

Search for charm rare decays at BESIII

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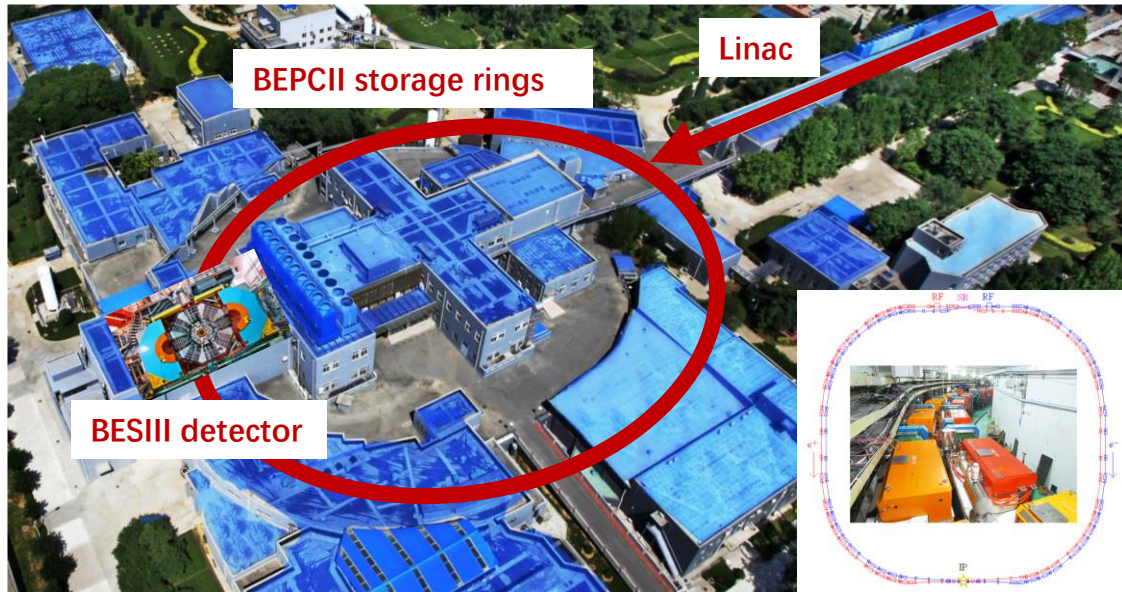
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 - Charmonium weak decay
 - Flavor-changing-neutral-current (FCNC) process
- Summary

1. BEPCII collider and BESIII detector

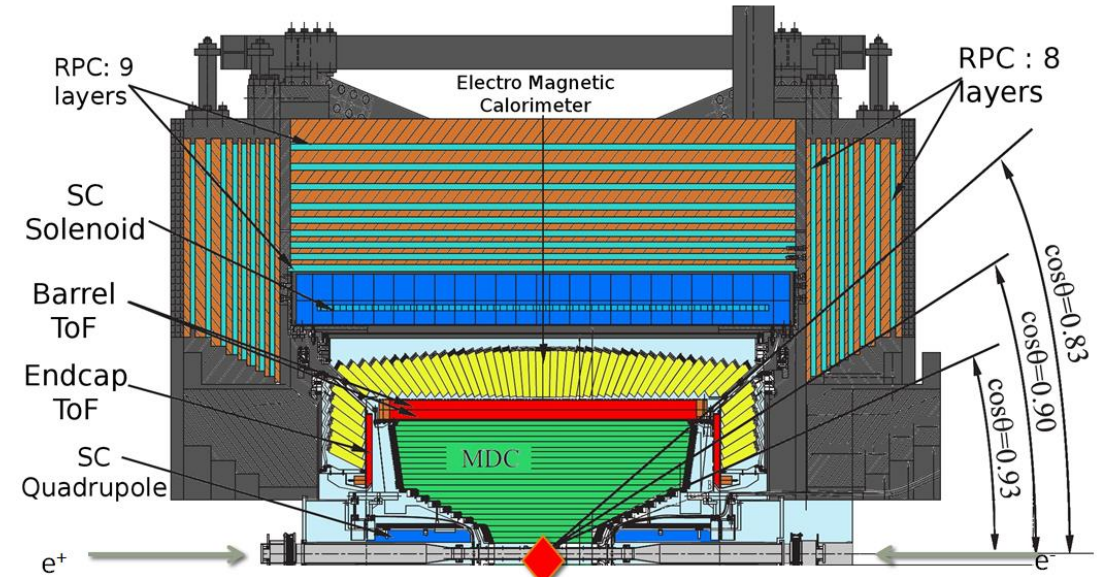
BEPCII collider



in Proceedings of IPAC2016, Busan, Korea (2016)

- **Storage rings:** a τ -charm factory, circumference: 237.5m
- **Linac:** 202m long, accelerate e^+e^- to 1.3 GeV
- **Center of mass energy:** 1.84~4.95 GeV
- **Peak luminosity:** $1.1 \times 10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

BESIII detector



Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A. 614, 345 (2010)

Main drift chamber

- helium-based
- σ_p/p : 0.5% @ 1 GeV/c
- dE/dx : 6%

Muon chamber

- RPC
- $\sigma_{\text{spatial}} = 1.48 \text{ cm}$
- $p > 0.4 \text{ GeV}$

Time-of-flight system

- Plastic scintillator
- Barrel: $\sigma_T = 68 \text{ ps}$
- Endcap: $\sigma_T = 110 \text{ ps}$ (upgraded to 60 ps in 2015)

Superconducting solenoid

- Magnetic field: 1T

Electromagnetic calorimeter

- CsI(Tl) crystals
- Barrel: $\sigma_E = 2.5\%$
- Endcap: $\sigma_E = 5.0\%$

2. New physics at BESIII

➤ World's largest on-threshold charmonium data sets

- $10 \times 10^9 J/\psi$ events
- $3.5 \times 10^9 \psi(2S)$ events
- 20.3 fb^{-1} on $\psi(3770)$ ($D\bar{D}$ pair)

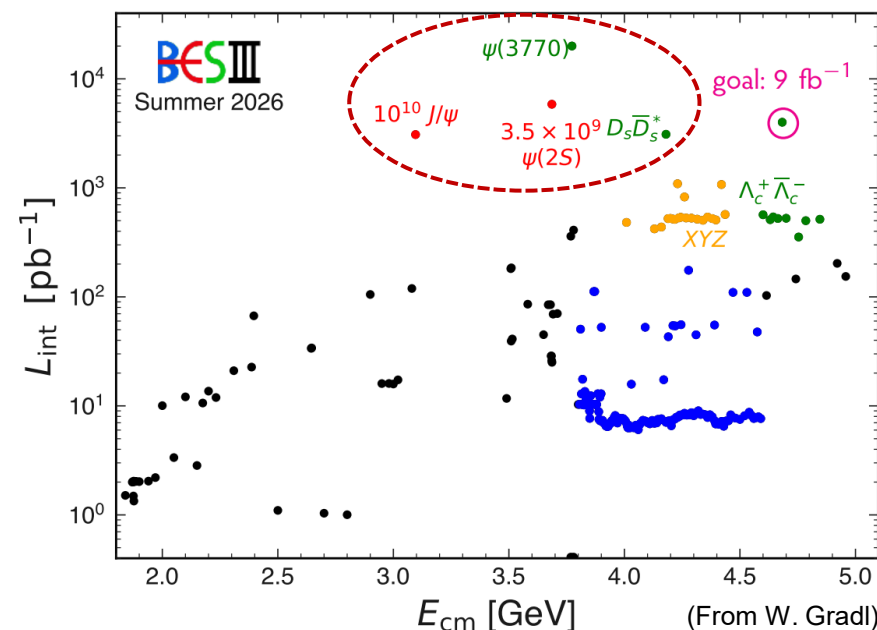
➤ New physics (NP) at BESIII

- Rare or forbidden processes searches

- ✓ Charmonium weak decay
- ✓ Flavor changing neutral current (FCNC)
- ✓ Charged lepton flavor violation (CLFV)
- ✓ Lepton number violation (LNV)
- ✓ Baryon number violation (BNV), etc.

