

# Charmonium Spectroscopy at BESIII

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**BESIII**

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## DISCLAIMER

This presentation is not an encyclopaedic review of all the charmonium analyses at BESIII

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# BESIII Experiment

BESIII (BEijing Spectrometer III) is an experiment located at the BEPCII (Beijing Electron Positron Collider II) at IHEP (Institute of High Energy Physics)

Being **BEPCII** an  **$e^+e^-$  collider**, BESIII can profit from **direct production** of **vector states** ( $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ )

The **statistics of the  $\psi(nS)$**  decays allows to probe and study with **high precision** also the **non-vector** states

BESIII has also **unique opportunities** with datasets **above 3.8 GeV**

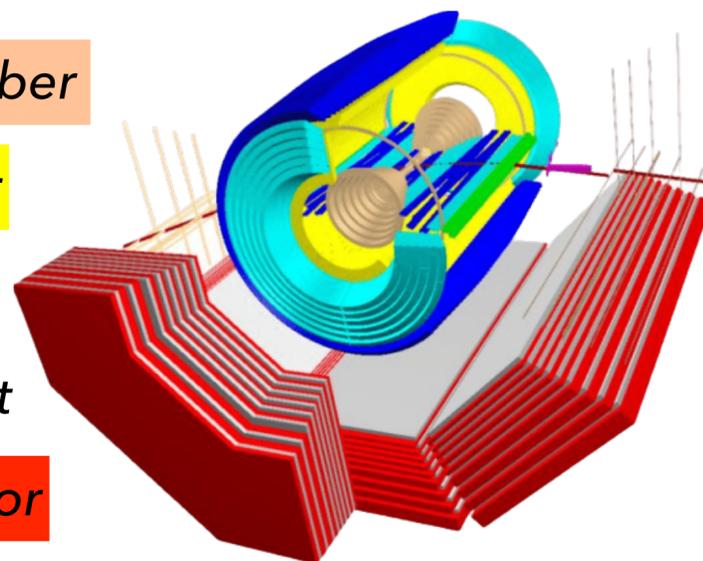
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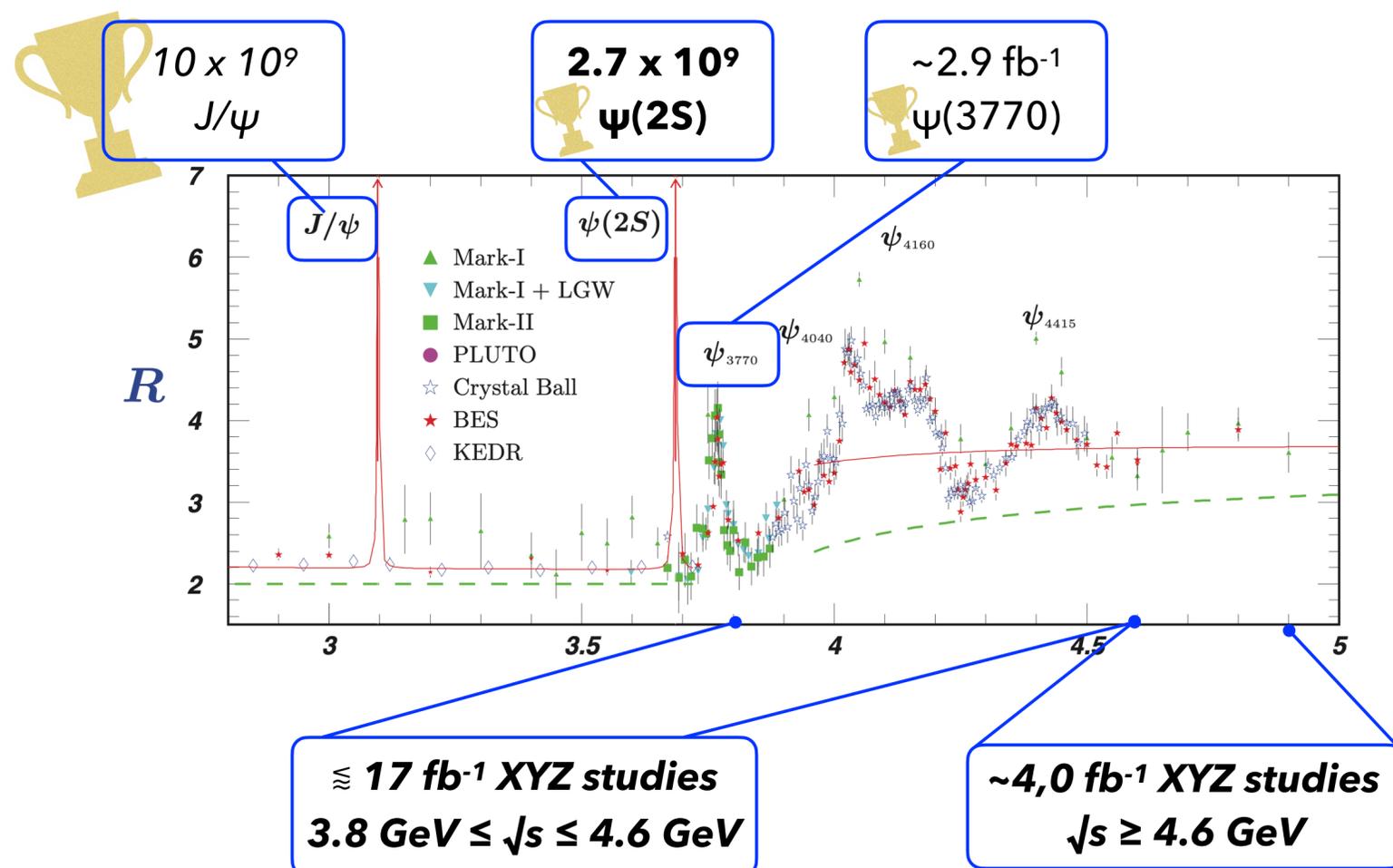
EM Calorimeter

1T Solenoidal Magnet

Muon Detector



$\tau$ -charm factory  $2.0 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.9 \text{ GeV}$   
with an instantaneous luminosity of  
 $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  @  $\sqrt{s} = 3.77 \text{ GeV}$



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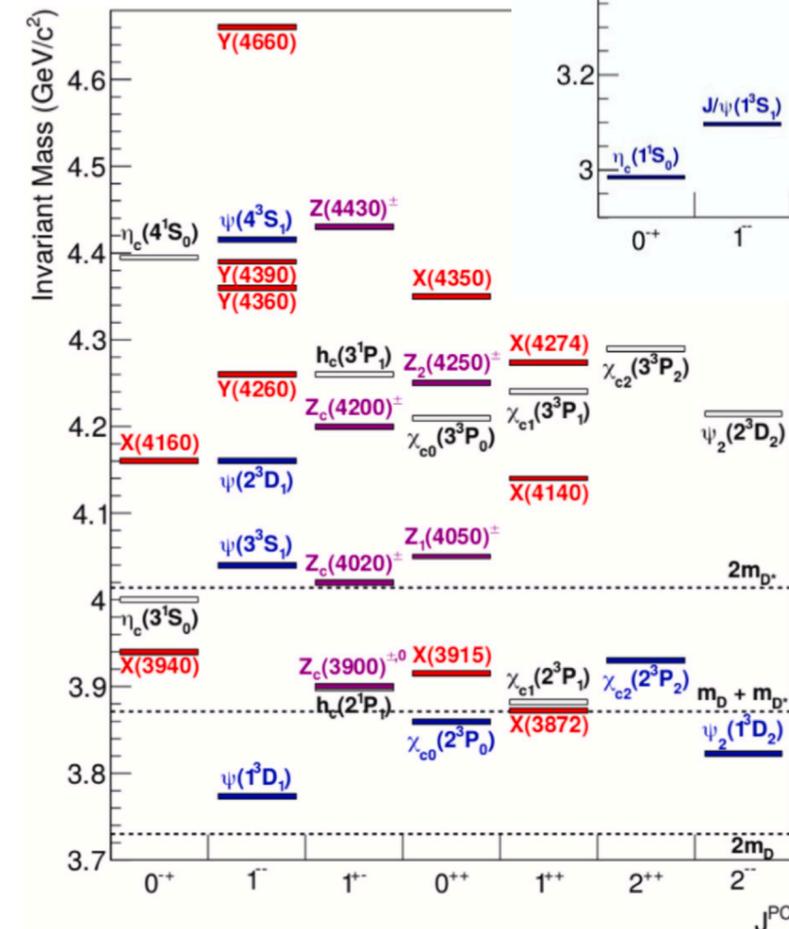
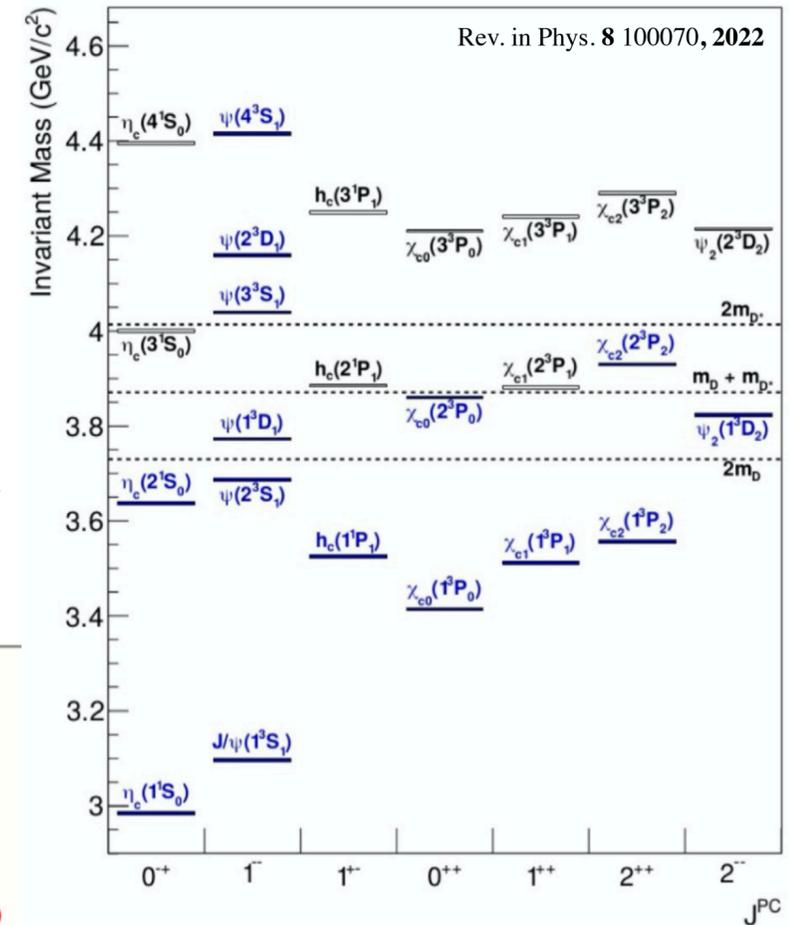
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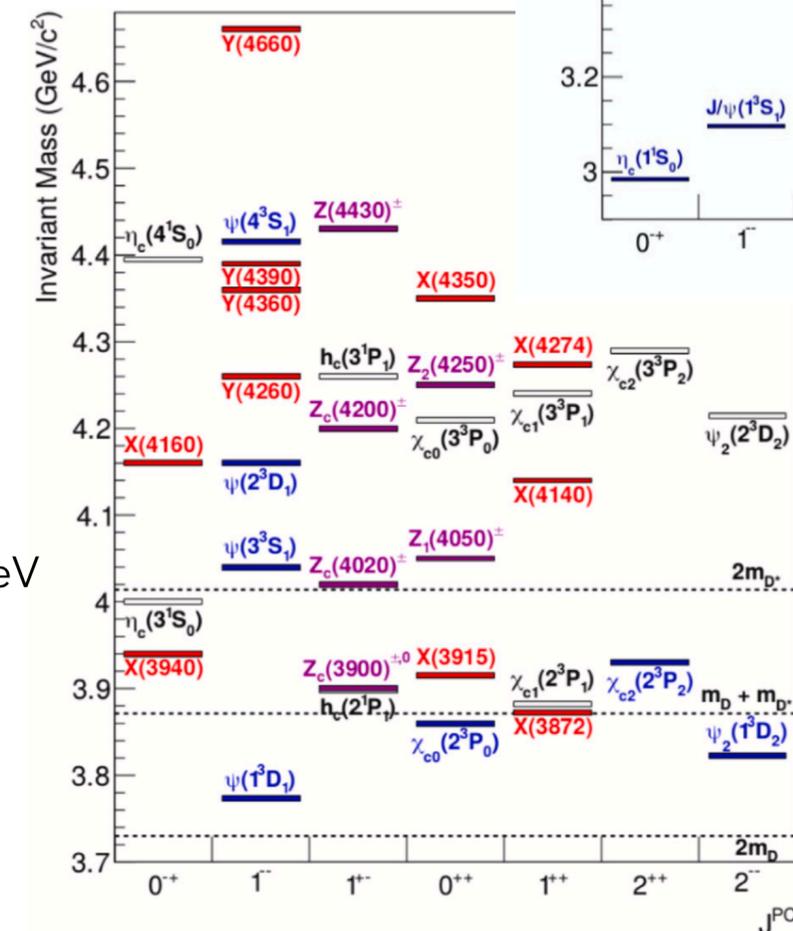
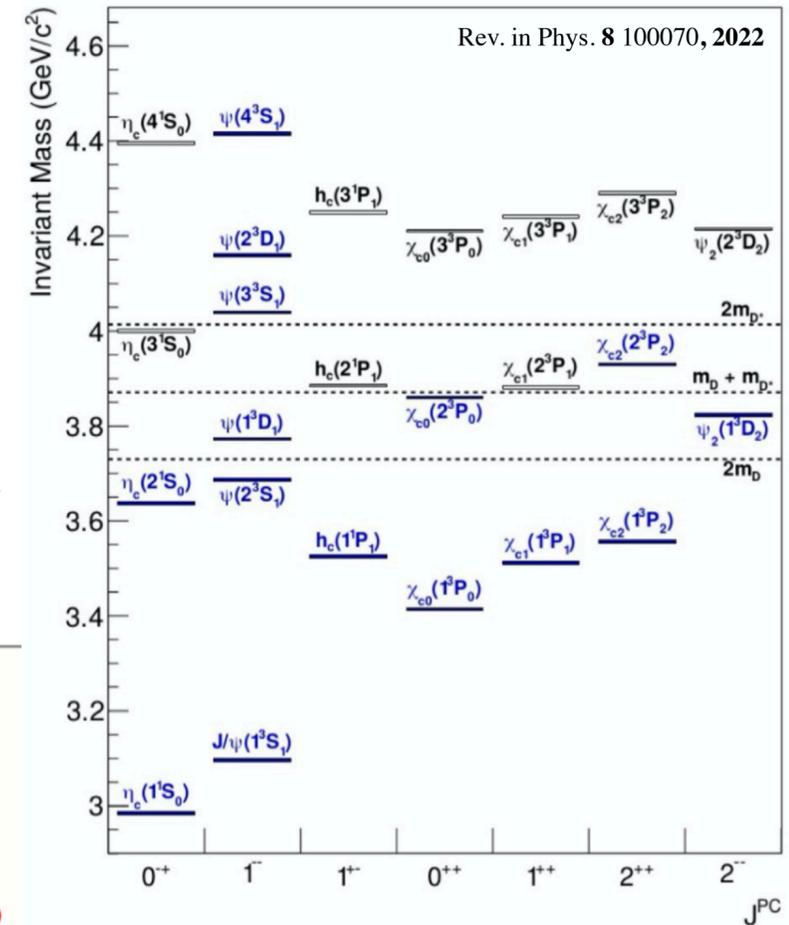
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BESIII can perform such studies, but we will focus on what BESIII can provide to expand the knowledge on the charmonium spectrum itself:

1. Study of the  $h_c(1P)$  meson via  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c$  decays at BESIII
2. Observation of Resonance Structures in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\psi_2(3823)$  and Mass Measurement of  $\psi_2(3823)$
3. Observation of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\psi_2(3823)$
4. Study of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\omega$  process at center-of-mass energies between 4.0 and 4.6 GeV
5. Observation of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\bar{n}n + c.c.$
6. Measurement of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-D^+D^-$  cross sections at center-of-mass energies from 4.190 to 4.946 GeV
7. Observation of Three Charmoniumlike States with  $J = 1^-$  in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}D^{*-}\pi^+$
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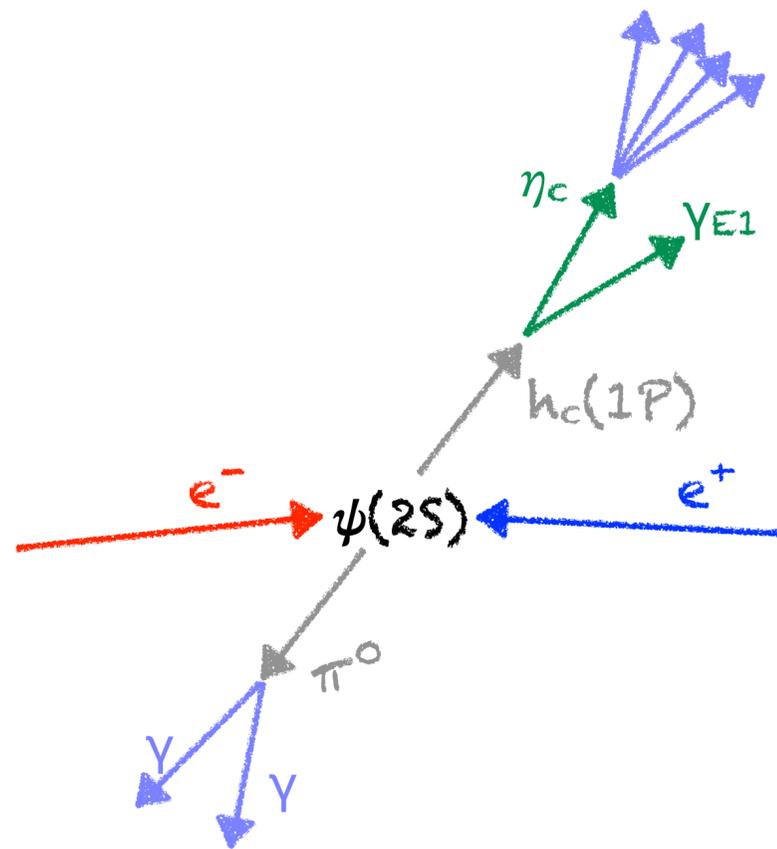


