

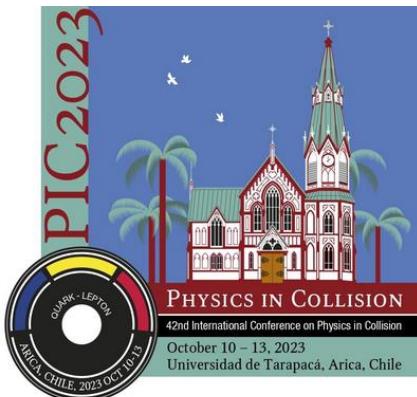
Charmonium decays at BESIII

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Why Study Charmonia?

- Charmonia
 - Simple configuration
 - Bound state of charm quark and its antiquark ($c\bar{c}$)
 - Difficult calculation → Perform non-perturbative calculation in
 - Hadronization of $c\bar{c}$ into charmonia and the subsequent decay
 - Because the momentum scale is much less than the charm mass
 - Experimental input becomes important
- Clean signature and high yield in experiment
 - Easy to be identified
 - Can be studied in huge range of final states (e.g. charm(less) hadron, charmonia + X)
- With numerous data, many to be done
 - Test or drive theoretical approaches
 - Help comprehending XYZ exotic particles
 - Find new charmonia
 - Probe the new physics
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This report only highlights this topic

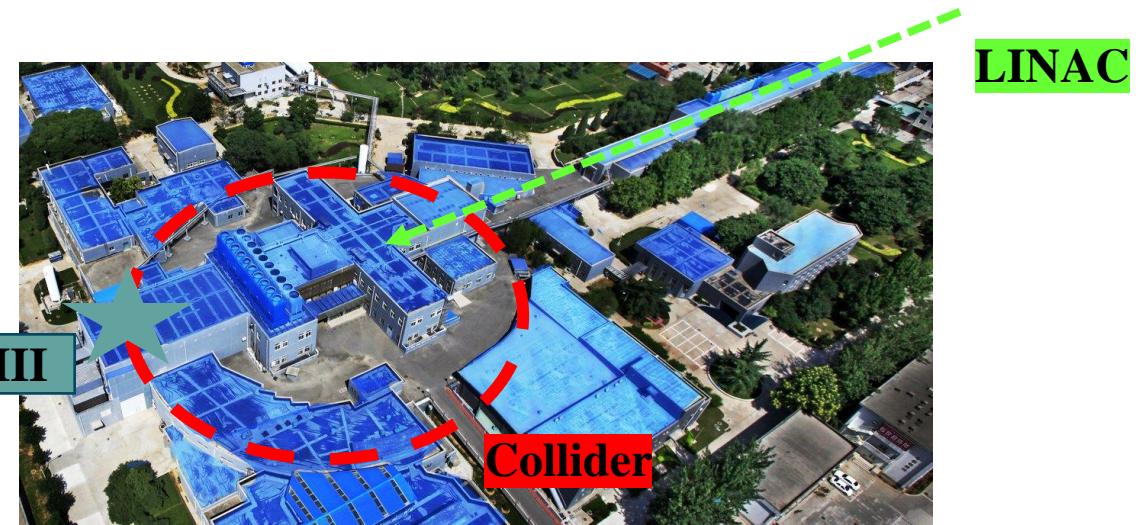
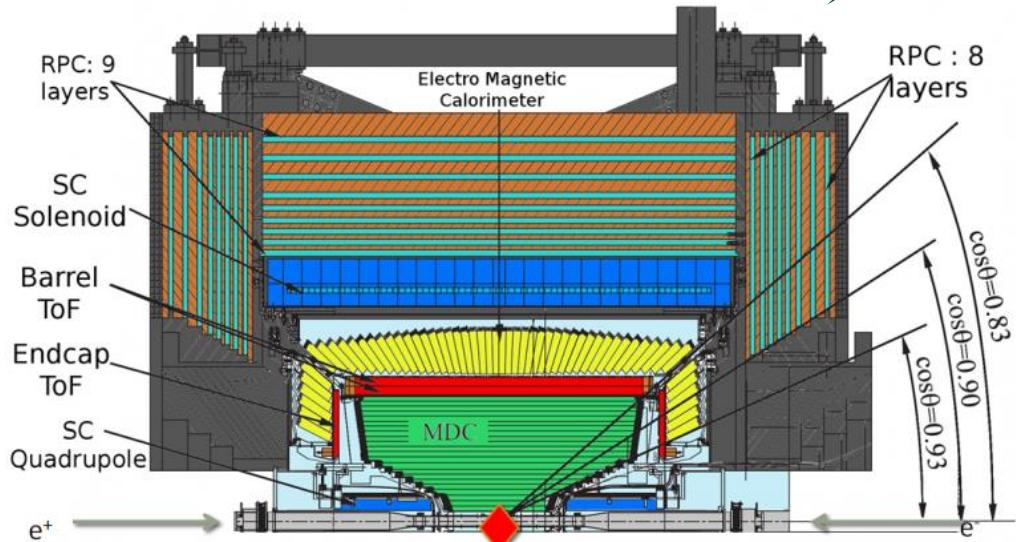
Outline

- BEPCII & BESIII & dataset
- Charmonia decaying to two baryons and one pseudoscalar particle ($B\bar{B}P$)
- $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^-\bar{\Sigma}^+$ angular analysis
- Helicity amplitude analysis of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi$
- $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S), \eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi$ measurement
- Conclusion and outlook

