

Research Unit Report

Exotic meson spectroscopy (Project XYZ)

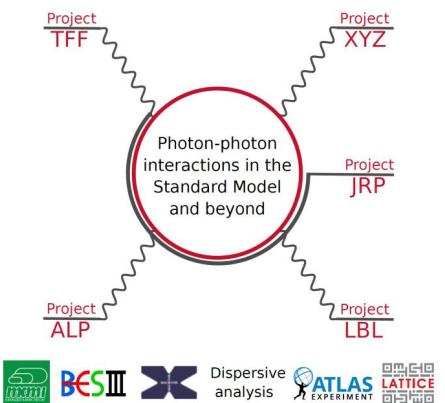
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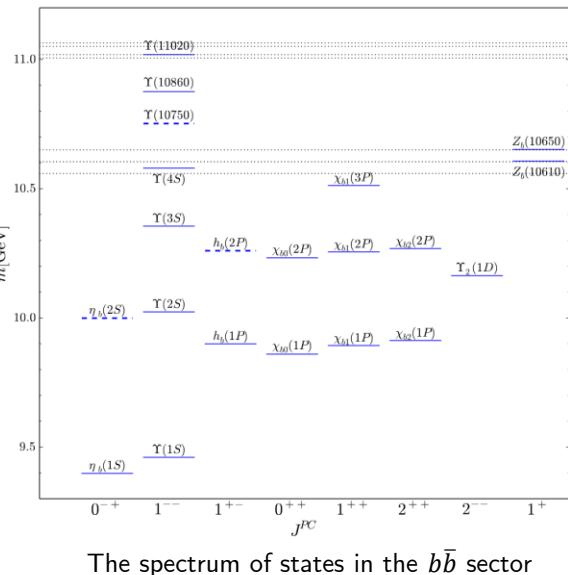
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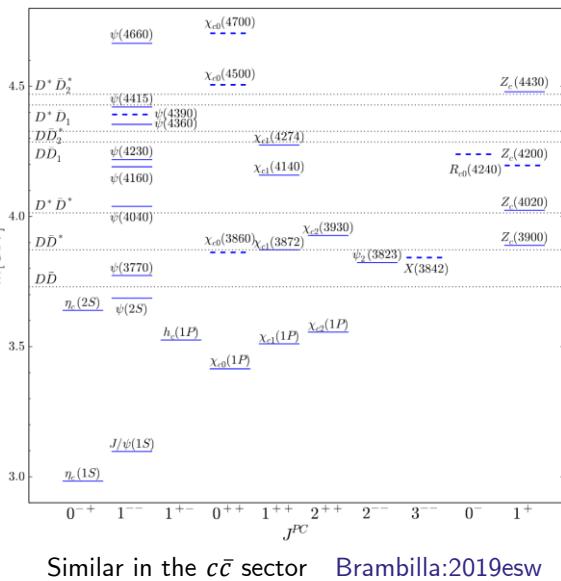
Timeline

Directions:

- Partial-wave analysis (PWA) of the full BESIII $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi h_c$ data using dispersive techniques and determination of the spin and parity of the $Z_c(4020)$ (XYZ-1)
- PWA of the full BESIII data samples of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$ at cms energies of 4.23 and 4.26 GeV (XYZ-1)
- Radiative transitions of vector charmonia and bottomonia using light-by-light (LBL) sum rules (XYZ-2)

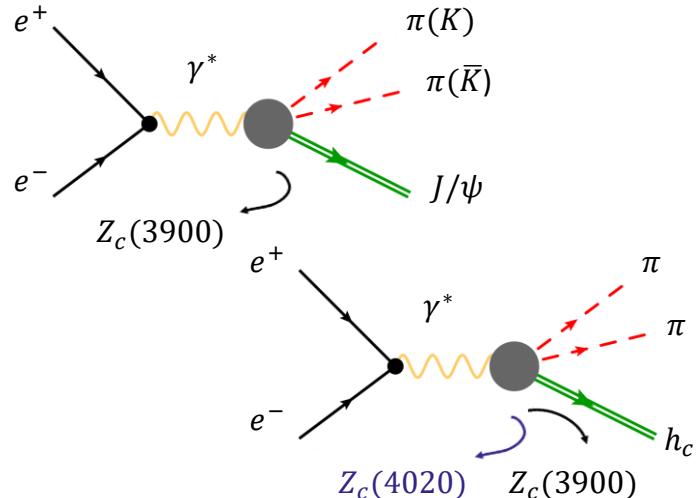


The spectrum of states in the $b\bar{b}$ sector



Similar in the $c\bar{c}$ sector Brambilla:2019esw

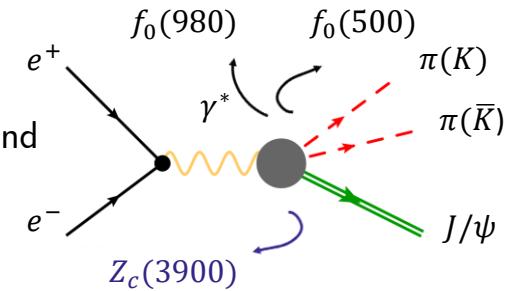
Project	2022	2023	2024	2025
XYZ-1			PWA of $ee \rightarrow \pi\pi h_c$ Determination of spin/parity of $Z_c(4020)$	
			PWA of $ee \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$ at c.m. energies 4.23 and 4.26 GeV	
XYZ-2			Radiative transitions of conventional charmonia and bottomonia	
XYZ-3			χ_{c2} scan Data taking and data analysis	Feasibility study for $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ scan in $\gamma J/\psi$ channel



XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

Motivation

- Perform a simultaneous PWA of the existing BESIII data on $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi J/\psi$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow K\bar{K}J/\psi$, which is not included in [BESIII:2017bua](#)
- $f_0(500)$ and $f_0(980)$ imply [dispersive](#) treatment
- Analyze non-integrated [acceptancy corrected](#) data
- The ultimate goal – to constrain more precisely the mass and the width of $Z_c(3900)$



Formalism

We build upon the Dalitz-plot decomposition (DPD) of [JPAC:2019ufm](#)

- ① Straightforward to consider any quantum number (QN)

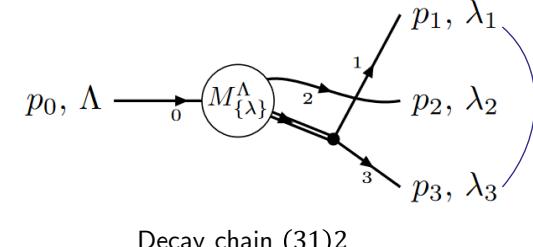
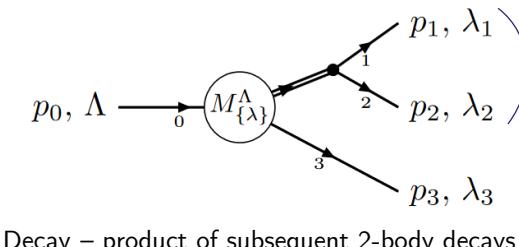
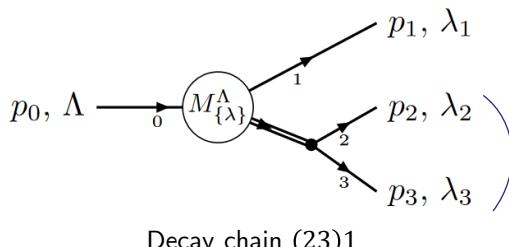
② Incorporatable dispersive treatment

- ③ Built-in access to angular dependencies

The amplitude for a 3-body decay $(J, \Lambda) \rightarrow \{\lambda\}$:

$$M_{\{\lambda\}}^{\Lambda} = \sum_{\nu} \underbrace{D_{\Lambda, \nu}^{J^*}(\varphi_1, \theta_1, \varphi_{23})}_{\text{Decay-plane orientation}} \times \underbrace{O_{\{\lambda\}}^{\nu}(\{\sigma\})}_{\text{Dalitz-plot function}}$$

- Model-independent factorization: Wigner D-function of Euler angles $(\varphi_1, \theta_1, \varphi_{23})$ \times Mandelstam variables $\{\sigma\}$ function
- Rotation connects the actual frame with the frame of calculation



XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

Formalism

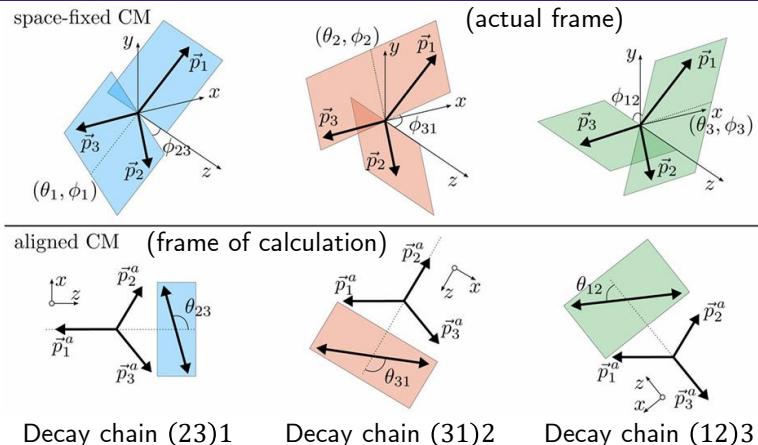
$$O_{\{\lambda\}}^v(\{\sigma\}) = \sum_{(ij)k} \sum_s^{(ij) \rightarrow i,j} \sum_{\tau} \sum_{\{\lambda'\}} n_j n_s d_{v,\tau-\lambda'_k}^J(\hat{\theta}_{k(1)})$$

normalization

connects 3 chains

$\times H_{\tau,\lambda'_k}^{0 \rightarrow (ij),k} X_s(\sigma_k) d_{\tau,\lambda'_i-\lambda'_j}^s(\theta_{ij}) H_{\lambda'_i,\lambda'_j}^{(ij) \rightarrow i,j}$ 2-body helicity coupling

$\times d_{\lambda'_1,\lambda_1}^{j_1}(\zeta_{k(0)}^1) d_{\lambda'_2,\lambda_2}^{j_2}(\zeta_{k(0)}^2) d_{\lambda'_3,\lambda_3}^{j_3}(\zeta_{k(0)}^3)$ boosts connect helicities of final particles



$O_{\{\lambda\}}^v(\{\sigma\})$ – product of individual **2-body** decays $0 \rightarrow (ij)k$ and $(ij) \rightarrow i,j$ in a rest frame of a decaying particle

$X_s(\sigma_k)$ – energy dependence of resonance (ij) with spin s and helicity τ

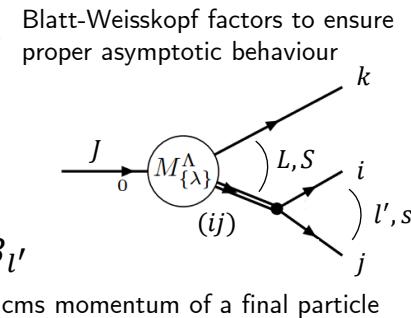
Helicity couplings

$$H_{\tau,\lambda'_k}^{0 \rightarrow (ij),k} = \sum_{LS} \alpha_{LS}^{0 \rightarrow (ij),k} \sqrt{\frac{2L+1}{2J+1}} \langle s, \tau; j_k, -\lambda'_k | S, \tau - \lambda'_k \rangle \langle L, 0; S, \tau - \lambda'_k | J, \tau - \lambda'_k \rangle p^L B_L$$

$$H_{\lambda'_i,\lambda'_j}^{(ij) \rightarrow i,j} = \sum_{l's'} \alpha_{l's'}^{(ij) \rightarrow i,j} \sqrt{\frac{2l'+1}{2s+1}} \langle j_i, \lambda'_i; j_j, -\lambda'_j | s', \lambda'_i - \lambda'_j \rangle \langle l', 0; s', \lambda'_i - \lambda'_j | s, \lambda'_i - \lambda'_j \rangle p'^{l'} B_{l'}$$

