

# Measurement of $\Lambda_b^0$ , $\Lambda_c^+$ and $\Lambda$ decay parameters

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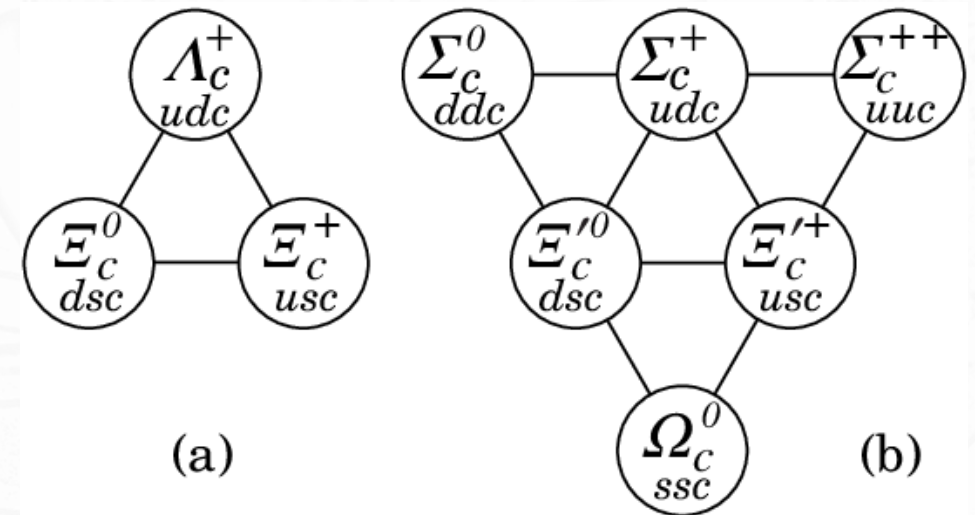
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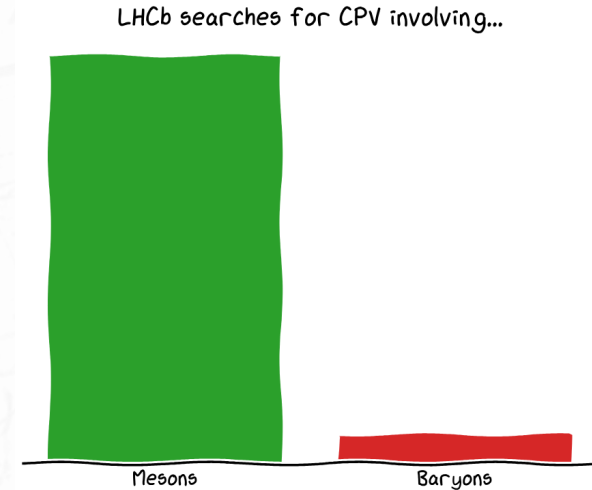
# Introduction

- Heavy flavor physics
  - Test standard model (QCD, electroweak)
  - Indirectly probe new physics
- Rich study on beauty and charm baryons
  - Spectroscopy
  - Lifetime
  - **CP violation**
  - Radiative decay
  - ...

	I	II	III		
mass	2.4 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.27 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	171.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	7 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
name	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	$\gamma$ photon	<b>H</b> Higgs boson
	4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	104 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	4.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
Quarks	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b>g</b> gluon	
	<2.2 eV/c <sup>2</sup>	<0.17 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	<15.5 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	91.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	
	0	0	0	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	<b><math>\nu_e</math></b> electron neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\mu</math></b> muon neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\tau</math></b> tau neutrino	<b>Z<sup>0</sup></b> Z boson	
Leptons	0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	105.7 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.777 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	80.4 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	
	-1	-1	-1	$\neq 1$	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b>W<sup>±</sup></b> W boson	
					Gauge bosons



- An excellent platform for understanding of the **baryon decay dynamics** and the **matter–antimatter asymmetry**
- Only a few CP violation searches performed using baryons
- Many results from different experiments recently
  - LHCb, Belle, BES, BaBar, ... [\[Chin.J.Phys. 78 \(2022\) 324-362\]](#)
- E.g. for charm baryons
  - Only access to mixing and CPV involving up-type quark
  - Searches are performed **all in  $\Lambda_c^+$  decays**
  - Precisions in range  $O(1\sim 10\%)$ , not enough to reach  $O(0.1\%)$  SM expectations
  - Typically probe decay asymmetry parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\bar{\alpha}$



$$\Lambda_c^+ \quad I(J^P) = 0(1/2^+)$$

The parity of the  $\Lambda_c^+$  is defined to be positive (as are the parities of the proton, neutron, and  $\Lambda$ ). The quark content is  $udc$ . Results of an analysis of  $pK^-\pi^+$  decays [JEZABEK 1992] are consistent with  $J = 1/2$ . ABLIKIM 2021N determines the  $\Lambda_c^+$  spin to be  $J = 1/2$ , from an angular analysis of various 2-body  $\Lambda_c^+$  decays in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ . We have omitted some results that have been superseded by later experiments. The omitted results may be found in earlier editions.

▶ Expand all sections

$\Lambda_c^+$ MASS	$2286.46 \pm 0.14$ MeV	▼
$\Lambda_c^+$ MEAN LIFE	$(2.026 \pm 0.010) \times 10^{-13}$ s	▼
▶ $\Lambda_c^+$ DECAY PARAMETERS		
$\alpha$ FOR $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}_0^*(1430)^0 p$	$0.34 \pm 0.14$	▼
▼ $\Lambda_c^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ CP-VIOLATING DECAY ASYMMETRIES		
$(\alpha + \bar{\alpha})/(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$ in $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-$	$0.020 \pm 0.016$	▼
$(\alpha + \bar{\alpha})/(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$ in $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c^- \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0\pi^-$	$-0.02 \pm 0.05$	▼
$(\alpha + \bar{\alpha})/(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$ in $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+\nu_e, \bar{\Lambda}_c^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} e^-\bar{\nu}_e$	$0.00 \pm 0.04$	▼
$(\alpha + \bar{\alpha})/(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$ in $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} K^-$	$-0.02 \pm 0.11$	▼
$(\alpha + \bar{\alpha})/(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$ in $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^0 K^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c^- \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 K^-$	$0.1 \pm 0.4$	▼
$A_{CP}(\Lambda X)$ in $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Lambda X, \bar{\Lambda}_c \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} X$	$0.02 \pm 0.07$	▼
$A_{CP}(AK^+)$ in $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Lambda K^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} K^-$	$0.021 \pm 0.026$	▼
$A_{CP}(\Sigma^0 K^+)$ in $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Sigma^0 K^+, \bar{\Lambda}_c \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^0 K^-$	$0.03 \pm 0.05$	▼
$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^+ K^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-)$	$0.003 \pm 0.011$	▼



- A single-arm forward spectrometer covering the pseudorapidity range  $2 < \eta < 5$

By design: study CP-violating processes and rare *b*- and *c*-hadrons decays

Vertex Locator

$\sigma_{IP} \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\sigma_{\tau} \sim 45 \text{fs}$

