

Measurements with doubly-charmed baryon at LHCb

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- LHCb detector

- Recent results on charmed baryons

- Rediscovery of Ξ_{cc}^{++} , with $\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$
- Ξ_{cc}^{++} lifetime measurement

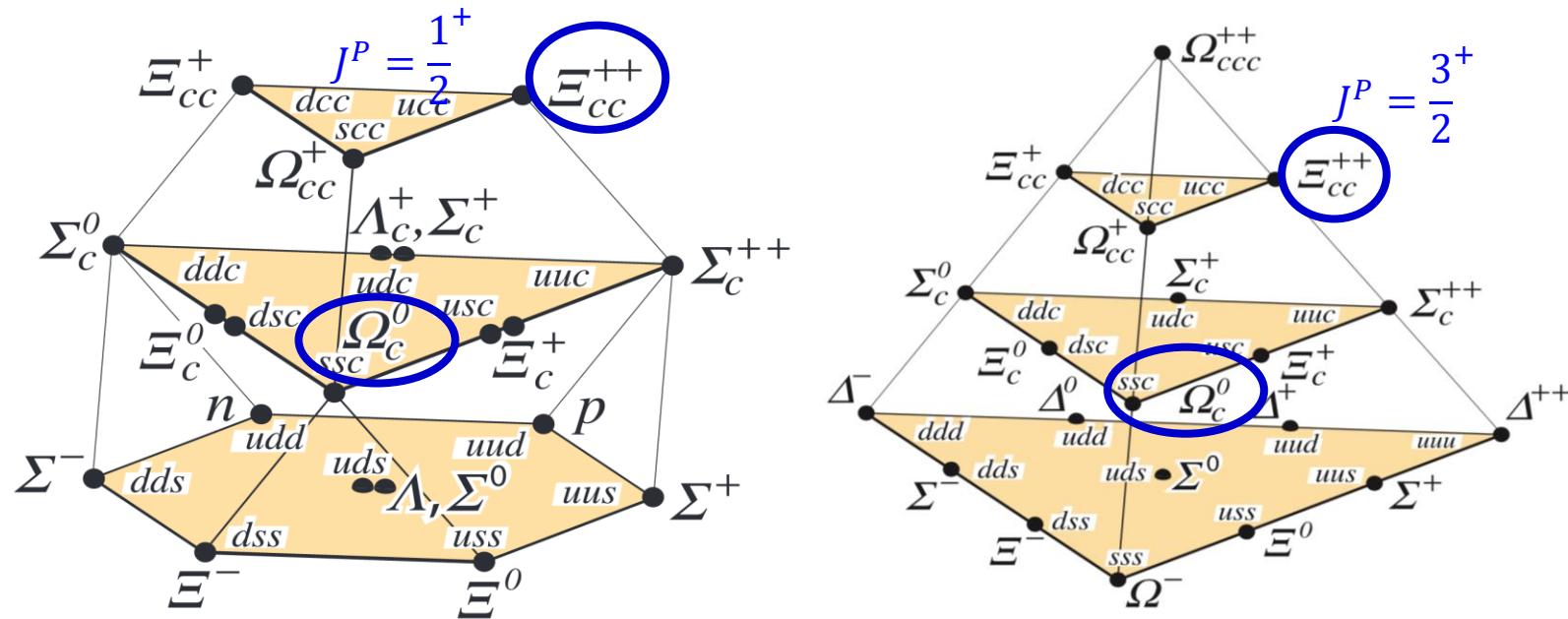
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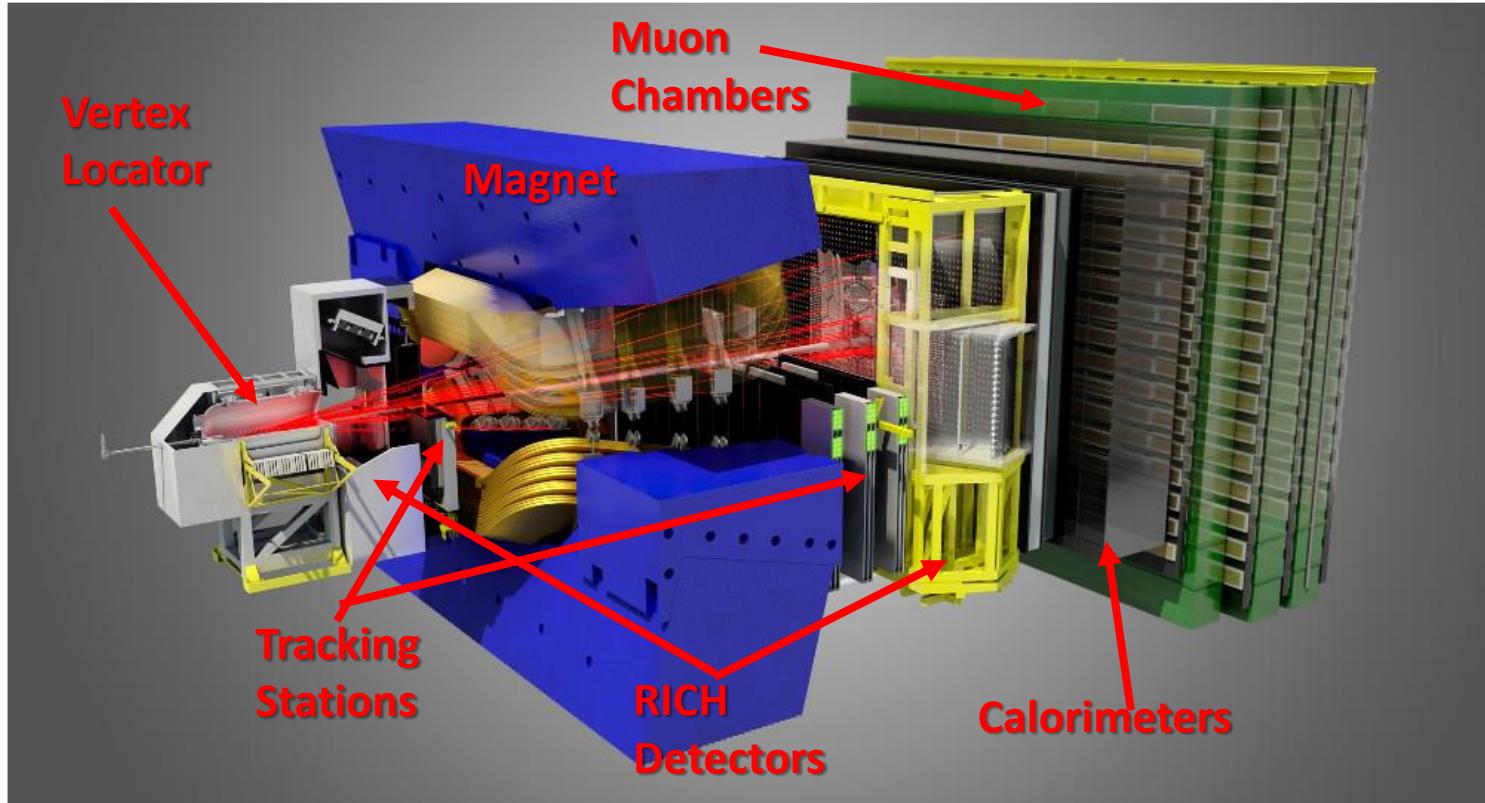
- Summary

Success of the constituent quark model

- Quark model, introduced by Gell-Mann and Zweig, in 1964
 - Construct the numerous hadrons using quarks
 - SU(4) and SU(5) to include new quarks: charm (*c*), and bottom (*b*)

