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# A winding journey

Sexaquark as possible stable hadron & dark matter →  
“invisible” final states in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation (preliminary)

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Dedicated to the memory of Valery Rubakov

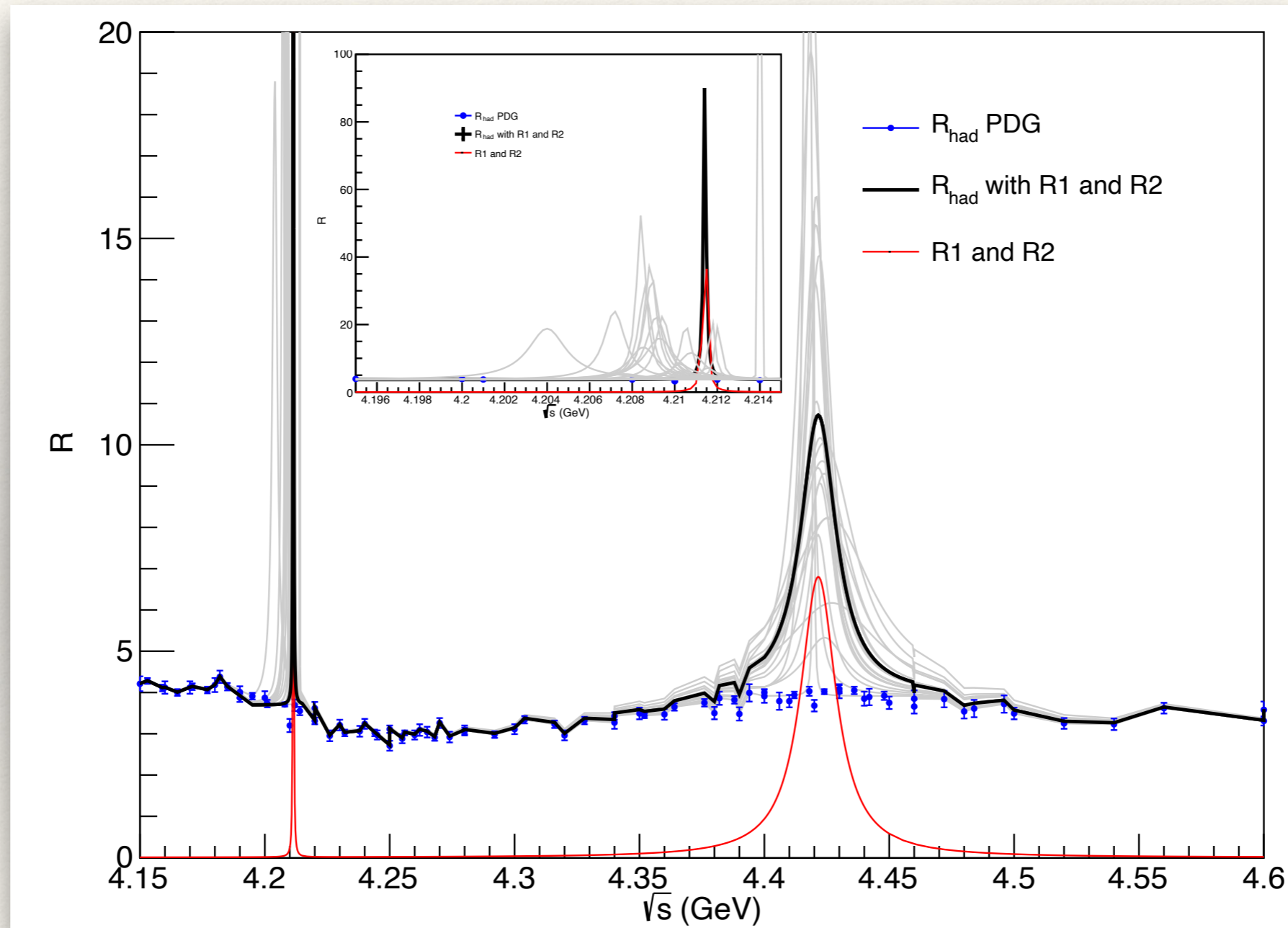
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# Journey

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- ❖ Deeply bound  $uuddss$  state (?)
- ❖ Dark matter & interactions with baryons
- ❖ Search in accelerators
- ❖ Invisible states via precision  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

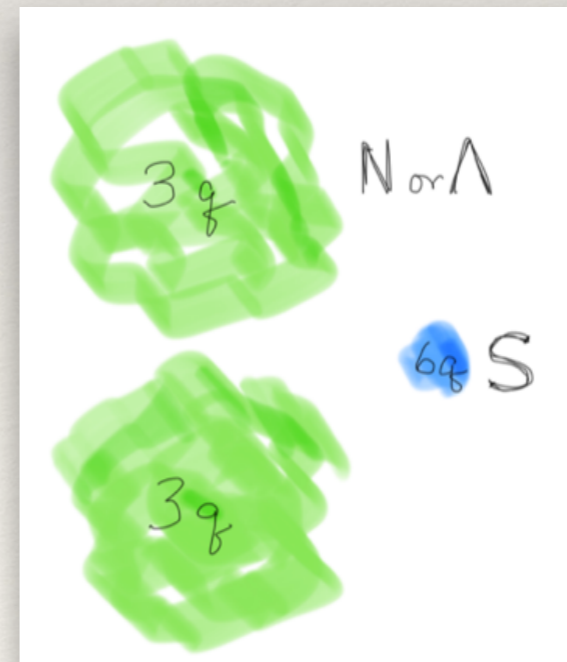
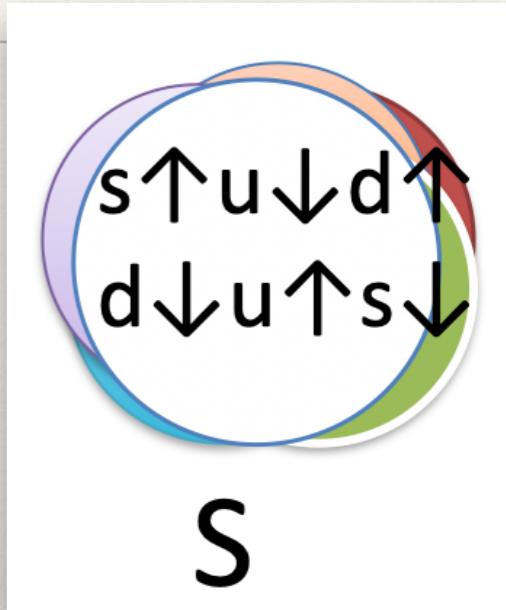
# Destination: $R$ true vs detected (preliminary)



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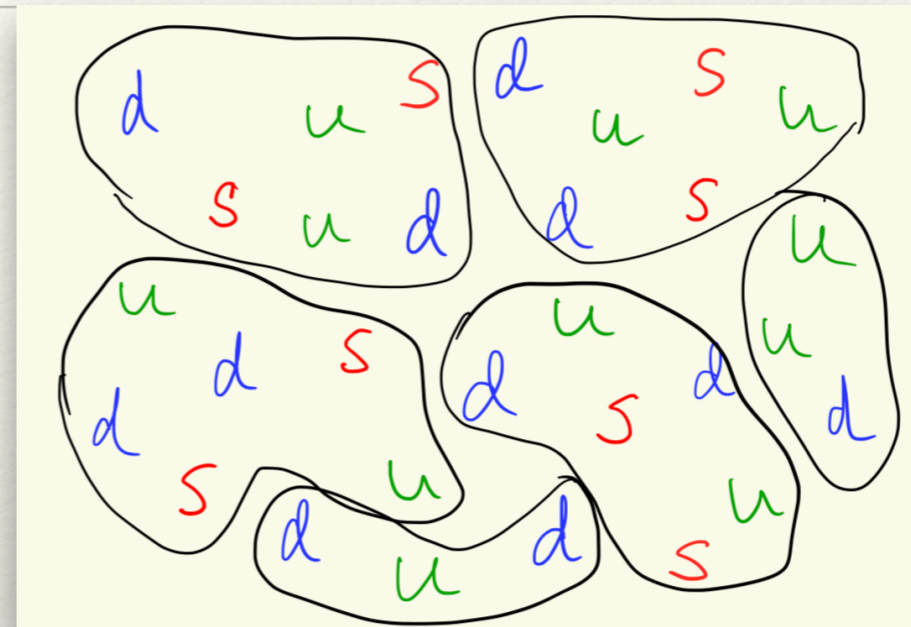
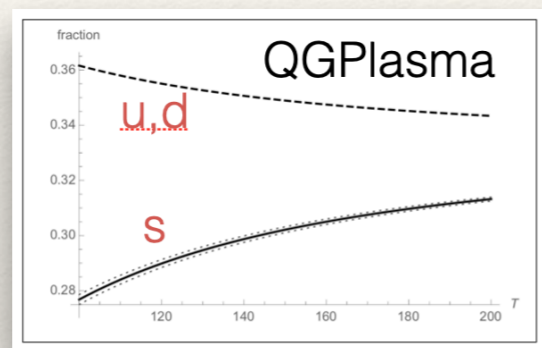
# Starting Point: deeply bound uuddss state (?)

