



Observation of a resonance-like structure near the $\pi^+\pi^-$ mass threshold in $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$

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Introduction

□ Mixture of Charmonium:

✓ Because of decay width of $\frac{\Gamma_{\psi(3770) \rightarrow e^+e^-}}{\Gamma_{J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-}} \gg \frac{\Gamma_{1D \rightarrow e^+e^-}}{\Gamma_{1S \rightarrow e^+e^-}}$. The observed

$\psi(3686)$ and $\psi(3770)$ are mixtures of $|2^3S_1\rangle$ and $|1^3D_1\rangle$:

$$\psi(3686) = |2^3S_1\rangle \cos \theta - |1^3D_1\rangle \sin \theta$$

$$\psi(3770) = |2^3S_1\rangle \sin \theta + |1^3D_1\rangle \cos \theta$$

where θ is mixing angle.

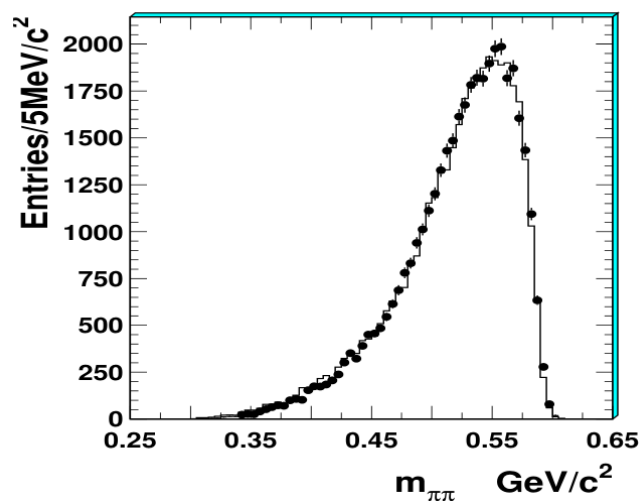
□ $\pi\pi$ transition:

- ✓ A good place to study Chiral Symmetry and Final state interaction.
- ✓ Soft pion emission, e.g. Adler zero?
- ✓ High statistics of $\pi\pi$ production provide chance to search for pionium.

Introduction

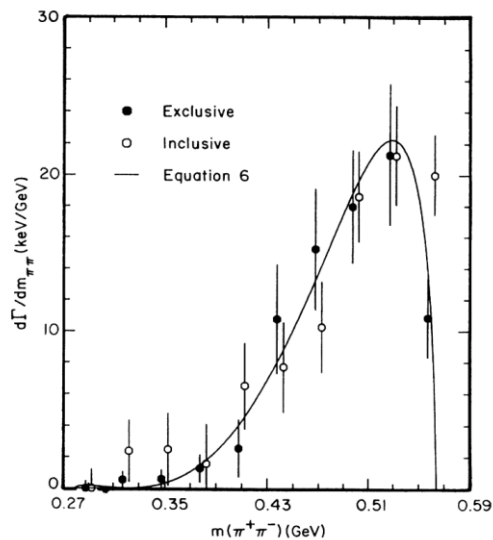
□ Heavy quarkonium transition

- ✓ Similar spectrum in charmonium and bottomonium transitions.
- ✓ ChPT has great power to describe $\pi\pi$ production.



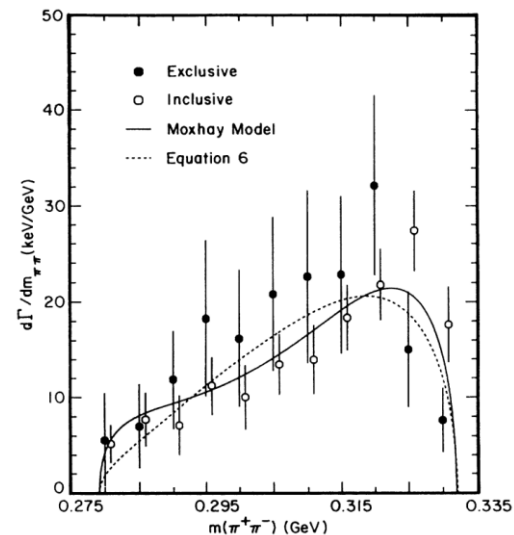
$$\psi' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$$