LS-coupling

$\alpha_{LS}^{0 \rightarrow (ij),k}$ and $\alpha_{l's'}^{(ij) \rightarrow i,j}$ – fit parameters



Breit-Wigner parametrization for narrow resonances ($Z_c(3900), Z_c(4020), \dots$)

K-matrix parametrization (for overlapping resonances)

Generalization: Flatté formula ($Z_c(3900), Z_c(4020), f_0(980)$)

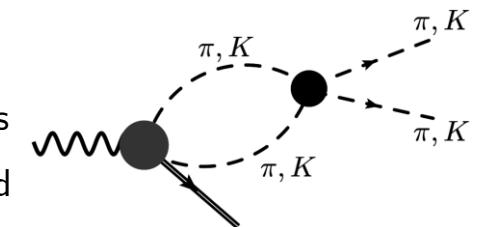
Dispersive treatment ($f_0(500), f_0(980), f_2(1270), \dots$)

Functions $X_s(\sigma_k)$ are the only model-dependent elements

XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

Formalism: Dispersive approach

- ① Incorporates final-state interaction $\pi\pi/K\bar{K}$
- ② Accurately reflects phase shifts
- ③ Doesn't violate unitarity (unlike a combination of Breit-Wigner for $f_0(500)$ and Flatté parametrization for $f_0(980)$)
- ④ Use standard Muskhelishvili-Omnes formalism: contribution from crossed-channel rescattering (corresponds to the left-hand cuts) can be absorbed just in the **subtraction polynomial** – minimum fit parameters [Danilkin:2020kce](#)

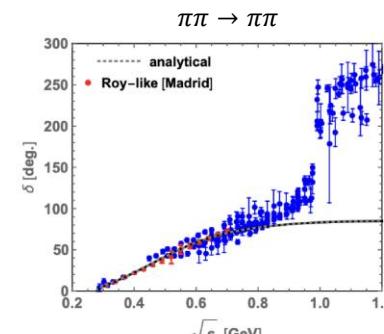
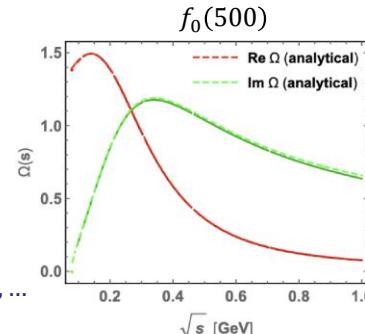


Single-channel case

$X(\sigma) \rightarrow (\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{red}{b}\sigma)\Omega(\sigma)$ with Omnes function

$$\Omega(\sigma) = \exp \left(\frac{\sigma}{\pi} \int_{\sigma_{th}}^{\infty} \frac{d\sigma'}{\sigma'} \frac{\delta(\sigma')}{\sigma' - \sigma} \right)$$

phase shift
e.g. $f_0(500), f_2(1270), \dots$



Phase shift can be taken from different dispersive analyses
[Danilkin:2022cnj](#)

Coupled-channel case

$X(\sigma) \rightarrow (\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{red}{b}\sigma)\Omega_{\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi}(\sigma) + (\textcolor{red}{c} + \textcolor{red}{d}\sigma)\Omega_{\pi\pi \rightarrow K\bar{K}}(\sigma)$ e.g. $f_0(500) \& f_0(980)$

$X(\sigma) \rightarrow (\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{red}{b}\sigma)\Omega_{K\bar{K} \rightarrow \pi\pi}(\sigma) + (\textcolor{red}{c} + \textcolor{red}{d}\sigma)\Omega_{K\bar{K} \rightarrow K\bar{K}}(\sigma)$ Simultaneous description of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

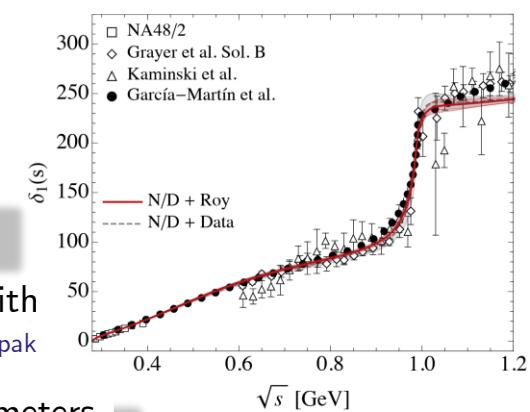
with Omnes matrix Ω_{nm}

the same set of subtraction constants

Based on a data-driven N/D ansatz – set of integral equations for N solved with the input from the left-hand cuts as conformal mapping

[Danilkin:2020pak](#)

- Currently we focus on the S -wave contribution $\textcolor{red}{a}, \textcolor{red}{b}$ and $\textcolor{red}{c}, \textcolor{red}{d}$ – fit parameters

