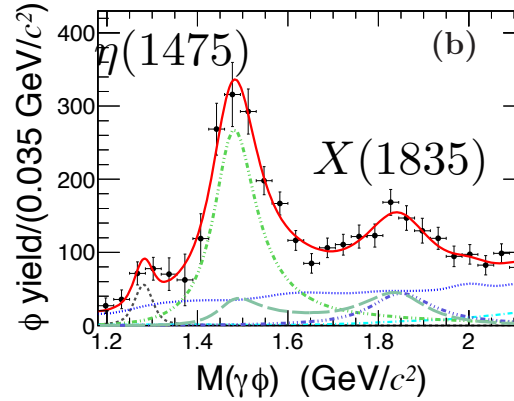
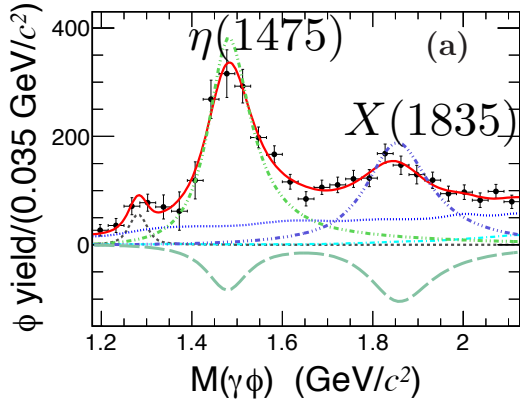
# Studies of X(1835)

First observation of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(1835) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\phi$

Phys. Rev. D 97, 051101 (2018)

Constructive interference

Destructive interference

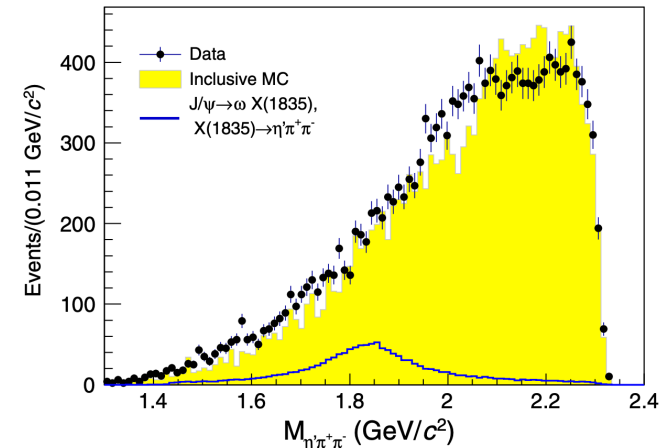


Search for X(1835) in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi^+\pi^-\eta'$

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\eta'\pi^+\pi^-) = (1.12 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \omega X(1835))\mathcal{B}(X(1835) \rightarrow \eta'\pi^+\pi^-) < 6.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (at 90\% CL)}$$

Phys. Rev. D 99, 071101 (R) (2019)

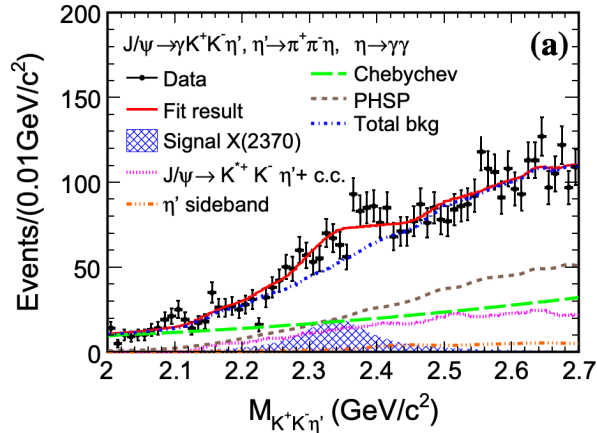


# Study of X(2120) and X(2370)

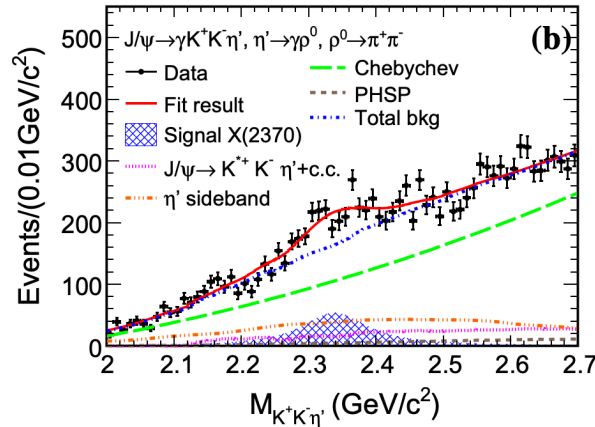
Eur. Phys. J. C 80:746 (2020)

