

# Search for charmonium rare decays at BESIII

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## 1 Introduction

- An overview of BESIII experiment
- Charmonium states produced at BESIII

## 2 Charmonium rare decays at BESIII

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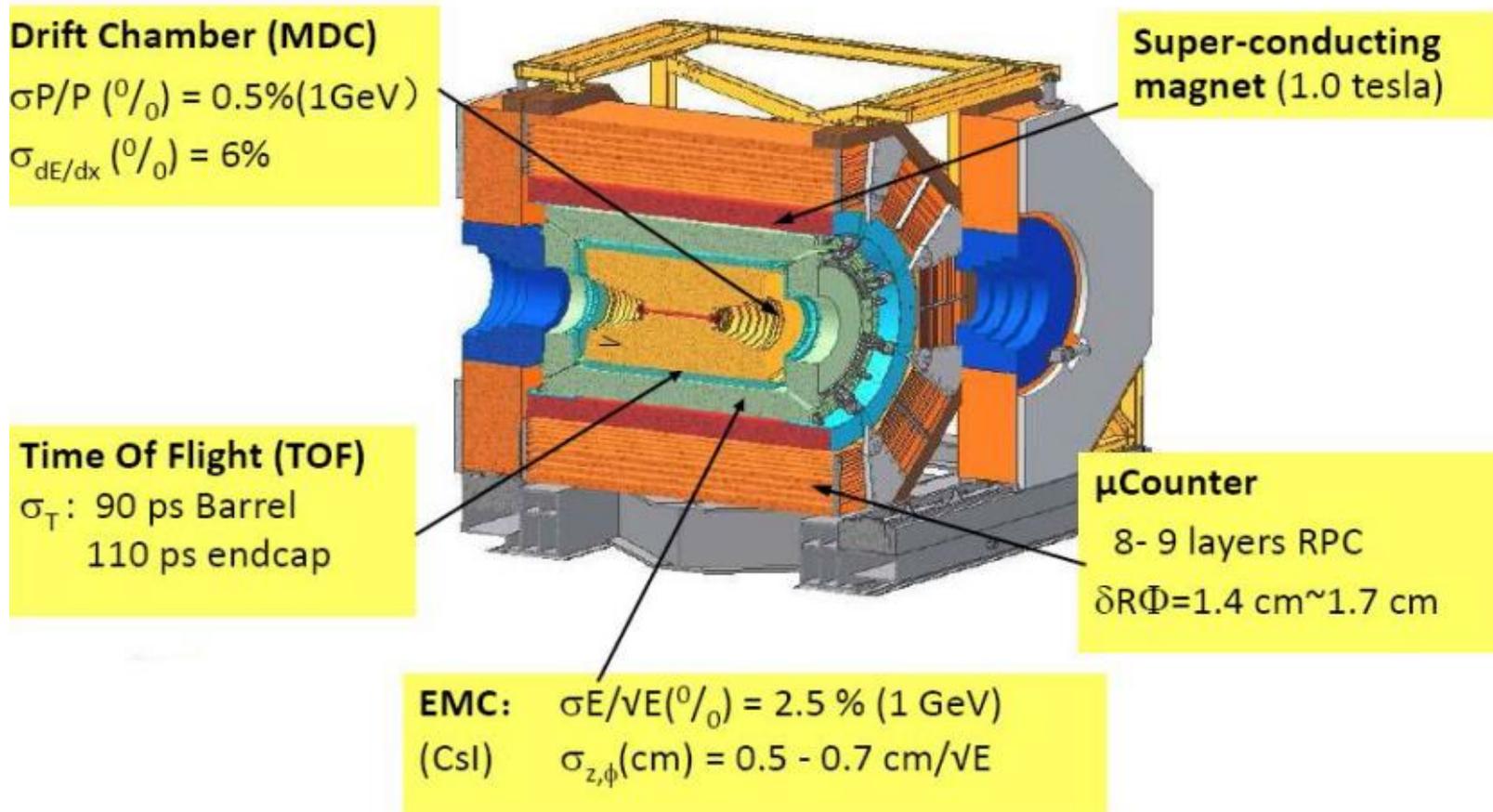
## 3 Summary

# Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPC-II)



$$1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

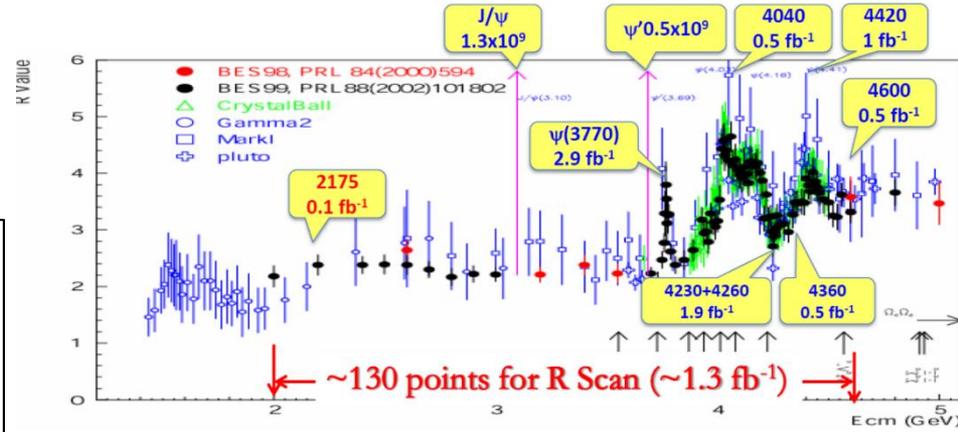
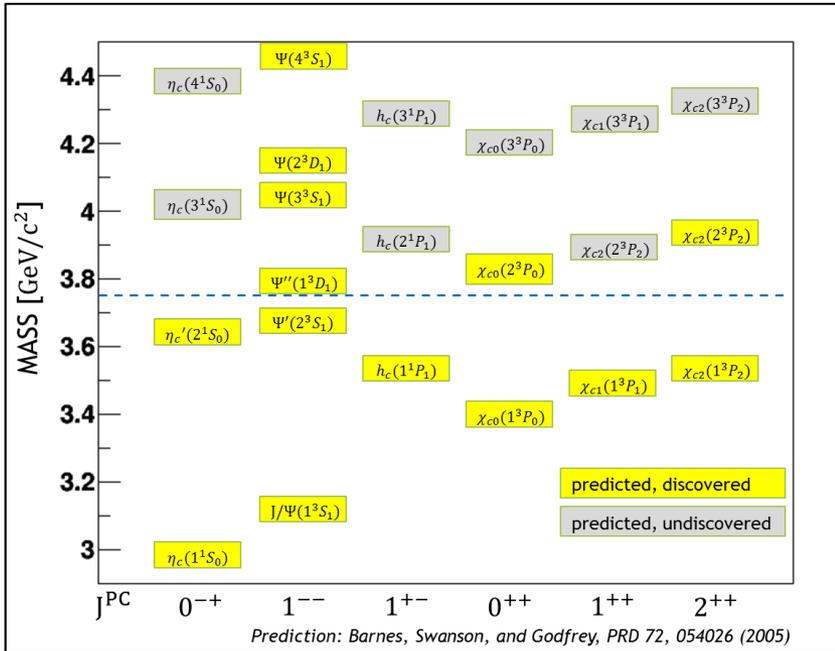
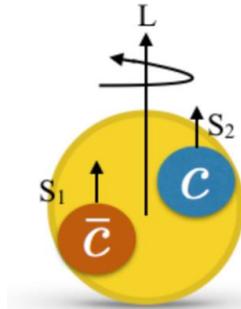
# BESIII detector



The new BESIII detector is hermetic for neutral and charged particle with excellent resolution, PID and large coverage.

# Charmonium states at BESIII

Charmonium states:



Charmonium states	$N_{events}$ at BESIII
$J/\psi$	1310 M
$\psi(3686)$	448 M
$\psi(3770)$	265.5 M
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**BESIII is an excellent place to study the charmonium states.**

