



# Recent studies on pentaquark states from LHCb

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# Review of main results before 2024

➤ 2015 Run1:  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^+$  &  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4450)^+$  observed from Amplitude Analysis

➤ 2019 Run1&2: 1D fit to  $\cos \theta_{P_{c\bar{c}}}$ -weighted  $J/\psi p$  projections

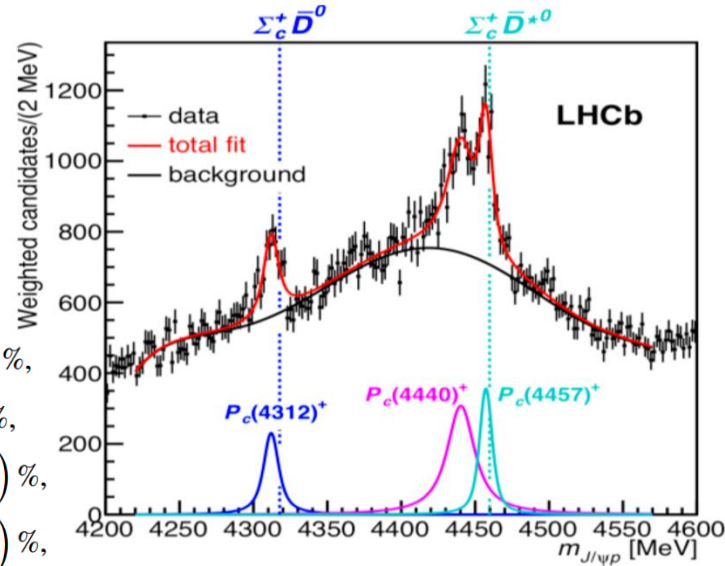
- $P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^+$  observed.  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4450)^+$  resolved into  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)^+$  &  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)^+$
- $P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^+$  need to be confirmed. (1D fit not sensitive to broader resonance)

$$f_{pJ/\psi}(P_c(4312)^+) = (0.3 \pm 0.07^{+0.34}_{-0.09})\%,$$

$$f_{pJ/\psi}(P_c(4380)^+) = (8.4 \pm 0.7 \pm 4.2)\%,$$

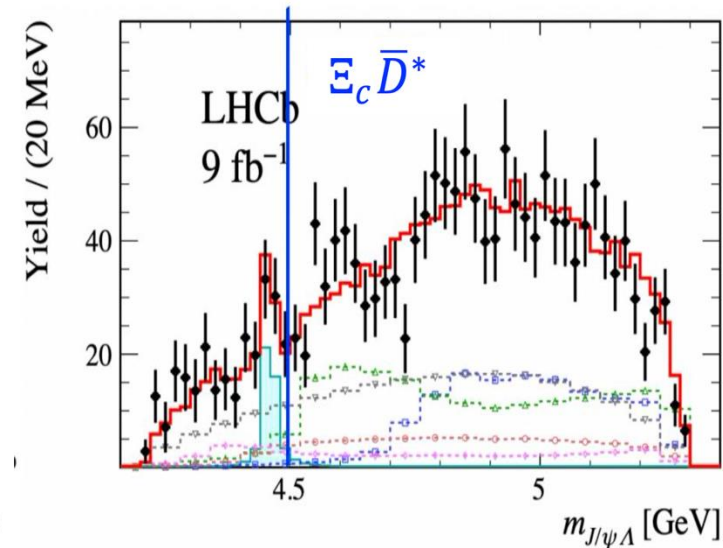
$$f_{pJ/\psi}(P_c(4440)^+) = (1.11 \pm 0.33^{+0.22}_{-0.11})\%,$$

$$f_{pJ/\psi}(P_c(4457)^+) = (0.53 \pm 0.16^{+0.15}_{-0.13})\%,$$



$P_{c\bar{c}}$  in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$

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Evidence of  $P_{c\bar{c}s}$  in  $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$

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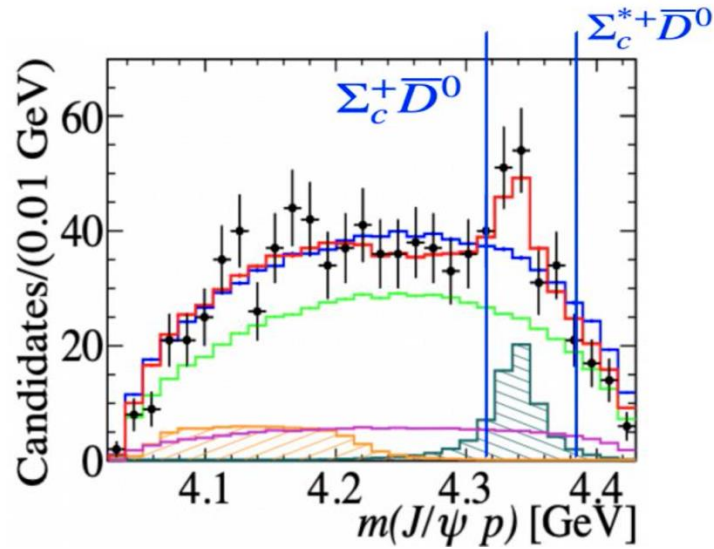
$$m(P_{cs}(4459)^0) = 4458.8 \pm 2.9(\text{stat.})_{-1.1}^{+4.7}(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma(P_{cs}(4459)^0) = 17.3 \pm 6.5(\text{stat.})_{-5.7}^{+8.0}(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV},$$

➤ 2021: Evidence of pentaquark with strangeness  $P_{c\bar{c}s}(4459)^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$

# Review of main results before 2024

- 2022: Evidence of  $P_{c\bar{c}}$ (4337), while  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^+$ ,  $P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^+$  not seen
- 2023: Observation of  $P_{c\bar{c}s}$ (4338) in  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \bar{\Lambda} p$  decay

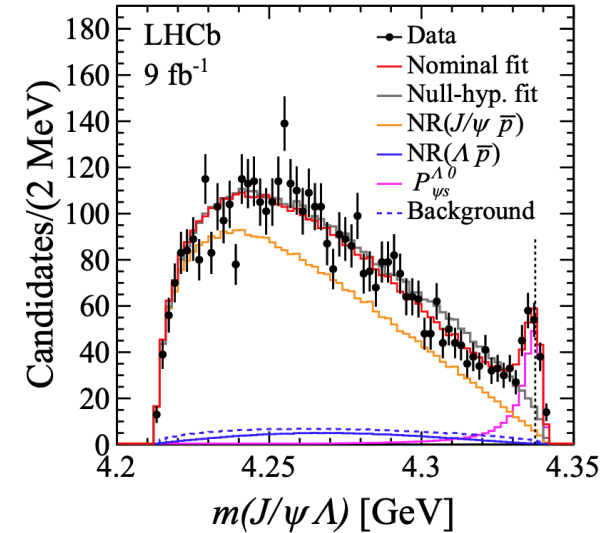


Evidence of  $P_{c\bar{c}}$  in  $B_S^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p}$

