

# Fully heavy tetraquark production at LHC

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In 2020, LHCb collaboration observed some structures in the di-J/ $\psi$  mass spectrum (CM energies of 7, 8, and 13 TeV, with an integrated luminosity of 9 fb<sup>-1</sup>).



- Broad structure at 6.2 6.8 GeV slightly above di-J/ $\psi$  mass threshold
- Narrow peak at 6.9 GeV
- **Hint of another structure** at 7.2 GeV
- Structure not present in  $J/\psi$  background sample

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DPS

LHCb adopt several methods to fit the experimental data.



#### Model I

 $\succ$  X(6900) structrure as a resonance

SPS

- Threshold enhancement by a superposition of two resonances
- Other Background: NRSPS(nonresonant singleparton scattering)+DPS(double-parton scattering)
- Without any interferences

The determined mass and width for the narrow structure:

$$M = 6950 \pm 11 \pm 7 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$
$$\Gamma = 80 \pm 19 \pm 33 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$

Well fitted the dip



#### $\succ$ X(6900) structrure as a resonance

- Threshold enhancement by interference between NRSPS and a wide resonance
- > Other background: DPS

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The determined mass and width for the narrow structure:

 $M = 6886 \pm 11 \pm 11 \,\mathrm{MeV}$ 

$$\Gamma = 168 \pm 33 \pm 69 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$

CMS collaboration 2306.07164



#### Signals: 3 resonances

- Background: NRSPS+DPS+BW<sub>0</sub>(model a threshold enhancement)
- Without interference
- $M = 6927 \pm 9 \pm 5 \,\mathrm{MeV}$  $\Gamma = 122 \pm 22 \pm 19 \,\mathrm{MeV}$
- $M = 6552 \pm 10 \pm 12 \,\mathrm{MeV}$
- $\Gamma = 124 \pm 29 \pm 34 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

- $M = 7287 \pm 19 \pm 5 \,\mathrm{MeV}$ 
  - $= 95 \pm 46 \pm 20 \,\mathrm{MeV}$



- Signals: 3 resonances
- ► Background: NRSPS+DPS+BW<sub>0</sub>
- Interference between the 3 BWs (By assuming all the signals have the same J<sup>PC</sup>)

#### ATLAS collaboration



Statistically significant excesses are seen in the di-J/ $\psi$  channel consistent with a narrow resonance at **6.9 GeV** and a broader structure at lower mass

In the bottom sector, the searches by LHCb (2018) and CMS (2020) are inconclusive.

#### On the theoretical side

- The explorations on fully heavy tetraquark date back to 1970s Iwasaki, PRL(1976); Chao, ZPC(1981); Ader et al. PRD(1982)
- Extensive studies are performed after the discovery of X(6900) (e.g., >280 works by inspire-hep)
   e.g., the excellent works by Y.B. Dong, S.L. Zhu, X. Liu, F.K, Guo, Q.Zhao, Z.G.Wang, J.L.Ping..... 's groups.
- Theoretical studies are based on various approaches: constituent quark models, QCD sum rules, Lattice, color evaporation model …

#### On the theoretical side

- > Interpretations on the nature of the fully-heavy charm quark state are still **controversial**
- ✓ **P-wave tetraquark** (M.-S. Liu et al., 2020; H.-X. Chen et al., 2020, R. Zhu 2020).
- ✓ Radial excitation of 0<sup>++</sup> (Z.-G. Wang, 2020; Lüet al., 2020; Giron, Lebed, 2020; Karliner& Rosner, 2020; J. Zhao et al., 2020; R. Zhu, 2020; B.-C. Yang et al., 2020; Z. Zhao, 2020; H.-W. Keet al., 2020),
- ✓ **Ground state S-wave tetraquark** (Gordillo et al., 2020).
- ✓  $\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0}$  molecular state (Albuquerque et al., 2020)
- ✓ **0**<sup>++</sup> **hybrid** (B.-D. Wan, C.-F. Qiao, 2020),
- Resonance formed in charmonium-charmonium scattering (G. Yang et al., 2020; X. Jinet al., 2020), or the kinematic cusp arising from final-state interaction (J.-Z.Wang et al., 2020; X.-K. Dong et al., 2020; Z.-H. Guo2021; C. Gong et al. 2020).

#### On the theoretical side

While the spectra and decay properties have been widely studied, the production mechanism of fully-heavy tetraquarks was relatively rare.

