

# HUGS 2021 Lectures on: **Experimental Meson Spectroscopy**

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Jianwei covered some of this material very clearly (*the zoom transcript was less clear*):

with three full meals, like for example omega minus three.

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Australia calls. If they also need the grace day, then they they like to be known as the grandstand they like to be symmetric but we know for the familiar you like to have the overall waveforms to be anti symmetric.

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So then if you put those two Republicans together, you have a potential to violate all the politics principle. That means you need another quantum number to help you to distinguish those states.

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So that. Exactly.

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strong track your physics, I was taught my lectures, with the discovery of all the headphones, a venture from hadron to the pothole, the potholes to hydro, that's the plan.

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**Hadrons:** composite particles made from quarks ( $q$ ), antiquarks ( $\bar{q}$ ), and gluons ( $g$ )  
 $\implies$  strongly interacting particles

**Baryons:** hadrons with three more quarks than antiquarks (e.g.  $qqq$ )  
 $\implies$  strongly interacting particles, fermions, baryon number = 1

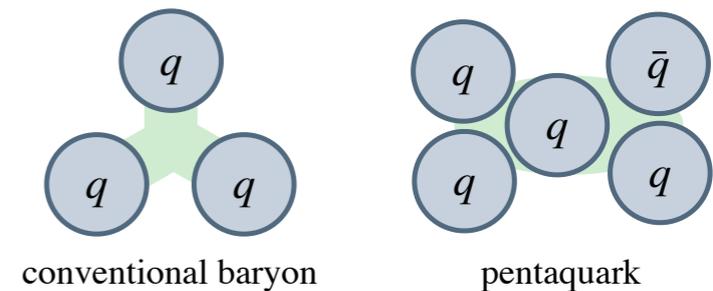
**Mesons:** hadrons with equal numbers of quarks and antiquarks (e.g.  $q\bar{q}$ )  
 $\implies$  strongly interacting particles, bosons, baryon number = 0

**Spectroscopy:** use the diverse spectrum of hadrons/baryons/mesons to explore the strong force (QCD)

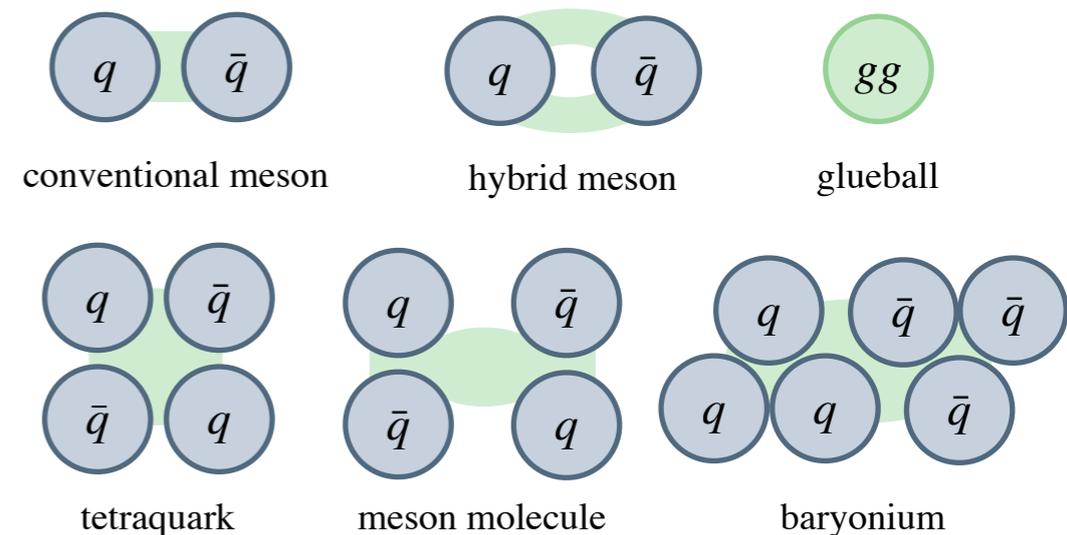
## QUARKS

		generations		
		I	II	III
electric charge	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$u$ (up)	$c$ (charm)	$t$ (top)
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$d$ (down)	$s$ (strange)	$b$ (bottom)

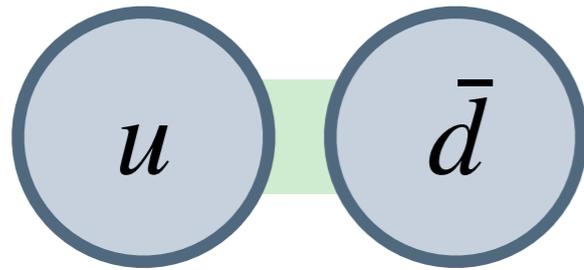
## BARYONS



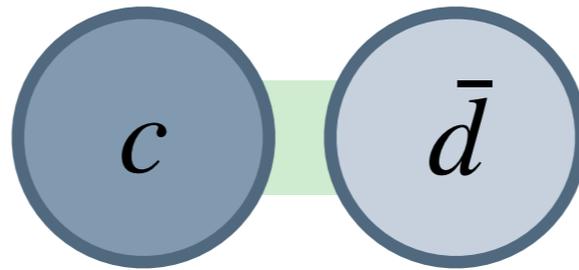
## MESONS



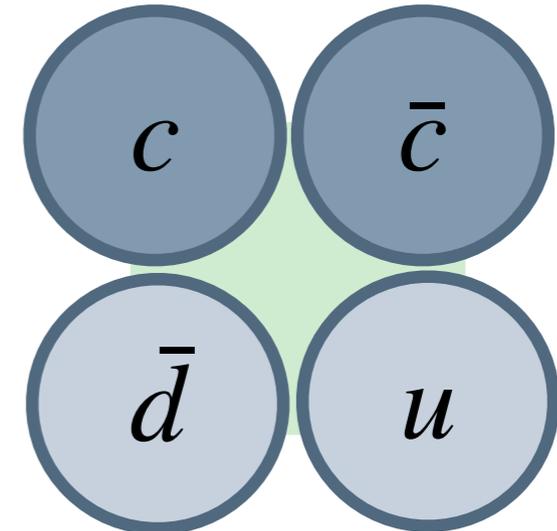
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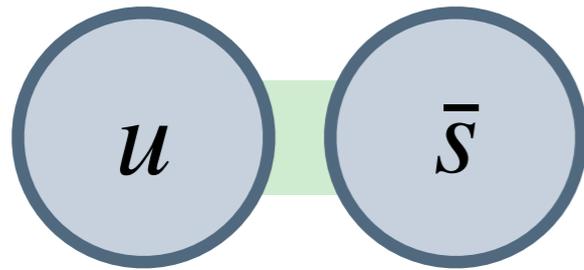
$\pi^+$  (pion)  
 $M \approx 140 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^P = 0^-$



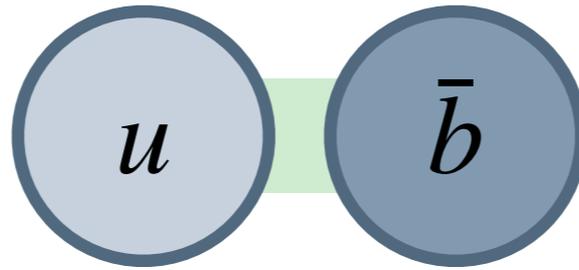
$D^+$  (D meson)  
 $M \approx 1870 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^P = 0^-$



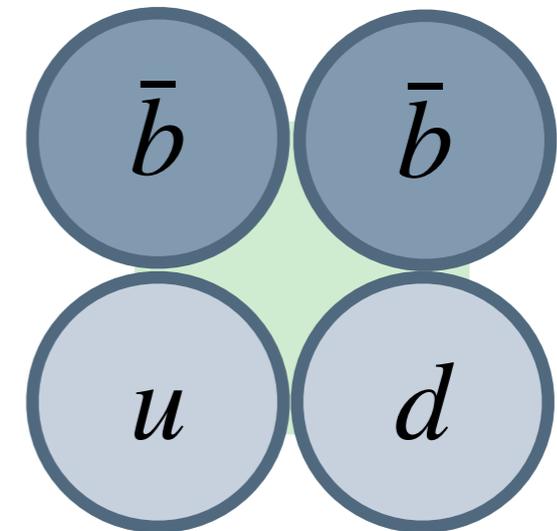
$Z_c(3900)^+$   
 $M \approx 3900 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^P = 1^+$



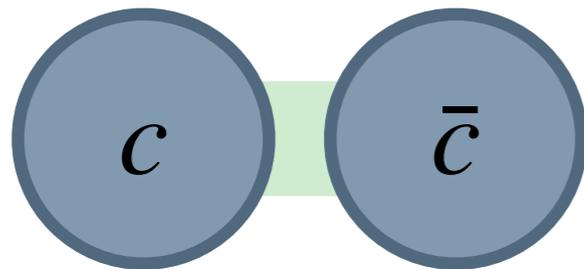
$K^+$  (kaon)  
 $M \approx 494 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^P = 0^-$



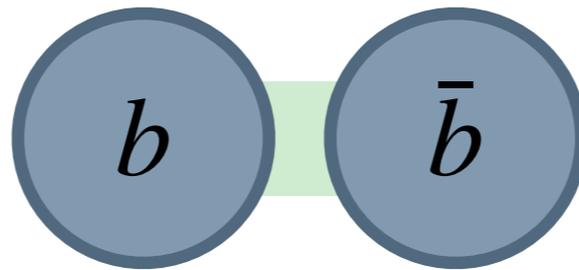
$B^+$  (B meson)  
 $M \approx 5279 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^P = 0^-$



double-bottom  
tetraquark  
 $M \approx 10400 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^P = 1^+$



$J/\psi$  (charmonium)  
 $M \approx 3097 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$



$\Upsilon(1S)$  (bottomonium)  
 $M \approx 9460 \text{ MeV}$   
 $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$

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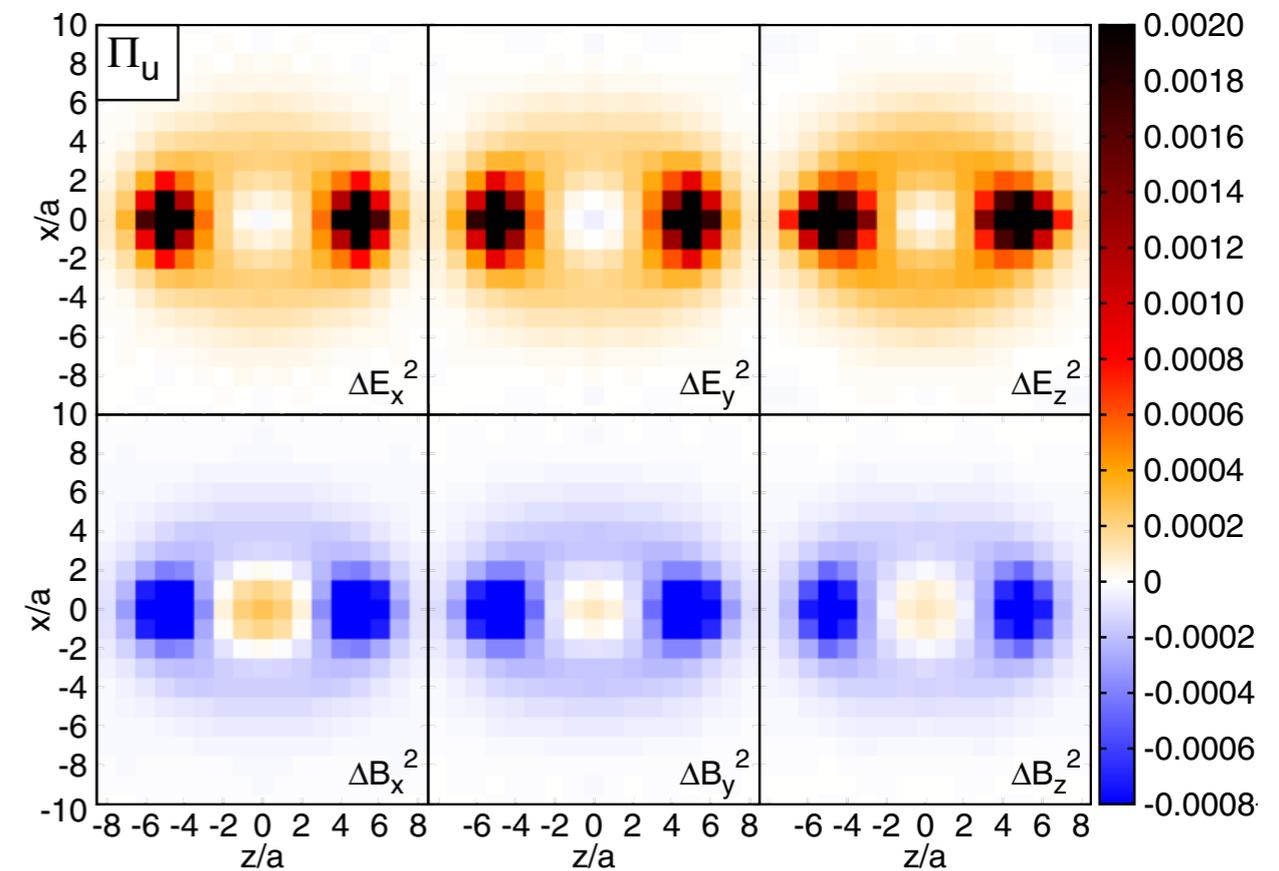
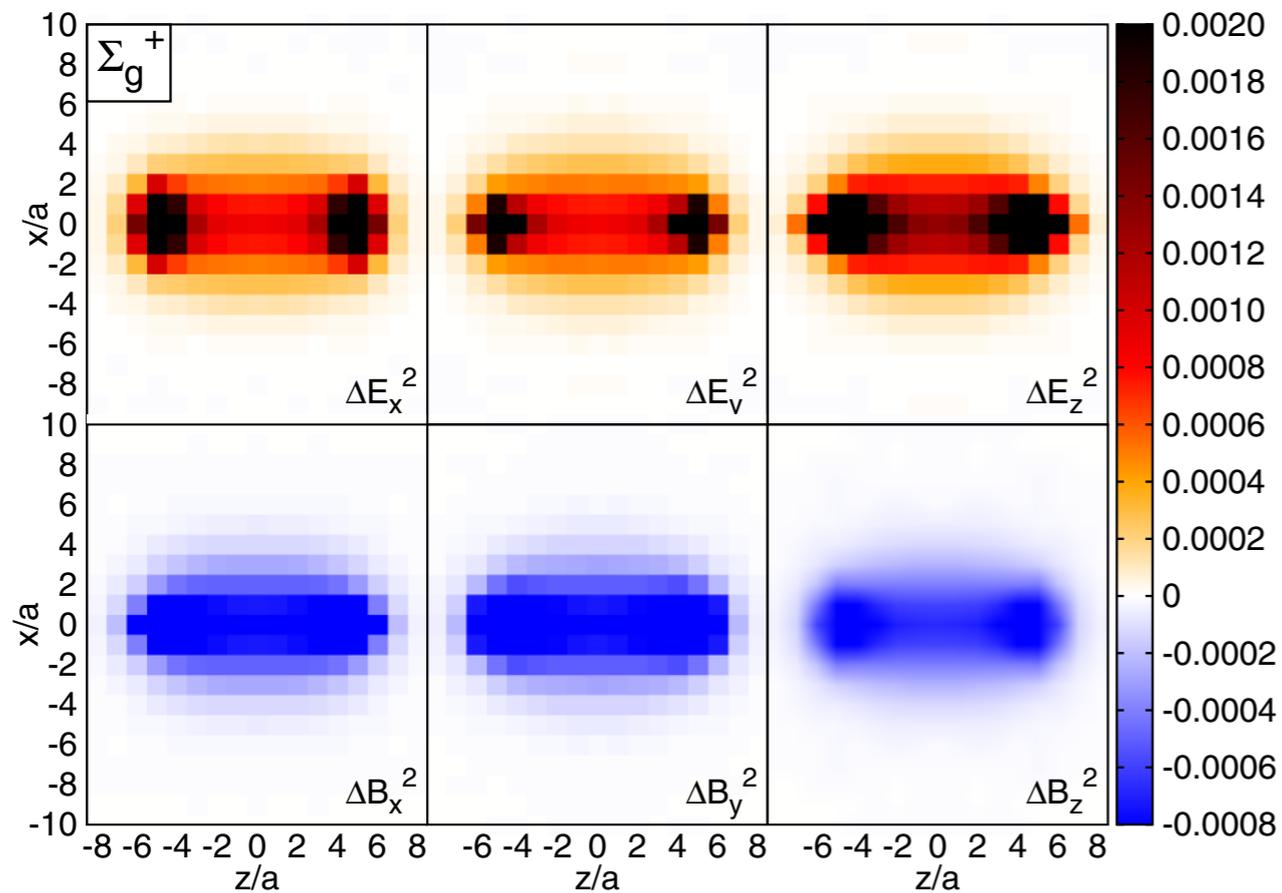
## Hybrid static potential flux tubes from SU(2) and SU(3) lattice gauge theory

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We compute chromoelectric and chromomagnetic flux densities for hybrid static potentials in SU(2) and SU(3) lattice gauge theory. In addition to the ordinary static potential with quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Sigma_g^+$ , we present numerical results for seven hybrid static potentials corresponding to  $\Lambda_\eta^{(\epsilon)} = \Sigma_u^+, \Sigma_g^-, \Sigma_u^-, \Pi_g, \Pi_u, \Delta_g, \Delta_u$ , where the flux densities of five of them are studied for the first time in this work. We observe hybrid static potential flux tubes, which are significantly different from that of the ordinary static potential. They are reminiscent of vibrating strings, with localized peaks in the flux densities that can be interpreted as valence gluons.



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Meson Summary Table

See also the table of suggested  $q\bar{q}$  quark-model assignments in the Quark Model section.

• Indicates particles that appear in the preceding Meson Summary Table. We do not regard the other entries as being established.

LIGHT UNFLAVORED ( $S = C = B = 0$ )		STRANGE ( $S = \pm 1, C = B = 0$ )		CHARMED, STRANGE ( $C = S = \pm 1$ )		$c\bar{c}$ continued $J^G(J^{PC})$		
$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	$J^G(J^{PC})$	
• $\pi^\pm$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $\pi_2(1670)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (2 <sup>-+</sup> )	• $K^\pm$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $D_s^\pm$ 0(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $\psi(3770)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\psi_2(3823)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (2 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\psi_3(3842)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (3 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\chi_{c0}(3860)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> )	
• $\pi^0$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (0 <sup>-+</sup> )	• $\phi(1680)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $K^0$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $D_s^{*\pm}$ 0(? <sup>-</sup> )	• $\psi(4040)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\psi(4160)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\psi(4230)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>++</sup> )	
• $\eta$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>-+</sup> )	• $\rho_3(1690)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (3 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $K_S^0$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $D_{s1}^*(2317)^\pm$ 0(0 <sup>+</sup> )	• $X(4050)^\pm$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (? <sup>-</sup> ?)	• $X(4160)$ ? <sup>?</sup> (? <sup>?</sup> ?)	• $Z_c(4200)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>++</sup> )	• $Z_c(4360)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	
• $f_0(500)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> )	• $\rho(1700)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $K_L^0$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $D_{s1}(2460)^\pm$ 0(1 <sup>+</sup> )	• $X(4055)^\pm$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (? <sup>-</sup> ?)	• $Z_c(4200)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>++</sup> )	• $R_{c0}(4240)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $X(4250)^\pm$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (? <sup>-</sup> ?)	
• $\rho(770)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $a_2(1700)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> )	• $K_S^{*0}$ 1/2(0 <sup>+</sup> )	• $D_{s1}^*(2536)^\pm$ 0(1 <sup>+</sup> )	• $X(4100)^\pm$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (? <sup>?</sup> ?)	• $\psi(4260)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\chi_{c1}(4274)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>++</sup> )	• $X(4350)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (? <sup>-</sup> ?)	
• $\omega(782)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $f_0(1710)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> )	• $K^*(892)$ 1/2(1 <sup>-</sup> )	• $D_{s2}^*(2573)$ 0(2 <sup>+</sup> )	• $B^\pm$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $B^0$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $\psi(4390)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\psi(4415)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	
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• $h_1(1170)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>+-</sup> )	• $\phi_3(1850)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (3 <sup>-</sup> -) $\eta_2(1870)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>-</sup> -) $\pi_2(1880)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (2 <sup>-+</sup> ) $\rho(1900)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -) $f_2(1910)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> ) $a_0(1950)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_2(1950)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> ) $a_4(1970)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (4 <sup>++</sup> ) $\rho_3(1990)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (3 <sup>-</sup> -) $\pi_2(2005)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (2 <sup>-+</sup> ) $f_2(2010)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_0(2020)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_4(2050)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (4 <sup>++</sup> ) $\pi_2(2100)$ 1 <sup>-</sup> (2 <sup>-+</sup> ) $f_0(2100)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_2(2150)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> ) $\rho(2150)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -) $\phi(2170)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -) $f_0(2200)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_J(2220)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> or 4 <sup>++</sup> ) $\eta(2225)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>-</sup> +) $\rho_3(2250)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (3 <sup>-</sup> -) $f_2(2300)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_4(2300)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (4 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_0(2330)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (0 <sup>++</sup> ) $f_2(2340)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (2 <sup>++</sup> ) $\rho_5(2350)$ 1 <sup>+</sup> (5 <sup>-</sup> -) $f_6(2510)$ 0 <sup>+</sup> (6 <sup>++</sup> )	• $K_2^*(1430)$ 1/2(2 <sup>+</sup> )	• $K(1460)$ 1/2(0 <sup>-</sup> )	• $D_{sJ}(3040)^\pm$ 0(? <sup>-</sup> )	• $B^+$ 1/2(1 <sup>+</sup> )	• $B_1(5721)^0$ 1/2(1 <sup>+</sup> )	• $\psi(4360)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)	• $\psi(4390)$ 0 <sup>-</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup> -)
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Meson Summary Table

See also the table of suggested  $q\bar{q}$  quark-model assignments in the Quark Model section.

