

Search for invisible decays and J/ψ weak decays at BESIII

在BESIII实验中寻找不可见衰变以及 J/ψ 稀有衰变

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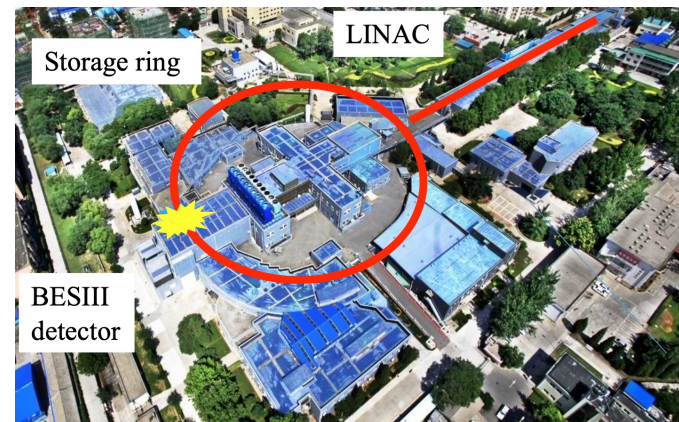
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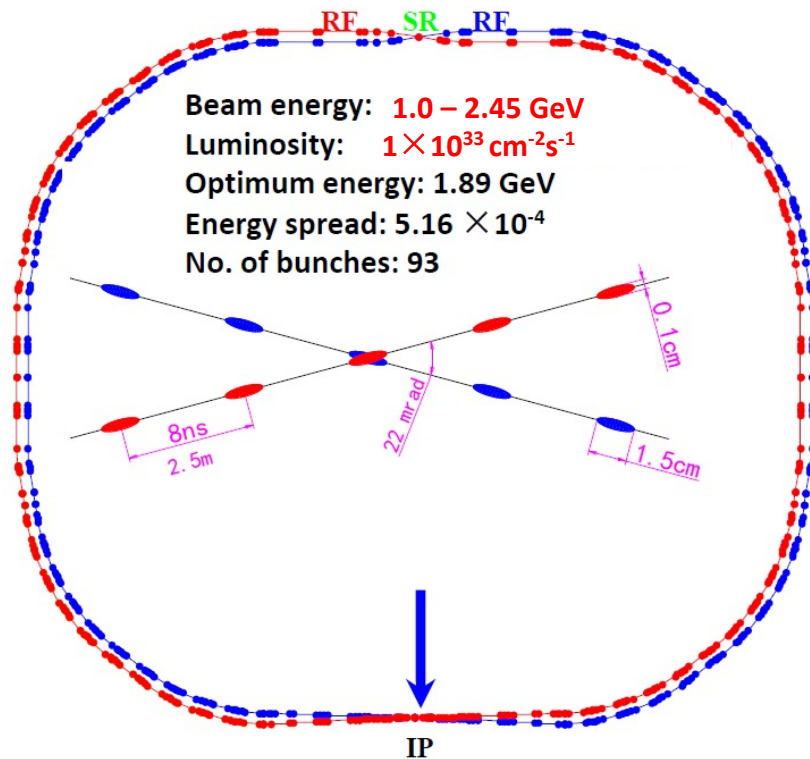
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 - Search for $\eta^{(\prime)}$ invisible decays in $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi \eta^{(\prime)}$
 - Search for ω and ϕ invisible decays with $J/\psi \rightarrow V(\omega, \phi)\eta$
- J/ψ weak decays
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BEPCII and BESIII

Beijing Electron Positron Collider II

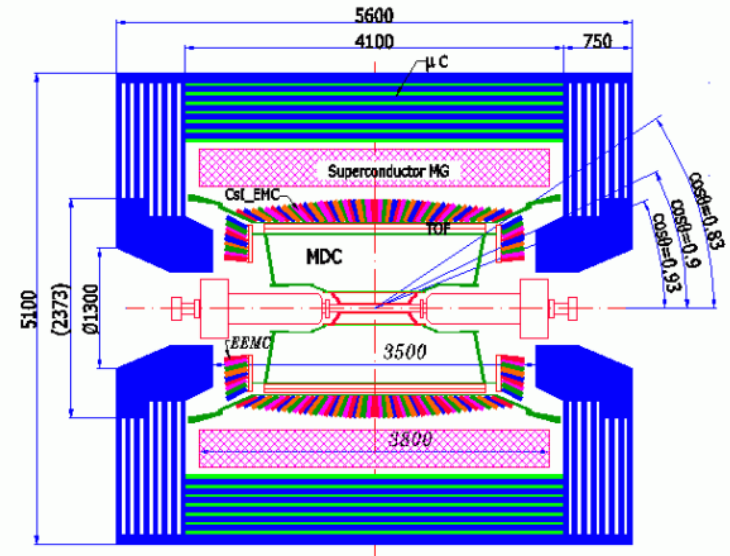


Charm Factory

BESIII Detector

MDC: p 0.5% @ 1GeV/c
 dE/dx: 6%

EMC: CsI (TI) 2.5% (5.0%)
 barrel (endcap) @ 1GeV



TOF: $\sigma T = 68(65)$ ps
 barrel (endcap)

MUC: RPC 9 (8) layers
 barrel (endcap)

