

# Charmonium Decays at BESIII

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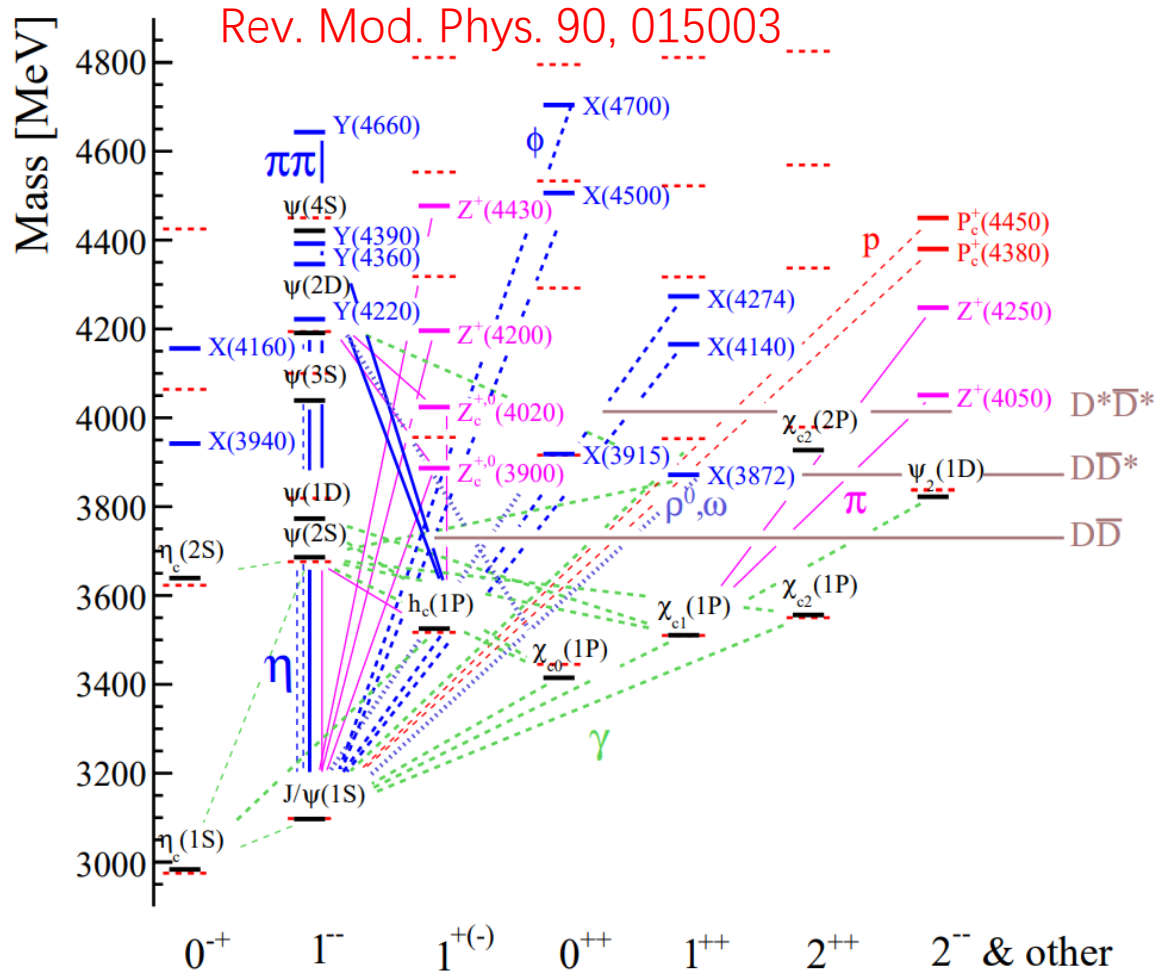


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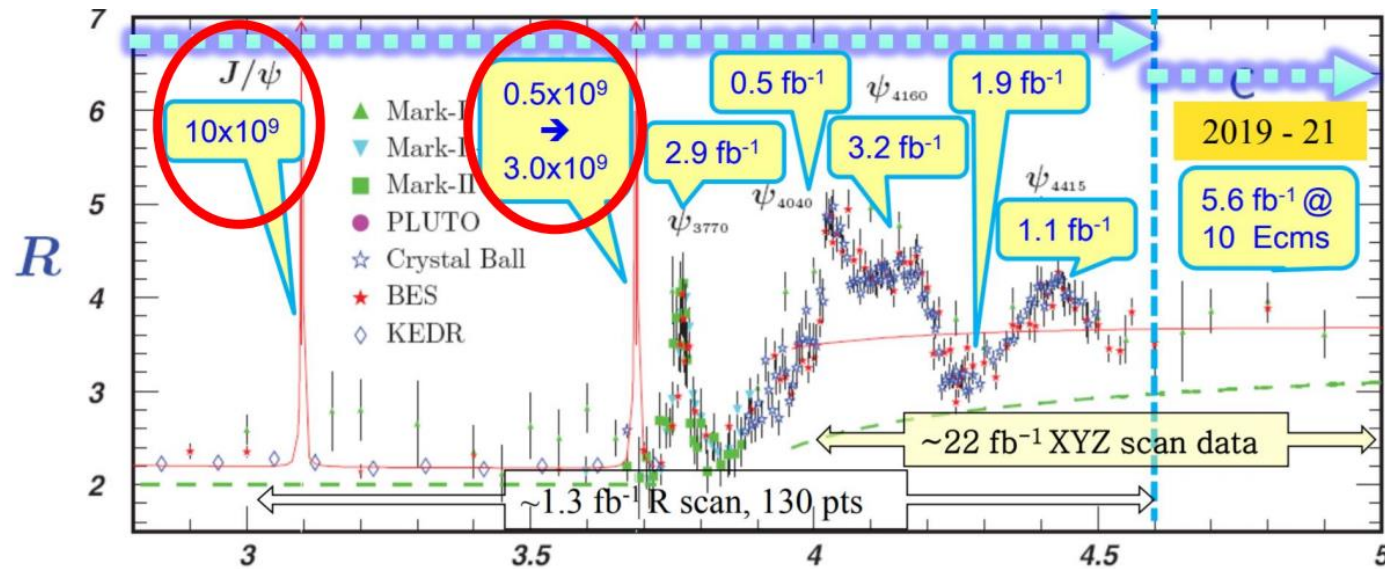
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# Charmonium Spectroscopy