- Exotic phenomena searches

- ✓ Invisible decay, Dark photon, Light neutralino, Light Higgs, CP violation, etc.

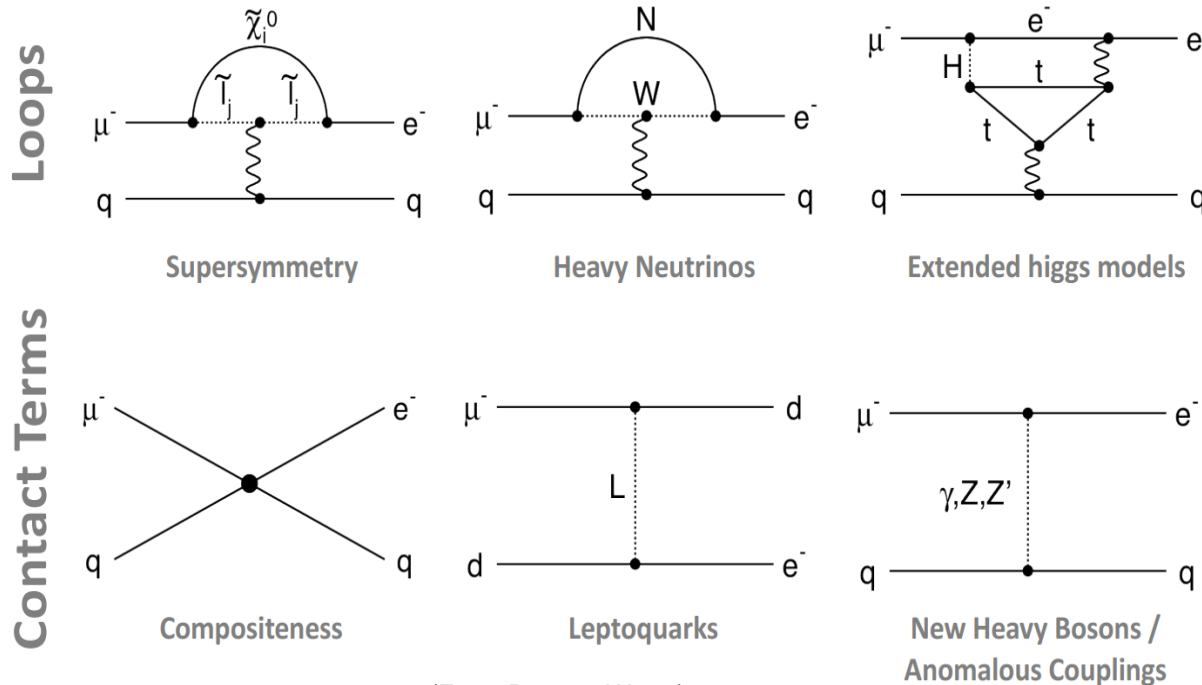


Rich physics with a clean environment and unique data sets

[Chin. Phys. C 44, 040001 \(2020\)](#)

3. Charged-lepton-flavor-violating (CLFV) decay

- LFV seen in neutrinos, not in charged leptons.
- Nonzero neutrino masses → CLFV in SM loops, but GIM-suppressed $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-54})$.
- Possible CLFV from new physics models



(From Dayong Wang)

➤ Experimental searches for CLFV

- leptons (μ, τ), pseudoscalar (K, π, B), vector ($\phi, J/\psi, \Upsilon$), and bosons (Z, H).

[Universe 8, 299 \(2022\)](#)

Process	Experiment	Limit	C.L.
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$	MEG	4.2×10^{-13} [101]	90%
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$	SINDRUM	1.0×10^{-12} [136]	90%
$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$	SINDRUM-II	$6.1(7.1) \times 10^{-13}$ Ti (Au) [137,138]	90%
$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^+ N'$	SINDRUM-II	5.7×10^{-13} [139]	90%
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma$	BaBar	3.3×10^{-8} [140]	90%
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \gamma$	BaBar	4.4×10^{-8} [140]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow eee$	Belle	2.7×10^{-8} [141]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$	Belle	2.1×10^{-8} [141]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \mu ee$	Belle	1.8×10^{-8} [141]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow e\mu\mu$	Belle	2.7×10^{-8} [141]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^0 e$	Belle	8.0×10^{-8} [142]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu$	BaBar	1.1×10^{-7} [143]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \eta e$	Belle	9.2×10^{-8} [142]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \eta \mu$	Belle	6.5×10^{-8} [142]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \rho^0 e$	Belle	1.8×10^{-8} [144]	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \rho^0 \mu$	Belle	1.2×10^{-8} [144]	90%
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu e$	KTeV	3.6×10^{-10} [145]	90%
$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ e^-$	kTeV	7.6×10^{-11} [145]	90%
$K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu e$	BNL E871	4.7×10^{-12} [107]	90%
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-$	BNL E865	1.3×10^{-11} [146]	90%
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu e$	BESIII	1.5×10^{-7} [147]	90%
$J/\psi \rightarrow \tau e$	BESIII	7.5×10^{-8} [148]	90%
$J/\psi \rightarrow \tau \mu$	BESII	2.6×10^{-6} [149]	90%

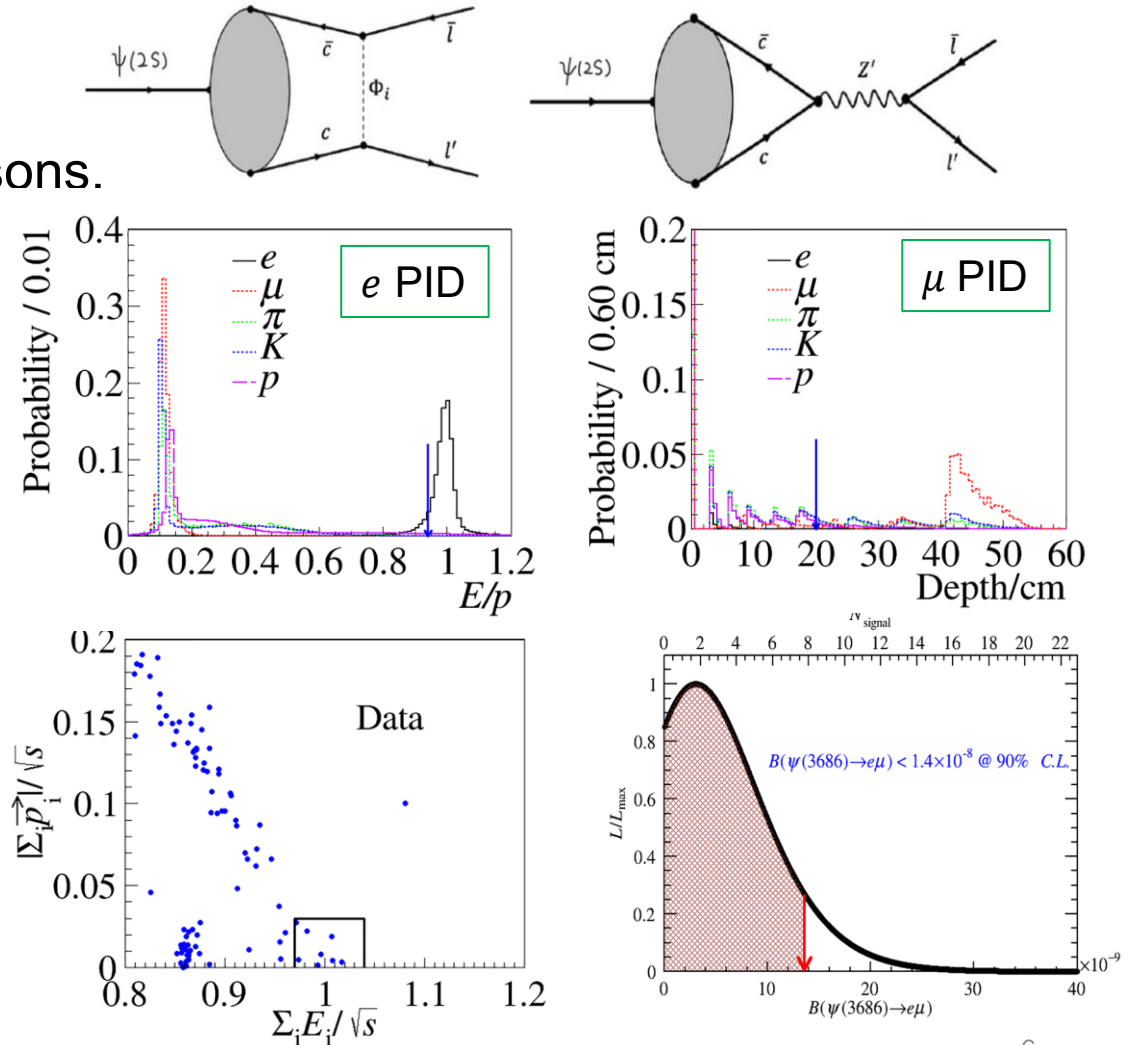
3.1 CLFV: $\psi(2S) \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$

