

Charmonium hadronic transitions at BESIII

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Charmonium physics overview

➤ Charmonium spectroscopy

η_c , J/ψ , h_c , χ_{cJ} , $\eta_c(2S)$, $\psi(3686)$, $\psi(3770)$...

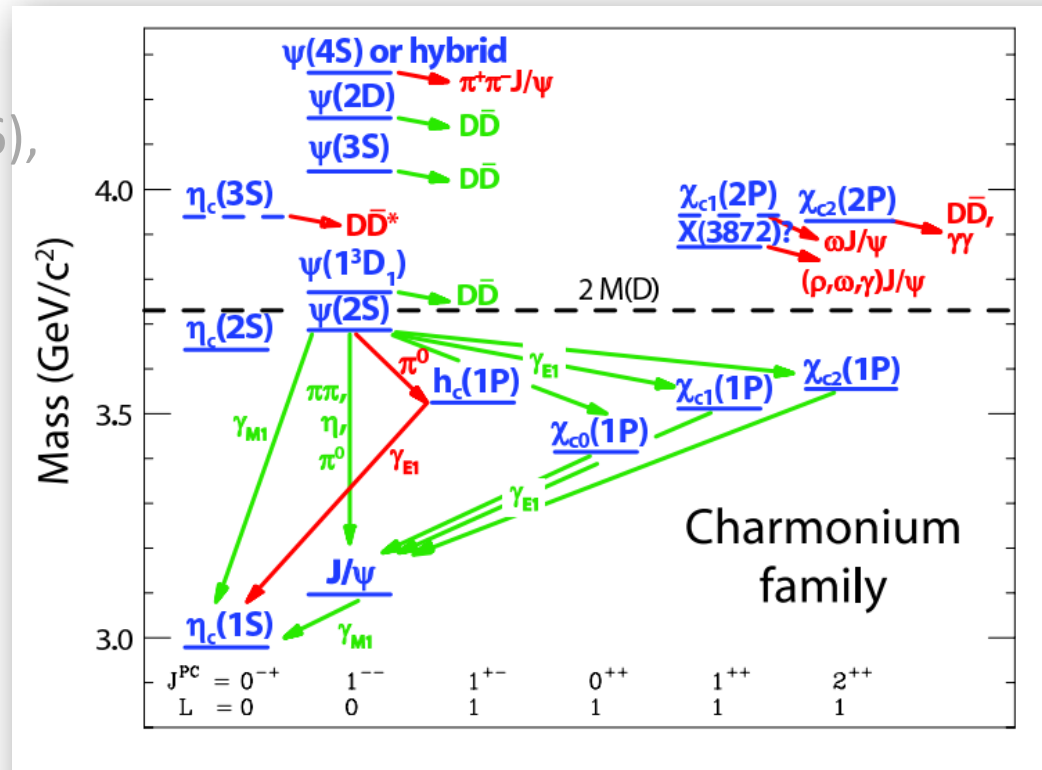
➤ Charmonium transitions

- ✓ Radiative transitions
- ✓ Hadronic transitions

➤ Charmonium decays

- ✓ $\chi_{c0,2} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- ✓ Light hadron decays
- ✓ Baryonic decays

➤ Hunt for XYZ or exotic charmonium-like states



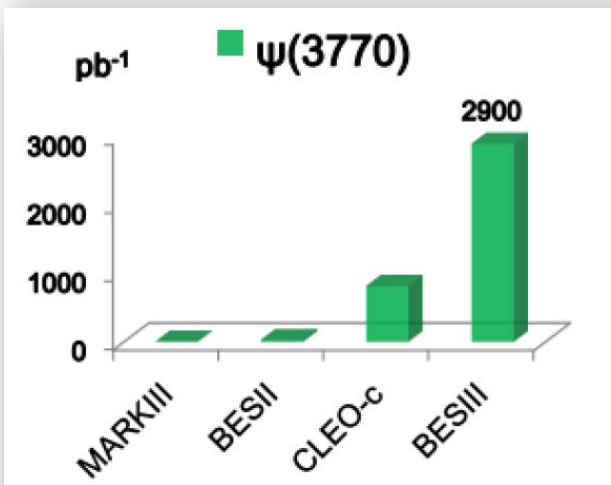
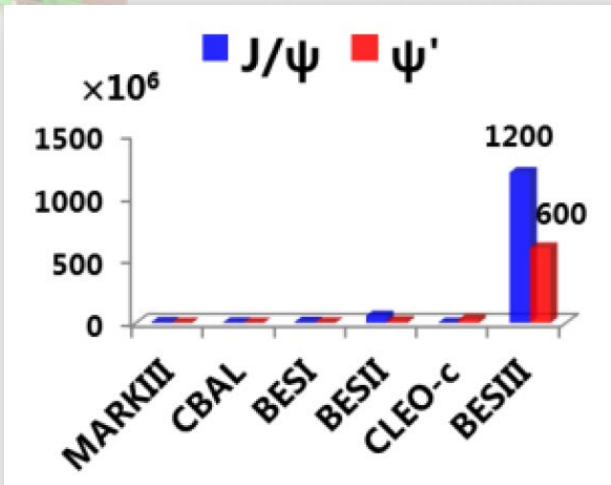
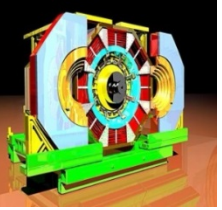
The quark model describes most of charmonium remarkably well especially those below open-charm threshold.



Charmonium hadronic transitions

- Hadronic transitions are important decay modes of heavy quarkonia
 - ✓ e.g. $\text{Br}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi)$ is approximately 50%
- Characterized as the emission of two soft gluons from the heavy quarks and the conversion of gluons into light hadrons
- Strong and EM transitions if mass difference is large enough to produce one or more π 's, or η
- Only hadronic transitions of the $\psi(3686)$ have been well studied experimentally, including $\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$, $\pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi$, $\eta J/\psi$ and $\pi^0 J/\psi$, other possible transitions need to be studied
- Many theoretical calculations were done, multipole expansion can make quite successful predictions for many hadronic transitions
- Mass difference between charmonium states are not large, light hadrons with low momentum, **experimental challenge**

BESIII data sets for charmonium study

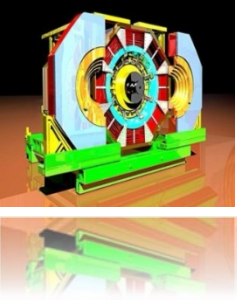


	Previous data	BESIII present
J/ψ	BESII: 58 M	1.3 B 20×BESII
ψ(3686)	CLEO: 28 M	0.5 B 20×CLEO-c
ψ(3770)	CLEO: 0.8 /fb	2.9 /fb 3.5×CLEO-c

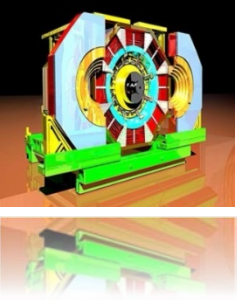
➤ ψ(3686)

- ✓ 106 M in 2009 → results shown in this talk
- ✓ 400 M in 2012 analysis in progress

