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Looking inside the Strong Interaction with Charm Data

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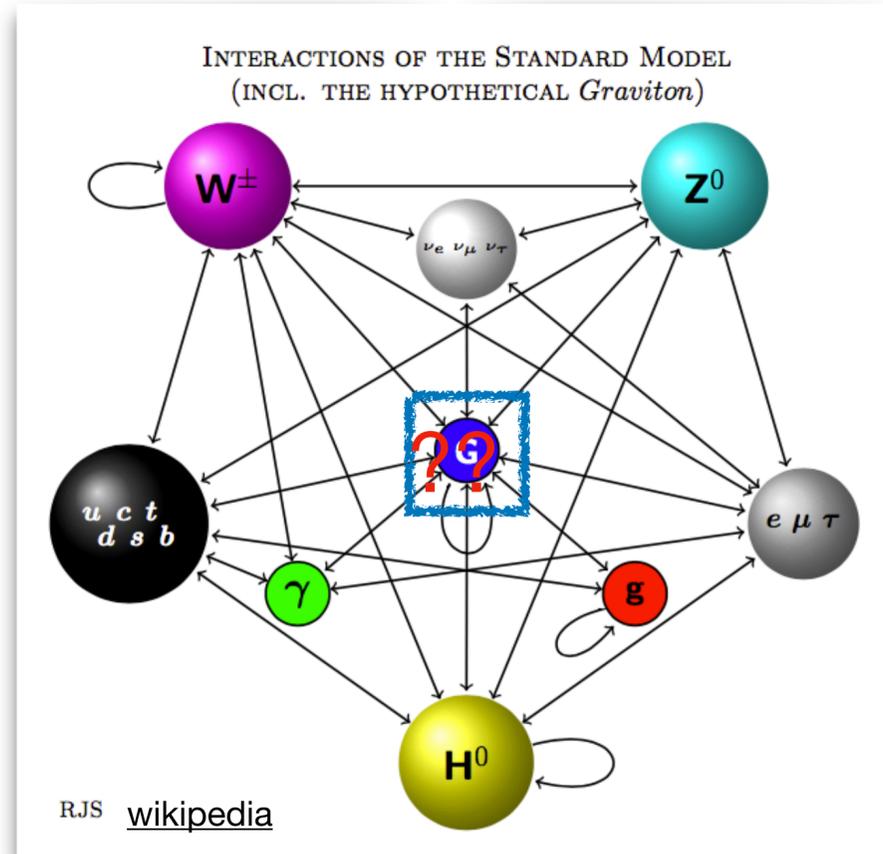
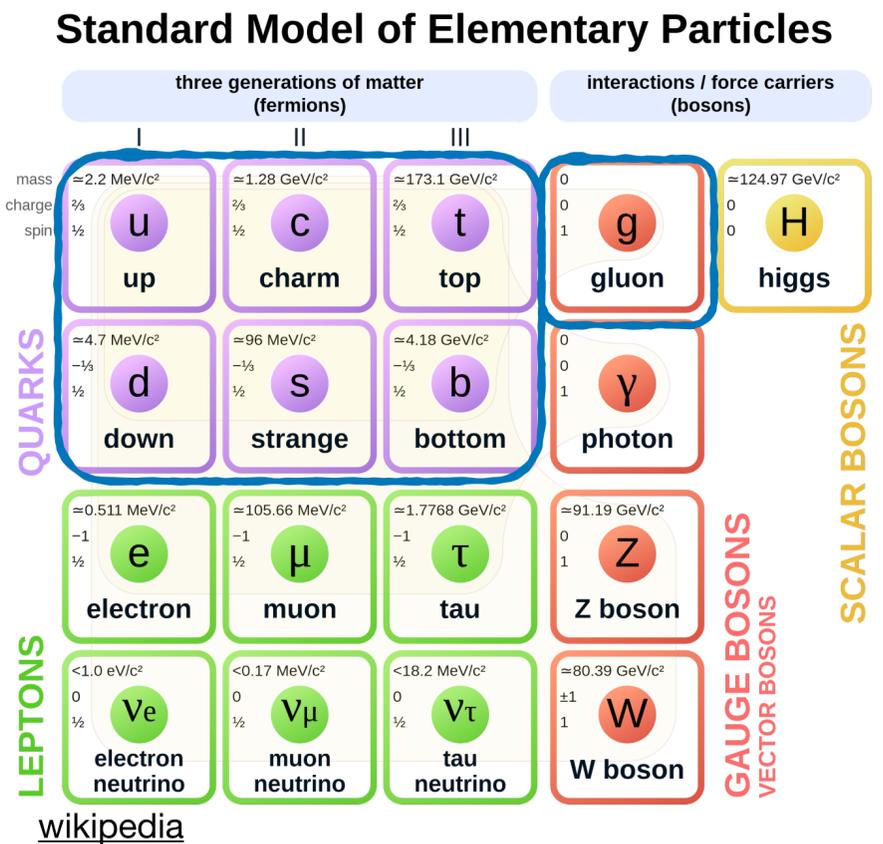
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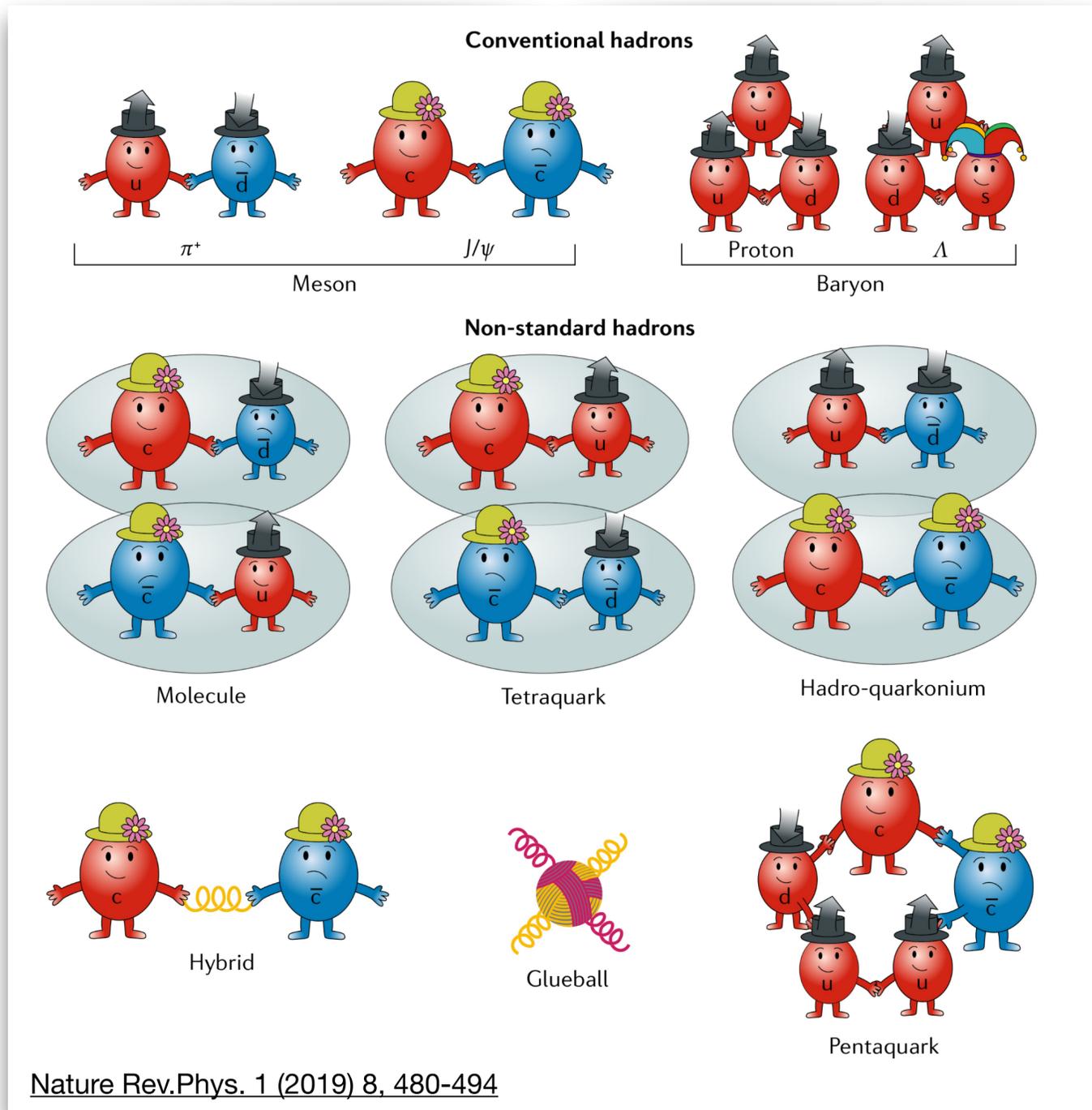
Standard Model in HEP

- Past successes in particle physics have revolutionized our understanding of the universe... From P5 report
- The standard model (SM) is one of the “past” successes, but it’s not totally understood. \longrightarrow Still many puzzles.
- The elementary particles and their interactions are demonstrated in SM.



Strong Interaction

- In SM, the quarks and gluons form hadrons through strong interaction.
 - The mesons($q\bar{q}$) and baryons(qqq or $\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}$) are observed in experiments over past decades.



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- Furthermore, people realized that there may exist **exotic states** allowed by the QCD,
 - **Hybrid state, glueballs,**
 - **Multi-quark state,**
 - **Molecular state**
- In BESIII, hunting for these exotic states is one of major targets, that could help to reveal the nature of QCD.
 - The huge and clean **charm and charmonium data** will help a lot on these studies, such as J/ψ , $\psi(3686)$ and $\psi(3770)$...



Strong Interaction

- In SM, the Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) describes the strong interaction among quarks and gluons.

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_q \bar{\psi}_{q,a} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \delta_{ab} - g_s \gamma^\mu t_{ab}^C A_\mu^C - m_q \delta_{ab}) \psi_{q,b} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{A\mu\nu}$$

- The $\alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$ is the strong coupling constant,
 - Quantize the strength of strong interaction, and dictate many features of the strong interaction.
 - The α_s is measured using many methods, such as hadronic τ decay, PDF fits and EW precision fit...
 - In theory, the α_s follows the RGE, $\mu_R^2 \frac{d\alpha_s}{d\mu_R^2} = \beta(\alpha_s) = -(b_0\alpha_s^2 + b_1\alpha_s^3 + b_2\alpha_s^4 + \dots)$



