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## Radiative transition studies below the open-charm threshold with BESIII



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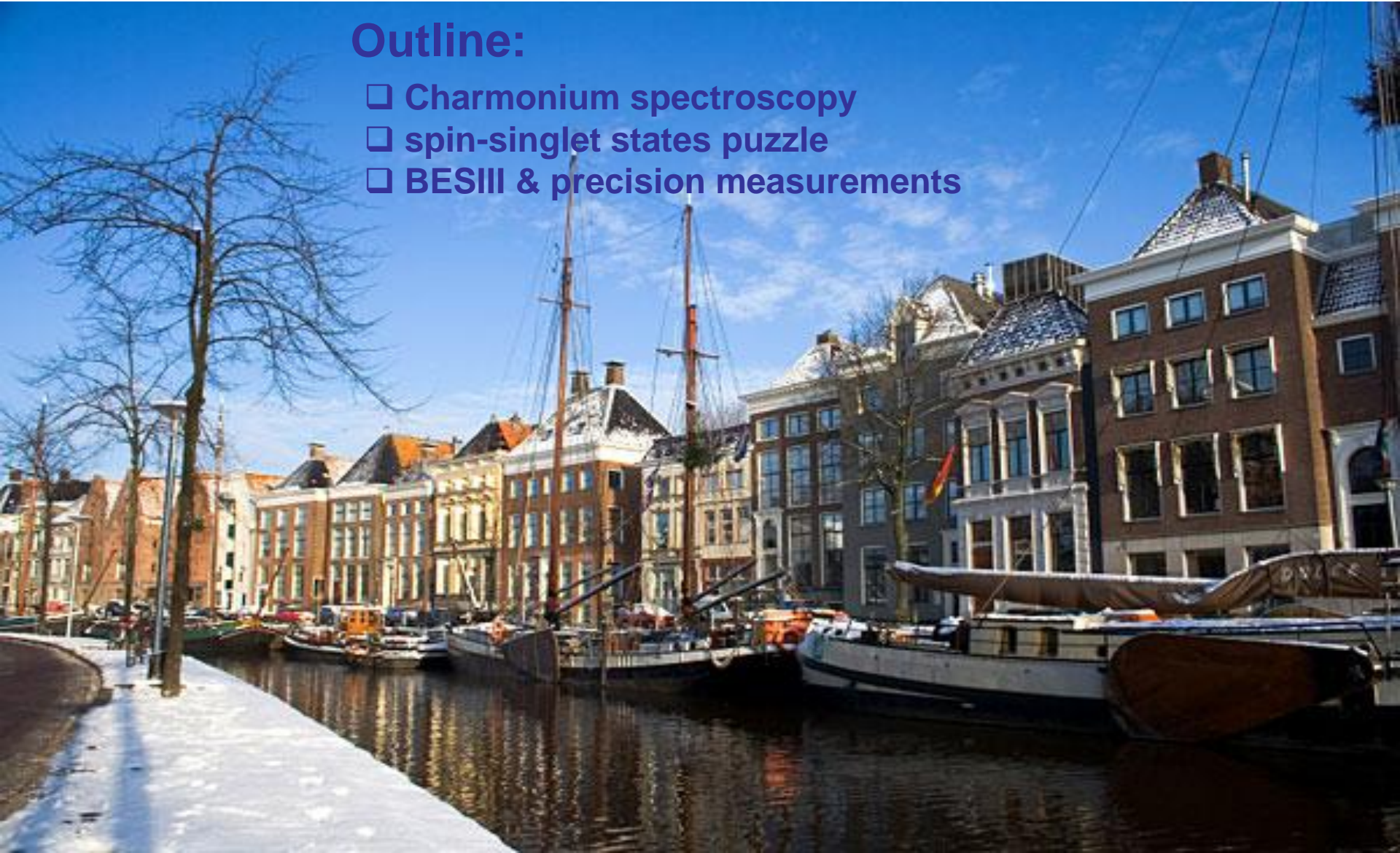
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## Outline:

- Charmonium spectroscopy
- spin-singlet states puzzle
- BESIII & precision measurements

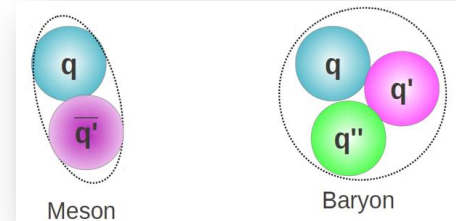




## QCD bound systems

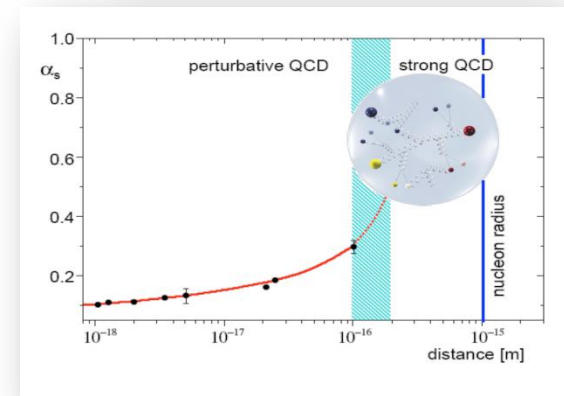
### QCD:

- Is well tested at high energies.
- In low-energy region, many aspects are not understood.



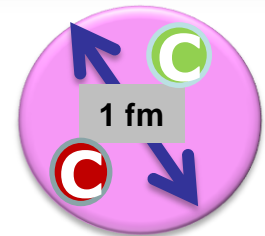
### Charmonium:

- The mesonic bound state of  $c\bar{c}$ .
- Simplest bound state of QCD.
- $m_c \approx 1.4 \text{ GeV}$  : Non-relativistic potential model.



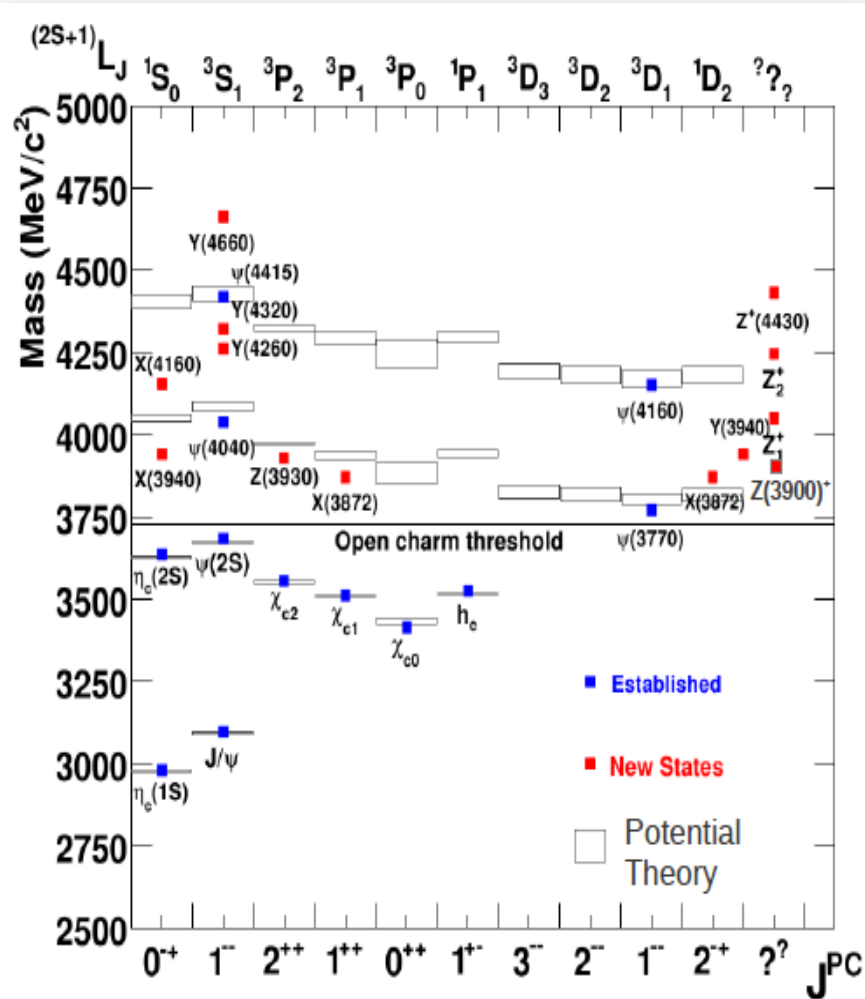
### Charmonium spectroscopy:

- Precise measurements on basic properties of known states.
- Clean system to study non-perturbative QCD dynamics.