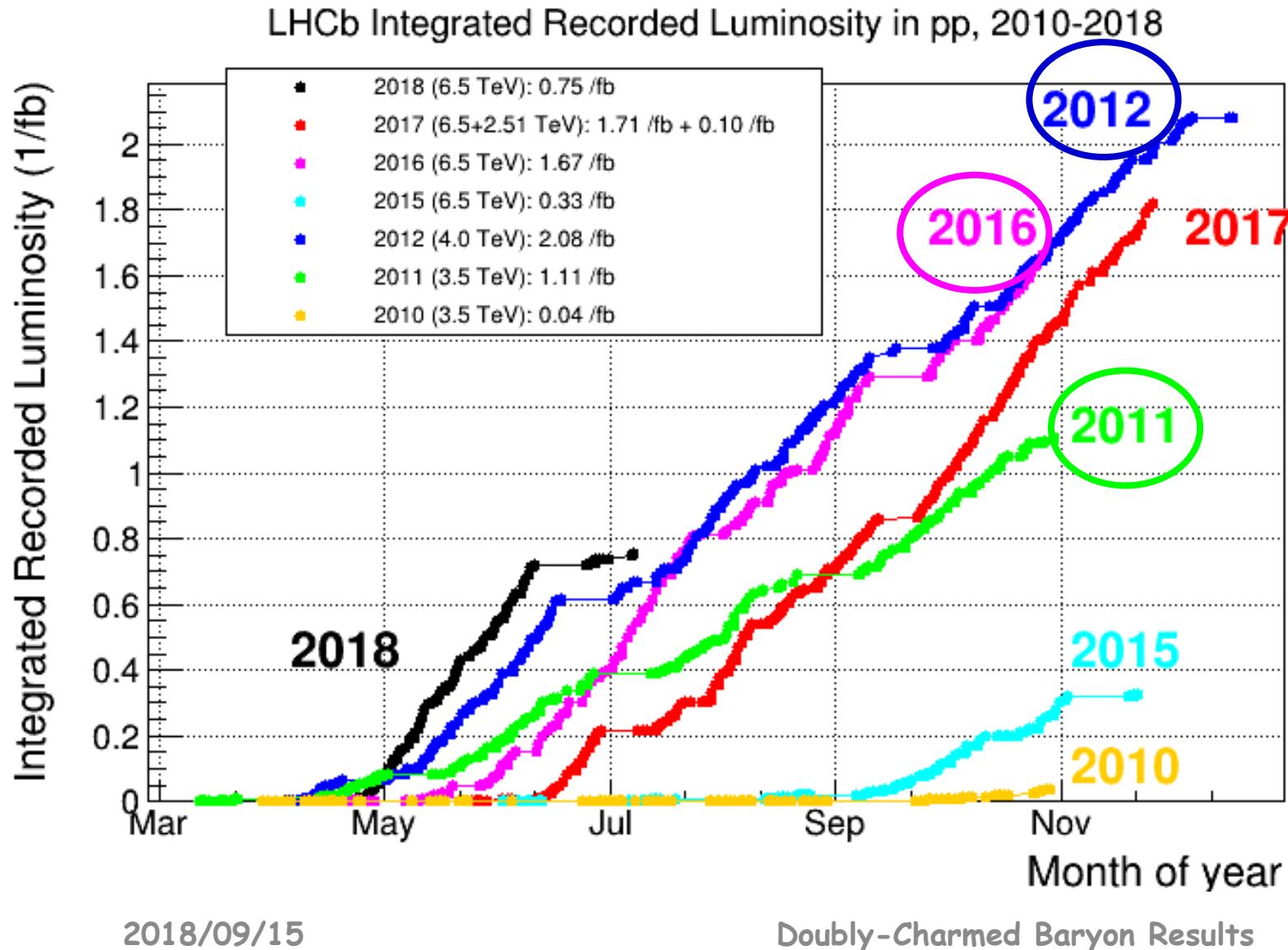


LHCb detector



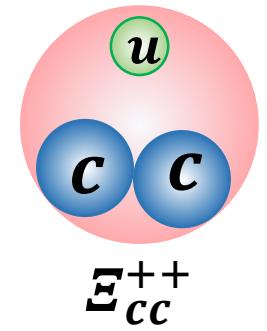
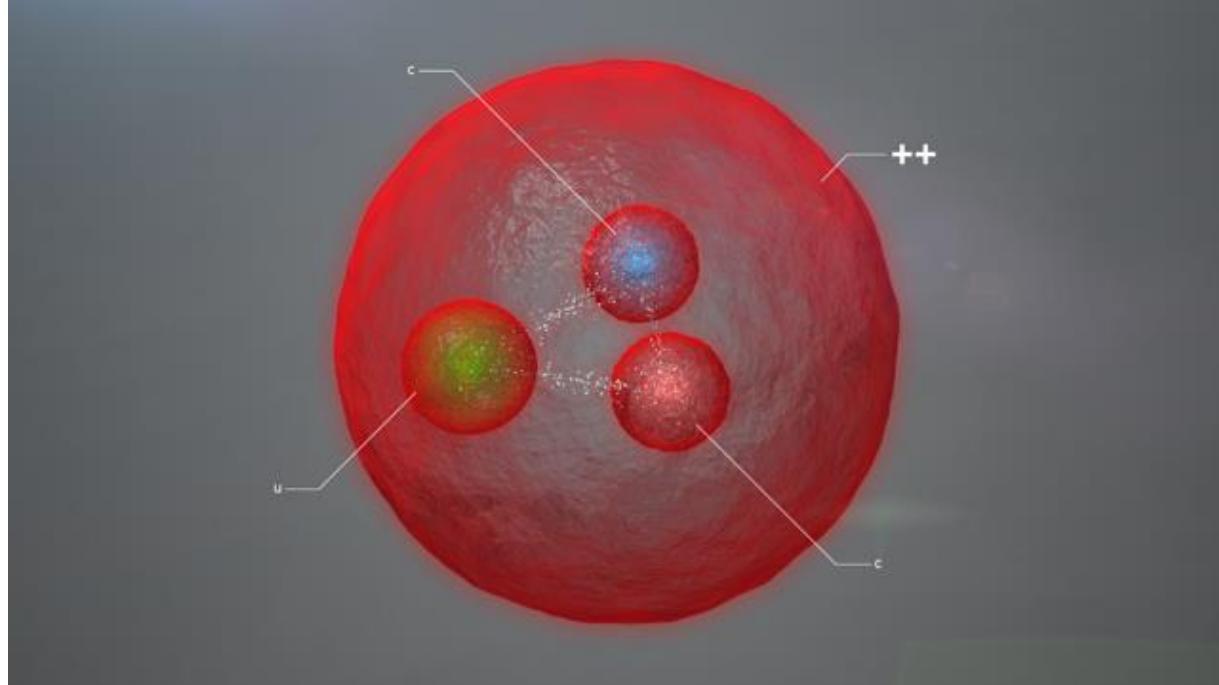
- LHCb is a forward spectrometer suited for b, c hadrons: $2 < \eta < 5$
- Momentum resolution:
 - 0.5% at 5 GeV, 1.0% at 200 GeV
- Excellent track and vertex reconstruction
- Good PID separation