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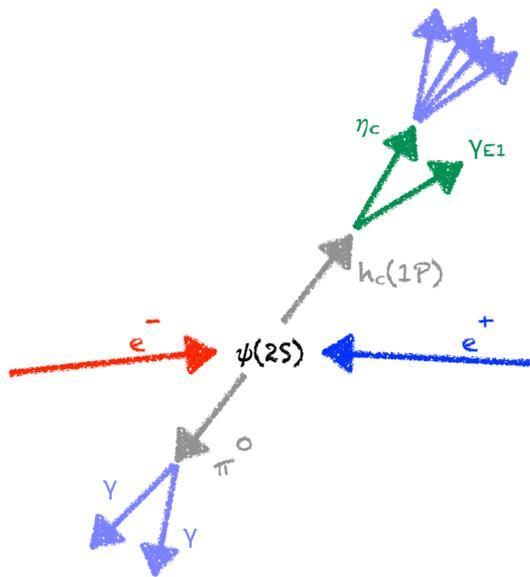
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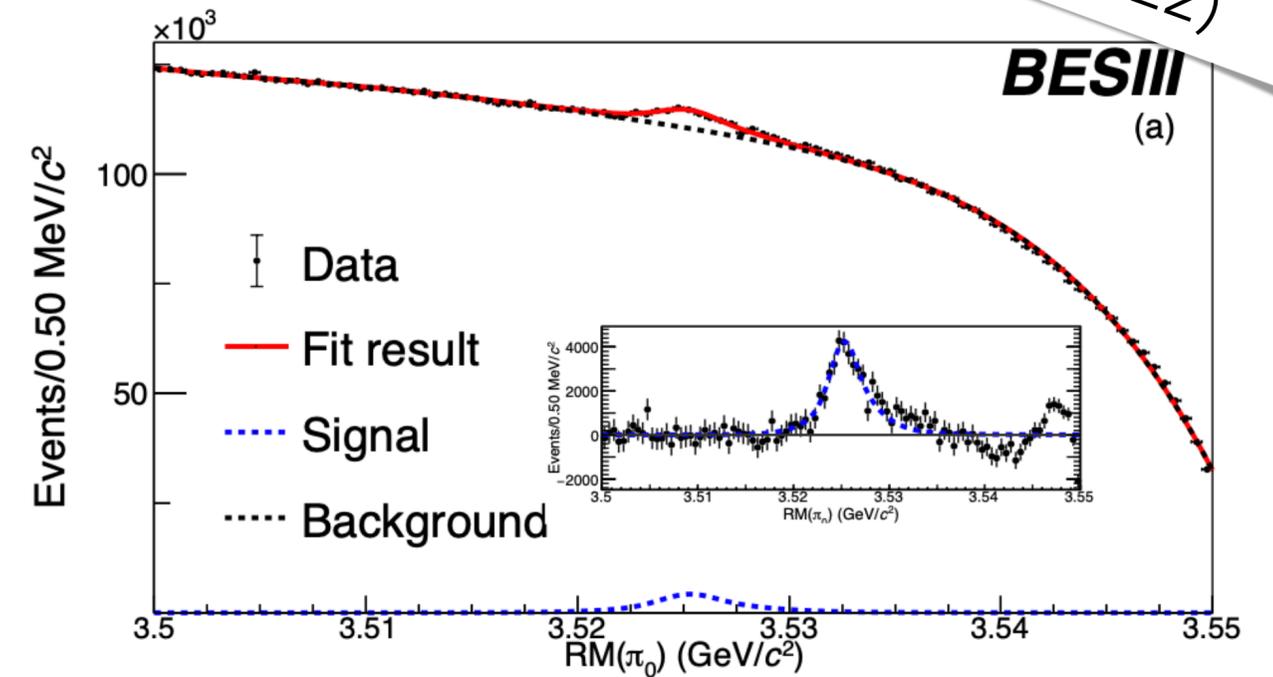
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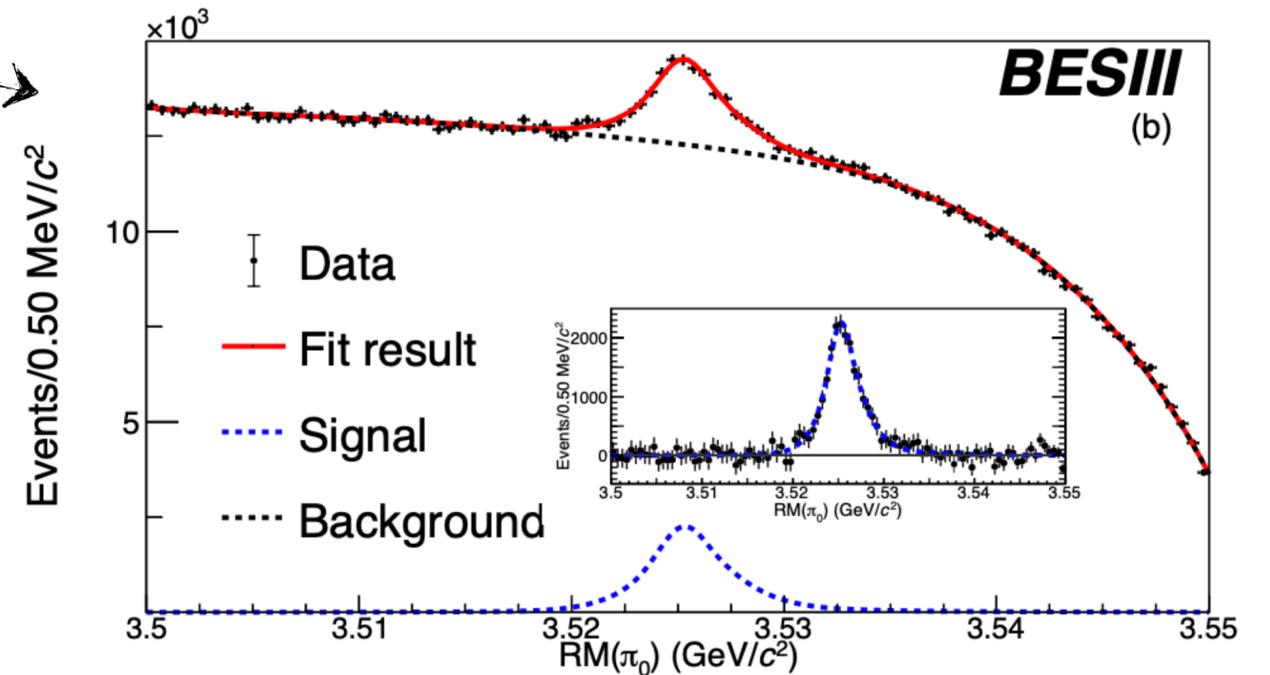
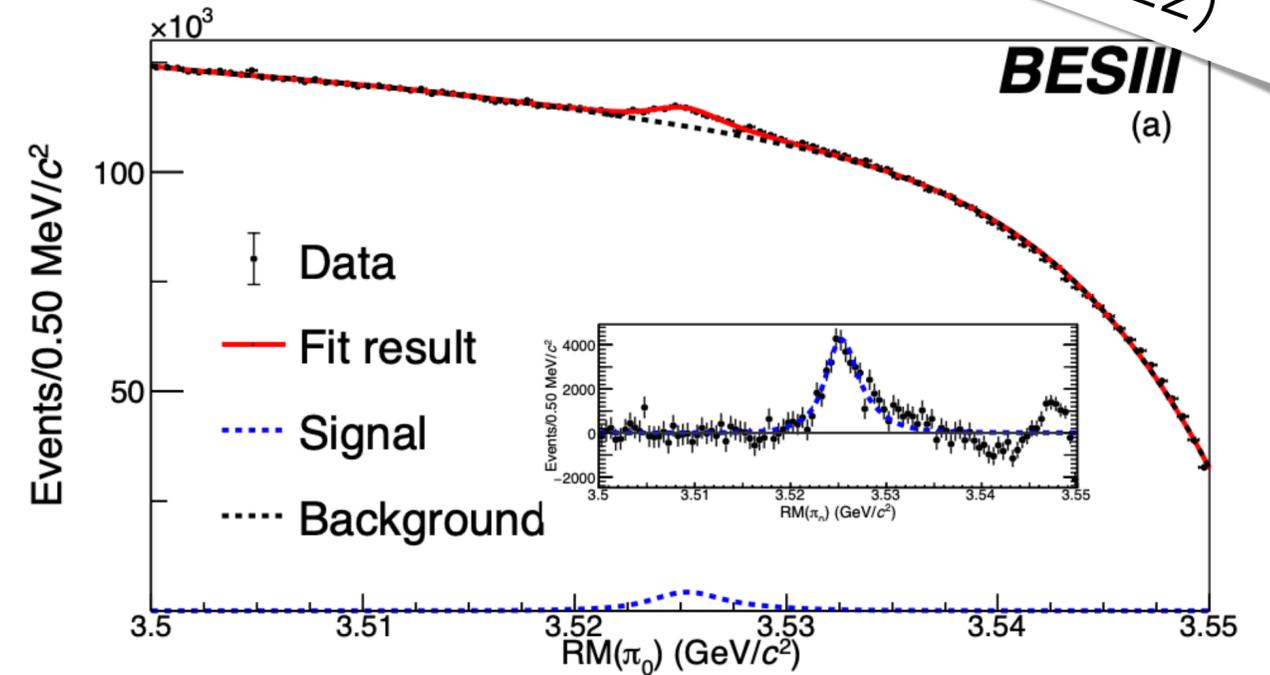
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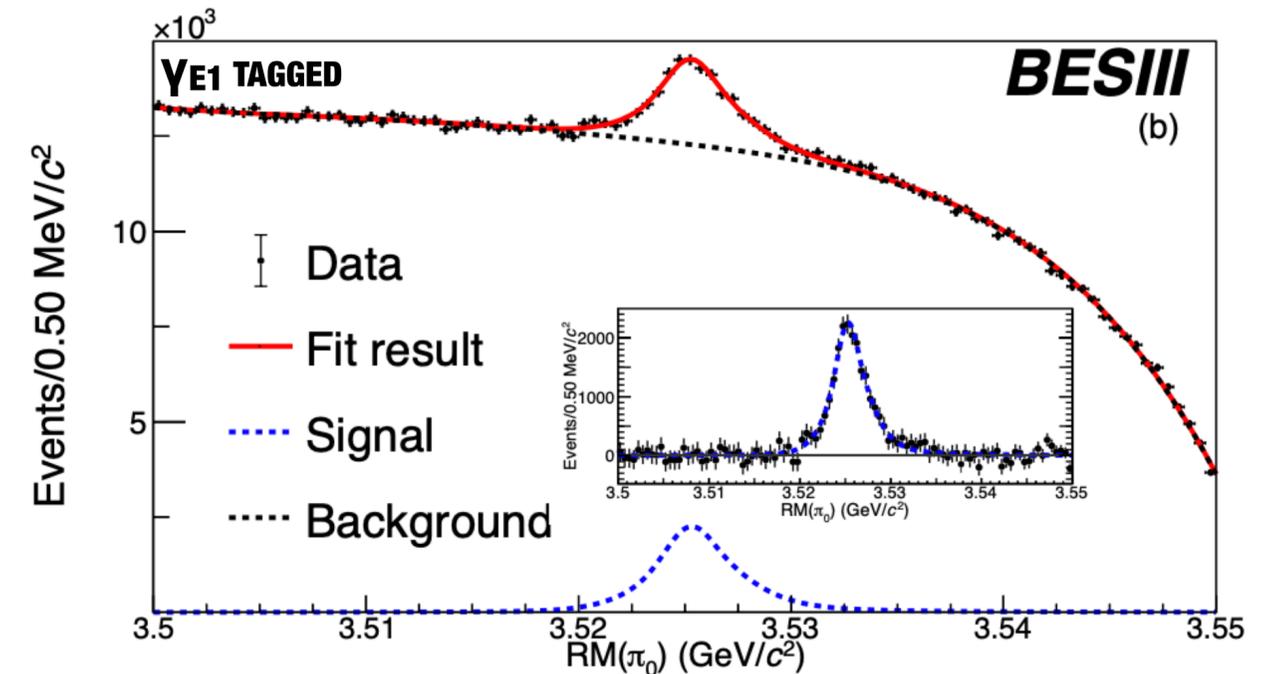
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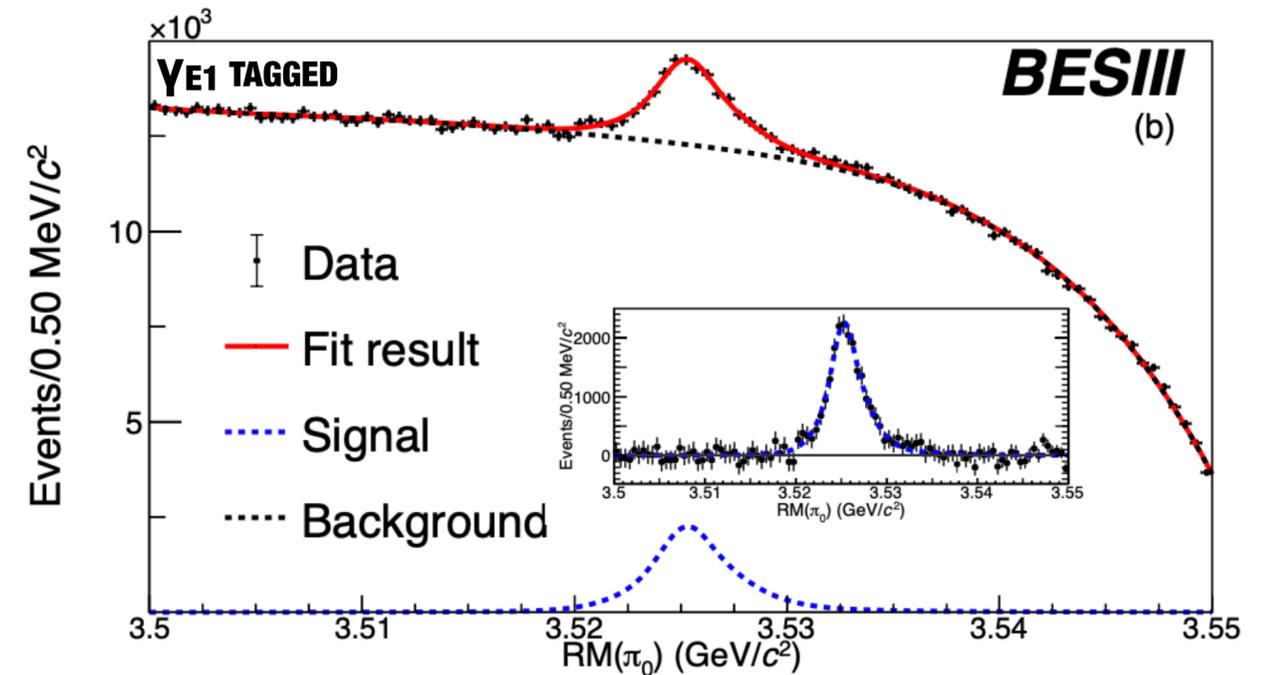
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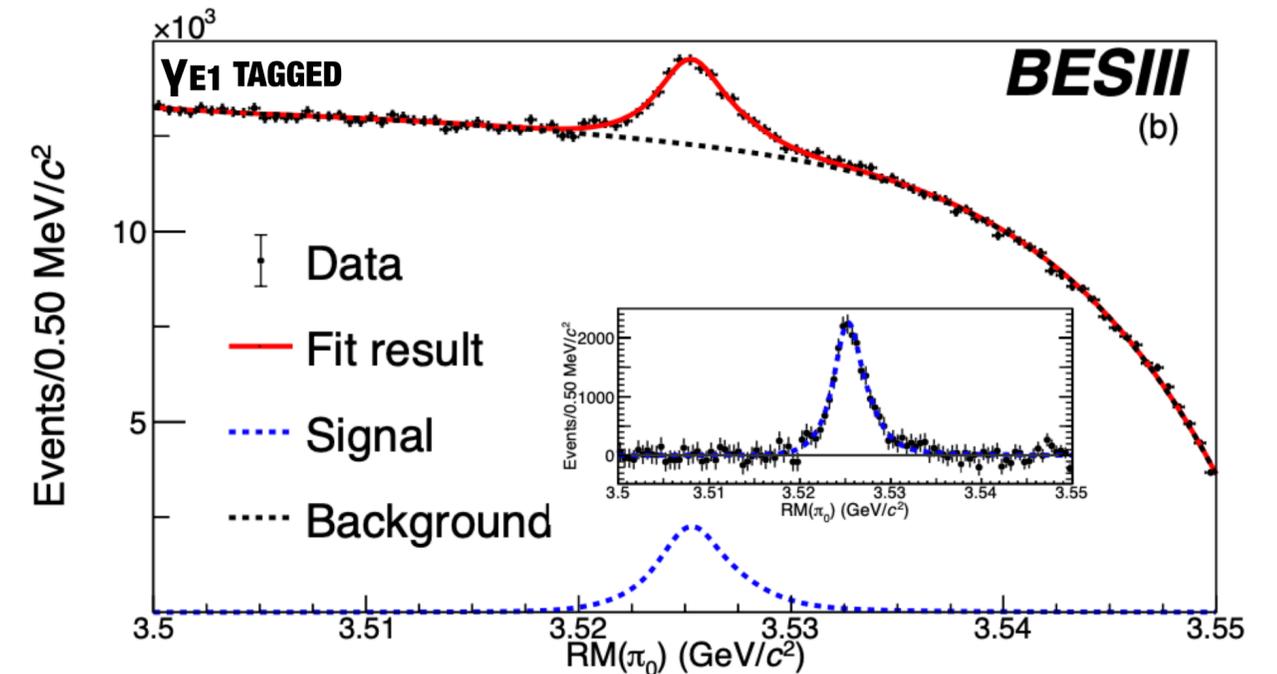
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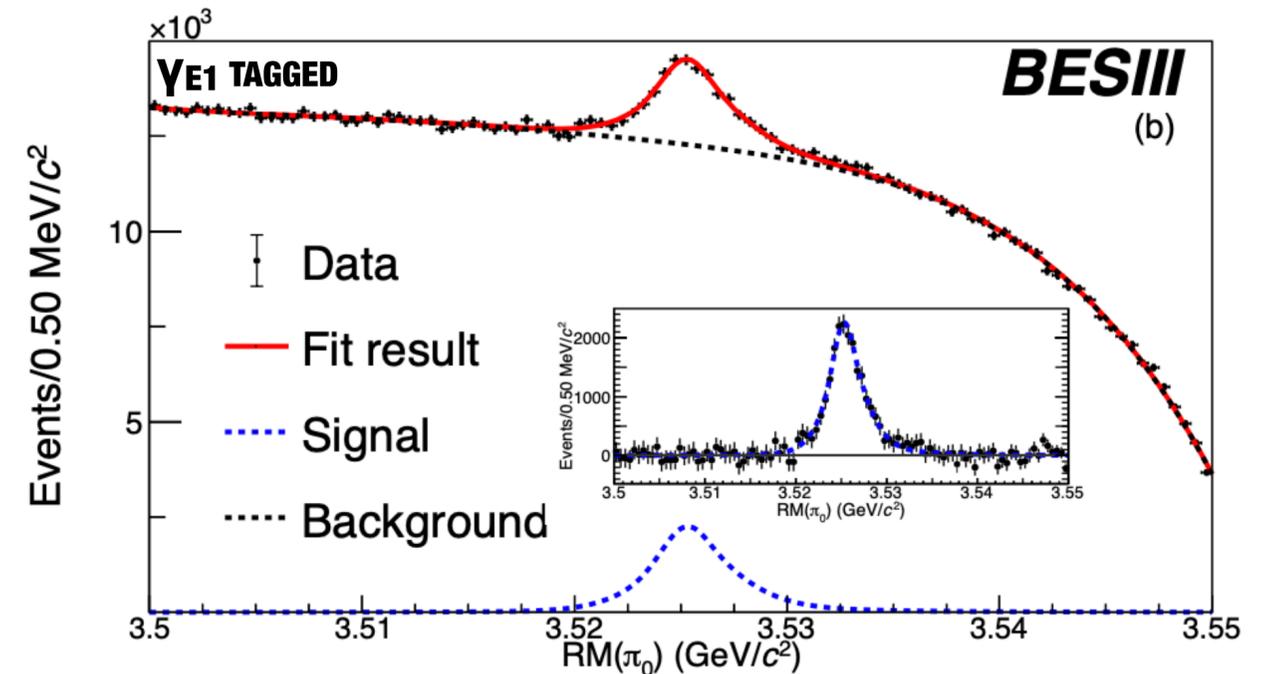
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With respect to the **center-of-gravity mass ( $M(\text{c.o.g.})$ )** of the three  $\chi_{cJ}(1^3P_J)$  states

$$M(\text{c.o.g.}) = \frac{M(\chi_{c0}) + 3M(\chi_{c1}) + 5M(\chi_{c2})}{9}$$

**no mass splitting** ( $\Delta_{\text{hyp}} = 0.03 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.15 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) is observed as predicted by potential model **calculations**<sup>[5,6]</sup>

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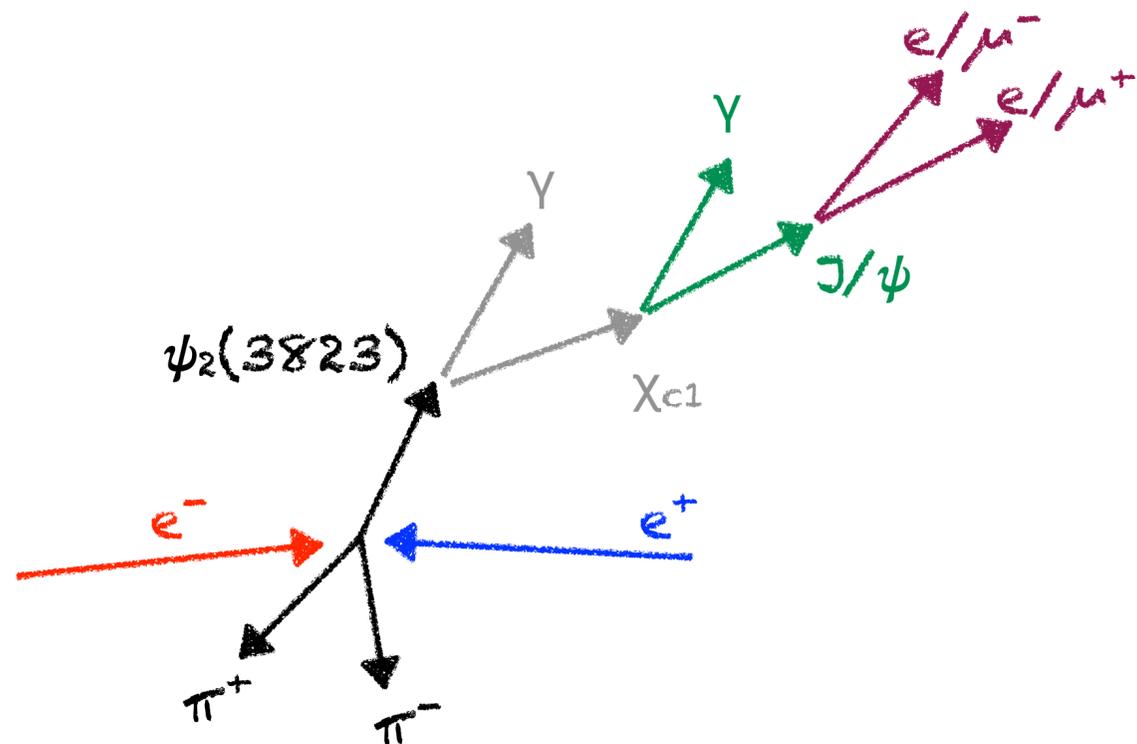
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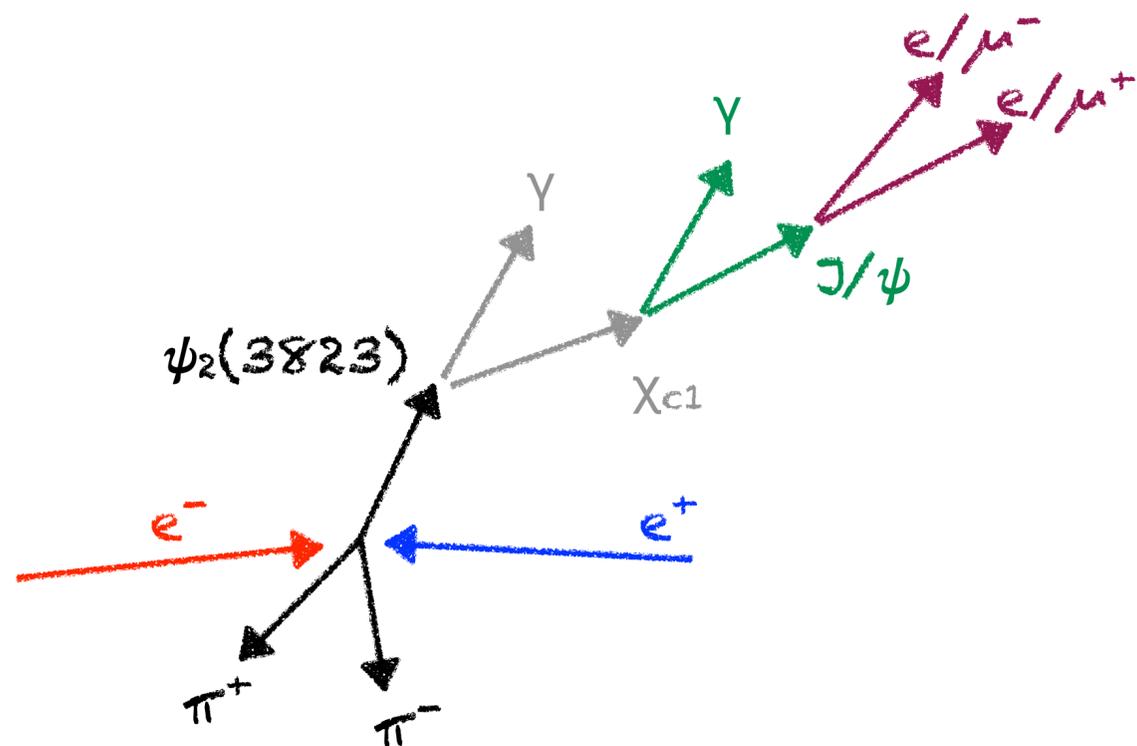
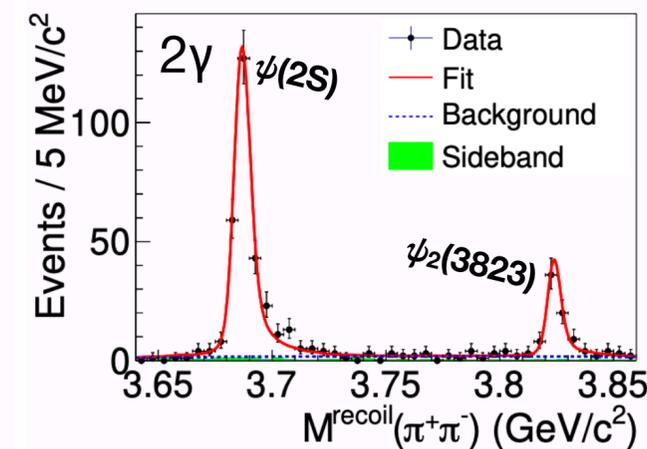
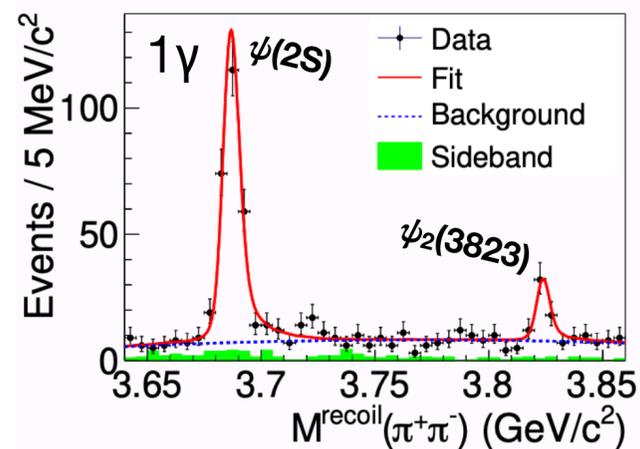
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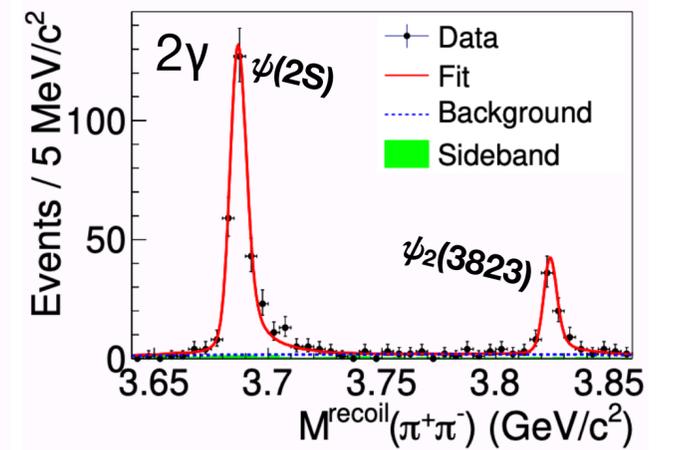
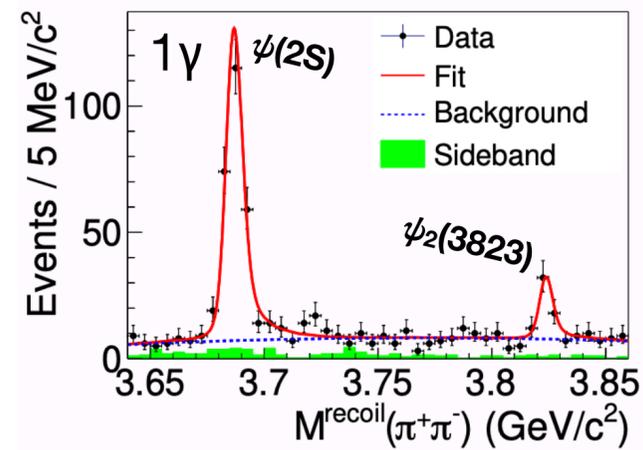
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$\Gamma_{\psi_2(3823)} < 2.9 \text{ MeV}$   
Most stringent upper limit

