

The charged and neutral Z_c states at BESIII

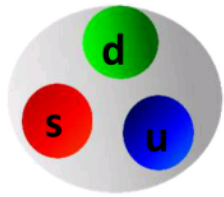
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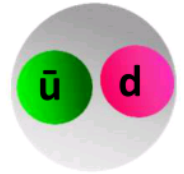


Baryons are red-blue-green triplets

$\Lambda = usd$

ordinary matter

Mesons are color-anticolor pairs

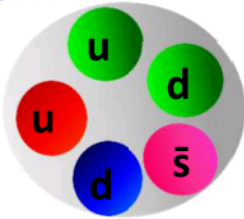


$\pi = \bar{u}d$

Other possible combinations of quarks and gluons :

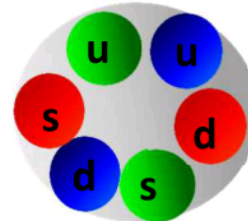
Pentaquark

$S = +1$
Baryon



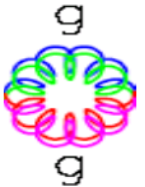
H di-Baryon

Tightly bound
6 quark state



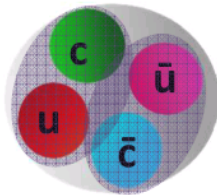
Glueball

Color-singlet multi-gluon bound state



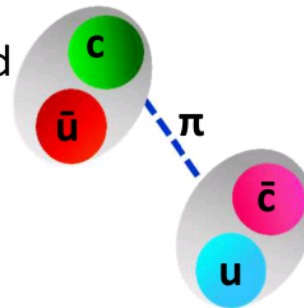
Tetraquark

Tightly bound
diquark &
anti-diquark

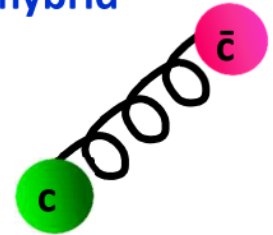


Molecule

loosely bound
meson-antimeson
"molecule"

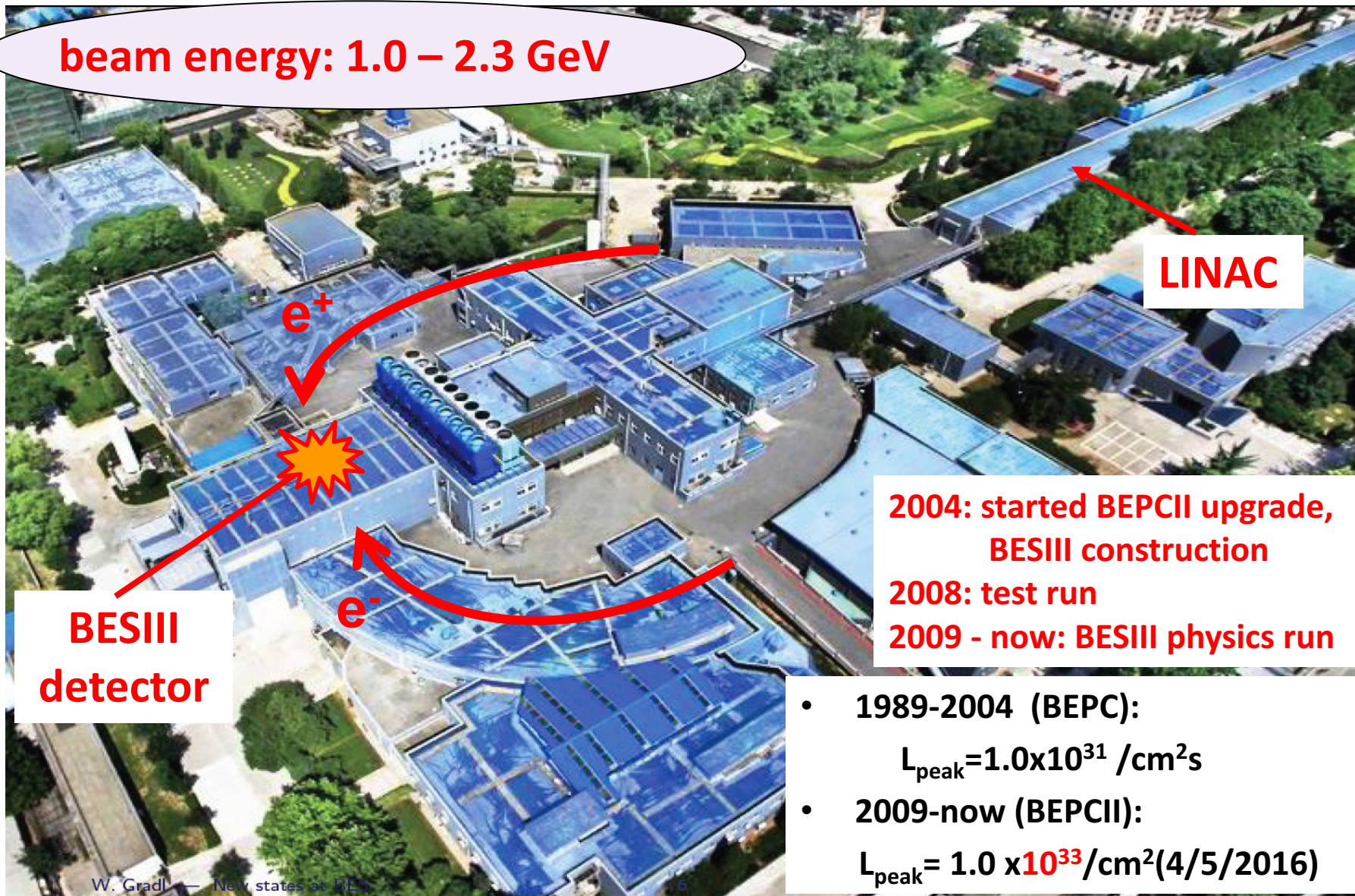


$q\bar{q}$ -gluon hybrid
mesons



However, none of them are established and they are exotica!!!

beam energy: 1.0 – 2.3 GeV



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BESIII detector

2004: started BEPCII upgrade, BESIII construction
 2008: test run
 2009 - now: BESIII physics run

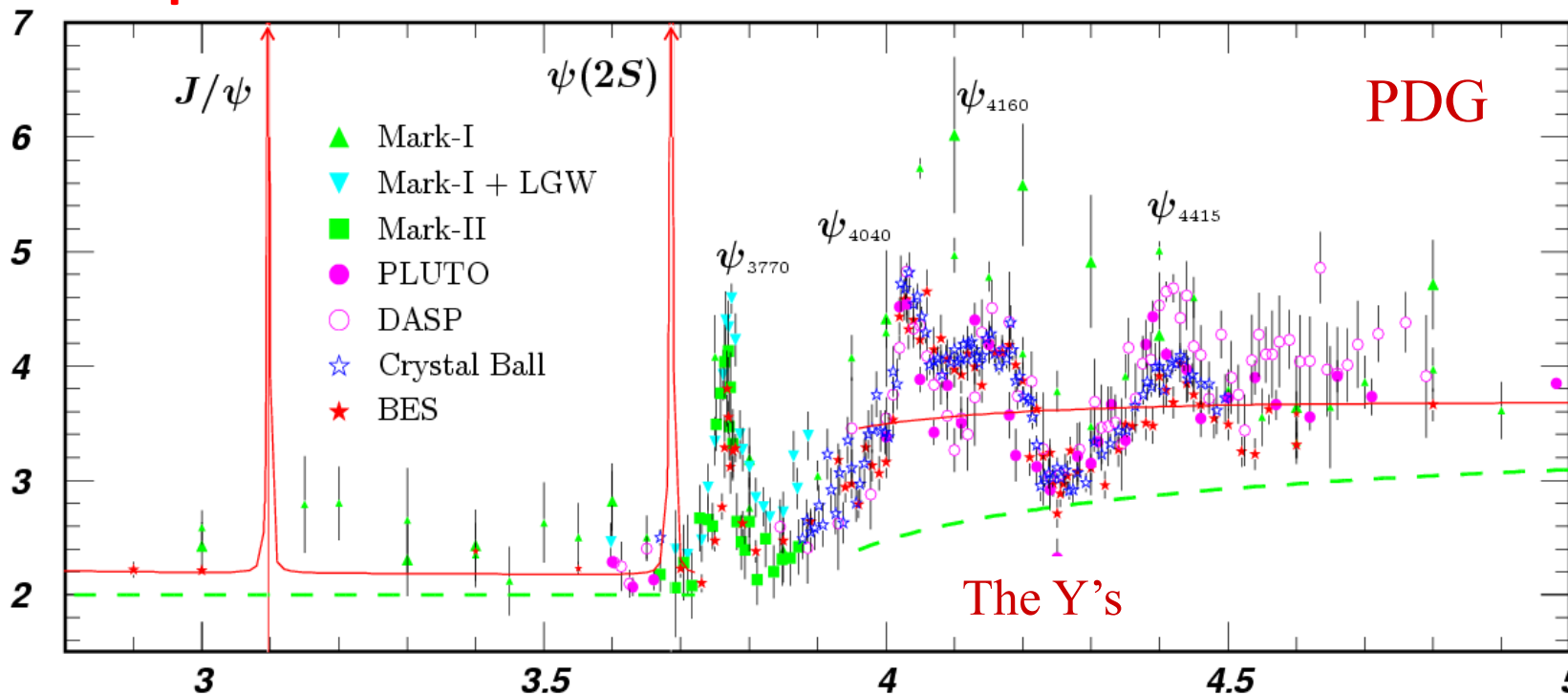
- 1989-2004 (BEPC):
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 1.0 \times 10^{31} / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$
- 2009-now (BEPCII):
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 1.0 \times 10^{33} / \text{cm}^2 (4/5/2016)$

W. Gradl — New states of BES

Features of the BEPC Energy Region

- Rich of **resonances**: charmonia(-like) and charmed hadrons
- **Threshold** characteristics (pairs of τ , D , D_s , Λ_c ...)
- **Transition between** smooth and resonances, perturbative and non-perturbative QCD
- Energy location of the **new hadrons: glueballs, hybrids, multi-quark states**

