Observation of a family of all-charm tetraquarks

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Overview—Three new results based on the following CMS Physics Analysis Summary

 $\Rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$ updated result:

 $J/\psi J/\psi$ spectroscopy in the four-muon final state using Run 3 data

 $\Rightarrow J/\psi\psi(2S)$ result:

Search for X(6900) in the $\psi(2S)J/\psi$ channel at CMS

Spin-parity measurement:

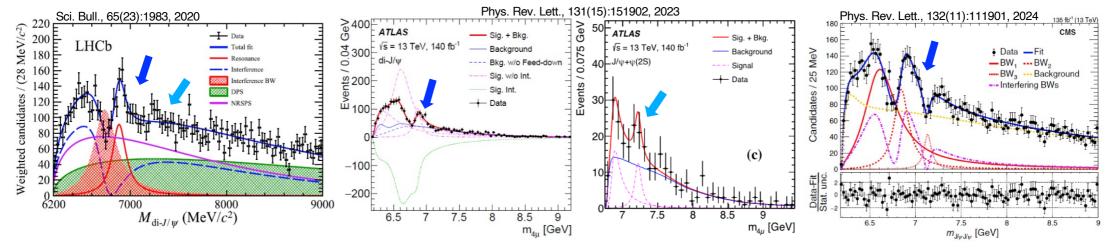
Spin-parity analysis of the $J/\psi J/\psi$ structure in the four-muon invariant mass spectrum

1) and 2) are the first two LHC analyses using 2024 data

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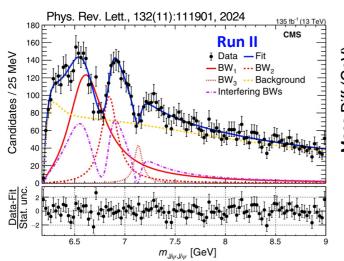


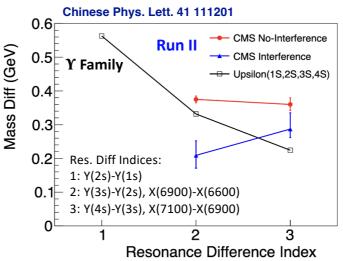
- \triangleright ALL exp observe X(6900) + additional structure
 - Only CMS claimed X(6600) & X(7100)
 - Different modeling of "hump" @6.6 GeV
 - Hint @ 7.2 GeV: LHCb not considered; ATLAS 3σ (local) hint in $J/\psi\psi(2S)$
- ➤ All exp use interference, but in diff ways
 - LHCb: extra BW interfere with SPS, X(6900) NOT interfering!
 - ATLAS: interference among three resonances, two for the threshold hump, one for X(6900).
 - CMS: multi-resonance interference
- > All exp see a threshold excess, NOT explained! Classified as background

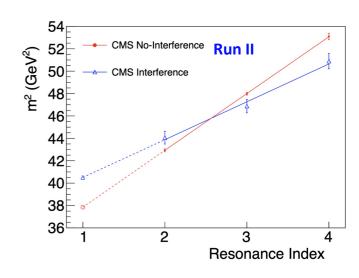
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A number of unresolved questions!

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Run 2 result:

- X(7100): 4.7 σ
- Interference $< 4\sigma$

With 3.6X statistics:

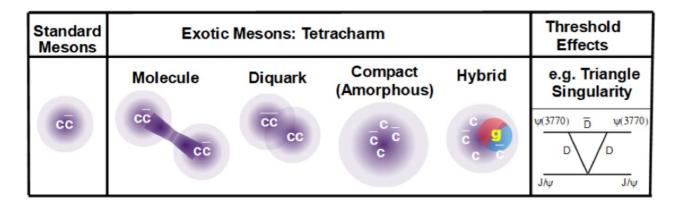
- \square Significance of *ALL states* over 5σ ?
- \square Significance of *interference* over 5σ ?

Cornell Model: $V(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + \sigma r + ...$

- \triangleright Interference imply same J^{PC} quantum numbers
- > > 200 MeV mass splittings ==> Radial excitations?
- > A family of all-charm tetraquarks?

A FAMILY of all-charm tetraquark states with same J^{PC} ?

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Lattice QCD: 2411.11533 [hep-lat]

Found repulsive between two charmoniums

- Models of potential quark configurations for $J/\psi J/\psi$ mesons.
 - Meson-meson "molecule" $(c\bar{c}-c\bar{c})$
 - Pair of diquarks $(cc-\bar{c}\bar{c})$
 - Hybrid with a valence gluon
 - Peaks as artifact of dicharmonia production thresholds
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Family of all-charm tetraquarks with same J^{PC} offers new perspectives on interpretation for **exotics**

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Datasets, MC, trigger, and event selection

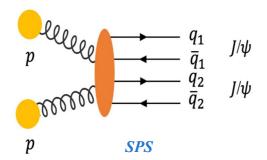
❖ Data samples [315 fb⁻¹]

• Run II: 135 fb-1 data taken in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

• Run III: 180 fb-1 data taken in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Signal and Background simulated events:

