

# Status of $Z_{cs}$ states at BESIII

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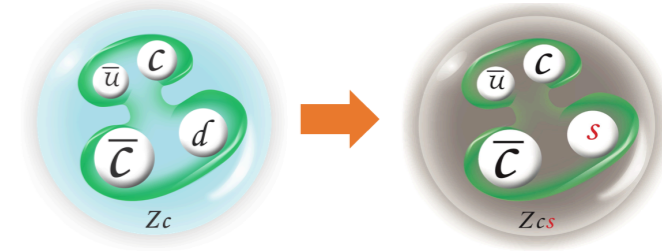
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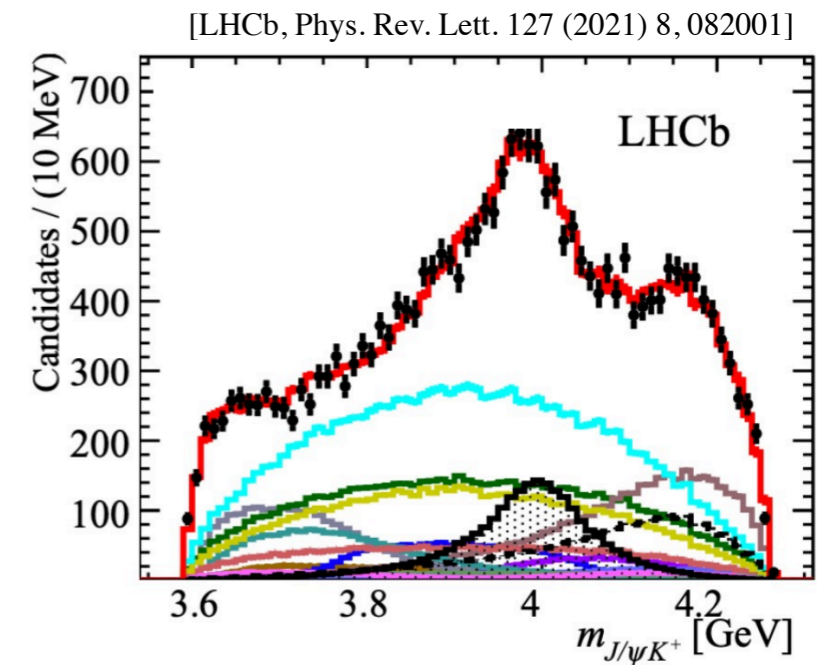
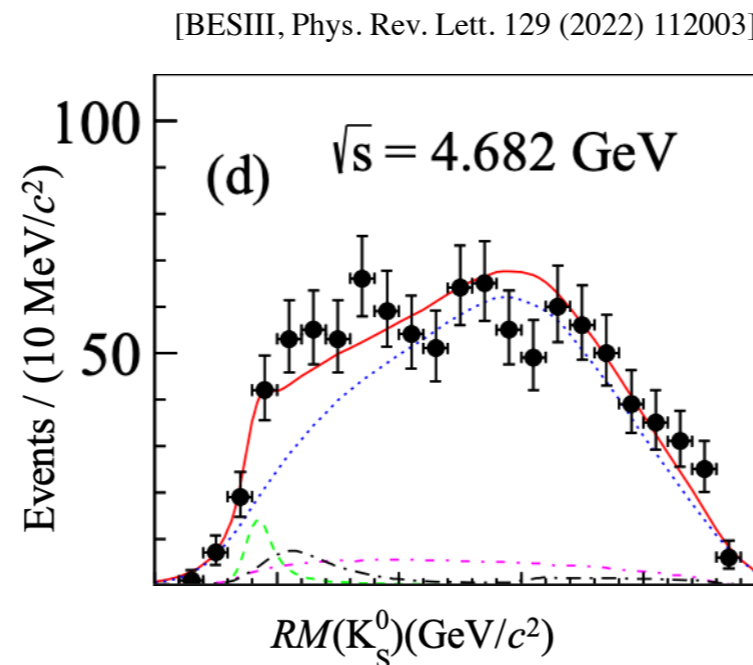
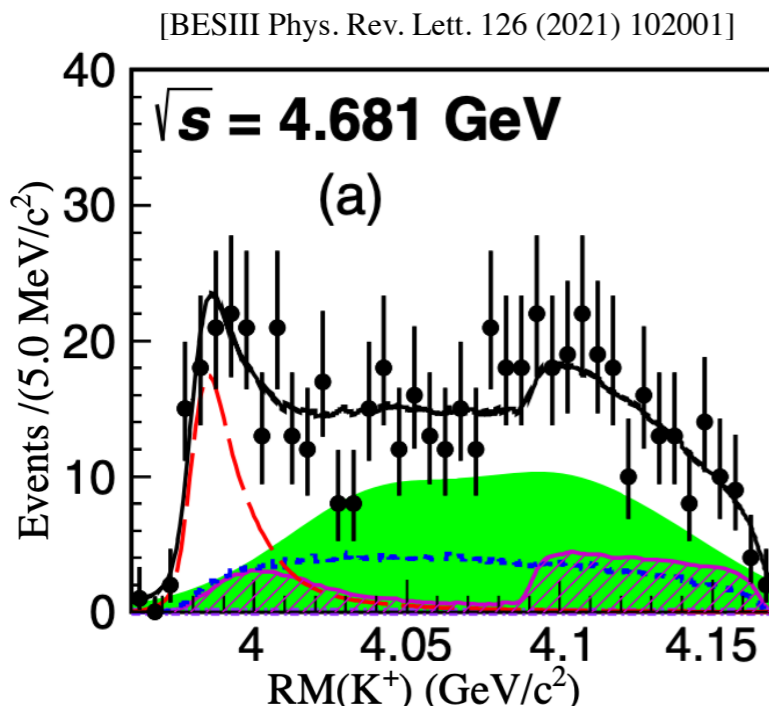
# Motivation

- The first observation of  $Z_{cs}(3985)^-$  was reported in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+(D_s^-D^{*0} + D_s^{*-}D^0)$  by BESIII:
  - Manifestly exotic charged hidden-charm tetraquark candidate with strangeness,
  - With a non-zero charge  $\rightarrow$  minimal quark content:  $(c\bar{c}s\bar{u})$ ,
  - Considered to be strange partner of  $Z_c(3900)^-$ .