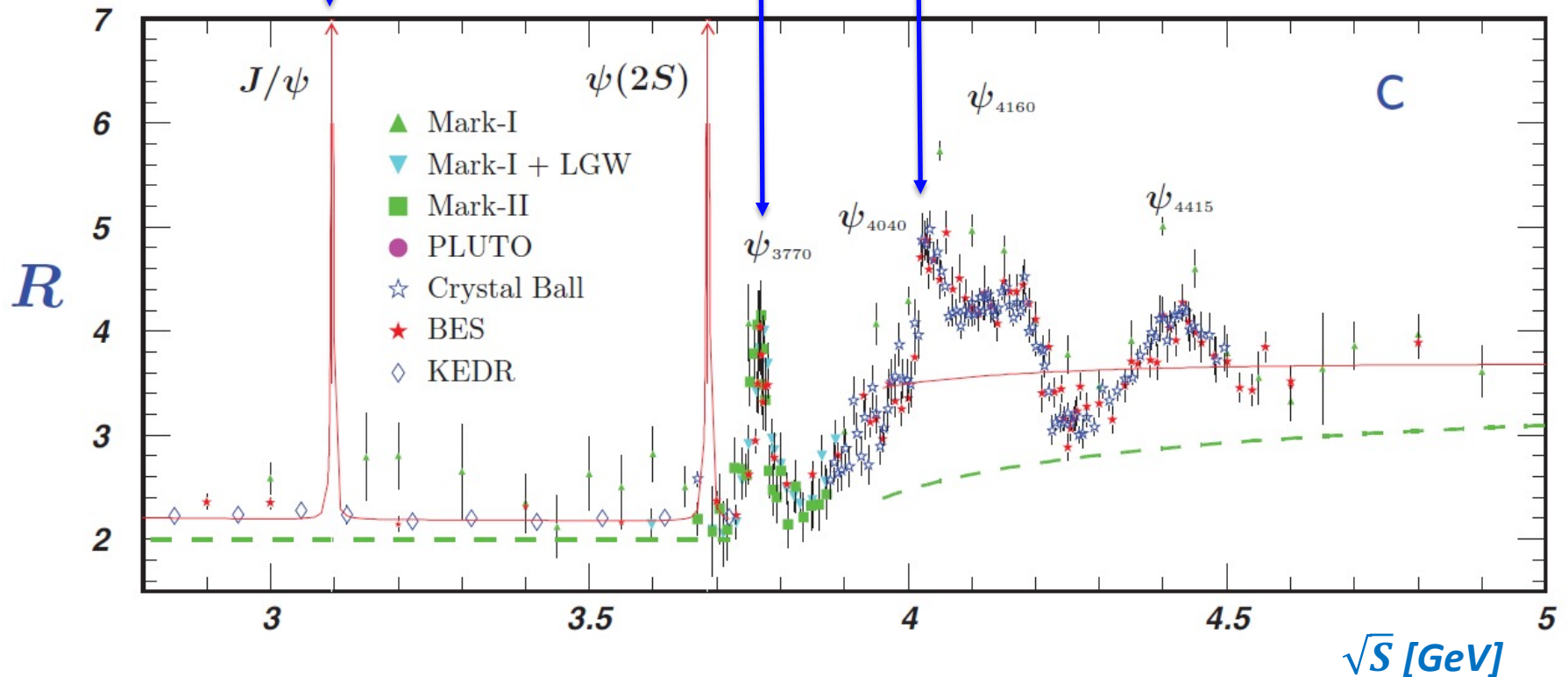
Charmonium data at BESIII

$\psi(3686)$ 3.0×10^9

$\psi(3770)$ 2.9 fb^{-1}

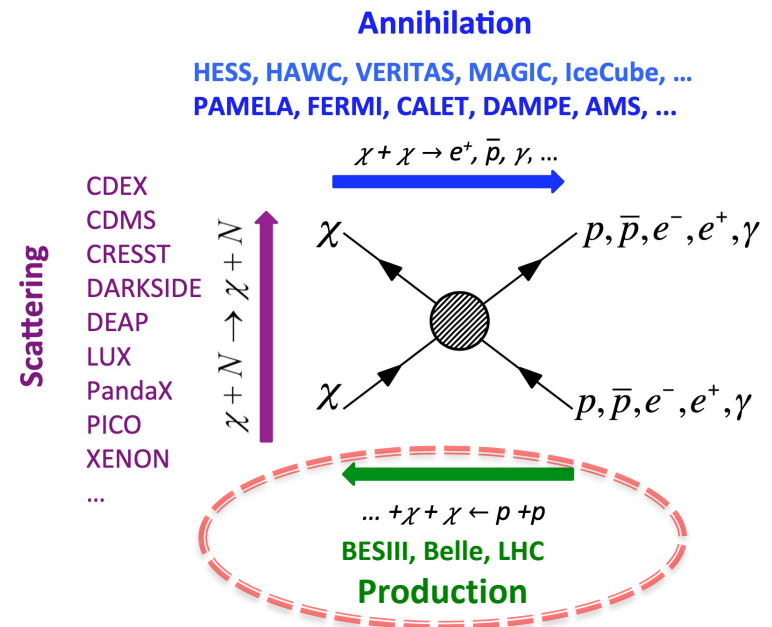
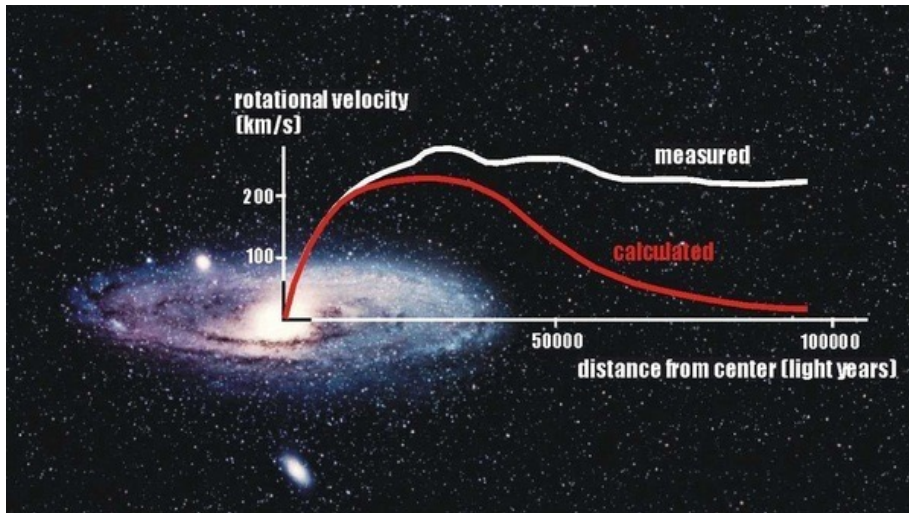
$\psi(4040)$ 0.5 fb^{-1}

