# XYZ at BESIII<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract:** With 5.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data taken at  $\sqrt{s} = 3.8 - 4.6$  GeV, BESIII made a significant contribution to the study of charmonium-like states, i.e., the *XYZ* states. In this talk, 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  $\eta J/\psi$ .

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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3.8~4.6 GeV的5.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>数据,BESIII在类粲偶素(即XYZ)的研究上取得了重要成果。在报告中,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

## 1 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 enterof-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<sup>-1</sup> data [6, 7] during 2013 and 2014 above 3.8 GeV. The results presented in this talk are based on these data samples.

#### **2** 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<sup>-1</sup> 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  $8\sigma$ , 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  $R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}Z_c^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^- J/\psi)} = (21.5 \pm 3.3 \pm 7.5)\%$ .

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

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  $Z_c(3900)^0 \to \pi^0 J/\psi$  with a significance of  $10.4\sigma$  was observed at BESIII in  $e^+e^- \to \pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi$  with center-of-mass energy ranges from 4.19-4.42 GeV [11]. The mass and width were measured to be  $(3894.8\pm2.3\pm3.2)$  MeV/ $c^2$  and  $(29.6\pm8.2\pm8.2)$  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  $3.5\sigma$  evidence for  $Z_c(3900)^0$  in the CLEO-c data [10]. The measured Born crosssections of  $e^+e^- \to \pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi$  were about half of those for  $e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$  measured in the Belle experiment [9], which is consistent with the isospin symmetry expectation.

#### **3** 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  $(3883.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 4.2) \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and  $(24.8 \pm 3.3 \pm 11.0) \text{ MeV}$ , 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  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^{\mp}Z_c(3885)^{\pm}) \times BF(Z_c(3885)^{\pm} \rightarrow$  $(D\bar{D}^*)^{\pm}) = (83.5 \pm 6.6 \pm 22.0)$  pb. The mass and width of  $Z_c(3885)$  are  $2\sigma$  and  $1\sigma$ , 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 shift the results. A spin-parity quantum number determination for  $Z_c(3900)$  would provide an additional test of this possibility.



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

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

### 4 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  $3.518 < M(\gamma \eta_c) < 3.538 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , 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. Figure 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  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  (inset of Fig. 3), which could be  $Z_c(3900)$ . The individual datasets at  $\sqrt{s} = 4.23, 4.26,$ and 4.36 GeV show similar structures.



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  $Z_c(4020)$ . 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.

An unbinned maximum likelihood fit was applied to the  $M(\pi^{\pm}h_c)$  distribution summed over the 16  $\eta_c$  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. Figure 3 shows the fitted results. The mass and width of  $Z_c(4020)$  were measured to be  $(4022.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.7)$  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  $8.9\sigma$ .

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 2.1 $\sigma$  (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  $e^+e^- \to \pi^0\pi^0h_c$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 4.23$ , 4.26, and 4.36 GeV [16]. The measured Born crosssections were about half of those for  $e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-h_c$ , 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  $e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-h_c$ process [15] due to low statistics) was observed in the  $\pi^0h_c$  mass spectrum. This structure is most likely the neutral isospin partner of the charged  $Z_c(4020)$  observed in the  $e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-h_c$  process [15]. This observation indicates that there are no anomalously large isospin violations in  $\pi\pi h_c$  and  $\pi Z_c(4020)$  systems.

## 5 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<sup>-1</sup> 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  $\pi^{\mp}$  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  $\pi^{\mp}$  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  $\pi^0$  recoil mass spectrum in the  $e^+e^- \to D^{*0}\bar{D}^{*0}(D^{*+}D^{*-})\pi^0$  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  $(4025.5^{+2.0}_{-4.7} \pm 3.1) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 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  $\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \to Z_c(4025)^0 \pi^0 \to (D^*\bar{D}^*)^0 \pi^0)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \to Z_c(4025)^+ \pi^- \to (D^*\bar{D}^*)^+ \pi^-)}$  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 1.5  $\sigma$ 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  $4.23~{\rm GeV}$  and  $4.36~{\rm GeV}$  will probably provide a definite answer.



