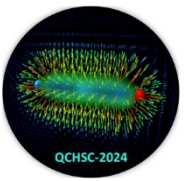


Light QCD exotics at BESIII

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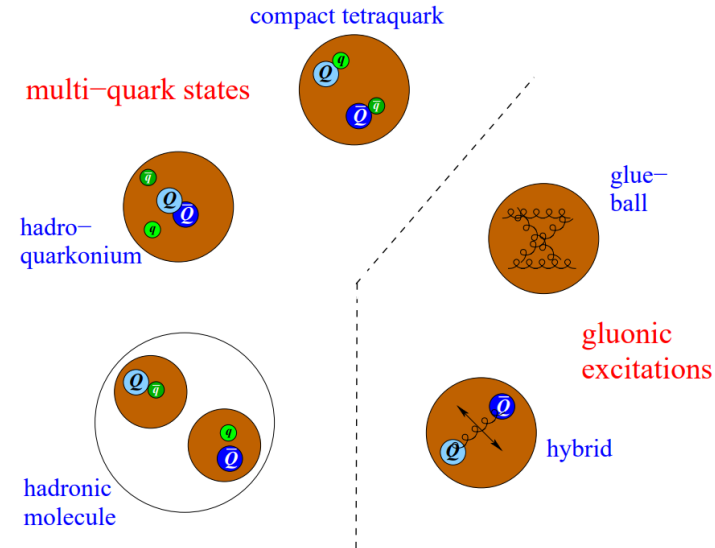
XVIth Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum
18–24 Aug 2024, Cairns, Queensland, Australia

Hadron spectroscopy

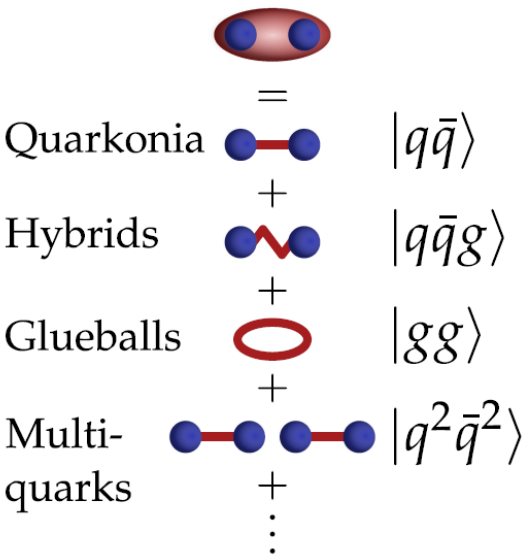
- How does QCD give rise to hadrons?
 - Quark model seems to work really well. Why?
- Key things to search for: additional degree of freedom
 - Strong evidences for multi-quark in heavy quark sector



- Evidence for gluonic excitations remains sparse



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Physical meson

A linear superposition of all allowed color-singlet configurations

Identification is challenging

Manifestly exotic: with forbidden QN

Flavor exotic: $Z_c, T_{cc}, T_{\psi\psi} \dots$

Spin exotic: $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, \text{even}^{+-}, \text{odd}^{-+}$

Crypto exotic: with QN as $q\bar{q}$

Supernumerary states

Abnormal properties

+ Kinematic effects

Light QCD exotics

Light sector is even harder

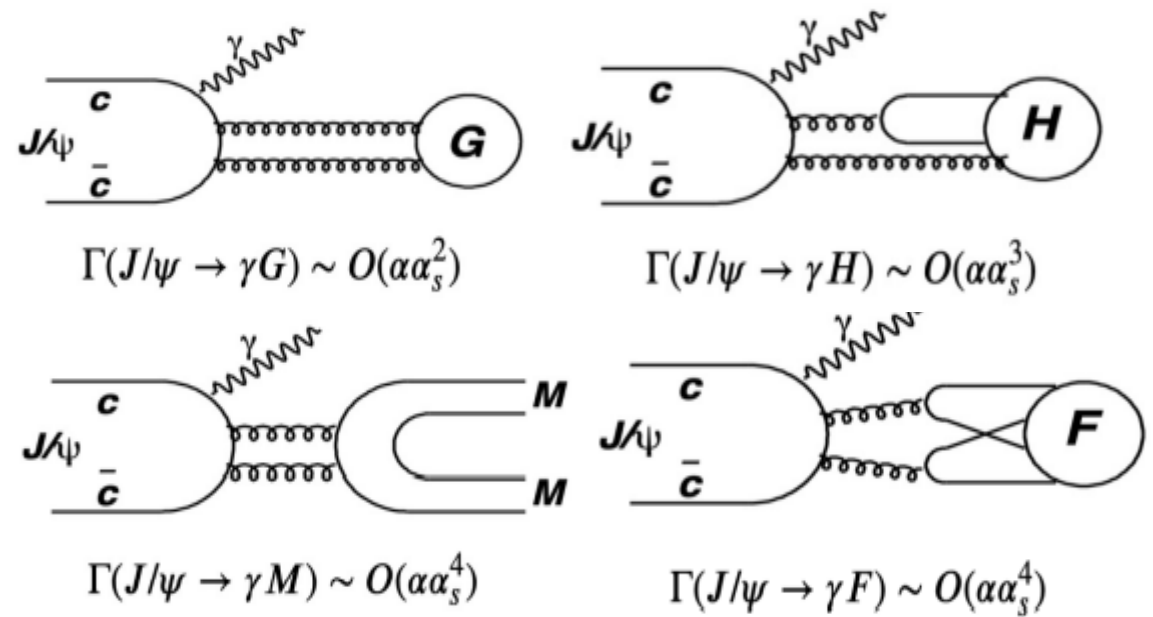
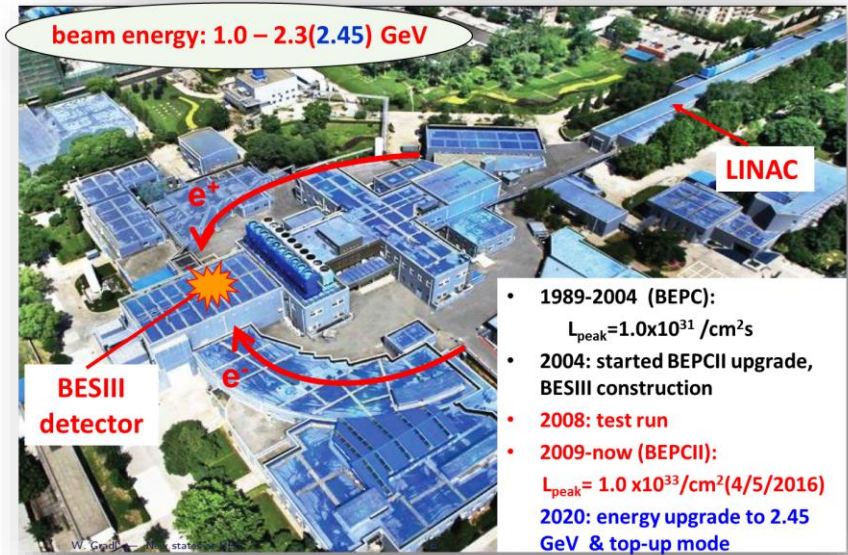
- Light flavor-exotic hard to establish
- Assignment of some $SU(3)_{flavor} |q\bar{q}\rangle$ **nonets difficult**

• Role of gluons:

- Gluons mediate the strong force
- Gluons' unique self-interacting property
 - **New form of matter: glueballs, hybrids**
- **Gluonic Excitations provide measurements of the QCD potential**

Critical to confinement and mass dynamical generation

Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPCII)



Charmonium decays provide an ideal lab for Gluonic Excitations

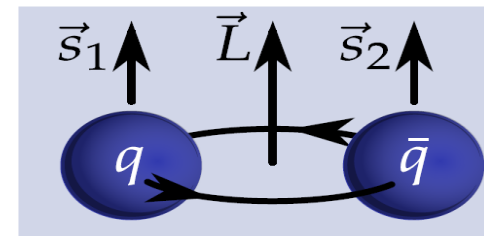
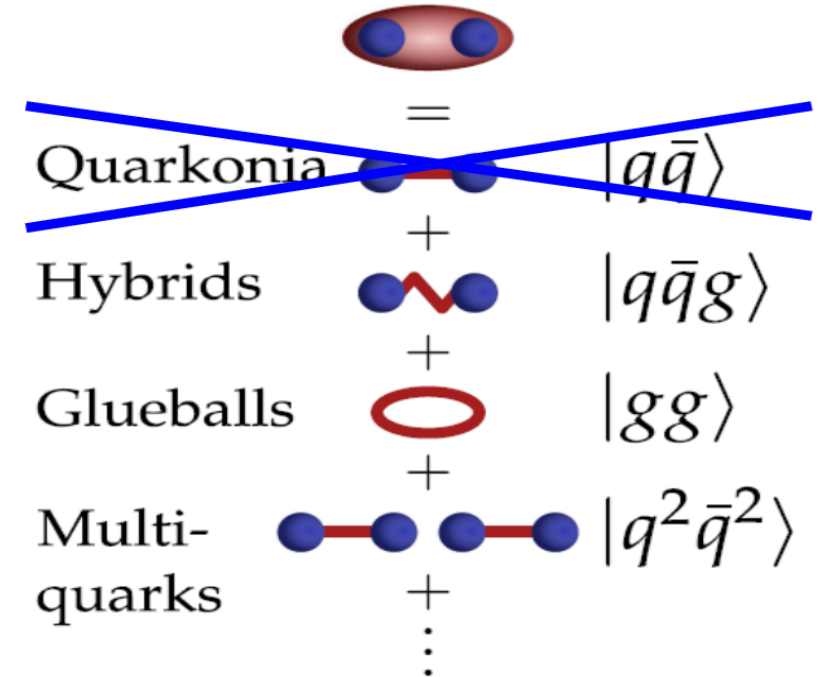
- **Gluon-rich process**
- **Well defined initial and final states**
 - Kinematic constraints
 - Isospin and J^{PC} filters
- **Clean high statistics data samples: 10×10^9 J/ψ and 2.7×10^9 ψ' @ BESIII**
 - High cross sections of $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi, \psi'$
 - Low background

Light hadrons with exotic quantum numbers

- **Unambiguous signature for exotics**
 - **Efforts concentrate on Spin-exotic**
 - **Forbidden for $q\bar{q}$:**
 $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, \text{even}^{+-}, \text{odd}^{-+}$

Experiments:

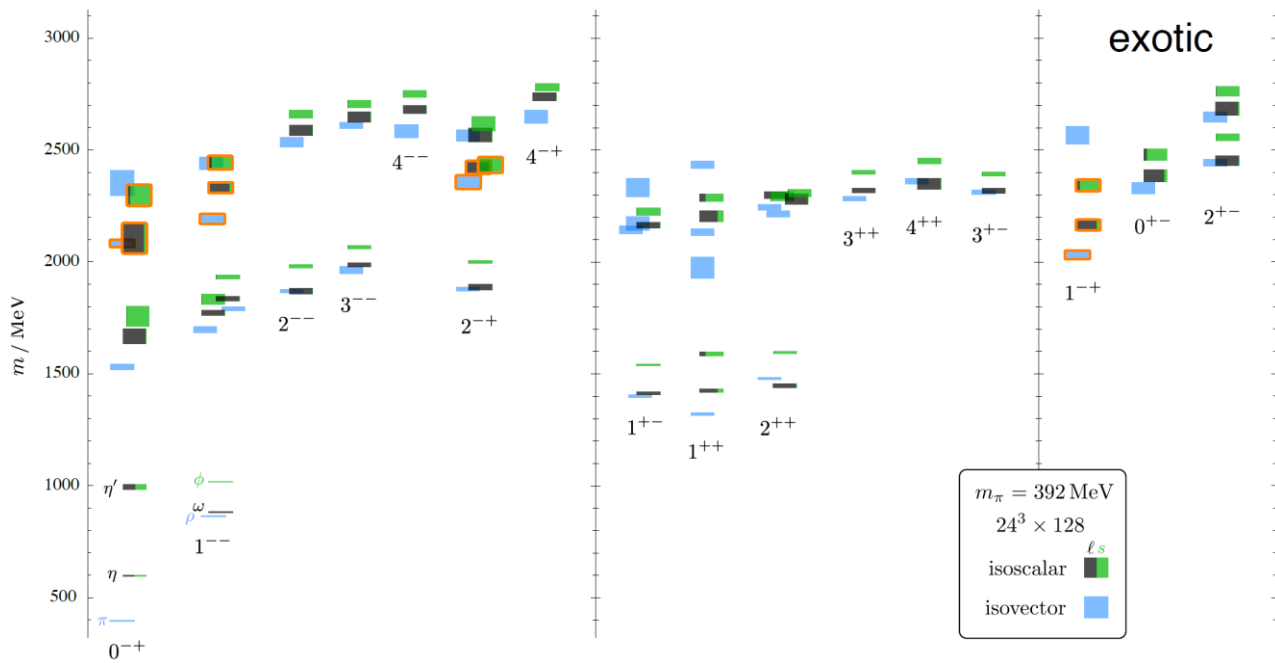
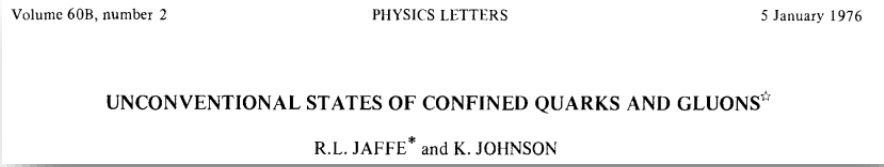
- **Hadroproduction:** GAMS, VES, E852, COMPASS
- **$p\bar{p}$ annihilation:** Crystal Barrel, OBELIX, [PANDA](#)(under construction)
- **Photoproduction:** [GlueX](#)(2017-), CLAS



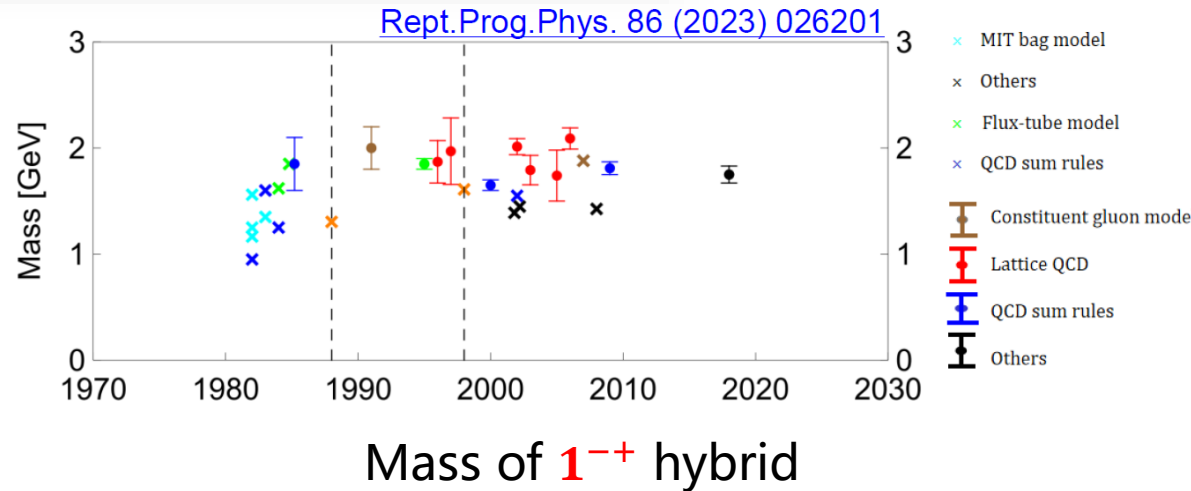
$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S} \quad \mathbf{P} = (-1)^{L+1} \quad \mathbf{C} = (-1)^{L+S}$$