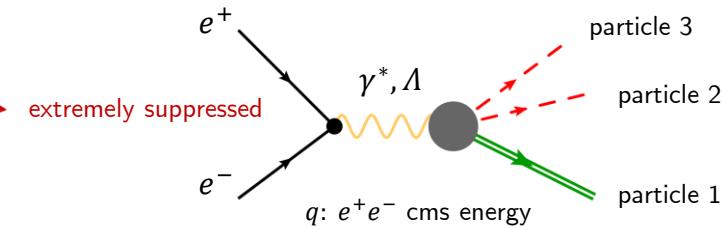


XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

Formalism: Cross-section

- The formalism needs to be extended to $2 \rightarrow 3$ process

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_1 d\varphi_{23} d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2} = \frac{e^2}{64(2\pi)^4 q^2} \sum_{\{\lambda\}} \left(|M_{\{\lambda\}}^{A=+1}|^2 + \frac{2m_e^2}{q^2} |M_{\{\lambda\}}^{A=0}|^2 \right)$$



Identical particles

- Final-state permutation symmetry is not naturally implemented in JPAC:2019ufm

$$H_{\lambda'_3, \lambda'_1}^{(31) \rightarrow 3,1}(\sigma_2) = (-1)^{s+\lambda'_2 - \lambda'_1} H_{\lambda'_1, \lambda'_2}^{(12) \rightarrow 1,2}(\sigma_3 \rightarrow \sigma_2) \quad \forall \text{ particle 2 = particle 3}$$

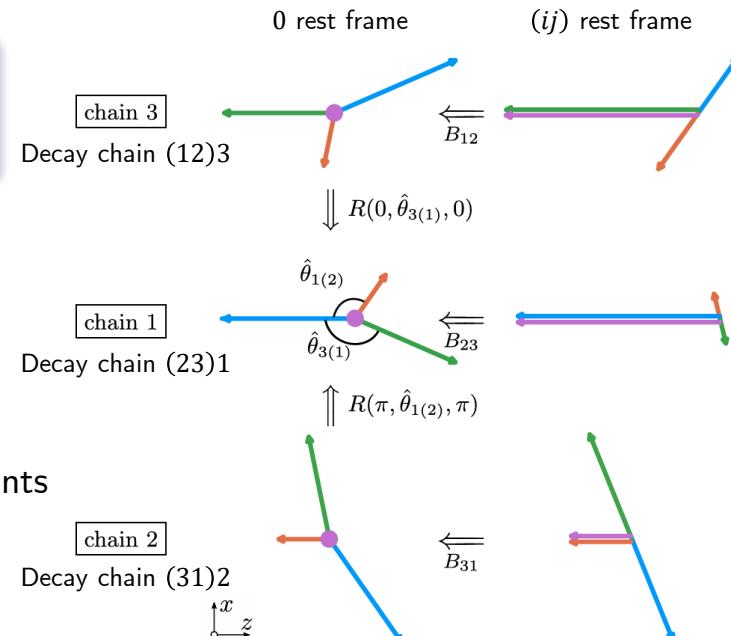
e.g. $2 = \pi^+$, $3 = \pi^-$

Similarly with any other combination

- Allows to reduce the number of fit parameters – LS-couplings

The entire approach was verified with Lagrangian calculation for various quantum numbers and reactions: Ermolina:2024uln

Frame of calculation: permutation is important



Application

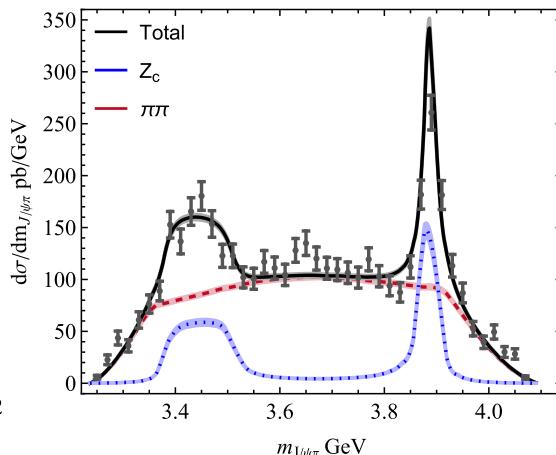
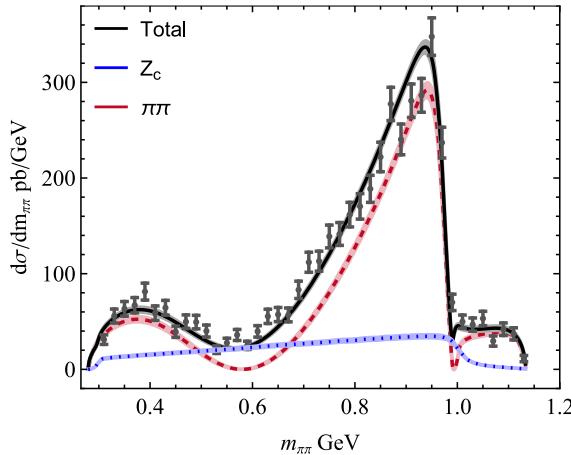
- Consider $Z_c(3900) = 1^+$ – Breit-Wigner parametrization
- Coupled-channel dispersive treatment of $f_0(500)$ & $f_0(980)$

LS ($l'l's'$) combinations	
$\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^\mp$	$(0,1), (2,1)$
$Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\mp$	$(0,1), (2,1)$
$\gamma^* \rightarrow f_0 J/\psi$	$(0,1), (2,1)$
$f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	$(0,0)$

