



# *b*-baryon decays at LHCb

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- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

- $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  decays

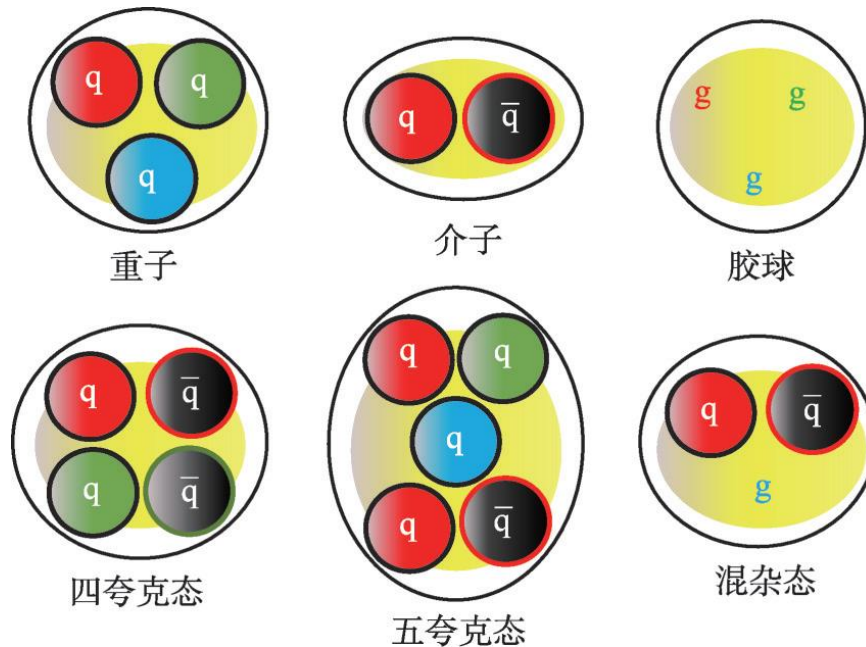
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-, \Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-}, \Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{(*)++} \bar{D}^{(*)-} K^-, \Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D\bar{D}\Lambda,$

- $b \rightarrow c$  decays

- $b$ -baryon  $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ hh$

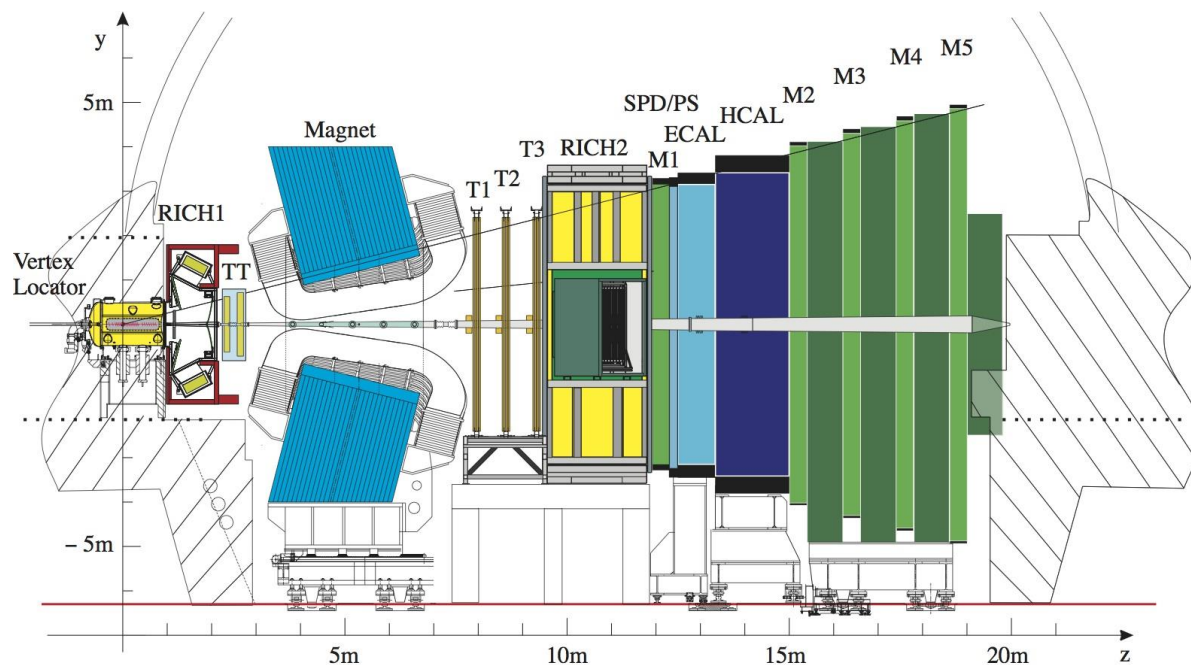
# Why baryons?

- The main constituents of the universe
- More sensitive to non-perturbative QCD: test effective models
- *b*-baryons have enough energy to search these states



# LHCb experiment

LHCb collaboration: 21 countries, 96 institutes, 1600 members



中国单位(9个):

清华大学  
华中师范大学  
中国科学院大学  
武汉大学  
高能物理研究所  
华南师范大学  
北京大学  
湖南大学  
兰州大学

- Understand matter-antimatter imbalance (CP violation)
- Search for new physics (Rare decays)
- Explore and understand QCD (Hadron properties, exotic hadrons)

# ***b***-baryon FCNC

$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

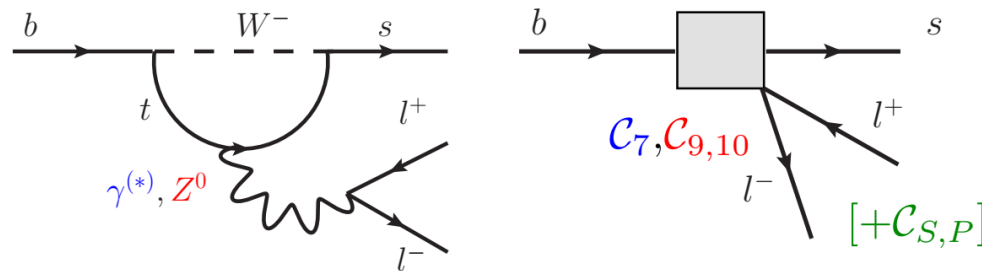
# $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ decays

- $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  decays described by effective Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i C_i O_i + \frac{K}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} O_j^{(6)}$$

New physics can affect **Wilson coefficients**  $C_i$  or add new **operators**  $O_j$

- Sensitivity to Wilson coefficients

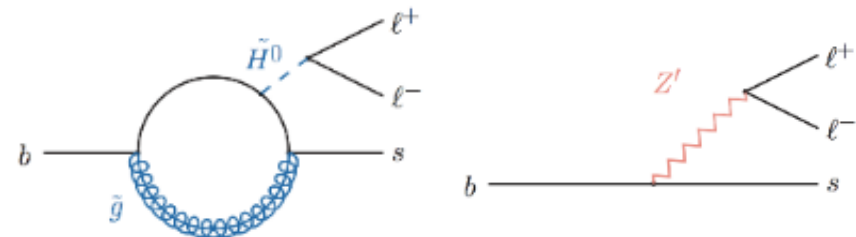


- $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-$   
[ $C_{10}, C_S, C_P$ ]
- $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$   
[ $C_7, C_9, C_{10}$ ]

7: photon penguin; 9,10: EW penguin; S,P: (pseudo-) scalar penguin

- Theoretically clean probes of NP

- ❑ Pure leptonic decays
- ❑ Special angular observables
- ❑ Ratio between  $e/\mu/\tau$

