



B-meson pure baryonic decays at LHCb

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➤ Introduction

➤ B -meson charmless pure baryonic decays

$$\square B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}, B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}, B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}$$

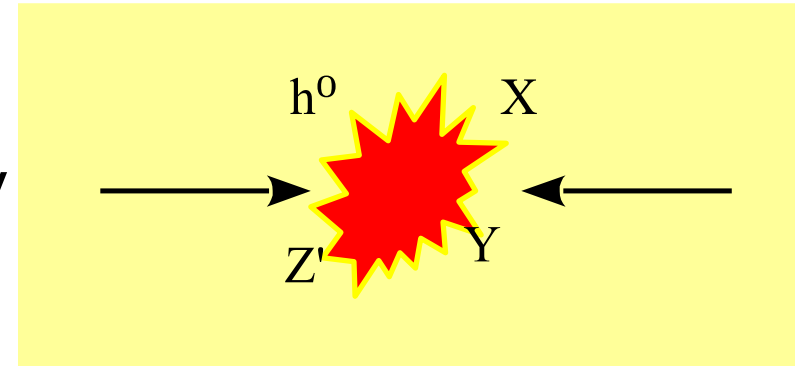
➤ Outlook

Two ways of study new physics in LHC

High energy frontier

➤ **ATLAS** and **CMS**

Search new particles in collision directly



High precision frontier

➤ **LHCb**

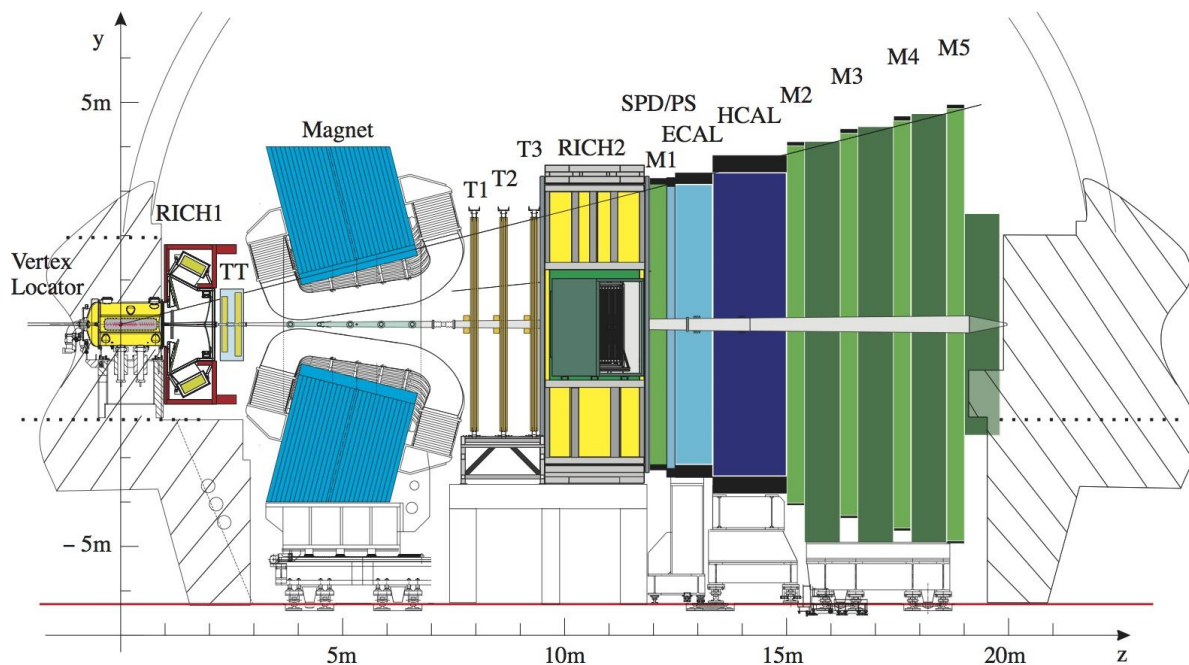
Precisely measurement loop diagram for searching new particles that appear in the loop diagram

- ❑ Search new physics far above the accelerator collision energy
- ❑ Test new physics models, determining coupling constants and phases



LHCb experiment

LHCb collaboration: 21 countries, 96 institutes, 1600 members



中国单位(9个):

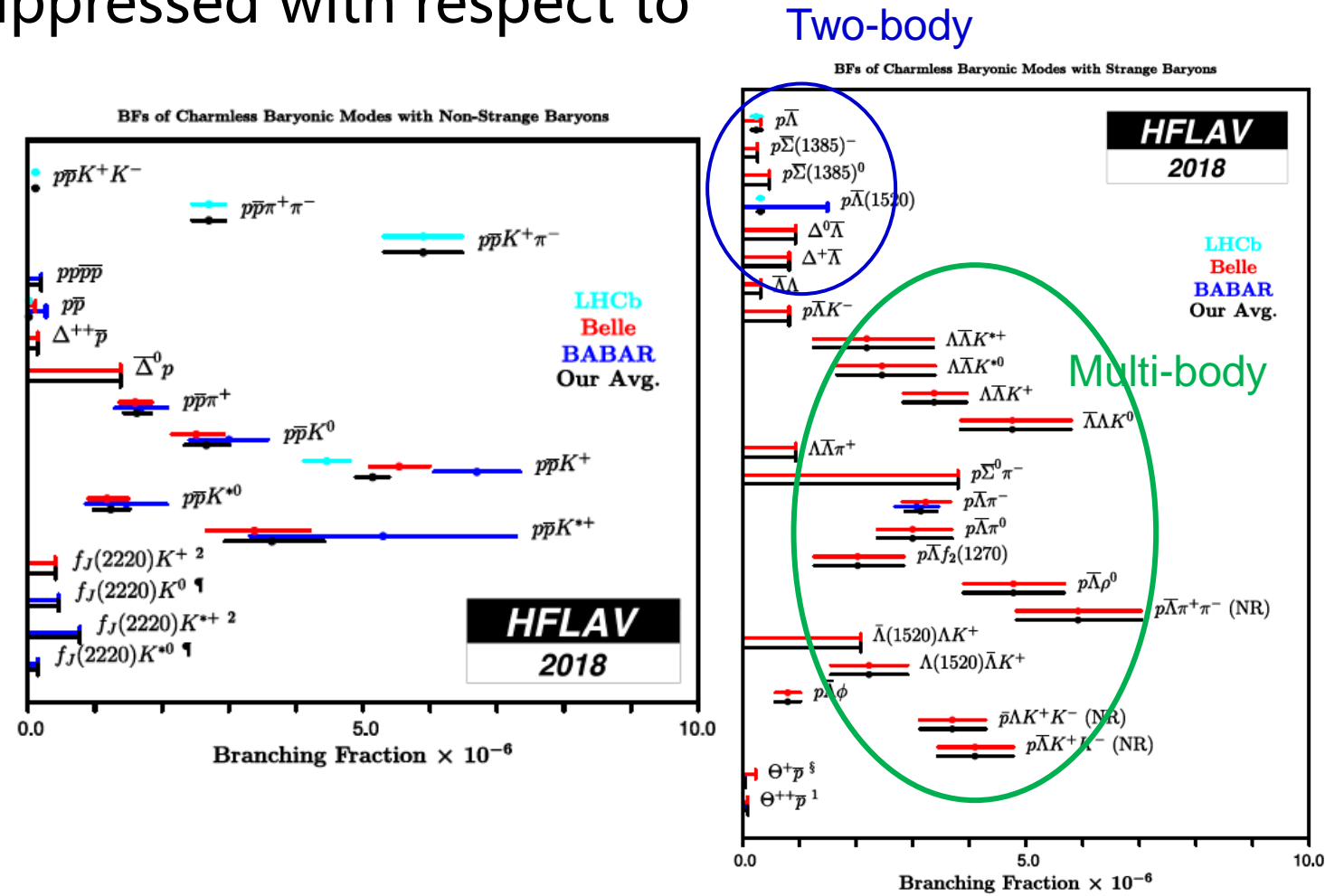
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- Understand matter-antimatter imbalance (CP violation)
- Search for new physics (Rare decays)
- Explore and understand QCD (Hadron properties, exotic hadrons)

