

Recent BESIII results on exotic charmonium-like hadrons

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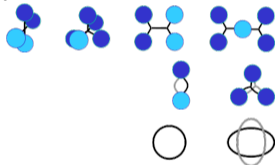


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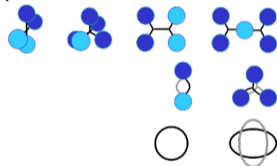


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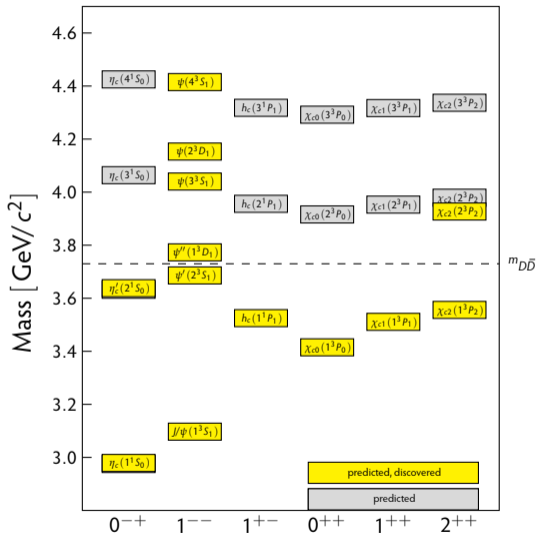
For a long time: **where are they?**

The absence of exotics is one of the most obvious features of QCD.

Now: compelling evidence for 4- and 5-quark states

R. Jaffe, hep-ph/0409065

Charmonium spectrum [🍷 🍷]



Example potential

$$V_0^{c\bar{c}} = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + br + \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9m_c^2} \delta(r) \vec{S}_c \vec{S}_{\bar{c}}$$

$$V_{\text{spin-dep.}} = \frac{1}{m_c^2} \left[\left(\frac{2\alpha_s}{r^3} - \frac{b}{2r} \right) \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} + \frac{4\alpha_s}{r^3} T \right]$$

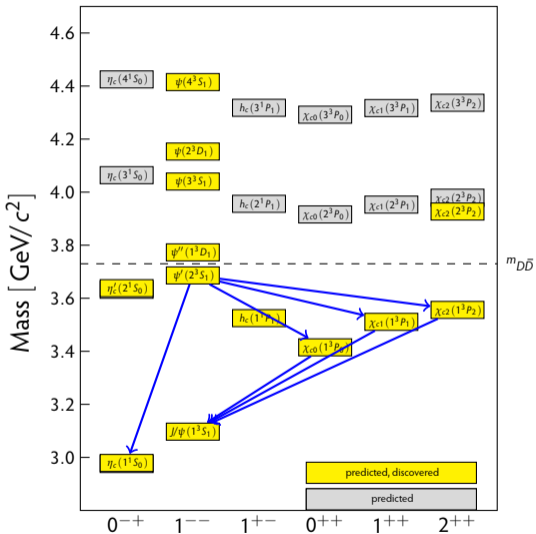
+ relativistic corrections!

Godfrey & Isgur, PRD 32, 189 (1985);
Barnes, Godfrey & Swanson, PRD 72, 054026 (2005)

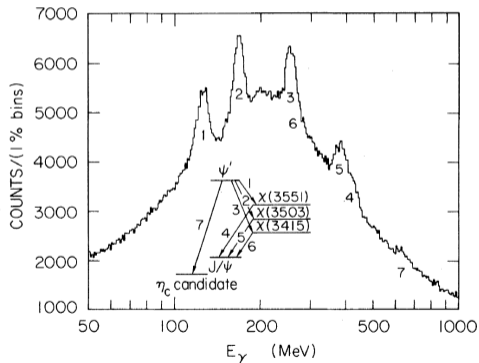
Use well-established states to fix parameters, then predict remainder of spectrum, and transitions

➔ Remarkably good description above $D\bar{D}$ threshold: some mass shifts

Charmonium spectrum [🍓🍓]

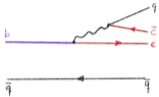


Crystal Ball at SLAC
discovery of η_c

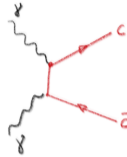


Exotic hadrons ...and where to find them

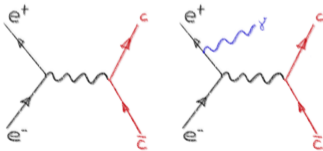
- Decays of hadrons with heavy quarks



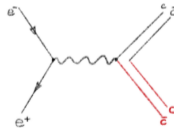
- photon-photon fusion



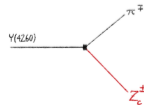
- e^+e^- direct, or via ISR



- double charmonium production



- decays of higher charmonia



- $pp, p\bar{p}$ inclusive
- photo- / electroproduction

Exotic hadrons ...and where to find them

e^+e^-

B factories (*BABAR*, *Belle*, *Belle II*)

τ -charm factory (**BESIII**)

Direct production of 1^{--} states (or via ISR)

$\gamma\gamma$ interactions: $C = +1, L$ even states

Clean environment, but low cross sections

$\sigma \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{nb})$

pp

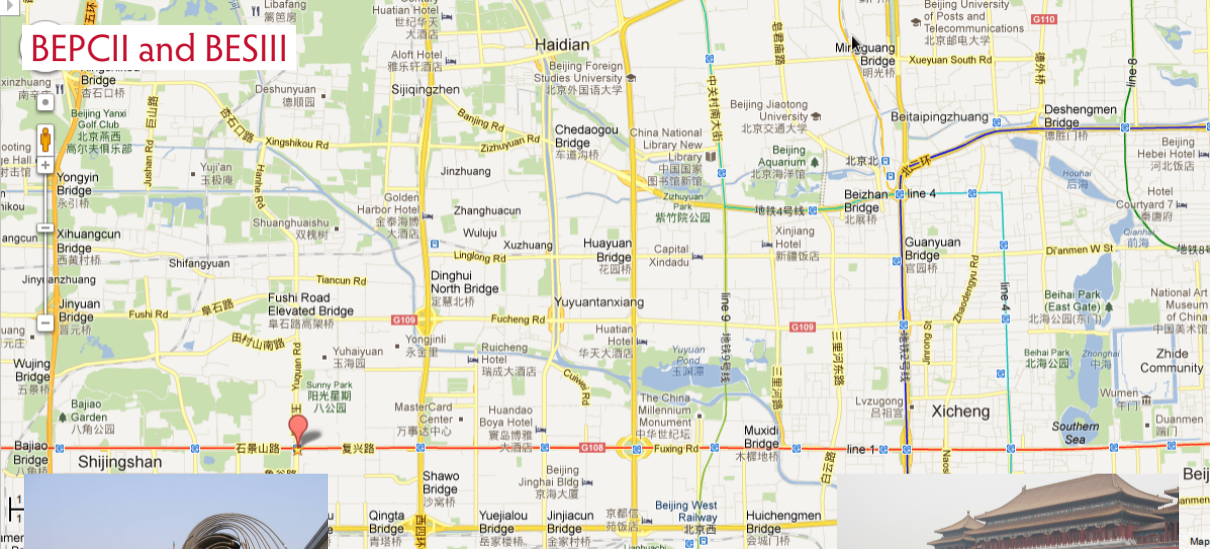
Production of heavy quarks in initial hard scattering

