

# Light hadron spectroscopy at BESIII

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# Outline

## ■ BEPCII and BESIII

## ■ Selected topics on Light Hadron spectroscopy

### ■ Light Meson spectroscopy

■  $X(1835)$  and  $X(p\bar{p})$

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■  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$

### ■ Glueball Searches

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■ MIPWA of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0\pi^0$

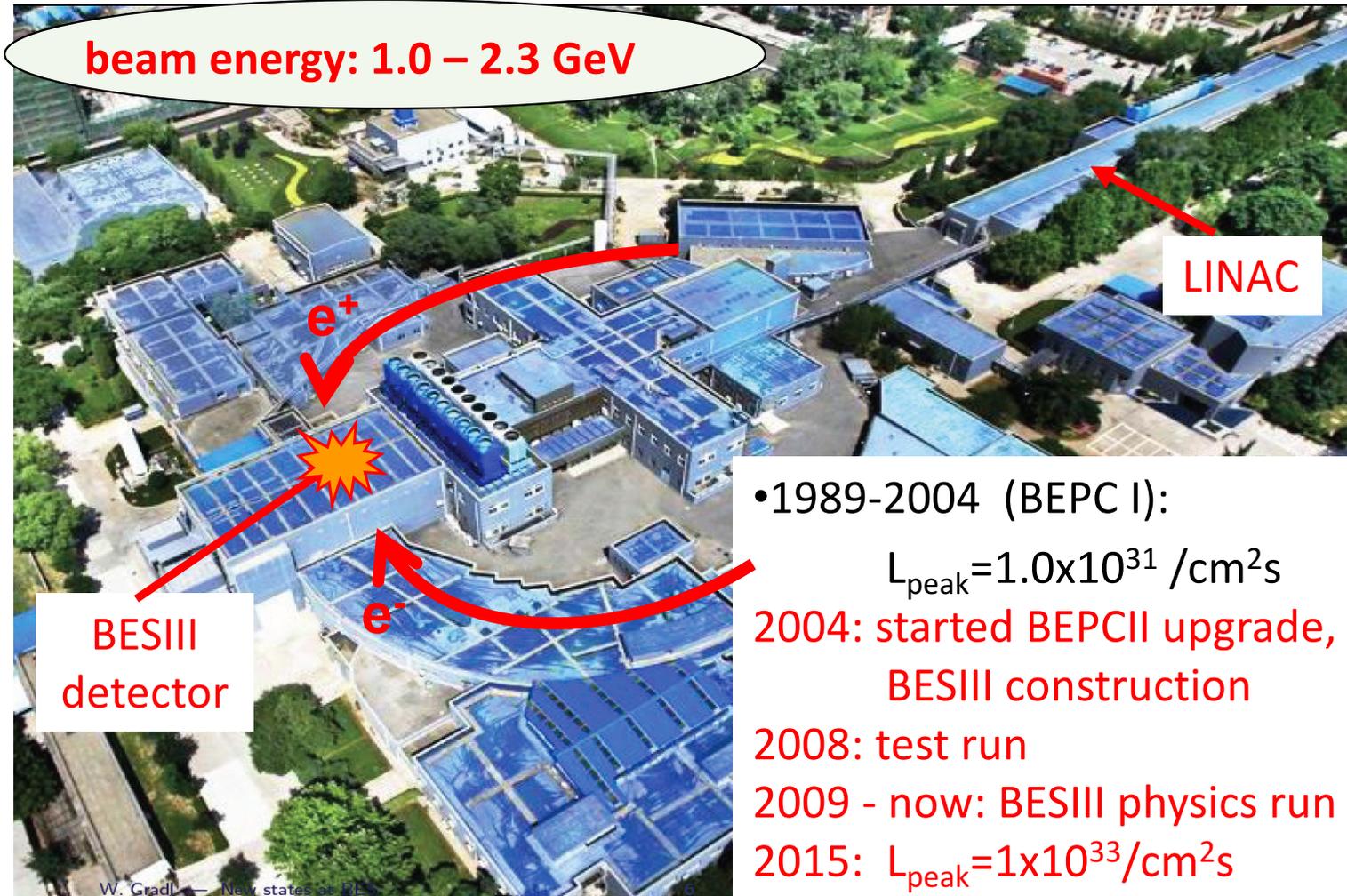
■ PWA of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\phi\phi$

### ■ Exotic Search

■  $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$

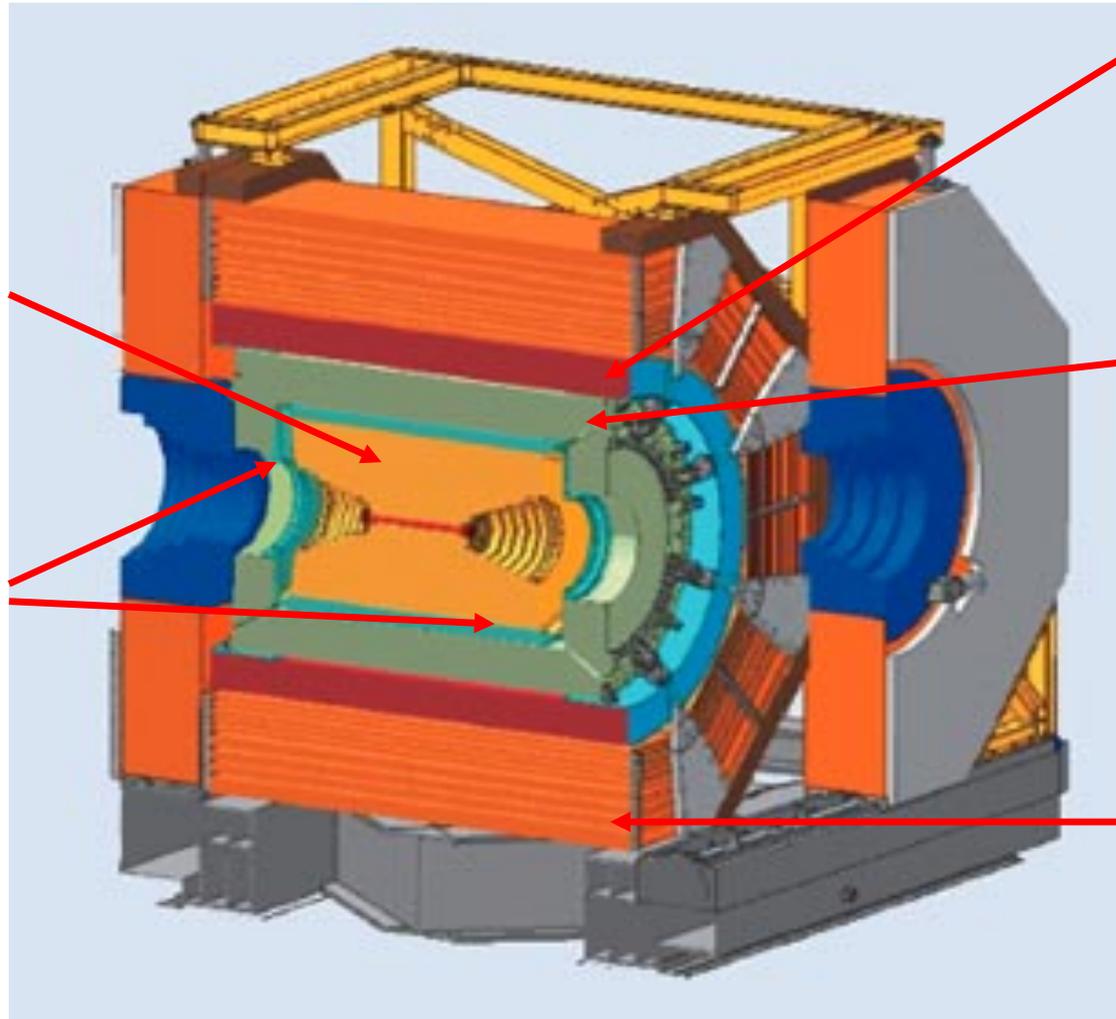
## ■ Summary

# Beijing Electron Positron Collider II (BEPCII)



# Detector

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



## Main Drift Chamber (MDC)

$\sigma_p/P = 0.5\%$  (1 GeV)  
 $\sigma_{dE/dx} = 6\%$

## Time of Flight (TOF)

$\sigma_T$ : 90 ps (barrel)  
60 ps (endcap)