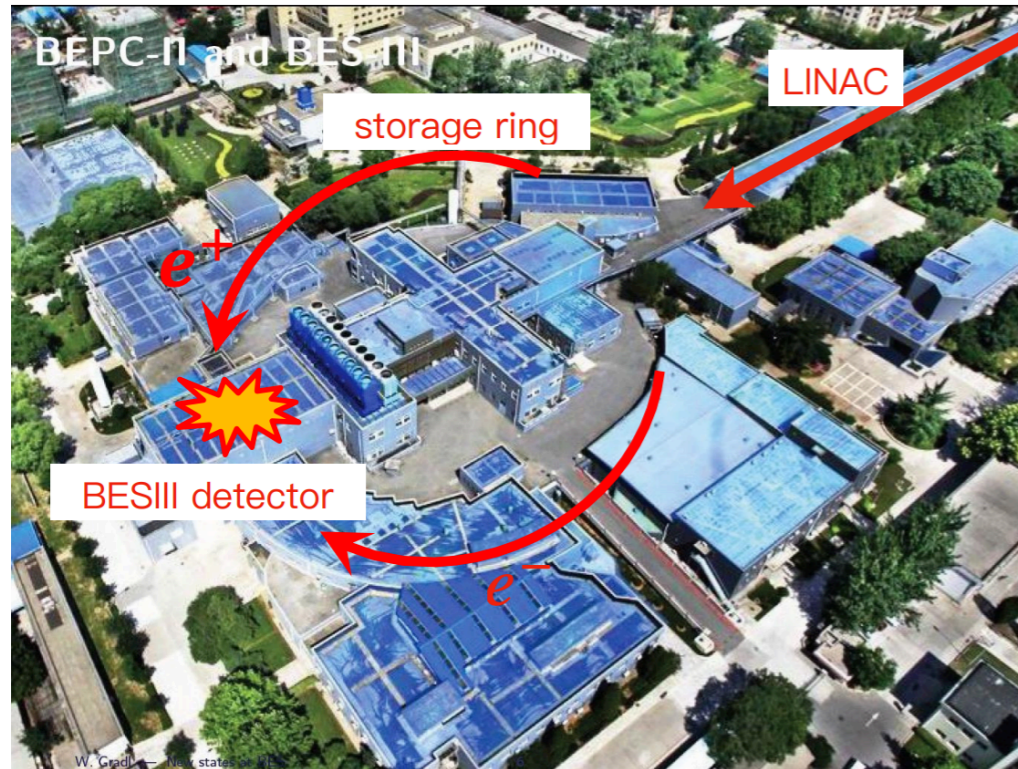


- BESIII reported evidence of the neutral  $Z_{cs}(3985)^0$  in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S^0(D_s^+D^{*-} + D_s^{*+}D^-)$ .
- LHCb reported two tetraquark candidates  $Z_{cs}(4000)^-/Z_{cs}(4220)^-$  in  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi\phi$ :
  - Broader width comparing to  $Z_{cs}(3985)^-$ .
- Are they the same state in different decay processes?

	$m_0(Z_{cs})$ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$\Gamma_0(Z_{cs})$ (MeV)
$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+(D_s^-D^{*0} + D_s^{*-}D^0)$	$3985.2^{+2.1}_{-2.0} \pm 1.7$	$13.8^{+8.1}_{-5.2} \pm 4.9$
$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^+$	$4003 \pm 6^{+4}_{-14}$	$131 \pm 15 \pm 26$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S^0(D_s^-D^{*+} + D_s^{*+}D^+)$	$3992.2 \pm 1.7 \pm 1.6$	$7.7^{+4.1}_{-3.8} \pm 4.3$