subsequent hadronisation can produce all sorts of hadrons

At LHC energies: huge production cross sections

$\sigma \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{mb})$

BEP CII and BES III



BEPcII and BESIII

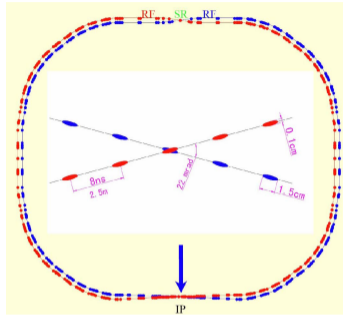
Linac

BESIII

BSRF

Tiananmen
天安门 10km

BEPCII storage rings: a τ -charm factory

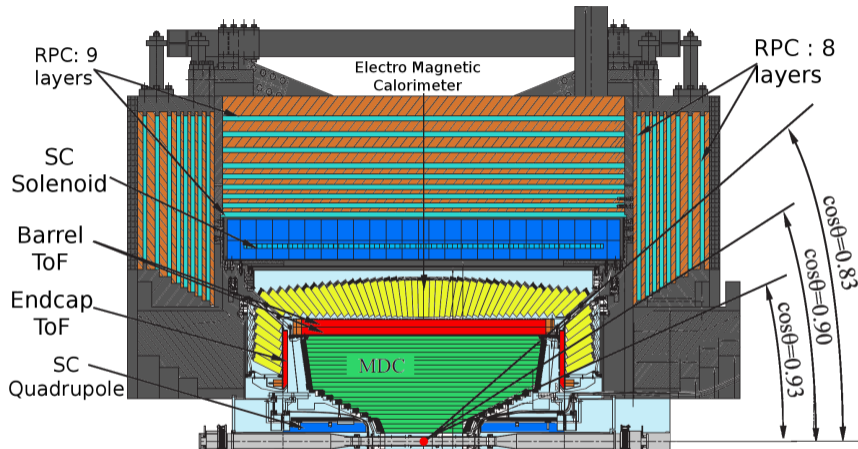


Upgrade of BEPC (started 2004,
first collisions July 2008)

Beam energy $1 \dots 2.45 \text{ GeV}$
 Optimum energy 1.89 GeV
 Single beam current 0.91 A
 Crossing angle $\pm 11 \text{ mrad}$

Design luminosity $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 Achieved $1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Beam energy measurement:
 Laser Compton backscattering
 $\Delta E/E \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$
 ($\approx 50 \text{ keV}$ at τ threshold)

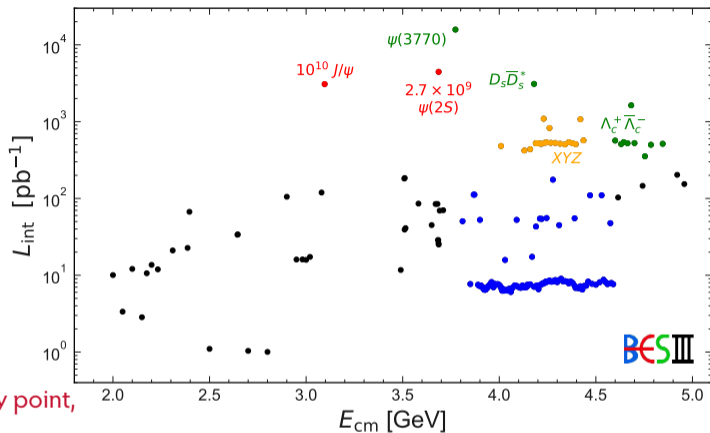


At BEPCII in Beijing: e^+e^- collisions at \sqrt{s} between 2 and 5 GeV

12 years data taking at BESIII

Data sets collected so far include

- 10×10^9 J/ψ events
- 2.7×10^9 ψ' events
- 16 fb^{-1} on $\psi(3770)$
- scan data between 2.0 and 3.08 GeV, and above 3.735 GeV
- large datasets for XYZ studies:
scan with $> 500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ per energy point,
spaced 10 – 20 MeV apart



Light hadrons in the decays of J/ψ , ψ'

Charmonium-like hadrons above $\sqrt{s} \approx 4.2 \text{ GeV}$ → this talk



$\chi_{c1}(3872)$ a.k.a. $X(3872)$

$\chi_{c1}(3872)$ in a nutshell

Belle's discovery (2003) in $B \rightarrow K J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$: extremely narrow resonance

Observed in B decays, prompt production in pp , $p\bar{p}$, heavy-ion collisions, and in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)$

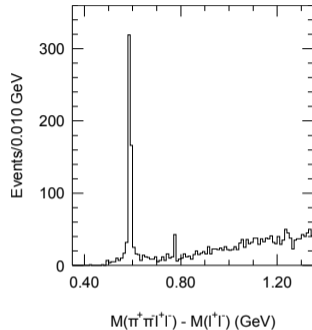
Mass sits extremely close to $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ threshold

No charged partner found: isospin singlet
but large isospin violation in its decays $J/\psi \rho^0$ and $J/\psi \omega$

LHCb: $J^P = 1^+$ without any doubt

does not fit into $c\bar{c}$ spectrum as 2^3P_1 state: too light
nevertheless, PDG labels this state now as $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ according to $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$

$D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ molecule? Four-quark state?



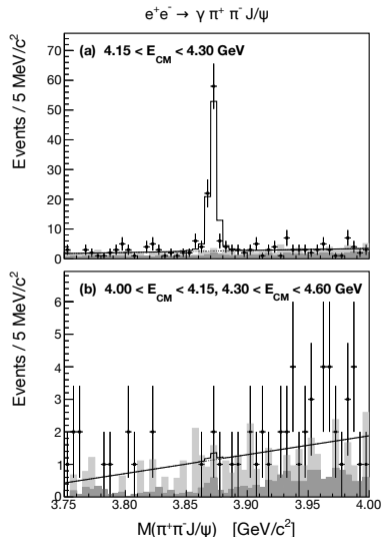
$\chi_{c1}(3872)$ at BESIII

BESIII, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 (2019) 202001

Are there other decay modes of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$, e.g. to other charmonia?

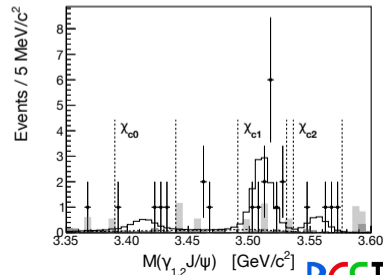
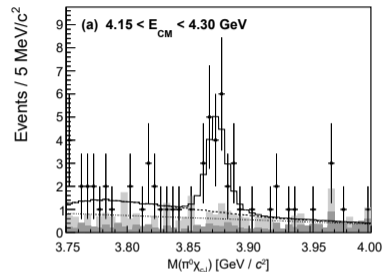
Production at BESIII via $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$

- $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ production happens in the region $\sqrt{s} \sim 4.15$ GeV to 4.30 GeV, but not outside
- Suggestive of very strong connection between $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and $Y(4230)$



$$\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1}$$

- Search for $X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma J/\psi$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c1}(3872)$
- Select events with $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \gamma J/\psi$ with $M(\gamma J/\psi)$ near χ_{cJ} mass: clear signal near $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ mass
- $M(\gamma J/\psi)$ in signal region: indication of χ_{c1}, χ_{c2}