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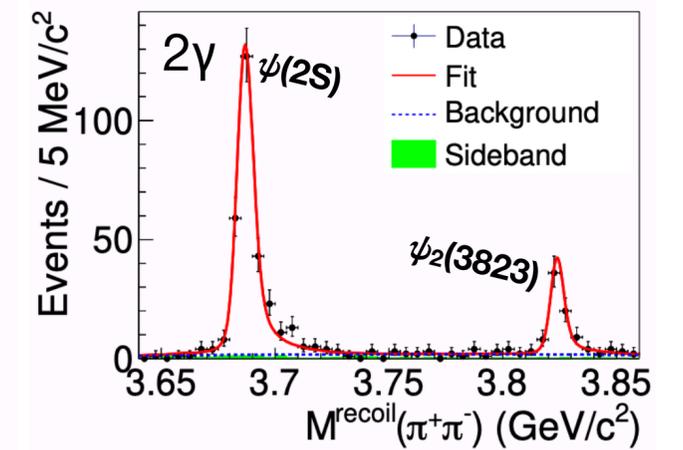
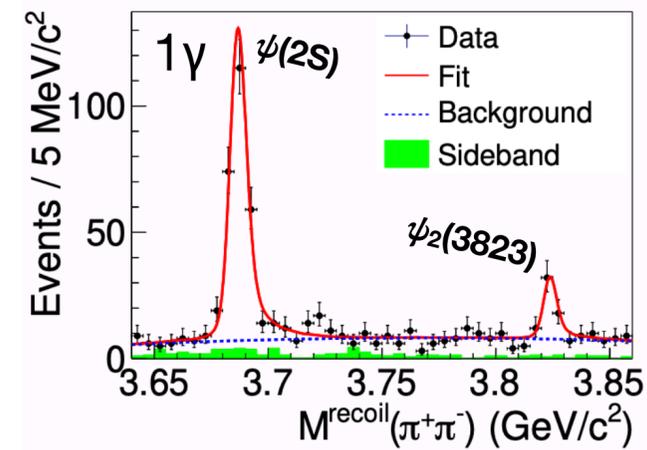
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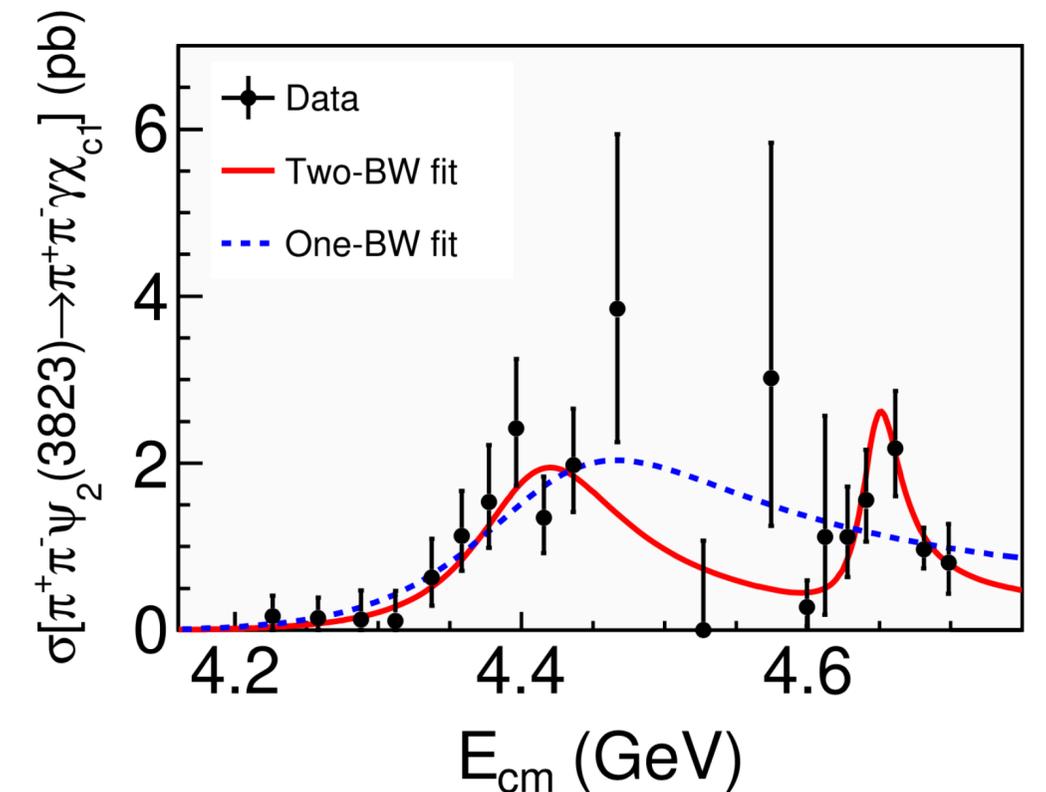
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Parameters	Solution I	Solution II
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$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}[R_1]$	$128.1 \pm 37.2 \pm 2.3$	
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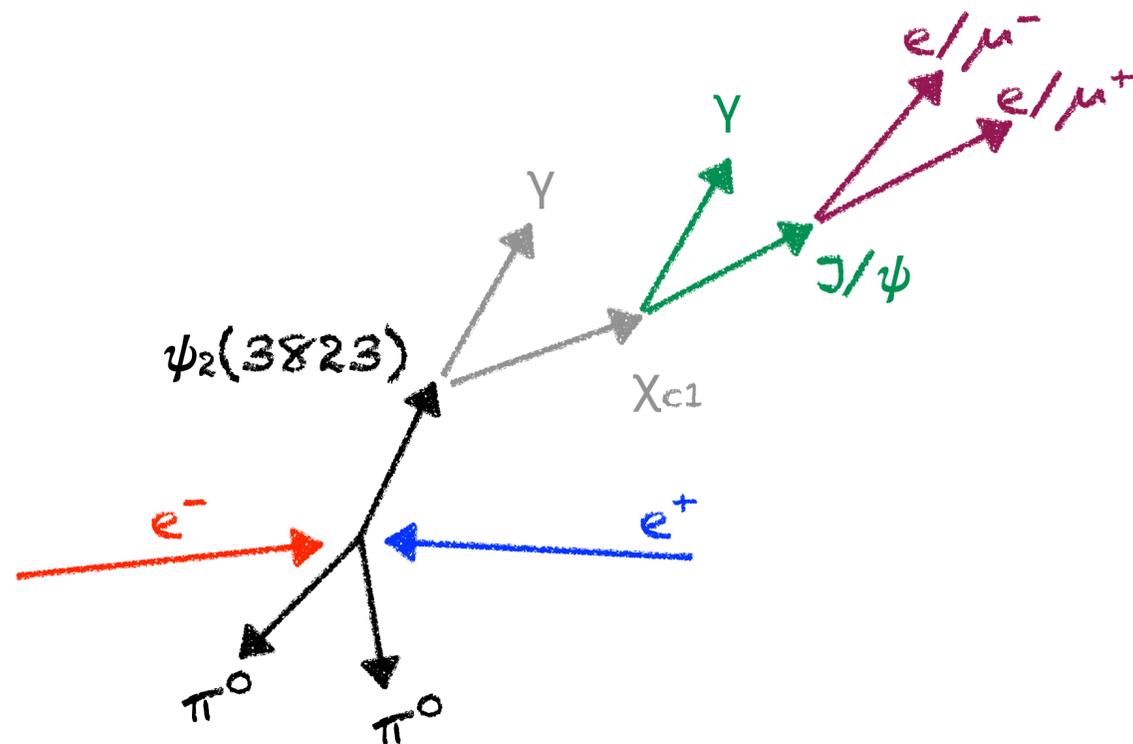
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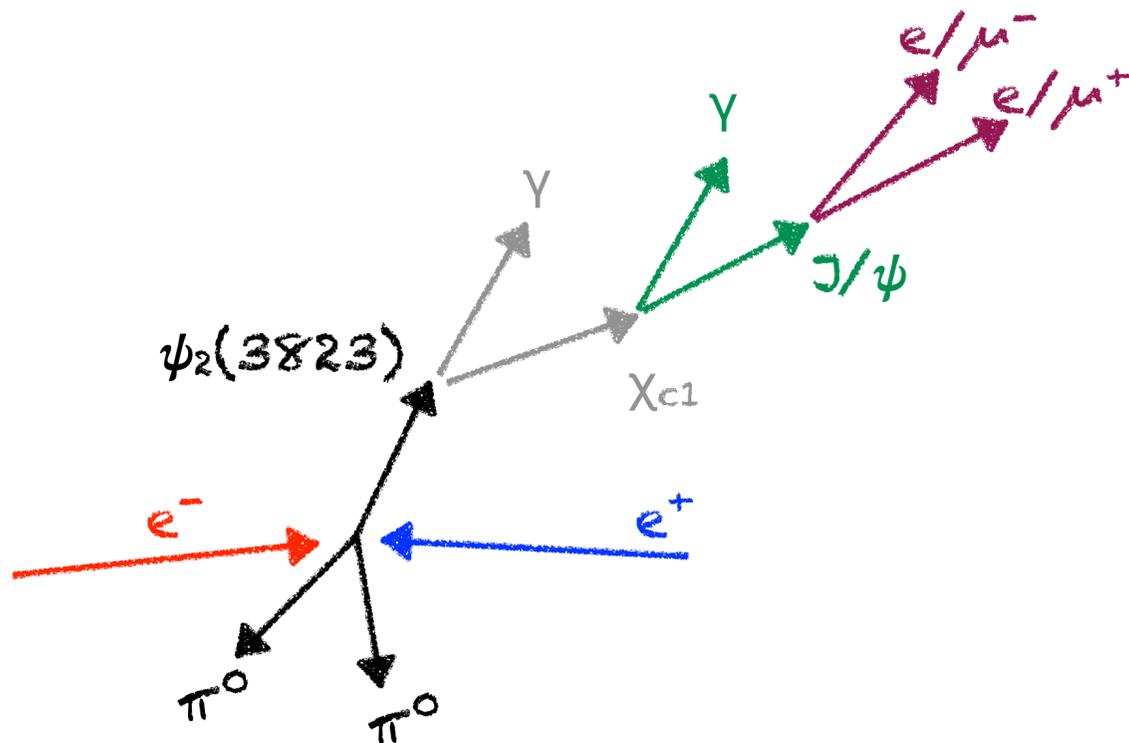
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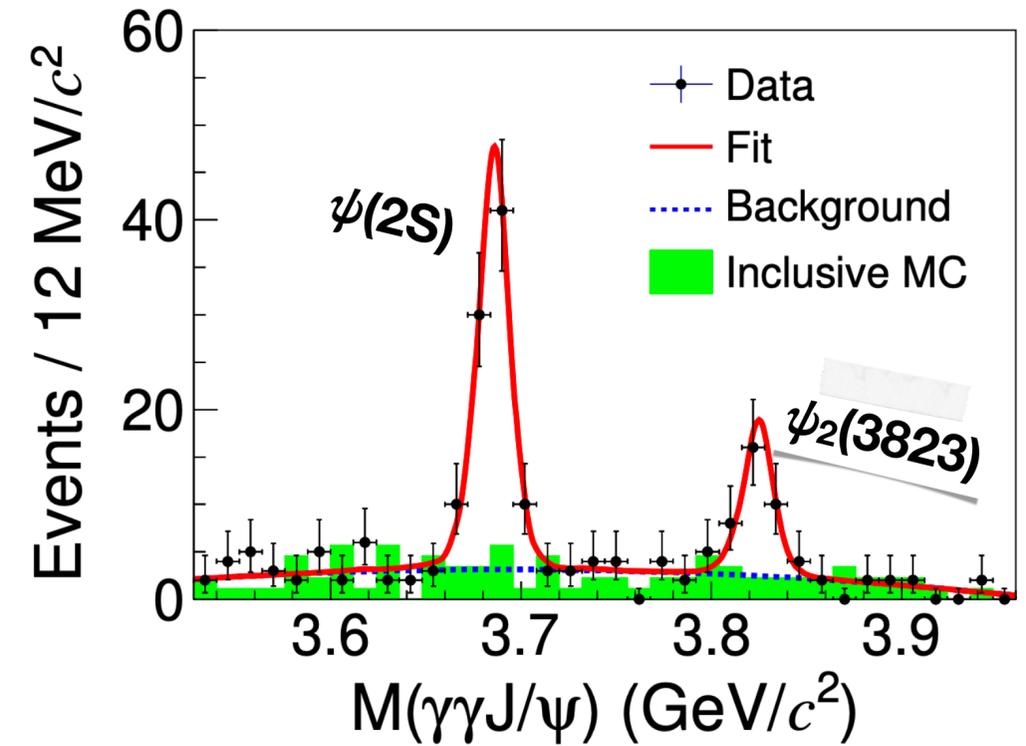
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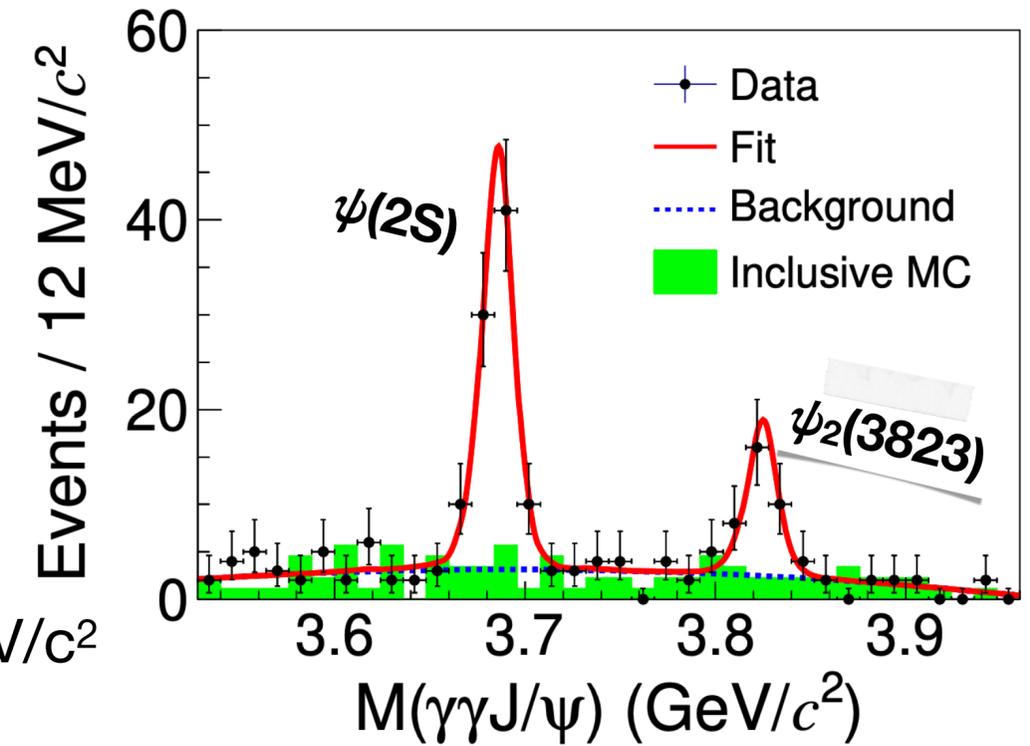
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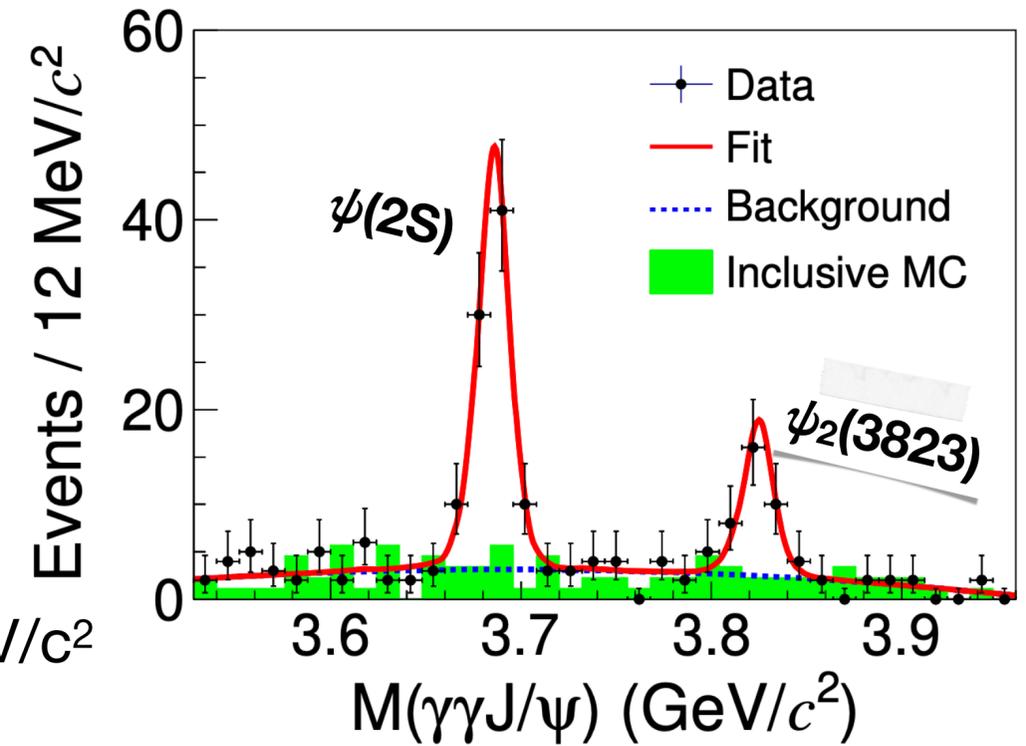
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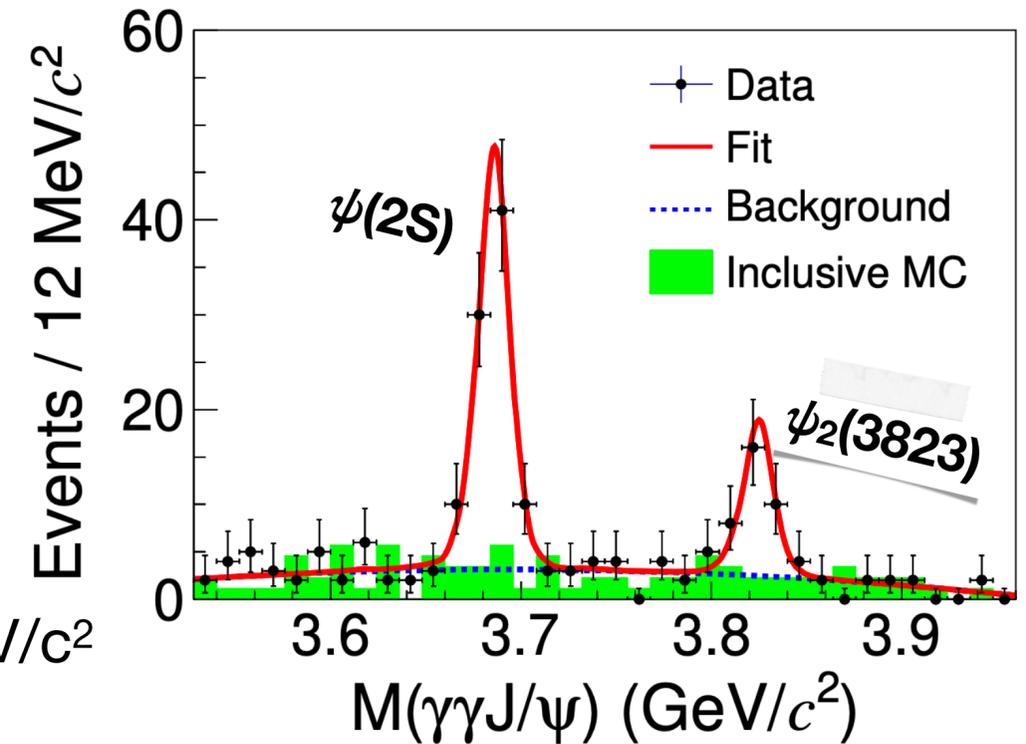