PRL 128(2022) 062001

$$M_{P_c} = 4337_{-4}^{+7} {}_{-2}^{+2} \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma_{P_c} = 29_{-12}^{+26} {}_{-14}^{+14} \text{ MeV},$$



$P_{c\bar{c}s}$  in  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \bar{\Lambda} p$

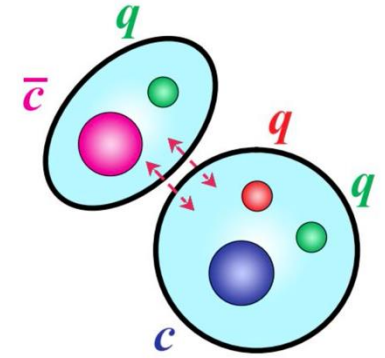
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$$M(P_{c\bar{c}s}) = 4338.2 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(P_{c\bar{c}s}) = 7.0 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.3 \text{ MeV}$$

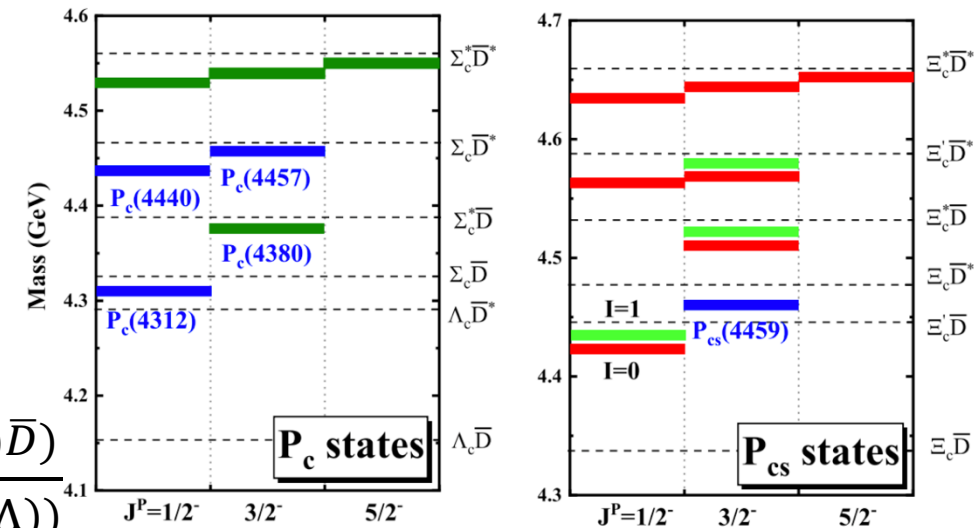
# Review of main results before 2024

- The mass of pentaquarks is found to be close to charm-baryon and charm-meson mass threshold
  - ❖ Popular theories: molecular states
  - ❖ Other hypothesis (Compact pentaquark, kinematic effects like triangle singularity,...) are not ruled out



- A rough sketch of theoretical predictions

- ❖ Mass and width are consistent with experiment results within uncertainties
- ❖ Most calculations suggest  $J^P(P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^+) = \frac{1}{2}^-$
- ❖  $J^P(P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)^+)$  &  $J^P(P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)^+)$  controversial between molecular models and others
- ❖ 1-2 orders of magnitude difference on  $\frac{B(P_{c\bar{c}(s)} \rightarrow \Sigma_c(\Xi_c)\bar{D})}{B(P_{c\bar{c}(s)} \rightarrow J/\psi p(\Lambda))}$
- ❖ Many states are predicted



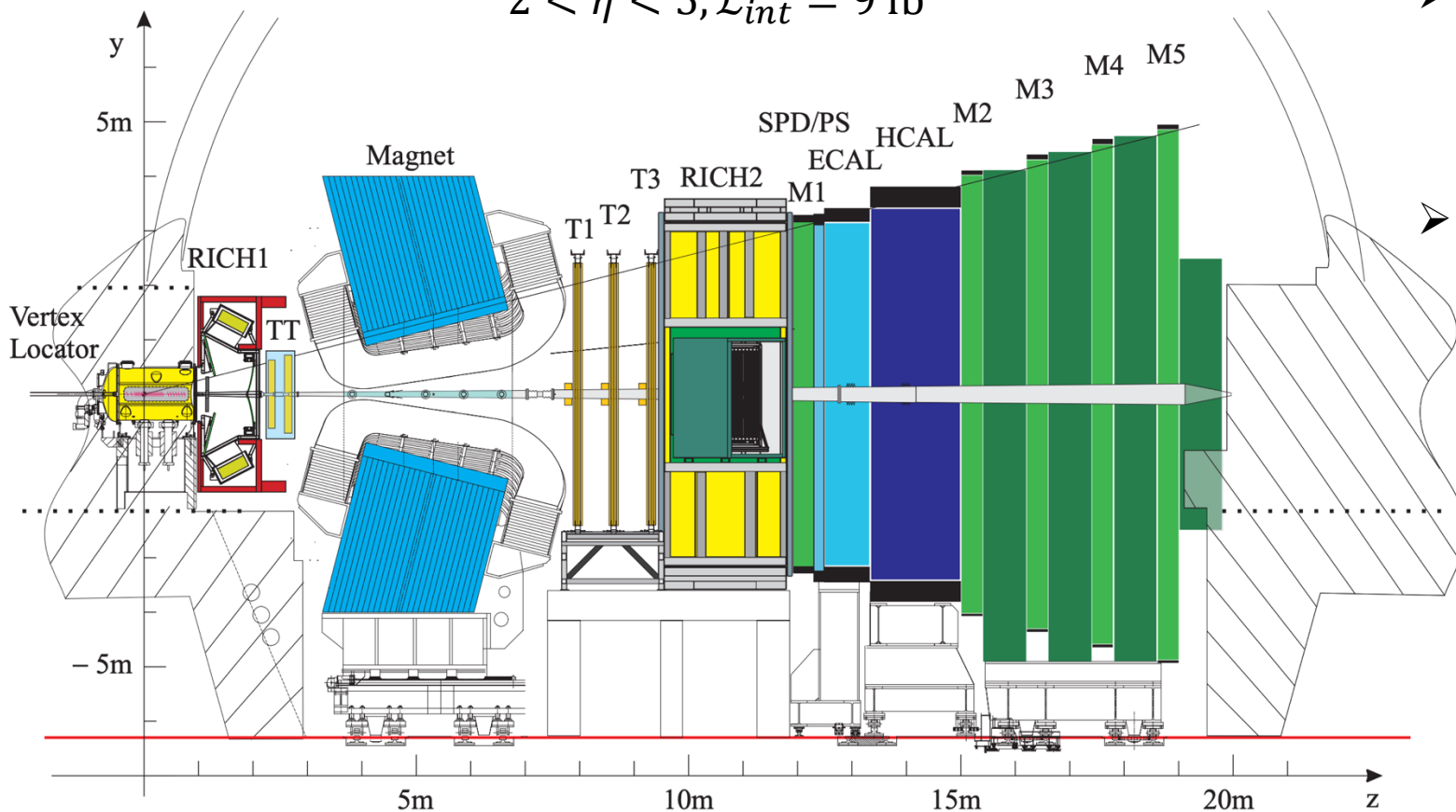
PRD (2022) 105: 014029  
 PRD (2019) 100: 011502

- Lots of possibilities need to be checked by experiments

# LHCb detector

➤ Single-arm forward. Specially designed for heavy-flavour physics.

