

# **Recent Results from the BESIII Experiment**

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**The primary goal of BESIII:** Use  $e^+e^-$  collisions to produce charmonium states, then use their properties and their decays to learn about the strong force.

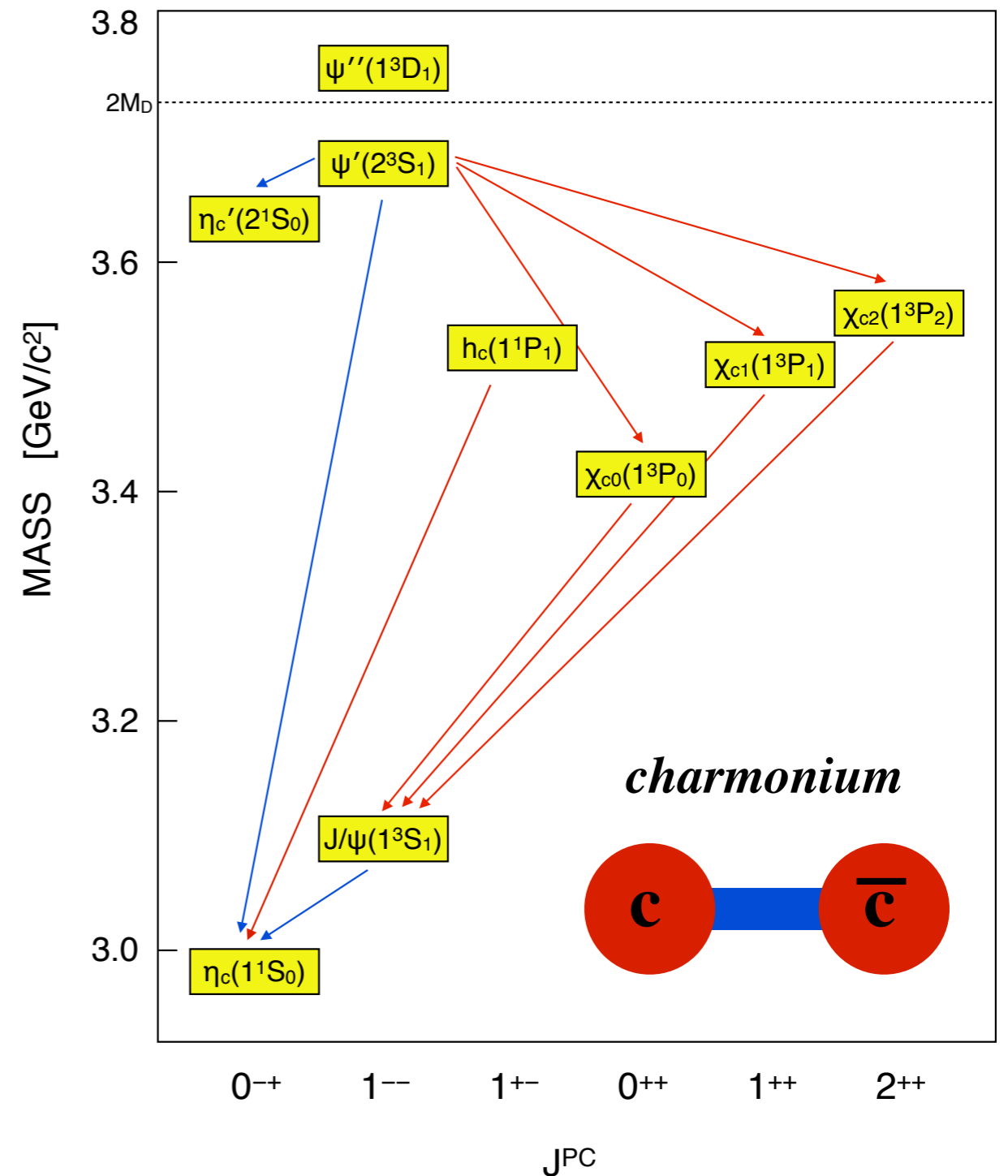
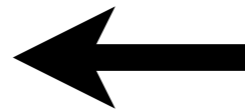
(and the properties and the decays of their decay products, etc.)



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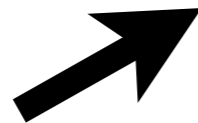
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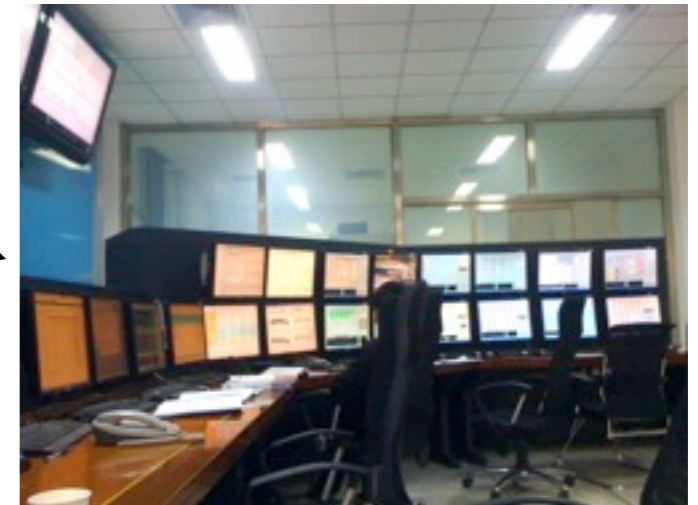
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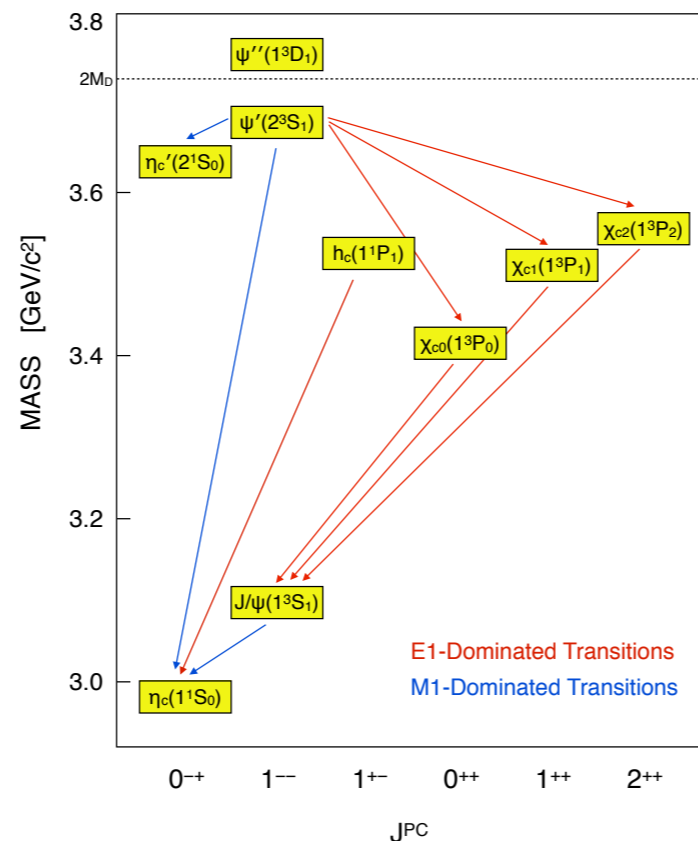
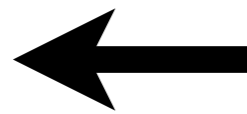


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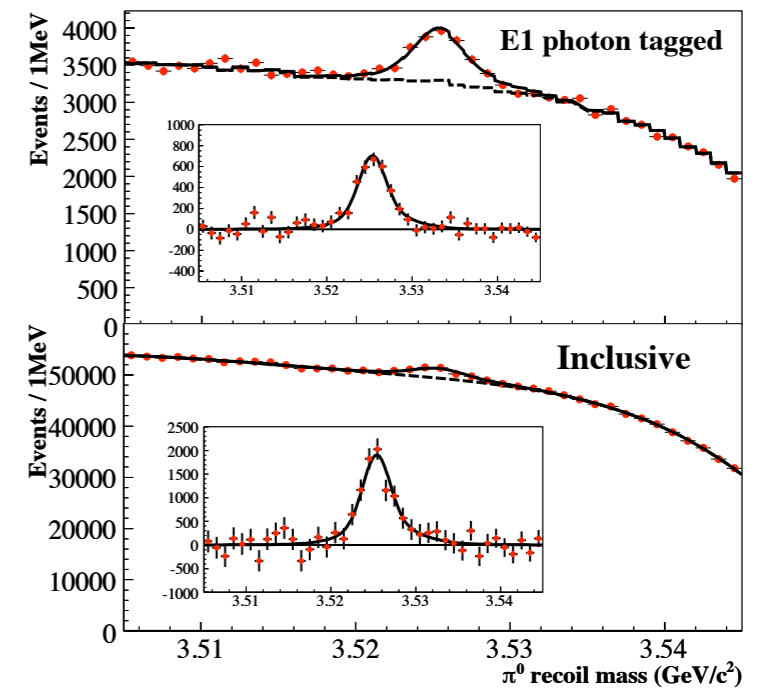


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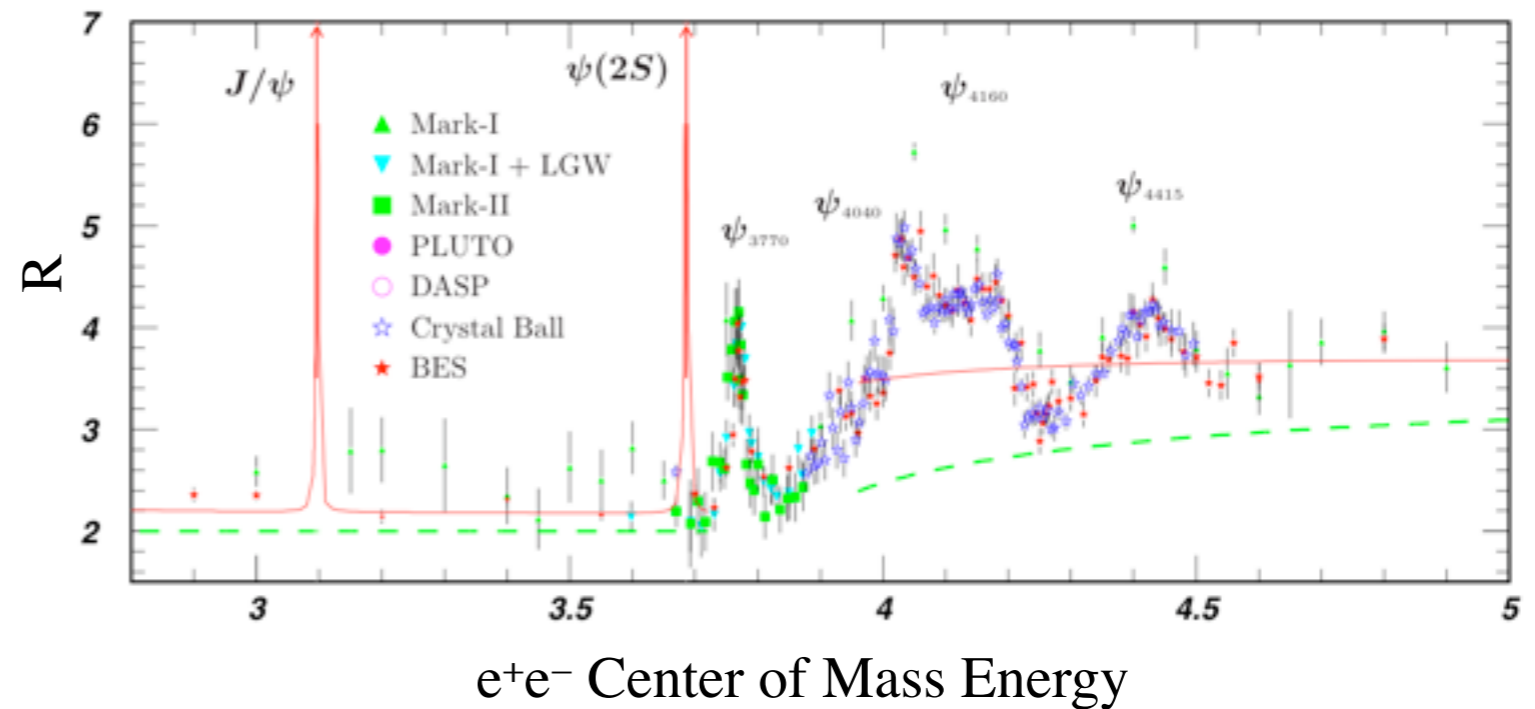
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***BEPCII:  
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**Collide  $e^+e^-$  in the  $\tau$ -charm region:**



**First collisions:** March 2008

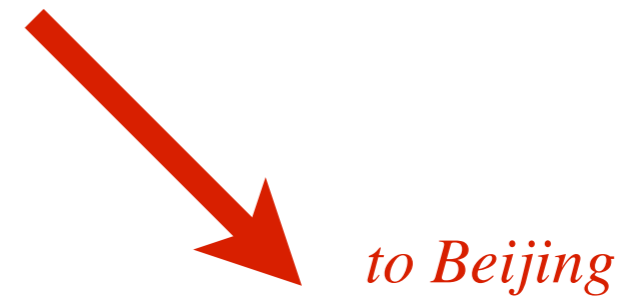
**Record luminosity:**  $\sim 5 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
( $\sim 8 \times \text{CESRc}$  and  $\sim 45 \times \text{BEPC}$ )

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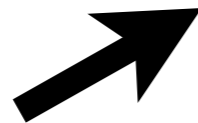


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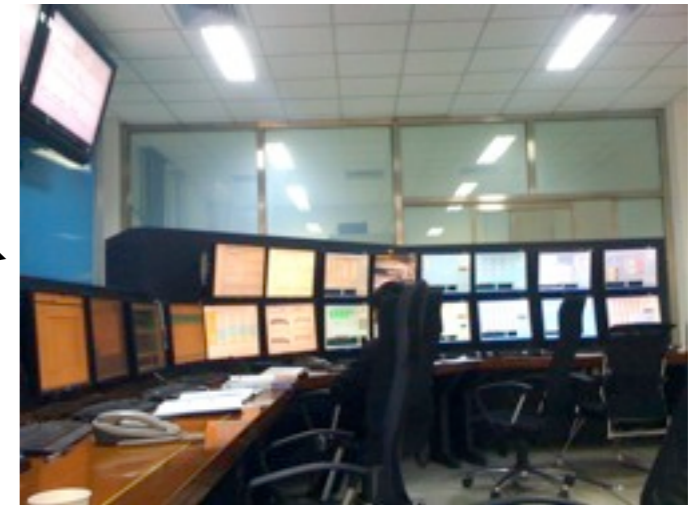
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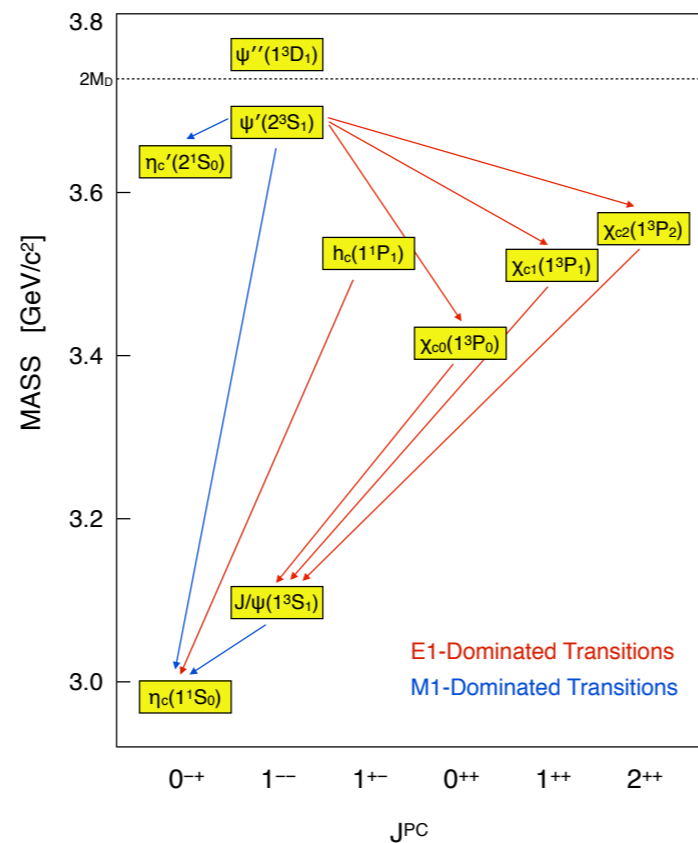
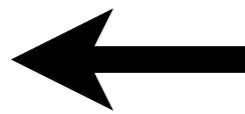


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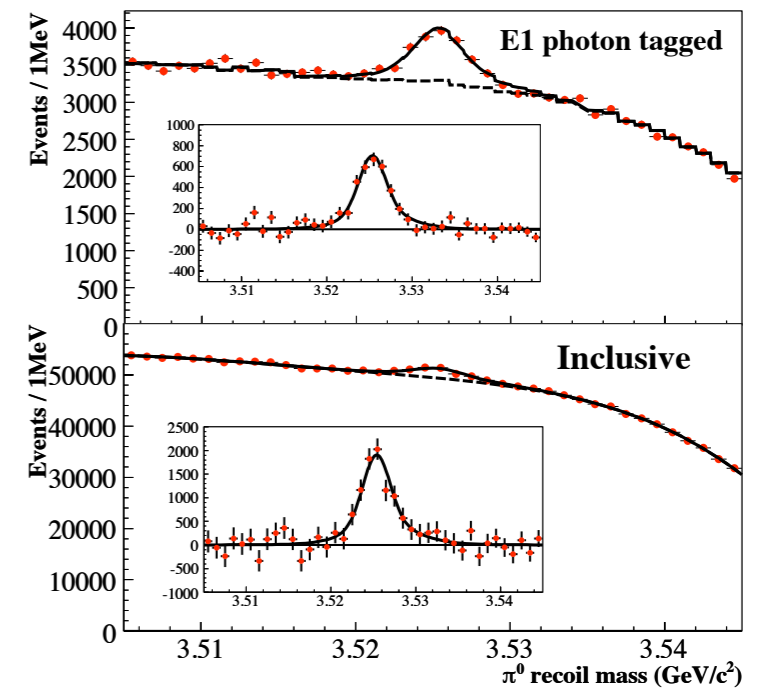