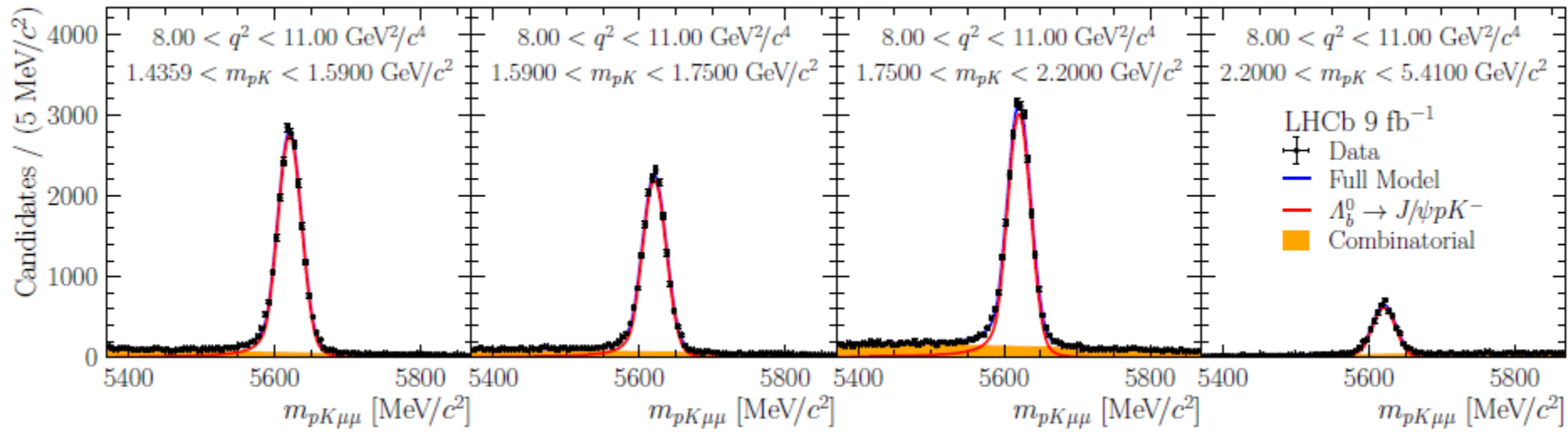


# Measurement of the $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ differential branching fraction

➤  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  as normalization channel

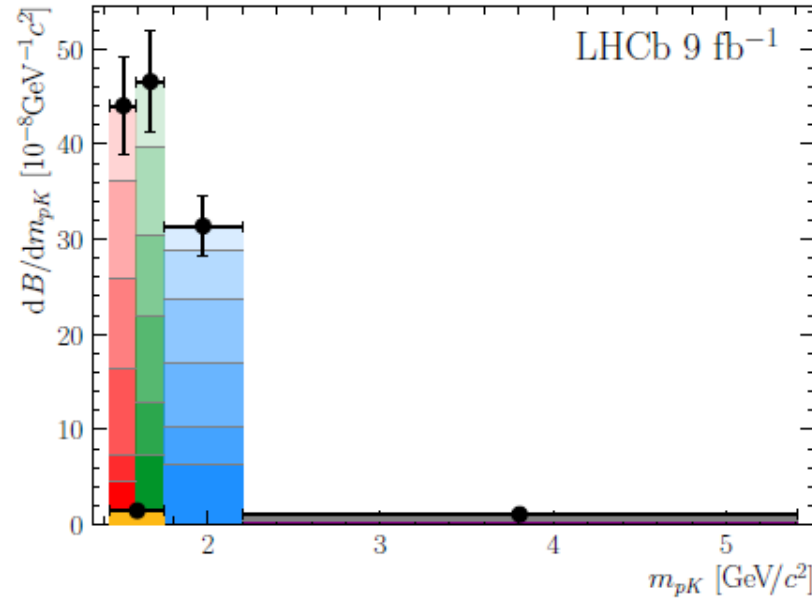
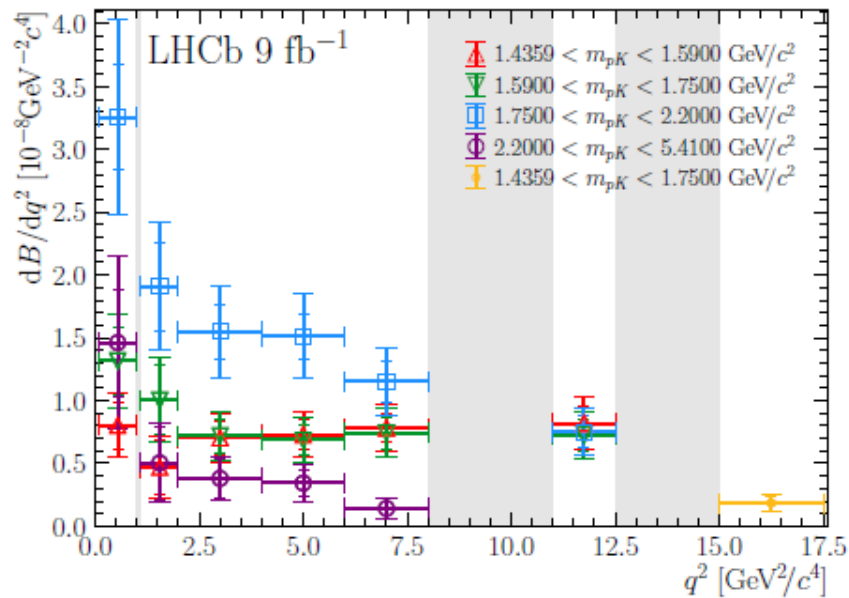
$$\frac{d^2\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2 dm_{pK}^2} = \frac{N_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-} \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-) \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{N_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-} \Delta(q^2, m_{pK}^2)}$$

arXiv:2409.12629



$q^2 \backslash m_{pK}$	[1.4359, 1.5900]	[1.59, 1.75]	[1.75, 2.20]	[2.20, 5.41]
[0.10, 0.98]	$5.22 \pm 1.21 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.98$	$8.22 \pm 1.69 \pm 0.38 \pm 1.54$	$7.24 \pm 0.92 \pm 0.52 \pm 1.36$	$0.46 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.09$
[1.1, 2.0]	$3.05 \pm 1.45 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.57$	$6.27 \pm 1.71 \pm 0.40 \pm 1.18$	$4.24 \pm 0.78 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.80$	$0.16 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$
[2.0, 4.0]	$4.56 \pm 0.90 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.86$	$4.50 \pm 0.86 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.84$	$3.44 \pm 0.47 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.64$	$0.12 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$
[4.0, 6.0]	$4.72 \pm 0.76 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.89$	$4.29 \pm 0.73 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.81$	$3.36 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.63$	$0.11 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$
[6.0, 8.0]	$5.08 \pm 0.76 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.95$	$4.65 \pm 0.79 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.87$	$2.56 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.48$	$0.04 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$
[11, 12.5]	$5.32 \pm 0.86 \pm 0.20 \pm 1.00$	$4.53 \pm 0.80 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.85$	$1.67 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.31$	—
[15.0, 17.5]	$0.59 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.11$	—	—	—

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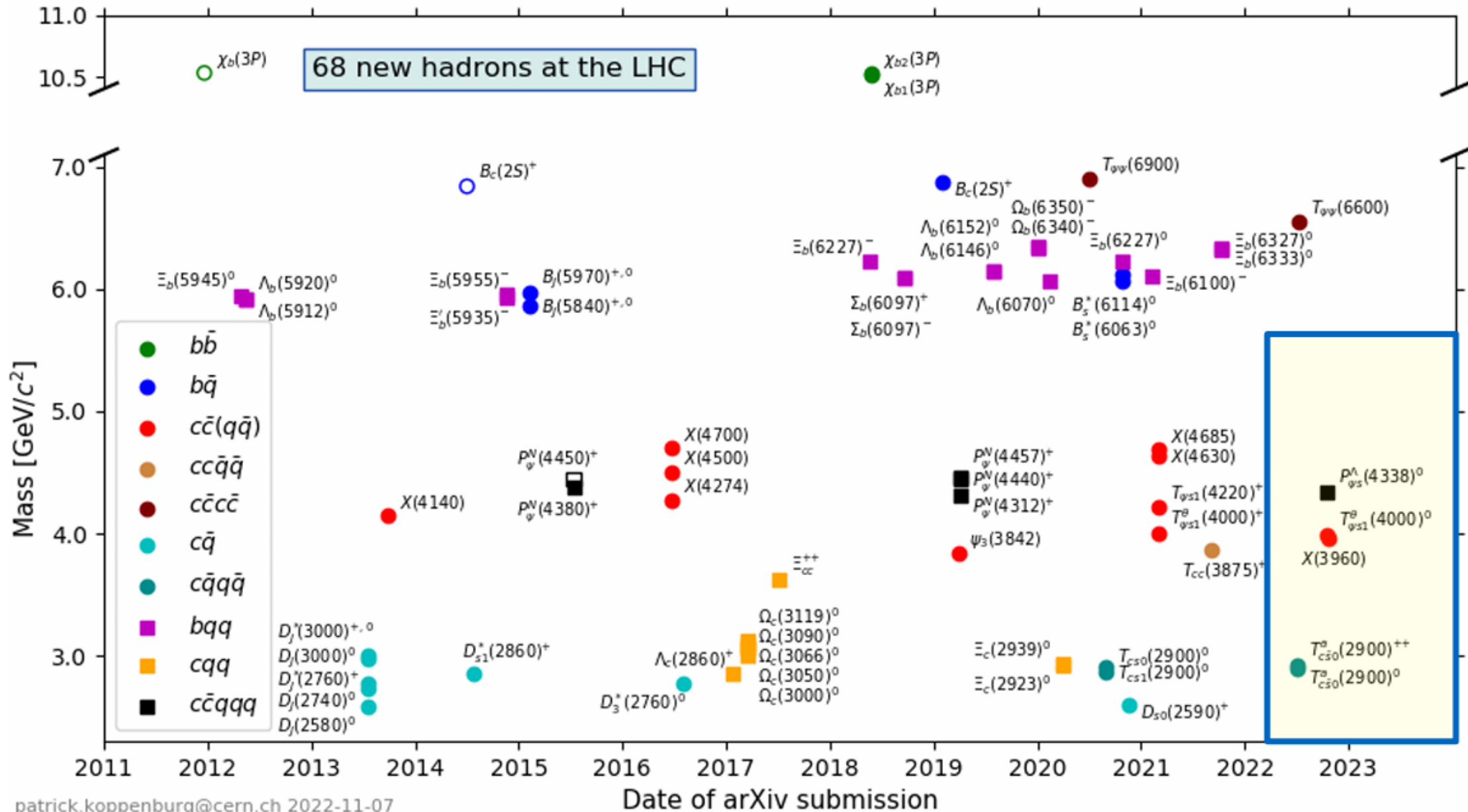
- The pattern of measurements appears consistent with SM expectations.
- However, a detailed interpretation of the results requires a more complete understanding of the hadronic system and the different contributing states.