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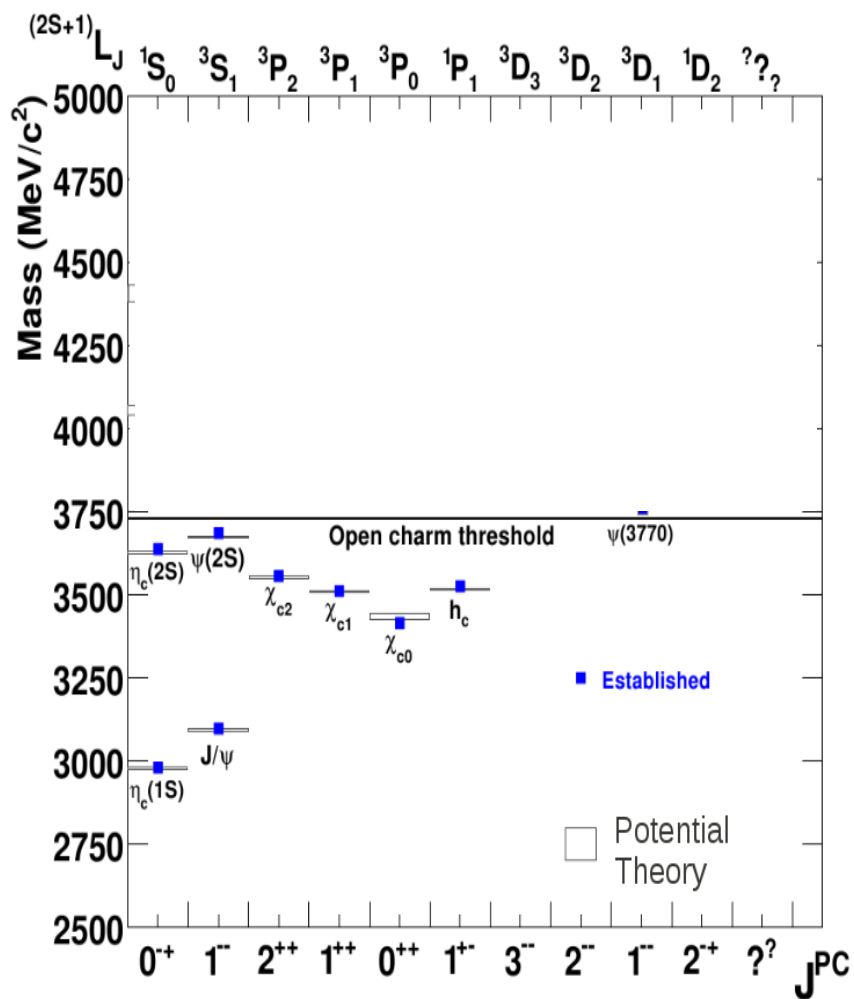
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■ **XYZ states:**  
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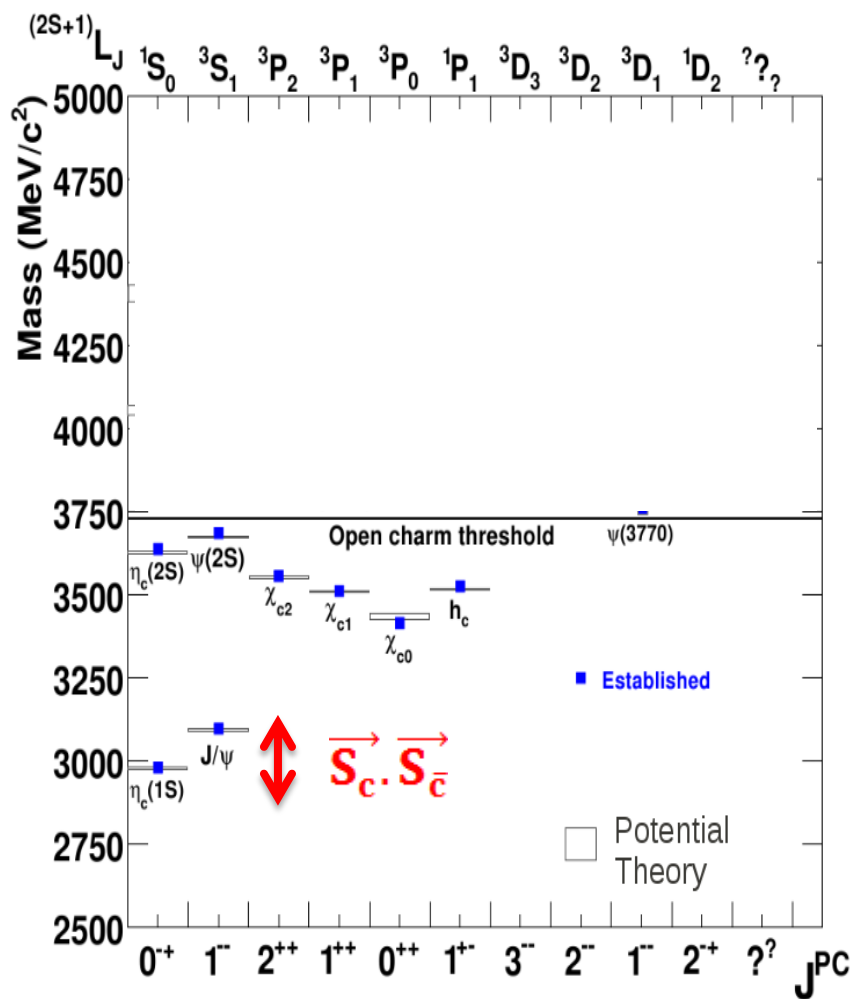
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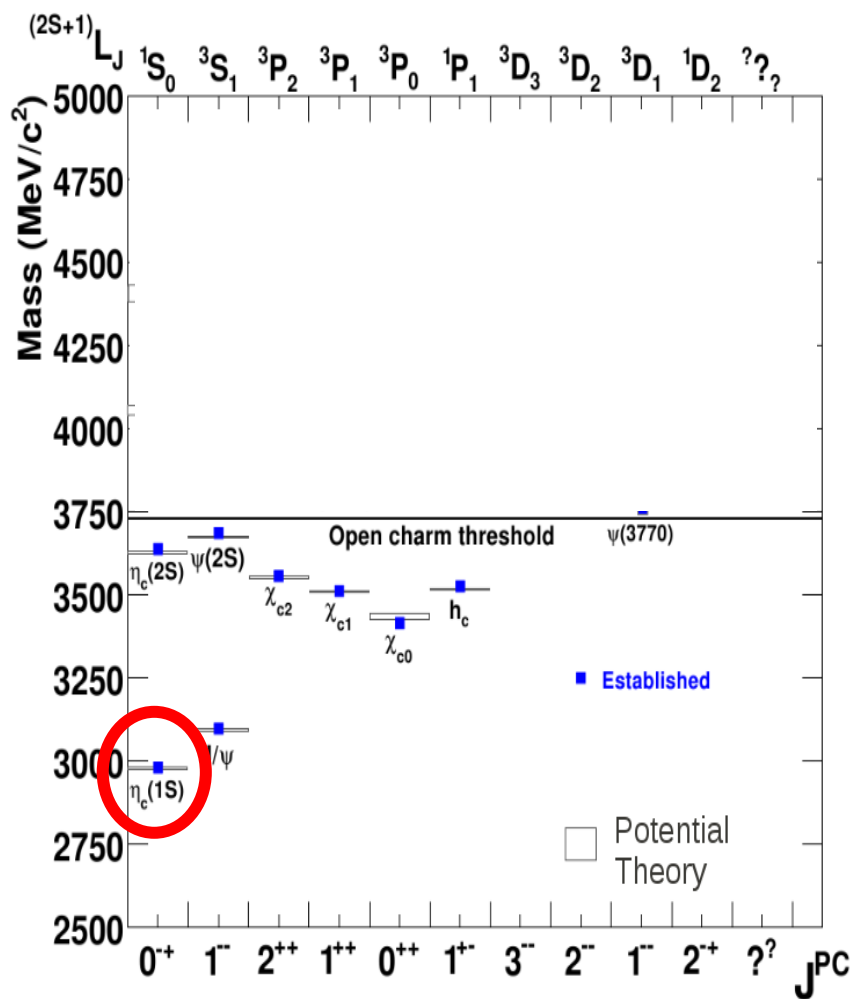
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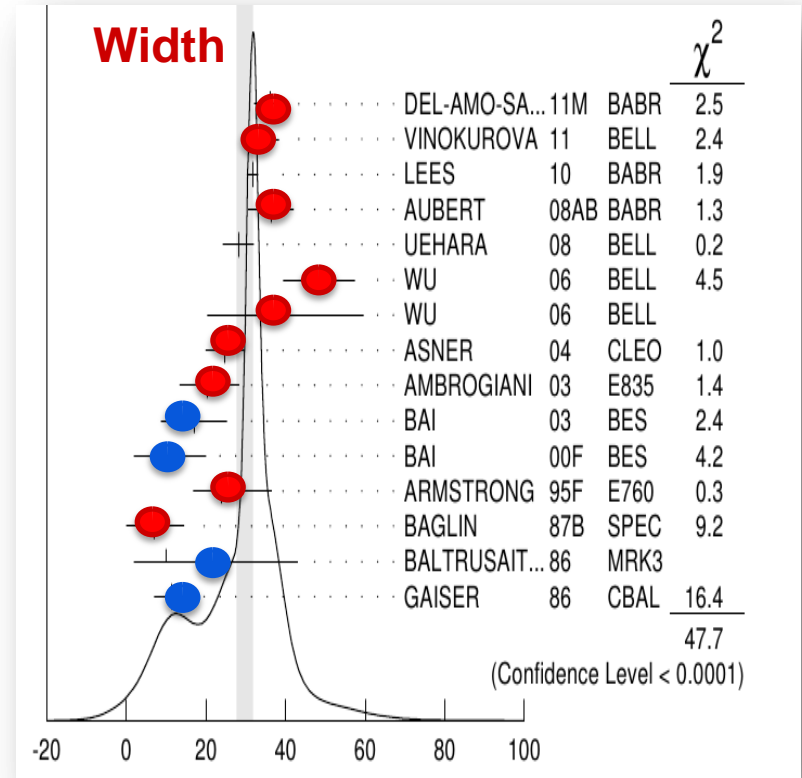
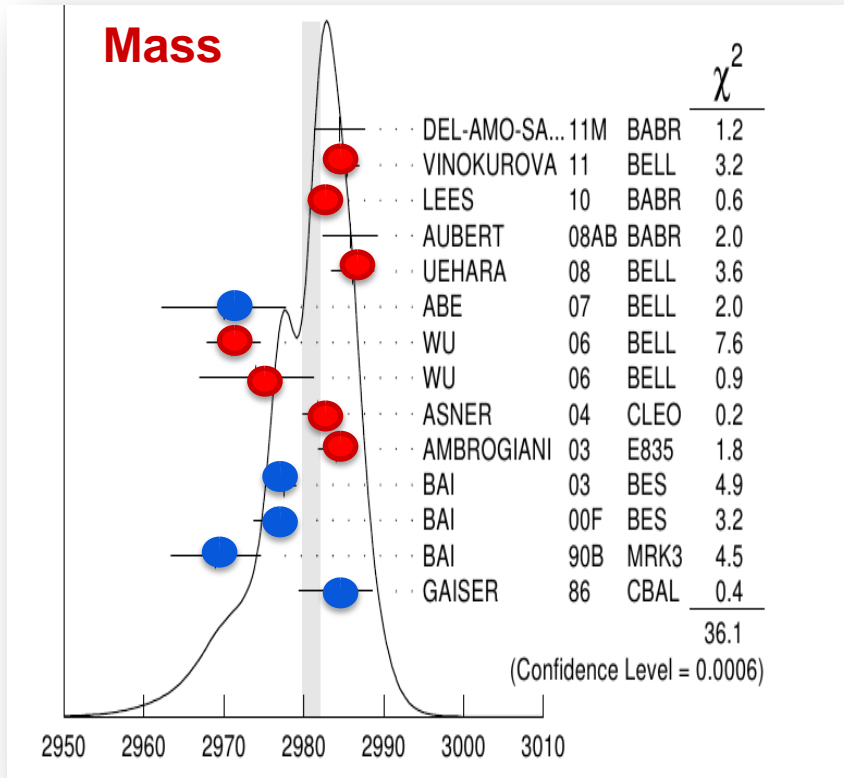
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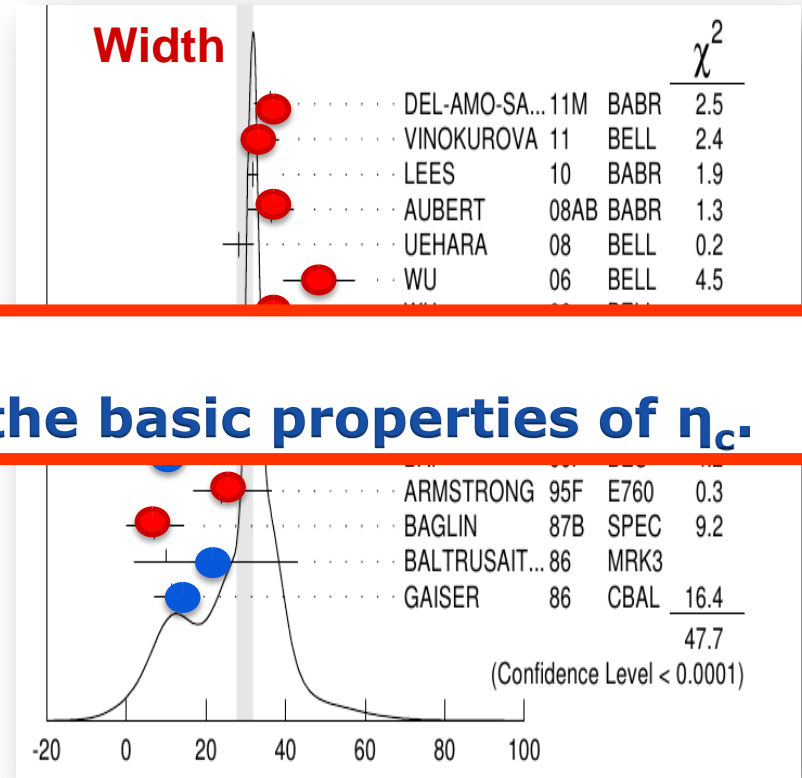
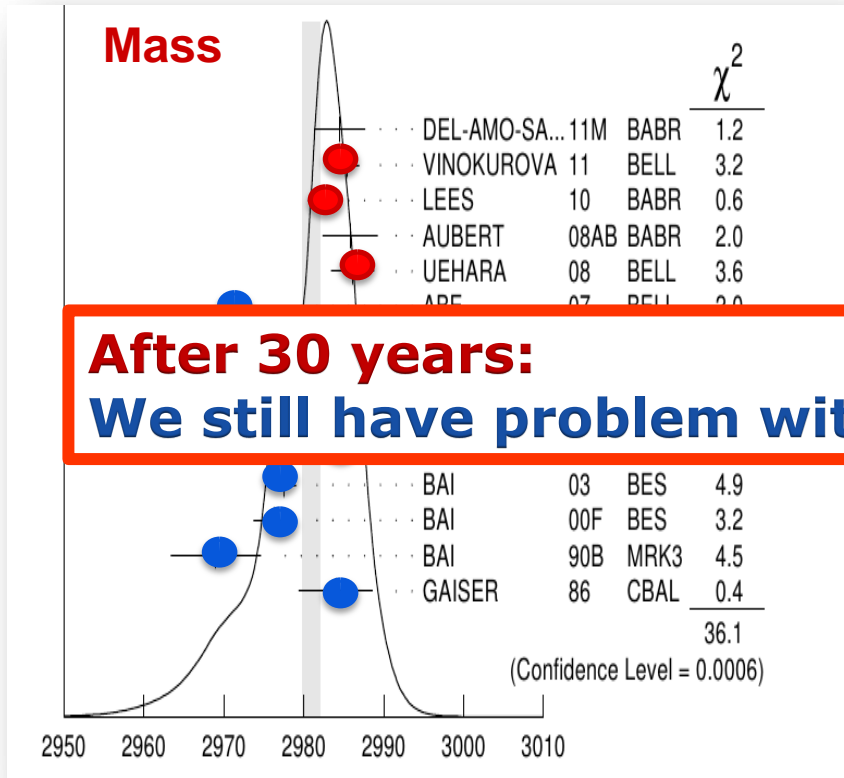


