



Search for Charmonium weak decay at



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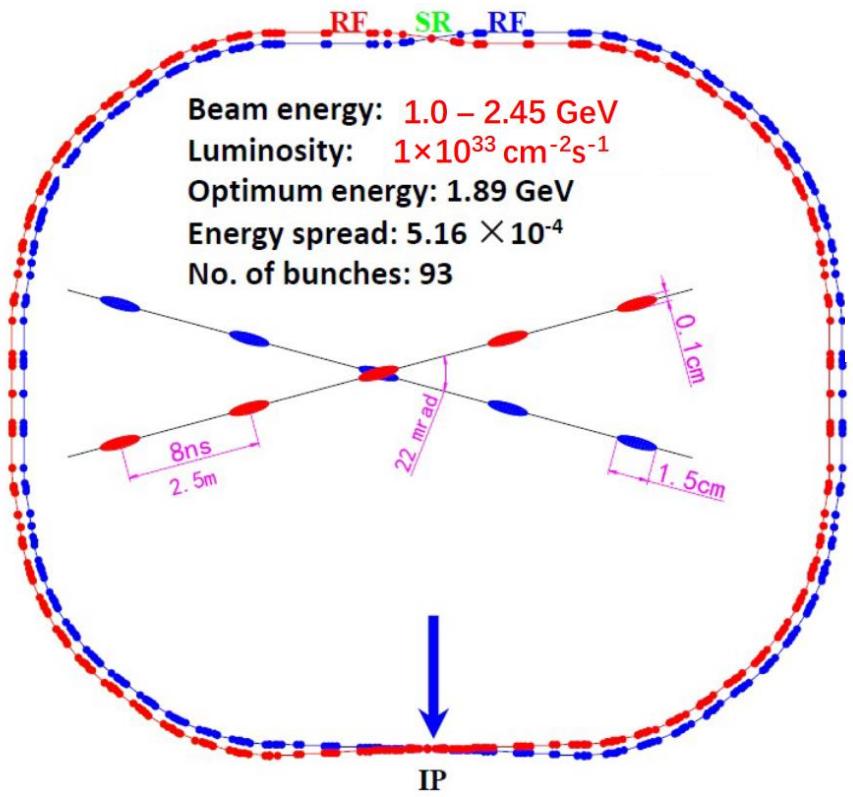
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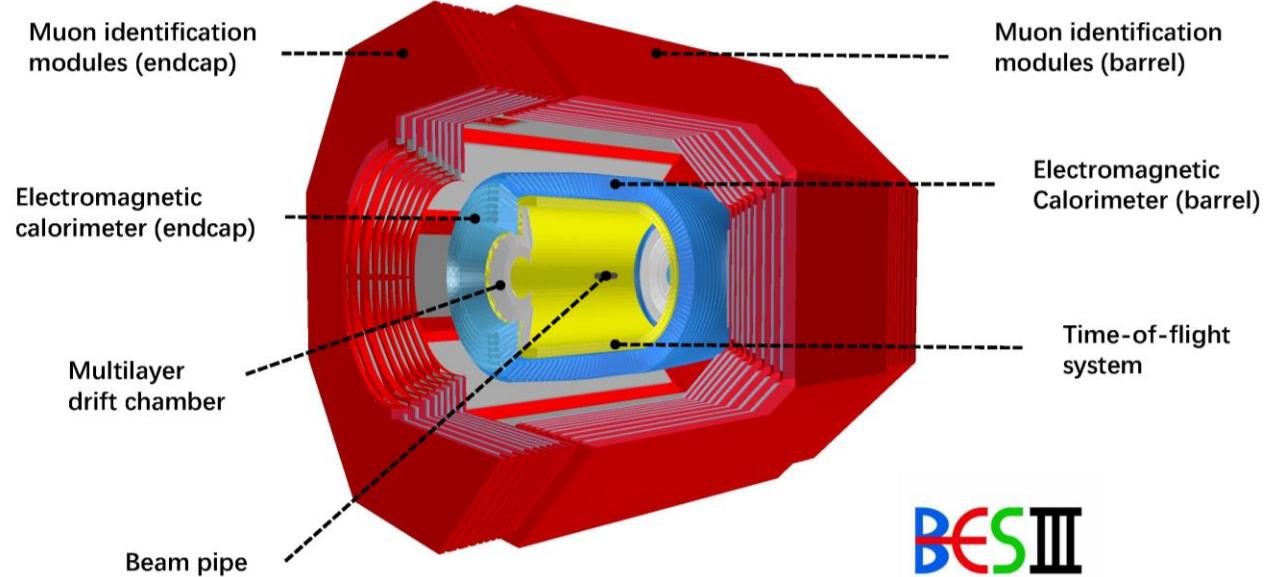
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Beijing Electron Positron Collider II



BESIII Detector



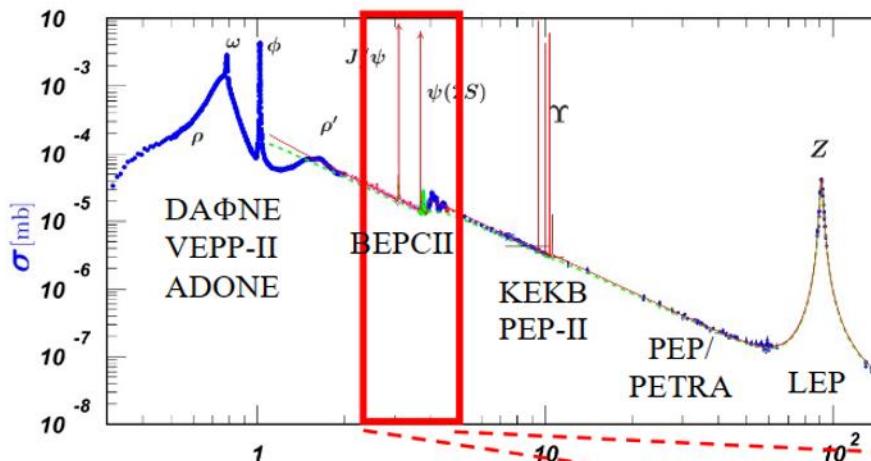
BESIII

- Multilayer drift chamber (MDC)
 - The momentum resolution: 0.5% @ 1GeV/c
 - dE/dx resolution: 6%
- Time-of-flight (TOF) system
 - The time resolution: 68ps(barrel)/60ps(endcap)
- CsI(Tl) Electromagnetic calorimeter (EMC)
 - The energy resolution: 2.5%(barrel)/5.0%(endcap) @ 1GeV
- Superconducting solenoidal magnet (1.0 T magnetic field)
- Muon chamber (MUC) system