## **$b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ decays**

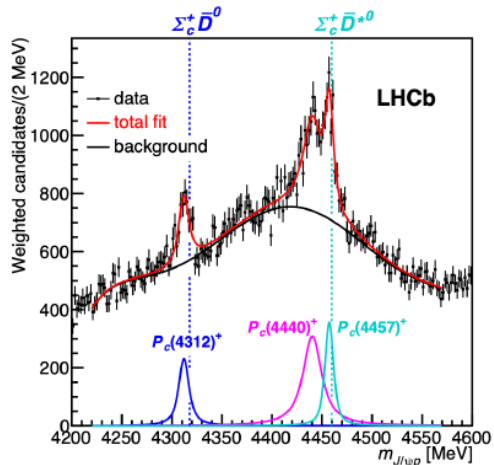
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# Heavy hadron Spectroscopy

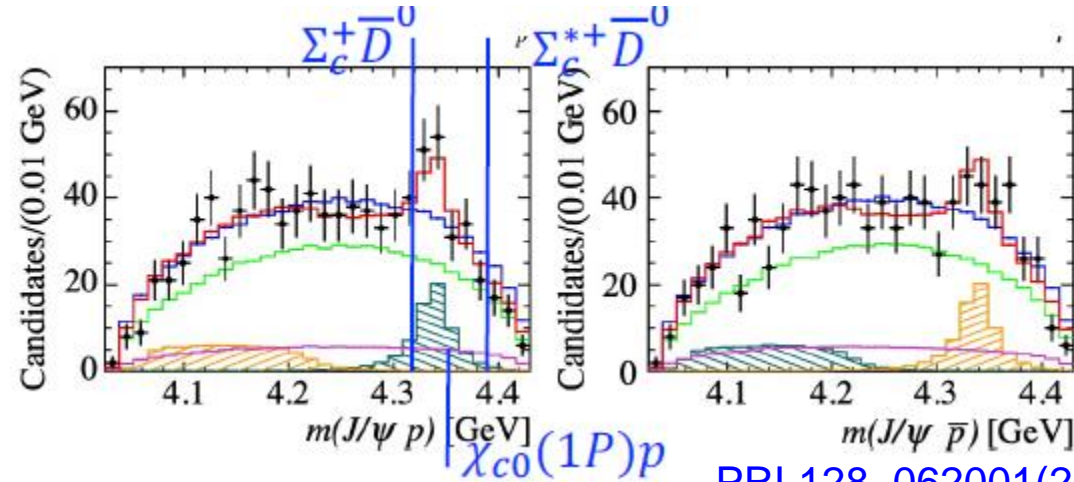


# Pentaquark states at LHCb

- Observation of  $[c\bar{c}uud]$  pentaquarks:  $P_c(4312)^+$ ,  $P_c(4440)^+$ ,  $P_c(4457)^+$

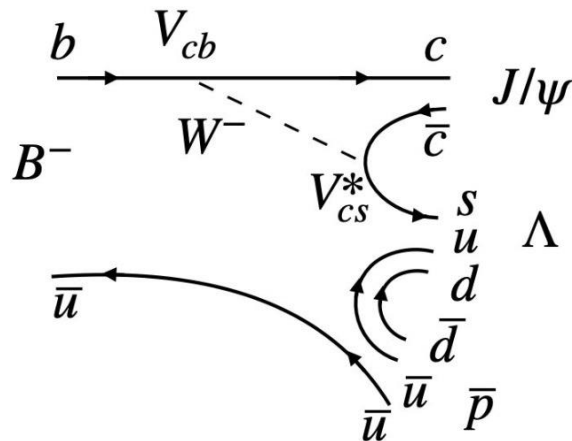


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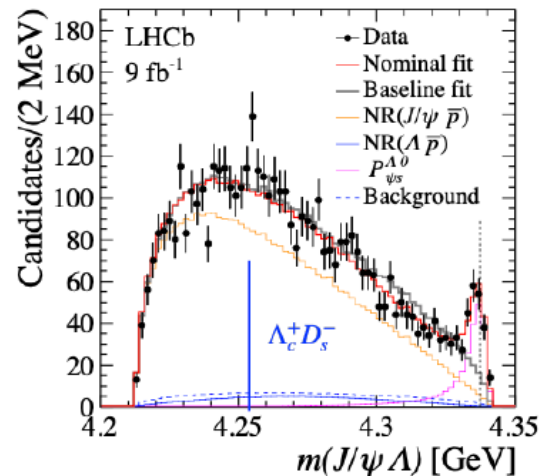


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- Observation of  $[c\bar{c}uds]$  pentaquark candidate with strangeness:  $P_{cS}(4338)^0$



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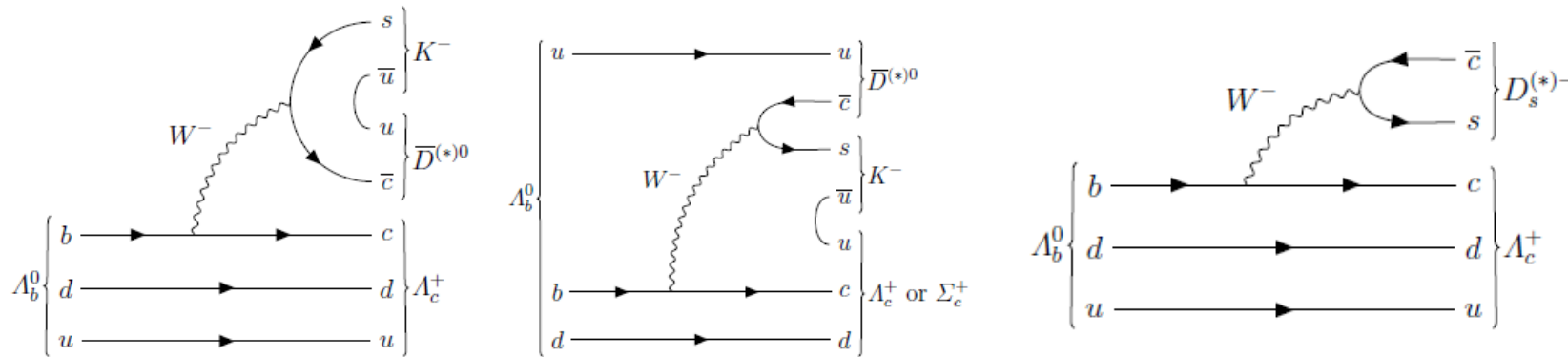


# First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$ with Run II data

- $P_c$  decay to  $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0}$  are anticipated in many models

Phys. Lett. B793 (2019) 144, Phys. Rev. D100 (2019) 014021, Phys. Rev. D100 (2019) 016014...

