

Recent results for X- and Z- states at BESIII

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Hadrons

A SCHEMATIC MODEL OF BARYONS AND MESONS *

M. GELL-MANN
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

Received 4 January 1964

- Meson: $q\bar{q}$, Baryon: qqq
- QCD allows hadrons beyond meson and baryon exist

... for all known baryons and interesting example of such a triplet has spin $\frac{1}{2}$ and particles d^- , s^- , u^0 and b^0 the leptons. ... elegant scheme can be with non-integral values for the sense entirely with the basic to the triplet the following $-\frac{1}{3}$, and baryon number $\frac{1}{3}$. members $u^{\frac{2}{3}}$, $d^{-\frac{1}{3}}$, and $s^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ of "6) q and the members of the

way the selection of specific components of the r-spin by electromagnetism and the weak interactions determines the choice of isotopic spin and hypercharge directions.

Even if we consider the scattering amplitudes of strongly interacting particles on the mass shell only and treat the matrix elements of the weak, electromagnetic, and gravitational interactions by means

anti-triplet as anti-quarks \bar{q} . Baryons can now be constructed from quarks by using the combinations (qqq) , $(qqq\bar{q})$, etc., while mesons are made out of $(q\bar{q})$, $(qq\bar{q}\bar{q})$, etc. It is assumed that the lowest baryon configuration (qqq) gives just the representations 1, 8, and 10 that have been observed, while the lowest meson configuration $(q\bar{q})$ similarly gives just 1 and 8.