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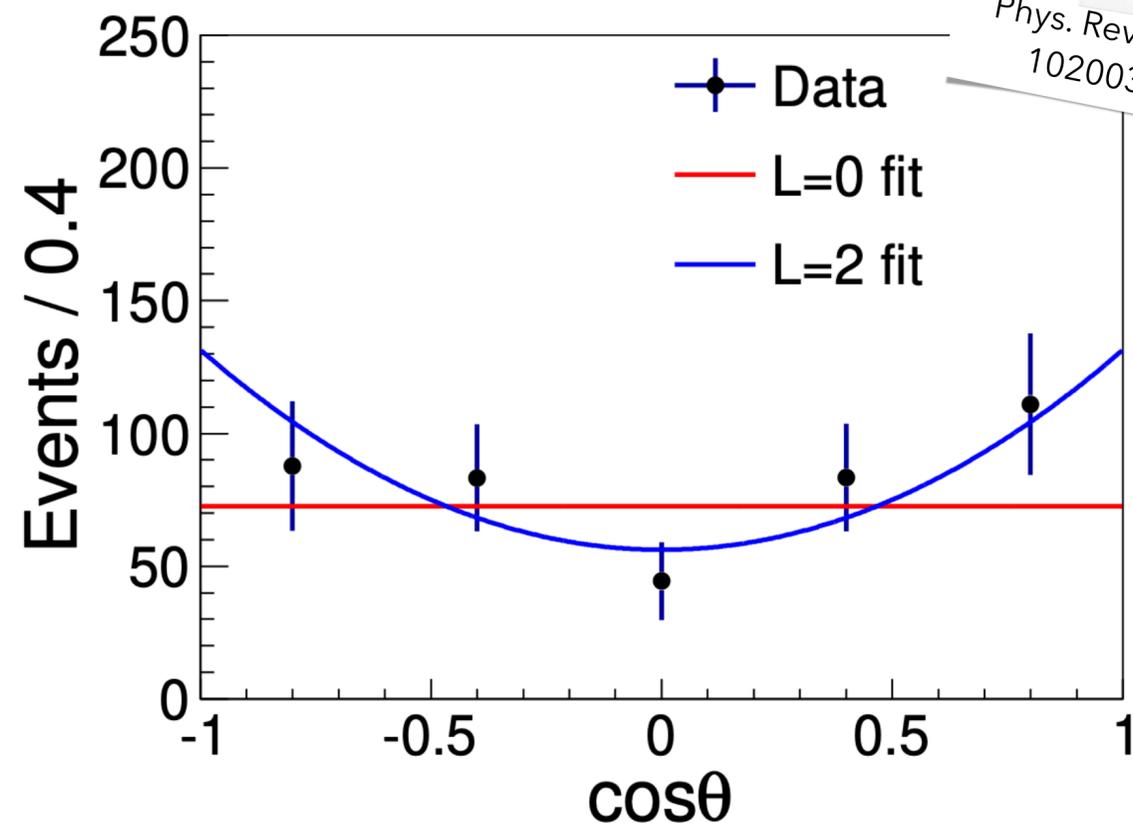
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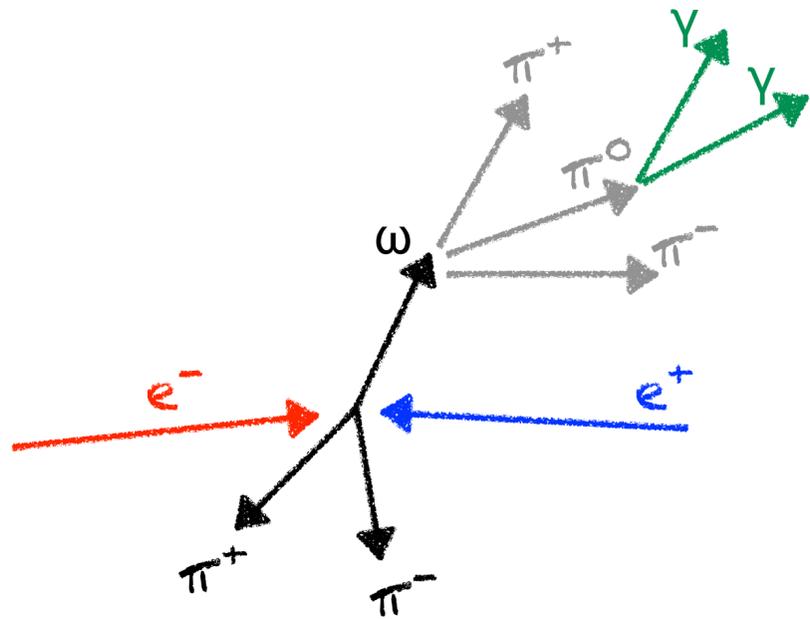
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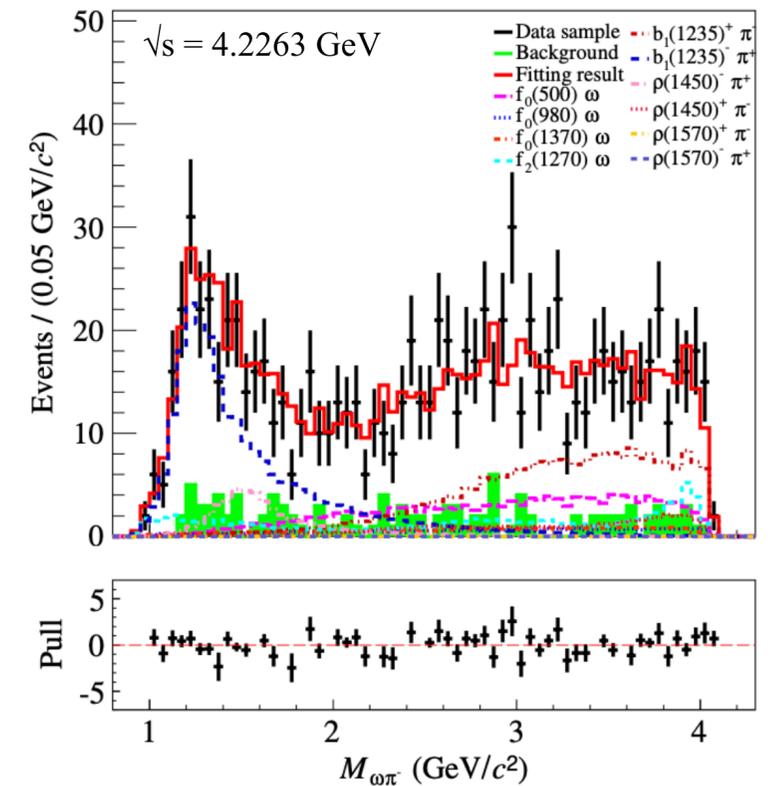
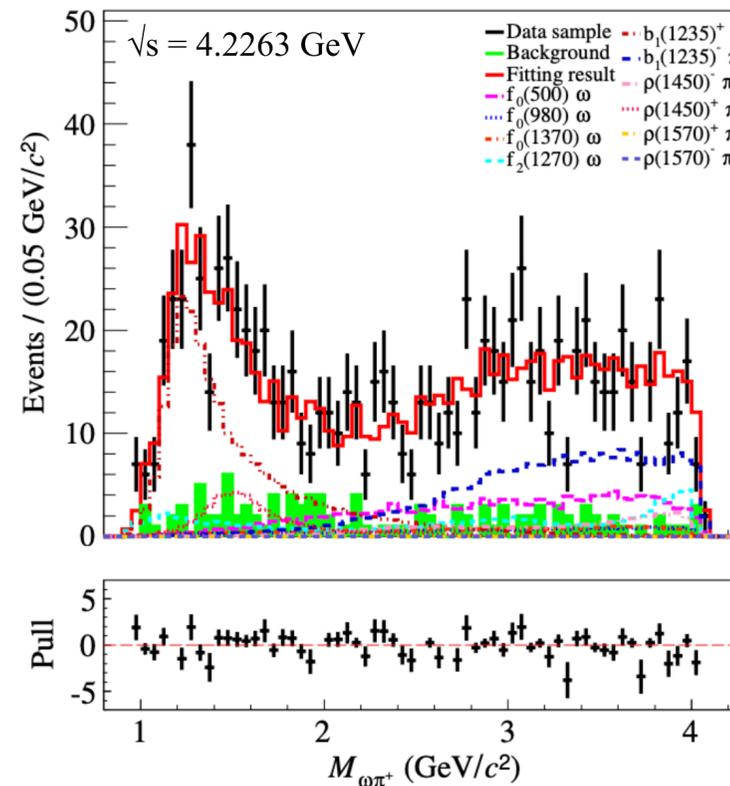
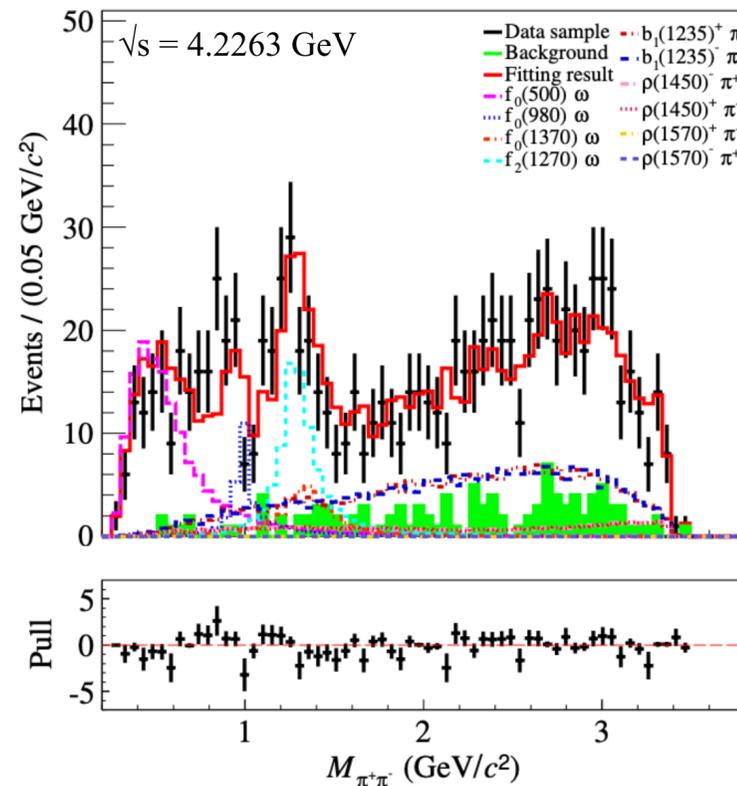
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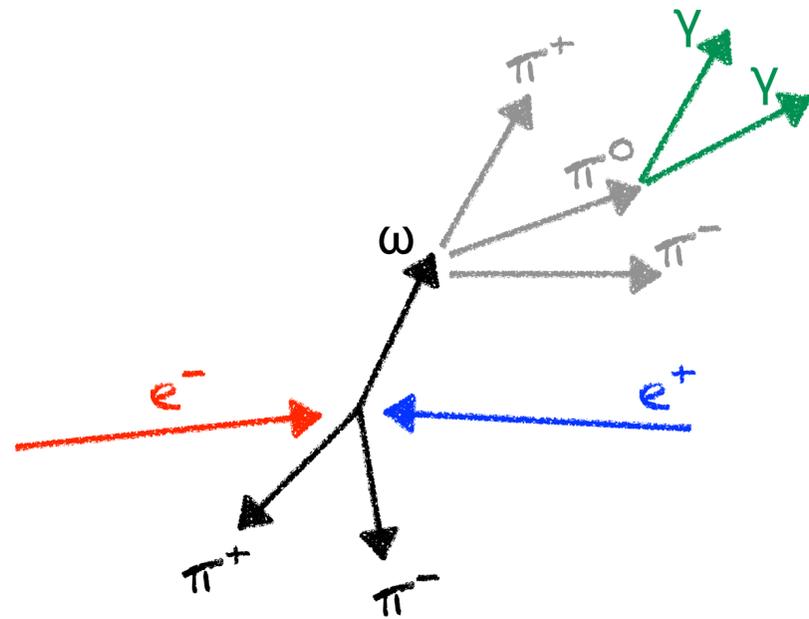
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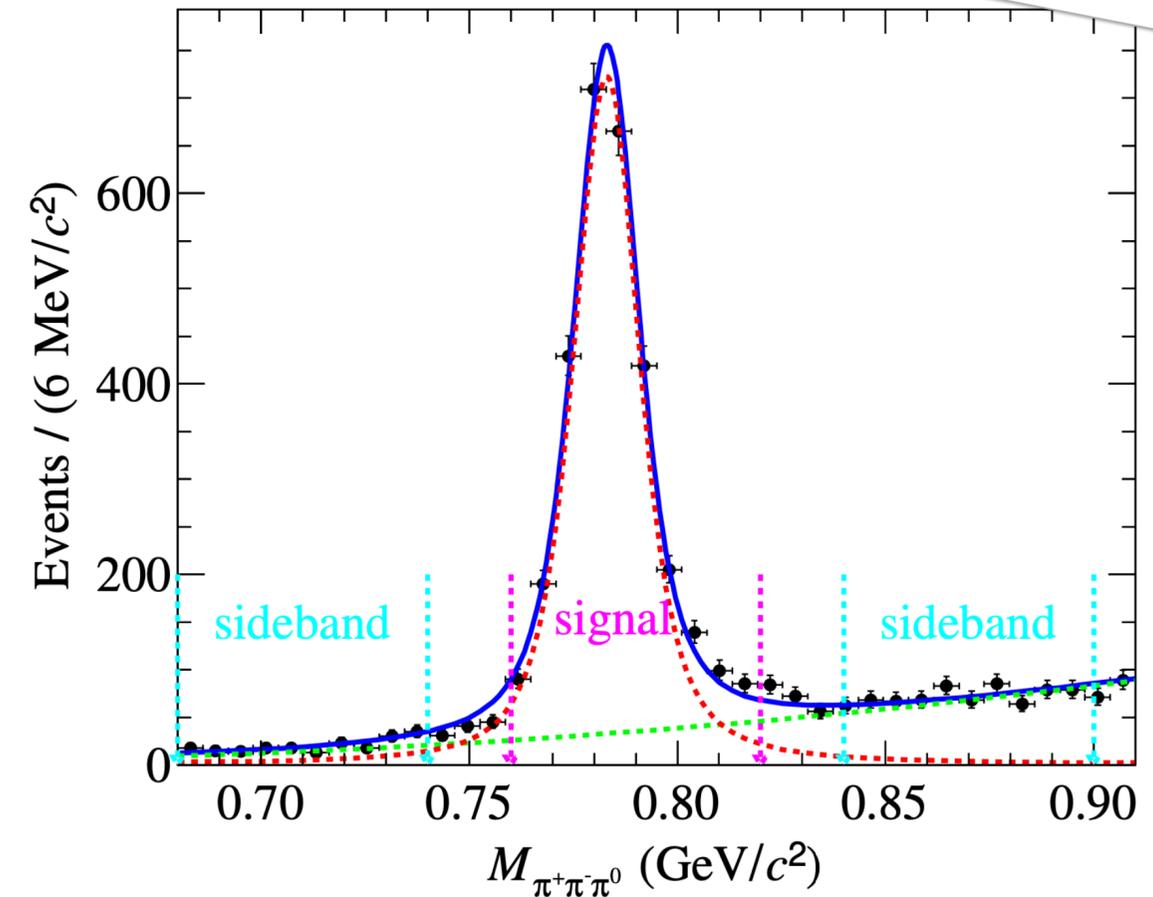
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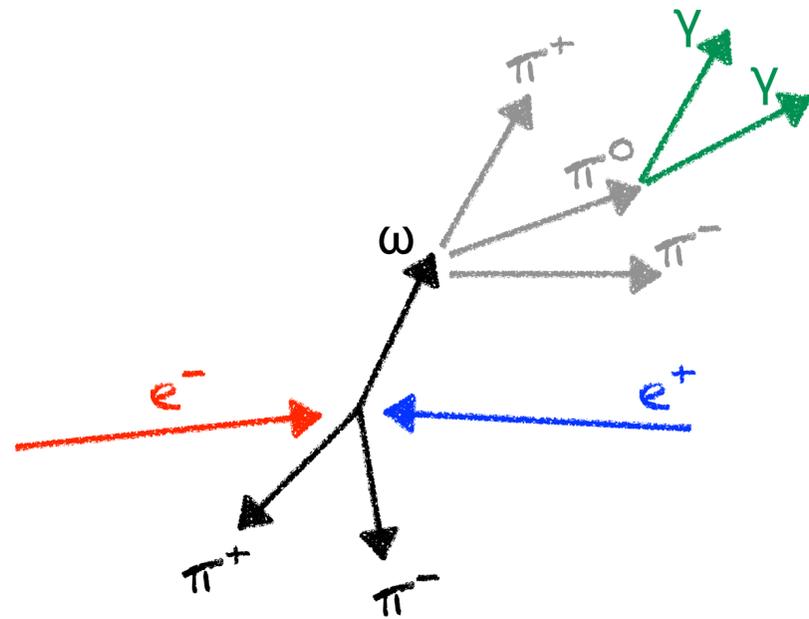
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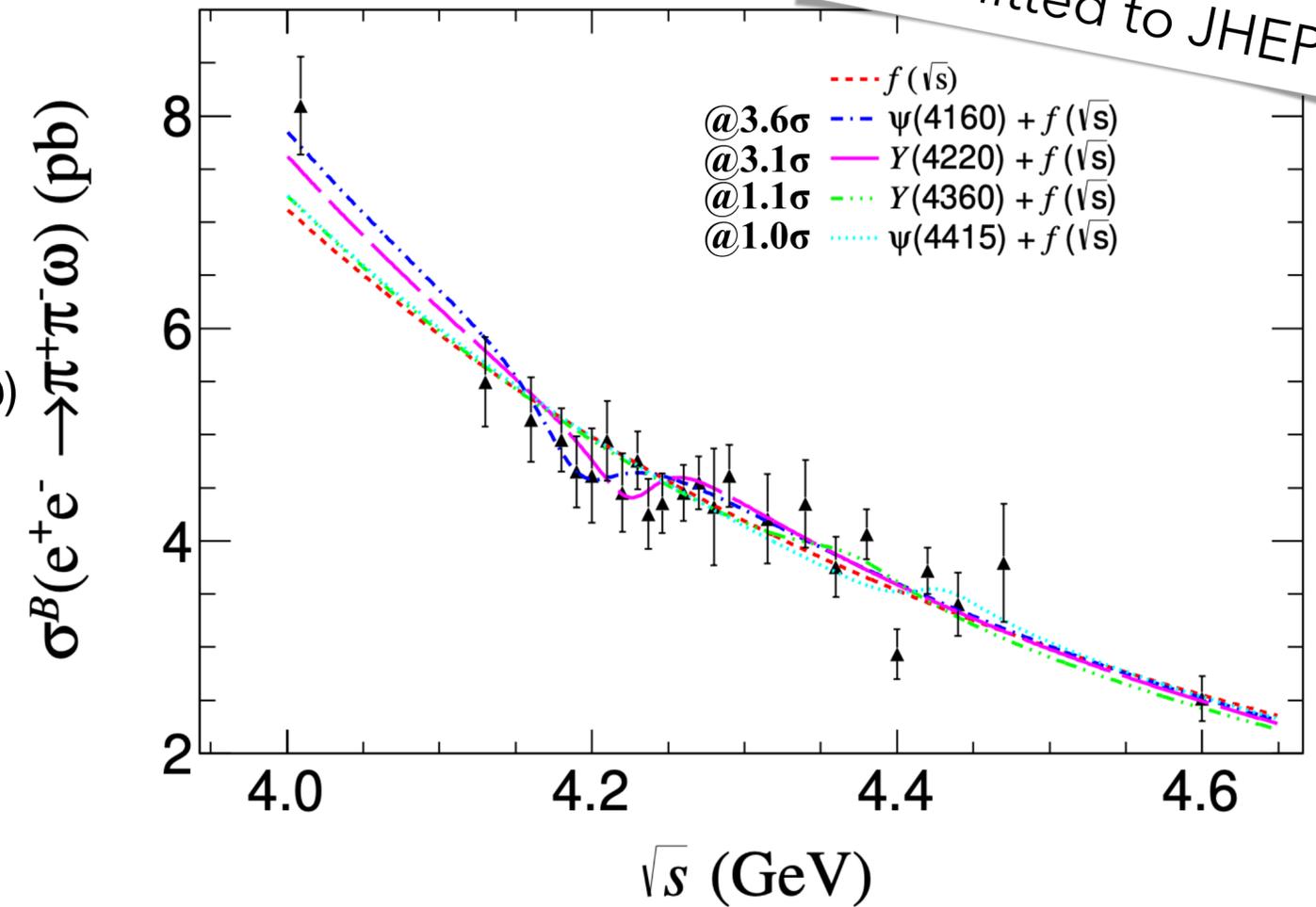
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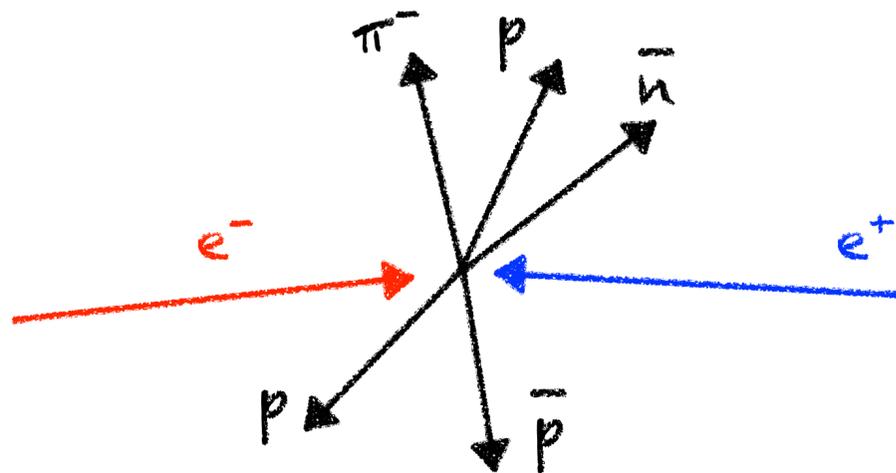
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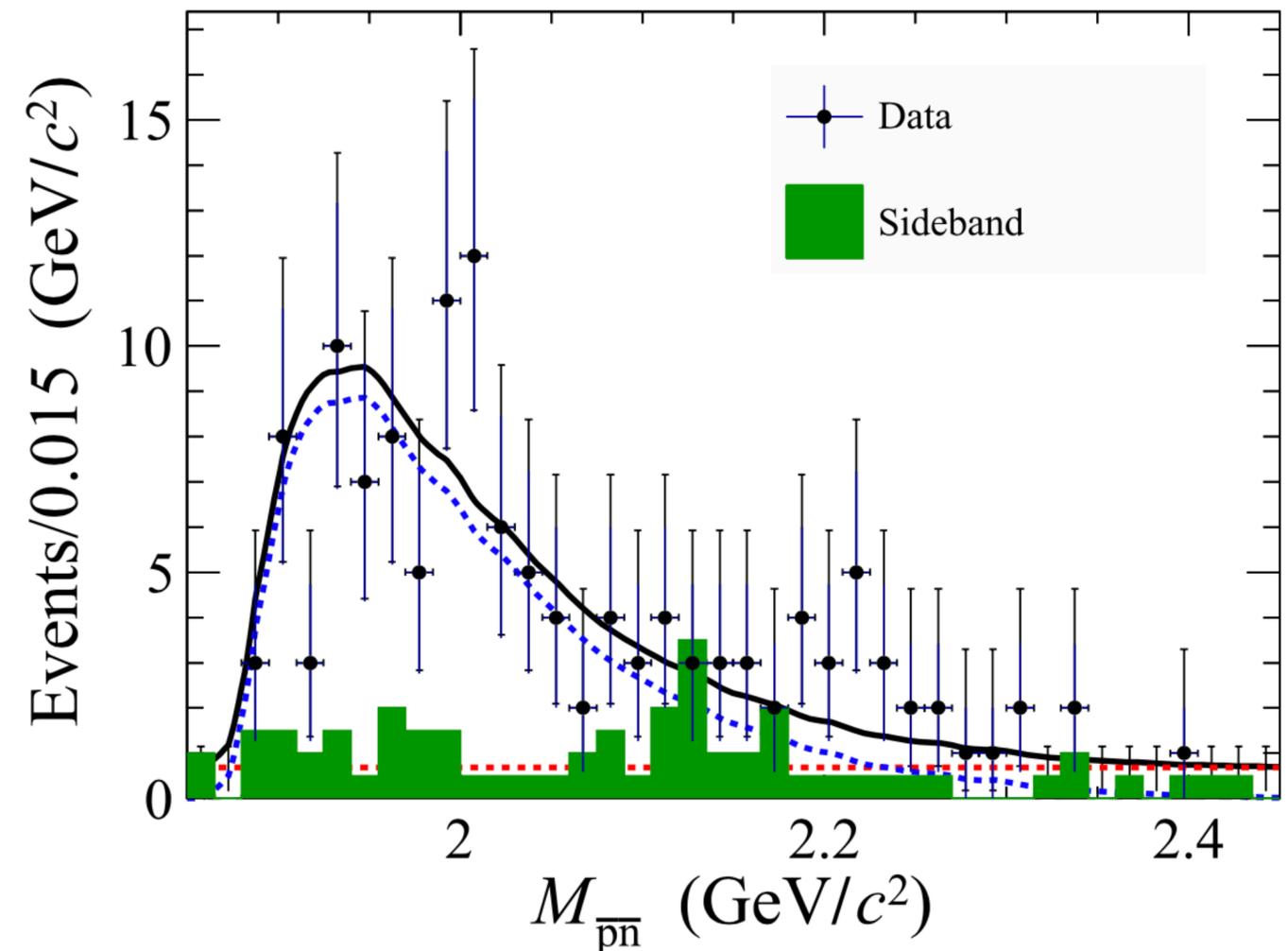
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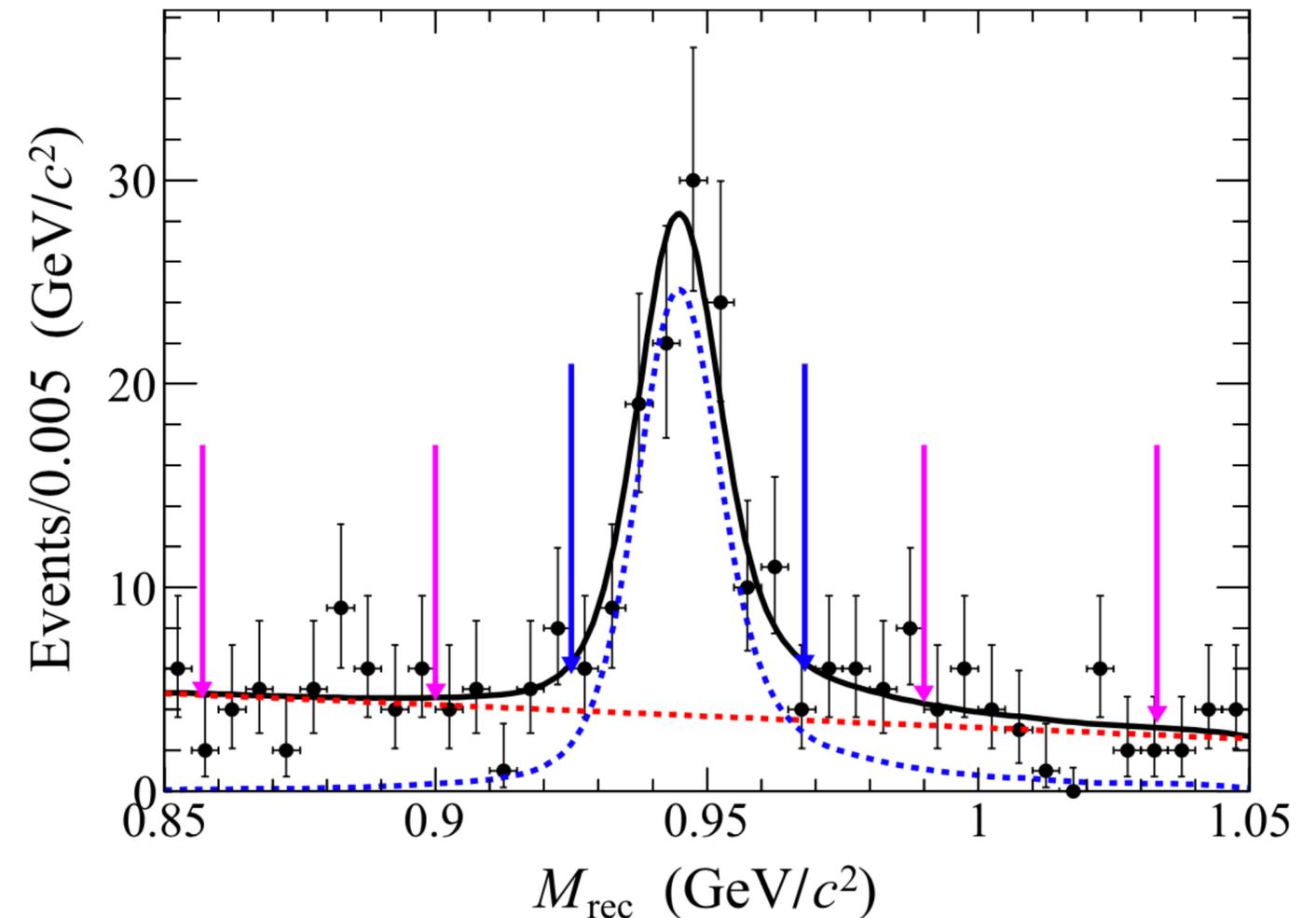