- **First search** for CLFV in $\psi(2S)$ decays
- Based on $(2367.0 \pm 11.1) \times 10^6$ $\psi(2S)$ events
- Charmonium CLFV: SUSY GUT, SUSY+new bosons.
TC2 models predict rates $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-8}) - \mathcal{O}(10^{-16})$.
- Strict particle identification for e, μ .
- **Result**
 - No signal is observed ($N_{data} = 8, N_{bkg} = 6.2 \pm 1.4$)
 - Upper limit:

$$\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 1.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ @ 90\% C.L.}$$

This is the first result in the search for CLFV in $\psi(2S)$ decays

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3.1 CLFV: $\psi(2S) \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$

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➤ This result constrains **Wilson coefficients** of CLFV EFT operators.

- $|C/\Lambda^2| \propto \sqrt{\mathcal{B}(V \rightarrow \ell_1 \ell_2)}$

➤ Vector quarkonium states are relevant to

- Dipole coefficients $|C_{DL/DR}^{\ell_1 \ell_2}/\Lambda^2|$
- Four-fermion coefficients (vector, tensor) $|C_{VL/VR}^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}/\Lambda^2|$ $|C_{TL/TR}^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}/\Lambda^2|$

➤ Stringent constraints on vector-quarkonium Wilson coeffs.

this work

Wilson coef./GeV ⁻²	$\ell_1 \ell_2$	ϕ	J/ψ	$\psi(2S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
$ C_{DL/DR}^{\ell_1 \ell_2}/\Lambda^2 $	$e\mu$	0.2	1.8×10^{-4}	1.77×10^{-4}	8.7×10^{-4}	—	8.0×10^{-4}
	$e\tau$	×	5.0×10^{-5}	—	1.4×10^{-4}	1.6×10^{-4}	1.6×10^{-4}
	$\mu\tau$	×	2.6×10^{-4}	—	1.4×10^{-4}	1.6×10^{-4}	1.4×10^{-4}
$ C_{VL/VR}^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}/\Lambda^2 $	$e\mu$	2×10^{-3}	1.8×10^{-6}	1.72×10^{-6}	1.4×10^{-6}	—	1.2×10^{-6}
	$e\tau$	×	1.1×10^{-5}	—	3.8×10^{-6}	4.1×10^{-6}	4.1×10^{-6}
	$\mu\tau$	×	5.5×10^{-5}	—	3.8×10^{-6}	4.1×10^{-6}	3.5×10^{-6}
$ C_{TL/TR}^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}/\Lambda^2 $	$e\mu$	1×10^4	0.80	7.75×10^{-1}	0.19	—	0.16
	$e\tau$	×	0.23	—	3.0×10^{-2}	3.2×10^{-2}	3.2×10^{-2}
	$\mu\tau$	×	1.2	—	3.0×10^{-2}	3.3×10^{-2}	2.8×10^{-2}

4. Charmonium weak decay

- Charmonium (J/ψ) decays mainly via strong & EM, weak decays are exceptionally **rare in SM**.

- Charmonium weak decays: **CC vs FCNC**

- **CC (Charged Current)**

$c \rightarrow s(d) W^+$:

-SM: tree-level, BF $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-9}) - \mathcal{O}(10^{-11})$

-NP (top-color, MSSM, 2HDM): enhance by 2–3 orders

- **FCNC (Flavor Changing Neutral Current)**

$c \rightarrow u \gamma / \ell^+ \ell^- / q \bar{q} / \nu \bar{\nu}$:

-SM: loop/GIM-suppressed, BF $\sim 10^{-13} (J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \ell^+ \ell^-)$

-NP: enhanced to exceed the SM prediction

- Charmonium weak decays are an excellent probe of potential new physics effects.

Experimental results and SM predictions for the BFs of J/ψ weak decays
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Decay type	Decay mode	$N_{J/\psi} (\times 10^6)$	UL at 90% CL	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}} (\times 10^{-10})$
$c \rightarrow s$				[4, 5, 7, 8]
PP	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$	58	1.4×10^{-4} [13]	2.00~8.74
	$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^0$	58	1.7×10^{-4} [13]	0.36~2.80
PV	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$	225.3	1.3×10^{-5} [14]	12.60~50.50
	$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$	225.3	2.5×10^{-6} [14]	1.54~10.27
$c \rightarrow d$				[4, 5, 7, 8]
PP	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \pi^+$	10087	7.0×10^{-8} [18]	0.08 ~ 0.55
	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \pi^0$	10087	4.7×10^{-7} [18]	0.024 ~ 0.055
	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \eta$	10087	6.8×10^{-7} [18]	0.016 ~ 0.070
PV	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \rho^+$	10087	6.0×10^{-7} [18]	0.42 ~ 2.20
	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \rho^0$	10087	5.2×10^{-7} [18]	0.18 ~ 0.22
Semi-leptonic				[6–10, 12]
$c \rightarrow s$	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e$	225.3	1.3×10^{-6} [15]	1.8 ~ 10.4
	$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^{*-} e^+ \nu_e$	225.3	1.8×10^{-6} [15]	~100 or below
$c \rightarrow d$	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- e^+ \nu_e$	10087	7.1×10^{-8} [17]	0.073 ~ 0.60
	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	10087	9.3×10^{-7} [19]	0.071 ~ 0.58
$c \rightarrow u$	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$	1310.6	8.5×10^{-8} [16]	—
	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	10087	1.1×10^{-7} [20]	—

4.1 Charmonium weak decay: $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma D^0 + c.c.$

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➤ $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma D^0$: FCNC-mediated J/ψ weak decay ($c \rightarrow u \gamma$)

➤ SM prediction: loop-level, GIM-suppressed,

$$BF \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-12}) - \mathcal{O}(10^{-11})$$

➤ Any BF enhancement over SM indicates NP.