Allowed J^{PC} : $0^{-+}, 0^{++}, 1^{--}, 1^{+-}, 2^{++}, \dots$

Predictions

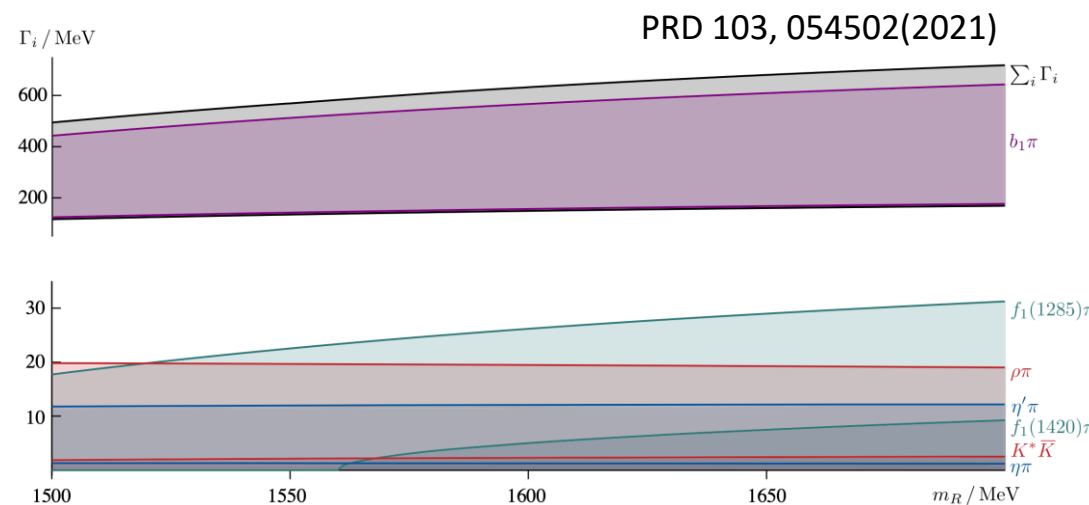


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Lightest spin-exotic state in LQCD: 1^{-+} hybrid



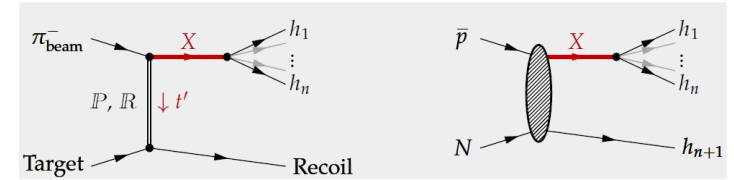
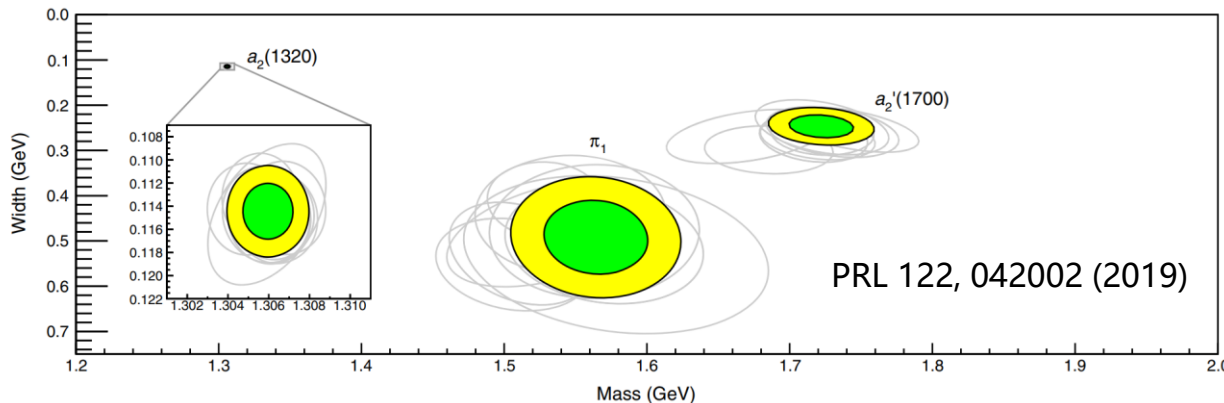
Decay width of 1^{-+} hybrid π_1

Spin-exotic mesons

- Over 3 decades, only 3 candidates so far:

All 1^{-+} isovectors

- $\pi_1(1400)$: seen in $\eta\pi$
- $\pi_1(1600)$: seen in $\rho\pi, \eta'\pi, b_1\pi, f_1\pi$
- $\pi_1(2015)$ (needs confirmation): seen in $b_1\pi$, and $f_1\pi$
- Some claims are controversial
- $\pi_1(1400)$ & $\pi_1(1600)$ can be one pole



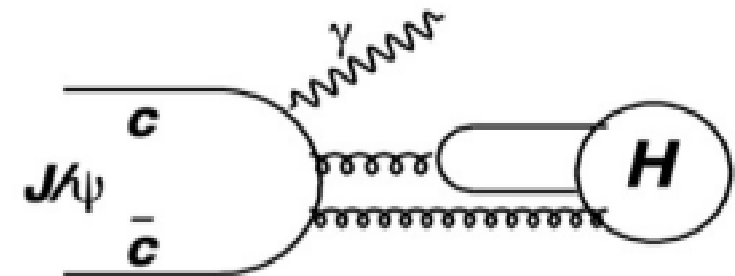
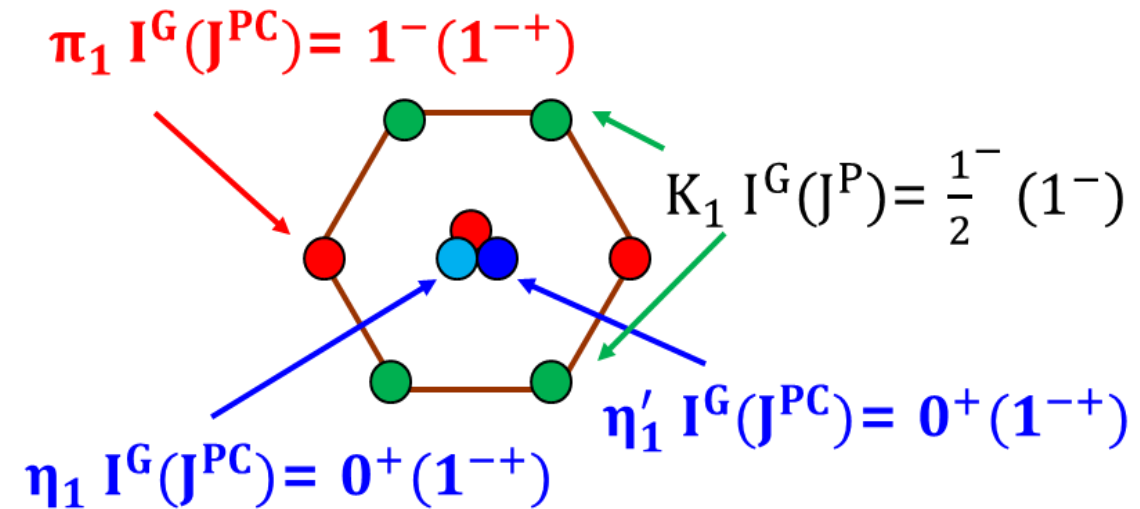
	Decay mode	Reaction	Experiment
$\pi_1(1400)$	$\eta\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^-\eta p$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^0\eta n$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^-\eta p$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^0\eta n$ $\bar{p}n \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^0\eta$ $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\eta$	GAMS KEK E852 E852 CBAR CBAR
	$\rho\pi$	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow 2\pi^+2\pi^-$	Obelix
$\pi_1(1600)$	$\eta'\pi$	$\pi^-Be \rightarrow \eta'\pi^-\pi^0Be$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^-\eta'p$	VES E852
	$b_1\pi$	$\pi^-Be \rightarrow \omega\pi^-\pi^0Be$ $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \omega\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \omega\pi^-\pi^0p$	VES CBAR E852
	$\rho\pi$	$\pi^-Pb \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^-X$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^-p$	COMPASS E852
	$f_1\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow \rho\eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-$ $\pi^-A \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-A$	E852 VES
$\pi_1(2015)$	$f_1\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow \omega\pi^-\pi^0p$	E852
	$b_1\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow \rho\eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-$	

1^{-+} Hybrids

- **Isoscalar 1^{-+}** is critical to establish the hybrid nonet
 - Can be produced in the gluon-rich charmonium decays
 - Can decay to $\eta\eta'$ in P-wave

PRD 83,014021 (2011), PRD 83,014006 (2011), EPJ P135, 945(2020)

→ Search for $\eta_1 (1^{-+})$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta'$



$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma H) \sim O(\alpha\alpha_s^3)$$

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

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

- The η' is reconstructed from $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ & $\eta\pi^+\pi^-$, η from $\gamma\gamma$
- Partial wave analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta'$
 - Quasi two-body decay amplitudes in the sequential decay processes $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow \eta\eta'$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta X, X \rightarrow \gamma\eta'$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta' X, X \rightarrow \gamma\eta$ are constructed using the covariant tensor formalism [Eur. Phys. J. A 16, 537] and GPUPWA [J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 219, 042031(2010)] *

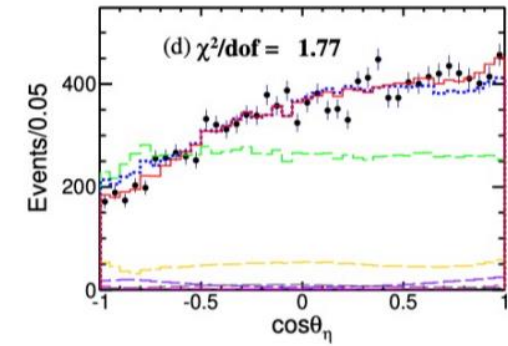
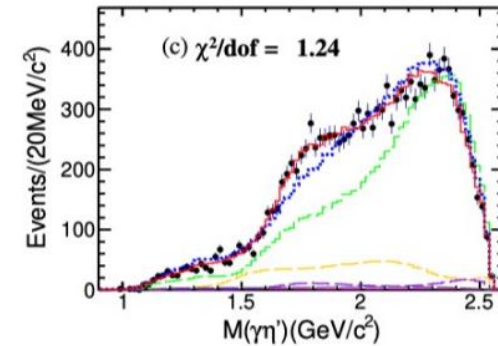
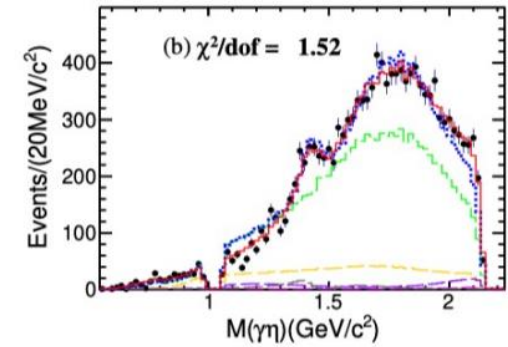
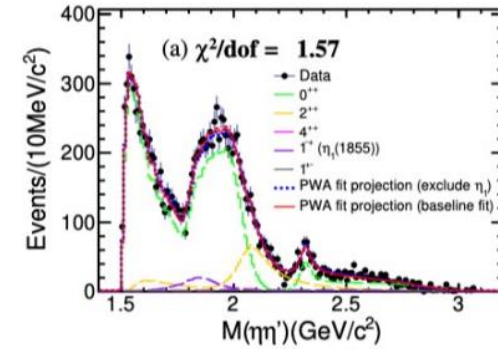
*World's first PWA framework with GPU acceleration

- **An isoscalar 1^{-+} , $\eta_1(1855)$, has been observed in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta'$ ($>19\sigma$)**

$$M = (1855 \pm 9_{-1}^{+6}) \text{ MeV}/c^2, \Gamma = (188 \pm 18_{-8}^{+3}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta_1(1855) \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta') = (2.70 \pm 0.41_{-0.35}^{+0.16}) \times 10^{-6}$$

- **Mass is consistent with LQCD calculation for the 1^{-+} hybrid ($1.7 \sim 2.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)**



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

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

- Angular distribution as a function of $M(\eta\eta')$ expressed **model-independently**

$$\langle Y_l^0 \rangle \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} W_i Y_l^0(\cos\theta_{\eta}^i)$$

- Related to the spin-0(S), spin-1(P), spin-2(D) amplitudes in $\eta\eta'$ by:

$$\sqrt{4\pi}\langle Y_0^0 \rangle = S_0^2 + P_0^2 + P_1^2 + D_0^2 + D_1^2 + D_2^2,$$

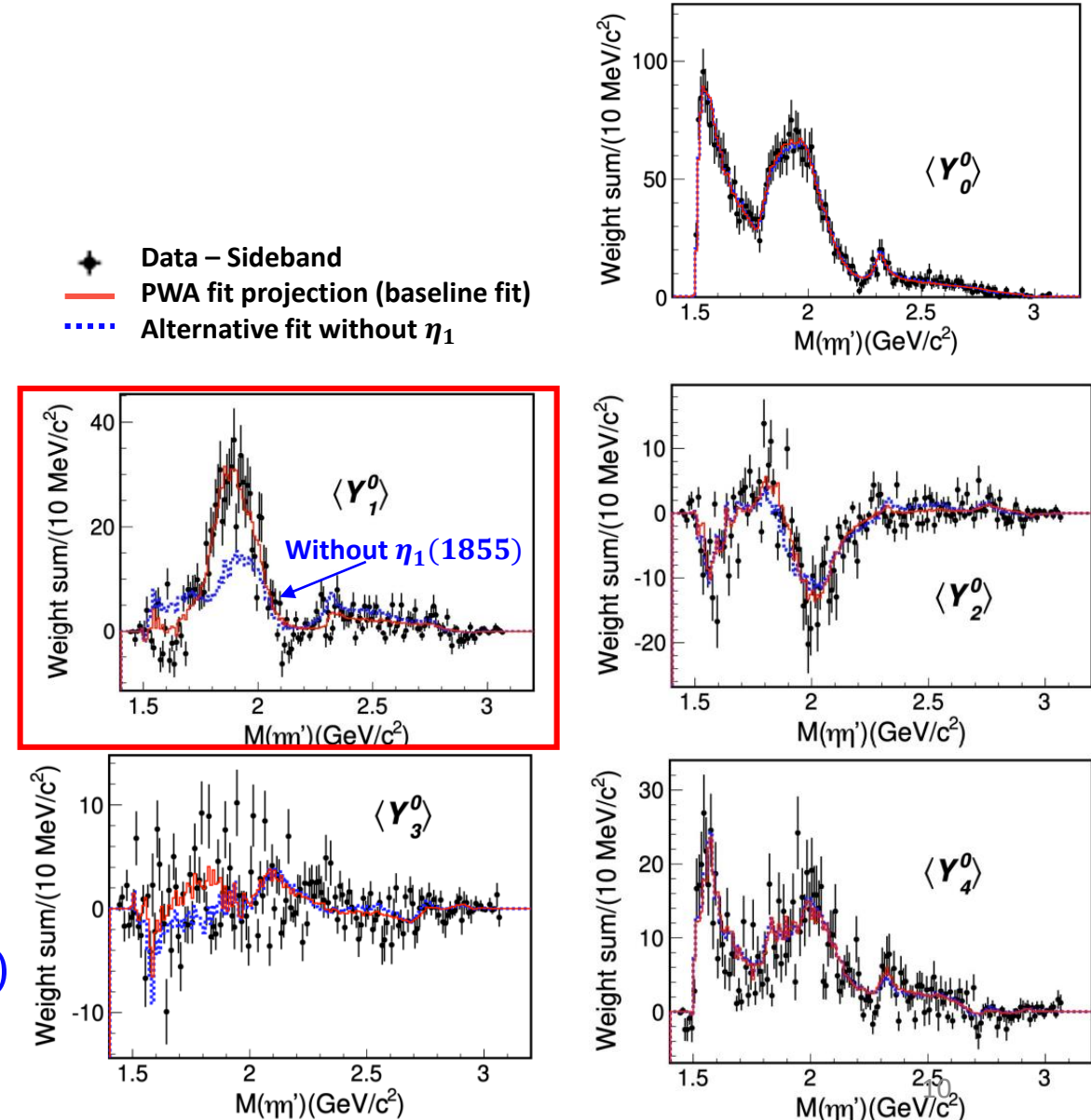
$$\sqrt{4\pi}\langle Y_1^0 \rangle = 2S_0P_0 \cos\phi_{P_0} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}(2P_0D_0 \cos(\phi_{P_0} - \phi_{D_0}) + \sqrt{3}P_1D_1 \cos(\phi_{P_1} - \phi_{D_1})),$$

$$\sqrt{4\pi}\langle Y_2^0 \rangle = \frac{1}{7\sqrt{5}}(14P_0^2 - 7P_1^2 + 10D_0^2 + 5D_1^2 - 10D_2^2) + 2S_0D_0 \cos\phi_{D_0},$$

$$\sqrt{4\pi}\langle Y_3^0 \rangle = \frac{6}{\sqrt{35}}(\sqrt{3}P_0D_0 \cos(\phi_{P_0} - \phi_{D_0}) - P_1D_1 \cos(\phi_{P_1} - \phi_{D_1})),$$