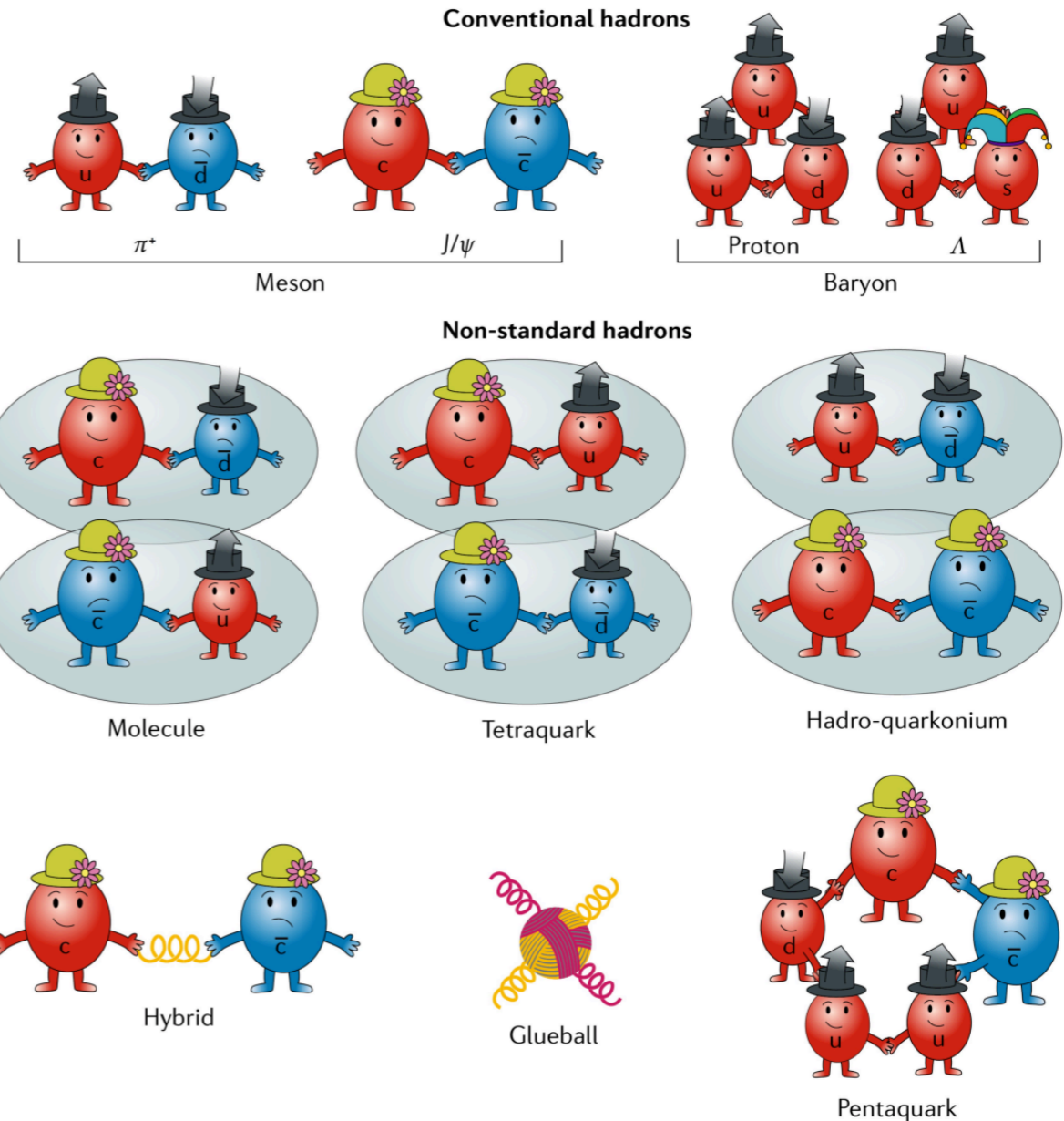
AN SU_3 MODEL FOR STRONG INTERACTION SYMMETRY AND ITS BREAKING

G. Zweig *)

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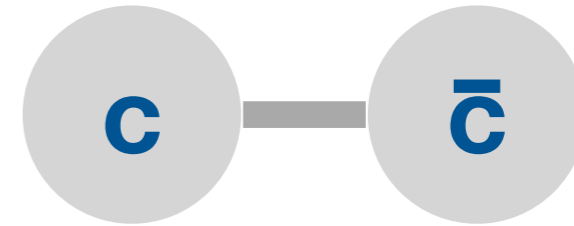
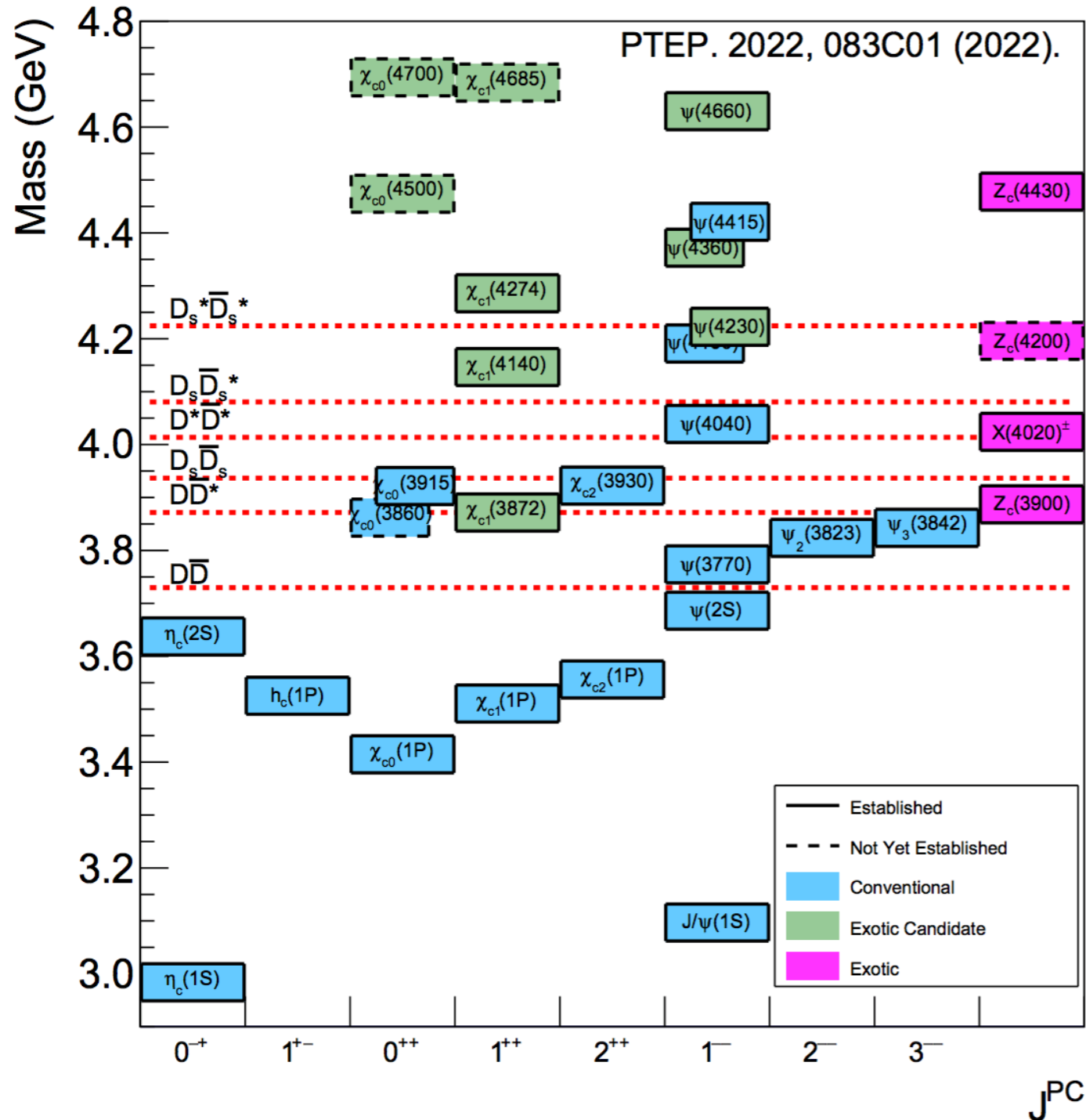
Both mesons and baryons are constructed from a set of three fundamental particles called aces. The aces

In general, we would expect that baryons are built not only from the product of three aces, AAA , but also from $\bar{A}AAAA$, $\bar{A}AAAAA$, etc., where \bar{A} denotes an anti-ace. Similarly, mesons could be formed from $\bar{A}A$, $\bar{A}AAA$ etc. For the low mass mesons and baryons we will assume the simplest possibilities, $\bar{A}A$ and AAA , that is, "deuces and treys".



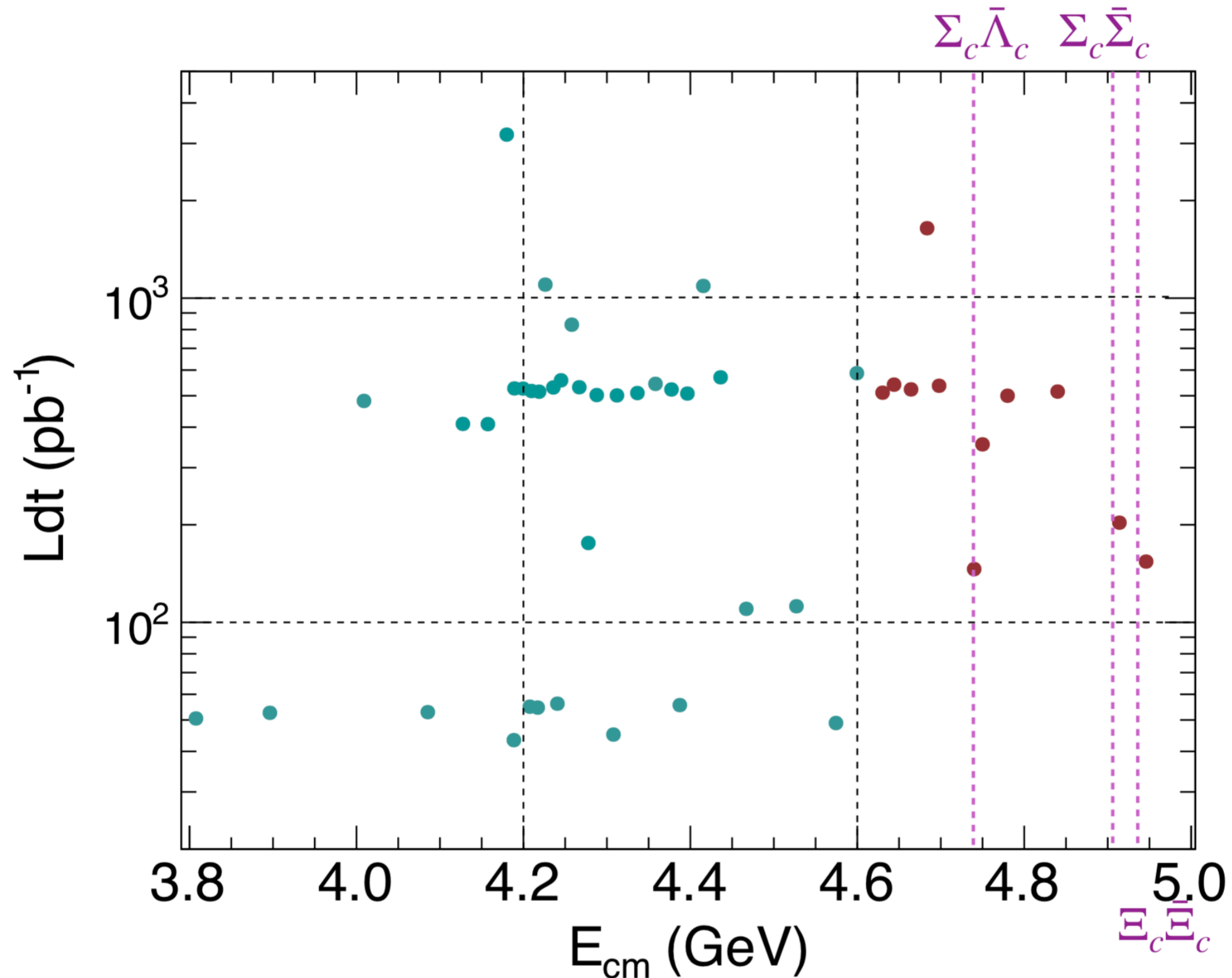
CZY & S.L. Olsen, *Nature Reviews Physics* 1, 480 (2019)

Charmonium(-like) Spectrum



- The charmonium spectrum is calculated with the potential model.
- Good agreement between theory and experiment below the open-charm threshold.
- Exotic candidates are observed at experiments above the open-charm thresholds.