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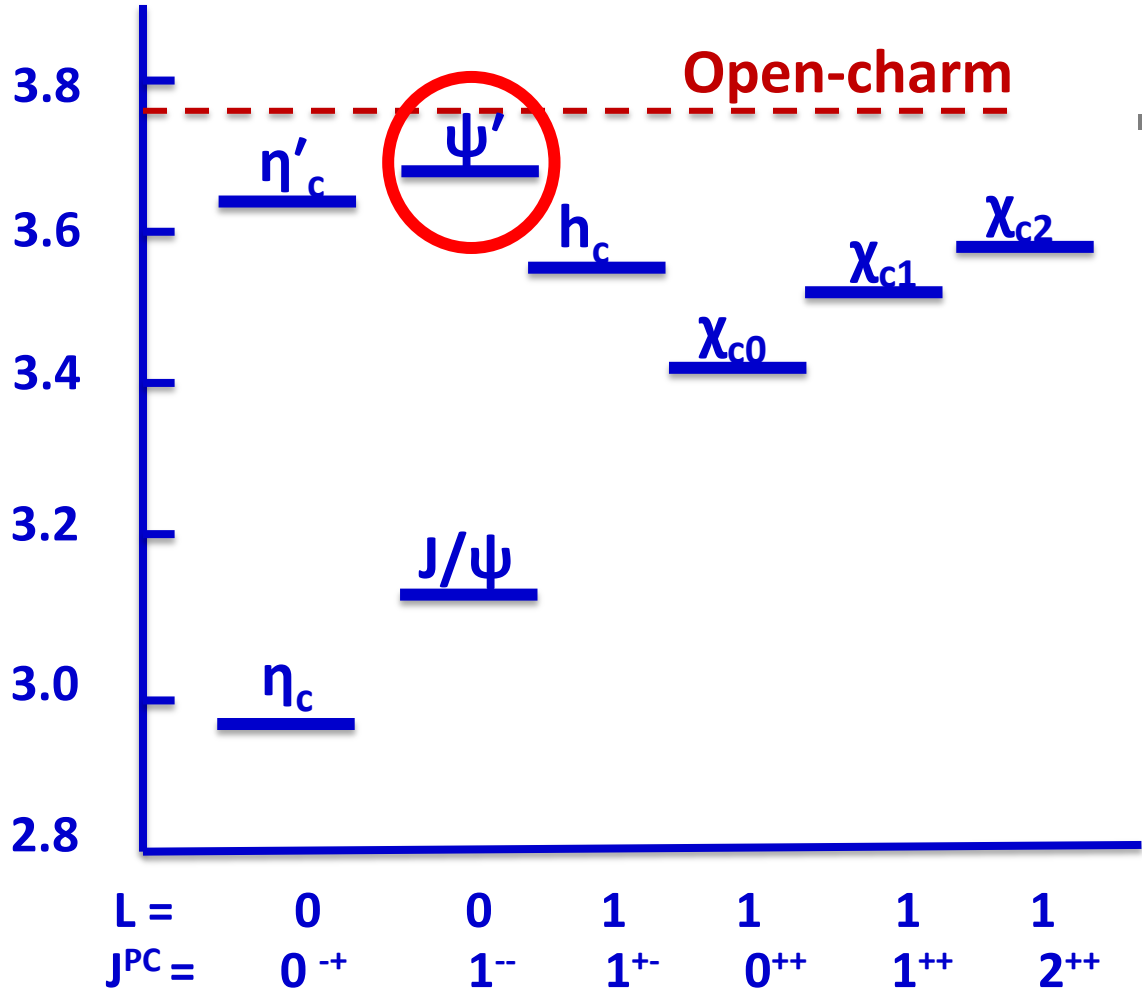