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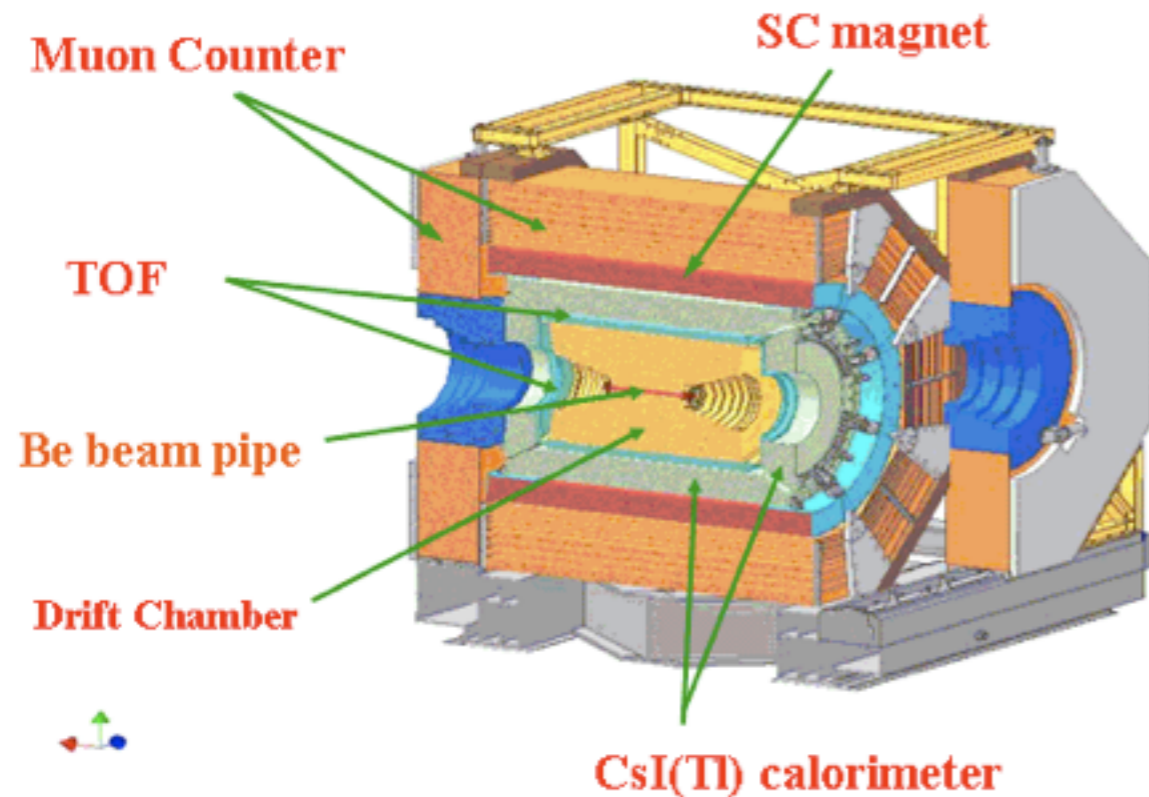


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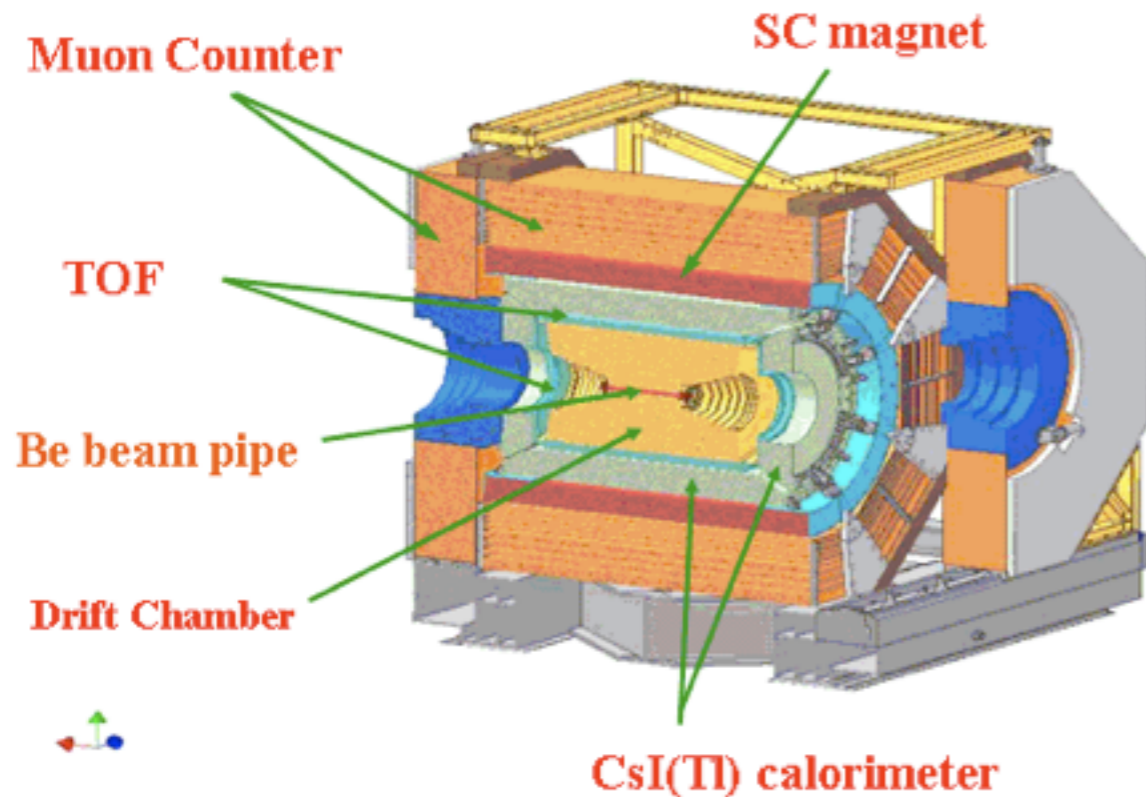
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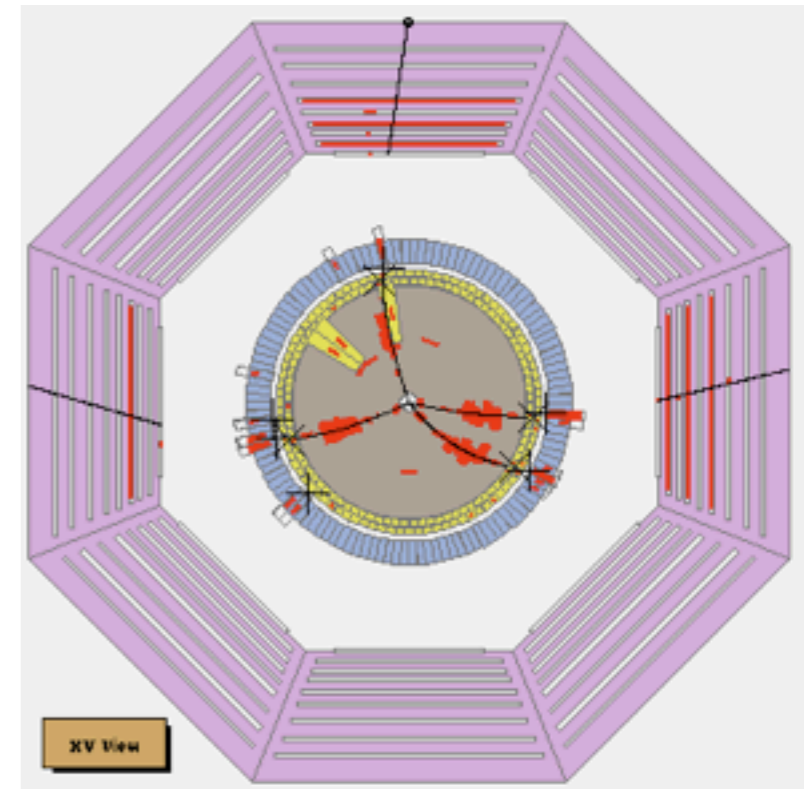
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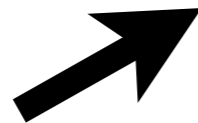
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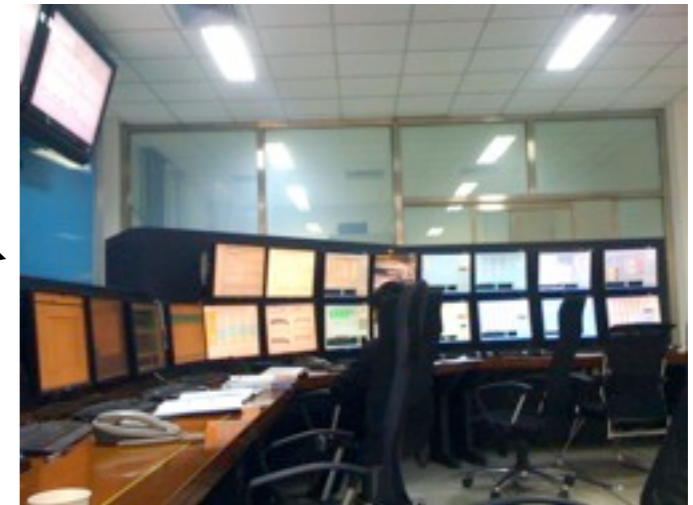
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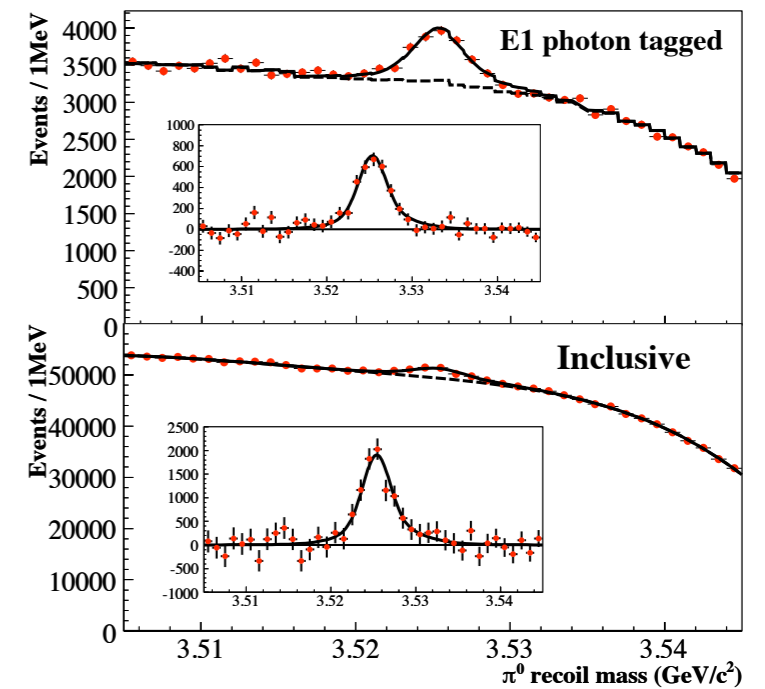
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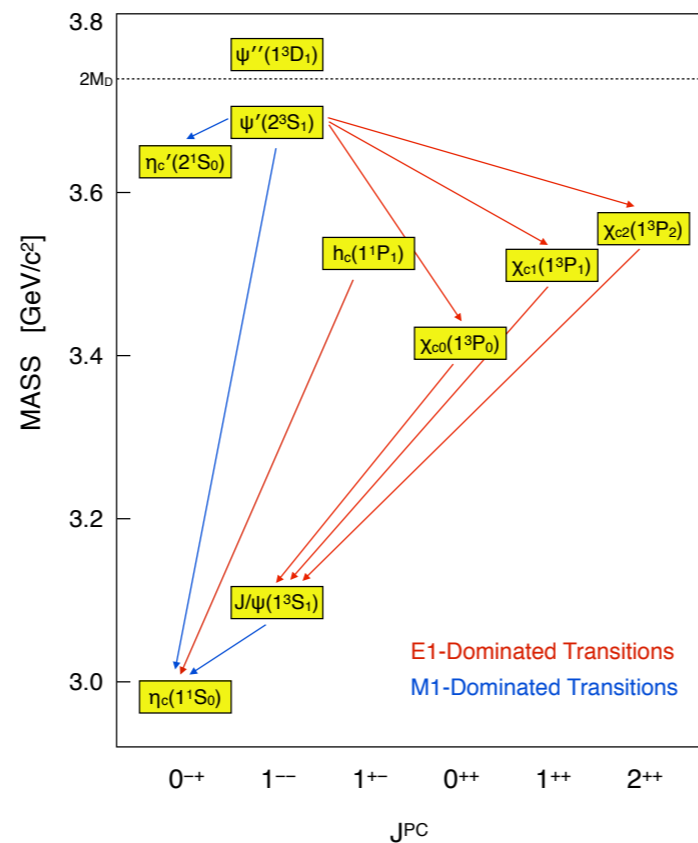
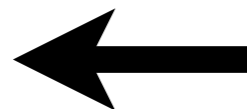


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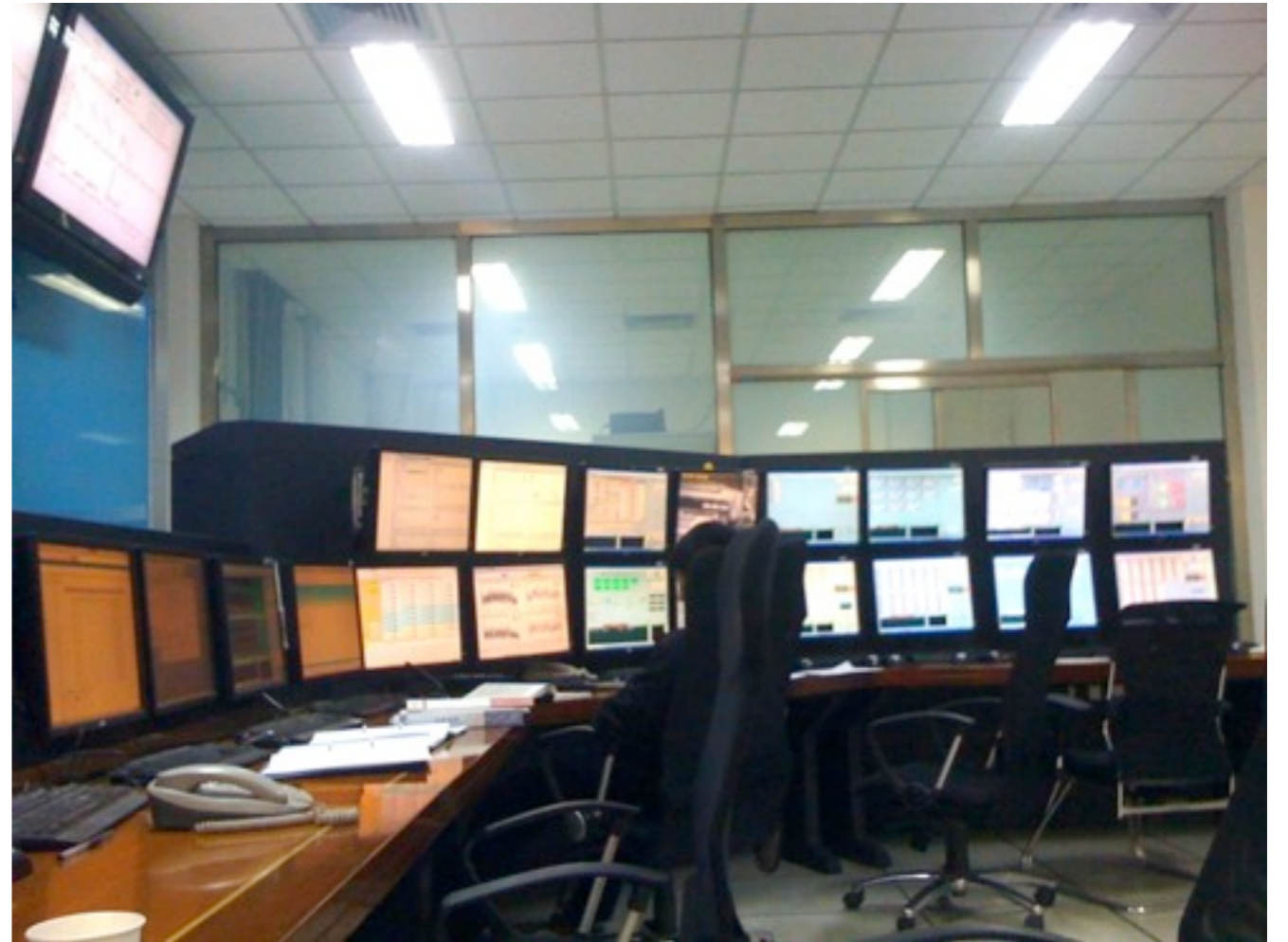
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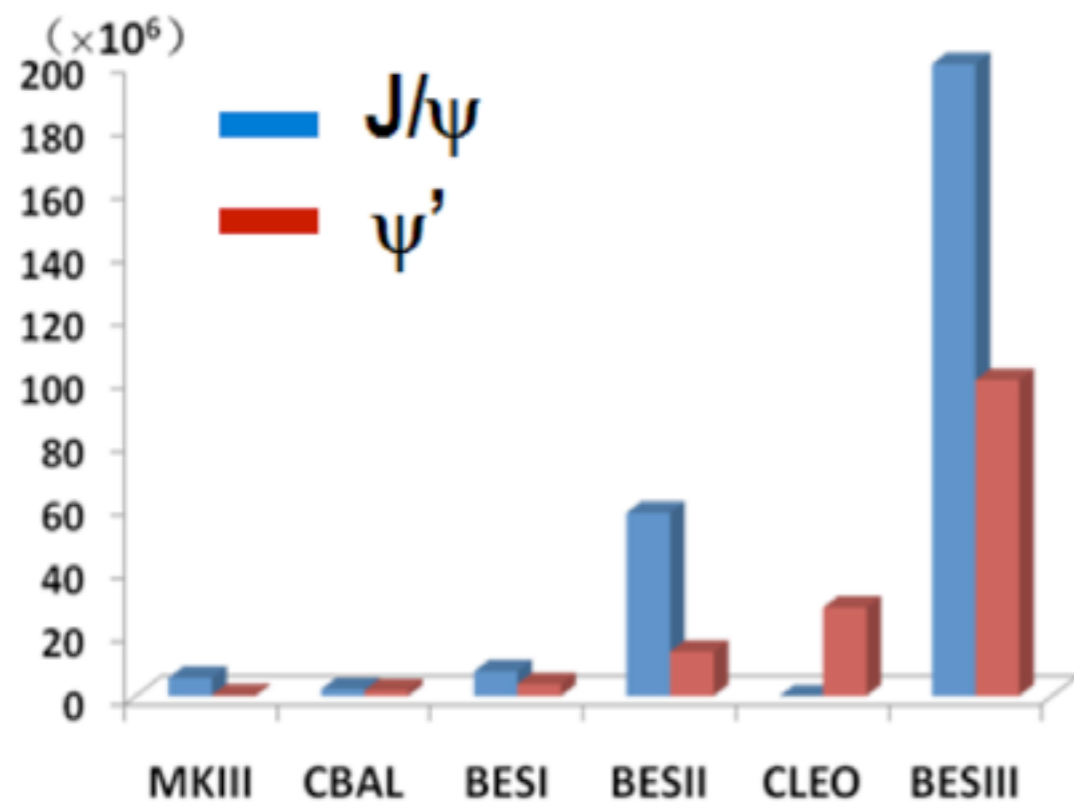
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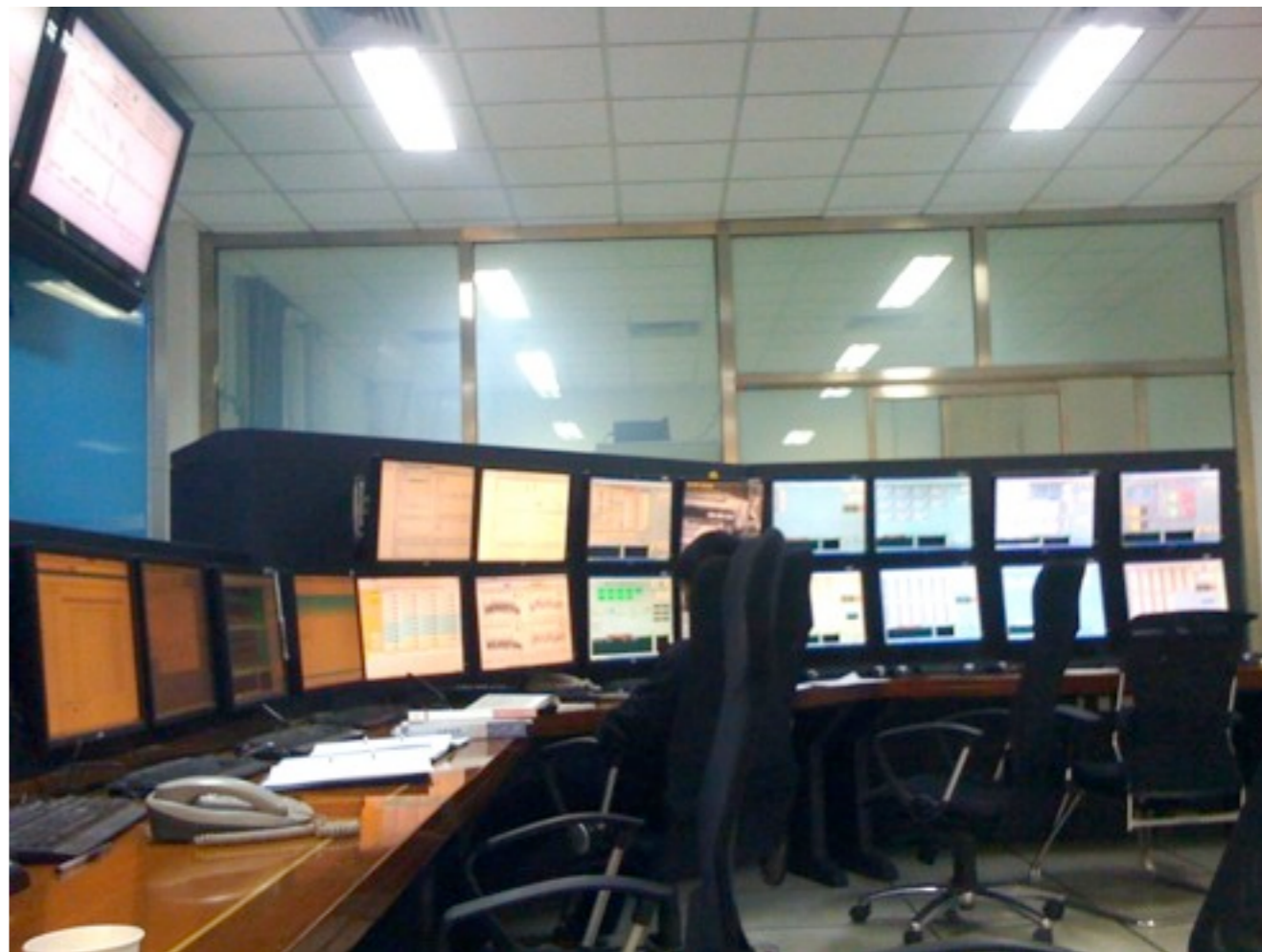
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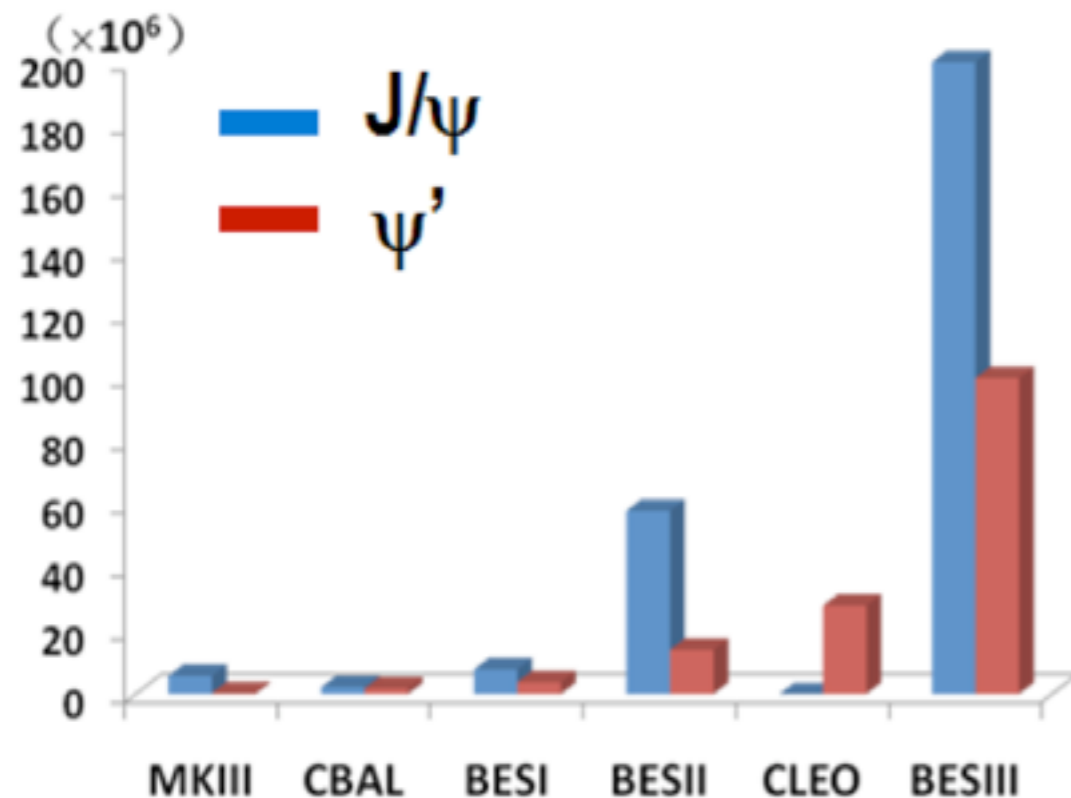
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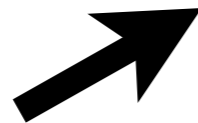
**BESIII will also collect:**