The feature of B baryonic decays

➤ Two-body baryonic decays suppressed with respect to multibody decays

➤ Decays of B mesons into multiple baryons still far from being fully understood

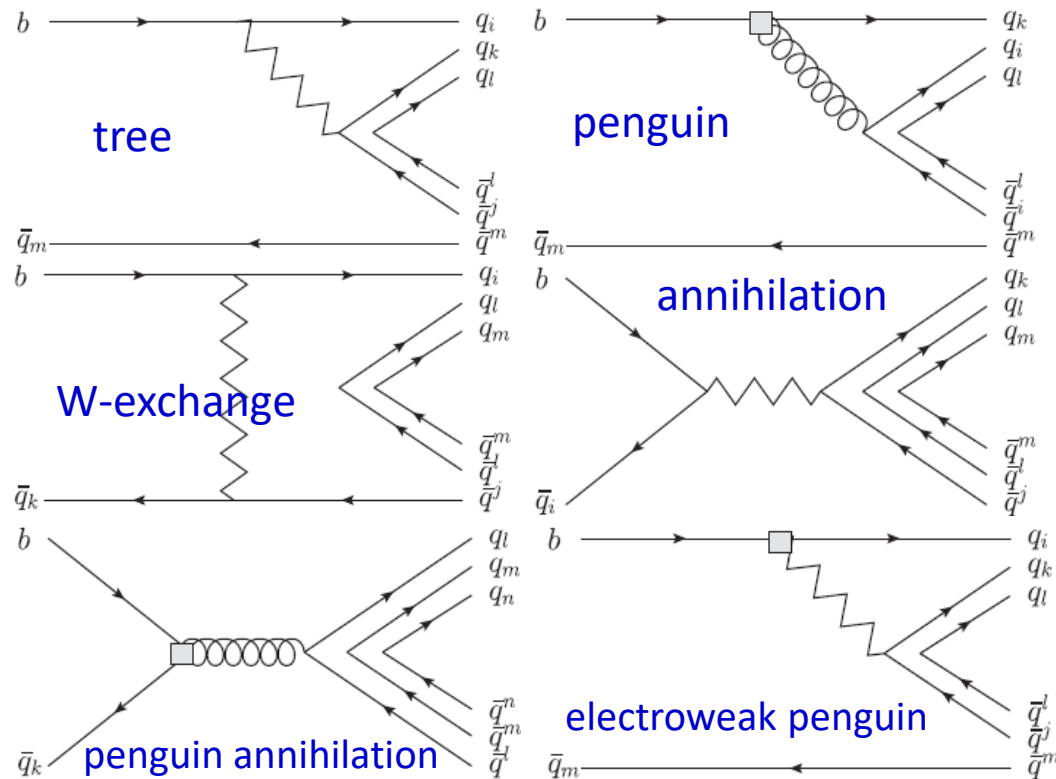


Charmless baryonic B^+ and B^0 modes branching fractions reported by HFLAV

Two-body baryonic decays of B

- Provides information on the dynamics of B decays and tests QCD based models of the hadronization process
- Discriminate models and extract both tree and penguin amplitudes of charmless two-body baryonic decays

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➤ $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ and $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}$ as inputs to predict other $B \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_1\mathfrak{B}_2$