• Indicates particles that appear in the preceding Meson Summary Table. We do not regard the other entries as being established.

LIGHT UNFLAVORED ( $S = C = B = 0$ )		STRANGE ( $S = \pm 1, C = B = 0$ )		CHARMED, STRANGE ( $C = S = \pm 1$ )		$c\bar{c}$ continued $J^P(J^{PC})$	
$J^P(J^{PC})$	$J^P(J^{PC})$	$J^P(J^C)$	$J^P(J^C)$	$J^P(J^C)$	$J^P(J^C)$	$J^P(J^C)$	$J^P(J^C)$
• $\pi^\pm$ $1^-(0^-)$	• $\pi_2(1670)$ $1^-(2^-)$	• $K^\pm$ $1/2(0^-)$	• $D_s^\pm$ $0(0^-)$	• $\psi(3770)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi_2(3823)$ $0^-(2^-)$	• $\psi(3770)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi_2(3823)$ $0^-(2^-)$
• $\pi^0$ $1^-(0^+)$	• $\phi(1680)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $K^0$ $1/2(0^-)$	• $D_s^{*\pm}$ $0(?)$	• $\psi_3(3842)$ $0^-(3^-)$	• $\psi_3(3842)$ $0^-(3^-)$	• $\psi_3(3842)$ $0^-(3^-)$	• $\psi_3(3842)$ $0^-(3^-)$
• $\eta$ $0^+(0^-)$	• $\rho_3(1690)$ $1^+(3^-)$	• $K_S^0$ $1/2(0^-)$	• $D_{s0}^*(2317)^\pm$ $0(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(3860)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(3860)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(3860)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(3860)$ $0^+(0^+)$
• $f_0(500)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\rho(1700)$ $1^+(1^-)$	• $K_L^0$ $1/2(0^-)$	• $D_{s1}^*(2460)^\pm$ $0(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ $0^+(1^+)$
• $\rho(770)$ $1^+(1^-)$	• $a_2(1700)$ $1^-(2^+)$	• $K_S^*(700)$ $1/2(0^+)$	• $D_{s1}^*(2536)^\pm$ $0(1^+)$	• $Z_c(3900)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(3900)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(3900)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(3900)$ $1^+(1^+)$
• $\omega(782)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $f_0(1710)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $K^*(892)$ $1/2(1^-)$	• $D_{s2}^*(2573)$ $0(2^+)$	• $X(3915)$ $0^+(0/2^+)$	• $X(3915)$ $0^+(0/2^+)$	• $X(3915)$ $0^+(0/2^+)$	• $X(3915)$ $0^+(0/2^+)$
• $\eta'(958)$ $0^+(0^-)$	• $\eta(1760)$ $0^+(0^-)$	• $K_1(1270)$ $1/2(1^+)$	• $D_{s2}^*(2700)^\pm$ $0(1^-)$	• $\chi_{c2}(3930)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\chi_{c2}(3930)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\chi_{c2}(3930)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\chi_{c2}(3930)$ $0^+(2^+)$
• $f_0(980)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\pi(1800)$ $1^-(0^-)$	• $K_1(1400)$ $1/2(1^+)$	• $D_{s1}^*(2860)^\pm$ $0(1^-)$	• $X(3940)$ $?^?(?^?)$	• $X(3940)$ $?^?(?^?)$	• $X(3940)$ $?^?(?^?)$	• $X(3940)$ $?^?(?^?)$
• $a_0(980)$ $1^-(0^+)$	• $f_2(1810)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $K^*(1410)$ $1/2(1^-)$	• $D_{s3}^*(2860)^\pm$ $0(3^-)$	• $X(4020)^\pm$ $1^+(?^-)$	• $X(4020)^\pm$ $1^+(?^-)$	• $X(4020)^\pm$ $1^+(?^-)$	• $X(4020)^\pm$ $1^+(?^-)$
• $\phi(1020)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $X(1835)$ $?^?(0^-)$	• $K_S^*(1430)$ $1/2(0^+)$	• $D_{sJ}(3040)^\pm$ $0(?)$	• $\psi(4040)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4040)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4040)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4040)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $h_1(1170)$ $0^-(1^+)$	• $\phi_3(1850)$ $0^-(3^-)$	• $K_2^*(1430)$ $1/2(2^+)$		• $X(4050)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$	• $X(4050)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$	• $X(4050)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$	• $X(4050)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$
• $b_1(1235)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $\eta_2(1870)$ $0^+(2^-)$	• $K(1460)$ $1/2(0^-)$		• $X(4100)^\pm$ $1^-(?^?)$	• $X(4100)^\pm$ $1^-(?^?)$	• $X(4100)^\pm$ $1^-(?^?)$	• $X(4100)^\pm$ $1^-(?^?)$
• $a_1(1260)$ $1^-(1^+)$	• $\pi_2(1880)$ $1^-(2^-)$	• $K_2(1580)$ $1/2(2^-)$		• $\chi_{c1}(4140)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(4140)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(4140)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(4140)$ $0^+(1^+)$
• $f_2(1270)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\rho(1900)$ $1^+(1^-)$	• $K(1630)$ $1/2(?)$		• $\psi(4160)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4160)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4160)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4160)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $f_1(1285)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $f_2(1910)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $K_1(1650)$ $1/2(1^+)$		• $X(4160)$ $?^?(?^?)$	• $X(4160)$ $?^?(?^?)$	• $X(4160)$ $?^?(?^?)$	• $X(4160)$ $?^?(?^?)$
• $\eta(1295)$ $0^+(0^-)$	• $a_0(1950)$ $1^-(0^+)$	• $K^*(1680)$ $1/2(1^-)$		• $Z_c(4200)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(4200)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(4200)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(4200)$ $1^+(1^+)$
• $\pi(1300)$ $1^-(0^-)$	• $f_2(1950)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $K_2(1770)$ $1/2(2^-)$		• $\psi(4230)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4230)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4230)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4230)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $a_2(1320)$ $1^-(2^+)$	• $a_4(1970)$ $1^-(4^+)$	• $K_3^*(1780)$ $1/2(3^-)$		• $R_{c0}(4240)$ $1^+(0^-)$	• $R_{c0}(4240)$ $1^+(0^-)$	• $R_{c0}(4240)$ $1^+(0^-)$	• $R_{c0}(4240)$ $1^+(0^-)$
• $f_0(1370)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\rho_3(1990)$ $1^+(3^-)$	• $K_2(1820)$ $1/2(2^-)$		• $X(4250)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$	• $X(4250)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$	• $X(4250)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$	• $X(4250)^\pm$ $1^-(?^+)$
• $\pi_1(1400)$ $1^-(1^+)$	• $\pi_2(2005)$ $1^-(2^-)$	• $K(1830)$ $1/2(0^-)$		• $\psi(4260)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4260)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4260)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4260)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $\eta(1405)$ $0^+(0^-)$	• $f_2(2010)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $K_1^*(1950)$ $1/2(0^+)$		• $\chi_{c1}(4274)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(4274)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(4274)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\chi_{c1}(4274)$ $0^+(1^+)$
• $h_1(1415)$ $0^-(1^+)$	• $f_0(2020)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $K_2^*(1980)$ $1/2(2^+)$		• $X(4350)$ $0^+(?^+)$	• $X(4350)$ $0^+(?^+)$	• $X(4350)$ $0^+(?^+)$	• $X(4350)$ $0^+(?^+)$
• $a_1(1420)$ $1^-(1^+)$	• $f_4(2050)$ $0^+(4^+)$	• $K_3^*(2045)$ $1/2(4^+)$		• $\psi(4360)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4360)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4360)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4360)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $f_1(1420)$ $0^+(1^+)$	• $\pi_2(2100)$ $1^-(2^-)$	• $K_2(2250)$ $1/2(2^-)$		• $\psi(4390)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4390)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4390)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4390)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $\omega(1420)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $f_0(2100)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $K_3(2320)$ $1/2(3^+)$		• $Z_c(4415)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $Z_c(4415)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $Z_c(4415)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $Z_c(4415)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $f_2(1430)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $f_2(2150)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $K_5^*(2380)$ $1/2(5^-)$		• $Z_c(4430)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(4430)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(4430)$ $1^+(1^+)$	• $Z_c(4430)$ $1^+(1^+)$
• $a_0(1450)$ $1^-(0^+)$	• $\rho(2150)$ $1^+(1^-)$	• $K_4(2500)$ $1/2(4^-)$		• $\chi_{c0}(4500)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(4500)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(4500)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(4500)$ $0^+(0^+)$
• $\rho(1450)$ $1^+(1^-)$	• $\phi(2170)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $K(3100)$ $?^?(?^?)$		• $\psi(4660)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4660)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4660)$ $0^-(1^-)$	• $\psi(4660)$ $0^-(1^-)$
• $\eta(1475)$ $0^+(0^-)$	• $f_0(2200)$ $0^+(0^+)$			• $\chi_{c0}(4700)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(4700)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(4700)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $\chi_{c0}(4700)$ $0^+(0^+)$
• $f_0(1500)$ $0^+(0^+)$	• $f_J(2220)$ $0^+(2^+)$						
• $f_1(1510)$ $0^+(1^+)$							
• $f_2(1525)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\eta(2225)$ $0^+(0^-)$						
• $f_2(1565)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\rho_3(2250)$ $1^+(3^-)$						
• $\rho(1570)$ $1^+(1^-)$	• $f_2(2300)$ $0^+(2^+)$						
• $h_1(1595)$ $0^-(1^+)$	• $f_4(2300)$ $0^+(4^+)$						
• $\pi_1(1600)$ $1^-(1^+)$	• $f_0(2330)$ $0^+(0^+)$						
• $a_1(1640)$ $1^-(1^+)$	• $f_2(2340)$ $0^+(2^+)$						
• $f_2(1640)$ $0^+(2^+)$	• $\rho_5(2350)$ $1^+(5^-)$						
• $\eta_2(1645)$ $0^+(2^-)$	• $f_6(2510)$ $0^+(6^+)$						
• $\omega(1650)$ $0^-(1^-)$							
• $\omega_3(1670)$ $0^-(3^-)$							

Particle Data Group (PDG)  
Meson Summary Table

Baryon Summary Table

This short table gives the name, the quantum numbers (where known), and the status of baryons in the Review. Only the baryons with 3- or 4-star status are included in the Baryon Summary Table. Due to insufficient data or uncertain interpretation, the other entries in the table are not established baryons. The names with masses are of baryons that decay strongly. The spin-parity  $J^P$  (when known) is given with each particle. For the strongly decaying particles, the  $J^P$  values are considered to be part of the names.

$p$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(1232)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma^+$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi^0$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi^{++}$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_{cc}^{+++}$ ****
$n$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(1600)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma^0$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi^-$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_{cc}^+$ ****	$\Xi_{cc}^+$ ****
$N(1440)$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(1620)$ $1/2^-$ ****	$\Sigma^-$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi(1530)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Lambda_b^0$ $1/2^+$ ***	$\Lambda_b^0$ $1/2^+$ ***
$N(1520)$ $3/2^-$ ****	$\Delta(1700)$ $3/2^-$ ****	$\Sigma(1385)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Xi(1620)$ *	$\Lambda_b(5912)^0$ $1/2^-$ ***	$\Lambda_b(5912)^0$ $1/2^-$ ***
$N(1535)$ $1/2^-$ ****	$\Delta(1750)$ $1/2^+$ *	$\Sigma(1580)$ $3/2^-$ *	$\Xi(1690)$ ****	$\Lambda_b(5920)^0$ $3/2^-$ ***	$\Lambda_b(5920)^0$ $3/2^-$ ***
$N(1650)$ $1/2^-$ ****	$\Delta(1900)$ $1/2^-$ ***	$\Sigma(1620)$ $1/2^-$ *	$\Xi(1820)$ $3/2^-$ ***	$\Lambda_b(6146)^0$ $3/2^+$ ***	$\Lambda_b(6146)^0$ $3/2^+$ ***
$N(1675)$ $5/2^-$ ****	$\Delta(1905)$ $5/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma(1660)$ $1/2^+$ ***	$\Xi(1950)$ ****	$\Lambda_b(6152)^0$ $5/2^+$ ***	$\Lambda_b(6152)^0$ $5/2^+$ ***
$N(1680)$ $5/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(1910)$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma(1670)$ $3/2^-$ ****	$\Xi(2030)$ $\geq 5/2^?$ ****	$\Sigma_b$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma_b$ $1/2^+$ ****
$N(1700)$ $3/2^-$ ****	$\Delta(1920)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma(1750)$ $1/2^-$ ***	$\Xi(2120)$ *	$\Sigma_b^*$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma_b^*$ $3/2^+$ ****
$N(1710)$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(1930)$ $5/2^-$ ****	$\Sigma(1775)$ $5/2^-$ ****	$\Xi(2250)$ **	$\Sigma_b(6097)^+$ ****	$\Sigma_b(6097)^+$ ****
$N(1720)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(1940)$ $3/2^-$ **	$\Sigma(1780)$ $3/2^+$ *	$\Xi(2370)$ **	$\Sigma_b(6097)^-$ ****	$\Sigma_b(6097)^-$ ****
$N(1860)$ $5/2^+$ **	$\Delta(1950)$ $7/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma(1880)$ $1/2^+$ **	$\Xi(2500)$ *	$\Xi_b^0$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_b^0$ $1/2^+$ ****
$N(1875)$ $3/2^-$ **	$\Delta(2000)$ $5/2^+$ **	$\Sigma(1900)$ $1/2^-$ **	$\Omega^-$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_b^-(5935)^-$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_b^-(5935)^-$ $1/2^+$ ****
$N(1880)$ $1/2^+$ **	$\Delta(2150)$ $1/2^-$ *	$\Sigma(1910)$ $3/2^-$ ***	$\Omega(2012)^-$ $?^-$ ****	$\Xi_b(5945)^0$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_b(5945)^0$ $3/2^+$ ****
$N(1895)$ $1/2^-$ ****	$\Delta(2200)$ $7/2^-$ ****	$\Sigma(1915)$ $5/2^+$ ****	$\Omega(2250)^-$ ****	$\Xi_b(5955)^-$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Xi_b(5955)^-$ $3/2^+$ ****
$N(1900)$ $3/2^+$ ****	$\Delta(2300)$ $9/2^+$ **	$\Sigma(1940)$ $3/2^+$ *	$\Omega(2380)^-$ **	$\Xi_b(6227)$ ****	$\Xi_b(6227)$ ****
$N(1990)$ $7/2^+$ **	$\Delta(2350)$ $5/2^-$ *	$\Sigma(2010)$ $3/2^-$ *	$\Omega(2470)^-$ **	$\Omega_b$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Omega_b$ $1/2^+$ ****
$N(2000)$ $5/2^+$ **	$\Delta(2390)$ $7/2^+$ *	$\Sigma(2030)$ $7/2^+$ ****		$P_c(4312)^+$ *	$P_c(4312)^+$ *
$N(2040)$ $3/2^+$ *	$\Delta(2400)$ $9/2^-$ **	$\Sigma(2070)$ $5/2^+$ *		$P_c(4380)^+$ *	$P_c(4380)^+$ *
$N(2060)$ $5/2^-$ **	$\Delta(2420)$ $11/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma(2080)$ $3/2^+$ *		$P_c(4440)^+$ *	$P_c(4440)^+$ *
$N(2100)$ $1/2^+$ **	$\Delta(2750)$ $13/2^-$ **	$\Sigma(2100)$ $7/2^-$ *		$P_c(4457)^+$ *	$P_c(4457)^+$ *
$N(2120)$ $3/2^-$ **	$\Delta(2950)$ $15/2^+$ **	$\Sigma(2160)$ $1/2^-$ *			
$N(2190)$ $7/2^-$ ****		$\Sigma(2230)$ $3/2^+$ *			
$N(2220)$ $9/2^+$ ****	$\Lambda$ $1/2^+$ ****	$\Sigma(2250)$ ****			
$N(2250)$ $9/2^-$ ****	$\Lambda$ $1/2^-$ **	$\Sigma(2455)$ **			
$N(2300)$ $1/2^+$ **	$\Lambda(1405)$ $1/2^-$ ****	<			

# Prologue: Definitions and Philosophy

“All science is either physics or stamp collecting.”

— *Ernest Rutherford (apocryphal)*

But:

(1) diversity is interesting

(2) hadrons provide a toolkit to address particular questions

(3) general principles can be inferred from patterns

⇒ spectroscopy is stamp collecting  
*(which is a good thing)*



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# IA. Introduction to Meson Families

## QUARKS

## ANTIQUARKS

	$d$	$u$	$s$	$c$	$b$
$\bar{d}$	$\pi^0   \eta   \eta'$	$\pi^+$	$\bar{K}^0$	$D^+$	$\bar{B}^0$
$\bar{u}$	$\pi^-$	$\pi^0   \eta   \eta'$	$K^-$	$D^0$	$B^-$
$\bar{s}$	$K^0$	$K^+$	$\eta   \eta'$ $\phi$	$D_s^+$	$\bar{B}_s^0$
$\bar{c}$	$D^-$	$\bar{D}^0$	$D_s^-$	$J/\psi$	$B_c^-$
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$u\bar{d}, u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}$

$c\bar{c}$

$b\bar{b}$

$d\bar{s}, u\bar{s}$

$c\bar{u}, c\bar{d}$

$c\bar{s}$

$d\bar{b}, u\bar{b}$

$s\bar{b}$

↑	1 <sup>-(-)</sup>	$\rho(1700)$	$\omega(1650)$	$\phi(1680)$	$\psi(3770)$	$\Upsilon(4S)$	$K^*(1680)$		$D_{s1}^*(2700)^+$		
	2 <sup>+(+)</sup>	$a_2(1320)$	$f_2(1270)$	$f_2'(1525)$	$\chi_{c2}(1P)$	$\chi_{b2}(1P)$	$K_2^*(1430)$	$D_2^*(2460)$	$D_{s2}^*(2573)^+$	$B_2^*(5747)$	$B_{s2}^*(5840)^0$
	1 <sup>+(+)</sup>	$a_1(1260)$	$f_1(1285)$	$f_1(1420)$	$\chi_{c1}(1P)$	$\chi_{b1}(1P)$	$K_1(1400)$	$D_1(2430)$	$D_{s1}(2536)^+$		
	0 <sup>+(+)</sup>	$a_0(1450)$	$f_0(1370)$	$f_0(1710)$	$\chi_{c0}(1P)$	$\chi_{b0}(1P)$	$K_0^*(1430)$	$D_0^*(2300)$	$D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$		
	1 <sup>+(+)</sup>	$b_1(1235)$	$h_1(1170)$	$h_1(1415)$	$h_c(1P)$	$h_b(1P)$	$K_1(1270)$	$D_1(2420)$	$D_{s1}(2460)^+$	$B_1(5721)$	$B_{s1}(5830)^0$
	1 <sup>-(-)</sup>	$\rho(770)$	$\omega(782)$	$\phi(1020)$	$J/\psi(1S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$K^*(892)$	$D^*(2007)^0   D^*(2010)^+$	$D_s^{*+}$	$B^*$	$B_s^{*0}$
	0 <sup>-(+)</sup>	$\pi^0$   $\pi^+$	$\eta   \eta'$	$\eta   \eta'$	$\eta_c(1S)$	$\eta_b(1S)$	$K^0$   $K^+$	$D^0$   $D^+$	$D_s^+$	$B^0$   $B^+$	$B_s^0$
	$J^{P(C)}$										

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$\bar{s}$	$K^0$	$K^+$	$\eta   \eta'$ $\phi$	$D_s^+$	$\bar{B}_s^0$
$\bar{c}$	$D^-$	$\bar{D}^0$	$D_s^-$	$J/\psi$	$B_c^-$
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$b\bar{b}$

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	1 <sup>+(+)</sup>	$a_1(1260)$	$f_1(1285)$	$f_1(1420)$	$\chi_{c1}(1P)$	$\chi_{b1}(1P)$	$K_1(1400)$	$D_1(2430)$	$D_{s1}(2536)^+$		
	0 <sup>+(+)</sup>	$a_0(1450)$	$f_0(1370)$	$f_0(1710)$	$\chi_{c0}(1P)$	$\chi_{b0}(1P)$	$K_0^*(1430)$	$D_0^*(2300)$	$D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$		
	1 <sup>+(-)</sup>	$b_1(1235)$	$h_1(1170)$	$h_1(1415)$	$h_c(1P)$	$h_b(1P)$	$K_1(1270)$	$D_1(2420)$	$D_{s1}(2460)^+$	$B_1(5721)$	$B_{s1}(5830)^0$
	1 <sup>-(-)</sup>	$\rho(770)$	$\omega(782)$	$\phi(1020)$	$J/\psi(1S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$K^*(892)$	$D^*(2007)^0   D^*(2010)^+$	$D_s^{*+}$	$B^*$	$B_s^{*0}$
	0 <sup>-(+)</sup>	$\pi^0$   $\pi^+$	$\eta   \eta'$	$\eta   \eta'$	$\eta_c(1S)$	$\eta_b(1S)$	$K^0$   $K^+$	$D^0$   $D^+$	$D_s^+$	$B^0$   $B^+$	$B_s^0$
	$J^{P(C)}$										

$Z_c(4020)^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ h_c$	$Z_c(4430)^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \psi(2S)$	$Z_b(10650)^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ h_b, \pi^+ \Upsilon$	$X(2900)^0 \rightarrow D^+ K^-$
$Z_c(3900)^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ J/\psi$	$Z_{cs}(4000)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi$	$Z_b(10610)^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ h_b, \pi^+ \Upsilon$	$T_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}}(6900) \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$

# IB. Basic Principles Determining Meson Behavior

## Four basic principles determining meson behavior:

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2. Flavor quantum numbers are conserved by the strong and electromagnetic forces, but not by the weak force.
3. When allowed,  
strong decays dominate electromagnetic decays,  
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4. Strong decays without  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation are usually preferred over decays with  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation (OZI suppression).