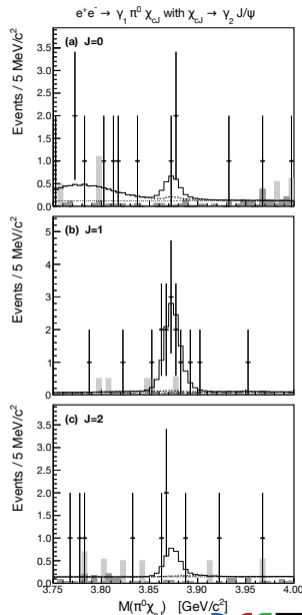


$X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1}$

- Clear $X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1}$ signal seen, stat. significance more than 5σ
- Normalise to 'discovery mode'

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1})}{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)} = 0.88^{+0.33}_{-0.27} \pm 0.10$$

- Estimate $\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1}) \sim 3 - 6\%$
- 'ordinary $c\bar{c}$ ': $\Gamma(2^3P_1 \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1}) \sim 0.06 \text{ keV}$
[Dubynskiy and Voloshin, Phys. Rev. D 77 \(2008\) 014013](#),
implying an extremely narrow $\chi_{c1}(3872)$
- Disfavour pure $c\bar{c}$ interpretation of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$



Branching ratios

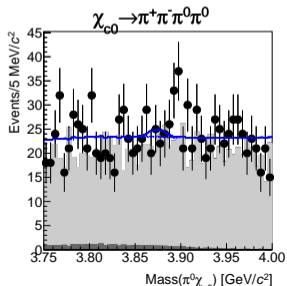
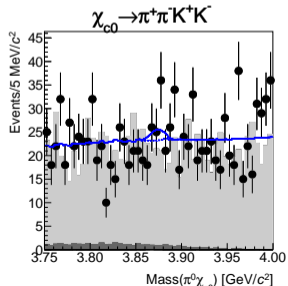
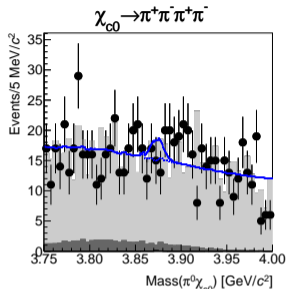
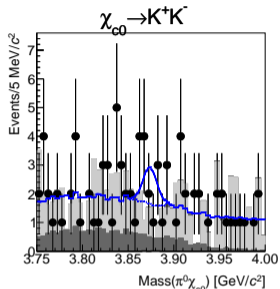
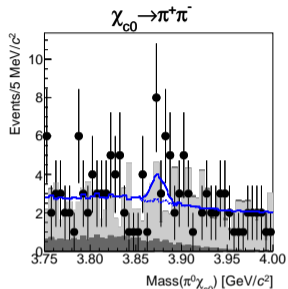
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1})}$$

expected to be sensitive to internal structure of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$:

Ref	Technique	Interpretation	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1})}$
Dubynskiy & Voloshin 2008	Multipole expansion	Four-quark/molecule	...	2.97
	Multipole expansion	$\chi_{c1}(2P)$	0.0	0.0
Fleming & Mehen 2008	Effective field theory	$D^0 \bar{D}^{0*}$...	2.84 to 2.98
Q. Wu 2021	Effective field theory	$D^0 \bar{D}^{0*} + D^+ D^{*-}$	1.3 to 2.07	1.65 to 1.77
Y. Dong 2009	Effective field theory	$D^0 \bar{D}^{0*} + D^+ D^{*-}$...	3.72
Z. Zhou 2019	Effective field theory	$D^0 \bar{D}^{0*} + D^+ D^{*-} + \chi_{c1}(2P)$	0.094	1.15

Double pion transitions expected to be suppressed by 1×10^{-3} to 1×10^{-5} compared to $\pi^0 \chi_{c0}$

$\chi_{c1}(3872)$ pionic transitions to χ_{c0}



$\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0}$

5 hadronic decay modes of χ_{c0}
Simultaneous fit: no signal seen

$\chi_{c1}(3872)$ pionic transitions to χ_{c0}

Ratio	Central Value	Upper Limit
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)}$	$1.70_{-0.75}^{+0.55} \pm 0.40$	3.6
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1})}$	$1.9_{-0.7}^{+1.2} \pm 0.5$	4.4
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)}$	$0.06_{-0.23}^{+0.24} \pm 0.12$	0.68
$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \chi_{c0})}{\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)}$	$-0.55_{-0.42}^{+0.53} \pm 0.33$	1.7

Too small statistics for tighter limits: cannot draw conclusion from this yet

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c1}(3872)$

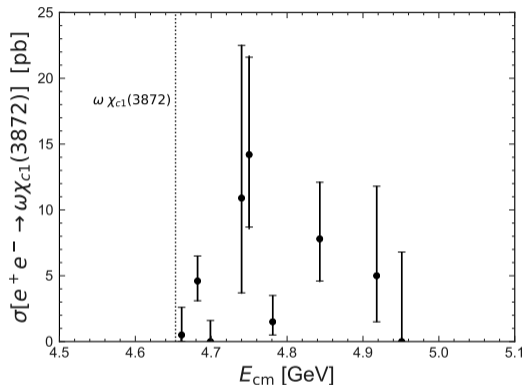
- BESIII observed $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c1}(1P)$, production of ordinary 1^3P_J charmonia
- If $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ contains excited spin-triplet charmonium state $\chi_{c1}(2P)$, could also have

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c1}(3872)$$

- 4.7 fb^{-1} data above 4.66 GeV
- Reconstruct decay via

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$$

- Overall, 7.5σ significance for the signal, incl. syst.

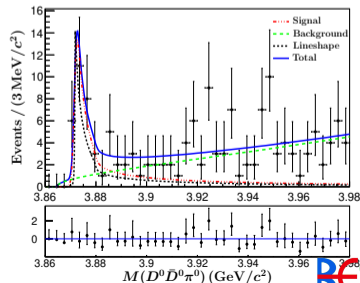
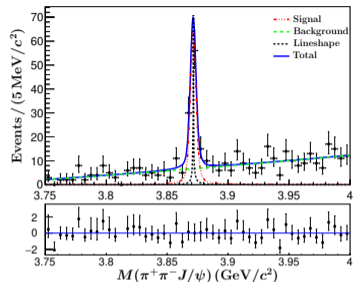


Non-trivial structure in the energy dependence of the cross section!