- more  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\psi(3770)$
- + data at higher energies
- (for XYZ searches and  $D_s$  physics...)

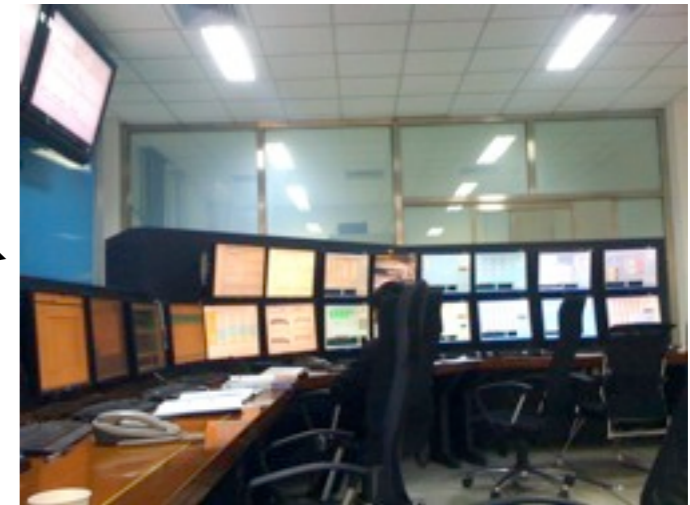
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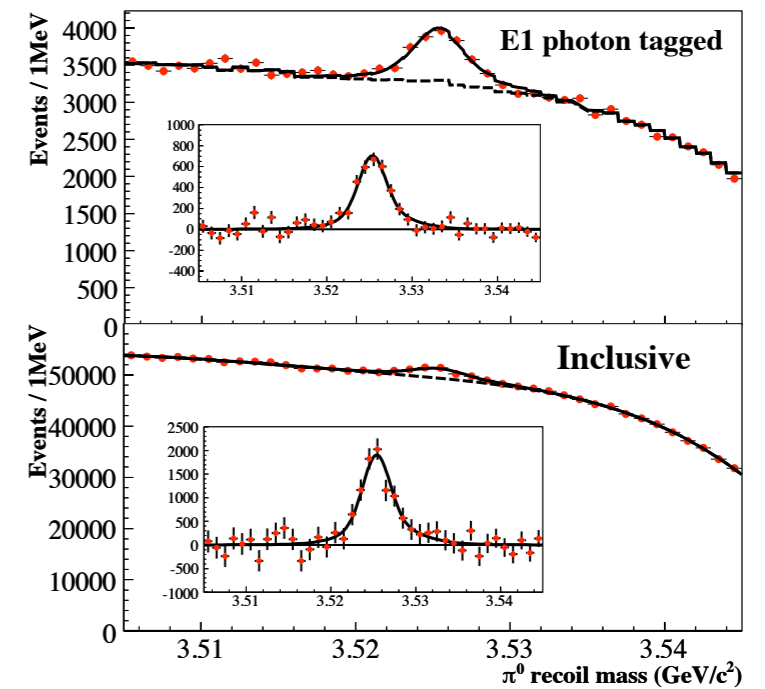
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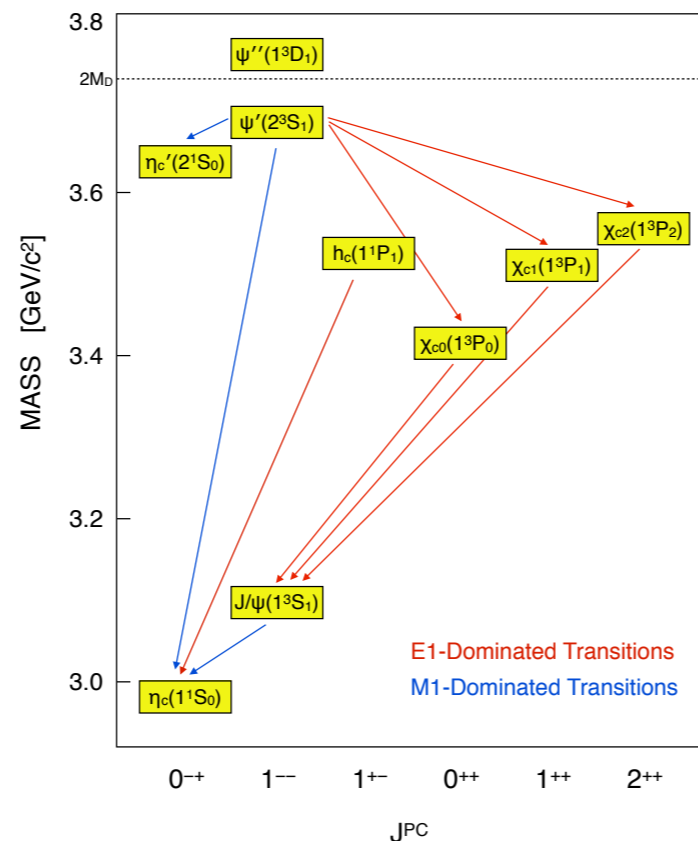
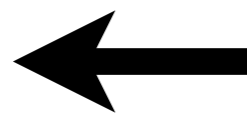


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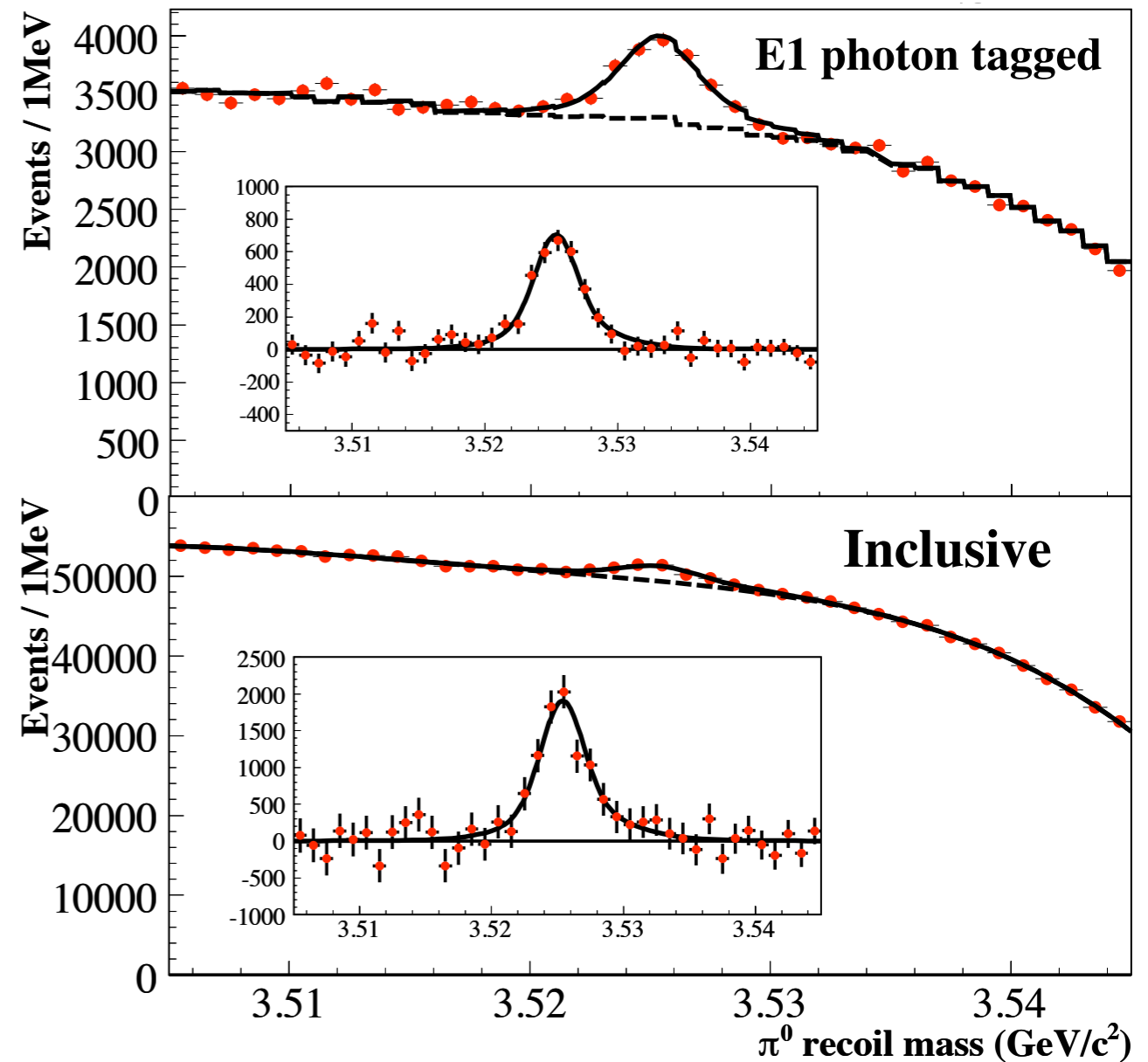
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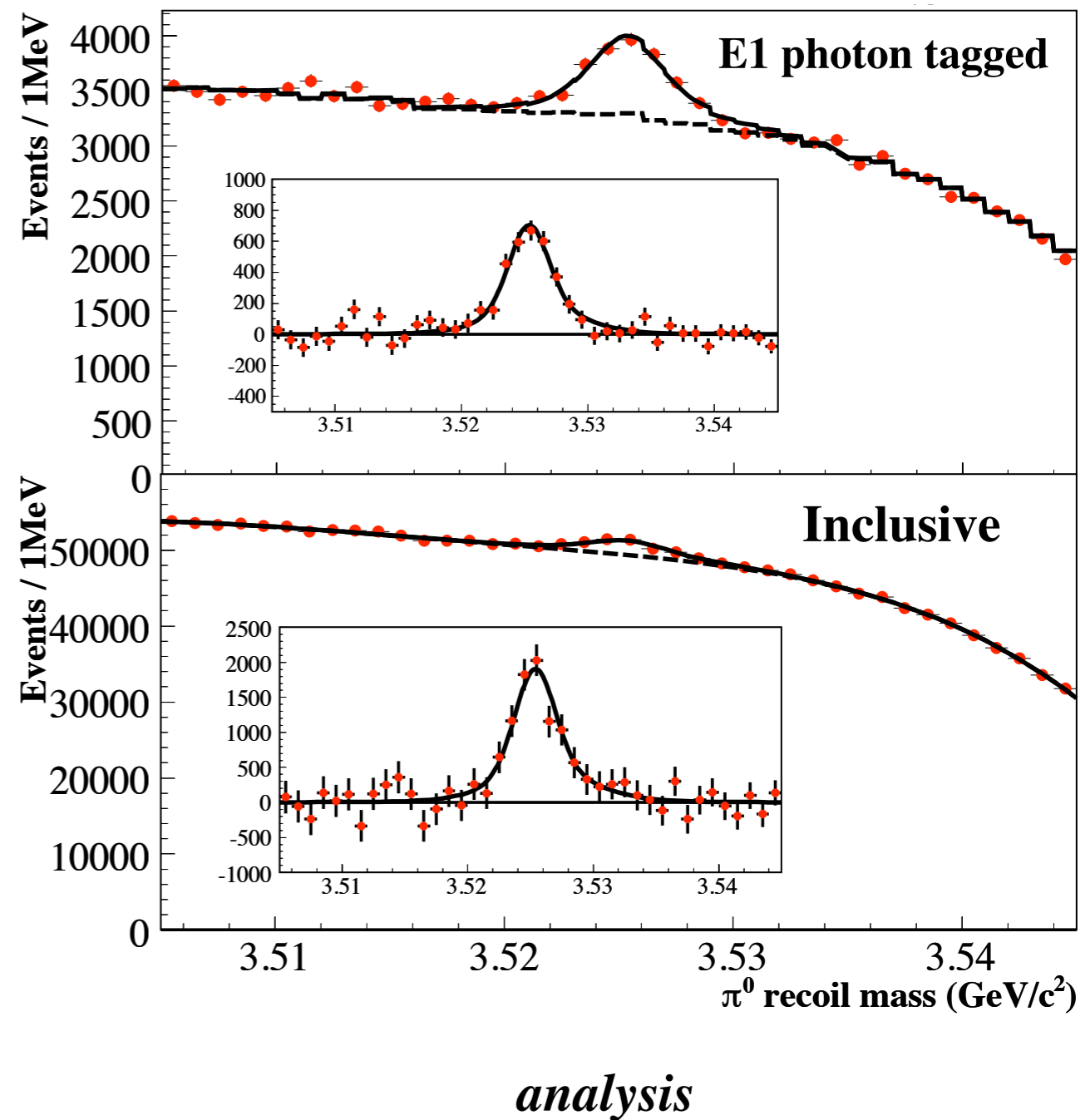
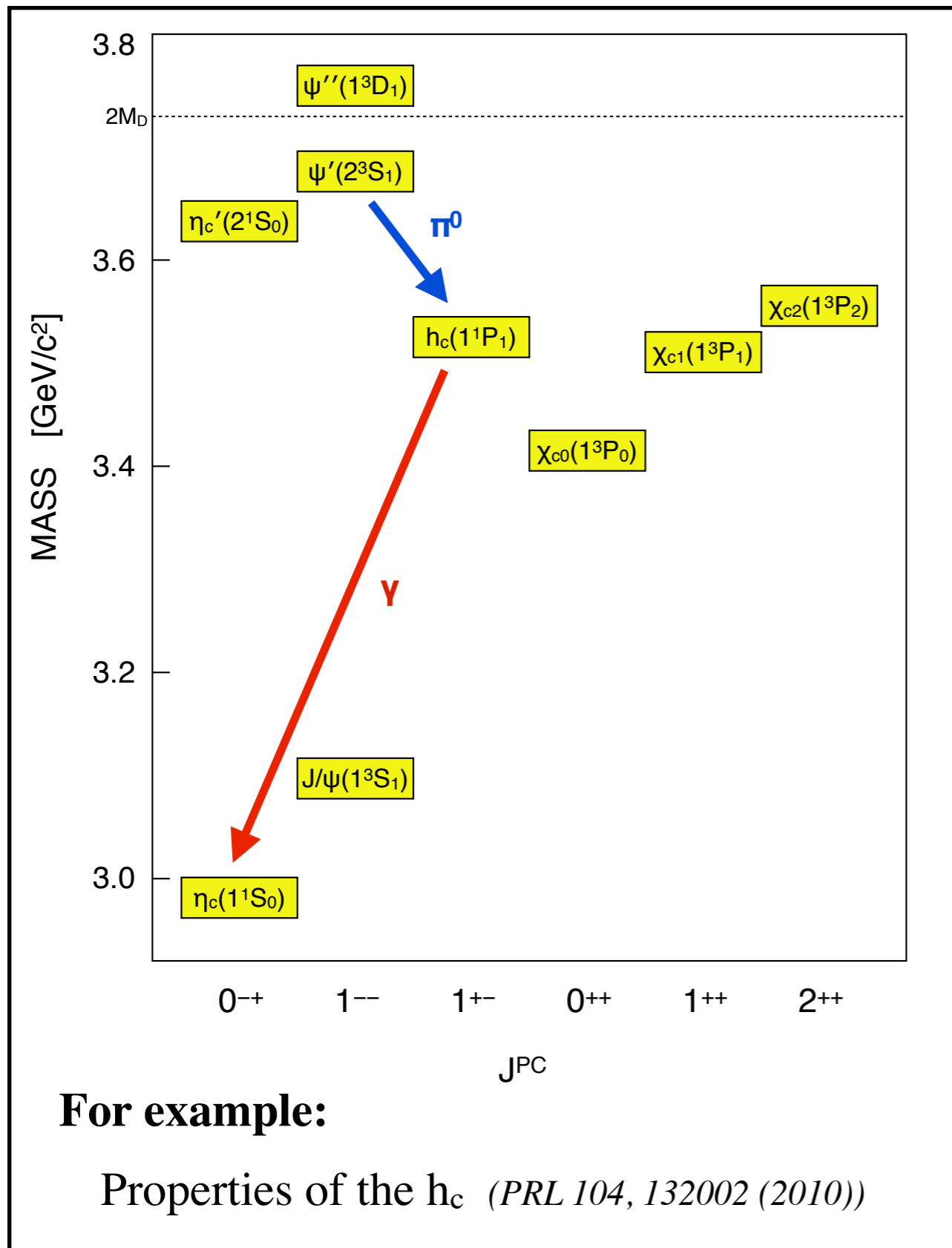
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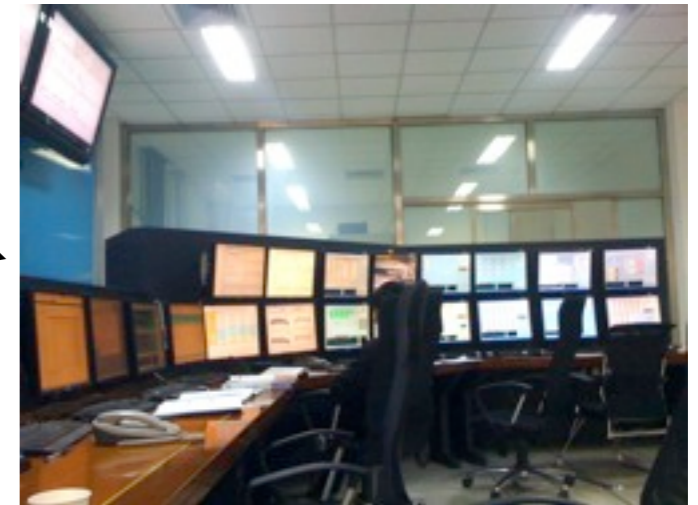
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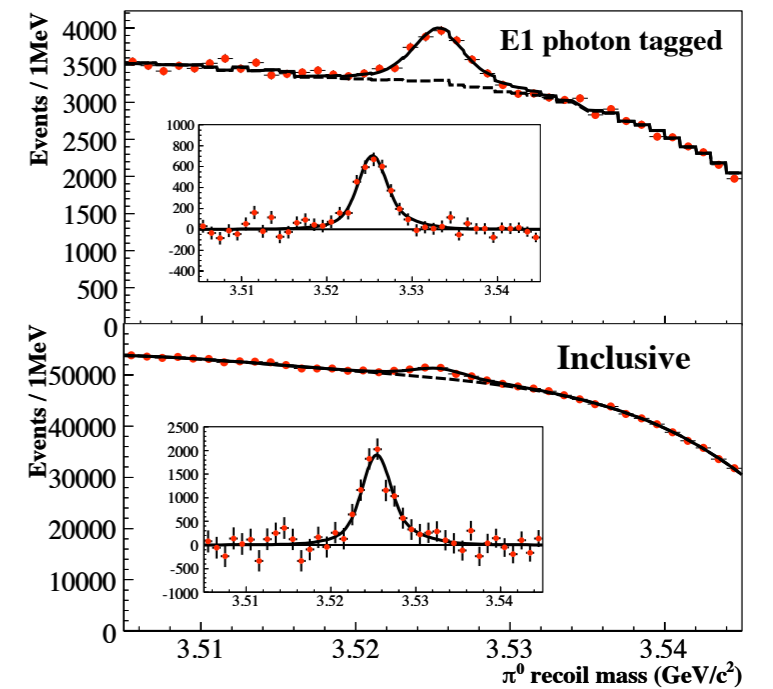
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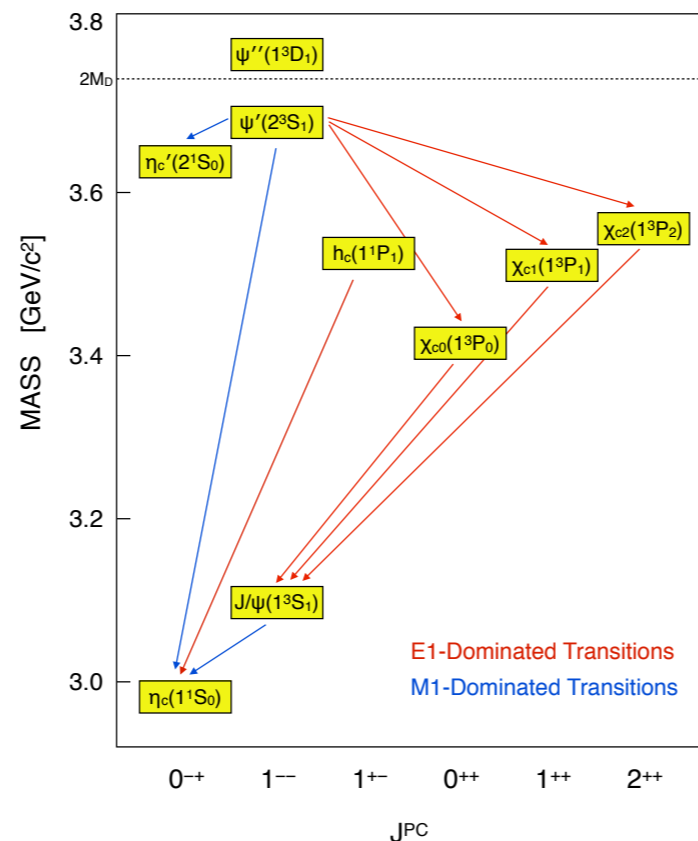
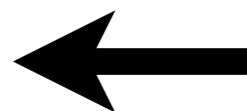