- Charmonium states locate in the **transition region** between perturbative QCD and nonperturbative QCD;
- The charmonium spectroscopy allows precision tests of QCD and inspired QCD models, providing a unique and important perspective on the dynamics of strong force physics;
- The spectrum of charmonium states with  $M < 2m_D$  has been well-established for several decades;
- **High mass region:** Many excited states not found  
Many exotic states are observed;

# Charmonium Spectroscopy at BESIII



- Data for charmonium spectroscopy:  $10\text{B}-J/\psi$ ,  $448\text{M}-\psi(3686)\rightarrow 3\text{B}-\psi(3686)$ ,  $\sim 22\text{fb}^{-1}\text{XYZ}$  above  $3.8\text{GeV}$ , scan data around  $\psi(3686)$ ;
- The **goal of BESIII studies of charmonium states**: investigate the spectroscopy, transitions, and find new decay channels ..... ;
- The **light charmonium states** are primarily studied using large and clean samples of  $\psi(3686)$  or  $J/\psi$  decays, the **excited charmonium states** are produced using higher-energy collisions;

# Recent results at BESIII

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  - $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 \Lambda + c.c.$ ;
  - $\chi_{cJ} (J = 0, 1, 2) \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} / n K_S^0 \Lambda + c.c.$ ;
  - $\psi(3686), J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$ ;
- Charmonium  $\rightarrow Meson +$ 
  - $\psi(3686) \rightarrow K_S^0 + \text{anything}$ ;
  - $\eta_c \rightarrow \eta \eta \eta'$ ;
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$$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 \Lambda + c. c.$$

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Data:  $4.481 \times 10^8 \psi(3686)$

- The BF of isospin violating decay  $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 \Lambda + c. c.$  is measured to be:

$$B(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 \Lambda + c. c.) = 1.60 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.58 \times 10^{-6},$$

Interference between  $\psi(3686)$  and continuum process

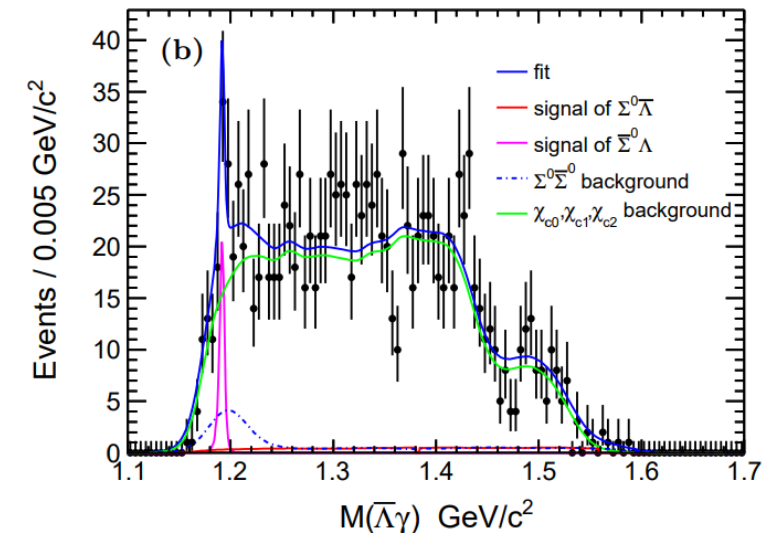
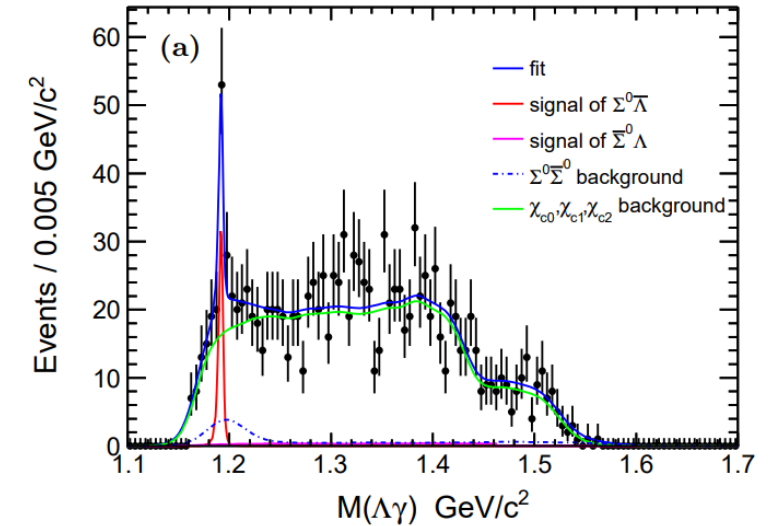
- CLEO-c: PRD 96, 092004 (2017)

$$B(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 \Lambda + c. c.) = 12.3 \pm 2.4 \times 10^{-6},$$

- Theoretical prediction: Int. J. Mod.Phys. A 30, 1550148

$$B(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 \Lambda + c. c.) = 4.0 \pm 2.3 \times 10^{-6},$$

