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Observation of a Vector Charmoniumlike State at 4.7 GeV/c² and Search for Z_{cs} in e⁺e⁻ → K⁺K⁻J/ψ

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Using data samples with an integrated luminosity of 5.85 fb⁻¹ collected at center-of-mass energies from 4.61 to 4.95 GeV with the BESIII detector operating at the BEPCII storage ring, we measure the cross section for the process e⁺e⁻ → K⁺K⁻J/ψ. A new resonance with a mass of $M = 4708_{-15}^{+17} \pm 21$ MeV/c² and a width of $\Gamma = 126_{-23}^{+27} \pm 30$ MeV is observed in the energy-dependent line shape of the e⁺e⁻ → K⁺K⁻J/ψ cross section with a significance over 5σ. The K⁺J/ψ system is also investigated to search for charged charmoniumlike states, but no significant Z_{cs}⁺ states are observed. Upper limits on the Born cross sections for e⁺e⁻ → K⁻Z_{cs}(3985)⁺/K⁻Z_{cs}(4000)⁺ + c.c. with Z_{cs}(3985)[±]/Z_{cs}(4000)[±] → K[±]J/ψ are reported at 90% confidence levels. The ratio of branching fractions $\{[\mathcal{B}(Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi)]/\mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0D_s^{*+} + \bar{D}^{*0}D_s^+)]\}$ is measured to be less than 0.03 at 90% confidence level.

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The charmonium system is an ideal place to study the perturbative and nonperturbative strong interactions of quarks and gluons at the hadronic scale. Below open-charm threshold, the spectrum of c \bar{c} charmonium states is well described by a potential model [1]. All observed states have been found within expectations, and excellent agreement has been achieved between theories and experiments. Above open-charm threshold, however, there are still many missing states that have not yet been discovered [2], and, surprisingly, several unexpected states, such as the X(3872) [3], Y(4260) [4], and Z_c(3900) [5,6], have been observed since 2003. These particles do not match the predictions of the potential models and are widely considered to be good candidates for exotic states [7–10].

Among them, the Y states show strong coupling to hidden-charm final states, such as the experimentally well-established Y(4260) → π⁺π⁻J/ψ [4,11–15] and Y(4360)/Y(4660) → π⁺π⁻ψ(3686) [16–20]. This is in contrast to the vector charmonium states in the same energy region. In recent electron-positron annihilation experiments running at high energies, structures are observed around 4.66 GeV in both open- and hidden-charm final states [21–28]. The BESIII experiment has reported evidence for a structure around 4.7 GeV in the

study of e⁺e⁻ → K_S⁰K_S⁰J/ψ [28]. This structure could potentially correspond to the well-known Y(4660) resonance or another excited Y state. On the other hand, potential models predict the 5S and 4D charmonium states in this mass region [29–36]. At present, a comprehensive understanding of the Y states above 4.6 GeV is yet to be achieved, due to limited experimental information. More measurements are urgently needed to clarify their nature.

In addition, an isospin-1/2 charmoniumlike candidate was recently observed by BESIII in the process e⁺e⁻ → KZ_{cs}(3985), where the charged Z_{cs}(3985)⁺, recoiling against a K⁻, was found decaying to (D⁰D_s^{*+} + D^{*0}D_s⁺) [37], and the corresponding neutral Z_{cs}(3985)⁰, recoiling against a K_S, was found decaying to (D_s⁺D^{*-} + D_s^{*+}D⁻) [38]. The Z_{cs}(3985) is considered to be the strange partner of the Z_c(3900) [39–42]. Charge-conjugate modes are implied here and elsewhere unless otherwise specified. BESIII also reported a search for Z_{cs}⁺ → D_s^{*+}D^{*0} [43], finding an excess of Z_{cs}⁺ candidates with a significance of 2.1σ. Meanwhile, LHCb reported tetraquark candidates Z_{cs}(4000)⁺/Z_{cs}(4220)⁺ → K⁺J/ψ in an amplitude analysis of B⁺ → K⁺J/ψφ [44]. Although the Z_{cs}(3985)⁺ and Z_{cs}(4000)⁺ have comparable masses, their widths are different by nearly an order of magnitude. There are still ongoing debates on whether these particles are the same state or not [41,45–52]. Therefore, to enhance our comprehension of these Z_{cs} states and explore the possibility of new Z_{cs} states, it is imperative to conduct further measurements of e⁺e⁻ → KZ_{cs} → K \bar{K} J/ψ [39,47,51–57].