[Phys.Lett.B 645 \(2007\) 19-25](#)



$$Y(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- Y(1S)$$

[Phys.Rev.D 49 \(1994\) 40-57](#)



$$Y(3S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- Y(2S)$$

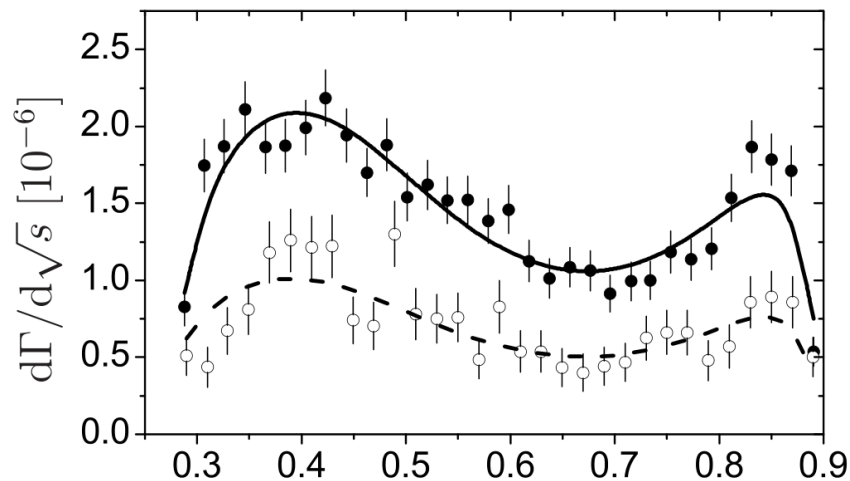
Introduction

❑ Puzzle of $\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \pi\pi\Upsilon(1S)$

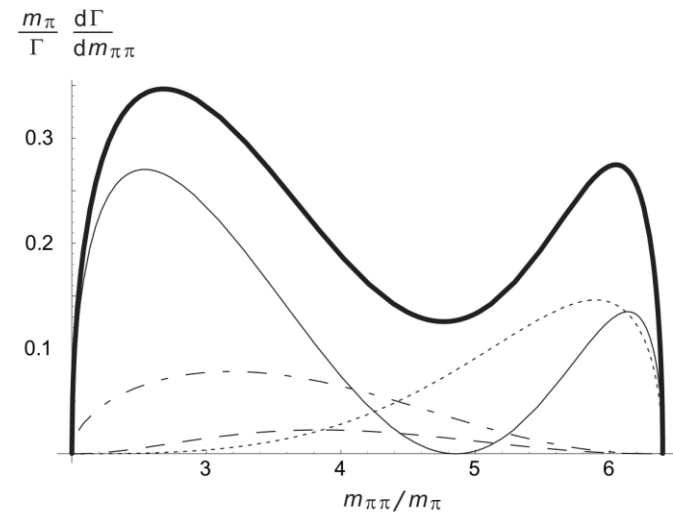
✓ $\pi\pi$ spectrum much different from other quarkonium transitions.

❑ Tetraquark used to correct ChPT.

❑ QCD multipole expansion (QCDE) with S-D mixing quarkonium transition.



