

# Recent $Z_c$ results at BESIII and prospects



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# New forms of hadron

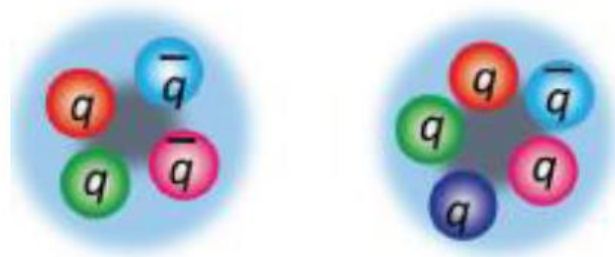
- Conventional hadrons consist of 2 or 3 quarks:

Naive Quark Model:



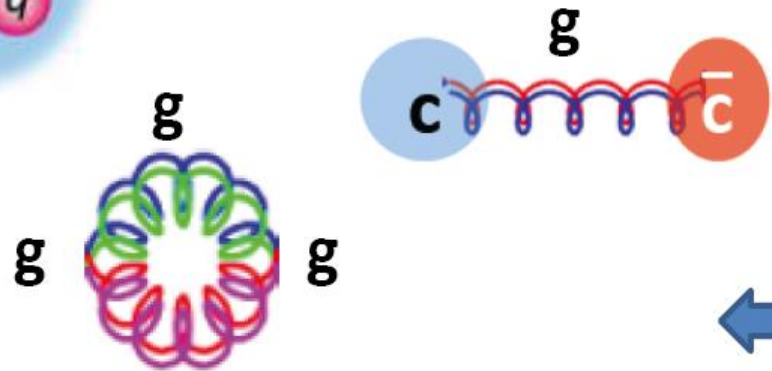
- QCD predicts the new forms of hadrons:

- Multi-quark states : Number of quarks  $\geq 4$



- Hybrids :  $q\bar{q}g$ ,  $qqqg$  ...

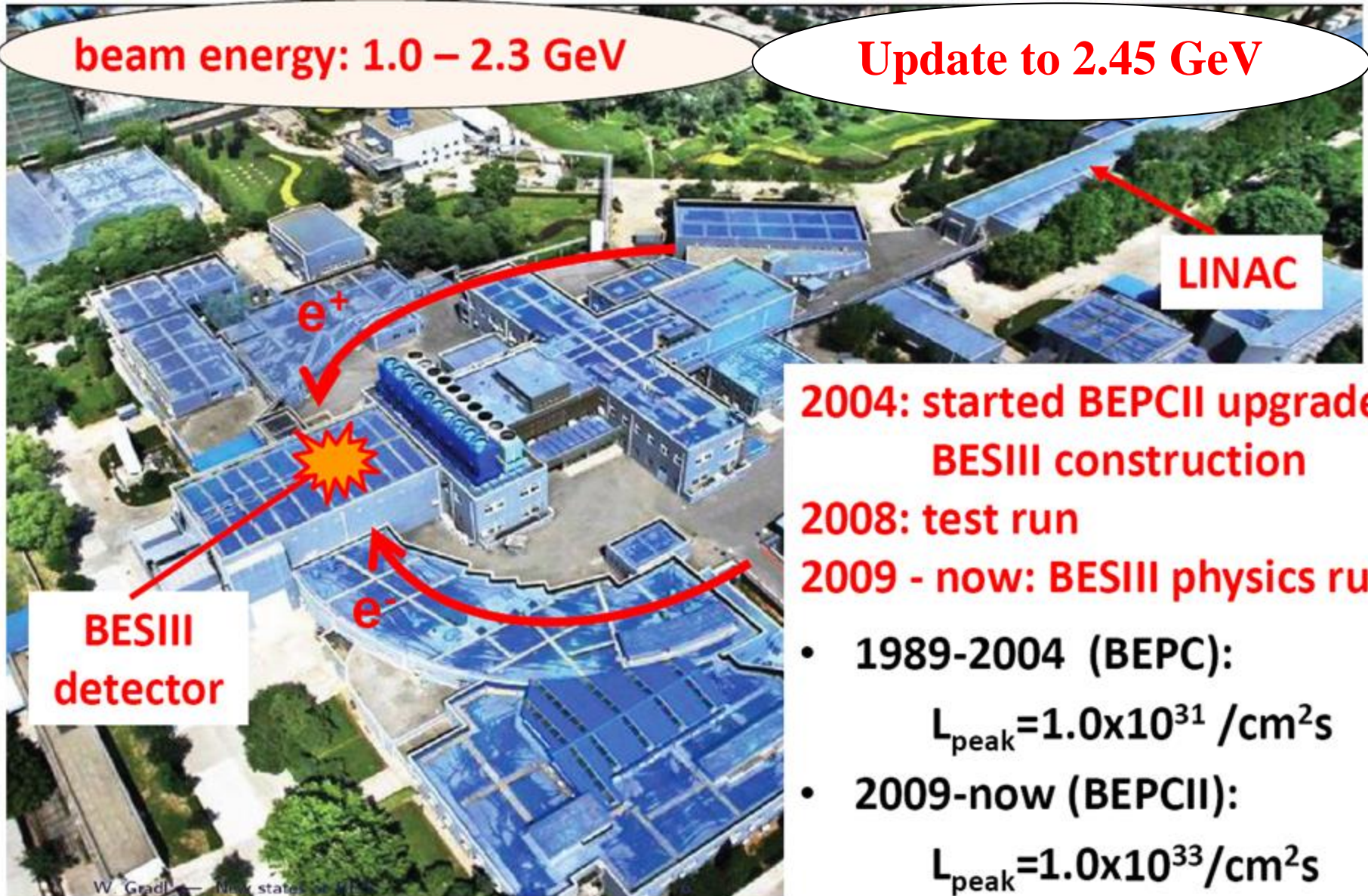
- Glueballs :  $gg$ ,  $ggg$  ...



# Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPC)

beam energy: 1.0 – 2.3 GeV

Update to 2.45 GeV

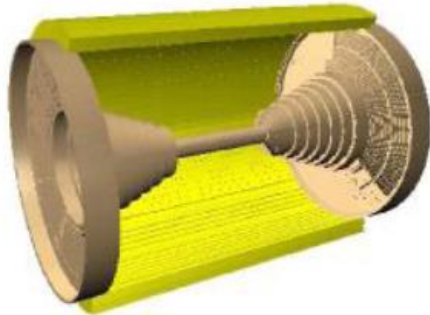


2004: started BEPCII upgrade,  
BESIII construction  
2008: test run  
2009 - now: BESIII physics run

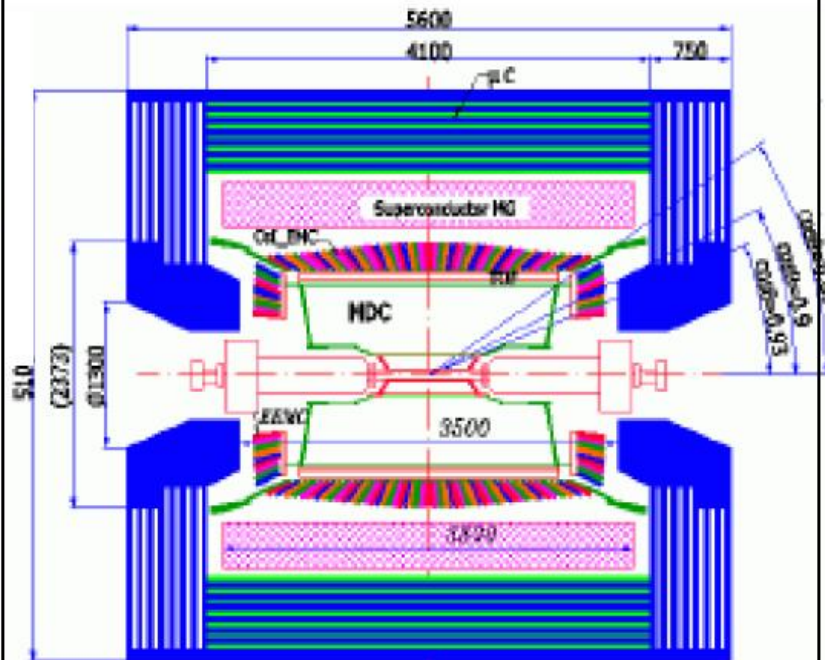
- 1989-2004 (BEPC):  
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 1.0 \times 10^{31} / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$
- 2009-now (BEPCII):  
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 1.0 \times 10^{33} / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$

# BESIII Detector

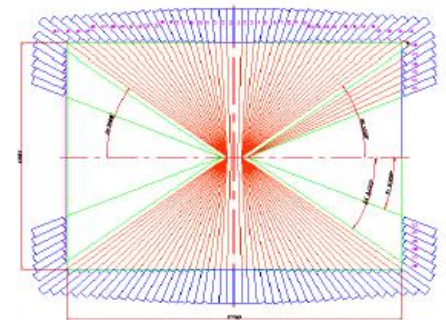
## MDC



R inner: 63mm ;  
R outer: 810mm  
Length: 2582 mm  
Layers: 43

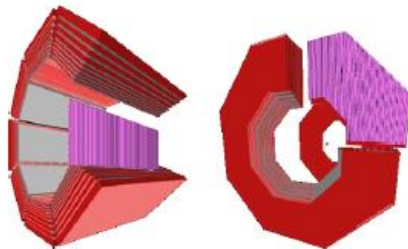


## CsI(Tl) EMC



Crystals: 28 cm (15  $X_0$ )  
Barrel:  $|\cos\theta| < 0.83$   
Endcap:  
 $0.85 < |\cos\theta| < 0.93$

## RPC MUC



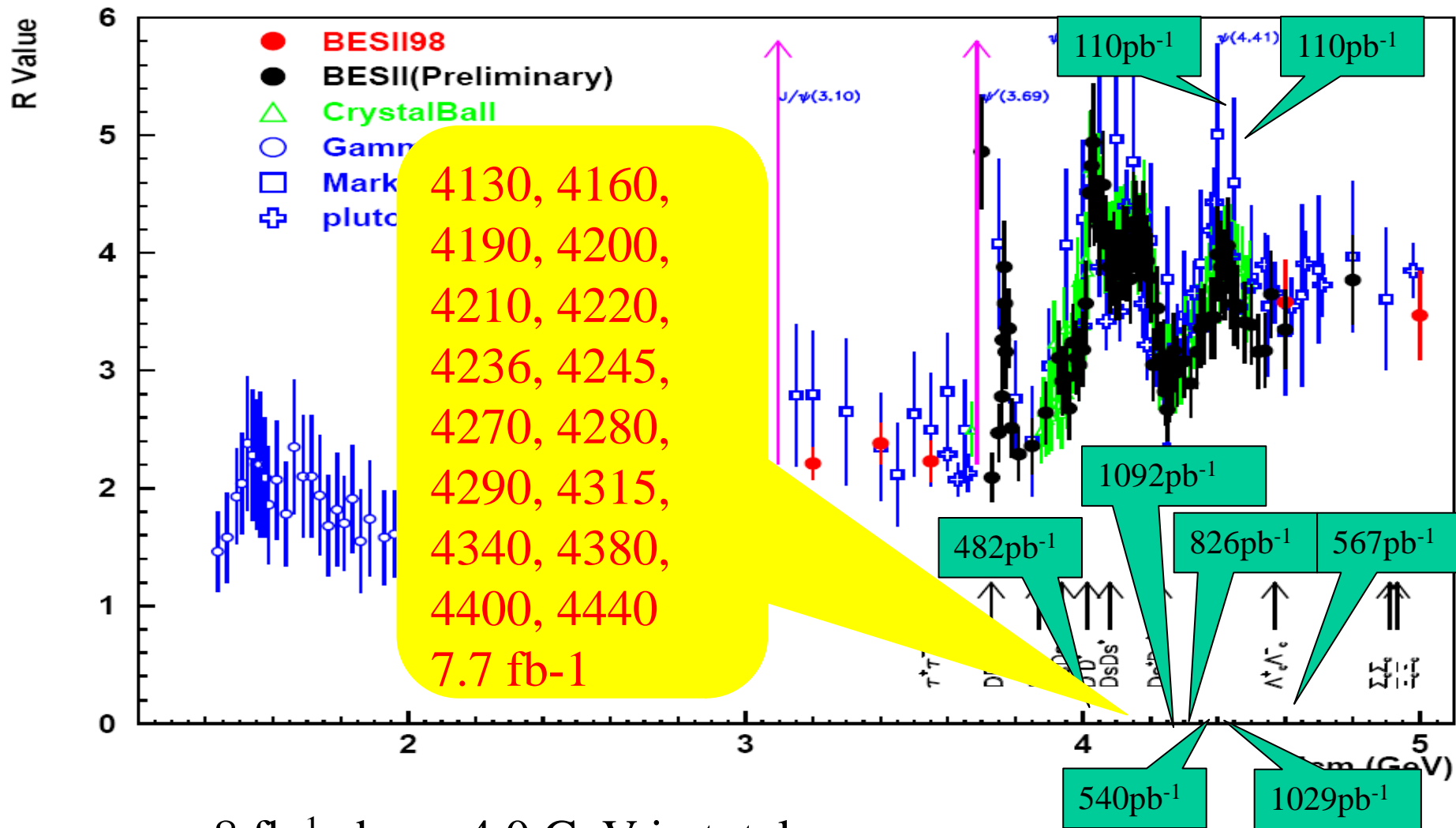
BMUC: 9 layers – 72 modules  
EMUC: 8 layers – 64 modules

