Search for light tetraquark states in $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ decays

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Abstract

We search for the $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$ and $1^{+-}$ light tetraquark states with masses up to 2.46 GeV/$c^2$ in $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ decays with data samples of $(102 \pm 2)$ million and $(158 \pm 4)$ million events, respectively, collected with the Belle detector. No significant signals are observed in any of the studied production modes, and 90% credibility level (C.L.) upper limits on their branching fractions in $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ decays are obtained. The inclusive branching fractions of the $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ decays into final states with $f_1(1285)$ are measured to be $B(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + anything) = (46 \pm 28{\text{(stat.)}} \pm 13{\text{(syst.)}}) \times 10^{-4}$ and $B(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + anything) = (22 \pm 15{\text{(stat.)}} \pm 6.3{\text{(syst.)}}) \times 10^{-4}$. The measured $\chi_{b2} \rightarrow J/\psi + anything$ branching fraction is measured to be $(1.50 \pm 0.34{\text{(stat.)}} \pm 0.22{\text{(syst.)}}) \times 10^{-3}$, and 90% C.L. upper limits for the $\chi_{b0,1} \rightarrow J/\psi + anything$ branching fractions are found to be $2.3 \times 10^{-3}$ and $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$, respectively. For $B(\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + anything)$, the branching fraction is measured to be $(4.9 \pm 1.3{\text{(stat.)}} \pm 0.6{\text{(syst.)}}) \times 10^{-2}$. All results reported here are the first measurements for these modes.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the past decade, many experiments, both at lepton and hadron colliders, have reported evidence for a large number of particles having properties that can not be readily explained within the framework of the expected heavy quarkonium states [1, 2]. Among them, the $X(3872)$ [3], the $Z_c(3900)$ [4, 5], the $X(3940)$ [6], the $Y(4260)$ [7, 8], the $Z(4430)$ [9], the $Z_{b}(10610)$ and the $Z_{b}(10650)$ [10], are generally interpreted as possible tetraquark candidates with exotic properties.

In the low-mass region, the Dalitz analysis of the decay $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ [11] indicates the existence of a state decaying into a $\rho\pi$ final state with exotic quantum numbers $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$ [12] at a mass of $\approx 1865$ MeV/$c^2$, which cannot be composed of a quark-antiquark pair in the conventional quark model [13, 14]. If such a resonance exists, it might be a hybrid or a tetraquark state [15].

The authors of Ref. [16] calculated the masses of such exotic four-quark states with $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$ and $1^{++}$ in Laplace sum rules (LSR) and finite-energy sum rules (FESR) using tetraquark-like currents. In the scalar channel, both LSR and FESR gave consistent mass predictions of a tetraquark state with a mass of $(1.66\pm 0.14)$ GeV/$c^2$. This numerical result favors the tetraquark interpretation of the possible $\rho\pi$ dominance in the $D^0$ decays. In the vector channel, the authors also conservatively estimated the mass of a tetraquark state to be in the mass region $1.18 - 1.43$ GeV/$c^2$. Although the masses have been calculated, the width and couplings to any final states were not predicted.

Very recently, the Belle Collaboration reported the search for the $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$ glueball ($G_{0^{--}}$) in the production modes $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + G_{0^{--}}$, $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + G_{0^{--}}$, $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + G_{0^{--}}$, and $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + G_{0^{--}}$ with data samples of $(102 \pm 2)$ million $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $(158 \pm 4)$ million $\Upsilon(2S)$ events [17]. The masses of the putative glueballs were fixed at 2.800, 3.810, and 4.330 GeV/$c^2$, as predicted from quantum chromodynamics (QCD) sum rules [18] and distinct bottom-up holographic models of QCD [19]. Considering the kinematical constraints and the conservation of the quantum numbers $J^{PC}$, the production modes for glueball searches are also suitable for searches for the aforementioned light tetraquark states with $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$ and $1^{++}$, denoted collectively as $X_{tetra}$. In this paper, we utilize the low-mass recoil spectra of the $\chi_{c1}$, $f_1(1285)$, $J/\psi$, and $\omega$ in bottomonium decays to search for $X_{tetra}$ signals in the modes $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + X_{tetra}$, $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_{tetra}$, $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_{tetra}$, and $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + X_{tetra}$ [17]. Since the $X_{tetra}$ properties are unknown, we report our investigation for different assumed values for the $X_{tetra}$ mass and width.

As byproducts of the $X_{tetra}$ search, we measure the inclusive $f_1(1285)$ production in $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$, $J/\psi$ production in $\chi_{bJ}(J = 0, 1, 2)$, and $\omega$ production in $\chi_{b1}$ decays.

