

Charmonium Decays at BESIII

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The logo for BESIII, featuring the letters 'B', 'E', 'S', and 'III' in a stylized font. 'B' is blue, 'E' is red, 'S' is green, and 'III' is black.

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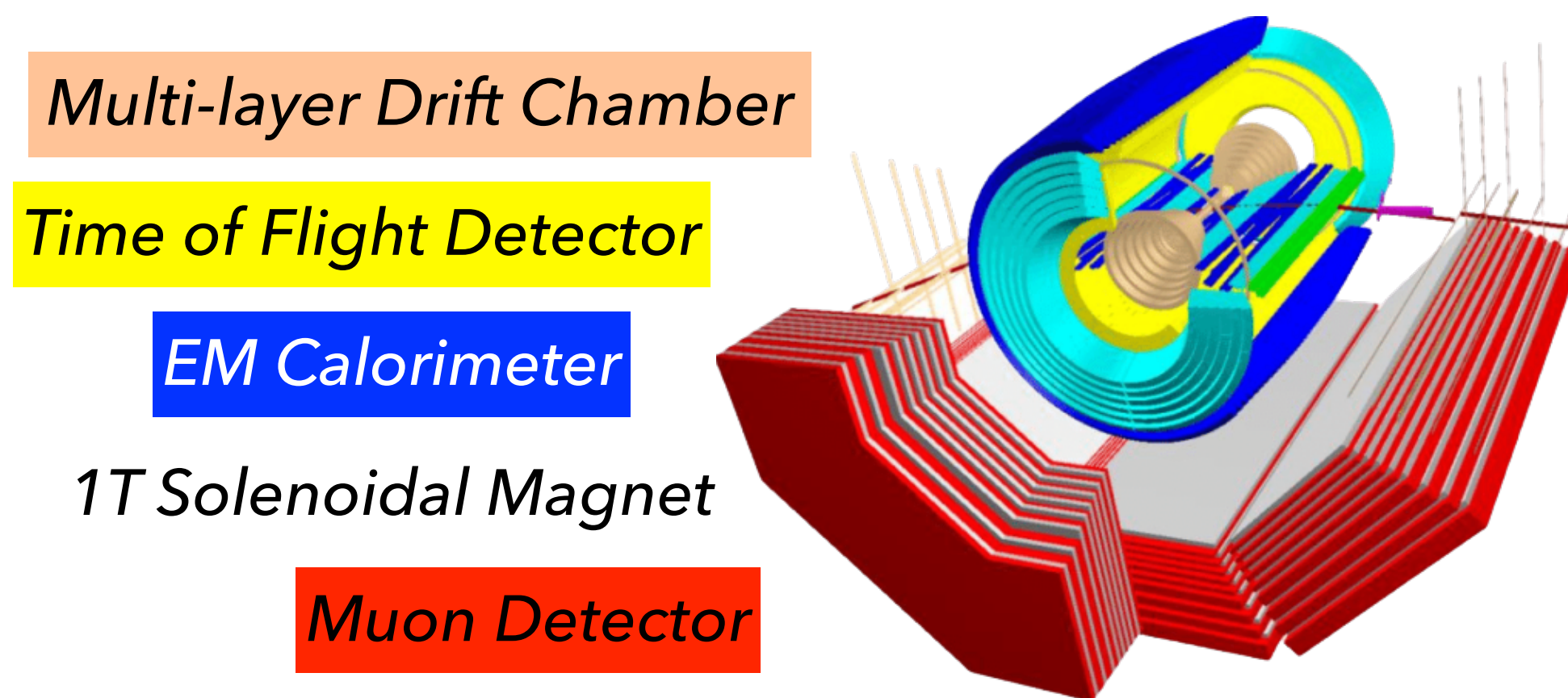
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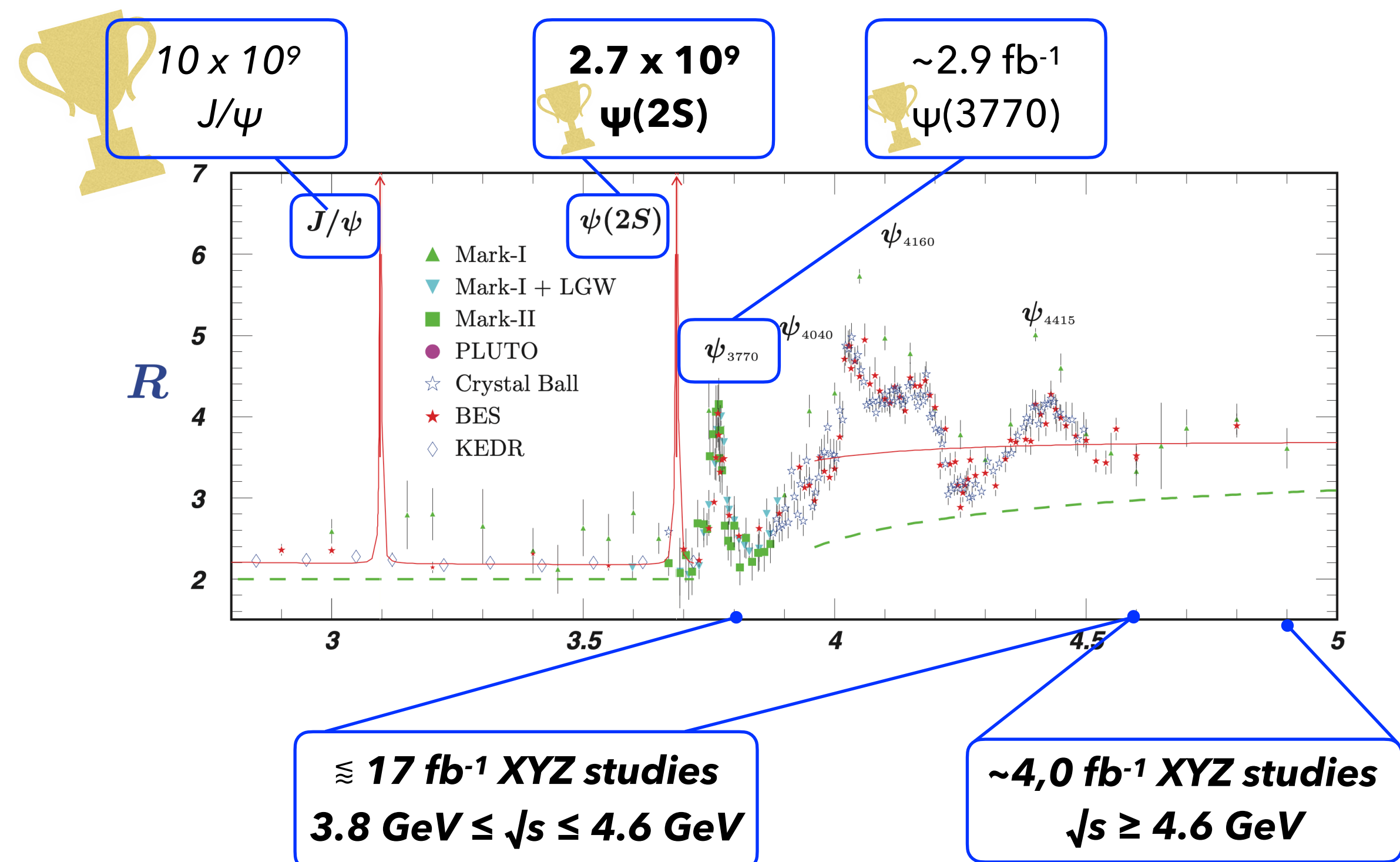
BESIII Experiment

BESIII (BEijing Spectrometer III) is an experiment located at the BEPCII (Beijing Electron Positron Collider II) at IHEP (Institute of High Energy Physics)

e^+e^- collider \rightsquigarrow Direct production of vector states ($J^{PC} = 1^{--}$)
High statistics @ $\psi(nS)$ \rightsquigarrow Probe with high precision the (non-)vector states
Unique opportunities above **3.8 GeV**



τ -charm factory $2.0 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.9 \text{ GeV}$
 with an instantaneous luminosity of
 $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 3.77 \text{ GeV}$



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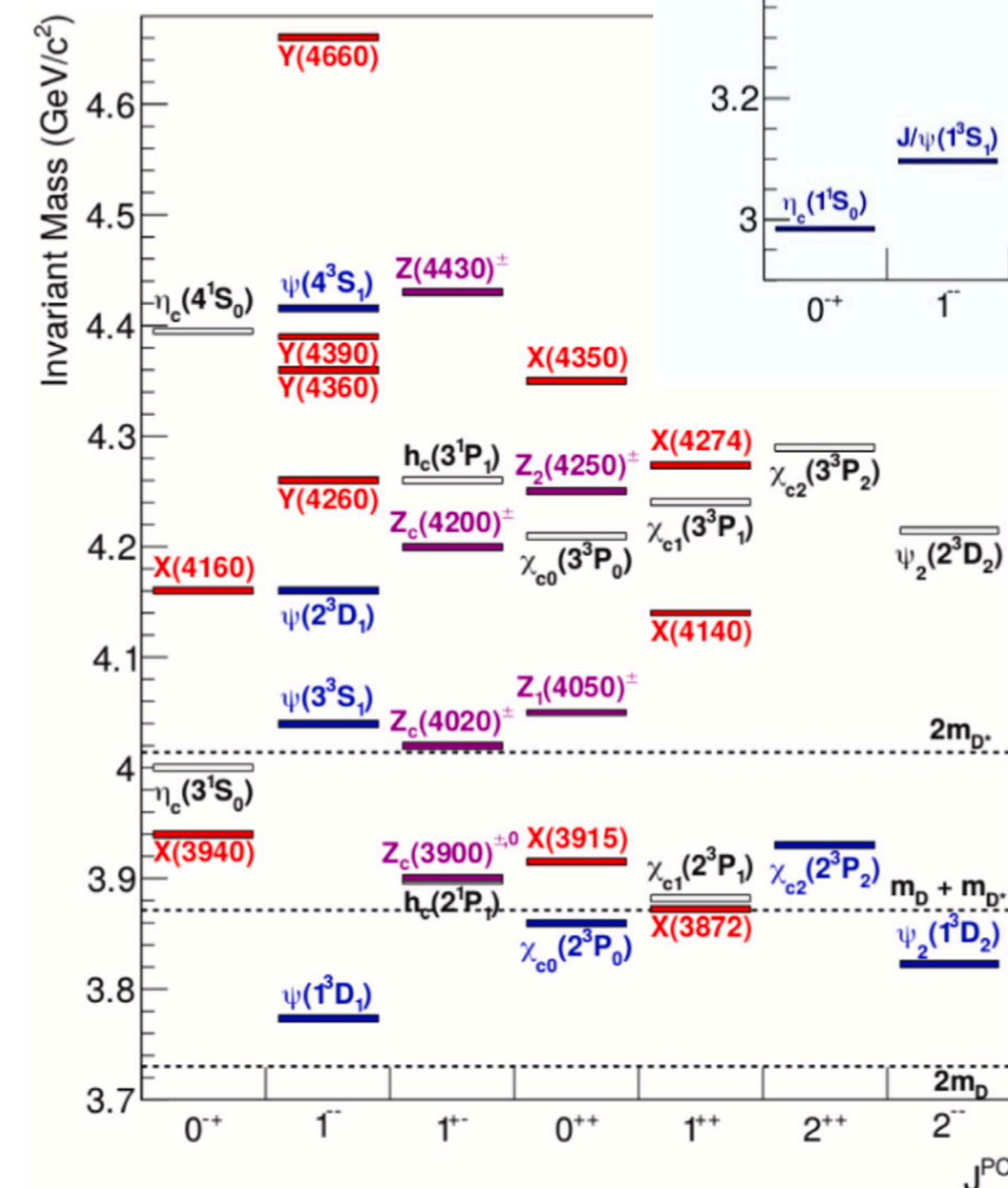
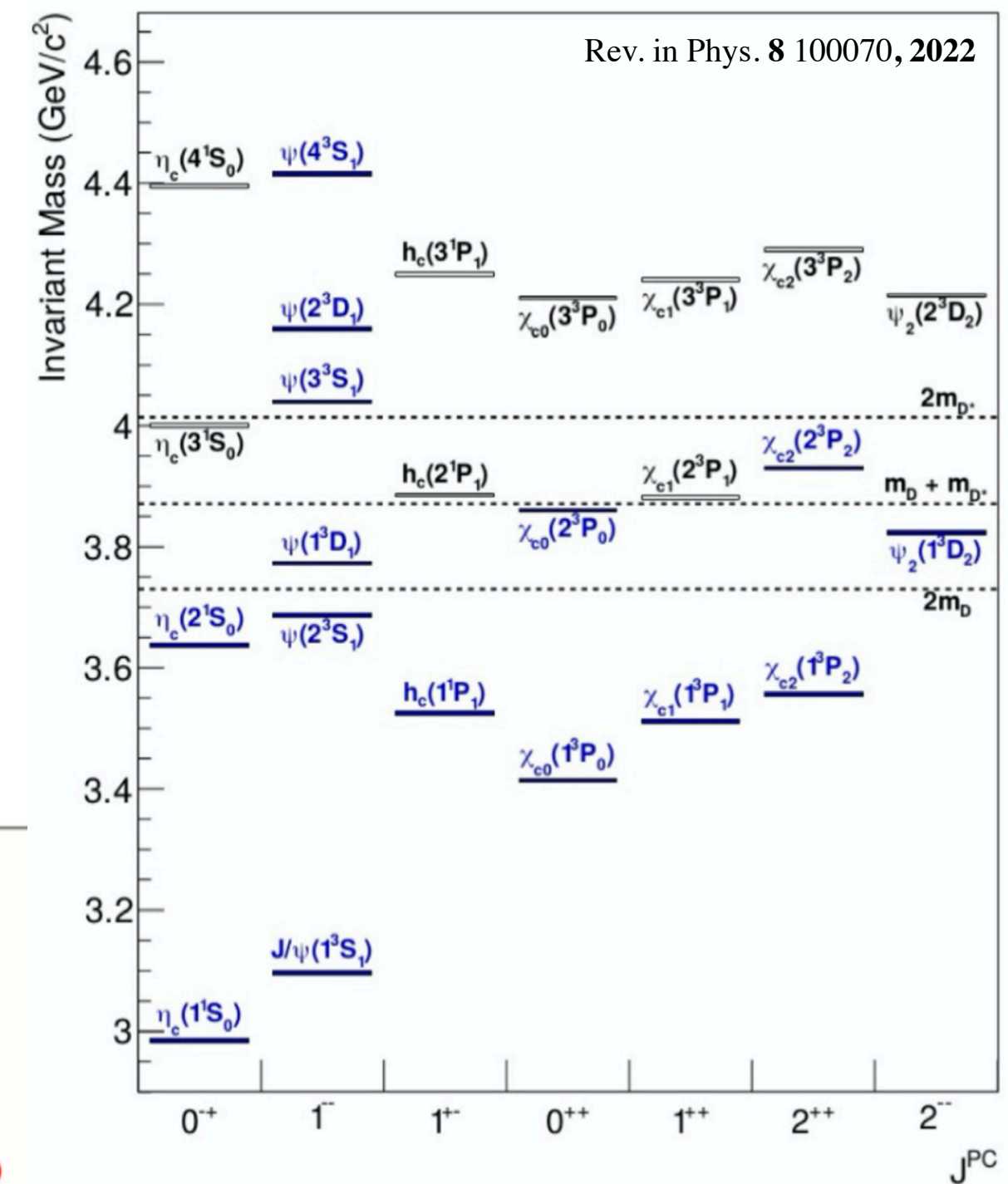
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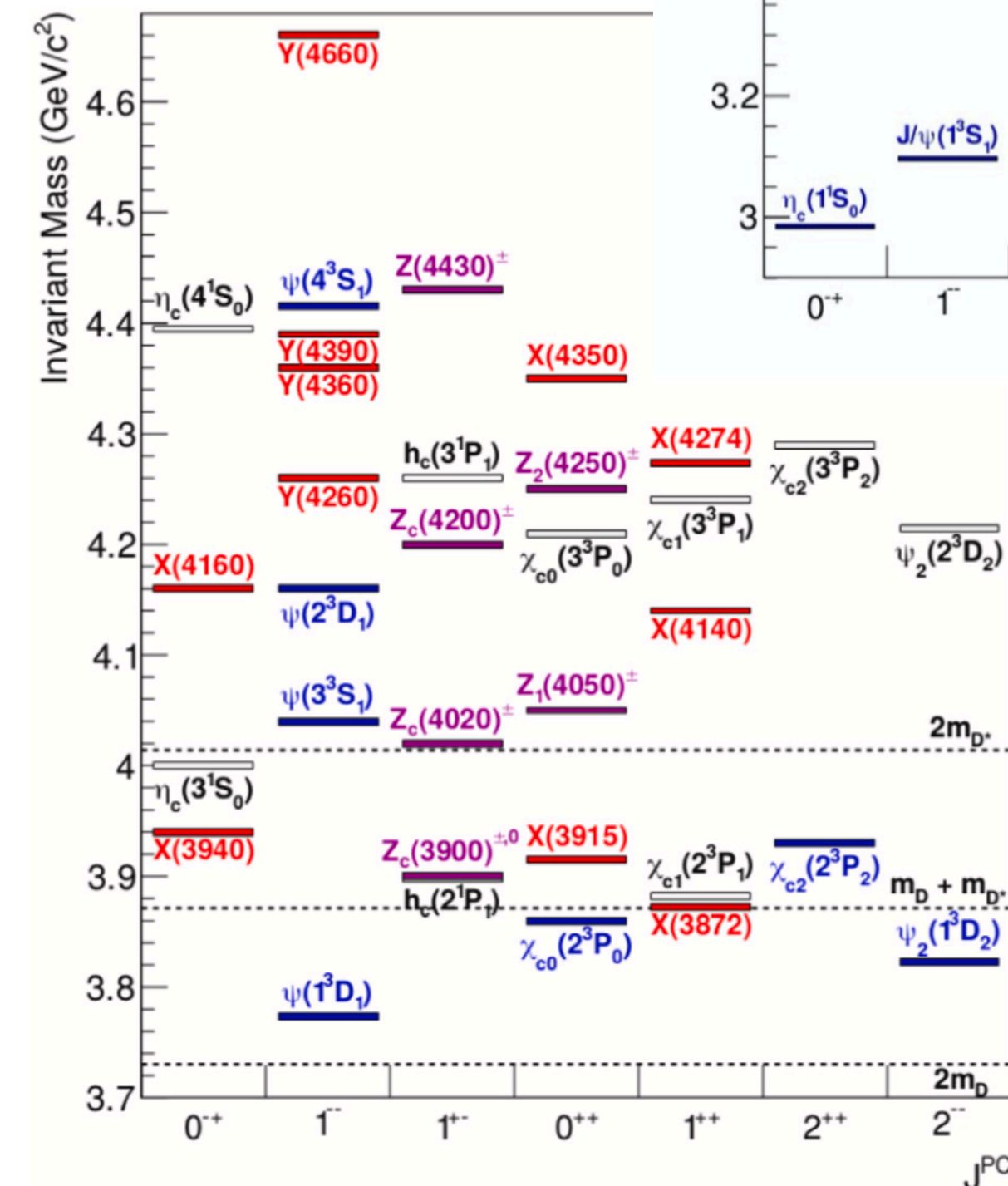
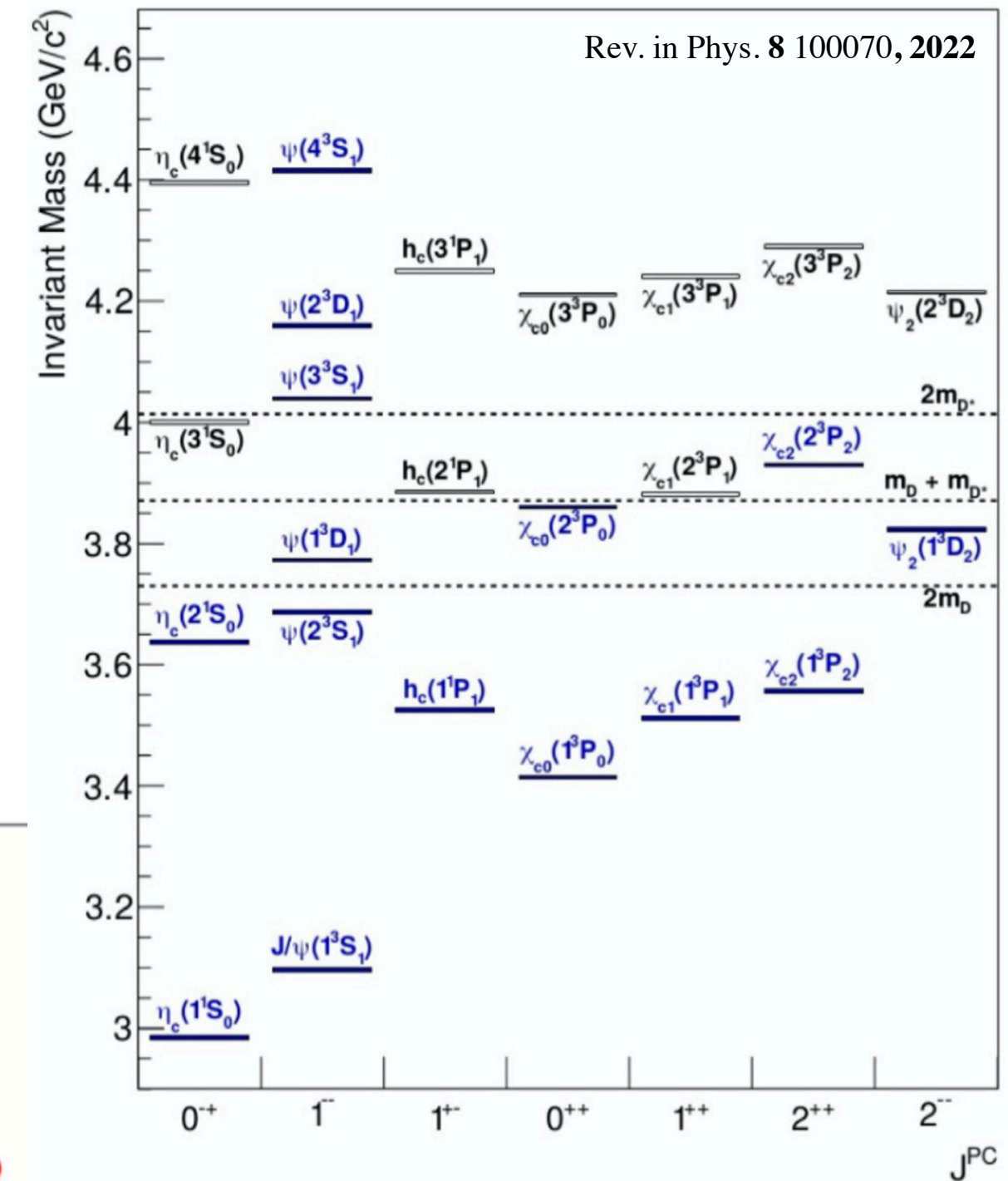
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BESIII can perform such studies, but we will focus on what BESIII can provide to expand the knowledge on the charmonium spectrum itself:

1. Search for $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta_c$ and $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\bar{K}_s^0 K_{s\mp}^0$ decays
2. Observation of $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Omega^- K^+ \text{anti-}\Xi^0 + \text{c.c.}$
3. Observation of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi_2(3823)$
4. Observation of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow 3(K^+K^-)$
5. Observation [...] and discovery of the charmless decay $\psi(3770) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0$
6. Search for the decay $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\chi_{c1}$
7. Updated measurements of the M1 transition $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(2S)$ with $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi$
8. Observation of the $\psi(3686)$ decays into $\Sigma^+\text{anti-}\Sigma^-\omega$ and $\Sigma^+\text{anti-}\Sigma^-\phi$
9. Observation of the decay $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Omega^- \text{anti-}\Omega^+$
10. Helicity amplitude analysis of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi$
11. Observation of $\psi(3770) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi$
12. Evidence for $\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$ decay



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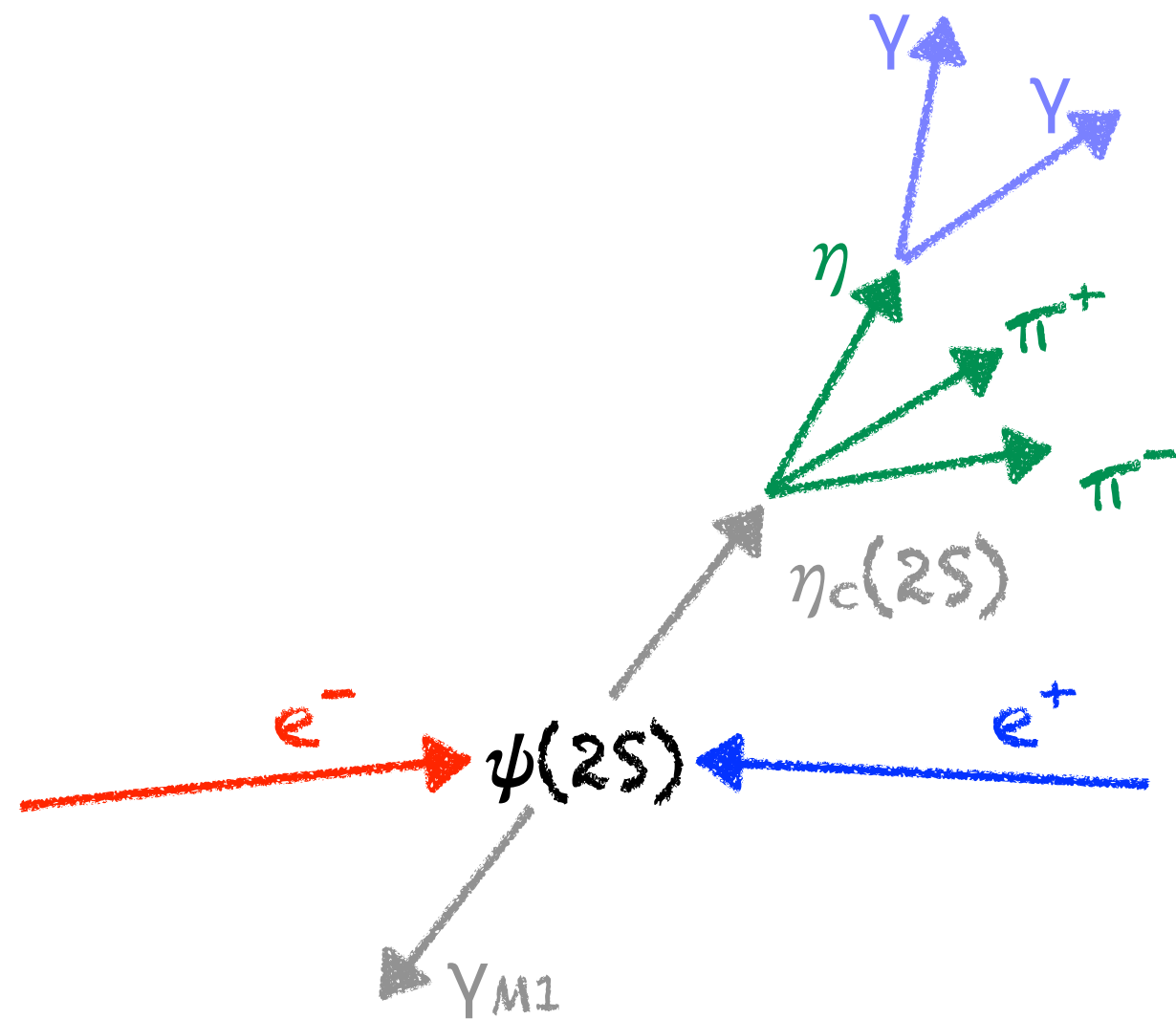
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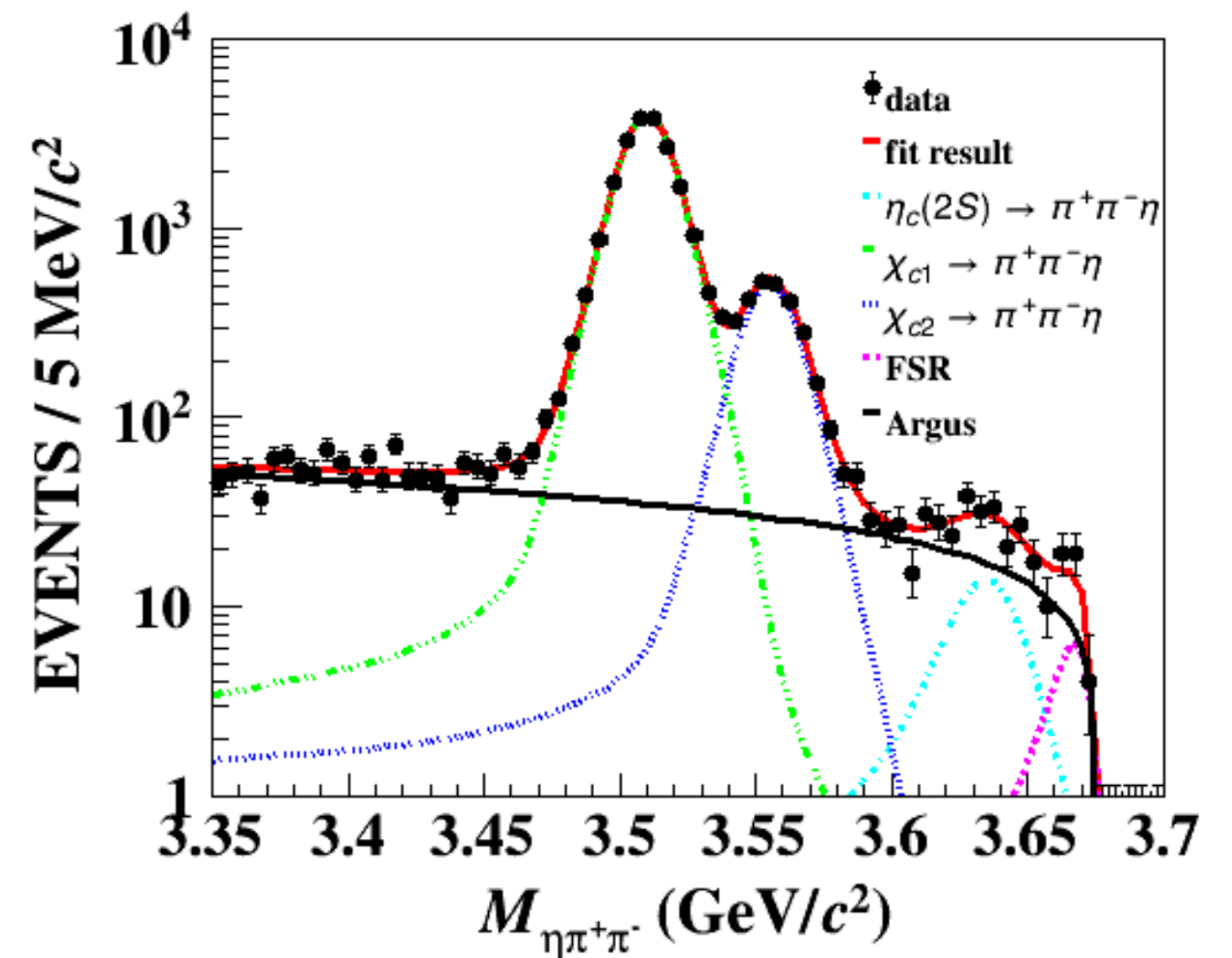
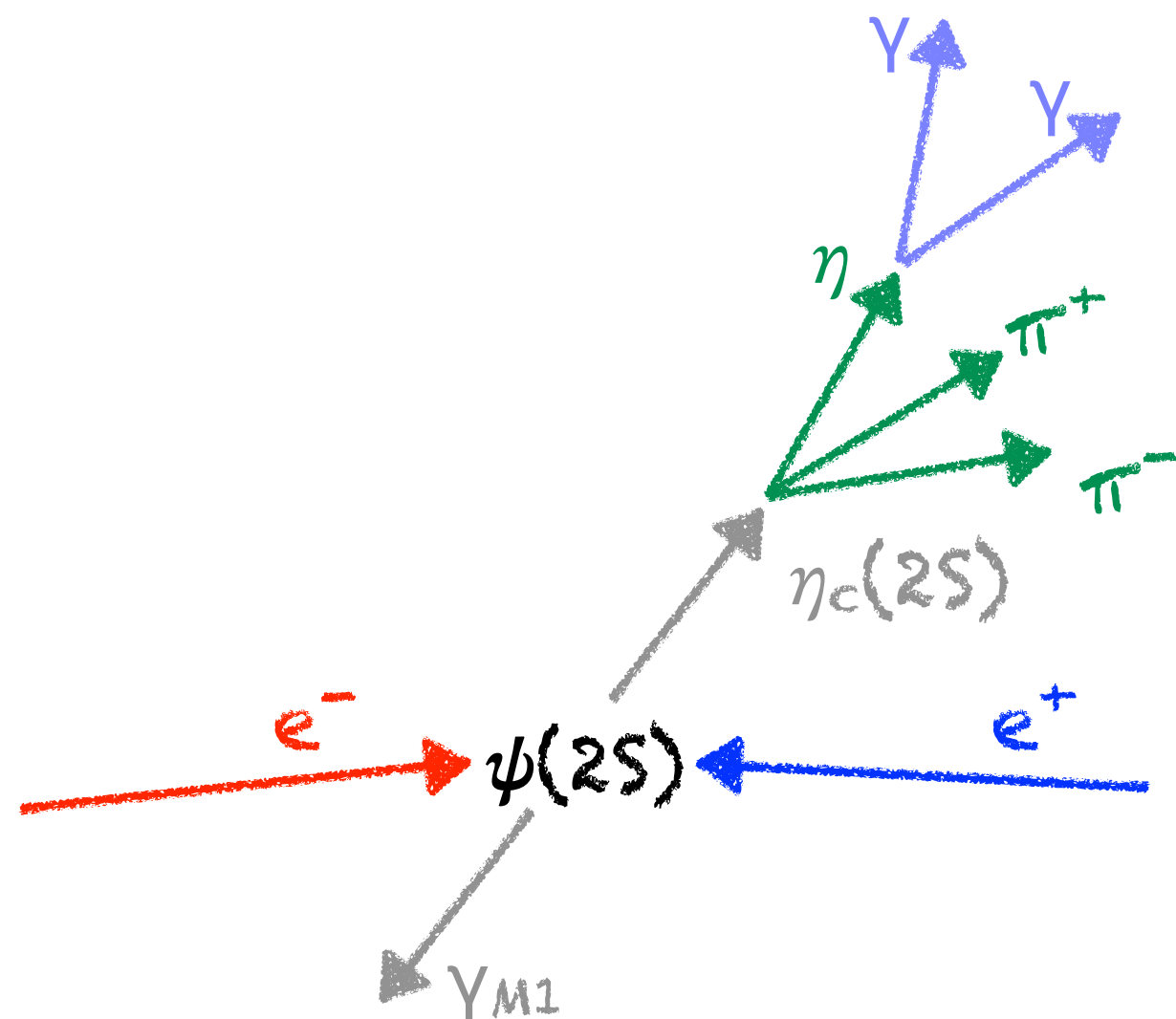
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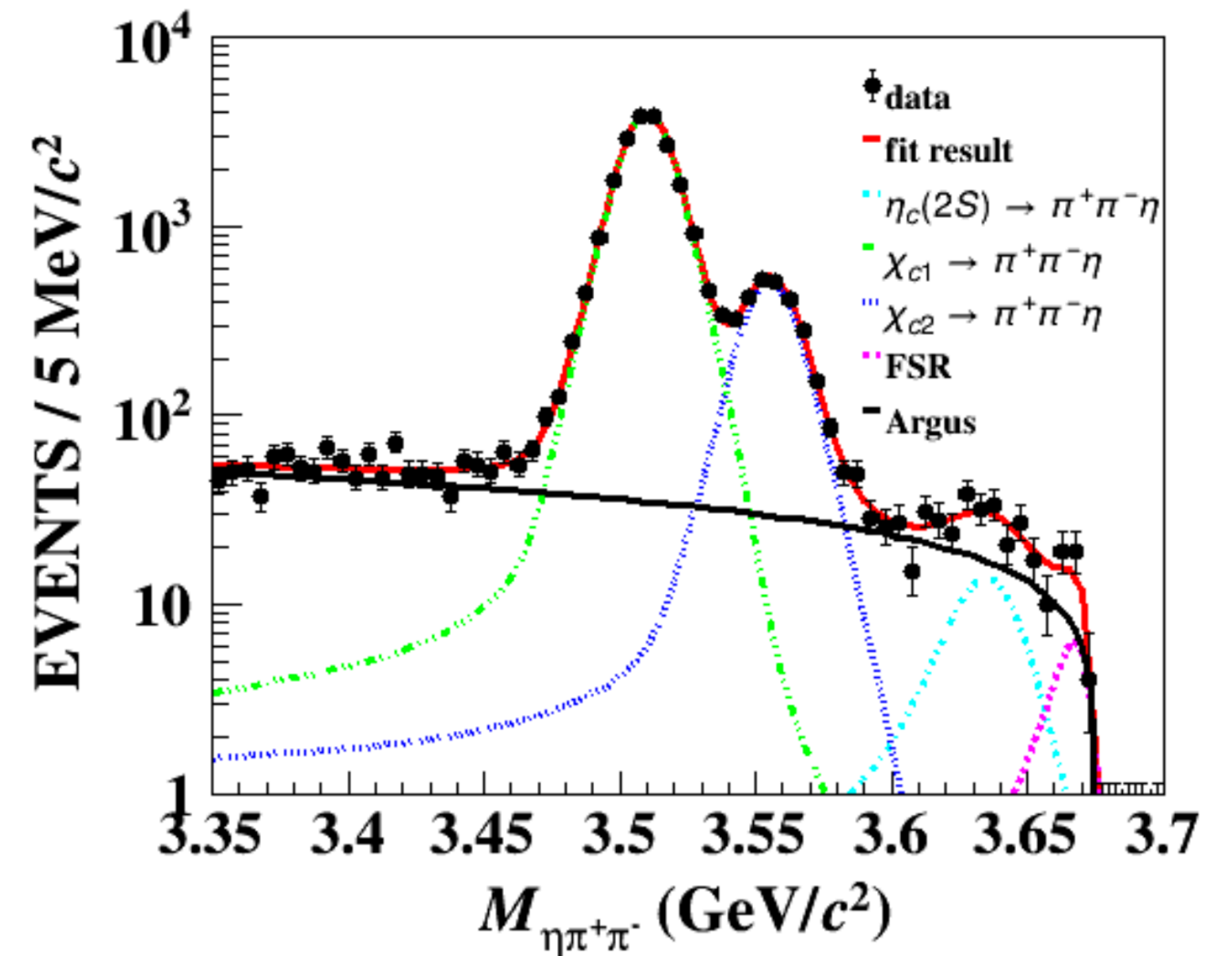
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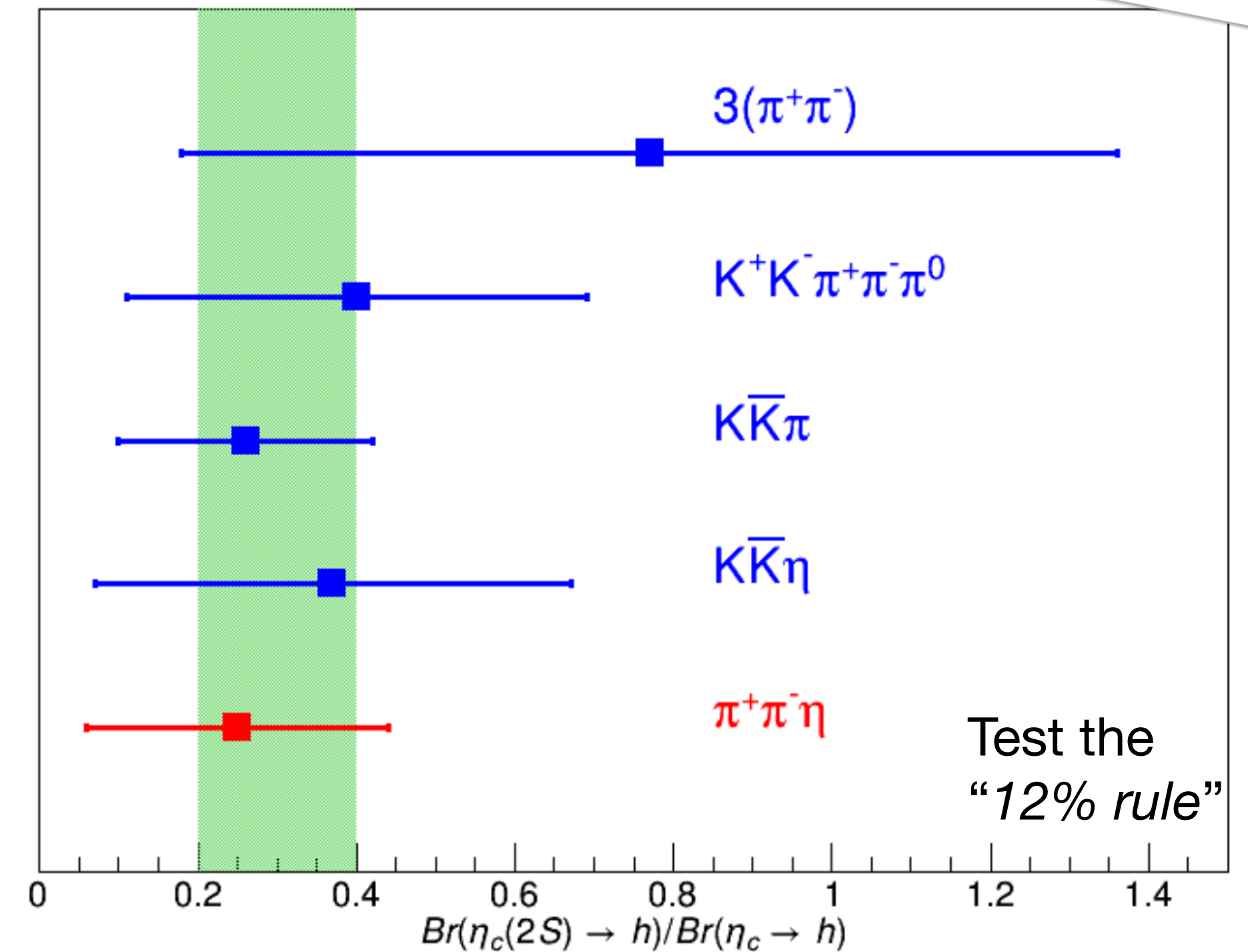
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Predictions for 0⁺ glueball-charmonium mixing