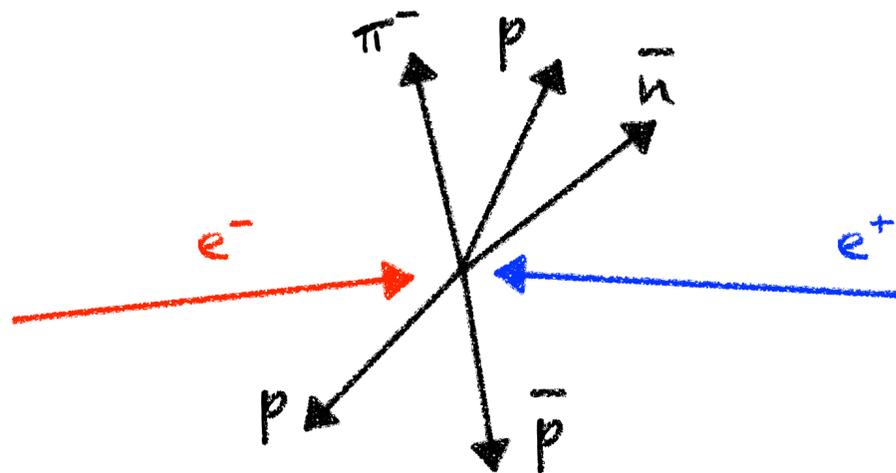
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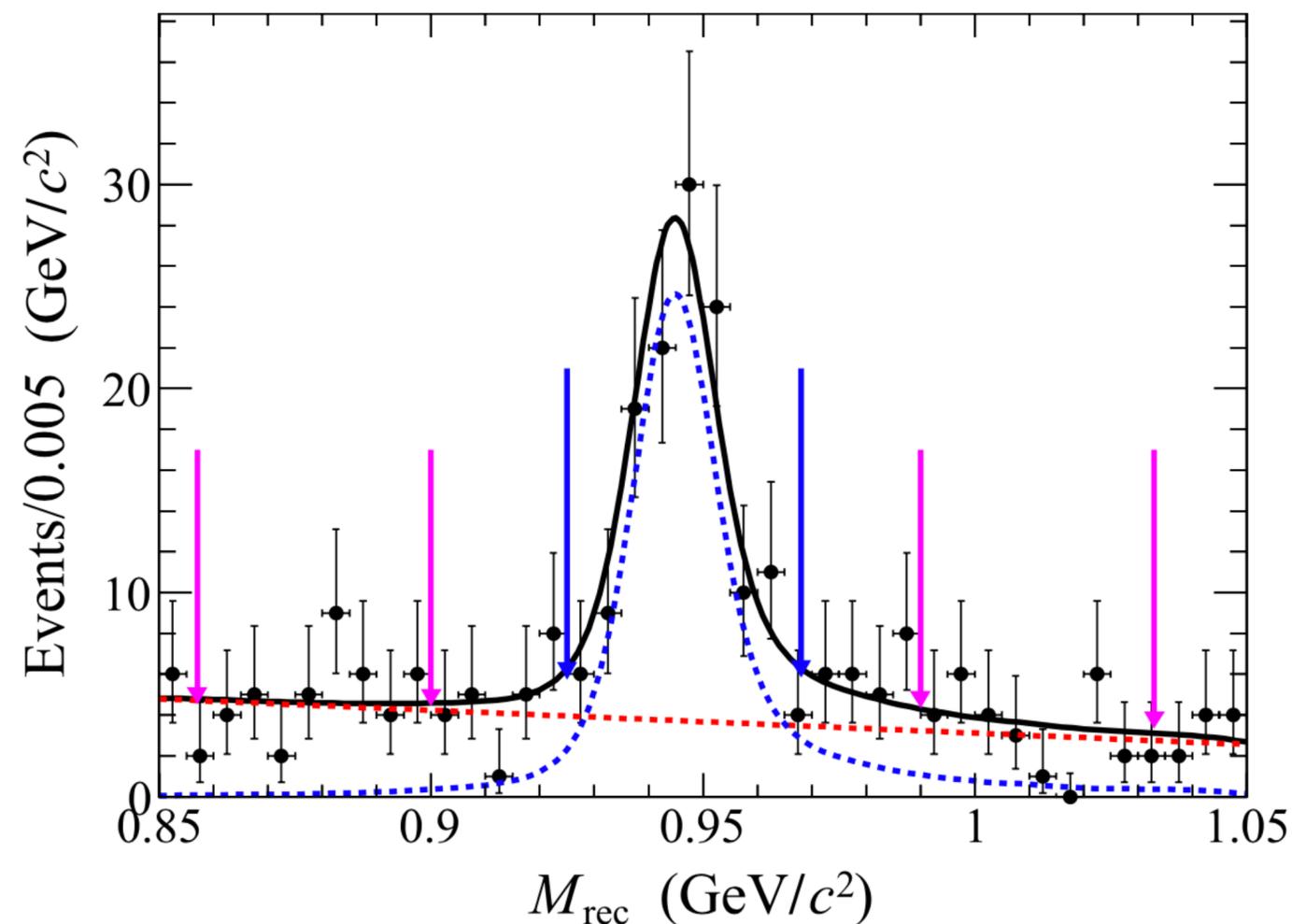
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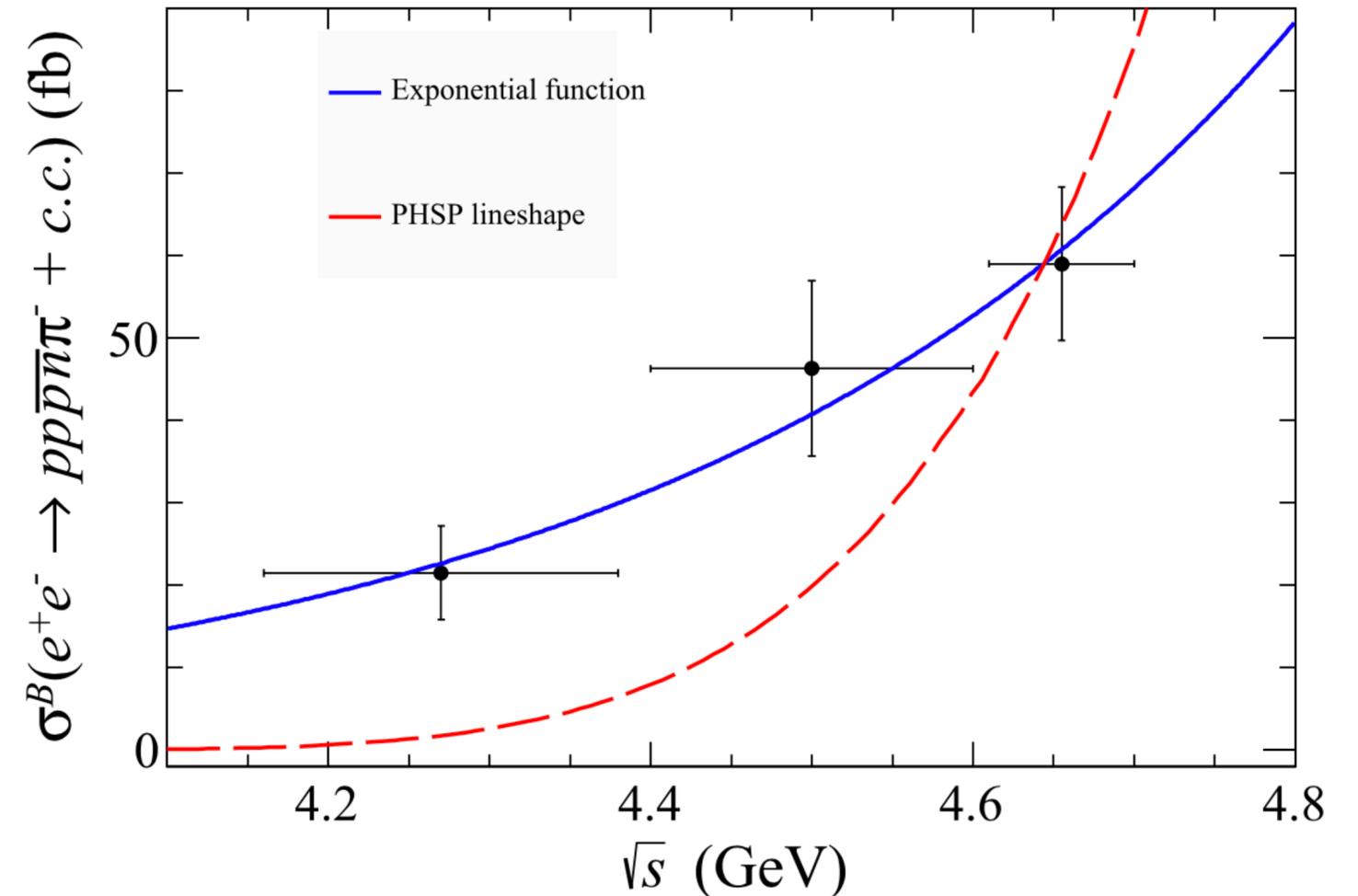
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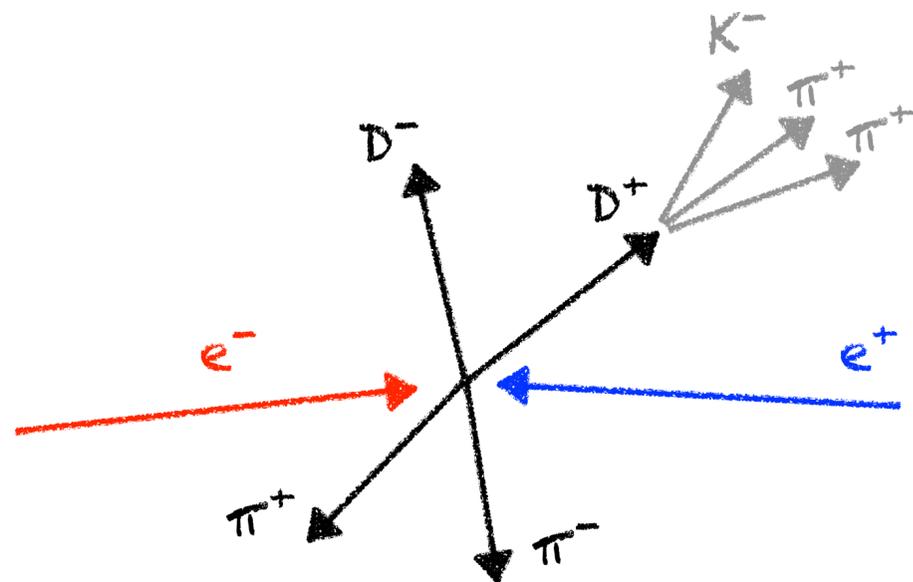
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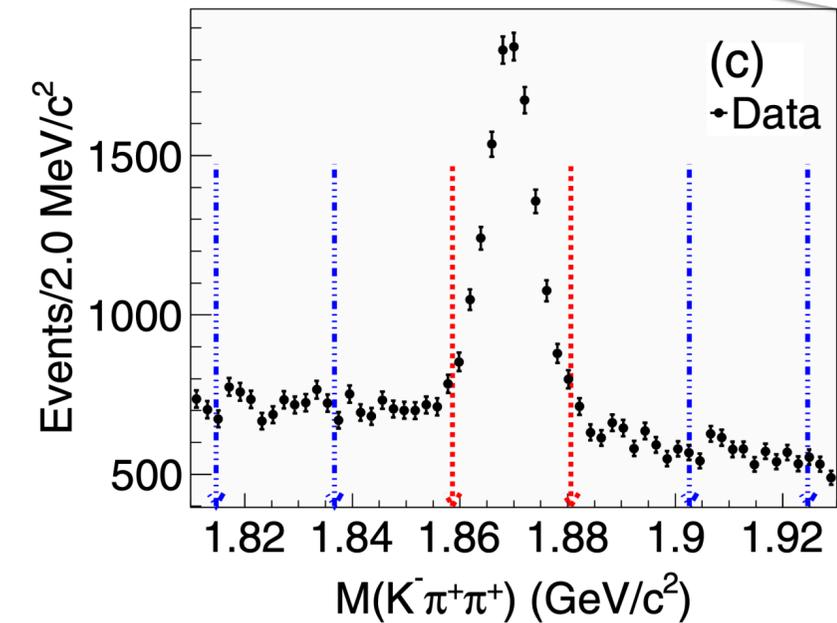
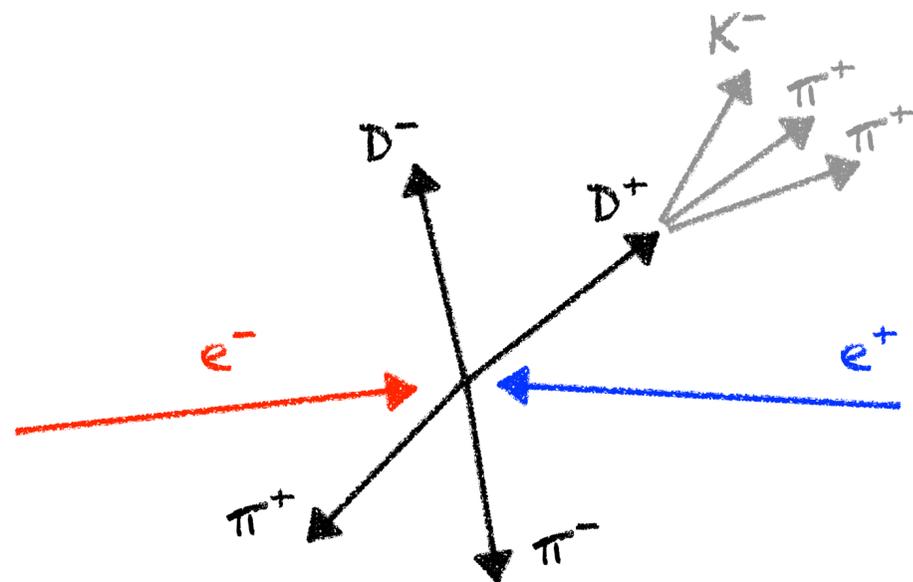
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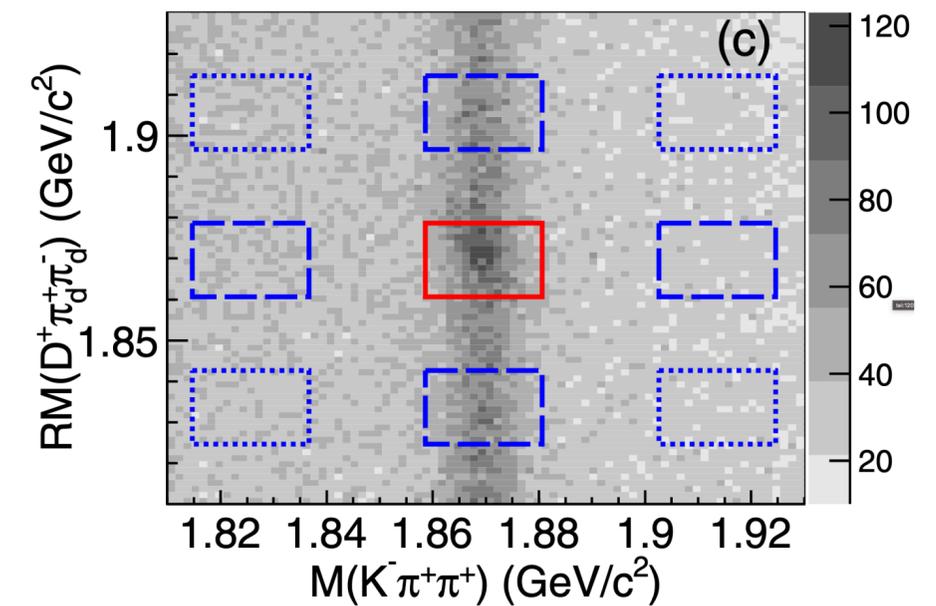
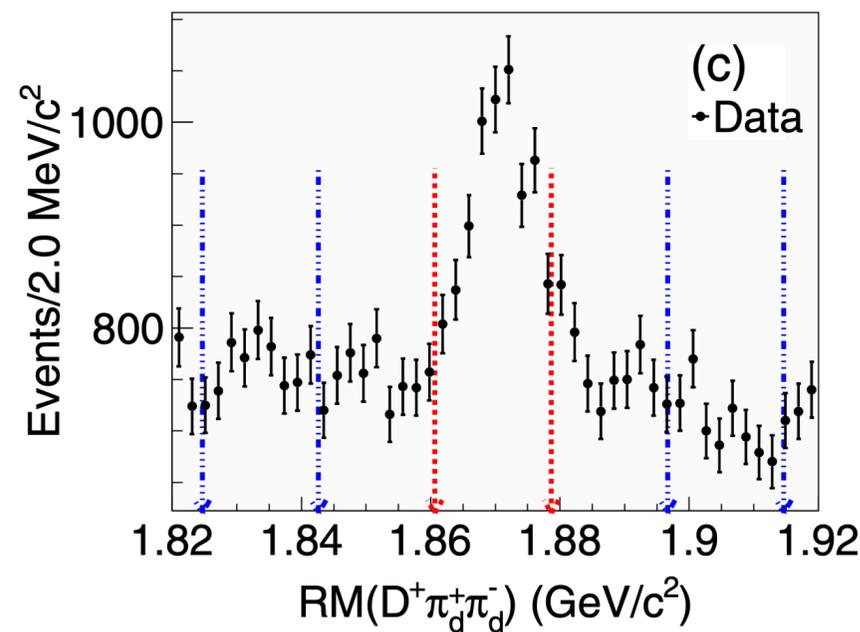
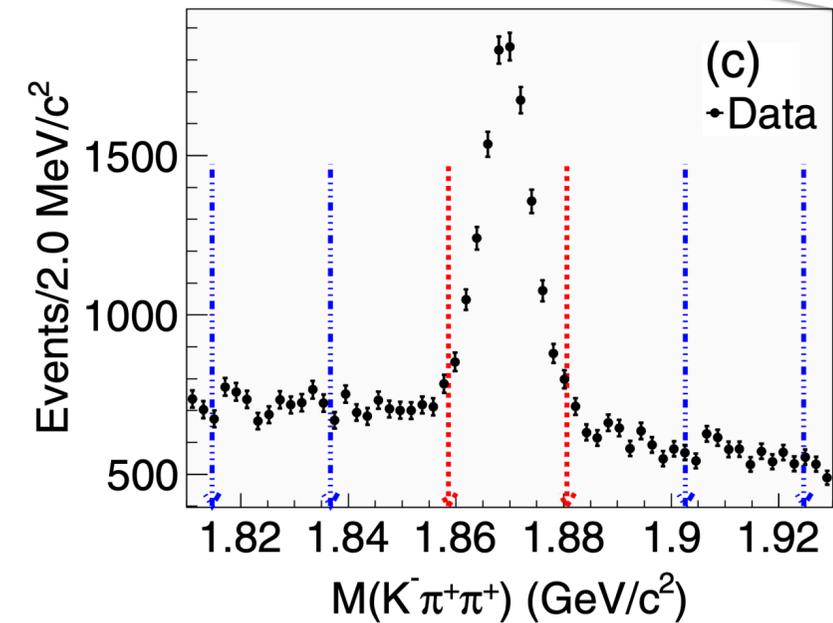
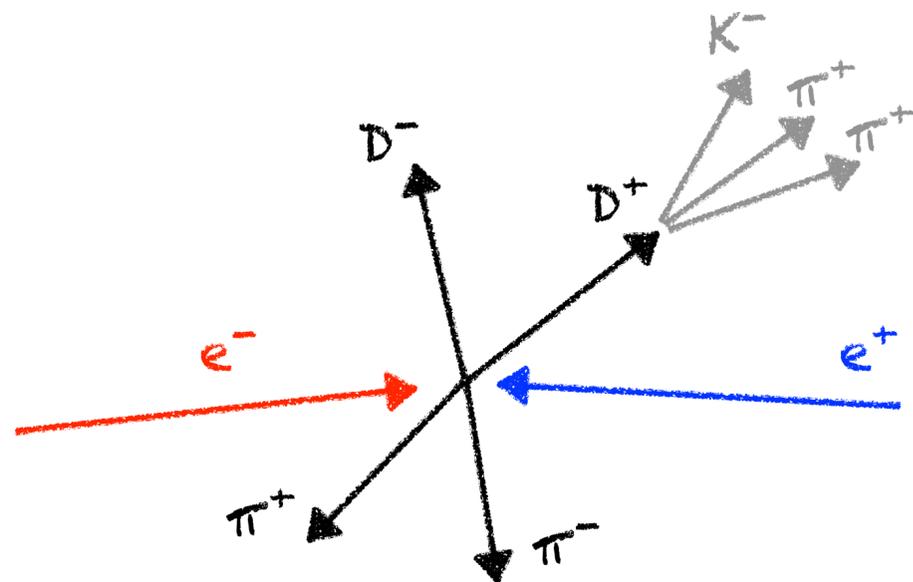
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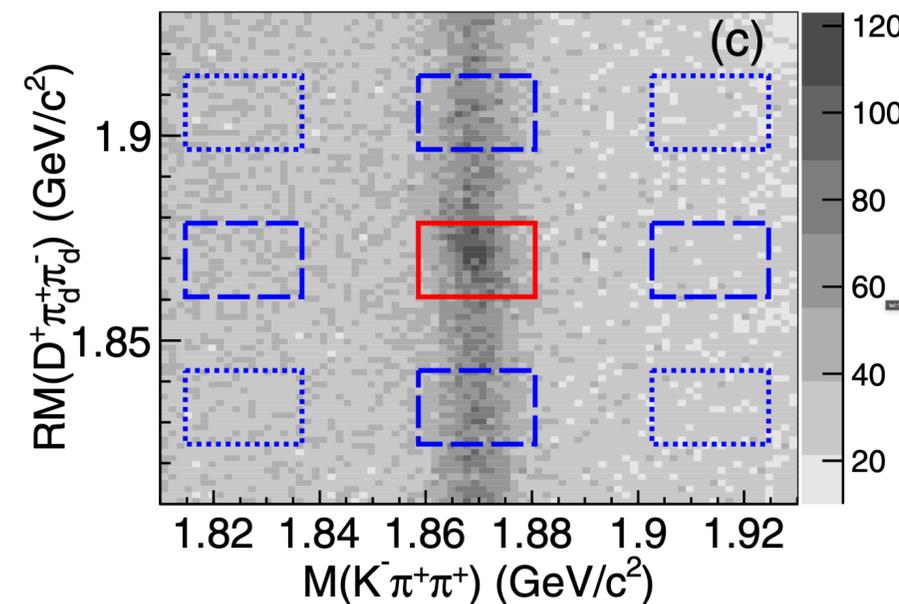
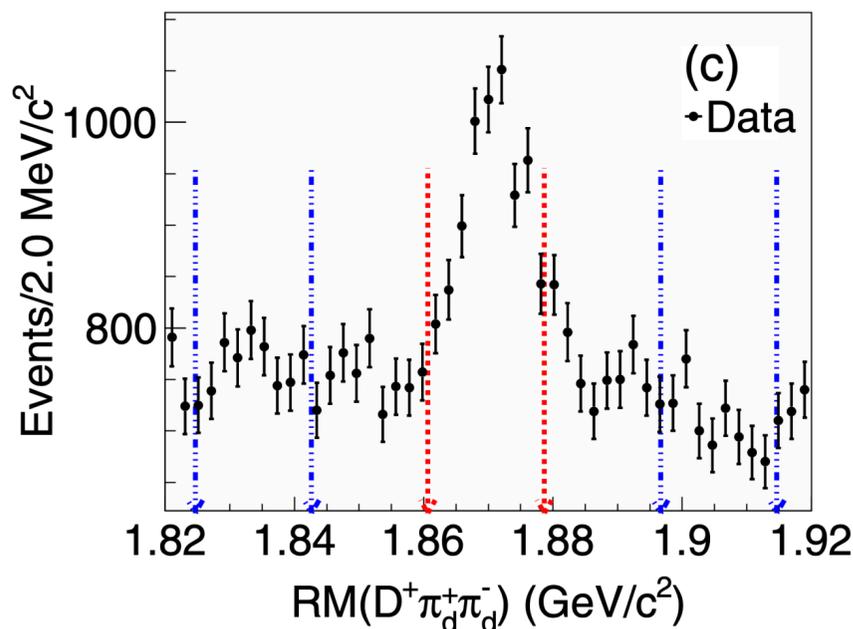
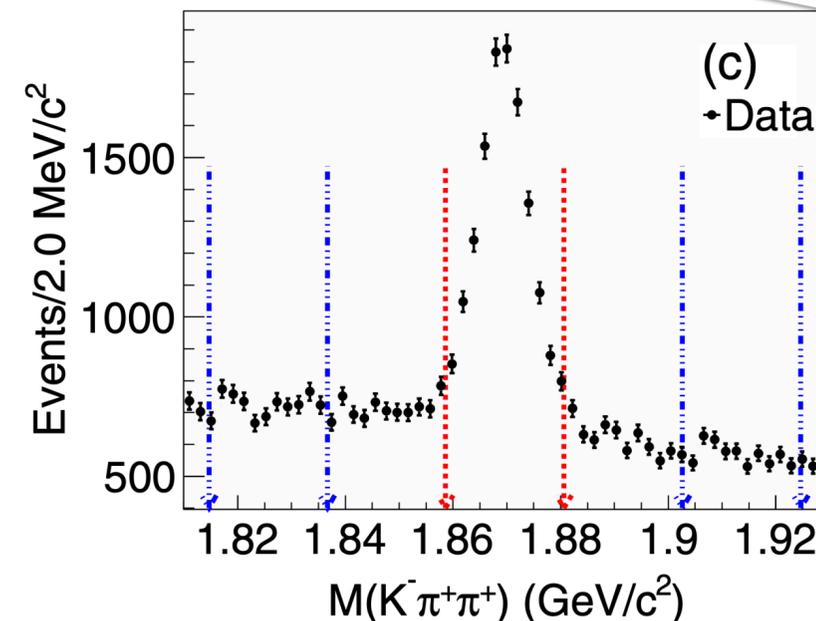
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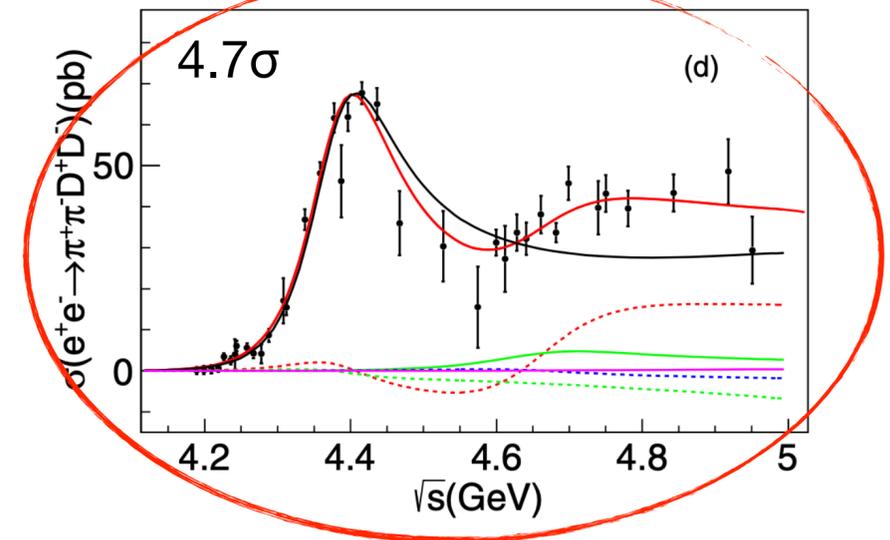
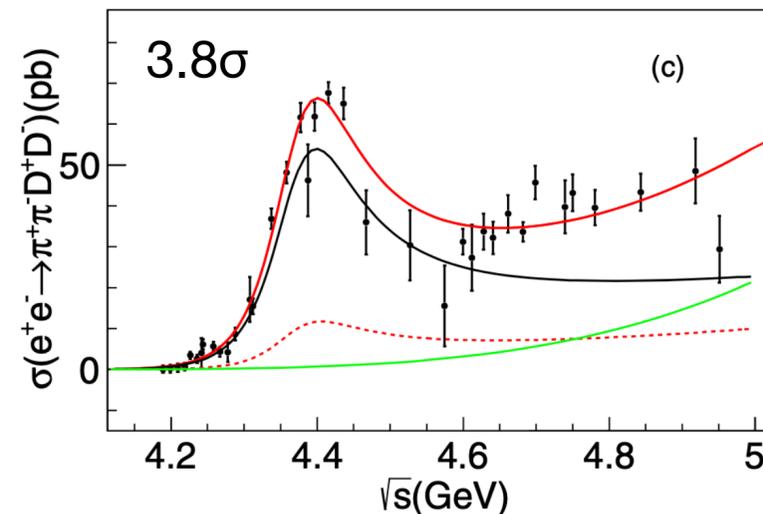