- The theory predict:  $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-}) / \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)$  in range 0.75–2.2



- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-$  as normalization channel

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)} = \frac{N^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-}}{N^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-}} \frac{\epsilon^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-}}{\epsilon^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(D_s^- \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-)},$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-})}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)} = \frac{N^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-}}}{N^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-}} \frac{\epsilon^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-}}{\epsilon^{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-}}},$$

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$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)} = 0.1908_{-0.0034-0.0018}^{+0.0036+0.0016} \pm 0.0038,$$

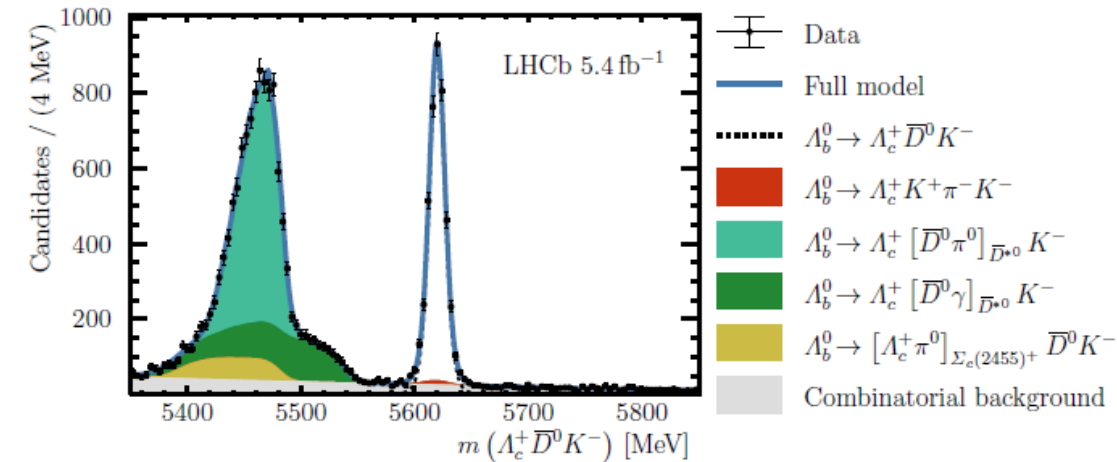
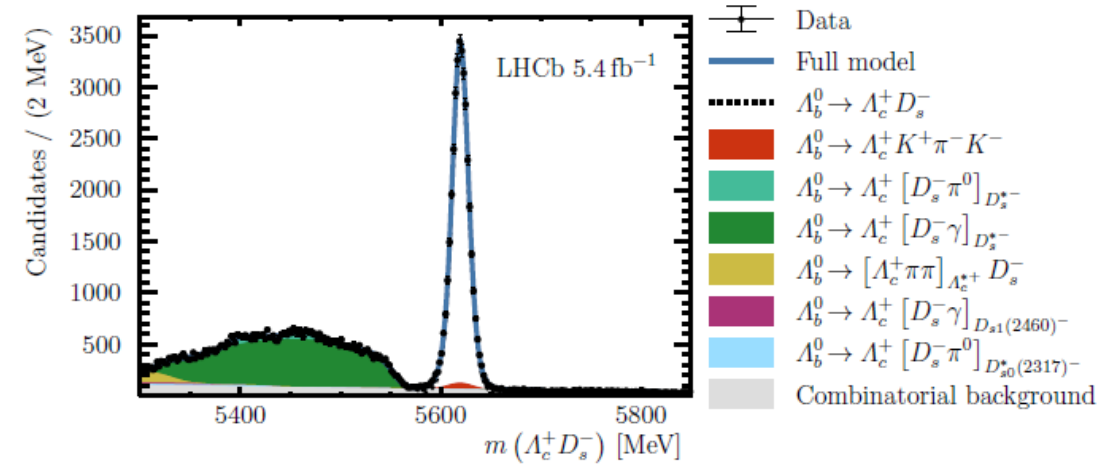
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{*0} K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)} = 0.589_{-0.017-0.018}^{+0.018+0.017} \pm 0.012,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-})}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)} = 1.668 \pm 0.022_{-0.055}^{+0.061},$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 K^-)} = 0.152_{-0.028}^{+0.032},$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{*0} K^-)} = 0.049_{-0.009}^{+0.011},$$

- $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-})/\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)$  is compatible with several predictions: [Mod. Phys. Lett. A13 \(1998\) 23](#), [Chin. Phys. C42 \(2018\) 093101](#), [Eur. Phys. J. C79 \(2019\) 540](#), [Phys. Rev. D100 \(2019\) 034025](#)



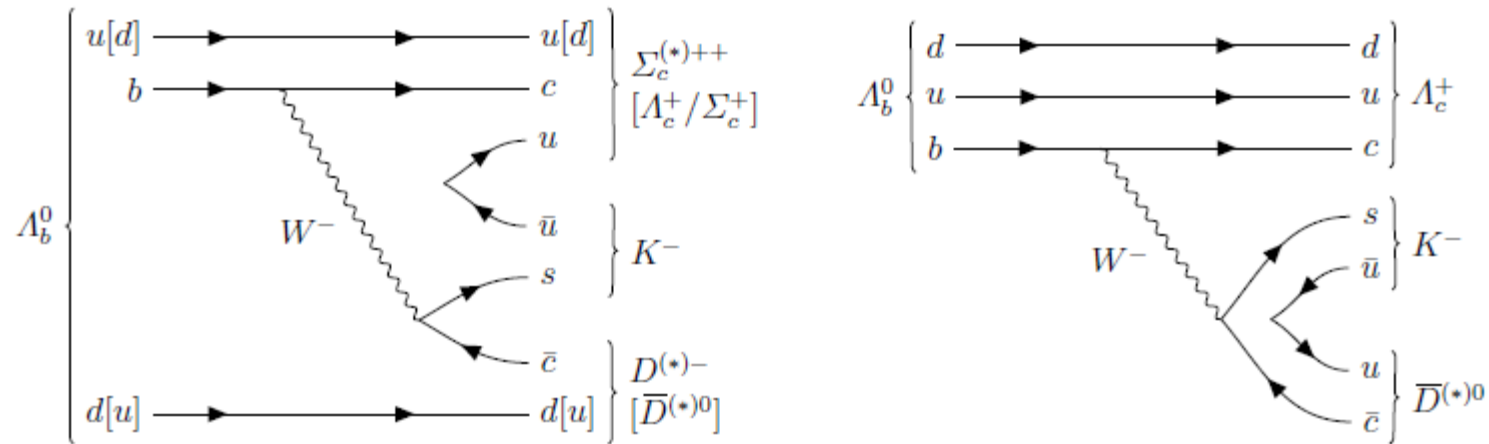
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# First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{(*)++} \bar{D}^{(*)-} K^-$ with Run II data

- $P_c$  with  $3/2^-$  spin parity would decay substantially into  $\Sigma_c^{(*)} \bar{D}$

