

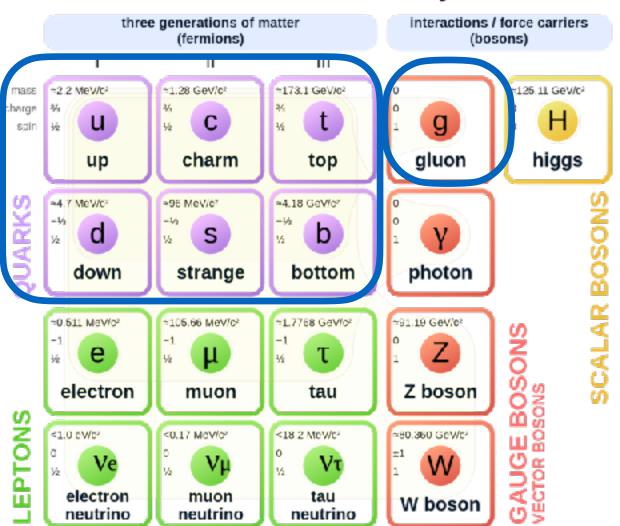
Discovery of a Glueball-like Particle X(2370) @ BESIII

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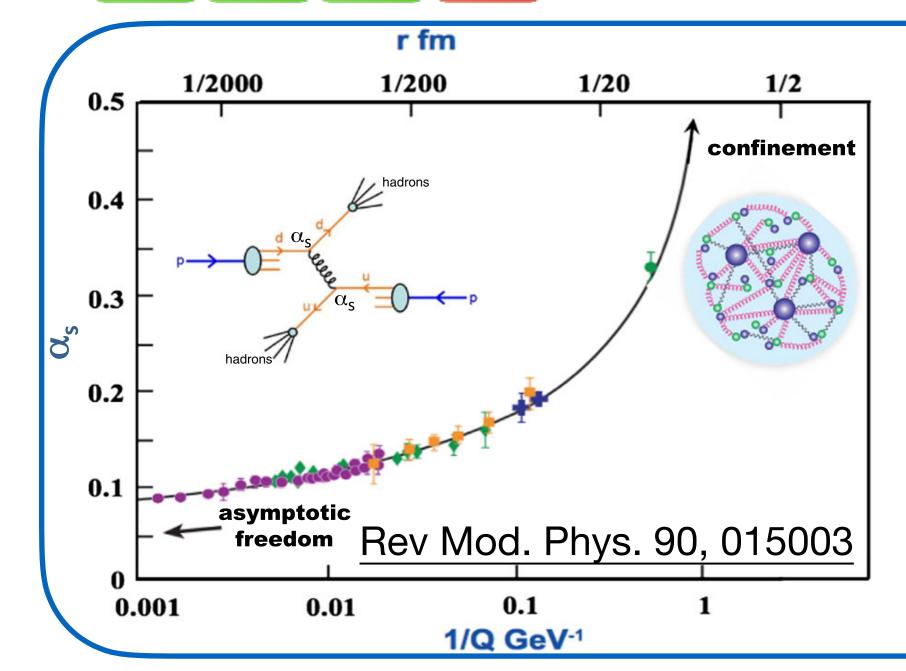
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Fundamental Structure of Matters

Standard Model of Elementary Particles



- SM well describes fundamental structure of Matters, including EW and strong interactions
 - Gluons mediate strong interactions
 - QCD (SU(3) non-Abel gauge theory) is the basic theory for strong interaction
- Hadron spectroscopy can provide us clues for the understanding of fundamental structure via the hadron property study

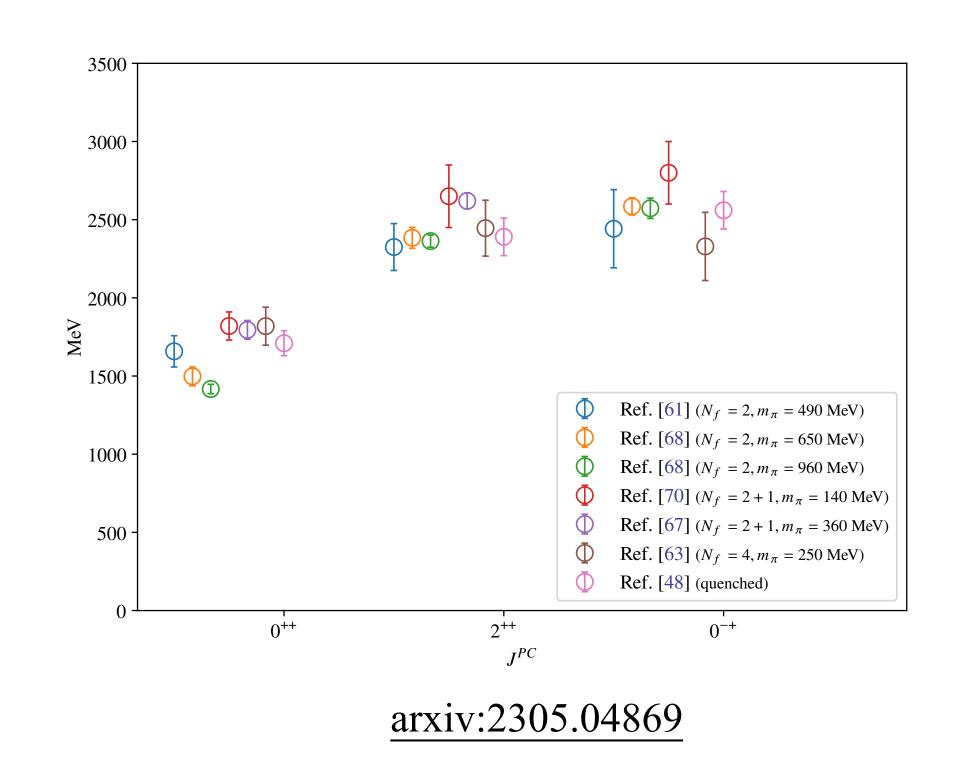


QCD predictions

- + High Energy:
- α_s running, widely confirmed experimentally (Nobel Prize 2004)
- **+ Low Energy:**
- Self-interaction of gluons → Glueballs

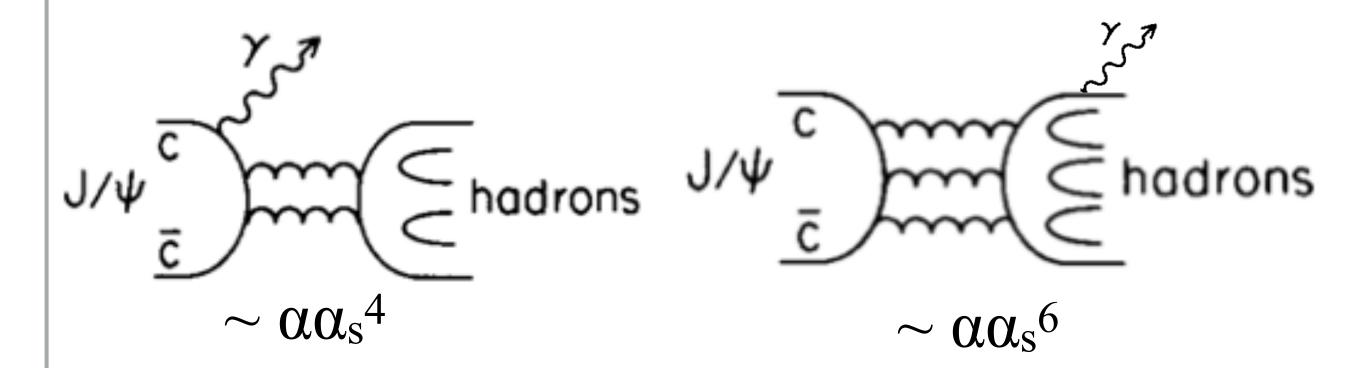
Glueballs

- ◆ Special Importance of Glueballs: Glueballs to QCD is just as important as Higgs Boson to EW
 - Unique particle made of pure force (bosons)
 - **♦ Direct proof of self-interactions of gluons Direct proof of non-Abel gauge interactions of QCD**
 - Direct proof of origin of mass from strong interactions
- 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 glueball masses:**
 - **♦ 0++ ground state:** 1.5 1.7 GeV/c²
 - **◆ 2**++ ground state: 2.3 2.4GeV/c²
 - **♦ 0-+ ground state:** 2.3 2.6GeV/c²