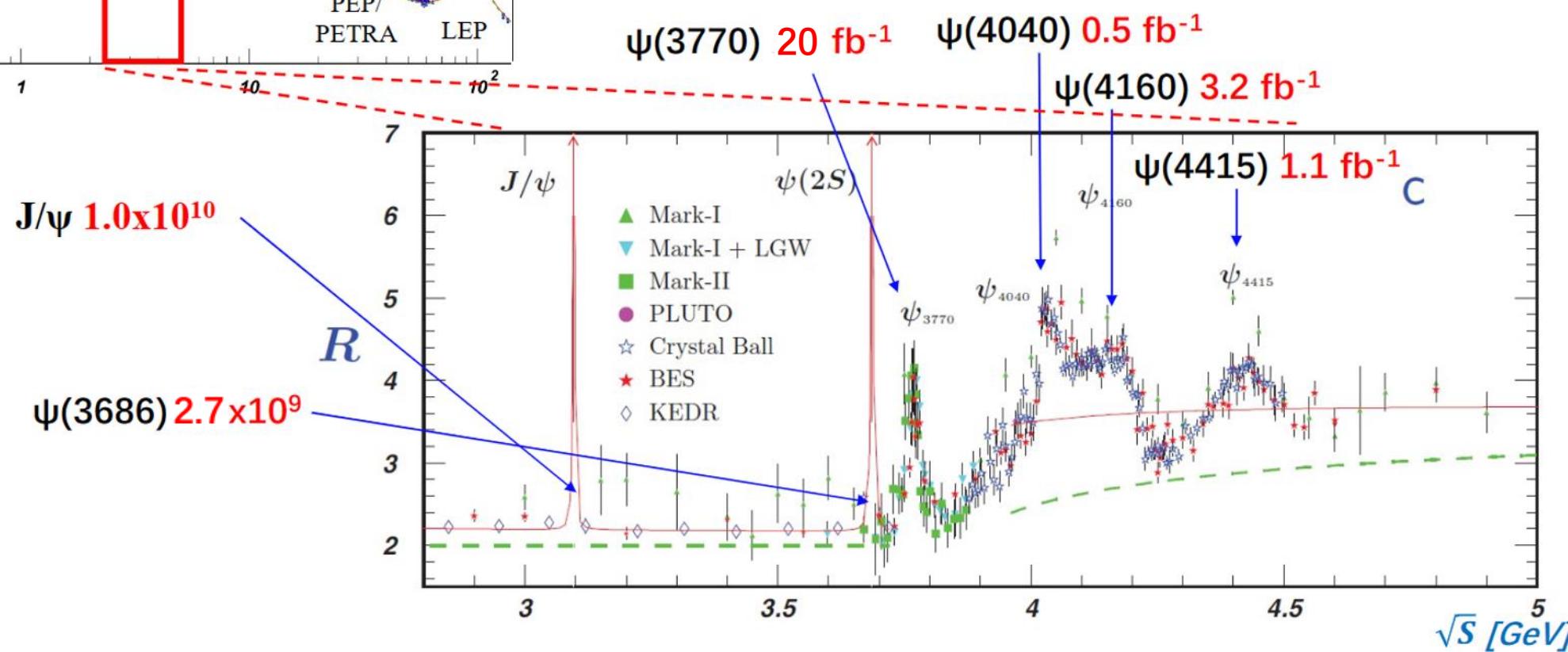


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➤ BESIII has collected the largest data samples of J/ψ & $\psi(3686)$ on the threshold in the world.





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SM contribution is dominant

New Physics

Standard Model

**Good sensitivity
to NP**

SM contribution is highly suppressed

New Physics

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SM contribution is forbidden

New Physics

Charmonium weak decays

This work

FCNC (flavor-changing neutral current)

High order

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27th, Sun Liang

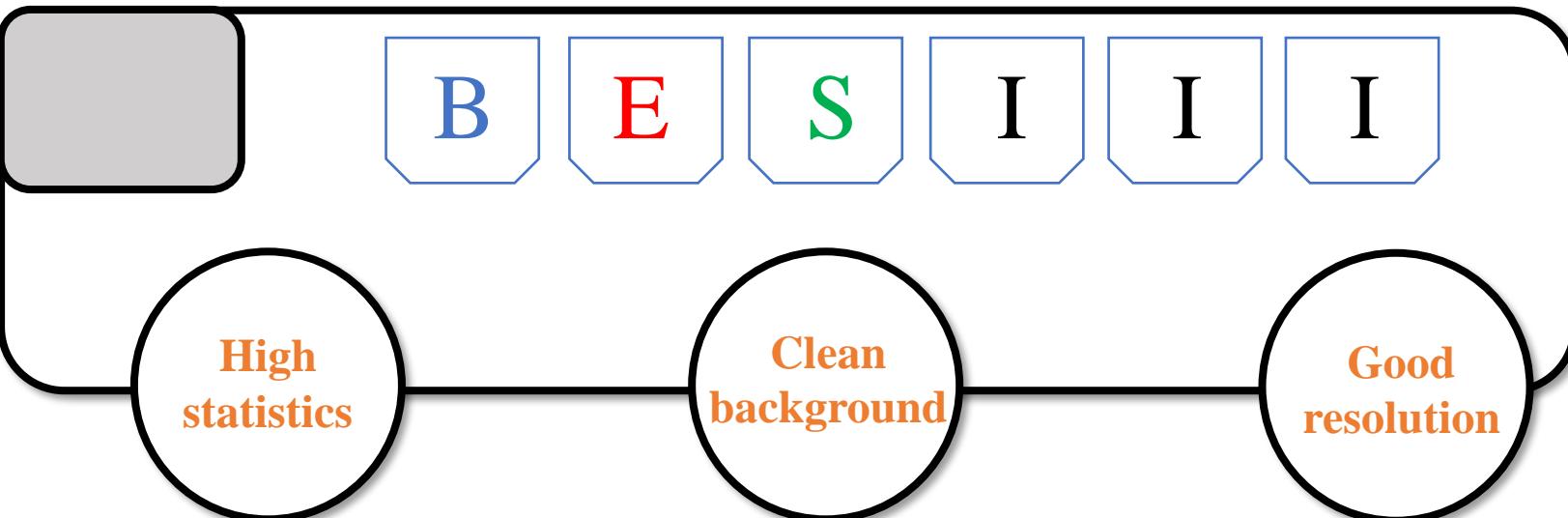
BNV/LNV (baryon and lepton number violation)

CLFV (charged lepton flavor violating)

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28th, Yuan Mingkuan

To New Physics



Charmonium weak decays



- With a collection of 10^{10} J/ψ events, BESIII is now able to conduct searches for Charmonium weak decays with higher statistics.
- The inclusive branching fraction of these rare weak decays is predicted to be 10^{-8} in the standard model.
- If the branching fractions for weak decays of J/ψ are found to be within the range of 10^{-8} to 10^{-6} , it would suggest the presence of **new physics** beyond the Standard Model.

Top-color model [1]

The Minimal Super-symmetric SM with or without R-parity [2]
Two-Higgs doublet model [3]
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Charmonium weak decay	Experimental upper limit (@90% C.L.)	Number of J/ψ or $\psi(3686)$ data events
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$	$< 7.1 \times 10^{-8}$ [4]	BESIII (1.01×10^{10})
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	$< 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ [5]	BESIII (1.01×10^{10})
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$ [6]	BESIII (2.25×10^8)
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^{*-} e^+ \nu_e$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$ [6]	BESIII (2.25×10^8)
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$	$< 8.5 \times 10^{-8}$ [7]	BESIII (13.11×10^8)
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-7}$ [7]	BESIII (44.81×10^7)

[1] Phys. Lett. B 345, 483 (1995)

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[3] Phys. Rev. D15, 1958 (1977)

[4] JHEP 06, 157 (2021)

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[6] Phys. Rev. D 90, 112014 (2014)

[7] Phys. Rev. D 96, 111101(R) (2017)