**After 30 years:  
 We still have problem with the basic properties of  $\eta_c$ .**

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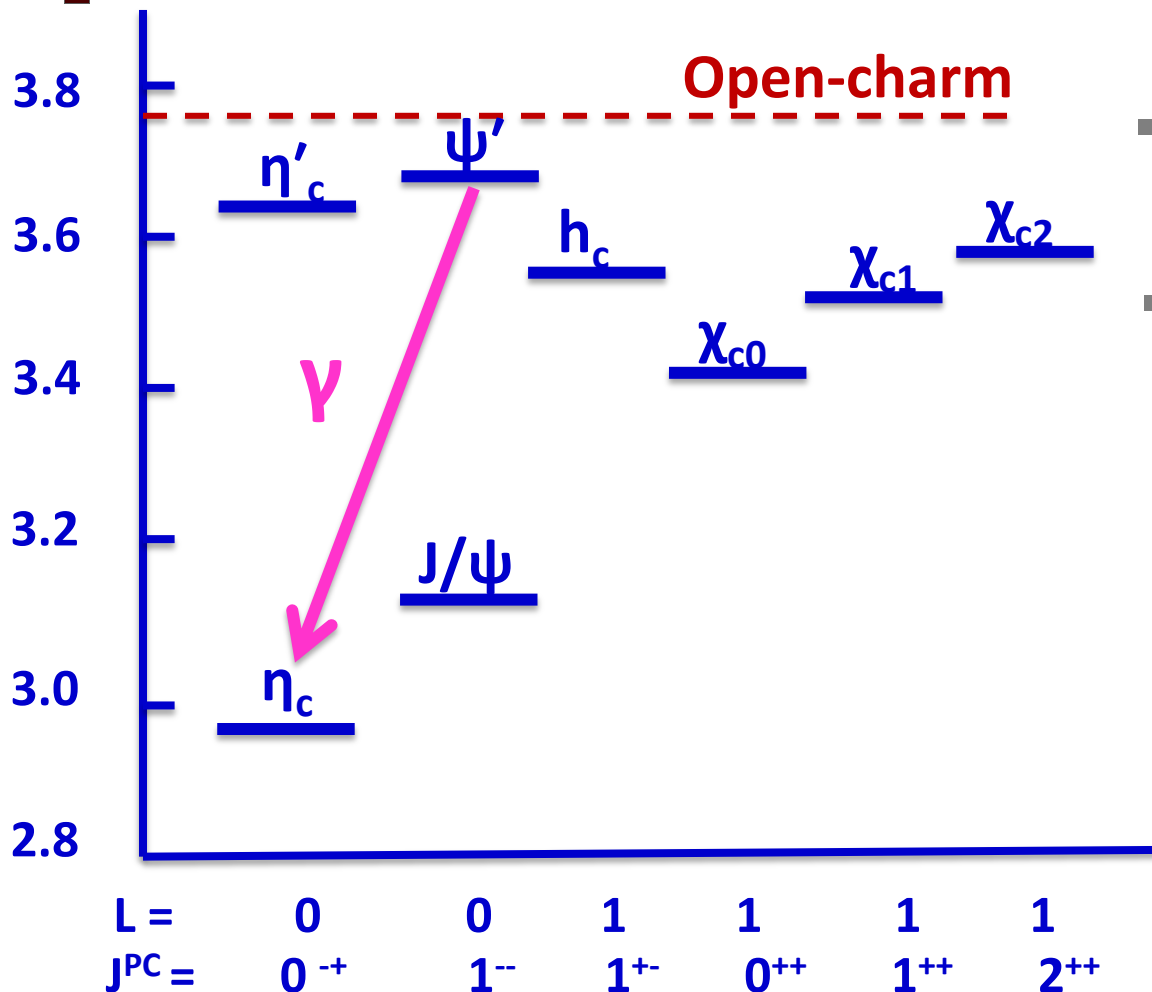
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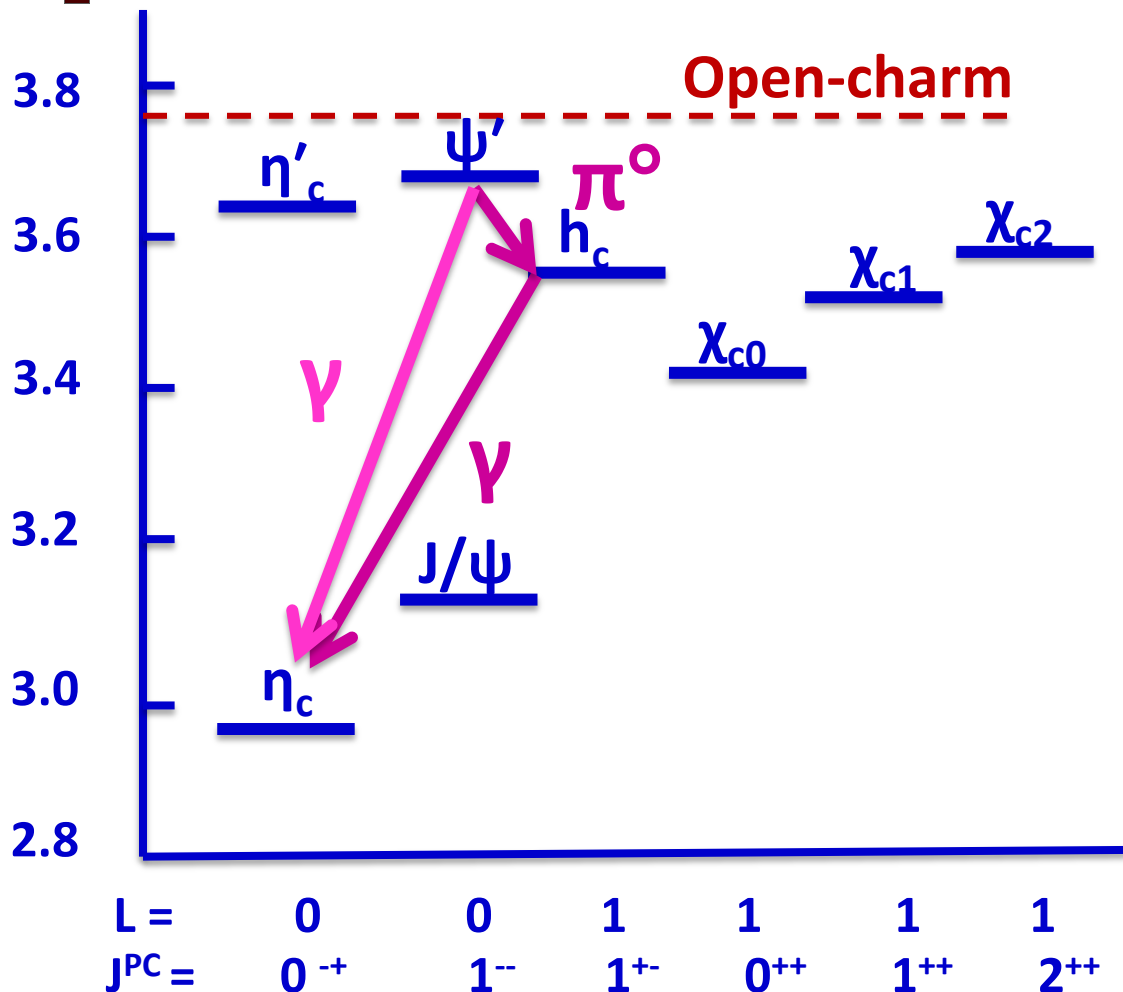
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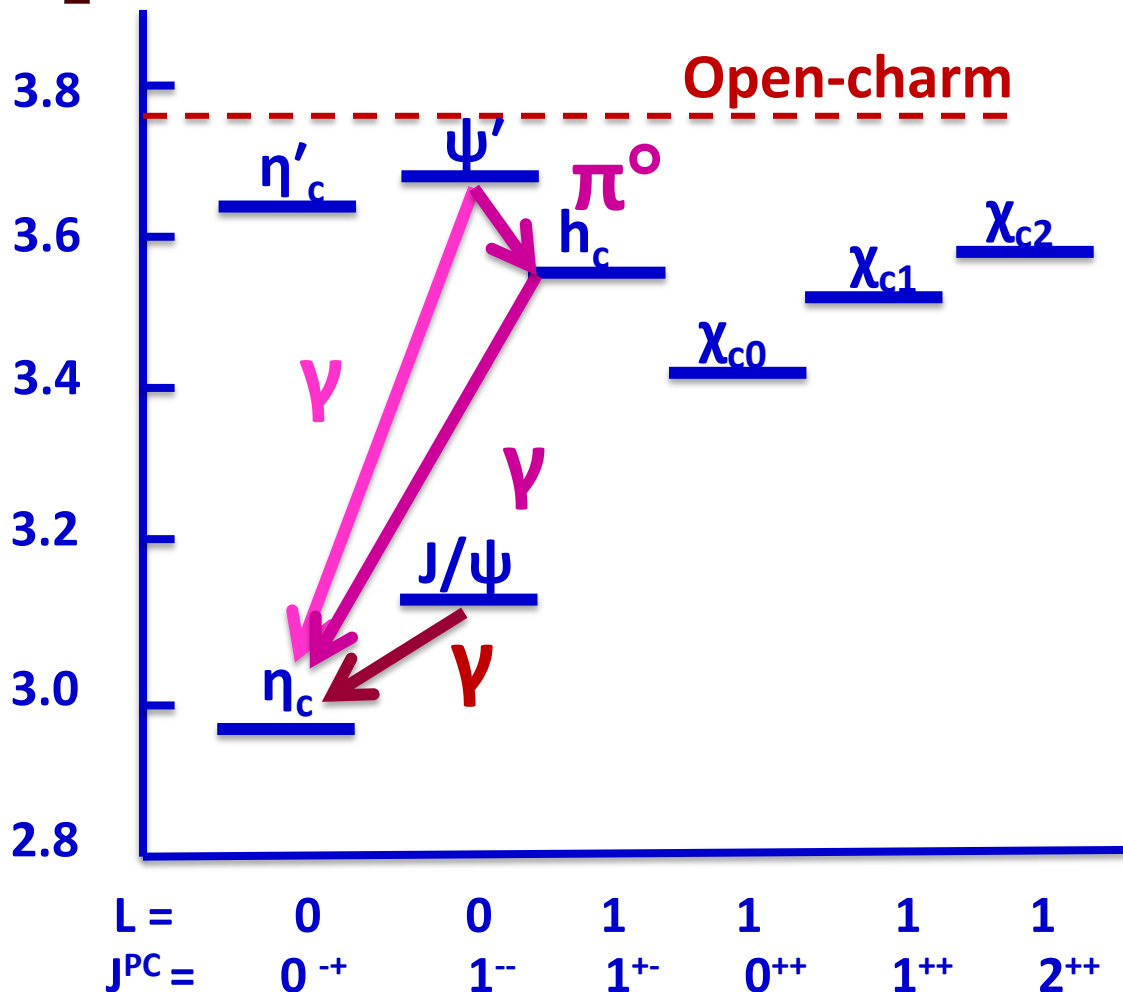
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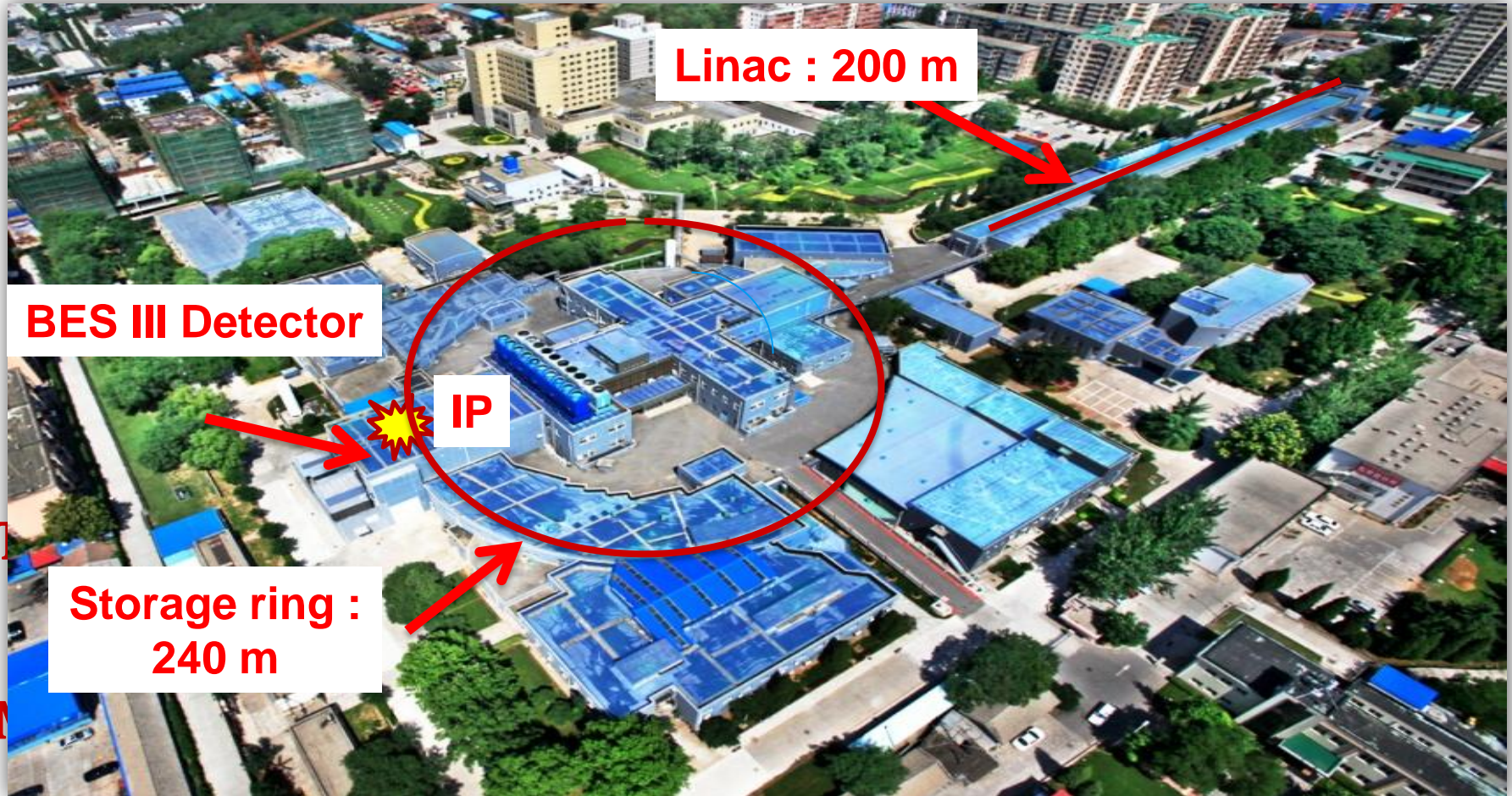
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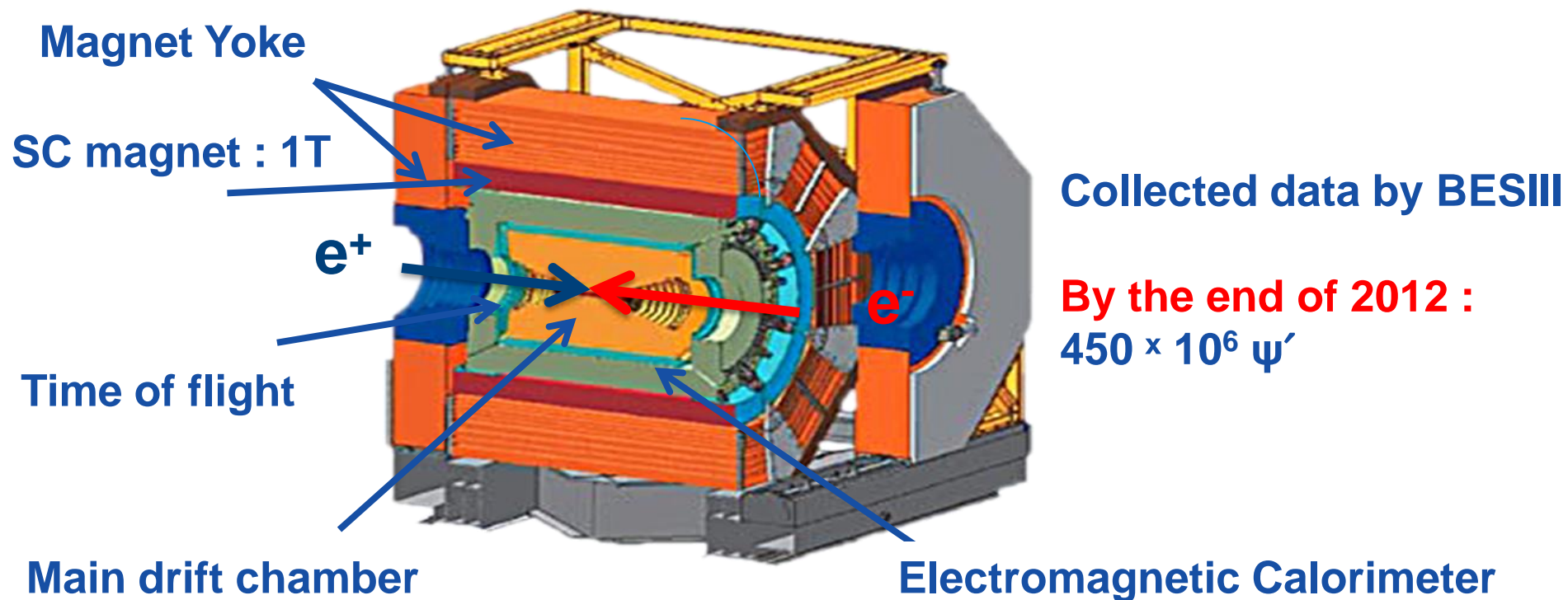


