

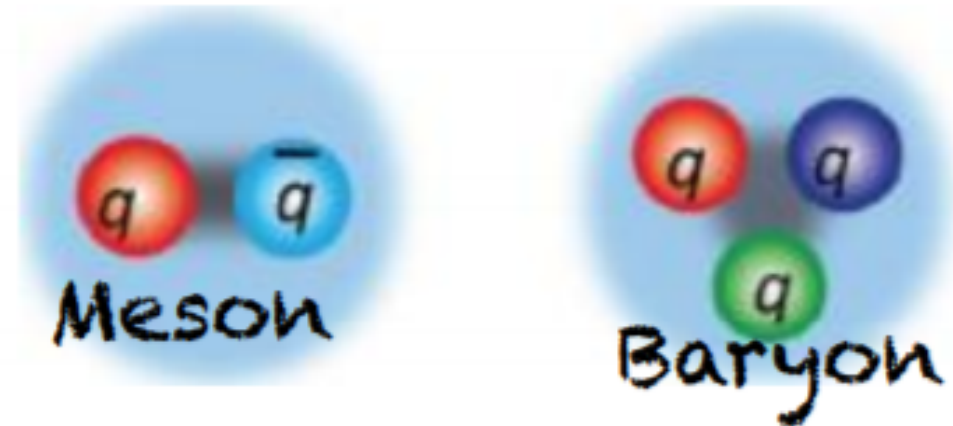
Light exotic hadron at BESIII

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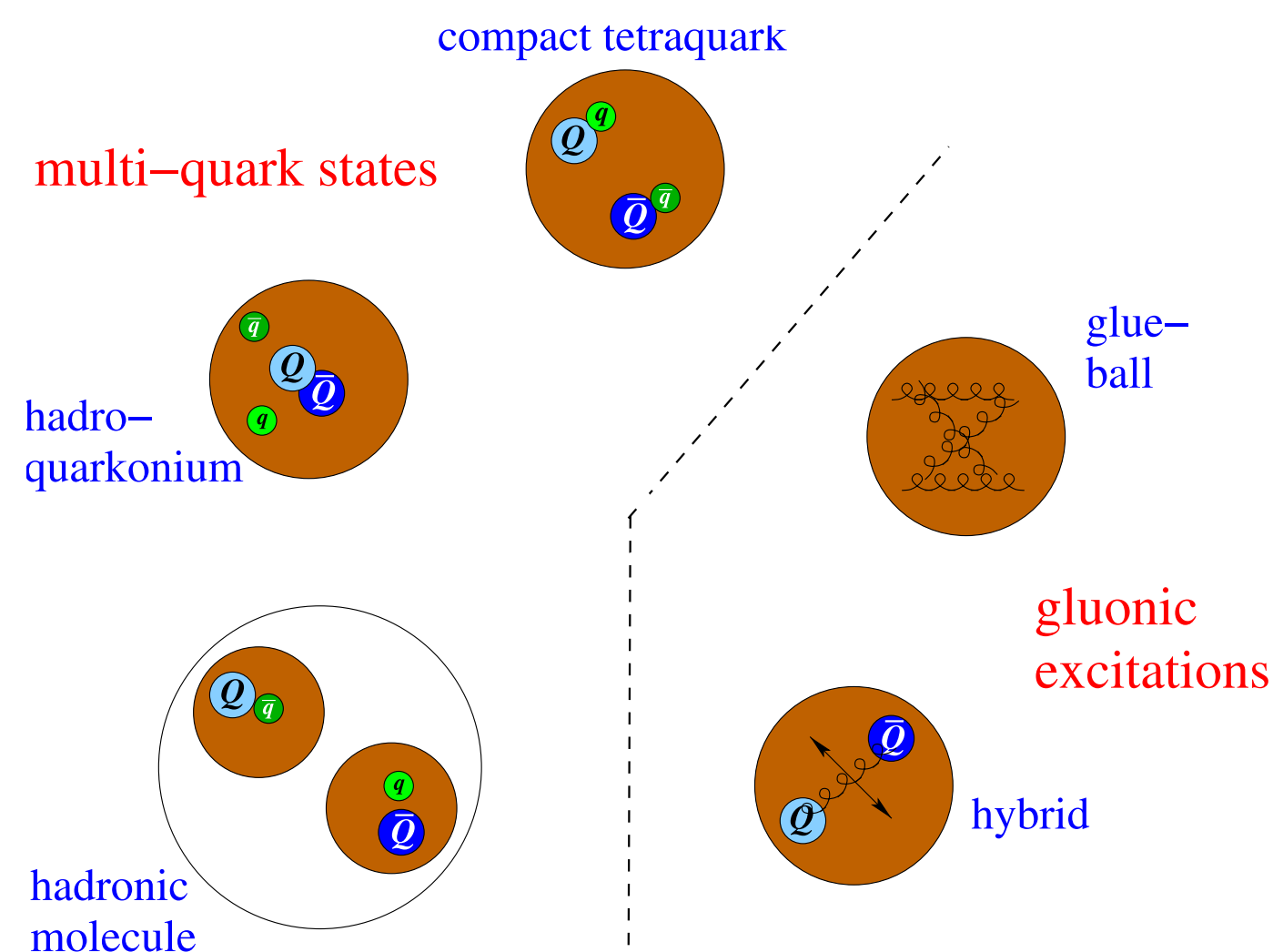
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Forms of hadrons

Quark model



New forms of hadrons



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◆ Quark model (QM)

- ◆ Identify hadrons as compound objects consisting of quarks and antiquarks
- ◆ Dynamics description inside hadrons

◆ New form of hadrons:

- ◆ **Multi-quark:** quark number ≥ 4
- ◆ **Hybrid state:** the mixture of quark and gluon
- ◆ **Glueball:** composed of gluons

◆ Understanding of fundamental structure via hadron spectroscopy: challenge identification from QM

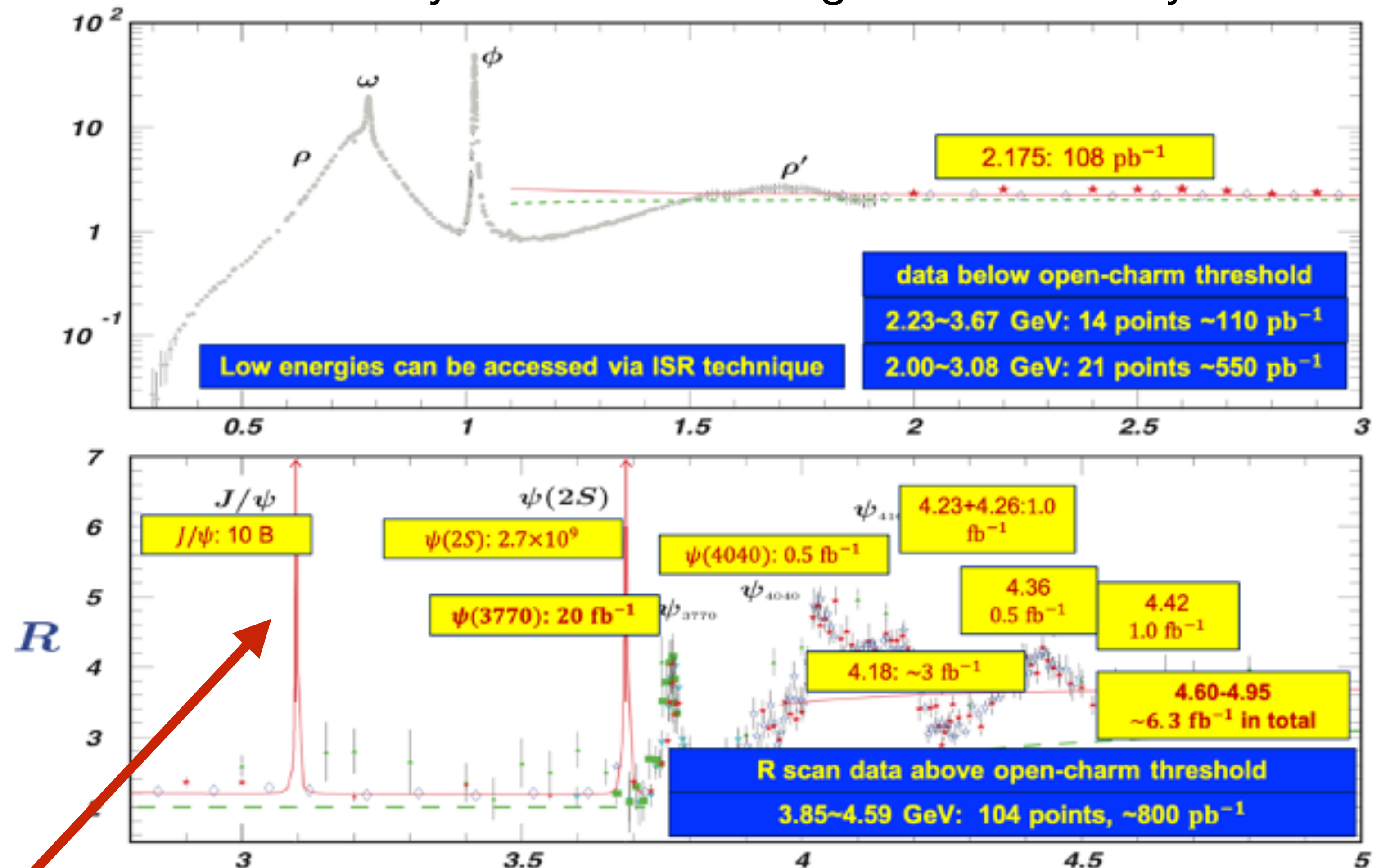
- ◆ **Exotic quantum states**
- ◆ **Crypto exotic with particular properties**

BESIII Data samples

Totally about 50fb⁻¹ integrated luminosity

Data sets collected so far include

- ♦ 10×10⁹ J/ψ events
- ♦ 2.7×10⁹ ψ(2S) events
- ♦ 20 fb⁻¹ ψ(3770)
- ♦ Scan data between 1.8 and 3.08 GeV, and above 3.74GeV
- ♦ Large datasets for XYZ studies:
Scan with >500pb⁻¹ per energy point space 10-20MeV apart

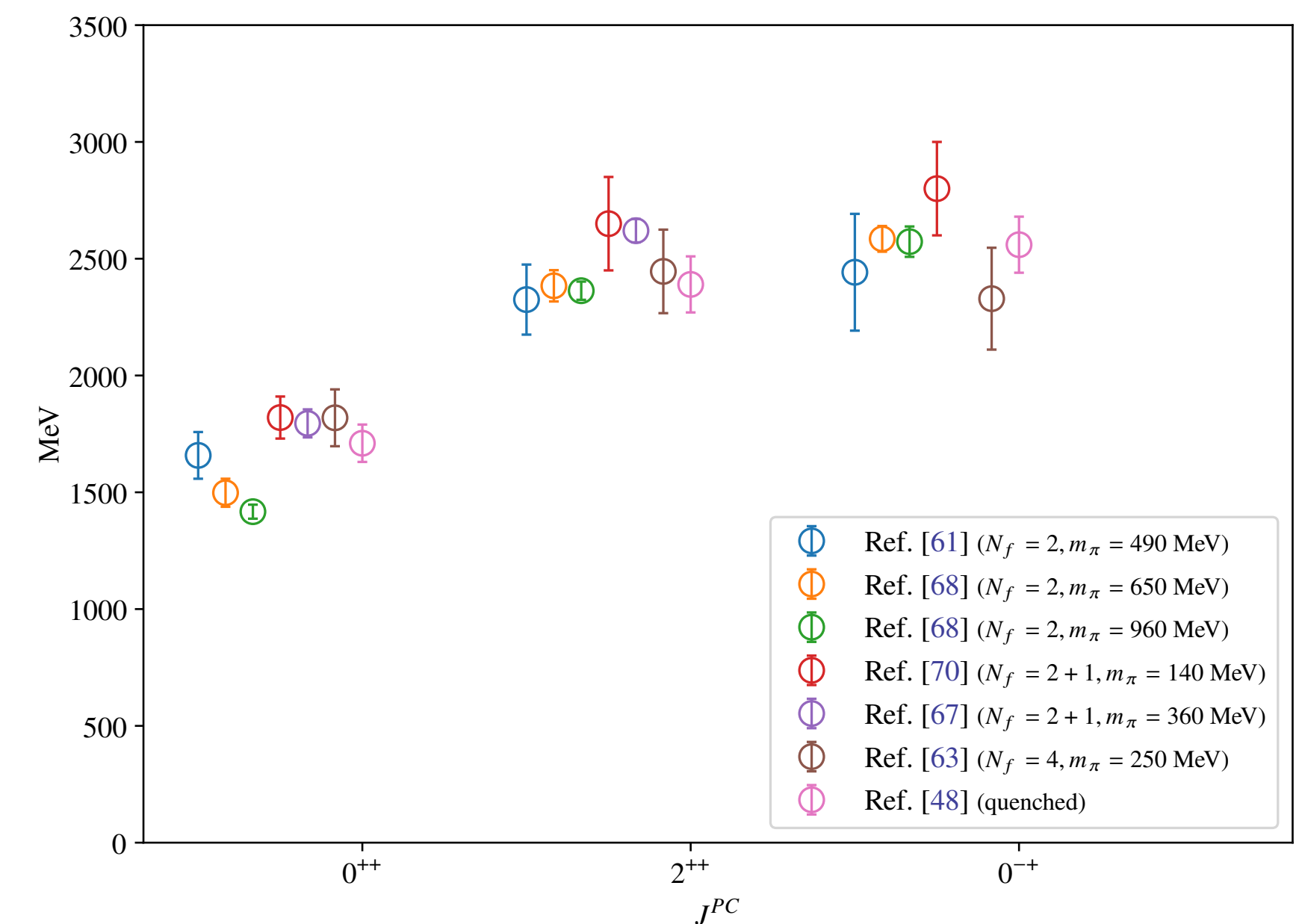


World largest J/ψ data sample : ~10 billion

Glueballs

- ◆ The basic theory for strong interactions is quantum chromodynamics (QCD)
 - ✦ **Gluon self-interaction:** prediction of non-Abelian Gauge SU(3) QCD theory
 - ✦ Glueballs are **unique particles** formed **with force carriers via self-interactions**
 - ✦ **Glueballs to QCD** is just as important as **Higgs Boson to EW**

- ◆ **Lattice QCD** (LQCD) is a non-perturbative method from the first principles in theory.
- ◆ **Different lattice QCD groups** (including lattice simulations with dynamical quarks)
 - ✦ Predictions on **masses and production rates** of pure glueballs
 - ✦ Consistent results and expected to be reliable.
- ◆ Lattice QCD predictions on pure glueball masses:
 - ✦ **0^{++} ground state:** 1.5 - 1.7 GeV/c²
 - ✦ **2^{++} ground state:** 2.3 - 2.4 GeV/c²
 - ✦ **0^{-+} ground state:** 2.3 - 2.6 GeV/c²

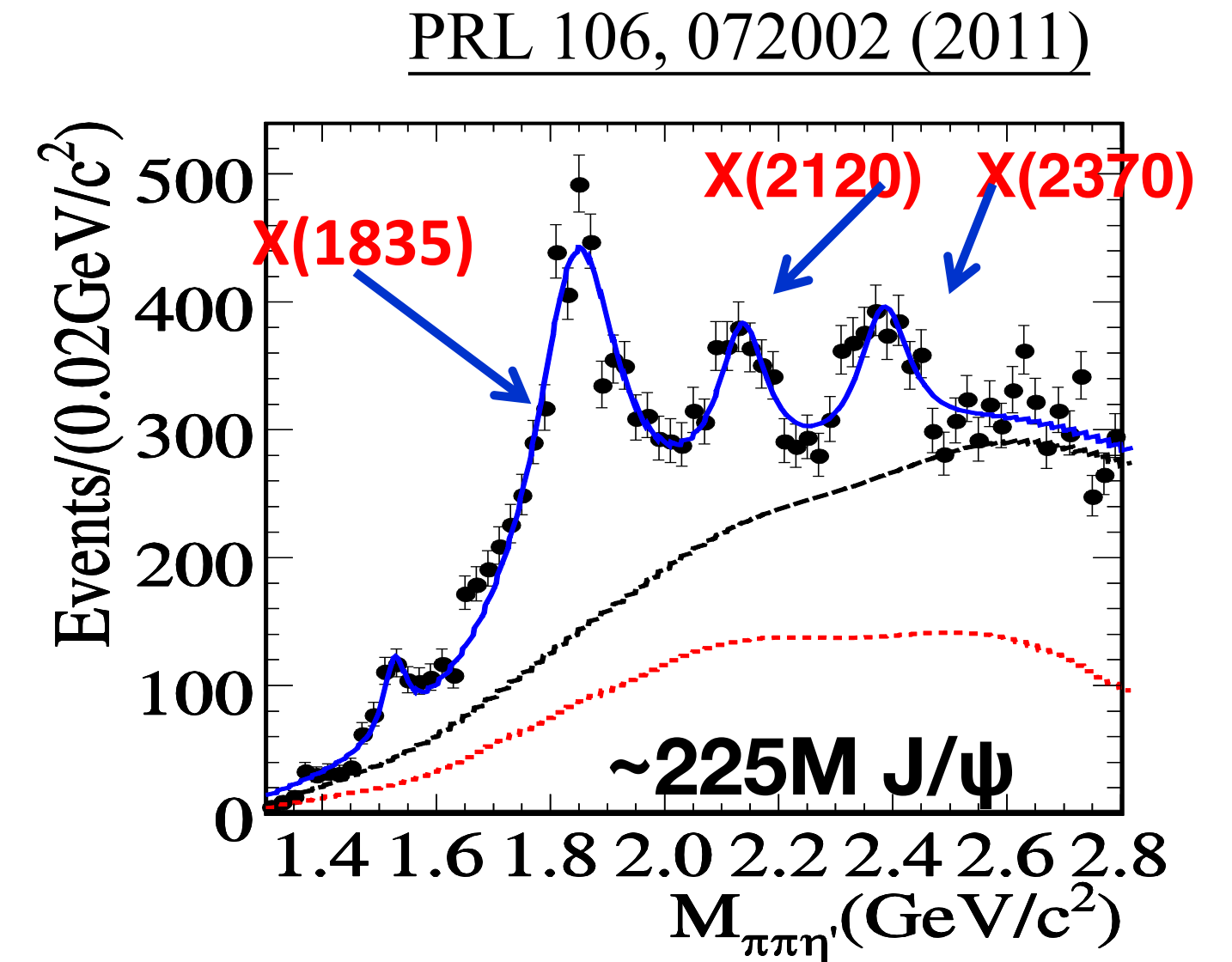


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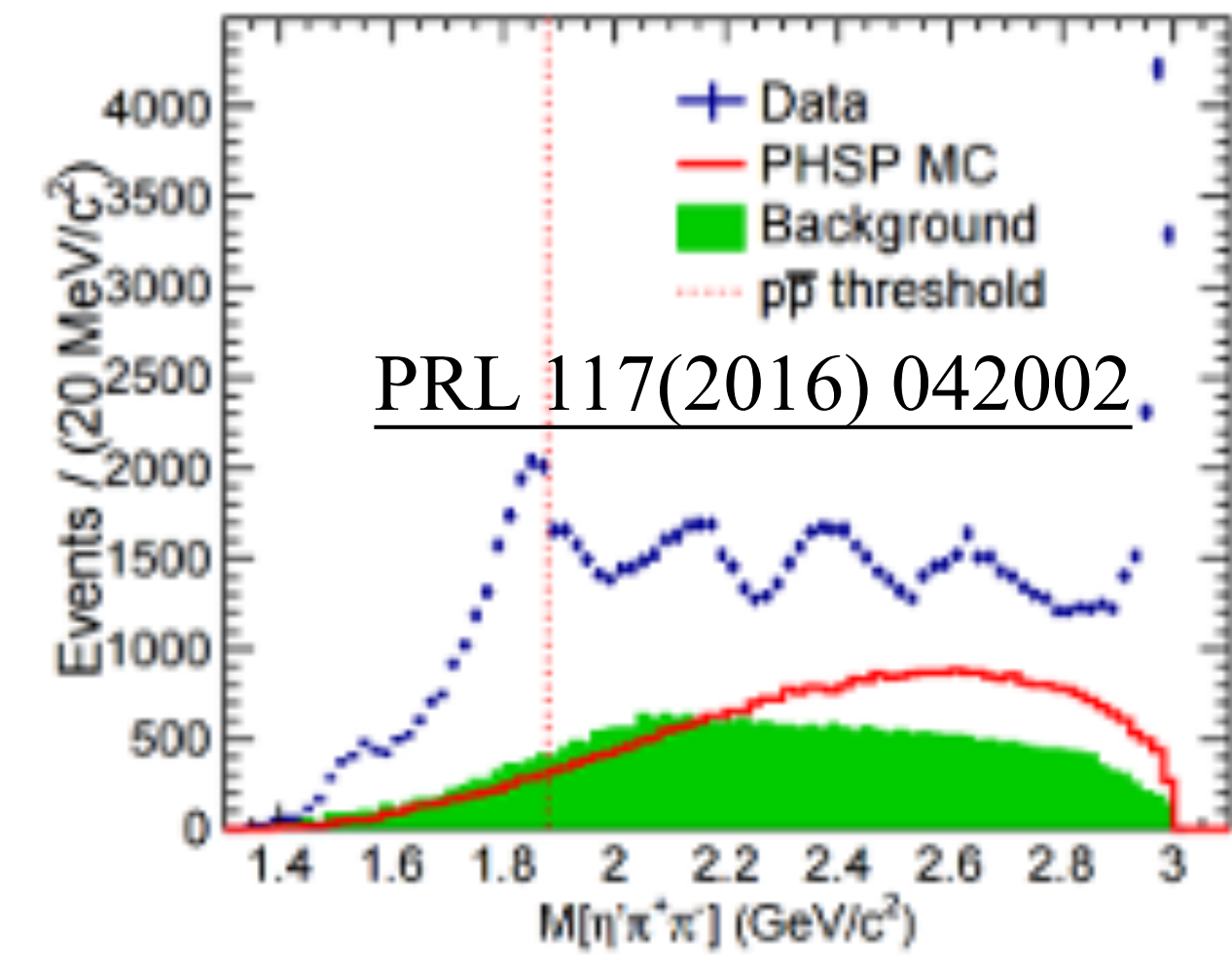
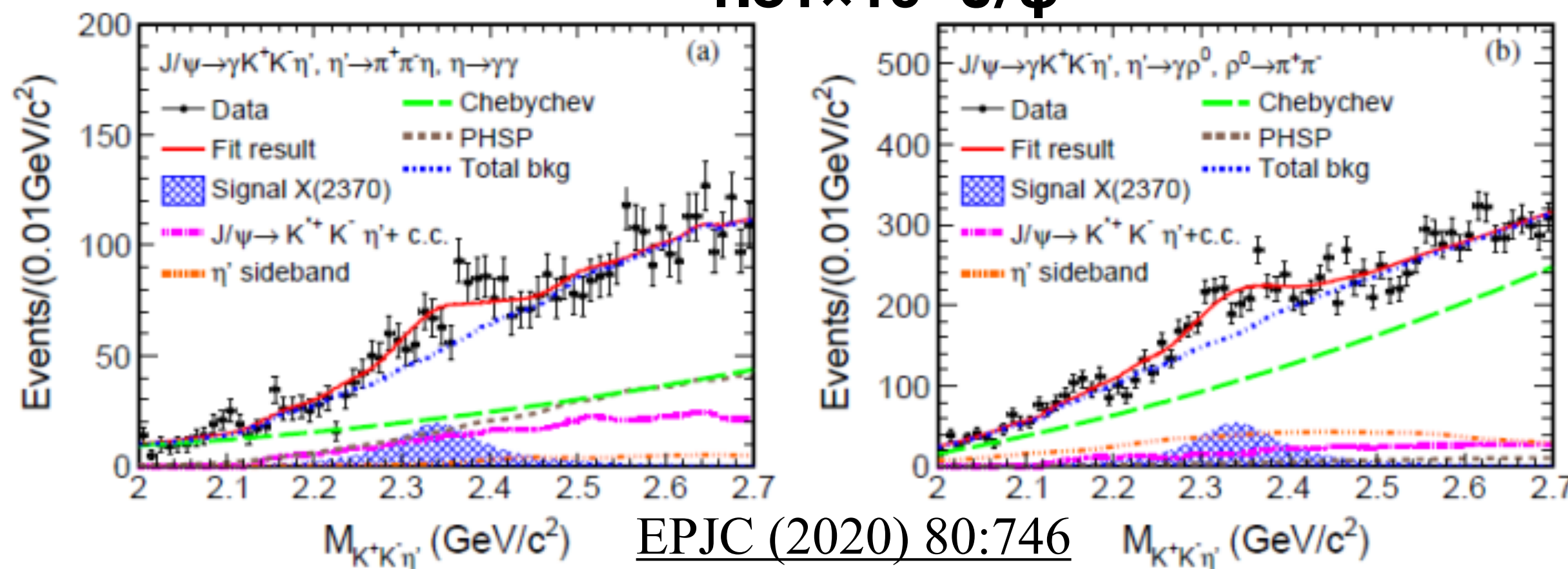
X(2370)

