



# **Zc decays to open charm states at BESIII**

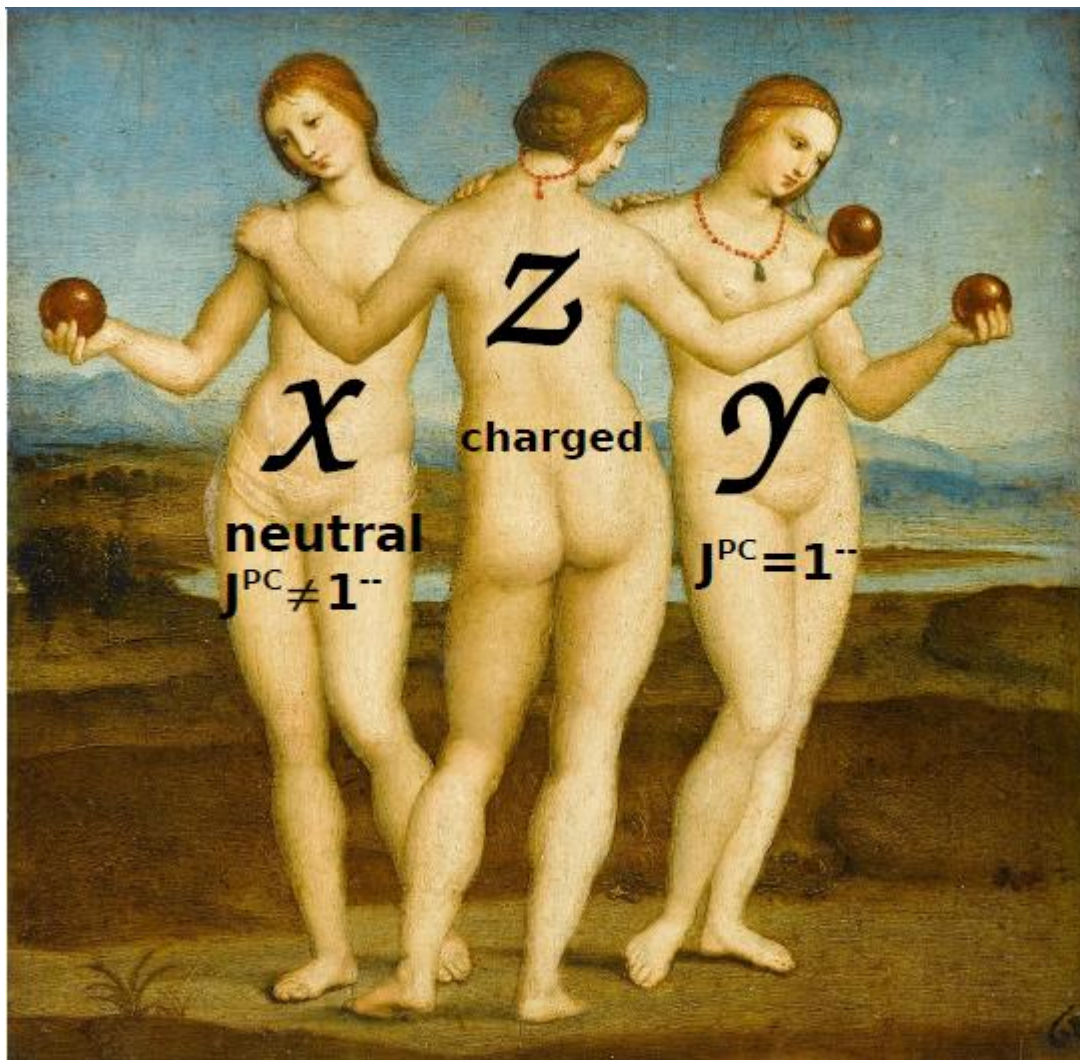
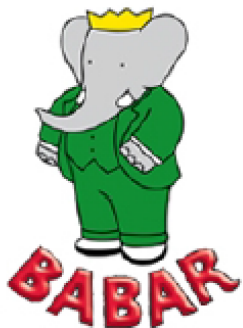
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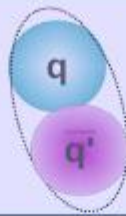
# Exotic quarkonium-like spectroscopy





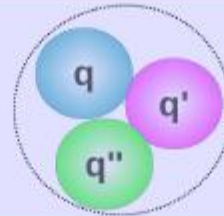
# QCD predicted states

Pions, charmonium, etc



Meson

Protons, neutrons, etc

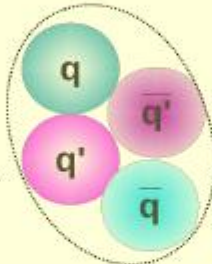


Baryon

Conventional

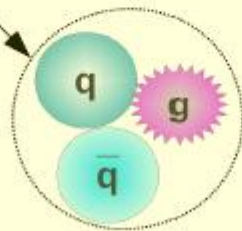


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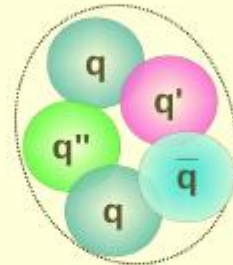


Four-quark state

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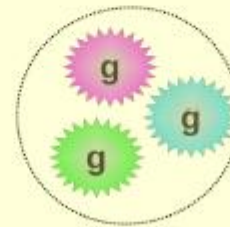
Hybrid



Five-quark state



Pentaquarks?

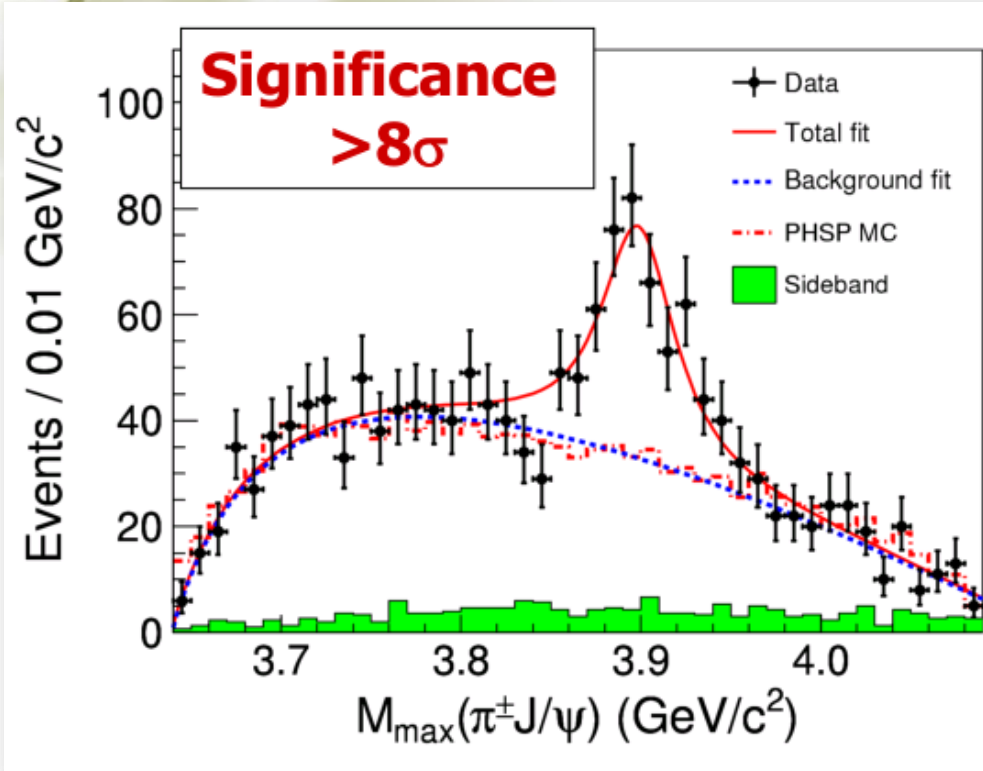


Glueball

*Exotic*

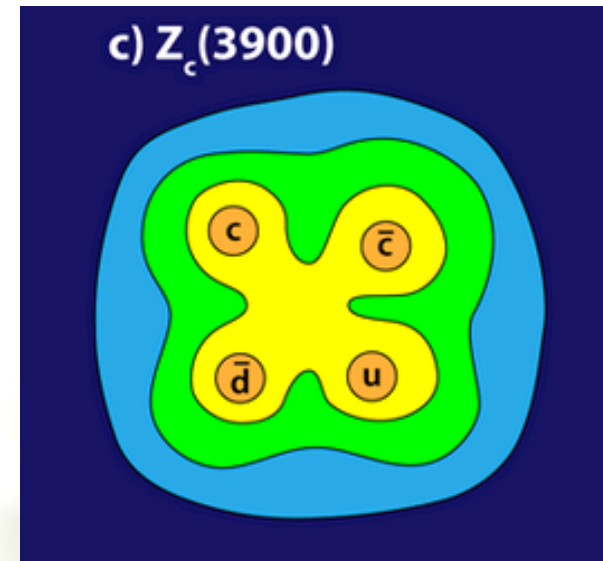
# $Z_c^+(3900)$ discovered at BESIII

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Mass =  $(3899.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 4.9)$  MeV  
Width =  $(46 \pm 10 \pm 20)$  MeV