# BESIII experiment

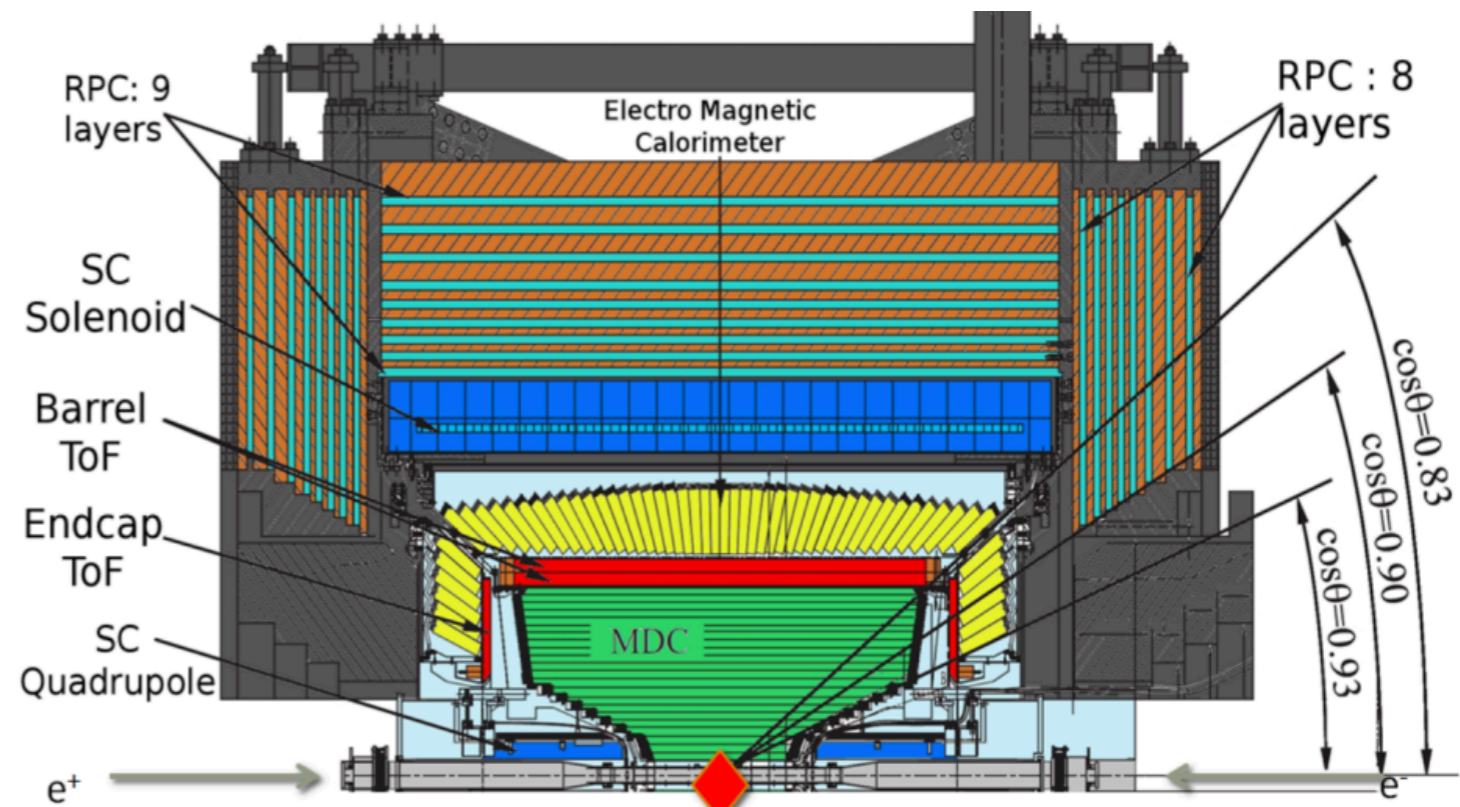


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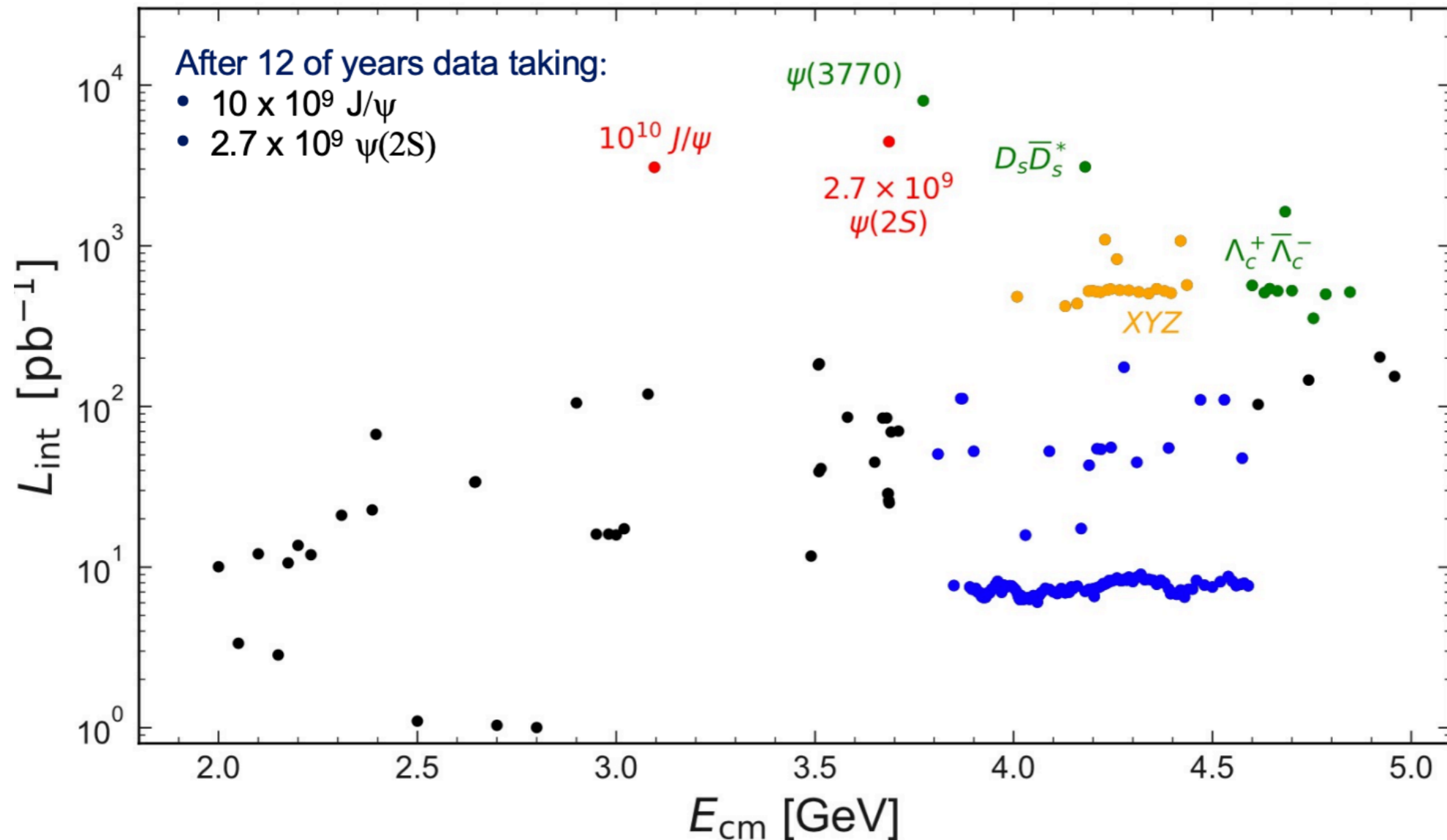
- symmetric electron-positron collider,
- Energy range  $\sqrt{s} = 2.0 \sim 4.9$  GeV,
- Peak luminosity:  $1.1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  @  $\sqrt{s} = 3.77$  GeV.

- BESIII:

- Multi-purpose detector covering  $4\pi$  solid angle,
- Good particle identification,
- Excellent energy and momentum resolution.



# BESIII datasets



- BESIII has collected rich datasets in the XYZ region  $\sqrt{s} > 3.8$  GeV with integrated luminosity of around  $22 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

Search for  $Z'_{cS}$  state in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0} + c.c.$

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# Search for $Z'_{cs}$ state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0} + c.c.$