## TOF

BTOF: two layers  
ETOF: 48 scintillators for each  
**MRPC --- new ETOF**



# Data sets for XYZ study

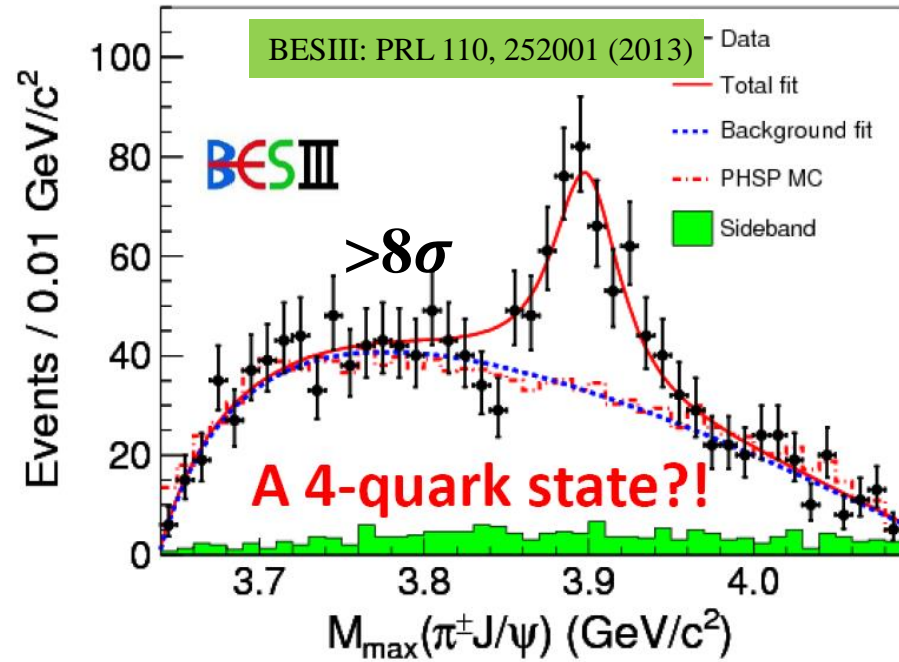


# $Z_c$ calendar at BESIII

Year	State	M (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	Process
2013	$Z_c(3900)^\pm$	$3891.2 \pm 3.3$	$40 \pm 8$	$Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^\pm(J/\psi\pi^\mp)$
2013	$Z'_c(4020)^\pm$	$4022.9 \pm 2.8$	$7.9 \pm 3.7$	$Y(4260,4360) \rightarrow \pi^\pm(h_c\pi^\mp)$
2014	$Z'_c(4025)^\pm$	$4026.3 \pm 4.5$	$24.8 \pm 9.5$	$Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^-(\bar{D}^{*-}D^{*+})$
2014	$Z'_c(4020)^0$	$4023.9 \pm 4.3$	$7.9 \pm 3.7$	$Y(4260,4360) \rightarrow \pi^0(h_c\pi^0)$
2014	$Z_c(3885)^\pm$	$3883.9 \pm 4.5$	$25 \pm 12$	$Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^-(\bar{D}^{*-}D^+)$
2015	$Z'_c(4025)^0$	$4025.5 \pm 4.6$	$23.0 \pm 6.1$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0(\bar{D}^*D^*)^0$
2015	$Z_c(3885)^0$	$3885.7 \pm 9.8$	$35 \pm 19$	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0(\bar{D}^*D)^0$

PDG naming:  $Z_c(3900) = X(3900)$ ,  $Z'_c(4020) = X(4020)$

# First observation of $Z_c(3900)^\pm$



$Z_c(3900)^+$ :  $J^P=1^+$

$$m = (3899.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 4.9) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = (46 \pm 10 \pm 20) \text{ MeV}$$

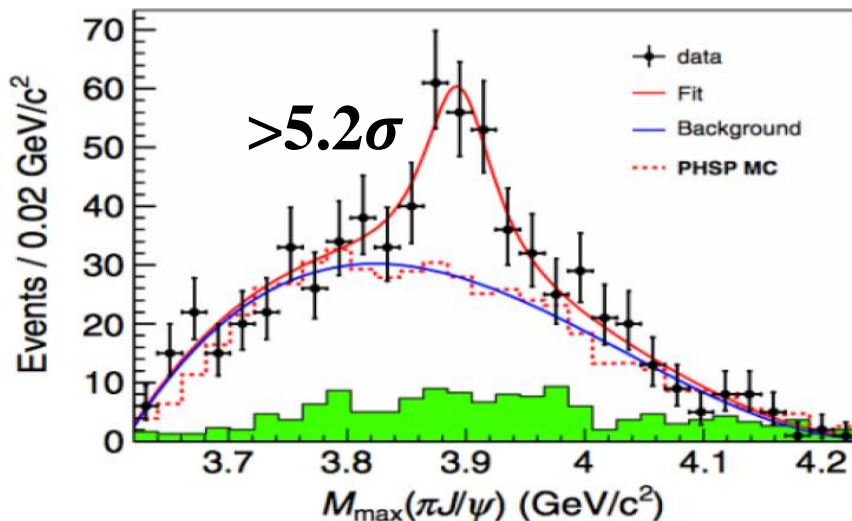
Mass close to  $D\bar{D}^*$  threshold

Decays to  $J/\psi \rightarrow$  contains  $c\bar{c}$   
Electric charge  $\rightarrow$  contains  $u\bar{d}$

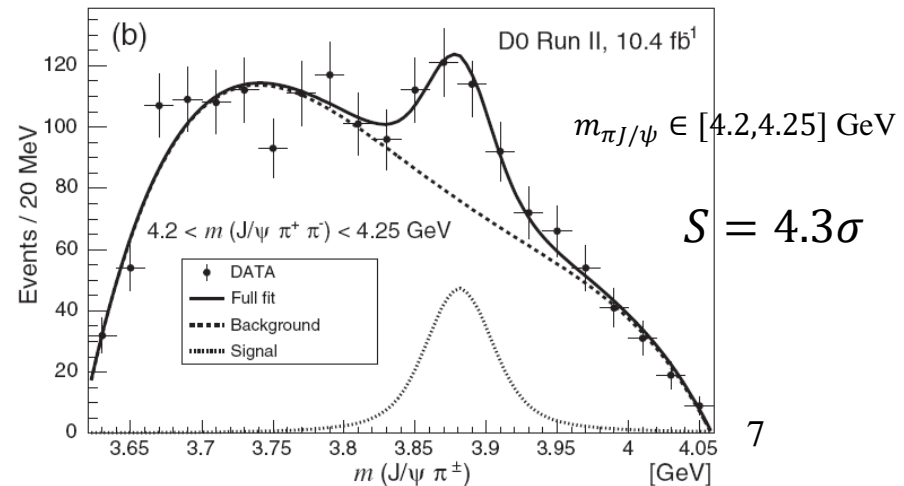
$$\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi] = 62.9 \pm 1.9 \pm 3.7 \text{ pb at } 4.26 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(3900)^\mp \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi]}{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi]} = (21.5 \pm 3.3 \pm 7.5)\% \text{ at } 4.26 \text{ GeV}$$

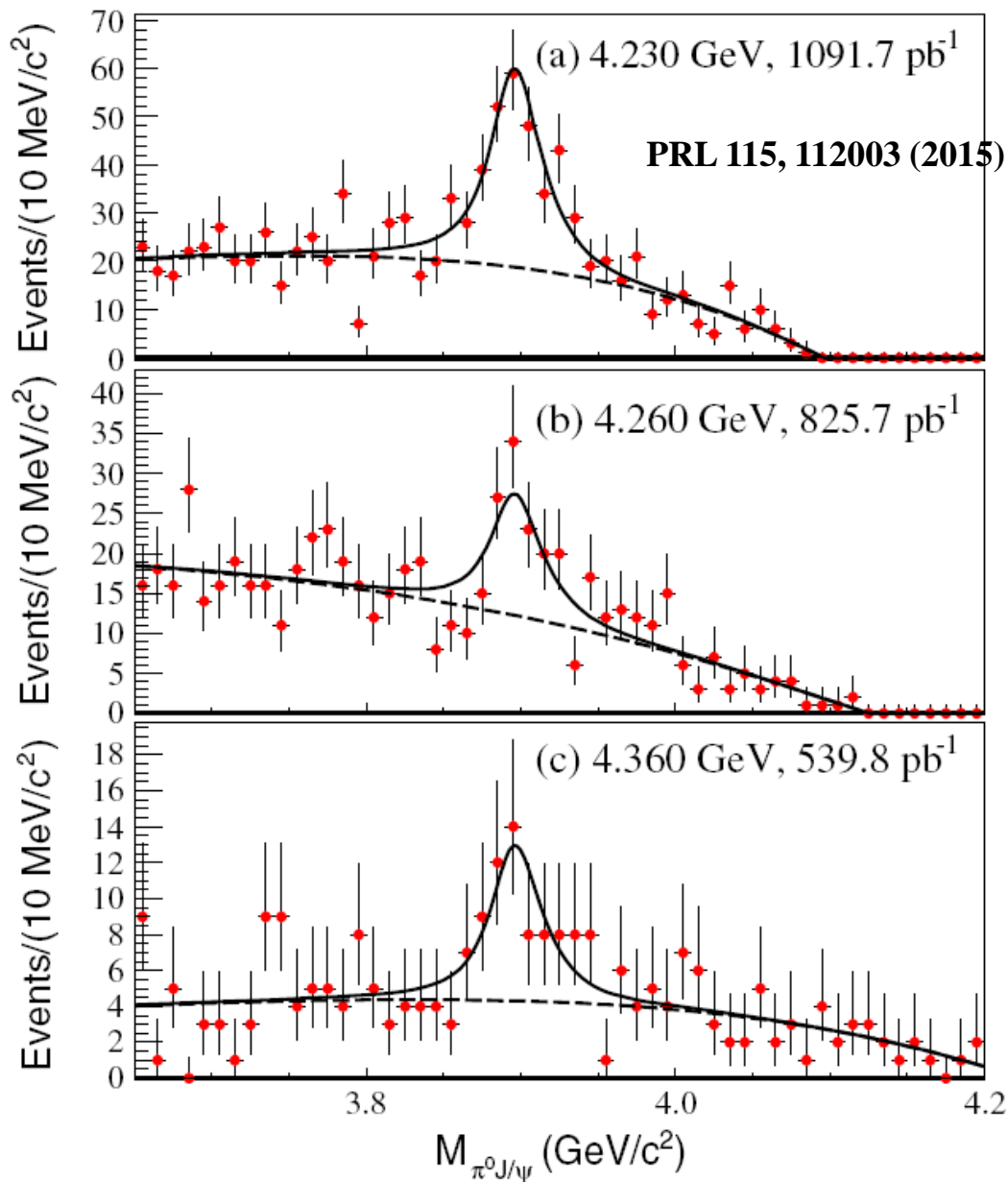
Belle with ISR data (PRL110,252002)