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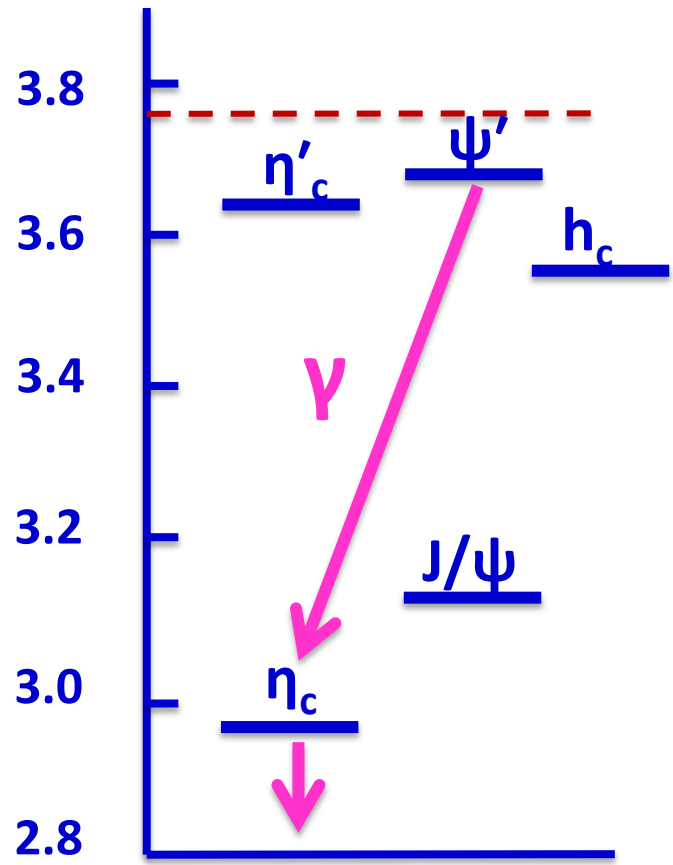
## BESIII: BEIjing Spectrometer (BES)



We are well equipped for measuring these transitions.



$$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$$



6 exclusive decay modes

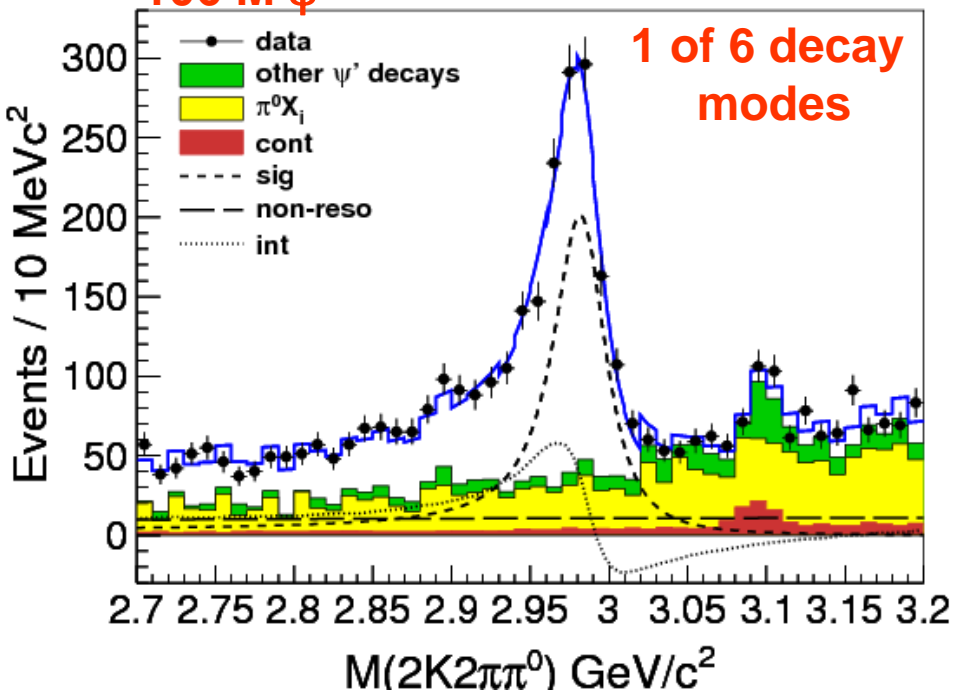




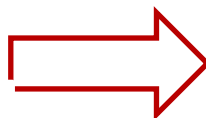
## BES III (2012)



106 M  $\psi'$



- ✓ Simultaneous fit to 6 modes
- ✓ Phases are consistent within  $3\sigma$



☐ Obviously asymmetric lineshape:

- ✓ Long tail on the low mass side.
- ✓ The signal drops rapidly on the high-mass side.

☐ Interference between  $\eta_c$  and non-resonant background is significant:

- ✓ Interference was found to be  $15\sigma$ .

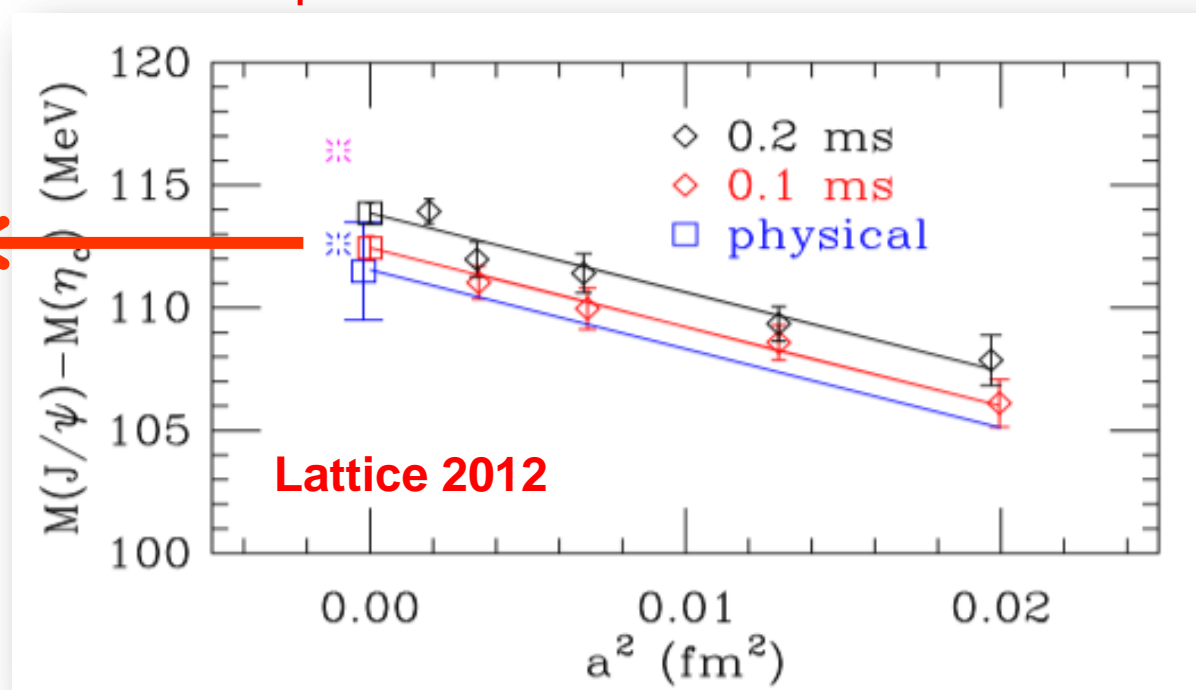
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PRL 108, 222002 (2012)