◆ Discovered by BESIII in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$ in 2011

	M(MeV/c ²)	Γ (MeV/c ²)	Sig.
X(1835)	$1836.5 \pm 3.0^{+5.6}_{-2.1}$	$190.1 \pm 9.0^{+38}_{-36}$	$>20\sigma$
X(2120)	$2122.4 \pm 6.7^{+4.7}_{-2.7}$	$83 \pm 16^{+31}_{-11}$	7.2σ
X(2370)	$2376.3 \pm 8.7^{+3.2}_{-4.3}$	$83 \pm 17^{+44}_{-6}$	6.4σ

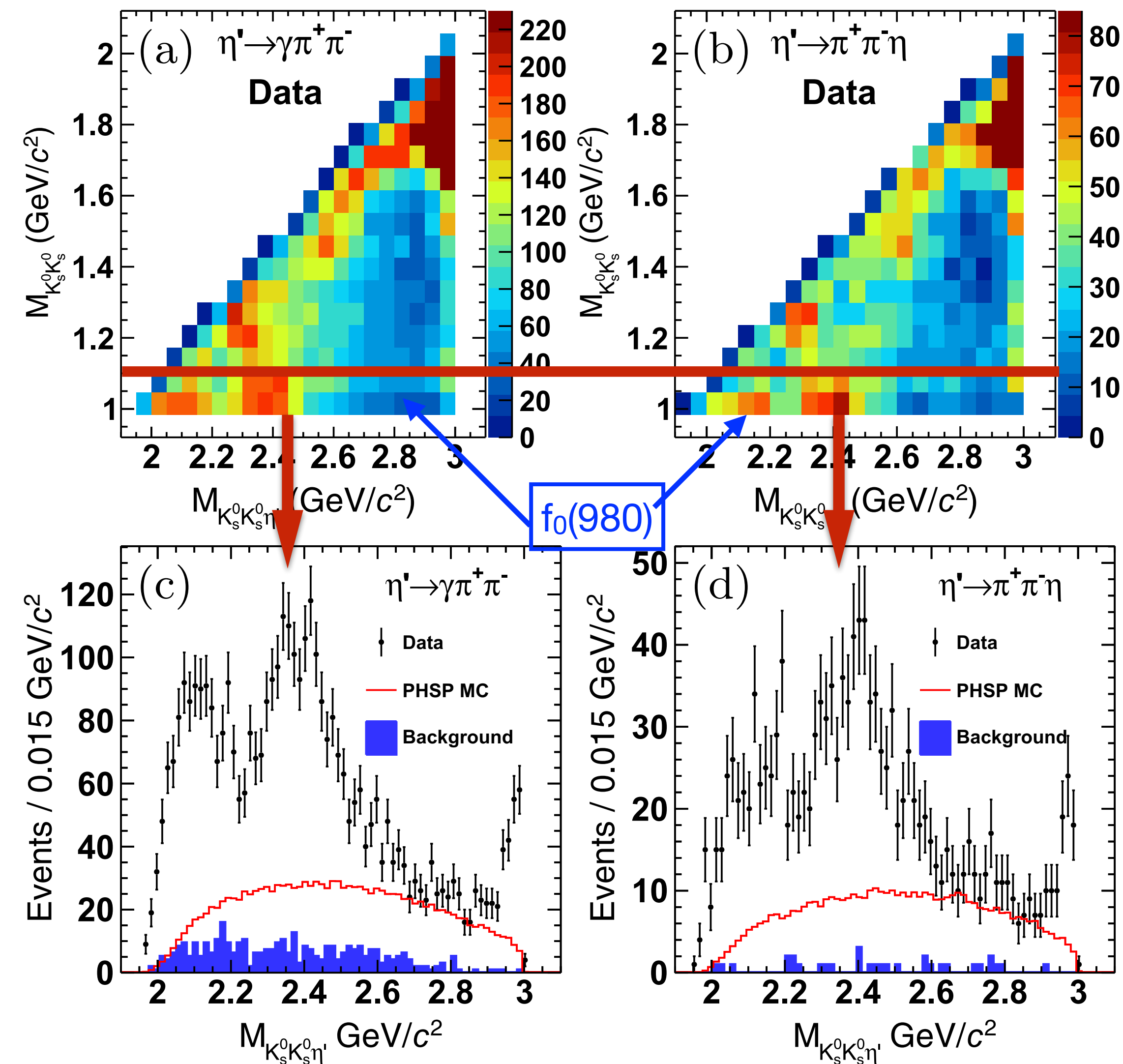


◆ Confirmed by BESIII in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K \bar{K} \eta'$ (new mode)
 $1.31 \times 10^9 J/\psi$



Observation of the flavor symmetry decay of the X(2370)

Spin-Parity determination of the $X(2370)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0 \eta'$



- ◆ Analysis advantage of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0 \eta'$:
 - ◆ Almost background free channel (exchange symmetry and C-parity conservation)
 - ◆ 10 billion J/ψ data
 - ◆ Very good BESIII detector performance
- ◆ Similar structures in $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta$ / $\gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ modes:
 - ◆ Evident $f_0(980)$ in $K_s^0 K_s^0$ mass threshold
 - ◆ Clear signal of $X(1835), X(2370), \eta_c$ with $f_0(980)$ selection
- ◆ Best PWA fit can well describe the data:
 - ◆ **Spin-parity of the $X(2370)$ is determined to be 0^- with significance larger than 9.8σ w.r.t. other J^{PC} assumptions**

Glueball-like Particle X(2370)

X(2370) measurements:

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$J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ with significance $>9.8\sigma$

$M = 2395 \pm 11^{+26}_{-94}$ MeV

$\Gamma = 188^{+18}_{-17}{}^{+124}_{-33}$ MeV

$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370))B(X(2370) \rightarrow f_0(980)\eta')B(f_0(980) \rightarrow K^0_s K^0_s)$
 $= (1.31 \pm 0.22^{+2.85}_{-0.84}) \times 10^{-5}$

LQCD prediction on lightest pseudoscalar glueball:

$J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$

$M = 2395 \pm 14$ MeV

$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0^{-+}}) = (2.31 \pm 0.80) \times 10^{-4}$ PRD 100 (2019) 054511

- ◆ The measurements are in a good agreement with the predictions on **lightest pseudoscalar glueball**
- ◆ **The spin-parity of the X(2370) is determined to be 0^{-+} for the first time**
- ◆ **Mass is in a good agreement with LQCD predictions**
- ◆ The estimation on $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370))$ and prediction on $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0^{-+}})$ are consistent within errors (assuming $\sim 5\%$ decay rate, $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370)) = (10.7^{+22.8}_{-7}) \times 10^{-4}$)

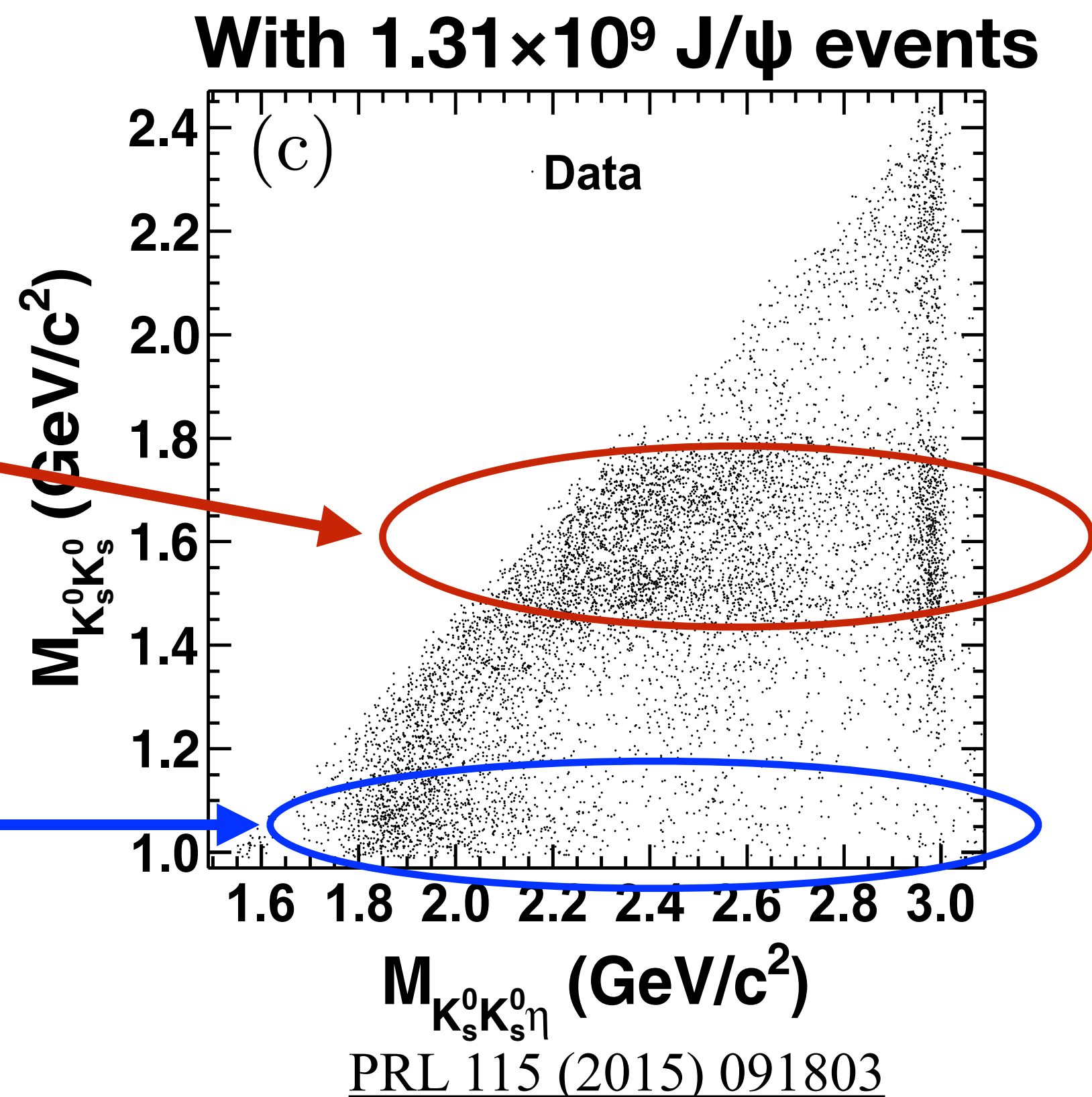
$X(2370)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0 \eta$

Observation and Spin-Parity Determination of the $X(1835)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0 \eta$

Qualitatively, we can clearly observe: similar decay patterns of the $X(2370)$ and η_c if phase space allows

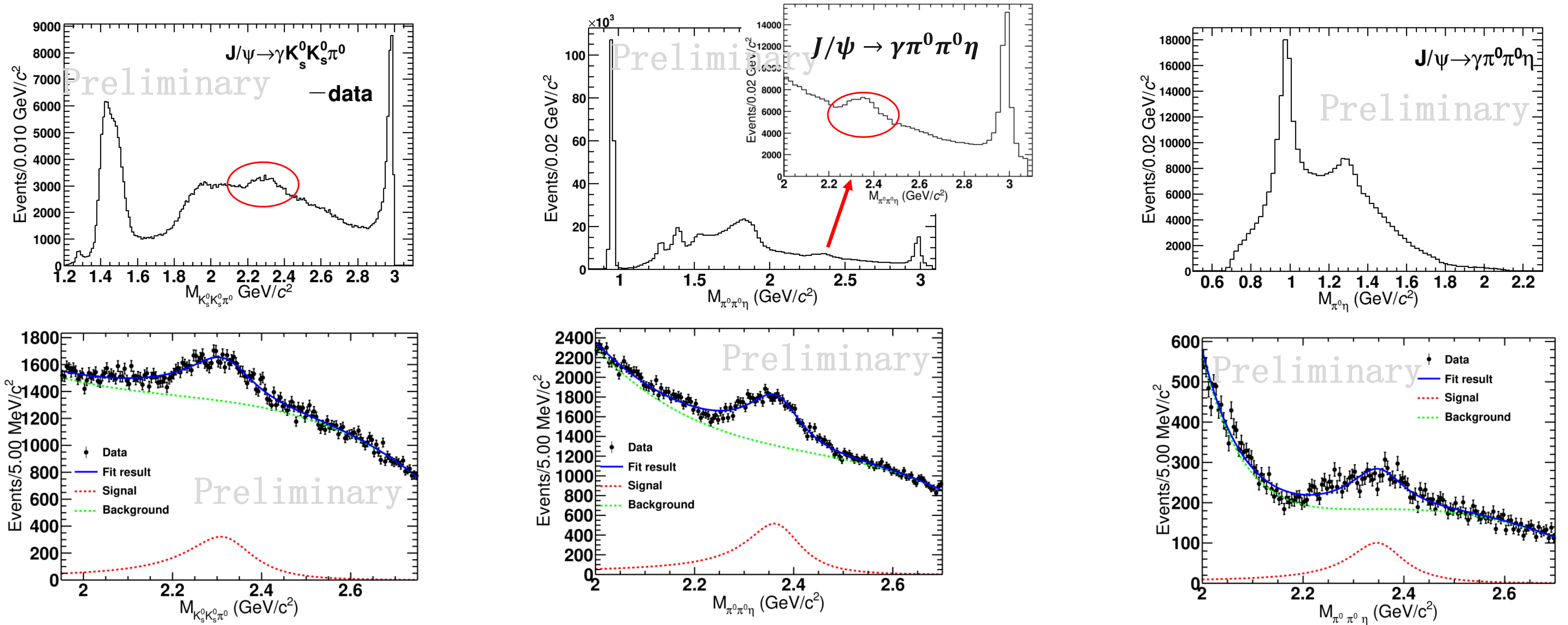
In the upper KK mass band of 1.5-1.7 GeV range, clear signals of both $X(2370)$ and η_c

In the lower KK mass band of $f_0(980)$, no $X(2370)$, nor η_c



Such high similarity between the $X(2370)$ and η_c decay modes

Observation of new decay modes of the X(2370)



First observation of $X(2370) \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0 \pi^0$, $X(2370) \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$ and $X(2370) \rightarrow a(980) \eta$ with **significances $\gg 5\sigma$** and **accompanied with η_c**

Observation of the X(2370) in the 5 golden decay modes

5 major η_c decay modes (from PDG)
— 5 “Golden” modes in 0^{-+} glueball traditional searches

Decays involving hadronic resonances

Γ_1	$\eta'(958)\pi\pi$	$(1.87 \pm 0.26) \%$
Γ_2	$\eta'(958)K\bar{K}$	$(1.61 \pm 0.25) \%$

Decays into stable hadrons

Γ_{34}	$K\bar{K}\pi$	$(7.0 \pm 0.4) \%$
Γ_{35}	$K\bar{K}\eta$	$(1.32 \pm 0.15) \%$
Γ_{36}	$\eta\pi^+\pi^-$	$(1.7 \pm 0.5) \%$

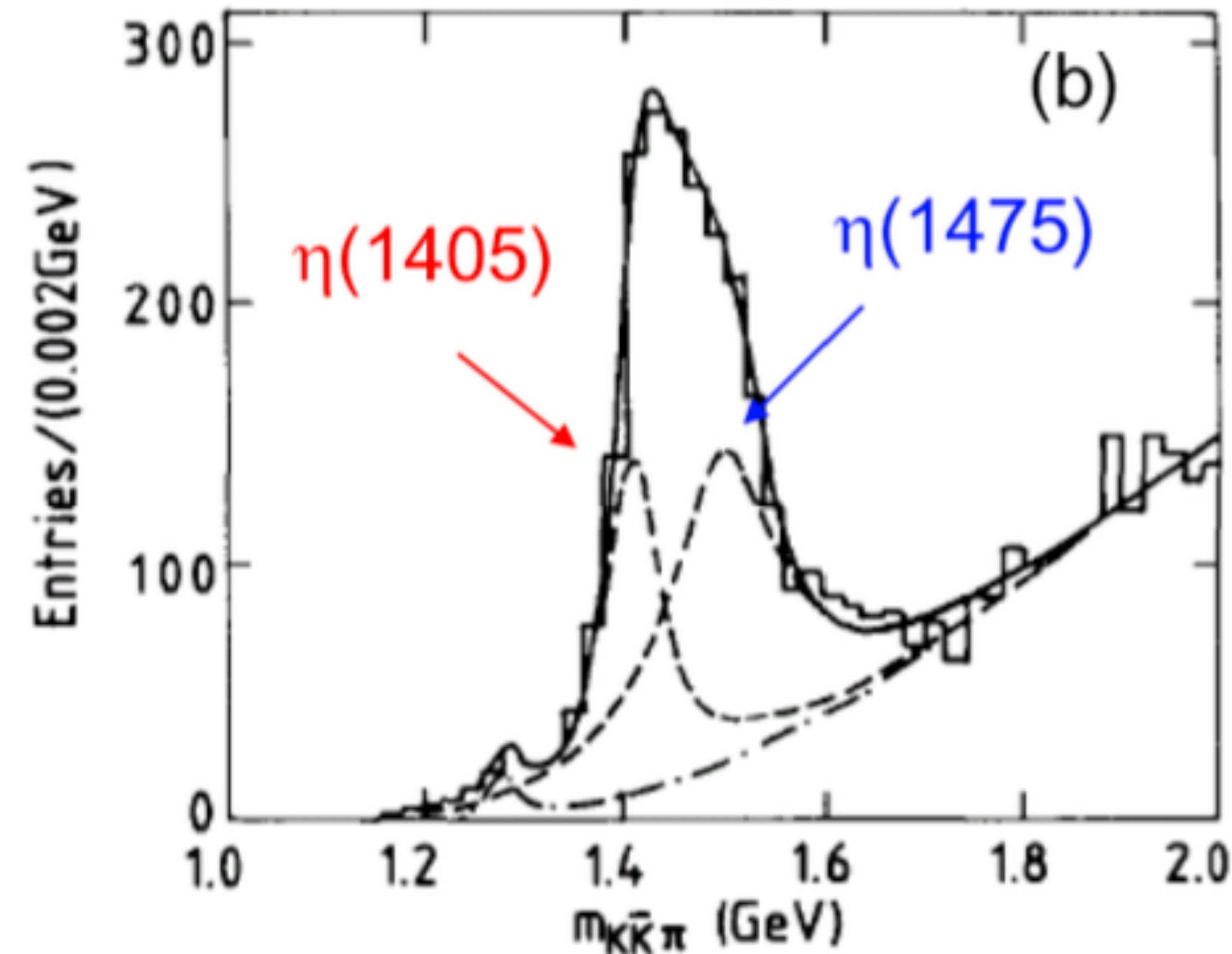
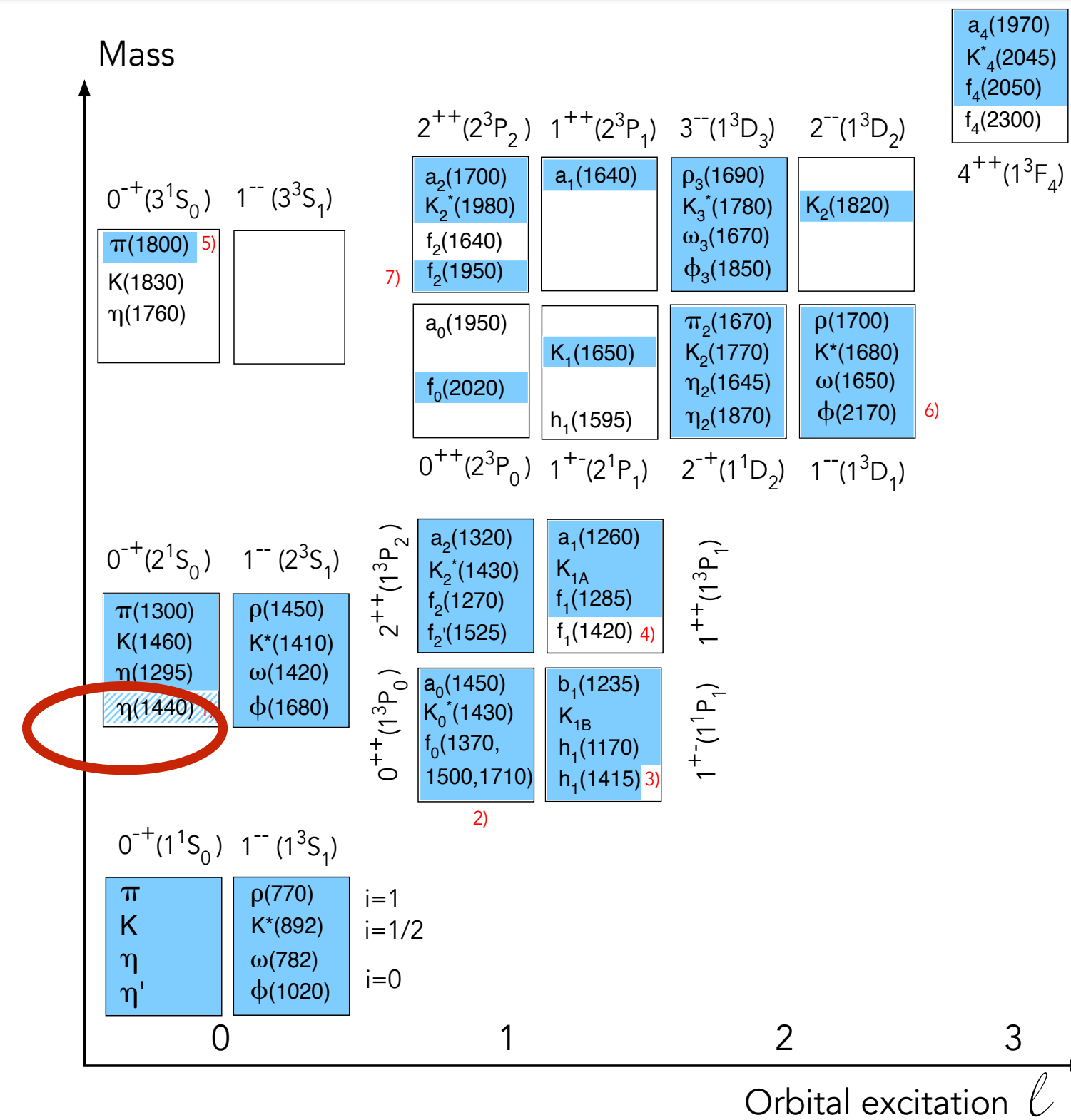
◆ The 0^{-+} glueball decays could be the analogy to η_c decays

- Decay modes of $X(2370) \rightarrow \pi\pi\eta', K\bar{K}\eta', K\bar{K}\pi, \pi\pi\eta, K\bar{K}\eta, a(980)\pi$ observed, consistent with 0^{-+} glueball

Such high similarity between the X(2370) and η_c decay modes strongly supports the glueball interpretation of the X(2370)