J/ψ 1.0×10^{10}



Invisible decays

- Many evidences for the existence of dark matter are observed in astronomy. But no evidence from the collider experiments.
- Search for invisible decays at colliders is one way to search for dark matter.



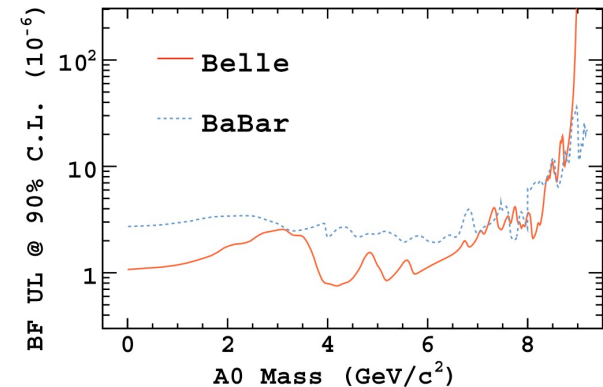
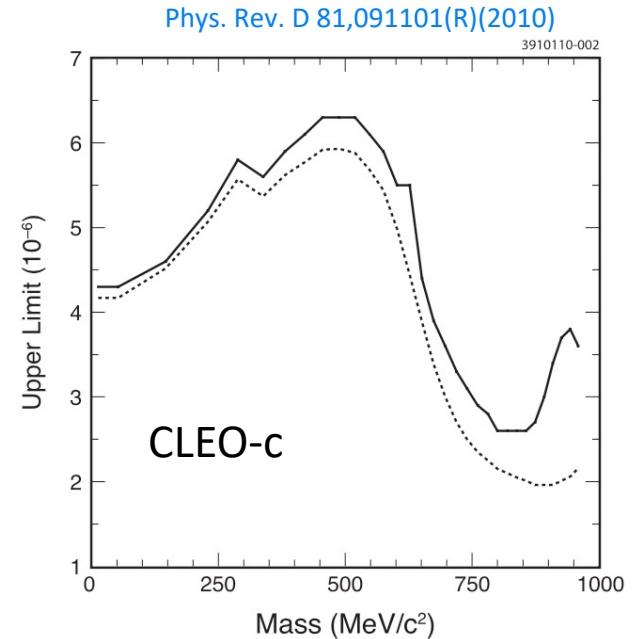
Search for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma + \text{invisible} : \text{General}$

- A series of supersymmetric models, including Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Model, predict a CP-odd pseudoscalar Higgs(A^0). The A^0 can be produced in quarkonium radiative decay :

$$\frac{B(V \rightarrow \gamma A^0)}{B(V \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \frac{G_F m_q^2 g_q^2 C_{QCD}}{2\pi\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{m_{A^0}^2}{m_V^2}\right)$$

- g_q is the Yukawa coupling of the A^0 field to the quark-pair
- $g_c = \cos \theta_A / \tan \beta$ for the charm quark
- $g_b = \cos \theta_A \tan \beta$ for the bottom quark
- $\tan \beta$ is the usual ratio of vacuum expectation values
- θ_A is the Higgs mixing angle

