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CMS Status Report on Hadron Spectroscopy

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Introduction

Heavy flavor spectroscopy is still a developing field in HEP because of

many observations of multi-quark states in the last 14 years, starting from X(3872) @Belle - it is interesting to understand more about these states
 the need to explore higher excited states, e.g. B_{sJ} and B_c^{+**}
 study of hadrons consisting of two or three heavy quarks



hardware trigger

<u>CMS is contributing in these topics thanks to</u>

Tracker

Good p_T resolution (up to $\Delta p_T/p_T \cong 1\%$ in the central region)

Tracking $\epsilon > 99\%$ for muons

Good vertex reconstruction and impact parameter resolution up to $\approx 15 \mu m$

Muon system

Redundant system with large coverage ($|\eta| < 2.4$)

Standalone $\Delta p_T / p_T \approx 10\%$

High-purity muon ID $\epsilon(\mu|\pi,K,p) < 0.2\%$

In this talk several highlights from 7 and 8 TeV data samples will be discussed

Hadrons: Conventional and Exotic

- Is there any quark configuration other than mesons and baryons?
- In theory such configurations are possible
- Which of them are actually realized in nature?



Exotic Hadrons: experimental results and theoretical interpretation

Since 2003, thanks to the B-factories Belle and BaBar (followed by BES III and LHCb), the number of candidates for exotic hadrons is continuously growing. These are multiquark states, some bright examples: X(3872) and Z(4430)⁺ from Belle, X(4260) from BaBar, Z(3900)⁺ from BESIII /Belle



This is a new hadron spectroscopy era

Theoretical interpretation of all these exotic states is still not clear. \rightarrow we need more information!

- Hadrocharmonium?
- ➢ Molecule?
- Rescattering (threshold effect, cusp)?
- Tetraquark?

New results are coming. One of them is the evidence for X(5568)⁺ \rightarrow B_s π^+ by DØ Collaboration.



Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS:

- Different η range w.r.t. LHCb
- \succ b production conditions similar to DØ except for the initial state (pp vs. $p\overline{p}$) 6

Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS

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Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS - fit results



Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS – upper limit

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Varying selection criteria, background parameterization, fit range and method of data description

in every case the obtained $X(5568)^+$ yield is consistent with 0.

The most conservative upper limit is 198 @ 95% CL

Preliminary result: upper limit on the ratio of production cross-sections

 $\rho_{X} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \to X(5568) + anything) \times \mathcal{B}(X(5568) \to B_{s}^{0}\pi^{\pm})}{\sigma(pp \to B_{s}^{0} + anything)} = \frac{N_{X(5568)}}{N_{B_{s}^{0}}} \frac{\epsilon_{B_{s}^{0}}}{\epsilon_{X(5568)}} < 3.9\% \text{ (a) } 95\% \text{ CL}$

 $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ (X(5568) $\rightarrow B_s^0 \pi^{\pm}$) (rel. eff. ~10%). The most conservative estimation of the efficiency ratio, determined from preliminary simulations, leads to an upper limit of $\rho_X < 3.9\%$ at 95% CL, which can be compared against the DØ measurement of $(8.6 \pm 1.9 \pm 1.4)\%$ [1].

The final result on the UL of ρ_X from 8 TeV data sample will be released soon

Confirmation of $X(4140) \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$

CDF (2009) reported evidence (@3.8 σ) for ... narrow peak in $J/\psi\varphi$ mass spectrum, close to the kinematical threshold, in decays $B^{\pm} \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K^{\pm}$



- Peaking structure at threshold and another peak in the Δm from B⁺ → J/ψ φ K⁺ decay (after background subtraction)
- Yield: 310 ±70, M = 4148.0 ±2.4 ±6.3 MeV, Γ = 28 +15 -11 ±19 MeV, signif. > 5σ
- Consistent with the Y(4140) from CDF! (first significant confirmation)