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^+ K^- \eta'$$

$$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$$



$$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$$



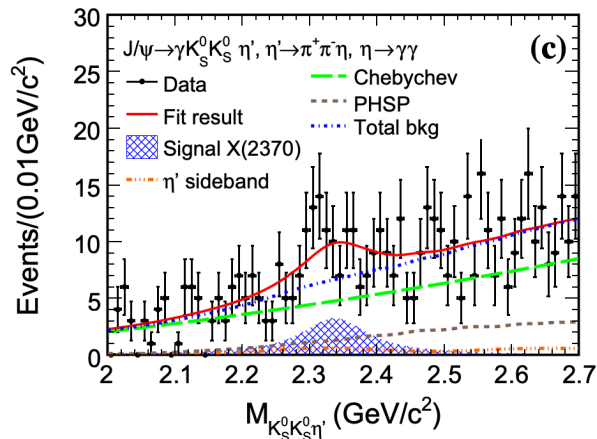
Combined fit to the four data samples

No significant X(2120) observed

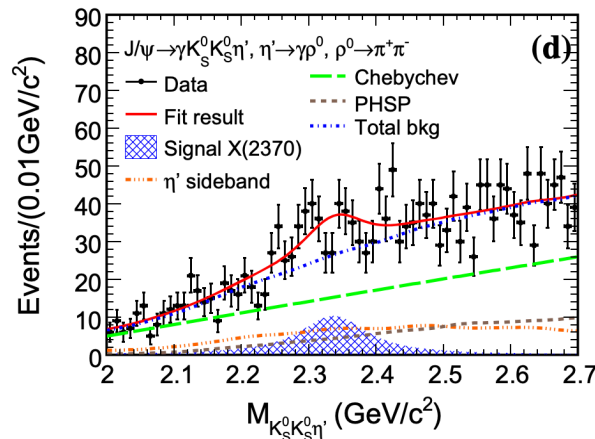
First observation ( $8.3\sigma$ ) of  $X(2370) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\eta'$

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta'$$

$$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$$



$$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$$



$$m(X(2370)) =$$

$$2341.6 \pm 6.5 \pm 5.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 117 \pm 10 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$$



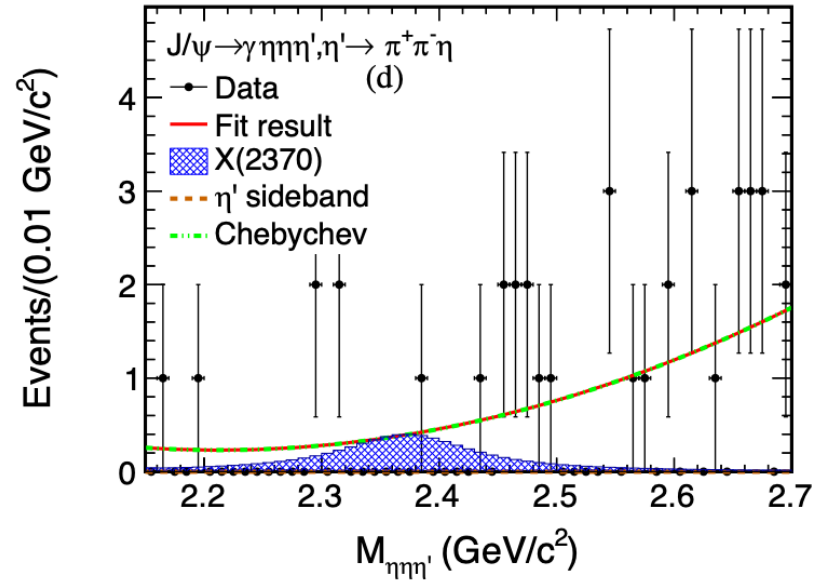
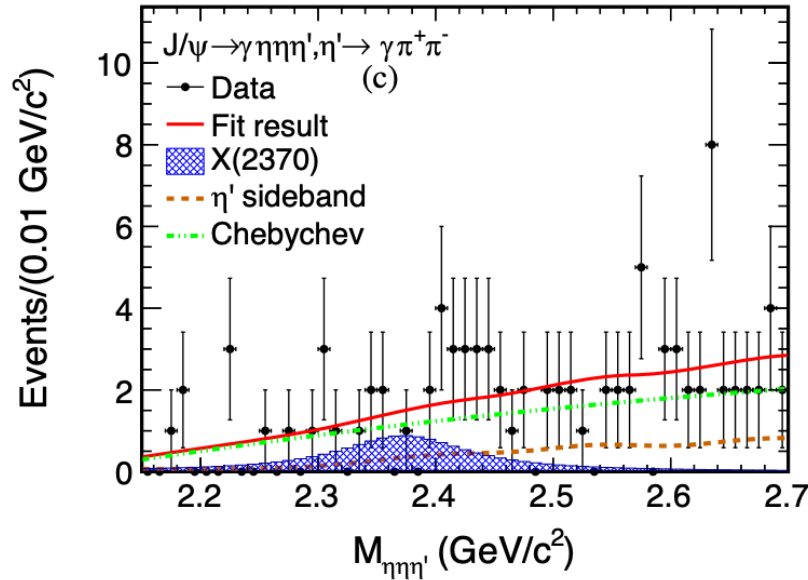
# Study of X(2370)

Phys. Rev. D 103, 012009 (2021)