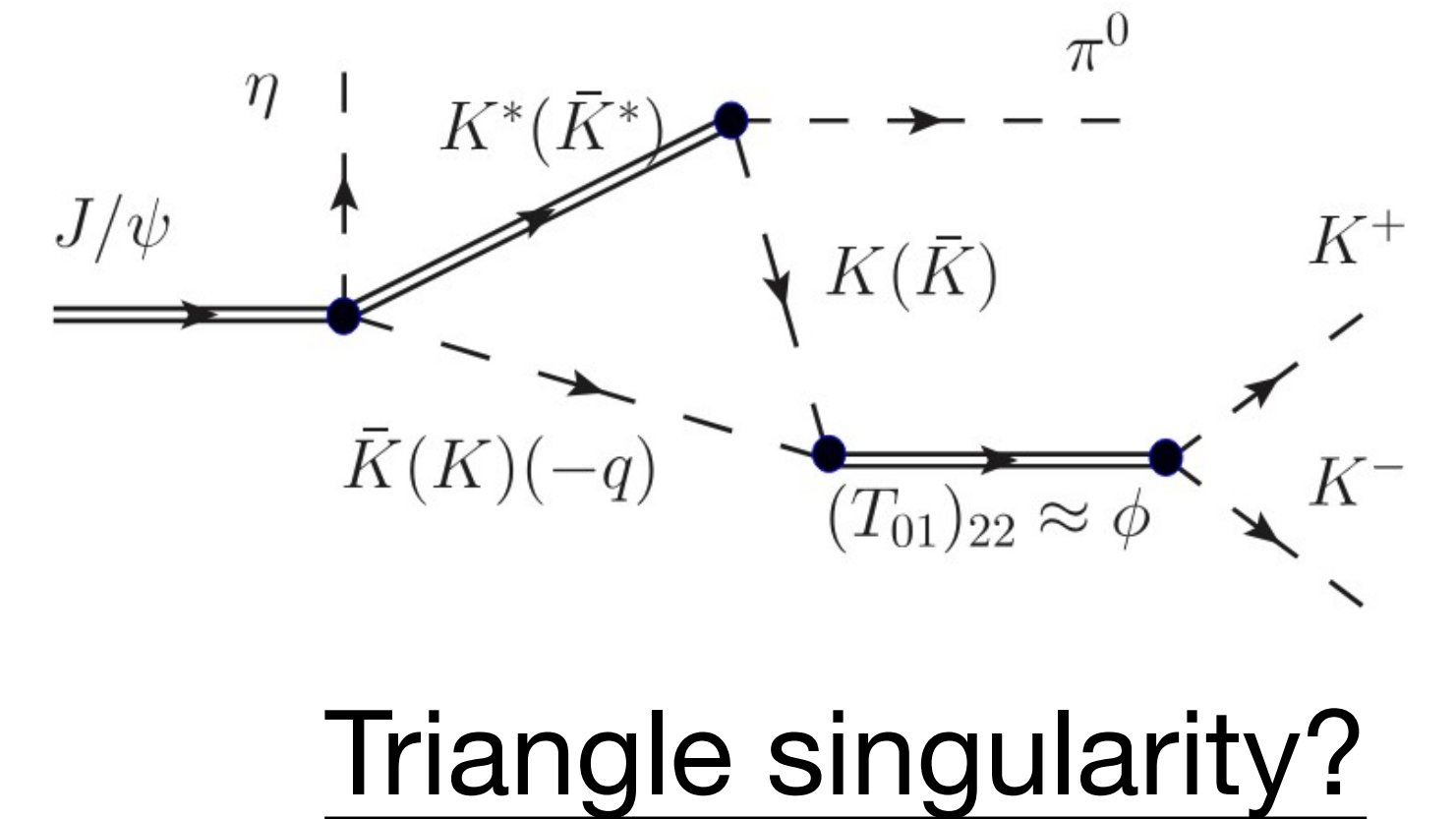
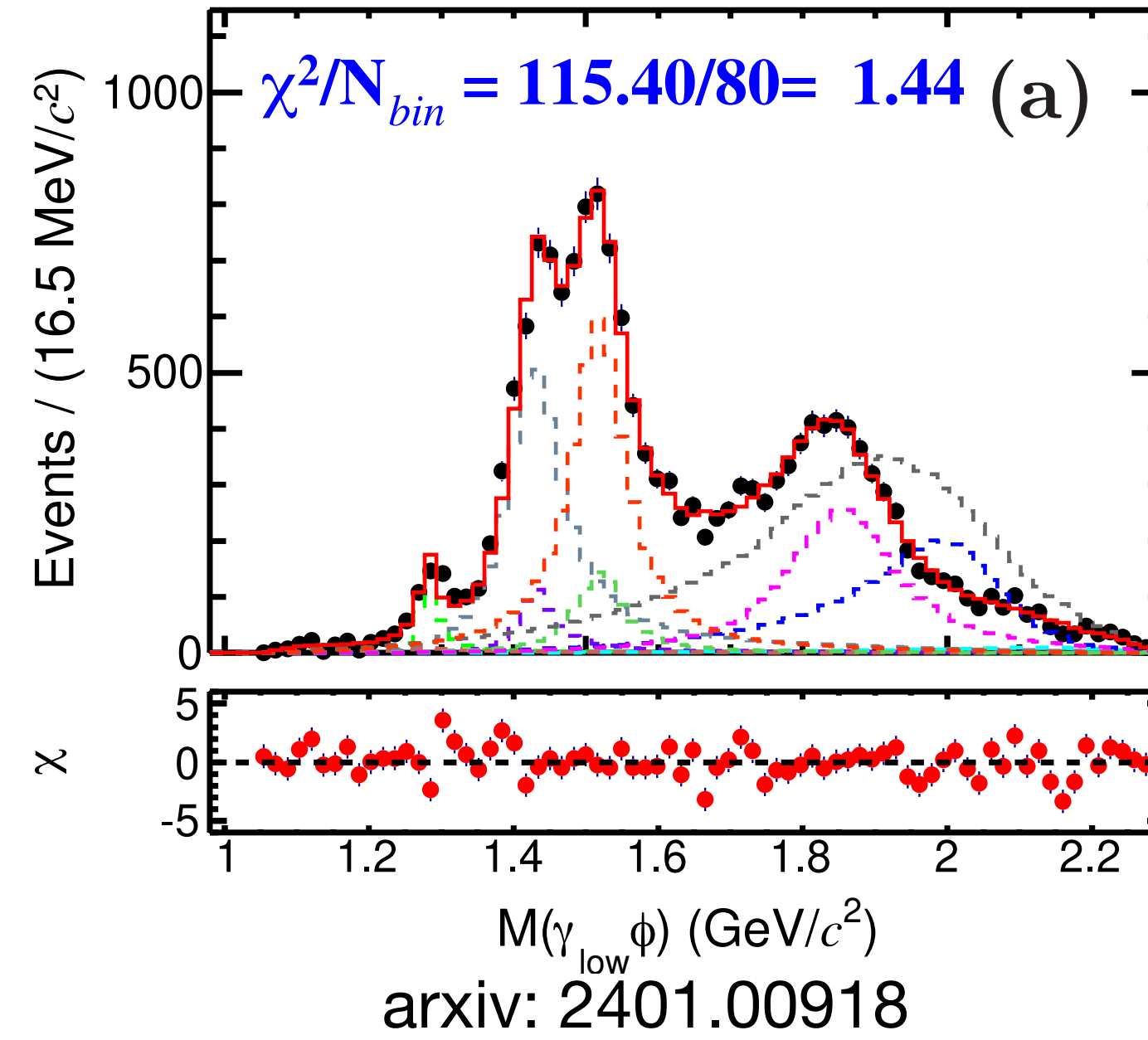
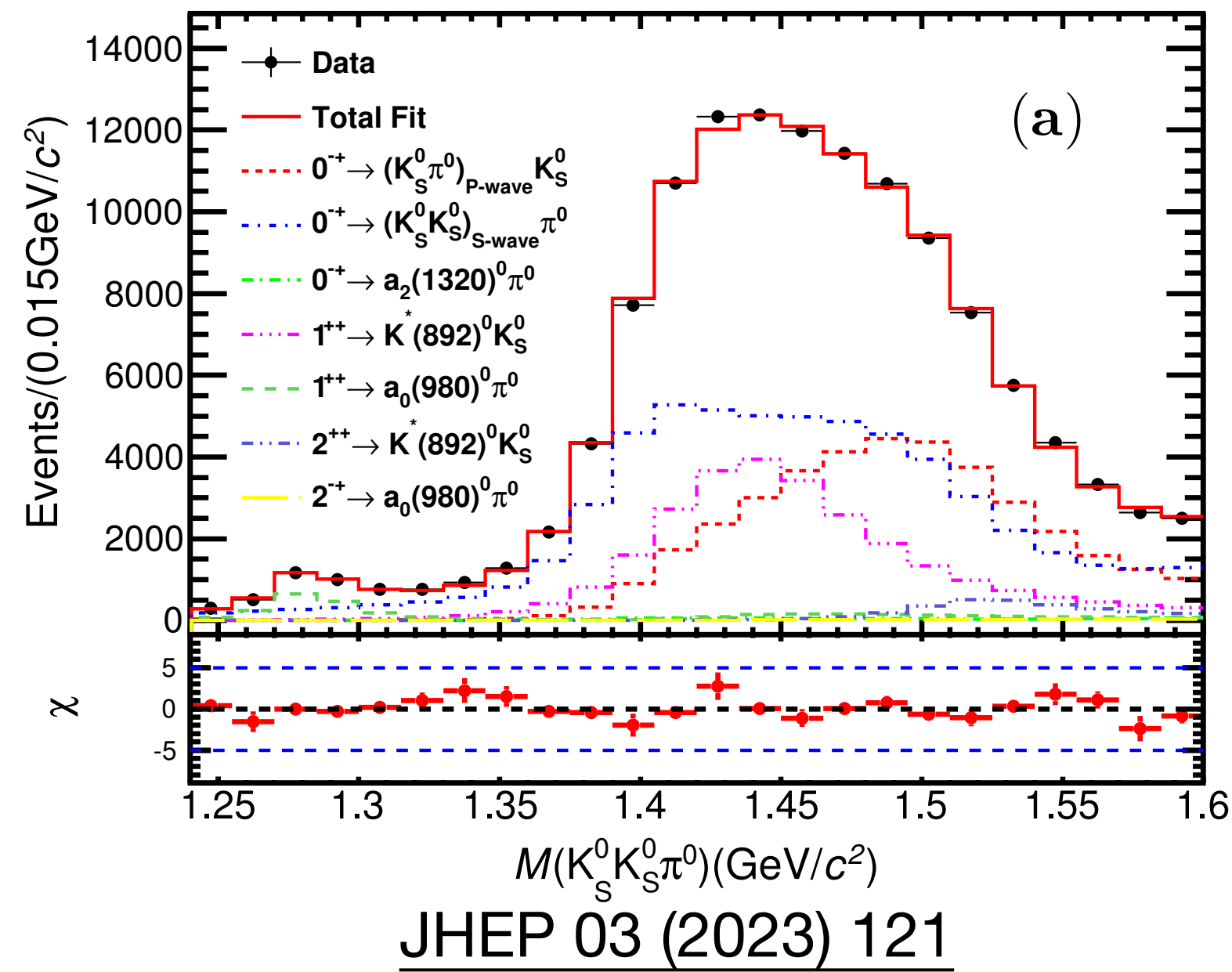
More details and discussion in Prof. Jin Shan's talk tomorrow

E- η puzzle



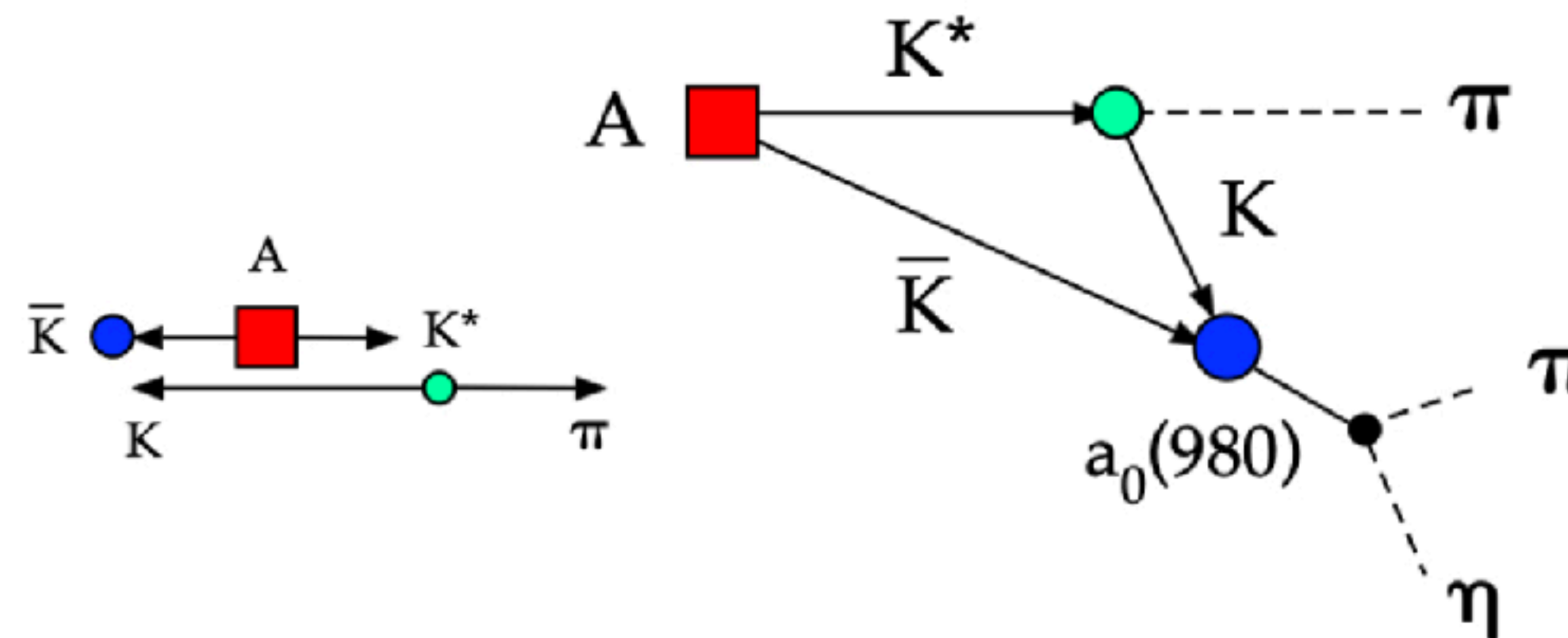
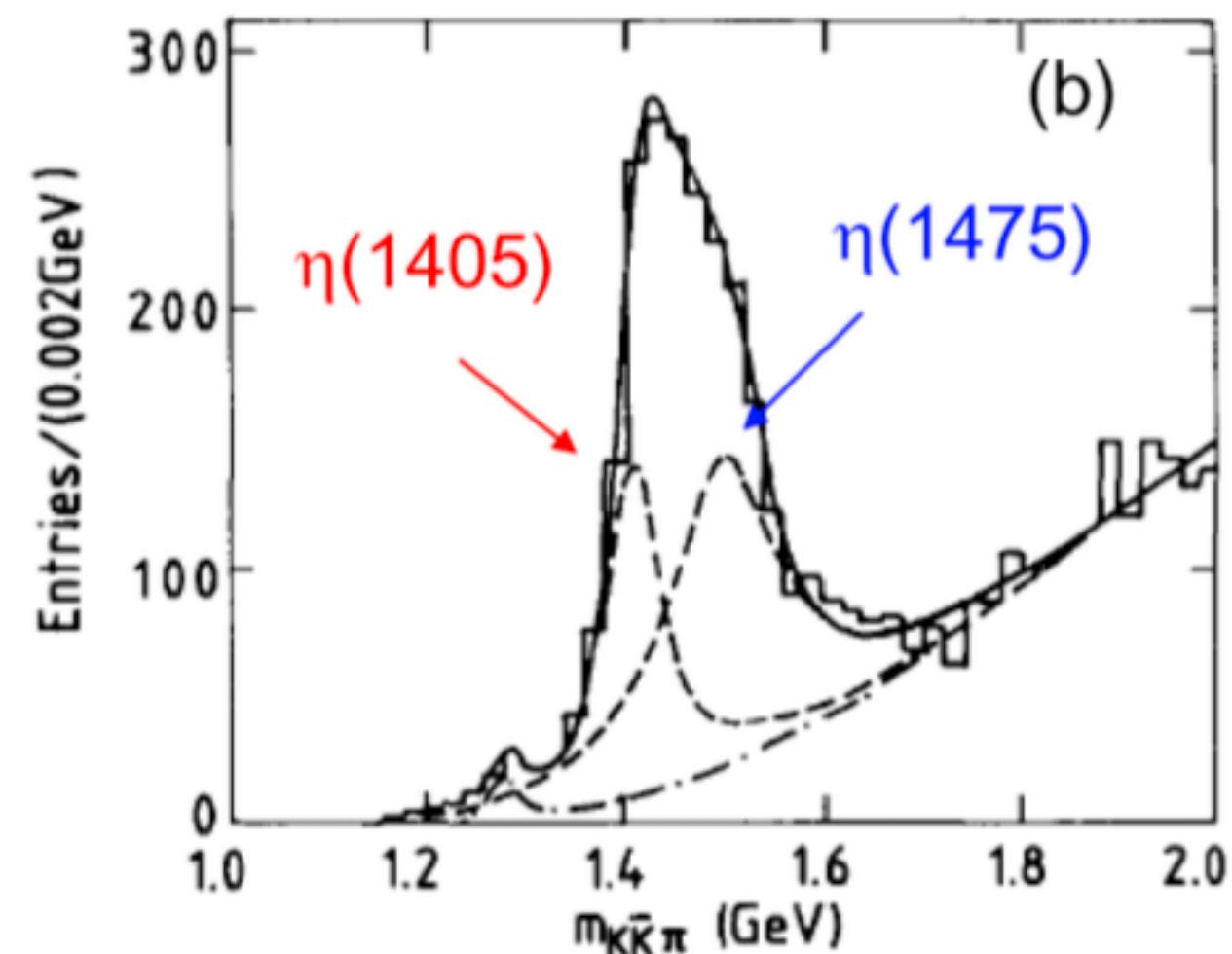
- ◆ An isoscalar state, $\eta(1440)$ as a glueball candidate
- ◆ $\eta(1295)$ and $\eta(1440)$ are generally assigned to be the first radial excitation of the ground states of η and η'
- ◆ Two isoscalars observed in the mass region
 - ◆ $\eta(1405)$ mainly into $a_0(980) \pi$. , $\eta(1475)$ mainly into $K^*(892)K$

Shed new lights on $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$ puzzle



- ◆ PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \pi^0$: Two isoscalar states $\eta(1405)$ and $\eta(1475)$ around 1.4 GeV can well fit data
- ◆ PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \Phi$: observed $\eta(1405)$ with 18.9σ , while $\eta(1475)$ can not be excluded (3.9σ)
- ◆ **$\eta(1405)$ - $\eta(1475)$ puzzle : whether or not the $\eta(1405)$ - $\eta(1475)$ are 1 or 2 states?**

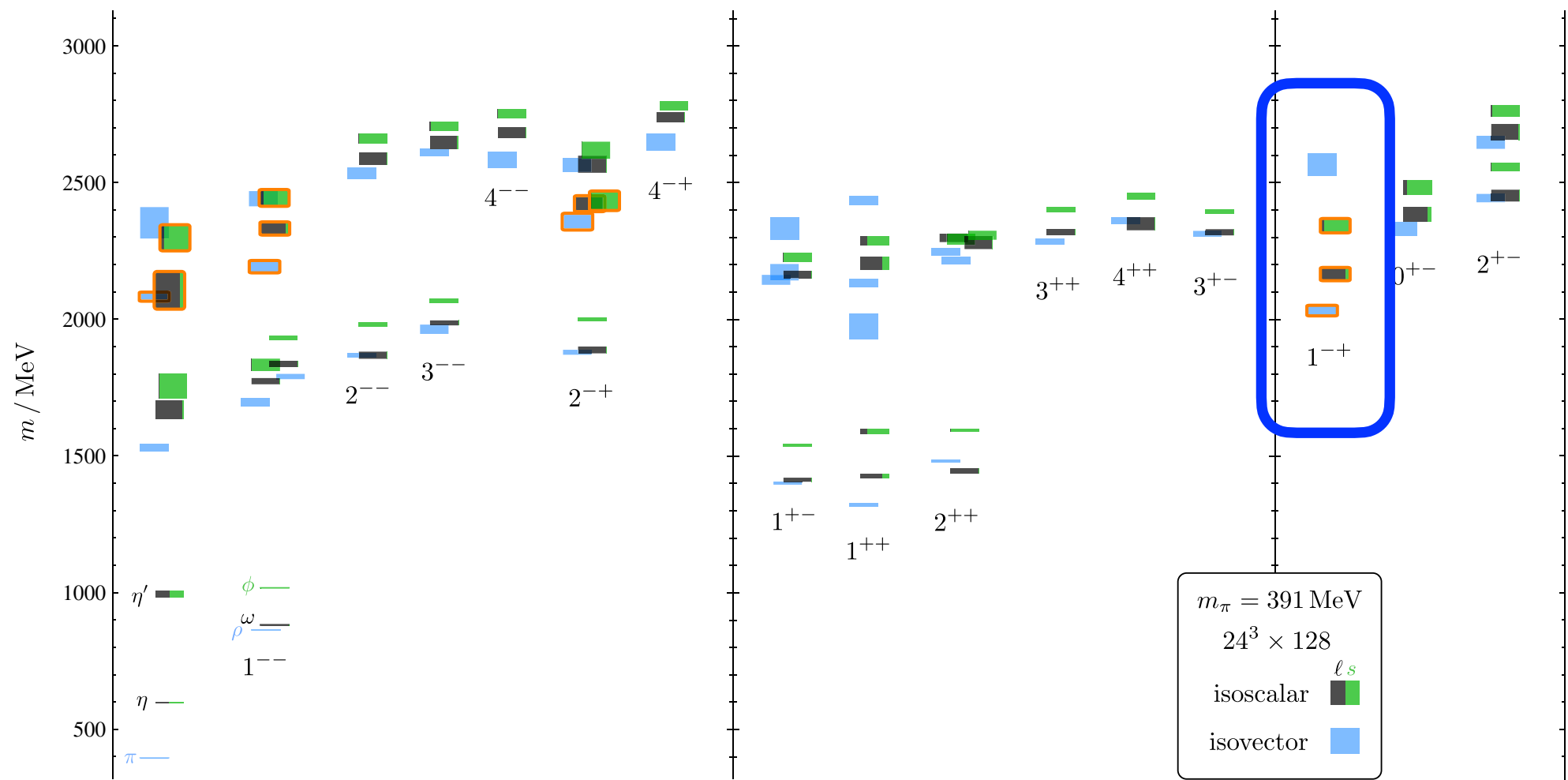
Some thoughts on $\eta(1440)$



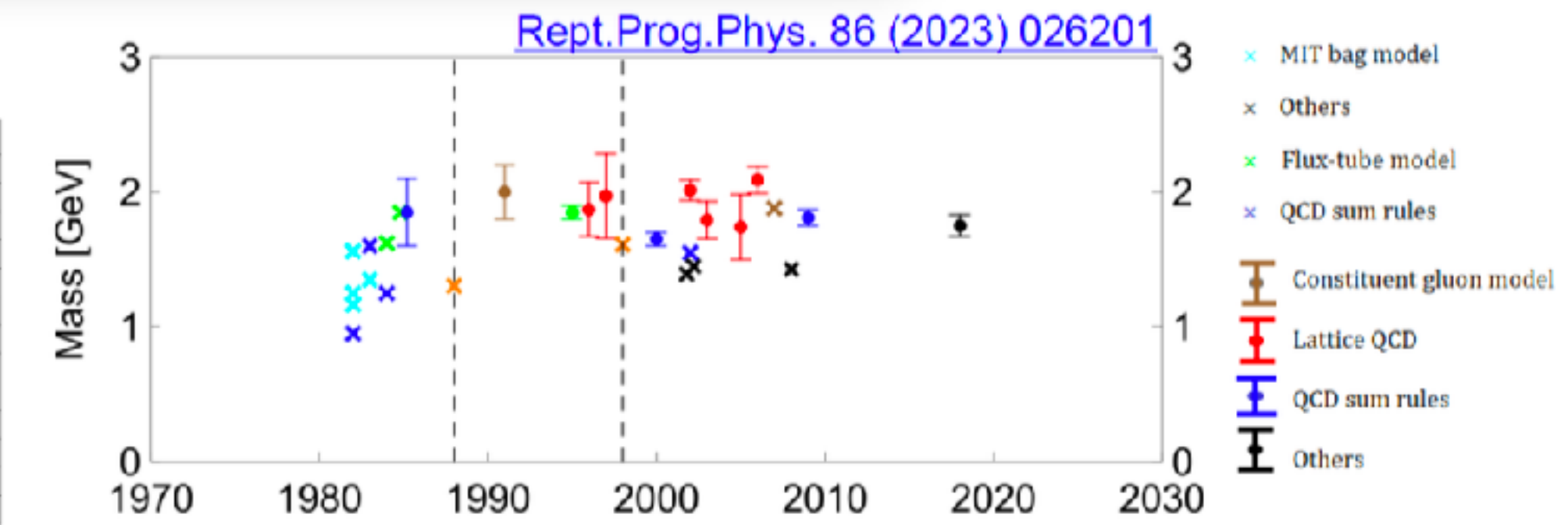
- ◆ The broad structure $\sim 1.4\text{GeV}$: $\eta(1405)$ and $\eta(1475)$ / Triangle singularity
 - ◆ Probe the quark constitute and triangle singularity effect via ω/ϕ associated production
 - ◆ Probe the triangle singularity via the ratio between $a_0(980)$ and $f_0(980)$
 - ◆ Need to check the complexity of $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ decay mode
 - ◆ Need to expected ratio: measurement and prediction

Exotic 1^{-+} state

J^{PC}	$q\bar{q}$
0^{++}	yes
0^{+-}	-
0^{-+}	yes
0^{--}	-
1^{++}	yes
1^{+-}	yes
1^{-+}	-
1^{--}	yes
2^{++}	yes
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3^{++}	yes
3^{+-}	yes
3^{-+}	-
3^{--}	yes