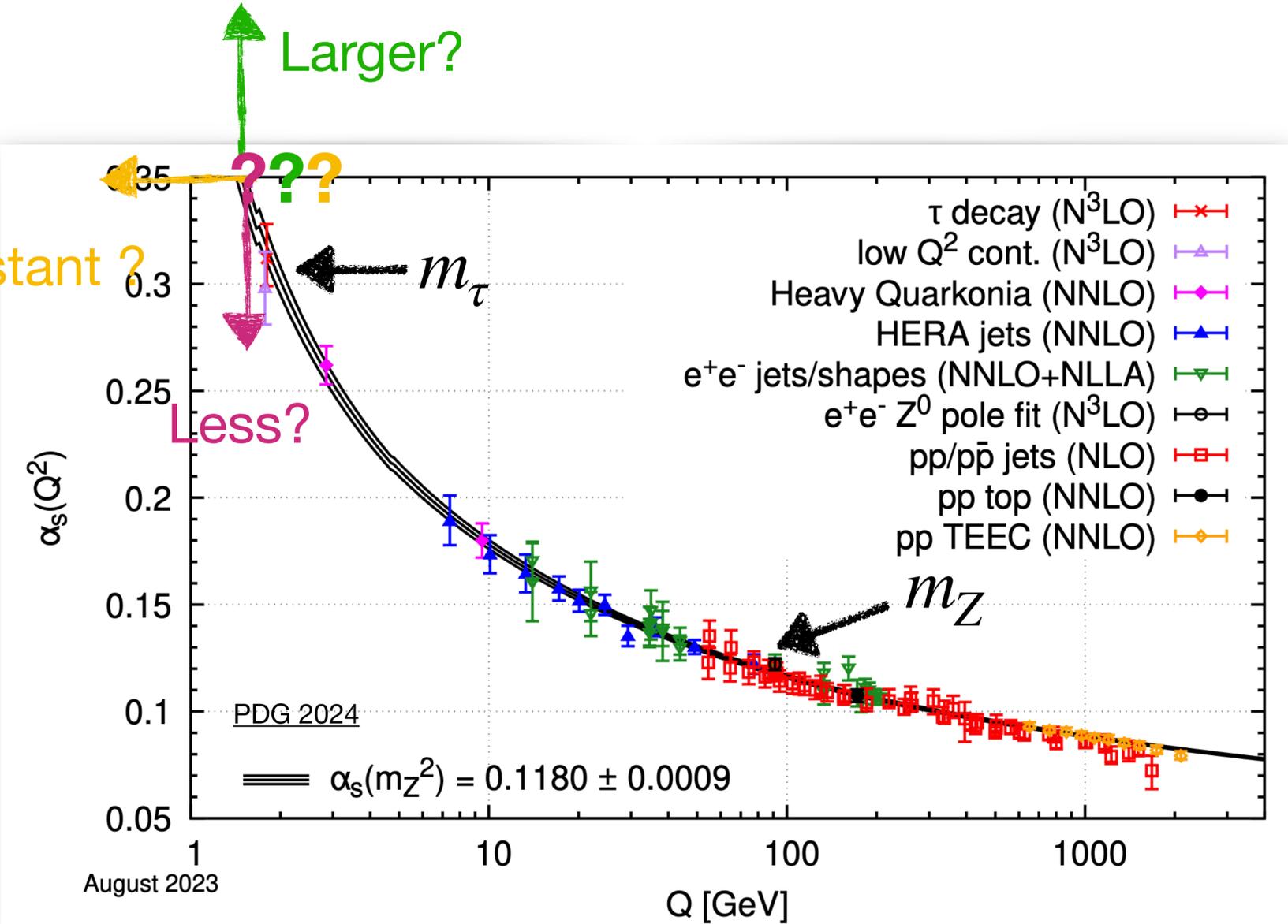
Strong Interaction

In the region from m_τ to $\sim 2 \text{ TeV}$, the α_S **increases** with the **energy scale decreasing** according to the measurements.

The “asymptotic freedom” and color confinement.



To David J. Gross, H. David Politzer, and Frank Wilczek in 2004.



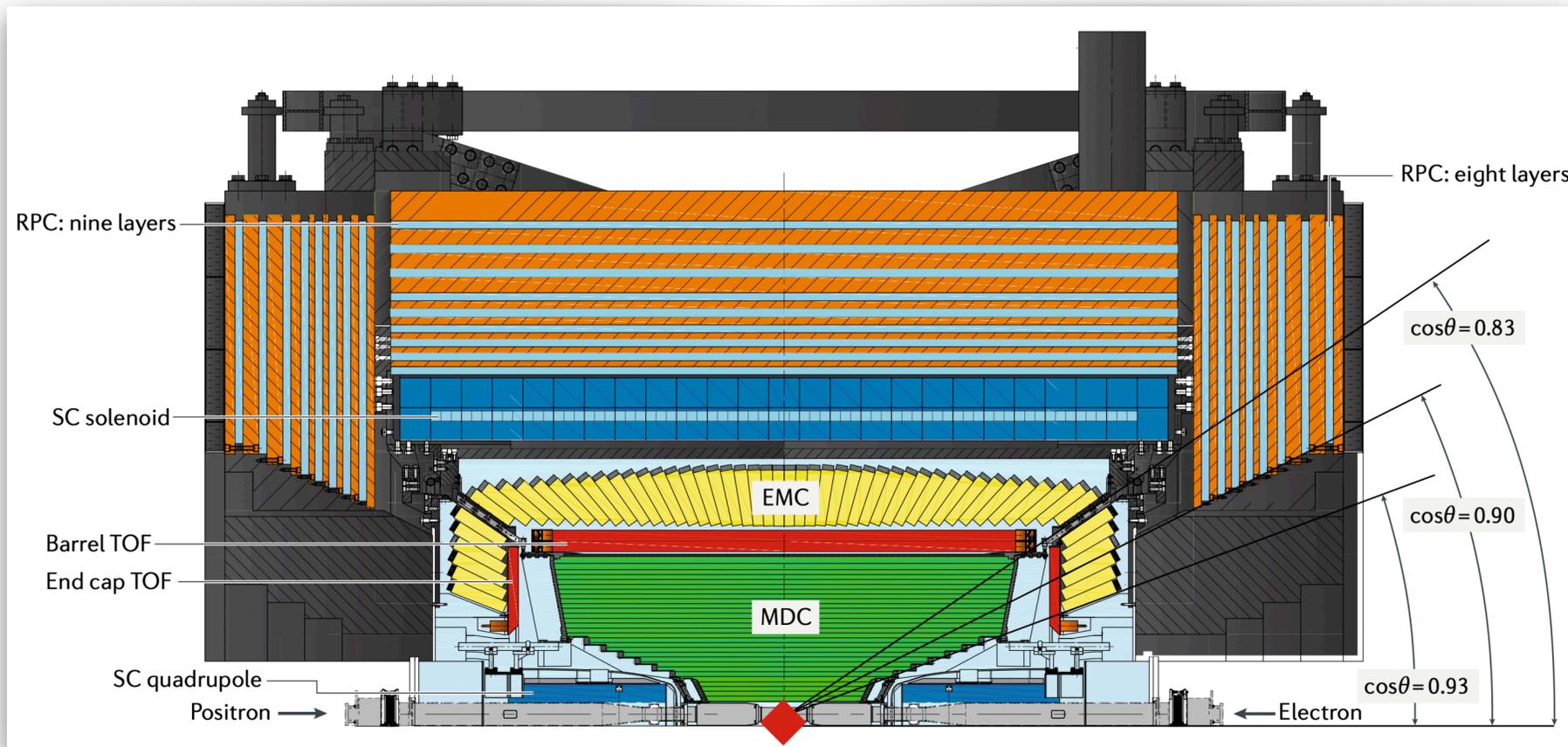
If Q goes below m_τ , what will happen on α_S ? Where does the logarithmic dependence of α_S disappear? what can we use as a tool to measure the α_S below m_τ ?

◆ The **c quark** may be a good choice, lighter than τ but not too light.



BESIII detector

- The huge charm data + excellent detector performance, provides good potential to look into QCD.



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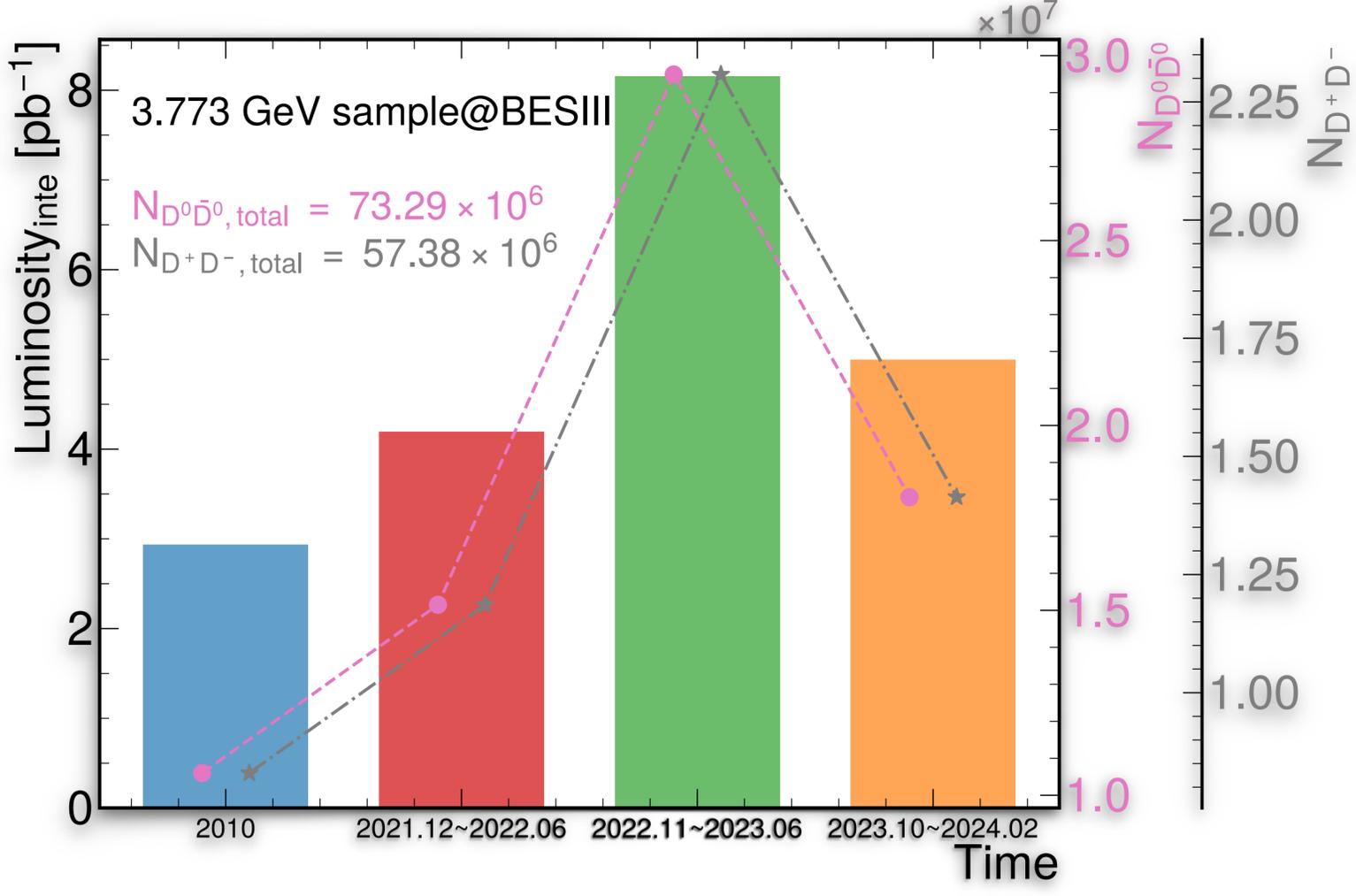
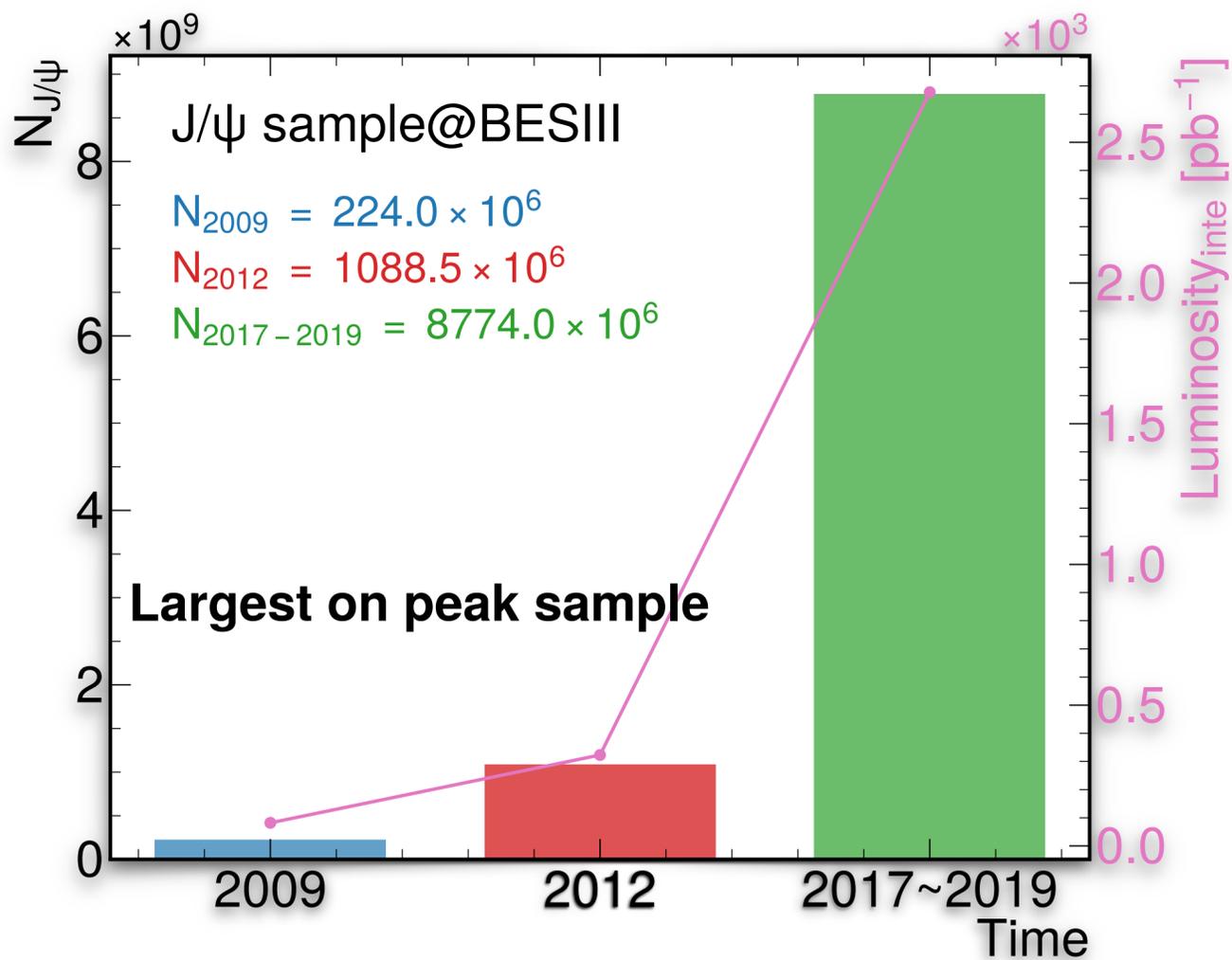
- 93% coverage of full solid angle
- $\sigma_P, \text{ charged trk @ } 1\text{ GeV}/c : 0.5\%$
- $\sigma_{dE/dX}$ for electron : 6%
- σ_{E_γ} in EMC @ 1 GeV/c : 2.5(5)% for barrel (end-cap) region.
- σ_t in TOF : 68(110)ps for barrel (end-cap) region, the updated end-cap gives 60 ps.