XYZ Data Samples at BESIII



X(3872) charmless light hadron decay

PRD 113, L071102 (2026)

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- In a molecular nature of X(3872), Ref.[PRD 106, 074015 (2022)] predicted $\text{Br}(X(3872) \rightarrow VV, VP)$ via intermediate meson loops

Final states	$\theta = 0$	$\theta = \pi/6$	$\theta = \pi/4$
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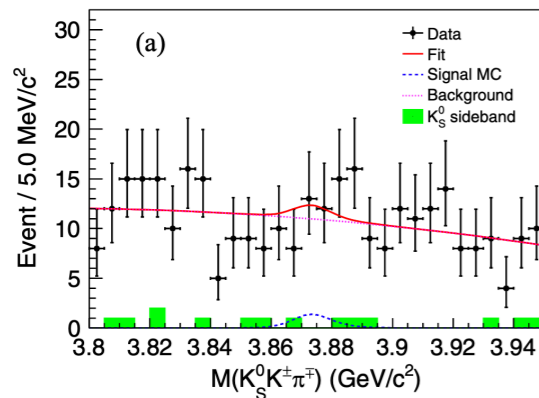
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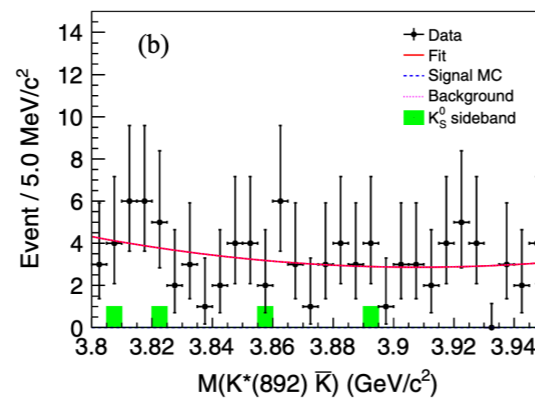
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- Search for $X(3872) \rightarrow K_S K^\pm \pi^\mp$ and $K^*(892)^\pm, 0 K^\mp, 0$ at $\sqrt{s} = 4.16-4.34$ GeV



$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp]}{\mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi]} < 0.07$$



$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow K^*(892) \bar{K}]}{\mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi]} < 0.10$$

With

$$\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi) = (4.3 \pm 1.4)\%$$

$$\mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow K^*(892) \bar{K}] < 0.60 \times 10^{-2}$$

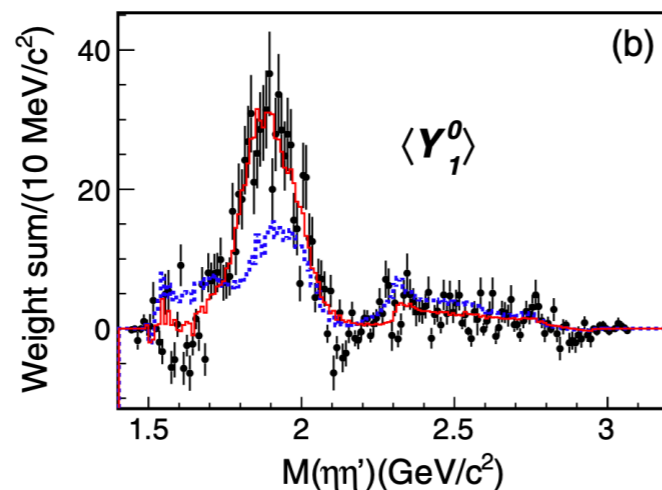
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$$K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^0 + \text{c.c.} \quad (1.04 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$K^*(892)^+ K^- + \text{c.c.} \quad (1.22 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3}$$

Search for 1^{-+} exotic states

- Search for $J^{PC}=1^{-+}$ exotics
 - Conventional mesons within quark model can not produce states with $J^{PC} = 0^{-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-} \dots$
 - Experimental observation would reveal their unambiguous exotic signatures.
- BESIII observed $J^{PC}=1^{-+}$ isoscalar resonance $\eta_1(1855)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma(\eta\eta')$

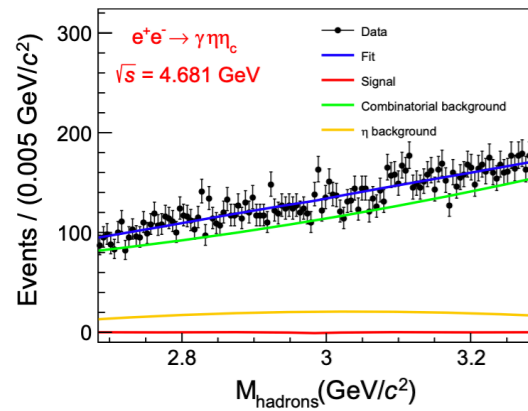


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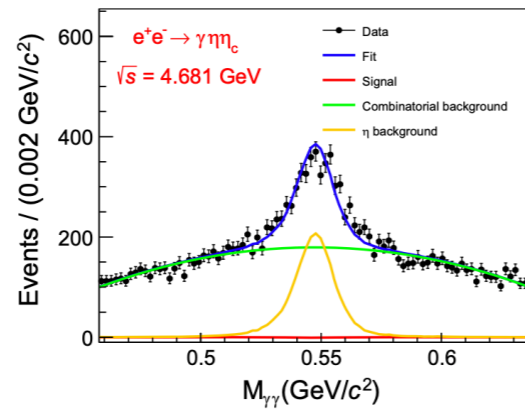
- Search for 1^{-+} charmoniumlike exotic states via $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\eta\eta_c, \eta'\eta_c, D_s D_{s1}(2536))$
 - In a molecular picture, several 1^{-+} states were predicted, with masses close to hadron pair thresholds. *PRD89,114013(2014),PRD101,076003(2020)*
 - LQCD calculate 1^{-+} hybrid states with mass 4.13-4.33 GeV, decaying dominantly to $D_s D_s^*, D_1 D, D^* D, D^* D^*$ *PRD89,114013(2014), JHEP07(2012)126, JHEP12(2016)089,PRD102,014023 (2020)*