LHCb integrated luminosity



Today's talk with
2016 (1.7 fb^{-1})
data

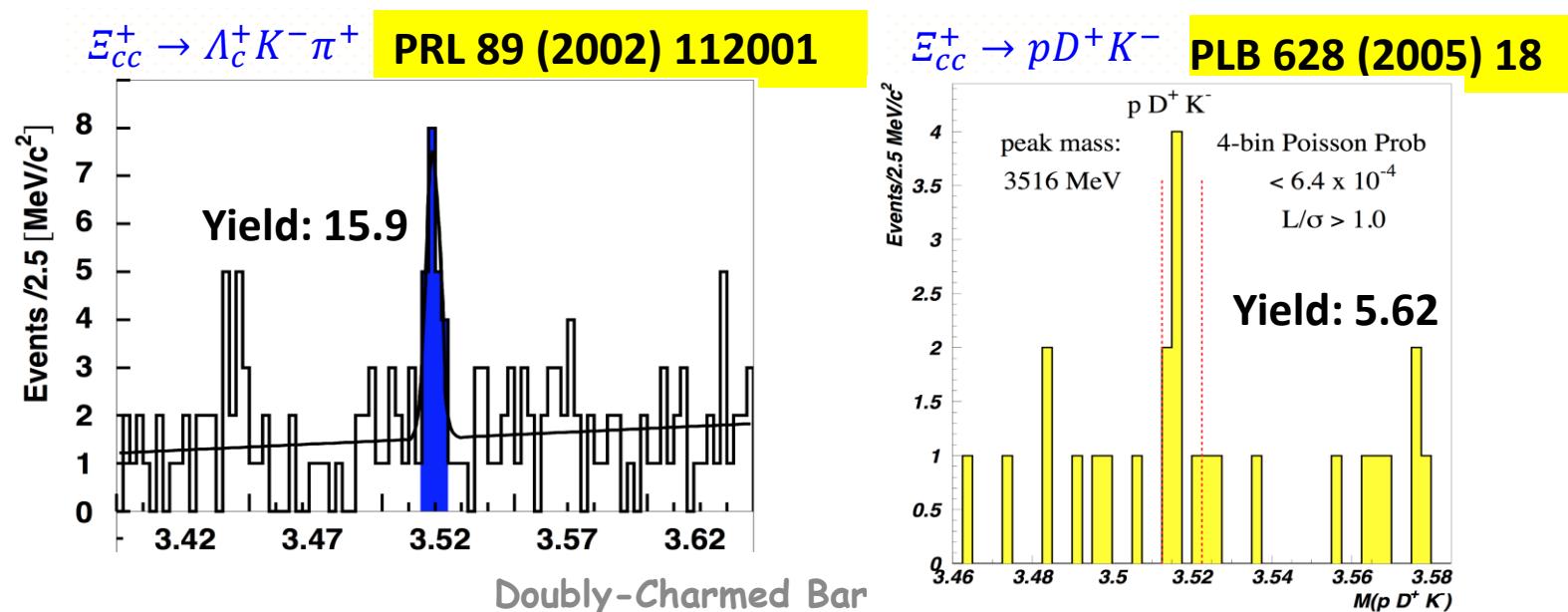
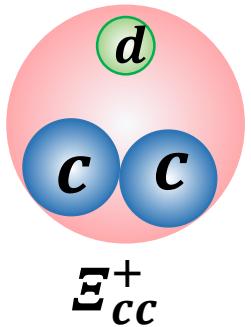
Thanks to the LHC team!



Rediscovery of Σ_{cc}^{++}

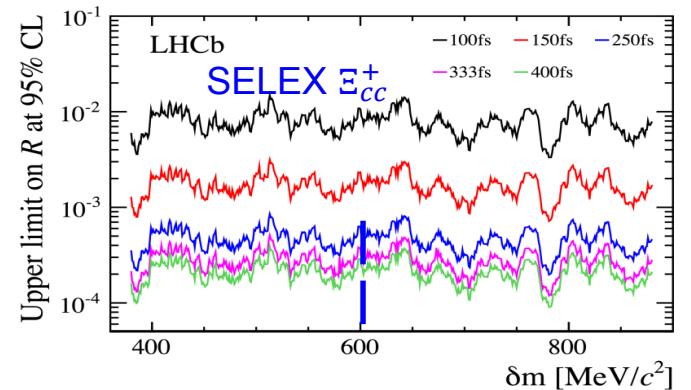
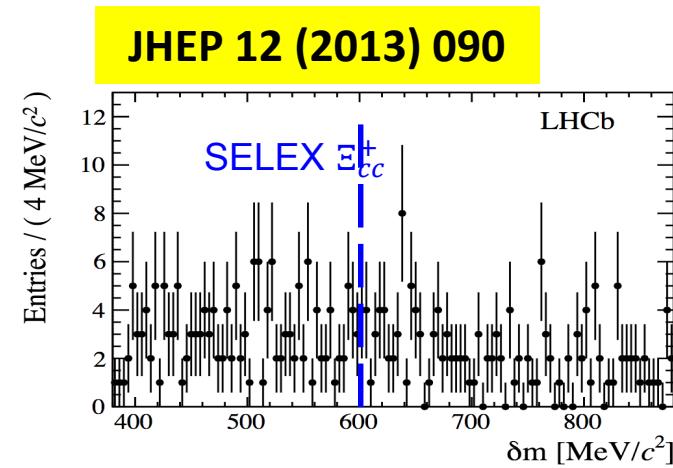
Studies of Ξ_{cc}^+ by SELEX experiment

- SELEX (Fermilab E781) claimed observation of $\Xi_{cc}^+(cc\bar{d})$ in $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ and $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow p D^+ K^-$ decays
 - Short lifetime: $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+) < 33$ fs @90% CL, but not zero
 - Large production: $R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} \sim 20\%$
 - Mass (combined): 3518.7 ± 1.7 MeV

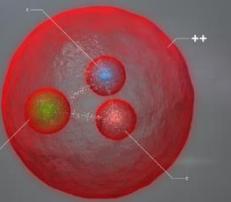


No confirmation from other experiments

- Fixed target: **FOCUS** (Fermilab E831) Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 115 (2003) 33
 - Studies charm hadrons produced in photon-nuclear fixed target collisions
- Electron colliders: **Babar, Belle** BaBar: PRD 74 (2006) 011103 Belle: PRL 97 (2006) 162001
 - Large Λ_c^+ yields, 0.6 (0.8) M at Babar (Belle)
- Hadron Collider: **LHCb**



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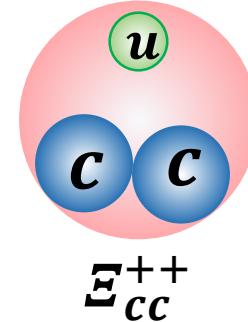


Observation of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

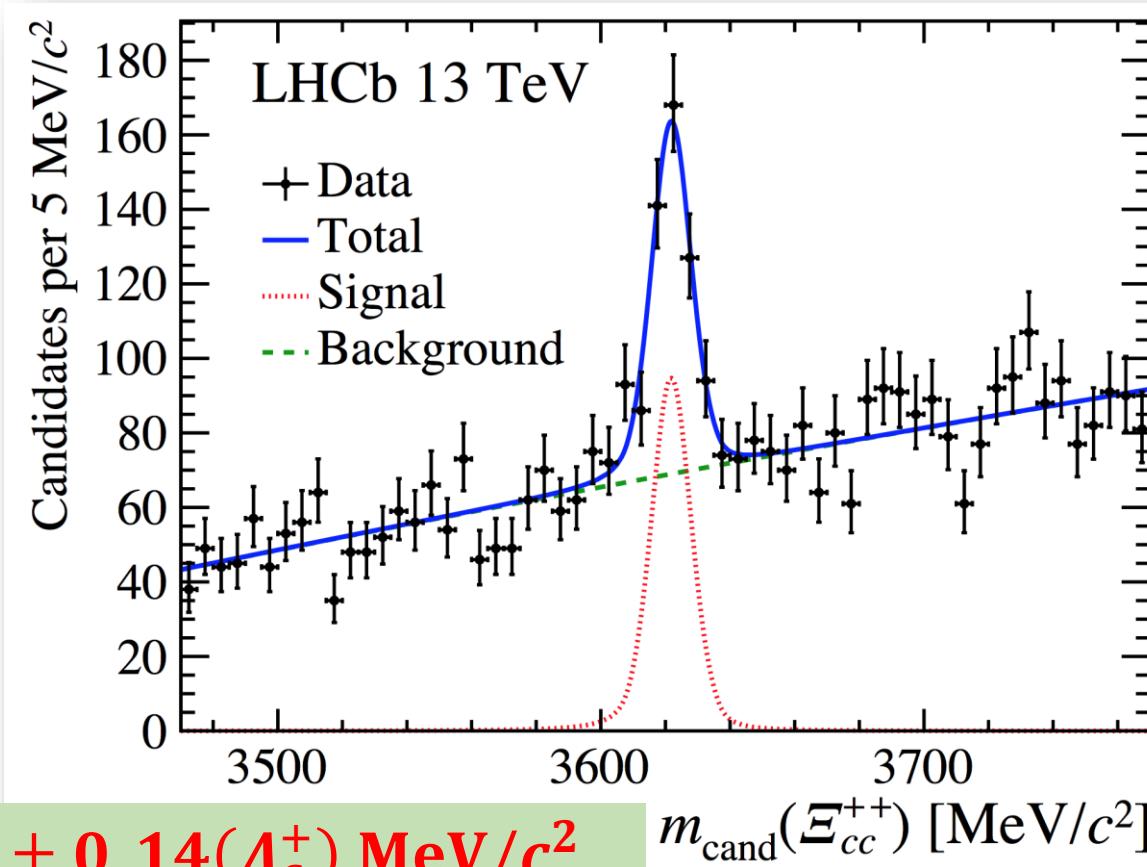
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- $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ observed by LHCb using 2016 data