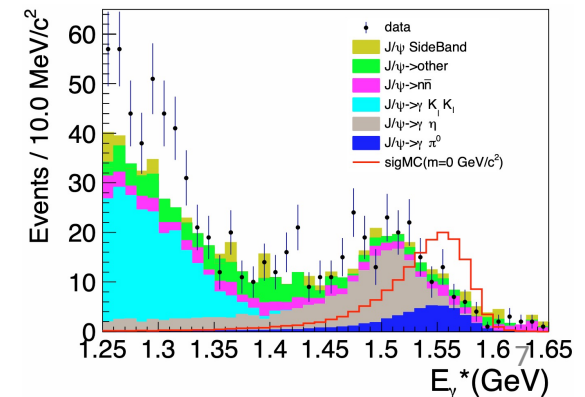
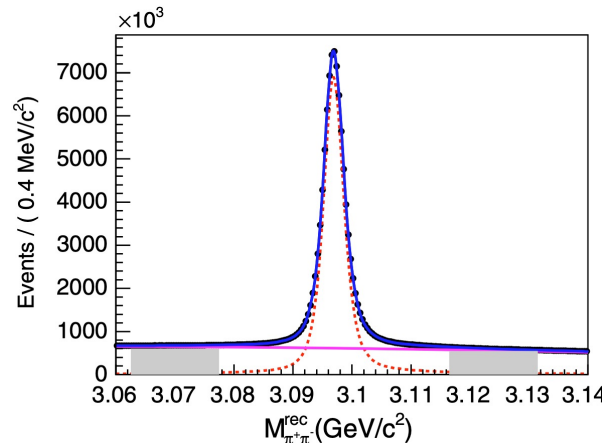
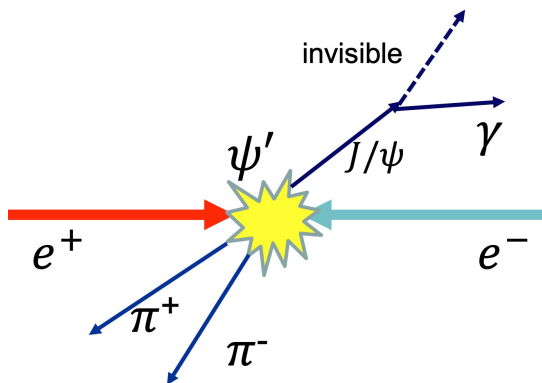
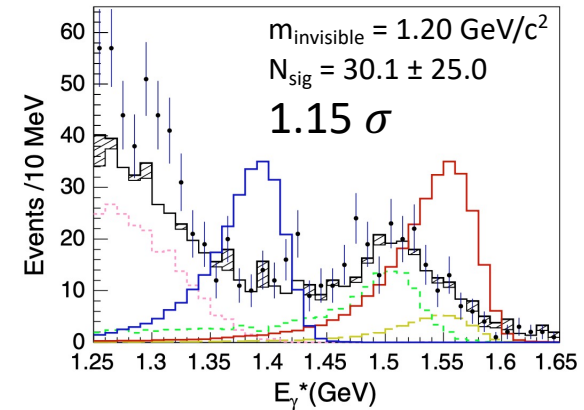
- A^0 can decay to two neutralinos, which is invisible to detector



Search for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma + \text{invisible}$: Analysis

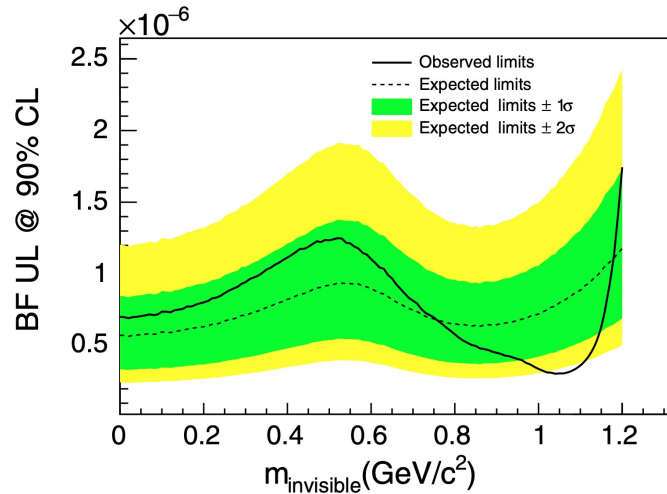
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- $4.481 \times 10^8 \psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$ is used to get J/ψ sample
- Fit the recoiling mass of $\pi^+ \pi^-$, get $8.848 \times 10^7 J/\psi$
- Search signal on E_γ^* in J/ψ rest frame in [1.25, 1.65] GeV
 - Huge background from $\gamma K_L K_L$
 - Obvious peak from $\gamma \eta, \gamma \pi^0$
- **No significant signal found**
 - Signal : signal MC shape
 - Two peak bkg : fixed Crystal Ball
 - Non-peak bkg : exponential function
 - Scan $m(\text{invisible})$ from 0 ~ 1.2 GeV/c²



Search for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma + \text{invisible}$: Result