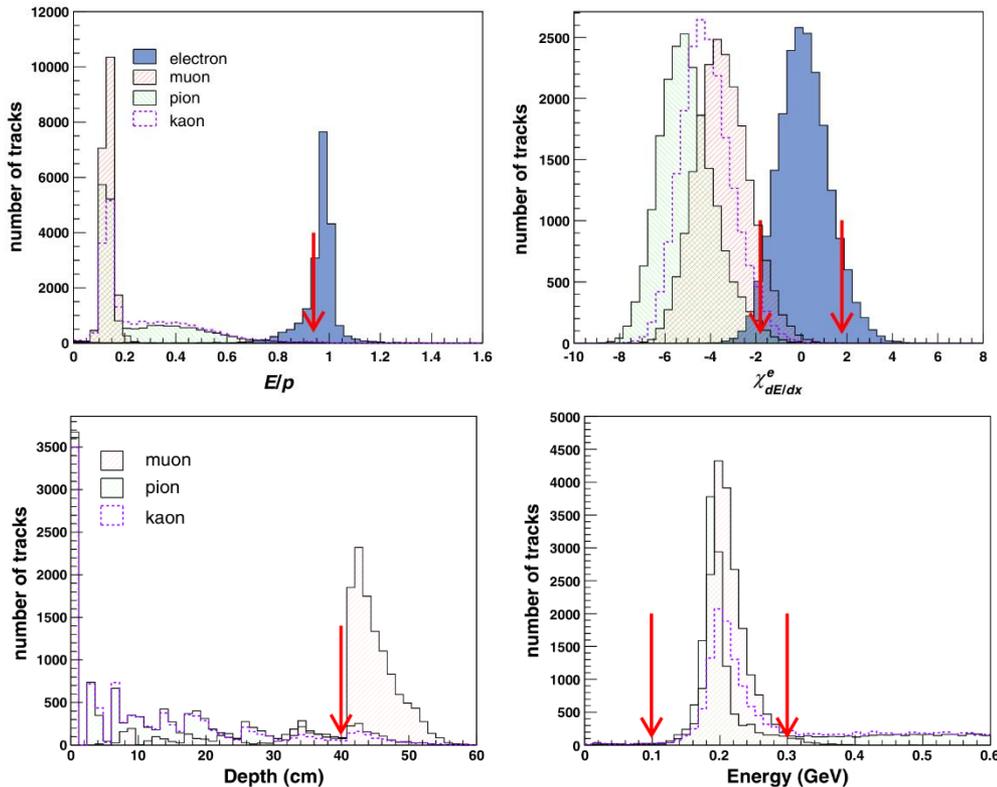
# Lepton flavor violating process of $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$

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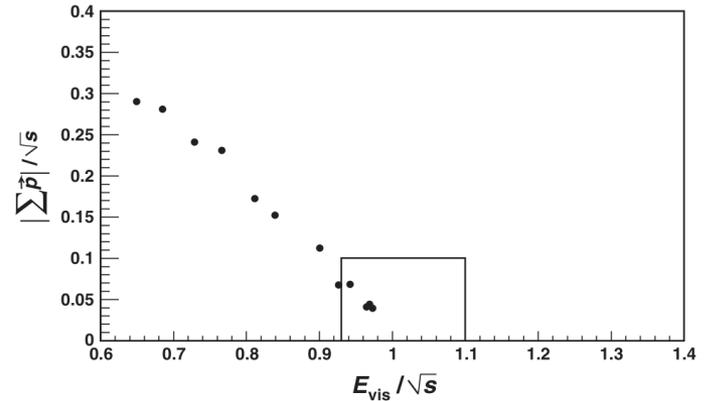
## Backgrounds:

processes  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ ,  
 $J/\psi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$ .

## Particle identification:



## Signal yields:



## Upper limits:

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu) < \frac{N_{\text{obs}}^{UL}}{N_{J/\psi} \cdot \epsilon}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu) < 1.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (90\% C.L.)}$$

