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Study of light scalar mesons via semi-leptonic D decays at BESIII

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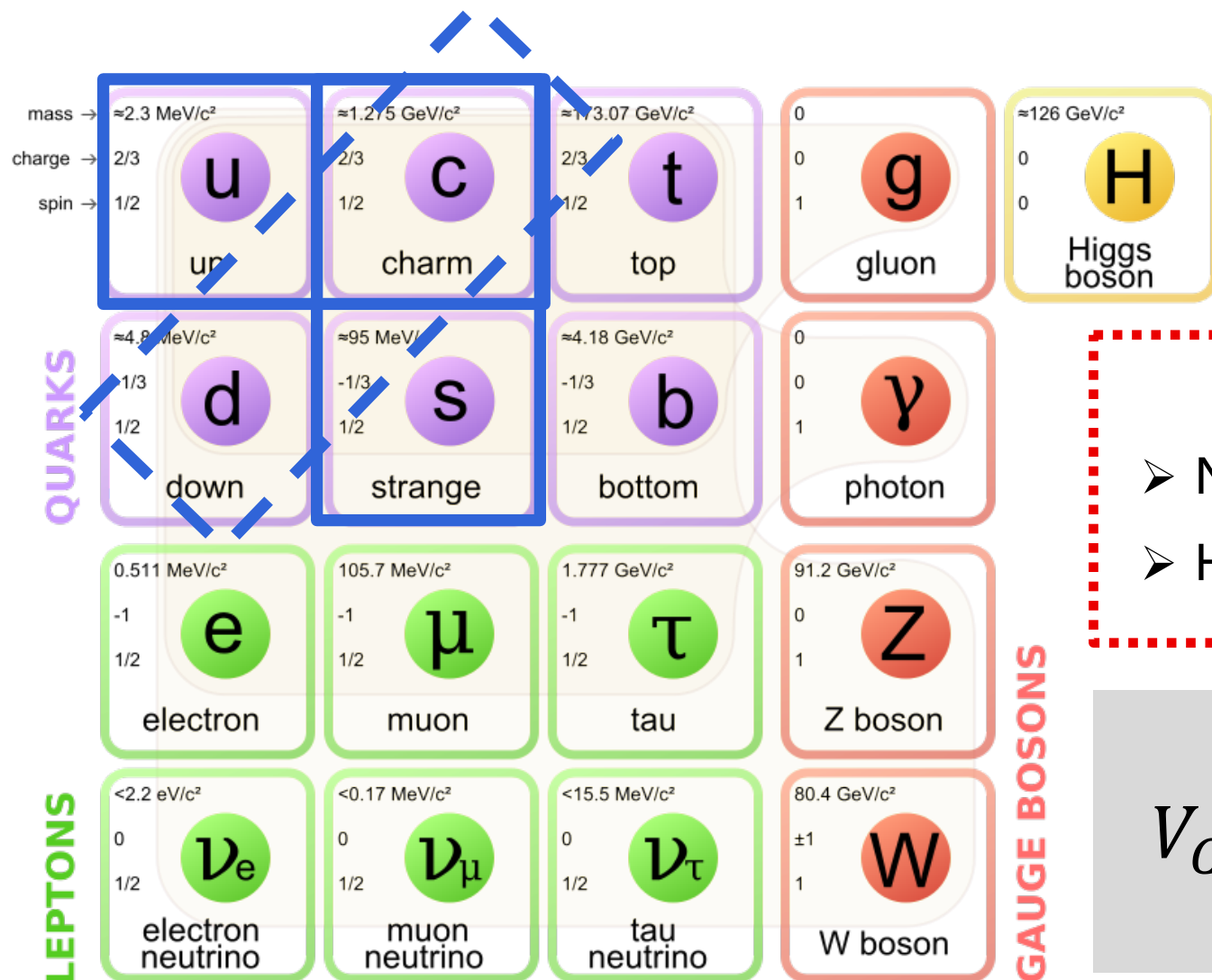
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Physics motivation



Charm physics

- Nonperturbative region -> **QCD**
- High precision frontier -> **SM test**

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$



➤ Hadronic **Form factor (FF)** -> **Test different QCD models (LQCD/QCDSR)**

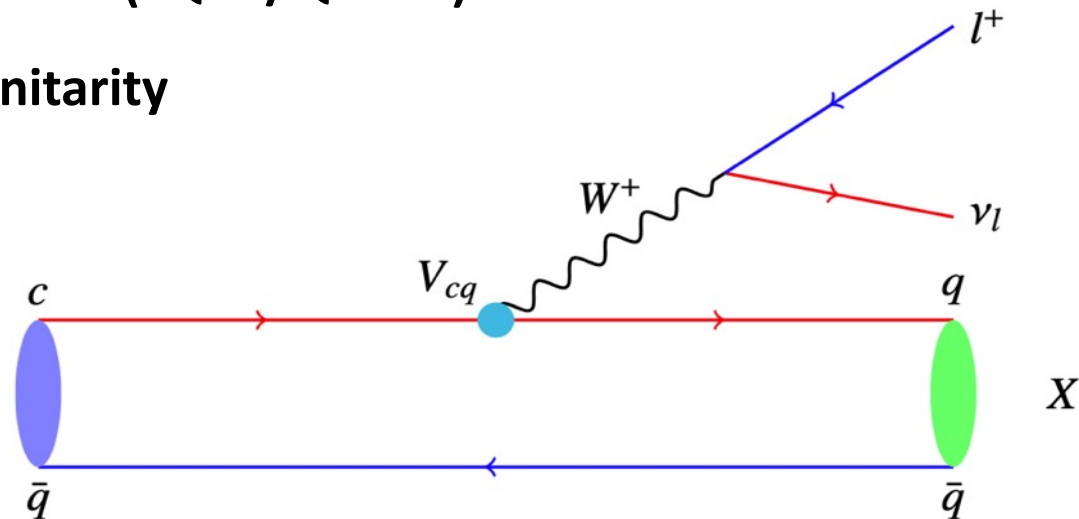
➤ CKM matrix elements $V_{cd(s)}$ -> **Test CKM matrix unitarity**

➤ $\mathcal{B}(D_{(s)} \rightarrow X \mu^+ \nu_\mu) / \mathcal{B}(D_{(s)} \rightarrow X e^+ \nu_e)$

-> **Lepton flavor universality (LFU) test.**

➤ Branching fraction and FF measurement

-> **Good laboratory for light scalar mesons study**



$$A(D \rightarrow X \ell \nu) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cq}^* \bar{\nu} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \ell \langle X | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c | D_{(s)} \rangle$$

$$\Gamma(D_{(s)} \rightarrow P(S) \ell^+ \nu_\ell) \propto |V_{cd(s)}|^2 |f_+(q^2)|^2 dq^2$$

$$\Gamma(D_{(s)} \rightarrow V \ell^+ \nu_\ell) \propto |V_{cd(s)}|^2 \mathfrak{I}(A_1(q^2), A_2(q^2), V(q^2)) dq^2$$

Light scalar mesons $f_0(500)$, $f_0(980)$ and $a_0(980)$

- Play an important role in the dynamics of the spontaneous breaking of QCD chiral symmetry and in **the origin of pseudoscalar meson masses**. (?)
- Help to understand the confinement of quarks. (?)
- Their nontrivial quark structure has remained controversial for many years!
- Interpretations: $q\bar{q}$ mixture; tetraquark; molecule, etc.
- Semi-leptonic D decay is an ideal probe for their nature.

