

BESIII

# Light meson spectroscopy at BESIII

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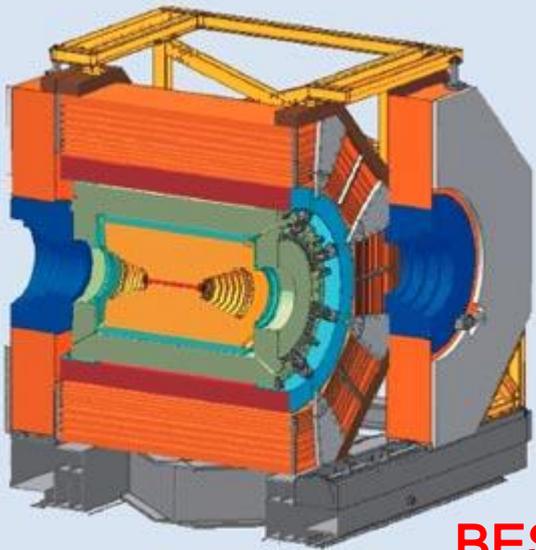
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# BEPCII and BESIII



**BESIII**

Beam energy: 1.0 ~ 2.3 GeV  
Luminosity:  $1.0 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
(reached in April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

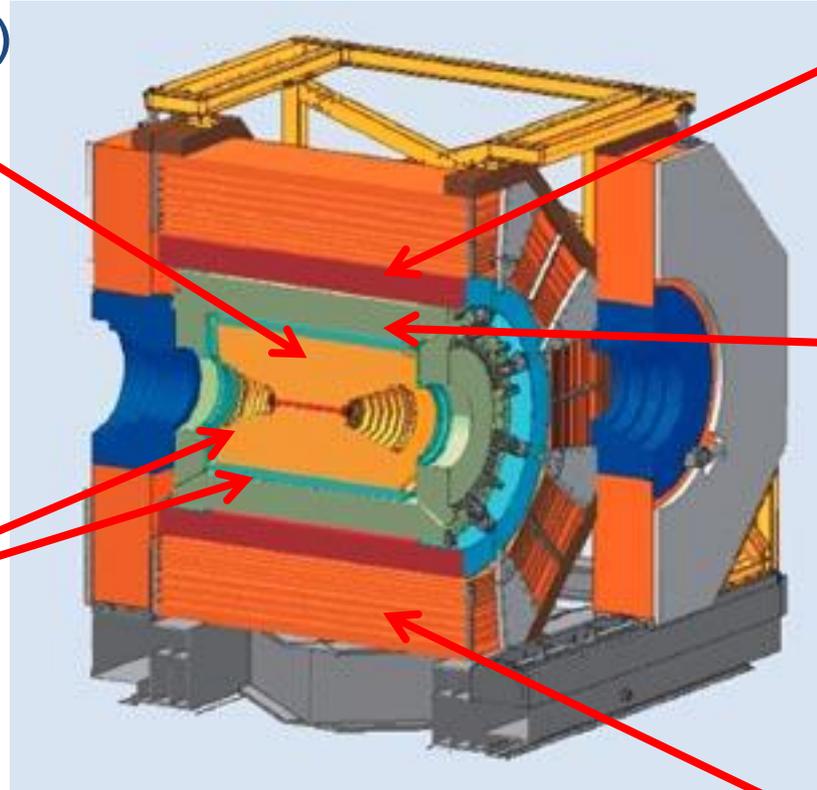
# BESIII Detector

Super-Conducting Magnet  
1.0 T (2009) 0.9 T (2012)

Main Drift Chamber (MDC)

$$\sigma_p/P = 0.5\% @ 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma_{dE/dx} = 6\%$$



Electromagnetic Calorimeter (EMC)

$$\sigma_E/\sqrt{E} = 2.5\% @ 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma_{z,\phi} = 0.5 - 0.7 \text{ cm}/\sqrt{E}$$

Time of Flight (TOF)