*confirmed by BELLE and with CLEO-c data*



*from APS/Alan Stonebraker*

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

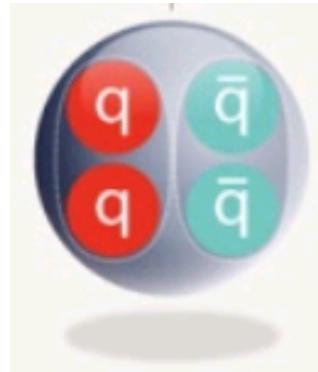
# Nature of the exotic $Z_c^+(3900)$

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

*meson molecule?*



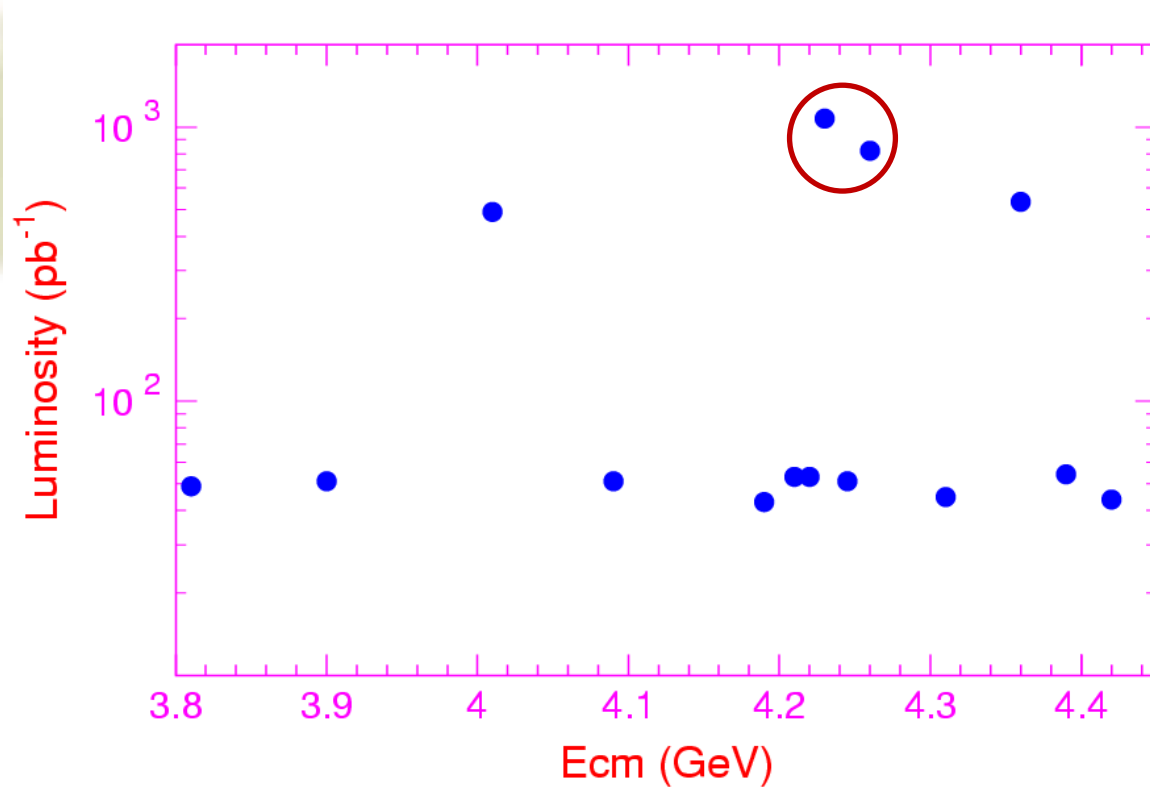
*tetraquark?*



*and other scenarios ...*

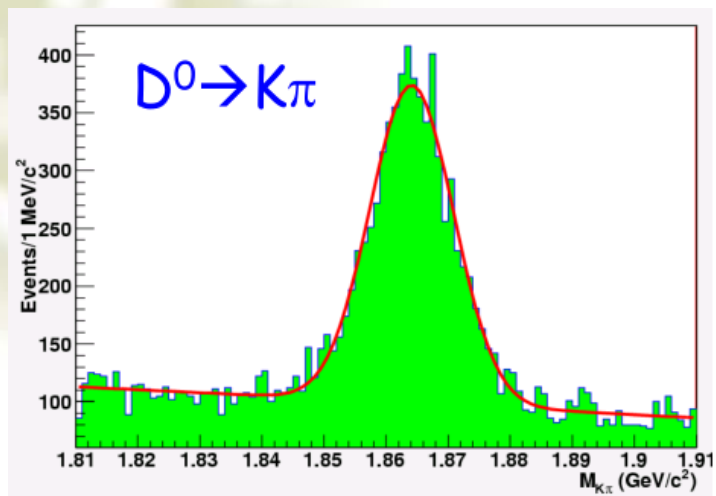
- Is there an excited partner  $Z_c'$ ?
- The  $Z_c$ 's probably decay to  $(DD^*)^\pm$  and  $(D^*D^*)^\pm$  final states, especially if exists as meson molecule

# Do search in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D^{(*)}\bar{D}^*)\bar{D}^\mp$



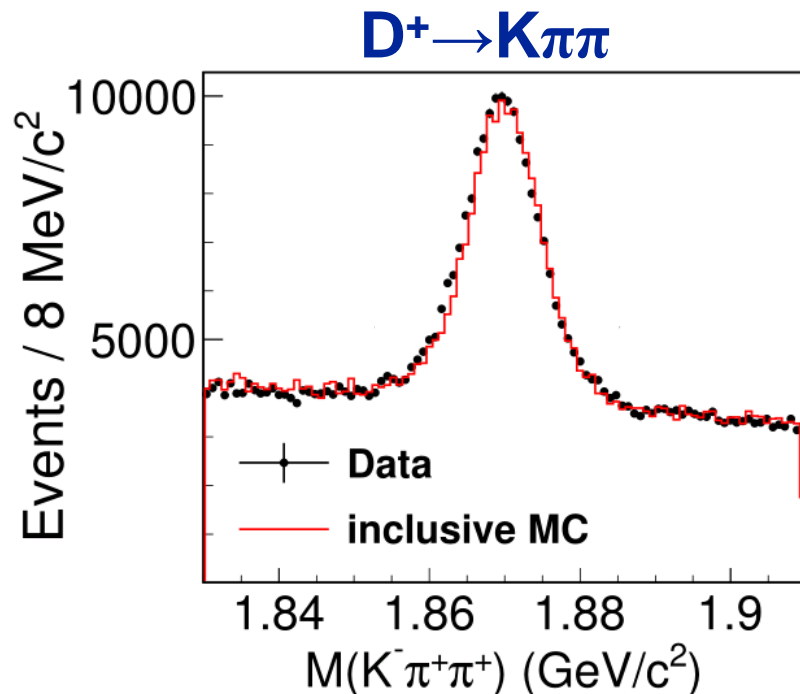
- ✓ We analyze data @4.23 and 4.26 GeV taken at BESIII
- ✓ Energy point is optimized
  - clean backgrounds of  $D^{**}$
  - larger phase space for the three body final states

# Data quality and MC simulation



$$\Delta M_D = 0.5 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\sigma M_D = 6.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$



- Detector in good shape
  - Low beam background, low noise, all sub-detectors excellent!
- Improved efficiency of the BESIII software
- Excellent agreement between data and MC simulation
  - well controlled systematic uncertainty



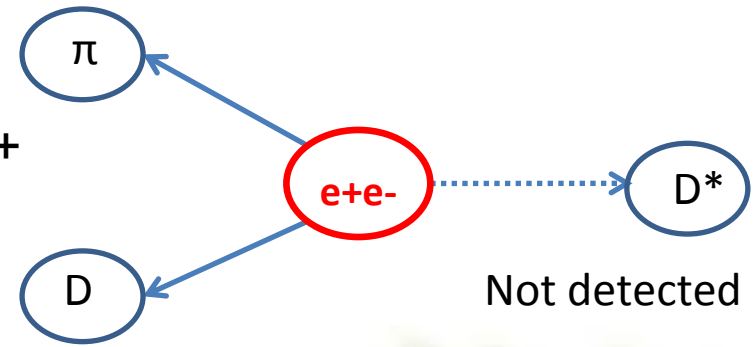
# Partial reconstruction of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D\bar{D}^*)^\mp$

525/pb data @4.26 GeV

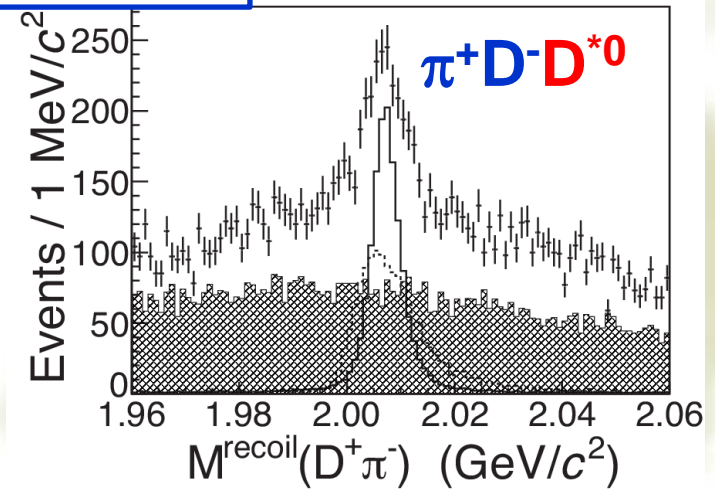
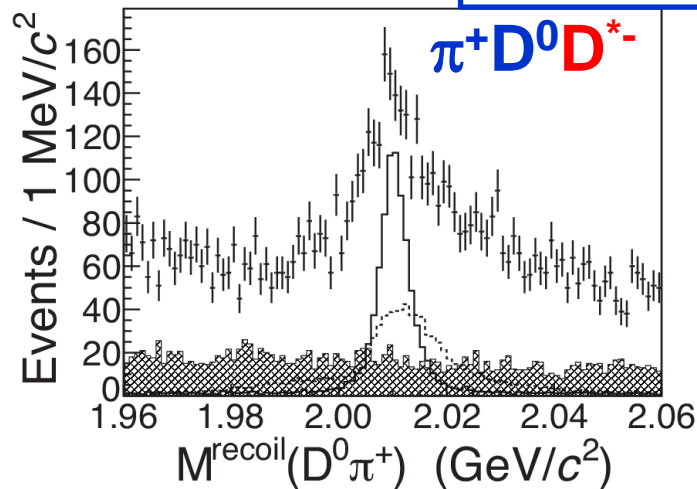
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## Single D reconstruction :

- reconstruct  $\pi^+$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$
- infer  $D^{*-}$
- analyze as well  $\pi^+D^-D^{*0}$

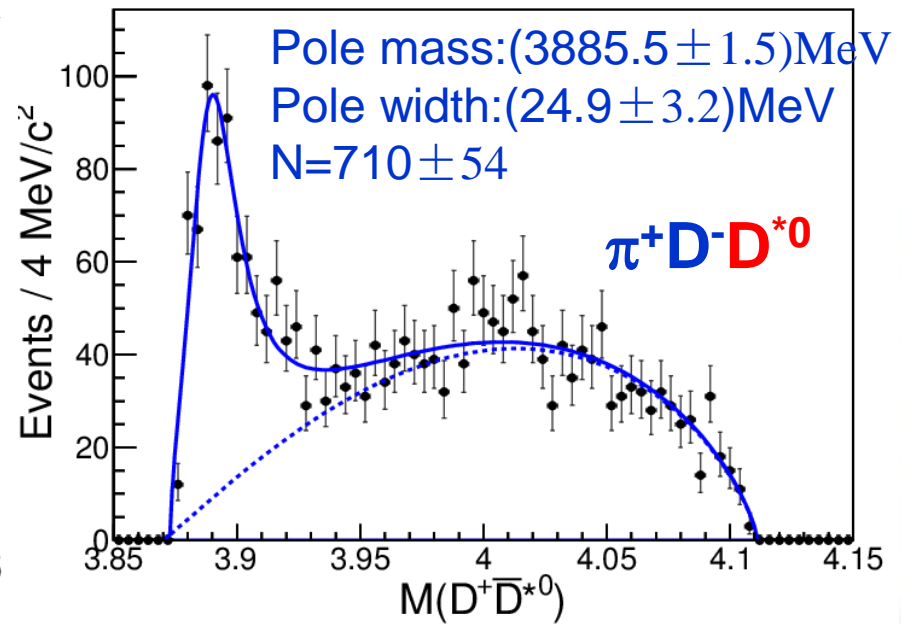
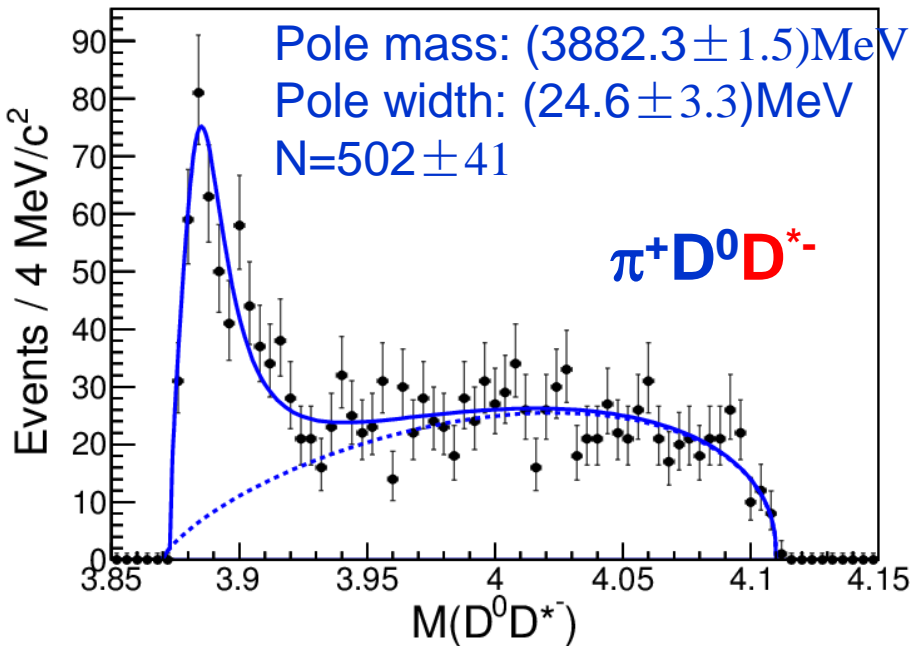