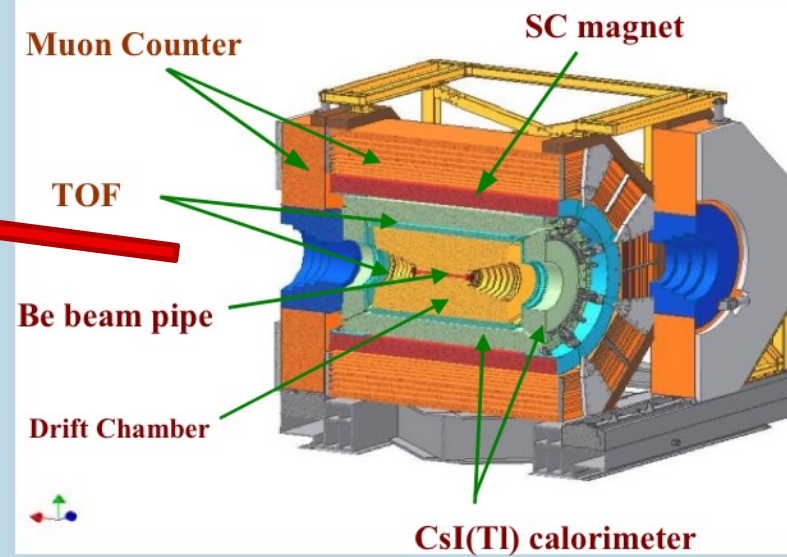
Jose R. Pelaez, *Physics Reports* 658 (2016) 1,
**“From controversy to precision on the sigma meson:
a review on the status of the non-ordinary $f_0(500)$ resonance”**

For researchers outside the field, it may be **surprising** that despite having established Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) as the fundamental theory of the Strong Interaction 40 years ago, the spectrum of lowest mass states, and particularly that of scalar mesons, may be **still under debate**. Actually, light scalar mesons have been a puzzle in our understanding of the Strong Interaction for almost six decades. This may be even **more amazing** given the fact that they play a very relevant role within nuclear and hadron physics, as in the nucleon-nucleon attraction and in the spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry, both of them fundamental features of the Strong Interaction. The relatively poor theoretical understanding of hadrons at low energies causes little surprise since it is textbook knowledge that QCD becomes non-perturbative at low energies and does not allow for precise calculations of the light hadron spectrum. However, **young** and not so young people outside the field are often **unaware** of the fact that even basic empirical properties such as the existence of many of the lightest mesons and resonances are **still actively discussed**, even if they were suggested much before QCD was proposed. Moreover, it is often the case that

