

XYZ at BESIII

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Abstract: With 5.1 fb^{-1} of data taken at $\sqrt{s} = 3.8 \sim 4.6 \text{ GeV}$, BESIII made a significant contribution to the study of charmonium-like states, i. e., the XYZ states. We review the results of observations of the Z_c states, the $X(3872)$ in e^+e^- annihilation, and charmonium $\psi(1^3D_2)$ state, as well as measurements of the cross-sections of $\omega\chi_{cJ}$ and $\eta J/\psi$.

Key words: charmonium-like; initial state radiation (ISR); exoitic

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BESIII 上 XYZ 的研究

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摘要: 通过分析质心系能量为 $3.8 \sim 4.6 \text{ GeV}$ 的 5.1 fb^{-1} 数据, BESIII 在类粲偶素 (即 XYZ) 的研究上取得了重要成果. 我们回顾了 Z_c 的发现, $X(3872)$ 在 e^+e^- 湮灭中的产生, 粲偶素 $\psi(1^3D_2)$ 的发现, 以及 $\omega\chi_{cJ}$ 和 $\eta J/\psi$ 过程界面的测量.

关键词: 类粲偶素; 初态辐射; 奇异态

0 Introduction

In recent years, charmonium physics gained renewed strong interest from both theorists and experimentalists, due to the observation of charmonium-like states^[1]. These states do not fit in the conventional charmonium spectroscopy, and could be exotic states that lie outside the quark model. $Y(4260)$ was first seen by BaBar as a peak in the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ cross section at center-of-mass energy of 4.26 GeV ^[2]. It was subsequently confirmed by CLEO^[3] and Belle^[4]. Its production

via the electron and positron annihilation process requires the quantum numbers of the $Y(4260)$ to be $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$. The absence of any apparent corresponding structure in the cross sections for $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{(*)}D^{(*)}(\pi)$ ^[5] indicates that the $Y(4260)$ is probably not a conventional quarkonium state. To study the charmonium (-like) states above 4 GeV , and to establish the relationship between the charmonium-like states and higher excited charmonium states, BESIII has collected in total 5.1 fb^{-1} data^[6-7] during 2013 and 2014 above 3.8 GeV . The results presented in this talk are based

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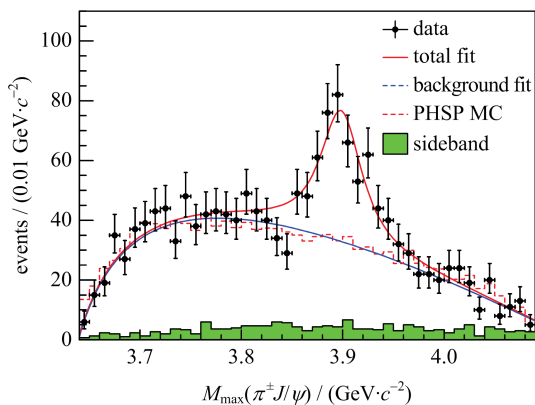
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on these data samples.

1 Observation of $Z_c(3900)$

BESIII studied the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ process at a center-of-mass energy of 4.26 GeV using a 525 pb⁻¹ data sample^[8]. A structure at around 3.9 GeV/ c^2 was observed in the $\pi^\pm J/\psi$ mass spectrum with a statistical significance larger than 8σ , which is referred to as the $Z_c(3900)$. A fit to the $\pi^\pm J/\psi$ invariant mass spectrum, shown in Fig. 1, neglecting interference, results in a mass of $(3899.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 4.9)$ MeV/ c^2 and a width of $(46 \pm 10 \pm 20)$ MeV. The associated production ratio was measured to be $R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c^\mp \pi^\mp J/\psi)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)} = (21.5 \pm 3.3 \pm 7.5)\%$.



Points with error bars are for data, the curves are the fit results,

the dashed histograms are the phase space distributions

and the shaded histograms are the non- $\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$

background estimated from the normalized J/ψ sidebands.

