

# Study of exotic tetraquark states in B-meson decays at the ATLAS experiment

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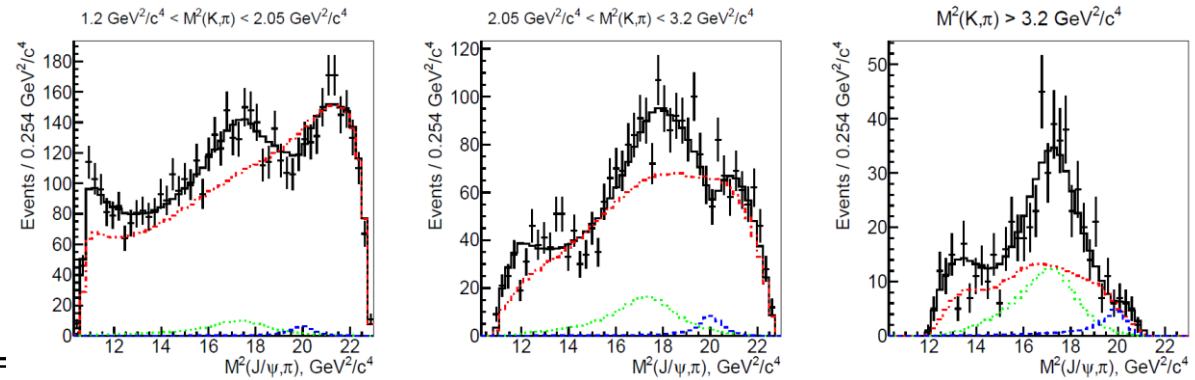


# Introduction

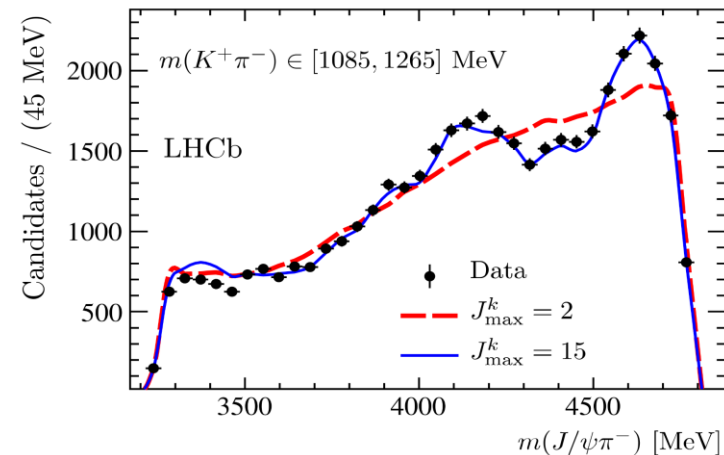
- The quark model of hadrons proposed by Murray Gell-Mann assumes the existence of states with structure beyond standard  $qq$  and  $qqq$ -models.
- $Z_c(4200)$  was discovered by BELLE collaboration [1] with a significance of  $6.2\sigma$  in 2014. A full amplitude analysis was performed to determine the parameters of this state:

$J^P$	$0^-$	$1^-$	$1^+$	$2^-$	$2^+$
Mass, MeV/ $c^2$	$4318 \pm 48$	$4315 \pm 40$	$4196^{+31}_{-29}$	$4209 \pm 14$	$4203 \pm 24$
Width, MeV	$720 \pm 254$	$220 \pm 80$	$370 \pm 70$	$64 \pm 18$	$121 \pm 53$
Significance (Wilks)	$3.9\sigma$	$2.3\sigma$	$8.2\sigma$	$3.9\sigma$	$1.9\sigma$

- In 2008 BaBar collaboration performed model independent analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  decays to study  $Z_c(4430)$  state. No evidence of  $Z_c(4200)$  existence was found
- In 2019 LHCb collaboration performed model independent analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  decays [2]. They discovered an exotic structure near the mass  $m(J/\psi\pi) = 4200$  MeV.



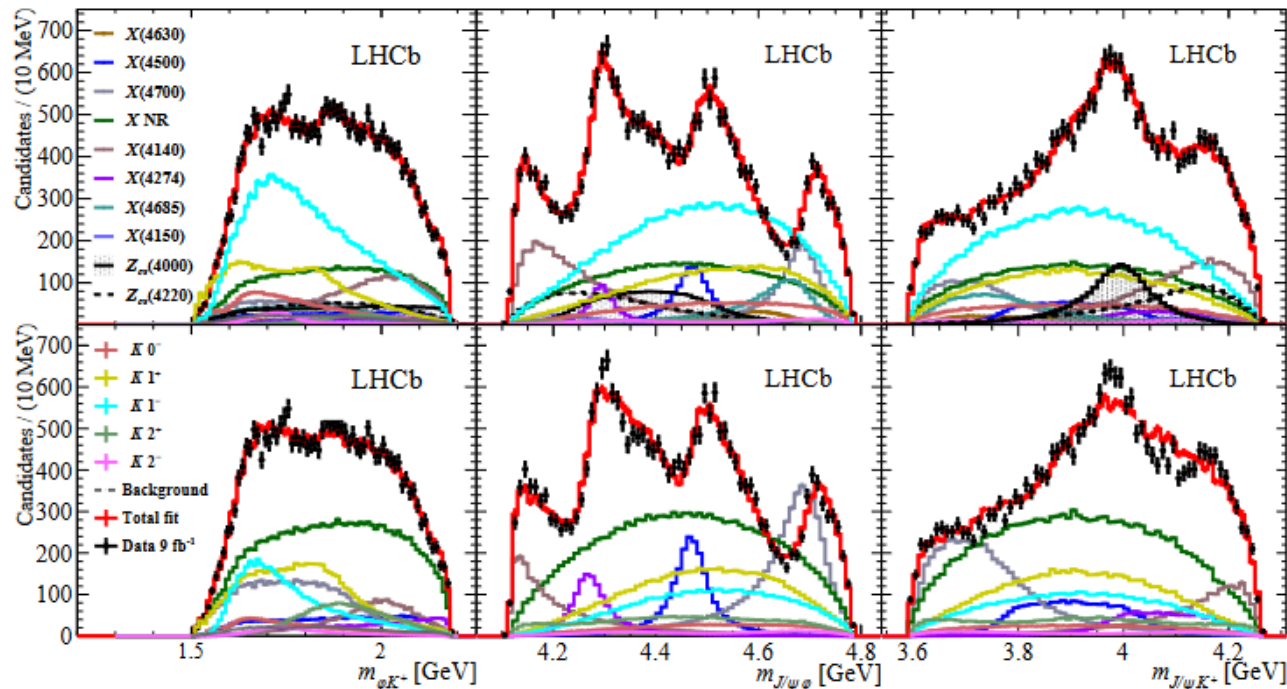
[1] K. Chilikin *et al.* (Belle Collaboration), *Observation of a new charged charmoniumlike state in  $\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- \pi^+$  decays*, Phys. Rev. D 90, 112009



[2] R. Aaij *et al.* (LHCb Collaboration), *Model-Independent Observation of Exotic Contributions to  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^-$  Decays*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 152002

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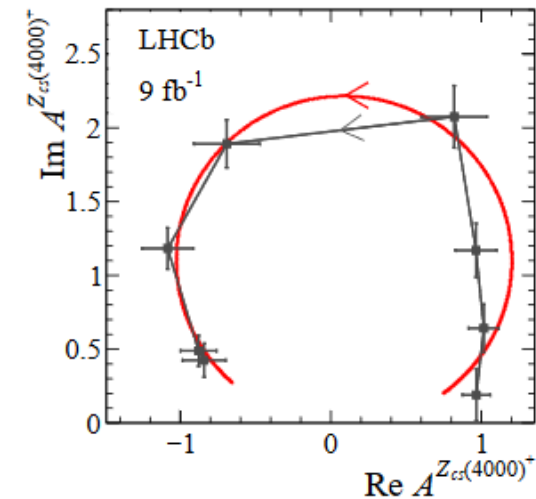
$Z_{CS}(4000)$  and  $Z_{CS}(4220)$  were discovered in  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K^+$  by the LHCb collaboration in 2021 [3].



$Z_{CS}(4000)$  significance  $15\sigma$ :  
 $M = 4003 \pm 6$  (stat)  $^{+4}_{-14}$  (syst) MeV  
 $\Gamma = 131 \pm 15$  (stat)  $\pm 26$  (syst) MeV  
 $J^P = 1^+$

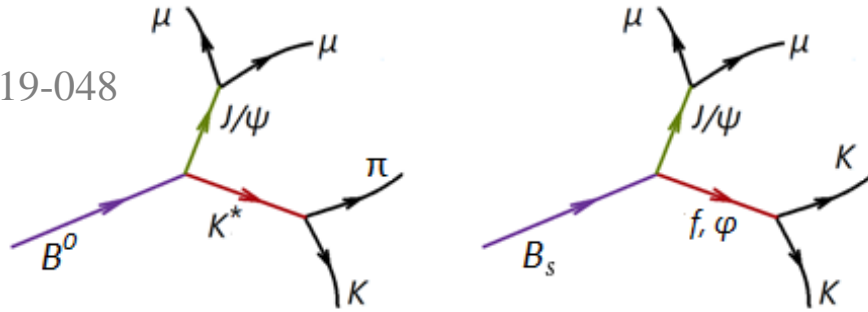
$Z_{CS}(4220)$  significance  $5.9\sigma$ :  
 $M = 4216 \pm 24$  (stat)  $^{+43}_{-30}$  (syst) MeV  
 $\Gamma = 233 \pm 52$  (stat)  $^{+97}_{-73}$  (syst) MeV  
 $J^P = 1^+ \text{ or } 1^-$

[3] R. Aaij *et al.* (LHCb Collaboration),  
*Observation of New Resonances Decaying to*  
 *$J/\psi K^+$  and  $J/\psi \phi$* , Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 082001