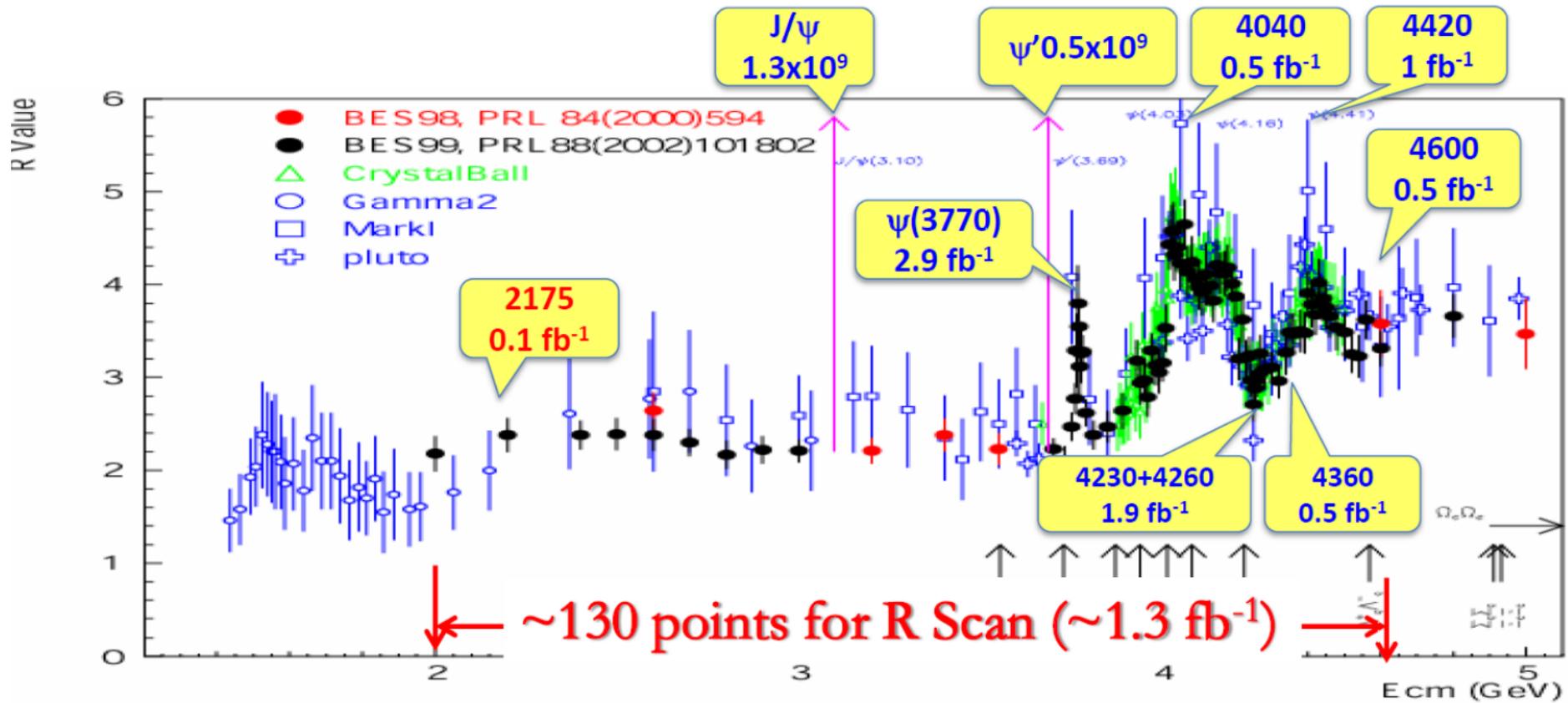
$$\sigma_T: 90 \text{ ps (barrel)}$$

$$110 \text{ ps (endcap)}$$

$\mu$  Counter (MUC)

$$\delta_{R,\phi} = 1.4 - 1.7 \text{ cm}$$

# Data set



World largest  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(3686)$ ,  $\psi(3770)$ , ... produced directly from  $e^+e^-$  collision :  
**an ideal factory to study light meson spectroscopy**

# Highlights of recent progress at BESIII

## □ $X(p\bar{p})$ and $X(1835)$

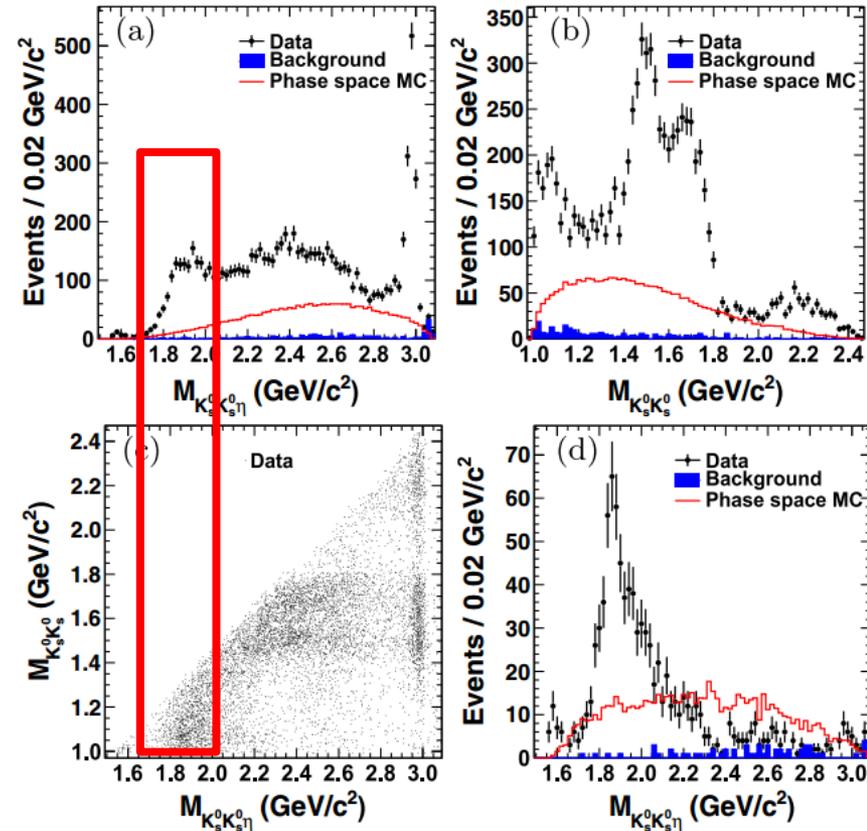
- ✓ A new decay mode of  $X(1835)$  ( $\rightarrow K_S K_S \eta$ ) observed and its  $J^{PC}$  determined
- ✓ Anomalous  $\eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$  mass line shape near  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold is observed

## □ Glueball Searches

- ✓ Model independent partial wave analysis of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$
- ✓ Partial wave analysis of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$

# Observation of $X(1835)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \eta$

- Based on  $1.3 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected in 2009 and 2012
- Clear structure on mass spectrum of  $K_S K_S \eta$  around  $1.85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Strongly correlated to  $f_0(980)$
- PWA for  $M(K_S K_S) < 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



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# PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \eta$