Fig. 1 Unbinned maximum likelihood fit to the distribution of the $M_{\max}(\pi^\pm J/\psi)$

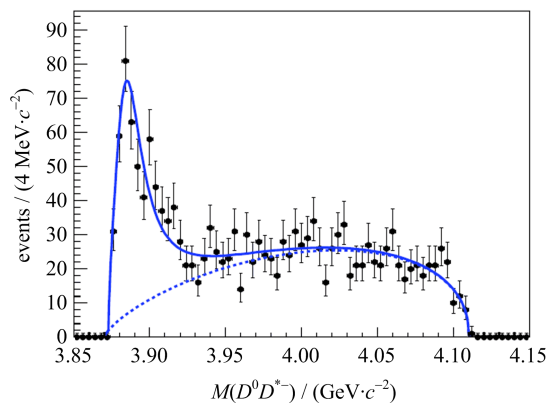
The $Z_c(3900)$ state was confirmed shortly after by Belle^[9] and CLEO-c^[10] using the initial state radiation (ISR) method. The measured mass and width agreed very well with the BESIII measurements.

A neutral state $Z_c(3900)^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi$ with a significance of 10.4σ was observed at BESIII in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 J/\psi$ with center-of-mass energy ranges from 4.19 to 4.42 GeV^[11]. The mass and width were measured to be $(3894.8 \pm 2.3 \pm 3.2)$ MeV/ c^2 and $(29.6 \pm 8.2 \pm 8.2)$ MeV, respectively. This

state is interpreted as the neutral partner of the $Z_c(3900)^\pm$, as it decays to $\pi^0 J/\psi$ and its mass is close to that of $Z_c(3900)^\pm$. This is in agreement with the previously reported 3.5σ evidence for $Z_c(3900)^0$ in the CLEO-c data^[10]. The measured Born cross-sections of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 J/\psi$ were about half of those for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ measured in the Belle experiment^[9], which is consistent with the isospin symmetry expectation.

2 Observation of $Z_c(3885)$

With the data sample at $\sqrt{s} = 4.26$ GeV, BESIII studied $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm (D\bar{D}^*)^\mp$. A structure (referred to as $Z_c(3885)$) was observed in the $(D\bar{D}^*)^\pm$ invariant mass distribution^[12], as seen in Fig. 2. When fitted to a mass-dependent-width Breit-Wigner (BW) function, the pole mass and width were determined to be $(3883.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 4.2)$ MeV/ c^2 and $(24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11.0)$ MeV, respectively. The angular distribution of the $Z_c(3885)$ system favors a $J^P = 1^+$ assignment for the structure and disfavors 1^- or 0^- . The production rate was measured to be $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c(3885)^\pm) \times BF(Z_c(3885)^\pm \rightarrow (D\bar{D}^*)^\pm) = (83.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 22.0)$ pb. The mass and width of $Z_c(3885)$ are 2σ and 1σ , respectively, below those of $Z_c(3900)$, as observed by the BESIII and Belle experiments. However, neither fit considers the possibility of interference with a coherent non-resonant background, which could



The curves show the best fits.

Fig. 2 Fit to the $M(D^0 D^{*-})$ distribution for selected events at $\sqrt{s} = 4.26$ GeV

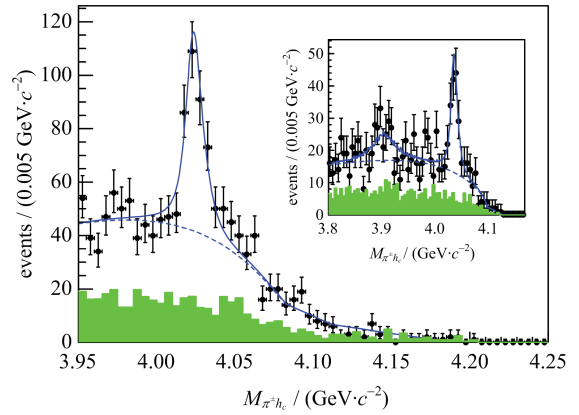
shift the results. A spin-parity quantum number determination for $Z_c(3900)$ would provide an additional test of this possibility.

