

BESIII



# New observations of Charmonium decays at BESIII

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# Outline

- Introduction
- Recent observations about Charmonium decays:
  - $\psi(3686)$  decays
  - $h_c$  decays
  - $\chi_{cJ}$  decays
- Summay and prospects

**All are first observations!**

# BESIII is unique!

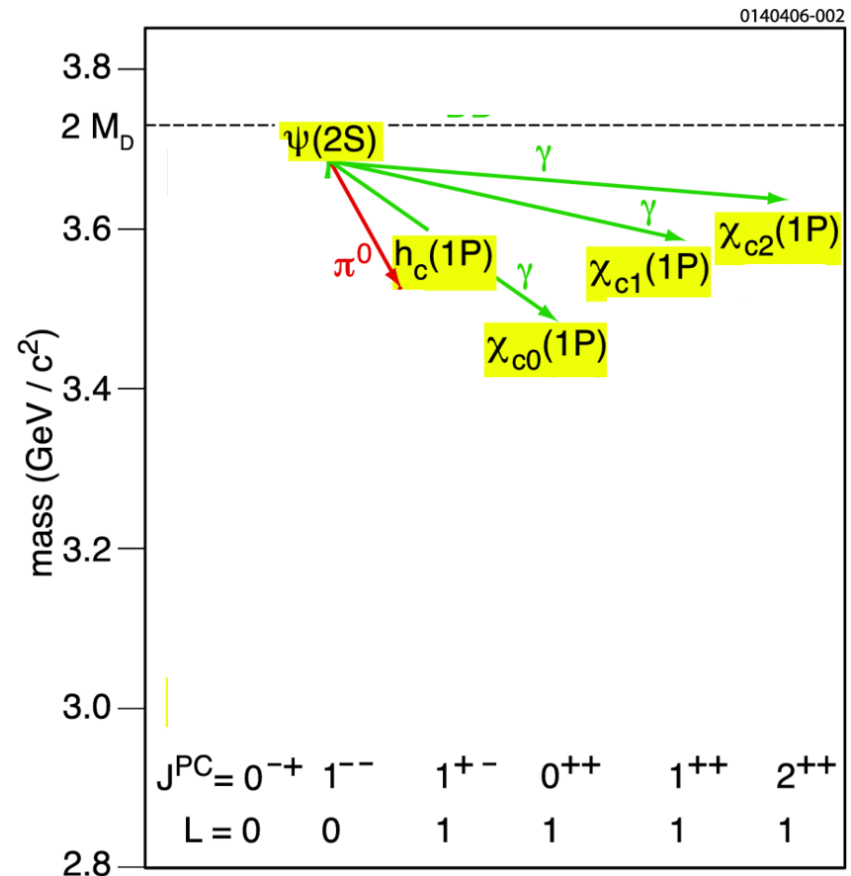
□  $\Psi(3686)$  or  $\Psi(2S)$  : produced directly in electron-positron collision; In year 2009 and 2012,  $(448.1 \pm 2.9) \times 10^6$  events were collected [1], largest in the world!

□  $h_c$  decays:  $\text{Br}(\Psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) \sim 9 \times 10^{-4}$  [2],  $\pi^0$  could be fully reconstructed. Complicated hadronic decays could be studied!

□  $\chi_{cJ}$  decays:  $\text{Br}(\Psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{cJ}) \sim 10\%$ ,  $E_\gamma > 100$  MeV, which is detectable at BESIII [2], very low background!

[1] *Chin. Phys. C* 42 (2018)

[2] PDG 2020



(From Eichten et al)

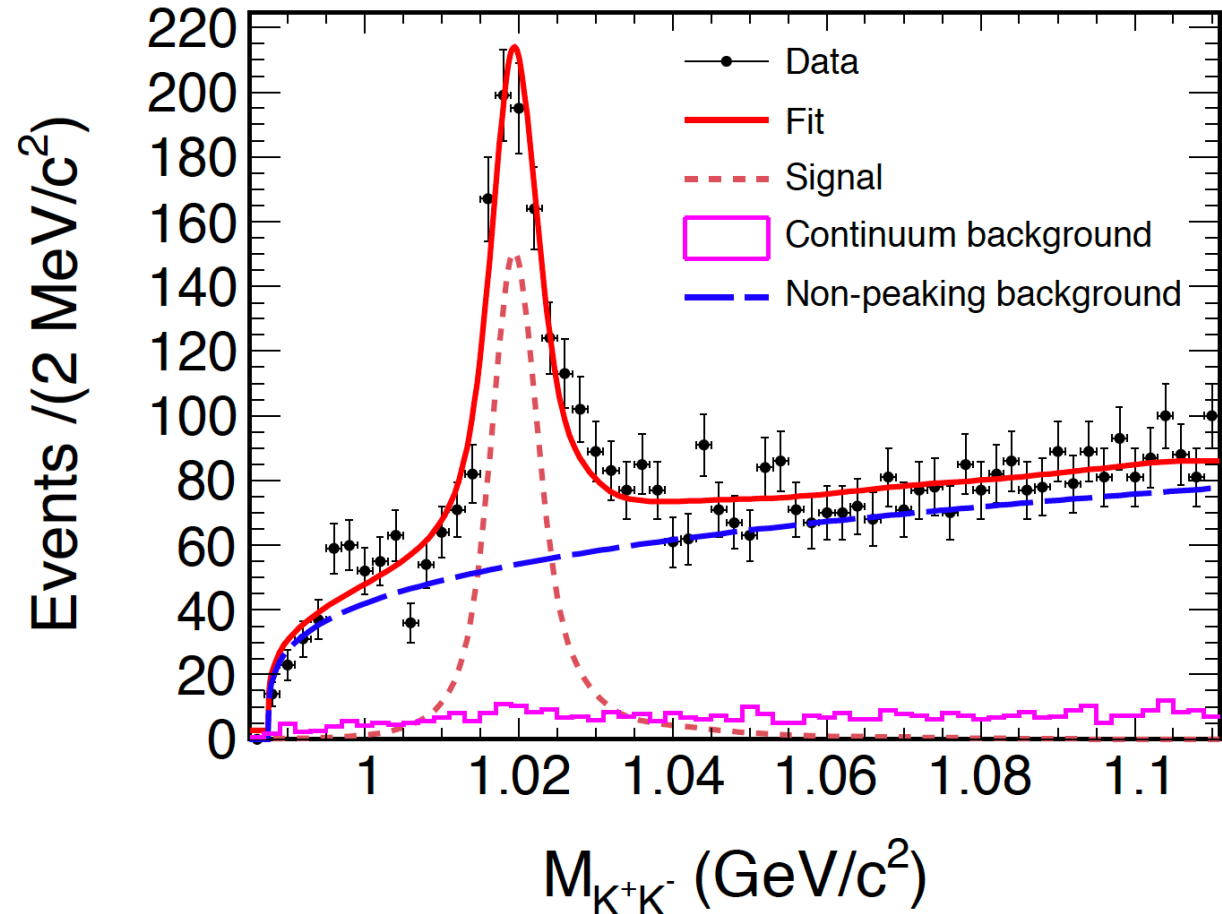
# Observation of $\psi(3686) \rightarrow p\bar{p}\phi$