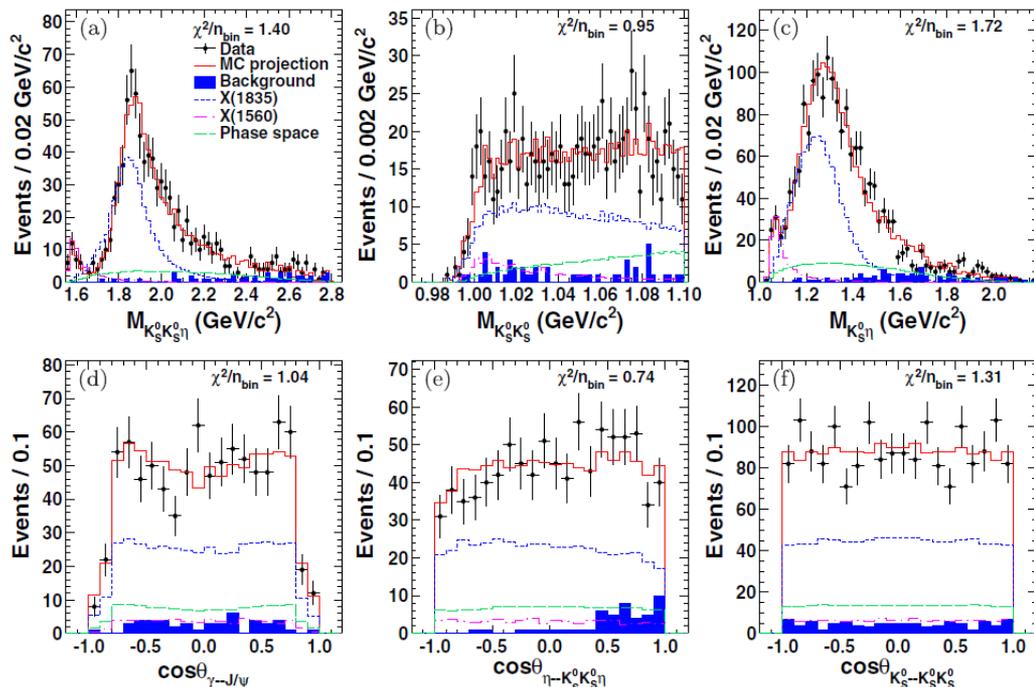
- Nonresonant  $f_0(1500)\eta$

- X(1560)

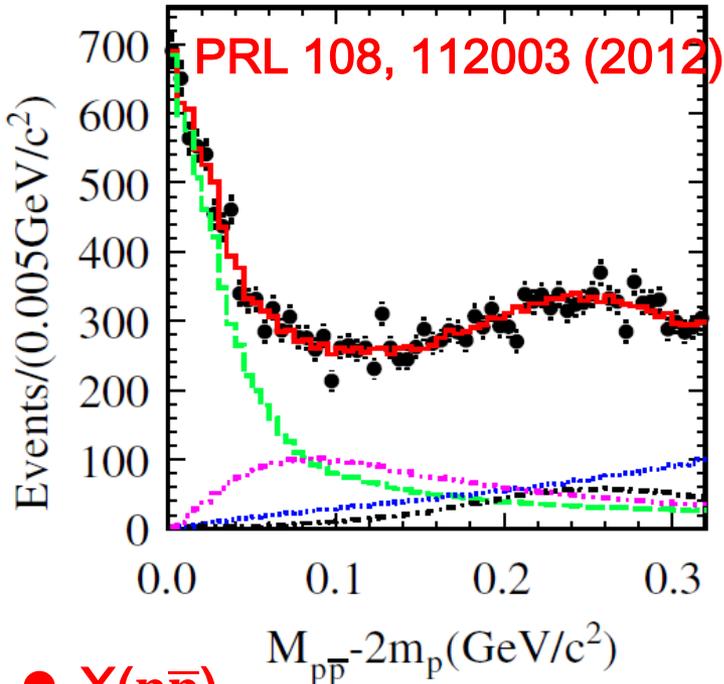
- ✓  $J^{PC}=0^{-+}$
- ✓  $X(1560) \rightarrow K_S K_S \eta$  ( $> 8.9\sigma$ )
- ✓  $M = 1565 \pm 8_{-63}^{+0} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ✓  $\Gamma = 45_{-13}^{+14} {}_{-28}^{+21} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ✓ Consistent with  $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$  within  $2.0\sigma$

- X(1835)

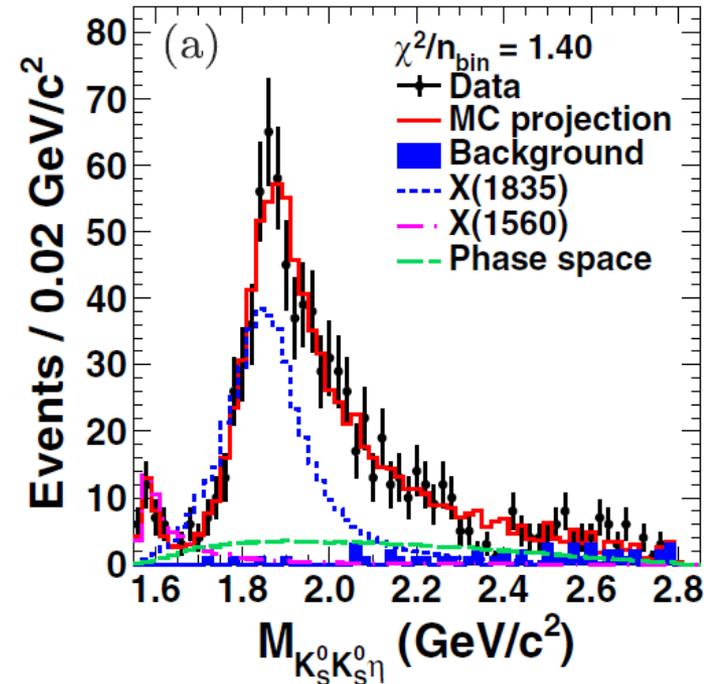
- ✓  $J^{PC}$  determined to be  $0^{-+}$
- ✓  $X(1835) \rightarrow K_S K_S \eta$  ( $> 12.9\sigma$ ), dominated via  $f_0(980)$
- ✓  $M = 1844 \pm 9_{-25}^{+16} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ✓  $\Gamma = 192_{-17}^{+20} {}_{-43}^{+62} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ✓ Consistent with the values obtained from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$
- ✓  $\mathfrak{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(1835)) \cdot \mathfrak{B}(X(1835) \rightarrow K_S K_S \eta) = (3.31_{-0.30}^{+0.33} {}_{-1.29}^{+1.96}) \times 10^{-5}$



# X(1835) and X(p $\bar{p}$ )



The  
same  
state?