Assuming the $Z_c(3885)$ structure is caused by $Z_c(3900)$, we obtain $\frac{\Gamma(Z_c(3885) \rightarrow D\bar{D}^*)}{\Gamma(Z_c(3900) \rightarrow \pi J/\psi)} = 6.2 \pm 1.1 \pm 2.7$. This ratio is much smaller than typical values for decays of conventional charmonium states above the open charm threshold, e. g., $\Gamma(\psi(3770) \rightarrow D\bar{D})/\Gamma(\psi(3770) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi) = 482 \pm 84$ ^[13] and $\Gamma(\psi(4040) \rightarrow D^{(*)} \bar{D}^{(*)})/\Gamma(\psi(4040) \rightarrow \eta J/\psi) = 192 \pm 27$ ^[14]. This suggests very different dynamics in the $Y(4260) - Z_c(3900)$ system.

3 Observation of $Z_c(4020)$

BESIII measured^[15] $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c$ cross-sections at center-of-mass energies of 3.90~4.42 GeV. Intermediate states were studied by examining the Dalitz plot of selected $\pi^+ \pi^- h_c$ candidate events. The h_c signal was selected using $3.518 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M(\gamma\eta_c) < 3.538$, and $\pi^+ \pi^- h_c$ samples of 859 events at 4.23 GeV, 586 events at 4.26 GeV, and 469 events at 4.36 GeV were obtained with purities of 65%. Although there are no clear structures in the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ system, there is clear evidence for an exotic charmonium-like structure in the $\pi^\pm h_c$ system in the Dalitz plot. Fig. 3 shows the projection of the $M(\pi^\pm h_c)$ distribution for the signal events, as well as the background events estimated from normalized h_c mass sidebands. There is a significant peak at around 4.02 GeV/ c^2 ($Z_c^\pm(4020)$), and there are also some events at around 3.9 GeV/ c^2 (inset of Fig. 3), which could be $Z_c(3900)$. The individual datasets at $\sqrt{s} = 4.23, 4.26, \text{ and } 4.36$ GeV show similar structures.

An unbinned maximum likelihood fit was applied to the $M(\pi^\pm h_c)$ distribution summed over the 16 η_c decay modes. The data at 4.23, 4.26, and 4.36 GeV were fitted simultaneously to the same signal function with common mass and width. Fig. 3 shows the fitted results. The mass and width of $Z_c(4020)$ were measured to be



Dots with error bars are data; shaded histograms are normalized sideband background; the solid curves show the total fit; and the dotted curves the backgrounds from the fit.

Fig. 3 Sum of the simultaneous fits to the $M(\pi^\pm h_c)$ distributions at 4.23, 4.26, and 4.36 GeV in the BESIII data; the inset plot shows the sum of the simultaneous fit to the $M_{\pi^+ h_c}$ distributions at 4.23 and 4.26 GeV with $Z_c(3900)$ and $Z_c(4020)$

($4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7$) MeV/ c^2 and ($7.9 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.6$) MeV, respectively. The statistical significance of the $Z_c(4020)$ signal was found to be greater than 8.9σ .

Adding $Z_c(3900)$ with the mass and width fixed to the BESIII measurements^[8], the fit is improved somewhat. But the statistical significance is only 2.1σ (see the inset of Fig. 3). At the 90% confidence level (C. L.), the upper limits on the production cross-sections are set to $\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^\pm Z_c^\mp(3900) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c) < 13$ pb at 4.23 GeV and < 11 pb at 4.26 GeV. These are lower than those of $Z_c(3900) \rightarrow \pi^\pm J/\psi$ ^[8].

