

# Results on Charmonium and Charmonium-like States at the Belle Experiment

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New results of the Belle experiment at the KEKB asymmetric  $e^+e^-$  collider are presented, in particular (a) measurement of the mass and width of the  $\eta_c$  and  $\eta'_c$  in  $B$  meson decays, (b) measurement of the mass, width and quantum numbers of the  $X(3872)$  and (c) observation of the  $\chi_{c2}$  in  $B$  meson decays.

## 1 $\eta_c$ and $\eta'_c$ in $B$ meson decays

The  $\eta_c$  is the  $1^1S_0$  ground state of charmonium with quantum numbers  $J^{PC}=0^{-+}$ . The  $\eta'_c$  represents the first radial excitation  $2^1S_0$ . As a long-standing puzzle the width of the  $\eta_c$  has been determined with large discrepancies between experiments with different production mechanisms: in  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi'$  radiative decays  $\Gamma_{\eta_c} \simeq 15$  MeV, in  $B$  meson decays or  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \eta_c$   $\Gamma_{\eta_c} \simeq 30$  MeV [1]. One possible reason is the fact that in radiative decays the cross section is varying with the photon energy according to  $E_\gamma^a$  with an exponent  $3 \leq a \leq 7$ , and thus leading to a distorted line shape of the observed  $\eta_c$  signal. However, in the case of the latter production mechanisms a Breit-Wigner lineshape is considered a valid parametrisation.

In a new analysis of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \eta_c (\rightarrow K_S K^\pm \pi^\mp)$  [2], the mass and the width of the  $\eta_c$  were determined by a 2-dimensional fit of the invariant mass  $m(K_S K \pi)$  vs. the angle  $\angle(K_S K)$ . As the  $\eta_c$  is a pseudoscalar meson, the angular distribution should be flat. However,  $P$ -wave and  $D$ -wave components by non-resonant charmless  $B$  decays turned out to be non-negligible. By adding the angle into the fit, interference with the background is taken into account. The mass was determined as  $m = 2985.4 \pm 1.5^{+0.2}_{-2.0}$  MeV. The measured width in listed in Tab. 1, in comparison with other recent measurements.

The analysis was repeated for the  $\eta'_c$ . The measurement of the width of the  $\eta'_c$  is of high importance, as due to the vicinity to the  $D^0 \bar{D}^0$  threshold, potential model predictions are not reliable. In case of the  $\eta'_c$  the interference with the non-resonant background turned out to even have a higher impact for the fit and thus the determination of the width. The result is  $\Gamma = 6.6^{+8.4+2.6}_{-5.1-0.9}$  MeV for the fit with interference and  $\Gamma = 41.1 \pm 12.0^{+6.4}_{-10.9}$  MeV for a fit without

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$\Gamma_{\eta_c}$	Production Mechanism	Reference
$35.1 \pm 3.1^{+1.0}_{-1.6}$ MeV	$B$ decays	[2] and this paper
$30.5 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.9$ MeV	$\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c$	[3]
$28.1 \pm 3.2 \pm 2.2$ MeV	$\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \eta_c$	[4]
$31.7 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.8$ MeV	$\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \eta_c$	[5]
$36.3^{+3.7}_{-3.6} \pm 4.4$ MeV	$B$ decays	[6]

**Table 1:** Width measurements of the  $\eta_c$ .

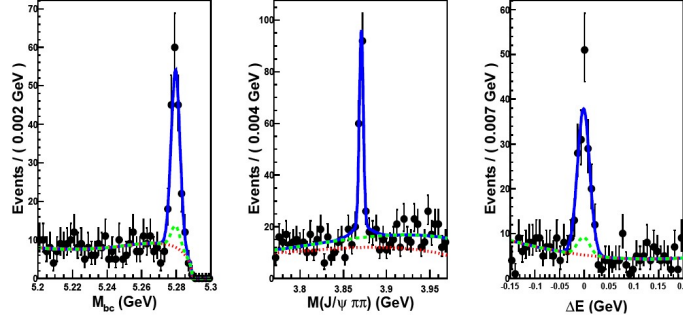
interference (i.e. fit of only the invariant mass). The factor  $\simeq 5$  narrower width of the  $\eta'_c$  compared to the  $\eta_c$  can be explained by the wavefunctions of the states. The hadronic decay of both states proceeds by two gluons; three gluons are forbidden by parity. As the width scales with the wavefunction at the origin, i.e.  $\Gamma(^1S_0 \rightarrow gg) = (32\pi\alpha_s^2/m_c^2)|\psi(r=0)|^2$ , and the wavefunction for the  $\eta'_c$  has one node (as it is  $n=1$  radial excitation), the width at the origin must be narrower. With the new measurement, the error on the previous world average of the width of the  $\eta'_c$  was improved by factor  $\simeq 2$ . For additional details of the analysis see [2].

