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Observation of a Charged Charmoniumlike Structure in $e^{(+)}e^{(-)} \rightarrow \pi^{(+)}\pi^{(-)} J/\psi$ at $\sqrt{s}=4.26$ GeV

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Abstract

We study the process $e^{(+)}e^{(-)} \rightarrow \pi^{(+)}\pi^{(-)} J/\psi$ at a center-of-mass energy of 4.260 GeV using a 525 pb⁻¹ data sample collected with the BESIII detector operating at the Beijing Electron Positron Collider. The Born cross section is measured to be (62.9 +/- 1.9 +/- 3.7) pb, consistent with the production of the Y(4260). We observe a structure at around 3.9 GeV/c² in the $\pi^{(+/-)} J/\psi$ mass spectrum, which we refer to as the Z(c)(3900). If interpreted as a new particle, it is unusual in that it carries an electric charge and couples to charmonium. A fit to the $\pi^{(+/-)} J/\psi$ invariant mass spectrum, neglecting interference, results in a mass of (3899.0 +/- 3.6 +/- 4.9) MeV/c² and a width of (46 +/- 10 +/- 20) MeV. Its production ratio is measured to be $R = (\sigma(e^{(+)}e^{(-)} \rightarrow \pi^{(+/-)} Z(c)(3900)(-/+) \rightarrow \pi^{(+)}\pi^{(-)} J/\psi) / \sigma(e^{(+)}e^{(-)} \rightarrow \pi^{(+)}\pi^{(-)} J/\psi) = (21.5 \pm 3.3 \pm 7.5)\%$. In all measurements the first errors are statistical and the second are systematic.

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