## Discovery of a Glueball-like particle X(2370) @ **Hestime**

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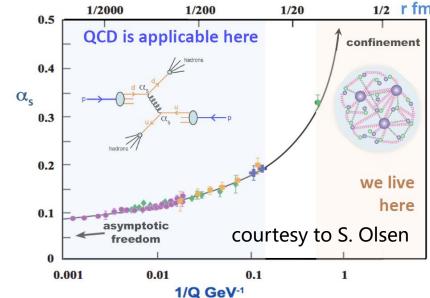


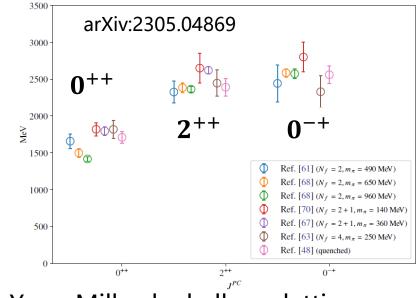
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## Glueballs

- Glueballs are the most direct prediction of QCD
  - Color singlets emerge as a consequence of the gluon selfinteractions
- Essential for understanding of confinement and mass dynamical generation
  - Gluon degree of freedom in the low energy
- Theoretical predictions from lattice QCD and QCDinspired models mostly consistent
  - Light-mass glueballs:  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}, 2^{++}, 0^{-+}$





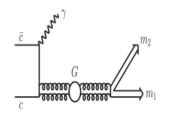
Yang-Mills glueballs on lattice (quenched and unquenched results)

## Glueball hunting for over 40 years

- Supernumerary states that do not fit into  $q\overline{q}$  multiplets
  - A priori, mixed with nearby  $q\overline{q}$
  - Assignment of some  $q \overline{q}$  multiplets difficult
- Production: Strongly produced in gluonrich processes
- Decay: gluon is flavor-blind
  - No dominate decay mode
  - SU(3)<sub>flavor</sub> symmetry expected
  - No rigorous predictions
    - Could be analogy to OZI suppressed decays of charmonium, as they all decay via gluons [PLB 380 189(1996), Commu. Theor. Phys. 24.373(1995)]

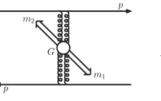


[Phys. Rept. 454 1]



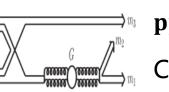
#### Charmonium decays:

BESIII, MRKIII...



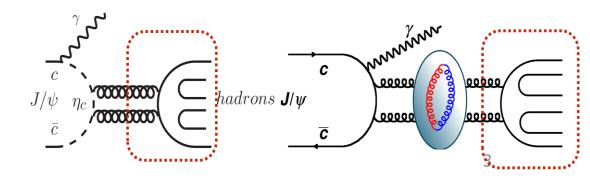
#### pp double-Pomeron exchange:

WA102, GAMS...

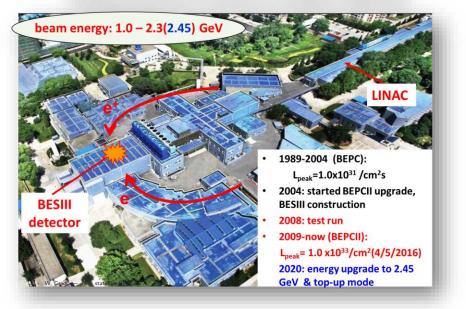


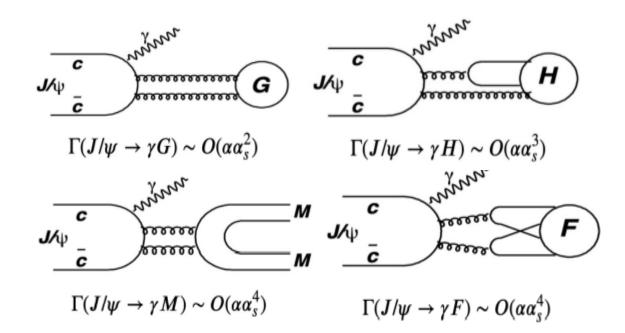
### $p\overline{p}$ annihilation:

Crystal barrel, OBELIX...



**Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPCII)** 





## Charmonium decays provide an ideal lab for glueballs

- Gluon-rich process
- Well defined initial and final states
  - Kinematic constraints
  - Isospin and J<sup>PC</sup> filters
- Clean high statistics data samples:  $10 \times 10^9 \text{ J/}\psi$  and 2.7  $\times 10^9 \psi'$  @ BESIII
  - High cross sections of  $e^+e^- \to J/\psi, ~\psi'$
  - Low background

## Scalar glueball candidate

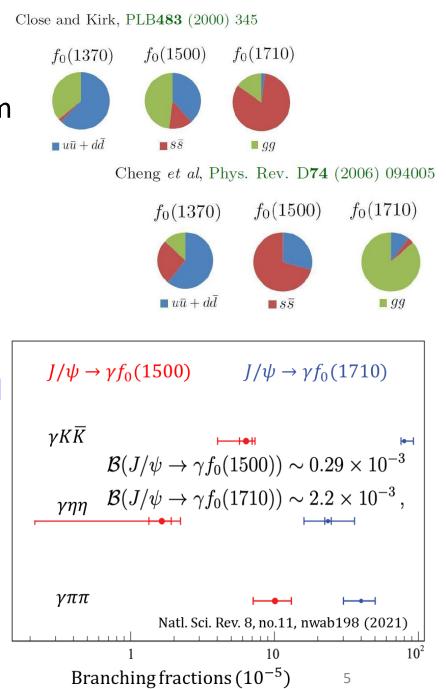
- Supernumerary scalars suggest additional degrees of freedom
  - However, mixing scenarios are controversial
- Measured  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_0(1710))$  is **x10 larger** than  $f_0(1500)$

BESIII [PRD 87 092009, PRD 92 052003, PRD 98 072003]