## 2 Mass and Width of X(3872)

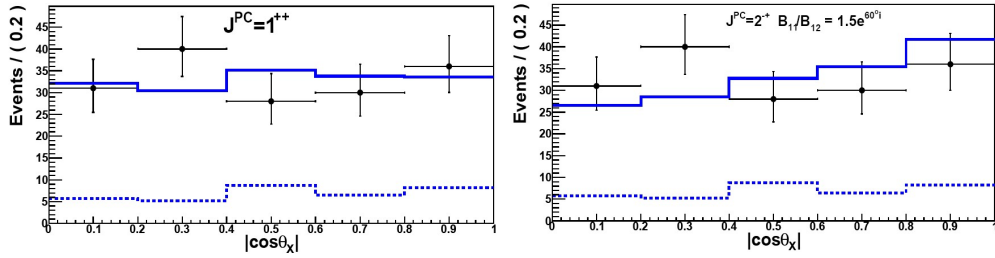
New results for the charmonium-like state X(3872) in the decays  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ X(3872)$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 (\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) X(3872)$  are based upon the complete Belle data set of  $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected at the Y(4S) resonance [7]. For the determination of the mass and the width of the X(3872) in the decay  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ , a 3-dimensional fit was performed using the three variables beam constraint mass  $M_{bc} = \sqrt{(E_{beam}^{cms})^2 - (p_B^{cms})^2}$  (with the energy in the center-of-mass system  $E_{beam}^{cms}$  and the momentum of the  $B$  meson in the center-of-mass system  $p_B^{cms}$ ), the invariant mass  $m(J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)$  and the energy difference  $\Delta E = E_B^{cms} - E_{beam}^{cms}$  (with the energy of the  $B$  meson in the center-of-mass system  $E_B^{cms}$ ). In a first step, the fit was performed for the reference channel  $\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ , and the resolution parameters (i.e. the widths of a core Gaussian and a tail Gaussian) were then fixed for the fit of the X(3872). Fig. 1 shows the data and the fits for the X(3872) (blue line: signal, dashed green line: background) in the projections of the three variables as defined above. The yield is  $151 \pm 15$  events for  $B^+$  decays and  $21.0 \pm 5.7$  events for  $B^0$  decays.

*Mass of the X(3872).* The mass, as determined by the fit, is listed in Tab. 2 in comparison to other precise measurements. As the X(3872) does not fit into any potential model prediction, it was discussed as a possible S-wave  $D^{*0} \bar{D}^0$  molecular state. In this case, the binding energy  $E_b$  would be given by the mass difference  $m(X) - m(D^{*0}) - m(D^0)$ . Including the new Belle result, the new world average mass of the X(3872) is  $m = 3871.67 \pm 0.17$  MeV. Using the current sum of the masses  $m(D^0) + m(D^{*0}) = 3871.79 \pm 0.30$  MeV [1], a binding energy of  $E_b = -0.12 \pm 0.35$  MeV can be calculated, which is surprisingly small. As  $E_b$  is

inverse proportional to the squared scattering length  $a$ , and the radius can in first order be approximated by  $\langle r \rangle = a/2$  [12], this would indicate a very large radius of the molecular state.



**Figure 1:** Beam constraint mass  $M_{bc}$  (left), invariant mass  $m(J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)$  (center) and  $\Delta E$  (right) for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ X(3872) (\rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)$ .



**Figure 2:** Distribution of  $|\cos(\theta_X)|$  for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ X(3872) (\rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)$ . The blue line shows the fit for  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$  (left) and  $J^{PC}=2^{-+}$  (bottom). For details see text.