Search for X(2370) in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370) \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta \eta'$

$$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$$

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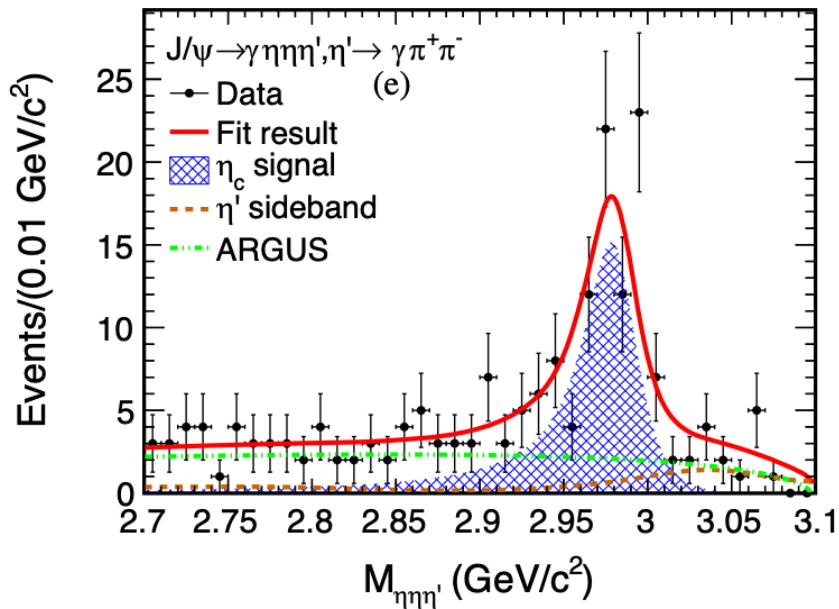
$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X) \mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow \eta \eta \eta') < 9.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ (at 90\% CL)}$$

does not contradict calculation for X(2370) as  $0^+$  glueball:

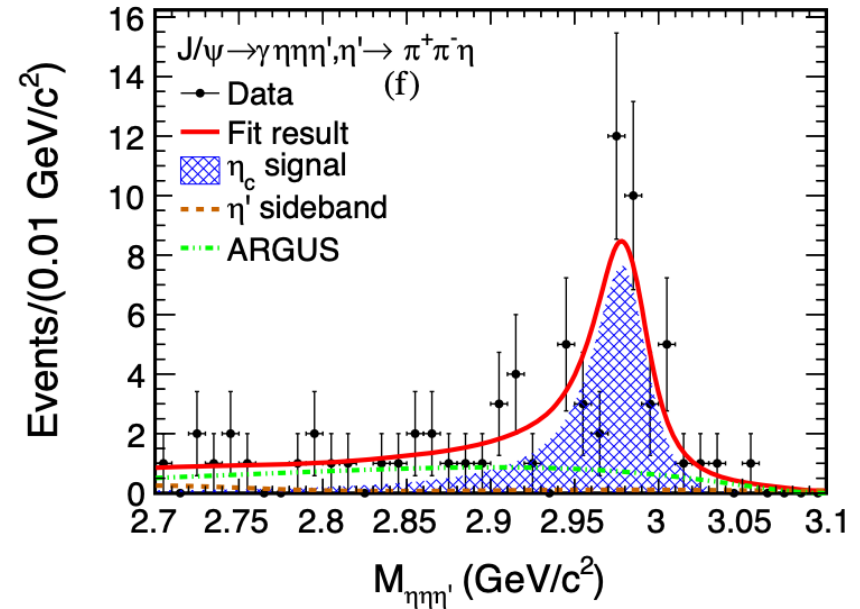
$$\mathcal{B}_{\eta\eta\eta'} / \mathcal{B}_{K\bar{K}\eta'} \approx 0.075$$

W. I. Eshraim, S. Janowski, F. Giacosa,  
and D. H. Rischke, Phys. Rev. D 87, 054036 (2013)

$$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$$



$$\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$$



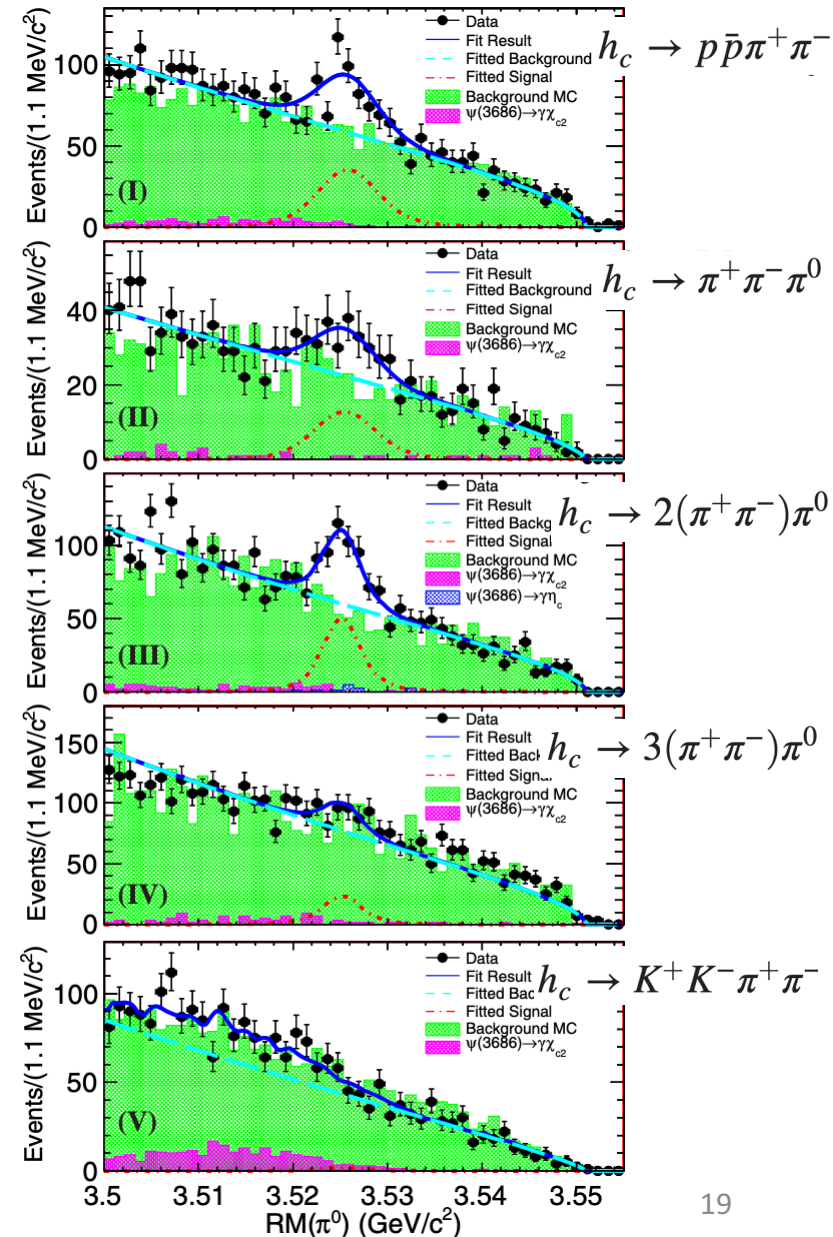
$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c)\mathcal{B}(\eta_c \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta') = (4.86 \pm 0.63_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.45_{\text{sys}}) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