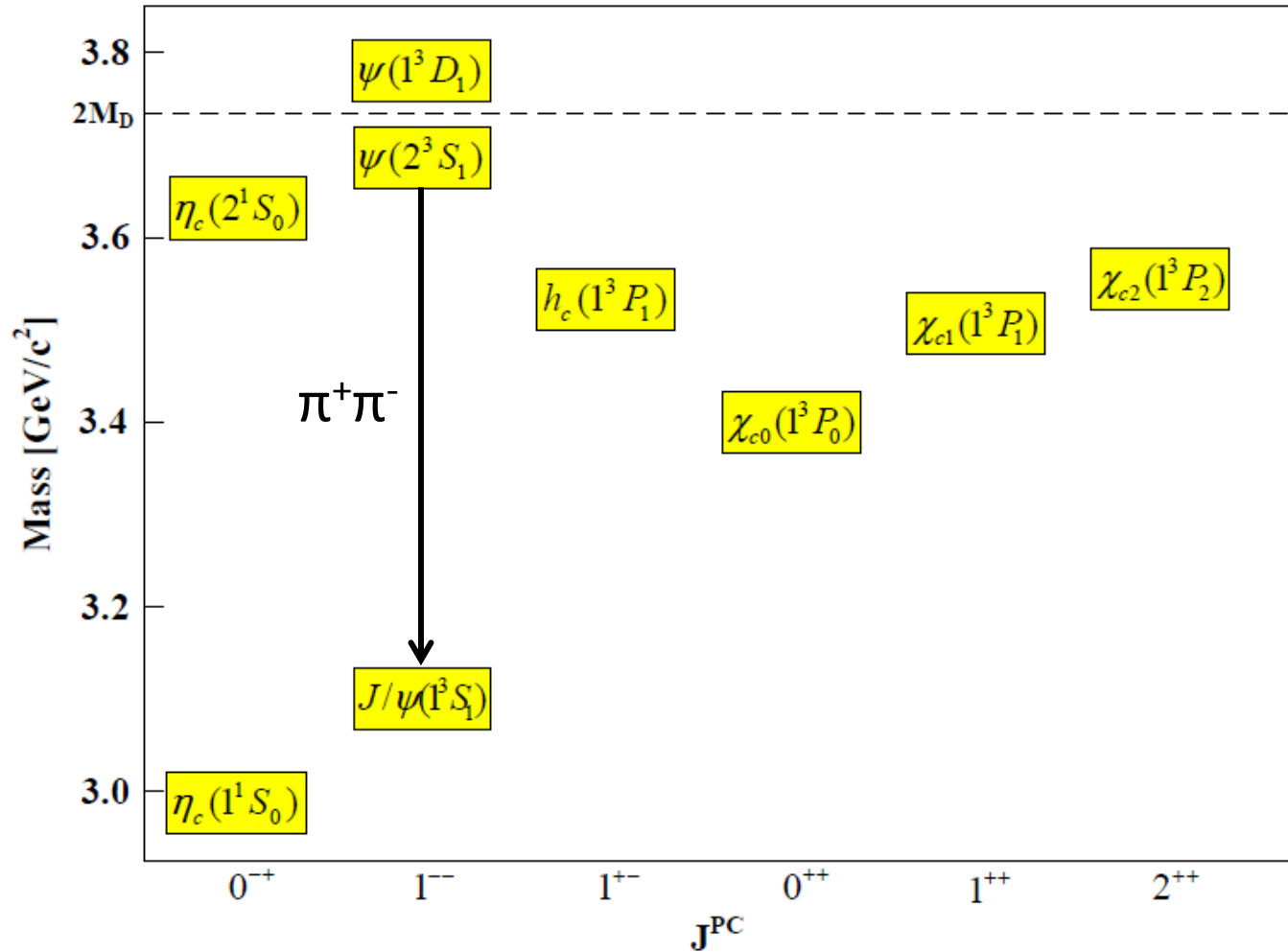
Vector ψ/Y states can be produced directly.
C-even states can be produced from radiative transitions.

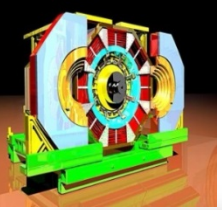


Hadronic transitions between S-wave charmonia

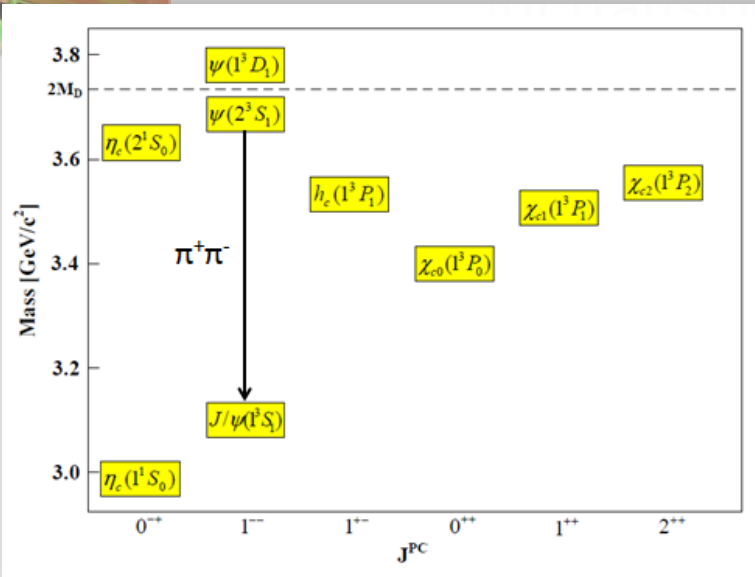


$\pi\pi$ transitions





$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$



- The largest branching fraction in $\psi(3686)$ decays, still remains interesting
- $\mathcal{B}(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$ is crucial for relevant measurements in charmonium decays and in searches for new particles (using $M_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{rec}$ to identify J/ψ)

Branching fraction

CLEO-c: PRD 78, 011102 (2008)

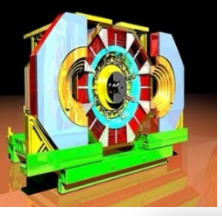
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi) = (35.04 \pm 0.8)\%$

BESII: PLB 550, 24 (2002)

$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi) = (32.3 \pm 1.4)\%$

Demands additional, high-precision measurements

- Relates to the interaction between heavy quarks and gluons, excellent testing ground for some theoretical predictions (QCD multiple expansion and chiral symmetry)



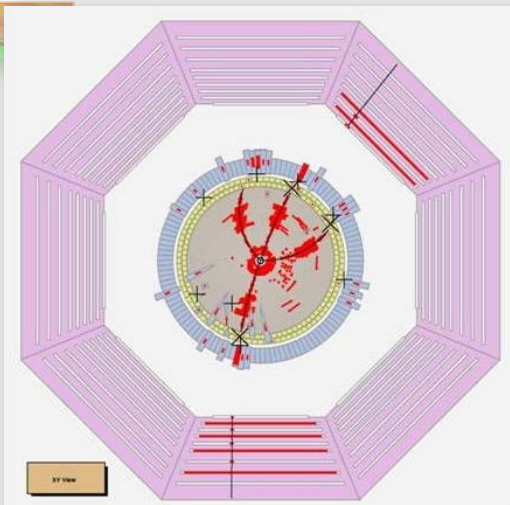
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$

- Measure the $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)$ and $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow l^+ l^-)$
- Advantage: no interference with Bhabha or dimuon production
- Extract signal yields by looking at the recoiling mass distribution against the dipion system
- Calculate the equations

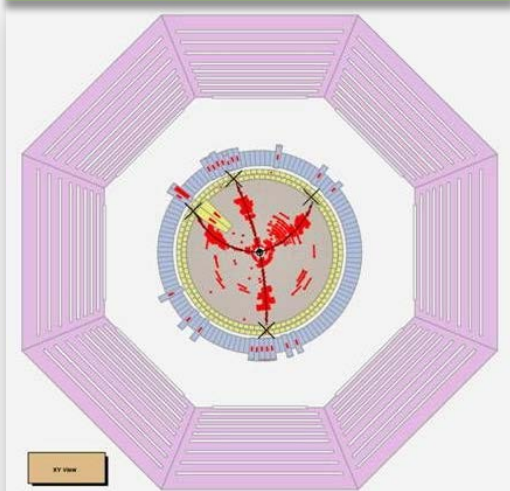
$$\mathcal{B}_{\pi\pi J/\psi} = \frac{N_{\pi\pi J/\psi}}{\epsilon_{\pi\pi J/\psi} \times N_{\text{tot}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{ll} &= \frac{\mathcal{B}_{\pi\pi J/\psi} \times \mathcal{B}_{ll}}{\mathcal{B}_{\pi\pi J/\psi}} \\ &= \frac{N_{ll} / (\epsilon_{ll} \times N_{\text{tot}})}{N_{\pi\pi J/\psi} / (\epsilon_{\pi\pi J/\psi} \times N_{\text{tot}})} \\ &= \frac{N_{ll} / \epsilon_{ll}}{N_{\pi\pi J/\psi} / \epsilon_{\pi\pi J/\psi}} \end{aligned}$$

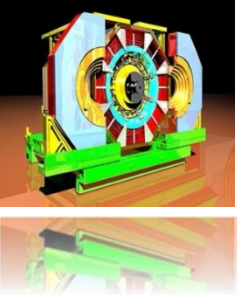
Independent of $N_{\psi(3686)}$, one of the major sources of systematic uncertainties



$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



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



$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$

PRD 88, 032007 (2013)