- Signal $X \to J/\psi J/\psi \to \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ by JHUGen
- NRSPS and Feeddown by Pythia8
- **DPS** event-mixing
- **Feeddown**: $X(6900) \rightarrow J/\psi \psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi + anything$



❖ Trigger of Run III

HLT_Dimuon0_Jpsi3p5_Muon2

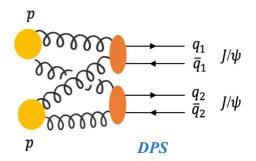
• Level 1 requirements: 3 muons

HLT_DoubleMu4_3_LowMass [new trigger for Run III]

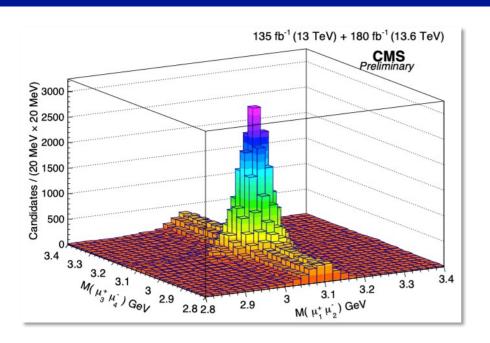
• Level 1 requirements: 2 muons

***** Event selection

Follow Run II cuts + A new trigger for Run III



$J/\psi J/\psi$ yield: Two-dimensional fit



□ Luminosity

Run II 135 fb⁻¹

Run III 180 fb⁻¹

□ $J/\psi J/\psi$ yield

Run II ~12622 ± 165

Run III ~31802 ± 476

□ $J/\psi J/\psi$ yield per unit luminosity

Run II ~93 events / fb⁻¹

Run III ~177 events / fb⁻¹

- \triangleright Run II+III $J/\psi J/\psi$ yield is 3.6X of Run II
- ➤ Run II+III *luminosity* is 2.3X of Run II

Signal and Background models

- Signal shape: Relativistic Breit-Wigner
- Background component: NRSPS+NRDPS+Comb+Feeddown+BW0

$$BW(m; m_0, \Gamma_0) = rac{\sqrt{m\Gamma(m)}}{m_0^2 - m^2 - im\Gamma(m)},$$

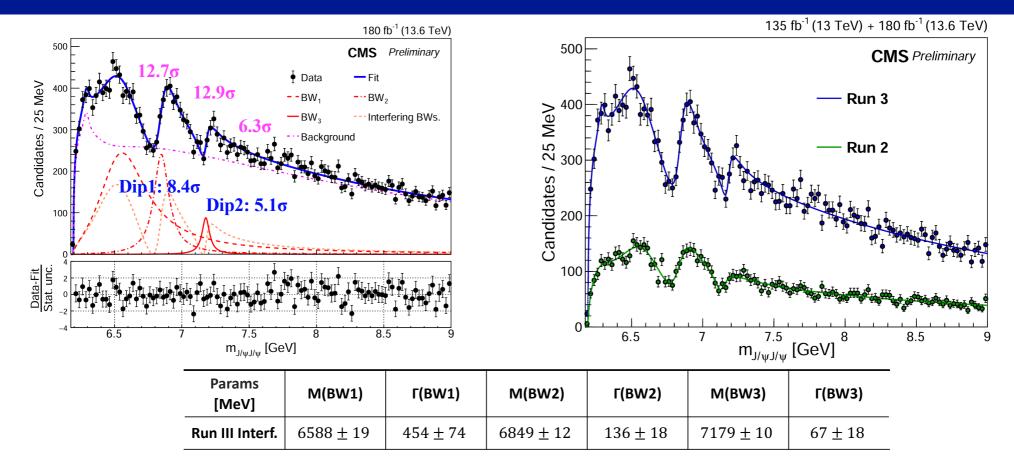
$$\Gamma(m) = \Gamma_0 \left(rac{q}{q_0}
ight)^{2L+1} rac{m_0}{m} \left(B'_L(q, q_0, d)
ight)^2,$$

! Interference model:

Signal-hypothesis: NRSPS+NRDPS+Comb+Feeddown+BW0+BW123 Interf. Term

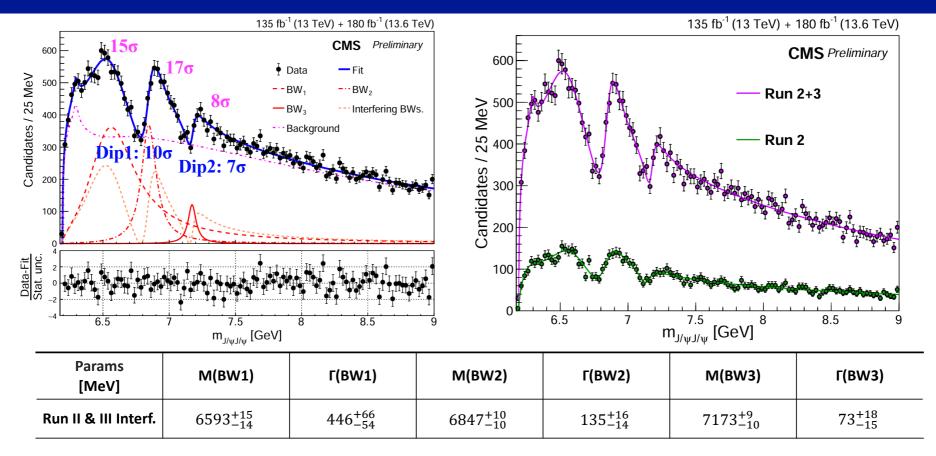
$$\begin{aligned} Pdf(m) &= N_{X_0} \cdot |BW_0|^2 \otimes R(M_0) \\ &+ N_{X \ and \ interf} \cdot |r_1 \cdot \exp(i\phi_1) \cdot BW_1 + BW_2 + r_3 \cdot \exp(i\phi_3) \cdot BW_3|^2 \\ &+ N_{NRSPS} \cdot f_{NRSPS}(m) + N_{DPS} \cdot f_{DPS}(m) \\ &+ N_{Feeddown} \cdot f_{Feeddown}(m) + N_{Comb} \cdot f_{Comb}(m), \end{aligned}$$

Run III interference fit result



- ✓ Confirm Run II results with Run III data only ---with better precision!
- ✓ All states and dips above 5σ ! ---already achieve our goals!

Run II & III interference fit result



- ✓ All states and dips well above 5σ !
- ✓ Quantum interference among structures validated! Strongly imply that they have same JPC

Run II & III interference fit result

Dominant sources	Δm_{BW_1}	$\Delta\Gamma_{\mathrm{BW}_1}$	Δm_{BW_2}	$\Delta\Gamma_{\mathrm{BW}_2}$	$\Delta m_{\mathrm{BW_3}}$	$\Delta\Gamma_{\mathrm{BW_3}}$
Signal shape	25	52	2	11	3	5
NRSPS shape	3	7	<1	1	<1	5
DPS shape	<1	5	<1	<1	<1	1
Combinatorial bkg shape	<1	22	<1	2	<1	4
Feeddown	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Mass resolution	4	58	15	7	12	5
Efficiency	<1	4	<1	<1	<1	<1
Without BW ₀	<1	29	2	3	2	1
Total uncertainty	25	87	15	14	13	10

Params	M(BW1)	Γ(BW1)	M(BW2)	Γ(BW2)	M(BW3)	Γ(BW3)
Run II&III Interf. [MeV]	$6593^{+15}_{-14}\pm25$	$446^{+66}_{-54} \pm 87$	$6847 \pm 10 \pm 15$	$135^{+16}_{-14}\pm14$	$7173^{+9}_{-10}\pm13$	$73^{+18}_{-15}\pm10$
Run II Interf. [MeV]	6638+43+16	440+230+110	6847+44+48	191+66+25	7134+48+41	97+40+29

❖ VS. Run II result

- ✓ Statistical uncertainty reduced by a factor of 3
- ✓ Systematic uncertainty reduced by about a factor of 2

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$J/\psi\psi(2S)$ Run II & III interference fit result

A background suppression with FOM value:

S: number of X(6900) in signal MC B: number of background in data

$$S/(463/13+4\sqrt{B}+5\sqrt{25+8\sqrt{B}+4B})$$

 \rightarrow $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ yield: Run II ~109 ± 14

Run III \sim 281 ± 22 \sim 2.6 X of Run II

Run II+III ~386 + 26

$\begin{aligned} p_{T}(J/\psi) > 11.0 \text{ GeV} \\ p_{T}(\psi(2S)) > 13.5 \text{ GeV} \\ p_{T}(\mu_{\text{in}}\,\psi(2S)) > 2.5 \text{ GeV} \\ \mu_{\text{in}}\,\psi(2S) \text{ ID: Loose muon} \end{aligned}$ Mass window for J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$: 2.5 σ window

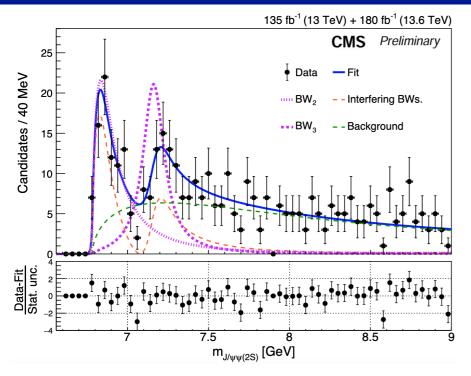
***** Interference model:

Signal-hypothesis: NRSPS+NRDPS+Comb +BW23 Interf. Term

Consider resolution and efficiency

$$Pdf(m) = N_{X-\text{interf}} \cdot \left| \sum_{k} \left(r_k \cdot \exp(i\phi_k) \cdot BW(m, M_k, \Gamma_k) \right) \right|^2 \otimes R(M_j) \cdot \epsilon(M_j) + N_{SPS} \cdot f_{SPS}(m) + N_{DPS} \cdot f_{DPS}(m) + N_{\text{Combinatorial}} \cdot f_{\text{Combinatorial}}(m),$$

