

# Hadron spectroscopy at LHCb

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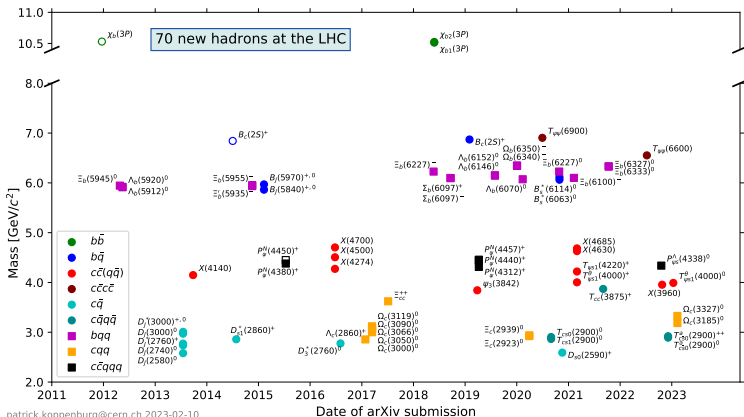
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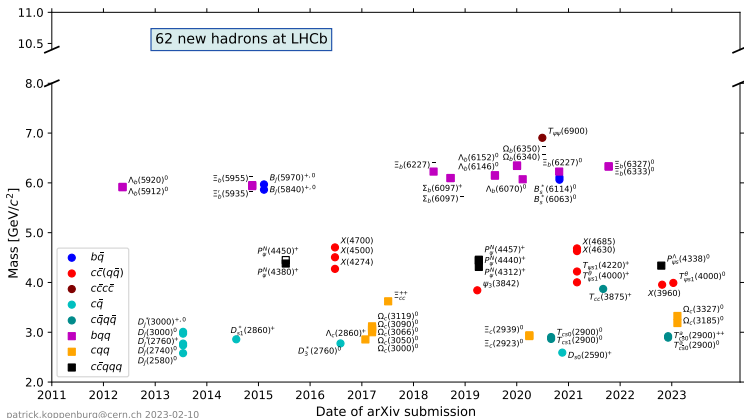


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# The spectroscopy programme

## Conventional heavy-hadron spectroscopy

- Excited open-flavour mesons:  $B^{+,0}$ ,  $B_s^0$ ,  $B_c^+$ ,  $D^{+,0}$ ,  $D_s^+$  ...
- Excited conventional charmonia
- Excited baryons:  $\Xi_b^0$ ,  $\Lambda_b^0$ ,  $\Sigma_b^+$ ,  $\Omega_c^0$ ,  $\Omega_b^-$  ...
- Discovery and searches of new particles and decay modes
- Precise mass, width, BR measurements and more

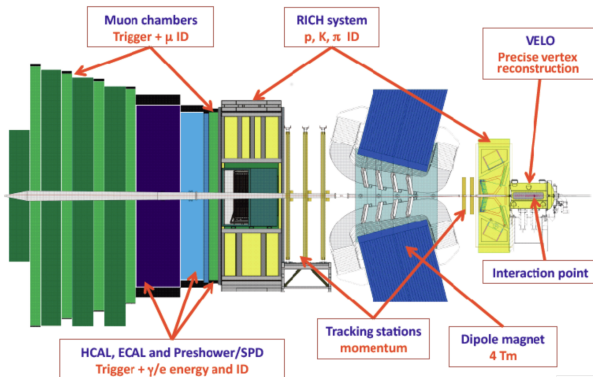
## Exotic spectroscopy

- $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ : production and decay, lineshape, mass
- Many other  $c\bar{c}$  tetraquark candidates in various final states from  $b$  decays and primary vertex
- Exotic non-charmonia: charged states,  $cc$ ,  $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ , open charm
- Pentaquark candidates
- Searches for unexpected contributions

Today: focus on **most recent results**

# The LHCb experiment at CERN

Single-arm spectrometer designed for high precision flavour physics measurements



Total recorded luminosity:

- Run 1:  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  +  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
- Run 2:  $6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

[JINST 3 (2008) S08005], [IJMPA 30 (2015) 1530022]