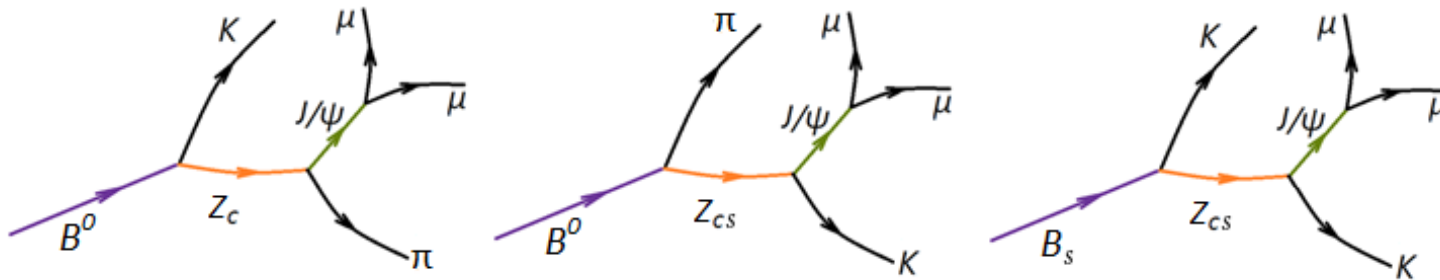


# Studies of exotic states: $Z_c$ and $Z_{cs}$ in $B$ -meson decays

[4] ATLAS-CONF-2019-048



**Conventional decay chains**



**Exotic decay chains**

**5 exotic states in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K \pi$**

**2 exotic states in  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi K K$**

- Analysis started as byproduct of Run1 pentaquark study, where  $B$ -meson decays represent main backgrounds [4]
- The main problem is absence of particle ID. We had to analyze  $H_b \rightarrow J/\psi h_1 h_2$ , where  $H_b = \{A_b, B_d, B_s\}$ ,  $h_1, h_2 = \{p, K, \pi\}$ .
- Large width of  $Z_c(4200)$  considerably complicates its analysis: very accurate background modelling and account for interference effects are needed. So-called ‘phase-space’ MC (by Pythia8) is used being weighted event-by-event by analytically derived matrix elements. Parameters of these matrix elements to be defined from fits of MC to data.

# Event selection

In this analysis we used the data from the ATLAS experiment at  $s^{1/2} = 13$  TeV, full Run2 statistic (140 fb<sup>-1</sup>). Events consisting of  $J/\psi$  (2 muons) and 2 opposite sign hadron tracks were selected.

## Selected events include:

- Combinatorial background
- Physical decays:
  - $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  (matrix el.)
  - $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi\pi$
  - $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \pi\pi$
  - $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  (matrix el.)
  - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi pK$  (matrix el.)
  - $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$
  - $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi KK$
  - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p\pi$

The **fit procedure** is accomplished in **3 iterative** steps (see Appendix3):

- Global fit
- Step2
- SR fit

**The main task in optimizing selections is suppressing backgrounds (see Appendix2 for details of cuts optimization):**

- $p_T$  muons  $> 4$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.3$
- $\chi^2/\text{ndof}$  dimuon-vertex  $< 10$
- $2950 \text{ MeV} < m(\mu_1\mu_2) < 3250 \text{ MeV}$  + refit to the PDG  $J/\psi$  mass
- $L_{xy}(H_b) > 1 \text{ mm}$
- $m(K\pi), m(\pi K) > 1550 \text{ MeV}$  (to suppress light  $K^*$  contribution)
- $p_T$  hadrons  $> 2$  GeV
- $\chi^2/\text{ndof}$  B-vertex  $< 1.7$
- $p_T(\text{B-hadron}) / p_T(\text{primary vertex}) > 0.25$
- $m(J/\psi K) < 5.1 \text{ GeV}$  (to suppress  $B^+$  decays)
- $m(J/\psi K\pi), m(J/\psi \pi K) > 4.9 \text{ GeV}$

The following weights have been applied to Monte Carlo events:

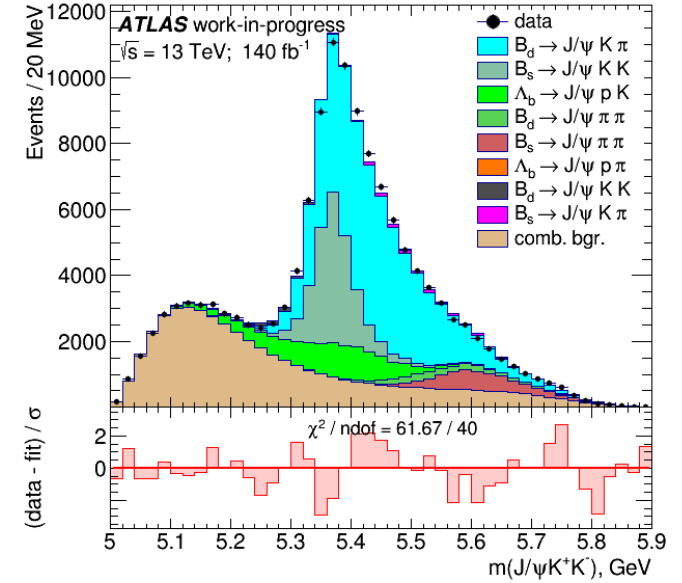
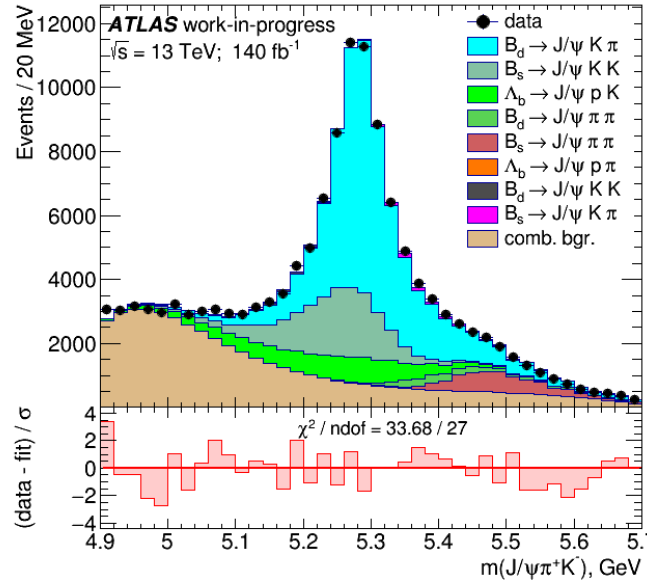
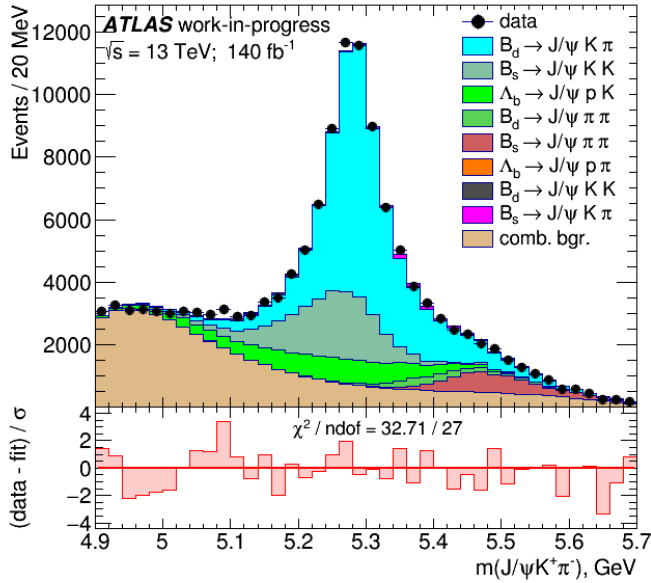
- Trigger prescale weights
- $B$ -hadron  $p_T$
- Muon reconstruction efficiency

# Features of the analysis

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- Amplitude analysis details (<https://indico.jinr.ru/event/3154/contributions/17741/>) see Appendix1:
  - Parameters of the model ( $M$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $J^P$ , decay constants) are unknown, therefore, a ready-made MC decay generator cannot be used;
  - On the other hand, the use of Monte Carlo makes it possible to take into account detector effects;
  - MC events at the “detector” level are reweighted by matrix elements calculated taking into account the kinematics of events at the “generator” level.
- Evolutionary algorithm for  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  SR shape optimization;
- MC event based pseudo data generator was developed (see Appendix4):
  - Number of dimensions is not limited;
  - Detector effects are naturally accounted for;
  - No need a lot of CPU;
  - Systematic effects can be accounted for;
  - Large enough statistics of background MC is required;

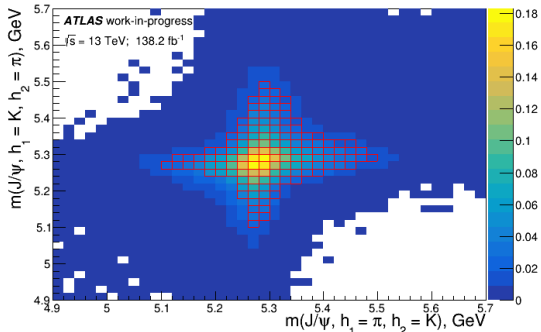
# Results of global fit (all states $Z_C(4200) J^P = 2^+$ )



$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K \pi$  SR:

$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K K$  SR:

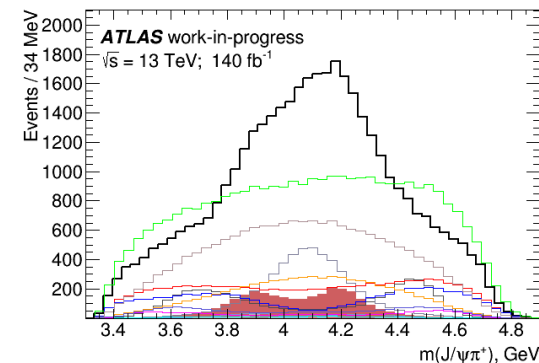
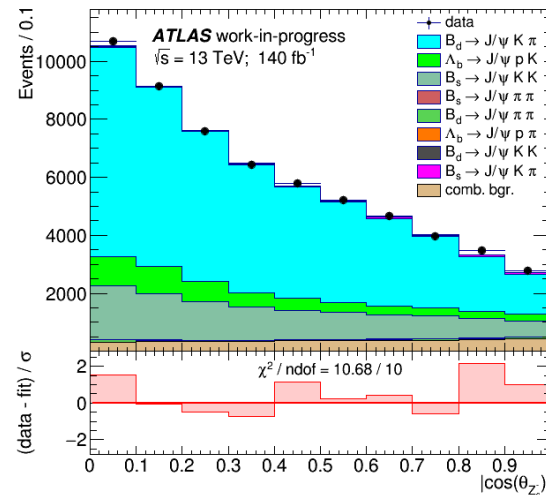
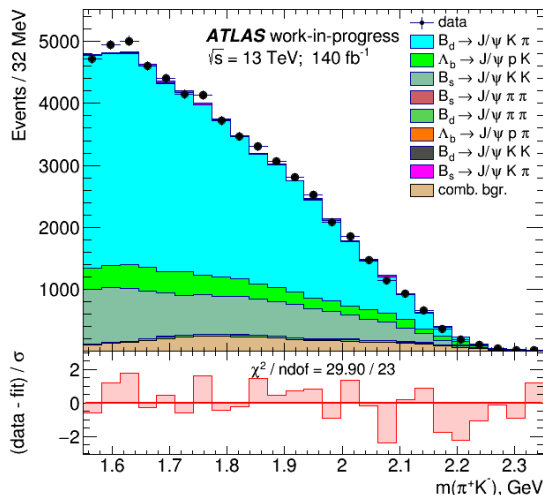
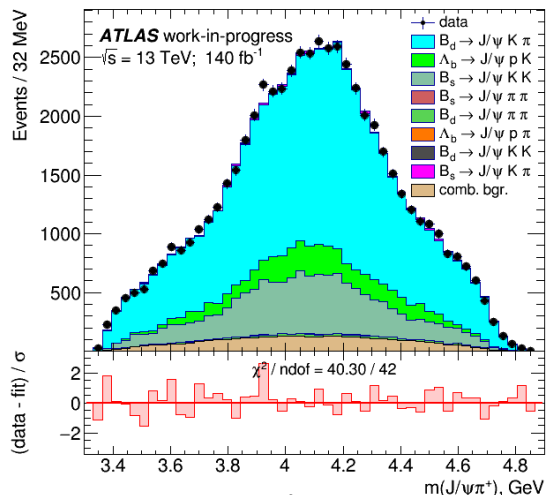
$5336 \text{ MeV} < m(J/\psi K K) < 5396 \text{ MeV}$



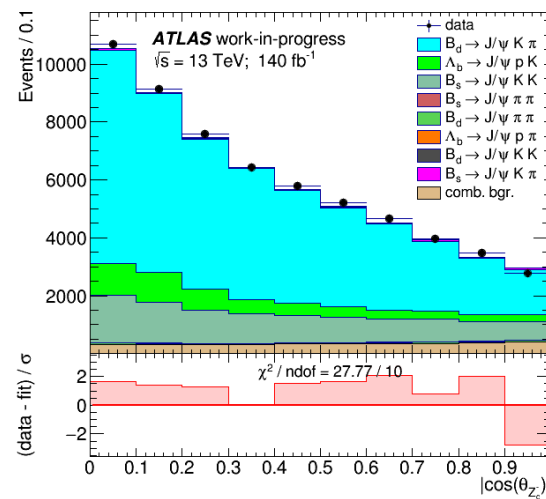
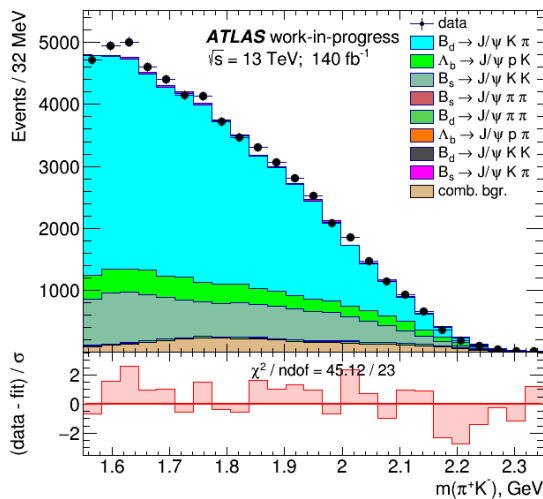
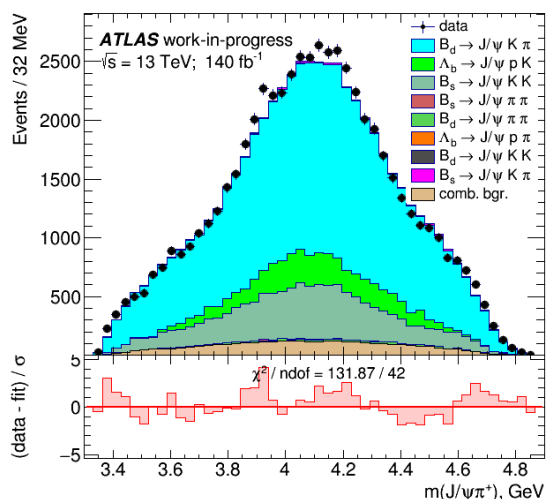
Process	Number of events from the fit	Events in $B^0$ SR	Events in $B_s$ SR
$B_d^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, K, \pi$	$52390 \pm 490$	39090	13360
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, p, K$	11980	4940	2920
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, K, K$	$18080^{+380}_{-370}$	10700	11420
$B_d^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, \pi, \pi$	2200	510	30
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, \pi, \pi$	5280	84	4
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, K, K$	510	37	30
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, K, \pi$	860	390	28
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi, p, \pi$	0	0	0

# SR of $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K \pi$ decays

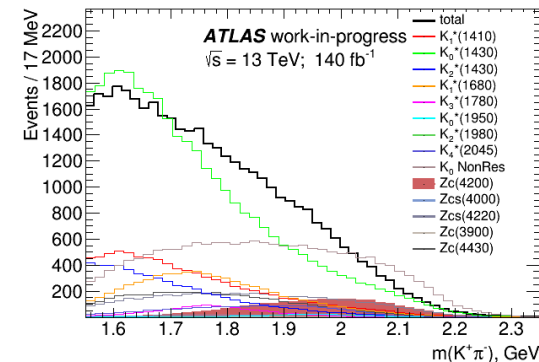
Five exotic states:  $Z_c(3900)$ ,  $Z_c(4300)$ ,  $Z_c(4200)$  ( $J^P = 2^+$ ),  $Z_{cs}(4000)$ ,  $Z_{cs}(4220)$



No exotic states



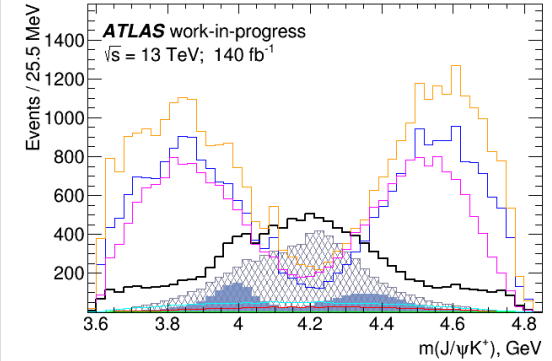
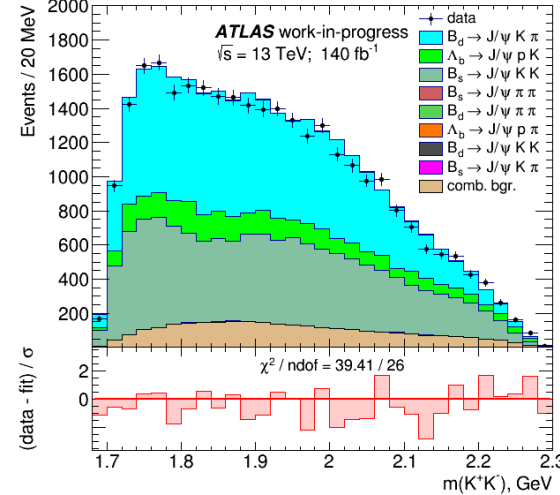
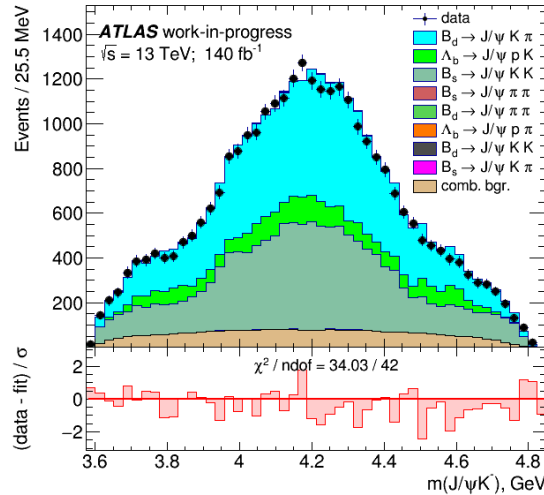
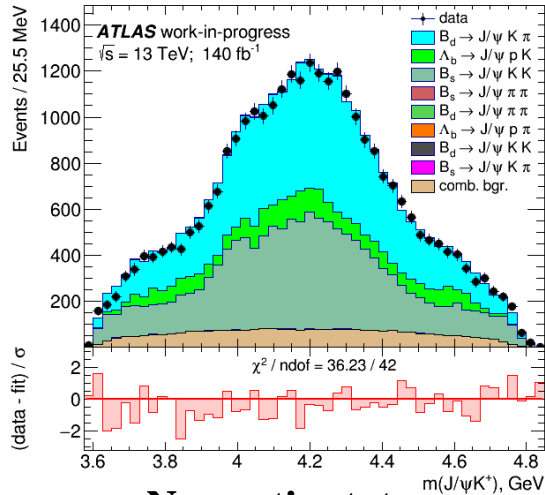
$Z_c(4200)$ mass	$4207_{-22}^{+13}(\text{stat.})_{-19}^{+8}(\text{syst.})$
$Z_c(4200)$ width	$185_{-23}^{+38}(\text{stat.})_{-11}^{+48}(\text{syst.})$