Acceptance: 93%  $4\pi$

## Super-Conducting Magnet

1.0 T (2009)  
0.9 T (2012)

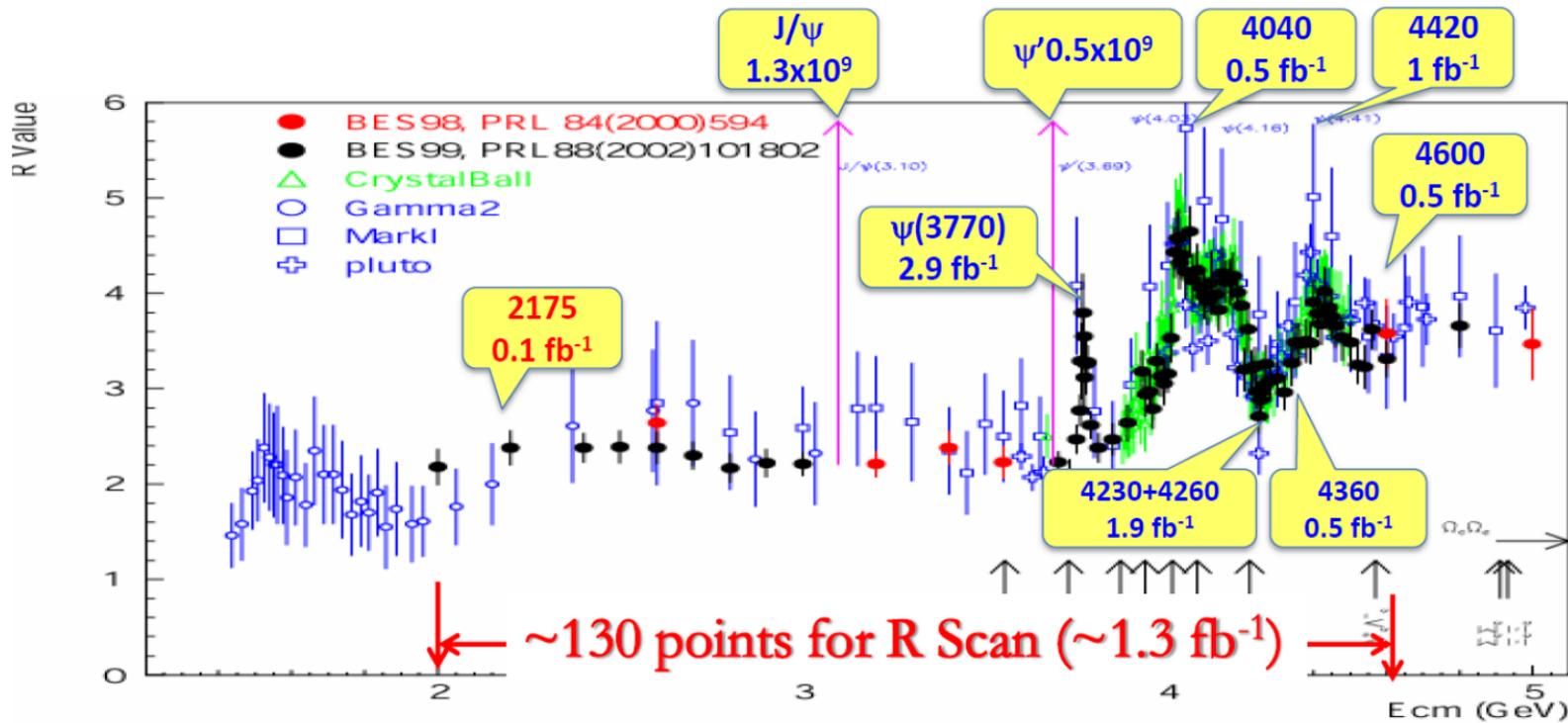
## Electromagnetic Calorimeter (EMC)

CsI (TI)  
 $\sigma_E/\sqrt{E} = 2.5\%$  (1 GeV)  
 $\sigma_{z,\phi} = 0.5 - 0.7 \text{ cm}/\sqrt{E}$

## $\mu$ Counter (MUC)

8 - 9 layers RPC  
 $\delta_{R\phi} = 1.4 \text{ cm} \sim 1.7 \text{ cm}$

# Data Collected at BESIII



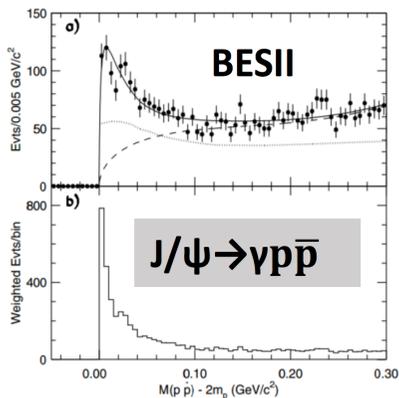
**World largest  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(3686)$ ,  $\psi(3770)$ , ...**  
**produced directly from  $e^+e^-$  collision — ideal factory to study hadron spectroscopy**

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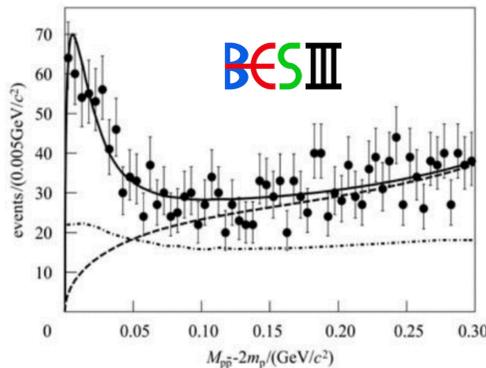
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# $X(p\bar{p})$

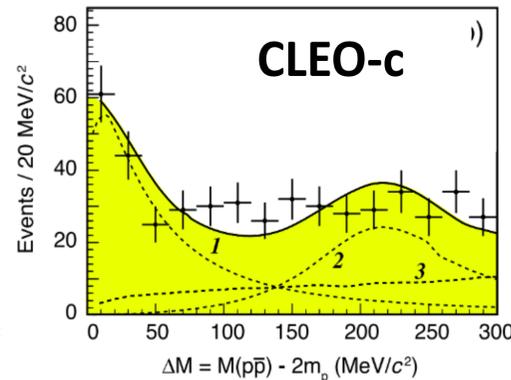
- Discovered by BESII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$
- Confirmed by BESIII and CLEO-c in  $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi, J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$
- Confirmed by BESIII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$  and its  $J^{pc}$  determined by PWA
  - $J^{pc} = 0^{-+}$
  - $M = 1832_{-5}^{+19} \pm 18_{-17}^{+19} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\Gamma = 13 \pm 39_{-13}^{+10} \pm 4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X) \cdot B(X \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = 9.0_{-1.1}^{+0.4} \pm 1.5_{-5.0}^{+2.3} \times 10^{-5}$



