

# Physics prospects for first experiments at $\bar{P}$ ANDA



# Outline

- Hadron spectroscopy with antiprotons;
- The FAIR accelerator complex;
- Low energy sector;
- Open-Charm and Charmonium spectroscopy;
- Exotic states;
- Baryonic states.

# Quantum Chromodynamics

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) is the theory of strong interactions that bind quarks and gluons together to form hadrons.

QCD is a nonlinear theory that is not analytically solvable

The chalkboard displays the QCD Lagrangian and its components:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + \sum_j \bar{q}_j (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_j) q_j$$

where  $G_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + gf_{bc}^a A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

and  $D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + i t^a A_\mu^a$

That's it!

Annotations:

- $g$ : coupling constant
- $m_j$ : masses of the 6 quark flavours
- $A_\mu^a$ : gluon field

From F.A. Wilczek QCD Lecture

For the equivalent quantum field theory of weak force and electromagnetism, approximations using perturbation expansions in the interaction strength give very accurate results. However, since the QCD interaction is “so strong”, perturbative approximations often fail.

# Hadron structure

The quark flavors can be divided into two categories, depending on their masses: the **light flavors** ( $u, d, s$ ), and the **heavy flavors** ( $c, b, t$ )

The study of the **light hadron sector** has led to the creation of the ***Chiral Symmetry Breaking*** picture in which the ground state mesons and baryons can be explained well with the constituent (valence) quarks and the sum of the quark masses roughly gives the hadron mass.






At very high energy, in the **heavy quark sector** asymptotic freedom allows accurate calculations at high energy with perturbation theory.

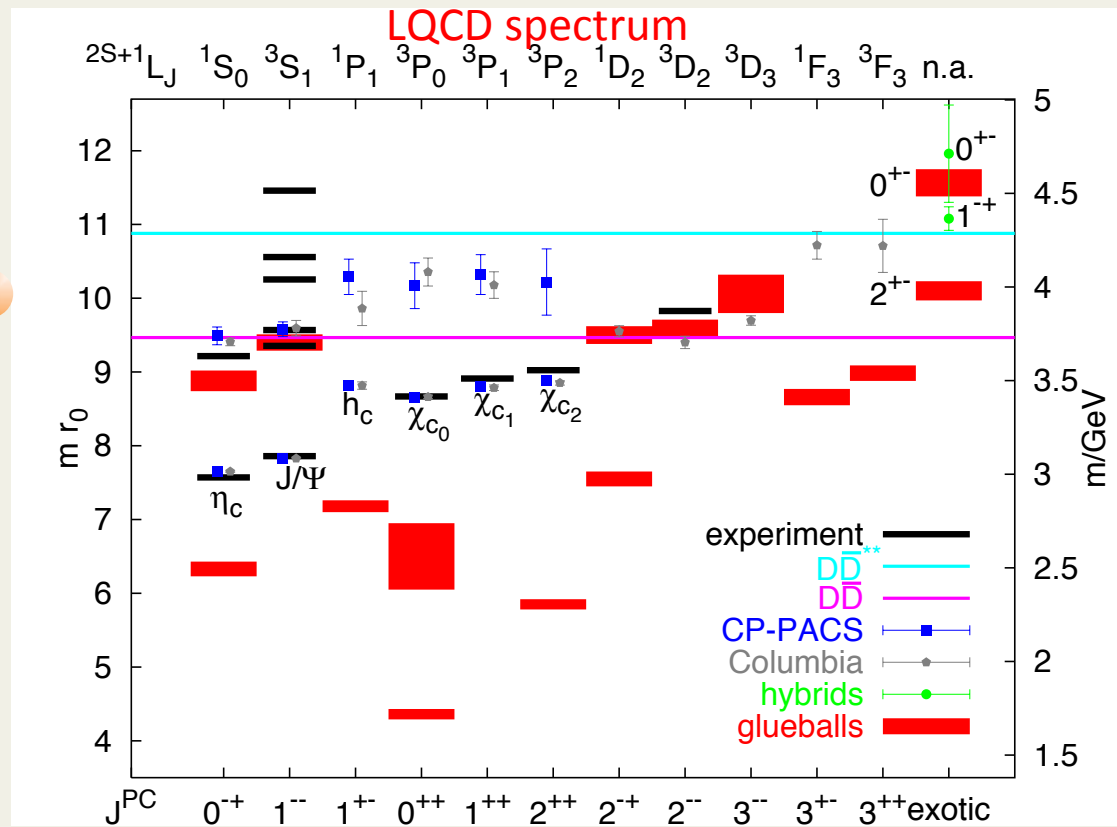
Charm sits between **heavy** and **light** quarks → it allows a test of theory methods and physics phenomena it is then the best playground to understand QCD.



# The hadron spectrum

The whole set of theoretical approaches rely on approximations and/or free parameters that must be constrained. Furthermore, They all predict states with explicit gluon content.

Mesons	$q\bar{q}$	
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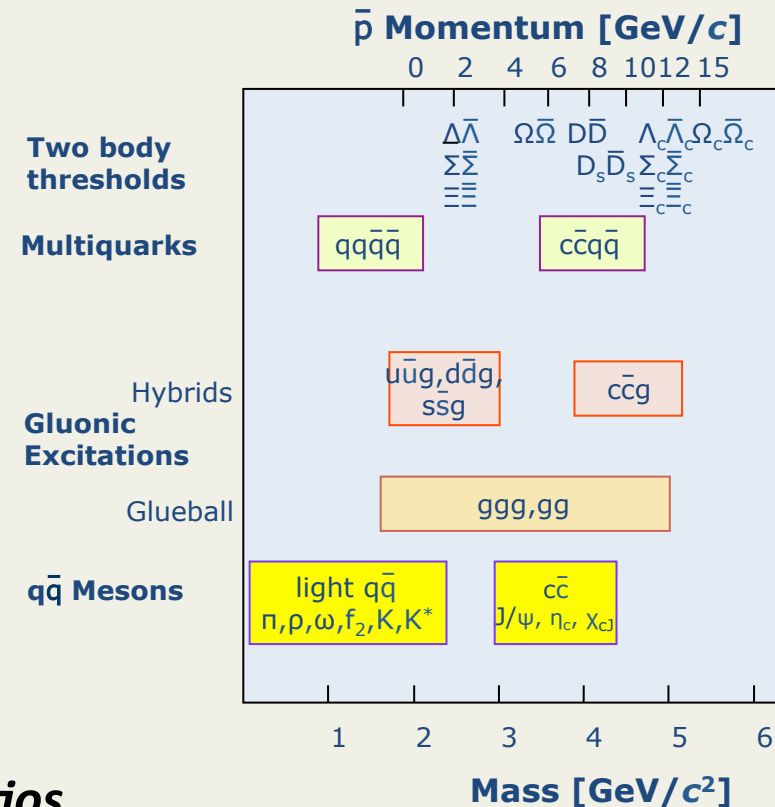
*G. S. Bali, Int.J.Mod.Phys. A21 (2006) 5610-5617*

# The experimental point of view

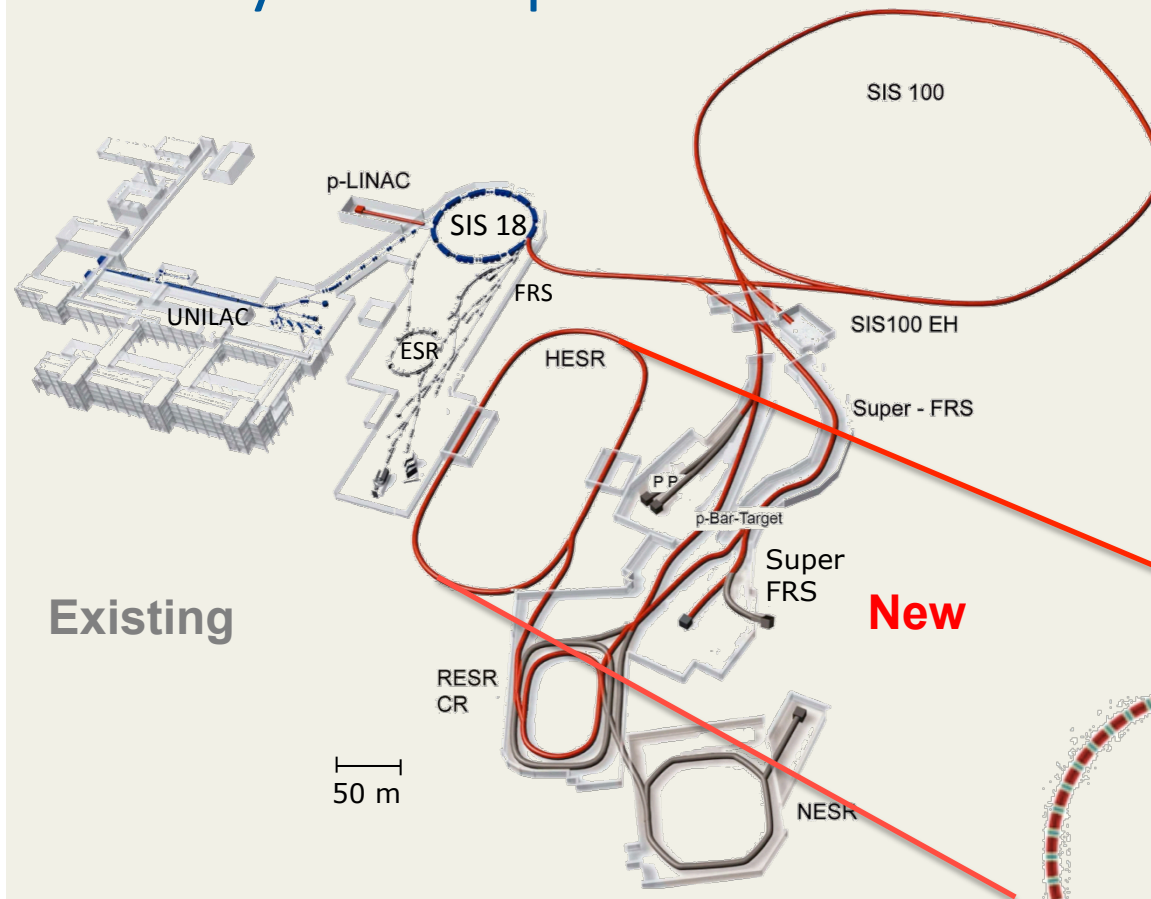
- Can we observe experimentally gluonic degrees of freedom?
- How would these manifest themselves in terms of the excitation spectrum and also in the strong decays of hadrons?