Ref. [1] \rightsquigarrow ~12.8%

Ref. [2] \rightsquigarrow ~1.00

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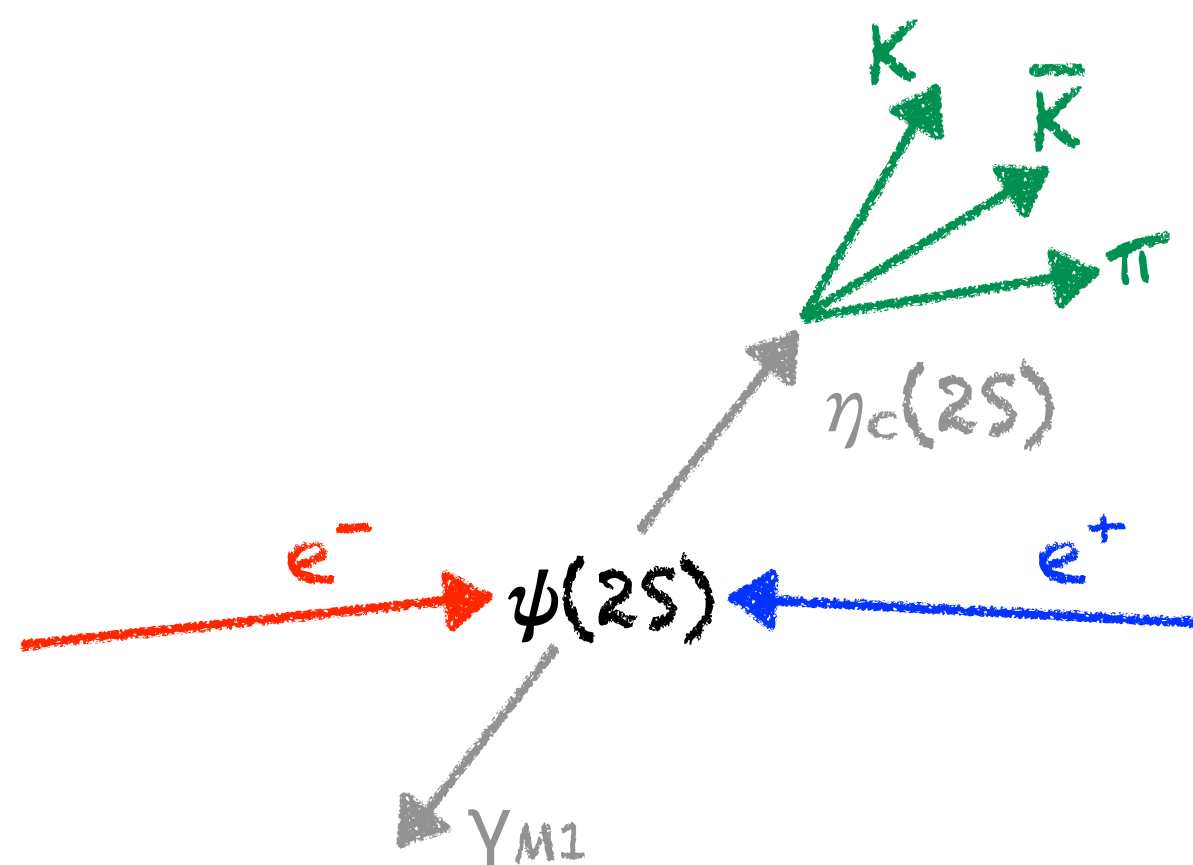
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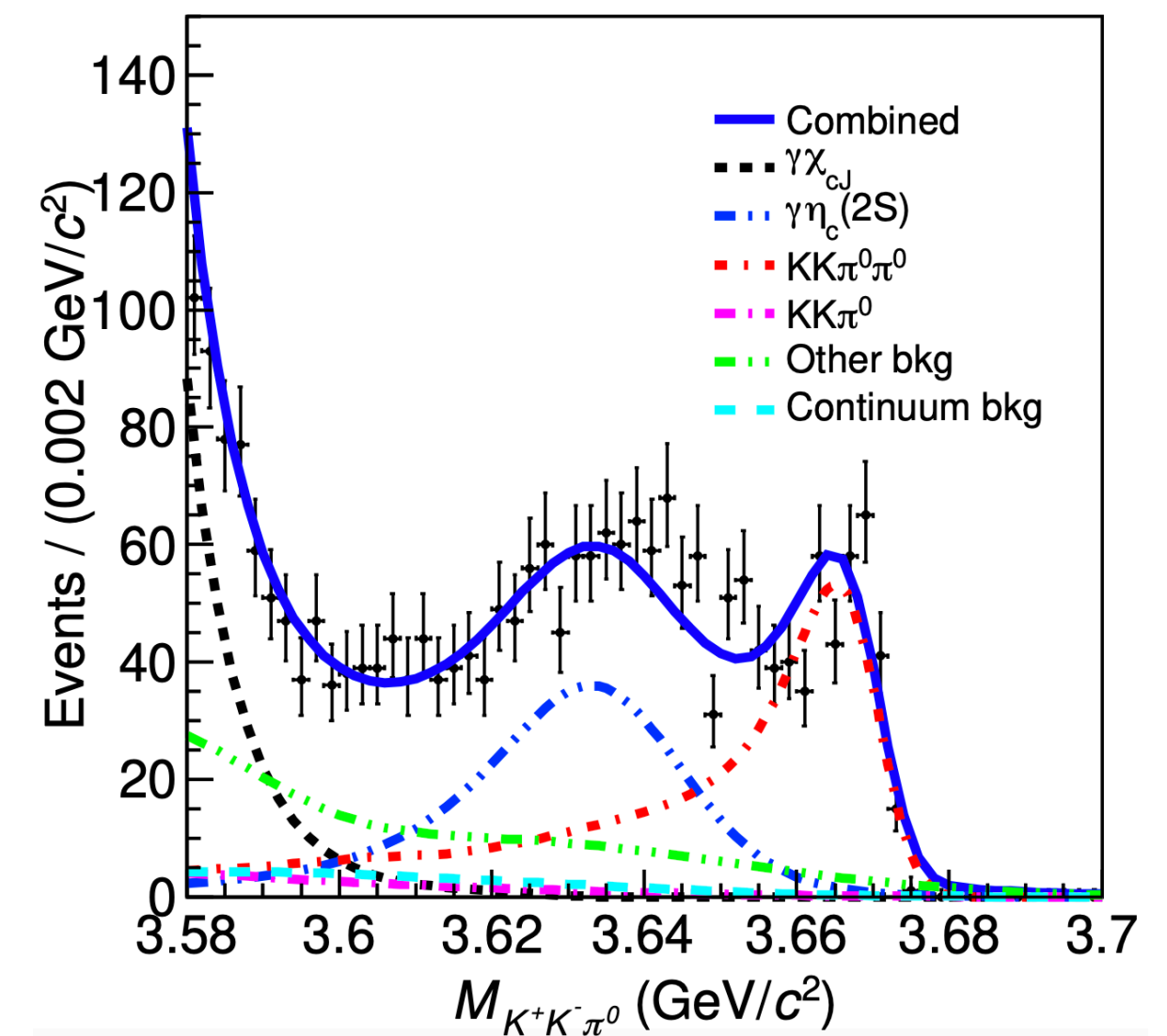
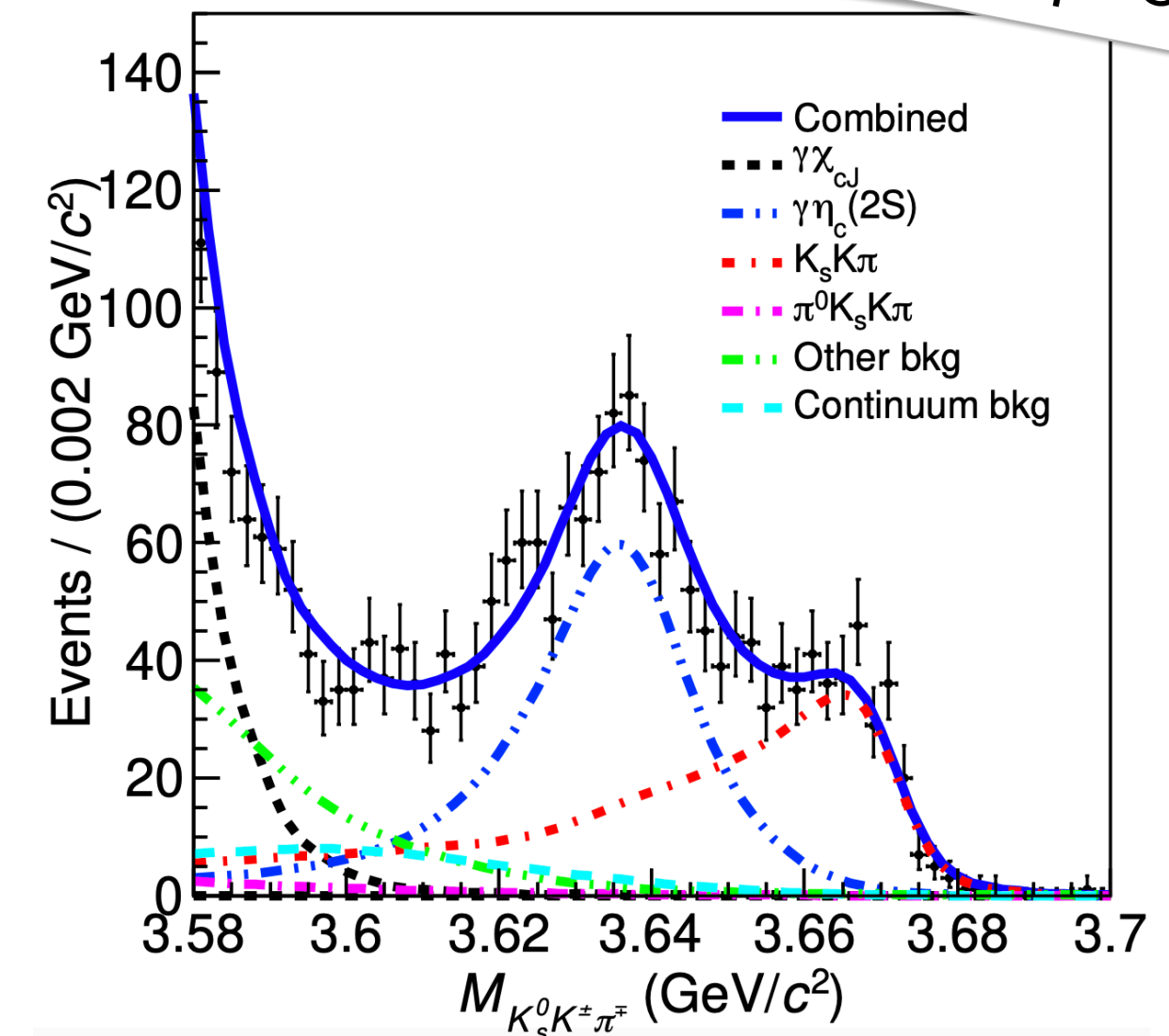
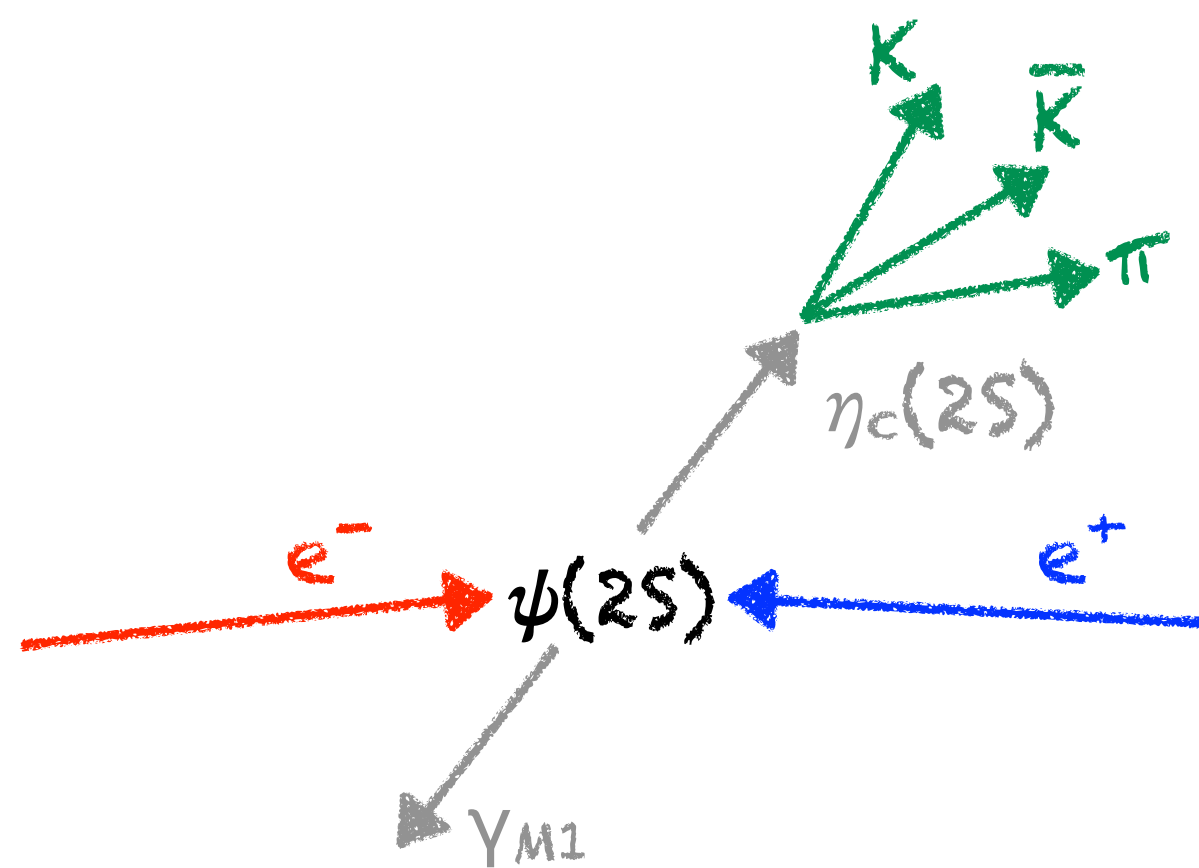
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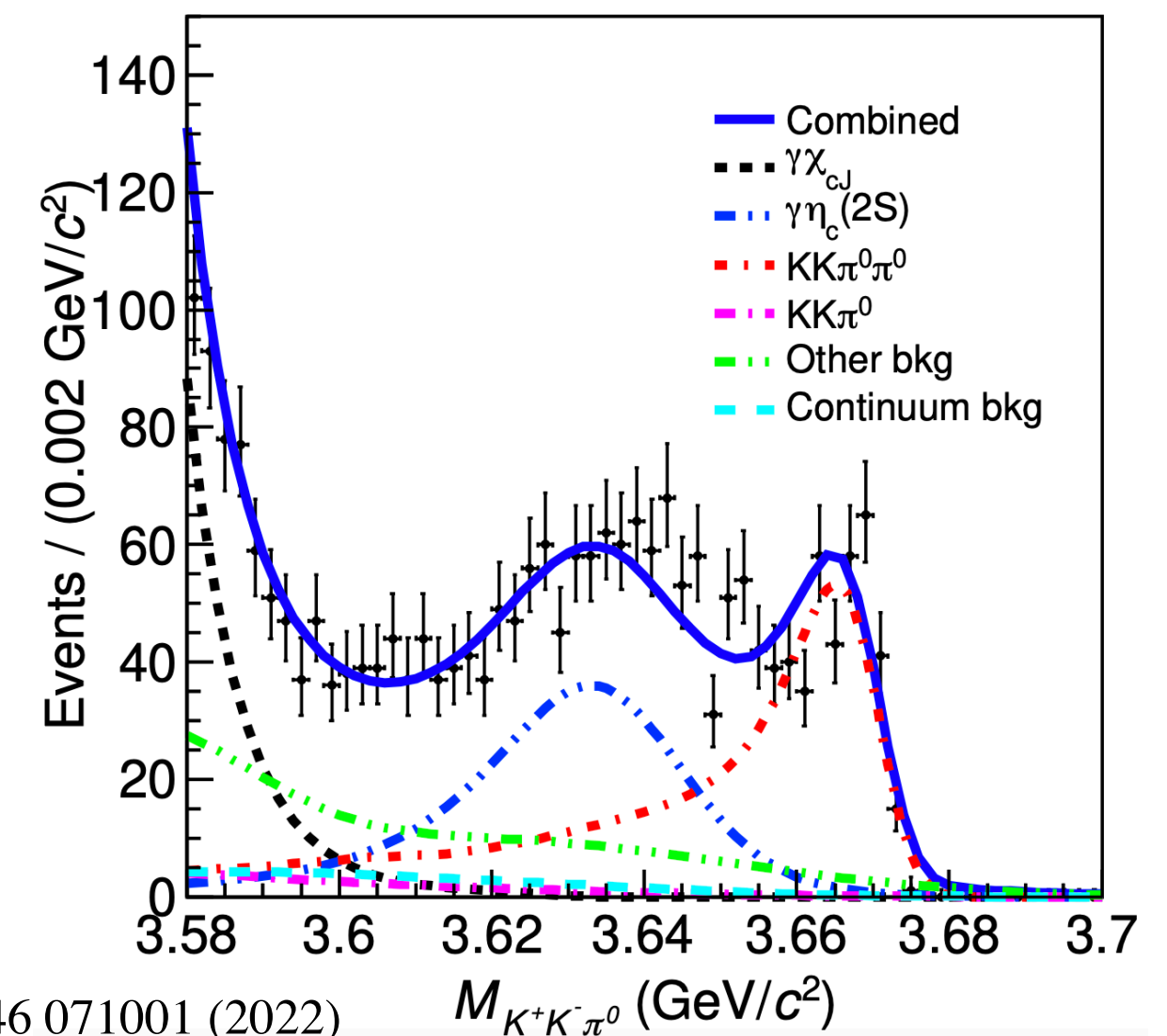
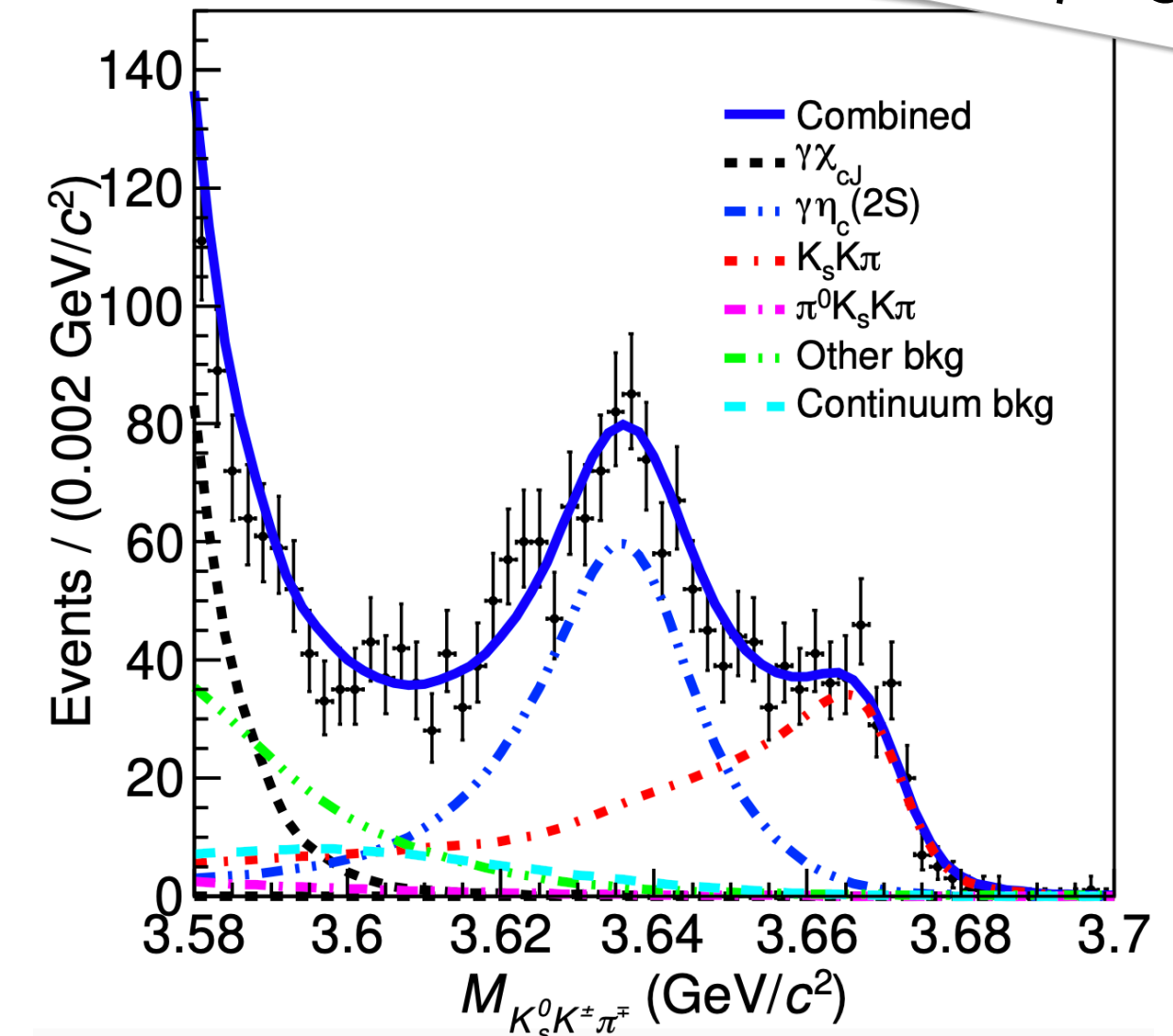
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This work	$3637.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.2$	$10.5 \pm 1.7 \pm 3.5$	$5.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5$ $^{+1.9}_{-1.4}$	0.15 ± 0.06
World average	3637.6 ± 1.2	11.3 ± 3.2 -2.9	7 ± 5	0.21 ± 0.15



[3] Chin. Phys. C 46 071001 (2022)

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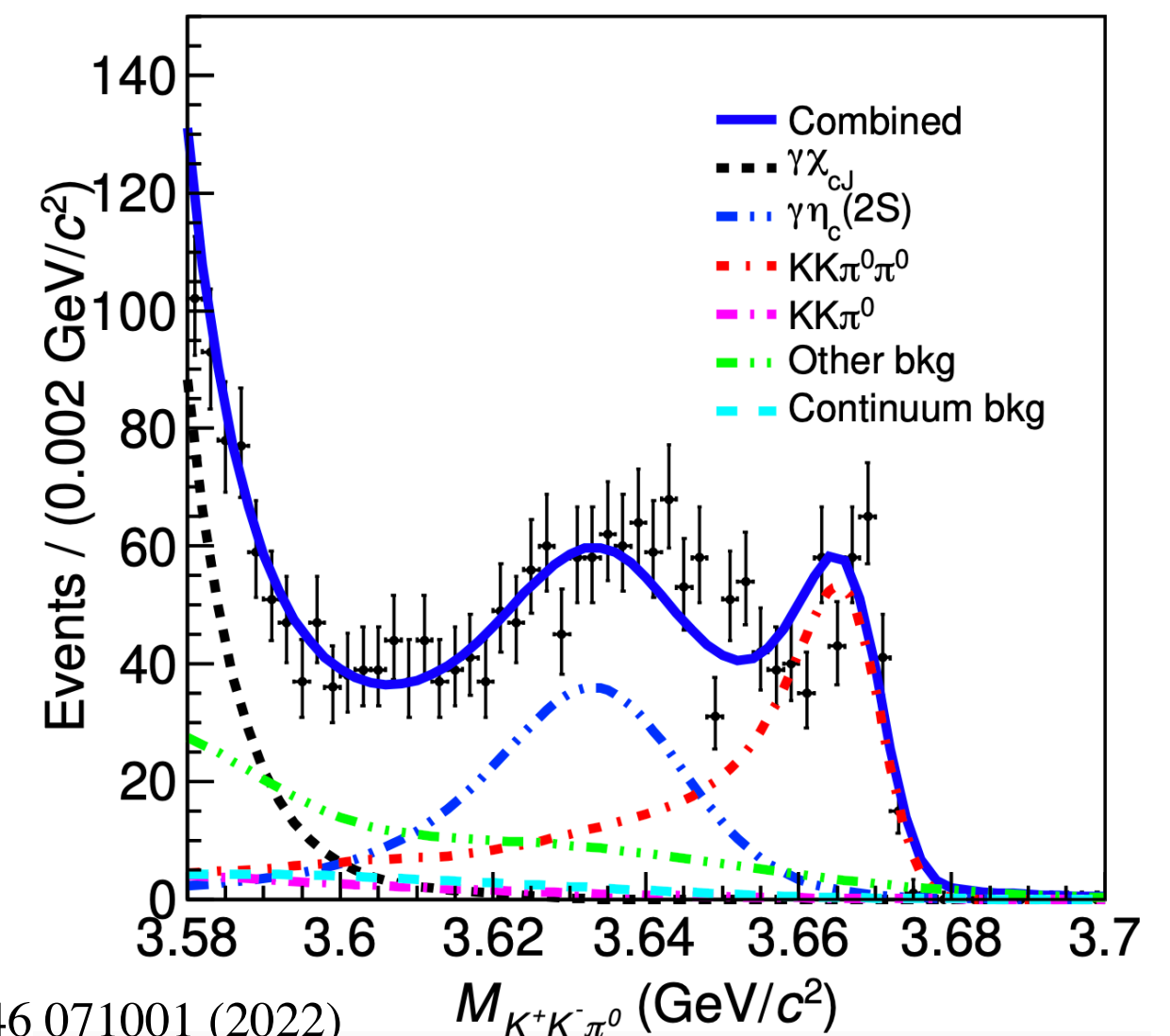
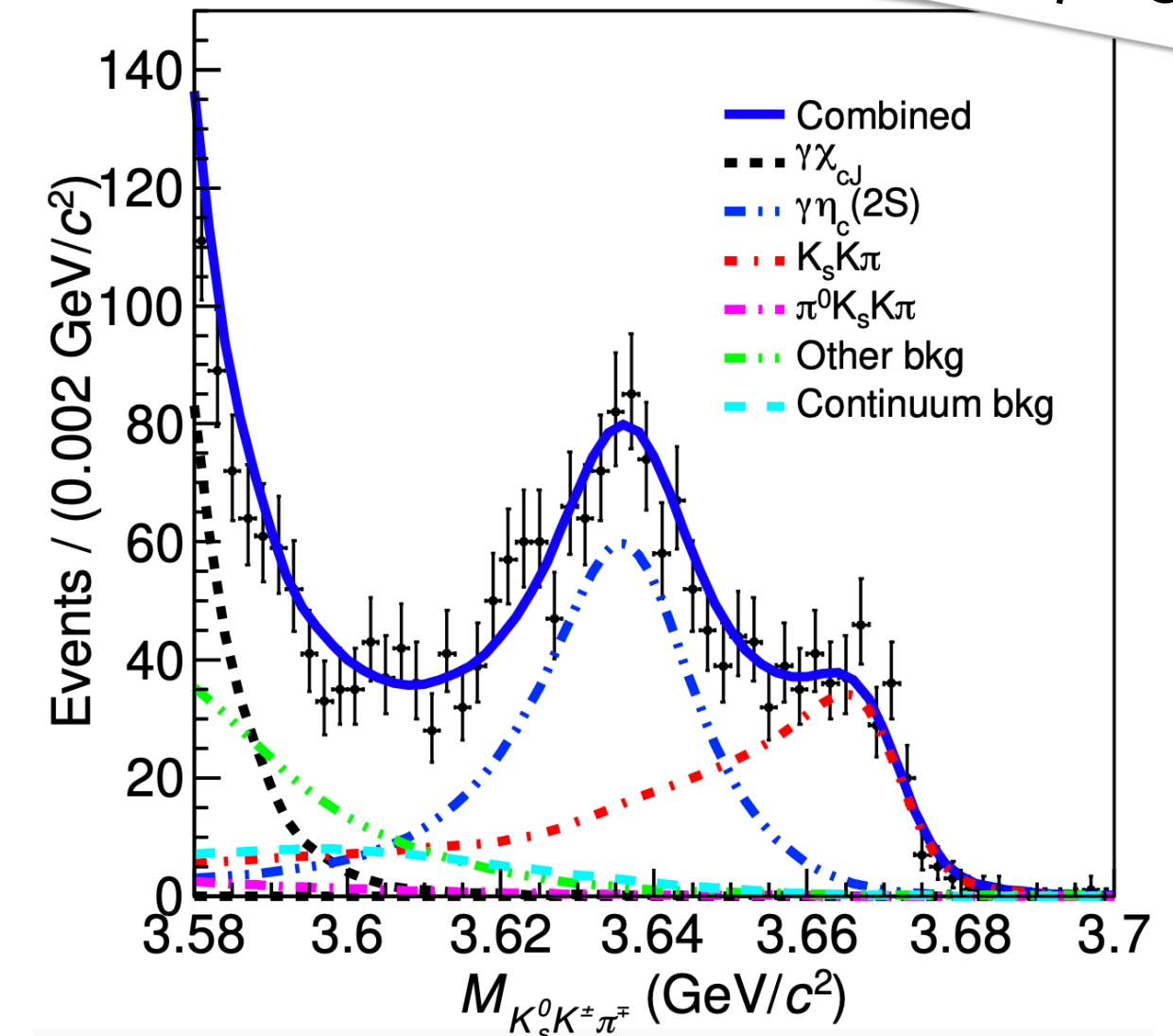
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GI model [4]	3623	5.80 ± 0.16	0.17
Meson loop correction [5]	N/A	2.72 ± 1.00	0.08 ± 0.03
Light-front quark model [6]	3637	3.9	0.11
Effective field theory [7]	N/A	0.6 – 36.0	N/A