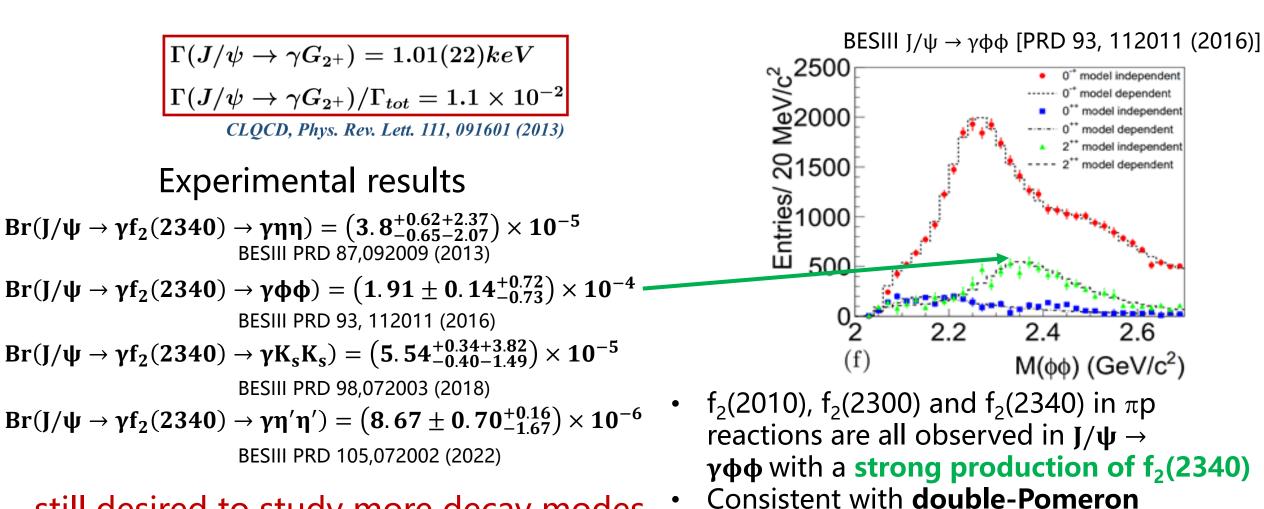
- LQCD:  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0+})/\Gamma_{total} = 3.8(9) \times 10^{-3}$ [PRL 110, 091601(2013)] > BESIII:  $f_0(1710)$  largely overlays with the scalar glueball
- Identification of scalar glueball with coupled-channel analyses based on BESIII data

[PLB 816, 136227 (2021), EPJC 82, 80 (2022), PLB 826, 136906 (2022)]

• Further more, suppression of  $f_0(1710) \rightarrow \eta \eta'$  supports  $f_0(1710)$  has a large overlap with glueball BESIII [PRD 106 072012(2022)]



## Indications of tensor glueball



exchange from WA102@CERN

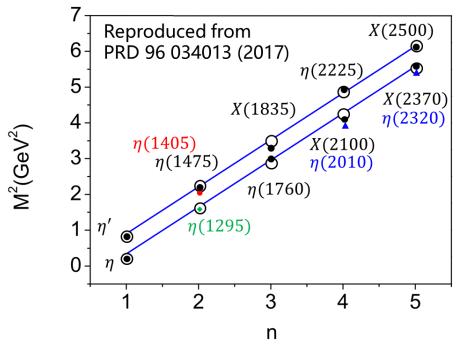
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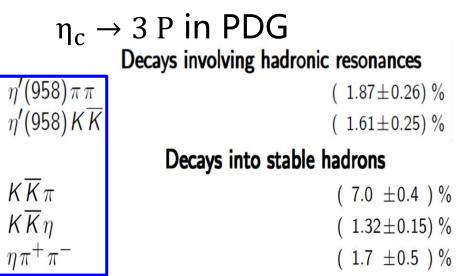
still desired to study more decay modes

More complicated due to the large number of tensor states

# Where is the 0<sup>-+</sup> glueball

- Pseudoscalar sector, a promising window
  - Only  $\eta,\,\eta'$  (& radial excitations) from quark model
- Mass
  - LQCD: 0<sup>-+</sup> glueball (2.3~2.6 GeV)
  - The first glueball candidate:  $\iota(1440)$  (Split into  $\eta(1405)$  and  $\eta(1475)$ )
    - Mass incompatible with LQCD
  - Little experimental information above 2 GeV
- Production
  - LQCD:  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0-})/\Gamma_{total} = 2.31(80) \times 10^{-4}$ , at the same level as 0<sup>-+</sup> mesons [PRD.100.054511(2019)]
- Decays
  - Possible guidance: OZI suppressed decays of  $\eta_c$
  - 3 pseudoscalar final state is a good place to look for  $(0^{-+} \rightarrow 2P \text{ is forbidden})$





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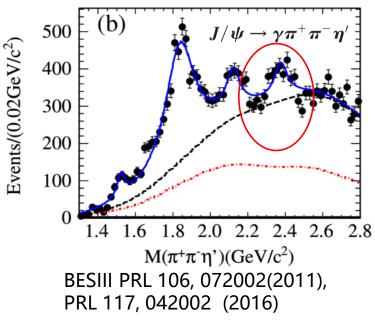
- No dominant decay
- Flavor symmetric<sup>7</sup>

## Observation of X(2370)

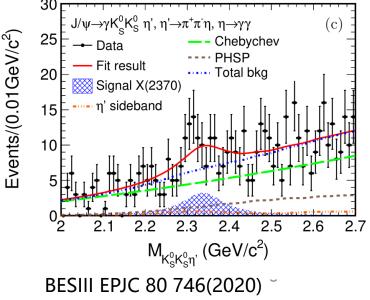
- Discovered by BESIII in  $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta' \pi \pi$  in 2011
- Confirmed by BESIII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi \pi$ ,  $\gamma \eta' KK$ 
  - Not seen in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \eta \eta$  [BESIII PRD 103 012009 (2021)],  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \varphi$  [BESIII arXiv: 2401.00918]. Upper limits of BF are well consistent with predictions of 0<sup>-+</sup>glueball
- A good candidate for 0<sup>-+</sup>glueball
- Mass is consistent with LQCD predictions
- Produced in the gluon-rich  $J/\psi$  radiative decays
- Observed in both  $\eta'\pi\pi$  and  $\,\eta'KK$