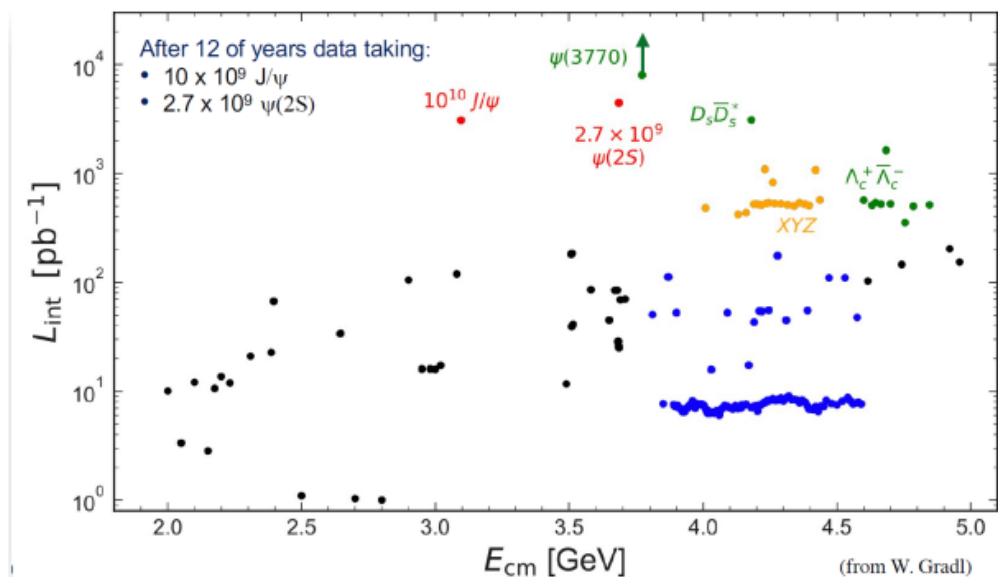
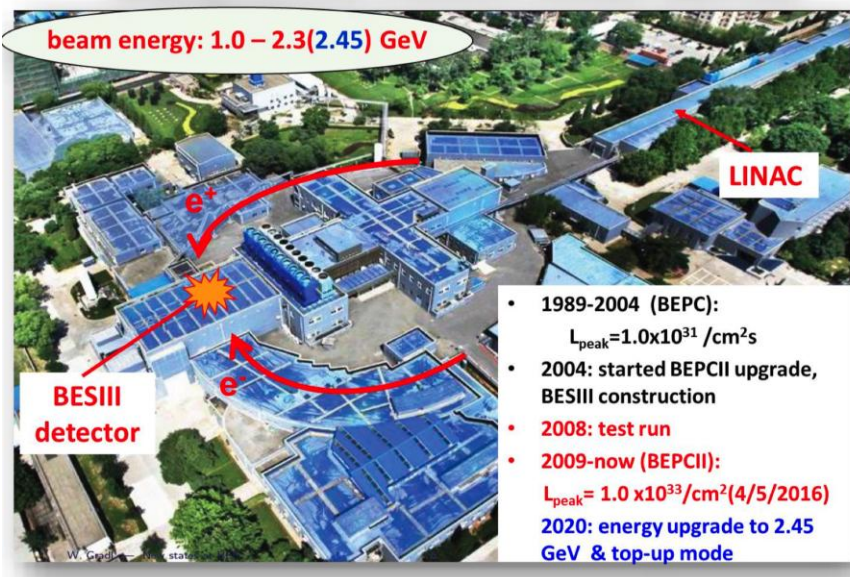
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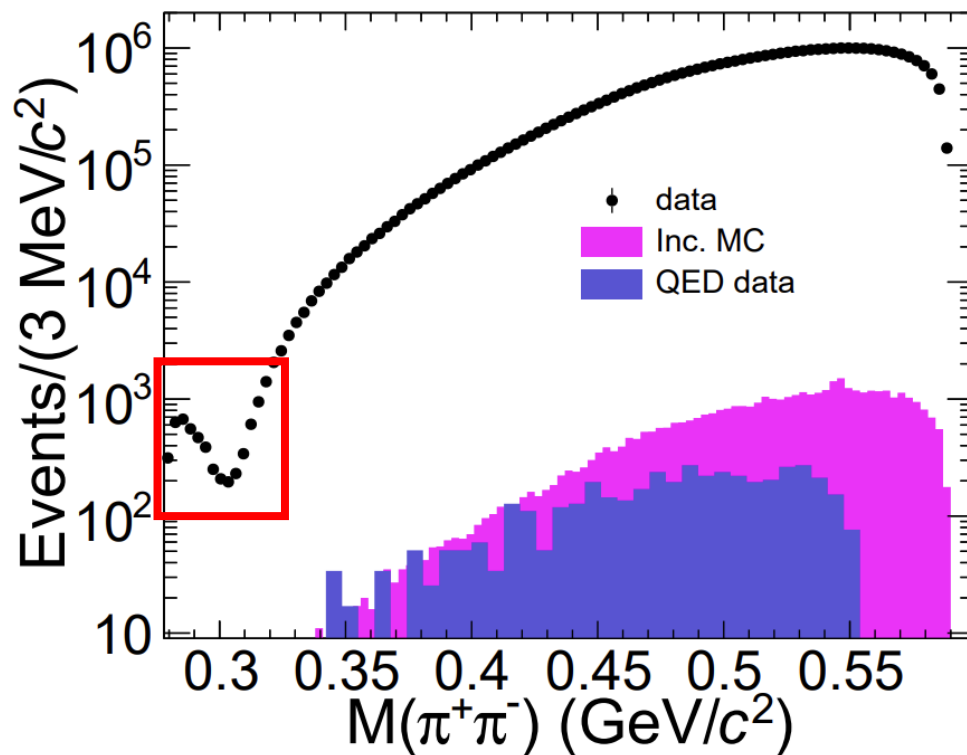
Data Sample

Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPCII)



World's Largest τ -charm Data Sets in $e^+ e^-$ Annihilation

Data Sample

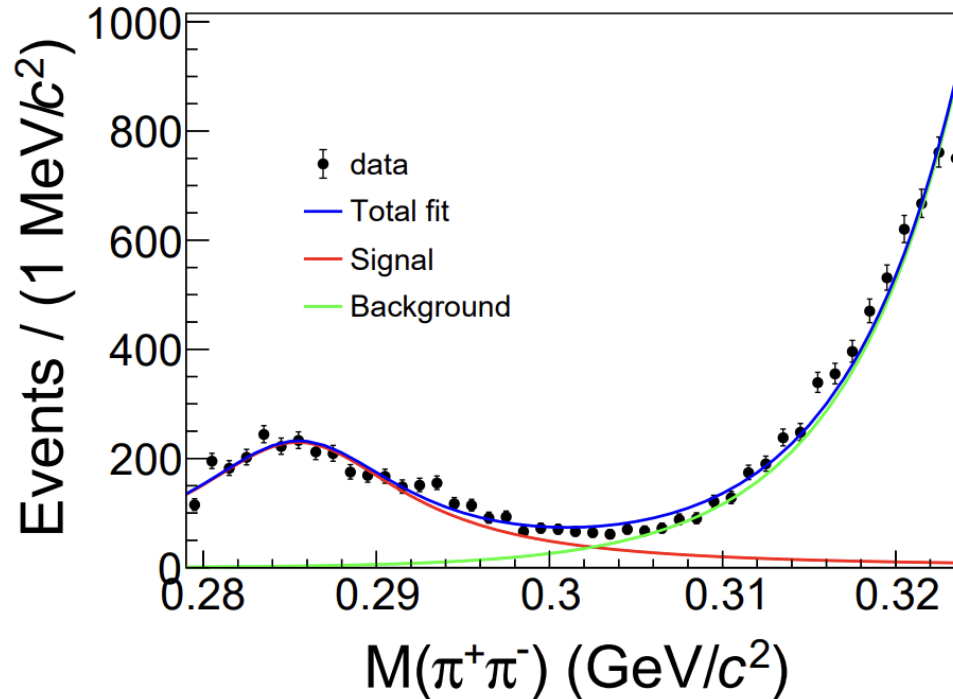


● 3.7×10^7 events

● 99.8% purity

First time observe $\pi^+\pi^-$ threshold enhancement in
 $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$