# Light Hadron Decays of $h_c$

Phys. Rev. D 99, 072008 (2019)

- Knowledge on  $h_c$  decay modes is still sparse
  - $\mathcal{B}(h_c \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c) \approx 0.5$
  - search for decays into light hadrons
- Access via  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c$ 
  - fully reconstruct events and inspect recoil mass of  $\pi^0$

decay mode	$\mathcal{B}_{h_c} (10^{-3})$
$h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-$	$2.89 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.55$
$h_c \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$1.60 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.32$
$h_c \rightarrow 2(\pi^+\pi^-)\pi^0$	$7.44 \pm 0.94 \pm 1.52$
$h_c \rightarrow 3(\pi^+\pi^-)\pi^0$	$4.65 \pm 2.17 \pm 1.08$
	$< 8.7$
$h_c \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+\pi^-$	$< 0.6$

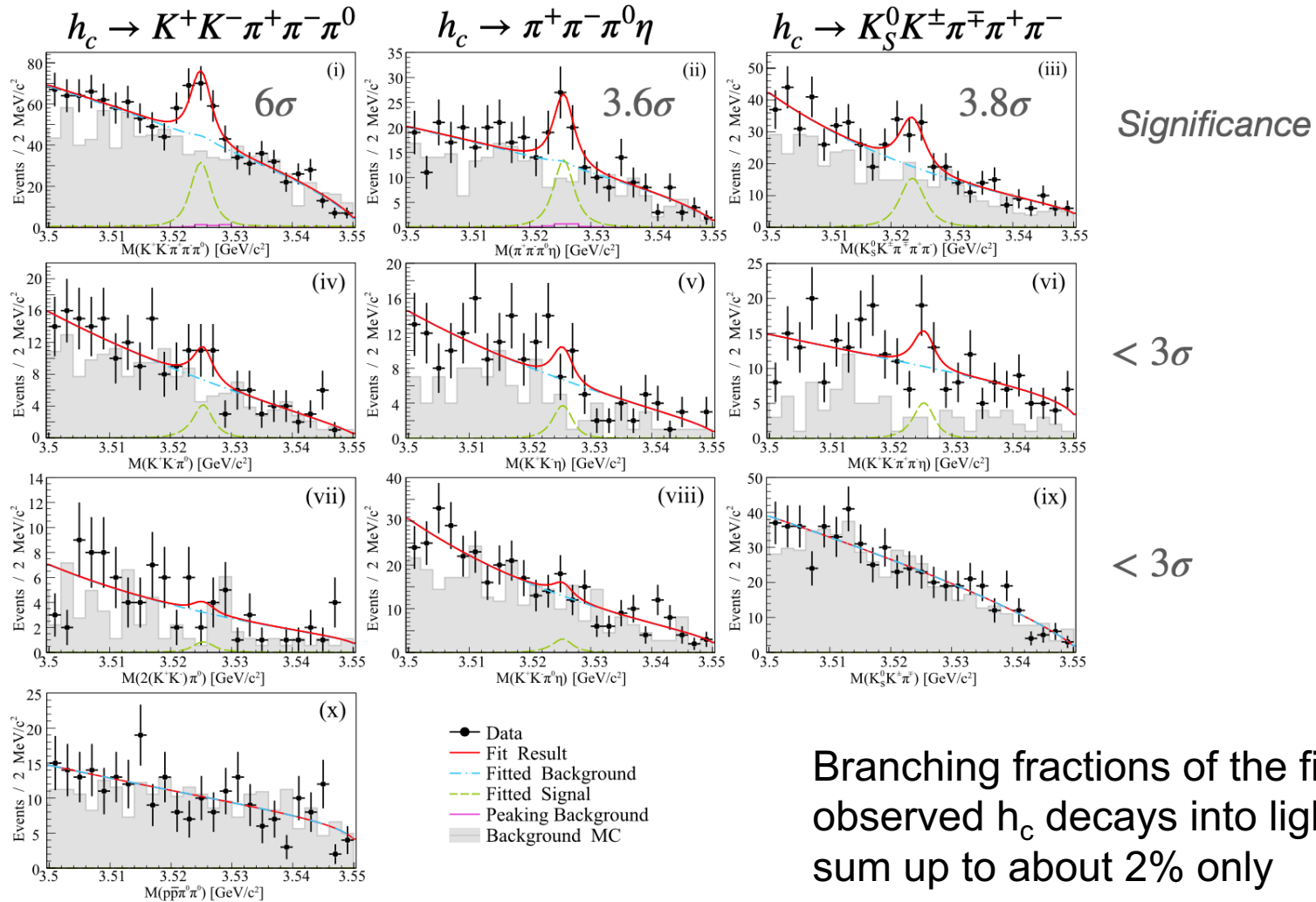