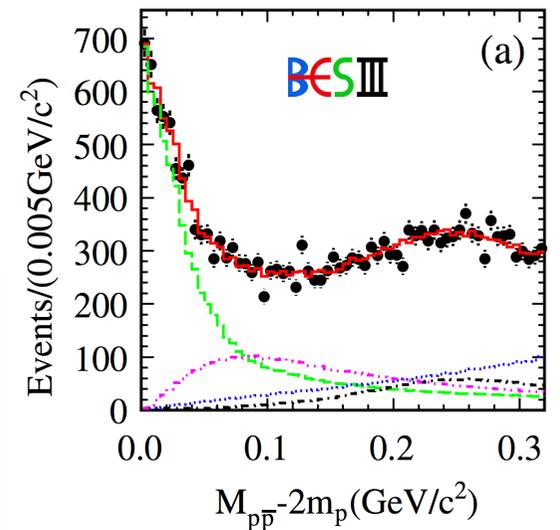
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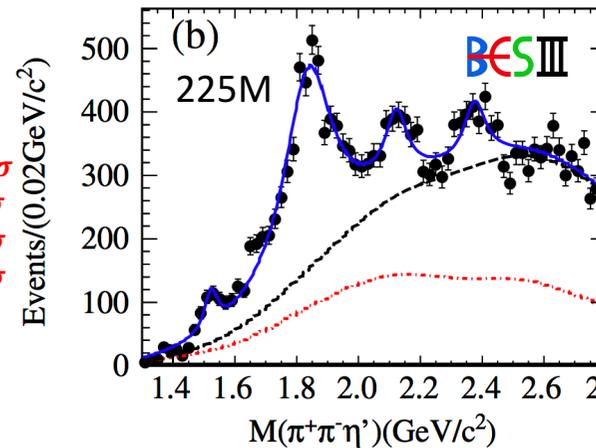
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# X(1835)

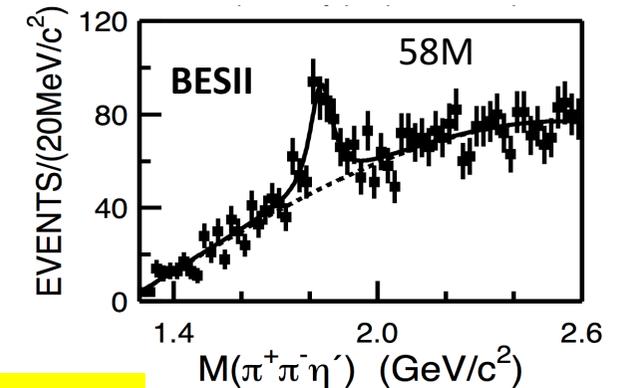
- Discovered by BESII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Confirmed by BESIII in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$  with two  $\eta'$  decays
  - $M = 1836.5_{-5}^{+19} \pm 3.0_{-2.1}^{+5.6} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\Gamma = 190 \pm 9_{-36}^{+38} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - Angular distribution is consistent with  $0^-$
  - Observed two additional structures  $> 2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Resonance	$M(\text{MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma(\text{MeV}/c^2)$	$N_{\text{event}}$
$f_1(1510)$	$1522.7 \pm 5.0$	$48 \pm 11$	$230 \pm 37$
X(1835)	$1836.5 \pm 3.0$	$190.1 \pm 9.0$	$4265 \pm 131$
X(2120)	$2122.4 \pm 6.7$	$83 \pm 16$	$647 \pm 103$
X(2370)	$2376.3 \pm 8.7$	$83 \pm 17$	$565 \pm 105$

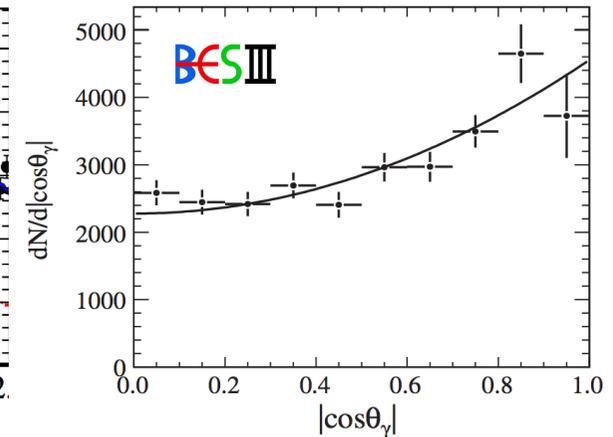
$> 5.7\sigma$   
 $> 20\sigma$   
 $> 7.2\sigma$   
 $> 6.4\sigma$



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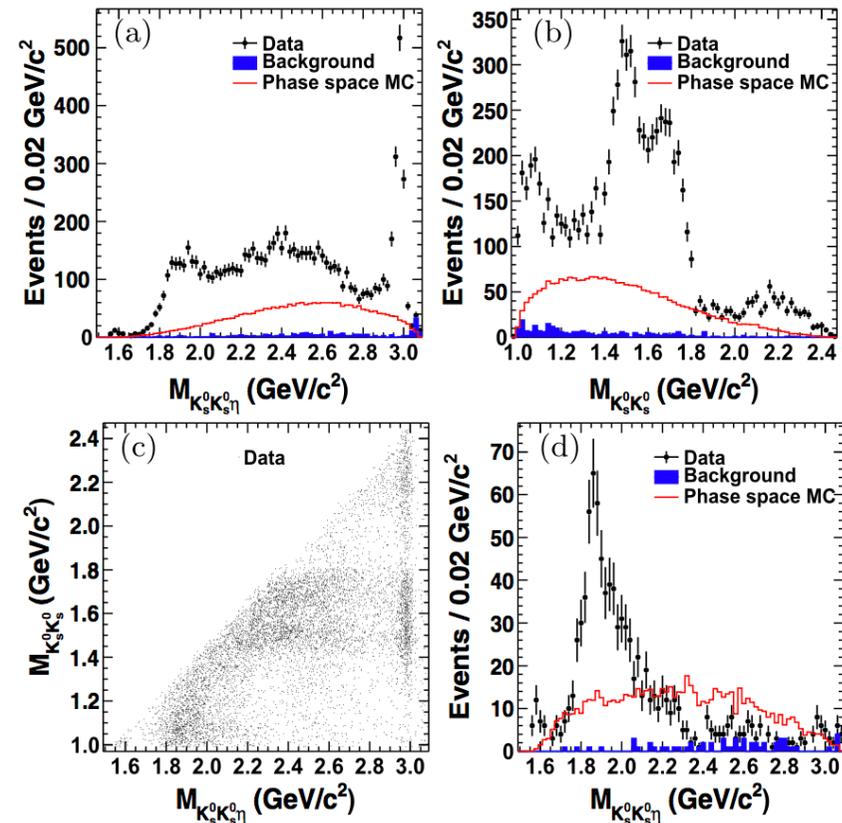
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# Observation of $X(1835)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta K_S^0 K_S^0$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 091803 (2015)

- $1.3 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected in 2009 and 2012
- Clear structure on mass spectrum of  $K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta$  around  $1.85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Strongly correlated to  $f_0(980)$
- PWA for events :
  - $M(K_S^0 K_S^0) < 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - $M(K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta) < 2.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