Explore $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ channel with Run II and Run III data



- \triangleright Significance of $X(6900) = 7.9\sigma$
- \triangleright Significance of $X(7100) = 4.0\sigma$

ATLAS only claim X(6900) 4.7 σ in $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ channel

Dominant sources	$M_{X(6900)}$	$\Gamma_{X(6900)}$	$M_{X(7100)}$	$\Gamma_{X(7100)}$
Signal shape	±29	±79	±22	±131
NRSPS shape	± 14	± 54	± 14	±29
Combinatorial background shape	± 15	± 51	± 15	±20
Mass resolution	±5	± 7	± 5	±9
Efficiency	±7	± 27	± 7	±10
Add X(6600) peak	± 104	± 14	± 61	±31
Fitter bias	+9 -11	$^{+43}_{-37}$	$^{+29}_{-14}$	$^{0}_{-80}$
Total	+110	+120	+74	+140
Iotal	-110	-120	-70	-160

Params	<i>J/ψψ</i> (2S) [MeV]	<i>J/ψJ/ψ</i> [MeV]
M(BW2)	$6876^{+46+110}_{-29-110}$	$6847 \pm 10 \pm 15$
Γ(BW2)	$253^{+290+120}_{-100-120}$	$135^{+16}_{-14}\pm14$
M(BW3)	7169^{+26+74}_{-52-70}	$7173^{+9}_{-10}\pm13$
Г(ВW3)	$154^{+110+140}_{-82-160}$	$73^{+18}_{-15}\pm 10$

- ✓ Confirmed in a different channel!
- **✓ Consistent** with $J/\psi J/\psi$ result!

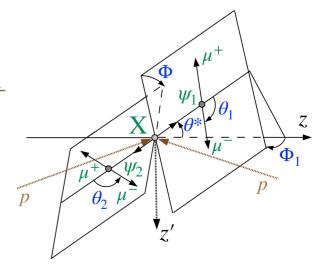
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Concept of Analysis: All Input

☐ Framework

- $m_{4\mu}$ spectrum $X \to 4\mu$ identical to Phys. Rev. Lett. 132 (2024) 111901
- p_T and p_Z of $X \to 4\mu$ match MC to data
- Polarization of *X* assume unpolarized



Production angles [for data test]

- ϑ^* : angle between beam line and J/ψ momentum in X rest frame
- Φ_1 : azimuthal angle between production plane and decay plane in X rest frame

Decay angles [for data analysis]

- Φ : azimuthal angle between two l^+l^- decay planes defined in X rest frame
- ϑ_1 : helicity angle between opposite of J/ψ_2 momentum and l momentum defined in J/ψ_1 rest frame
- ϑ_2 : helicity angle between opposite of J/ψ_1 momentum and l momentum defined in J/ψ_2 rest frame

Simplification in Angular Analysis

 \clubsuit After symmetries conditions, 8 models of J_x^P to test:

$$0^-, 0_m^+, 0_h^+, 1^-, 1^+, 2_m^-, 2_h^-, 2_m^+$$

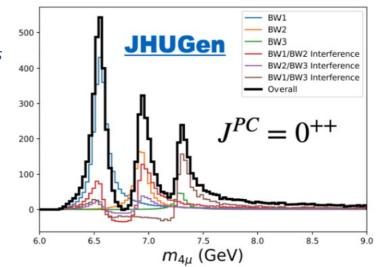
m: minimal dimension operatorsh: higher-dimension operators

• Full model possible, but complex

$$\mathcal{P}(\Phi, \vartheta_1, \vartheta_2; m_{4\mu})$$

Same properties of 3 resonances:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{P} \big(m_{4\mu}, \overrightarrow{\Omega} \big) &= \mathcal{P} \big(m_{4\mu} \big) \cdot T \big(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \bigm| m_{4\mu} \big) \qquad \overrightarrow{\Omega} = (\Phi, \cos\theta_1, \cos\theta_2) \\ & \quad \textit{empirical} \qquad \textit{angular} \end{split}$$



• Pairwise test of J_x^P hypotheses i and j

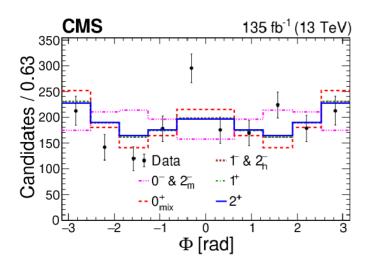
1 optimal observable
$$\mathcal{D}_{ij}(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_i(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu})}{\mathcal{P}_i(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu}) + \mathcal{P}_j(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu})}$$

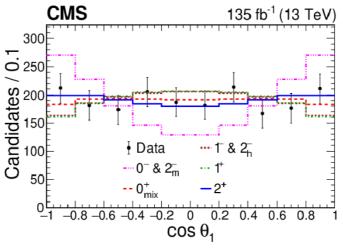
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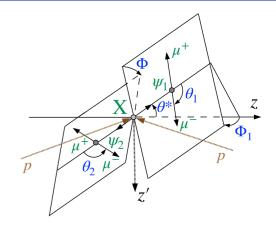
• Final 2D model:

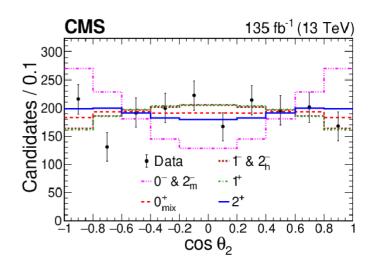
$$\mathcal{P}_{ijk}(m_{4\mu}, \mathcal{D}_{ij}) = \mathcal{P}_k(m_{4\mu}) \cdot T_{ijk}(\mathcal{D}_{ij} \mid m_{4\mu})$$

- Decay angles background-subtracted
 - 1D projections
 - Limited information
 - see 0⁻ not align
 - hard distinguish 1^{\mp}





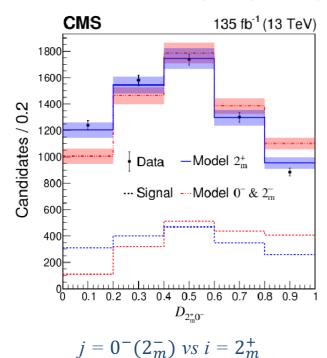




Optimal Observable

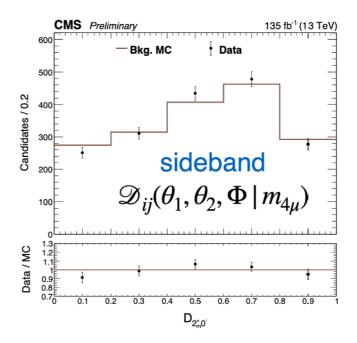
1D projection of data

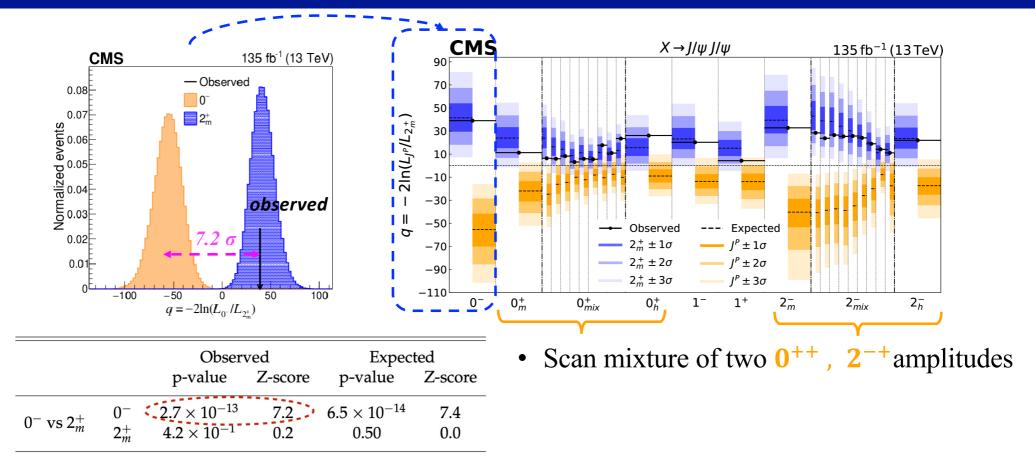
$$\mathcal{D}_{ij}(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_i(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu})}{\mathcal{P}_i(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu}) + \mathcal{P}_j(\overrightarrow{\Omega} \mid m_{4\mu})}$$



Background 1D projection

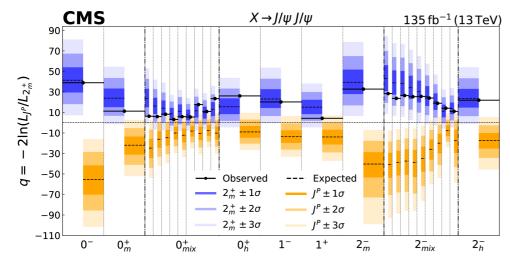
Control Background MC using Data sideband





✓ Data are consistent with 2^{++} model, inconsistent with others

- **\Leftrightarrow** Combine 2D fit $\mathcal{P}_{ijk}(m_{4\mu}, \mathcal{D}_{ij})$
 - $PC = + + \text{very certain}, P \neq -1 \text{ very certain} => L \neq 1$
 - $J \neq 1$ at 99% CL
 - $J \neq 0$ at 95% CL
 - J > 2 unlikely, require $L \ge 2$, L = 0 most likely
- $> J^P = 2_m^+$ model survives