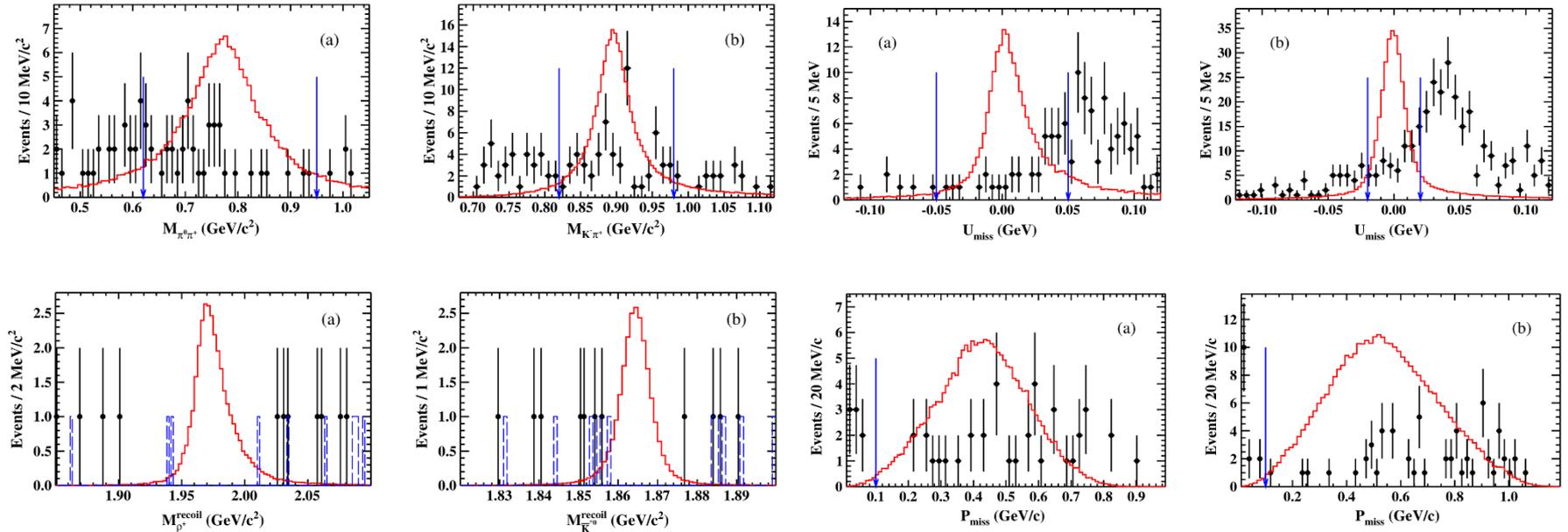
## Methods:

Blind analysis  
 Feldman-Cousins method

# Flavor changing weak decays of $J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$ & $J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$

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## Event selections & background veto:



## Results:

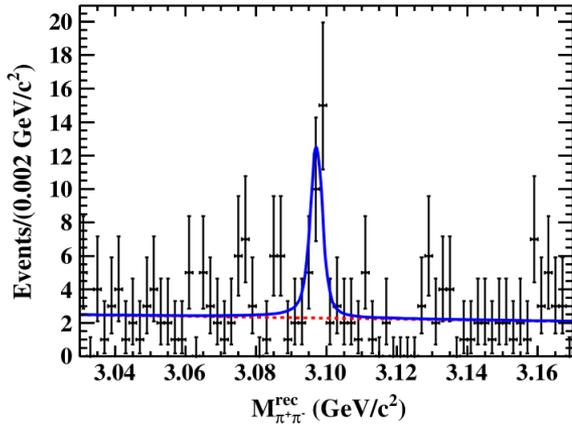
$$\mathcal{B} < \frac{N_{\text{UL}}}{N_{J/\psi} \epsilon \mathcal{B}_{\text{inter}} (1 - \sigma^{\text{sys}})}$$

Decay mode	Intermediate decay	$\epsilon$	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{inter}}$	$\sigma^{\text{sys}}$	$N_{\text{UL}}$	$\mathcal{B}$ (90% C.L.)
$J/\psi \rightarrow D_s^- \rho^+$	$D_s^- \rightarrow \phi e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ , $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ , $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ , $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	7.79%	1.20%	8.6%	2.5	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$	$\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ , $\bar{K}^{*0} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	21.83%	2.37%	7.5%	2.7	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$

# C-parity violation in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ & $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\phi$

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## $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ signals:

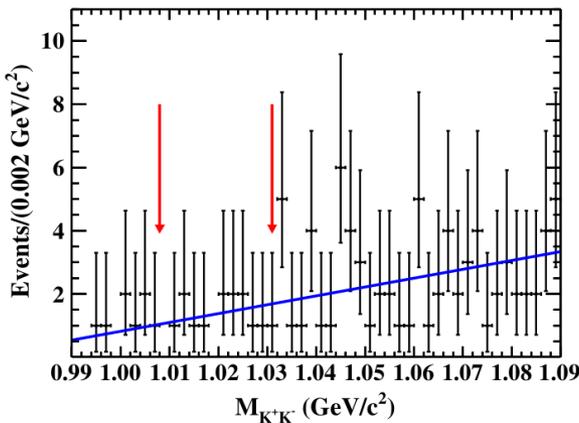


## Peaking backgrounds:

Background channel	Expected counts ( $N^{\text{bkg}}$ )
$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0, \pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$	$18.5 \pm 1.9$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta, \eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$	$24.6 \pm 1.6$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c, \eta_c \rightarrow 2\gamma$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$
$J/\psi \rightarrow 3\gamma$	$0.9 \pm 0.3$
Total	$45.3 \pm 2.5$

Method: **Feldman-Cousians method**

## $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\phi$ signals:



No peaking backgrounds.

Method:  
**Bayesian method**

## Results:

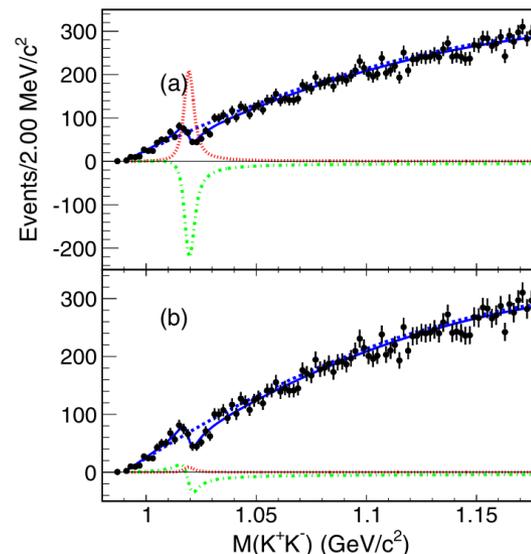
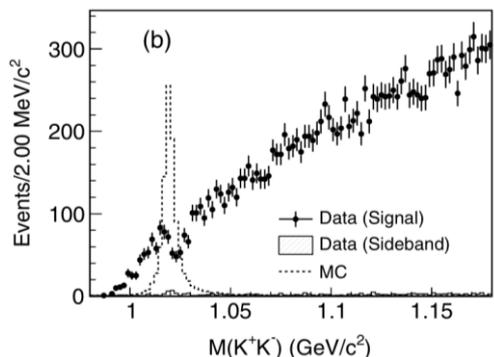
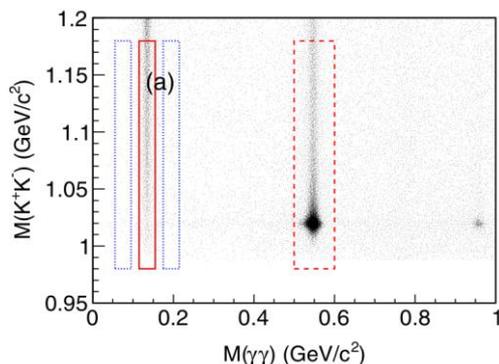
$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow f) < \frac{N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{up}}}{N_{\psi(3686)}^{\text{tot}} \times \epsilon \times \mathcal{B}_i \times (1 - \Delta_{\text{sys}})}$$

	$\gamma\gamma$	$\gamma\phi$
$N^{\text{obs}}$	$29.2 \pm 7.1$	$0.0 \pm 4.6$
$N^{\text{bkg}}$	$46.5 \pm 2.5$	negligible
$N_{\text{sig}}^{\text{up}}$ (90% C.L.)	2.8	6.9
$\epsilon$ (%)	$30.72 \pm 0.07$	$30.89 \pm 0.07$
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow)$ (this work)	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow)$ (PDG [1])	$< 50 \times 10^{-7}$	–

# Doubly OZI-suppressed decay $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi\pi^0$

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No signal observed.



Backgrounds:

TABLE I. Background analysis for the decay  $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi\pi^0$ .