A lot of details and interesting topics can't be shown due to time limitation

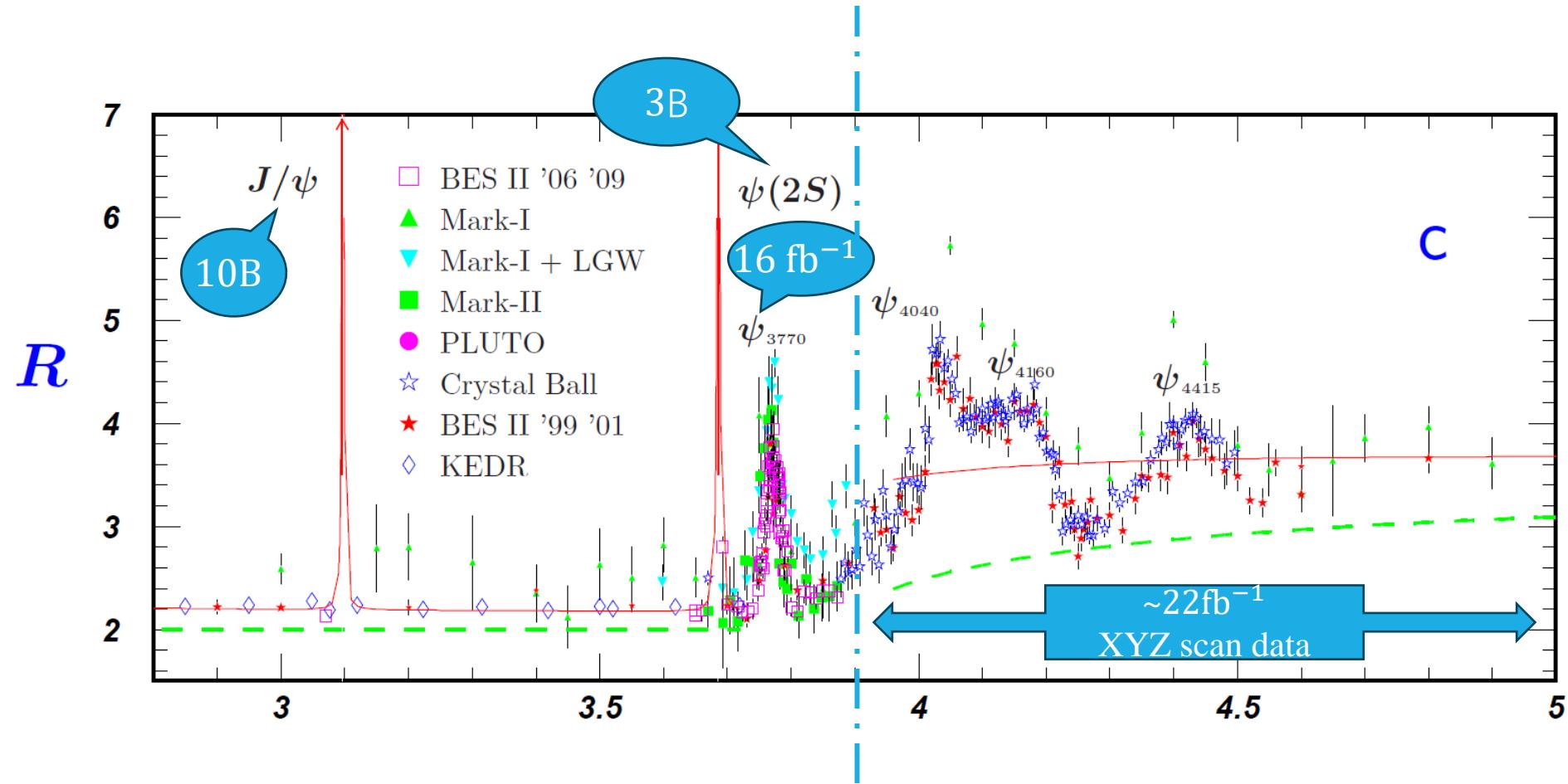
BESIII Experiment at BEPC II

- BEPC II
 - CM energy: $2 \sim 5$ GeV
 - Peak Luminosity:
 $\gg 1.01 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



- BESIII
 - Stable and reliable operation for **15 years!**
 - Large acceptance, covering $93\% \times 4\pi$ solid angle
 - Good particle identification
 - High energy and momentum resolution

BESIII DataSet

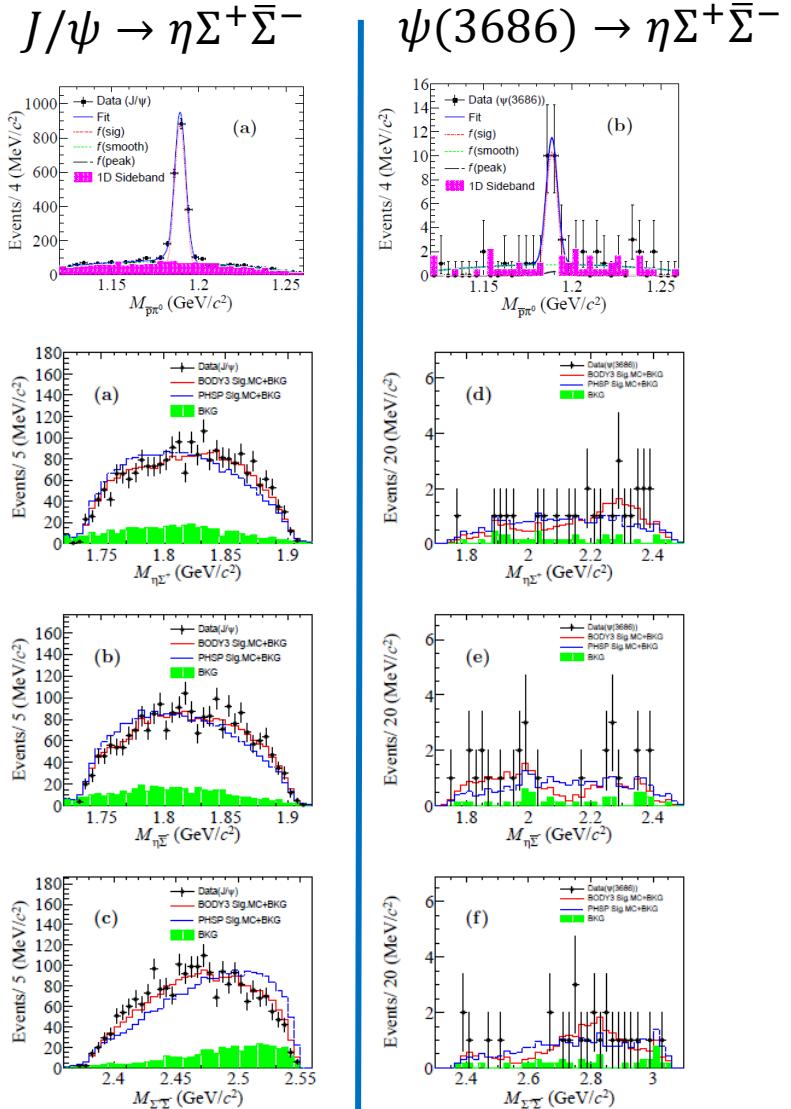


- Rich dataset, can carry out sophisticated research
- Will accumulate more $4 \text{ fb}^{-1} \psi(3770)$ data in 2024 → total $20 \text{ fb}^{-1} \psi(3770)$ data

$J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-$ and $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-$

