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# New mechanisms in the production of two $J/\psi$ quarkonia in proton-proton scattering at the LHC.

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The presentation will be based on our paper in preparation [1]. We discuss production of pairs of  $J/\psi$  in pp collisions in the context of recent results obtained at the LHC at large transverse momenta. The leading-order  $O(\alpha_s^4)$  contribution is calculated in both collinear and the  $k_t$ -factorization approach with the KMR UGDF. We include also two-gluon exchange contribution ( $O(\alpha_s^6)$ ) (not included routinely). This contribution is calculated only in the collinear approximation. In addition we calculate cross sections for  $pp \rightarrow \chi_c(J_1)\chi_c(J_2)$ . A feed-down from double  $\chi_c$  production to double  $J/\psi$  production is estimated for a first time. The double parton scattering cross section and differential distributions are calculated using a parametrization of experimental  $J/\psi$  differential distributions in rapidity and transverse momentum. Results of our calculations are compared with very recent ATLAS data [2]. We find that the two-gluon exchange mechanism and feed down from double  $\chi_c$  production lead to very similar distributions in rapidity distance between the  $J/\psi$  mesons as for DPS. Much larger cross sections are obtained in the  $k_t$ -factorization approach. Including the mechanisms leaves much less room for the DPS contribution which cannot be calculated from first principle. The  $\sigma_{eff}$  parameter for DPS needed to describe the ATLAS data is much larger than from previous analyses of double quarkonium production, where a smaller number of mechanisms was included. We present distributions in rapidity distance, two  $J/\psi$  invariant mass, azimuthal angle correlations between the two  $J/\psi$  mesons and transverse momentum of the pairs of quarkonia. The sum of the four considered contributions reminds experimental ATLAS distributions.

1) A. Cisek, W. Sch\"afer and A. Szczurek, a paper in preparation.

2) ATLAS collaboration,  
CERN-EP-2016-211, arXiv:161202950.

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