- Signal yield: 313 ± 33
- Local significance $> 12\sigma$
- Decaying only via weak interaction

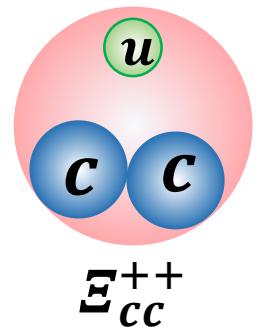
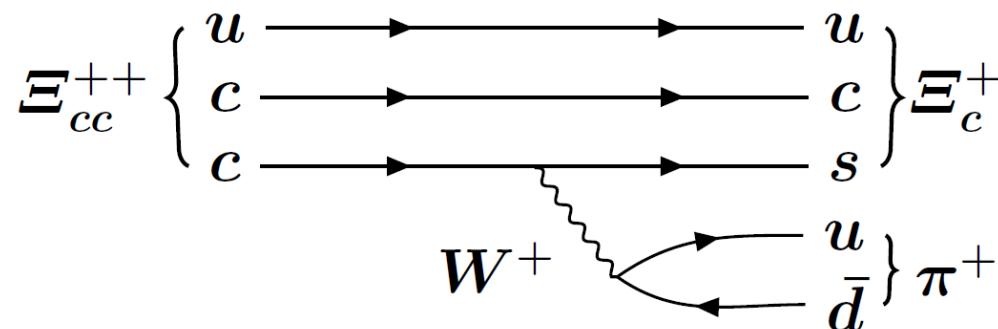


$3621.40 \pm 0.72(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst}) \pm 0.14(\Lambda_c^+) \text{ MeV}/c^2$



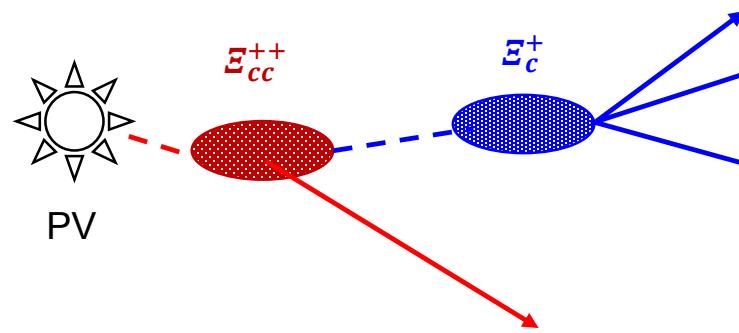
Search for $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$

- $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$: one of the best channels to confirm Ξ_{cc}^{++}
 - $BR(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+) \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$ Prediction
 - $BR(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p^+ K^- \pi^+) \sim (6.35\%)$, Measurement
 $BR(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p^+ K^- \pi^+) \sim (2\%)$ Prediction
 - Fewer tracks (4 tracks) → higher efficiency



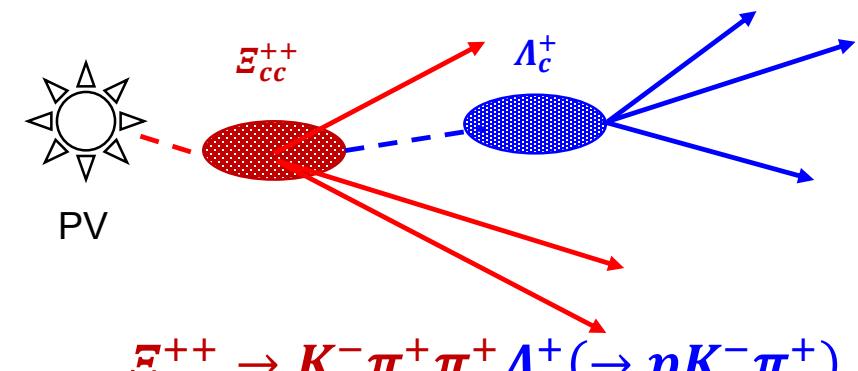
Signal and control channels

- Signal channel: $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$, with $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
- Control channels:
 - $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$, with $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$, $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$, with $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
 - Λ_b^0 data is used to calibrate trigger efficiency, and life time measurement



$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \pi^+ \Xi_c^+ (\rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)$

Signal channel



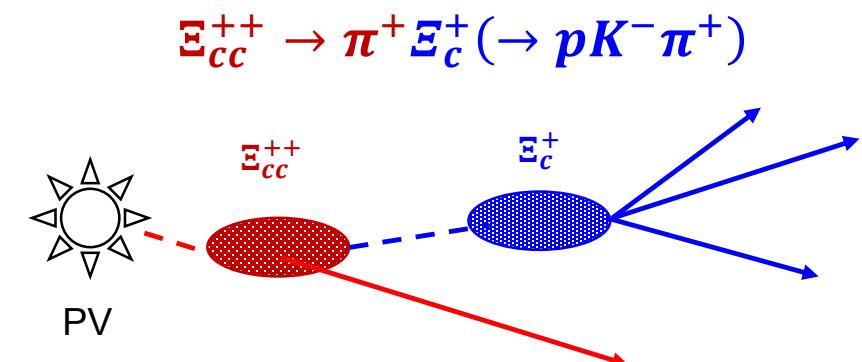
$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)$

Control channel

Event selection

- **Hadron trigger**: hardware trigger (p, K, π), and high level software trigger (Ξ_c^+)
- **Final state hadrons, p, K, π** : particle ID, not produced from primary vertex (PV)
- Λ_c^+ or Ξ_c^+ : good vertex quality, separated from PV
- **Multivariate selector** is used to further suppress the backgrounds
 - p_T , decay angle, vertex fitting quality, IP χ^2 , flight distance