J_{X}^{P}	p-value	Z-score		e
		re	ject J	P X
0-	2.7×10^{-13}		7.2	
0_m^+	4.3×10^{-5}	ij	3.9	
$0^+_{ m mix}$	1.4×10^{-2}	- i	2.2	mix
0_h^+	3.1×10^{-9}		5.8	
1-	8.0×10^{-8}	i	5.2	
1+	4.7×10^{-3}	 	2.6	
2_m^-	4.1×10^{-12}	İ	6.8	
2^{-}_{mix}	6.5×10^{-4}	- - -	3.2	mix
2_h^-	2.2×10^{-8}		5.5	

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- ❖ X(6600), X(6900), X(7100) established with significances > 5σ
 - Confirm X(6900), X(7100) in $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ channel
 - Precision improved by factor of 3
 - Having multiple states
 - ==> Comparisons possible
- Quantum interference among structures validated with significances $> 5\sigma$
 - ==> States have common J^{PC}
- ❖ Consistent with 2⁺⁺ model
 - $J \neq 1$ at 99% CL $J \neq 0$ at 95% CL
- ❖ Large mass splittings, more precisely
 - ==> radial family of states

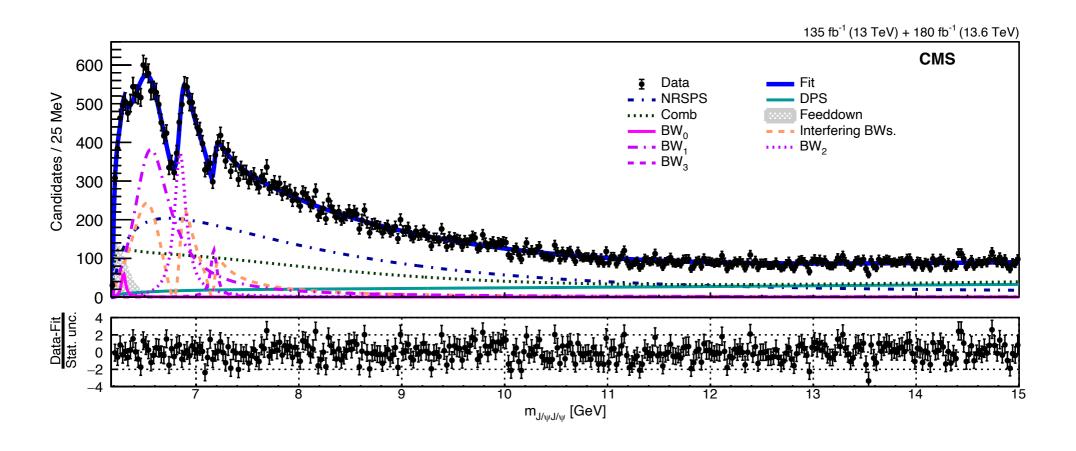
CMS is painting a coherent picture of $J/\psi J/\psi$ structures



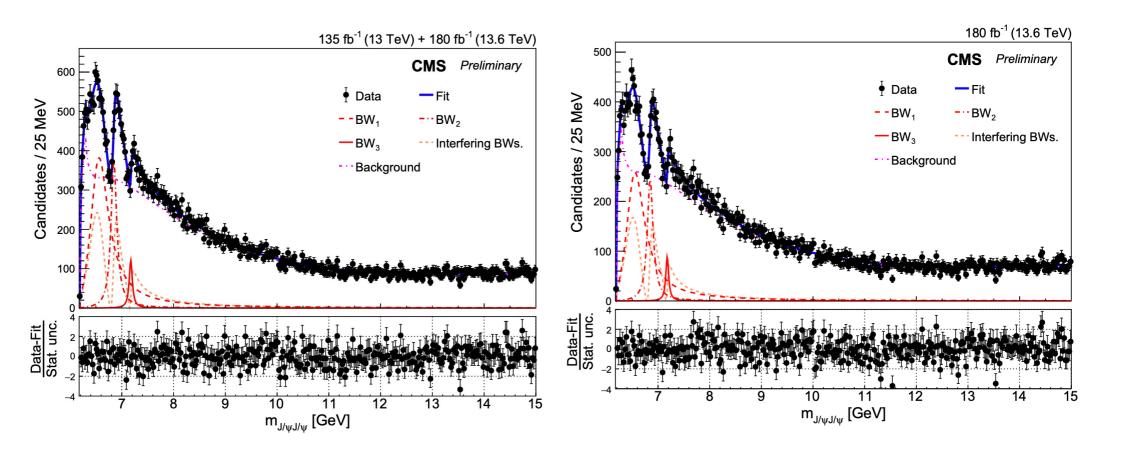
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$\overline{J/\psi J/\psi}$: 6-15 GeV fits



$J/\psi J/\psi$: Event selection for Run III data

Follow PRL cuts + A new trigger for Run III

☐ Single muon:

- Soft muon ID
- $|\eta(\mu)| \le 2.4$

\Box Single J/ψ :

- $2.95 < M(J/\psi) < 3.25 \text{ GeV}$
- $prob_{vtx}(J/\psi) > 0.1\%$ $M(\mu^+\mu^-)$ constrained to $M(J/\psi)$
- Final mass window cut for J/ψ candidate:

$$|M(\mu^+\mu^-) - M(J/\psi)| < 3\rho\sigma$$

☐ Four muons:

- 4μ charge should be zero
- $prob_{ntx}(4\mu) > 0.5\%$
- $prob_{vtx}(J/\psi J/\psi) > 0.1\%$

☐ Multiple candidates treatment:

☐ Trigger related (OR logic):

- HLT Dimuon0 Jpsi3p5 Muon2
 - Level 1 requirements: 3 muons
 - $2.95 < M(\mu^+\mu^-) < 3.25 \text{ GeV}$
 - $p_T(\mu) > 3.5 \, GeV$
- HLT DoubleMu4 3 LowMass [new trigger for Run III]
 - Level 1 requirements: 2 muons
 - $0.2 < M(\mu^+\mu^-) < 8.5 \text{ GeV}$
 - one muon $p_T(\mu) > 4$ GeV and the other $p_T(\mu) > 3$ GeV
- $p_T(\mu^+\mu^-) > 4.9 \; GeV$

Baseline mass variable

- invariant mass of two constrained J/ψ candidates

• Select best combination from one 4μ candidate based on min.

$$\chi_m^2 = \left(\frac{m_1(\mu^+\mu^-) - M_{J/\psi}}{\sigma_{m_1}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_2(\mu^+\mu^-) - M_{J/\psi}}{\sigma_{m_2}}\right)^2$$

• Keep duplicate combination if pairs have non-overlapping muons

Signal and Background models

- Signal shape: Relativistic Breit-Wigner
- Background component: NRSPS+NRDPS+Comb+Feeddown+BW0

$$BW(m; m_0, \Gamma_0) = rac{\sqrt{m\Gamma(m)}}{m_0^2 - m^2 - im\Gamma(m)},$$
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ight)^{2L+1} rac{m_0}{m} \left(B'_L(q, q_0, d)
ight)^2,$

- **❖** Non-interference model:
 - Signal-hypothesis: NRSPS+NRDPS+Comb+Feeddown+BW0+BW1+BW2+BW3

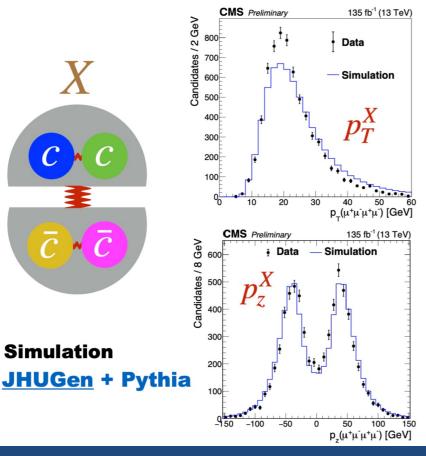
$$Pdf(m) = \sum_{i} N_{X_i} \cdot |BW(m, M_i, \Gamma_i)|^2 \otimes R(M_i) + N_{NRSPS} \cdot f_{NRSPS}(m)$$
$$+N_{NRDPS} \cdot f_{NRDPS}(m) + N_{Comb} \cdot f_{Comb}(m) + N_{Feedown} \cdot f_{Feeddown}(m)$$

- **!** Interference model:
 - Signal-hypothesis: NRSPS+NRDPS+Comb+Feeddown+BW0+BW123 Interf. Term

$$\begin{aligned} Pdf(m) &= N_{X_0} \cdot |BW_0|^2 \otimes R(M_0) \\ &+ N_{X \ and \ interf} \cdot |r_1 \cdot \exp(i\phi_1) \cdot BW_1 + BW_2 + r_3 \cdot \exp(i\phi_3) \cdot BW_3|^2 \\ &+ N_{NRSPS} \cdot f_{NRSPS}(m) + N_{DPS} \cdot f_{DPS}(m) \\ &+ N_{Feeddown} \cdot f_{Feeddown}(m) + N_{Comb} \cdot f_{Comb}(m), \end{aligned}$$

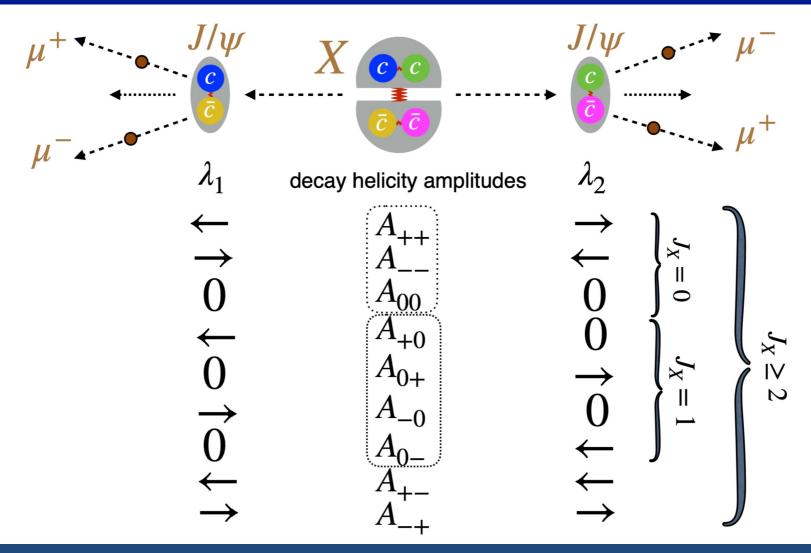
Spin-parity: MC Tune

- We do not know the production mechanism
 - empirical model to reproduce p_T^X and p_Z^X in data