- Arkady-fest 2002!
- Deeply bound state  $\equiv \mathbf{S}$  to distinguish from H-dibaryon
  - $E$ -nucleus decay (Nagara event)  $\Rightarrow m_H > 2227 \text{ MeV}$
  - $\rightarrow$  H di-baryon is molecule or unbound (also lattice QCD)
- $S$  is long-lived if  $m_S < 2054 \text{ MeV}$  (threshold for  $S \rightarrow n \Lambda$ )
  - Naturally compact & hard to break-up
  - $\tau_S \gg$  age of Universe
  - $m_S > \sim 1880 \text{ MeV}$  (deuteron stability)
  - could be dark matter (GRF 1805.03723)



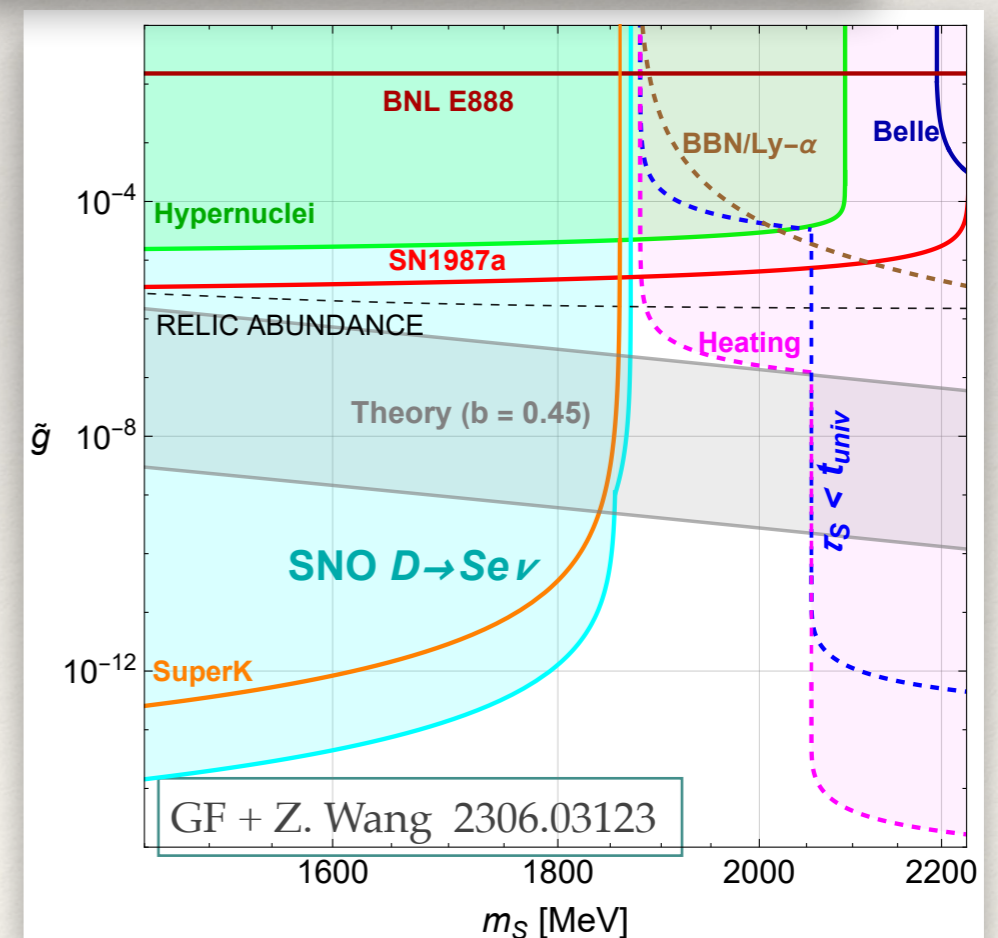
# Relic Dark Matter Abundance

- ❖ Baryons are the leftovers!



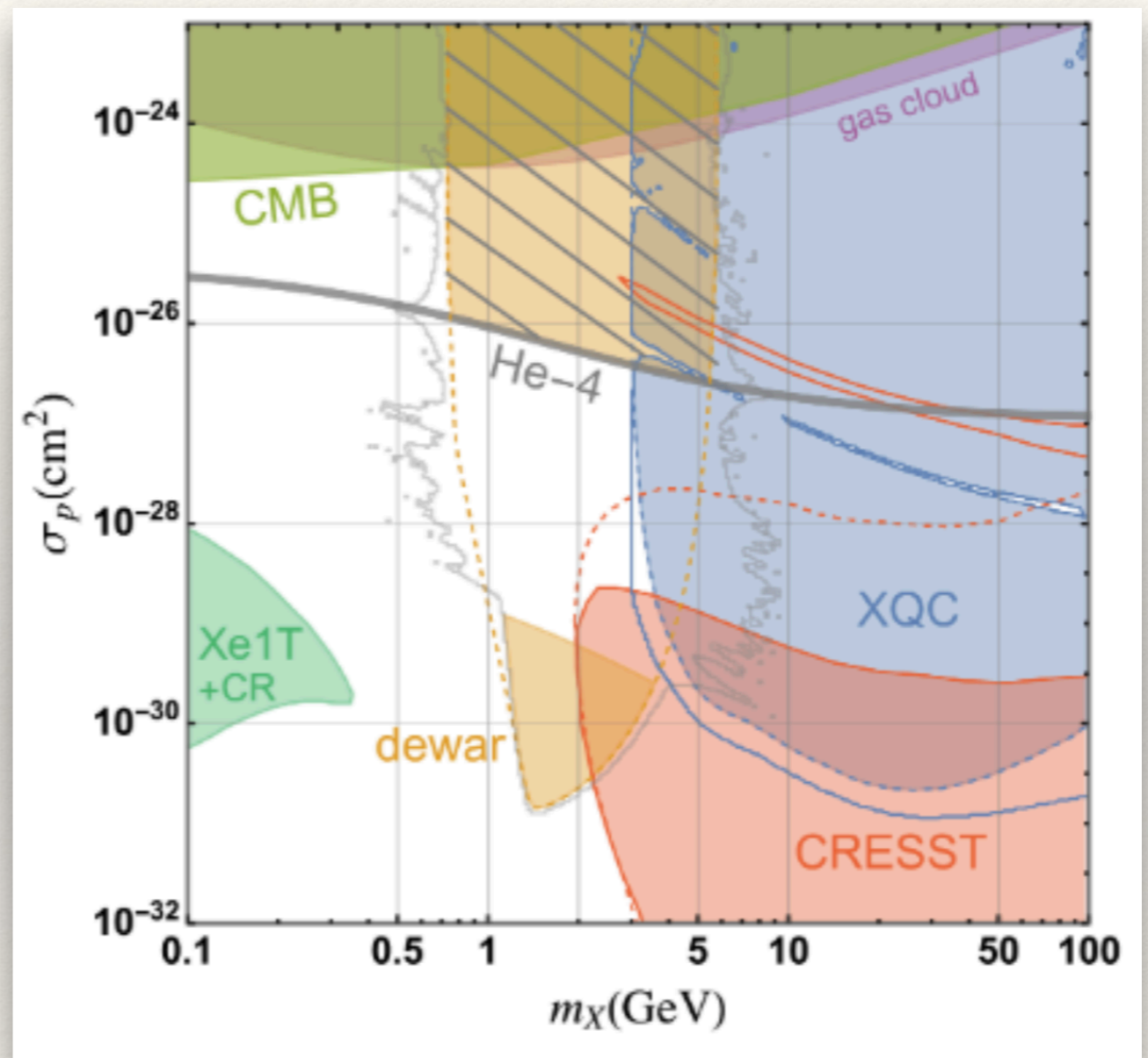
- ❖ Relic abundance estimated from Boltzmann is right order of magnitude GF 1805.03723

- ❖ Small  $\tilde{g}$  ensures  $S$  survives hot hadronic phase



# Dark Matter Baryon Interactions

- ❖ Expect hadronic scattering cross section  $O(\text{mb})$
- ❖ Consistent with direct and indirect detection constraints  
X. Xu + GRF, 2112.00707 & PRD 2023
- ❖ May be good for cosmology