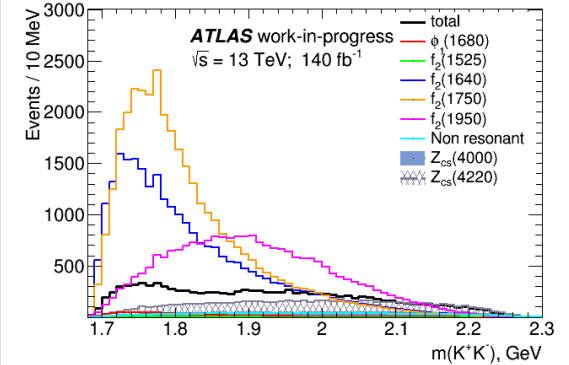
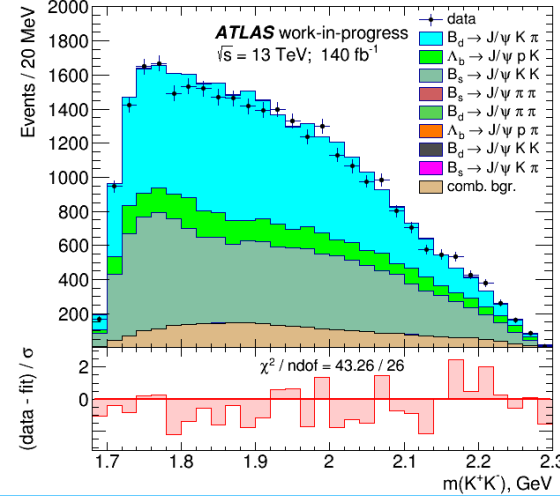
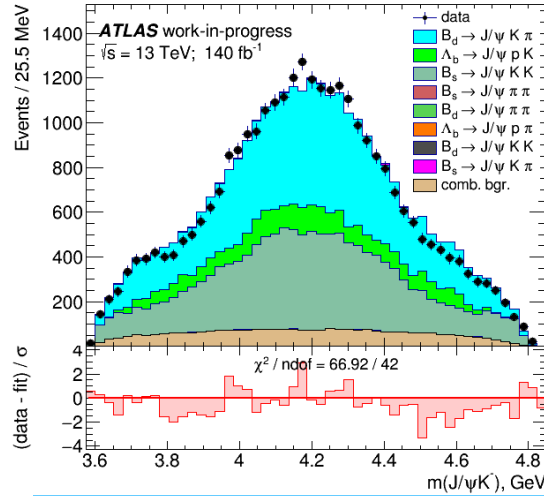
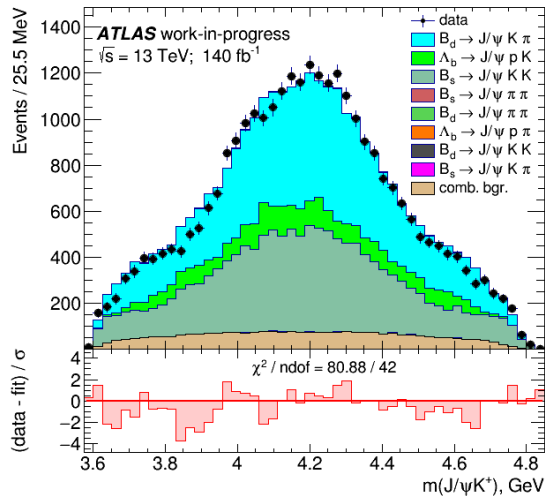
# SR of $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$ decays

Five exotic states:  $Z_c(3900)$ ,  $Z_c(4300)$ ,  $Z_c(4200)$  ( $J^P = 2^+$ ),  $Z_{cs}(4000)$ ,  $Z_{cs}(4220)$



Mass and width of  $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  are **fixed** to LHCb values

No exotic states



# Fit results

Model	$Z_c(4200)$ Mass, MeV Width, MeV	$N_{Z_c(4200)}$	$\Delta L$ vs. no exotic	$\Delta L$ vs. best model
No exotics	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	-419.4
$Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$	n.a.	n.a.	158.6	-260.8
$Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$ $Z_{cs}(4000), Z_{cs}(4220)$	n.a.	n.a.	378.3	-41.1
$Z_c(4200) 1^+,$ $Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$	$4187^{+18}_{-19}(\text{stat.})^{+3}_{-7}(\text{syst.})$ $326^{+42}_{-38}(\text{stat.})^{+13}_{-20}(\text{syst.})$	$40090^{+6000}_{-8000}(\text{stat.})^{+3500}_{-4100}(\text{syst.})$	352.1	-67.3

$Z_c(4200)$ $J^P$	$Z_c(4200)$ mass, MeV width, MeV	$N_{Z_c(4200)}$	$\Delta L$ vs. no exotic	model n.d.f. vs. no $Z_c(4200)$	$\Delta L$ vs. best
$0^-$	$4236^{+11}_{-8}(\text{stat.})^{+4}_{-11}(\text{syst.})$ $68^{+11}_{-19}(\text{stat.})^{+58}_{-23}(\text{syst.})$	$570^{+440}_{-62}(\text{syst.})$	390.7	4	-28.7
$1^-$	$4194^{+27}_{-20}(\text{stat.})^{+3}_{-19}(\text{syst.})$ $107^{+19}_{-34}(\text{stat.})^{+4}_{-56}(\text{syst.})$	$450^{+350}_{-90}(\text{syst.})$	393.7	4	-25.7
$1^+$	$3984^{+22}_{-13}(\text{stat.})^{+31}_{-7}(\text{syst.})$ $138^{+21}_{-25}(\text{stat.})^{+9}_{-30}(\text{syst.})$	$3110^{+1230}_{-680}(\text{stat.})^{+1810}_{-820}(\text{syst.})$	405.9	6	-13.5
$2^+$	$4207^{+13}_{-22}(\text{stat.})^{+8}_{-19}(\text{syst.})$ $185^{+38}_{-23}(\text{stat.})^{+48}_{-11}(\text{syst.})$	$2780^{+1130}_{-530}(\text{stat.})^{+4200}_{-120}(\text{syst.})$	417.7	4	-1.7
$2^-$	$4212^{+20}_{-13}(\text{stat.})^{+17}_{-1}(\text{syst.})$ $178^{+60}_{-33}(\text{stat.})^{+44}_{-1}(\text{syst.})$	$1870^{+750}_{-330}(\text{stat.})^{+1550}_{-240}(\text{syst.})$	419.4	6	0.0
$3^-$	$4234^{+31}_{-45}(\text{stat.})^{+10}_{-34}(\text{syst.})$ $247^{+65}_{-70}(\text{stat.})^{+76}_{-26}(\text{syst.})$	$4960^{+1210}_{-1590}(\text{stat.})^{+600}_{-950}(\text{syst.})$	410.2	4	-9.2
$3^+$	$4220^{+16}_{-14}(\text{stat.})^{+12}_{-4}(\text{syst.})$ $177^{+34}_{-14}(\text{stat.})^{+23}_{-1}(\text{syst.})$	$2100^{+800}_{-430}(\text{stat.})^{+1040}_{-550}(\text{syst.})$	419.4	6	0.0

Decay model without exotic components demonstrate poor data/model agreement.

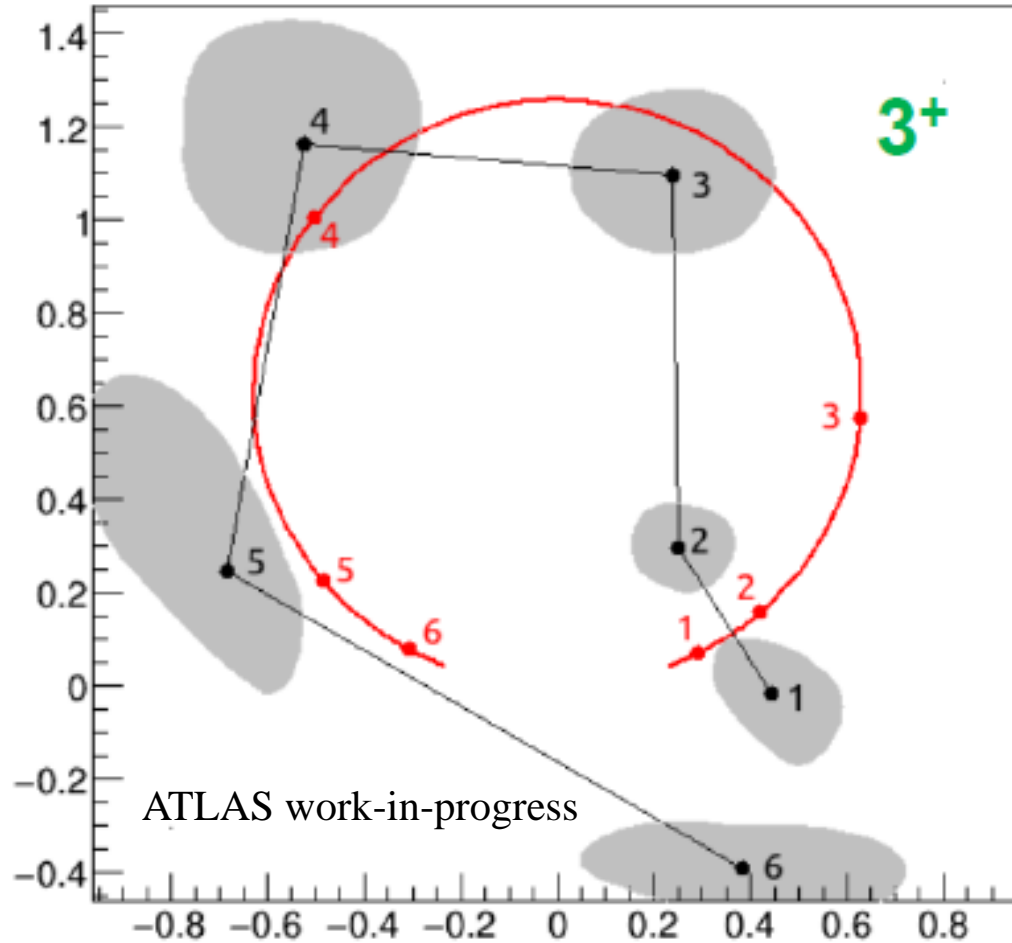
We add different exotic states to examine their effect on data description.