## → Determination of its spin-parity is crucial

 $J/\psi\to\gamma\eta'\pi\pi$ 

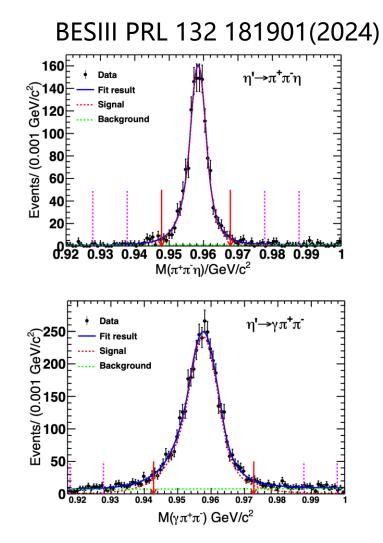


 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' K K$ 

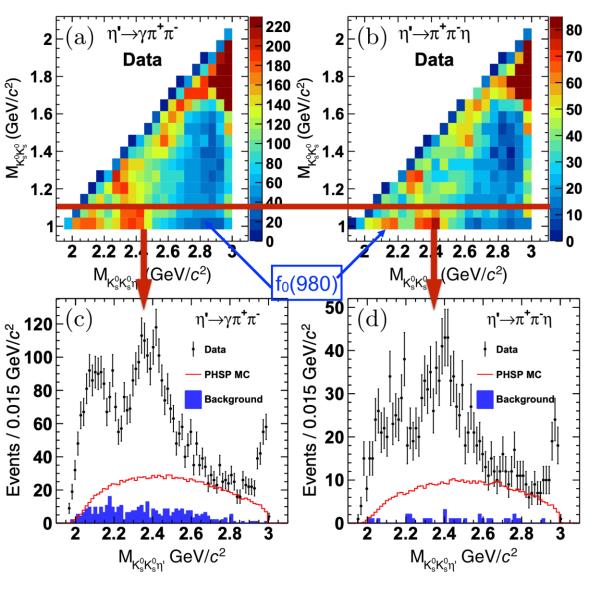


## Spin-parity Determination of X(2370) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' K_S^0 K_S^0$

- $\eta^\prime$  reconstructed with  $\eta\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$
- $K^0_S$  reconstructed with  $\pi^+\pi^-$
- Almost background free
  - Negligible mis-combination for  $K_S^0$  ( <0.1%)
  - No background from  $J/\psi \to \pi^0 \eta' K^0_S K^0_S~~ \text{or}~ \eta' K^0_S K^0_S$ 
    - Forbidden by exchange symmetry and CP conservation
  - No peaking background
  - Little Non-  $\eta'$  backgrounds estimated from  $\eta'$  sidebands
    - + 1.8% for  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ , 6.8% for  $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$



### Spin-parity Determination of X(2370) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' K_S^0 K_S^0$ BESIII PRL 132 181901(2024)

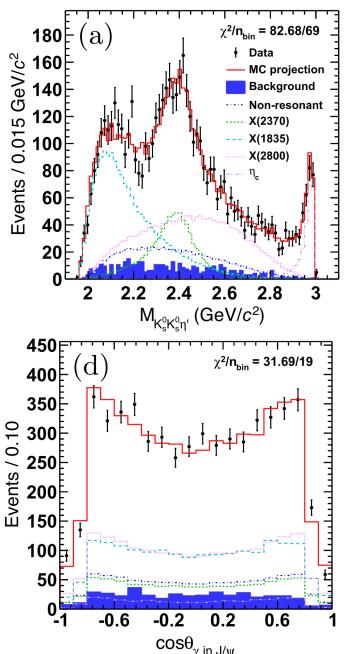


- A clear connection between the  $f_0(980)$  and  $X(2370)/\eta_c$ 
  - $f_0(980)$  selection with  $M(K_S^0K_S^0) < 1.1 \text{GeV}/c^2$
  - Clear signals of the X(2370) and  $\eta_{c}$

### • Amplitude analysis

• Quasi two-body decay amplitudes in the sequential decay processes  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow Y\eta', Y \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$  and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow Z K_S^0, Z \rightarrow K_S^0 \eta'$  are constructed using the covariant tensor formalism[Eur. Phys. J. A 16, 537]

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### BESIII PRL 132 181901(2024)

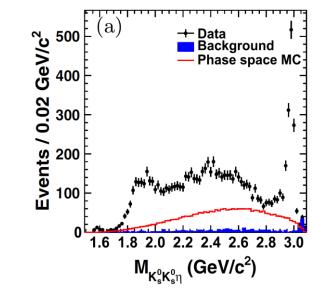
### Nominal fit solution

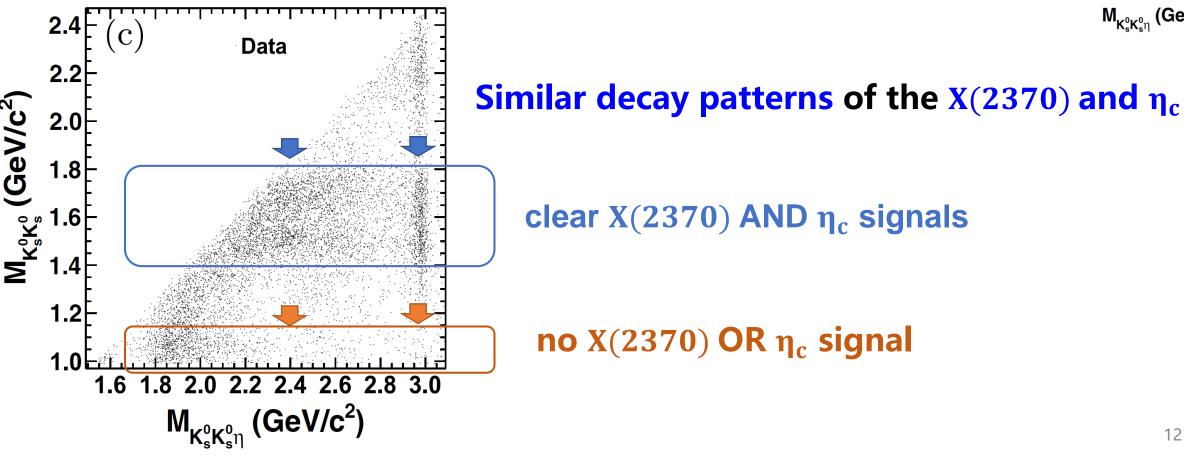
state	$J^{PC}$	Decay mode	Mass $(MeV/c^2)$	Width $(MeV/c^2)$	Significance
X(2370)	0^-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	$2395^{+11}_{-11}$	$188^{+18}_{-17}$	$14.9\sigma$
X(1835)	0^-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	1844	192	$22.0\sigma$
X(2800)	0^-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	$2799^{+52}_{-48}$	$660^{+180}_{-116}$	$16.4\sigma$
$\eta_c$	0-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	2983.9	32.0	$> 20.0\sigma$
PHSP	0-+	$\eta'(K^0_S K^0_S)_{S-wave}$			$9.0\sigma$
		$\eta'(K_S^0K_S^0)_{D-wave}$			$16.3\sigma$

