## **Exotic Hadrons at BESIII**

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### **Fundamental Questions**

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The Higgs mechanism creates the mass of the fundamental particles, but this is not the end of the story!



### We even do not understand "conventional" matter like the proton!

## From the Perspective of Meson Spectroscopy

- The mass of hadrons is predominantly generated by strong interaction (>90% in case of the proton)
- To understand how mass is generated we investigate other systems, e.g. with explicit gluonic degrees of freedom



• For a fermion-antifermion system not all quantum numbers can be formed

$$P = (-1)^{L+1}$$
,  $C = (-1)^{L+S}$ 

- Exotic quantum numbers:  $J^{PC} = 0^{+-}, 0^{--}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, \dots$
- But: Further states have been found which show odd properties or even exotic quantum numbers!

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## **Light Meson Regime**

- Light meson regime is extremely populated!
- Several (broad) interfering resonances of the same q.n.
- Various inelastic channels and thresholds opening
- Identifying and measuring resonance properties is not straight forward
- Resonances not always look like peaks
   Peaks not necessarily caused by a resonance
- Analysing a single channel is not enough to disentangle states unambiguously
- More sophisticated tools and descriptions needed!

### spectrum of well established states



We should start thinking beyond experimental collaborations!

## **Experimental Possibilities**

- Each experiment, detector and process has its own advantages
- To tackle these challenges, we need to combine forces



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## Learning More About the Inner Structure

### Two photon physics

- Clean e.m. process, only sensitive to charge
- Complementary information on glueball candidates!
- States with even C-parity  $0^{\pm +}, 2^{\pm +}, \ldots$  can be directly produced

Untagged reactions:

- Scattering angles of electron and positron are small and are not detectable
- Quasi real photons carrying small virtuality 
   spin 1 strongly suppressed

![](_page_8_Figure_8.jpeg)

## Coupled Channel Analysis of Two-Photon Data

- K-matrix parameterisation (EPJ C (2021) 81, 1056) fixing all pole parameters on decay side
- Determination of two-photon width based on pole residue (even for  $f_0$  wave)

![](_page_9_Figure_3.jpeg)