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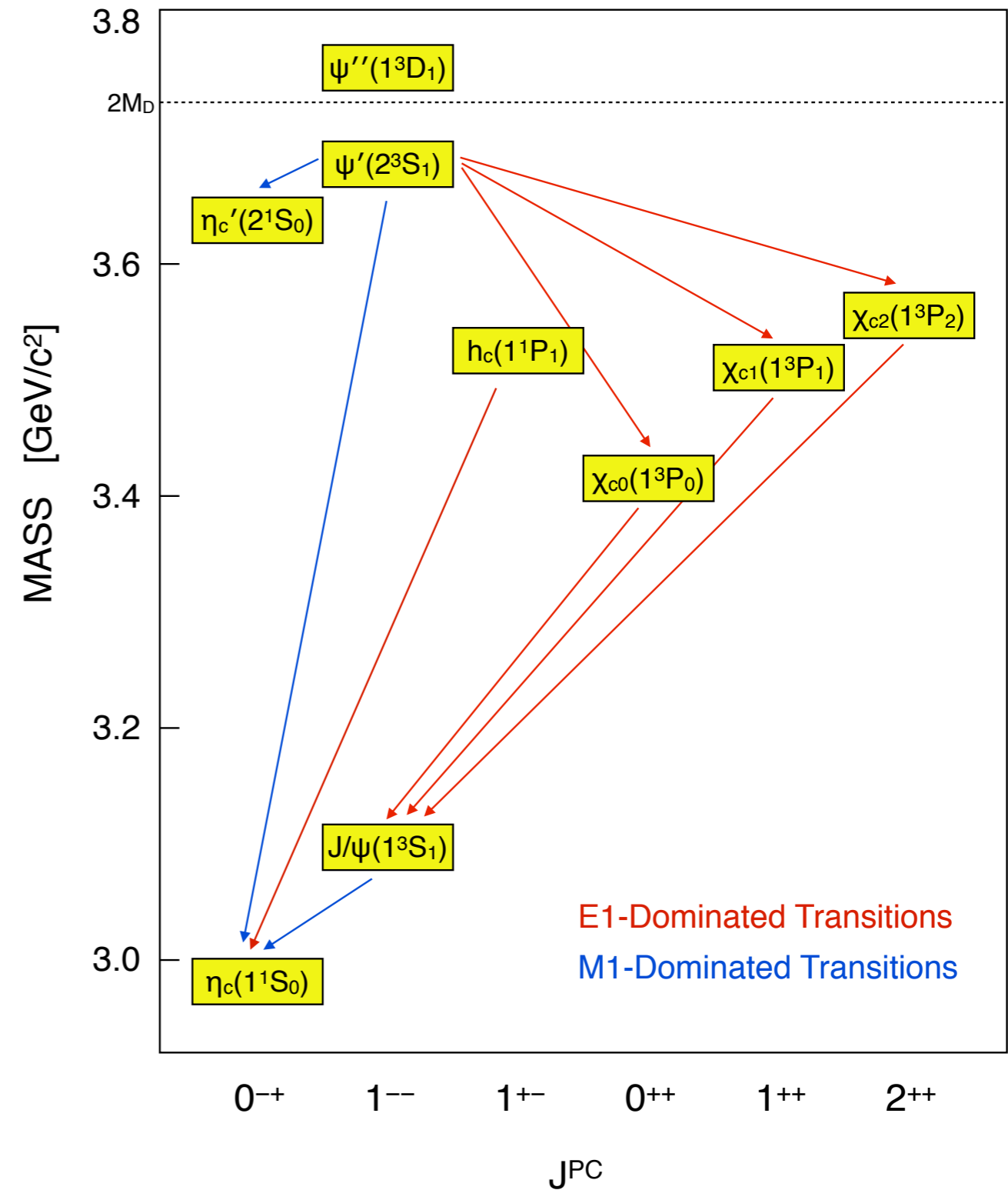
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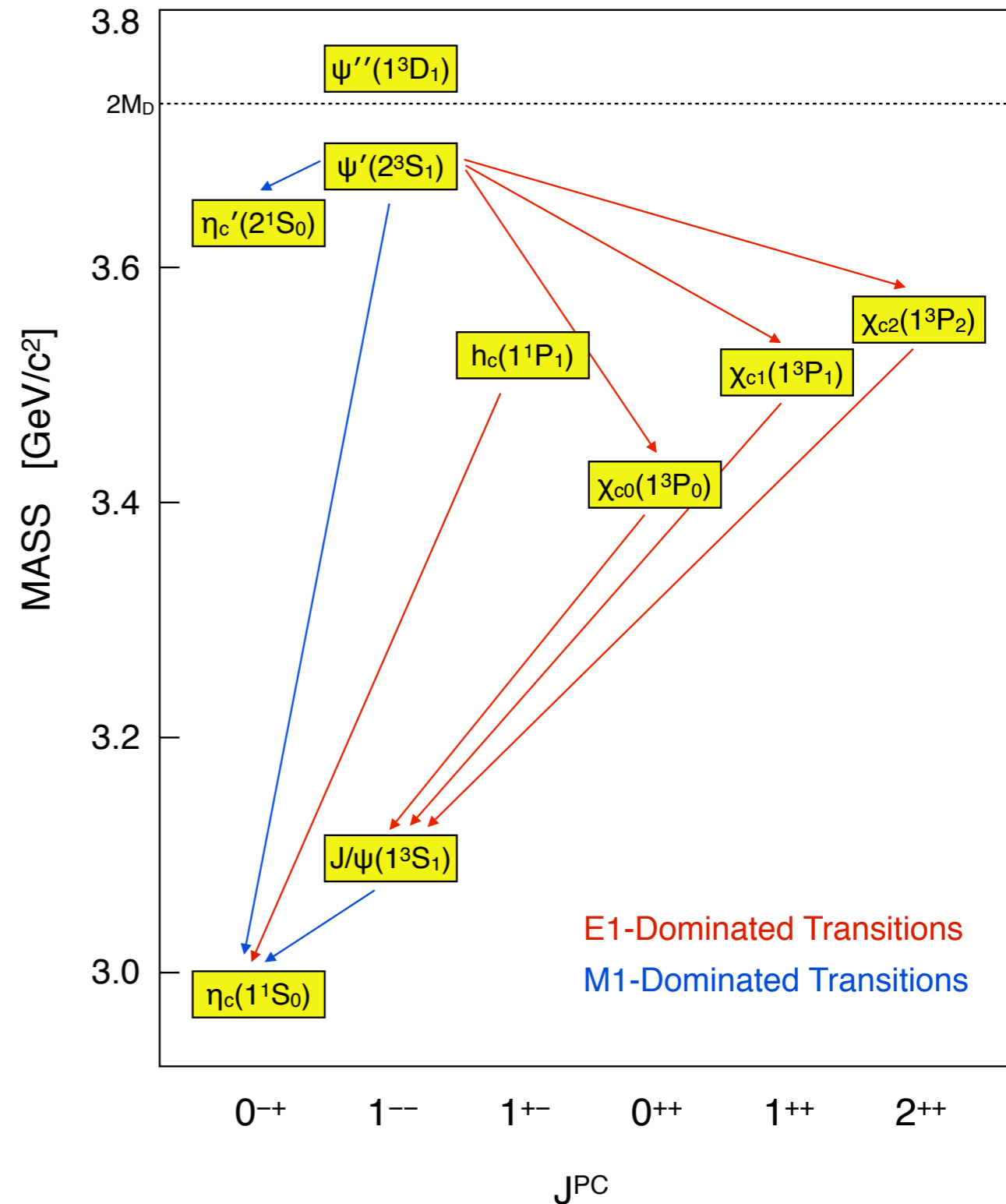
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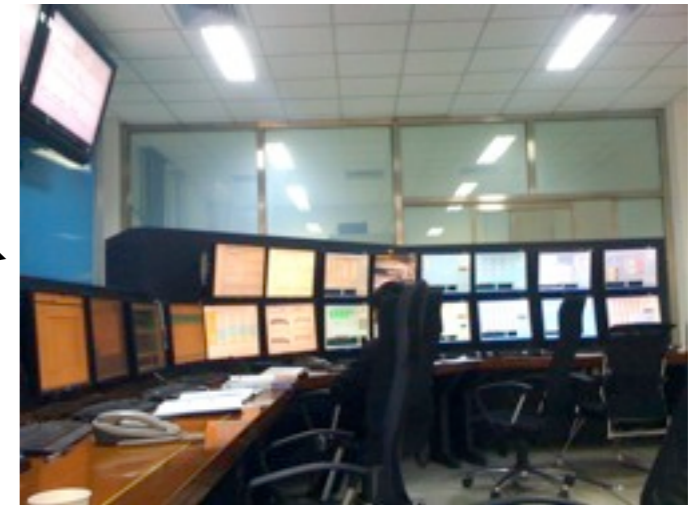
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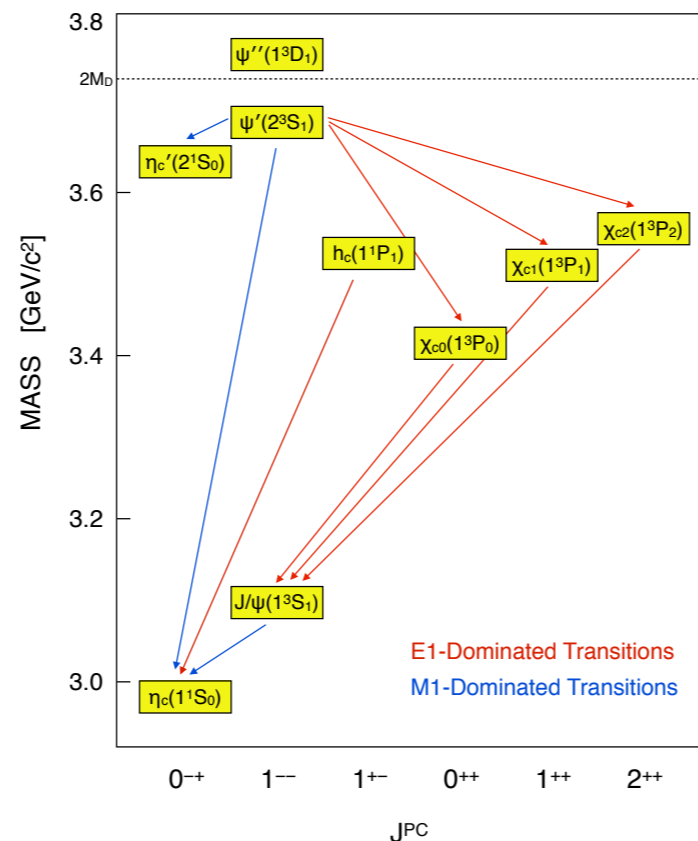


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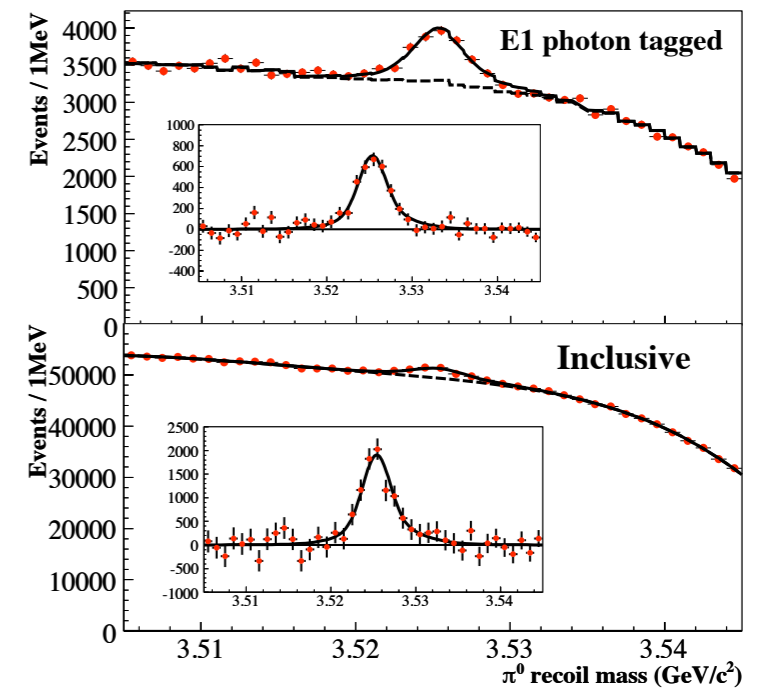


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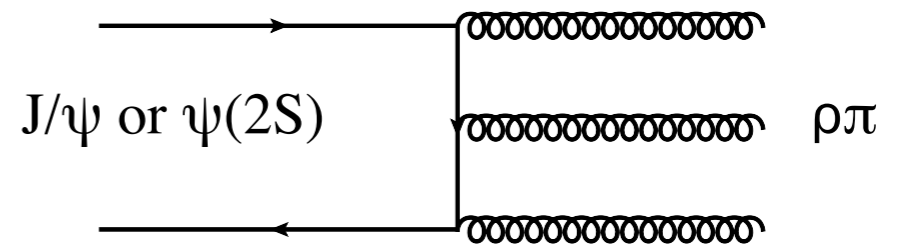
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  - charmonium masses
  - radiative transitions
  - open charm decay constants

- **Decay Dynamics**

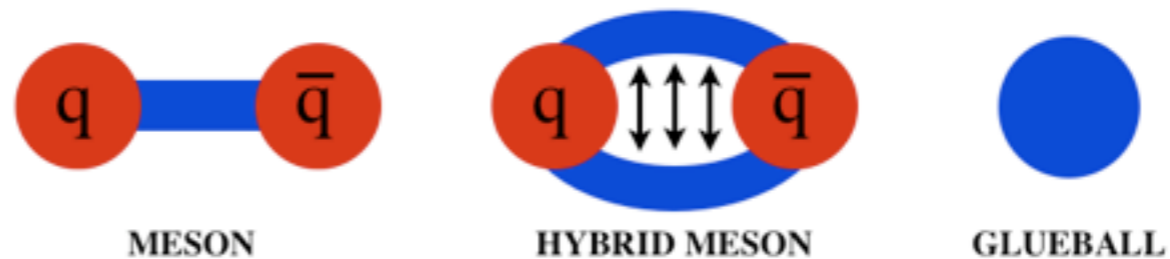
- *e.g.:*
  - the “ $\rho\pi$  puzzle”

$$\frac{B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \rho\pi)}{B(J/\psi \rightarrow \rho\pi)} \ll 12\%$$



- **The Structure of Mesons**

- *e.g.:*
  - gluonic excitations?