➤ Baryonic B decays are also interesting in the study of CP violation

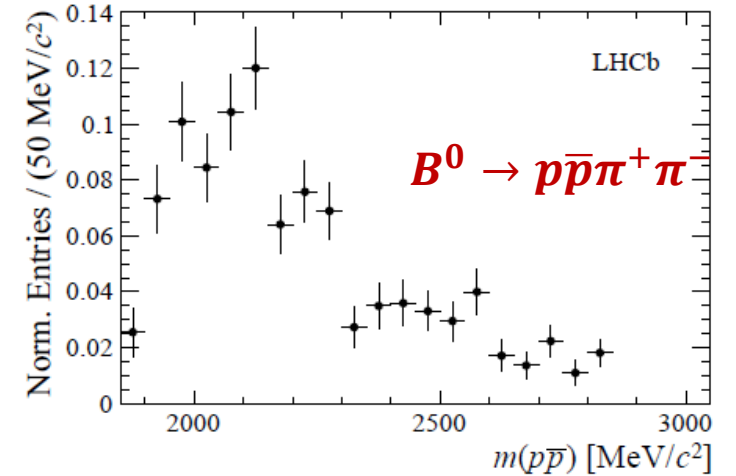
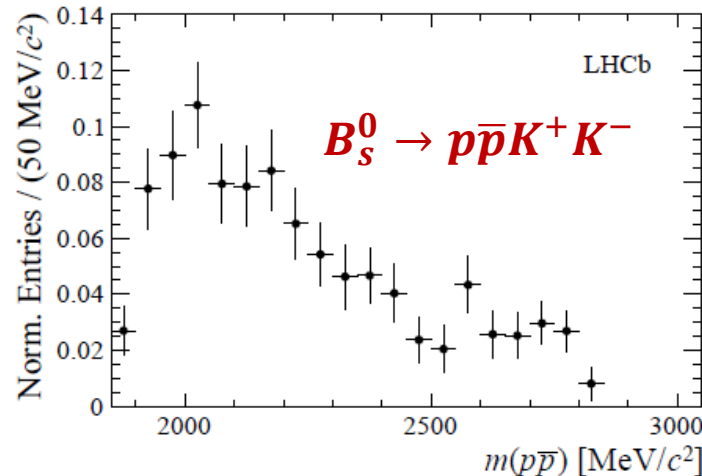
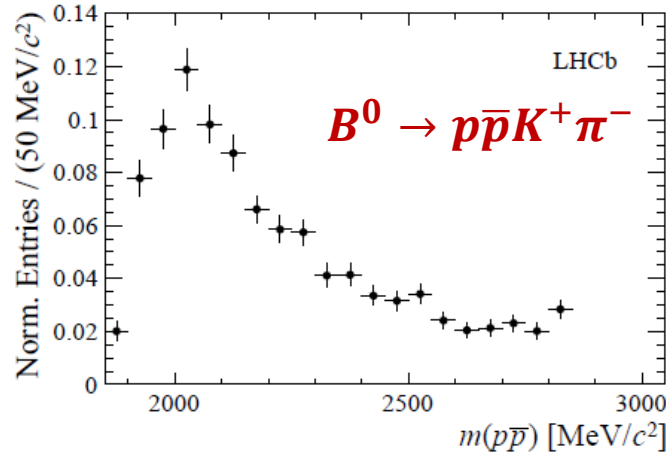
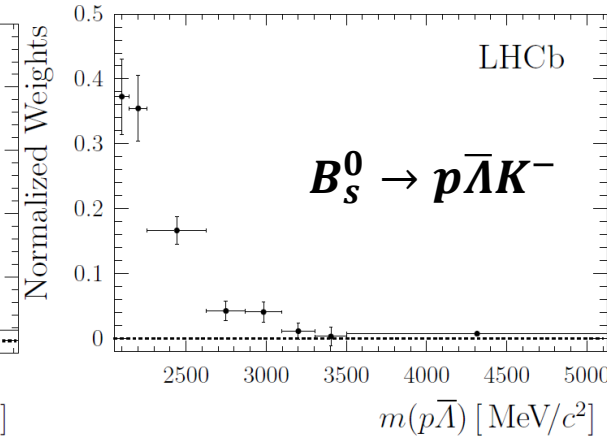
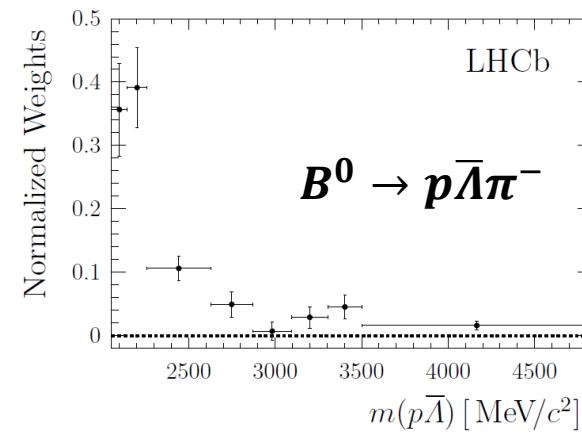
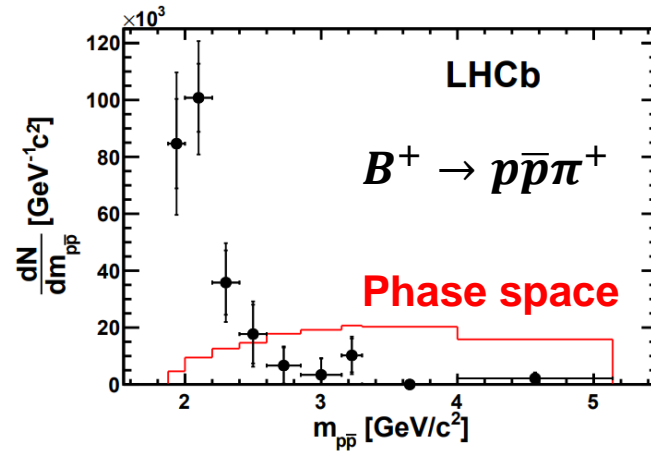
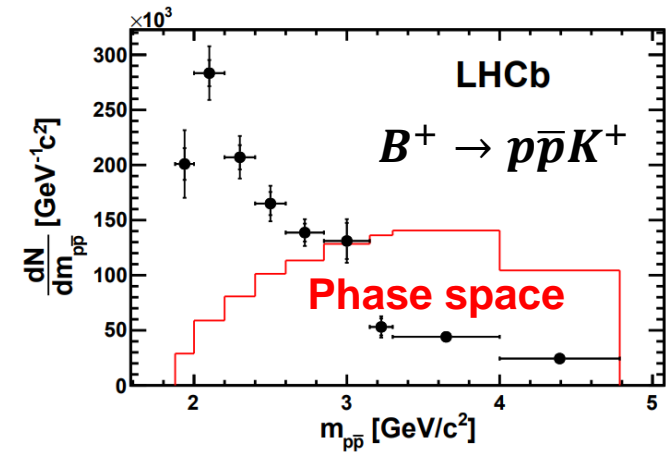
➤ Pure penguin modes are expected to be sensitive to new physics contributions

Threshold enhancement

- Many channels have the special feature: baryon-antibaryon pair peaks near threshold