- The BESIII is still well-performed detector after 10+ years running.

J/ψ and $\psi(3770)$ at BESIII

- The BESIII has collected the $(10.09 \pm 0.04) \times 10^9 J/\psi$ sample and $\sim 20.3 fb^{-1} e^+e^-$ collision data sample at 3.773 GeV.

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- J/ψ on peak sample : the world largest
- 3.773 GeV sample : 10~20 × CLEO-c
- Less background in e^+e^- collision

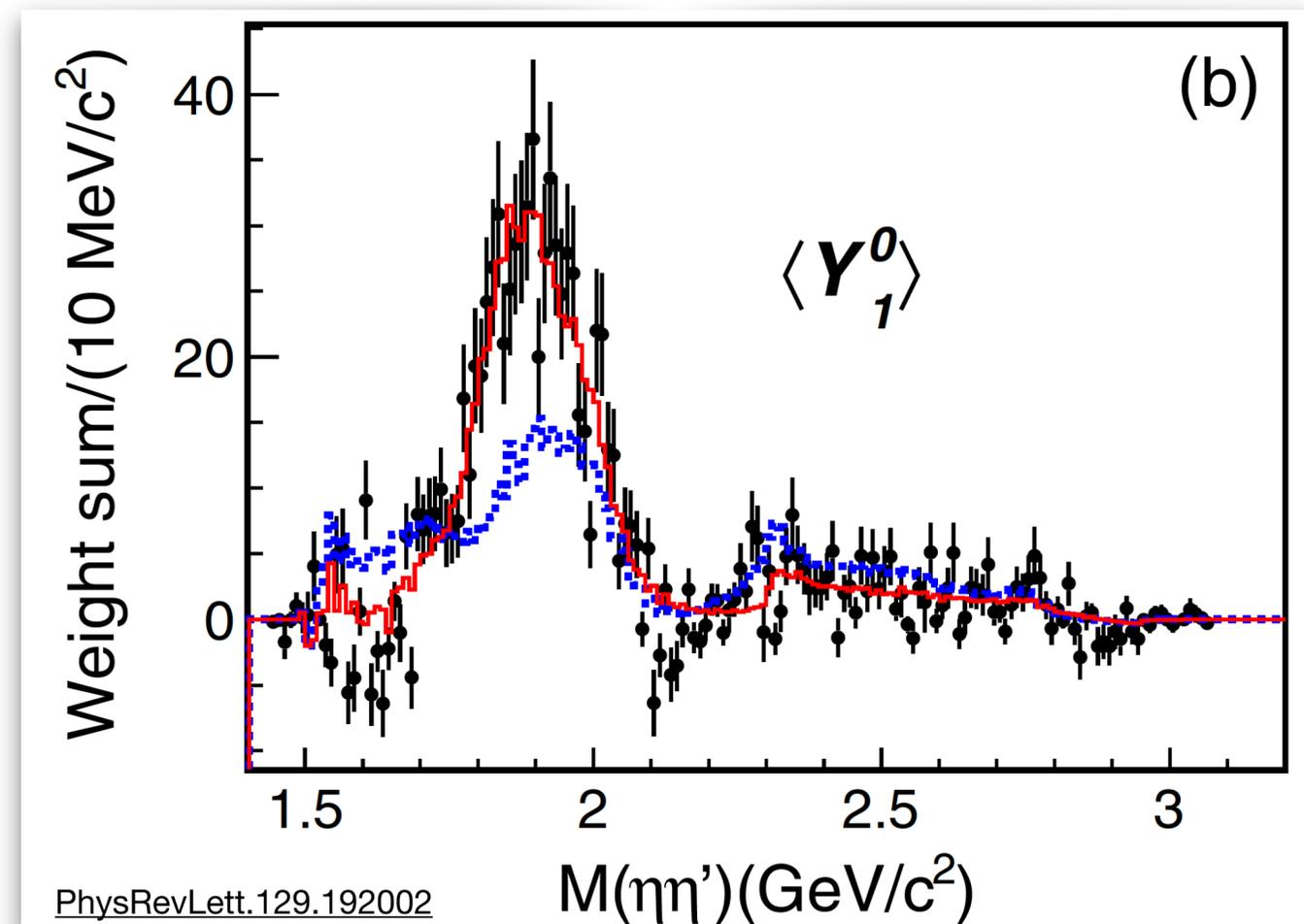
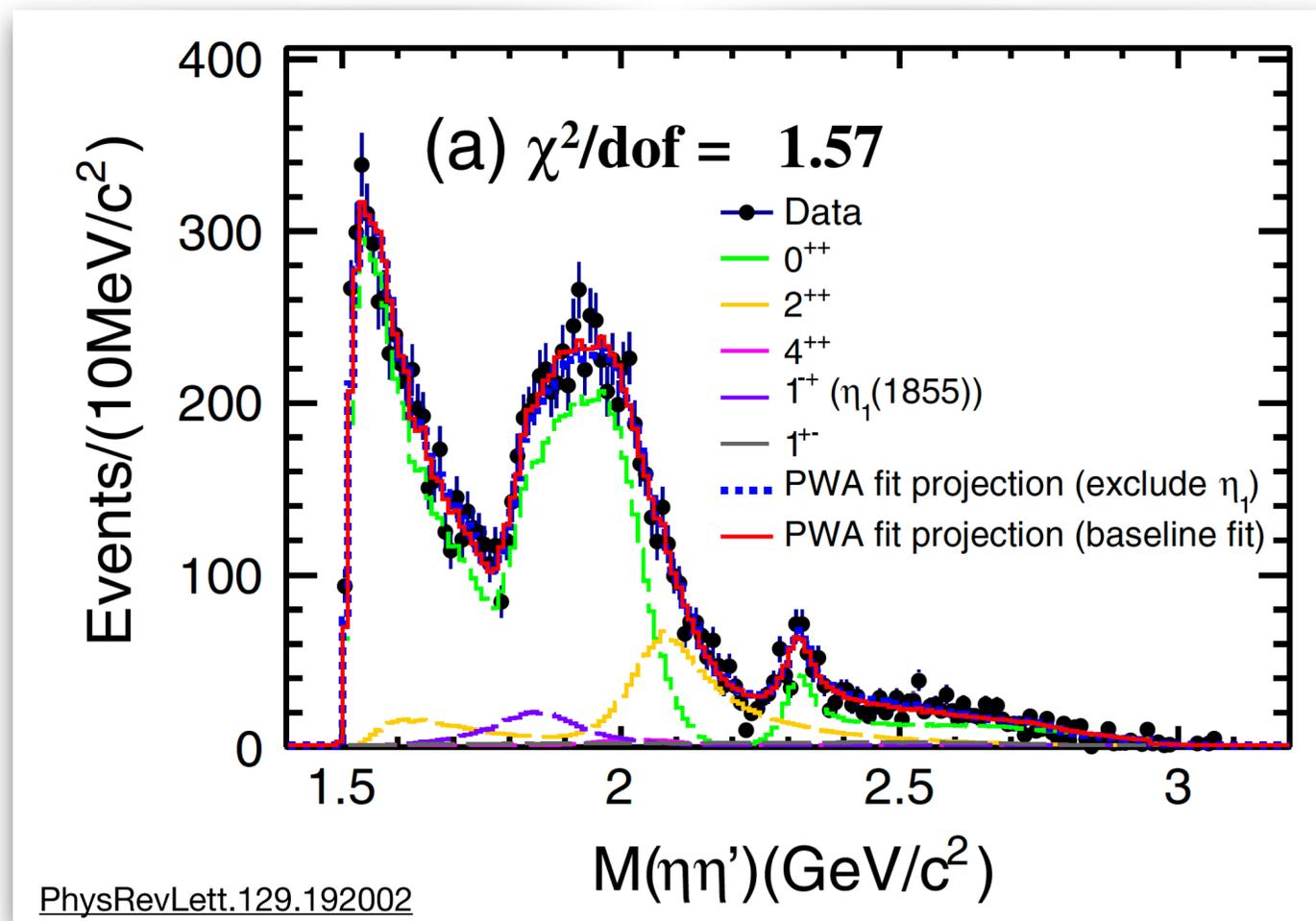


Huge and clean charm data@BESIII



1^{-+} exotics at BESIII

- The J^{PC} of the bump around 1.9 GeV is measured to be 1^{-+} , that is **an iso-scalar 1^{-+} exotic state**, named $\eta_1(1855)$, not a conventional $q\bar{q}$ state.



- The huge J/ψ data contributes a lot to this study.**

Please see Prof. Beijiang Liu's report for the details.