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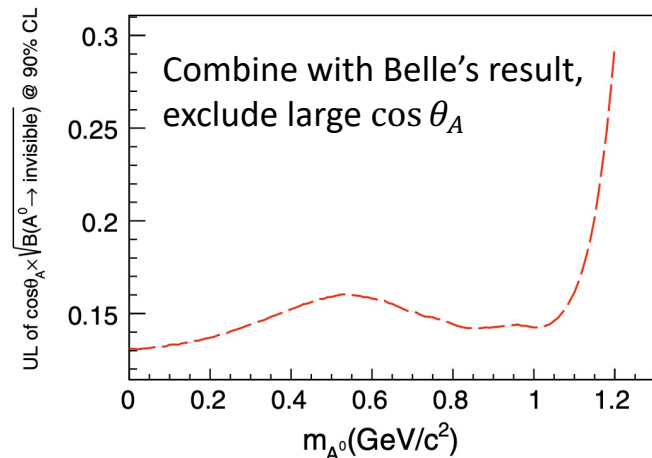
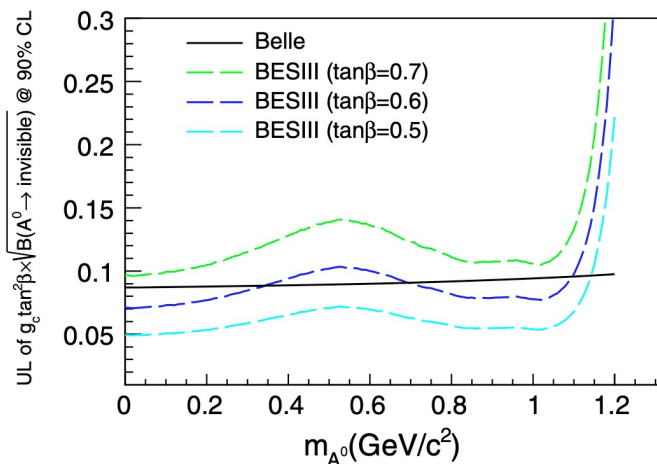


- Modified frequentist method is used to calculate upper limits @ 90% CL

- The UL for a zero mass of the invisible particle is improved by a factor 6.2 compared to CLEO-c's
- Obtain better sensitivity in the range $\tan \beta \leq 0.6$ compared to the Belle's

$$\frac{B(V \rightarrow \gamma A^0)}{B(V \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \frac{G_F m_q^2 g_q^2 C_{QCD}}{2\pi\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{m_{A^0}^2}{m_V^2}\right)$$

$$g_c = \cos \theta_A / \tan \beta, g_b = \cos \theta_A \tan \beta$$

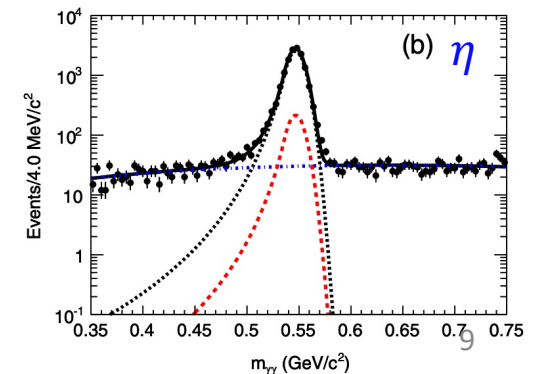
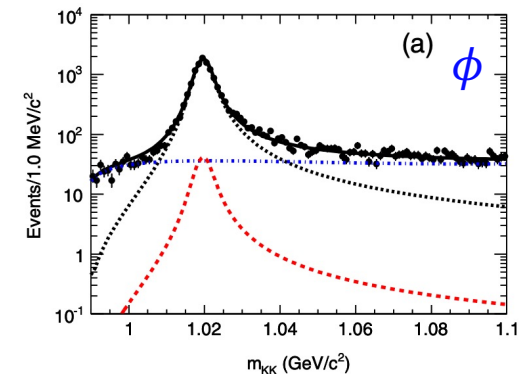
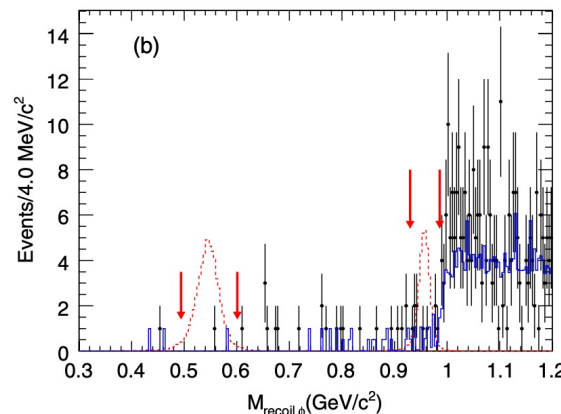
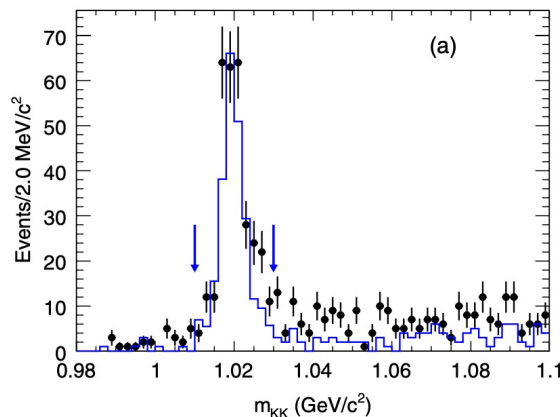


Search for $\eta^{(\prime)}$ invisible decays

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- $225.3 \times 10^6 J/\psi \rightarrow \phi \eta^{(\prime)}$ and $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ is used to get $\eta^{(\prime)}$ sample
- No charged tracks besides those of the $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
- **No obvious signal is observed**, upper limits is set
 - $Br(\eta \rightarrow \text{invisible})/Br(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 2.58 \times 10^{-4} @ 90\% C.L.$
 - $Br(\eta' \rightarrow \text{invisible})/Br(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 2.39 \times 10^{-2} @ 90\% C.L.$
 - $Br(\eta \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 1.01 \times 10^{-4} @ 90\% C.L.$
 - $Br(\eta' \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 5.21 \times 10^{-4} @ 90\% C.L.$
- Improved PDG values