BESIII experiment



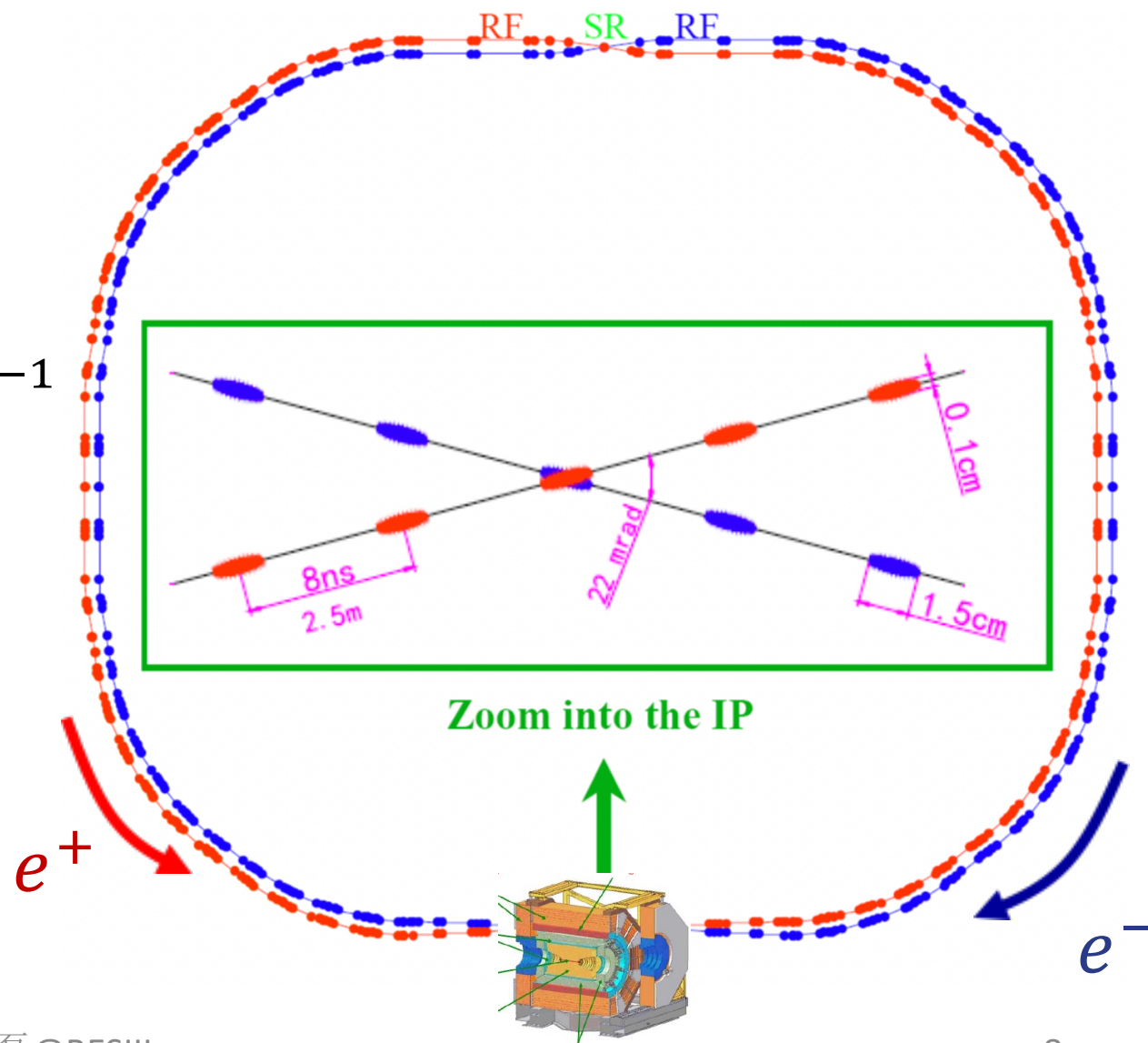
BESIII Detector



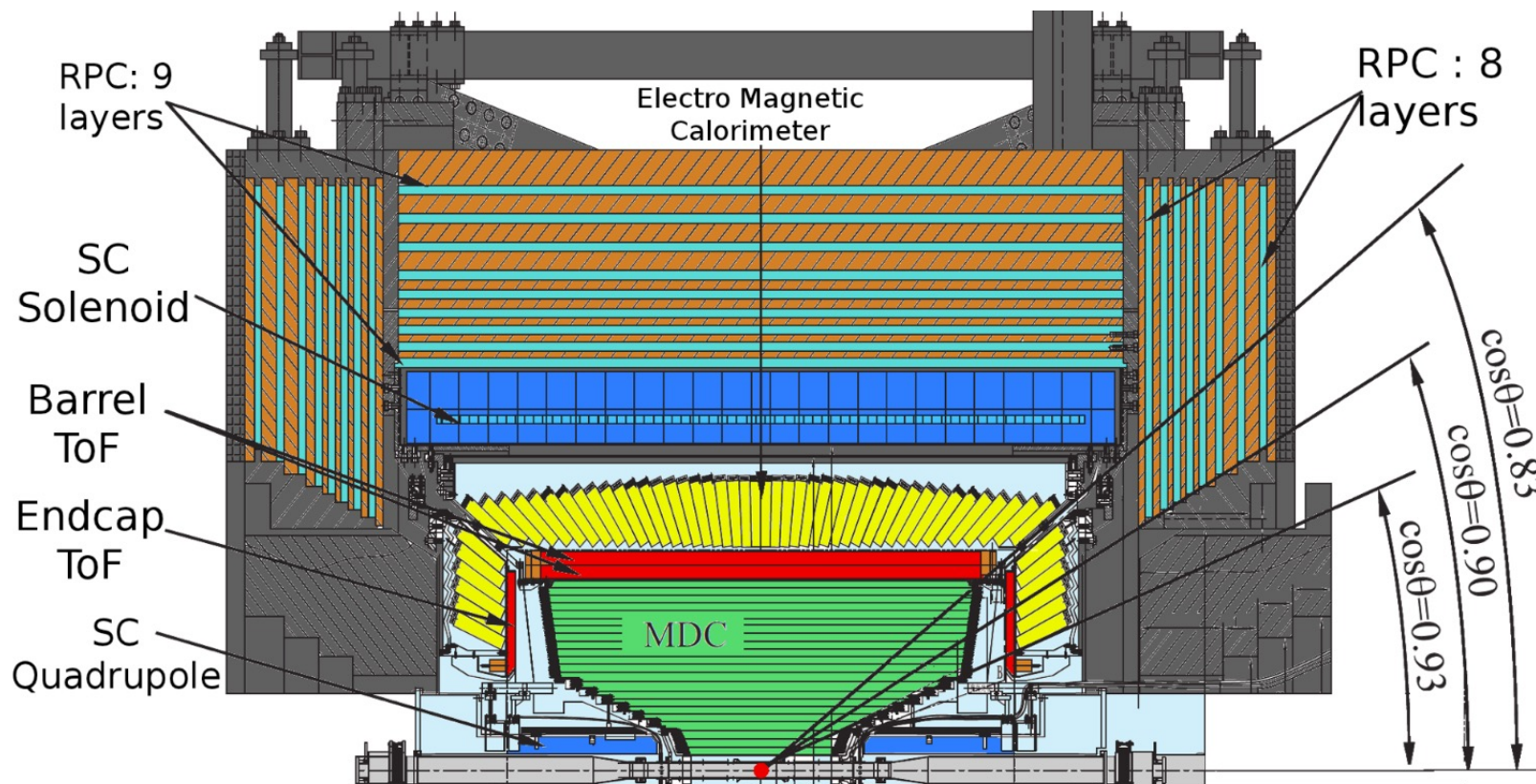


BEPCII collider

- Two ring symmetric e^+e^- collider
- Circumference: 240 m
- Design luminosity: $1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Achieved time: 5 April, 2016
- E_{cm} : 2 – 5 GeV
- Beam crossing angle: 22 mrad



BESIII detector



MDC

$$\frac{\delta p}{p} < 0.5\% \text{ @1 GeV}$$

$$\frac{\delta(dE/dx)}{dE/dx} < 6\%$$

TOF

$$\delta t \text{ 80 ps Barrel}$$

$$\delta t \text{ 110 ps Endcap}$$

EMC

$$\frac{\delta E}{E} < 2.5\% \text{ @1 GeV}$$

$$\delta z = 0.6/\sqrt{E}$$

MUC

$$\delta(xy) < 2 \text{ cm}$$

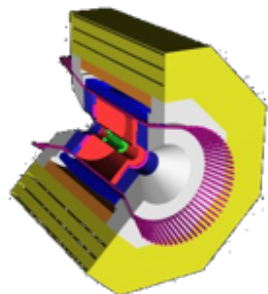
BESIII Collaboration

Political Map of the World, November 2011

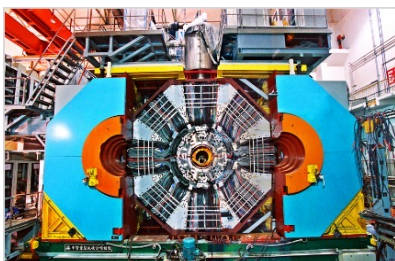


Data sample

CLEO-c



BESIII



- Symmetric e^+e^- collider
- E_{cm} : 2 – 5 GeV
- Charm collected through pair-production near threshold