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

Fig. 5. Top: fit to the  $M(\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$  distribution. Dots with error bars are data, the curves are the fit results. 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 *E*1-transition phase space term (red dotted-dashed curve). Dots with error bars are data.

BESIII observed  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872) \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ , with  $J/\psi$  reconstructed through its decays into lepton pairs  $(e^+e^- \text{ or } \mu^+\mu^-)$  [19]. The  $M(\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$  distribution (summed over all energy points), as shown in Fig. 5 (top), 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. Figure 5 (top) shows the fitting result: the measured mass of X(3872) was  $(3871.9 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.2) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ . 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  $6.3\sigma$ .

Table 1. The product of the Born cross section 
$$\sigma^B(e^+e^- \to \gamma X(3872))$$
 and  $\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \to$ 

 $\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ ) at different energy points. The upper limits are given at 90% C.L.

$\sqrt{s} \; (\text{GeV})$	$\sigma^{B}[e^{+}e^{-} \to \gamma X] \cdot \mathcal{B} \to \pi \pi J/\psi) \text{ (pb)}$
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	$0.11 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.01 ~{\rm or} < 0.36$

The Born-order cross-section was measured, and the results are listed in Table 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 to PDG [13] values), linear continuum, or E1-transition phase space ( $\propto E_{\gamma}^3$ ) term. Figure 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 BE-SIII [8], we obtain  $\sigma^B[e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)] \cdot BF[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi]/\sigma^B(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi) = (5.2 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-3}$ , under the assumption that X(3872) and  $\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ are only produced from Y(4260) decays. If we take  $BF[X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi] = 5\%$  [21], then  $\mathcal{R} = \frac{BF[Y(4260) \rightarrow \gamma X(3872)]}{BF(Y(4260) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)} \sim 0.1$ .

#### 7 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  $6.2\sigma$  in data samples at center-of-mass energies of  $\sqrt{s} = 4.23$ , 4.26, 4.36, 4.42, and 4.60 GeV [22]. Figure 6 shows the fitting results to  $\pi\pi$  recoil mass distributions for events in the  $\chi_{c1}$  and  $\chi_{c2}$  signal regions. The fit yields  $19 \pm 5 X(3823)$  signal events in the  $\gamma\chi_{c1}$  mode, with a measured mass of X(3823) of  $(3821.7 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ , 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  $\sigma^B(e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-X(3823)) \cdot \mathcal{B}(X(3823) \to \gamma\chi_{c1}, \gamma\chi_{c2})$ were also measured at these center-of-mass energies. The cross-sections of  $e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-X(3823)$  were fitted with the Y(4360) shape or the  $\psi(4415)$  shape, with their resonance parameters fixed to the PDG values [13]. Figure 7 shows the fitting results, both the Y(4360) and  $\psi(4415)$ hypotheses are accepted at a 90% C.L.



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 are data, red solid curves are total fit, dashed blue curves are background, and the green shaded histograms are  $J/\psi$  mass sideband events.



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. 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.

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

### 8 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 [28]. The Born crosssections were measured to be  $(55.4 \pm 6.0 \pm 5.9)$  and  $(23.7\pm5.3\pm3.5)$  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. [29]. By assuming the  $\omega \chi_{c0}$  signals come from a single resonance, the  $\Gamma_{ee}\mathcal{B}(\omega \chi_{c0})$ , 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).



Fig. 8. Fit to  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{c0})$  with a resonance (solid curve), or a phase space term (dot-dashed curve). Dots with error bars are the dressed cross sections. The uncertainties are statistical only.

#### 8.1 Measurement of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta J/\psi$

Using data samples collected at energies of 3.81– 4.60 GeV, BESIII analyzed  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta J/\psi$  [30]. Statistically significant  $\eta$  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, 31] 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  $\sqrt{s} = 4.1$ –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.





Fig. 9. A comparison of the measured Born cross sections of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta J/\psi$  to those of the previous measurements [14, 31] (top), and to those of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$  from Belle [9]. 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.

## 9 Conclusion

With the world's largest data samples at the centerof-mass energies of 3.8–4.6 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 enable a systematic understanding of the nature of the XYZ states.

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