Glueballs at BESIII

- The search for glueball is one of the main target of BES, BESII, and BESIII experiments, which is carried out by ~30 yeas.
- Recently, the J^{PC} of the X(2370) is determined to be 0^{-+} , that is constant with the pseudo-scalar glueball from LQCD calculation. [PhysRevLett.132.181901](#)

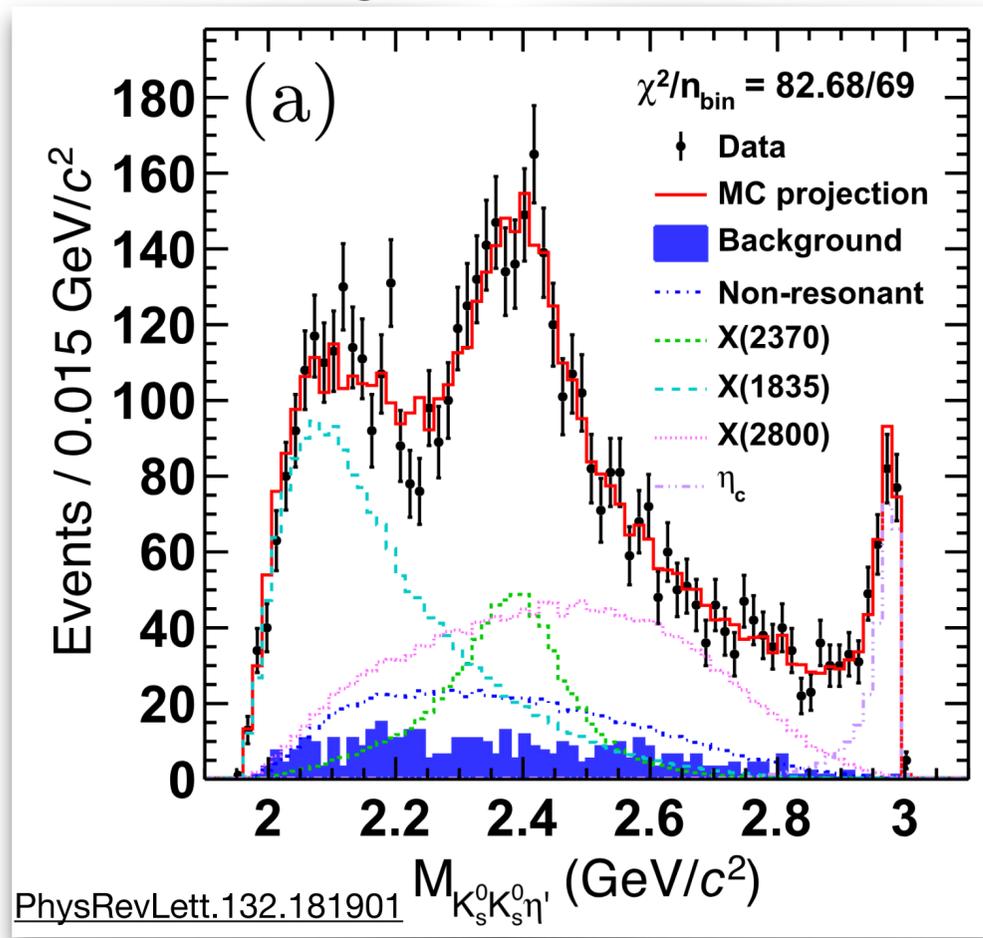


TABLE V. The mass of pseudoscalar glueball, m_G , and the form-factor $\hat{V}(0)$ of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma G_{ps}$. The continuum limits of m_G and $\hat{V}(0)$ are achieved by linear extrapolations in a_s^2 .

β	m_G (GeV)	$\hat{V}(0)$
2.4	2.724(18)	0.0307(59)
2.8	2.550(13)	0.0294(32)
3.0	2.464(11)	0.0247(33)
Continuum limit	2.395(14)	0.0246(43)
	2.560(35)(120) [2]	

[PhysRevD.100.054511](#) LQCD calculation

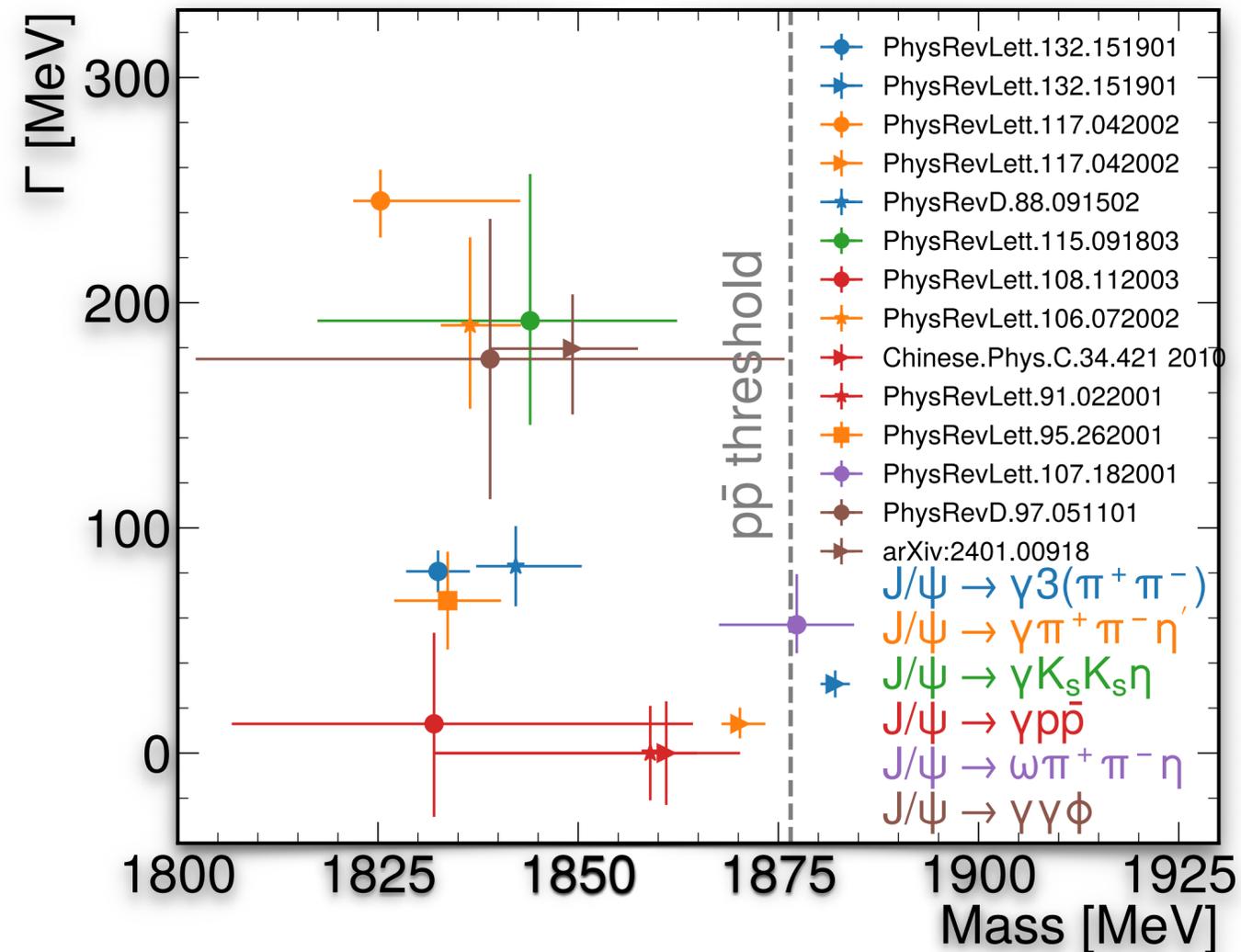
- **The huge J/ψ data also contributes a lot to this study.**

Please see Prof. Yanping Huang's report for details.



States near $p\bar{p}$ threshold at BESIII

- Several structures near $p\bar{p}$ are observed in the decay of J/ψ .



- **What are these states?** $p\bar{p}$ bound states, glueballs, radial excitation of η' meson?
 - A sizable $s\bar{s}$ component indicates more complicated nature.
- Are these states related to each other?
 - May need coupled channel amplitude analysis.

- With J/ψ sample increasing, we could clarify the nature of these states step by step.

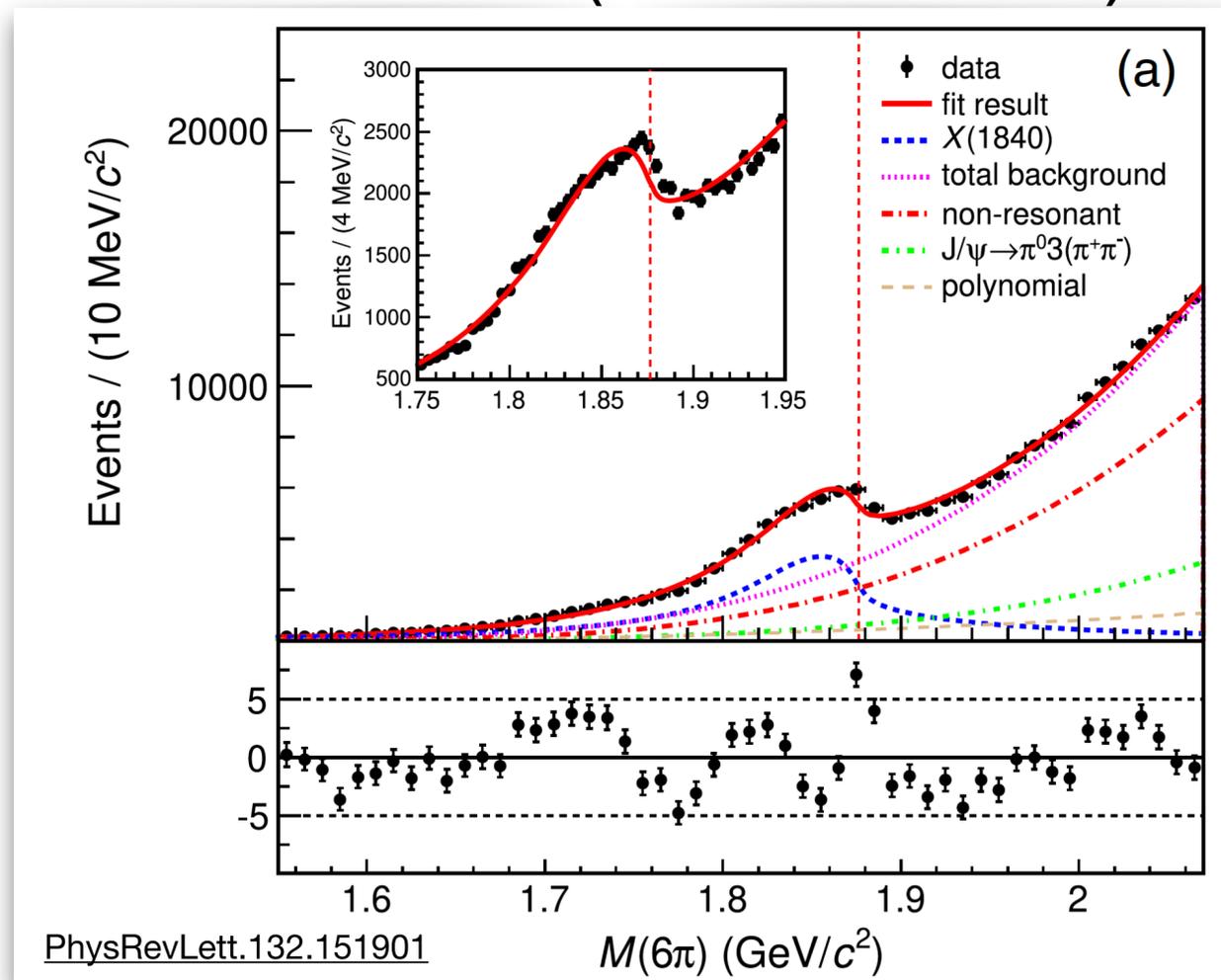
- Take $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 3(\pi^+ \pi^-)$ as an example. [PhysRevLett.132.151901](#)