Decay model with 5 exotic states in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  and 2 exotic states in  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi K\bar{K}$  shows the best data description. Further addition of  $Z_c/Z_{cs}$  states has significance less than  $1\sigma$  (Wilks).

To exclude different spin-parity hypotheses of  $Z_c(4200)$  ToyMC approach was used...

Model	$\Delta L$	$\Delta L$ with syst.	n.d.f.	Exclusion level
$Z_c(4200) 0^-$ vs. $Z_c(4200) 2^+$	27.0	11.3 (sys.33)	0	3.17
$Z_c(4200) 1^+$ vs. $Z_c(4200) 2^+$	11.8	8.8 (sys.34)	-2	2.44
$Z_c(4200) 1^-$ vs. $Z_c(4200) 2^+$	24.0	14.8 (sys.9)	0	3.02

# Argand diagram



To prove resonant behavior of  $Z_c(4200)$  Argand diagrams were plotted. For central group of spin-parity hypotheses fit results shows behavior consistent with theoretical predictions. See Appendix5 for more plots.

# Systematics study

## The most significant sources of systematic uncertainties:

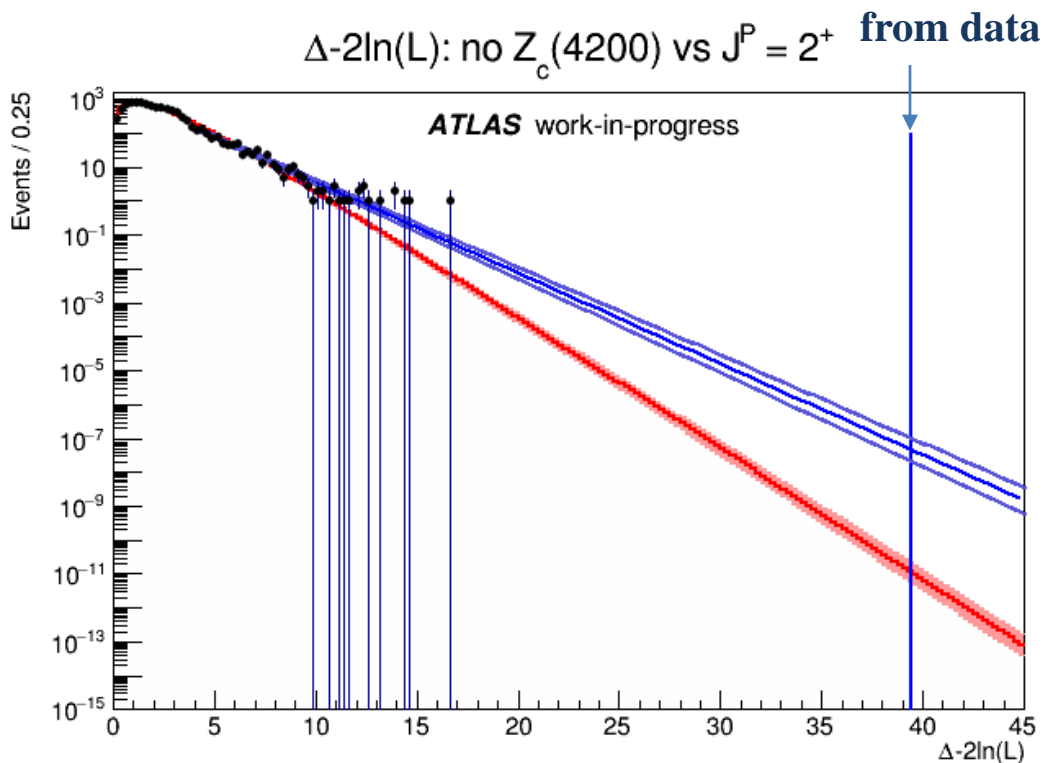
- $\{\delta_0\}$  The uncertainty in the modeling of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  decays:
  - uncertainties of the masses and widths of the leading  $K^*$  resonances;
  - variation of the matrix element of the non-resonant  $K\pi$  component;
- $\{\delta_4\}$  The uncertainty in the modeling of the  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  decays:
  - uncertainties of the masses and widths of the leading  $f$  or  $\phi$  resonances;
  - variation of the matrix element of the non-resonant  $KK$  component;
- $\{\delta_9\}$  Smearing of the hadron tracks  $p_T$ ;
- $\{\delta_{10}\}$  Uncertainties in the  $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  states modeling:
  - $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  masses and widths variations;
- $\{\delta_{12}\}$  Variations of the scale-factor  $d$  entering the Blatt-Weisskopf factors;

See Appendix6 for full list

Syst. group	$\Delta M_{Z_c(4200)}$ [MeV]	$\Delta \Gamma_{Z_c(4200)}$ [MeV]	$\Delta N_{Z_c(4200)}$
$\delta_0$	+1 -7	+4 -9	+310 -30
$\delta_1$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+30 -30
$\delta_2$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+50 -50
$\delta_3$	+0 -0	+2 -0	+0 -70
$\delta_4$	+2 -6	+32 -1	+1600 -0
$\delta_5$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+60 -10
$\delta_6$	+0 -0	+0 -1	+40 -70
$\delta_7$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+10 -0
$\delta_8$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+30 -70
$\delta_9$	+0 -15	+9 -0	+2060 -0
$\delta_{10}$	+8 -6	+34 -6	+2420 -0
$\delta_{11}$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+50 -0
$\delta_{12}$	+2 -4	+6 -0	+30 -20

# Significance of $Z_c(4200)/Z_{cs}$ states estimation

To measure significance of  $Z_c(4200)/Z_{cs}$  contribution ToyMC approach was used. Fitting pseudo data is CPU expensive procedure. Thus there is a limit on the possible number of ToyMC experiments. In the case, when the  $-2\ln(L)$  distribution does not reach the threshold value from data, different analytical extrapolations are used.



$Z_c(4200)$ spin-parity	$\Delta L$	$\Delta L$ with syst.	n.d.f.	Sign. toy MC Toy MC extrap.
$2^+$	39.4	25.0	4	$> 3.7$ 6.60

## Significance of the two $Z_{cs}$ states

Model	$\Delta L$	$\Delta L$ with syst.	n.d.f.	Significance Toy MC
$Z_c(4200) 2^+, Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$ $Z_{cs}(4000), Z_{cs}(4220)$ vs. $Z_c(4200) 1^+, Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$	65.6	54.1	14	$> 3.6$

See Appendix7 for  $-2\ln(L)$  distribution

from fit: **6.8 $\sigma$**

# Summary

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- Amplitude analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  and  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  was performed;
- Results of the analysis show clear evidence of contributions from the exotic states with significance well over  $10\sigma$ ;
- Evidence of  $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_c(4000)$  contribution to both  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  and  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  decays can be claimed at the significance level at least  $3.6\sigma$ ;
- It was shown that five exotic charmonium states  $Z_c(3900)$ ,  $Z_c(4300)$ ,  $Z_c(4200)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4000)$ ,  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  are needed in the B-meson decay models for full-fledged data description;
- The best models include  $Z_c(4200)$  state with spin/parity  $2^-$ ,  $2^+$  and  $3^+$ . Model  $2^+$  is chosen as the “central” one since it has the highest significance w.r.t. model without  $Z_c(4200)$  contribution.  $0^-$  and  $1^-$  spin-parity options are excluded by ATLAS data with exclusion levels over  $3\sigma$ .  $J^P = 1^+$  is also disfavoured by data, however, it's separated from best model by  $2.44\sigma$  only. Spin-parity option  $3^-$  cannot be excluded. Some of systematic effects bring quality of this hypothesis close to the quality of the best hypothesis.
- In the absence of  $Z_{cs}$  states, the best spin-parity option for  $Z_c(4200)$  is  $1^+$ ;
- Contribution for  $Z_c(4200)$  corresponds to significance  $6.6\sigma$  derived from the extrapolation of the likelihood ratio distribution;

Thank you for your attention!

# Appendix1 Helicity formalism

The problem with using **Spin-orbit** formalism in constructing the decay amplitude is that spin and orbital angular momentum operators of particles are defined in reference frames that are not at rest with respect to one another.

Helicity operator is invariant under both rotations and boosts along momentum direction.

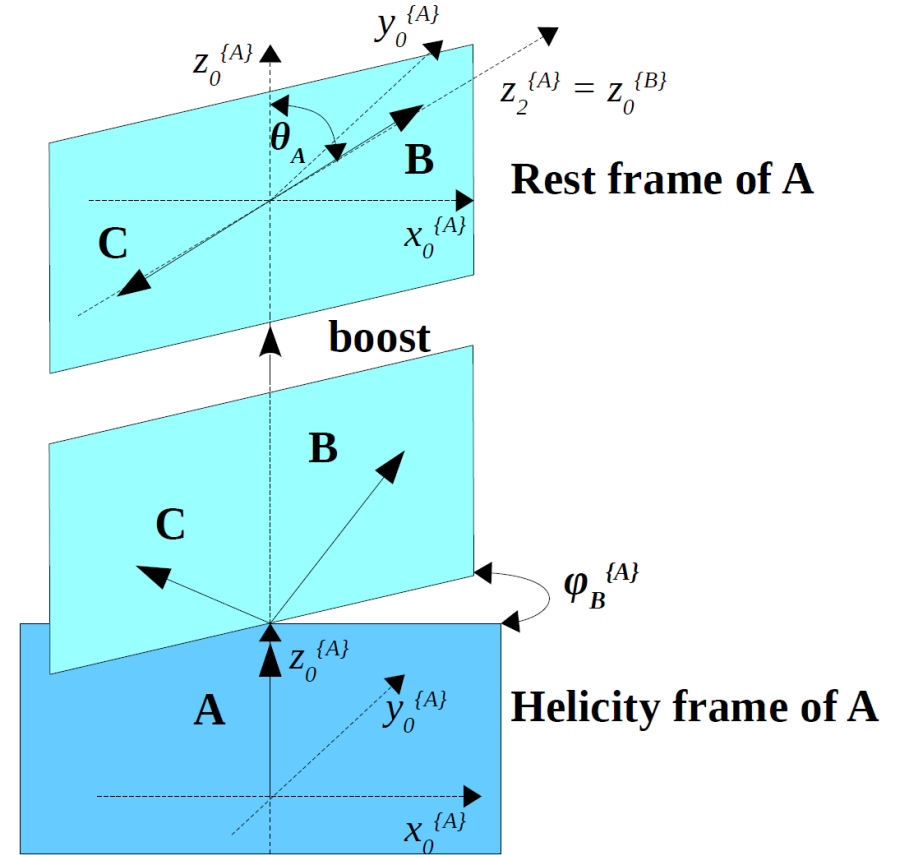
$$\text{Amp}_{A \rightarrow BC} = H_{\lambda_B, \lambda_C}^{A \rightarrow BC} D_{\lambda_A, \lambda_B - \lambda_C}^{J_A}(\phi_B^{\{A\}}, \theta_A, 0)^*$$

$$D_{\lambda_A, \lambda_B - \lambda_C}^{J_A}(\phi_B^{\{A\}}, \theta_A, 0)^* = e^{i\lambda_A \phi_B^{\{A\}}} d_{\lambda_A, \lambda_B - \lambda_C}^{J_A}(\theta_A)$$