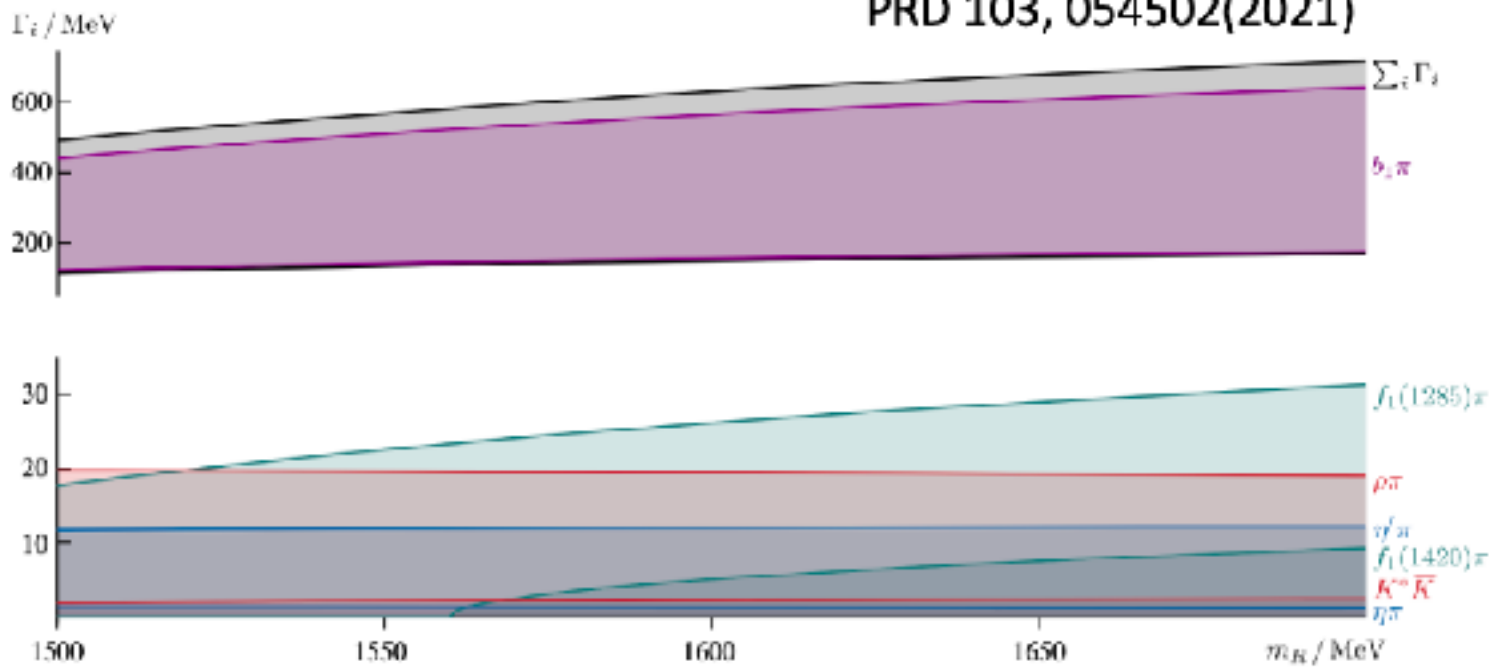


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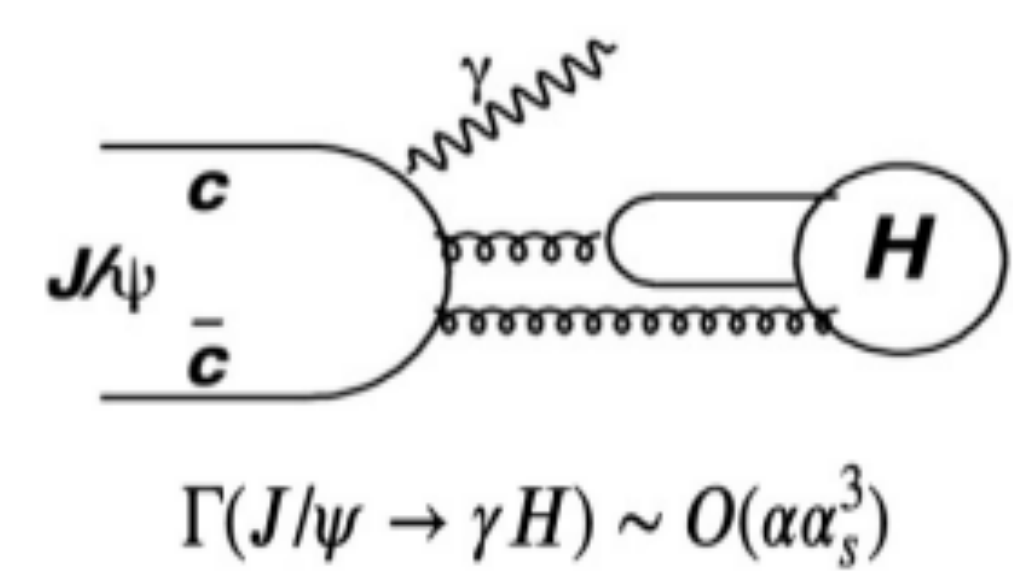


Mass of 1^{-+} hybrid

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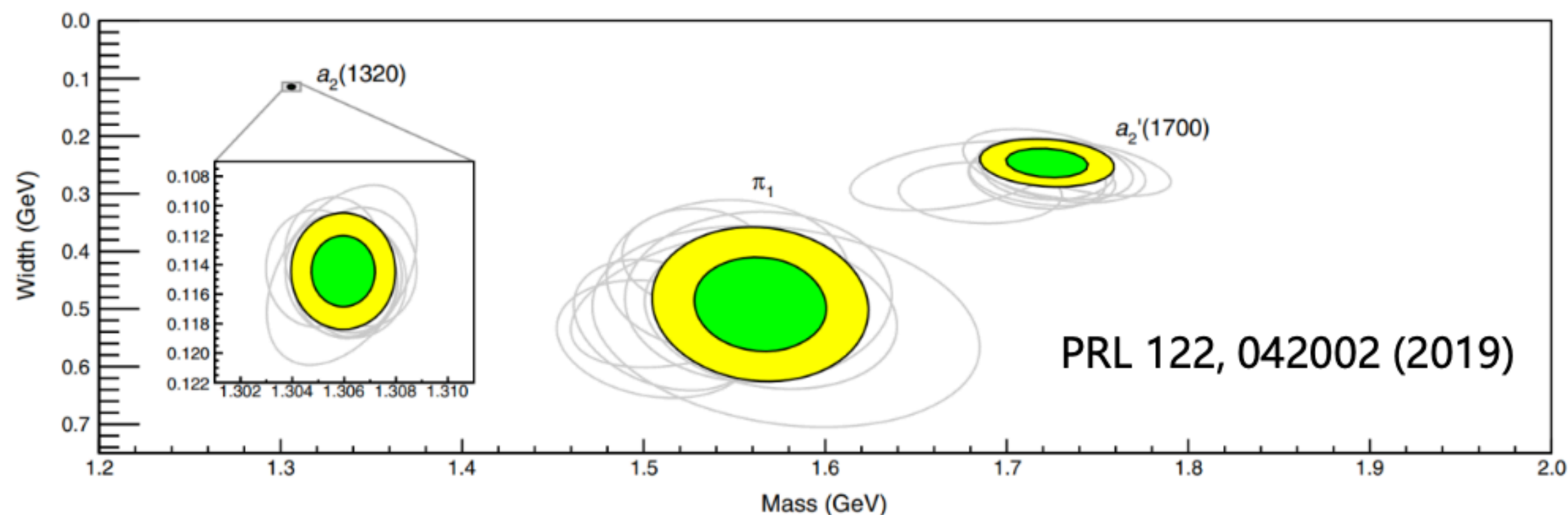
Width of 1^{-+} hybrid



- ◆ **Spin-exotic state of 1^{-+} :** forbidden in conventional quark model
- ◆ Exotic state **1^{-+} provide an unique way for hybrid search:**
- ◆ LQCD predicts the **lightest nonet of 1^{-+} hybrids:** 1.7 - 2.1GeV
- ◆ **Can be produced in the gluon-rich charmonium decays**

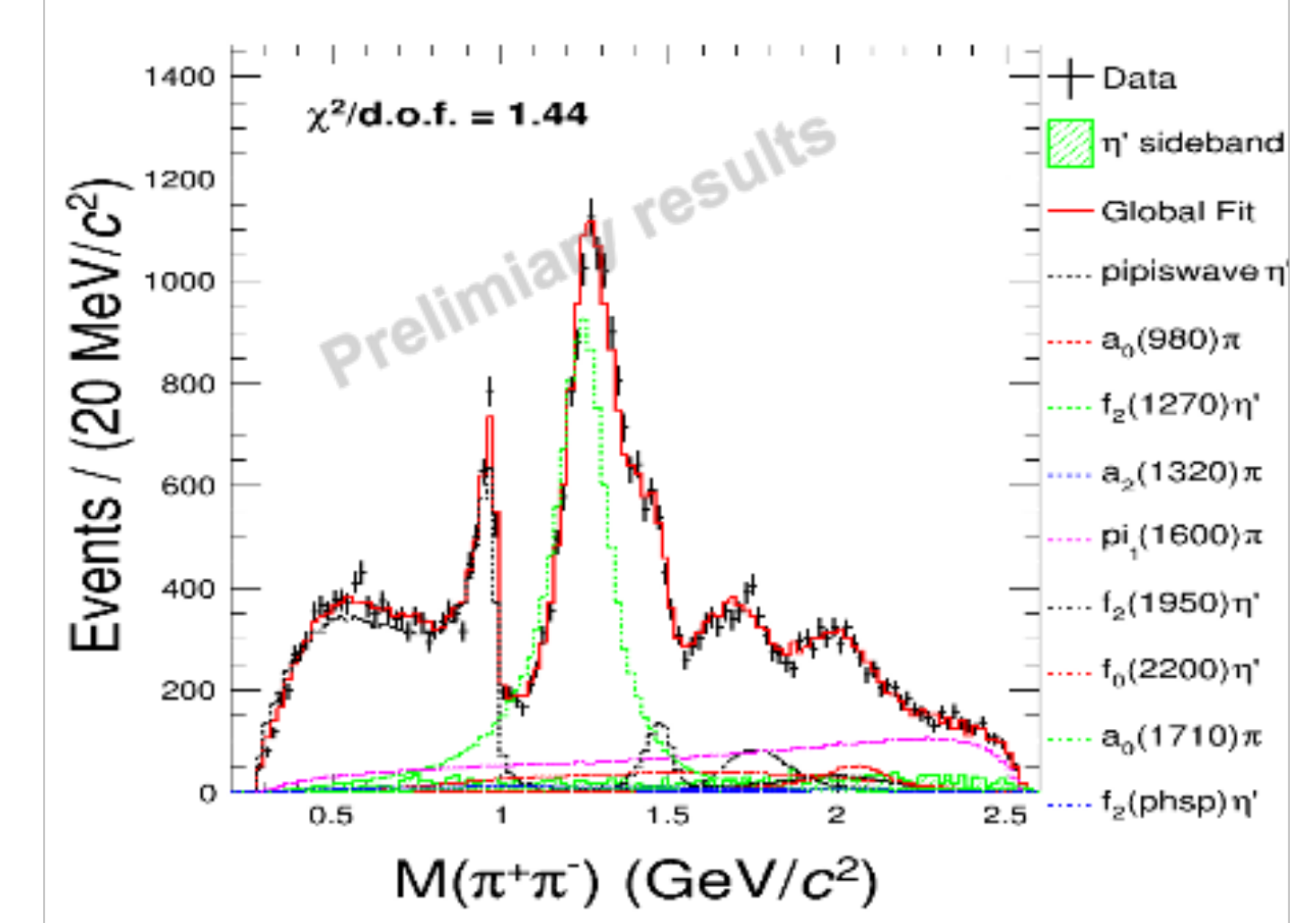
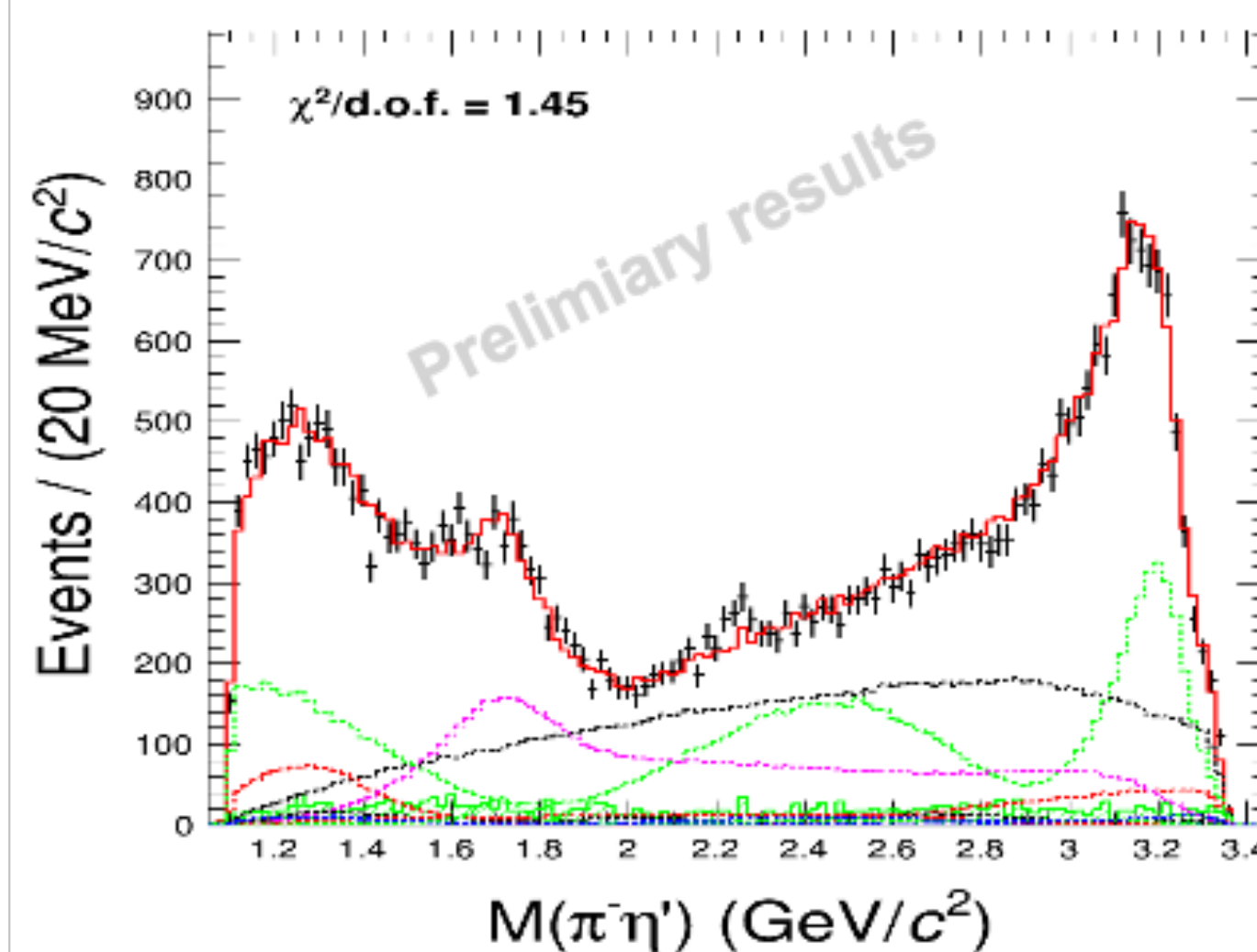
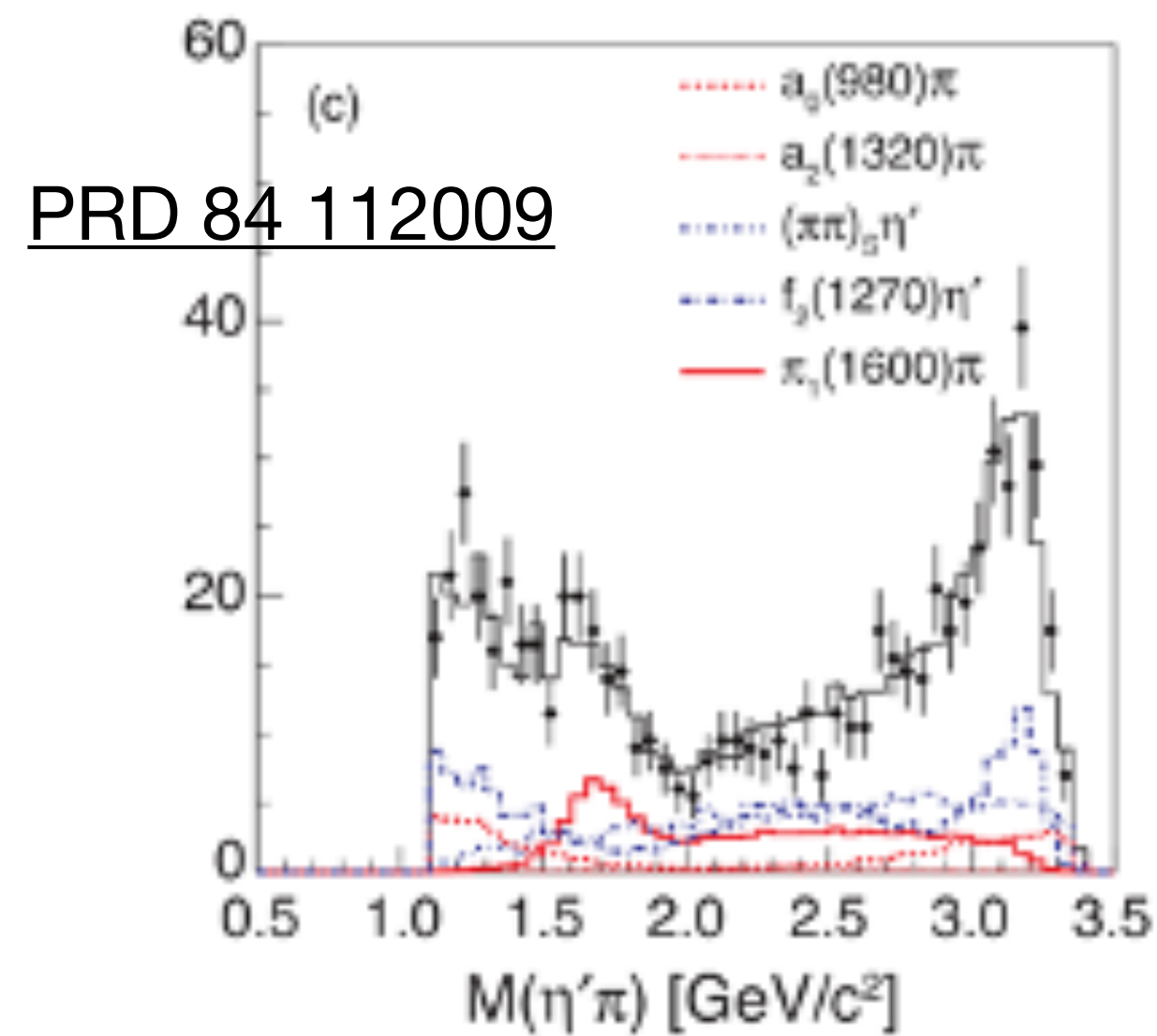
Spin-exotic mesons

- ◆ Over 3 decades, experimental evidence for 3 candidates with 1^{-+} state:
 - ◆ All 1^{-+} iso-vectors
 - ◆ $\pi_1(1400)$: seen in $\eta\pi$
 - ◆ $\pi_1(1600)$: seen in $\rho\pi, \eta'\pi, b_1\pi, f_1\pi$
 - ◆ $\pi_1(2015)$: seen in $b_1\pi$ and $f_1\pi$
- ◆ Some claims are controversial
- ◆ $\pi_1(1400)$ and $\pi_1(1600)$ can be one pole



	Decay mode	Reaction	Experiment
$\pi_1(1400)$	$\eta\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^- \eta p$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta n$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^- \eta p$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta n$ $\bar{p}n \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \eta$ $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$	GAMS KEK E852 E852 CBAR CBAR
	$\rho\pi$	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow 2\pi^+ 2\pi^-$	Obelix
$\pi_1(1600)$	$\eta'\pi$	$\pi^-Be \rightarrow \eta' \pi^- \pi^0 Be$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^- \eta' p$	VES E852
	$b_1\pi$	$\pi^-Be \rightarrow \omega \pi^- \pi^0 Be$ $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \omega \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \omega \pi^- \pi^0 p$	VES CBAR E852
	$\rho\pi$	$\pi^- Pb \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- X$ $\pi^-p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- p$	COMPASS E852
	$f_1\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow p \eta \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ $\pi^-A \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- A$	E852 VES
$\pi_1(2015)$	$f_1\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow \omega \pi^- \pi^0 p$	E852
	$b_1\pi$	$\pi^-p \rightarrow p \eta \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	