Tracking stations

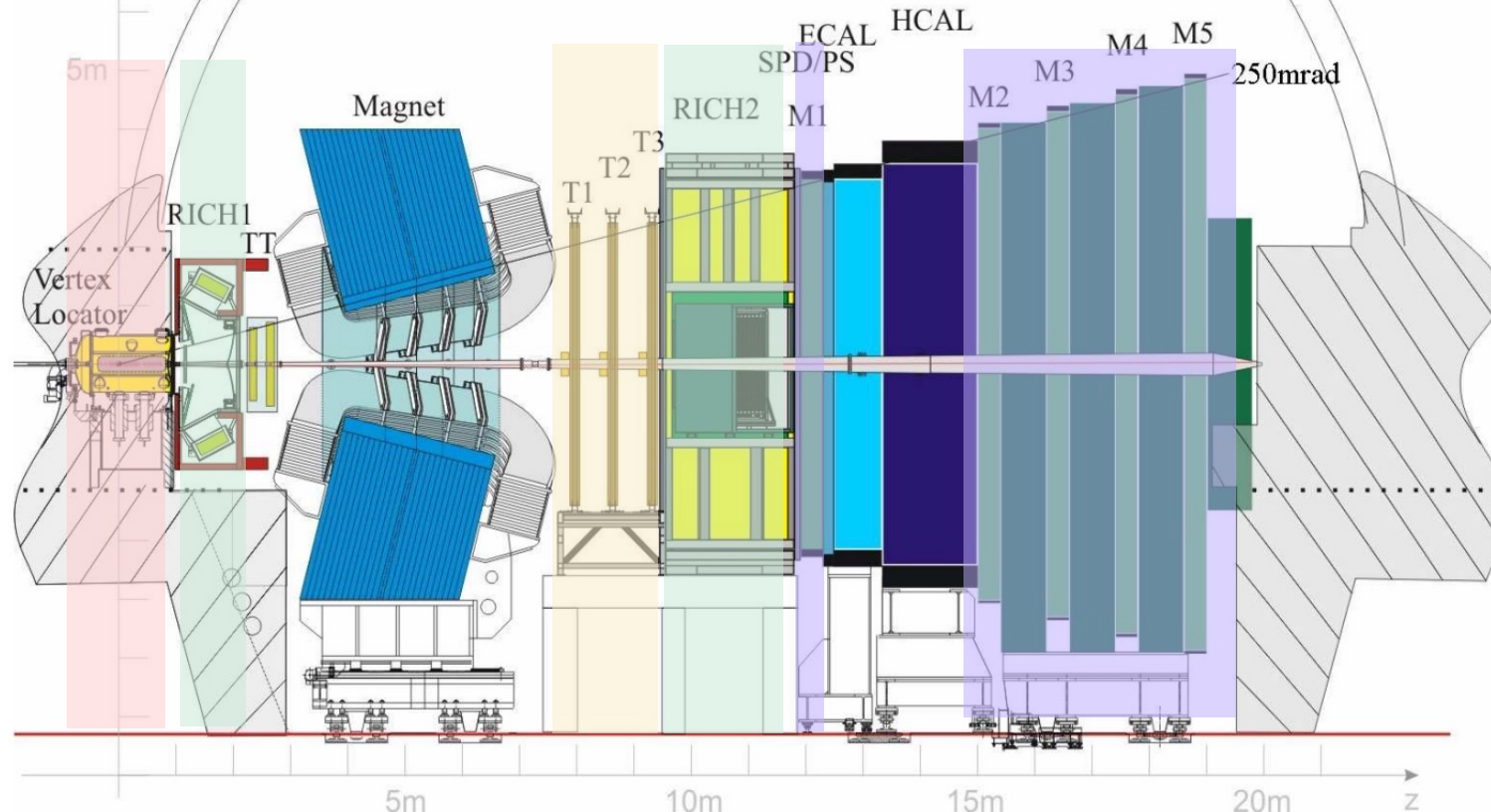
$\epsilon_{\text{tracking}} \sim 96\%$   
 $\sigma_p/p \sim 0.5\% - 1\% (5 - 200 \text{ GeV})$

RICHs

$\epsilon(K \rightarrow K) \sim 95\%$   
mis-ID  $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow K) \sim 5\%$

Muon system

$\epsilon(\mu \rightarrow \mu) \sim 97\%$   
mis-ID  $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow \mu) \sim 1 - 3\%$



[JINST 3 (2008) S08005]

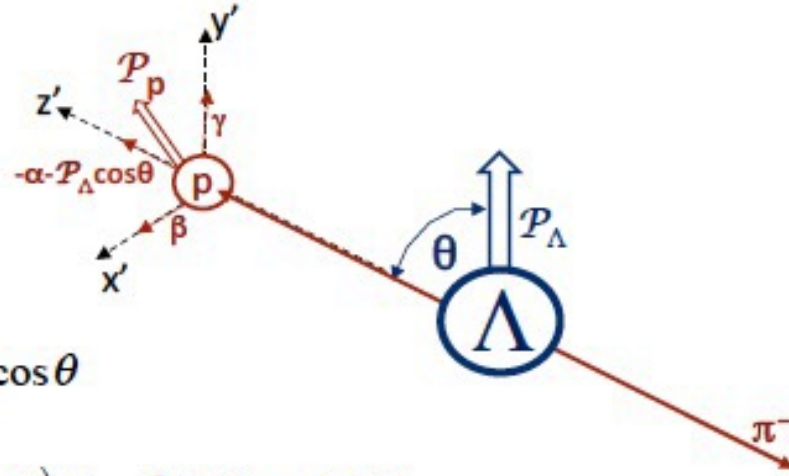
[IJMPA 30 (2015) 1530022]

- Decay parameters can be defined for  $\frac{1}{2}^+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+ 0^-$  decays, by  $s$  and  $p$  waves

$$M \sim \psi_2^+(s + p \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}) \psi_1$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{2\Re(s^*p)}{|s|^2 + |p|^2}, \quad \beta \equiv \frac{2\Im(s^*p)}{|s|^2 + |p|^2}, \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{|s|^2 - |p|^2}{|s|^2 + |p|^2}, \quad \text{with } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$$

- Proposed by Lee and Yang to search for parity violation in hyperon decays



$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} \propto 1 + \alpha P_\Lambda \cos\theta$$

$$P_p = \frac{(\alpha + P_\Lambda \cos\theta)\bar{z}' + \beta P_\Lambda \bar{x}' + \gamma P_\Lambda \bar{y}'}{1 + \alpha P_\Lambda \cos\theta}$$



[Phys. Rev. 108 (1957) 1645]

[Int.J.Mod.Phys.A 37 (2022) 27, 2250169]

- Probe parity (P) and charge conjugation parity (CP) violation

$$\alpha \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{P violation}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &\neq -\bar{\alpha} \\ \beta &\neq -\bar{\beta} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{CP violation}$$

- CP violation quantified by

$$A_\alpha \equiv \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = -\tan \Delta\delta \tan \Delta\phi$$

$$R_\beta \equiv \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = \tan \Delta\phi$$

$$R'_\beta \equiv \frac{\beta - \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = \tan \Delta\delta$$

$$s = |s|e^{i\delta_s}e^{i\phi_s}, \quad \bar{s} = -|s|e^{i\delta_s}e^{-i\phi_s}$$

$$p = |p|e^{i\delta_p}e^{i\phi_p}, \quad \bar{p} = |p|e^{i\delta_p}e^{-i\phi_p}$$

$$\Delta\delta = \delta_s - \delta_p$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_s - \phi_p$$

- At leading order, related to strong phase difference  $\Delta\delta$  and weak phase difference  $\Delta\phi$  between  $s$  and  $p$  waves



# Status of decay parameter measurements

- No result for bottom-baryon decay

- For charm-baryon decays,

- Precisely measured  $\alpha$  parameters
- Limited precision of  $\beta, \gamma$

$$\beta(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) = -0.06_{-0.47-0.06}^{+0.58+0.05}$$

$$\gamma(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) = -0.60_{-0.05-0.03}^{+0.96+0.17}$$

[PRD 100 (2019) 072004]

$$\beta(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^+) = -0.64 \pm 0.69$$

$$\gamma(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^+) = -0.77 \pm 0.58$$

[PRL 132 (2024) 031801]

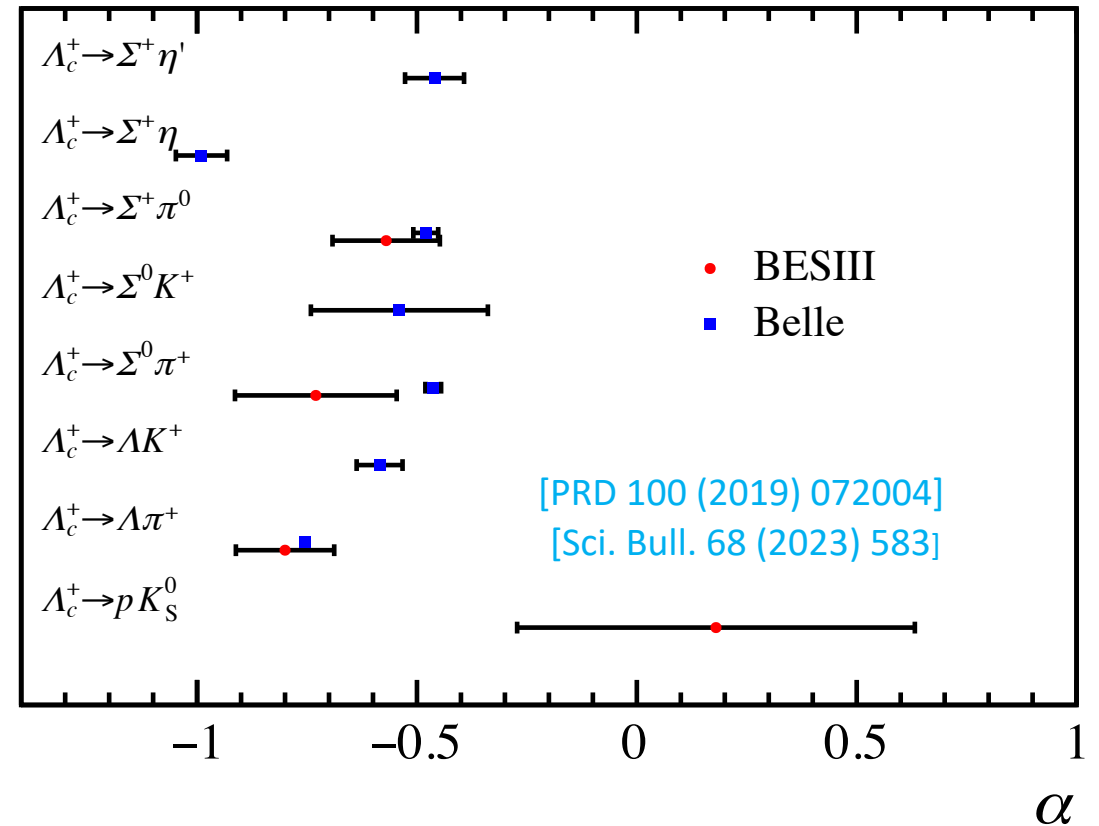
- $\alpha(\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^+)$  has a great change after the recent BESIII and CLAS results