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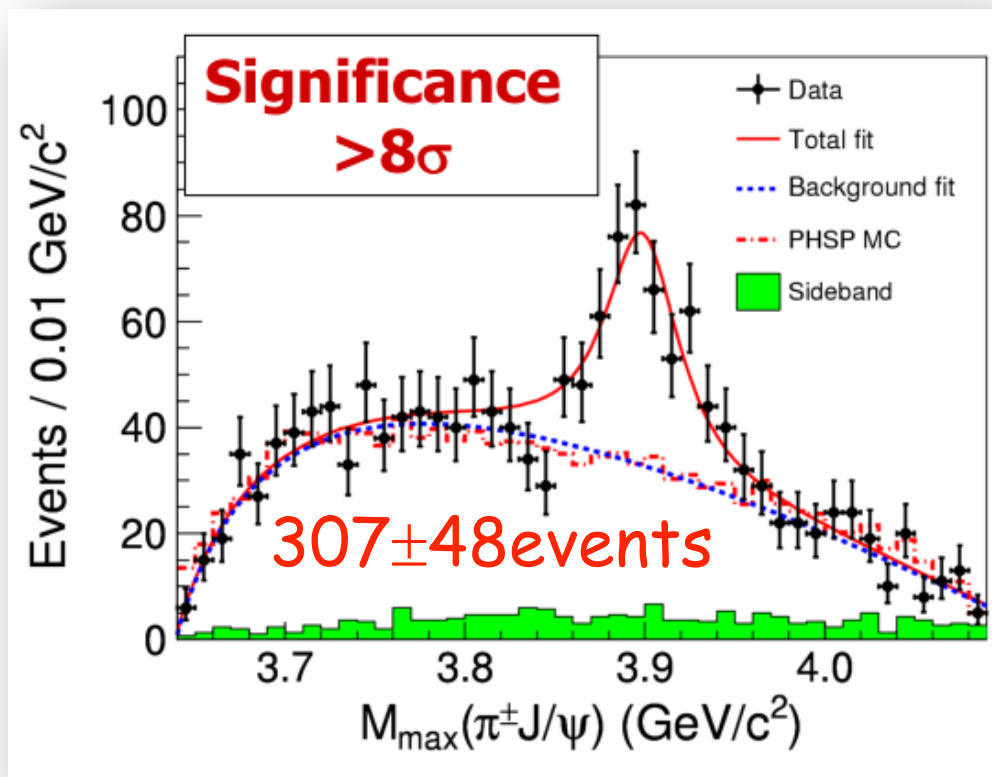


The Z_c states

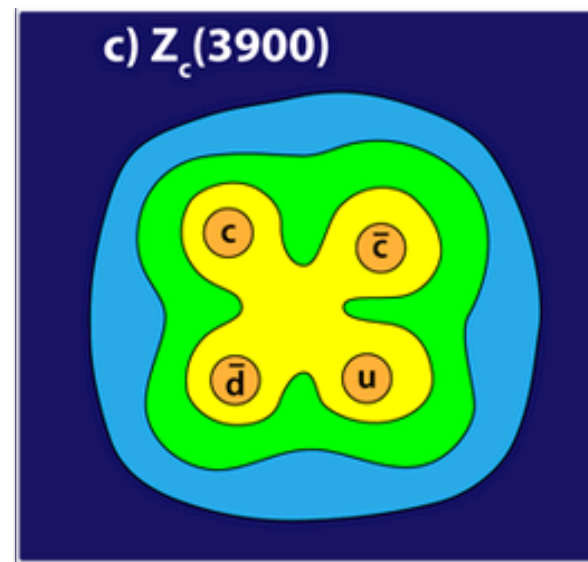
Z states: charmonium-like states carrying electric charge; must contain at least $c\bar{c}$ and a light qq pair



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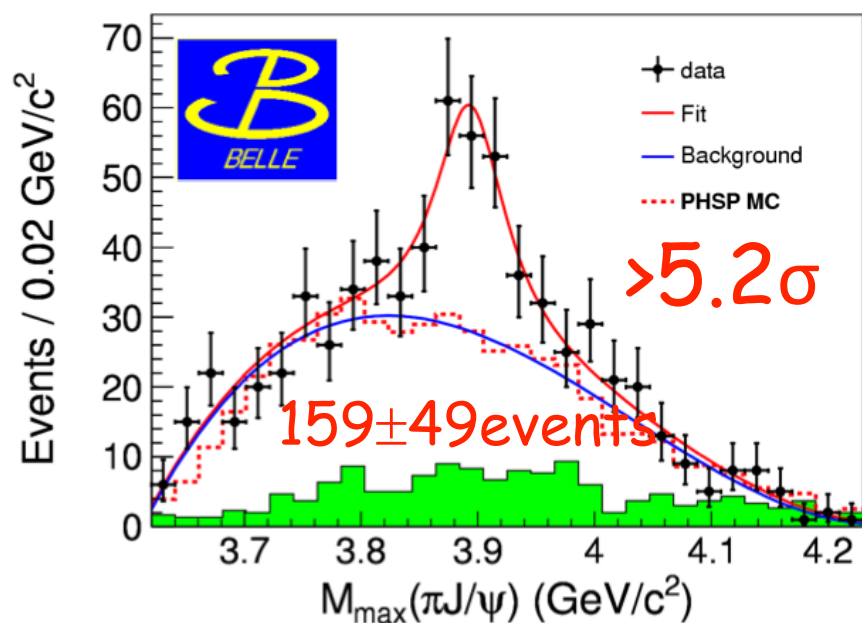
Mass = (3899.0 ± 3.6 ± 4.9) MeV
 Width = (46 ± 10 ± 20) MeV



from APS/Alan Stonebraker

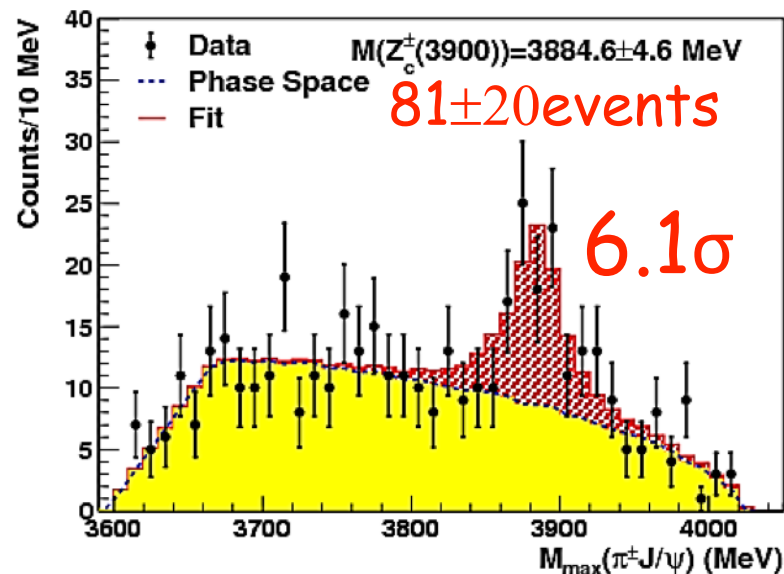
- Couples to $c\bar{c}$
- Has electric charge **1**
- ➔ consists of at least four quarks of $c\bar{c}u\bar{d}$

Belle with ISR-return from $Y(nS)$ data set
PRL 110, 252002 (2013)



Mass = $(3894.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 4.5)$ MeV
Width = $(63 \pm 24 \pm 26)$ MeV

CLEOc data at 4.17 GeV:
PLB 727, 366 (2013)



Mass = $(3885 \pm 5 \pm 1)$ MeV
Width = $(34 \pm 12 \pm 4)$ MeV

Consistent results from other electron-positron annihilation experiments!

Nature of the exotic $Z_c^+(3900)$

- Its mass lies close to the threshold of $m(D)+m(D^*)$

DD^* molecule?



tetraquark?

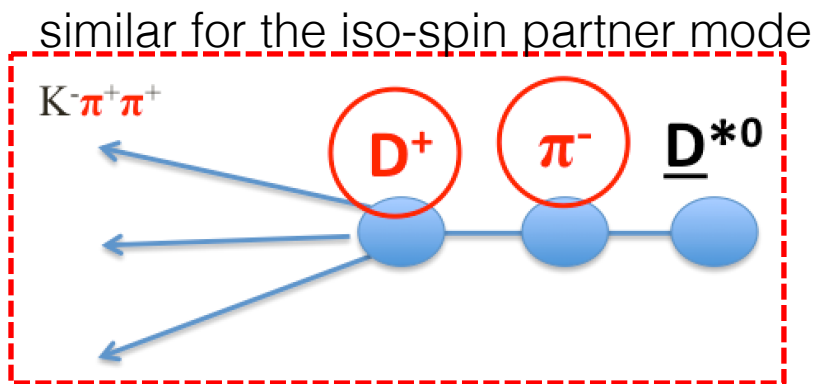


and other scenarios:

- Cusp?
- Threshold effect?
- ...

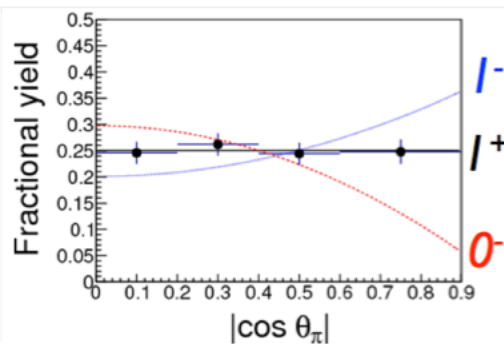
- Other decay mode of the $Z_c(3900)$?
- Partner(s) of the Z_c ?