D0 with  $10.4\text{fb}^{-1}$   $p\bar{p}$  data (PRD98, 052010 (2018))



# $Z_c(3900)^0$ : isospin vector, $I^G = 1^+$



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

Simultaneous fit:

Mass:

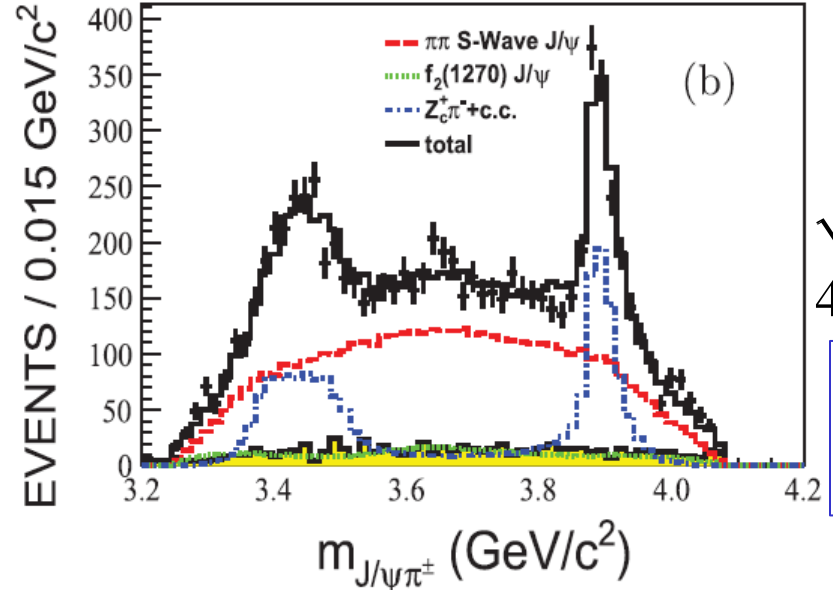
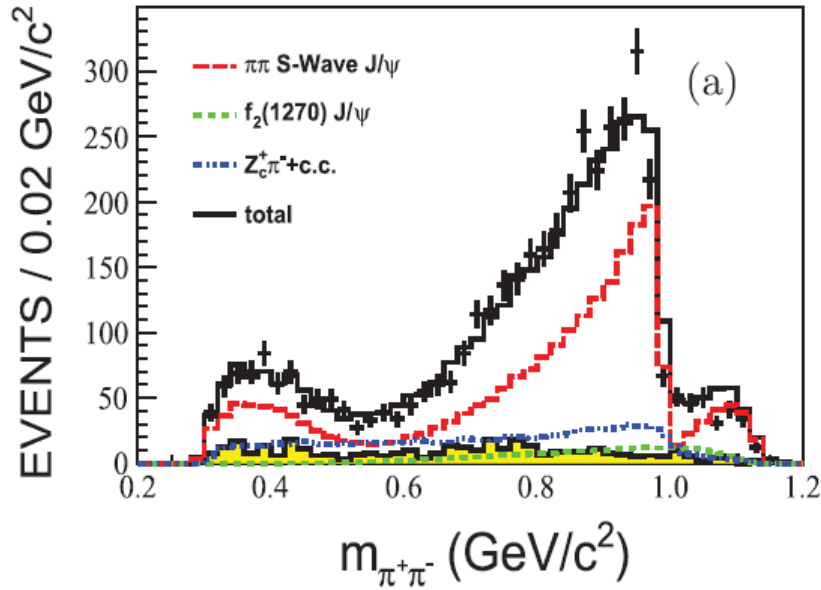
$$3894.8 \pm 2.3 \pm 3.2 \text{ MeV}$$

Width:

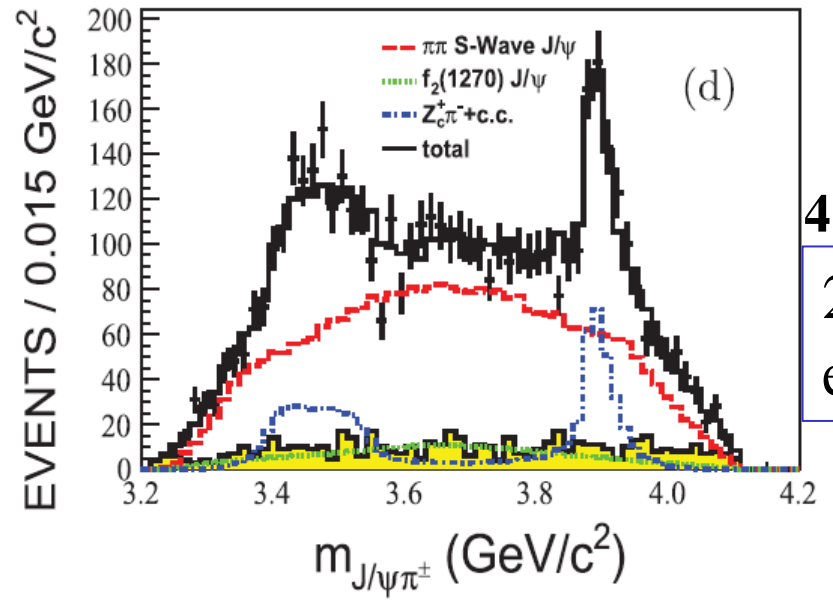
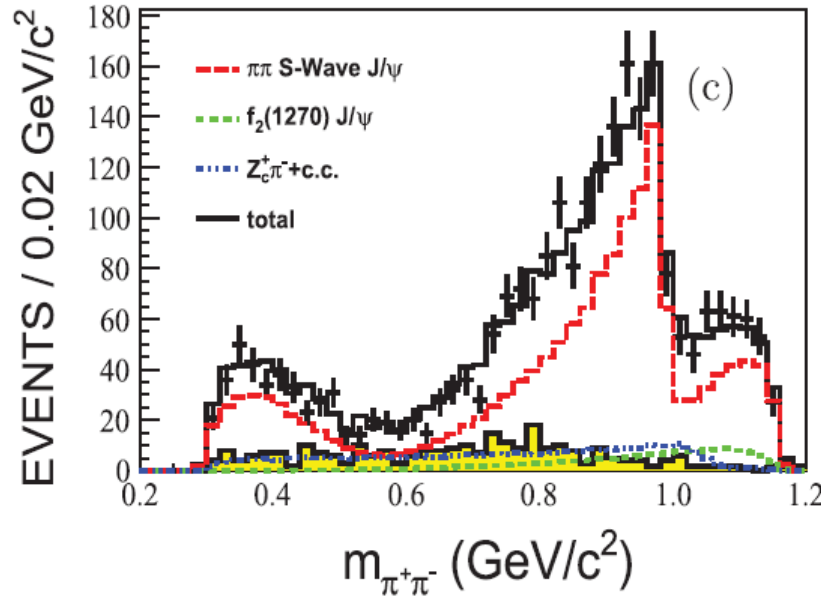
$$29.6 \pm 8.2 \pm 8.2 \text{ MeV}$$



# PWA determination of $J^P = 1^+$ for $Z_c(3900)^\pm$



$\sqrt{s} =$   
4.23 GeV  
4154  
events

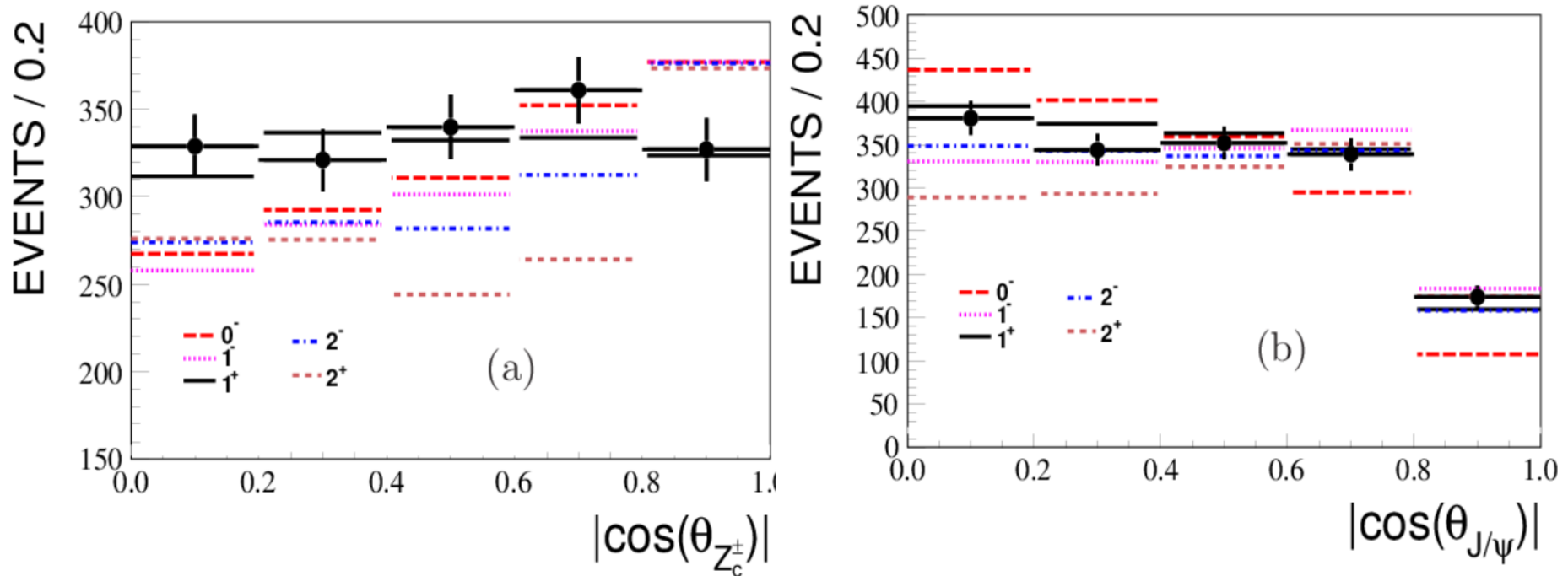


4.26 GeV  
2447  
events.

$\pi\pi$ -S wave:  $\sigma, f_0(980)$

# Angular distributions for different $J^P$ within $Z_c$ mass region

PRL 119, 072001 (2017), BESIII

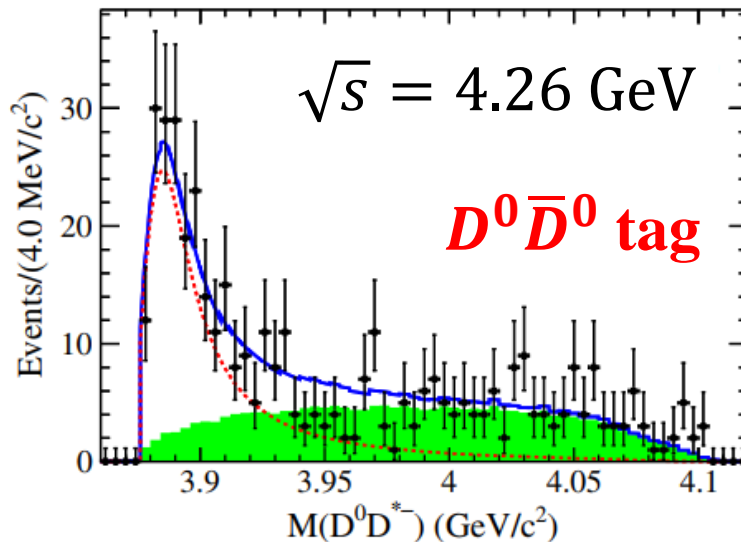
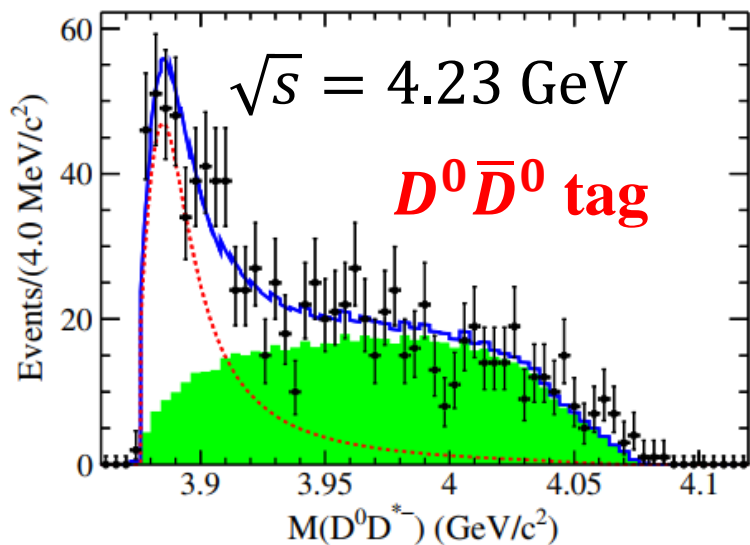


