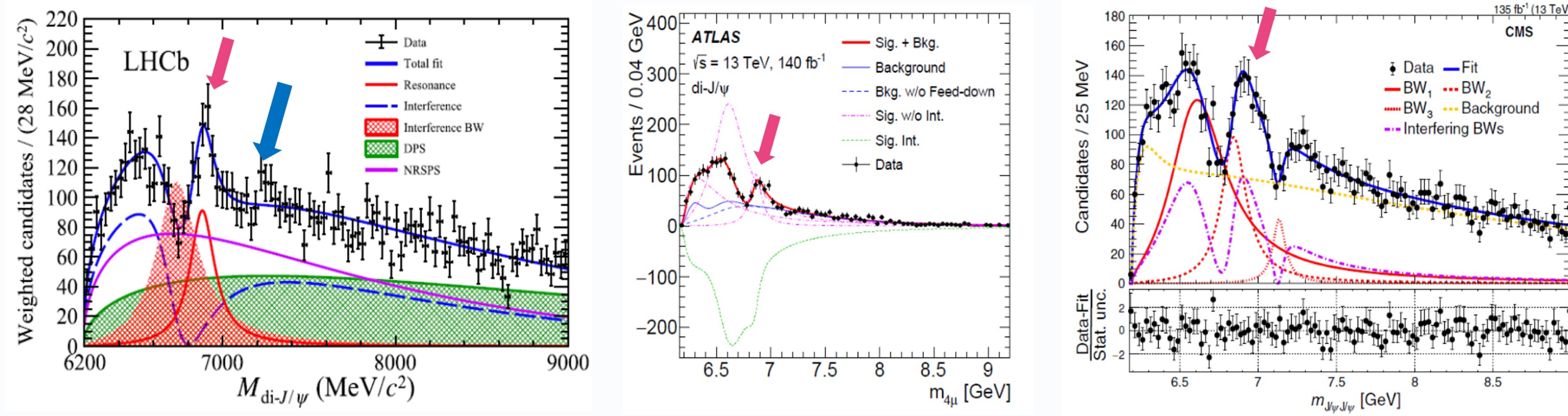


# Observation of a family of all-charm tetraquarks

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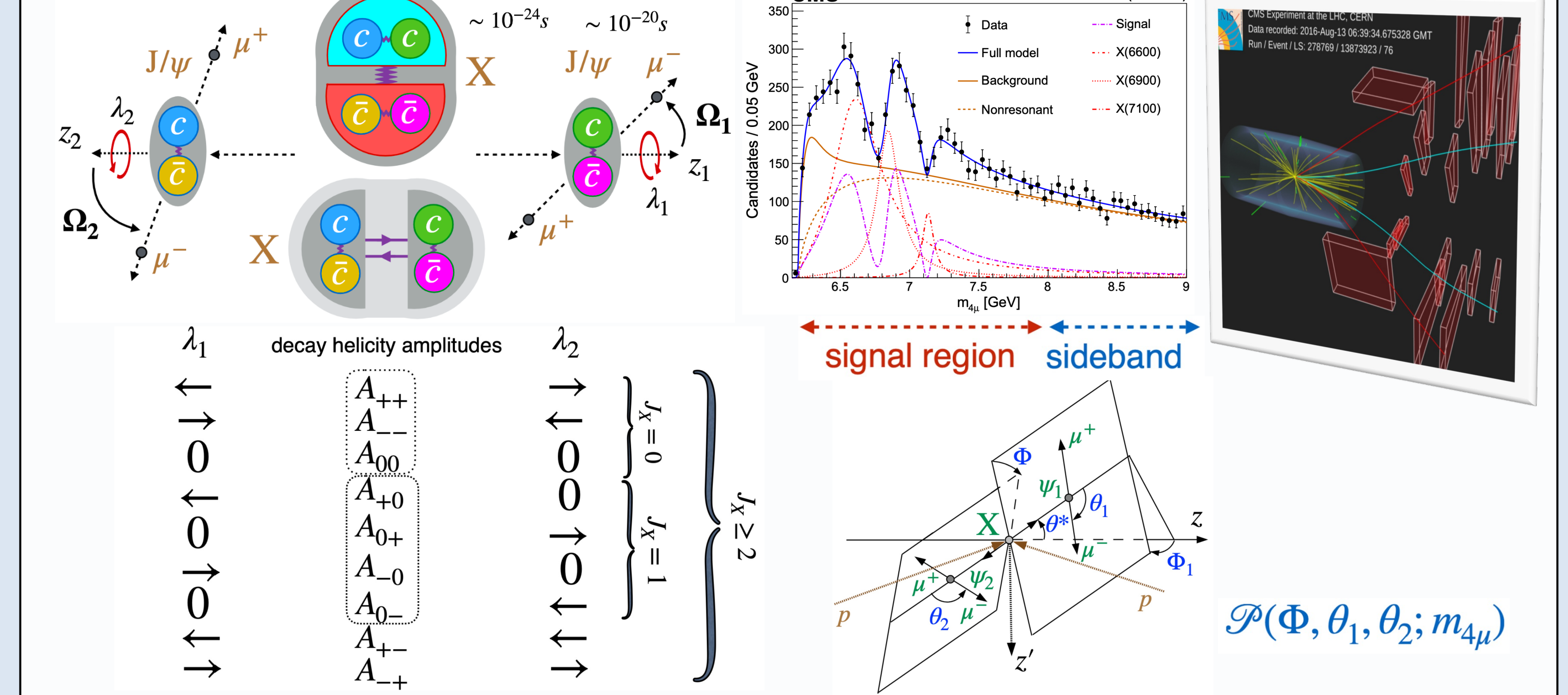
## Introduction