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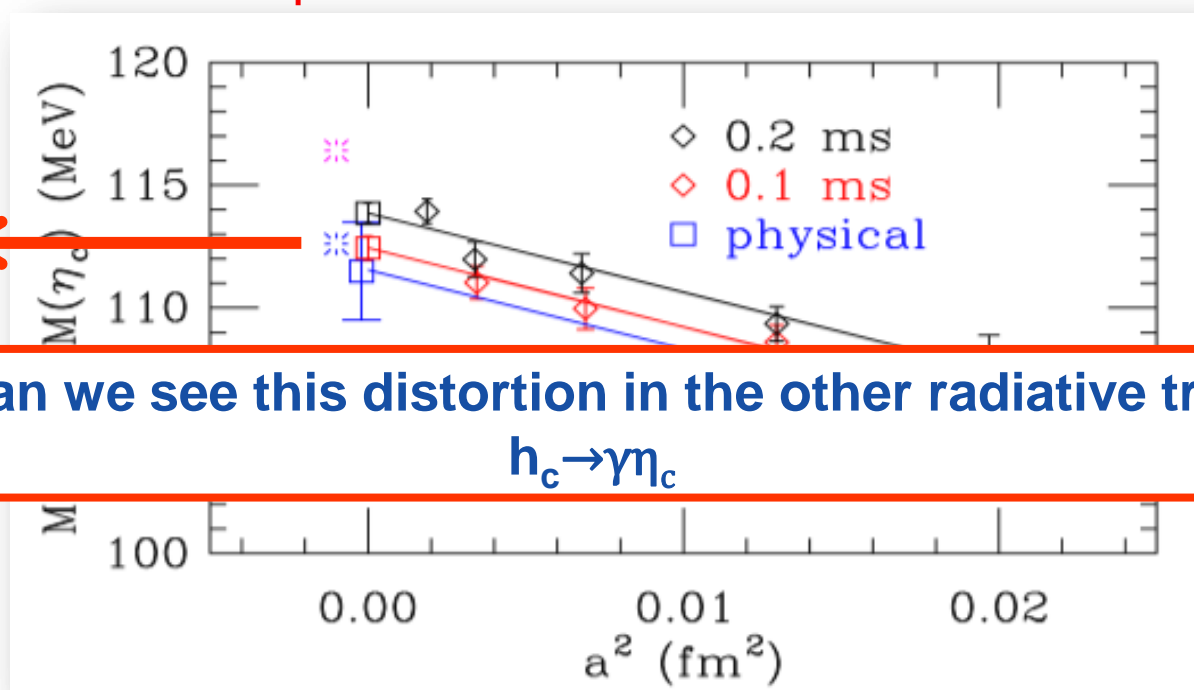
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**Question** : Can we see this distortion in the other radiative transition like  $h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$

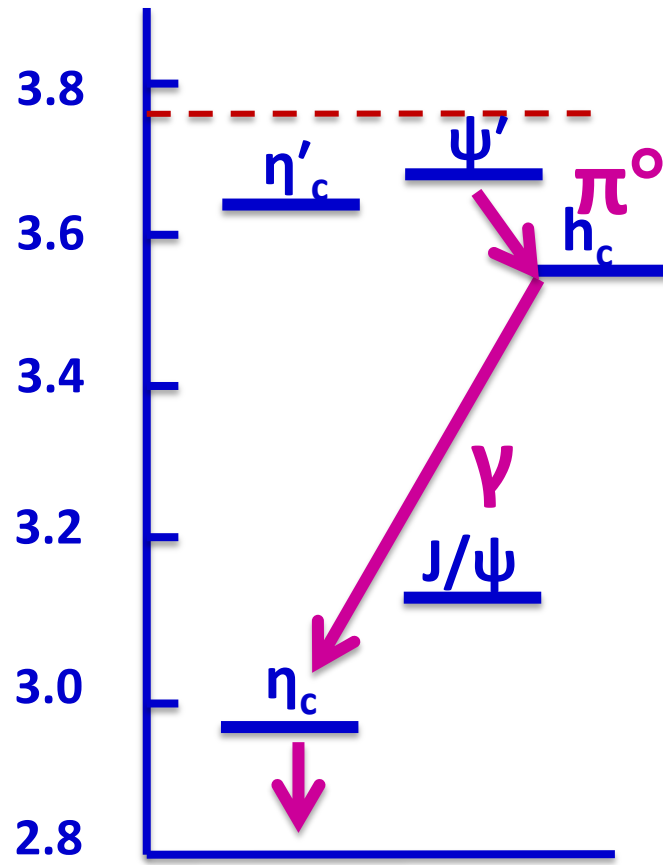
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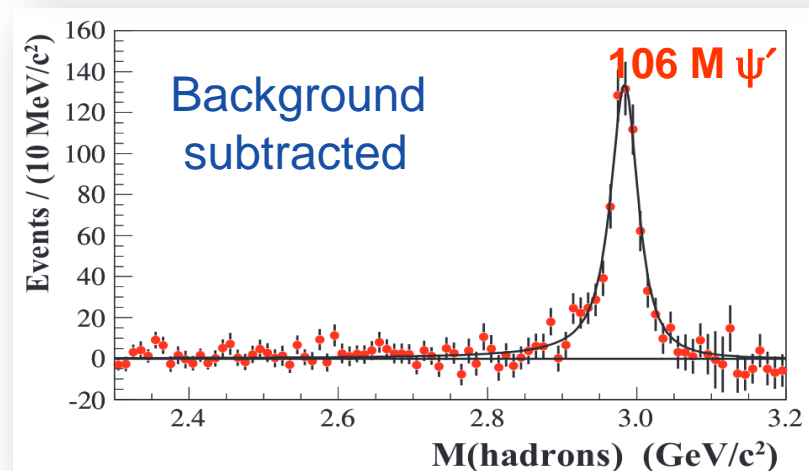
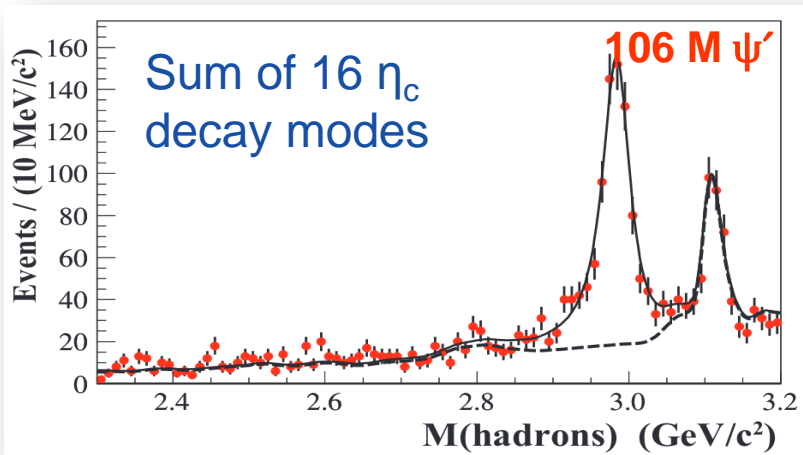
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16 exclusive decay modes



# $\eta_c$ lineshape in E1 transition $h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$



$$B(\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c) = 0.3\%$$

$$B(h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c) = 50\%$$

- Weaker interference
- Larger amplitude

Signal can be described by a simple Breit-Wigner

$$\square M_{\eta_c} = 2984.40 \pm 1.16 \pm 0.52 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\square \Gamma_{\eta_c} = 36.4 \pm 3.2 \pm 1.7 \text{ MeV}$$

PRD 86,092009

$\square$  compared with the result from  $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$ :

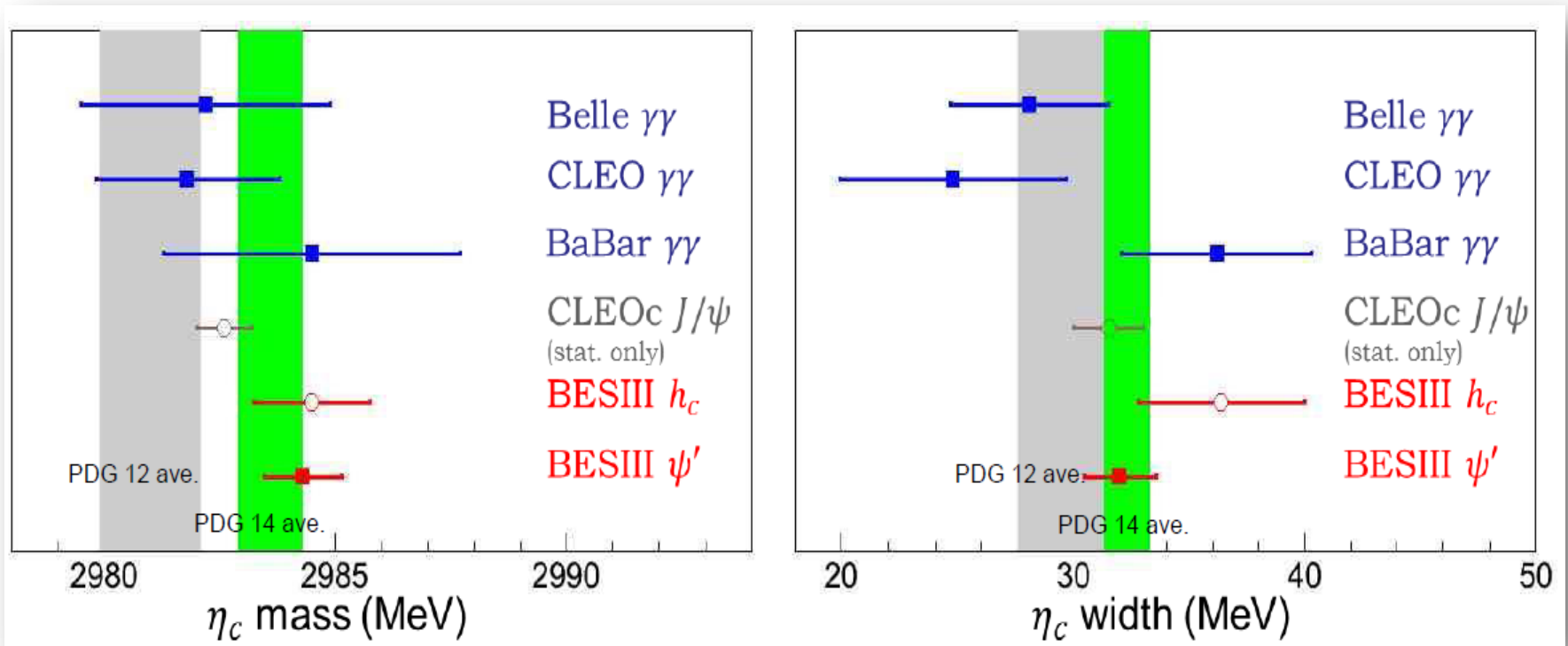
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Statistic error is dominated!