- Events in the  $Z_c$  mass region  $M_{\pi J/\psi} \in (3.86, 3.92)$  GeV
- Background events subtracted
- $\theta_{Z_c}$  : the polar angle of  $Z_c$ ,  $\theta_{J/\psi}$  : helicity angle of  $J/\psi$
- Spin and parity for  $Z_c$  determined  $1^+$  with significance  $>7.5\sigma$

# Search for $Z_c(3900)^\pm$ open charm decays

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm(DD^*)^\mp$$

PRD92, 092006 (2015)

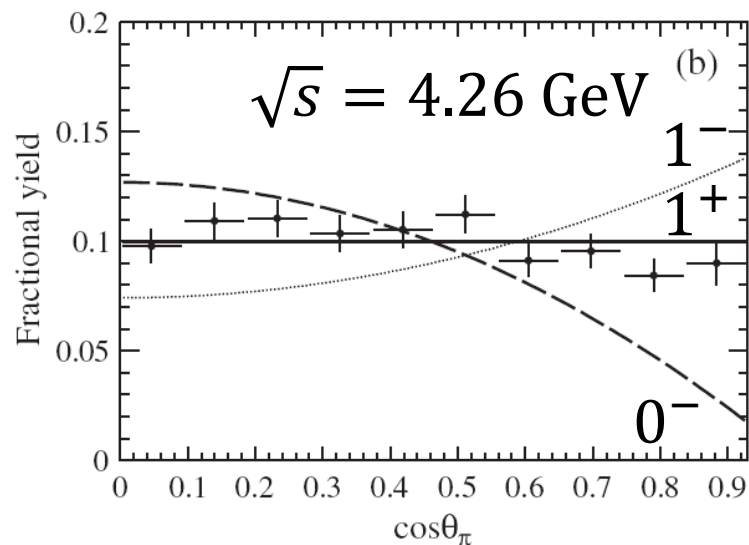
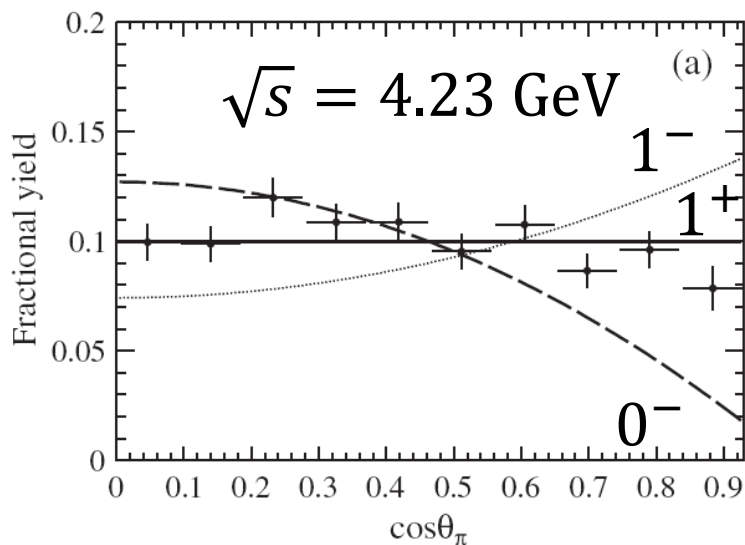


Pole mass

$$3881.7 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.6 \text{ MeV}$$

Pole width

$$26.6 \pm 2.0 \pm 2.1 \text{ MeV}$$

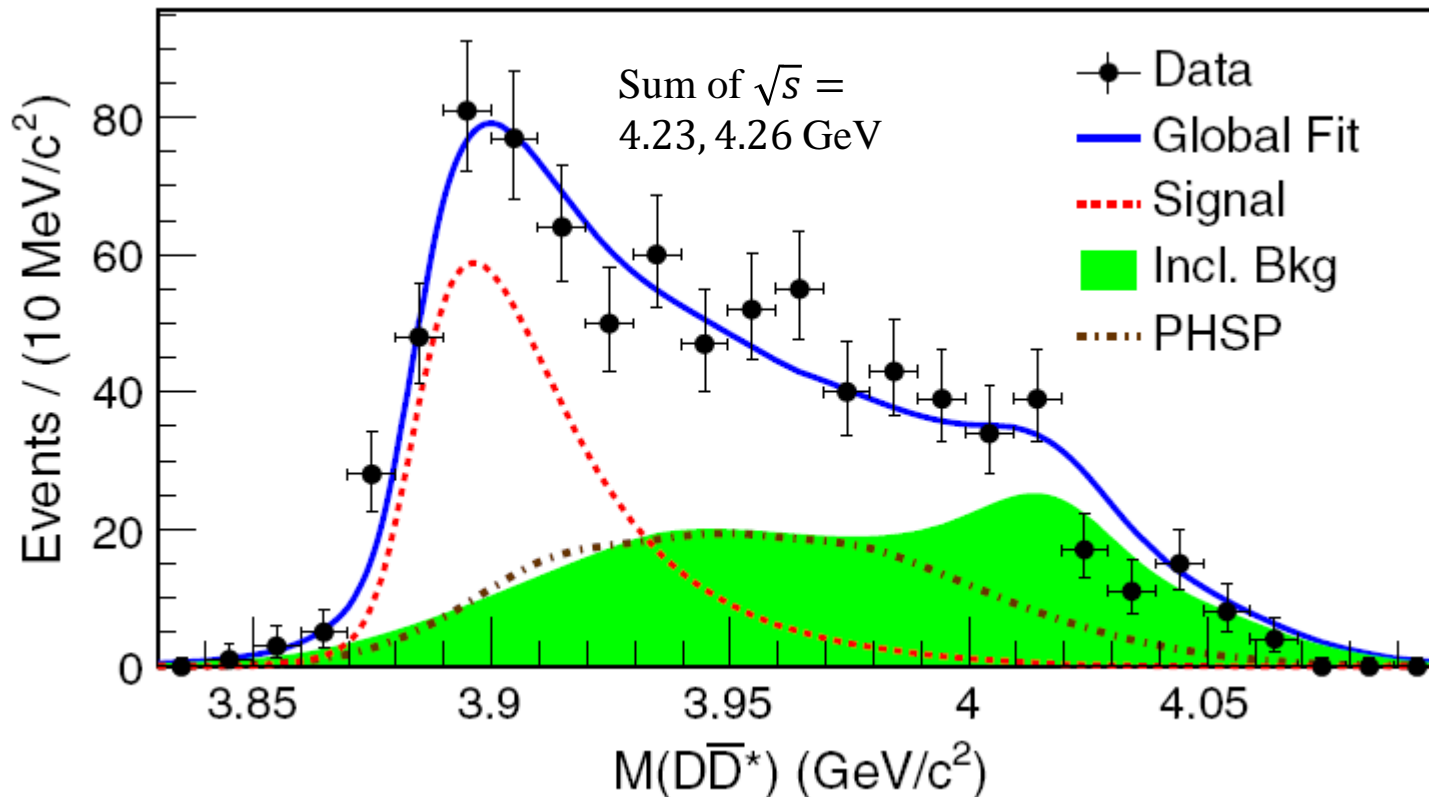


Favor  
 $J^P = 1^+$

# Search for $Z_c(3900)^0$ open charm decays

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0(DD^*)^0$ , tag  $D^+\bar{D}^0$  or  $D^0\bar{D}^0$

PRL 115, 222002 (2015)



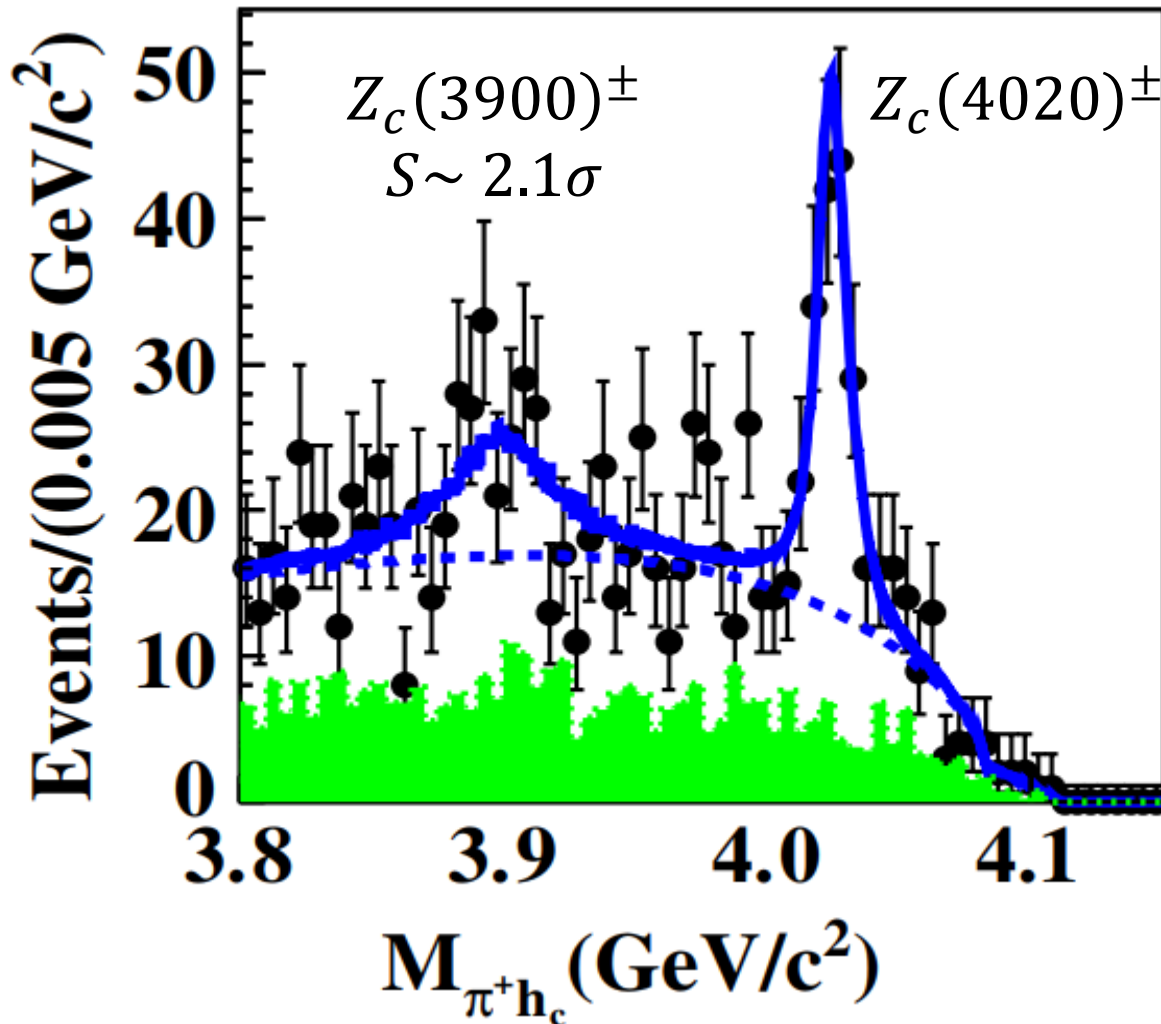
$Z_c$ : S-wave Breit-Wigner function with  $\Gamma(s) = \Gamma_0 \frac{p}{p^*} \frac{m}{M}$