The behavior of off-shell resonances must be described by the Breit-Wigner term. To describe decays under threshold, Flatté parametrization could be used.

$$BW_R(M_R, m_R, \Gamma_R) = \frac{1}{M_R^2 - m_R^2 - i M_R \Gamma(m_R)}$$

$$\Gamma(m_R) = \Gamma_R \left( \frac{p_R}{p_{R0}} \right)^{2L_R+1} \left( \frac{M_R}{m_R} \right) F_{L_R}^2$$

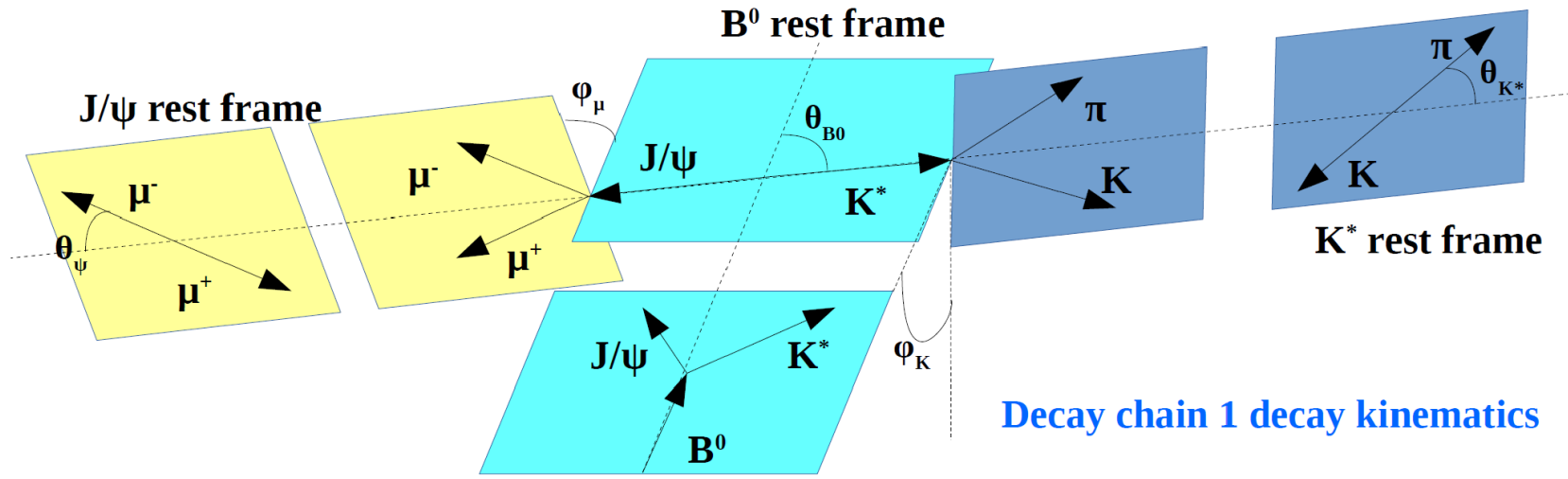


$$\mathcal{H}_{\lambda_B, \lambda_C}^{A \rightarrow BC} = \sum_L \sum_S (-1)^{J_B - J_C + L - S + 2\lambda_B - 2\lambda_C} \sqrt{(2L+1)(2S+1)} B_{LS} \times$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_B & J_C & S \\ \lambda_B & -\lambda_C & \lambda_C - \lambda_B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L & S & J_A \\ 0 & \lambda_B - \lambda_C & \lambda_C - \lambda_B \end{pmatrix}$$



# Appendix 1 Helicity formalism



## K\* decay chain:

$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*$  (weak decay):

$$Amp_{B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*} = H_{\lambda_\psi, \lambda_{K^*}}^{B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*} d_{0, \lambda_{K^*} - \lambda_\psi}^0(\theta_{B^0})$$

$K^* \rightarrow K\pi$  (strong decay):

$$Amp_{K^* \rightarrow K\pi} = H_{0,0}^{K^* \rightarrow K\pi} e^{i\phi_K \lambda_{K^*}} d_{\lambda_{K^*}, 0}^{J_{K^*}}(\theta_{K^*}) * R(m(K\pi), L_{B^0}, L_{K^*})$$

$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  (electromagnetic decay):

$$Amp_{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu} = e^{i\phi_{\mu\mu} \lambda_\psi} d_{\lambda_\psi, \Delta\lambda_\mu}^0(\theta_\psi)$$

$$R(m(K\pi), L_{B^0}, L_{K^*}) = \left(\frac{p_{B^0}}{m_{B^0}}\right)^{L_{B^0}} F_{L_{B^0}} BW_{K^*}(M_{K^*}, m(K, \pi), \Gamma_{K^*}) \left(\frac{p_{K^*}}{m(K\pi)}\right)^{L_{K^*}} F_{L_{K^*}}$$

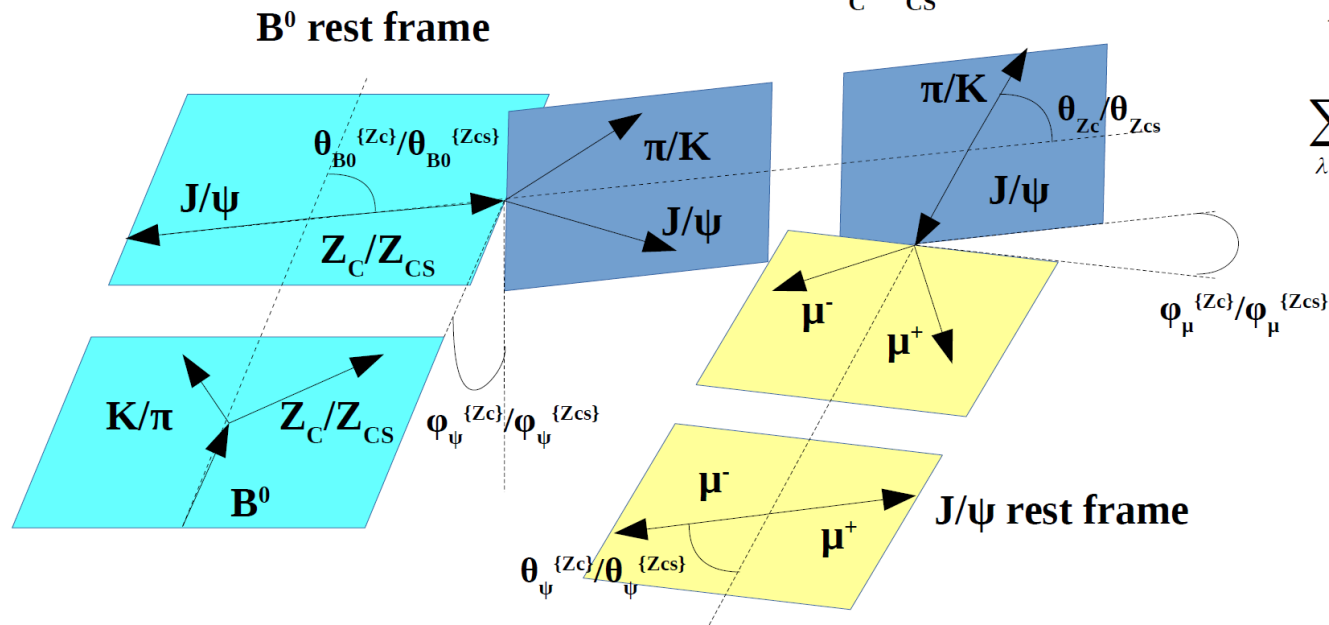
For EM or strong decays:

$$\mathcal{H}_{-\lambda_B, -\lambda_C}^{A \rightarrow BC} = P_A P_B P_C (-1)^{J_B + J_C - J_A} \mathcal{H}_{\lambda_B, \lambda_C}^{A \rightarrow BC}$$

$$Amp_{K^* \text{ chain}}(m(K, \pi), \text{angles 1})_{\Delta\lambda_\mu} = \sum_{\lambda_\psi, \lambda_{K^*}} \sum_{K^* \text{ states}} Amp_{B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*} Amp_{K^* \rightarrow K\pi} Amp_{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu}$$

# Appendix1 Helicity formalism

Decay chain 2/3 decay kinematics



Muons are final-state particles, their helicity states in 2, 3 decay chains need to be rotated to the muon helicity states in  $K^*$  decay chain.

$$\sum_{\lambda_\mu^{Zc}} D_{\lambda_\mu^{Zc} \lambda_\mu}^{J_\mu} (\alpha_\mu, 0, 0)^* = \sum_{\lambda_\mu^{Zc}} e^{i\lambda_\mu^{Zc} \alpha_\mu} \delta_{\lambda_\mu^{Zc} \lambda_\mu} = e^{i\lambda_\mu^{Zc} \alpha_\mu}$$

$$\alpha_\mu^{Zc} = \text{atan2}((\hat{p}_\mu^{[\psi]} \times \hat{x}_1) \hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_1 \hat{x}_2),$$