Coupled-channel analysis of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

BESIII preliminary, arXiv:2309.01502

- Line shape crucial to understand nature of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$
- $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ bound state?
- LHCb: study lineshape via $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ from B hadron decays [Phys.Rev.D 102 \(2020\) 092005](#), see Misha's talk on Thursday
- At BESIII: much smaller statistics, but simultaneous access to $D^0\bar{D}^{*0} \rightarrow D^0\bar{D}^0\pi^0$ channel



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Use framework developed by Hanhart *et al.*, PRD 81 (2010) 094028:

- decay to $D^0\bar{D}^0\pi^0$ via intermediate state $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$, taking \bar{D}^{*0} width into account
- also implement D^+D^{*-} threshold
- all other decays have thresholds very far away from $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ mass:
parameterised via $\Gamma_{J/\psi\pi\pi}$: fix ratios $\Gamma_{\text{known}}/\Gamma_{J/\psi\pi\pi} = 2.8$ and $\Gamma_{\text{unknown}}/\Gamma_{J/\psi\pi\pi} = 8$

$$\frac{d\text{Br}(D^0\bar{D}^0\pi^0)}{dE} = \mathcal{B} \frac{\text{Br}(D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0\pi^0) \times g \times k_{\text{eff}}(E)}{|D(E)|^2},$$
$$\frac{d\text{Br}(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)}{dE} = \mathcal{B} \frac{\Gamma_{\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi}}{|D(E)|^2},$$

with

$$D(E) = E - E_X + \frac{1}{2}g [(\kappa_{\text{eff}}(E) + ik_{\text{eff}}(E)) + (\kappa_{\text{eff}}^c(E) + ik_{\text{eff}}^c(E))] + \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_0$$

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Account for detector resolution with linear model
derived from MC

Fit result for line shape parameters:

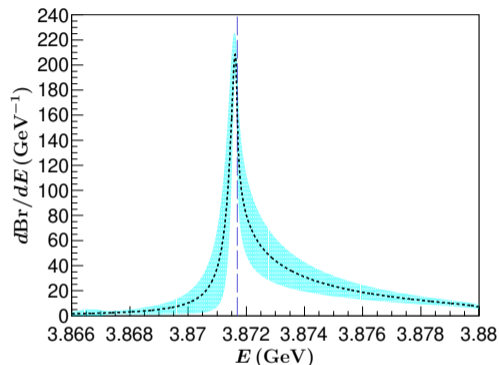
$$g = 0.16 \pm 0.10^{+1.12}_{-0.11}$$

$$\Gamma_0 = (2.67 \pm 1.77^{+8.01}_{-0.82}) \text{ MeV}$$

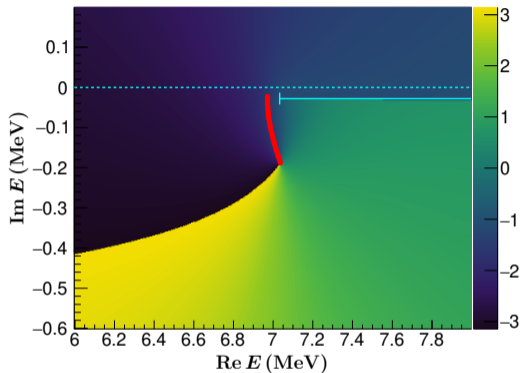
$$M_X = (3871.63 \pm 0.13^{+0.06}_{-0.05}) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{FWHM} = \left(0.44^{+0.13}_{-0.35} \begin{matrix} +0.38 \\ -0.25 \end{matrix} \right) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{(cf. LHCb: } 0.22^{+0.06}_{-0.08} \begin{matrix} +0.25 \\ -0.17 \end{matrix} \text{ MeV)}$$

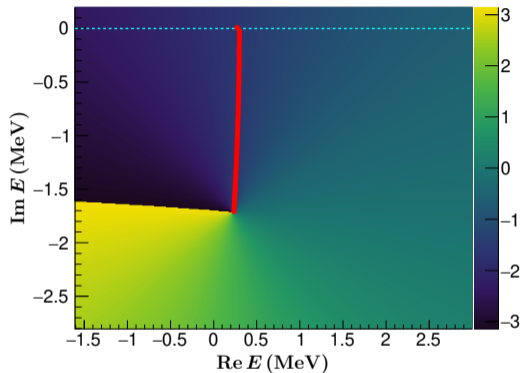


Coupled-channel analysis of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$: location of poles BESIII preliminary, arXiv:2309.01502



$$E_I = 7.04 - 0.19i \text{ MeV}$$

(branch cut at $7.033 - 0.027i$ MeV)



$$E_{II} = 0.26 - 1.71i \text{ MeV}$$

Coupled-channel analysis of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

Effective-range expansion: switch off all channels except $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$, treat \bar{D}^{*0} as stable particle

Rewrite denominator in terms of momentum k as

$$D(k) = \frac{1}{a} - ik + \frac{r_e}{2}k^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

Fit result implies

$$a = \left(-16.5_{-27.6}^{+7.0} \quad +5.6_{-27.7} \right) \text{ fm}$$

$$r_e = \left(-4.1_{-3.3}^{+0.9} \quad +2.8_{-4.4} \right) \text{ fm}$$

Negative effective range strongly suggests a compact component in $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

cf. [Esposito et al. PRD 105 \(2022\) L031503](#);



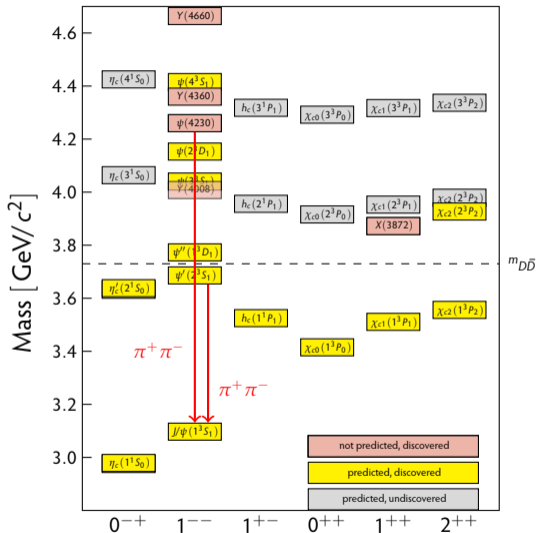
Charmonium-like vector states

$$\psi(4230) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$$

First seen in e^+e^- collisions near $\Upsilon(4S)$
 in ISR production, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$

$$\Rightarrow J^{PC} = 1^{--}$$

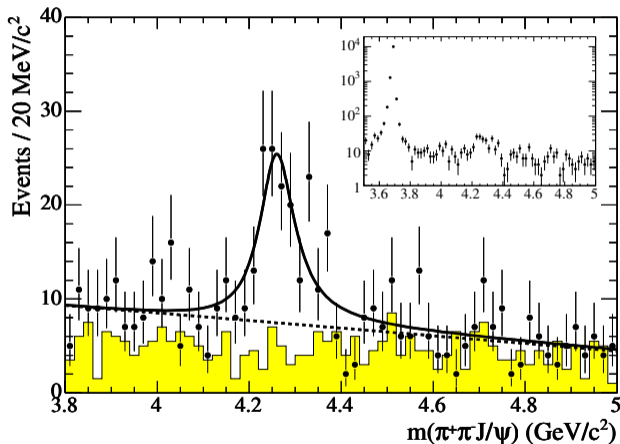
Supernumerary vector state:
 all 'ordinary' $c\bar{c}$ vector states already seen



$\psi(4230) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$

BABAR, 211 fb⁻¹, PRL 95 (2005) 142001

Discovered by BABAR in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{ISR} J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$



Fit with single Breit-Wigner

$$M = 4259 \pm 8_{-6}^{+2} \text{ MeV}$$

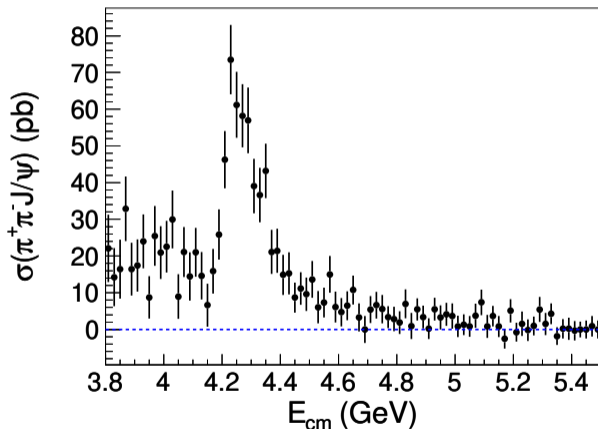
$$\Gamma = 88 \pm 23_{-4}^{+6} \text{ MeV}$$