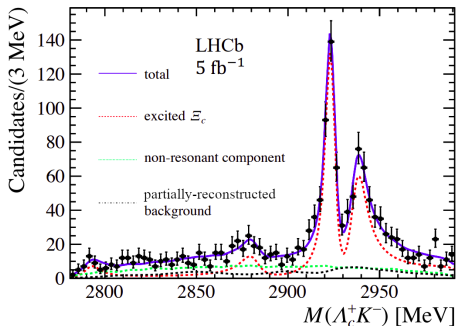
# CONVENTIONAL HEAVY HADRON SPECTROSCOPY

# Search for $\Xi_c^{0**} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^-$

Prompt  $\Lambda_c^+ K^-$  already studied by LHCb, new states observed:

- $\Xi_c(2923)^0, \Xi_c(2939)^0$

Study of the decay  $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^- K^-$  also looking for exotics

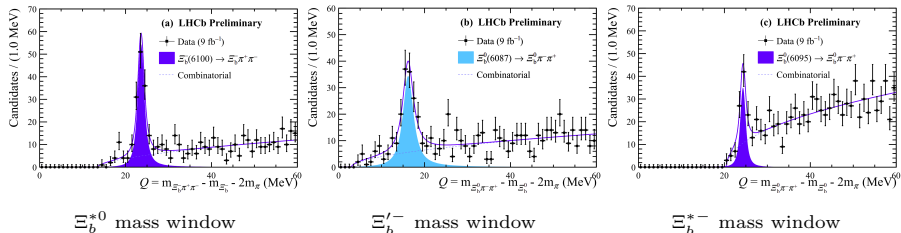


- $\Xi_c(2790)^0$ : evidence of **new decay mode**
- $\Xi_c(2880)^0$ : evidence of **new state**
- $\Xi_c(2923)^0, \Xi_c(2939)^0$  confirmed
- No structures found in  $\bar{\Lambda}_c^- K^-$  and  $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$  spectra

[PRL 124 (2020) 222001], [arXiv:2211.00812], submitted to Phys. Rev. D

# New excited $\Xi_b$ baryons

New excited  $\Xi_b$  baryons are observed in the  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  and  $\Xi_b^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  final states decaying mainly through the intermediate  $\Xi_b^{*0}$ ,  $\Xi_b^{\prime-}$  and  $\Xi_b^{*-}$  states



- $\Xi_b(6100)^-$ : confirmed previous CMS observation [PRL 126 (2021) 252003]
- **New states:**  $\Xi_b(6087)^0$  and  $\Xi_b(6095)^0$
- Similarity of decay pattern with  $c$ -baryon system suggests P-wave states
- Additional studies required to measure quantum numbers

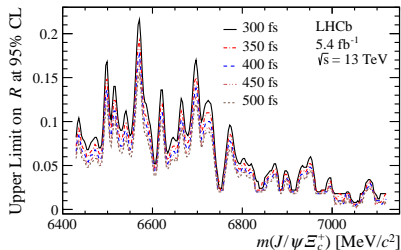
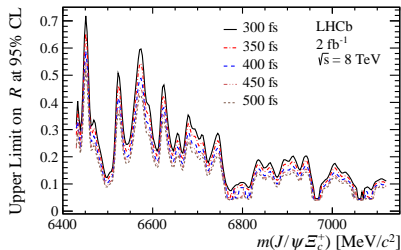
[LHCb-PAPER-2023-008] in preparation



# Search for $\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi_c^+$



First search of the  $\Xi_{bc}$  baryon, mass expected in range  $[6700, 7029]$   $\text{MeV}/c^2$   
**No excess larger than  $3\sigma$  is observed**, upper limits are set on the production ratio with respect to  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+$



[arXiv:2204.09541], submitted to Chin. Phys. C

# EXOTIC SPECTROSCOPY

# Observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1}(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$

First observation of the decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1}(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$

