

Search for exotic resonances with the CMS experiment

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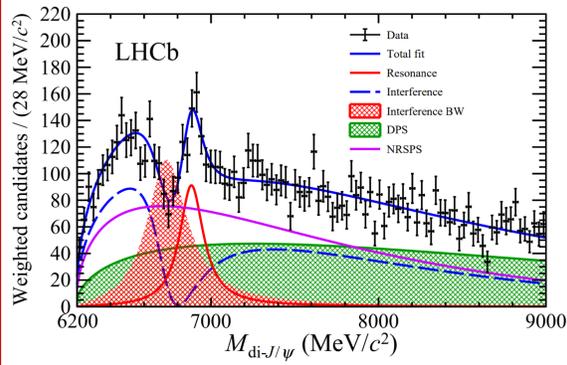
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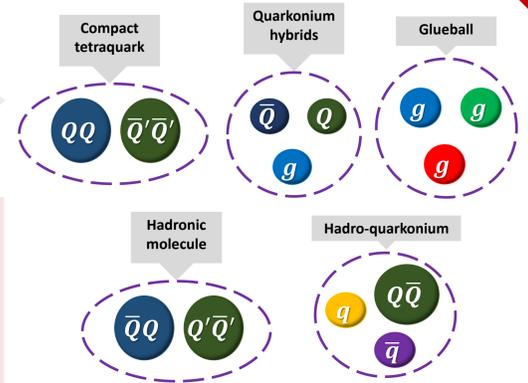
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Introduction



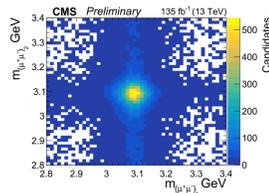
- Many doubly-heavy tetraquarks and several pentaquarks candidates are known: their theoretical interpretation remain contested.
- Standard model QCD allows the existence of more complex structures other than mesons and baryons, such as four- or five-quarks hadrons (tetraquarks or pentaquarks) states and states with active gluonic degrees of freedom (hybrids) and even gluon-only states (glueballs) [1].
- Beyond standard model interpretations of the observed exotic hadrons states are available [2,3].



- In 2020 LHCb Collaboration observed a peak in the $J/\psi J/\psi$ invariant mass spectrum, designated as $X(6900)$ which has been interpreted as an all-charm tetraquark [4].
- LHCb's mass spectrum shows a broad excess of events, just above the kinematic threshold, that background models do not account for
- The $X(6900)$ peak is compelling but a proper understanding of the $J/\psi J/\psi$ mass spectrum remains uncertain.
- The same measurement performed by CMS could profit of a higher sensitivity since the resonance has been shown to be produced at higher p_T .

Selection optimization

- Fixed prior to look at $m(J/\psi J/\psi) < 7.8$ GeV region
- Based on past CMS analyses [6]
- Cross check performed maximizing Punzi figure of merit using signal meson + data-determined backgrounds yielded similar selection



Trigger event selection

Two-level trigger system requiring a μ candidate + $\mu^+ \mu^-$ pair

- 2016 (36.3 fb⁻¹)
- $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.5$
- $\mu^+ \mu^-$ closest approach < 0.5 cm
- $\mu^+ \mu^- \chi^2$ vertex fit probability $< 0.5\%$
- 2017-2018 (98.6 fb⁻¹)
- Same 2016 criteria
- $2.95 < m(\mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.25$ GeV
- $p_T(\mu^\pm) > 3.5$ GeV

Offline selection

Muons

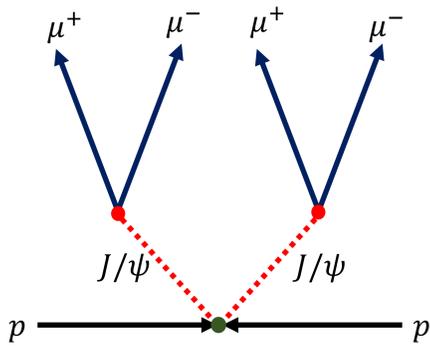
- Pass soft identification [5]
- $p_T(\mu) > 2$ GeV and $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.4$

J/ψ vertex

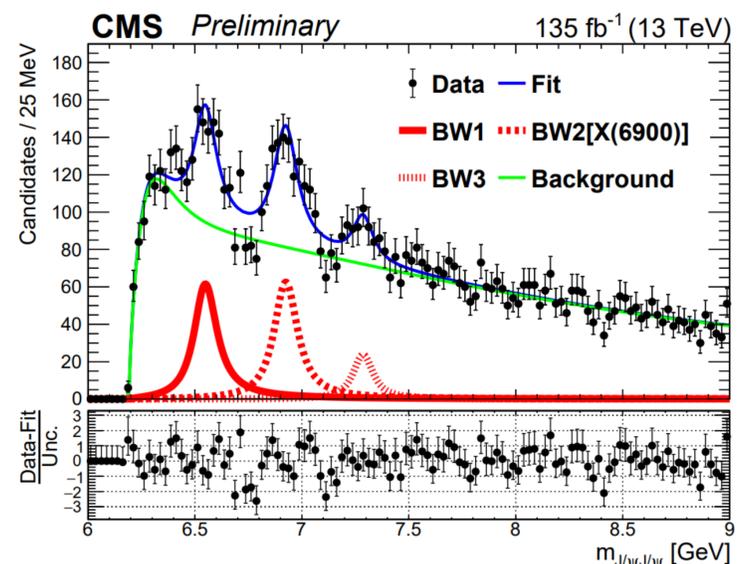
- $p_T(\mu^+ \mu^-) > 3.5$ GeV
- Vertex fit probability $> 0.5\%$
- $m(\mu^+ \mu^-)$ constrained to $m_{J/\psi}^{PDG}$