- Smaller than CLEO-c result, consistent with Theoretical prediction;

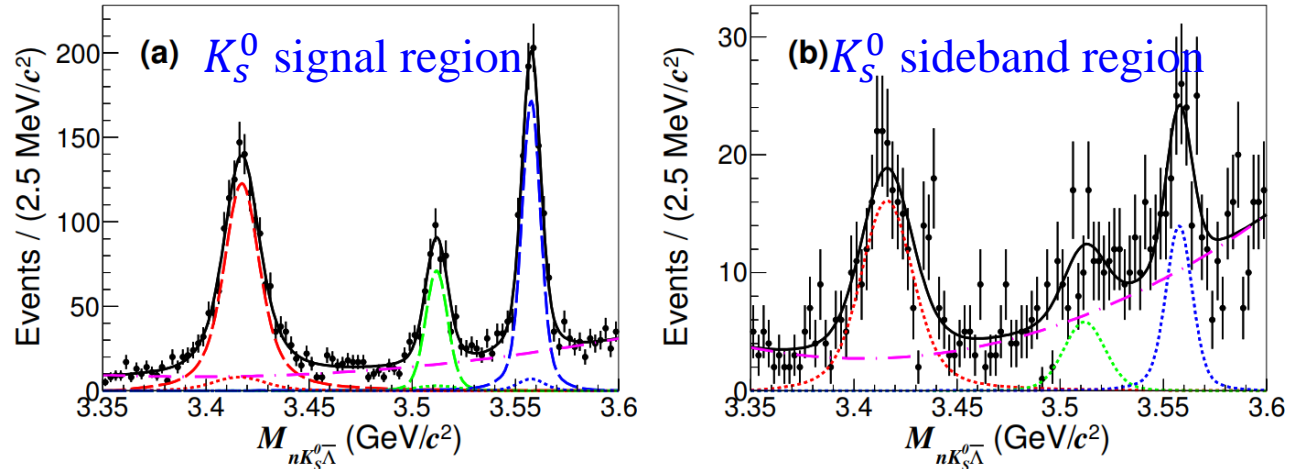


$$\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow nK_S^0\Lambda + c.c$$

arXiv:2106.13442

Data:  $4.481 \times 10^8 \psi(3686)$

- The decay  $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow nK_S^0\Lambda + c.c$  are observed for the first time;



- The BFs of  $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow nK_S^0\Lambda + c.c$  are measured, the ratios  $B(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow pK^-\Lambda + c.c)/B(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow nK_S^0\Lambda + c.c)$  are measured; **No obvious isospin violation is observed**

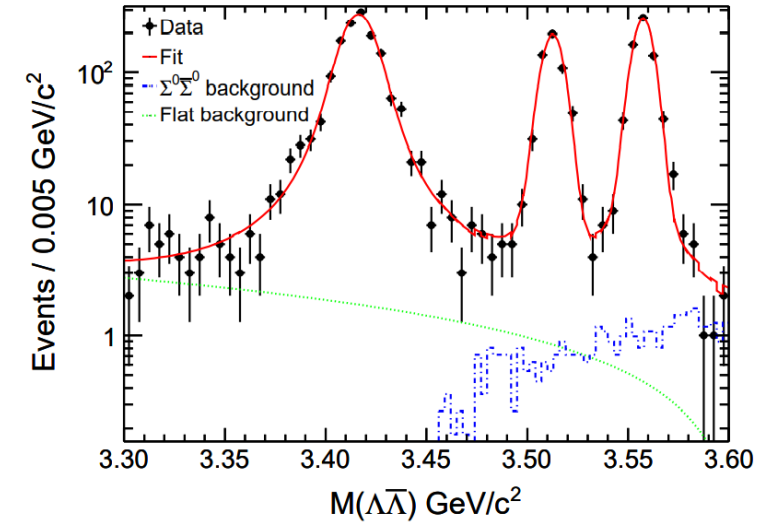
Mode	$N_{1,J}$	$\epsilon_J$ (%)	BF ( $10^{-4}$ )	BF( $pK^-\bar{\Lambda}$ ) / BF( $nK_S^0\bar{\Lambda}$ )
$\chi_{c0}$	$1288 \pm 50$	9.95	$6.67 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.41$	$(1.98 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.14)$
$\chi_{c1}$	$410 \pm 30$	12.44	$1.71 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.12$	$(2.64 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.20)$
$\chi_{c2}$	$900 \pm 41$	13.03	$3.66 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.23$	$(2.29 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.16)$

$$\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$$

PRD 103,112004(2021)

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- The BF of decay  $\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$  via  $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{cJ}$  are measured;
- The BFs are consistent with PDG values;
- Not consistent with the theoretical predictions, this should be understood further; *Eur. Phys. J. A* 23, 129, *J. Phys. G* 38, 035007, *Eur. Phys. J. C* 14, 643 (e.g.  $\chi_{c0} \sim 1.19 \sim 1.51 \times 10^{-4}$ );



Uncertainties from  $\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{cJ}$

Mode	$N_{\chi_{cJ}}$	$\epsilon$	$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{cJ})$ $\times \mathcal{B}(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}) (10^{-5})$	$\mathcal{B}(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}) (\times 10^{-4})$	
				This work	PDG
$\chi_{c0}$	$1486 \pm 42$	22.80%	$3.56 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.10$	$3.64 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.07$	$3.27 \pm 0.24$
$\chi_{c1}$	$528 \pm 24$	22.61%	$1.28 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06$	$1.31 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.03$	$1.14 \pm 0.11$
$\chi_{c2}$	$670 \pm 27$	20.16%	$1.82 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.17$	$1.91 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.04$	$1.84 \pm 0.15$