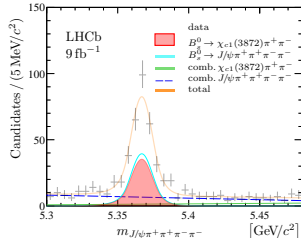
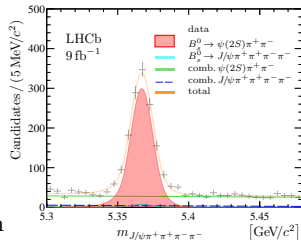
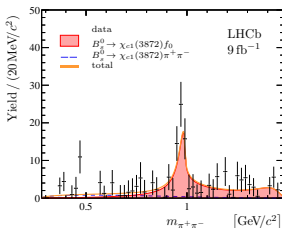
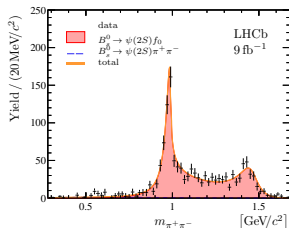
Significance  $> 7\sigma$

BR ratio with respect to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  measured

Using the known  $B_s^0$  and  $\psi(2S)$  BRs:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1}(3872)\pi^+\pi^-) \times \mathcal{B}(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-) \\ = (1.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-6}$$

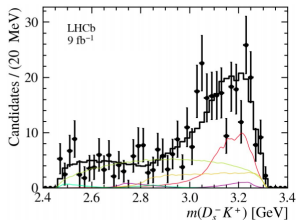
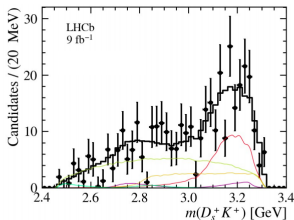
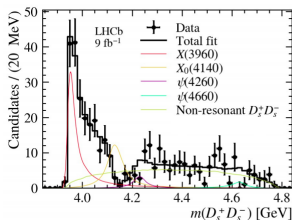
Dipion system found to proceed through a coherent sum of the  $f_0(980)$  and  $f_0(1500)$  states



[arXiv:2302.10629], submitted to JHEP

# Observation of $X(3960)$

Amplitude analysis of the  $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^- K^+$  decay

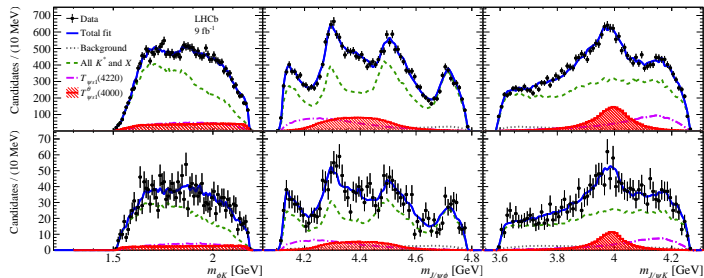


- Threshold enhancement in the  $D_s^+ D_s^-$  mass spectrum
- $X(3960)$  ( $14\sigma$ ) and  $X_0(4140)$  ( $3.9\sigma$ ) both with preferred  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$
- Alternatively, the dip can be explained by  $J/\psi\phi \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$  rescattering
- $X(3960)$  state could be the same as  $\chi_{c0}(3930)$  observed in  $D^+ D^-$ ?
- $\frac{\Gamma(X \rightarrow D^+ D^-)}{\Gamma(X \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-)} = 0.29 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.08$
- Incompatible with the suppression of  $s\bar{s}$  pair from vacuum (wrt  $u\bar{u}$  or  $d\bar{d}$ ) and the smaller phase-space volume of  $D_s^+ D_s^-$
- Exotic candidate with minimal quark content  $[c\bar{c}s\bar{s}]$

[arXiv:2210.15153], submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.

# Evidence for a $J/\psi K_s^0$ structure

Amplitude analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K_s^0 \Rightarrow$  search for the **isospin partners** of the  $T_{\psi s}^{\theta+}$  states observed in the  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K^+$  channel

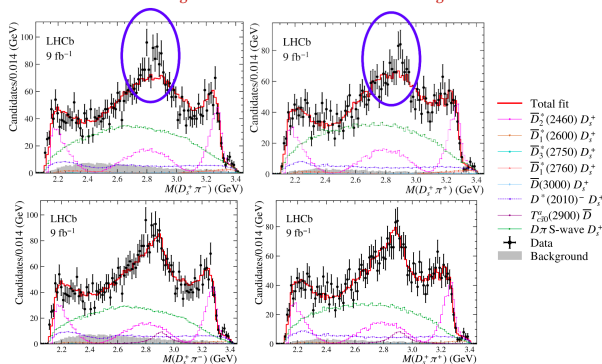

 $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K^+$ 
 $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K_s^0$ 

- Amplitude model includes 9 excited  $K$  states, excited charmonia and the known  $J/\psi \phi$  exotics
- Evidence for a new state  $T_{\psi s1}^{\theta+}(4000)^0$  at  $4\sigma$
- Mass difference between  $T_{\psi s1}^{\theta0}$  and  $T_{\psi s1}^{\theta+}$  is  $\Delta M = 12_{-10}^{+11+6}_{-4}$  MeV which is consistent with the two states being isospin partners

[PRL 127 (2021) 082001], [arXiv:2301.04899], submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.