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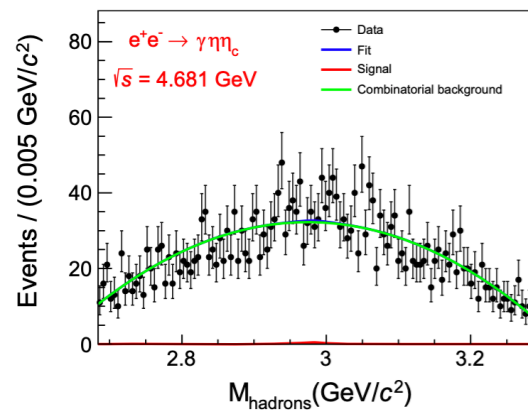
- Search for $J^{PC}=1^{-+}$ exotics in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\eta\eta_c, \eta'\eta_c)$ at $\sqrt{s}=4.258-4.681$ GeV
- Provide the production upper limits
- Search for 1^{-+} exotic in $ee \rightarrow \gamma D_s D_{s1}(2536)$ at $\sqrt{s}=4.612-4.951$ GeV



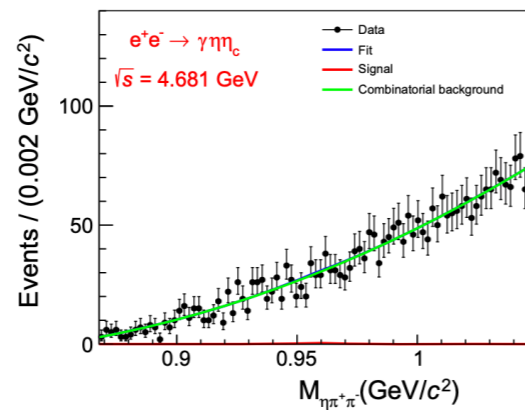
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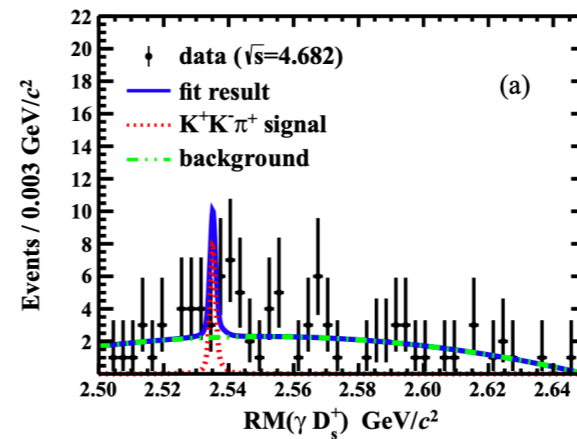
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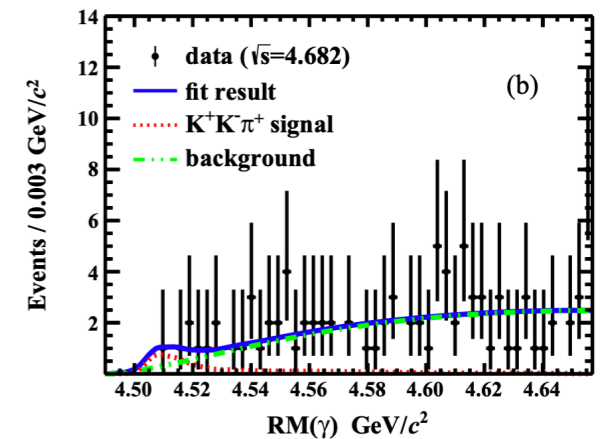
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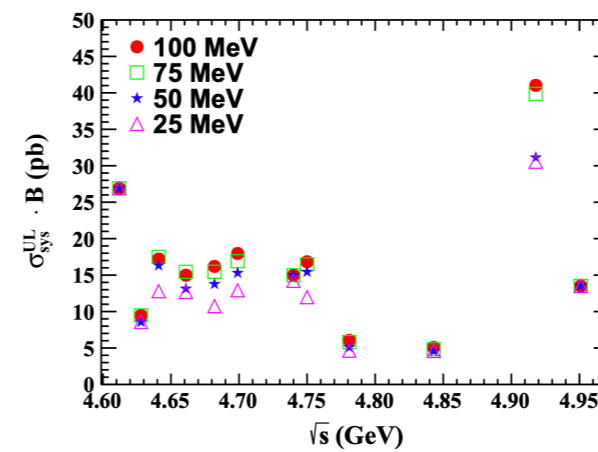
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PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$

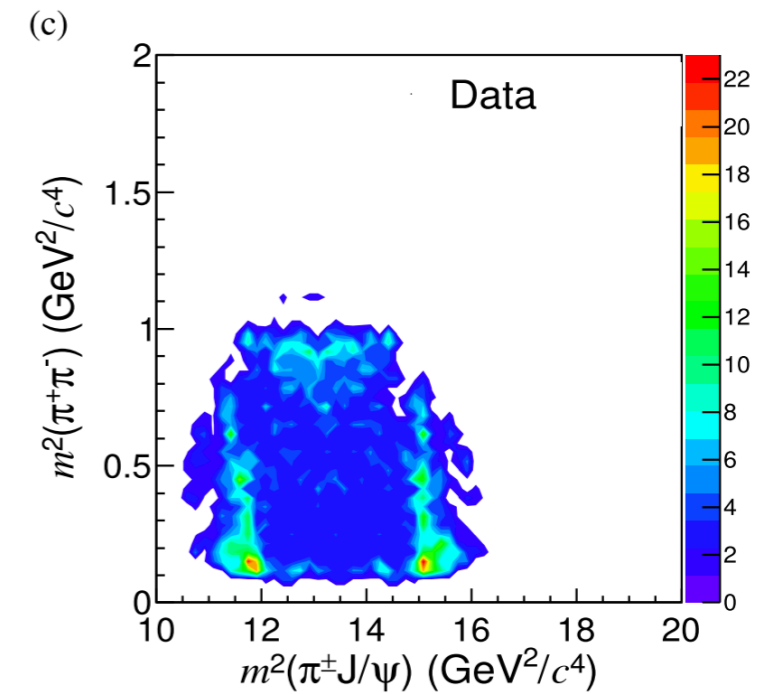
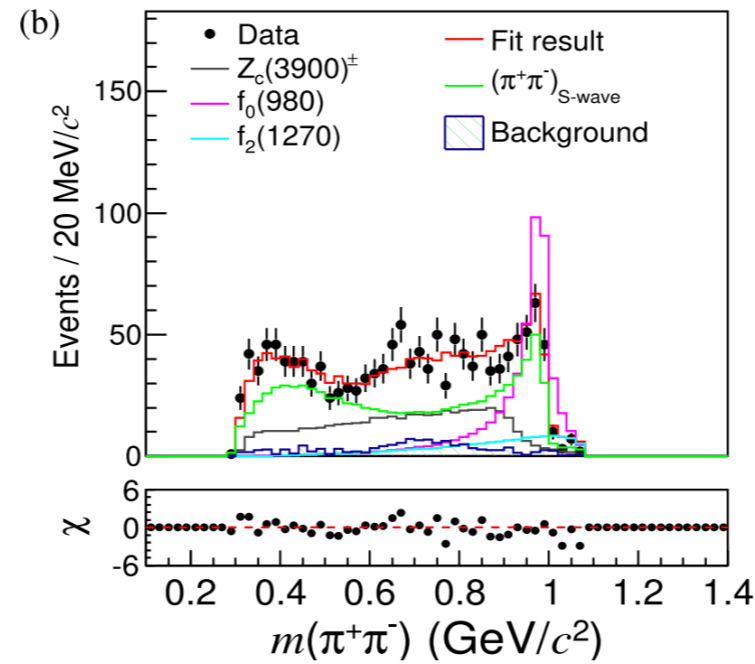
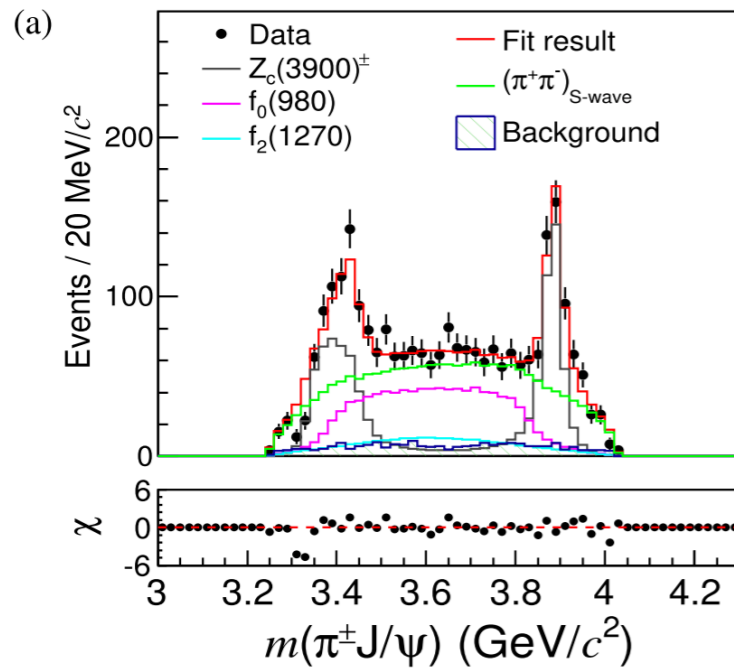
PRD 112, 092013 (2025)