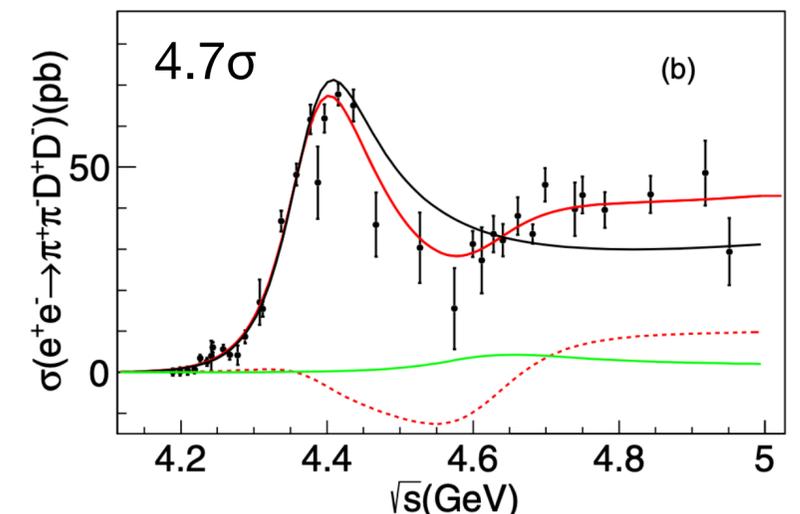
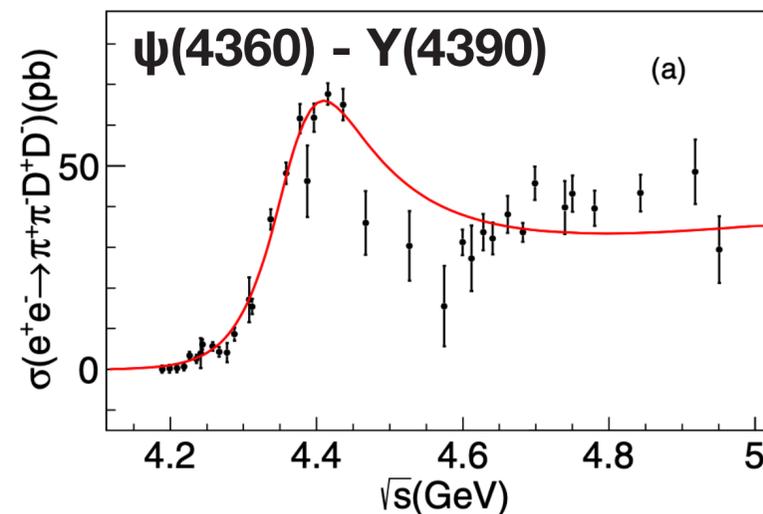
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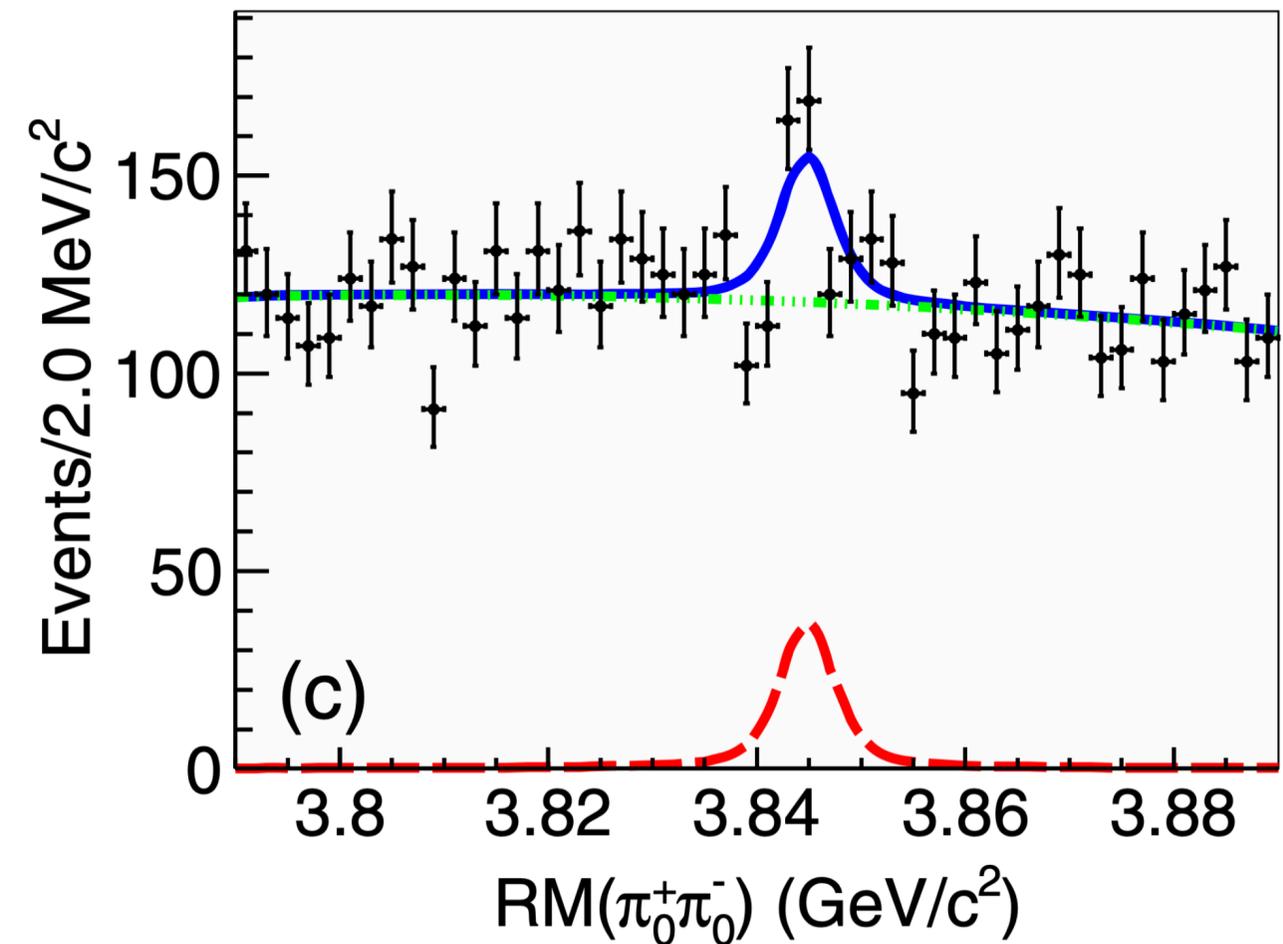
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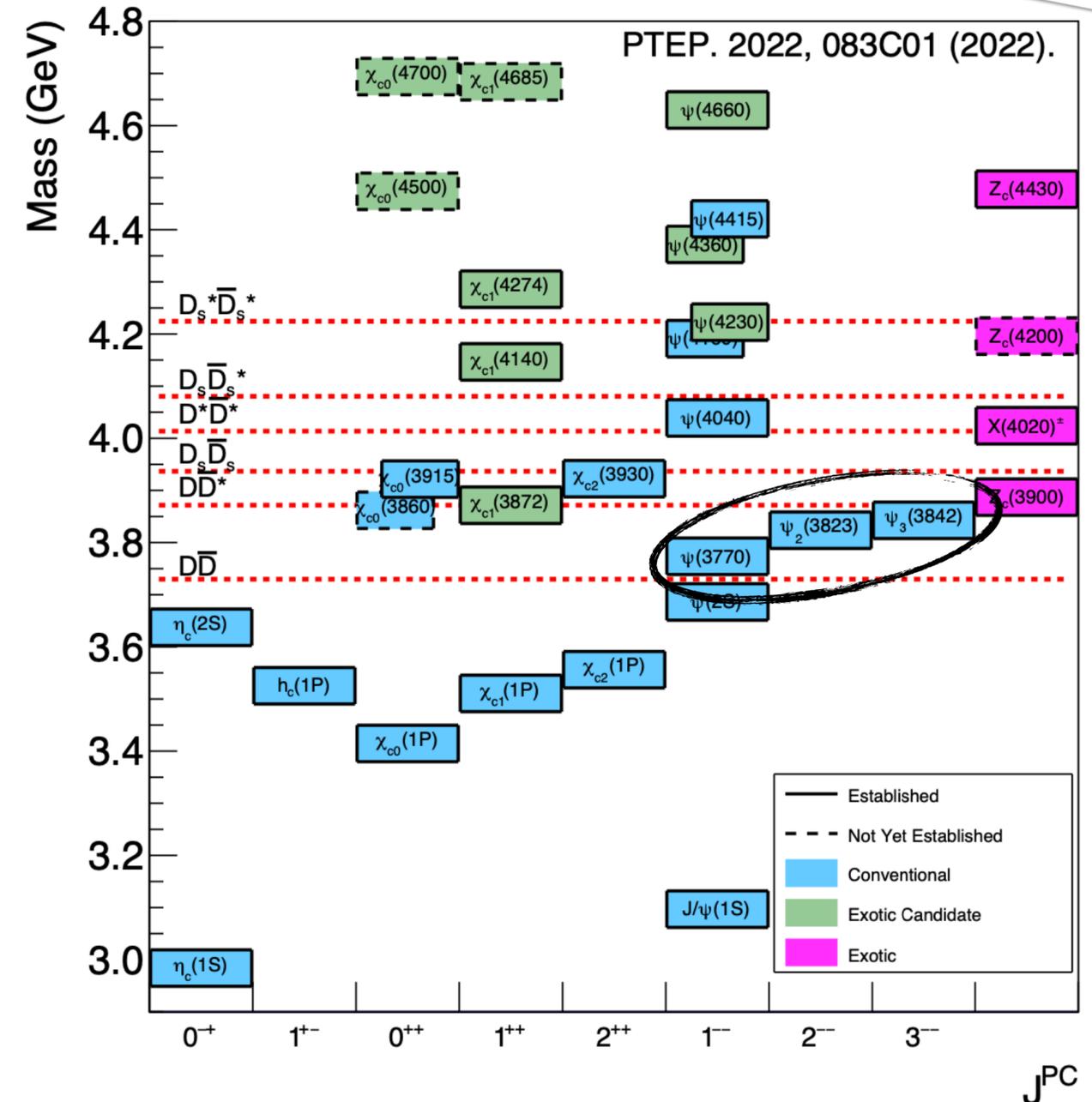
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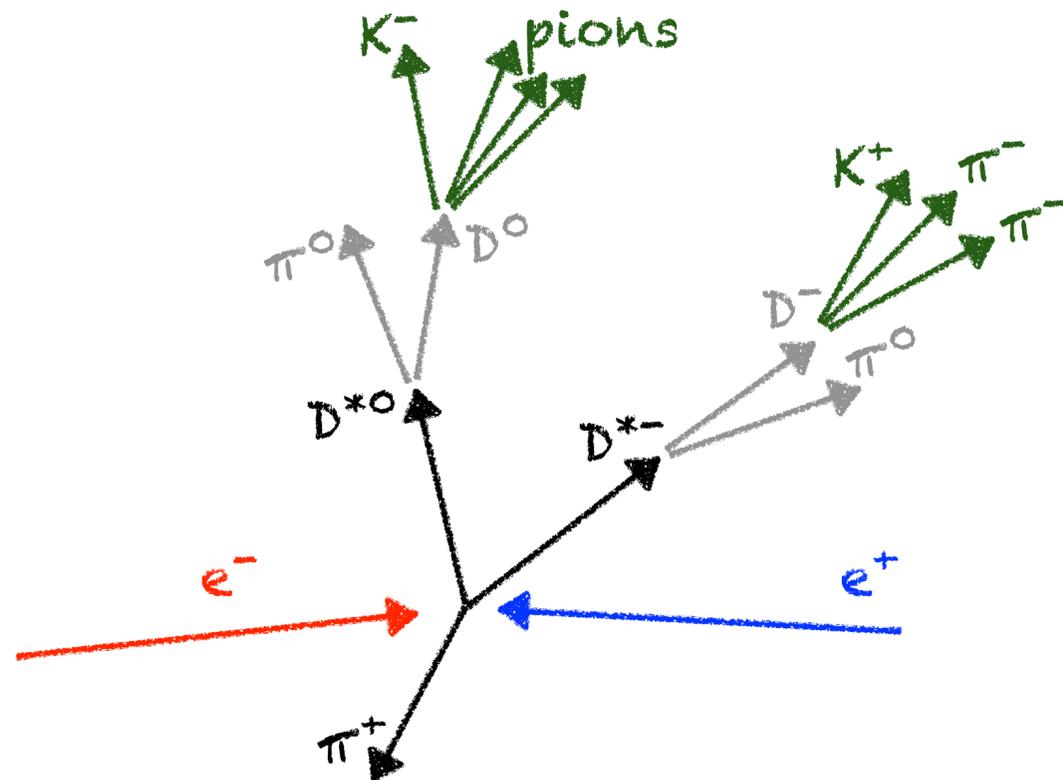
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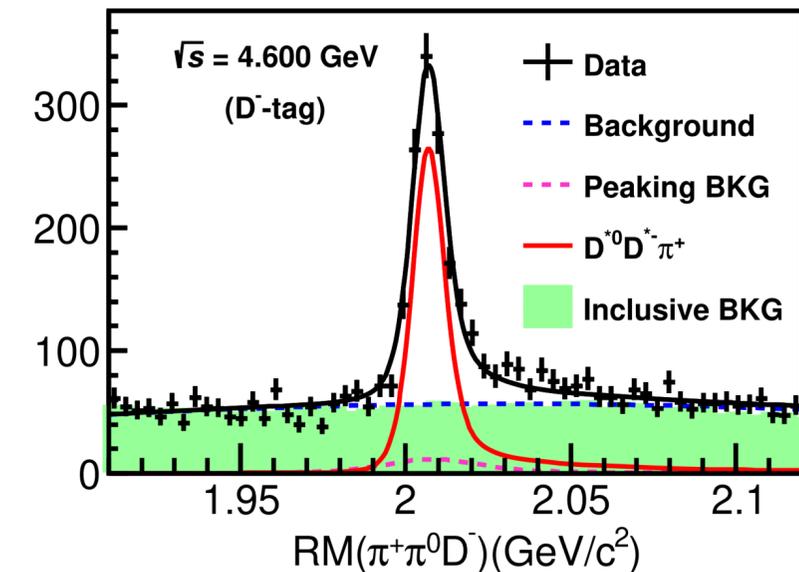
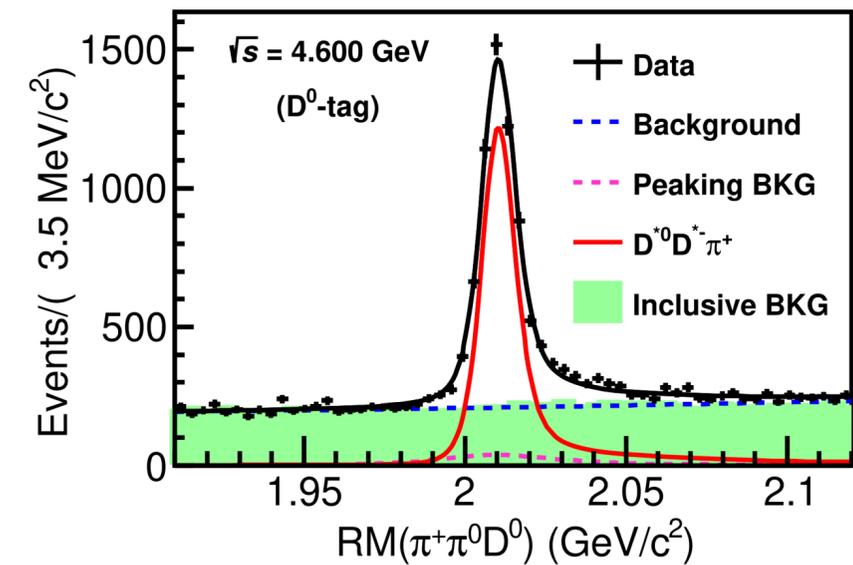
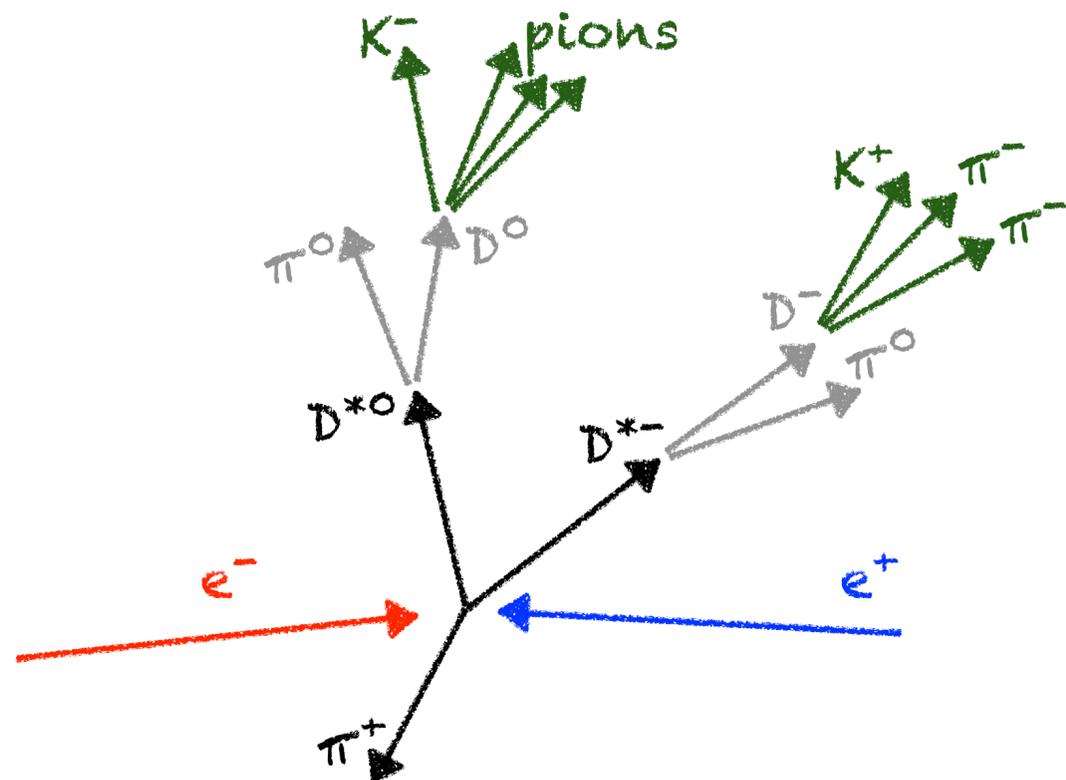
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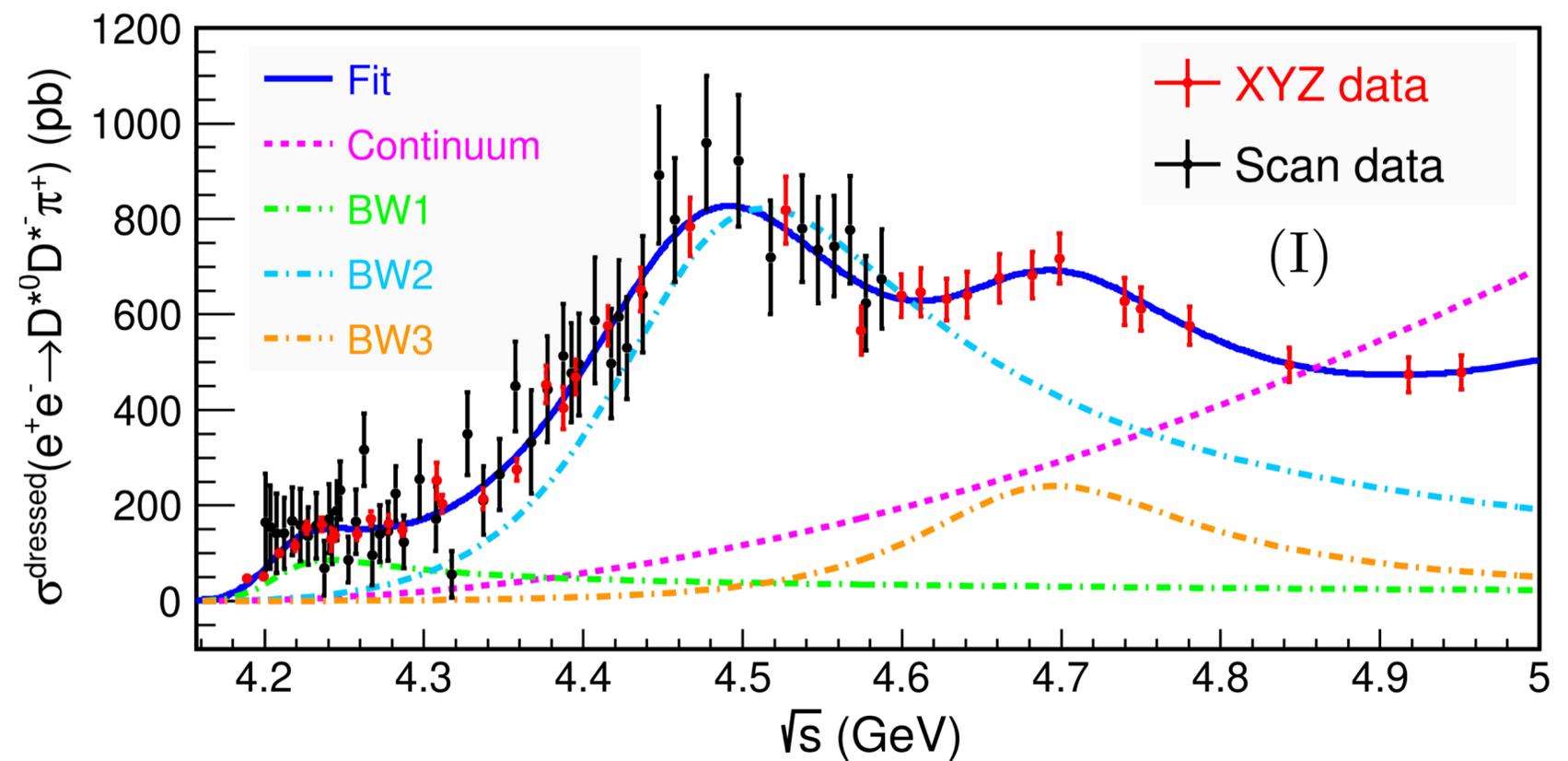
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- 2) Y(4500), the  $\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow \pi^+ \mathbf{D}^{*0} \mathbf{D}^{*-}) > \mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow K^+ K^- J/\psi)$  is inconsistent with a hidden-strangeness tetraquark<sup>[10]</sup>
- 3) Y(4660), first time in open-charm meson states