In this Letter, a measurement of the Born cross sections of the process e⁺e⁻ → K⁺K⁻J/ψ is presented at center-of-mass (c.m.) energies from 4.61 to 4.95 GeV [58],

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corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.85 fb^{-1} [59]. Compared with a previous measurement [60], new data above 4.6 GeV is analyzed for the first time, which enables us to investigate the Y states above 4.6 GeV with improved precision [61,62]. To achieve much lower background levels and to improve the statistics, both full reconstruction and partial reconstruction methods are applied. By investigating the line shape of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$ cross section, we report the first observation of the charmoniumlike candidate $Y(4710)$. In addition, a search for the $Z_{cs}^+ \rightarrow K^+J/\psi$ is presented using the same data sample.

The BESIII detector [63] records symmetric e^+e^- collisions provided by the BEPCII storage ring [64]. Simulated data samples produced with a GEANT4-based [65] Monte Carlo (MC) toolkit, which includes the geometric description of the BESIII detector and the detector response [66], are used to determine detection efficiencies and to estimate background contributions. Signal events for the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$ are generated at each c.m. energy using a phase space (PHSP) model, while the decay of the J/ψ into a pair of leptons ($\mu^+\mu^-/e^+e^-$) is modelled with VLL model in EVTGEN [67,68].

For K^+K^-J/ψ signal candidates, low-momentum kaons have relatively poor detection efficiency. In order to improve the selection efficiency, besides to reconstruct the signals with the both K^+K^- pair detected, we allow the case with only one of two charged kaons detected, while the J/ψ candidates are tagged with pairs of charged leptons. Charged tracks detected in the multilayer drift chamber (MDC) are required to be within a polar angle (θ) range of $|\cos\theta| < 0.93$, where θ is defined with respect to the z axis, which is the symmetry axis of the MDC. The distance of closest approach to the interaction point must be less than 10 cm along the z axis, and less than 1 cm in the transverse plane. As kaons and leptons are kinematically well separated, two oppositely charged tracks with momentum greater than $0.95 \text{ GeV}/c$ in the laboratory frame are assigned as ℓ^\pm for data samples with $\sqrt{s} < 4.84 \text{ GeV}$. For $\sqrt{s} \geq 4.84 \text{ GeV}$, this value is slightly increased to $1.05 \text{ GeV}/c$. The amount of deposited energy in the electromagnetic calorimeter (EMC) is further used to separate muons from electrons. For both muon candidates, the deposited energy in the EMC is required to be less than 0.4 GeV , while it is required to be greater than 1.0 GeV for electrons. For the remaining charged tracks, particle identification (PID), which combines the measurements of the energy deposited in the MDC (dE/dx) and the flight time in the time-of-flight system to form likelihoods $\mathcal{L}(h)$ ($h = K, \pi$) for each hadron h hypothesis, is used. Tracks are identified as kaons when the kaon hypothesis has a higher likelihood than the pion hypothesis [$\mathcal{L}(K) > \mathcal{L}(\pi)$ and $\mathcal{L}(K) > 0$].

For events in which a pair of oppositely charged kaons identified, a four-constraint (4C) kinematic fit imposing

energy-momentum conservation is applied to $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\ell^+\ell^-$. To remove the radiative Bhabha events, the cosine of the opening angle of the kaon pair is required to be less than 0.98 in the $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ mode. The μ/π misidentification background in the $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ mode is suppressed by requiring at least one of the muon candidates has a penetration depth greater than 30 cm in the muon counter (MUC).

For events in which only one kaon is identified, a one-constraint (1C) kinematic fit is performed under the hypothesis of $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_{\text{miss}}^\pm K^\mp \ell^+ \ell^-$, where the mass of the missing particle (K_{miss}^\pm) is constrained to the known K^+ mass [69]. In the $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ mode, the dominant background comes from Bhabha events, which are vetoed by requiring $\cos(\theta_{e^+}) < 0.8$, $\cos(\theta_{e^-}) > -0.8$ and $|\cos(\theta_{K^\pm})| < 0.8$. To further reject the radiative Bhabha events (γe^+e^-) with γ conversion, where the converted electrons are misidentified as kaons, we require $|\cos(\alpha_{K^+K^\mp})| < 0.95$, $|\cos(\alpha_{K^\pm e^\pm})| < 0.95$ and $|\cos(\alpha_{K^\pm e^\mp})| < 0.95$, where α is the opening angle between tracks. As one kaon is missing, the μ/π misidentification background is higher in the $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ mode. Therefore a tighter requirement is imposed by requiring the penetration depth of both muon candidates in the MUC to be greater than 30 cm.