# New open-charm tetraquarks

Two  $T_{cs}$  states ( $X_0(2900)$  and  $X_1(2900)$ ) observed in  $B^+ \rightarrow D^+ D^- K^+$  amplitude analysis: first discovery of **open-charm tetraquarks** [ $c\bar{s}u\bar{d}$ ]  
 $\Rightarrow$  study of the  $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 D_s^+ \pi^-$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow D^- D_s^+ \pi^+$  channels

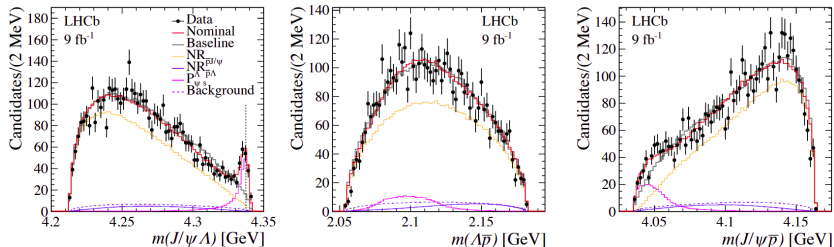


- Joint amplitude analysis linked through isospin symmetry
- Two new states necessary ( $9\sigma$ ) to describe the peaking structure
- $T_{c\bar{s}0}^a(2900)^0$  and  $T_{c\bar{s}0}^a(2900)^{++}$ ,  $J^P = 0^+$  favoured by  $>7.5\sigma$

[PRL 125 (2020) 242001], [PRD 102 (2020) 112003], [arXiv:2212.02716] sub. to PRL

# New pentaquarks: $P_{\psi S}^{\Lambda}$

Amplitude analysis of  $B^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda \bar{p}$



- Observation of a narrow pentaquark state with high significance
- $J = \frac{1}{2}$ , odd parity preferred:  $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$  excluded at 90% CL
- **First observation of a pentaquark with strange quark content:  $[c\bar{c}uds]$**
- Very close to the  $\Xi_c^+ D^-$  mass threshold
- Furthermore, most precise single measurement of  $B^-$  mass

$$m_{B^-} = 5279.44 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.07 \text{ MeV}$$

[arXiv:2210.10346], submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.

# CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS



- Heavy meson spectroscopy is an extremely rich and productive field, both for conventional and exotic states
- New conventional and exotic hadrons are discovered every year
- LHCb has established itself to be a major player due to high luminosity, high  $b/c$  production cross-section and a unique, dedicated design
- Spectroscopy of heavy hadrons is crucial to understand QCD dynamics and binding rules
- Many excitation spectra are still mostly unexplored territory
- New "non-conventional" exotic states have been discovered recently

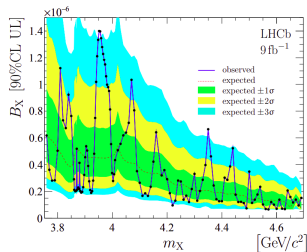
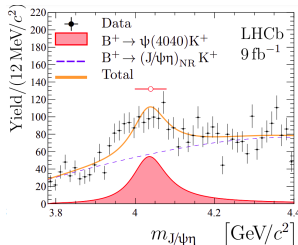
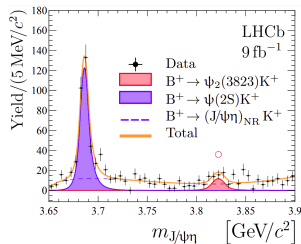
- Run 3 started with an upgraded detector and a software-only trigger, with improvements on hadronic triggers
- LHC experiments will be the only explorers of the  $B_c^+$  spectrum in the near future and LHCb will play a major role in it
- Heavy baryon spectroscopy already started in Run 2
- Run 3: access to  $bc$  tetraquarks and pentaquarks and  $b\bar{b}$  spectroscopy
- Confirm new pentaquarks and measure their properties
- For Runs 1-2 exotic hadron searches rely on  $J/\psi$  for reconstruction
- In Run 3, with the removal of the L0 trigger, fully-hadronic final states will be accessible allowing studies on open-flavour exotic states