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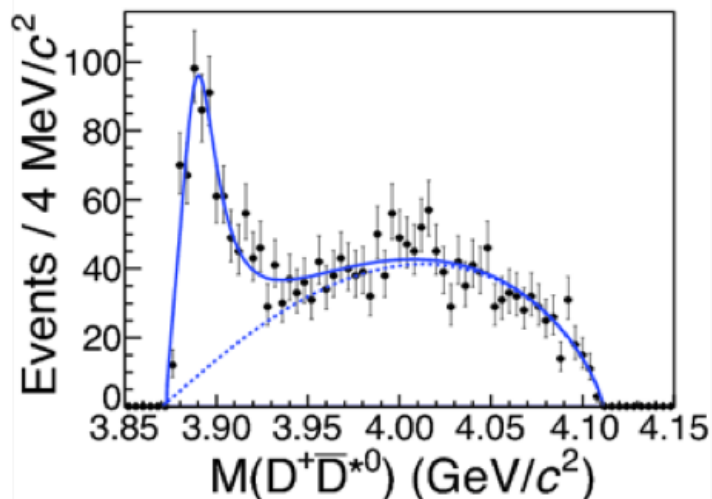
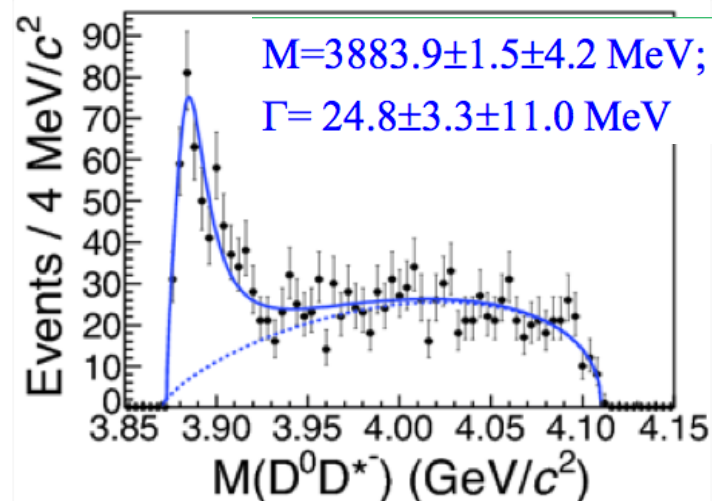
If $Z_c(3885)$ is $Z_c(3900)$:

$$R = \frac{\Gamma(Z_c(3885) \rightarrow (\bar{D}D^*)^+)}{\Gamma(Z_c(3900) \rightarrow \pi^+ J/\psi)} = 6.2 \pm 1.1 \pm 2.7$$



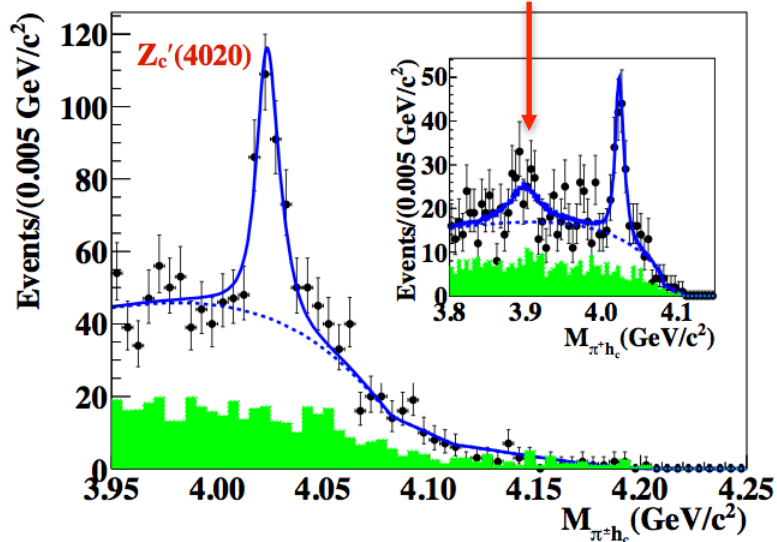
Angular distribution favors 1^+ and disfavors 1^- or 0^-

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- Z_c(3885)^+, Z_c(3885)^+ \rightarrow (D\bar{D}^*)^+ + \text{c.c.}) = (83.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 22.0) \text{ pb}$$



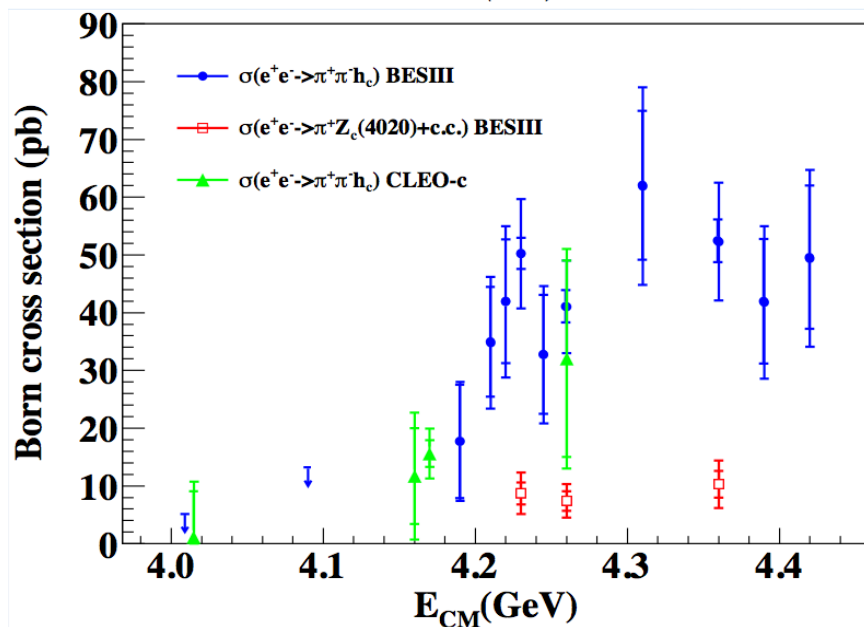
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Reflection and possible $Z_c(3900)$ signal



No significant $Z_c(3900)$ signal is observed

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c(1P)$ at BESIII



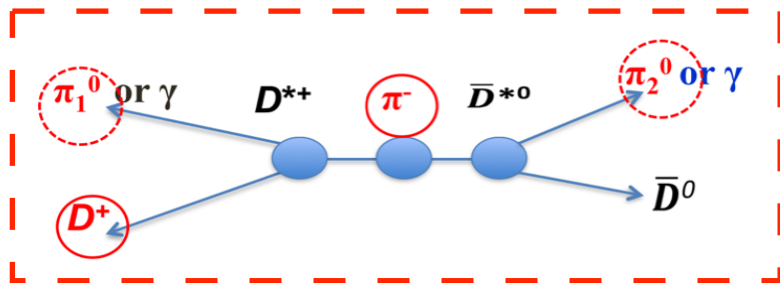
Simultaneous fit to 4.23/4.26/4.36 GeV data and 16 η_c decay modes: 8.9σ

$M(Z_c(4020)) = 4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7$ MeV; $\Gamma(Z_c(4020)) = 7.9 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.6$ MeV

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(3900)^\mp \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c)$$

< 13 pb @4.23GeV

< 11 pb @4.26GeV



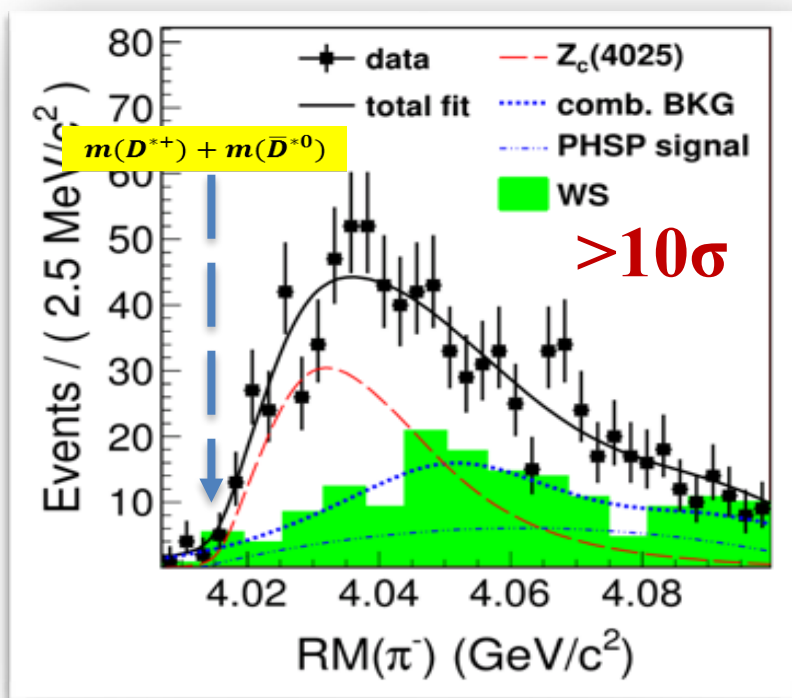
PRL113, 132001 (2014)

assume it as a particle, $Z_c(4025)$, and fit to the π^- recoil mass distribution

resonance parameter:

$$m(Z_c(4025)) = 4026.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 3.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2,$$

$$\Gamma(Z_c(4025)) = 24.8 \pm 5.6 \pm 7.7 \text{ MeV}.$$



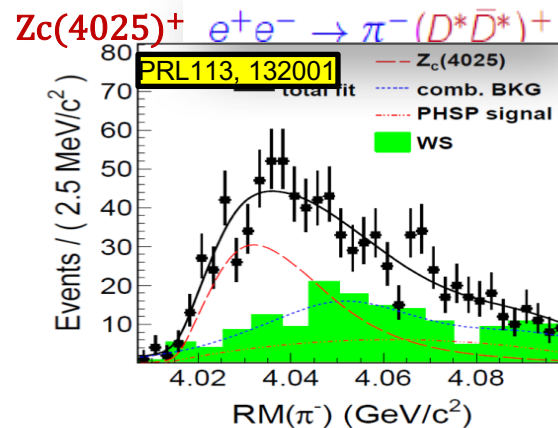
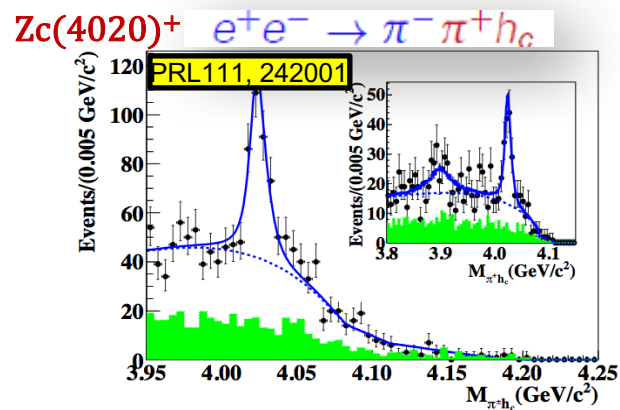
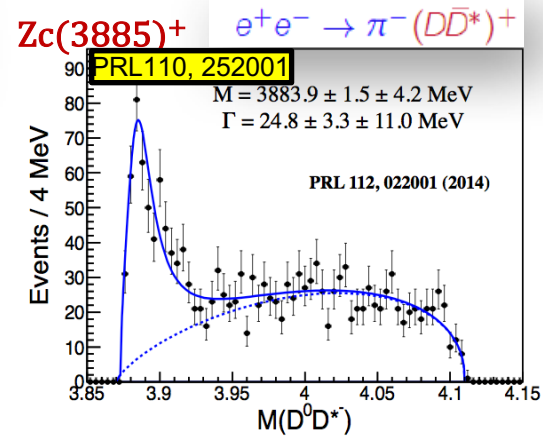
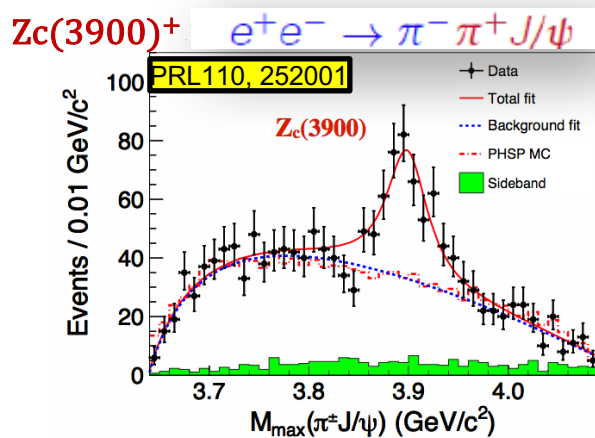
$401 \pm 47 Z_c(4025)$ events