After the above requirements, a clear J/ψ peak is observed in the lepton pair invariant mass distribution, $M(\ell^+\ell^-)$, as shown in Fig. 1. A study of the inclusive MC sample [28] indicates the background level is low and there is no peaking background. The J/ψ signal region is defined as $[3.084, 3.116] \text{ GeV}/c^2$, and the sideband regions are defined as $[3.004, 3.068] \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $[3.132, 3.196] \text{ GeV}/c^2$, which are four times as wide as the J/ψ signal region. The signal yield (N^{sig}) is obtained by sideband subtraction, and the corresponding uncertainty is estimated with the profile likelihood method [70].

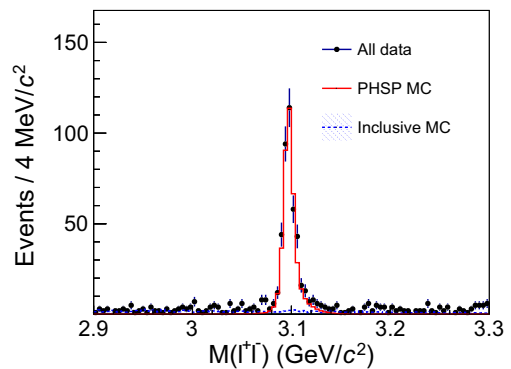


FIG. 1. The distribution of $M(\ell^+\ell^-)$. Dots with error bars are the selected data at c.m. energies from 4.61 to 4.95 GeV, the red histogram is the signal MC sample and the blue shaded histogram is the background from the inclusive MC sample.

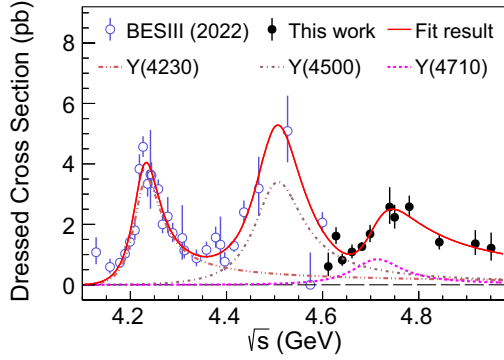


FIG. 2. Fit to the dressed cross section of $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-J/\psi$ with the coherent sum of three Breit-Wigner functions (solid curve). The dashed, double dotted, and dash-dotted curves shows the contributions from the $Y(4710)$, $Y(4230)$, and $Y(4500)$, respectively. The solid dots with error bars are the cross sections from this study, and the open dots with error bars are the cross sections from Ref. [60]. The error bars represent statistical uncertainties only.

The Born cross section is calculated by

$$\sigma^{\text{Born}} = \frac{N^{\text{sig}}}{\mathcal{L}(1 + \delta) \frac{1}{|1 - \Pi|^2} \epsilon \mathcal{B}_{J/\psi}}, \quad (1)$$

where \mathcal{L} is the integrated luminosity [59], $(1 + \delta)$ is the ISR correction factor, $(1/|1 - \Pi|^2)$ is the correction factor for vacuum polarization [71], ϵ is the detection efficiency, $\mathcal{B}_{J/\psi}$ is the sum of the branching fractions of $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ [69]. The ISR correction factor and detection efficiency are obtained from the signal MC simulations and are corrected by an iterative weighting method [72]. The numbers of signal events, corrected detection efficiencies, and Born cross sections are summarized in the Supplemental Material [73]. The dressed cross sections ($\sigma^{\text{Born}}/|1 - \Pi|^2$) are shown in Fig. 2 (solid dots with error bars), and a clear structure is found around $4.75 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

To determine the parameters of the structures, a maximum likelihood method is used to fit the dressed cross sections obtained in this Letter and the dressed cross sections with $\sqrt{s} < 4.61 \text{ GeV}$ [60]. The likelihood is constructed taking into consideration the fluctuations of the numbers of signal and background events. Assuming these K^+K^-J/ψ signals come from three resonances, the cross section is parameterized as a coherent sum of three relativistic Breit-Wigner functions,

$$\sigma^{\text{Dress}}(\sqrt{s}) = |B_1(\sqrt{s}) + B_2(\sqrt{s})e^{i\phi_2} + B_3(\sqrt{s})e^{i\phi_3}|, \quad (2)$$

where $B_j = (M_j/\sqrt{s})[\sqrt{12\pi(\Gamma_{ee}\mathcal{B})_j\Gamma_j}/(s - M_j^2 + iM_j\Gamma_j)] \times \sqrt{[\Phi(\sqrt{s})/\Phi(M_j)]}$ with $j = 1, 2$ or 3 is the relativistic Breit-Wigner function, Φ is the three-body PHSP factor, and ϕ_j with $j = 2$ or 3 is the relative phase between the