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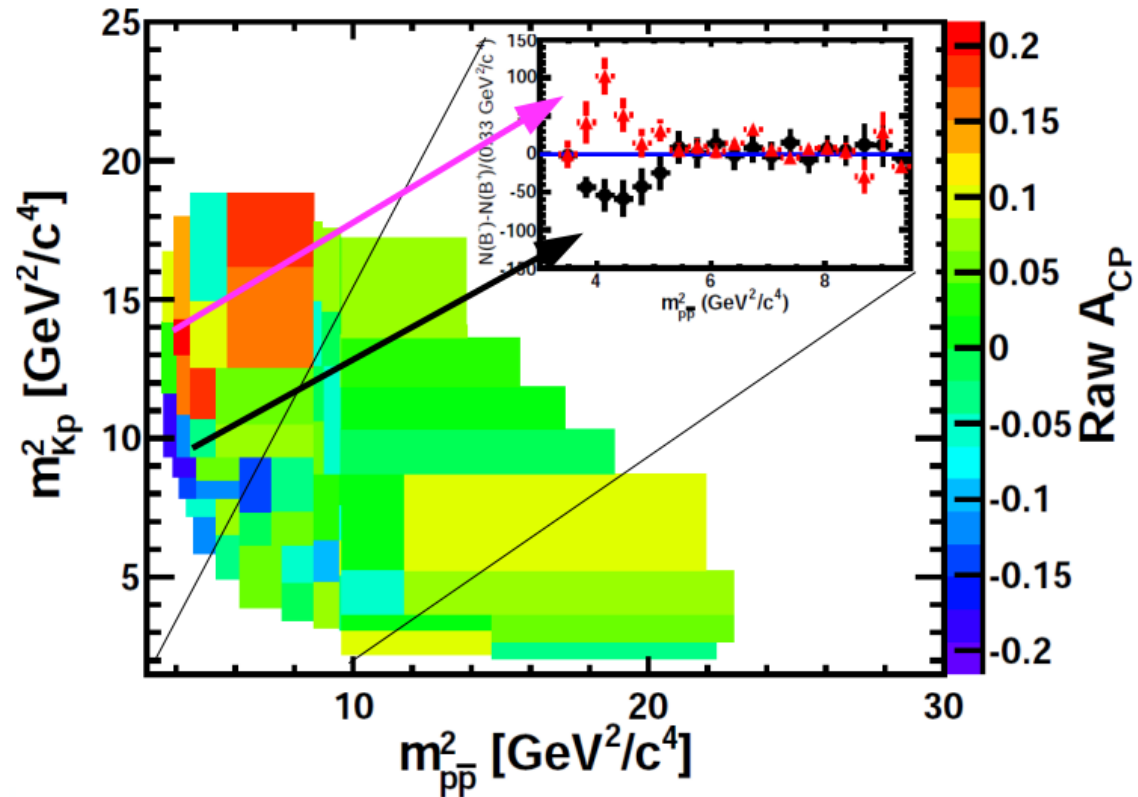
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CP asymmetry

- 4σ CP asymmetry effect near-threshold with sign-flip near the zero crossing of the cosine of the light meson angle in $p\bar{p}$ frame ($\Delta A_{cp} \sim 4.7\sigma$), pointing to interfering J=0 and J=1 type waves



***B*-meson charmless pure baryonic decays**

$$B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}, B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}, B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}$$

Patterns in charmless decays of B

➤ Interesting patterns in rates with or without $p\bar{p}$ pairs in final state

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (5.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6} \sim \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-) = (2.9 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6} \\
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-) = (2.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6} \sim \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-) = (6.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6} \\
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-) = (7.8 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8} < \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+K^-) = (1.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7} \\
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.27 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-8} \sim(?) \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) < (2.0) \times 10^{-7}
 \end{aligned}$$

[\[arXiv:2206.06673\]](#)

[PRL 119, 232001](#)

[\[PRD 98 \(2018\) 7, 071102\]](#)

Threshold enhancement at
 $m(p\bar{p}) = m(p) + m(\bar{p})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (7.0 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-7} \sim \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-) = (4.3 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-7} \\
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-) = (5.8 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6} \sim \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-) = (1.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-6} \\
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-) = (2.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5} > \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+K^-) = (4.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6} \\
 & \checkmark \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < (5.1) \times 10^{-9} \sim(?) \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = ?
 \end{aligned}$$

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➤ New measurements of pure baryonic B decays would provide new insights in the understanding of the non-trivial processes involved

Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

➤ First observation of $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ with Run 1 data

➤ $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.25 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-8}$

➤ $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 1.5 \times 10^{-8} @ 90\% \text{ CL}$

➤ Some predictions expect $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ to be further suppressed (negligible penguin-level gluon-exchange and annihilation contributions)

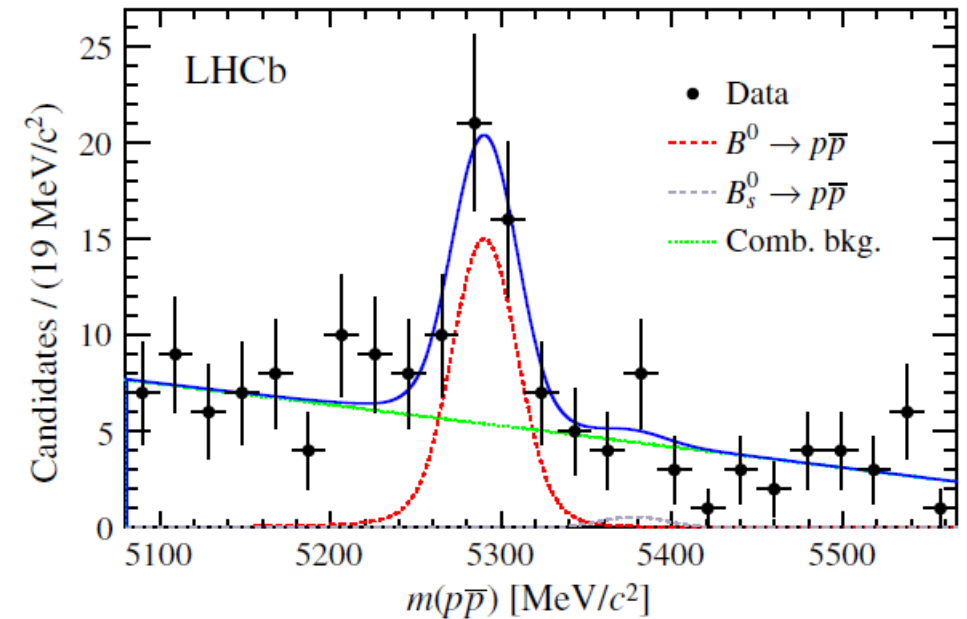
[PRD 89, 056003 (2014), PRD 95, 096004 (2017)]

➤ Other predictions expect $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ rates similar to that of $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ (penguin-level gluon-exchange and annihilation contributions can't be neglected)

[JHEP2004, 035 (2020)]

➤ Updated search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ decay is needed