# Light Hadron Decays of $h_c$

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observed for the first time

$$\mathcal{B}(h_c \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) = (3.3 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$

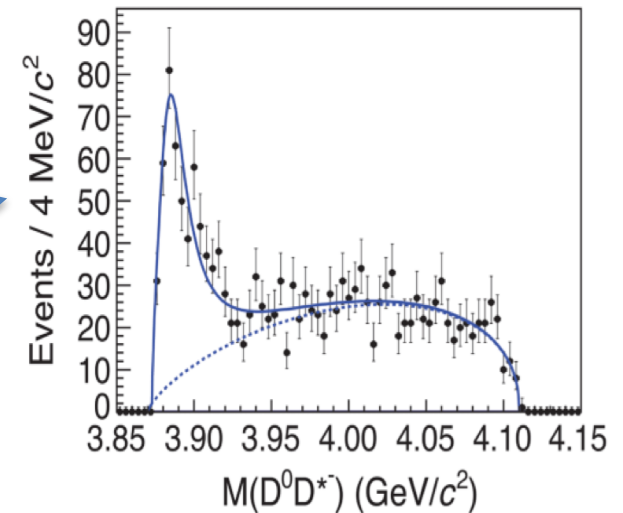


Branching fractions of the five observed  $h_c$  decays into light hadrons sum up to about 2% only

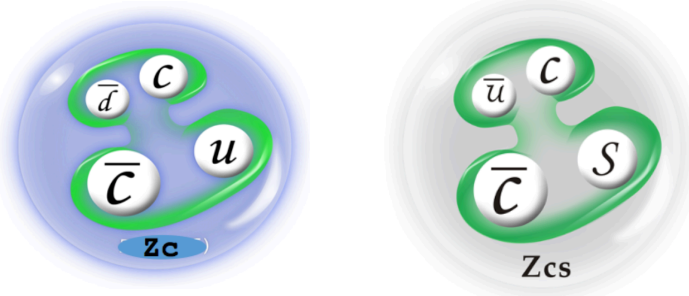
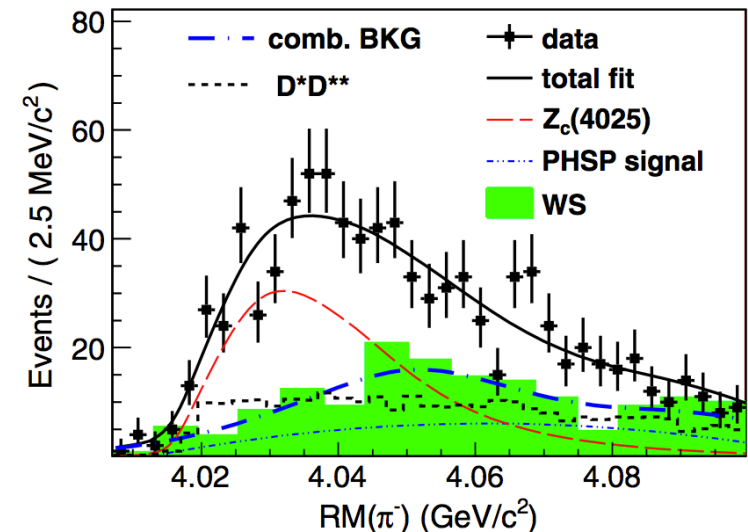
# Charged Charmonium-like States

- BESIII has established isospin triplets of charmonium-like  $Z_c(3900)$  and  $Z_c(4020)$  seen in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (J/\psi, h_c)\pi\pi$
- $Z_c(3885)$  seen in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (D\bar{D}^*)^+\pi^-$   
 $Z_c(4025)$  seen in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^+\pi^-$
- Nature is unclear: tetraquarks, hadronic molecules, threshold effects, ...?
- Do strange partners exist?