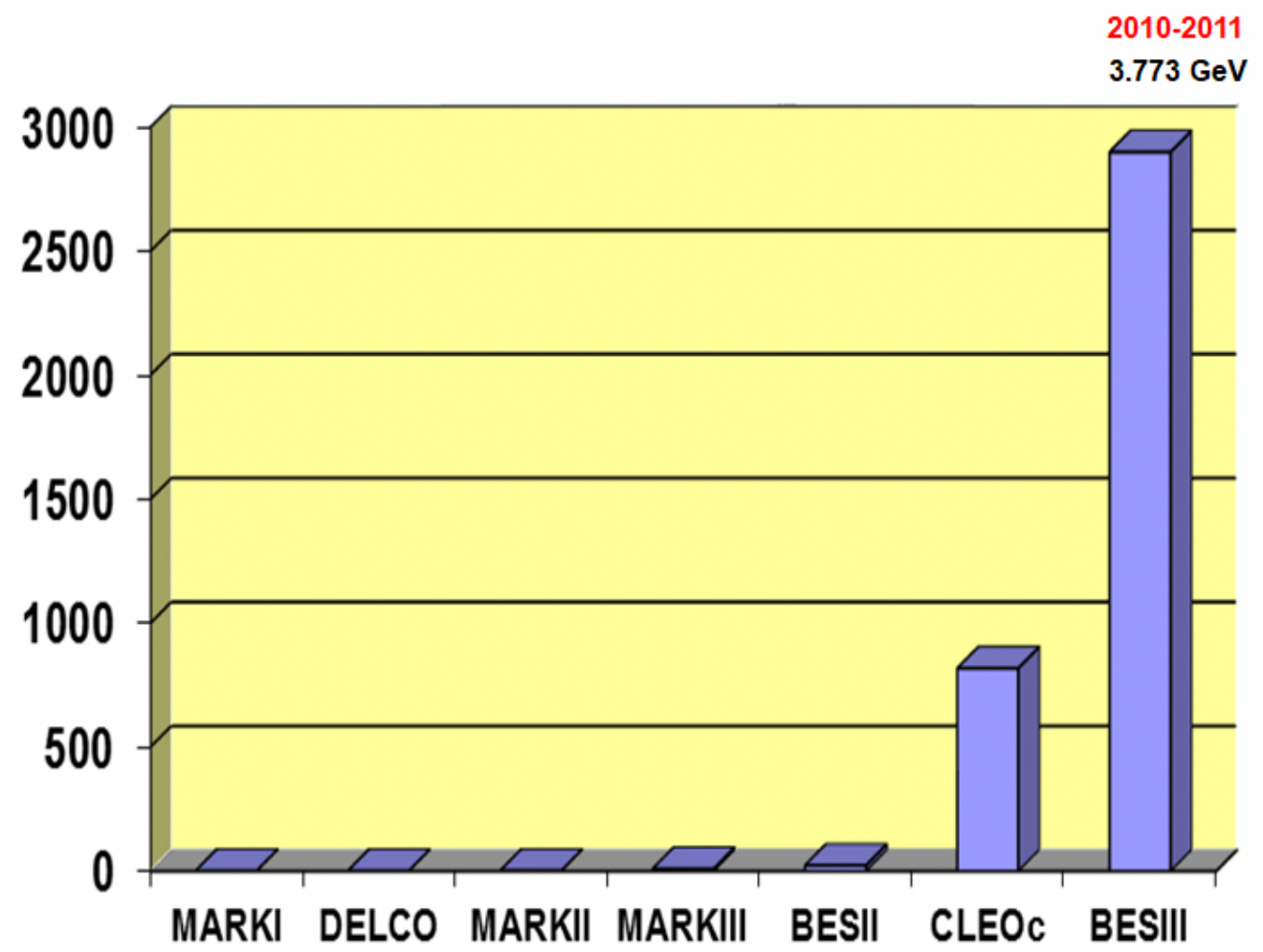
Belle, Belle-II

- Asymmetric e^+e^- collider
- E_{cm} : 10.8 GeV
- Charm collected through $b\bar{b}$ decays and $c\bar{c}$

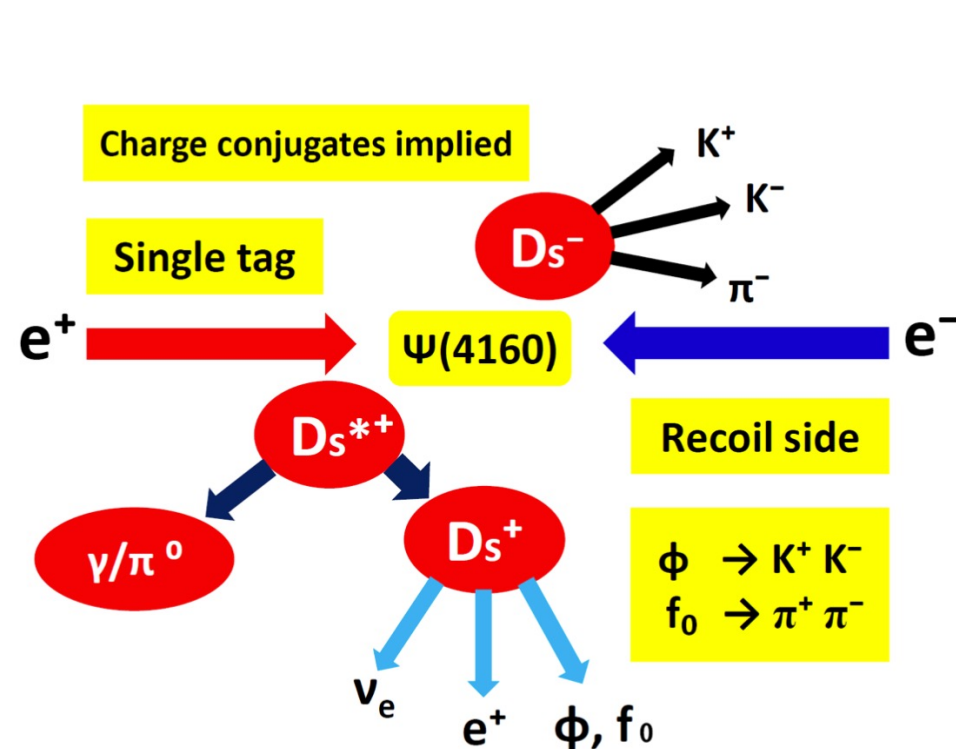


Experiment	Data size	Energy region	Time
BESIII	$D^{+(0)}: 2.93 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $D_s^+: 7.33 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	3.773 GeV 4.123-4.223 GeV	2010-2011 2013-2017
CLEO-c	$D^{+(0)}: 0.82 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $D_s^+: 0.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	3.770 GeV 4.170 GeV	Till 2008
BABAR	468 fb^{-1}	Near $\Upsilon(4S)$	Till 2008
Belle	976 fb^{-1}	Near $\Upsilon(4S)$	Till 2010

$D^{0(+)}$ samples at $\psi(3770)$



Take Ds decay as an example (complicated case)



$$\mathcal{B}_\gamma(D_S^{*-} \rightarrow \gamma D_S^-)$$

$$N_{tag} = 2N_{D_S^+ D_S^-} \mathcal{B}_{tag} \epsilon_{tag}$$

$$N_{sig} = 2N_{D_S^+ D_S^-} \mathcal{B}_{tag} \mathcal{B}_{sig} \mathcal{B}_\gamma \epsilon_{sig}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{sig} = \frac{N_{sig}}{\mathcal{B}_\gamma N_{tag} \epsilon_{sig} / \epsilon_{tag}}$$