Call this structure $Y(4260)$

$\psi(4230) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$

Belle, 967 fb^{-1} , PRL 110 (2013) 252002

Belle measurement, using ISR



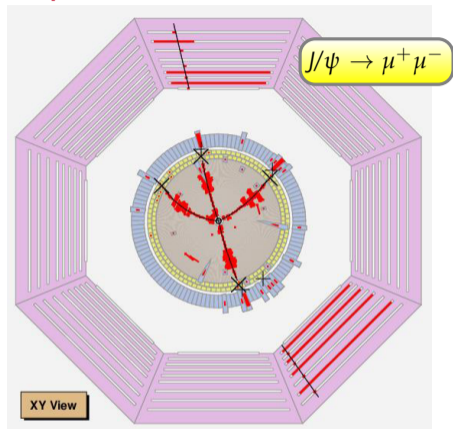
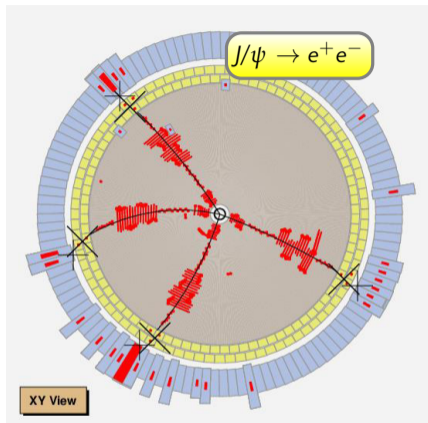
Single Breit-Wigner fit to line shape
still satisfactory

$$M = 4248.6 \pm 8.3 \pm 12.1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 134.1 \pm 16.4 \pm 5.5 \text{ MeV}$$

but lineshape does not quite look like a
Breit-Wigner

$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ at 4.26 GeV in direct production at BESIII

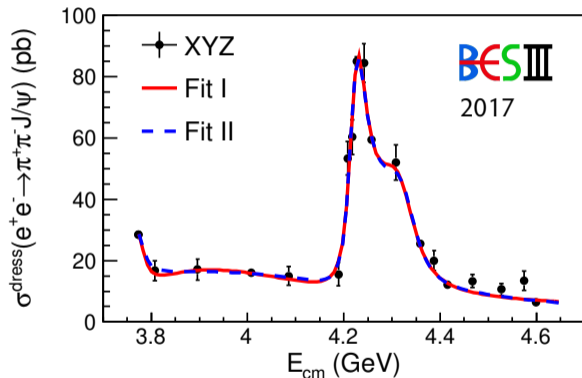


- Running at $\sqrt{s} = 4260$ MeV: simple and straightforward
- $J/\psi (\rightarrow l^+l^-) \pi^+ \pi^-$: four charged tracks

- very clean sample, high efficiency, reliable MC simulation
- dominant background: continuum

$\psi(4230) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$

BESIII: make use of first batch of XYZ scan data set



Single Breit-Wigner not appropriate to fit line shape

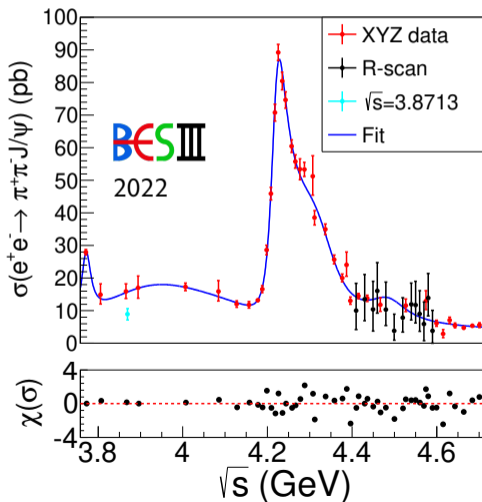
Parameter	Fit 1 / MeV	Fit 2 / MeV
$M(R_1)$	$3812.6^{+61.9}_{-96.6}$...
$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(R_1)$	$476.9^{+78.4}_{-64.8}$...
$M(R_2)$	4222.0 ± 3.1	4220.9 ± 2.9
$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(R_2)$	44.1 ± 4.3	44.1 ± 3.8
$M(R_3)$	4320.0 ± 10.4	4326.8 ± 10.0
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Fit 1, Fit 2: different treatment of non-resonant contribution

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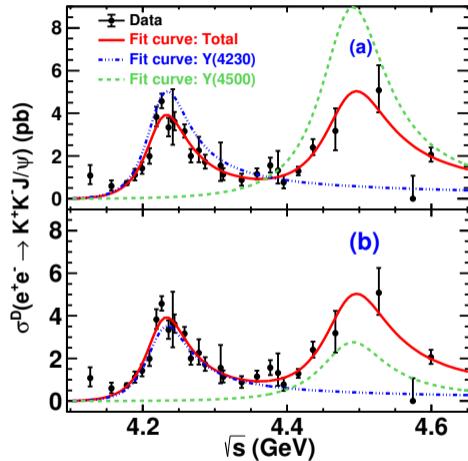
Update with fine high-statistics scan



- $\psi(4220)$ and $\psi(4320)$ parameters consistent with previous measurement
- additional structure near 4.5 GeV needed — $\psi(4415)$? influences determination of $\psi(4220)$ parameters

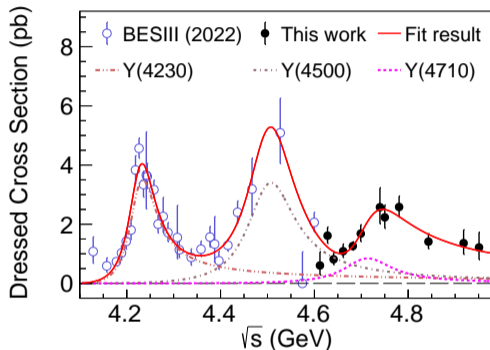
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- Improve statistics by partial reconstruction: require $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ and one K^\pm
- Cross section near $\psi(4230)$ about 1/20 of $\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$
- Fit to dressed cross section with coherent sum of 2 BW: parameters of low-lying structure compatible with $Y(4230)$
- $Y(4500)$: hint seen in $\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$, but much stronger here. What is it? Conventional charmonium, $c\bar{c}s\bar{s}$, ...?



$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$ update

Add new data above 4.7 GeV



Three BW functions to fit the cross section:

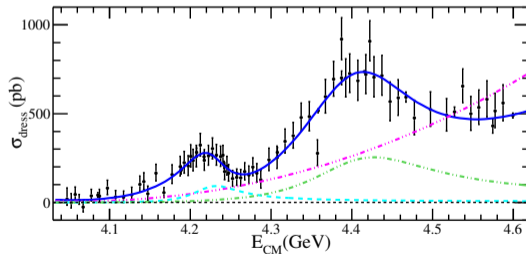
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Y(4710)	4708^{+17}_{-15}	126^{+27}_{-23}

Open-charm decay channels?