Belle and BaBar searched for and did not find that signal in the same B⁺ decay CDF (2011) presents update analysis with larger dataset, (6.0fb⁻¹ vs 2.7fb⁻¹) observing



Study of the J/ $\psi \phi$ system

LHCb performed two analyses:

- No signals were observed (2012) in a 346 ±20 B⁺ sample
- The measured UL implied a 2.4σ tension with CDF
- Four resonance-like structures were recently established in the 6D Amplitude Analysis using a 4289 ±151 B⁺ sample



X(4140)	Mass [MeV]	Width [MeV]	X(4	(4274)	Mass [MeV]	Width [MeV]
CMS	$4148.0{\pm}2.4\pm6.3$	28 +15 -11 ±19	(CMS	$4313.8 \pm \! 5.3 \pm 7.3$	38 +30 -15 ±16
LHCb	4146.5 ±4.5 +4.6 -2.8	83 ±21 +21 -14	L	_HCb	4273.3 ±8.3 +17.2 -3.6	56.2 ±10.9 +8.4 -11.1

Several interpretations for the X(4140) have been proposed:

 $D_s^{+*} D_s^{-*}$ molecule, $cs \overline{cs}$ tetraquark, threshold kinematic effect, hybrid charmonium, weak transition with $D_s^+ D_s^-$ rescattering.

Recently, the D0 Collaboration has published the first evidence CMS can perform the same search at LHC!

Observation of $B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S) \phi K^+$ at CMS

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By reconstructing the same decay with $\psi(2S)$ instead of J/ψ



The relative B.F., using the B⁺ $\rightarrow \psi(2S)$ K⁺ mode as normalization channel, is [**4.0** \pm 0.4 (stat.) \pm 0.6 (syst.) \pm 0.2 (B.F.(B⁺ $\rightarrow \psi(2S)$ K⁺))] \times 10⁻⁶

This is the first step towards the exploration of $\psi(2S) \phi$ system

The X(3872) - I

- First exotic state discovered by Belle in 2003 in the decay $B \to K X(3872) \to K (J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)$: $B \to K \psi(2S)$
- > Quickly confirmed by CDF and DØ with inclusive $p\overline{p}$ collisions:



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The X(3872) - II

After more than 10 years <u>no definitive answer</u> on the nature of the X(3872). Main hypotheses are:

- > Loosely bound molecular state: suggested by proximity to $D\overline{D}^{0*}$ threshold ($J^{PC} = 0^{-+}, 1^{++}$). The size of the X(3872) as a DD* molecule is determined by its scattering length which in turn depends, by quantum mechanical considerations, upon the binding energy: X(3872) would be a large and fragile molecule with a miniscule binding energy
- **Tetraquark** $(J^{PC} = 1^{++})$
- > Conventional charmonium: assignments would be $\chi_{cl}(2^3P_1)$ or $\eta_{c2}(1^1D_2)$ and quantum numbers would be respectively $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ or 2^{-+} . $c\overline{c} \rightarrow \rho J/\psi \sim$ ruled out because it would imply a pure isoscalar state; X(3872) shows an equal amount of isospin components (I=0 & I=1): $\frac{BF(X \to J/\psi(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0))}{BF(X \to J/\psi(\pi^+\pi^-))} = 0.8 \pm 0.3$

LHCb made a sophisticated angular analysis [PRL 110 ('13) 222001 & PRL 92 ('15) 011102] of the whole decay chain $B^+ \to K^+ X(3872) \to K^+ (J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)$ dropping the assumption of lowest possible orbital angular momentum in the X(3872) sub-decay and unambiguously determined the quantum numbers to be $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ under more general conditions. No hints for a large size of X(3872).

Pure molecular model is not supported by recent LHCb measurement [NPB 886 ('14) 665] of the radiative decay.