- Dataset: $\sqrt{s} = 4.1271 - 4.3583$ GeV

- PWA includes the processes

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(3900)^\mp (\rightarrow \pi^\mp J/\psi)$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow f_j (\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) J/\psi \quad f_0(500), f_0(980), f_0(1370), \text{ or } f_2(1270)$$



PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$

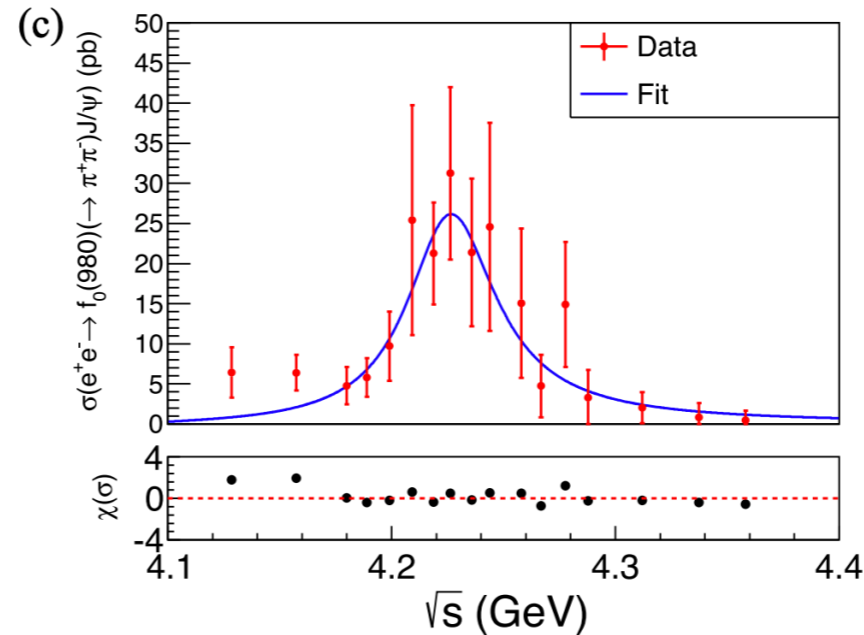
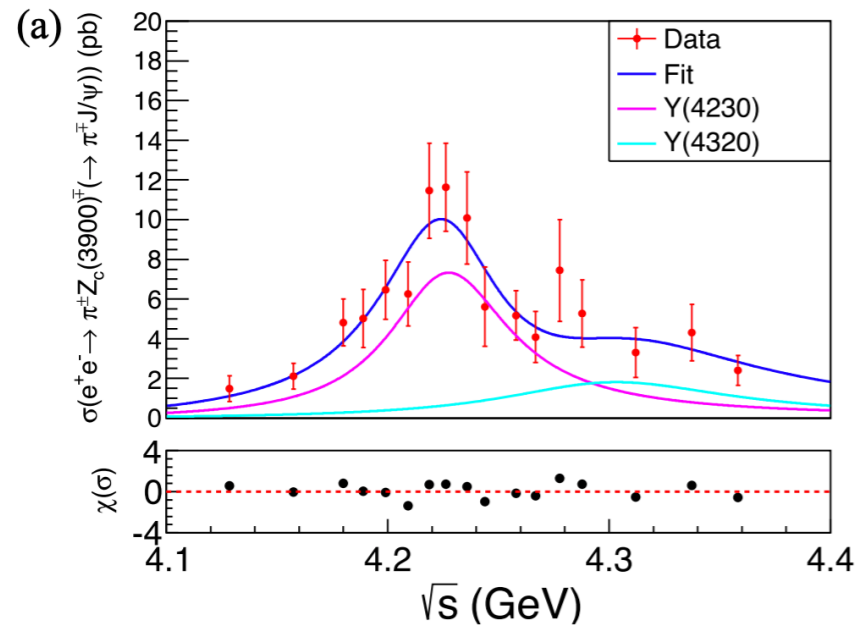
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- Determine $Z_c(3900)$ mass and width

$$M = 3884.6 \pm 0.7 \pm 3.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 37.2 \pm 1.3 \pm 6.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

- Fit to \sqrt{s} -dependent cross sections of $\pi Z_c(3900)$ and $f_0(980)J/\psi$