Breit-Wigner functions. In the fit, the masses M_j , the total widths Γ_j , the products of the electronic partial width and the branching fraction to K^+K^-J/ψ [$(\Gamma_{ee}\mathcal{B})_j$], and the relative phases ϕ_j are free parameters. There are four solutions with the same masses and widths from the fit as shown in the Supplemental Material [73], and one of them is shown in Fig. 2. The masses and widths of the first and second structures [$Y(4230)$ and $Y(4500)$] are determined to be $M_1 = 4226.0^{+1.4}_{-1.4} \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma_1 = 70.0^{+3.9}_{-3.6} \text{ MeV}$, $M_2 = 4499.4^{+8.1}_{-7.6} \text{ MeV}/c^2$, and $\Gamma_2 = 124^{+22}_{-19} \text{ MeV}$, respectively, which are consistent with that of Ref. [60]. The mass and width of the third structure, denoted as $Y(4710)$, are $M_3 = 4708^{+17}_{-15} \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $\Gamma_3 = 126^{+27}_{-23} \text{ MeV}$, respectively. Compared to the total fit result, the peak position of the third structure seems to be shifted due to the strong interference shown in Ref. [73]. The aforementioned uncertainties in the masses and widths are statistical only.

Fitting the dressed cross sections with a two-resonance model yields a worse result: the change in the likelihood value from the three-resonance model to the two-resonance model is $|\Delta(-2 \ln L)| = 43.2$. Taking into account the change in the number of degrees of freedom ($\Delta \text{ndf} = 4$), the statistical significance for the three-resonance assumption over the two-resonance assumption is 5.7σ . In addition, we also fit the cross sections with the coherent sum of three relativistic Breit-Wigner functions and a three-body PHSP term. This assumption improves the fit quality, but the change of the likelihood value is only $|\Delta(-2 \ln L)| = 1.2$, which indicates the PHSP term does not make an important contribution.

The systematic uncertainties in the cross section measurement mainly come from the luminosity, tracking efficiency, kinematic fit, MUC response, MC model, radiative correction, and branching fraction. The integrated luminosity is measured using Bhabha events with an uncertainty of 0.6% [58]. The uncertainty of tracking efficiency for the high-momentum leptons is 1.0% per track. By requiring at least one kaon to be detected, the kaon detection efficiency is very high and the uncertainty is negligible. A track helix parameter correction method, as discussed in Ref. [74], is applied to MC events during the kinematic fit. The difference in efficiencies with and without the correction, 2.1%, is assigned as the systematic uncertainty from the kinematic fit. The uncertainty from the MUC response is investigated using the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ data sample, and the difference in efficiencies between the data and MC simulation due to the hit depth requirement in the MUC for the muon candidates, 2.0%, is taken as the systematic uncertainty. Instead of using pure PHSP to model the K^+K^-J/ψ events, we also consider possible $f \rightarrow K^+K^-$ in MC simulation based on a partial wave analysis [73], e.g., $f_0(980)$, $f_0(1500)$. The efficiency difference between this model and a three-body PHSP one is 5.9% (8.7%) for the data with $\sqrt{s} \leq 4.70 \text{ GeV}$ ($\sqrt{s} > 4.70 \text{ GeV}$). To estimate the systematic uncertainty

from the ISR correction factor, we replace the description of the default dressed cross section line shape with the coherent sum of three relativistic Breit-Wigner functions and a PHSP function, or change the parametrization of the Breit-Wigner function. The maximum difference due to the line shape, 0.6%, is assigned as the systematic uncertainty due to the ISR correction factor.

The uncertainty from the branching fraction of $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ (0.4%) is taken from the Particle Data Group [69]. Assuming all the sources are independent, the total systematic uncertainty is calculated by adding them in quadrature, resulting in 6.9% (9.4%) for the cross section measurement at $\sqrt{s} \leq 4.70$ GeV ($\sqrt{s} > 4.70$ GeV).