BESIII also observed $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 h_c$ at $\sqrt{s} = 4.23, 4.26, \text{ and } 4.36$ GeV^[16]. The measured Born cross-sections were about half of those for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c$, which agree with expectations based on isospin symmetry within systematic uncertainties. A narrow structure with a mass of ($4023.9 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.8$) MeV/ c^2 (in fit, the width was fixed to that measured in the $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c$ process^[15] due to low statistics) was observed in the $\pi^0 h_c$ mass spectrum. This structure is most likely the neutral isospin partner of the charged $Z_c(4020)$ observed in the $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- h_c$ process^[15]. This observation

indicates that there are no anomalously large isospin violations in $\pi\pi h_c$ and $\pi Z_c(4020)$ systems.

4 Observation of $Z_c(4025)$

We studied^[17] the $e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp$ process at 4.26 GeV using 827 pb⁻¹ of data. Based on a partial reconstruction technique, the Born cross-section was measured to be $(137 \pm 9 \pm 15)$ pb. A structure near the $(D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm$ threshold in the π^\mp recoil mass spectrum was observed in Fig. 4, and this is denoted as $Z_c(4025)$. The measured mass and width of the structure were $(4026.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 3.7)$ MeV/ c^2 and $(24.8 \pm 5.6 \pm 7.7)$ MeV, respectively, from the fit with a constant-width BW function for the signal. The associated production ratio $\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c^\pm(4025)\pi^\mp \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp)}$ was determined to be $0.65 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.06$.

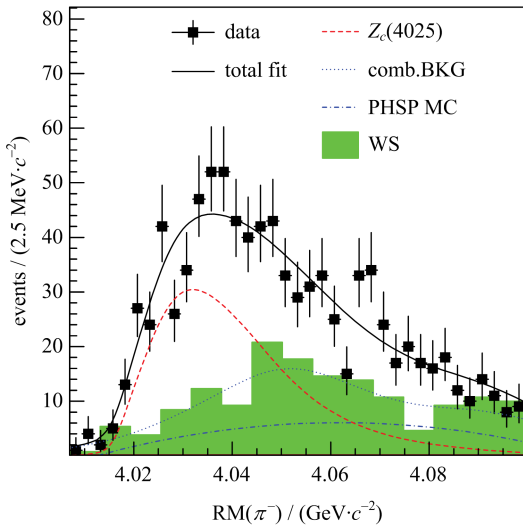


Fig. 4 Unbinned maximum likelihood fit to the π^\mp recoil mass spectrum in $e^+e^- \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm \pi^\mp$ at $\sqrt{s} = 4.26$ GeV

Using data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.23$ and 4.26 GeV, a structure was observed in the π^0 recoil mass spectrum in the $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*0}\bar{D}^{*0} (D^{*+}D^{*-})\pi^0$ process^[18]. Assuming that the enhancement is due to a neutral state decaying to $D^*\bar{D}^*$, the mass and width of its pole position were determined to be $(4025.5^{+2.0}_{-4.7} \pm 3.1)$ MeV/ c^2 and $\Gamma = (23.0 \pm 6.0 \pm 1.0)$ MeV, respectively. The Born cross-section $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c(4025)^0\pi^0 \rightarrow (D^{*0}\bar{D}^{*0} + D^{*+}D^{*-})\pi^0)$

was measured to be $(61.6 \pm 8.2 \pm 9.0)$ pb at 4.23 GeV and $(43.4 \pm 8.0 \pm 5.4)$ pb at 4.26 GeV. The ratio $\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c(4025)^0\pi^0 \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^0\pi^0)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Z_c(4025)^+\pi^- \rightarrow (D^*\bar{D}^*)^+\pi^-)}$ is compatible with unity at $\sqrt{s} = 4.26$ GeV, which is expected from isospin symmetry. In addition, $Z_c(4025)^0$ has a mass and width that are very close to those of $Z_c(4025)^\pm$, which couples to $(D^*\bar{D}^*)^\pm$. Therefore, the observed $Z_c(4025)^0$ state is a good candidate for the isospin partner of $Z_c(4025)^\pm$.