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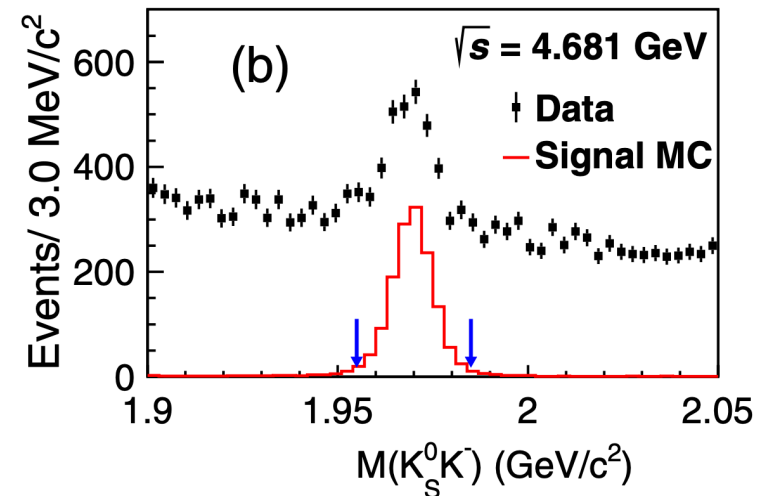
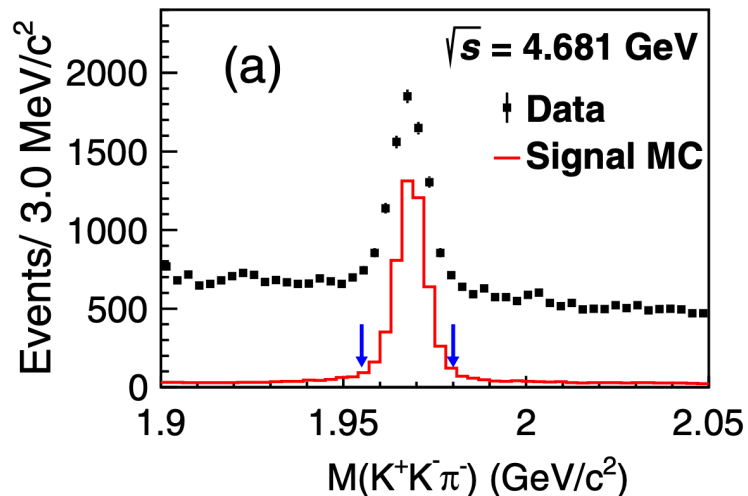


More on exotic charmonium at BESIII  
in Frank Nerling's talk

# Search for strange $c\bar{c}$ -like states

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- Study  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+ D_s^- D^{*0}, K^+ D_s^{*-} D^0$ 
  - at cms energies of 4.628, 4.641, 4.661, 4.681, and 4.698 GeV
  - total integrated luminosity: 3.7 / fb ( $\sim 1.6$  / fb at 4.681 GeV)
  - 2/3 of the data recorded at 4.681 GeV was blinded
- Partial event reconstruction:  $D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^-, K_S^0 K^-$  and  $K^+$
- Identify signal in recoil system

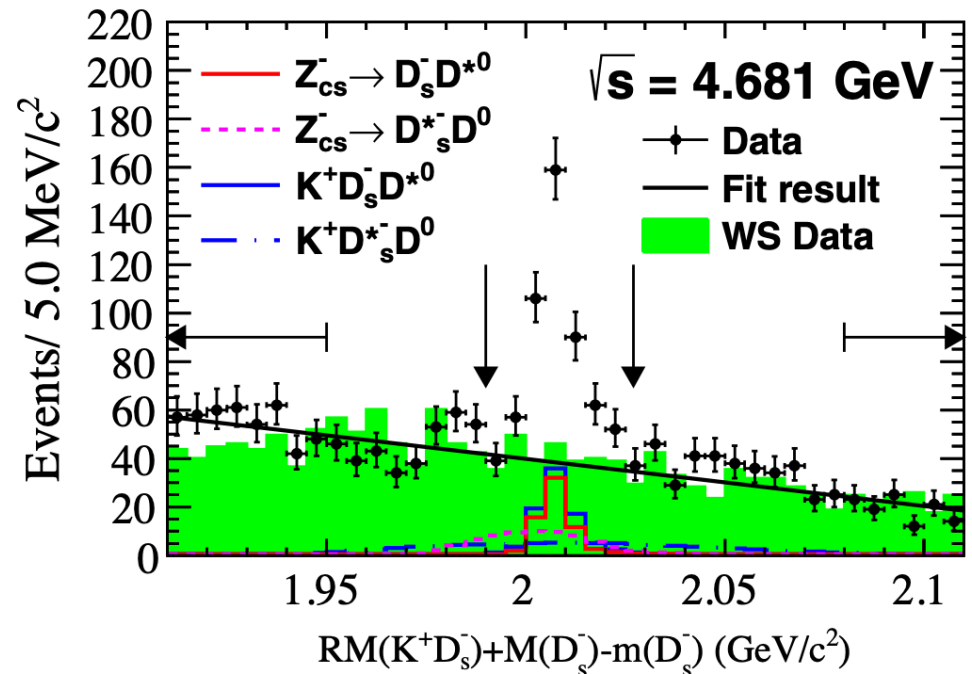
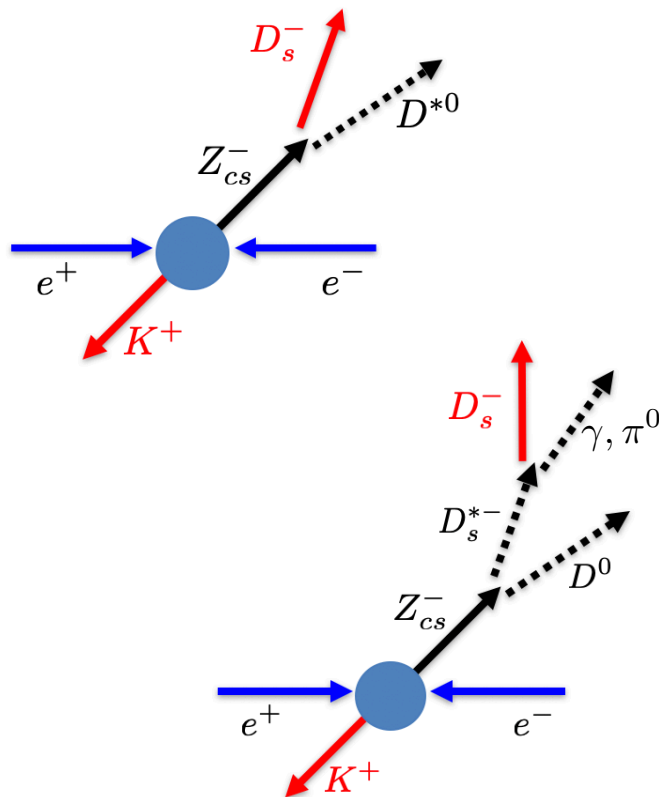