LHCb Run1&2 detector  
 $2 < \eta < 5, \mathcal{L}_{int} = 9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



➤ Excellent tracking and vertexing

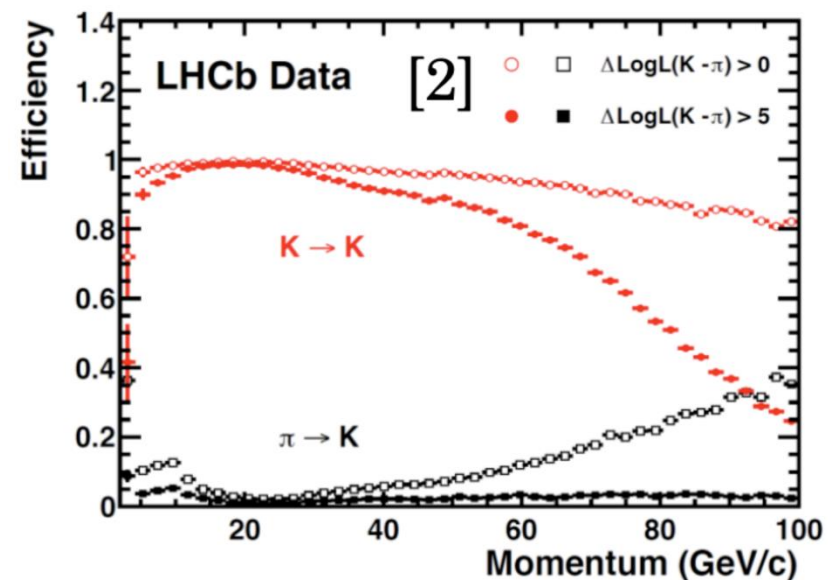
❖  $\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} < 1\% @ \epsilon_{track} > 96\%$

❖  $\sigma(IP) = \left(15 + \frac{29}{p_T}\right) \mu m$

➤ Excellent PID

❖  $\epsilon_{PID}(K) \approx 95\% @ \text{MisID}(\pi \rightarrow K) \approx 5\%$

❖  $\epsilon_{PID}(\pi) \approx 97\% @ \text{MisID}(\pi \rightarrow \mu) \approx 3\%$



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 IJMPA 30 (2015) 1530022

# Contents of this talk

## 1. Latest results from LHCb

### ➤ Pentaquarks search in $pp$ prompt production

❖ Search for pentaquarks in open-charm final states PRD 110 (2024) 032001

### ➤ Pentaquarks search from b-hadron open charm decay

❖ Observation of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$  decay EPJC 84 (2024) 575

❖ Observation of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{(*)++} D^{*-} K^-$  decay PRD 110 (2024) L031104

❖ Observation of  $\Lambda_b^0 (\Xi_b^0) \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+ (\pi^+)$  decay arXiv:2501.12779

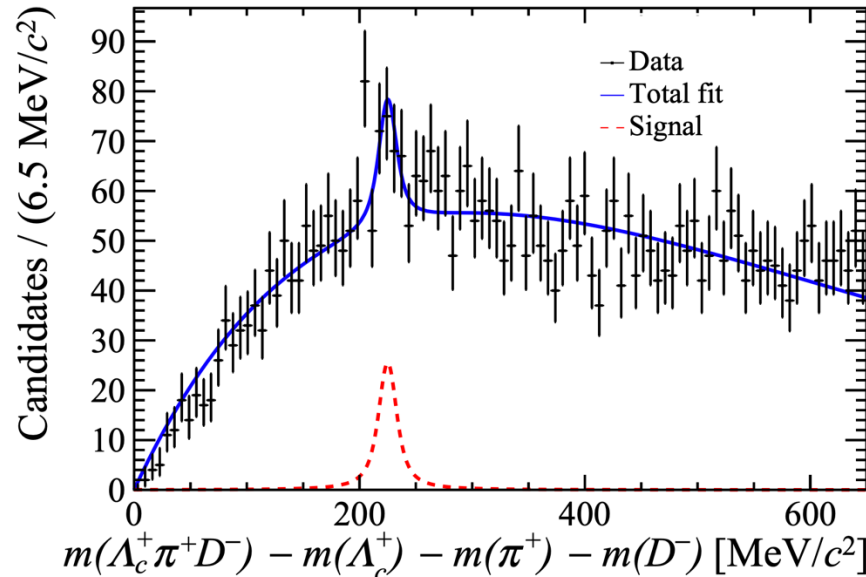
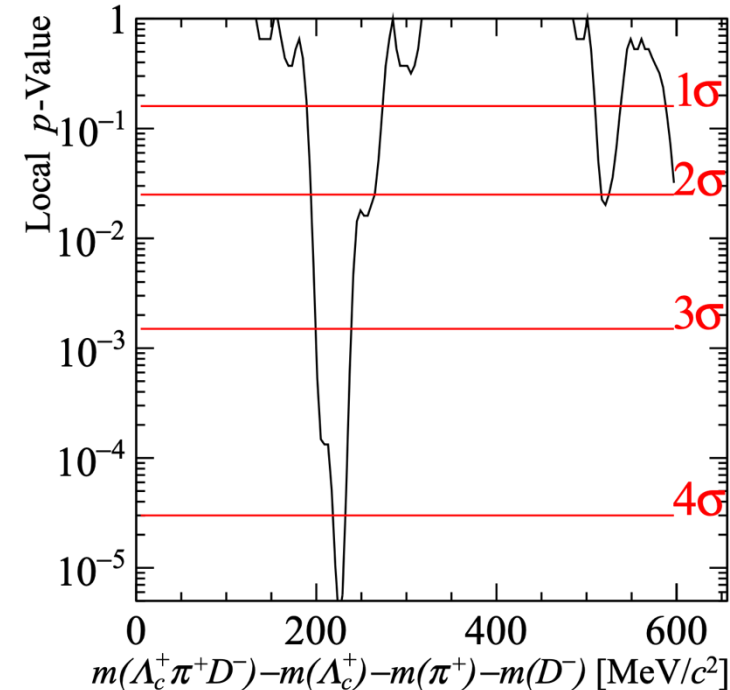
## 2. Prospects of LHCb Run3