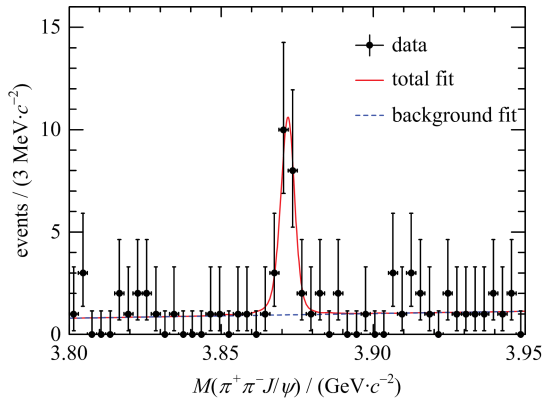
As the $Z_c(4025)$ parameters agree to within 1.5σ with those of $Z_c^\pm(4020)$, it is very probable that they are the same state. As the results for $Z_c(4025)^\pm$ are only from data at 4.26 GeV, extending the analysis to 4.23 GeV and 4.36 GeV will probably provide a definite answer.

5 Observation of $Y(4260) \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)$

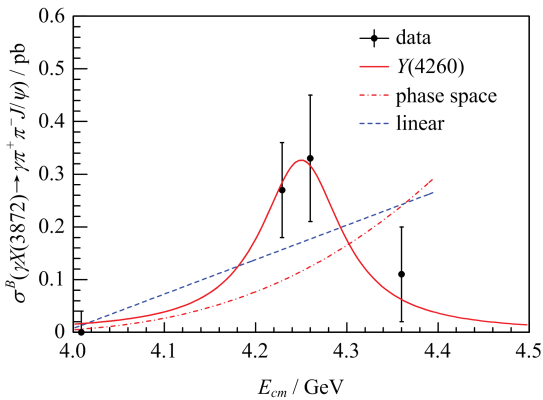
BESIII observed $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$, with J/ψ reconstructed through its decays into lepton pairs (e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$)^[19]. The $M(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$ distribution (summed over all energy points), as shown in Fig. 5, was fitted to extract the mass and signal yield of $X(3872)$. The ISR $\psi(2S)$ signal was used to calibrate the absolute mass scale and to extract the resolution difference between the data and a Monte Carlo (MC) simulation. Fig. 5 (top) shows the fitting result; the measured mass of $X(3872)$ was $(3871.9 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.2)$ MeV/ c^2 . From a fit with a floating width, we obtain a width of $(0.0^{+1.7}_{-0.0})$ MeV, or less than 2.4 MeV at the 90% C. L. The statistical significance of $X(3872)$ is 6.3σ .

The Born-order cross-section was measured, and the results are listed in Tab. 1. For 4.009 and 4.36 GeV data, since the $X(3872)$ signal is not significant, upper limits on the production rates are given at the 90% C. L. The measured cross-sections at around 4.26 GeV are an order of magnitude higher than the NRQCD calculation of continuum production^[20], which may suggest the $X(3872)$ events come from resonance decays.

The energy-dependent cross-sections were fitted with a $Y(4260)$ resonance (parameters fixed



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Fig. 5 **Top:** fit to the $M(\pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)$ distribution. **Bottom:** fit to $\sigma^B[e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)] \times \mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi]$ with a $Y(4260)$ resonance (red solid curve), a linear continuum (blue dashed curve), or an $E1$ -transition phase space term (red dotted-dashed curve)

Tab. 1 The product of the Born cross section

$\sigma^B(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872))$ and $\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)$ at different energy points

\sqrt{s}/GeV	$\sigma^B[e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma X] \cdot \mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi)/\text{pb}$
4.009	$0.00 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.01$ or < 0.11
4.229	$0.27 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.02$
4.260	$0.33 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.02$
4.360	$0.11 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.01$ or < 0.36

[Note] The upper limits are given at 90% C. L.