❖ Search for the intermediate structure among the three bodies, such as the  $X(p\bar{p})$

❖ Test the 12% rule:

$$Q = \frac{B_{\psi(3686) \rightarrow h}}{B_{J/\psi \rightarrow h}} = \frac{B_{\psi(3686) \rightarrow l^+l^-}}{B_{J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-}} = (12.4 \pm 0.4)\%.$$

(By PQCD)



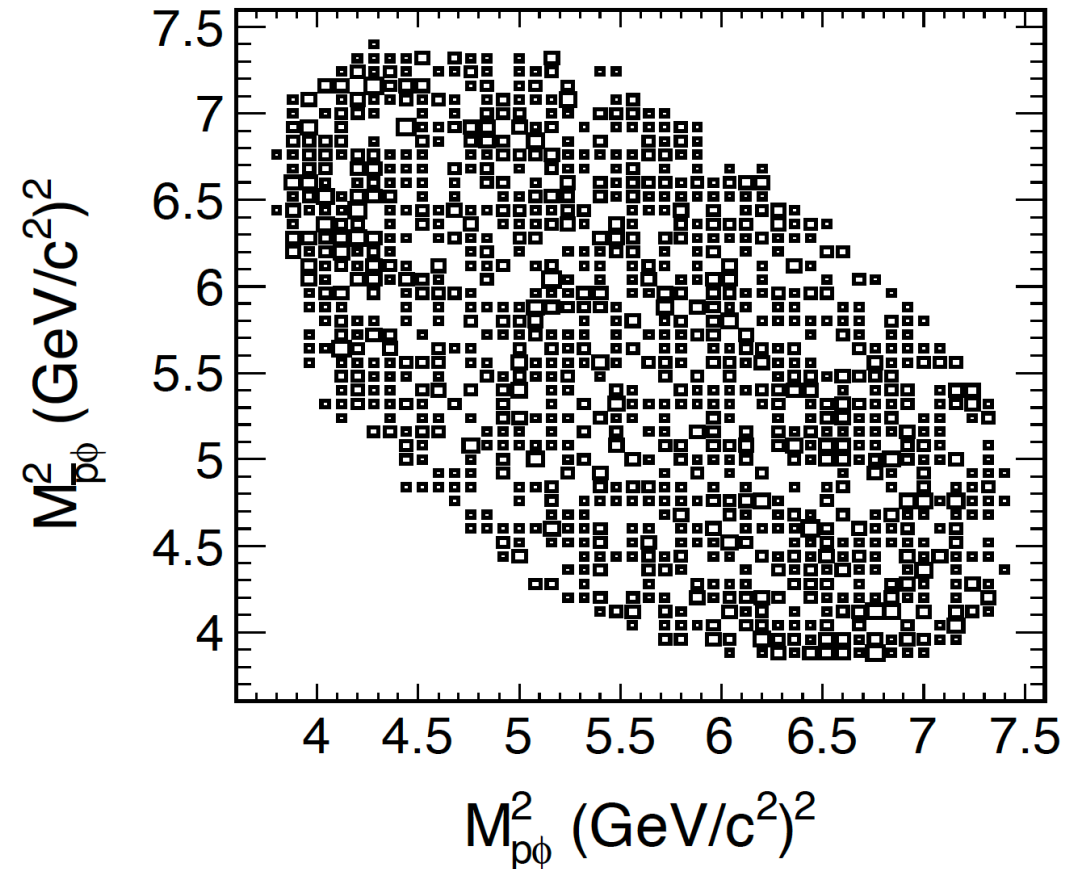
# Observation of $\psi(3686) \rightarrow p\bar{p}\phi$

**First observation!**

The branching ratio is measured to be:  
 $(6.06 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.48) \times 10^{-6}$ ,

$Q = (11.6 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.2)\%$

No significant intermediate structures!