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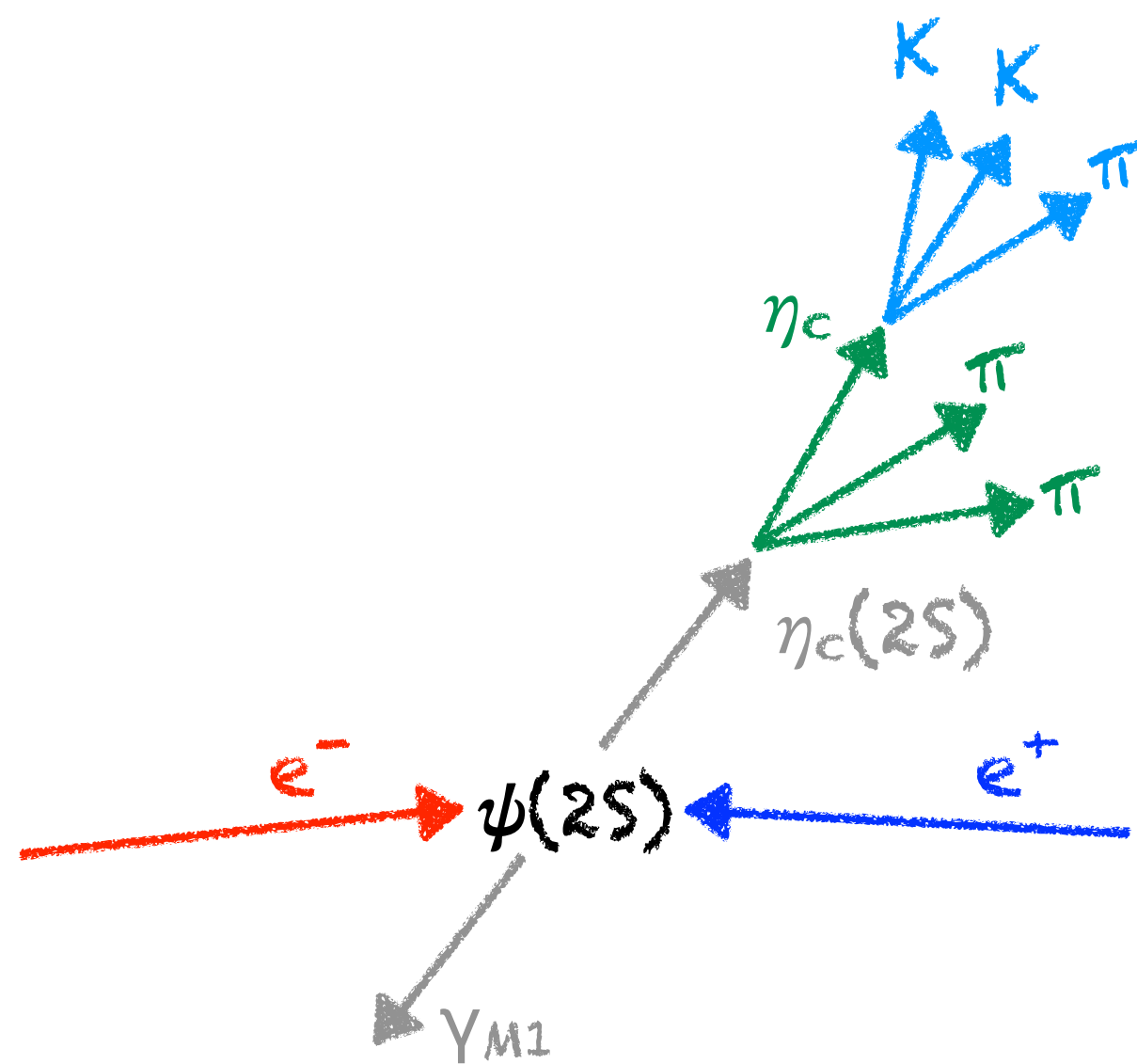
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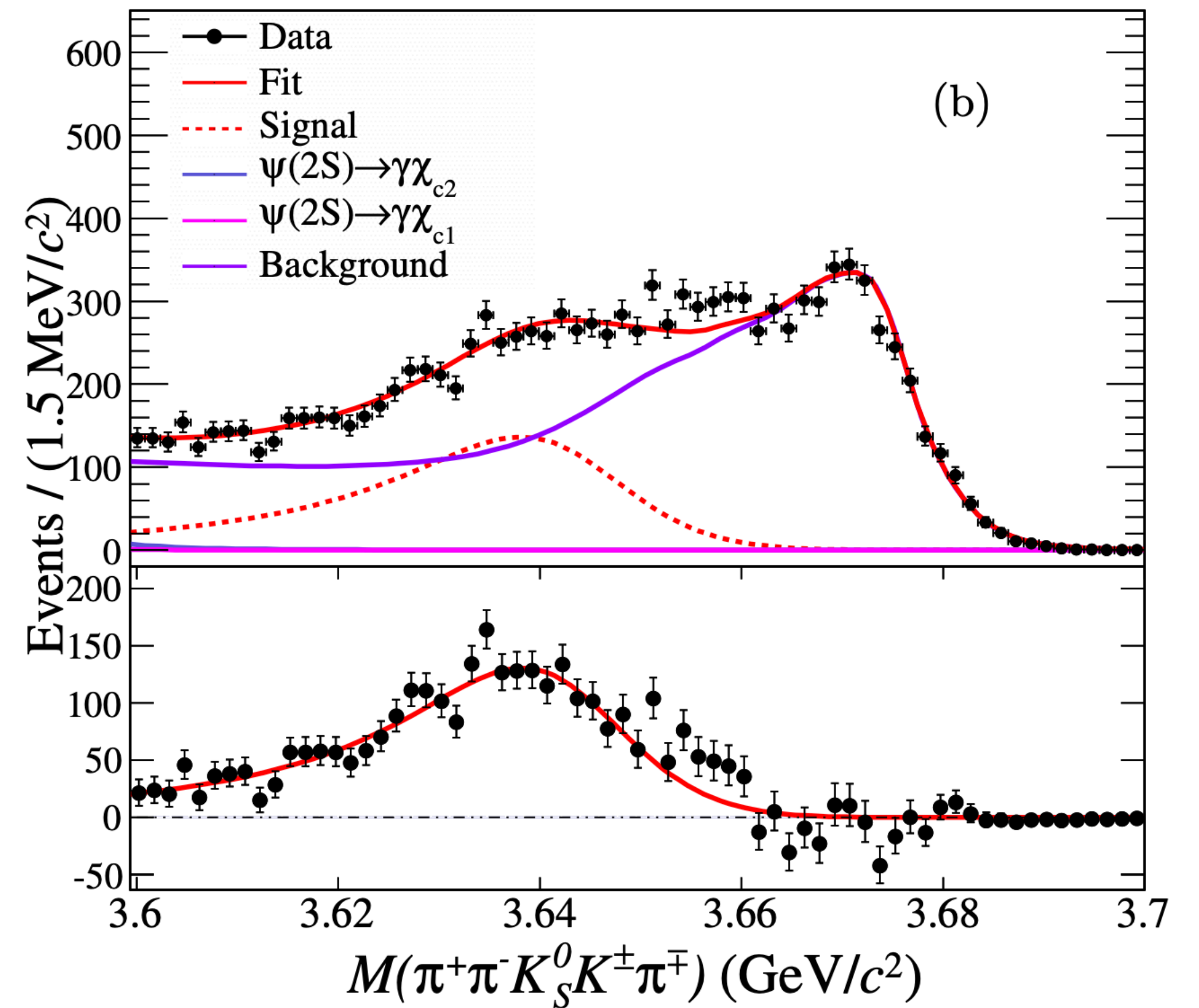
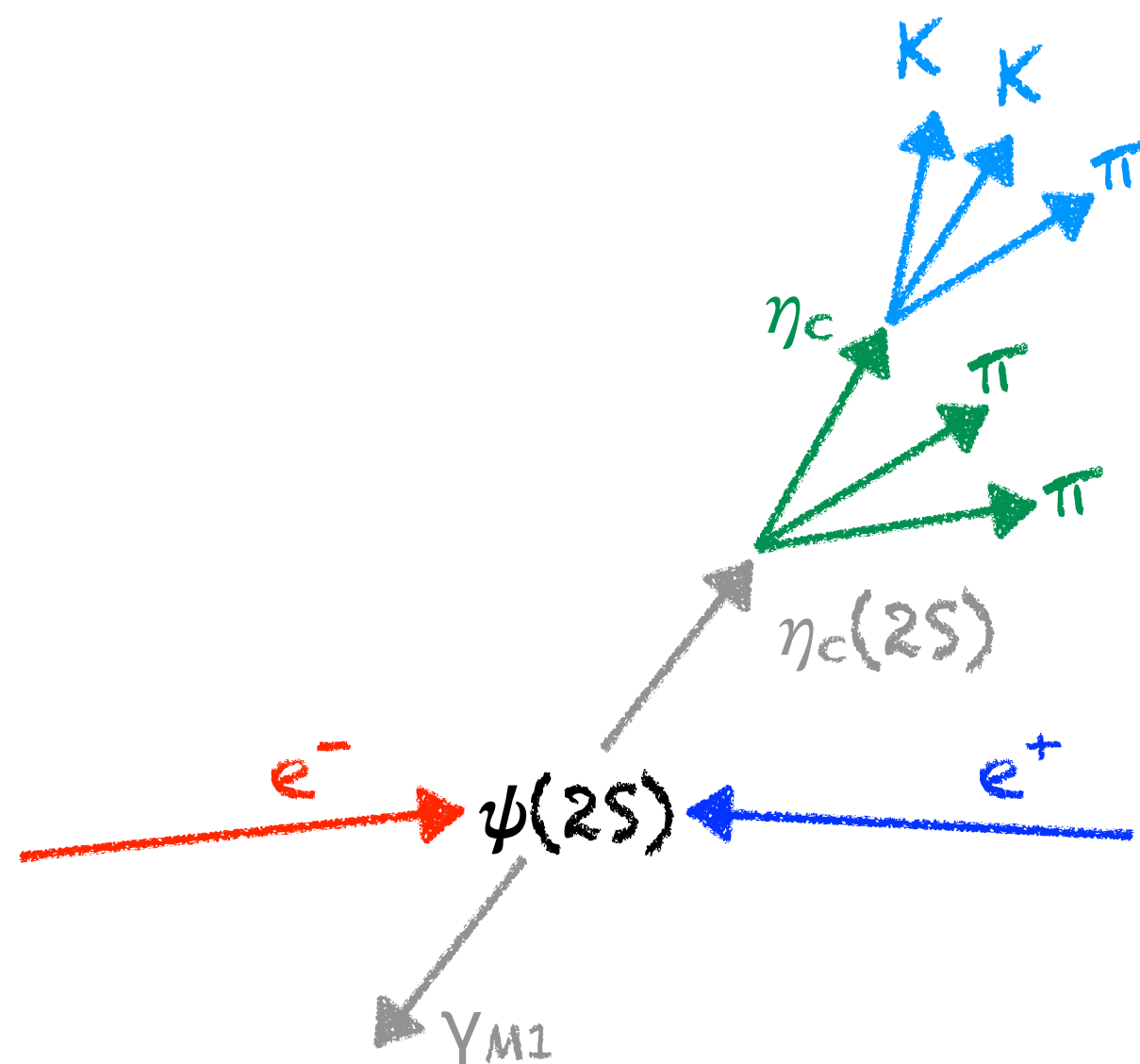
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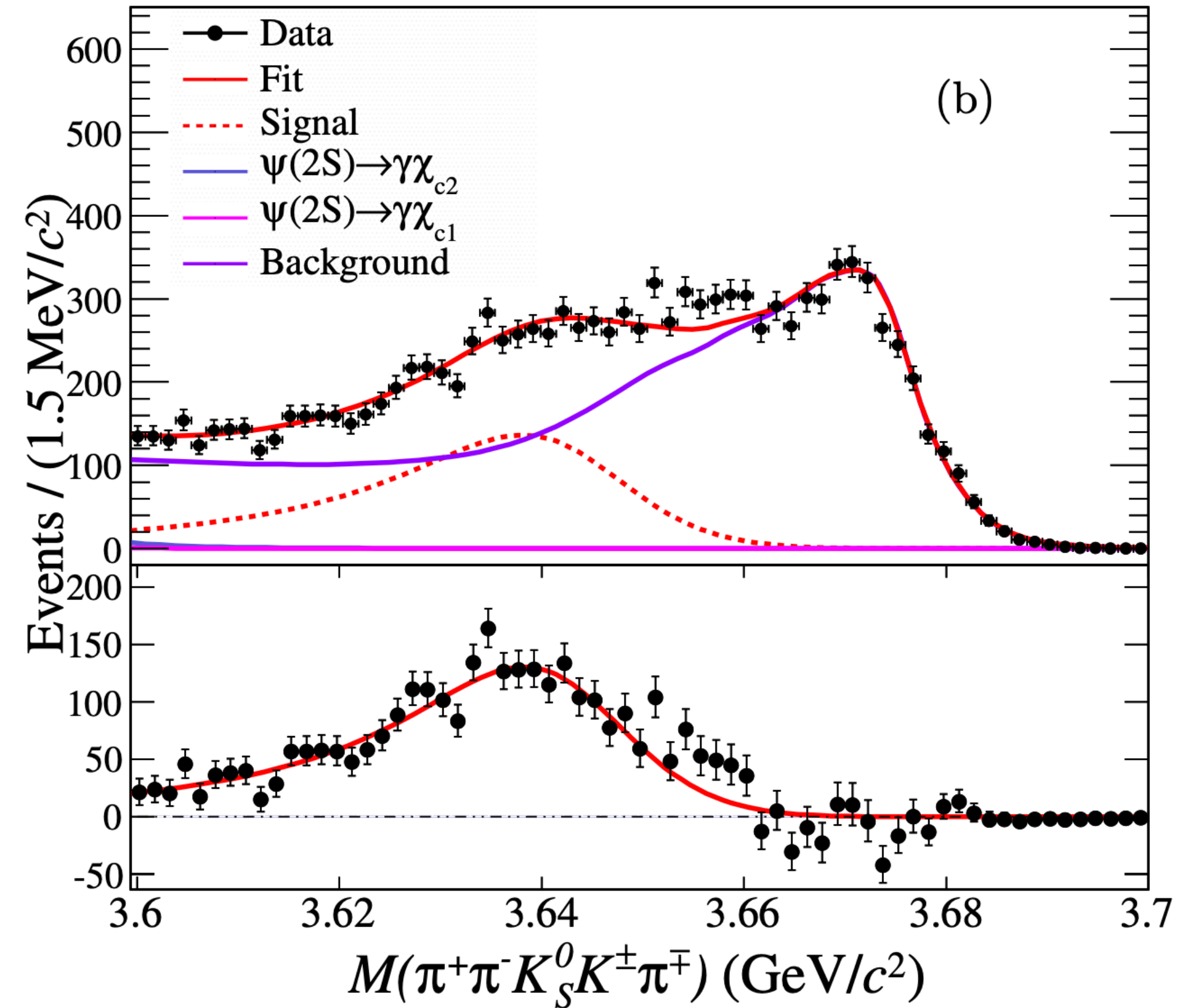
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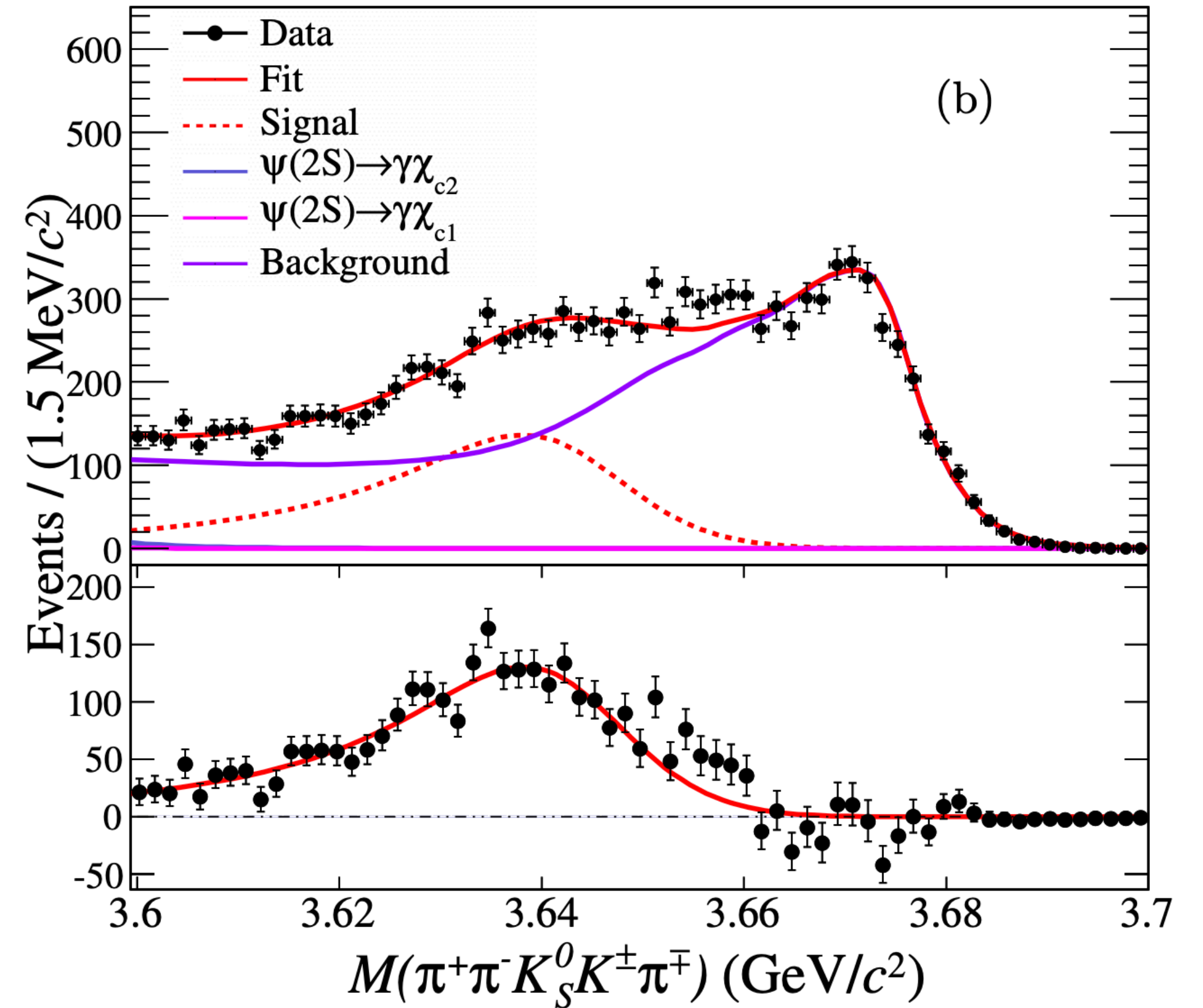
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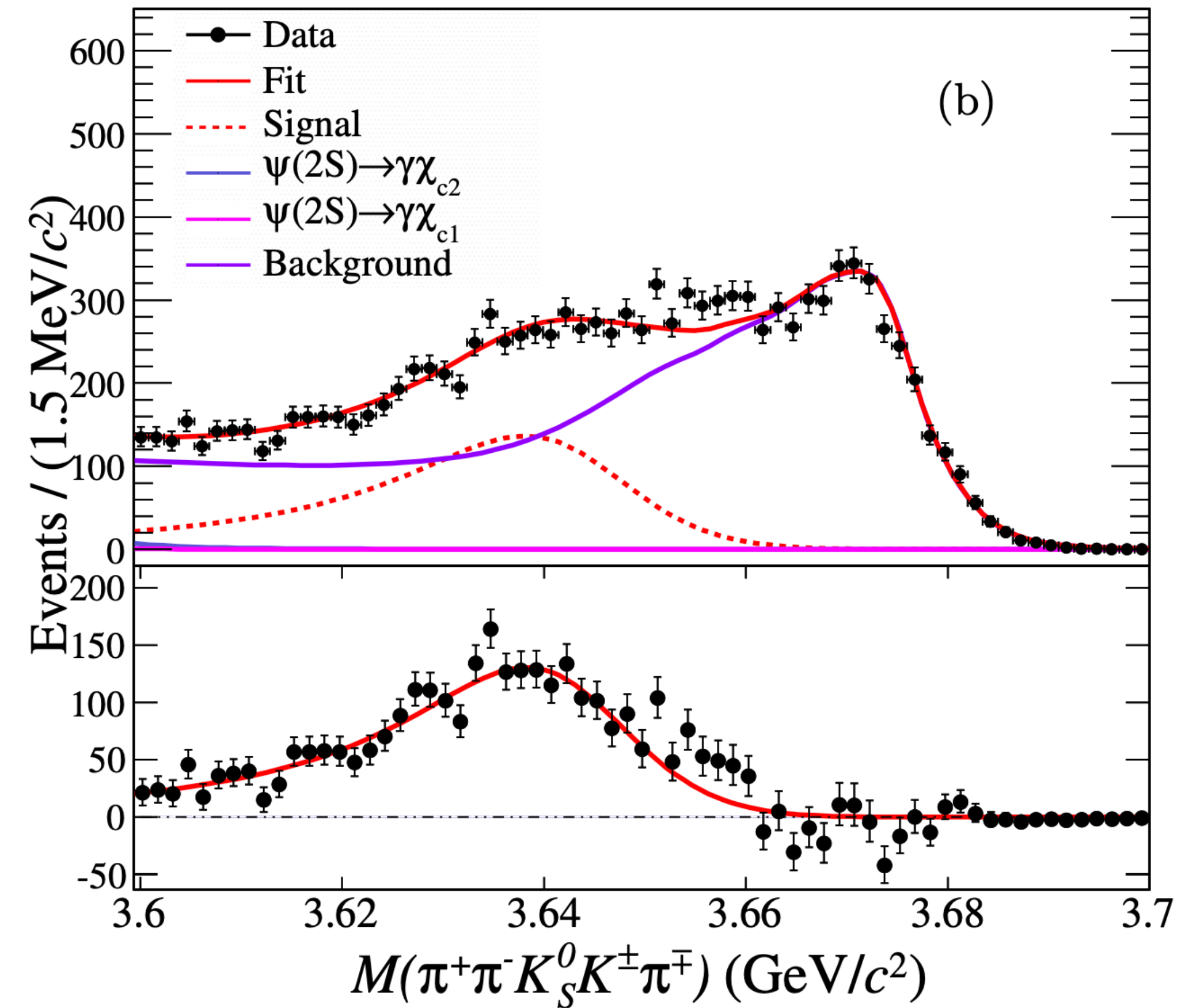
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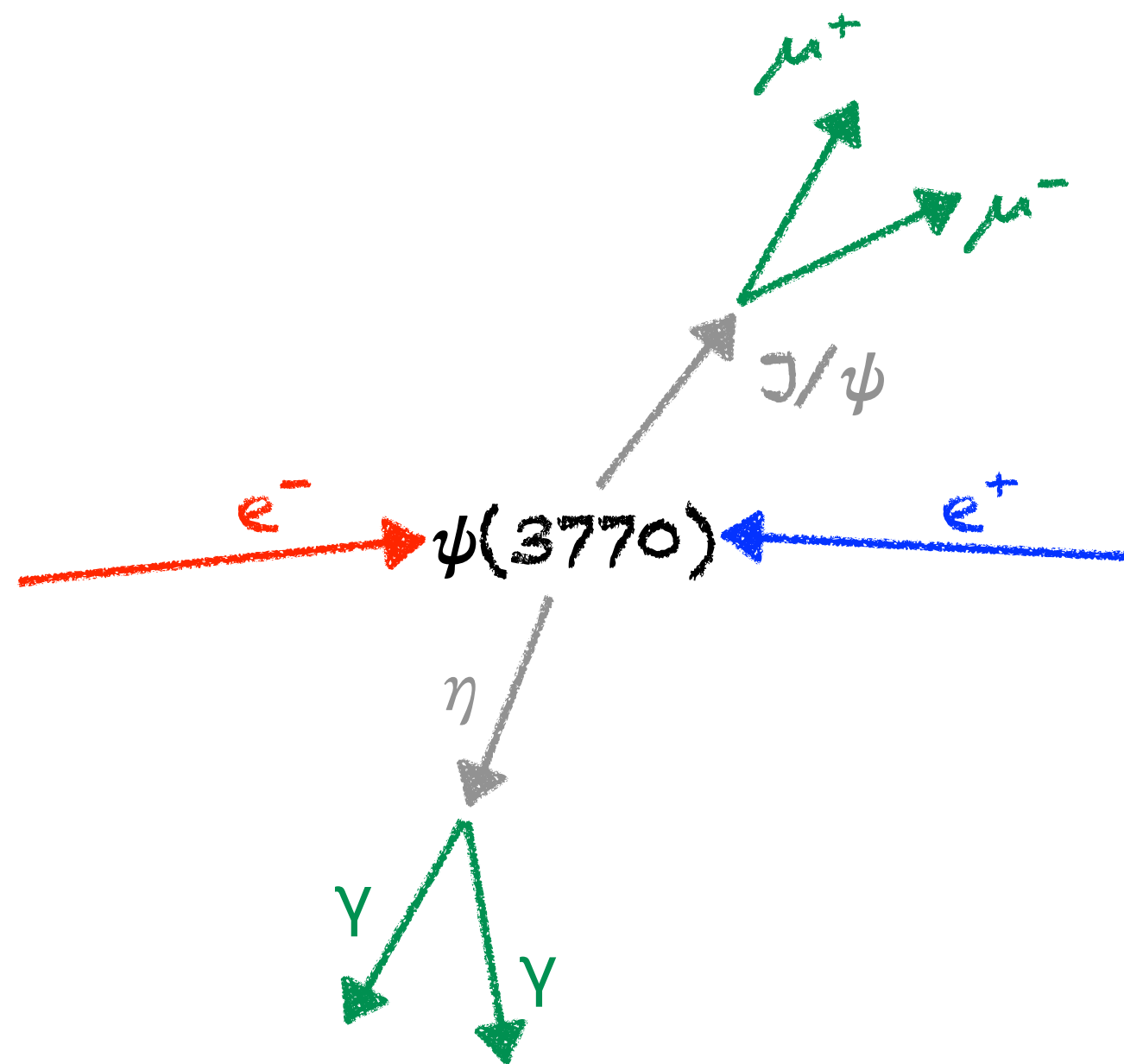
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From Ref. [10], data points @ $\sqrt{s} = [3.8, 4.6]$ GeV are taken