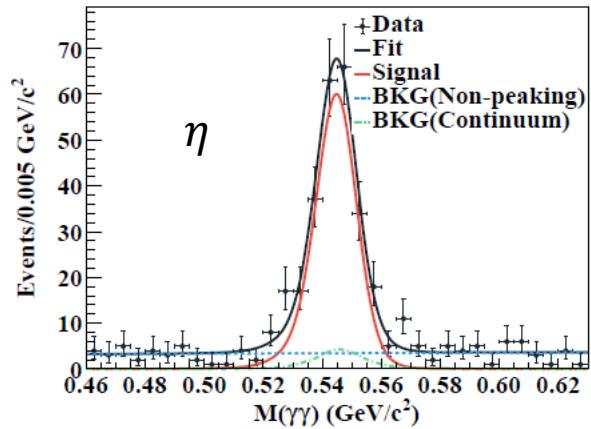
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- $B\bar{B}P$ decays:
 - Experimentally driven with few theoretical predictions
 - Only 12% rule, i.e. $\frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow X)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow X)} \approx \frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow l^+l^-)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-)} \approx 12\%$, hints branching fraction (BF) ratio, where l stands for leptons
 - Provides a good opportunity to search for potential excited baryon states and unknown structures in $BB(P)$ mass spectra
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-$ and $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^- (\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0)$:
 - Dataset :
 - $(10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6 J/\psi$ events
 - $(448.1 \pm 2.9) \times 10^6 \psi(3686)$ events (around one in ten full data)
 - Results
 - $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-) = (6.34 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.37) \times 10^{-5}$
 - $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-) = (9.59 \pm 2.37 \pm 0.61) \times 10^{-6}$
 - $\frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-)} = (15.8 \pm 3.8)\%$, favour 12% rule
 - No enhancement near $\Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^-$ and $\eta\Sigma^+$ threshold is found

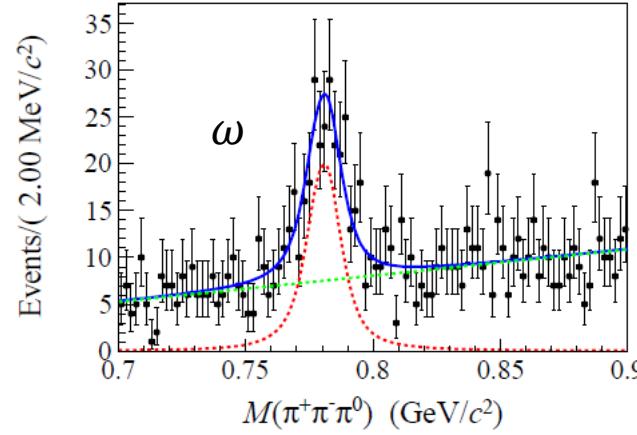
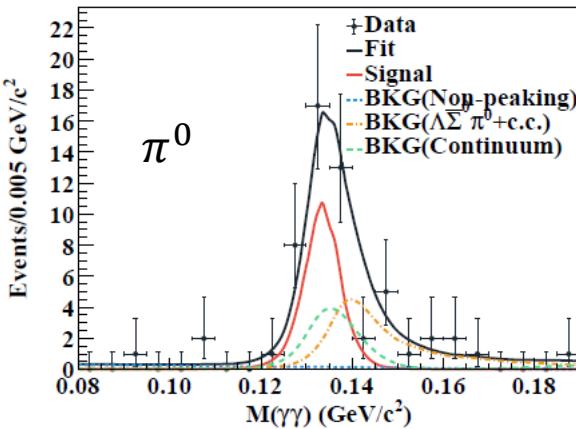


$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \pi^0\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ and $\omega\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$

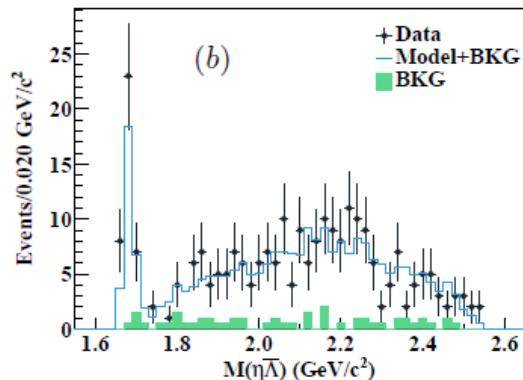
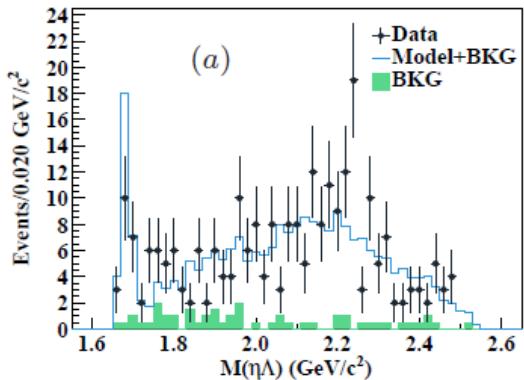
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Isospin violating decay



$\Lambda(1670)$ is found in $\eta\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$ mass spectra



- $M = 1672 \pm 5 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $\Gamma = 38 \pm 10 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}$

Be consistent with PDG

- $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \eta\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}) = (2.34 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.52) \times 10^{-5}$
 - $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Lambda(1670)\bar{\Lambda}) \times \mathcal{B}(\Lambda(1670) \rightarrow \eta\Lambda) = (1.29 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.62) \times 10^{-5}$
 - BF ratio = $(1.4 \pm 0.7)\%$, **disfavour 12% rule**
- $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^0\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}) = (1.42 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.59) \times 10^{-6}$
 - Stat. sig = 3.7σ , upper limit (UL) at 90% C.L. on BF = 2.47×10^{-5}
 - BF ratio = $(2.3 \pm 0.6)\%$, **disfavour 12% rule**
- $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \omega\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}) = (3.30 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-5}$
 - An evidence of Λ^* in $\omega\Lambda$ is found (shown in backup slides)
 - No phase space for $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$

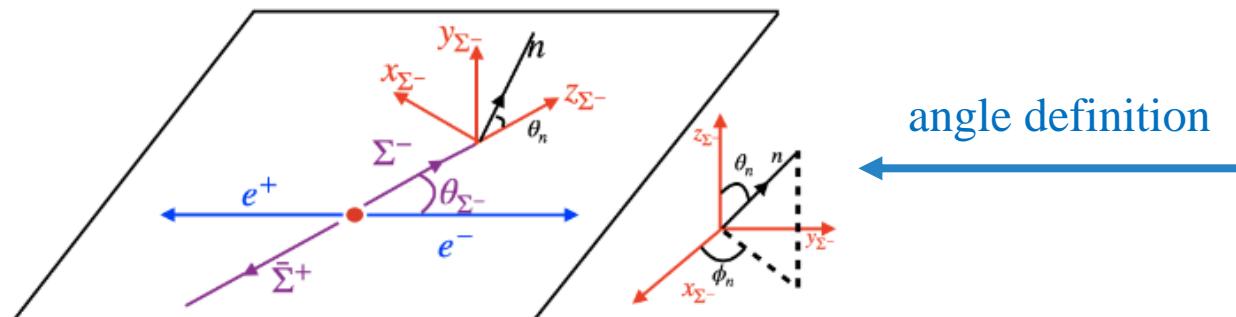
More experimental and theoretical involvement is necessary for $B\bar{B}P$