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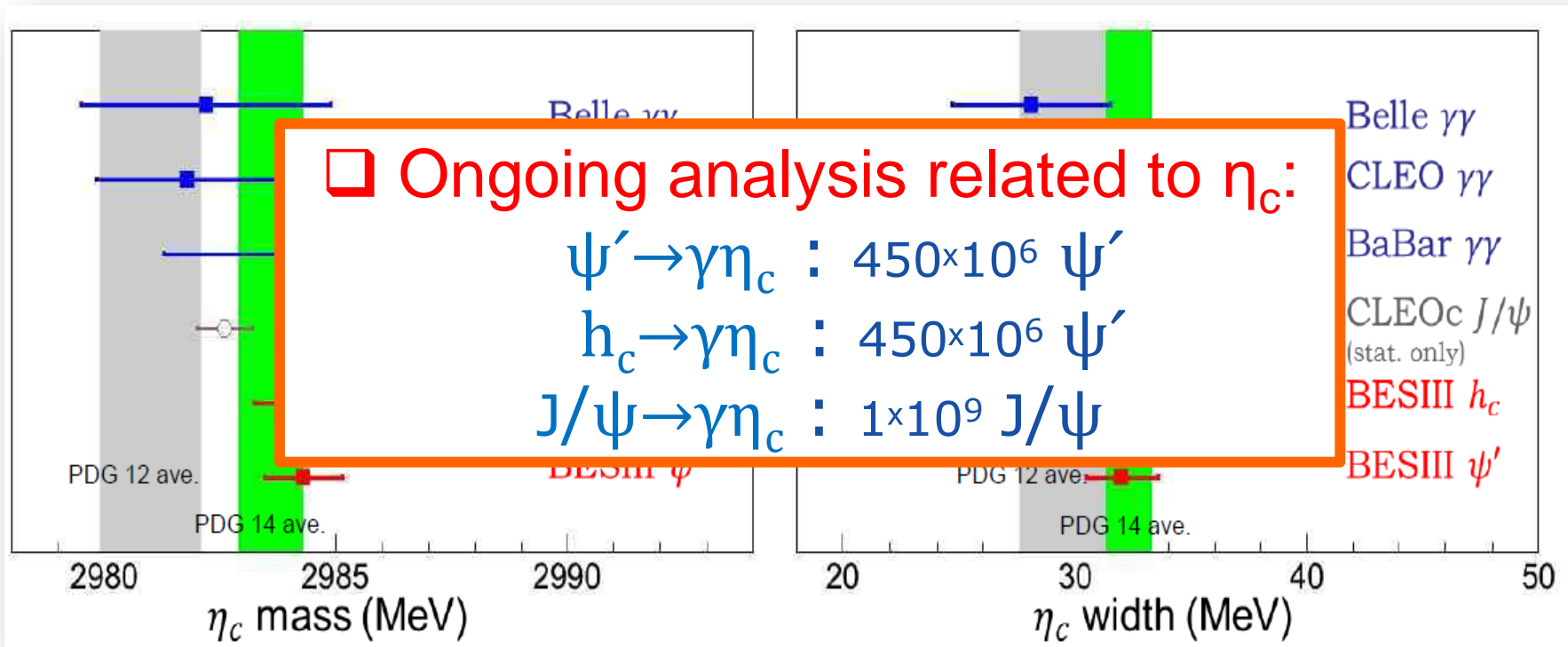


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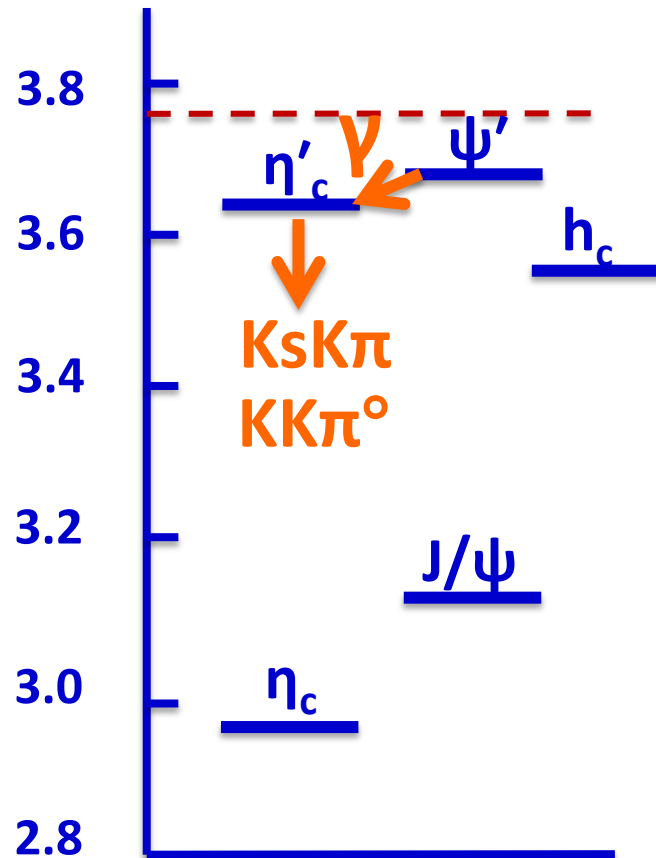


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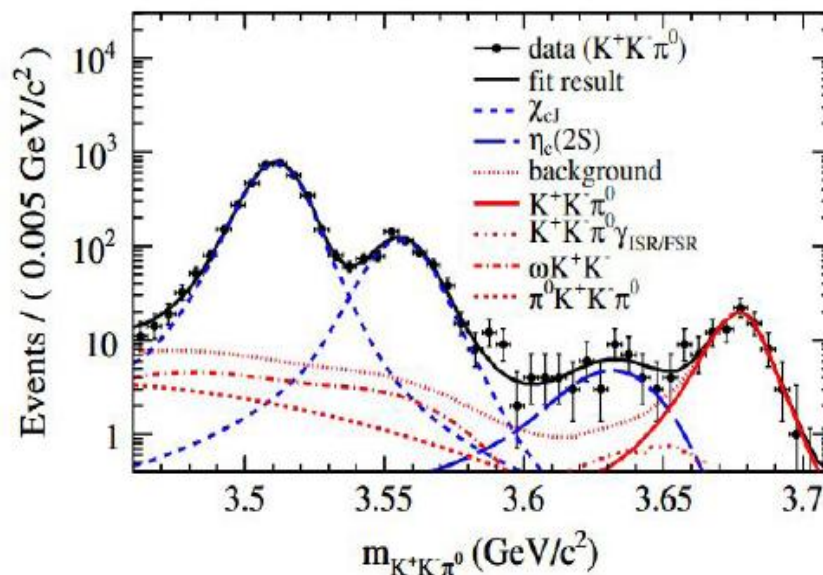
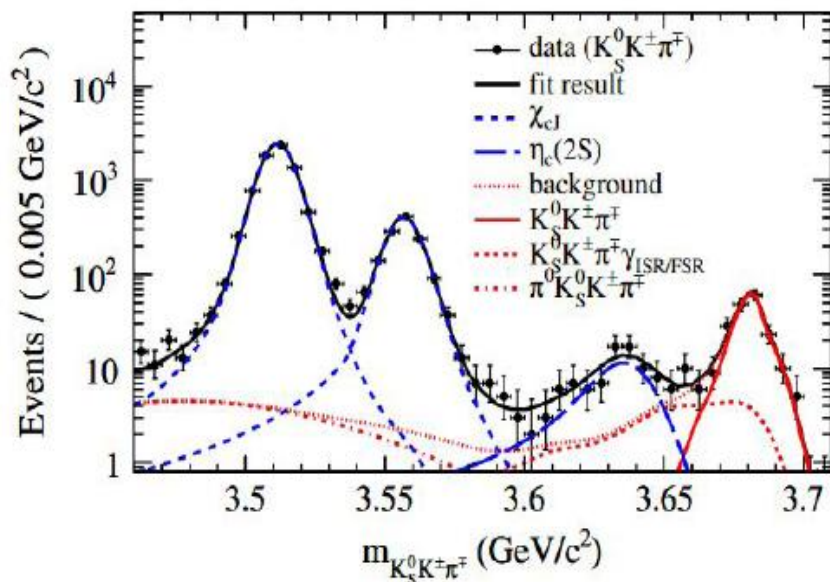




## First observation of the $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta'$

**Experimental challenge** : search for photon of 50 MeV.

**Found no signal** : CLEOc (25M  $\psi'$ )



**Signal** : Significance is larger than  $10\sigma$

$M_{\eta'c'}$  =  $3637.6 \pm 2.9 \pm 1.6$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

$\Gamma_{\eta'c'}$  =  $16.9 \pm 6.4 \pm 4.8$  MeV

PRL 109, 042003 (2012)

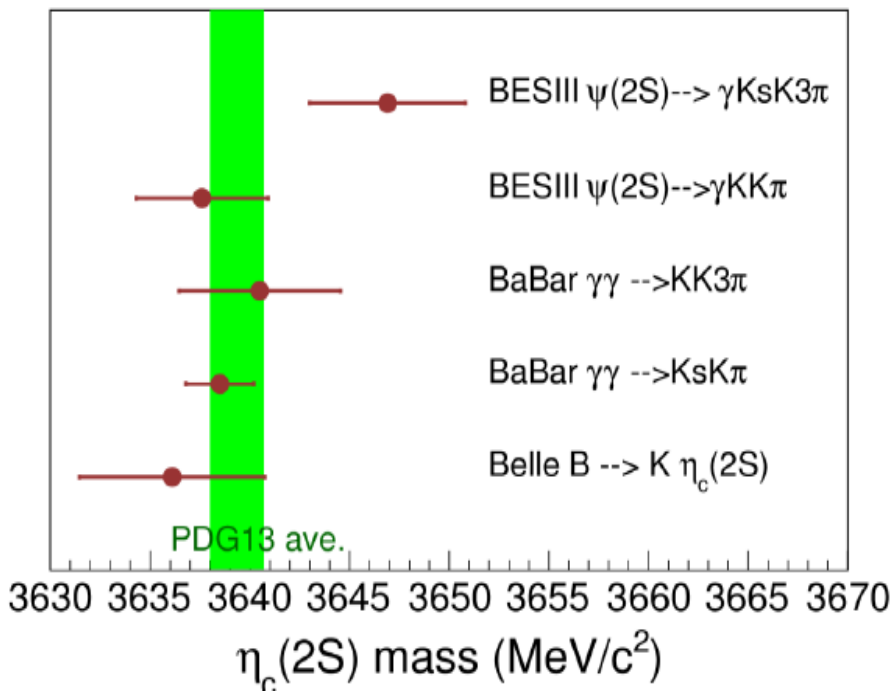
$B(\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta'c')$  =  $(6.8 \pm 1.1 \pm 4.5) \times 10^{-4}$

CLEO-c <  $(7.6 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-4}$

PRD81, 052002 (2012)