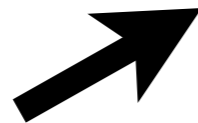
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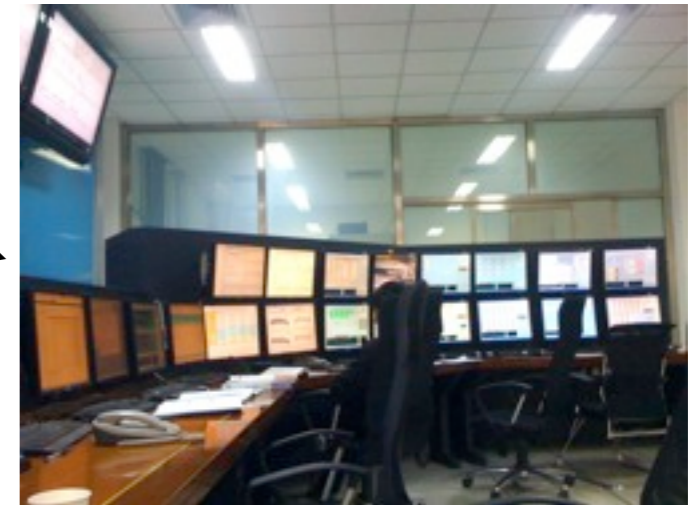
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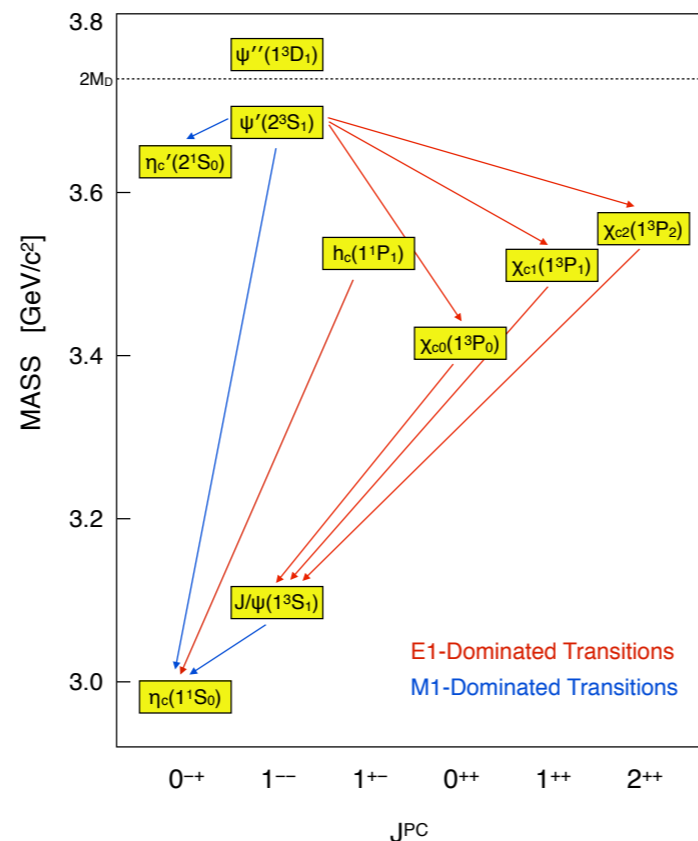


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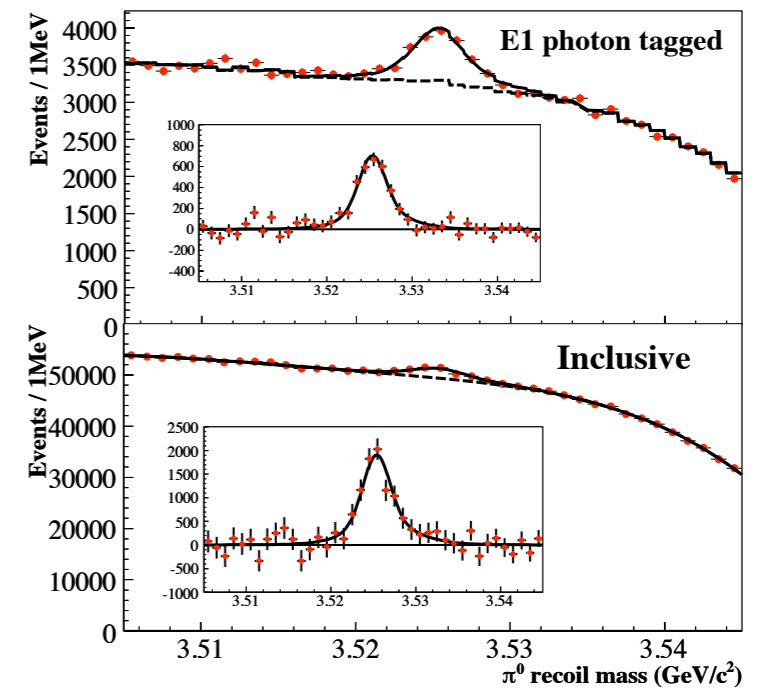


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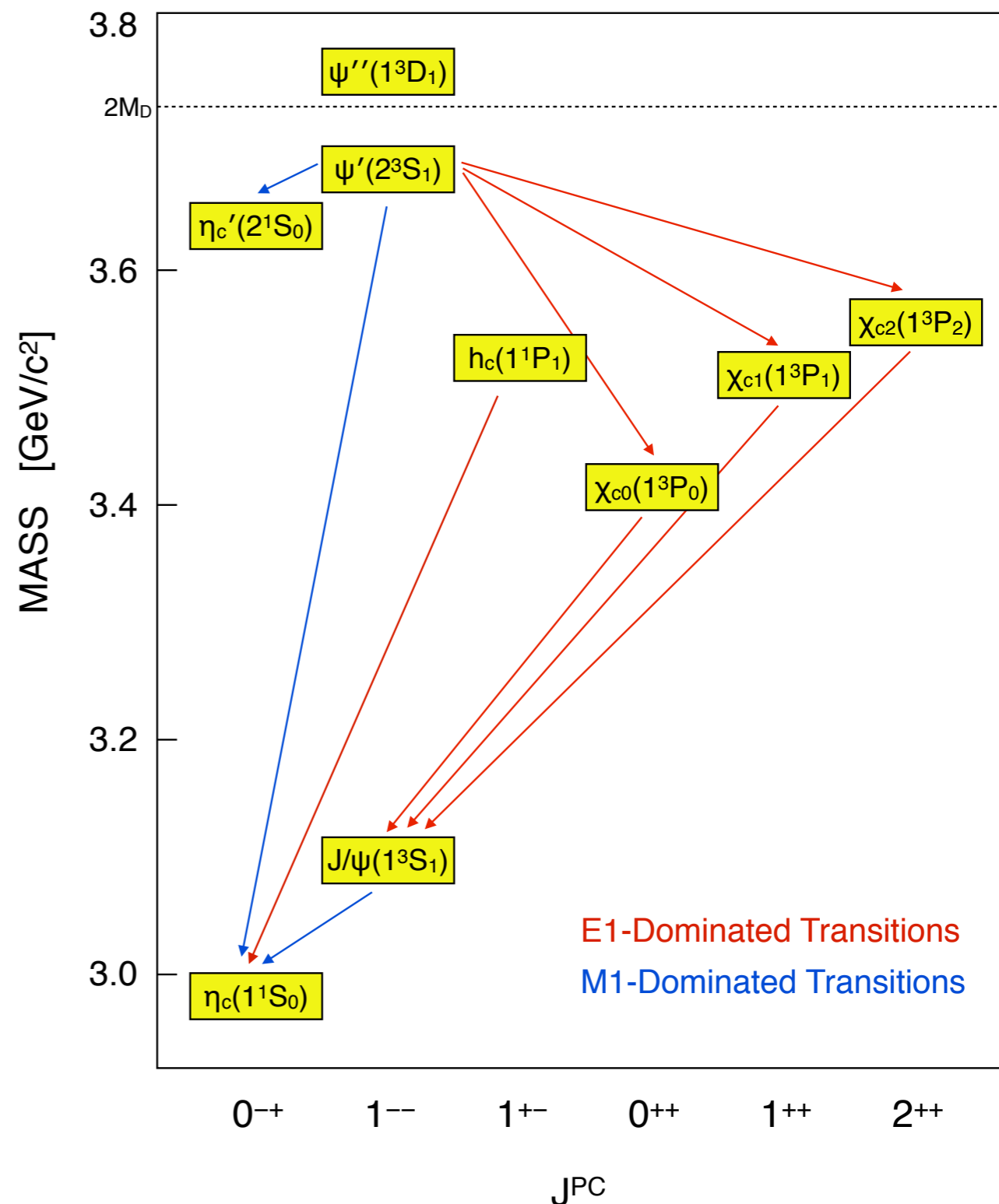
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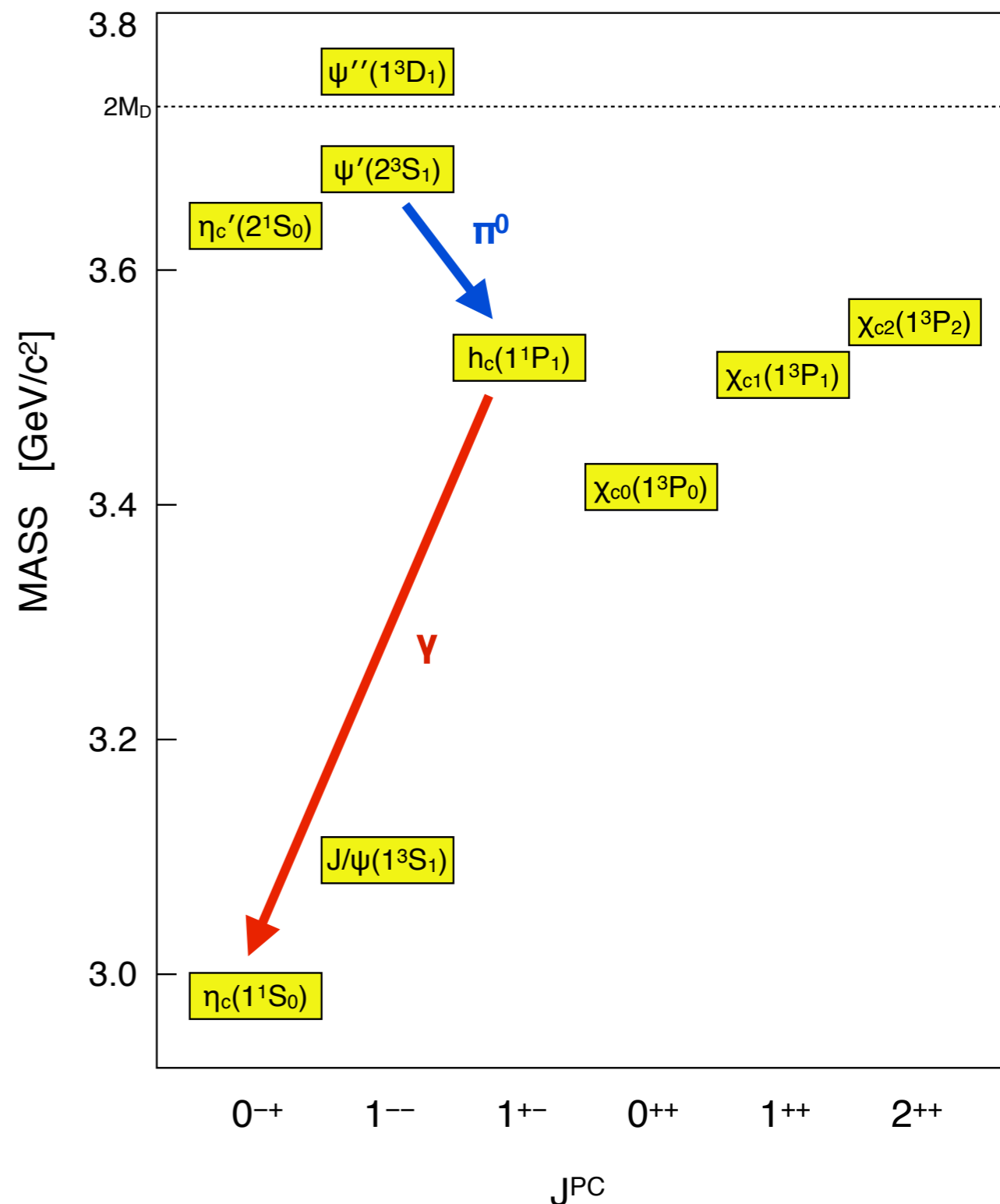
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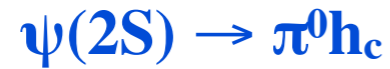
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# Introduction to the $h_c(1P)$

- Produced in the isospin-violating process:



- $\mathbf{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c)$  is a measure of isospin violation.

- $\mathbf{B}(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c)$  is a large E1 transition.

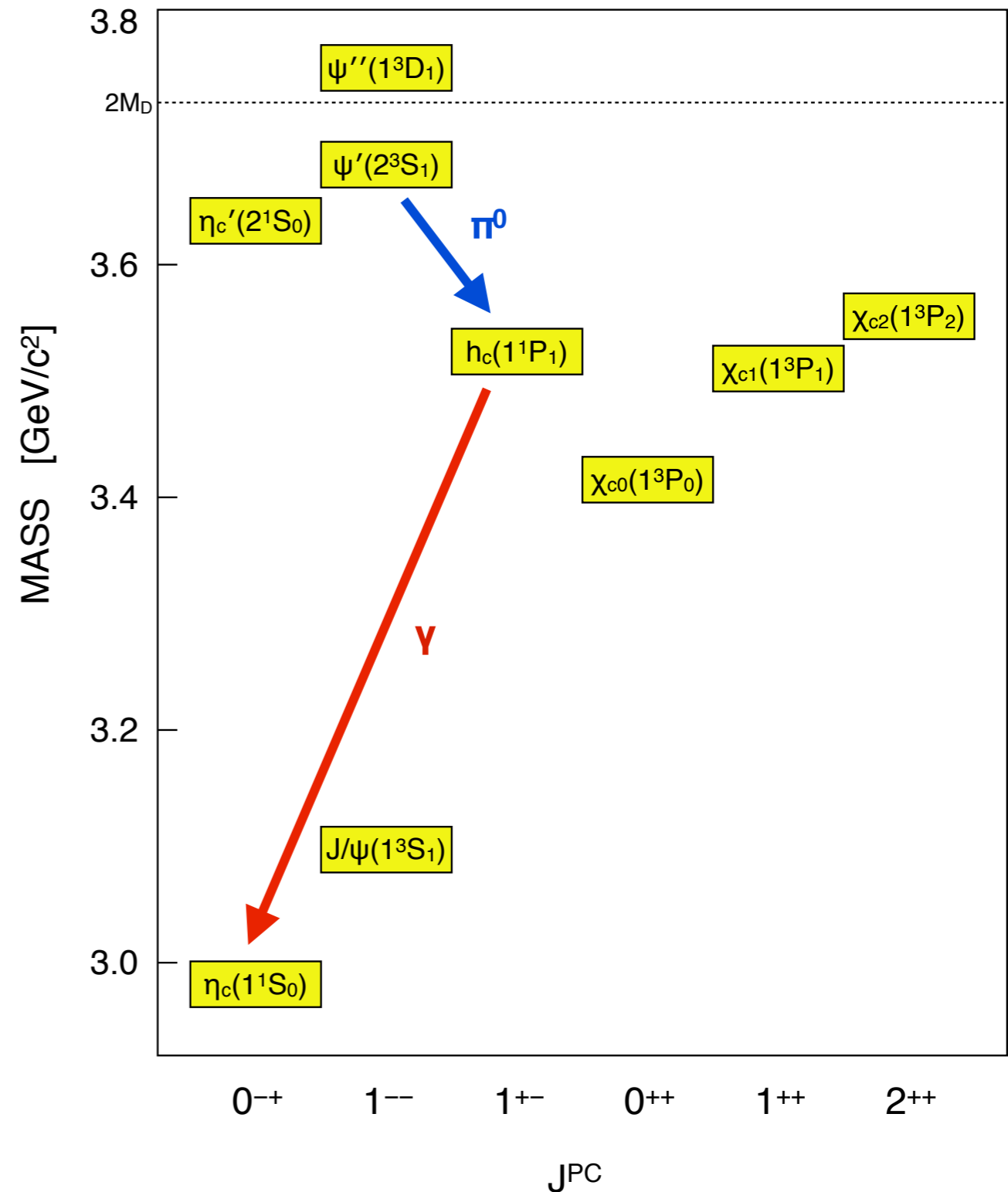
- CLEO could only measure the product:

$$\mathbf{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) \times \mathbf{B}(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c)$$

but BESIII has measured the individual branching fractions.