Three are the main goals of hadron spectroscopy:

- *Identify the physical states and their quantum numbers, and measure their **masses and widths**.*
- *Determine their **decay modes and branching ratios**.*
- *Study the underlying **dynamics of production and decay**.*



# Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



## Antiproton production

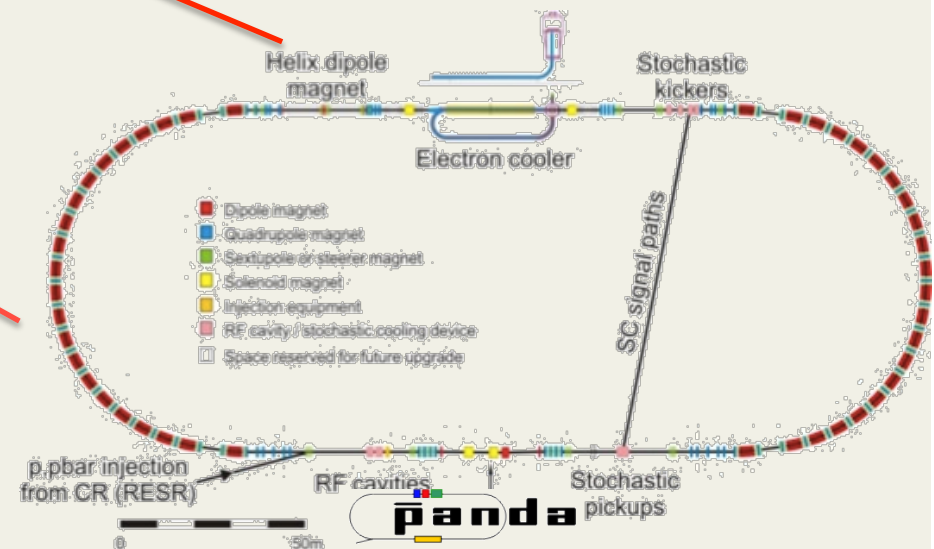
- Proton Linac 70 MeV
- Accelerate p in SIS18 / 100
- Produce  $\bar{p}$  on Cu target
- Collection in CR, fast cooling
- Accumulation in RESR
- Storage and usage in HESR

Existing

New

## HESR: Storage ring for $\bar{p}$

- Injection of  $\bar{p}$  at 3.7 GeV/c
- Slow synchrotron (1.5-15 GeV/c)
- Luminosity up to  $L \sim 2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Beam cooling (stochastic & electron)



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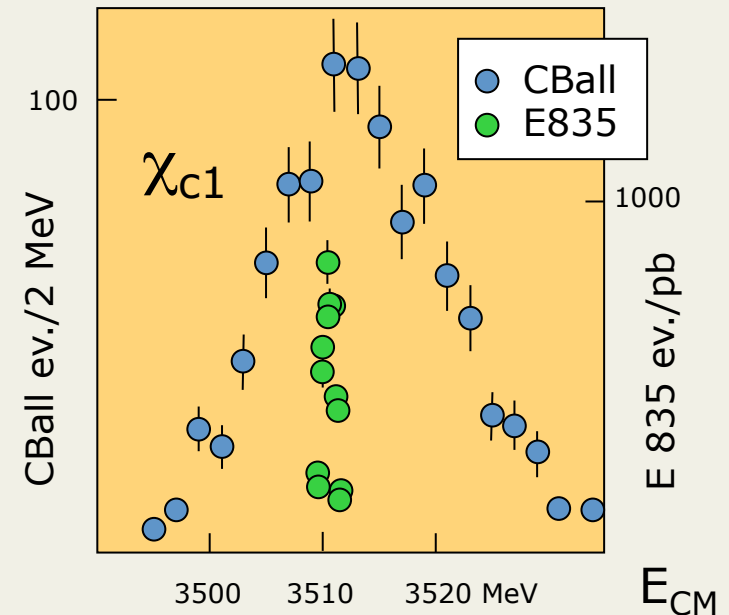
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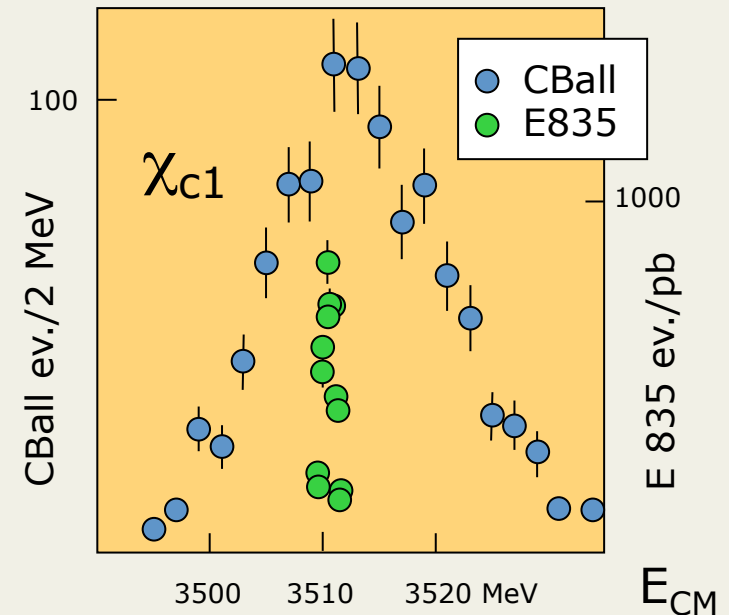
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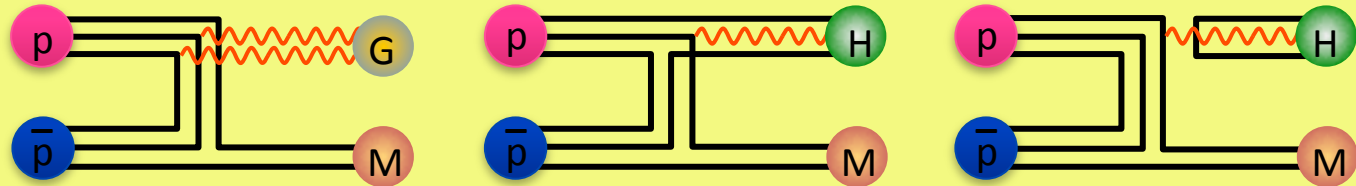


$$\text{Br}(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \eta_c) = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Br}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi') \cdot \text{Br}(\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c) = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

# Spectroscopy with antiprotons

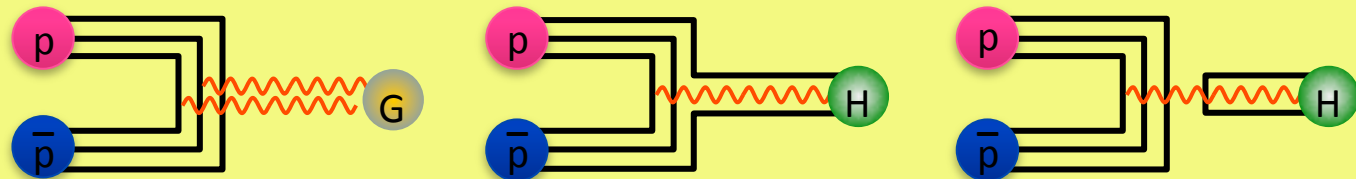
Two are the mechanisms to access particular final states:



Even **exotic** quantum numbers  
can be reached  $\sigma \sim 100$  pb

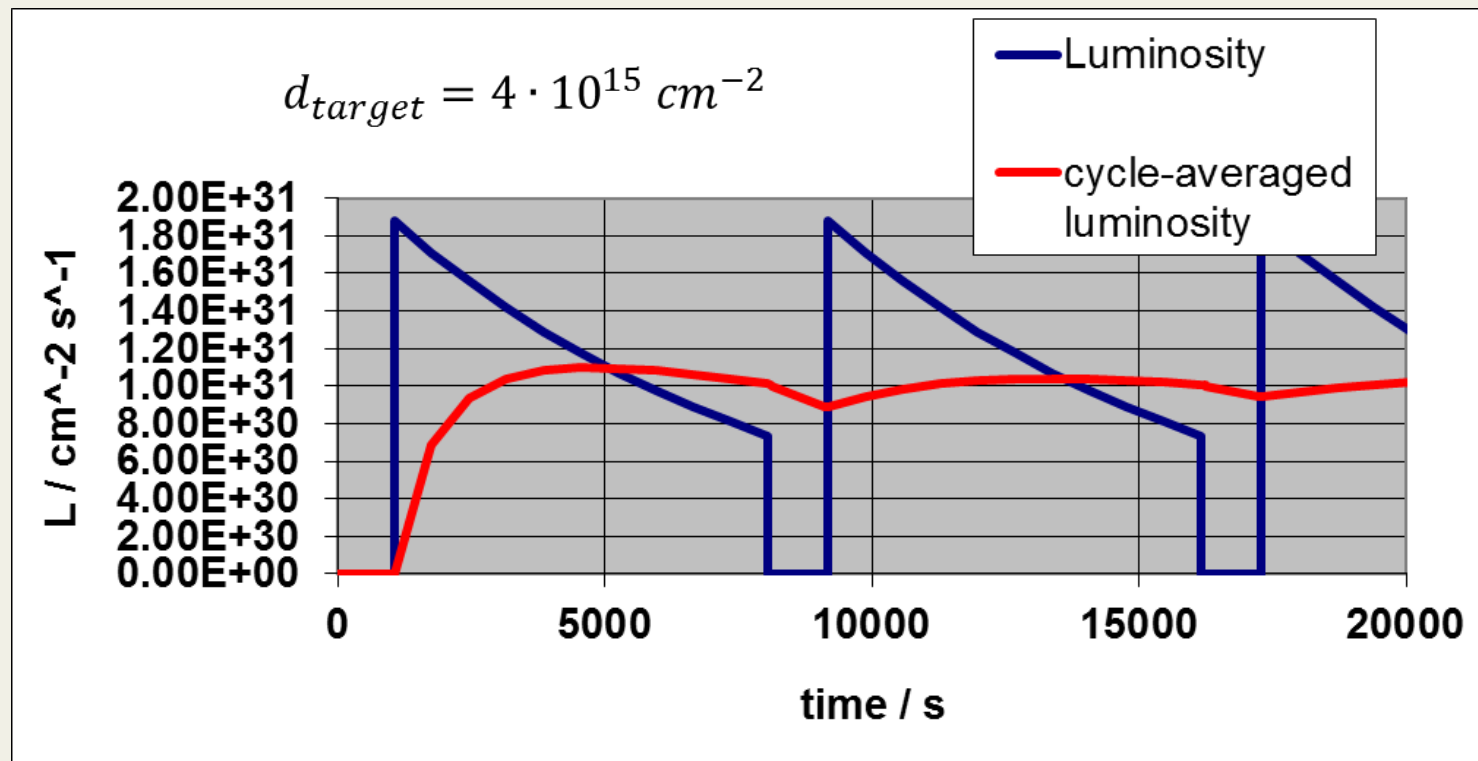
We can play with the two different mechanisms to  
determine quantum numbers

All **ordinary** quantum numbers  
can be reached  $\sigma \sim 1$   $\mu$ b



# HESR in the MSV

- The intensity in the HESR in the MSV is limited to  $10^{10}$  p-bars due to the cooling and injection efficiencies (RESR will not be present and is work will be done in the HESR).
- This means for PANDA:
  1. Less intensity (only high resolution mode)
  2. Worse duty cycle due to 20 minutes accumulation time



# The low energy range

In the last 20 years many steps forward in the field were possible thanks to the variety of facilities available all over the world.



Main non- $q\bar{q}$ candidates	
$f_0(980)$	4q state, molecule
$f_0(1500)$	$0^{++}$ glueball candidate
$f_0(1370)$	$0^{++}$ glueball candidate
$f_0(1710)$	$0^{++}$ glueball candidate
$\eta(1410)$ ; $\eta(1460)$	$0^{-+}$ glueball candidate
$f_1(1420)$	hybrid, 4q state
$\pi_1(1400)$	hybrid candidate $1^{-+}$
$\pi_1(1600)$	hybrid candidate $1^{-+}$
$\pi(1800)$	hybrid candidate $0^{-+}$
$\pi_2(1900)$	hybrid candidate $2^{-+}$
$\pi_1(2000)$	hybrid candidate $1^{-+}$
$a_2'(2100)$	hybrid candidate $1^{++}$
$\phi(2170)$	hybrid candidate $1^{--}$ , 4q state

Nowadays confirmation of predictions, together with unexpected results, are still coming out mainly from  $e^+ e^-$  collider.

# $Y_S(2175)$

The  $Y_S[X](2175)$  [or  $\phi(2170)$  on PDG] was first observed by BABAR in the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi(1020)f_0(980)$  and identified as a  $1^{--}$  state,  $M = (2.175 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.015)$  GeV,  $\Gamma = (58 \pm 16 \pm 20)$  MeV. Then was confirmed by BES in the decay  $J/\Psi \rightarrow \eta\phi f_0(980)$  with  $M = (2.186 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.006)$  GeV and  $\Gamma = (65 \pm 25 \pm 17)$  MeV.

We performed a preliminary study for this channel looking to the following reaction:  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow Y_S(2175) + X$  with  $X$  being a  $\pi^0$  or  $\pi^+\pi^-$

$$\searrow \phi\pi^+\pi^-, \phi\pi^0\pi^0$$

assuming different hypotheses for the signal cross-section and the decay B.R.

This is an example of “meson production” where we can investigate different decay channels.