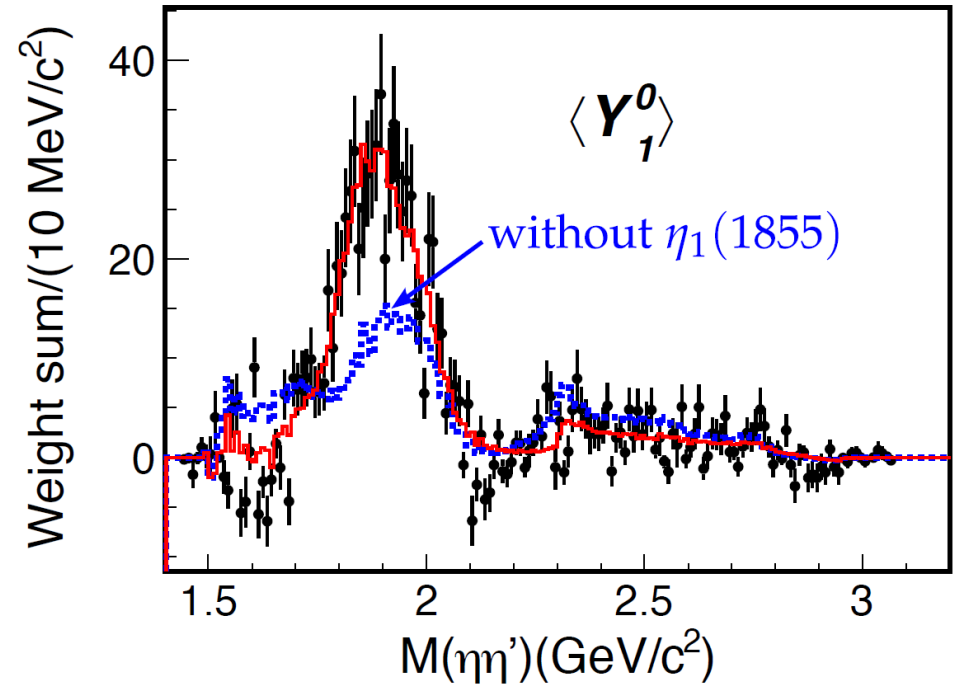
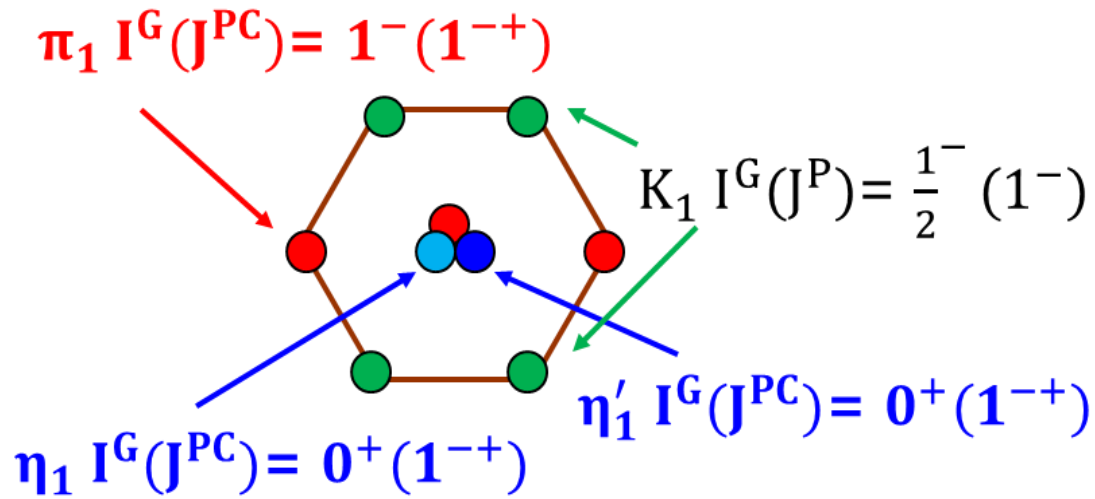
$$\sqrt{4\pi}\langle Y_4^0 \rangle = \frac{1}{7}(6D_0^2 - 4D_1^2 + D_2^2).$$

- Narrow structure** in $\langle Y_1^0 \rangle$
 - **Cannot be described by resonances in $\gamma\eta(\eta')$**
 - **$\eta_1(1855) \rightarrow \eta\eta'$ needed**



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

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- **Opens a new direction to completing the picture of spin-exotics**
- **Inspired many interpretations: Hybrid/ $K\bar{K}_1$ Molecule/Tetraquark?**

“Here, the result by the BESIII experiment of a possible observation of an $\eta_1(1855)$ state could be a breakthrough.”

— 50 years of QCD: Exotic mesons[EPJ.C 83 (2023) 1125]

Prospects of spin-exotics at BESIII

Uniqueness, enrichment and complementary

- High statistics **gluon-rich** environment: 10 B J/ψ , 2.7 B ψ' , a lot of χ_{cJ}

Isoscalar: $\eta_1(1855)$

- **Decay properties**

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma + \pi a_1, \eta f_1, K_1 \bar{K}, VV, \dots$

- **Production properties**

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega \eta \eta', \phi \eta \eta', \dots$
- $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta + \eta \eta', \dots$

- **Where is $\eta_1^{(')}$**

- **Other partners: 2^{+-} ,**

- **Analog in $\bar{c}c$**

Isovector: $\pi_1(1600)$

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \rho \eta' \pi, \dots$

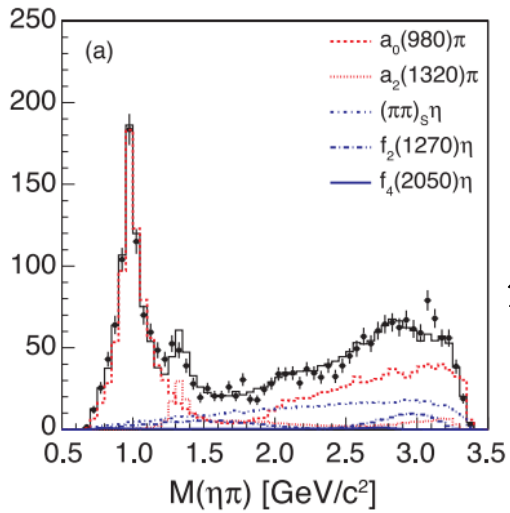
- $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi + \pi b_1, \pi f_1, \pi \eta', \dots$

- LQCD predicted major decay modes

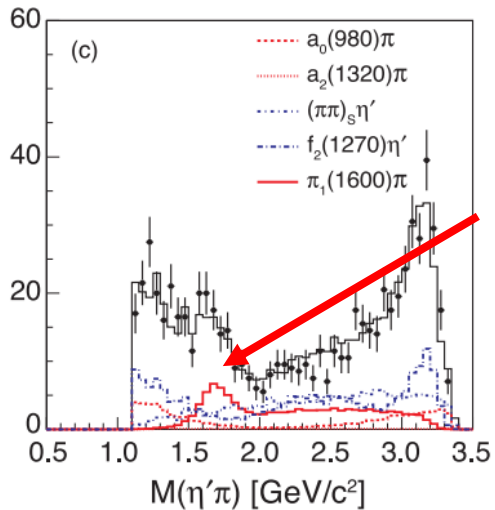
$$\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta^{(\prime)}$$

PR D84 112009 (2011)

$2.6 \times 10^7 \psi(3686)@CLEO - c$



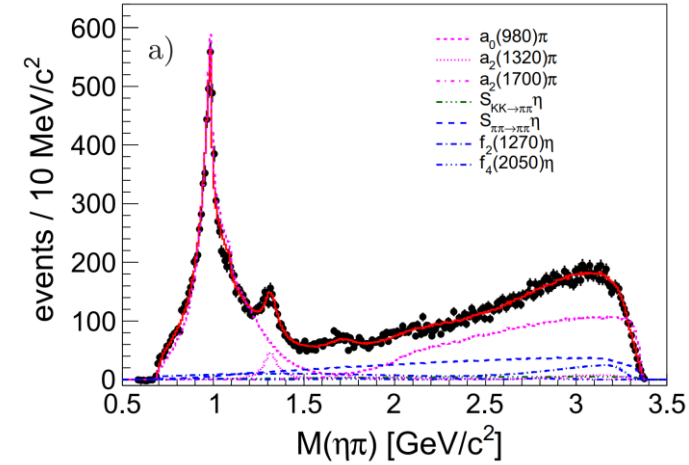
No evidence of
 $\pi_1 \rightarrow \eta\pi$



Evidence of $\pi_1 \rightarrow \eta'\pi$
(without significant
BW phase motion)

PR D95 032002(2017)

$44.8 \times 10^7 \psi(3686)@BESIII$

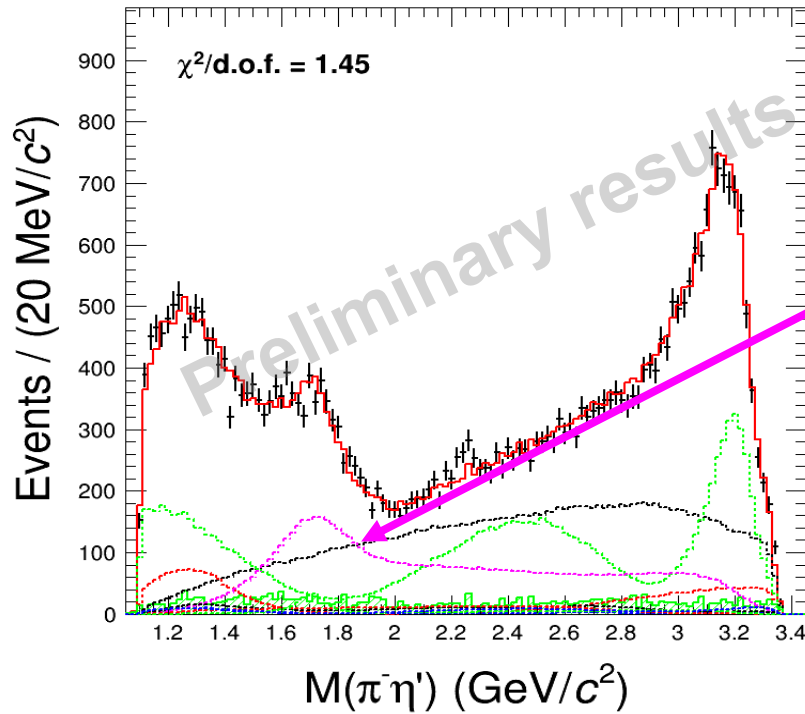


No evidence of
 $\pi_1 \rightarrow \eta\pi$

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

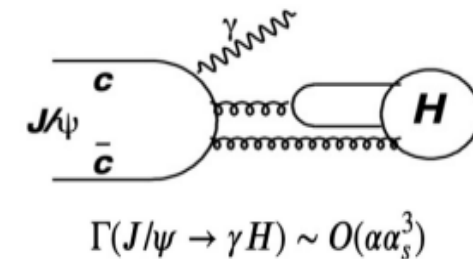
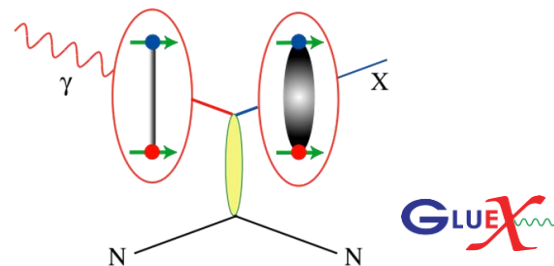
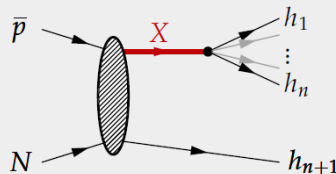
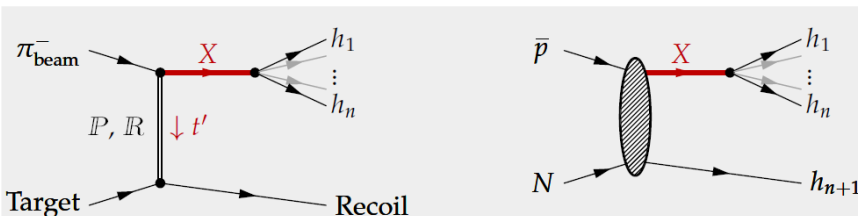
New

2.7×10^9 $\psi(3686)$ @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 10σ
 - Evidence of $\pi_1 \rightarrow \eta' \pi$ at CLEO-c is confirmed [PR D84 112009 (2011)]

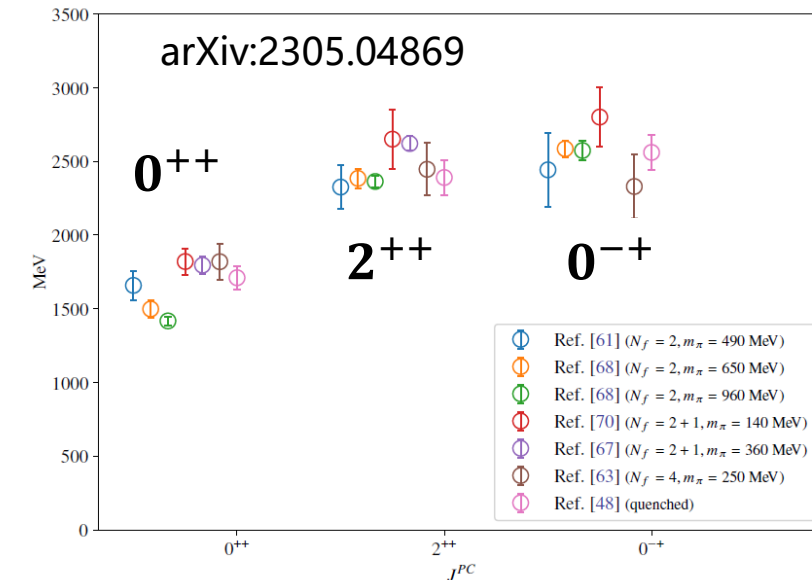
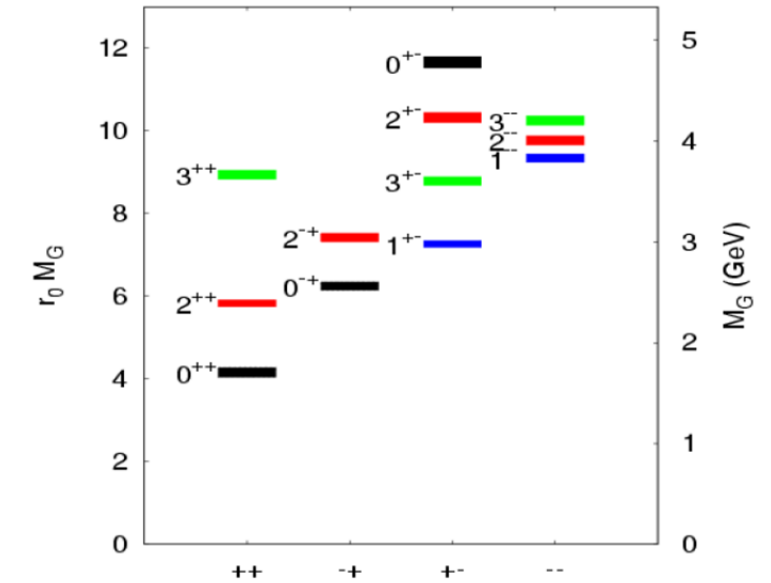
Observations of π_1 and η_1 in charmonium decays provide a new path to study 1^{-+}



BESIII

Glueballs

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



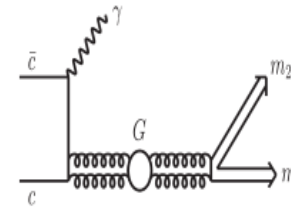
Yang-Mills glueballs on lattice
(quenched and unquenched results)

Glueball hunting for over 40 years

- **Supernumerary states** that do not fit into $q\bar{q}$ multiplets
 - A priori, mixed with nearby $q\bar{q}$
 - Assignment of some $q\bar{q}$ multiplets difficult
- Production: Strongly produced in **gluon-rich processes**
- Decay: **gluon is flavor-blind**
 - No dominate decay mode
 - $SU(3)_{\text{flavor}}$ 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)]

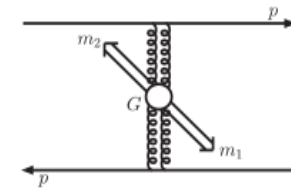
gluon-rich processes

[Phys. Rept. 454 1]



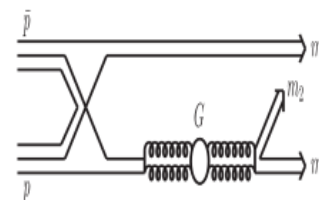
Charmonium decays:

BESIII, MRKIII...