# Inclusive Search for Prompt $P_{c\bar{c}}$

- Search  $P_{c\bar{c}}/P_{cc}$  directly produced from  $pp$  collisions, as opposed to  $P_{c\bar{c}}$  produced in b-hadron decays
- Combining final states from:  $(\Lambda_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0, \Sigma_c^{*++}, \Sigma_c^{*0}, \Lambda_c^+ \pi^\pm) \otimes (D^0, \bar{D}^0, D^\pm, D^{*\pm})$
- Scanned for pentaquarks up to 600 MeV away from mass threshold
- Consistent with background only hypothesis taking Look-Elsewhere effect into account

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Decay Mode	Pentaquark Hypothesis	Signal Yield	Upper Limit ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )	
			(90% CL)	(95% CL)
$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0$	$P_c(4312)^+$	$19.78 \pm 22.27$	1.17	1.29
	$P_c(4440)^+$	$26.91 \pm 28.17$	1.41	1.53
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$6.20 \pm 13.60$	1.27	1.43
$\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ D^{*-}$	$P_c(4440)^+$	$0.00 \pm 0.96$	0.72	0.91
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$0.00 \pm 1.73$	0.77	0.97
$\Lambda_c^+ \pi^- D^{*-}$	$P_c(4440)^+$	$0.00 \pm 0.80$	0.63	0.80
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$0.00 \pm 0.74$	0.59	0.74
$\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ D^-$	$P_c(4312)^+$	$0.00 \pm 1.56$	0.69	0.88
	$P_c(4440)^+$	$4.43 \pm 11.67$	3.71	4.24
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$5.94 \pm 12.68$	3.13	3.61
$\Lambda_c^+ \pi^- D^-$	$P_c(4312)^+$	$0.00 \pm 1.42$	0.67	0.86
	$P_c(4440)^+$	$12.52 \pm 15.89$	3.91	4.37
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$8.60 \pm 12.22$	3.10	3.51
$\Sigma_c^0 D^-$	$P_c(4440)^+$	$0.00 \pm 2.47$	0.82	1.03
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$0.00 \pm 1.05$	0.63	0.81
$\Sigma_c^{++} D^-$	$P_c(4440)^+$	$0.61 \pm 4.52$	1.13	1.37
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$0.66 \pm 1.79$	0.80	0.99
$\Sigma_c^{*0} D^-$	$P_c(4440)^+$	$3.23 \pm 3.53$	1.89	2.24
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$0.00 \pm 3.09$	0.91	1.13
$\Sigma_c^{*++} D^-$	$P_c(4440)^+$	$1.20 \pm 3.81$	1.38	1.67
	$P_c(4457)^+$	$0.00 \pm 5.74$	0.87	1.08

# Branching fraction of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$ decay

➤ Directly search for  $P_{c\bar{c}}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0}$  decay in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$

➤ Measured BF normalized to  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-$

➤ Compared to  $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-)$

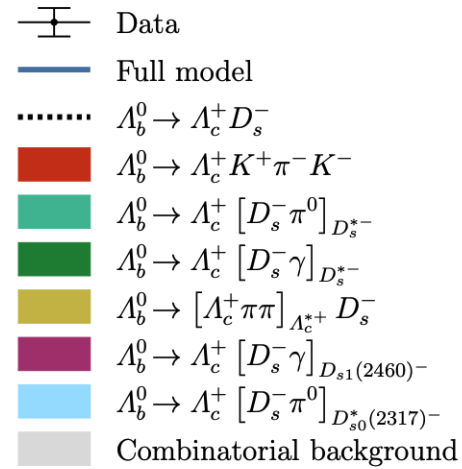
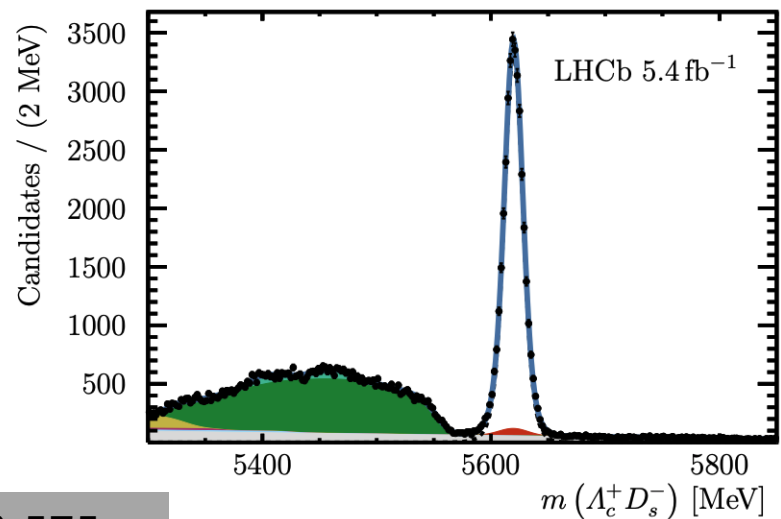
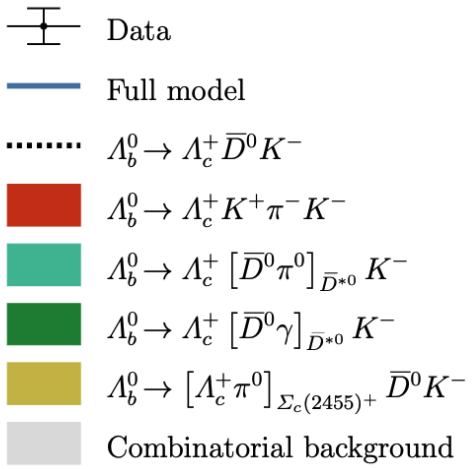
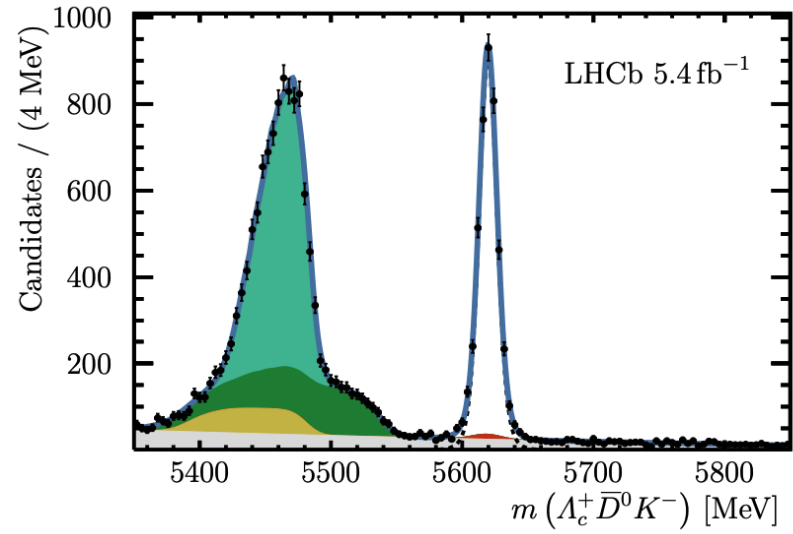
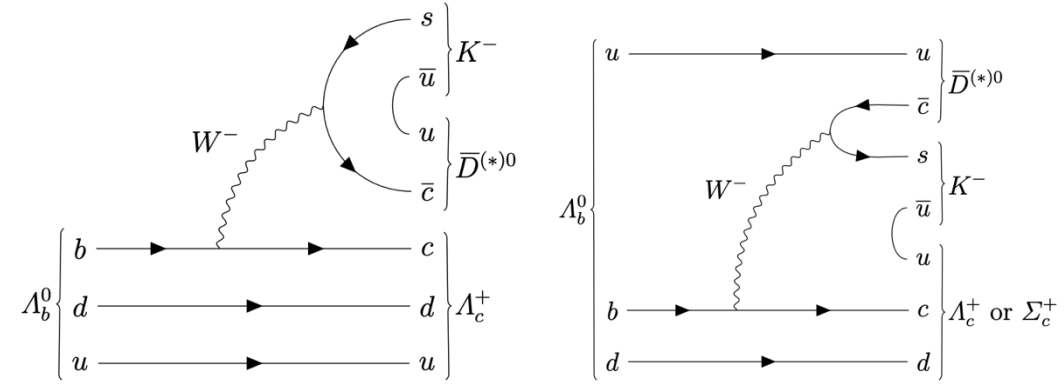
➤  $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-) / \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{*0} K^-) = 0.152_{-0.028}^{+0.032}$