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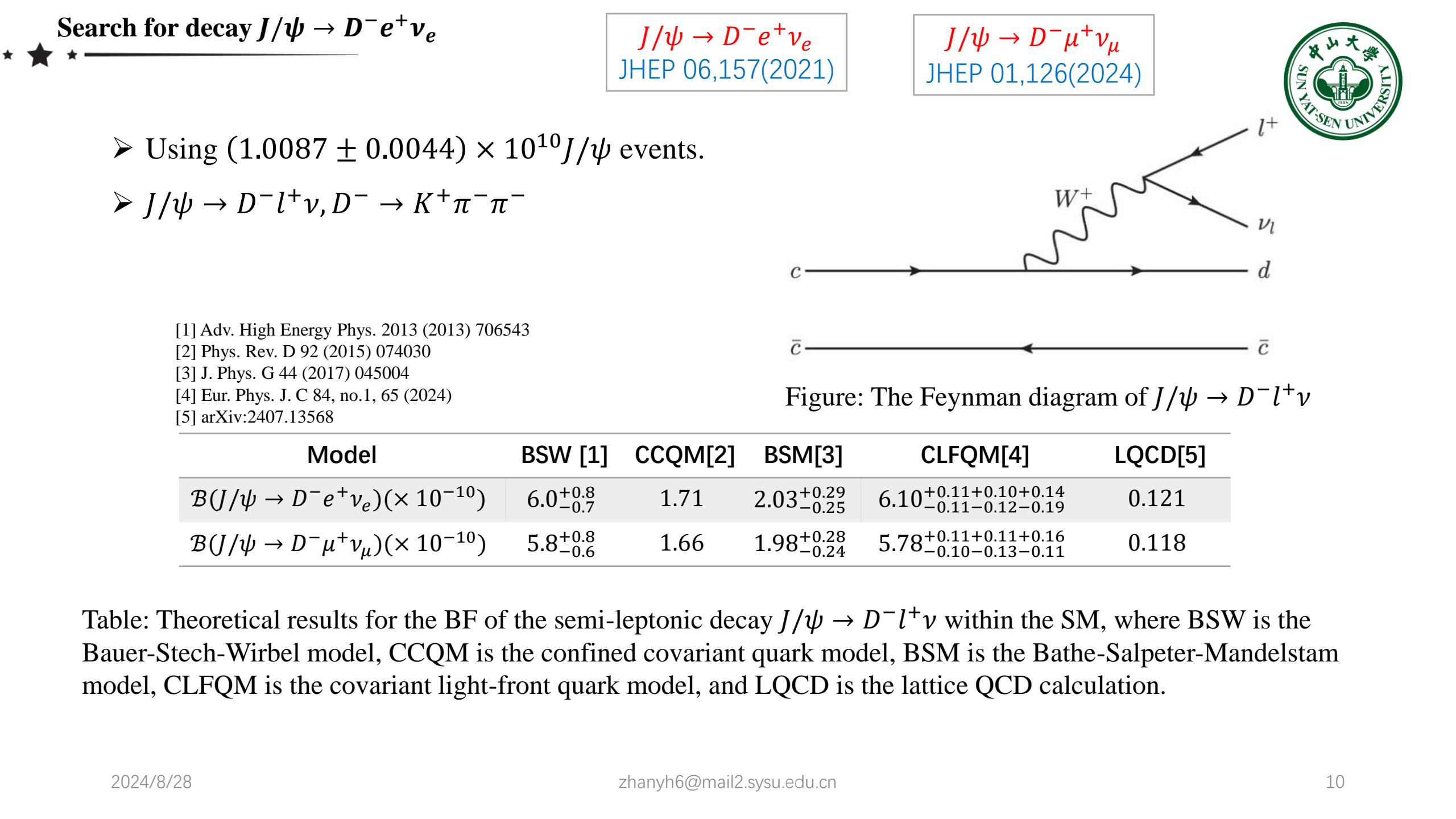
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Charmonium weak	Experimental upper limit (@90% C.L.)	Number of J/ψ or $\psi(3686)$ data events
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ [8]	BESIII (2.25×10^8)
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ [8]	BESIII (2.25×10^8)
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$ [9]	BESII (5.77×10^7)
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^0$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$ [9]	BESII (5.77×10^7)
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \rho^+$	$< 6.0 \times 10^{-7}$ [10]	
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \pi^+$	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-8}$ [10]	
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \rho^0$	$< 5.2 \times 10^{-7}$ [10]	BESIII (1.01×10^{10})
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \eta$	$< 6.8 \times 10^{-7}$ [10]	
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^0$	$< 4.7 \times 10^{-7}$ [10]	
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$ [11]	BESIII (44.81×10^7)



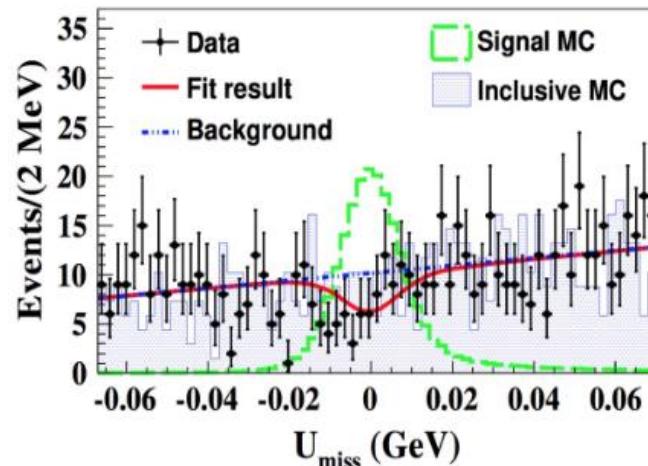
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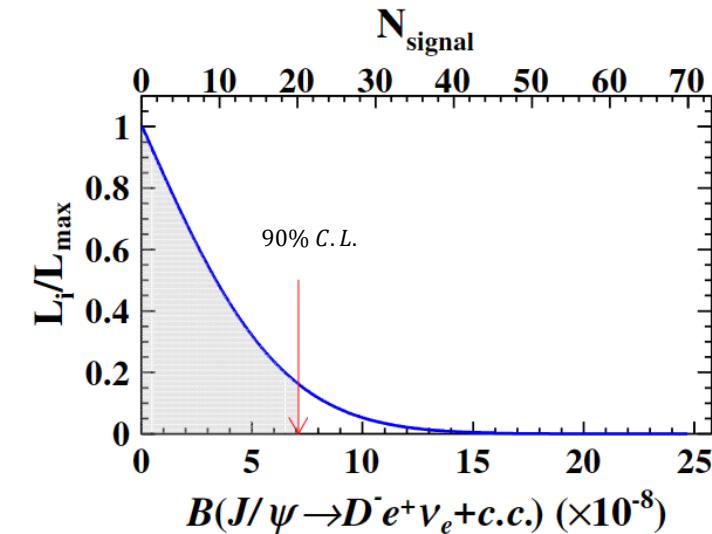




- Using $(1.0087 \pm 0.0044) \times 10^{10} J/\psi$ events.
- $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e, D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$
- Using a fit on $U_{miss} = E_{miss} - c|P_{miss}|$ to extract the signal.



Fig(a) Fitting in full data



Fig(b) Upper limit in full data

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e + c.c.) = \frac{N_{signal}}{N_{J/\psi} \times \epsilon \times \mathcal{B}_{sub}}$$

- where N_{signal} is the number of signal decays, $N_{J/\psi} = (10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6$ is the number of J/ψ events, ϵ is the signal detection efficiency, and \mathcal{B}_{sub} is the BF of the intermediate decay $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ quoted from PDG.
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e) < 7.1 \times 10^{-8}$ @90% C.L.
- Puts a stringent constraint on the parameter spaces for different new physics models predicting BFs at the order of 10^{-5} .