# $\psi(3686)$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$

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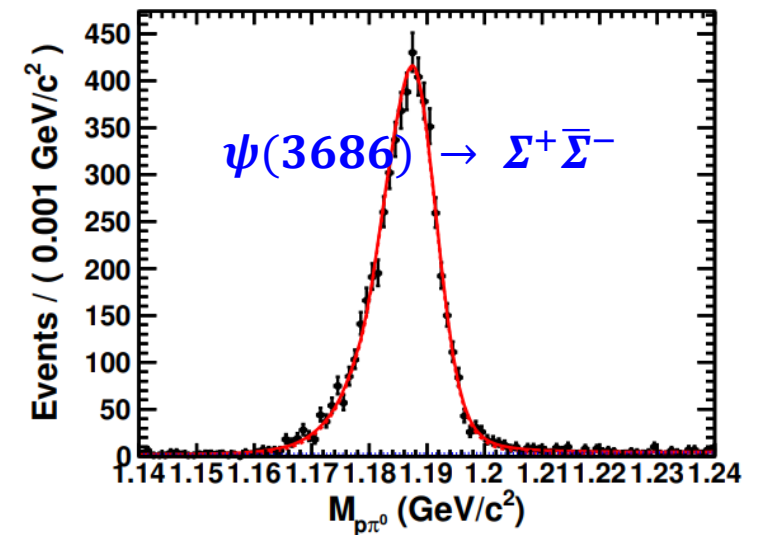
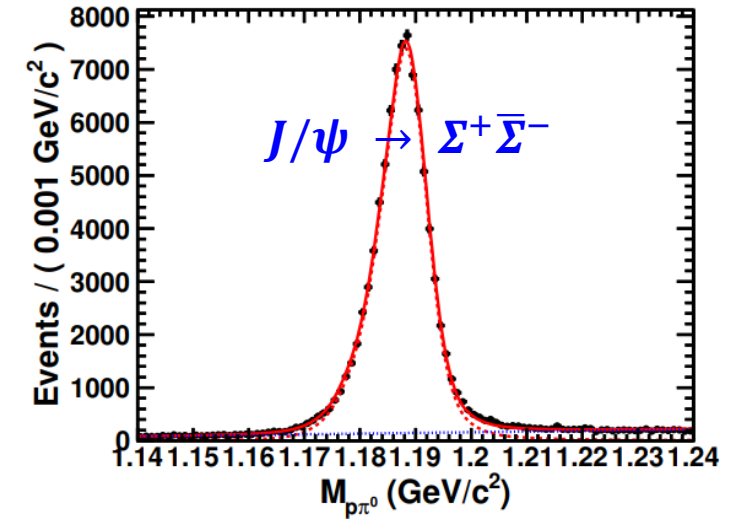
Data:  $4.481 \times 10^8$   $\psi(3686)$  and  $1.31 \times 10^9$   $J/\psi$

- The BF of decay  $\psi(3686)$  and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$  are measured to be:

Channel	Branching fraction( $10^{-4}$ )	BF( $\psi(3686)$ ) / BF( $J/\psi$ )
$\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$	$2.52 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.10$	$(23.8 \pm 1.3)\%$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$	$10.61 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.38$	

violate the “12% rule”

- The BFs are in agreement with previous measurement (BES and CLEO), with improved precision; [Phys. Rev. D 78, 092005](#), [Phys. Rev. D 96, 092004](#)





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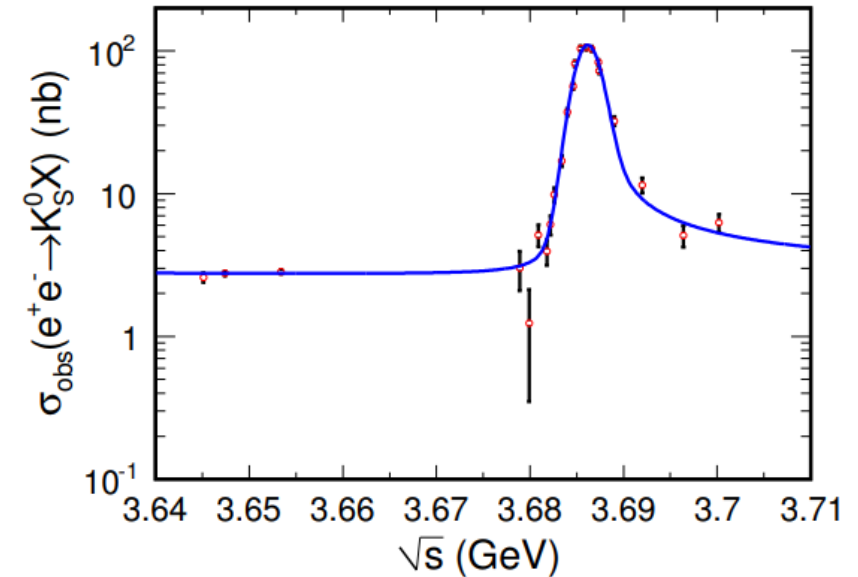
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Data:  $\mathcal{L} = 5.9 fb^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 3.640 - 3.701$  GeV

- Measurements of the BFs of inclusive  $\psi(3686)$  decays can **guide the search for new exclusive decay modes**.
- The BF of  $\psi(3686) \rightarrow K_S^0 + \text{anything}$  is measured for the first time by fitting the observed inclusive  $K_S^0$  cross sections around  $\psi(3686)$  energy region:

$$\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow K_S^0 X) = (16.04 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.90)\%,$$

- The sum of all the BFs of  $\psi(3686)$  decays to exclusive  $K_S^0$  final states is  $\sim 5.95\%$  as reported in the PDG; (**Much lower than the current measurement**)
- This suggests that there are many **undiscovered exclusive channels** for  $\psi(3686)$  decay to final states containing  $K_S^0$ .