Branching fraction

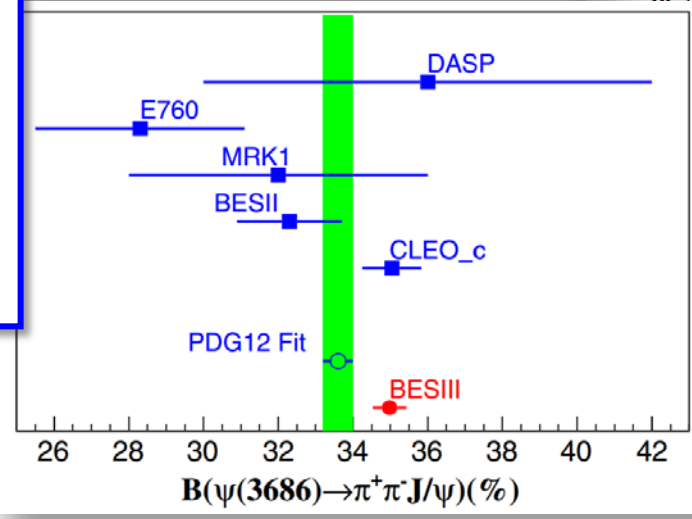
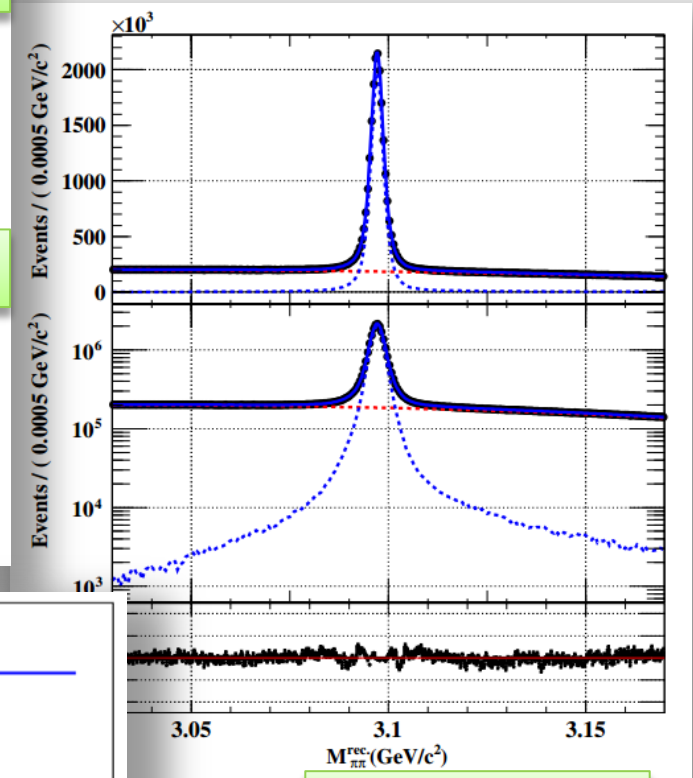
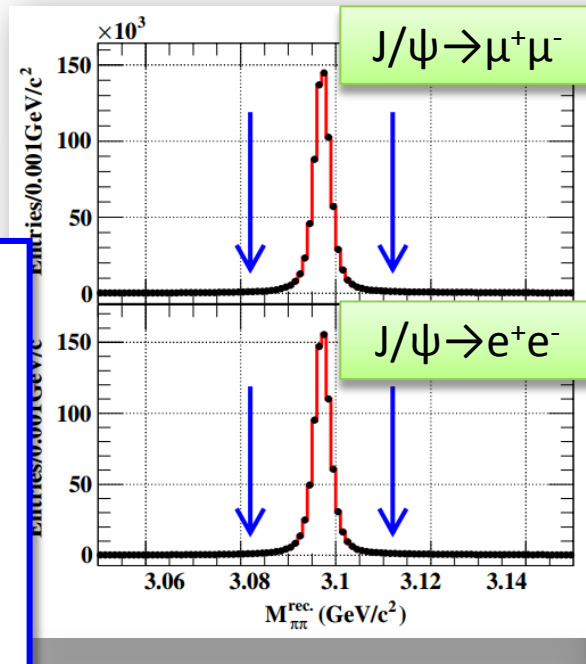
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi) = (34.98 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.45)\%$

$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (5.973 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.038)\%$

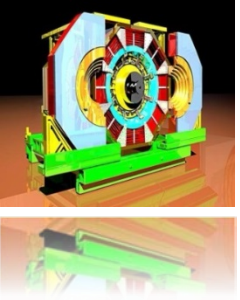
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = (5.983 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.037)\%$

$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow l^+ l^-) = (5.978 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.040)\%$

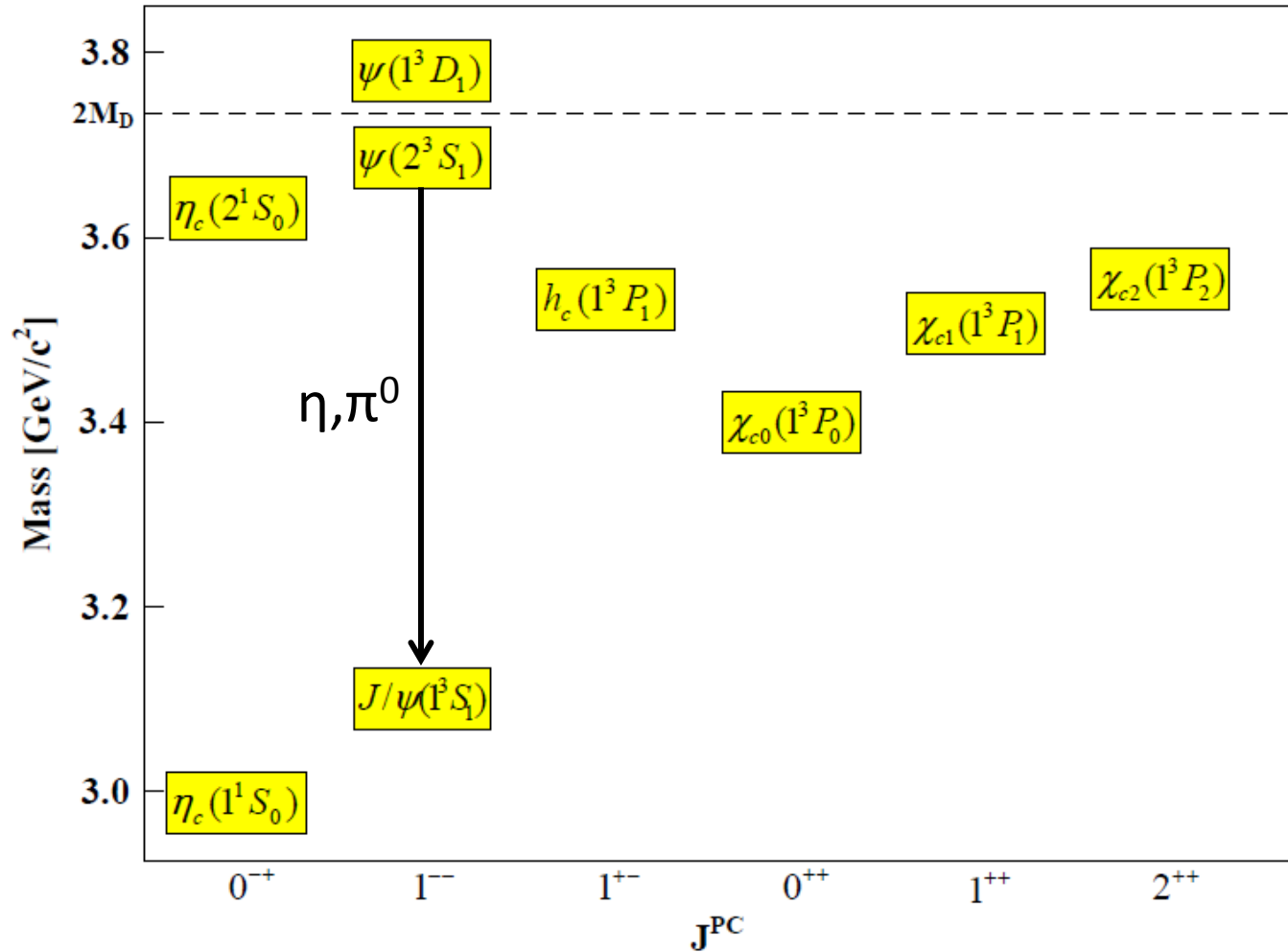
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-) / \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 1.0017 \pm 0.0017 \pm 0.0033$