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp) = (137 \pm 9 \pm 15) \text{ pb}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c^\pm(4025) \pi^\mp \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp)} = 0.65 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.06$$

$Z_c(4020) = Z_c(4025)?$

Coupling to $D^* \bar{D}^*$ is much larger than to πh_c if they are the same state



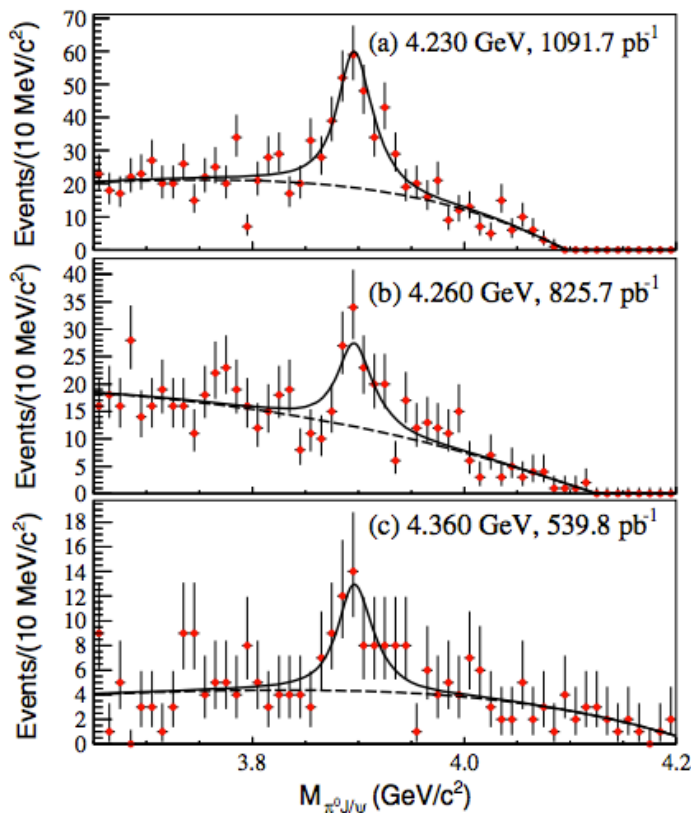
- Searching for isospin partners of these states are important to identify the nature
- Measurement of their quantum numbers

Search for $Z_c(3900)^0$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi$

PRL 115, 112003 (2015)

$$M = 3894.8 \pm 2.3 \pm 3.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 29.6 \pm 8.2 \pm 8.2 \text{ MeV}$$



Evidence for neutral isospin partner!

[T. Xiao et al., PLB 727, 366 (2013)]

Isospin triplet is established: $Z_c(3900)^{\pm/0}$ & $Z_c(4020)^{\pm/0}$

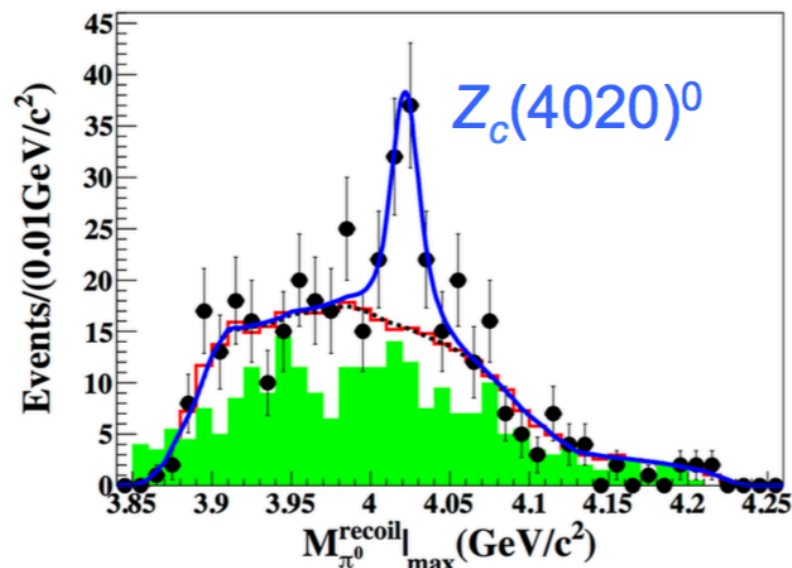
Search for $Z_c(4020)^0$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 h_c$

PRL 113, 212002 (2014)

h_c reconstructed through E1 transition $h_c \rightarrow \gamma h_c$, reconstructed from 16 exclusive hadronic modes.

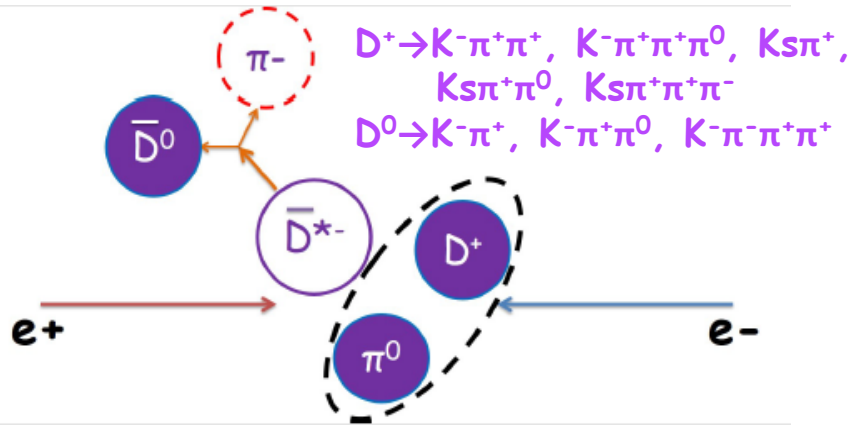
$$M = (4023.6 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.9) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Width fixed to the $Z_c(4020)^+$



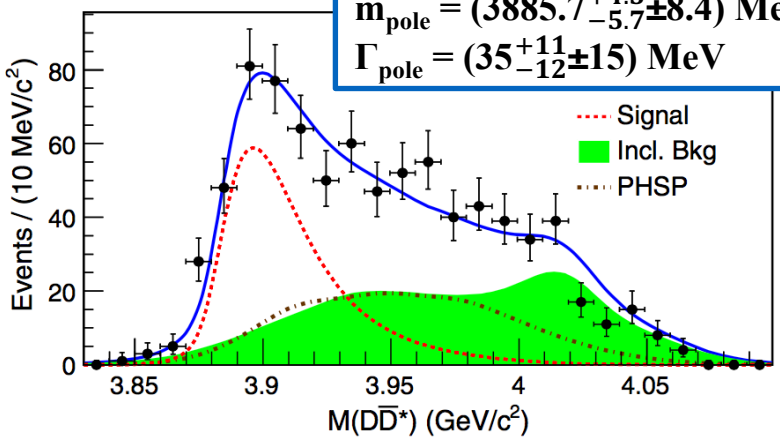
Search for $Z_c(3885)^0$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0(D\bar{D}^*)^0$

PRL 115, 222002 (2015)



$e^+e^- \rightarrow D^+ D^{*-} \pi^0 \rightarrow D^+ \bar{D}^0 \pi^- \pi^0$

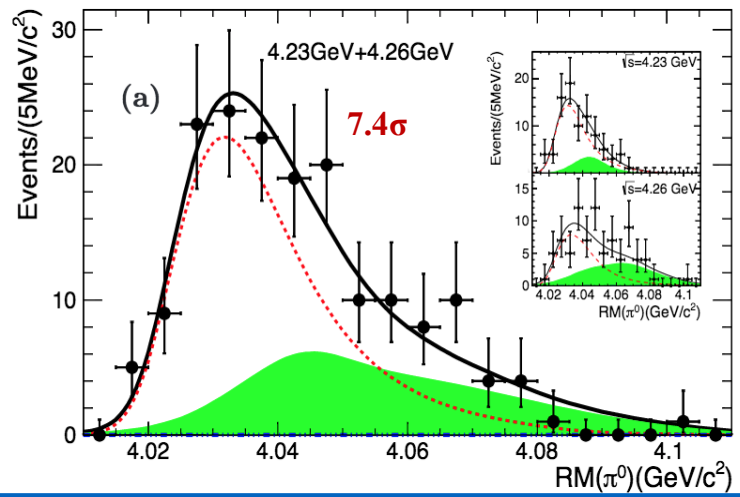
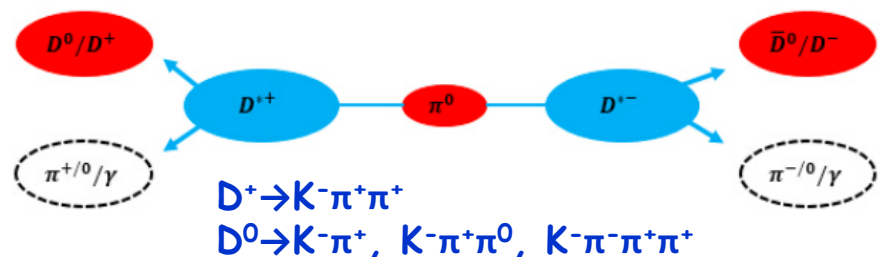
$m_{\text{pole}} = (3885.7_{-5.7}^{+4.3} \pm 8.4) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $\Gamma_{\text{pole}} = (35_{-12}^{+11} \pm 15) \text{ MeV}$



Isospin triplet is established: $Z_c(3885)^{\pm 0}$ & $Z_c(4025)^{\pm 0}$

Search for $Z_c(4025)^0$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0(D^* \bar{D}^*)^0$