$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^- \bar{\Sigma}^+$ angular analysis

Only use $(448.1 \pm 2.9) \times 10^6 \psi(3686)$ events

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- Angular distribution of $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow BB$
 - $1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta_B$, derived from the [general helicity formalism](#)
 - α_ψ is expected to be 1 due to the helicity conservation rule
 - Masses of the baryon and quark must be taken into considered into α_ψ calculation $\rightarrow \alpha_\psi$ measurement becomes crucial
- Differential cross section is given as \longrightarrow
 - α_ψ (denoted as α_{Σ^-} later) is a free parameter in fit
 - $\alpha(\bar{\alpha})$ is set as 0.068(-0.068) according to PDG
 - $\Delta\Phi$ is set as 0 by assuming no polarization



angle definition

$$W(\xi) = t_0(\xi) + \alpha_\psi t_5(\xi) \rightarrow \Sigma^- \text{ scattering angle}$$

$$+ \alpha \bar{\alpha} (t_1(\xi) + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \cos(\Delta\phi) t_2(\xi) + \alpha_\psi t_6(\xi)) \rightarrow \text{three spin correlation}$$

$$\sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \sin(\Delta\phi) (\alpha t_3(\xi) - \bar{\alpha} t_4(\xi)). \rightarrow \text{polarization term}$$

$$t_0(\xi) = 1$$

$$t_1(\xi) = \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta_n \sin \theta_{\bar{n}} \cos \phi_n \cos \phi_{\bar{n}} + \cos^2 \theta \cos \theta_n \cos \theta_{\bar{n}}$$

$$t_2(\xi) = \sin \theta \cos \theta (\sin \theta_n \cos \theta_{\bar{n}} \cos \phi_n + \cos \theta_n \sin \theta_{\bar{n}} \cos \phi_{\bar{n}})$$

$$t_3(\xi) = \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \theta_n \sin \phi_n$$

$$t_4(\xi) = \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \theta_{\bar{n}} \sin \phi_{\bar{n}}$$

$$t_5(\xi) = \cos^2 \theta$$

$$t_6(\xi) = \cos \theta_n \cos \theta_{\bar{n}} - \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta_n \sin \theta_{\bar{n}} \sin \phi_n \sin \phi_{\bar{n}}$$

$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^- \bar{\Sigma}^+$ angular analysis

- $n(\bar{n})$ reconstruction

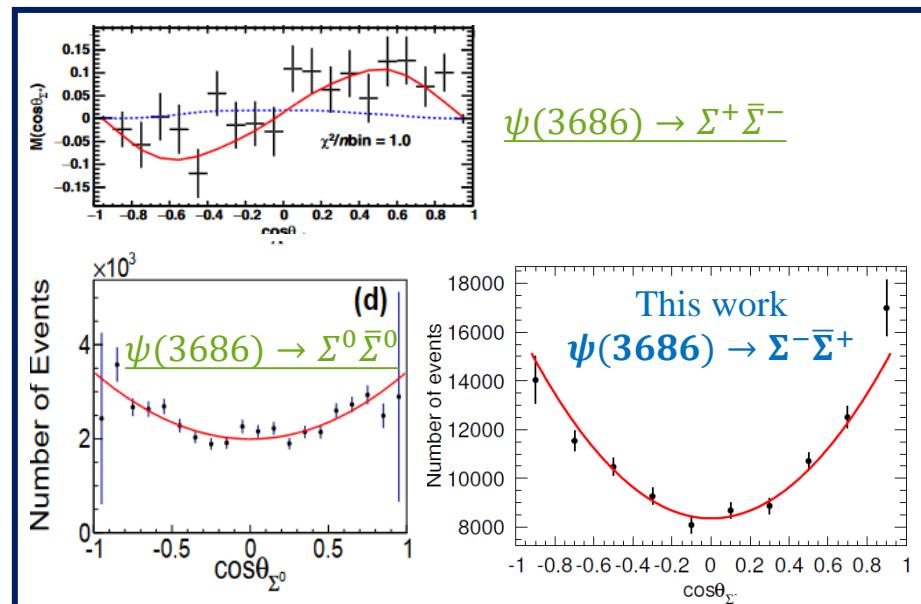
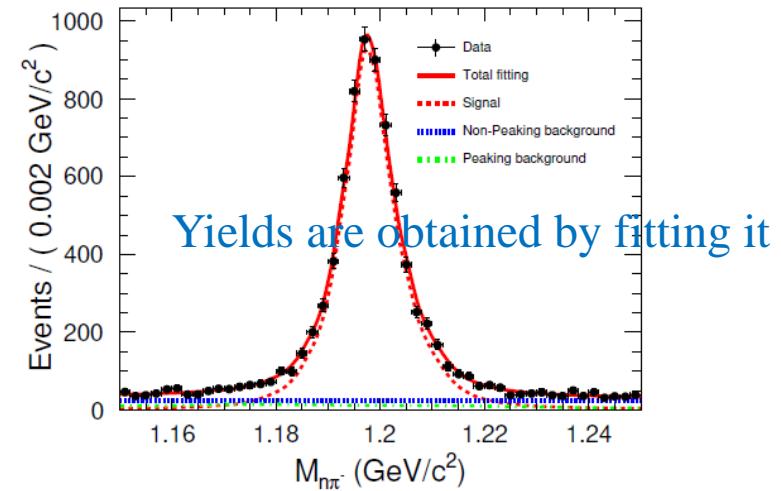
- Total four-momentum conservation + known Σ^- mass + n mass $\rightarrow n$ (\bar{n}) four-momentum can be obtained by kinematic fit
- For n , three-momentum are free in the fit
- For \bar{n} , polar and azimuthal angles (momentum direction) are used as input

- Results

- Measured BF is consistent with prediction and has same order with its isospin partners ones
- α_{Σ^-} is consistent with prediction, but have significant different from α_{Σ^+} and α_{Σ^0}

Decay mode	Br($\times 10^{-4}$)	Angular parameter α_B	Br prediction($\times 10^{-4}$) [5]
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \Sigma^-$	$2.52 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.09$ [40]	$0.682 \pm 0.030 \pm 0.011$ [21]	2.29 ± 0.15
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \bar{\Sigma}^0$	$2.44 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.11$ [22]	$0.71 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04$ [22]	2.37 ± 0.09
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^- \bar{\Sigma}^+$	$2.82 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.08$	$0.96 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.03$	2.46 ± 0.13