- X(2370)'s  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$  with 9.8  $\sigma$
- Product branching fraction:  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370)B(X(2370) \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0 K_S^0)B(f_0(980) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)$  $= (1.31 \pm 0.22^{+2.85}_{-0.84}) \times 10^{-5}$

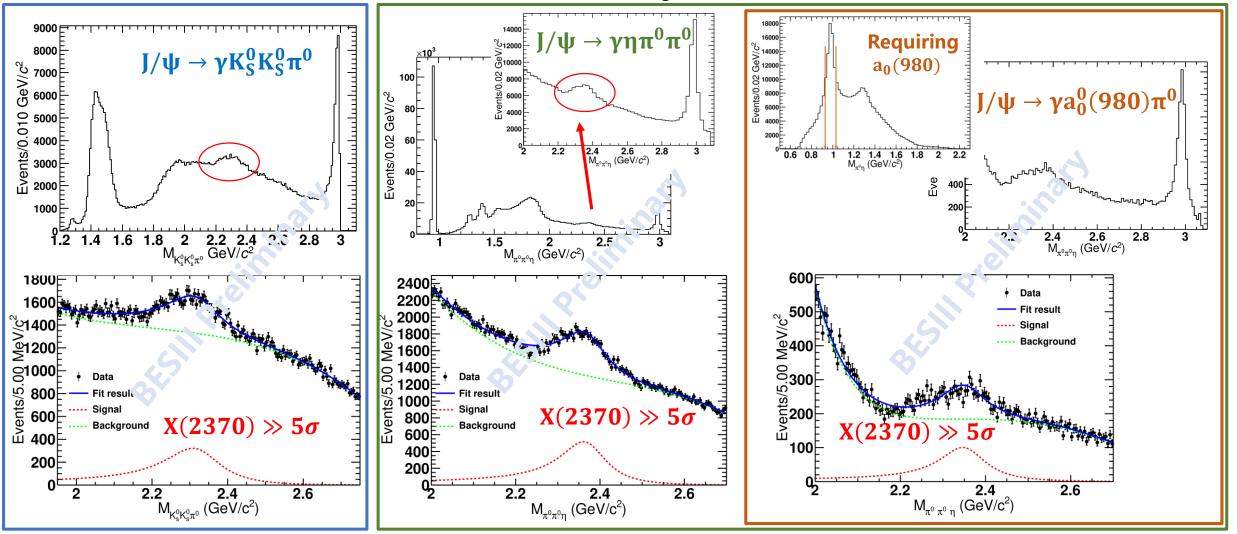
**X**(2370) seen in J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta$ 

Observation and Spin-Parity Determination of the X(1835) in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta$ BESIII PRL 115 091803(2015)





## Observation of new decay modes of X(2370)



•  $X(2370) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0$ , \*  $\eta \pi^0 \pi^0$ ,  $a_0^0 (980) \pi^0$  firstly observed, all accompanied with  $\eta_c$ 

\*  $\eta(2320) \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta, \eta\pi\pi$  [PL B496 145(2000)] could be the current X(2370) at BESIII<sup>13</sup>

## Summary

- BESIII has a rich program of light QCD exotic studies
  - $10 \times 10^9$  J/ $\psi$  and 2.7  $\times 10^9 \psi'$  on disk
  - Running until ~2030
- X(2370) observed in the gluon-rich J/ $\psi$  radiative decays
  - J<sup>PC</sup> determined to be 0<sup>-+</sup>
  - Mass and production rate consistent with LQCD
  - Decay modes  $X(2370) \rightarrow$

η'ππ, η'KK,  $K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta$ ,  $K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0$ , ηπ<sup>0</sup>π<sup>0</sup>,  $a_0^0$ (980)π<sup>0</sup> observed, in analog to η<sub>c</sub>

• Further experimental + theoretical efforts essential to improve our understanding of glueballs

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Consistent with 0<sup>-+</sup> glueball

# Backup slides

## Observation of An Exotic $1^{-+}$ Isoscalar State $\eta_1(1855)$

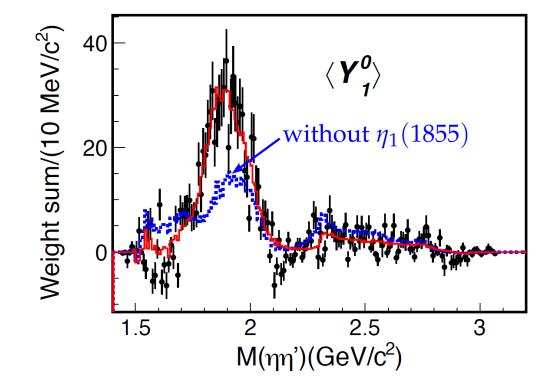
PRL 129 192002(2022), PRD 106 072012(2022)

- Unambiguous signature for exotics
  - J<sup>PC</sup> forbidden for qq: 0<sup>--</sup>, even<sup>+-</sup>, odd<sup>-+</sup>
- An isoscalar 1<sup>-+</sup> ,  $\eta_1(1855)$ , has been observed in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta'$  (>19 $\sigma$ )