*Width of the X(3872).* With the 3-dimensional fit, also a new measurement of the width of the X(3872) was performed. Previously the best upper limit was  $\Gamma_{X(3872)} < 2.3$  MeV (90% C.L) [14]. The 3-dimensional fits are more sensitive to the natural width than the resolution provided by the detector  $\langle \sigma \rangle \simeq 4$  MeV because of the constraints which enter by  $M_{bc}$  and  $\Delta E$ . As in case of the mass measurement above, the method of determining the width was validated using the  $\psi'$  as reference, providing a result of  $\Gamma_{\psi'}^{measured} = 0.52 \pm 0.11$  MeV. As the world average is  $\Gamma_{\psi'}^{PDG} = 0.304 \pm 0.009$  MeV, this indicates a bias in our measurement of  $\Delta\Gamma = +0.23 \pm 0.11$  MeV. The procedure for the determination of the upper limit is as follows: for a given fixed width  $\Gamma$  the number of signal events and the number of peaking background events is kept floating in the 3-dim fit, and the likelihood is calculated. Then the 90% likelihood interval is determined by finding  $w_{90\%}$  for an integral  $\int_0^{w_{90\%}} \Gamma d\Gamma = 0.9$ . This procedure gives  $w_{90\%} = 0.95$  MeV, for which the bias has to be added, so that  $\Gamma_{X(3872)} < 1.2$  MeV at 90% C.L. is the final result. This upper limit is a factor of  $\simeq 2$  narrower than the previous upper limit.

Experiment	Mass of X(3872)	
CDF2	$3871.61 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.19$ MeV	[8]
BaBar ( $B^+$ )	$3871.4 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.1$ MeV	[9]
BaBar ( $B^0$ )	$3868.7 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.4$ MeV	[9]
D0	$3871.8 \pm 3.1 \pm 3.0$ MeV	[10]
Belle	$3871.84 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.19$ MeV	[7] and this paper
LHCb	$3871.96 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.10$ MeV	[11]
New World Average	$3871.67 \pm 0.17$ MeV	

**Table 2:** Mass measurements of the X(3872).

*Quantum numbers of the X(3872).* If the X(3872) is a conventional charmonium state, there are two likely assignments. On the one hand there is the  $\chi'_{c1}$ , a  $^3P_1$  state with  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$ . The predicted mass by potential models is  $m=3953$  MeV, thus  $\simeq 70$  MeV higher than the observed X(3872) mass. This would be a  $n=2$  radial excitation, and the quantum numbers are favoured by angular analyses [15] [16]. On the other hand there is the  $\eta_{c2}$ , a  $^1D_2$  state with  $J^{PC}=2^{-+}$ . The predicted mass by potential models is  $m=3837$  MeV, thus  $\simeq 35$  MeV lower than the observed X(3872) mass. This would be a  $n=1$  state, and the quantum numbers are favoured by the  $3\pi$  mass distribution in the decay  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \omega$  [17]. A new angular analysis was carried out with the new Belle data. For this purpose, it was assumed that the decay  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$  proceeds via  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \rho (\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$  in the kinematic limit, i.e. both particles are at rest in the X(3872) rest frame. Due to  $m_{X(3872)} \simeq m_\rho + m_{J/\psi}$  this is a valid assumption and it also implies that any higher partial waves can be neglected. For  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$ , there is only one amplitude with  $L=0$  and  $S=1$ , where  $L$  and  $S$  are the total orbital angular momentum between and the total spin constructed from the  $\rho$  and the  $J/\psi$ . For  $J^{PC}=2^{-+}$ , there are two amplitudes with  $L=1$  and  $S=1$  or  $S=2$ . These two amplitudes can be mixed with a mixing parameter  $\alpha$ , which is a complex number. The angular reference frame follows the definition of Rosner [18]. The angle  $\theta_X$  is chosen as the angle between the  $J/\psi$  and the kaon direction in the X(3872) rest frame. The angular distributions for  $\theta_X$  for the different quantum numbers is given by:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} J^{PC} = 1^{++}, & \quad \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_X} \propto \text{const.} \\ J^{PC} = 2^{-+}, \quad \alpha = 0, & \quad \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_X} \propto \sin^2 \theta_X \\ J^{PC} = 2^{-+}, \quad \alpha = 1, & \quad \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_X} \propto 1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta_X \end{aligned}$$