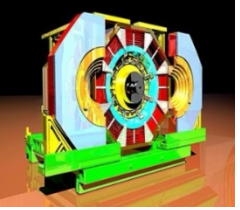


J/psi → anything

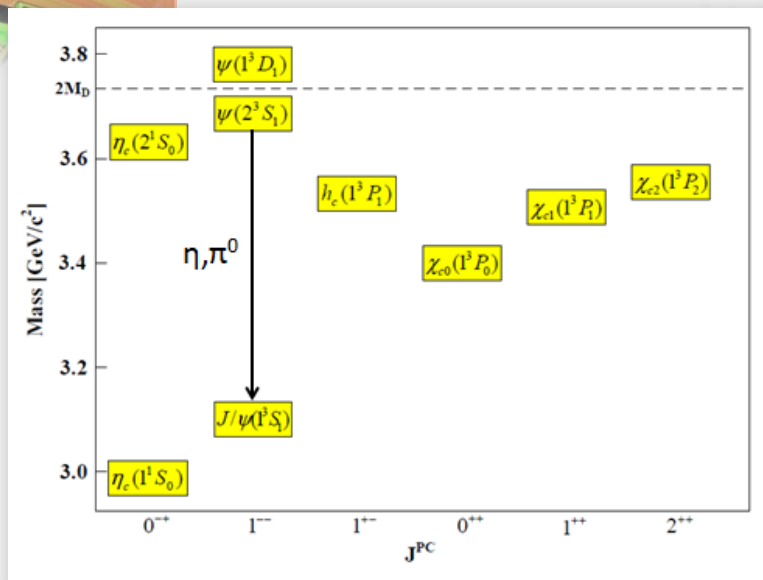


η, π^0 transitions





$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi, \pi^0 J/\psi$



- $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi$ is isospin-violating transition
- $R = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi' \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi)}{\mathcal{B}(\psi' \rightarrow \eta J/\psi)}$ can be used to measure the light-quark mass ratio m_u/m_d
- Previous measurements
 $R = 0.040 \pm 0.004$ PRD 86, 010001 (2012)
- Large discrepancy between theory and experiment, has to be resolved, need more precise measurement

➤ Theoretical predictions

- ✓ Based on the QCD multi-pole expansion and axial anomaly

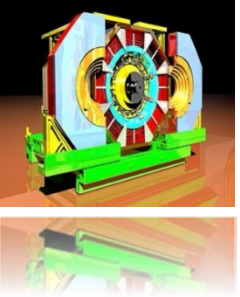
$$R \equiv \frac{M(s) - M}{M(d) - M(u)}, \quad M = (M(d) + M(u)) / 2$$

$$R = 0.016 \quad \text{Phys. Rep. 194, 1 (1990)}$$

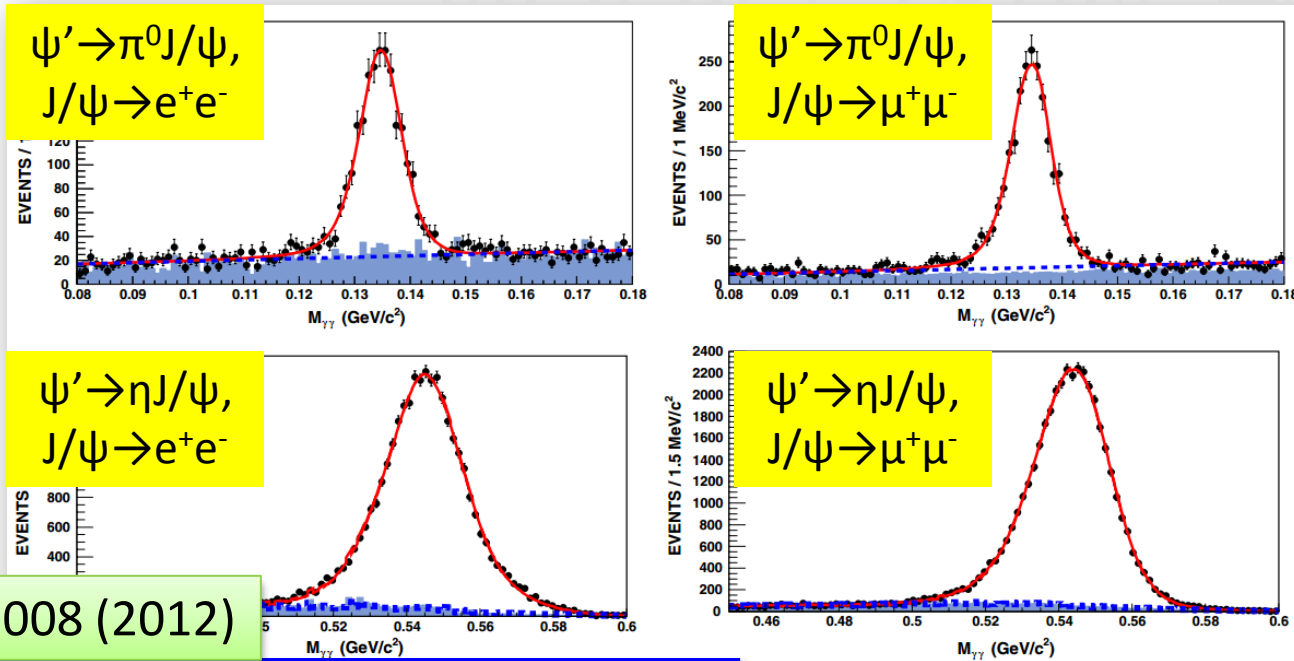
- ✓ Using chiral-perturbation theory, considering charmed-meson loop mechanism

$$R = 0.11 \pm 0.06$$

$$\text{PRL 103, 082003 (2009)}$$



$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi, \pi^0 J/\psi$



PRD 86, 092008 (2012)

Our results

$$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi) = (1.62 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-3}$$

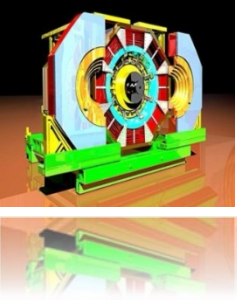
$$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi) = (33.75 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.86) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$R = (3.74 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04)\%$$

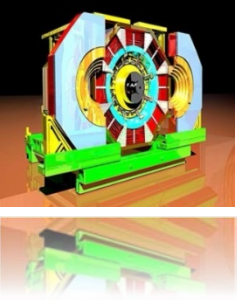
Consistent with CLEO-c's

$$R = (3.88 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.05)\%$$

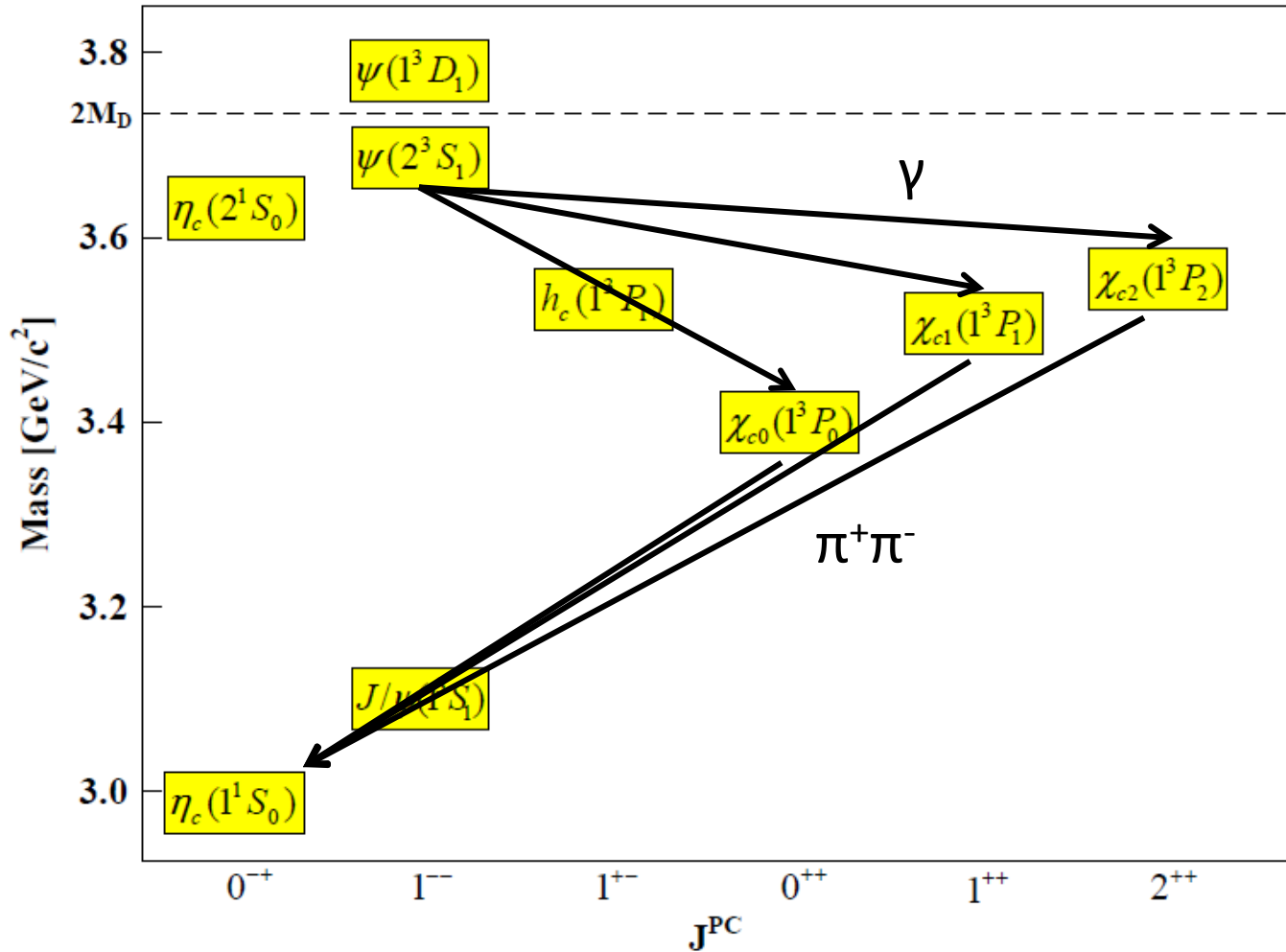
- The most precise measurement so far!
- The axial anomaly does not adequately explain the observed isospin violation, charmed meson loops would be a possible mechanism