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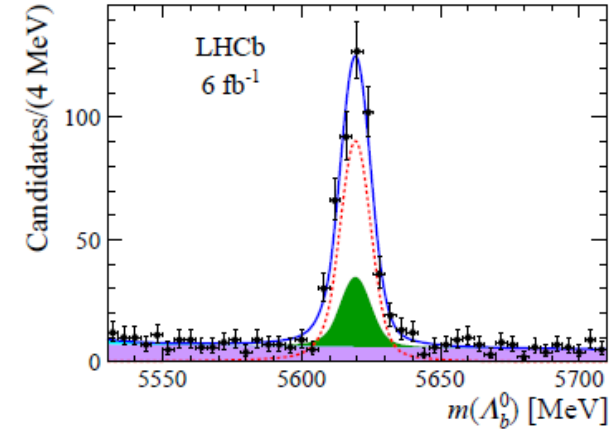
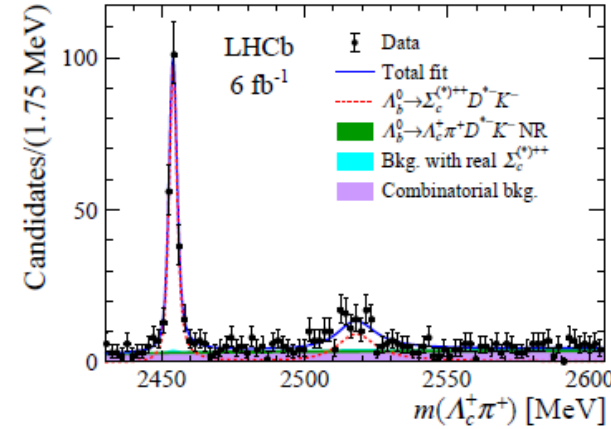
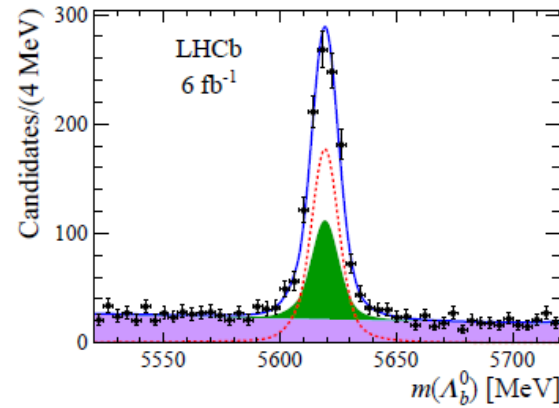
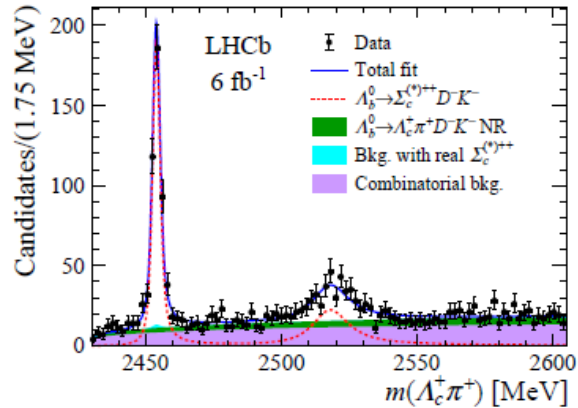
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## ➤ Two-dimensional invariant mass fits

Phys. Rev. D 110, L031104



Channel	Signal yields
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^- K^-$	$480 \pm 25$
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{*++} D^- K^-$	$279 \pm 26$
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^{*-} K^-$	$243 \pm 17$
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{*++} D^{*-} K^-$	$116 \pm 15$
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 K^-$	$4032 \pm 75$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^- K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 K^-)} = 0.282 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.005,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{*++} D^- K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^- K^-)} = 0.460 \pm 0.052 \pm 0.028,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^{*-} K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^- K^-)} = 2.261 \pm 0.202 \pm 0.129 \pm 0.046,$$

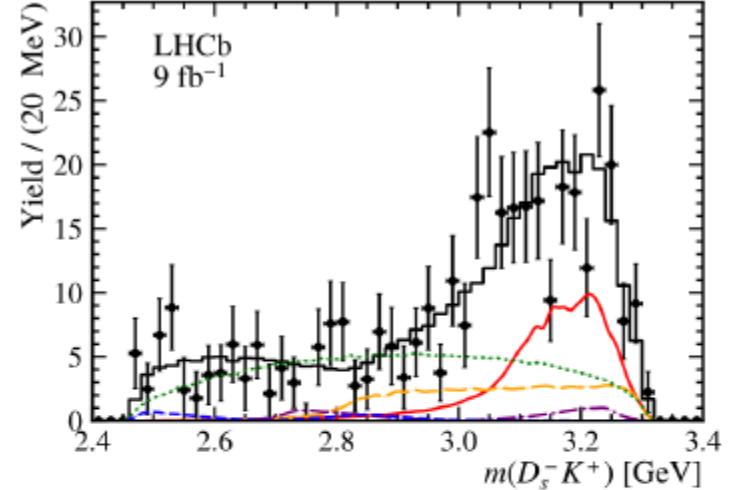
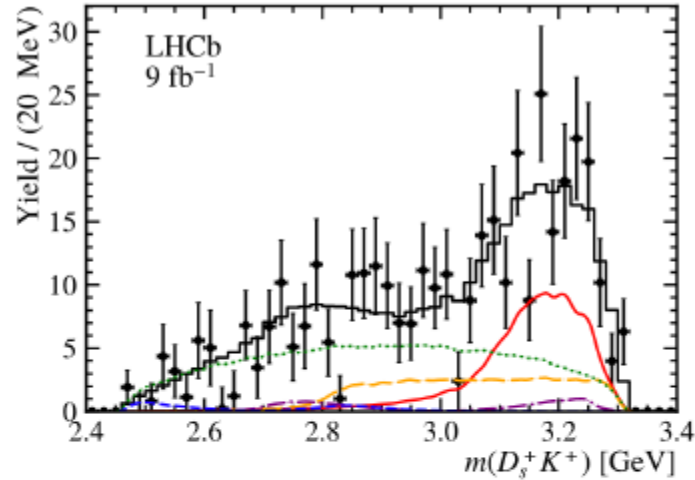
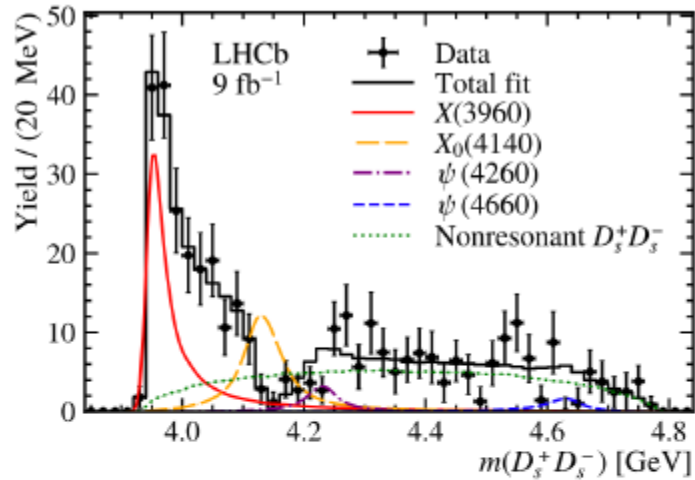
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{*++} D^{*-} K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^- K^-)} = 0.896 \pm 0.137 \pm 0.066 \pm 0.018,$$

## ➤ Important inputs for theoretical studies of pentaquark production

# New $[c\bar{c}s\bar{s}]$ state in $D_s^+ D_s^-$

➤ Near threshold structure X(3960):

Phys. Rev. D 108 (2023) 034012  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 071901 (2023)



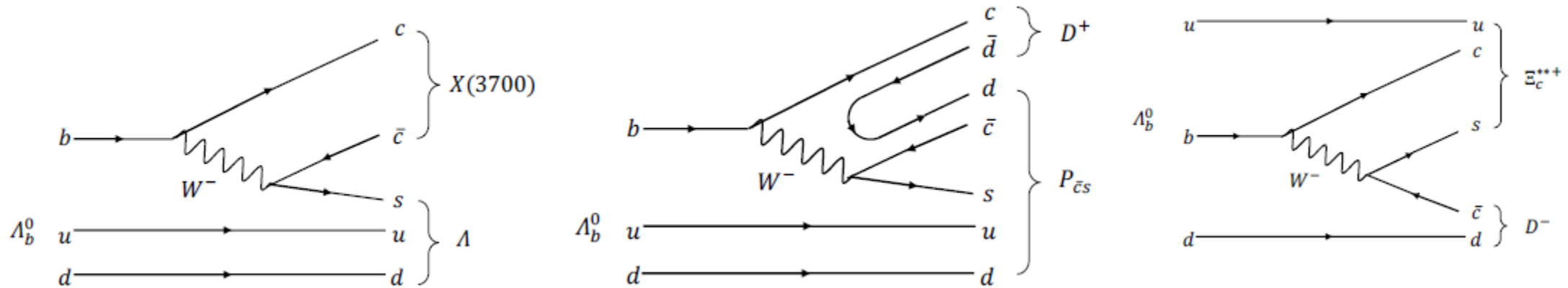
Components	$J^{PC}$	Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)	Fit fraction (%)	Significance ( $\sigma$ )
X(3960)	$0^{++}$	$3956 \pm 5 \pm 10$	$43 \pm 13 \pm 8$	$25.4 \pm 7.7 \pm 5.0$	<b>12.6 (14.6)</b>
$X_0(4140)$	$0^{++}$	$4133 \pm 6 \pm 6$	$67 \pm 17 \pm 7$	$16.7 \pm 4.7 \pm 3.9$	<b>3.8 (4.1)</b>
$\psi(4260)$	$1^{--}$	4230 (fixed)	55 (fixed)	$3.6 \pm 0.4 \pm 3.2$	<b>3.2 (3.6)</b>
$\psi(4660)$	$1^{--}$	4633 (fixed)	64 (fixed)	$2.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.8$	<b>3.0 (3.2)</b>
NR	$S$ -wave	—	—	$46.1 \pm 13.2 \pm 11.3$	<b>3.1 (3.4)</b>