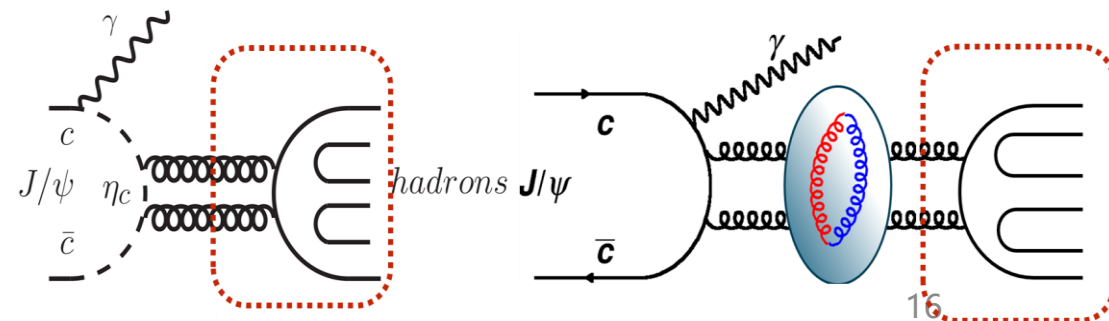
pp double-Pomeron exchange:

WA102, GAMS...



p-pbar annihilation:

Crystal barrel, OBELIX...



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: $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0+})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} = 3.8(9) \times 10^{-3}$ [PRL 110, 091601(2013)]

➤ **BESIII: $f_0(1710)$ largely overlays with the scalar glueball**

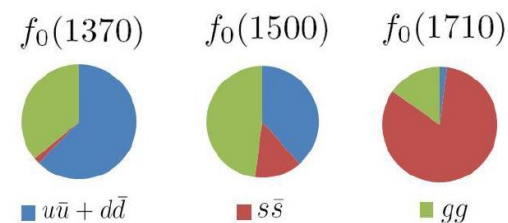
➤ **Identification of scalar glueball with coupled-channel analyses based on BESIII data**

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

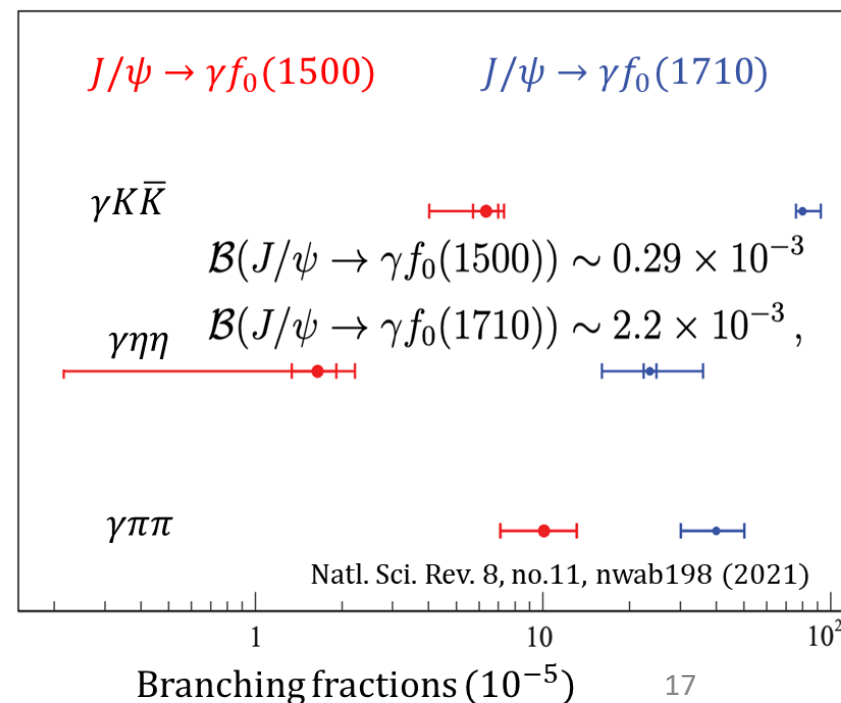
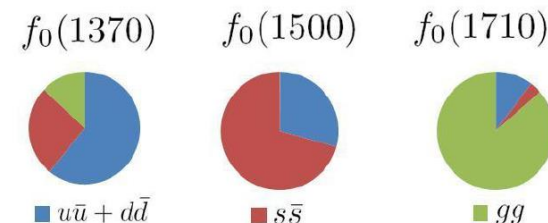
- **Further more, suppression of $f_0(1710) \rightarrow \eta\eta'$ supports $f_0(1710)$ has a large overlap with glueball**

BESIII [PRD 106 072012(2022)]

Close and Kirk, PLB**483** (2000) 345



Cheng *et al*, Phys. Rev. D**74** (2006) 094005



Indications of tensor glueball

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2+}) = 1.01(22) \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2+})/\Gamma_{tot} = 1.1 \times 10^{-2}$$

CLQCD, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 111, 091601 (2013)

Experimental results

$$\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta) = (3.8_{-0.65}^{+0.62+2.37}) \times 10^{-5}$$

BESIII PRD 87,092009 (2013)

$$\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi) = (1.91 \pm 0.14_{-0.73}^{+0.72}) \times 10^{-4}$$

BESIII PRD 93, 112011 (2016)

$$\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma K_s K_s) = (5.54_{-0.40}^{+0.34+3.82}) \times 10^{-5}$$

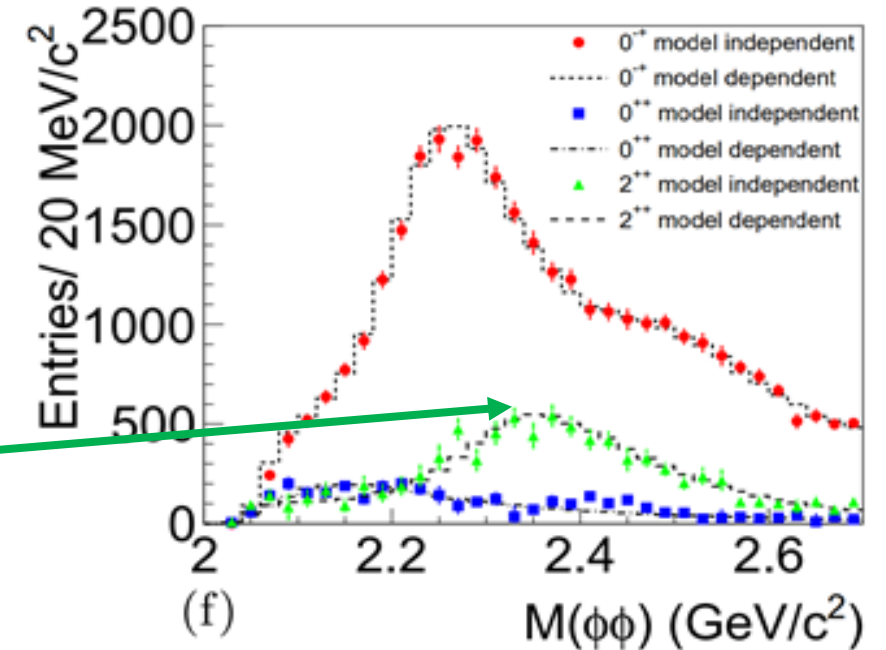
BESIII PRD 98,072003 (2018)

$$\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \eta') = (8.67 \pm 0.70_{-1.67}^{+0.16}) \times 10^{-6}$$

BESIII PRD 105,072002 (2022)

still desired to study more decay modes

BESIII $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$ [PRD 93, 112011 (2016)]

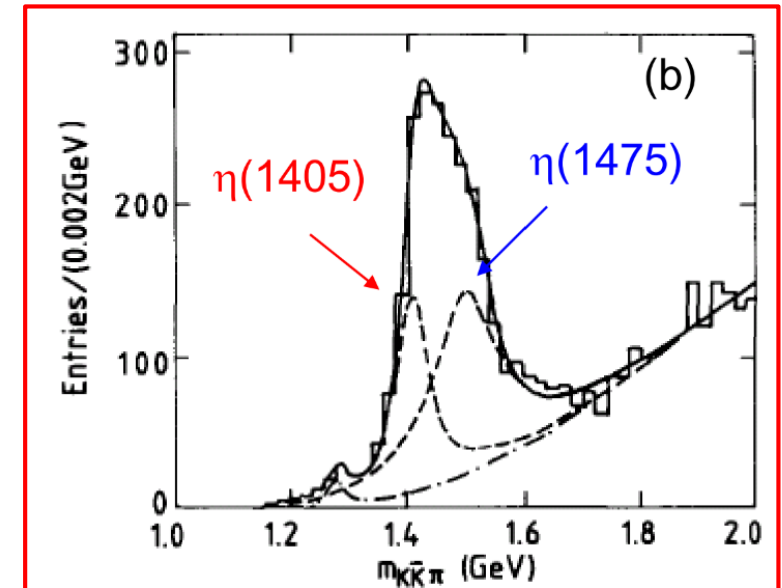
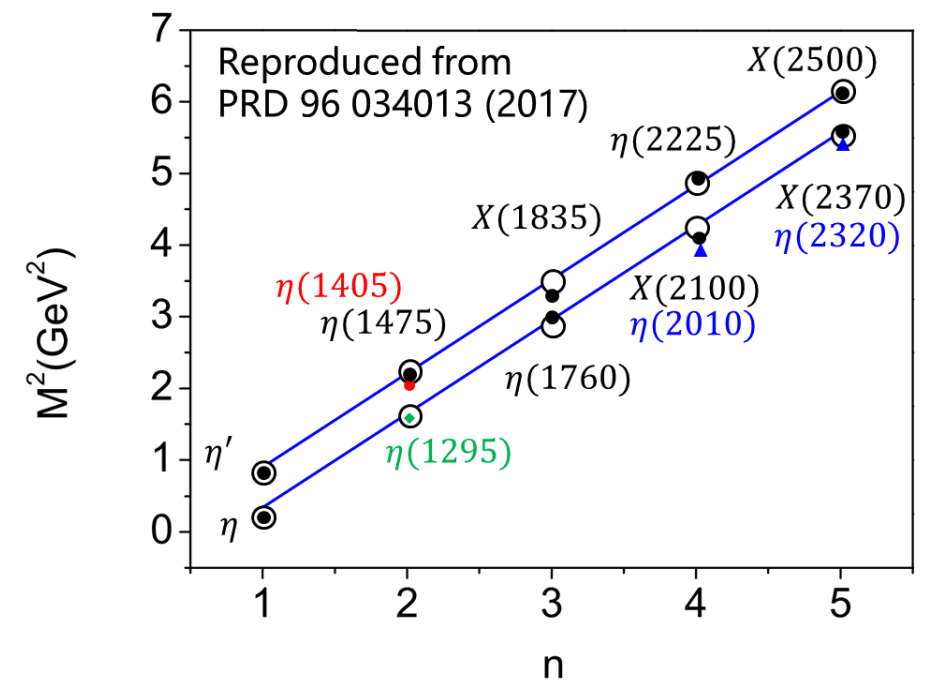


- $f_2(2010)$, $f_2(2300)$ and $f_2(2340)$ in πp reactions are all observed in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$ with a **strong production of $f_2(2340)$**
- Consistent with **double-Pomeron exchange** from WA102@CERN

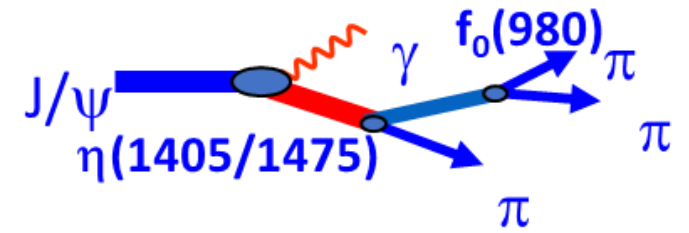
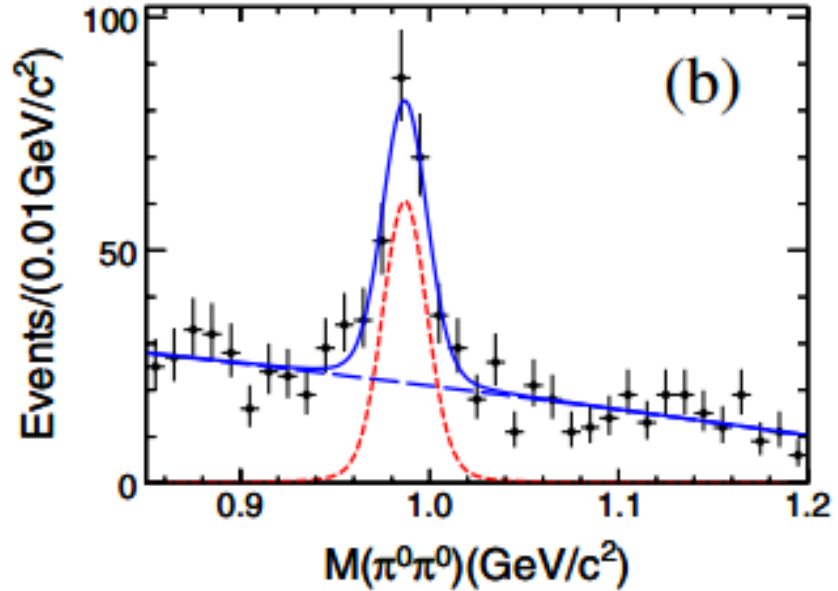
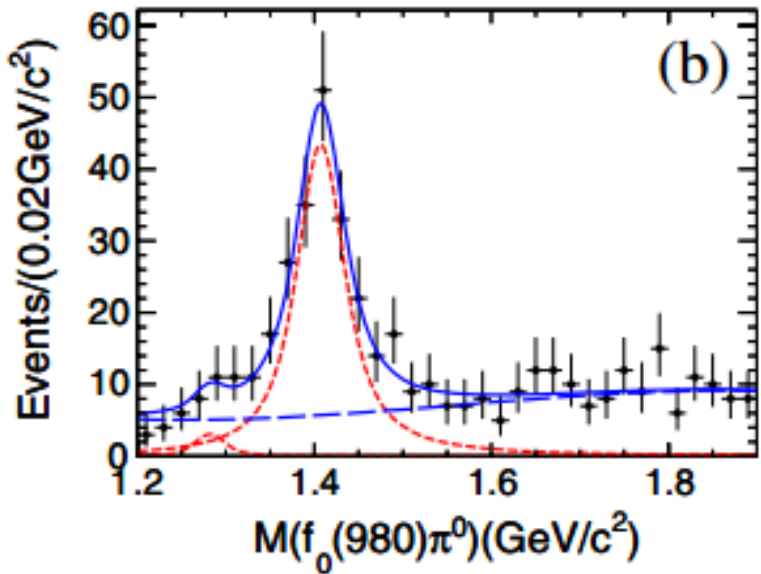
More complicated due to the large number of tensor states

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[PRD.100.054511(2019)]



Isospin-violating decay of $\eta(1405) \rightarrow f_0(980)\pi^0$



BESIII PRL 108 182001(2012)

$f_0(980)$ is extremely narrow: $\Gamma \cong 10 \text{ MeV}$.

PDG: $\Gamma(f_0(980)) \cong 40\sim 100 \text{ MeV}$.