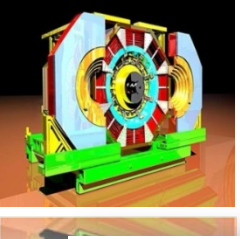


Hadronic transitions of P-wave charmonia

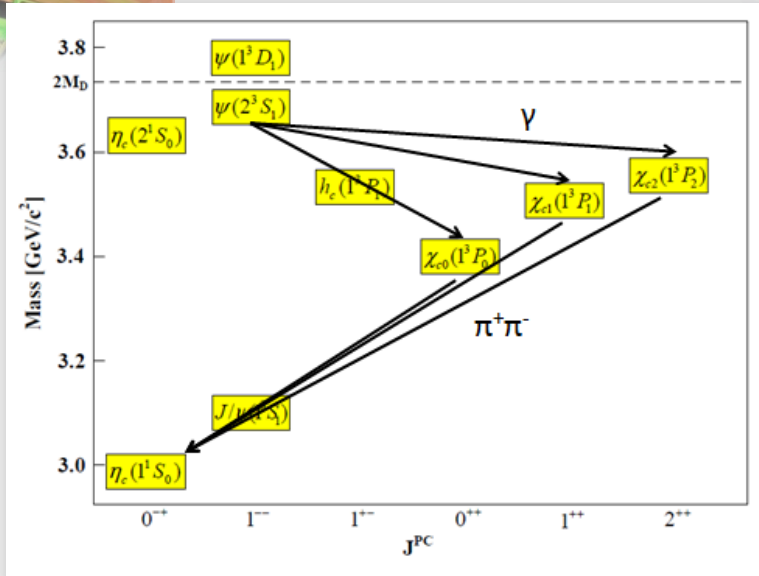


$\pi\pi$ transitions of χ_{cJ}





Search for $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-$



➤ Hadronic transitions of 3P_J states are seldom explored

➤ BABAR reported an upper limit

$$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-) < 2.2\% \text{ @ } 90\% \text{ C.L.}$$

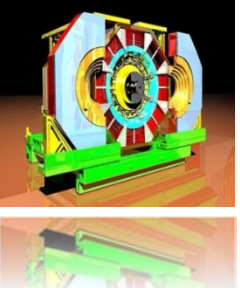
PRD 86, 092005 (2012)

➤ The process $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi \pi$, dominated by an E1-M1 transition, calculated in the multipole expansion formalism

$$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi \pi) = (2.72 \pm 0.39)\%$$

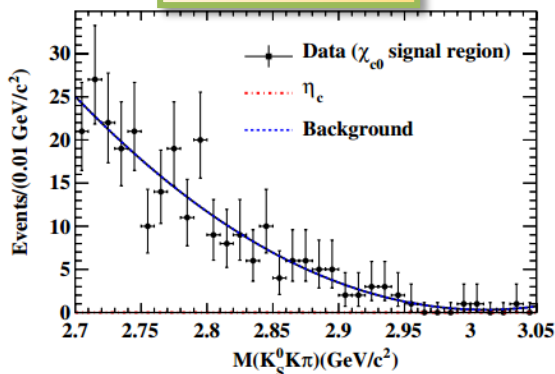
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➤ The process $\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-$ is suppressed by spin-parity conservation

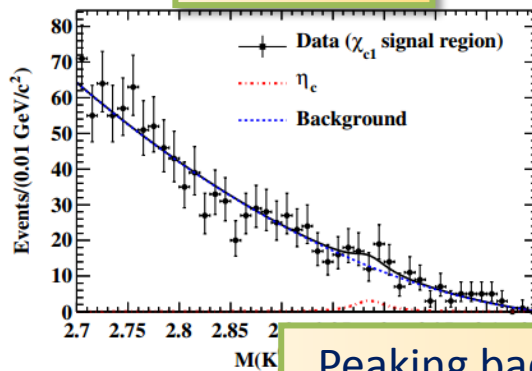


Search for $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-$

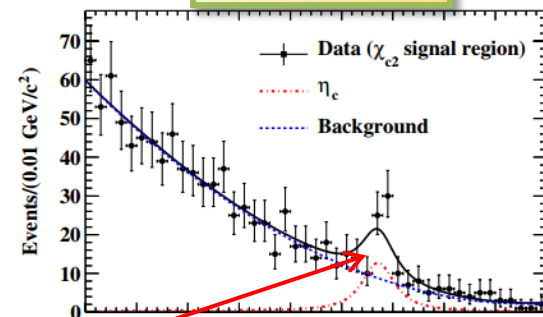
χ_{c0} region



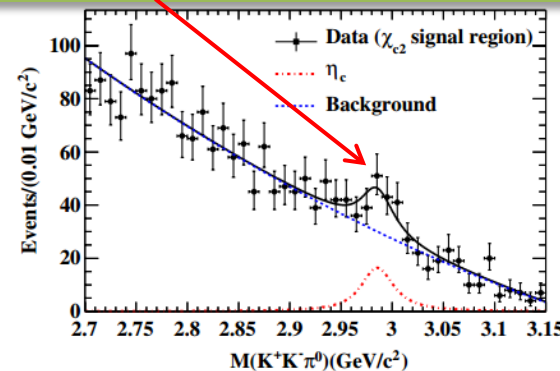
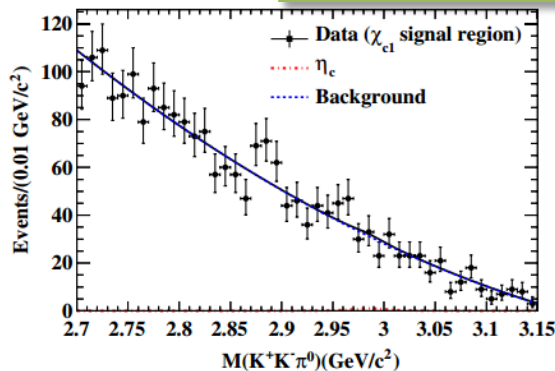
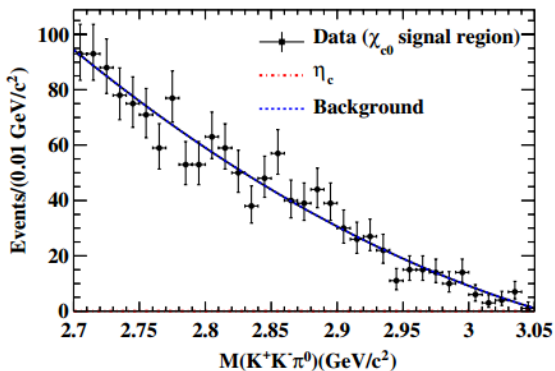
χ_{c1} region



χ_{c2} region



Peaking background from $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$



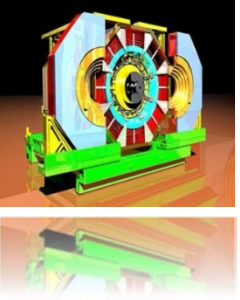
$$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0}(1P) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta_c(1S)) < 0.07\%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(1P) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta_c(1S)) < 0.32\%$$