II. THE DATA SAMPLE AND BELLE DETECTOR

This analysis utilizes the Belle $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ data samples with a total luminosity of 5.74 and 24.91 fb$^{-1}$, respectively, corresponding to $(102 \pm 2) \times 10^6 \Upsilon(1S)$ and $(158 \pm 4) \times 10^6 \Upsilon(2S)$ events [20]. An 89.45 fb$^{-1}$ data sample collected at $\sqrt{s} = 10.52$ GeV is used to estimate the possible irreducible contributions from continuum ($e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, where $q \in \{u, d, s, c\}$). Here, $\sqrt{s}$ is the center-of-mass (C.M.) energy of the colliding $e^+e^-$ system. The data were collected with the Belle detector [21, 22] operated at the KEKB asymmetric-energy $e^+e^-$ collider [23, 24]. Large
Monte Carlo (MC) samples of all of the investigated tetraquark modes are generated with EVTGEN [25] and simulated with a GEANT3-based [26] model for the detector response to determine the signal line-shapes and efficiencies. The angular distribution for the decay \( \Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{bj} \) is simulated assuming a pure \( E_1 \) transition \( (dN/d\cos\theta_\gamma \propto 1 + \alpha \cos^2\theta_\gamma \) with \( \alpha = 1, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{13} \) for \( J = 0, 1, 2 \), respectively [27], where \( \theta_\gamma \) is the polar angle of the \( \Upsilon(2S) \) radiative photon in the \( e^+e^- \) C.M. frame); a phase space model in EVTGEN is used for the \( \chi_{bj} \) decays. We use the phase space model for other decays as well. Note that the \( X_{\text{tetra}} \) inclusive decays are modelled using PYTHIA [28]. Inclusive \( \Upsilon(1S) \) and \( \Upsilon(2S) \) MC samples, produced using PYTHIA with four times the total numbers of \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \) events of the data, are used to identify possible backgrounds showing peak distributions from \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \) decays.

The Belle detector is a large solid-angle magnetic spectrometer that consists of a silicon vertex detector, a 50-layer central drift chamber, an array of aerogel threshold Cherenkov counters, a barrel-like arrangement of time-of-flight scintillation counters, and an electromagnetic calorimeter comprised of CsI(Tl) crystals located inside a superconducting solenoid coil that provides a 1.5 T magnetic field. An iron flux-return yoke instrumented with resistive plate chambers located outside the coil is used to detect \( K^0_L \) mesons and to identify muons. A detailed description of the Belle detector can be found in Refs. [21, 22].

III. MEASUREMENTS OF \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + \text{anything} \)

Candidate \( f_1(1285) \) states are reconstructed via \( \eta\pi^+\pi^-, \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \). Considering the differences in the MC-determined reconstruction efficiencies for different \( f_1(1285) \) momenta, we partition the data samples according to the scaled momentum \( x = 2\sqrt{s} \times p^*_f(1285)/(s - m^2_{f1(1285)}) \), where \( p^*_f(1285) \) is the momentum of the \( f_1(1285) \) candidate in the C.M. system, and \( m_{f1(1285)} \) is the \( f_1(1285) \) nominal mass [13]. The normalizing expression \( (s - m^2_{f1(1285)})/(2\sqrt{s}) \) represents the maximum value of \( p^*_f(1285) \) for the case where the \( f_1(1285) \) candidate recoils against a massless particle. The use of \( x \) removes the beam-energy dependence in comparing the continuum data to those taken at the \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \) resonances. The event selections are identical to those used in Ref. [17]. Figure 1 shows the reconstruction efficiencies as a function of \( x \) for \( f_1(1285) \) candidates from \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \) decays in each \( x \) interval. Here, the efficiencies are estimated using a MC signal sample generated on the basis of the relative weights of the differential branching fractions (discussed below) in the different \( x \) bins.

The invariant mass distributions for the \( f_1(1285) \) candidates in \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \) data for the entire \( x \)
region and for subranges in $x$ are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. We observe clear $f_1(1285)$ signals in high-$x$ bins and $\eta(1405)$ signals in the subregion $0.6 < x < 1.0$. In the figures, the cross-hatched histograms are from the normalized continuum contributions. See Ref. [17] for the definition of the normalization method of the continuum contribution. For $\Upsilon(2S) \to f_1(1285) + anything$, a further background arises from the intermediate transition $\Upsilon(2S) \to \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$ or $\pi^0\pi^0\Upsilon(1S)$ with $\Upsilon(1S)$ decaying to $f_1(1285)$. This contamination is removed by requiring the $\pi\pi$ recoil mass to be outside the [9.45, 9.47] GeV/$c^2$ range for all $\pi\pi$ combinations [17].

A binned extended simultaneous likelihood fit is applied to the $x$-dependent $\eta\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass spectra to extract the $f_1(1285)$ signal yields in the $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$ and continuum data samples. Due to the dependence on momentum, the $f_1(1285)$ and $\eta(1405)$ signal shapes in each $x$ bin are described by Voigtian functions (a Breit-Wigner distribution convolved with a Gaussian function) that are obtained from the MC simulations directly; a third-order Chebyshev polynomial background shape is used for the $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$ decay backgrounds in addition to the normalized continuum contributions. The fit results are shown in Figs. 2 and 3 for the $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ decays, respectively. The fitted $f_1(1285)$ signal yields ($N_{\text{fit}}$) in each $x$ bin from $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ decays are tabulated in Table I, together with the reconstruction efficiencies from MC signal simulations ($\varepsilon$), the total systematic uncertainties ($\sigma_{\text{syst}}$) discussed below (which are the sum of the common systematic errors, fit uncertainties and continuum-scale-factor uncertainties), and the corresponding branching fractions ($B$). The total numbers of $f_1(1285)$ events, i.e., the sums of the signal yields in all of the $x$ bins, the sums of the $x$-dependent efficiencies weighted by the signal fraction in that $x$ bin, and the measured branching fractions are listed in the bottom row of Table I. The branching fractions for $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \to f_1(1285) + anything$ are measured to be:

$$B(\Upsilon(1S) \to f_1(1285) + anything) = (46 \pm 28(\text{stat.}) \pm 13(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-4},$$

$$B(\Upsilon(2S) \to f_1(1285) + anything) = (22 \pm 15(\text{stat.}) \pm 6.3(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-4}.$$