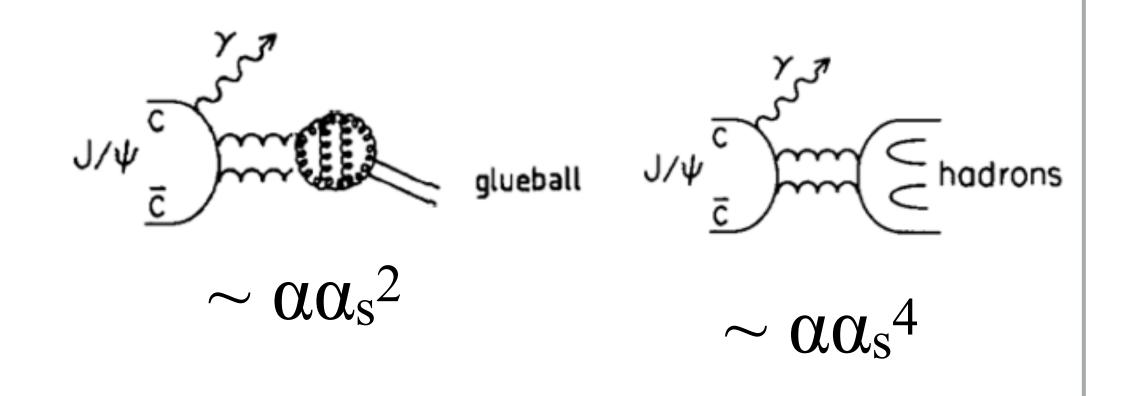
Glueball production in J/\psi Radiative decay

Gluon rich environment



- Isospin filter: final states dominated by I=0 processes
- **Spin-parity filter: C parity must be +**, so Jpc=0-+, 0++, 1++, 2++, 2-+ ...
- ◆ Clean environment in e+e- collision: very different from p-p collision

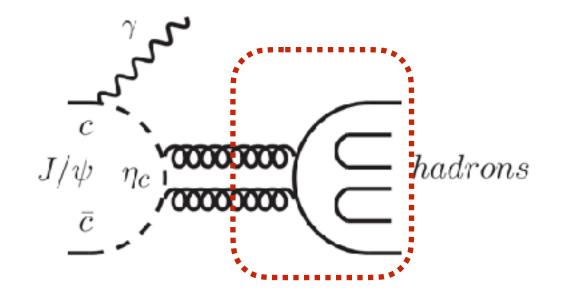
- Rich glueball production in J/ψ radiative decays:
 - Glueball production rate in J/ψ
 radiative decays could be higher
 than normal hadrons

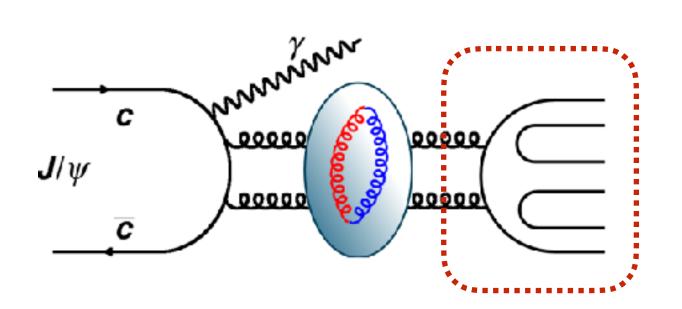


■ J/ψ Radiative decay is an ideal place to search for glueballs

Glueball Decays

- Flavor symmetric decays
- No rigorous predictions on decay patterns and their branching ratios
- The glueball decays could be the analogy to **Charmonium decays** since they all decay via gluons (OZI suppression) [PLB 380 189(1996), Commu. Theor. Phys. 23.373 (1995)]
 - ♦ e.g. the 0-+ glueball could have similar decays of η_c

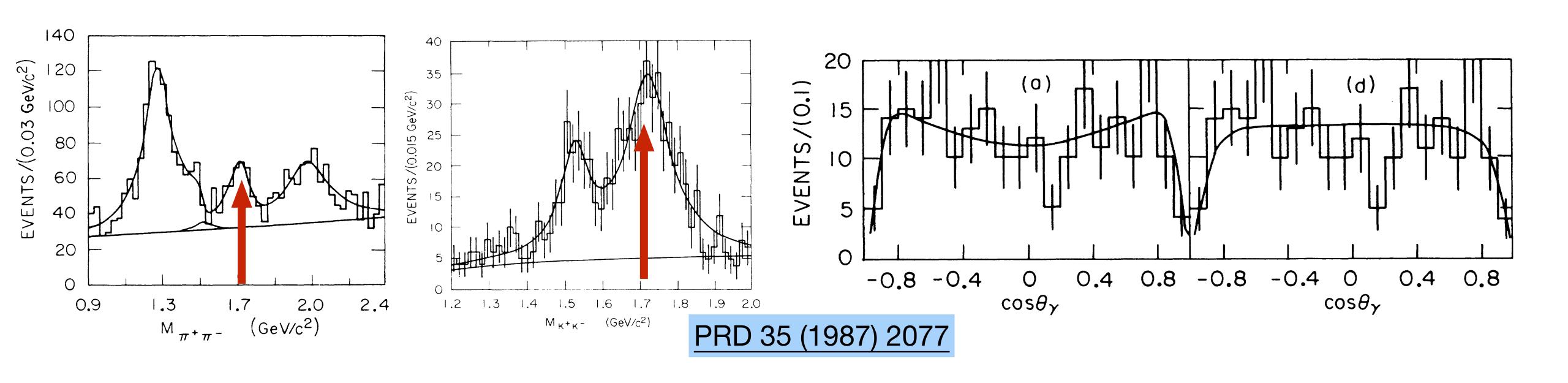




Historical Glueball Candidates

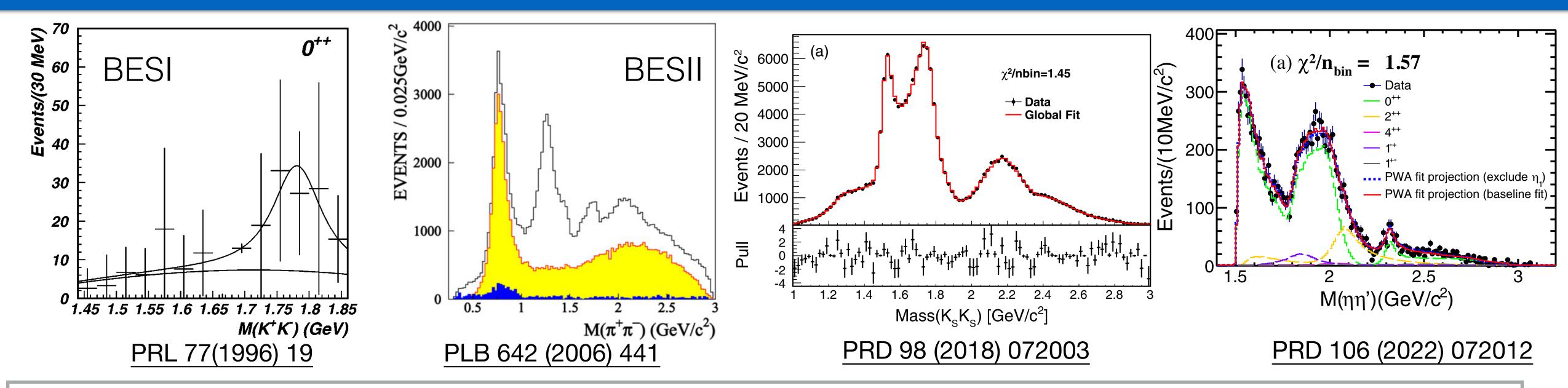
- Many experiments searched for glueballs over the past 4 decades
- Many historical glueball candidates, but with some difficulties/controversies.
 - **→ Scalar Glueball candidate (0++)**: f₀(1500), f₀(1710)
 - + Tensor Glueball candidate (2++): f₂(2340)
 - + Pseudoscalar Glueball candidate (0-+): η(1405)

Historical Glueball Candidates — Scalar f₀(1710)



- ♦ The f₀(1710) was discovered in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+\pi^-$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^+K^-$ by MarkIII in 1987 as θ₂(1720)
 - **→** J^{pc} = 2++ from a simple fit to the angular distribution
 - + The significance of 2++ state is ~3σ better than 0++ assumption

Historical Glueball Candidates — Scalar f₀(1710)



- The f₀(1710) was firstly changed to be 0++ from a full PWA of J/ψ→ γKK @ BESI. Lots of studies at MarkII, DM2, BESI,BESII, BESIII
- ◆ The f₀(1710) favors to be a scalar glueball or large glueball content: controversy of dynamic mixing mechanism
 - + High production rate of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_0(1710)$

$$B[J/\psi \to \gamma f_0(1710) \to \gamma \pi \pi] = (4.0 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-4}$$