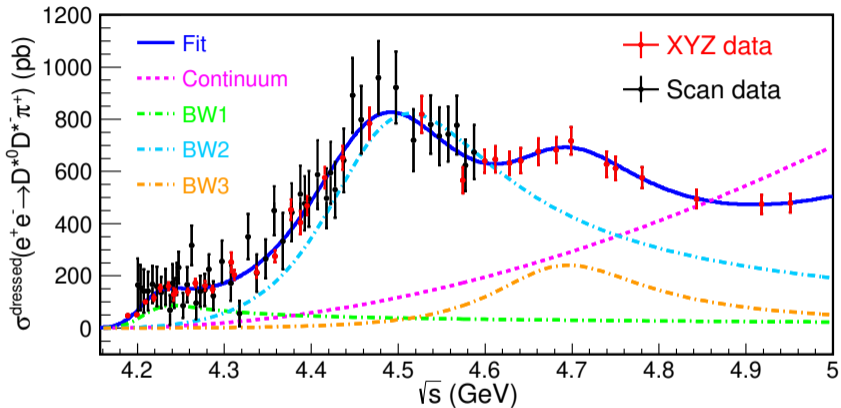
Hidden-charm final states such as $\pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$, KKJ/ψ , $\pi^+ \pi^- \psi(2S)$ show interesting resonant structure in the cross section

Decays of these resonances into open-charm final states?

Yes — e.g. $D^{*0} D^- \pi^+$ [BESIII, PRL 122 \(2019\) 102002](#)



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}D^{*-}\pi^+$$



Fit with coherent sum of 3 rel. Breit-Wigner + continuum (phase space)

Caution: Fit to 1D projection of complicated phase space.

Multiple indistinguishable solutions (8) unavoidable, differing in rel. phases and $\mathcal{B}\Gamma_{ee}$

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Implications for $Y(4230)$, assuming $\psi(4210)$ to be the same state:

- Coupling to $D^{*0}D^{*-}\pi^+$ same order of magnitude as to $D^0D^{*-}\pi^+$
- Electronic width $\Gamma_{ee}(Y(4230)) > 40$ eV
disfavours assignment as charmonium hybrid [LQCD, Y. Chen et al., Chin. Phys. C 40 \(2016\) 8, 081002](#)
- Coupled-channel analysis highly desirable!

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Assume $\psi(4470)$ is the same state as $\psi(4500)$ seen in K^+K^-J/ψ :

- First observation of this state in an open-charm decay channel
- Decay rate to $D^{*0}D^{*-}\pi^+$ 2 orders of magnitude larger than to K^+K^-J/ψ :
disfavours hidden-strangeness tetraquark structure

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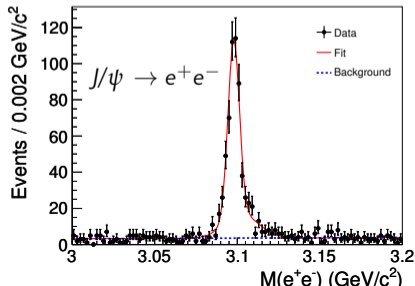
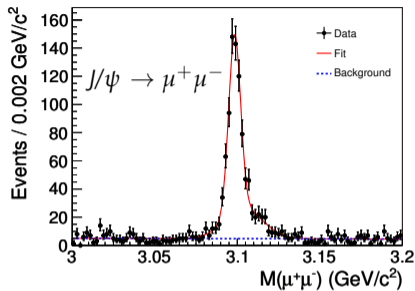
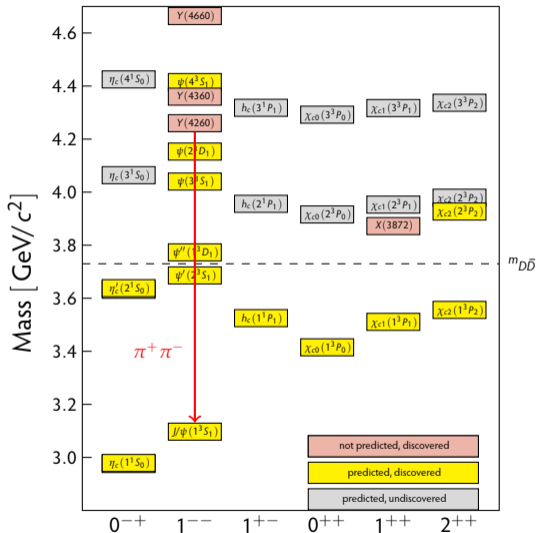
$\psi(4660)$:

- seen in $\pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S)$ cross section by Belle (2007), BABAR (2014), and BESIII (2021)
- not seen in $D^{*-}D^0\pi^+$ Belle, PRD 80 (2009) 091101
but in $D_s^+D_s(2536)^-$ Belle, PRD 100 (2019) 111103
- also in $\Lambda_c^+\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ near threshold? Belle, PRL 101 (2008) 172001
- this analysis: first non-strange open-charm decay



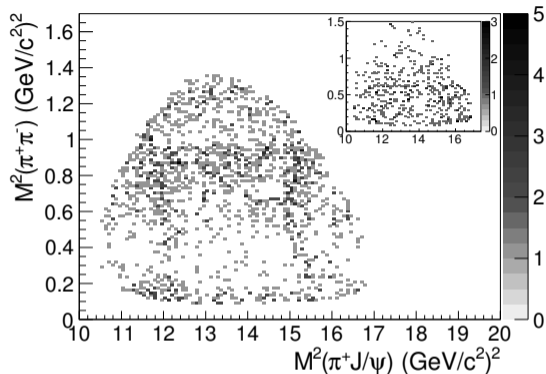
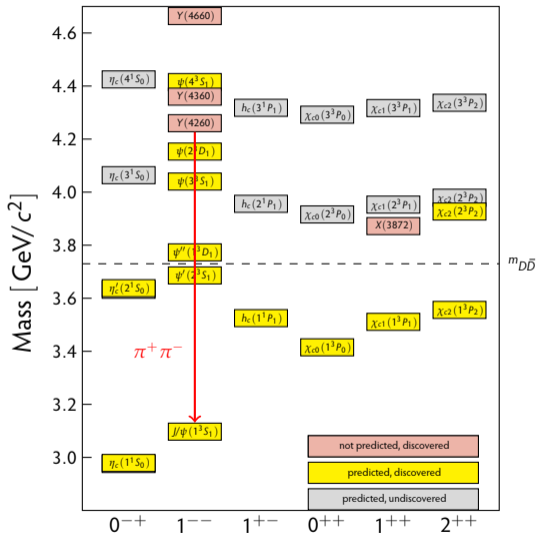
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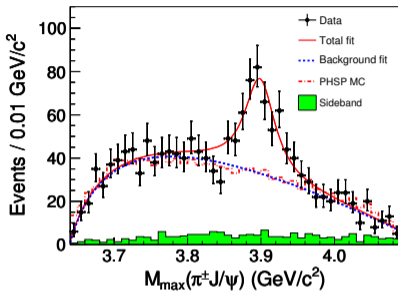
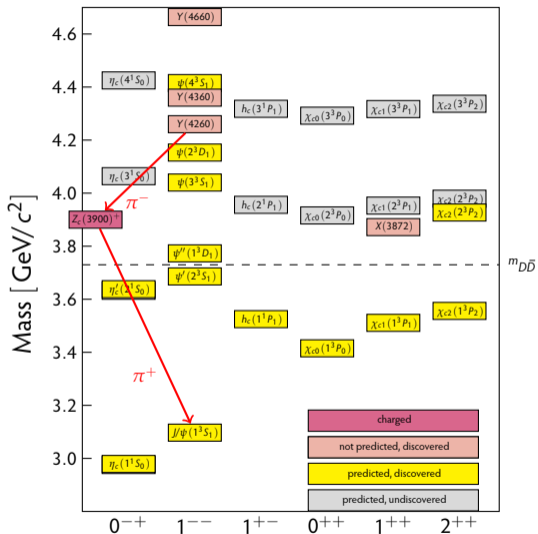
BESIII, PRL 110, 252001 (2013)



Non-trivial substructure in $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$
Dalitz plot

Resonant substructure in decay!