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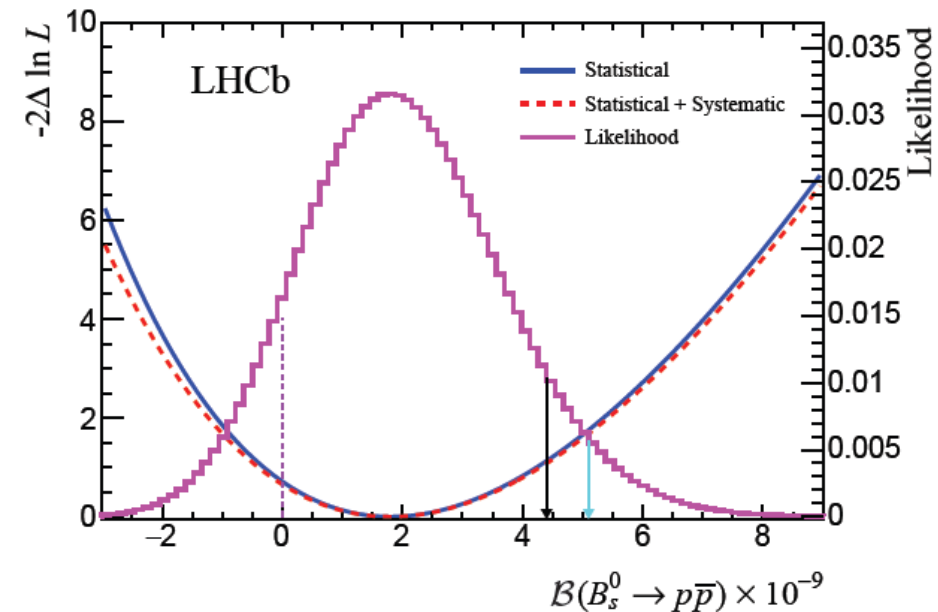
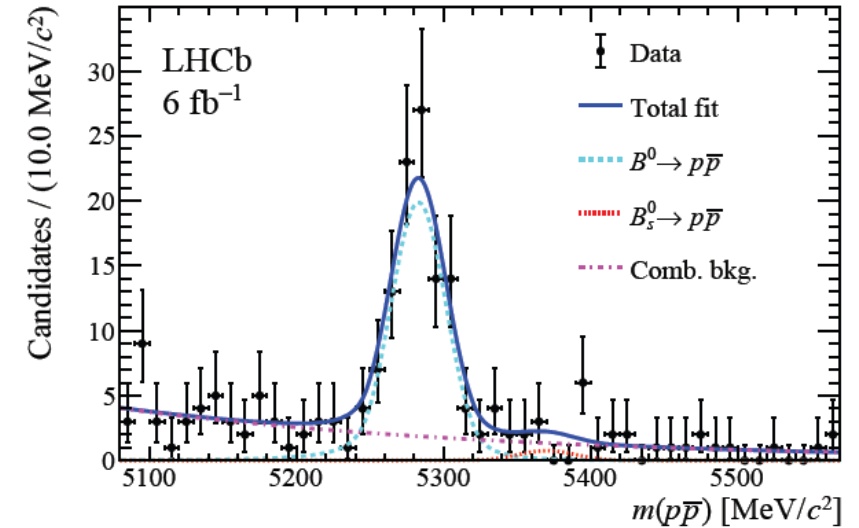


Search for $B_S^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ with Run 2 data

(by LHCb-China members)

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- $N(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = 98 \pm 11 (16.2\sigma)$
- $N(B_S^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = 4 \pm 5 (0.9\sigma)$
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ and $B_S^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ as normalization channel
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.27 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-8}$
Consistent with Run 1
- Upper Limit on $\mathcal{B}(B_S^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p})$ improved by factor 3
 - $\mathcal{B}(B_S^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 15 \times 10^{-9} @ 90\% \text{ CL (RUN-1)}$
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 - $\mathcal{B}(B_S^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 4.5(5.1) \times 10^{-9} @ 90\%(95\%) \text{ CL (New)}$



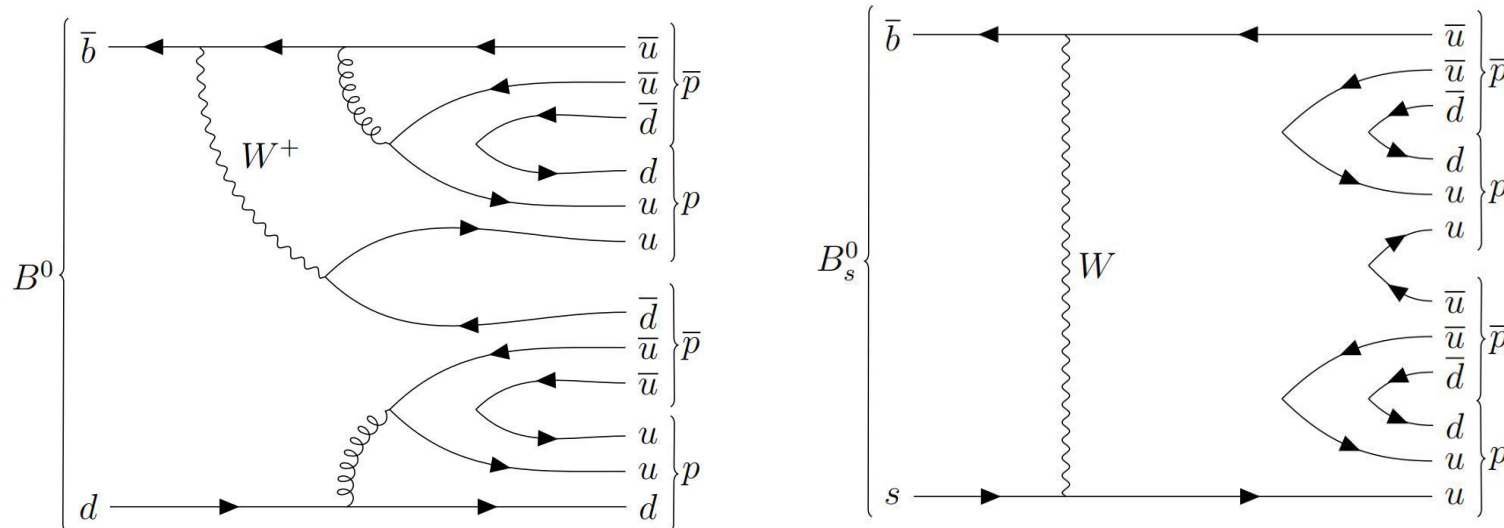
Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$

➤ B meson decay to 4 baryons was never observed

▣ $B^0 \rightarrow pppp$ (2.9σ) [Phys. Rev. D 98, 071102 \(2018\)](#)