➤ Based on 10 billion J/ψ events

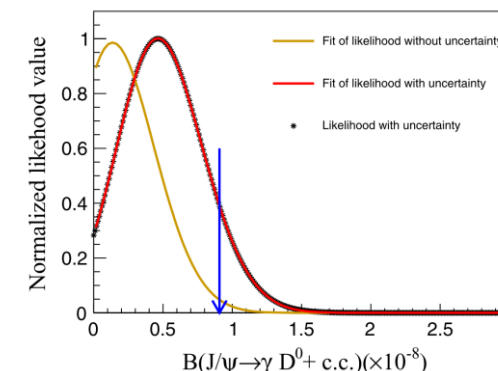
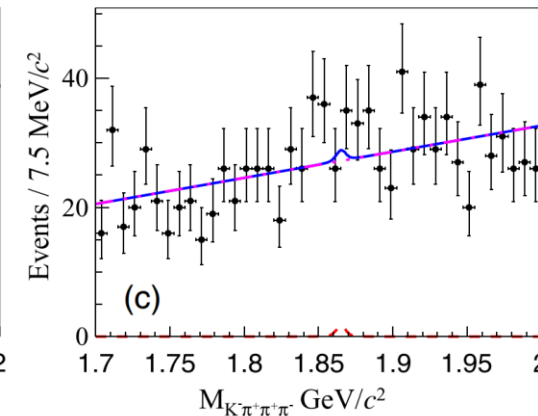
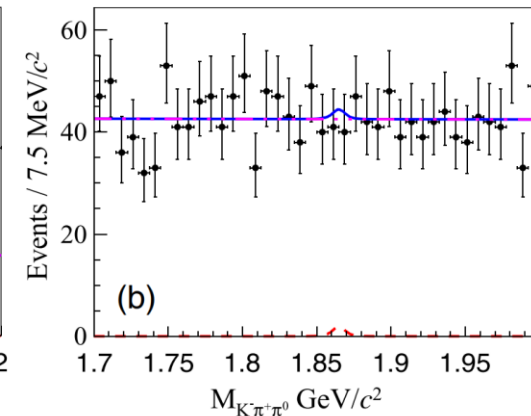
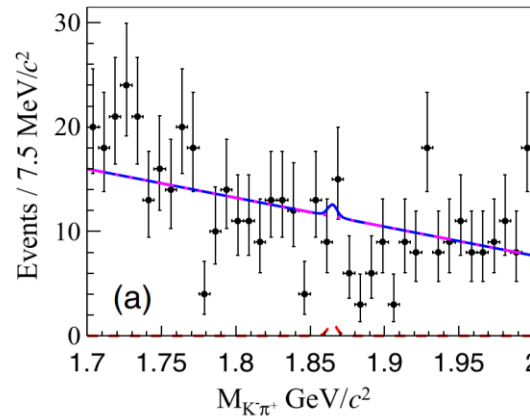
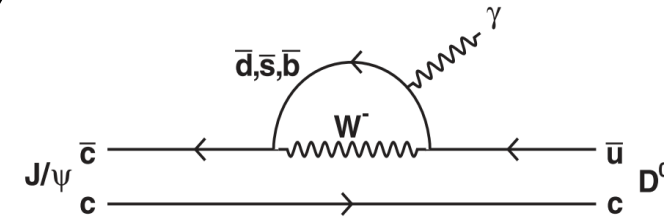
➤ D^0 reconstruction:

- Mode I: $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- Mode II: $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^0$
- Mode III: $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$

➤ No significant signal is observed.

➤ Upper limit:

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma D^0 + c.c.) < 9.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ @ 90\% C.L.}$$



First experimental limit

4.2 Charmonium weak decay: $J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \mu^+ \mu^- + c.c.$

➤ $J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$: FCNC-mediated J/ψ weak decay ($c \rightarrow u \ell^+ \ell^-$)

➤ SM prediction: $\text{BF} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$

➤ Charmonium FCNC searches at BESIII

Experiment	Decay mode	$N_{J/\psi}$ or $N_{\psi(3686)}$	UL	Year
BESIII	$J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$	1310.6×10^6	8.5×10^{-8}	2017 [28]
BESIII	$\psi(3686) \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$	447.9×10^6	1.4×10^{-7}	2017 [28]
BESIII	$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma D^0$	10087×10^6	9.1×10^{-8}	2024 [29]

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➤ Based on 10 billion J/ψ events

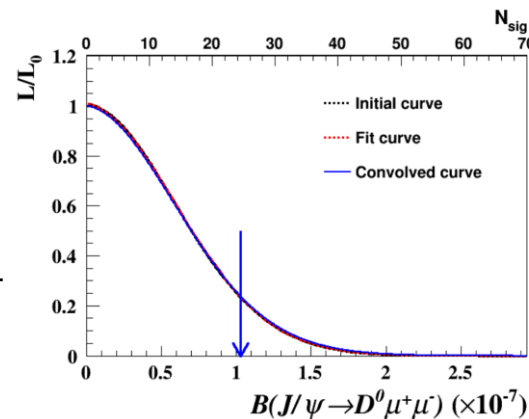
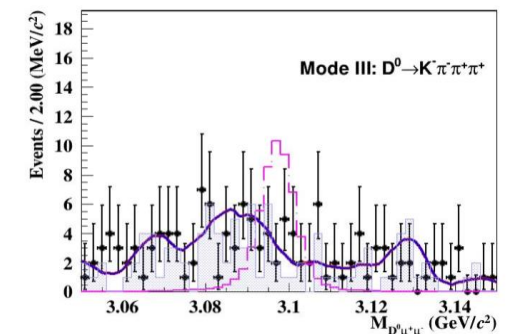
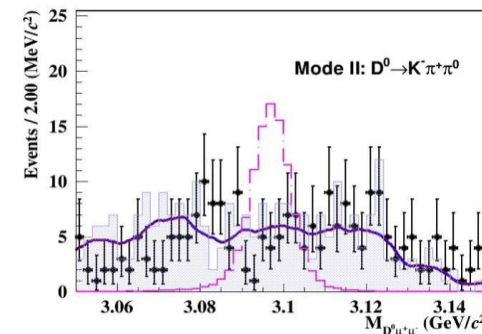
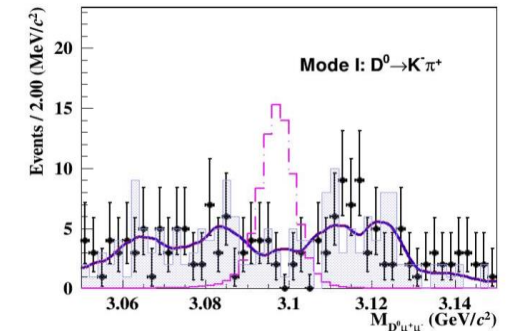
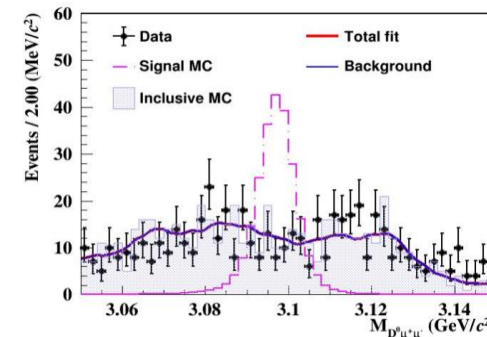
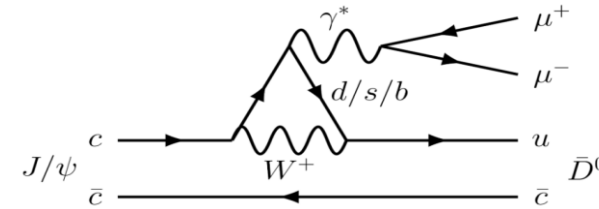
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- Mode III: $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$

➤ No significant signal

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D^0 \mu^+ \mu^- + c.c.) < 1.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ @ 90\% C.L.}$$

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First search

4.3 Charmonium weak decay: $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0} + c.c.$

- CC-mediated J/ψ weak decay ($c \rightarrow s W^+$, Cabibbo flavored)

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- SM prediction: tree-level, $BF \sim (1.54 \sim 10.27) \times 10^{-10}$