The systematic uncertainties in the resonance parameters mainly come from the absolute c.m. energy measurement, the c.m. energy spread, the parameterization of the fit function, and the systematic uncertainty on the cross section measurement. The systematic uncertainty of the c.m. energy is common for all the energies and will propagate to the mass measurement directly. The uncertainty from the c.m. energy spread is estimated by convolving the fit formula with a Gaussian function, whose width is set as the energy dependent beam spread [75]. To estimate the uncertainty from the parameterization of the Breit-Wigner function, the Γ_j in the denominator of the Breit-Wigner function is replaced with a mass dependent width $\Gamma_j[\Phi(\sqrt{s})/\Phi(M_j)]$. The uncertainties from the cross section measurement are divided into two parts. The first one is uncommon uncertainties of the measured cross sections among the different c.m. energies, which mainly come from the MC model. The corresponding uncertainty is estimated by including the uncommon uncertainties in the dressed cross section fit, and the differences on the parameters are taken as the corresponding uncertainties. The second part, including all the other uncertainties of the measured cross sections, is common for all the energies, and only affects the parameter ($\Gamma_{ee}\mathcal{B}$).

Intermediate states decaying into $K^+ J/\psi$, denoted as Z_{cs}^+ , are of great interest due to their exotic nature. The distribution of the maximum of the invariant masses of the $K^+ J/\psi$ and $K^- J/\psi$ combinations, $M_{\max}(K^\pm J/\psi)$, is useful for identifying these exotic states [5]. A simultaneous fit to the $M_{\max}(K^\pm J/\psi)$ spectra from datasets within the energy region $4.63 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.92 \text{ GeV}$ is performed. The datasets at $\sqrt{s} = 4.61$ and 4.95 GeV are not included in the fit due to their relatively low statistics. In the fit, following the model in Ref. [38], the Z_{cs}^+ component is modeled by the product of an S -wave Breit-Wigner shape with a mass-dependent width:

$$\mathcal{F}(M) \propto \left| \frac{\sqrt{q \cdot p}}{M^2 - m_0^2 + im_0 \Gamma(M)} \right|^2, \quad (3)$$

where $\Gamma(M) = \Gamma_0 \cdot (p/p^*) \cdot (m_0/M)$, M is the reconstructed mass, m_0 is the resonance mass, Γ_0 is the width,

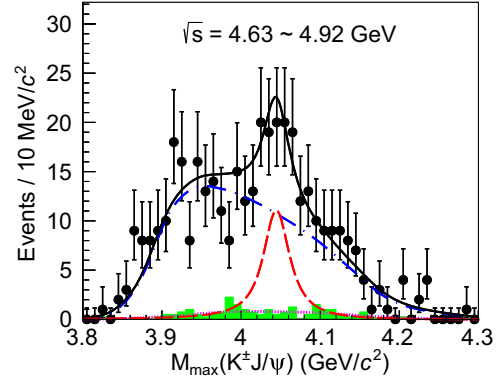


FIG. 3. The $M_{\max}(K^\pm J/\psi)$ spectrum with the fit results overlaid. The red dashed line is the signal component of Z_{cs} , the blue dash-dotted line is PHSP (or f states) and the pink dotted line is the combinatorial background. The sideband events are scaled to the fitted size of combinatorial background, which are shown in green.

q is the bachelor K^- momentum in the initial e^+e^- system, and p is the K^+ momentum in the rest frame of the $K^+ J/\psi$ system. To account for detector resolution and efficiency, we use an efficiency-weighted \mathcal{F} convolved with a resolution function based on MC simulation in the fits. Inspecting the Dalitz plots shown in the Supplemental Material [73], we add shapes from PHSP MC simulation for the fits at $\sqrt{s} \leq 4.70$ GeV as no intermediate state is evident. For the fits at $\sqrt{s} > 4.70$ GeV, we add shapes for f states according to partial wave analysis [73]. Both shapes are derived from a kernel estimation [76] thus no free parameters are introduced in these shapes. The m_0 and Γ_0 of the Z_{cs} as well as the yields of all components are free. The fit results are shown in Fig. 3, with a small excess of Z_{cs} over other components. The fitted mass and width are $4.044 \pm 0.006 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $0.036 \pm 0.016 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The uncertainties are statistical only. By comparing fits with and without Z_{cs} components, which gives $|\Delta(-2 \ln L)| = 23.8$ and $\Delta \text{ndf} = 12$, the statistical significance is determined to be 2.3σ . Despite no significant Z_{cs} , upper limits on the production of the $Z_{cs}(3985)^+$ and $Z_{cs}(4000)^+$ are of interest to further understand their properties and search for them in future experiments. The upper limits at 90% confidence level (CL) for $\sigma^{\text{Bom}}[e^+e^- \rightarrow K^- Z_{cs}(3985)^+] \times \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi]$ are $\mathcal{O}(1)$ pb and the upper limits for $\sigma^{\text{Bom}}[e^+e^- \rightarrow K^- Z_{cs}(4000)^+] \times \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(4000)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi]$ are $\mathcal{O}(3)$ pb. These upper limits include systematic uncertainties and are summarized in the Supplemental Material [73].