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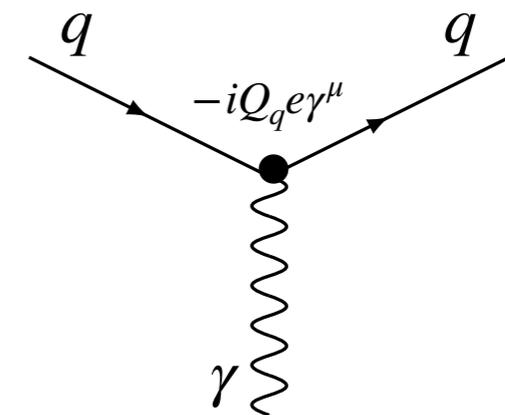
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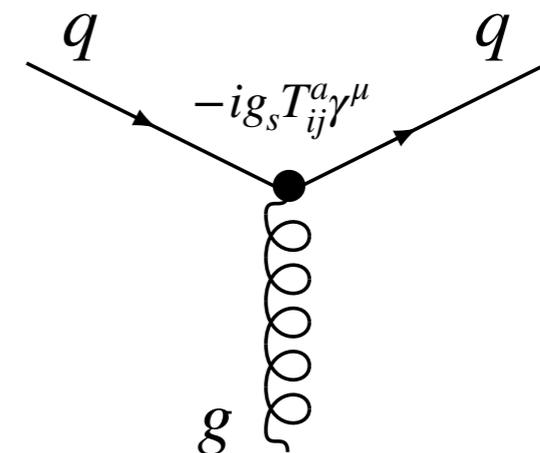
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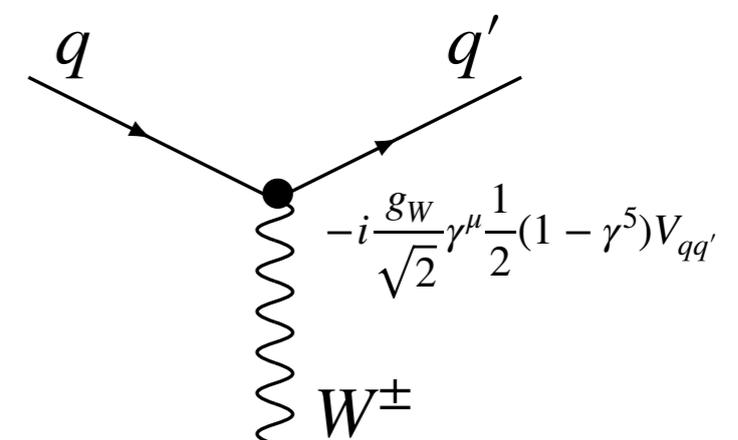
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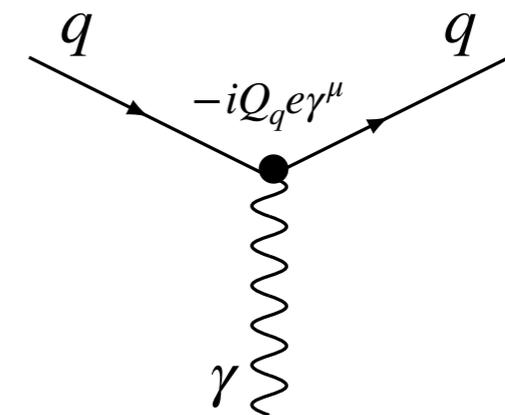
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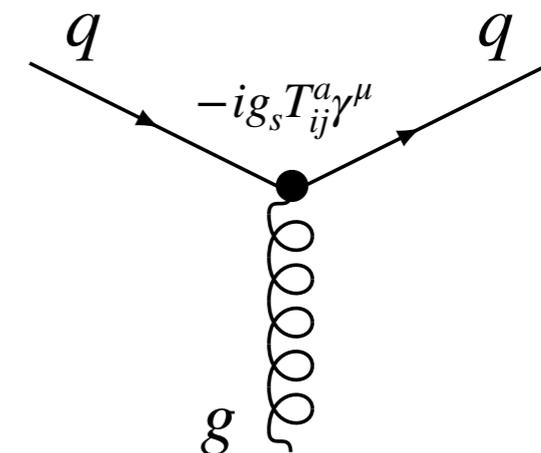
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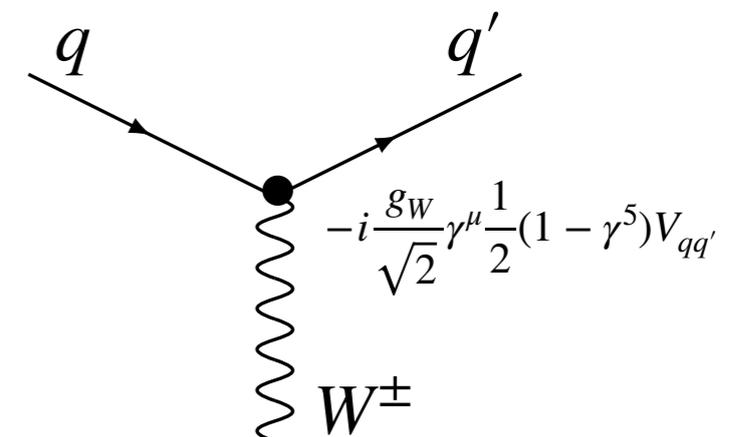
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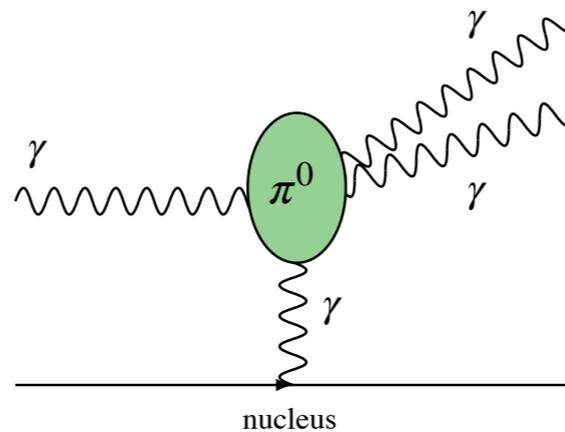
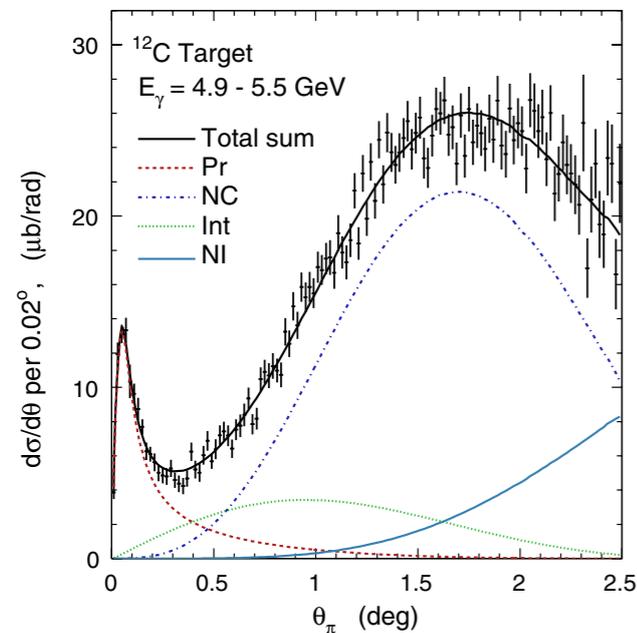
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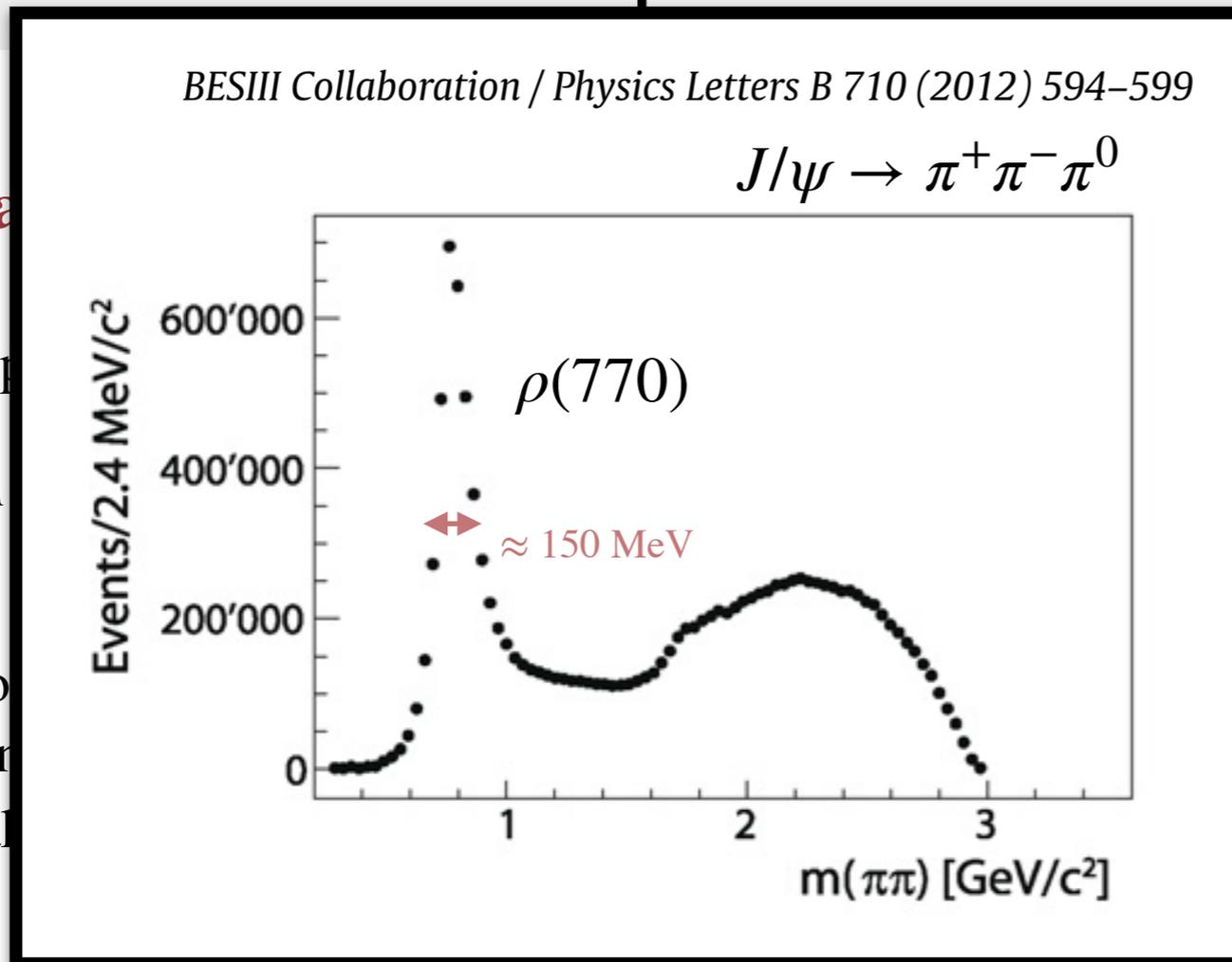
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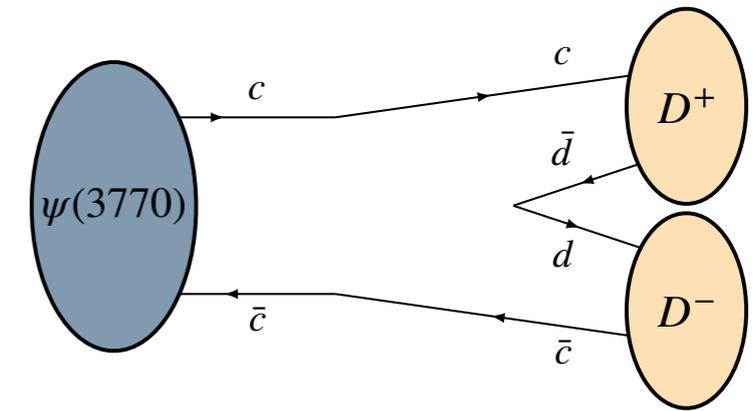
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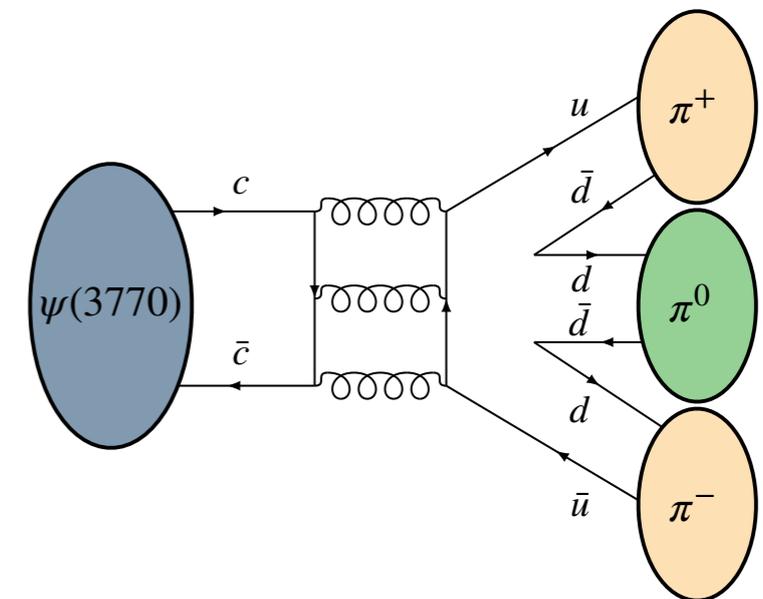
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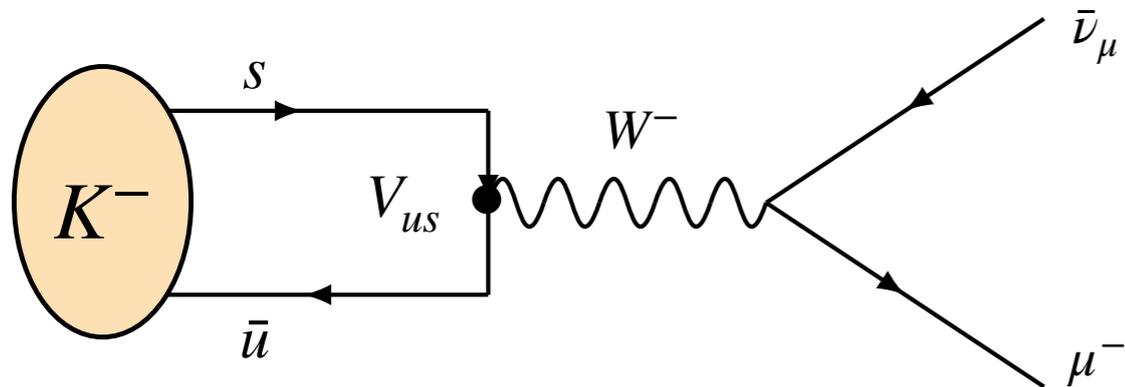
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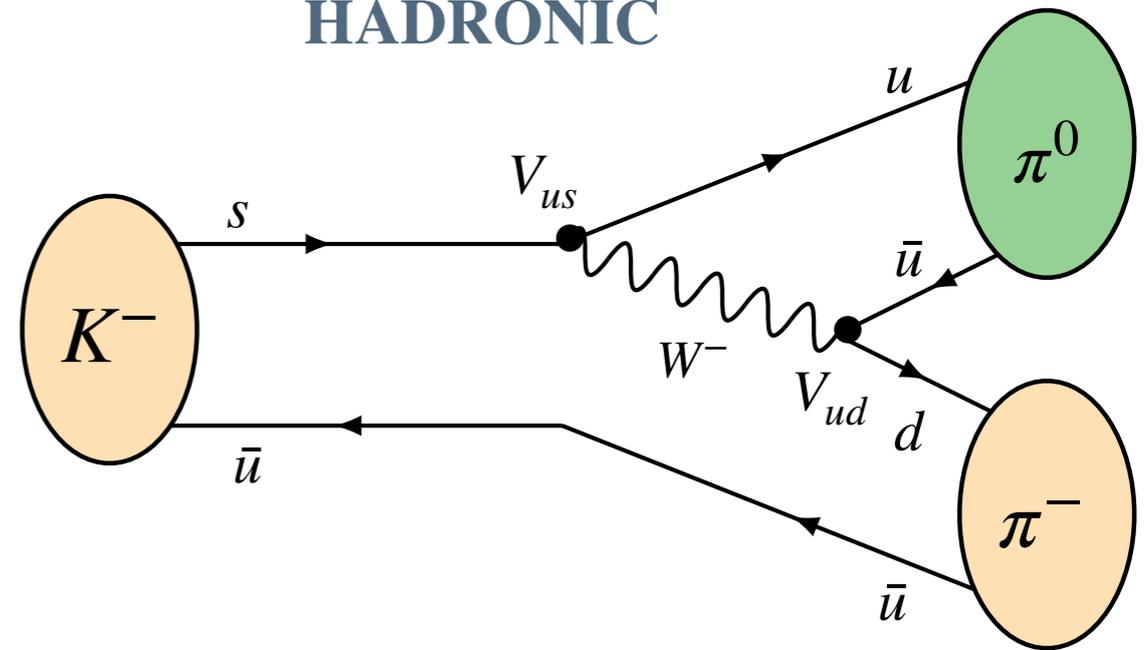
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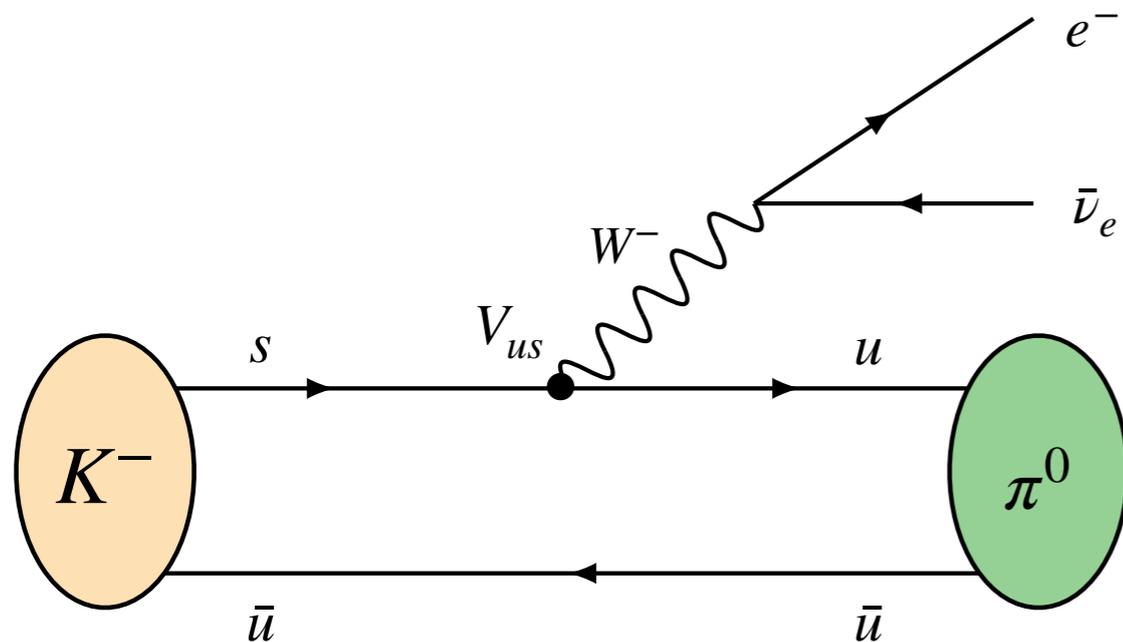
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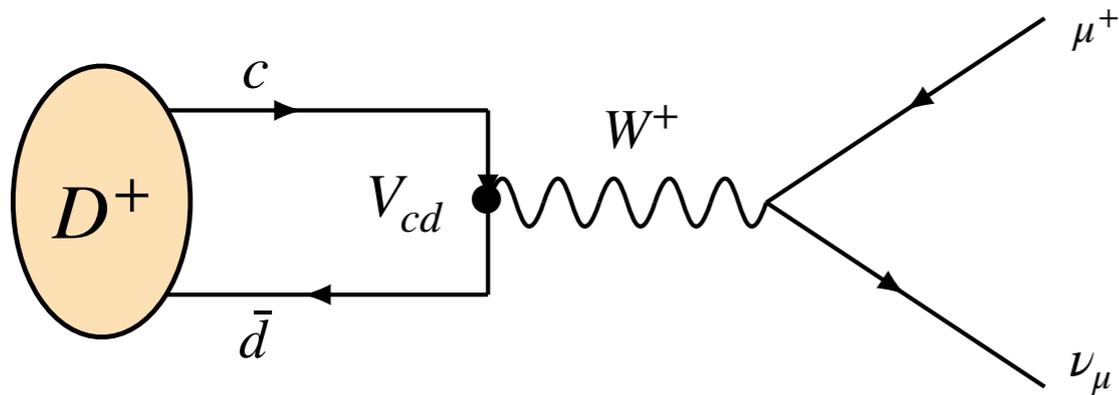
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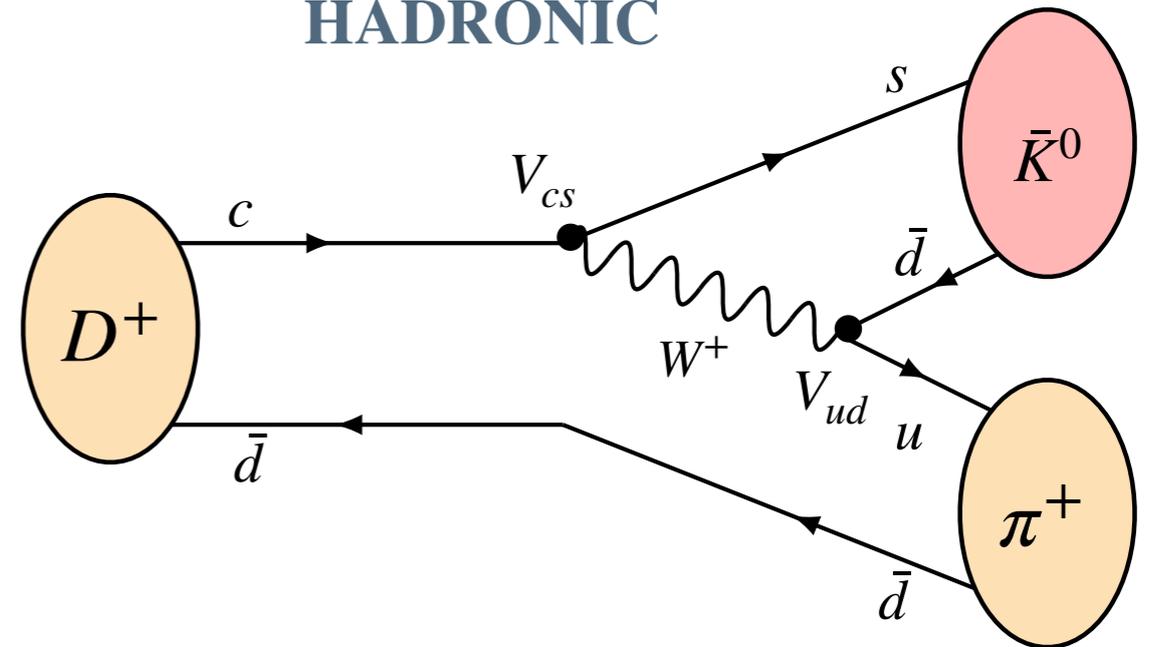
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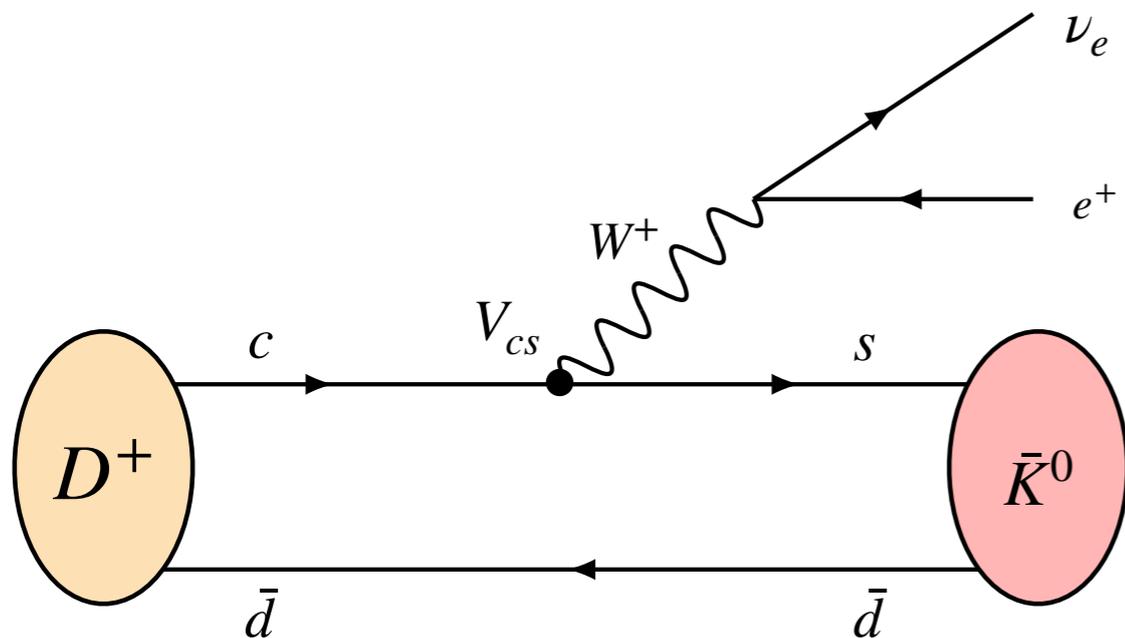
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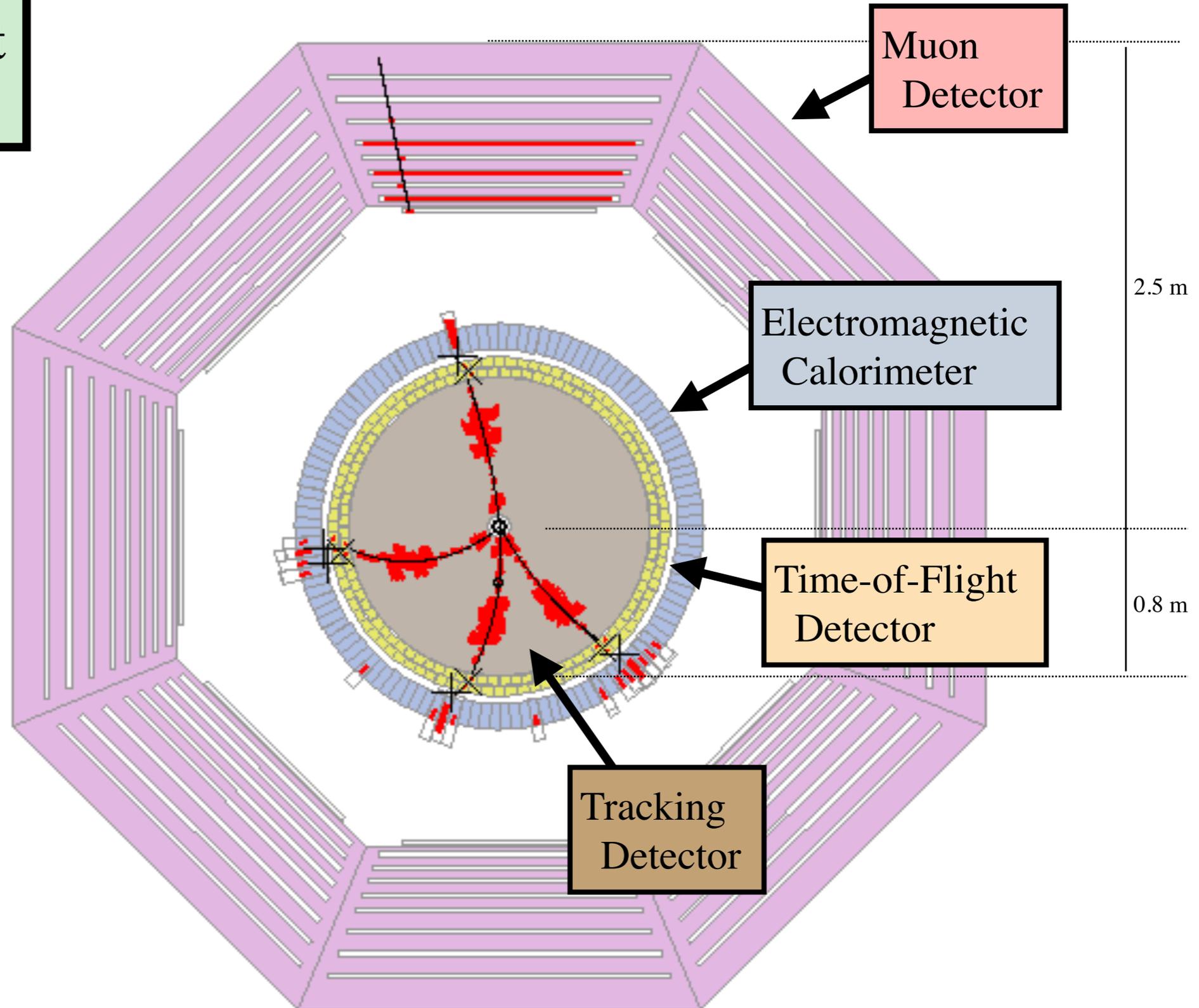
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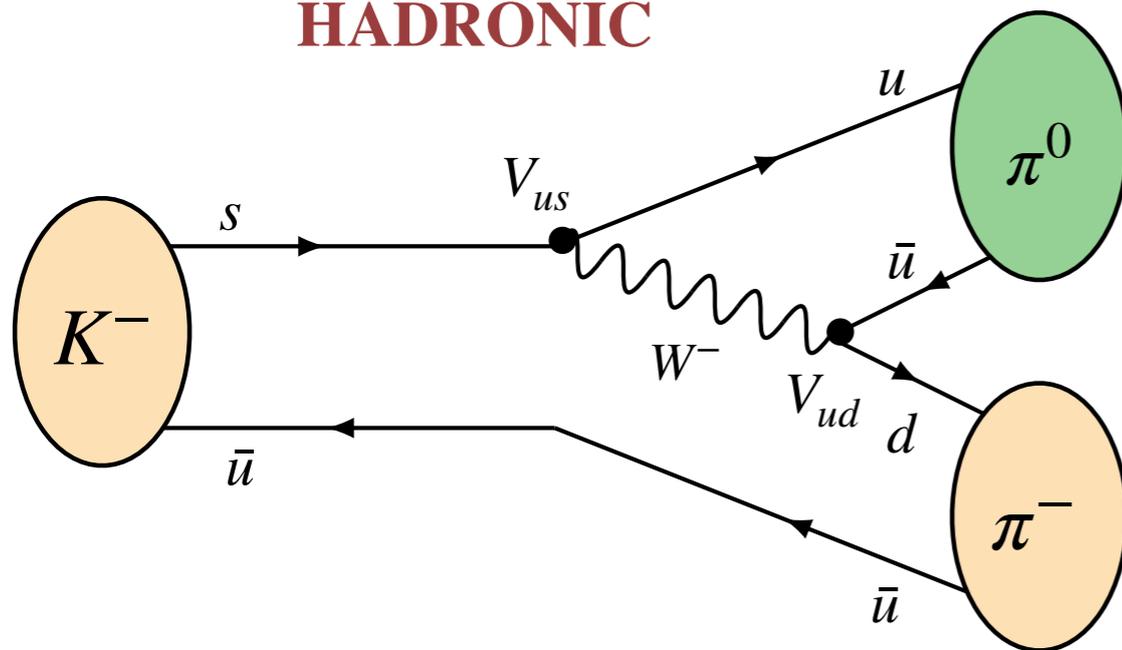
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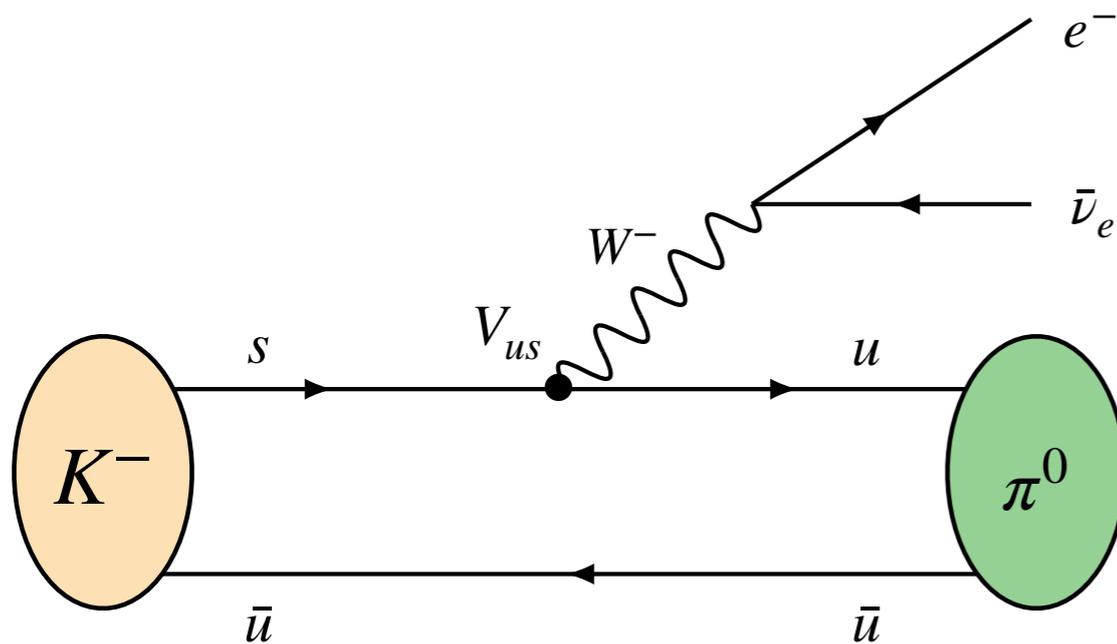
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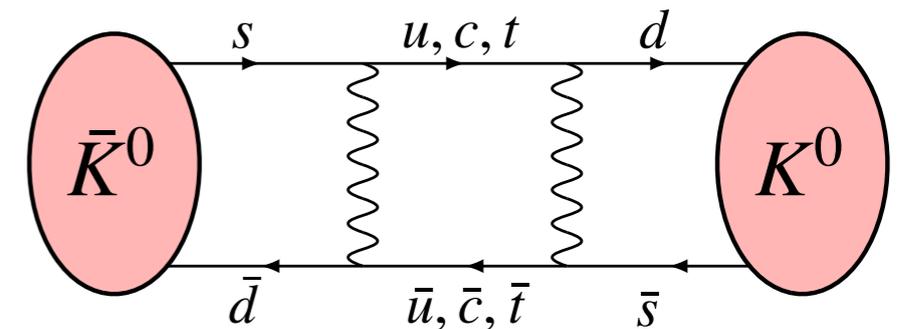