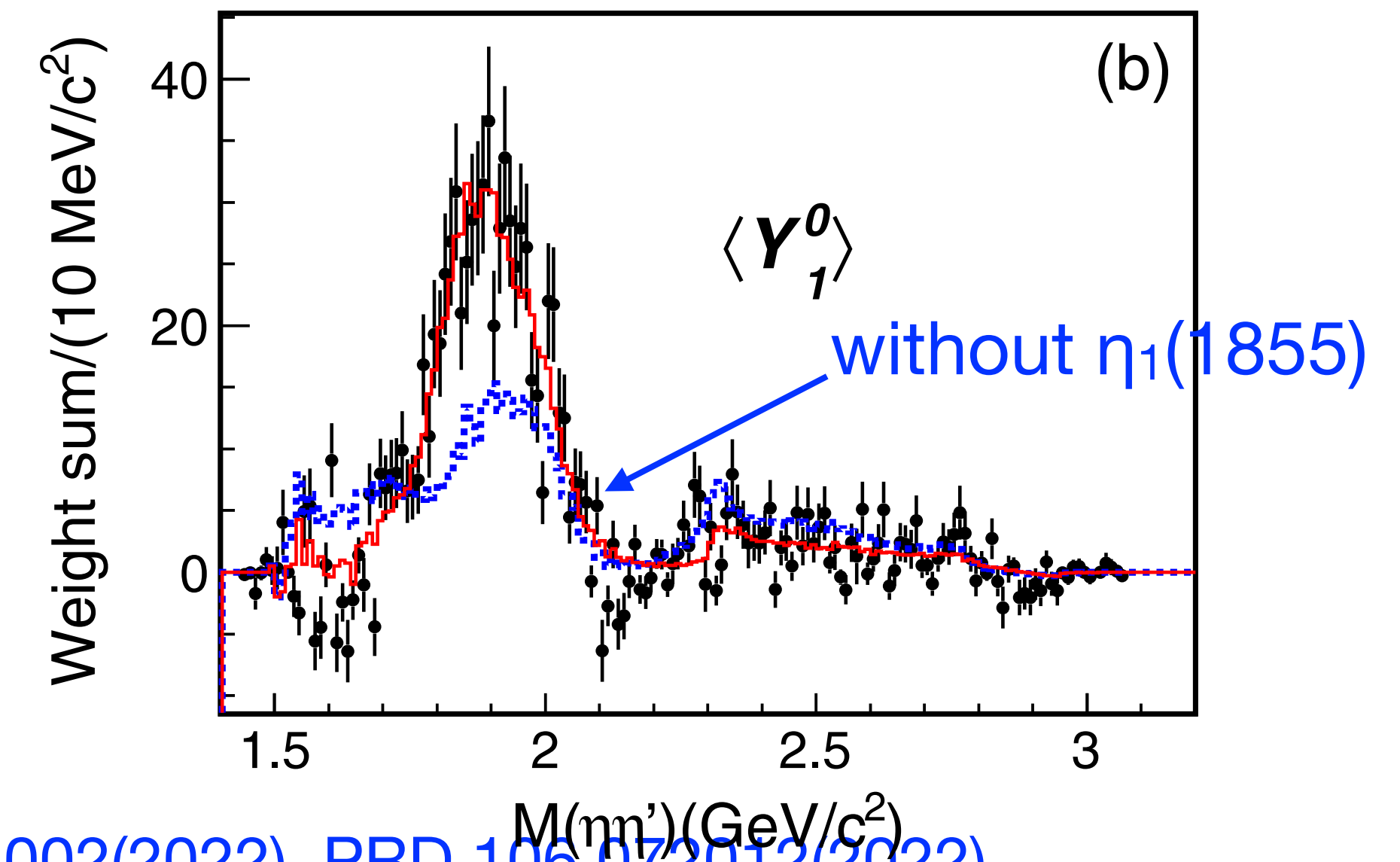
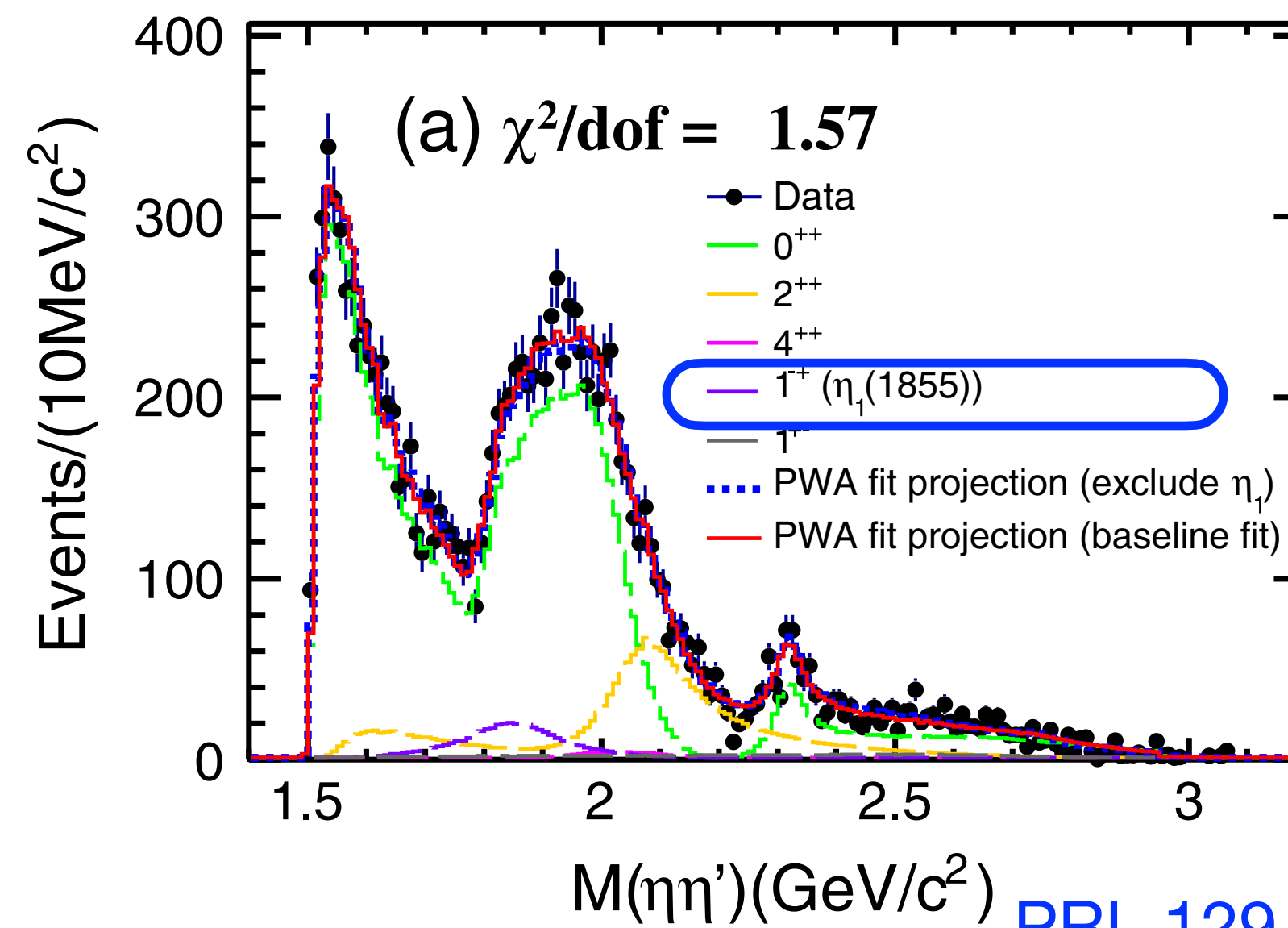
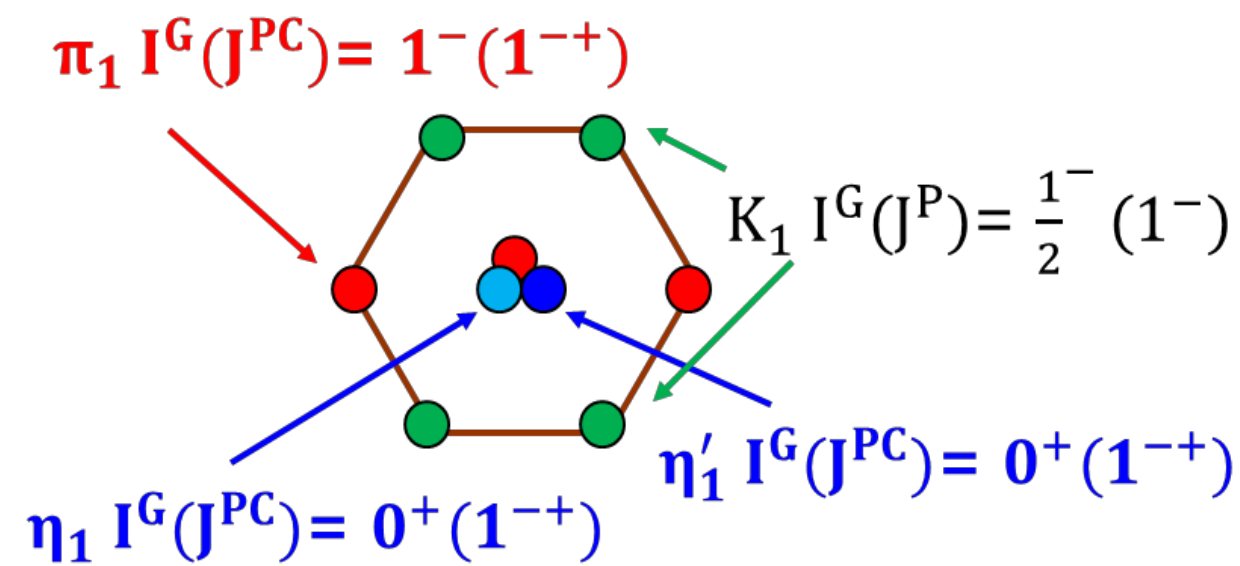
Observation of Exotic 1^- Isovector state $\pi(1600)$



- ◆ CLEO-c results: evidence of an exotic P-wave $\eta'\pi$ amplitude with 4σ and but no significant phase motion
- ◆ PWA in $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta')$ with higher ψ' data sample @ BESIII:
 - ✦ **First observation of Exotic 1^- Isovector state $\pi(1600)$ with a significance $>10\sigma$ better than other J^{PC} assumption**
 - ✦ The significance of phase motion is also greater than 10σ

Observation of An Exotic 1^{-+} Isoscalar $\eta_1(1855)$

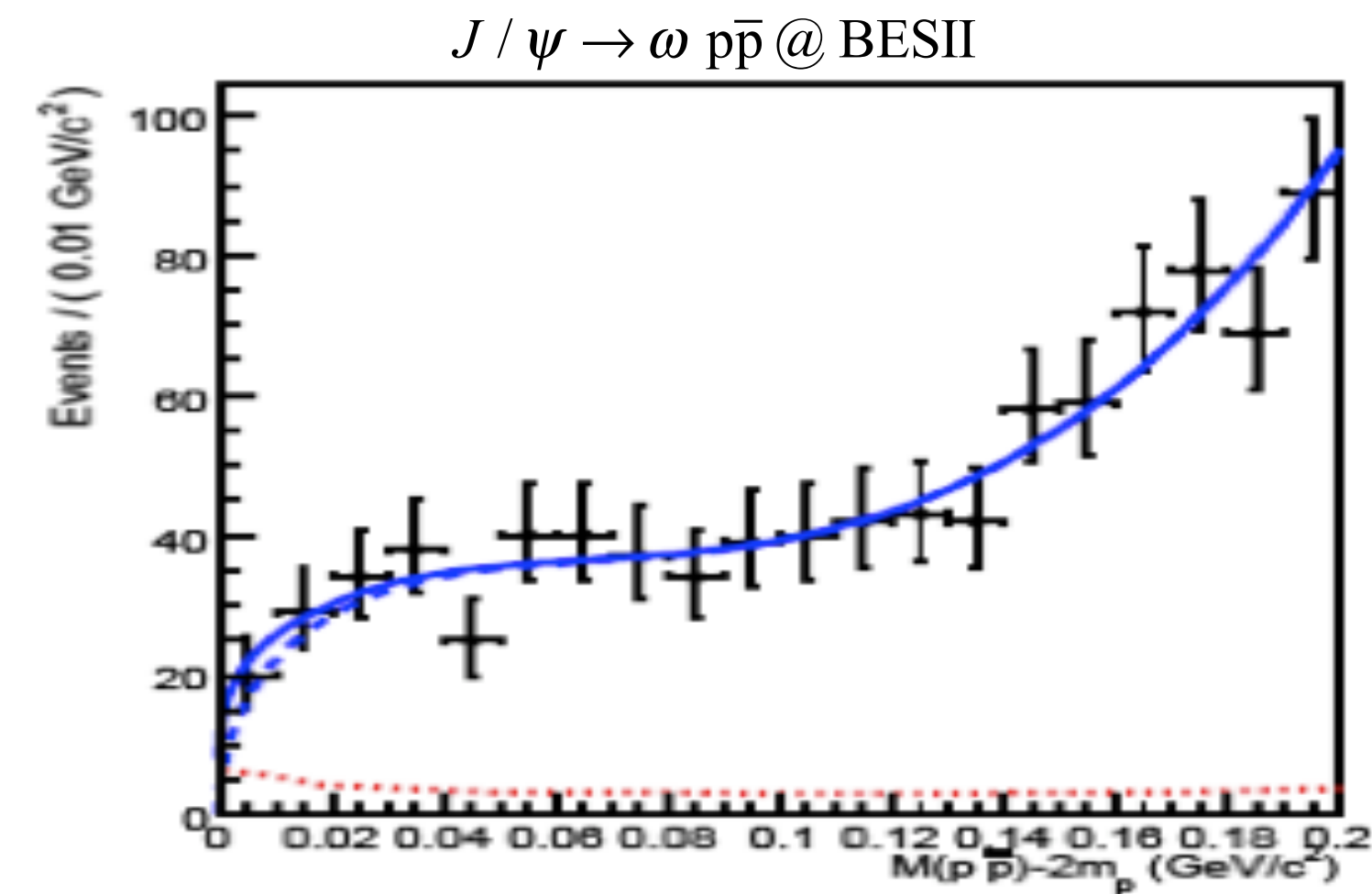
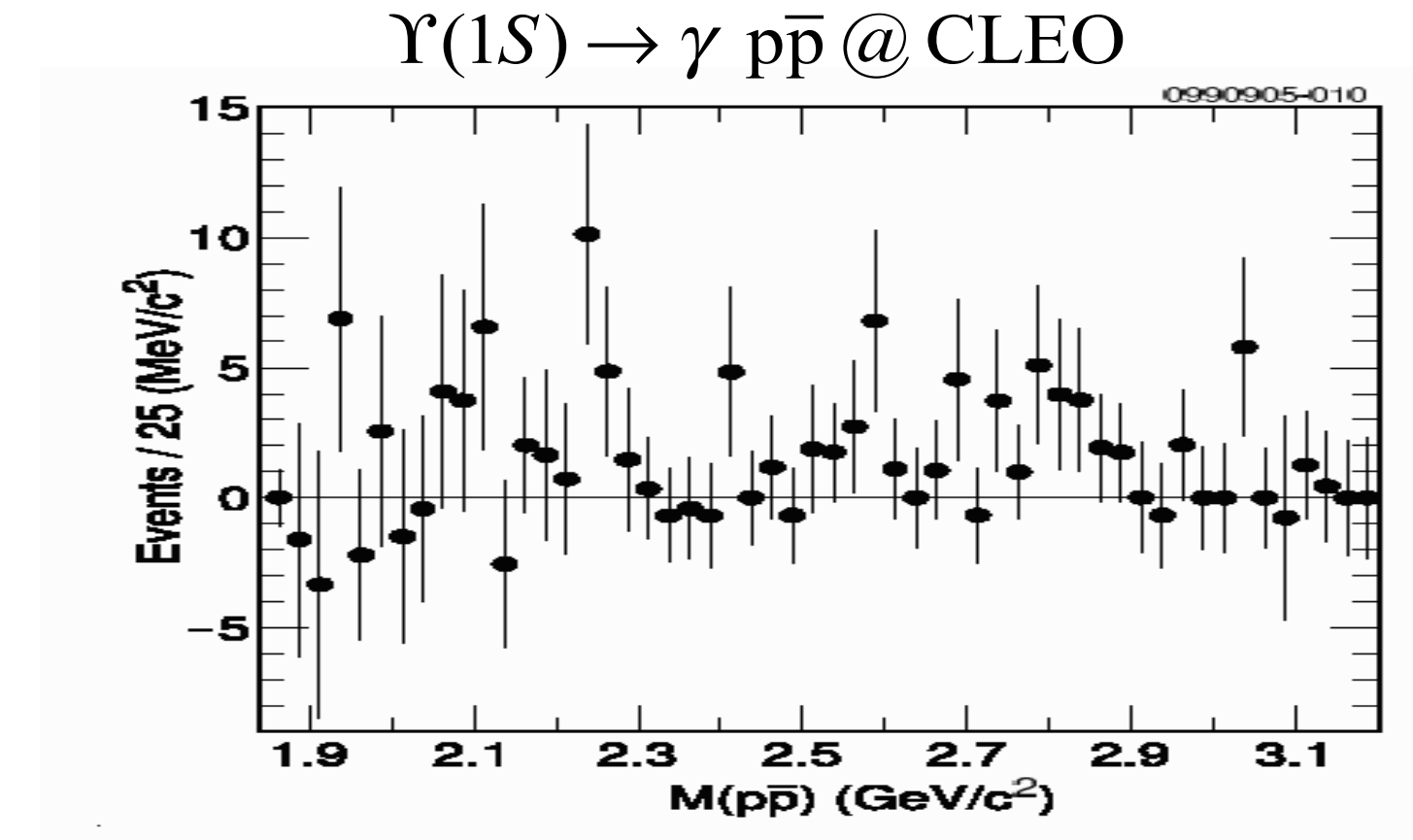
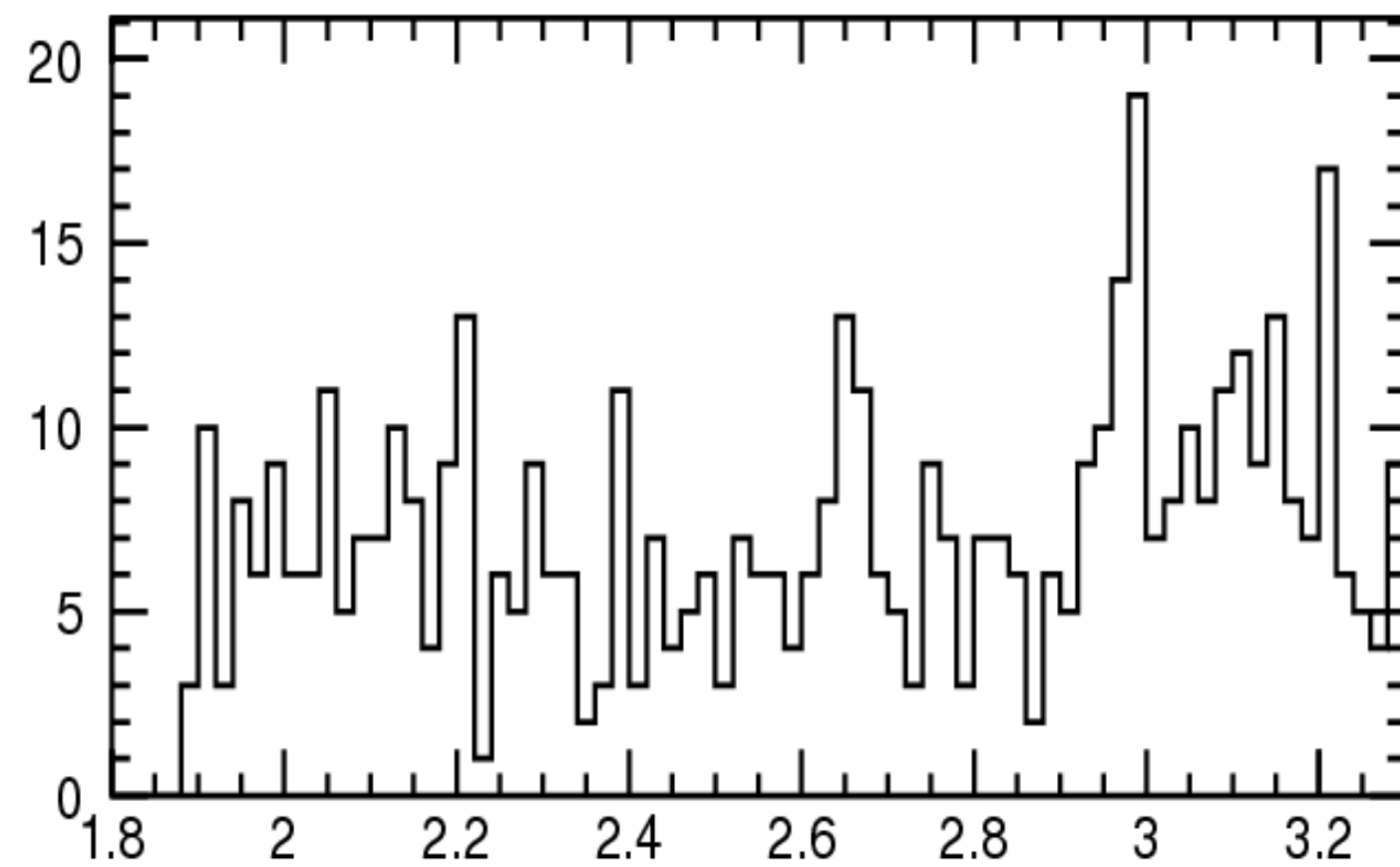
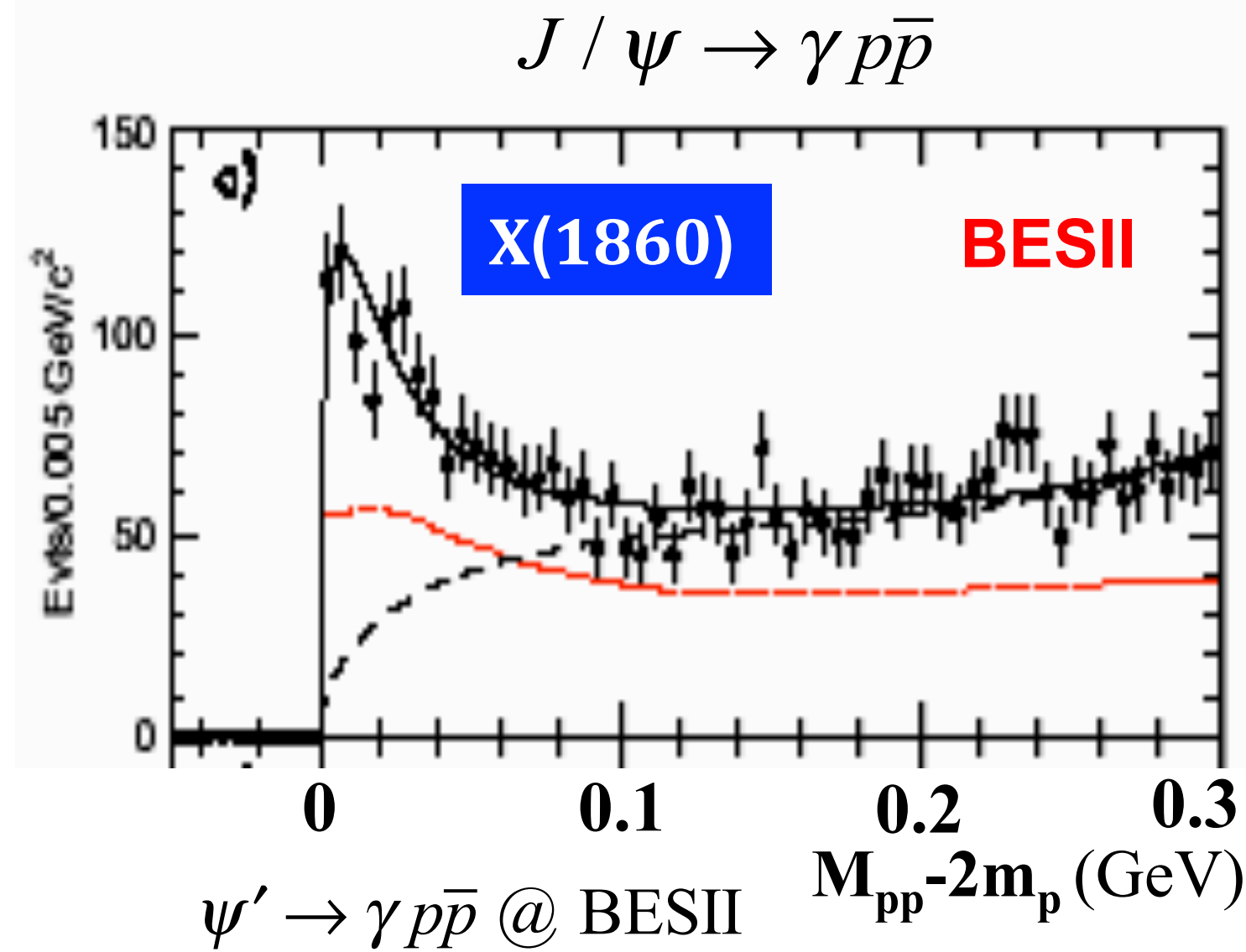
Isoscalar (1^{-+}) is critical to establish the nonet hybrid multiplet: partners for the Isovector (1^{-+})



