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Rare Charm decays at BESIII

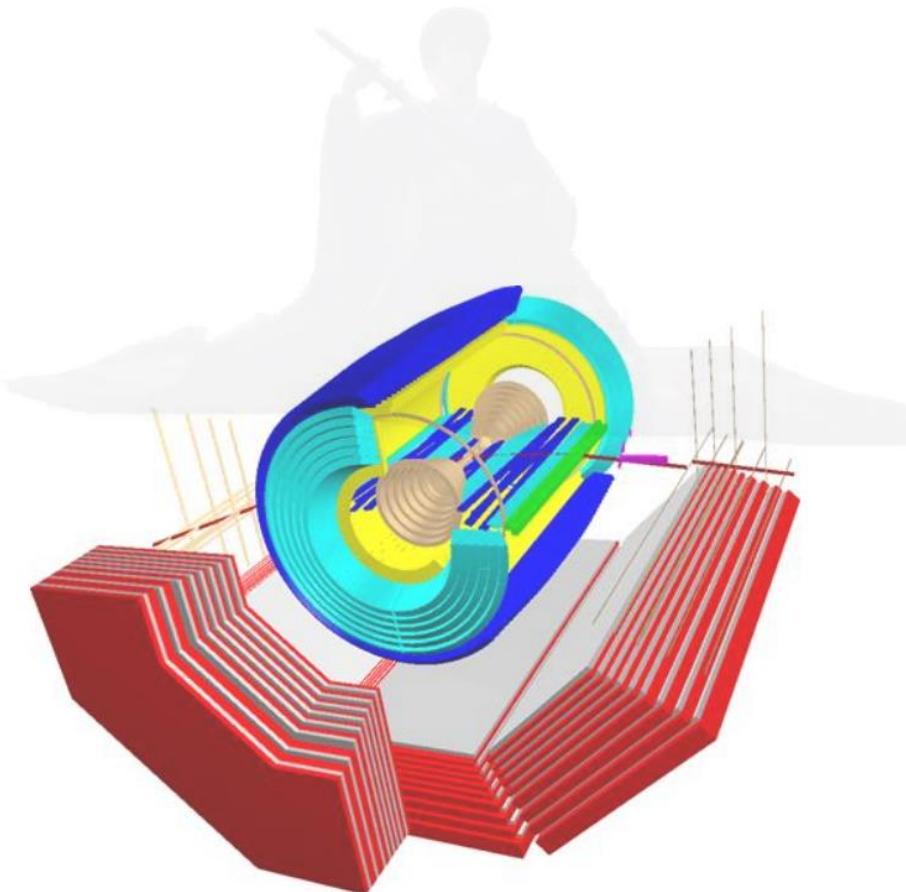
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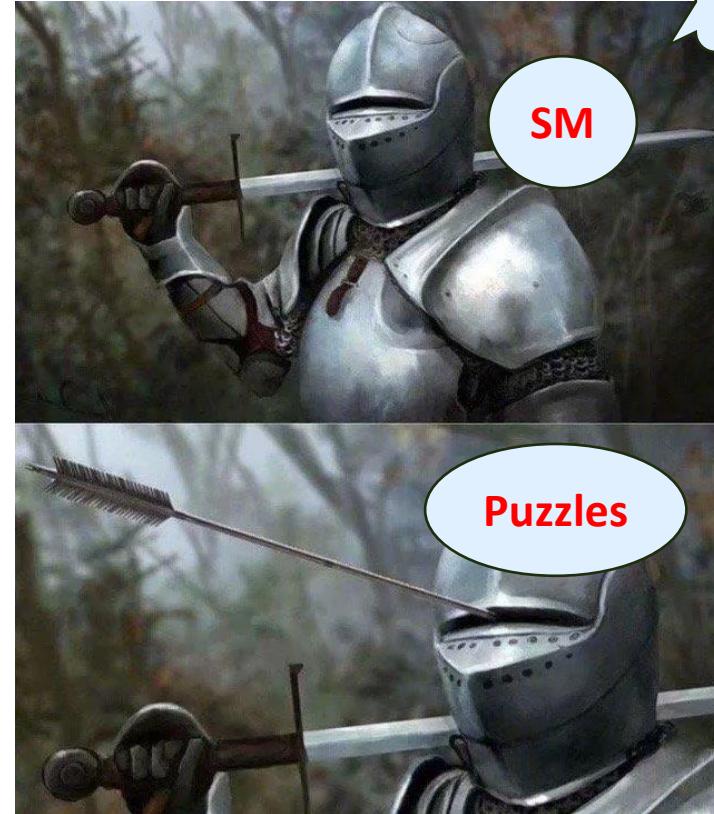
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- Introduction
- Rare decays of charm
- Exotic decays of charm
- Summary

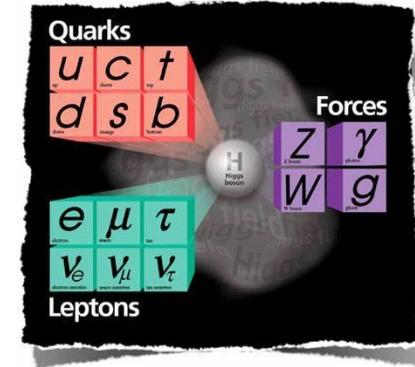




Beyond the SM (BSM)

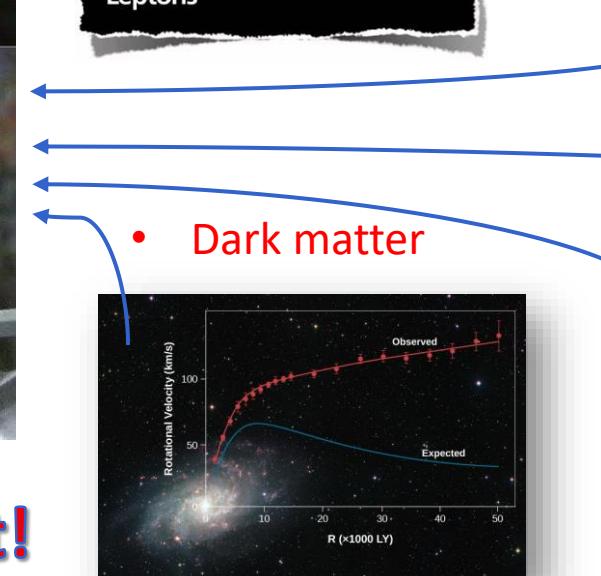


There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now.



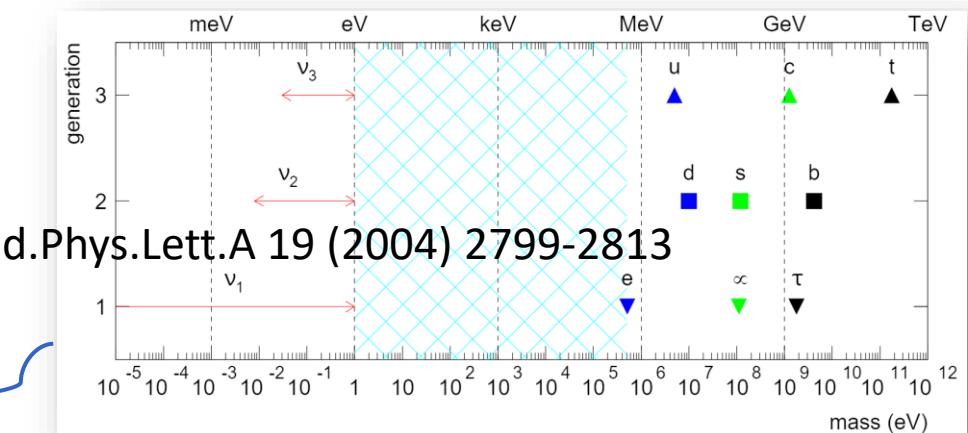
SM

Puzzles



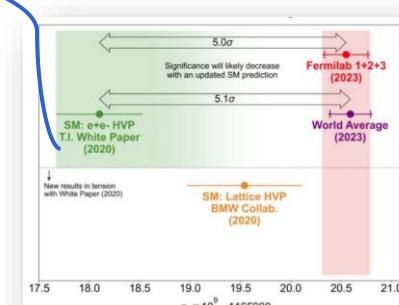
• Dark matter

• Fermion mass hierarchy

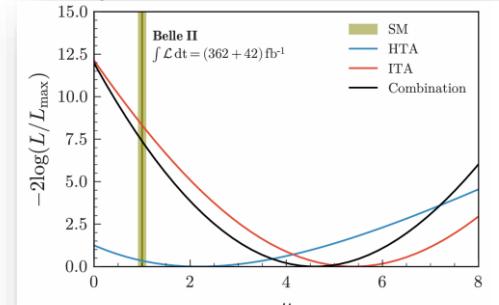


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• $g_\mu - 2$ anomaly



• $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$



Physics BSM must exist!



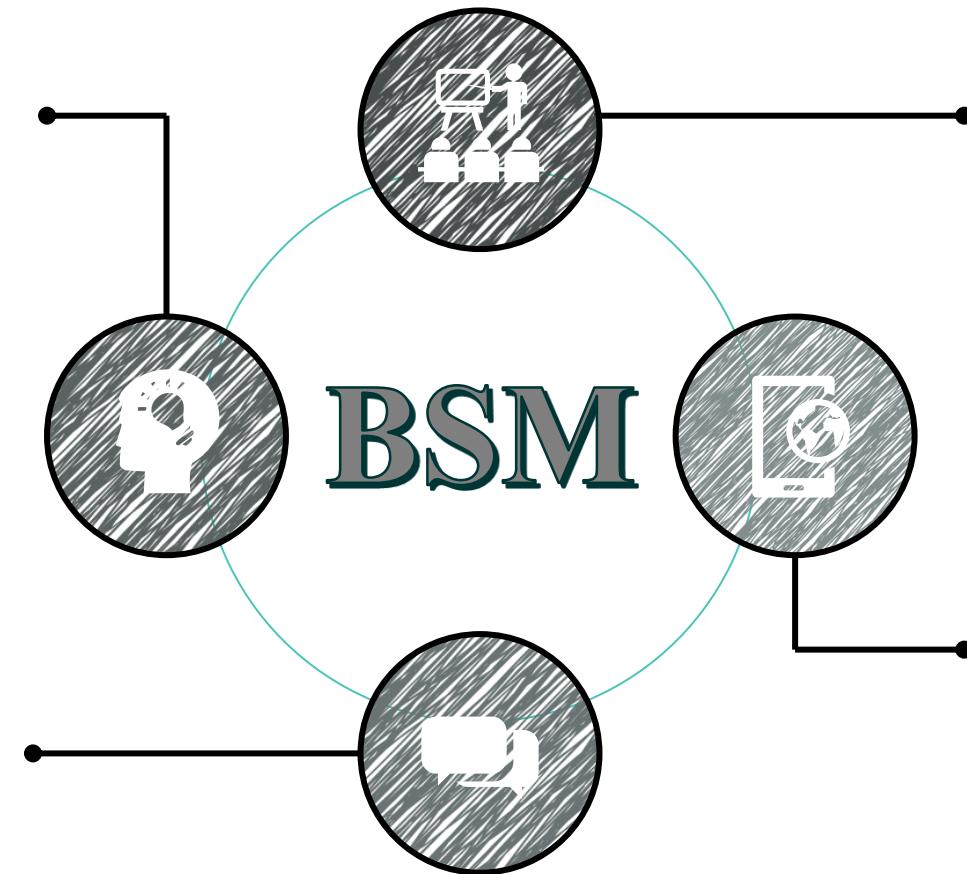
BSM searches at BESIII

Symmetry violation

- ✓ Charged Lepton Flavor Violation
- ✓ Lepton Number Violation
- ✓ Baryon Number Violation
- ✓ CP violation
- ✓ C parity violation
- ✓ ...

Very rare decay

- ✓ Charmonium weak decay
- ✓ Flavor Changing Neutral Current process
- ✓ ...



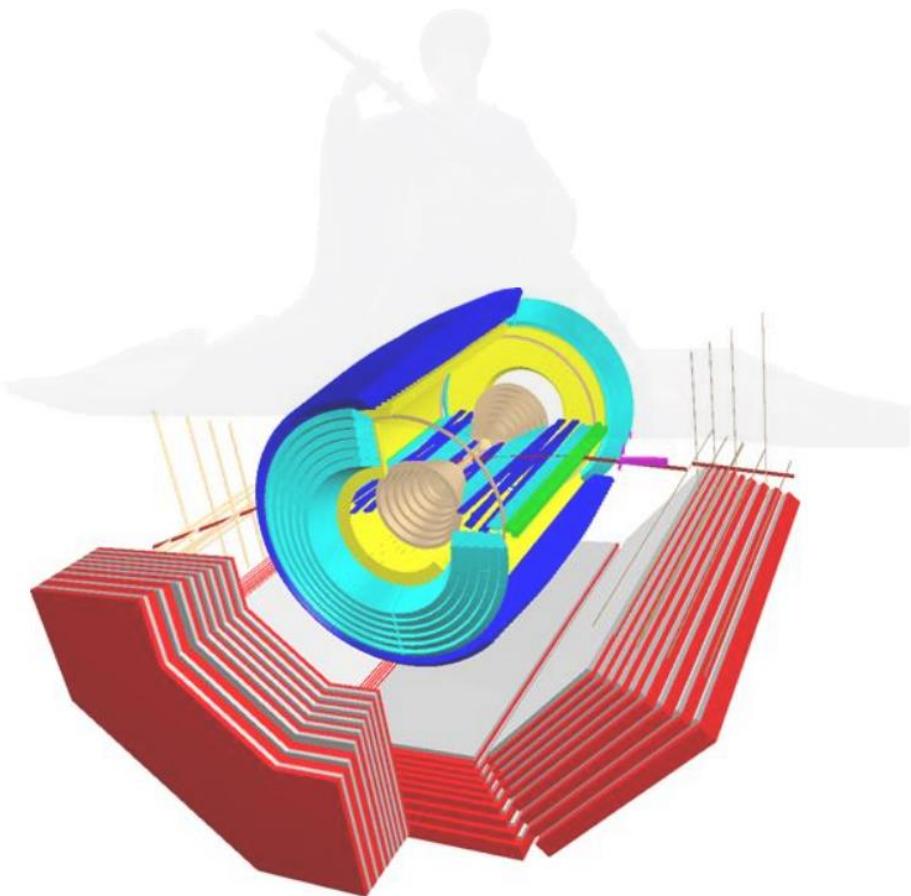
Exotic particle

- ✓ Dark photon γ'
- ✓ Axion-like particle a
- ✓ Light Higgs Z^0
- ✓ SUSY particles
- ✓ ...