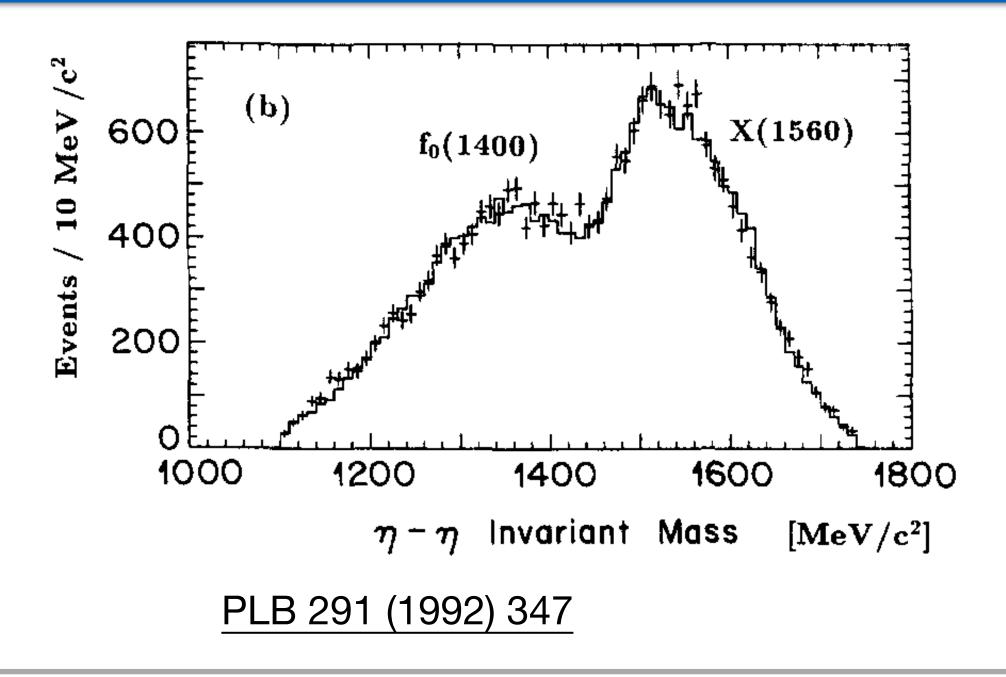
BESII: PLB 642 (2006) 441
 $B[J/\psi \to \gamma f_0(1710) \to \gamma K_s^0 K_s^0] = (2.00^{+0.03}_{-0.02} ^{+0.31}_{-0.10}) \times 10^{-4}$
BESIII: PRD 98 (2018) 072003

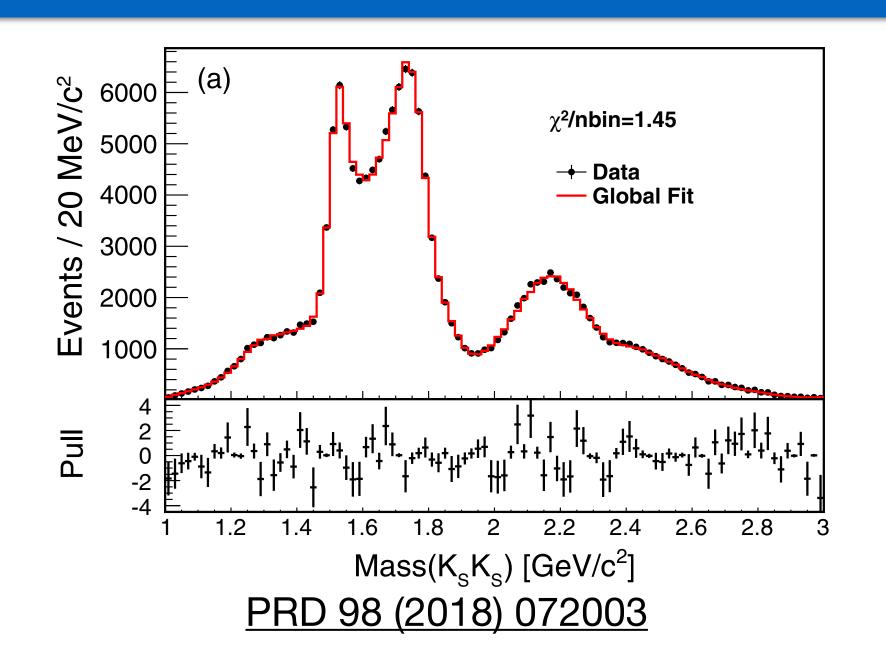
+ Decay suppression in f₀(1710)→ ηη'

$$B[f_0(1710) \to \eta \eta' / f_0(1710) \to \pi \pi] < (2.9 \pm_{-0.9}^{+1.1}) \times 10^{-3}$$

BESIII: PRD 106 072012(2022)

Historical Glueball Candidates — Scalar f₀(1500)





- The f₀(1500) was discovered by Crystal Barrel in 1992
 - ◆ An unique 0++ candidate since f₀(1710) was f₂ at that time
- Disfavors to its interpretation of a scalar glueball

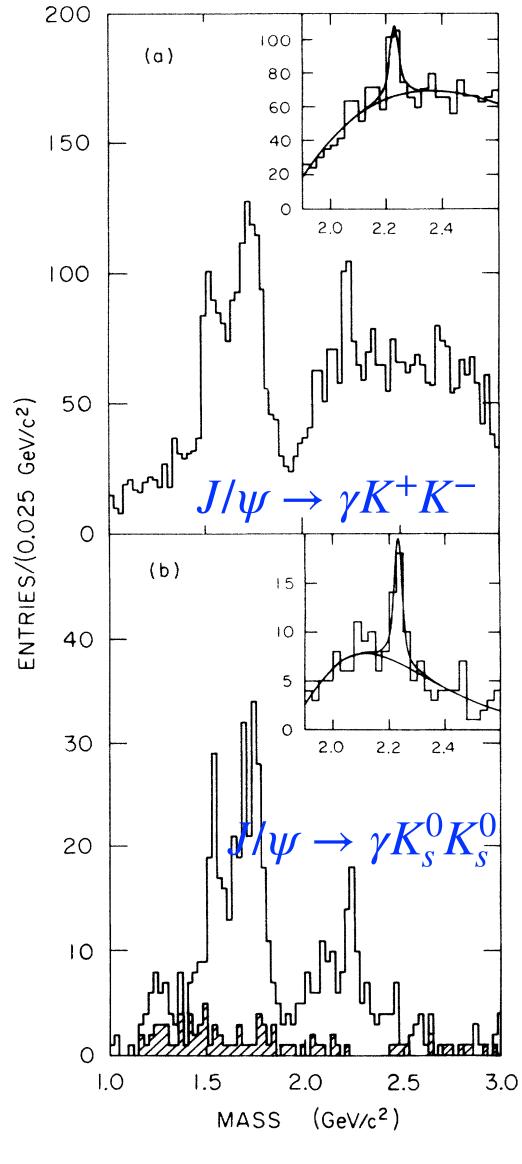
Lower production rate of J/ψ→ γ**f**₀(1500)

$$B[J/ψ→ γf_0(1500) → γK_s^0K_s^0] = (1.59^{+0.16}_{-0.16} ^{+0.18}_{-0.56}) × 10^{-5}$$

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♦ No strong suppression in
$$f_0(1500)$$
 → $\eta\eta'$ $B[f_0(1500) \to \eta\eta'/f_0(1500) \to \pi\pi] = (1.66 \pm_{-0.40}^{+0.42}) \times 10^{-1}$ $B[f_0(1710) \to \eta\eta'/f_0(1710) \to \pi\pi] < (2.9 \pm_{-0.9}^{+1.1}) \times 10^{-3}$ BESIII: PRD 106 072012(2022)

Historical Glueball Candidates — Tensor $\xi(2230)$



Events/(20 MeV)(a) Events/(25 MeV) 20 10 (GeV) MASS

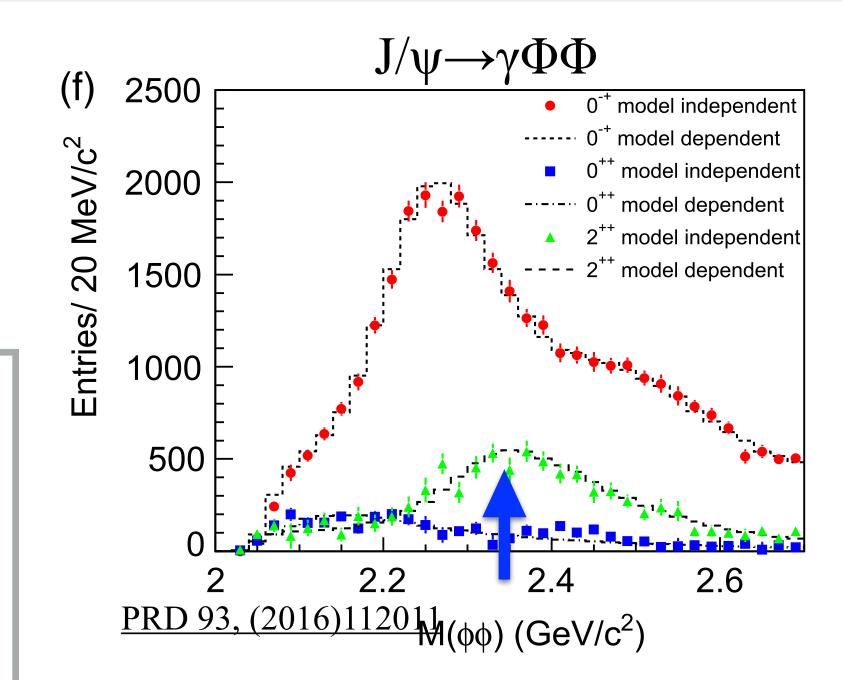
- * First observed by MarkIII is $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma$ KK in 1980's, then by BESI in 1990's in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma$ KK, $\gamma \pi \pi$, $\gamma p \bar{p}$ with very narrow mass peak.
- It was a tensor glueball candidate due to good flavor symmetric decay property.
- Difficulty: it was not confirmed by BESII, nor BESIII with much higher statistics.