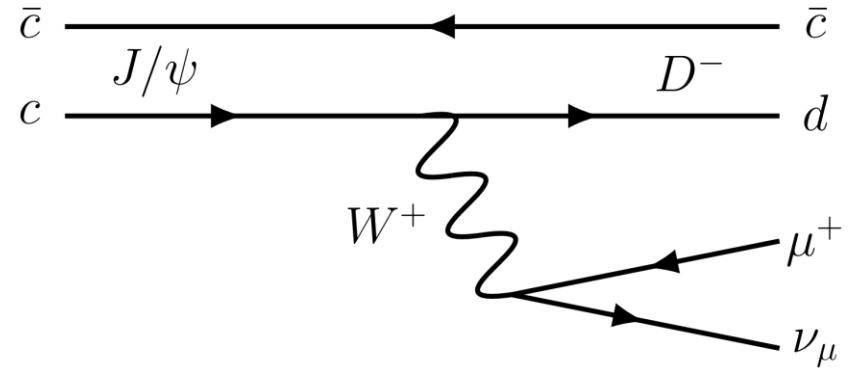


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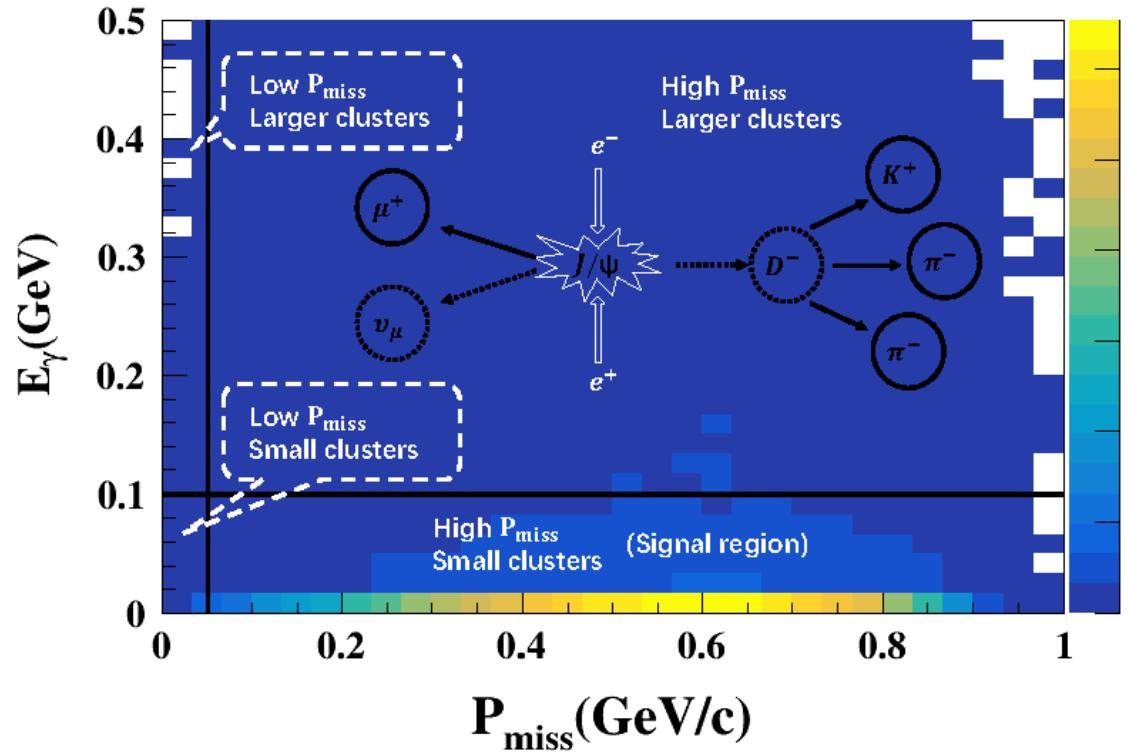
Search for decay $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$



Fig(a) The Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$

- Thus far, the search for weak semi-leptonic charmonium decays has only covered the electron channel.
- A search for the weak decay of charmonium with a muon in the final state is therefore desirable.
- Using $(1.0087 \pm 0.0044) \times 10^{10} J/\psi$ events.
- $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu, D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$
- Since the missing neutrino ν_μ and no extra hard photon in the final state, a large missing momentum P_{miss} and a clean cluster unassociated with the charged track are required.

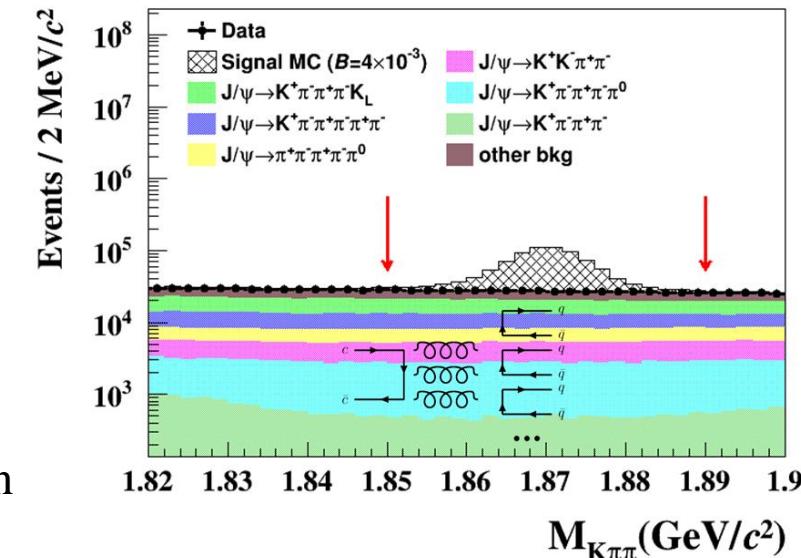
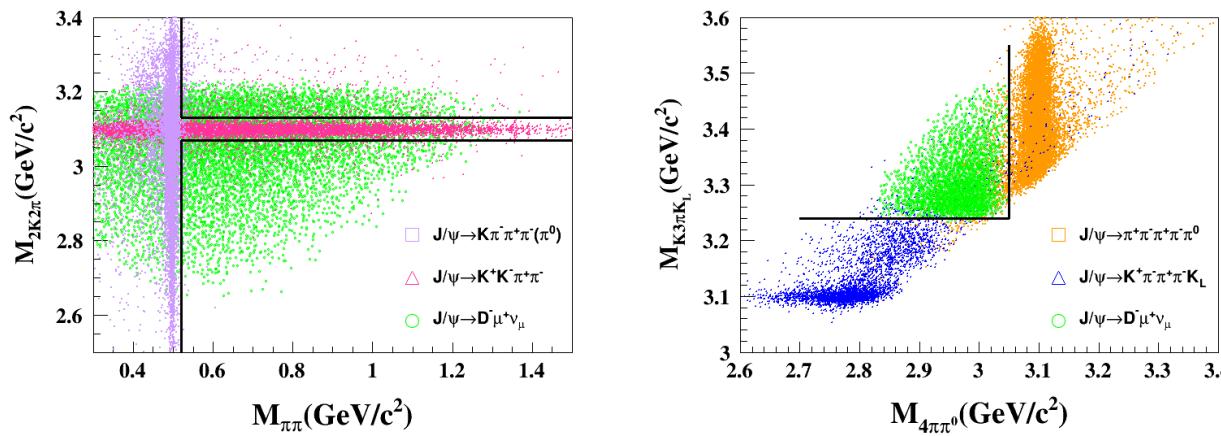
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Fig(b) Event selections associated with missing momentum and clusters



- Compare to electrons, muons are more difficult to be identified due to the muon-pion misidentification.
- Most muons do not provide effective information in the muon identifier because of the low momentum of muons in the three-body decay, leading to a significant background from muon-pion misidentification.



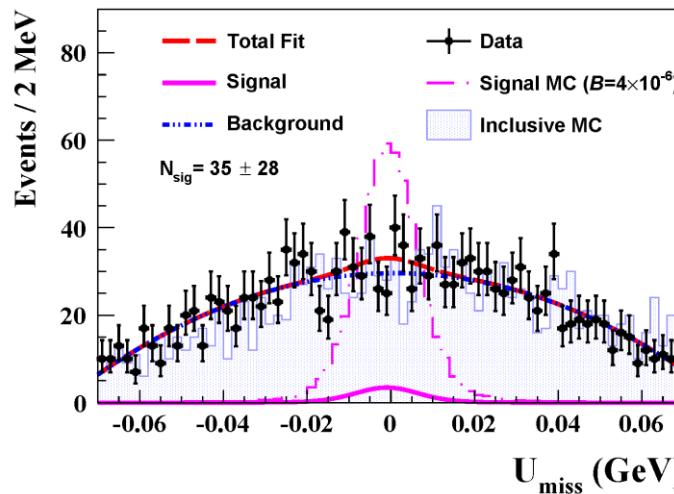
Fig(b) The reconstruction of the D meson, which still includes a huge background in the D mass range.