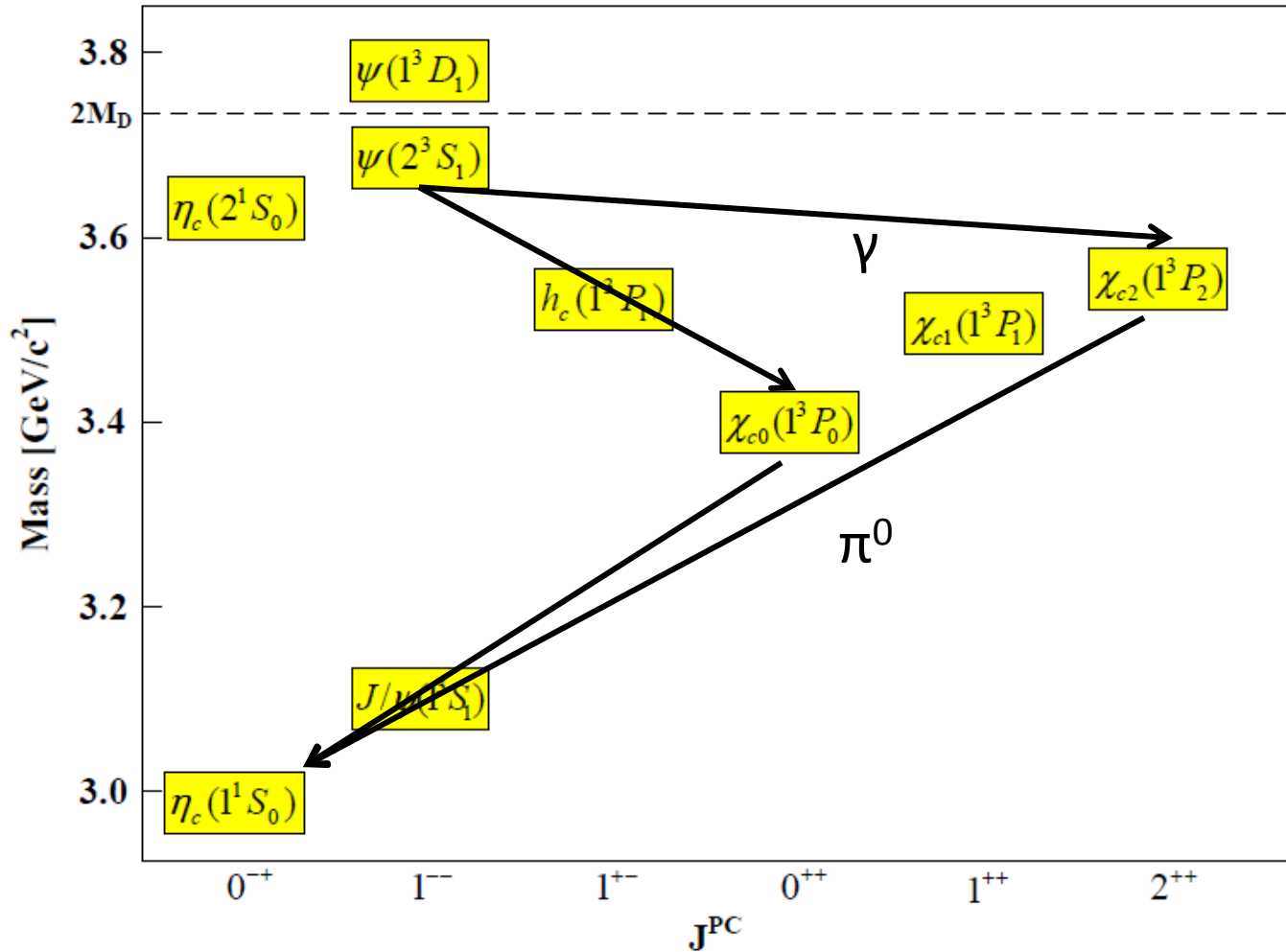
$$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c2}(1P) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta_c(1S)) < 0.54\%$$

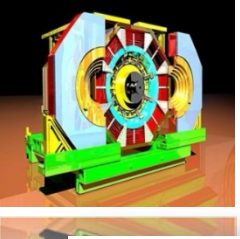
PRD 87, 012002 (2013)

- Using the process $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{cJ}$, $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-$, $\eta_c \rightarrow K \bar{K} \pi$
- Set stringent upper limit on the $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-$ branching fraction

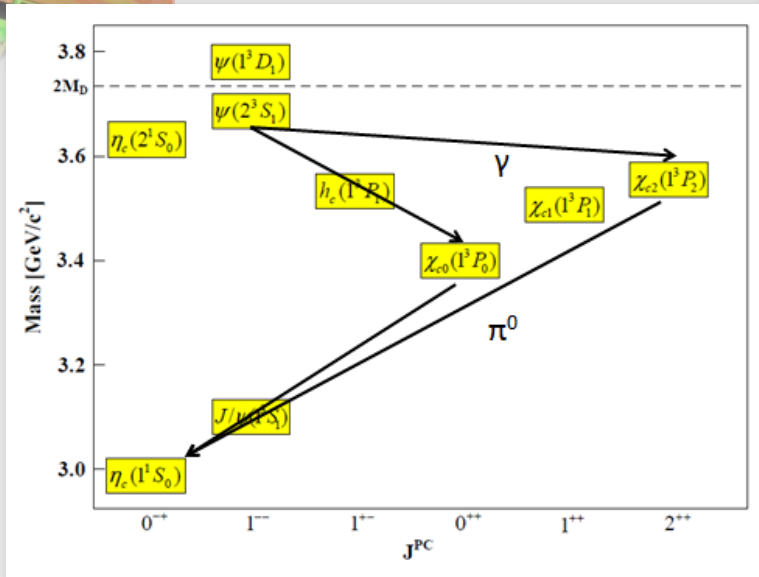


π^0 transitions of $\chi_{c0,\epsilon2}$

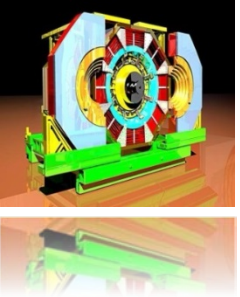




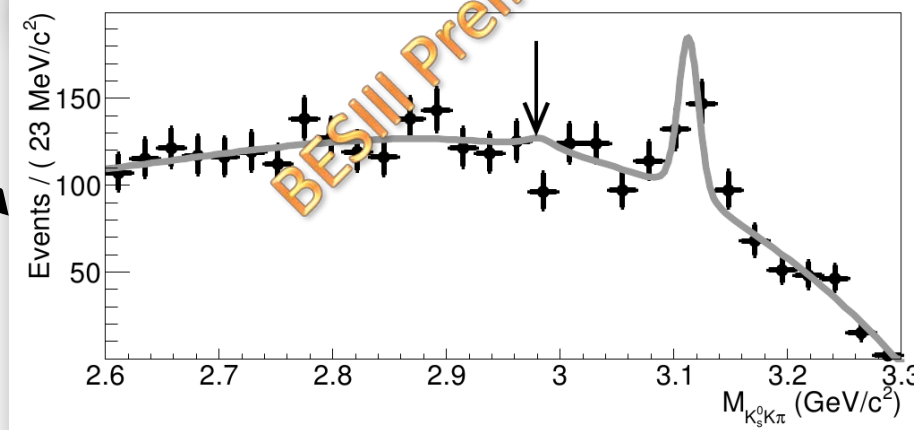
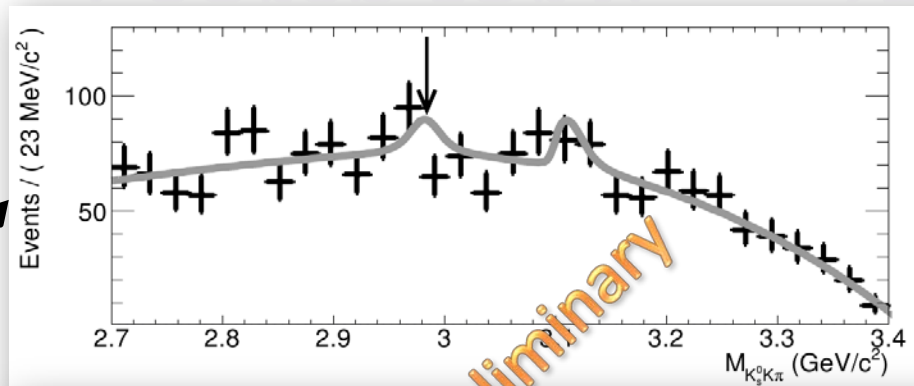
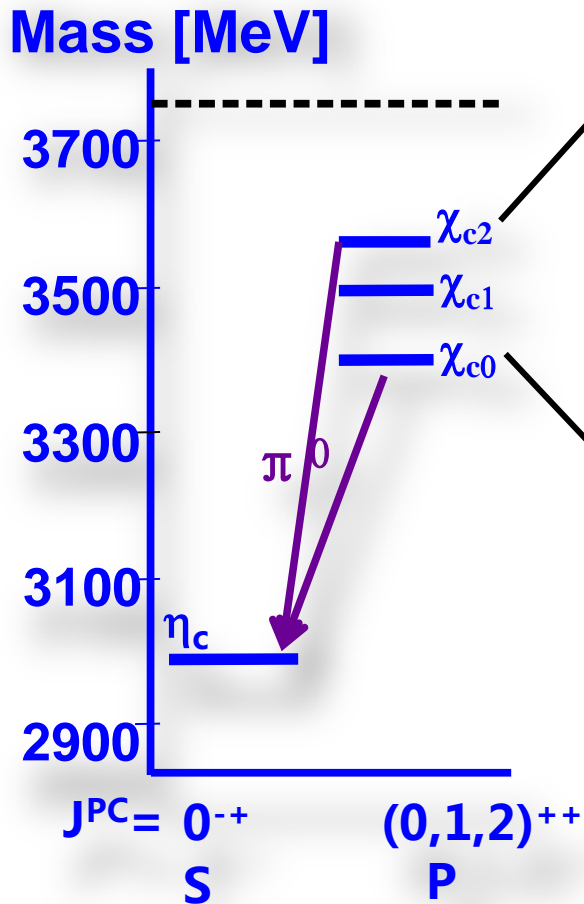
Search for $\chi_{c0,2} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$