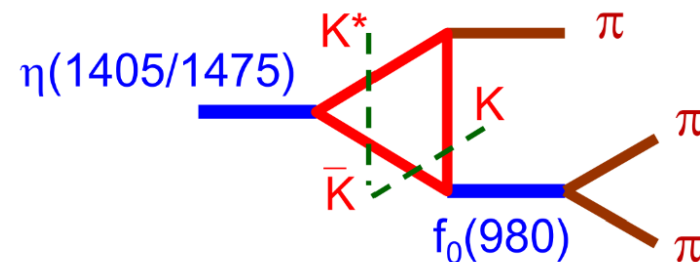
Anomalously large isospin violation:

$$\frac{Br(\eta(1405) \rightarrow f_0(980)\pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)}{Br(\eta(1405) \rightarrow a_0^0(980)\pi^0 \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0)} \cong (17.9 \pm 4.2)\%$$

$$\xi_{of} = \frac{Br(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow f_0(980)\pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)}{Br(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi^0 \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0)} < 1\% (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \quad \text{PRD, 83(2100)032003}$$

Triangle singularity mechanism has been proposed
- Manifested in many near-threshold structures

PRL 108 081803 (2012)

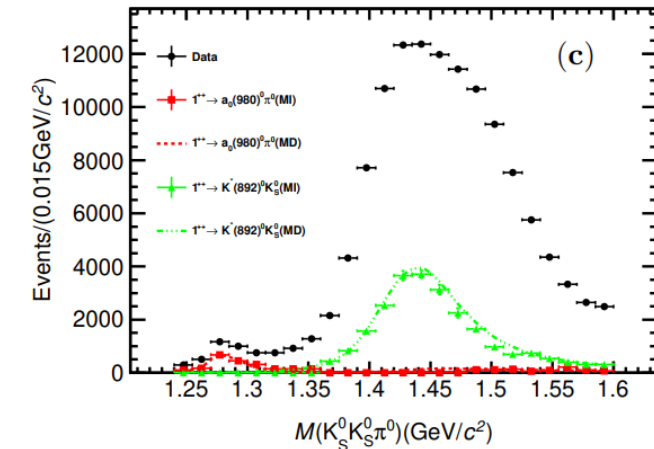
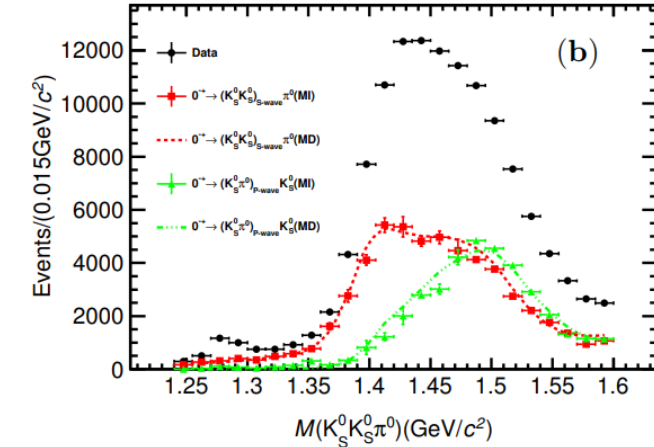
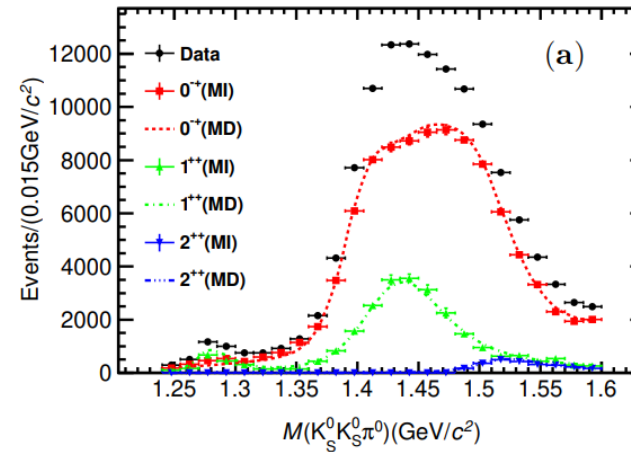


Shed new lights on the $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$ puzzle

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

- **Mass Independent PWA** in bins of $M(K_S K_S \pi^0)$ to detangle J^{PC} components
 - **Valuable inputs to develop models**
- **Mass Dependent PWA** with BW to extract resonances
- **Consistency between MI and MD results**
- **Dominated by 0^{-+}**
 - **Two BWs around 1.4 GeV is needed**
- coupled-channel analysis
 - **Two poles**: PRD 107, L091505 (2023) ; PRD 109, 014021 (2024)
 - **One state**: arXiv:2407.10234

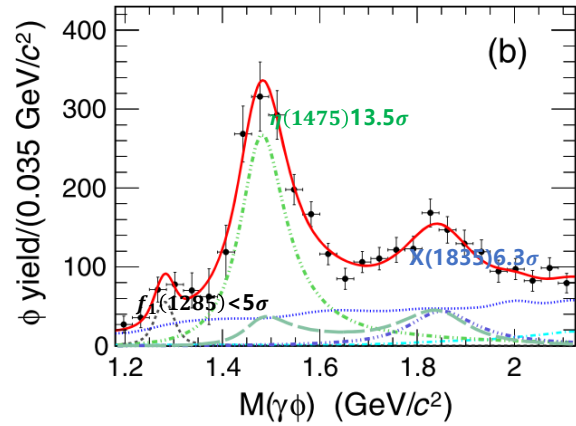
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$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\phi$, a $s\bar{s}$ flavor filter

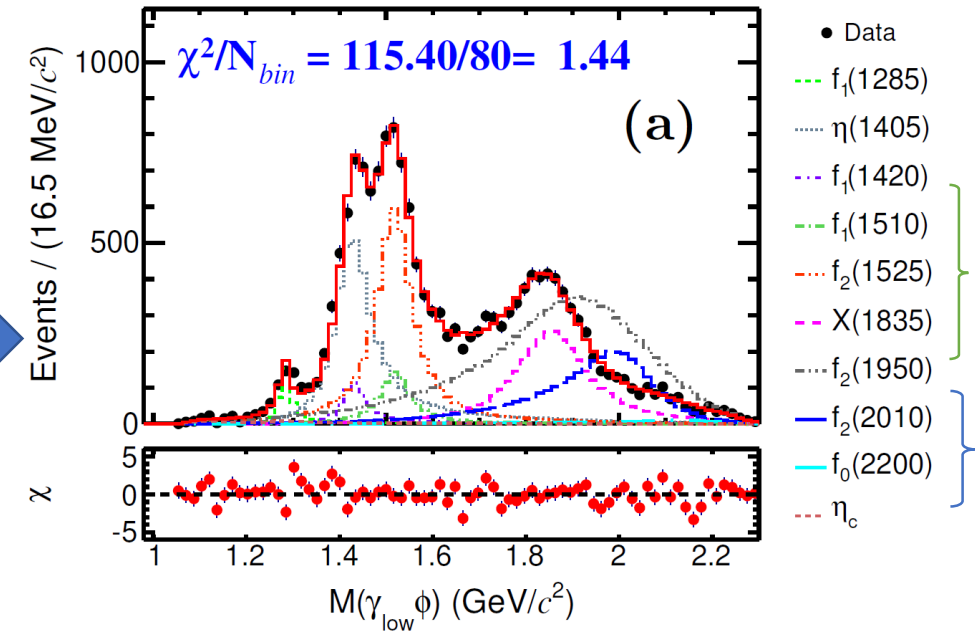
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PR D97 051101 (2018)



← Fit to mass spectrum

Amplitude analysis with advanced techniques for background subtraction

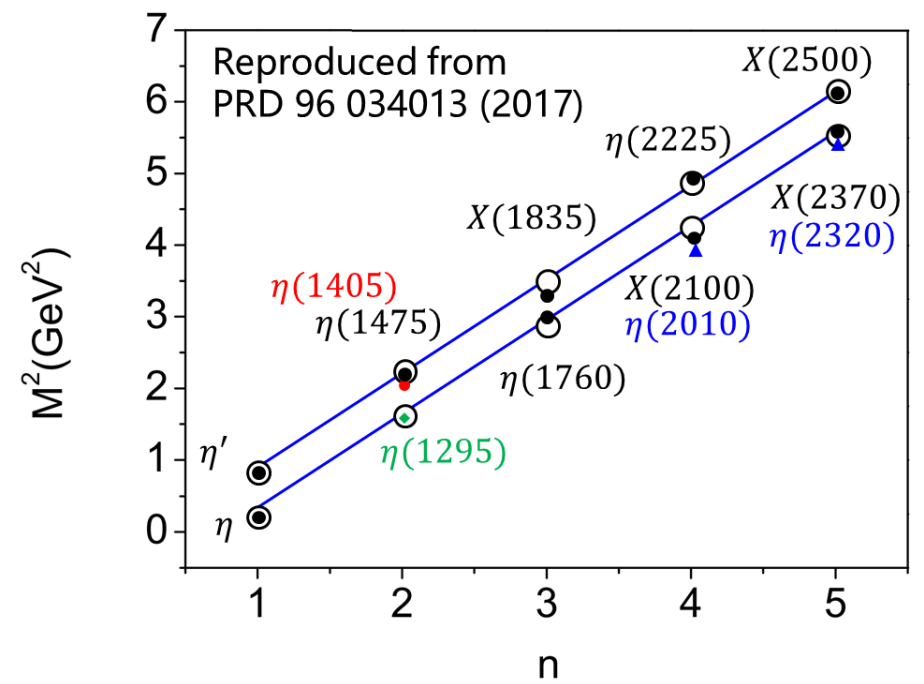


From the amplitude analysis,

- $\eta(1405)$ is observed, while $\eta(1475)$ can not be excluded
- **$X(1835) \rightarrow \gamma\phi$ suggests its assignment of η' excitation**
- **$\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\phi$ are observed. The very first radiative decay mode of η_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, 114020, NPA 1037, 122683]

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- Production
 - LQCD: $\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0^{-+}})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} = 2.31(80) \times 10^{-4}$, at the same level as 0^{-+} mesons [PRD.100.054511(2019)]
- Decays
 - Possible guidance: OZI suppressed decays of η_c
 - 3 pseudoscalar final state is a good place to look for ($0^{-+} \rightarrow 2P$ is forbidden)



$\eta_c \rightarrow 3 P$ in PDG

Decays involving hadronic resonances

Γ_1	$\eta'(958) \pi \pi$	(1.87 ± 0.26) %
Γ_2	$\eta'(958) K \bar{K}$	(1.61 ± 0.25) %
Γ_{34}	$K \bar{K} \pi$	(7.0 ± 0.4) %
Γ_{35}	$K \bar{K} \eta$	(1.32 ± 0.15) %
Γ_{36}	$\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$	(1.7 ± 0.5) %

Decays into stable hadrons

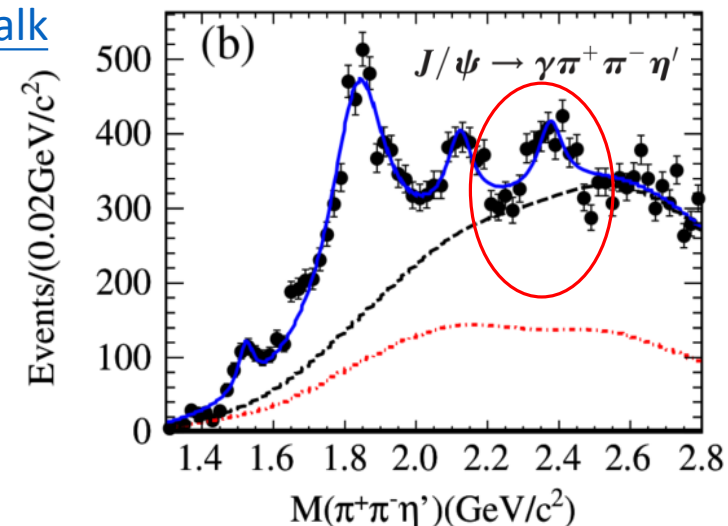
- No dominant decay
- Flavor symmetric²³

A glueball-like state $X(2370)$

[P. Zhang's talk](#)

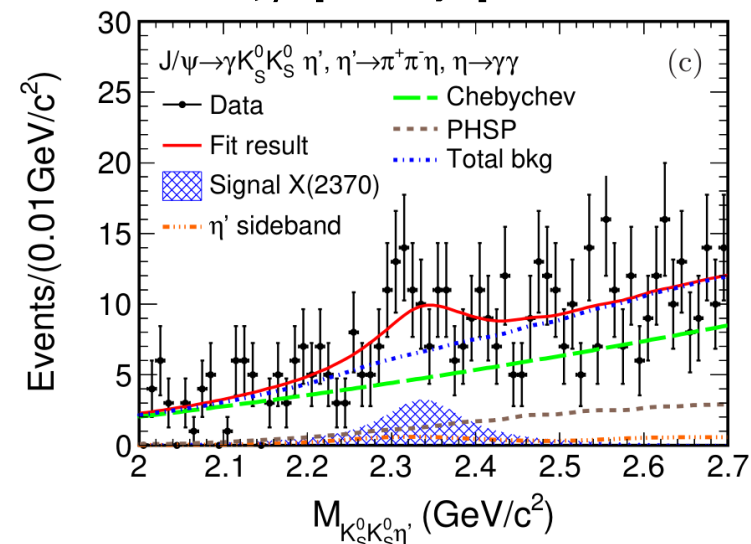
- Discovered by BESIII in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi\pi$ in 2011
- Confirmed by BESIII in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi\pi, \gamma\eta'KK$
 - Not seen in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\eta\eta$ [BESIII PRD 103 012009 (2021)], $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\phi$ [BESIII arXiv: 2401.00918]. Upper limits of BF are well consistent with predictions of 0^{-+} glueball
- Mass consistent with LQCD prediction for 0^{-+} glueball
- Spin-parity determined to be 0^{-+} BESIII PRL 132, 181901(2024)

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

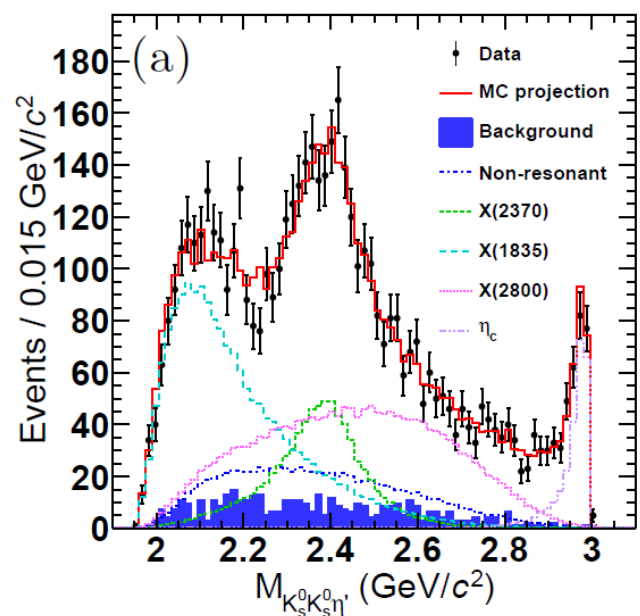


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PRL 117, 042002 (2016)

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



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$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'K_S^0K_S^0$

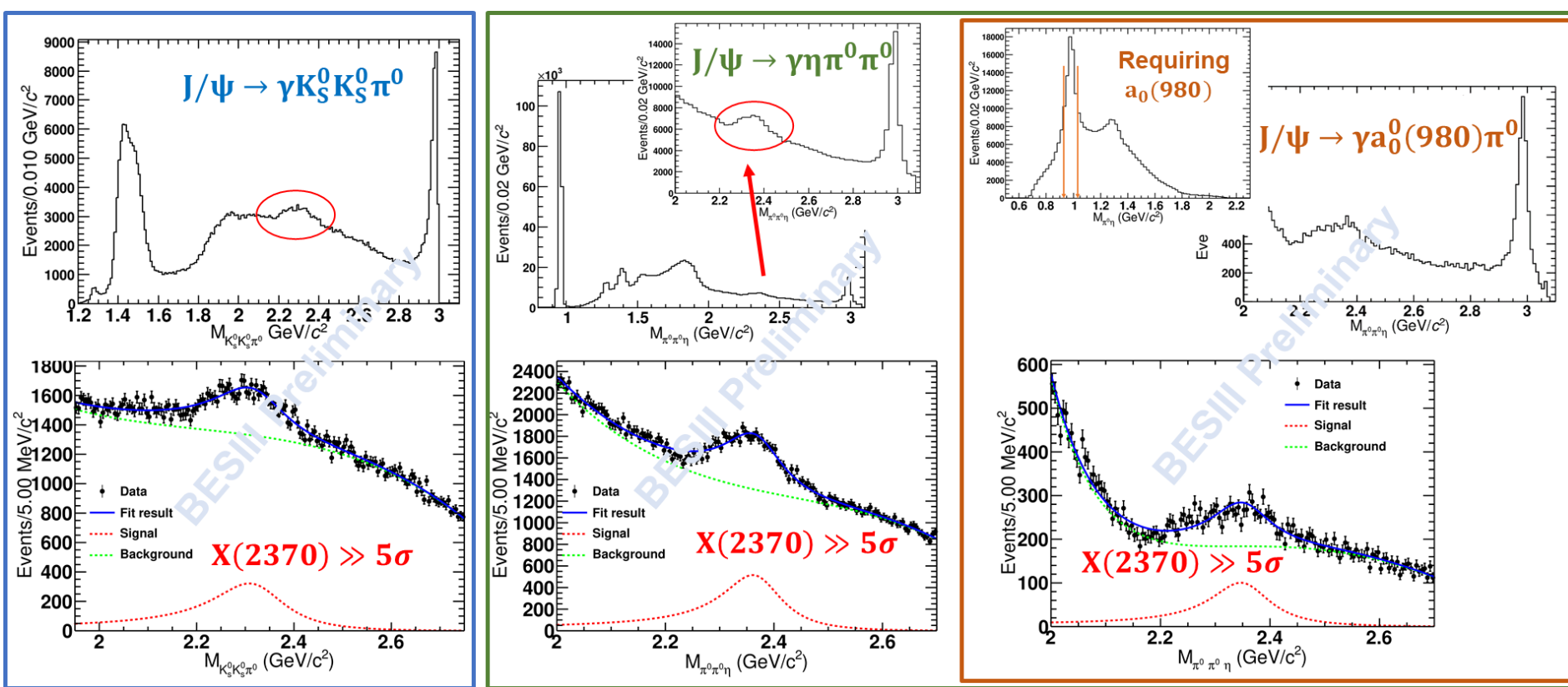
$J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ with significance $>9.8\sigma$