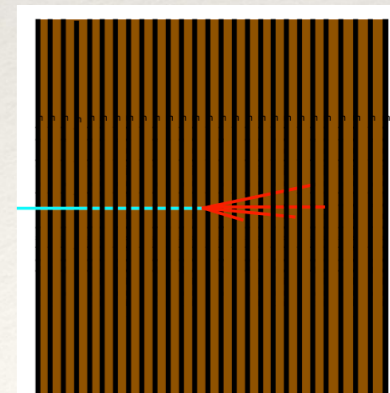
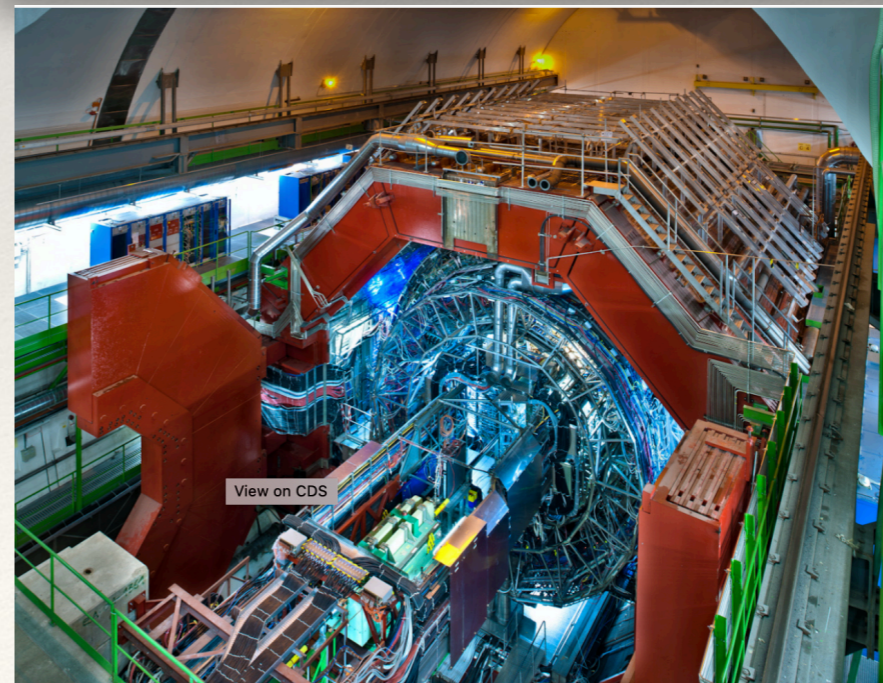
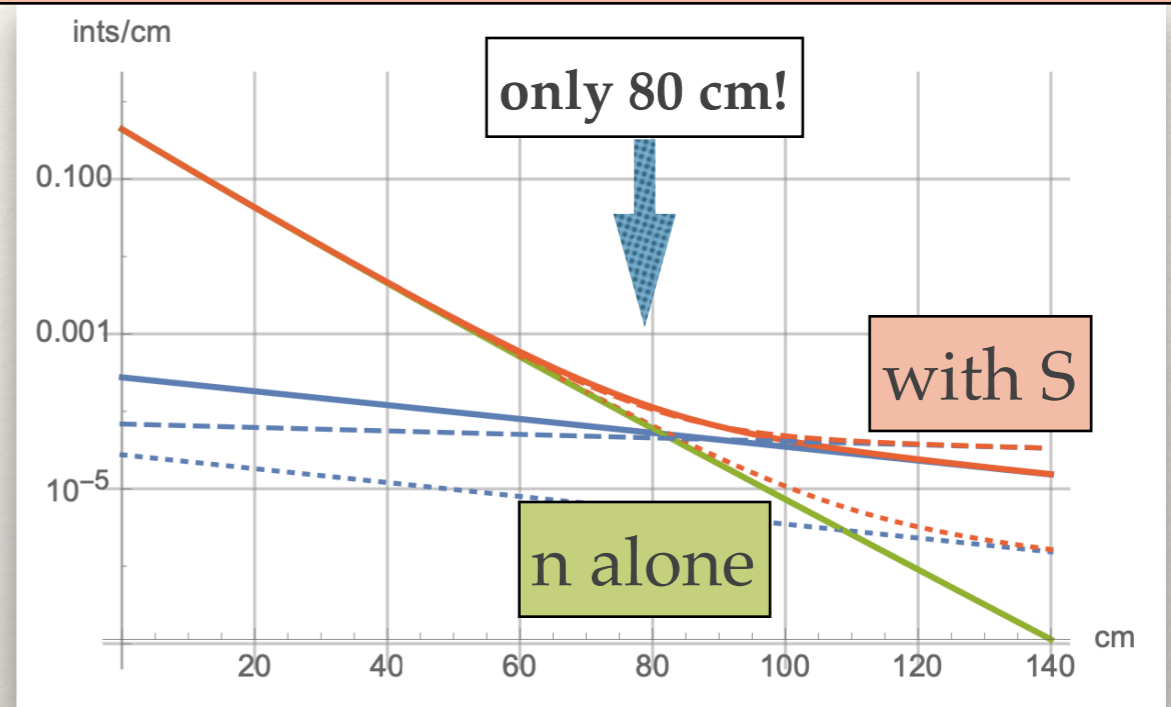


# Search for S in particle experiment

## Long-interaction-length-neutral detector

Elusive:  $m_S \approx m_n$  &  $n_n \approx 10^{3-5} n_S$

- **Belle-KEK (Japan) e+e- 10 GeV**
  - Inclusive production: est. br. fraction  $\sim 10^{-7}$ 
    - $\Upsilon \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda [\bar{S}] (+ \text{pions}) M_S^2 = (p_\Upsilon - p_{\Lambda 1} - p_{\Lambda 2} - \sum p_{\pi i})^2$
  - Apparent lack of B and S conservation:
    - correlated missing B =  $\pm 2$  + missing S =  $\mp 2$
- HE Hadron beam or collider (**CERN**)
  - Long Interaction Length Neutral Particle Detector
    - second exponential in interaction length
- Hi intensity ( $10^{12}$ )  $\gamma p \rightarrow S \bar{\Lambda} K^+$  (**J-lab**)
  - Quantum numbers & missing mass

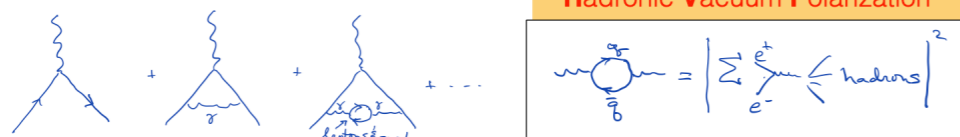


# Muon g-2 SM deficit: “Invisible” final states in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>?

GRF 2206.13460: missed contribution to R<sub>had</sub> due to S $\bar{S}$  production (neutral, don't decay)

## Muon g-2 & Hadronic Vacuum Polarization from lattice QCD vs R-ratio

Hadronic Vacuum Polarization



BMW lattice

- 3.6  $\sigma$  from R-ratio
- consistent with g-2

g-2 (FNAL+BNL)



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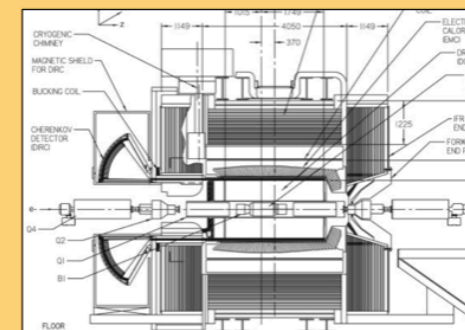
## Could an S $\bar{S}$ final state have been missed?

**YES!!!!**

GRF arXiv:2206.13460

### • Backgrounds to suppress (e.g. BABAR)

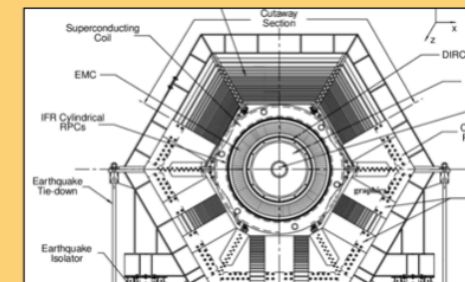
- ‘physics’ ( $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $q\bar{q}$ ) 65 Hz
- Bhabha ( $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ) 500 Hz
- beam backgrounds 20,000 Hz



### • Suppress bkg with triggers.

### I. (“classic”) Require:

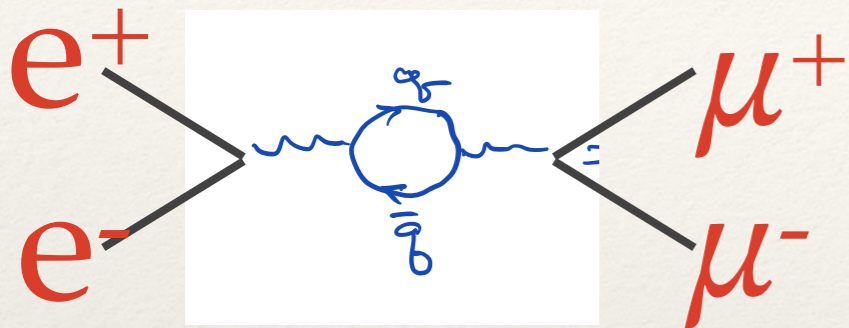
- 2 charged particles from collision point or
- 2 photons consistent with  $\pi^0$  from collision point ...
- S $\bar{S}$  are neutral, back-to-back in CM. Only interact — if at all — far from the collision point. **S $\bar{S}$  events don't get recorded!**