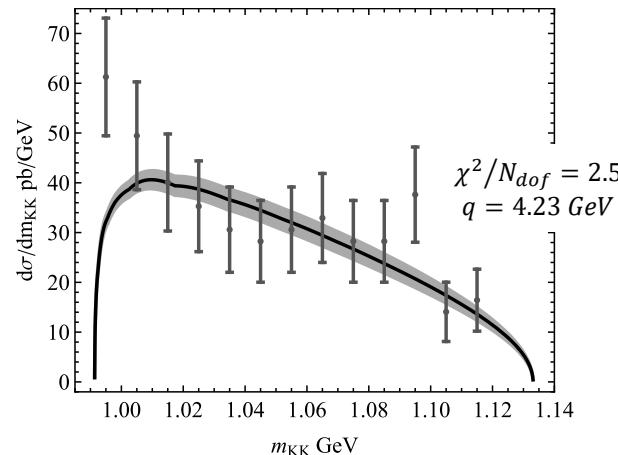
- S-wave in each vertex
- 5 fit parameters: subtraction constants a, b, c, d + 1 LS-coupling (others absorbed in normalization)

XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

Results: Invariant mass distributions

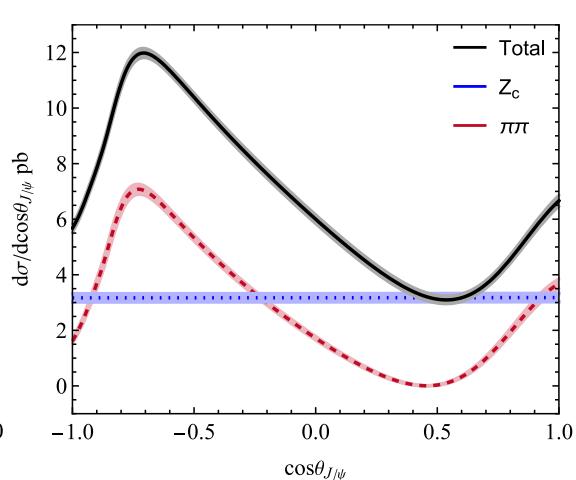
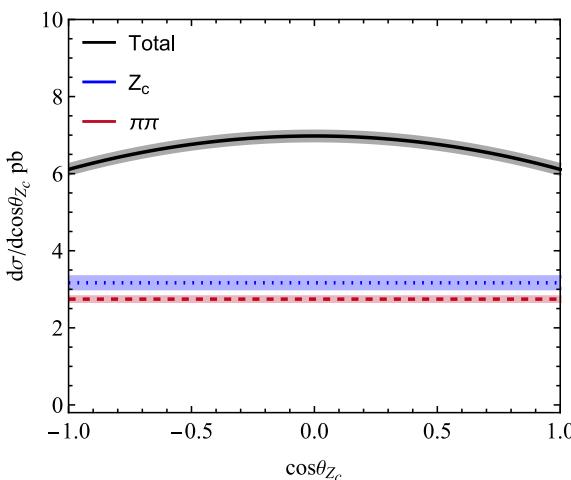


$\pi\pi$ data: BESIII:2017bua $K\bar{K}$ data: BESIII:2022joj



Angular distributions

- Range of $m_{J/\psi\pi} = (3.86; 3.92)$ GeV to separate $Z_c(3900)$ resonance



- Fixed mass and width of $Z_c(3900)$

Left: polar angle distribution of $Z_c(3900)$ in $\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^\mp$

Right: helicity angle distribution of J/ψ in $Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\mp$

- Rescattering strongly affects the shape
- $\cos\theta_{Z_c}$ – symmetric
 $\cos\theta_{J/\psi}$ – asymmetric

XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi(K\bar{K})J/\psi$

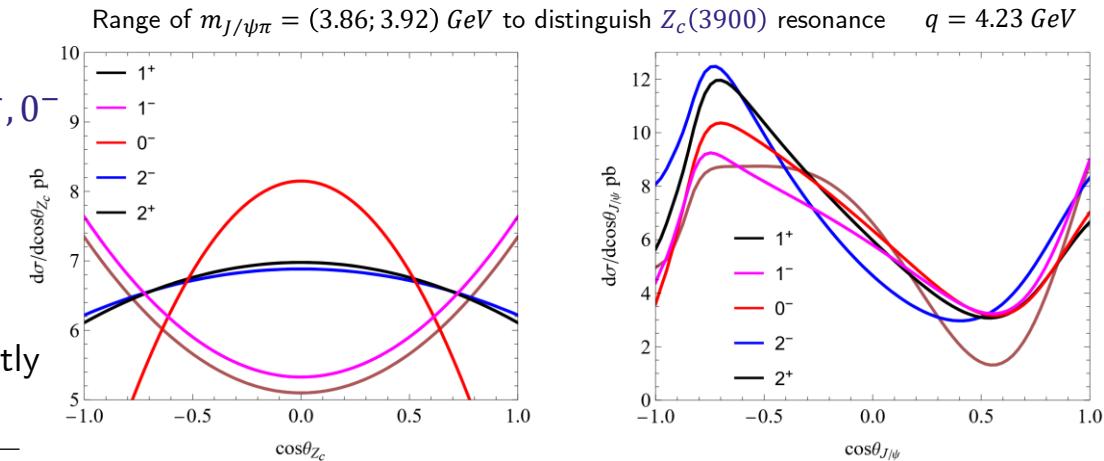
Results: Different QN

- Consider any QN of $Z_c(3900)$: $1^+, 1^-, 2^+, 2^-, 0^-$
- Coupled-channel for $f_0(500)$ & $f_0(980)$
- Minimal partial wave in each vertex
- Still 5 fit parameters for any QN
- Invariant mass distribution differ insignificantly

1^-	LS ($l's'$) combinations	0^-	
$\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^\mp$	(1,1)	$\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^\mp$	(1,0)
$Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\mp$	(1,1)	$Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\mp$	(1,1)
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2^-		2^+	
$\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^\mp$	(1,2), (3,2)	$\gamma^* \rightarrow Z_c^\pm \pi^\mp$	(2,2)
$Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\mp$	(1,1), (3,1)	$Z_c^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^\mp$	(2,1)