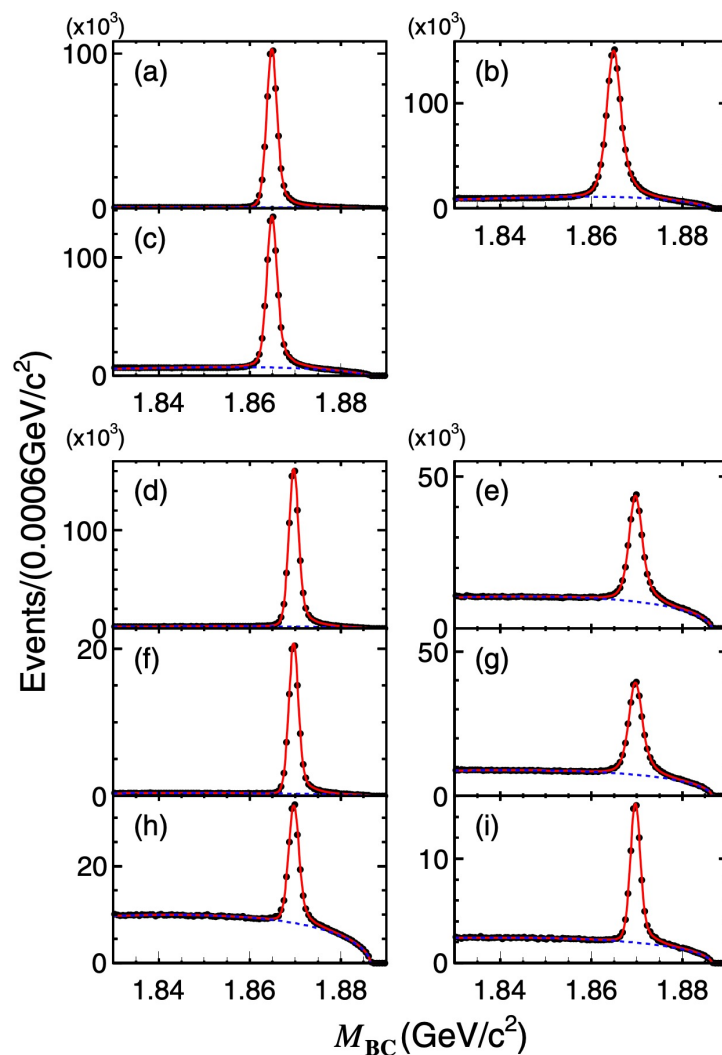
$$\mathcal{B}_{sig} = \frac{N_{sig}}{\mathcal{B}_\gamma \sum_\alpha N_{tag}^\alpha \epsilon_{sig}^\alpha / \epsilon_{tag}^\alpha}$$

$$U_{miss} = E_{miss} - |\vec{p}_{miss}|$$

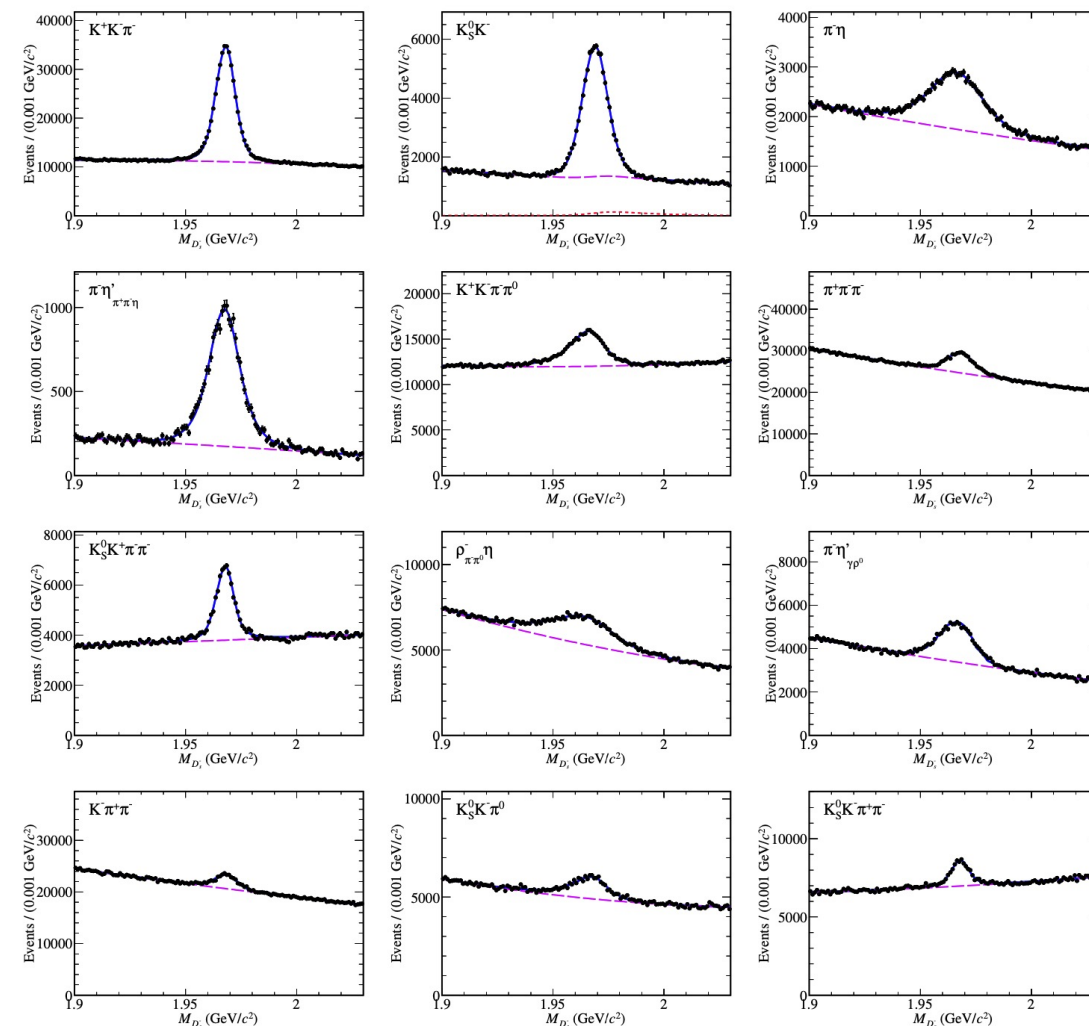
$$M_{miss}^2 = E_{miss}^2 - |\vec{p}_{miss}|^2$$

Analysis method: Single Tag sample

$D^0: \sim 2.76 \text{ M}$



$D^+: \sim 1.57 \text{ M}$



$D_S: 0.77 \text{ M}$



The differential decay rate of $D_{(s)} \rightarrow S \ell \nu_\ell$

$$\Gamma(D_{(s)} \rightarrow S \ell^+ \nu_\ell)/dq^2 \propto |V_{cd(s)}|^2 |f_+(q^2)|^2$$

$$S: a_0(980), f_0(500), f_0(980)$$

- Use least χ^2 method to fit the measured partial decay width in different q^2 bin
- Taking the correlations among q^2 bins into account
- FF in different form (The width needs to be considered ?)