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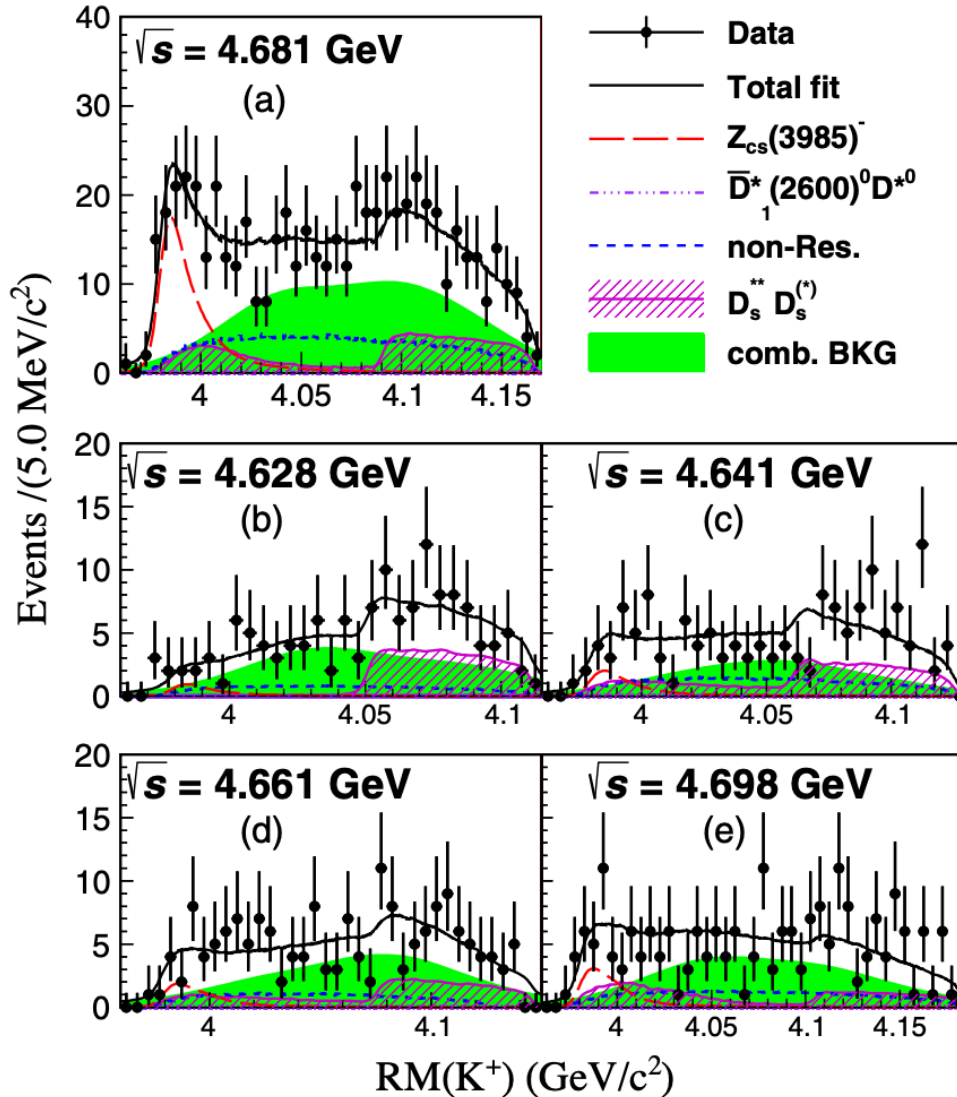
Signal in the recoil mass in the  $D^{*0}$  mass region

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+ D_s^- D^{*0}, K^+ D_s^{*-} D^0$$



# First Observation of $Z_{cs}(3985)$

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Backgrounds from open charm channels estimated from control data samples

Significant ( $5.3\sigma$ ) enhancement at threshold over estimated backgrounds at 4.681 GeV

→ Breit-Wigner parameterization

$$\text{mass } (3985.2_{-2.0}^{+2.1} \pm 1.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{width } (13.8_{-5.2}^{+8.1} \pm 4.9) \text{ MeV}$$