# Observation of $X(1835)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta K_S^0 K_S^0$

## ■ $X(1835)$

■  $J^{PC}$  determined to be  $0^{-+}$

■  $X(1835) \rightarrow \eta K_S^0 K_S^0$  ( $> 12.9 \sigma$ ), dominated by  $f_0(980)$  production

■  $M = 1844 \pm 9_{-25}^{+16} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

■  $\Gamma = 192_{-17-43}^{+20+62} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

■  $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(1835)) \cdot B(X(1835) \rightarrow \eta K_S^0 K_S^0) = (3.31_{-0.30-1.29}^{+0.33+1.96}) \times 10^{-5}$

■ Consistent with  $X(1835)$  parameters obtained from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\pi^+\pi^-$

## ■ $X(1560)$

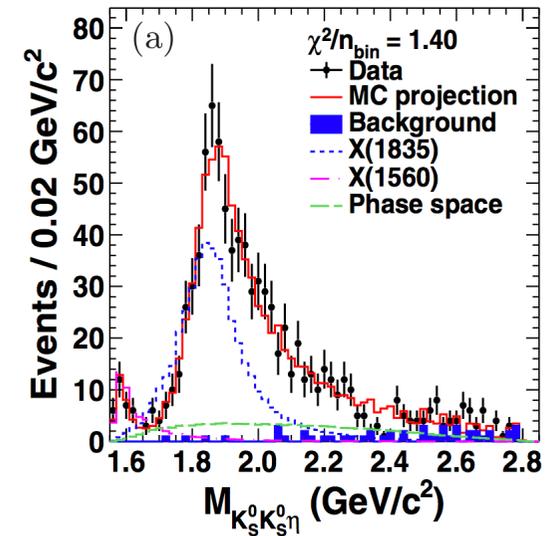
■  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}; X(1560) \rightarrow \eta K_S^0 K_S^0$  ( $> 8.9 \sigma$ )

■  $M = 1565 \pm 8_{-63}^{+0} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

■  $\Gamma = 45_{-13-28}^{+14+21} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

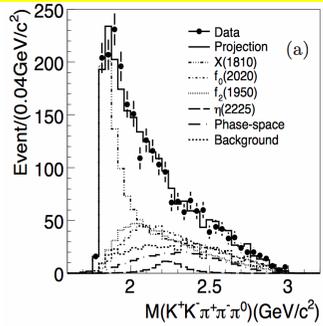
■ Consistent with  $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$  within  $2.0 \sigma$

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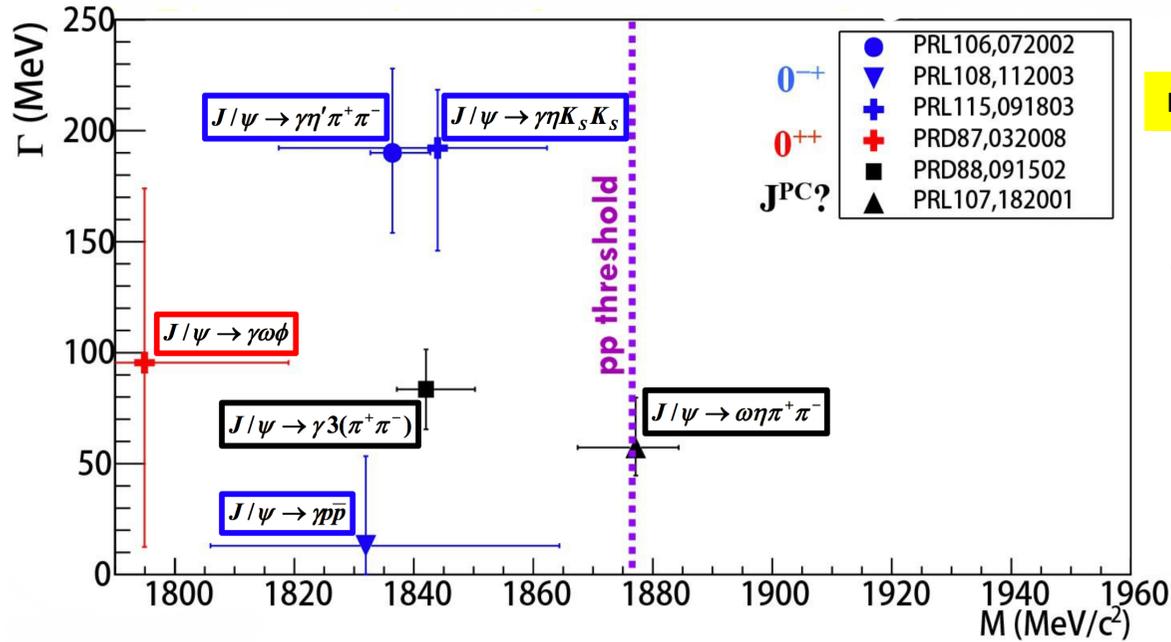
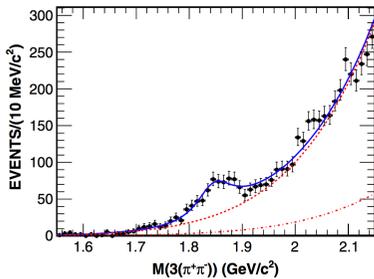


# X(1835) and X(p $\bar{p}$ )

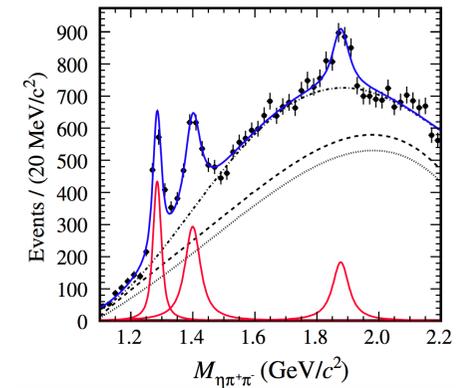
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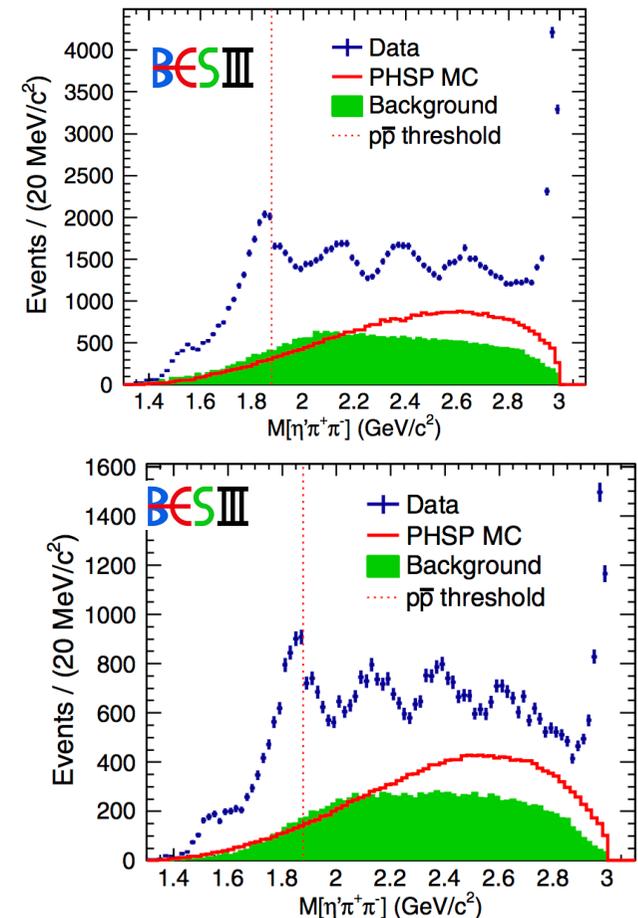