Worth further investigation

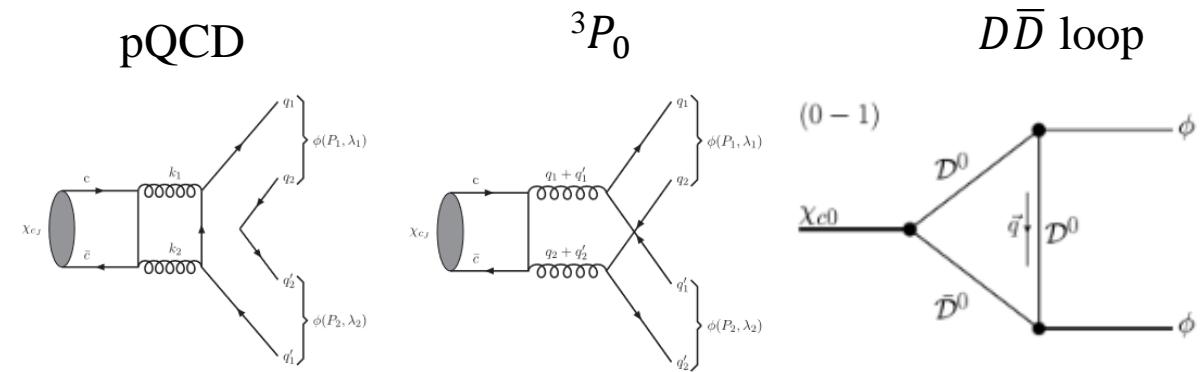


Helicity amplitude analysis of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi$

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- pQCD prediction for a charmonia decaying into two hadron $\longrightarrow \mathcal{B}[\psi(\lambda) \rightarrow h_1(\lambda_1)h_2(\lambda_2)] \sim \left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{m_c^2}\right)^{|\lambda_1+\lambda_2|+2}$
- If the light-quark mass is neglected, the vector-gluon coupling conserves quark helicity leading to the helicity selection rule (HSR), i.e.
 - $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$
 - if the helicity configuration does not satisfy it, the BF will be suppressed, as in the case of $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \phi\phi$
- BESIII observed similar BFs of three decays, contrary to HSR
 - Many models have been proposed to interpret this result (and have used data as input)
 - **Ratios of the helicity amplitudes F_{λ_1, λ_2}** are found to be effective in the discrimination between them

Decay channel	$\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \phi\phi$		$\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \phi\phi$	
Parameter	x	ω_1	ω_2	ω_4
pQCD	0.293 ± 0.030	0.812 ± 0.018	1.647 ± 0.067	0.344 ± 0.020
3P_0	0.515 ± 0.029	1.399 ± 0.580	0.971 ± 0.275	0.406 ± 0.017
$D\bar{D}$ loop	0.359 ± 0.019	1.285 ± 0.017	5.110 ± 0.057	0.465 ± 0.002
	$ F_{1,1}^0 / F_{0,0}^0 $	$ F_{0,1}^2 / F_{0,0}^2 $	$ F_{1,-1}^2 / F_{0,0}^2 $	$ F_{1,1}^2 / F_{0,0}^2 $



Helicity amplitude analysis of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi$

- Amplitude analysis

 - Formula: Helicity amplitude expanded with covariant tensor →

 - Resonance:

 - Relativistic Breit-Wigner function with damping factors

 - Mass resolution is considered

 - Non resonance (NR)

 - Only consider 0^+ and 0^-

 - χ_{c1} and χ_{c2} widths are quite narrow → their interference with a non-resonant contribution is neglected

Partial waves

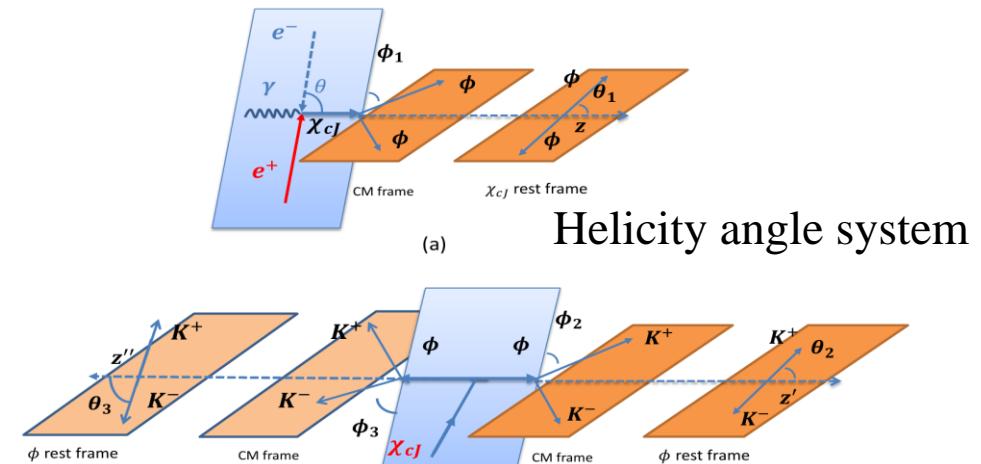
Decay	Partial waves (LS)
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}$	(01), (21)
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$	(01), (21), (22)
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c2}$	(01), (21), (22), (23), (43)
χ_{c0} or NR(0^+) $\rightarrow \phi\phi$	(00), (22)
χ_{c1} or NR(1^+) $\rightarrow \phi\phi$	(01), (21), (22)
χ_{c2} or NR(2^+) $\rightarrow \phi\phi$	(02), (20), (21), (22), (42)
NR(0^-) $\rightarrow \phi\phi$	(11)
$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$	(10)

$$A = \langle \vec{p}\lambda_1; -\vec{p}\lambda_2 | \mathcal{M} | JM \rangle$$

$$= 4\pi \left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle \phi\theta\lambda_1\lambda_2 | JM\lambda_1\lambda_2 \rangle \langle JM\lambda_1\lambda_2 | \mathcal{M} | JM \rangle$$

$$= N_J F_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}^J D_{M, \lambda}^{J*}(\phi, \theta, 0), \lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2,$$

$$F_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} = \sum_{LS} g_{LS} \sqrt{\frac{2L+1}{2J+1}} \langle L0S\lambda | J\lambda \rangle \langle \eta_1\lambda_1\eta_2 - \lambda_2 | S\lambda \rangle r^L B_L(r) / B_L(r_0)$$