$J/\psi J/\psi$ vertex

- $\mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ vertex fit probability $> 0.5\%$
- $J/\psi J/\psi$ vertex fit probability $> 0.1\%$
- Best muon permutation based on mass-uncertainty-weighted distance in the 2D $m(\mu^+ \mu^-) - m_{J/\psi}$ plane



Fit strategy



Background shapes based on MC simulations:

- Nonresonant single-parton scattering (NRSPS)

$$f_{SPS}(x, x_0, \alpha, p_1, p_2, p_3) = (x - x_0)^\alpha \times \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{(15 - x_0)^2} - \frac{p_1}{10} \right) (15 - x)^2 \right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x_0)^{p_3}}{2p_2^{p_3}}\right)$$

where $x_0 = 2M_{J/\psi}$

- Nonresonant double-parton scattering (NRDPS)

$$f_{DPS}(x) = \sqrt{x_t} \times \exp(-ax_t) \times (p_0 + p_1 x_t + p_2 x_t^2)$$

where $x_t = x - x_0$ and $x_0 = 2M_{J/\psi}$

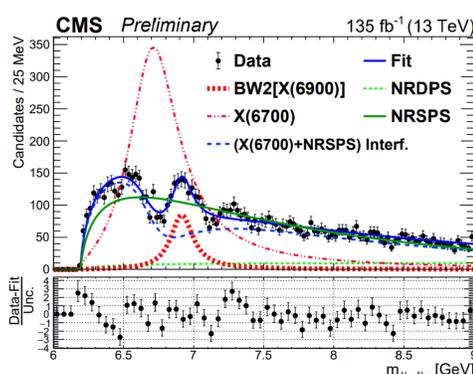
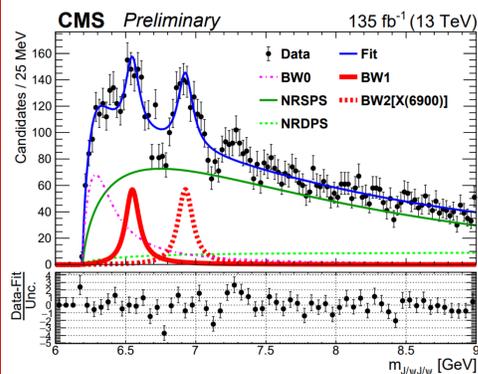
Fit model building:

- Perform a sequence of fits adding new features until a reasonable description of data is obtained
- Starting from NRSPS+NRDPS+BW0 model
- New features are added one at the time if their local significance exceeds 3 standard deviations
- Repeat until no additional structures above 3 standard deviations are found

Signal shapes are relativistic Breit-Wigner functions convolved with Gaussian resolution functions (BW):

- BW0 \rightarrow threshold enhancement
- BW1 \rightarrow structure at ≈ 6600 MeV
- BW2 \rightarrow $X(6900)$
- BW3 \rightarrow structure at ≈ 7200 MeV

CMS data with LHCb fit models



Model I:

- Background modeled using NRSPS+NRDPS shapes
- Signal modeled using 3 Breit-Wigner functions: BW0 and BW1 to model $X(6300)$ and $X(6500)$ structures and BW2 to model $X(6900)$ resonance

Results:

- $M[BW2] = 6927 \pm 10$ MeV; $\Gamma[BW2] = 117 \pm 24$ MeV \rightarrow consistent with LHCb
- Fit probability $\chi^2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ for mass region below 7.5 GeV: the model fails to describe the dip at 6750 MeV and the structure at 7200 MeV.
- The fit fails in describing the data as reported also by LHCb.

Model II:

- Background modeled using NRSPS+NRDPS shapes
- Signal modeled using a Breit-Wigner to model the $X(6900)$ resonance and a Breit-Wigner + interference term to model the dip at 6700 MeV.

Results:

- Better description of the dip at 6700 MeV and fit results compatible with LHCb
- Fit probability $\chi^2 = 0.84 \times 10^{-4}$ for mass region below 7.5 GeV: the region around 6550 MeV is now poorly described.
- The discrepancies around peak/dip structure at 7200 MeV also contribute to a poor fit result.

Summary

The $J/\psi J/\psi$ mass spectrum has been analyzed using pp collision at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV recorded by the CMS experiment in the 2016-2018 data-taking period corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 135 fb⁻¹

Three resonance-like structures exceeding 3 standard deviations have been observed

	Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)	Local significance
BW1	$6552 \pm 10 \pm 12$	$124 \pm 29 \pm 34$	$> 5.7 \sigma$
BW2	$6927 \pm 9 \pm 5$	$122 \pm 22 \pm 19$	$> 9.4 \sigma$
BW3	$7287 \pm 19 \pm 5$	$95 \pm 46 \pm 20$	$> 4.1 \sigma$

The fit model provides a good description of the data, however:

- Fit probability $\chi^2 = 0.01$ for mass region below 7.5 GeV \rightarrow the model does not account for the dips around 6750 and 7150 MeV
- Models incorporating interference are an important class to explore
- Including more resonances in the fit to account for the dips in non-interference models is also foreseen

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