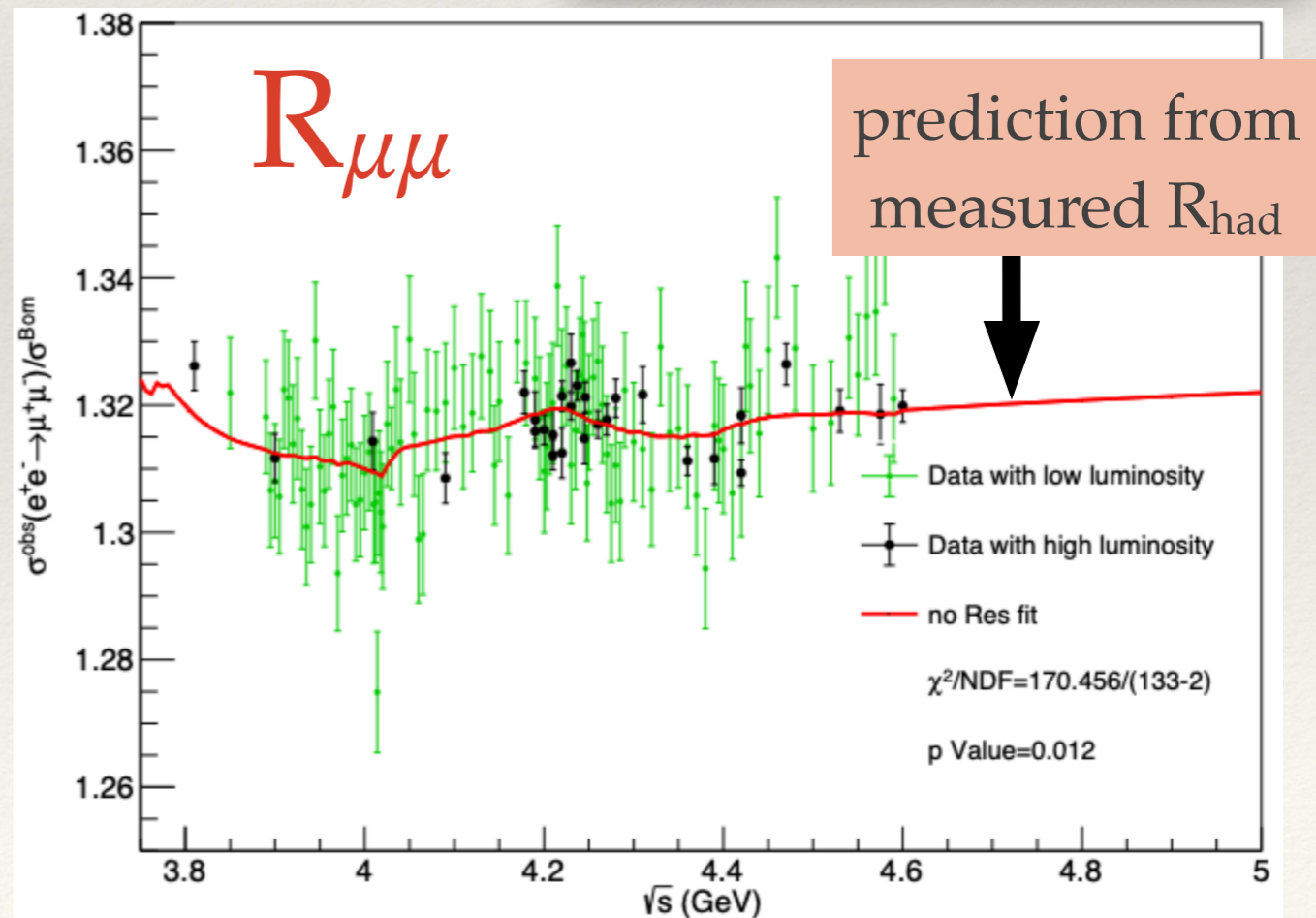
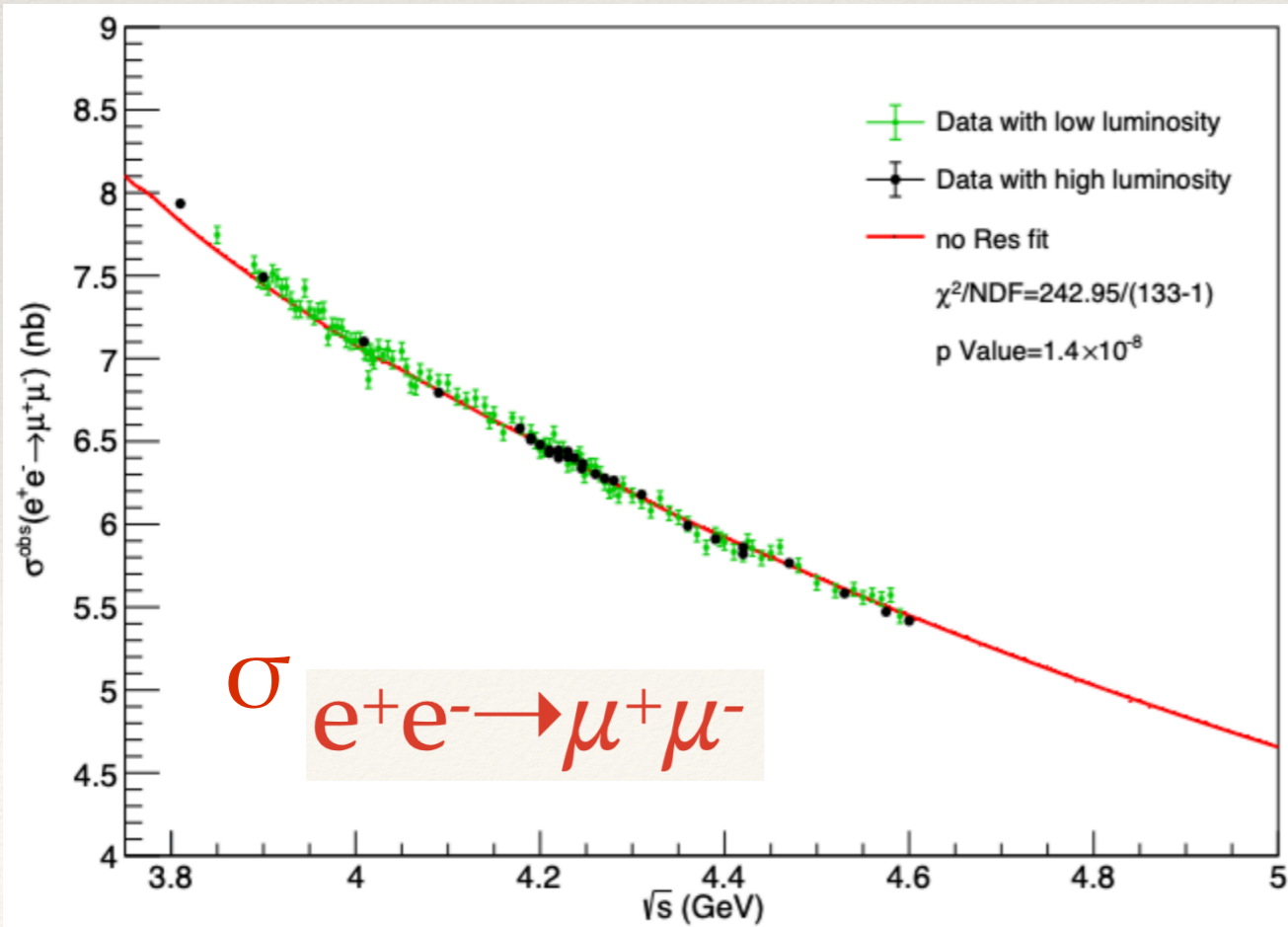
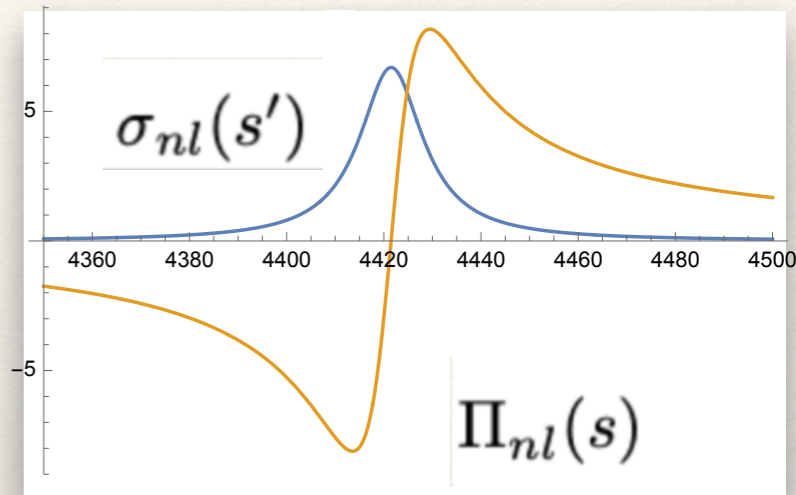
# Search in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

Analysis of published BES data in collaboration with Changzheng Yuan and Qiming Li