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Charged charmonium-like structure

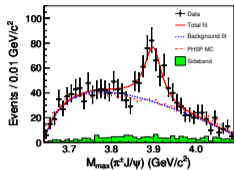
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$$\Gamma = (46 \pm 10 \pm 20) \text{ MeV}$$

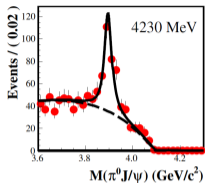
Confirmed by Belle PRL 110, 252002

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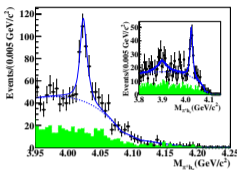
Z_c family at BESIII near $\sqrt{s} = 4.26$ GeV



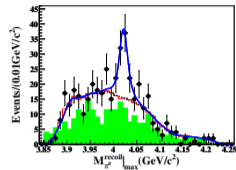
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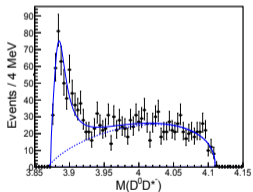
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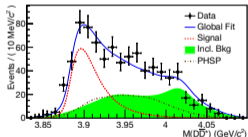


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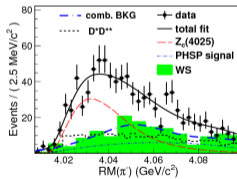
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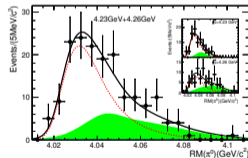
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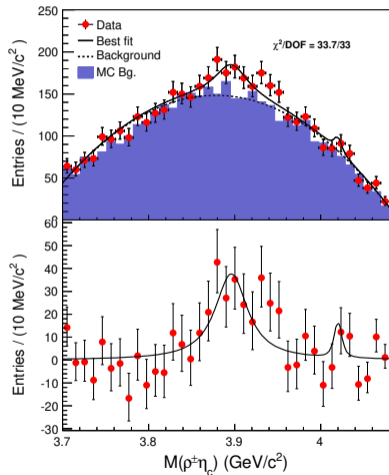


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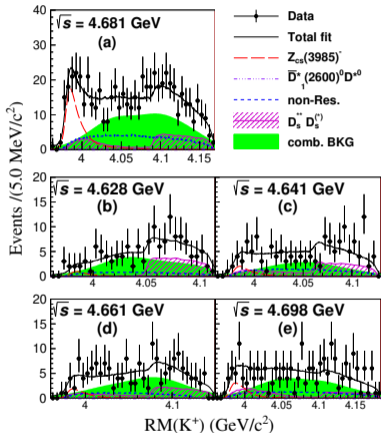
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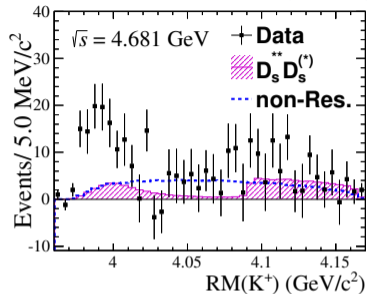
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Search for strange partners to the Z_c in $D^{(*)} D_s^{(*)}$ and $J/\psi K$

Z_{CS}^+ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+(D_s^- D^{*0} + D_s^{*-} D^0)$



Threshold enhancement most prominent at $\sqrt{s} = 4.68 \text{ GeV}$



Fit with rel. BW yields pole mass and width of structure at threshold

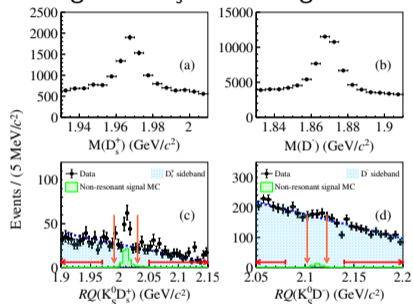
$$M_{\text{pole}} = 3982.5^{+1.8}_{-2.6} \pm 2.1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{pole}} = 12.8^{+5.3}_{-4.4} \pm 3.0 \text{ MeV}$$

Hidden-charm open-strangeness four-quark candidate $Z_{CS}(3985)^+$

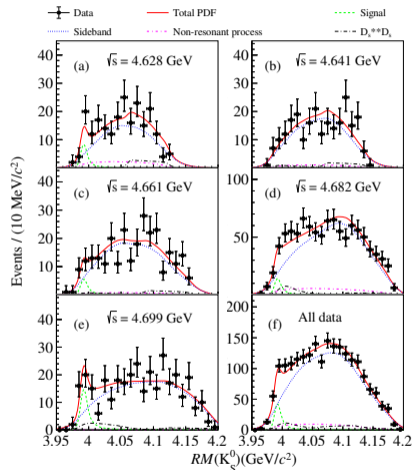
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S^0 D_s^+ D^{*-} + K_S^0 D_s^{*-} D^+$$

Reconstruct K_S^0 and one of D_s^{*+} or D^- , identify missing D^+ or D_s^{*-} in missing mass



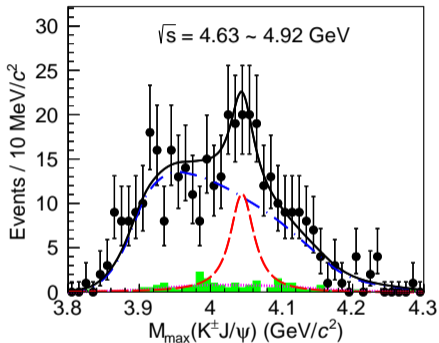
See Z_{CS}^0 in system recoiling against K_S^0 , with significance 4.6σ

BW parameters	Mass (MeV/c^2)	Width (MeV)
$Z_{CS}(3985)^0$	$3992.2 \pm 1.7 \pm 1.6$	$7.7^{+4.1}_{-3.8} \pm 4.3$
$Z_{CS}(3985)^+$	$3985.2^{+2.1}_{-2.0} \pm 1.7$	$13.8^{+8.1}_{-5.2} \pm 4.9$



Z_{CS} in hidden-charm decays

$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi K^+K^-$, above 4.62 GeV



Parameters:

$$M = 4.044(6) \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 0.036(16) \text{ GeV}$$

Simultaneous fit to $M_{\max}(K^+J/\psi)$
components:

- Z_{CS} modelled as rel. BW
- Contributions from f_0 and f_2 resonances decaying to K^+K^- (very few events for a PWA)