Prospects

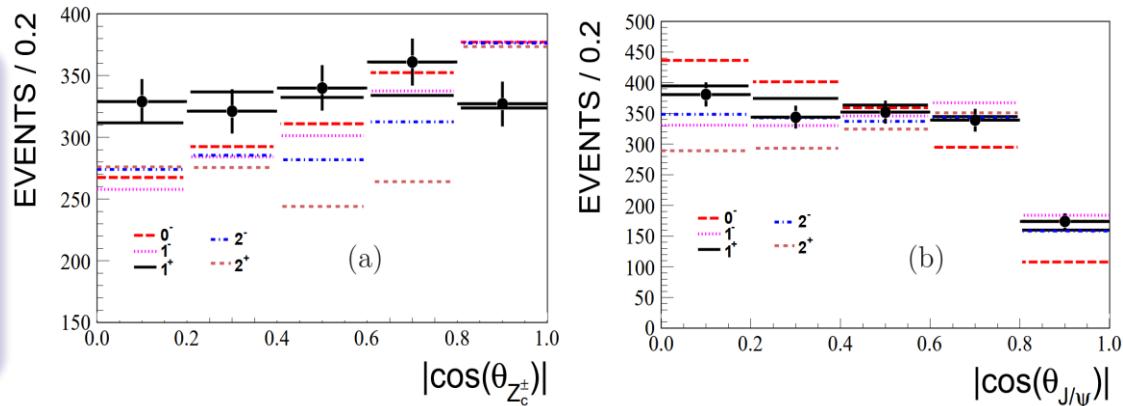
- Established and validated the formalism to determine resonant QN
- Published & Ready-to-use [Ermolina:2024uln](#)
- Full acceptancy-corrected data is required for the constraint of $Z_c(3900)$ mass and width



3 fixed parameters: mass and width of $Z_c(3900)$, scale parameter in Blatt-Weisskopf factor

- ① Rescattering strongly affects the shape ② $\cos\theta_{Z_c}$ – symmetric
 $\cos\theta_{J/\psi}$ – asymmetric

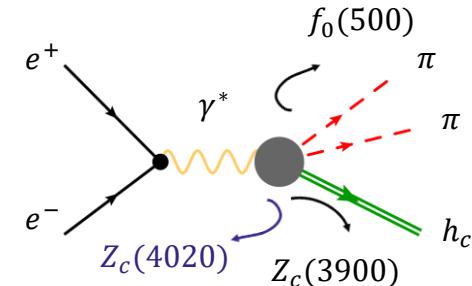
Only modulus is plotted in [BESIII:2017bua](#) – no full picture



XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi h_c$

Motivation

- The observation of $Z_c(4020)$ resonance at 3 data points of e^+e^- cms energies (along with $Z_c(3900)$) [BESIII:2013ouc](#)
- Take a look into the nature of the exotic states, which do not fit in the conventional charmonium predictions
- Collaborative effort with [Yuping Guo](#) and [Tong Liu](#)
- The ultimate goal – to determine spin and parity J^P of $Z_c(4020)$ from angular distributions



Formalism

- ① The whole formalism established above can be used to study $Z_c(4020)$ [Ermolina:2024uln](#)
LS ($l's'$) combinations
- ② Single channel dispersive approach for $f_0(500)$
- ③ 3 (4) fit parameters for any QN of $Z_c(4020)$ + 1 (2) to include $Z_c(3900)$
subtraction constants a, b + 1 (2) LS -couplings
(depending on a partial wave; others absorbed in normalization)

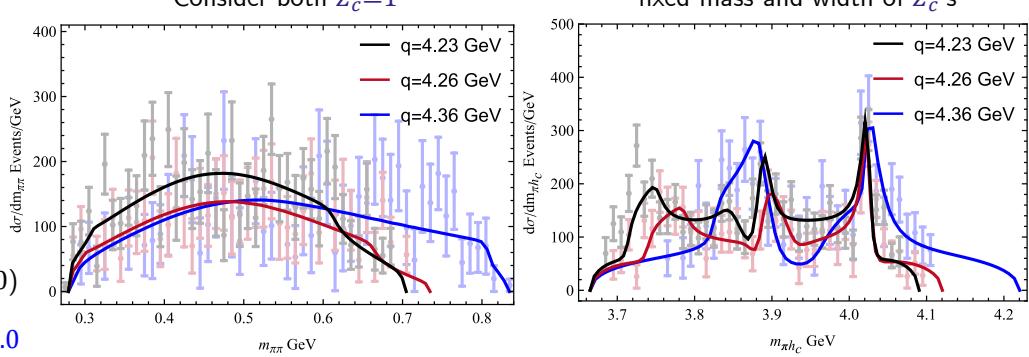
Application

- Breit-Wigner parametrization for $Z_c(3900)$ & $Z_c(4020)$
- Minimal partial wave in each vertex
- 3 fit parameters – subtraction constant a and LS-coupling for each Z_c (for the minimal fitting put $b = 0$)

$$\chi^2/N_{dof} = 1.6$$

$$\chi^2/N_{dof} = 0.9$$

$$\chi^2/N_{dof} = 1.0$$

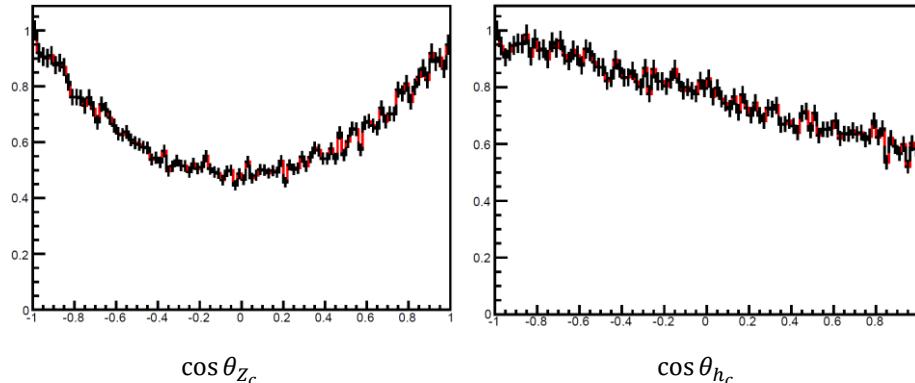


XYZ – 1: PWA of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi h_c$

Results

- 1 Fitting the data with different QN hypotheses of $Z_c(4020)$: see talk of Yuping Guo
- 2 3 formalisms were tested: conventional helicity formalism, DPD and covariant tensor formalism