- Any relations?
- What is the role of the  $p\bar{p}$  threshold (and other thresholds)?
- Patterns in the production and decay modes

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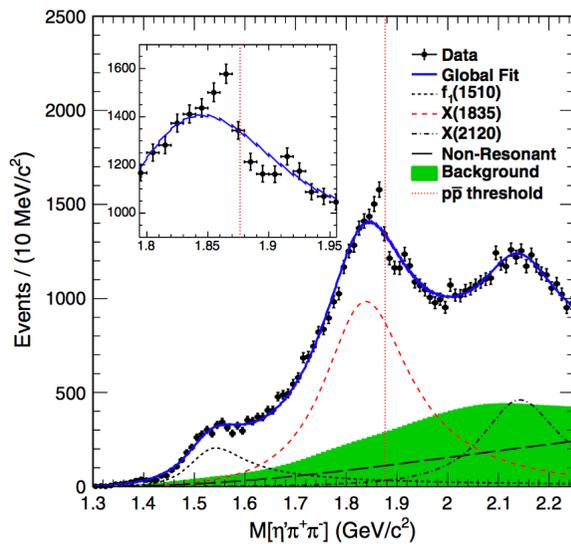
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- Use  $1.09 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2012
- Two decay modes of  $\eta'$ 
  - $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$
  - $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- Clear peaks of  $X(1835)$ ,  $X(2120)$ ,  $X(2370)$ ,  $\eta_c$  and a structure near  $2.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- A significant distortion of the  $\eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$  line shape near the  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold

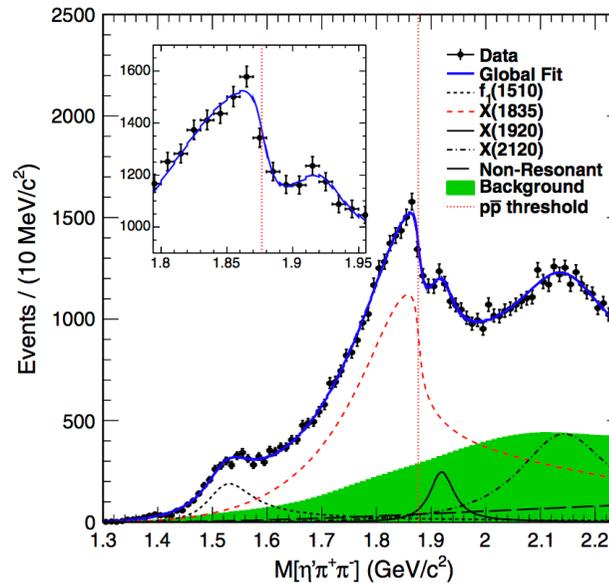


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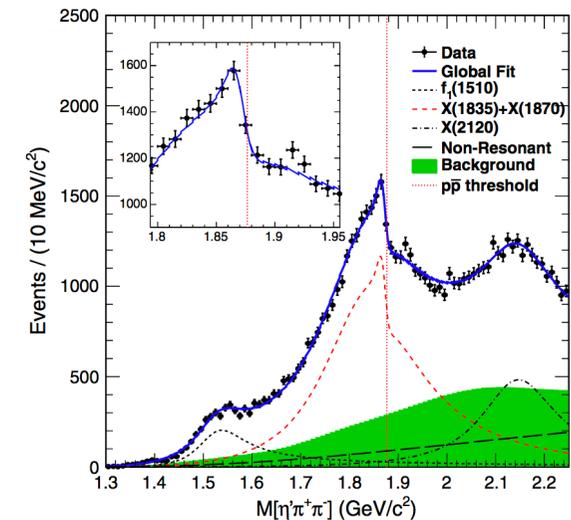
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■ **Model 1:** Flatté lineshape with strong coupling to  $p\bar{p}$  and one additional, narrow Breit-Wigner at  $\sim 1920 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



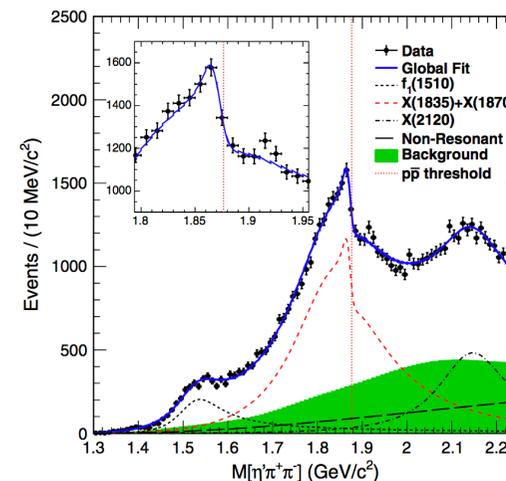
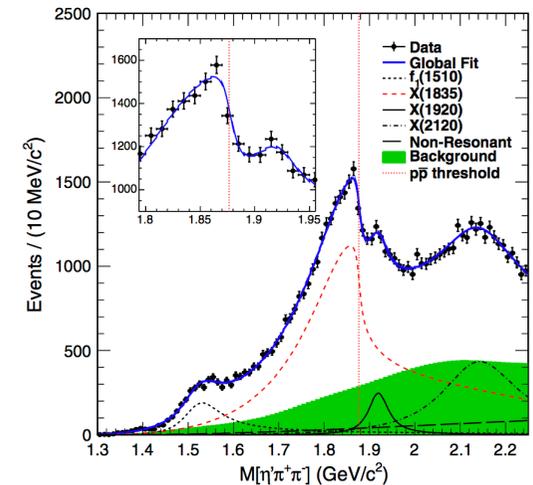
■ A simple Breit-Wigner function to describe the X(1835) lineshape fails near the  $p\bar{p}$  mass threshold.



■ **Model 2:** coherent sum of X(1835) Breit-Wigner and one additional narrow Breit-Wigner at  $\sim 1870 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

# 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 data
  - 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(s)
  - Take more data
  - Study line shapes in other related decay channels



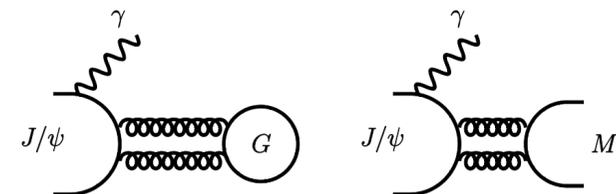
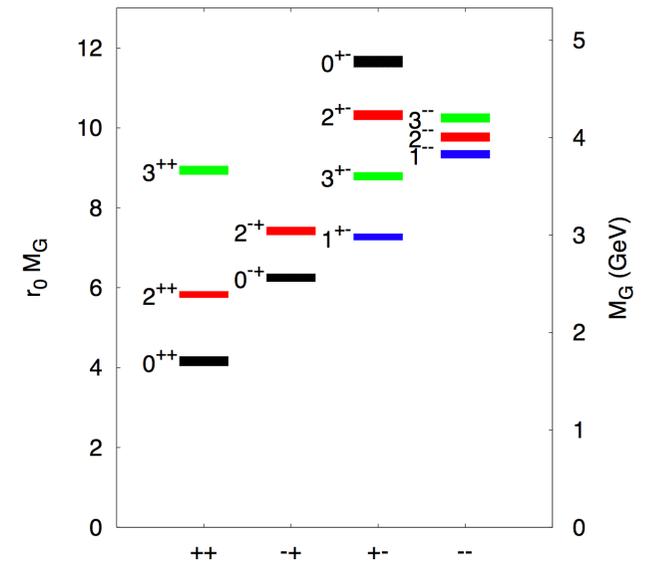
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# Glueballs