The differential branching fractions of $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$ decays to $f_1(1285)$ are shown in Fig. 4.

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**Table I:** Summary of the branching fraction measurements of $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$ inclusive decays into $f_1(1285)$, where $N_{\text{fit}}$ is the number of fitted signal events, $\varepsilon$ is the reconstruction efficiency, $\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ is the relative total systematic uncertainty, and $B$ is the measured branching fraction.

| $x$ | $\Upsilon(1S) \to f_1(1285) + anything$ | $\Upsilon(2S) \to f_1(1285) + anything$ |
|-----|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|     | $N_{\text{fit}}$ | $\varepsilon$ (%) | $\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ (%) | $B(10^{-4})$ | $N_{\text{fit}}$ | $\varepsilon$ (%) | $\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ (%) | $B(10^{-4})$ |
| (0.0, 0.1) | $-480 \pm 239$ | 1.03 | 24.5 | $-32 \pm 16 \pm 8.0$ | $-442 \pm 253$ | 1.23 | 29.8 | $-16 \pm 9.2 \pm 4.8$ |
| (0.1, 0.2) | $727 \pm 497$ | 1.82 | 25.5 | $28 \pm 19 \pm 7.1$ | $265 \pm 192$ | 1.85 | 26.9 | $6.4 \pm 4.7 \pm 1.8$ |
| (0.2, 0.3) | $-432 \pm 339$ | 2.17 | 24.6 | $-14 \pm 11 \pm 3.4$ | $-749 \pm 333$ | 2.19 | 26.0 | $-15 \pm 6.8 \pm 4.0$ |
| (0.3, 0.4) | $1181 \pm 240$ | 2.48 | 28.9 | $33 \pm 6.7 \pm 9.6$ | $1296 \pm 348$ | 2.37 | 25.3 | $24 \pm 6.6 \pm 6.2$ |
| (0.4, 0.5) | $736 \pm 165$ | 3.16 | 24.2 | $16 \pm 3.6 \pm 3.9$ | $801 \pm 247$ | 3.22 | 26.7 | $11 \pm 3.5 \pm 3.0$ |
| (0.5, 0.6) | $645 \pm 126$ | 4.94 | 36.4 | $9.0 \pm 1.8 \pm 3.3$ | $590 \pm 189$ | 5.12 | 34.9 | $5.1 \pm 1.7 \pm 1.8$ |
| (0.6, 0.7) | $412 \pm 88$ | 7.27 | 31.3 | $3.9 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.3$ | $563 \pm 143$ | 6.86 | 32.6 | $3.7 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.2$ |
| (0.7, 0.8) | $229 \pm 65$ | 9.24 | 42.8 | $1.7 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.8$ | $382 \pm 70$ | 9.56 | 35.6 | $1.8 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.7$ |
| (0.8, 0.9) | $66 \pm 38$ | 12.46 | 48.0 | $0.4 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$ | $205 \pm 84$ | 12.75 | 36.3 | $0.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.3$ |
| (0.9, 1.0) | $16 \pm 11$ | 8.66 | 55.0 | $0.1 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1$ | $15 \pm 11$ | 9.65 | 48.9 | $0.1 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1$ |

All $x$ | $3100 \pm 950$ | 4.68 | 28.7 | $46 \pm 28 \pm 13$ | $2926 \pm 712$ | 5.93 | 28.4 | $22 \pm 15 \pm 6.3$ |
FIG. 2: (Color online) Invariant mass distributions of the $f_1(1285)$ candidates in (a) the entire $x$ region and (b-k) for $x$ bins of size 0.1. The dots with error bars are the $\Upsilon(1S)$ data. The red solid lines are the best fits, and the blue dotted lines represent the total backgrounds. The cross-hatched green histograms are from the normalized continuum contributions.

FIG. 3: (Color online) Invariant mass distributions of the $f_1(1285)$ candidates in (a) the entire $x$ region and (b-k) for $x$ bins of size 0.1. The dots with error bars are the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data. The red solid lines are the best fits, and the blue dotted lines represent the total backgrounds. The green cross-hatched histograms are from the normalized continuum contributions.
(a–c) show the distributions of the spectrum of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ inclusive decays into $f_1(1285)$ as a function of the scaled momentum $x$ defined in the text. The error bar of each point is the sum of the statistical and systematic errors.