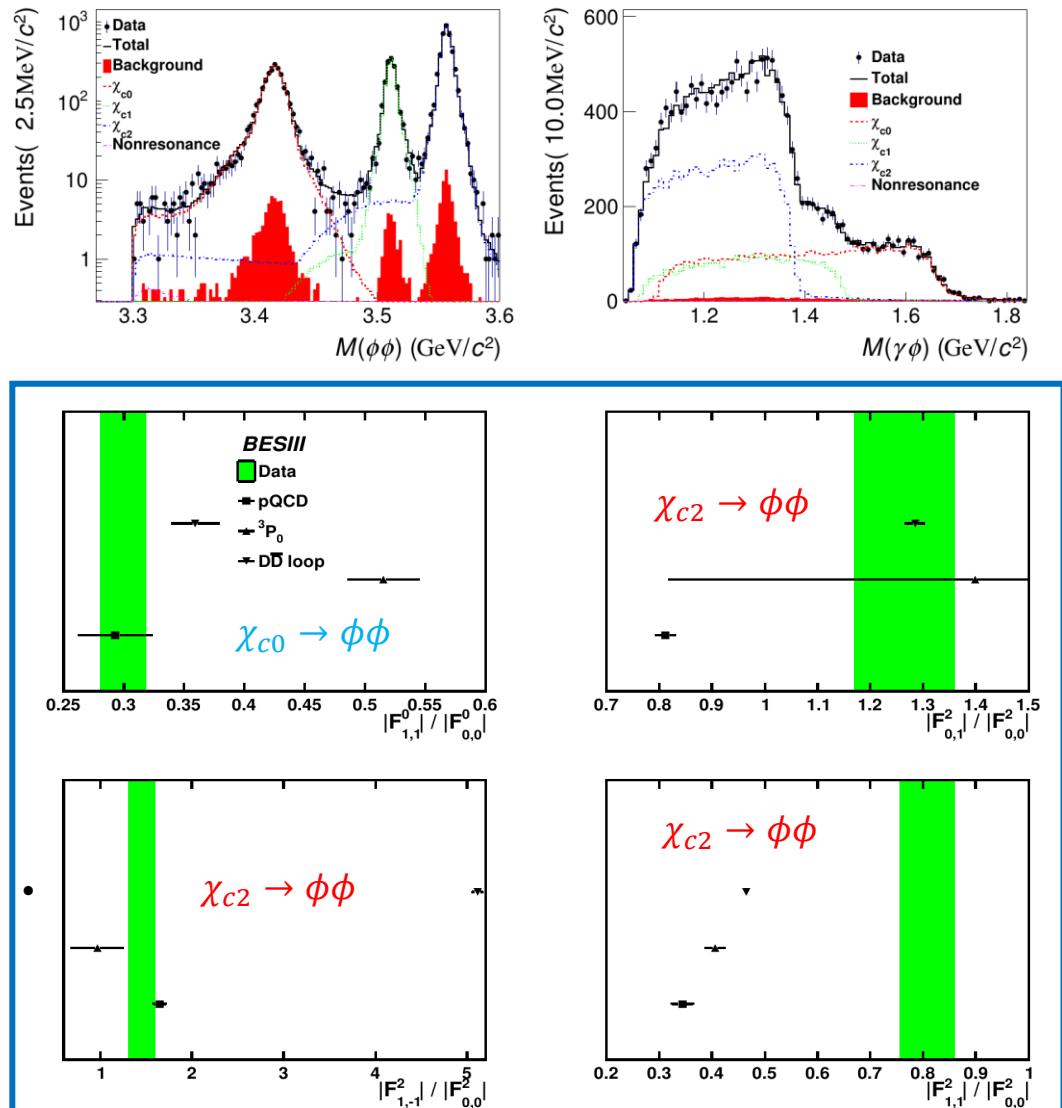
Angular and partial wave analysis

- χ_{c0} mass and width float in the fit, χ_{c1} and χ_{c2} ones are fixed to PDG
- BF results are consistent with BESIII previous results and PDG values

Decay Mode	2011 BESIII [8]	this work	PDG value [22]
$\mathcal{B}[\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \phi\phi](\times 10^{-4})$	$7.8 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.8$	$8.59 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.20$	8.0 ± 0.7
$\mathcal{B}[\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \phi\phi](\times 10^{-4})$	$4.1 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5$	$4.26 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.15$	4.2 ± 0.5
$\mathcal{B}[\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \phi\phi](\times 10^{-4})$	$10.7 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.2$	$12.67 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.33$	10.6 ± 0.9

- Helicity amplitude ratios
 - $|F_{1,1}^0| / |F_{0,0}^0| = 0.299 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.019$
 - $|F_{0,1}^2| / |F_{0,0}^2| = 1.265 \pm 0.054 \pm 0.079$
 - $|F_{1,-1}^2| / |F_{0,0}^2| = 1.450 \pm 0.097 \pm 0.104$
 - $|F_{1,1}^2| / |F_{0,0}^2| = 0.808 \pm 0.051 \pm 0.009$
 - The $D\bar{D}$ loop model can be ruled out
 - Other predictions also have sizeable difference

With $(27.08 \pm 0.14) \times 10^8 \psi(3686)$ events, a fuller understanding of this inconsistency can be provided!



- $\eta_c(2S)$

- Limited knowledge about its decay → the sum of its BFs measured experimentally is **only about 3%**
- Uncertainties of its mass and width are also not small
 - PDG: $m_{\eta_c(2S)} = (3637.5 \pm 1.1) \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma_{\eta_c(2S)} = (11.3^{+3.2}_{-2.9}) \text{ MeV}$
- $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$, cannot be produced directly via e^+e^- annihilation, but through $\psi(3686)$ radiative transition
 - Radiative transition requires charmed-quark spin-flip, thus it proceeds via a magnetic (**M1**) transition
- The **M1** transition BF and partial width calculated by different theoretical models vary

		Mass (MeV/ c^2)	$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)) (\times 10^{-4})$	$\Gamma(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)) (\text{keV})$
Non-relativistic potential (NR)	NR model [1]	3630	7.14 ± 0.19	0.21
Godfrey-Isgur relativized Potential (GI)	GI model [1]	3623	5.80 ± 0.16	0.17
	Meson loop correction [2]	N/A	2.72 ± 1.00	0.08 ± 0.03
	Light-front quark model [3]	3637	3.9	0.11
	Effective field theory [12]	N/A	$0.6 - 36.0$	N/A