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{M} &= \left(1855 \pm 9^{+6}_{-1}\right) \mathsf{MeV/c^2}, \, \Gamma = \left(188 \pm 18^{+3}_{-8}\right) \mathsf{MeV/c^2} \\ \mathsf{B}(\mathsf{J/\psi} \to \gamma \eta_1(1855) \to \gamma \eta \eta') &= \left(2.70 \pm 0.41^{+0.16}_{-0.35}\right) \times 10^{-6} \end{split}$$

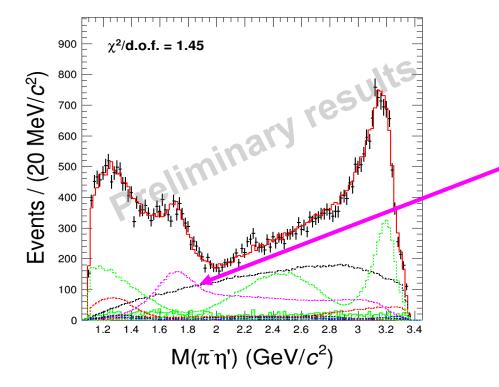
- Mass consistent with hybrid on LQCD
- Inspired many interpretations: Hybrid/KK<sub>1</sub>Molecule/Tetraquark?

**Opens a new direction to completing the picture of spin-exotics** 16



# Observation of $\pi_1(1600)$ in $\chi_{c_1} \rightarrow \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$

2.7 × 10<sup>9</sup>  $\psi$ (3686)@BESIII [preliminary]

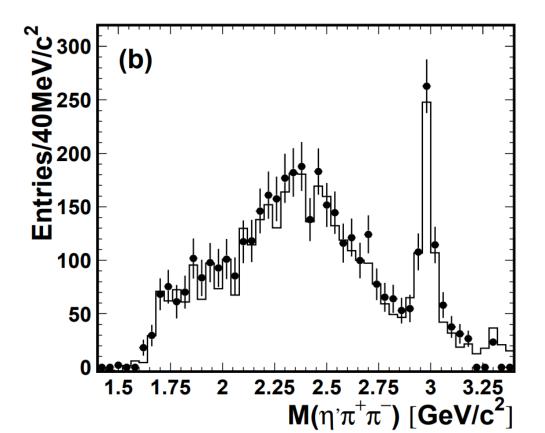


- Amplitude analysis of  $\chi_{c_1} \rightarrow \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$  is performed
- $\pi_1(1600)$  observed>10 $\sigma$
- with a significant BW phase motion
- $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$ , better than other assignments well over  $10\sigma$ 
  - Evidence of  $\pi_1 \rightarrow \eta' \pi$  at CLEO-c is confirmed [ PR D84 112009 (2011)]

Observations of  $\pi_1$  and  $\eta_1$  in charmonium decays provide a new path to study  $1^{-+}$ 

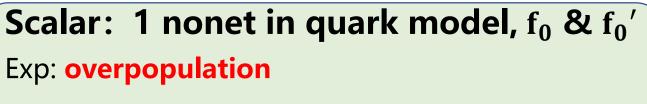
• 
$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \eta'\pi^+\pi^-$$

Belle PRD 86 052002(2012)



# What we have learned before

-- from MarkIII, BES, Crystal barrel, OBELIX, WA102, GAMS, E852, ...

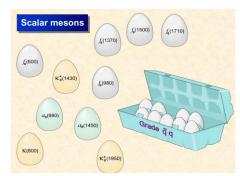


LQCD : ground state 0<sup>+</sup> glueball ~1.7 GeV;  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0+})/\Gamma_{total} = 3.8(9) \times 10^{-3}$ Tensor: 2 nonets(<sup>3</sup>P<sub>2</sub>, <sup>3</sup>F<sub>2</sub>), complicated Exp: large uncertainty LQCD: 2<sup>++</sup>(2.3~2.4 GeV);  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2+})/\Gamma_{total} = 1.1(2) \times 10^{-2}$ 

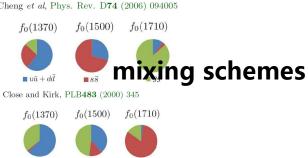
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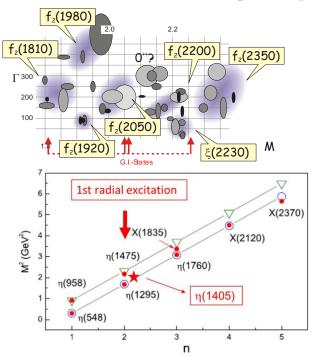
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η(1405/1475)?
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LQCD:  $0^{-+}(2.3 \sim 2.6 \text{ GeV})$  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0-})/\Gamma_{total} = 2.31(80) \times 10^{-4}$ 



#### e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> annihilation pp annihilation central exclusive production charge-exchange reactions





## Landscape of glueballs has been updated with BESIII' s inputs

Scalar: 1 nonet in quark model,  $f_0 \& f_0'$ 

Exp: overpopulation

LQCD : ground state 0<sup>+</sup> glueball ~1.7 GeV;

 $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0+})/\Gamma_{total} = 3.8(9) \times 10^{-3}$ 

Tensor: 2 nonets(<sup>3</sup>P<sub>2</sub>, <sup>3</sup>F<sub>2</sub>), complicated

Exp: large uncertainty LQCD:  $2^{++}(2.3 \sim 2.4 \text{ GeV});$  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2+})/\Gamma_{total} = 1.1(2) \times 10^{-2}$ 

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LQCD:  $0^{-+}(2.3 \sim 2.6 \text{ GeV})$  $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0-})/\Gamma_{total} = 2.31(80) \times 10^{-4}$  ✓ f<sub>0</sub>(1710) is largely overlapped with the scalar glueball, according to its production and decay properties

 Large production rate of f<sub>2</sub>(2340) in J/ψ radiative decays

 $\checkmark$  Non-observation of  $\eta(1295)$ 

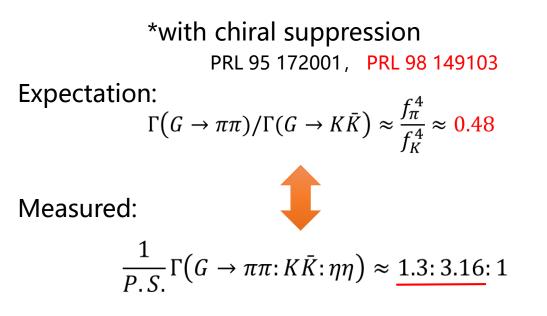
 $\checkmark$  Insights of  $\eta(1405/1475)$ 