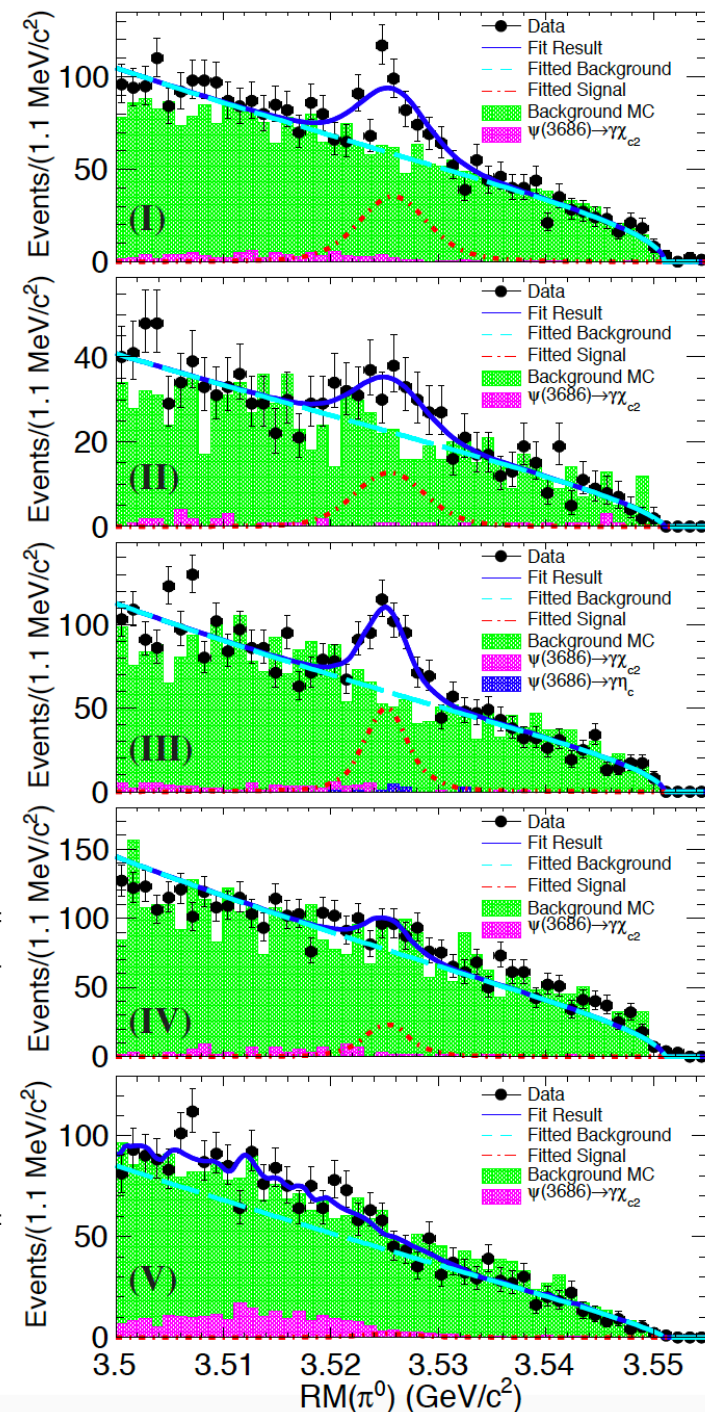


# $h_c$ new hadronic decays

- ❖ Not much observed hadronic decays of  $h_c$ ;
- ❖ Test the QCD, and the input for other measurement.

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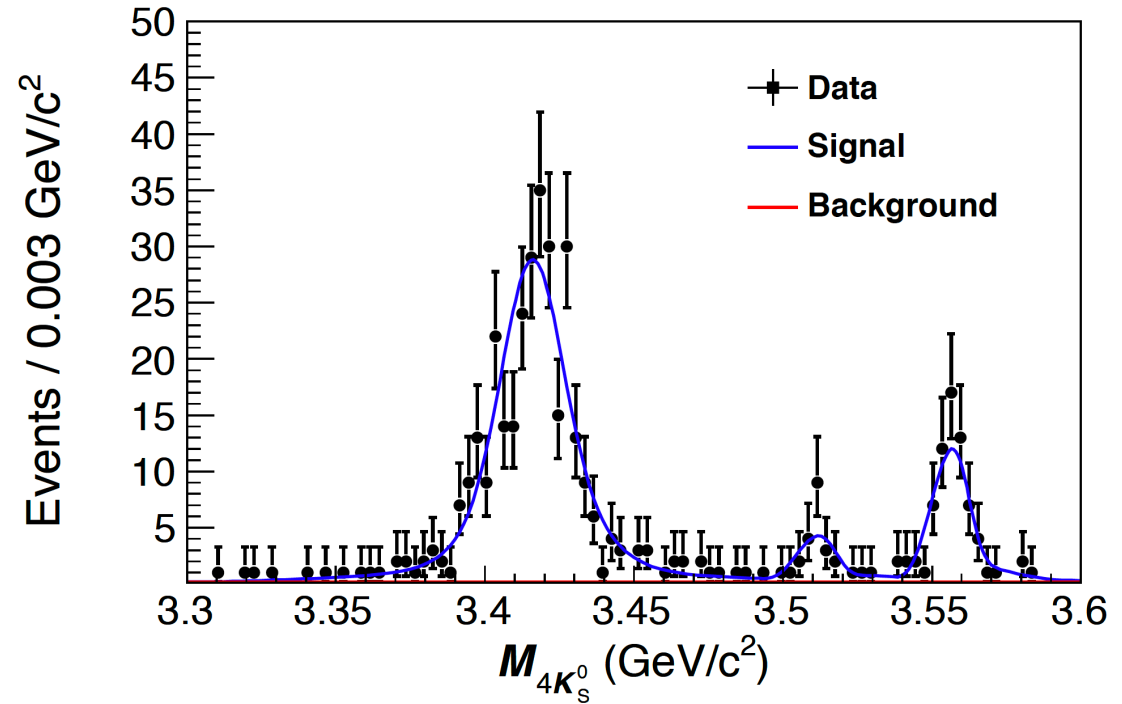
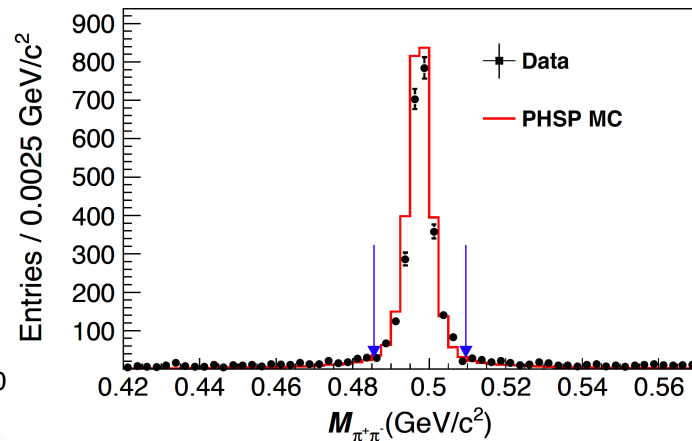
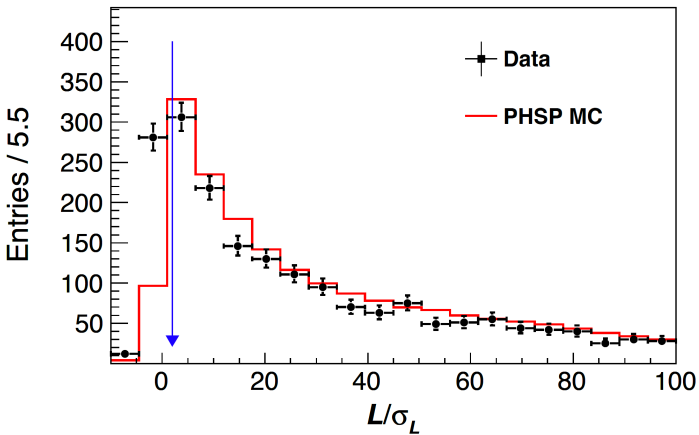
Mode	$\epsilon(\%)$	$N_{h_c}$	$\mathcal{B}_{\psi(3686)} \times \mathcal{B}_{h_c} (10^{-6})$	$\mathcal{B}_{h_c} (10^{-3})$	S.S.	$\mathcal{B}_{h_c}^{\text{PDG}} (10^{-3})$
I $h_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-$	20.9	$230 \pm 25$	$2.49 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.28$	$2.89 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.55$	$7.4\sigma$	—
II $h_c \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	16.8	$101 \pm 25$	$1.38 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.17$	$1.60 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.32$	$4.6\sigma$	$< 2.2$
III $h_c \rightarrow 2(\pi^+\pi^-)\pi^0$	9.1	$254 \pm 32$	$6.40 \pm 0.81 \pm 0.87$	$7.44 \pm 0.94 \pm 1.52$	$9.1\sigma$	$22_{-7}^{+8}$
IV $h_c \rightarrow 3(\pi^+\pi^-)\pi^0$	4.2	$73 \pm 34$	$4.00 \pm 1.87 \pm 0.70$	$4.65 \pm 2.17 \pm 1.08$	$2.1\sigma$	$< 29$
V $h_c \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+\pi^-$	18.1	$< 136$	$< 7.5$	$< 8.7$	—	—
		$< 40$	$< 0.5$	$< 0.6$	—	—