Type	Reactions
Coherent	$J/\psi \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0$
$\phi$ peaking	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}}\phi, J/\psi \rightarrow \phi\pi^0\pi^0/\phi\gamma\gamma$
$\pi^0$ peaking	$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c(1S) \rightarrow \gamma K^+K^-\pi^0$
Other	$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^+K^-/\gamma\pi^0 K^+K^-/\pi^0\pi^0 K^+K^-$

Solution	$N^{\text{sig}}$	$\delta$	$2\Delta \log \mathcal{L}/N_f$	$Z$
I	$838.5 \pm 45.8$	$-95.9^\circ \pm 1.5^\circ$	45.8/2	6.4 $\sigma$
II	$35.3 \pm 9.3$	$-152.1^\circ \pm 7.7^\circ$	45.8/2	6.4 $\sigma$

Two solutions:

Two solutions with two different phase angles between the  $\phi$  resonance and the non- $\phi$  contributions

Results of 2 solutions:

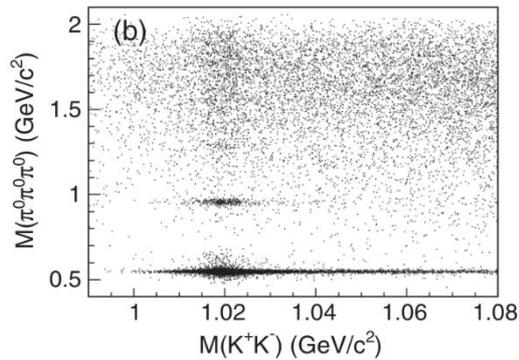
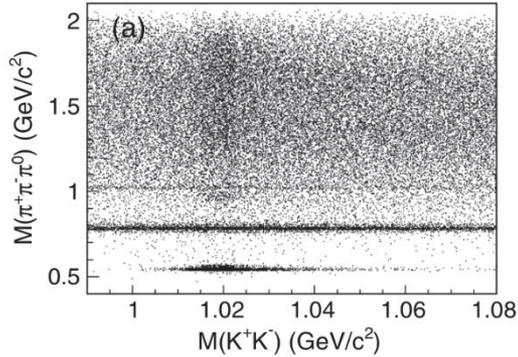
$$[2.94 \pm 0.16(\text{stat}) \pm 0.16(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-6}$$

$$[1.24 \pm 0.33(\text{stat}) \pm 0.30(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-7}$$

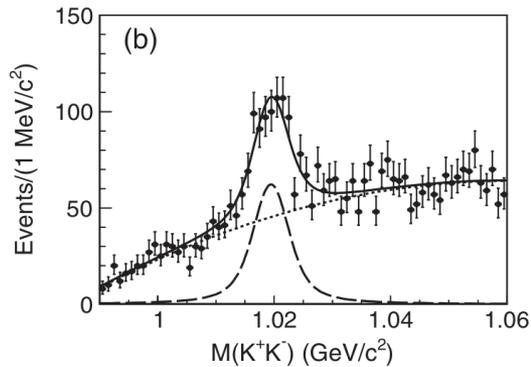
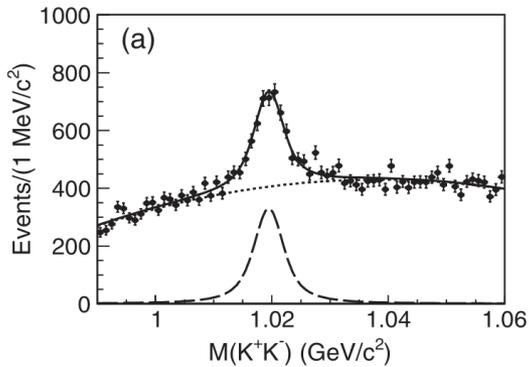
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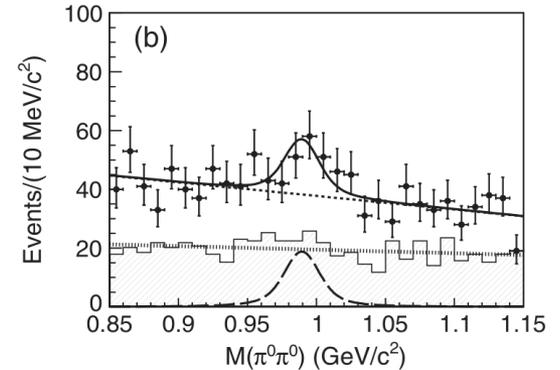
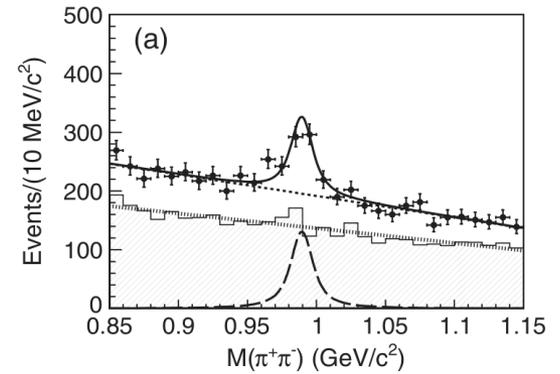
## Scatter plots:



## $M_{K^+K^-}$ :



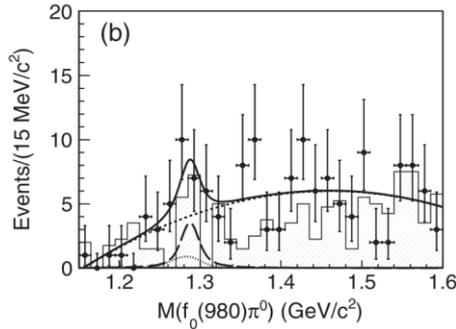
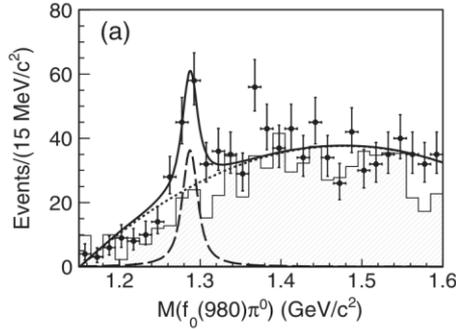
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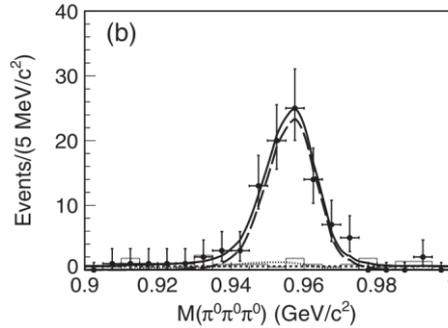
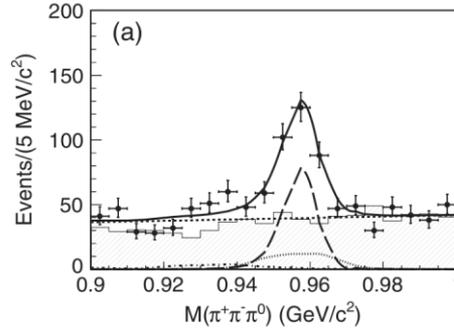
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$M_{f_0\pi^0}$ :



$M_{3\pi}$ :



Results:

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \phi X) = \frac{N^{\text{obs}}}{N_{J/\psi} \epsilon B_{K^+K^-}^\phi (B_{\gamma\gamma}^{\pi^0})^n},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow X) = \frac{N^{\text{obs}}}{N_{J/\psi} \epsilon B_{\phi\eta'}^{J/\psi} B_{K^+K^-}^\phi (B_{\gamma\gamma}^{\pi^0})^n},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \phi X) < \frac{N_{\text{upp}}^{\text{obs}}}{N_{J/\psi} \epsilon B_{K^+K^-}^\phi (B_{\gamma\gamma}^{\pi^0})^n (1 - \sigma^{\text{sys}})},$$

$$r_{3\pi} \equiv \mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0) / \mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$$