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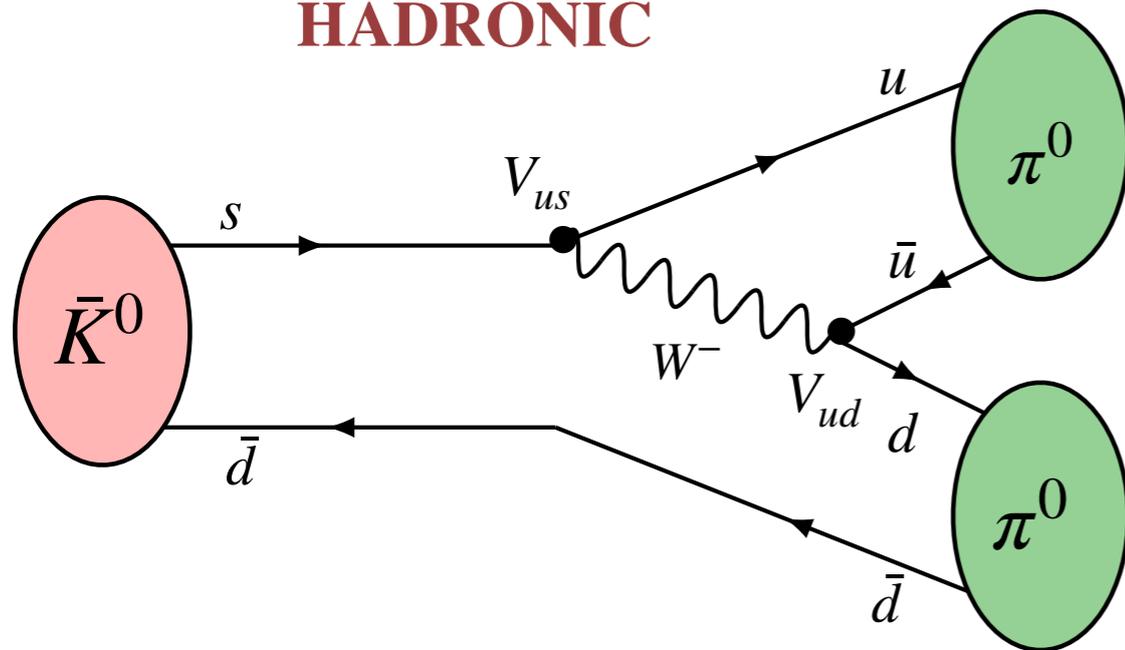
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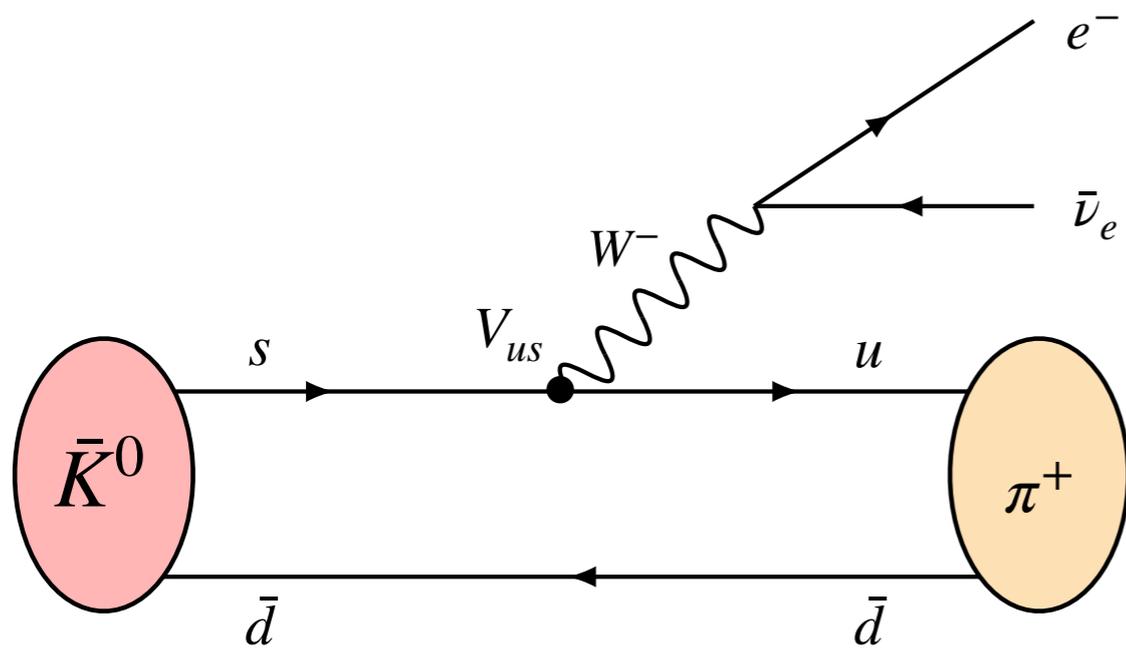
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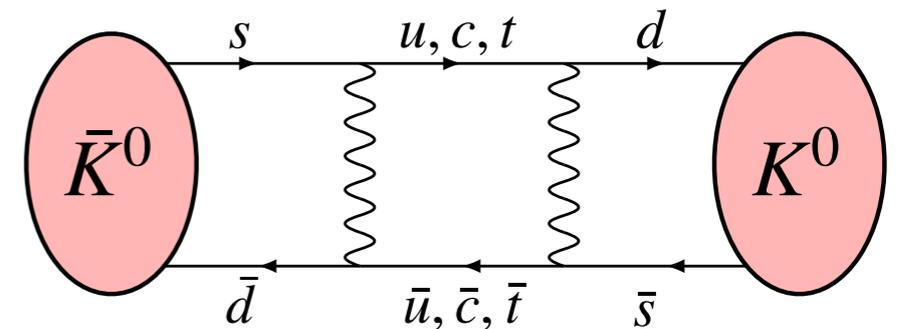