$M = 2395 \pm 11^{+26}_{-94}$ MeV

$\Gamma = 188^{+18}_{-17}{}^{+124}_{-33}$ MeV

$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370))B(X(2370) \rightarrow f_0(980)\eta')B(f_0(980) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0)$
 $= 1.31 \pm 0.22^{+2.85}_{-0.84} \times 10^{-5}$

New decay modes



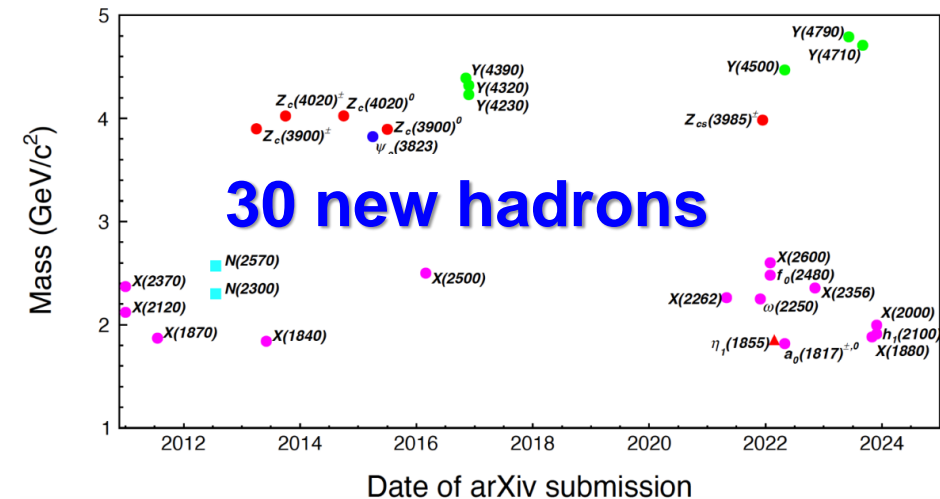
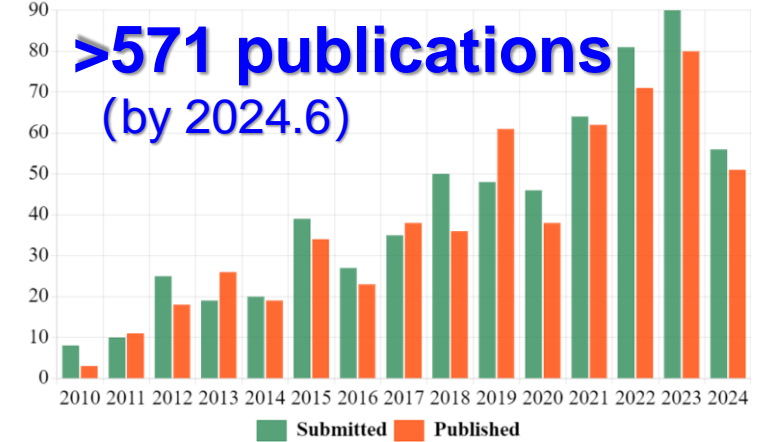
X(2370) observed in the gluon-rich J/ψ radiative decays

- J^{PC} determined to be 0^{-+}
- **Mass and production rate** consistent with LQCD
- **Decay modes** $X(2370) \rightarrow$
 $\eta' \pi \pi, \eta' K K, K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta, K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi^0, \eta \pi^0 \pi^0, a_0^0(980) \pi^0$ observed, in
analog to η_c

Consistent with
 0^{-+} glueball

Summary

- BESIII has a rich program of hadron physics
- Lots of progress in light QCD exotics
- Great potential to be fully explored
 - 50 fb^{-1} data on disk, including $10 \times 10^9 \text{ J}/\psi$ and $2.7 \times 10^9 \psi'$
 - Running until ~ 2030
 - Upgrade in this summer
 - $\mathcal{L} \times 3 @ \sqrt{s} = 4.7 \text{ GeV}$
 - $\sqrt{s} \rightarrow 5.6 \text{ GeV}$, starting from 2028
 - CGEM inner tracker

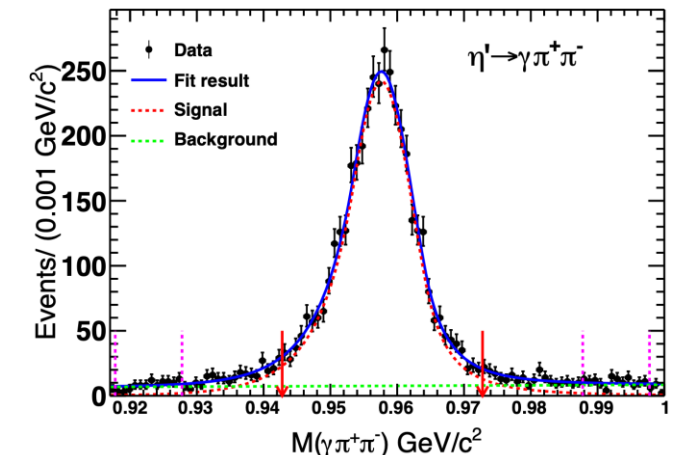
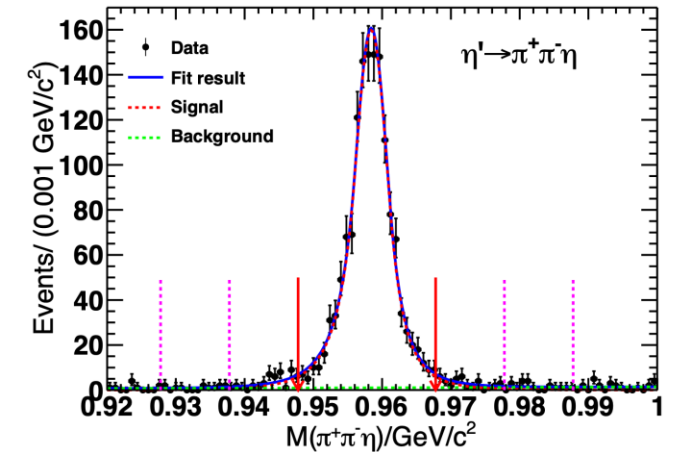


backups

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

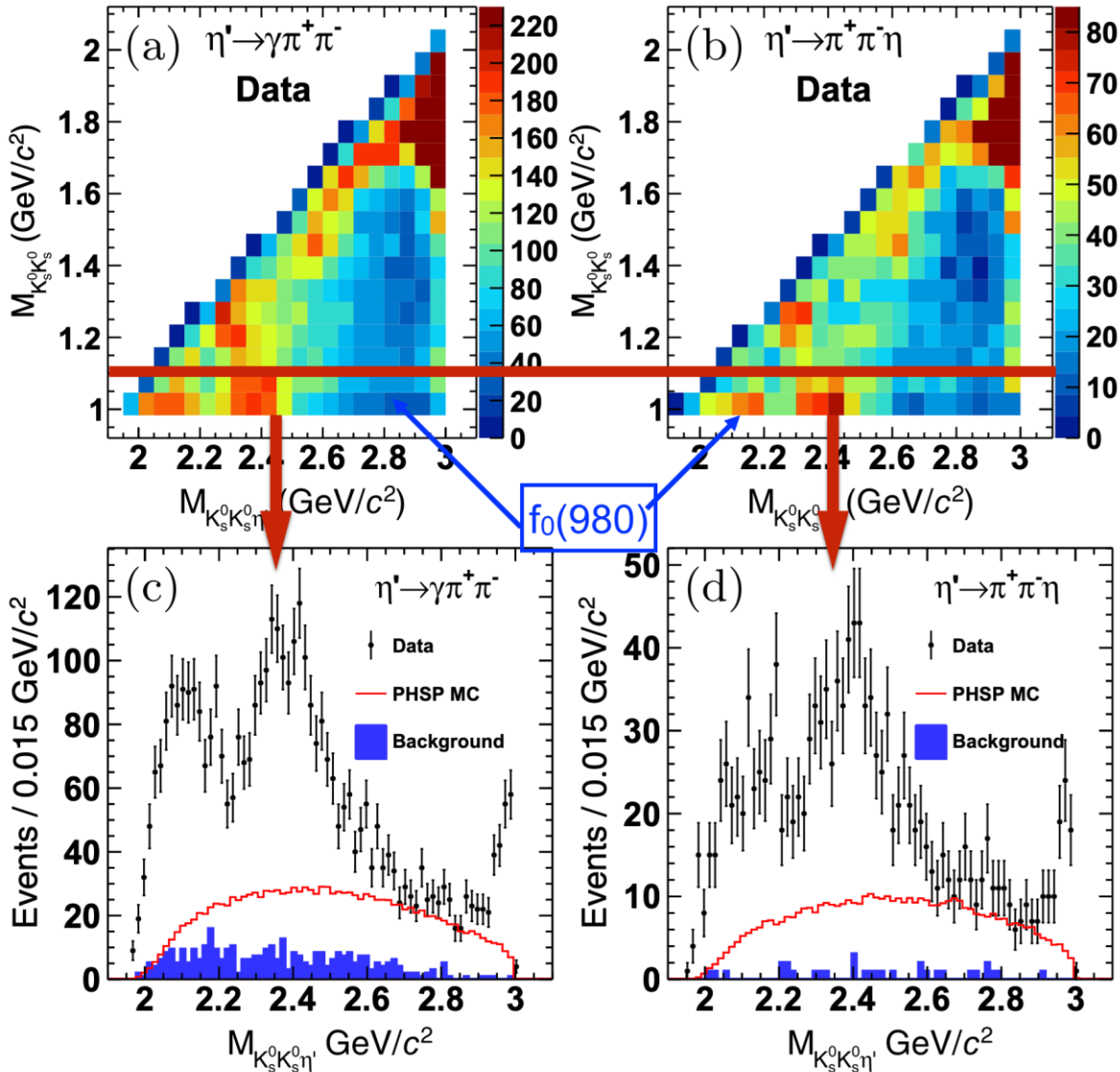
- η' reconstructed with $\eta\pi^+\pi^-$ and $\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$
- K_S^0 reconstructed with $\pi^+\pi^-$
- **Almost background free**
 - Negligible mis-combination for K_S^0 ($<0.1\%$)
 - No background from $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0\eta'K_S^0K_S^0$ or $\eta'K_S^0K_S^0$
 - Forbidden by exchange symmetry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

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

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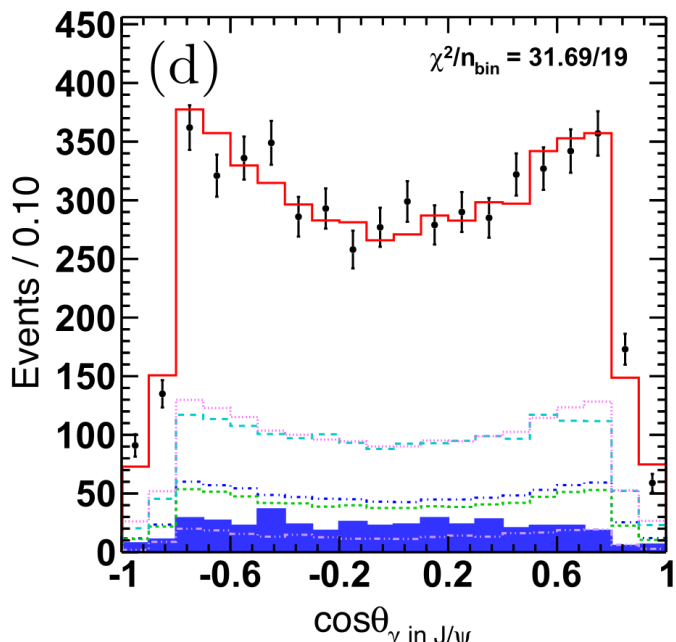
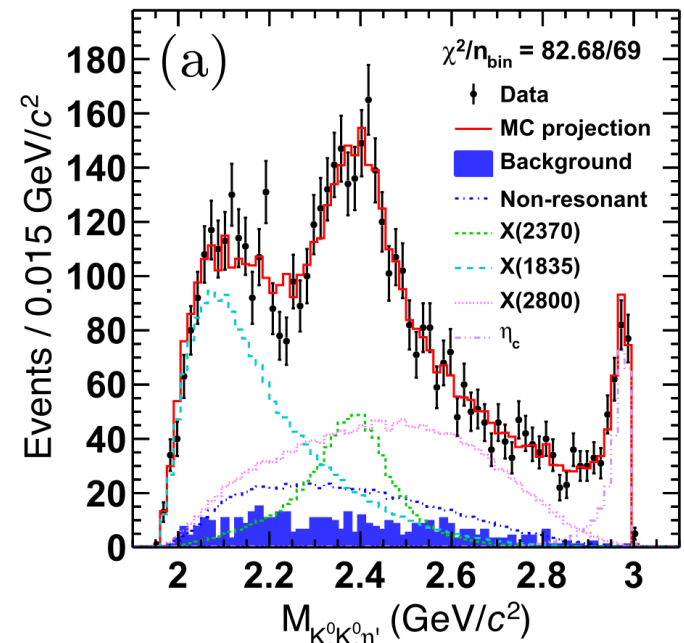
- A clear connection between the $f_0(980)$ and $X(2370)/\eta_c$
 - $f_0(980)$ selection with $M(K_S^0 K_S^0) < 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - Clear signals of the $X(2370)$ and η_c
- Amplitude analysis
 - Quasi two-body decay amplitudes in the sequential decay processes $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow Y\eta', Y \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X, X \rightarrow ZK_S^0, Z \rightarrow K_S^0 \eta'$ are constructed using the covariant tensor formalism [Eur. Phys. J. A 16, 537]

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

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}	14.9σ
X(1835)	0^{-+}	$f_0(980)\eta'$	1844	192	22.0σ
X(2800)	0^{-+}	$f_0(980)\eta'$	2799^{+52}_{-48}	660^{+180}_{-116}	16.4σ
η_c	0^{-+}	$f_0(980)\eta'$	2983.9	32.0	$> 20.0\sigma$
PHSP	0^{-+}	$\eta'(K_S^0 K_S^0)_{S-wave}$	---	---	9.0σ
		$\eta'(K_S^0 K_S^0)_{D-wave}$	---	---	16.3σ