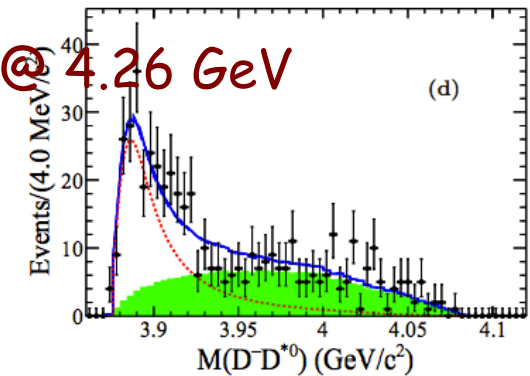
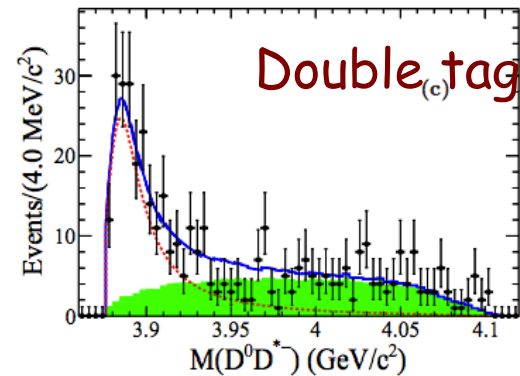
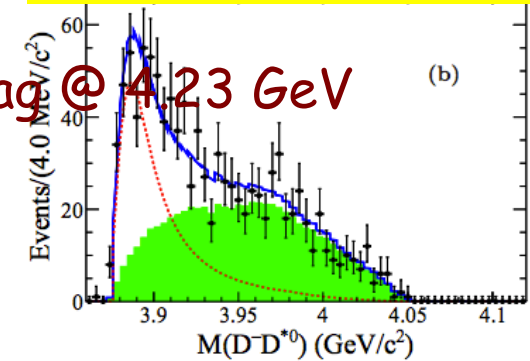
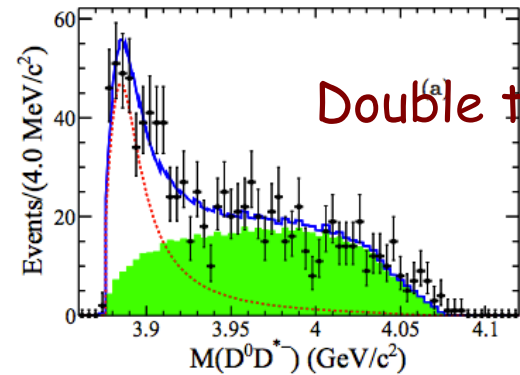
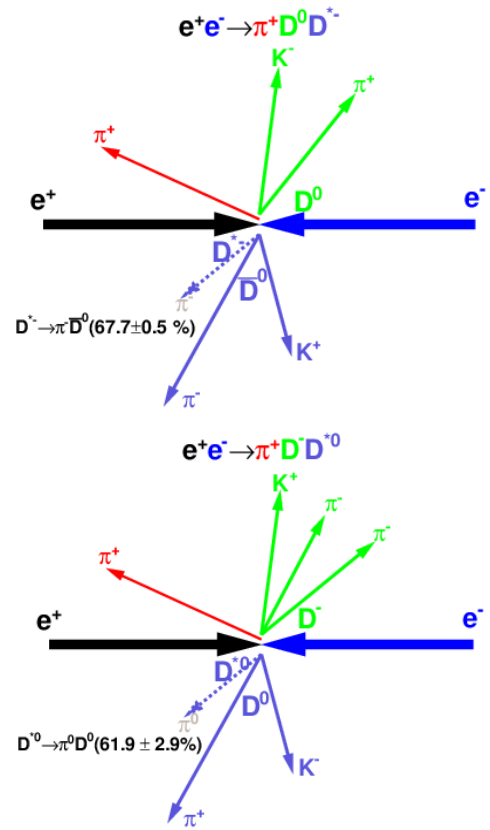
PRL 115, 182002 (2015)



$m_{\text{pole}} = (4025.5_{-4.7}^{+2.0} \pm 3.1) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $\Gamma_{\text{pole}} = (23.0 \pm 6.0 \pm 1.0) \text{ MeV}$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow (D\bar{D}^*)^+ \pi^- + c.c. \text{ (DT method)}$

PRD92,092006 (2015)



PRL 112, 022001 (2014)

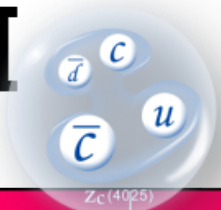
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$Z_c(4020) \rightarrow \bar{D} D^*$ is not observed
 $\rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(Z_c(4020) \rightarrow \bar{D} D^*)}{\Gamma(Z_c(3885) \rightarrow \bar{D} D^*)} < 0.13$

Single tag
 $M = 3883.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 4.2 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Gamma = 24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11.0 \text{ MeV}$
 $J^P = 1^+$

Double tag
 $M = 3881.7 \pm 1.6 \pm 2.1 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Gamma = 26.6 \pm 2.0 \pm 2.3 \text{ MeV}$
 $J^P = 1^+$

Good agreement between ST & DT method



The Zc Family at BESIII



State	Mass (MeV/c ²)	Width (MeV)	Decay	Process
Z _c (3900) [±]	3899.0 ± 3.6 ± 4.9	46 ± 10 ± 20	π [±] J/ψ	e ⁺ e ⁻ → π ⁺ π ⁻ J/ψ
Z _c (3900) ⁰	3894.8 ± 2.3 ± 2.7	29.6 ± 8.2 ± 8.2	π ⁰ J/ψ	e ⁺ e ⁻ → π ⁰ π ⁰ J/ψ
Z _c (3885) [±]	3883.9 ± 1.5 ± 4.2 Single D tag	24.8 ± 3.3 ± 11.0 Single D tag	(D \bar{D}^*) [±]	e ⁺ e ⁻ → (D \bar{D}^*) [±] π [∓]
	3881.7 ± 1.6 ± 2.1 Double D tag	26.6 ± 2.0 ± 2.3 Double D tag	(D \bar{D}^*) [±]	e ⁺ e ⁻ → (D \bar{D}^*) [±] π [∓]
Z _c (3885) ⁰	3885.7 ^{+4.3} _{-5.7} ± 8.4	35 ⁺¹¹ ₋₁₂ ± 15	(D \bar{D}^*) ⁰	e ⁺ e ⁻ → (D \bar{D}^*) ⁰ π ⁰
Z _c (4020) [±]	4022.9 ± 0.8 ± 2.7	7.9 ± 2.7 ± 2.6	π [±] h _c	e ⁺ e ⁻ → π ⁺ π ⁻ h _c
Z _c (4020) ⁰	4023.9 ± 2.2 ± 3.8	fixed	π ⁰ h _c	e ⁺ e ⁻ → π ⁰ π ⁰ h _c
Z _c (4025) [±]	4026.3 ± 2.6 ± 3.7	24.8 ± 5.6 ± 7.7	D* \bar{D}^*	e ⁺ e ⁻ → (D* \bar{D}^*) [±] π [∓]
Z _c (4025) ⁰	4025.5 ^{+2,0} _{-4,7} ± 3.1	23.0 ± 6.0 ± 1.0	D* \bar{D}^*	e ⁺ e ⁻ → (D* \bar{D}^*) ⁰ π ⁰

Which is the nature of these states?

Different decay channels of the same observed states? Other decay modes?

BES III Spin-parity determination of the Z_c^+ (3900)

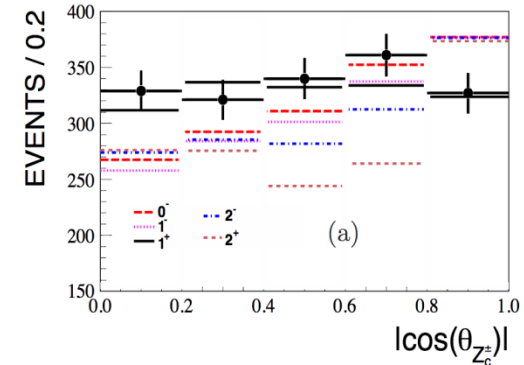
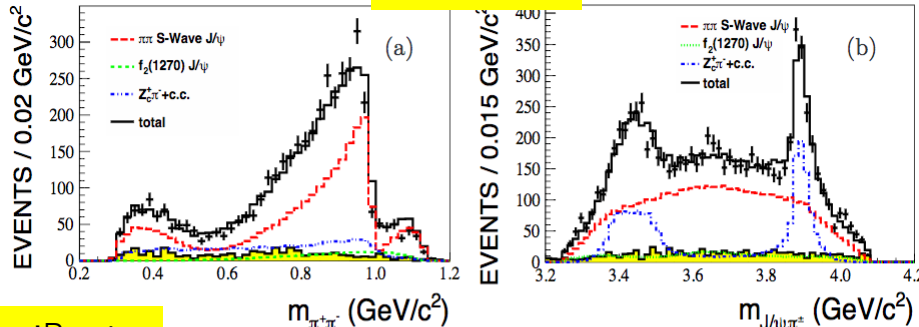


- Z_c line shape parameterized with Flatte-like formula

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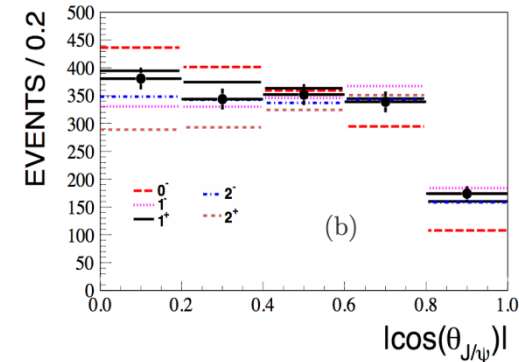
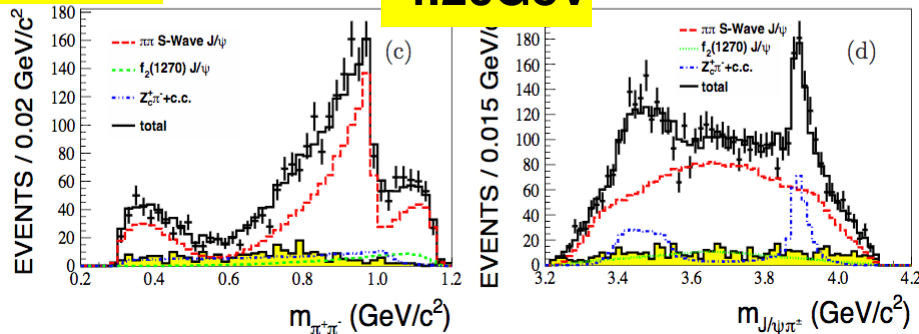
$$BW(s) = \frac{1}{s - M^2 + i(g'_1 \rho_{\pi J/\psi}(s) + g'_2 \rho_{D^* D}(s))}$$