- Formed by gluon-gluon interaction
  - Predicted by QCD
  - Lattice QCD 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:  $2.3 \sim 2.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Experimentally, some candidates, but not established
  - $f_0(1370), f_0(1500), f_0(1710), f_J(2220), \dots$
- $J/\psi$  radiative decays are believed to be an ideal place to search for glueballs

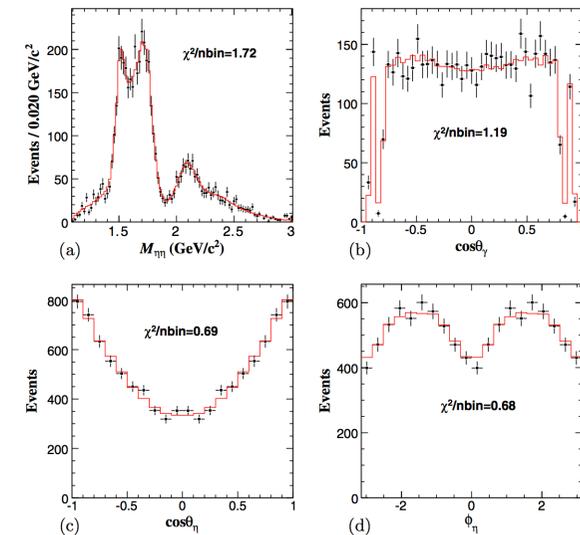
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# PWA of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta$

- Use  $225 \times 10^6$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2009
- $f_0(1700)$  and  $f_0(2100)$  are dominant scalars
- $f_0(1500)$  exists ( $8.2\sigma$ )
- $f_2'(1525)$  is the dominant tensor
- $f_2(1810)$  and  $f_2(2340)$  exist ( $6.4\sigma$  and  $7.6\sigma$ )
- No evidence for  $f_J(2220)$

Phys. Rev. D 87, 092009 (2013)



- Br. of  $f_0(1700)$  and  $f_0(2100)$  are  $\sim 10$  X larger than than of  $f_0(1500)$
- Possible large overlap with LQCD predictions of  $0^+$  Glueball (PRL 110 021601)

Resonance	Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ )	Width (MeV/ $c^2$ )	$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta)$	Significance
$f_0(1500)$	$1468^{+14+23}_{-15-74}$	$136^{+41+28}_{-26-100}$	$(1.65^{+0.26+0.51}_{-0.31-1.40}) \times 10^{-5}$	$8.2\sigma$
$f_0(1710)$	$1759 \pm 6^{+14}_{-25}$	$172 \pm 10^{+32}_{-16}$	$(2.35^{+0.13+1.24}_{-0.11-0.74}) \times 10^{-4}$	$25.0\sigma$
$f_0(2100)$	$2081 \pm 13^{+24}_{-36}$	$273^{+27+70}_{-24-23}$	$(1.13^{+0.09+0.64}_{-0.10-0.28}) \times 10^{-4}$	$13.9\sigma$
$f_2'(1525)$	$1513 \pm 5^{+4}_{-10}$	$75^{+12+16}_{-10-8}$	$(3.42^{+0.43+1.37}_{-0.51-1.30}) \times 10^{-5}$	$11.0\sigma$
$f_2(1810)$	$1822^{+29+66}_{-24-57}$	$229^{+52+88}_{-42-155}$	$(5.40^{+0.60+3.42}_{-0.67-2.35}) \times 10^{-5}$	$6.4\sigma$
$f_2(2340)$	$2362^{+31+140}_{-30-63}$	$334^{+62+165}_{-54-100}$	$(5.60^{+0.62+2.37}_{-0.65-2.07}) \times 10^{-5}$	$7.6\sigma$

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

■ Use  $1.3 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2009 and 2012

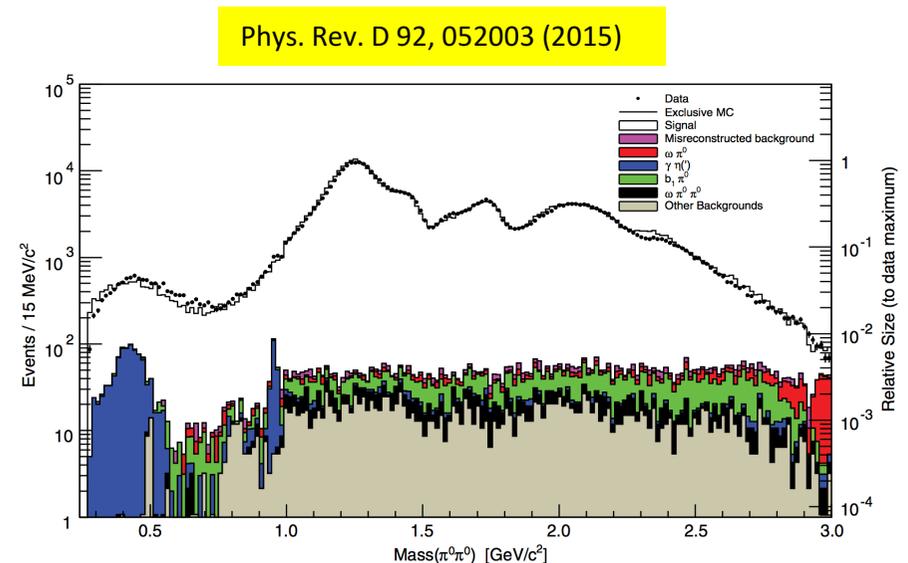
■  $\pi^0\pi^0$  system

■ Only significant  $0^{++}$  and  $2^{++}$  contributions

■ Larger statistics and more open channels than  $\eta\eta$  system

■ Many broad and overlapping resonances (parameterization challenging)