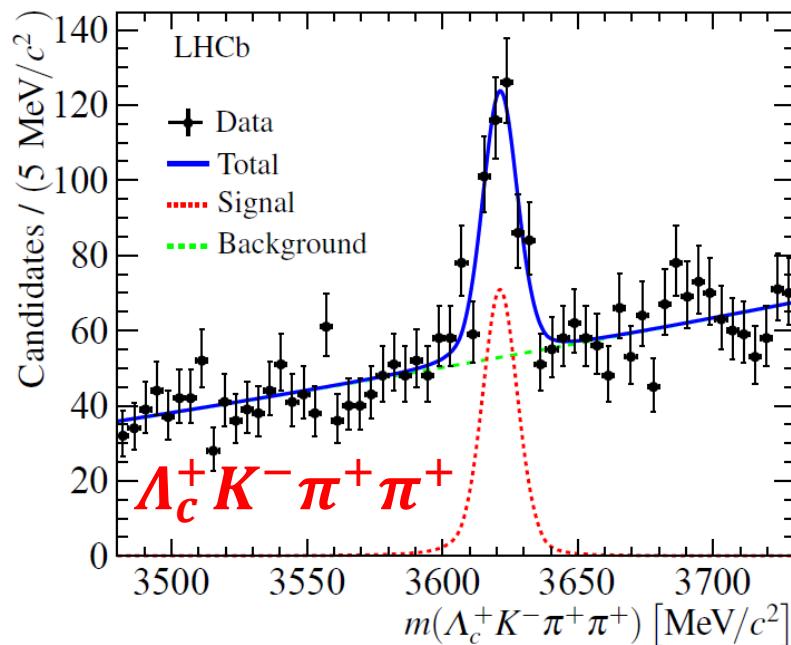
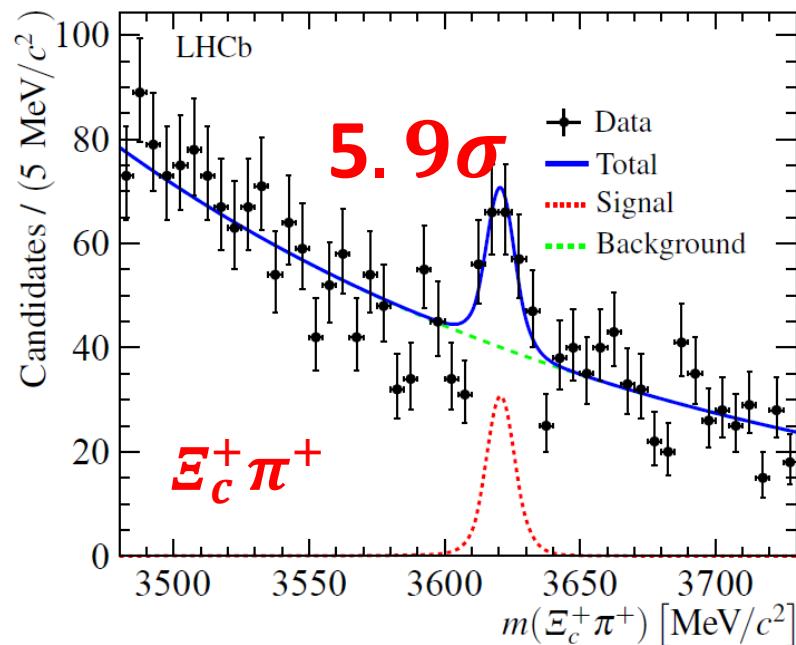
As a follow-up analysis of $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$,
 $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$ has similar selection cuts
as in previous analysis.

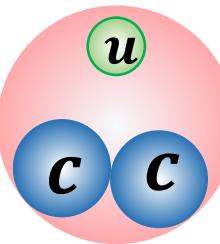


Mass fit

- Signal: Double-Sided Crystal-Ball + Gaussian
- Background: Exponential function
- $M(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = M(\Xi_c^+\pi^+) - M(\Xi_c^+) + M_{PDG}(\Xi_c^+)$

Yields: (2016)
 $\Xi_c^+\pi^+$: 91 ± 20
 $\Lambda_c^+K^-\pi^+\pi^+$: 289 ± 35





Mass measurement

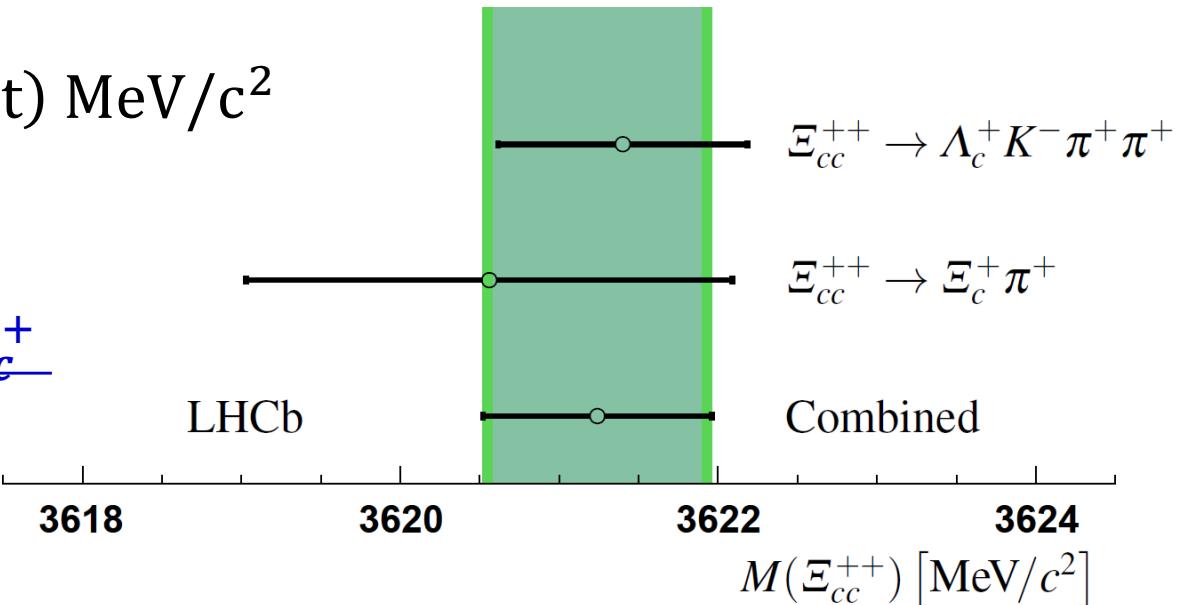
- The measured Ξ_{cc}^{++} mass is (with $\Xi_c^+\pi^+$ channel):

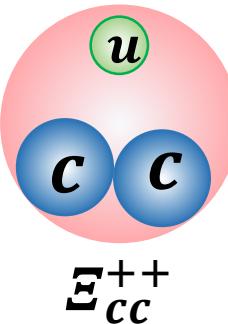
→ 3620.56 ± 1.5 (stat) ± 0.4 (syst) ± 0.3 (Ξ_c^+) MeV/c²
- Consistent with $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ result:

→ 3621.40 ± 0.72 (stat) ± 0.27 (syst) ± 0.14 (Λ_c^+) MeV/c²
- Combined results:

→ 3621.24 ± 0.65 (stat) ± 0.31 (syst) MeV/c²

Confirm previous LHCb observation of Ξ_{cc}^{++}





Branching fraction measurement

- The ratio of branching fraction is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R} &= \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)} \\ &= \frac{N(\Xi_c^+ \pi^+)}{N(\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon(\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}{\varepsilon(\Xi_c^+ \pi^+)}\end{aligned}$$

No direct branching fraction measurement
of $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ from experiments.

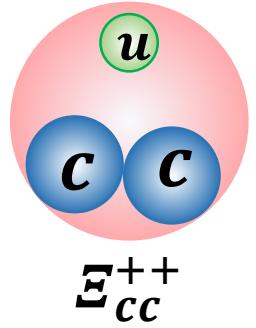
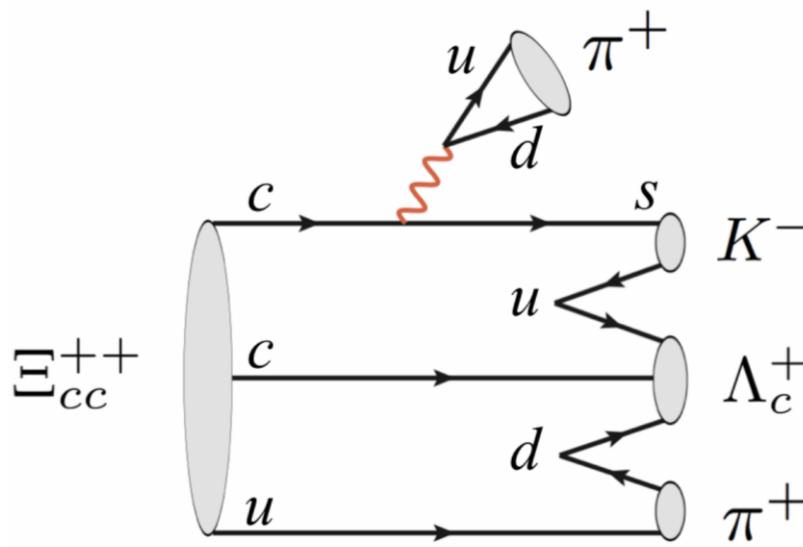
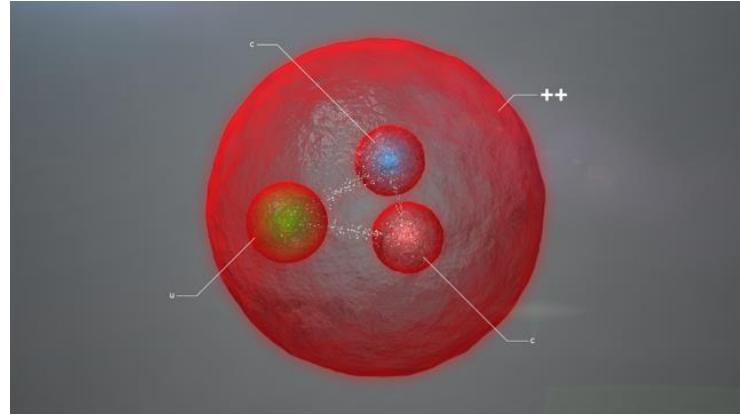
- Measure the signal yields and efficiency for each channel
- $\mathcal{R} = 0.035 \pm 0.009 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.003 \text{ (syst)}$
→ Consistent with prediction