4.23 GeV



$J^P = 1^+$

4.26 GeV



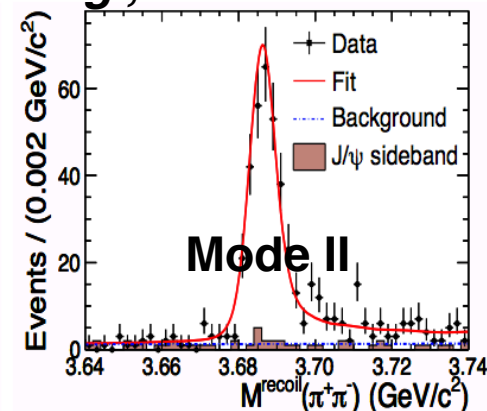
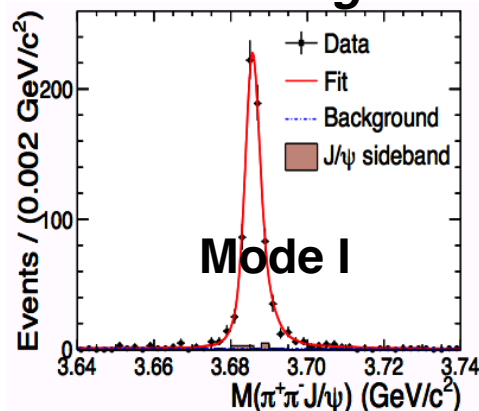
Hypothesis	$\Delta(-2 \ln L)$	$\Delta(\text{ndf})$	Significance
1^+ over 0^-	94.0	13	7.6σ
1^+ over 1^-	158.3	13	10.8σ
1^+ over 2^-	151.9	13	10.5σ
1^+ over 2^+	96.0	13	7.7σ

J^P is measured to be 1^+ with significance larger than 7.6σ by perform amplitude analysis of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$

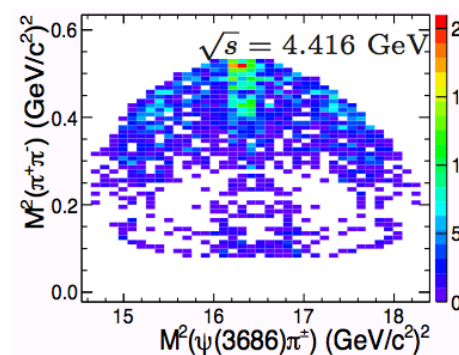
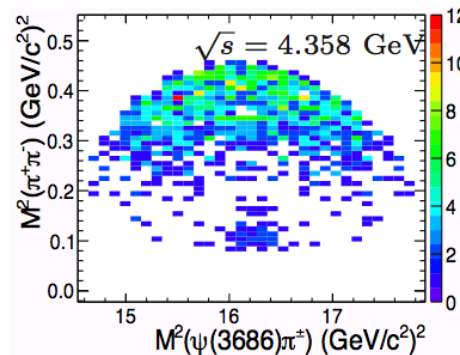
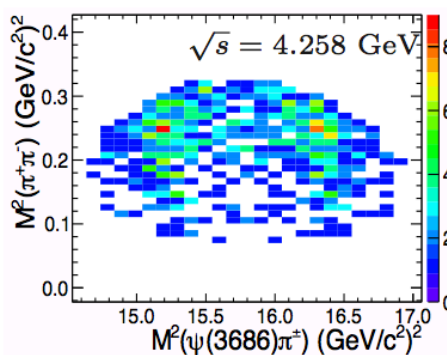
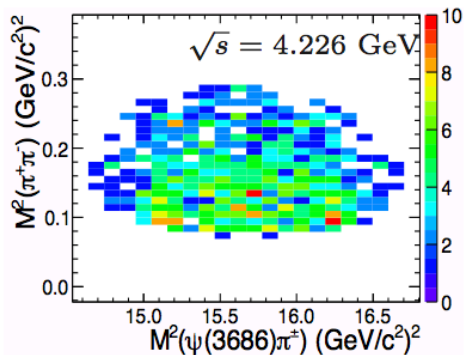
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- **Data samples:**
 - 16 energy points from $\sqrt{s}=4.008$ to 4.600 GeV.
 - The total integrated luminosity (L_{int}) is 5.1 fb⁻¹.
- **Reconstructed modes:**
 - Mode I:** $\Psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$, $J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$ ($l=e/\mu$)
 - Mode II:** $\Psi(3686) \rightarrow \text{neutrals}+J/\psi$,
 $\text{neutrals}=(\pi^0\pi^0, \pi^0, \eta \text{ and } \gamma\gamma)$ $J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$ ($l=e/\mu$)

Clean signals at e.g., 4.416 GeV



Looking at the Dalitz plots in large data set \rightarrow quite different behaviors



Simple fit to the resonant structure of $\pi^+\psi(3686)$ at 4.416 GeV

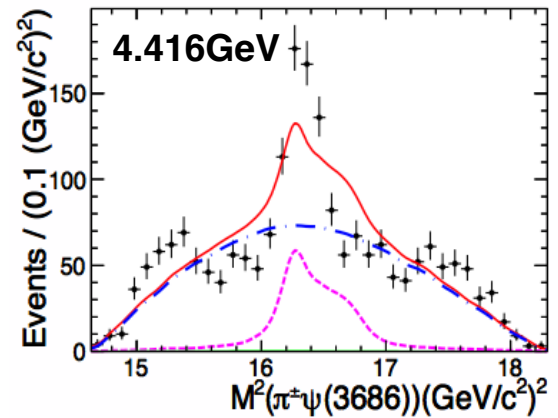


- A prominent narrow structure is observed in $\pi\psi(3686)$ mass spectrum for data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.416$ GeV.
- An S-wave Breit-Wigner fit function is performed on the Dalitz plot of $M^2(\pi^+\psi(3686))$ versus $M^2(\pi^-\psi(3686))$

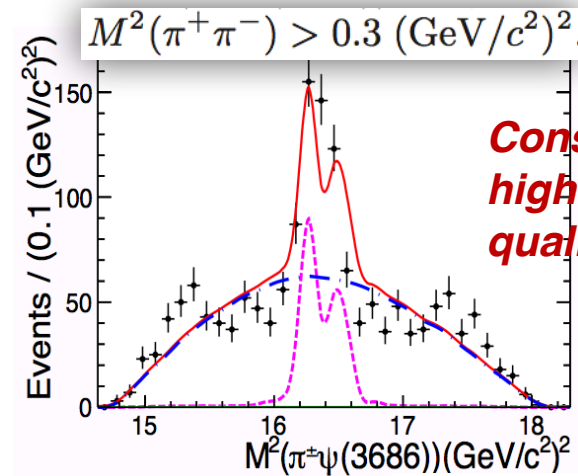
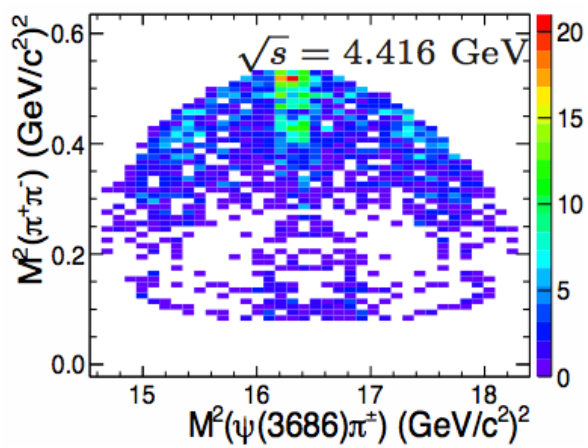
$$\frac{p \cdot q/c^2}{(M_R^2 - x)^2 + M_R^2 \cdot \Gamma^2/c^4} + \frac{p \cdot q/c^2}{(M_R^2 - y)^2 + M_R^2 \cdot \Gamma^2/c^4}$$

- The fit yields a mass of $M=4032.1 \pm 2.4$ MeV/ c^2 and a width of $\Gamma=26.1 \pm 5.3$ MeV, with a significance of 9.2σ

PRD96,032004 (2017)



However, the fitting quality is not good.



Constrain $M(\pi^+\pi^-)$ in higher region, fitting quality is improved

Different behavior between high and low $M^2(\pi^+\pi^-)$

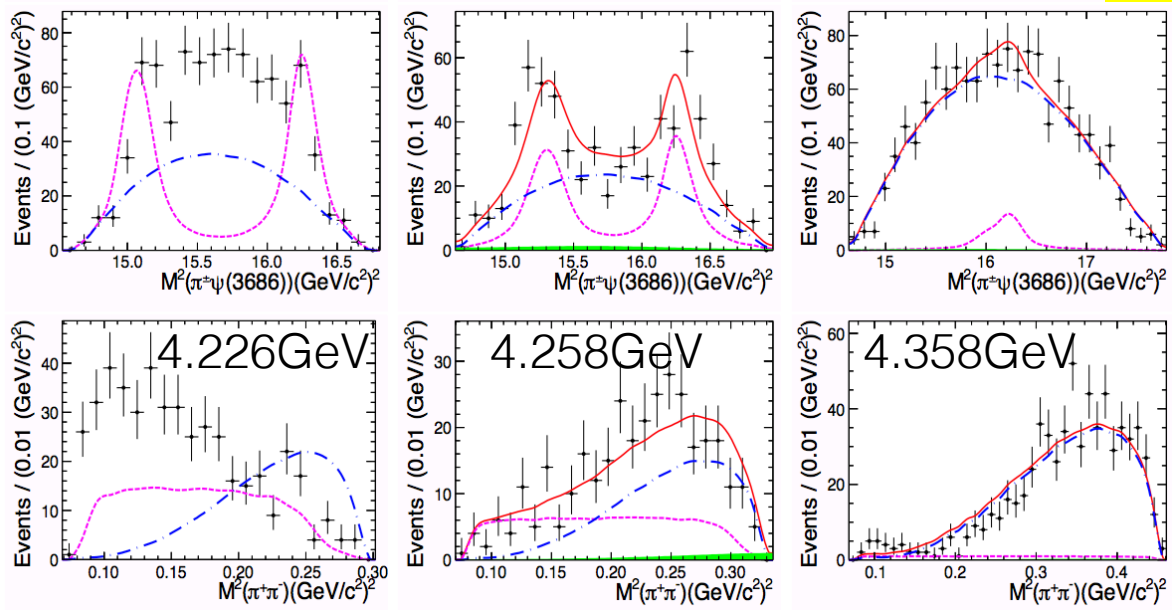
$M=4030.3 \pm 0.1$ MeV/ c^2
 $\Gamma=5.1 \pm 0.2$ MeV

Check on the resonance structures at other energy points



- Similar fits are carried out to data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.258$ and 4.358 GeV.
- No fit is applied at $\sqrt{s} = 4.226$ GeV due to its different behavior on the Dalitz plot and anomalous spectrum in $M^2(\pi^+\pi^-)$.