to PDG^[13] values), linear continuum, or $E1$ -transition phase space ($\propto E_\gamma^3$) term. Fig. 5 (bottom) shows all the fitting results, which imply that $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 0.49/3$ (C. L. = 92%), $5.5/2$ (C. L. = 6%), and $8.7/3$ (C. L. = 3%) for a $Y(4260)$ resonance, linear continuum, and phase space distribution, respectively. Thus, the

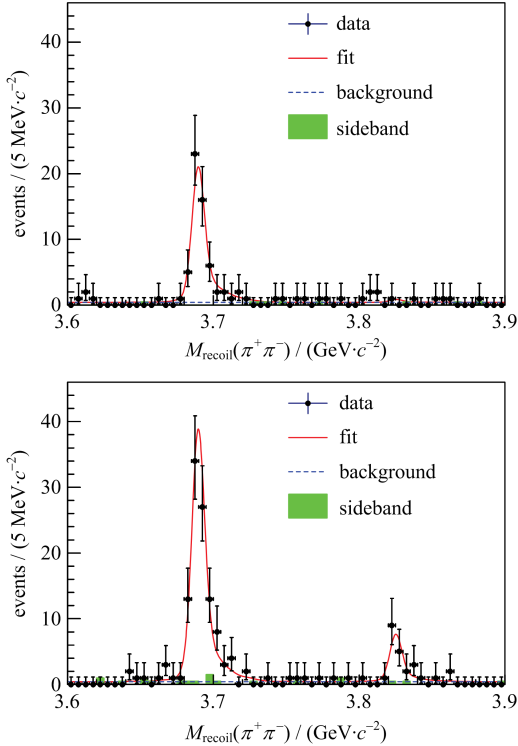
$Y(4260)$ resonance describes the data better than the other two options. These observations strongly support the existence of the radiative transition process $Y(4260) \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)$. The $Y(4260) \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)$ process could be another previously unseen decay mode of the $Y(4260)$ resonance.

Combining the above with the $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$ cross-section measurement at $\sqrt{s} = 4.26$ GeV from BESIII^[8], we obtain $\sigma^B[e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)] \cdot \mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi] / \sigma^B(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi) = (5.2 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-3}$, under the assumption that $X(3872)$ and $\pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$ are only produced from $Y(4260)$ decays. If we take $\mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi] = 5\%$ ^[21] (We take 5% from the range presented in the paper of $2.3\% < \mathcal{B}[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi] < 6.6\%$ at 90% C. L.), then $\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}[Y(4260) \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)]}{\mathcal{B}[Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi]} \sim 0.1$.

6 Observation of $\psi(1^3D_2)$

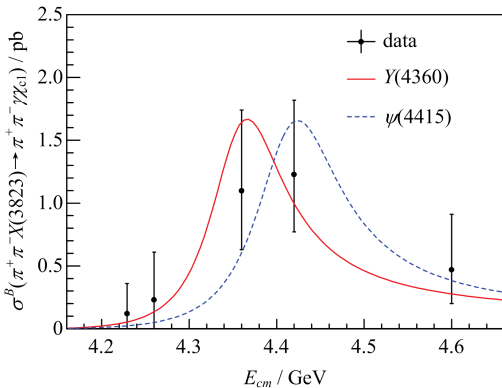
BESIII observed $X(3823)$ in the $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- X(3823) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma \chi_{c1}$ process with a statistical significance of 6.2σ in data samples at center-of-mass energies of $\sqrt{s} = 4.23, 4.26, 4.36, 4.42,$ and 4.60 GeV^[22]. Fig. 6 shows the fitting results to $\pi\pi$ recoil mass distributions for events in the χ_{c1} and χ_{c2} signal regions. The fit yields 19 ± 5 $X(3823)$ signal events in the $\gamma \chi_{c1}$ mode, with a measured mass of $X(3823)$ of $(3821.7 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.7)$ MeV/ c^2 , where the first error is statistical and the second systematic. For the $\gamma \chi_{c2}$ mode, no significant $X(3823)$ signal was observed, and an upper limit on its production rate could be determined. The limited statistics do not allow a measurement of the intrinsic width of $X(3823)$. From a fit using the BW function (with a floating width) convolved with Gaussian resolution, it can be determined that $\Gamma[X(3823)] < 16$ MeV at the 90% C. L. (including systematic errors). This measurement agrees well with the values found by Belle^[23]. The production cross-sections of $\sigma^B(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- X(3823)) \cdot \mathcal{B}(X(3823) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{c1}, \gamma \chi_{c2})$ were also measured at these center-of-mass energies. The cross-sections