- Isospin-suppressed transition of the charmonium P-waves
- The process $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$ violates spin-parity conservation
- The dimensionless suppression factor for the loops in $\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$ is **0.2**, smaller than in the process $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi$ PRD 82, 034025 (2010)
- However, meson loops may give a significant contribution through the interference with the tree-level amplitude and cannot be neglected

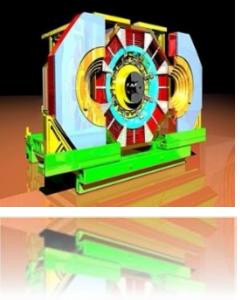


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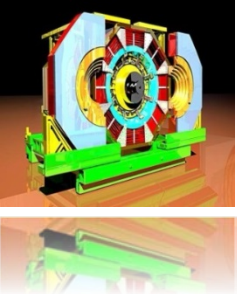


- Using the process $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c0,2}$, $\chi_{c0,2} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$, and the golden channel $\eta_c \rightarrow K_s^0 K \pi$
- 90% C.L. upper limit on the branching fractions are set for the first time

$$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c) < 3.3 \times 10^{-3}, \quad \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c) < 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$$



Other opportunities in BESIII



Other opportunities in BESIII

➤ $\psi(3770) \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi, \eta J/\psi, \pi^0 J/\psi$

✓ BESII reported the first sighting of a $\psi(3770)$ non-DD decay $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi) = (0.34 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.09)\%$ PLB 605, 63 (2005)

✓ Confirmed by CLEO-c with $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi) = (0.189 \pm 0.020 \pm 0.020)\%$ and $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi) = (80 \pm 25 \pm 16) \times 10^{-5}$, $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi) = (87 \pm 33 \pm 22) \times 10^{-5}$

✓ We may improve the results using 2.9 fb^{-1} $\psi(3770)$ data of BESIII

➤ $h_c \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi, \pi^0 J/\psi$

✓ $h_c \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi$: E760 found no evidence in $p\bar{p}$ annihilation

PRL 69, 2337 (1992)

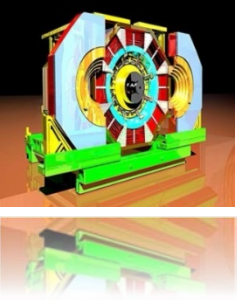
✓ $h_c \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi$: G-violation, EM decays

➤ $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\eta_c$

✓ Expected to be produced at 1% level or larger PLB 628, 211 (2005)

✓ $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\eta_c) < 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ @ 90% C.L. by CLEO-c using 3M $\psi(3686)$ data PRD 75, 011102 (2007)

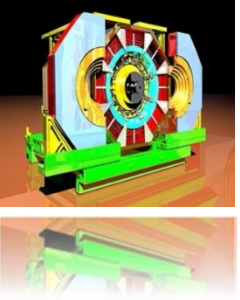
✓ search for it using $\sim 500\text{M}$ $\psi(3686)$ data



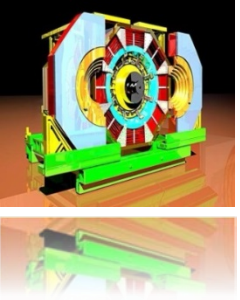
Summary

- Precise measurements are made on hadronic transitions of $\psi(3686)$ including $\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$, $\eta J/\psi$ and $\pi^0 J/\psi$
 - ✓ Consistent with other experiments
 - ✓ The most precision in the world
- Searches for the hadronic transition of P-wave charmonia
 - ✓ $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^+ \pi^-$
 - ✓ $\chi_{c0,2} \rightarrow \eta_c \pi^0$
- More charmonium hadronic transition results with larger data set coming soon

Thank you for your attention!



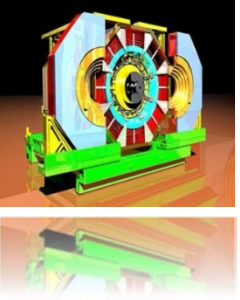
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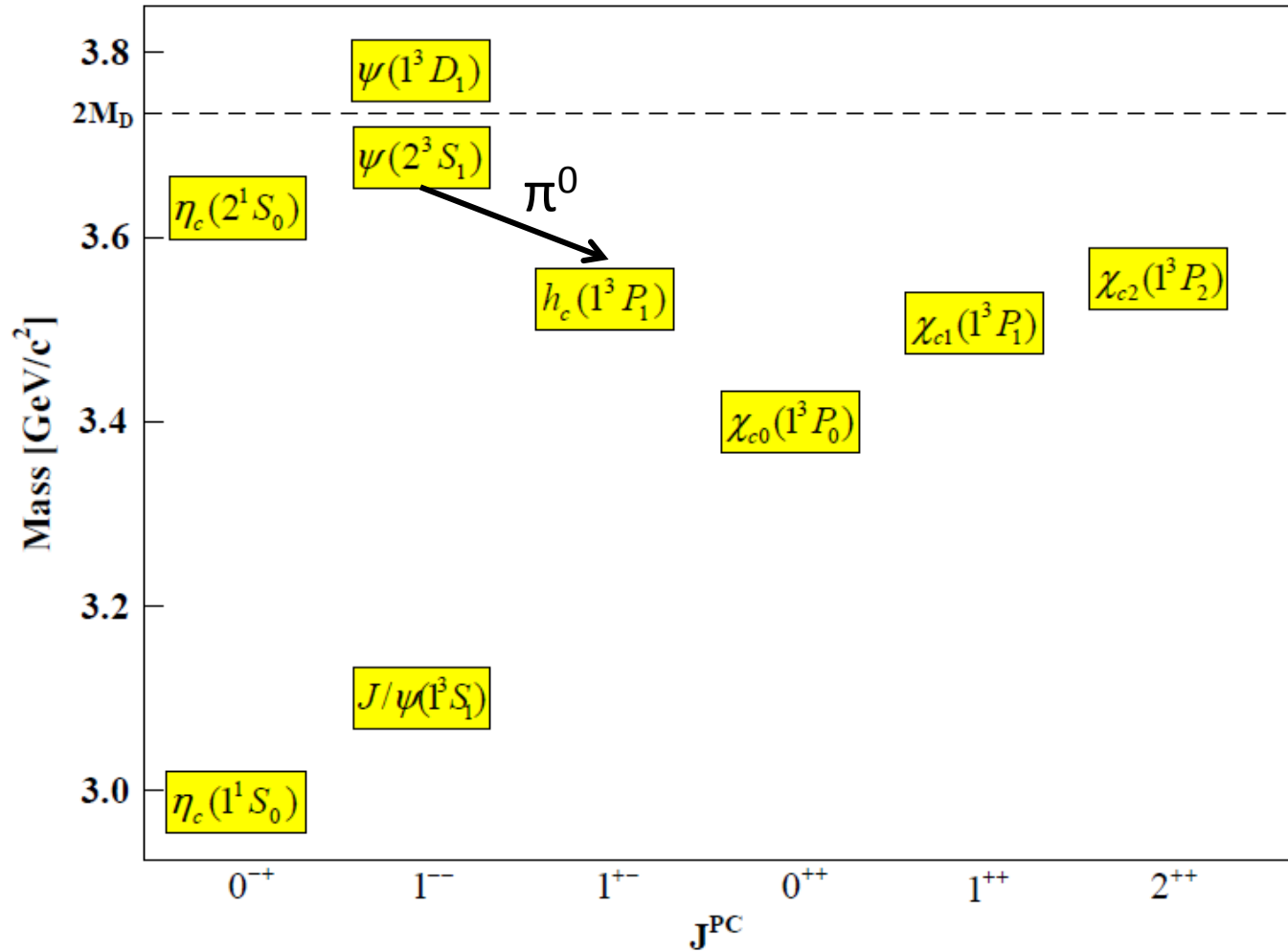
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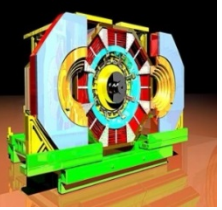
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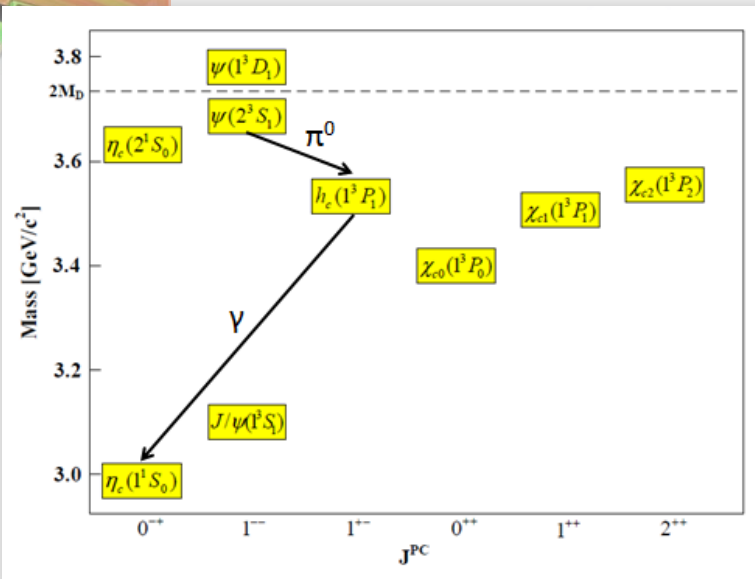