$$0.642 \pm 0.013 \rightarrow 0.747 \pm 0.009$$

[Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 631]

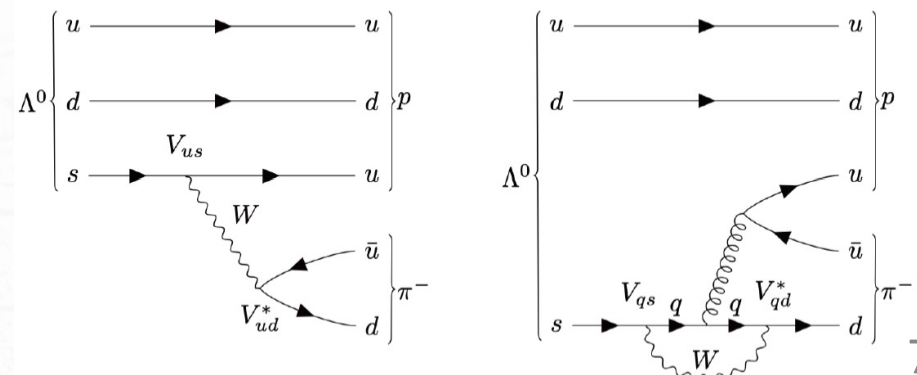
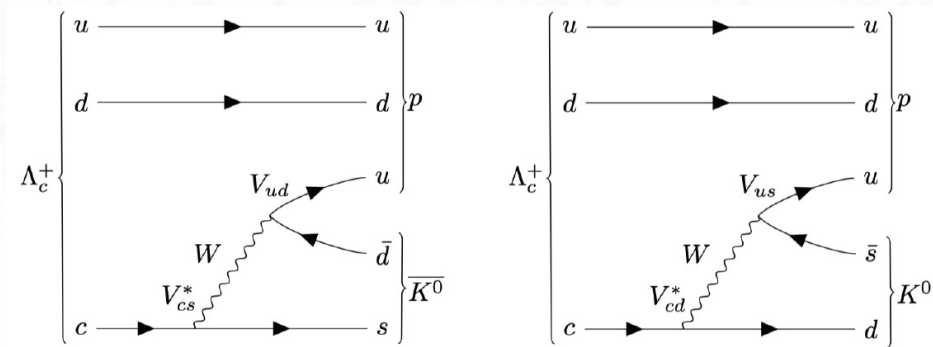
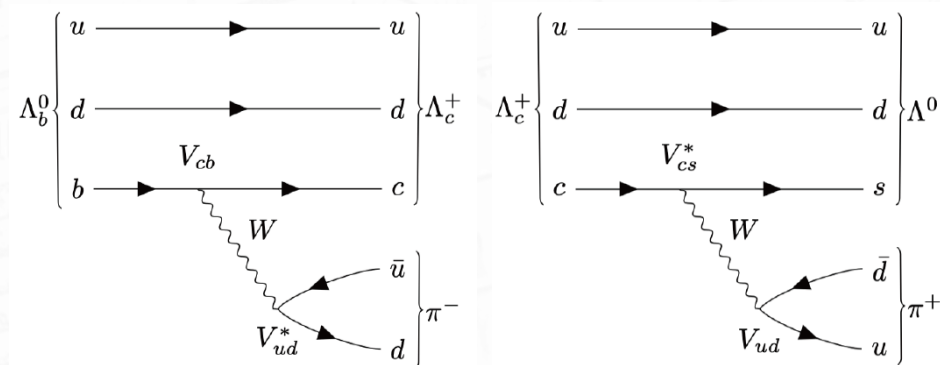
[PRL 129 (2022) 131801]

[PRL 123 (2019) 182301]



# Analysis overview

- 9 fb<sup>-1</sup> pp collision samples collected by the LHCb experiment
- Decay channels
  - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ h^-$  ( $h = \pi, K$ )
  - Followed by
    - $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda h^+$  ( $h = \pi, K$ ) with  $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$ ,
    - and  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_S^0$  with  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Decay parameters extracted from angular distributions
- Inclusion of charge-conjugate processes, unless stated