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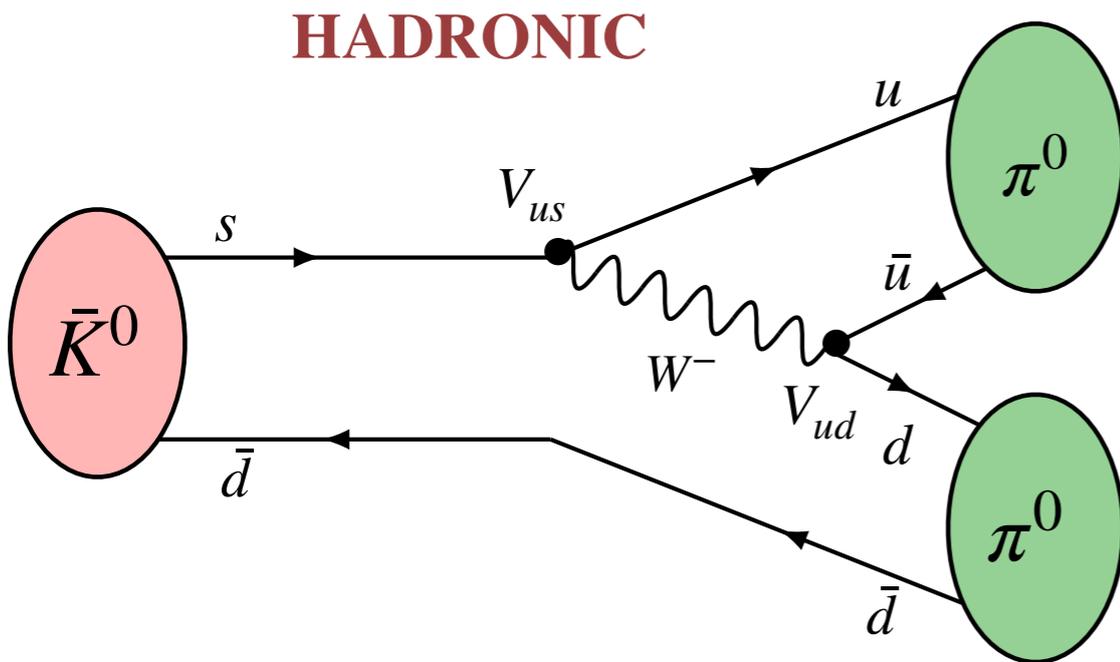
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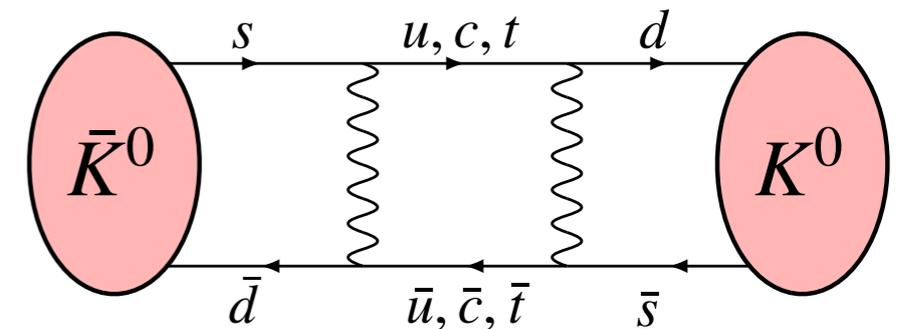
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$\Rightarrow K_S^0$  and  $K_L^0$  have very different lifetimes  
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Start with a  $K^0$  at  $t = 0$ .

The  $K_S^0$  and  $K_L^0$  components evolve differently:

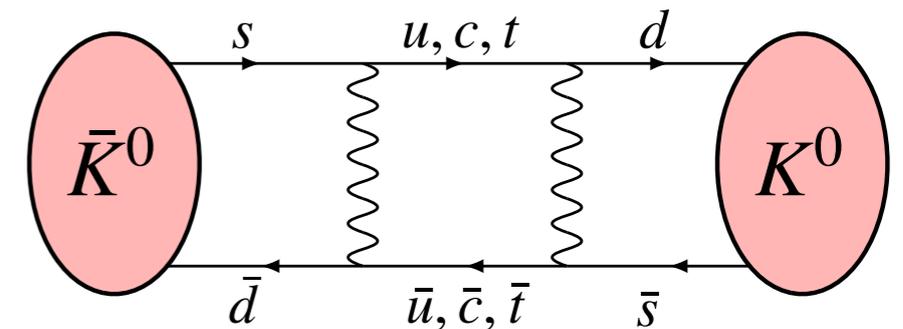
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So that the probability of finding a  $K^0$  at time  $t$  oscillates:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle K^0 | K(t) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{-im_S t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_S t} + e^{-im_L t - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} \right] \\ P_{K^0}(t) &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ e^{-\Gamma_S t} + e^{-\Gamma_L t} + 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_S + \Gamma_L)t} \cos((m_L - m_S)t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

The  $K^0$  family is similar to the  $K^+$  family (e.g. similar weak decays), except:

- (1) members are electrically neutral, so don't leave tracks in detectors
- (2) members can mix through the weak force:



$\Rightarrow K^0$  and  $\bar{K}^0$  are not mass eigenstates (and similarly for  $D^0$ ,  $B^0$ , and  $B_s^0$ )

The mass eigenstates are linear combinations:

$$\begin{aligned} |K_S^0\rangle &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |K^0\rangle + |\bar{K}^0\rangle ] \\ |K_L^0\rangle &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |K^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle ] \end{aligned}$$

# IC. A Tour of Meson Families: **the $K^0$ family**

*Mixing also means the  $K_S^0$  and  $K_L^0$  can have slightly different masses, which controls the rate of  $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$  oscillations (and similarly for  $D^0$ ,  $B^0$ , and  $B_s^0$ ).*

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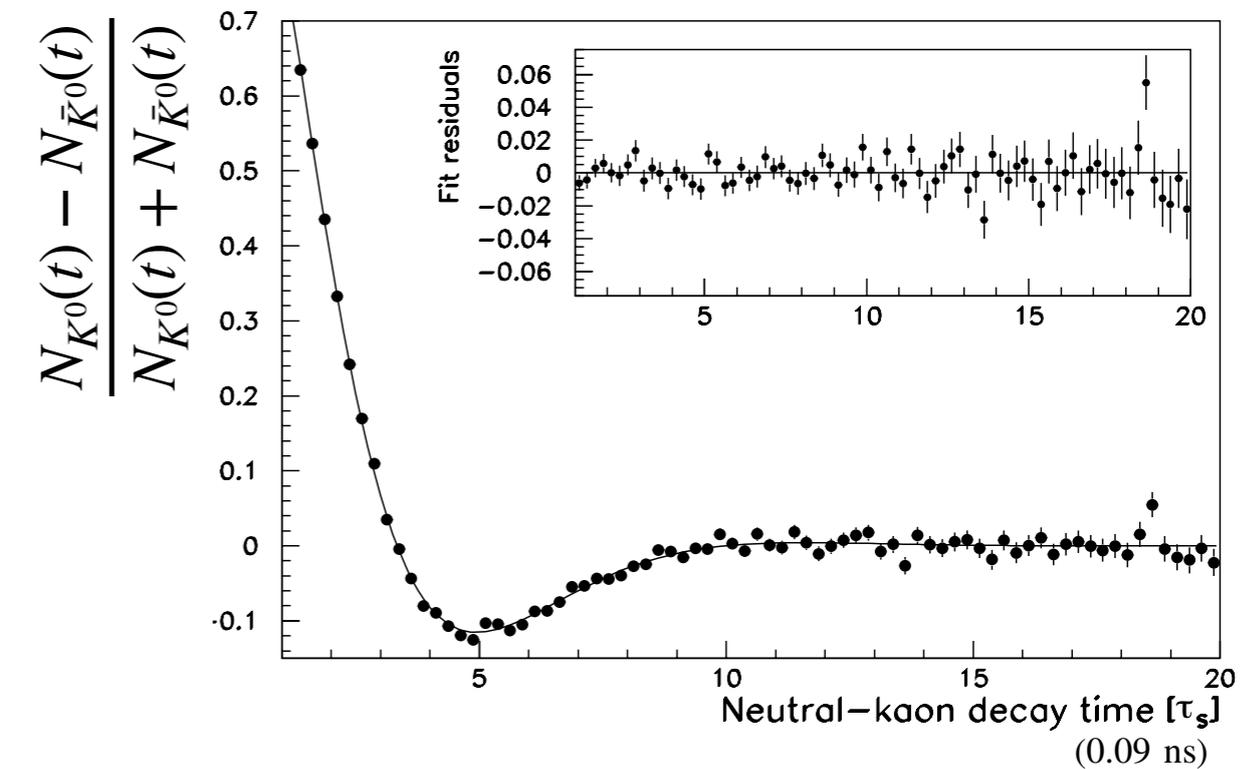
Experimentally,  $K^0$  and  $\bar{K}^0$  can be distinguished using semi-leptonic decays, since  $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$  and  $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ .

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**$\mathcal{T}$ -violation and  $CPT$ -invariance measurements in the CPLEAR experiment: a detailed description of the analysis of neutral-kaon decays to  $e\pi\nu$**

The CPLEAR Collaboration



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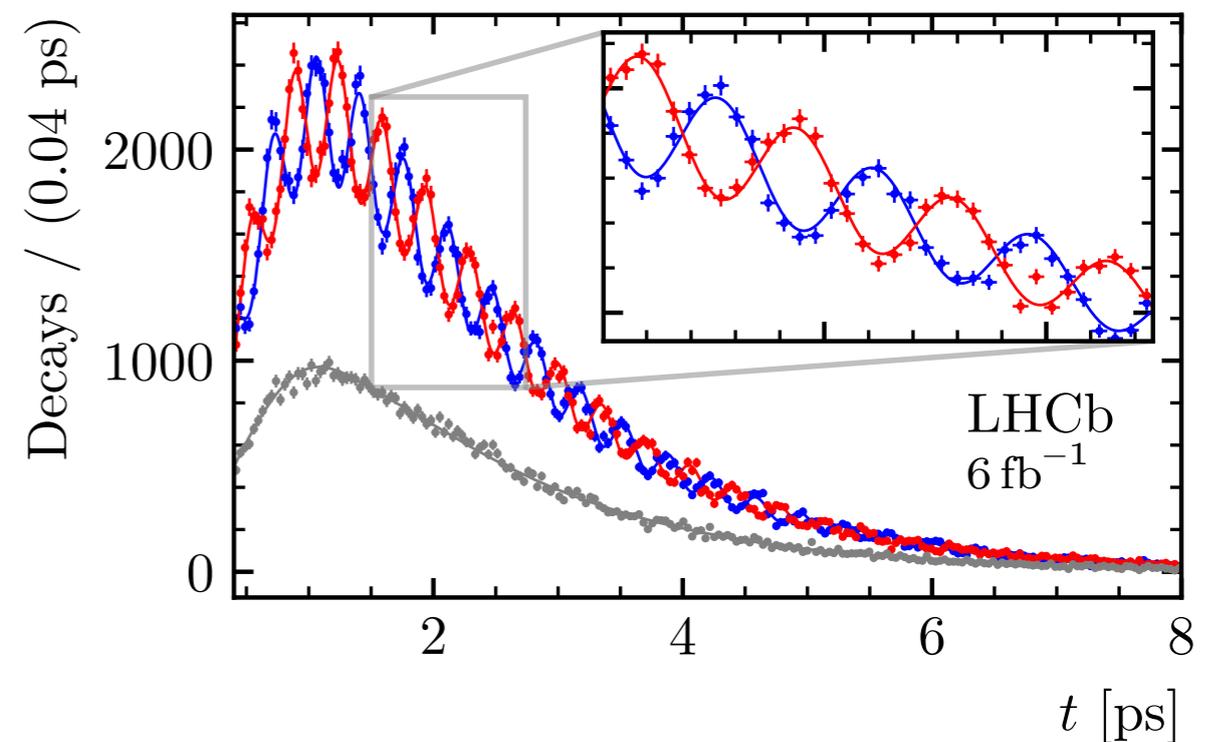
There are similar phenomena for the  $D^0, B^0$ , and  $B_s^0$ , with different lifetimes and mass differences.

## Precise determination of the $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$ oscillation frequency

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LHCb collaboration<sup>†</sup>

—  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  —  $\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  — Untagged



$$m_H - m_L = 1.17 \times 10^{-8} \text{ MeV} = 17.8 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

# IC. A Tour of Meson Families: **the $\pi^0$ family**

## QUARKS

ANTIQUARKS

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	0 <sup>-(+)</sup>	$\pi^0$   $\pi^+$	$\eta   \eta'$	$\eta   \eta'$	$\eta_c(1S)$	$\eta_b(1S)$	$K^0$   $K^+$	$D^0$   $D^+$	$D_s^+$	$B^0$   $B^+$	$B_s^0$

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## Properties of the $\pi^0$ , $\eta$ , and $\eta'$ :

\* mixtures of  $u$ ,  $d$ , and  $s$  quarks:

$$|\pi^0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle ]$$

$$|\eta\rangle \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [ |u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle - 2|s\bar{s}\rangle ]$$

$$|\eta'\rangle \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [ |u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle ]$$

\* the  $\pi^0$  decays only electromagnetically ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  dominant) with a lifetime of  $8.5 \times 10^{-17}$  s ( $c\tau = 26$  nm) corresponding to  $\Gamma_{\pi^0} = 7.7$  eV.

\* the  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  are also narrow (but not as narrow as the  $\pi^0$ ):

$$\Gamma_{\eta} = 1.3 \text{ keV and } \Gamma_{\eta'} = 190 \text{ keV}$$

\* important for chiral symmetry breaking, fundamental QCD calculations, searches for new physics, etc.

\* also important as decay products from other particles

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## BESIII Experiment

(Beijing, China)

Event display for:

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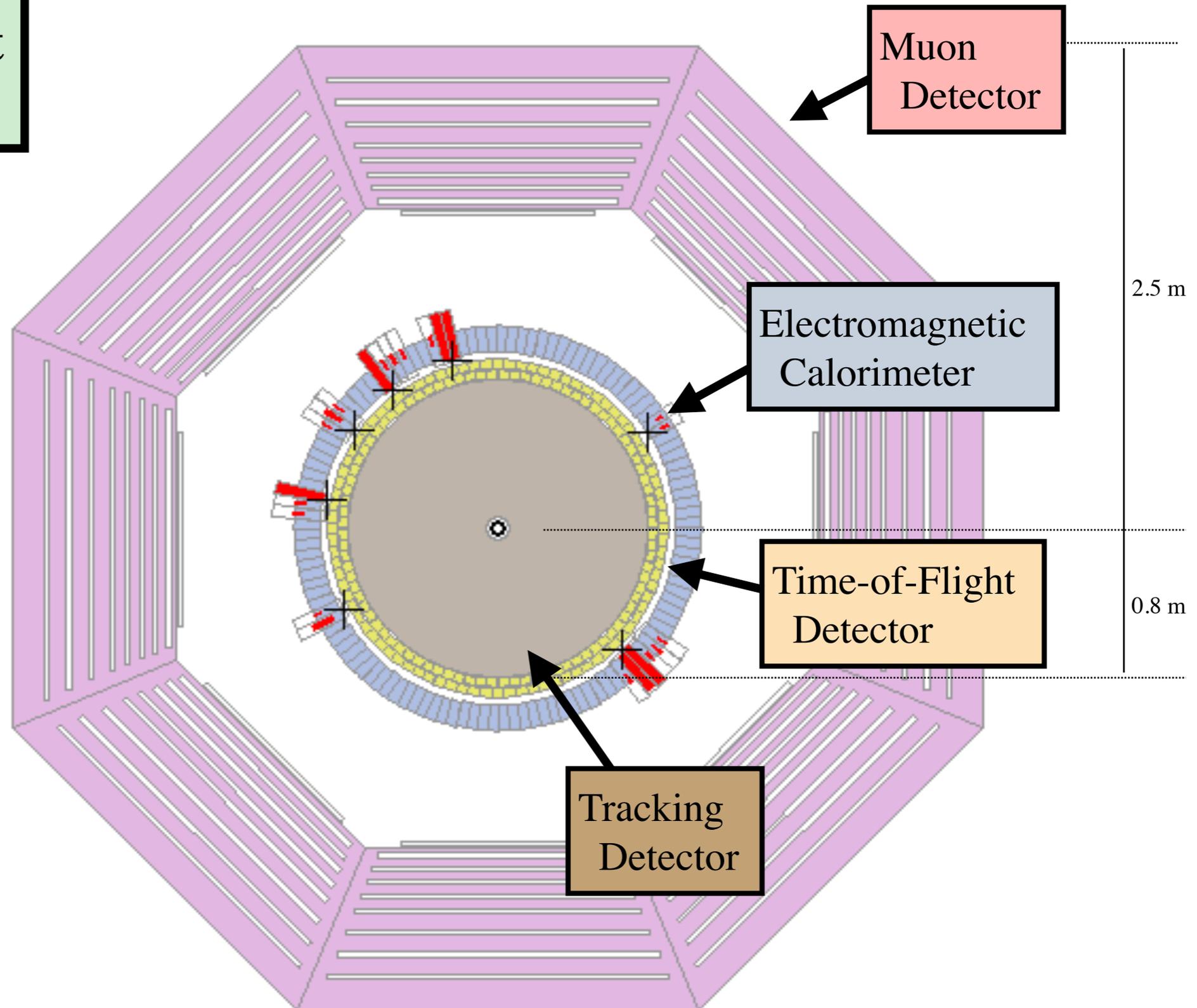
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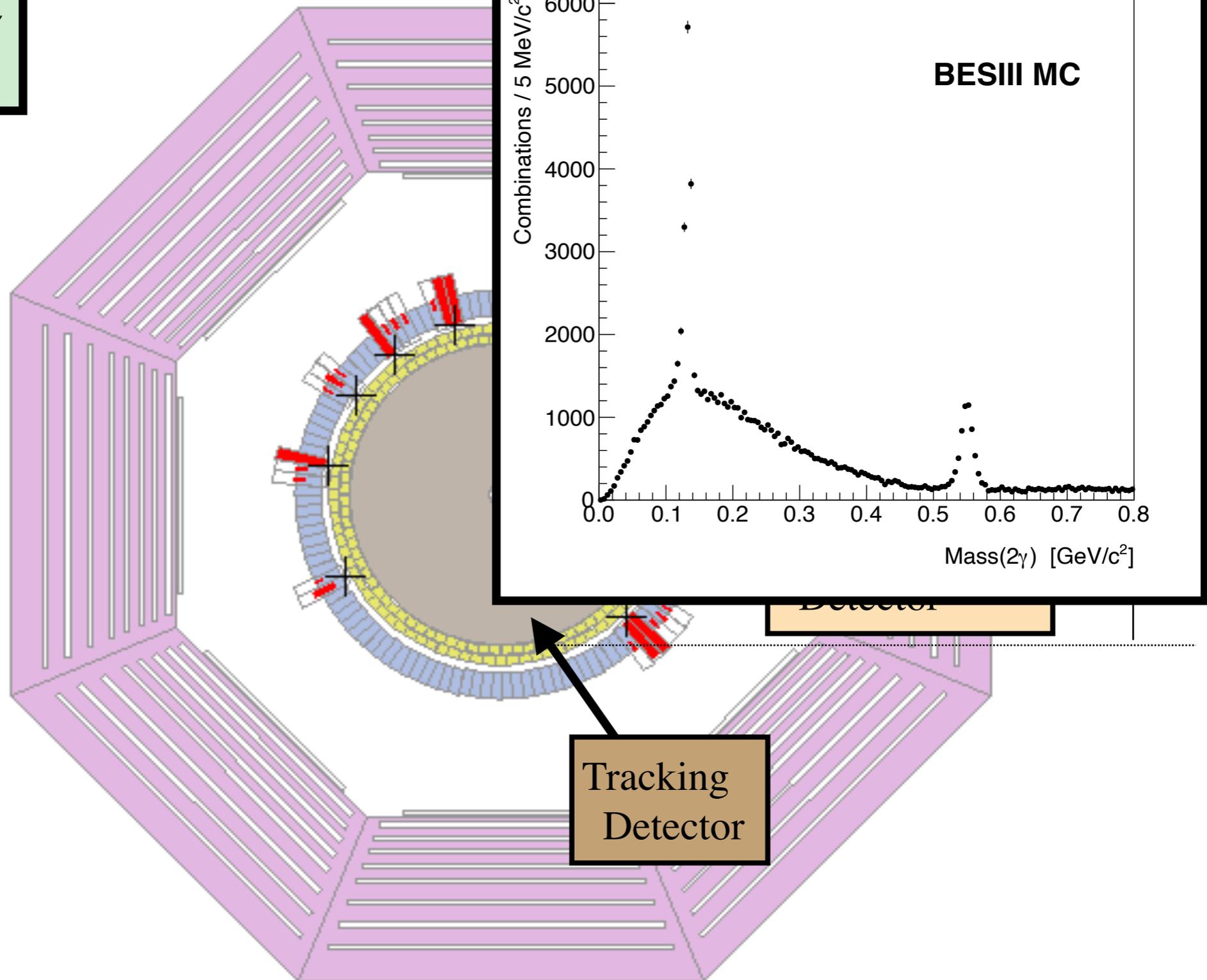
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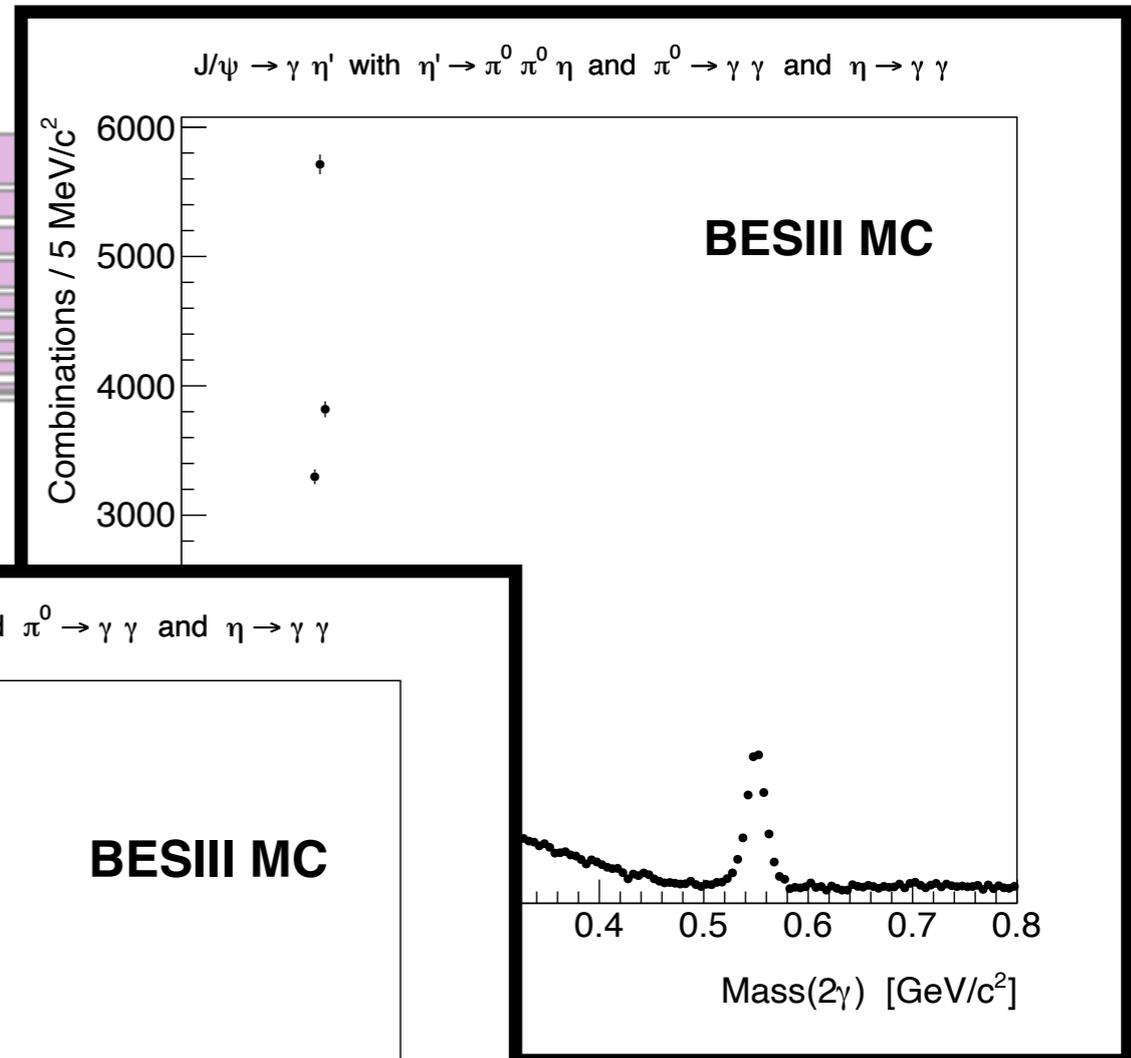
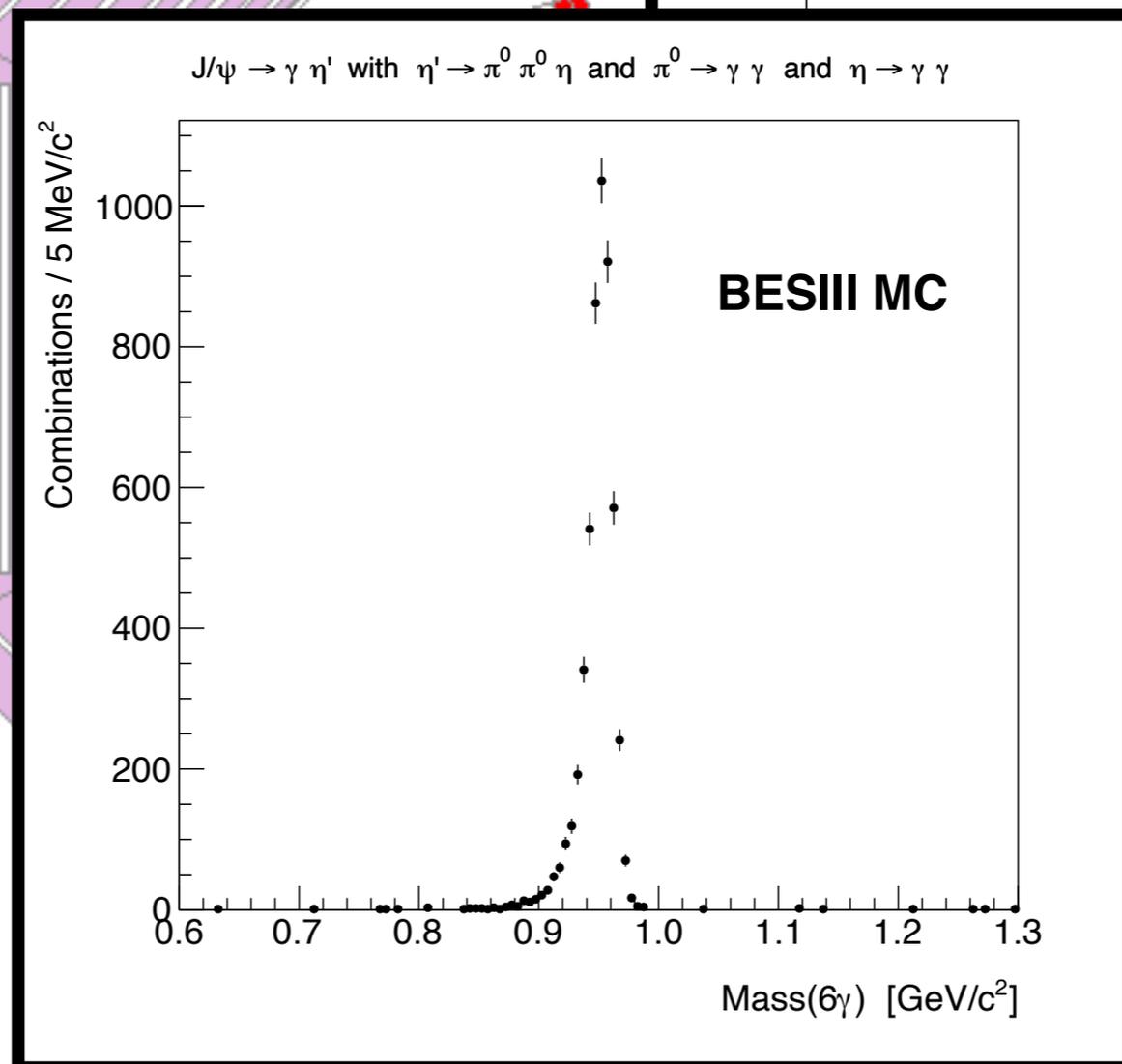
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## QUARKS

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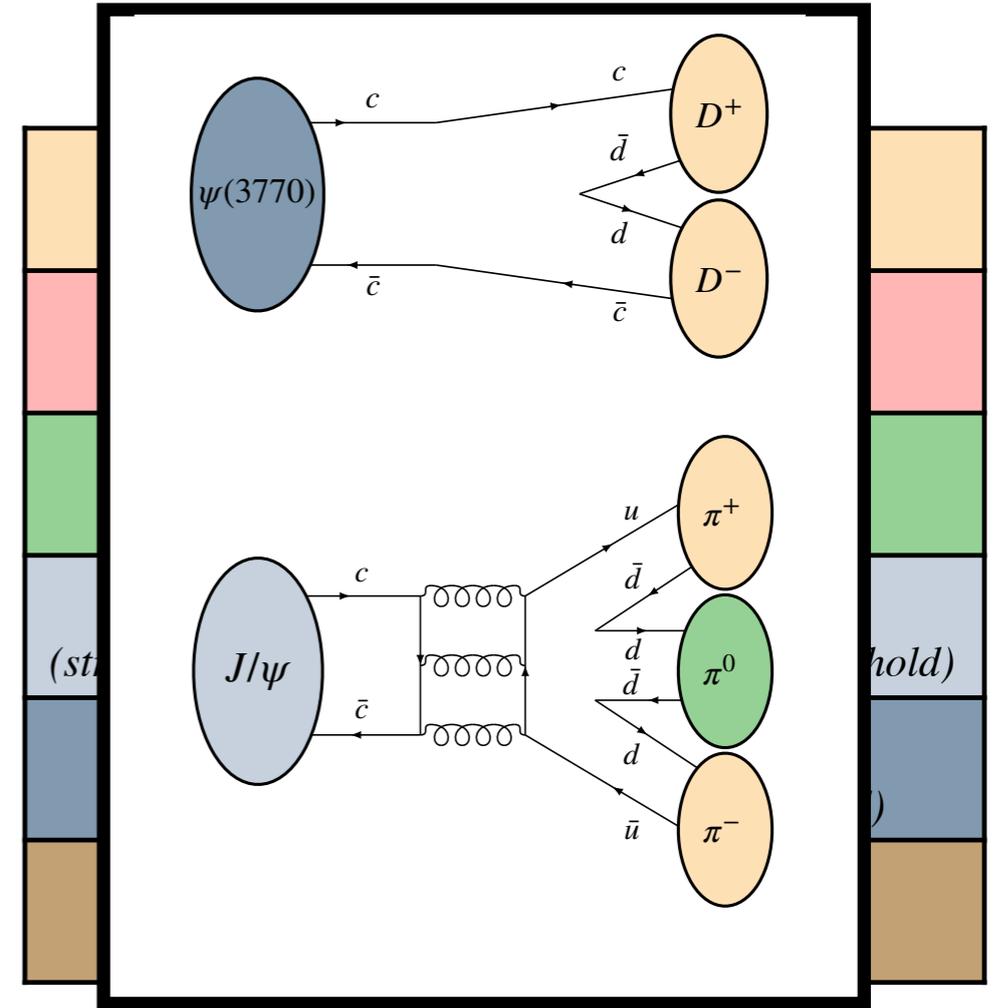
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## Excited meson states below open-flavor thresholds:

\* have suppressed strong decays

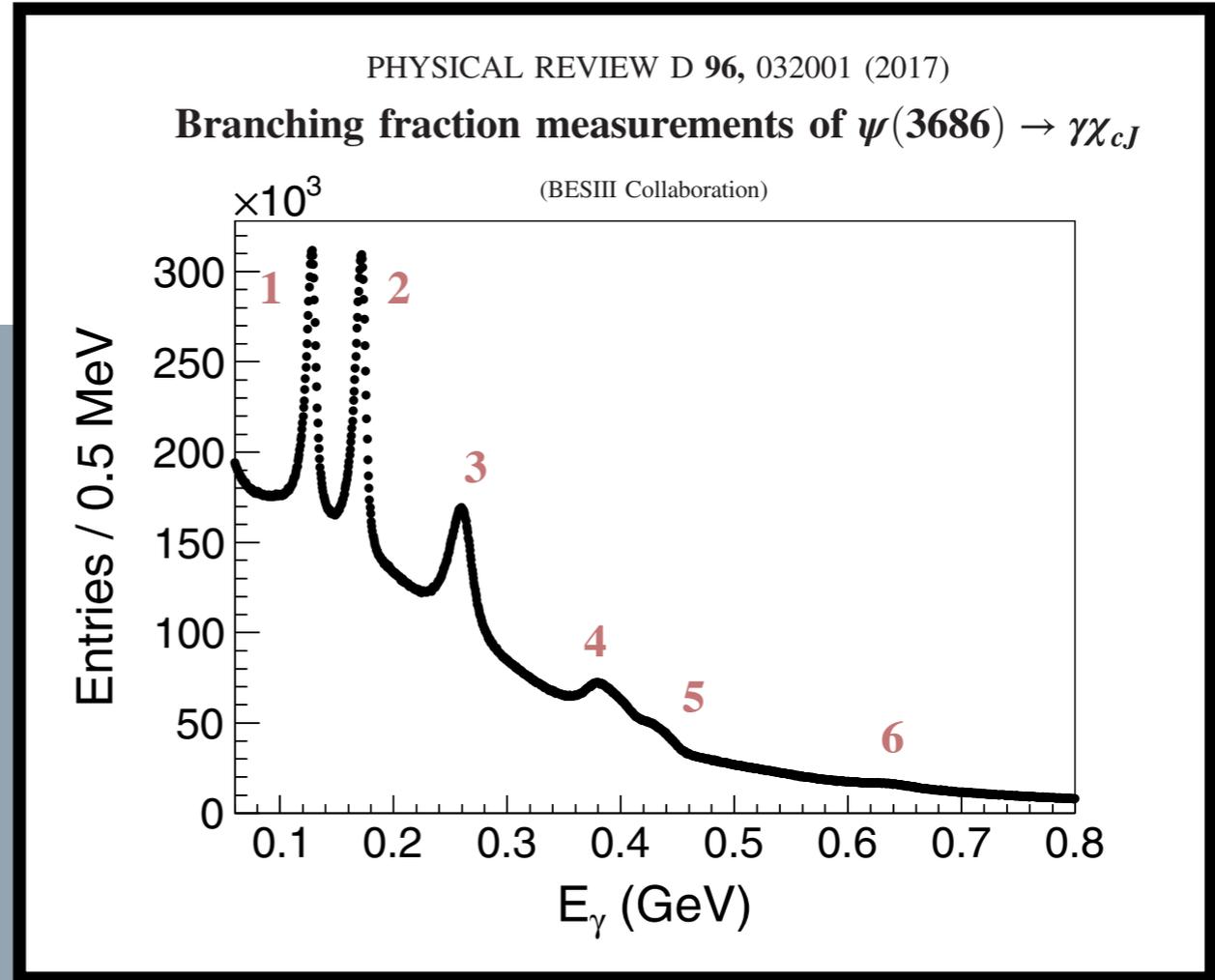
⇒ they are relatively narrow

⇒ electromagnetic transitions are accessible

\* can be considered the positronium of the strong force

\* potential models work well

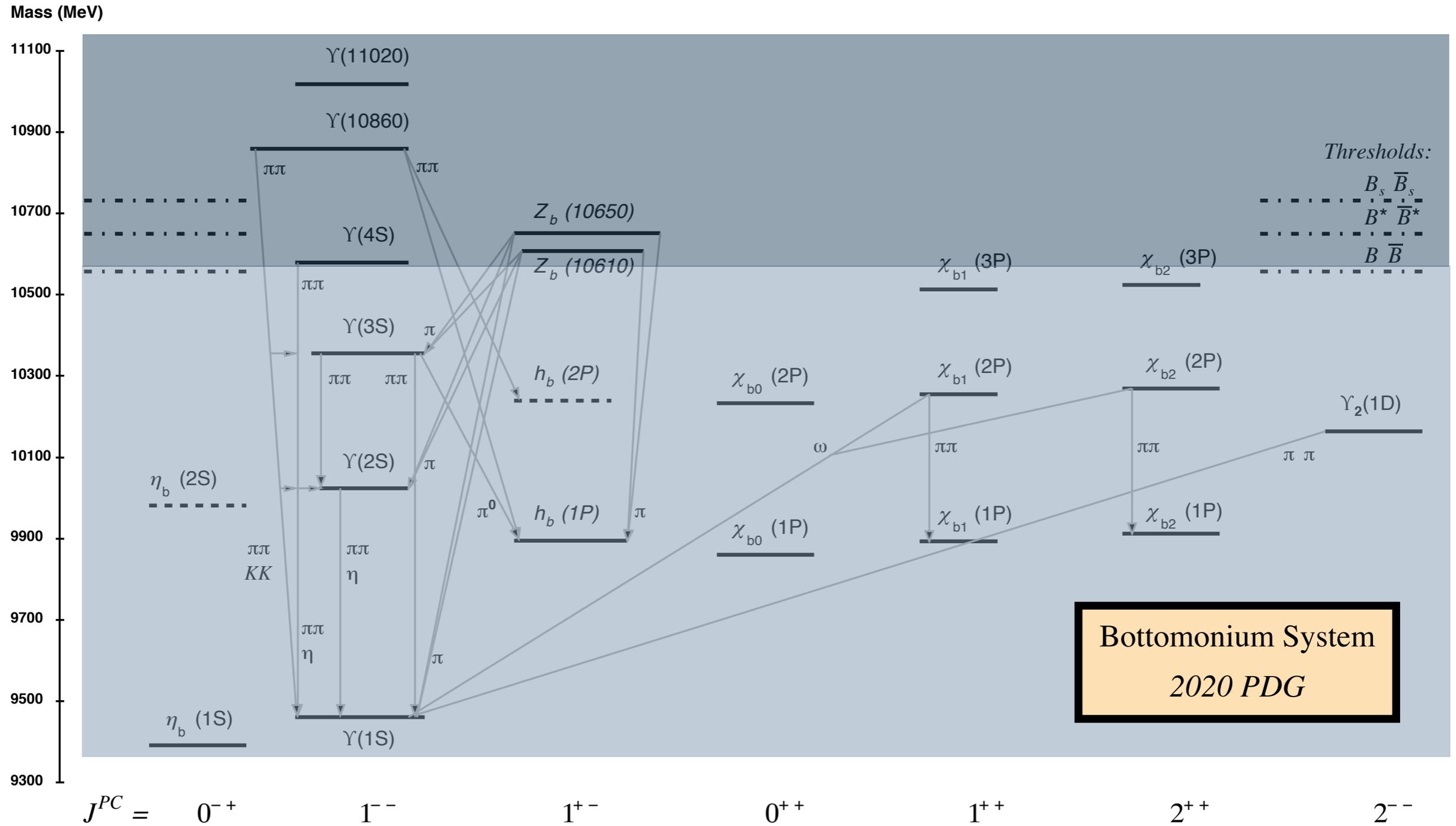
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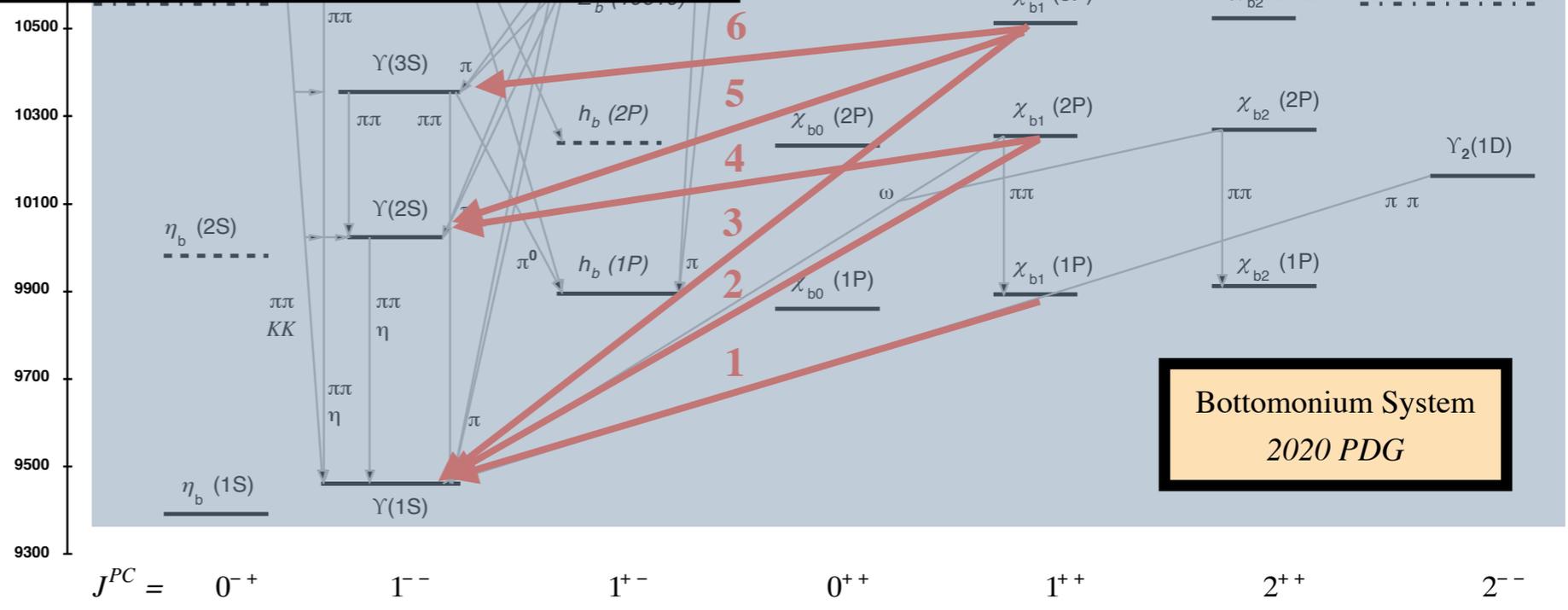
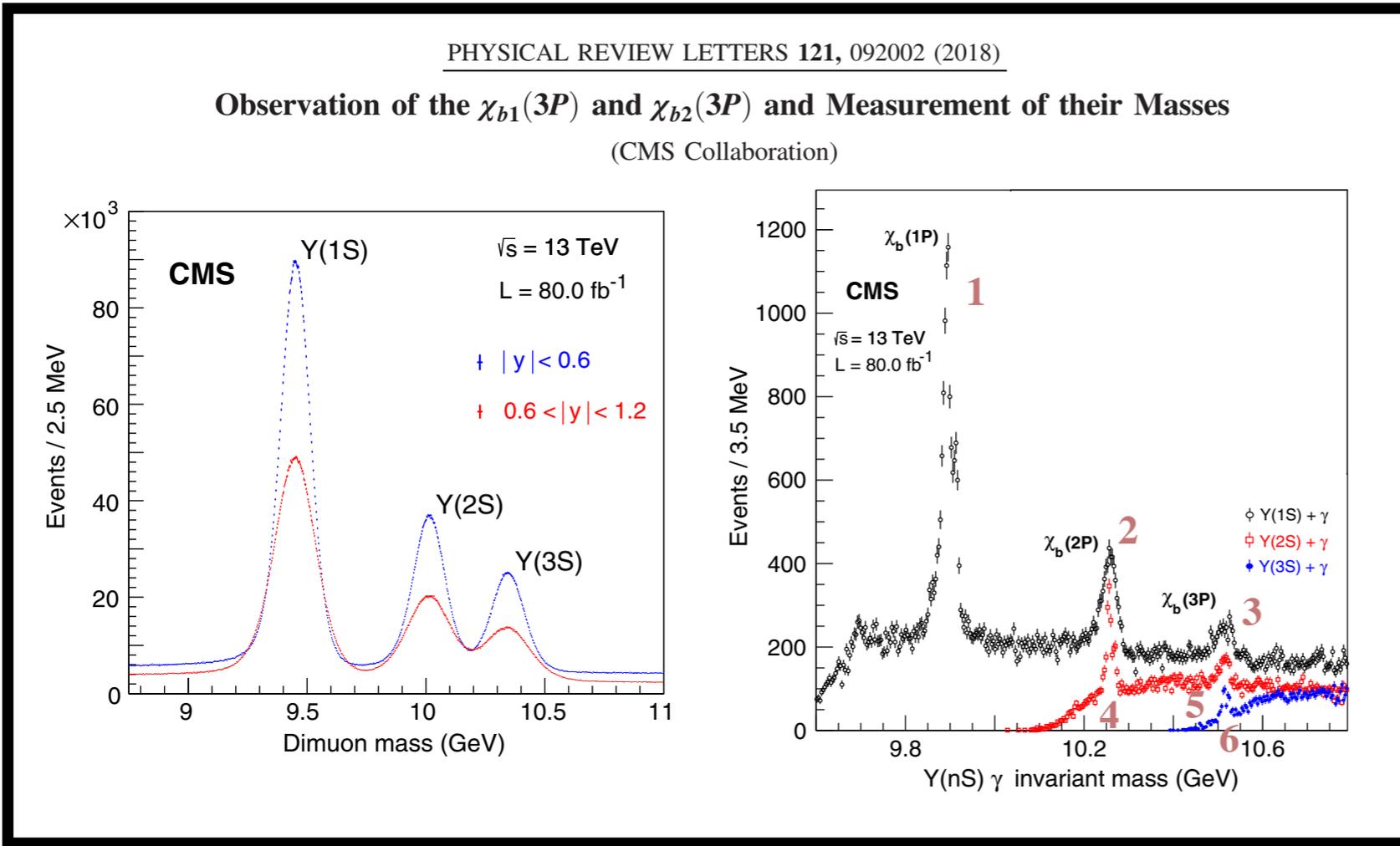
$J^{PC} = 0^{-+} \quad 1^{- -} \quad 1^{+ -} \quad 0^{+ +} \quad 1^{+ +} \quad 2^{+ +}$

