

Recent results on XYZ states from the BESIII experiment

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The BESIII Experiment

- BEijing Spectrometer (BESIII) at the Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPCII)
- located at the Institute for High Energy Physics (IHEP), Beijing, China
- \circ symmetric, double-ring e^+e^- collider in the τ charm region



- peak luminosity: $\approx 10^{33}$ cm⁻² s⁻¹ at $\sqrt{s} = 3.770$ GeV
- energy range: $2 \text{ GeV} ≤ \sqrt{s} ≤ 4.6 \text{ GeV}$
- \circ crossing angle of 11 mrad



The BESIII Experiment



- **MDC:** Drift chamber in 1.0 T magnetic field
- TOF: Plastic scintillator based time-of-flight system
- **EMC:** Electromagnetic calorimeter
- **RPC:** resistive plate chambers for muon identification



The BESIII Experiment

- in recent years, BESIII accumulated roughly 16 fb⁻¹ of e^+e^- collision data above $\sqrt{s} = 3.8 \text{ GeV}$
- these can be used to study open-charm & XYZ meson production & decays
- new data at 8 additional energies taken throughout 2019 will allow to improve lineshape analysis of vector-exotics

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3.82 3.84 3.86 3.88 3.9 3.92

M(J/ψ ππ) (GeV)

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- $\circ~$ new study of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega \chi_{c0}$ at $4.18~{\rm GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.28~{\rm GeV}$
- reconstructing $\omega \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ and $\chi_{c0} \to \pi^+ \pi^- / K^+ K^-$
- observation of a resonance with $m = 4218.5 \pm 1.6 \pm 4.0 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma = 28.2 \pm 3.9 \pm 1.6 \text{ MeV}$
- o confirmation of an earlier measurement





- similar resonances seen in $\omega \chi_{c0}$, $\pi^+ \pi^- h_c$, $\pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi$, $\pi^+ \pi^- \psi(2S)$ and $\pi^+ D^0 D^{*-}$
- all agree on a lower mass value $Y(4260) \rightarrow Y(4220)$
- inconsistencies regarding the width, might be caused by Breit-Wigner parameterization

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- \circ η_c reconstructed in 9 decay modes
- signal of e⁺e[−] → η_cπ⁺π[−]π⁰ observed with a significance of 4.2σ





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- strong evidence (4.3 σ) for $Z_c(3900) \rightarrow \rho \eta_c$ at $\sqrt{s} = 4.23 \text{ GeV}$
- no signal observed for $Z_c'(4020) \rightarrow \rho \eta_c$ Ο
- ratio $R_Z = 2.2 \pm 0.9$ and $R_{Z'} < 0.9$ Ο

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$$\Rightarrow R_{J} = \frac{Br(X(3872) \to \pi^{0} \chi_{cJ})}{Br(X(3872) \to \pi^{+} \pi^{-} J/\psi)} \text{ with } \begin{array}{c} R_{0} < 19 \quad (90\% \text{ CL}) \\ R_{1} = 0.88^{+0.33}_{-0.27} \pm 0.10 \\ R_{2} < 1.1 \quad (90\% \text{ CL}) \end{array}$$

• PRD 77, 014013 (2008): $\Gamma(X(3872) \to \pi^0 \chi_{c1}) \sim 0.06 \text{ keV}$ in case of a conventional $c\bar{c}$

o combining 3.2% < $Br(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi)$ < 6.4% with $R_1 = 0.88$ would imply $c\bar{c}$ -state with $\Gamma_{tot}(X(3872)) \sim 1.0 - 2.0$ keV → strongly disfavors $c\bar{c}$ interpretation







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Summary

- to fully understand the XYZ states, studying their properties is highly important
- BESIII is uniquely suited to perform such studies, working directly in the energy region of interest
- \circ strong signal of *Y*(4220) → $\omega \chi_{c0}$
 - $\circ~$ first evidence for the decay $Z_c(3900)^\pm \rightarrow \eta_c \rho^\pm$
- first observation of $X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi_{c1}$
- observation of *X*(3872) → $\gamma J/\psi$, but not $\gamma \psi(2S)$





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