PRL 76 (1996) 3502

Historical Glueball Candidates — Tensor f₂(2340)

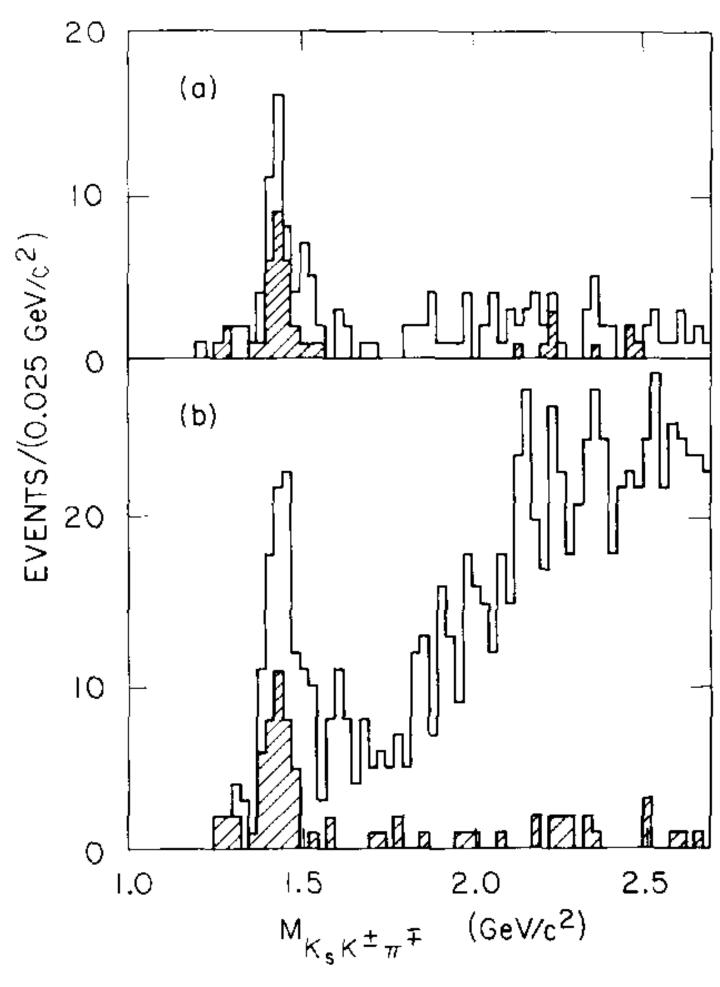
$$\Gamma(J/\psi o\gamma G_{2^+})=1.01(22)keV$$
 $\Gamma(J/\psi o\gamma G_{2^+})/\Gamma_{tot}=1.1 imes 10^{-2}$ CLQCD, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 091601 (2013)

- **Large production rate of f₂(2340) in** J/ψ→γ(KK/ηη/η'η'/φφ): substantially lower than the LQCD prediction for tensor glueball
 - $+ B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta) = (3.8^{+0.62}_{-0.66} {}^{+2.37}_{-2.07}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ (PRD 87,2013,092009)}$
 - + B(J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi) = (1.91 \pm 0.14^{+0.72}_{-0.73} \times 10^{-4})$ (PRD 93,2016,112011)
 - + B(J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma K_s K_s$) =(5.54 $^{+0.34}_{-0.40}$ $^{+3.82}_{-1.49} \times 10^{-5}$ (PRD 98,2018,072003)
 - $+ B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_2(2340) \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \eta') = (8.67 \pm 0.70^{+0.16}_{-1.67} \times 10^{-6} (PRD 105, 2022, 072002)$
- Difficulty: Many wide tensor mesons and large overlaps in the mass region of 2.3GeV (2++ glueball mass from the LQCD predictions)
 - ◆ Studies are strongly model dependent.



Resonance	$M (MeV/c^2)$	$\Gamma (\mathrm{MeV}/c^2)$	B.F. $(\times 10^{-4})$	Sig.
$\overline{\eta(2225)}$	2216^{+4+21}_{-5-11}	185^{+12+43}_{-14-17}	$(2.40 \pm 0.10^{+2.47}_{-0.18})$	28σ
$\eta(2100)$	2050^{+30+75}_{-24-26}	$250^{+36+181}_{-30-164}$	$(3.30 \pm 0.09^{+0.18}_{-3.04})$	22σ
X(2500)	$2470^{+15+101}_{-19-23}$	230^{+64+56}_{-35-33}	$(0.17 \pm 0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.08})$	8.8σ
$f_0(2100)$	2101	224	$(0.43 \pm 0.04^{+0.24}_{-0.03})$	24σ
$f_2(2010)$	2011	202	$(0.35 \pm 0.05^{+0.28}_{-0.15})$	9.5σ
$f_2(2300)$	2297	149	$(0.44 \pm 0.07^{+0.09})$	6.4σ
$f_2(2340)$	2339	319	$(1.91 \pm 0.14^{+0.72}_{-0.73})$	11σ
0 ⁻⁺ PH9P			$(2.74 \pm 0.15^{+0.16}_{-1.48})$	6.8σ

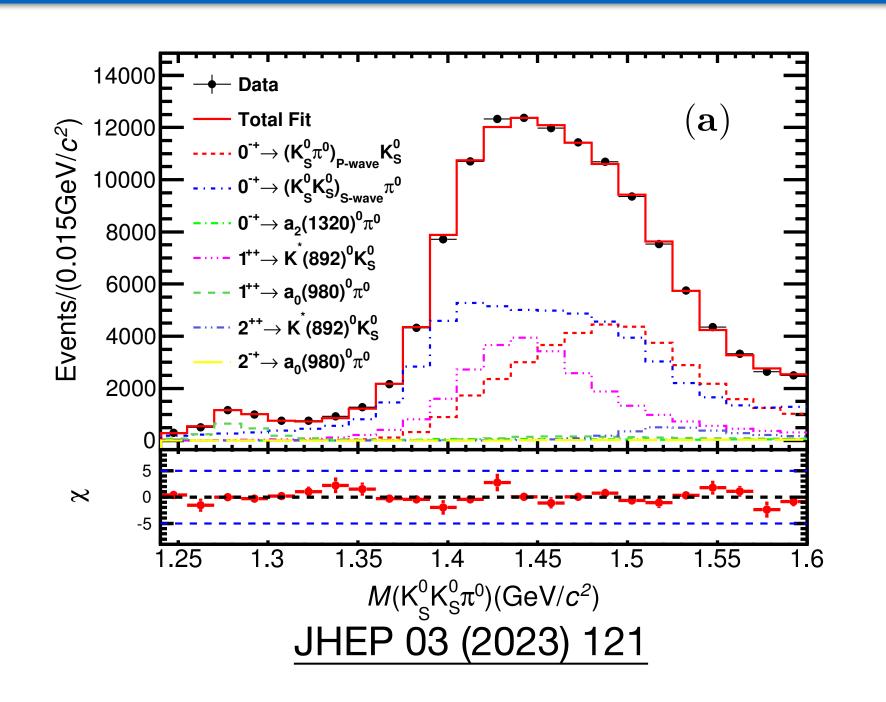
Historical Glueball Candidates — Pseudoscalar $\eta(1405)$

