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Charmonium-like States at BESIII

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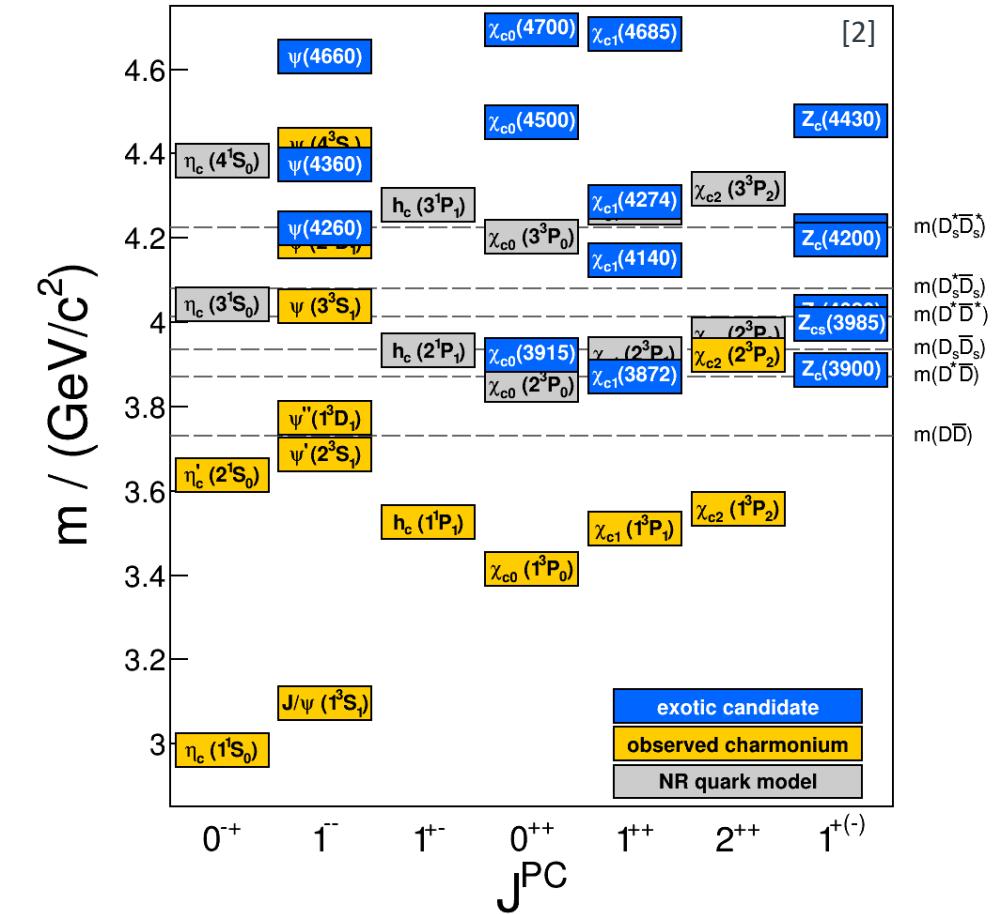
The Charmonium-like Spectrum

Charmonium states below the $D\bar{D}$ threshold and $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
states are **well understood**

Still **missing states** which are predicted by a non-relativistic
quark model^[1]

Additional states with **unexpected properties**:

- Supernumerary 1^{--} states
- χ_{cJ} states with unusual decay behavior and/or width
- States with isospin and/or strangeness



This talk will focus on recent BESIII analyses:

1. Search for Charmonium-like states with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ in

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

[PRL 130, 121901 (2023)]

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$

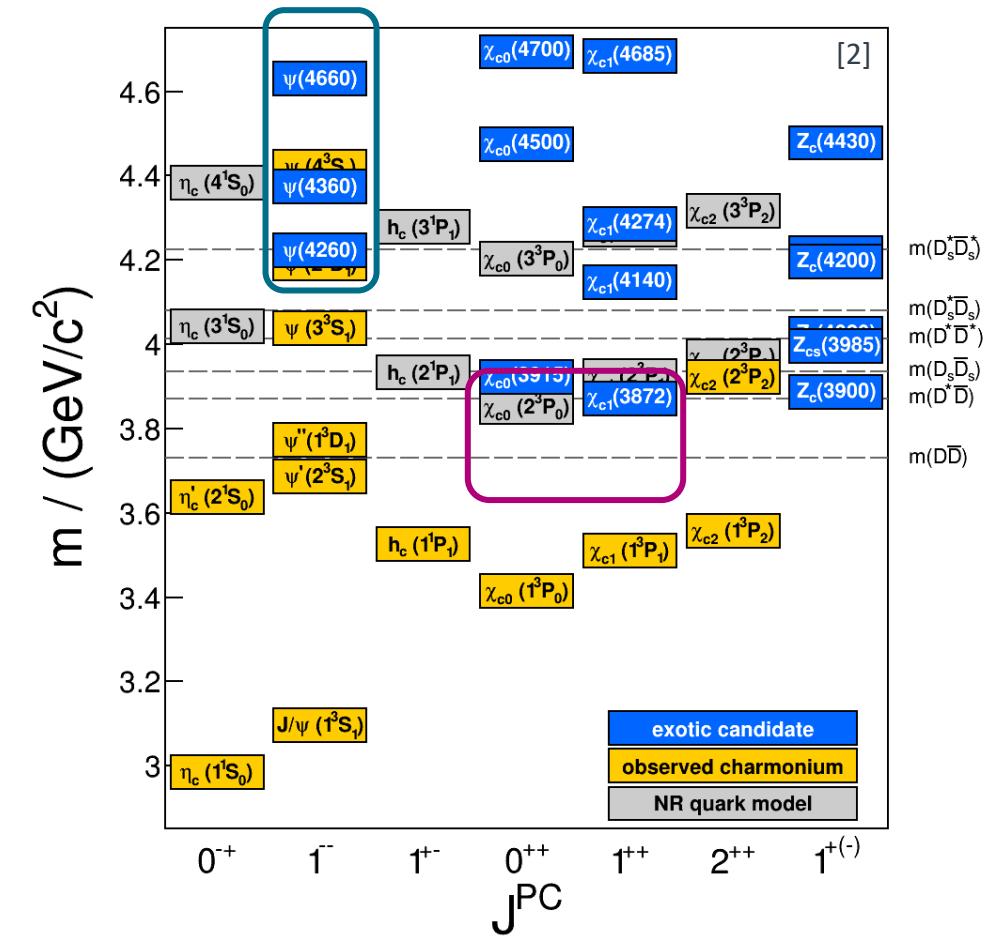
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2. Search for a scalar partner of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ in

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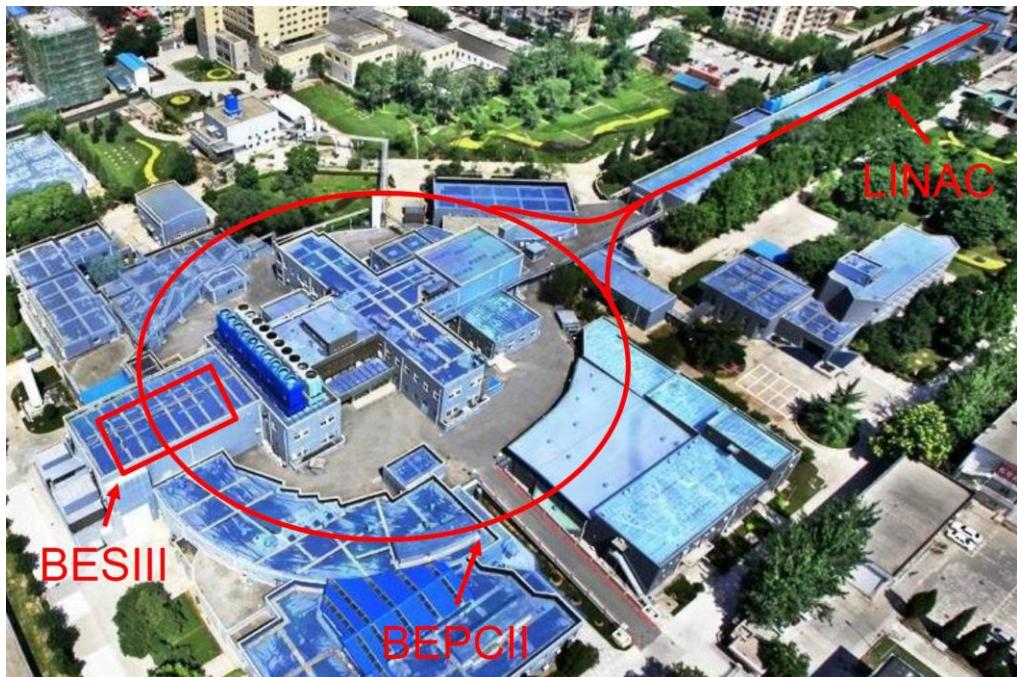
- $\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$



The BESIII Experiment

Beijing Spectrometer III at the Beijing Electron Positron Collider II at the Institute of High Energy Physics

τ -charm factory: $2.0 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 5.0 \text{ GeV}$



Max. luminosity: $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 3.77 \text{ GeV}$