# Observation of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow 4K_S^0$

**First observation!**

The selection of  $K_S^0$  relies on decay length and the invariant mass of the two pions:



$$\text{Br}(\chi_{c0} \rightarrow 4K_S^0) = (5.76 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.38) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{Br}(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow 4K_S^0) = (0.35 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-4}$$

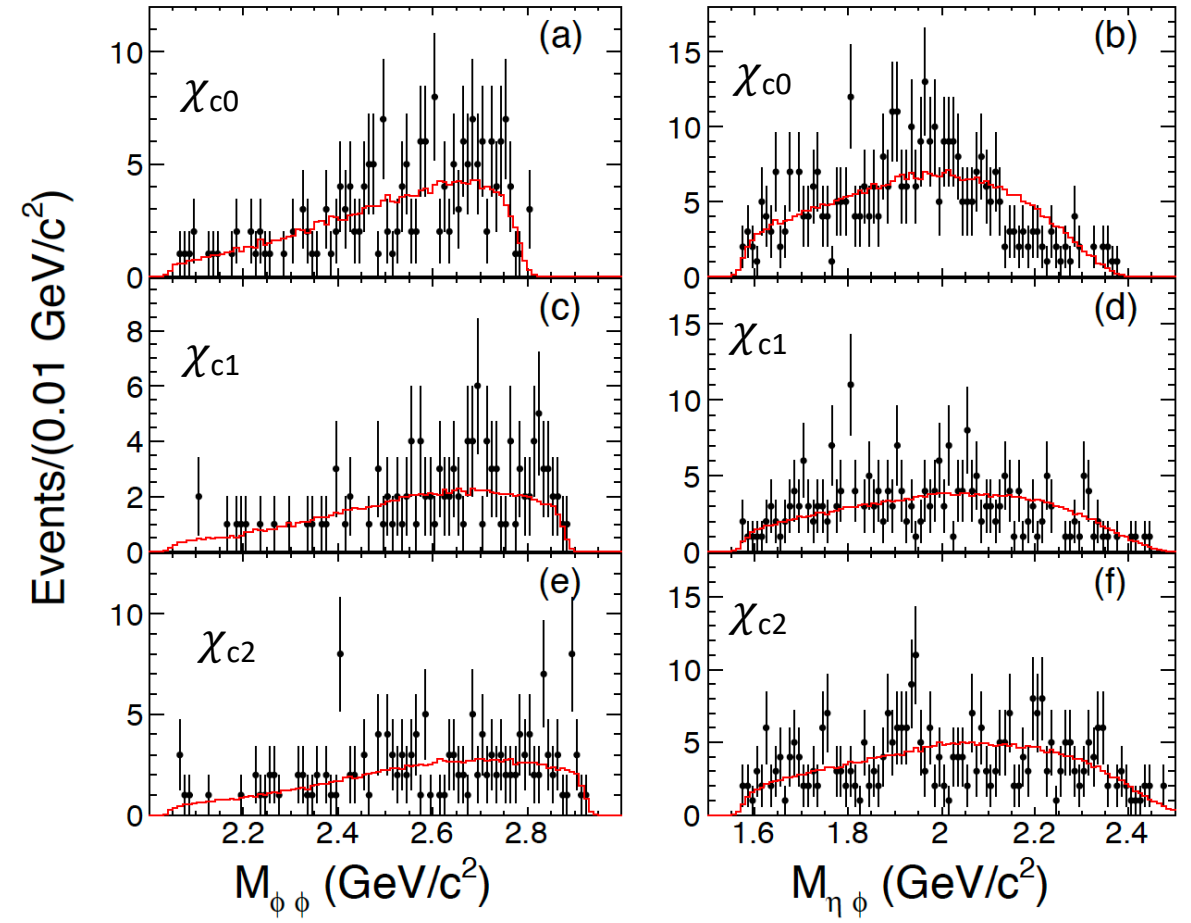
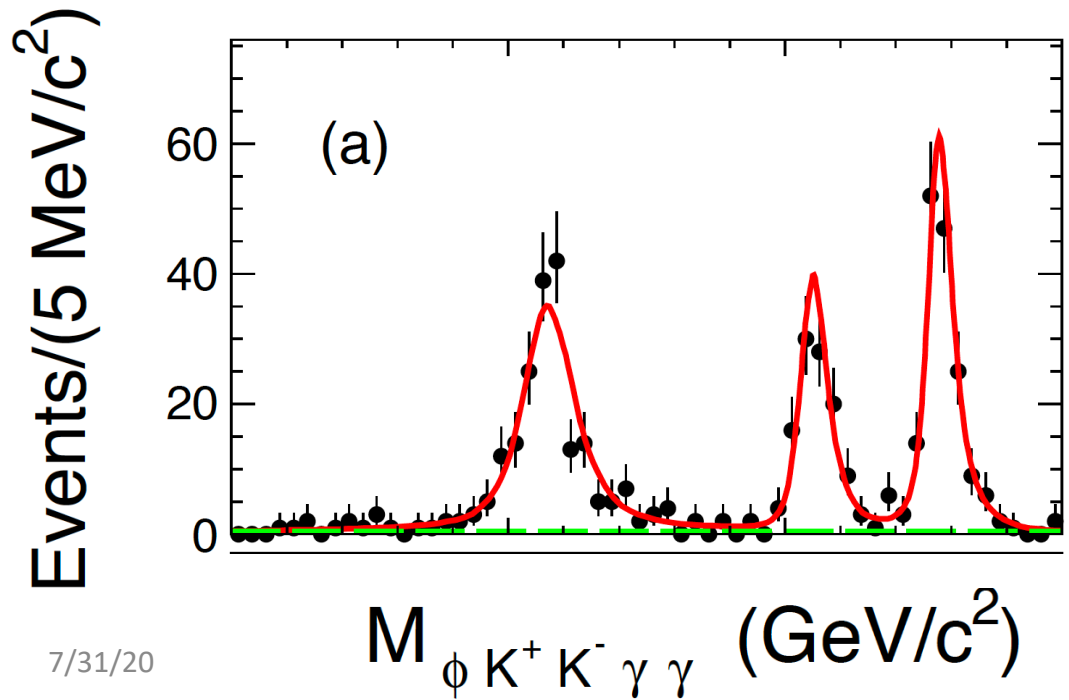
$$\text{Br}(\chi_{c2} \rightarrow 4K_S^0) = (1.14 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-4}$$