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

➤ Important for future pentaquark searches

➤ Extract  $P_{c\bar{c}}^+$  fit fraction in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$  and  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$

➤ Test theory predictions on  $\mathcal{B}(P_{c\bar{c}}^+ \rightarrow J/\psi p) / \mathcal{B}(P_{c\bar{c}}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0})$





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

## ➤ Motivations

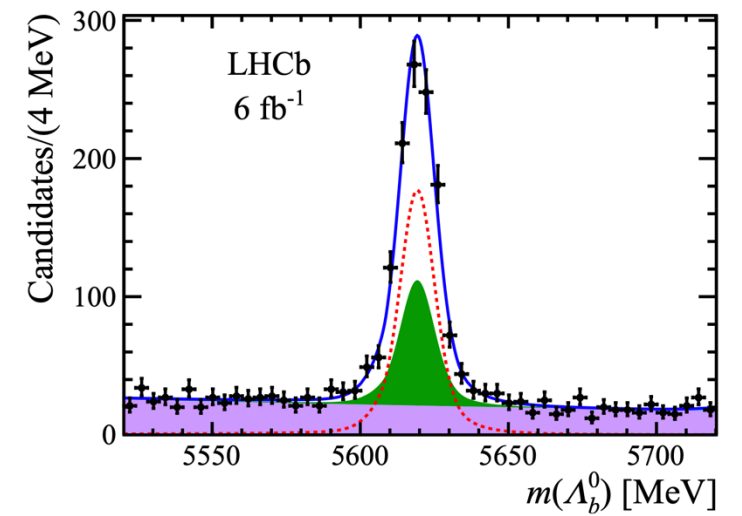
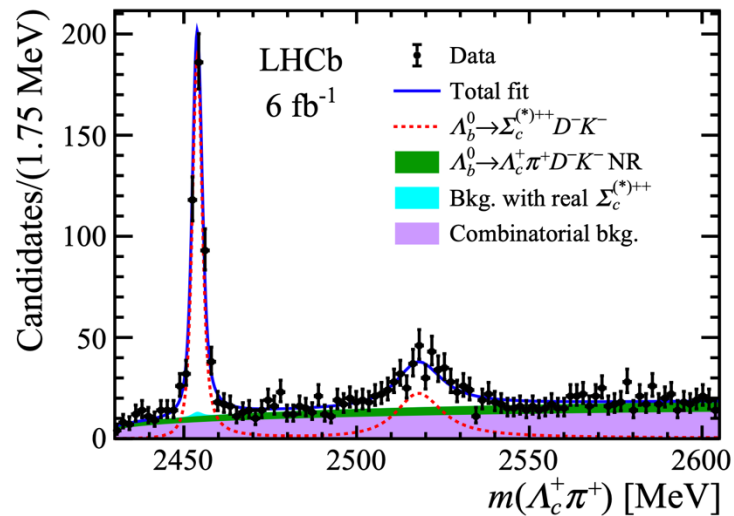
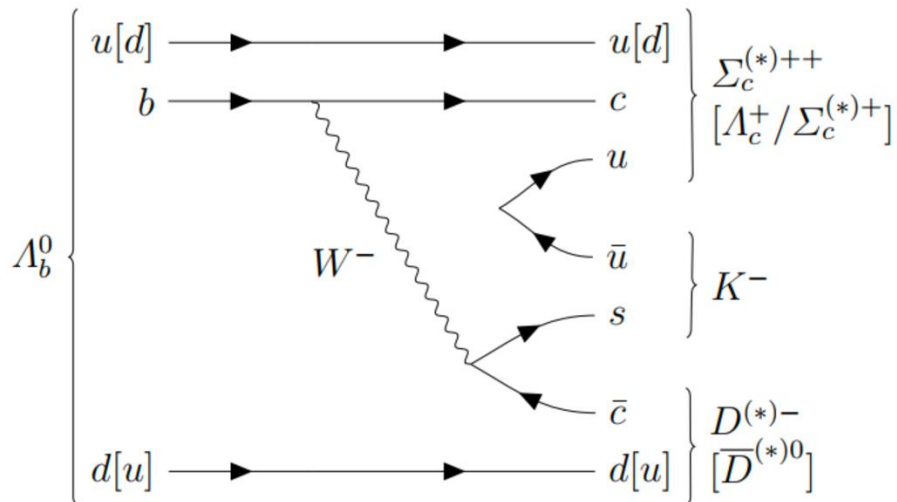
- Peak structures slightly below  $\Sigma_c D^{(*)}$  in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$
- Sizeable contributions from  $P_{c\bar{c}}^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{(*)} D^{(*)}$  decays can enhance the branching fractions of these decays

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## ➤ Statistics are small

- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^- K^-$ :  $480 \pm 25$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++} D^{*-} K^-$ :  $279 \pm 26$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{*++} D^- K^-$ :  $243 \pm 17$
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{*++} D^{*-} K^-$ :  $116 \pm 15$