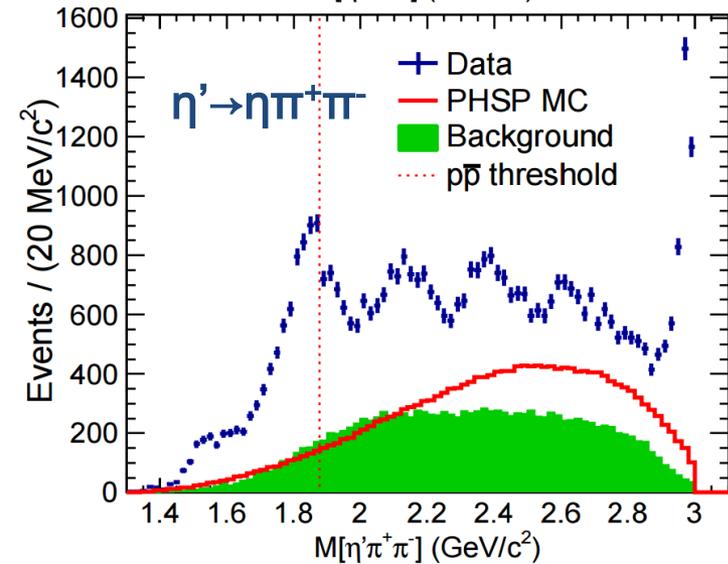
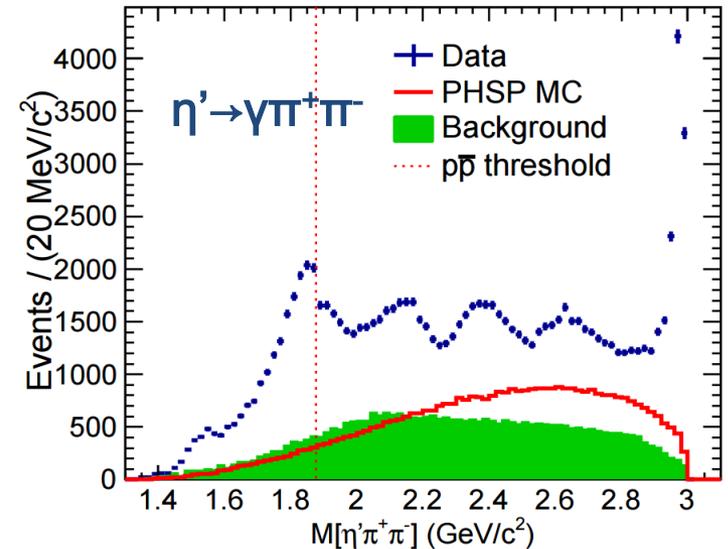
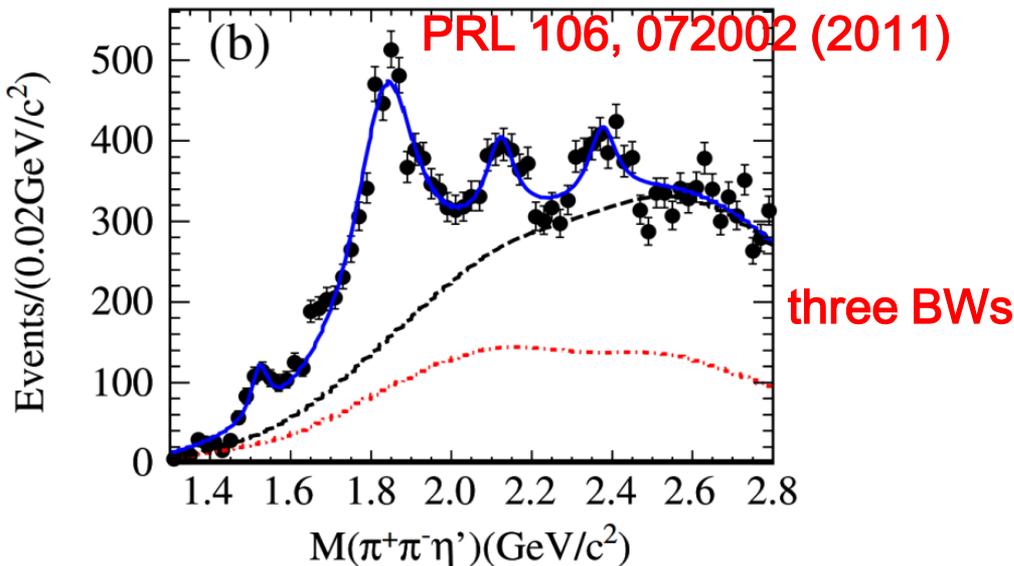


- Discovered by BESII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p \bar{p}$   
PRL 91, 022001 (2003)
- Confirmed by BESIII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p \bar{p}$  with data collected in 2009
- PWA for  $M(p\bar{p}) < 2.2$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - ✓  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$
  - ✓  $M = 1832 \pm 19_{-5}^{+19} \pm 18_{-17}^{+18}$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - ✓  $\Gamma = 13 \pm 19$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
( $< 76$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup> @ 90% C. L.)

- Discovered by BESII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$   
PRL 95, 062001 (2005)
- Confirmed by BESIII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$  with data collected in 2009
- Confirmed by BESIII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \eta$  with data collected in 2009 and 2012
- PWA for  $M(K_S K_S) < 1.1$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - ✓  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$
  - ✓  $M = 1844 \pm 9_{-25}^{+16}$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - ✓  $\Gamma = 192_{-17}^{+20} \pm 62_{-43}^{+62}$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

# Anomalous line shape of $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$ near the $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$

- Based on  $1.09 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2012
- Two decay modes of  $\eta'$ 
  - ✓  $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$
  - ✓  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $X(2120)$  and  $X(2370)$  confirmed, a structure near  $2.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  observed
- A significant distortion of the  $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$  line shape near the  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold

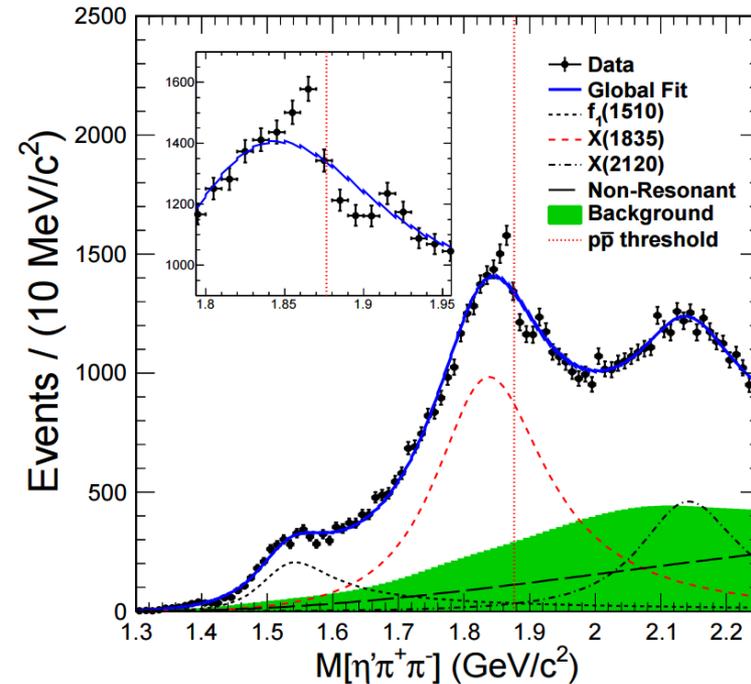


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# Anomalous line shape of $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$ near the $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$

- Simultaneous fits to two  $\eta'$  decay modes
- Simple Breit-Wigner function fails in describing the  $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$  line shape near the  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold
- Two typical circumstances where an abrupt distortion of a resonance's line shape shows up
  - ✓ Threshold structure caused by the opening of an additional  $p\bar{p}$  decay mode
  - ◆ Use the Flatté formula for the line shape
  - ✓ Interference between two resonances with one very narrow close to threshold
  - ◆ Use coherent sum of two Breit-Wigner amplitudes for the line shape

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$\log\mathcal{L} = 630503.3$

# Anomalous line shape of $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$ near the $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$

- Use the Flatté formula for the line shape

$$T = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_{out}}}{\mathcal{M}^2 - s - i \sum_k g_k^2 \rho_k}$$

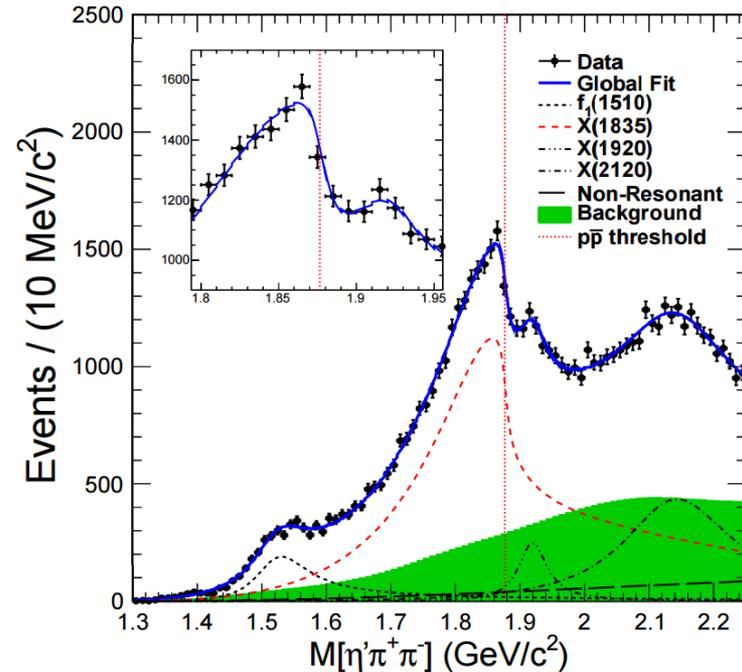
- $\sum_k g_k^2 \rho_k \approx g_0^2 (\rho_0 + \frac{g_{p\bar{p}}^2}{g_0^2} \rho_{p\bar{p}})$
- $g_{p\bar{p}}^2 / g_0^2$  is the ratio between the coupling strength to the  $p\bar{p}$  channel and the summation of all other channels

The state around 1.85 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	
$\mathcal{M}$ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	1638.0 <sup>+121.9 +127.8</sup> <sub>-121.9 -254.3</sub>
$g_0^2$ ((GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup> )	93.7 <sup>+35.4 +47.6</sup> <sub>-35.4 -43.9</sub>
$g_{p\bar{p}}^2 / g_0^2$	<b>2.31</b> <sup>+0.37 +0.83</sup> <sub>-0.37 -0.60</sub>
$M_{pole}$ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) *	1909.5 <sup>+15.9 +9.4</sup> <sub>-15.9 -27.5</sub>
$\Gamma_{pole}$ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) *	273.5 <sup>+21.4 +6.1</sup> <sub>-21.4 -64.0</sub>
Branching Ratio	$(3.93 \text{ }^{+0.38 +0.31}_{-0.38 -0.84}) \times 10^{-4}$

\* The pole nearest to the  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold

**a  $p\bar{p}$  molecule-like state?**

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$\log \mathcal{L} = 630549.5$

**Significance of  $g_{p\bar{p}}^2 / g_0^2$  being non-zero is larger than  $7\sigma$**

$X(1920)$  is needed with  $5.7\sigma$

# Anomalous line shape of $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$ near the $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$

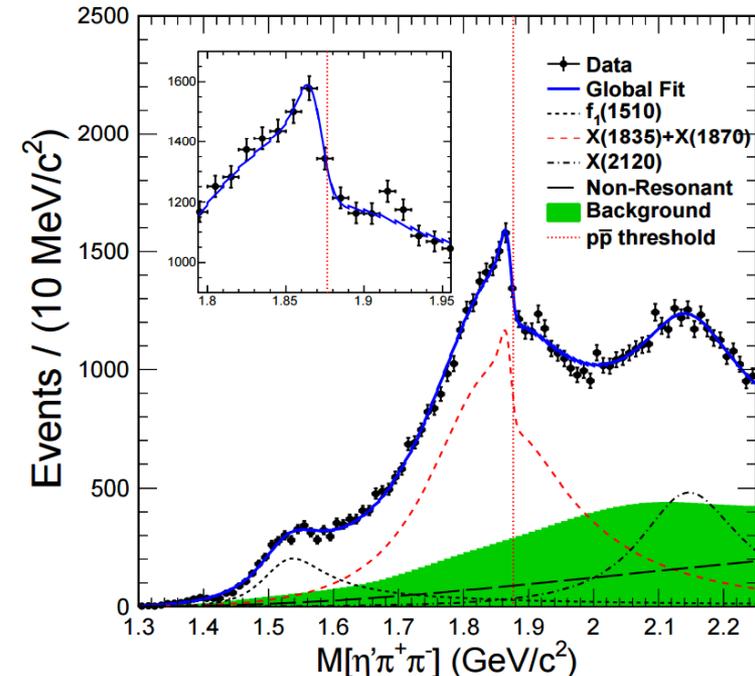
- Use coherent sum of two Breit-Wigner amplitudes