**IV. MEASUREMENTS OF $\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow J/\psi +$ anything**

The $\chi_{bJ}$ is identified through the decay $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{bJ}$. The same mass regions of the $J/\psi$ signal and sidebands are used as in Ref. [17], i.e., we define the $J/\psi$ signal region to be the window $|M_{e^+e^-} - m_{J/\psi}| < 0.03 \text{ GeV}^2 (\sim 2.5\sigma)$, where $m_{J/\psi}$ is the $J/\psi$ nominal mass [13], while the $J/\psi$ sideband is $2.97 \text{ GeV}^2 < M_{e^+e^-} < 3.03 \text{ GeV}^2$ or $3.17 \text{ GeV}^2 < M_{e^+e^-} < 3.23 \text{ GeV}^2$, which is twice as wide as the signal region. After requiring the lepton-pair mass to be within the $J/\psi$ signal region, Figs. 5 (a–c) show the distributions of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ radiative photon energy in the $e^+e^-$ C.M. frame from MC simulated $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{bJ}$, $\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow J/\psi +$ anything decays, where each $\chi_{bJ}$ signal shape is described by the convolution of a BW function with a Novosibirsk [29] function. Based on the fitted results, the efficiencies are $(23.87 \pm 0.42)\%$, $(32.21 \pm 0.53)\%$, and $(22.96 \pm 0.39)\%$ for $\chi_{b0}$, $\chi_{b1}$ and $\chi_{b2}$, respectively.

![FIG. 4:](image)

FIG. 4: (Color online) Differential branching fractions for $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ inclusive decays into $f_1(1285)$ as a function of the scaled momentum $x$ defined in the text. The error bar of each point is the sum of the statistical and systematic errors.

![FIG. 5:](image)

FIG. 5: The spectra of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ radiative photon energy in the $e^+e^-$ C.M. frame from MC simulated $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{bJ}$, $\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow J/\psi +$ anything signal samples for (a) $\chi_{b0}$, (b) $\chi_{b1}$ and (c) $\chi_{b2}$, respectively.

As shown in Fig. 6 of the spectrum of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ radiative photon energy in the C.M. frame, a clear $\chi_{b2}$ signal may be observed. After all selection requirements, no backgrounds showing peak distributions are found in the distribution estimated from $J/\psi$ mass sideband data, nor in the continuum production in the $\chi_{bJ}$ signal regions, in agreement with the expectation from the $\Upsilon(2S)$ generic MC samples. An unbinned extended maximum-likelihood fit to the spectrum is performed to extract the signal and background yields in the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data samples. In the fit, the probability density function (PDF) of each $\chi_{bJ}$ signal is a BW function convolved with a Novosibirsk function with all the parameters free; for the background PDF, a third-order Chebyshev polynomial function is adopted. The fit yields $243 \pm 101$, $269 \pm 120$, and $462 \pm 105$ events for the $\chi_{b0}$, $\chi_{b1}$, and $\chi_{b2}$ signals, respectively, in the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data sample. The statistical significances of the $\chi_{b0}$, $\chi_{b1}$ and $\chi_{b2}$ signals are estimated to be $1.5\sigma$, $1.1\sigma$ and $3.5\sigma$, from the differences of the logarithmic
likelihoods, $-2 \ln (\mathcal{L}_0 / \mathcal{L}_{\text{max}})$, where $\mathcal{L}_0$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{max}}$ are the likelihoods of the fits without and with a signal component, respectively (taking the number of degrees of freedom in each fit into account). For $\chi_{b2} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}$, the branching fraction is measured for the first time using

$$B(\chi_{b2} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) = \frac{N_{\chi_{b2}}}{N_{\chi_{b2}} \times \varepsilon_{\chi_{b2}} \times B(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{b2} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)},$$

where $N_{\chi_{b2}}$ is the number of fitted $\chi_{b2}$ signal events and $\varepsilon_{\chi_{b2}}$ is the signal detection efficiency given above. We measure a value of $(1.50 \pm 0.34 \text{(stat.)} \pm 0.22 \text{(syst.)}) \times 10^{-3}$. The systematic uncertainties are discussed below. The $\chi_{b0, b1}$ branching fractions are computed in a similar way. Since the $\chi_{b0, b1}$ signal significances are less than 3\sigma, we compute 90\% credibility level (C.L.) upper limits $x_{UL}$ on the $\chi_{b0, b1}$ signal yields and the branching fractions. For this purpose, we solve the equation $\int_0^{x_{UL}} \mathcal{L}(x) dx / \int_0^{+\infty} \mathcal{L}(x) dx = 0.9$, where $x$ is the assumed signal yield or branching fraction, and $\mathcal{L}(x)$ is the corresponding likelihood of the data. To take into account the systematic uncertainties discussed below, the likelihood is convolved with a Gaussian function whose width equals the total systematic uncertainty. The upper limits for the yields of $\chi_{b0}$ and $\chi_{b1}$ are 380 and 432 respectively, and the corresponding upper limits on the branching fractions are $B_{UL}(\chi_{b0} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) = 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$ and $B_{UL}(\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ at 90\% C.L.

![Graph](image.png)

FIG. 6: (Color online) The spectra of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ radiative photon energy in the $e^+e^-$ C.M. frame in $\Upsilon(2S)$ data. The dots with error bars are the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data. The blue solid line is the best fit, and the blue dotted line represents the backgrounds. The magenta shaded histogram is from the normalized $J/\psi$ sideband and the green cross-hatched histogram is from the normalized continuum contributions described in the text.