93% of 4π solid angle coverage

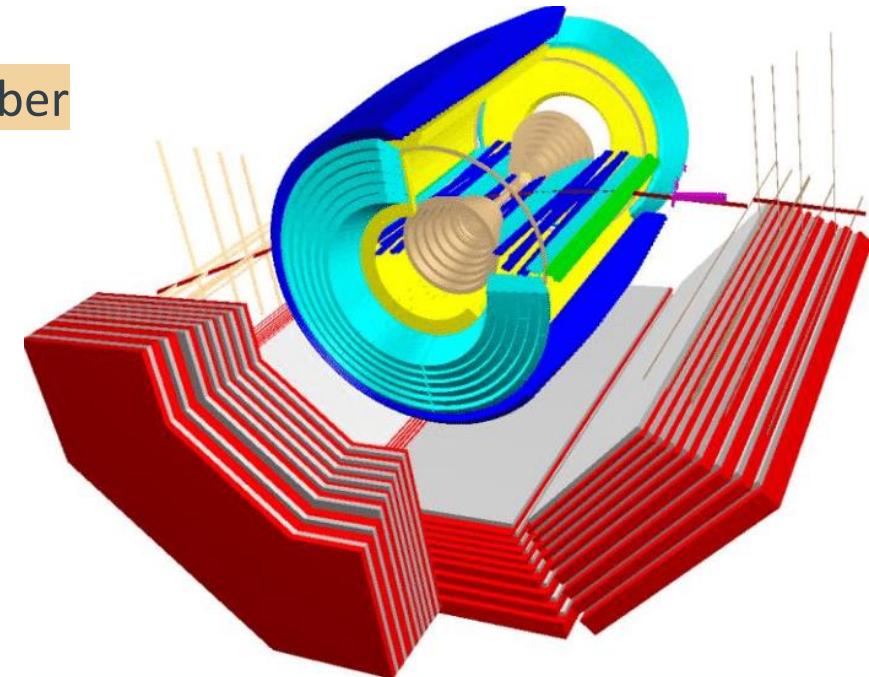
Multilayer Drift Chamber

Time-of-Flight System

EM Calorimeter

1T Solenoid Magnet

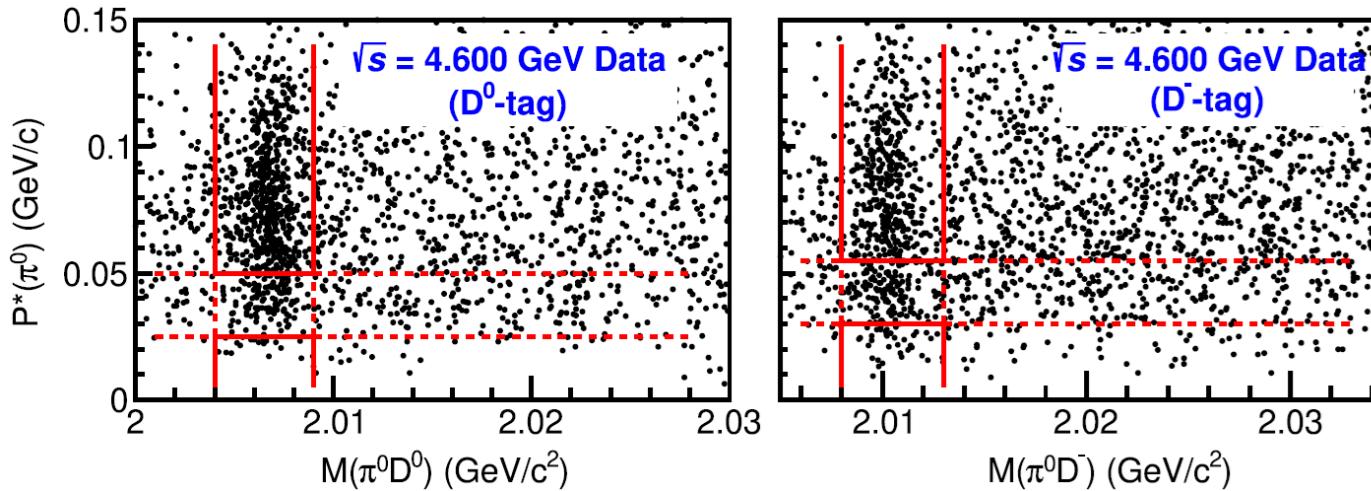
Muon Detector



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

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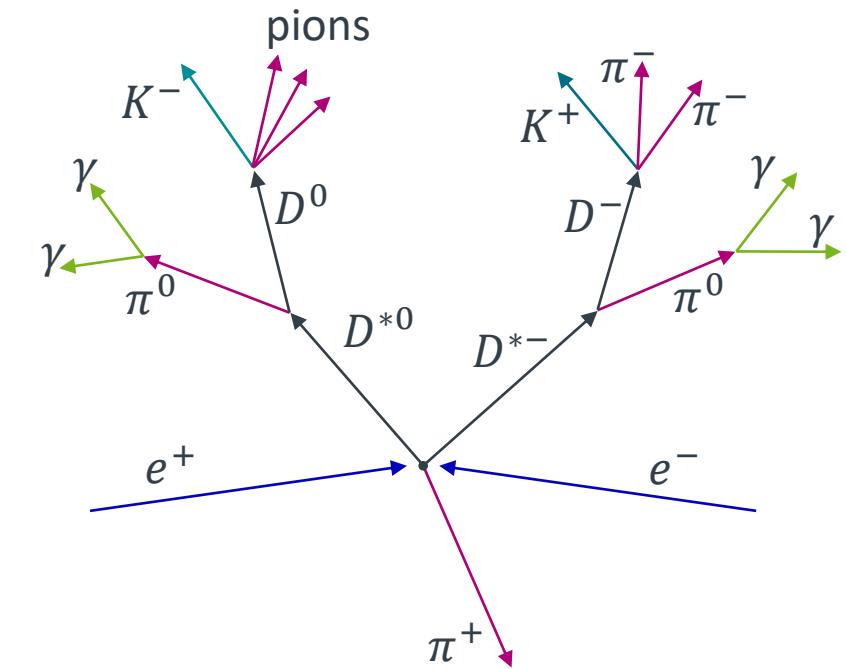
- Analysis of **86 data samples** with $4.19 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.95 \text{ GeV}$ with $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 17.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Reconstruct either D^{*0} or D^{*-} and bachelor π^+
- Cut on the D^0/D^- and D^{*0}/D^{*-} candidate's invariant mass
- Kinematic constraints to assign π^0 to the D^{*0} or D^{*-}



$$D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^0, D^{*-} \rightarrow D^- \pi^0$$

$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+, K^- \pi^+ \pi^0, K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$



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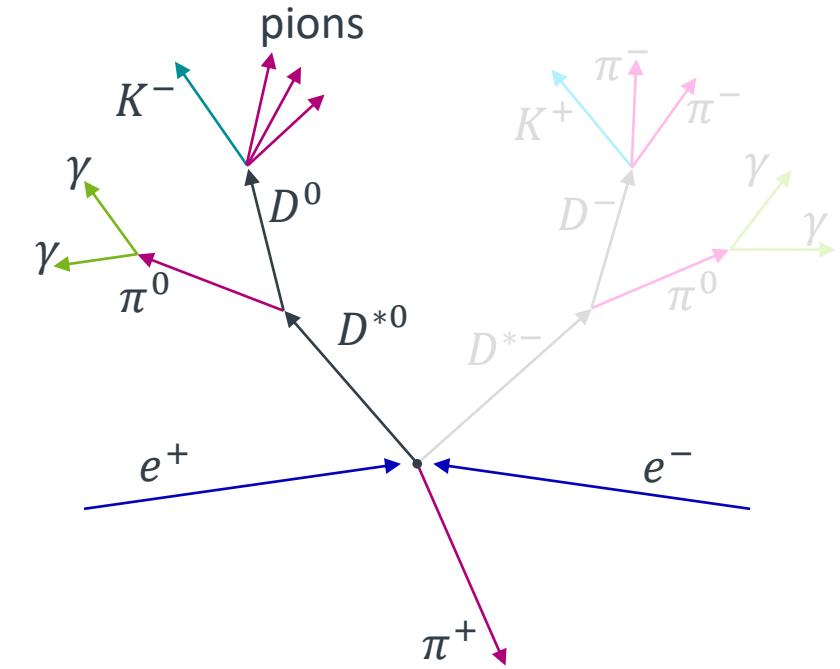
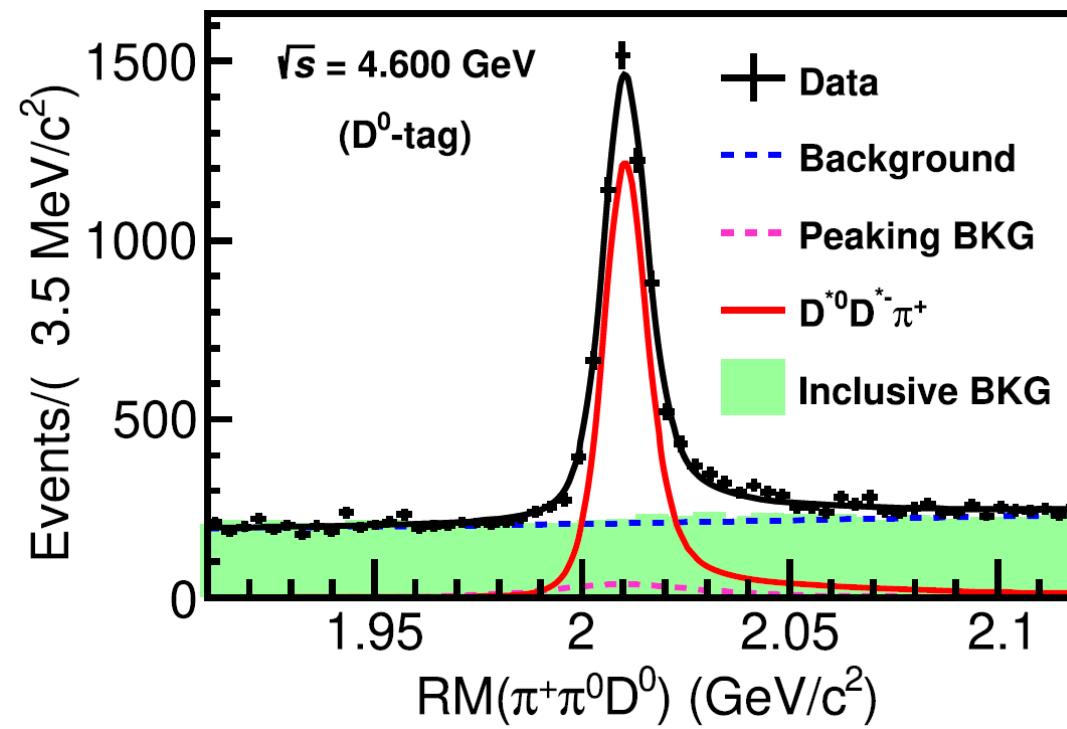
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Simultaneous fit to the $D^{*0}\pi^+$ and $D^{*-}\pi^+$ recoil mass to get σ_{dressed} :

Smooth background described by second-order polynomial

Signal and combinatorial peaking background line shape from MC

$$\begin{aligned} D^{*0} &\rightarrow D^0\pi^0, D^{*-} \rightarrow D^-\pi^0 \\ D^0 &\rightarrow K^-\pi^+, K^-\pi^+\pi^0, K^-\pi^+\pi^+\pi^- \\ D^- &\rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^-, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \end{aligned}$$