$$\Psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c$$





$\Psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c$



- Spin-singlet P-wave state h_c
- Potential model: if non-vanishing P-wave spin-spin interaction,

$$\Delta m_{hf}(1P) = m(1^1P_1) - \langle m(1^3P_J) \rangle \neq 0$$

with $\langle m(1^3P_J) \rangle = \frac{1}{9} (m(\chi_{c0}) + 3m(\chi_{c1}) + 5m(\chi_{c2}))$

Hyperfine splitting

PRD 65, 094024 (2002)

- First observation by CLEO-c in cascade process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$

$$\Delta M_{hf}(1P) = \mathbf{0.08 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV}/c^2}$$

- Theoretical prediction: $\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) = (0.4-1.3) \times 10^{-3}$

- Previous BESIII measurement: $\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) = \mathbf{(8.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3}}$

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“inclusive” (published in 2011)

only detect the π^0

$$\text{Rate} \propto \mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c)$$

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detect the π^0 & γ

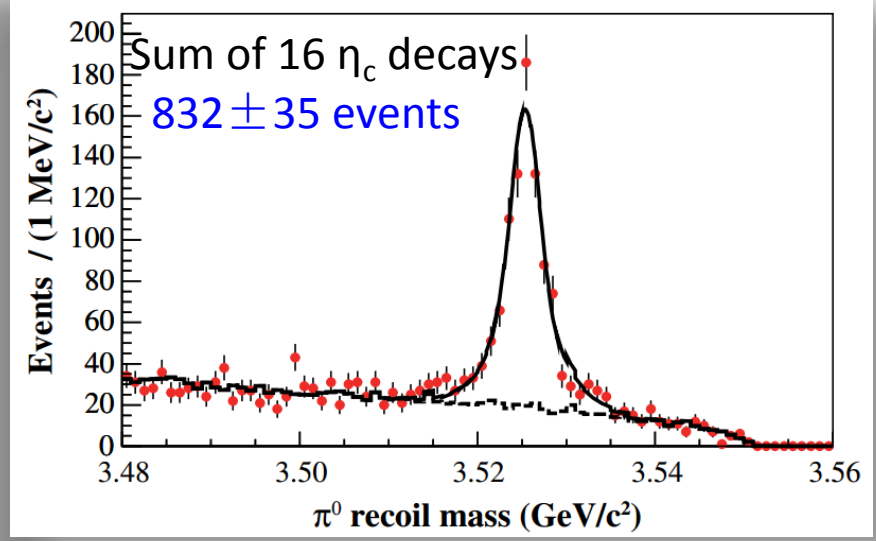
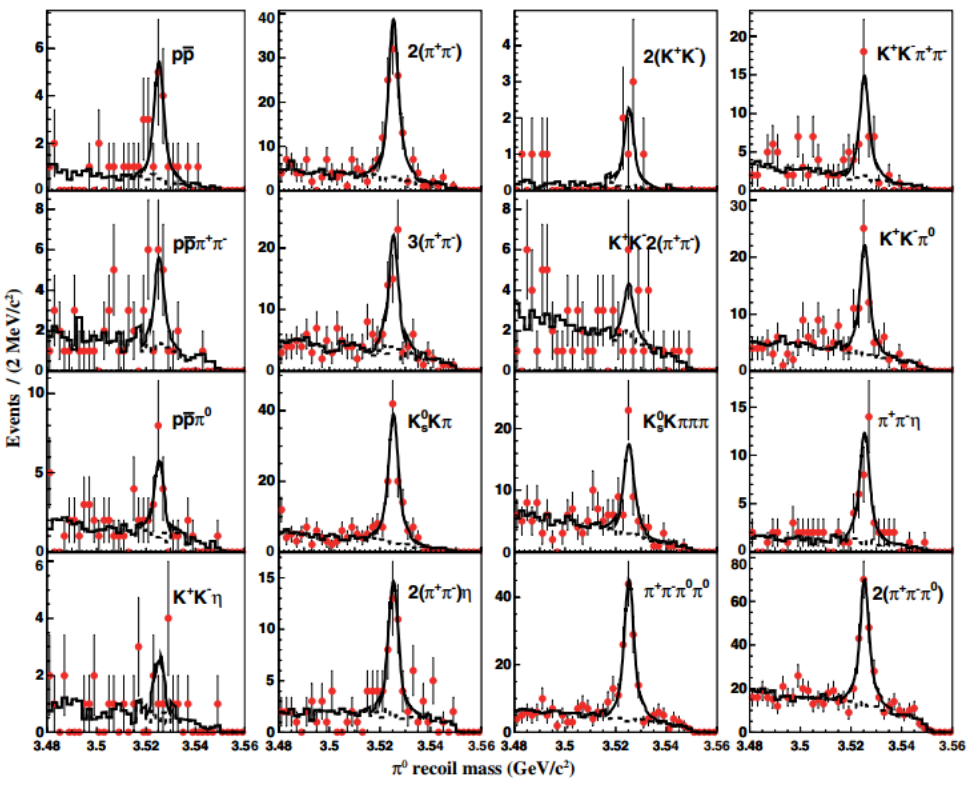
$$\text{Rate} \propto \mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) \times \mathcal{B}(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c)$$

“exclusive” (published in 2012)

detect the π^0, γ & $h_c \rightarrow X_i$ decay

$$\text{Rate} \propto \mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) \times \mathcal{B}(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c) \times \mathcal{B}(h_c \rightarrow X_i)$$

$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c, \eta_c$ exclusive decays



Simultaneous fit to π^0 recoiling mass:
 Mass = $3525.31 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.14 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 Width = $0.70 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.22 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta M_{hf}(1P) = -0.01 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

BESIII: PRD 86, 092009 (2012)

Consistent with BESIII inclusive results:
 Mass = $3525.40 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.18 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 Width = $0.73 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.28 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta M_{hf}(1P) = -0.10 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.18 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

BESIII: PRL 104, 132002 (2010)

CLEO-c exclusive results:
 Mass = $3525.21 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.14 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $\Delta M_{hf}(1P) = 0.08 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

CLEO-c: PRL 101, 182003 (2008) Chang | 27

Search for $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c, h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

PRD 88, 112001 (2013)

➤ No clear signal for $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c, h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ is observed. UL on BF is set at 90% C.L.

Branching fraction

$$\text{BF}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c \rightarrow \pi^0 p\bar{p}) < 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$$

Using BESIII measurement:

$$\text{BF}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) = (8.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0)\%$$

PRD 78, 012006 (2008)

$$\text{BF}(h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$$

Theoretical predictions

$$\text{BF}(h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.52-1.93) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{BF}(h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (3.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$$

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