# BACKUP

# Study of the $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\eta^{(\prime)} K^+$ decay

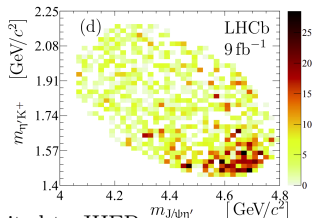
Search for charmonia and charmonia-like exotics decaying into  $J/\psi$



Only contribution found:  $\psi_2(3823)$  and  $\psi(4040)$

Limits at 90% CL set on  $\mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow J/\psi\eta)$  scanning  $m_X \in [3750, 4700]$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$

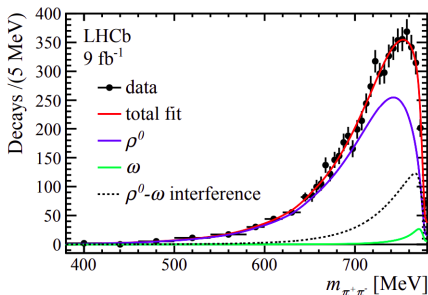
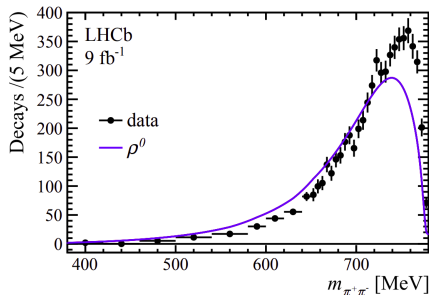
Searches also in the  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\eta' K^+$   
no obvious unknown structure observed  
amplitude analysis necessary



[JHEP 2022 (2022) 46], [arXiv:2303.09443], submitted to JHEP

# $\omega$ contribution in $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$

Study of the resonant  $\pi^+\pi^-$  structure in the  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  "golden channel"



Using a single Breit-Wigner with a Blatt-Weisskopf radius of  $1.45 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

Adding an  $\omega$  contribution with a 2-channel  $K$ -matrix model

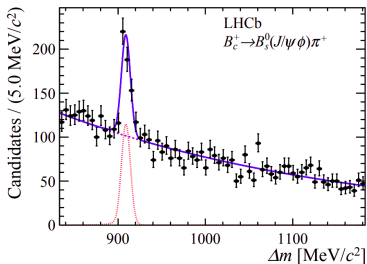
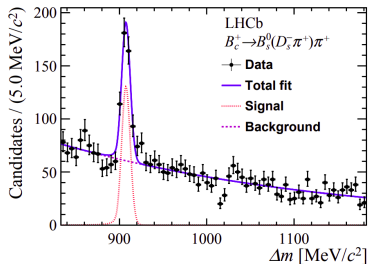
Ratio of couplings

$$\frac{g_{\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \rho J/\psi}}{g_{\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \omega J/\psi}} = 0.29 \pm 0.04$$

is one order of magnitude larger than expected for pure  $c\bar{c}$  states

[arXiv:2204:12597], submitted to PRL

# $B_c^+ - B_s^0$ mass difference

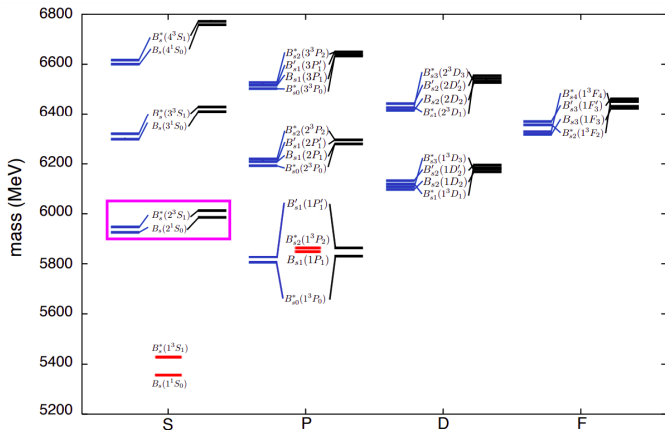


$$\Delta m = 907.75 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.27 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