### Coupled Channel Analysis of pp and COMPASS Data

name	relevant data	Breit-Wigner mass [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	Breit-Wigner width Γ [MeV]			
$K^{*}(892)^{\pm}$	$\bar{p}p$	$893.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.8$	$56.3 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.0$			
<i>φ</i> (1020)	<i>̄</i> ₽ <i>p</i>	$1018.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.2$	4.2 (fixed)			
name	relevant data	pole mass $[MeV/c^2]$	pole width Γ [MeV]			
$f_0(980)^{++}$	scat	$977.8 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.4$	98.8 ± 6.6± 11.2			
$f_0(980)^{+++}$	scat	$992.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5$	$61.2 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.7$			
$f_0(1370)$	scat	$1281 \pm 11 \pm 26$	$410 \pm 12 \pm 50$		Sa	voral ra
$f_0(1500)$	$\bar{p}p + \text{scat}$	$1511.0 \pm 8.5 \substack{+3.5 \\ -14.0}$	$81.1 \pm 4.5 \substack{+26.9 \\ -0.5}$		Se	veralite
$f_0(1710)$	$\bar{p}p + \text{scat}$	$1794.3 \pm 6.1 \substack{+47.0 \\ -61.2}$	$281 \pm 32  {}^{+12}_{-80}$			simu
<i>f</i> <sub>2</sub> (1810)	scat	$1769 \pm 26^{+3}_{-26}$	$201 \pm 57 {+13 \atop -87}$			
$f_2(X)$	scat	$2119.9 \pm 6.4 \substack{+25.7 \\ -1.1}$	$343 \pm 11 \stackrel{+32}{_{-11}}$			
name	relevant data	pole mass $[MeV/c^2]$	pole width Γ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{\pi\eta^\prime}/\Gamma_{\pi\eta}$ [%]	Th	is para
$\pi_1$	$\bar{p}p + \pi p$	$1623 \pm 47  {}^{+24}_{-75}$	$455 \pm 88  {}^{+144}_{-175}$	$554 \pm 110 \ ^{+180}_{-27}$		Can be
name	relevant data	pole mass [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	pole width Γ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{KK}/\Gamma_{\pi\eta}$ [%]		
$a_0(980)^{}$	<i>̄</i> ₽ <i>p</i>	$1002.7 \pm 8.8 \pm 4.2$	$132 \pm 11 \pm 8$	$14.8 \pm 7.1 \pm 3.6$		
$a_0(980)^{-+}$	$\bar{p}p$	$1003.3 \pm 8.0 \pm 3.7$	$101.1 \pm 7.2 \pm 3.0$	$13.5 \pm 6.2 \pm 3.1$		
<i>a</i> <sub>0</sub> (1450)	<i>₽p</i>	$1303.0 \pm 3.8 \pm 1.9$	$109.0 \pm 5.0 \pm 2.9$	$396 \pm 72 \pm 72$		
name	relevant data	pole mass $[MeV/c^2]$	pole width Γ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{KK}/\Gamma_{\pi\eta}$ [%]	$\Gamma_{\pi\eta'}/\Gamma_{\pi\eta}$ [%]	
<i>a</i> <sub>2</sub> (1320)	$\bar{p}p + \pi p$	$1318.7 \pm 1.9  {}^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$	$107.5 \pm 4.6 {+3.3}_{-1.8}$	$31 \pm 22 {+9 \atop -11}$	$4.6 \pm 1.5 ^{+7.0}_{-0.6}$	
<i>a</i> <sub>2</sub> (1700)	$\bar{p}p + \pi p$	$1686 \pm 22  {}^{+19}_{-7}$	$412\pm75~^{+64}_{-57}$	$2.9 \pm 4.0 \ ^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$	$3.5 \pm 4.4  {}^{+6.9}_{-1.2}$	
name	relevant data	pole mass [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	pole width Γ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{\pi\pi}/\Gamma$ [%]	Γ <sub>KK</sub> /Γ [%]	$\Gamma_{\eta\eta}/\Gamma$ [%]
<i>f</i> <sub>2</sub> (1270)	$\bar{p}p + \text{scat}$	$1262.4 \pm 0.2 \substack{+0.2 \\ -0.3}$	$168.0 \pm 0.7 \substack{+1.7\\-0.1}$	$87.7 \pm 0.3 \begin{array}{c} +4.8 \\ -4.4 \end{array}$	$2.6 \pm 0.1 \substack{+0.1 \\ -0.2}$	$0.3 \pm 0.1 \substack{+0.0\\-0.1}$
$f'_{2}(1525)$		0.5		$-1$ $-0.2 \pm 0.8$	$(7.0, 1.0, \pm 5.0)$	0.8 + 2.8 + 1.7
52()	$\bar{p}p + \text{scat}$	$1514.7 \pm 5.2 \substack{+0.3 \\ -7.4}$	$82.3 \pm 5.2 + 11.0 - 4.5$	$2.1 \pm 0.3 + 0.0$	$67.2 \pm 4.2 + 3.8$	$9.8 \pm 5.8_{-3.3}$

![](_page_10_Picture_2.jpeg)

### parameterisation is universal in be used in other analyses!

![](_page_10_Picture_4.jpeg)

PArtial Wave Interactive Analysis

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 $\Gamma_{\eta\eta}/\Gamma$ [%]

## **Determination of the Coupling Strength**

Determination of the two-photon width using the F-vector pole residue itself

![](_page_11_Figure_2.jpeg)

- First determination of the helicity contributions for the  $f'_2(1525)$
- Most accurate measurement for  $f_2(1270)$  and  $a_2(1320)$

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• Scalar mesons  $f_0(1370)$ ,  $f_0(1500)$  und  $f_0(1710)$  measured for the first time

## Unique Features of Radiative $J/\psi$ decays

- Lightest glueball  $0^{++}$  is predicted below  $2 \,\mathrm{GeV}/c^2$
- Observed states  $f_0(1370)$ ,  $f_0(1500)$ ,  $f_0(1710)$  likely to be mixtures of pure glueball and quark component
- BESIII has accumulated very high statistics at  $J/\psi$ 
  - 50 times more than 10 years ago!