Resonance-like hypothesis



- Take $\pi^+\pi^-$ threshold as a resonance
- $(\text{Breit-Wigner} \otimes \text{Resolution}) \times \text{Efficiency}$
- Mass: $(285.5 \pm 2.6) \text{ MeV}/c^2$, Width: $(16.4 \pm 0.8) \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Theoretical models

● ChPT:

[Z.Phys.C 73 \(1997\) 541-546](#)

- ✓ Heavy quark symmetry
- ✓ Chiral symmetry for $\pi\pi$ production

● Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_0 = & g A_\mu^{(v)} B^{(v)\mu*} \text{Tr}[(\partial_\nu U)(\partial^\nu U)^\dagger] + g_1 A_\mu^{(v)} B^{(v)\mu*} \text{Tr}[(v \cdot \partial U)(v \cdot \partial U)^\dagger] \\ & + g_2 A_\mu^{(v)} B_\nu^{(v)*} \text{Tr}[(\partial^\mu U)(\partial^\nu U)^\dagger + (\partial^\mu U)^\dagger(\partial^\nu U)] + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$

S-wave 
D-wave 

● Decay width:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dm_{\pi\pi} d\cos\theta_{\pi+}} = \frac{m_{\pi\pi}\sigma_\pi|\mathbf{q}|}{64\pi^3 m_\psi^2} |\mathcal{M}_S + \mathcal{M}_D|^2$$

Theoretical models

[Front.Phys.China 1 \(2006\) 19-37](#)

● QCDME:

- ✓ Heavy quarkonium multipole expansion.
- ✓ Mixture of 2S-1D $c\bar{c}$ charmonia.
- ✓ Chiral symmetry of $\pi\pi$ production.

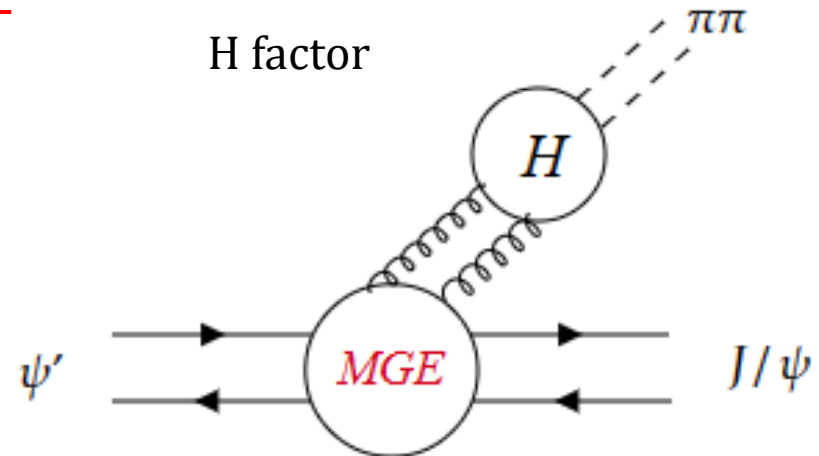
● Amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M} = i \frac{g_E^2}{6} \sum_{KL} \frac{\langle \Phi_F | r_{m_1} | KL \rangle \langle KL | r_{m_2} | \Phi_I \rangle}{E_I - E_{KL}} \langle \pi\pi | E_{-m_1}^a E_{-m_2}^a | 0 \rangle$$

MGE factor

H factor

● H factor is similar as ChPT.