- Three LHC experiments observe  $X(6900)$  + additional structure [1-3]
  - Only CMS claimed  $X(6600)$  &  $X(7100)$
  - Different modeling of "hump" below  $X(6900)$  (also called  $T_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}}(6900)^0$ )
  - 7.2 GeV: LHCb hint but not considered; ATLAS  $3\sigma$  (local) hint in  $J/\psi\psi(2S)$
- All experiments use interference, but in different ways
  - LHCb added extra BW to interfere with SPS background: their  $X(6900)$  is NOT interfering!
- All exp see a threshold excess, NOT explained! Classified as background

$$J^{PC} = ?$$

## Spin-parity measurement with CMS Run 2 data



## Lorentz-invariant amplitudes for different spin-parity configurations

- Symmetries:

- angular momentum:  $|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2| \leq J$
- identical  $J/\psi$  bosons  $A_{\lambda_1\lambda_2} = (-1)^J A_{\lambda_2\lambda_1}$
- $P$  &  $C$  conserved in QCD:
  - $X$  with definite  $J^{PC}$
  - $C = +1$
  - $A_{\lambda_1\lambda_2} = P(-1)^J A_{-\lambda_1-\lambda_2}$

### Test 8+ $J_X^P$ models:

$0^{++}$	$0^{+-}$	$A_{++} = -A_{--}$
$0^{++}$	$0_m^{++}$ and $0_h^{++}$	$A_{++} = A_{--}$ and $A_{00}$ ← note 2 d.o.f.
$1^{++}$	$1^{++}$	$A_{+0} = -A_{0+} = A_{-0} = -A_{0-}$
$1^{++}$	$1^{++}$	$A_{+0} = -A_{0+} = -A_{-0} = -A_{0-}$
$2^{++}$	$2_m^{++}$ and $2_h^{++}$	$A_{++} = A_{--}$ and $A_{+0} = A_{-0} = -A_{0+} = -A_{0-}$ ← note 2 d.o.f.
$2^{++}$	$2_m^{++}$	$A_{++} = A_{--}$ , $A_{00}$ , $A_{+0} = A_{-0} = A_{0+} = A_{0-}$ , and $A_{+-} = A_{-+}$

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

- Expect three  $X$  resonances to have the same tensor structure:

$$A(X_{J=0} \rightarrow V_1 V_2) = \left( a_1(q^2) m_V^2 \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* + a_2(q^2) f_{\mu\nu}^{*(1)} f_{\mu\nu}^{*(2)} + a_3(q^2) f_{\mu\nu}^{*(1)} \tilde{f}_{\mu\nu}^{*(2)} \right)$$

$$A(X_{J=1} \rightarrow V_1 V_2) = \left( b_1(q^2) \left[ (\epsilon_1^* q)(\epsilon_2^* \epsilon_X) + (\epsilon_2^* q)(\epsilon_1^* \epsilon_X) \right] + b_2(q^2) \epsilon_{\alpha\mu\beta\gamma} \epsilon_X^\alpha \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* q^\beta \right)$$