We can see clear signal of  $D^*$





# The $Z_c(3885)^\pm$



- Clear bumps are seen in the two isospin modes
- Separated Breit-Wigner fits give consistent resonance properties
- One-resonance hypothesis fit to the combined data set gives:

$$M = (3883.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 4.2) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = (24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11) \text{ MeV}$$

# The $Z_c(3885)^\pm$ and $Z_c(3900)^\pm$

525/pb data @4.26 GeV

	$Z_c(3885)(\text{MeV})$	$Z_c(3900)(\text{MeV})$
Mass	$3883.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 4.2$	$3899 \pm 3.6 \pm 4.9$
Width	$24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11.0$	$46 \pm 10 \pm 26$
Number of events	502 and 710	$307 \pm 48$
Production cross section	$83.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 22\text{pb}$	$13.5 \pm 2.1 \pm 4.8\text{pb}$

The mass and width are consistent within **2 $\sigma$** !

If this is  $Z_c(3900)^+$ , open charm decays are suppressed, since

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(Z_c \rightarrow D^* \bar{D})}{\mathcal{B}(Z_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi)} = 6.2 \pm 1.1 \pm 2.7$$

Compared to e.g.

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(4040) \rightarrow D^{(*)} \bar{D}^{(*)})}{\mathcal{B}(\psi(4040) \rightarrow J/\psi \eta)} = 192 \pm 27$$

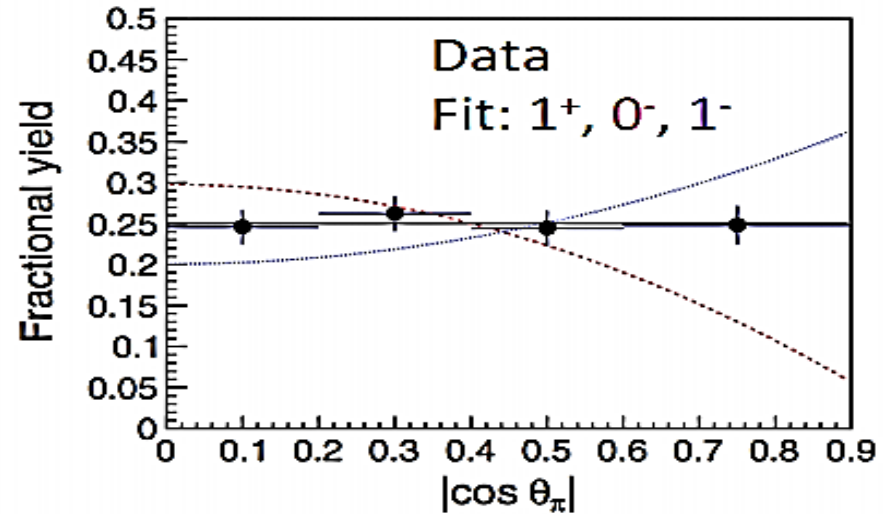
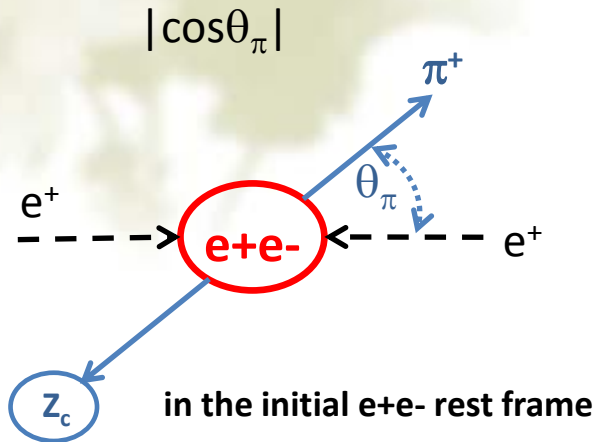


Different dynamics in  $Y(4260)$ - $Z_c(3900)$  system!

# Probe the $J^P$ properties of the $Z_c(3885)$

## Angular distributions

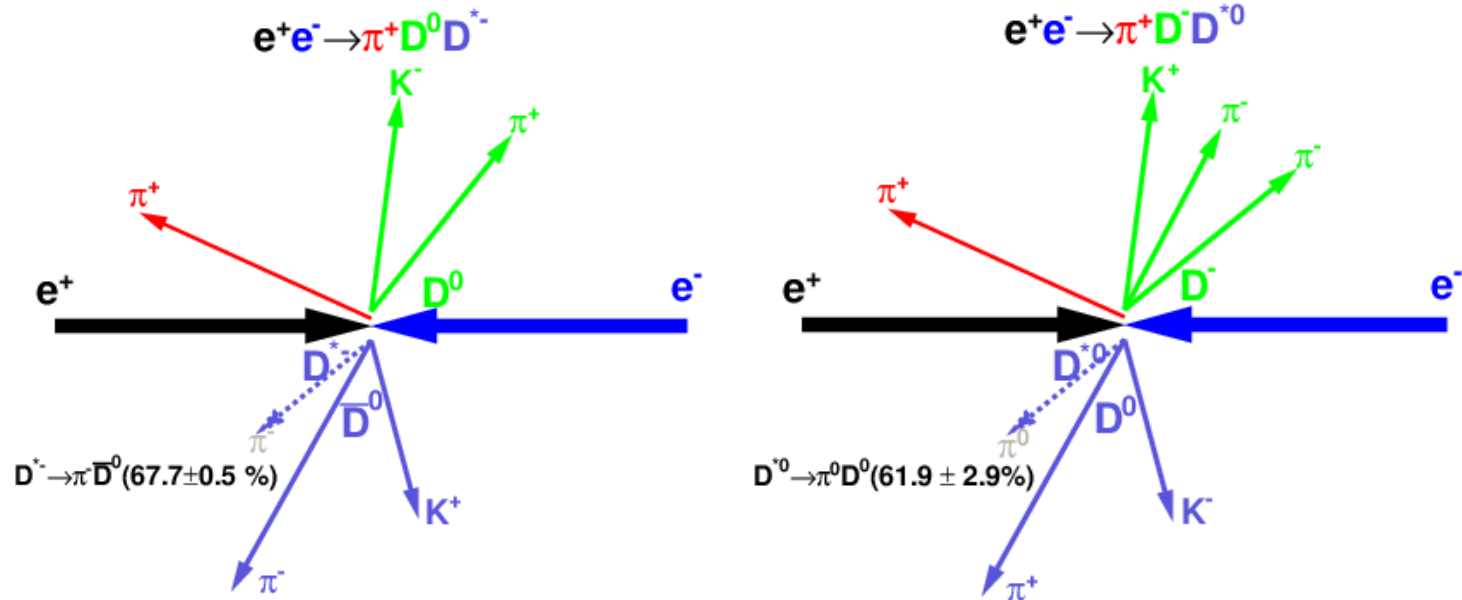
-consider only lowest partial waves-



Fit to angular distribution favors  $J^P = 1^+$  over  $0^-$  and  $1^-$

$J^P$	L	$dN/d \cos\theta_\pi $
$1^+$	S-wave	flat
$0^-$	P-wave	$\sin^2\theta_\pi$
$1^-$	P-wave	$1+\cos^2\theta_\pi$

# Confirmation of $Z_c(3885)^\pm$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D\bar{D}^*)^\mp$ using double D tag method

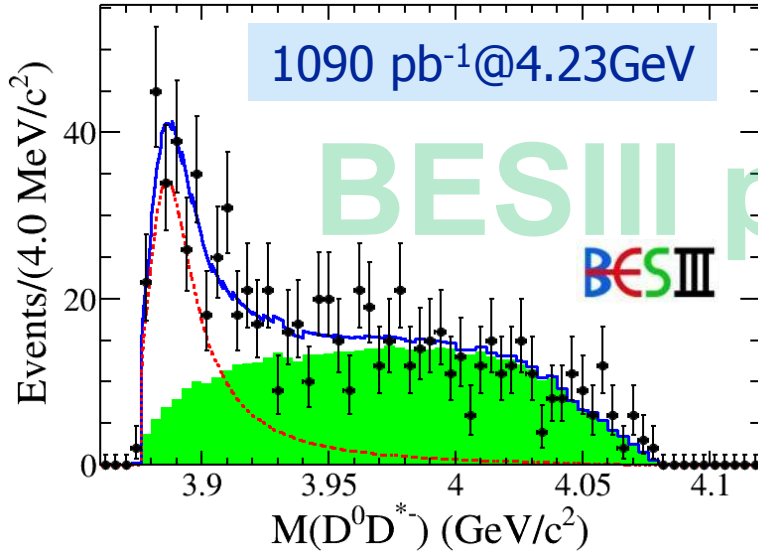


- “Double D tags” or DT: reconstruct the bachelor  $\pi$  and the  $D\bar{D}$  pair;
- Combined study of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ D^0 D^{*-}$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ D^- D^{*0}$ ;
- Using data samples of **1090 pb<sup>-1</sup>** at 4.23GeV and **827 pb<sup>-1</sup>** at 4.26GeV;