- The differences in particle mass can manifest as distinct kinematic characteristics in the entire event, leading to the developing of a kinematic-based PID method to further identify particles and effectively suppress misidentified hadronic background.

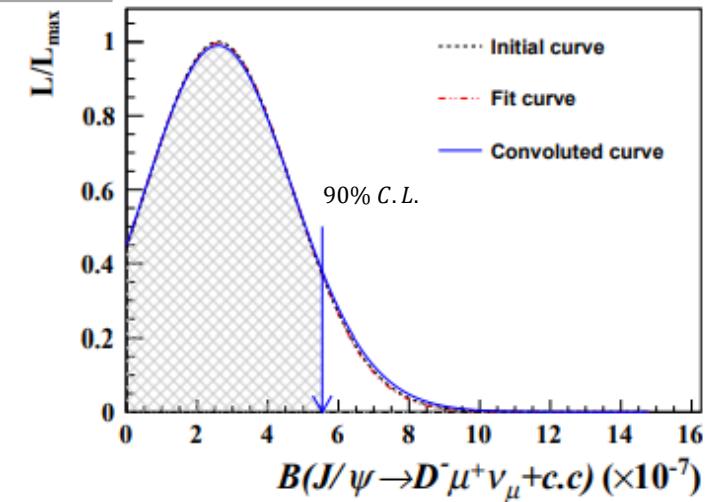
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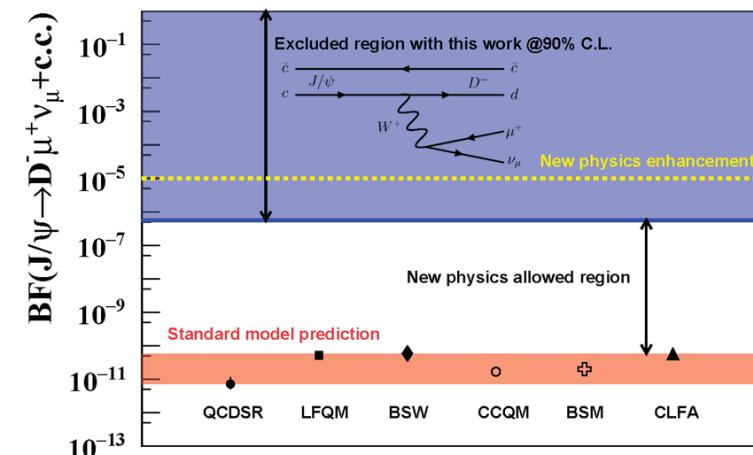


Fig(a) Fitting in full data



Fig(b) Upper limit in full data

- Using a fit on $U_{miss} = E_{miss} - c|P_{miss}|$ to extract the signal.
- No evidence of NP is found.
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu) < 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ @90% C.L.
- The first search of a charmonium weak decay with a muon in the final state.



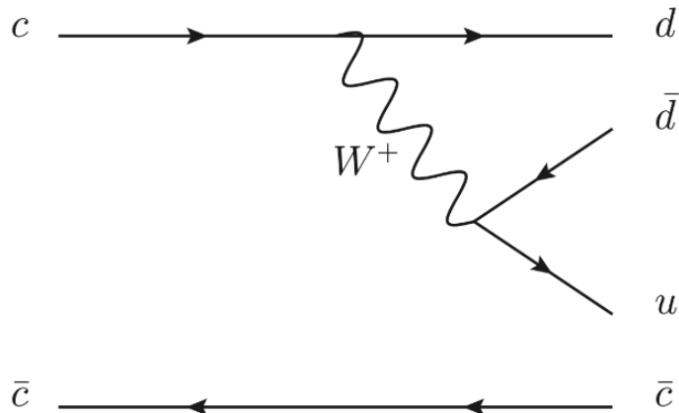
Fig(c) The excluded region of $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu + c.c.$ from this measurement.



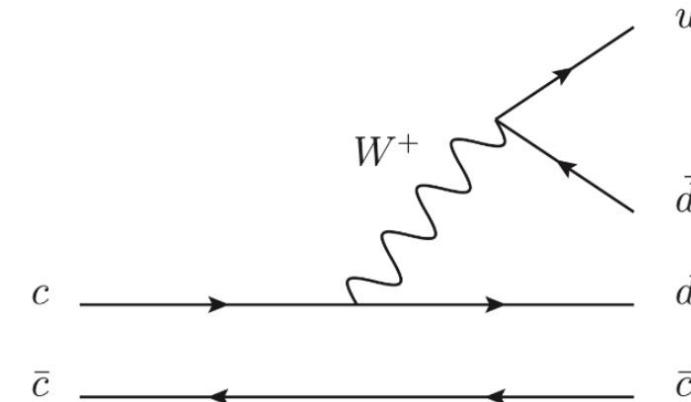
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Fig(a) The leading-order Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\pi^0$,
 $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\eta$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\rho^0$



Fig(b) The leading-order Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow D^-\pi^+$ and
 $J/\psi \rightarrow D^-\rho^+$

- Via the weak interaction, the J/ψ can potentially decay into a single charm meson such as D accompanied by some non-charm mesons.
- To avoid high background from conventional J/ψ hadronic decays, the \bar{D}^0 and D^- mesons are tagged by the semileptonic decays.

$$\begin{aligned} J/\psi &\rightarrow \bar{D}^0\pi^0 \\ \bar{D}^0 &\rightarrow K^+e^-\bar{\nu}_e \\ \pi^0 &\rightarrow \gamma\gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J/\psi &\rightarrow \bar{D}^0\eta \\ \bar{D}^0 &\rightarrow K^+e^-\bar{\nu}_e \\ \eta &\rightarrow \gamma\gamma \end{aligned}$$

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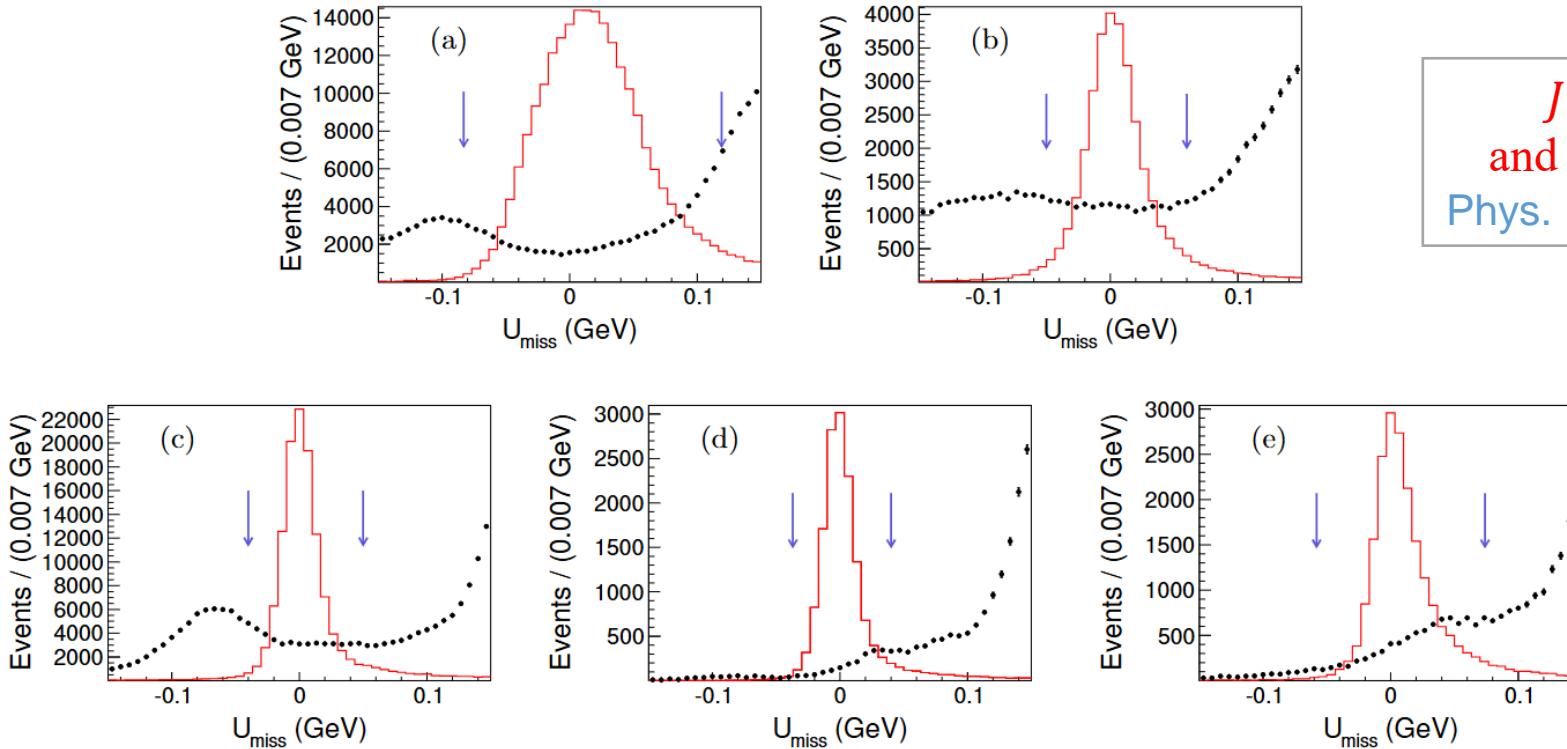
$$\begin{aligned} J/\psi &\rightarrow D^-\pi^+ \\ D^- &\rightarrow K_S^0e^-\bar{\nu}_e \\ K_S^0 &\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J/\psi &\rightarrow D^-\rho^+ \\ D^- &\rightarrow K_S^0e^-\bar{\nu}_e \\ K_S^0 &\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \\ \rho^+ &\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0 \\ \pi^0 &\rightarrow \gamma\gamma \end{aligned}$$