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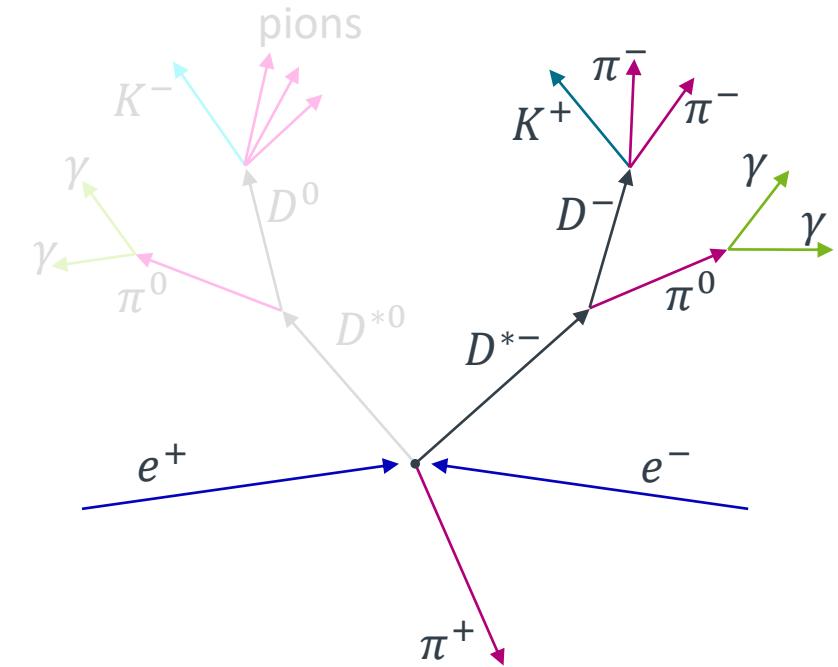
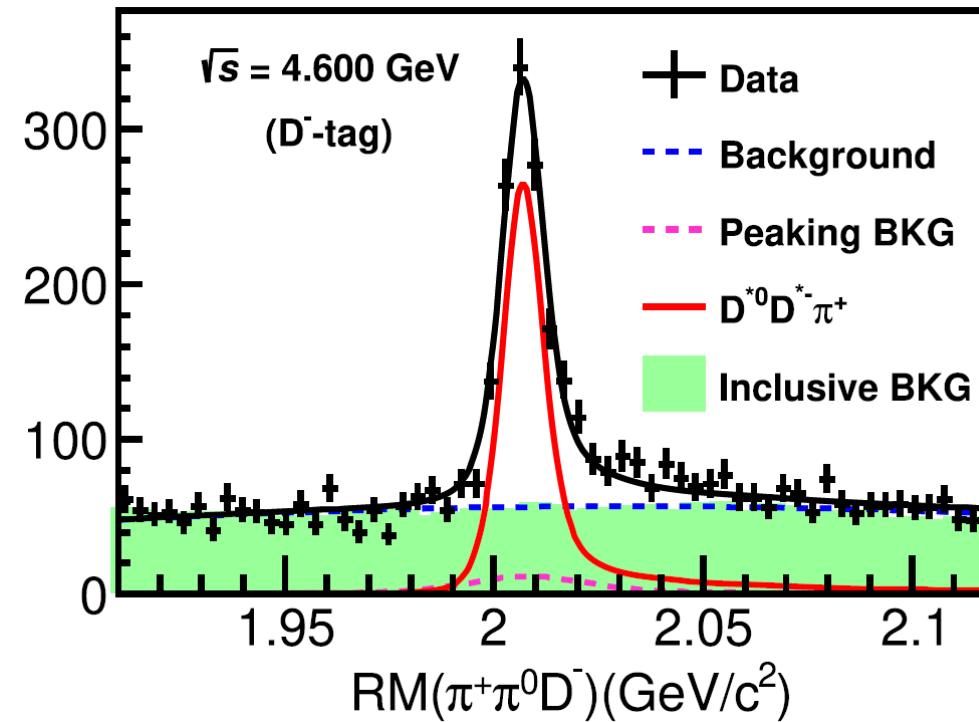
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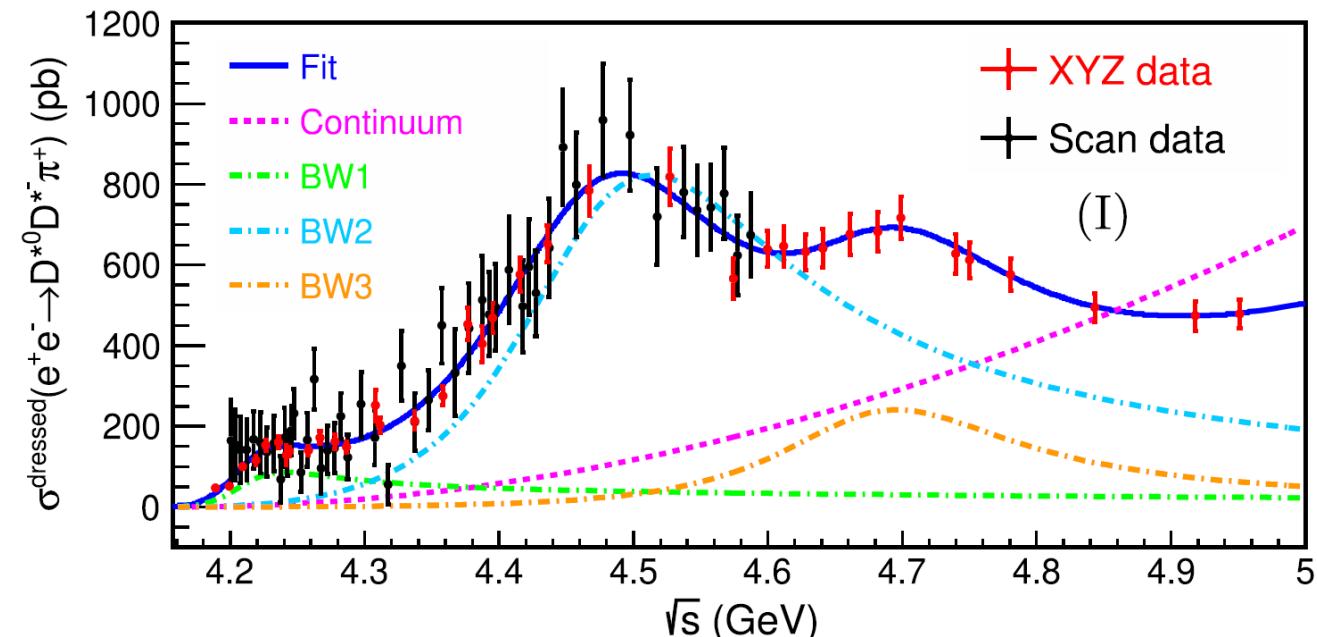
$$D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$



- Dressed cross section calculated via:

$$\sigma_{\text{dressed}} = \frac{N_D^{\text{obs}}}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \varepsilon_D \mathcal{B}_D (1 + \delta_{\text{ISR}})}$$

- Cross section fitted with **coherent sum** of three **Breit-Wigner amplitudes** and **PHSP term**
- All resonance parameters (m_i , Γ_i and $\Gamma_i^{ee} \mathcal{B}_i$) and the relative phases (ϕ_i) **determined by the fit**
- Significance of third BW compared to two BW solution: **10.8σ**
- Eight solutions** with the same reduced χ^2 , m_i and Γ_i , but different $\Gamma_i^{ee} \mathcal{B}_i$ and ϕ_i

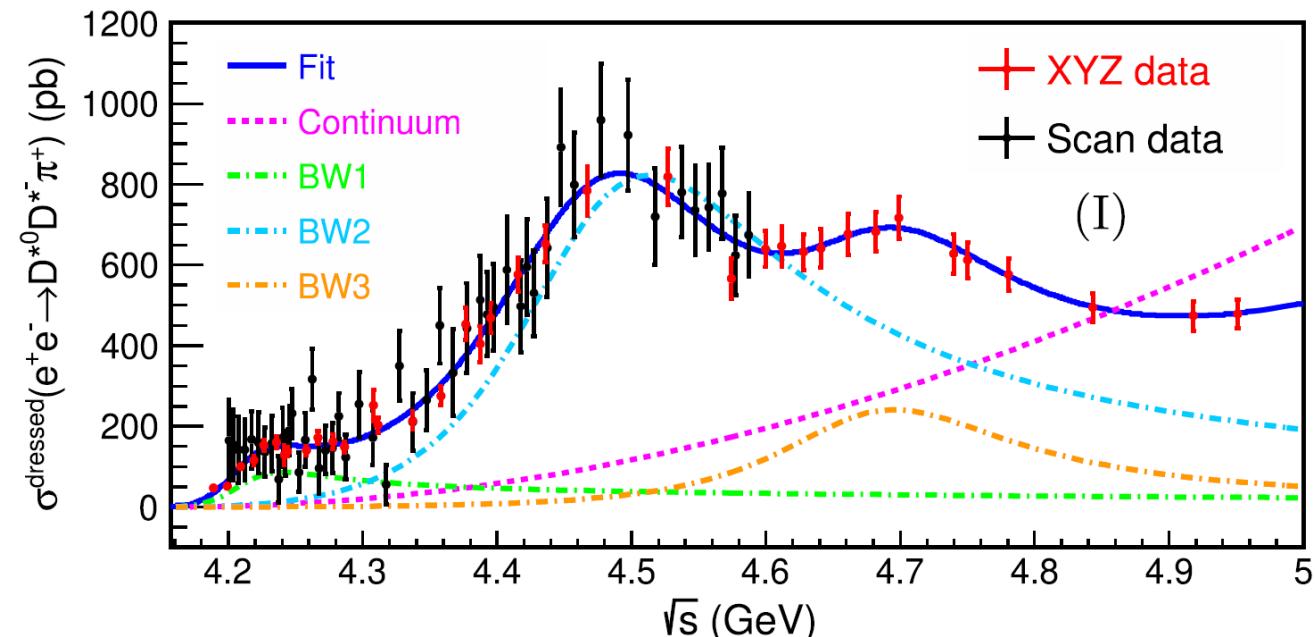


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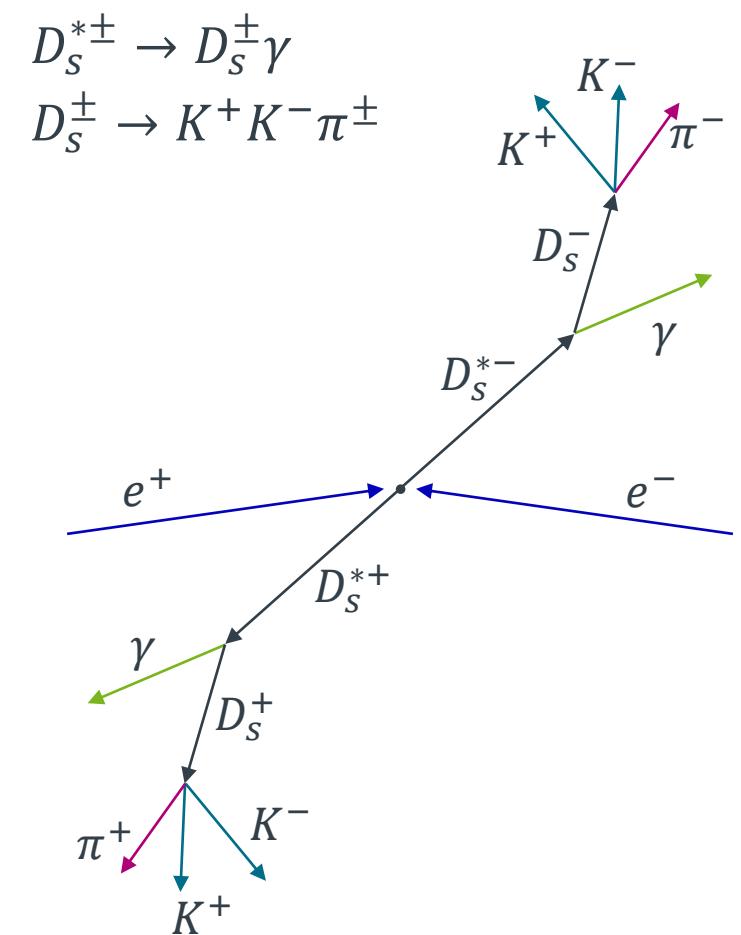
- BW1:** Compatible with the $\psi(4230)$ ^[3]
Result on electronic width **disfavors hybrid interpretation**^[4]
- BW2:** Compatible with the $\psi(4500)$ observed in $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$ ^[5]
 $\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow D^*\bar{D}^*\pi)/\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow K\bar{K}J/\psi) > 10^2$ is **inconsistent with tetraquark hypothesis**^[6,7]
- BW3:** Compatible with the $\psi(4660)$ seen in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S)$ ^[8]
First observation in open charm decay