Uncertainty

$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$ channel

Source	Mass [MeV/ c^2]	$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{B})$ [%]
Momentum calibration	0.38	—
Selection bias correction	0.10	—
Fit model	0.05	5.2
Relative efficiency	—	6.5
Simulation modelling	—	1.2
Selection	—	0.7
Sum in quadrature	0.40	8.5

With limited statistics of both signal and control samples, the dominated uncertainty is statistical uncertainty (1.5 MeV, 0.009)



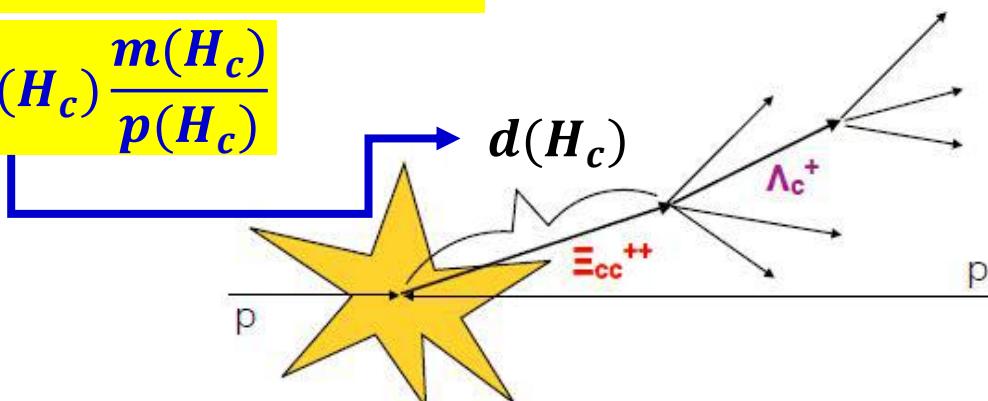
First measurement of the lifetime of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

Ξ_{cc}^{++} lifetime

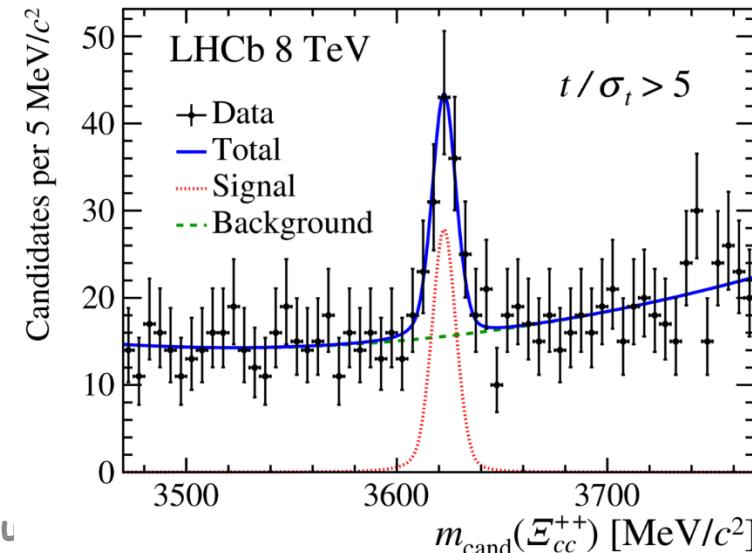
- Inconsistent with zero in the observation paper
- A lifetime measurement is critical:
 - Confirm it is a weakly decay
 - Necessary ingredient for theoretical prediction of BR
 - Important information for experimental exploration of Ξ_{cc}^{++}
 - Test various predictions in QCD models

Decay time measurement:

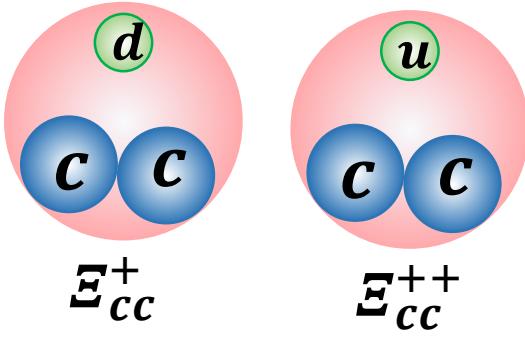
$$\tau(H_c) = d(H_c) \frac{m(H_c)}{p(H_c)}$$



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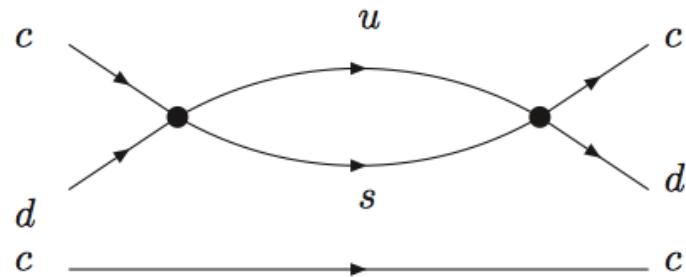


Predictions: long lived Ξ_{cc}^{++}

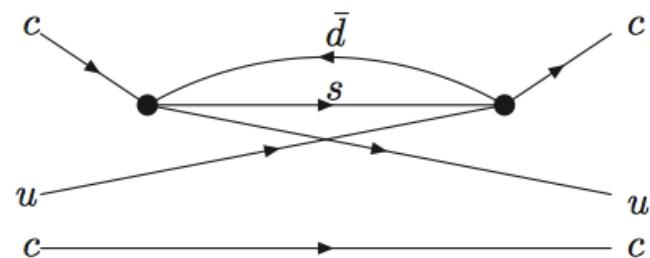


- Predicted $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++})$ in range of [0.20, 1.05] ps
 - Diquark model, effective constituent model, NRQCD potential model, harmonic oscillator model ...
 - Significant non-spectator contribution from Pauli-Interference diagrams

***W*-exchange**



Pauli-interference



- $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \sim 3 - 4 \tau(\Xi_{cc}^+)$
 - Destructive Pauli interference in Ξ_{cc}^{++} decays
 - *W*-exchange between *c* and *d* quarks only in Ξ_{cc}^+ decays