Two hypotheses are considered, the $\psi(3770)$ contribution is added either coherently or incoherently



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From Ref. [10], data points @ $\sqrt{s} = [3.8, 4.6]$ GeV are taken

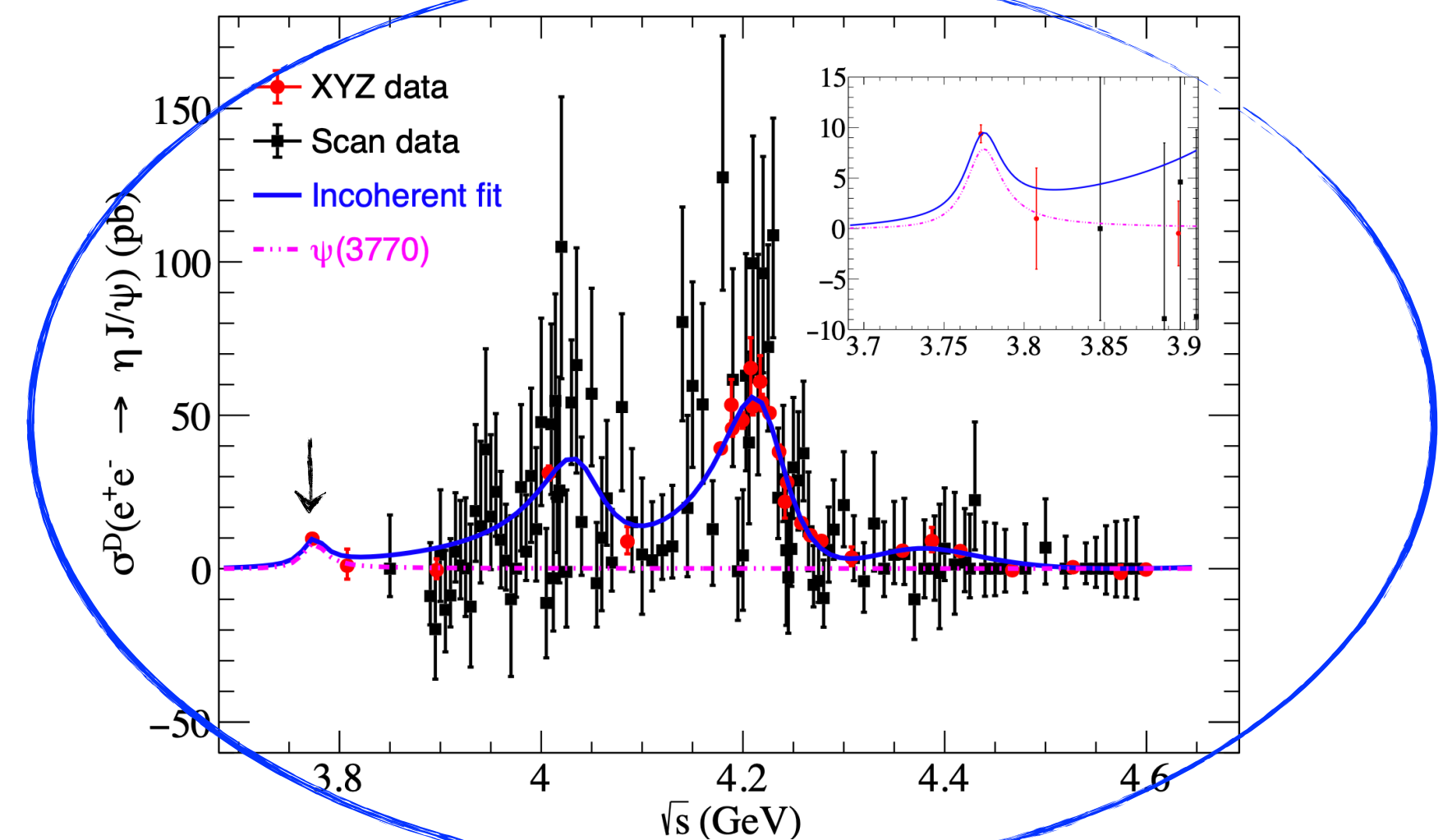
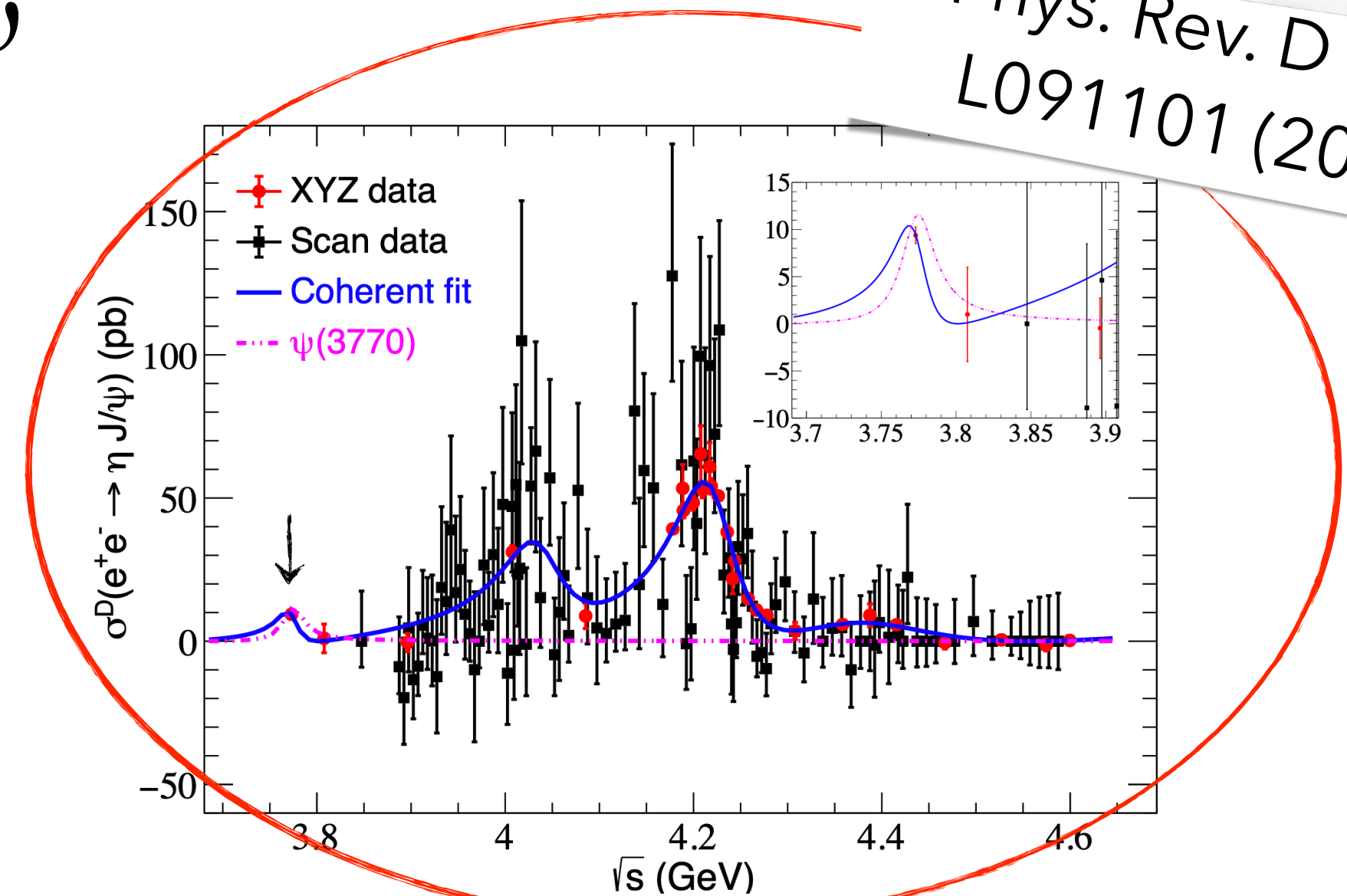
Two hypotheses are considered, the $\psi(3770)$ contribution is added either coherently or incoherently

Fit scenario	$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi)$ ($\times 10^{-4}$)	ϕ_1 (rad)
Coherent fit	Solution1	$11.6 \pm 6.1 \pm 1.0$
	Solution2	$12.0 \pm 6.3 \pm 1.1$
	Solution3	$11.6 \pm 6.1 \pm 1.0$
	Solution4	$11.9 \pm 6.3 \pm 1.1$
Incoherent fit	$7.9 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.7$	-

Compatible with CLEO result^[11] (w/o interference)
of $8.7 \pm 3.3 \pm 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$

In agreement with Ref. [12] hypothesis of tetra-quark admixture in the $\psi(3770)$

$$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi) \sim 15 \times 10^{-4}$$



Investigating the $\psi(3770)$ Resonance

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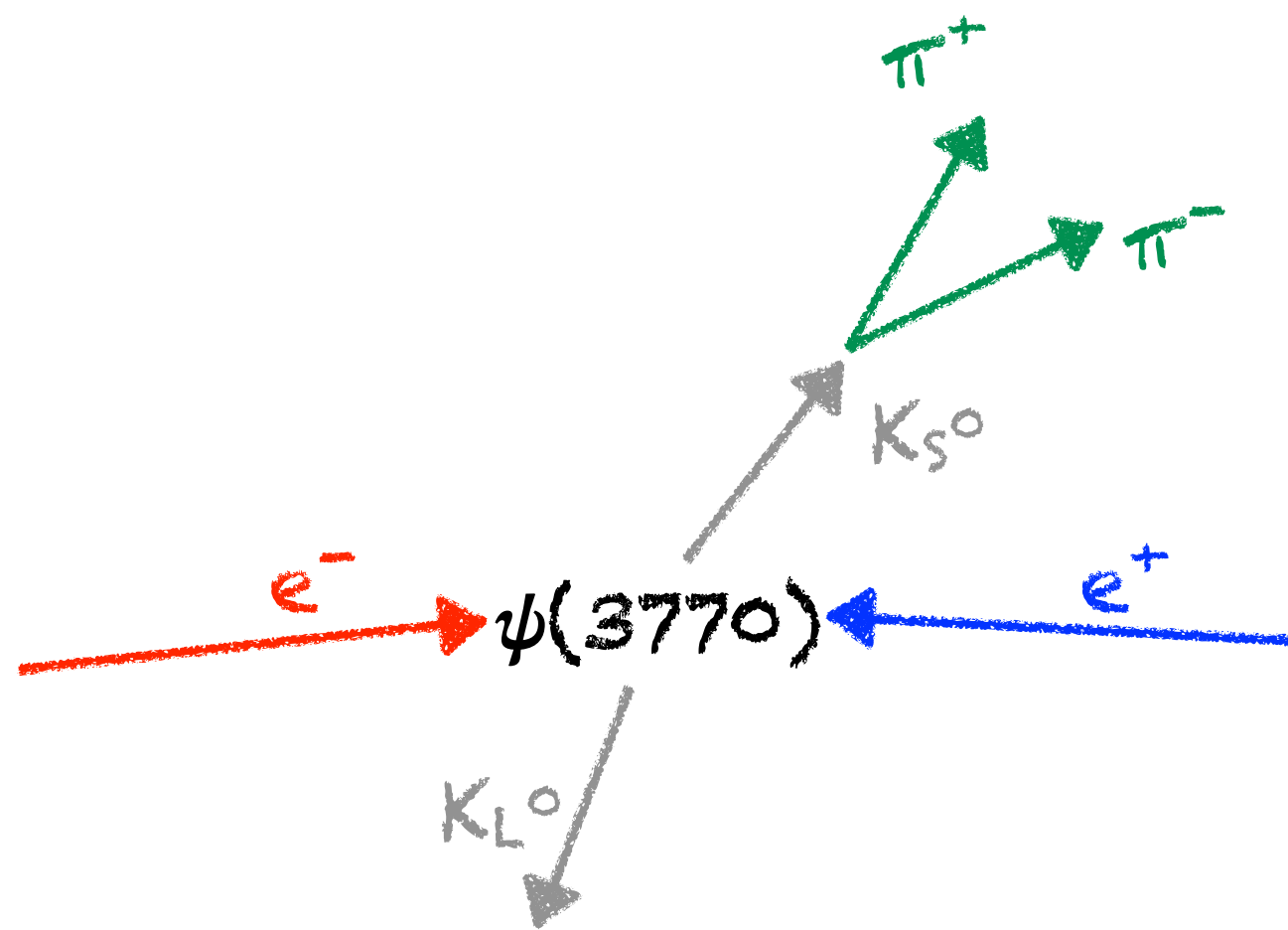
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The $K_S^0 K_L^0$ channel is important to **understand** the “**12% rule**” violation, as $\mathcal{B}(K_S^0 K_L^0)$ is found to deviate by more than 3σ [13, 14]

Refs. [15, 16] propose the $\psi(3686)$ and $\psi(3770)$ to be **mixtures** of pure $\psi(2^3S_1)$ and $\psi(1^3D_1)$ states, estimating $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0) \sim [0.02, 5.3] \times 10^{-5}$