V. MEASUREMENTS OF $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + \text{anything}$

Candidate $\omega$ mesons are reconstructed via $\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$. We perform a mass-constrained kinematic fit to the selected $\pi^0$ candidate and require $\chi^2 < 10$. To remove the backgrounds with $K_S^0$, the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ invariant mass is required to be outside the [0.475, 0.515] GeV/c$^2$ range. After requiring the $\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ invariant mass to be within the $\omega$ signal region of 0.755 GeV/c$^2 < M(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) < 0.805$ GeV/c$^2$, Fig. 7 shows the distributions of the energy of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ radiative photon in the C.M. frame, where the dots represent the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data and the cross-hatched histogram is from the normalized continuum contributions. We define the $\chi_{b1}$ signal region as 0.12 GeV $< E_\gamma^* < 0.14$ GeV and its sideband as 0.075 GeV $< E_\gamma^* < 0.095$ GeV or 0.18 GeV $< E_\gamma^* < 0.20$ GeV.
which is twice as wide as the signal region. From the histogram, no $\chi_{b1}$ signal is present in the continuum contributions.

![Graph](image)

**FIG. 7:** (Color online) The spectra of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ radiative photon energy in the $e^+e^-$ C.M. frame, where the dots with imperceptible error bars are the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data and the magenta cross-hatched histogram is from the normalized continuum contributions. The red solid arrows indicate the selected $\chi_{b1}$ signal region, and the black dashed arrows show the two ranges of the $\chi_{b1}$ sideband.

After the application of the above requirements, the $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ invariant mass distribution from MC simulated $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + \text{anything}$ signal sample is shown in Fig. 8a. In the fit to this distribution, a Voigtian function is used for the $\omega$ signal shape and a second-order Chebyshev polynomial function is used for the background shape. Based on the fitted result, the efficiency is $(10.9 \pm 0.1)\%$. Figure 8b shows the distributions of the $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ invariant mass from the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data (the dots with error bars) and the normalized $\chi_{b1}$ sideband events (the cross-hatched histogram). From the plot, the observed $\omega$ signals in the normalized $\chi_{b1}$ sideband account for most of the events in the $\chi_{b1}$ signal region.

A simultaneous binned extended maximum likelihood fit is applied to the $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ invariant mass spectra to extract the $\omega$ signal yields in the $\chi_{b1}$ signal region and its sideband. The $\omega$ signal shape is described by a Voigtian function with the values of the parameters fixed to those from the fit to MC-simulated signals; a second-order Chebyshev polynomial background shape is used for the $\chi_{b1}$ decay backgrounds in addition to the normalized $\chi_{b1}$ sideband. The fitted $\omega$ signal yield is $51054 \pm 12943$ and the estimated statistical significance is $4.1\sigma$. Hence, the branching fraction for $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + \text{anything}$ is measured for the first time to be

$$B(\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + \text{anything}) = (4.9 \pm 1.3(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-2}.$$ 

**VI. SEARCH FOR $X_{\text{tetra}}$ IN $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$, AND $\chi_{b1}$ DECAYS**

We generate a large number of MC samples for $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}$, $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}$, $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_{\text{tetra}}$, and $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + X_{\text{tetra}}$ with $X_{\text{tetra}}$ masses varying from 1.16 to 2.46 GeV/$c^2$ in steps of 0.10 GeV/$c^2$ and widths varying from 0.0 to 0.3 GeV in steps of 0.1 GeV, using the same decay modes as in Ref. [17]. After applying all the event selections in Ref. [17], all relevant efficiencies are obtained; they are displayed graphically in Fig. 9. Since the event selection requirements are independent of the recoil part of the $\chi_{c1}$, $f_1(1285)$, $J/\psi$,
for the studied production modes. The fitted curves show the second-order Chebyshev polynomials used to model these efficiencies.

and $\omega$ in the studied channels, the detection efficiencies are only related to the recoil masses. The efficiencies versus $X_{\text{tetra}}$ mass in the entire region from 1.16 to 3.0 GeV/$c^2$ are displayed graphically in Fig. 9 for the studied production modes. The fitted curves show the second-order Chebyshev polynomials used to model these efficiencies.

In the channels analyzed below, $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \to \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}$, $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \to f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}$, $\chi_{b1} \to J/\psi + X_{\text{tetra}}$, and $\chi_{b1} \to \omega + X_{\text{tetra}}$, we search for the $X_{\text{tetra}}$ signals in the recoil mass spectra of the $\chi_{c1}, f_1(1285), J/\psi,$ and $\omega,$ respectively, with $X_{\text{tetra}}$ widths between 0.0 and 0.3 GeV in steps of 0.1 GeV. All recoil mass spectra are taken from Ref. [17] with a focused view of the low-mass region.