Pole mass:  $3885.7_{5.7}^{+4.3} \pm 8.4$  MeV

Pole width:  $35_{-12}^{+11} \pm 15$  MeV

# Insignificant decay of $Z_c(3900)^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm h_c$

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



$\mathcal{L}_{total} = 2.46 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
at  $\sqrt{s} = 4.23, 4.26$  and  
4.36 GeV

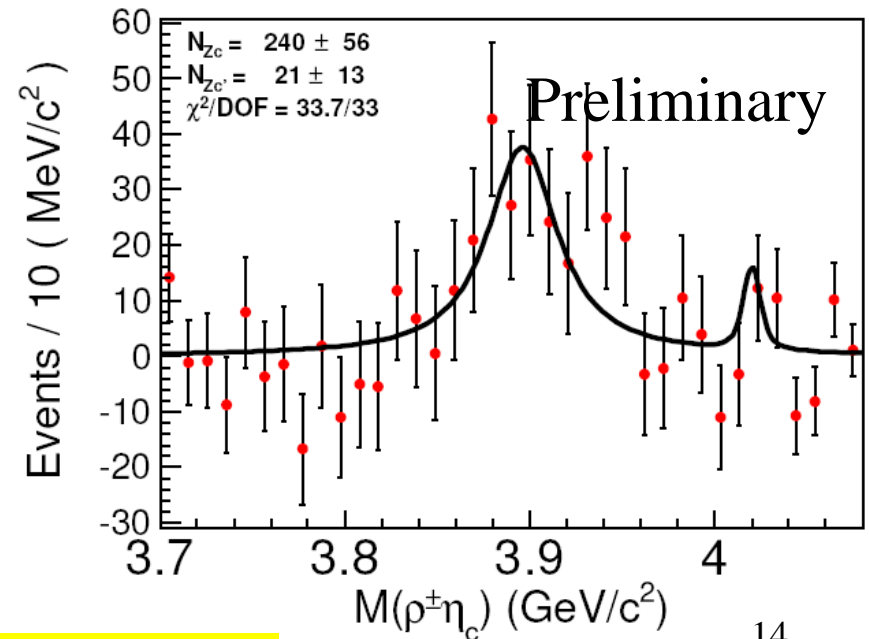
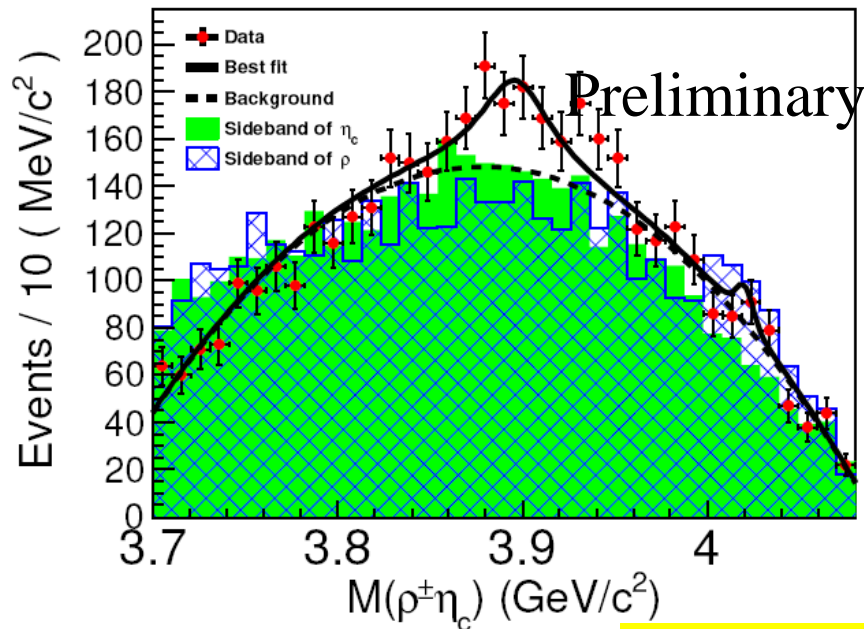
$\eta_c$  reconstructed  
exclusively with 16  
light hadron modes

Fixing  $Z_c(3900)$  mass  
and width in the fit yields

$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c, Z_c \rightarrow \pi^\mp h_c)$   
< 13 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.23 GeV  
< 11 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.26 GeV  
@90% C.L.

# Strong evidence for $Z_c(3900)^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm \eta_c$

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\eta_c$ , with  $\eta_c \rightarrow 9$  hadronic decays ( $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}, 2(K^+K^-), \pi^+\pi^-K^+K^-, K^+K^-\pi^0, p\bar{p}\pi^0, K_S K\pi, \pi^+\pi^-\eta, K^+K^-\eta, \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ )
- Strong evidence of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi Z_c, Z_c \rightarrow \rho\eta_c$  only at  $\sqrt{s} = 4.23$  GeV ( $3.9\sigma$  including systematics)
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi Z'_c, Z'_c \rightarrow \rho\eta_c$  not seen.



# Strong evidence for $Z_c(3900)^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm \eta_c$

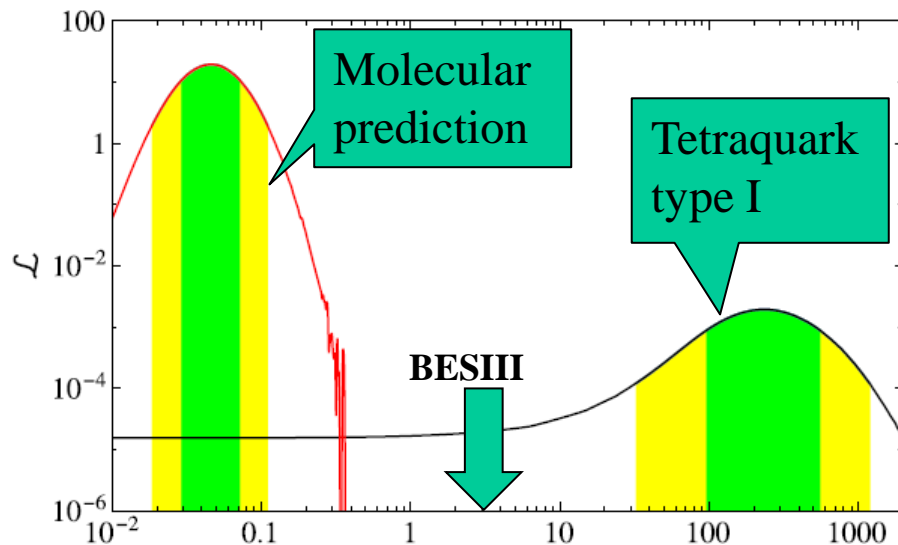
- Measured Born cross section at 4.23 GeV:

$$\sigma^B(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\eta_c) = (46 \pm 12 \pm 10) \text{ pb}$$

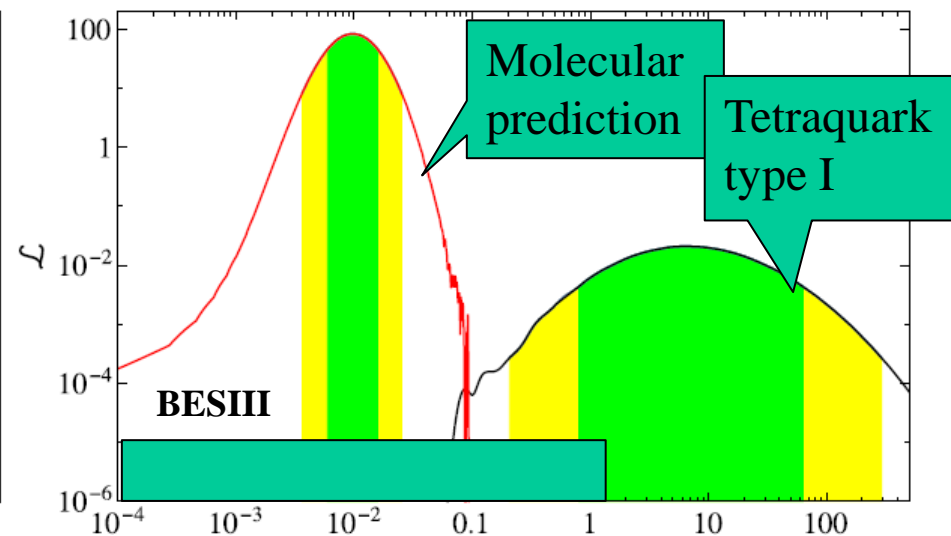
$$\sigma^B(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi Z_c, Z_c \rightarrow \rho\eta_c) = (47 \pm 11 \pm 11) \text{ pb}$$

PRD 100, 111102(R) (2019)

	$\sqrt{s} = 4.226 \text{ GeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 4.258 \text{ GeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 4.358 \text{ GeV}$	Type-I	Type-II	Molecule
$R_{Z_c(3900)}$	$2.2 \pm 0.9$	$< 5.6$	...	$230^{+330}_{-140}$	$0.27^{+0.40}_{-0.17}$	$0.046^{+0.025}_{-0.017}$
$R_{Z_c(4020)}$	$< 1.6$	$< 0.9$	$< 1.4$		$6.6^{+56.8}_{-5.8}$	$0.010^{+0.006}_{-0.004}$



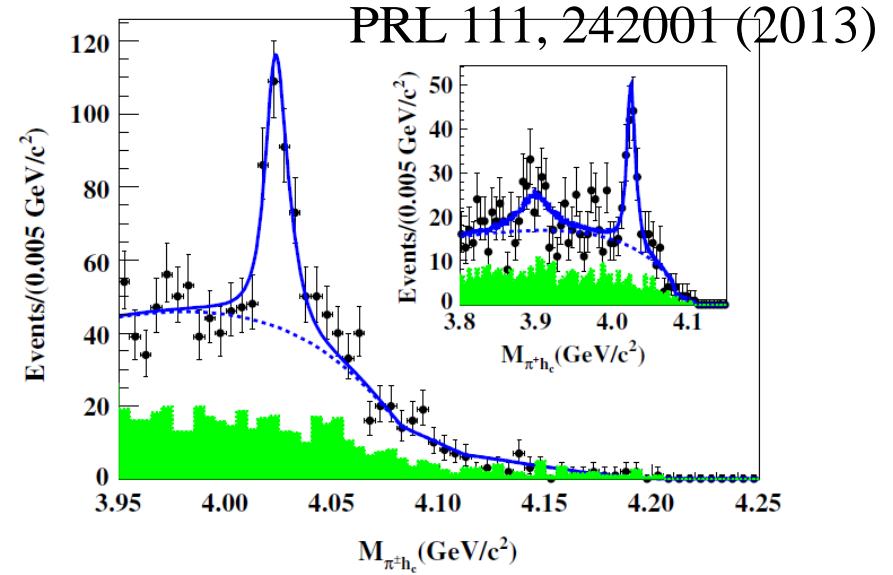
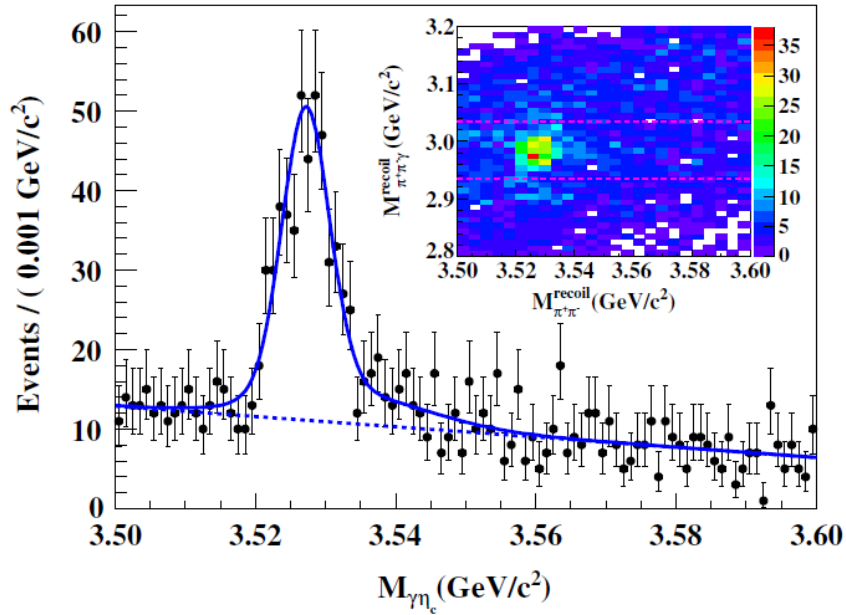
$$R_z = \frac{Br(Z_c \rightarrow \rho\eta_c)}{Br(Z_c \rightarrow \pi J/\psi)}$$



$$R_{z'} = \frac{Br(Z'_c \rightarrow \rho\eta_c)}{Br(Z'_c \rightarrow \pi J/\psi)}$$