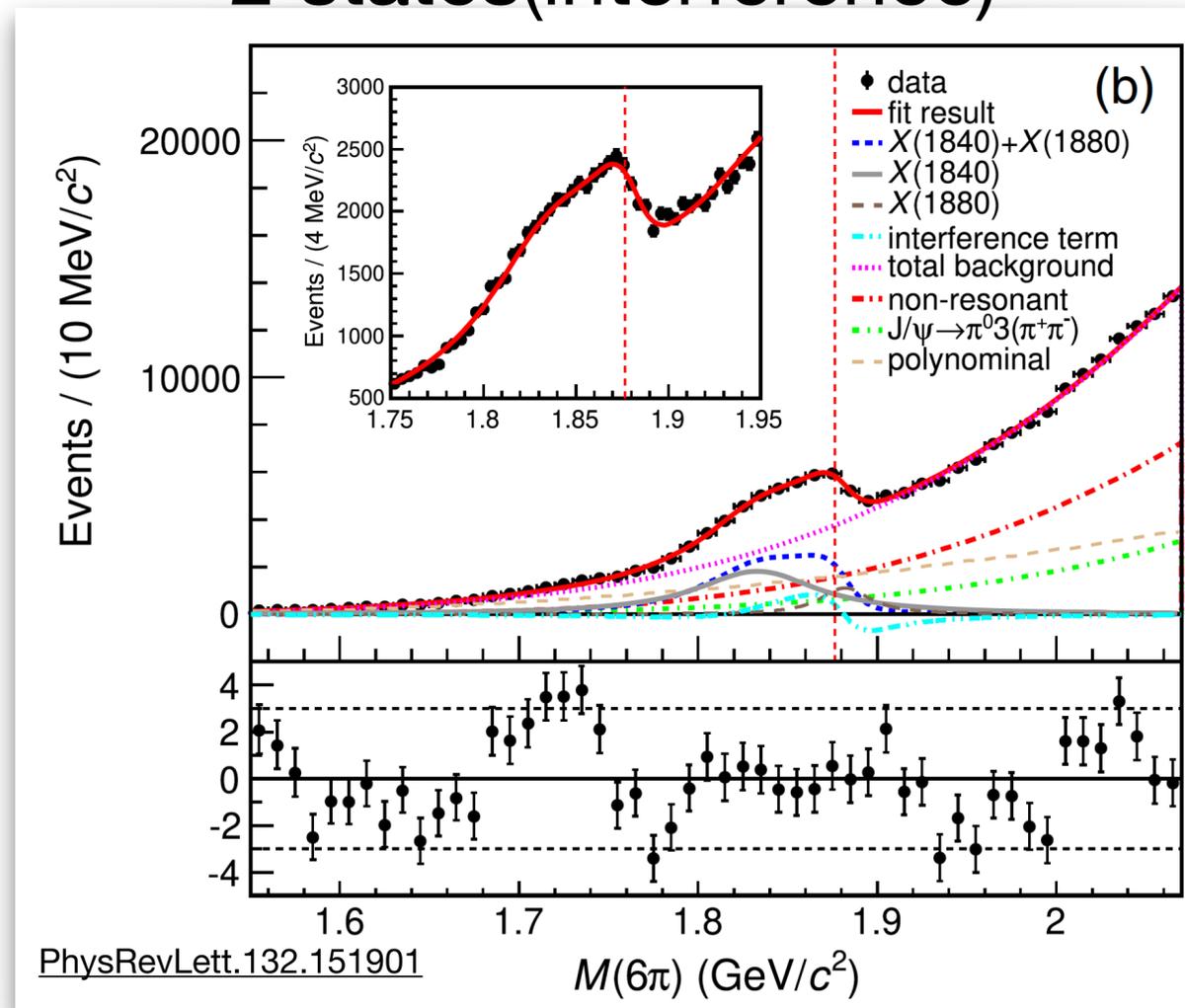
States near $p\bar{p}$ threshold at BESIII

- In $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$, an anomalous line shape around 1.84 GeV is observed. The mass spectrum fitting indicates there are **two overlapping resonant structures**.

1 state(Flatte formula)



2 states(interference)

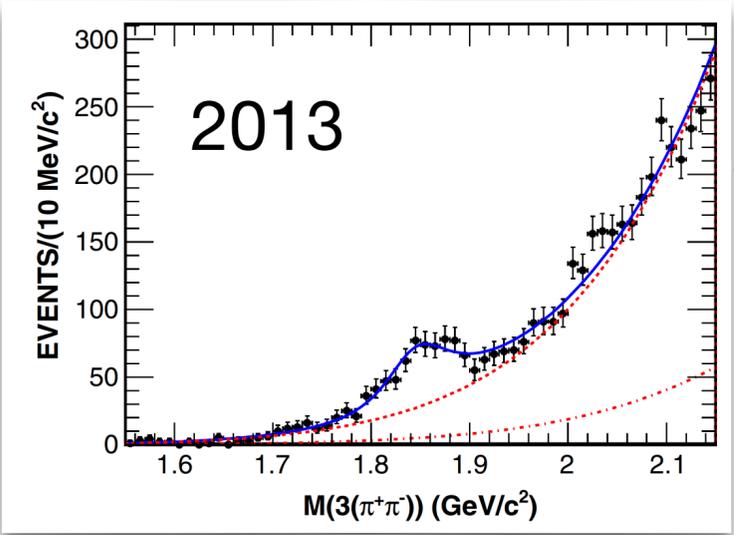


- The significance of second state is larger than 10σ .
- In $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+\pi^-\eta'$, an anomalous line shape around 1.8 GeV is also observed.

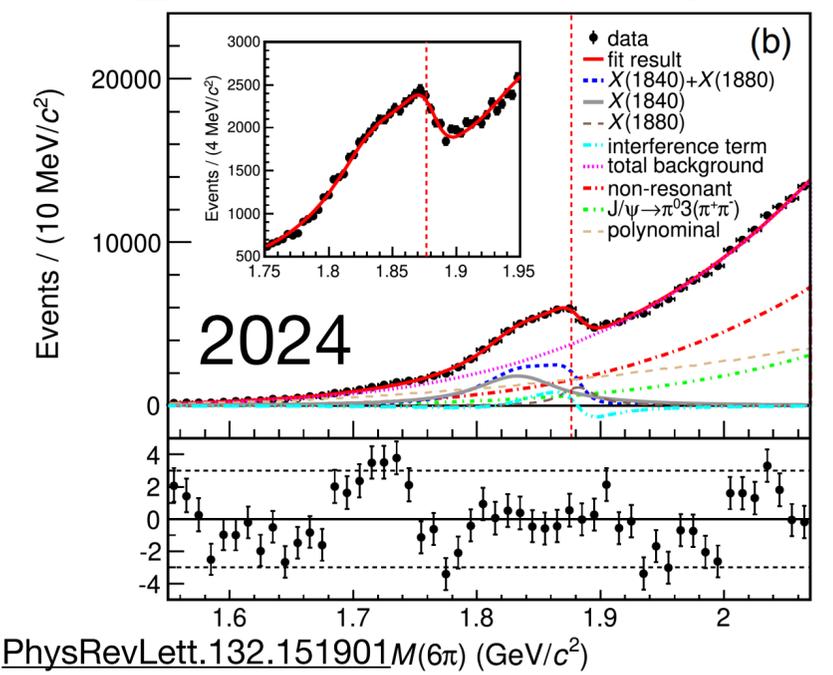


States near $p\bar{p}$ threshold at BESIII

- In $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-\eta'$, 2 anomalous line shapes near $p\bar{p}$ threshold are investigated using the J/ψ sample.

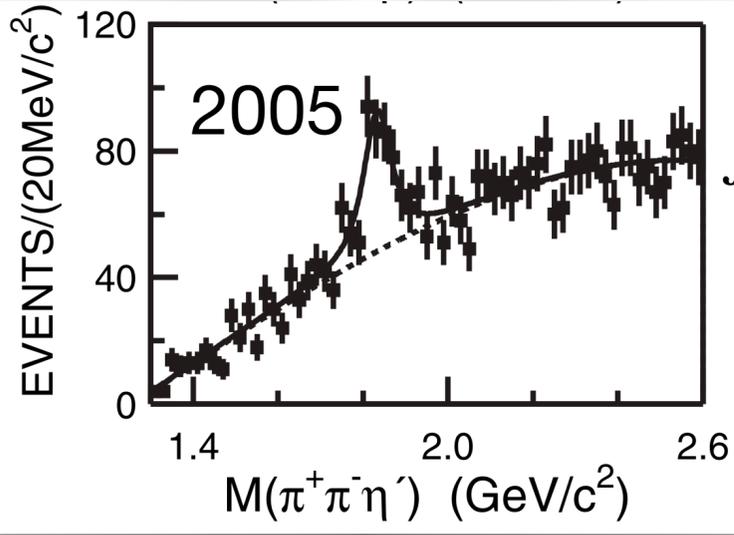


J/ψ increasing



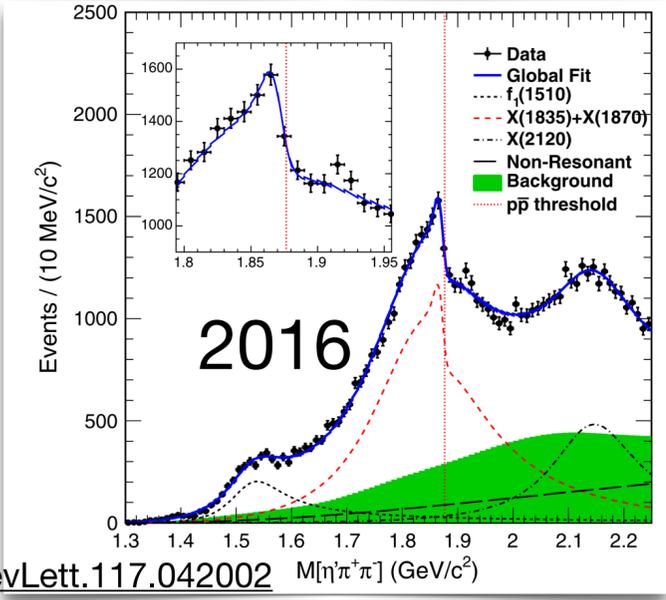
2 resonant states to describe the line shape.

The huge J/ψ sample could help a lot.



J/ψ increasing

Not all of data



Can not distinguish if there are 2 states or not. Need use all of the J/ψ sample.



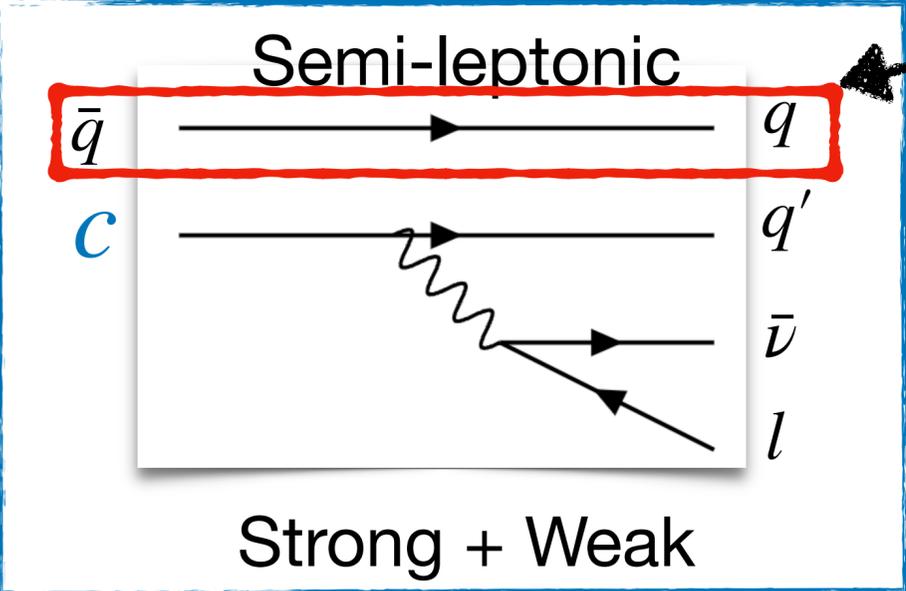
States near $p\bar{p}$ threshold at BESIII

- Several states near $p\bar{p}$ threshold are observed, whose masses and widths are different with each other.
- To identify the relation among these states, coupled partial wave analysis are necessary.
 - It is difficult, but worth to do.
- From the experience of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-\eta'$, **the huge J/ψ sample is very meaningful to discover the underlying things in data.**
 - The underlying things could help to understand the nature of QCD.



α_S from charm data

- The c quark may be used to extract α_S , but it is confined in hadrons. 
- We cannot get a free c quark to measure α_S , so how about charmed mesons(has c)?
- We look at the inclusive semi-leptonic decays of charmed mesons,
 - The inclusive semi-leptonic decay widths (Γ_{SL}) are quite close.
 - The measurements indicate the impact of **spectator quark** in SL may be negligible.