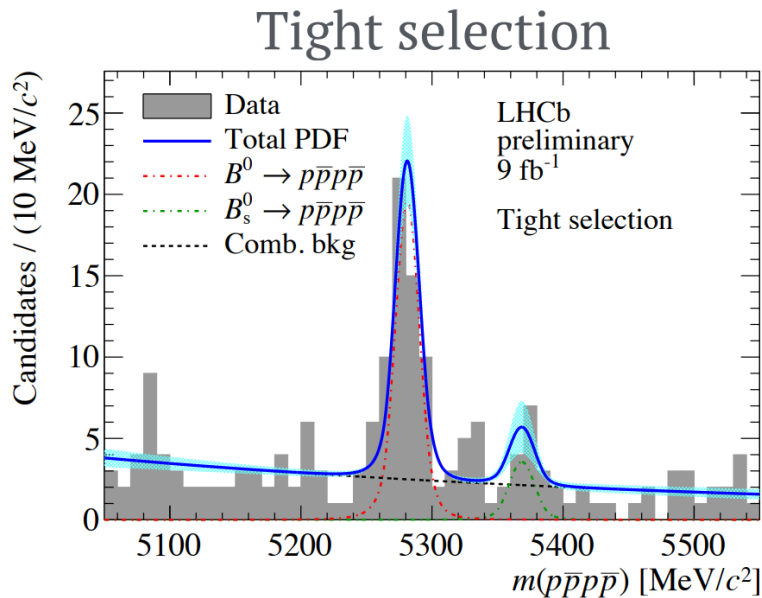
➤ $B_s \rightarrow pppp$ (**no study reported**) is expected to be further suppressed with respect to B^0

▣ Hadronisation fraction $f_s/f_d \sim 25\%$, and $\left|\frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}}\right|^2 \sim 5\%$



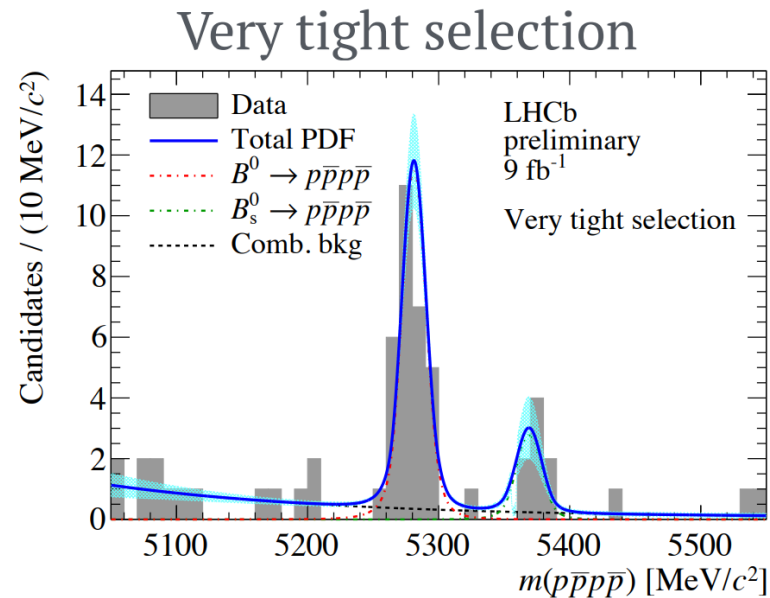
Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$ with Run 1&2 data

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$$N(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = 48 \pm 8$$

Significance: $> 9\sigma$



$$N(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = 7 \pm 3$$

Significance: 4σ

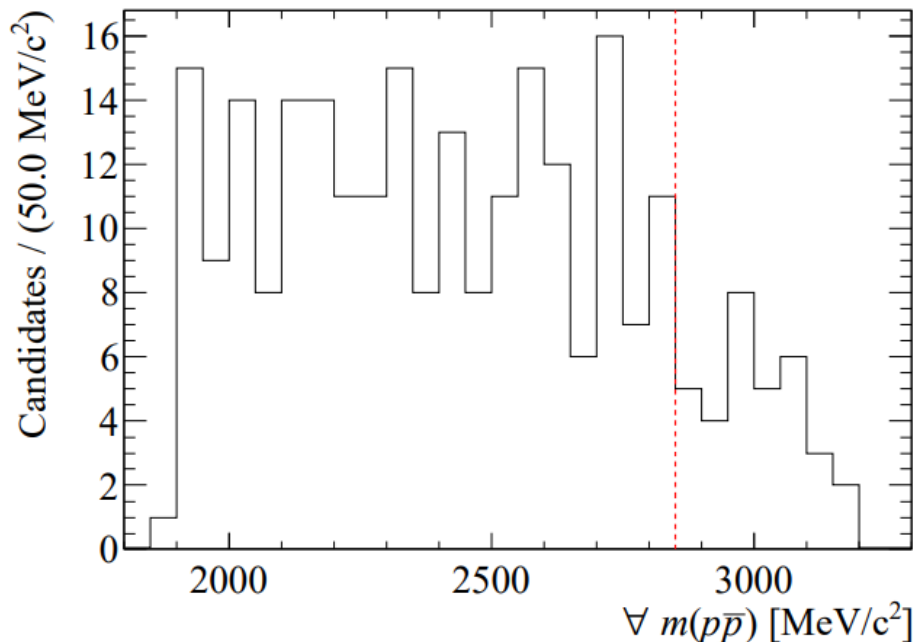
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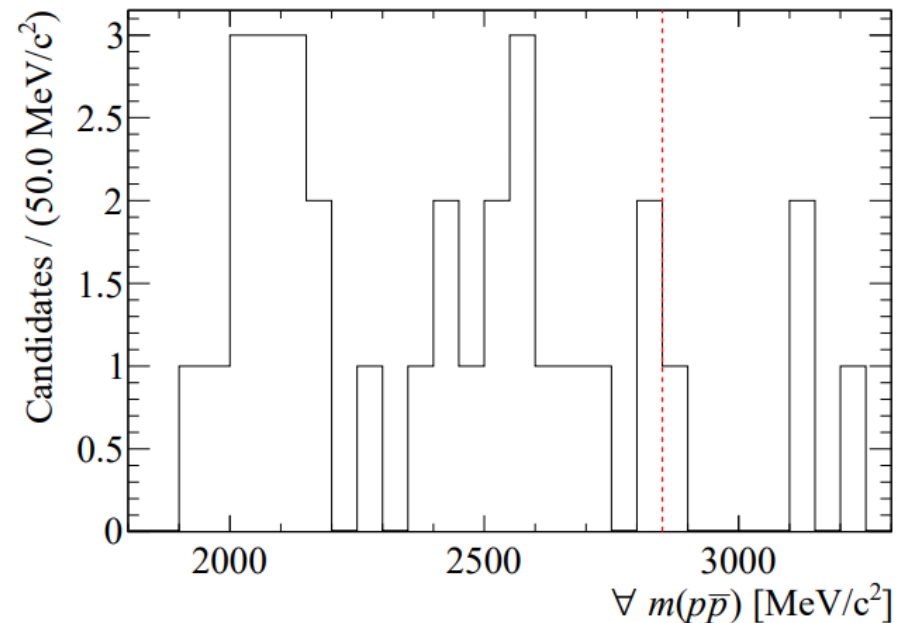
- $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})K^{*0}(\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})\phi(\rightarrow K^+K^-)$ as normalization channel
- $B(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = (2.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$
- $B(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = (2.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$ is not consistent with expected Cabibo suppression: $\left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right|^2 \sim 5\%$
- Expect other theoretical explanations