Significance of Z_{CS} only 2.3σ

Is this a hint of $Z_{CS}(4000)^+$ seen by LHCb in
 $B^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi\phi$? [LHCb, PRL 127 \(2021\) 082001](#)

(stat. errors only)

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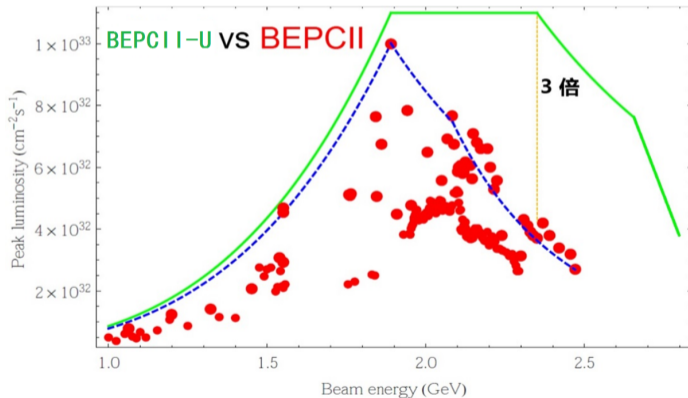


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Upgrade to accelerator: BEPCII-U project

- **Goal:** improve luminosity at large \sqrt{s}
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Operate BESIII for several years after upgrade (2030?)

More exciting results to come from the new larger datasets

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Exploit known kinematics and clean environment

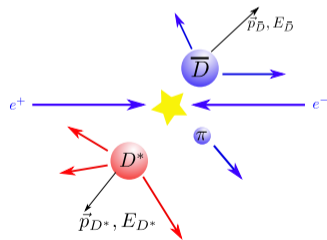
Exclusive reconstruction of final states with many tracks / intermediate resonances may suffer from low efficiency

- Tracking and PID efficiencies
- Branching fractions of intermediate states
e.g. $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) = 8.98\%$

At e^+e^- collider with precisely known initial state:
can require missing track or even composite particle,
for example in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*+}D^0\pi^-$

$$p_{e^+e^-}^\mu = p_D^\mu + p_\pi^\mu + p_{D^*}^\mu$$

Use *kinematic fit* with appropriate constraints to improve mass and momentum resolution



Radiative and open-charm decay modes of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

BESIII, PRL 124 (2020) 242001

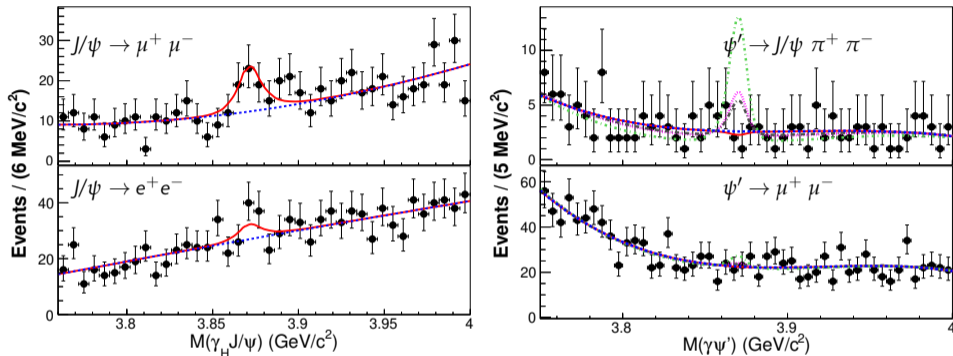
Ratio of branching fractions

$$R_{\gamma\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \gamma\psi')}{\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi)}$$

- Predicted to be in the range
(3 to 4) $\times 10^{-4}$ if $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ is $D^{*0} \bar{D}^0$ molecule,
1.2 to 15 if pure $c\bar{c}$ state
0.5 to 5 if mixture
- Experimental situation:

$$R_{\gamma\psi} = \begin{cases} 2.46 \pm 0.64 \pm 0.29 & \text{LHCb} & \text{Nucl. Phys. B 886 (2014) 665} \\ 3.4 \pm 1.4 & \text{BABAR} & \text{Phys. Rev. Lett. 102 (2009) 132001} \\ < 2.1 & \text{Belle} & \text{Phys. Rev. Lett. 107 (2011) 091803} \end{cases}$$

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Simultaneous fits to $M(\gamma J/\psi)$ or $M(\gamma \psi')$.

See clear $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$, at 3.5σ , but no hint for $\gamma \psi'$ (contradicts BABAR).

Upper limit at the 90% C.L.: $R_{\gamma\psi} < 0.59$

Somewhat in tension ($\sim 2\sigma$) with LHCb and BABAR, but in agreement with Belle.

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Also search for decays to open charm: $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0 + c.c.$ dominant decay (known),
see no indication for other, non-resonant decays with open charm

mode	ratio	UL
$\gamma J/\psi$	0.79 ± 0.28	-
$\gamma \psi'$	-0.03 ± 0.22	< 0.42
$\gamma D^0 \bar{D}^0$	0.54 ± 0.48	< 1.58
$\pi^0 D^0 \bar{D}^0$	-0.13 ± 0.47	< 1.16
$D^{*0} \bar{D}^0 + c.c.$	11.77 ± 3.09	-
$\gamma D^+ D^-$	$0.00^{+0.48}_{-0.00}$	< 0.99
$\omega J/\psi$	$1.6^{+0.4}_{-0.3} \pm 0.2$	-
$\pi^0 \chi_{c1}$	$0.88^{+0.33}_{-0.27} \pm 0.10$	-

Branching ratios relative to $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$:

$\psi(4230)$ in different decay channels

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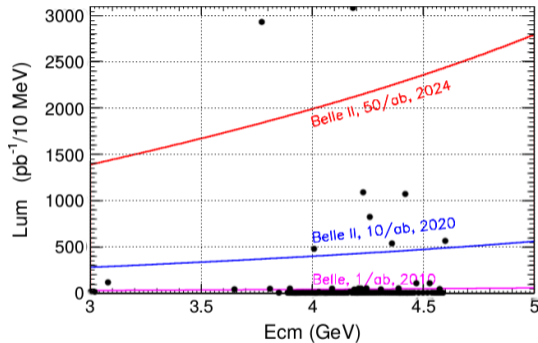
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4200.6 $^{+7.9}_{-13.3} \pm 3.0$		⁵ ABLIKIM	2019V BES3	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c1}(3872)$
4222.0 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.4		⁶ ABLIKIM	2017B BES3	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$
4218 $^{+5.5}_{-4.5} \pm 0.9$		ABLIKIM	2017G BES3	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c$

PDG now calls the narrow structure $\psi(4230)$ — seen in many different decay modes, mainly charmonium + light meson(s)

Luminosity expectation Belle II (ISR) vs BESIII (direct)

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Note: old luminosity projection for Belle II; current $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 428 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, target is 4 ab^{-1} by 4/2026

BESIII datasets relevant for years to come!

Upgrade of inner tracking detector with CGEM

CGEM: replace inner drift chamber
three layers of cylindrical GEM detectors.

Radiation hard, efficient, fast, better hit resolution along
beam direction.

Italy, with strong support of IHEP,
Germany, and Sweden.

Improvements w.r.t. KLOE CGEM detector:

- Improved anode design
- Analogue readout (new ASIC, designed in Torino)
- Micro-TPC reconstruction: get coordinates and
direction

Detector on track for installation in 2024