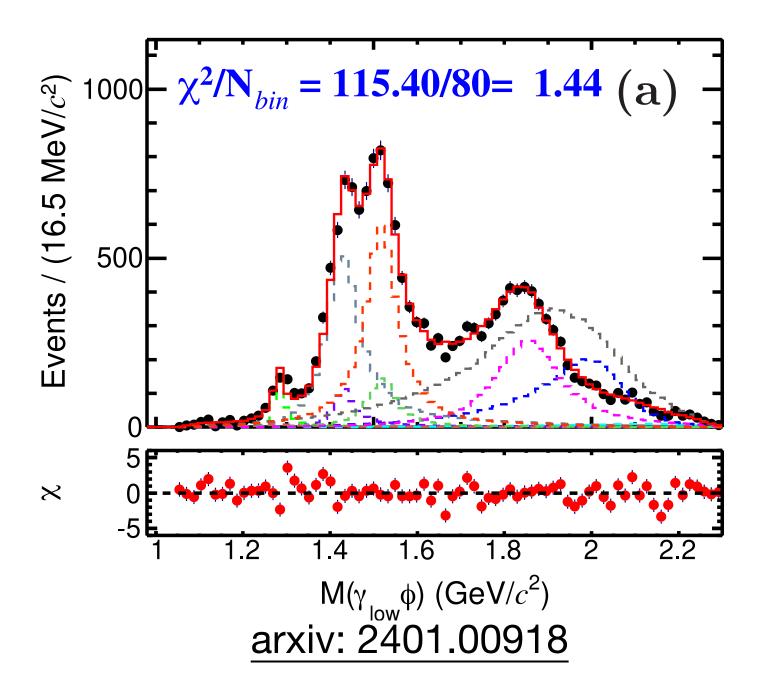


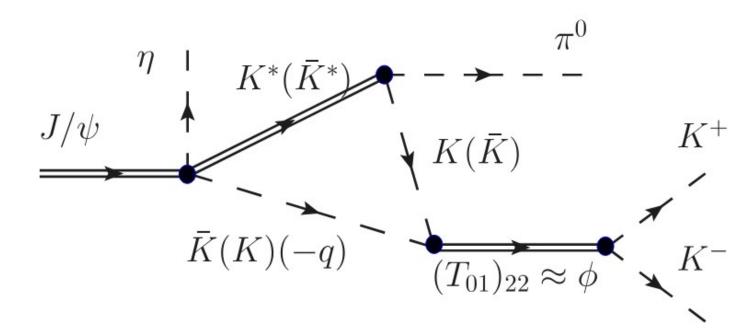
Phys. Lett. 97B (1980) 2

- First discovered by MarkII in 1980, named as η(1440) with complicated structures.
 - * Believed as the first glueball candidate due to its large production rate in J/ψ radiative decays
- Lots of studies at MarkII, MarkIII, DM2 and BES:
 - No longer a 0-+ glueball candidate due to its large different mass from latest LQCD prediction (Lack of reliable LQCD predictions in 1980's)

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







Triangle sigularity?

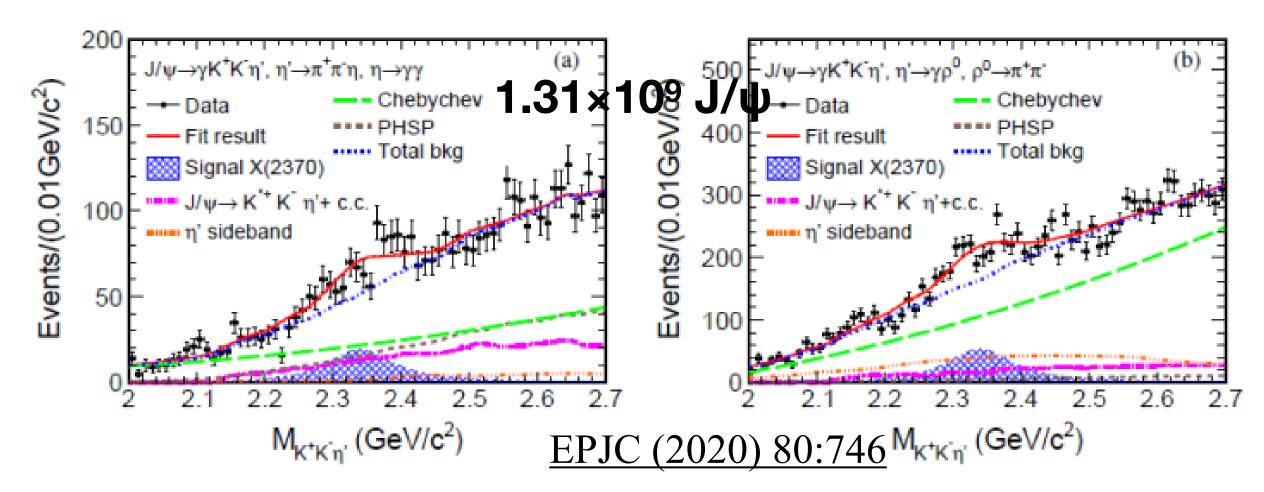
- η(1295) and η(1475) are generally assigned to be the first radial excitation of the ground states of η and η'
 - + η(1405) η(1475) puzzle :Whether or not the η(1405) η(1475) are 1 or 2 states?
- PWA of J/ψ→γKsKsπ⁰: Two isoscalar states η(1405) and η(1475) around 1.4GeV can well fit data
- \bullet PWA of J/ ψ γγΦ: observed η(1405) with 18.9σ, while η(1475) can not be excluded (3.9σ)

X(2370)

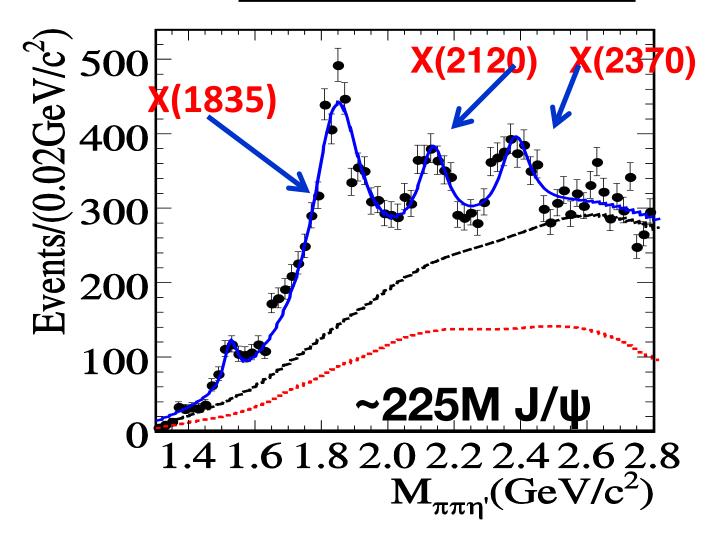
Discovered by BESIII in $J/\psi \to \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$ in 2011

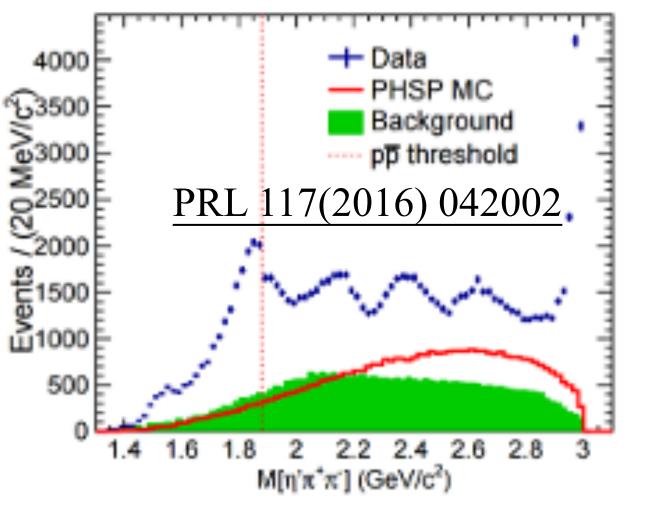
	M(MeV/c²)	$\Gamma(\text{MeV/c}^2)$	Sig.
X(1835)	$1836.5\pm3.0^{+5.6}$ -2.1	$190.1\pm9.0^{+38}$ -36	>20σ
X(2120)	$2122.4\pm6.7^{+4.7}$ -2.7	83±16 ⁺³¹ -11	7.2σ
X(2370)	2376.3±8.7+3.2 _{-4.3}	83±17+44 ₋₆	6.4σ

ullet Confirmed by BESIII in $J/\psi \to \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$ and $J/\psi \to \gamma K \bar{K} \eta'$ (new mode)