# $\eta_c \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta'$

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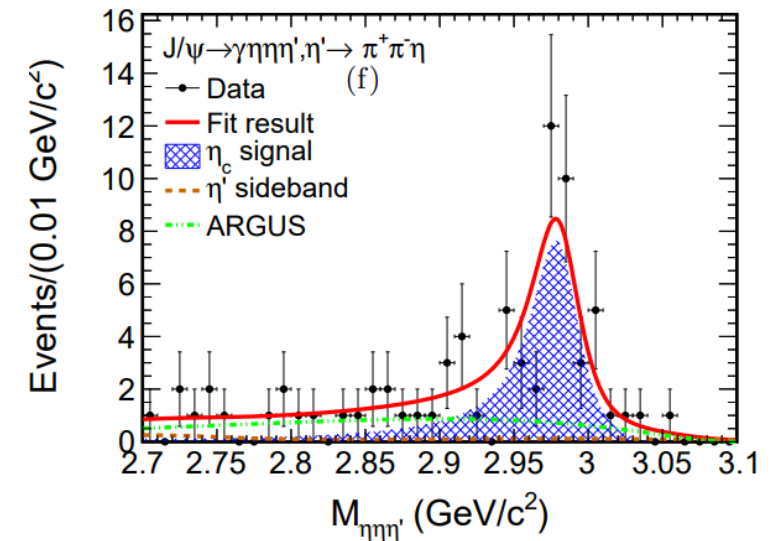
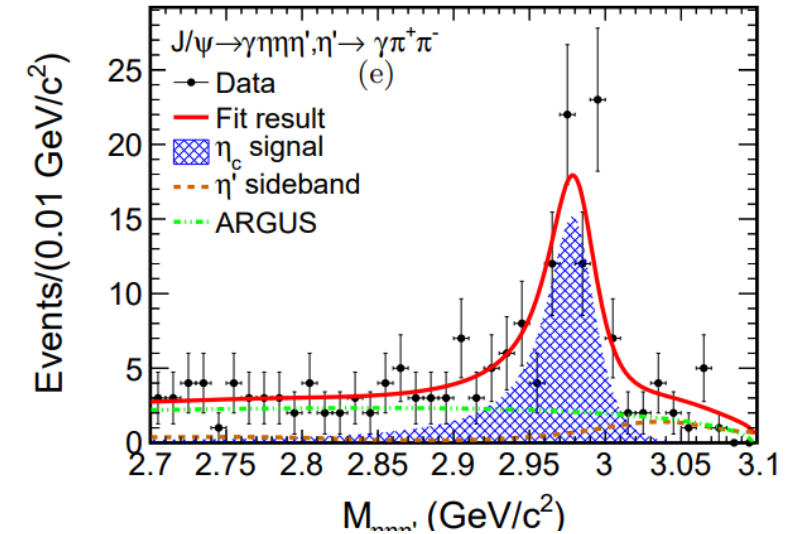
Data:  $1.31 \times 10^9 J/\psi$

- The decay  $\eta_c \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta'$  are observed for the first time,

$$B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta_c, \eta_c \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta') = 4.86 \pm 0.62 \pm 0.45 \times 10^{-5},$$

which is compatible with the theoretical prediction; *Eur. Phys. J. A*

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# Search for new decay modes of $\psi_2(3823)$

Data:  $\mathcal{L} = 19fb^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 4.1 - 4.7$  GeV

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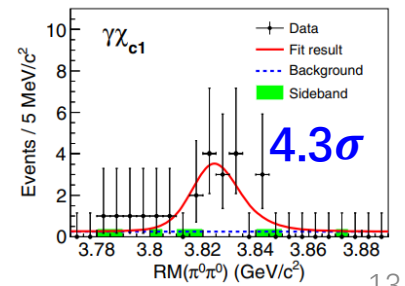
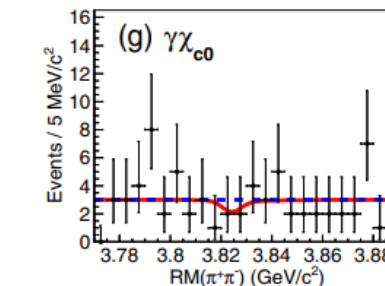
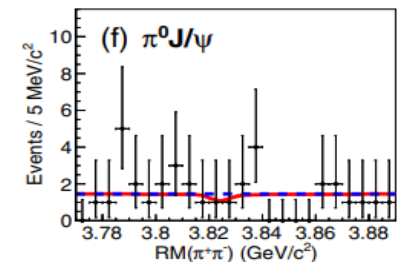
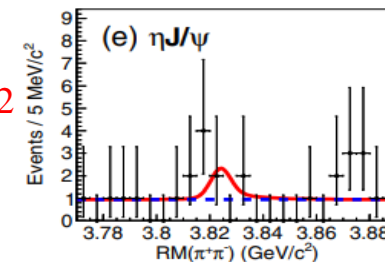
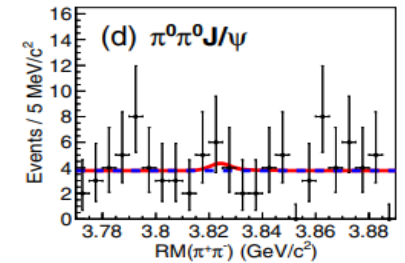
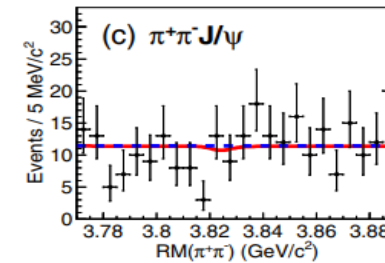
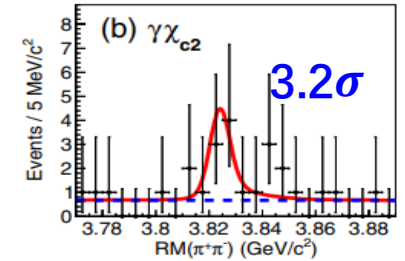
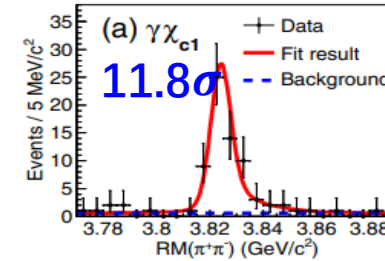
- The new decay modes of  $\psi_2(3823)$  are searched;