# Observation of charged $Z_c(4020) \rightarrow \pi h_c$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c, \eta_c \rightarrow 16 \text{ modes}$$



$$M = 4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma = 7.9 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.6 \text{ MeV}, \quad S > 8.9\sigma$$

$$\text{Cross section } \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(4020)^\mp \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-h_c)$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 4.23 \text{ GeV}: (8.7 \pm 1.9 \pm 2.8 \pm 1.4) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 4.26 \text{ GeV}: (7.4 \pm 1.7 \pm 2.1 \pm 1.2) \text{ pb}$$

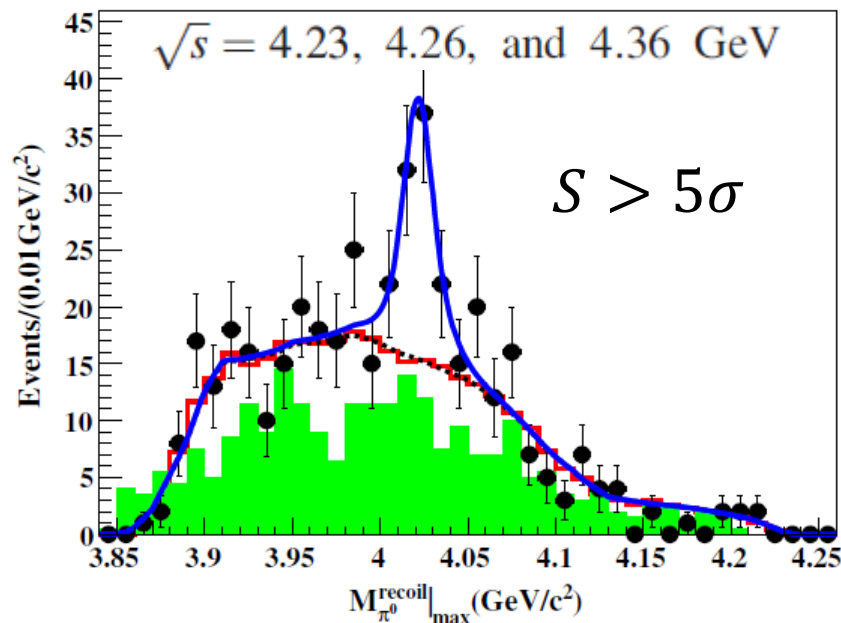
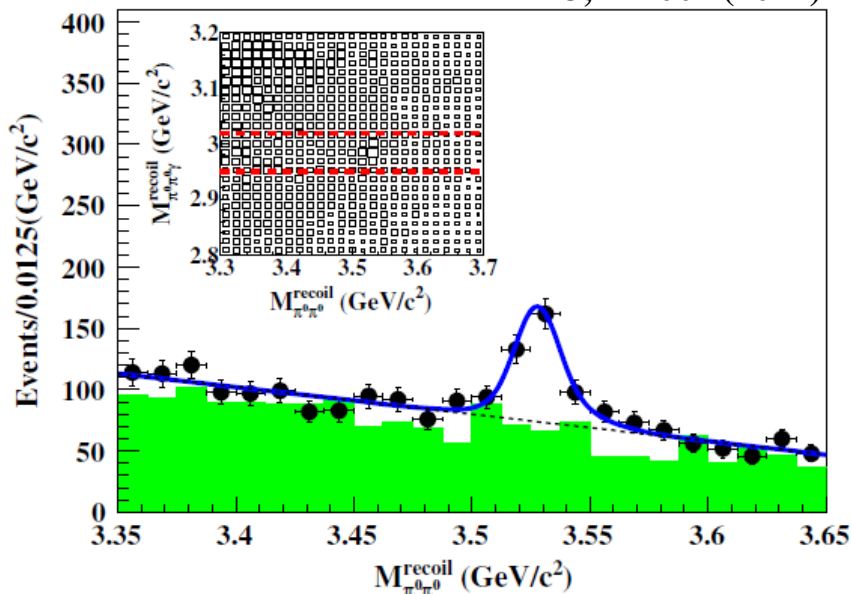
$$\sqrt{s} = 4.36 \text{ GeV}: (10.3 \pm 2.3 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.6) \text{ pb}$$



# Observation of neutral $Z_c(4020) \rightarrow \pi h_c$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c, \eta_c \rightarrow 16 \text{ modes}$$

PRL 113, 212002 (2014)



$Z_c(4020)^0$ :  $M = (4023.9 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.8) \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\Gamma$ : fixed

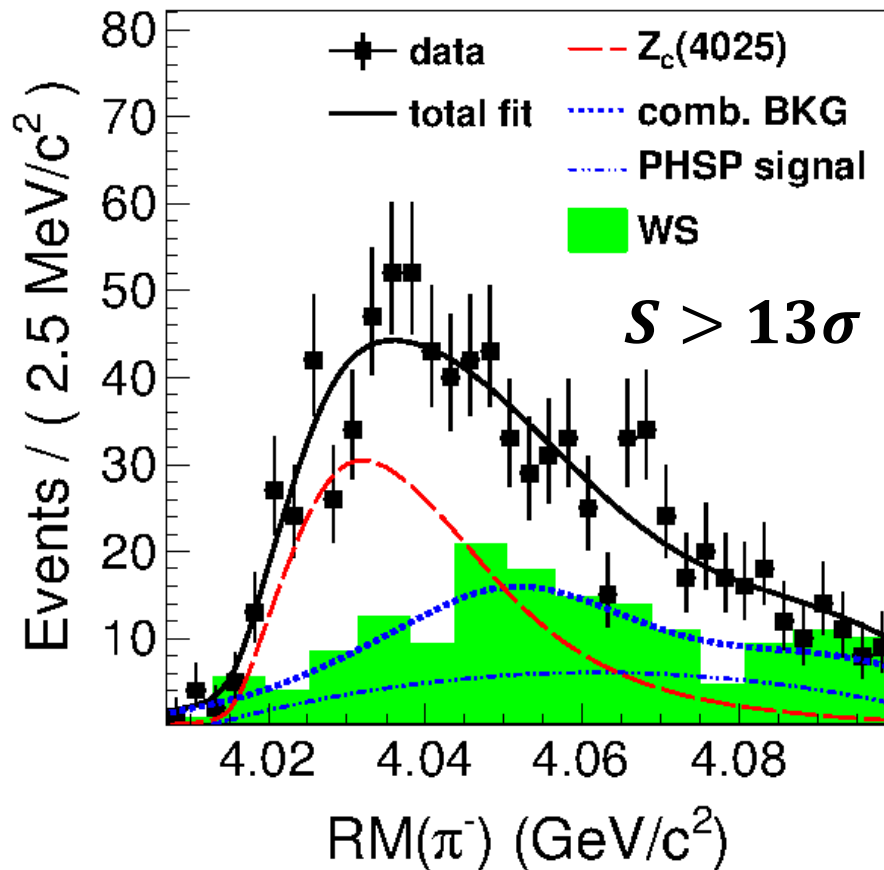
Cross sections and ratio to that of charged  $Z_c(4020)$

$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	$n_{Z_c(4020)^0}^{\text{obs}}$	$\sigma^B(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 Z_c(4020)^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 h_c)$ (pb)	$R_{\pi Z_c(4020)}$
4.230	$21.7 \pm 7.4$	$6.5 \pm 2.2 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.0$	$0.77 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.25$
4.260	$22.5 \pm 7.7$	$8.5 \pm 2.9 \pm 1.1 \pm 1.3$	$1.21 \pm 0.50 \pm 0.38$
4.360	$17.2 \pm 7.2$	$9.9 \pm 4.1 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.5$	$1.00 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.32$

# Observation of charged $Z_c(4020) \rightarrow D^* \bar{D}^*$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp \quad [(D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm = D^{*+} \bar{D}^{*0} \text{ and } D^{*-} \bar{D}^{*0}]$$

$\mathcal{L}(\sqrt{s} = 4.26) = 826 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ , only bachelor pion & one  $D^*$  reconstructed



PRL 112, 132001 (2014)

S-wave Breit-Wigner

Mass:

$$(4026.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 3.7) \text{ MeV}$$

Width:

$$(24.8 \pm 5.6 \pm 7.7) \text{ MeV}$$

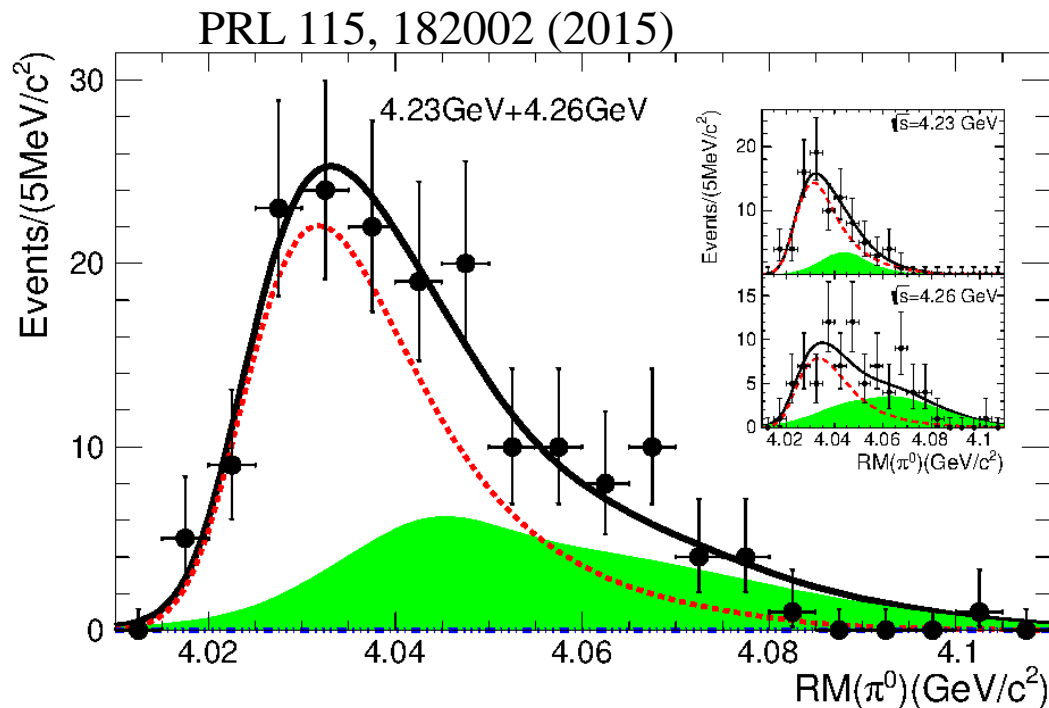
$$\frac{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c(4020)^\pm \pi^\mp \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp]}{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp]}$$

$$= 0.65 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.06.$$

# Observation of neutral $Z_c(4020) \rightarrow D^* \bar{D}^*$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^{*0}\bar{D}^{*0})\pi^0 \text{ and } (D^{*+}D^{*-})\pi^0$$

only bachelor pion & two  $D$  reconstructed, use  $\mathcal{L} = 1092 + 826 \text{ pb}^{-1}$   
at  $\sqrt{s} = 4.23$  and  $4.26 \text{ GeV}$ , respectively