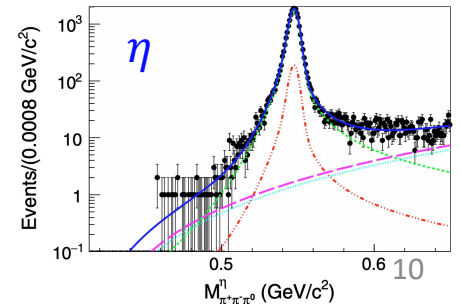
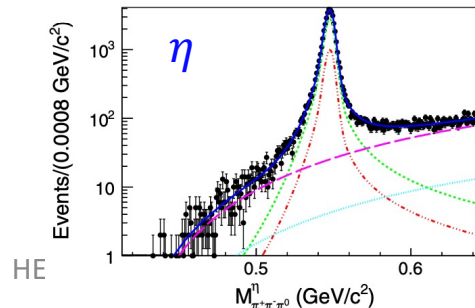
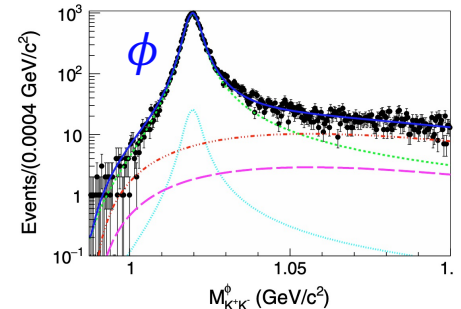
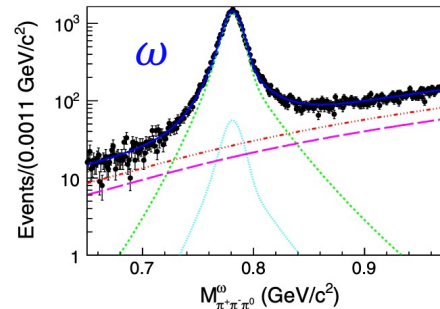
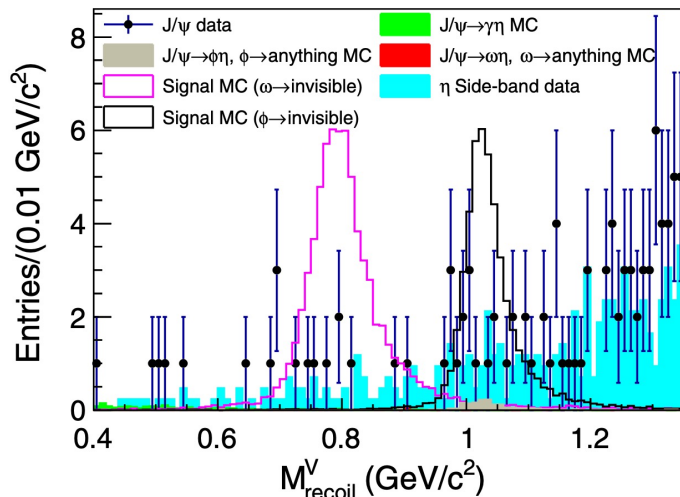
ratio to cancel uncertainty



Search for ω and ϕ invisible decays

Phys. Rev. D 98, 032001 (2018)

- $1310.6 \times 10^6 J/\psi \rightarrow V(\omega, \phi)\eta$ and $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ is used to get V sample
- No obvious signal is observed, upper limits is set
 - $Br(\omega \rightarrow \text{invisible})/Br(\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0) < 8.1 \times 10^{-5} @ 90\% C.L.$
 - $Br(\phi \rightarrow \text{invisible})/Br(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-) < 3.4 \times 10^{-4} @ 90\% C.L.$
 - $Br(\omega \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 7.3 \times 10^{-5} @ 90\% C.L.$
 - $Br(\phi \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 1.7 \times 10^{-4} @ 90\% C.L.$



J/ψ weak decays

- Weak decays, due to the smallness of the strength of the weak interaction, are rare processes
- The decay rate is $\propto G_F^5 m_c^5$, which is at the order of 10^{-11}
EPJC,54:107 (2008); AHEP,2013:706543 (2013);
AHEP,2016:5071671(2016); PRD,15:1958 (1977)
- The inclusive weak decay rate of J/ψ : $Br \approx \frac{2/\tau_D}{\Gamma_{J/\psi}} \approx 10^{-8}$
PRD, 60:014011 (1999); PLB,345:483 (1995); PRD,15:1958 (1977)
- New Physics model predict that Br can be enhanced to $10^{-8} \sim 10^{-6}$
- Study of J/ψ weak decays
 - **Provide a further accurate examination of the mechanism**
 - **Probe new physics beyond the standard model**

Research status

- J/ψ weak decays at BESIII
 - Weak semi-leptonic decay
 - Hadronic decay
 - FCNC weak decay