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X(3872) at CMS

- CMS can easily reconstruct the X(3872) in the decay channel $J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu\mu) \pi^+\pi^-$
- With 4.8 fb⁻¹ of data at 7 TeV reconstructed about 12,000 X(3872) signal events
- > CMS studied:
 - Cross section ratio w.r.t. $\psi(2S)$
 - > Non-prompt component vs p_T
 - Prompt X(3872) cross section
 - > Invariant mass distribution of the $\pi^+\pi^$ system



The $\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass distribution from *X*(3872) decays to $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ is measured in order to investigate the decay properties of the *X*(3872). Studies at CDF and Belle suggest that *X*(3872) decays in J/ψ and ρ^0

The spectrum obtained from data is compared to simulations with and without an intermediate ρ^0 in the $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ decay: the assumption of intermediate ρ^0 decay gives better agreement with data.



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Cross sections ratio & non-prompt fraction

A ratio of the cross sections have been measured to cancel out many systematic sources:

$$R = \frac{\sigma(pp \to X(3872) + \text{anything}) \cdot B(X(3872) \to J/\psi \pi^{+}\pi^{-})}{\sigma(pp \to \psi(2S) + \text{anything}) \cdot B(\psi(2S) \to J/\psi \pi^{+}\pi^{-})} = \frac{N_{X(3872)} \cdot A_{\psi(2S)} \cdot \varepsilon_{\psi(2S)}}{N_{\psi(2S)} \cdot A_{X(3872)} \cdot \varepsilon_{X(3872)}}$$



> For $10 < p_T < 50 \text{ GeV \& } |y| < 1.2$: $R = 0.0656 \pm 0.0029 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.0065 \text{ (syst.)}$

The ratio shows no significant dependence on the p_T of the $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ system



- > Events with X(3872) from B decays are selected by requiring $l_{xy} > 100 \ \mu m$: non-prompt fraction = $\frac{\# \text{ of } X(3872) \text{ from } B}{\# \text{ of } X(3872)}$
- The fraction of *X*(3872) produced from decays of *B* does not show a dependence on $p_T(J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-)$

For
$$10 < p_T < 50 \text{ GeV \& } |y| < 1.2$$
:
 $X(3872)$ non prompt fraction = 0.263 ± 0.023 (stat.) ± 0.016 (syst.)



Prompt X(3872) production X section & $\pi^+\pi^-$ system

Putting together the previous measurements, the production of X(3872) state is measured for the first time as a function of transverse momentum as:





- Main systematic uncertainties are related to the measurements of *R* and prompt $\psi(2S)$ cross section
 - > X(3872) and $\psi(2S)$ are assumed to be unpolarized
- Results are compared with a theoretical prediction based on NRQCD factorization approach by Artoisenet & Brateen [PhysRevD.81.114018] with calculations normalized using Tevatron results, modified by the authors to match the phase-space of the CMS measurement
- The shape is reasonably well described by the theory while the predicted cross section is overestimated by over 3σ

Theoretical prediction for 10 < pT < 30 GeV, |y| < 1.2 $\sigma_{X(3872)}^{prompt} \times B(X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^{+}\pi^{-}) \cong (4.01 \pm 0.88)nb_{17}$

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Predictions by Artoisenet & Brateen assume, within an S-wave molecular model, the relative momentum of the mesons to be bound by an upper limit of 400 *MeV* which is quite high for a loosely bound molecule, but they assume it is possible as a result of rescattering effects.

On the other hand, an upper limit lower by one order of magnitude would imply lower prompt production rates of few orders of magnitude [Bignamini et al., PRL 2009, 103(16)]

X(3872) production at Run-II

- > Run-II data taking started at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the first bunch of data recorded in July 2015
- > The plot shows the invariant mass of $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$ where is visible the *X(3872)* signal beyond the $\psi(2S)$ one:



Search for exotic bottomonium states X_b decaying into $\Upsilon(1S) \pi^+\pi^-$ PLB 727 (2013) 57

- The discovery of the X(3872) has prompted the search for a bottomonium counterpart X_b decaying into $\Upsilon(1S) \pi^+\pi^-$, according to HQS considerations, with mass close to the $B\overline{B}$ or $B\overline{B}^*$ threshold, 10.562 and 10.604 GeV.
- ▶ It is expected that this X_b would be narrow, similar to X(3872), and has sizable BF to $\Upsilon(1S) \pi^+\pi^-$.