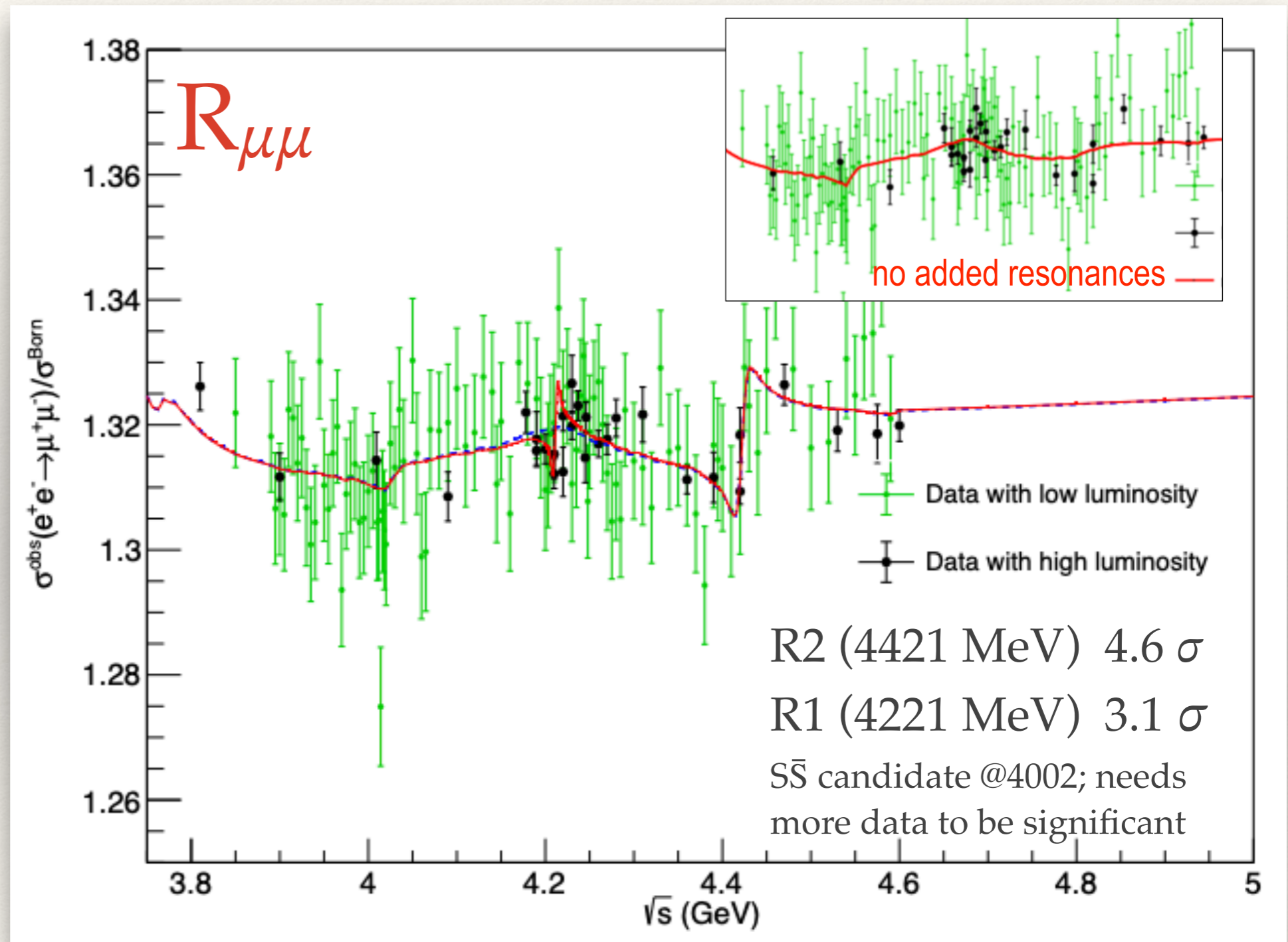
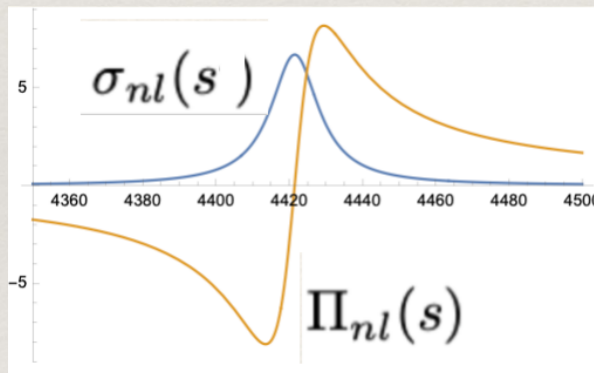
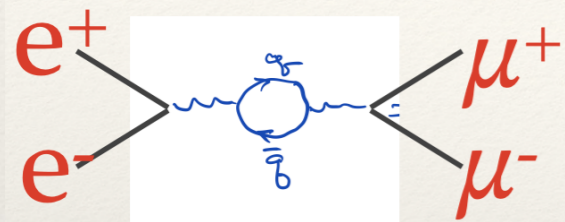


$$\sigma_{\mu^+\mu^-}(s) = \frac{\sigma_{\mu^+\mu^-}^B(s)}{|1 - \Pi(s)|^2}$$

$$\Pi_{nl}(s) = \frac{s}{4\pi^2\alpha} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_{nl}(s')}{s - s' + i\epsilon} ds'$$