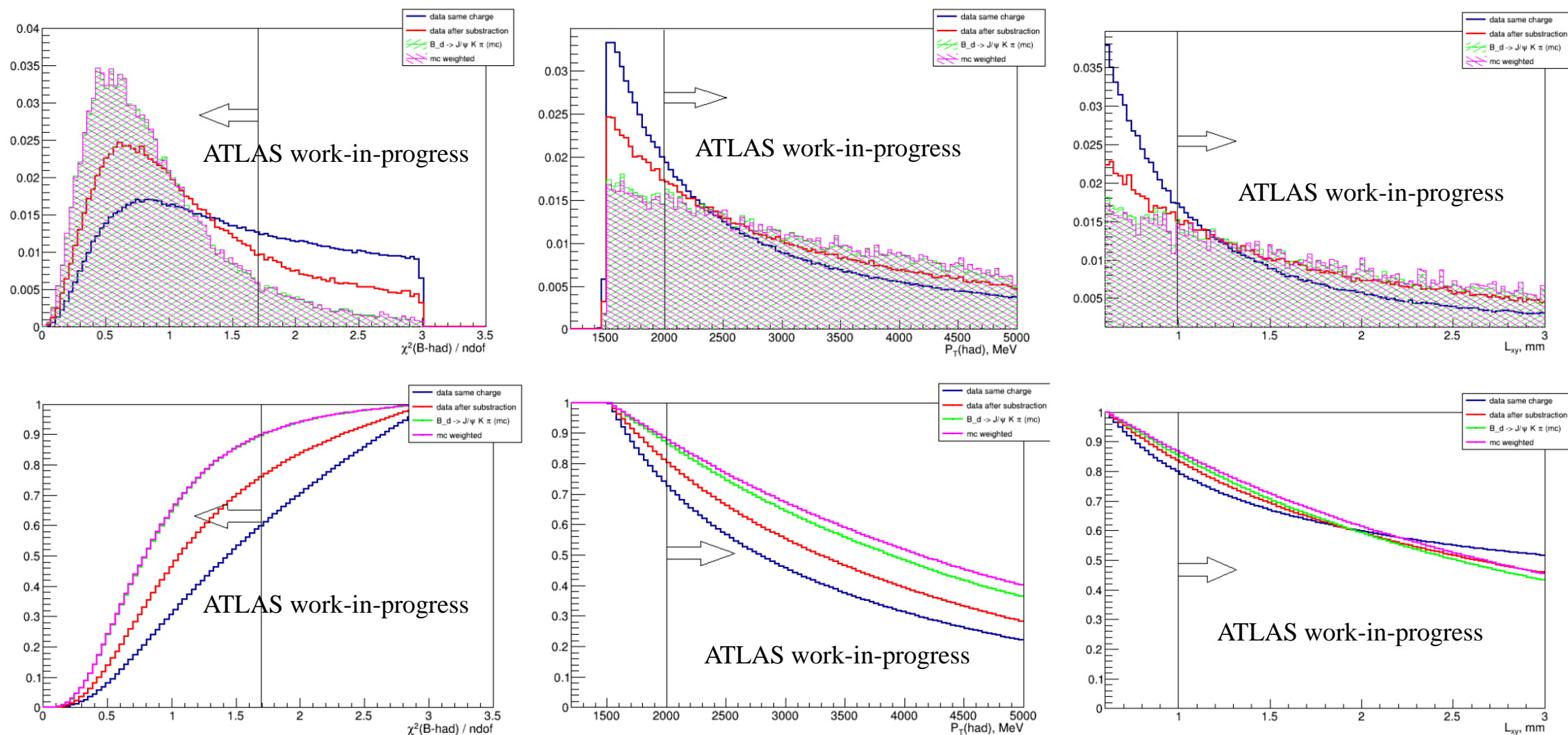
$$\vec{x}_2 = \hat{p}_{K^*}^{[\psi]} - (\hat{p}_{K^*}^{[\psi]} \hat{p}_\mu^{[\psi]}) \hat{p}_\mu^{[\psi]},$$

$$\vec{x}_1 = \hat{p}_\pi^{[\psi]} - (\hat{p}_\pi^{[\psi]} \hat{p}_\mu^{[\psi]}) \hat{p}_\mu^{[\psi]},$$

$B^0$  decay matrix element:

$$|M^{B^0}|^2 = \sum_{\Delta\lambda_\mu} |Amp_{K^* chain}(m(K, \pi), \text{angles 1})_{\Delta\lambda_\mu} + e^{i\Delta\lambda_\mu \alpha_\mu^{Zc}} Amp_{Zc chain}(m(J/\psi, \pi), \text{angles 2})_{\Delta\lambda_\mu} + e^{i\Delta\lambda_\mu \alpha_\mu^{Zcs}} Amp_{Zcs chain}(m(J/\psi, K), \text{angles 3})_{\Delta\lambda_\mu}|^2$$

# Appendix2 Selection optimization



# Appendix3 Fit Procedure

The fit procedure is accomplished in 3 iterative steps:

- **Step 1 (Global fit):**

- $m(J/\psi, h_1, h_2)$ , where  $h_1, h_2 = \{p, K, \pi\}$
- $m(J/\psi, K), m(J/\psi, K), m(pK)$  in  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi pK$  SR

N(decays), N(comb bg)  
Shape of 4 track comb bg distributions  
 $B_{LS}$  constants for  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi pK$  decays

- **Step 2**

average  $-2\ln(L)$  for distributions:

- 2D  $(m(J/\psi, K^+, \pi^-), m(J/\psi, \pi^+, K^-))$
- 1D  $m(J/\psi, K^+, K^-)$

$N(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi)$  error  
 $N(B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK)$  error

- **Step 3 (Signal Region fit):**

- $m(J/\psi, \pi), m(J/\psi, K), m(K, \pi), |\cos(\theta_{Z_C})|, |\cos(\theta_{Z_{CS}})|$  ( $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  SR)
- $m(J/\psi, K), m(K, K), |\cos(\theta_{Z_{CS}})|$  ( $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  SR)

$B_{LS}$  constants for  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  decays  
 $B_{LS}$  constants for  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  decays  
 $m(Z_C(4200)), \Gamma(Z_C(4200))$

# Appendix4 ToyMC studies

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## Motivations

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- Toy MC (pseudo-data) approach is used to generate pseudo-data based on background model to estimate probability of a signal to be the result of stat.+syst. fluctuation of background.
  - Each toy (pseudo-dataset) distribution is fitted by two models and the  $\Delta L$  is obtained. Number of toys with  $\Delta L$  larger than that for real data over the total number of toys gives p-value of an observed signal.
  - Pseudo-data approach naturally accounts for the correlations between syst. variations!
  - In a similar manner pseudo-data allow comparison of different signal models.
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- **Generation of toy MC requires P.D.F. of a background model.**
    1. Background model is represented by analytic form (e.g., [arXiv:1507.03414](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.03414)).
      - In this case we are not limited by number of dimensions
      - Analytic representation of background model is not always possible
      - Detector effects are neglected since (usually) model is estimated on generator level, while fit is performed on reco level.
    2. Background model is represented by histogram (set of histograms).
      - Limited to 2D-3D. Several histograms of correlated variables **cannot be used** to represent ND P.D.F.
      - Detector effects are neglected.
    3. Model is represented by a set of MC events... common case for complex models...
      - Generation of parametric P.D.F. is possible (e.g., by RooFit) for 3-4 dimensions but takes a lot of CPU. Detector effects are neglected again.

# Appendix4 ToyMC studies

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## Motivations

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**Model is represented by a set of MC events... can we generate toys without P.D.F. ?**

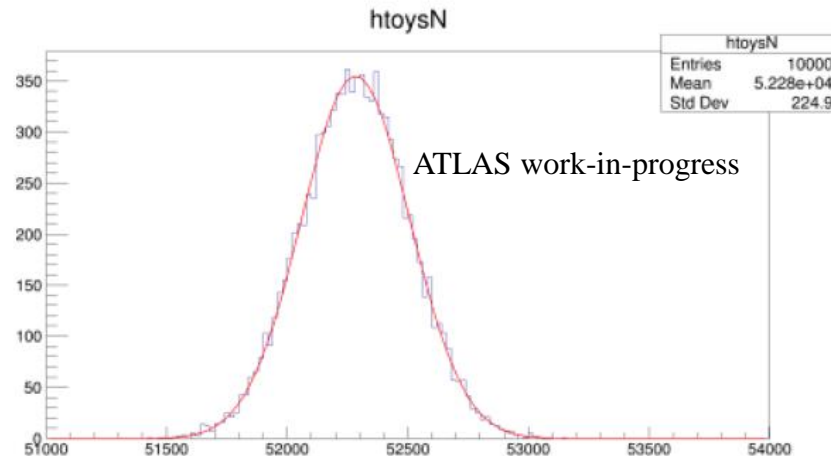
- Each MC event enters model with a certain weight  $W_i$ . Ratio of this weight to the total event yield represents probability  $P_i$  of this event to be observed in real data.
- In our case the weight is a product of an analytic matrix element and a normalization factor.
- To generate toy MC we play random generator on each MC event and include it in pseudo-data with probability  $P_i$
  
- Number of dimensions is not limited.
- Detector effects are naturally accounted for, since for each event we have both generator and reco level information. Generator level information is used to calculate  $P_i$ , reco-level information is used to perform fits
- No need for a lot of CPU
- Systematic effects are accounted for as variations of  $W_i$
- Large enough statistics of background MC is required...