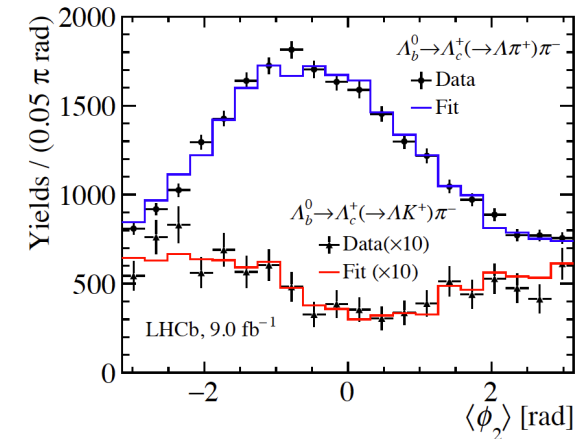
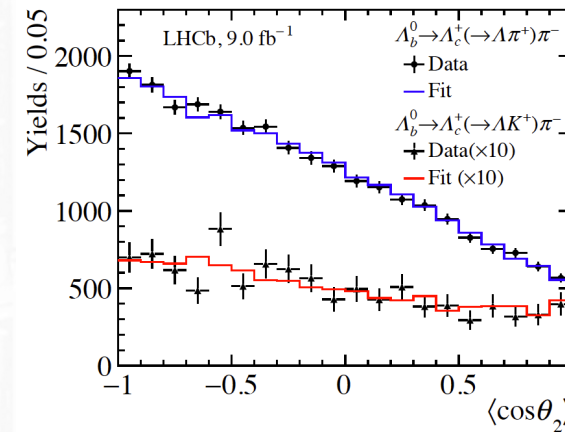
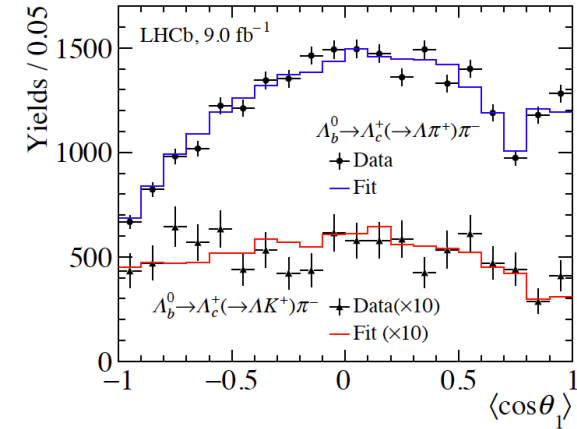
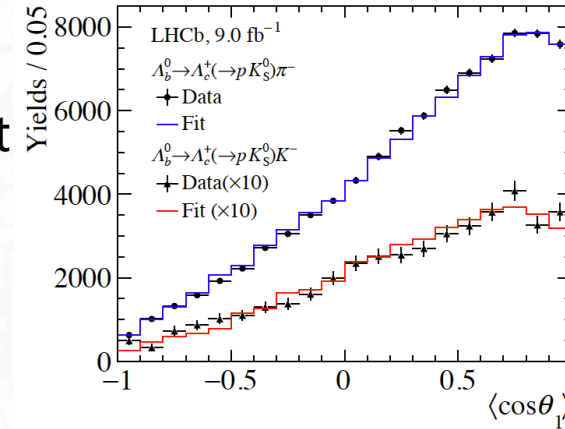
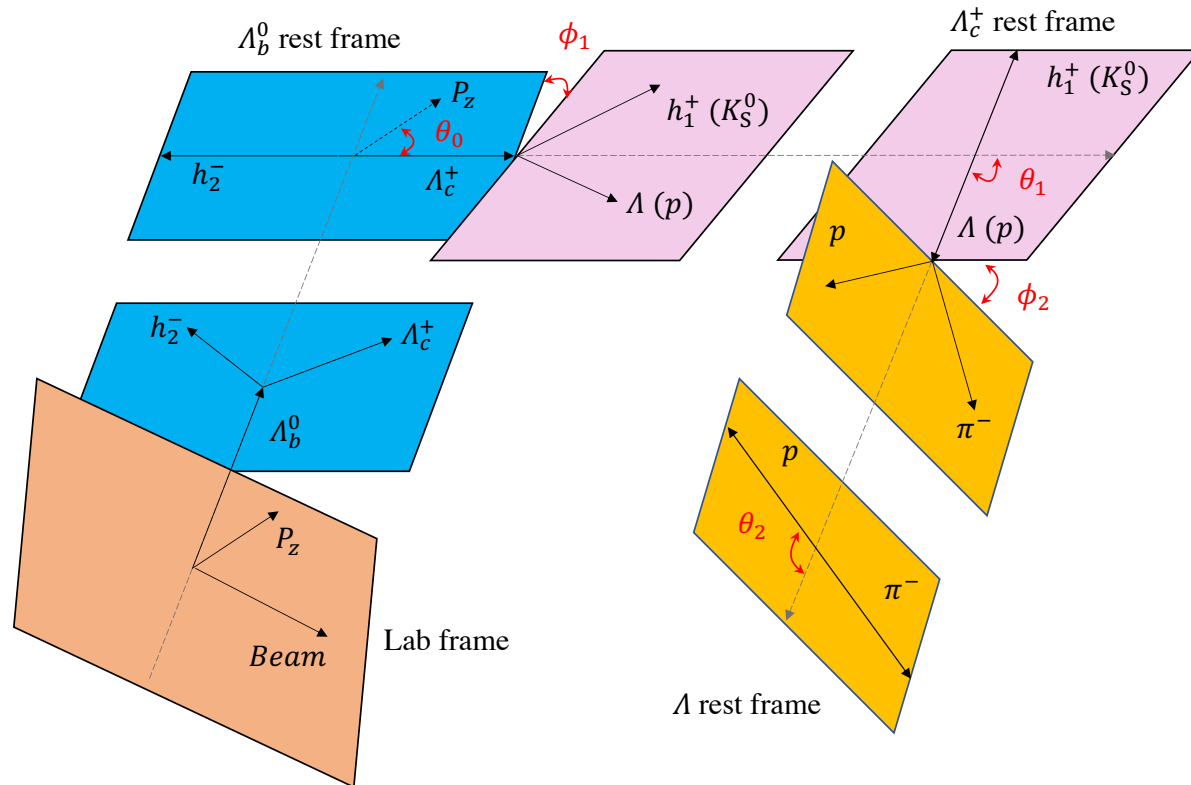




# Angular fit

- Joint unbinned maximum-likelihood fit of five channels
- Eight independent fit parameters, without external input
- sFit method for background subtraction

[Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A555 (2005) 356]



$\Lambda_b^0$  polarization assumed to be 0 based on previous measurements at the LHC

[Phys. Lett. B724 (2013) 27]

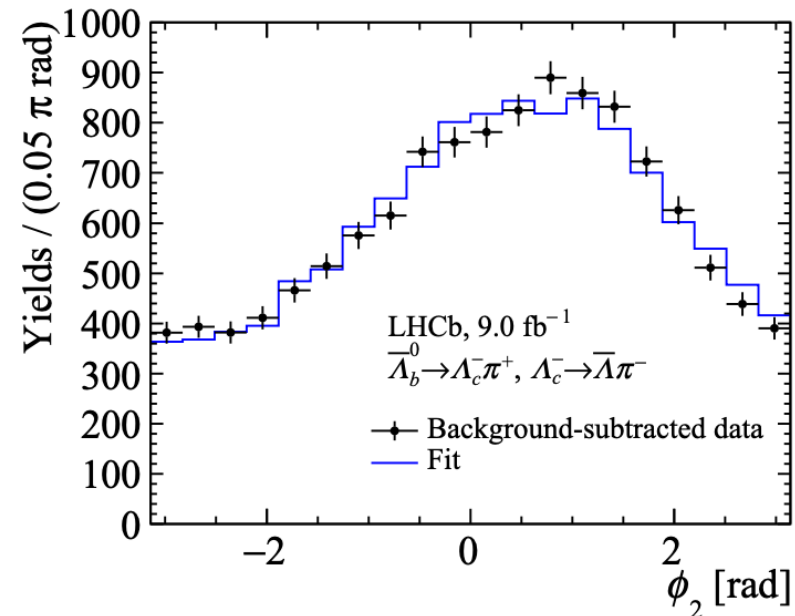
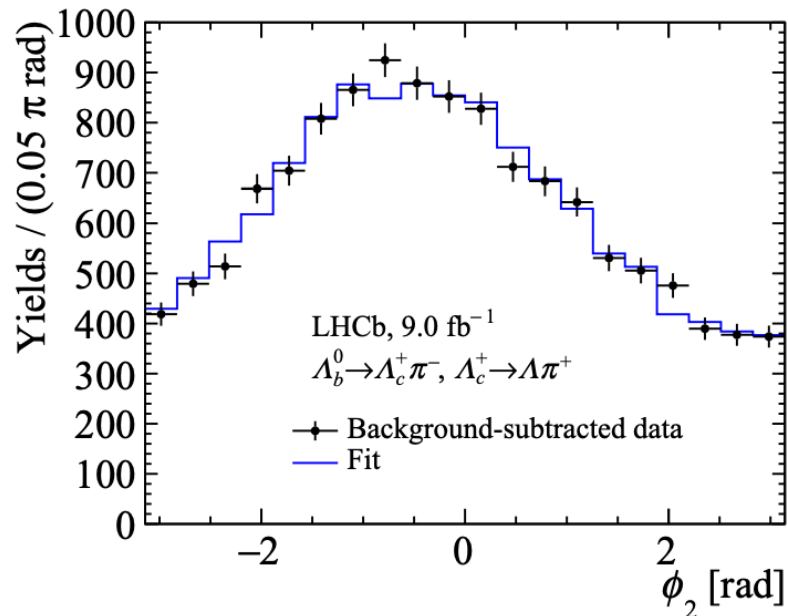
[Phys. Rev. D89 (2014) 092009]

[Phys. Rev. D97 (2018) 072010]

- Fit to  $\Lambda_b^0$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}_b^0$  samples simultaneously
- Using CP-related parameters as fit parameters

$$\langle\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \bar{\alpha}), \quad A_\alpha \equiv \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}, \quad R_\beta \equiv \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}, \quad R'_\beta \equiv \frac{\beta - \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}$$

- No significant CP violation found



# Results of $\Lambda_b^0$ decays

- First measurement
- $\alpha \approx -1 \implies$  V – A nature of the weak current and maximal parity violation

Decay	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^-$
$\alpha$	$-1.010 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.003$	$-0.933 \pm 0.042 \pm 0.014$
$\bar{\alpha}$	$0.996 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.003$	$0.995 \pm 0.036 \pm 0.013$
$\langle \alpha \rangle$	$-1.003 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.005$	$-0.964 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.015$
$A_\alpha$	$0.007 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.005$	$-0.032 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.006$

- Various model calculations predict  $\alpha \approx -1$  [\[Phys. Rev. D105 \(2022\) 073005\]](#)

Mode	This work	[88]	[13] <sup>a</sup>	[86,87] <sup>a</sup>	[89]	[16]	[78]	[80] <sup>a</sup>	[79]	[82]
$\alpha(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \pi)$	-99.2	-100	-99	-99	...	-99.9	-99.8	-99.9	$-99.99^{+4.70}_{-0.00}$	$-100.0 \pm 0.0$
$\alpha(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c K)$	-98.2	...	...	...	...	-100	-100	-99.9	$-99.97^{+5.02}_{-0.01}$	$-100.0 \pm 0.0$