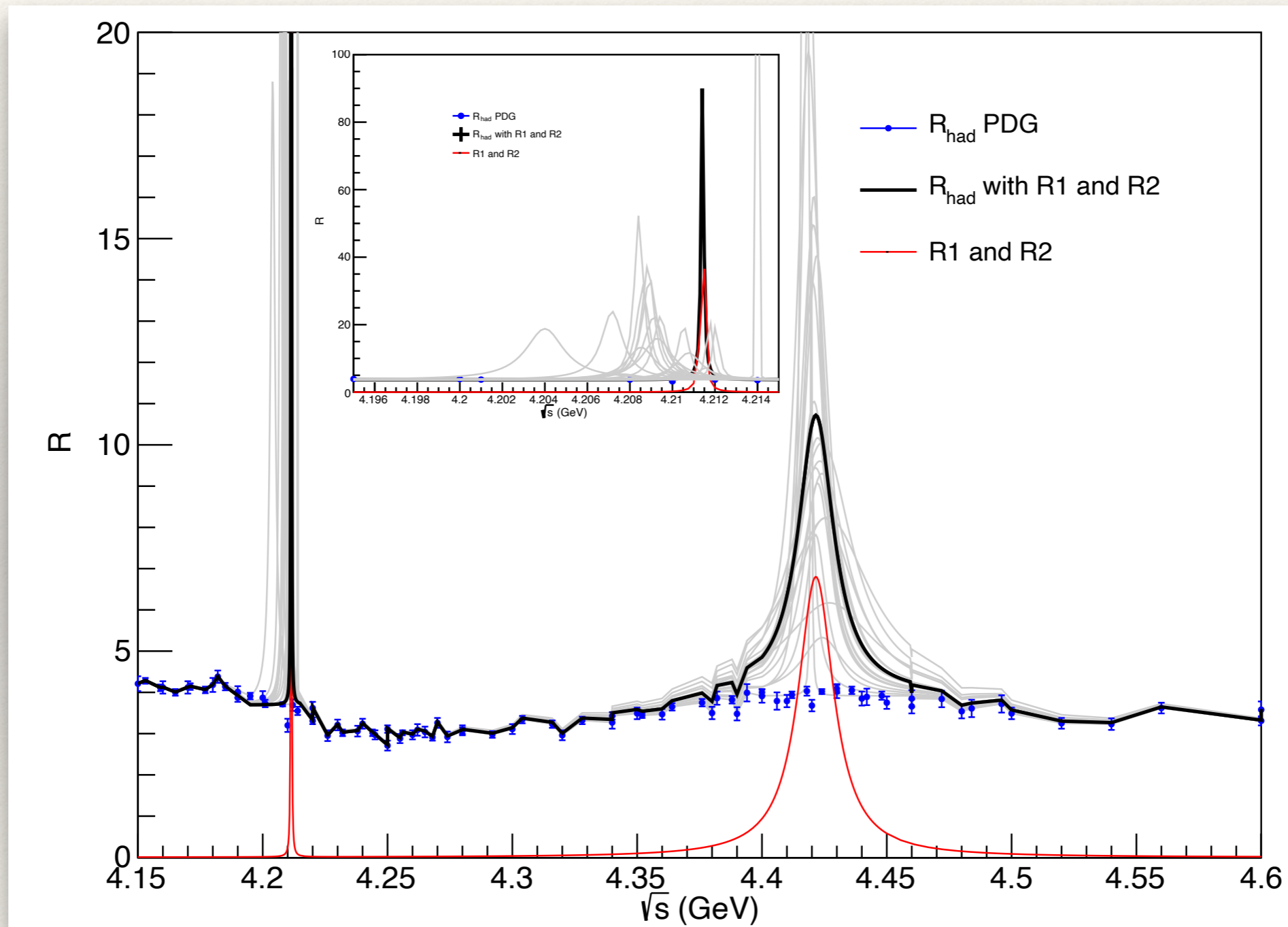


# Dramatically better fit with R1,R2



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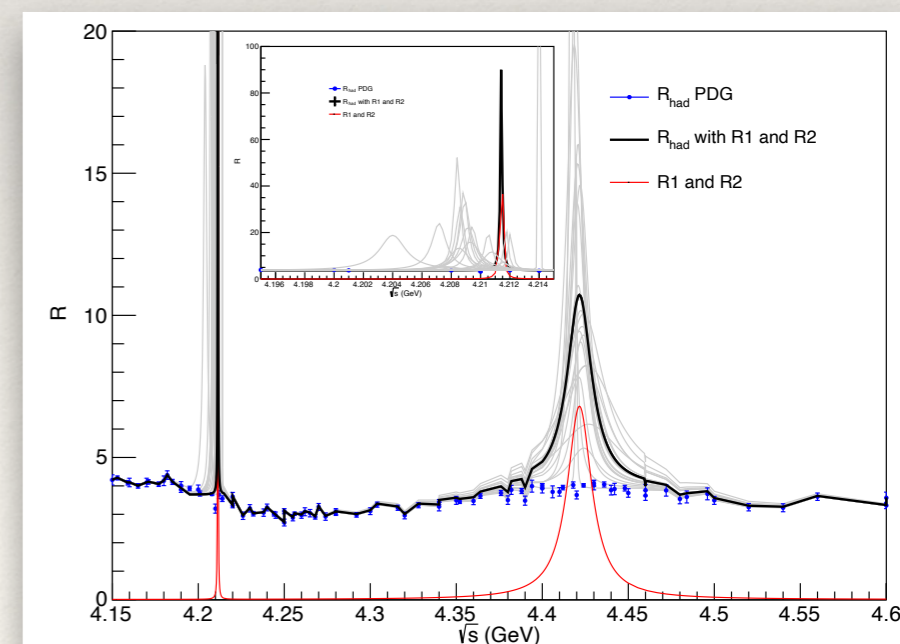
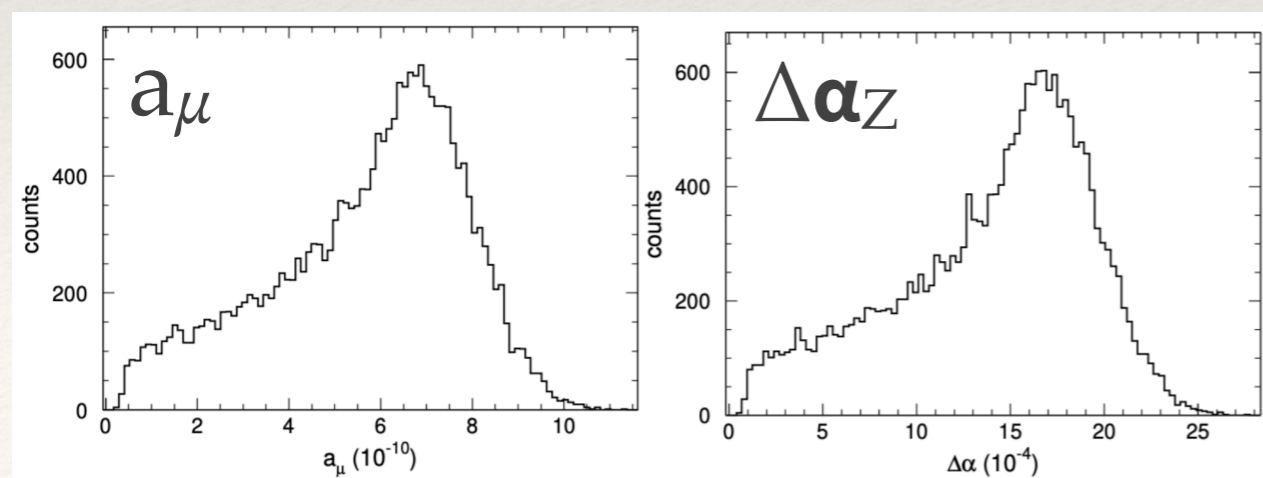
# Best fit to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ : $R_{\text{true}}$ (preliminary)



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# Conclusions & Interpretation

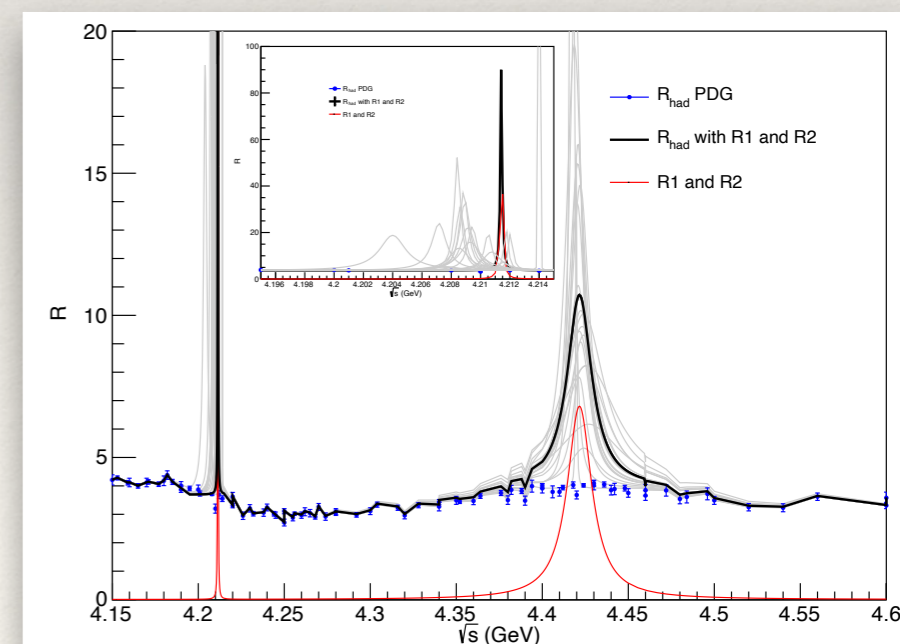
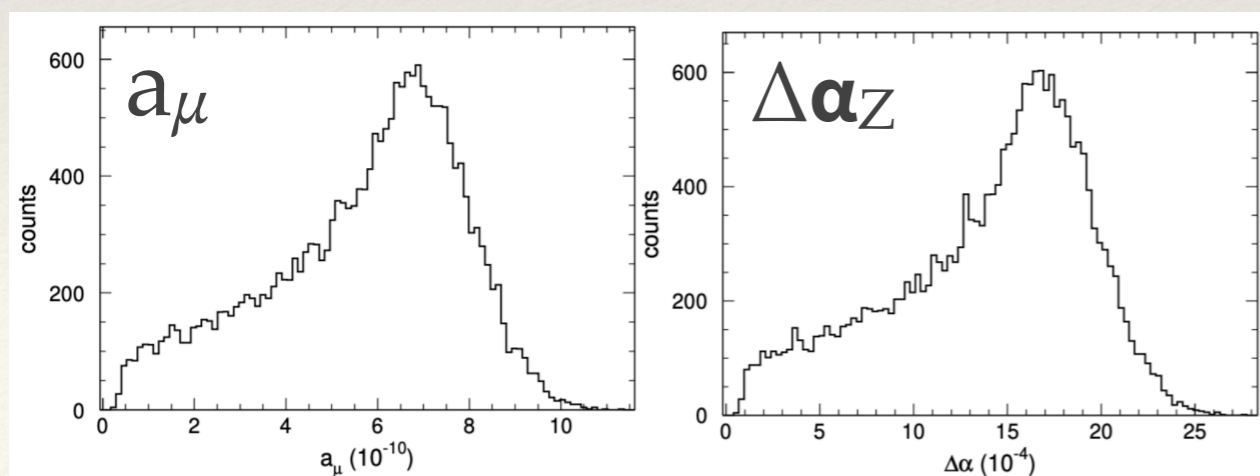
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Thanks!



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- ❖ Relic Abundance from QCD phase transition: GF 1805.03723
- ❖ Stable S: Overview & Detection Strategies GF 2201.01334
- ❖ g-2 deficit maybe due to missed final states in  $R_{\text{had}}$  GF 2206.13460
- ❖ Dark Matter Detection & constraints on  $\tilde{g}$ : GF+{Z. Wang, X.Xu}  
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- ❖ Invisible states from precision  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ : GF, Q. Li, C. Yuan in prep