- $\mathbf{M}(h_c)$  gives a measure of the hyperfine splitting of the 1P states:

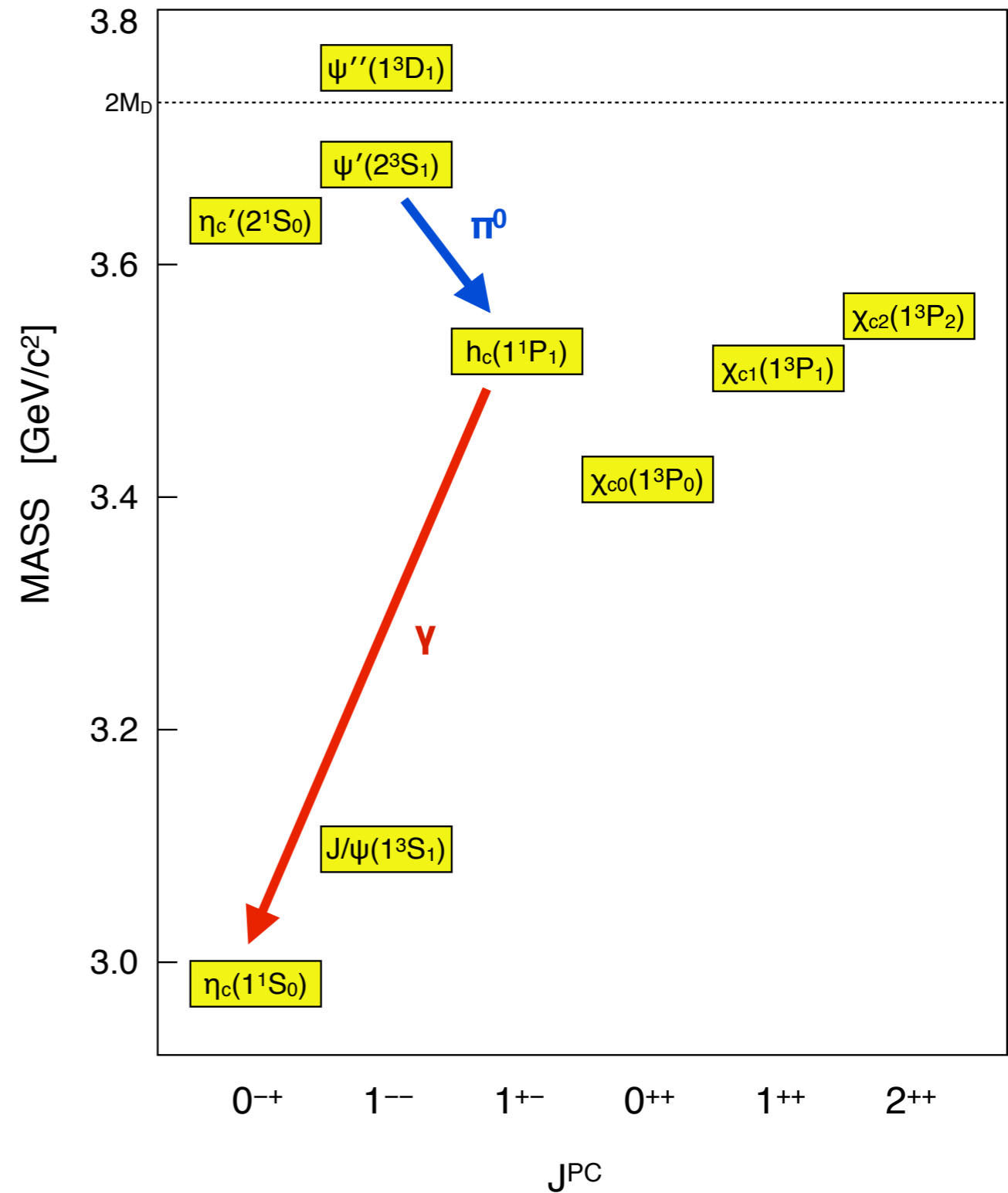
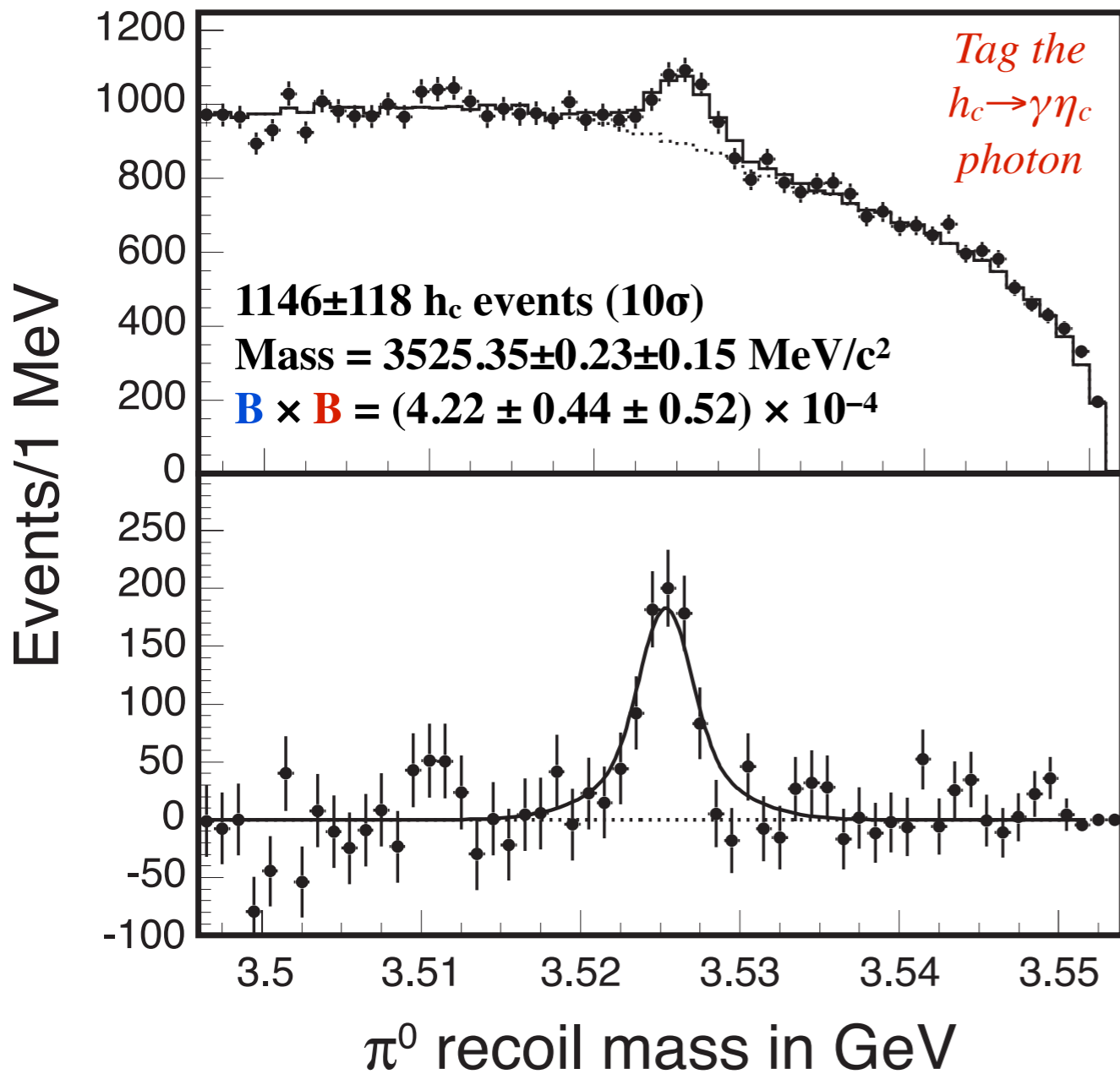
$$\mathbf{M}(h_c(1P)) - \langle \mathbf{M}(\chi_{cJ}(1P)) \rangle_{(\text{spin-weighted})}$$



# The $h_c(1P)$ at CLEO-c

PRL 101, 182003 (2008)  
(using 27M  $\psi(2S)$  decays)

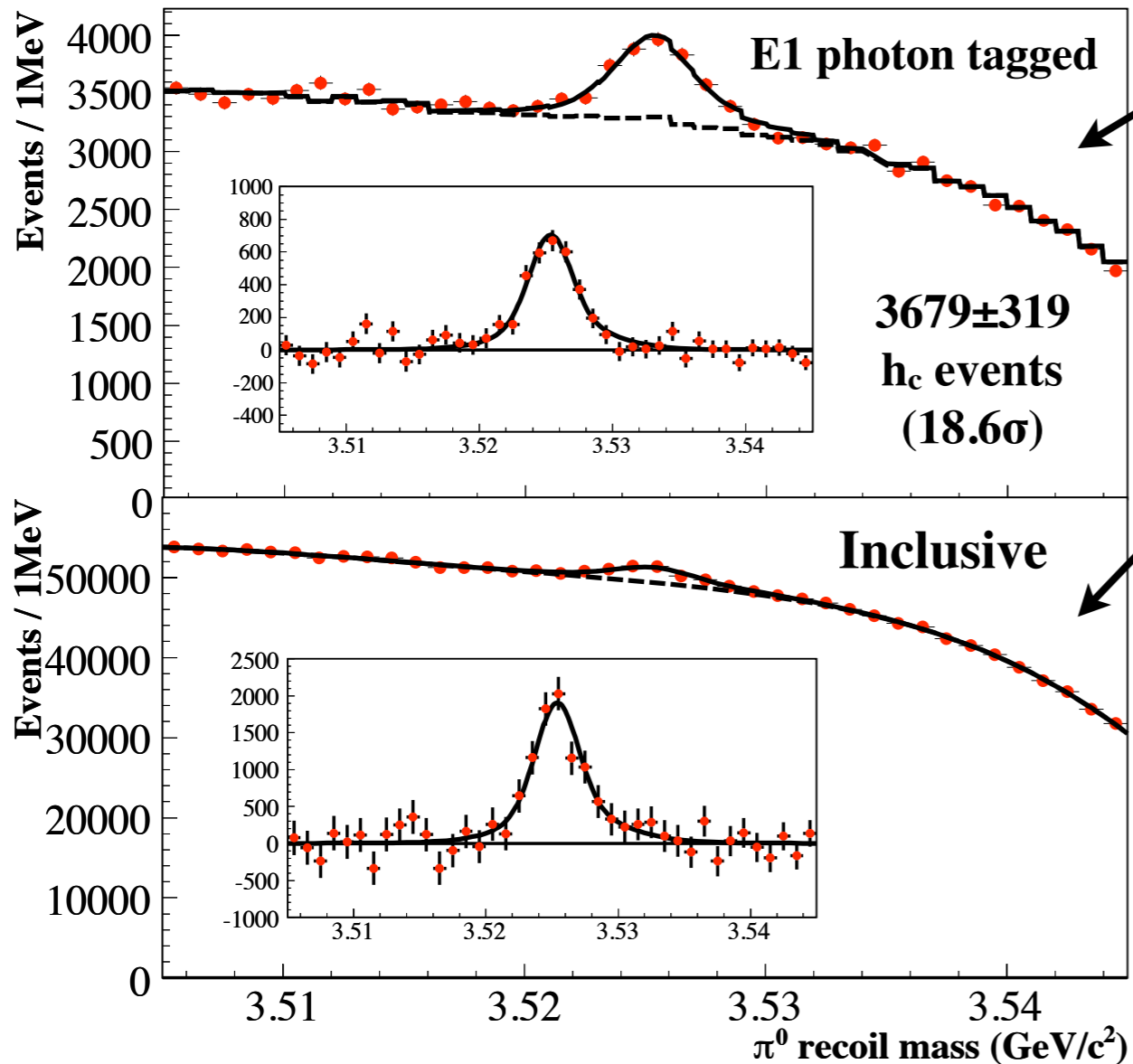
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(Note: CLEO also measured Mass and  $B \times B$  using exclusive decays of the  $\eta_c$ , not included in these numbers.)

# The $h_c(1P)$ at BESIII

PRL 104, 132002 (2010)  
(using 106M  $\psi(2S)$  decays)



- Tag the photon to measure  

$$B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c) \times B(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c)$$

$$= (4.58 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-4}$$
*(consistent with CLEO)*
- Don't tag the photon to measure  

$$B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c)$$

$$= (8.4 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-4}$$
*(first measurement)*
- Combining branching fractions gives  

$$B(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c) = (54.3 \pm 6.7 \pm 5.2)\%$$
*(first measurement)*
- Also measure the mass  

$$M(h_c) = 3525.40 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.18 \text{ MeV}$$
*(consistent with CLEO)*
- Compare to:  

$$\langle M(\chi_{cJ}(1P)) \rangle_{(\text{spin-weighted})} =$$

$$3525.30 \pm 0.11 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \text{ (PDG)}$$

*Hyperfine splitting of 1P states is small (or 0).*



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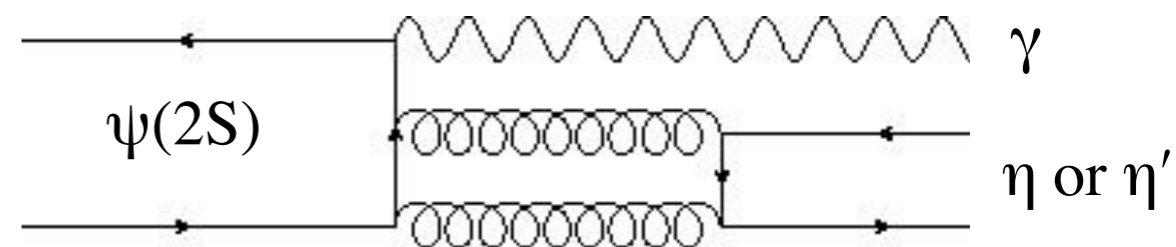
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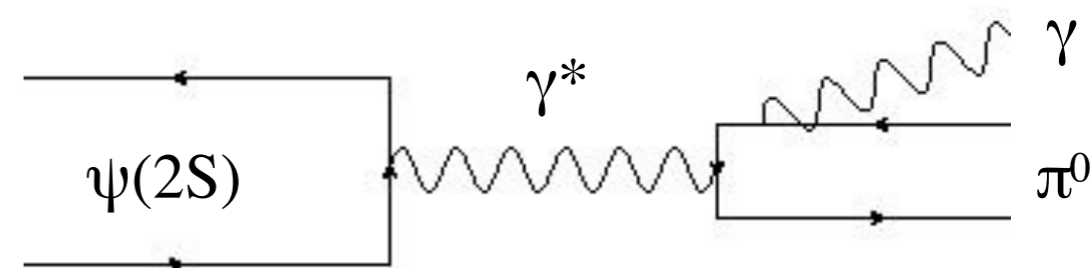
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$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\eta^{(\prime)}$$



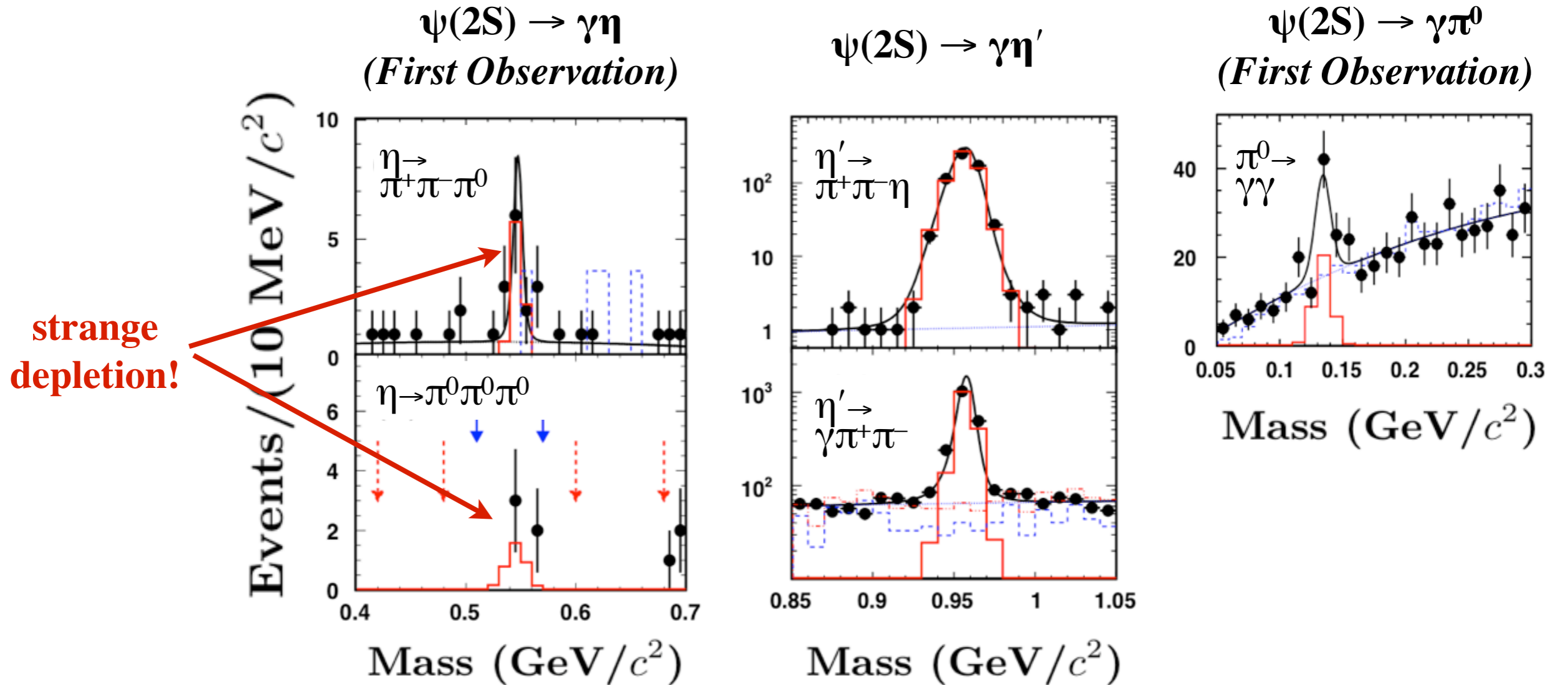
$\Rightarrow$  ideally, study the  $\eta$ – $\eta'$  mixing angle, but  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\eta$  is anomalously suppressed...

$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0$$



$\Rightarrow$  possibly study the  $\gamma^* - \gamma - \pi^0$  form factor for timelike  $\gamma^*$

# Analysis of $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^0, \eta, \eta')$ at BESIII



Mode	BESIII	Combined BESIII	PDG
$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0$	$1.58 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.13$	$1.58 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.13$	$\leq 5$
$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\eta(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$	$1.78 \pm 0.72 \pm 0.17$	$1.38 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.09$	$\leq 2$
$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\eta(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)$	$1.07 \pm 0.65 \pm 0.08$		
$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\eta'(\pi^+\pi^-\eta)$	$120 \pm 5 \pm 8$	$126 \pm 3 \pm 8$	$121 \pm 8$
$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma\eta'(\pi^+\pi^-\gamma)$	$129 \pm 3 \pm 8$		

(Branching fractions in units of  $10^{-6}$ )

# The Suppression of $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\eta$ ?

- For  $J/\psi$ ,

$$\frac{B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta)}{B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta')} = (21.1 \pm 0.9) \%$$

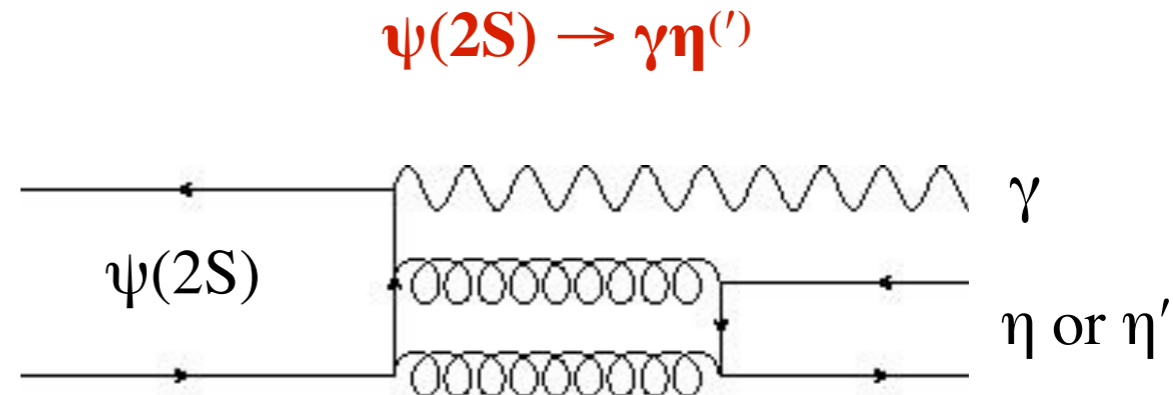
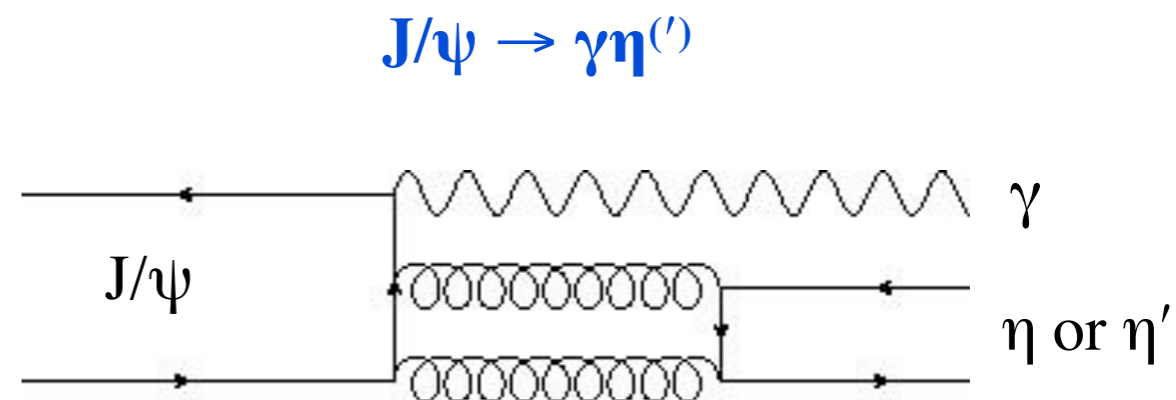
consistent with other measurements of the  $\eta$ - $\eta'$  mixing angle.