# Results of $\Lambda_c^+$ decays

- The most precise measurement
- Benefit from the large  $\Lambda_c^+$  polarization from  $\Lambda_b^0$  decay

BESIII: [Phys. Rev. D100 (2019) 072004]

Belle : [Sci. Bull. 68 (2023) 583]

Decay	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK_S^0$
$\alpha$	$-0.782 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.004$	$-0.569 \pm 0.059 \pm 0.028$	$-0.744 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.009$
$\bar{\alpha}$	$0.787 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.003$	$0.464 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.017$	$0.765 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.007$
$\langle\alpha\rangle$	$-0.785 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.003$	$-0.516 \pm 0.041 \pm 0.021$	$-0.754 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.006$
$A_\alpha$	$-0.003 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.002$	$0.102 \pm 0.080 \pm 0.023$	$-0.014 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.008$
$\alpha$	$-0.784 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.006$ (Belle)	$-0.556 \pm 0.071 \pm 0.028$ (Belle)	$-0.18 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.14$ (BESIII)

[Chin.J.Phys. 78 (2022) 324-362]

- Theoretical predictions complicated due to nonfactorizable contributions

Decay	Körner	Xu	Cheng	Ivanov	Żenczykowski	Sharma	Zou	Geng	Experiment (PDG)
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+$	-0.70	-0.67	-0.99	-0.95	-0.95	-0.99	-0.93	$-0.87 \pm 0.10$	$-0.84 \pm 0.09$
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{K}^0$	-1.0	0.51	-0.90	-0.49	-0.97	-0.66	-0.75	$-0.89^{+0.26}_{-0.11}$	$0.2 \pm 0.5$

- $\beta, \gamma$  parameters

Decay	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$
$\beta$	$0.368 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.008$	$0.35 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.04$
$\bar{\beta}$	$-0.387 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.010$	$-0.32 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.03$
$\gamma$	$0.502 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.006$	$-0.743 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.024$
$\bar{\gamma}$	$0.480 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.007$	$-0.828 \pm 0.049 \pm 0.013$
$\Delta$	$0.633 \pm 0.036 \pm 0.013$	$2.70 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.04$
$\bar{\Delta}$	$-0.678 \pm 0.035 \pm 0.013$	$-2.78 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.03$
$R_\beta$	$0.012 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.005$	$-0.04 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.02$
$R'_\beta$	$-0.481 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.009$	$-0.65 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.07$

- Strong and weak phase differences between  $s$  and  $p$  waves

$$R_\beta \equiv \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = \tan \Delta\phi$$

$$R'_\beta \equiv \frac{\beta - \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = \tan \Delta\delta$$

Decay	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$
$\Delta\phi$	$0.01 \pm 0.02$	$-0.03 \pm 0.015$
$\Delta\delta$	$2.693 \pm 0.017$	$2.57 \pm 0.19$

- Serve as essential **inputs** for some theoretical models

## ➤ Topological diagrams

[PRD 109 (2024) 114027]

### Analysis of hadronic weak decays of charmed baryons in the topological diagrammatic approach

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We perform a global fit to the experimental data of two-body charmed baryon decays based on the topological diagrammatic approach (TDA) and take into account the phase shifts between  $S$ - and  $P$ -wave amplitudes as inspired by the recent BESIII measurement of the decay asymmetry in the decay  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^+$ . The TDA has the advantage that it is more intuitive, graphic, and easier to implement

- Independent measurement, consistent with BESIII results

Decay	Our result	PDG 2024
$\alpha$	$0.717 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.009$	$0.747 \pm 0.009$
$\bar{\alpha}$	$-0.748 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.007$	$-0.757 \pm 0.004$
$\langle \alpha \rangle$	$0.733 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.006$	-
$A_\alpha$	$-0.022 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.007$	$-0.001 \pm 0.004$

Dominated by BESIII results

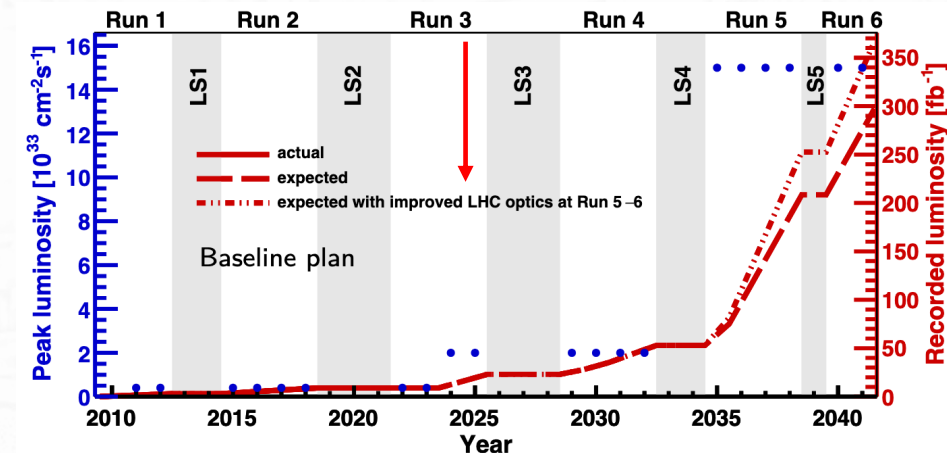
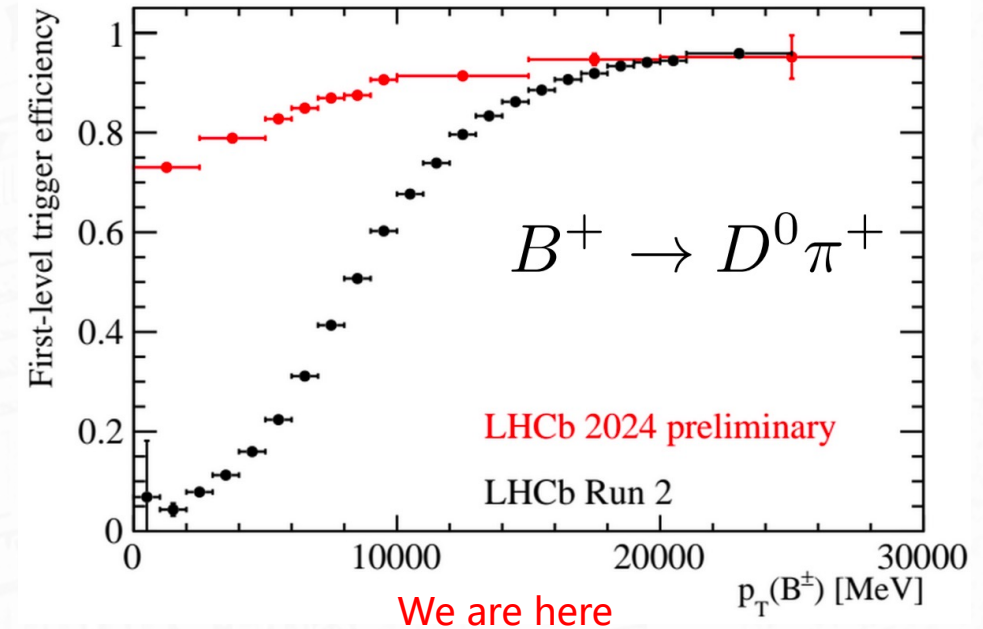
- Comparison between baryon decays with different flavors

Decay	$\alpha$	Comments
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$	$-1.010 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.003$	Fully left-handed
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$	$-0.782 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.004$	Nearly left-handed
$\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$	$0.717 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.009$	Not left-handed



- The decay parameters and their CP asymmetries of  $\Lambda_b^0, \Lambda_c^+$  and  $\Lambda$  decays are measured
  - **First** measurement of **decay parameters** of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ h^-$
  - **Precise** measurements of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda h^+$ , and the **weak and strong phase differences**
  - Precision of  $\alpha(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_s^0)$  **significantly improves**
  - **Independent** measurement of  $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$ , consistent with BESIII results
  - **Negligible CP violation** in these processes
- Valuable insights into the weak decay dynamics of baryons
- Demonstrating LHCb's great potential to study CP violation in baryon decays via angular analysis

- LHCb is highly active in beauty and charm sector and leading many studies of heavy baryons
  - One of the largest recorded  $b/c$  samples with high purity and excellent PID information
  - Many still ongoing analyses using Run 1 and Run 2 data
- In RunIII, the LHCb experiment will keep making important contributions to charm sector with
  - Higher luminosity ( $L_{Run3} > L_{Run1} + L_{Run2}$ )
  - Upgraded detector (e.g. UT)
  - Improved techniques (e.g. fully reconstruction in software trigger)
  - ...