# Light meson spectroscopy

Assuming cross sections of about 10 nb for glueball/hybrid candidates important topics of the PANDA light hadron spectroscopy program can be addressed:

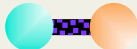




- with an integrated luminosity of about  $2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  /channel;
- for new resonances, which do not require a Partial Wave Analysis, results can be obtained with data samples of  $0.1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ .

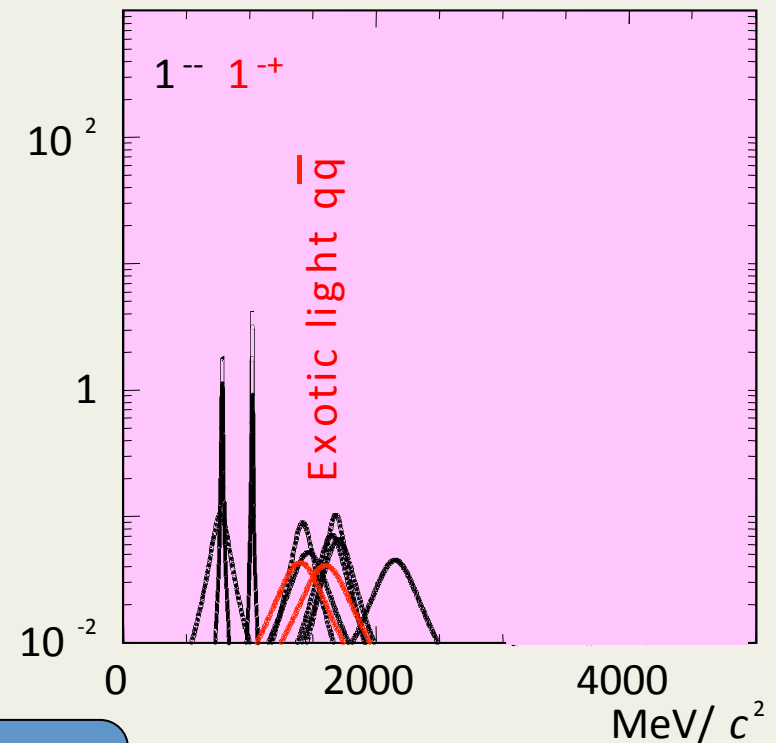
Two data samples of  $2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  recorded in the low and high energy region, will allow to start first spin-parity analyses for spectroscopy.

These corresponds to 5 days with a Luminosity of  $10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  that is foreseen for the PANDA Day-1.

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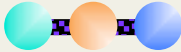



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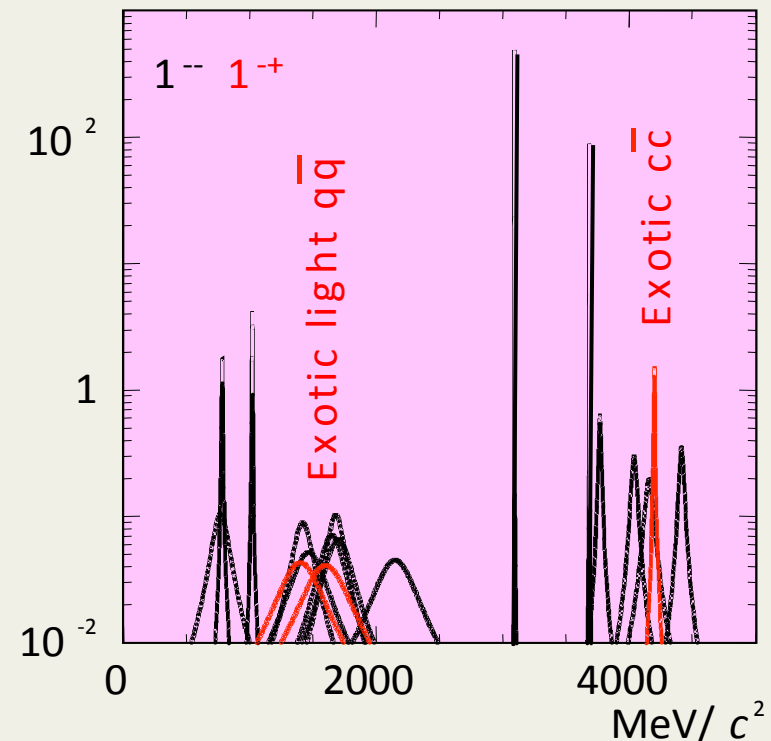


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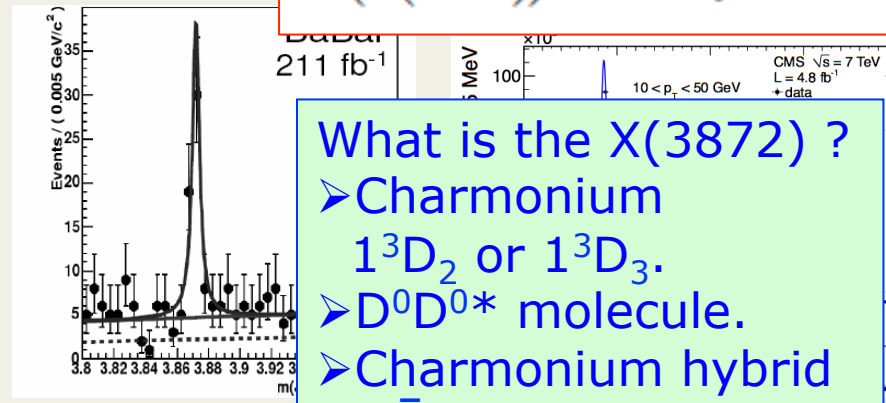
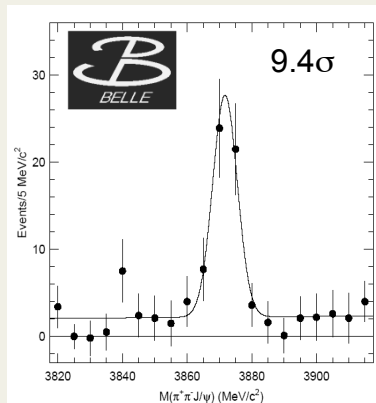
In the charmonium energy region  
the density of states is lower and  
also the overlap



# X(3872)

Discovered in 2003 by Belle (+ CDF, D0, BaBar, LHC ...) in  $B^+ \rightarrow X K^+$   $X \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$  is the big brother of the new “charmonium like” states. The mass is currently known with  $< 1.0 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  precision. For the width we have only an upper limit.

$$M(X(3872)) = 3871.95 \pm 0.48(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



What is the X(3872) ?

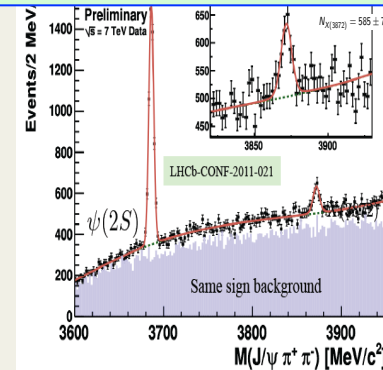
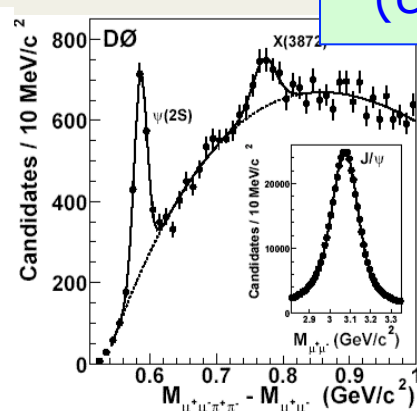
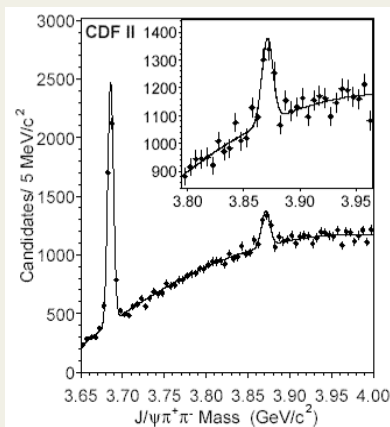
- Charmonium  $1^3D_2$  or  $1^3D_3$ .
- $D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}$  molecule.
- Charmonium hybrid ( $c\bar{c}g$ ).

X(3872) has been observed in several decay channels

$J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ ,  $D^* \bar{D}^0$ ,  $\gamma J/\psi$ ,  $\omega J/\psi$

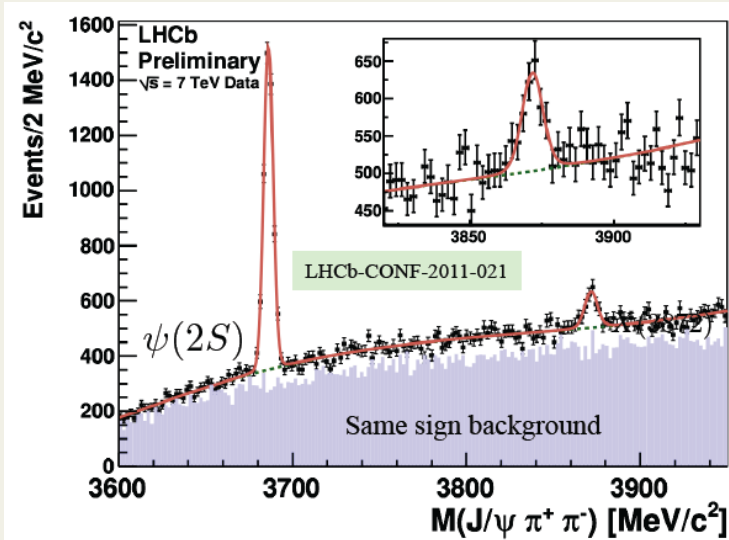
Interpretations oscillate:

- charmonium state;
- $D^* \bar{D}^0$  molecule;
- tetra-quark state.

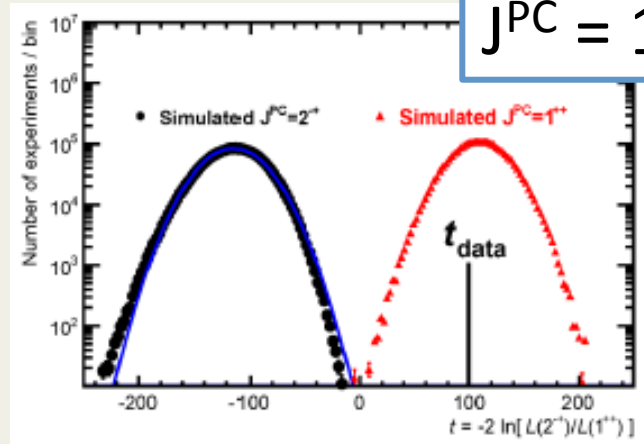


X(3872) lays 0.42 MeV below  $D^{*0} \bar{D}^0$ . Width is narrow  $< 1.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  @ 90% C.L.

# The X(3872) at LHCb



$$J^{PC} = 1^{++}$$

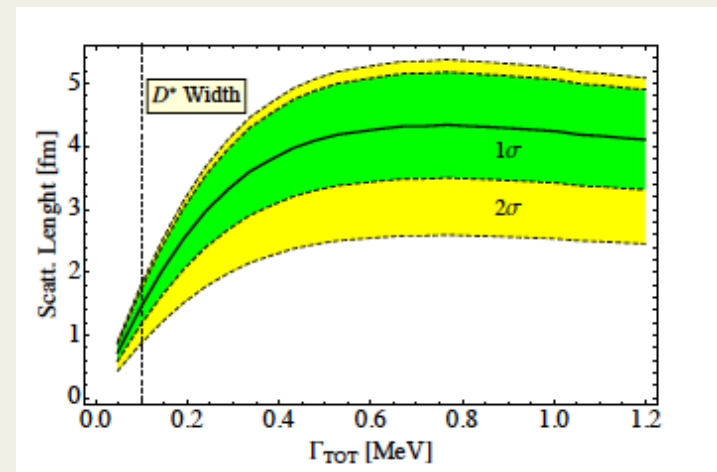


Recently LHCb using a sample of  $313 \pm 26$  candidates performed a full five-dimensional amplitude analysis of the angular correlations between the decay products:  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ X(3872)$ ;  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$   
 $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

The result of the multidimensional likelihood-ratio test favors  $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$  with more than  $8\sigma$  significance.