Hadronic decay

	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$	$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$
Exp.	BESIII	BESIII
$N_{J/\psi}$	225.3×10^6	225.3×10^6
$B(90\%)$	$< 13 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$

PRD 89, 071101 (2014)

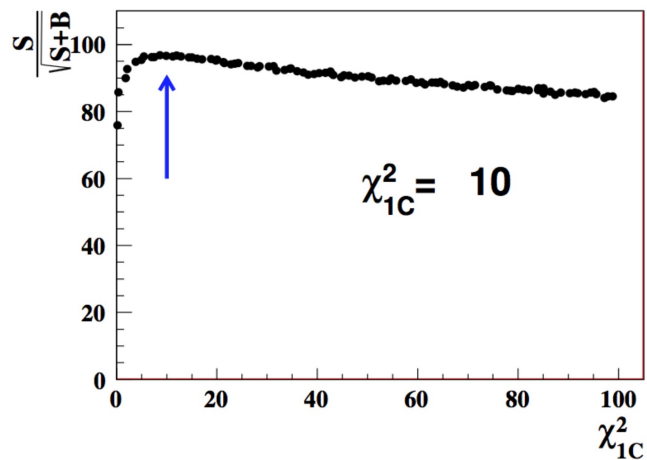
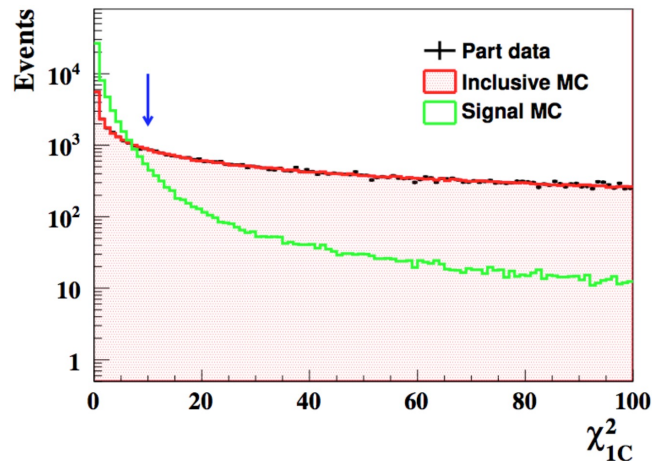
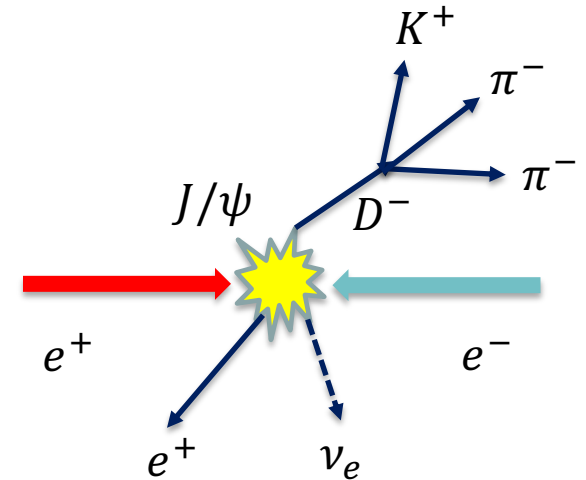
Weak semi-leptonic decay

	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e$	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^{*-} e^+ \nu_e$	$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 e^+ e^-$	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$
Exp.	BESIII	BESIII	BESIII	BESIII
$N_{J/\psi}$	225.3×10^6	225.3×10^6	1310.6×10^6	10.1×10^9
$B(90\%)$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 8.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 7.1 \times 10^{-8}$

References : PLB 639, 418 (2006); PRD 90,112014 (2014); JHEP 06, 157 (2021).