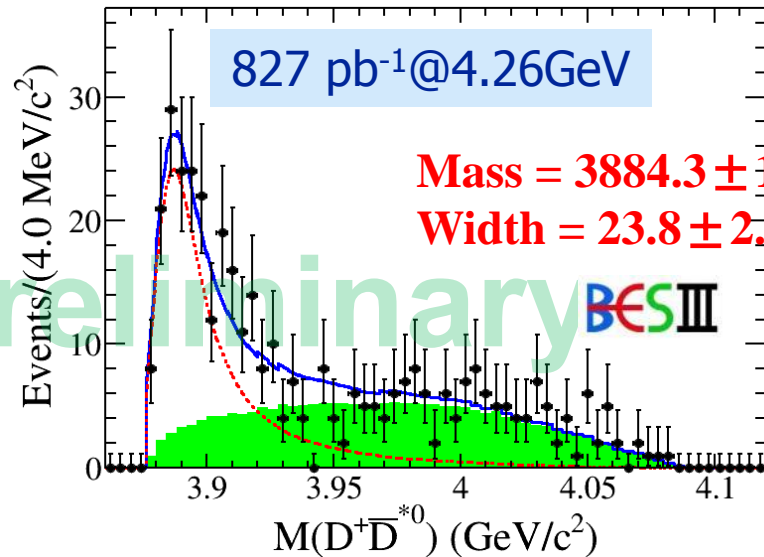
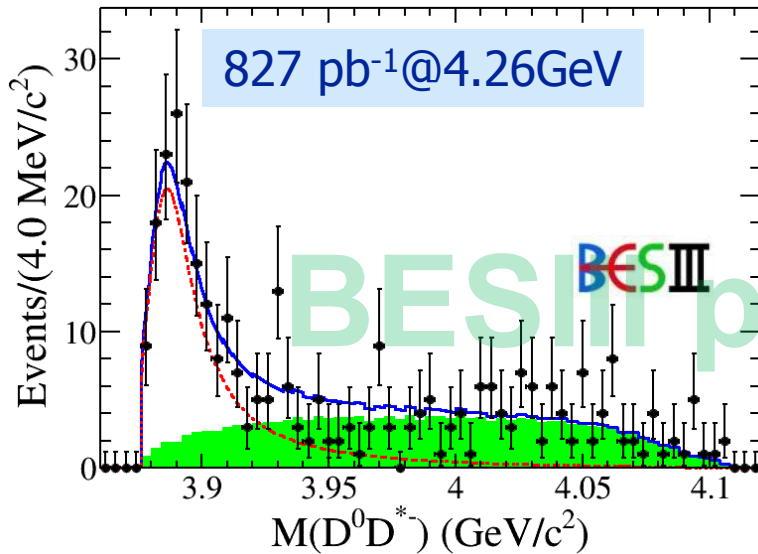
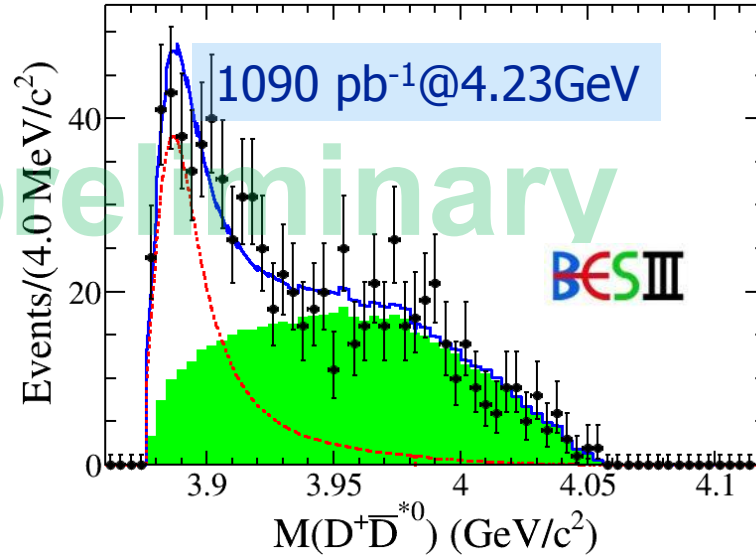


# Simultaneous fit

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



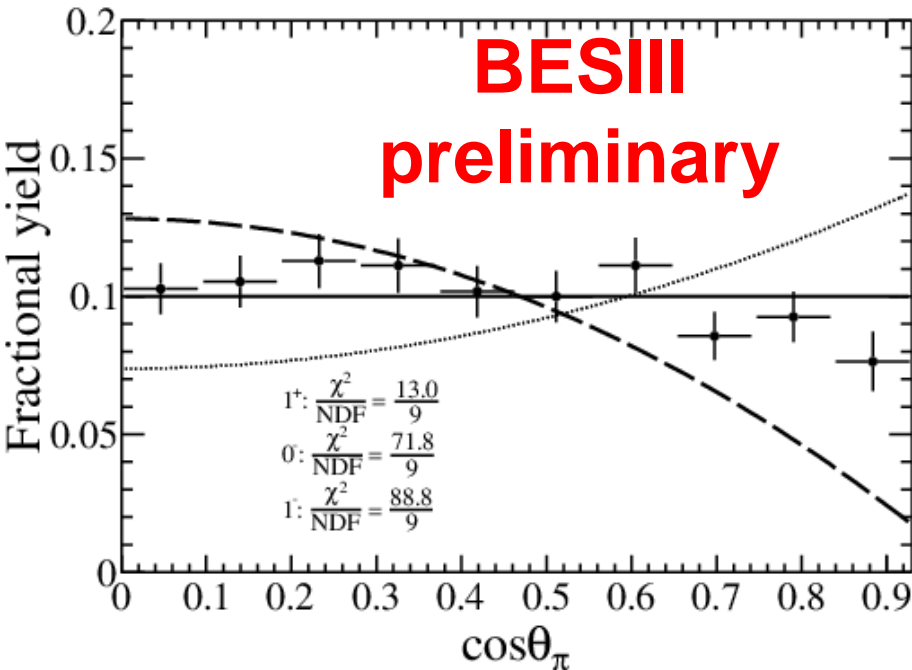
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ D^- D^{*0}$$



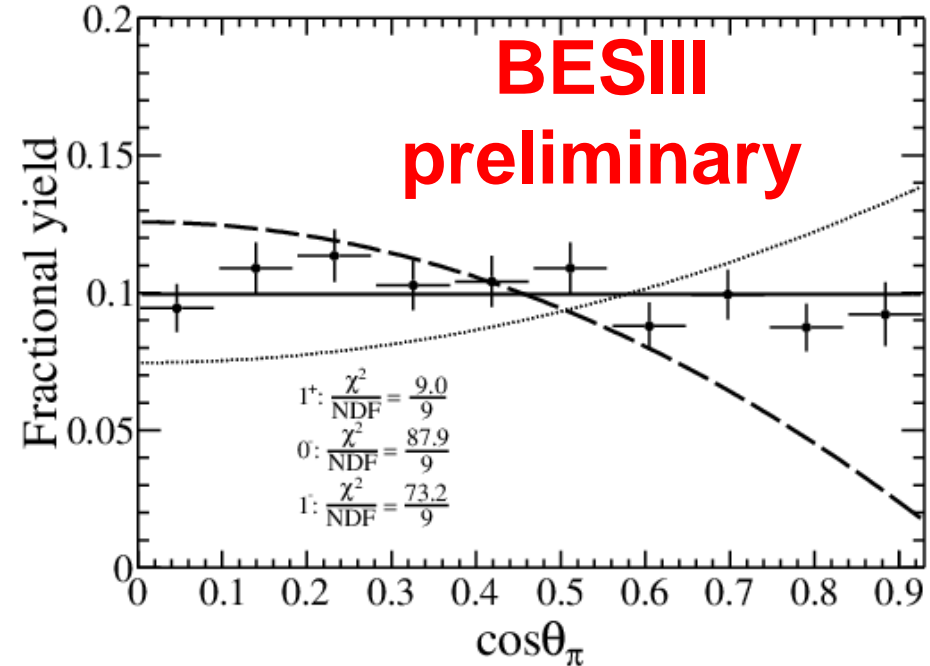
Mass =  $3884.3 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.5$  MeV,  
 Width =  $23.8 \pm 2.1 \pm 2.6$  MeV

# Angular Distribution

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



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



- Dots with error bars: Combined data at  $\sqrt{s}=4.23\text{GeV}$  and at  $\sqrt{s}=4.26\text{GeV}$ ;
- Solid Lines: Fits to the data using  $J^P = 1^+$  ;
- Dashed curves: Fits to the data using  $J^P = 0^-$  ;
- Dotted curves: Fits to the data using  $J^P = 1^-$  ;
- **The data agrees well with  $J^P = 1^+$  and disagrees with  $J^P = 0^-/1^-$ .**

agree with the JP hypothesis test based on single D tag method!

# Results from single & double $D$ reconstruction

	Double D tags (pre. rel.)	BESIII: Single D tags PRL 112, 022001 (2014)
$M_{\text{pole}} \text{ (MeV}/c^2)$	$3884.3 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.5$	$3883.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 4.2$
$\Gamma_{\text{pole}} \text{ (MeV)}$	$23.8 \pm 2.1 \pm 2.6$	$24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11.0$
$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(3885)^\mp)$ $\times B(Z_c(3885)^\mp \rightarrow (D\bar{D}^*)^\mp)$ (pb)	$88.0 \pm 6.1 \pm 7.9$ @4.26GeV $106.8 \pm 7.1 \pm 9.5$ @4.23GeV	$83.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 22.0$ @4.26GeV

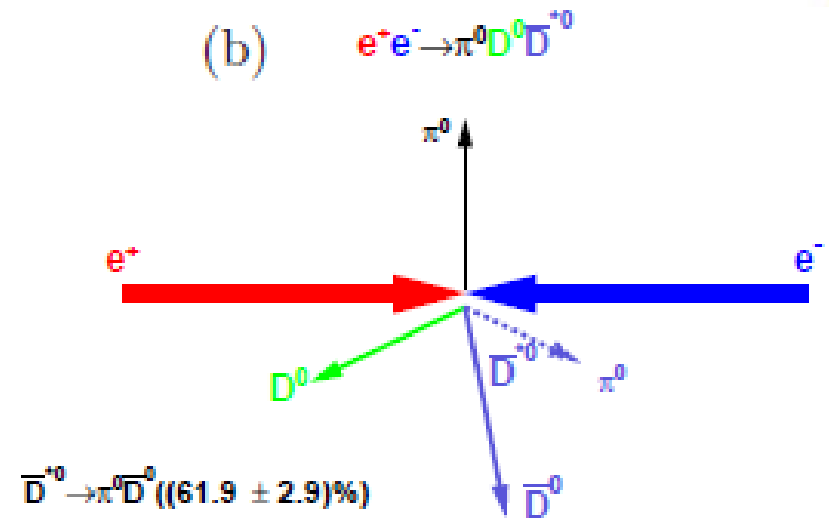
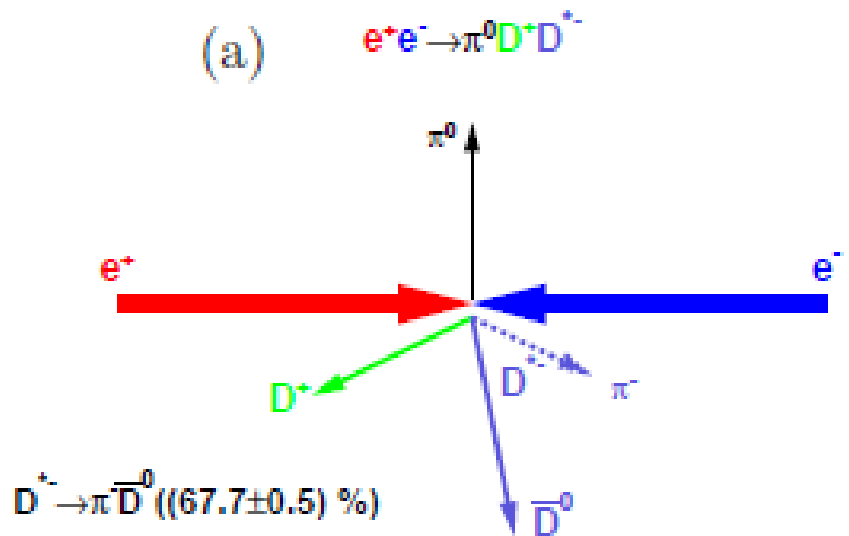
- ✓ Double tag method provides more precise measurement
  - low backgrounds
  - larger data set
  - signal yields:  $\sim 400$  in  $\pi^+D^0D^{*-}$  and  $\sim 600$  in  $\pi^+D^-D^{*0}$
- ✓ Single tag method in full data set @4.23 and 4.26 GeV
  - signal yields:  $\sim 1800$  in  $\pi^+D^0D^{*-}$  and  $\sim 2500$  in  $\pi^+D^-D^{*0}$