## ➤ No obvious peaking structures



# Branching fractions of $\Lambda_b^0 (\Xi_b^0) \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+ (\pi^+)$

➤ Motivations:  $P_{c\bar{c}}(J/\psi p: c\bar{c}uud) \rightarrow P_{c\bar{c}s}(J/\psi \Lambda: c\bar{c}sud) \rightarrow P_{c\bar{c}ss}(J/\psi \Xi^-: c\bar{c}ssd)$

➤ Yields:

➤  $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- \pi^+$ :  $107 \pm 12$

➤  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+$ :  $84 \pm 10$

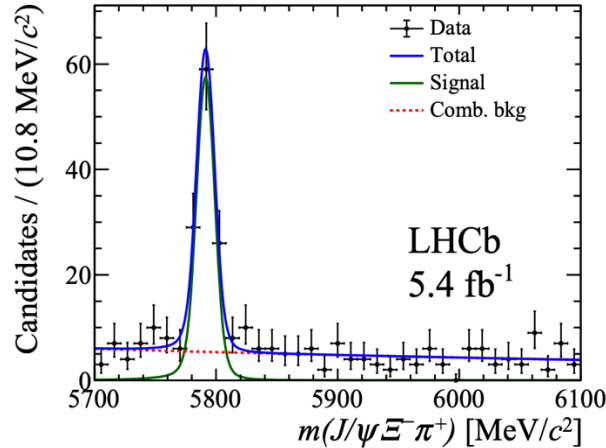
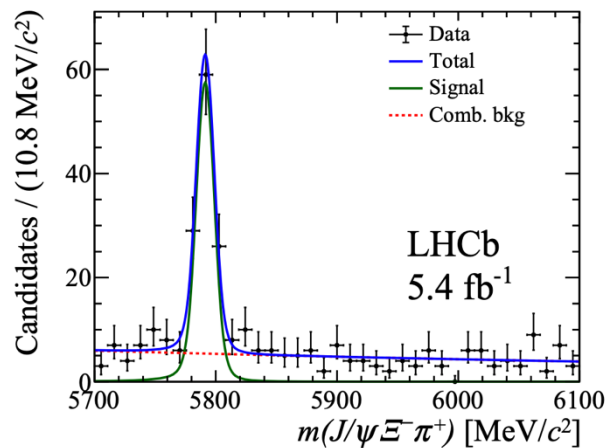
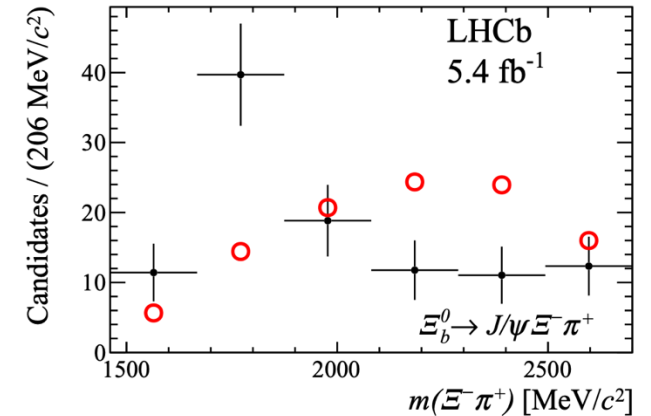
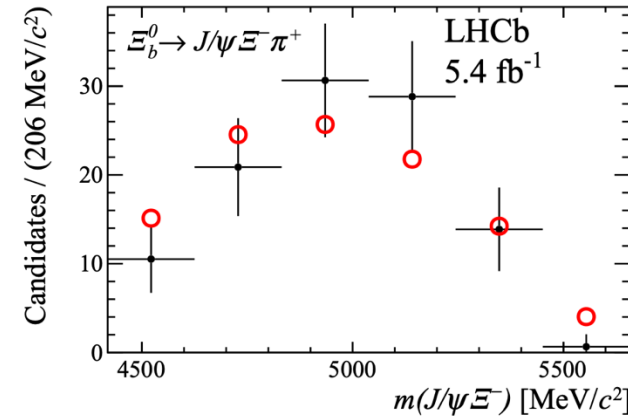
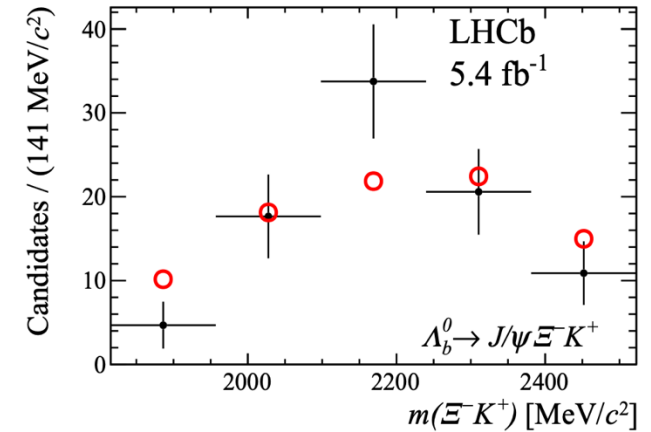
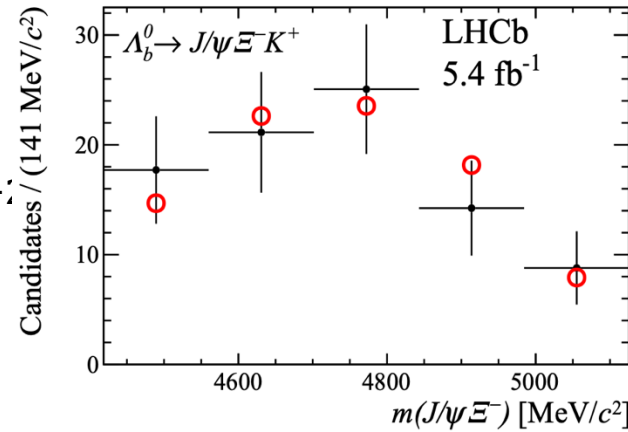
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➤ Branching fractions:

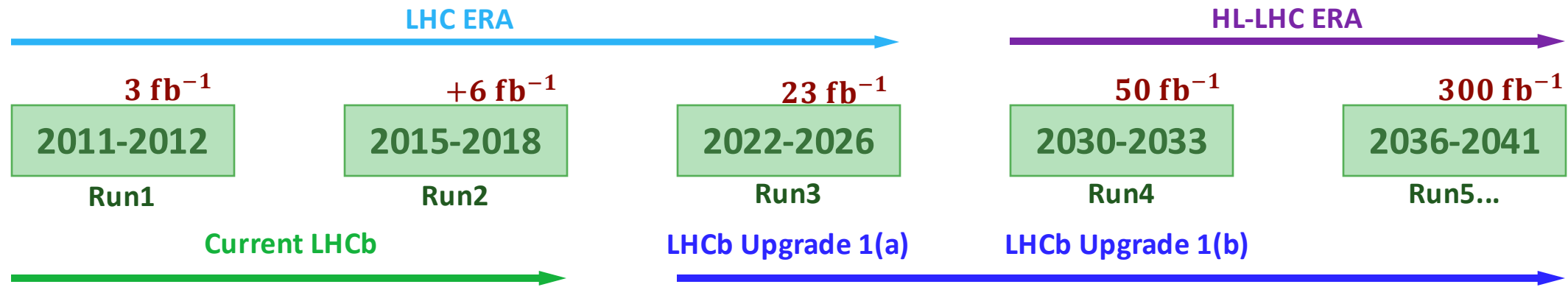
➤  $\frac{B(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+)}{B(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda)} = (1.17 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-1}$