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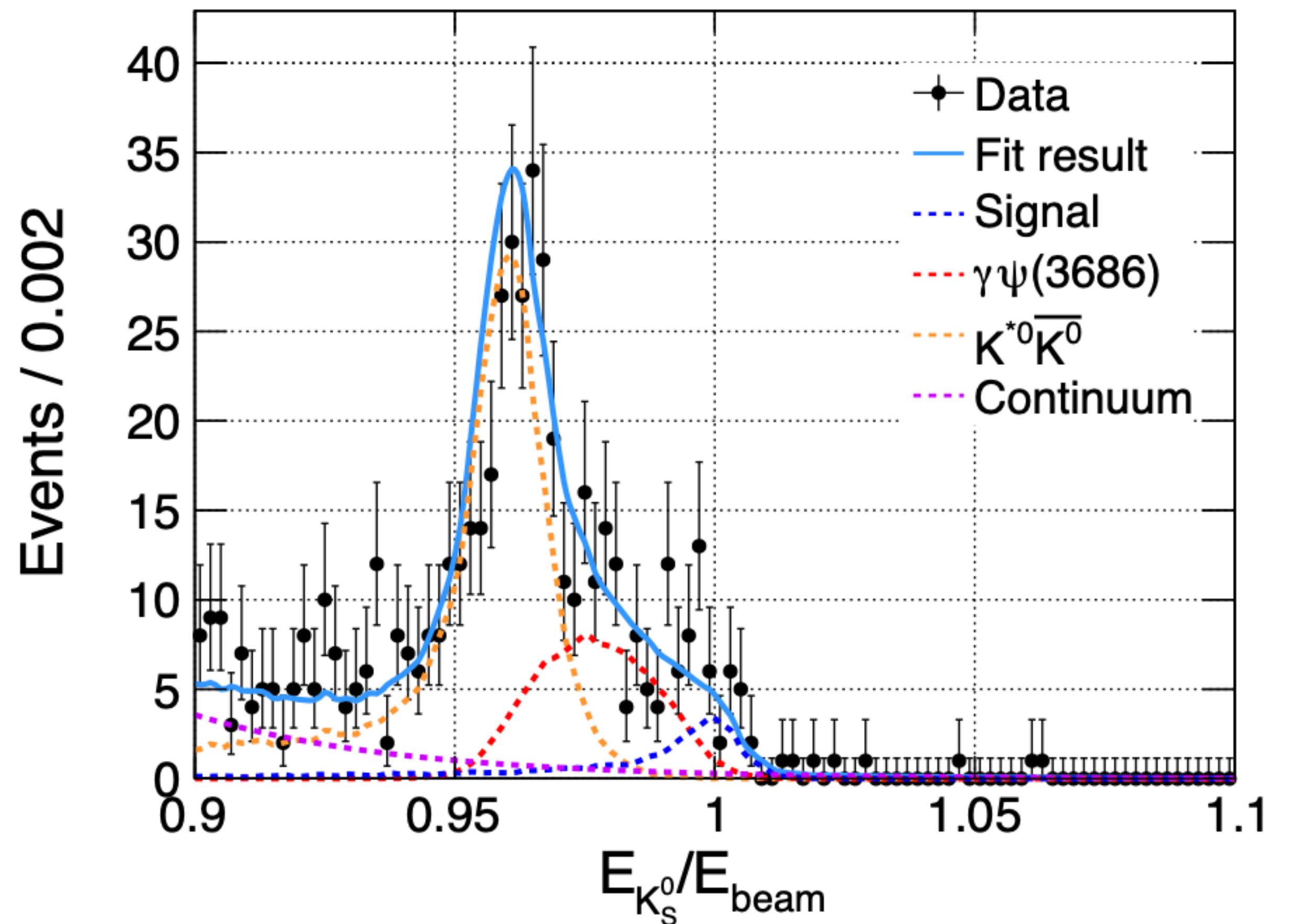
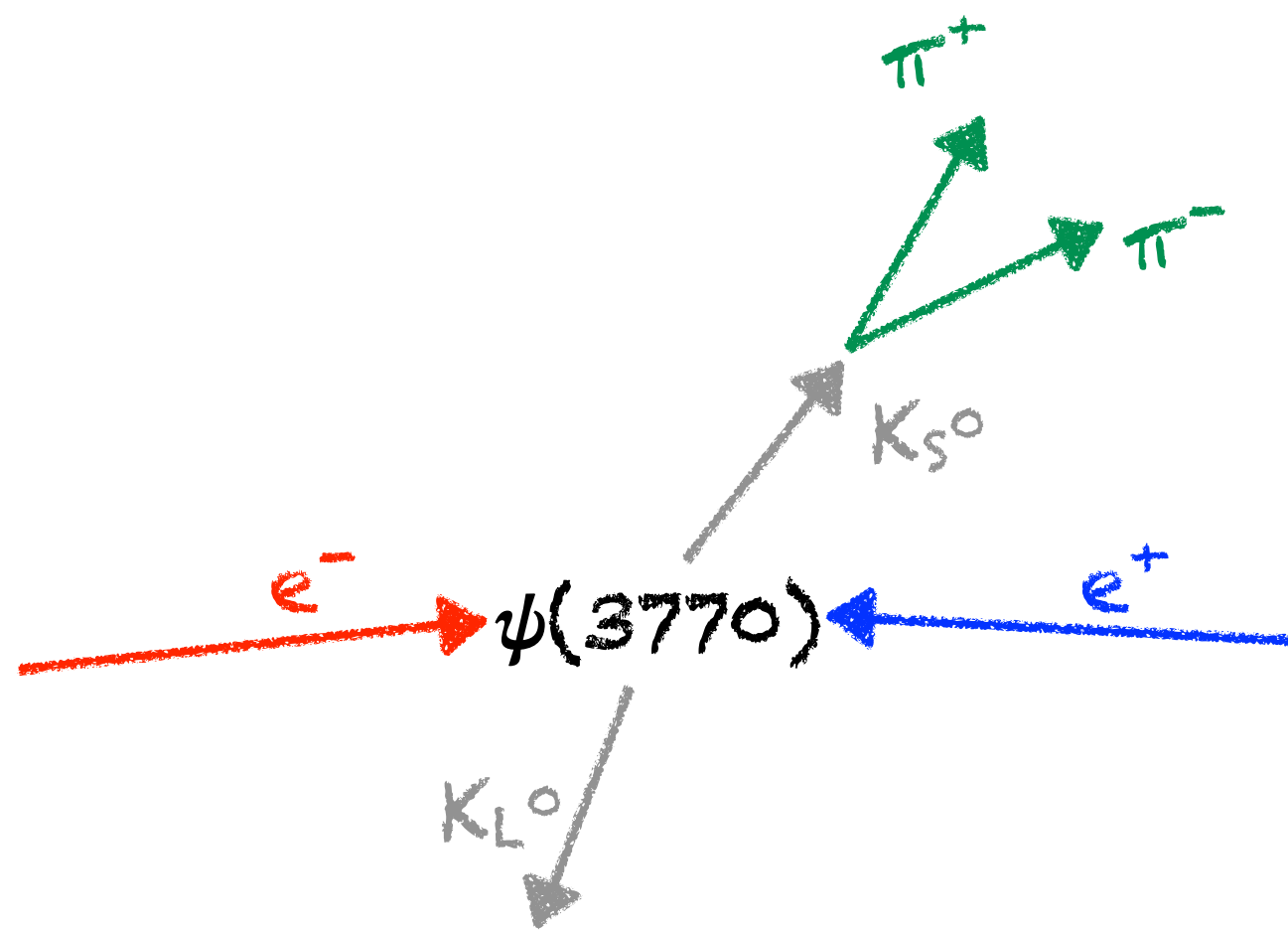
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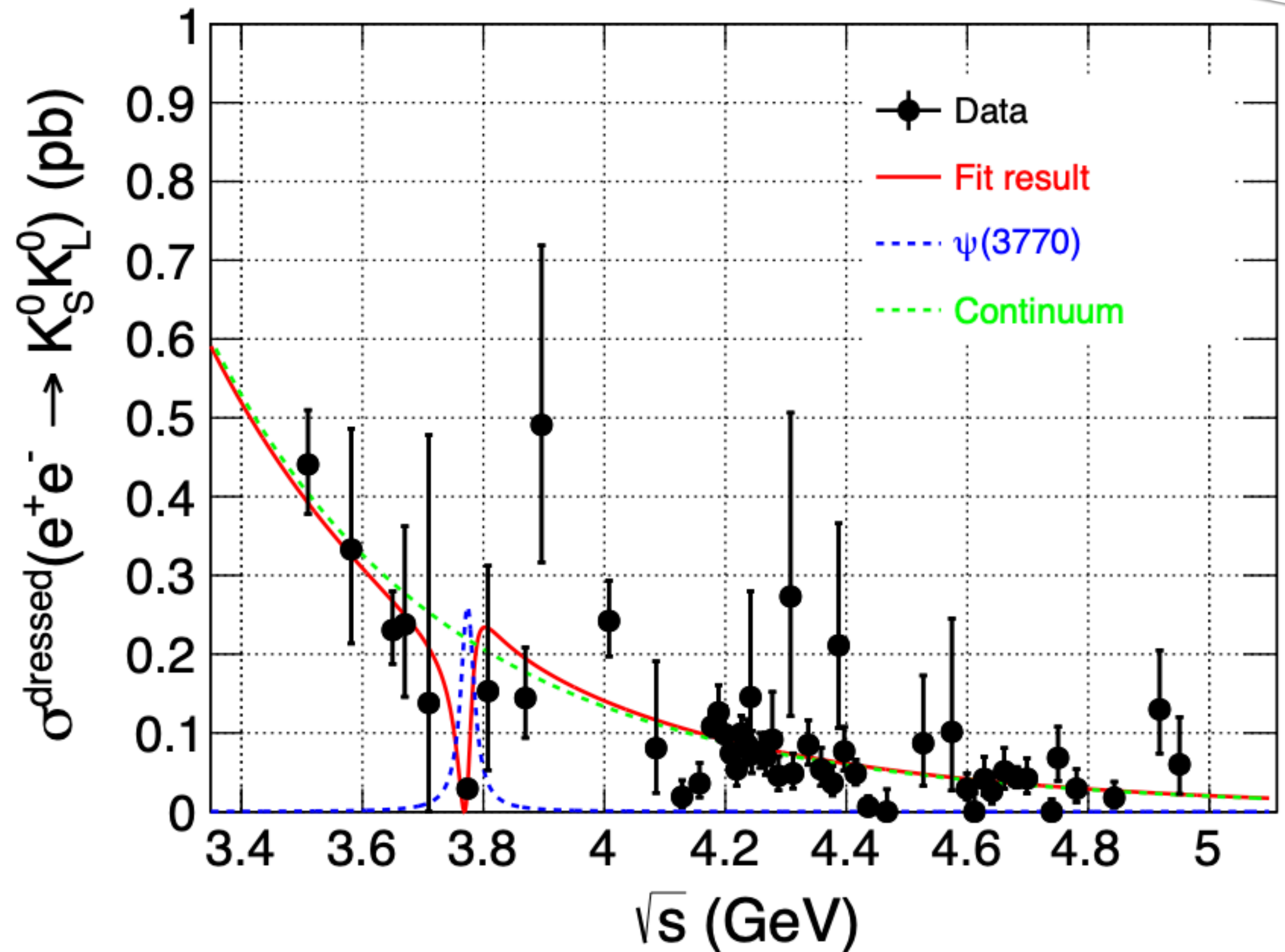
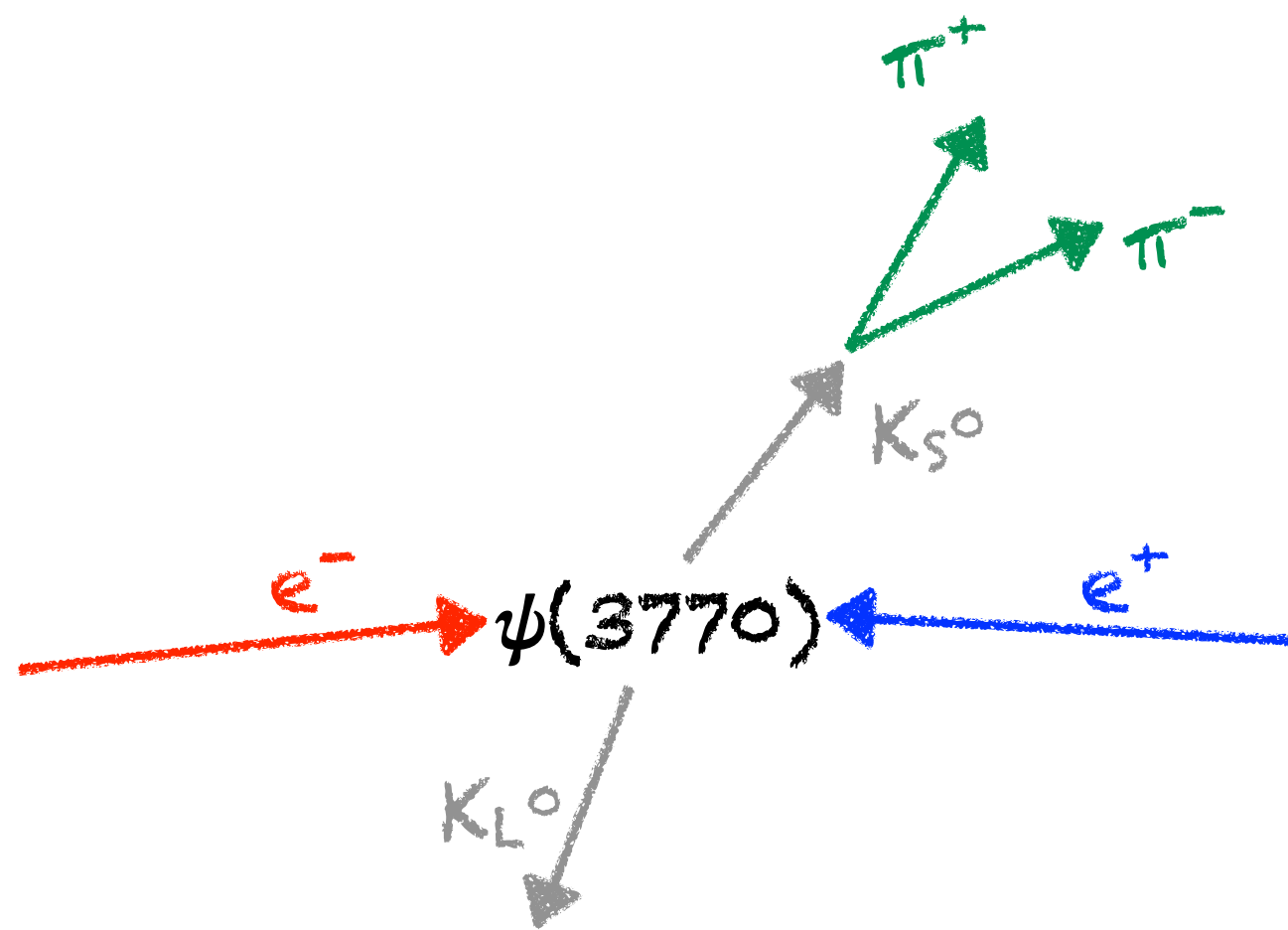
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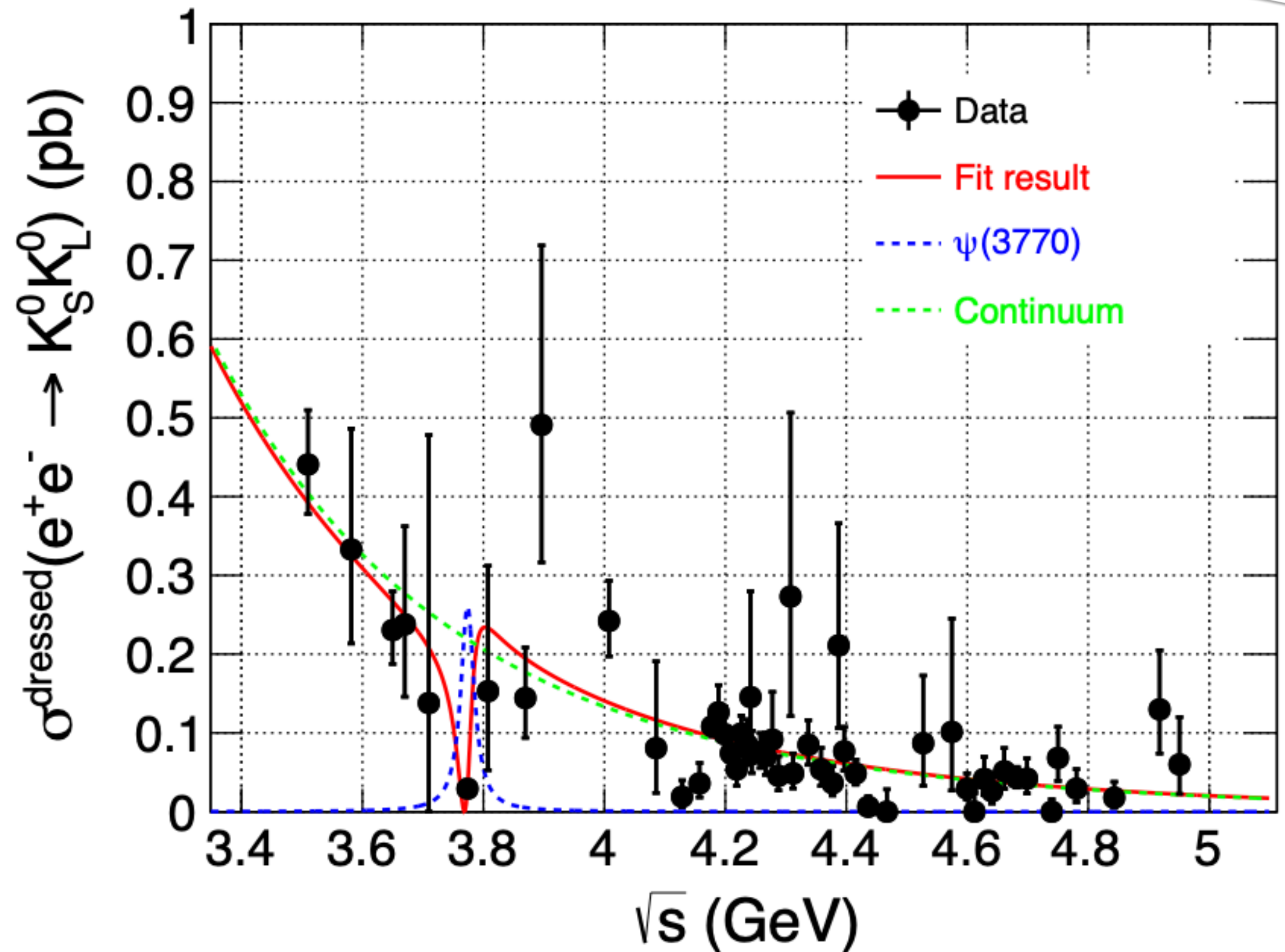
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[16] Phys. Rev. D 70, 077505 (2004)