CMS has collected a large sample of $\Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^$ produced in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV.

Separate barrel and endcap events to exploit better mass resolution and lower background in the barrel region.

 $p_{T}(\Upsilon(1S) \pi^{+}\pi^{-}) > 13.5 \text{ GeV}$ & $|y(\Upsilon(1S) \pi^{+}\pi^{-})| < 2$

No structure found apart from $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$

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Mass scan for $X_b \rightarrow (1S) \pi^+\pi^-$



In analogy with the X(3872), expected signal significance > 5σ if **the ratio R** of the inclusive production Xsection times BF to $\Upsilon(1S) \pi^+\pi^-$ is > 6.5%

$$R = \frac{\sigma(pp \to X_b \to \Upsilon(1S)\pi^+\pi^-)}{\sigma(pp \to \Upsilon(2S) \to \Upsilon(1S)\pi^+\pi^-)}$$

- Local p-values calculated using asymptotic approach and combining results of fits to the barrel and endcap regions.
- Systematic uncertainties implemented as nuisance parameters.
- The smallest local p-value is 0.004 at 10.46 GeV, corresponding to a stat. signif. of 2.6σ, which is reduced to 0.8σ when LEE is taken into account.

No significant excess is observed. 95% CL UL set on R varies from 0.9% to 5.4%. (similar result by ATLAS)

Prospects for further X_b searches

• According to Karliner&Rosner [**PRD91 (2015) 014014**], this search decay ($X_b \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) \pi^+\pi^-$) should be forbidden by G-parity conservation. While for the X(3872) the isospin-conserving decay to J/ $\psi\omega$ was cinematically suppressed, the same is not true for a bottomonium-like J^{PC}=1⁺⁺ counterpart.



Also, Karliner&Rosner suggest that the X_b may be close in mass to the $\chi_{b1}(3P)$, mixing with it and sharing its decay.

The first observation of $\Upsilon(1S)\Upsilon(1S)$ pair production

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Motivation: Cross-section measurements of quarkonium pair production are essential in understanding SPS and DPS contributions and the parton structure of the proton.

Due to high parton flux and high \sqrt{s} at the LHC, DPS is expected to play a significant role in quarkonium pair production [A.V.Berezhnoy, A.K.Likhoded and A.A.Novoselov, PRD87(2013)054023;

S.P.Baranov, A.M.Snigirev and N.P.Zotov, PLB705(2011)116]



Y(1S) pair production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s=8}$ TeV is observed by CMS using a data set of 20.7 fb⁻¹, using dimuon Y decay

 $\begin{array}{l} p_{T}(\mu) > 3.5 \; \text{GeV}, \; \; |\eta(\mu)| < 2.4, \; \; |y(\Upsilon)| < 2.0 \\ P_{vtx}(\Upsilon) > 0.005, \; \; P_{vtx}(4\mu) > 0.05, \end{array}$

2-dimensional fit to $\{M^1_{\mu\mu}$, $M^2_{\mu\mu}\}$ where $M^1_{\mu\mu}$ > $M^2_{\mu\mu}$

2-dimensional fit has 5 components:

- Υ(1S)Υ(1S) signal
- Υ(2S)Υ(1S) signal
- Υ(1S)-combinatorial
- Υ(2S)-combinatorial
- combinatorial-combinatorial

Signals: Double Crystall-ball with fixed shape parameters Combinatorial: polynomial

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A signal yield of $38 \pm 7 \Upsilon(1S)\Upsilon(1S)$ events is measured with a significance exceeding 5σ and of $13^{+6}_{-5} \Upsilon(2S)\Upsilon(1S)$ events with a significance of ~2.6 σ .