✓X(2370): a good candidate with analogy decay pattern as  $η_c$ 

# Scalar glueball candidate: decay properties

Flavor-blindness of glueball decays

$$\frac{1}{P.S.}\Gamma(G \to \pi\pi: K\overline{K}: \eta\eta: \eta\eta': \eta'\eta') = 3:4:1:0:1$$



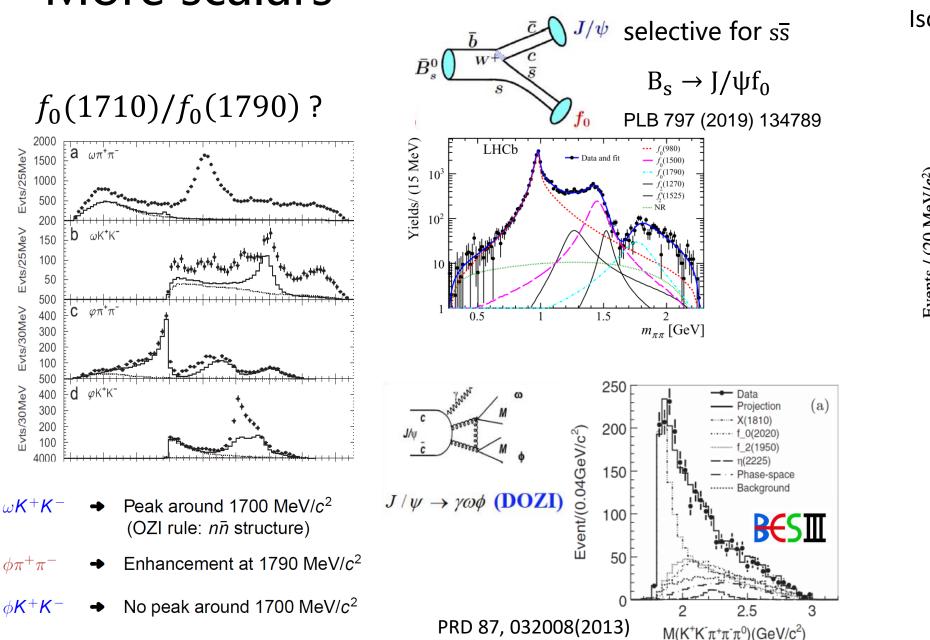
New inputs from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta'$ [BESIII PRL 129 192002(2022), PRD 106 072012(2022]

- Significant  $f_0(1500)$  $\frac{B(f_0(1500) \to \eta \eta')}{B(f_0(1500) \to \pi \pi)} = (1.66^{+0.42}_{-0.40}) \times 10^{-1}$
- Absence of  $f_0(1710)$  consistent with PDG  $\frac{B(f_0(1710) \to \eta \eta')}{B(f_0(1710) \to \pi \pi)} < 2.87 \times 10^{-3} @90\% \text{ C. L.}$
- Supports to the hypothesis that f<sub>0</sub>(1710) overlaps with the ground state scalar glueball
  - Scalar glueball expected to be suppressed  $B(G \rightarrow \eta \eta')/B(G \rightarrow \pi \pi) < 0.04$

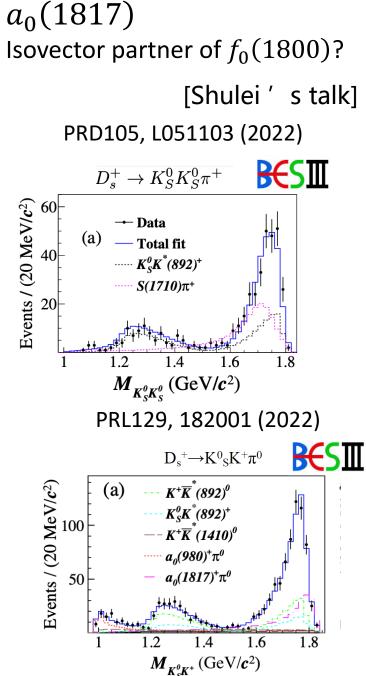
[PR D 92, 121902; PR D 92, 114035]

#### Bottom line: Predictions on mixing scheme and decay property of glueball are model-dependent 21

## More scalars



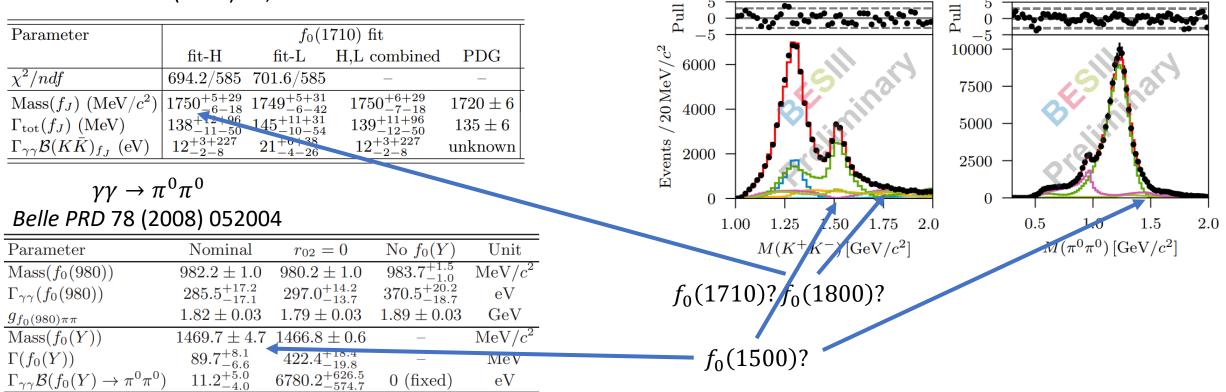
 $f_0(1800)$ 



# Two photon couplings

#### $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow K_S K_S$ Belle PTEP 2013 (2013) 12, 123C01

BESIII preliminary



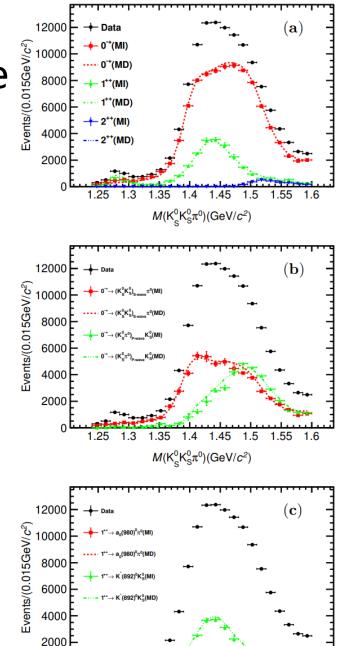
Proper assignment requires more sophisticated model