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

Compared to the charged mode, backgrounds are high due to  $\pi^0$  detection

Double D tag method is required:

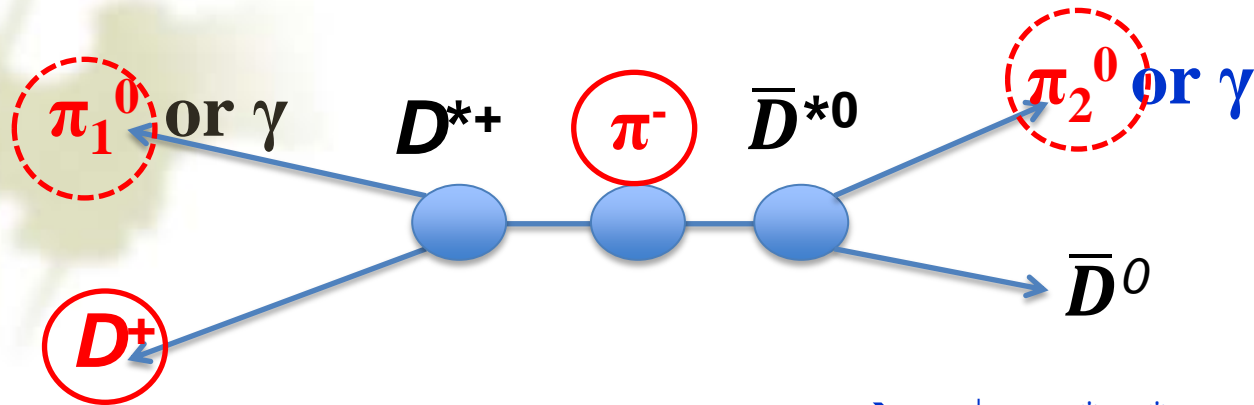
- Low signal efficiency: one thirds of the charged mode
- Combine the two isospin channels in one analysis



analysis is ongoing



# Reconstruction of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\mp$



Partial reconstruction of the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\mp$

tag a  $D^+$  meson in an event

find an additional charged  $\pi^-$

reject backgrounds from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{(*)} \bar{D}^{(*)}$

use signature in the recoil mass spectrum of  $D^+ \pi^-$  to identify the process of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- D^{*+} \bar{D}^{*0}$

to improve the significance, at least one of the  $\pi_1^0 / \pi_2^0$  is detected

study the mass spectrum of recoil  $\pi^-$

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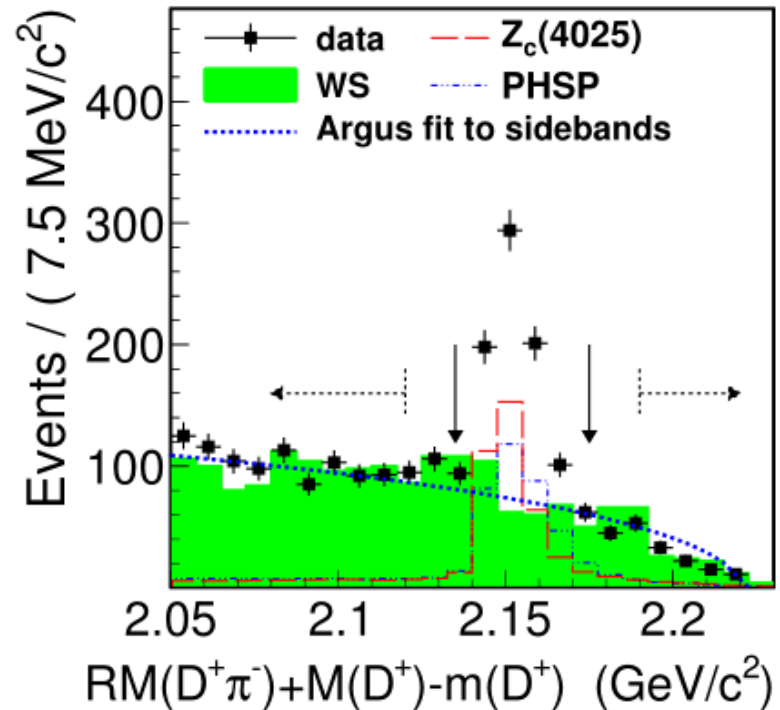
# To select signals of $D^{*+}D^{*0}\pi^-$

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- $\pi^\pm(D^*\bar{D}^*)^\mp$  peaks  $\sim 2.15\text{GeV}$  in the  $D^+\pi^-$  recoil mass spectrum
- a data-driven method to understand combinatorial backgrounds:  
shape is well reproduced by the **WS** shape

## wrong-sign (WS) events

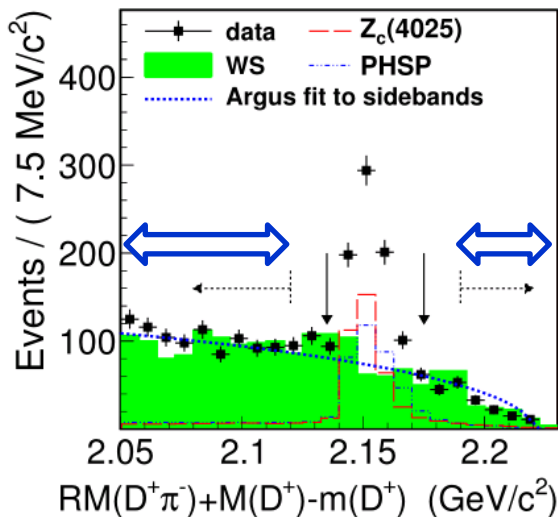
- to conserve charge and charm number,  $D^+$  only associates with bachelor  $\pi^-$
- we assign a  $\pi^+$  with  $D^+$  to form WS events



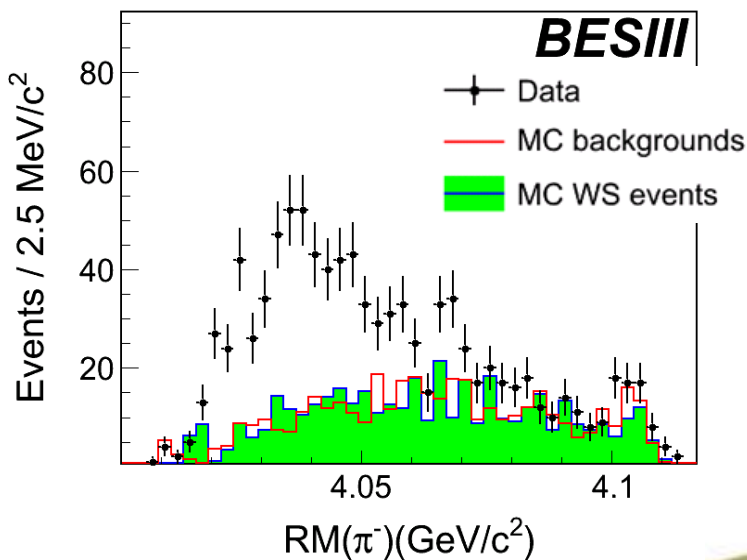
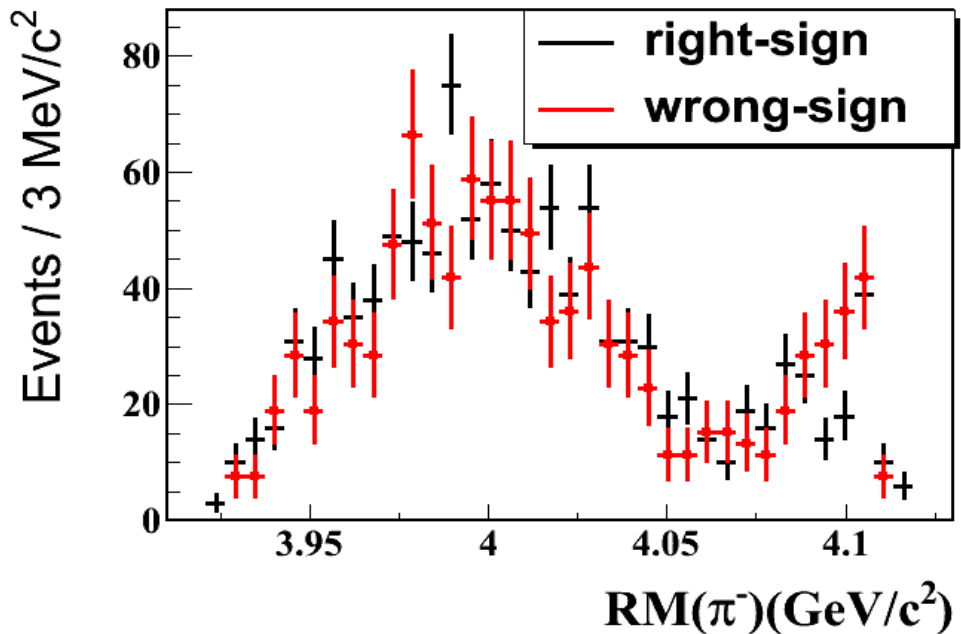
- very evident peak
- signal to background ratio is optimized

# WS shape to describe the backgrounds

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*use control sample of the sidebands in  $RM(D^+ \pi^-)$  spectrum*