Mass distributions of $p\bar{p}$

Tight selection



Very Tight selection

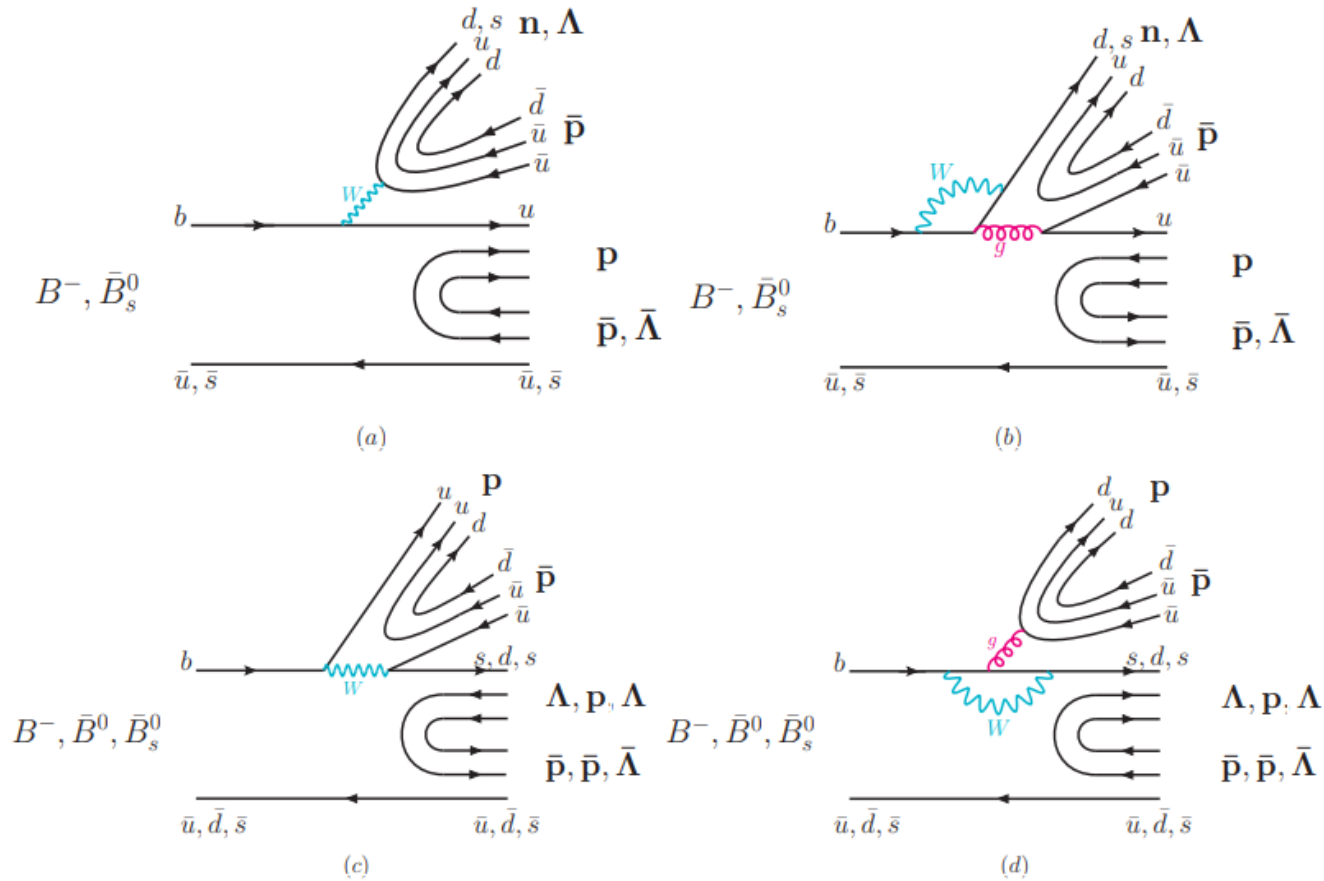


Data above the red-dashed line are excluded by the $c\bar{c}$ veto.

- To avoid $J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}$, require $m(p\bar{p}) < 2.85\text{GeV}/c^2$
- Branching fractions with $c\bar{c}$ veto (only stat. uncertainty)
 - ▣ $B(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = (1.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-8}$
 - ▣ $B(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = (2.2 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-8}$

Some theoretical researches

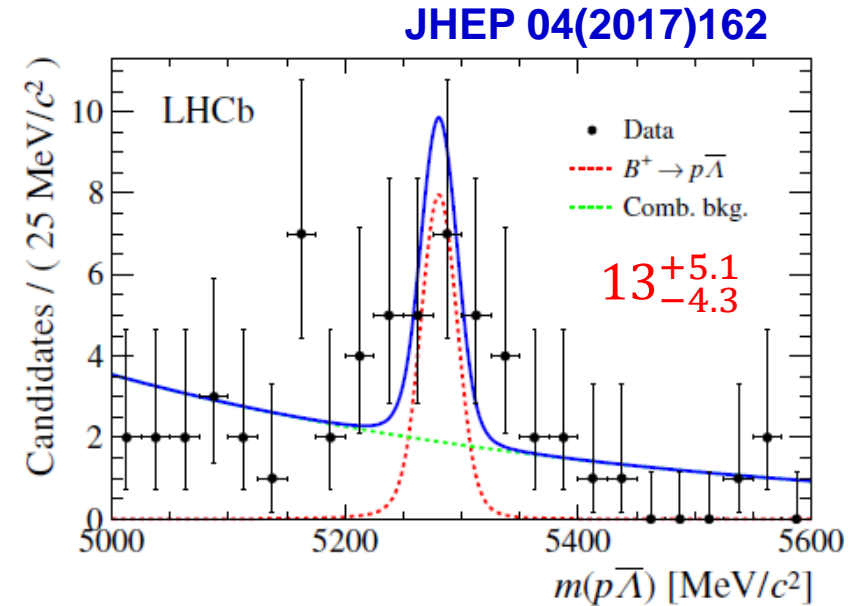
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decay mode	our work	data
$10^8 \mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}pp\bar{p})$	$2.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.4$	2.2 ± 0.4 [10]
$10^8 \mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow n\bar{p}pp\bar{p})$	$8.4_{-1.0}^{+2.1} \pm 0.4_{-1.9}^{+3.4}$	—
$10^7 \mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{p}pp\bar{p})$	$3.7_{-0.1}^{+0.3} \pm 0.02_{-1.3}^{+1.8}$	—
$10^7 \mathcal{B}(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}pp\bar{p})$	$1.9_{-0.1}^{+0.3} \pm 0.01_{-0.6}^{+1.1}$	—