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- In the fits to data of 4.258 and 4.358 GeV, the $\pi^+\psi(3686)$ resonance parameters are fixed to that at 4.416 GeV. The resonances are confirmed with stat. significances of 9.6σ and 3.6σ at 4.258 and 4.358 GeV, respectively.
- At 4.226 GeV, the resonance structures are close to the kinematic boundary

Study of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi(3686)$



Decay channel:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi(3686),$$

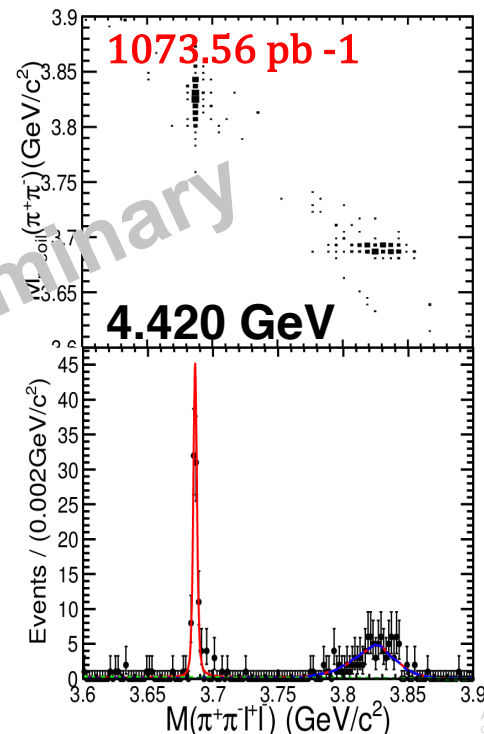
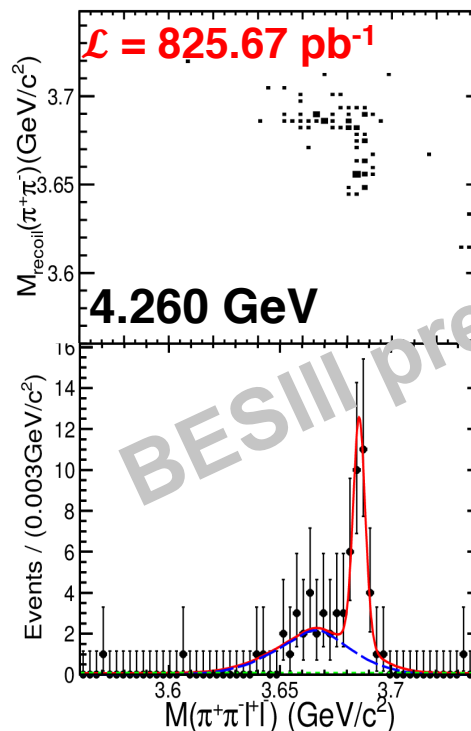
$$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi, \quad J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^- (l = e/\mu).$$

Data sample

- 16 energy point from $\sqrt{s} = 4.008$ to 4.600 GeV.
- The total luminosity(\mathcal{L}): 5.2 fb⁻¹.

Clear Signals in data

Broad bumps are from backgrounds of the charged mode $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \psi(2S)$



(a) 4.226 GeV,

(b) 4.258 GeV,

(c) 4.358 GeV,

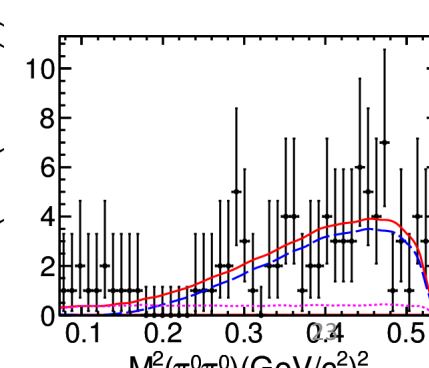
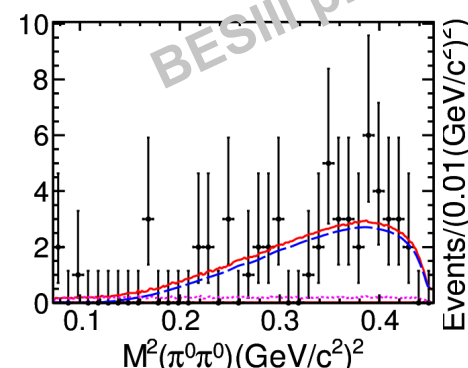
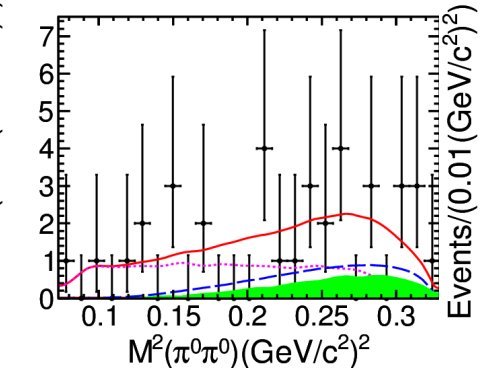
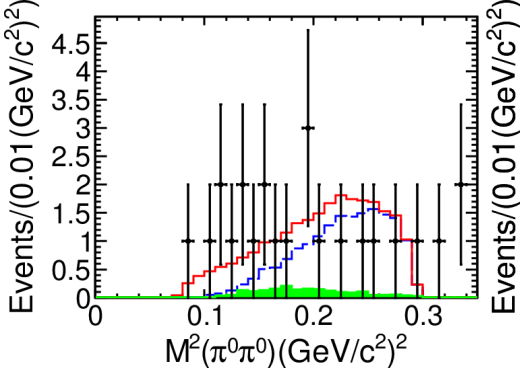
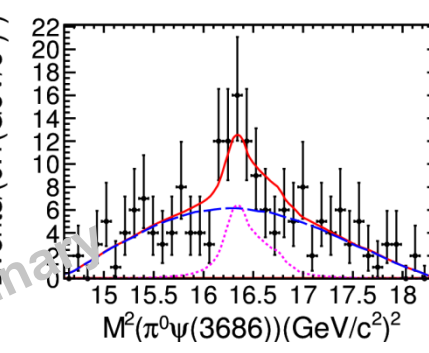
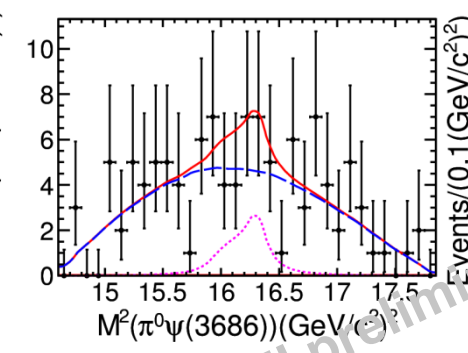
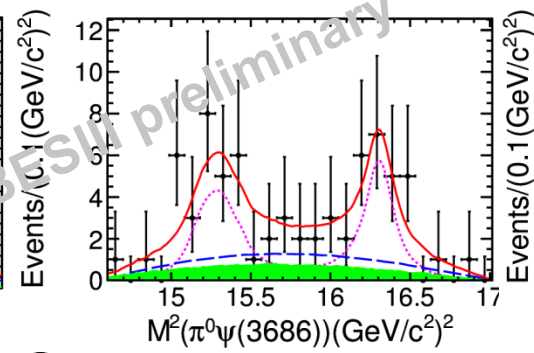
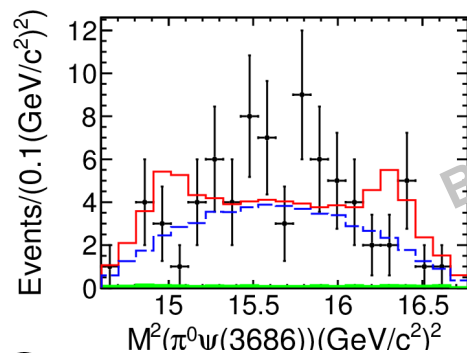
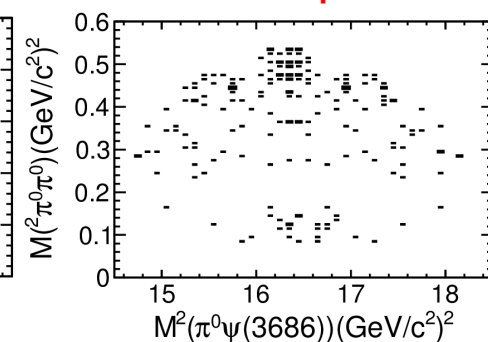
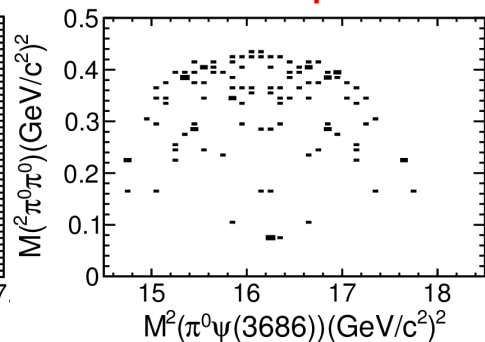
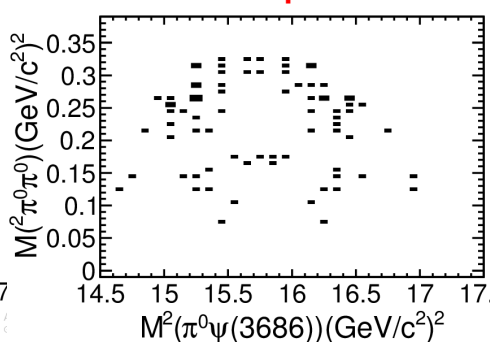
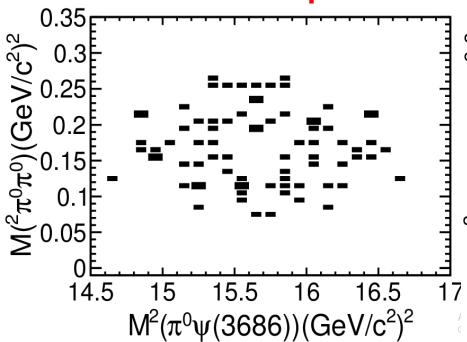
(d) 4.416 GeV

$\mathcal{L} = 1091.74 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

825.67 pb^{-1}

539.84 pb^{-1}

1073.56 pb^{-1}



Simple fits to the $\pi^0\psi(3686)$ resonance

- A possible intermediate state is also observed in the $\pi^0\psi(3686)$ spectrum at 4.416 GeV.
- A 2D fit with a fixed width to charged structure observed in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi(3686)$ is performed on the Dalitz distribution of $M^2(\pi^0\psi(3686))$ vs $M^2(\pi^0\psi(3686))$.