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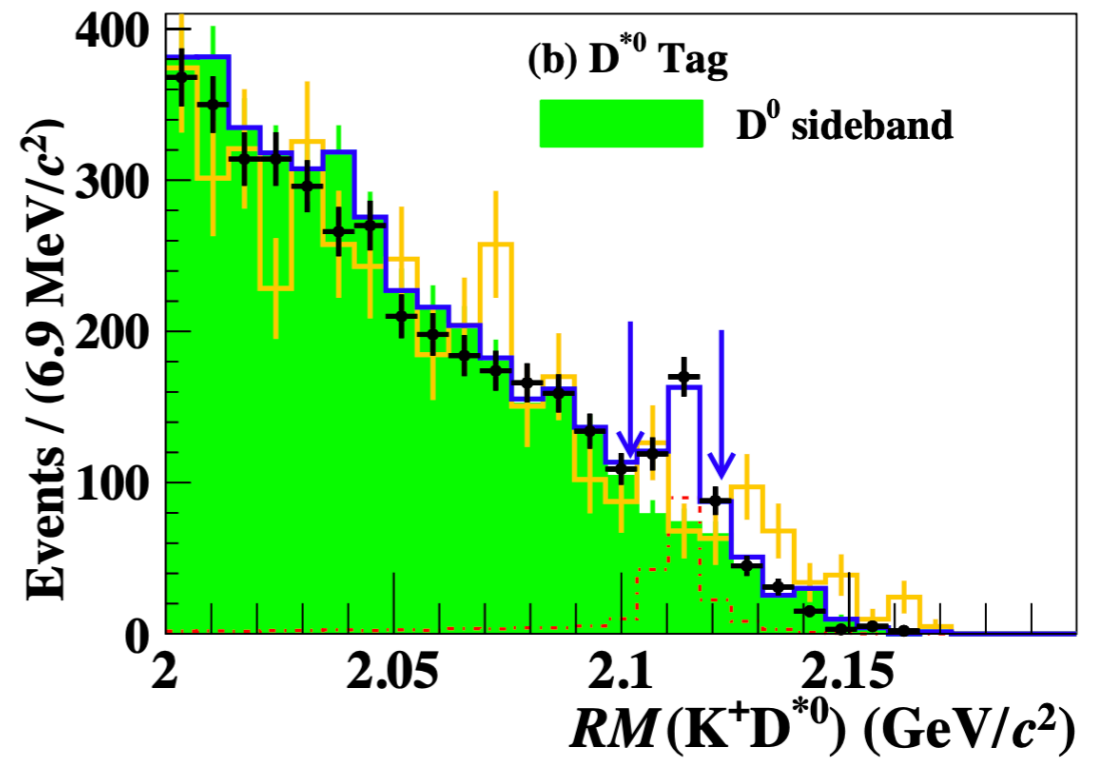
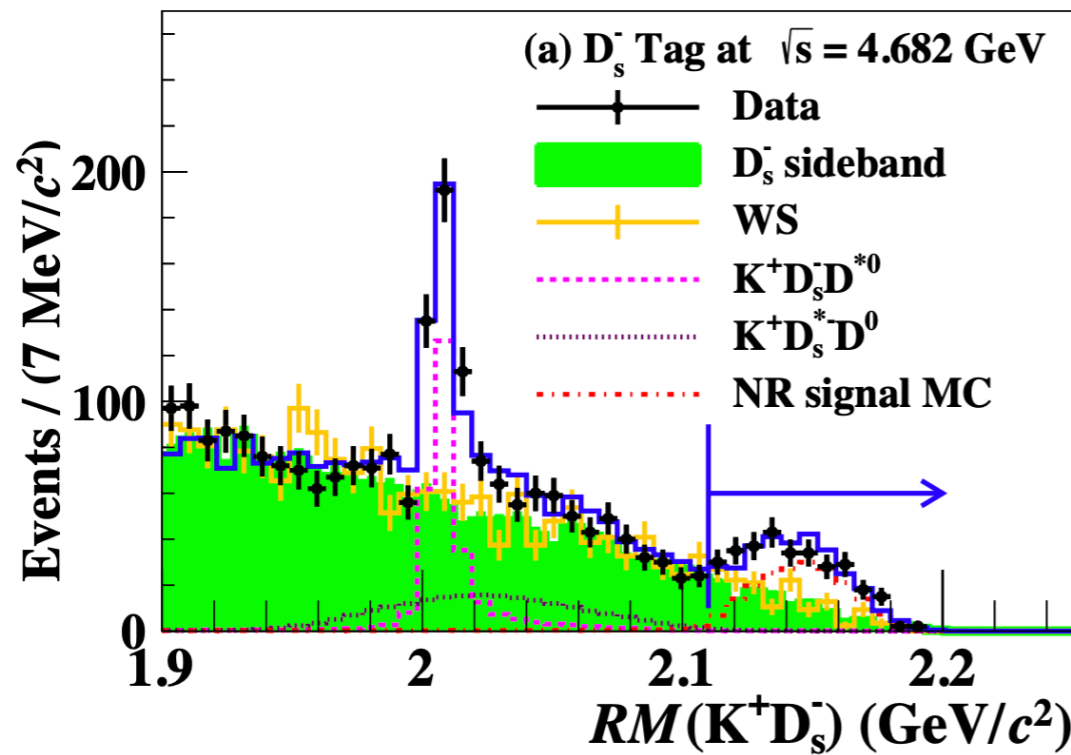
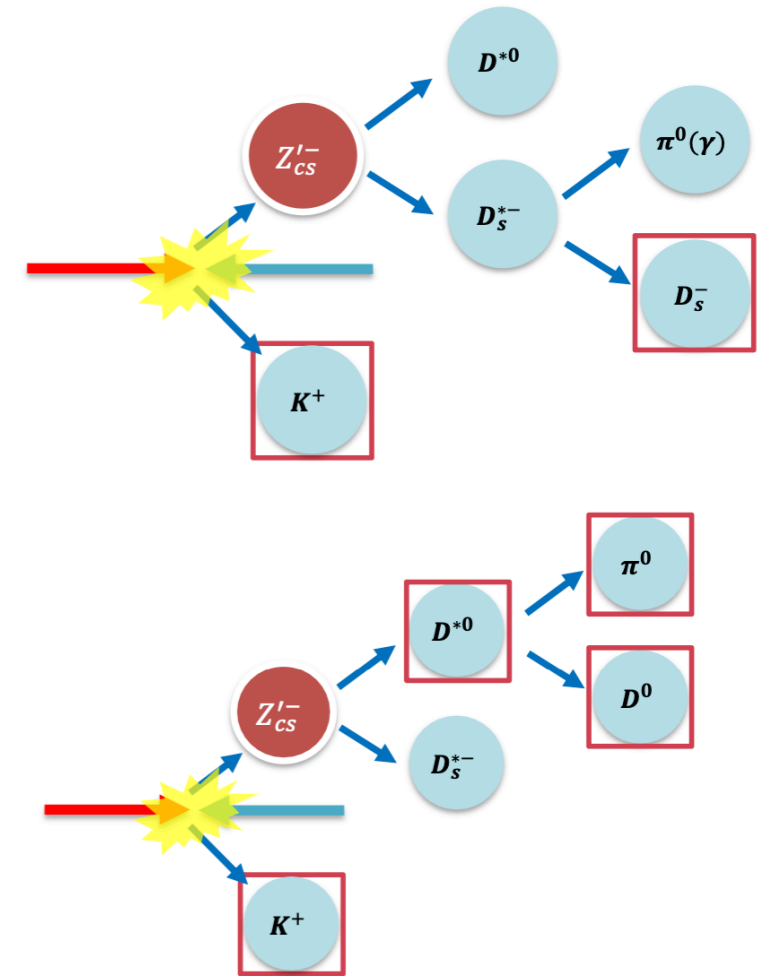
- Heavier partner of  $Z_{cs}(3985)^-$ , denoted as  $Z'_{cs}$ , are expected to decay to  $D_s^{*-}D^{*0}$  state with a large rate.
- Many theoretical models has predicted the masses ranging from 4120 to 4200 MeV/ $c^2$ :
  - $D_s^{*-}D^{*0}$  molecule state, or heavy  $SU(3)_f$  partner of  $Z_{cs}(3985)^-$ ?

$m(Z_{cs}^-)$ MeV/ $c^2$	$\Gamma$ MeV	
$4130.7 \pm 2.5$ ( $4129.4 \pm 3.3$ )	$29.1 \pm 6.4$ ( $27.3 \pm 9.2$ )	Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 11, 111502
$4138 \pm 6$	$28 \pm 12$	Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 7, 074029
$4130 \pm 170$		Chin.Phys.C 45 (2021) 9, 093102
$4124.2^{+5.6}_{-3.7}$	$9.8^{+5.2}_{-4.8}$	Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 2, L021501
[4140, 4213]		Sci.Bull. 66 (2021), 1288-1295
$4190 \pm 90$		Int.J.Mod.Phys.A 36 (2021) 15, 2150107
$4126 \pm 3$	$13 \pm 6$	Sci.Bull. 66 (2021), 2065-2071

- It is crucial to search for  $Z'_{cs}$  state and measure its properties to constraint the theoretical models.

# Search for $Z'_{cs}$ state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0} + c.c.$

- The excited partner of  $Z_{cs}(3985)^-$  are searched in process of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0} + c.c.$  at three c.m. energies  $\sqrt{s} = 4.661$  GeV, 4.682 GeV and 4.699 GeV.
- A partial reconstruction method is applied to improve the signal efficiency:
  - $D_s^-$  tag: bachelor  $K^+$  and  $D_s^- (\rightarrow K_S^0 K^-, K^+ K^- \pi^-)$ ,
  - $D^{*0}$  tag: bachelor  $K^+$  and  $D^{*0} (\rightarrow D^0 \pi^0)$ .
- Clear  $K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0}$  structure is observed in the spectrum of the  $K^+D_s^-$  ( $K^+D^{*0}$ ) recoil mass, indicated by the blue arrow.