Many Thanks!

# Backup



- Collected **the largest sample** of heavy baryons

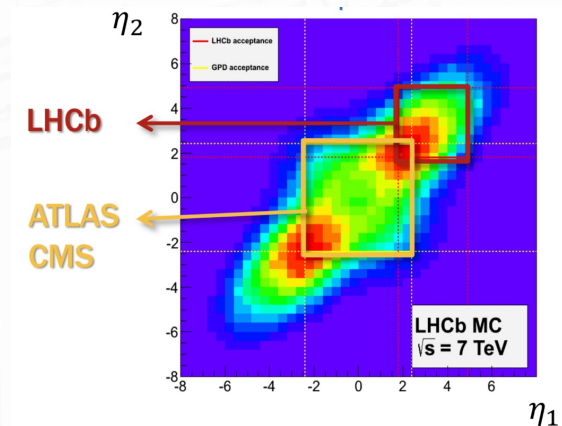
- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X) = 154.3 \pm 1.5 \pm 14.3 \mu\text{b}$  at 13 TeV in the forward region  
⇒  $\sim 60\text{k } b\bar{b}/s$  inside LHCb acceptance
- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}X) = 2369 \pm 3 \pm 198 \mu\text{b}$  at 13 TeV in the forward region  
⇒  $\sim 1\text{M } c\bar{c}/s$  inside LHCb acceptance

- **Prompt sample:** directly produced from  $pp$  collisions

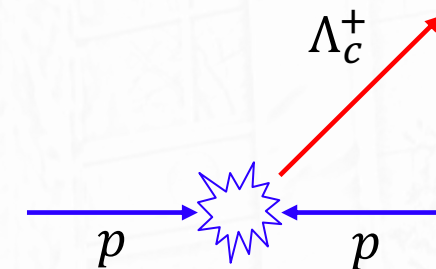
- Spectroscopy
- Precise measurement (mass, lifetime, BF, ...)
- Search for rare decay

- **From b sample:** from beauty hadron decays

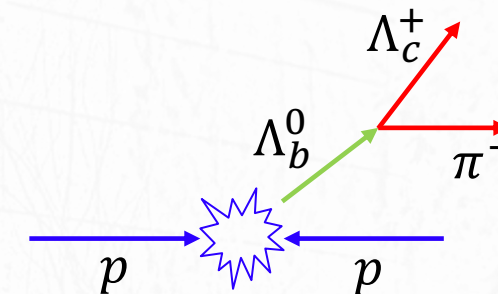
- All above, but less statistics
- $J^P$  determination
- Decay dynamics ( $\beta, \gamma, \dots$ )



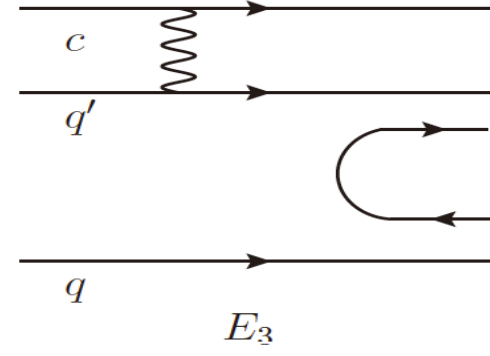
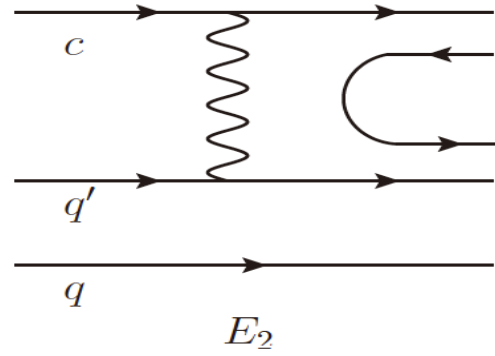
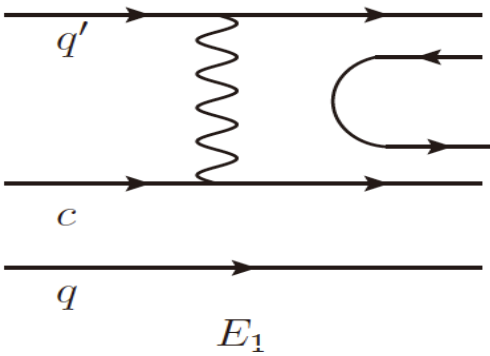
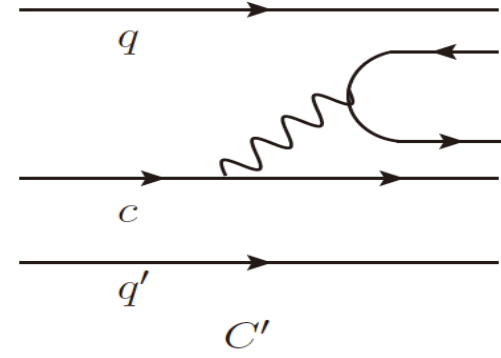
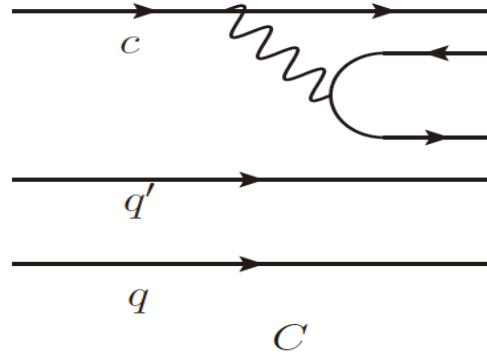
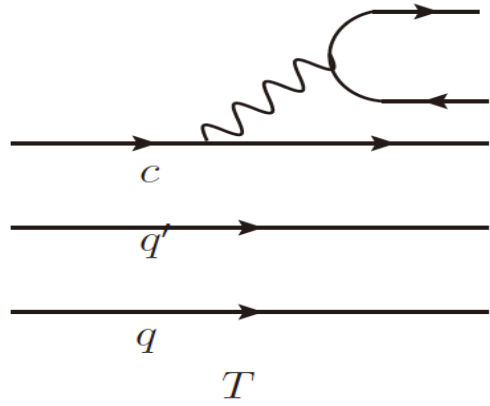
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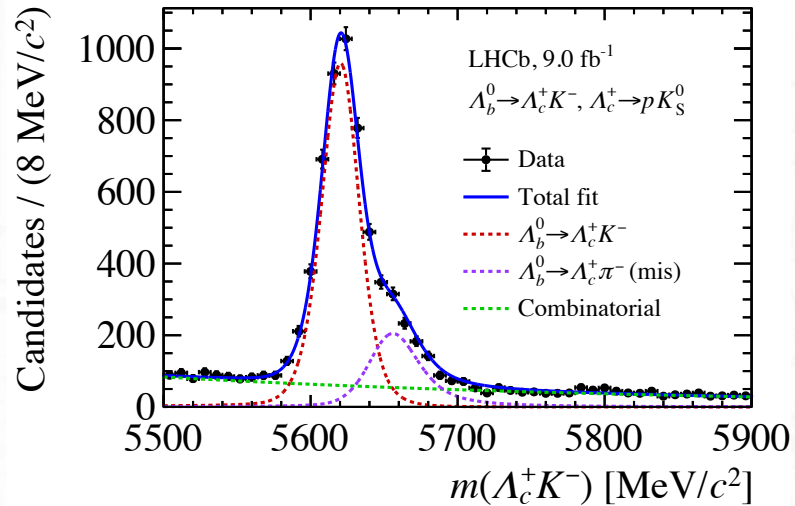
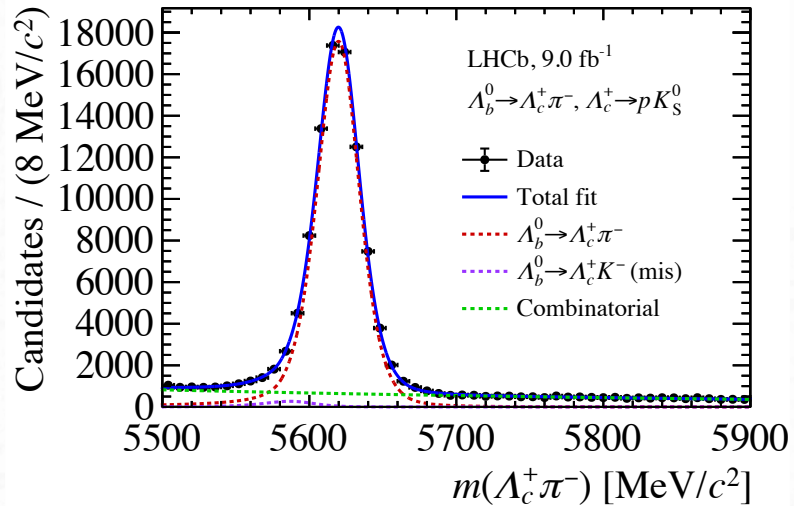
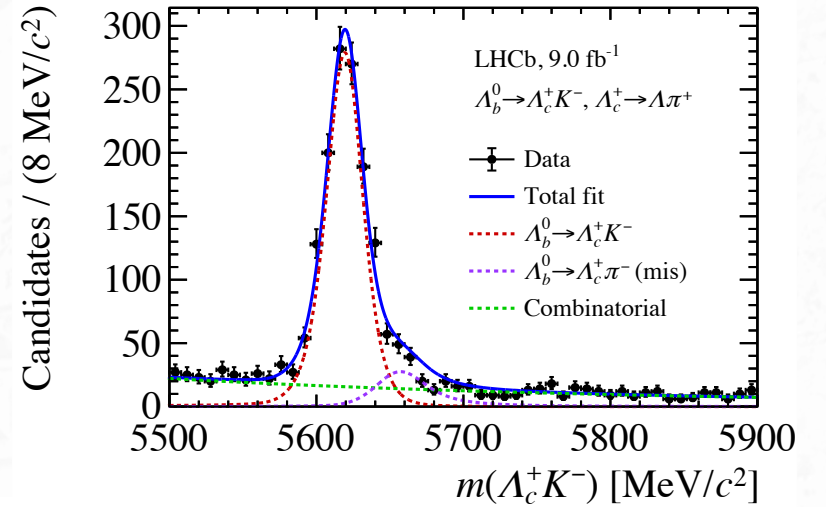
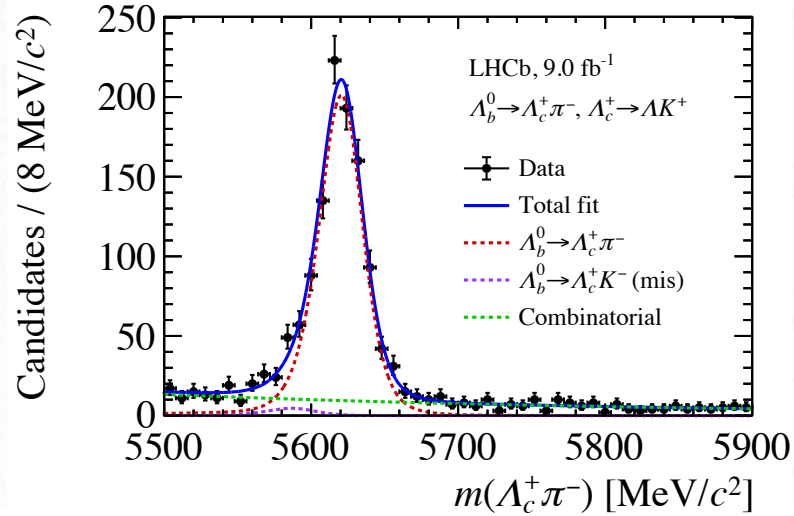
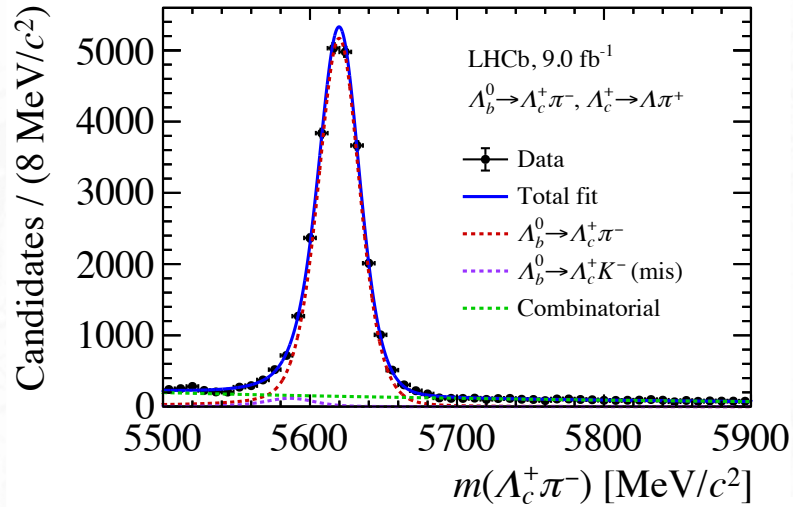
**High purity,  
with polarization**