Evidence for $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}$ with RUN-I data

- $B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+$ as a normalization mode
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}) = (2.4_{-0.8}^{+1.0} \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$
- The first evidence for this decay process (4.1σ)



$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}) = \frac{N(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda})}{N(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+)} \frac{\epsilon_{B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+}}{\epsilon_{B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-)} \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+)$$

- Compatible with the theoretical predictions
 - Phys. Rev. D 66 (2002) 014020, , Phys. Rev. D 89 (2014) 056003
- In tension with calculations based on QCD sum rules (Nucl. Phys. B 345 (1990) 137) and factorization (Phys. Rev. D 91 (2015) 077501)

Summary and prospects

➤ LHCb provides ideal environment for searching for rare baryonic decays of B mesons

□ B meson charmless baryonic decay: $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$, $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$

□ More results are on the way: $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{p}p\bar{p}$, $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$, $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\bar{\Xi}_c^-$, $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c\bar{\Xi}_c$

➤ Opportunities with Run 3&4 (50 fb^{-1})

□ Higher precision in rare decay measurements

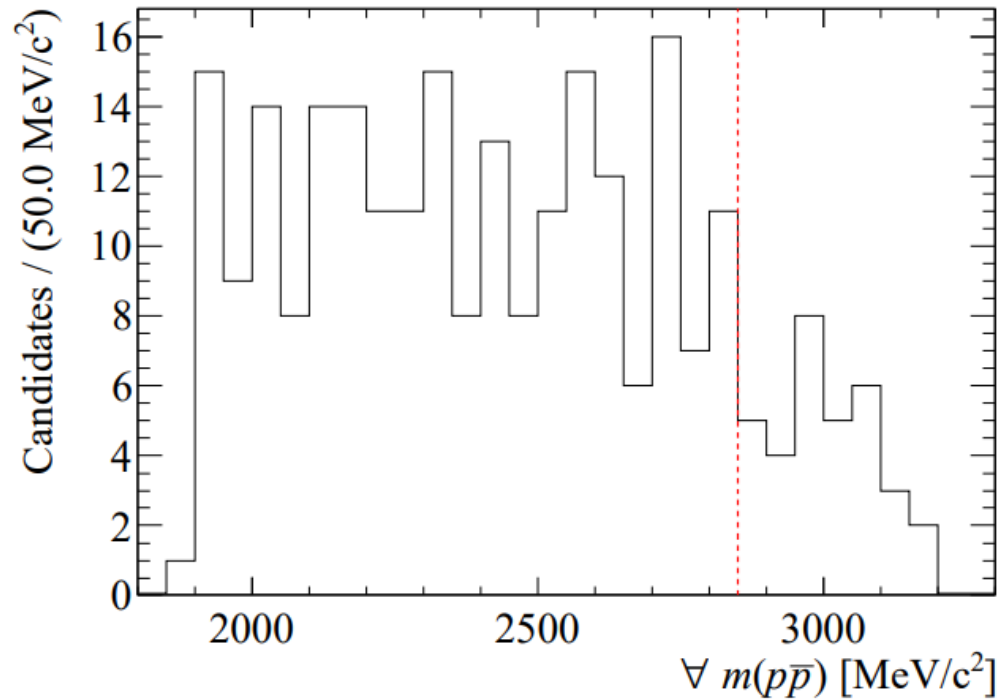
□ Wider scope for exploitation

LHCb-China team is currently focusing on these rare decay measurements

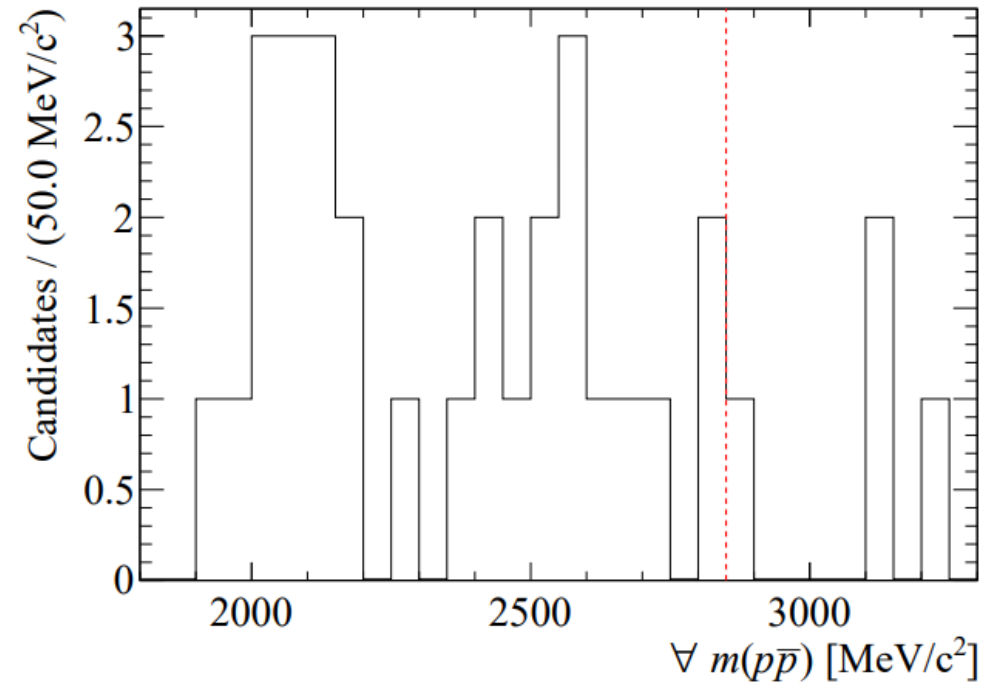
Backup

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