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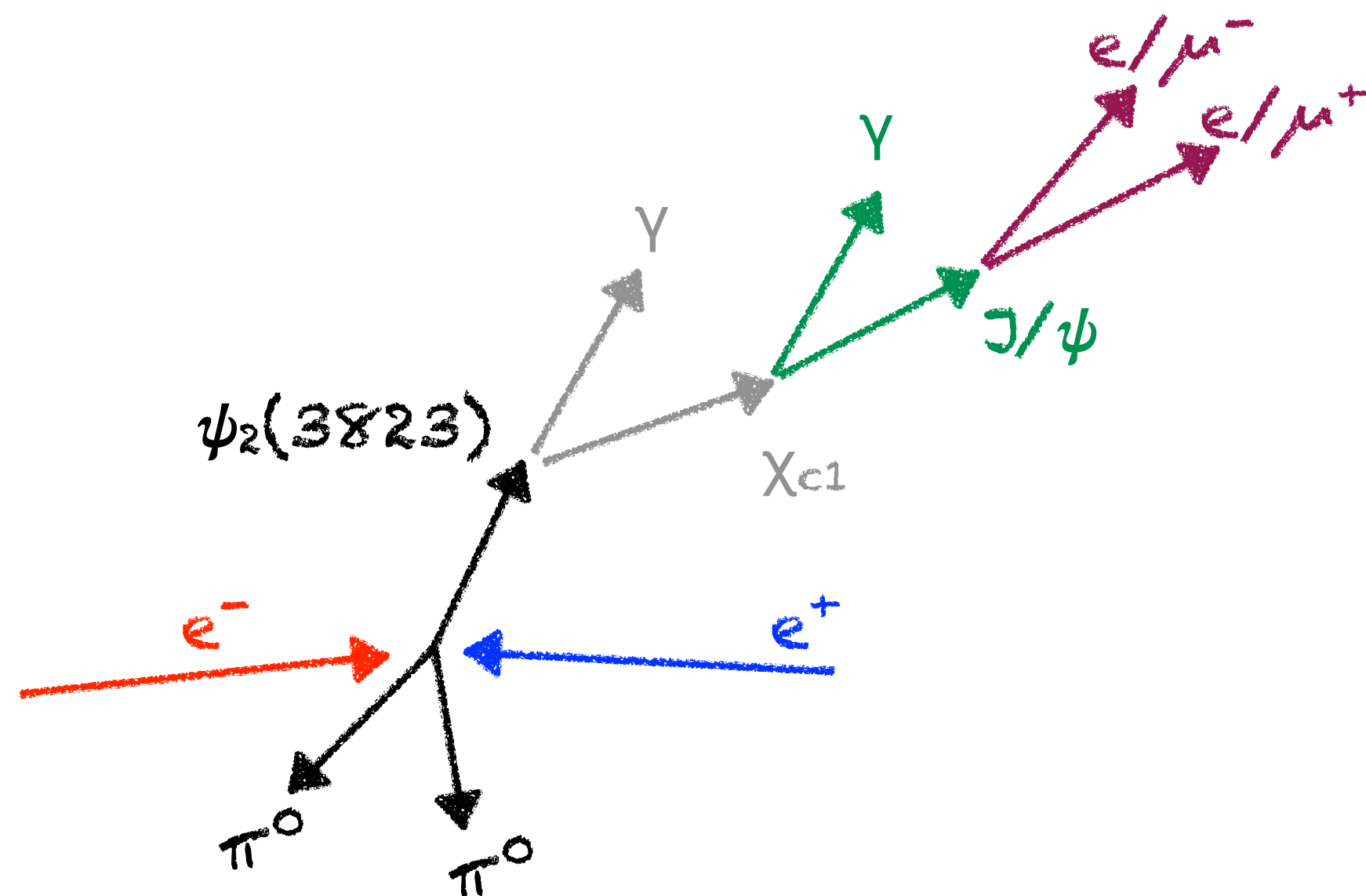
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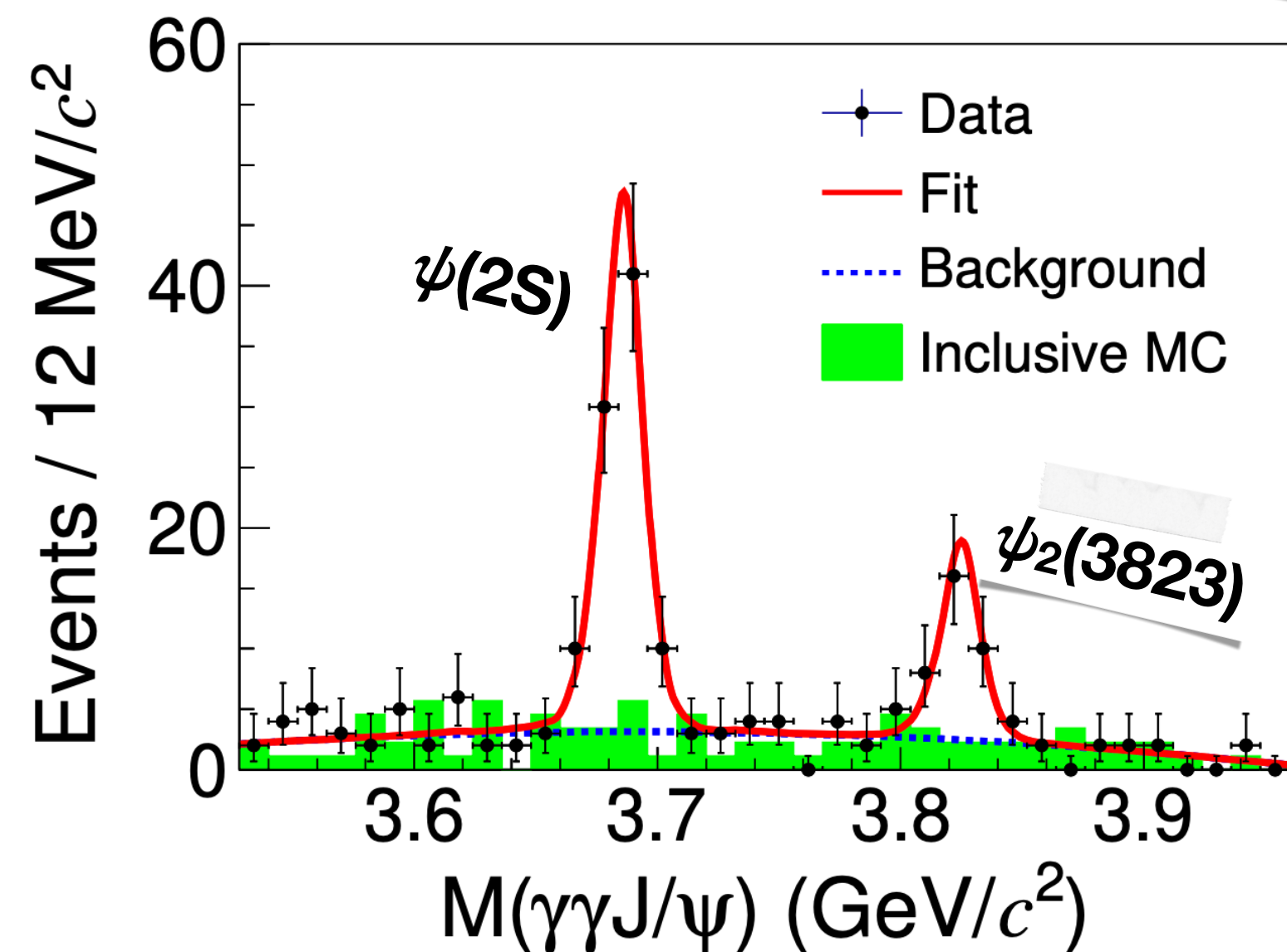
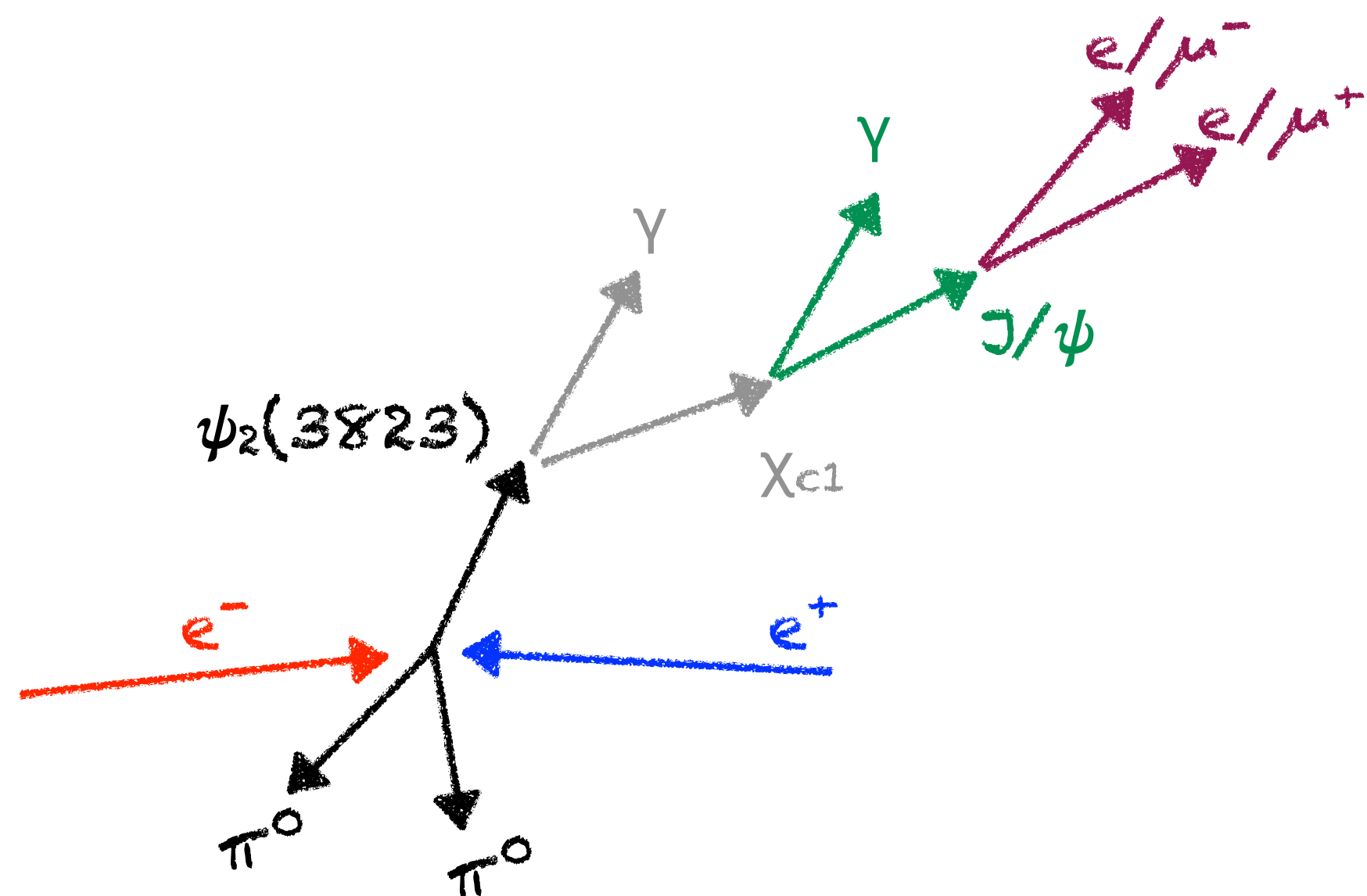
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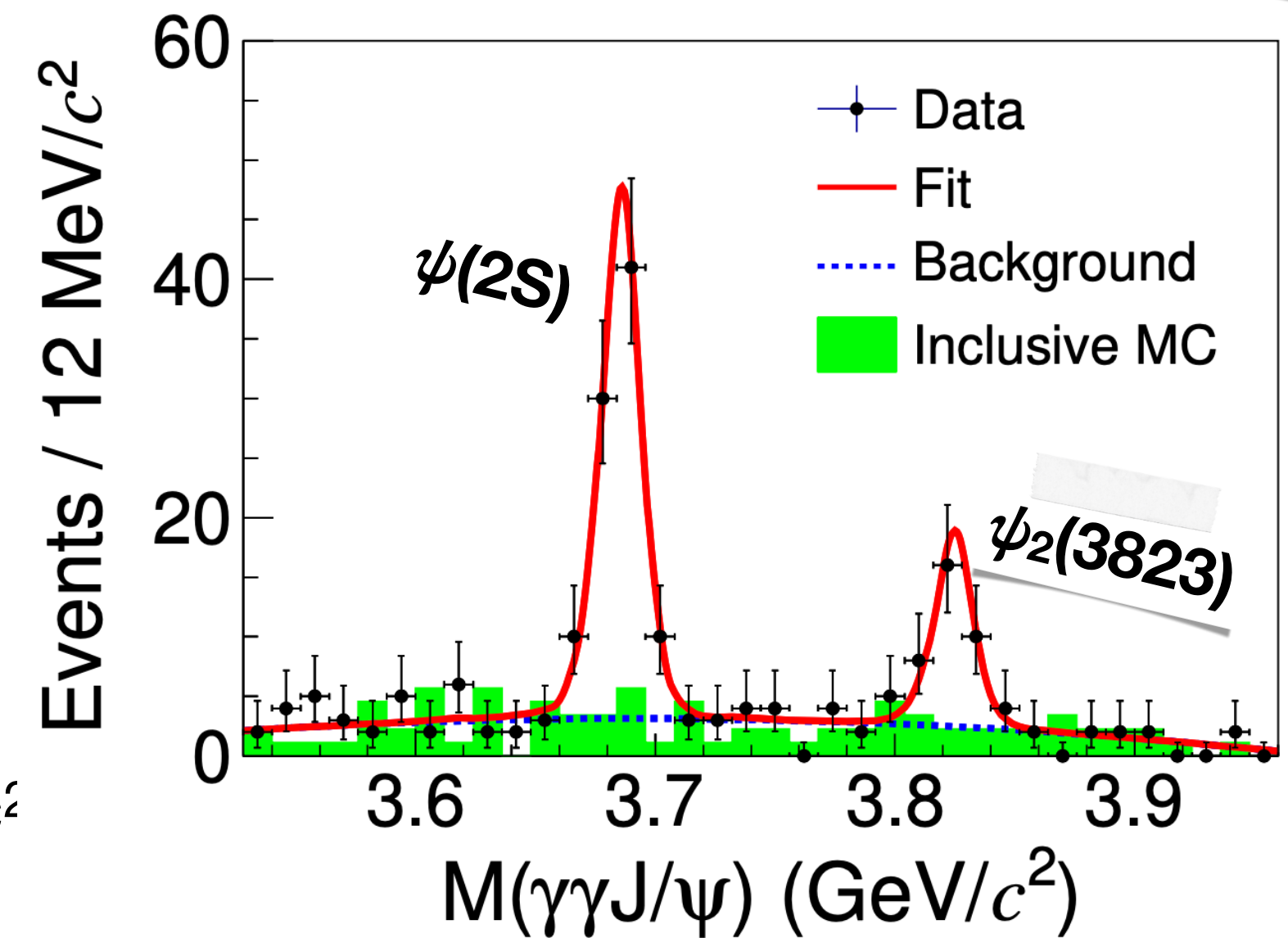
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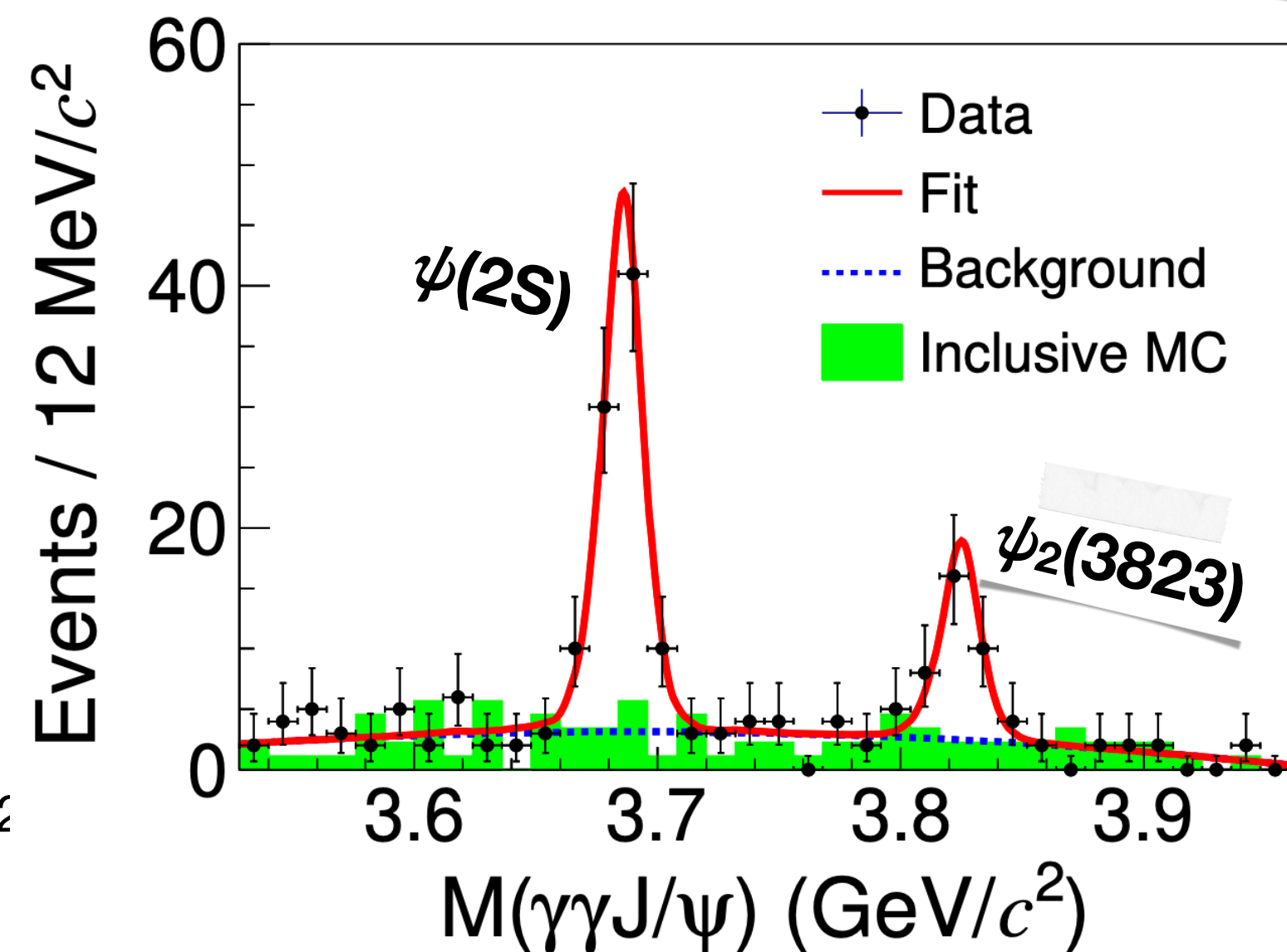
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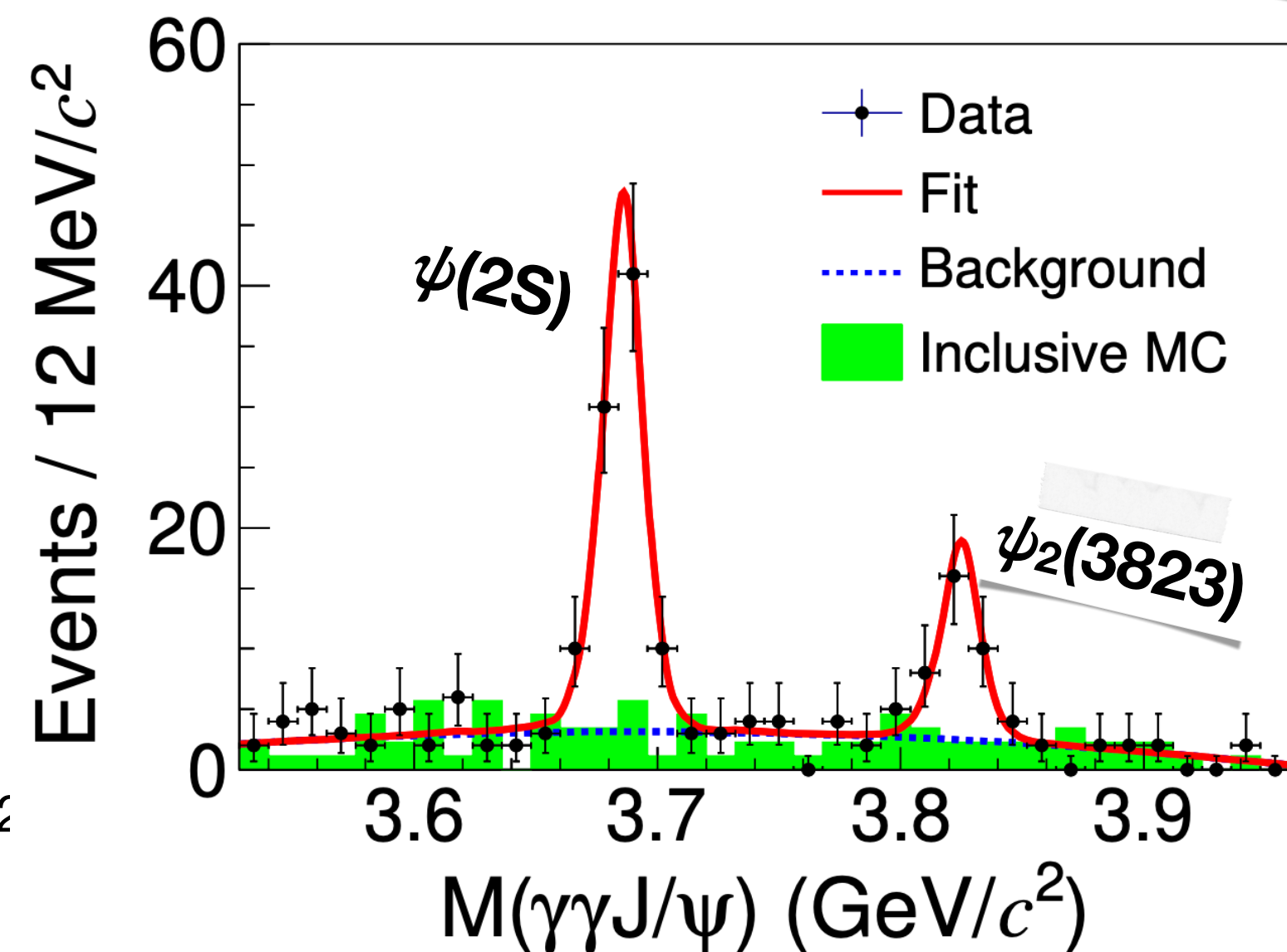
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Consistent with isospin symmetry

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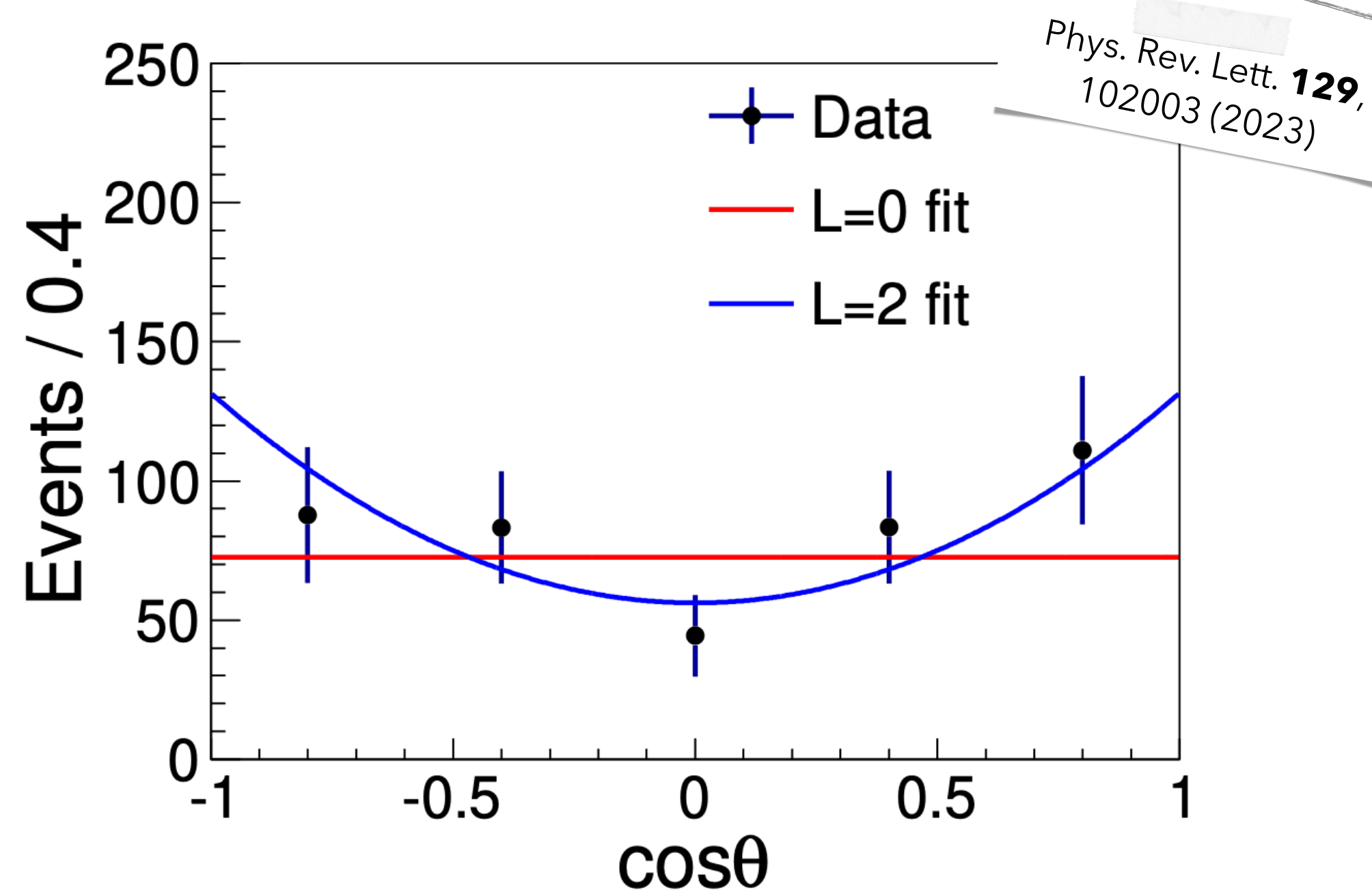
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The $\pi^+\pi^-$ system in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi_2(3823)$ process is expected to be dominated by S-wave

If this was true and $\psi_2(3823)$ was a $\psi_2(1^3D_2)$ state, the relative orbital angular momentum should be 2

Since $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ is forbidden, the observation of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi_2(3823)$ corroborates the S-wave ($f_0(500) \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$) expectation

This, together with mass estimations and width upper limits supports the $J^{PC} = 2^{--}$ assignment and the hypothesis that the $\psi_2(3823)$ is a $\psi_2(1^3D_2)$ state



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Simultaneous fit to $M_{\text{recoil}}(\gamma_{\text{rad}})$ for the $\underline{\gamma\pi\pi\ell\ell}$ and $\underline{\gamma\pi\ell\ell}$ events

In the assumption that the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ is a pure $\chi_{c1}(2^3P_1)$ state [19]

$$\frac{\Gamma(2^3P_1 \rightarrow \pi^0\chi_{c1})}{\Gamma(2^3P_1 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\chi_{c1})} \sim 0.04$$