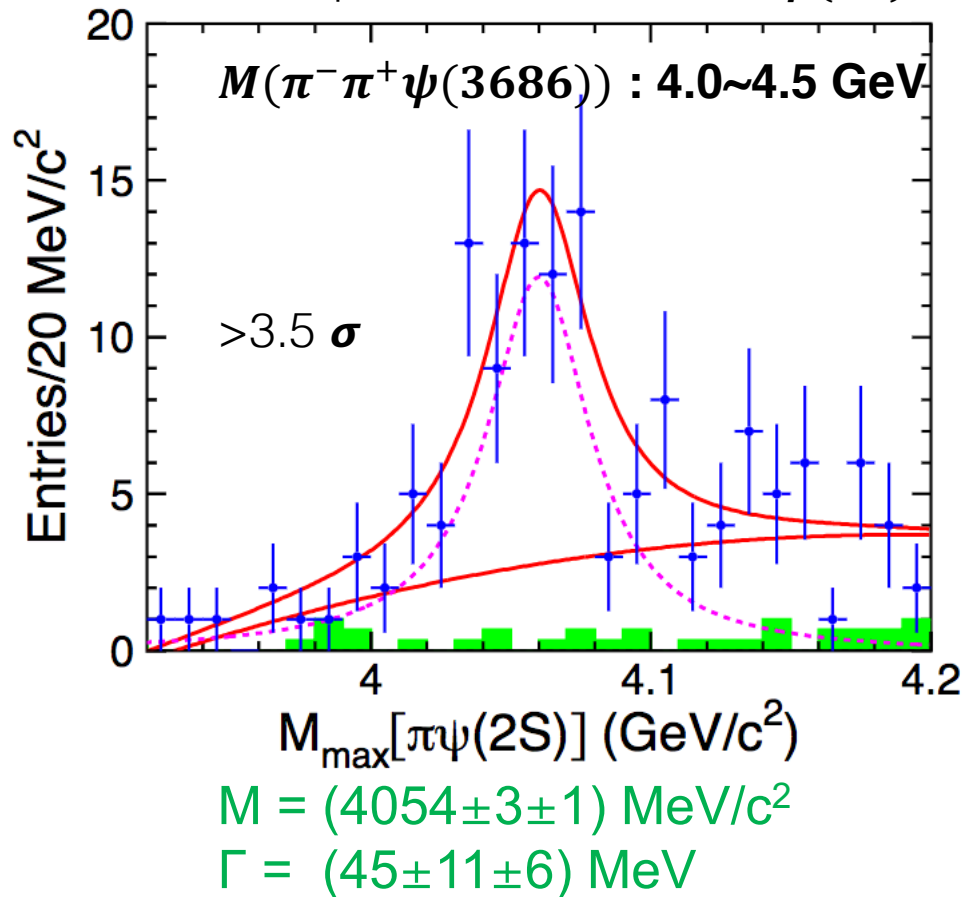
$$\frac{p_1 \cdot q_1/c^2}{(x - M_R^2)^2 + M_R^2 \cdot \Gamma^2/c^4} + \frac{p_2 \cdot q_2/c^2}{(y - M_R^2)^2 + M_R^2 \cdot \Gamma^2/c^4}$$

- The fit yields a mass (4038.7 ± 6.5) MeV/ c^2 (Prel.) with a significance 6.0σ .
 → consistent with the resonance in the charged mode $\pi^+\psi(3686)$
- Similar fits with fixed width and mass are carried out to the data sample at 4.258 and 4.358 GeV.

Comparison to the study of $Z' \rightarrow \pi^+ \psi(3686)$ at Belle



ISR returned productions of $\pi^- \pi^+ \psi(2S)$ at Belle



- The charged $\pi^+ \psi(3686)$ structure is about 4.030 GeV/c^2 at BESIII

$$M = 4030.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 5.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}$$

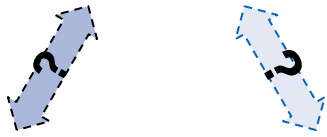
- BESIII's result deviates from that of the structure observed by Belle by over 3σ .

Belle, Phys.Rev. D91, 112007 (2015)

Y(4260)?

Multiquark
Hybrid
Hadrocharmonium

Molecule
Threshold effects
Cusps



X(3872)



Zc(3900)
Zc(3885)

Zc 4020)
Zc(4025)

...

States or/and interactions

What is the role of threshold

--Many new observations near thresholds: $D^*D, D^*D^*, D_1D, \dots$

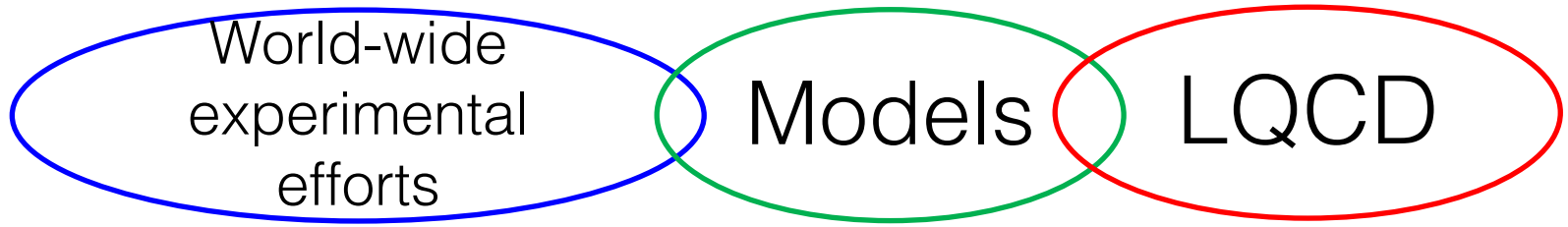
* Phase variations appear in many process: not unique for resonance

To have a complete picture, more findings are desired

- Energy-dependence
- Patterns in productions and decays

Pole properties

For XYZ, the picture is still unclear



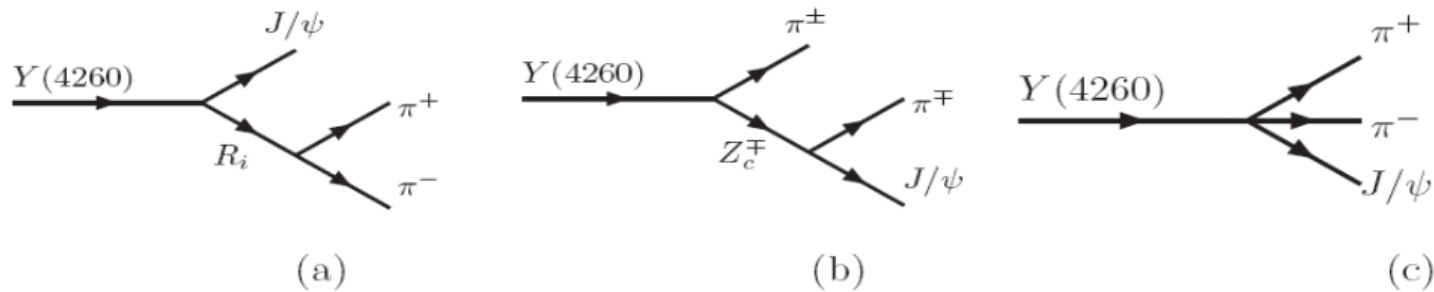
Summary

- **BESIII is successfully operating since 2008**
 - Continue taking data beyond 2020 in the τ -charm mass region
- Observations of the Z_c states in the final states of $\pi^+ J/\psi$, $\pi^+ h_c$, $\pi^+ \psi(3686)$, $D\bar{D}^*$ and $D^*\bar{D}^*$
- **Amplitude analysis on the $Z_c(3900)$ gives $J^P=1^+$**
 - ➔ more similar works on other Z_c candidate states are ongoing
- We find complex behavior in Dalitz plots in the charged mode $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi(3686)$ and the neutral mode $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi(3686)$
 - ✓ A resonance structure of $\pi\psi(3686)$ around 4.030 GeV is observed
 - ✓ Still unresolved discrepancies between the fit model and data.
 - ✓ This deviates from that of the structure observed by Belle

Thank you!

谢谢!

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In the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$

- The helicity value of γ^* is taken as $\lambda_0 = \pm 1$ due to from e^+e^- annihilation
- $\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^m, Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\pm$, we try J^P for X: $0^-, 1^-, 1^+, 2^-, 2^+$, and 0^+ is not allowed
- Z_c^+ and Z_c^- states are assumed as isospin partner, with the same mass and coupling constant
- Six processes are included in fitting to data: $\sigma_0, f_0(980), f_2(1270), f_0(1370), Z_c^\pm$, and $\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$

- If Z_c is parameterized with a Flatte-like formula

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$$M_{\text{pole}} = 3881.2 \pm 4.2 \pm 52.7 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma_{\text{pole}} = 51.8 \pm 4.6 \pm 36.0 \text{ MeV}$$

$$g_1' = 0.075 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.025 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$g_2' / g_1' = 27.1 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.9$$

(consistent with the previous published results)

- Born cross section for $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c^+ \pi^- + c.c. \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J / \psi$

$$21.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 4.4 \text{ pb at } 4.23 \text{ GeV}$$

$$11.0 \pm 1.2 \pm 5.4 \text{ pb at } 4.26 \text{ GeV}$$

- Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c^+(4020) \pi^- + c.c. \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J / \psi$ gives

upper limits at 90% C.L.:

$$<0.9 \text{ pb at } 4.23 \text{ GeV}; \quad <1.4 \text{ pb at } 4.26 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{then } \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c^+(4020) \pi^- + c.c. \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J / \psi)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c^+(3900) \pi^- + c.c. \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J / \psi)} < 4\% \text{ at } 4.23 \text{ GeV}$$

$$<13\% \text{ at } 4.26 \text{ GeV}$$