For $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \to \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}$, the $\chi_{c1}$ is reconstructed via its decay into $\gamma J/\psi$, $J/\psi \to \ell^+\ell^-$.
Figure 10 shows the recoil mass spectra of $\chi_{c1}$ candidates in the $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$ data, where the shaded histograms are from the normalized $\chi_{c1}$ sideband and the cross-hatched histograms show the normalized continuum contributions. See Ref. [17] for the definition of the $\chi_{c1}$ sideband and the normalization method of the continuum contribution. There are no evident signals for any of the $X_{\text{tetra}}$ states at any of the masses. In the entire region of study, the most significant signal is observed at an $X_{\text{tetra}}$ mass of 2.46 (2.26) GeV/$c^2$ and width of 0.3 (0.0) GeV with a statistical significance of 1.4$\sigma$ (0.6$\sigma$) in $\Upsilon(1S)$ ($\Upsilon(2S)$) data. Since the number of selected signal candidate events is small, we obtain the 90% C.L. upper limit of the signal yield ($N_{UL}$) at each $X_{\text{tetra}}$ mass point by using the frequentist approach [30] implemented in the POLE (Poissonian limit estimator) program [31], where each mass region is selected to contain 95% of the signal according to MC simulations, the number of observed signal events is counted directly, and the number of expected background events is estimated from the sum of the normalized $\chi_{c1}$ sideband and continuum contributions. The systematic uncertainties discussed below are taken into account.

The calculated upper limits on the numbers of signal events ($N_{UL}$) and branching fraction ($B_{UL}$) for each $X_{\text{tetra}}$ state with $X_{\text{tetra}}$ masses from 1.16 to 2.46 GeV/$c^2$ and widths from 0.0 to 0.3 GeV in $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$ data are listed in Table II, together with the reconstruction efficiencies ($\varepsilon$) and the systematic uncertainties ($\sigma_{syst}$). The results are displayed graphically in Fig. 11.

For $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}$, $f_1(1285)$ candidates are reconstructed via $\eta \pi^+\pi^-$, $\eta \rightarrow$
\( \gamma\gamma \). Figure 12 shows the recoil mass spectra of the \( f_1(1285) \) in \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \) data, together with the backgrounds from the normalized \( f_1(1285) \) sideband and the normalized continuum contributions. No evident \( X_\text{tetra} \) signals are seen. An unbinned extended maximum-likelihood fit repeated with \( X_\text{tetra} \) masses from 1.46 to 2.46 GeV/\( c^2 \) in steps of 0.10 GeV/\( c^2 \), and with \( X_\text{tetra} \) widths from 0.0 to 0.3 GeV in steps of 0.1 GeV, is applied to the recoil mass spectra. The signal shape of each \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal is described with a BW function convolved with a Novosibirsk function, where all parameter values are fixed to those from the fit to the MC-simulated signals. Since no backgrounds showing peak distributions are found, a second-order Chebyshev polynomial shape is used for the backgrounds. The fit result for the \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal with its mass fixed at 1.66 GeV/\( c^2 \) (a theoretically predicted mass for a scalar tetraquark state [16]) and width fixed at 0.10 GeV is shown in Fig. 12. The fit yields 1.7\( \pm \)4.7 (\( \sim \)0.3\( \pm \)9.8) events for the \( X_\text{tetra} \) signals in the \( \Upsilon(1S) (\Upsilon(2S)) \) data sample. In the whole mass region of interest, the most significant signal is observed at an \( X_\text{tetra} \) mass of 2.26 (2.16) GeV/\( c^2 \) and width of 0.0 (0.3) GeV with a statistical significance of 1.1\( \sigma \) (1.8\( \sigma \)) in \( \Upsilon(1S) (\Upsilon(2S)) \) data.

![Figure 12](image_url)

FIG. 12: (Color online) The \( f_1(1285) \) recoil mass spectra in the (a) \( \Upsilon(1S) \) and (b) \( \Upsilon(2S) \) data samples. The blue solid curves show the results of the fit described in the text, including the \( X_\text{tetra} \) states with widths fixed at 0.10 GeV and masses fixed at 1.66 GeV/\( c^2 \) indicated by the arrows. The nearly imperceptible blue dashed curves show the fitted background. The magenta shaded histograms are from the normalized \( f_1(1285) \) sideband and the green cross-hatched histograms show the normalized continuum contributions.

For \( \chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_\text{tetra} \), the \( \chi_{b1} \) is identified through the decay \( \Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{b1} \). Figure 13 shows the recoil mass spectrum of \( \gamma J/\psi \) in \( \Upsilon(2S) \) data, together with the background estimated from the normalized \( J/\psi \) sideband and the normalized continuum contributions. No evident \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal is observed. An unbinned extended maximum-likelihood fit is applied to the \( \gamma J/\psi \) recoil mass spectrum. The result of the fit with the \( X_\text{tetra} \) mass fixed at 1.66 GeV/\( c^2 \) and width fixed at 0.10 GeV is shown in Fig. 13. This fit yields 8.9\( \pm \)5.8 \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal events. In the entire region of study, the most significant signal is observed at an \( X_\text{tetra} \) mass of 1.76 GeV/\( c^2 \) and width of 0.1 GeV, with a statistical significance of 2.8\( \sigma \).