Other process

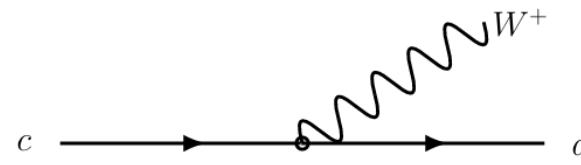
- ✓ Invisible decay
- ✓ Lepton universality test
- ✓ ...

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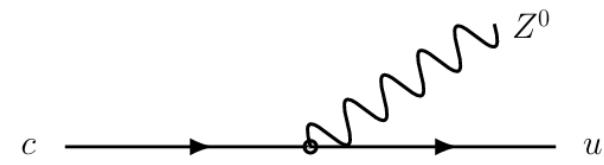




Flavor Changing Neutral Current process



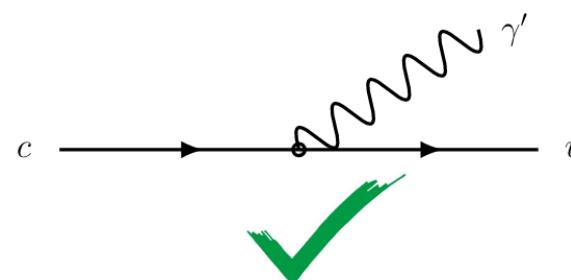
SM allowed



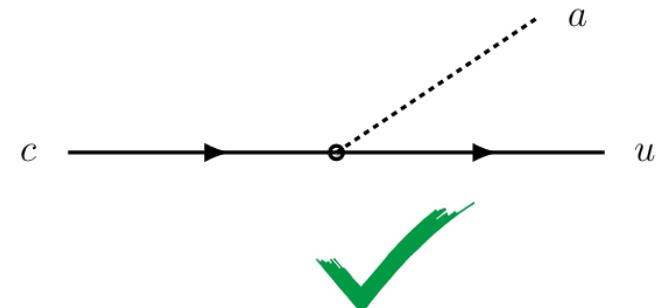
SM forbidden
(GIM mechanism)



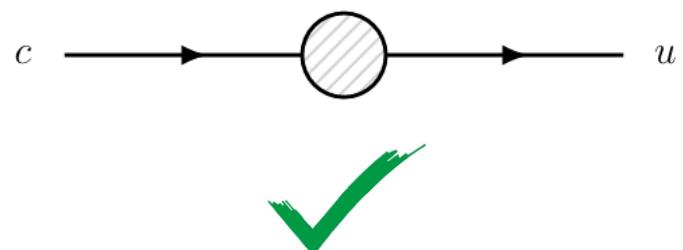
SM allowed
Loop diagram



Possible NP
Massless dark photon



Possible NP
QCD axion

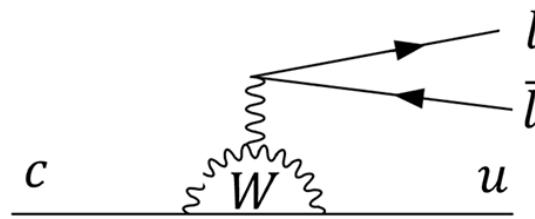


Possible NP
Loop diagram from dark sector

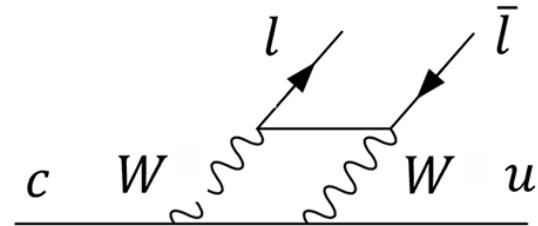


FCNC in charm decay

Usually using $D_{(s)} \rightarrow h(h') l \bar{l}$ decay to prob FCNC in charm



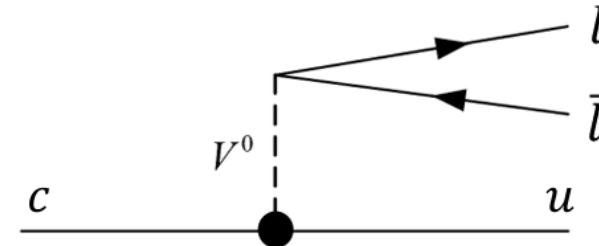
Penguin diagram



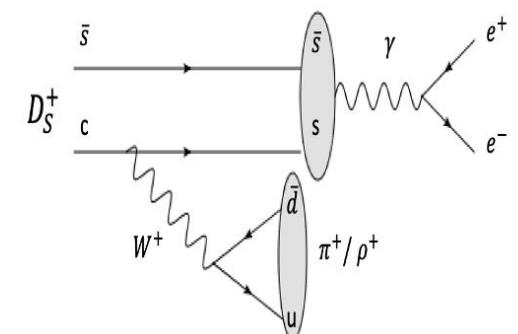
box diagram

- ✓ Short distance (**SD**) process: FCNC
- ✓ The suppression in charm decay is much stronger than B & K system
- ✓ **BF $10^{-9} \sim 10^{-15}$ in SM for D meson**
- ✓ **NP contribution can enhance the BF of FCNC**

The FCNC processes are often overshadowed by the LD effects.



- ✓ Long distance (**LD**): Non-FCNC
- Through vector meson
- **Enhance the BF up to 10^{-5}**
- **e.g.**

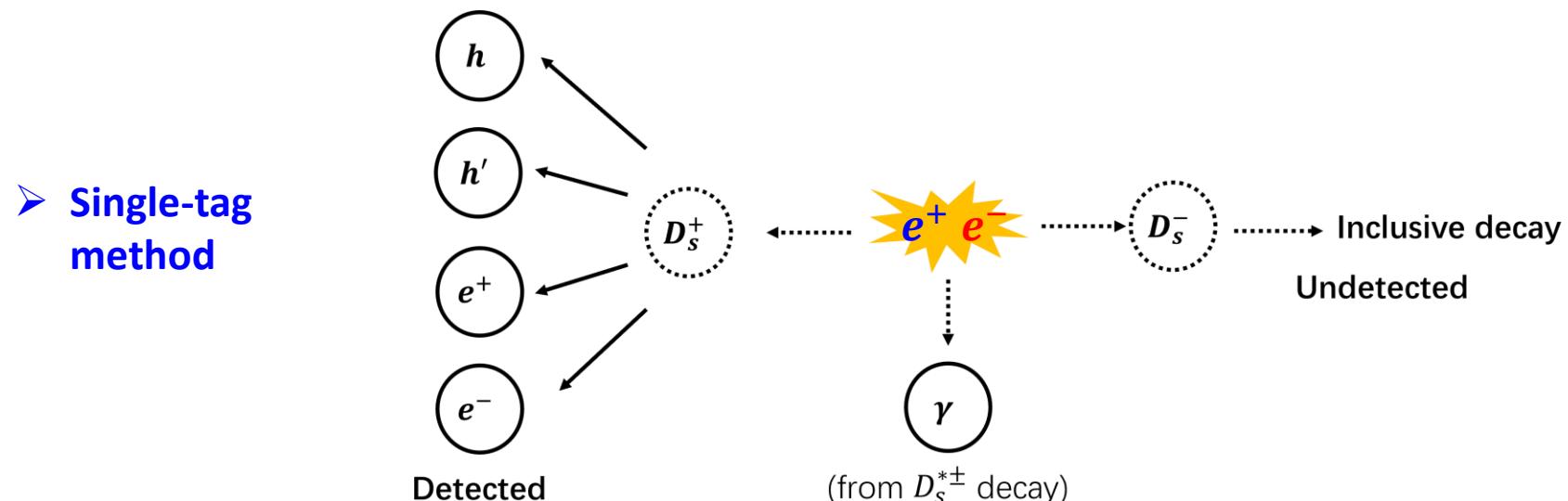




Search for $D_s^+ \rightarrow h(h')e^+e^-$ at BESIII

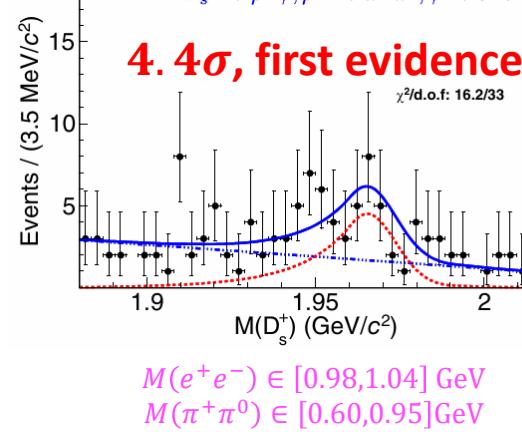
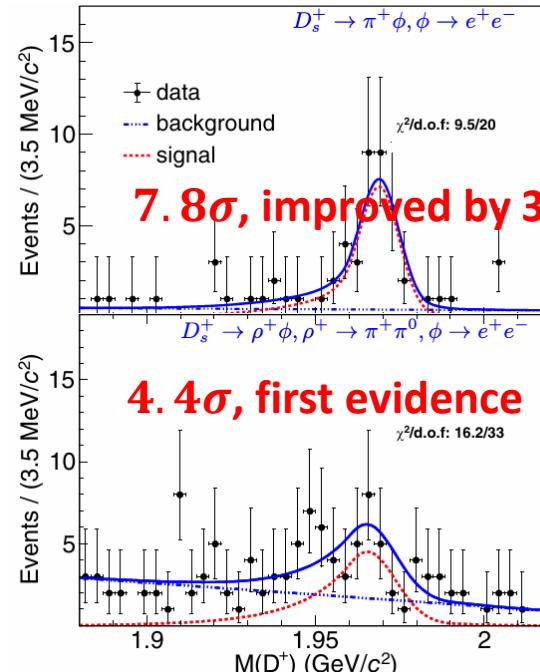
LD search	$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \phi(e^+e^-)$
	$D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+(\pi^+\pi^0)\phi(e^+e^-)$
SD (FCNC) search	$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0 e^+e^-$
	$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0 e^+e^-$
	$D_s^+ \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^+ e^+e^-$

- First search for four-body FCNC process of D_s^+
- Data set: 7.33 fb^{-1} data @ 4.128-4.226 GeV
- D_s^+ samples: mainly from $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp$
- $N_{D_s^{*\pm}D_s^\mp} = (64.72 \pm 0.28) \times 10^5$

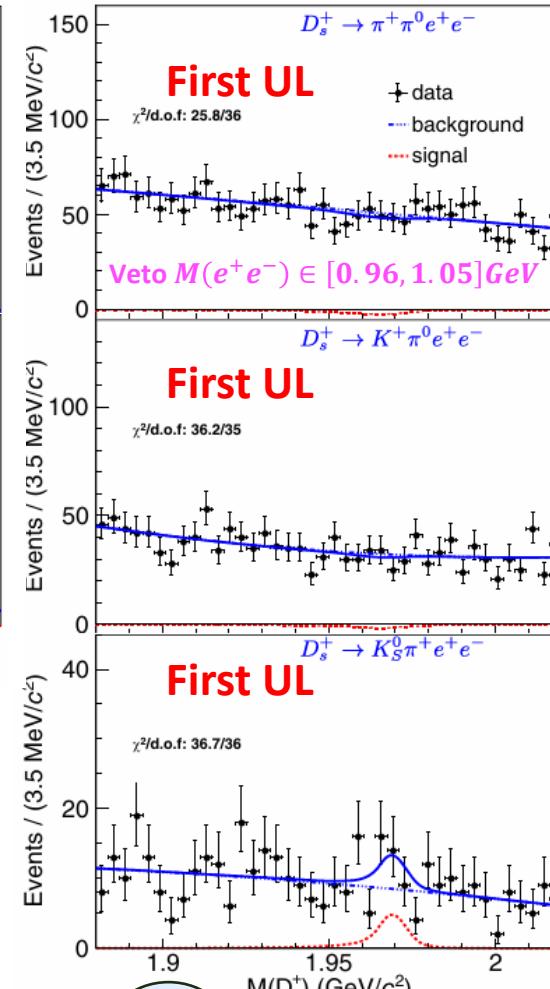




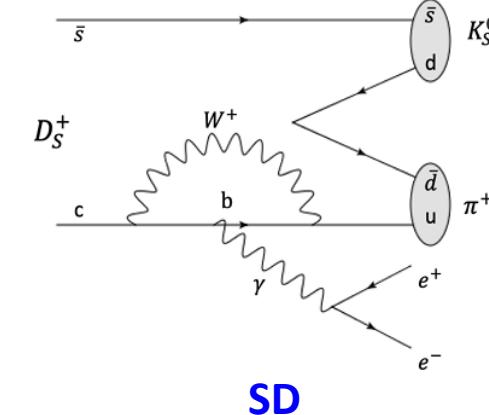
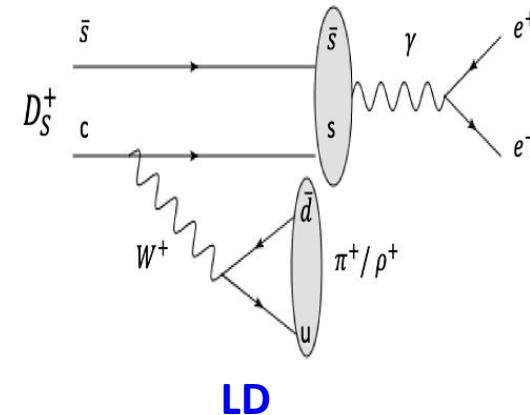
Result on $D_s^+ \rightarrow h(h') e^+ e^-$