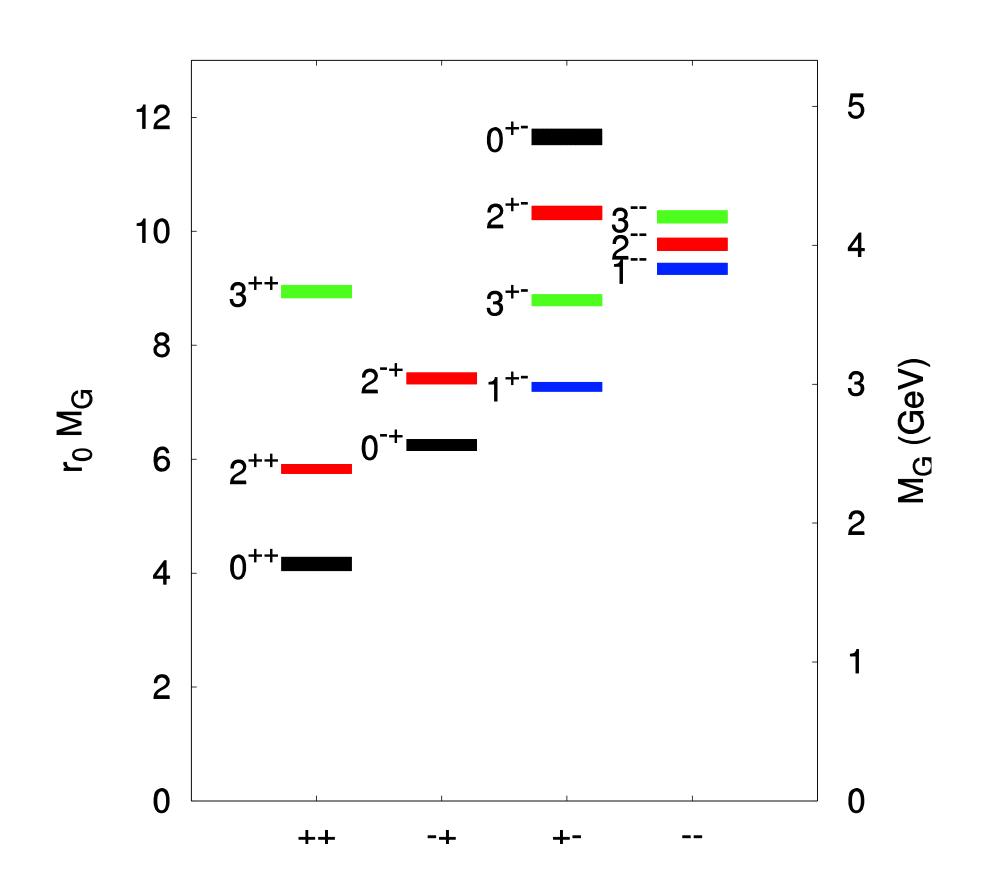
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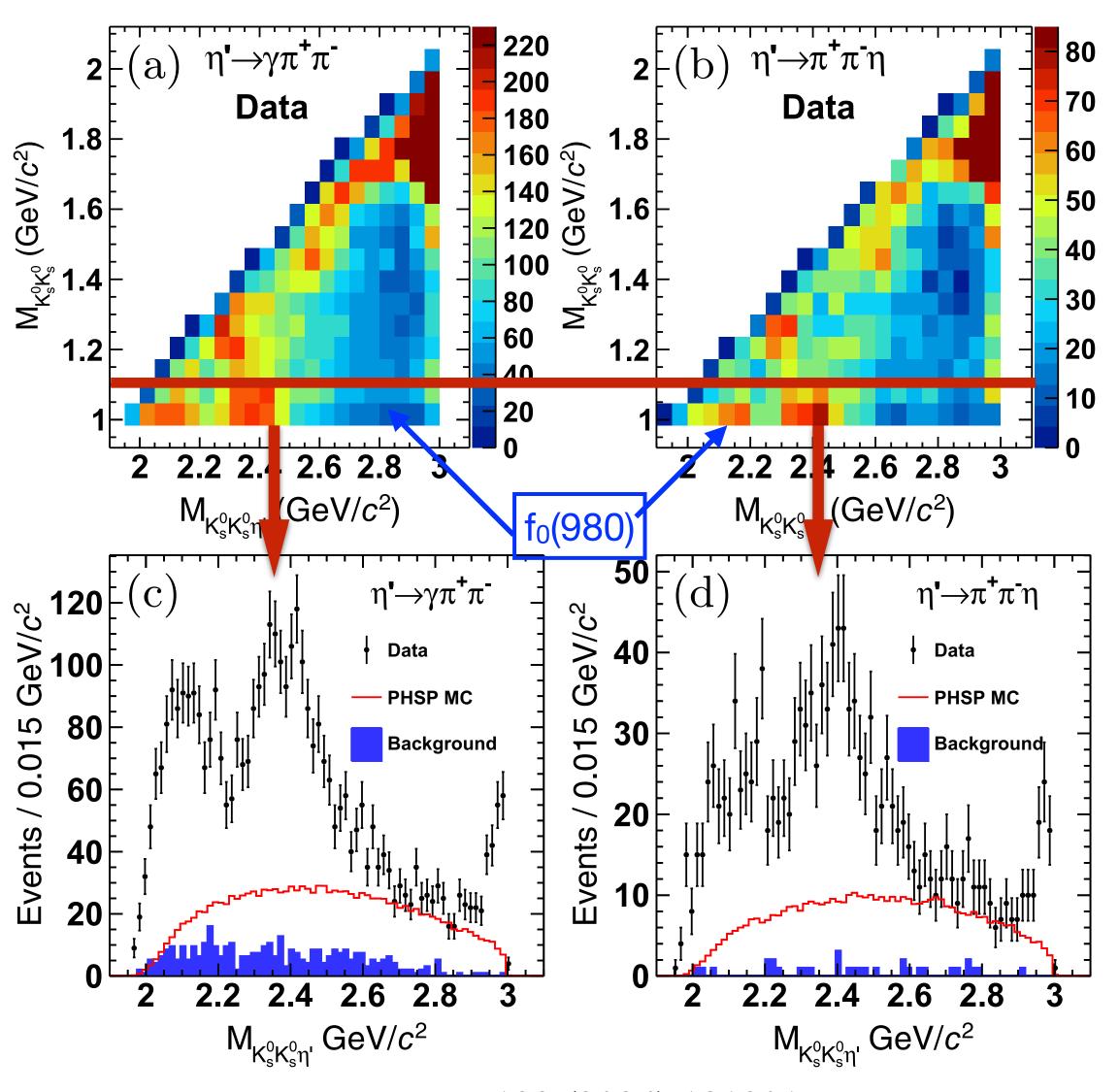


X(2370) - good candidate of 0-+ glueball

- ♦ 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



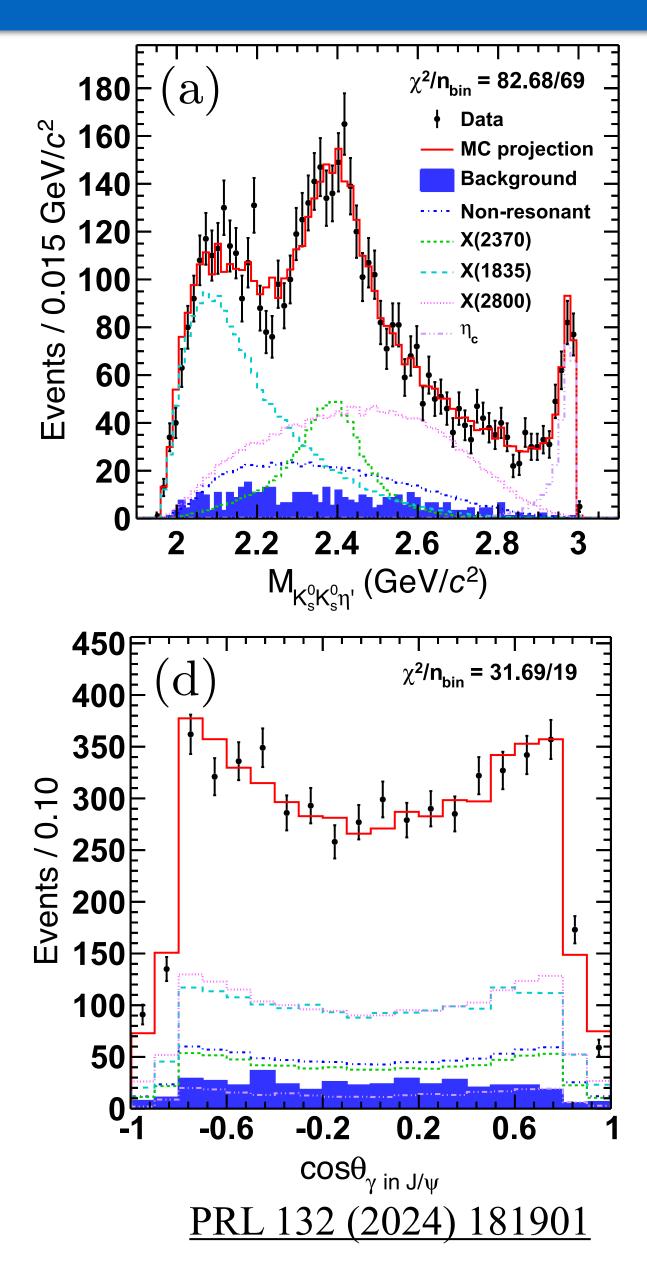
Spin-Parity determination of the X(2370) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^0_s K^0_s \eta^2$



- ♦ Analysis advantage of J/ψ→γK⁰sK⁰sη':
 - Almost background free channel (exchange symmetry and C-parity conservation)
 - + 10billion J/ψ data
 - ◆ Very good BESIII detector performance
- ♦ Similar structures in $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta / \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ modes:
 - ◆ Evident f₀(980) in K⁰_sK⁰_s mass threshold
 - \bullet Clear signal of X(1835),X(2370), η_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