■ Model independent PWA

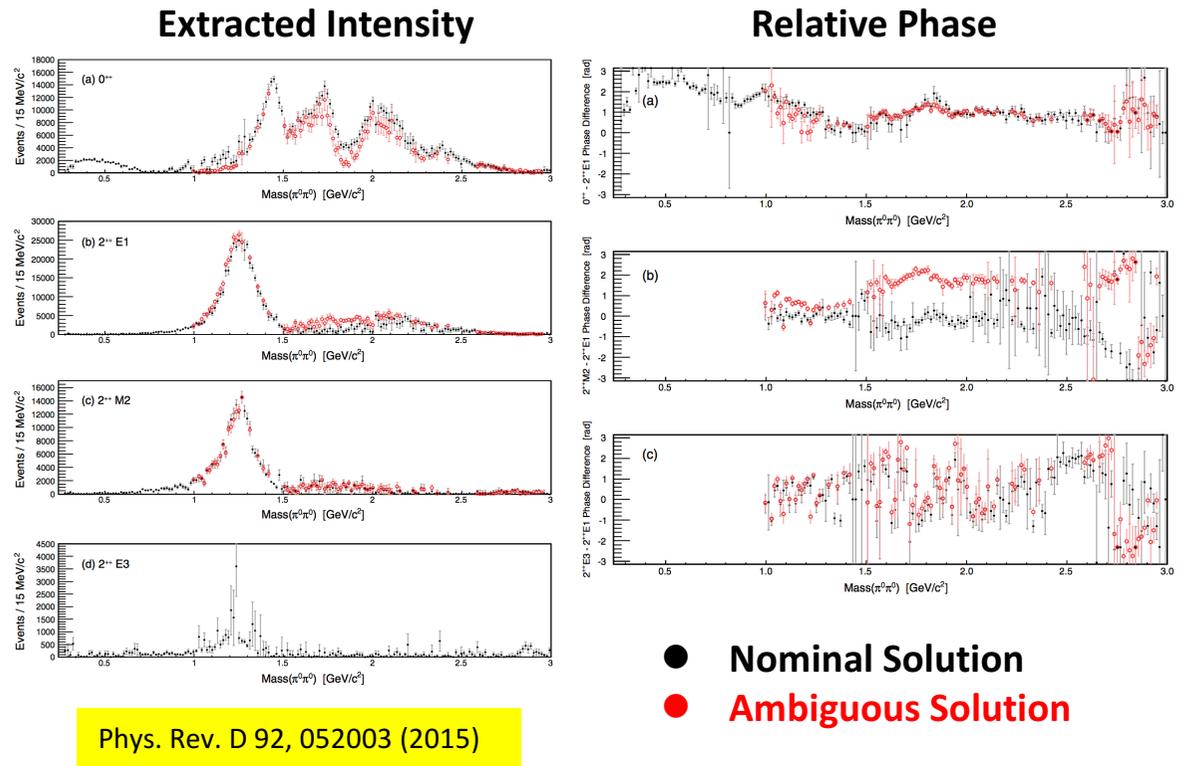


● More than 440,000 reconstructed events

● Background level  $\sim 1.8\%$

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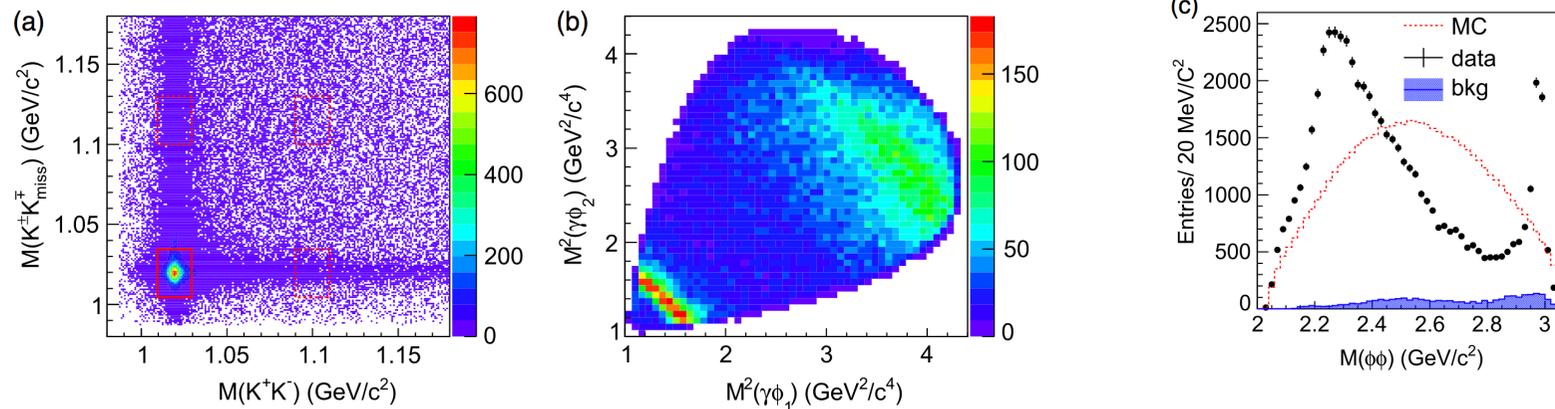
- Extract amplitudes in each  $M(\pi^0\pi^0)$  mass bin
- Significant features of the scalar spectrum includes structures near 1.5, 1.7 and 2.0  $\text{GeV}/c^2$
- $2^{++}$  dominated by  $f_2(1270)$
- Multi-solution problem in MIPWA is usually unavoidable.
- Model Dependent PWA of global PWA fit is still needed to extract resonance parameters.



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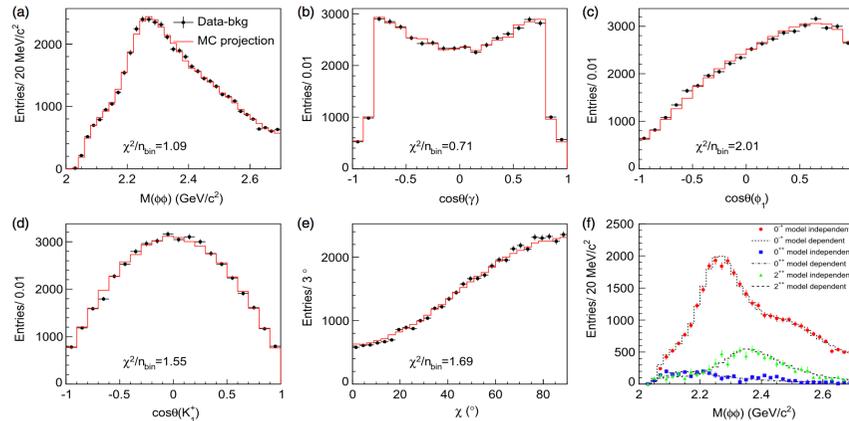
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- Besides  $\eta(2225)$ , little known on the pseudoscalar above 2 GeV
- New results help to map out the pseudoscalar excitations and search for  $0^{-+}$  glueball
- Use  $1.3 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$  events collected by BESIII in 2009 and 2012
- PWA procedure
  - Covariant tensor formalism
  - Data-driven background subtraction
  - Resonances are parameterized by relativistic Breit-Wigner with constant width
  - Resonances with significance  $> 5\sigma$  are selected as components in solution



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

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Resonance	M (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Γ (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	B.F. (×10 <sup>-4</sup> )	Sig.
$\eta(2225)$	$2216^{+4+21}_{-5-11}$	$185^{+12+43}_{-14-17}$	$(2.40 \pm 0.10^{+2.47}_{-0.18})$	$28\sigma$
$\eta(2100)$	$2050^{+30+75}_{-24-26}$	$250^{+36+181}_{-30-164}$	$(3.30 \pm 0.09^{+0.18}_{-3.04})$	$22\sigma$
$X(2500)$	$2470^{+15+101}_{-19-23}$	$230^{+64+56}_{-35-33}$	$(0.17 \pm 0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.08})$	$8.8\sigma$
$f_0(2100)$	2101	224	$(0.43 \pm 0.04^{+0.24}_{-0.03})$	$24\sigma$
$f_2(2010)$	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	$(1.91 \pm 0.14^{+0.72}_{-0.73})$	$11\sigma$
$0^{-+}$ PHSP			$(2.74 \pm 0.15^{+0.16}_{-1.48})$	$6.8\sigma$

## ■ Dominant contribution from pseudoscalars

- $\eta(2225)$  is confirmed
- $\eta(2100)$  and  $X(2500)$  are observed with large sig.