• $X(2370)$'s $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ with 9.8σ

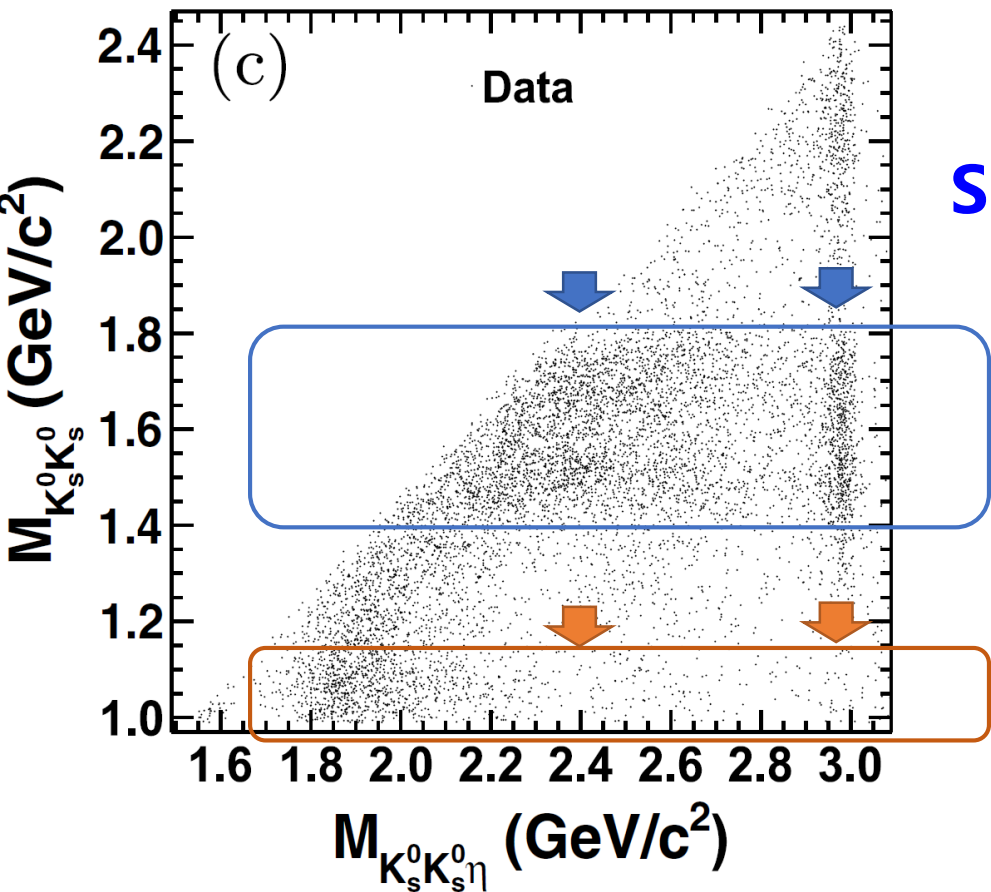
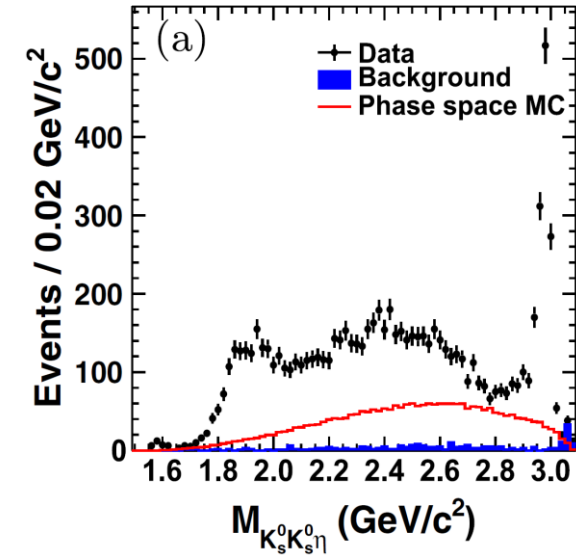
• Product branching fraction:

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370)) B(X(2370) \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0 K_S^0) B(f_0(980) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0) = (1.31 \pm 0.22^{+2.85}_{-0.84}) \times 10^{-5}$$

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)



Similar decay patterns of the X(2370) and η_c

clear X(2370) AND η_c signals

no X(2370) OR η_c signal

What we have learned before

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

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

Exp: **overpopulation**

LQCD : ground state 0^+ glueball ~ 1.7 GeV;

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

Tensor: 2 nonets (${}^3P_2, {}^3F_2$), complicated

Exp: **large uncertainty**

LQCD: 2^{++} (2.3~2.4 GeV);

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2^+})/\Gamma_{total} = 1.1(2) \times 10^{-2}$$

Pseudoscalar: η & η' , "simple"

Exp: **lacking of info. above 2 GeV**; puzzles $\eta(1295)$?
 $\eta(1405/1475)$?

LQCD: 0^{-+} (2.3~2.6 GeV)

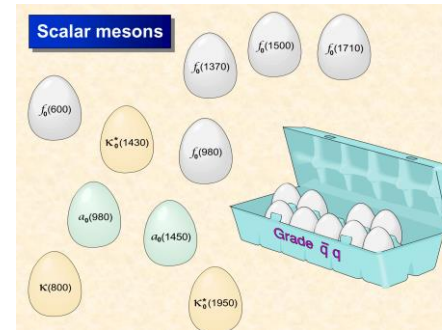
$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0^-})/\Gamma_{total} = 2.31(80) \times 10^{-4}$$

e^+e^- annihilation

$p\bar{p}$ annihilation

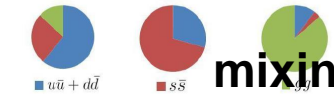
central exclusive production

charge-exchange reactions



Cheng *et al*, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 094005

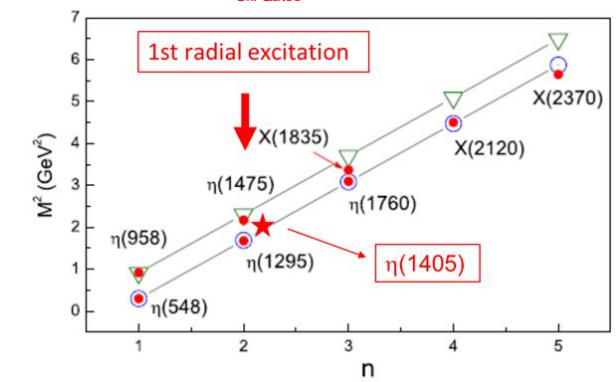
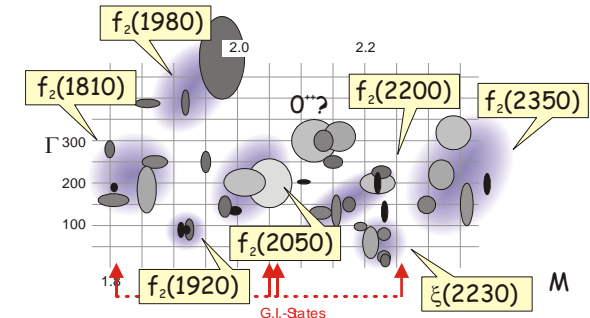
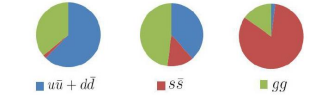
$f_0(1370)$ $f_0(1500)$ $f_0(1710)$



mixing schemes

Close and Kirk, PLB483 (2000) 345

$f_0(1370)$ $f_0(1500)$ $f_0(1710)$



Landscape of glueballs has been updated with BESIII' s inputs

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

Exp: overpopulation

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

✓ $f_0(1710)$ is largely overlapped with the scalar glueball, according to its production and decay properties

Tensor: 2 nonets (${}^3P_2, {}^3F_2$), complicated

Exp: large uncertainty

LQCD: 2^{++} (2.3~2.4 GeV);

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{2^+})/\Gamma_{total} = 1.1(2) \times 10^{-2}$$

✓ Large production rate of $f_2(2340)$ in J/ψ radiative decays

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Exp: lacking of info. above 2 GeV; puzzles $\eta(1295)$? $\eta(1405/1475)$?

LQCD: 0^{-+} (2.3~2.6 GeV)

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0^-})/\Gamma_{total} = 2.31(80) \times 10^{-4}$$

✓ Non-observation of $\eta(1295)$

✓ 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

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

*with chiral suppression

PRL 95 172001, PRL 98 149103

Expectation:

$$\Gamma(G \rightarrow \pi\pi) / \Gamma(G \rightarrow K\bar{K}) \approx \frac{f_\pi^4}{f_K^4} \approx 0.48$$



Measured:

$$\frac{1}{P.S.} \Gamma(G \rightarrow \pi\pi : K\bar{K} : \eta\eta) \approx \underline{1.3 : 3.16 : 1}$$

New inputs from $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta'$

[BESIII PRL 129 192002(2022), PRD 106 072012(2022)]

- Significant $f_0(1500)$

$$\frac{B(f_0(1500) \rightarrow \eta\eta')}{B(f_0(1500) \rightarrow \pi\pi)} = (1.66_{-0.40}^{+0.42}) \times 10^{-1}$$

consistent with PDG

- **Absence of $f_0(1710)$**

$$\frac{B(f_0(1710) \rightarrow \eta\eta')}{B(f_0(1710) \rightarrow \pi\pi)} < 2.87 \times 10^{-3} \text{ @90\% C.L.}$$

- Supports to the hypothesis that $f_0(1710)$ overlaps with the ground state scalar glueball

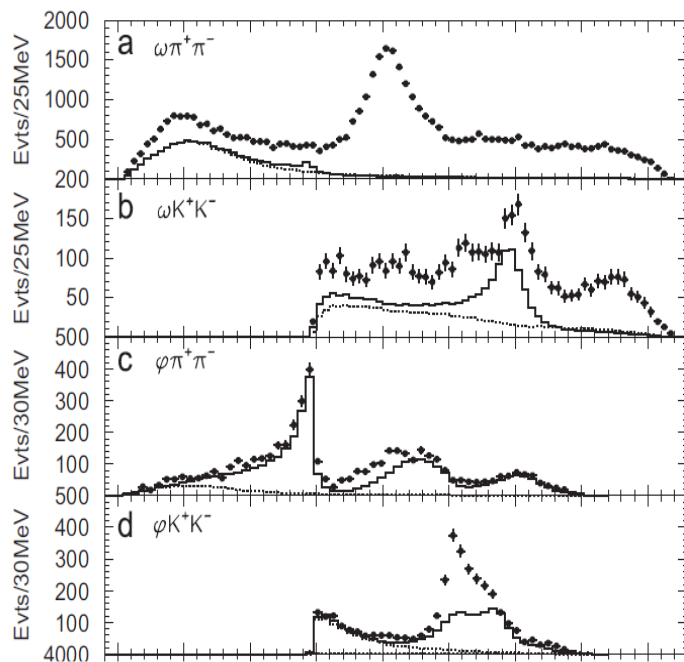
- **Scalar glueball expected to be suppressed**
 $B(G \rightarrow \eta\eta') / B(G \rightarrow \pi\pi) < 0.04$

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

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

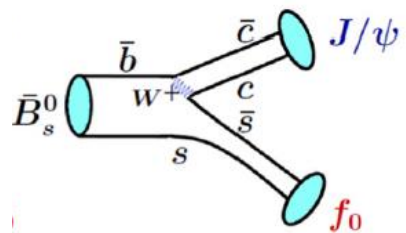
More scalars

$f_0(1710)/f_0(1790)$?



- ωK^+K^- → Peak around 1700 MeV/c² (OZI rule: $n\bar{n}$ structure)
- $\phi\pi^+\pi^-$ → Enhancement at 1790 MeV/c²
- ϕK^+K^- → No peak around 1700 MeV/c²

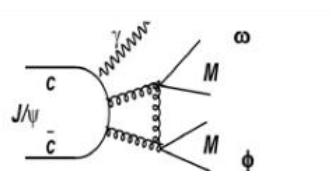
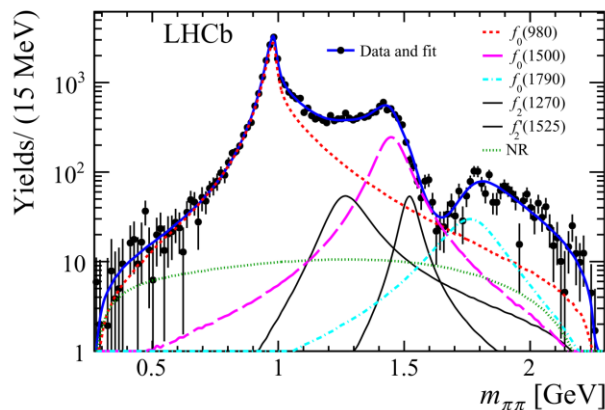
$f_0(1800)$



selective for $s\bar{s}$

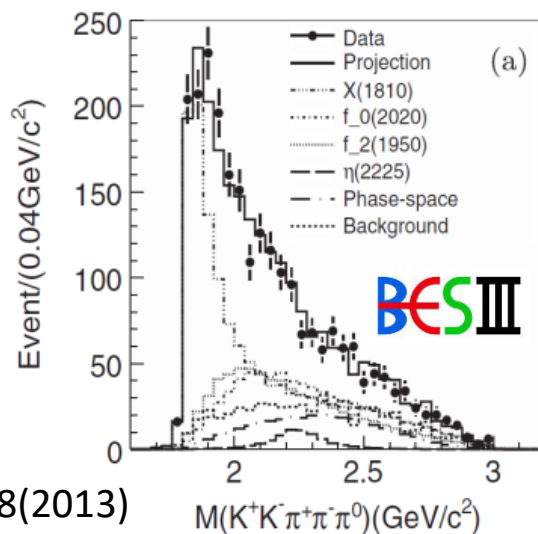
$B_s \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$

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$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\omega\phi$ (DOZI)

PRD 87, 032008(2013)

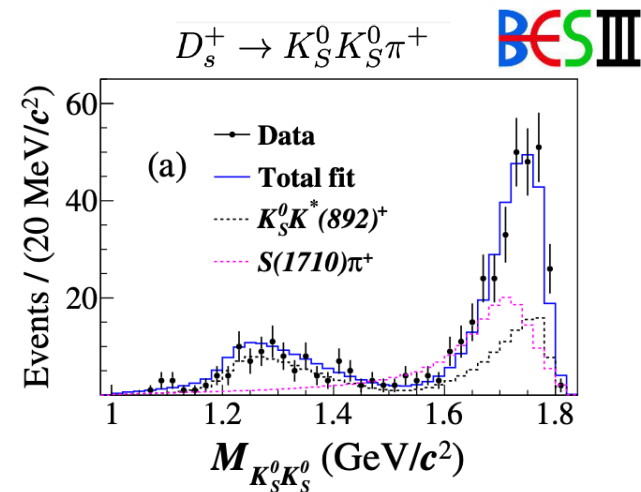


$a_0(1817)$

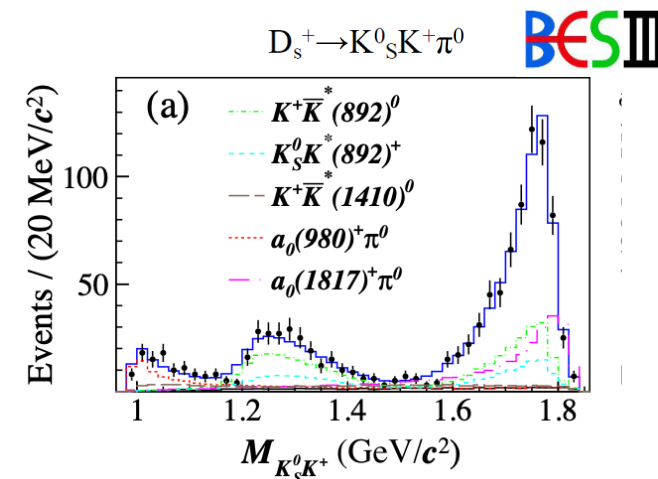
Isovector partner of $f_0(1800)$?