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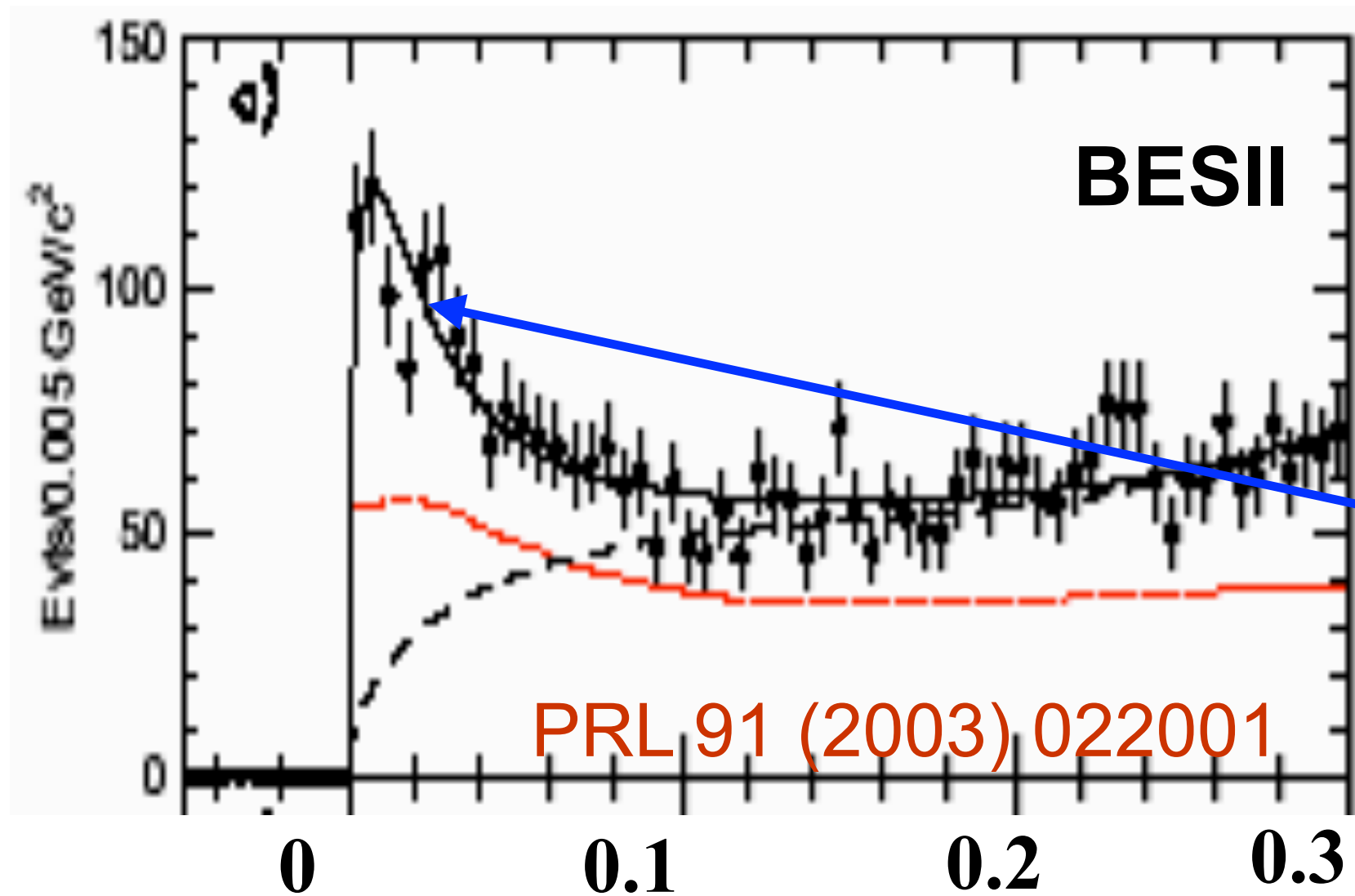
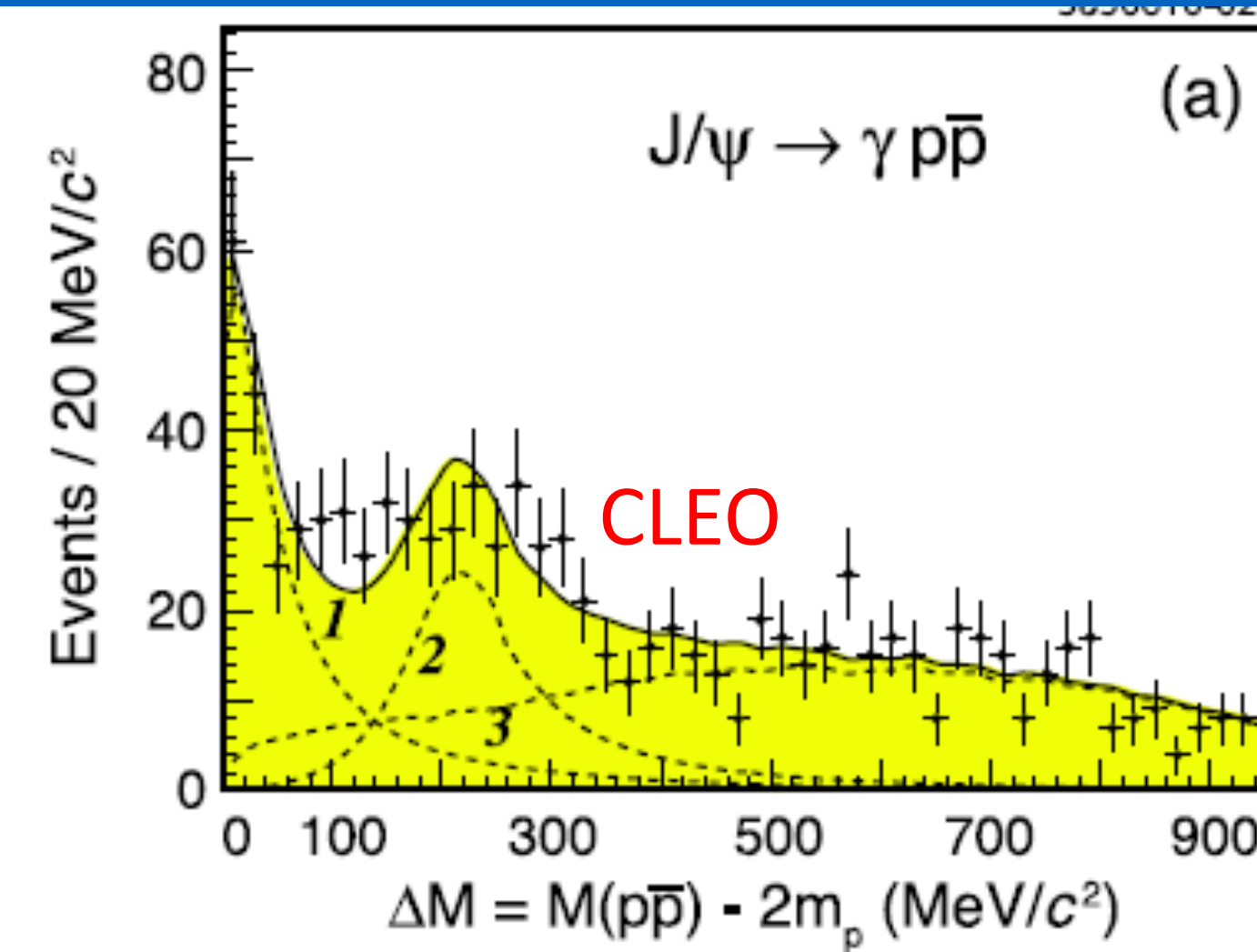
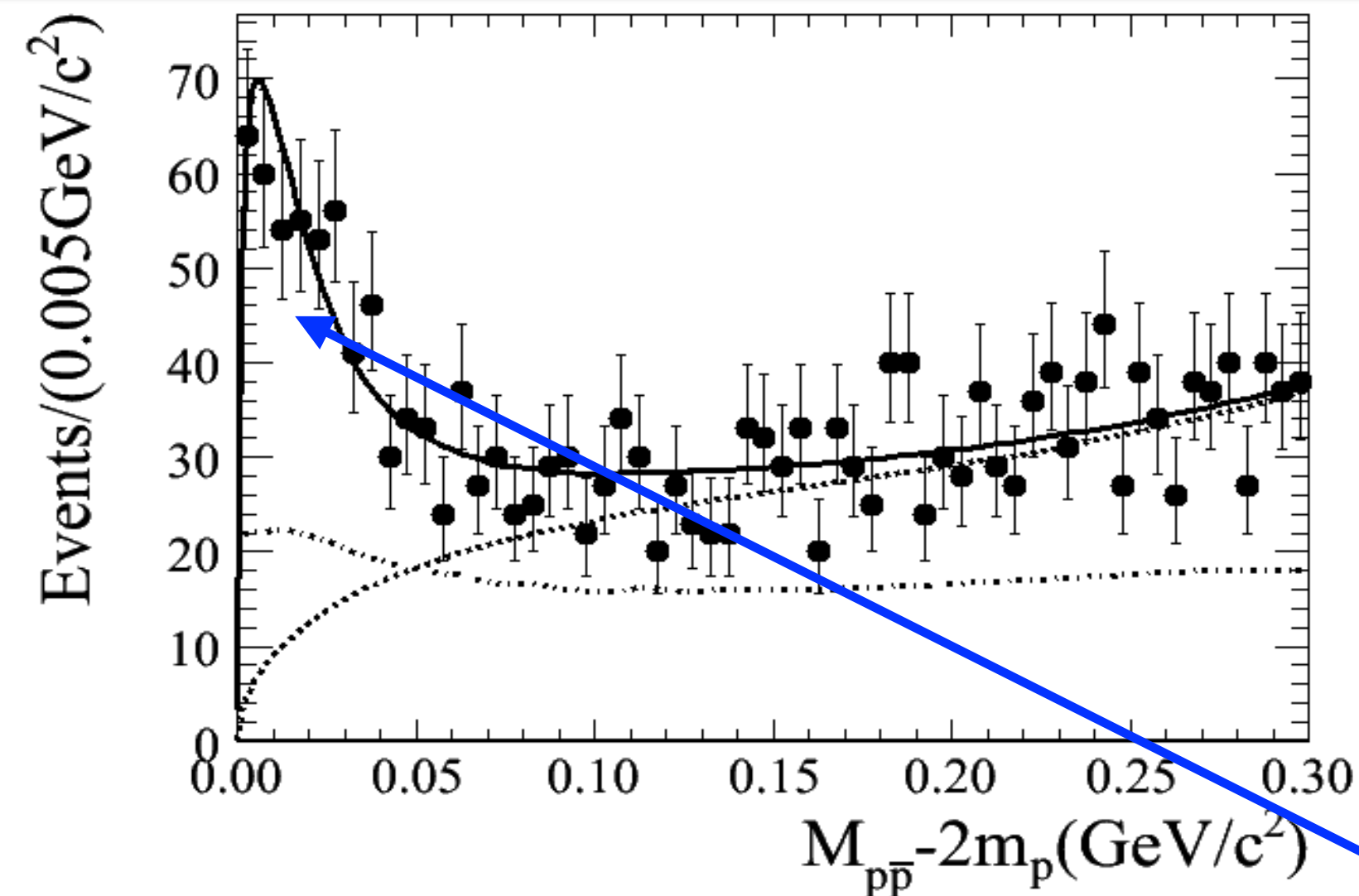
- ◆ $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta'$ is a good channel for $\eta_1(1^{-+})$ search
- ◆ **Observation of an isoscalar 1^{-+} $\eta_1(1855)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta'$ ($>19\sigma$)**
 - ◆ PWA: quasi two-body decay amplitudes in the sequential decay processes with covariant tensor formalism
 - ◆ $M = 1855 \pm 9^{+6}_{-1} \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma = 188 \pm 18^{+3}_{-8} \text{ MeV}$, $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta_1(1855) \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta') = (2.70 \pm 0.41^{+0.16}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-6}$
- ◆ Mass consistent with hybrid on LQCD, and more interpretations (KK Molecule/Tetraquark)

Observation of M_{ppb} threshold enhancement — $X(ppb)$



- ◆ First observation of ppb mass threshold enhancement
- ◆ No similar threshold structure in other channels → **It can not be pure FSI effect**

Confirmation of M_{ppb} threshold enhancement

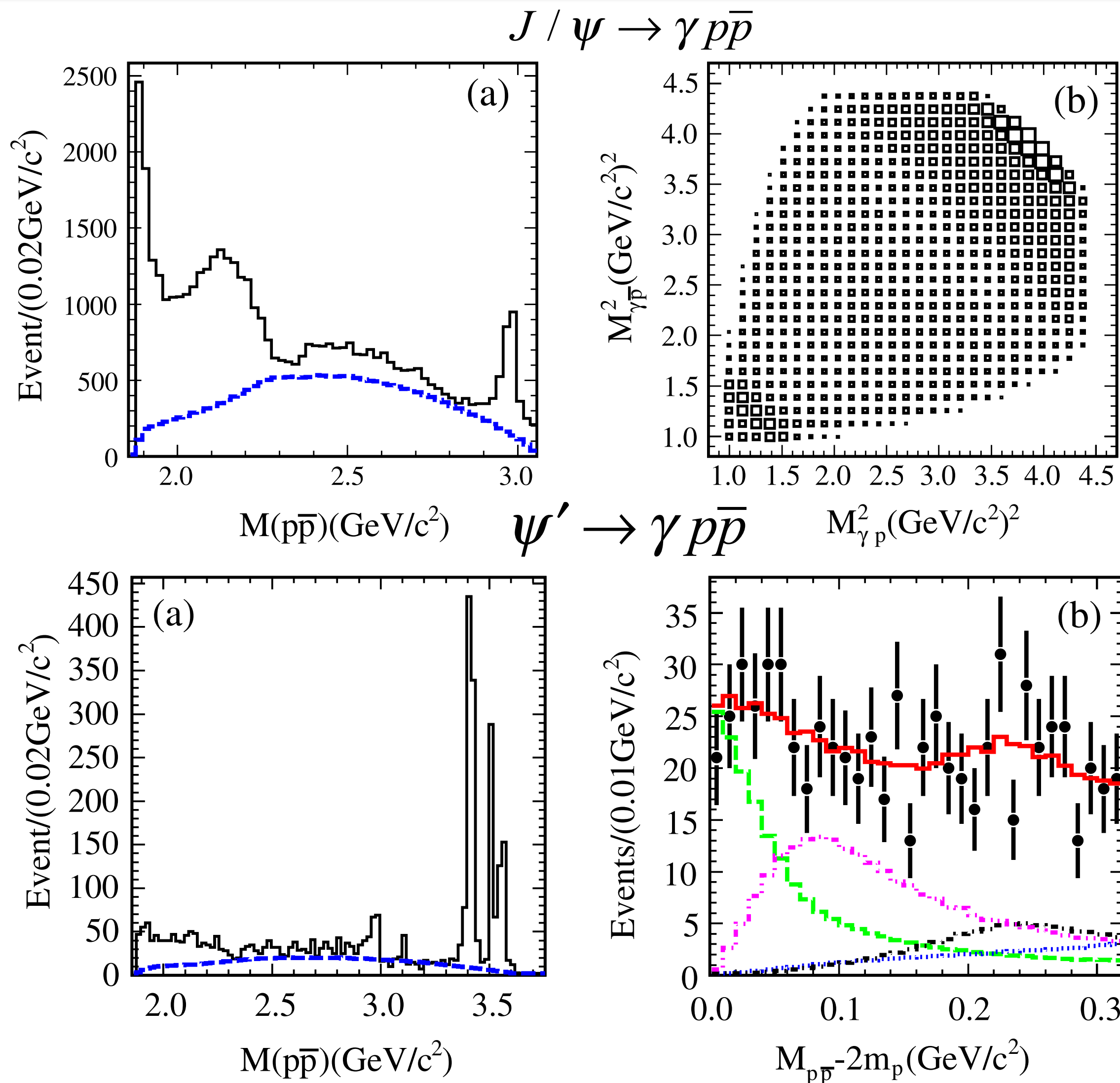


$M = 1859^{+3}_{-10} {}^{+5}_{-25} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $\Gamma < 30 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \text{ (90\% CL)}$

$M = 1861^{+6}_{-13} {}^{+7}_{-26} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $\Gamma < 38 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \text{ (90\% CL)}$

Good agreement on the mass and width measurements which indicated that the confirmation of the M_{ppb} threshold enhancement

More precise measurements with PWA



Favor to 0^{-+} with the significance $>6.8\sigma$ larger than others

$$M = 1861 \pm 1^{+13}_{-4} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 1 \pm 6^{+18}_{-1} \text{ MeV } (<32 \text{ MeV @90\% CL})$$

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(1860)) B(X(1860) \rightarrow p\bar{p})$$

$$= 8.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2} {}^{+2.4}_{-3.5} \times 10^{-5}$$

X(pp) significance $>6.9\sigma$

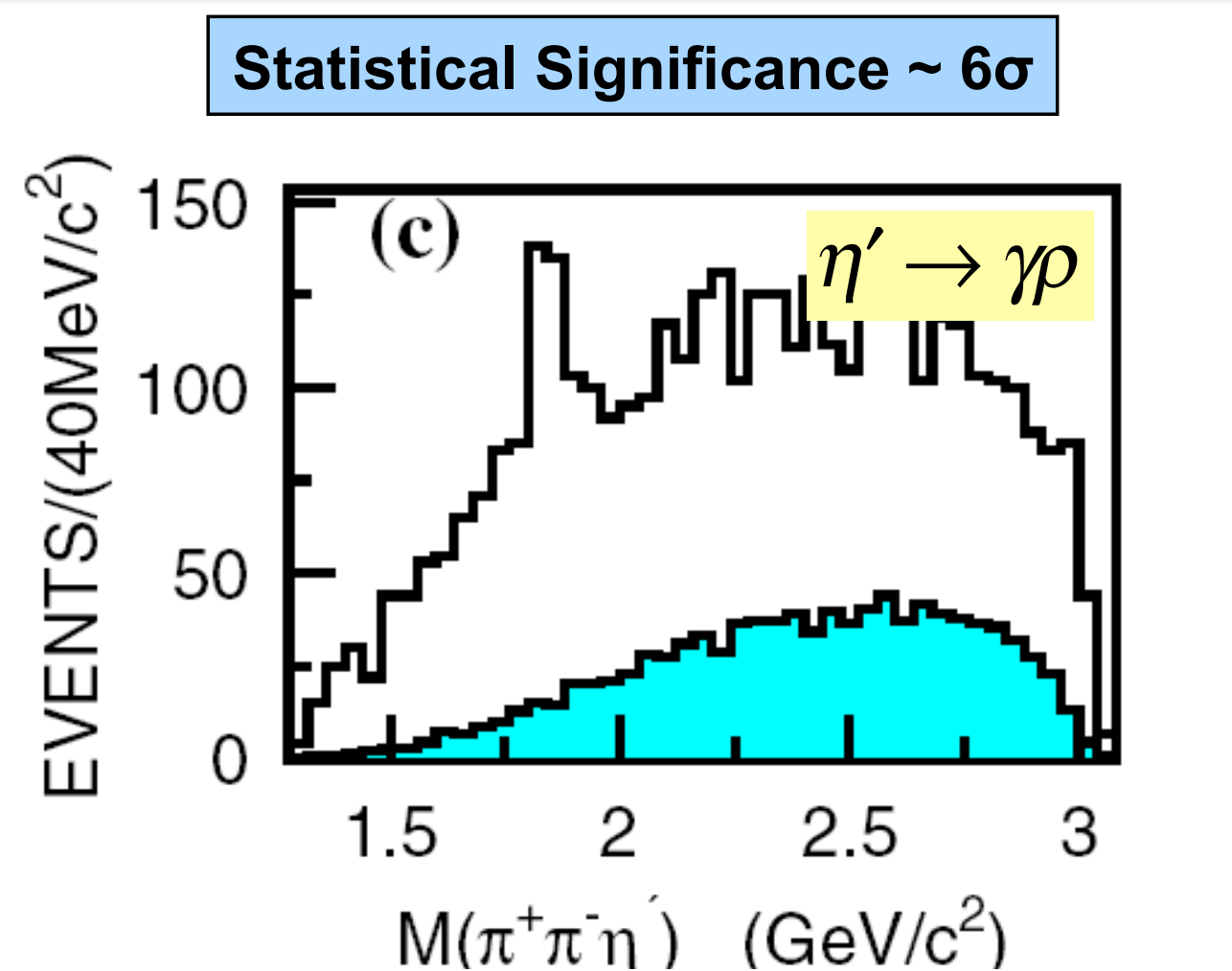
Production ratio:

$$R = 5.08 \pm 0.56^{+0.64}_{-3.09} \pm 0.12\%$$

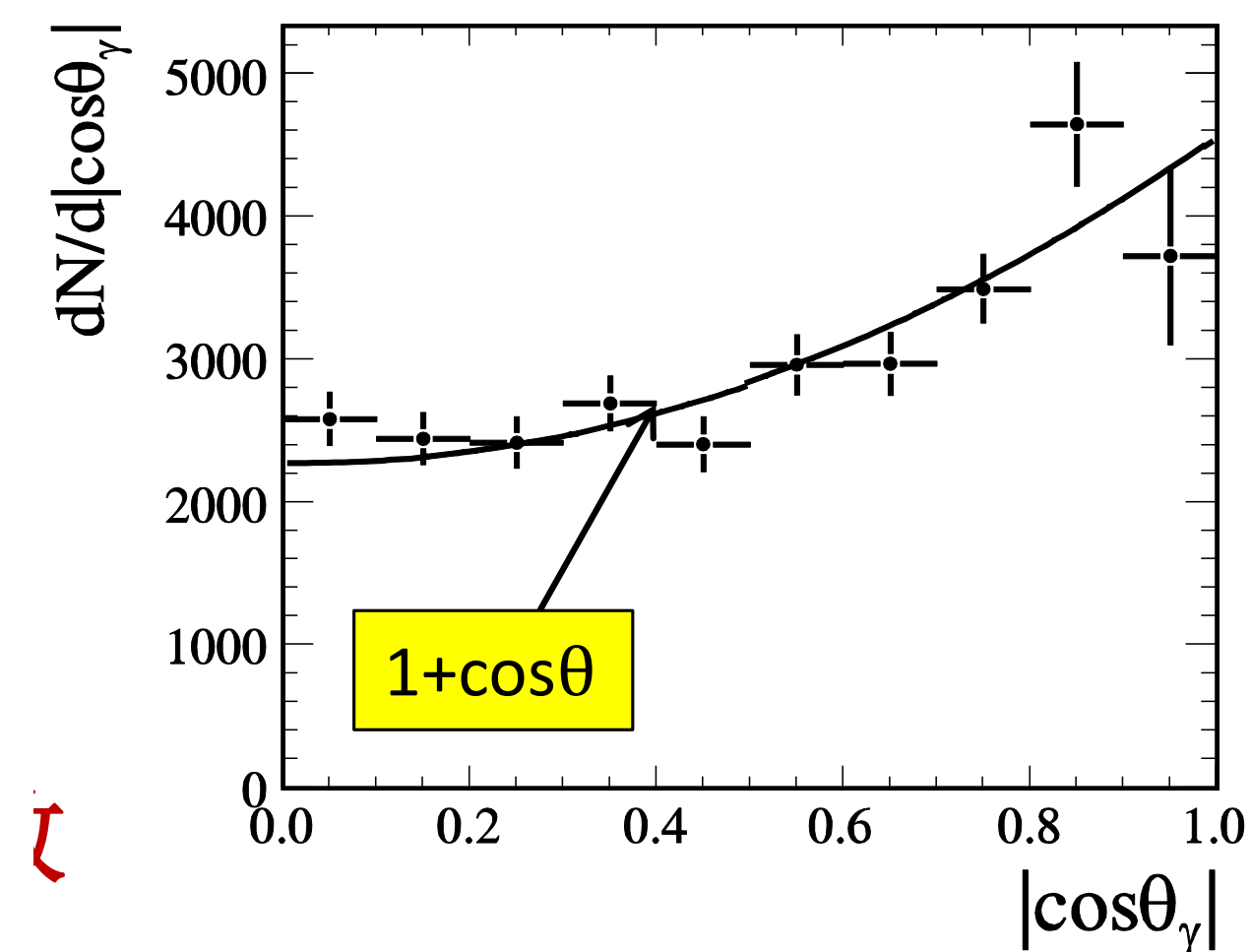
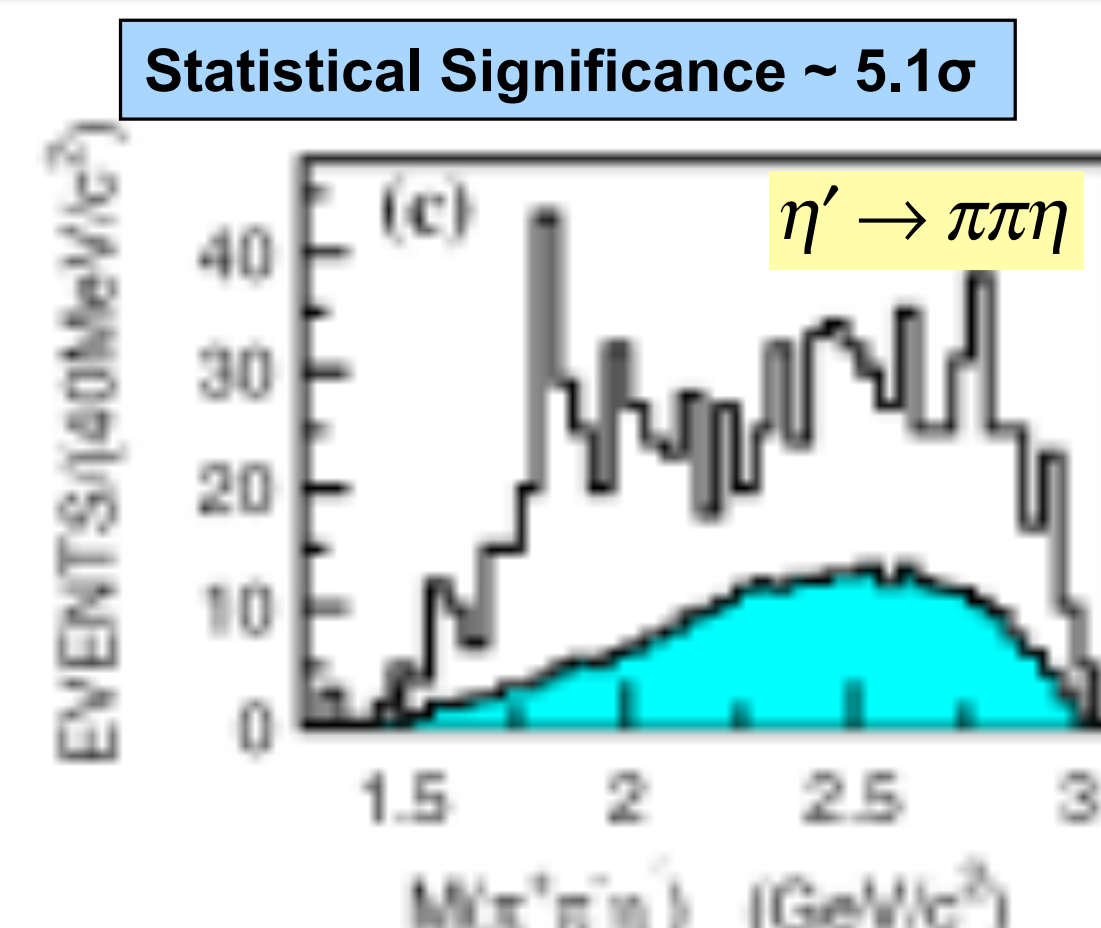
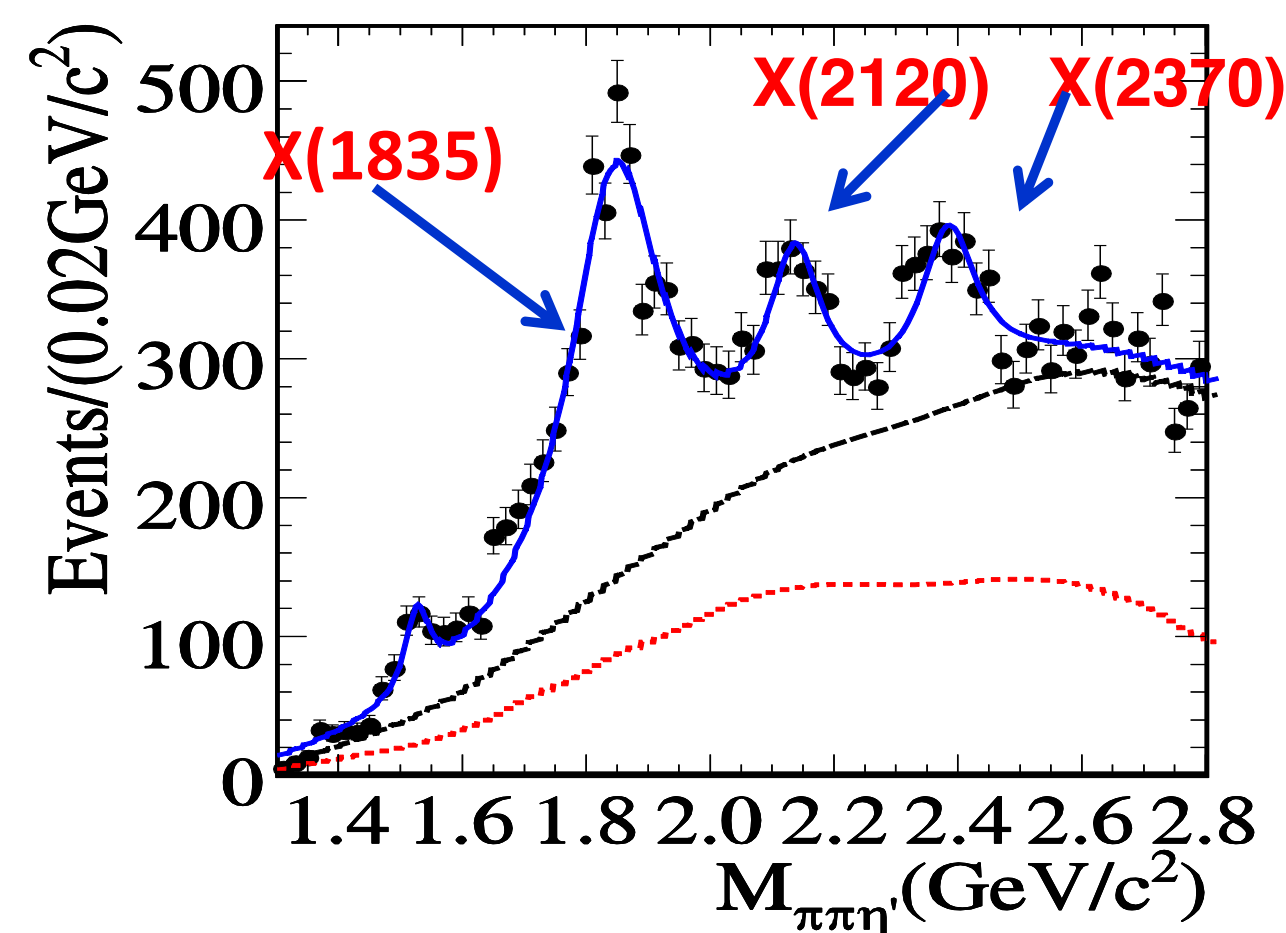
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What's the source: ppb bound state, multi-quark state?