This ruled out some interpretations. Nowadays, the most accredited ascriptions are a four-quark state ( $c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$ ) or a  $D^0\bar{D}^{0*}$  molecule.

Scattering length for the  $D^0\bar{D}^{0*} \rightarrow X \rightarrow D^0\bar{D}^{0*}$  process as a function of the X total width.  
 [J.M.P. 4 (2013) 1569]



A precise knowledge of the state width will help in constraining these hypotheses.

# X(3872) @

Thanks to the precise HESR momentum definition, widths of known states can be precisely measured with an energy scan.

Martin Galuska  
(Giessen)

Input parameters:

$$m = 3.872 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

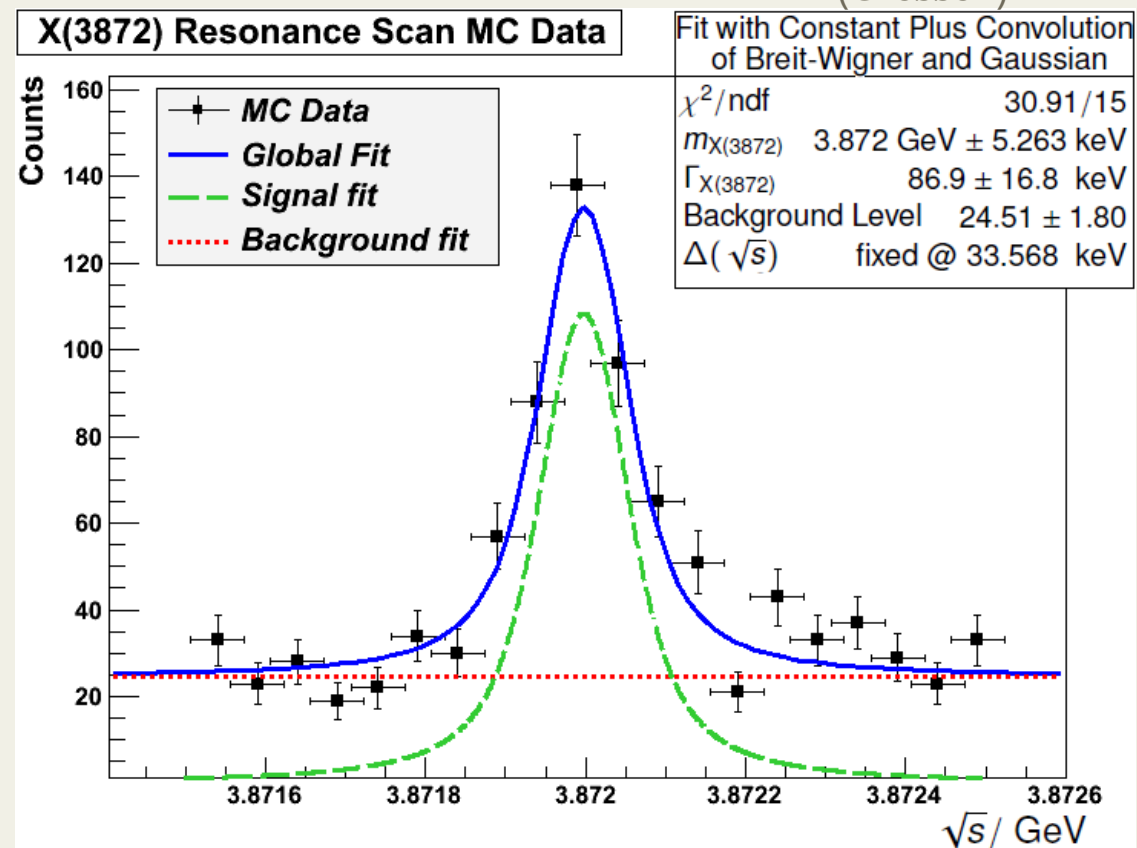
$$\Gamma = 1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow X(3872) \quad (\sigma_{\text{BW}} = 50 \text{ nb})$$

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \quad (\sigma = 1.2 \text{ nb})$$

Mass resolution  $\sim 5 \text{ keV}/c^2$

Width precision  $\sim 10\text{-}20\%$

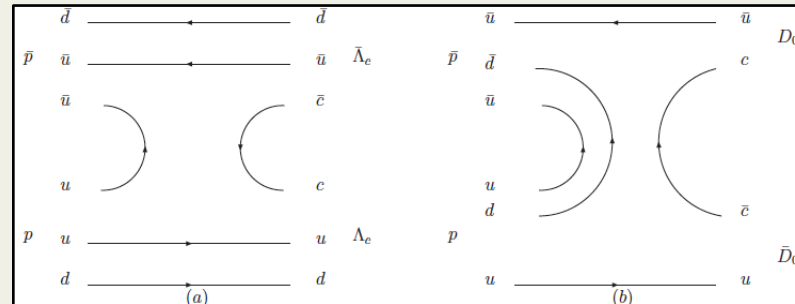


All narrow widths of the states in the charmonium energy range will be precisely determined.

# OpenCharm states

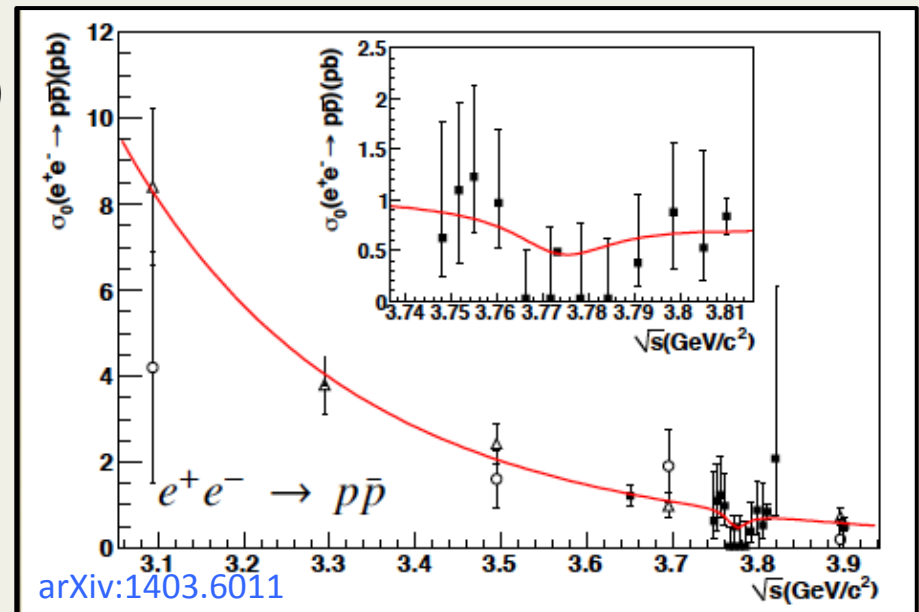
The study of charmed hadrons give access to interesting aspects of **strong** and **weak** interactions. Predicted cross sections vary from nano to micro barns

Interesting physics in production mechanisms.

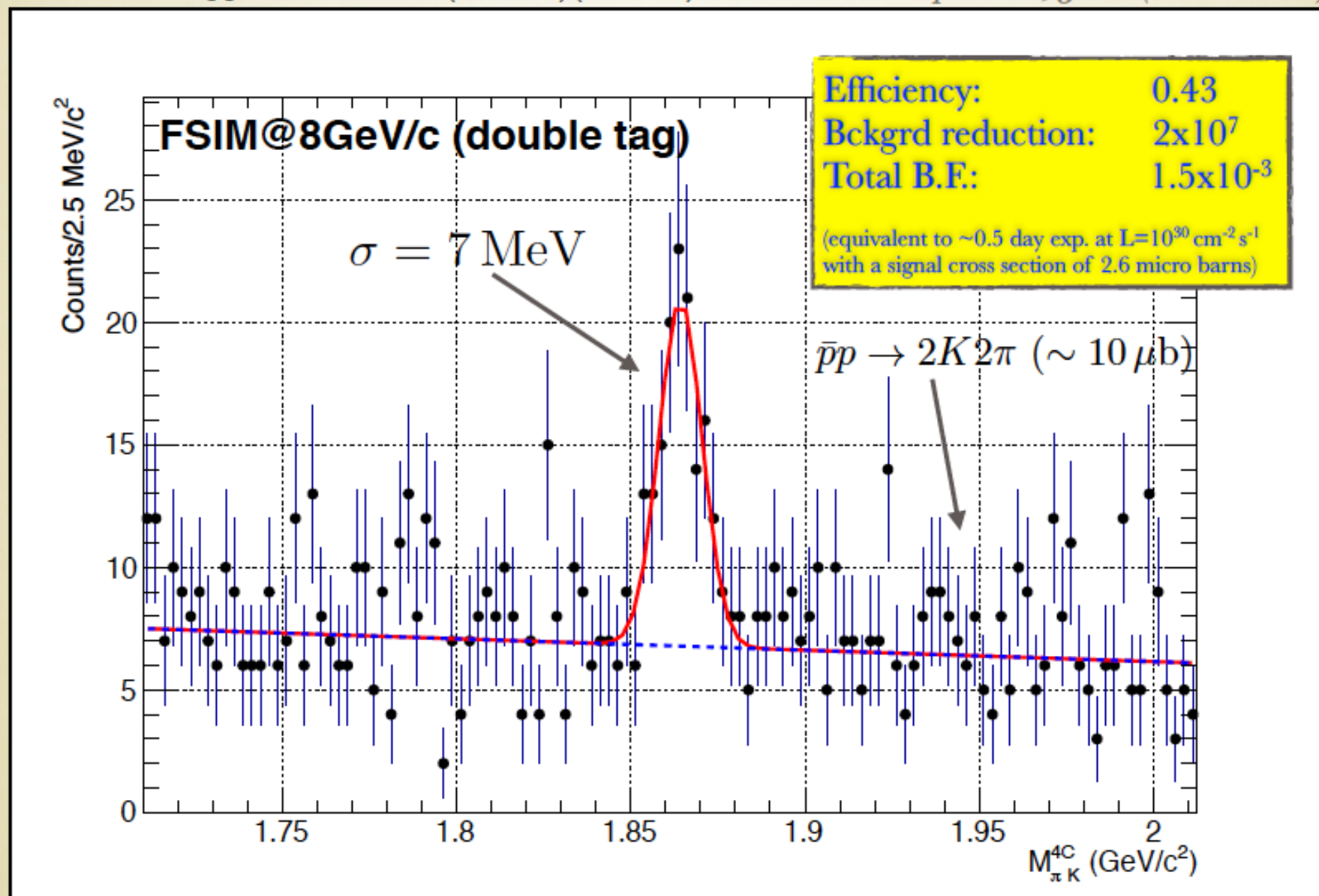


Two solutions for the cross section  $\sigma(p\bar{p}) \rightarrow \psi(3770)$  are obtained:

- $(9.8+11.8-3.9)$  nb, is compatible with a simple scaling from  $J/\psi$
- $(425.6+42.9-43.7)$  nb, is two order of magnitudes larger.