# Observation of new excited $B_s^0$ states

The  $B_s^0$  excitation spectrum is mostly unexplored as well

- Only **ground state + three excited states** observed
- First radial excitation ( $B_s^{*0}$ ) and first orbital excitations ( $B_{s1}^0, B_{s2}^{*0}$ )
- This analysis: **observation of two new states**



Adapted from [\[PRD 94 \(2016\) 054025\]](#)

# $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^+$ fit results



$J^P$	Contribution	Significance [ $\times\sigma$ ]	$M_0$ [MeV]	$\Gamma_0$ [MeV]	FF [%]
$1^+$	$2^1P_1$ $K(1^+)$	4.5 (4.5)	$1861 \pm 10^{+16}_{-46}$	$149 \pm 41^{+231}_{-23}$	$15 \pm 3^{+3}_{-11}$
	$2^3P_1$ $K'(1^+)$	4.5 (4.5)	$1911 \pm 37^{+124}_{-48}$	$276 \pm 50^{+319}_{-159}$	
	$1^3P_1$ $K_1(1400)$	9.2 (11)	1403	174	
$2^-$	$1^1D_2$ $K_2(1770)$	7.9 (8.0)	1773	186	-
	$1^3D_2$ $K_2(1820)$	5.8 (5.8)	1816	276	
$1^-$	$1^3D_1$ $K^*(1680)$	4.7 (13)	1717	322	$14 \pm 2^{+35}_{-8}$
	$2^3S_1$ $K^*(1410)$	7.7 (15)	1414	232	$38 \pm 5^{+11}_{-17}$
$2^-$	$2^3P_2$ $K_2^*(1980)$	1.6 (7.4)	$1988 \pm 22^{+194}_{-31}$	$318 \pm 82^{+481}_{-101}$	$2.3 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.7$
$0^-$	$2^1S_0$ $K(1460)$	12 (13)	1483	336	$10.2 \pm 1.2^{+1.0}_{-3.8}$
$2^-$	$X(4150)$	4.8 (8.7)	$4146 \pm 18 \pm 33$	$135 \pm 28^{+59}_{-30}$	$2.0 \pm 0.5^{+0.8}_{-1.0}$
$1^-$	$X(4630)$	5.5 (5.7)	$4626 \pm 16^{+18}_{-110}$	$174 \pm 27^{+134}_{-73}$	$2.6 \pm 0.5^{+2.9}_{-1.5}$
	$X(4500)$	20 (20)	$4474 \pm 3 \pm 3$	$77 \pm 6^{+10}_{-8}$	$5.6 \pm 0.7^{+2.4}_{-0.6}$
$0^+$	$X(4700)$	17 (18)	$4694 \pm 4^{+16}_{-3}$	$87 \pm 8^{+16}_{-6}$	$8.9 \pm 1.2^{+4.9}_{-1.4}$
	$NR_{J/\psi\phi}$	4.8 (5.7)			$28 \pm 8^{+19}_{-11}$
$1^+$	$X(4140)$	13 (16)	$4118 \pm 11^{+19}_{-36}$	$162 \pm 21^{+24}_{-49}$	$17 \pm 3^{+19}_{-6}$
	$X(4274)$	18 (18)	$4294 \pm 4^{+3}_{-6}$	$53 \pm 5 \pm 5$	$2.8 \pm 0.5^{+0.8}_{-0.4}$
	$X(4685)$	15 (15)	$4684 \pm 7^{+13}_{-16}$	$126 \pm 15^{+37}_{-41}$	$7.2 \pm 1.0^{+4.0}_{-2.0}$
$1^+$	$Z_{cs}(4000)$	15 (16)	$4003 \pm 6^{+4}_{-14}$	$131 \pm 15 \pm 26$	$9.4 \pm 2.1 \pm 3.4$
	$Z_{cs}(4220)$	5.9 (8.4)	$4216 \pm 24^{+43}_{-30}$	$233 \pm 52^{+97}_{-73}$	$10 \pm 4^{+10}_{-7}$