➤  $\frac{B(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- \pi^+)}{B(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^-)} = (11.9 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-2}$

➤ No obvious peaking structures



# LHCb Run3 and beyond



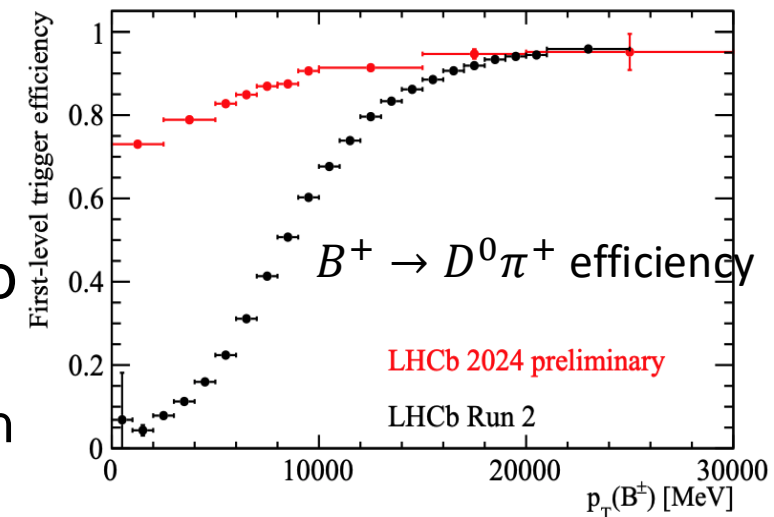
➤ Run3: plan to collect  $\sim 15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  pp data (Statistics  $\sim 2 \times$  Run1&2)

➤ Full software trigger

- Trigger efficiency greatly improved for fully hadron final states
- 2 – 3  $\times$  for open charm final states

➤ Higher statistics in upgrade boosts exotics studies @ LHCb

- Evidence of some states/decay modes  $\rightarrow$  Observation
- Search for new decay modes of observed pentaquark states (e.g. in open charm decays)
- Determine  $J^P$  and other properties of pentaquark states
- ....



# Summary

- LHCb experiments has published new results:
  - Search for prompt pentaquarks
  - BF measurements of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$
  - First observation of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{(*)++} D^{(*)-} K^-$
  - First observation of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^- \Lambda$
- LHCb Run3 will collect more data @higher efficiency especially for open charm channels
  - Expect results in new decay channels

Thanks!



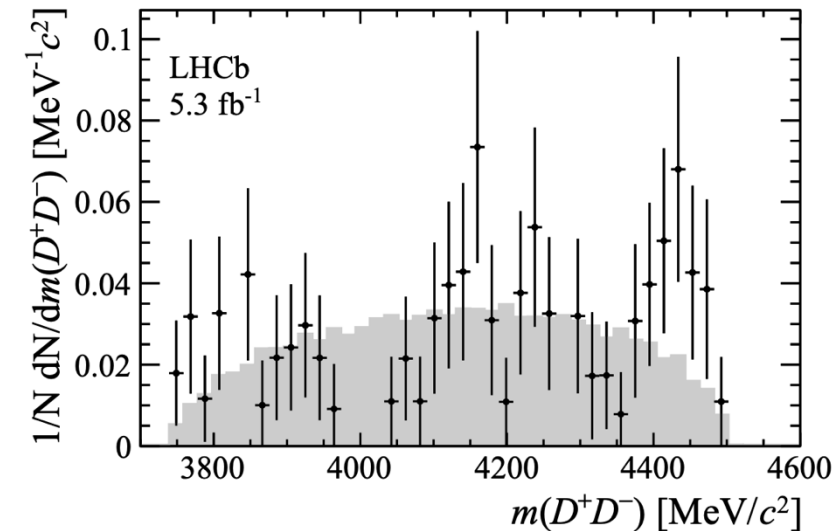
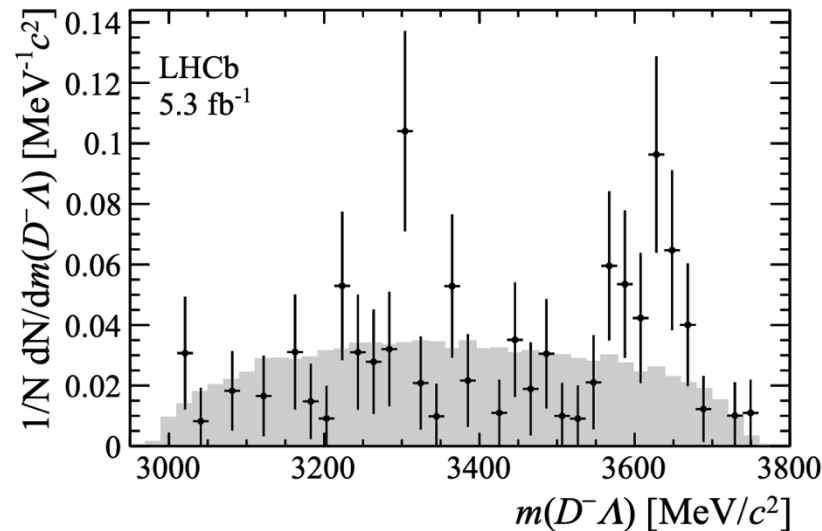
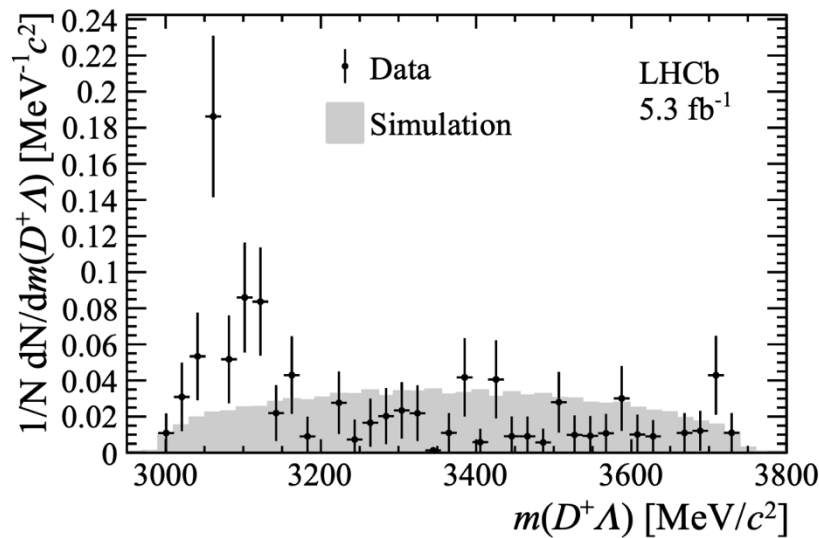
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# First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^- \Lambda$