LD



SD



Decay	N_{sig}	$\epsilon (\%)$	$\mathcal{B} (\times 10^{-5})$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \phi, \phi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$38.2^{+7.8}_{-6.8}$	25.1	$1.17^{+0.23}_{-0.21} \pm 0.03$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \phi, \phi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$37.8^{+10.3}_{-9.6}$	12.1	$2.44^{+0.67}_{-0.62} \pm 0.16$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$...	7.4	< 7.0
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$...	5.3	< 7.1
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ e^+ e^-$...	6.7	< 8.1



Charmonium weak decay

□ In the 50 years since the discovery of the J/ ψ particle, J/ ψ weak decay has never been observed

□ The inclusive J/ ψ weak decay branching fraction is predicted to be at the order of **10⁻⁸ or below in SM**

□ Some **new physics models** can enhance the BF of J/ ψ weak decay to **10⁻⁵**, e.g. Top-color model, two-Higgs doublet model

PLB 345, 483 (1995)
PLB 119, 136 (1982)
PRD 15, 1958 (1977)
PRD, 60, 014011 (1999)

□ Semi-leptonic weak decay

- $J/\psi \rightarrow D_{(s)}^{(*)-} l^+ \nu_l$
- $l = e, \mu$

□ Hadronic weak decay

- $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$
- $J/\psi \rightarrow D_{(s)}^{(*)-} \pi^+$

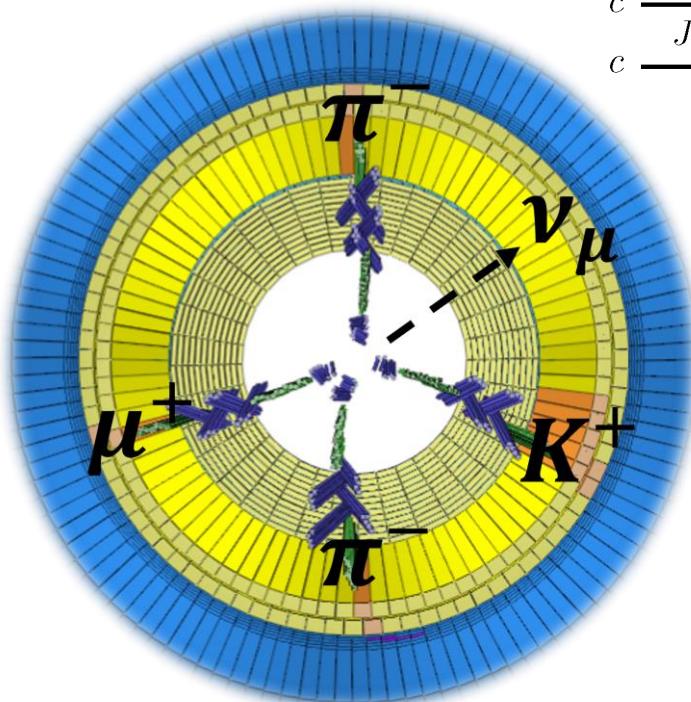
Theoretical model (SM)	QCDSR ($\times 10^{-11}$)	CLFQ ($\times 10^{-11}$)	BSW ($\times 10^{-11}$)	CCQW ($\times 10^{-11}$)	BSM ($\times 10^{-11}$)
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$	$0.73^{+0.43}_{-0.22}$	5.1 – 5.7	$6.0^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$	1.71	$2.03^{+0.29}_{-0.25}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	$0.71^{+0.42}_{-0.22}$	4.7 – 5.5	$5.8^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$	1.66	$1.98^{+0.28}_{-0.24}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e$	18^{+7}_{-5}	53 – 58	$104.0^{+9.0}_{-7.5}$	33	$36.7^{+5.2}_{-4.4}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	17^{+7}_{-5}	55 – 57	$99.3^{+9.5}_{-6.5}$	32	$35.4^{+5.0}_{-4.3}$

EPJC, 54, 107, 2008
PRD, 78:074012, 2008
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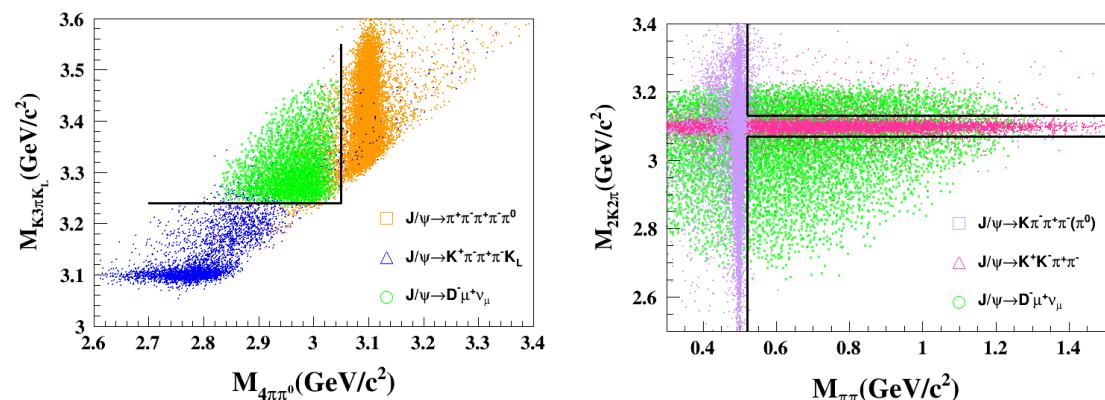
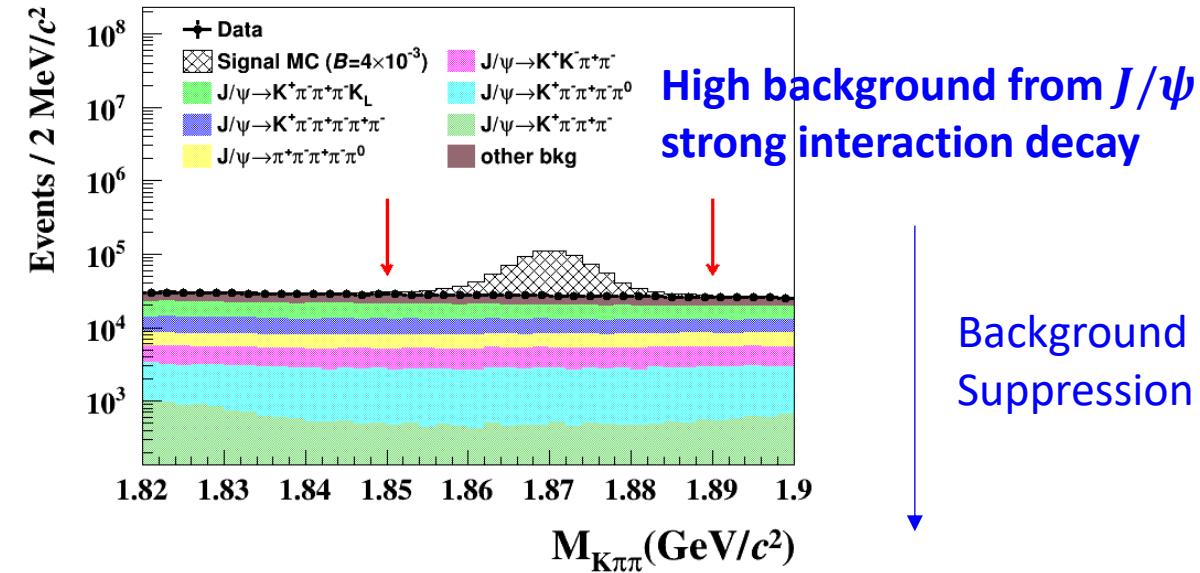
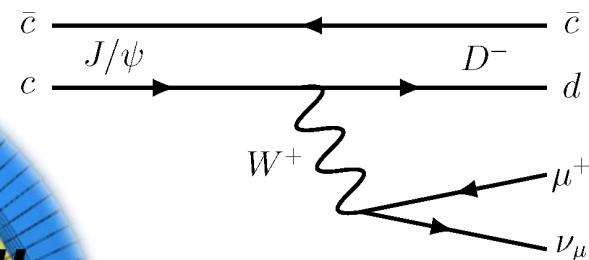


Search for $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu + c.c.$

- Data set: $(10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6 J/\psi$ events @ 3.097 GeV
- Using $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ to reconstruct D^-
- Extracting signals in $U_{miss} (= E_{miss} - c \cdot |P_{miss}|)$

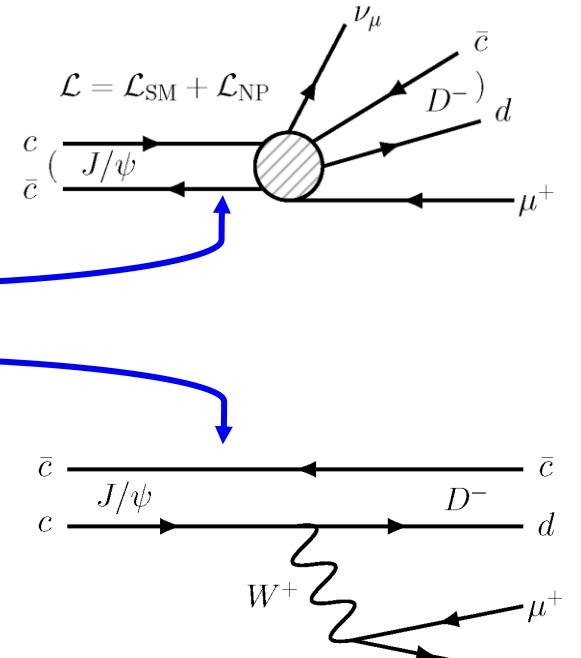
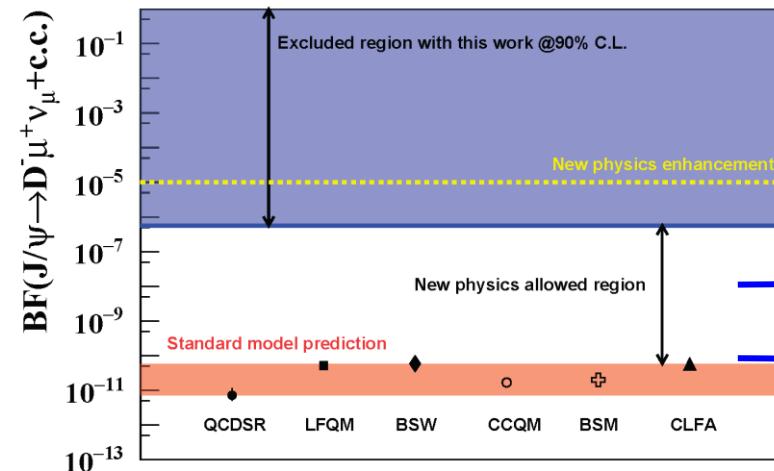
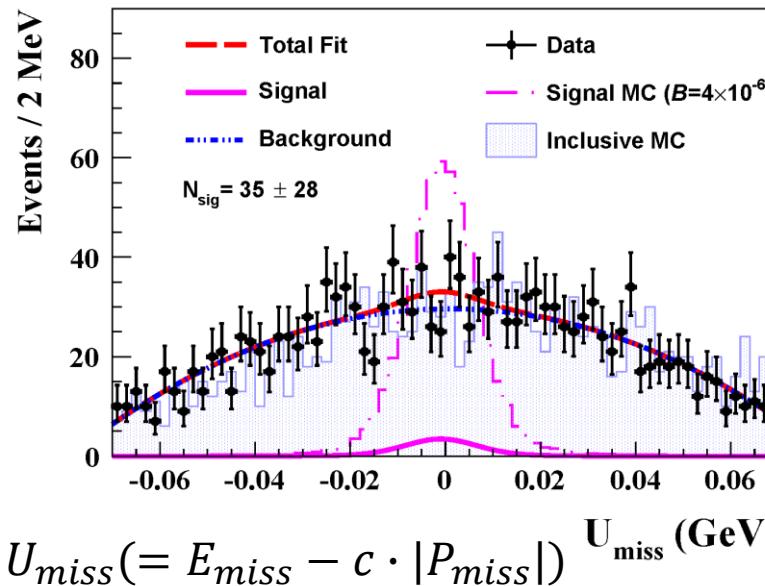