D_i	\mathcal{B}_{SL} [%]	τ [10^{-13} s]	Γ_{SL} [10^{-15} GeV]
D^0	$6.46 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.11$	4.10 ± 0.01	104 ± 2
D^+	$16.13 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.29$	10.33 ± 0.05	103 ± 2
D_s^+	$6.30 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.04$	5.04 ± 0.04	82 ± 2

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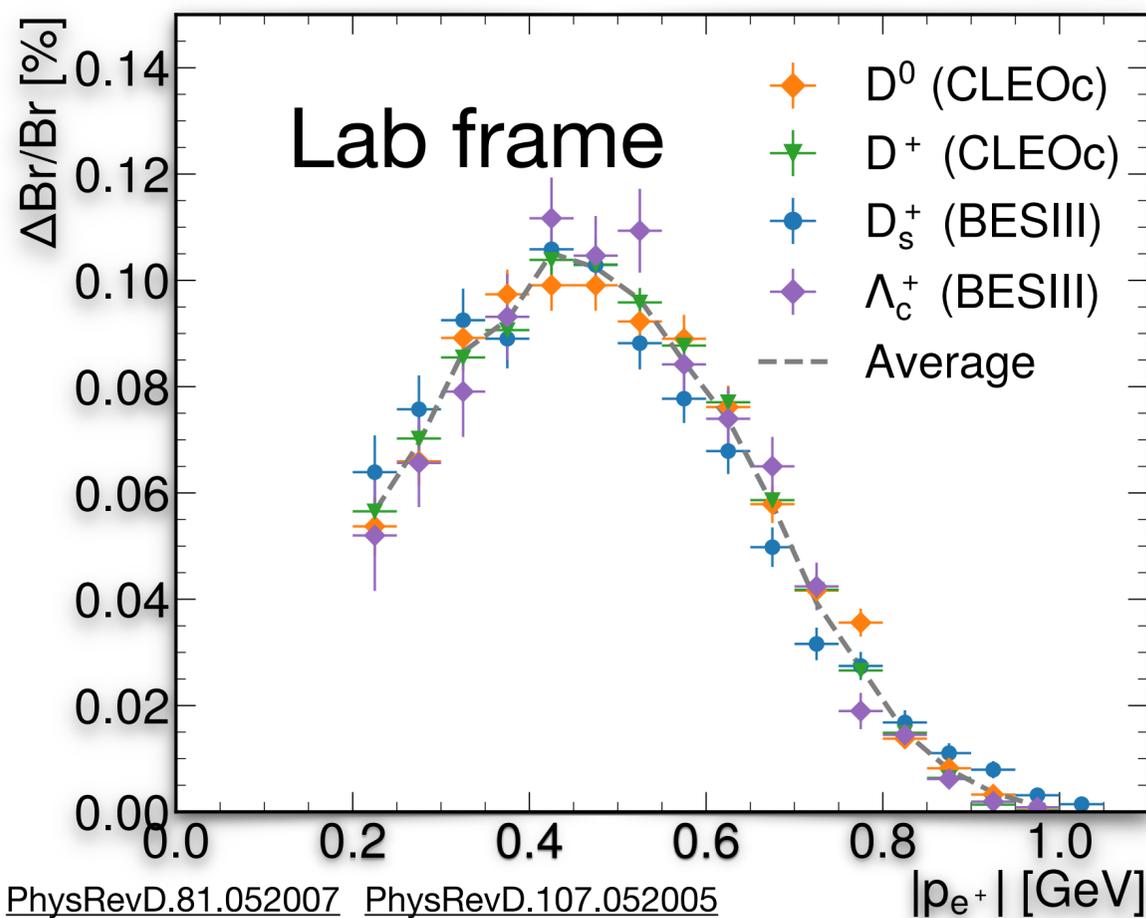
α_S from charm data

- Except Γ_{SL} , we also check the distributions of $|p_{e^+}|$ in the SL of charmed mesons.

Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests among $|p_{e^+}|$ and average of $|p_{e^+}|$

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Test Samples	Test Statistic	P Value
$ p_{e^+, D^0} $ and $\overline{ p_{e^+} }$	0.125	0.999
$ p_{e^+, D^+} $ and $\overline{ p_{e^+} }$	0.063	1.000
$ p_{e^+, D_s^+} $ and $\overline{ p_{e^+} }$	0.132	0.992
$ p_{e^+, \Lambda_c^+} $ and $\overline{ p_{e^+} }$	0.125	0.999



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Same distributions of $|p_{e^+}|$ among different charmed mesons, even baryons.

Heavy quarks “ \approx ” heavy mesons for c quark in SL
!!!

- The measurements demonstrate that we could use Γ_{SL} to extract α_S .
 - The measurements of $|p_e|$ is in lab frame, which cannot be used to extract α_S directly.



α_S from charm data

- The P. Gambino and J. F. Kamenik calculated the Γ_{SL} using Heavy Quark Expansion (HQE), which is expand as a series of $\alpha_S(m_c^2)$ and r (the ratio of m_s^2/m_c^2).

$$\Gamma_{SL} = \frac{G_F^2 m_c^5}{192\pi^3} \times |V_{cs}|^2 \times \left[f_0(r) + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} f_1(r) + \frac{\alpha_S^2}{\pi^2} f_2(r) + \right.$$

- Strong dependence of m_c

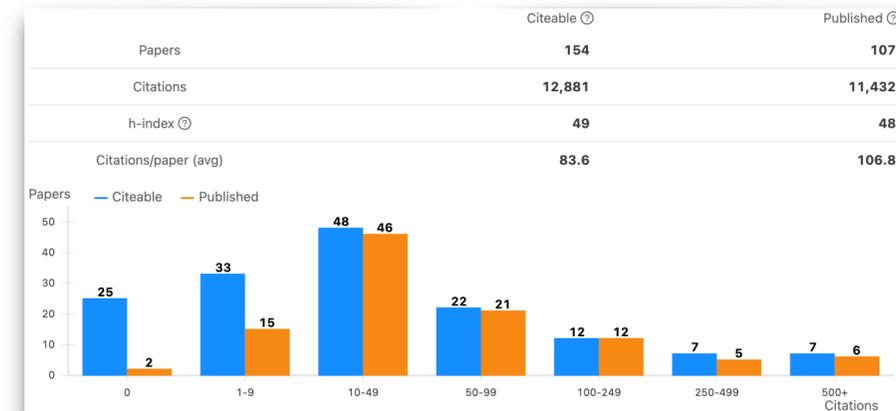
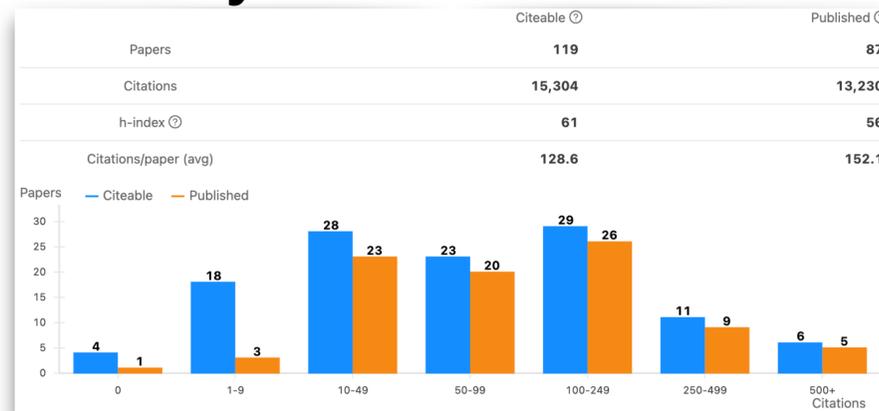
- Can extract the $|V_{cs}|$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{m_c^2} f_\pi(r) + \frac{\mu_G^2}{m_c^2} f_G(r) + \\ & \frac{\rho_{LS}^3}{m_c^3} f_{LS}(r) + \frac{\rho_D^3}{m_c^3} f_D(r) + \frac{32\pi^2}{m_c^3} B_{WA} \end{aligned} \right]$$

- $\alpha_S = \alpha_S(m_c^2)$, be can extracted from Γ_{SL}

- $\mu_{\pi, G}^2$: the kinetic and chromo-magnetic dimension-five
- $\rho_{LS, D}^3$: Darwin and spin-orbital (LS) dimension-six operators.
- B_{WA} : weak annihilation (WA).

- The authors work on the inclusive semi-leptonic decay of beauty and charm mesons for almost 25 years.



α_S from charm data

- The parameters involved in the Γ_{SL} of charmed mesons are listed in table.
 - The values are from the measurements without involving the Γ_{SL} of D mesons.
 - To avoid the bad convergence behavior, we use the **kinetic scheme** to perform this study.

Parameter	Value
G_F	1.1663788×10^{-5}
$ V_{cs} $	0.975 ± 0.006
$m_c(0.5 \text{ GeV})$	$(1.370 \pm 0.034) \text{ GeV}$
$m_s(0.5 \text{ GeV})$	$(93.4 \pm 8.6) \text{ MeV}$
$\mu_G^2(0.5 \text{ GeV})$	$(0.288 \pm 0.049) \text{ GeV}^2$
$\mu_\pi^2(0.5 \text{ GeV})$	$(0.26 \pm 0.06) \text{ GeV}^2$
$\rho_D^3(0.5 \text{ GeV})$	$(0.05 \pm 0.04) \text{ GeV}^3$
$\rho_{LS}^3(0.5 \text{ GeV})$	$(-0.113 \pm 0.090) \text{ GeV}^3$
$B_{WA, D^{+,0}}$	-0.001 GeV^3
B_{WA, D_s^+}	-0.002 GeV^3

- These parameters are used in the extraction of α_S .
- The uncertainties of these parameters are dominate uncertainty source of the extraction of α_S .
 - It is important to reduce the uncertainties of these parameters.



α_S from charm data

- We calculate the Γ_{SL} of D_i meson using the mean lifetime (τ_{D_i}) and branching ratio of inclusive semi-leptonic decay (Br_{SL}).

$$\Gamma_{SL, D_i} = \frac{6.582 \times 10^{-25} \cdot Br_{SL}(D_i \rightarrow X e \nu_e)}{\tau_{D_i}} \text{ GeV}$$

- The measured values of Γ_{SL} of charmed mesons are used to extract α_S .

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α_S from charm data

- A χ^2 minimization method is employed to determine $\alpha_S(m_c^2)$ from the Γ_{SL} ,

$$\chi^2(\alpha_S, \theta_j) = \sum_i \frac{[\Gamma_{SL, D_i} - \hat{\Gamma}_{SL}(\alpha_S, \theta_j)]^2}{\sigma_{\Gamma_{SL, D_i}}^2} + \sum_j \frac{(\theta_j - \theta'_j)^2}{\sigma_{\theta'_j}^2}$$

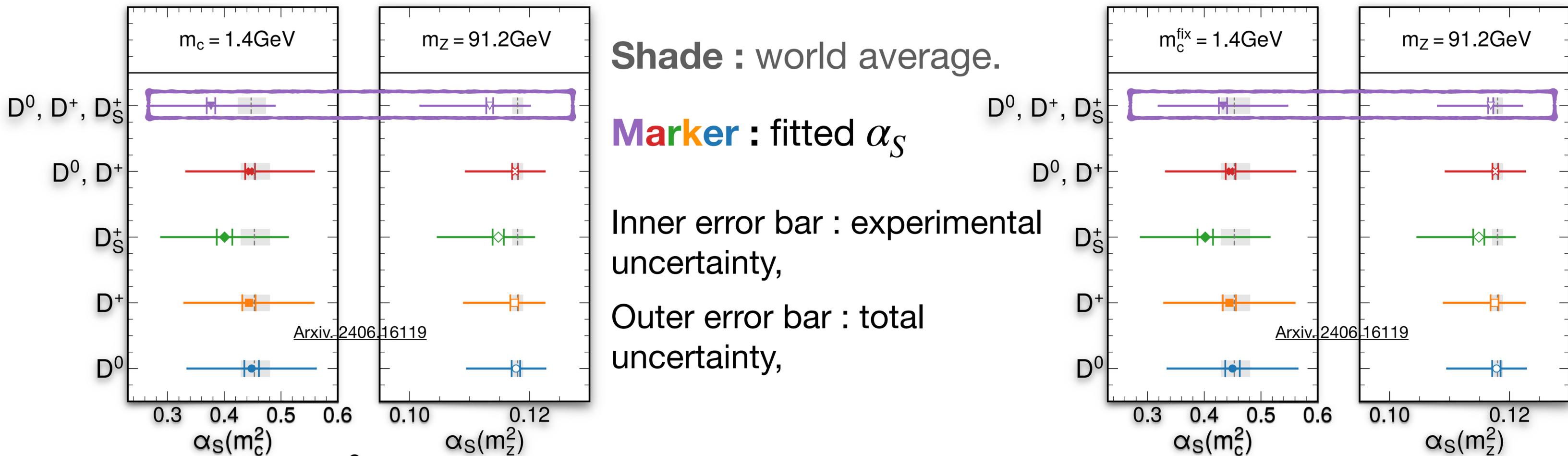
- Γ_{SL, D_i} : measured Γ_{SL} for D_i meson.
- $\hat{\Gamma}_{SL, D_i}$: predicational Γ_{SL} for D_i meson.
- θ'_j and $\sigma_{\theta'_j}$: the value and uncertainty of constrained parameters in the fit.
- $\sigma_{\Gamma_{SL, D_i}}$: uncertainty of Γ_{SL} for D_i meson.