Analysis of $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$

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- Analysis of **76 data samples** with $4.23 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.95 \text{ GeV}$ with $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 15.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Reconstruct either D_s^{*+} or D_s^{*-}
- Cut on the D_s^\pm invariant mass and on the $D_s^{*\mp}$ missing mass
- **Peaking background** from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} D_s^\pm D_s^{*\mp}$ estimated from $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^\pm D_s^{*\mp}$ cross section



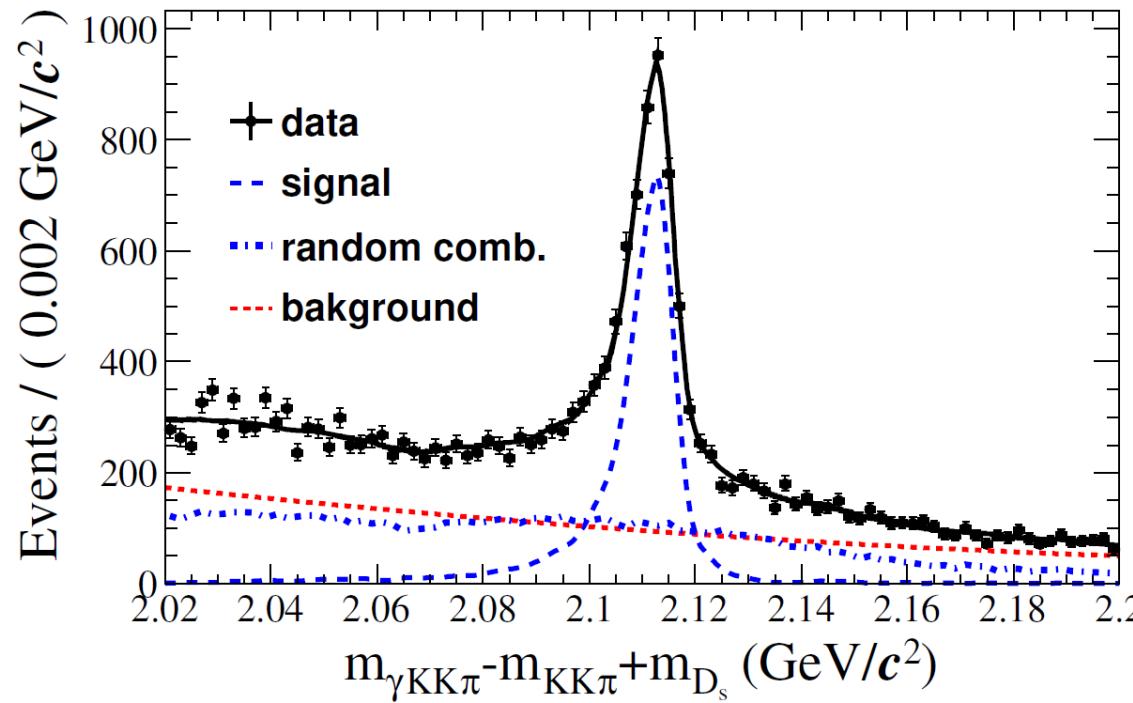
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Fit to the $\gamma KK\pi$ spectrum containing all combinations

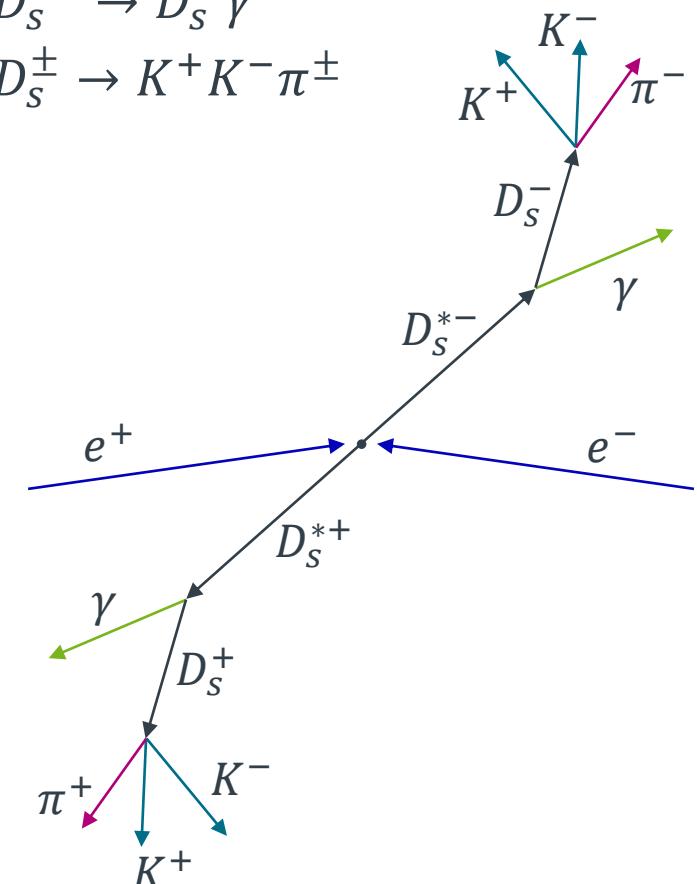
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$$D_s^{*\pm} \rightarrow D_s^\pm \gamma$$

$$D_s^\pm \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^\pm$$



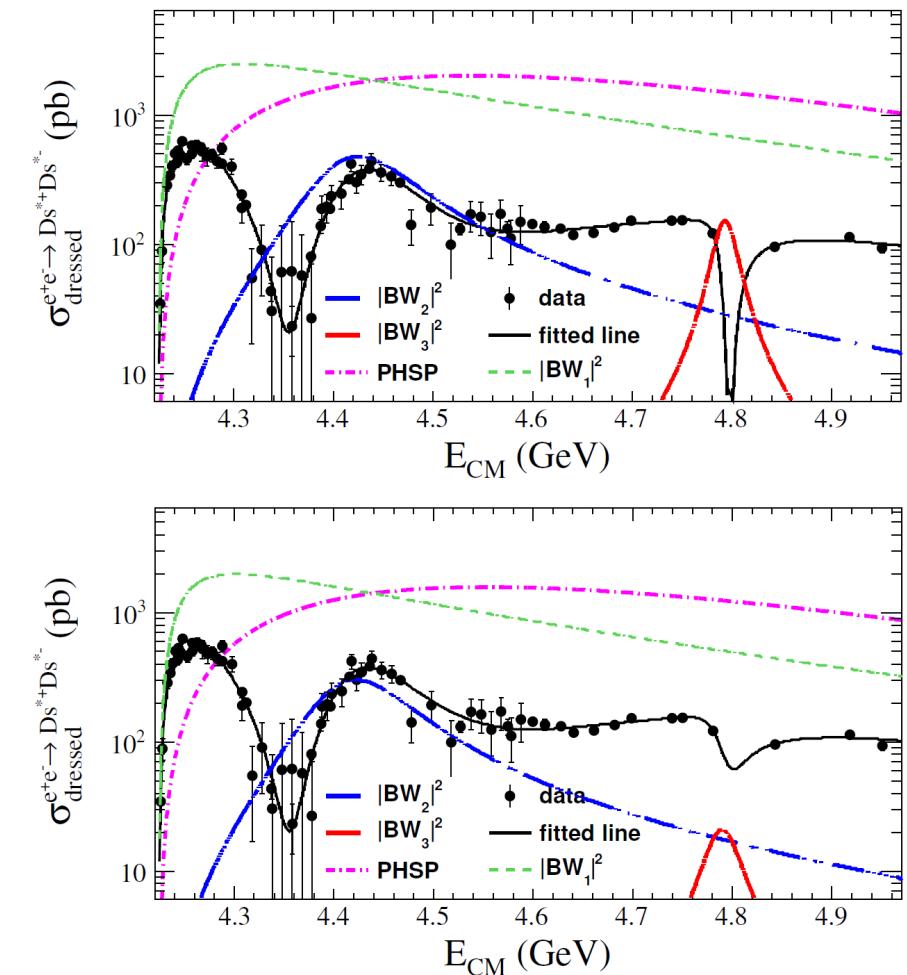
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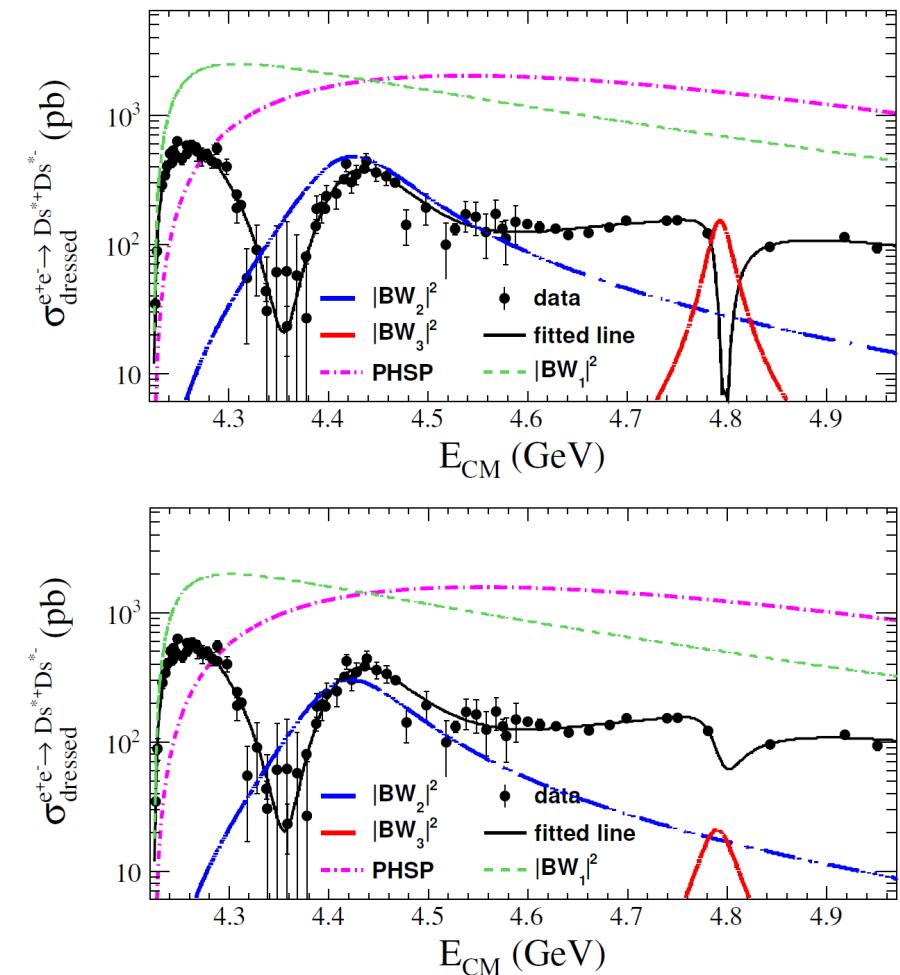
Resulting resonance properties:

BW1: Compatible with $\psi(4160)$ observed in $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons^[9] and $B^- \rightarrow K^-\mu^+\mu^-$ ^[10], candidate for $\psi(2D)$

Compatible with $\psi(4230)$ ^[11] considering sys. uncertainties

BW2: Mass compatible with $\psi(4415)$ ^[11], but width differs by 3σ
Candidate for the $\psi(4S)$, first observation of this decay

BW3: Compatible with evidence for $\psi(4710)$ seen in
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S^0K_S^0J/\psi$ ^[12] and $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-$ ^[13]
Candidate for the $\psi(5S)$



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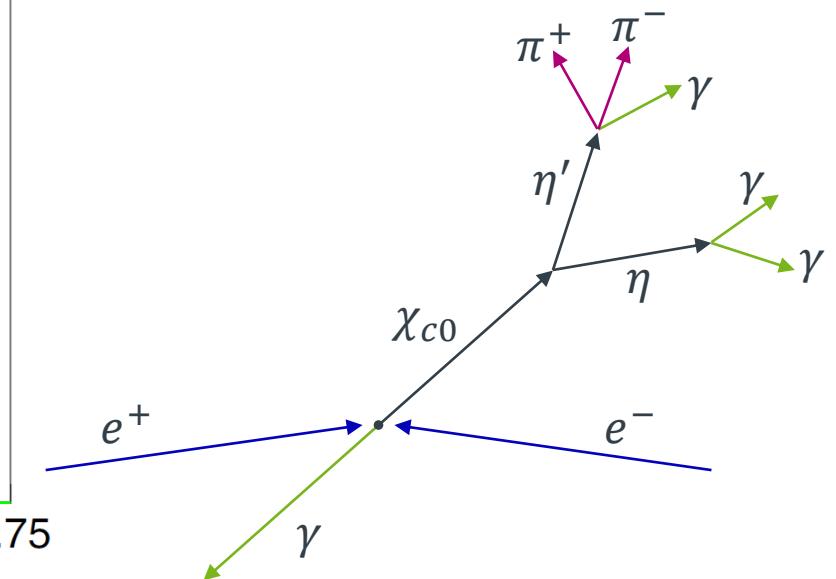
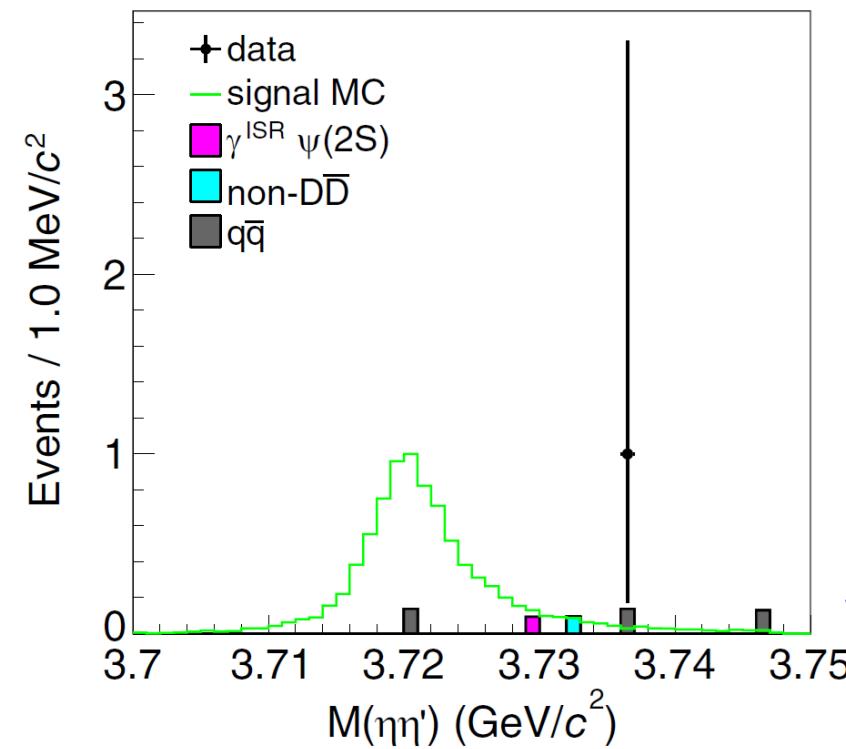
Cuts on the intermediate resonances, here: η and η'

Bayesian method to
determine upper limit on
 $\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c0}) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \eta \eta')$
including systematic uncertainties

Best limit for $m_{\chi_{c0}} = 3710 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
of $\mathcal{B}^{\text{up}} = 8.9 \cdot 10^{-6}$ at 90% C.L.

Upper limit gets worse with
increasing mass of the χ_{c0}

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(3770) &\rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c0}(3700) \\ \chi_{c0}(3700) &\rightarrow \eta \eta' \\ \eta' &\rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-, \eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma\end{aligned}$$



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Cuts on the intermediate J/ψ resonance

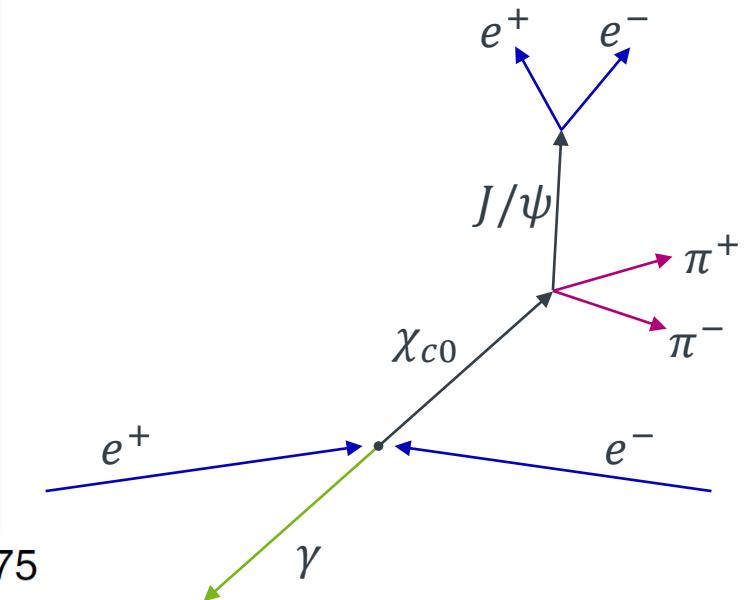
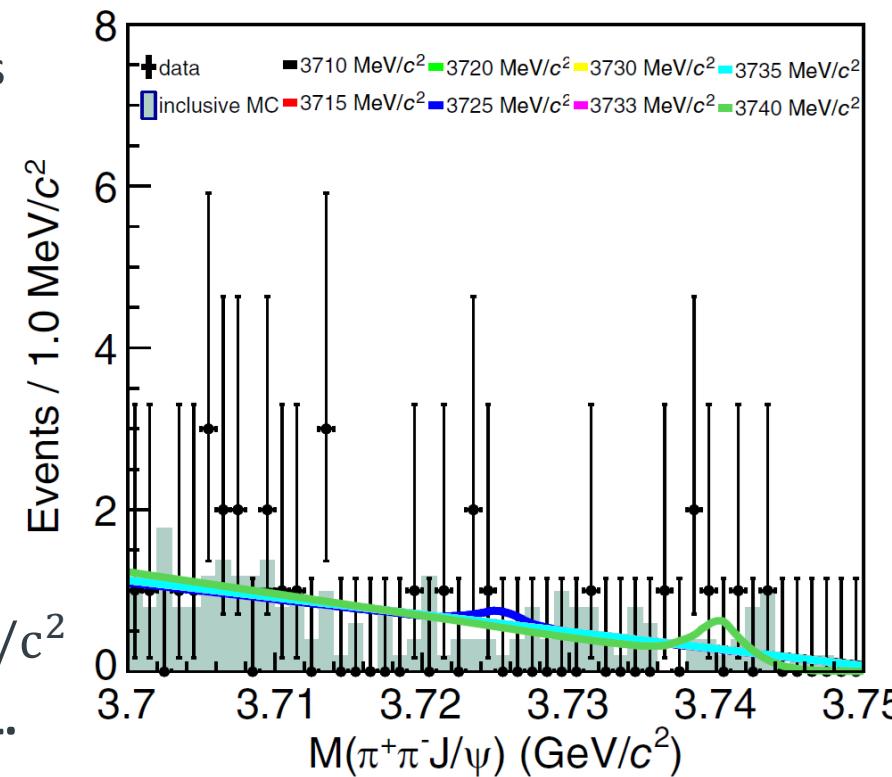
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Resulting likelihood profiles
give the upper limit

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of $\mathcal{B}^{\text{up}} = 8.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$ at 90% C.L.