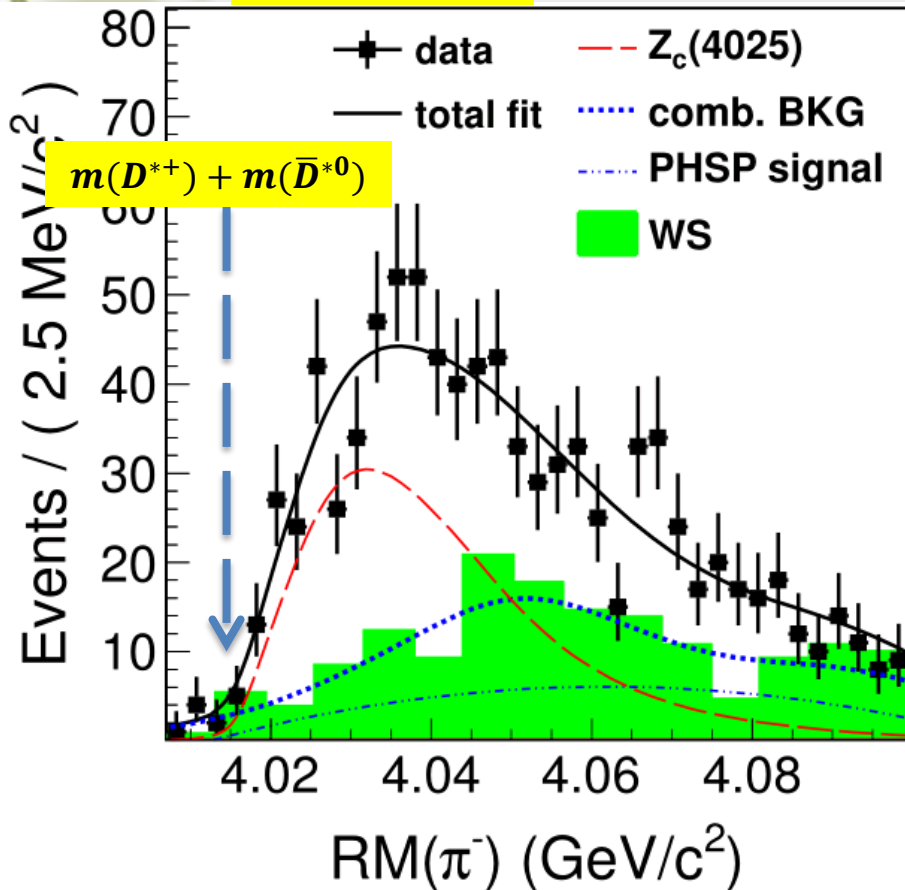


**YES!**  
Both control sample of  $RM(D^+ \pi^-)$  sidebands and MC simulation demonstrate.

# Measurement of the enhancement

yields ~ 400

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

- ✓  **$Z_c(4025)$  signal:**  
S-wave relativistic Breit-Wigner function with phase-space factor
- ✓ **three-body process (PHSP)**
- ✓ **combinatorial backgrounds:** the **WS** shape

*resonance parameter:*

significance is  $> 10\sigma$   
 $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 30.4/33 = 0.92$

$$\begin{aligned} m(Z_c(4025)) &= 4026.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 3.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2, \\ \Gamma(Z_c(4025)) &= 24.8 \pm 5.6 \pm 7.7 \text{ MeV}. \end{aligned}$$

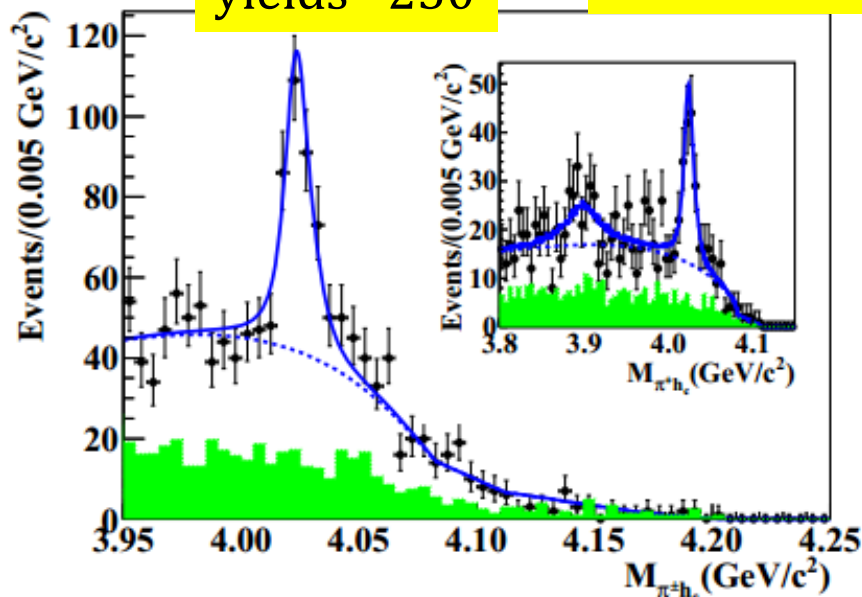


# The $Z_c(4020)$ and $Z_c(4025)$

Observed  $Z_c^+(4020)$

yields  $\sim 250$

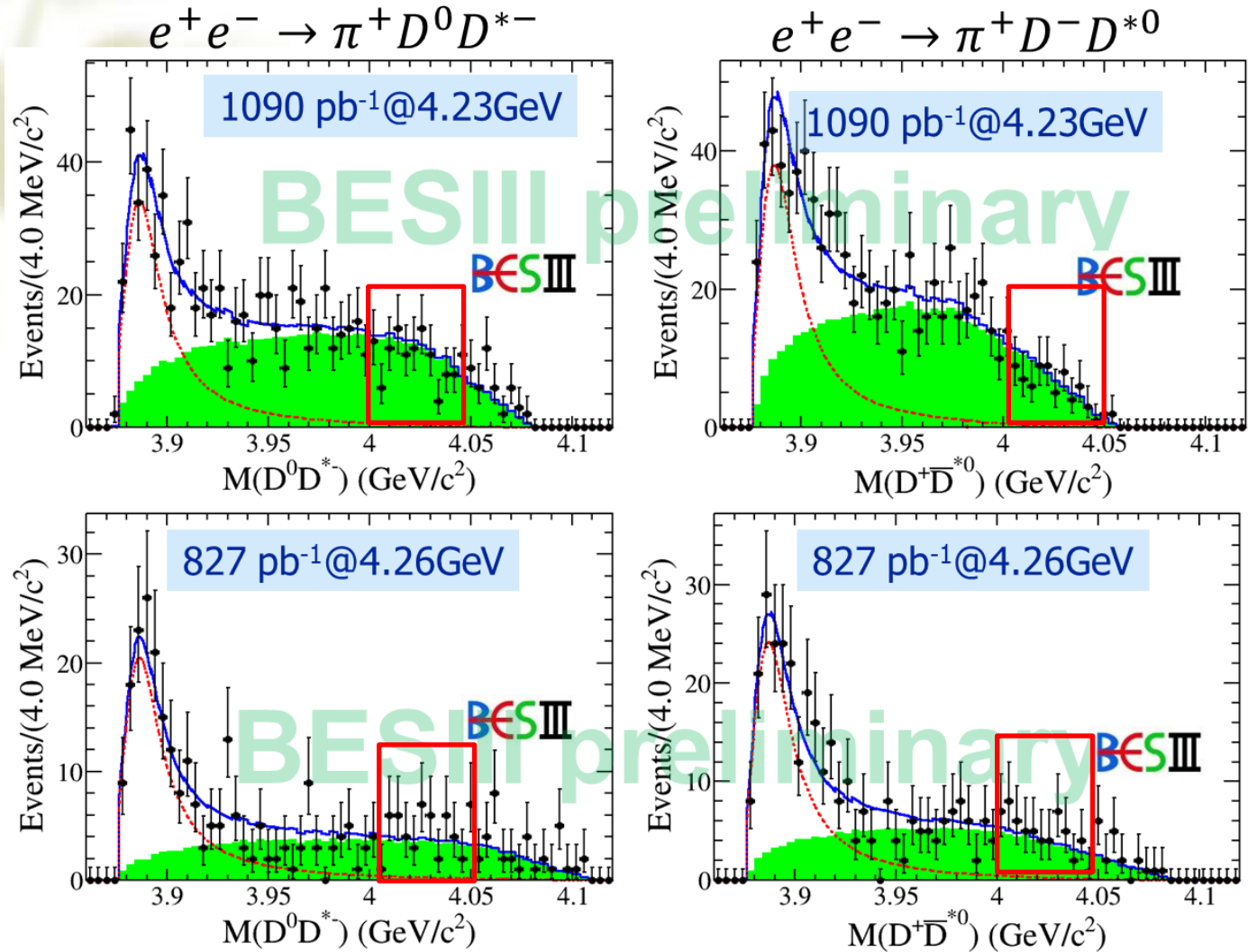
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Coupling to  $\bar{D}^*D^*$  is much larger than to  $\pi h_c$  if  $Z_c(4025)$  and  $Z_c(4020)$  are the same state.

	$Z_c^+(4025)$	$Z_c^+(4020)$
Mass (MeV)	$4026.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 3.7$	$4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7$
Width (MeV)	$24.8 \pm 5.6 \pm 7.7$	$7.9 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.6$
$\frac{Br(Z_c^+ \rightarrow D^{*+}\bar{D}^{*0})}{Br(Z_c^+ \rightarrow \pi^+h_c)} \sim 12$		

# $Z_c(4025)$ in mass spectra of $(D\bar{D}^*)^\pm$

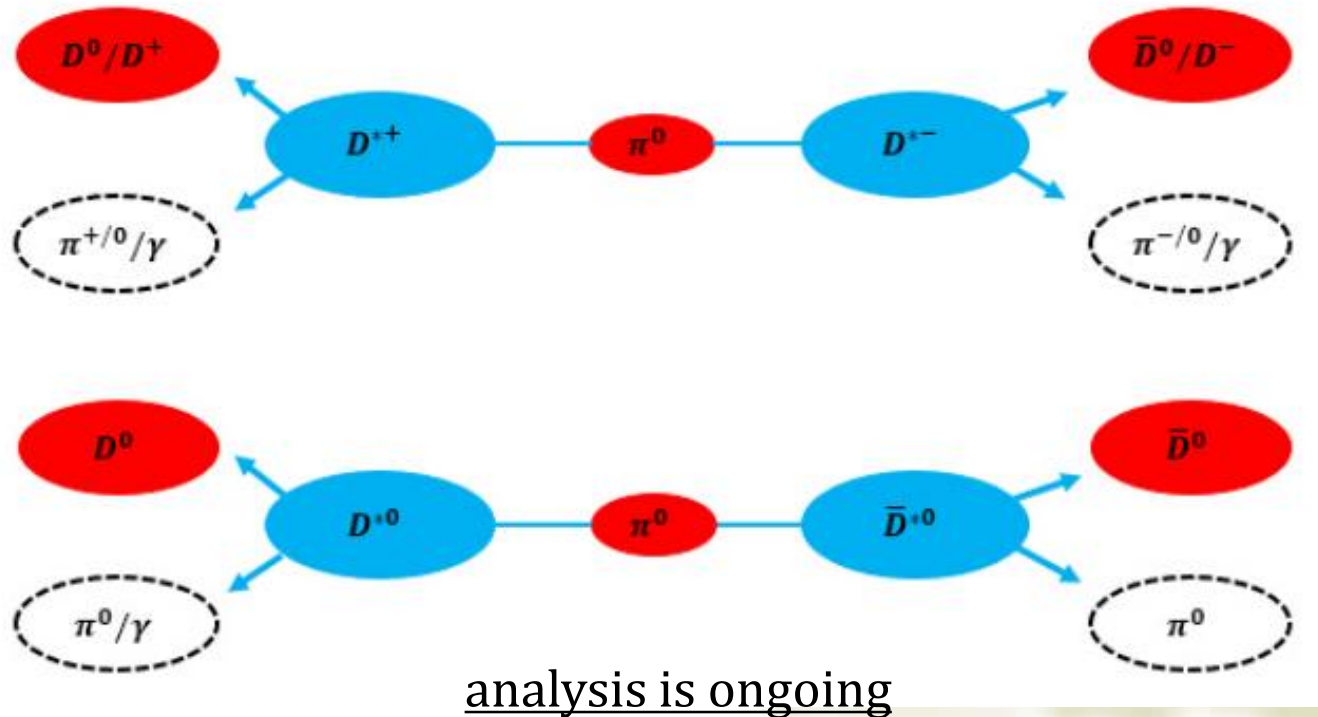


No signal of around 4025MeV?