dip at 4.14 GeV  
via interference



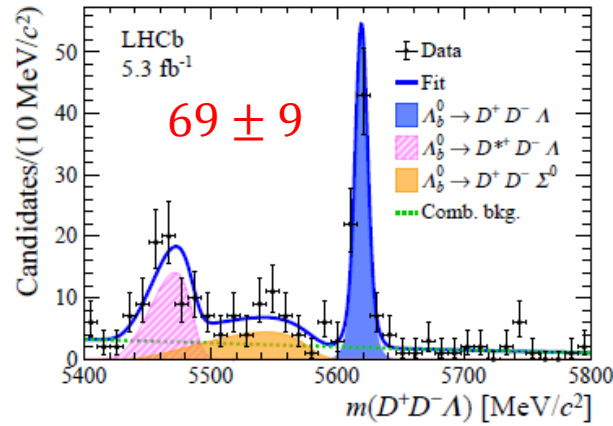
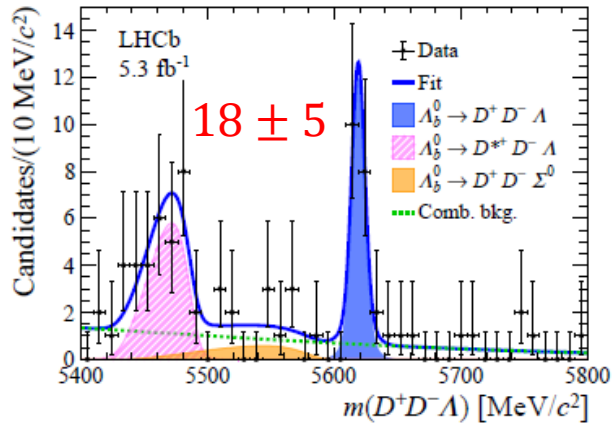
# First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D\bar{D}\Lambda$ with Run II data

- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D\bar{D}\Lambda$  can proceed via two types of two-body intermediate states:  $X(3700)$  in  $D^+D^-$  and  $P_{cs}$  in  $D^+\Lambda$



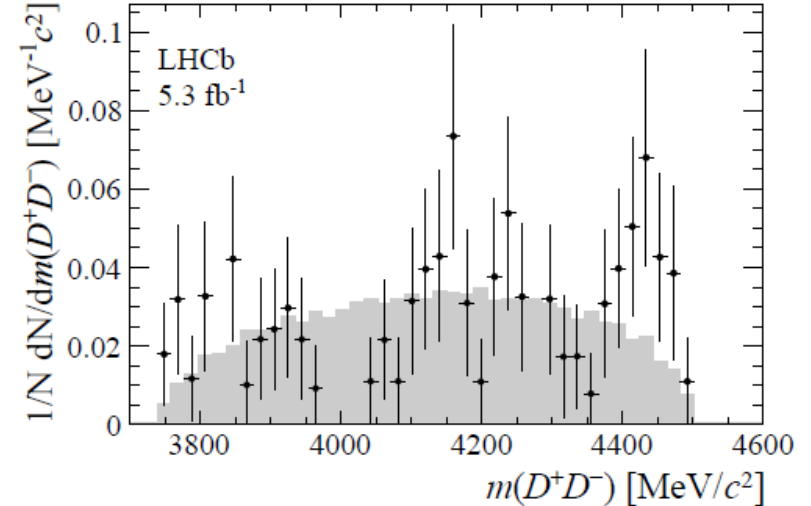
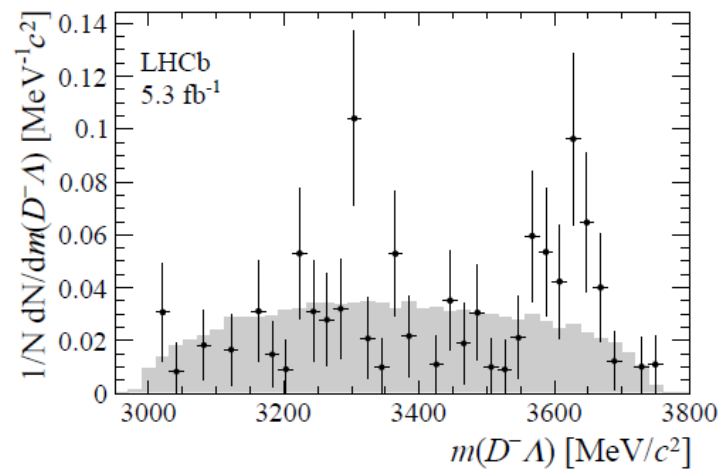
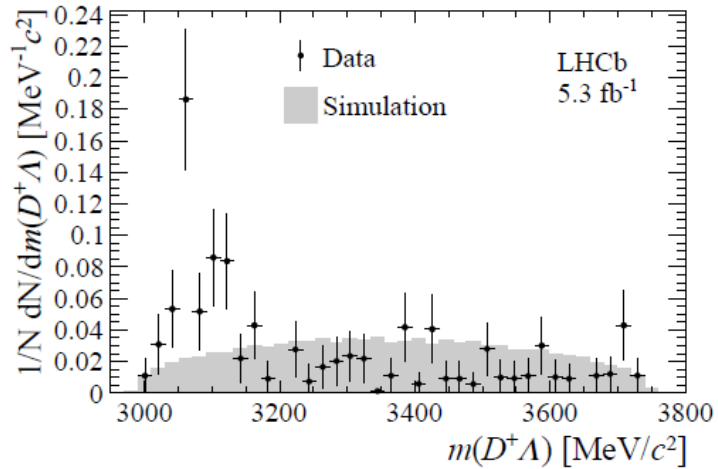
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$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\sigma_{\Lambda_b^0}}{\sigma_{B^0}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D^+D^-\Lambda)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^+D^-K_S^0)} = 0.179 \pm 0.022 \pm 0.014,$$

$$\triangleright \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D\bar{D}\Lambda) = (1.24 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-4}$$



➤  $E_c(3055)$  in  $m(D^+\Lambda)$

➤  $X(3700)$  may exist

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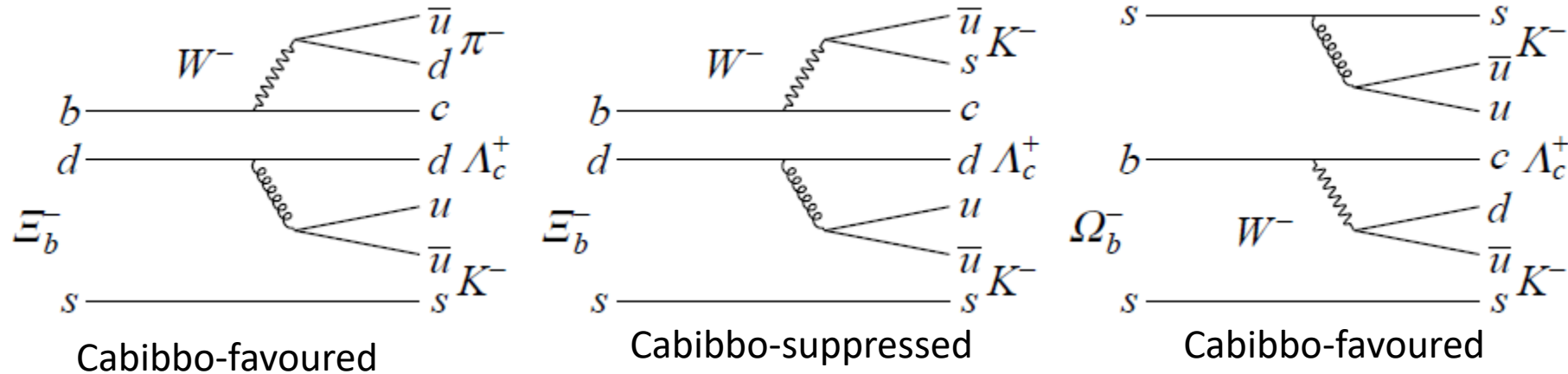
## **$b \rightarrow c$ decays**

$$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^-, \Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-, \Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-$$