Search for decay $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- + \pi^+/\rho^+$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + \pi^0/\rho^0/\eta$



- The kinematic quantity $U_{miss} = E_{miss} - c|\vec{p}_{miss}|$ is used to identify the missing neutrino and the criterion of U_{miss} is applied to suppress the backgrounds with multi- π^0/γ and the misidentification of electron/pion and kaon/pion in the final states.

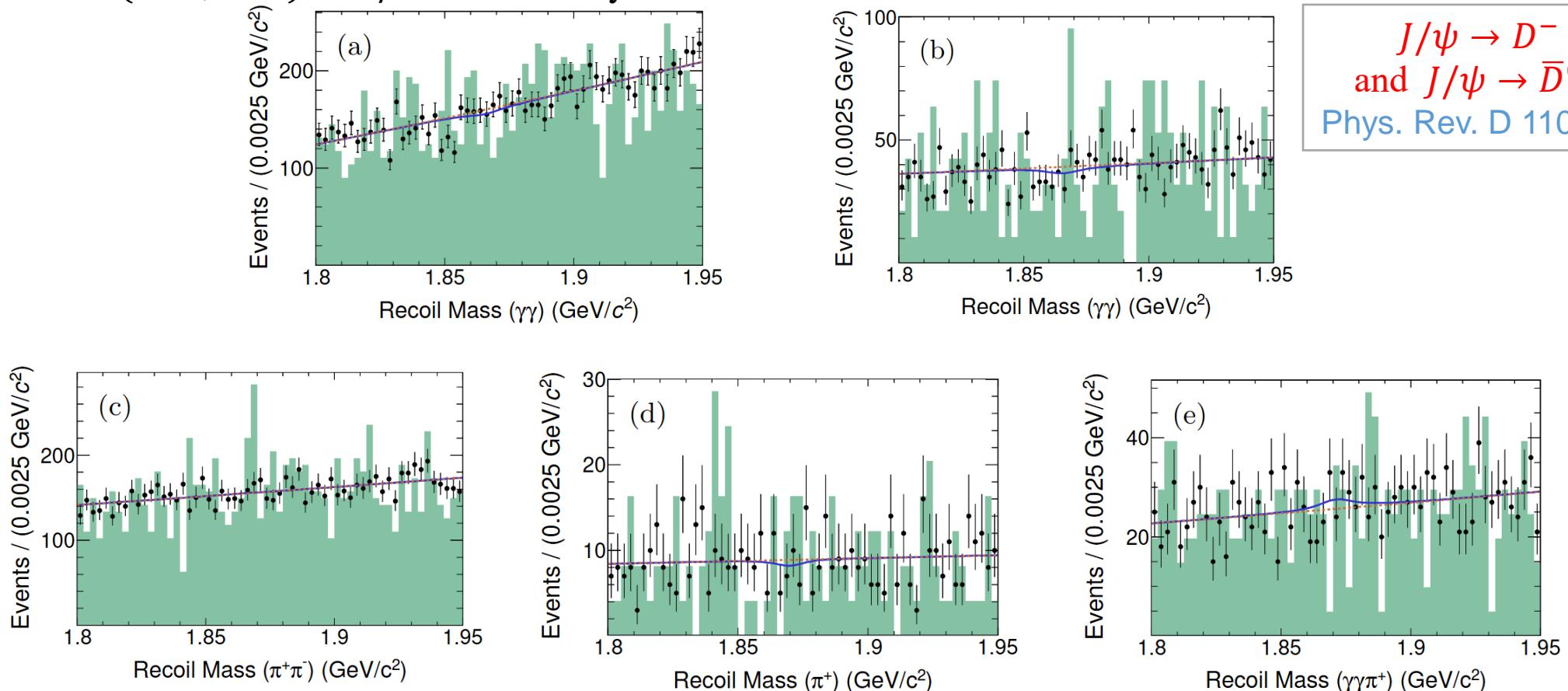


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- Select those events for which the recoiling mass against the $\pi^0, \eta, \rho^0, \pi^+$, and ρ^+ falls within the mass window $(1.80, 1.95) \text{ GeV}/c^2$ for all decay modes.



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Figure: Fits of the accepted candidates to the recoiling mass spectra for (a) $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\pi^0$, (b) $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\eta$, (c) $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\rho^0$, (d) $J/\psi \rightarrow D^-\pi^+$ and (e) $J/\psi \rightarrow D^-\rho^+$. The dots with error bars are data and the orange dotted lines are polynomial functions describing the background. The blue solid curves are the total fits. The inclusive MC samples are shown by the green filled histograms.