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Result on $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu + c.c.$

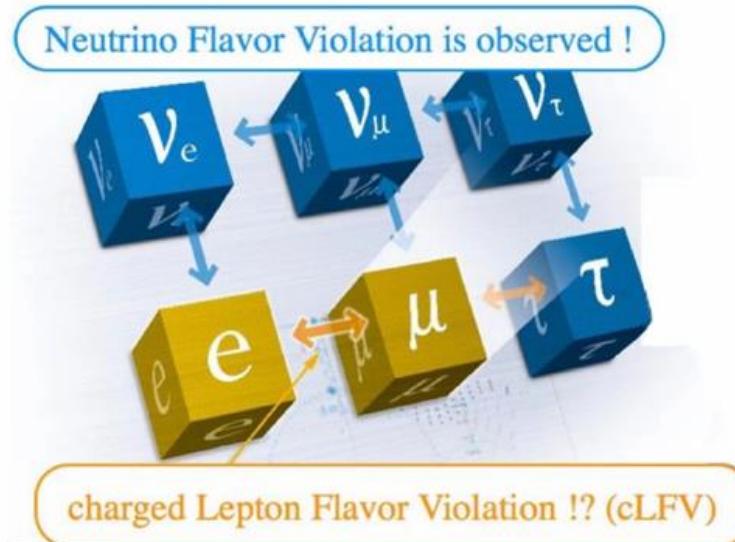


- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu + c.c.) < 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ @90% C. L.
- The first search for the charmonium semi-muonic weak decay
- SM prediction: $10^{-10} \sim 10^{-11}$

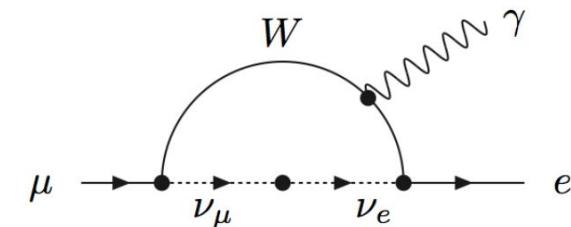
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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation



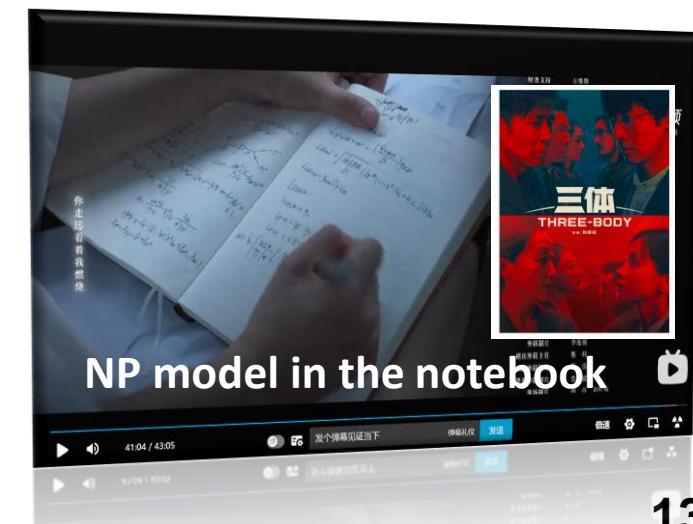
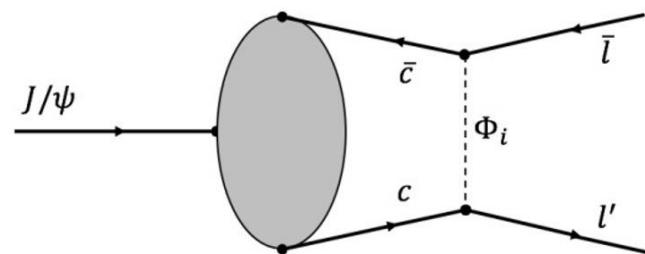
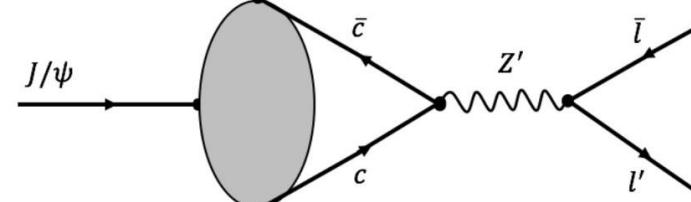
$$BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$



- ✓ Some **new physics** models can enhance the BF of CLFV to a detectable level:
 - $BF(J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu) @ 10^{-16} \sim 10^{-9}$
 - $BF(J/\psi \rightarrow e\tau) @ 10^{-10} \sim 10^{-8}$

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Rev. D 83, 115015 (2011).
Phys. Rev. D 63, 016006 (2000).

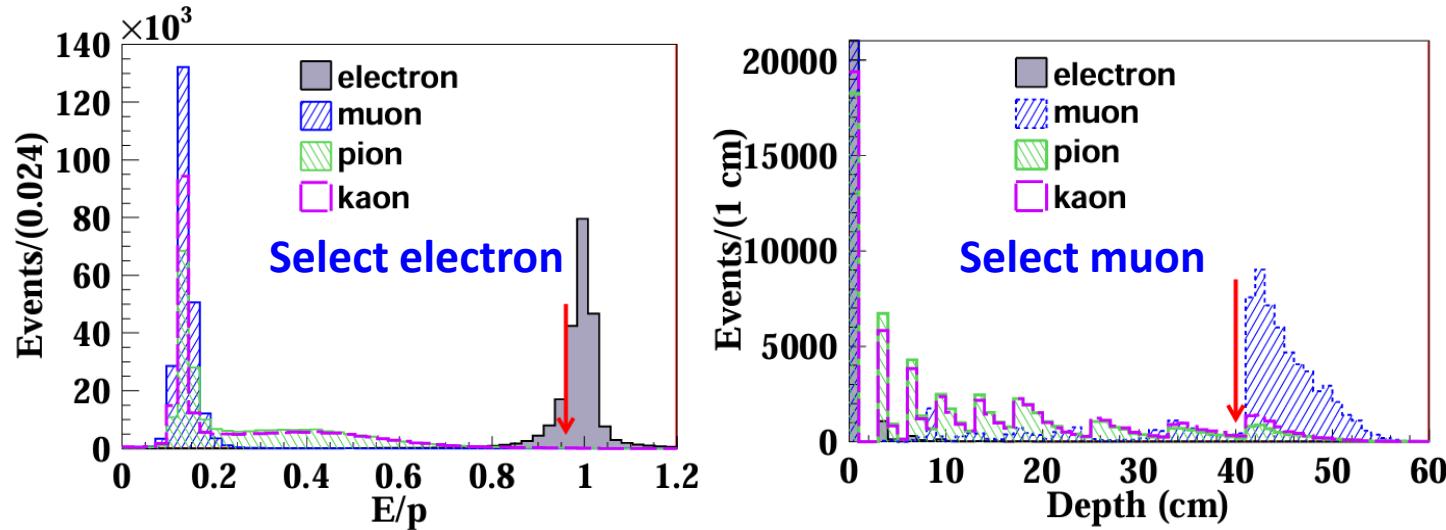
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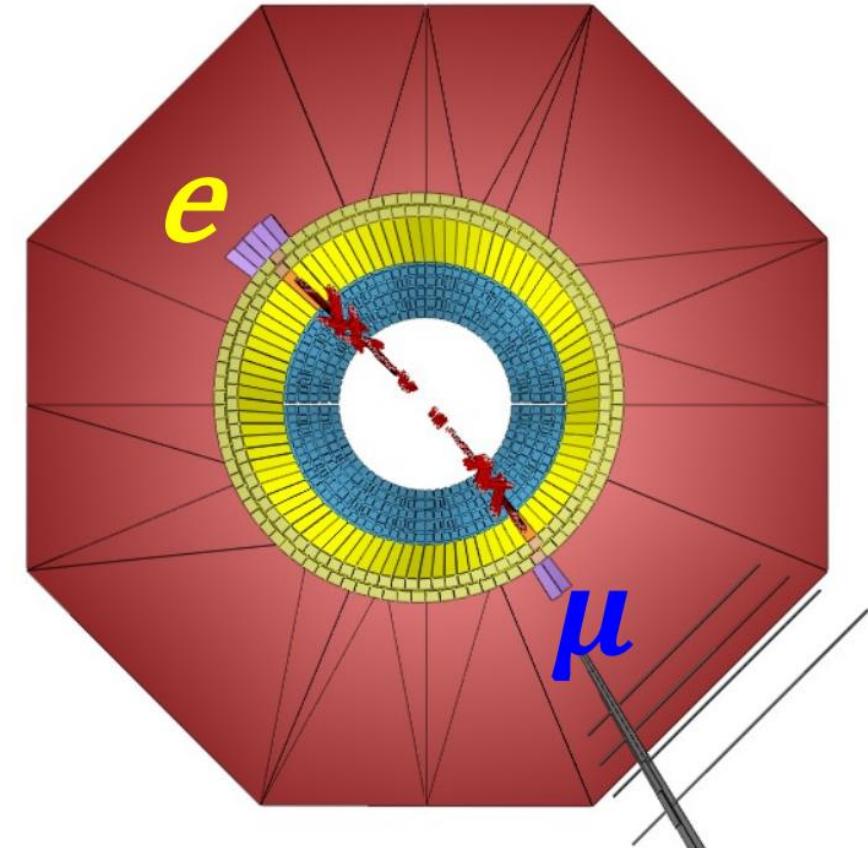


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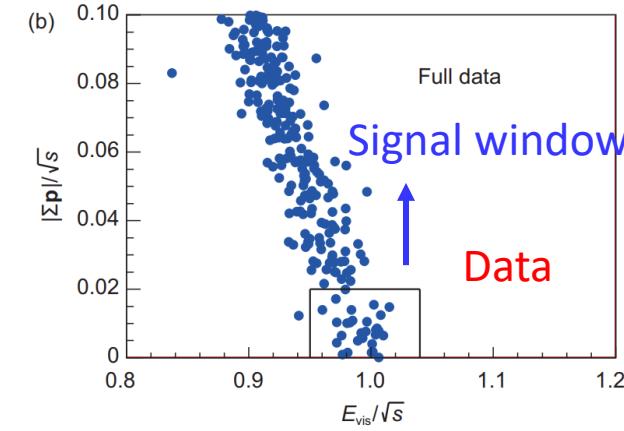
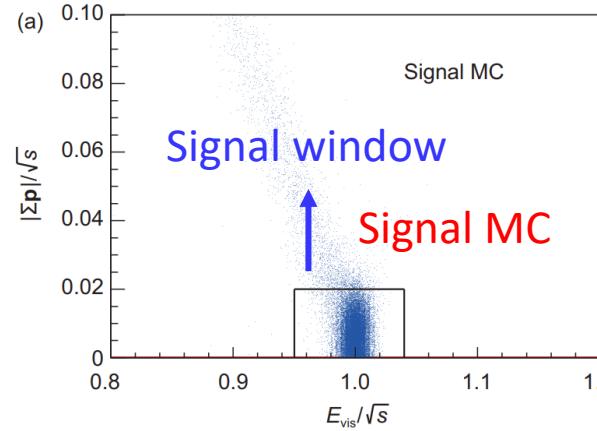
- Select an electron and a muon
- Clear background and high efficiency at BESIII



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Result on $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$



- $\sum \vec{p}$: the magnitude of the vector sum of the momenta
- E_{vis} : the total reconstructed energy of e and μ