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$$T = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_{out}}}{M_1^2 - s - iM_1\Gamma_1} + \frac{\beta \cdot e^{i\theta} \cdot \sqrt{\rho_{out}}}{M_2^2 - s - iM_2\Gamma_2}$$

X(1835)	
M (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	1825.3 <sup>+2.4 +17.3</sup> <sub>-2.4 -2.4</sub>
Γ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	245.2 <sup>+14.2 +4.6</sup> <sub>-12.6 -9.6</sub>
B.R. (constructive interference)	(3.01 <sup>+0.17 +0.26</sup> <sub>-0.17 -0.28</sub> ) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
B.R. (destructive interference)	(3.72 <sup>+0.21 +0.18</sup> <sub>-0.21 -0.35</sub> ) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
X(1870)	
M (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	1870.2 <sup>+2.2 +2.3</sup> <sub>-2.3 -0.7</sub>
Γ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	<b>13.0<sup>+7.1 +2.1</sup><sub>-5.5 -3.8</sub></b>
B.R. (constructive interference)	(2.03 <sup>+0.12 +0.43</sup> <sub>-0.12 -0.70</sub> ) × 10 <sup>-7</sup>
B.R. (destructive interference)	(1.57 <sup>+0.09 +0.49</sup> <sub>-0.09 -0.86</sub> ) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>

a  $p\bar{p}$  bound state?



$\log\mathcal{L} = 630540.3$

Significance of X(1870)  
is larger than  $7\sigma$

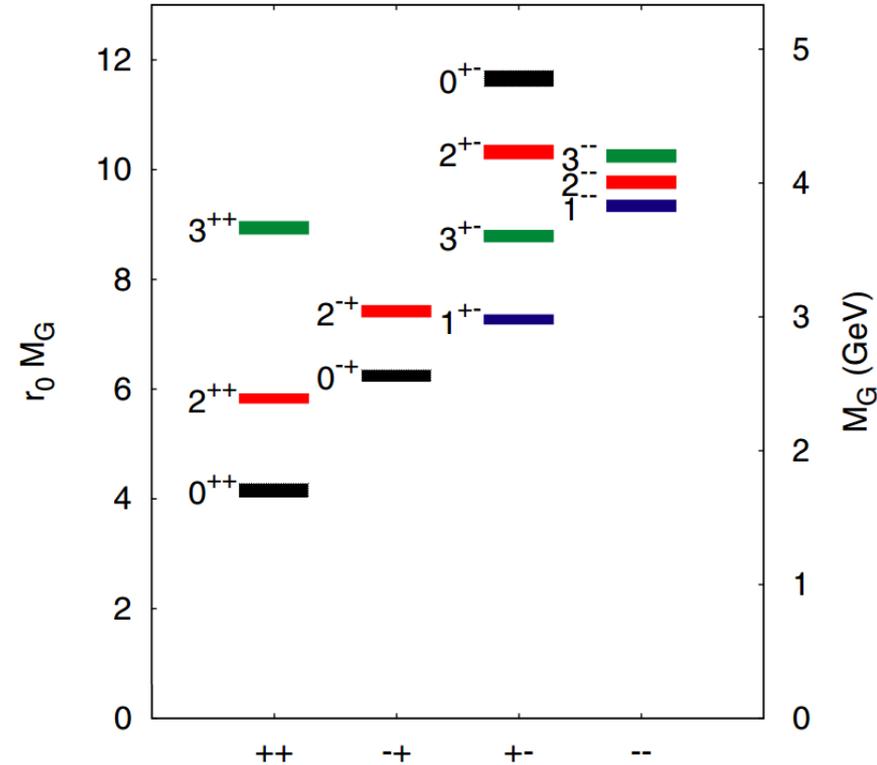
X(1920) is not significant

# Anomalous line shape of $\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$ near the $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta'\pi^+\pi^-$

- Both models fit the data well with almost equally good quality
  - ✓ Cannot distinguish them with current statistics
  - ✓ Suggest the existence of a state, either a broad state with strong couplings to  $p\bar{p}$ , or a narrow state just below the  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold
  - ✓ Support the existence of a  $p\bar{p}$  molecule-like state or bound state
- To understand the nature of the state
  - ✓ More  $J/\psi$  data
  - ✓ Study line shapes in other decay modes
    - $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$
    - $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \eta$
    - ...

# Glueballs

- Predicted by QCD
- Not established in experiment
- LQCD prediction
  - $0^{++}$  ground state:  $1\sim 2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - $2^{++}$  ground state:  $2.3\sim 2.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - $0^{-+}$  ground state:  $2.3\sim 2.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