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(3770) &\rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c0}(3700) \\ \chi_{c0}(3700) &\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi \\ J/\psi &\rightarrow e^+ e^-\end{aligned}$$



Search for a scalar partner of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

[PRD 108, 052012 (2023)]

Theory predictions for $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ as **hadronic molecule**:

- **Scalar partner** with slightly lower mass^[14,15]
- Candidate is the predicted **$D\bar{D}$ molecule** with a mass of $\sim 3720 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ^[14,15]

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(3770) &\rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}(3700) \\ \chi_{c0}(3700) &\rightarrow \eta\eta', \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi \\ \eta' &\rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-, \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \\ J/\psi &\rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-\end{aligned}$$

Experimental **hints for a $D\bar{D}$ state** with mass of $\sim 3700 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ seen in:

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi D\bar{D}$ ^[16,17] and $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow D\bar{D}$ ^[18]

First search for $\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \eta\eta'$ and $\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ presented here

- Theoretical prediction for $\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \eta\eta')$ of $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ^[19]
excluded for masses smaller than $3730 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Upper limit on $\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}(3700)) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0}(3700) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$ gives
constraint on the isospin violation seen in $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ ^[20]

Conclusion and Outlook

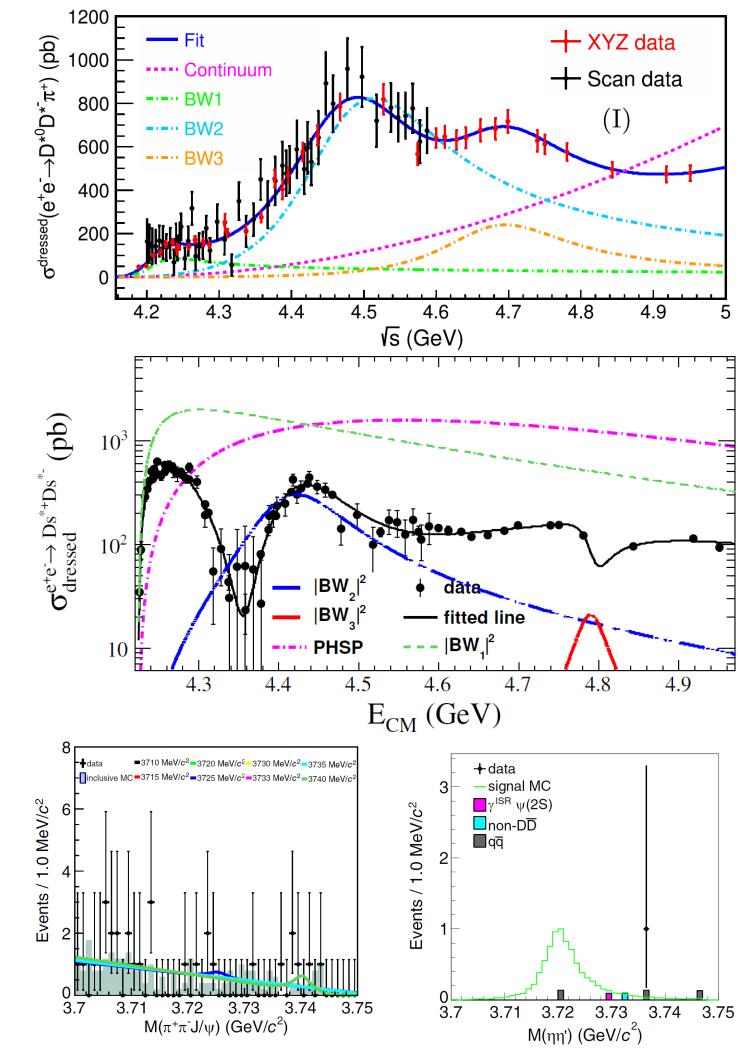
BESIII is **still actively taking data** in the charmonium region
(at the moment increasing the $\psi(3770)$ dataset)

New and exciting results in the **search for $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ resonances**

Large datasets at known resonances allow to **search for charmonium(-like) states with all quantum numbers**

In the future **sophisticated theoretical models** needed to describe line shape of e.g. the 1^{--} resonances, like it is done in the bottomonium region^[21]

Upgrade of BEPCII in 2024 will allow BESIII to **measure up to center-of-mass energies of 5.6 GeV**



Thank you for your attention!



Backup slides

World's largest data sets at 1^{--} resonances:

$J/\psi, \psi(2S), \psi(3770)$

Energy scan in the “XYZ” region:

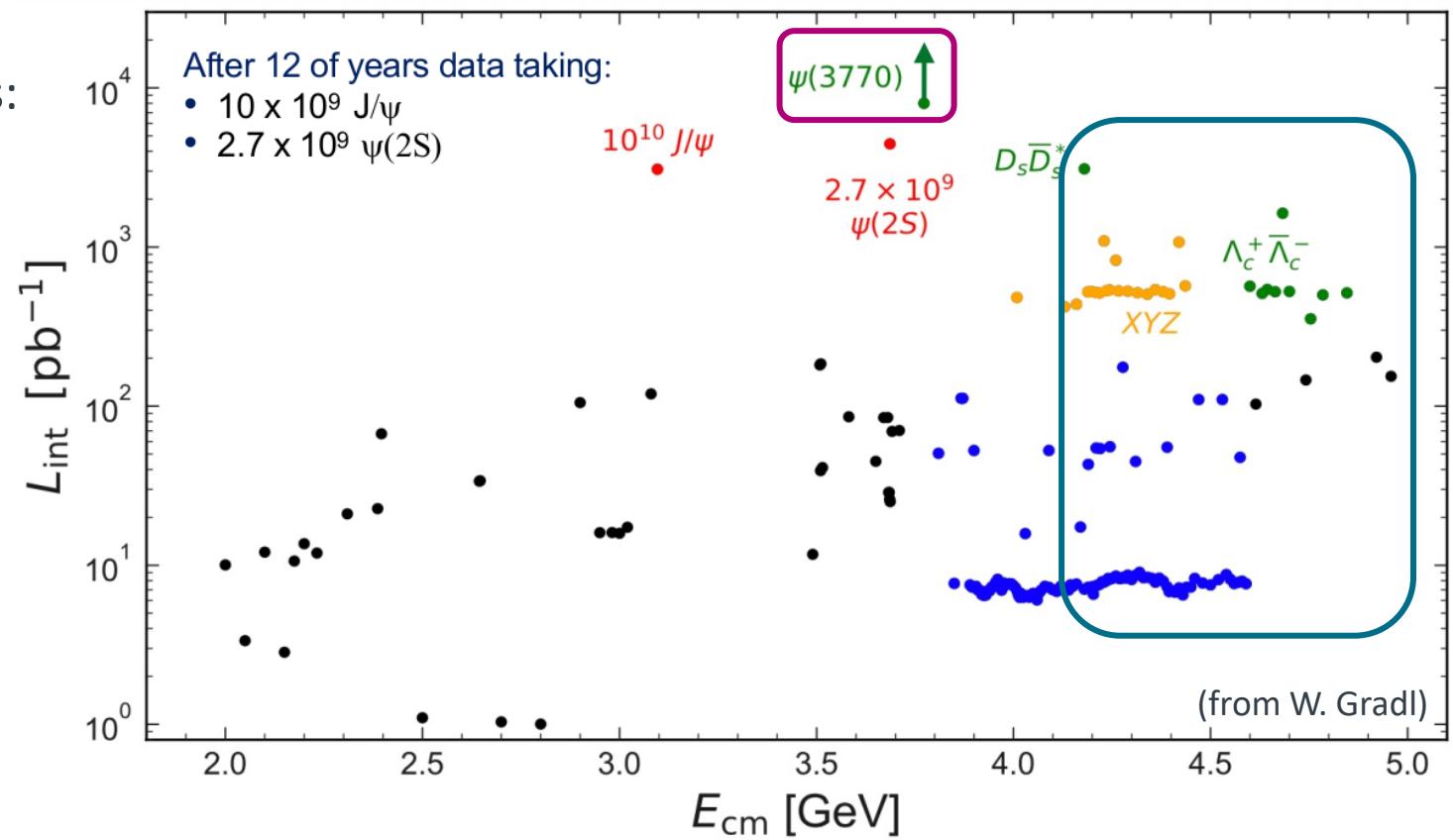
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Scans around resonances:

$\chi_{c1}, \psi(2S), \psi(3770)$

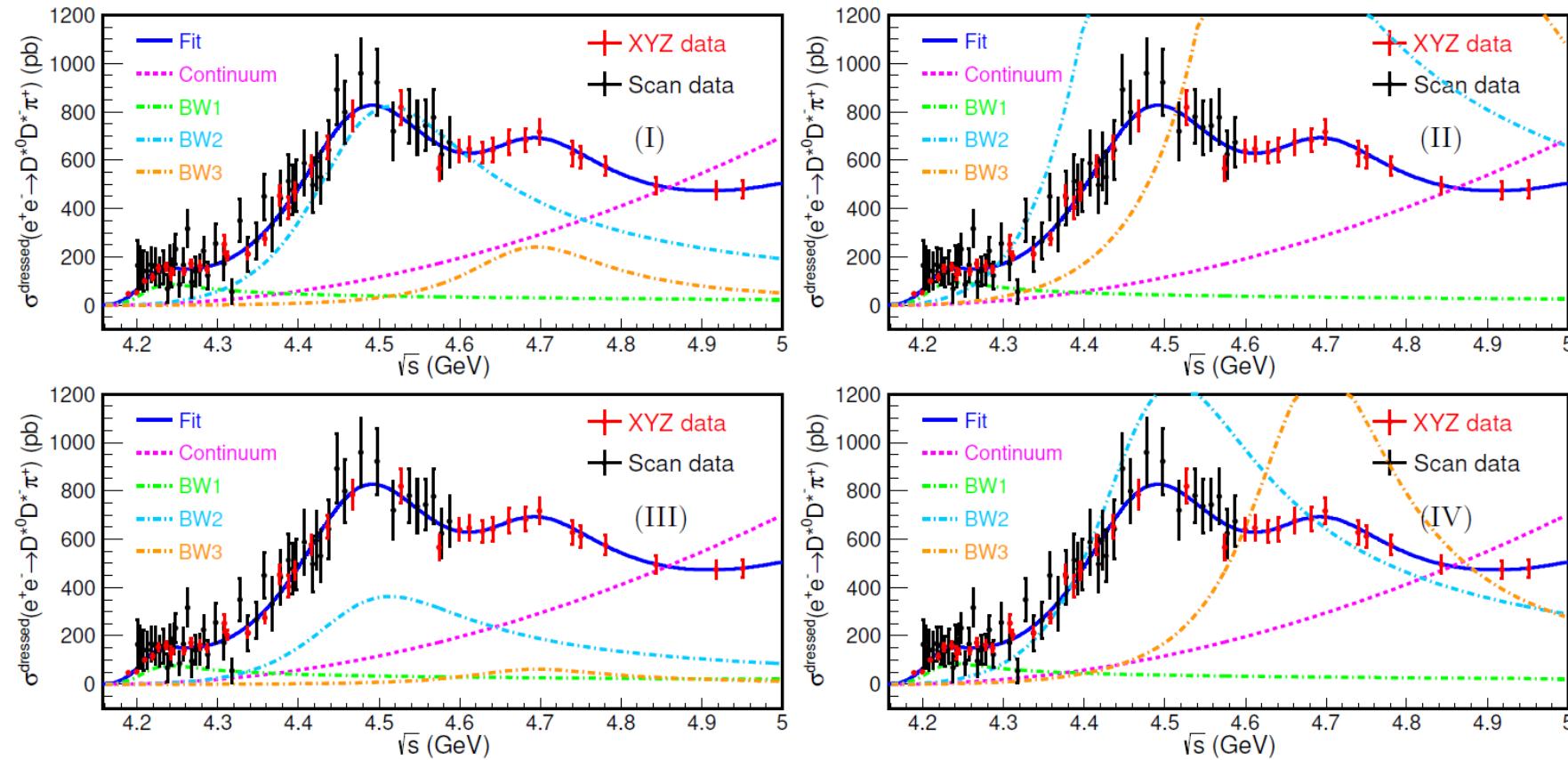
Additional data sets at lower energies:

$2.0 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 3.0 \text{ GeV}$



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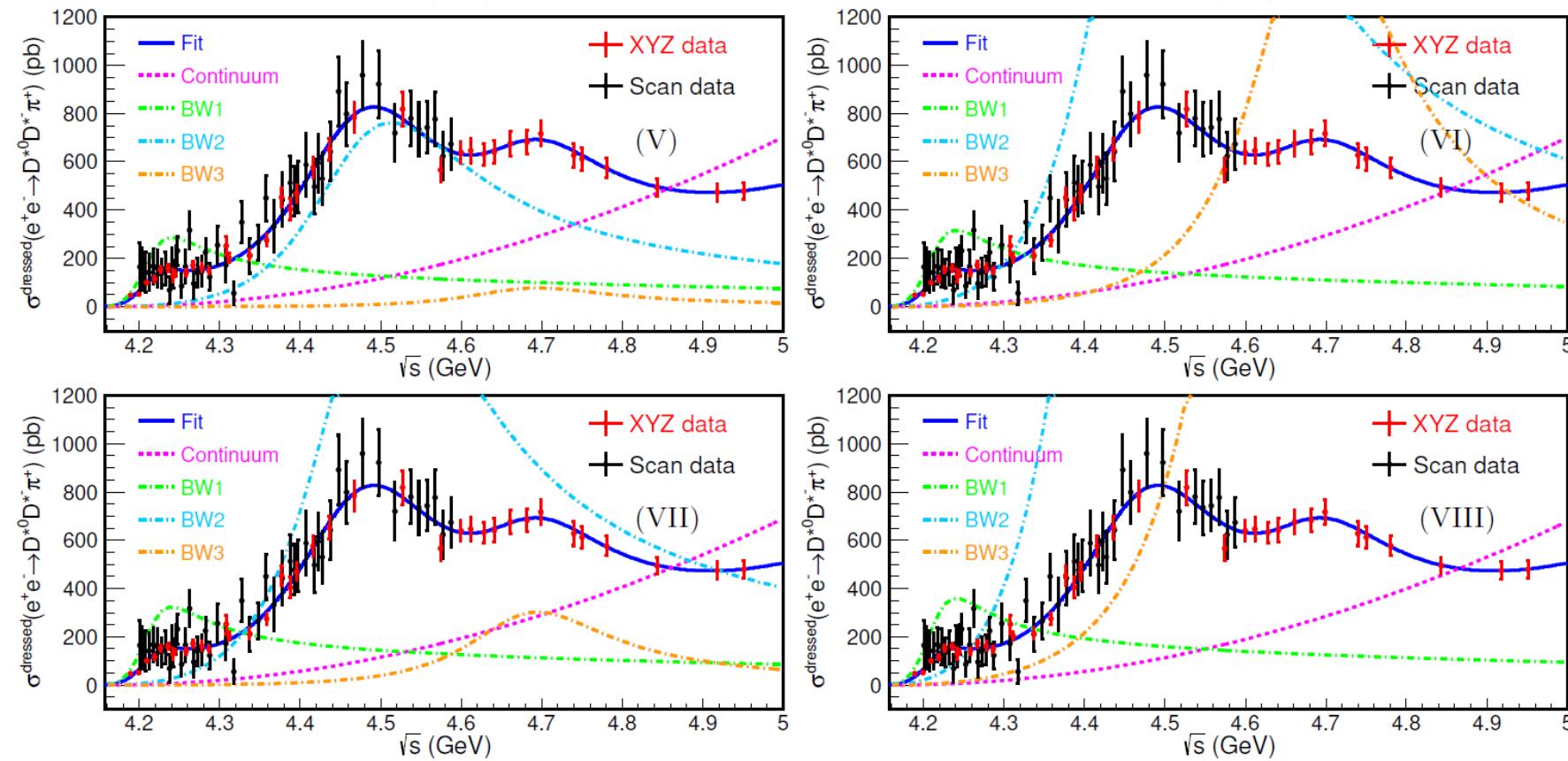
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Solutions I-IV of the fit to the $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}D^{*-}\pi^+$ cross section

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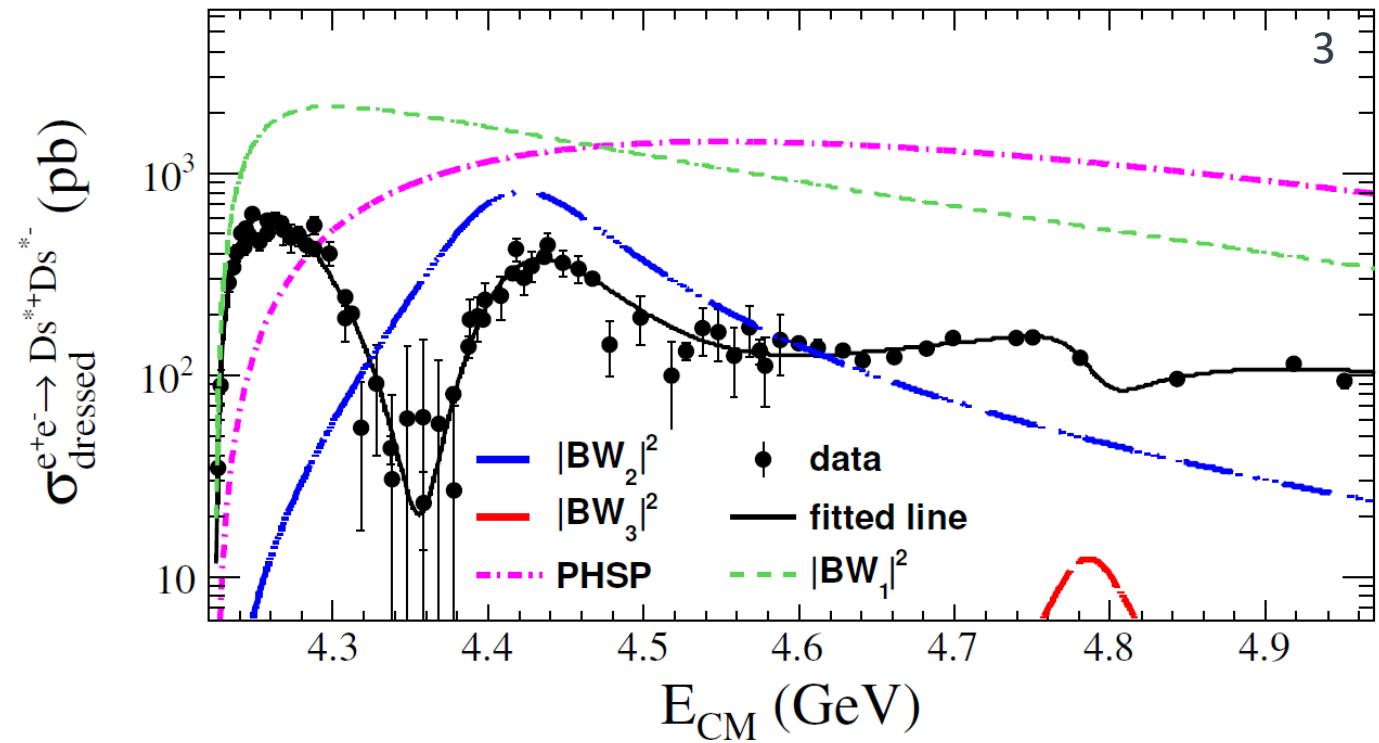
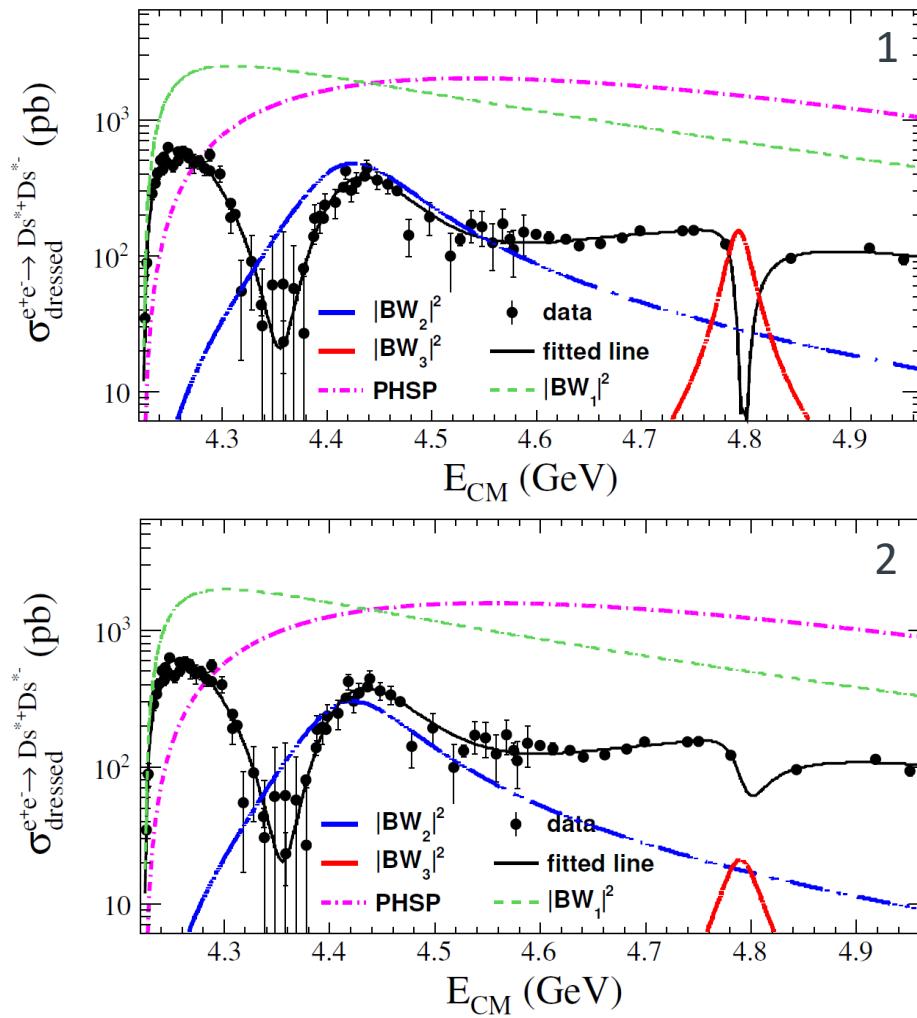
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	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
$C_1(10^{-3})$					4.2 ± 1.5			
m_1 (MeV/ c^2)					4209.6 ± 4.7			
Γ_1^{tot} (MeV)					81.6 ± 17.8			
$\Gamma_1^{ee}\mathcal{B}_1$ (eV)	5.4 ± 1.1	6.0 ± 1.3	4.8 ± 0.9	5.3 ± 1.1	17.9 ± 7.2	19.8 ± 6.6	20.2 ± 7.4	22.4 ± 9.0
ϕ_1 (rad)	3.1 ± 0.5	3.8 ± 0.4	1.9 ± 0.7	2.6 ± 0.6	4.2 ± 0.3	4.8 ± 0.2	5.4 ± 0.3	6.0 ± 0.3
m_2 (MeV/ c^2)					4469.1 ± 26.2			
Γ_2^{tot} (MeV)					246.3 ± 36.7			
$\Gamma_2^{ee}\mathcal{B}_2$ (eV)	243.3 ± 83.5	832.5 ± 716.5	107.4 ± 50.6	367.4 ± 370.8	225.5 ± 94.9	770.8 ± 383.8	510.1 ± 202.3	1744.3 ± 926.9
ϕ_2 (rad)	4.4 ± 0.3	-0.9 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.6	3.7 ± 0.8	1.9 ± 0.8	3.0 ± 0.4	3.7 ± 0.3	-1.5 ± 0.3
m_3 (MeV/ c^2)					4675.3 ± 29.5			
Γ_3^{tot} (MeV)					218.3 ± 72.9			
$\Gamma_3^{ee}\mathcal{B}_3$ (eV)	75.8 ± 148.8	1601.9 ± 1152.6	19.4 ± 27.1	411.6 ± 230.5	24.4 ± 34.5	515.6 ± 244.6	95.1 ± 173.1	2005.3 ± 1166.1
ϕ_3 (rad)	4.9 ± 1.4	-2.9 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.4	0.6 ± 1.1	1.7 ± 0.5	6.5 ± 0.5	4.5 ± 1.3	-3.3 ± 0.3