- But for  $\psi(2S)$ ,

$$\frac{B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\eta)}{B(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\eta')} = (1.10 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.07) \%$$

- Why the difference?

- interference with the continuum?
- contributions of other processes?
- something related to the “ $\rho\pi$  puzzle?”





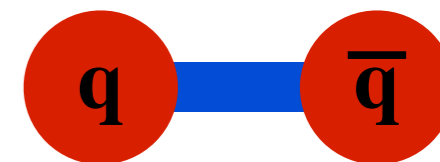
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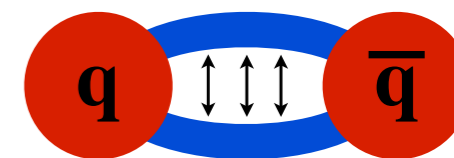
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What are the  $a_0(980)$  and  $f_0(980)$ ?

Types of Meson States Allowed by QCD



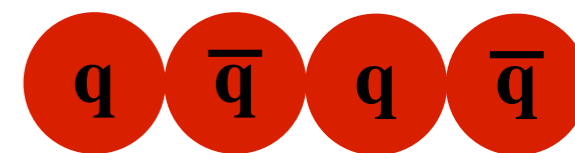
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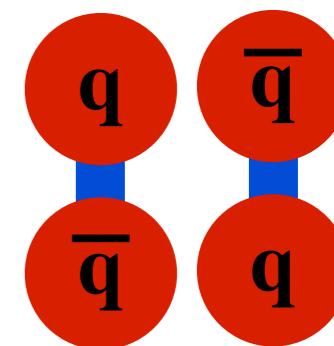
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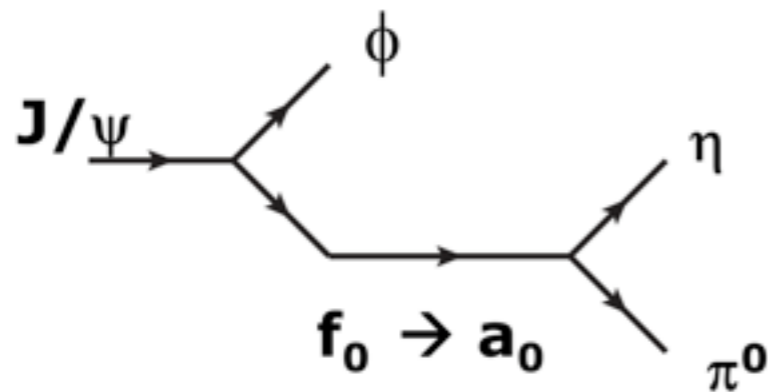
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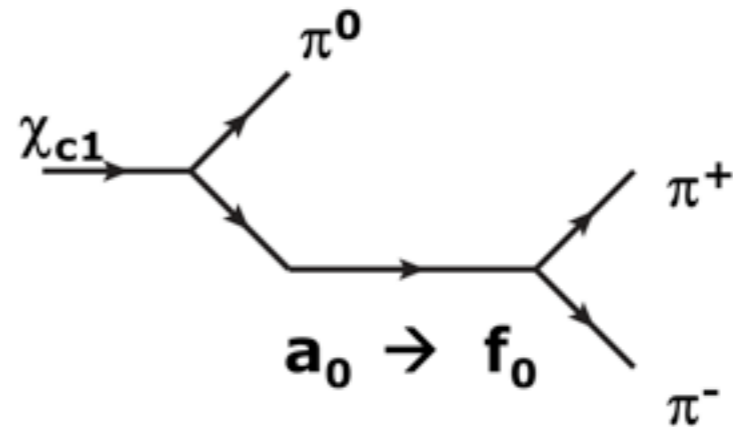
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# $a_0(980) - f_0(980)$ Mixing at BESIII

- Search for  **$a_0(980) - f_0(980)$  mixing** in these channels:



*(normalize to  $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi f_0$ )*



*(normalize to  $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0$ )*

- The leading contribution to the mixing is through:

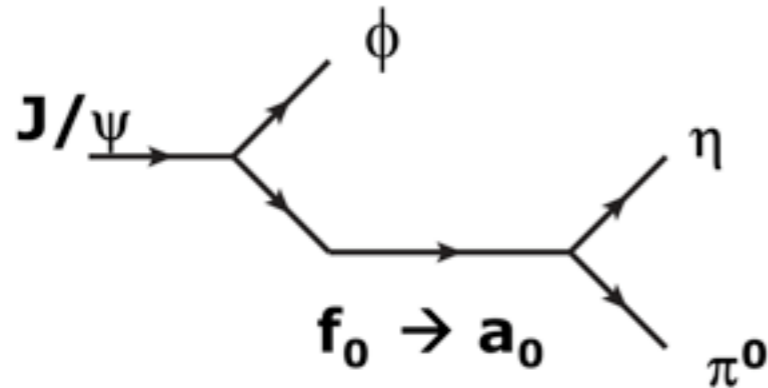
$$\Lambda_L = \begin{array}{c} K^+ \\ \circlearrowleft \\ K^- \end{array} \begin{array}{c} f_0 \\ \text{---} \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} a_0 \\ \text{---} \bullet \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} K^0 \\ \text{---} \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} f_0 \\ \text{---} \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} a_0 \\ \text{---} \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bar{K}^0 \\ \circlearrowright \end{array}$$

**$\Rightarrow$  mixing appears as a narrow peak between the  $K^+K^-$  and  $K^0\bar{K}^0$  thresholds**

*(Hanhart, et al., PRD76, 074028(2007) and references within)*

# $a_0(980) - f_0(980)$ Mixing at BESIII

- Search for  $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi(\eta\pi^0)$ :



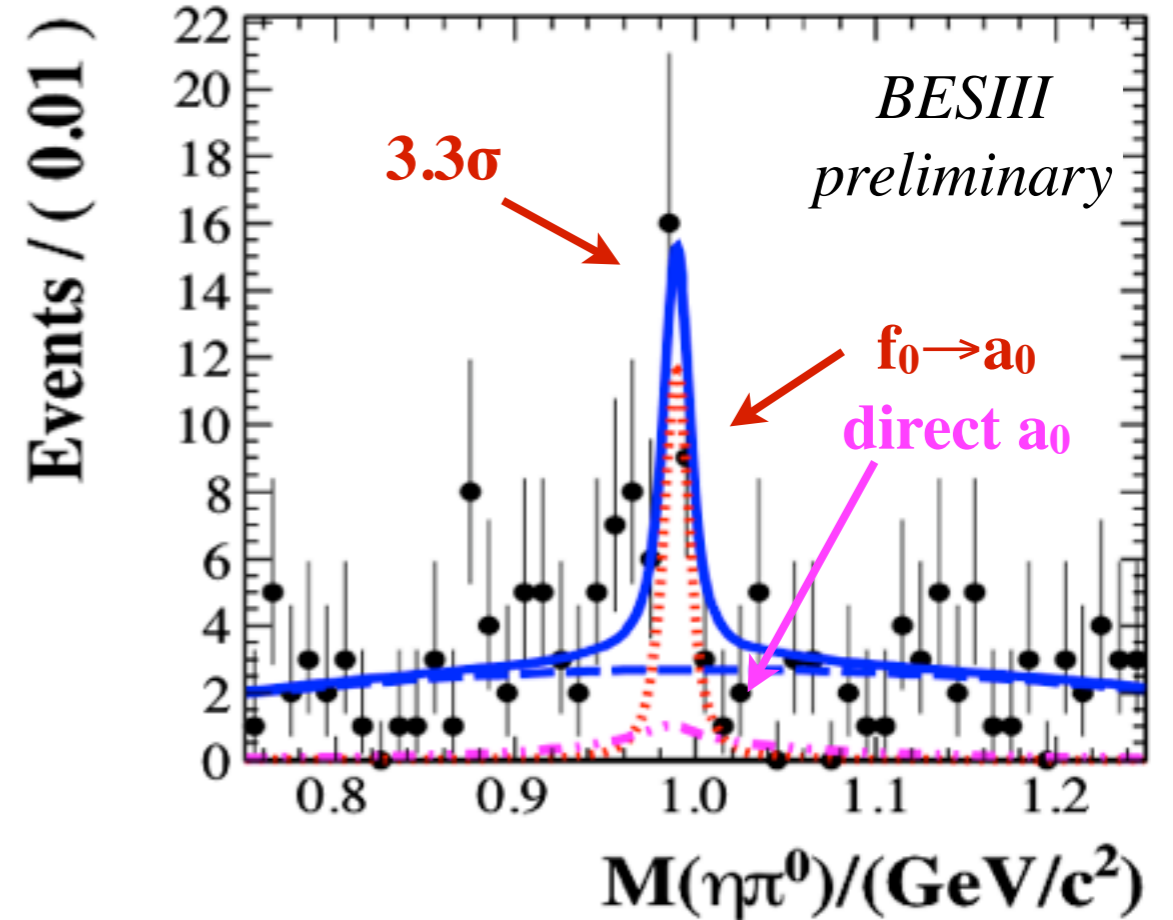
- Use 225 million  $J/\psi$  decays.

- Measure:

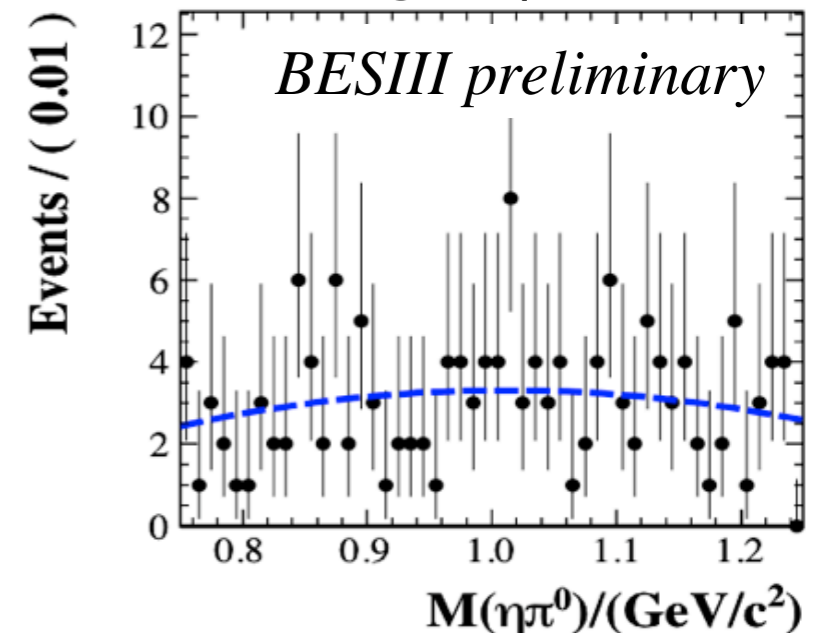
$$\xi_{fa} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}([J/\psi \rightarrow \phi f_0(980)][f_0(980) \rightarrow a_0(980)][a_0(980) \rightarrow \eta\pi^0])}{\mathcal{B}([J/\psi \rightarrow \phi f_0(980)][f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-])}$$

$$= 0.6 \pm 0.2(stat.) \pm 0.2(syst.)\%$$

Selecting the  $\phi$  in  $K^+K^-$

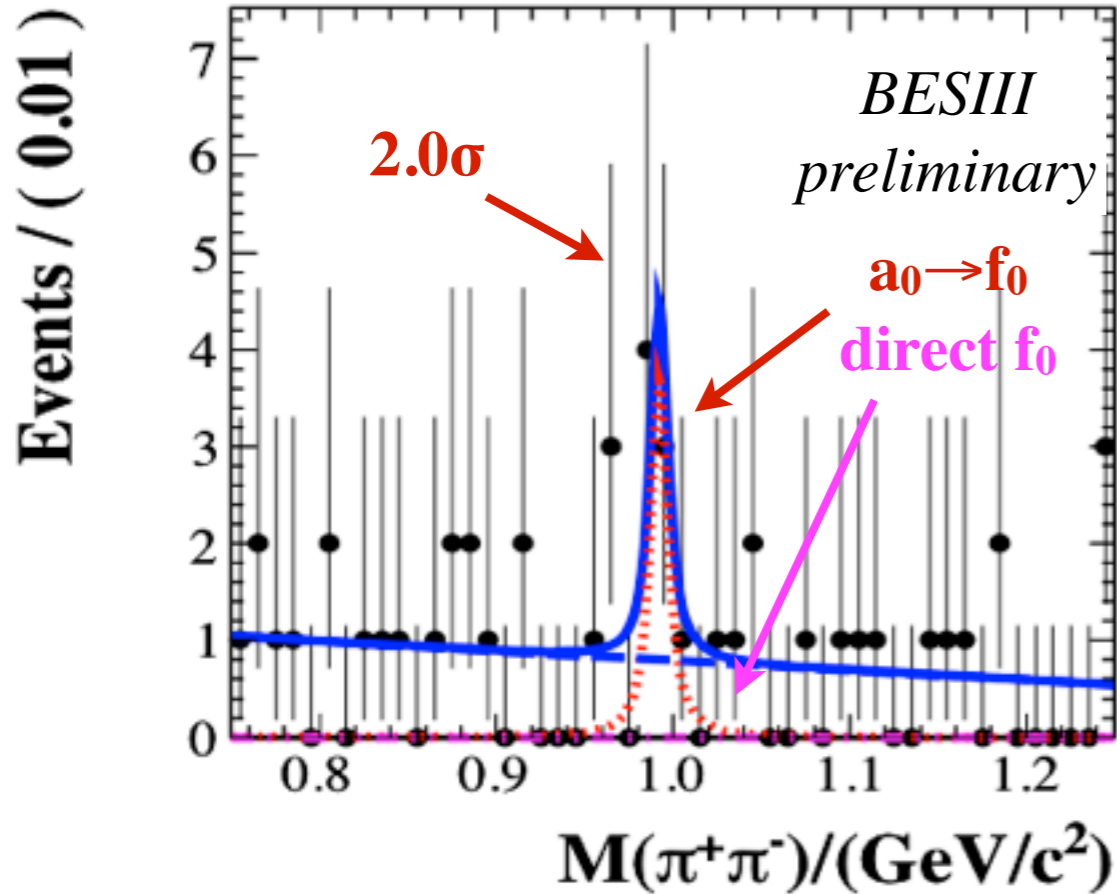


Selecting the  $\phi$  sidebands

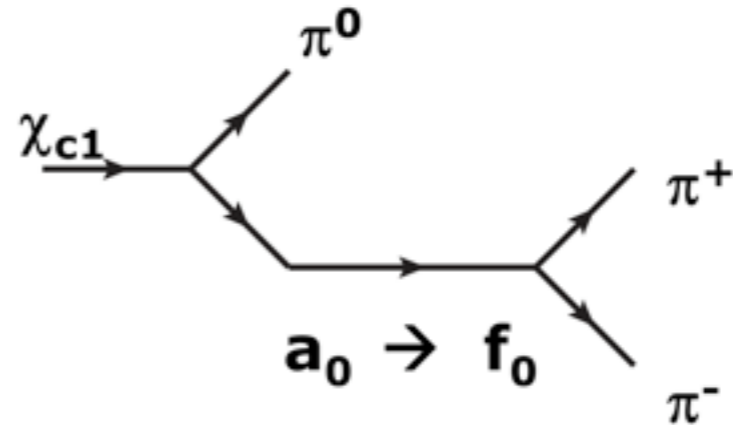


# $a_0(980) - f_0(980)$ Mixing at BESIII

Selecting the  $\chi_{c1}$  in  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

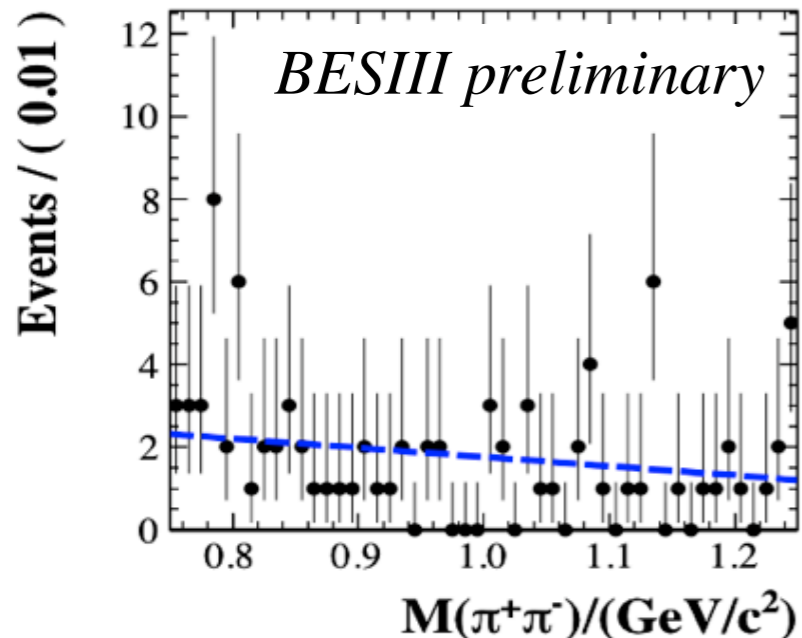


- Search for  $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^0(\pi^+\pi^-)$ :



- Use 106 million  $\psi(2S)$  decays and  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$

Selecting the  $\chi_{c1}$  sidebands



- Measure:

$$\xi_{af} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}([\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0(980)][a_0(980) \rightarrow f_0(980)][f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-])}{\mathcal{B}([\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0(980)][a_0(980) \rightarrow \eta\pi^0])}$$

$$= 0.3 \pm 0.2(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.1(\text{syst.})\%$$

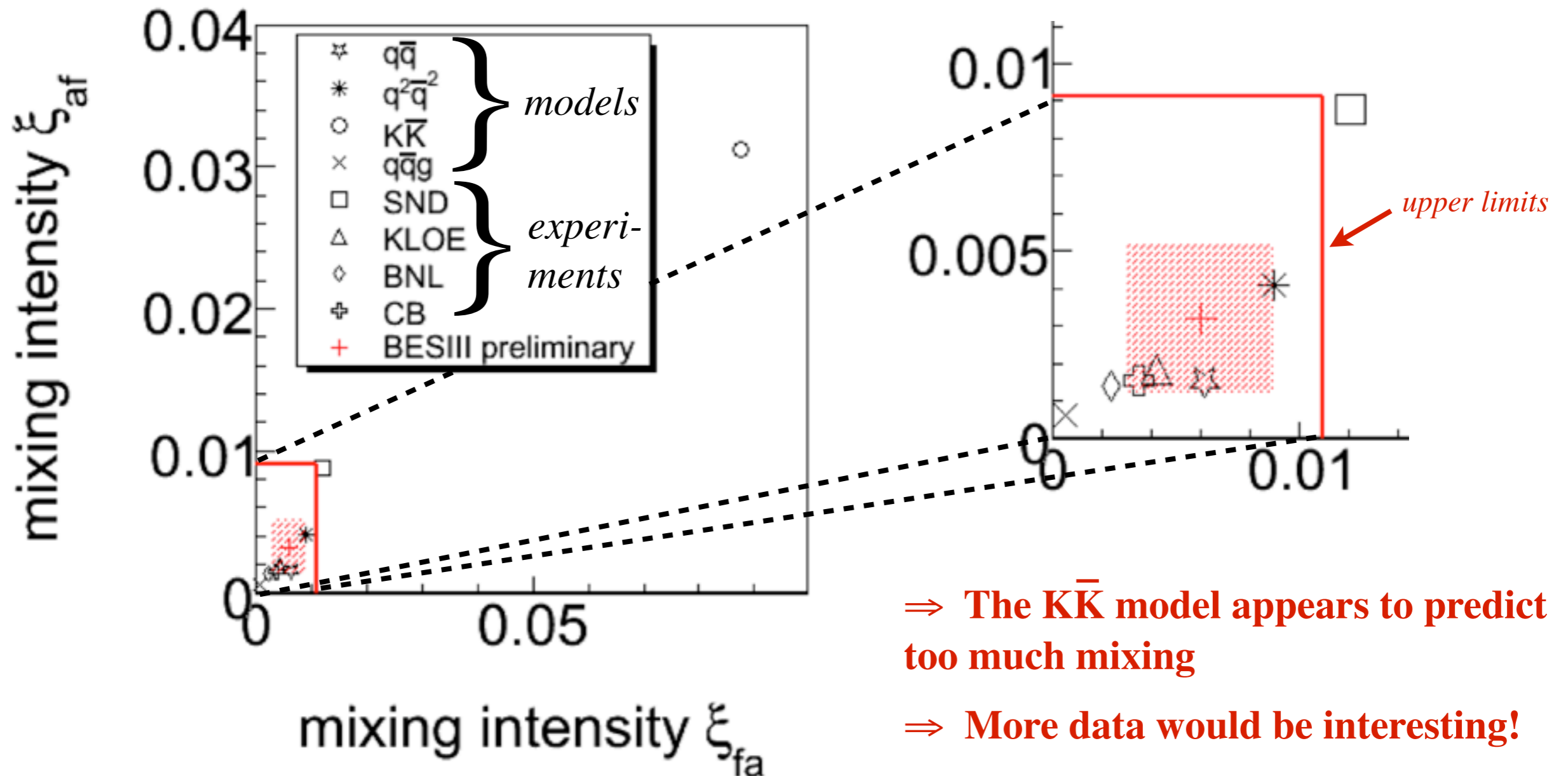
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- Mixing intensities can be derived from coupling constants and masses.