It is worthwhile to study the fully-heavy tetraquarks production in various colliders, particularly based on factorization. Similar ideas can be found in the papers of Y.-Q. Ma, H. F. Zhang, 2020; R.-L. Zhu, 2020

For simplification, X(6900) is dubbed  $T_{4c}$ 

- Since the charm quark is too heavy,  $T_{4c}$  is free from the light constitutes contamination. Thus  $T_{4c}$  is widely believed to be a fully-heavy compact tetraquark state (Other possibilities exist)
- Analogous to the fact that heavy quarkonia are the simpliest hadrons, the fullycharmed tetraquark may be the simpliest exotic hadrons from theoretical perspective
- > Whether is it possible to understand the  $T_{4c}$  production in the framework of NRQCD? Like the case of quarkonium production

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 $T_{4c} {:} \, cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ 

A key observation is that, prior to hadronization, two charms and two anticharms have to be created at a rather large energy  $> m_c$ , thus one can invoke asymptotic freedom to factorize the production rate as the product of the perturbatively calculable short-distance part and the nonperturbative long-distance part



We construct the operators in diquark-antidiquark basis

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The diquark (cc) in spin-singlet
[\psi_a^T (i\sigma^2)\psi_b]
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Due to the identities,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi_{a}^{T}(i\sigma^{2})\psi_{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{b}^{T}(i\sigma^{2})\psi_{a} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi_{a}^{T}(i\sigma^{2})\sigma^{i}\psi_{b} \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \psi_{b}^{T}(i\sigma^{2})\sigma^{i}\psi_{a} \end{bmatrix}$$

The diquark in **spin-triplet**  $\begin{bmatrix} \psi_a^T (i\sigma^2) \sigma^i \psi_b \end{bmatrix}$ Color indices

The color indices in **spin-singlet** are symmetric

The color indices in **spin-triplet** are antisymmetic

So the spin configuration and color configuration of the diquark are correlated

Assuming  $T_{4c}$  to be a S-wave tetraquark (the J<sup>PC</sup> quantum number can be 0<sup>++</sup>, 1<sup>+-</sup> and 2<sup>++</sup>).

The complement annihilation operators for  $T_{4c}$  are

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{O}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}}^{(0)} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [\psi_a^T(i\sigma^2)\sigma^i\psi_b] [\chi_c^{\dagger}\sigma^i(i\sigma^2)\chi_d^*] \, \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}}^{ab;cd}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}}^{i;(1)} &= -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_a^T(i\sigma^2)\sigma^j\psi_b] [\chi_c^{\dagger}\sigma^k(i\sigma^2)\chi_d^*] \, \epsilon^{ijk} \, \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}}^{ab;cd}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}}^{ij;(2)} &= [\psi_a^T(i\sigma^2)\sigma^k\psi_b] [\chi_c^{\dagger}\sigma^l(i\sigma^2)\chi_d^*] \, \Gamma^{ij;kl} \, \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}}^{ab;cd}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{6}\otimes\bar{\mathbf{6}}}^{(0)} &= [\psi_a^T(i\sigma^2)\psi_b] [\chi_c^{\dagger}(i\sigma^2)\chi_d^*] \, \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{6}\otimes\bar{\mathbf{6}}}^{ab;cd} \end{split}$$

where

$$\mathcal{C}^{ab;cd}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}\otimes\mathbf{3}} \equiv \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^2} \epsilon^{abm} \epsilon^{cdn} \frac{\delta^{mn}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N_c}} (\delta^{ac} \delta^{bd} - \delta^{ad} \delta^{bc}) \qquad \text{Anti-symmetric color tensor}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{ab;cd}_{\mathbf{6}\otimes\bar{\mathbf{6}}} \equiv \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} (\delta^{ac} \delta^{bd} + \delta^{ad} \delta^{bc}) \qquad \qquad \text{Symmetric color tensor}$$

The corresponding **J<sup>PC</sup>** quantum number for each operator

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$$\psi_{a}(t,x) \stackrel{P}{\leftrightarrow} \psi_{a}(t,-x)$$
  
$$\psi_{a}(t,x) \stackrel{Q}{\leftrightarrow} -i\sigma^{2}\chi_{a}^{*}(t,x)$$
  
$$\chi_{a}(t,x) \stackrel{P}{\leftrightarrow} -\chi_{a}(t,-x)$$
  
$$\chi_{a}(t,x) \stackrel{Q}{\leftrightarrow} i\sigma^{2}\psi_{a}^{*}(t,x)$$

Applying the NRQCD factorization, we compute the  $T_{4c}$  (S-wave) production at LHC

We compute the  $T_{4c}$  production through **two different ways**.

Fixed-order production



FIG. 1: One typical Feynman diagram for  $gg \to T_{4c} + g$ .

 $lpha_s \sim 0.1$  $m_{T_{4c}} \sim 7 \, {
m GeV}$ 

By naive estimation, at  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ , fragmentation dominate at  $p_T < 20 \text{ GeV}$ , fixed-order dominate

Fragmentation production

Relative to the fixed-order production, the differential cross section of the fragmentation production suffers  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  suppression, however is enhanced by  $p_T^2/m_{T_{4c}}^2$  at large  $p_T$ .