Physics-, statistics- and phase space-wise great opportunities to search for glueball candidates!

![](_page_12_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_12_Figure_8.jpeg)

Phys. Rev. D 73, 014516 (2006)

### **Recent Analyses**

### Coupled channel fit by Sarantsev et. al.: Phys. Lett. B 816 (2021), 136227

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma + (\pi^0 \pi^0, K^0_S K^0_S, \eta \eta, \omega \phi)$  (BESIII)
- $\pi^+\pi^-$  scattering data (CERN-Munich, GAMS, BNL)
- $\bar{p}N \rightarrow 3$  mesons (CB-LEAR)
- Indirect hint for the light scalar glueball candidate by measuring production strengths of scalar states
- 0<sup>++</sup> glueball mixing interpretation via coupling of the 10 different scalar singlet and octet states

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- Used  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$ ,  $\gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$  (BESIII) data
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#### EPJ C **82**, 80 (2022)

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![](_page_14_Figure_6.jpeg)

Much higher statistics available now - 50 times more!

Event based mass-independent and coupled channel amplitude analyses in preparation for  $J/\psi \to \gamma \pi^0 \pi^0$ ,  $\gamma K_S^0 K_S^0$  and  $\gamma \eta \eta$ !

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 $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$ 

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

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 $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta' K_S^0 K_S^0$ 

- Amplitude analysis using covariant tensor formalism including mostly Breit-Wigner line shapes + Flatté for  $f_0(980)$
- Spin-parity of X(2370) determined to be  $0^{-+}!$
- Could be a glueball candidate PRD 100 054511
   (2019) but predictions vary strongly...
- Further analyses of other channels will help to learn about sub processes and interplay with  $K\bar{K}$  and  $\pi^+\pi^-$  system

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![](_page_16_Figure_5.jpeg)

PRL 132 181901 (2024)

state	JPC	Decay mode	Mass $(MeV/c^2)$	Width $(MeV/c^2)$	Significance
X(2370)	0-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	$2395^{+11}_{-11}$	$188^{+18}_{-17}$	$14.9\sigma$
X(1835)	0^-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	1844	192	$22.0\sigma$
X(2800)	0-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	$2799^{+52}_{-48}$	$660^{+180}_{-116}$	$16.4\sigma$
$\eta_c$	0-+	$f_0(980)\eta'$	2983.9	32.0	> 20.0 \sigma
PHSP	0-+	$\eta'(K_S^0K_S^0)_{S-wave}$			$9.0\sigma$
		$\eta'(K_S^0K_S^0)_{D-wave}$			$16.3\sigma$

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 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \pi^+ \pi^-$ 

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![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

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• Would be interesting to search for X states in two-photon data...

## $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta' \eta$

- PWA of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \eta'$  using 10 Billion  $J/\psi$  events
- Veto  $\phi$  in  $\gamma\eta$  system
- 15000 signal events and ~ 8-13% background events remaining
- All kinematically allowed resonances as listed in the PDG considered
  - $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ ,  $2^{++}$  and  $4^{++}$  ( $\eta'\eta$  system)

• 
$$J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$$
 and  $1^{--} (\gamma \eta^{(\prime)} \text{ system})$ 

$$\eta' 
ightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$$

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![](_page_19_Figure_10.jpeg)

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 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \eta$ 

![](_page_20_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

Additionally need of a spin exotic contribution found!  $\Rightarrow \eta_1(1855)$ 

- $M = (1855 \pm 9^{+6}_{-1}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $\Gamma = (199 \pm 18^{+3}_{-8}) \text{ MeV}$
- May be the isoscalar partner of the  $\pi_1(1600)$
- Further studies needed!
- Additional decay channels need to be investigated to improve the PWA model

![](_page_20_Figure_8.jpeg)

## **Charmonium Sector**

• Charmonia with vector q.n. can be directly created at  $e^+e^-$  colliders

![](_page_21_Picture_2.jpeg)

 Other q.n. can only be accessed by sequential decays which limits the statistics

![](_page_21_Figure_4.jpeg)

Besides expected states, additional "unconventional" states where observed!