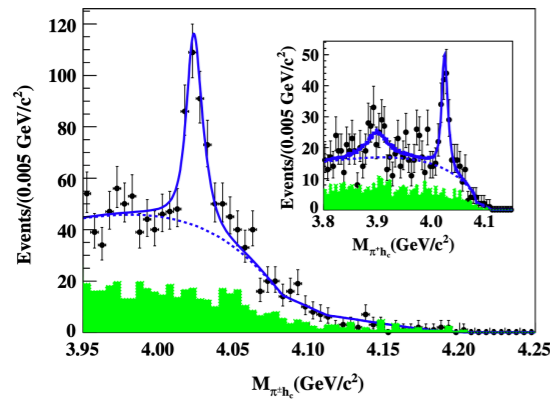
- Determine $\psi(4220)$ mass and width

$$M = 4225.7 \pm 4.1 \pm 3.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

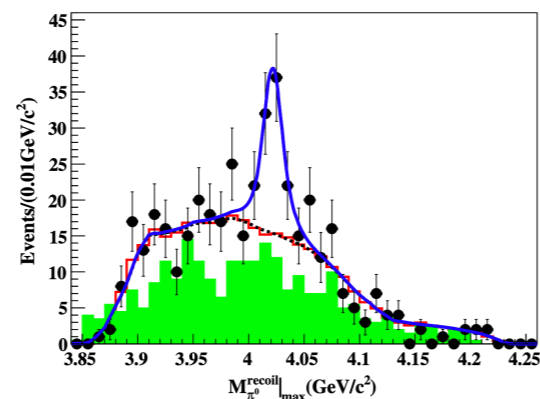
$$\Gamma = 57.5 \pm 9.4 \pm 12.1 \text{ MeV}$$

Multi-channel joint analysis of $T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)$

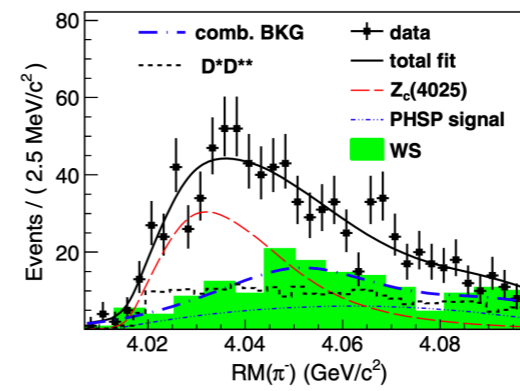
- Isotriplet states: $T_{cc}(4020)/T_{cc}(4025)$ observed in π^+h_c , $D^*D^*\bar{\text{bar}}$



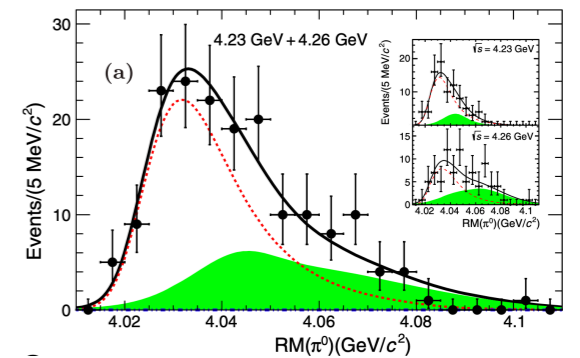
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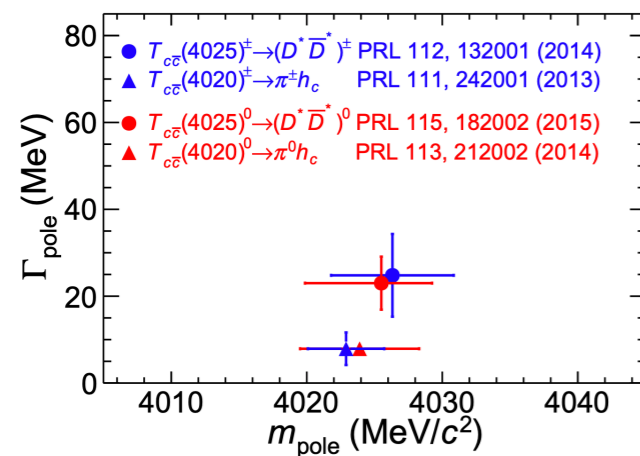


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- Masses and widths



- Perform multi-channel joint PWA of the $T_{cc}(4020)$

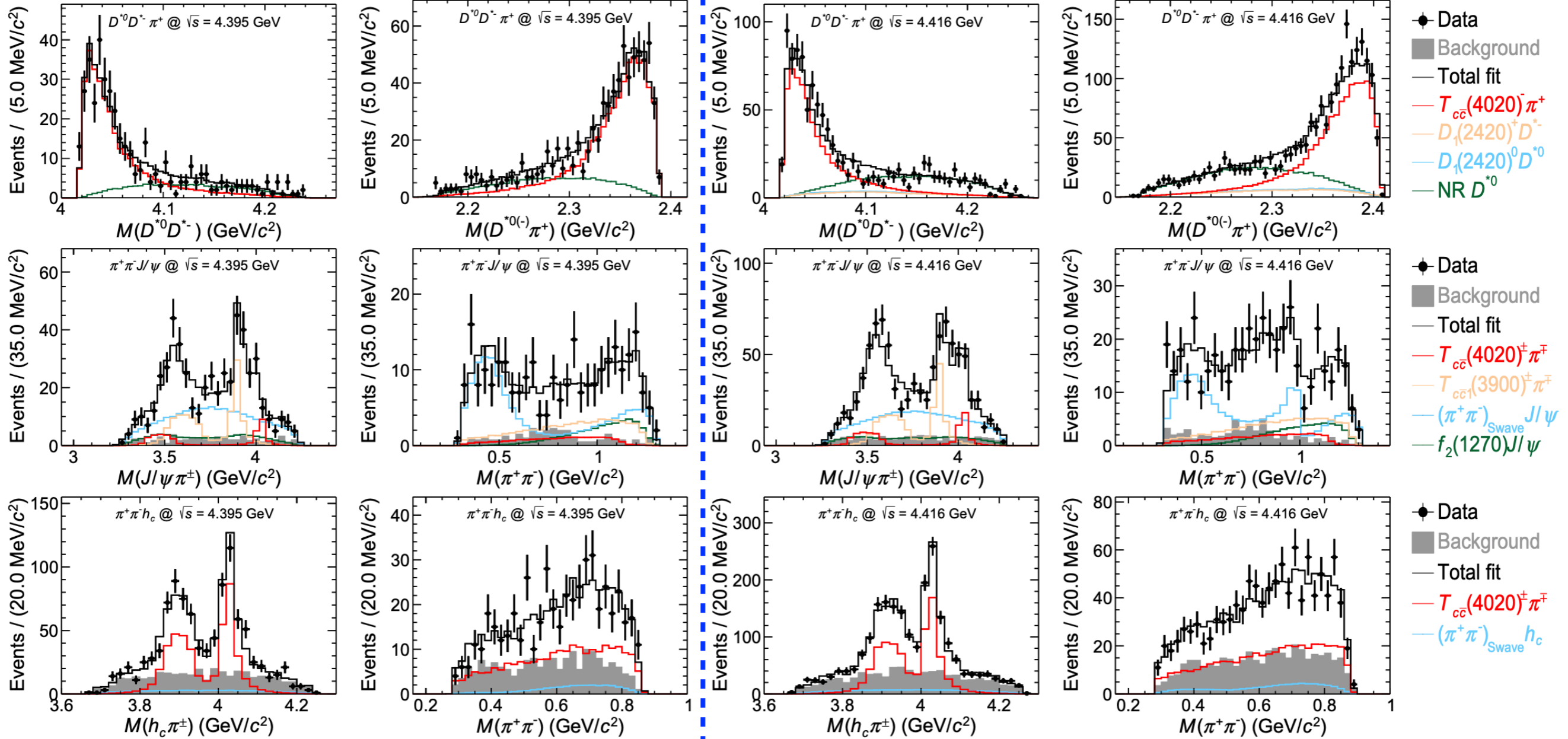
$$T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)^- \rightarrow D^{*0}D^{*-}, \pi^- J/\psi, \text{ and } \pi^- h_c$$