Theoretical models

- Decay width:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dm_{\pi\pi} d\cos\theta_{\pi+}} = \cos^2\theta_{\text{mix}} \frac{dG_\alpha}{dm_{\pi\pi} d\cos\theta_{\pi+}} + \sin^2\theta_{\text{mix}} \frac{dH_\beta}{dm_{\pi\pi} d\cos\theta_{\pi+}}$$

✓ $2S \rightarrow 1S + \pi\pi$:

$$\frac{dG_\alpha}{dm_{\pi\pi} d\cos\theta_{\pi+}} = \frac{m_{\pi\pi} |\mathbf{q}| \sigma_\pi}{8\pi^3} \frac{m_{J/\psi}}{m_\psi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (m_{\pi\pi}^2 - 2m_\pi^2) + \alpha \left[m_{\pi\pi}^2 + |\mathbf{q}|^2 - |\mathbf{q}|^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{m_{\pi\pi}^2} \right) \cos^2\theta_{\pi+} \right] \right\}^2$$

✓ $1D \rightarrow 1S + \pi\pi$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH_\beta}{dm_{\pi\pi} d\cos\theta_{\pi+}} = & \frac{m_{\pi\pi} |\mathbf{q}| \sigma_\pi}{450\pi^3} \frac{m_{J/\psi}}{m_\psi^2} \beta^2 \left\{ (m_{\pi\pi}^2 - 4m_\pi^2)^2 + (m_{\pi\pi}^2 - 4m_\pi^2) |\mathbf{q}|^2 + |\mathbf{q}|^4 \right. \\ & \left. - (2|\mathbf{q}|^2 + m_{\pi\pi}^2 + 8m_\pi^2) (m_{\pi\pi}^2 - 4m_\pi^2) \frac{|\mathbf{q}|^2}{m_{\pi\pi}^2} \cos^2\theta_{\pi+} + (m_{\pi\pi}^2 - 4m_\pi^2)^2 \frac{|\mathbf{q}|^4}{m_{\pi\pi}^4} \cos^4\theta_{\pi+} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Theoretical models

● Final state interaction

[Eur.Phys.J.C 73 \(2013\) 1, 2284](#)

- ✓ Chiral unitary approach can be a good description of meson-meson interaction.

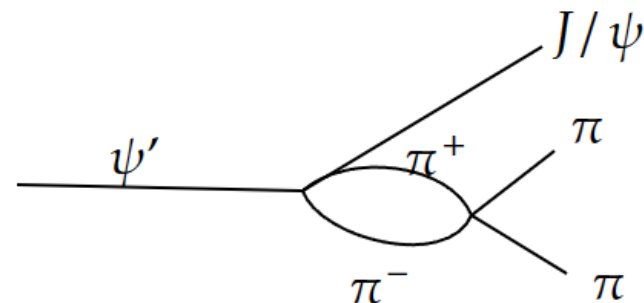
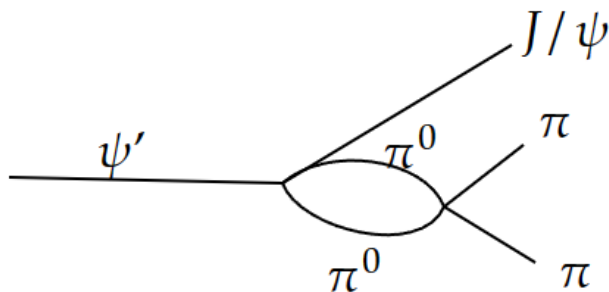
$$M_S = M_{S0} \cdot (1 + G \cdot t_{\pi\pi})$$

- ✓ For the $t_{\pi\pi}$:

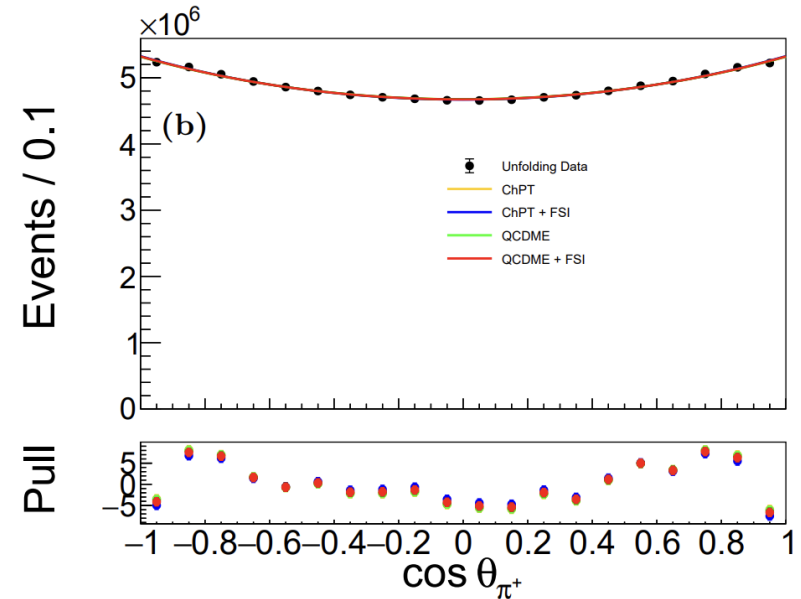
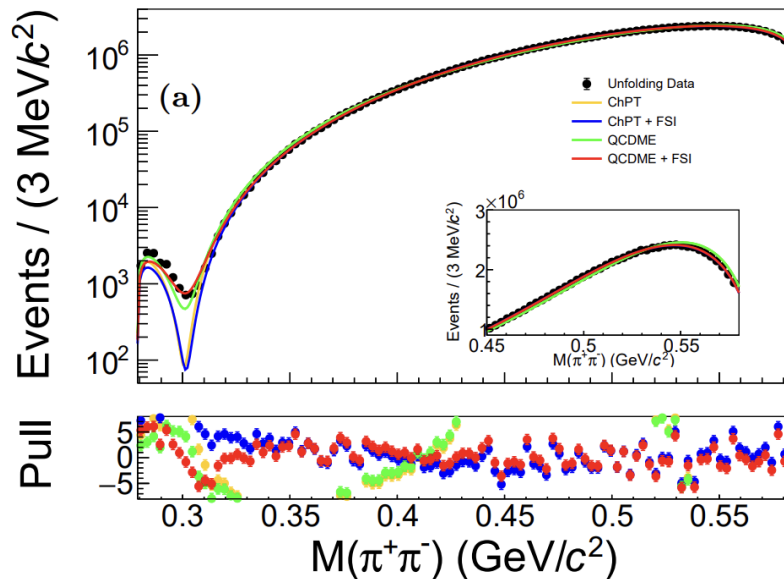
$$t_{\pi\pi} = \frac{1}{1/V_0 - G}$$

- ✓ And for G is to regularize the loop:

$$G = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[\gamma + \sigma \log \frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma + 1} \right]$$



Fitting results



- FSI for high invariant mass
- QCDME for low invariant mass
- Chiral symmetry prediction $\pi\pi$ threshold enhancement.
- This shows $\psi(3686)$ is the mixture of S-wave and D-wave charmonium state!

Summary

- ❑ Resonance-like structure:
 - ✓ Mass: $(285.5 \pm 2.6) \text{ MeV}/c^2$, Width: $(16.4 \pm 0.8) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ❑ Theoretical model fitting result:
 - ✓ Chiral symmetry prediction $\pi\pi$ threshold enhancement.
 - ✓ QCDME + FSI can will describe $\pi\pi$ mass spectrum.
 - ✓ QCDME implies $\psi(3686)$ is the mixture of S-wave and D-wave charmonium state.
- ❑ Other hypothesis: Couple channel...
- ❑ Article: [arxiv:2509.23761](https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.23761) (submitted to PRL).
- ❑ Welcome more discussions!

THANKS