Analysis strategy

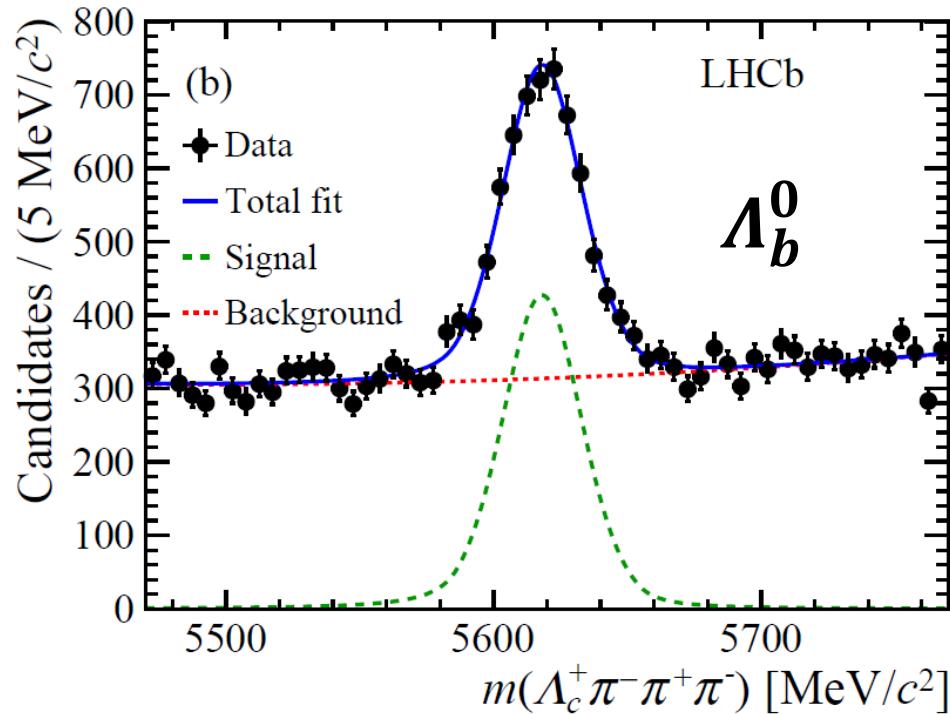
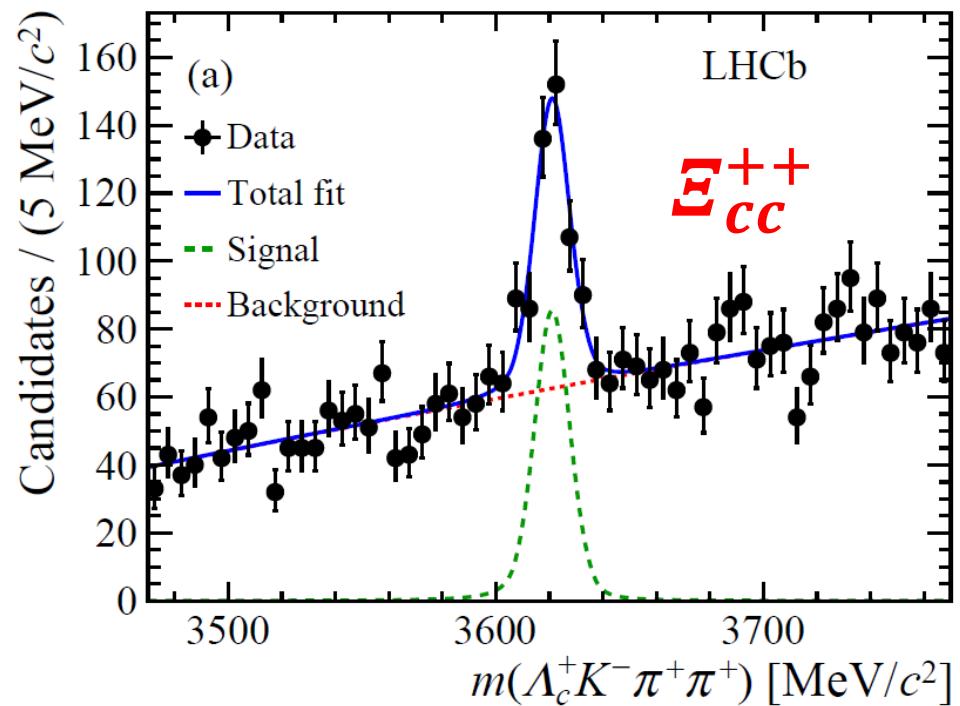
- Same data sample, event selection as previous Ξ_{cc}^{++} observation
 - Specific trigger requirement to simplify trigger efficiency determination
 - Signal yields (2016): 313 → 304
- Measure decay time distribution relative to $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$
 - Acceptance correction based on MC
- Weighted unbinned maximum likelihood fit (sFit) Y. Xie, [arXiv:0905.072](#)

$$f_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}(t) = f_{\Lambda_b^0}(t) \times \frac{\epsilon_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}}{\epsilon_{\Lambda_b^0}} \times e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\tau_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}} - \frac{t}{\tau_{\Lambda_b^0}}\right)}$$

Selected candidates

- Signal: Double-sided Crystal-Ball + Gaussian
- Background: 2nd order Chebychev

Yields: (2016)
 Ξ_{cc}^{++} : 304 ± 35
 Λ_b^0 : 3379 ± 119

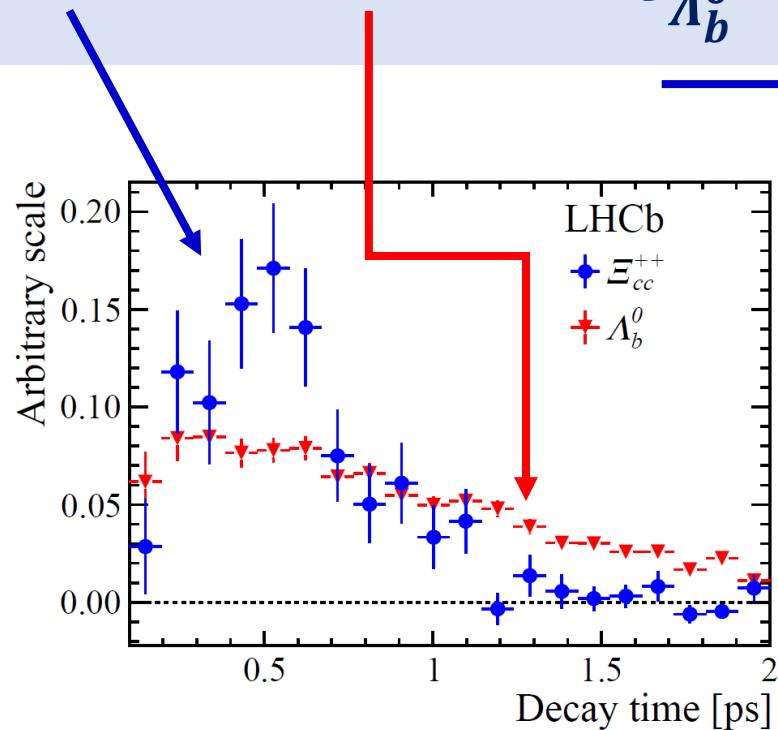


Lifetime fit

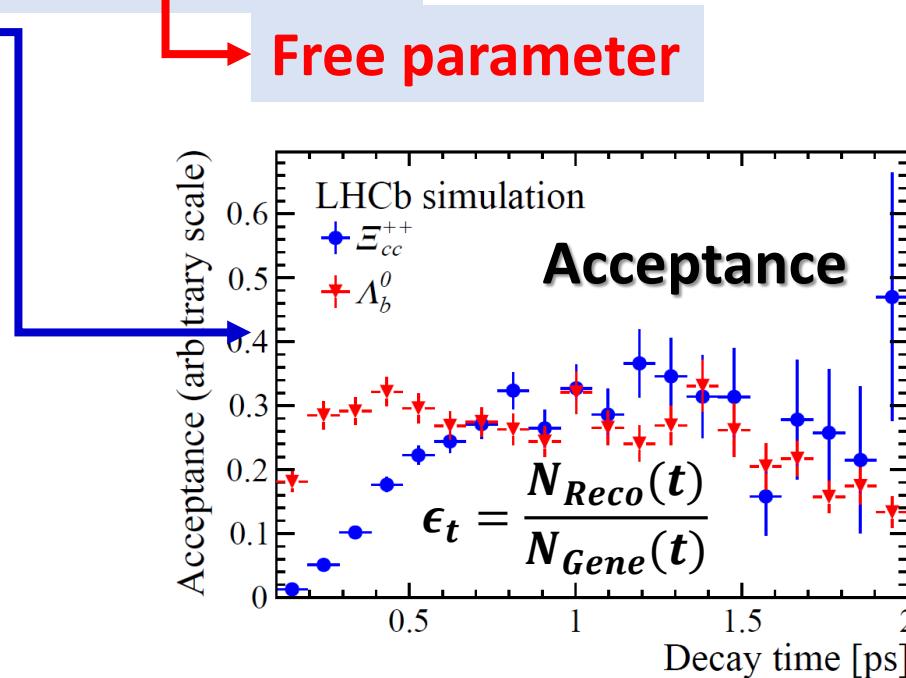
PDG 2018

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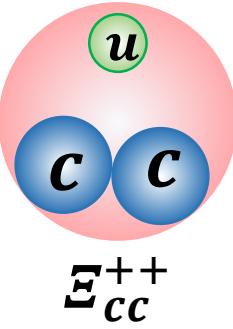
$$\tau_{\Lambda_b^0} = 1.470 \pm 0.010 \text{ ps (PDG)}$$