# Topological diagrams



Parameter	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+$	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^-$ $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+$	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_S^0$	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^-$ $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_S^0$
$N_{sig}$	$24749 \pm 168$	$1187 \pm 37$	$1010 \pm 34$	$86351 \pm 318$	$4164 \pm 72$

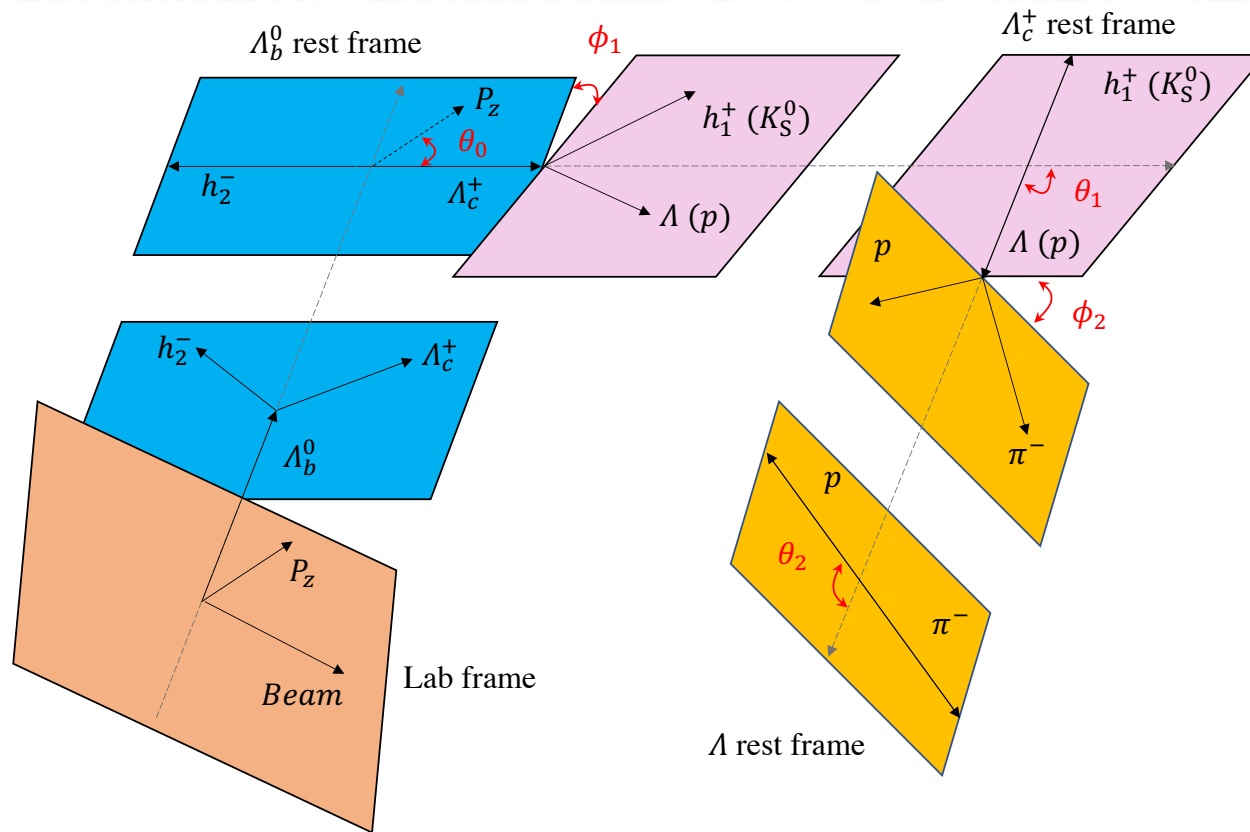




# Angular distributions

- For  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow p K_S^0) h_2^-$   $\frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_1} \propto 1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \cos \theta_1,$