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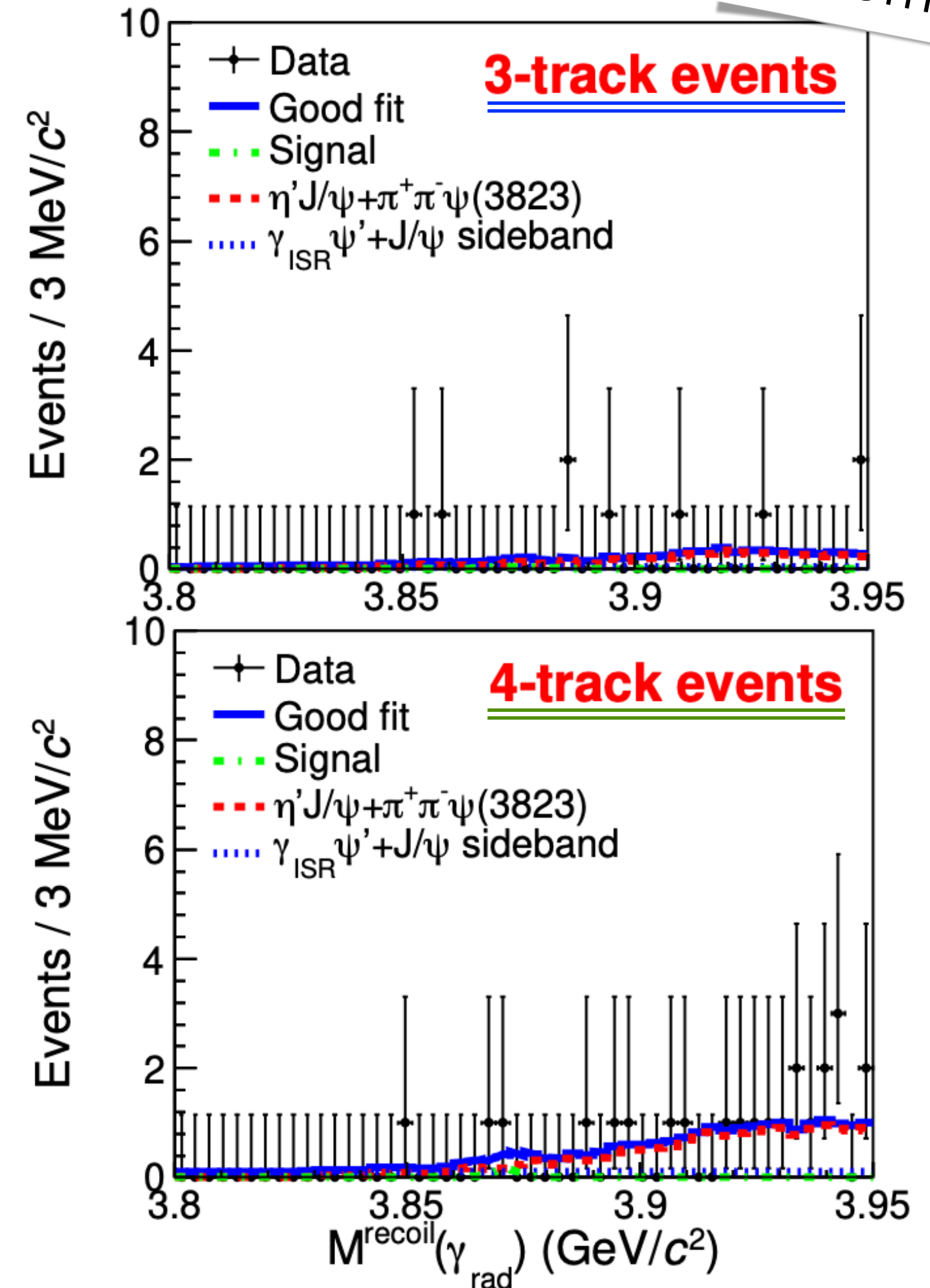
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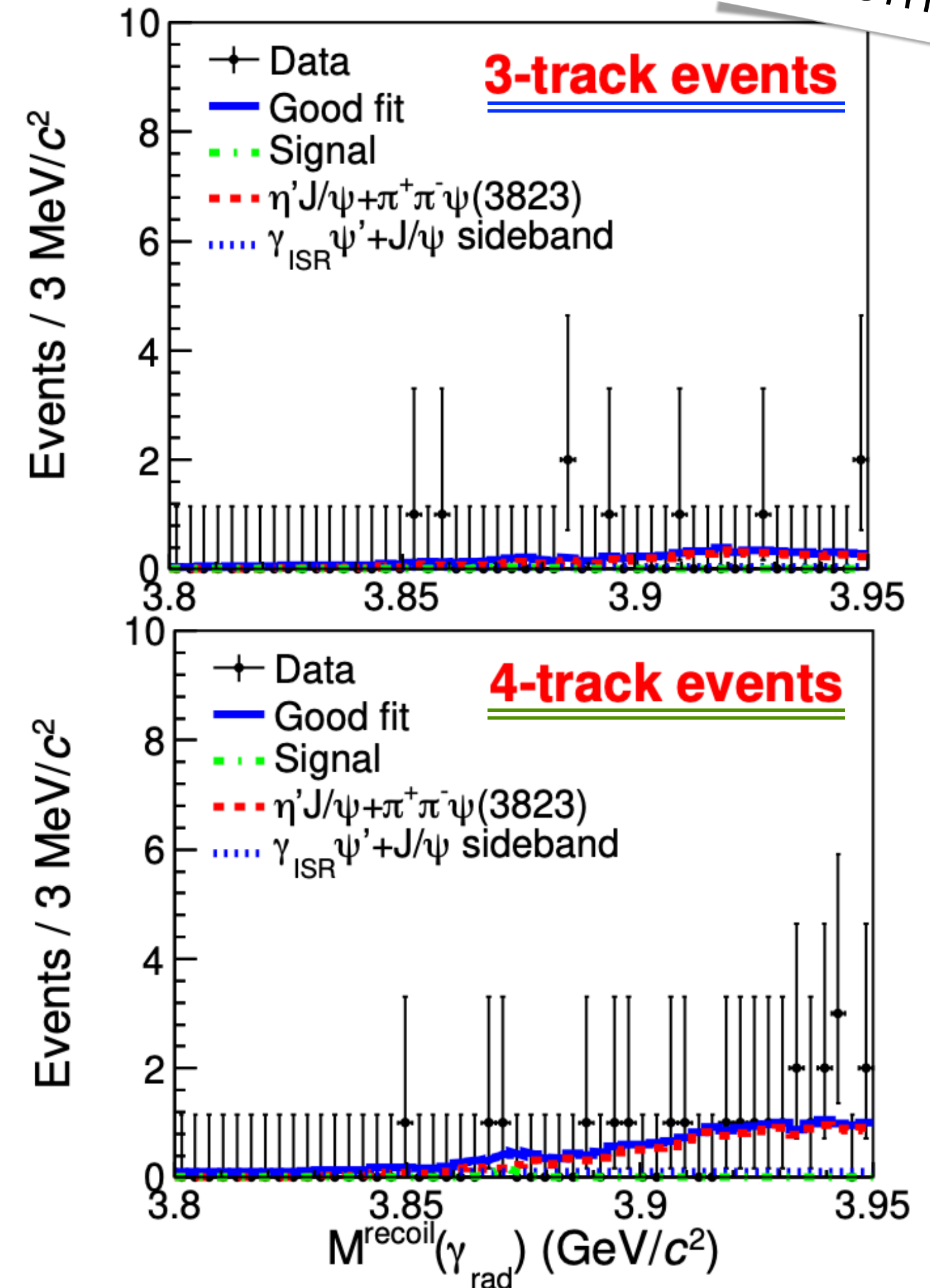
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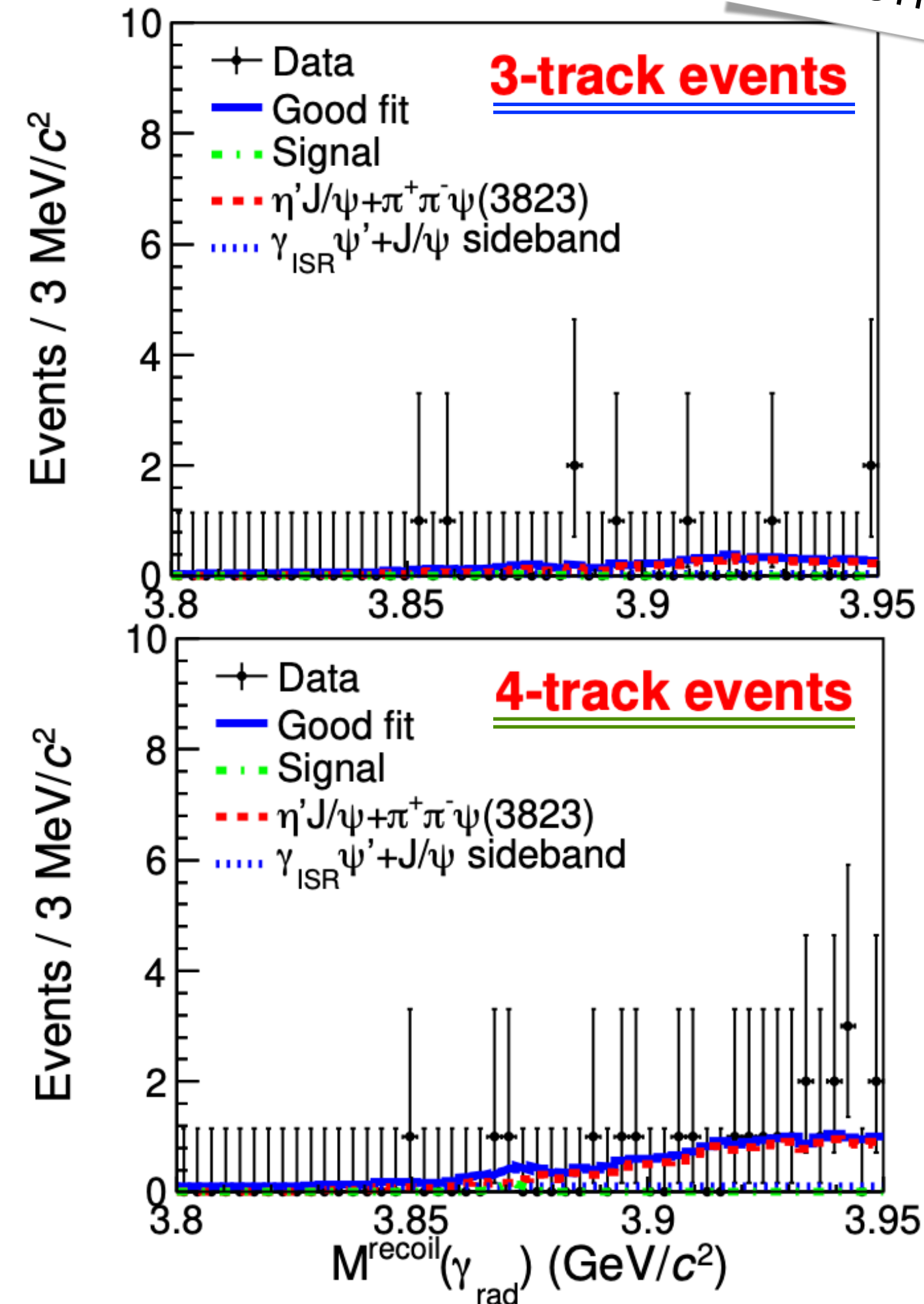
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$$\frac{\Gamma(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0\chi_{c1})}{\Gamma(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\chi_{c1})} > 0.5$$

favouring the a non-conventional component for the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state [20]



Summary

BESIII started taking data in '08, and since then it has been **exploring and shedding light** on the **charmonium decays**

The **largest datasets** of **$c\bar{c}$ vector** states collected by BESIII provide the power not to only search for rare vector decays but also to **probe theoretical predictions** with **non-vector decays**

Datasets above the **$D\bar{D}$ threshold** shed new light on charmonium decays and allow us to **discern** among **theoretical expectations** and to **understand** the **nature of charmonia**

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**Thank you
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BESIII Collaboration

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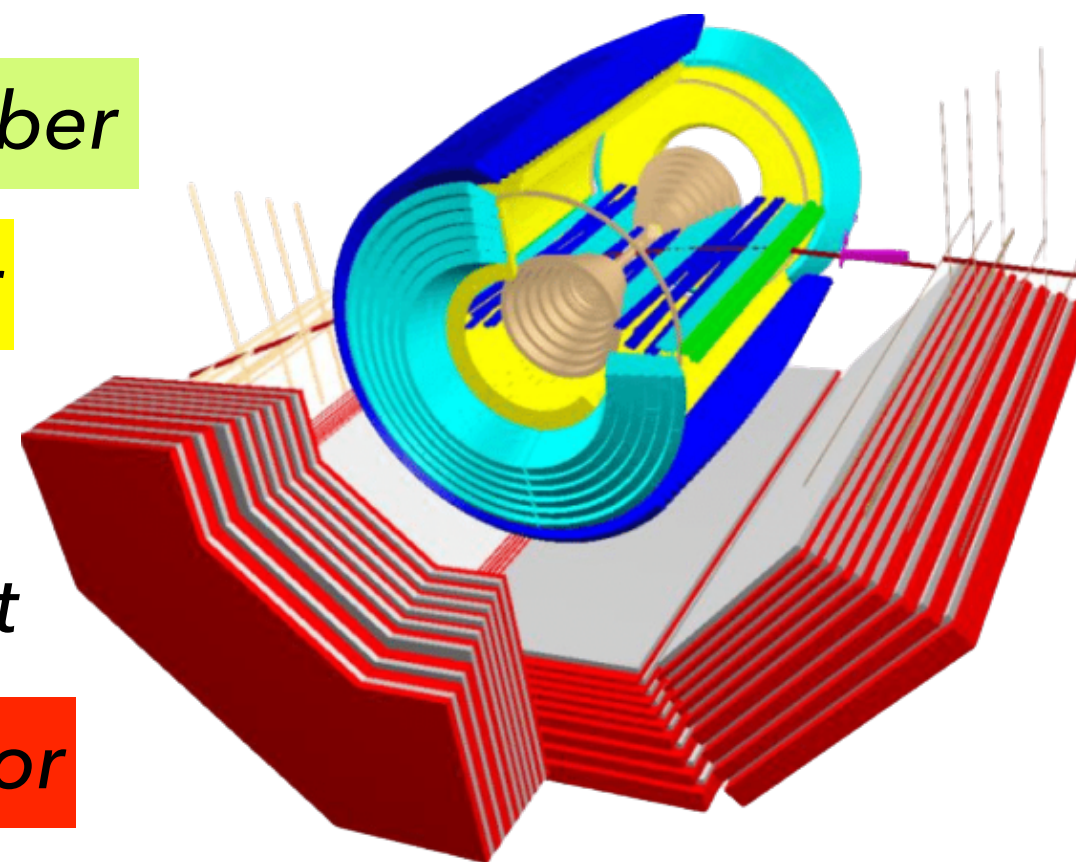
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MDC

Single wire $\sigma_{r\phi}$ (1 GeV)	130 μm
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σ_p/p (1 GeV)	0.5 %
$\sigma_{dE/dx}$ (1 GeV)	6 %

EMC

σ_E/E (1 GeV)	2.5 %
Position resolution (1 GeV)	0.6 cm

TOF

σ_T	
Barrel (1 GeV/c muons)	100 ps
End cap (0.8 GeV/c pions)	65 ps

Muon Identifier

No. of layers (barrel/end cap)	9/8
Cut-off momentum	0.4 GeV/c

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225M J/ψ
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2011: 2.9 fb⁻¹ (total) at $\psi(3770)$
482 pb⁻¹ at 4.01 GeV
2012: 0.45B (total) $\psi(2S)$
1.3B (total) J/ψ
2013: 1092 pb⁻¹ at 4.23 GeV
826 pb⁻¹ at 4.26 GeV
540 pb⁻¹ at 4.36 GeV
10 × 50 pb⁻¹ scan 3.81 — 4.42 GeV
2014: 1029 pb⁻¹ at 4.42 GeV
110 pb⁻¹ at 4.47 GeV
110 pb⁻¹ at 4.53 GeV
48 pb⁻¹ at 4.575 GeV
567 pb⁻¹ at 4.6 GeV
0.8 fb⁻¹ R-scan 3.85 — 4.59 GeV
2015: R-scan 2 — 3 GeV + 2.175 GeV
2016: ~3fb⁻¹ at 4.18 GeV (for D_s)
2017: 7 × 500 pb⁻¹ scan 4.19 — 4.27 GeV
2018: more J/ψ (and tuning new RF cavity)
2019: 10B (total) J/ψ
8 × 500 pb⁻¹ scan 4.13, 4.16, 4.29 — 4.44 GeV
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3.0B (total) $\psi(2S)$

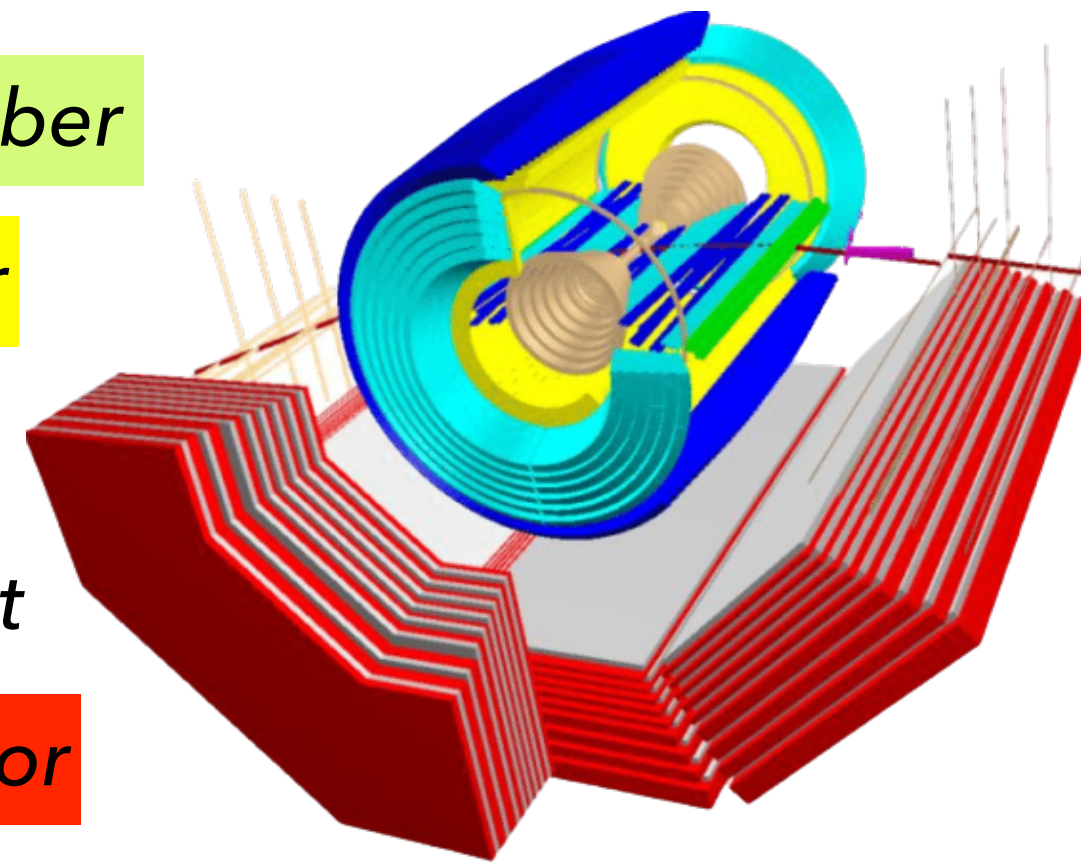
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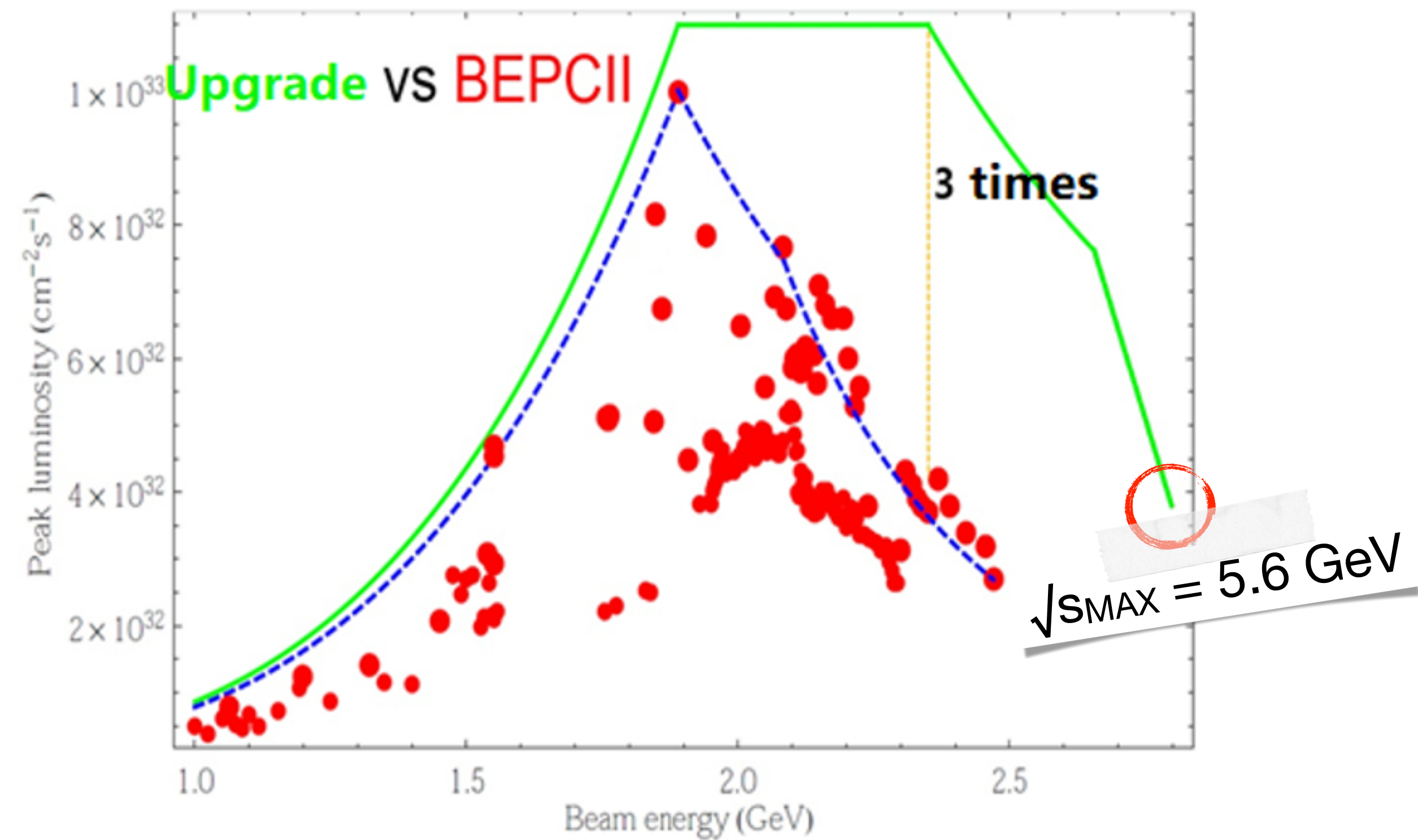
Born Cross-sections

Energy & Luminosity

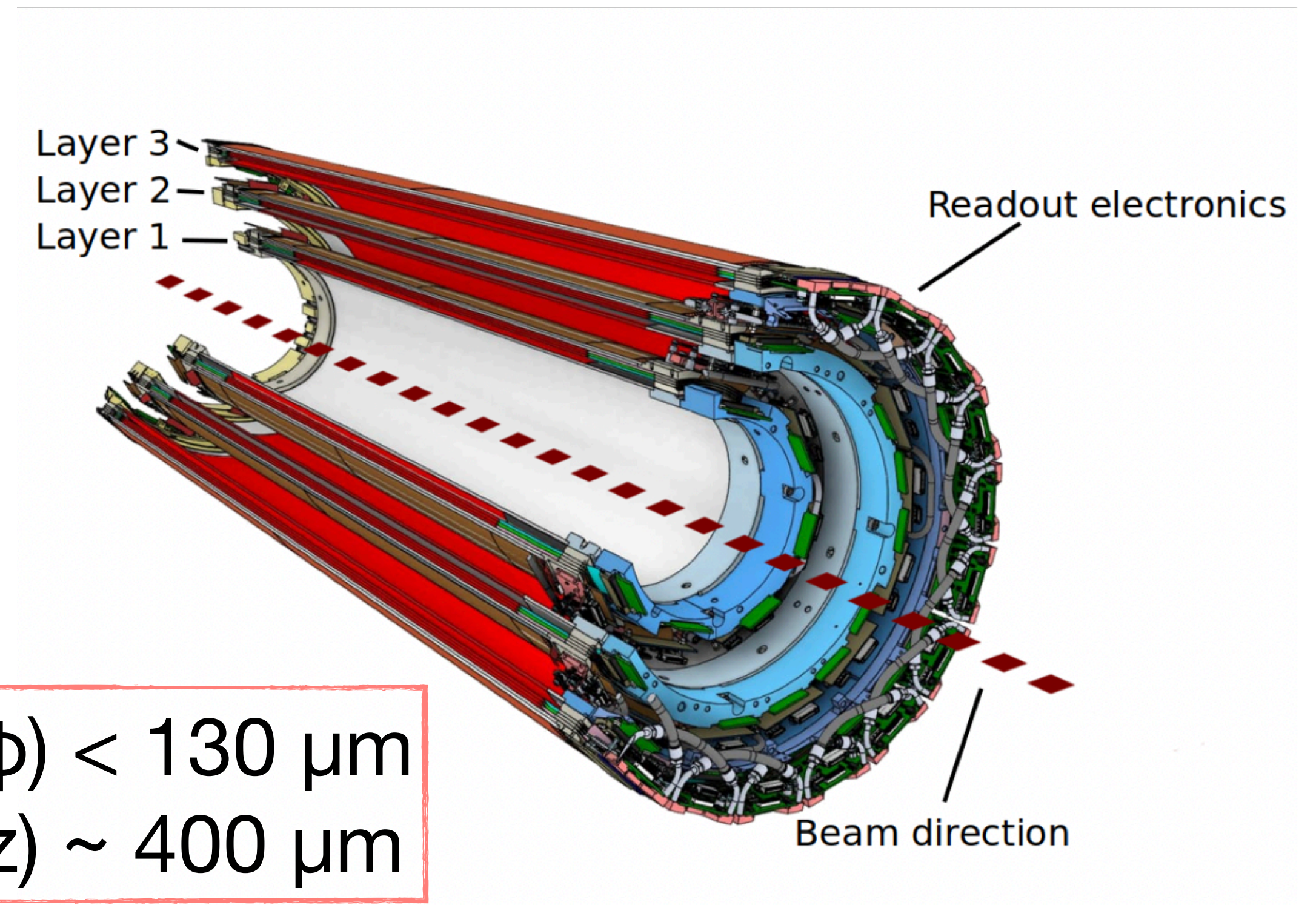
\sqrt{s} (GeV)

3.77

4.70



CGEM-IT



$\delta(\phi) < 130 \mu\text{m}$
 $\delta(z) \sim 400 \mu\text{m}$