## Shed new lights on the $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$ puzzle

 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \pi^0$ 

BESIII JHEP 03 121(2023)

- Mass Independent PWA in bins of M(K<sub>S</sub>K<sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup>) to detangle J<sup>PC</sup> components
  - Valuable inputs to develop models
- Mass Dependent PWA with BW to extract resonances
- Consistency between MI and MD results
- Dominated by 0<sup>-+</sup>
  - Two BWs around 1.4 GeV is needed
- $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$  poles in coupled-channel analysis
  - PRD 107, L091505 (2023); PRD 109, 014021 (2024)



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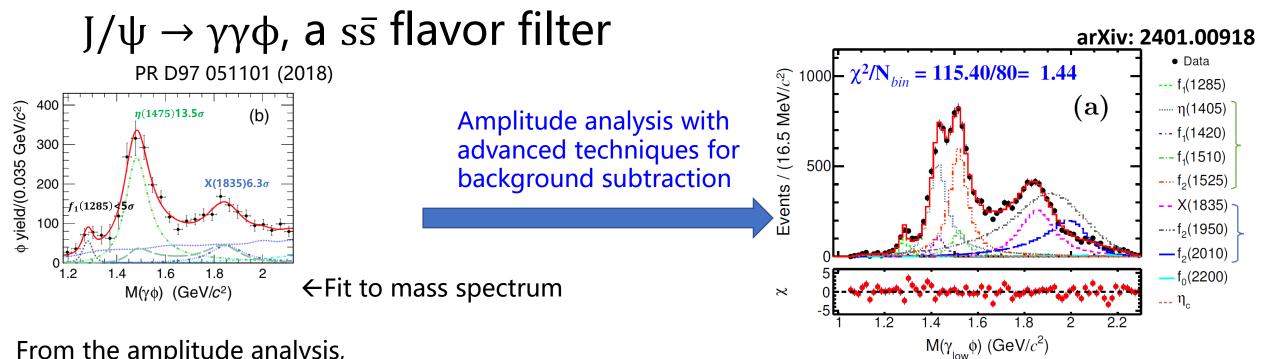
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 $M(K_{c}^{0}K_{S}^{0}\pi^{0})(\text{GeV}/c^{2})$ 

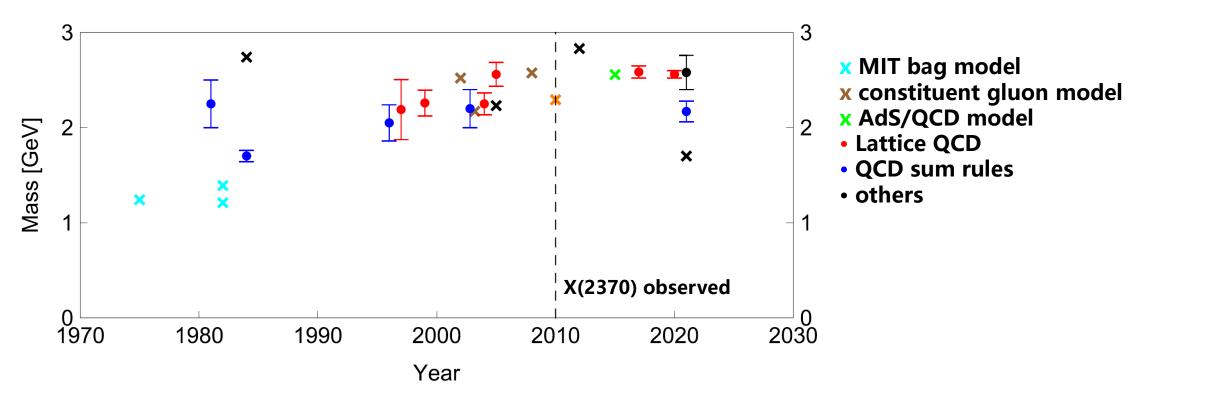
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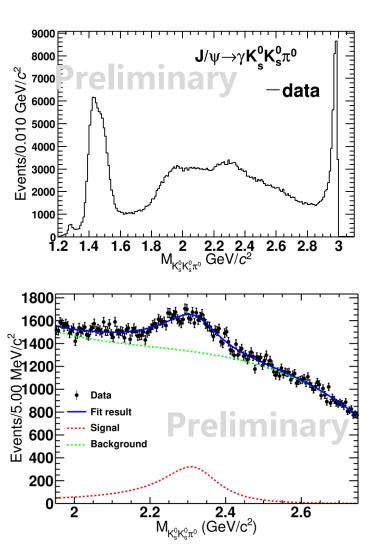


From the amplitude analysis,

- $\eta(1405)$  is observed, while  $\eta(1475)$  can not be excluded
- $X(1835) \rightarrow \gamma \phi$  suggests its assignment of  $\eta'$  excitation
- $\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma \phi$  are observed. The very first radiative decay mode of  $\eta_c$
- Observation of  $f_2(1950)$  and  $f_0(2200) \rightarrow \gamma \phi$  unfavored their glueball interpretations[PRD 108, 014023, arXiv: 2404.01564]
- No evidence of  $X(2370)/\eta_1(1855)$ , well consistent with the predictions for glueball/hybrid [PRD 107, 25 114020, NPA 1037, 122683]

