



Charmonium-like states at BaBar

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In the past few years, several new charmonium-like states have been observed above the open-charm threshold, with properties that disfavor their interpretation as conventional charmonium states. It is not clear whether all these states are unique. Specifically, it has been suggested that the $X(3915)$, observed in $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi \omega$, and the $Y(3940)$, observed in $B \rightarrow J/\psi \omega K$, may be one and the same as the $\chi_{c2}(2P)$, which was discovered in $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow D \bar{D}$. We use the full BABAR dataset to study the process $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi \omega$. We measure the mass and width of the $X(3915)$ and conduct the first assessment of its spin to determine whether it is the $\chi_{c2}(2P)$ or a new state. We also search for the $X(3872)$, which should be produced in $\gamma\gamma$ events if it has spin and parity 2^+ , while the alternative $J^P = 1^+$ assignment would preclude $X(3872)$ production via this mechanism.

Di-pion transitions are well known for vector charmonium states. However, they have not been studied for non-vector states, where they may shed light on the nature of some of the new charmonium-like resonances, which are not well understood and whose properties often disfavor interpretation as conventional charmonium. In particular, it has been suggested that the decay $X(3872) \rightarrow \eta_c(1S) \pi^+ \pi^-$ will favor identification of the $X(3872)$ as the η_c . In addition, measurement of di-pion transition rates for well-understood charmonium states serves to test charmonium-model predictions. Using two-photon-fusion events, we perform the first search for the decays of the $\chi_{c2}(1S)$, $\eta_c(2S)$, $X(3872)$, $X(3915)$, and $\chi_{c2}(2P)$ into the final state $\eta_c(1S) \pi^+ \pi^-$, and report limits on the branching fractions for these decays or on the products of the branching fractions and 2-photon widths.

In recent years, several new Charmonium-like states have been discovered, which cannot be fully explained by a simple charmonium model. The $Y(4260)$ was discovered by BABAR via its decay into $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$. Its production in initial-state-radiation events determines its quantum numbers to be $J^{PC}=1^-$, so the fact that it has not been observed decaying into $D \bar{D}$ is in contradiction to the charmonium-model expectation. Other interpretations are also not in good agreement with the data. We use the full BABAR dataset to improve determination of the parameters of the $Y(4260)$ and to study the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ system, which we find to be predominantly in an S-wave state, with a $f_0(980)$ component. We do not confirm the report from Belle of a broad structure around 4.01 GeV.

A number of new charmonium-like states have been discovered recently, with properties that disfavor their identification as charmonium states. An understanding of the nature of these states requires precision measurements of their properties. Several of the new states are produced in initial-state-radiation events, indicating the quantum numbers $J^{PC}=1^-$. Of these, the $Y(4660)$ has been observed only in the Belle experiment, and still requires independent confirmation. We report a new study of the final state $\psi(2S) \pi^+ \pi^-$ in initial-state-radiation events using the entire BABAR dataset. We measure the masses and widths of the $Y(4360)$ and $Y(4660)$, and study the di-pion mass spectrum distributions.

Recent discoveries of new charmonium-like states have prompted development of various models to explain them. None of the models, including the standard charmonium interpretation, account well for all the properties of these states. A clear prediction of the 4-quark interpretation is the existence of charged charmonium-like states. Such states are the $Z_1(4050)^+$ and $Z_2(4250)^+$, which is been reported by Belle to be produced in $B \rightarrow ZK$ and to decay into $\chi_{c1} \pi^+$. We search for these states in the decays $B_0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \pi^- K^+$ and $B^- \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \pi^- K^0$. We show that adequate treatment of the background requires addressing the angular distribution of the $K\pi$ system, which produces features in the $\chi_{c1} \pi^+$ invariant-mass distribution if not properly handled. Once this is done, we see no evidence for the $Z_1(4050)^+$ and $Z_2(4250)^+$ states, and set upper limits

on the branching fractions of the decays $B \rightarrow ZK$. We also report the total branching fractions of the decays $B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \pi^- K^+$ and $B^- \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \pi^- K_s$.

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