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## ➤ Motivations

- Abundant charmonium structures in  $D^+ D^-$  structures
- Possibility of  $P_{c\bar{s}}$  in  $D\Lambda$  system, like  $T_{cS1}^*(2900)^0$  &  $T_{cS0}^*(2900)^0$
- $\sim 90$  candidates observed while rich structures in invariant mass spectrum discovered compared to phase space





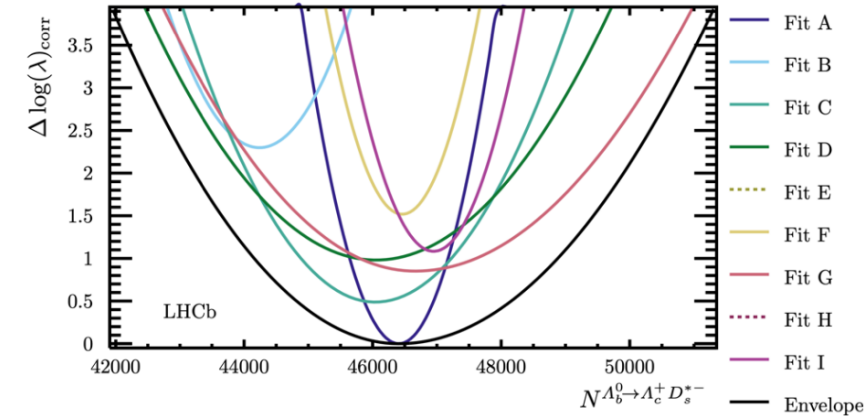
# Observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} K^-$ decay and BR measurements

- Systematical uncertainties

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Source / relative to	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)}$ [%]	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{*0} K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)}$ [%]	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^{*-})}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ D_s^-)}$ [%]
Fit model	+0.5 -0.6	+2.8 -3.0	+3.6 -3.3
Weighting	0.1	0.1	0.0
Multiple candidates	0.0	0.0	0.1
Size of the simulated samples	0.4	0.3	0.2
Size of the generated samples	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total	0.9	+2.9 -3.1	+3.7 -3.3
Statistical	1.8	2.8	1.3

Systematics are studied by finding the *envelope likelihood*.  
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- Branching ratios

(w.r.t. to the normalization decay mode)

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

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

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

(w.r.t. to the  $P_{c\bar{c}}$ -observation decay mode)

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

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

# Theory predictions on relative BF

Table 1.3 Summary of theoretical calculation of the  $P_c(4312)$  decay fractions.

Model	$\frac{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c \bar{D})}{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow p J/\psi)}$	$\frac{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c \bar{D}^*)}{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow p J/\psi)}$	Remarks
Molecular	$0.51 \pm 1.69,$ $0.38 \pm 1.06$ and $0.25 \pm 1.65$	N.A.	ERE, results depend on the total compositeness $X = 1, 0.8, 0.5$ <sup>[102]</sup>
Molecular	4.54	0.67	HQSS, coupled channels, assume $I = \frac{1}{2}, J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ , subtraction constant $a(1 \text{ GeV}) = -2.09$ <sup>[125]</sup>
Compact pentaquark	0(forbidden)	0(forbidden)	Extended chromomagnetic, assume $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1(3)}{2})^-$ <sup>[126]</sup>
Molecular	allowed	N.A.	HQSS, no estimated values in the paper <sup>[127]</sup>
Molecular	0(forbidden)	0(forbidden), prefer $\Lambda_c \bar{D}^*$	Effective Lagrangian, relativistic ( $f_1, f_3$ ) and no-relativistic ( $f_2, f_3$ ) form-factors, $f_i$ is cut-off dependent, assume $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ <sup>[115]</sup>
Molecular	0(forbidden), prefer $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{*0}$	N.A.	Fierz rearrangement, assume $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ <sup>[111]</sup>
Molecular	0(forbidden)	0(forbidden), prefer $\eta_c N$	HQSS, chiral unitary, coupled channels, assume $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ , depends one $a_\mu$ and $q_{\max}$ <sup>[128]</sup>

Model	$\frac{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c \bar{D})}{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow p J/\psi)}$	$\frac{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c \bar{D}^*)}{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow p J/\psi)}$	Remarks
Molecular	N.A.	$0.16 \pm 0.47,$ $0.20 \pm 0.44,$ and $0.11 \pm 0.25$	ERE, results depend on the total compositeness $X = 1, 0.8, 0.5$ <sup>[102]</sup>
Molecular	0.15	2.28	HQSS, coupled channels, assume $I = \frac{1}{2}, J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ , subtraction constant $a(1 \text{ GeV}) = -2.09$ <sup>[125]</sup>
Compact pentaquark	For $\Sigma_c^* \bar{D}: 0.16t$	$1.9t$	Extended chromomagnetic, assume $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2})^-$ , $t = \frac{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c \bar{D}^*)}{B(P_c^+ \rightarrow p J/\psi)}$ , this article predicts the $B(P_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c \bar{D}^*)$ as baseline <sup>[126]</sup>
Molecular	N.A.	suppressed if compared with $P_c(4312)^+$ and $P_c(4450)^+$	HQSS, $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$ , no estimated values in the paper <sup>[127]</sup>
Molecular	113(25), 5.7(0.3)	N.A., and for $\Sigma_c^* \bar{D}: 26.7(270),$ $1.5(4.1)$	Effective Lagrangian, relativistic ( $f_1, f_3$ ) and no-relativistic ( $f_2, f_3$ ) form-factors, $f_i$ is cut-off dependent, assume $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^- (\frac{3}{2})^-$ <sup>[115]</sup>
Molecular	For $\Sigma_c^{++} D^-: 0.04t;$ For $\Sigma_c^+ \bar{D}^0: 0.08t$	0, prefer $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0:$ $1.2t$	Fierz rearrangement, assume $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ , depends on $t \geq 1$ <sup>[111]</sup>
Molecular	0.04	0(forbidden)	HQSS, chiral unitary, coupled channels, assume $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ , depends one $a_\mu$ and $q_{\max}$ <sup>[128]</sup>