– **Single pole form**

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{f_+(0)}{1 - q^2/M_{pole}^2}$$

– **Modified pole model**

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{f_+(0)}{\left(1 - \frac{q^2}{M_{pole}^2}\right) \left(1 - \alpha \frac{q^2}{M_{pole}^2}\right)}$$

– **ISGW2 model**

$$f_+(q^2) = f_+(q_{max}^2) \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{12}(q_{max}^2 - q^2)\right)^{-2}$$

– **Series expansion model**

$$f_+(t) = \frac{1}{P(t)\Phi(t, t_0)} a_0(t_0) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k(t_0) [z(t, t_0)]^k\right)$$

The differential decay rate of $D_{(s)} \rightarrow S \ell \nu_\ell$

➤ Point-like differential decay rate:

$$\frac{d\Gamma(D_{(s)} \rightarrow S \ell^+ \nu_\ell)}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cs}|^2}{24\pi^3} p_{f_0}^3 |f_+(q^2)|^2$$

➤ Double differential decay rate:

(N.N.Achasov *et al.*, PRD102,016022(2020); W. Wang, PLB759,501(2016))

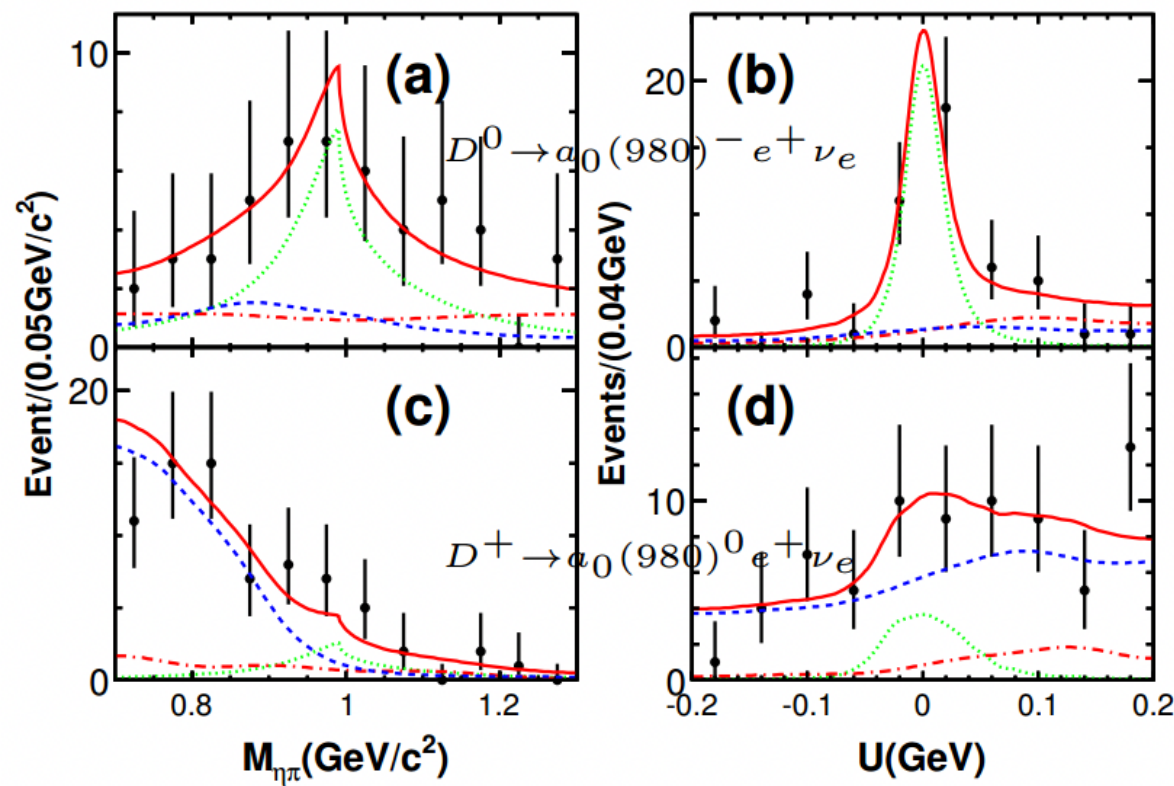
$$\frac{d^2\Gamma(D_{(s)} \rightarrow S \ell^+ \nu_\ell)}{ds dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cs}|^2}{192\pi^4 m_{D_{(s)}}^3} \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}(m_{D_{(s)}}^2, s, q^2) |f_+(q^2)|^2 P(s)$$

$$P(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{g_1 \rho_{\pi\pi}}{|m_0^2 - s - i(g_1 \rho_{\pi\pi} + g_1 \rho_{KK})|^2}, & \text{Flatte: } a_0(980)/f_0(980) \\ \frac{m_{f_0} \Gamma(s)}{(s - m_{f_0}^2)^2 + m_{f_0}^2 \Gamma^2(s)}, & \text{RBW: } f_0(500) \end{cases}$$

First observation of $D^0 \rightarrow a_0(980)^- e^+ \nu_e$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 081802 (2018)

- 2.93 fb⁻¹ data @ 3.773 GeV
- $N_{sig}^{D^0} = 25.7^{+6.4}_{-5.7}$
- $N_{sig}^{D^+} = 10.2^{+5.0}_{-4.1}$
- BF's help to understand the nature of the $a_0(980)$