**First observation!**

# Observation of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \phi\phi\eta$

BRs:

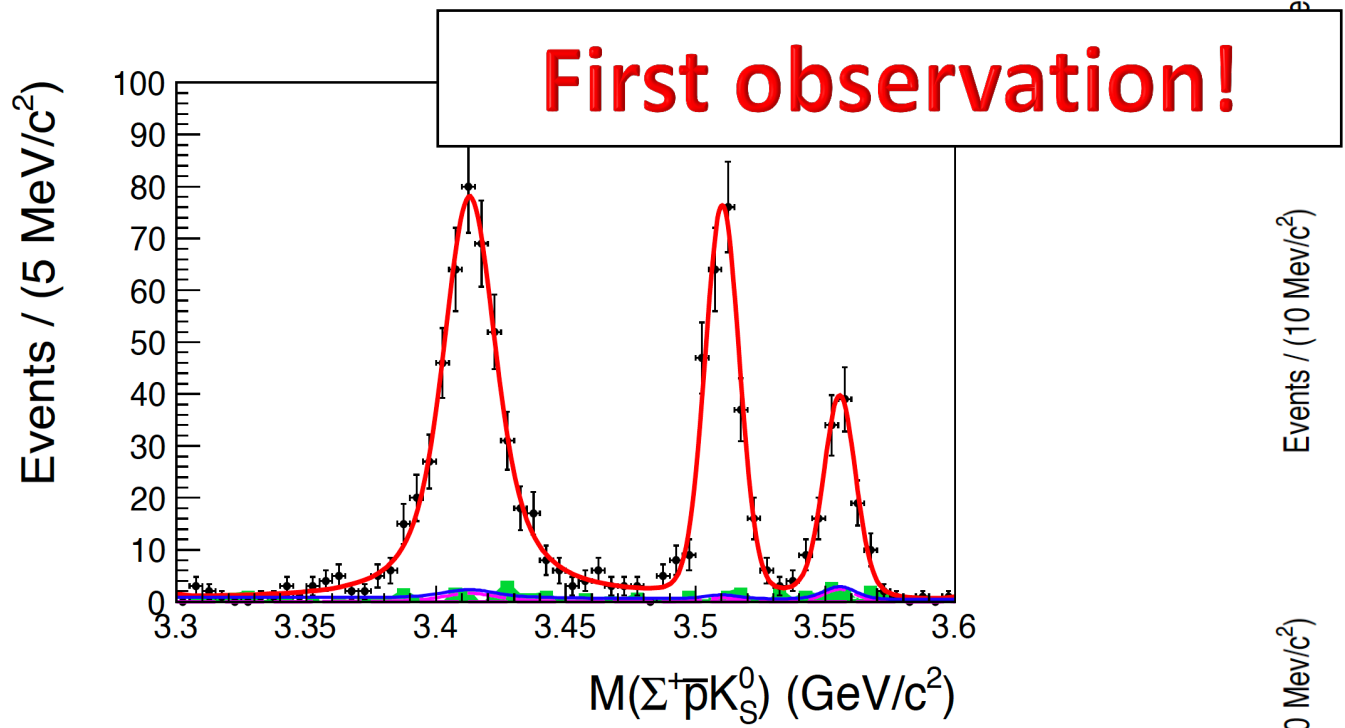
Mode	$\mathcal{B}(\times 10^{-4})$
$\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \phi\phi\eta$	$8.41 \pm 0.74 \pm 0.62$
$\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \phi\phi\eta$	$2.96 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.22$
$\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \phi\phi\eta$	$5.33 \pm 0.52 \pm 0.39$



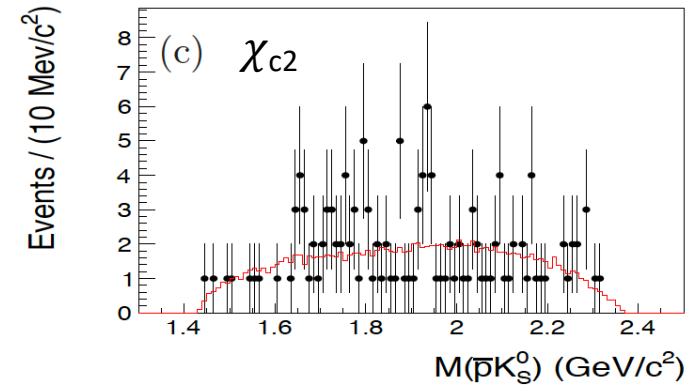
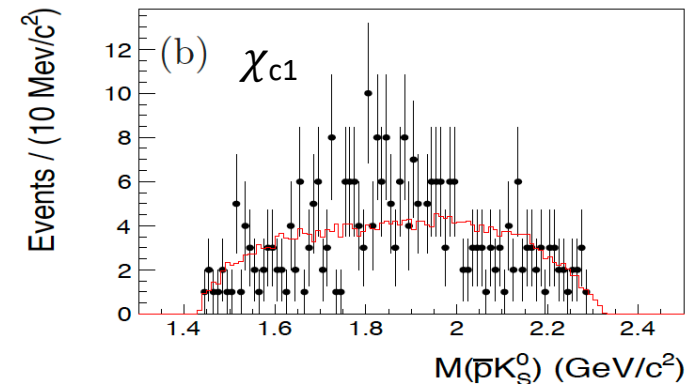
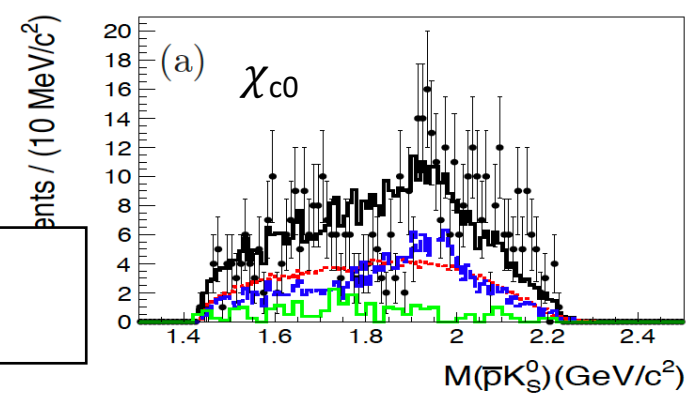
No obvious structure is observed!