# Search for $Z'_{cS}$ state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0} + c.c.$

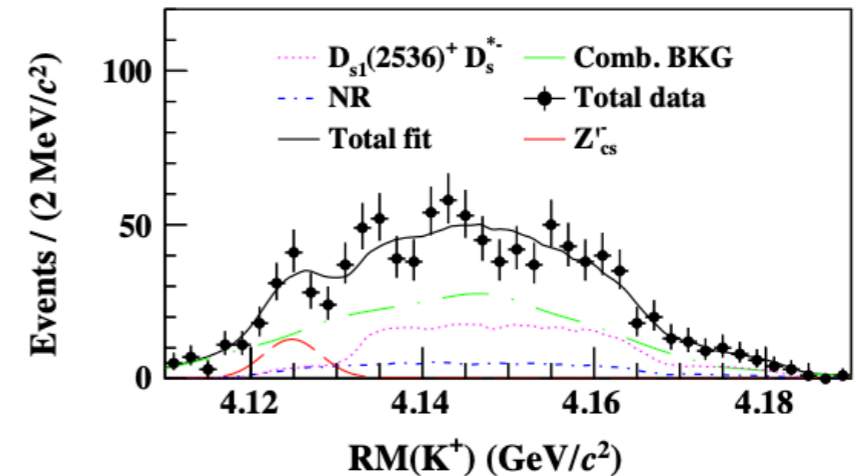
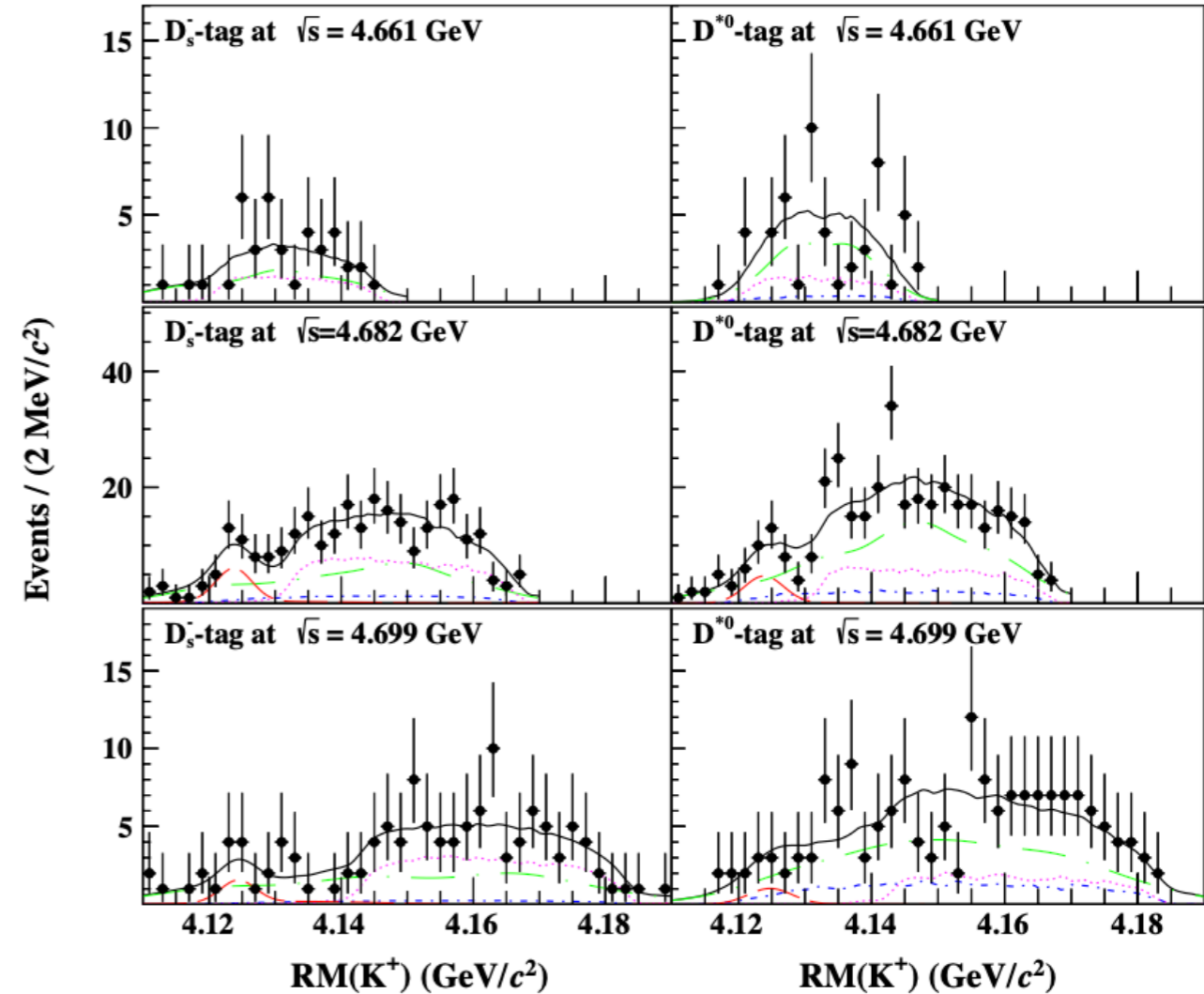
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- The combinatorial background:
  - Shape extracted from mixed samples
    - Wrong-sign (WS) events of  $K^-D_s^-$  or  $K^-D^{*0}$  combinations,
    - $D_s^-$  and  $D^{*0}$  mass sideband events.
  - Yields determined by a fit to  $RM(K^+D_s^-)$  and  $RM(K^-D^{*0})$  spectra.
- Excited charmed mesons  $D_{(s)}^{**}$ :
  - Same final states as signal:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*-}D_s^{**+}(\rightarrow D^{*0}K^+)$  or  $D^{*0}D^{**0}(\rightarrow D_s^{*-}K^+)$ .
  - Contribution from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*-}D_{s1}^+(2536)(\rightarrow D^{*0}K^+)$  estimated by the measured cross section.
  - Other potential  $D_{(s)}^{**}$  described by non-resonant signal

Background source	Tag	4.661 GeV	4.682 GeV	4.699 GeV
Comb. bkg	$D_s^-$ -tag	$27 \pm 5$	$120 \pm 11$	$54 \pm 7$
	$D^{*0}$ -tag	$33 \pm 6$	$216 \pm 15$	$103 \pm 10$
$D_s^{*-}D_{s1}^+(2536)^+$	$D_s^-$ -tag	$18 \pm 7$	$117 \pm 27$	$52 \pm 13$
	$D^{*0}$ -tag	$15 \pm 6$	$91 \pm 21$	$33 \pm 9$

# Search for $Z'_{cs}$ state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+D_s^{*-}D^{*0} + c.c.$

- The enhancement is studied around 4.125 GeV in the recoil mass spectrum of  $K^+$ .
- The  $Z'_{cs}$  component is modeled with an Breit-Wigner function convolved with resolution function:
  - $S$ -wave Breit-Wigner function:
 
$$\mathcal{F}(M) \propto \left| \frac{\sqrt{q \cdot p}}{M^2 - m_0^2 + im_0\Gamma(M)} \right|^2,$$
- The mass of  $Z'_{cs}$  is determined to be:
  - $m_0 = 4123.5 \pm 0.7 \pm 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,
  - statistical significance of  $3.9\sigma$  ( $2.1\sigma$  w/ systematic uncertainties).
- The width  $\Gamma_0$  is not reported due to limited statistics.