- In this study, the predication of Γ_{SL} in reference is used to perform the fit.
 - The uncertainty caused by theoretical calculation is estimated by varying $\hat{\Gamma}_{SL}$ with 10% uncertainty. Details in backup.



α_s from charm data

- The $\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ is extracted for different combination among D^0 , D^+ , and D_s^+ .
 - **Float the m_c and $|V_{cs}|$, $\chi^2/ndof = 7.7/6$**
 - **Fix the m_c and $|V_{cs}|$, $\chi^2/ndof = 8.2/6$**



- The values of $\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ are also **consistent within 1σ among different D mesons**, and **with the world average** of $\alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$.
- The consistence among different D mesons demonstrate the robustness of this method.
- The reasonable $\chi^2/ndof$ indicates that the method is reliable.



α_S from charm data

- If Q goes below m_τ , what will happen on α_S ? Where does the logarithmic dependence of α_S disappear?
 - ◆ **The charmed mesons could be one of choices to extract the α_S below m_τ .**
 - ◆ **Low to $m_c = 1.4 \text{ GeV}$, the α_S looks still following the theoretical prediction.**
- what can we use as a tool to measure the α_S below m_τ ?
 - ◆ We could use charmed mesons as a tool, and still need more investigation.
 - ◆ Even the charmed baryons may also be used to measure α_S , at least Λ_c^+ .
- **The huge charmed data at BESIII could contribute a lot to this study.**



Summary

- We summarize a part of the recent progresses about QCD using the charm data, including J/ψ and D mesons.
- The charm data is an ideal ground to investigate and understand the puzzles in QCD.
 - ◆ Exotic hadrons, including hybrids and glueballs.
 - ◆ α_S and QCD at the low energy region.
- The huge charm data provides unprecedented opportunities, meanwhile considerable challenges.
 - ◆ Charmonium for the hunting of exotic states,
 - ◆ Charmed data for the α_S determination,
 - ◆ QCD at low energy scale region,
 - ◆



Thanks for your listening!

Look forward the collaboration with you!



Backup



Γ_{SL} of charmed meson in theory

- Since the Γ_{SL} has strong dependence on m_c , the reasonable definition of m_c can simplify this study.
 - To avoid the bad convergence behavior, we use the **kinetic scheme** to perform this study.
- The relation of m_c between the \overline{MS} and kinetic had been studied to N³LO. The $m_c^{kin}(0.5 \text{ GeV})$ is calculated from different scale in \overline{MS} .

$$m_c^{kin}(0.5 \text{ GeV}) = 1336 \text{ MeV from } \overline{m}_c(\mu_s = 3 \text{ GeV})$$

$$m_c^{kin}(0.5 \text{ GeV}) = 1372 \text{ MeV from } \overline{m}_c(\mu_s = 2 \text{ GeV})$$

$$m_c^{kin}(0.5 \text{ GeV}) = 1404 \text{ MeV from } \overline{m}_c(\mu_s = \overline{m}_c)$$

$$\overline{m}_c^{kin}(0.5 \text{ GeV}) = 1370 \pm 34 \text{ MeV}$$

The μ^{kin} is set to 0.5 GeV.

- The **average among 3 options** is taken into account for m_c in this study.



The prediction of Γ_{SL}

- The P. Gambino and J. F. Kamenik calculated the Γ_{SL} using the framework of HQE⁴.

$$f_0(r) = 1 - 8r + 8r^3 - r^4 - 12r^2 \cdot \log(r)$$

$$f_\pi(r) = -f_0(r)/2$$

$$f_1(r) = 2.86\sqrt{r} - 3.84r \cdot \log(r)$$

$$f_{LS}(r) = -f_G(r)$$

$$f_2(r) = \beta_0[8.16\sqrt{r} - 1.21r \cdot \log(r) - 3.38]$$

$$f_D(r) = \frac{77}{6} + \mathcal{O}(r) + 8\log\left(\frac{\mu_{WA}^2}{m_c^2}\right)$$

$$f_G(r) = \frac{1}{2}f_0(r) - 2(1 - r)^4$$

[\[4\] Nucl.Phys.B 840 \(2010\) 424-437](#)



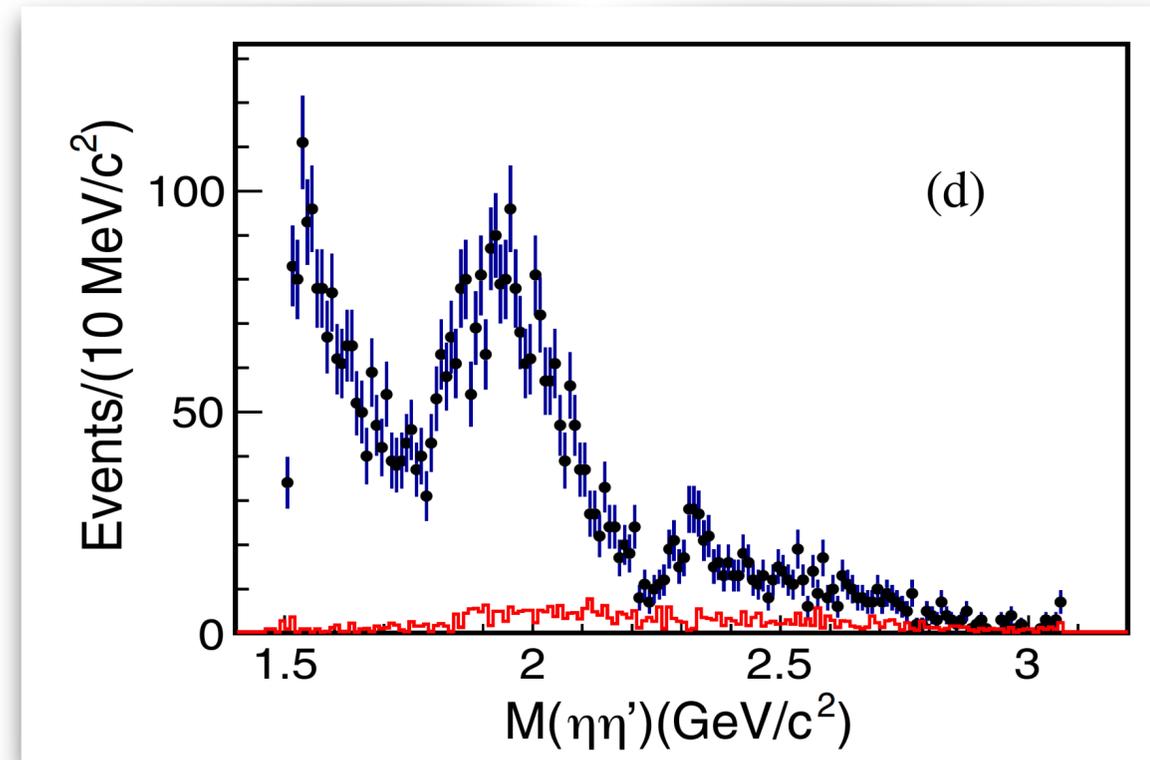
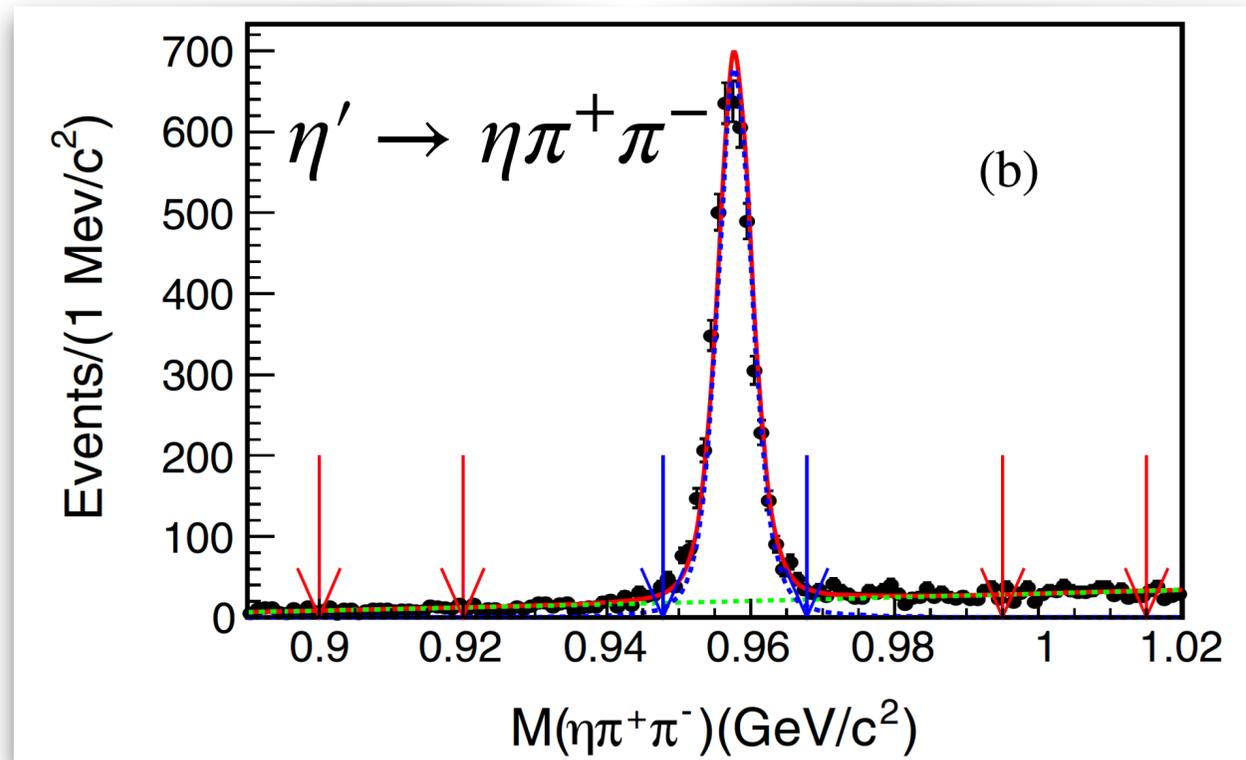
α_S from charm data

- In the prediction of Γ_{SL} , two parts are missed :
 - The high order α_S correction,
 - The absence of Cabibbo suppressed processes of $c \rightarrow dl\bar{\nu}$ in the calculation.
- The high order α_S correction in $b \rightarrow cl\bar{\nu}$ is less than 1%. We take **5 times larger than $b \rightarrow cl\bar{\nu}$** as the high order correction in $c \rightarrow sl\bar{\nu}$, [PhysRevD.104.016003](#)
 - 5% is taken.
- The absence of $c \rightarrow dl\bar{\nu}$ causes the 5% uncertainty on Γ_{SL} , that is proportional to $|V_{cd}|^2 / (|V_{cd}|^2 + |V_{cs}|^2) = 5\%$.
- In total, we take **10%** as the uncertainty of theoretical Γ_{SL} .



1^{-+} exotics at BESIII

- The process of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\eta\eta'$ is investigated using the J/ψ sample via 2 decay modes of η' at BESIII.