(Wu et al., PRD75, 114012 (2007) and references within)

- Coupling constants and masses can be predicted by models or measured by experiments.

⇒ Compare the BESIII measurement to models and experiments...



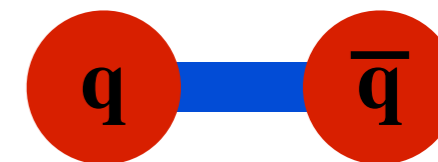
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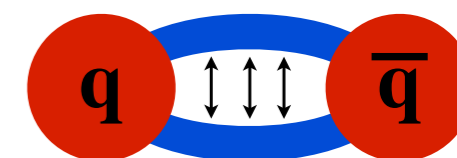
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What other states can we find in the light quark meson sector?

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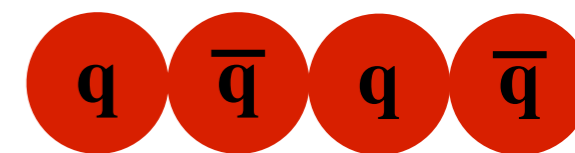
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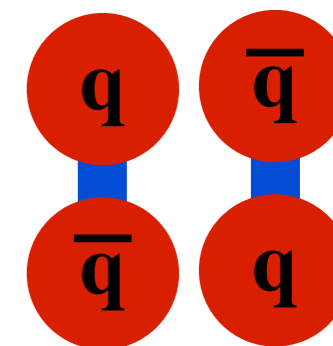
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# The “X(1860)” in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma(p\bar{p})$ at BESIII

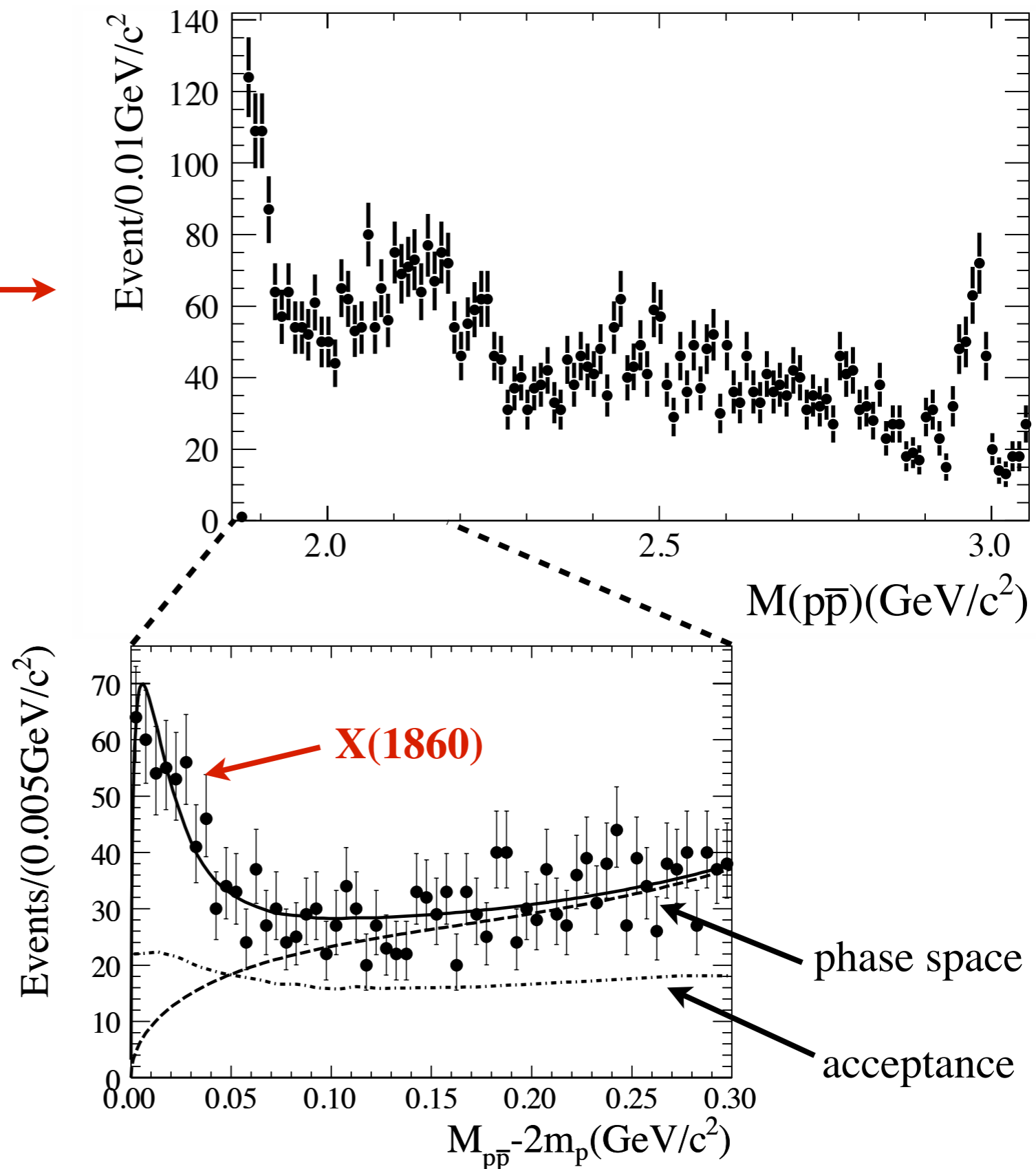
- First observed by BESII
- **Now confirmed by BESIII in**  
 $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$   
 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$   
**using 106 million  $\psi(2S)$  decays**



- Also recently confirmed by CLEO-c (with lower statistics) in the same reaction

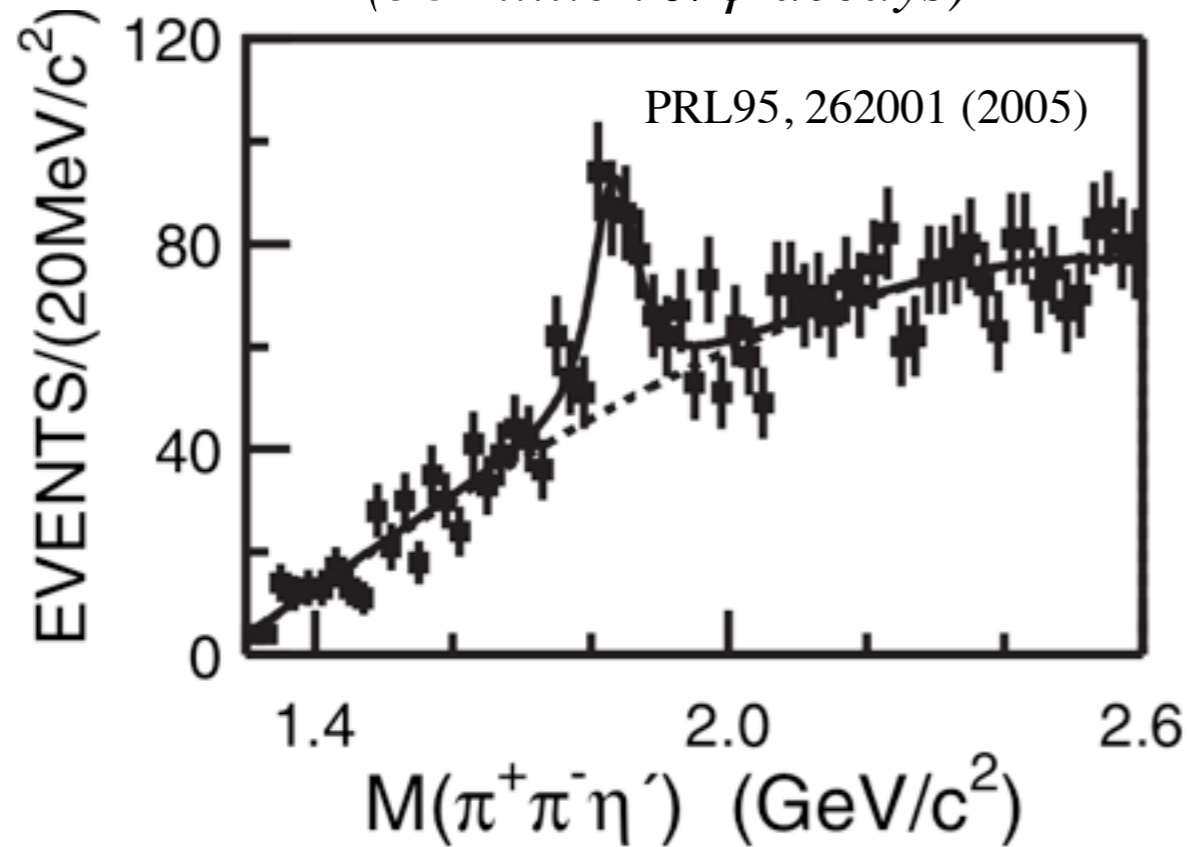
- No clear evidence in:
  - $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$  (BESII)
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega p\bar{p}$  (BESII)
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 p\bar{p}$  (BESIII)
  - $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma p\bar{p}$  (CLEO III)
  - etc.

- **Possibly baryonium?**

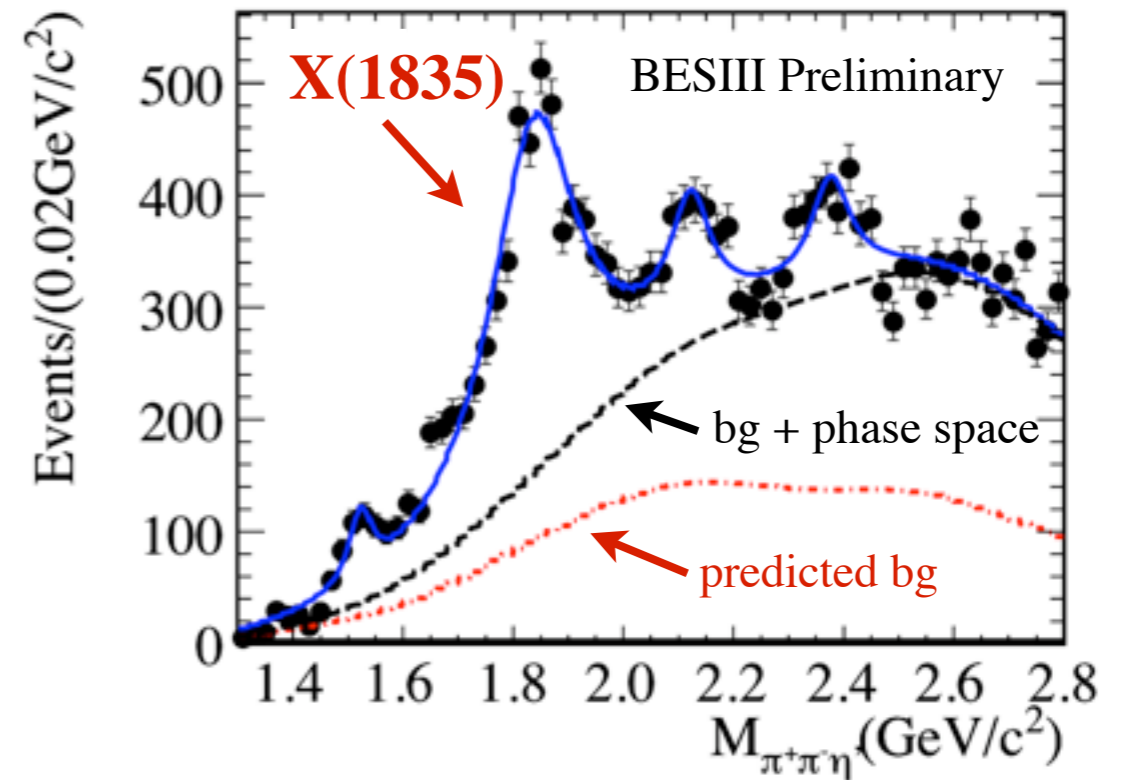


# The “X(1835)” in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma(\eta'\pi^+\pi^-)$ at BESIII

First observed by BESII:  
(58 million  $J/\psi$  decays)



Confirmed by BESIII:  
(225 million  $J/\psi$  decays)



But with surprises:

**Rich Substructure!**

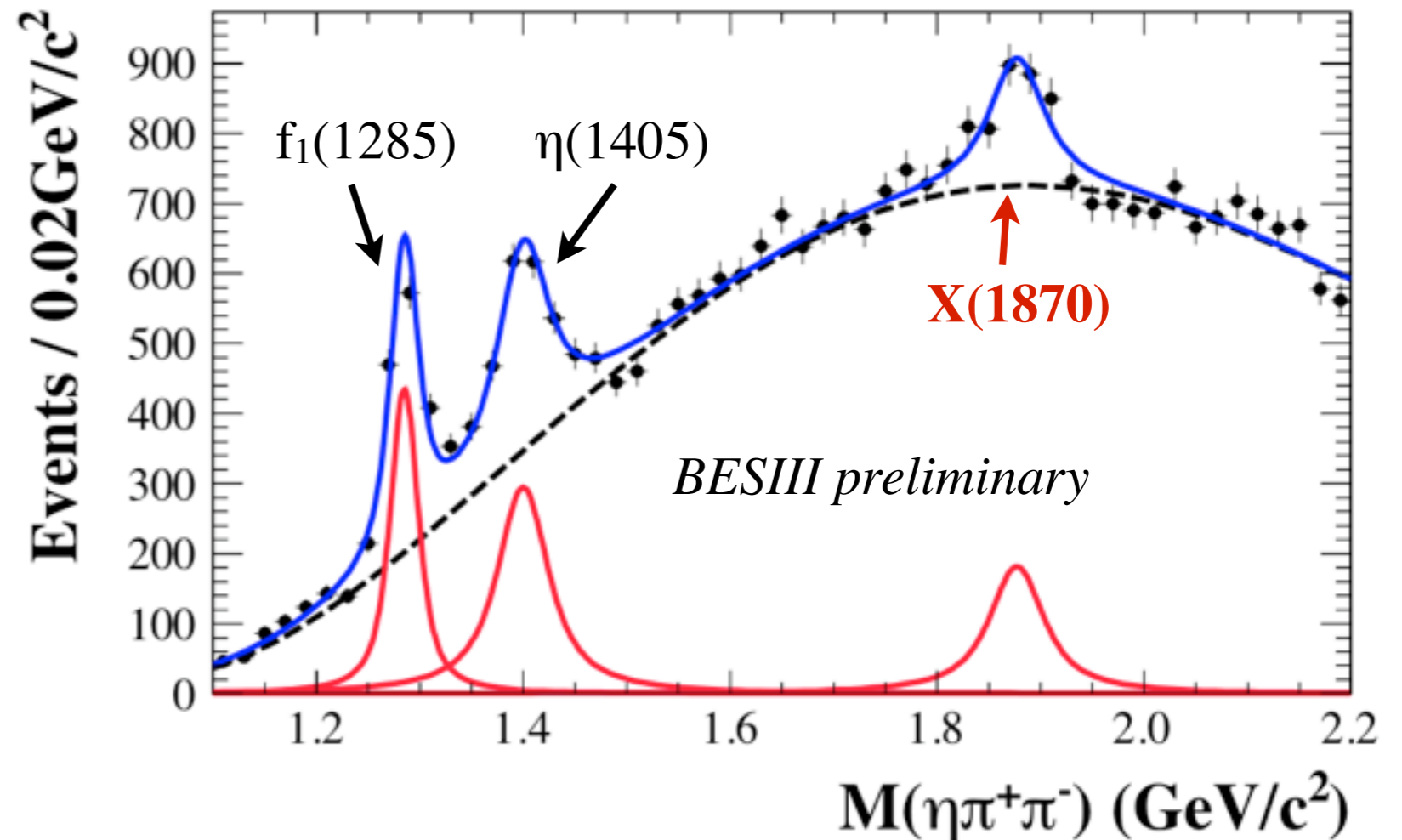
(an amplitude analysis could help  
with interpretation)

resonance	$M$ ( MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$\Gamma$ ( MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$N_{event}$
$f_1(1510)$	$1522.7 \pm 5.0$	$48 \pm 11$	$230 \pm 37$
X(1835)	$1836.5 \pm 3.0$	$190.1 \pm 9.0$	$4265 \pm 131$
X(2120)	$2122.4 \pm 6.7$	$84 \pm 16$	$647 \pm 103$
X(2370)	$2376.3 \pm 8.7$	$83 \pm 17$	$565 \pm 105$



# The “X(1870)” in $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega(\eta\pi^+\pi^-)$ at BESIII

- One more surprise...
- Look at  $M(\eta\pi^+\pi^-)$  from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega(\eta\pi^+\pi^-)$  after selecting  $a_0^\pm \rightarrow \eta\pi^\pm$
- A new signal appears at a mass of **1870 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>** with a width of **~80 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>**!



$\Rightarrow$  *In general, amplitude analyses will be needed to learn more about these new states...*

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- BESIII has already made many contributions beyond the reach of CLEO-c

- Many more results are on their way! (*including analyses of open charm*)