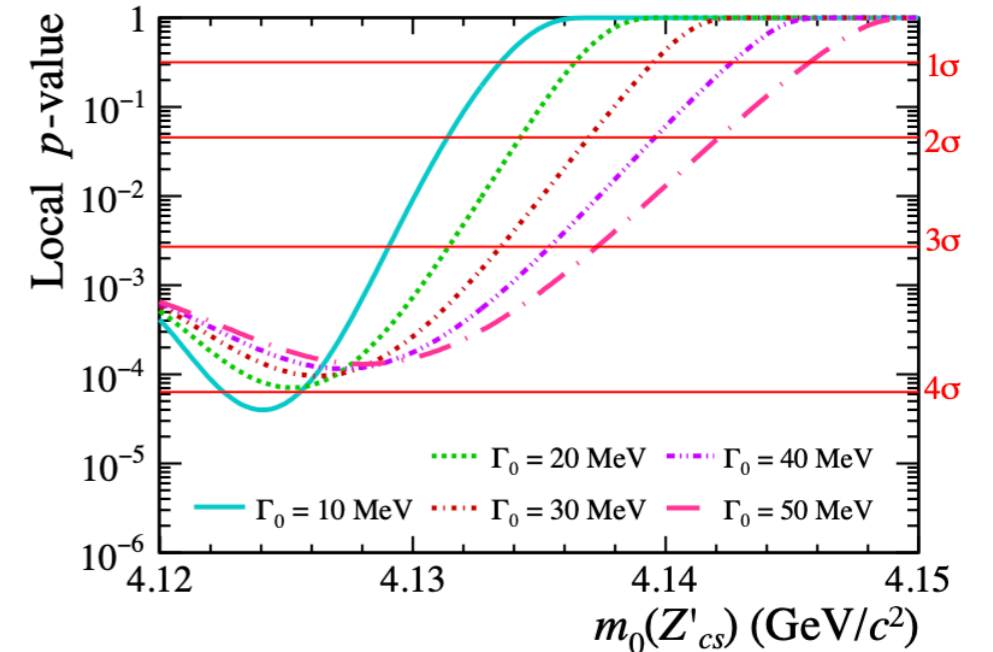
Systematic uncertainties

Source	Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ )
Comb. background	0.1
$D_s^{*-}D_{s1}(2536)^+$	0.1
$\sigma^{\text{Born}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+Z'_{cs})$ line shape	0.5
Signal model	0.1
Mass scaling	0.5
Resolution	0.8
Efficiency curve	<0.1
$\Gamma_0$ assumptions	4.6
Total	4.7

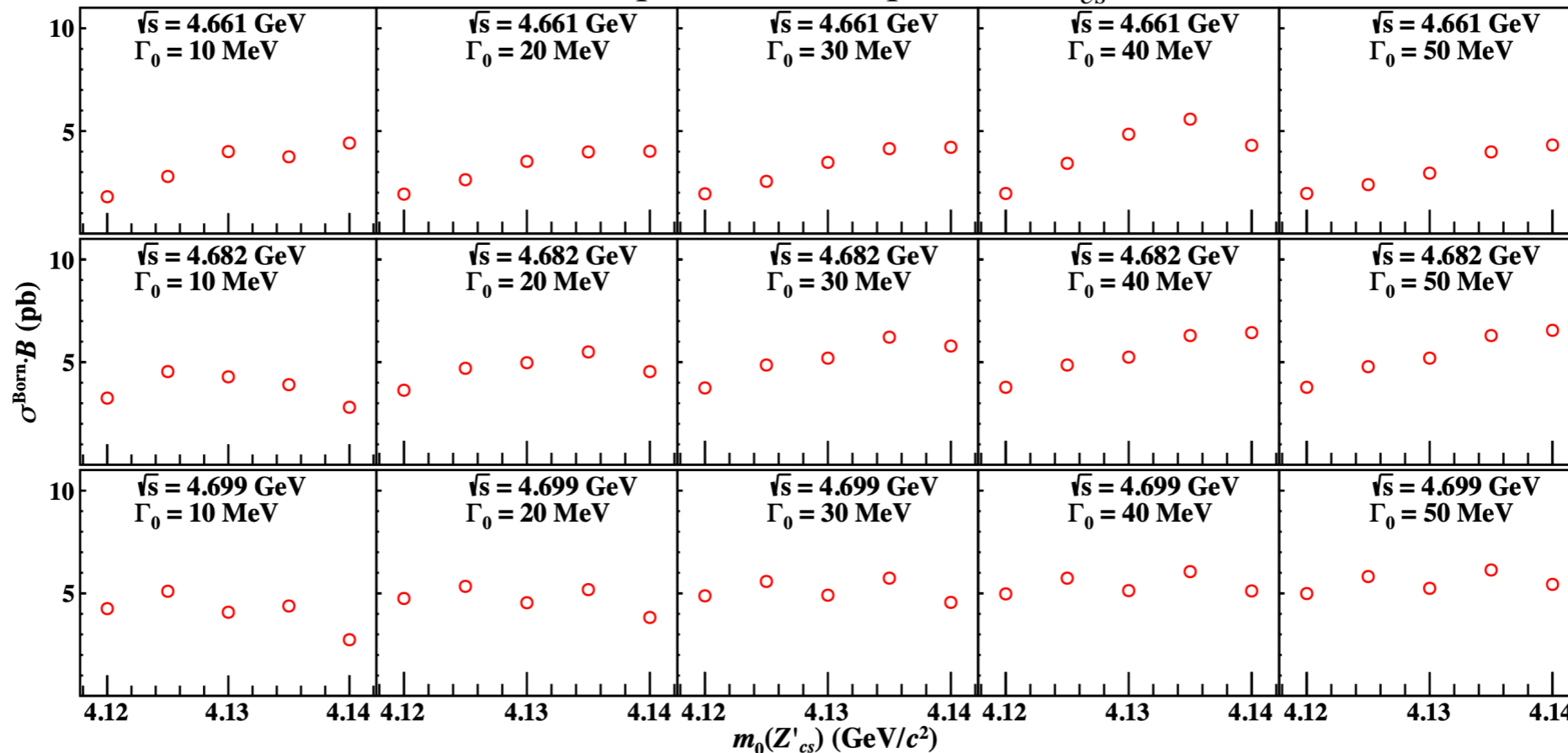
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- Local  $p$ -value scans are performed under different width assumptions:

- Minimum  $p$ -value found at  $m_0 = 4124.1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and  $\Gamma_0 = 10 \text{ MeV}$  with  $4.1\sigma$



- Upper limits of  $\sigma^{\text{Born}}B$  are at 90% CL are provided:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  pb, under different hypotheses at each energy points.
- More data are needed to establish a clearer picture of the potential  $Z'_{cs}$  states.



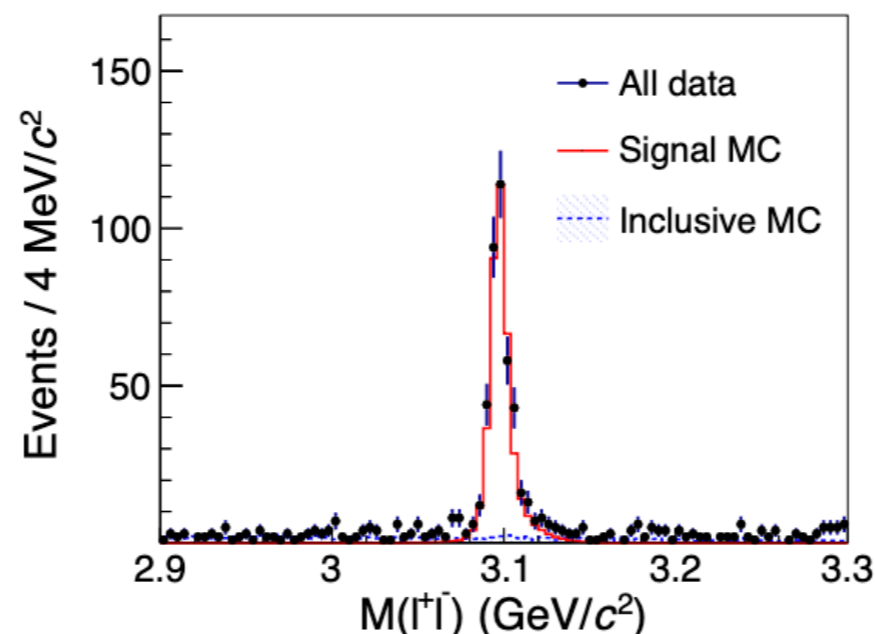
Search for  $Z_{cS}$  state in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$

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# Search for $Z_{cS}$ state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$

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- Search for  $Z_{cS}$  state in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ , where  $\ell = e$  or  $\mu$ , at c.m. energies from 4.63 GeV to 4.92 GeV.
- Both full and partial reconstruction methods are applied to achieve low background level and improve statistics:
  - 4-track event:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\ell^+\ell^-$ .
  - 3-track event:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_{\text{miss}}^\pm K^\mp \ell^+\ell^-$  with only one Kaon identified.
- Background study:
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  mode: Bhabha events, suppressed by the event kinematic requirements.
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  mode:  $\mu/\pi$  misidentification events, suppressed by penetration depth of muon cuts.
  - Remaining events modeled by the  $J/\psi$  sideband regions.