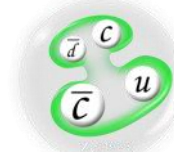
# Search for $Z_c(4025)^0$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0(D^*\bar{D}^*)^0$

Again, double D tag method is required:

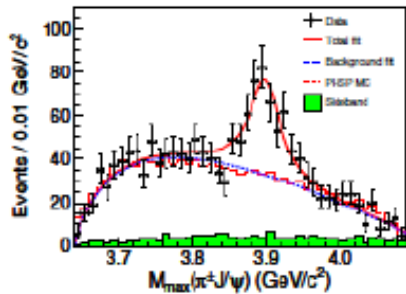
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# The Zc family at BESIII

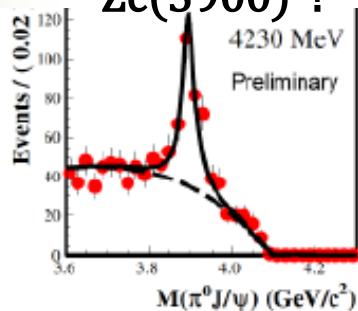


Zc(3900)+?



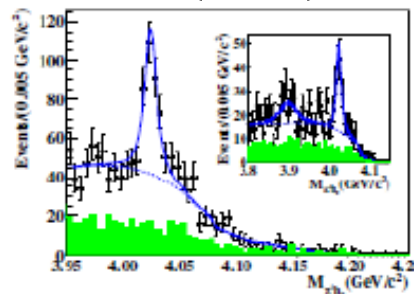
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ J/\psi$$

Zc(3900)0?



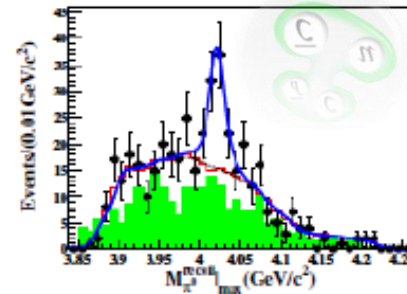
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 J/\psi$$

Zc(4020)+?



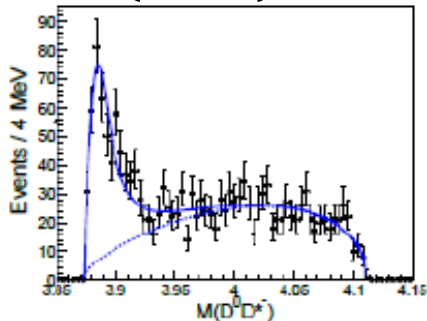
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ h_c$$

Zc(4020)0?



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 h_c$$

Zc(3885)+?

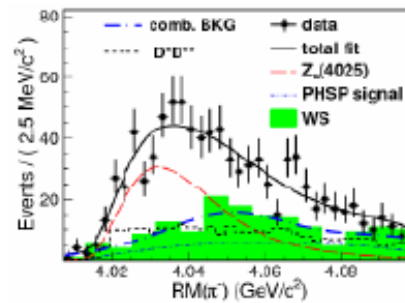


$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- (D\bar{D}^*)^+$$

Zc(3885)0?



Zc(4025)+?



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

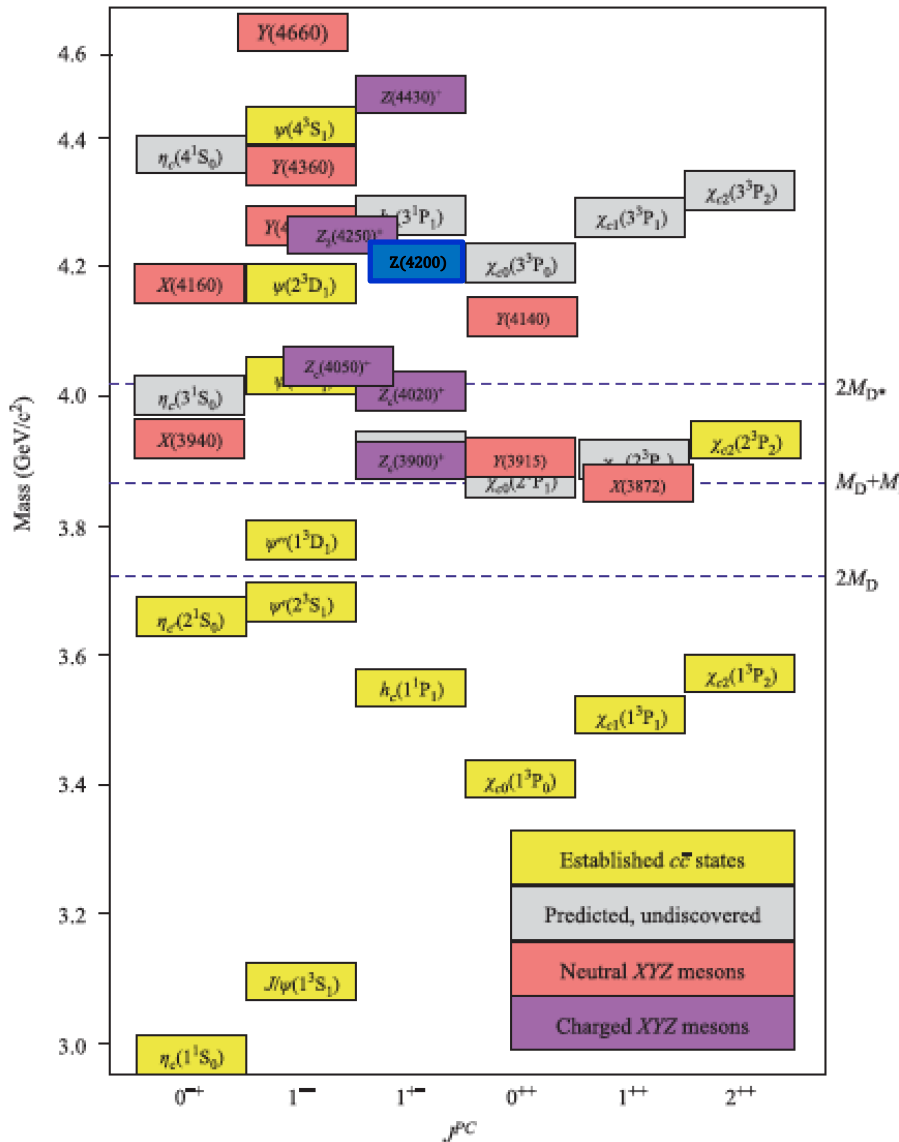
Zc(4025)0?



Which is the nature of these states? Isospin triplets?

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

# Reported charged charmonium-like states



## Confirmed stats

State	Decay modes	Seen by
Z <sub>c</sub> (3900) <sup>±0</sup>	$\pi^\pm J/\psi, (D^*\bar{D})^\pm$	BESIII, Belle CLEO
Z <sub>c</sub> (4020) <sup>±0</sup>	$\pi^\pm h_c, (D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm$	BESIII
Z <sub>c</sub> (4430) <sup>±</sup>	$\pi^\pm \psi(2S)$ $\pi^\pm J/\psi$	Belle, BaBar, LHCb

in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- Zc$

in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^- Zc$

in  $B \rightarrow KZc$



# Future steps to understand these new findings?

## at BESIII

- Search for isospin partners for the charged  $Z_c$  states
  - $Z_c(3885)^0 \rightarrow (D^0 \underline{D}^{*0} + D^+ D^{*-})$
  - $Z_c(4025)^0 \rightarrow (D^{*0} \underline{D}^{*0} + D^{*+} D^{*-})$
- Search for more decay modes :  $\pi \psi'$ ,  $D^{(*)} D^{**}$ , light hadrons ...
- PWA of the found charged  $Z_c$  states: signal statistics is desired.
- Coupled channel analysis if we want to identify the same state
  - e.g.,  $Z_c \rightarrow \pi J/\psi$ ,  $DD^*$ ;  $Z'_c \rightarrow \pi h_c$ ,  $D^* D^*$

## at other experiments

- It will provide very valuable knowledge if we do searches in  $B$  decays

# PWA of the open charm decay modes

data @4.23&4.26GeV

- In current statistics of data set, we detect part of the final states  $\pi DD^*$  and  $\pi D^* D^*$  and leave the soft  $\pi/\gamma$  in  $D^*$  decays unreconstructed.
  - This strategy brings in relatively much combinatoric backgrounds
- Background understanding is crucial, as backgrounds are not trivial
  - Data driven method is required, since MC simulations of these backgrounds are not reliable above 4 GeV region
  - Wrong sign technique only works for single D reconstruction  
→ high backgrounds
- The soft  $\pi^0$  from  $D^*$  decays need to be detected in  $\pi DD^*$  and  $\pi D^* D^*$  modes
  - Decrease the signal efficiencies : signals will be  $\sim 1k$ ; but high bkg.
- Complexity in constructing amplitudes:
  - Need to involve the kinematic distributions in  $D^*$  decay final states  
 $\pi DD^*$  : 4 body final states                       $\pi D^* D^*$  : 5 body final states  
multiple combinations of intermediate resonances.

# Summary

- We observed two charged charmonium-like resonant structures,  $Z_c(3885)$  and  $Z_c(4025)$ , in open charm final states  $DD^*$  and  $D^*D^*$ , respectively.
- More efforts are needed to identify the truth of these new findings
- Still unknown issues:
  - ✓ Establish the isospin partners between the observed charged and neutral  $Z_c$  states
  - ✓ Are the states same?  $Z_c(3900)$  and  $Z_c(3885)$ ,  $Z_c(4020)$  and  $Z_c(4025)$ ;  
→ Coupled channel analysis
  - ✓ PWA: challenging
  - ✓ These  $Z_c$  states in B and LHCb factories? Important!