$$A_{00} = A_{++} = A_{--} \text{ at } 2m_{J/\psi} \text{ threshold}$$

$$A_{00} \text{ at large } m_X \quad A_{++} = A_{--}$$

$$A_{+0} = -A_{0+} = A_{-0} = -A_{0-}$$

$$A_{+0} = -A_{0+} = -A_{-0} = -A_{0-}$$

$$A(X_{J=2} \rightarrow V_1 V_2) = 2c_1(q^2) t_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} f_{\mu\alpha}^{*2, \nu\beta} + 2c_2(q^2) t_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} f_{\mu\alpha}^{*2, \nu\beta} + c_3(q^2) \tilde{t}_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} f_{\mu\alpha}^{*2, \nu\beta} + c_4(q^2) \tilde{t}_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} f_{\mu\alpha}^{*2, \nu\beta} + m_V^2 \left( 2c_5(q^2) t_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* + 2c_6(q^2) \tilde{t}_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* - \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* \epsilon_X^\alpha \epsilon_X^\beta + c_7(q^2) \tilde{t}_{\mu\nu}^{*1, \mu\alpha} \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* \right)$$

$$2_m^{++} - \text{minimal representative model including all amplitudes:}$$

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

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

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

## Spin-parity analysis

- Full model possible, but very complex

$$\mathcal{P}(\Phi, \theta_1, \theta_2; m_{4\mu})$$

- (1) Same properties of 3 resonances:

$$\mathcal{P}(m_{4\mu}, \vec{\Omega}) = \mathcal{P}(m_{4\mu}) \cdot T(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu})$$

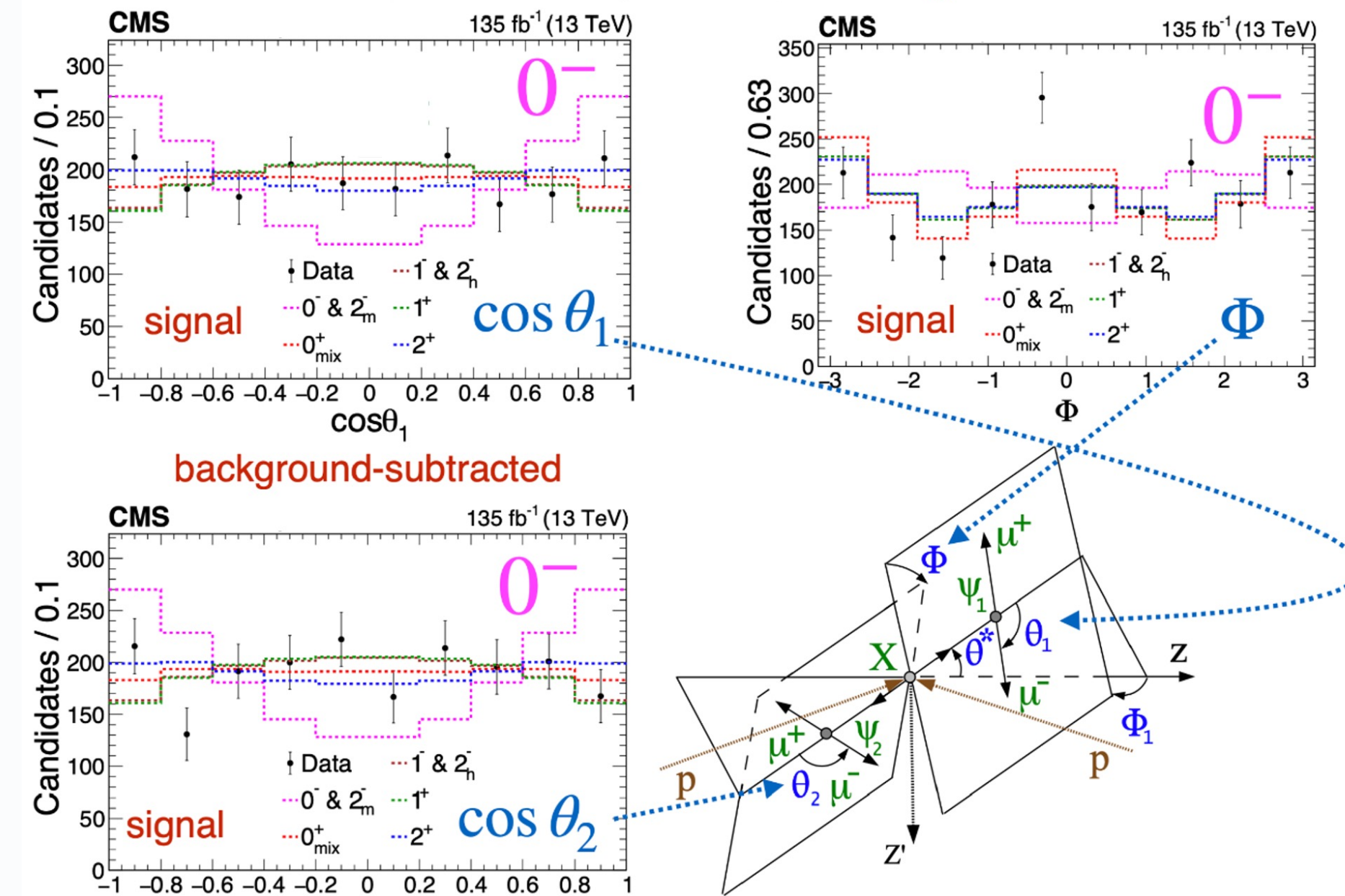
- (2) Pairwise tests of  $J_X^P$  hypotheses  $i$  and  $j$ :