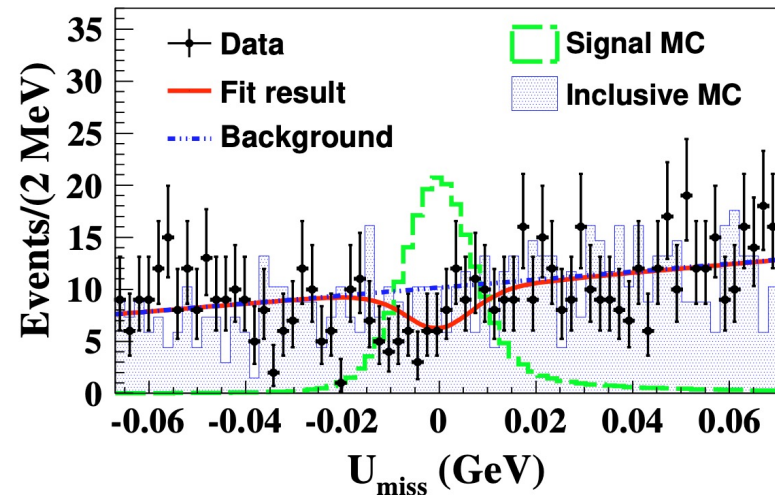
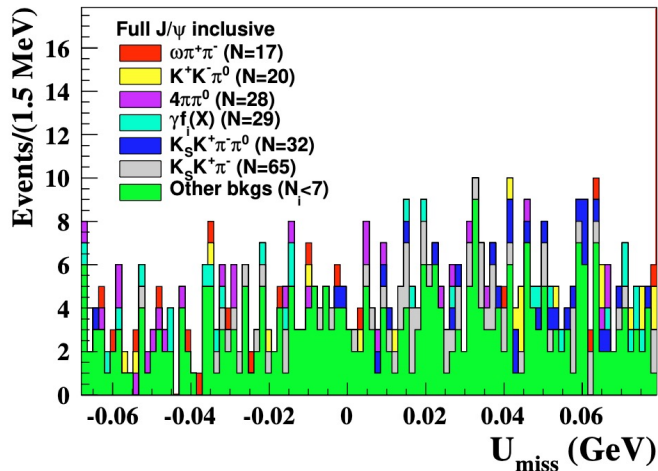
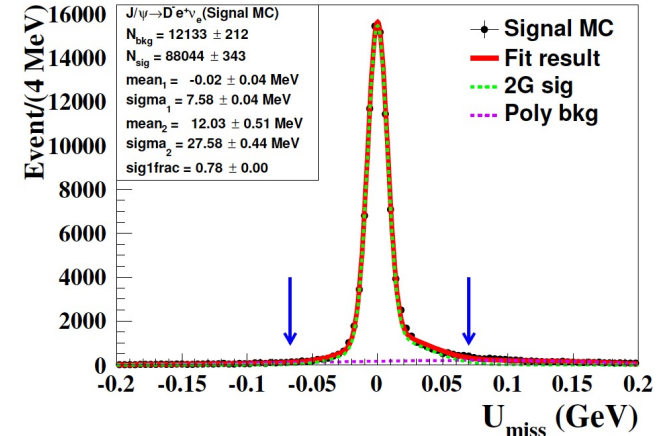
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$: Strategy

- 10 Billion J/ψ is used
- D^- is reconstructed via $K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$
- $\text{FOM} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{s+b}}$ is used to optimized cut
- Semi-blind analysis is used to avoid possible bias



$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$: Analysis

- $U_{miss} = E_{miss} - P_{miss}$ is used to find signal
 - Obviously signal events would form a peak at $U_{miss} = 0$
- Fit to the U_{miss} of signal MC to get a 3σ region as signal region
- Background
 - Gamma conversion and particle misidentification
 - No peaking background
- No excess of events is observed



$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$: Result

- Bayesian approach is used to calculate upper limits @ 90% CL

$$- Br(J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e + c.c.) < 7.1 \times 10^{-8}$$

- Improves limit by **a factor of 170**
- Most sensitive search for this decay
- Compatible with the SM predictions
- Puts a stringent constraint on the parameter spaces for different new physics models

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \propto \int_0^1 \exp\left[-\frac{(\epsilon \mathcal{B}/\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\mathcal{B}})^2}{2\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{(\epsilon - \hat{\epsilon})^2}{2\sigma_{\epsilon}^2}\right] d\epsilon$$

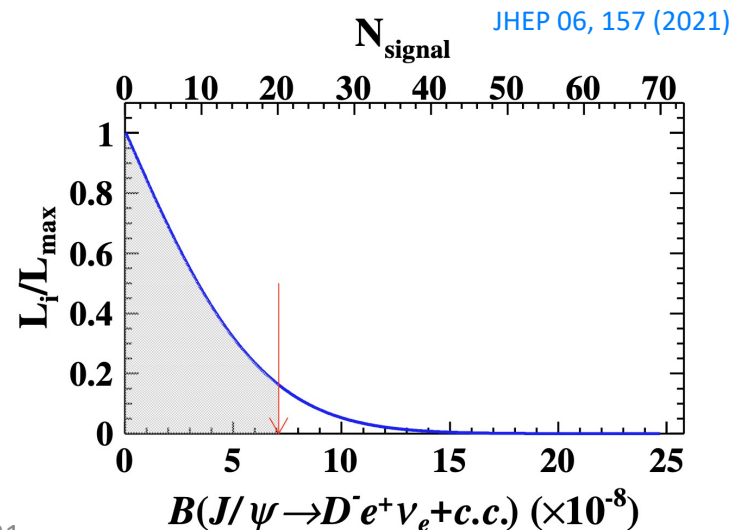
$\hat{\mathcal{B}}$: mean value of BF of Fit Line

$\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}$: statistical error of BF of Fit Line

$\hat{\epsilon}$: nominal efficiency

$\sigma_{\epsilon} = \Delta_{sys} \cdot \epsilon$: error of efficiency

Sources	Relative uncertainties
Tracking	4.0
Particle ID	4.0
Signal MC model	3.0
E_{γ}^{tot} requirement	2.1
E/p requirement	0.3
$ \vec{p}_{\text{miss}} $ requirement	0.3
BF of the $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ decay	1.7
Number of J/ψ events	0.5
Total	7.0



Summary

- Several searches about invisible decays and J/ψ weak decays have been review.
- More data in BESIII. Many ongoing invisible searches and weak decays searches. More exciting results in future.
 - $J/\psi \rightarrow \text{invisible}, D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \text{invisible}$
 - $\Lambda \rightarrow \text{invisible}, \Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p + \text{invisible}$
 - $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e, D^- u^+ \nu_u$
 - $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^0, \bar{D}^0 \rho^0, \bar{D}^0 \eta, D^- \pi^+, D^- \rho^+$
 - ψ' weak decay
 - ...

Thank you!