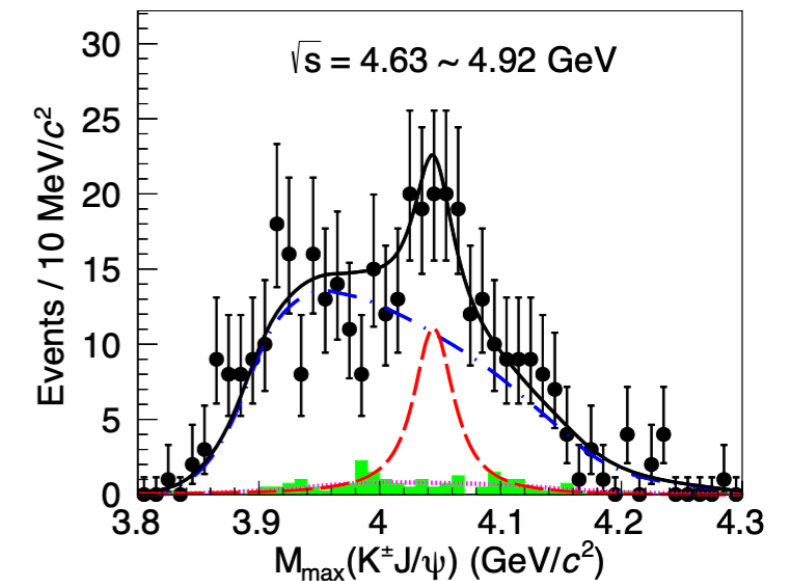
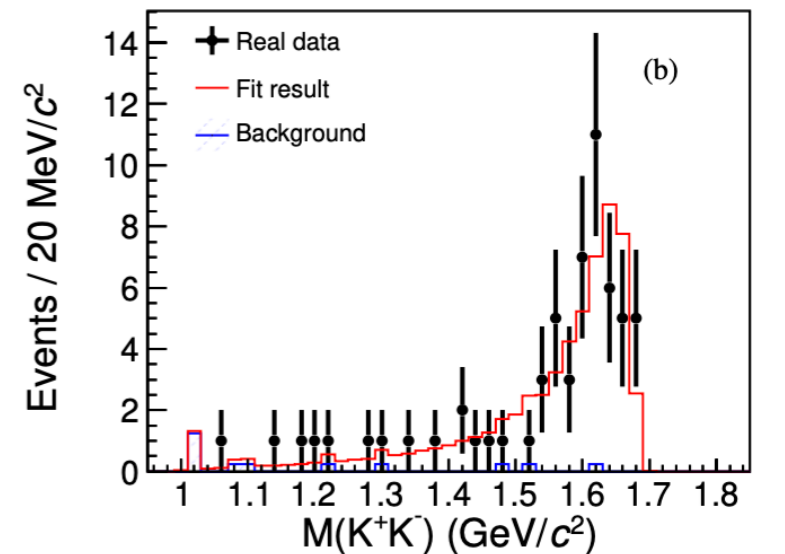
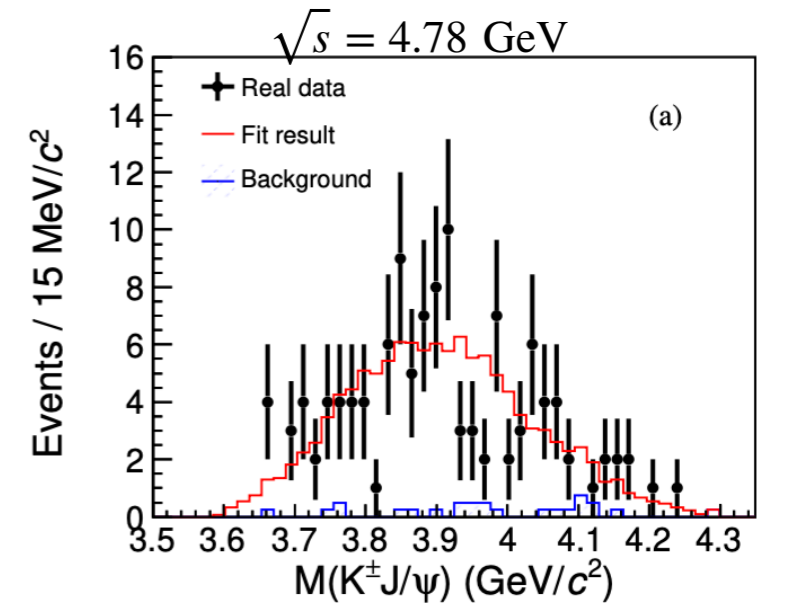
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- Partial wave analysis (PWA) is performed to study the intermediate state.
  - No significant  $Z_{cS}$  signal detected.
  - $\sqrt{s} < 4.70$  GeV, based on  $f_0(980) + f_0(1500)$  assumption.
  - $\sqrt{s} > 4.70$  GeV, based on single  $f_0(x)$  with free mass and width.

- A simultaneous fit is performed on the  $M_{max}(K^\pm J/\psi)$  spectra
  - $Z_{cS}$  component modeled with an Breit-Wigner function convolved with resolution function:

$$\mathcal{F}(M) \propto \left| \frac{\sqrt{q \cdot p}}{M^2 - m_0^2 + im_0\Gamma(M)} \right|^2,$$