α_s from charm data

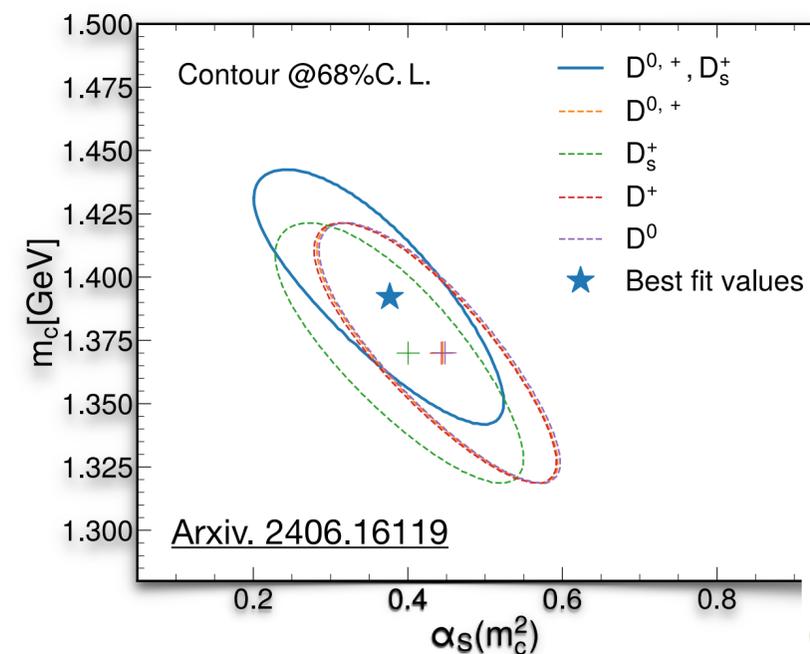
- The $\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ is extracted for different combination among D^0 , D^+ , and D_s^+ .
- Float the m_c and $|V_{cs}|$** , the first and second uncertainty of α_s are experimental and theoretical uncertainty.

$$\chi^2/ndof = 7.7/6$$

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Combination	m_c^{float} [GeV]	$\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ [10^{-3}]	$\alpha_s(m_Z^2)$ [10^{-4}]
D^0	1.370 ± 0.034	$448 \pm 13 \pm 114$	1177_{-7-83}^{+7+50}
D^+	1.370 ± 0.034	$444 \pm 12 \pm 115$	1175_{-7-85}^{+6+51}
D_s^+	1.370 ± 0.034	$400 \pm 14 \pm 113$	$1148_{-10-102}^{+9+60}$
$D^{0,+}$	1.370 ± 0.034	$445 \pm 9 \pm 114$	1176_{-5-84}^{+5+51}
$D^{0,+}, D_s^+$	1.392 ± 0.033	$377 \pm 8 \pm 114$	1134_{-6-117}^{+6+68}

- The values of $\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ are **consistent within 1σ among different D mesons**, and **with the world average** of $\alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$.
- The combination of $D^{0,+}$ and D_s^+ changes the fit results of $\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ a lot. May be caused by the **strong dependence on m_c** .
- The reasonable $\chi^2/ndof$ indicates that the method is reliable.



α_S from charm data

- The $\alpha_S(m_c^2)$ is extracted for different combination among D^0 , D^+ , and D_s^+ .

- **Fix the m_c and $|V_{cs}|$** , the uncertainty is estimated by varying them by 1σ .

- $m_c^{\text{fix}} = (1.370 \pm 0.034) \text{ GeV}$, $|V_{cs}| = \sqrt{1 - |V_{cb}|^2 - |V_{cd}|^2} = 0.974 \pm 0.001$ is calculated using the unitarity of CKM matrix.

$$\chi^2/\text{ndof} = 8.2/6 \quad \text{Arxiv. 2406.16119}$$

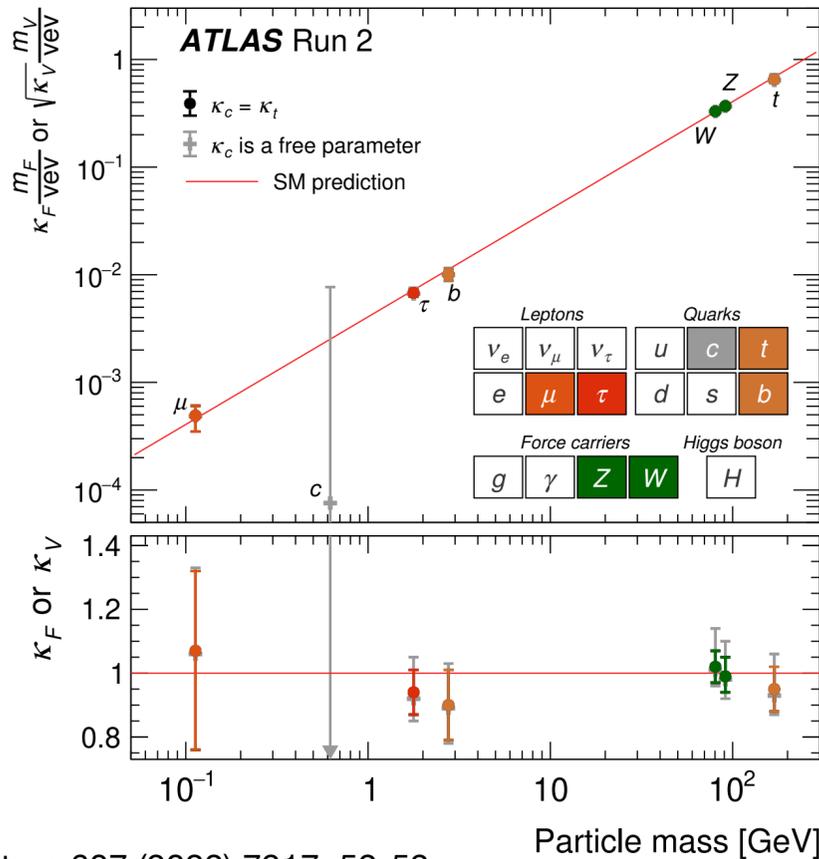
Combination	m_c^{fix} [GeV]	$\alpha_S(m_c^2)$ [10^{-3}]	$\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$ [10^{-4}]
D^0	1.370 ± 0.034	$450 \pm 13 \pm 116$	1178_{-7-75}^{+7+55}
D^+		$444 \pm 12 \pm 116$	1175_{-7-77}^{+6+56}
D_s^+		$402 \pm 14 \pm 114$	1149_{-10-98}^{+9+70}
$D^{0,+}$		$447 \pm 9 \pm 115$	1177_{-5-76}^{+5+56}
$D^{0,+}, D_s^+$		$433 \pm 7 \pm 115$	1168_{-4-80}^{+4+61}

- The values of $\alpha_S(m_c^2)$ are also **consistent within 1σ among different D mesons**, and **with the world average** of $\alpha_S(m_Z^2) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$.

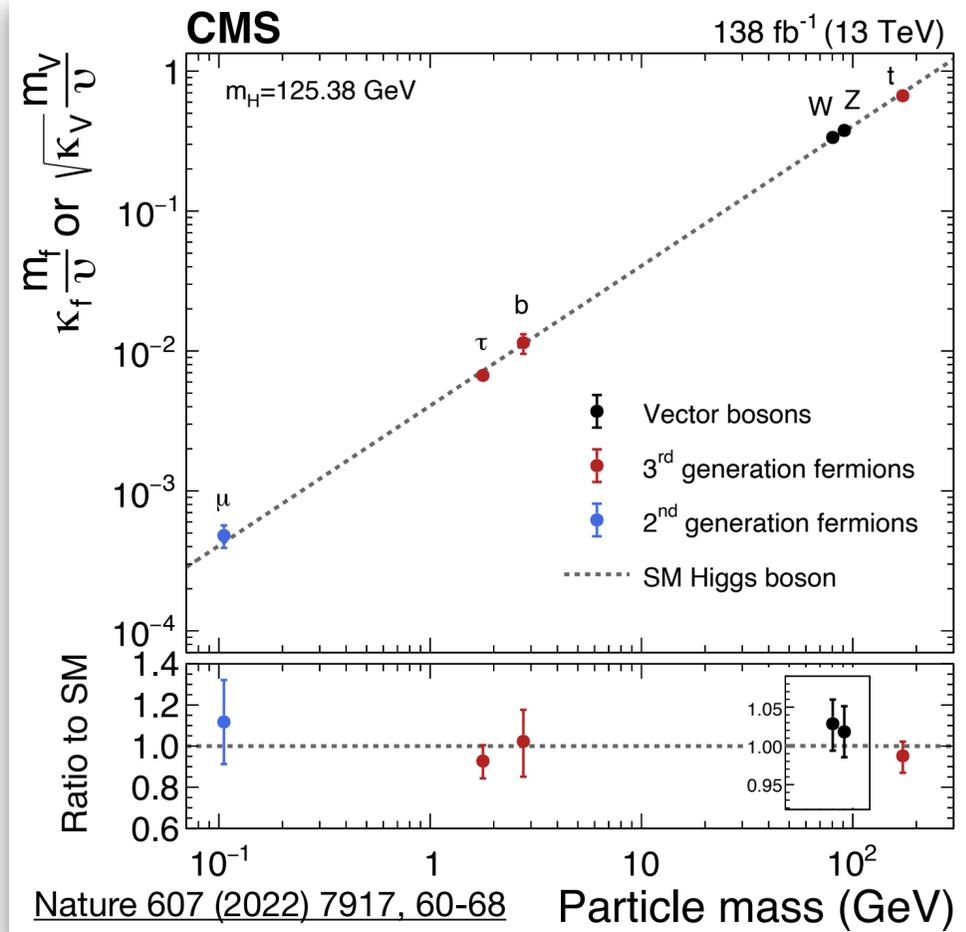


Strong Interaction

- The masses of elementary particles originate from the Higgs boson.

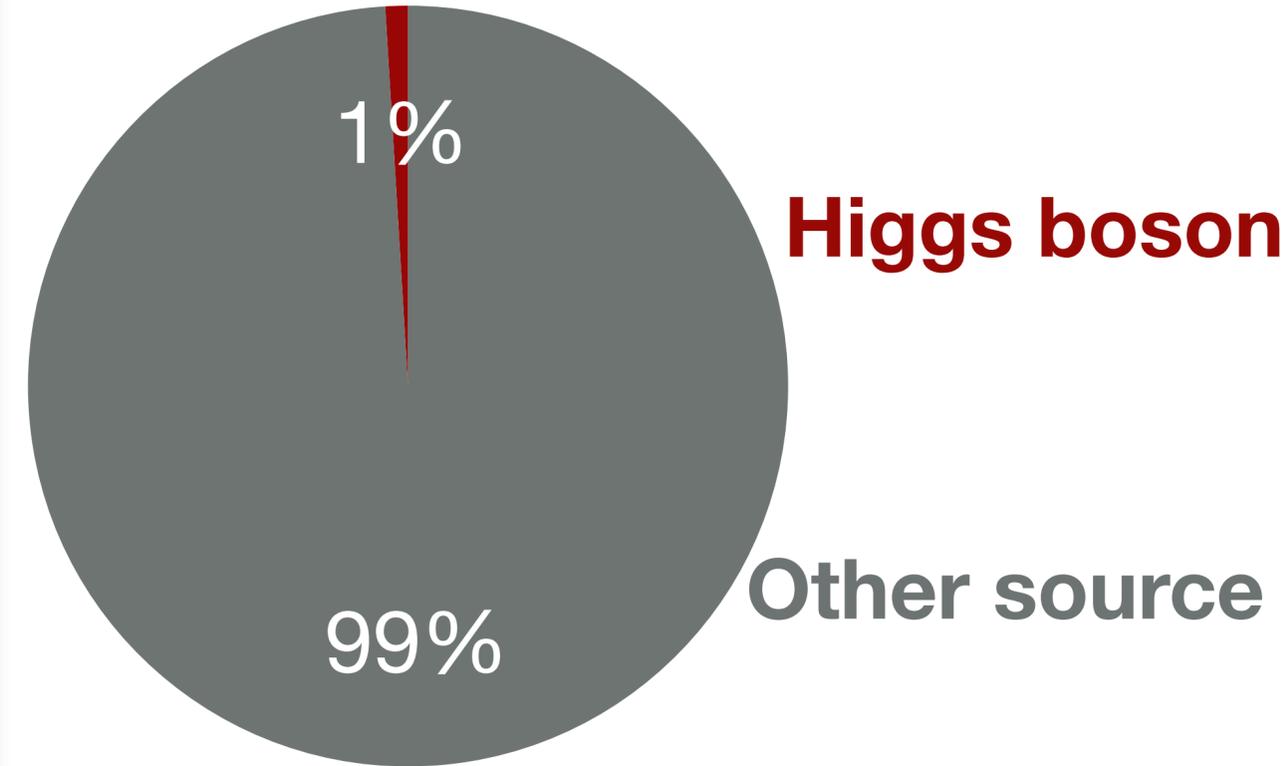


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Proton mass budget



- Let's take proton as a naive example, $m_p \gg 2m_u + m_d$
 - The strong interaction may be one of the other source.
 - Need more careful investigation of strong interaction, especially in low energy scale region.

Charm and charmonium data can help!