Two additional angles are defined as follows: the  $xy$ -plane is spanned by the kaon direction

Angle	$\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.}$	C.L.	$\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.}$	C.L.
	$J^{PC}=1^{++}$		$J^{PC}=2^{-+}$	
$\chi$	1.76/4	0.78	4.60/4	0.33
$\theta_{lepton}$	0.56/4	0.97	5.24/4	0.26
$\theta_X$	3.82/4	0.51	4.72/4	0.32

**Table 3:**  $\chi^2$  values for the fit of the angular distributions. See text for the definitions of the angles.

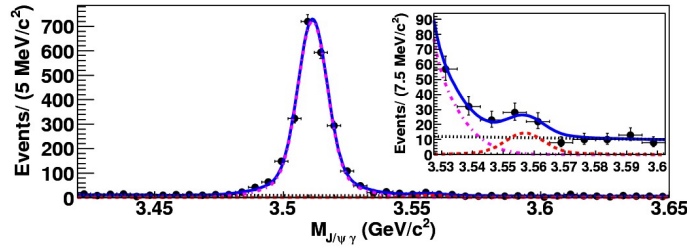
and the  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  (back-to-back) directions in the X(3872) rest frame. The  $x$ -axis is chosen to be along the kaon direction. The  $z$ -axis is constructed perpendicular to the  $xy$ -plane. The angle  $\chi$  is chosen between the  $x$ -axis and the  $\pi^+$  direction. The angle  $\theta_\mu$  is chosen between the  $\mu^+$  direction and the  $z$ -axis. A simultaneous fit for all three angles was performed, and the distributions and the fit results for  $\theta_X$  are shown in Fig. 2. The  $\chi^2$  values are listed in Tab. 3. For the case of  $J^{PC}=2^{-+}$ , the values in Tab. 3 are given for  $\alpha=0.69 \cdot \exp(i23^\circ)$ , which was found in a grid search and which is the only value which gives a confidence level  $>0.1$  for all three angles. Although at the current level of statistical significance, it cannot be distinguished definitely between the two quantum numbers, however  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$  seems to be slightly preferable in this analysis. For additional details see [7].

### 3 $\chi_{c2}$ in $B$ Meson decays

In the decay  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \chi_{c1,2} (\rightarrow J/\psi \gamma)$  for the first time a  $\chi_{c2}$  signal could be observed with a statistical significance of  $3.6\sigma$  (Fig. 3). This is the observation of a  $J=2$  charmonium state with positive parity in  $B$  meson decays and thus very interesting for two reasons: on the one hand, due to the  $j_q=1/2$  of the two charm quarks forming the charmonium state, and the  $J=0$  in the initial state (i.e.  $J^P=0^-$  for the  $B$  meson),  $J=0$  and  $J=1$  are preferred, and  $J=2$  is difficult to be generated. On the other hand, this decay  $0^- \rightarrow 0^- 2^+$  is, because of the positive parity of the charmonium state, forbidden in naïve factorization [19]. This implies that at least one additional gluon is required to connect the charmonium and the  $K^+$  sides. For additional details of the analysis see [20].

### 4 Summary

This paper covered three different topics. At first, the width of the  $\eta'_c$  was determined with a factor  $\simeq 2$  smaller error compared to the previous world average. Interference with non-resonant background turned out to be important and were taken into account. At second, new results on the X(3872) employed multi-dimensional fits, increasing by constraints the



**Figure 3:** Invariant mass  $m(J/\psi\gamma)$  for the decay  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \chi_{c1,2}(\rightarrow J/\psi\gamma)$ . The zoomed region shows the  $\chi_{c2}$  signal. See text for details.

resolution to beyond the detector resolution. The new world average mass of the  $X(3872)$  is only  $120 \pm 350$  keV below the  $D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$  threshold. At third, the production of a  $J^P=2^+$  charmonium state was observed in  $B$  meson decays.

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