- For  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda h_1^+) h_2^-$   $\frac{d^3\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_1 d \cos \theta_2 d \phi_2} \propto (1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_2 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2),$



$\Lambda_b^0$  polarization assumed to be 0 based on previous measurements at the LHC

[Phys. Lett. B724 (2013) 27]

[Phys. Rev. D89 (2014) 092009]

[Phys. Rev. D97 (2018) 072010]

- Joint unbinned maximum-likelihood fit of five channels
- sFit method for background subtraction [Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A555 (2005) 356]

- Eight independent fit parameters, without external input

$$\alpha_{\Lambda_b^0}^{\Lambda_c^+ \pi^-}, \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0}^{\Lambda_c^+ K^-}, \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda \pi^+}, \Delta_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda \pi^+}, \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda K^+}, \Delta_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda K^+}, \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{p K_S^0}, \alpha_{\Lambda}^{p \pi^-}$$

or

$$\alpha_{\Lambda_b^0}^{\Lambda_c^+ \pi^-}, \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0}^{\Lambda_c^+ K^-}, \beta_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda \pi^+}, \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda \pi^+}, \beta_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda K^+}, \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\Lambda K^+}, \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{p K_S^0}, \alpha_{\Lambda}^{p \pi^-}$$

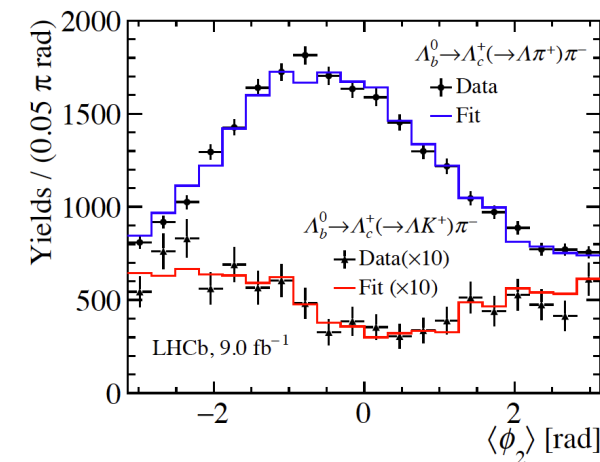
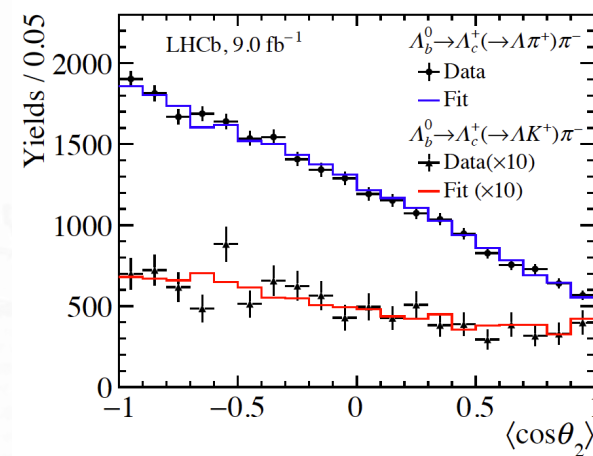
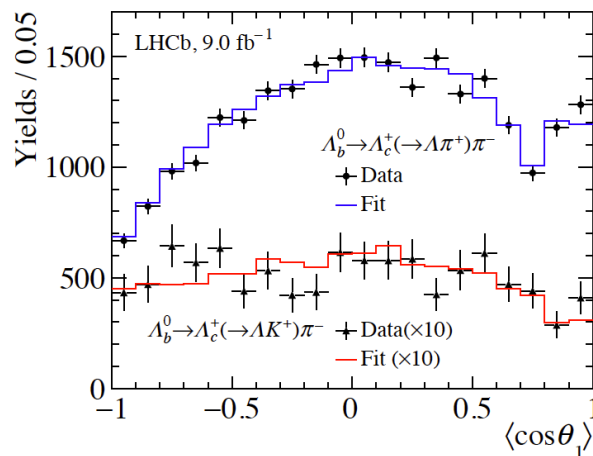
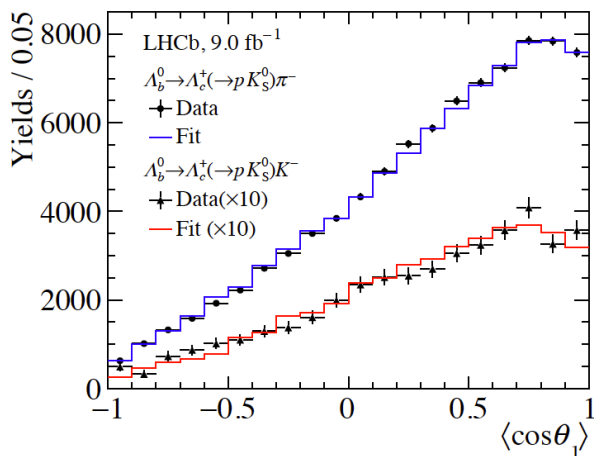
$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$$

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} \sin \Delta,$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} \cos \Delta,$$

$$\Delta = \arg(H_+/H_-)$$

Helicity amplitude



# Helicity formalism expansion

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\Omega} \propto |M|^2 = \sum_{\lambda_0, \lambda'_0, \lambda_n} \rho_{\lambda_0, \lambda'_0} M_{\lambda_0, \lambda_n} M_{\lambda'_0, \lambda_n}^*, \quad \rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + P_z & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - P_z \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow p K_S^0) h^-$  decays, the helicity amplitude is determined as

$$M_{\lambda_b, \lambda_p} = \sum_{\lambda_c} H_{\lambda_c}^b d_{\lambda_b, \lambda_c}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta_0) \cdot H_{\lambda_p}^c e^{i\lambda_c \phi_1} d_{\lambda_c, \lambda_p}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta_1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_0 d \cos \theta_1 d \phi_1} \propto & 1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \cos \theta_1 \\ & + P_z \cdot (\alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \cos \theta_0 + \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \cos \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 \\ & - \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1 \\ & + \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1), \end{aligned}$$



# Helicity formalism expansion (cont.)

For  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda (\rightarrow p\pi^-) h_1^+) h_2^-$  decays,

$$M_{\lambda_b, \lambda_p} = \sum_{\lambda_c} H_{\lambda_c}^b d_{\lambda_b, \lambda_c}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta_0) \cdot H_{\lambda_s}^c e^{i\lambda_c \phi_1} d_{\lambda_c, \lambda_s}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta_1) \cdot H_{\lambda_p}^s e^{i\lambda_s \phi_2} d_{\lambda_s, \lambda_p}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^5\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_0 d \cos \theta_1 d \phi_1 d \cos \theta_2 d \phi_2} \\ \propto & (1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_2 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \\ & - \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2) \\ + P_z \cdot & (\alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \cos \theta_0 + \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \cos \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_0 \cos \theta_2 \\ & + \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1 + \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1 \\ & - \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2 + \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2 \\ & - \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cos \phi_1 + \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \sin \phi_1 \\ & + \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 + \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \\ & + \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 + \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \\ & - \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 \\ & + \gamma_{\Lambda_b^0} \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \\ & + \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \gamma_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 \\ & - \beta_{\Lambda_b^0} \beta_{\Lambda_c^+} \alpha_{\Lambda} \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2), \end{aligned}$$

- sFit method for background subtraction

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\vec{\nu}) = \sum_{k=1}^5 \left( C_k \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} w_{k,i} \times \log \left[ \mathcal{P}_k(\vec{\Omega}_k^i | \vec{\nu}) \right] \right)$$

- Constant to correct reported statistical uncertainties

$$C_k \equiv \sum_{i \in \text{data}_k} w_{k,i} / \sum_{i \in \text{data}_k} w_{k,i}^2$$

- Monte Carlo integration method
- Angular acceptance corrected

$$\mathcal{P}_k(\vec{\Omega}_k | \vec{\nu}) = \frac{\epsilon_k(\vec{\Omega}_k) \cdot f_k(\vec{\Omega}_k | \vec{\nu})}{\int d\vec{\Omega}_k \epsilon_k(\vec{\Omega}_k) \cdot f_k(\vec{\Omega}_k | \vec{\nu})},$$