## **Vector Charmonia**

![](_page_22_Figure_1.jpeg)

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## A first Step Towards a Global Description

### Combined fit to 19 BESIII and Belle cross section results

arXiv:2312.17658

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## News on the Z<sub>c</sub>(3900)

- New results based using 12 fb-1 at 17 energies between 4.13 and 4.36 GeV
- PWA performed in helicity formalism, 2 models used:
- (I)  $f_0(980)$  with Flatté,  $\sigma(500)$ ,  $f_0(1370)$ ,  $f_2(1270)$  and  $Z_c(3900)$  as Breit-Wigner PLB 607, 243 (2005)
- (II)  $f_0(980)$ ,  $\sigma(500)$ ,  $f_0(1370)$  using K-matrix,  $f_2(1270)$  and  $Z_c(3900)$  as Breit-Wigner EPJA 16, 229 (2003)

![](_page_26_Figure_5.jpeg)

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## • Mass and width of $Z_c(3900)$ determined via simultaneous fit

Sample	$M ({\rm MeV}/c^2)$	$\Gamma$ (MeV)
4.1567 - 4.1989	$3883.5\pm1.6$	$38.6\pm3.6$
4.2091 - 4.2357	$3884.0\pm1.0$	$37.8 \pm 1.6$
4.2438 - 4.2776	$3884.9 \pm 1.8$	$34.2\pm3.3$
4.2866 - 4.3583	$3890.0\pm2.3$	$36.1\pm4.2$
Average	$3884.6 \pm 0.7 \pm 3.3$	$37.2 \pm 1.3 \pm 6.6$

## The Story of $\chi_{c1}(3872)/X(3872)$

- Very narrow  $1^{++}$  state, sitting just at the  $D^0 \overline{D}^{*0}$  threshold
- Well established production channel:  $\psi(4230) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c1}(3872)$ 
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- Seen in various production channels by now:  $B/\Lambda_b$  decays, pp, Pb Pb,  $e^+e^-$
- ... and in various decay modes:  $J/\psi(\pi^+\pi^-)\rho$ ,  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ ,  $J/\psi\gamma$  $\psi(2S)\gamma$ ,  $\chi_{c1}\pi^0$ , ...
- Ispospin violating decay is enhanced by a factor of 5 compared to "ordinary" charmonia
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- If we want to clarify this we need << MeV resolution! No detector can do this.</p>
- Similar structures seen in  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  :  $T_{cc}(3875)$
- How are they related? Is it the same underlying physics?

![](_page_28_Picture_12.jpeg)

## **Coupled Channel Fit to Xc1(3872)**

PRL 132 (2024) 15, 151903

• Simultaneous fit to  $D^0 \overline{D}{}^0 \pi^0$  and  $\pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$ 

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### Line Shape Scans at PANDA

- Measure the lineshape with high precision by scanning the resonance in production
- Line shape resolution is only limited by the beam resolution, not the detector resolution here!
- Analysis performed for 20 energy points around nominal mass
- In sensitivity studies able to distinguish the two scenarios
- With the PANDA setup this corresponds to only about a month of data taking!
- In p
  p
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  p
  annihilation almost all Q.N. can be produced directly!

![](_page_31_Figure_7.jpeg)

## Summary

- Although light mesons are studied for decades, there are still many open questions
- The non-perturbative regime of QCD challenges theory and experiment!
- This affects also other sectors as CP violation!
- Sophisticated line shape models should be used whenever possible
- Different experiments and theory need to collaborate to solve this
- Coupled channel analyses seem to be a good tool to disentangle crowded spectra
- Work closer together in the community common effort is needed to answer fundamental questions!
- BESIII is very much open to experiment-theory collaboration!

## Outlook

• Upgrade of the accelerator BEPCII:

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Center-of-mass energies up to 5.6 GeV
- Charmed baryon thresholds in reach:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Sigma_c \bar{\Sigma}_c, \Xi_c \bar{\Xi}_c, \Omega_c \bar{\Omega}_c$
- Pentaquarks above above  $J/\psi \bar{p} p$  threshold?
- Historically there where not many facilities studying this energy regime
- Up to 3x higher luminosities in XYZ region
- Precision XYZ physics at BESIII including fine energy and lineshape scans tlineshapes

## Outlook

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# Thank you!

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