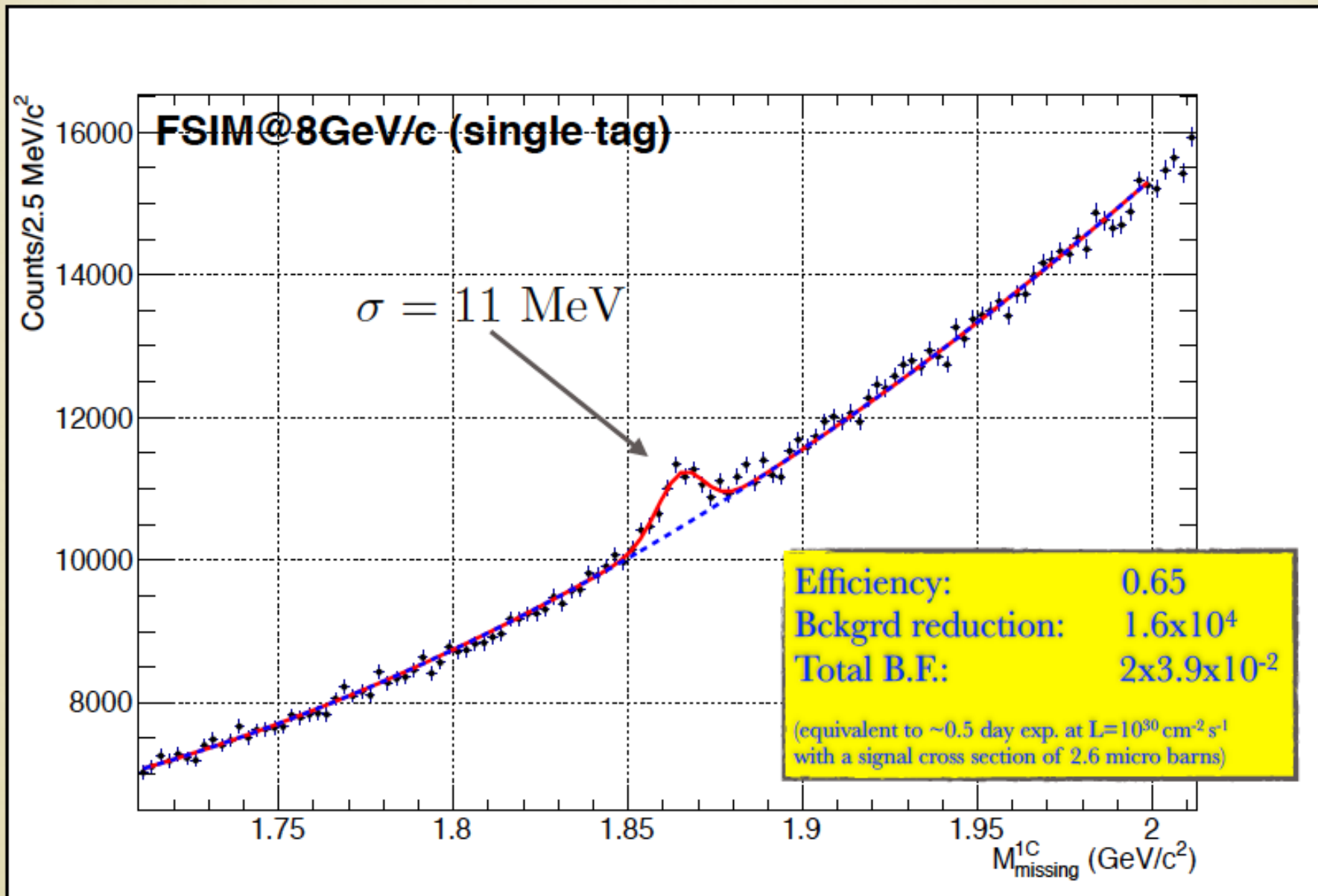
Exclusive:  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^0 \rightarrow (K^- \pi^+)(K^+ \pi^-)$  Alexandros Apostolou, J.M. (KVI-CART)



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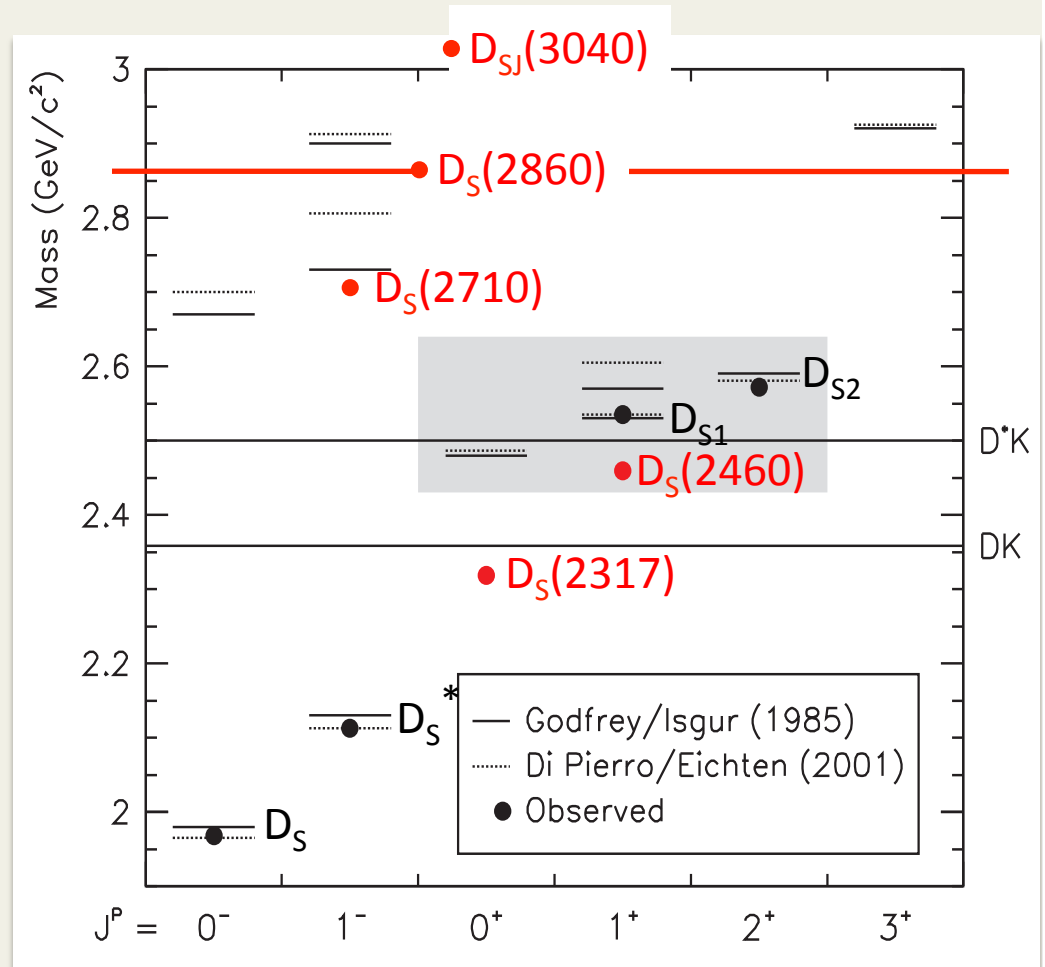


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# $D_S$ states

For the states  $c(\bar{u}/\bar{d})$  theory and experiment were in agreement, but the discovery of new  $D_{Sj}$  states has brought into question theoretical models.

The quantum numbers of  $D_{s0}(2317)$  and  $D_{s1}(2460)$  are not yet really established, and in order to answer important questions related to their interpretation, we need to measure their widths.



B. Aubert et al., PRD74, 032007 (2006).





# opportunity $D_s$ meson spectroscopy

## $D_{s0}^*(2317)$ Energy Scan

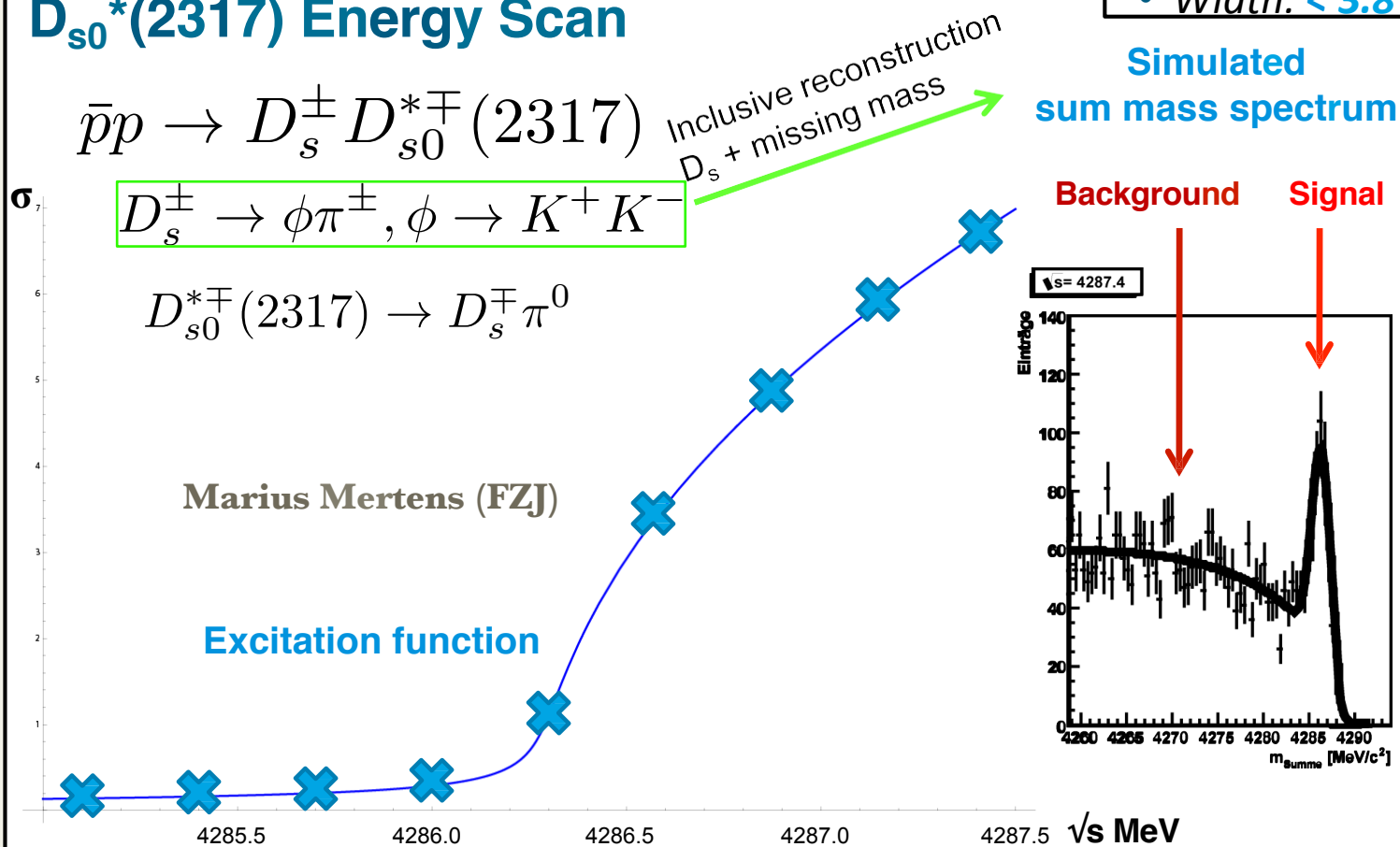
$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow D_s^\pm D_{s0}^{*\mp}(2317)$$

$$D_s^\pm \rightarrow \phi \pi^\pm, \phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$$

$$D_{s0}^{*\mp}(2317) \rightarrow D_s^\mp \pi^0$$

Marius Mertens (FZJ)

Excitation function



$D_{s0}^*(2317)$  world average (PDG)