- Based on 10 billion J/ψ events

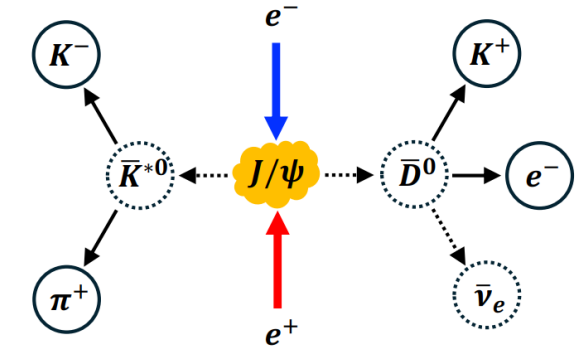
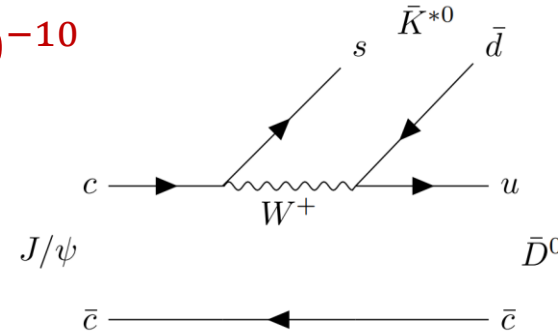
- Reconstruct $\bar{D}^0$ via semileptonic $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ with a low background.

- $\bar{K}^{*0}$ reconstructed via $K^- \pi^+$, $\bar{D}^0$ identified by recoil mass of $K^- \pi^+$ (neutrino undetected)

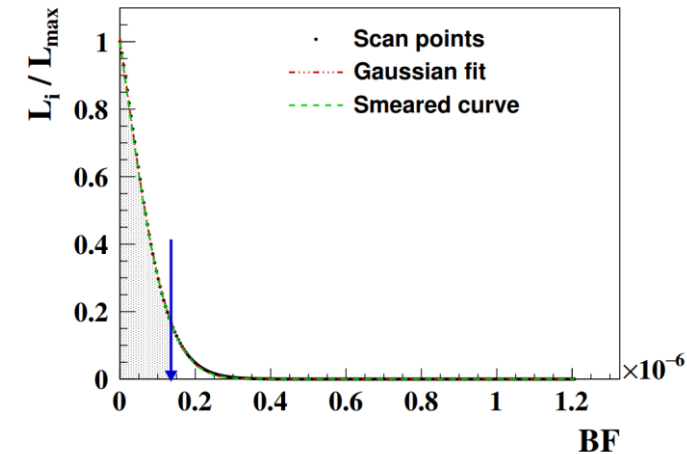
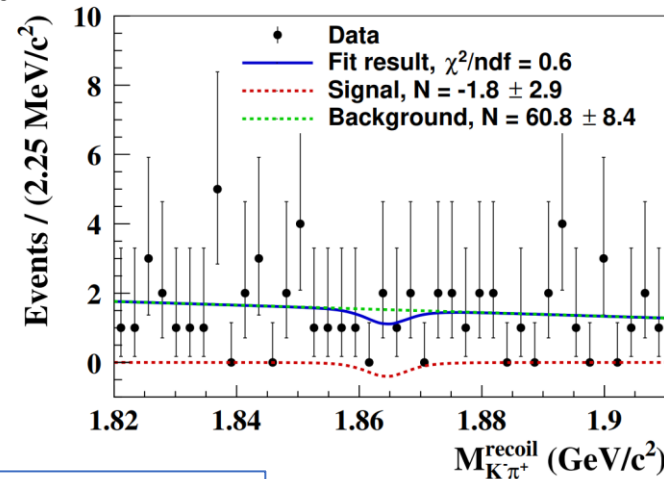
- No significant signal is observed.

- Upper limit @ 90% C.L.

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0} + c.c.) < 1.4 \times 10^{-7}$$



(From Xiaokang Li)



This UL is one order lower than previous best (2.5×10^{-6})

4.4 Charmonium weak decay: $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e + c.c.$

➤ CC-mediated J/ψ weak decay ($c \rightarrow s W^+$, Cabibbo flavored)

➤ SM prediction: **BF up to $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$**

➤ Based on 10 billion J/ψ events

➤ D_s^- reconstruction:

- (a) $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K^-$
- (b) $D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^-$
- (c) $D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^- \pi^0$
- (d) $D_s^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$

➤ Missing neutrino:

$$U_{\text{miss}} = E_{\text{miss}} - |\vec{P}_{\text{miss}}| c$$

$$E_{\text{miss}} = 2E_{\text{beam}} - E_{D_s^-} - E_{e^+}$$

$$|\vec{P}_{\text{miss}}| = |\vec{0} - \vec{P}_{D_s^-} - \vec{P}_{e^+}|$$

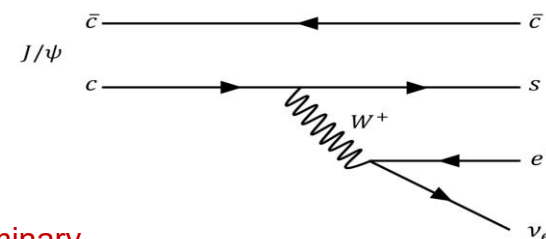
➤ **No significant signal**

➤ Upper limit @ 90% C.L.

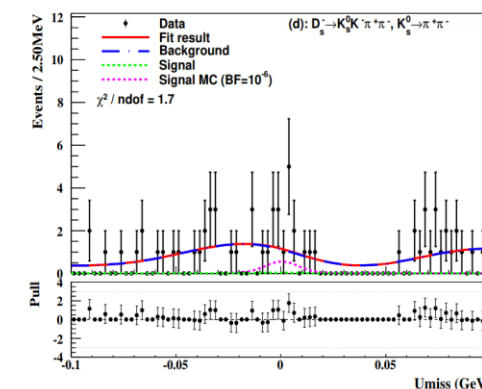
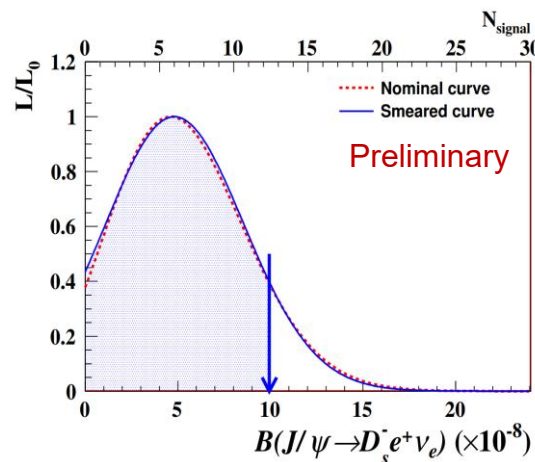
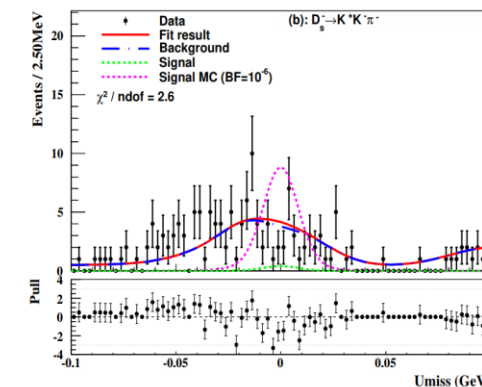
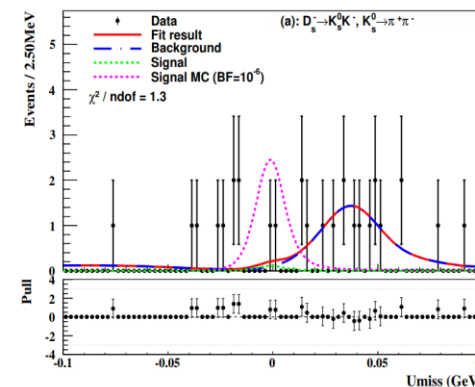
$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- e^+ \nu_e + c.c.) < 9.9 \times 10^{-8}$$