of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- X(3823)$ were fitted with the $Y(4360)$ shape or the $\psi(4415)$ shape, with their resonance parameters fixed to the PDG values^[13]. Fig. 7 shows the fitting results, both the $Y(4360)$ and $\psi(4415)$ hypotheses are accepted at a 90% C. L.



Dots with error bars are data, red solid curves are total fit, dashed blue curves are background, and the green shaded histograms are J/ψ mass sideband events.

Fig. 6 Simultaneous fit to the $M_{\text{recoil}}(\pi^+\pi^-)$ distribution of $\gamma\chi_{c1}$ events (top) and $\gamma\chi_{c2}$ events (bottom), respectively



Dots with error bars (statistical only) are data. The red solid (blue dashed) curve shows a fit with the $Y(4360)$ ($\psi(4415)$) line shape.

Fig. 7 Comparison of the energy-dependent cross sections of $\sigma^B[e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi X(3823)] \cdot \mathcal{B}(X(3823) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1})$ to the $Y(4360)$ and $\psi(4415)$ line shapes

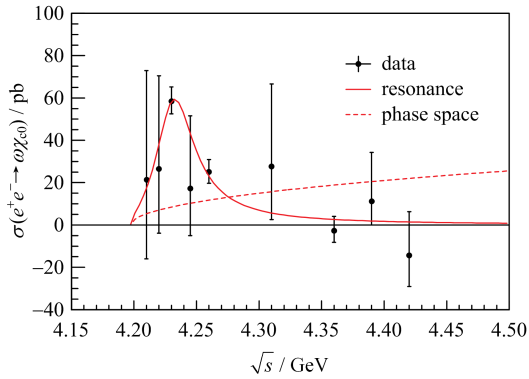
The $X(3823)$ resonance is a good candidate for the $\psi(1^3D_2)$ charmonium state. According to potential models^[24-25], the D -wave charmonium states are expected to be within a mass range of 3.82 ~ 3.85 GeV. The $1^1D_2 \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$ transition is forbidden because of C -parity conservation, and the amplitude for $1^3D_3 \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$ is expected to be small^[26]. The mass of $\psi(1^3D_2)$ is in the 3.810 ~ 3.840 GeV/c^2 range predicted by several phenomenological calculations^[27]. In this case, the mass of $\psi(1^3D_2)$ was above the $D\bar{D}$ threshold but below the $D\bar{D}^*$ threshold. Because $\psi(1^3D_2) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$ violates parity, $\psi(1^3D_2)$ is expected to be narrow, in agreement with the observation, and $\psi(1^3D_2) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}$ is expected to be a dominant decay mode^[27-28]. From the cross-section measurement, we obtain the ratio $\frac{\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c2}]}{\mathcal{B}[X(3823) \rightarrow \gamma\chi_{c1}]} < 0.42$ at the 90% C. L., which also agrees with expectations for the $\psi(1^3D_2)$ state^[28].

7 Observation of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c0}$

Based on data samples collected between $\sqrt{s} = 4.21$ and 4.42 GeV, the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c0}$ process was observed at $\sqrt{s} = 4.23$ and 4.26 GeV^[29]. The Born cross-sections were measured to be $(55.4 \pm 6.0 \pm 5.9)$ and $(23.7 \pm 5.3 \pm 3.5)$ pb, respectively. For other energy points, no significant signals were found, and upper limits on the cross-section at the 90% C. L. were determined.