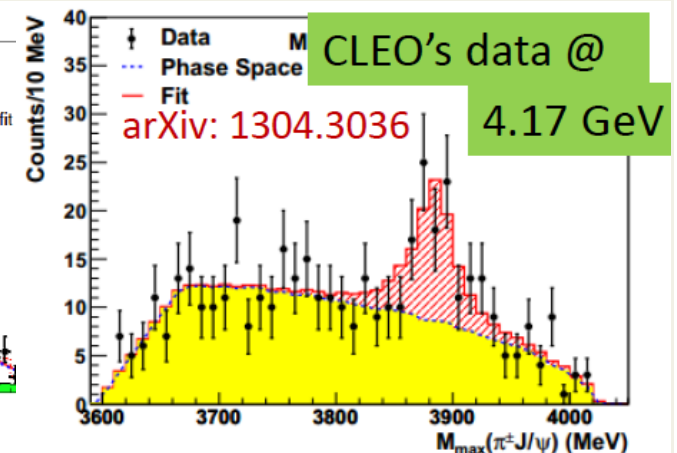
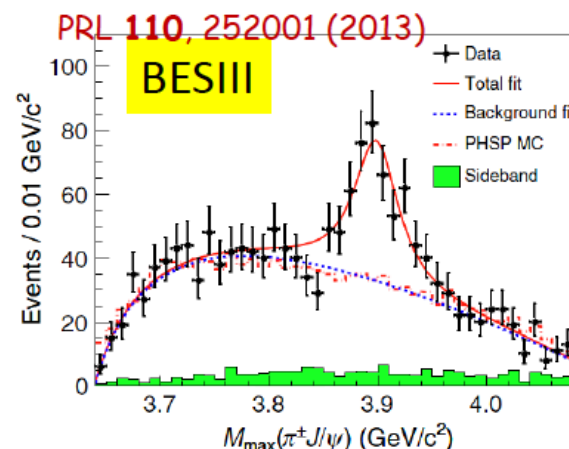
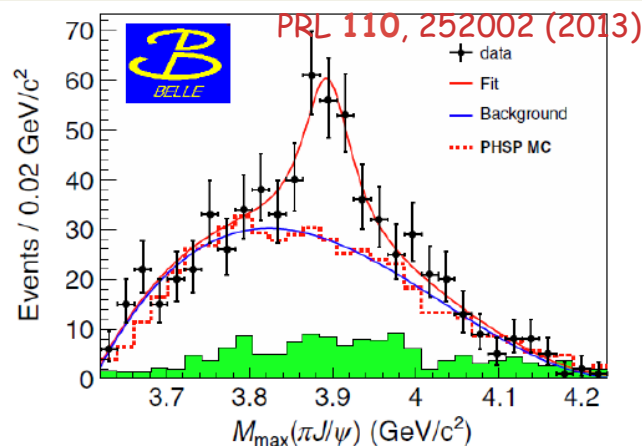
- Mass:  $2317.8 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Width:  $< 3.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



# Charged multi-quark states

The first has been the  $Z(4430)$  observed in the invariant mass  $\Psi'\pi^\pm$  by Belle, followed by other states in the bottomonium energy range. Recently, **BESIII collaboration** discovered an other charged charmonium-like axial meson  $Z_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\pm$  ( $M = 3899 \pm 6$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 46 \pm 22$  MeV), confirmed by Belle and CLEO. The simplest quantum numbers assignment is  $J^{PG} = 1^{++}$ , G being the G-parity.

particle	decay	collaboration
$Z^+(4430)$	$\psi(2S) \pi^+$	Belle
$Z^+(4050)$ $Z^+(4250)$	$\chi_{c1} \pi^+$	Belle, unconfirmed
$Z_c^+(3900)$	$J/\psi \pi^+$	BESIII, Belle, CLEOc
$Z_c^+(4020)$	$h_c(1P) \pi^+$	BESIII preliminary
$Z_c^+(4025)$	$(D^* D^*)^+$	BES III preliminary



# Z<sup>±</sup> states @

PANDA can study the Z<sup>±</sup> states in both **production** and **formation** experiments.

In the **production** experiment, the Z<sup>±</sup> would be produced, e.g., in the reaction

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow Z^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$$

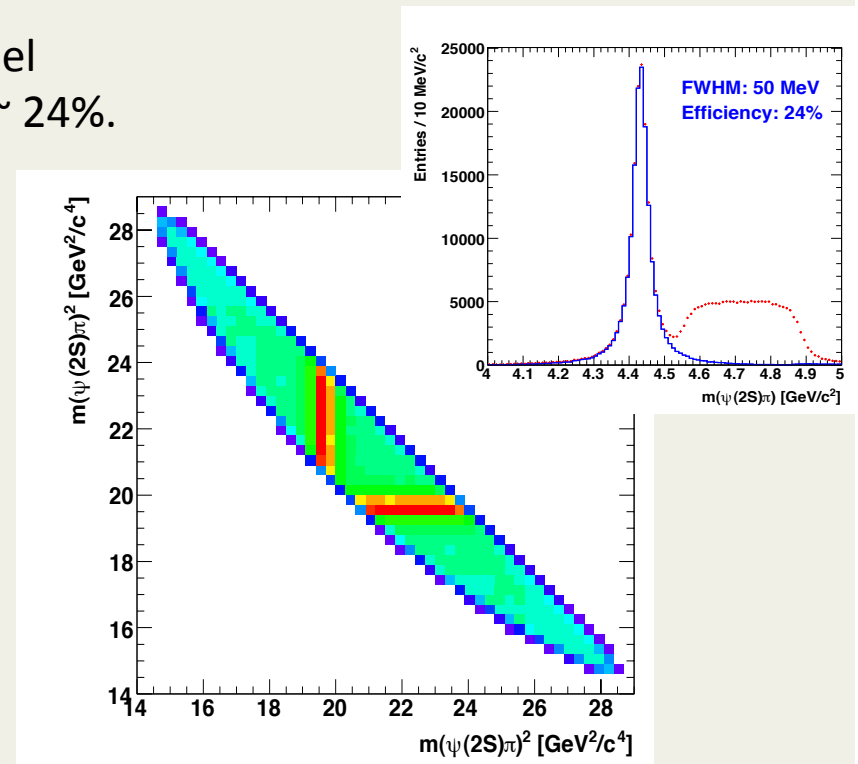
The subsequent decay chain could then be: Z<sup>+</sup>(4430) → ψ(2S)π<sup>+</sup> → J/ψπ<sup>+</sup> π<sup>-</sup> π<sup>+</sup> → e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> π<sup>+</sup> π<sup>-</sup> π<sup>+</sup>

The reconstruction efficiency for the Z<sup>+</sup>(4430) channel has been studied in Monte Carlo calculations and is ~ 24%.

In **formation** mode Z<sup>±</sup> states can be produced by using a deuterium target:

$$\bar{p}d \rightarrow Z^{\pm} p_{spectator}$$

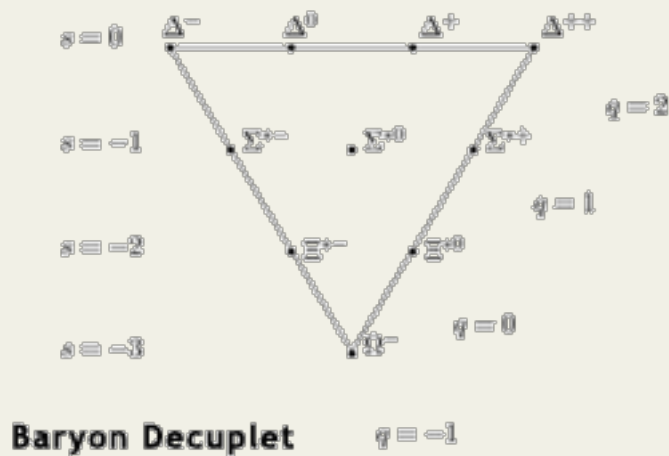
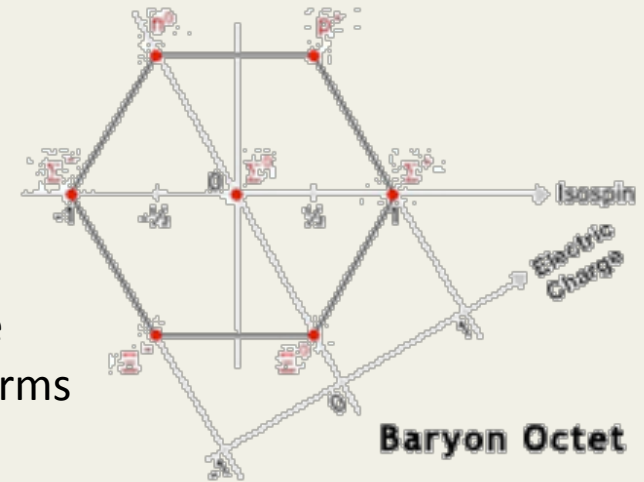
The reconstruction efficiency for this channel studied in Monte Carlo reactions is ~ 35%.



# Baryon sector

The investigation of the baryon-baryon interactions is crucial for a deeper understanding of nuclei, structure of neutron matter and astrophysics aspects, etc...

Chiral effective field theories have tried since long time to describe baryon-baryon interaction and recently also lattice QCD calculations allowed to approach nuclear physics in terms of fundamental theory of the strong interaction.

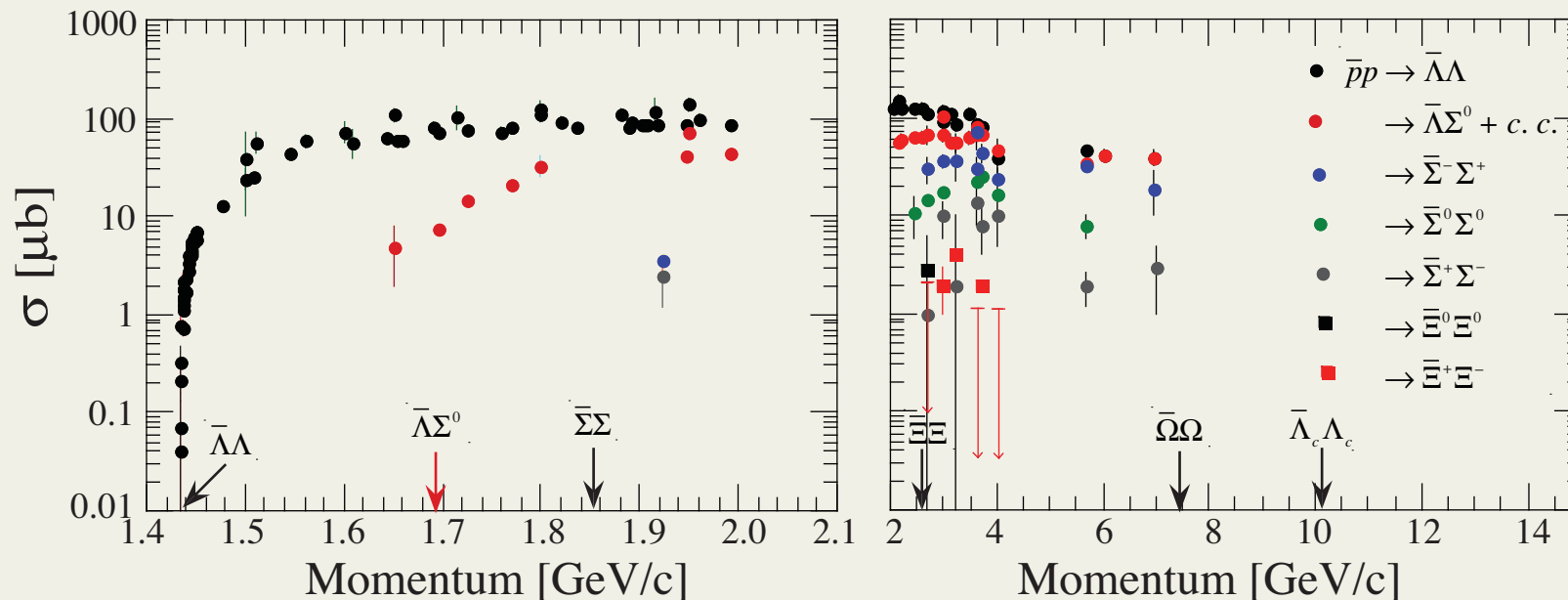


The experimental investigation of the nature of baryon bound states has gone in parallel with meson spectroscopy, nevertheless there are still many open problems and there is lack of high quality data.

# Baryon Spectroscopy

In the quark picture hyperon pair production either involves the creation of a quark-antiquark pair or the knock out of such pairs out of the nucleon sea.