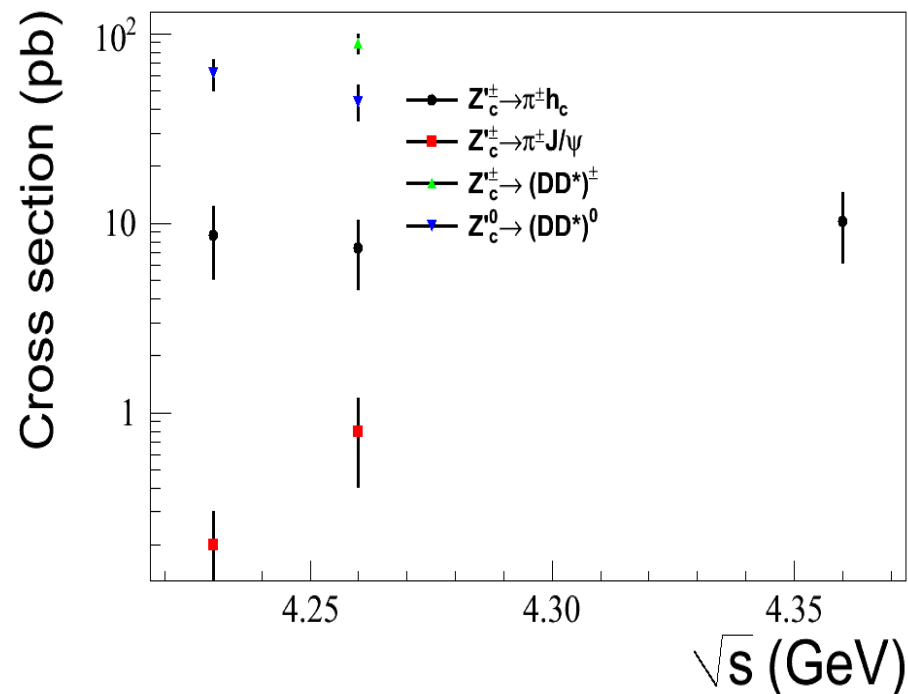
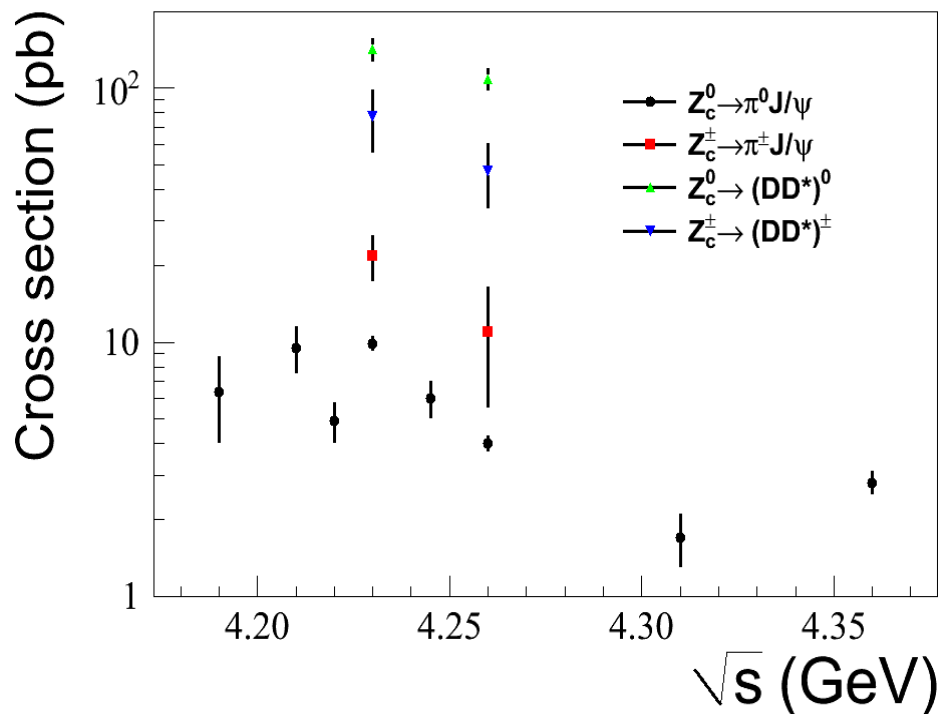
- $S > 5.9\sigma$
- Pole mass  
( $4025.5^{+2.0}_{-4.7} \pm 3.1$ ) MeV
- Pole width  
( $23.0 \pm 6.0 \pm 1.0$ ) MeV.

$$\frac{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c(4020)^0\pi^0 \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^0\pi^0]}{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c(4020)^+\pi^- \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^+\pi^-]} \approx 1$$

# $Z_c(3900)$ and $Z'_c(4020)$ production cross section

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^{\mp} Z_c^{\pm}, \pi^0 Z_c^0,$$

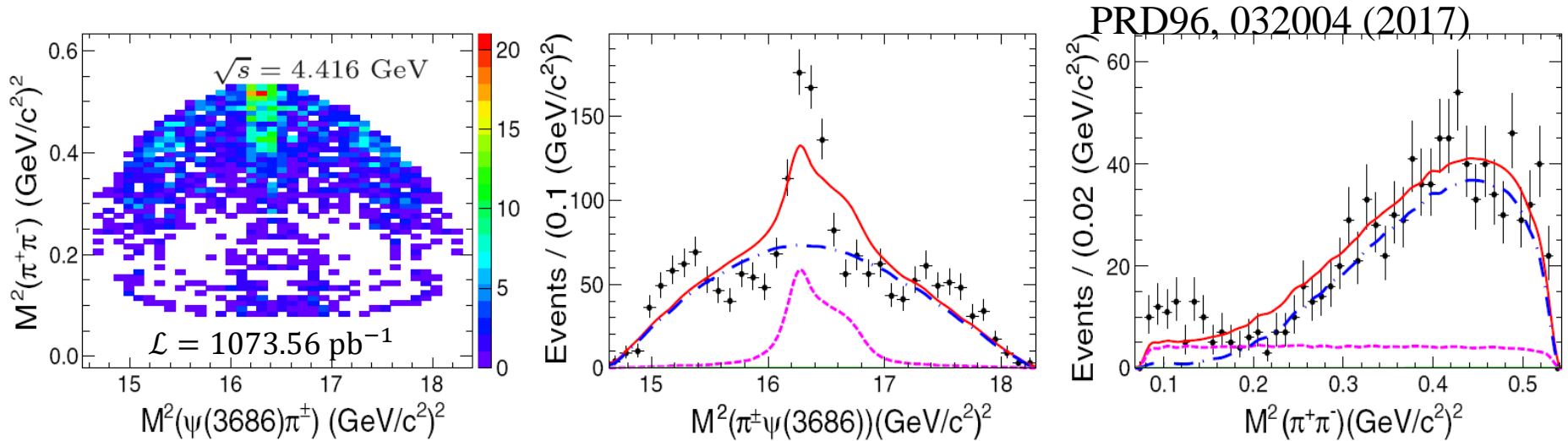
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^{\mp} Z'_c{}^{\pm}, \pi^0 Z'_c{}^0,$$



$Z_c(3900)^{\pm} \rightarrow (DD^*)^{\pm}$ , PRD92, 092006  
 $Z_c(3900)^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi$ , PRL115, 112003  
 $Z_c(3900)^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} J/\psi$ , PRL119, 072001

$Z'_c(4020)^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} h_c$ , PR111, 242001  
 $Z'_c(4020)^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} J/\psi$ : PRL119, 072001  
 $Z'_c(4020)^{\pm} \rightarrow (D^* D^*)^{\pm}$ : PRL112, 132001  
 $Z'_c(4020)^0 \rightarrow (D^* D^*)^0$ : PRL115, 182002

# New $Z_c$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi'$ ?



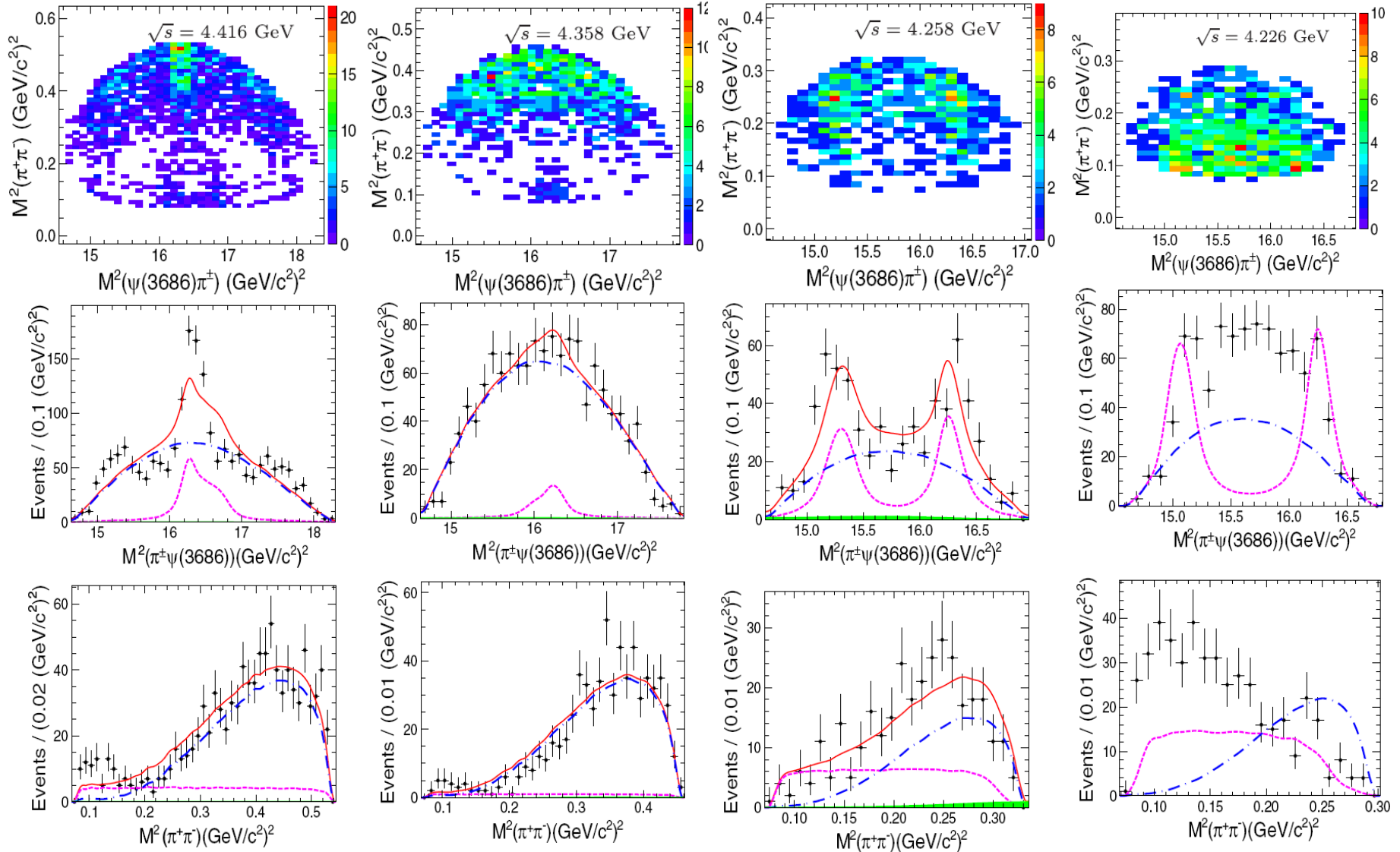
- A narrow structure observed in  $\pi\psi'$  mass spectrum for data at  $\sqrt{s} = 4.416$  GeV.
- Perform fit to Dalitz plot of  $M^2(\pi^+\psi')$  versus  $M^2(\pi^-\psi')$  with a  $S$ -wave Breit-Wigner function.