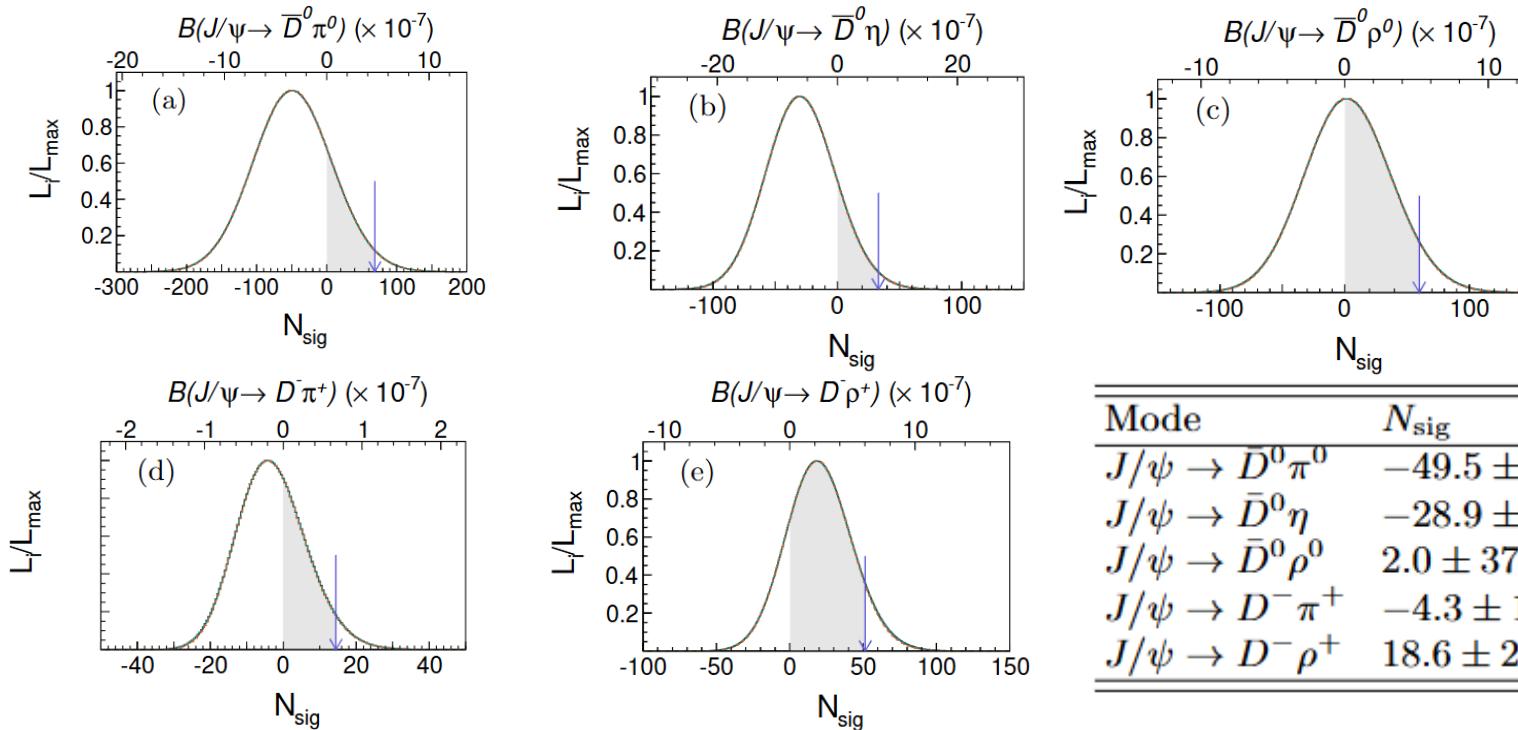
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- No significant signal is observed in any of the decay modes. The branching fraction of signal decay is calculated as

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow DM(N)) = \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{J/\psi} \times \epsilon \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{sub}}}$$

- where N_{sig} is the number of signal events, $N_{J/\psi}$ is the total number of J/ψ events, ϵ is the signal detection efficiency, and \mathcal{B}_{sub} is the product of the branching fractions of all possible intermediate decays.



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Mode	N_{sig}	$N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{UL}}$	\mathcal{B} (90% C.L.)	\mathcal{B} (90% C.L.)
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^0$	-49.5 ± 69.3	< 68.8	$< 4.7 \times 10^{-7}$...
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \eta$	-28.9 ± 34.5	< 32.9	$< 6.8 \times 10^{-7}$...
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \rho^0$	2.0 ± 37.1	< 59.9	$< 5.2 \times 10^{-7}$...
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \pi^+$	-4.3 ± 10.3	< 14.4	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 7.5 \times 10^{-5}$ [3]
$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \rho^+$	18.6 ± 26.2	< 51.4	$< 6.0 \times 10^{-7}$...

Figure: Normalized likelihood distributions for the fitted yields of signal events and corresponding branching fractions of (a) $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^0$, (b) $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \eta$, (c) $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \rho^0$, (d) $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \pi^+$ and (e) $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \rho^+$, with (green solid curves) and without (orange dashed lines) smearing the systematic uncertainties. The blue arrows mark the upper limits at the 90% C.L..



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Semileptonic weak decay

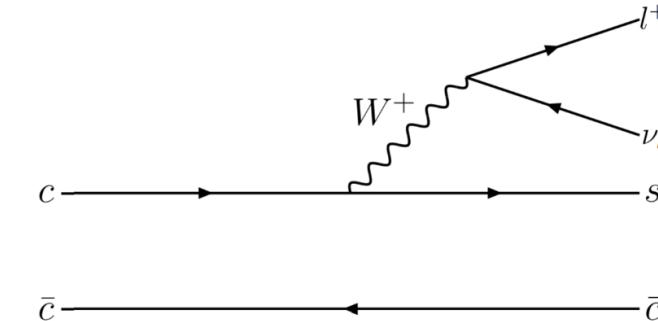
Tag mode:

- $D_s^- \rightarrow K_s^0 K^-$
- $D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^-$
- $D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^- \pi^0$
- $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$

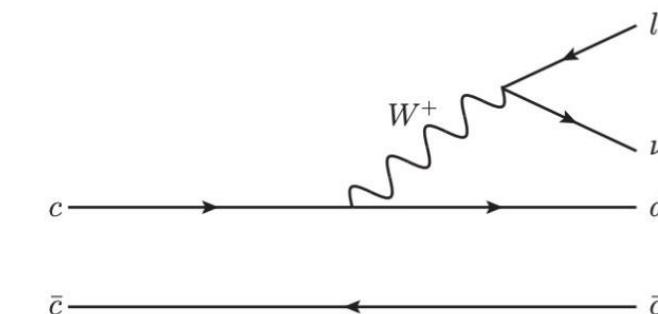


Tag mode:

- $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$



Fig(a) The Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- l^+ \nu$ and $\psi(3686) \rightarrow D_s^- l^+ \nu$



Fig(b) The Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- l^+ \nu$ and $\psi(3686) \rightarrow D^- l^+ \nu$

Model	BSW [1]	CCQM[2]	BSM[3]	CLFQM[4]	LQCD[5]
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e)(\times 10^{-10})$	$104^{+9.0}_{-7.5}$	33	$36.7^{+5.2}_{-4.4}$	$10.21^{+0.19+0.66+0.56}_{-0.18-0.61-1.41}$	1.90
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e)(\times 10^{-10})$				$7.20^{+0.20+0.97+0.60}_{-0.19-0.44-0.92}$	
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e)(\times 10^{-10})$				$3.45^{+0.10+0.49+0.23}_{-0.09-0.20-0.25}$	

- [1] Adv. High Energy Phys. 2013 (2013) 706543
 [2] Phys. Rev. D 92 (2015) 074030
 [3] J. Phys. G 44 (2017) 045004
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Ongoing analyses

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Nonleptonic weak decays

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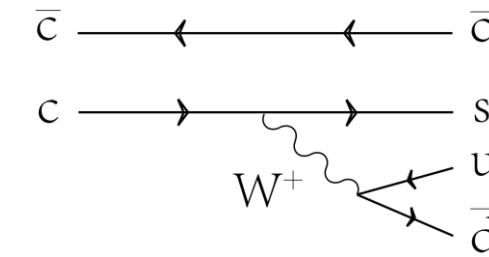
- $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi e^- \bar{\nu}_e$
- $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+$
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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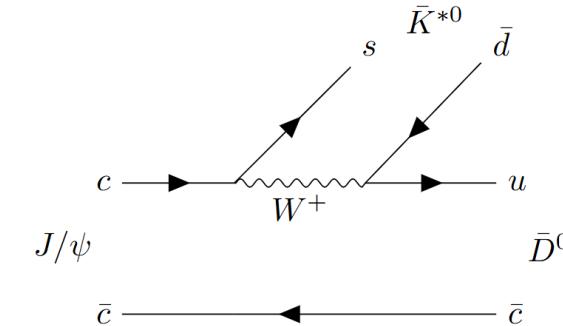
- $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi e^- \bar{\nu}_e$

Decay chain:

- $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$
- $\bar{K}^{*0} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$



Fig(a) The Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$, $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$, $\psi(3686) \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$, and $\psi(3686) \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$



Fig(b) The Feynman diagram of $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$

Model	QCDSR [1]	BSW [2]	CLFQM (2008) [3]	CLFQM (2024) [4]
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+) (\times 10^{-10})$	$12.6_{-6.0}^{+7.6}$	$51.1_{-6.0}^{+7.6}$	28_{-9}^{+0}	$29.5_{-0.5-1.4-1.9}^{+0.6+1.1+1.5}$
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+) (\times 10^{-10})$	$2.0_{-0.2}^{+4.0}$	$7.41_{-0.23}^{+0.13}$	$2.5_{-0.1}^{+0.0}$	$3.64_{-0.06-0.38-0.96}^{+0.06+0.34+0.78}$
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+) (\times 10^{-10})$				$12.2_{-0.3-1.0-1.9}^{+0.3+0.1+4.1}$
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+) (\times 10^{-10})$				$12.3_{-0.3-1.8-5.1}^{+0.3+0.8+5.9}$
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}) (\times 10^{-10})$	$1.54_{-0.38}^{+0.68}$	$7.61_{-1.2}^{+1.6}$		



- ✓ QCDSR is the QCD sum rule model.
- ✓ BSW is the Bauer-Stech-Wirbel model.
- ✓ CLFQM is the covariant light-front quark model.

[1] Eur. Phys. J.C 55, 607-613 (2008)

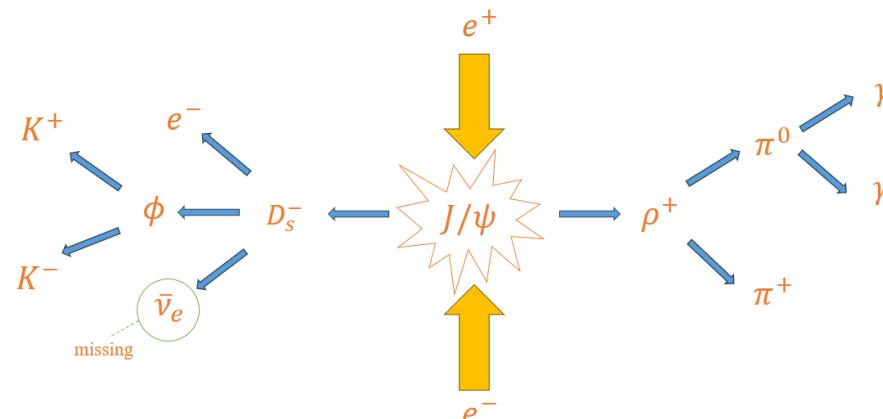
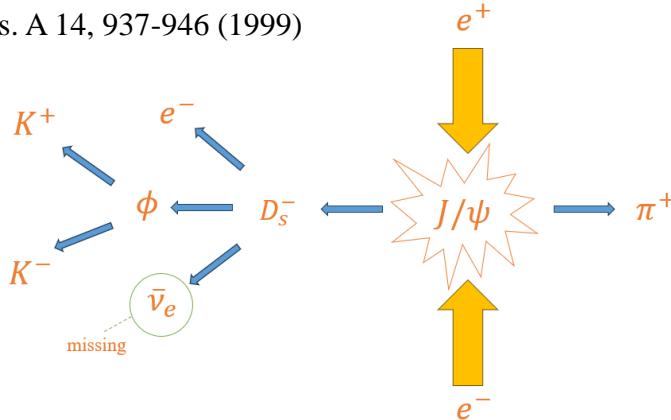
[2] High Energy Phys. 2013, 706543 (2013)

[3] Phys. Rev. D 78, 074012 (2008)

[4] Eur. Phys. J.C 84, no.1, 65 (2024)

- Decay : $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$
- Predicted relative ratio[1]: $\frac{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+)} = 4.2$

[1] Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 14, 937-946 (1999)



- The non-leptonic decay modes of D_s mesons do not provide good sensitivity due to the presence of J/ψ hadronic decay backgrounds.
- Therefore, the D_s candidates are reconstructed via semi-leptonic decay mode $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi e^- \bar{v}_e$.
- Since D_s^- cannot be reconstructed with their invariant mass due to the missing neutrino, the recoil momentum is used to reconstruct D_s^- .
- We use the ratio of EMC deposited energy E and MDC momentum P for charged particles and dE/dx information from MDC to suppress the main background due to e/π misidentification.



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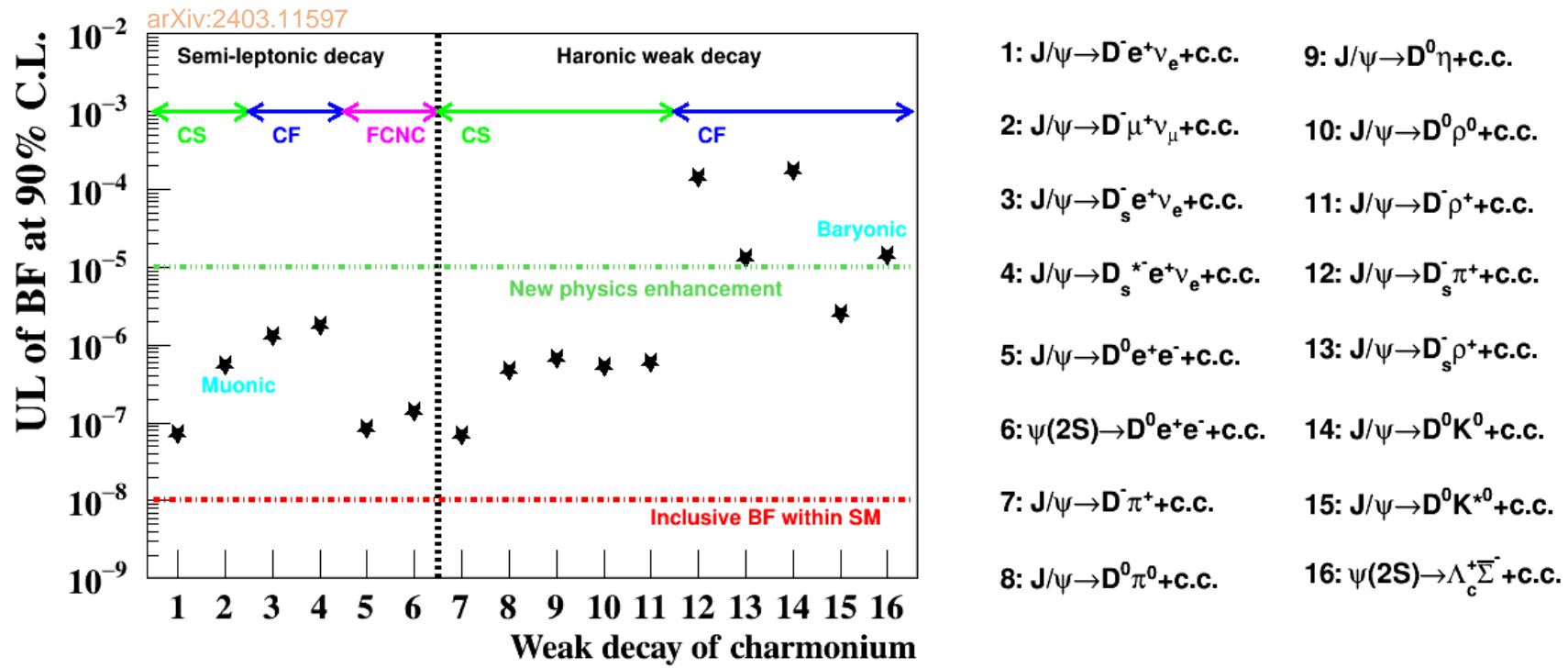


Figure: The summary of charmonium weak decay



Thanks