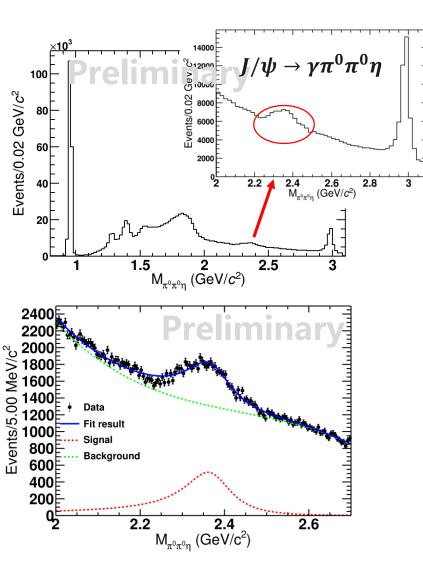


## Observation of new decay mode: $X(2370) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0$



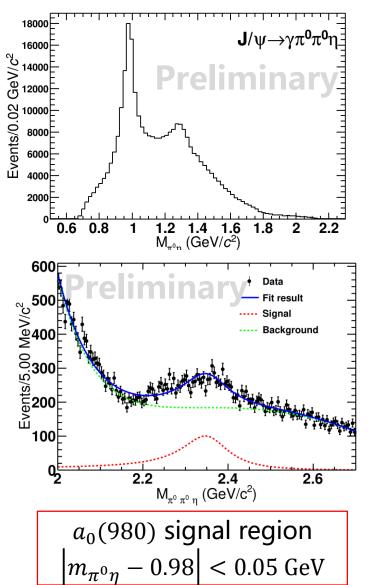
- Almost background free channel
- 1D mass spectrum fit
  - Signal: efficiency weighted BW × PHSP( $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X$ ) factor
  - Background: Chebyshev polynomial
- Statistical significance: >>5σ
- Mass and width (preliminary):
  - $M_{X(2370)} = 2321 \pm 4(stat) \pm 65(syst.) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\Gamma_{X(2370)} = 182 \pm 16(stat) \pm 59(syst.)$  MeV
- Syst. errors sources:
  - fit range, background shapes, intermediate states, possible interference

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- Statistical significance:  $> 5\sigma$
- Mass and width (preliminary):
  - $M_{X(2370)} = 2370 \pm 2(stat) \pm 52(syst.) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\Gamma_{X(2370)} = 134 \pm 8(stat) \pm 30(syst.)$  MeV
- Syst. errors sources:
  - fit range, background shapes, intermediate states, possible interference

## Observation of new decay mode: $X(2370) \rightarrow a_0^0(980)\pi^0$



- Clear  $a_0(980)$  signal in  $m_{\pi^0\eta}$  spectrum
- 1D mass spectrum fit
  - Signal: efficiency weighted BW × PHSP(J/  $\psi \rightarrow \gamma X$ ) factor × PHSP( $X \rightarrow a_0^0$  (980) $\pi^0$ ) factor
  - Background: Chebyshev polynomial
- Statistical significance: >>5σ
- Mass and width (preliminary):
  - $M_{X(2370)} = 2352 \pm 3(stat) \pm 74(syst.) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\Gamma_{X(2370)} = 134 \pm 4(stat) \pm 62(syst.) \text{ MeV}$
- Syst. errors sources:
  - fit range, background shapes, possible interference

# Amplitude analysis

Amplitude analysis is a key tool of hadron spectroscopy to disentangle contributions from individual resonances and to extract the resonance's spin-parity, mass, width and decay properties

 $Prob(\xi; \alpha) = \frac{\omega(\xi, \alpha)\epsilon(\xi)}{\int d\xi \omega(\xi, \alpha)\epsilon(\xi)} \qquad \xi \text{ (the four-momenta of the final-state particles),} \\ \omega(\xi, \alpha) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Phi} = |\sum_i A_i|^2 \text{ differential cross section,} \\ \log(\xi, \alpha) = \frac{\delta}{d\Phi} = |\sum_i A_i|^2 \text{ differential cross section,} \\ \varepsilon(\xi) \text{ efficiency} \end{cases}$ 

For  $J/\psi$  radiative decays [Eur. Phys. J. A 16, 537]

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \psi_{\mu}(m_{1})e_{\nu}^{*}(m_{2})A^{\mu\nu} = \psi_{\mu}(m_{1})e_{\nu}^{*}(m_{2})\sum_{i}\Lambda_{i}U_{i}^{\mu\nu} \\ \text{e.g. J/}\psi &\to \gamma 0^{-+}, 0^{-+} \to f_{0}\eta, f_{0}\pi\pi \\ \langle \gamma 0^{-+}|(f_{0}\eta)1\rangle = S_{\mu\nu}B_{1}(Q_{\psi\gamma X})f_{(12)}^{(f_{0})} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\psi}^{\alpha} q^{\beta}$$

 $B_1(Q_{\psi\gamma X})$  is Blatt-Weisskopf centrifugal barrier for  $J/\psi \to \gamma X$ 

Perform an un-binned loglikelihood fit (fit the data eventwise to high-dimensional distributions using complex weights) to make our model for  $\omega$  agree with the experimental distribution by varying the  $\alpha$ 

## **Golden Decay Modes in 0<sup>-+</sup> Glueball Searches**

- PP (2 pseudoscalar mesons) modes are mostly forbidden for 0<sup>-+</sup> mesons
- Typically, PPP (3 pseudoscalar mesons, such as  $\pi\pi\eta$ ,  $\pi\pi\eta$ ', KK $\pi$ ) modes are believed as golden decay modes in 0<sup>-+</sup> glueball searches.
  - S wave decays for 0<sup>-+</sup> mesons, no suppression factor, dominant decay modes
  - PPP modes are strongly suppressed in 0<sup>++</sup>, 2<sup>++</sup> mesons decays spin-parity filter
- VV modes (2 vector mesons, such as  $\omega\omega$ ,  $\phi\phi$ ,  $\rho\rho$ , K\*K\*)
  - P wave decays for 0<sup>-+</sup> mesons suppressed decays, especially near mass threshold
  - All J<sup>PC</sup> mesons allowed, not a spin-parity filter
- Baryon modes
  - All J<sup>PC</sup> mesons allowed, not a spin-parity filter