$$\text{MELA } \mathcal{D}_{ij}(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_i(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu})}{\mathcal{P}_i(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu}) + \mathcal{P}_j(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu})}$$

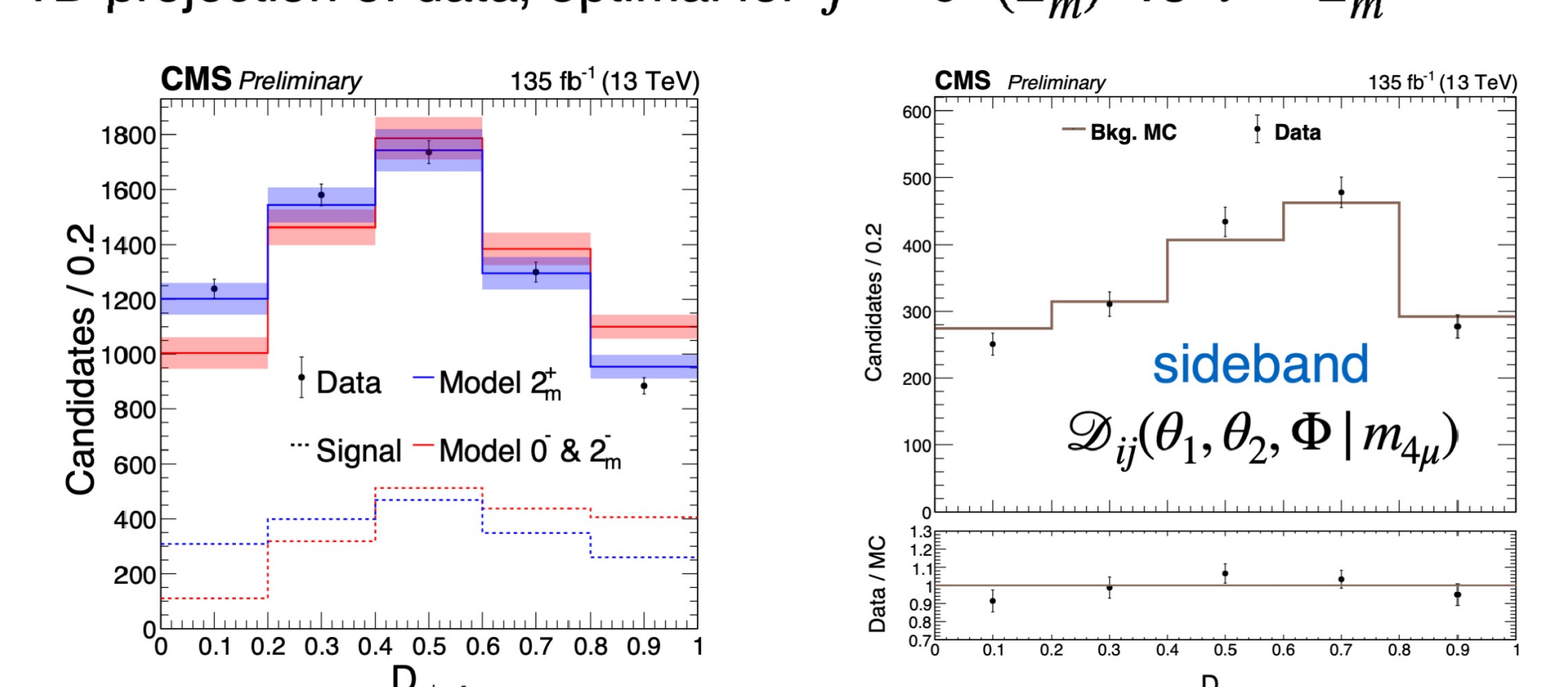
1 optimal observable  $\Leftarrow$  Higgs boson discovery and spin-parity