Fitted parameters of the fit to the $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}D^{*-}\pi^+$ cross section

Analysis of $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*+}D_s^{*-}$

[acc. by PRL, arXiv:2305.10789]



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	Result 1	Result 2	Result 3
M_1 (MeV/c ²)	4186.8 ± 8.7	4194.1 ± 6.8	4195.6 ± 6.5
Γ_1 (MeV)	55 ± 15	61.1 ± 8.5	61.7 ± 7.7
M_2 (MeV/c ²)	4414.6 ± 3.4	4411.9 ± 3.2	4411.1 ± 3.2
Γ_2 (MeV)	122.5 ± 7.5	120.2 ± 7.4	119.9 ± 7.3
M_3 (MeV/c ²)	4793.3 ± 6.7	4789.7 ± 8.7	4786.0 ± 9.4
Γ_3 (MeV)	27.1 ± 6.5	42 ± 75	60 ± 34
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a_1 (MeV)	4.3 ± 2.1	2.74 ± 0.94	2.85 ± 0.87
$(\Gamma_{e^+e^-} - B(D_s^*D_s^*))_2$ (eV)	74.6 ± 7.3	46.0 ± 6.1	123 ± 14
ϕ_2 (rad)	-1.29 ± 0.12	-0.981 ± 0.068	-2.244 ± 0.070
$(\Gamma_{e^+e^-} - B(D_s^*D_s^*))_3$ (eV)	6 ± 22	1.3 ± 2.8	1.13 ± 0.48
ϕ_3 (rad)	1.15 ± 0.58	0.96 ± 0.89	-1.07 ± 0.45
n	9.73 ± 0.18	9.270 ± 0.044	9.301 ± 0.045
a_0 ($\times 10^4$ GeV ⁿ⁻¹)	7.1 ± 2.3	3.16 ± 0.54	3.2 ± 1.8
ϕ_0 (rad)	2.959 ± 0.043	3.087 ± 0.022	2.675 ± 0.029

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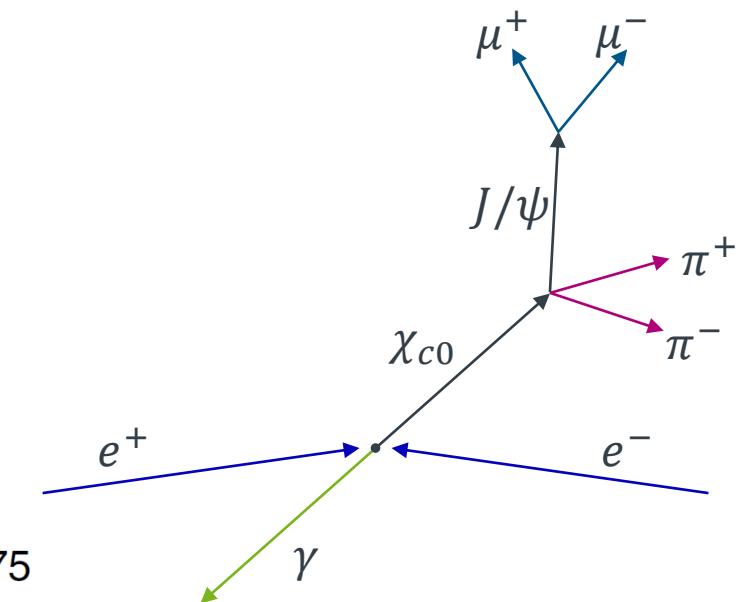
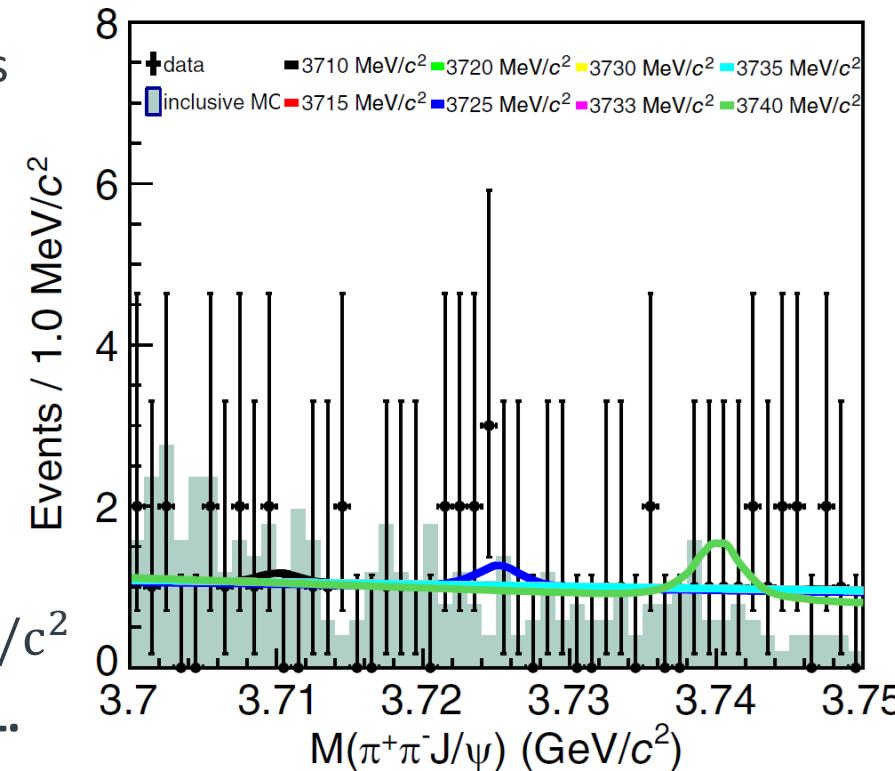
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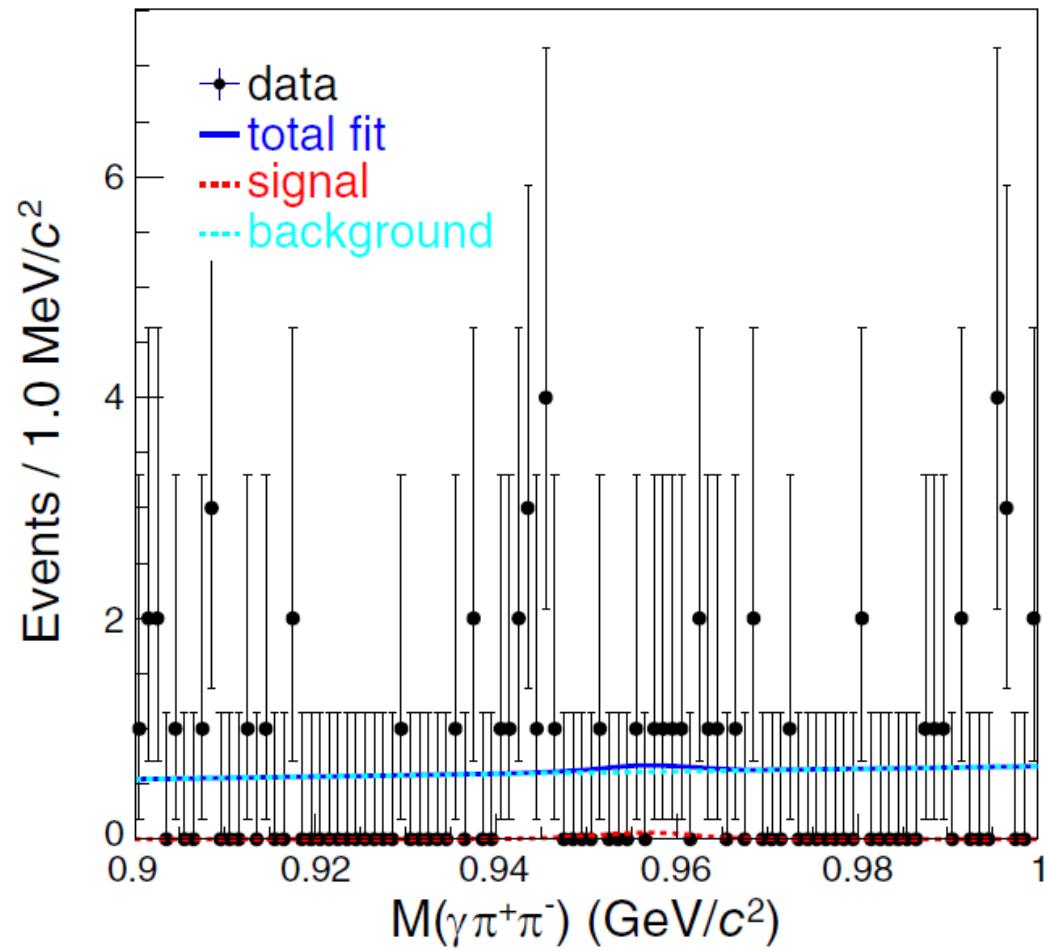
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$M(X(3700))$ (MeV/c ²)		3710	3715	3720	3725	3730	3733	3735	3740
$\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta'$	ε_0 (%)	10.56	10.50	10.14	9.77	9.31	8.99	8.70	8.15
	$\mathcal{B}^{\text{up}} (\times 10^{-6})$	8.9	9.0	9.3	9.7	10	18	18	19
$\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$	ε_0^{ee} (%)	15.68	15.59	15.88	15.50	15.38	15.32	14.83	13.76
	$\varepsilon_0^{\mu\mu}$ (%)	24.10	23.97	24.02	23.93	23.67	23.54	23.16	21.80
	$\mathcal{B}^{\text{up}} (\times 10^{-5})$	2.2	1.2	1.8	3.0	0.86	1.0	1.3	3.4

Upper limits on the product branching ratios $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}(3700)) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0}(3700) \rightarrow \eta\eta')$ and $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}(3700)) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c0}(3700) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$ in dependence of the mass of the χ_{c0}

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Upper limit for $\mathcal{B}(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta')$:

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{up}} = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ at 90% C.L.}$$