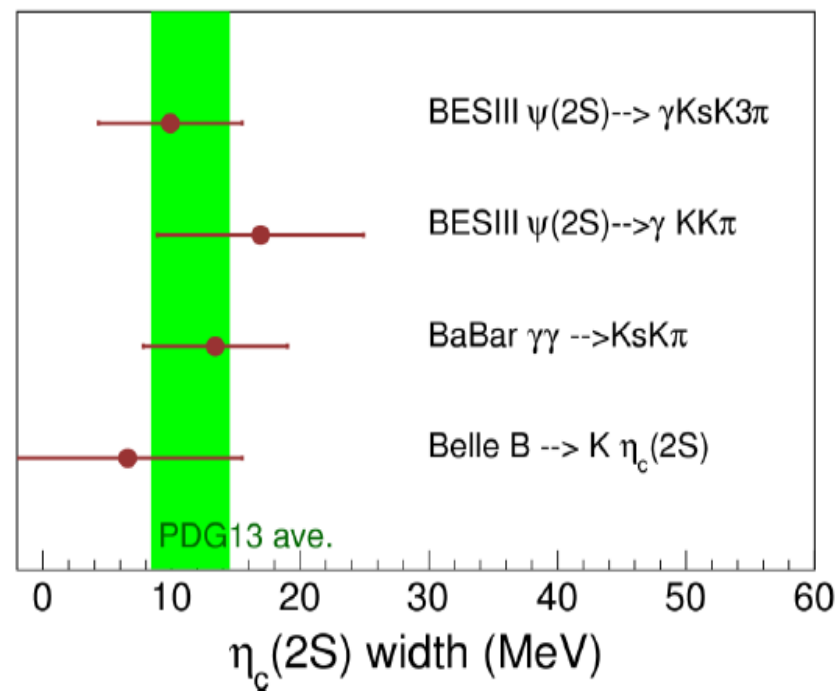


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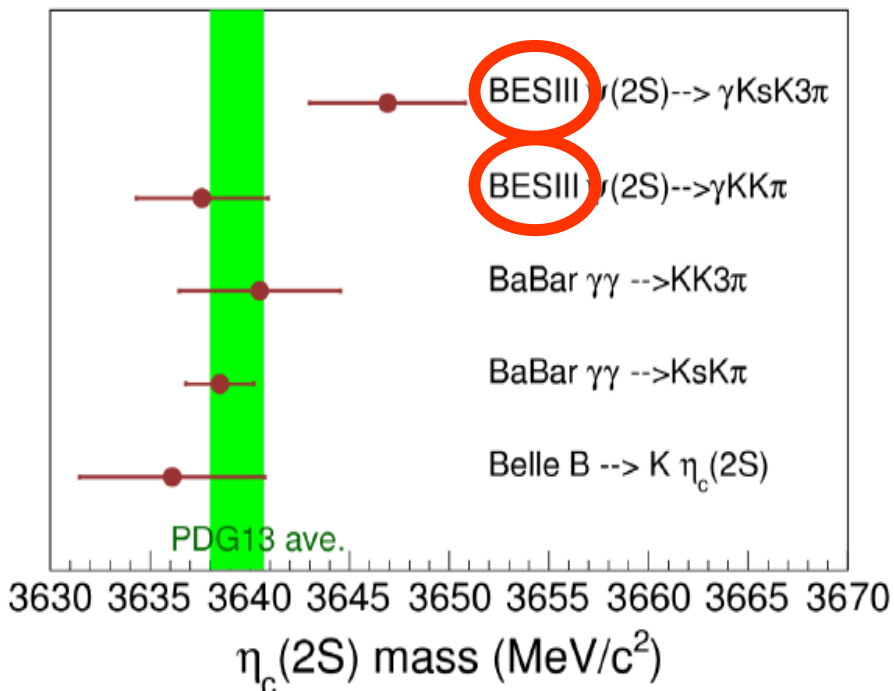
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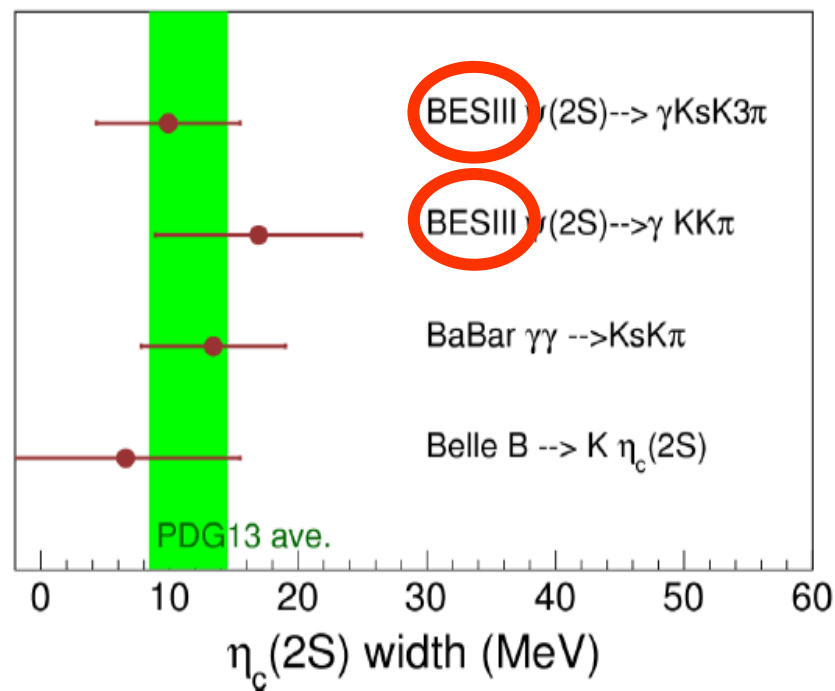


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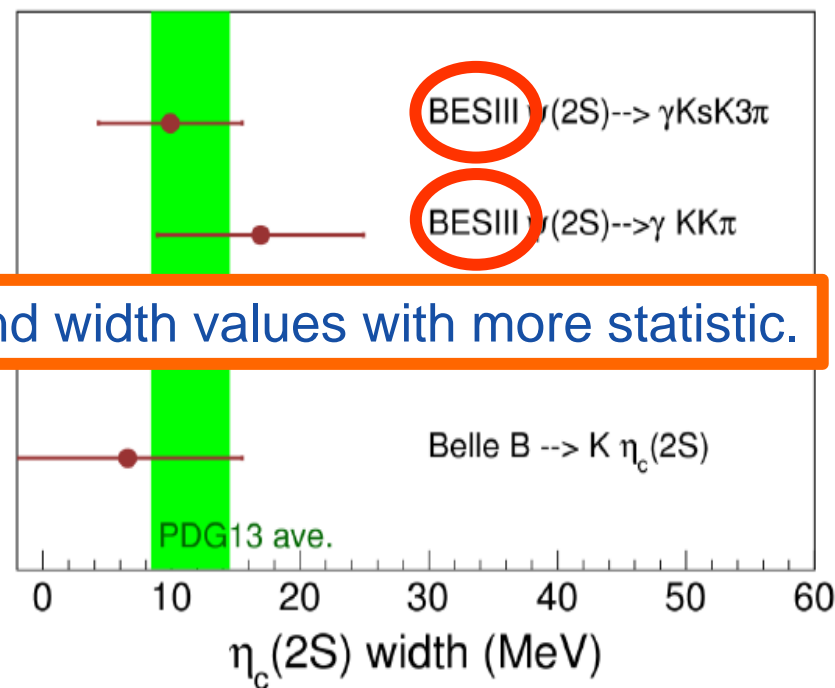
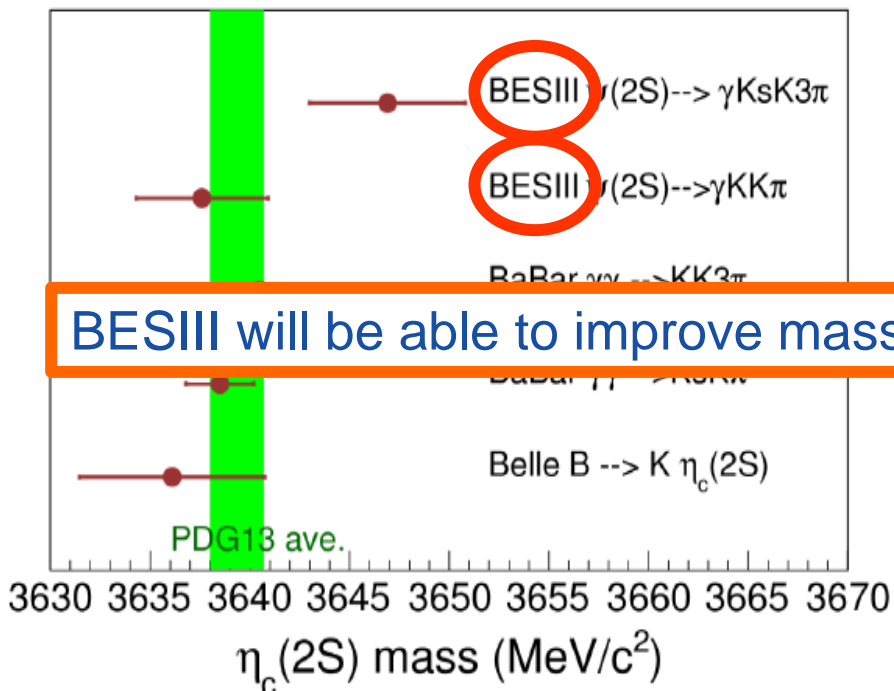
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BESIII will be able to improve mass and width values with more statistic.

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## Radiative partial decay widths:

- Long-standing puzzle on the radiative transition rates of  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$ :

| Initial meson            | $J/\psi$                   | $\psi'$                   | $\psi'$                               |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Final meson              | $\eta_c$                   | $\eta_c$                  | $\eta_c'$                             |
| $\Gamma_{M1}^{NR} (KeV)$ | 2.9                        | 9.7                       | 0.21                                  |
| $\Gamma_{exp} (KeV)$     | $1.58 \pm 0.37$<br>PDG2014 | $0.97 \pm 0.14$<br>CLEO-c | $0.143 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.092$<br>BESIII |
| $\Gamma_{LQCD} (KeV)$    | $2.51 \pm 0.08$            | $0.4 \pm 0.8$             | -----                                 |

arXiv:1107.2037v2

Finding a procedure to understand interference seems crucial to be able to extract the exact values.



## Outlook

□ precise  $\eta_c$  and  $\eta_c'$  studies was done at BESIII:

➤  $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$  :

- precise measurement on basic properties like mass and width
- improving the hyperfine splitting value
- considering the interference for the first time

➤  $\psi' \rightarrow \pi^0 h_c, h_c \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$

- interference free lab for  $\eta_c$  lineshape
- promising channel to measure the basic properties of  $\eta_c$

➤  $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c'$

- first observation even with 106M  $\psi'$

**Nature of interference** : More interesting result will come very soon!



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*Thanks for your attention*