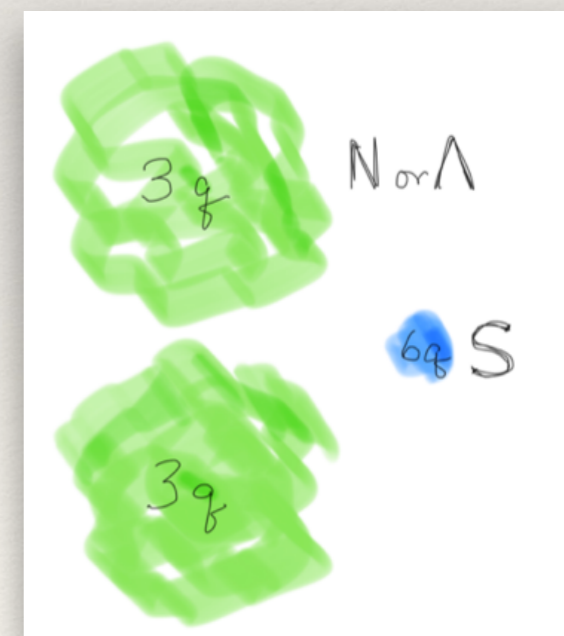
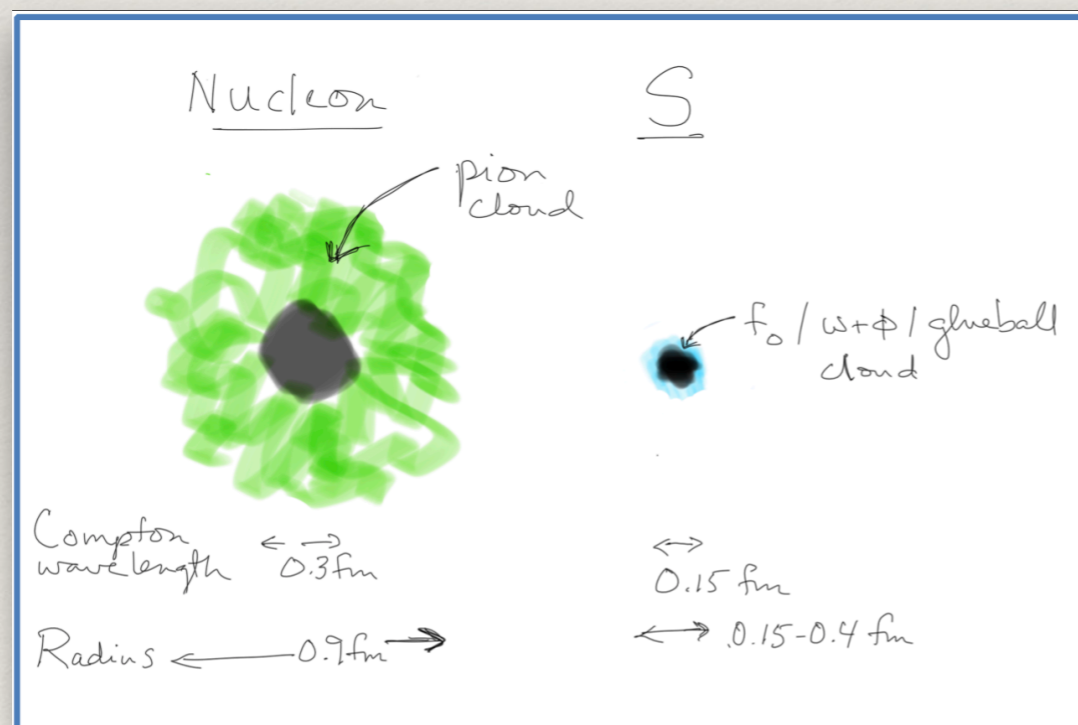
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# Backup Slides

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# How sexaquarks interact

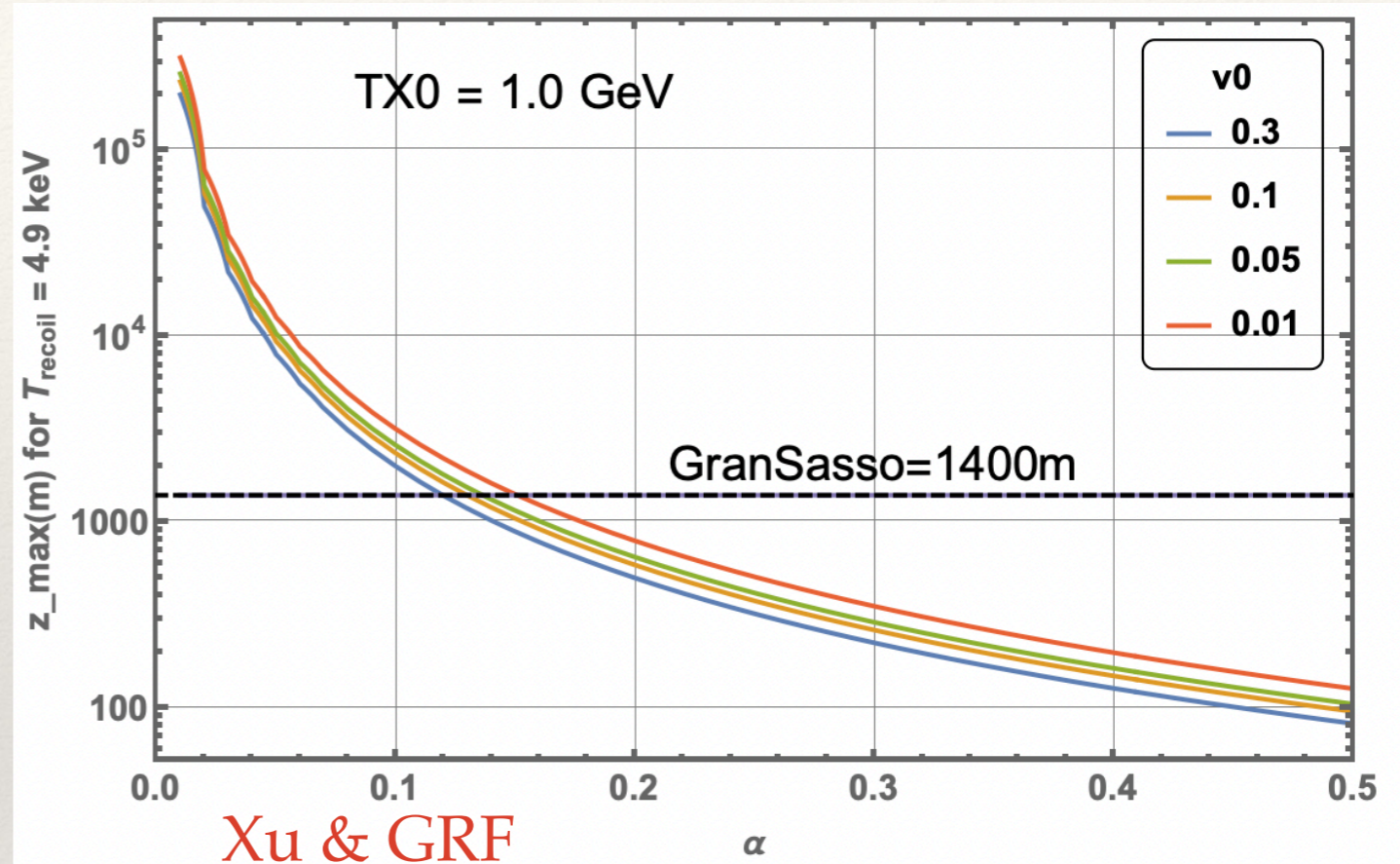
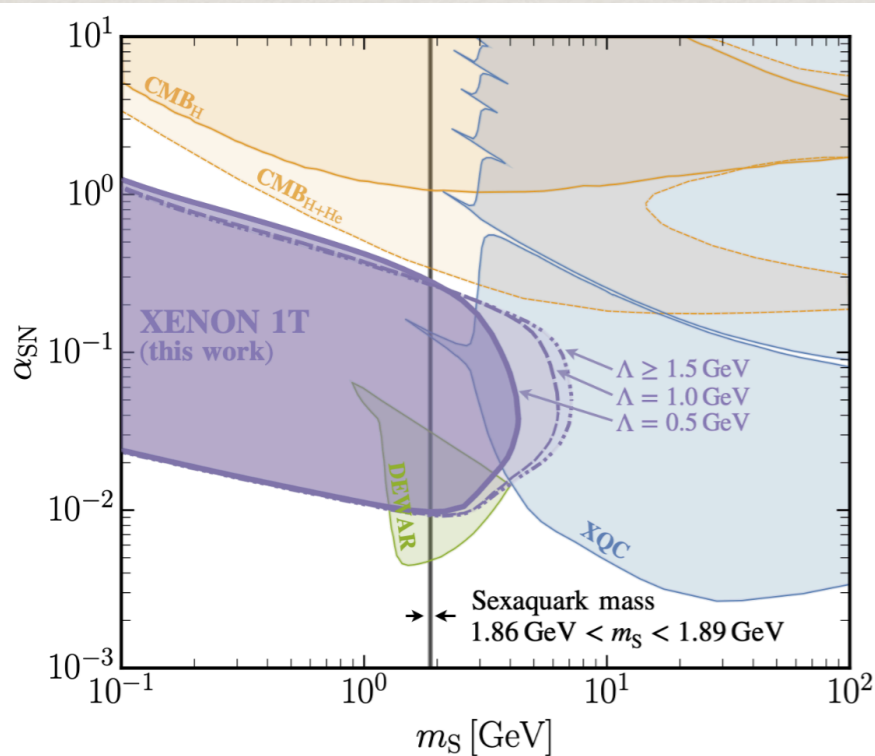
- ❖ No EM interactions ( $Q=0$ , no dipole moment)
- ❖ QCD flavor singlet.
  - ❖ No coupling to pion ( $\Rightarrow$  reduced xcn)
  - ❖ Hard to break up/create due to small overlap & energy barrier