- Experimental measurements on **M1** transition BF have large uncertainties

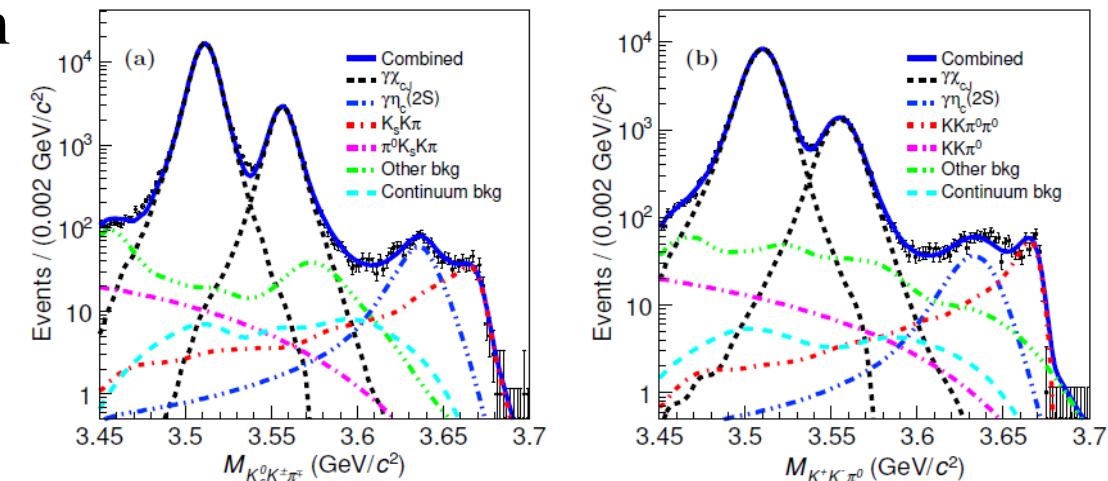
➢ By a global fit: $(7^{+3.4}_{-2.5}) \times 10^{-4}$; By PDG: $(7 \pm 5) \times 10^{-4}$



Difficult to validate the theoretical calculations
Precise measurement is required!

$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S), \eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi$

- $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi$ ($K^+K^-\pi^0$ and $K_SK^\pm\pi^\mp$)
 - Yields are obtained from simultaneous fit to $M(K\bar{K}\pi)$ in the range of (3.45-3.70) GeV/c^2
 - Signal model: $\eta_c(2S)$ M1 transition lineshape (details are in backup slides)
 - $(E_\gamma^3 \times BW(M(K\bar{K}\pi)) \times f_d(E_\gamma) \times \varepsilon(M(K\bar{K}\pi))) \otimes$ Double Gaussian (utilized to describe the resolution)
 - Mass and width of $\eta_c(2S)$ are floating and sharing parameters in the fit
 - $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)) \times \mathcal{B}(\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi)$, stat. uncertainty only
 - $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K_SK^+\pi^- + c.c: (3.23 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-6}$
 - $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0 + c.c: (1.61 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-6}$
 - BFs ratio ≈ 2 , which agrees with isospin symmetry expectation
 - It will be taken into consideration in all subsequent calculations
- Sum over the total seven $K\bar{K}\pi$ channels BFs (with set BFs ratios between them), i.e.
 - $K^+K^-\pi^0(2), K_SK_S\pi^0(1), K_LK_L\pi^0(1)$
 - $K_SK^+\pi^-(2), K_SK^-\pi^+(2), K_LK^+\pi^-(2), K_LK^-\pi^+(2)$,
 - Total $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)) \times \mathcal{B}(\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi)$
 - $(0.97 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-6}$ (stat. + sys. uncertainty)

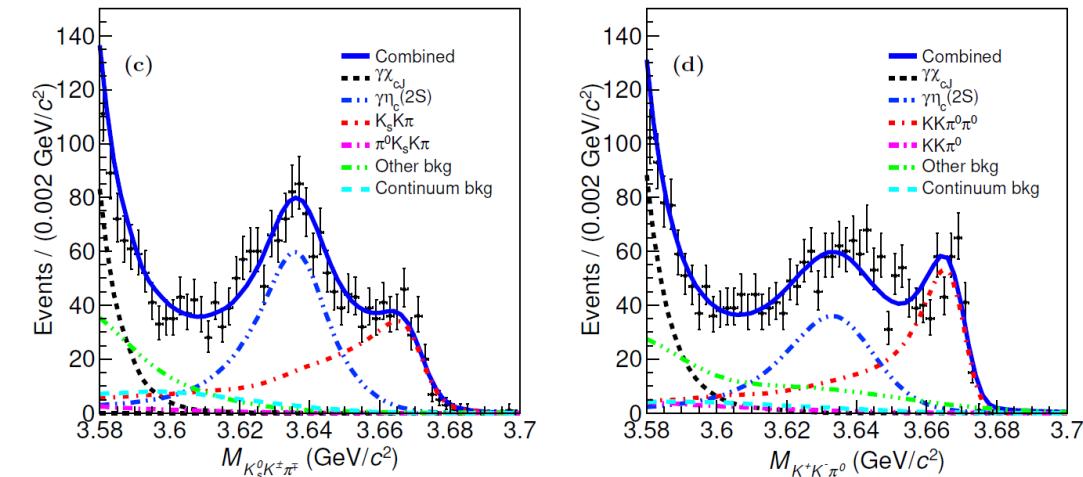


$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S), \eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi$

- Results

- $\eta_c(2S)$ mass and width are measured with better precision to PDG
- $\Gamma(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S))$ is determined by using total width of $\psi(3686)$
 - consistent with all the theoretical predictions within two standard deviations → cannot distinguish them
- By combining $\mathcal{B}(\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi) = (1.86^{+0.68}_{-0.49})\%$,
 - $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c) = (5.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5^{+1.9}_{-1.4})$
 - Uncertainty is dominated by the last term, which is from the quoted value of $\mathcal{B}(\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi)$
- The precision of the $\mathcal{B}(\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi)$ measurement needs further improvement!