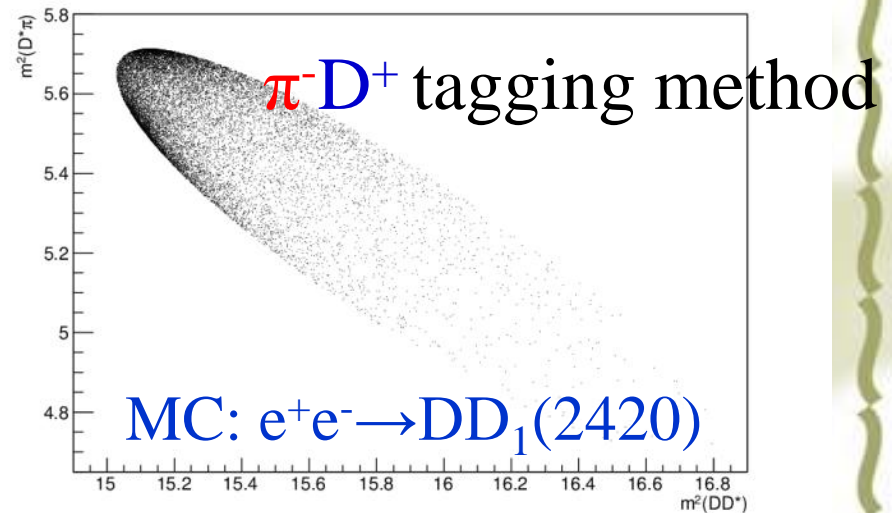
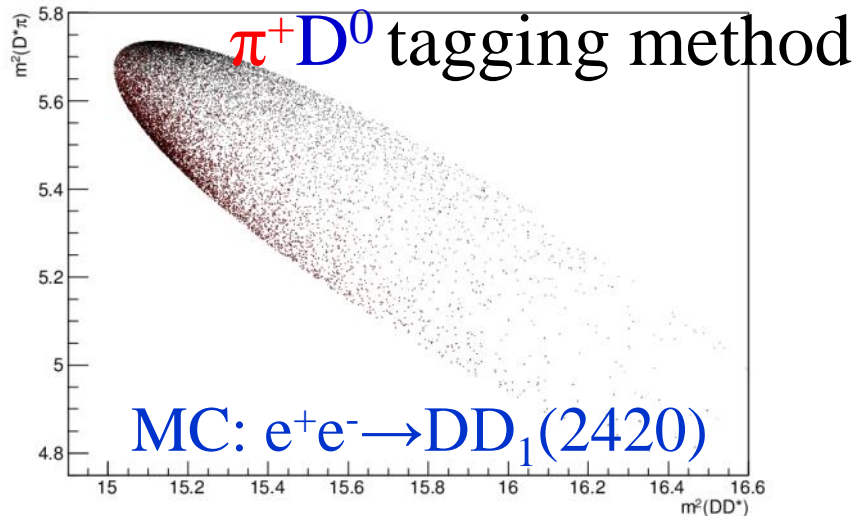
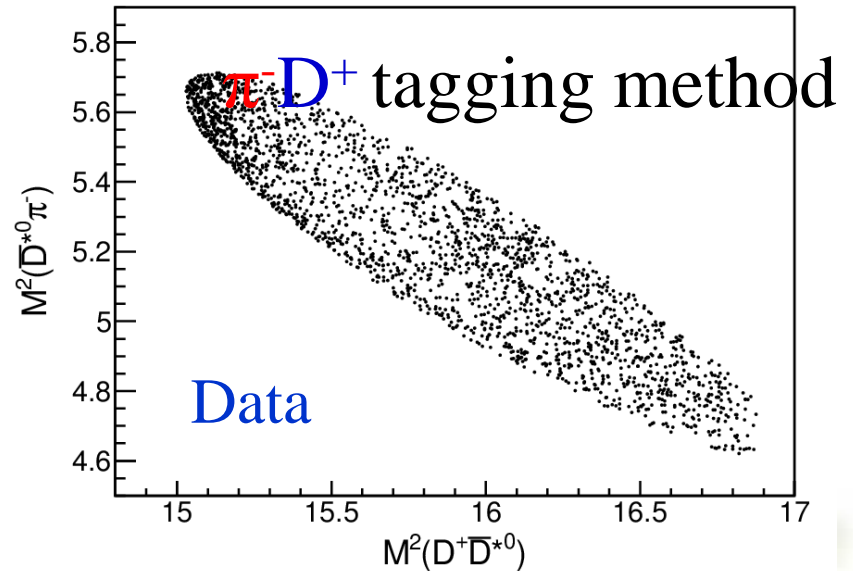
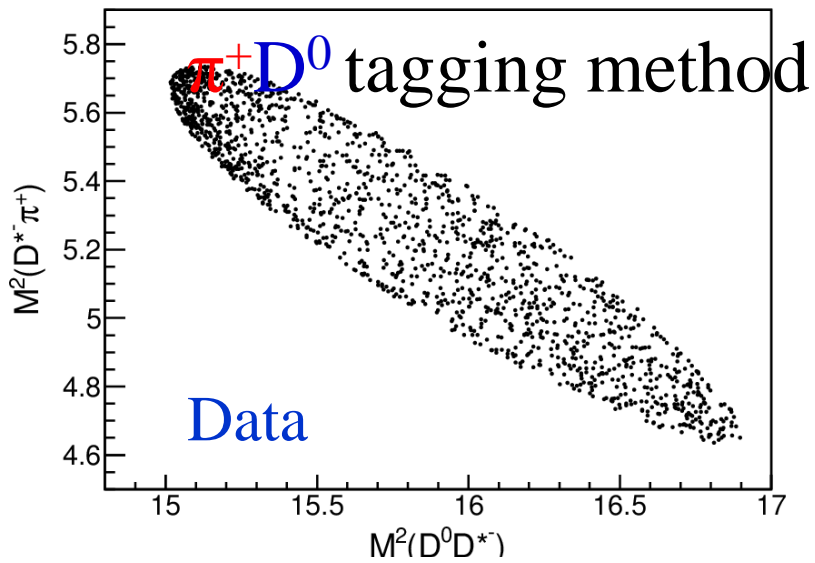


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# Dalitz Plot

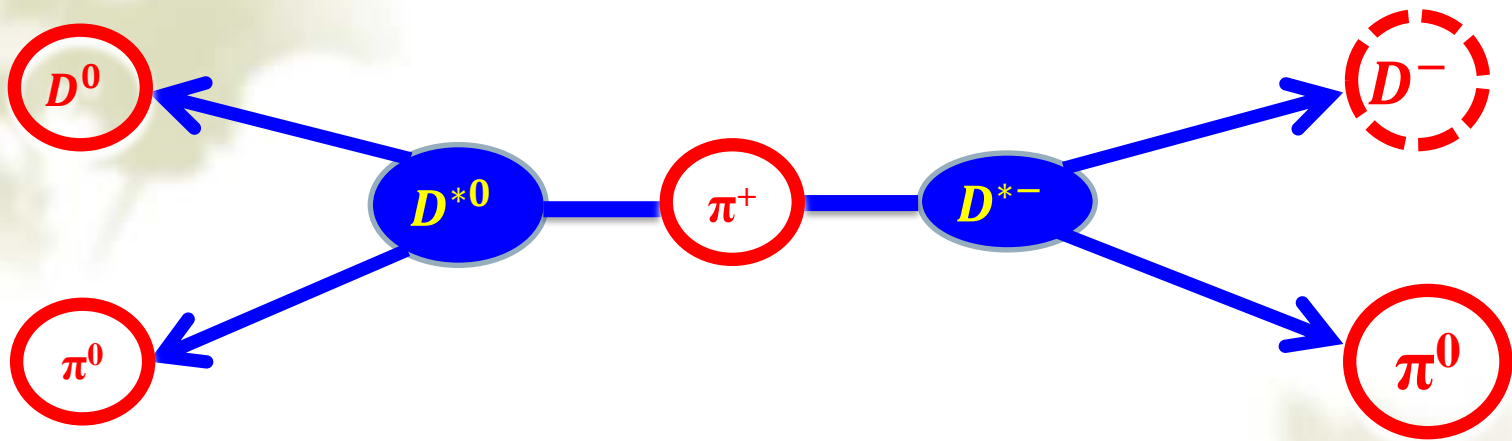




# Highly excited D states

	Mass(MeV)	Width(MeV)
$D_0^*(2400)^0$	$2318 \pm 29$	$267 \pm 40$
$D_0^*(2400)^\pm$	$2403 \pm 40$	$283 \pm 40$
$D_1^*(2420)^0$	$2421 \pm 0.6$	$27.4 \pm 2.5$
$D_1^*(2420)^\pm$	$2423.2 \pm 2.4$	$25 \pm 6$
$D_1^*(2430)^0$	$2427 \pm 40$	$384^{+130}_{-110}$
$D_2^*(2460)^0$	$2462 \pm 0.6$	$49.0 \pm 1.3$
$D_2^*(2460)^\pm$	$2464.3 \pm 1.6$	$37 \pm 6$
$D(2550)^0$	$2539 \pm 8$	$130 \pm 18$
$D(2600)$	$2612 \pm 6$	$93 \pm 14$
$D^*(2640)^\pm$	$2637 \pm 6$	$< 15$

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\mp$$

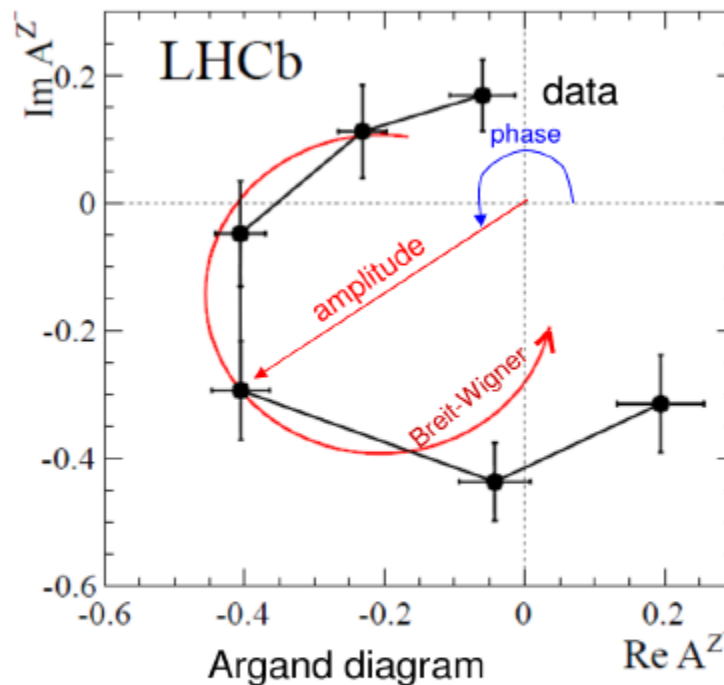
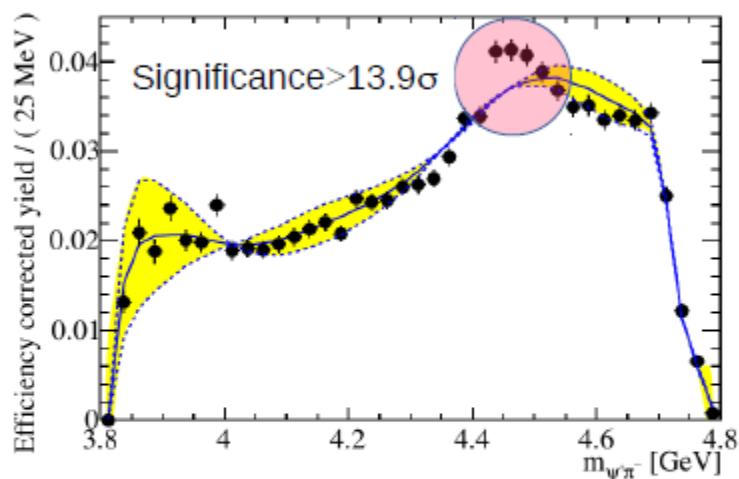


# The Zc(4430)



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In  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \psi(2S)$



$$M = 4475 \pm 7^{+15}_{-25} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 172 \pm 13^{+37}_{-34} \text{ MeV}$$

$J^P = 1^+$  Measured for the first time

*Argand diagram is consistent with the resonant behaviour*