Channel	$N_{\psi_2(3823)}$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi_2(3823) \rightarrow \dots)}{\mathcal{B}(\psi_2(3823) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1})}$
$\gamma\chi_{c1}$	$63.1 \pm 8.5$	...
$\gamma\chi_{c2}$	$8.8^{+4.3}_{-3.4}$	$0.28^{+0.14}_{-0.11} \pm 0.02$
$\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$	$<21.0$	$<0.06$
$\pi^0\pi^0J/\psi$	$<10.0$	$<0.11$
$\eta J/\psi$	$<9.8$	$<0.14$
$\pi^0 J/\psi$	$<5.6$	$<0.03$
$\gamma\chi_{c0}$	$<6.3$	$<0.24$

consistent with theoretical predictions PRD 55, 4001 PRL89, 162002

lower than theoretical predictions

- $\psi_2(3823) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$ : confirm the previous observation at BESIII, with  $11.8\sigma$ ;
- No significant  $\psi_2(3823)$  signals are observed for other channels;
- Evidence for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi_2(3823)$ ,  $4.3\sigma$ ;

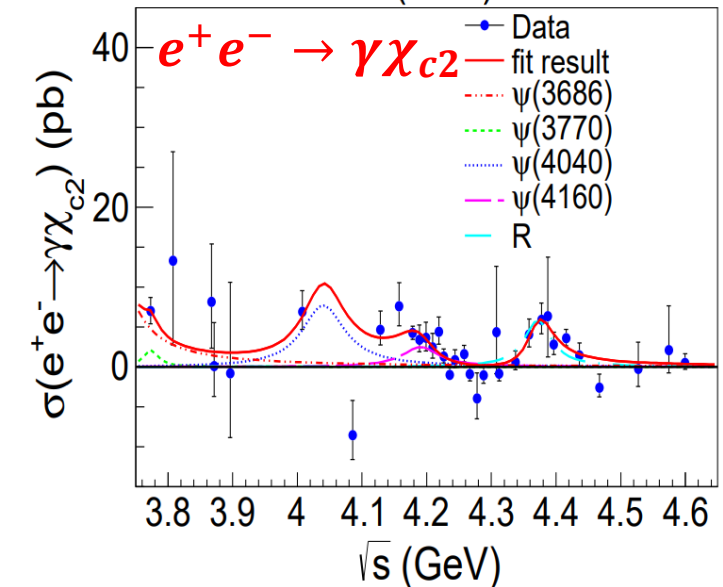
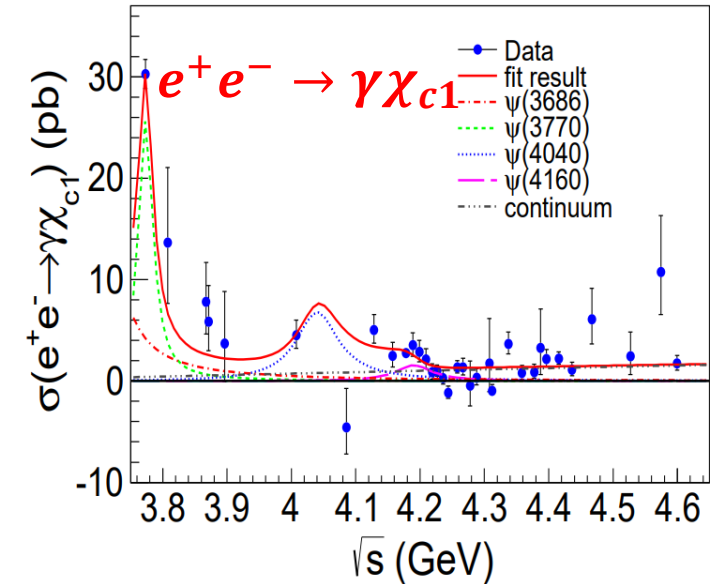


$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0,c1,c2}$$

arXiv: 2107.03604

Data:  $\mathcal{L} = 19.3fb^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 3.77 - 4.6$  GeV

- The processes of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1,c2}$  are observed for the first time @ 4.178 GeV ( $7.6\sigma$  and  $6.0\sigma$ );
- Components in the cross section fit:
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$ :  $\psi(3686)$ ,  $\psi(3770)$ ,  $\psi(4040)$ ,  $\psi(4160)$  + continuum contribution;
    - $\psi(4040)$  ( $3.3\sigma$ ),  $\psi(4160)$  ( $3.7\sigma$ ), continuum ( $6.7\sigma$ );
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c2}$ :  $\psi(3686)$ ,  $\psi(3770)$ ,  $\psi(4040)$ ,  $\psi(4160)$  +  $Y(4360)$ ;
    - $\psi(4040)$  ( $2.0\sigma$ ),  $\psi(4160)$  ( $4.6\sigma$ ),  $Y(4360)$  ( $5.8\sigma$ );
- The measured cross section are consistent with potential model (3S/2D) predictions, except for  $B[\psi(4160) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c2}]$  ( $\sim 10^{-4}$ ) is much larger than potential model predictions ( $\sim 10^{-7}$ );