Fit result in the range only containing $\eta_c(2S)$ signal

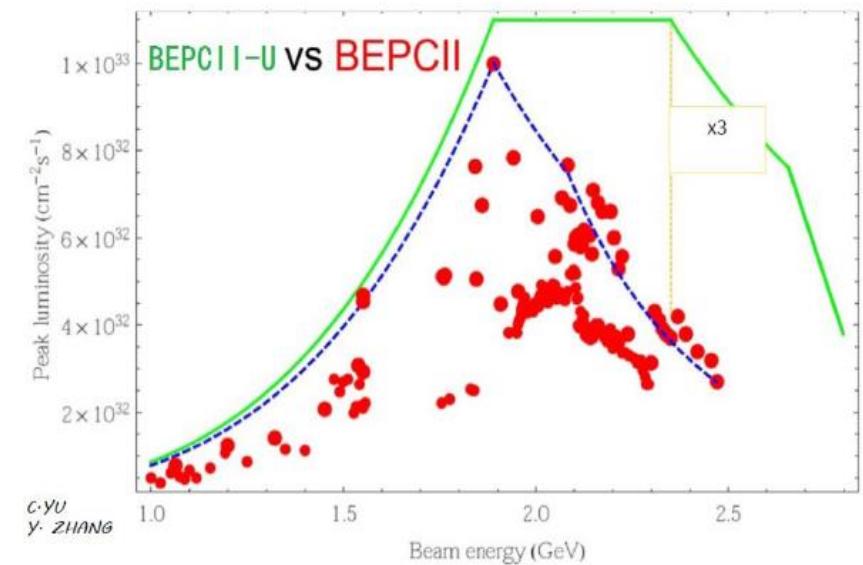


	Mass (MeV/c ²)	Width (MeV)	$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)) (\times 10^{-4})$	$\Gamma(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)) (\text{keV})$
This work	$3637.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.2$	$10.5 \pm 1.7 \pm 3.5$	$5.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5^{+1.9}_{-1.4}$	$0.15^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$
BESIII (2012)	$3637.6 \pm 2.9 \pm 1.6$	$16.9 \pm 6.4 \pm 4.8$	$6.8 \pm 1.1 \pm 4.5$	0.20 ± 0.14
World average	3637.6 ± 1.2	$11.3^{+3.2}_{-2.9}$	7 ± 5	0.21 ± 0.15

Conclusion and outlook

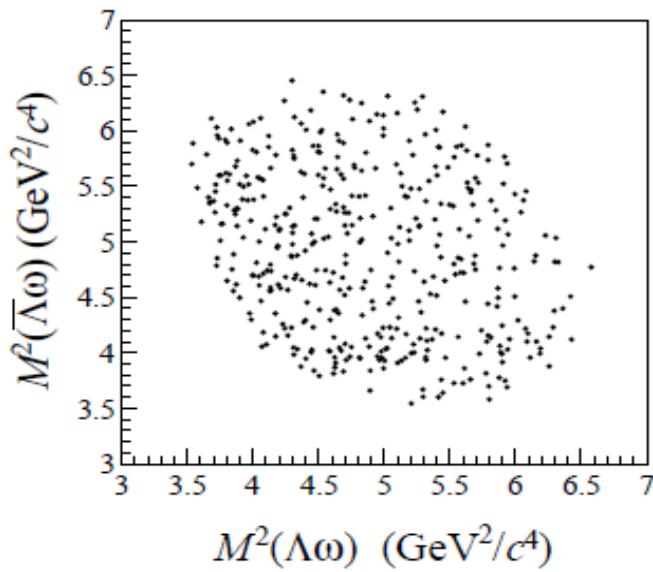
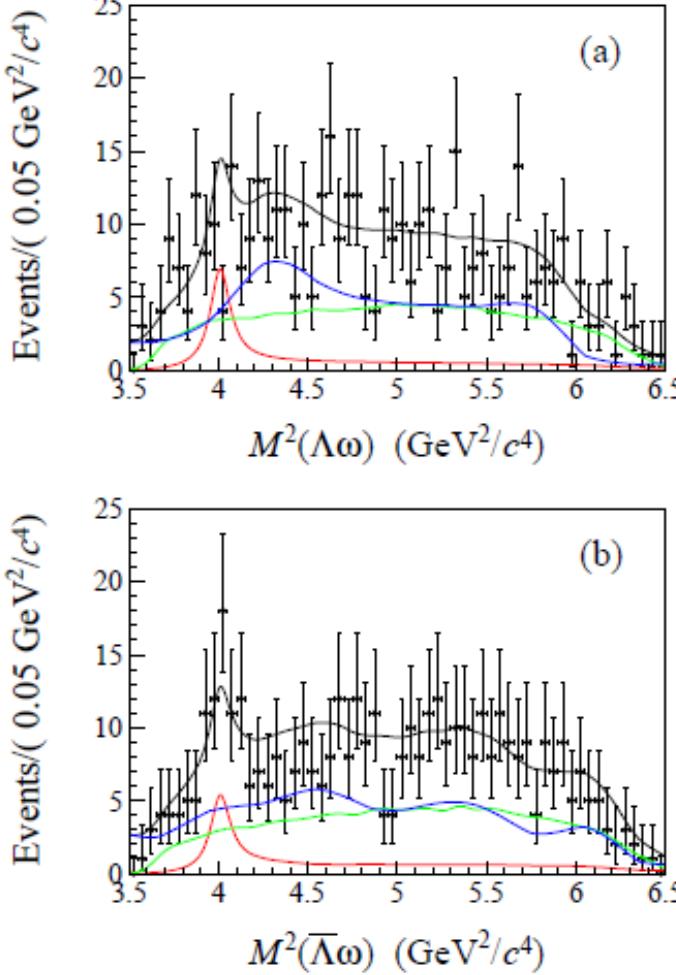
- BESIII has carried out many experiments with rich physical results
 - But many analyses do not use all of the $\psi(3686)$ data → New ones are in progress
 - Research on more $J/\psi, \psi(3686), \chi_{cJ} \rightarrow BB(P)$ decays are conducting
- Some results are not currently explained in theoretical terms, or are not explained by theory
 - E.g. 12% rule and helicity selection rule
 - Need more experimental and theoretical collaboration
- Upgrade to the BEPCII (BEPCII-U)
 - Luminosity: triple as BEPCII
 - CM energy from 5 to 5.6 GeV (for charmed baryons)
 - Also provides an opportunity to search for new Charmonia and their decays

Thanks for your attentions!



Backup

$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \omega \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$



- Λ^*
 - Stats. sig = 2.3σ
 - $M = 2.001 \pm 0.007 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - $\Gamma = 0.036 \pm 0.014 \text{ GeV}$
 - UL $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \omega \Lambda^* \rightarrow \omega \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}) = 1.40 \times 10^{-5}$

$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S), \eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi$

- $\eta_c(2S)$ M1 transition lineshape
 - $E_\gamma^3 \times BW(M(K\bar{K}\pi)) \times f_d(E_\gamma) \times \varepsilon(M(K\bar{K}\pi))$
 - $E_\gamma = (m_{\psi(3686)}^2 - M_{K\bar{K}\pi}^2)/(2m_{\psi(3686)})$, the energy of the transition photon in the rest frame of the $\psi(3686)$
 - BW , Breit-Wigner function with floating width and mean
 - $f_d(E_\gamma) = E_0^2/(E_\gamma E_0 + (E_\gamma - E_0)^2)$, damping function proposed by KEDR experiment
 - In order to suppress the diverging tail raised by the term of E_γ^3
 - $E_0 = (m_{\psi(3686)}^2 - m_{\eta_c(2S)}^2)/(2m_{\psi(3686)})$, **mean** energy of the transition photon
 - $\varepsilon(M(K\bar{K}\pi))$, efficiency function, obtained from MC simulation