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# IC. A Tour of Meson Families: **the $\rho$ family**

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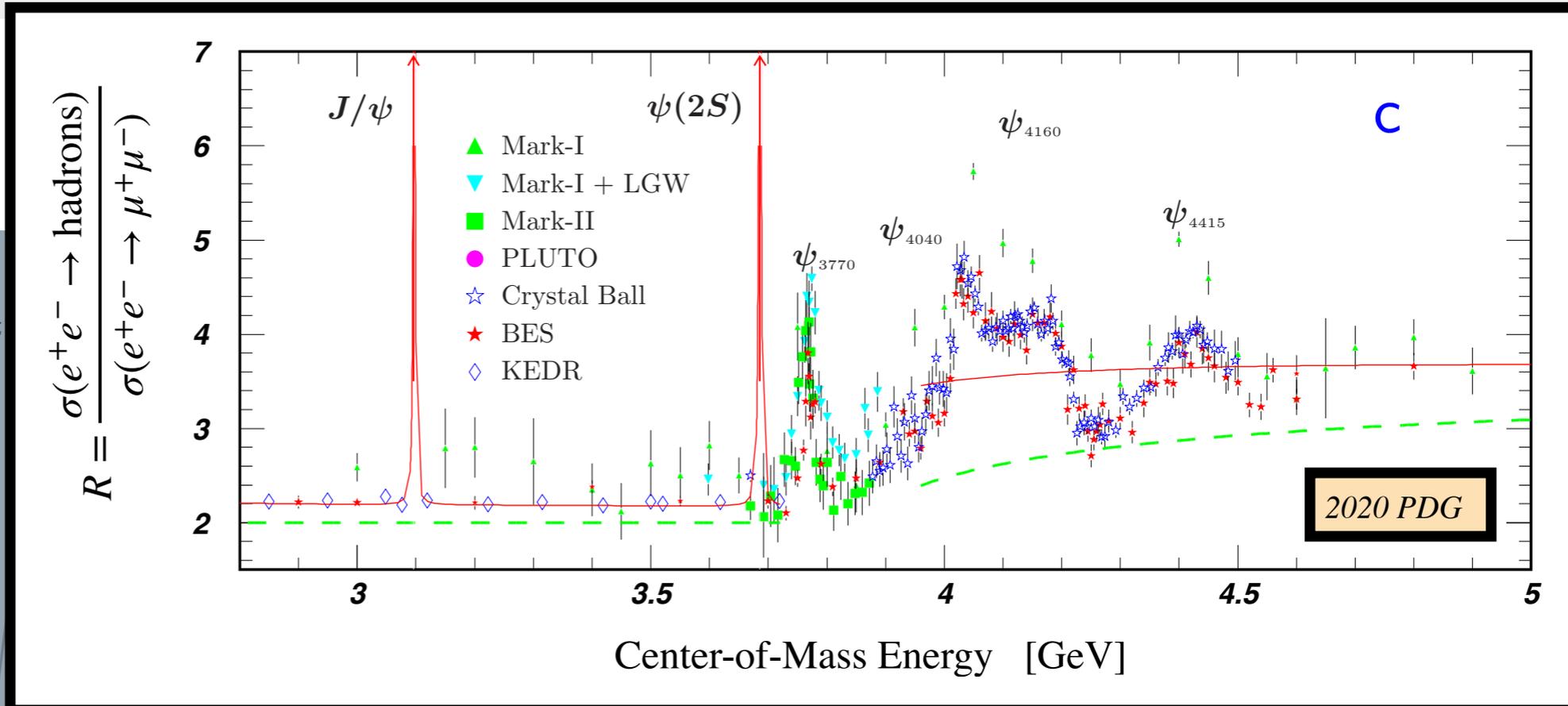
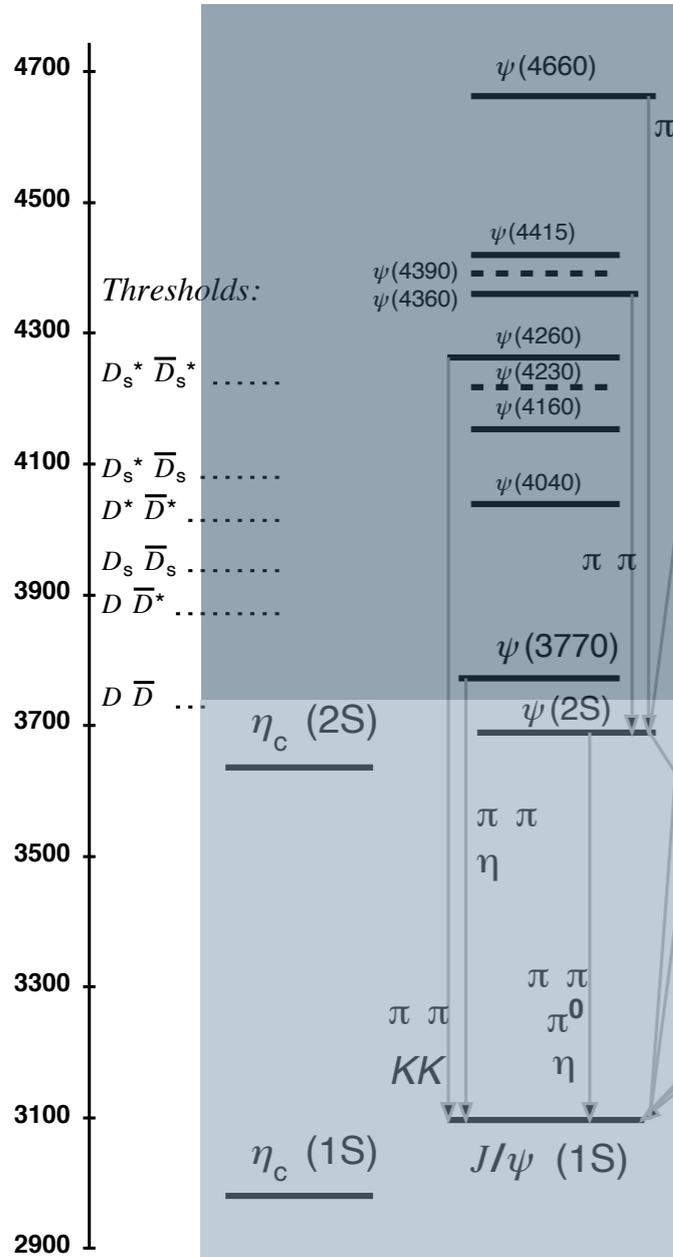
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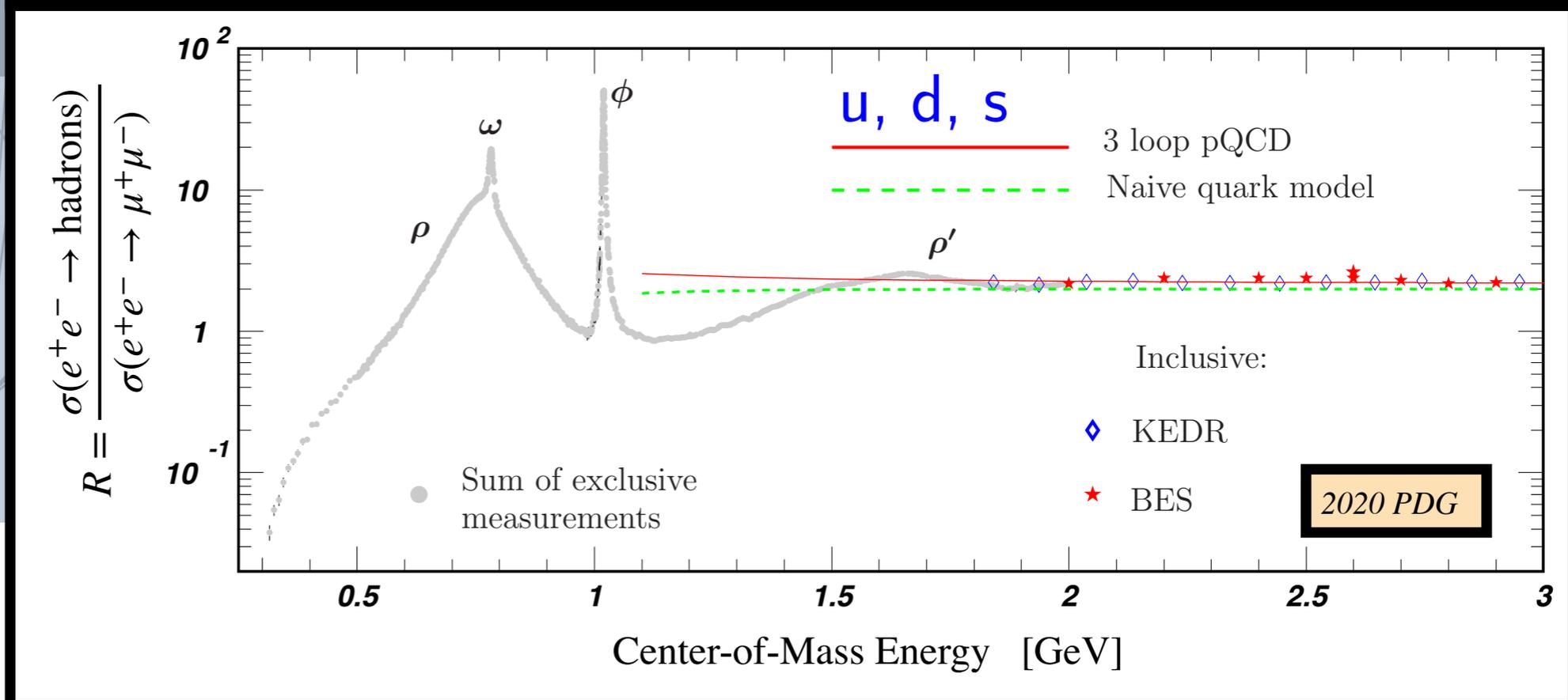
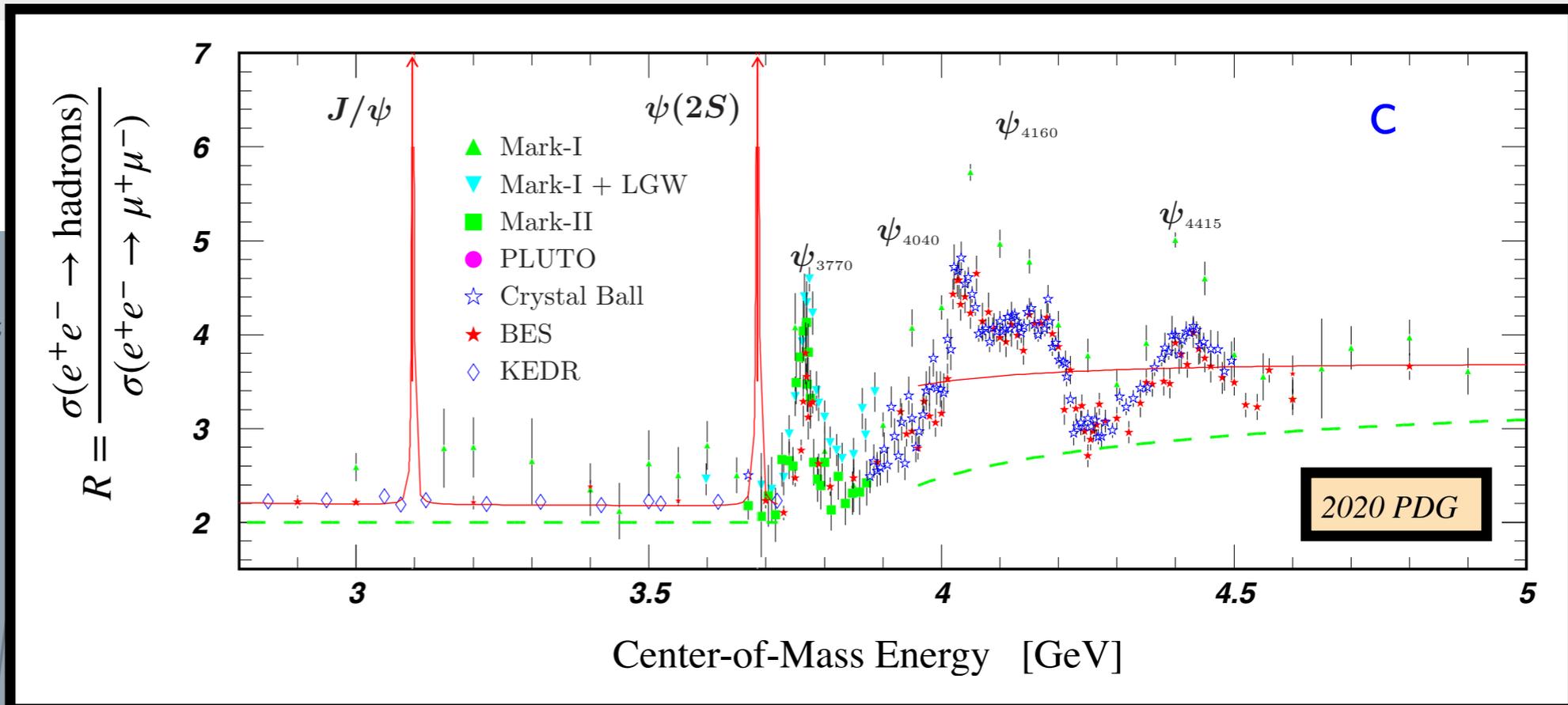
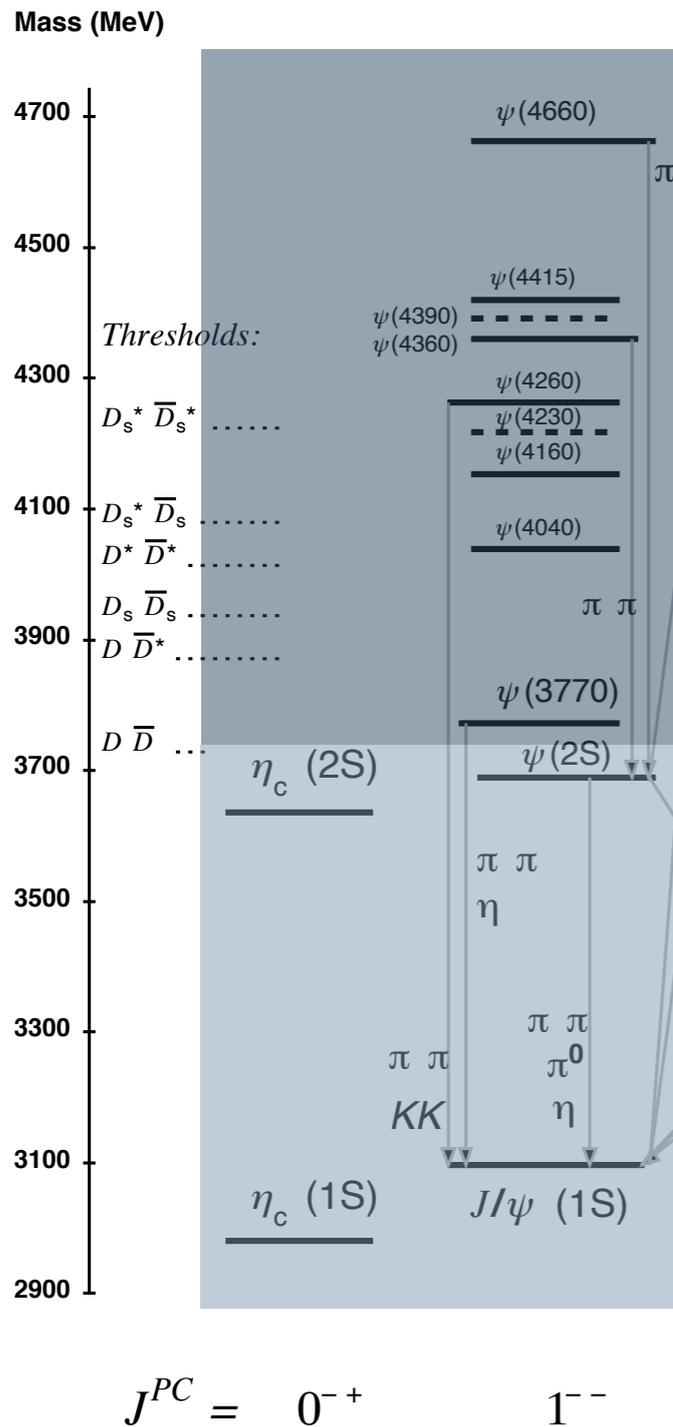
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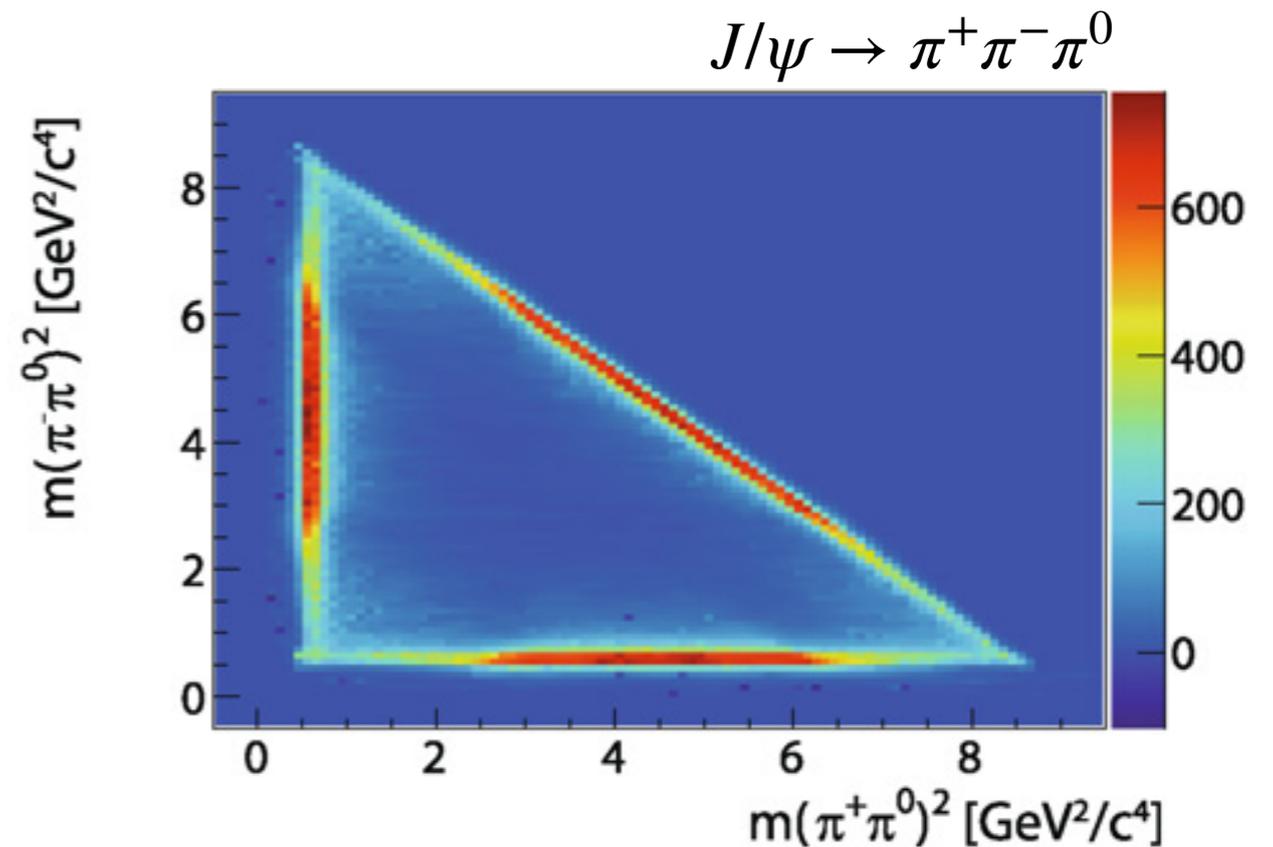
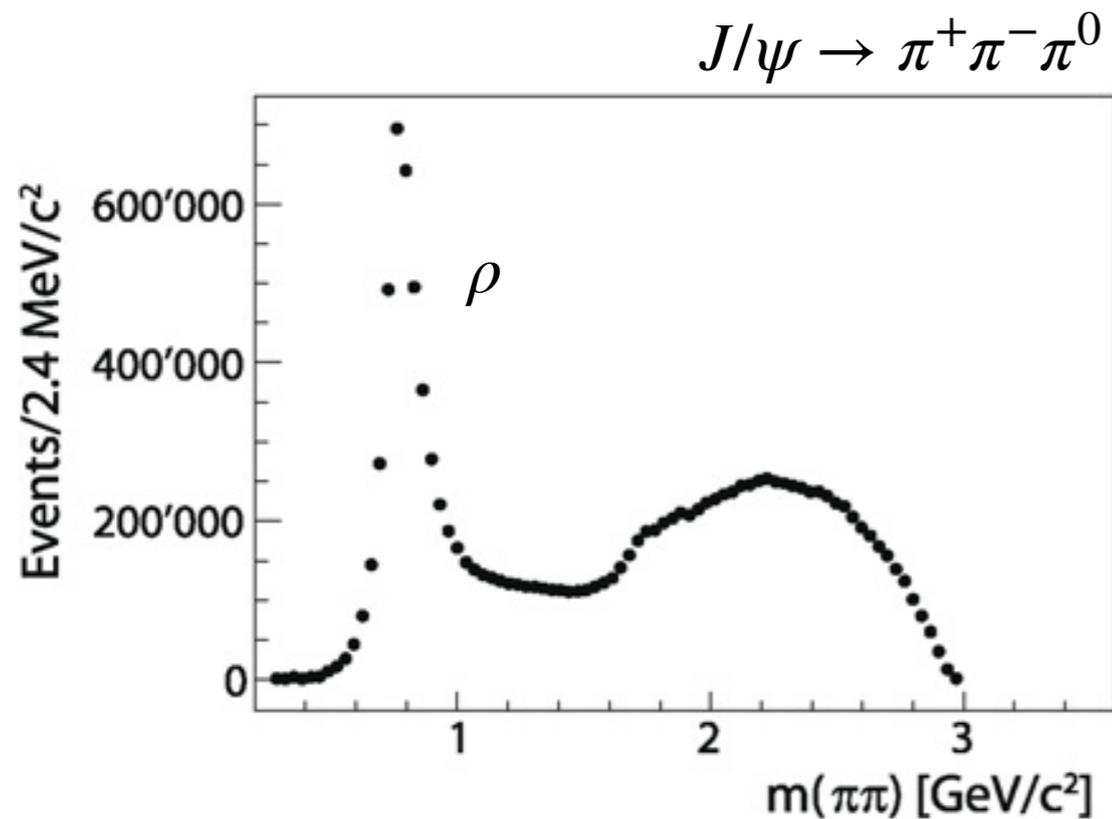
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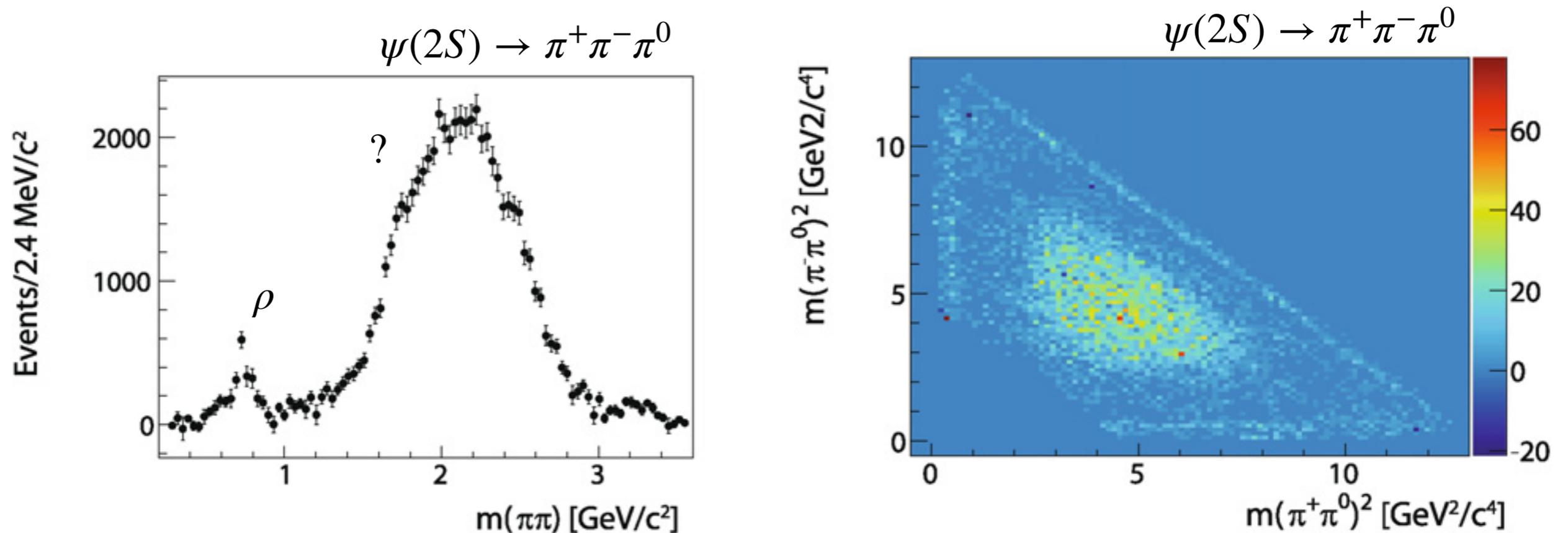
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## QUARKS