$Z_c(4020) = 1^+$ is the dominating hypothesis



- For the 1^+ case, all 3 provide identical results
- For the 1^- case, DPD and conventional helicity formalism are identical and differ from the covariant tensor formalism
- The tensor 2^\pm hypotheses contain inconsistencies

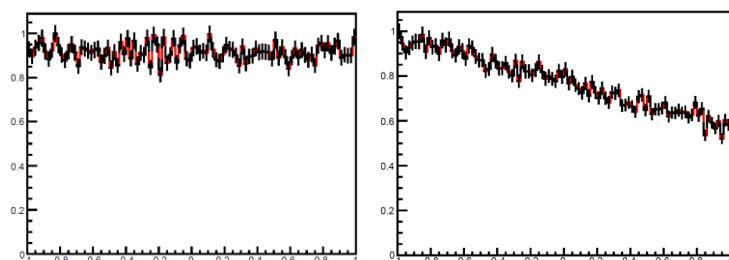
further study
to claim
by Tong Liu

DPD & dispersive

Angular distributions for distinguished $Z_c(4020) = 1^+$ with a minimal partial wave, normalized to 1

Prospects

- 1 Finalize the fitting implementing the discussed formalism
- 2 Establish QN J^P , favoured by the data
- 3 Compare different J^P angular distributions to the measured configurations
- 4 Ultimately determine spin and parity of $Z_c(4020)$



Angular distributions for $Z_c(4020) = 1^-$ with minimal partial wave, normalized to 1

- As in earlier case, the main difference arises in the polar angle of Z_c

XYZ – 2: LBL sum rules for quarkonia

Motivation

- Light-by-light sum rule (SR) has been tested for radiative transitions of low-lying bottomonium states
- Can be applied to charmonium states and not low-lying states
- The ultimate goal – to investigate the nature of exotic states in the quarkonia spectra

Formalism

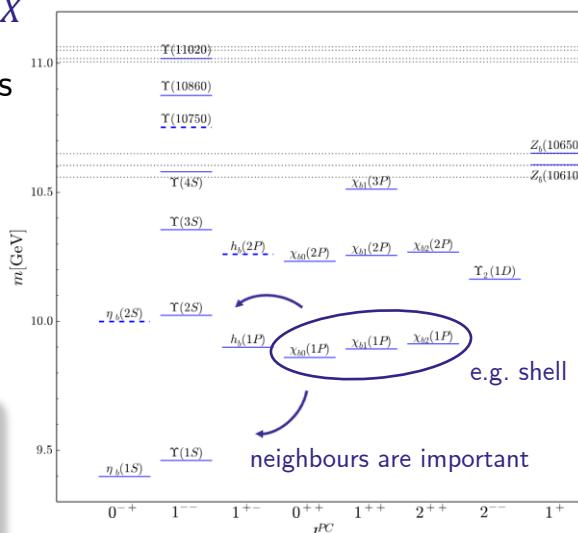
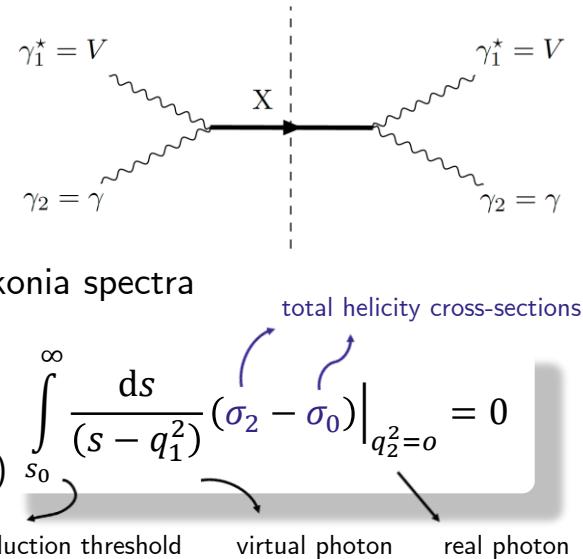
We build upon the formalism, established in [Ananyev:2020uve](#)

[Pascalutsa:2012pr](#)

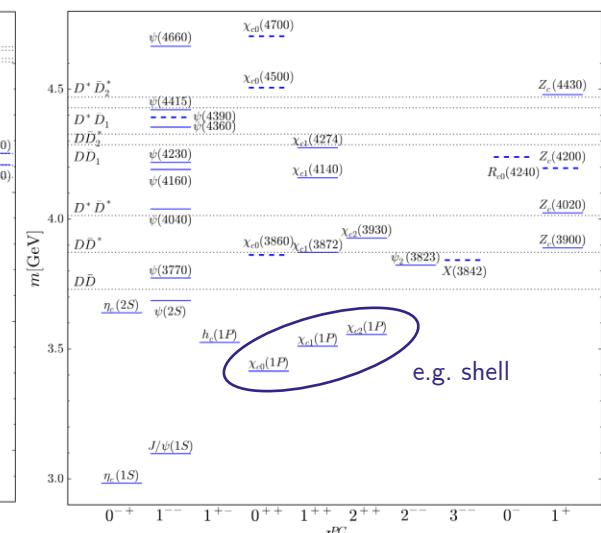
- ① LBL sum rule: for the process $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow X$ (sum over all allowed final states)
- ② Unitarity allows to relate $\Im m$ part of the helicity amplitude $\gamma V \rightarrow \gamma V$ to the $X \rightarrow \gamma V$ or $V \rightarrow \gamma X$
- ③ Sum rule can be rewritten in terms of helicity radiative widths $\Gamma_{\Lambda=0,2}$
- ④ Approximately 0 for each shell in non-relativistic model