The upper limit on the ratio of branching fractions

$$R_B \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi]}{\mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0 D_s^{*+} + \bar{D}^{*0} D_s^+)]} \quad (4)$$

is determined at $\sqrt{s} = 4.68$ GeV since the $Z_{cs}(3985)^+$ is the most significant at this c.m. energy. We extract the distribution of $\sigma^{\text{Bom}} \times \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi]$ from the smeared likelihood values as shown in Ref. [73], which is denoted as $u\{\sigma^{\text{Bom}} \times \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi]\}$. We model the distribution of $\sigma^{\text{Bom}} \times \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0 D_s^{*+} + \bar{D}^{*0} D_s^+)]$ by a Gaussian function $G\{\sigma^{\text{Bom}} \times \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0 D_s^{*+} + \bar{D}^{*0} D_s^+)]\}$ of which the mean and width are set to the reported center value and uncertainty [37]. Then the upper limit R_B^{UL} of R_B at the 90% CL is derived from the convolution of these two distributions, $g(R_B) \equiv \int u(zR_B) \cdot G(z) dz$, and R_B^{UL} is determined to be 0.03 by $\int_0^{R_B^{\text{UL}}} g(R_B) dR_B / \int_0^{+\infty} g(R_B) dR_B = 0.9$.

In summary, the cross sections of $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- J/\psi$ at c.m. energies between 4.61 and 4.95 GeV are measured. Fitting the cross sections from this Letter and Ref. [60] with three resonances [$Y(4230)$, $Y(4500)$, and $Y(4710)$], we obtain the mass and width of the $Y(4710)$ to be $M(4710) = 4708_{-15}^{+17} \pm 21$ MeV/ c^2 and $\Gamma(4710) = 126_{-23}^{+27} \pm 30$ MeV, where the first uncertainties are statistical and the second systematic. A new resonance structure $Y(4710)$ is observed with a statistical significance over 5σ , which is one of the heaviest vector charmonium-like states. Our new results confirm that the structure previously reported as evidence in Ref. [28] is indeed the $Y(4710)$ resonance. Interestingly, the BESIII has recently reported a structure observed in $D_s^{*+} D_s^{*-}$ system above 4.7 GeV [77], which could potentially correspond to the $Y(4710)$ or be closely related. This raises the possibility that these Y states likely possess a significant strange component. In Ref. [78], it was suggested that the $Y(4710)$ contains a significant 1^{--} charmonium hybrid ($c\bar{c}g$) component. It is also possible that the $Y(4710)$ is an excited charmonium state predicted by the potential models [29–36], or arises from charmonia mixing [79–81]. This observation brings new insights into the charmonium(like) states above the open-charm threshold.

We also investigate the Z_{cs} states in the KJ/ψ system, but no significant structure is observed. Thus the upper limits of the product of the Born cross sections $\sigma^B[e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^- Z_{cs}(3985)^+ / K^- Z_{cs}(4000)^+]$ and the branching fraction of $Z_{cs}(3985)^+ / Z_{cs}(4000)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi$ are determined at 90% CL. The ratio of branching fractions $\{\mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi] / \mathcal{B}[Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0 D_s^{*+} + \bar{D}^{*0} D_s^+)]\}$ is determined to be less than 0.03 at 90% CL. The suppression of the decay $Z_{cs}(3985)^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi$ disfavors the QCD sum rule calculation under the molecular state assumption in Refs. [54,57]. It supports the $Z_{cs}(3985)^+$ and $Z_{cs}(4000)^+$ as two different states [51]. Our measurements provide important inputs for the understanding of the nature of the $Z_{cs}(3985)$. To further improve studies of the potential Z_{cs} state, more statistics are necessary to conduct a partial wave analysis.

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