UL improved by one order vs previous best (1.3×10^{-6})

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Preliminary

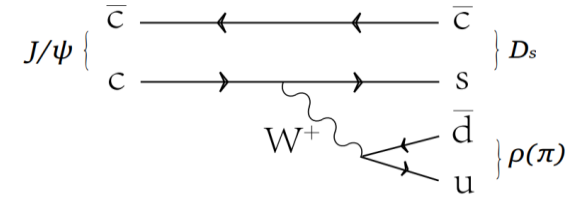


4.5 Charmonium weak decay: $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+ / D_s^- \pi^+ + c.c.$

➤ CC-mediated J/ψ weak decay ($c \rightarrow s W^+$, Cabibbo flavored)

➤ SM BF prediction: $(1.26 \sim 5.11) \times 10^{-9}$ ($J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$),
 $(2.0 \sim 7.5) \times 10^{-10}$ ($J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$)

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➤ Based on 10 billion J/ψ events

➤ Reconstruction: $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

➤ D_s^- identified by recoil mass of ρ^+ (π^+)
 (neutrino undetected)

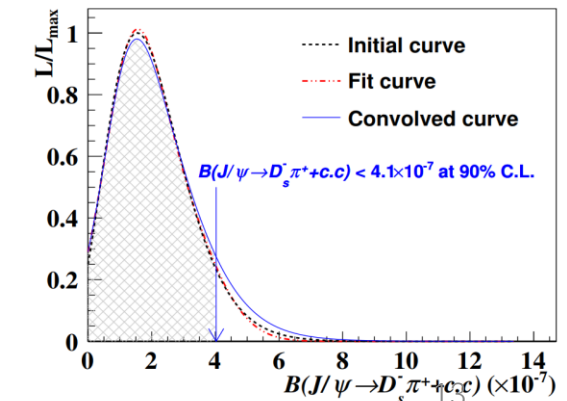
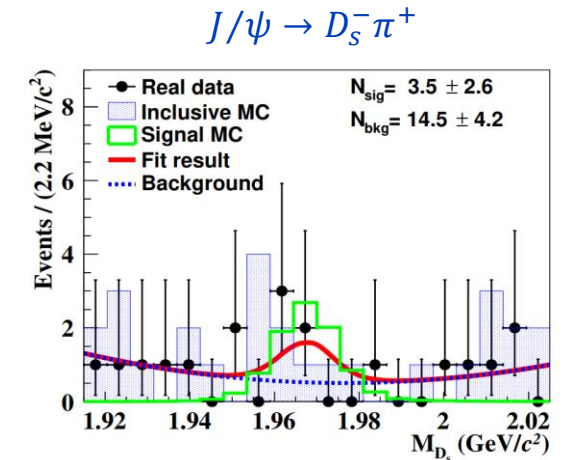
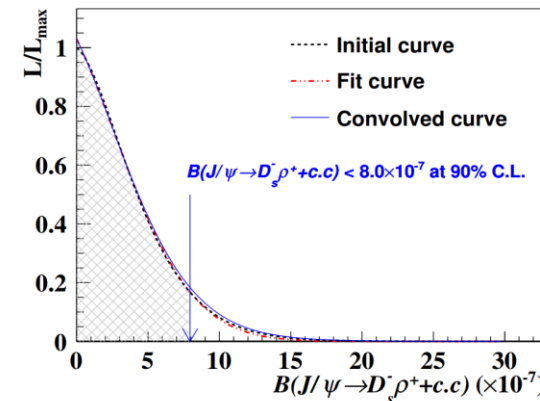
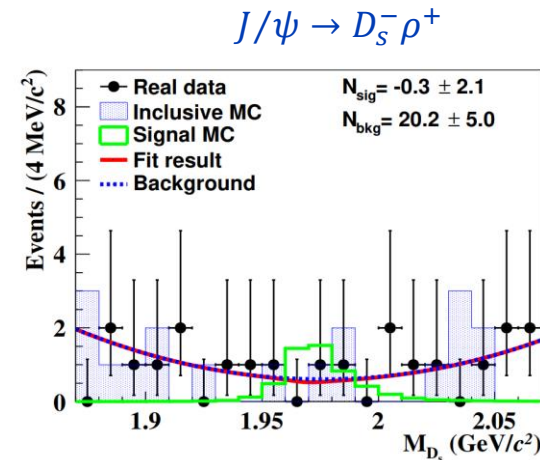
➤ No significant signal is observed.

➤ Upper limit @ 90% C.L.

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+ + c.c.) < 8.0 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+ + c.c.) < 4.1 \times 10^{-7}$$

Most stringent experimental constraints

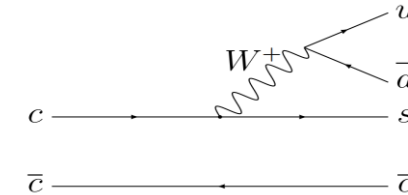


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➤ CC-mediated $\psi(2S)$ weak decay ($c \rightarrow s W^+$, Cabibbo flavored)

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➤ SM BF prediction: $1.22^{+0.45}_{-0.32} \times 10^{-9}$ ($\psi(2S) \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$),
 $1.23^{+0.70}_{-0.72} \times 10^{-10}$ ($\psi(2S) \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$)



➤ Based on 27 billion $\psi(2S)$ events

➤ Reconstruction: $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

➤ D_s^- identified by recoil mass of ρ^+ (π^+)
 (neutrino undetected)

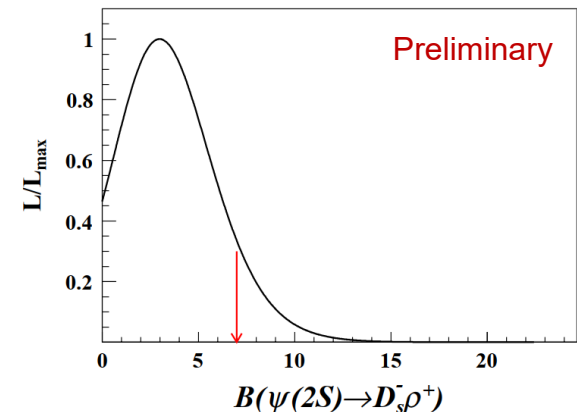
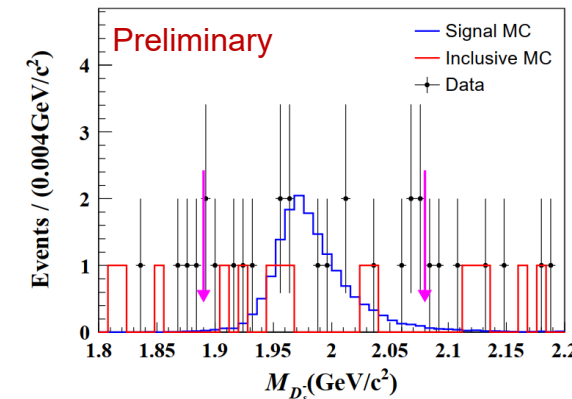
➤ No signal excess above the background.

➤ Upper limit @ 90% C.L.