The data reveal a sizable $\omega\chi_{c0}$ production at around 4.23 GeV/c^2 , as predicted in Ref. [30]. By assuming the $\omega\chi_{c0}$ signals coming from a single resonance, the $\Gamma_{\omega} \mathcal{B}(\omega\chi_{c0})$, mass, and width of the resonance are fitted to be $(2.7 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.4)$ eV, $(4230 \pm 8 \pm 6)$ MeV/c^2 , and $(38 \pm 12 \pm 2)$ MeV, respectively (shown in Fig. 8). The parameters are not consistent with the lineshape $Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ cross-section^[2]. This suggests that the observed $\omega\chi_{c0}$ signals are unlikely to originate from $Y(4260)$.

Using data samples collected at energies of 3.81 ~ 4.60 GeV, BESIII analyzed $e^+e^- \rightarrow$



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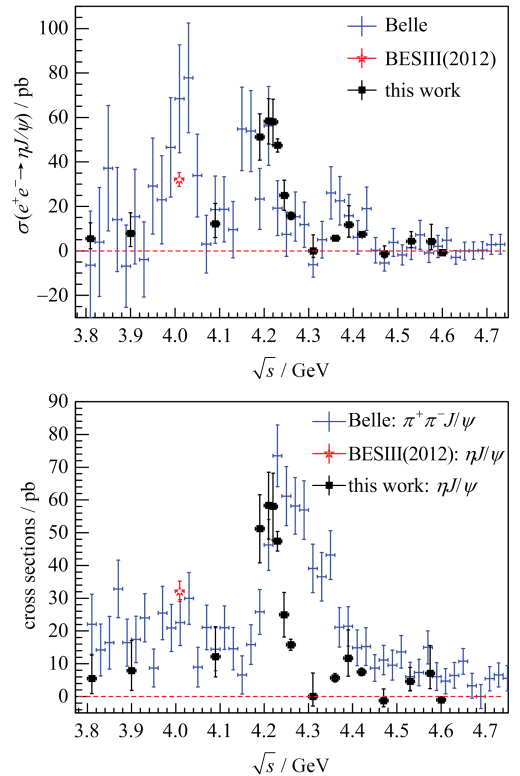
Fig. 8 Fit to $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\chi_{c0})$ with a resonance (solid curve), or a phase space term (dot-dashed curve)

$\eta J/\psi$ ^[31]. Statistically significant η signals were observed, and the corresponding Born cross-sections were measured. In addition, a search for the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0 J/\psi$ process observed no significant signals, and upper limits at the 90% C. L. on the Born cross-section were set.

A comparison of the Born cross-sections $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta J/\psi)$ in this measurement to previous results^[14,32] is shown in Fig. 9 (top), indicating very good agreement. The measured Born cross-sections were also compared to those of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ obtained from the Belle experiment^[9], as shown in Fig. 9 (bottom). Different line shapes can be observed in these two processes, indicating that the production mechanism of $\eta J/\psi$ differs from that of $\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ in the vicinity of $\sqrt{s}=4.1\sim 4.6$ GeV. This could indicate the existence of a rich spectrum of the Y states in this energy region with different coupling strengths to various decay modes.

8 Conclusion

With the world's largest data samples at the center-of-mass energies of $3.8 \sim 4.6$ GeV, the BESIII experiment made a significant contribution to the study of the charmonium (-like) states. BESIII will continue to collect and analyse e^+e^- data in the energy region of the putative exotic states of charmonium. Efforts from other experiments, such as LHCb and PANDA, are important to achieve a systematic understanding of



In these two plots, the black square dots and the red star dots are the results of $\eta J/\psi$ obtained from BESIII.

The blue dots are results of $\eta J/\psi$ (top) and $\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ (bottom) from Belle.

The errors are statistical only for Belle's results, and are final combined uncertainties for BESIII's results.

Fig. 9 A comparison of the measured Born cross sections of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta J/\psi$ to those of the previous measurements^[14,32] (top), and to those of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ from Belle^[9]

the nature of the XYZ states.

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