Observation of the X(1835)/X(2120)/X(2370) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi \pi \eta'$

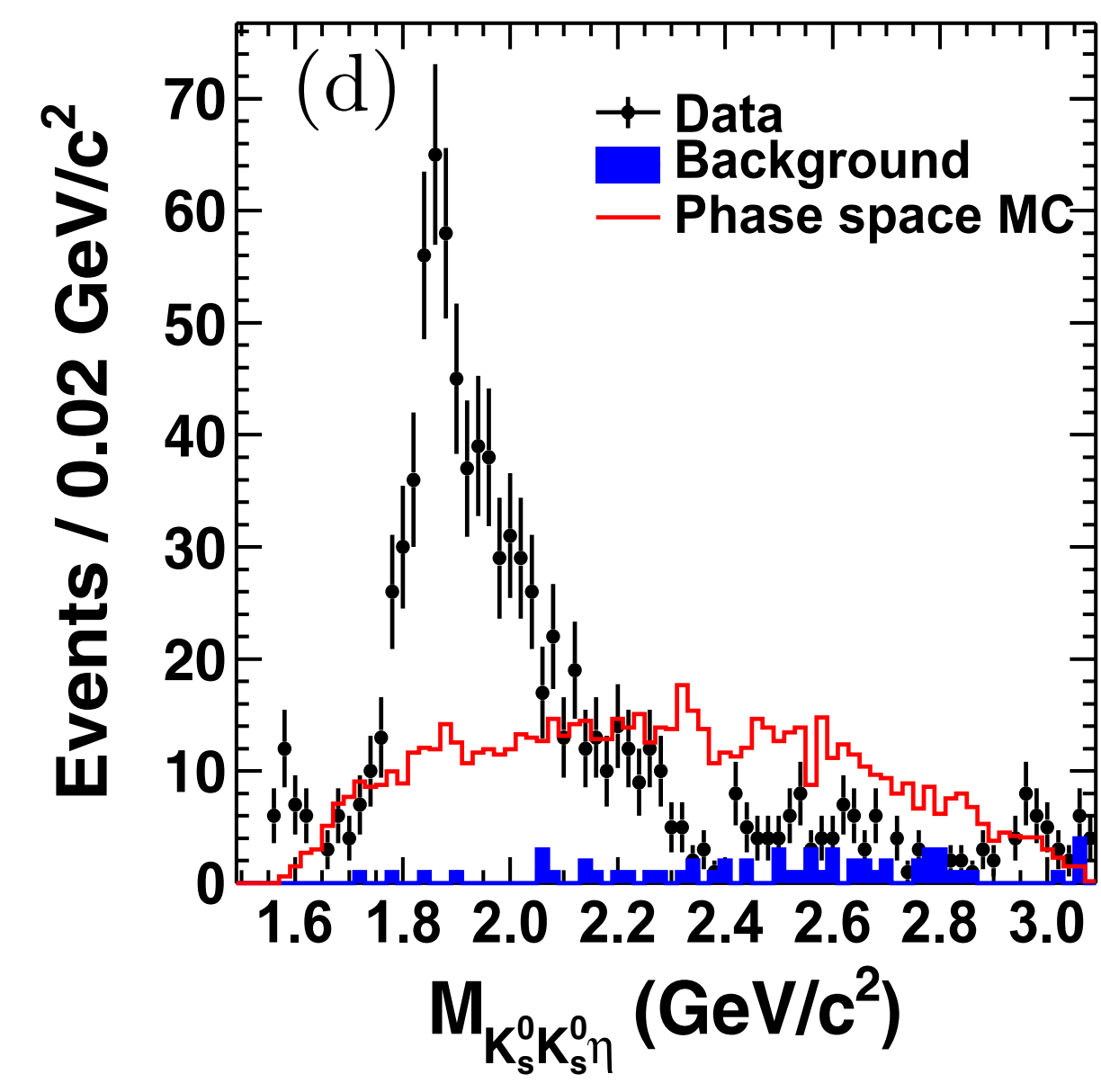
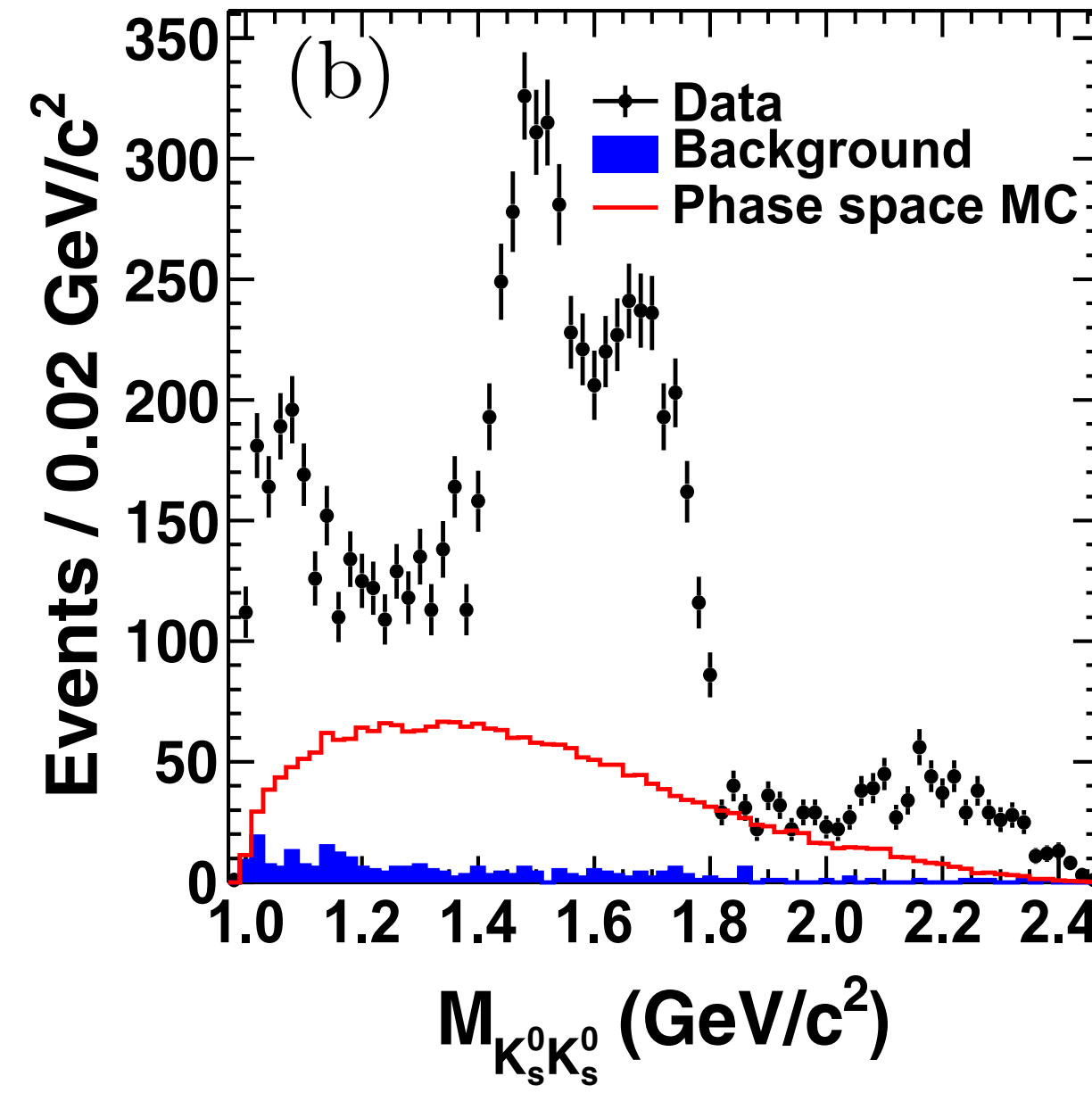
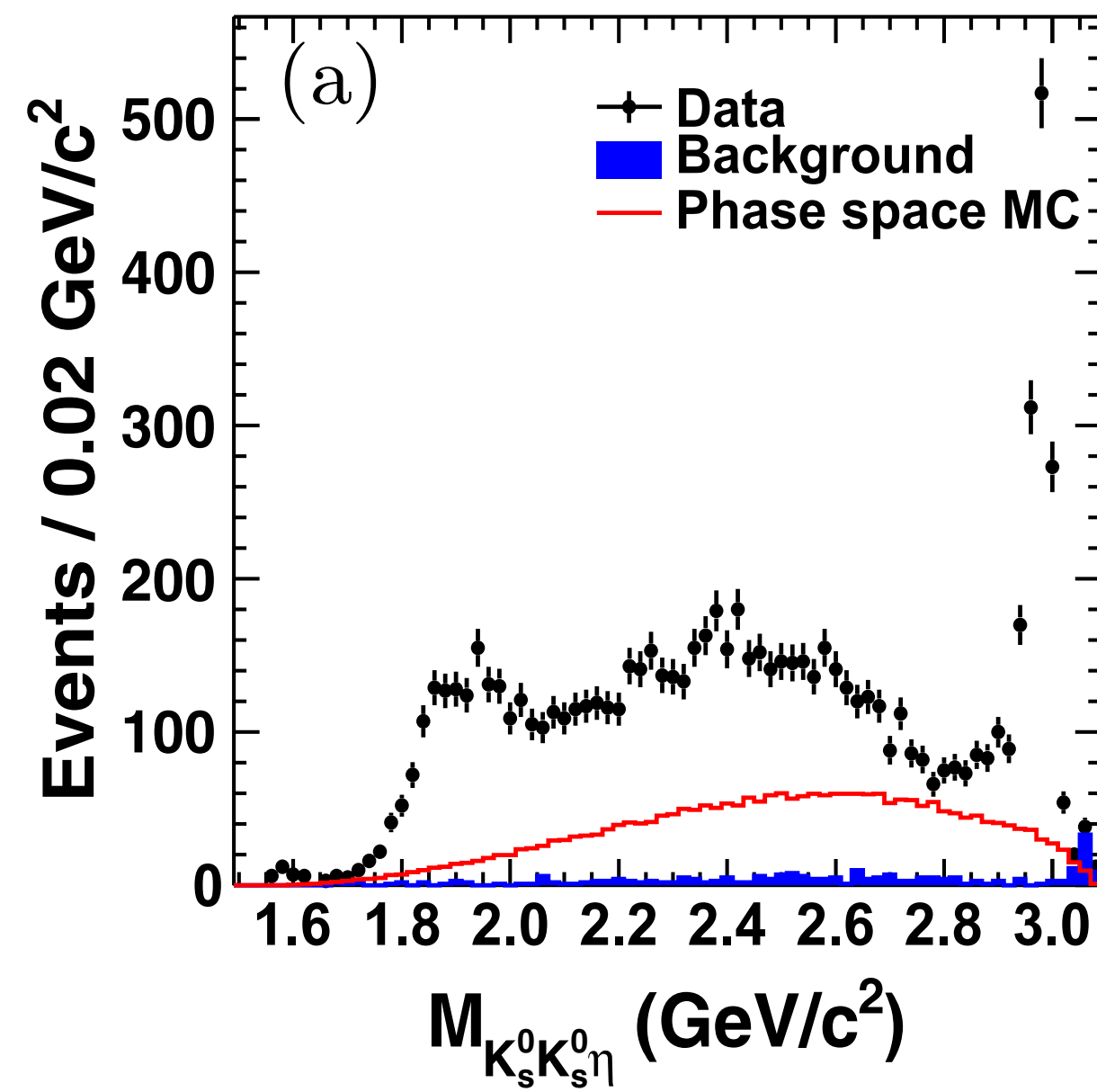


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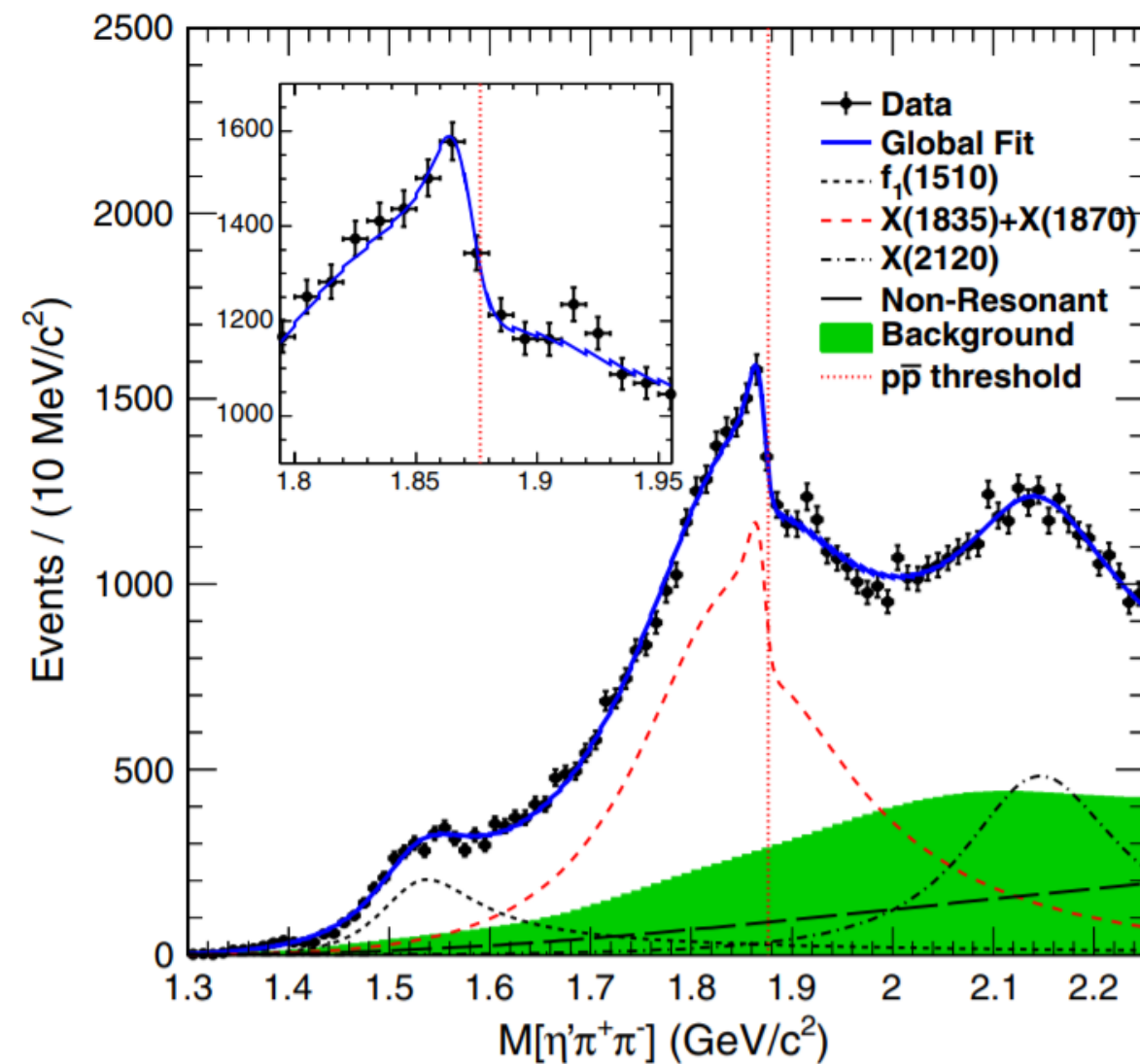
- ◆ First observation of the X(1835) @ BESII
- ◆ Confirmation of the X(1835) and observation of the two new resonances (X(2120) and X(2370)) @ BESIII

Spin-Parity determination of the X(1835) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s K_s \eta$

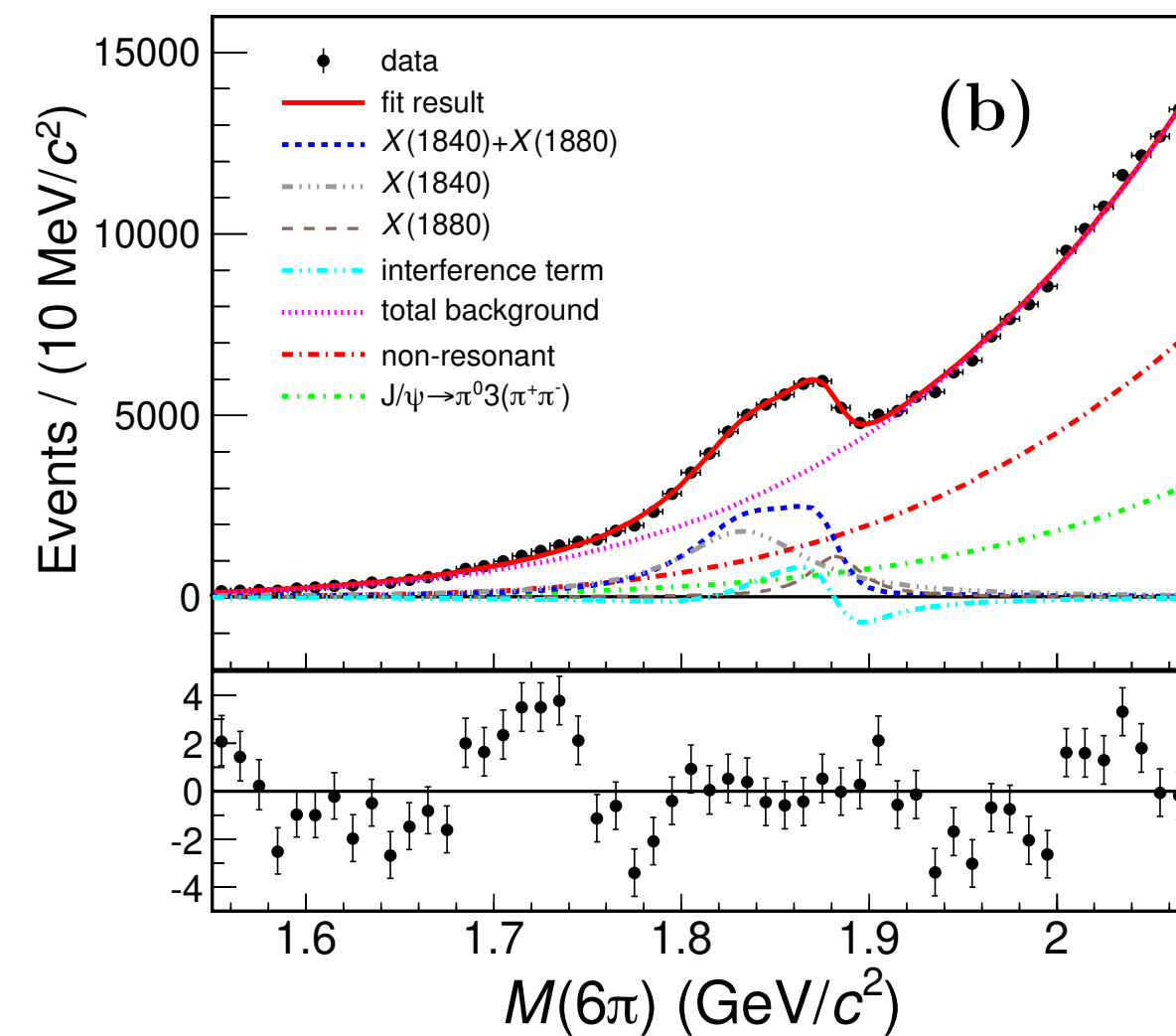


- ◆ $X(1835) \rightarrow K_s K_s \eta$ is dominated by the $f_0(980)$ production with the significance $>12.9\sigma$.
- ◆ The spin-parity is determined to be 0^{-+}
 - ◆ $M = 1844 \pm 9^{+16}_{-25} \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma = 192^{+20}_{-17}{}^{+62}_{-43} \text{ MeV}$
 - ◆ $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(1835))B(X(1835) \rightarrow f_0(980)\eta) = 3.31^{+0.33}_{-0.30}{}^{+1.96}_{-1.29} \times 10^{-5}$