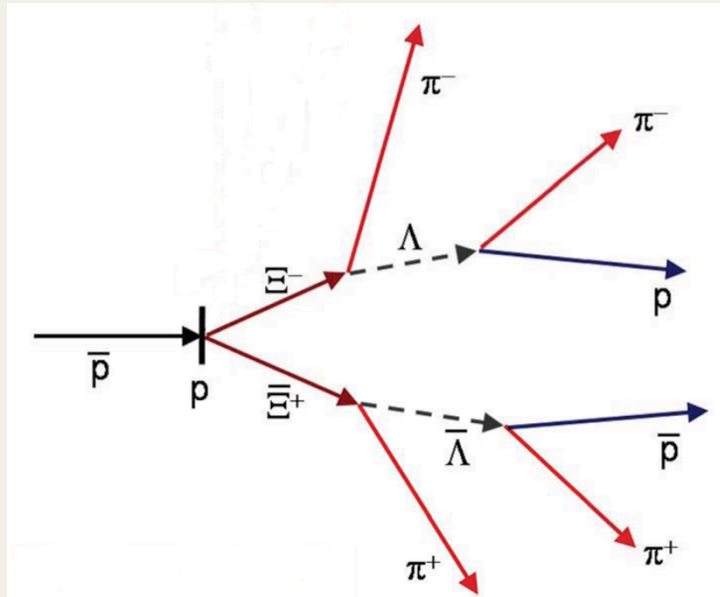
Hence, the importance of quark degrees of freedom with respect to the hadronic ones can be studied by measuring the reactions of the type  
 $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{Y}Y$



# QCD Dynamics

The experimental data set available is far from being complete. All strange hyperons and single charmed hyperons are energetically accessible in  $\bar{p}p$  collisions at  $\bar{P}$ ANDA.

In  $\bar{P}$ ANDA  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \bar{\Lambda}\Xi, \Lambda\Xi, \Xi\Xi, \Sigma\bar{\Sigma}, \Omega\bar{\Omega}, \Lambda_c\bar{\Lambda}_c, \Sigma_c\bar{\Sigma}_c, \Omega_c\bar{\Omega}_c$  can be produced allowing the study of the dependences on spin observables.



By comparing several reactions involving different quark flavors the OZI rule and its possible violation, can be tested.

Channel 1.64 GeV/c	Rec. eff.	$\sigma$ [ $\mu$ b]	Signal
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	0.11	64	1
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{p}p\pi^+\pi^-$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$\sim 10$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Channel 4 GeV/c			
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	0.23	$\sim 50$	1
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{p}p\pi^+\pi^-$	$< 3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^3$	$< 2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Sigma^0$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 50$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Sigma(1385)$	$< 3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\sim 50$	$< 1.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0\Sigma^0$	$< 3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\sim 50$	$< 1.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Channel 15 GeV/c			
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	0.14	$\sim 10$	1
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{p}p\pi^+\pi^-$	$< 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1 \cdot 10^3$	$< 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Sigma^0$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sim 10$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Sigma(1385)$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	60	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0\Sigma^0$	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
DPM	$< 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$5 \cdot 10^4$	$< .09$
Channel 4 GeV/c	Rec. eff.	$\sigma$ ( $\mu$ b)	Signal
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Xi^+\Xi^-$	0.19	$\sim 2$	1
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^+(1385)\Sigma^-(1385)$	$< 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\sim 60$	$< 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$

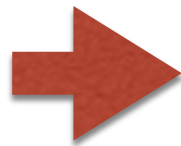


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## Baryon spectroscopy @ PANDA startup version

Assumptions: 10x lower luminosity  
PANDARoot with idealised tracking

	$\bar{\Lambda}\Lambda$			$\bar{\Lambda}_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$
1.64 GeV/c	$2 \times 10^5 \text{ h}^{-1}$			
4 GeV/c	$4 \times 10^4 \text{ h}^{-1}$	2500 $\text{h}^{-1}$		
15 GeV/c	$2 \times 10^4 \text{ h}^{-1}$	( $\approx 1000 \text{ h}^{-1}$ )	(30 $\text{h}^{-1}$ )	((5 $\text{day}^{-1}$ ))



1. Single strangeness production:
2. Double strangeness production:
3. Triple charm production:
4. Charm production

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Lambda$$

**OK**

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Xi}\Xi$$

**OK**

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Omega^+ \Omega^-$$

**Probably OK**

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$$

**Questionable**

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda_c \bar{\Lambda}_c @ \text{PANDA}$$

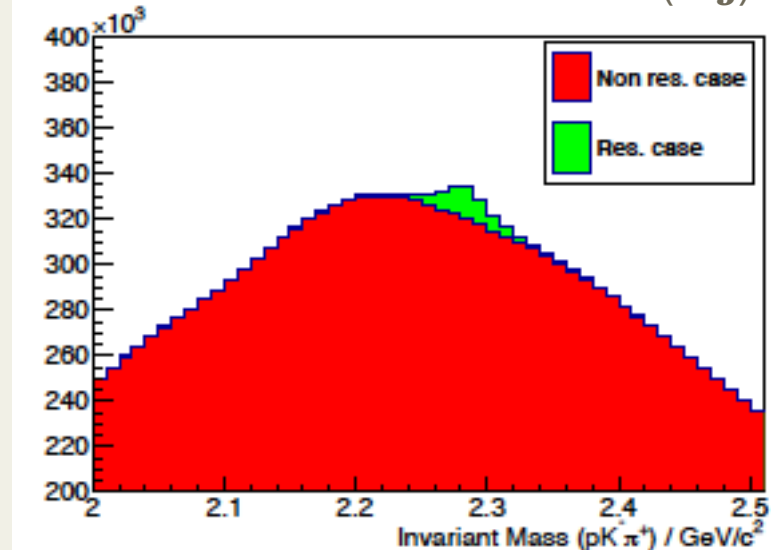
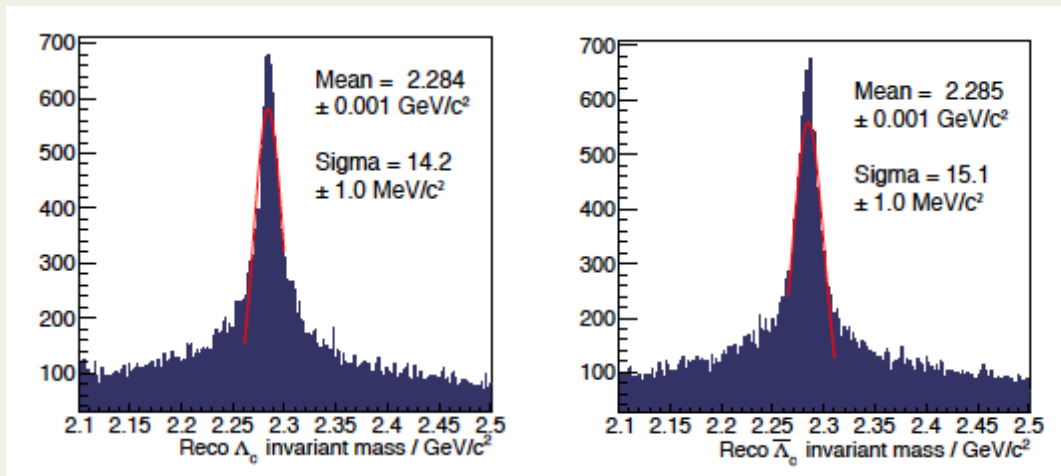
Different theoretical predictions estimated the  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda_c + \bar{\Lambda}_c$  cross section at the PANDA energies: the value ranges between some tens of nb to 200 nb.

We considered the following decay chain:  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (2286) \bar{\Lambda}_c^- (2286)$   
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 $\quad \quad \quad p K^- \pi^+ \quad \quad \quad \bar{p} K^+ \pi^-$

at the maximum beam momentum (15 GeV/c;  $\sqrt{s} = 5.474$  GeV)

For the background we assumed  $\sigma(\sqrt{s} = 5.474 \text{ GeV})_{\bar{p}p \rightarrow pK^- \pi^+ \bar{p}K^+ \pi^-} = 0.020 \text{ mb}$  extrapolating from measurements at  $\sqrt{s} = 7.862$  GeV

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# Doubly strange systems @

$$\bar{P} + N \rightarrow \Xi^- + \Xi^+ : \sigma \approx 2 \mu\text{b};$$

@ $P_{\text{bar}} = 3\text{GeV}/c$  :  $\sigma \approx \text{max}$

@ $P_{\text{bar}} = 3\text{GeV}/c$  : below  $\pi$  production threshold

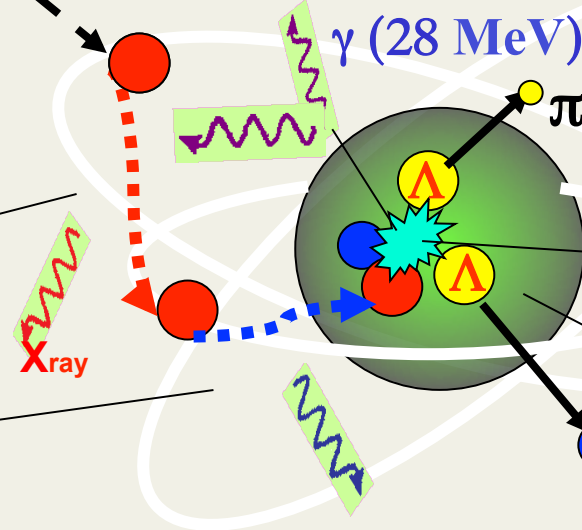
$\Xi^+ + N \rightarrow K_{\text{bar}} + K_{\text{bar}} + p + \dots$  [  $\Xi^-$  production tag ]

Elastic scattering in nucleus:  
strong slowing down (a challenge)

slowing down in matter (with decay)

$\Xi^-$  capture into atomic levels and  
hyperatomic cascade

Capture into nucleus: Strong  
and Coulomb forces



$\Xi^- N \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$   
conversion +  
 $\Lambda\Lambda$  sticking

$\Lambda\Lambda$  decay  
(MWD, NMWD...)

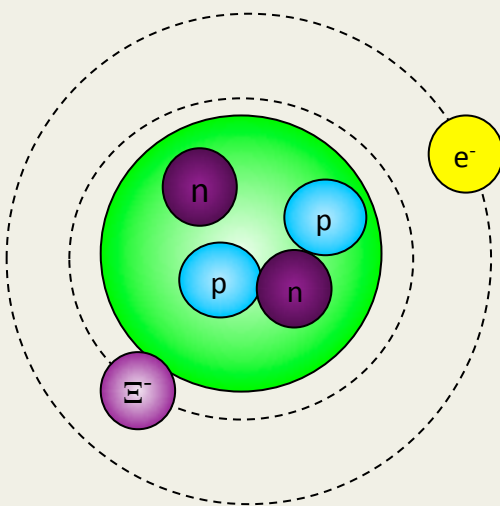


# Doubly strange systems

( $S=\pm 2$ ) hyperon –antihyperon systems are fully accessible at  $\bar{P}$ ANDA

## Exotic hyperatom:

$\Xi^-$  occupies an atomic level

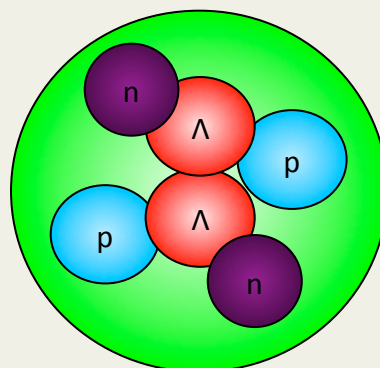


### $\Xi^-$ -nucleus interaction

- Atomic orbits overlap nucleus
- Strong interaction and Coulomb force interplay
- Lowest atomic levels are shifted and broadened
- Potential: Coulomb + optical

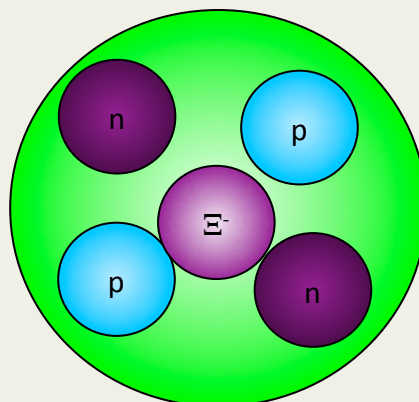
## Double $\Lambda$ Hypernucleus:

2  $\Lambda$  's replace 2 nucleons in a nucle



## Doubly Strange Hypernucleus:

$\Xi^-$  occupies a nuclear level



### $\Lambda\Lambda$ strong interaction

- only possible in double hypernuclei
- YY potential: attractive/repulsive?
- hyperfragments probability dependence on YY potential

*One Boson Exchange features*

$\Lambda\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$ : only non strange,  $I=0$  meson exchange ( $\omega, \eta, \dots$ )

$\Lambda\Lambda$  weak interaction: hyperon induced decay:

- $\Lambda\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda n$ :  $\Gamma_{\Lambda n} \ll \Gamma_{\text{free}}$  (expected)
- $\Lambda\Lambda \rightarrow \Sigma^- p$ :  $\Gamma_{\Sigma^- p} \ll \Gamma_{\text{free}}$  (expected)

### $\Xi^-$ -N interaction:

- short range interaction
- long range interaction
- .....