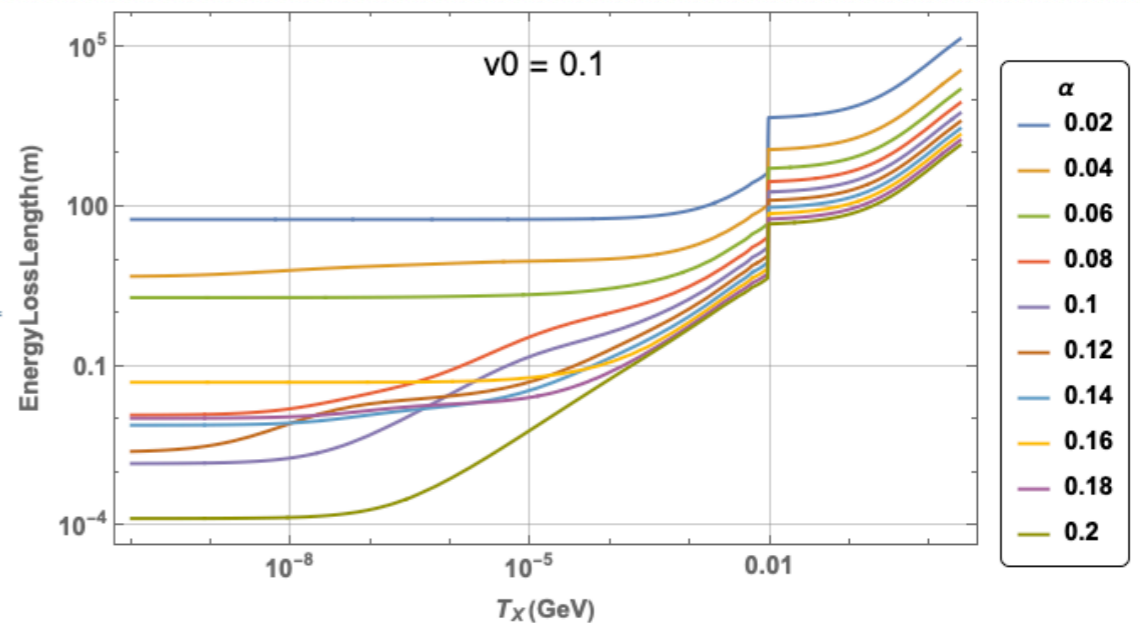


# Cosmic Ray Dark Matter

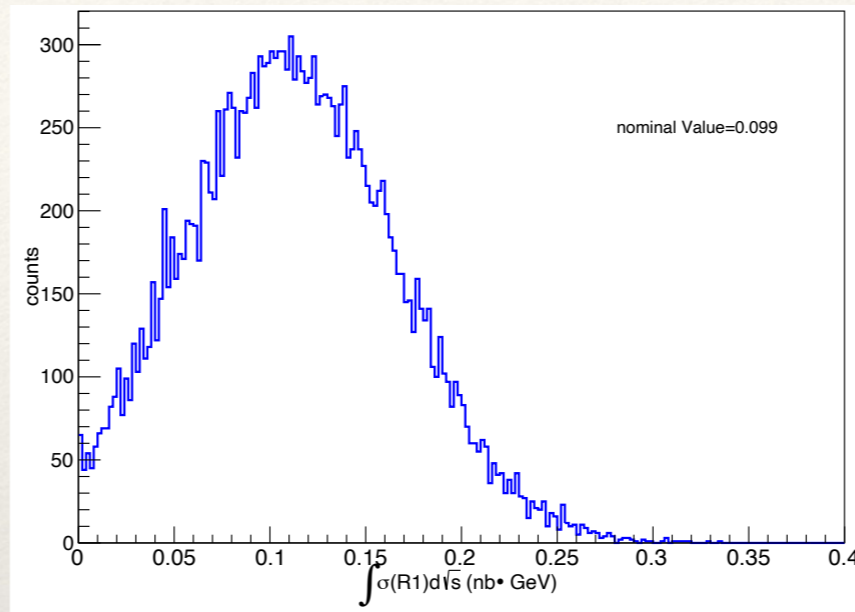
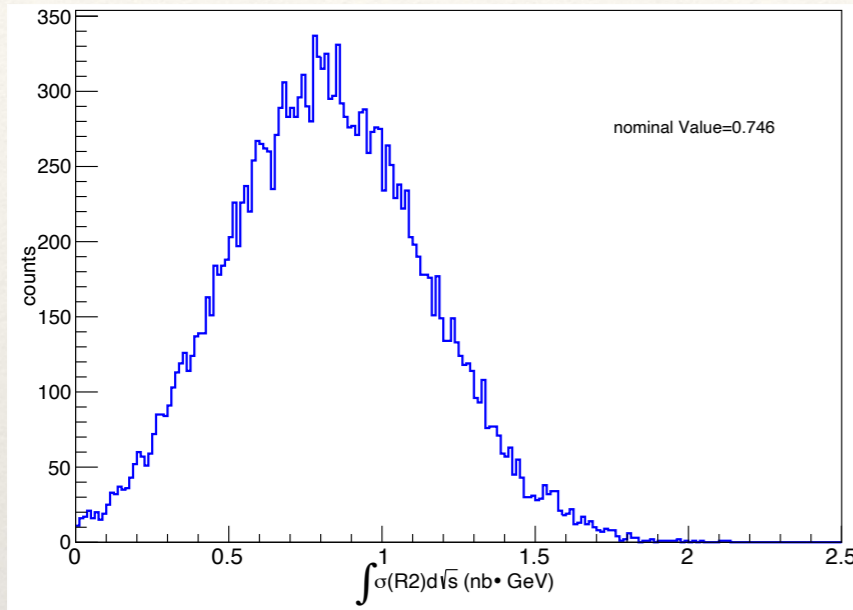
Avery, Bringmann, Kolosova limits too strong (didn't consider non-pert E-loss)



Xu & GRF



# $\int \sigma_{\text{had}} dE_{\text{cm}}$ (nb GeV)



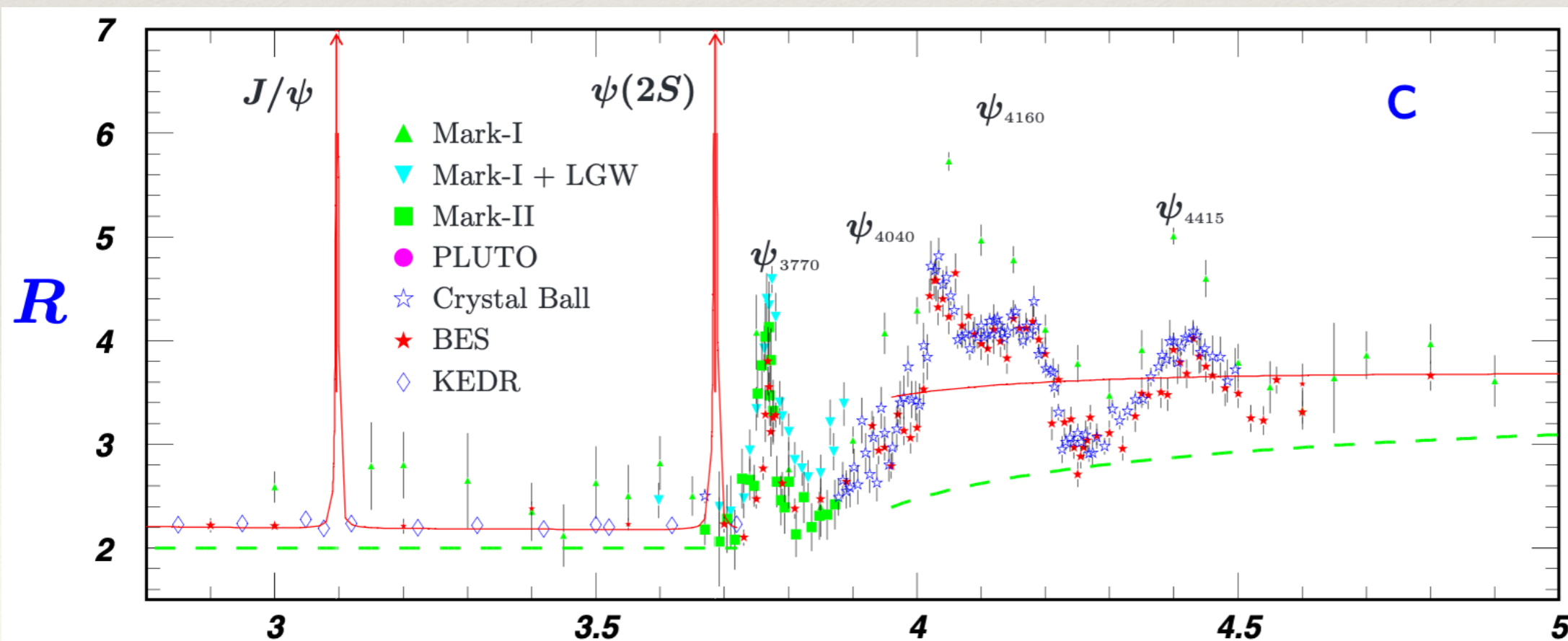
$J/\psi$ : 0.52

$\psi(2S)$ : 0.41

$\psi(3770)$ : 0.42

R1: 0.1

R2: 0.75



sim to

$\psi(4230)$

$\psi(4415)$

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# Parameters Missing Resonance Fit

(preliminary)

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R2 (4421.5±3.5 MeV)	4.6 $\sigma$	$\Gamma_2 = 15.9 \pm 15.4$ MeV	$\Gamma_{2ee} = 0.63 \pm 0.31$ keV
R1 (4211.4±2.1 MeV)	3.1 $\sigma$	$\Gamma_1 = 0.15 \pm 1.32$ MeV	$\Gamma_{1ee} = 0.077 \pm 0.044$ keV

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