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Compared with LQCD prediction on Lightest 0-+ Glueball


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LQCD prediction on lightest pseudoscalar glueball: J^{pc}=0^{-+} M=2395\pm14~\text{MeV} B(J/\psi\to\gamma G_{0-+})=(2.31\pm0.80)\times10^{-4} PRD~100~(2019)~054511
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- 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/ ψ → γ X(2370)) and prediction on B(J/ ψ → γ G₀₋₊) are consistent within errors (assuming ~5% decay rate, B(J/ ψ → γ X(2370)) = (10.7+22.8₋₇)×10⁻⁴)

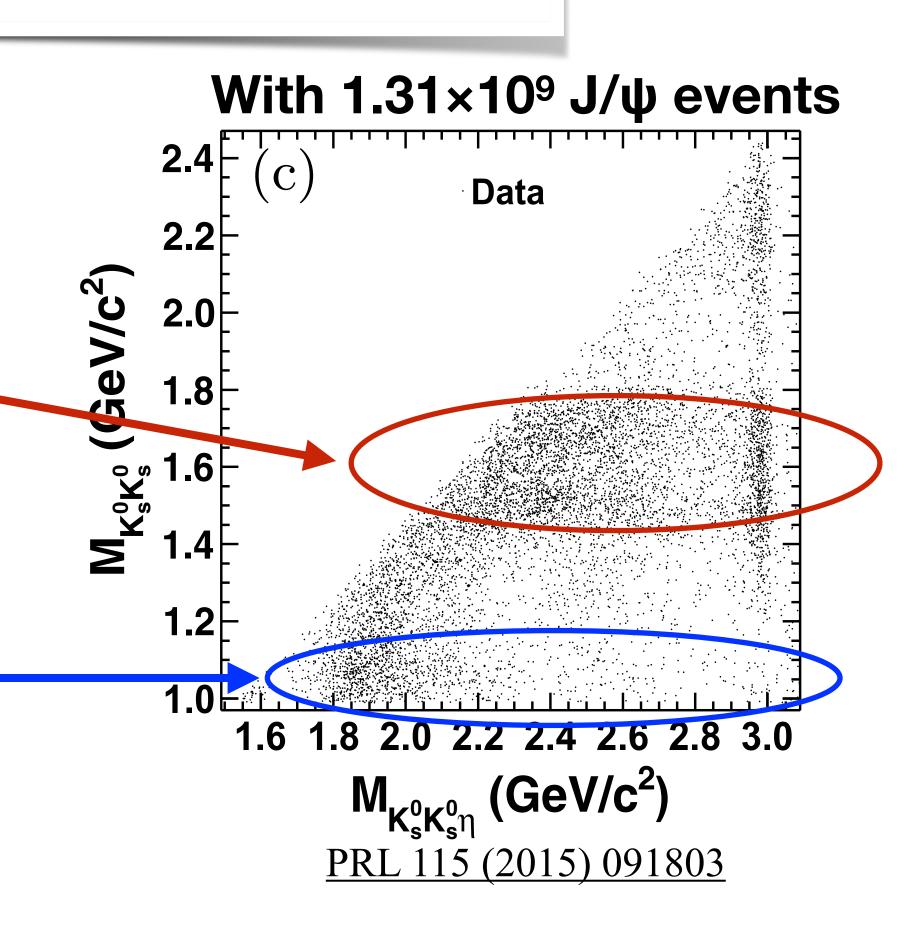
X(2370) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^0_s K^0_s \eta$

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

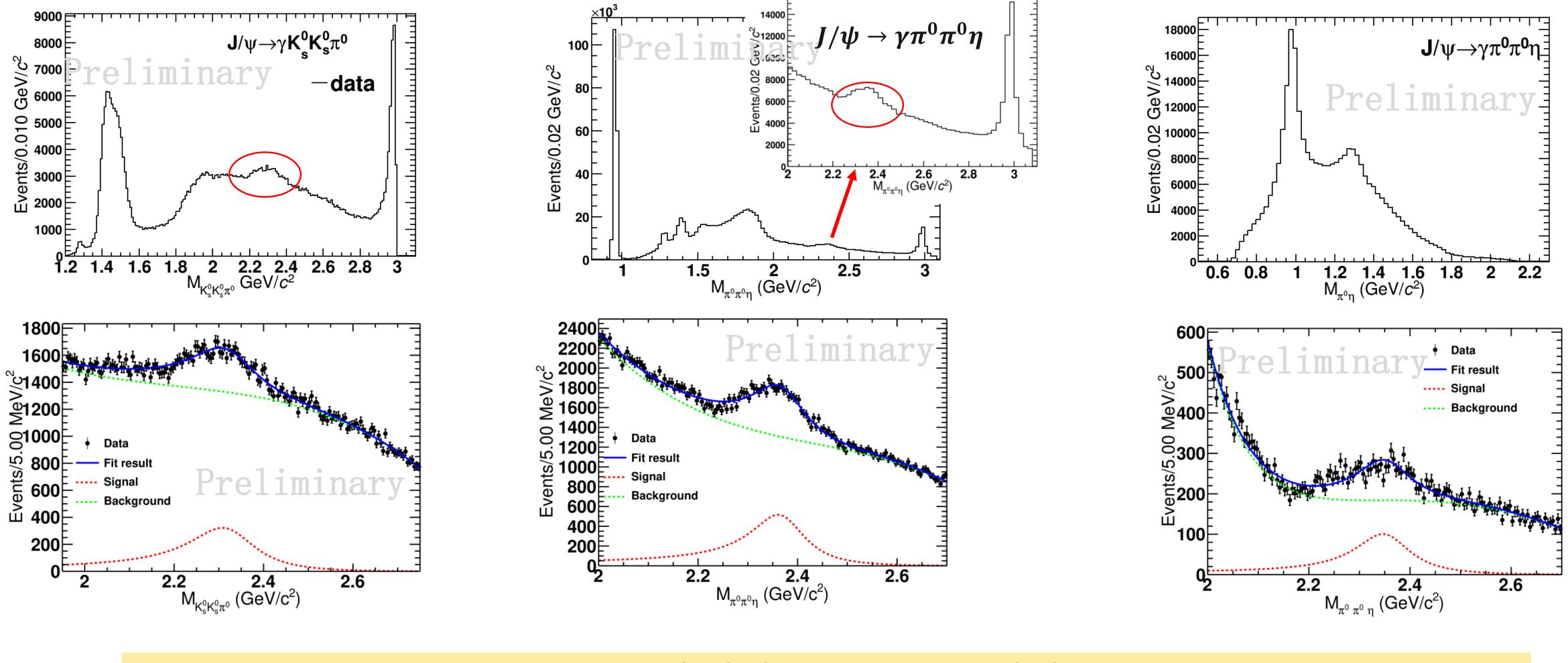
Qualitatively, we can clearly observe: similar decay patterns of the X(2370) and η_c if phase space allows

In the upper KK mass band of 1.5-1.7GeV 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



Observation of new decay modes of the X(2370)



First observation of $X(2370) \to K_s^0 K_s^0 \pi^0$, $X(2370) \to \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$ and $X(2370) \to a(980) \eta$ with significances >> 5σ 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