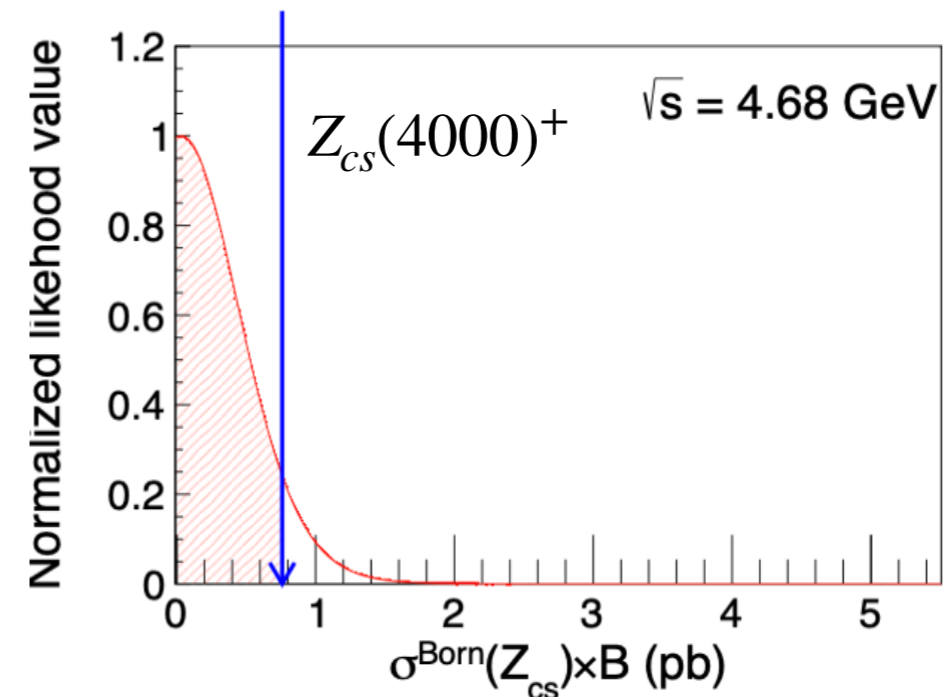
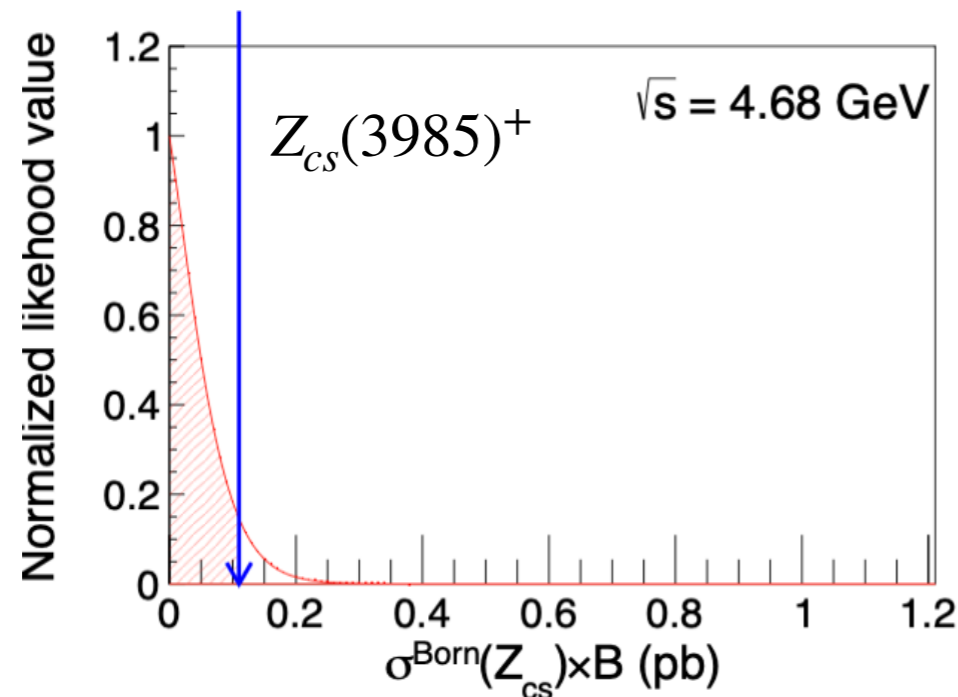
- A small excess of  $Z_{cS}$  is observed with statistical significance of  $2.3\sigma$ :
  - $m_0 = 4.044 \pm 0.006$  GeV/ $c^2$ ,  $\Gamma_0 = 0.036 \pm 0.016$  GeV.



# Search for $Z_{cs}$ state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$

- Upper limits at 90% CL on the production of  $Z_{cs}(3985)^+$  and  $Z_{cs}(4000)^+$  are provided:

- $\sigma^{\text{Born}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow K^-Z_{cs}(3985)^+) \times B(Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi): \mathcal{O}(1)$  pb,
- $\sigma^{\text{Born}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow K^-Z_{cs}(4000)^+) \times B(Z_{cs}(4000)^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi): \mathcal{O}(3)$  pb.



- The upper limit on  $R_B = \frac{B(Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi)}{B(Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0D_s^{*+} + \bar{D}^{*0}D_s^+))}$  is determined to be less than 0.03 at 90% CL:

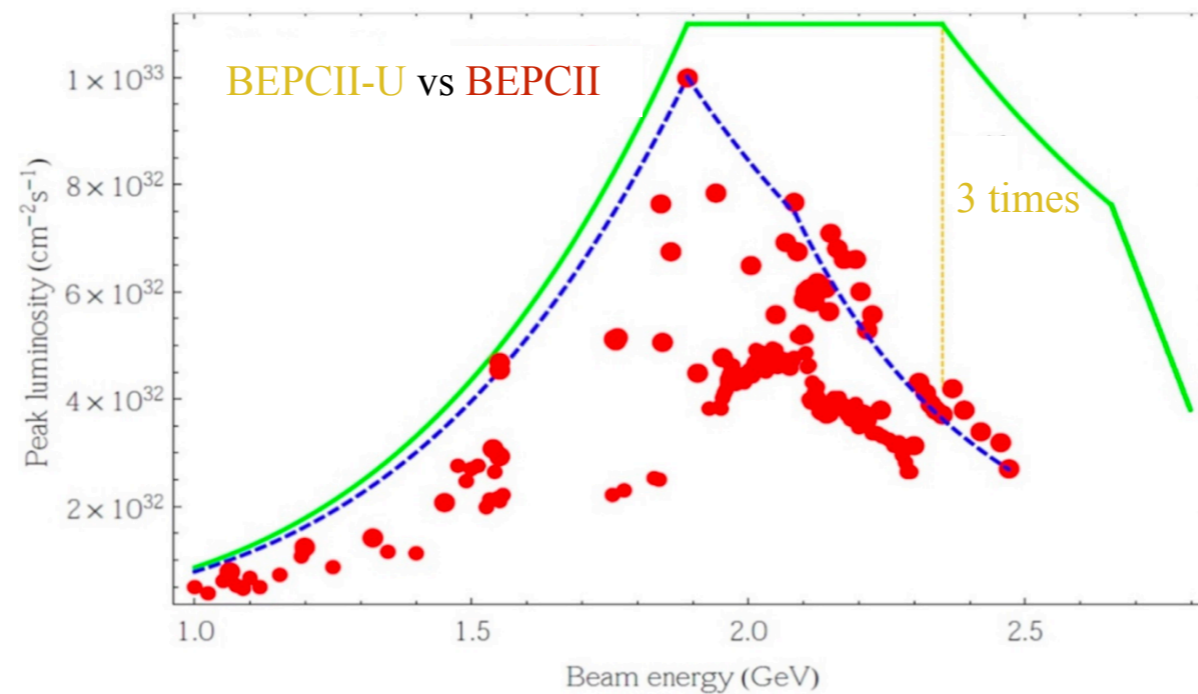
- Disfavors the QCD sum rule calculation under the molecular state assumption<sup>1</sup>.
- Supports the  $Z_{cs}(3985)^+$  and  $Z_{cs}(4000)^+$  as two different states<sup>2</sup>.
- More statistics are necessary to conduct further PWA.

1. Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 9 096014  
2. Sci.Bull. 66 (2021) 2065-2071

# Summary

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- BESIII has achieved meaningful progresses on the  $Z_{cS}$  states:
  - The  $Z'_{cS}$  state is searched in  $Z'_{cS} \rightarrow D_s^{*-} D^{*0}$  process:
    - $m_0 = 4123.5 \pm 0.7 \pm 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ( $2.1\sigma$ ).
  - The  $Z_{cS}$  states are investigated in the  $KJ/\psi$  system, but no significant structure observed:
    - $m_0 = 4.044 \pm 0.006 \text{ GeV}/c^2, \Gamma_0 = 0.036 \pm 0.016 \text{ GeV}$  ( $2.3\sigma$ ).
- Further data taking in the region  $\sqrt{s} = 4.6 \sim 4.9 \text{ GeV}$  will improve the studies on the  $Z_{cS}$  states.



Thanks for your attention!



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