Application

- $\Gamma_\Lambda = r_\Lambda \cdot \Gamma^{EM}$ with unpolarized width $\Gamma^{EM} = \sum_\Lambda \Gamma_\Lambda$ calculated
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experimentally theoretically



The spectrum of states in the $b\bar{b}$ sector



The spectrum of states in the $c\bar{c}$ sector

XYZ – 2: LBL sum rules for quarkonia

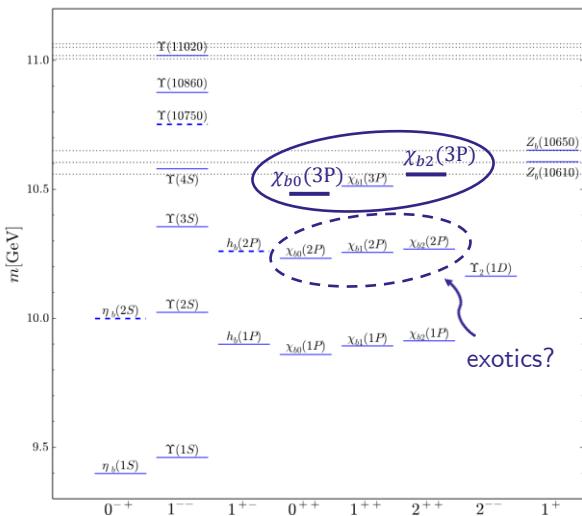
Application

- SR for the bottomonium shell Ananyev:2020uve

	$m_X [MeV]$	$\Gamma [keV]$	Sum rule [μb]
$\chi_{b0}(1P) \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon(1S)$	9859	$24.2^{+5.7}_{-0.4}$	$-1.6^{+0.0}_{-0.4}$
$\chi_{b1}(1P) \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon(1S)$	9893	$30.2^{+6.4}_{-0.7}$	$-2.3^{+0.1}_{-0.5}$
$\chi_{b2}(1P) \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon(1S)$	9912	$36.1^{+4.1}_{-3.5}$	$4.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$
Subtotal:			$0.2^{+0.5}_{-1.2}$
$\Gamma [\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma\eta_b(1S)] \approx 10 \text{ eV} (\text{in quark model})$			

In quark model:

- SR $[\chi_{c0}(2P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi] \approx -0.03$
- SR $[\chi_{c0}(2P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi] \approx [2; 5] \text{ range}$



The spectrum of states in the $b\bar{b}$ sector

- SR for the charmonium shell (based on experimental data)

	$m_X [MeV]$	$\Gamma [keV]$	Sum rule [μb]
$\chi_{c0}(1P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3414.71 ± 0.30	148.05 ± 14.72	-20.44 ± 2.03
$\chi_{c1}(1P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3510.67 ± 0.05	288.12 ± 17.54	-28.12 ± 1.71
$\chi_{c2}(1P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3556.17 ± 0.07	384.15 ± 22.32	46.53 ± 2.70
Subtotal:			-2.03 ± 3.79
$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(1S)$	3096.900 ± 0.006	1.31 ± 0.13	-11.08 ± 1.13
$\eta_c(2S) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3637.8 ± 0.6	208.8 ± 25.2	-6.39 ± 0.77
$\chi_{c0}(2P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3862 ± 50	?	negative & only $A = 0$
	3922.1 ± 1.8		
$\chi_{c1}(2P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3871.64 ± 0.06	11.9 ± 5.2	-0.20 ± 0.09
$\chi_{c2}(2P) \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi$	3922.5 ± 1.0	?	positive

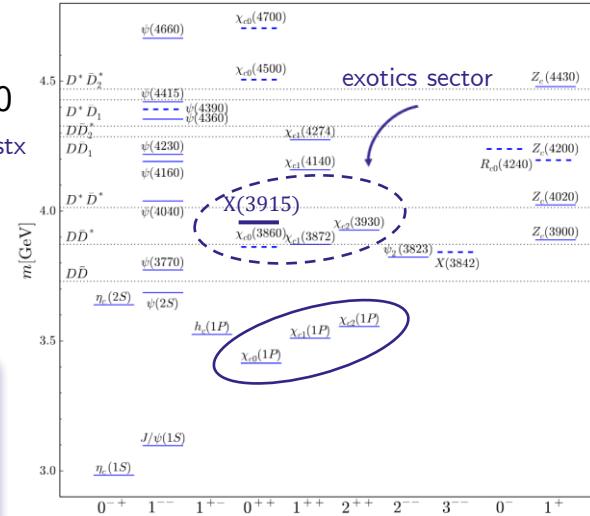
breaking of pattern
2 experimentally found states

X(3872)
measured exotic

- X(3872) unpolarized width is up to 10 times greater in quark model Deng:2016stx
- Account for relativistic effects

Possible directions

- A way to constrain exotics in the $c\bar{c}$ sector
- A way to analogously probe exotics & high-lying $b\bar{b}$ sector



The spectrum of states in the $c\bar{c}$ sector

Thank you for your attention