- Final 2D model:  $\mathcal{P}_{ijk}(m_{4\mu}, \mathcal{D}_{ij}) = \mathcal{P}_k(m_{4\mu}) \cdot T_{ijk}(\mathcal{D}_{ij} | m_{4\mu})$

### decay angles (consistency check): distinguish models



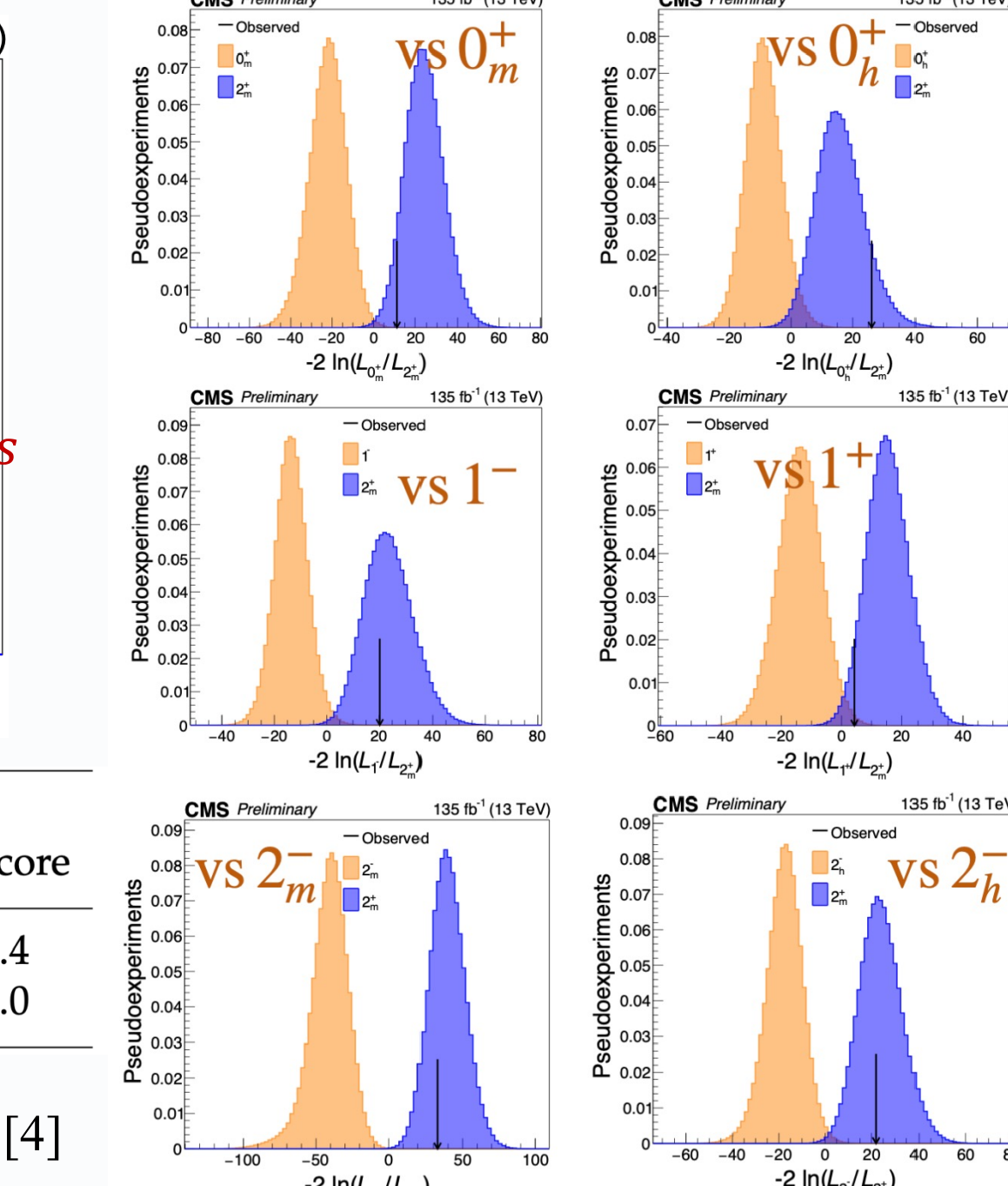
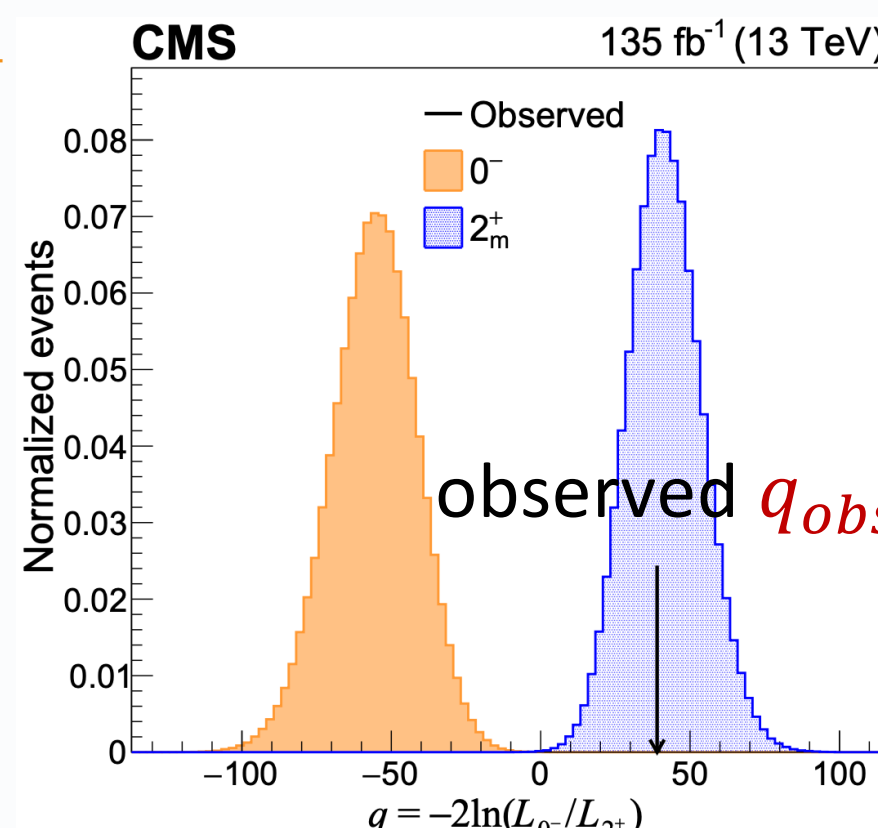
- 1D projection of data, optimal for  $j = 0^-(2_m^-)$  vs  $i = 2^+(2_m^+)$



optimal observable  
MELA  $\mathcal{D}_{ij}(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_i(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu})}{\mathcal{P}_i(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu}) + \mathcal{P}_j(\vec{\Omega} | m_{4\mu})}$   
background model from MC control in sidebands systematic variations