# Study of $b$ -baryon $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ hh$ with Run I&II data

➤ A few of  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$  decays observed

➤ Test QCD models



➤  $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{p} \pi^-$  as normalization channel

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(X_b \rightarrow Y)}{\mathcal{B}(X_b \rightarrow Z)} = \frac{N(Y) / \langle \epsilon(Y) \rangle}{N(Z) / \langle \epsilon(Z) \rangle} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n_Y} w_i^Y / \epsilon_i^Y}{\sum_{i=0}^{n_Z} w_i^Z / \epsilon_i^Z} = \frac{N^{\text{corr}}(Y)}{N^{\text{corr}}(Z)}.$$

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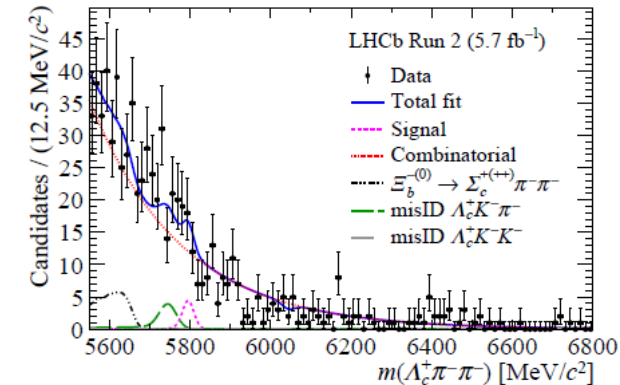
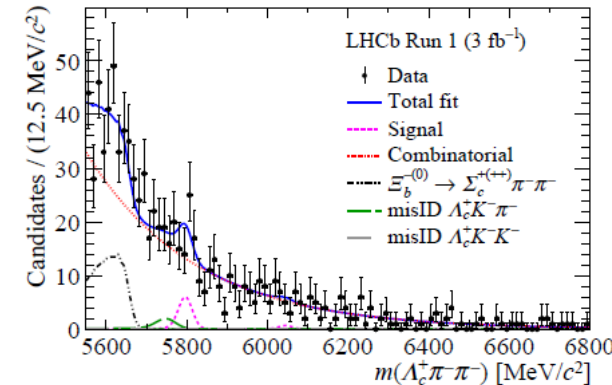
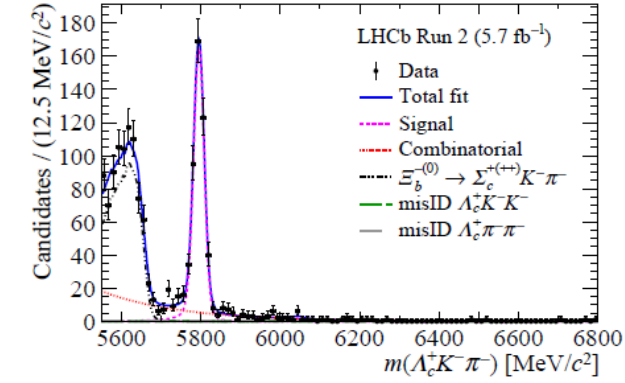
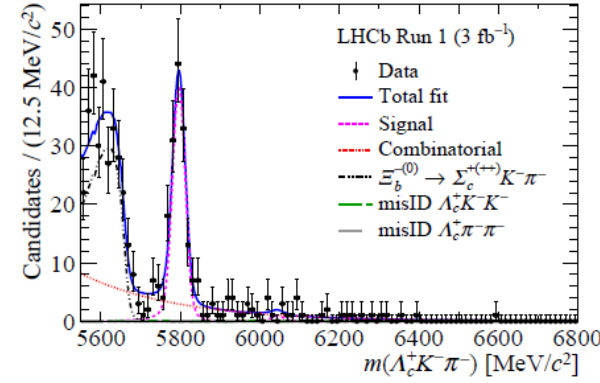
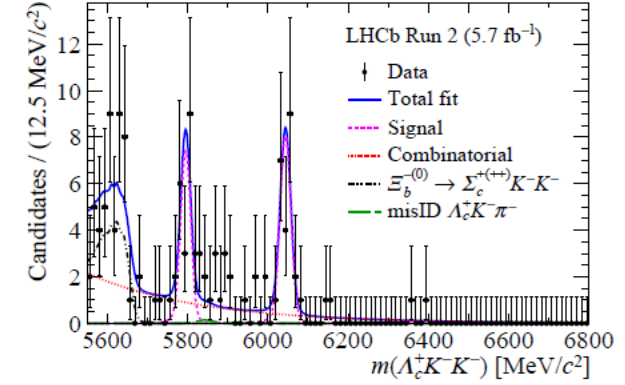
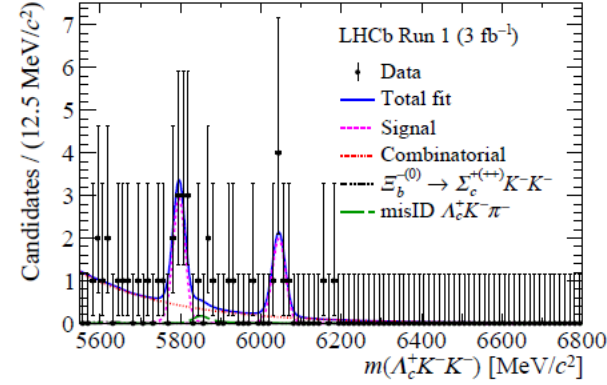
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{p} K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{p} \pi^-)} = 0.0397 \pm 0.0023 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.0012 (\text{syst}),$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^-)} = 0.045 \pm 0.011 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.005 (\text{syst}),$$