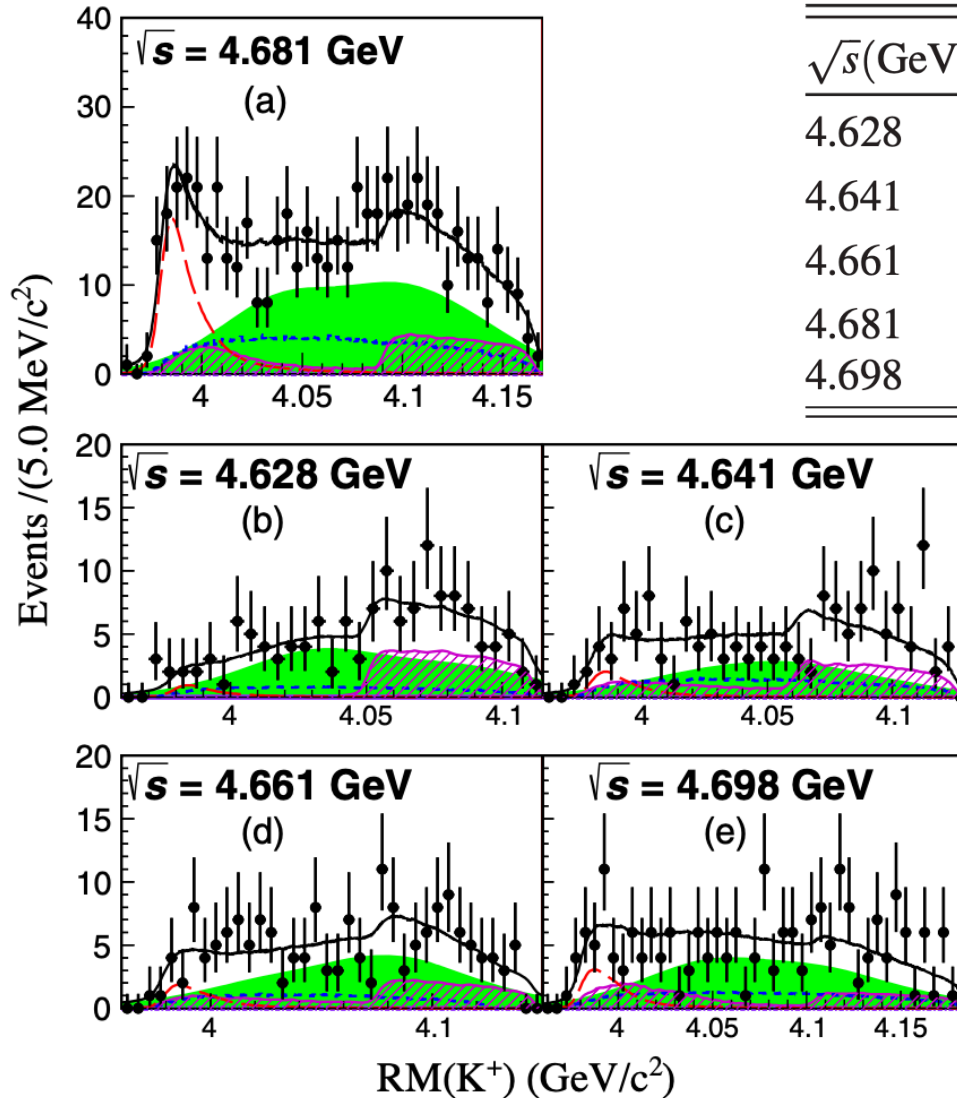
Signals  $c\bar{c}s\bar{u}$  quark content of new  $Z_{cs}(3985)^-$

Is this connected to the 10x broader  $Z_{cs}(4000) \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  observed by LHCb in B decays?



# $Z_{CS}(3985)$ Cross Sections

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$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ (pb <sup>-1</sup> )	$n_{\text{sig}}$	$\sigma^B \cdot \mathcal{B}$ (pb)
4.628	511.1	$4.2^{+6.1}_{-4.2}$	$0.8^{+1.2}_{-0.8} \pm 0.6 (< 3.0)$
4.641	541.4	$9.3^{+7.3}_{-6.2}$	$1.6^{+1.2}_{-1.1} \pm 1.3 (< 4.4)$
4.661	523.6	$10.6^{+8.9}_{-7.4}$	$1.6^{+1.3}_{-1.1} \pm 0.8 (< 4.0)$
4.681	1643.4	$85.2^{+17.6}_{-15.6}$	$4.4^{+0.9}_{-0.8} \pm 1.4$
4.698	526.2	$17.8^{+8.1}_{-7.2}$	$2.4^{+1.1}_{-1.0} \pm 1.2 (< 4.7)$

# Summary

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- BESIII is successfully operating since 2008 and is collecting large data samples in electron-positron annihilation for the next years
- Excellent laboratory for hadron spectroscopy, complementary to hadron machines
  - light and charm quark mass region
  - low backgrounds
- **Light hadrons**: Systematic studies of glueball candidates
  - scalar, tensor states, X(1835), and X(2370)
- **Conventional charmonium**: new decay modes of  $\eta_c$  and  $h_c$
- **Exotic charmonium**: further exploration of X, Y, states → Frank Nerling's talk
  - first observation of  $Z_{cs}(3985)$  in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+ D_s^- D^{*0}, K^+ D_s^{*-} D^0$
- Studies in all areas are ongoing with more exciting results to come

# The BESIII Collaboration