For \( \chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + X_\text{tetra} \), \( \omega \) candidates are reconstructed via \( \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 \), \( \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \). Figure 14 shows the recoil mass spectrum of \( \gamma \omega \) for events in the \( \omega \) signal region, along with the backgrounds from the normalized \( \omega \) sideband and the normalized continuum contributions. No evident \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal is observed. An unbinned extended maximum-likelihood fit is applied to the \( \gamma \omega \) recoil mass spectrum. The result of the fit including the \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal with its mass fixed at 1.66 GeV/\( c^2 \) and width fixed at 0.10 GeV is shown in Fig. 14. This fit yields \( \sim -7.8 \pm 9.1 \) \( X_\text{tetra} \) signal events. In the entire region of study, the most significant signal is observed at an \( X_\text{tetra} \) mass of 2.26 GeV/\( c^2 \) and width of 0.1 GeV, with a statistical significance of 2.2\( \sigma \).

Considering the yields for \( \Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_\text{tetra} \), \( \chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_\text{tetra} \) and \( \chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + X_\text{tetra} \), the

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FIG. 13: (Color online) The $\gamma J/\psi$ recoil mass spectrum for $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{b1} \rightarrow \gamma J/\psi + anything$ in the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data sample. The blue solid curve shows the result of the fit described in the text, including the $X_{\text{tetra}}$ state with a width fixed to 0.10 GeV and a mass fixed at 1.66 GeV/$c^2$ indicated by the arrow. The blue dashed curve shows the fitted background. The magenta shaded histogram is from the normalized $J/\psi$ sideband and the green cross-hatched histogram shows the normalized continuum contributions.

FIG. 14: (Color online) The $\gamma \omega$ recoil mass spectrum for $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{b1} \rightarrow \gamma \omega + anything$ in the $\Upsilon(2S)$ data sample. The blue solid curve shows the result of the fit described in the text, including the $X_{\text{tetra}}$ state with a width fixed to 0.10 GeV and a mass fixed at 1.66 GeV/$c^2$ indicated by the arrow. The blue dashed curve shows the fitted background. The magenta shaded histogram is from the normalized $\omega$ sideband and the green cross-hatched histogram shows the normalized continuum contributions.

$\omega + X_{\text{tetra}}$ are very small, we determine the 90\% C.L. upper limits on the $X_{\text{tetra}}$ signal yields ($N^{UL}$) for $M(X_{\text{tetra}}) < 1.46$ GeV/$c^2$ following the procedure in Ref. [31] as described above for $\Upsilon(1S,2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}$, and for $M(X_{\text{tetra}}) > 1.46$ GeV/$c^2$ using the same method as described for $\chi_{b0,b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + anything$. Here, the systematic errors have been taken into account in the determination of $N^{UL}$.

The calculated upper limits on the numbers of signal events ($N^{UL}$) and branching fraction ($B^{UL}$) for $\Upsilon(1S,2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}, \chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_{\text{tetra}}$ and $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + X_{\text{tetra}}$ with $X_{\text{tetra}}$ masses from 1.16 to 2.46 GeV/$c^2$ and widths from 0.0 to 0.3 GeV are listed in Table II, together with the reconstruction efficiencies ($\varepsilon$) and the systematic uncertainties ($\sigma_{\text{syst}}$). The results are displayed graphically in Fig. 15.
FIG. 15: (Color online) The upper limits on the branching fractions for (a) $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}$, (b) $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}$, (c) $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_{\text{tetra}}$, and (d) $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + X_{\text{tetra}}$ as a function of the assumed $X_{\text{tetra}}$ mass with widths fixed at 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3 GeV, respectively.

VII. SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

Most of the systematic errors in the branching fraction measurements are the same as in Ref. [17], including tracking reconstruction, photon reconstruction, particle identification, trigger efficiency, the branching fractions of the intermediate states, and the total numbers of $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ events; the notable exception is the dominant systematic error from the fit uncertainty. By changing the order of the background polynomial and the range of the fit, the model-dependent relative difference in the signal yields (or the upper limits for those modes with statistically insignificant branching fractions) is obtained; this is taken as the systematic error due to the uncertainty of the fit. The estimation of the continuum contributions in the $f_1(1285)$ inclusive production processes assumes a $1/s^2$ dependence. The analysis is repeated assuming a $1/s$ or $1/s^3$ dependence and the largest change in the fitted $f_1(1285)$ signal yield is taken as a systematic uncertainty. Assuming that all of these systematic-error sources are independent, the total systematic errors are summed in quadrature and listed in Table II for all the studied modes for each hypothesized $X_{\text{tetra}}$ mass.