# Appendix4 ToyMC studies

## Tests and results

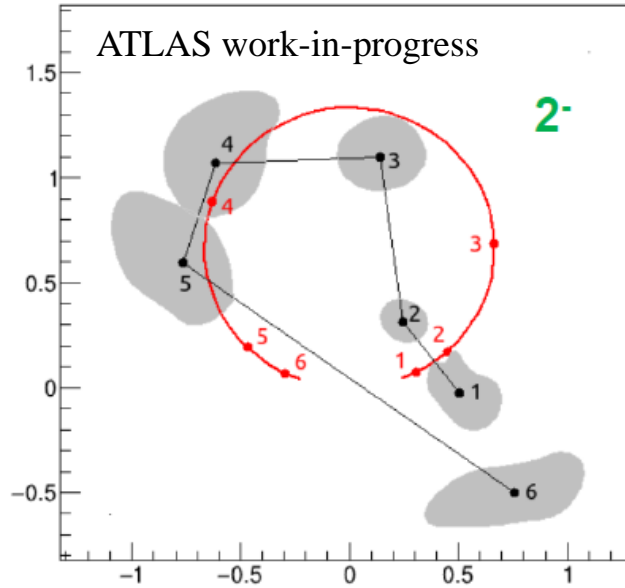
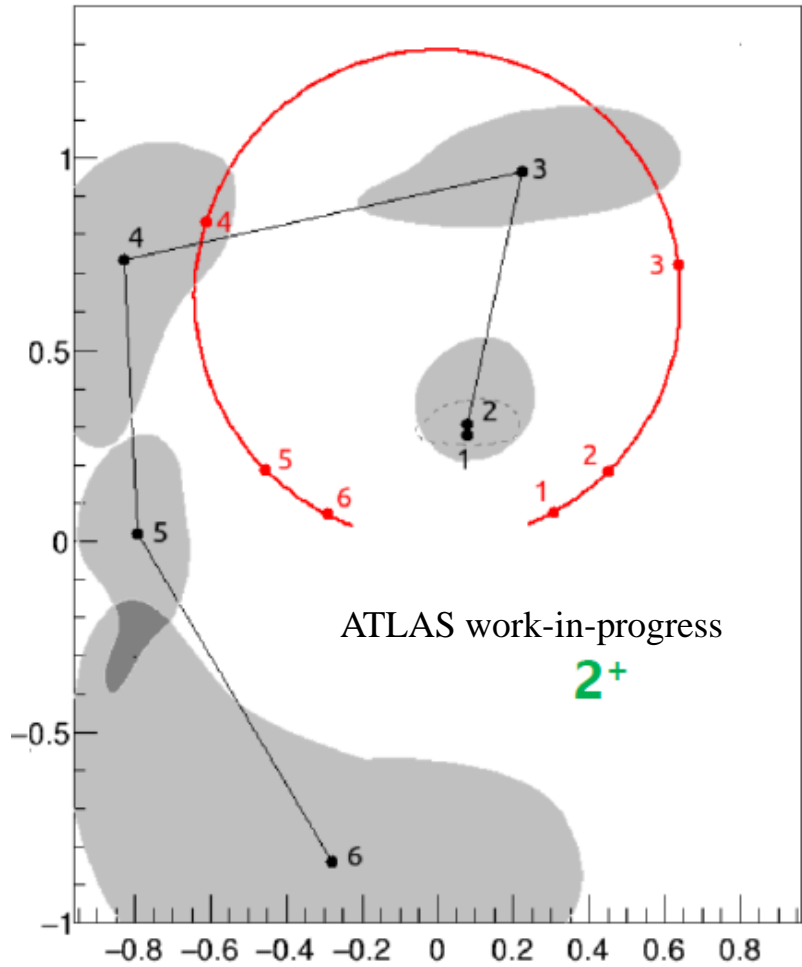
- Example of generating a 52K pseudo-data events from 300K weighted MC sample.
- Average MC weight is 0.16, but some weights are up to  $\sim 10$ .
- We set normalization of total sum of weights is 52281.5
- After generation – average number of events in set is found to be 52283.3
- Distribution of number of generated events is well described by gaussian with  $\sigma^2 = 50580.0$
- It's actually a non-trivial test, since probability of generation is assessed on the event level...
- The following code is used to make decision for each event

```
std::random_device rd;  
std::mt19937 genfnum(rd());  
std::uniform_real_distribution<float> rnd01(0.0, 1.0);  
float r = rnd01(genfnum);  
if( r < weight[i] ) <this event is included into pseudo-data set>;
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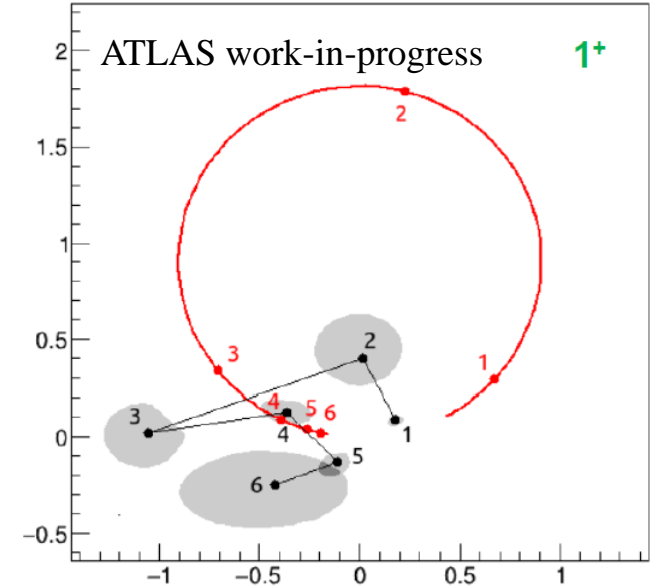


Plot shows distribution of number of generated events in 10K pseudo-data sets.

# Appendix5 Argand diagrams



$Z_c(4200)$   $J^P=1^+$  model shows poor agreement with Breit-Wigner amplitude behavior

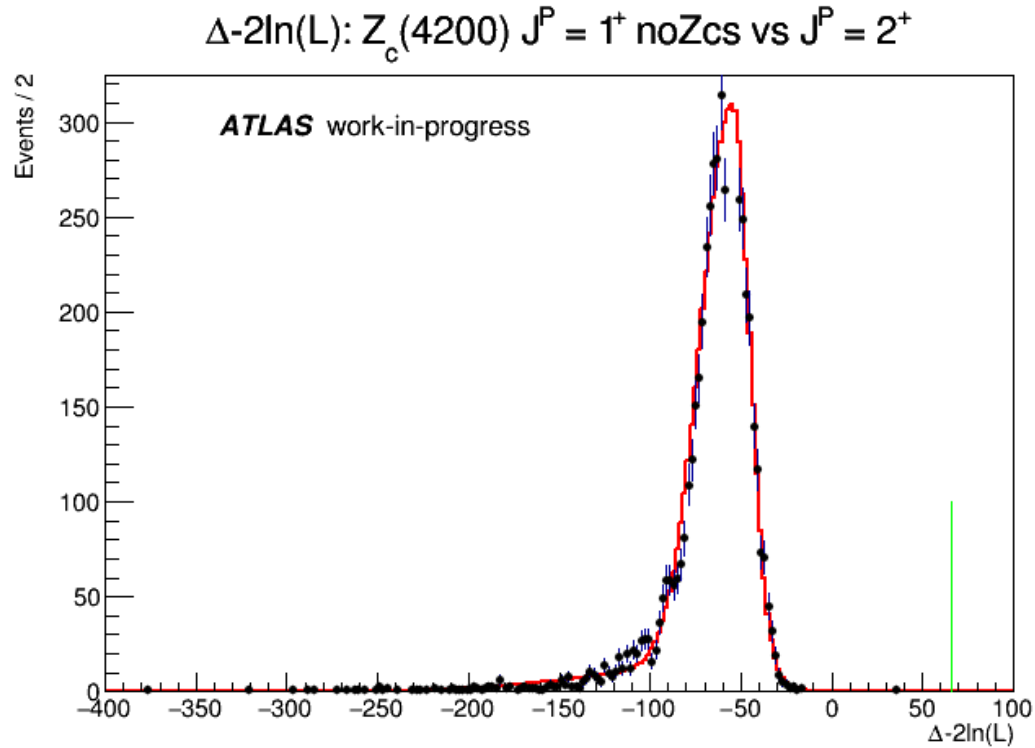




# Appendix 6 Sources of systematic uncertainties

- $\{\delta_0\}$  The uncertainty in the modeling of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  decays:
  - uncertainties of the masses and widths of the leading  $K^*$  resonances;
  - variation of the matrix element of the non-resonant  $K\pi$  component;
- $\{\delta_1\}$  The uncertainty of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K\pi$  yield in the global region w.r.t. its impact on the signal regions. Uncertainty is obtained from step 2 of the fit procedure;
- $\{\delta_2\}$  The uncertainty of the  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  yield in the global region w.r.t. its impact on the signal regions. Uncertainty is obtained from step 2 of the fit procedure;
- $\{\delta_3\}$  The uncertainty in the modeling of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-$  decays:
  - adding the fourth ( $P_c(4380)$ ) pentaquark state to the default model with three narrow pentaquarks;
  - adding  $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  contributions to the default model with three narrow pentaquarks;
- $\{\delta_{10}\}$  Uncertainties in the  $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  states modeling:
  - alternative  $1^-$  spin/parity for the  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  state;
  - $Z_{cs}(4000)$  and  $Z_{cs}(4220)$  masses and widths variations;
- $\{\delta_{11}\}$  Variations of the analytic form for the shape of combinatorial background in the global region;
- $\{\delta_{12}\}$  Variations of the scale-factor  $d$  entering the Blatt-Weisskopf factors;
- $\{\delta_4\}$  The uncertainty in the modeling of the  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi KK$  decays:
  - uncertainties of the masses and widths of the leading  $f$  or  $\phi$  resonances;
  - variation of the matrix element of the non-resonant  $KK$  component;
- $\{\delta_5\}$  The uncertainties in  $B$ -hadron production modeling and detector reconstruction:
  - $B$ -hadron  $p_T$  reweighting uncertainties;
  - muon selection scale factors;
- $\{\delta_6\}$  The uncertainties in the combinatorial background data-driven approach in the  $B^0$  signal region;
- $\{\delta_7\}$  The uncertainties in the combinatorial background data-driven approach in the  $B_s$  signal region;
- $\{\delta_8\}$  The extension and reduction of the size of the  $B^0$  signal region;
- $\{\delta_9\}$  Smearing of the hadron tracks  $p_T$ ;

# Appendix7 ToyMC (significance of $Z_{cs}$ contribution)



Model	$\Delta L$	$\Delta L$ with syst.	n.d.f.	Significance Toy MC
$Z_c(4200) 2^+, Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$ $Z_{cs}(4000), Z_{cs}(4220)$ vs. $Z_c(4200) 1^+, Z_c(3900), Z_c(4430)$	65.6	54.1	14	>3.35

from fit: **6.8 $\sigma$**