29 candidate events are observed

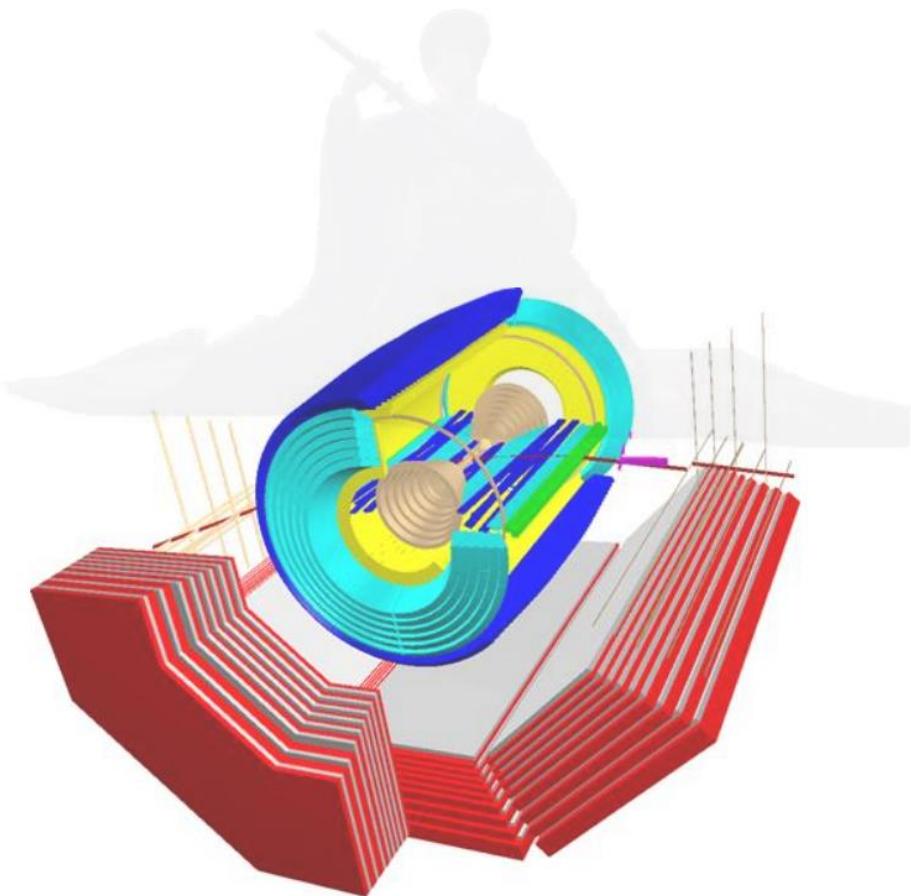
Estimated background: 36.8 ± 4.0

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu) < 4.5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ @90% C. L.}$$

- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) < 3.1 \times 10^{-13} \text{ @90 % CL}$ MEG II
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(\tau^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) < 3.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ @90 % CL}$ BABAR
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ @90 % CL}$ SINDRUM
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 2.62 \times 10^{-7} \text{ @95 % CL}$ ATLAS
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(H^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ @95 % CL}$ CMS
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ @90 % CL}$ SND
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(Y(1S) \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 3.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ @90 % CL}$ Belle
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^\pm \tau^\mp) < 7.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ @90 % CL}$ BESIII
- ❖ $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 4.5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ @90 % CL}$ BESIII
- ❖ ...

- ✓ Improves the previous published limits by a factor of more than 30
- ✓ The most precise CLFV search in heavy quarkonium

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Massless dark photon

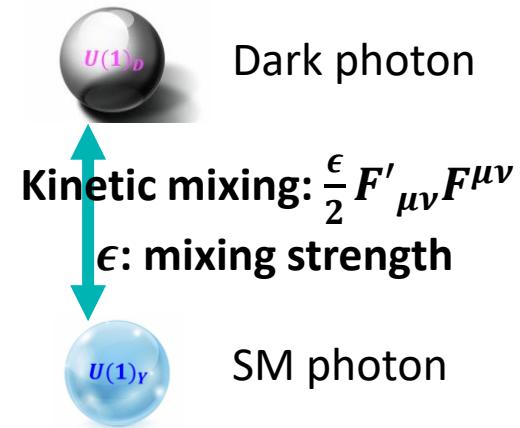
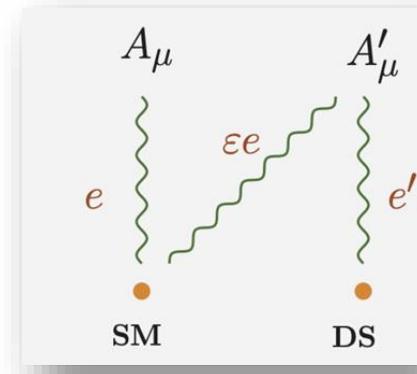
Massive dark photon

Symmetry broken spontaneously

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \epsilon A'^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L} = e J_\mu A^\mu + \underline{e \epsilon J_\mu A'^\mu} + e' J'_\mu A'^\mu$$

- Dark photon couples to the SM matter



Massless dark photon

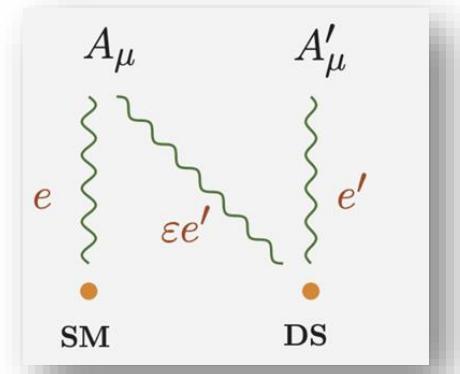
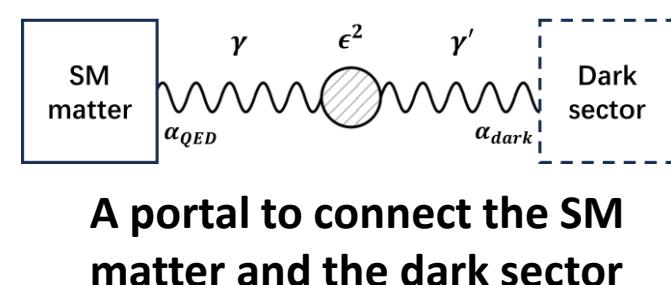
Symmetry remains unbroken

PRL 94, 151802 (2005)

$$A'^\mu \rightarrow A'^\mu + \epsilon A^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L} = e J_\mu A^\mu + \underline{e' \epsilon J'_\mu A^\mu} + e' J'_\mu A'^\mu$$

- SM photon couples to the dark sector particles

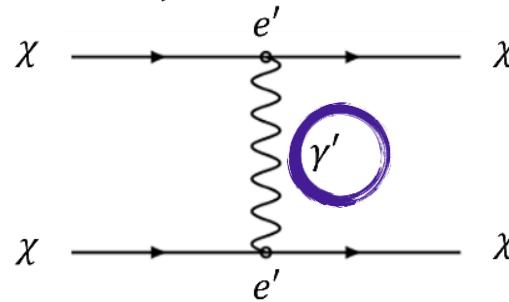


Massless dark photon has no interaction with the SM matter in the dimension-4 operator



Why we need the massless dark photon

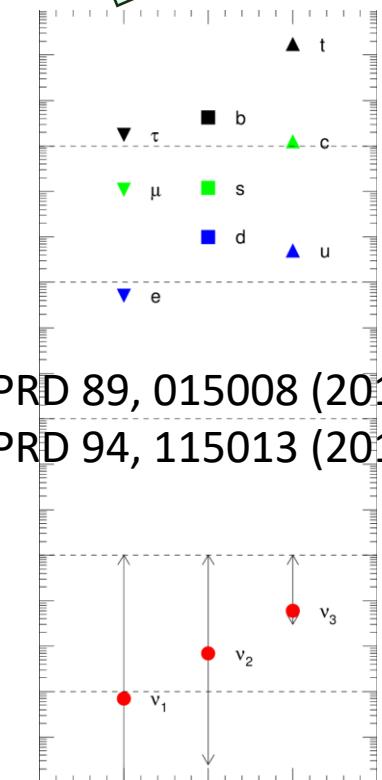
Provide a new long-range force of the DM



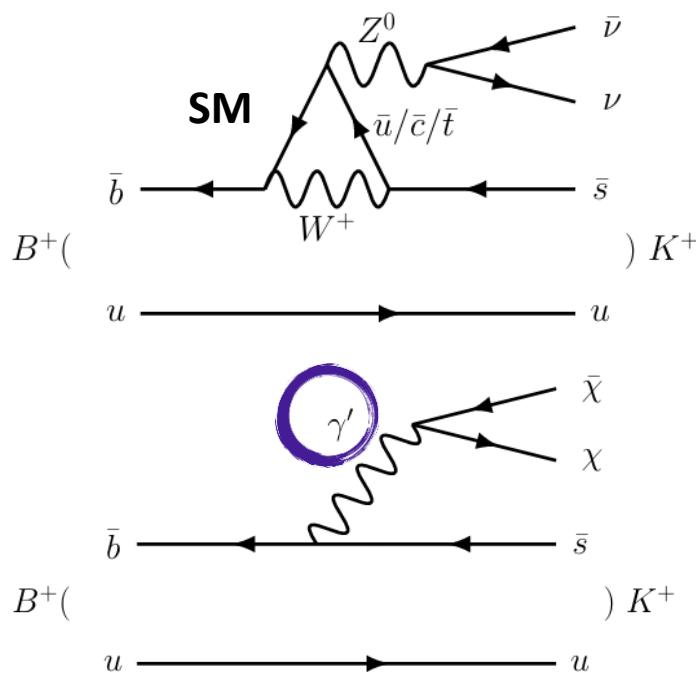
→ Explain the galaxy formation and dynamics

Phys. Rev. D 79 (2009) 023519
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Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) 8, 083009

Solution to the Fermion mass hierarchy



Explain exceeding of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu} \nu$ from Belle II



Phys. Rev. D 109 (2024) 11, 112006
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More...

- Solution to the origin of the CKM matrix structure
 - Solution to the vacuum instability problem in SM Higgs Sector
 - ...
- PRD 101 (2020) 7, 075019
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The interaction of the massless dark photon

$$\mathcal{L} = e J_\mu A^\mu + e' \epsilon J'_\mu A^\mu + e' J'_\mu A'^\mu \text{ (no interaction between } \gamma' \text{ and SM matter)}$$

PRL 94, 151802 (2005)

$$\mathcal{L}_{NP} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{NP}^2} (\mathbf{C}_{jk}^U \bar{q}_j \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_k \tilde{H} + C_{jk}^D \bar{q}_j \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_k H + C_{jk}^L \bar{l}_j \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_k H + h.c.) \bar{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

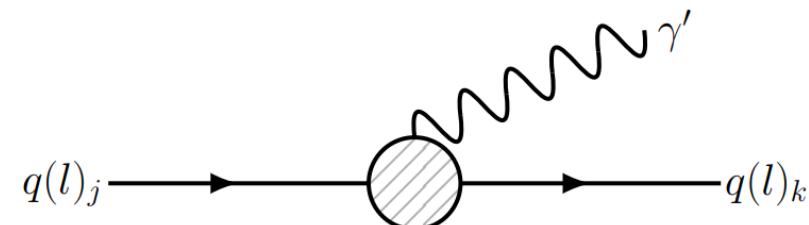
Dimension-six operator

Up type quarks
coupling

Down type quarks
coupling

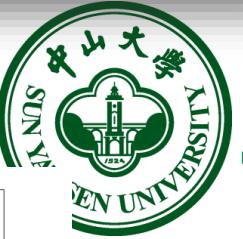
Charged leptons
coupling

Massless
dark photon



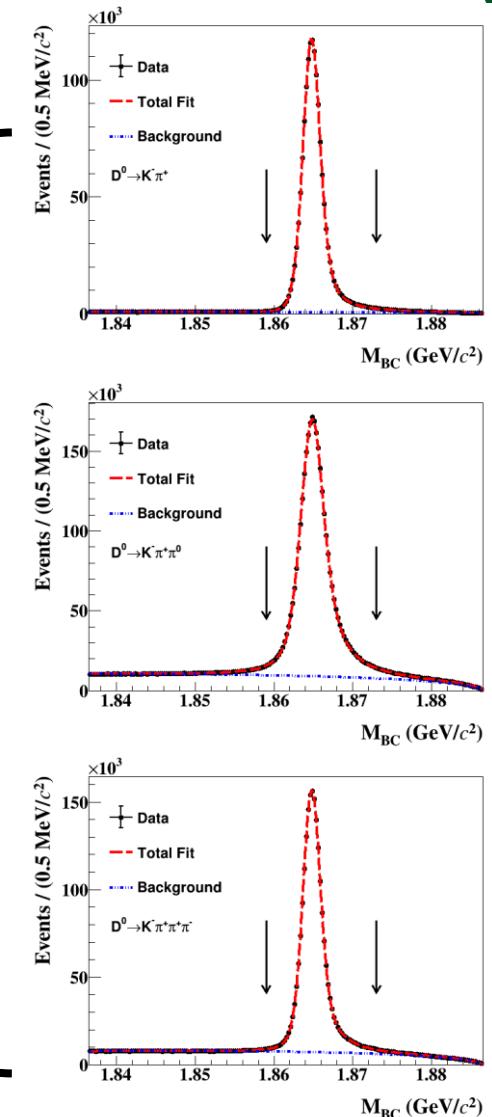
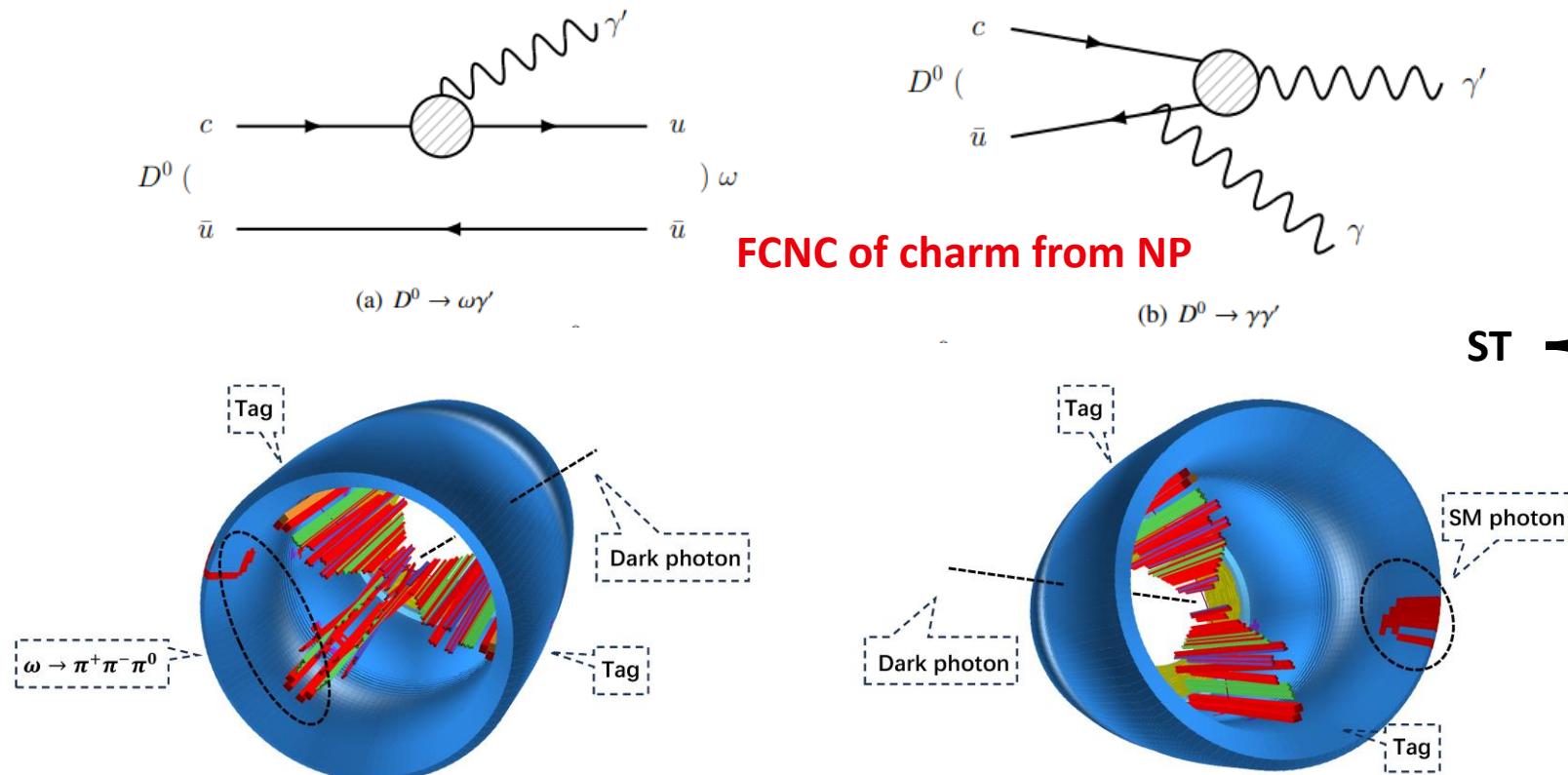
Experimental search:

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma'$
 - $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma'$
 - $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\gamma'$
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- No signal observed
 - The sensitivity still lie outside the theoretically predicted allowed region



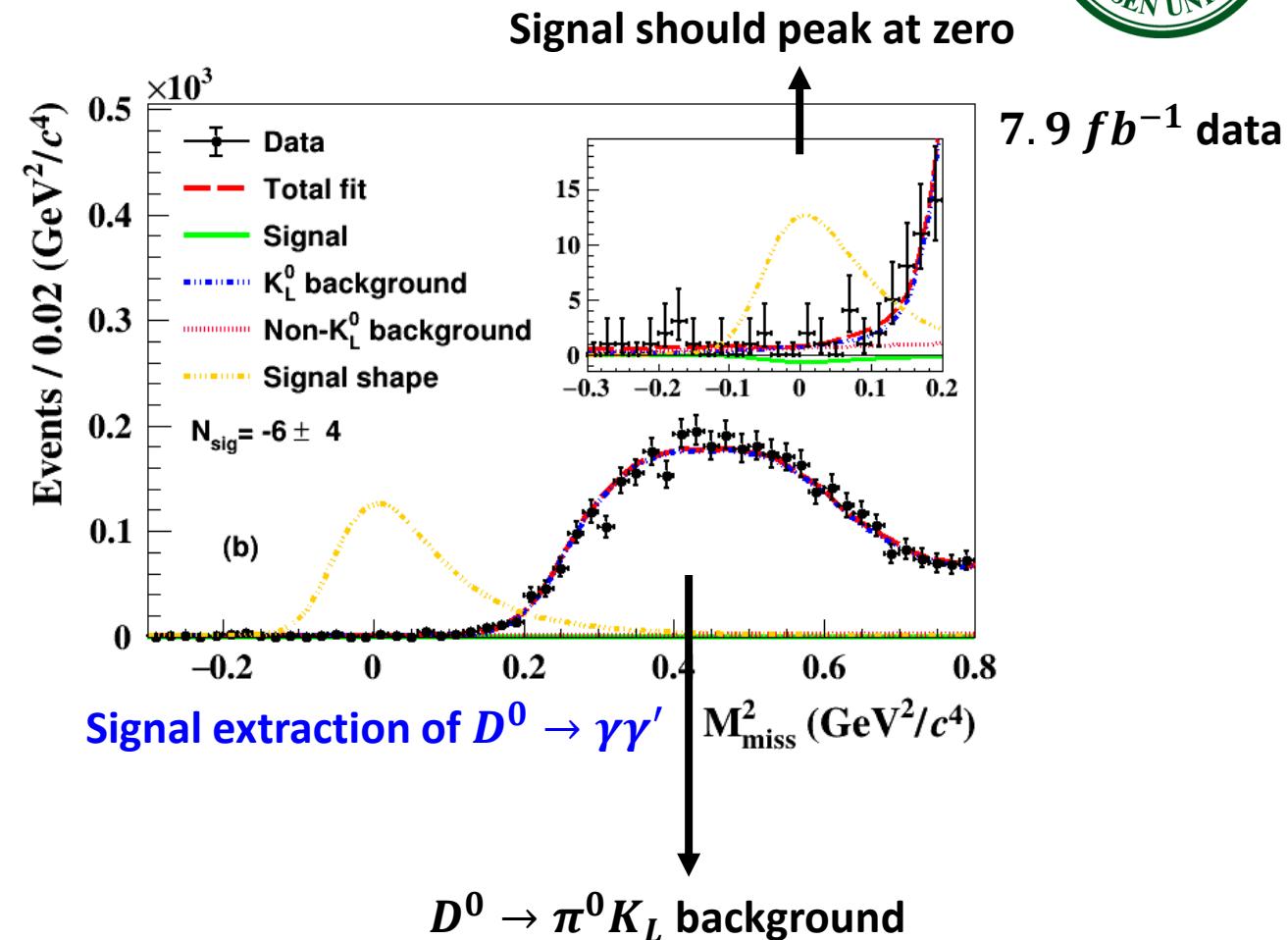
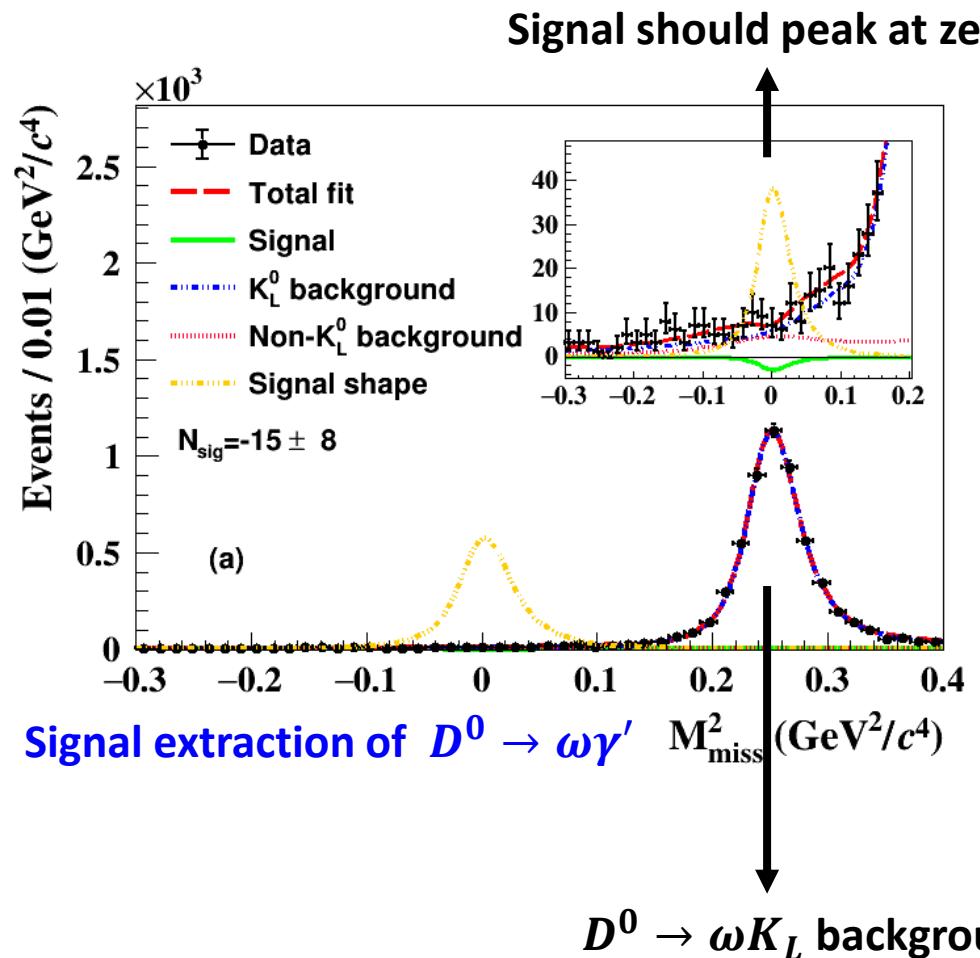
Search for $D^0 \rightarrow \omega\gamma'$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma'$

- Double tag method: $\sim 6 \times 10^6 D^0(\bar{D}^0)$ are tagged with $7.9 fb^{-1}$ data @3.77 GeV
- The massless dark photon is invisible





Signal extraction of the dark photon





Result on the massless dark photon

$$\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow V\gamma') = \frac{\tau_D f_{DV}^2 (m_D^2 - m_V^2)^3}{2\pi m_D^3} (|\mathbb{C}|^2 + |\mathbb{C}_5|^2)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \gamma\gamma') = \frac{\alpha_e}{2} \tau_D f_{D\gamma}^2 m_D^3 (|\mathbb{C}|^2 + |\mathbb{C}_5|^2)$$

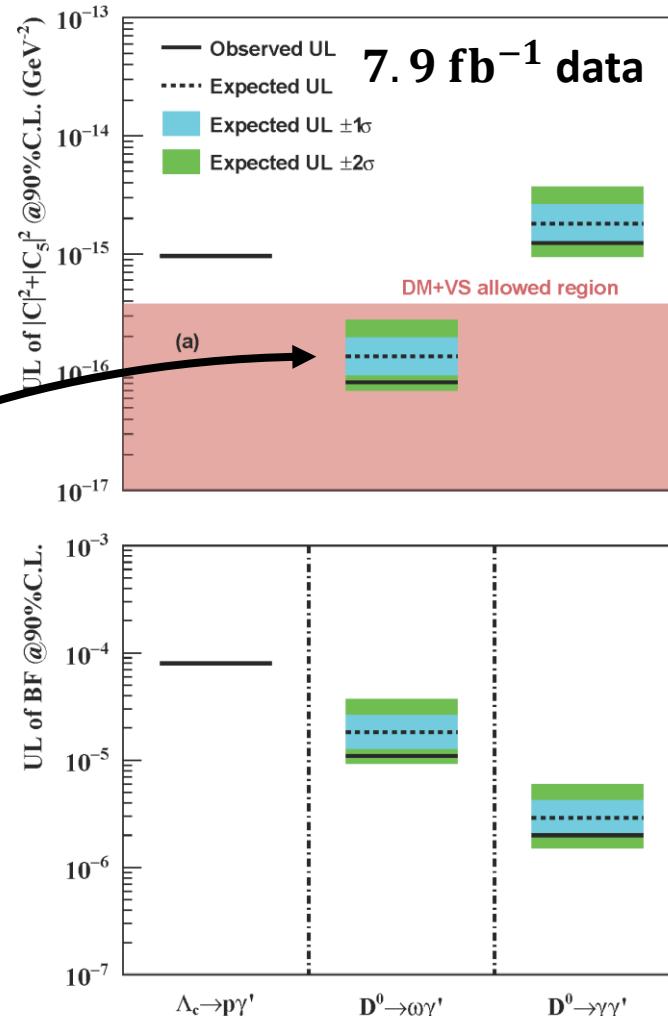
$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c \rightarrow p\gamma') = \frac{\tau_{\Lambda_c} f_{\Lambda_c p}^2 (m_{\Lambda_c}^2 - m_p^2)^3}{2\pi m_{\Lambda_c}^3} (|\mathbb{C}|^2 + |\mathbb{C}_5|^2)$$

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- $\mathbb{C} = \Lambda_{NP}^{-2} (\mathbb{C}_{12}^U + \mathbb{C}_{21}^{U*}) v / \sqrt{8}$
- $\mathbb{C}_5 = \Lambda_{NP}^{-2} (\mathbb{C}_{12}^U - \mathbb{C}_{21}^{U*}) v / \sqrt{8}$