	$d$	$u$	$s$	$c$	$b$
$\bar{d}$	$\pi^0   \eta   \eta'$	$\pi^+$	$\bar{K}^0$	$D^+$	$\bar{B}^0$
$\bar{u}$	$\pi^-$	$\pi^0   \eta   \eta'$	$K^-$	$D^0$	$B^-$
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$K^+$ family <i>(weak decays, no mixing)</i>
$K^0$ family <i>(weak decays, mixing)</i>
$\pi^0$ family <i>(large electromagnetic decays)</i>
$J/\psi$ family <i>(strong decays, near or below open flavor threshold)</i>
$\rho$ family <i>(strong decays, above open flavor threshold)</i>
$Z_c(3900)$ family <i>(exotic flavor quantum numbers)</i>

ANTIQUARKS

$u\bar{d}, u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}$

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$b\bar{b}$

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## BESIII Experiment

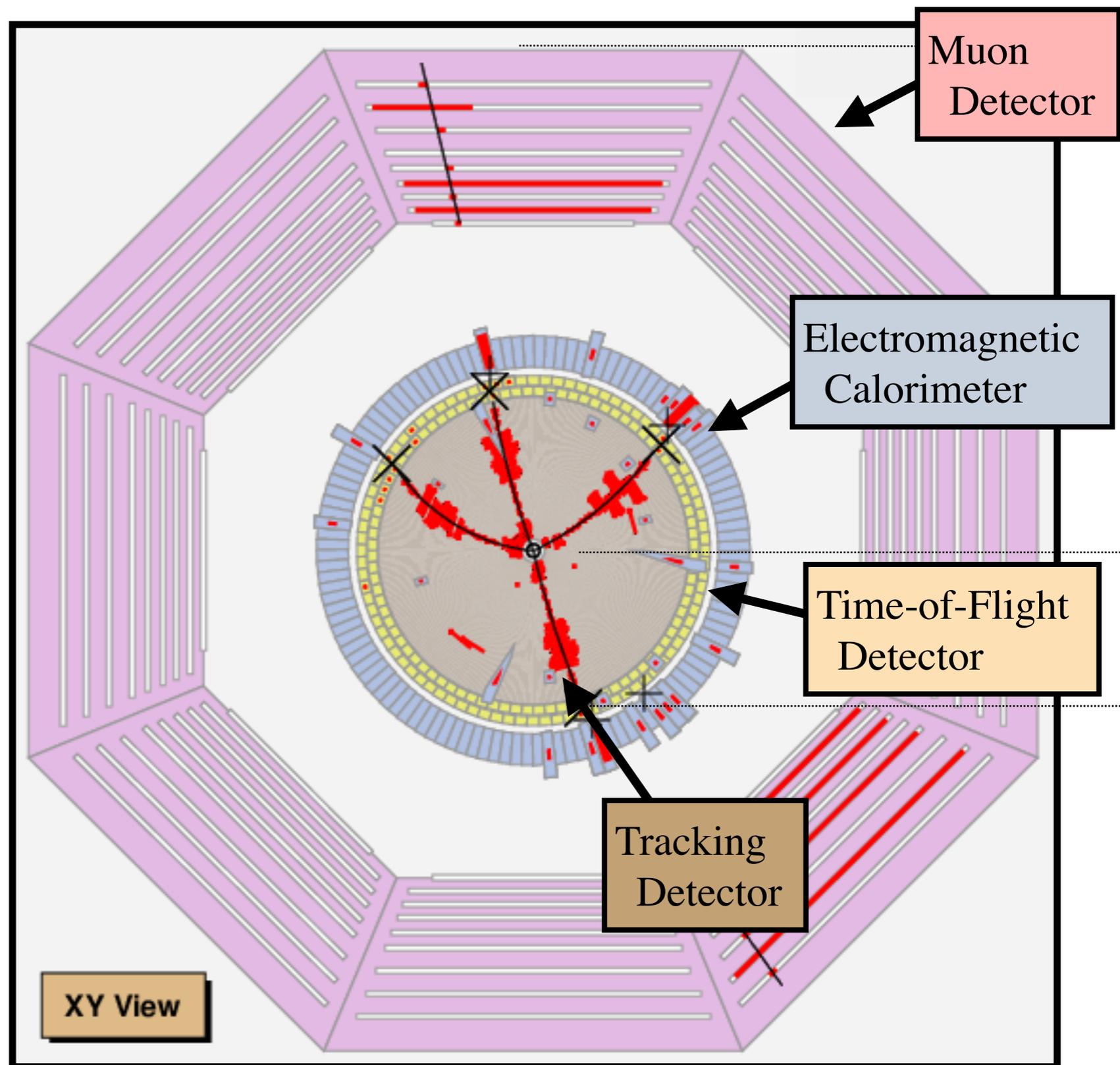
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Event display for:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi$$

with:

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$$



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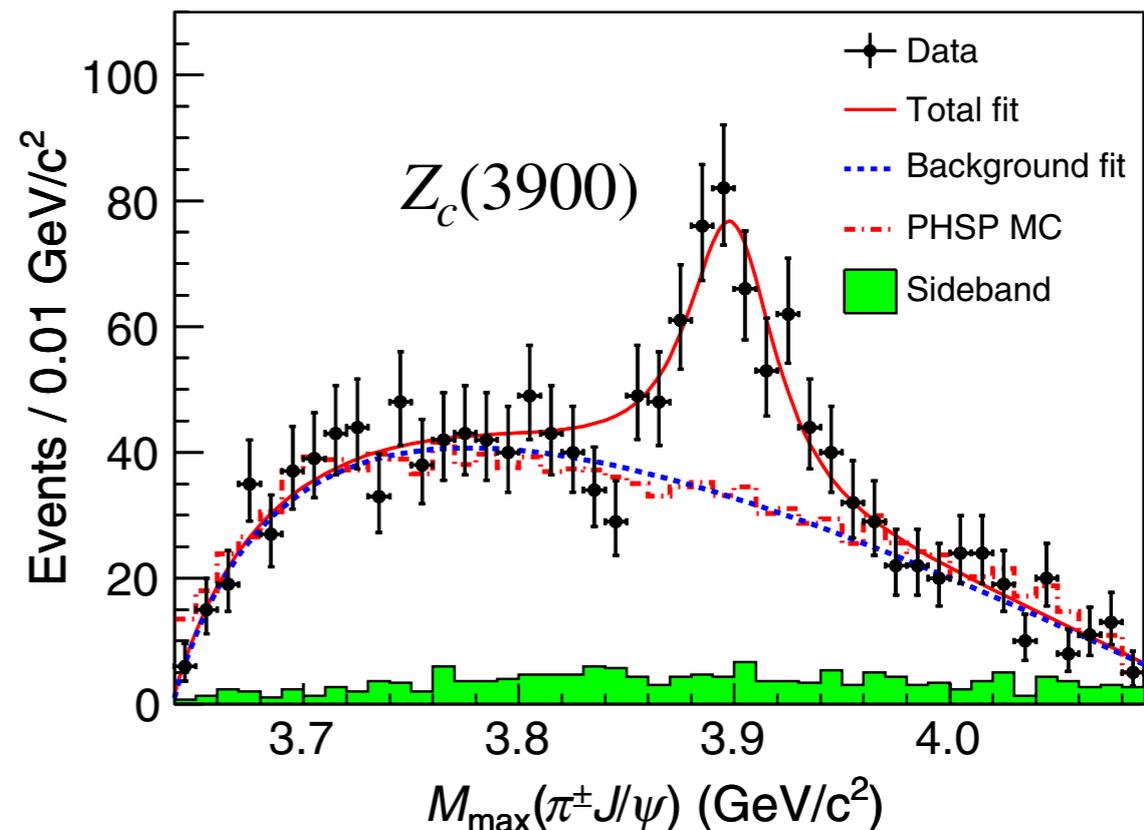
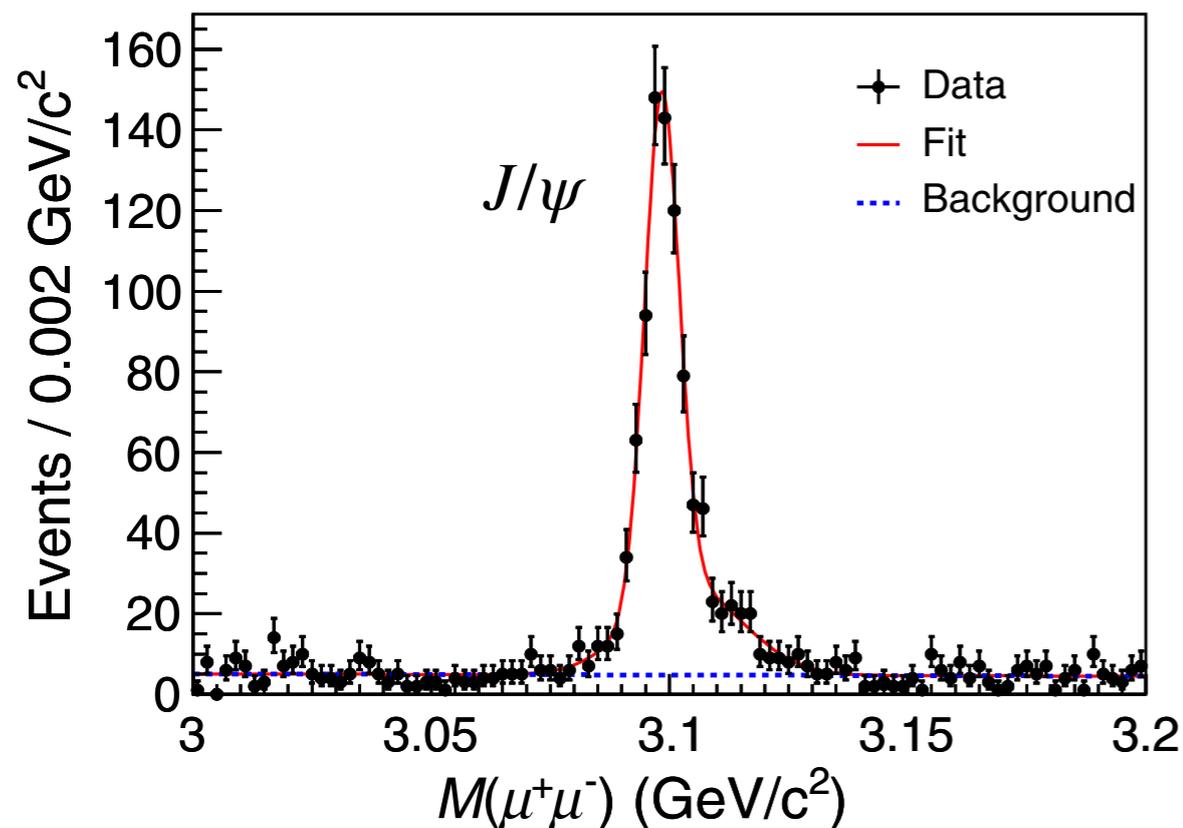
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Mesons are hadrons made from equal numbers of quarks and antiquarks.

The gross behavior of a meson is determined by whether it decays weakly (*e.g. the  $K^+$  and  $K^0$* ), electromagnetically (*e.g. the  $\pi^0$* ), or strongly (*e.g. the  $J/\psi$  and  $\rho$* ):

\* and if weakly, whether it can mix with its antiparticle (*e.g. the  $K^0$* ) or not (*e.g. the  $K^+$* ).

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