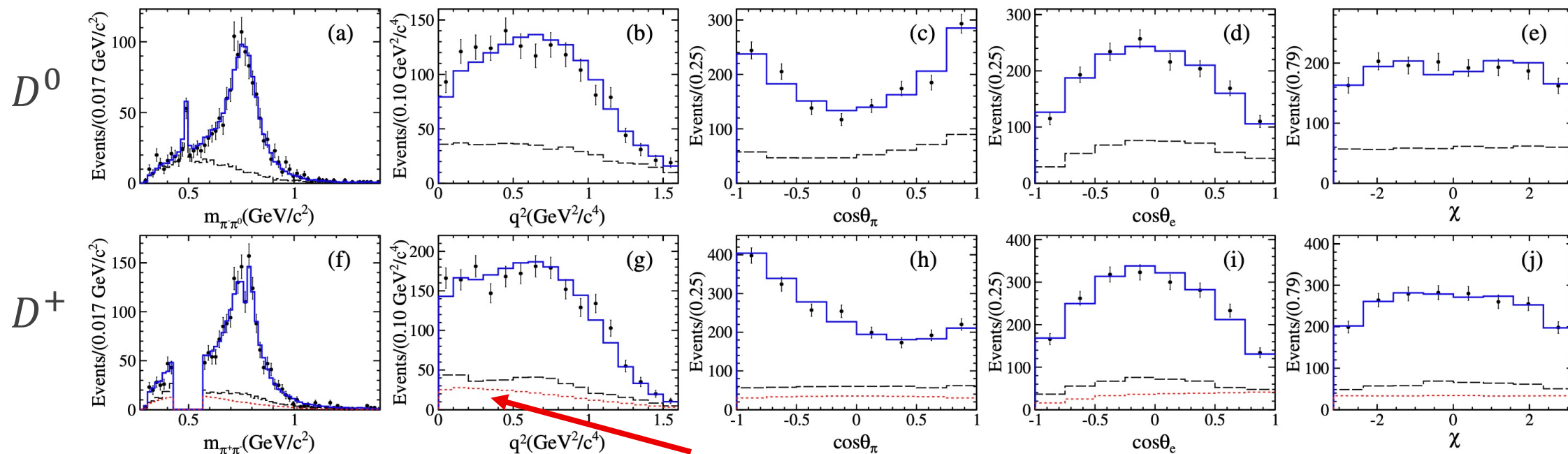
Decay	BF ($\times 10^{-4}$)	Significance
$D^0 \rightarrow a_0(980)^- e^+ \nu_e, a_0(980)^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^-$	$1.33^{+0.33}_{-0.29} \pm 0.09$	6.4σ
$D^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)^0 e^+ \nu_e, a_0(980)^0 \rightarrow \eta \pi^0$	$1.66^{+0.81}_{-0.66} \pm 0.11$ < 3.0 (90% C.L.)	2.9σ

First observation of $D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500)e^+ \nu_e$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 062001 (2019)

$$N_{sig}^{D^0} = 1498 \text{ (Bkg: } \sim 33.3\%)$$

$$N_{sig}^{D^+} = 2017 \text{ (Bkg: } \sim 23.8\%)$$



➤ 2.93 fb⁻¹ data @ 3.773 GeV

$$f_{f_0(500)} = (25.7 + 1.6 + 1.1)\%$$

$$➤ R = \frac{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500)e^+ \nu_e) + \mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)e^+ \nu_e)}{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)e^+ \nu_e)} > 2.7 @ 90\% CL$$

➤ Favor tetraquark (R=3, PRD82, 034016(2010)) for f_0 and a_0

Signal mode	This analysis ($\times 10^{-3}$)
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$	$1.445 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.039$
$D^0 \rightarrow \rho^- e^+ \nu_e$	$1.445 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.039$
$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ e^+ \nu_e$	$2.449 \pm 0.074 \pm 0.073$
$D^+ \rightarrow \rho^0 e^+ \nu_e$	$1.860 \pm 0.070 \pm 0.061$
$D^+ \rightarrow \omega e^+ \nu_e$	$2.05 \pm 0.66 \pm 0.30$
$D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500)e^+ \nu_e, f_0(500) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	$0.630 \pm 0.043 \pm 0.032$
$D^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)e^+ \nu_e, f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	< 0.028



Phys. Rev. D. 105, L031101 (2022)

➤ 6.32 fb^{-1} data @ 4.178-4.226 GeV

➤ $N_{sig}^{f_0(980)} = 54.8 + 10.1$ (7.8 σ significance)

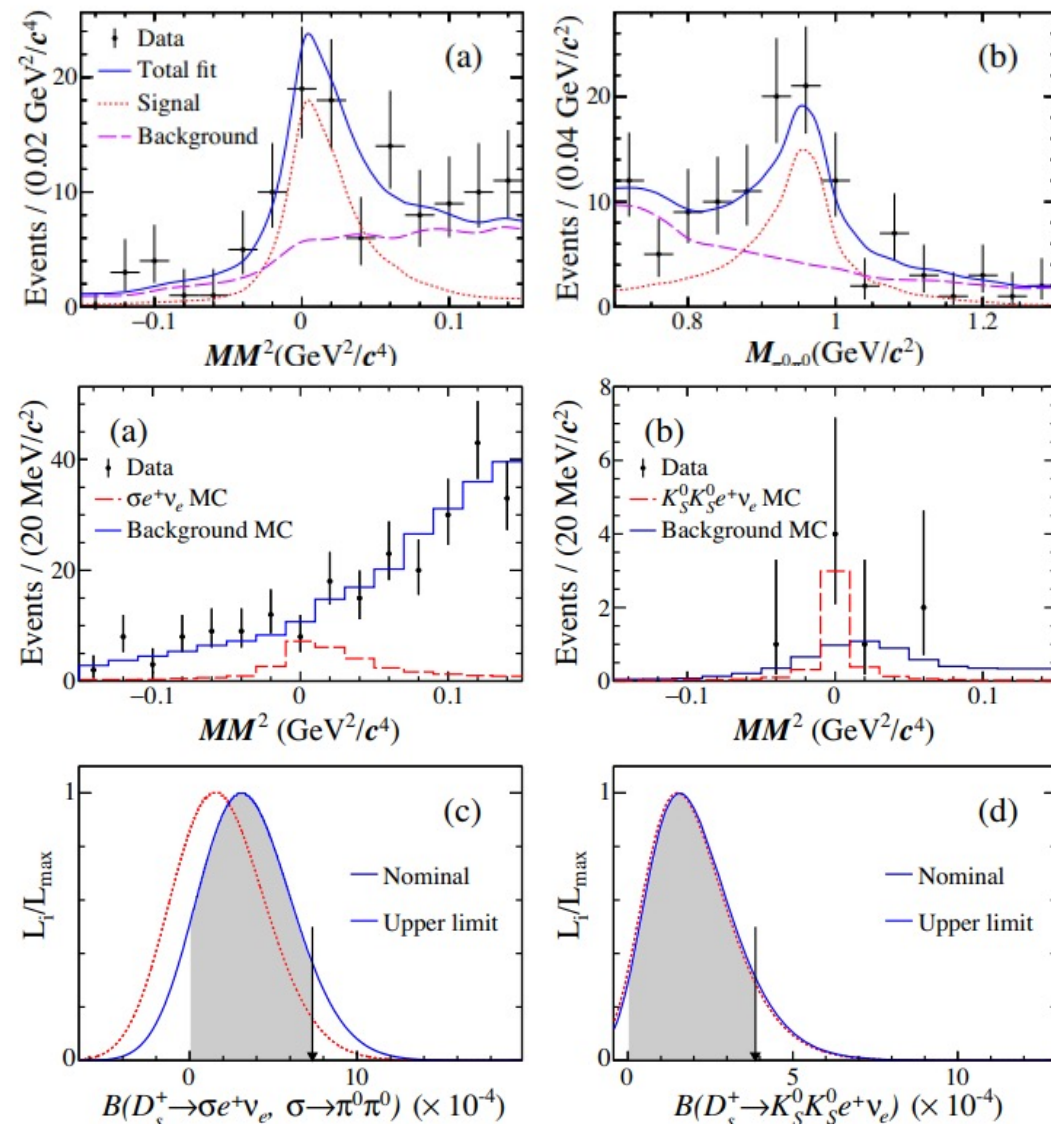
➤ First BF's Measurement:

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980) e^+ \nu_e, f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) \\ = (7.9 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$$

➤ No significant signal:

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(500) e^+ \nu_e, f_0(500) \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) < 7.3 \times 10^{-4} \\ \mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0 e^+ \nu_e) < 3.8 \times 10^{-4}$$

➤ BF's help to understand the nature of the $f_0(500)$ and $f_0(980)$, and test different theoretical calculations.