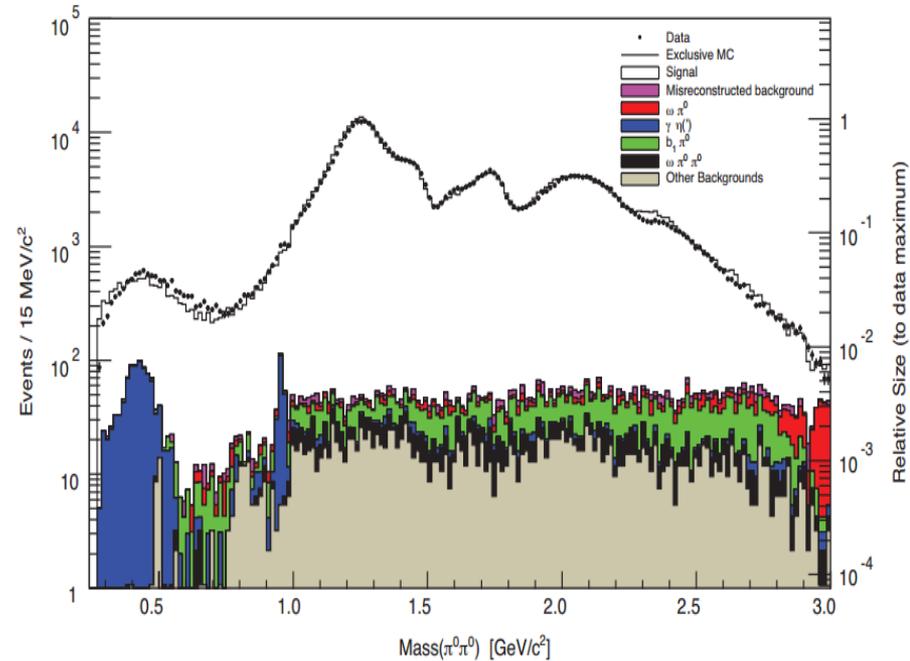


- $J/\psi$  radiative decays are believed to be an ideal place to search for glueballs

# Model independent PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$

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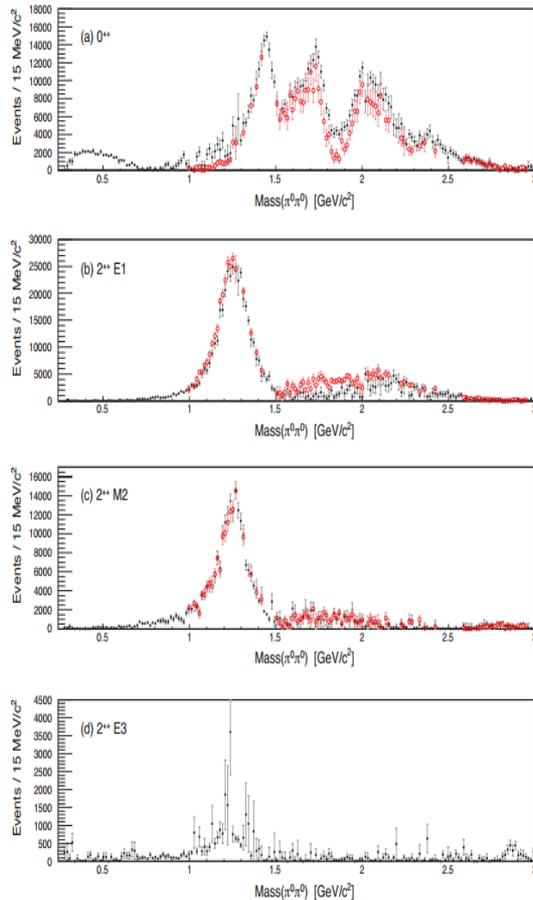
- Based on  $1.3 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2009 and 2012
- $\pi^0 \pi^0$  system
  - ✓ Very clean
  - ✓ Large statistics
  - ✓ Many broad and overlapping resonances (parameterization challenging)
  - ✓ Model independent PWA (MIPWA)



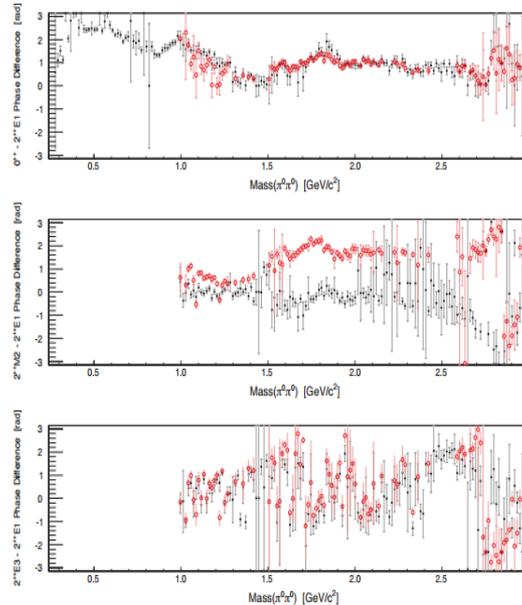
- ✓ More than 440k reconstructed events
- ✓ Background level  $\sim 1.8\%$

# Model independent PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$

## Extracted Intensity



## Relative Phase



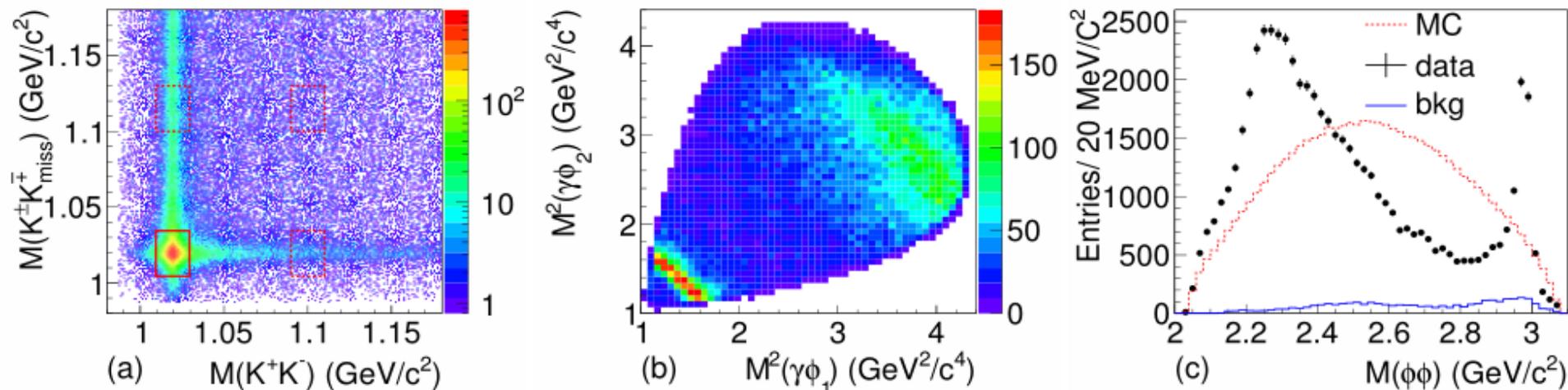
- **Solution 1**
- **Solution 2**

- ✓ A piecewise function that describes the dynamics of the  $\pi^0 \pi^0$  system is determined as a function of  $M(\pi^0 \pi^0)$
- ✓ Significant features of the scalar spectrum includes structures near 1.5, 1.7 and 2.0  $\text{GeV}/c^2$
- Multi-solution problem in MIPWA
- MIPWA can not measure resonance parameters