$$\eta'(958)\pi\pi$$
 (1.87±0.26) %
 $\eta'(958)K\overline{K}$ (1.61±0.25) %

Decays into stable hadrons

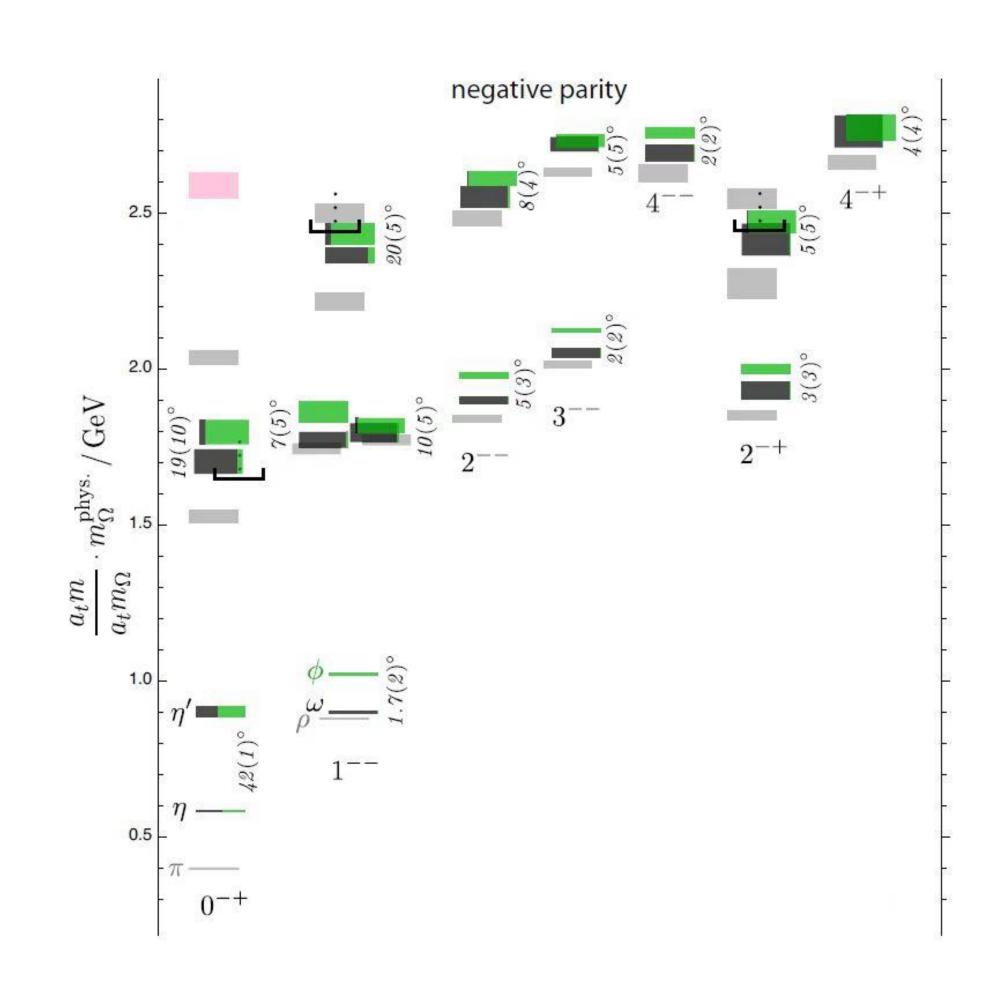
$$\Gamma_{34}$$
 $K\overline{K}\pi$ (7.0 ±0.4)% Γ_{35} $K\overline{K}\eta$ (1.32±0.15)% Γ_{36} $\eta \pi^{+}\pi^{-}$ (1.7 ±0.5)%

- 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)

Discussion on X(2370) decay properties

- Normal $q\bar{q}$ mesons, hybrids and multiquark states can hardly explain all 5 decay modes $(\pi\pi\eta', KK\eta', \pi\pi\eta, KK\eta, KK\pi)$ with different quark flavor combinations.
 - \star e.g., LQCD calculation shows that mixing between $u\bar{u}+d\bar{d}$ and $s\bar{s}$ components should be very small for 0^{-+} $q\bar{q}$ meson at ~ 2GeV
- The high similarities between X(2370) and η_c decay modes strongly suggest it decays via gluons



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Narrow Decay Partial Widths of the X(2370)

- ♦ For 5 golden PPP decay modes: similar number of events under the X(2370) peak
 - No dominant decay modes, similar to η_c
- ◆ Naive estimation on the BR of each mode ~5-10%, i.e., partial width of each decay modes is ~10MeV
- This would be very hard to be explained if there were quark content ($q\bar{q}$, qqg, multiquark) in X(2370) for OZI allowed decays
 - ◆ Typically OZI allowed decay partial width ~100MeV
 - OZI allowed decays usually have dominant decay modes
- \bullet X(2370) decays should be OZI suppressed decays as η_c , i.e., via gluons!

Discussion on X(2370) properties — Production

- ullet Richly produced in J/ψ radiative decays just as glueball expectation
- In the above 2.3GeV mass region as LQCD 0-+ glueball prediction, X(2370) is the unique 0-+ particle produced in these "5 golden modes" and in J/ψ radiative decays, i.e., no other 0-+ particles in this mass region can be called as "richly produced" if they have not shown up in 10 billion such a huge J/ψ data sample.
 - ◆ The production property shows that we only have one qualified candidate X(2370) for 0-+ glueball
 - ◆ We are facing a situation: Either we finally identify X(2370) as 0-+ glueball, or LQCD may face a big challenge in the glueball predictions —— similar to the situation before the Higgs boson discovery

Summary

- Glueballs are important predictions from LQCD:
 - ◆ Unique particles formed by gluons (force carriers) due to non-Abelian Gauge self-interactions of gluons
- ullet The X(2370) observed in J/ψ radiative decays is the first particle consistent with 0-+ glueball
 - → Spin-parity quantum numbers are determined to be Jpc = 0-+
 - ◆ Measurements and predictions on mass and rich production rate are consistent within errors
 - **Decay properties:** observation of 5 golden decay modes of $\pi\pi\eta', K\bar{K}\eta', K\bar{K}\pi, \pi\pi\eta, K\bar{K}\eta, a(980)\pi$ (in analogy to η_c)
 - Glueball-like particle, X(2370) is discovered by BESIII

Golden decay modes in 0-+ glueball search

- Typically, PPP (3 pseudoscalar mesons, such as $\pi\pi\eta$, $\pi\pi\eta'$, $KK\pi$) modes are believed as golden decay modes in 0-+ glueball searches
 - ◆ S wave decays for 0-+ mesons, no suppression factor, dominant decay modes
 - ◆ PPP modes are strongly suppressed in 0++, 2++ meson decays spin-parity filter
- ◆ PP (2 pseudoscalar mesons) modes are mostly forbidden for 0-+ mesons
- \bullet VV (2 vector mesons, such as $\omega\omega$, $\phi\phi$, $\rho\rho$, K*K*)
 - ◆ P wave decays for 0⁻⁺ mesons suppressed decays, especially near mass threshold
 - ◆ All J^{PC} mesons allowed, not a spin-parity filter
- Baryon modes
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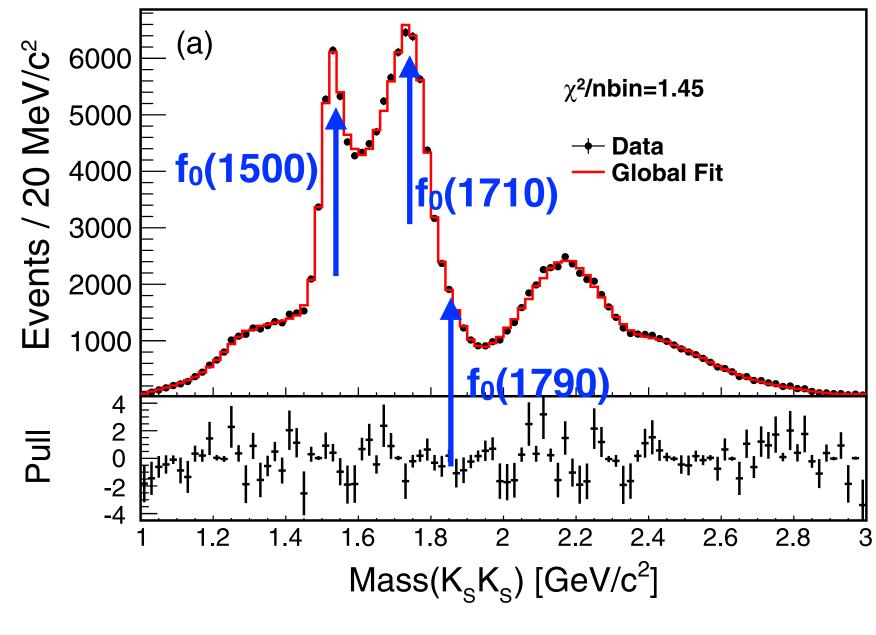
Interpretation

	X(2370)	ης	Interpertation on the X(2370)
f ₀ (980)η'	V	√	Disfavors $q\bar{q}$ meson with pure $u\bar{u}/d\bar{d}$ component
f ₀ (980)η	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

- ullet The X(2370) decay properties observed: disfavor the interpretation of $qar{q}$ meson
 - \star 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:**
 - \star 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 $(\pi\pi\eta', K\bar{K}\eta', K\bar{K}\pi, \pi\pi\eta, K\bar{K}\eta)$

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- ♦ Controversy: with PS subtraction, $\Gamma(f_0(1710) \rightarrow \pi\pi:KK)=1:2.43$, in contrast to the flavor symmetry property of a pure glueball
- Difficulty: needs to be understood from first principle of QCD (not just phenomenological understanding)
 - ◆ What causes the flavor symmetric breaking?
 - **→ Dynamic mixing mechanism**: mixing between f₀(1500)/f₀(1710), or even with f₀(1790)

Improved situation in Glueball Searches

Experimentally:

- ◆ World largest J/ψ data sample : ~10 billion
- Physics channels with few background
- ◆ GPU technique helps to speed up PWA [J.Phys.Conf. Ser. 219, 042031]
 - ◆ It takes a long time in PWA for the complicated interference and comprehensive test of different combinations

Theoretically:

- Guidance from η_c decays
- ♦ Now we have prediction on glueball production rate from LQCD: $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{0-+}) = 2.31 \pm 0.80 \times 10^{-4}$
- \star Luckily, for the X(2370), there is **no other 0**-+ **resonance nearby** (in ~200MeV range) in J/ ψ radiative decays

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