Arxiv: 2303.12927 (submitted to PRL)

➤ 7.33 fb^{-1} data @ 4.128-4.226 GeV

➤ $N_{sig} = 439 \pm 33$

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980) e^+ \nu_e, f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$$

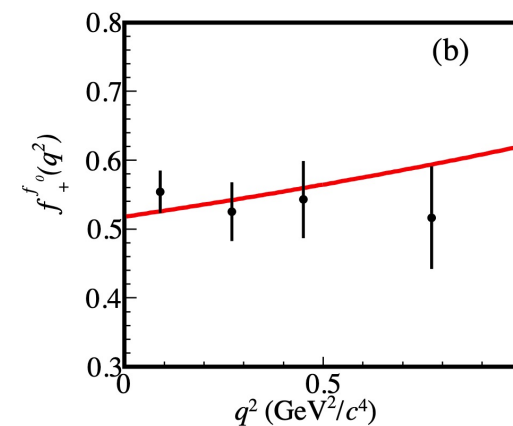
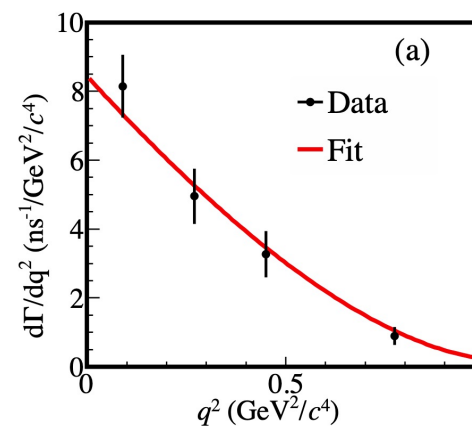
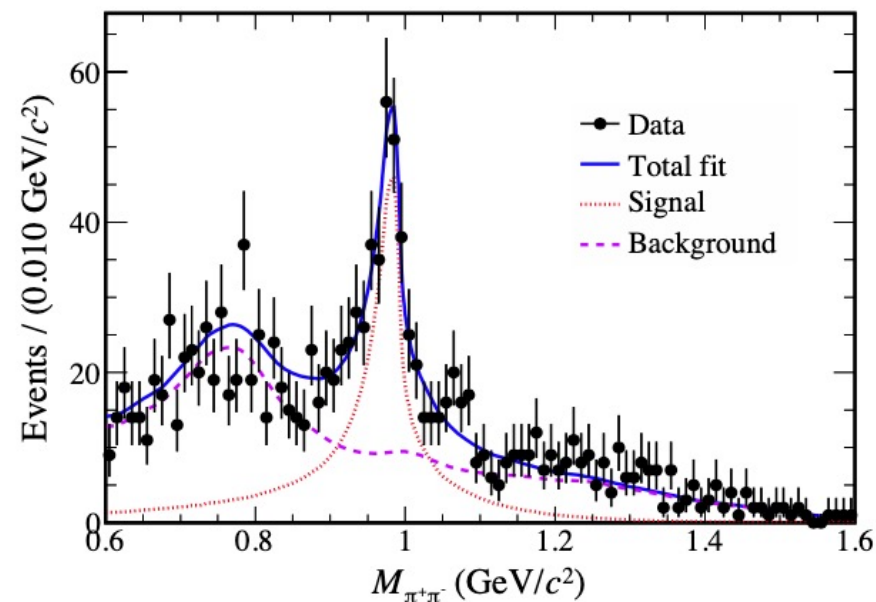
$$= (1.72 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}$$

→ $s\bar{s}$ is dominant based on $q\bar{q}$ mixture picture

➤ **First form factor measurement** based on single pole:

$$f_+^{f_0}(0) |V_{cs}| = 0.504 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.035$$

ps: Have considered the width effect of the $f_0(980)$



Light scalar mesons via semi-leptonic D decays at BESIII

Channel	Publication	Status
$D^0 \rightarrow a_0(980)^-(\eta\pi^-)e^+\nu_e$	PRL 121, 081802(2018)	Update in process
$D^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)^0(\eta\pi^0)e^+\nu_e$	PRL 121, 081802(2018)	Update in process
$D \rightarrow a_0(980)(\eta\pi^0)\mu^+\nu_\mu$	--	In process
$D \rightarrow a_0(980)(K\bar{K})e^+\nu_e$	--	In process (Draft)
$D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500)(\pi^+\pi^-)e^+\nu_e$	PRL 122, 062001(2019)	Update in process
$D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500)(\pi^+\pi^-)\mu^+\nu_\mu$	--	In process (Draft)
$D^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)(\pi^+\pi^-)e^+\nu_e$	PRL 122, 062001(2019)	Update in process
$D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)^0(\eta\pi^0)e^+\nu_e$	PRD 103, 092004(2021)	--
$D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)(\pi^0\pi^0)e^+\nu_e$	PRD 105, L031101(2022)	--
$D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(500)(\pi^0\pi^0)e^+\nu_e$	PRD 105, L031101(2022)	--
$D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)(\pi^+\pi^-)e^+\nu_e$	2303.12927	Submitted to PRL
$D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)(\pi^+\pi^-)\mu^+\nu_\mu$	--	In process
$D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)(K^+K^-)e^+\nu_e$	--	In process (Draft)
$D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)(K^+K^-)\mu^+\nu_\mu$	--	In process (Pubcomm)

Summary:

- BESIII has the largest data samples at $D\bar{D}/D_s D_s^*$ threshold.
- Light scalar mesons are studied systematically via semi-leptonic D decay.
- BF and FF measurements help to understand the nature of light scalar mesons.

Prospect:

- BESIII has **8 fb⁻¹** @3.773 GeV now.
- In the coming 2024, BESIII will have **20 fb⁻¹** @3.773 GeV in total.
- More results are on the way!

Thank you!