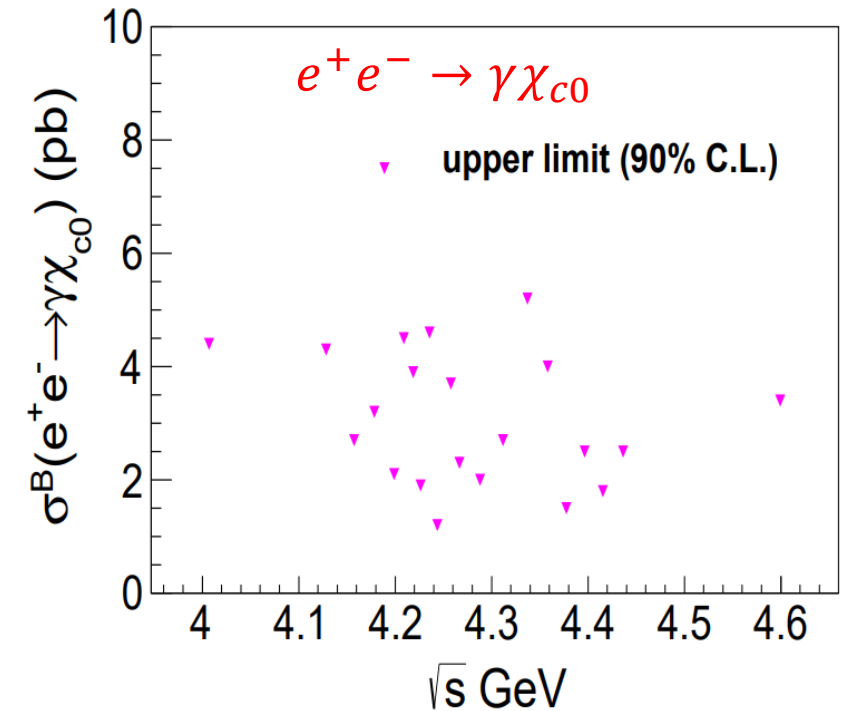


$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0,c1,c2}$$

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Data:  $\mathcal{L} = 15fb^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 4.0 - 4.6$  GeV

- $\chi_{c0} \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+\pi^-/2(\pi^+\pi^-)/K^+K^-$ ;
- No obvious signal of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c0}$ ;
- The UL is consistent with potential model expectations;