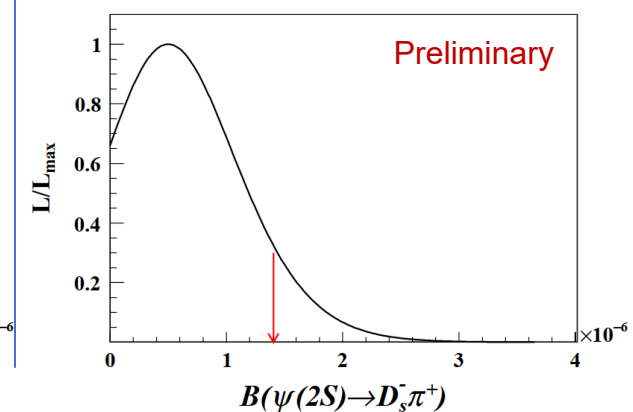
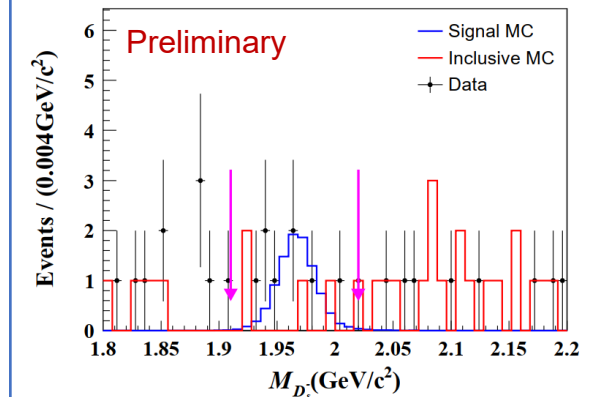
- $B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+ + c.c.) < 7.0 \times 10^{-6}$
- $B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+ + c.c.) < 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$

First experimental constraints on these decays

$\psi(2S) \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$



$\psi(2S) \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$



5. Flavor-changing-neutral-current (FCNC) process

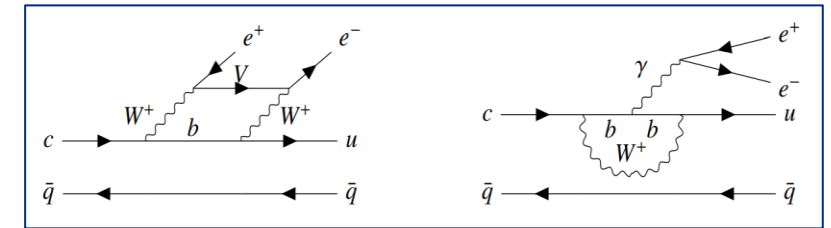
➤ FCNC in SM: Charm vs K/B

- **FCNC:** loop-only, GIM-suppressed.
- **K/B:** observed (heavy virtual quarks like top in loop enhances).
- **Charm:** no heavy quarks like top $\rightarrow$ stronger GIM, $\text{BF} \leq 10^{-9}$.
- **NP sensitivity:** can enhance rates $\rightarrow$ clean NP probes.
- **LFU test:** e vs μ channels (SM predicts $R \approx 1$; deviation $\rightarrow$ NP).

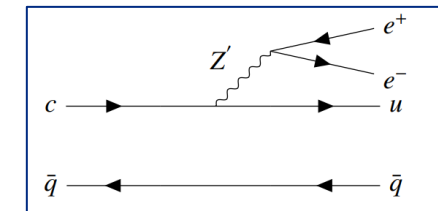
➤ Charm ($c \rightarrow u \ell^+ \ell^-$): short-distance (SD) vs long-distance (LD)

- **SD (FCNC, $c \rightarrow u$):** quark-level, perturbative, $\text{BF} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$, sensitive to NP (enhance).
- **LD ($\gamma^*/V \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$):** hadronic-level, non-perturbative, $\text{BF} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$, irreducible backgrounds.
- **Extract SD:**
 - ✓ Probe dilepton mass regions away from V resonances
 - ✓ Use angular distributions & CP asymmetry as SM null tests

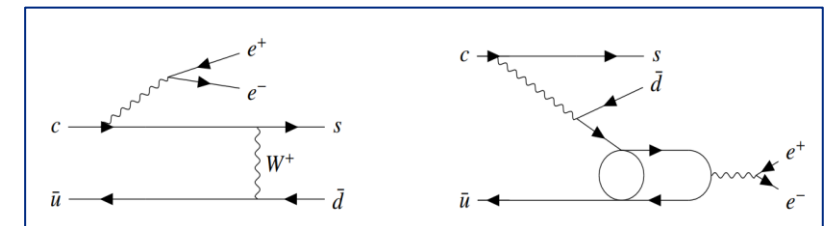
SD FCNC



BSM



LD contribution



(From Qiang Lan)

5.1 FCNC: $D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+(h^0)e^+e^-$

➤ $D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+(h^0)e^+e^-$, $h = K \text{ or } \pi$

- LD contributions

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\phi, \phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

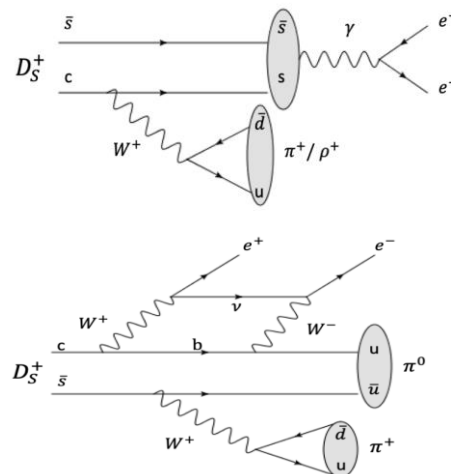
$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\phi, \phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

- FCNC (four-body decays)

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0e^+e^-$$

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0e^+e^-$$

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+e^+e^-$$



➤ Data: $\sqrt{s} = 4.128 - 4.226 \text{ GeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 7.33 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

➤ D_s^+ candidates: $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^{*\pm}(\rightarrow D_s^\pm\gamma)D_s^\mp$

- A single-tag method:
one D_s^+ reconstructed via
the signal mode

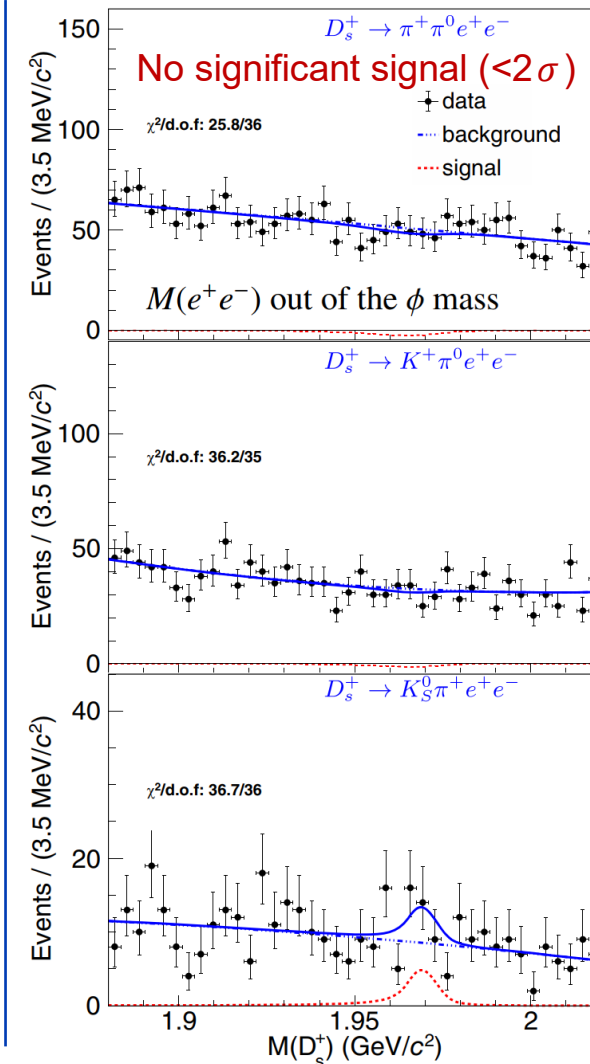
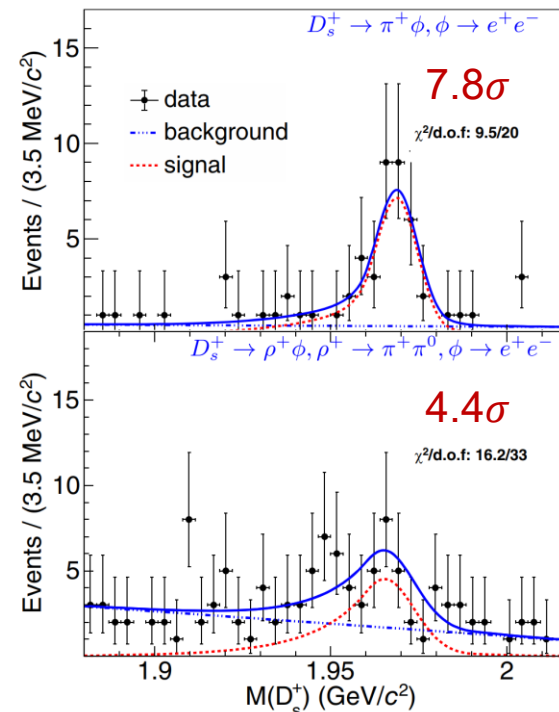
$$M_{\text{rec}} = \sqrt{(E_{\text{cm}} - \sqrt{|\vec{P}_{D_s^+}|^2 + m_{D_s^+}^2})^2 - |\vec{P}_{D_s^+}|^2},$$