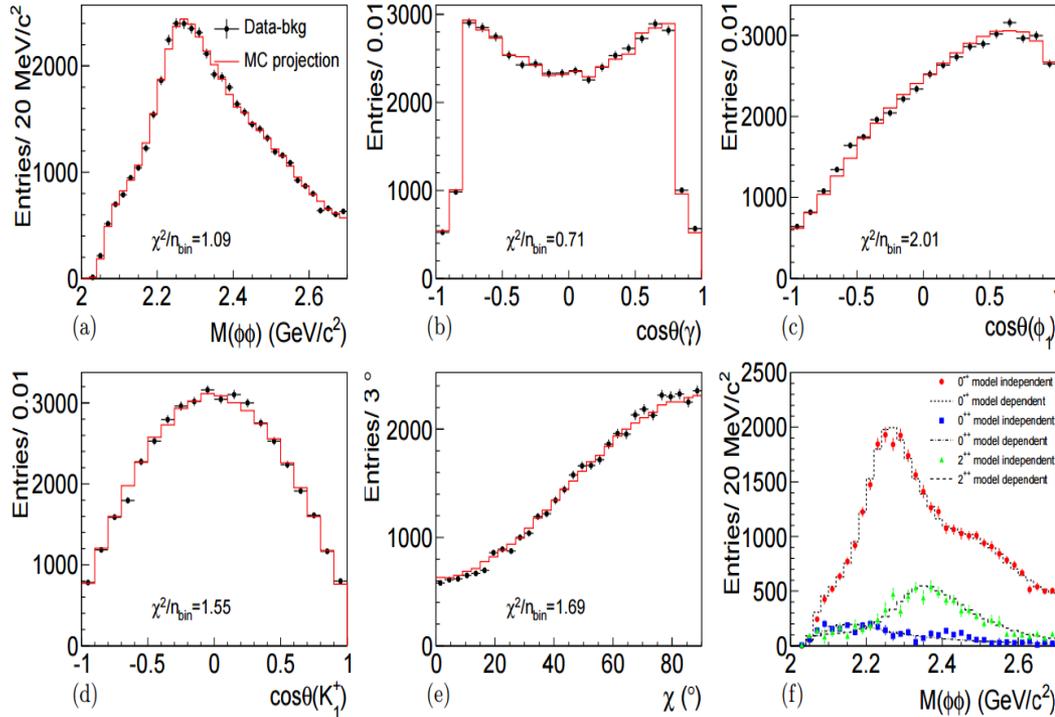
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# PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$

- Based on  $1.3 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2009 and 2012
- PWA procedure:
  - ✓ Covariant tensor formalism
  - ✓ Resonances are parameterized by relativistic Breit-Wigner with constant width
  - ✓ Resonances with significance  $> 5 \sigma$  are selected as components in solution



# PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$



Resonance	$M(\text{MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma(\text{MeV}/c^2)$	B.F. ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	Sig.
$\eta(2225)$	$2216^{+4+18}_{-5-11}$	$185^{+12+44}_{-14-17}$	$(2.40 \pm 0.10^{+2.47}_{-0.18})$	$28.1\sigma$
$\eta(2100)$	$2050^{+30+77}_{-24-26}$	$250^{+36+187}_{-30-164}$	$(3.30 \pm 0.09^{+0.18}_{-3.04})$	$21.5\sigma$
$X(2500)$	$2470^{+15+63}_{-19-23}$	$230^{+64+53}_{-35-33}$	$(0.17 \pm 0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.08})$	$8.8\sigma$
$f_0(2100)$	2102	211	$(0.43 \pm 0.04^{+0.24}_{-0.03})$	$24.2\sigma$
$f_2(2010)$	2011	202	$(0.35 \pm 0.05^{+0.28}_{-0.15})$	$9.5\sigma$
$f_2(2300)$	2297	149	$(0.44 \pm 0.07^{+0.09}_{-0.15})$	$6.4\sigma$
$f_2(2340)$	2339	319	$(1.91 \pm 0.07^{+0.72}_{-0.69})$	$10.7\sigma$
$0^{-+}$ PHSP			$(2.74 \pm 0.15^{+0.16}_{-1.48})$	$6.8\sigma$

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Pseudoscalar:  
 $\eta(2225)$  confirmed  
 $\eta(2100)$  and  $X(2500)$

Tensor:  
 $f_2(2010)$ ,  $f_2(2300)$ ,  $f_2(2340)$ :  
 strong  $f_2(2340)$  production.

✓ Well consistent with the  
 results from Model-  
 independent PWA

# Summary

- Highlights of latest results in light meson spectroscopy from BESIII
  - Observation of  $X(1835)$  in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \eta$ 
    - ✓ **New decay mode of  $X(1835)$  and its  $J^{PC}$  is determined:  $0^{-+}$**
  - Observation of anomalous  $\eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$  line shape near  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$ 
    - ✓ **Support the existence of a  $p\bar{p}$  bound state or molecule-like state**
  - Model independent partial wave analysis of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$ 
    - ✓ **Useful information for  $0^{++}$ ,  $2^{++}$  components**
  - Partial wave analysis of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$ 
    - ✓ **Resonance parameters for glueball search**
- More results are expected in the future!

**Thanks for your attention!**