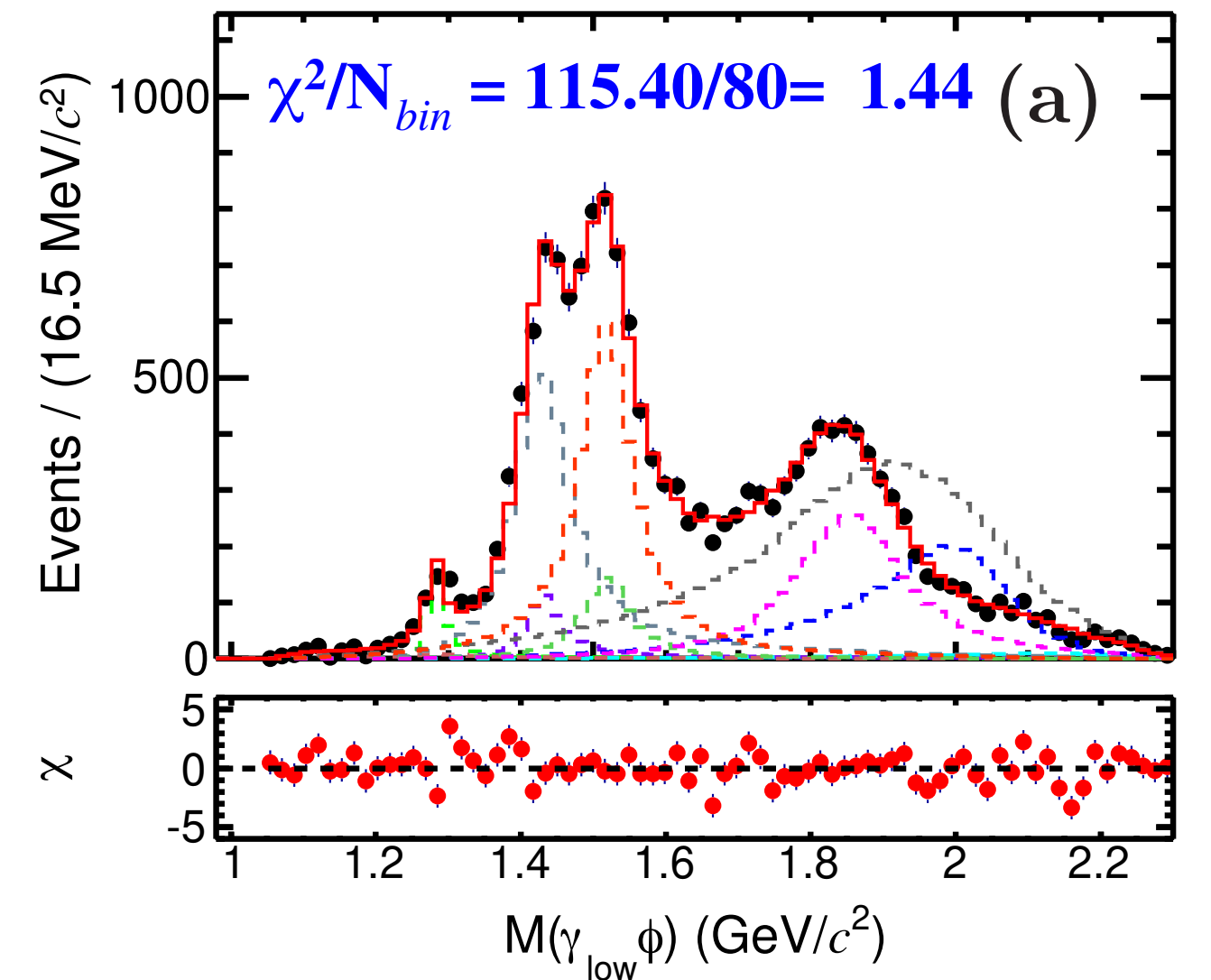
Direct link between the $X(p\bar{p})$ and $X(1835)$



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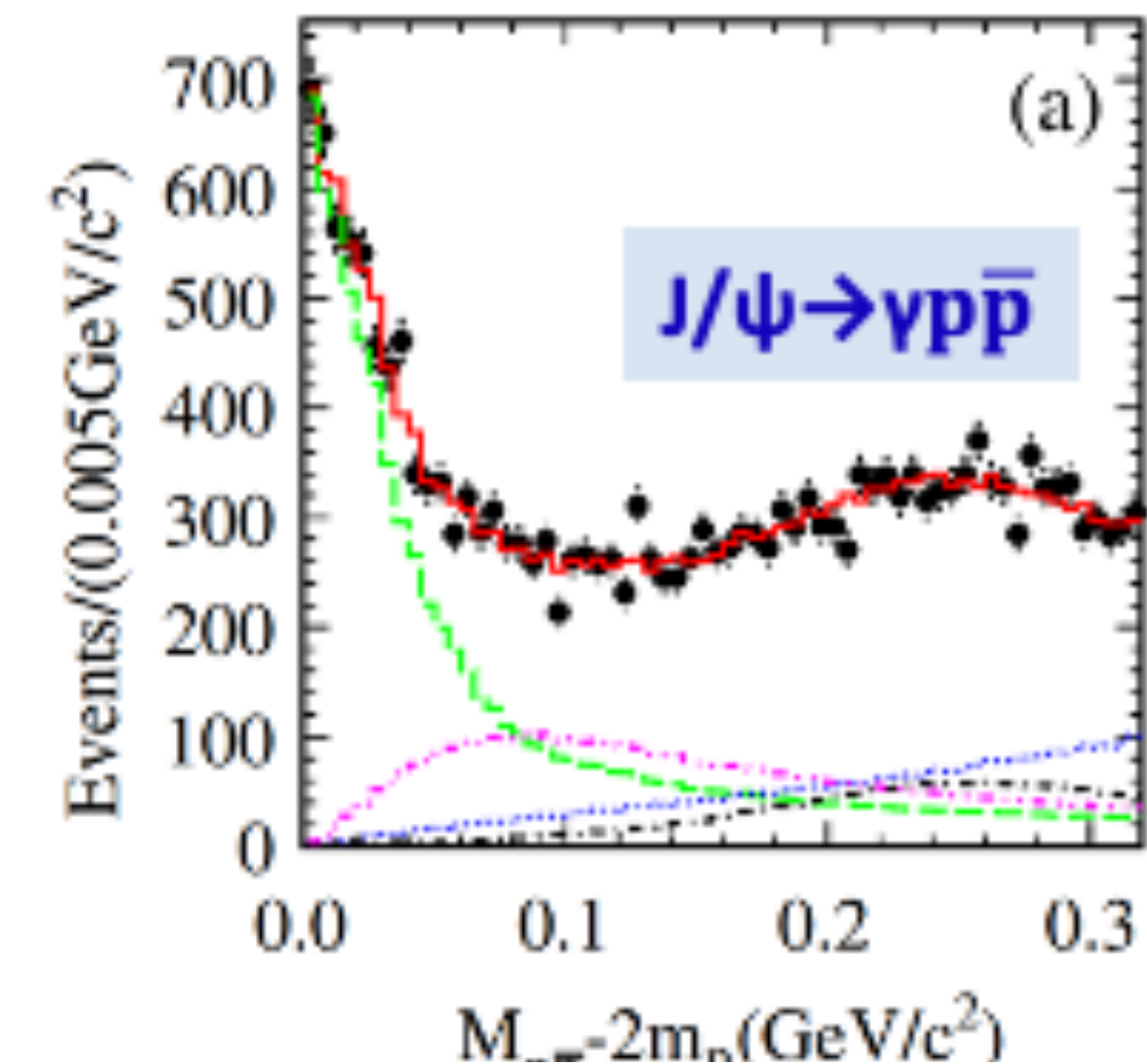
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- ◆ **Anomalous $\pi\pi\eta'$ line shape near $M_{p\bar{p}}$ threshold: first establish the direct link between the $X(1835)$ and $X(p\bar{p})$**
 - ◆ Two models (Flatte formula/2-resonance) can fit data well: **interpretations of $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold as a molecule state or a bound state**
- ◆ **Anomalous shape observed in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 3(\pi\pi)$ near $M_{p\bar{p}}$ threshold**
 - ◆ **Two structures of $X(1840)$ and $X(1880)$ give a good description on data: interpretation of a bound state**
- ◆ **Mass and width of the $X(1835)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\phi$ are consistent with those in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s K_s \eta$:**
 - ◆ **$X(1835)$ contains a sizable $s\bar{s}$ component**

Summary

- ◆ A set of interesting and important results from the light hadron spectroscopy achieved:
 - ◆ **Discovery of a glueball-like particle: X(2370)**
 - ◆ Strong correlation between the X(1835) and $M_{p\bar{p}}$ threshold enhancement. A molecule state or a bound state?
 - ◆ Observation of An Exotic 1^{-+} Isoscalar state $\eta_1(1855)$ and Isovector state $\pi(1600)$
 - ◆ ...
- ◆ With the more data, the more extensive and intensive investigation are ongoing, looking forward to new results in the near future.

Observation of $X(p\bar{p})$ and $X(1835)$

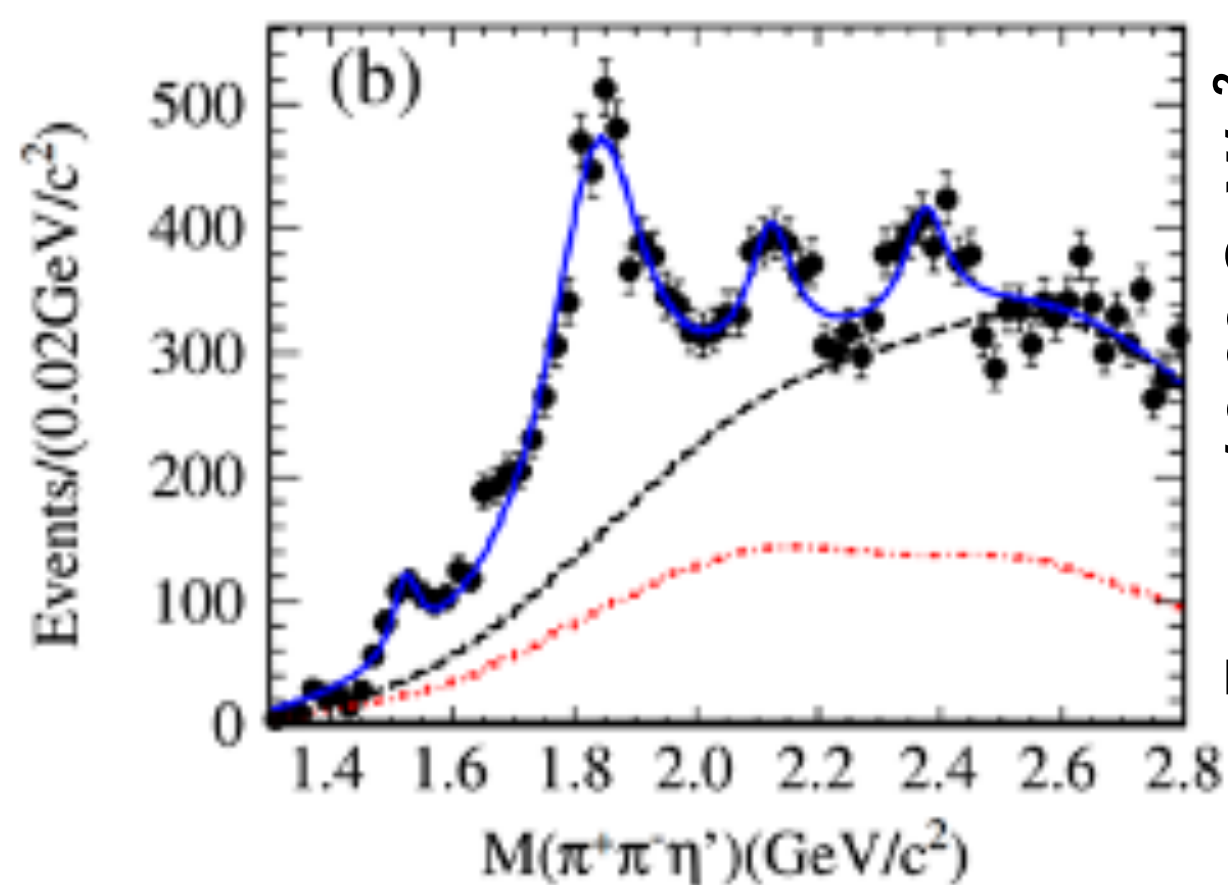


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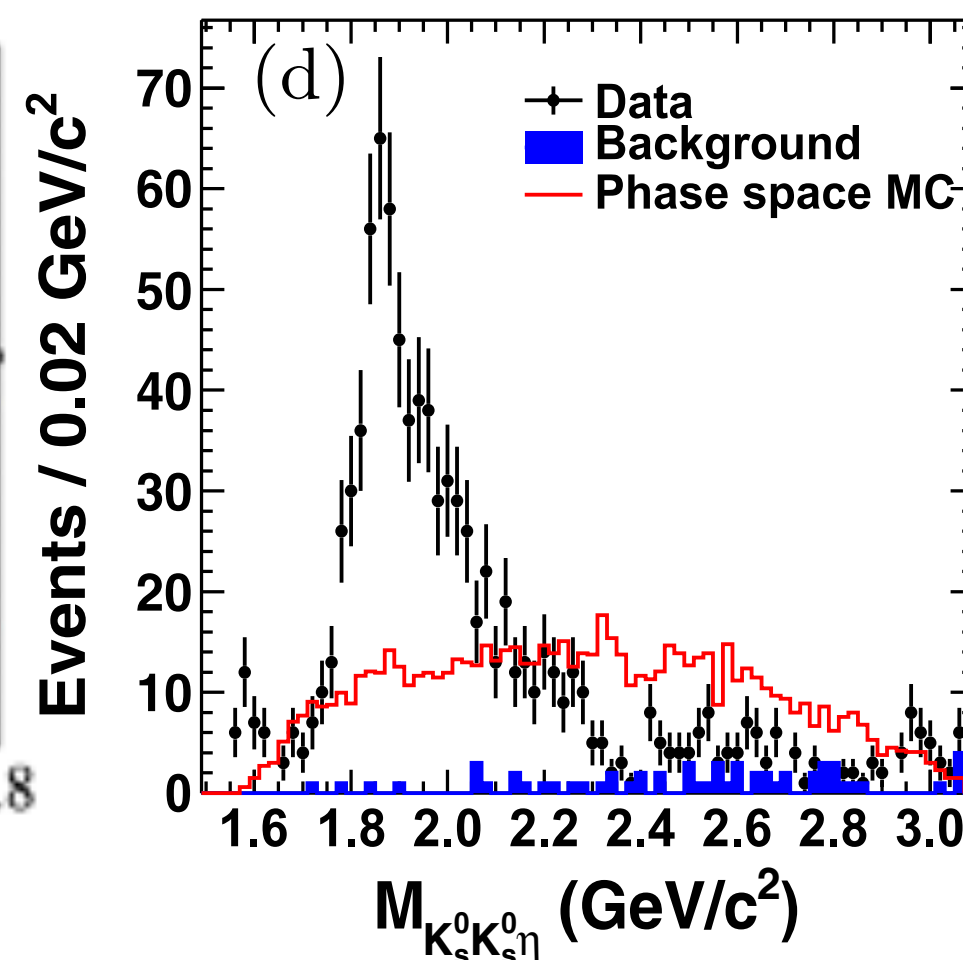
◆ $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold enhancement $X(p\bar{p})$:

- ◆ Discovered in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$ by BESII in 2003 and confirmed by BESIII and CLEO-c
- ◆ Further determination of Spin-parity to be 0^{-+}
- ◆ No similar threshold structure in other channels \rightarrow It can not be pure FSI effect

$$M = 1832^{+19}_{-5} + {}^{+18}_{-17} \pm 19 \text{ MeV}/c^2, \quad \Gamma = 13 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}/c^2 (< 76 \text{ MeV}/c^2 @ 90\% \text{ C.L.})$$



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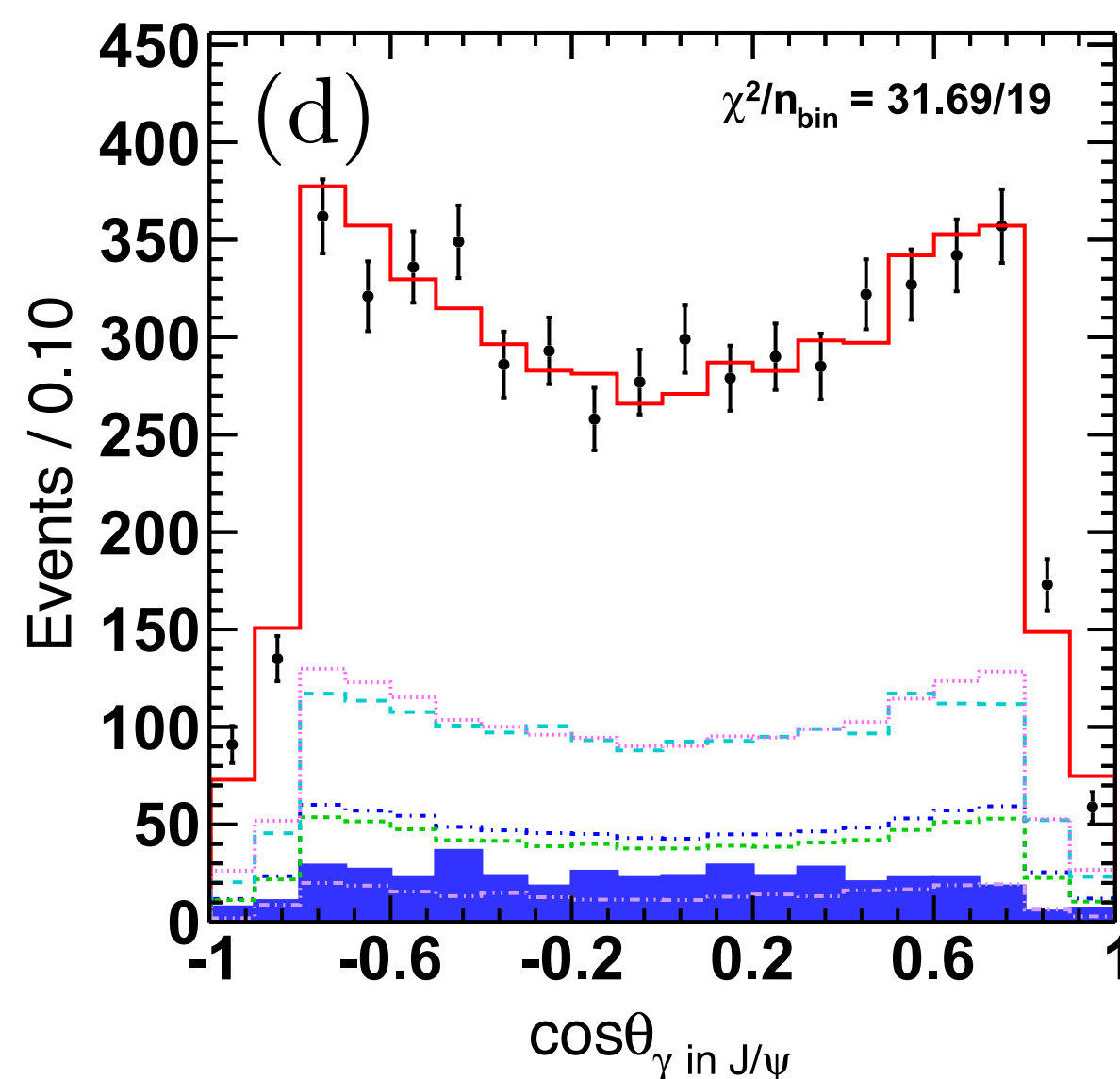
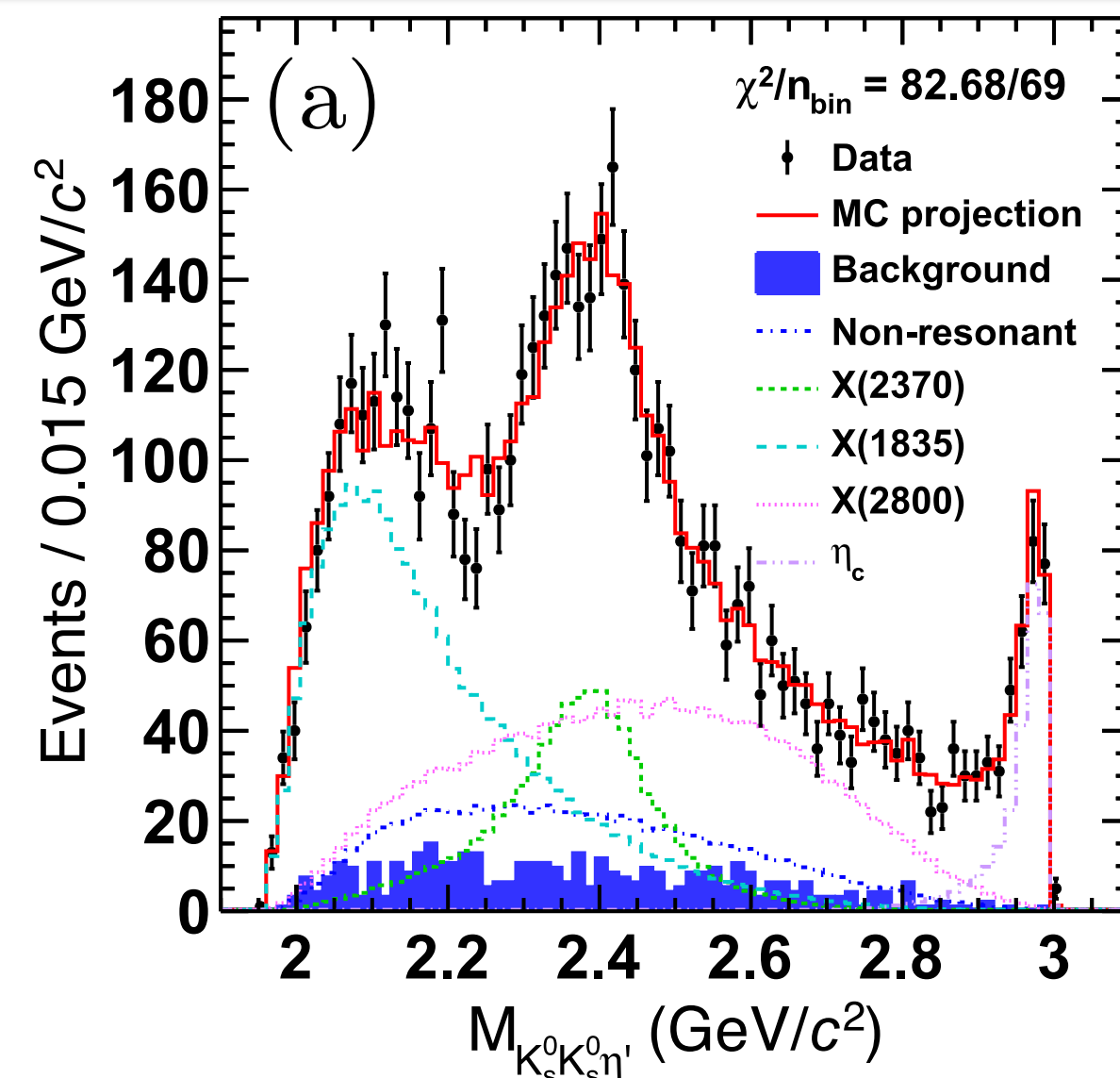
◆ $X(1835)$:

- ◆ Discovered by BESII and confirmed by BESIII in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi \pi \eta'$
- ◆ Determination of Spin-parity to be 0^{-+} in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s K_s \eta$

$$M = 1844 \pm 9^{+16}_{-25} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 192^{+20}_{-17} + {}^{+62}_{-43} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Spin-Parity determination of the $X(2370)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0 \eta'$



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- ◆ Analysis advantage of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0 \eta'$:
 - ◆ Almost background free channel
 - ◆ 10 billion J/ψ data
 - ◆ Very good BESIII detector performance
- ◆ Similar structures in $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta / \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ modes:
 - ◆ Evident $f_0(980)$ in $K_s^0 K_s^0$ mass threshold
 - ◆ Clear signal of $X(1835), X(2370), \eta_c$ with $f_0(980)$ selection
- ◆ Best PWA fit can well describe the data:
 - ◆ **Spin-parity of the $X(2370)$ is determined to be 0^{-+} with significance larger than 9.8σ w.r.t. other J^{PC} assumptions**

Interpretation

	X(2370)	η_c	Interpretation on the X(2370)
$f_0(980)\eta'$	✓	✓	Disfavors $q\bar{q}$ meson with pure $u\bar{u}/d\bar{d}$ component
$f_0(980)\eta$	Suppressed	Suppressed	Disfavors $q\bar{q}$ meson with pure $s\bar{s}$ component
$f_0(1500)\eta$	✓	✓	Disfavors $q\bar{q}$ meson with pure $s\bar{s}$ component

◆ **The X(2370) decay properties observed:** **disfavor the interpretation of $q\bar{q}$ meson**

- ◆ Observed decay modes (η_c dominant decays) and suppressed decay modes are consistent between the X(2370) and η_c
- ◆ A good agreement with the glueball interpretation

◆ **The X(2370) production properties observed:**

- ◆ richly produced in J/ψ radiative decays as the glueball expectation

◆ **Mass, spin-parity:** consistent with 0^{-+} glueball prediction

In the mass region larger than 2GeV, the only particle X(2370) for the 0^{-+} glueball candidate in J/ψ radiative decays and five golden decay modes ($\pi\pi\eta', K\bar{K}\eta', K\bar{K}\pi, \pi\pi\eta, K\bar{K}\eta$)

X(2370) - good candidate of 0^{-+} glueball

- ◆ Its mass is consistent with LQCD prediction on the 0^{-+} glueball
- ◆ Produced in the gluon-rich J/ψ radiative decays
- ◆ Observed in flavor symmetric decay modes of $\pi^+\pi^-\eta'$ and $K\bar{K}\eta'$ — favorite decay modes of 0^{-+} glueball
- ◆ Determination of its spin-parity is crucial