VIII. SUMMARY

In summary, utilizing the recoil mass spectra of the $\chi_{c1}, f_1(1285), J/\psi$, and $\omega$ in the channels $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + G_{0-}$, $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + G_{0-}$, $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + G_{0-}$, and $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + G_{0-}$ [17], respectively, we report the first search for the light tetraquark states predicted with a mass of $1.66 \pm 0.14$ GeV/c$^2$ and $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$, and with a mass in the region $1.18$–$1.43$ GeV/c$^2$ and $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ [16]. No evident signal is found below 3 GeV/c$^2$ in the above processes.
and 90% C.L. upper limits are set on the branching fractions. Figures 11 and 15 show the upper limits on the branching fractions as a function of the tetraquark masses. In addition, as byproducts of the search, we measure the inclusive $f_1(1285)$ production in $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$, $J/\psi$ production in $\chi_{bJ}(J = 0, 1, 2)$, and $\omega$ production in $\chi_{b1}$. The corresponding branching fractions are measured for the first time to be

$$B(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + \text{anything}) = (46 \pm 28(\text{stat.}) \pm 13(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$B(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow f_1(1285) + \text{anything}) = (22 \pm 15(\text{stat.}) \pm 6.3(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$B(\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) = (1.50 \pm 0.34(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.22(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-3}$$

and

$$B(\chi_{b1} \rightarrow \omega + \text{anything}) = (4.9 \pm 1.3(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-2}$$

and the 90% C.L. upper limits on the branching fractions

$$B(\chi_{b0} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) < 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

and

$$B(\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

are determined for the first time.

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### TABLE II: Summary of the upper limits for $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}, f_1(1285) + X_{\text{tetra}}$, and $\chi_{b1} \rightarrow J/\psi + X_{\text{tetra}}, \omega + X_{\text{tetra}}$ under different assumptions of $X_{\text{tetra}}$ mass ($m$ in GeV/$c^2$) and width ($\Gamma$ in GeV), where $N_{UL}$ is the upper limit on the number of signal events taking into account systematic errors, $\varepsilon$ is the reconstruction efficiency, $\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ is the total relative systematic uncertainty on the branching fraction and $B_{UL}$ is the 90% C.L. upper limit on the branching fraction.

| $m$ | $\Upsilon(1S, 2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}$ (for $\Gamma = 0.0/0.1/0.2/0.3$ GeV) | $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + X_{\text{tetra}}$ (for $\Gamma = 0.0/0.1/0.2/0.3$ GeV) |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|     | $N_{UL}$ | $\sigma_{\text{syst}}(\%)$ | $B_{UL}(\times 10^{-5})$ | $N_{UL}$ | $\sigma_{\text{syst}}(\%)$ | $B_{UL}(\times 10^{-5})$ |
| 1.16 | 3.12/0.31/0.32/0.33 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 18.39/6.19/7.08/8.12 | 3.02/0.63/0.67/0.70 | 6.3 | 26.2/0.29/0.28/0.27 | 17.6 | 19.2/0.19/0.18/0.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.26 | 4.44/0.24/0.24/0.24 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 12.71/3.12/3.12/3.12 | 4.34/0.34/0.34/0.34 | 6.3 | 4.74/0.74/0.74/0.74 | 6.3 | 17.6/0.19/0.18/0.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.36 | 5.75/0.55/0.55/0.55 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 9.8/0.19/0.19/0.19 | 5.75/0.45/0.45/0.45 | 6.3 | 4.74/0.74/0.74/0.74 | 6.3 | 17.6/0.19/0.18/0.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.46 | 7.08/0.87/0.87/0.87 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 8.08/0.88/0.88/0.88 | 6.78/0.78/0.78/0.78 | 6.3 | 2.33/0.22/0.22/0.22 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.56 | 8.28/0.89/0.89/0.89 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 6.87/0.68/0.68/0.68 | 8.08/0.88/0.88/0.88 | 6.3 | 2.33/0.22/0.22/0.22 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.66 | 9.49/0.49/0.49/0.49 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 6.06/0.11/0.11/0.11 | 9.29/0.09/0.09/0.09 | 6.3 | 3.75/0.37/0.37/0.37 | 6.3 | 8.4/4.17/4.17/4.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 10/10 | 10.5/0.5/0.5/0.5 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 5.35/0.41/0.41/0.41 | 10.3/1.0/1.0/1.0 | 6.3 | 9.0/0.1/0.1/0.1 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.86 | 11.6/0.61/0.61/0.61 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 4.89/0.23/0.23/0.23 | 11.4/1.11/1.11/1.11 | 6.3 | 8.4/0.21/0.21/0.21 | 6.3 | 9.5/0.21/0.21/0.21 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 1.96 | 12.7/0.71/0.71/0.71 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 3.56/0.36/0.36/0.36 | 12.5/1.12/1.12/1.12 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 2.06 | 13.8/0.81/0.81/0.81 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 2.79/0.79/0.79/0.79 | 13.6/1.13/1.13/1.13 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 2.16 | 14.9/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 2.03/0.23/0.23/0.23 | 14.4/1.04/1.04/1.04 | 6.3 | 4.74/0.74/0.74/0.74 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 2.26 | 15.0/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 1.36/0.23/0.23/0.23 | 15.0/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 6.3 | 4.74/0.74/0.74/0.74 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 2.36 | 15.1/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 0.70/0.23/0.23/0.23 | 15.0/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 6.3 | 4.74/0.74/0.74/0.74 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |
| 2.46 | 15.2/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 0.04/0.23/0.23/0.23 | 15.0/1.00/1.00/1.00 | 6.3 | 4.74/0.74/0.74/0.74 | 6.3 | 5.4/3.17/3.17/3.17 | 19.3 | 0.01/0.01/0.01/0.01 |

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