[Shulei's talk]

PRD105, L051103 (2022)



PRL129, 182001 (2022)



Two photon couplings

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow K_S K_S$$

Belle PTEP 2013 (2013) 12, 123C01

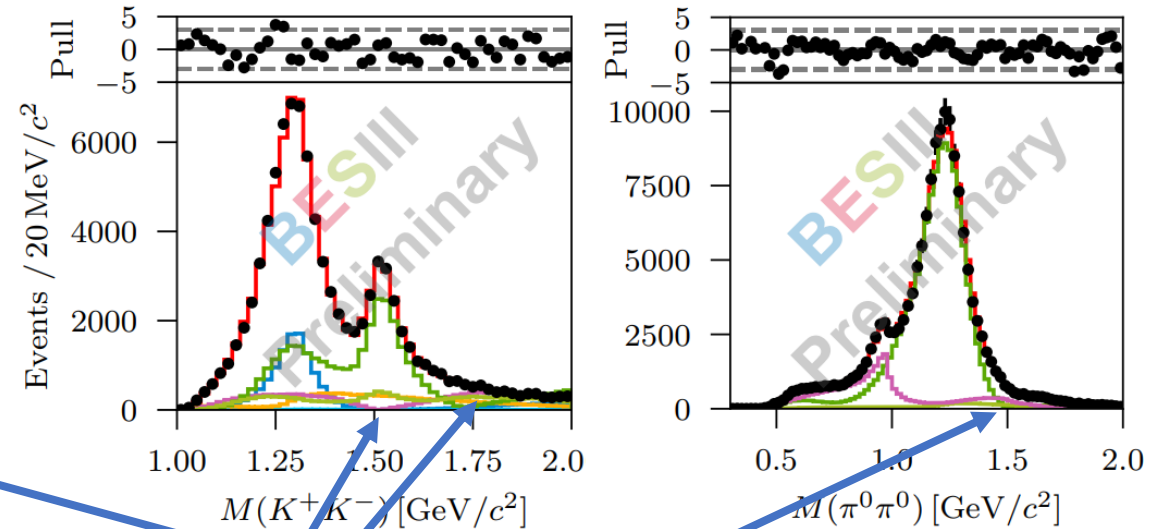
Parameter	$f_0(1710)$ fit			PDG
	fit-H	fit-L	H,L combined	
χ^2/ndf	694.2/585	701.6/585	–	–
Mass(f_J) (MeV/ c^2)	1750^{+5+29}_{-6-18}	1749^{+5+31}_{-6-42}	1750^{+6+29}_{-7-18}	1720 ± 6
$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(f_J)$ (MeV)	138^{+12+96}_{-11-50}	145^{+11+31}_{-10-54}	139^{+11+96}_{-12-50}	135 ± 6
$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \mathcal{B}(K\bar{K})_{f_J}$ (eV)	12^{+3+227}_{-2-8}	21^{+0+38}_{-4-26}	12^{+3+227}_{-2-8}	unknown

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$$

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Parameter	Nominal	$r_{02} = 0$	No $f_0(Y)$	Unit
Mass($f_0(980)$)	982.2 ± 1.0	980.2 ± 1.0	$983.7^{+1.5}_{-1.0}$	MeV/ c^2
$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(f_0(980))$	$285.5^{+17.2}_{-17.1}$	$297.0^{+14.2}_{-13.7}$	$370.5^{+20.2}_{-18.7}$	eV
$g_{f_0(980)\pi\pi}$	1.82 ± 0.03	1.79 ± 0.03	1.89 ± 0.03	GeV
Mass($f_0(Y)$)	1469.7 ± 4.7	1466.8 ± 0.6	–	MeV/ c^2
$\Gamma(f_0(Y))$	$89.7^{+8.1}_{-6.6}$	$422.4^{+18.4}_{-19.8}$	–	MeV
$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \mathcal{B}(f_0(Y) \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0)$	$11.2^{+5.0}_{-4.0}$	$6780.2^{+626.5}_{-574.7}$	0 (fixed)	eV

BESIII preliminary



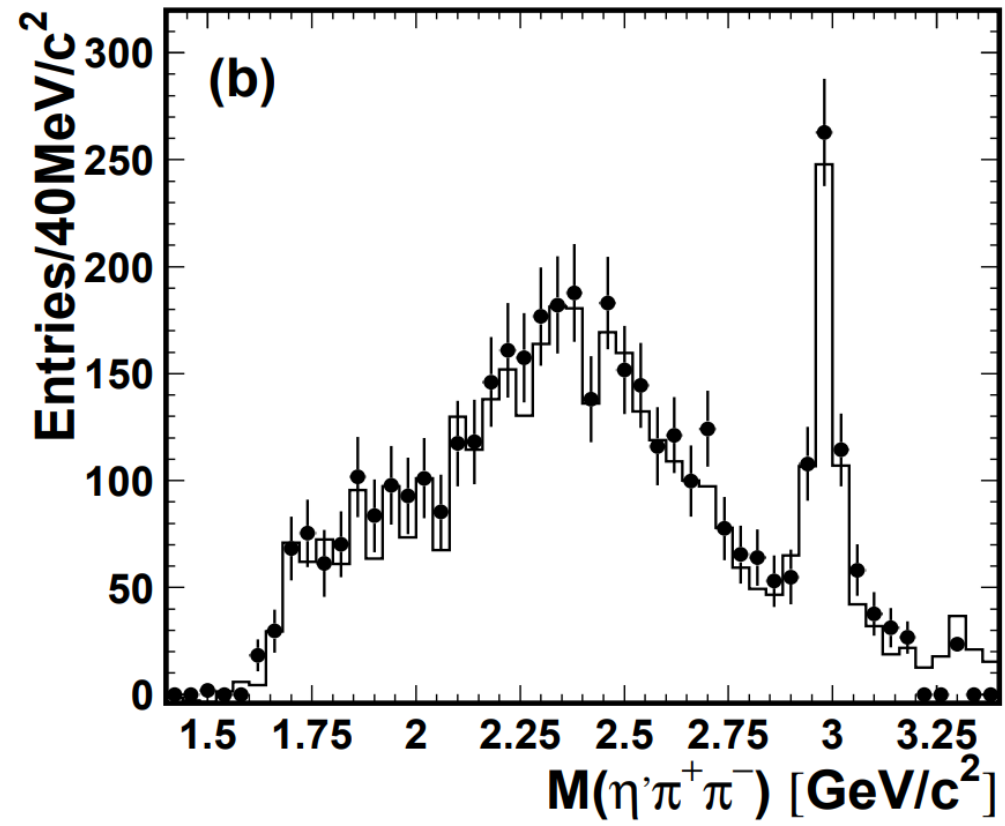
$f_0(1710)? f_0(1800)?$

$f_0(1500)?$

Proper assignment requires **more sophisticated model**

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

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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

$$Prob(\xi: \alpha) = \frac{\omega(\xi, \alpha) \epsilon(\xi)}{\int d\xi \omega(\xi, \alpha) \epsilon(\xi)}$$

ξ (the four-momenta of the final-state particles),
 $\omega(\xi, \alpha) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Phi} = |\sum_i A_i|^2$ differential cross section,
 $\epsilon(\xi)$ efficiency

$$\ln L = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{data}} \ln(Prob(\xi, \alpha))$$

Perform an un-binned log-likelihood fit (fit the data event-wise to high-dimensional distributions using complex weights) to make our model for ω agree with the experimental distribution by varying the α

For J/ψ radiative decays [Eur. Phys. J. A 16, 537]

$$A = \psi_\mu(m_1) e_\nu^*(m_2) A^{\mu\nu} = \psi_\mu(m_1) e_\nu^*(m_2) \sum_i \Lambda_i U_i^{\mu\nu}$$

e.g. $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 0^{-+}, 0^{-+} \rightarrow f_0 \eta, f_0 \pi\pi$

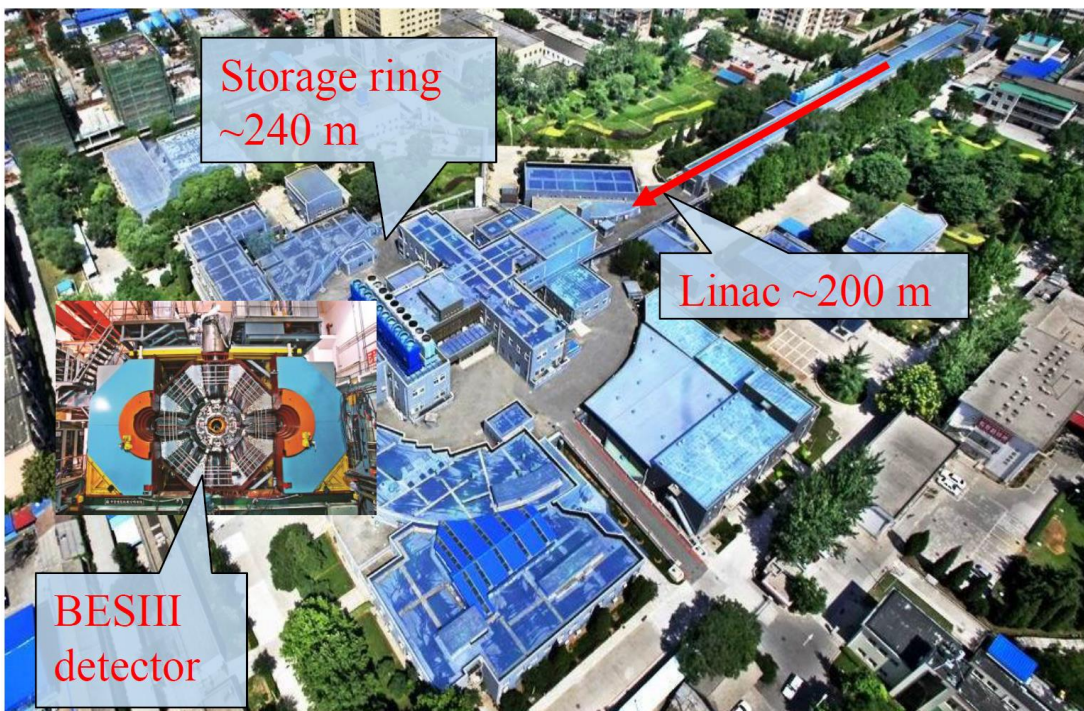
$$\langle \gamma 0^{-+} | (f_0 \eta) 1 \rangle = S_{\mu\nu} B_1(Q_{\psi\gamma X}) f_{(12)}^{(f_0)}$$

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

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

BESIII@BECPII

Beijing Electron Positron Collider(BEPCII)



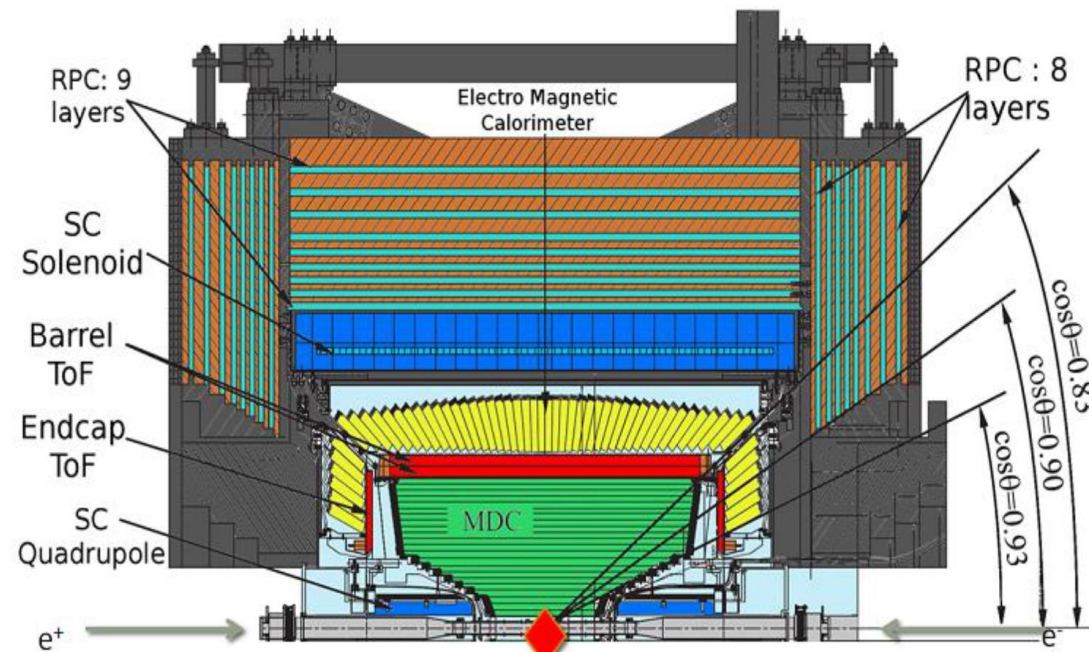
Double-ring, symmetry, multi-bunch $e^+ e^-$ collider

$E_{cm} = 1.84$ to 4.95 GeV

Energy spread: $\Delta E \approx 5 \times 10^{-4}$

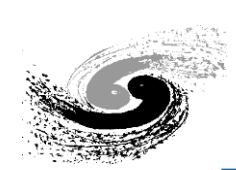
Peak luminosity in continuously operation @ $E_{cm} = 3.77$ GeV: $1.1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Beijing Spectrometer(BESIII)



<p>Main Drift Chamber Small cell, 43 layer $\sigma_{xy} = 130 \mu\text{m}$ $dE/dx \sim 6\%$ $\sigma_p/p = 0.5\%$ at 1 GeV</p>	<p>Time Of Flight Plastic scintillator σ_T(barrel): 65 ps σ_T(endcap): 110 ps (update to 60 ps with MRPC)</p>	<p>Electromagnetic Calorimeter CsI(Tl): $L=28$ cm Barrel $\sigma_E = 2.5\%$ Endcap $\sigma_E = 5.0\%$</p>	<p>Muon Counter RPC Barrel: 9 layers Endcap: 8 layers $\sigma_{\text{spatial}} = 1.48$ cm</p>
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BESIII collaboration: ~600 members from 17 countries, 89 institutions

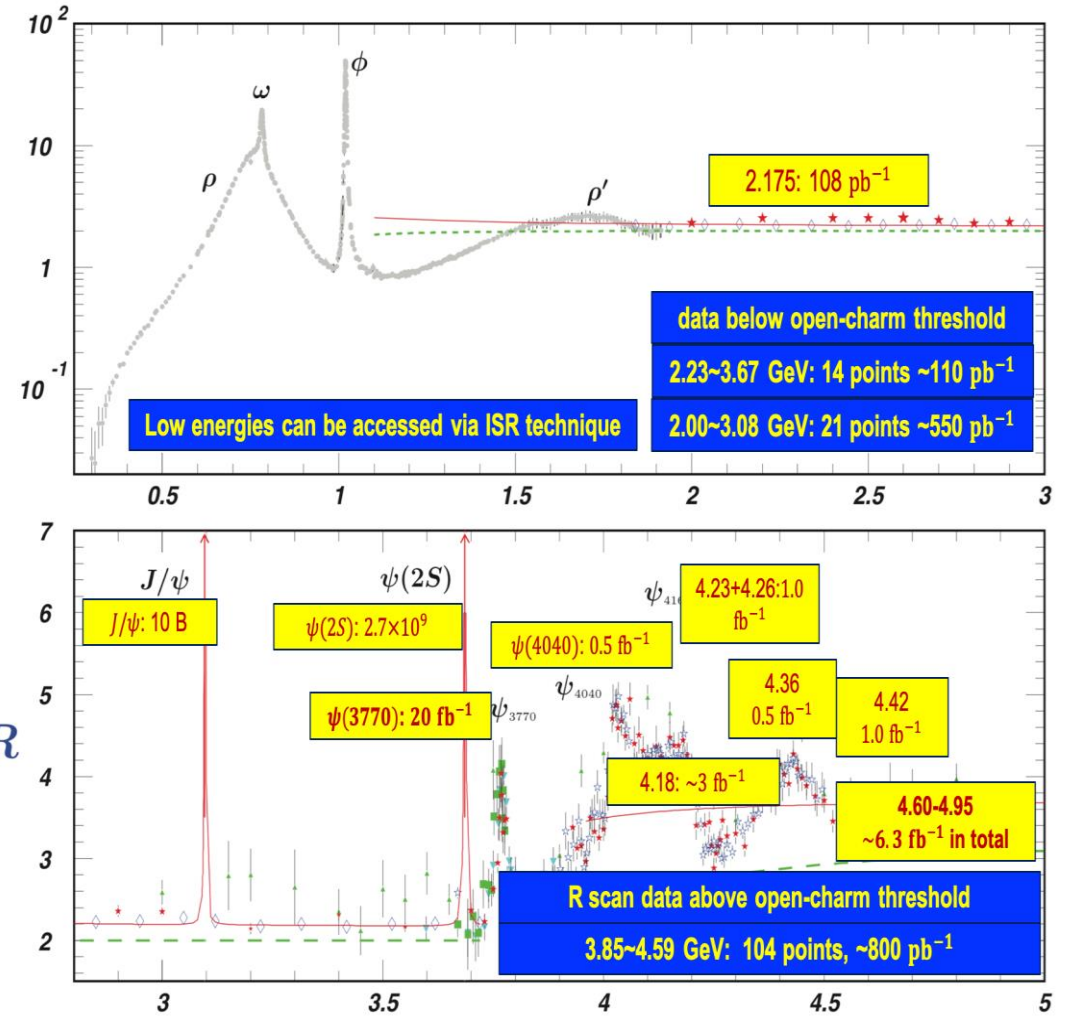


World's largest τ – charm data sets in e^+e^- annihilation

Totally about 50 fb^{-1} from 2.0-4.95 GeV

Data sets collected so far include

- 10×10^9 J/ψ events
- 2.7×10^9 $\psi(2S)$ events
- 20 fb^{-1} $\psi(3770)$
- Scan data [1.84, 3.08] GeV; [3.735, 4.600] GeV, 143 energy points, $\sim 2.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Large data sets for XYZ study $\sim 22 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Entangled hadron pair-productions near thresholds R



Rich physics program:

Spectroscopy & decays of light hadrons and charmonium, charm physics, precision measurements of QCD parameters, tests of fundamental symmetry,