## ■ Three tensor states

- $f_2(2010)$ ,  $f_2(2300)$  and  $f_2(2340)$  are observed
- Strong production of  $f_2(2340)$  is compatible with LQCD prediction for tensor glueball

## ■ Well consistent with the results from Model Independent PWA

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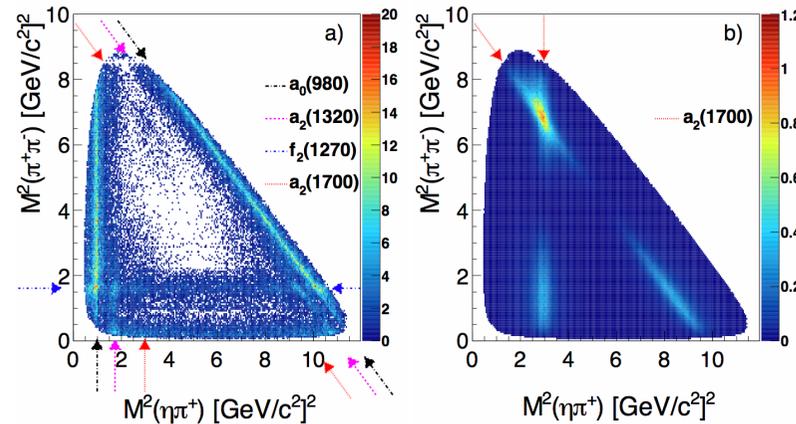
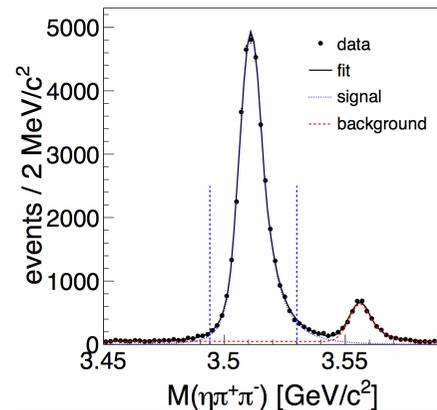
# Exotics ( $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, 3^{-+}, \dots$ )

- $J^{PC}$  exotic particles: beyond the naïve quark model
- Easily to distinguish from others due to the exotic  $J^{PC}$
- Theoretically, LQCD predicts the lightest hybrid with exotic  $1^{-+}$  is between 1.8 and 1.9 GeV, the Bag model also predicts an exotic  $1^{-+}$  around or above 1.4 GeV
- Experimentally,  $\pi_1(1400), \pi_1(1600)$  were observed in  $\pi p$  reaction decay to  $\eta / \eta' / \rho + \pi$

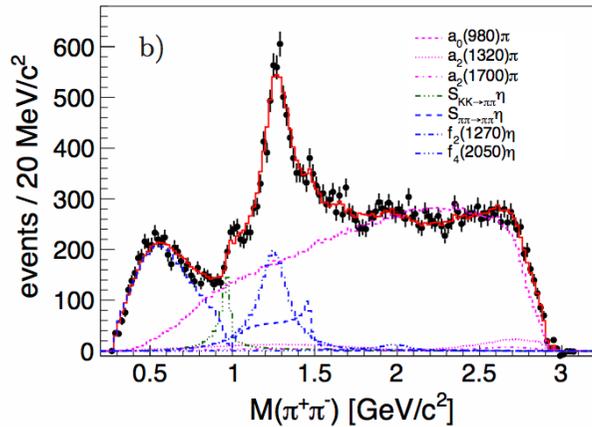
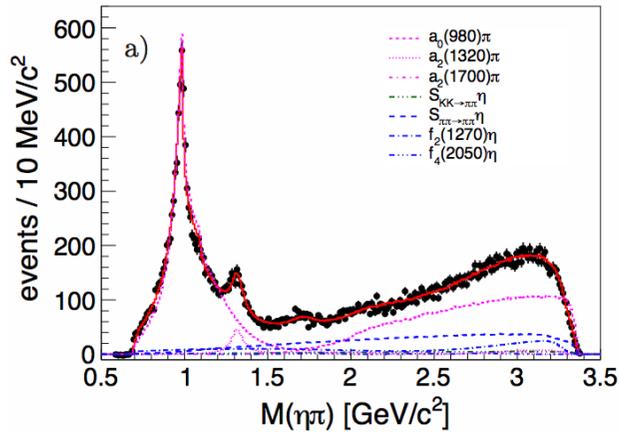
# Amplitude Analysis of $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$

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- $\chi_{c1}$  provides another suitable place to look for  $1^{-+}$ 
  - $\pi_1(1600)$  studied in  $\chi_{c1}$  decays by CLEO-c
  - Only  $\pi_1(1400)$  reported decaying to  $\eta\pi$
- World largest  $\chi_{c1}$  sample ( $\sim 35\text{K}$ ) from  $448.0 \times 10^6$   $\psi(3686)$  events
  - $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c1} \rightarrow \gamma \eta\pi^+\pi^-$
  - Search for exotic meson with  $1^{-+}$  in  $\eta\pi, \eta'\pi$  and  $\pi\pi$  final states



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Decay	$\mathcal{F}$ [%]	Significance [ $\sigma$ ]	$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-)$ [ $10^{-3}$ ]
$\eta\pi^+\pi^-$	...	...	$4.67 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.16$
$a_0(980)^+\pi^-$	$72.8 \pm 0.6 \pm 2.3$	$> 100$	$3.40 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.11$
$a_2(1320)^+\pi^-$	$3.8 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3$	32	$0.18 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01$
$a_2(1700)^+\pi^-$	$1.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1$	20	$0.047 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.002$
$S_{K\bar{K}}\eta$	$2.5 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3$	22	$0.119 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.004$
$S_{\pi\pi}\eta$	$16.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.7$	$> 100$	$0.76 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$
$(\pi^+\pi^-)_S\eta$	$17.8 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.6$	...	$0.83 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$
$f_2(1270)\eta$	$7.8 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.1$	$> 100$	$0.36 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.01$
$f_4(2050)\eta$	$0.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2$	9.8	$0.026 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.001$
Exotic candidates			U.L. [90% C.L.]
$\pi_1(1400)^+\pi^-$	$0.58 \pm 0.20$	3.5	$< 0.046$
$\pi_1(1600)^+\pi^-$	$0.11 \pm 0.10$	1.3	$< 0.015$
$\pi_1(2015)^+\pi^-$	$0.06 \pm 0.03$	2.6	$< 0.008$

- Most dominant two-body structure is from  $a_0(980)\pi$
- Observation of nonzero  $a_0(980)$  coupling to the  $\eta'\pi$
- Observed  $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow a_2(1700)\pi$  for the first time ( $> 17\sigma$ )
- Measured upper limits for  $\pi_1(1^-)$  in 1.4-2.0  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  region

# Summary

## ■ Highlights of latest results in light hadron spectroscopy from BESIII

### ■ Observation of $X(1835)$ in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta K_S^0 K_S^0$

- New decay mode of  $X(1835) \rightarrow \eta K_S^0 K_S^0$  and  $J^{PC}$  determined to be  $0^{-+}$

### ■ Observation of anomalous $\eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$ line shape near $p\bar{p}$ mass threshold

- Support the existence of  $p\bar{p}$  bound state or molecule-like state

### ■ Partial wave analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta$

- Strong production of  $f_0(1700)$  and  $f_0(2100)$

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

- Useful information for  $0^{++}$  and  $2^{++}$  components

### ■ Partial wave analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$

- Many  $0^{-+}$ ,  $2^{++}$  mesons observed

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- Clear evidence for  $a_2(1700)$  in  $\chi_{c1}$  decays and upper limit for  $\pi_1$

## ■ More results come soon with BESIII continuing data taking

*Thanks for your attention!*