The NRQCD factorization for the **fixed-order**  $T_{4c}$  **production** at LHC

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}(T_{4c}^{(J)} + X)}{d\hat{t}} = \frac{2m_{T_{4c}}}{m_c^{14}} \begin{bmatrix} F_{3,3}^{(J)} \langle O_{3,3}^{(J)} \rangle + 2F_{3,6}^{(J)} \langle O_{3,6}^{(J)} \rangle + F_{6,6}^{(J)} \langle O_{6,6}^{(J)} \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$
where
The SDCs can be perturbatively matched
$$O_{3,3}^{(J)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{\overline{3}\otimes3}^{(J)} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\overline{3}\otimes3}^{(J)} \end{bmatrix} \sum_{X} |T_{4c}^J + X\rangle \langle T_{4c}^J + X| \mathcal{O}_{\overline{3}\otimes3}^{(J)\dagger} \\ O_{6,6}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{6\otimes\overline{6}}^{(0)} \\ \mathcal{O}_{6\otimes\overline{6}} \end{bmatrix} \sum_{X} |T_{4c}^0 + X\rangle \langle T_{4c}^0 + X| \mathcal{O}_{6\otimes\overline{6}}^{(0)\dagger} \\ O_{3,6}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{\overline{3}\otimes3}^{(0)} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\overline{3}\otimes3} \end{bmatrix} \sum_{X} |T_{4c}^0 + X\rangle \langle T_{4c}^0 + X| \mathcal{O}_{6\otimes\overline{6}}^{(0)\dagger} \\ Have been constructed previously \end{bmatrix}$$

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Fig. 1: One typical Feynman diagram for  $gg \to T_{kc} + gg$ 

The LDMEs are **universal**, however **nonperturbative**. We resort to the quark models. One can relate the LDMEs to the phenomenological wave functions at the origin

$$\langle O_{3,3}^{(J)} \rangle = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{\overline{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \mathbf{3}}^{(J)} | T_{4c} \rangle \langle T_{4c} | \mathcal{O}_{\overline{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \mathbf{3}}^{(J)+} | 0 \rangle \approx 16(2J+1)\psi_3(0)\psi_3^*(0)$$

$$\langle O_{6,6}^{(0)} \rangle = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{6} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{6}}}^{(0)} | T_{4c} \rangle \langle T_{4c} | \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{6} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{6}}}^{(0)+} | 0 \rangle \approx 16\psi_6(0)\psi_6^*(0),$$

$$\langle O_{3,6}^{(0)} \rangle = \operatorname{Re}[\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{\overline{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \mathbf{3}}^{(0)} | T_{4c} \rangle \langle T_{4c} | \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{6} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{6}}}^{(0)+} | 0 \rangle] \approx 16\psi_3(0)\psi_6^*(0),$$

where  $\psi(0)$  denotes the fourbody Schrödinger wave function at the origin.

	LDME	Model I	Model II
0++	$\left\langle O_{3,3}^{(0)} \right\rangle [\mathrm{GeV}^9]$	0.0347	0.0187
	$\left\langle O_{3,6}^{(0)} \right\rangle [\mathrm{GeV}^9]$	0.0211	-0.0161
	$\left\langle O_{6,6}^{(0)} \right\rangle [\mathrm{GeV}^9]$	0.0128	0.0139
1+-	$\left\langle O_{3,3}^{(1)} \right angle [\mathrm{GeV}^9]$	0.0780	0.0480
$2^{++}$	$\left\langle O_{3,3}^{(2)} \right angle [ ext{GeV}^9]$	0.072	0.0628

 Model I:
 EPJC80,871 (2020);

 by
 Q. F. Lü, D. Y. Chen and Y. B. Dong

Model II: arXiv: 2006.11952; by M. S. liu, F. X. Liu, X. H. Zhong and Q. Zhao

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**Comparison** of the  $p_T$  distributions of the  $T_{4c}$  between **fixed-order** and **fragmentation predictions** 



	Model I		Model II	
	$\sigma$ [nb]	$N_{\rm events}/10^9$	$\sigma$ [nb]	$N_{\rm events}/10^9$
$0^{++}$	$37 \pm 26$	$110\pm80$	$9\pm 6$	$27 \pm 19$
$1^{+-}$	$0.28\pm0.16$	$0.8 \pm 0.5$	$0.17\pm0.10$	$0.52\pm0.29$
$2^{++}$	$93\pm65$	$280\pm200$	$81\pm57$	$240 \pm 170$

By assuming the integrated luminosity of **3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>**.

Table 1: The integrated production rates for various S-wave  $T_{4c}$  states ( $6 \text{ GeV} \leq p_T \leq 100 \text{ GeV}$ ) and the estimated event yields.

#### **Remarks:**

1. The cross section for 1<sup>+-</sup> is two order-of-magnitude smaller than the other two channels.

2. The cross sections and event numbers for 1<sup>+-</sup> and 2<sup>++</sup> are insensitive to the Model. The condition for 0<sup>++</sup> is different. 20



## 4. Summary

- 1. We propose a NRQCD factorization formula for  $T_{4c}$  production.
- 2. We compute the  $T_{4c}$  production at LHC in two different ways: fixed-order computation and fragmentation function computation. We find the fragmentation production may be dominant at high  $p_T > 20$  GeV.
- 3. The cross sections can reach **dozens nano-bar** for  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$  and  $2^{++}$ , while less than 1 nb for  $1^{+-}$ .
- 4. The cross sections at B factories are very small.

# Thanks for your attention!