- tune **Pythia** to match p_T^X in sideband and signal region
- fine-tune re-weighting p_T^X
- residual p_T^X and p_z^X consistency tests coverage in systematics
- essential to model detector acceptance

Spin-parity: J/ψ polarizations



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Symmetries:

- angular momentum: $|\lambda_1 \lambda_2| \le J$
- identical J/ψ bosons $A_{\lambda_1\lambda_2}=(-1)^JA_{\lambda_2\lambda_1}$
- P & C conserved in QCD: C = +1 $A_{\lambda_1\lambda_2} = P(-1)^J A_{-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}$

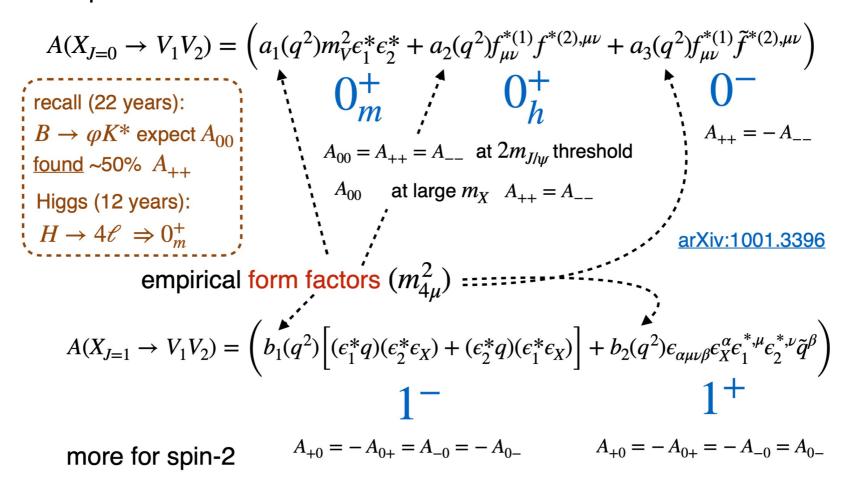
$\begin{array}{c} J_{X} = 0 \\ J_{X} = 0 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} A_{++} \\ A_{00} \\ A_{0+} \\ A_{0-} \\ A_{0-} \\ A_{-+} \\ A_{-+} \\ A_{-+} \\ \end{array}$

Test 8+ J_X^P models:

note 4 d.o.f. for 2^{++} , test one model

Spin-parity: Lorentz-Invariant Amplitude

Expect three X resonances to have the same tensor structure:



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 2_m^+ — minimal representative model including all amplitudes:

4 d.o.f.
$$A_{00}, A_{++} = A_{--}, A_{+0} = A_{0+} = A_{-0} = A_{0}, A_{+-} = A_{-+}$$
 for 2^{++} 21% 9% 47% 23% (or $J \geq 2$)

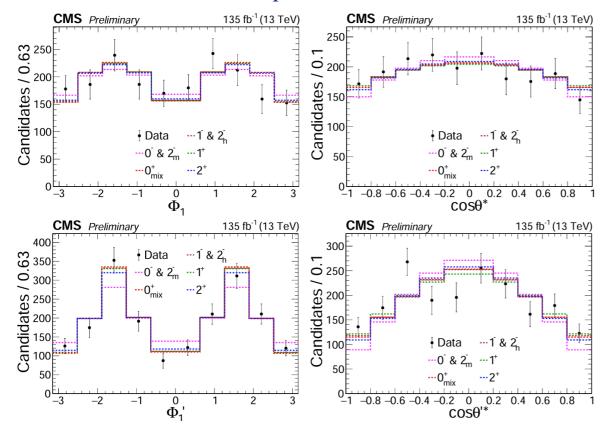
basis of 2^{++} could be equivalent to 2_m^+ , 0_m^+ , 0_h^+ , 1^+

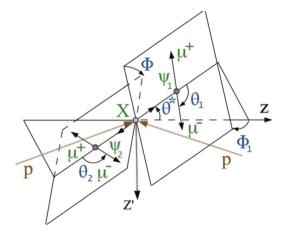
if data consistent with $2_m^+ \Rightarrow$ unambiguously 2^{++} (or $J \ge 2$)

Production angles

Production angles background-subtracted

- Not used in analysis, for consistency check
- Data consistent with unpolarized





with respect the beam axis

with respect the boost axis

Explore $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ channel with Run II and Run III data

- X(6900) @ Threshold obvious
- X(7100) is visible
- According to $J/\psi J/\psi$ channel, should be an X(6900) and an X(7100)

Signal dominated by Run III