# Observation of $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{p} K_S^0$



Mode	$N_{\text{obs}}^{\chi_{cJ}}$	$\epsilon(\%)$	$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{p} K_S^0)$
$\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{p} K_S^0$	$493 \pm 26$	$9.05 \pm 0.05$	$(3.52 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-4}$
$\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{p} K_S^0$	$258 \pm 17$	$10.96 \pm 0.05$	$(1.53 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-4}$
$\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{p} K_S^0$	$129 \pm 13$	$10.40 \pm 0.05$	$(8.25 \pm 0.83 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-5}$



$\Sigma^-(1940) 3.2\sigma$

Red:  
MC  
Green:  
side-band  
Blue:  
 $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \Sigma^-$

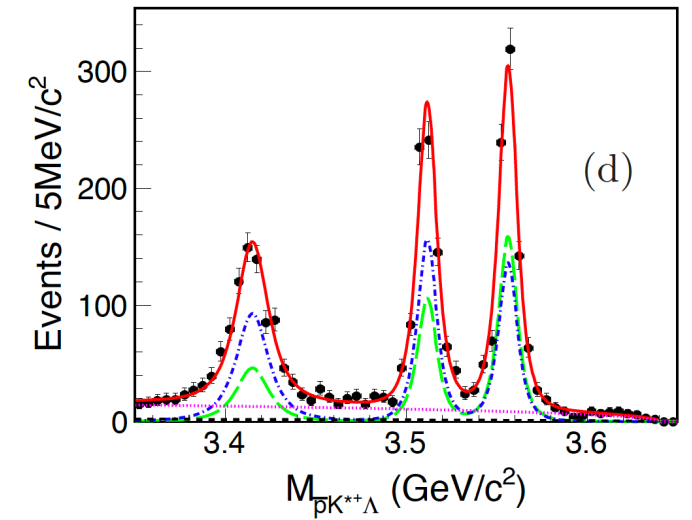
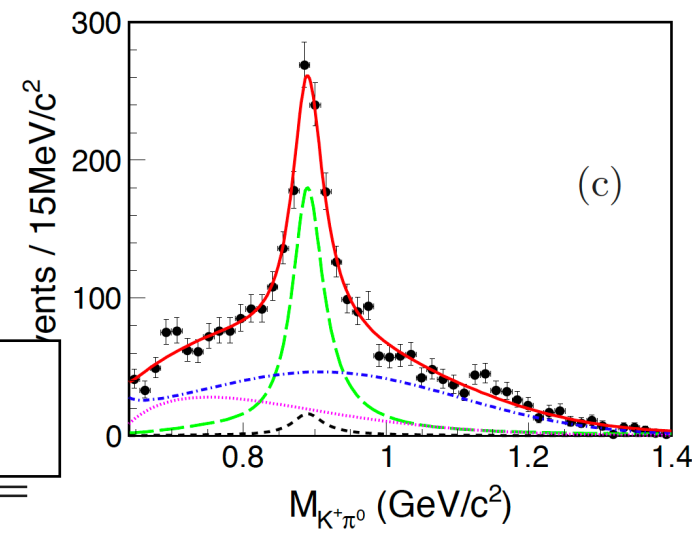
# Observation of $\psi(3686) / \chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$

Motivation:

1. Measure the branching fractions;
2. Search for possible intermediate states

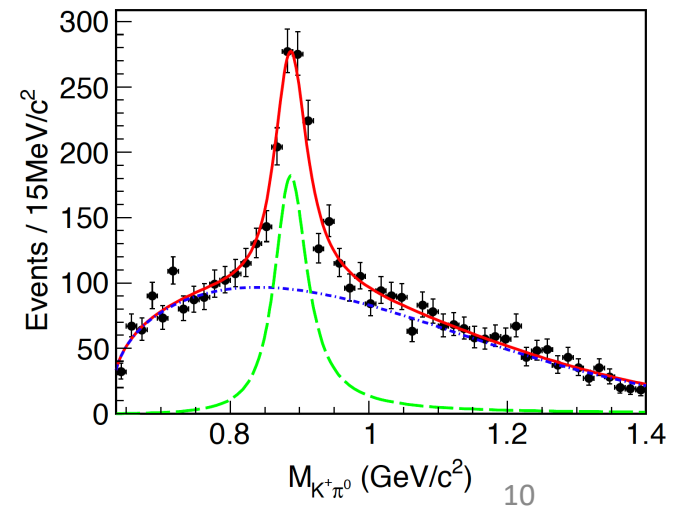
First observation!

Decay channel	Branching fraction
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \gamma\bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(4.7 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \gamma\bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(4.8 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \gamma\bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(7.8 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-5}$
$\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(4.8 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$
$\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(5.0 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$
$\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(8.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-4}$
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$	$(6.3 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$