<sup>[9]</sup> Chinese Phys. C **40** 081002

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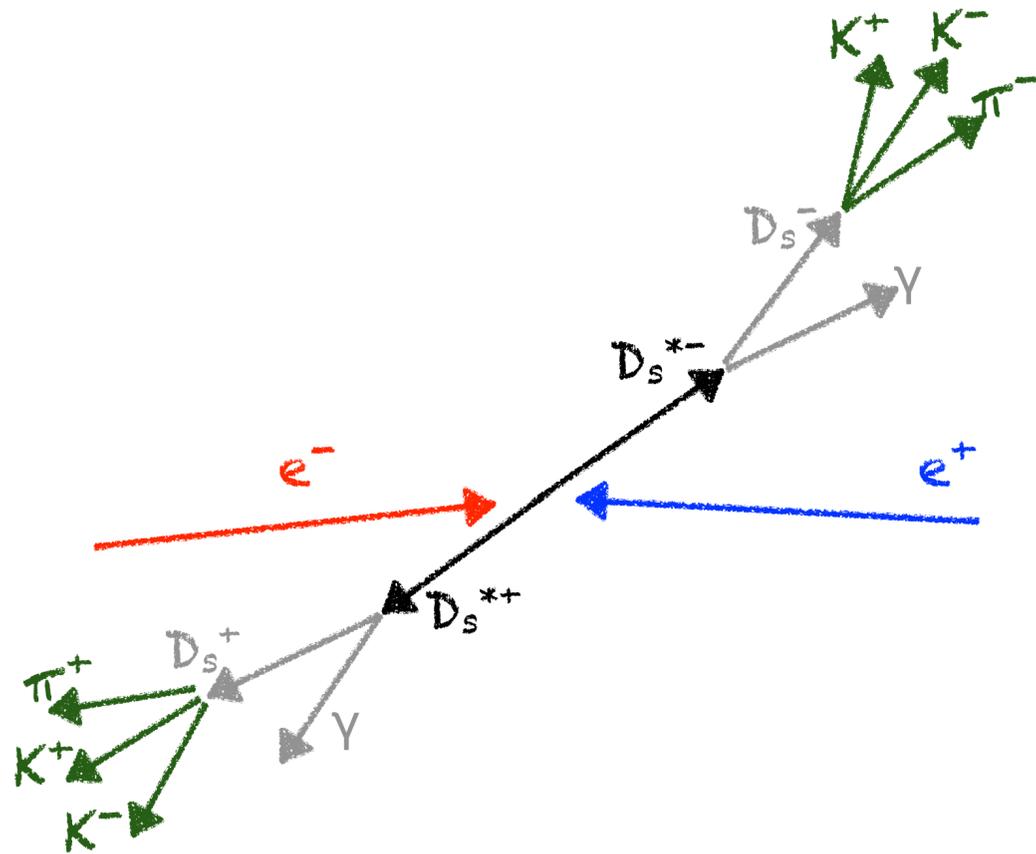
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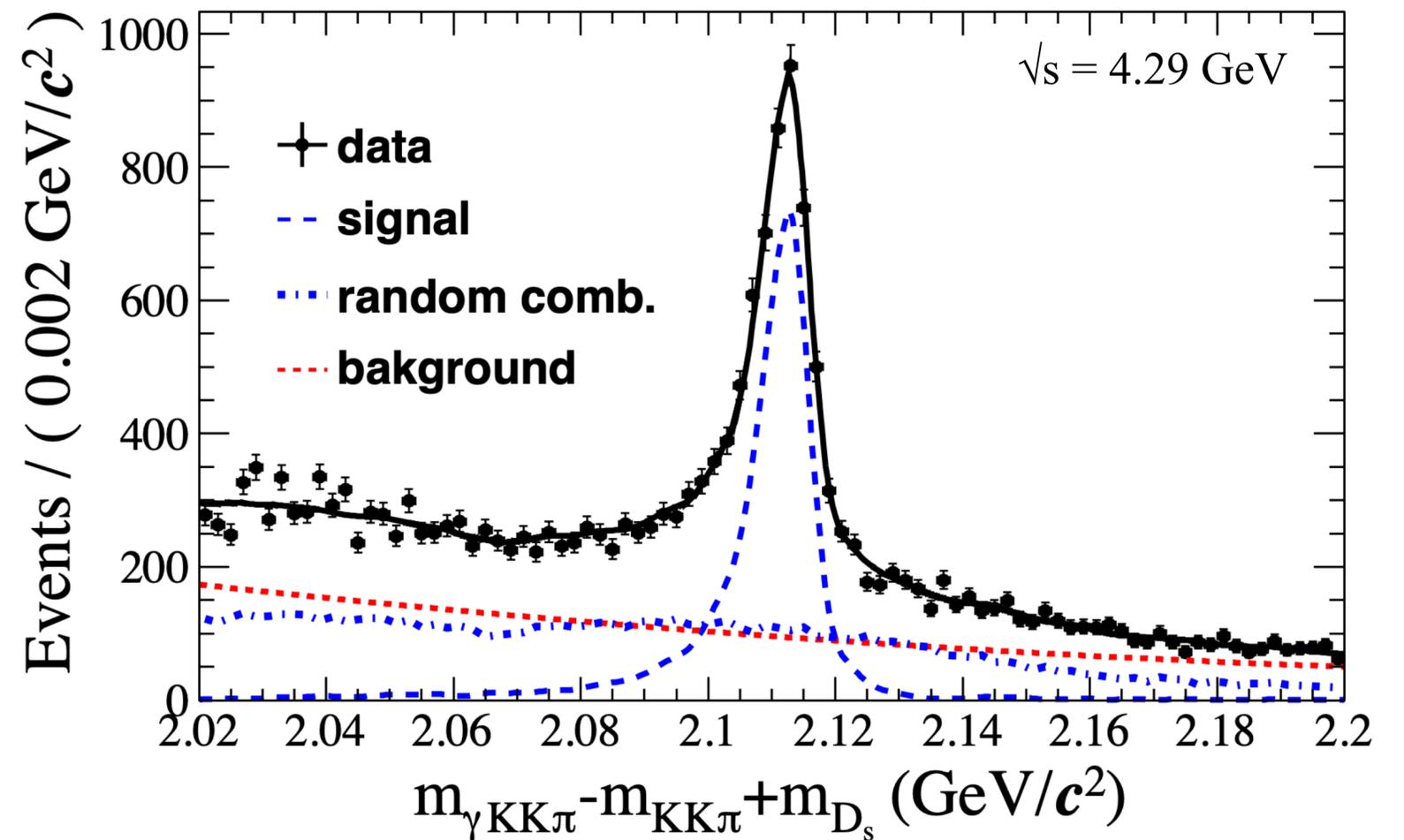
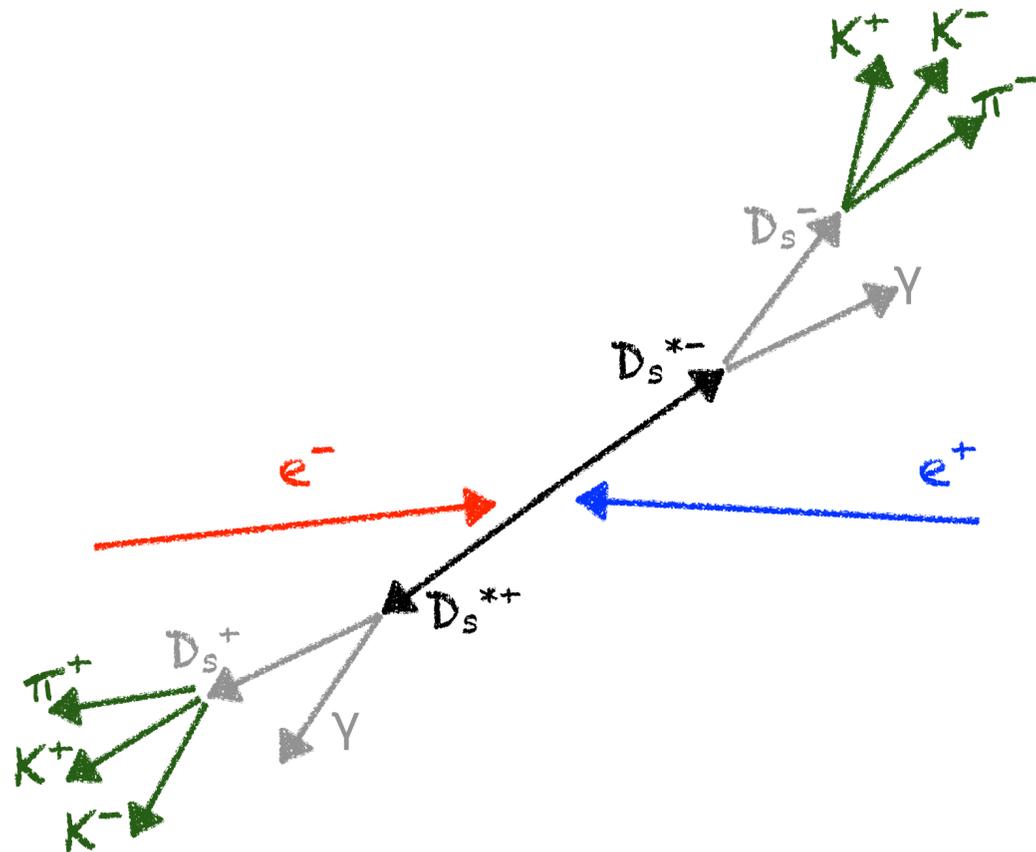
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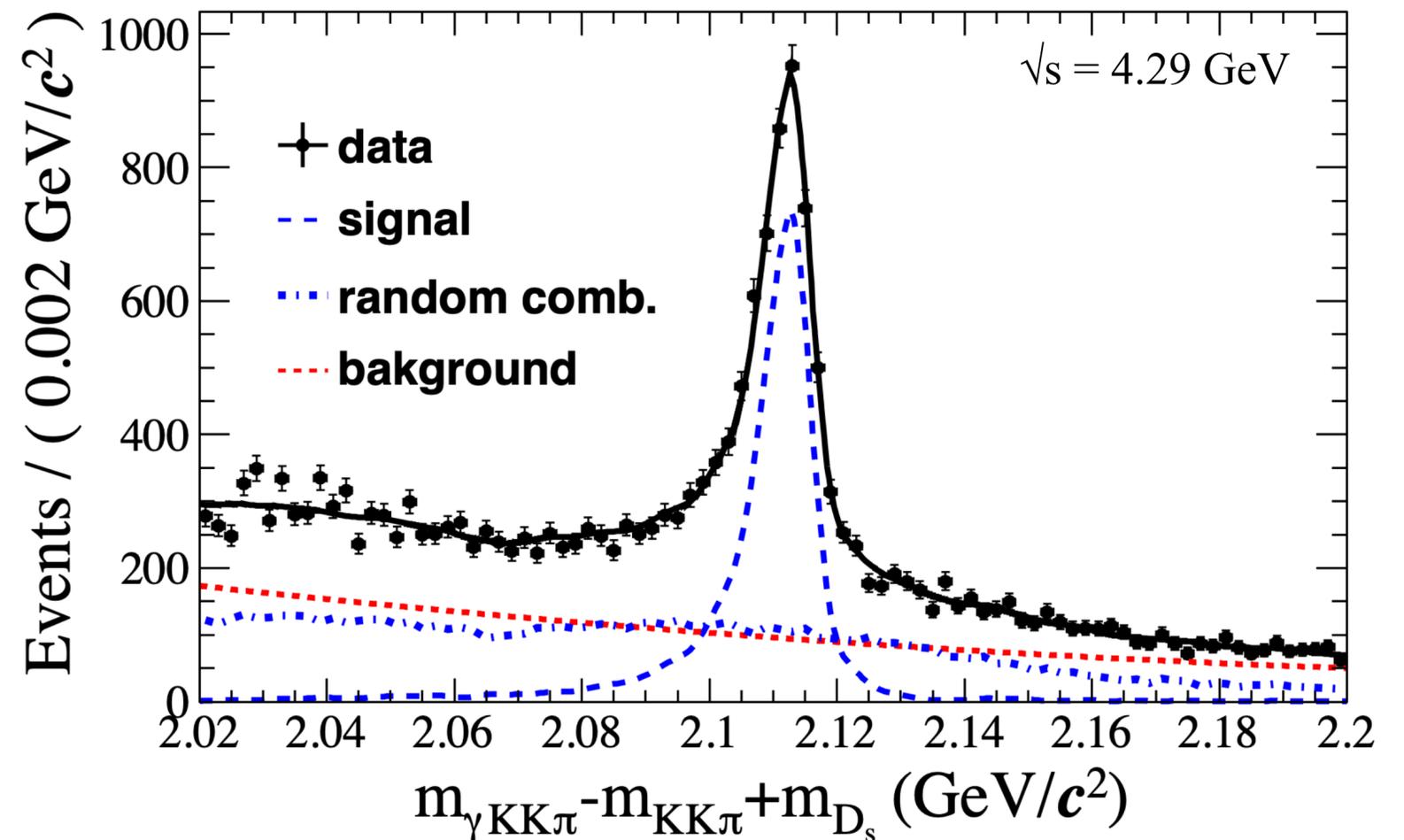
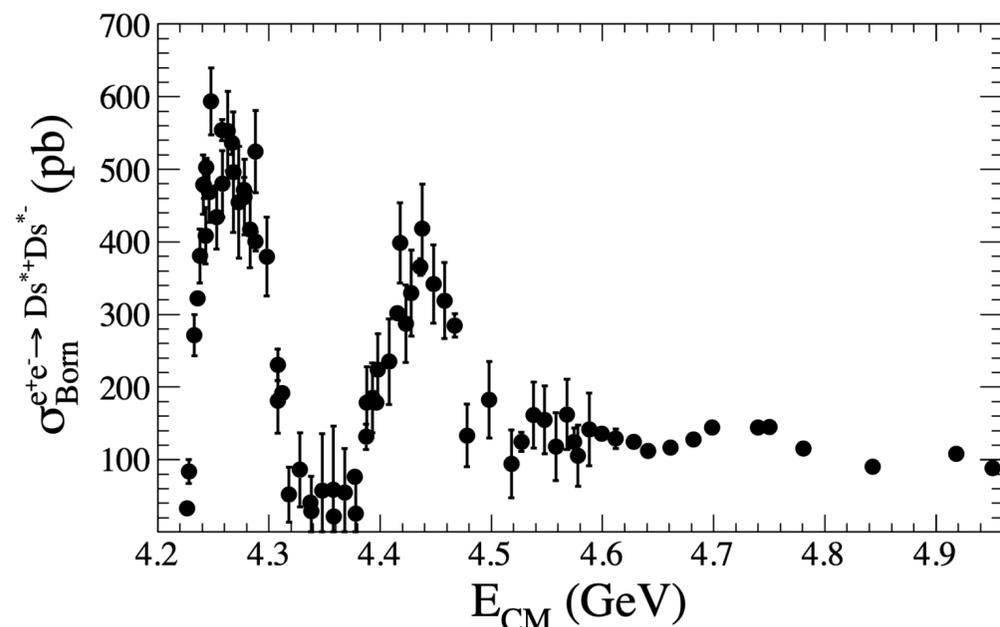
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$$\sigma^{\text{Born}} = \frac{N_{D_s^*} - \text{Peaking bkg}}{\mathcal{L}\epsilon(1 + \delta) \frac{1}{|1 - \Pi^2|} 2\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi)}$$



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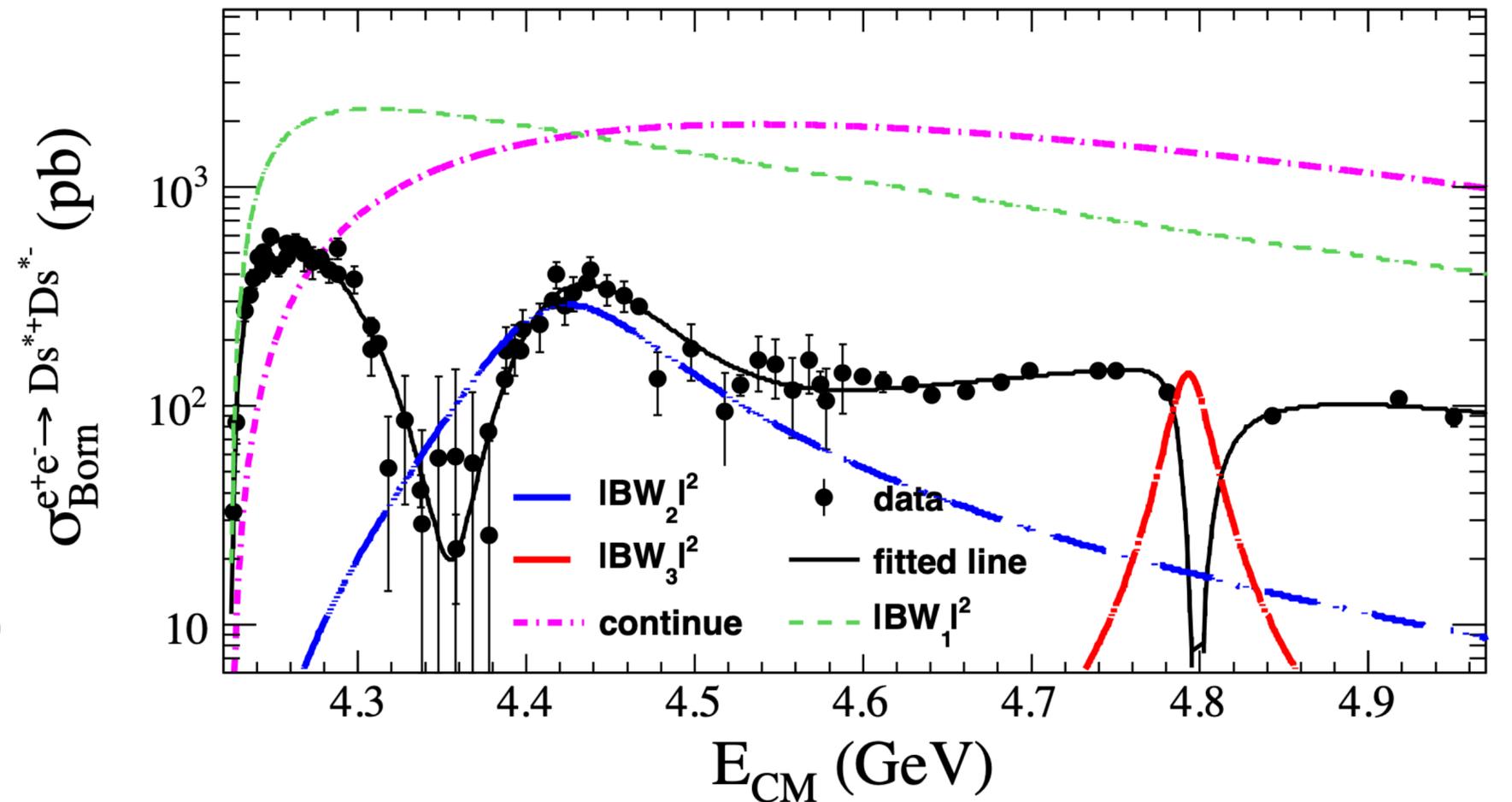
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	Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ )	Width (MeV)
#1 Res	$4186.5 \pm 9.0 \pm 30$	$55 \pm 17 \pm 53$
#2 Res	$4414.5 \pm 3.2 \pm 6.0$	$122.6 \pm 7.0 \pm 8.2$
#3 Res	$4793.3 \pm 7.5 \pm 9.3$	$27.1 \pm 7.0 \pm 34$

1. Consistent with the  $\psi(4160)$  (also with the  $Y(4230)$  considering the systematic), a candidate for the  $\psi(2^3D_1)$
2. Possibly the  $\psi(4415)$  state, a  $\psi(4^3S_1)$  candidate
3.  $Y(4793)$ , a new  $1^-$  state...?