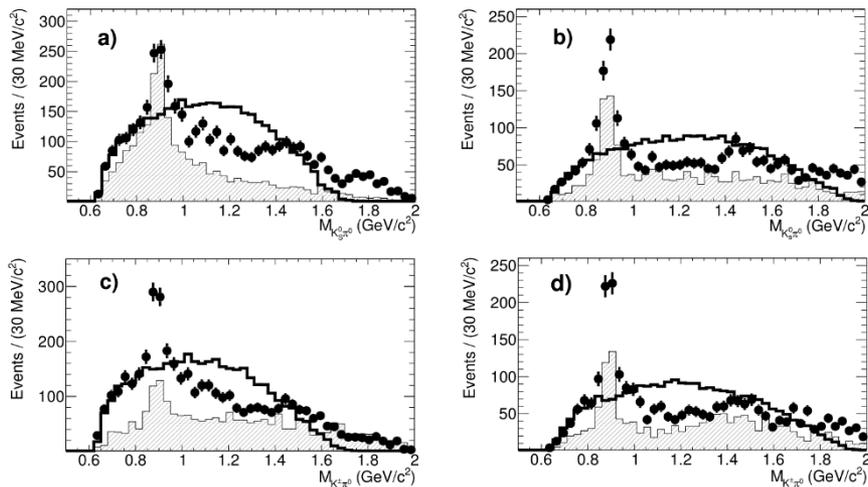
$$= \frac{N^{\text{obs}}(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)}{N^{\text{obs}}(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)} \frac{\epsilon(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)}{\epsilon(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)} \frac{1}{(B_{\gamma\gamma}^{\pi^0})^2}.$$

Decay mode	Efficiency (%)	Branching fractions
$J/\psi \rightarrow \phi\pi^0 f_0, f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	$12.44 \pm 0.10$	$(4.50 \pm 0.80 \pm 0.61) \times 10^{-6}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \phi\pi^0 f_0, f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$	$6.76 \pm 0.08$	$(1.67 \pm 0.50 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-6}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \phi f_1, f_1 \rightarrow \pi^0 f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$	$13.19 \pm 0.11$	$(9.36 \pm 2.31 \pm 1.54) \times 10^{-7}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \phi f_1, f_1 \rightarrow \pi^0 f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	$6.76 \pm 0.08$	$(2.08 \pm 1.63 \pm 1.47) \times 10^{-7}$
		$< 6.98 \times 10^{-7}$ (90% C. L.)
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$16.92 \pm 0.12$	$(4.28 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.22 \pm 1.09) \times 10^{-3}$
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	$6.55 \pm 0.08$	$(4.79 \pm 0.59 \pm 0.33 \pm 1.09) \times 10^{-3}$
$r_{3\pi}$		$1.12 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.06$

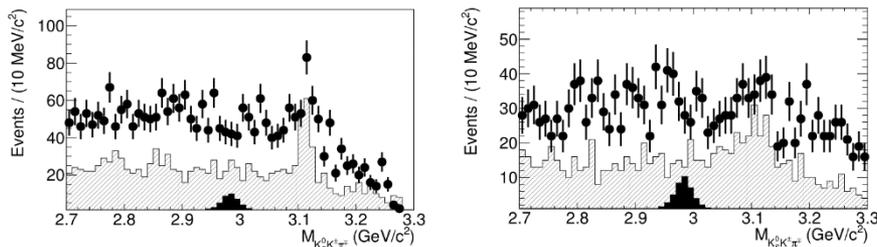
# Isospin-violating decay $\chi_{c0,2} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$

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$M_{K\pi\pi}$ :



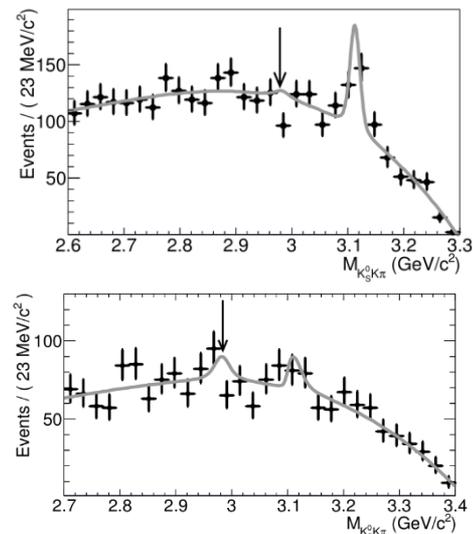
$M_{KK\pi}$ :



Peaking background:

$$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$$

Fits:



Results:

$$B(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c) < \frac{N_J^{UL}}{N_{\psi} \varepsilon_J B(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{cJ}) B_{int}(1 - \delta_J)}$$

	$\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$	$\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c$
$N_J^{UL}$	14.1	35.9
$\varepsilon_J$	5.8%	8.6%
$\delta_J$	13.8%	20.2%
$B(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta_c)(10^{-3}) < 1.6$		$< 3.2$

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These analyses are carried out from 2013 to 2016.

**Thanks for your attention !**