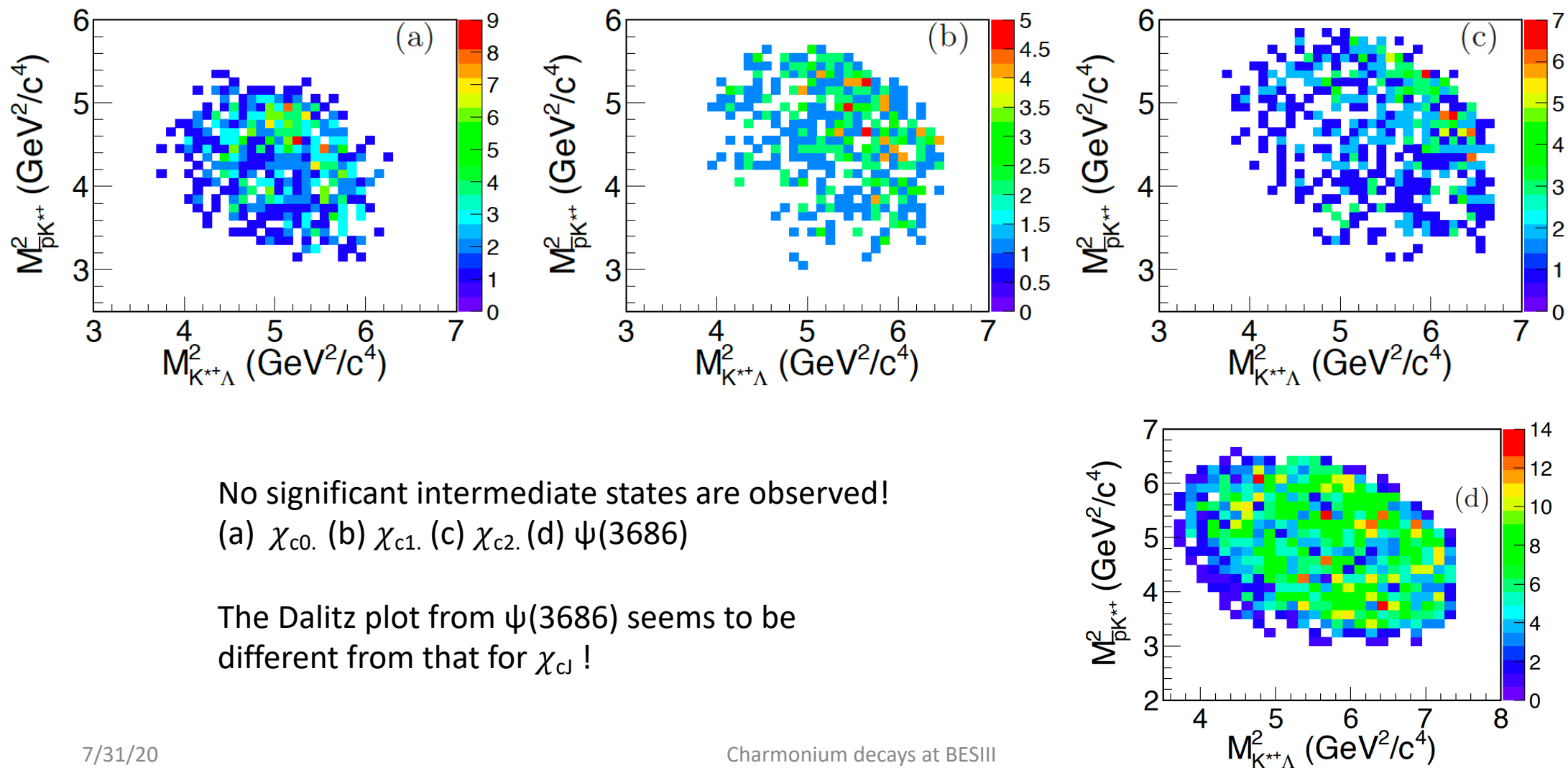


2D fit for  $\chi_{cJ}$ : green is signal; black is  $K^{*+}$ -non-  $\chi_{cJ}$ ; blue is non- $K^{*+}$   $\chi_{cJ}$ ; pink is non- $K^{*+}$ -non-  $\chi_{cJ}$ . (up plots)

1D fit for  $\psi(3686)$  (bottom plot)



# Observation of $\psi(3686) / \chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \bar{p}K^{*+}\Lambda$



No significant intermediate states are observed!

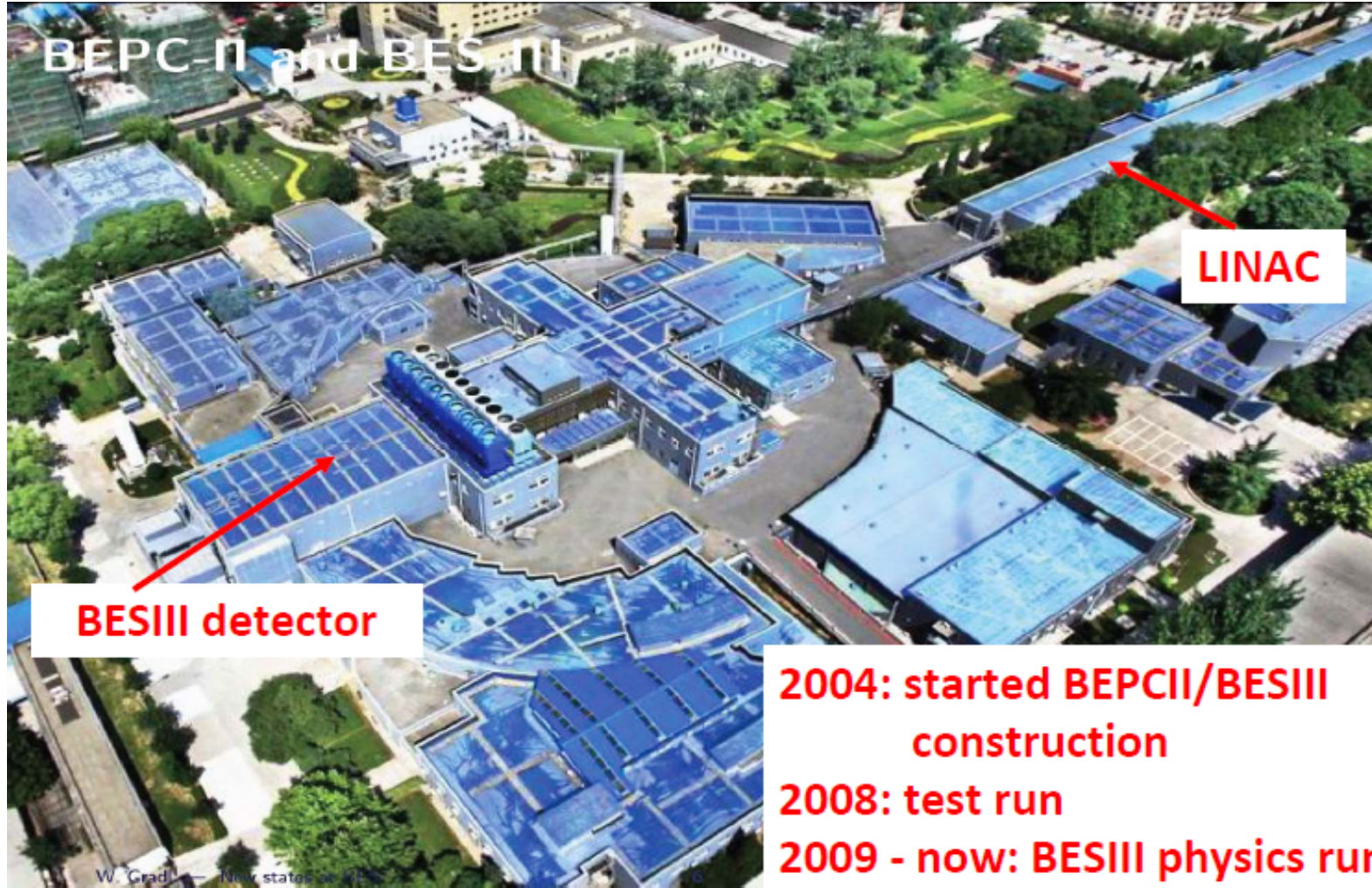
(a)  $\chi_{c0}$ . (b)  $\chi_{c1}$ . (c)  $\chi_{c2}$ . (d)  $\psi(3686)$