$$\Delta M = M(D_s^+\gamma) - M(D_s^+),$$

Decay	N_{sig}	ϵ (%)	$\mathcal{B}(\times 10^{-5})$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\phi, \phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$	$38.2^{+7.8}_{-6.8}$	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	$2.44^{+0.67}_{-0.62} \pm 0.16$
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0e^+e^-$	...	7.4	<7.0
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0e^+e^-$	...	5.3	<7.1
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+e^+e^-$	...	6.7	<8.1

Precision improved by 3x
First evidence
First limits

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5.2 FCNC: $D \rightarrow h (h^{(\prime)}) e^+ e^-$

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➤ $D \rightarrow h (h^{(\prime)}) e^+ e^-$, h = hadron, 15 rare decays

➤ Data: $\sqrt{s} = 3.773 \text{ GeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

➤ D candidates:

- A double-tag method:

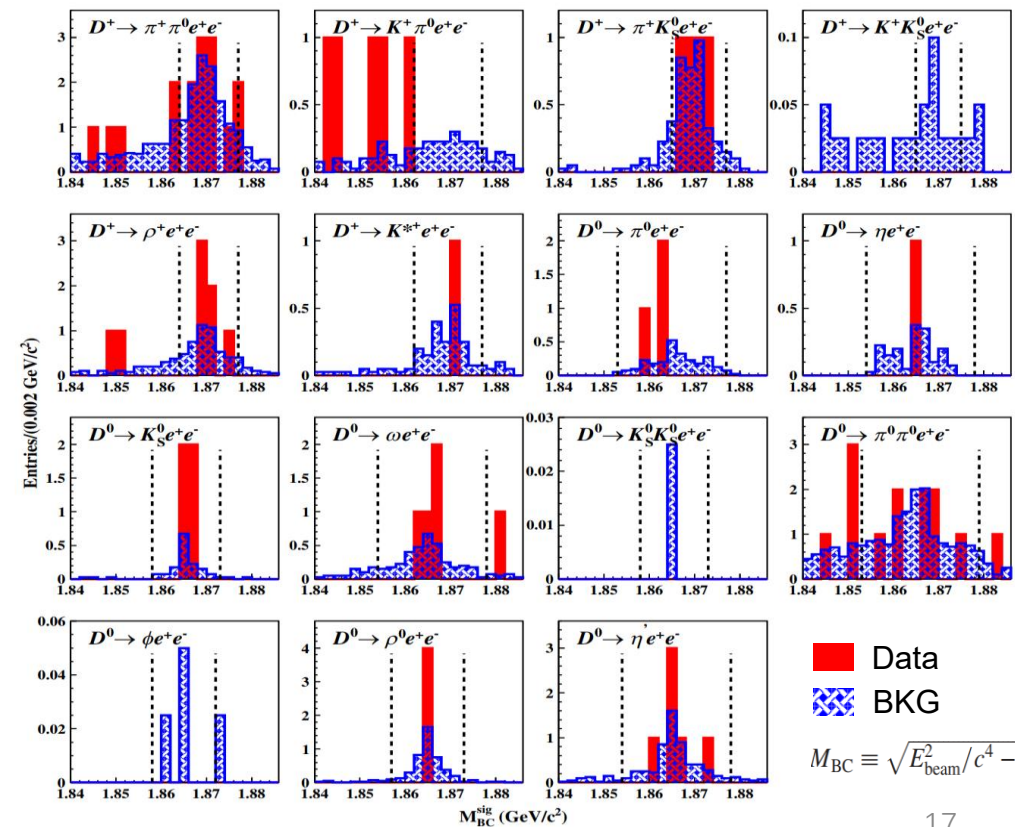
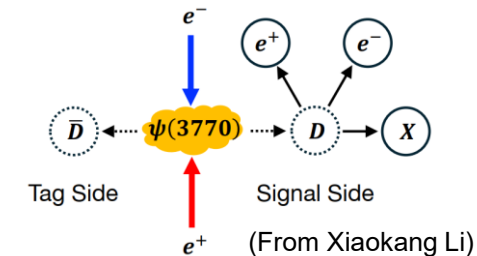
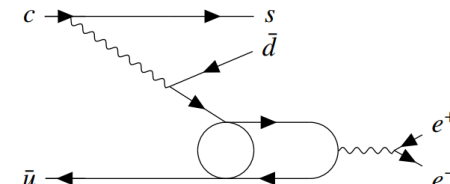
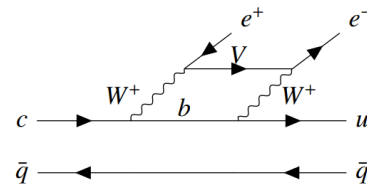
one tagged $\bar{D}(D^0/D^+)$ reconstructed via hadronic decays,
and one signal D reconstructed via signal decays.

- $M_{e^+e^-}$ out of the ϕ mass region

➤ No significant signal

- 5 first measurements;
- 8 ULs improved by a factor of 4–14 vs PDG.

Process	$\mathcal{B}(\times 10^{-6})$	PDG [26] ($\times 10^{-5}$)
$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	<2.4	<1.4
$D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	<1.1	<1.5
$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 e^+ e^-$	<4.8	<2.6
$D^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 e^+ e^-$	<3.7	<1.1
$D^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ e^+ e^-$	<2.1	...
$D^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} e^+ e^-$	<2.5	...
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	<0.7	<0.4
$D^0 \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-$	<1.4	<0.3
$D^0 \rightarrow \omega e^+ e^-$	<1.6	<0.8
$D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 e^+ e^-$	<2.6	<1.2
$D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0 e^+ e^-$	<7.8	...
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	<1.9	...
$D^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$	<4.6	<5.2
$D^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 e^+ e^-$	<0.7	<10.0
$D^0 \rightarrow \eta' e^+ e^-$	<2.5	...



■ Data
■ BKG

$$M_{BC} \equiv \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^2/c^4 - |\vec{p}_{\bar{D}}|^2/c^2}$$

Summary

- With huge charmonium sample (10B J/ψ and 2.7B $\psi(2S)$ events), BESIII explores charm rare decays.
 - CLFV decay
 - Charmonium weak decay
 - FCNC
- No significant signal observed in the searched modes.
- First constraints / strongest limits / improved ULs at 90% C.L. reported.
- More results of different charm rare decays will come in the near future.

Thanks for your attention!