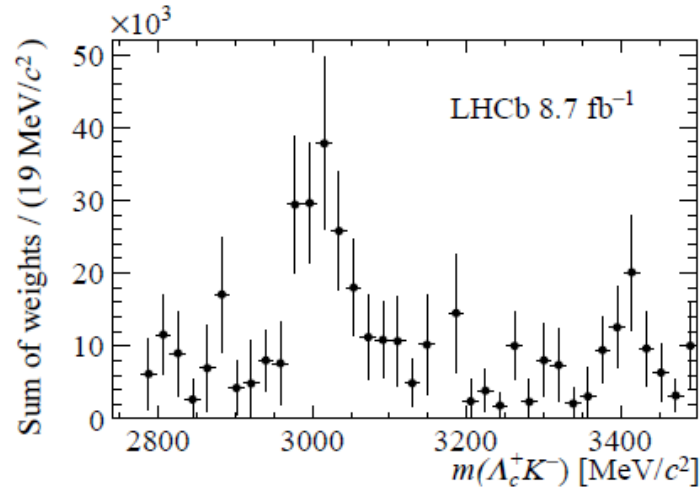
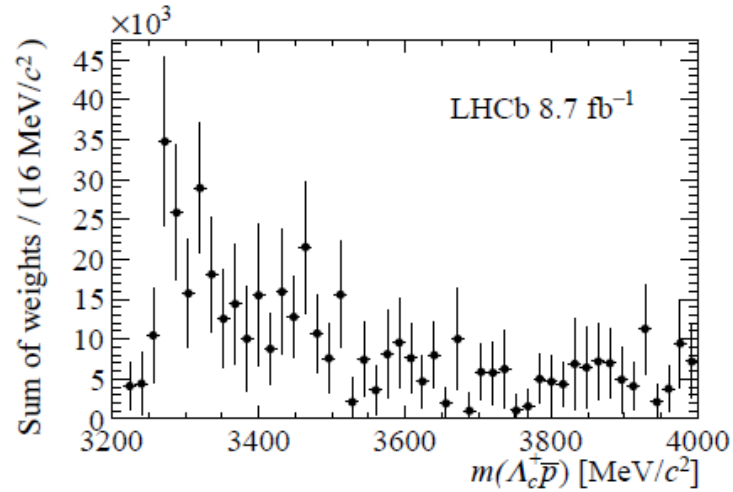
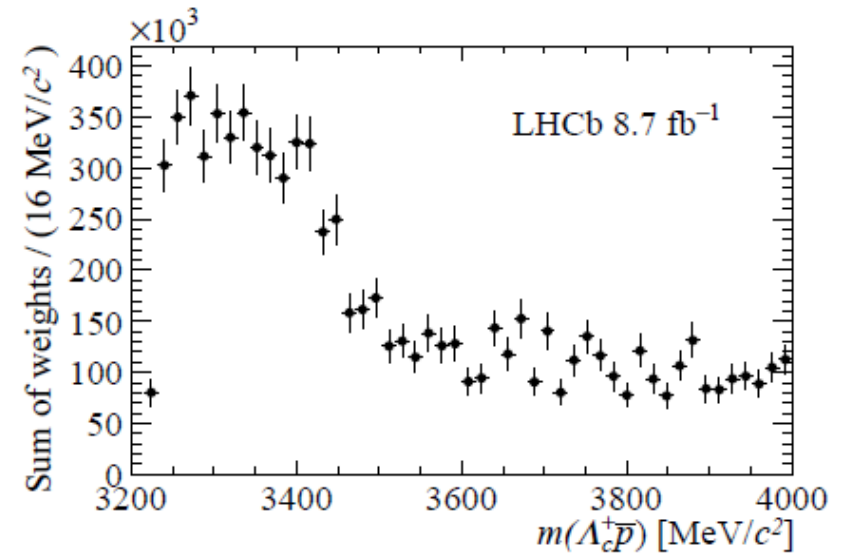
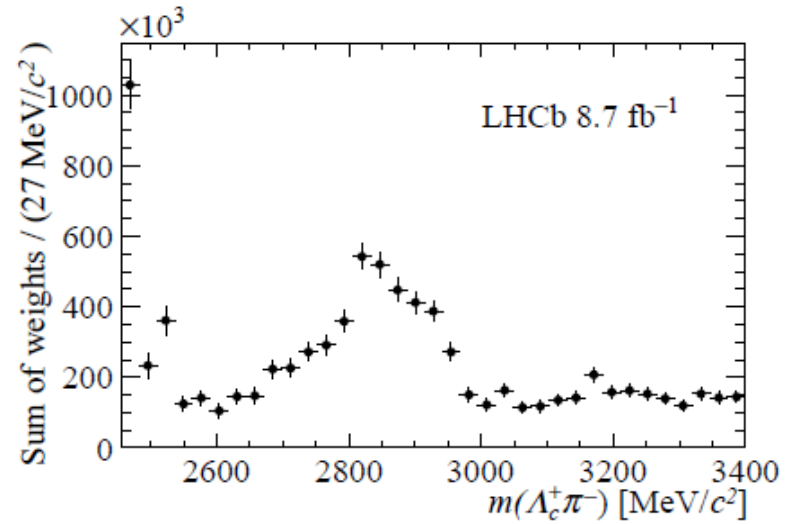
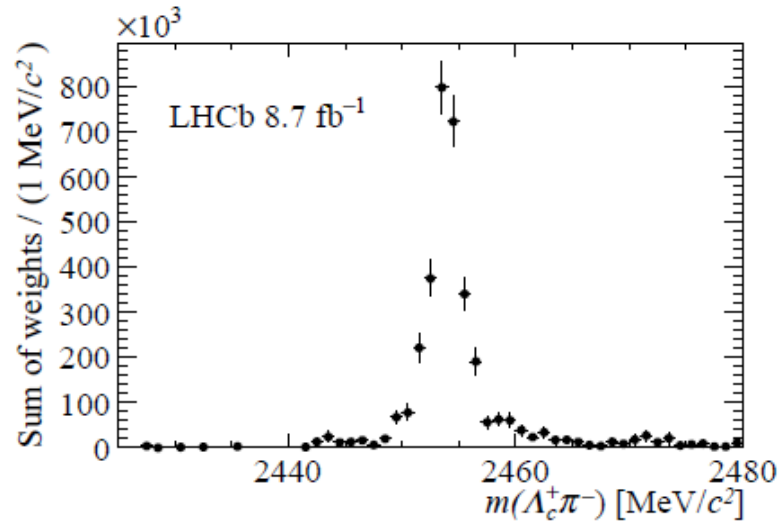
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^- \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^-)} = 0.025 \pm 0.013 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.019 (\text{syst}),$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-)} = 0.19 \pm 0.12 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.10 (\text{syst}),$$

Decay	Run 1	Run 2	Combined
Statistical uncertainties only			
$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-$	3.6	5.5	6.3
$\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-$	4.2	7.9	8.8
Including systematic uncertainties			
$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-$	3.5	5.2	5.9
$\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- K^-$	3.6	6.9	7.5



# Study of $b$ -baryon $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ hh$ with Run I&II data



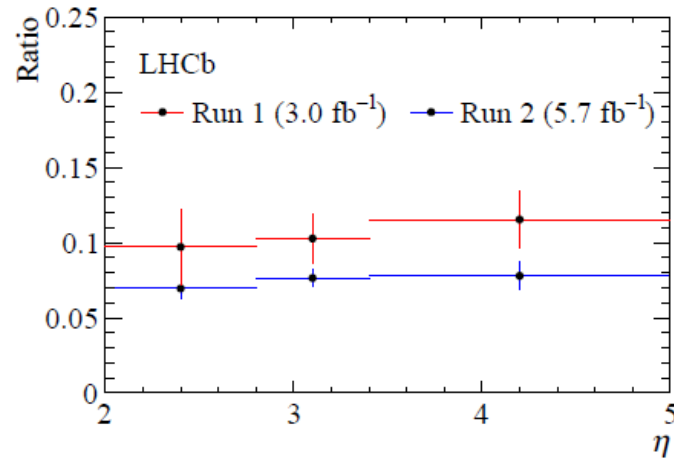
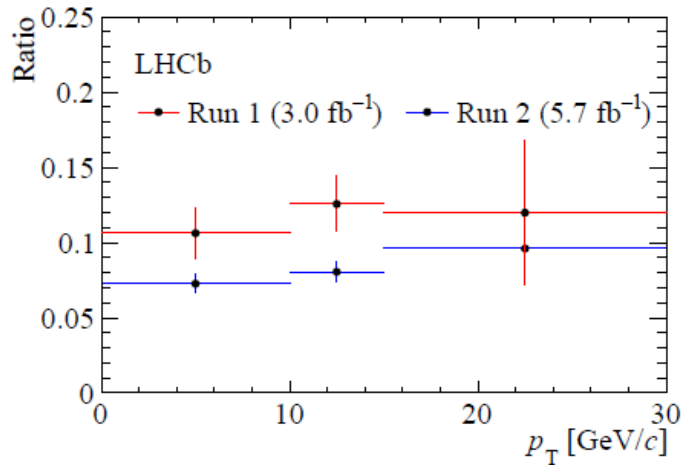
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➤ Both  $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{p} \pi^-$  and  $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{p} K^-$  observed threshold enhancement

# Study of $b$ -baryon $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ hh$ with Run I&II data

➤ The CPV [JHEP 08 \(2024\) 132](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\text{meas}}(X_b \rightarrow Y) &= \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n_Y} \frac{w_i}{\epsilon_i} - \sum_{i=0}^{n_{\bar{Y}}} \frac{w_i}{\bar{\epsilon}_i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{n_Y} \frac{w_i}{\epsilon_i} + \sum_{i=0}^{n_{\bar{Y}}} \frac{w_i}{\bar{\epsilon}_i}} = \frac{N^{\text{corr}}(X_b \rightarrow Y) - N^{\text{corr}}(\bar{X}_b \rightarrow \bar{Y})}{N^{\text{corr}}(X_b \rightarrow Y) + N^{\text{corr}}(\bar{X}_b \rightarrow \bar{Y})}, \\ &= \mathcal{A}_{CP}(X_b \rightarrow Y) + \mathcal{A}_{\text{prod}}(X_b). \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\text{prod}}(\Xi_b^-; \text{Run 1}) &= -0.10 \pm 0.10 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.03 (\text{syst}), \\ \mathcal{A}_{\text{prod}}(\Xi_b^-; \text{Run 2}) &= -0.10 \pm 0.05 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.02 (\text{syst}), \end{aligned}$$

➤ The  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{prod}}$  consistent with zero and with previous measurements

# Summary and prospects

- **LHCb provides ideal environment to search NP and test QCD**
  - ❑ FCNC:  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - ❑ Observed many new  $\Lambda_b^0$  decay modes
  
- **Opportunities with Run 3&4 (30 fb<sup>-1</sup>)**
  - ❑ Wider scope for exploitation
  - ❑ Improvement on understanding multi-quark states natures



**Thank you**