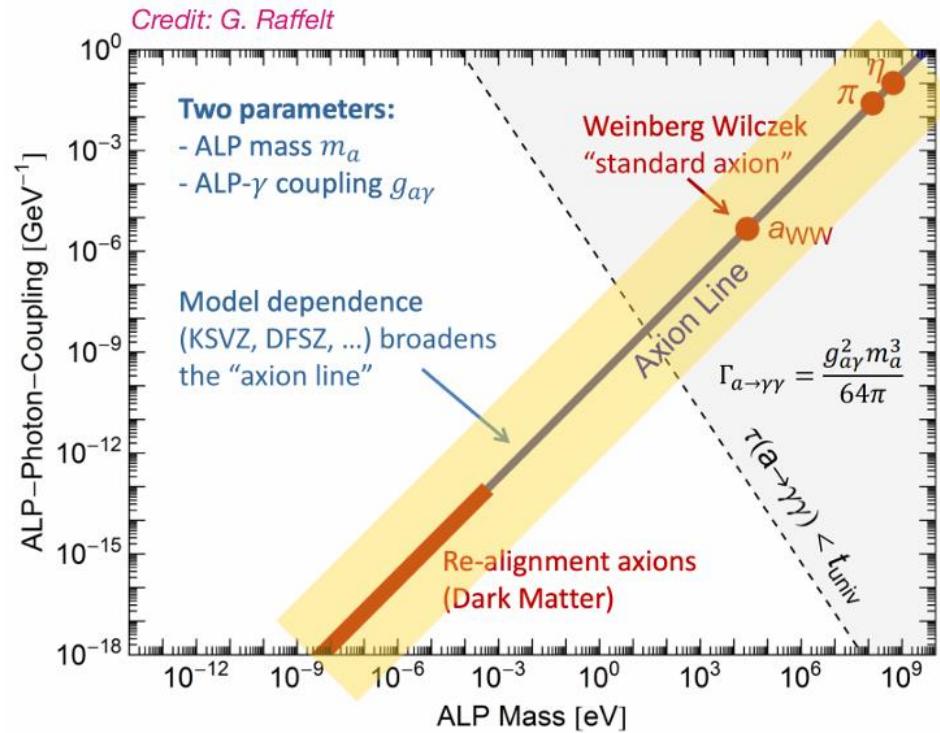
- ✓ $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \omega\gamma') < 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$
- ✓ $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma') < 2.0 \times 10^{-6}$
- ✓ $|\mathbb{C}|^2 + |\mathbb{C}_5|^2 < 8.2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

The constraint from $D^0 \rightarrow \omega\gamma'$ goes into the dark matter (DM) and vacuum stability (VS) allowed region for the first time, the most stringent constraint





Axion-like particle (ALP)



✓ QCD axion

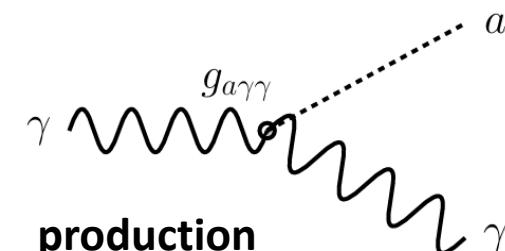
- Predicted by the Peccei-Quinn (PQ) **solution to the strong CP problem** PRL 40, 223 (1978)
- Two parameter: mass m_a , coupling g $m_a = 5.691(51)\mu\text{eV} \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a}\right)$, $g \sim \frac{c}{f_a}$ PRL 40, 279 (1978)
- An excellent cold **dark matter candidate**

✓ Axion-like particle (ALP)

- Similar to QCD axion
- But arbitrary masses and couplings**

➤ ALPs can have **interaction with photons**: $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$

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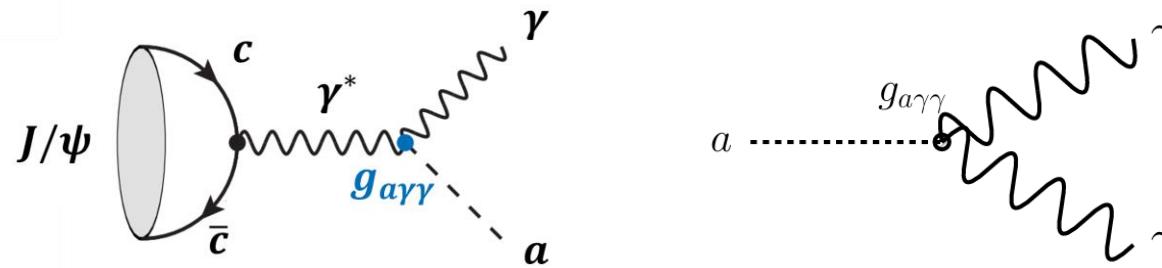


$$\Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 m_a^3}{64\pi}$$

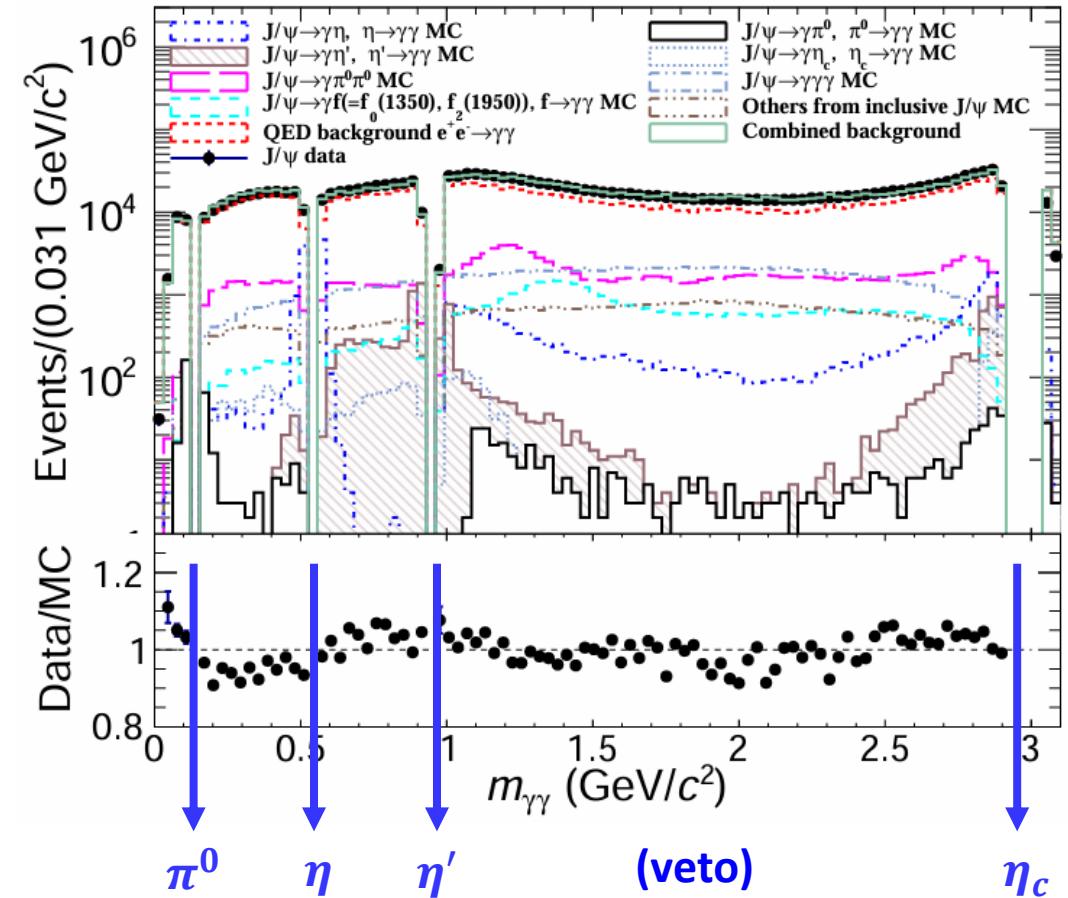


Search for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ at BESIII

- Data set: $(10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6$ J/ψ events @ 3.097 GeV
- The decay width of $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: $\Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 m_a^3}{64\pi}$
- Taking $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-4}$ GeV $^{-1}$, $m_a \sim$ GeV, the lifetime of ALP is short in the detector
short-lived, visible via $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Three $\gamma\gamma$ combinations per event, perform unbinned maximum-likelihood fit on $M_{\gamma\gamma}$



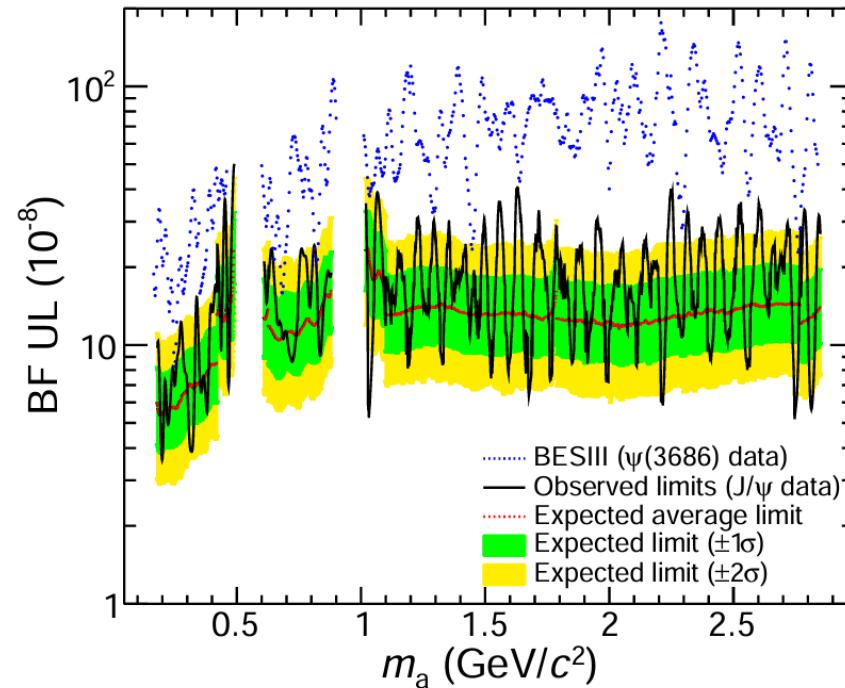
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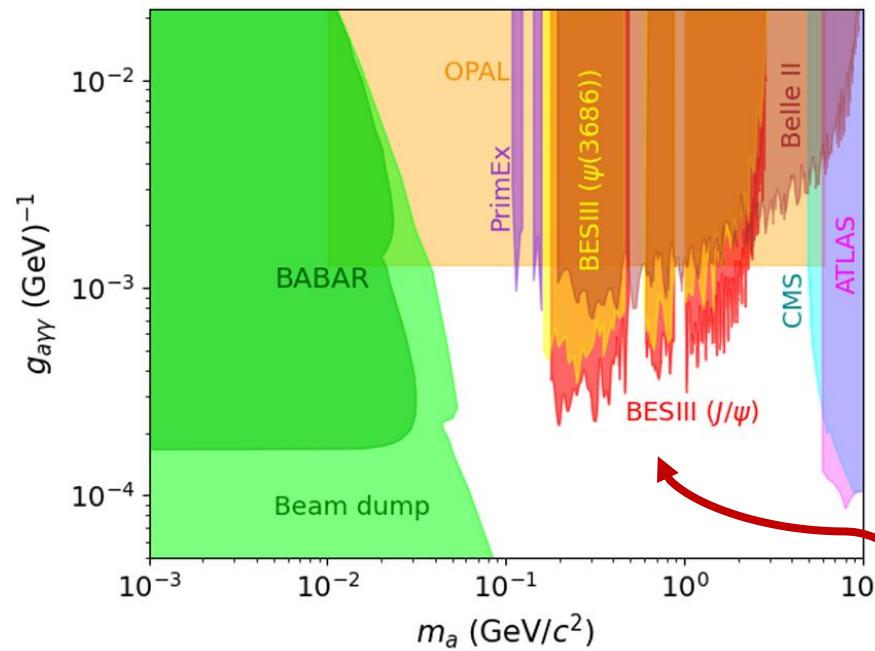
Maximum signal significance: $< 3\sigma$



Results on the ALP



- UL of $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a) \times \mathcal{B}(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ @ 90% C.L.:
(3.6~53.1) $\times 10^{-8}$
- $$\frac{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-)} = \frac{m_{J/\psi}^2}{32\pi\alpha} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 (1 - \frac{m_a^2}{m_{J/\psi}^2})^3$$



- Assuming that $\mathcal{B}(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 100\%$
- **UL of $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$: $(2.2 \sim 97.5) \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$**