# Summary

**BESIII** started taking data in '08, and since then it has been **exploring and shedding light** on the **charmonium spectrum**

The **largest datasets** of  **$c\bar{c}$  vector** states collected by BESIII provide the power to **investigate** not only rare vector decays but also to **study** the  **$h_c(1P)$ ,  $\chi_{cJ}(1P)$ , and  $\eta_c(2S)$**  states and their decays

Also **datasets above** the **DD threshold** can shed new light on charmonium decays and hint at possible **connections** between **XYZ states and** conventional **charmonia**

Thanks to its **tuneable centre-of-mass energy** in the charmonium range and **leptonic beams**, **BESIII** can be **competitive** even with smaller datasets

Finally, **new data sets** are currently being taken and analysed

$\sim 2.7 \times 10^9$  @  $\psi(2S)$

$\sim 20 \text{fb}^{-1}$  @  $\psi(3770)$

Hence, exciting times wait ahead...

**Thank you  
for the attention!**



# Backup Slides



# BESIII Collaboration

## Europe (17)



**BESIII**

~500 members

From 82 institutions in 17 countries

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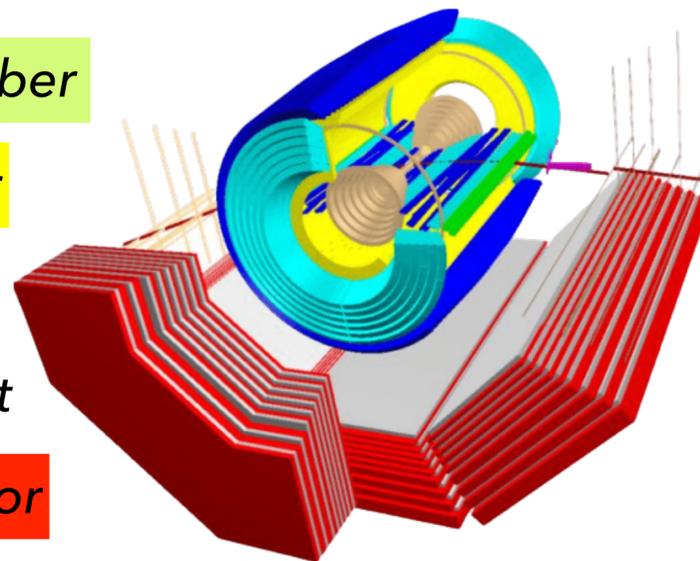
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## MDC

Single wire $\sigma_{r\phi}$ (1 GeV)	130 $\mu\text{m}$
$\sigma_z$ (1 GeV)	$\sim 2$ mm
$\sigma_p/p$ (1 GeV)	0.5 %
$\sigma_{dE/dx}$ (1 GeV)	6 %

## EMC

$\sigma_E/E$ (1 GeV)	2.5 %
Position resolution (1 GeV)	0.6 cm

## TOF

$\sigma_T$	
Barrel (1 GeV/c muons)	100 ps
End cap (0.8 GeV/c pions)	65 ps

## Muon Identifier

No. of layers (barrel/end cap)	9/8
Cut-off momentum	0.4 GeV/c

Solenoid field	1.0 T
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225M  $J/\psi$   
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**2012:** 0.45B (total)  $\psi(2S)$   
1.3B (total)  $J/\psi$   
**2013:** 1092 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.23 GeV  
826 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.26 GeV  
540 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.36 GeV  
10 × 50 pb<sup>-1</sup> scan 3.81 — 4.42 GeV  
**2014:** 1029 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.42 GeV  
110 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.47 GeV  
110 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.53 GeV  
48 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.575 GeV  
567 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.6 GeV  
0.8 fb<sup>-1</sup> R-scan 3.85 — 4.59 GeV  
**2015:** R-scan 2 — 3 GeV + 2.175 GeV  
**2016:** ~3fb<sup>-1</sup> at 4.18 GeV (for D<sub>s</sub>)  
**2017:** 7 × 500 pb<sup>-1</sup> scan 4.19 — 4.27 GeV  
**2018:** more  $J/\psi$  (and tuning new RF cavity)  
**2019:** 10B (total)  $J/\psi$   
8 × 500 pb<sup>-1</sup> scan 4.13, 4.16, 4.29 — 4.44 GeV  
**2020:** 3.8 fb<sup>-1</sup> scan 4.61 - 4.7 GeV  
**2021:** 2 fb<sup>-1</sup> scan 4.74 - 4.946 GeV  
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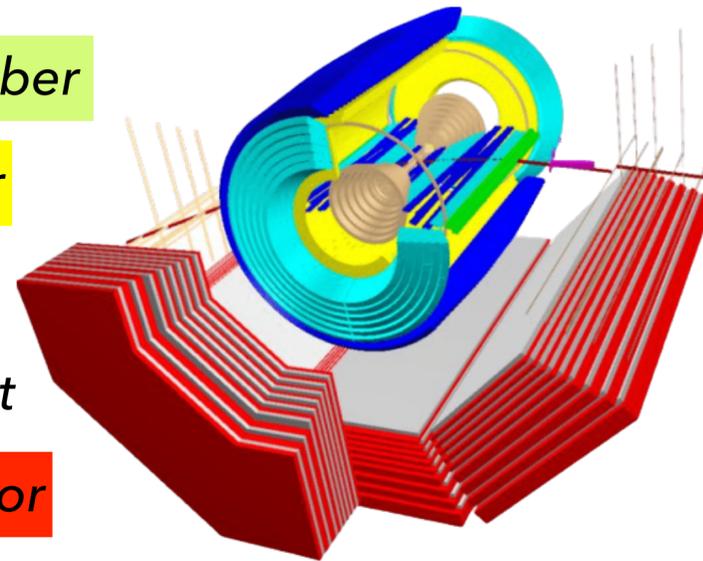
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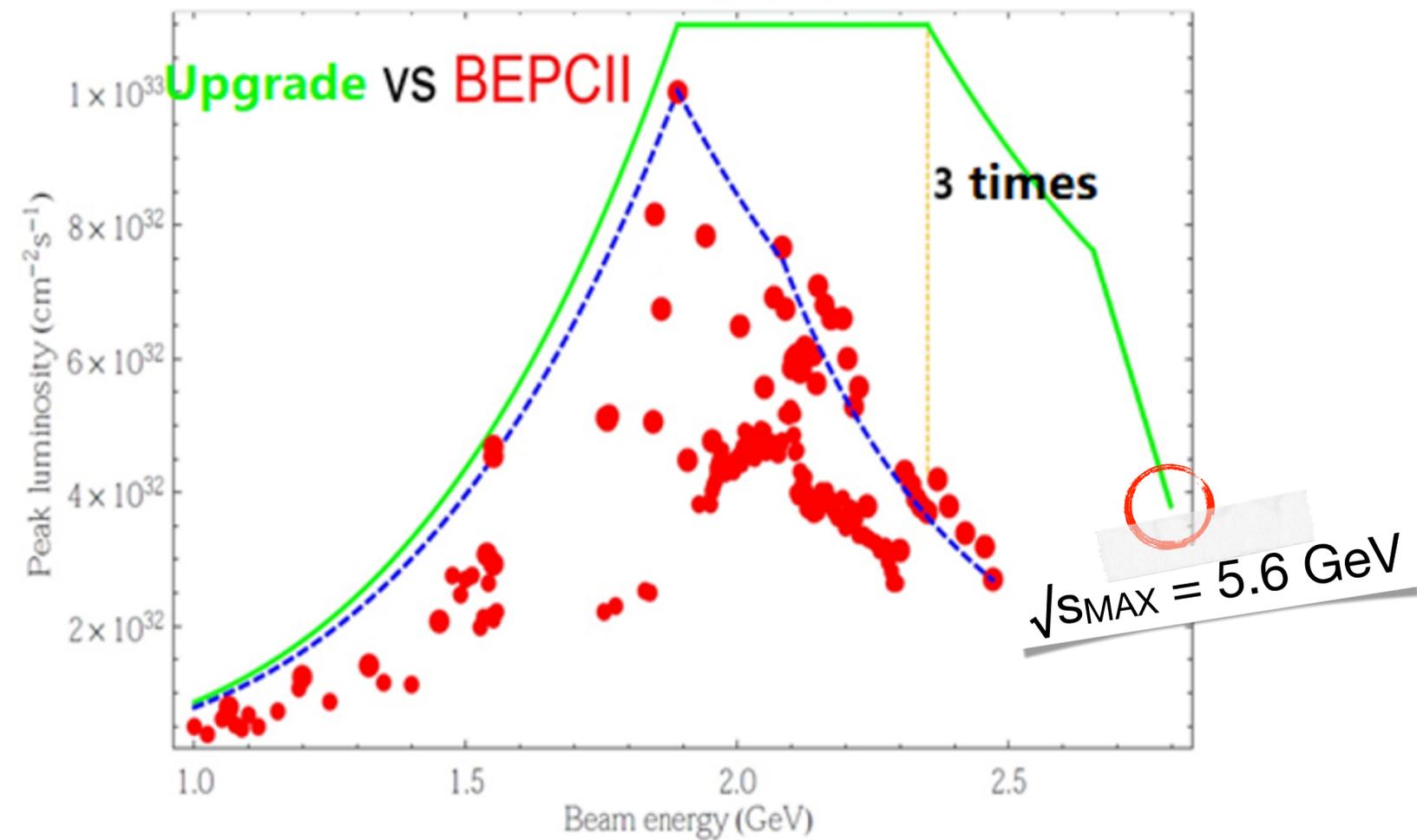
## Born Cross-sections

### Energy & Luminosity

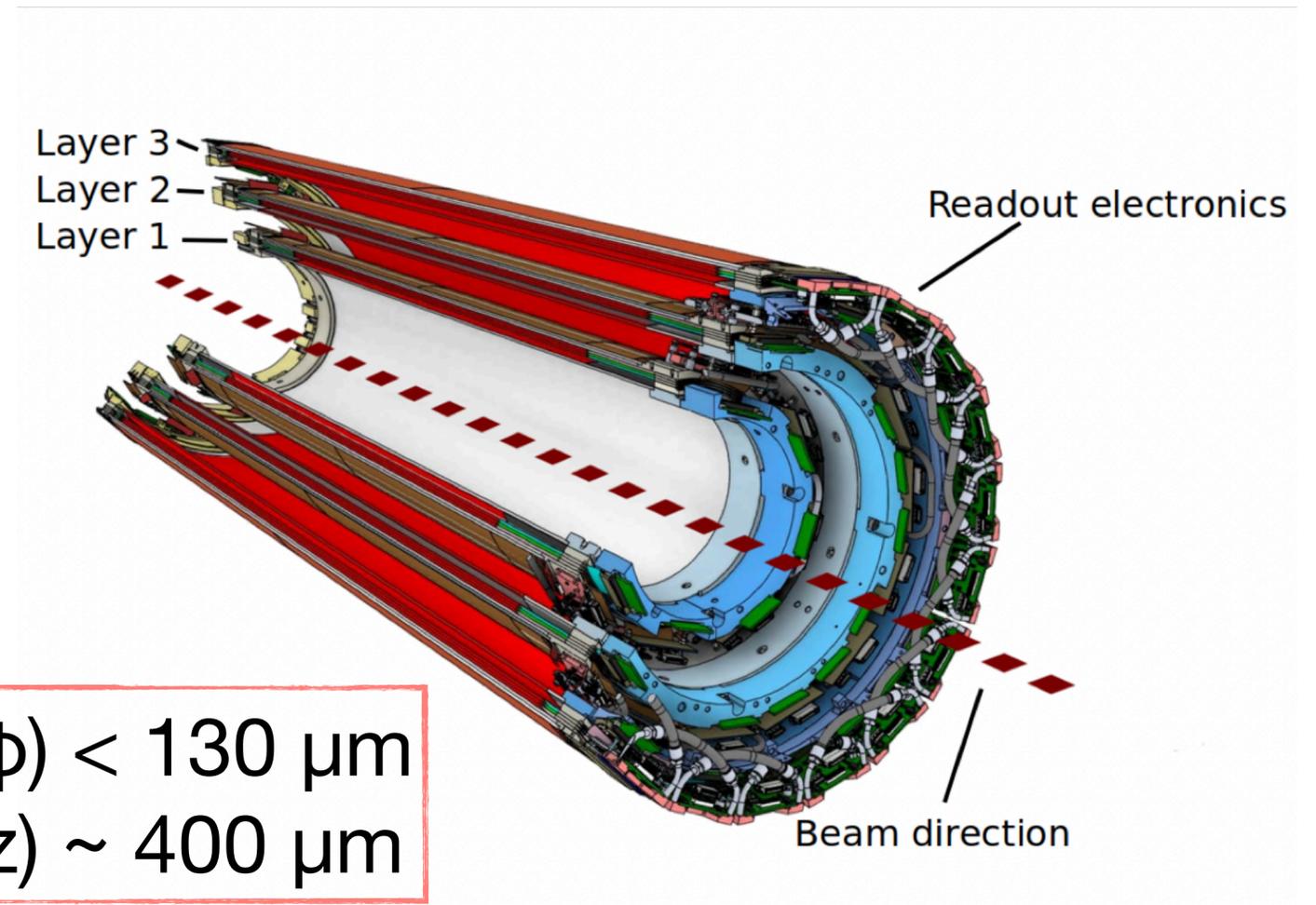
$\sqrt{s}$  (GeV)

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4.70

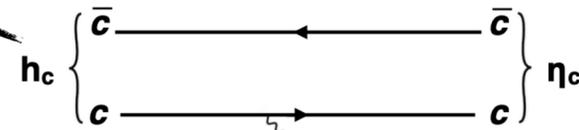


### CGEM-IT



# Back to the Origins... Rediscovering the $h_c(1^1P_1)$

Using 448 million  $\psi(2S)$  events



Non-E1 decays

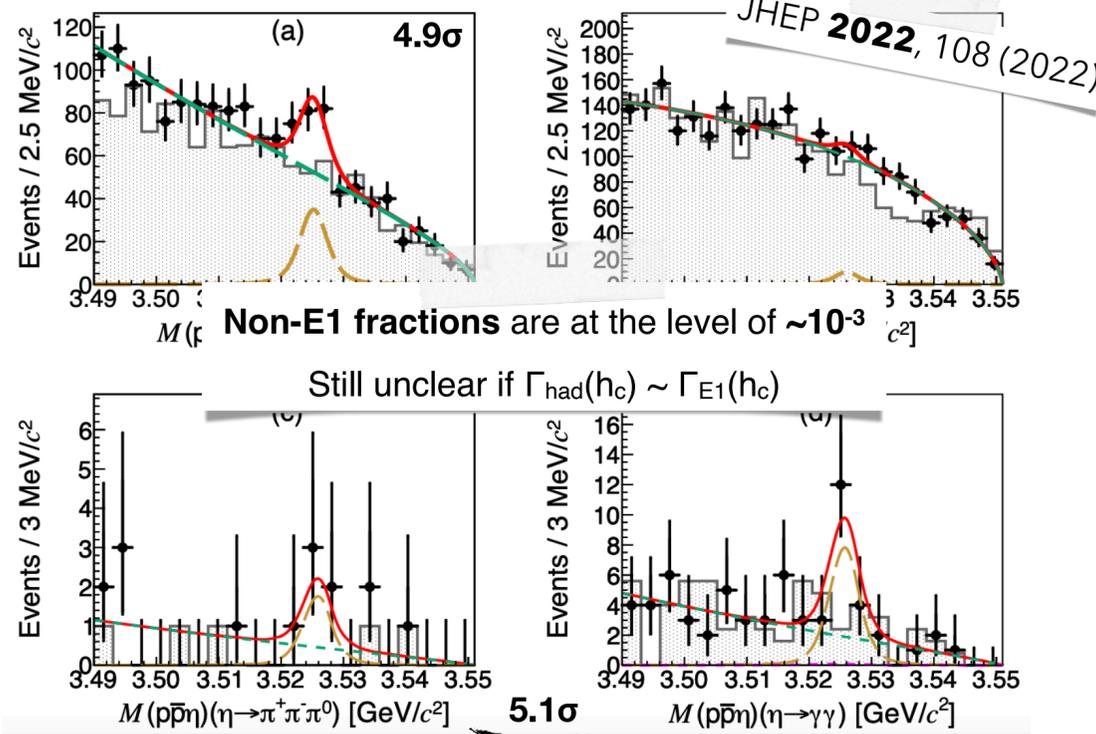
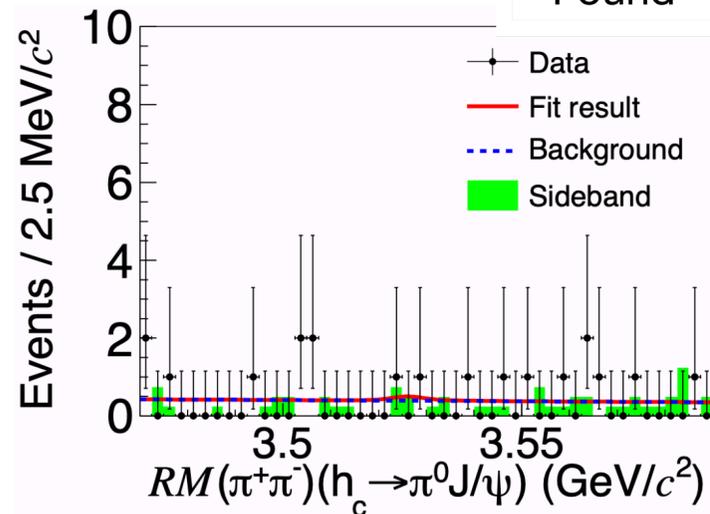
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3 (2022)

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Tensions with E760<sup>[1]</sup>  
Agreement with E835<sup>[2]</sup>

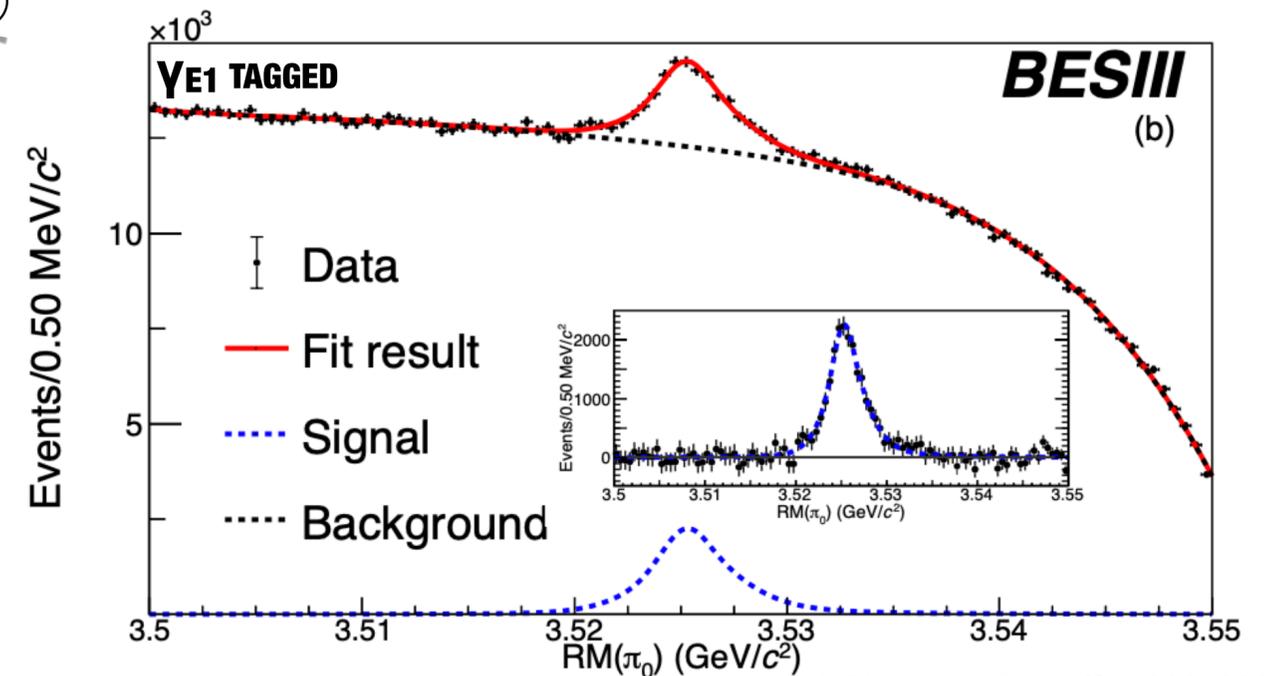
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Variable	Value	PDG
$M(h_c)$ ( $\text{MeV}/c^2$ )	$3525.32 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.15$	$3525.38 \pm 0.11$
$\Gamma(h_c)$ (MeV)	$0.78^{+0.27}_{-0.24} \pm 0.12$	$0.7 \pm 0.4$
$N_{\text{Tag}}(h_c)$	$23118^{+1500}_{-1398}$	—
$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Inc}} \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{Tag}} (10^{-4})$	$4.17^{+0.27}_{-0.25} \pm 0.19$	$4.58 \pm 0.64$ (BESIII <sup>[11]</sup> ) $4.16 \pm 0.48$ (CLEO <sup>[23]</sup> )
$N_{\text{Inc}}(h_c)$	$46187 \pm 2123$	—
$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Inc}} (10^{-4})$	$7.23 \pm 0.33 \pm 0.38$	$8.60 \pm 1.30$
$\mathcal{B}_{\text{Tag}} (\%)$	$57.66^{+3.62}_{-3.50} \pm 0.58$	$50 \pm 9$

PRD **106**,  
072007 (2022)

Wrt the center-of-gravity mass of the three  $\chi_{cJ}(1^3P_J)$  states, no mass splitting is observed with this measurement as predicted by potential model calculations<sup>[3]</sup>



<sup>[1]</sup> Phys. Rev. Lett. **69** (1992) 2337

<sup>[2]</sup> Phys. Rev. D **72** (2005) 032001

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