## Hypothesis tests and results

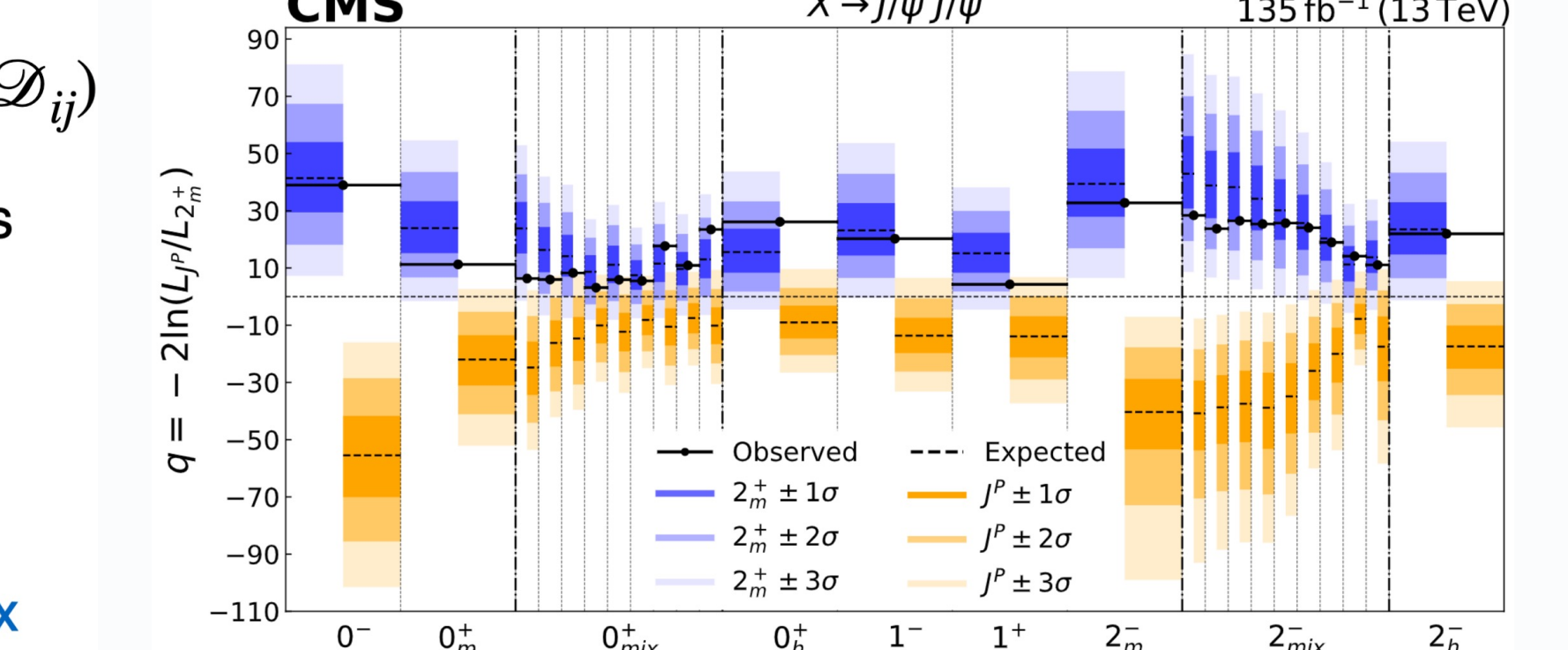
- Hypothesis test with toy MC for  $J_1^P = 2_m^+$  vs  $J_2^P = 0^-$
- Test statistic  $q = -2\ln(L_2^P/L_1^P)$
- Consistency of data with  $J_1^P/J_2^P$  using p-value:
  - $p = P(q \leq q_{obs} | J_1^P + bkg)$
  - $p = P(q \geq q_{obs} | J_2^P + bkg)$
- Significance:
  - Converted from p-value via Gaussian one-sided tail integral
- Confidence level



- Combine 2D fit:  $\mathcal{P}_{ijk}(m_{4\mu}, \mathcal{D}_{ij})$

$J^P = 2_m^+$  model survives

$J_X^P$	p-value	Z-score
$0^-$	$2.7 \times 10^{-13}$	7.2
$0_m^+$	$4.3 \times 10^{-5}$	3.9
$0_h^+$	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	2.2
$1^-$	$3.1 \times 10^{-9}$	5.8
$1^+$	$8.0 \times 10^{-8}$	5.2
$2_m^+$	$4.1 \times 10^{-12}$	2.6
$2_m^-$	$6.5 \times 10^{-10}$	3.2
$2_h^-$	$2.2 \times 10^{-8}$	5.5



$J^{PC}$  analysis of exotic hadron decays at LHC (production-independent)

- consistent picture: set of 3 exotic tetraquark resonances with the same  $J^{PC}$
- $PC = ++$  very certain  $n = (1, 2, 3, 4)$
- $J \neq 1$  at  $> 99\%$  CL
- $J \neq 0$  at  $> 95\%$  CL
- $J > 2$  possible, but highly unlikely, require  $L \geq 2$
- $J = 2$  consistent, rare in nature, naively expected  $J = 0$

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