The Dalitz plot from  $\psi(3686)$  seems to be different from that for  $\chi_{cJ}$  !

# Summary and prospects

- ❖ Based on 450 million of  $\psi(3686)$  events, many decay modes of  $\psi(3686)$ ,  $h_c$  and  $\chi_{cJ}$  are observed for the first time, and these results are crucial inputs for understanding the QCD in the low energy regime;
- ❖ In the future, BESIII plans to enlarge the  $\psi(3686)$  sample by a factor of 5 or more.

# Upgraded Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPCII)



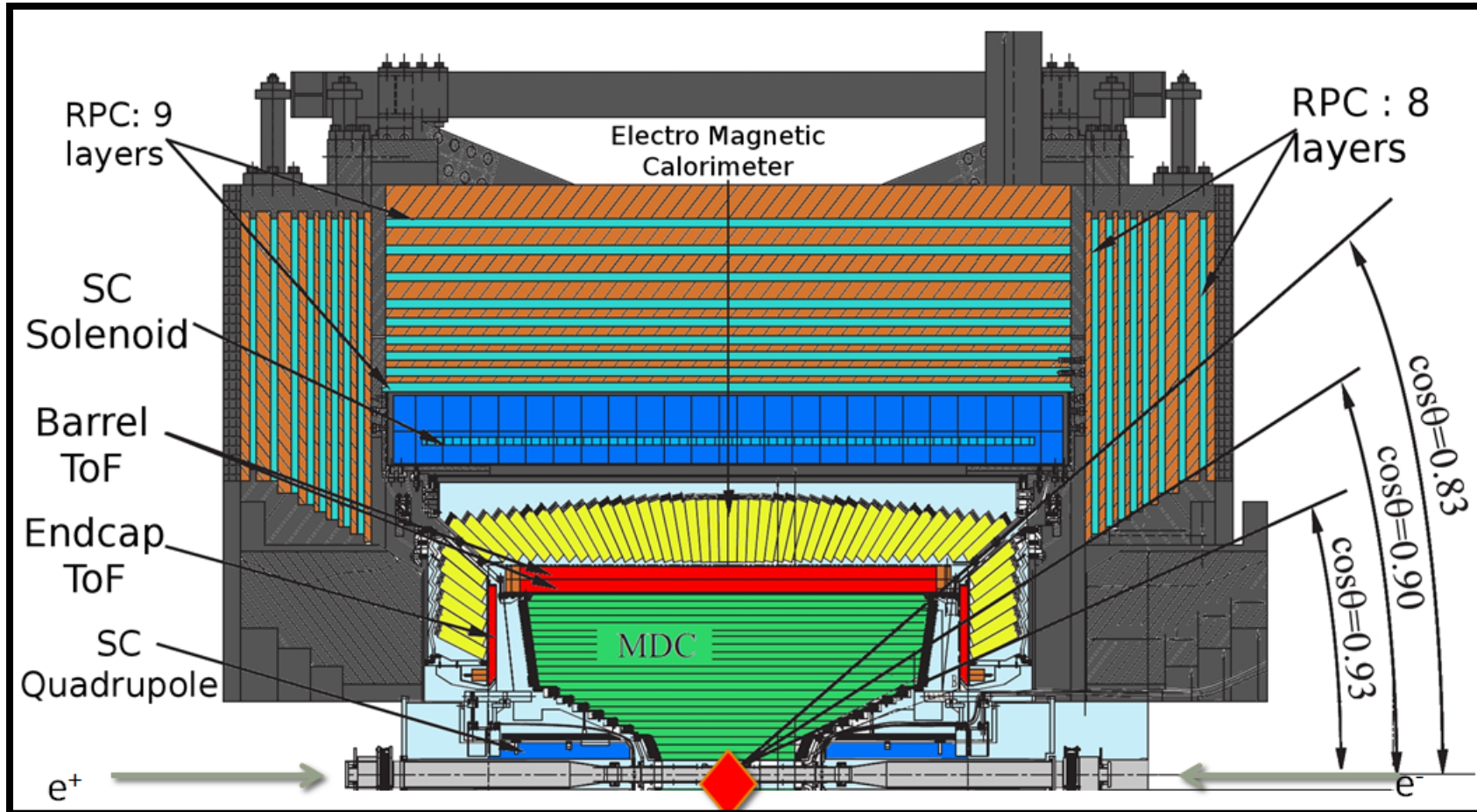
Beam energy:  
1-2.35 GeV  
(will run up to 2.45 GeV  
next year)  
Design luminosity:  
 $1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
Optimum energy:  
1.89 GeV  
Energy spread:  
 $5.16 \times 10^{-4}$   
Bunch length: 1.5 cm  
Total current: 0.91 A  
Linac: ~200 m  
Circular: ~240 m  
Double rings with tiny  
crossing angle

**2004: started BEPCII/BESIII  
construction**

**2008: test run**

**2009 - now: BESIII physics run**

# BESIII detector



Charged-particle momentum resolution@1GeV: 0.5%

Photon energy resolution@1 GeV: 2.5% (5%) for barrel (endcap); position resolution 6mm

$dE/dx$  resolution: 6% for electrons from Bhabha process

Time resolution of TOF: 68 ps (60 ps) for barrel (endcap)

SC magnetic: 1 T

Trigger and DAQ: 4 kHz, with event size 12 Kbytes

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