# $\Lambda\Lambda$ Hypernuclei

## Status of the art:

Nucleus	$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ)$ [MeV]	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ)$ [MeV]	Reference	Reaction
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{10}\text{Be}$	$17.7 \pm 0.4$	$4.3 \pm 0.4$	M.Danysz et al., PRL.11(1963) 29	$K^- + A \rightarrow K^+ + \Xi^-$
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}$	$10.9 \pm 0.5$	$4.6 \pm 0.5$	D.J.Prowse, PRL.17(1966) 782	$K^- + A \rightarrow K^+ + \Xi^-$
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{10}\text{Be}$	$8.5 \pm 0.7$	$-4.9 \pm 0.7$	KEK-E176	$K^- + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Xi^-$ (q.f)
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{13}\text{B}$	$27.6 \pm 0.7^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$	$4.9 \pm 0.7^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$	S.Aoki et al., PTP.85(1991) 1287	$K^- + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Xi^-$ (q.f)
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{12}\text{B}$		$4.5 \pm 0.5$	P.Khaustov et al., PRC.61(2000)027601	$({}^{12}\text{C})_{\text{atom}} \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{B}_{\Lambda\Lambda} + n$
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}$	$7.25 \pm 0.19^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$	$1.01 \pm 0.2$	KEK-E373,NAGARA H.Takahashi et al., PRL.87(2001)212502-1	$K^- + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Xi^-$ (q.f)
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{12}\text{B}$		$\sigma(\theta < 8^\circ) \approx 6\text{-}10\text{nb}$	K.Yamamoto et al., PLB.478(2000) 401	$K^- + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow K^+ + {}^{12}\text{B}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$

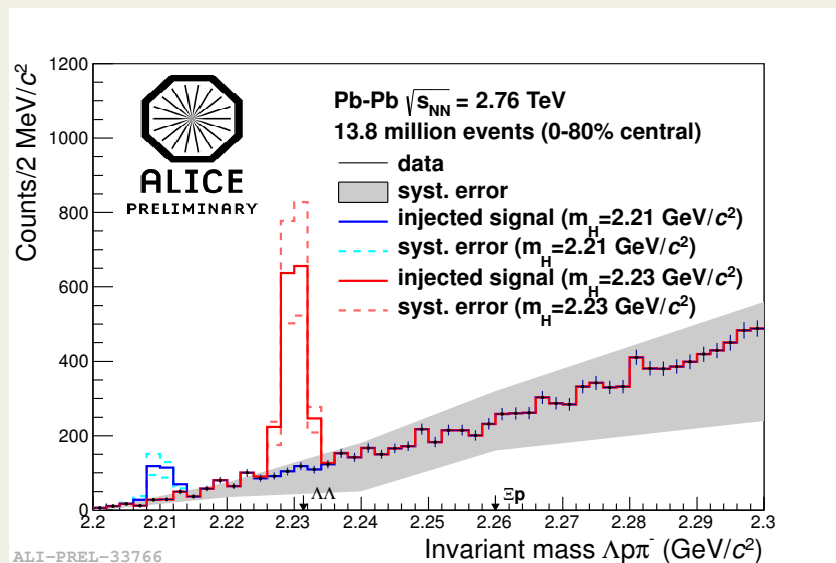
## Features:

$$-V_{\Lambda\Lambda} = \Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) \equiv B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) - 2B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^{A-1}Z)$$

- **Binding energy**  $\rightarrow$  parameters in potential models
- **Core of the  $\Lambda\Lambda$  interaction ( $V_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ )** : needs of several A-hypernuclei
- $\Lambda\Lambda$  interaction: only  $l=0$  **non-strange mesons** contributes (only  $\omega, \eta$ )
- **Weak Decay presents some peculiarities**

# H-Dibarion

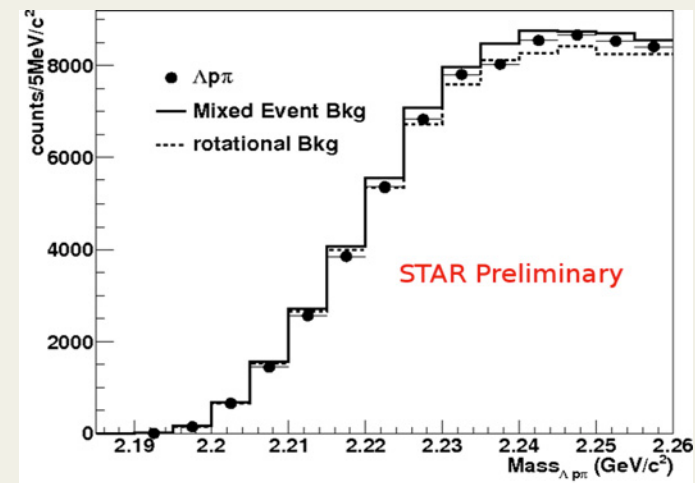
The measurement of the  $\Lambda\Lambda$   ${}^6\text{He}$  binding energy has triggered new speculations on the H-dibarion existence [PRL106 (2011)162001]. The original prediction of a 6-quark state with a binding  $\approx 81$  MeV has been ruled out.



A deeper knowledge of  $S=-2$  sector would help to extend models that have been successful in describing the  $S=0$  and  $-1$  sectors to account for SU(3) symmetry.

Nowadays, the only possibility is for a baryon-baryon molecule.

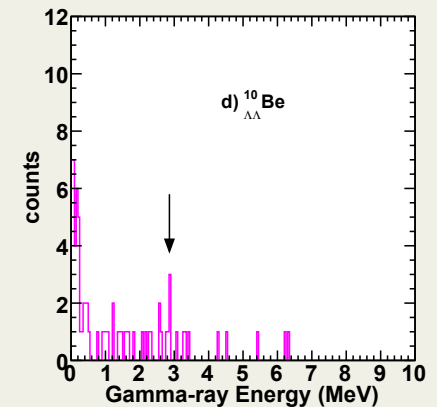
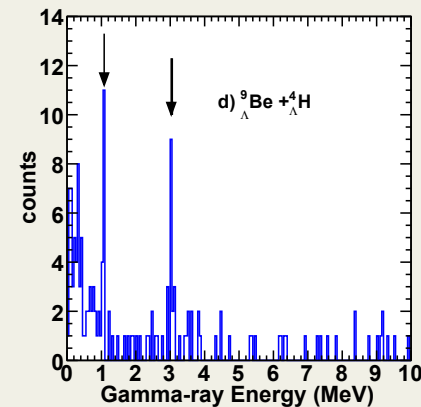
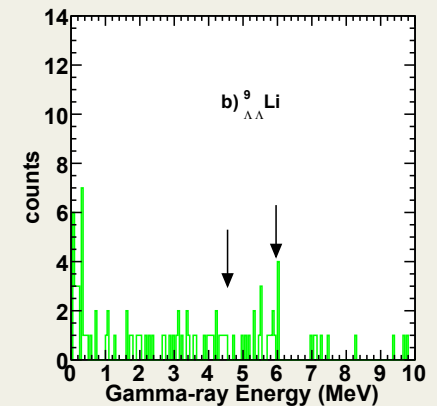
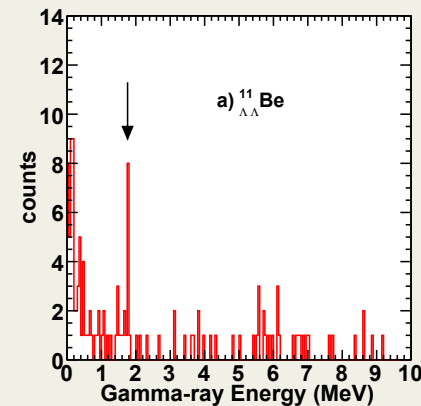
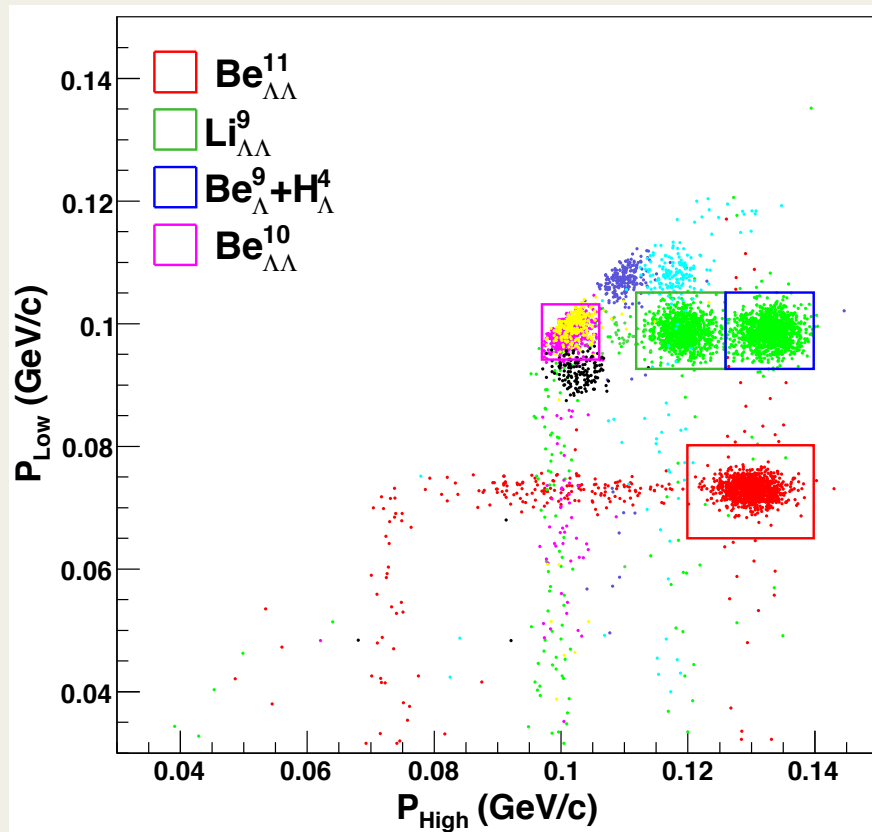
HI collision experiments searched in the  $\Lambda p$  invariant mass system for a possible signal.



# $\Lambda\Lambda$ hypernuclei

We assumed a  $\Xi^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$  conversion probability of 5%.

The identification of the double hypernuclei relies on the unique assignment of the detected  $\gamma$ -transitions.



To determine the binding energies we will perform  $\gamma$ -rays spectroscopy detecting in coincidence the pions coming out from the  $\Lambda$  decays.

# Conclusions

- Hadron spectroscopy is experiencing a new renaissance;
- New high quality measurements are coming from  $e^+e^-$  colliders and LHC experiments revealing unexpected properties of hadrons;
- All over the world there is lack of antiproton beams that in the past were showing great capabilities in the field;
- It is urgent to have an high-quality antiproton beam to contribute to the field;
- The  $\bar{\text{P}}\text{ANDA}$  detector coped to the HESR will be the perfect combination of tools to make a break-through!