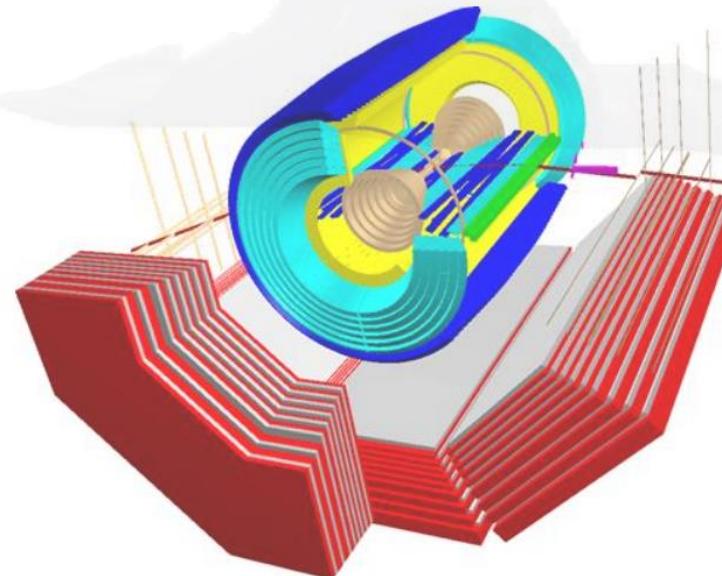
Most stringent constraints to date for $0.18 \leq m_a \leq 2.85 \text{ GeV}$



Summary

- New results of FCNC, J/ψ weak decay, CLFV, dark photon, ALP at BESIII
- Unfortunately, No evidence is found
- Stringent constraints are set
- BESIII has collected $10^{10} J/\psi$, $2.7 \times 10^9 \psi'$, 20 fb^{-1} @ 3.77 GeV data ($D\bar{D}$) and more...
- More & better results are coming soon

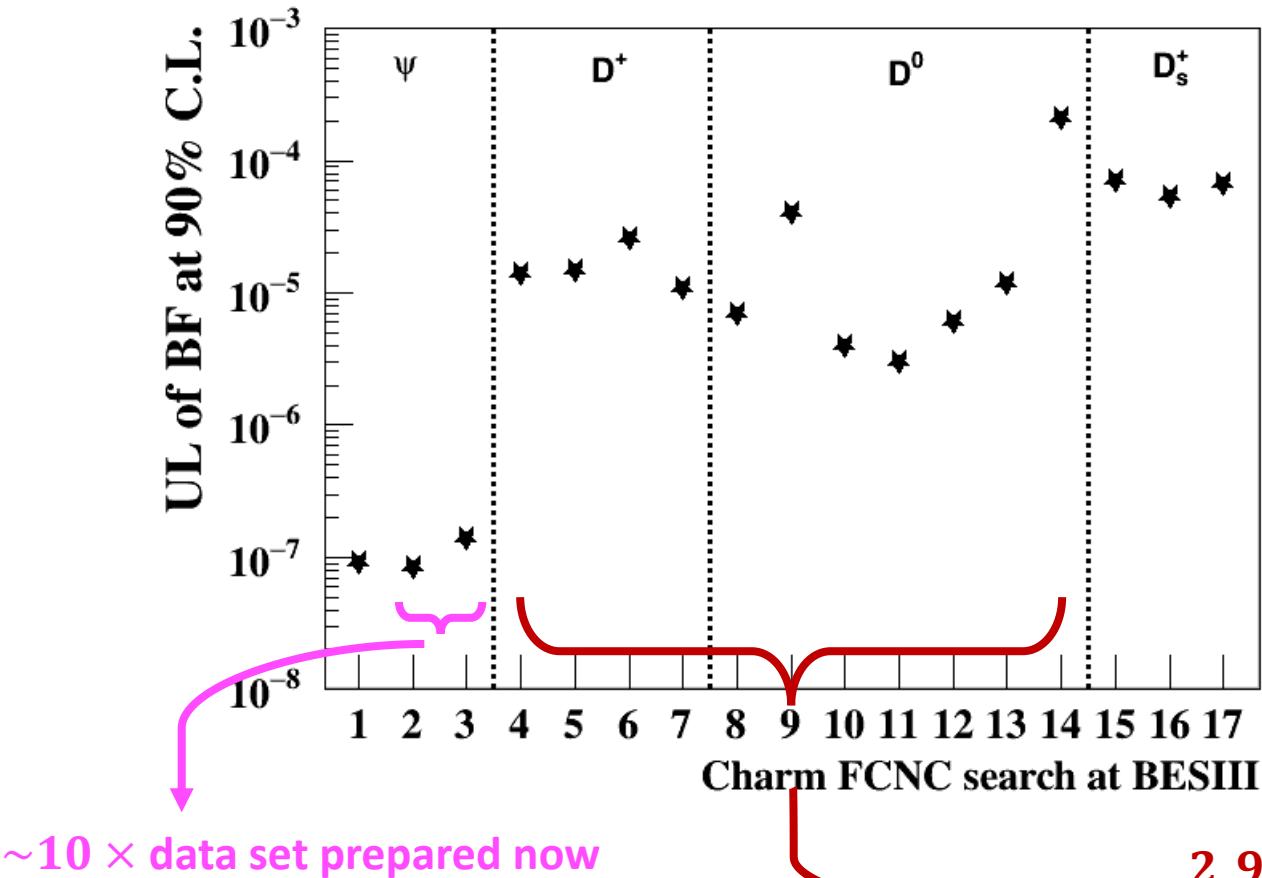
The future of Dark Sector is Bright !



thank you



FCNC at BESIII

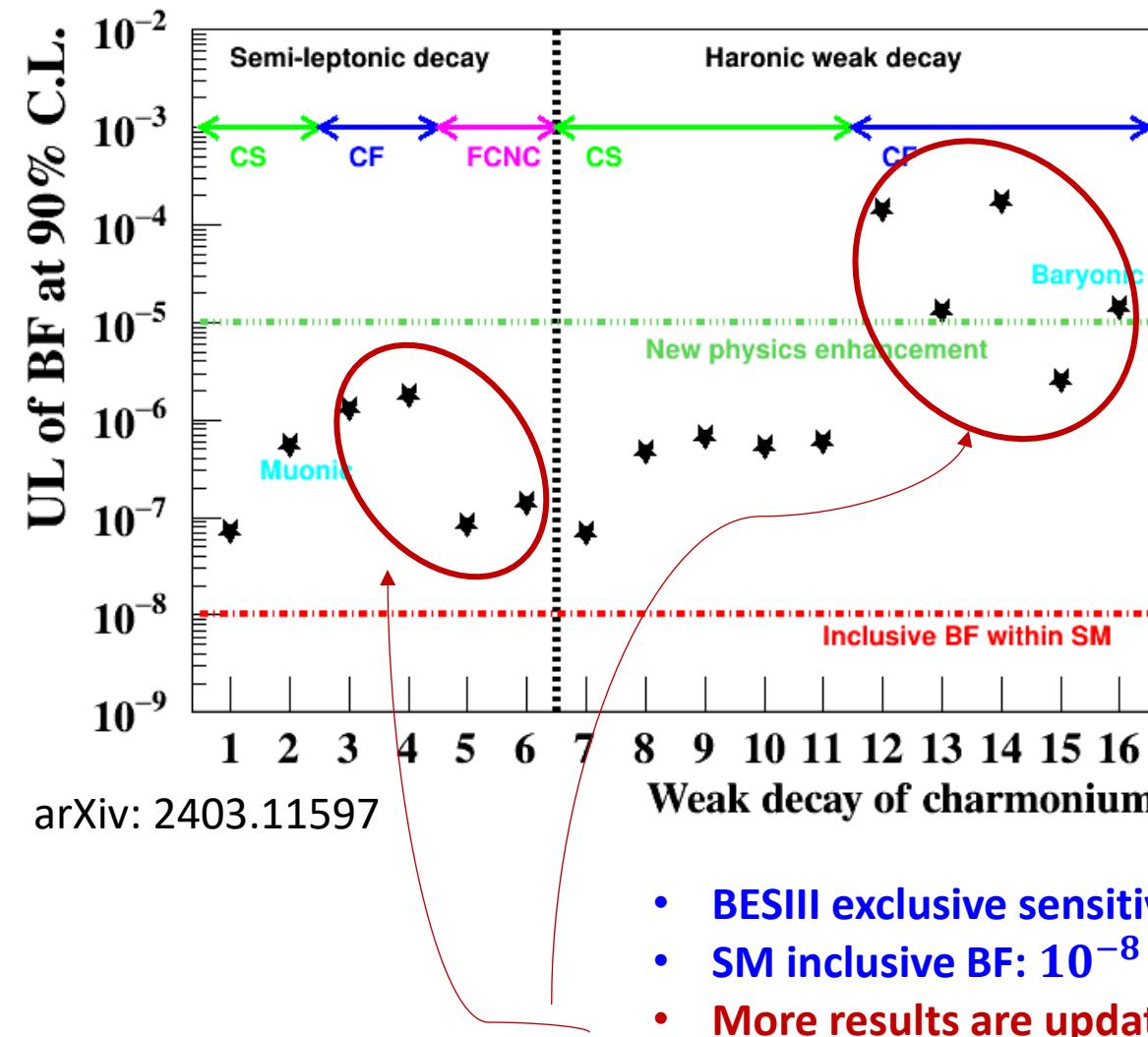


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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1: $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma D^0$ | 10: $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ |
| 2: $J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$ | 11: $D^0 \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-$ |
| 3: $\psi(2S) \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$ | 12: $D^0 \rightarrow \omega e^+ e^-$ |
| 4: $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ | 13: $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 e^+ e^-$ |
| 5: $D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ | 14: $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ |
| 6: $D^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ e^+ e^-$ | 15: $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ |
| 7: $D^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+ e^+ e^-$ | 16: $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ |
| 8: $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$ | 17: $D_s^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ e^+ e^-$ |
| 9: $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ e^+ e^-$ | |

Updating Ongoing



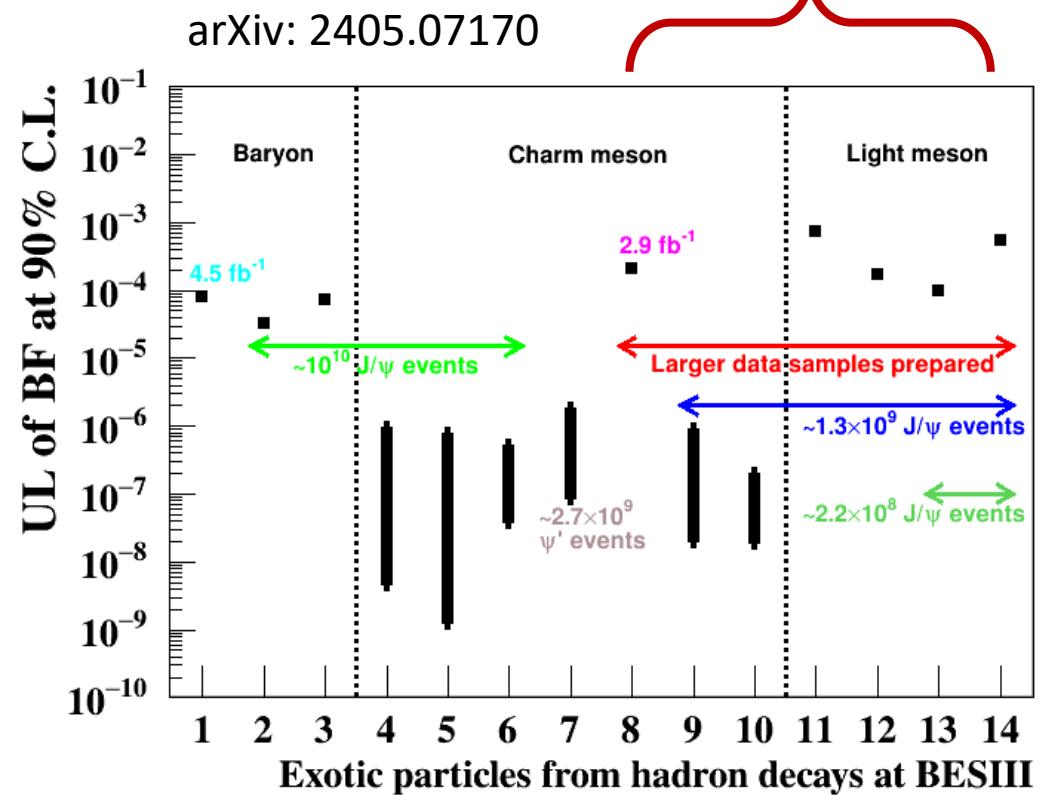
Charmonium weak decay at BESIII



- BESIII exclusive sensitivity:** $10^{-7} \sim 10^{-8}$
- SM inclusive BF:** 10^{-8} or below
- More results are updating with $10^{10} J/\psi$ and $2.7 \times 10^9 \psi(2S)$ events**



Exotic particles search at BESIII



More data samples prepared now
Updating ongoing

1. Massless dark photon: $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p\gamma'$
2. QCD axion: $\Sigma \rightarrow pa$
3. Invisible dark matter: $\Lambda \rightarrow \chi\chi$
4. Muon-philic particle: $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- X$
5. Light Higgs: $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma A^0, A^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
6. ALPs: $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a, a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
7. ALPs (ψ' data): $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a, a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
8. Invisible dark matter: $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi\chi$
9. Dark photon: $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow e^+e^-$
10. Dark photon: $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta'\gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow e^+e^-$
11. Invisible dark matter: $\omega \rightarrow \chi\chi$
12. Invisible dark matter: $\phi \rightarrow \chi\chi$
13. Invisible dark matter: $\eta \rightarrow \chi\chi$
14. Invisible dark matter: $\eta' \rightarrow \chi\chi$

QCD axion , massive dark photon, light Higgs, muon-philic particle, pure invisible decay....