Multi-channel joint analysis of $T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)$

arXiv:2603.05564

$\sqrt{s} = 4.395$ GeV

$\sqrt{s} = 4.416$ GeV



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- Poles

$$m_{\text{pole1}} = 4022.44 \pm 1.55 \text{ MeV}/c^2, \quad m_{\text{pole2}} = 4023.01 \pm 1.35 \text{ MeV}/c^2,$$

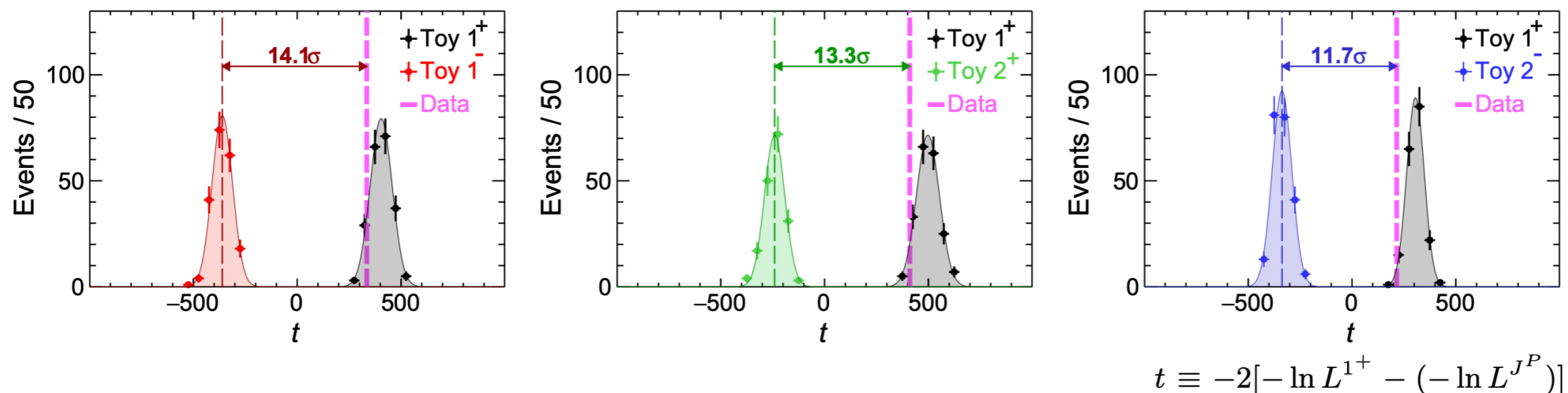
$$\Gamma_{\text{pole1}} = 38.54 \pm 2.94 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma_{\text{pole2}} = 35.02 \pm 2.20 \text{ MeV}.$$

- Branching fractions

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)^- \rightarrow \pi^- J\psi]}{\mathcal{B}[T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)^- \rightarrow D^{*0} D^{*-}]} = (3.6 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-3}$$

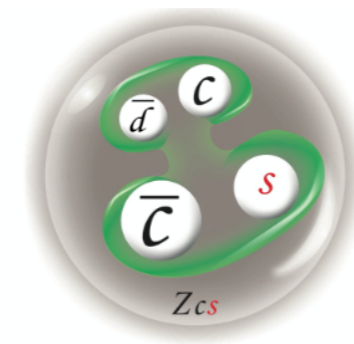
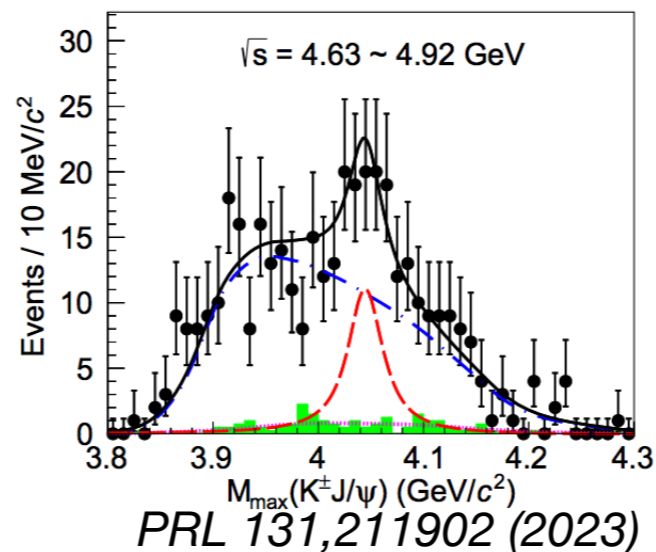
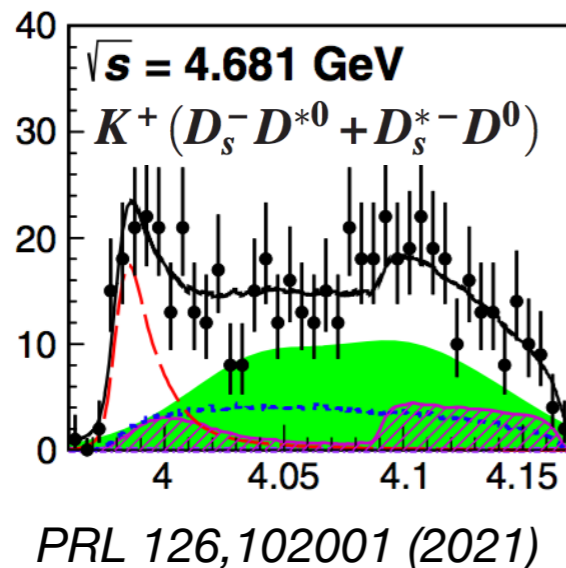
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)^- \rightarrow \pi^- h_c]}{\mathcal{B}[T_{c\bar{c}}(4020)^- \rightarrow D^{*0} D^{*-}]} = (8.9 \pm 1.3 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-2}$$