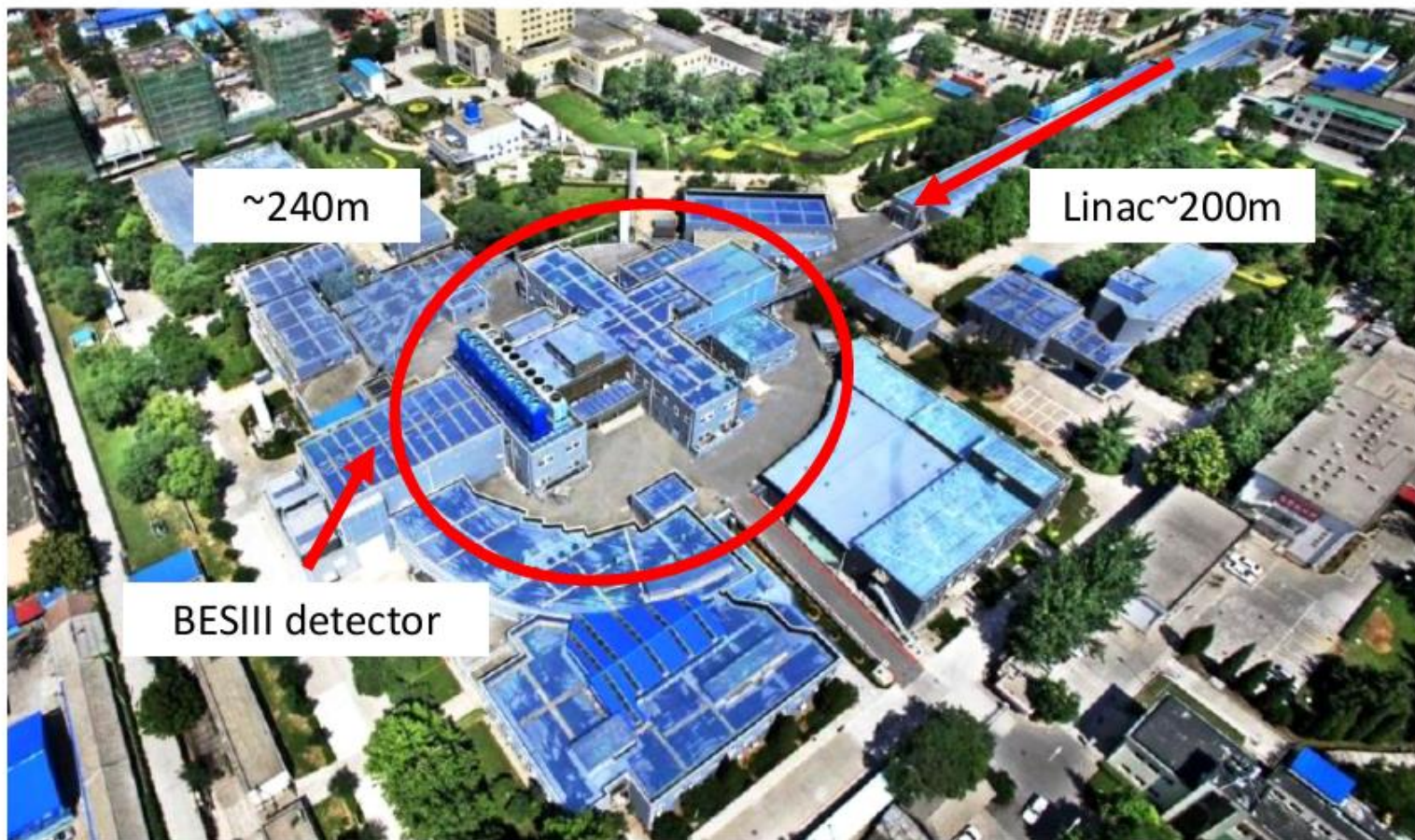
# Summary

- Many progress in the study of charmonium decays in a recent year at BESIII;
- With 10 B  $J/\psi$  and 3B  $\psi(3686)$ , more precise measurements are coming!
- In this talk, we present the new decay channels or new measurements of ( $\eta_c, J/\psi, \psi(3686), \chi_{cJ}$ ), and new transitions ( $\psi_2(3823), \psi(4040), \psi(4160)$ );

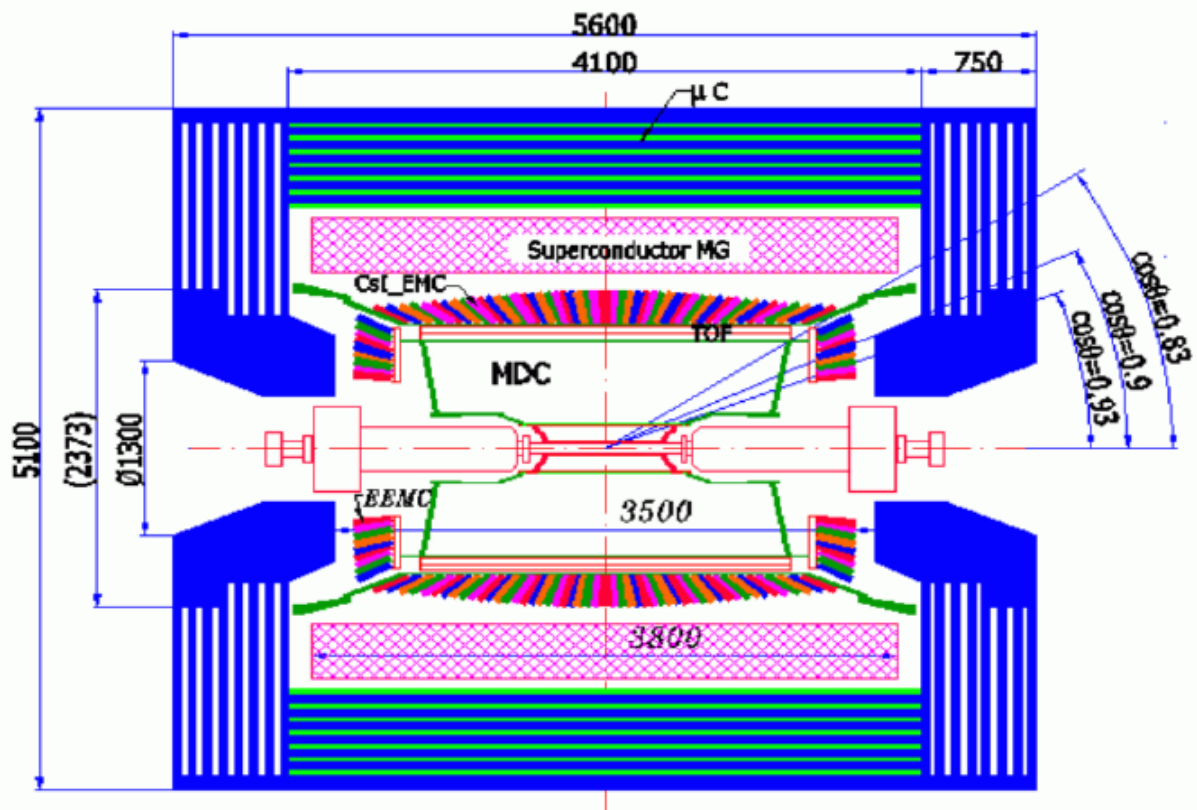
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# Back Up



- Double rings;
- $E_{cm} = 2.0\text{--}4.6\text{ GeV}$  (2.0–4.9 GeV since 2019);
- Energy spread:  $\Delta E \approx 5 \times 10^{-4}\text{ GeV}$ ;
- Design luminosity @  $E_{cm} = 3.77\text{ GeV}$ :  $\sim 1 \times 10^{33}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$  (reached 2016);
- 2009~ today: BESIII physics runs;



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### Main Drift Chamber

$$\sigma_p/p < 0.5\% \text{ (@1GeV) (1T)}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} \sim 120 \mu m$$

$$dE/dx \sim 6\%$$

### Time Of Flight

$$\sigma_t < 68 ps \text{ (barrel)}$$

$$\sigma_t < 70 ps \text{ (endcap MRPC)}$$

### Electromagnetic Calorimeter

$$\sigma_E/E < 2.5\% \text{ (@1GeV)}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} \sim 6 mm \text{ (@1GeV)}$$

### Muon Counter

$$\sigma_{\text{spatial}} < 2 cm$$