Assuming that both mesons decay isotropically:

 $\sigma_{fid}[\Upsilon(1S)\Upsilon(1S)] = 68.8 \pm 12.7 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7.4 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 2.8 \text{ (B) pb}$

in *pp* collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV for $|y(\Upsilon)| < 2$

If the $\Upsilon(1S)$ mesons are produced with different polarizations, the measured cross-section varies in the range from -38% to +36%.

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Discussion of the result

In quarkonium pair production, the measurement of the effective cross section depends on the fraction of DPS, which is usually estimated either as a residual to the SPS prediction or as the result of a fit to the rapidity or azimuthal angle between quarkonia pairs:

$$\sigma_{\rm eff} = \frac{[\sigma(Y)]^2}{2 f_{\rm DPS} \,\sigma_{\rm fid} \, [\mathcal{B}(Y(1S) \to \mu^+ \mu^-)]^2} \quad [1]$$

we use $\sigma(Y) = 7.5 \pm 0.6 \text{ nb}$ and a value of $f_{\text{DPS}} \approx 10\%$ [2] $\rightarrow \sigma_{\text{eff}} \approx 6.6 \text{ mb}$

In agreement with the values from heavy quarkonium measurements (2-8 mb), but is smaller than that from multi-jet studies (12-20 mb).

And it might indicate that the average transverse distance between gluons in the proton is smaller than between quarks, or between gluons and quarks. [1] S.P. Baranov et al., PRD 87 (2013) 034035

[2] A.V. Berezhnoy, A. K. Likhoded and A.A. Novoselov, PRD 87 (2013) 054023

LHCb [JHEP 06 (2012) 141] and CMS [JHEP 09 (2014) 094] have measured total and differential cross-sections for prompt double J/ ψ production in complementary regions of p_T and y.

New findings in double quarkonia frontier can be the preliminary step for searches of heavy 4-quark bound states with Run-II data (or even suppressed decays like, for instance, η_b into double J/ ψ).

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Summary and Prospects

Although designed for high-p_T physics, CMS proved to be a very good apparatus for heavy flavor physics!

- Study of the $B_s \pi^+$ spectrum and setting an UL on the production of X(5568)
- \blacktriangleright First significant confirmation of the X(4140) \rightarrow J/ $\psi \phi$ at LHC
- \blacktriangleright Observation of B⁺ $\rightarrow \psi$ (2S) ϕ K⁺
- Measurement of X(3872) production properties in CMS
- > Search for the bottomonium partner of the X(3872) in $\Upsilon(1S)\pi^+\pi^-$ channel
- First observation of $\Upsilon(1S)\Upsilon(1S)$ pair production at LHC

New results from CMS are foreseen soon, one of them is the final Upper Limit on the production of the X(5568) observed by DØ.

Backup slides



Next steps for Y(4140)

• Understanding the nature of both structures needs further investigation



It is suitable for CMS adding Run-II data to extract an enough pure B^+ sample with sufficient statistics.

Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS

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Analysis strategy:

$${
m B}^0_{
m s}
ightarrow {
m J}/\psi \phi \, ({
m J}/\psi
ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, \phi
ightarrow {
m K}^+{
m K}^-)$$

HLT - select events with mu+ mu- originating from J/psi decaying at a significant distance from the beamspot.

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1) Reconstruct B_s by combining J/ψ and ϕ and then fit 4 tracks into the common vertex \rightarrow know B_s momentum and its decay vertex (this procedure follows closely that from B_s CPV analysis in PLB 757 (2016) 97-120).

2) Select Primary Vertex (PV): from all pp collision points, the PV is chosen as the one with the smallest angle between the vector from the collision point to the B_s decay vertex and the B_s momentum.





Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS



- dimuon vertex χ^2 fit probability $P_{vtx}(\mu^+\mu^-) > 10\%$,
- distance between the beamspot and the reconstructed dimuon vertex positions in the transverse plane divided by its uncertainty L_{xy}(μ⁺μ⁻)/σ_{L_{xy}(μ⁺μ⁻)} > 3,
- $\cos \alpha_T(\mu^+\mu^-) > 0.9$, where $\alpha_T(\mu^+\mu^-)$ is the angle between the vector from the beamspot position to the dimuon vertex in the transverse plane and the transverse dimuon momentum vector,
- dimuon invariant mass in the region $3.04 < M(\mu^+\mu^-) < 3.15$ GeV.

$$\begin{split} p_{\rm T}({\rm K}^{\pm}) &> 0.7 \; {\rm GeV}, \quad p_{\rm T}({\rm B}^0_{\rm s}) > 10 \; {\rm GeV}, \\ P_{vtx}(\mu^+\mu^-{\rm K}^+{\rm K}^-) > 1\%, \cos\alpha_T({\rm B}^0_{\rm s}) > 0.99, \quad {\rm L}_{xy}({\rm Bs})/\sigma_{{\rm L}xy({\rm Bs})} > 3 \\ &|{\rm M}({\rm K}^+{\rm K}^-) - {\rm M}_{\rm PDG}(\varphi)| < 10 \; {\rm MeV} \end{split}$$

Cone cut

> Combine the B_s^0 candidate with each π^+ from the collection of tracks building selected PV



No significant differences observed between the distributions obtained from B_s signal and B_s sidebands



Search for X(5568)⁺ in CMS – upper limit

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Varying selection criteria, background parameterization, fit range and method of data description

Fits obtained by varying the p_T requirements of the $B_s^0 \pi^{\pm}$, B_s^0 and π^{\pm} candidates, and also by applying different reconstruction quality criteria, show no significant signal at the claimed mass.

Another cross-check is performed by removing events where more than one candidate passes the selection. Furthermore, alternative background models and mass regions are used in the fit, resulting in negligible signal.

Double Quarkonia Production: SPS

- The measurement of quarkonium pair production in pp collisions provides further insight into the underlying mechanism of particle production. It probes specific mechanism of cccc & bbbb systems production & transformation to two mesons, namely it probes the distribution of gluons in a proton since their production should be dominated by gluon-gluon interactions as well.
- According to the description by parton models of production in QCD, in a single hadron-hadron collision two partons often undergo a single interaction (Single Parton Scattering: SPS).

The **SPS** mechanism can be described by NRQCD.

- At the parton level the two J/ψ mesons are either produced as CS states or CO states that turn into color-singlets after emitting soft gluons. CO contributions play a greater role as p_T increases.
- Non-trivial contributions should come from NLO SPS. Models released recently begin to approach NLO (and NNLO) contributions.

Double Quarkonia Production: DPS

It is also possible that multiple distinct parton interactions (MPIs) occur, the simplest case being the Double Parton Scattering (DPS): two distinct parton-parton collisions (in the same pp interaction).

- \blacktriangleright Because of the high parton flux and the high \sqrt{s} at LHC, the pair production can be potentially sensitive to DPS. This non-trivial contribution expected from DPS cannot be modeled by current NRQCD predictions: difficult to be addressed within perturbative QCD framework.
- > Pair production in *pp* collisions via DPS is assumed to result from two independent SPSs.
- Several DPS production processes, including final states with quarkonia and with associated jets are described by an effective cross section σ_{eff} that characterizes the transverse area of the hard partonic interactions, expected to be independent of the final states (assuming PDFs not correlated).

It depends on the DPS fraction which is usually estimated either ...

- 1) as a residual of the SPS prediction, or ...
- as the result of a fit to the rapidity or azimuthal angle difference between pairs. 2)

Strong correlation of the two J/ ψ s produced via SPS interaction should result in small values of Δy : large Δy values are possible for DPS production.

 σ measurement of quarkonium pair production are crucial to understand SPS & DPS contributions. > Pair production phase space @CMS nicely complements LHCb and gives access to high p_T regime.