- $J^P=1^+$ with a significance 11.7σ

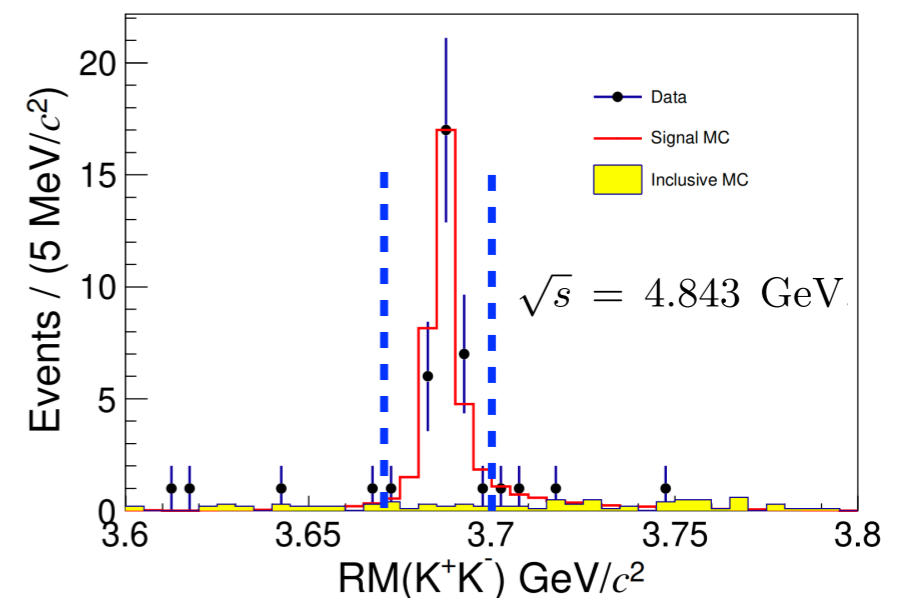


Study of $K^+K^-\psi(3686)$ system

- Search for tetraquark candidates containing both strange and charm quarks are interesting
 - $Z_{cs}(3985)$ (5.3σ) is observed in
 - Hints (2.3σ) in the $(K^\pm J/\psi)$ spectrum in K^+K^-J/ψ system



- We observed $ee \rightarrow K^+K^-\psi(3686)$ process at $\sqrt{s}=4.843 \text{ GeV}$ *arXiv: 2407.20009*
- We check the structures in $K^+K^-\psi(3686)$ system

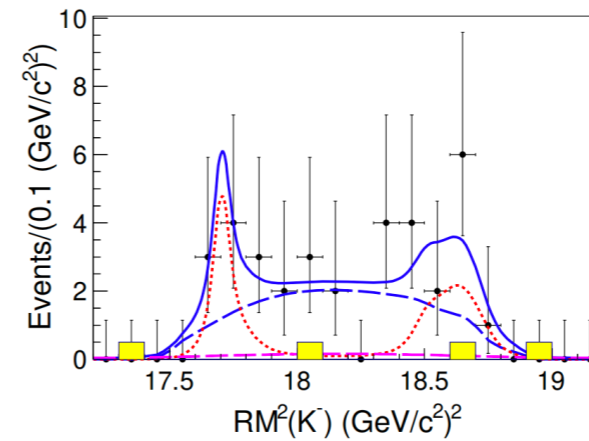
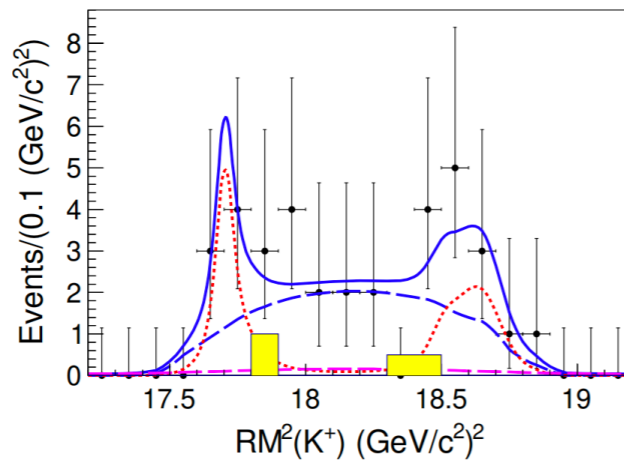


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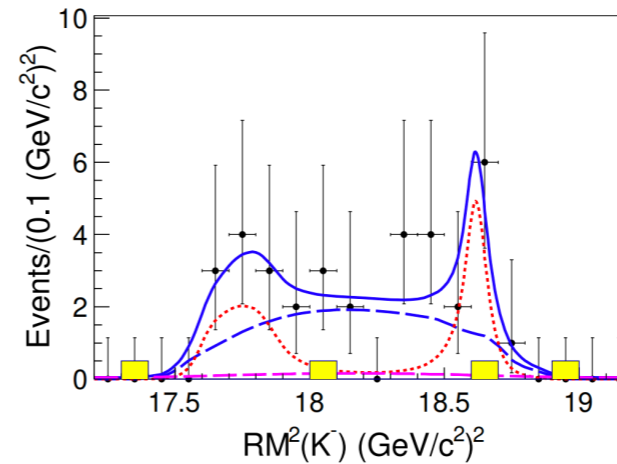
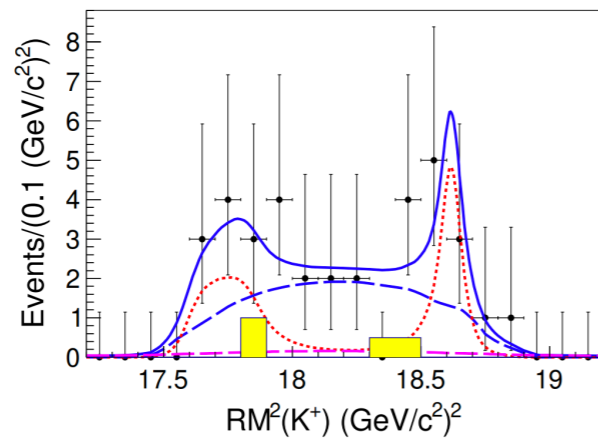
- There is discrepancy for the $M(K\psi(3686))$ spectrum between data and the non-resonant $K^+K^-\psi(3686)$ system
- More data is needed to obtain a robust conclusion

arXiv: 2407.20009

Fit I



Fit II



	M (MeV)	Γ (MeV)	N_{sig}	N_{phsp}	$-\ln\mathcal{L}$	significance
Fit I	4208.4 ± 3.1	6.1 ± 5.7	12.3 ± 5.0	20.1 ± 5.4	-112.1	1.2σ
Fit II	4316.0 ± 2.7	9.0 ± 8.6	13.4 ± 6.5	19.0 ± 6.7	-111.8	1.1σ

Summary

- BESIII keeps making contributions to the XYZ physics
 - Set upper limit of $X(3872) \rightarrow K^*(892)^{\pm,0} K^{\mp,0} (VP)$ to be 0.6×10^{-2} .
 - Make search for 1^{-+} charmoniumlike exotic states via $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\eta\eta_c, \eta'\eta_c, D_s D_{s1}(2536))$
 - Measure $Z_c(3900)$ and $\psi(4260)$ resonant parameters via $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ PWA
 - Determine $T_{cc}(4020) J^P = 1^+$ via multi-channel joint analysis of $T_{cc}(4020) \rightarrow DD^*, \pi h_c,$ and $\pi J/\psi$
 - Search for Z_{cs} states in $ee \rightarrow KK\psi(3686)$ system.
- After the BEPCII upgrade, increased statistics and advanced analysis methods will bring more new results.