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

- A fit yields a mass  $M = 4032.1 \pm 2.4$  MeV and width  $\Gamma = 26.1 \pm 5.3$  MeV with significance  $9.2\sigma$ .

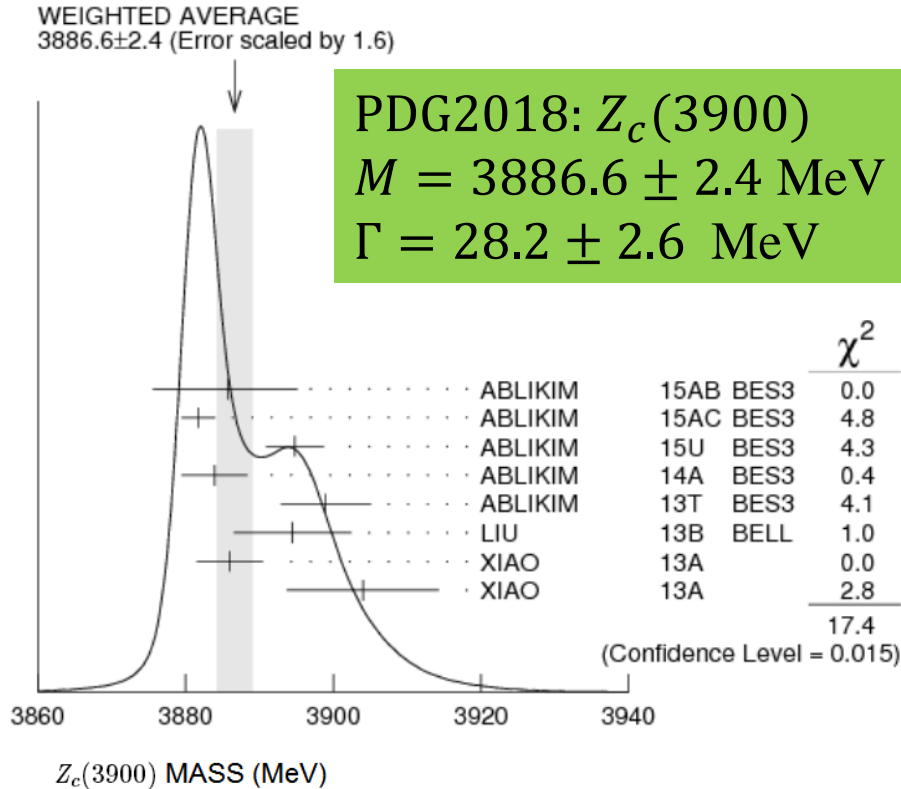
# New $Z_c$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi'$ ?

Fit intermediate states: ignore interference & fit can't describe data well



# Open issues for $Z_c/Z_c'$ states

- Inconsistent mass and width of  $Z_c(3900)$  measured in experiments.



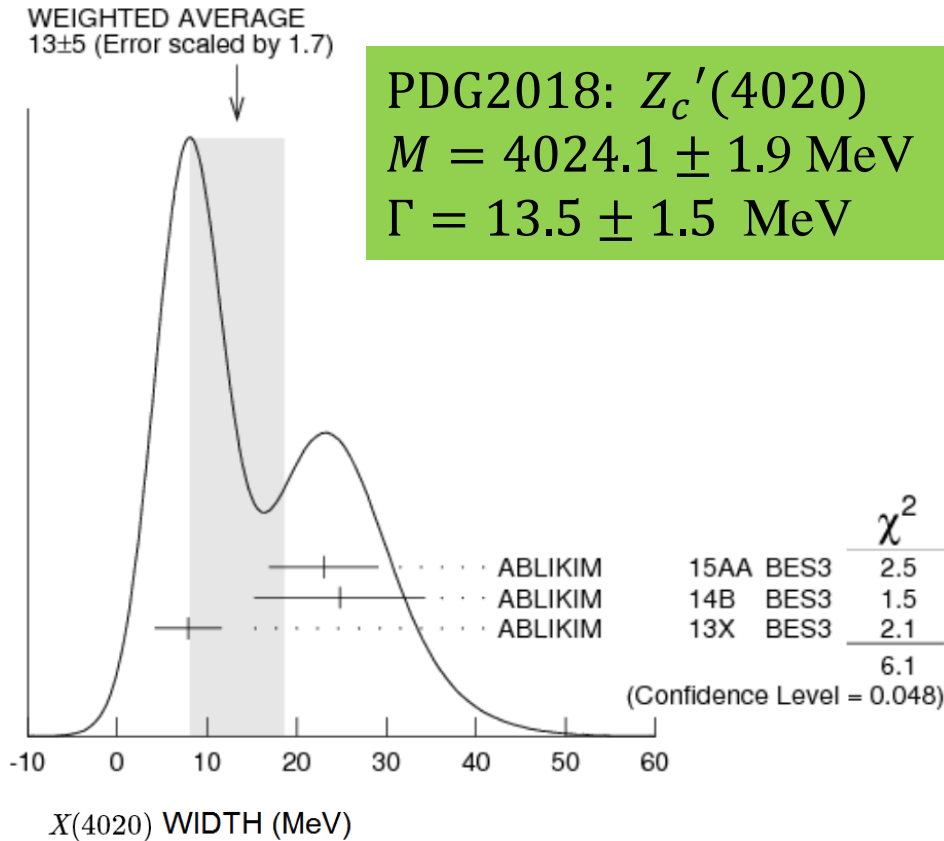
width (MeV)	experiment
$51.8 \pm 4.6 \pm 36.0$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$
$35^{+11}_{-12} \pm 15$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 (D\bar{D}^*)^0$
$26.6 \pm 2.0 \pm 2.1$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D\bar{D}^*)^{-+}$
$29.6 \pm 8.2 \pm 8.2$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 J/\psi$
$24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11.0$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D\bar{D}^*)^{-+}$
$46 \pm 10 \pm 20$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$

## Comments:

- Inconsistent width definition, e.g. pole width, BW width
- No interference effect considered

# Open issues for $Z_c/Z'_c$ states

- $Z'_c(4020)$  mass and width.



Mass (MeV)	experiment
$4025.5^{+2.0}_{-4.7} \pm 3.1$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^0 \pi^0$
$4026.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 3.7$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow (D^* \bar{D}^*)^{+-} \pi^\mp$
$4023.9 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.8$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 h_c$
$4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7$	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c$



# $Z_c$ problem and prospects

- Complex  $\pi\pi J/\psi, \pi\pi\psi'$  Dalitz plot at higher energy  $\rightarrow$   
How to understand the  $Z_c$  properties?
- Lacks of  $Z_c$  argand plots
- Insufficient experimental information on the  $Z_c$  decays and new excited  $Z_c$  states.

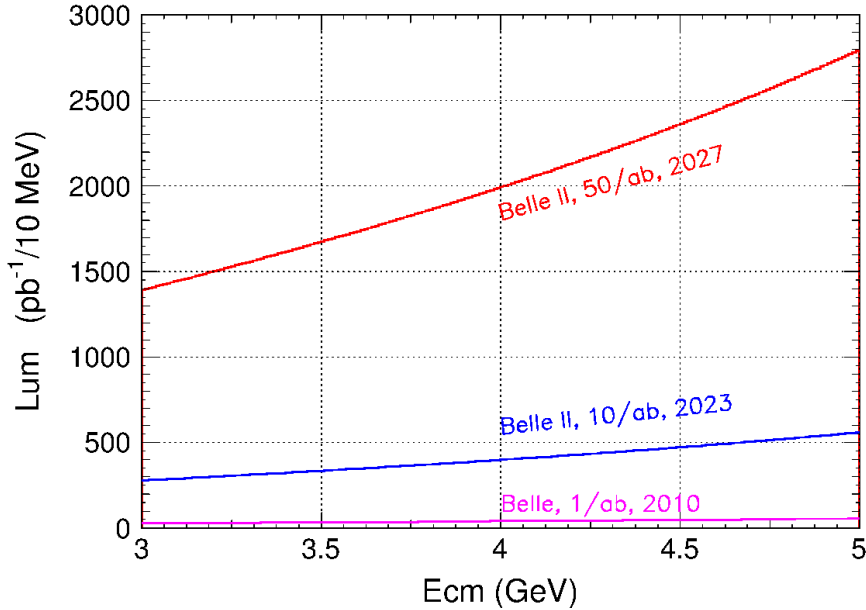
## Huge XYZ data plan

- Large integrated scan luminosity from 4.0  $\sim$  4.6 GeV  
500 pb $^{-1}$  at interval 10 MeV
- Huge luminosity at some specific points      arXiv:1912.05983

channel	data plan	luminosity	cross section precision	# of events
$\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$	(1)	500 pb $^{-1}$ at 4.30 GeV	3%	1270
$\pi^+\pi^- h_c(1P)$	(1)	500 pb $^{-1}$ at 4.30 GeV	9%	220
$\eta J/\psi$	(1)	500 pb $^{-1}$ at 4.30 GeV	30%	28
$\pi^+\pi^-\psi(3686)$	(1)	500 pb $^{-1}$ at 4.30 GeV	3%	230
$\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$	(2)	5 fb $^{-1}$ at 4.23 GeV	<1%	18k
$\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$	(2)	5 fb $^{-1}$ at 4.42 GeV	3%	3k
$\pi^+\pi^-\psi(3686)$	(2)	5 fb $^{-1}$ at 4.42 GeV	2%	4k

# Competition with other experiments

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Assume  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  of Belle II data in 10 MeV energy bins.

ISR mode	$L_{\text{BESIII}}/L_{\text{Belle II}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{BESIII}}/\epsilon_{\text{Belle II}}$	$N_{\text{BESIII}}/N_{\text{Belle II}}$
$\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$ at 4.26 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	46% / 10%	1.07
$\pi^+\pi^-\psi(3686)$ at 4.36 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	41% / 5%	1.82
$\pi^+\pi^-\psi(3686)$ at 4.66 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	35% / 6%	1.19
$\pi^+\pi^-h_c$ at 4.26 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	2.7% / %	$> 5$
$K^+K^-J/\psi$ at 4.6 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	29% / 7.5%	0.81
$K^+K^-J/\psi$ at 4.9 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$\approx 29\%$ / 10%	0.54
$\Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-$ at 4.6 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	51% / 7.5%	1.42
$\Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-$ at 4.9 GeV	$0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$\approx 37\%$ / 7.5%	0.91

## Future data taking plan of BESIII

Plan	Data Sets
XYZ plan (1)	$500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ at a large number of points between 4.0 and 4.6 GeV
XYZ plan (2)	$5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 4.23, 4.42 GeV for large $Z_c$ samples
XYZ plan (3)	$5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ above 4.6 GeV
charmonium plan	$3 \times 10^9 \psi(3686)$ decays

Along with top-up technique

# Summary and remarks

- Quantum numbers are established for  $Z_c(3900)$  as  $I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^+(1^{+-})$ . It is observed in  $Z_c \rightarrow \pi J/\psi, \rho \eta_c$  and  $DD^*$
- Spin and parity for  $Z'_c(4020)$  are not known, but its  $I^G = 1^+$  established. It is observed in  $Z'_c \rightarrow \pi h_c, D^* D^*$  modes.
- To resolve the continuum or resonant production of these  $Z_c$  states, measurements of production cross sections above 4.0 GeV is necessary.
- To resolve inconsistent mass and width measurement for  $Z_c$  and  $Z'_c$  states, coupled channel analysis is desirable.
- Other measurements, such as Argand plot, and tests of  $Z_c$  production model are helpful to figure out the structure of  $Z_c$  states.
- BESIII plans to take more  $XYZ$  data and continue the study.

Thanks for your attention.