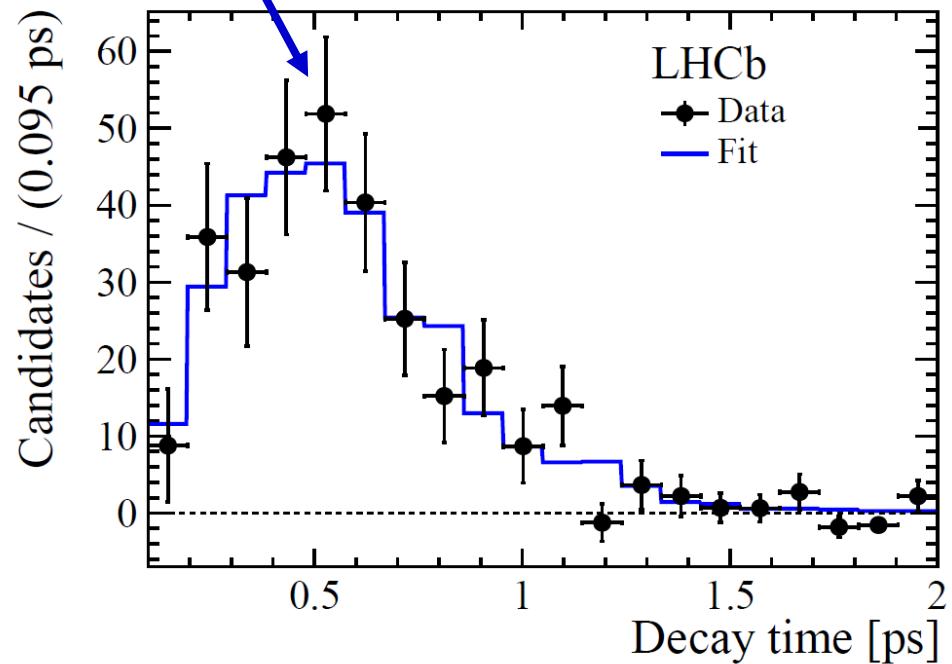
Background subtracted
decay time distributions



Lifetime fit



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→ $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 0.256^{+0.024}_{-0.022} \text{ ps}$

Systematic Uncertainty

Source	Uncertainty (ps)
Signal and background mass models	0.005
Correlation of mass and decay-time	0.004
Binning	0.001
Data-simulation differences	0.004
Resonant structure of decays	0.011
Hardware trigger threshold	0.002
Simulated Ξ_{cc}^{++} lifetime	0.002
Λ_b^0 lifetime uncertainty	0.001
Sum in quadrature	0.014

○ Binning:

→ Systematics due to binned acceptance estimated with pseudo experiments

○ Resonant:

→ Weight MC to match $M(K^-\pi^+\pi^+)$ (for Ξ_{cc}^{++}), and $M(\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-)$ (for Λ_b^0) distributions in data

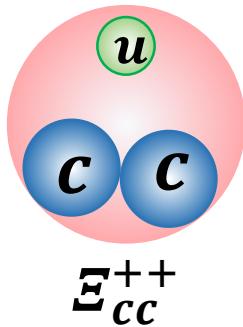
Measured results:

$$\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 0.256^{+0.024}_{-0.022} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.014 (\text{syst}) \text{ ps}$$

Cross-checks and Results

- Various cross-checks had been done: no evidence of other effects
 - Charge: Ξ_{cc}^{++} vs. $\bar{\Xi}_{cc}^{--}$
 - Magnet polarities: Down vs. Up
 - Number of PV
- Binned χ^2 fit: consistent with nominal result
- Λ_b^0 lifetime using simulation-based acceptance correction, consistent with PDG Value

Confirmation of Ξ_{cc}^{++} with $\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$ channel
First measurement of Ξ_{cc}^{++} lifetime: weakly decay



Summary

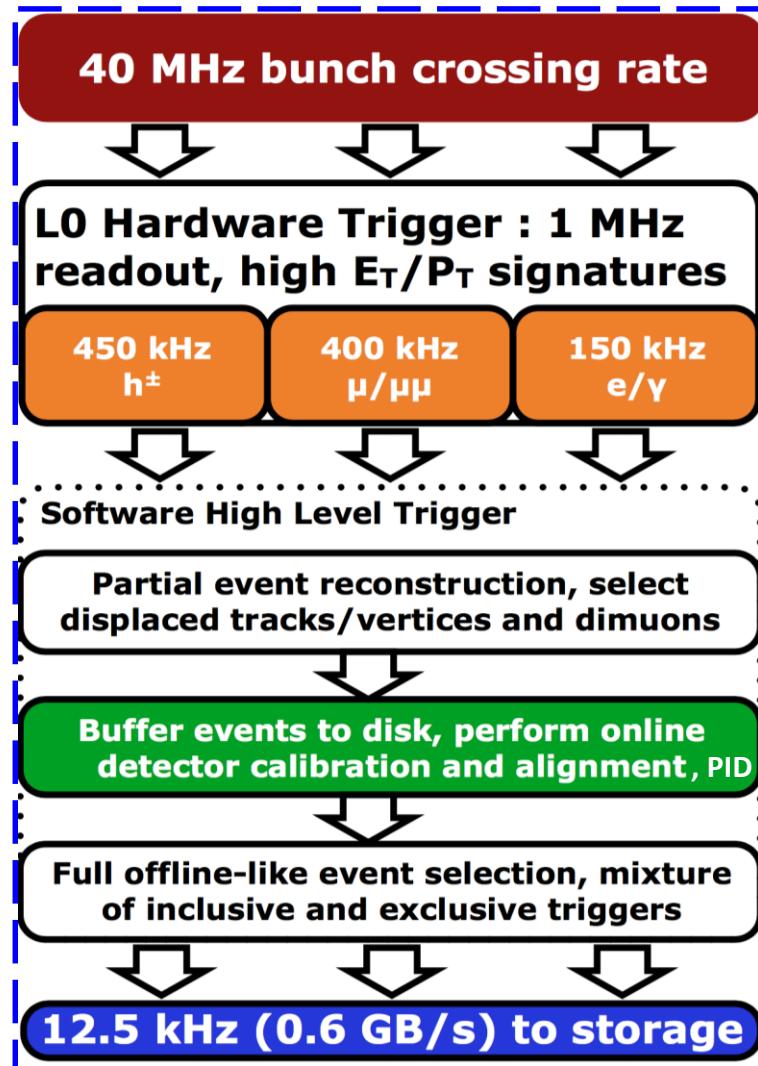
- LHCb detector is designed for the heavy flavour physics
- LHCb has made significant progresses in the study of **doubly-charmed baryon**: Ξ_{cc}^{++}
 - Confirmation of the observation of Ξ_{cc}^{++} using $\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$ channel
 - Measurement of Ξ_{cc}^{++} lifetime: long lifetime as expected
- More data collected in Run-II

Stay tuned for new results !



Backup

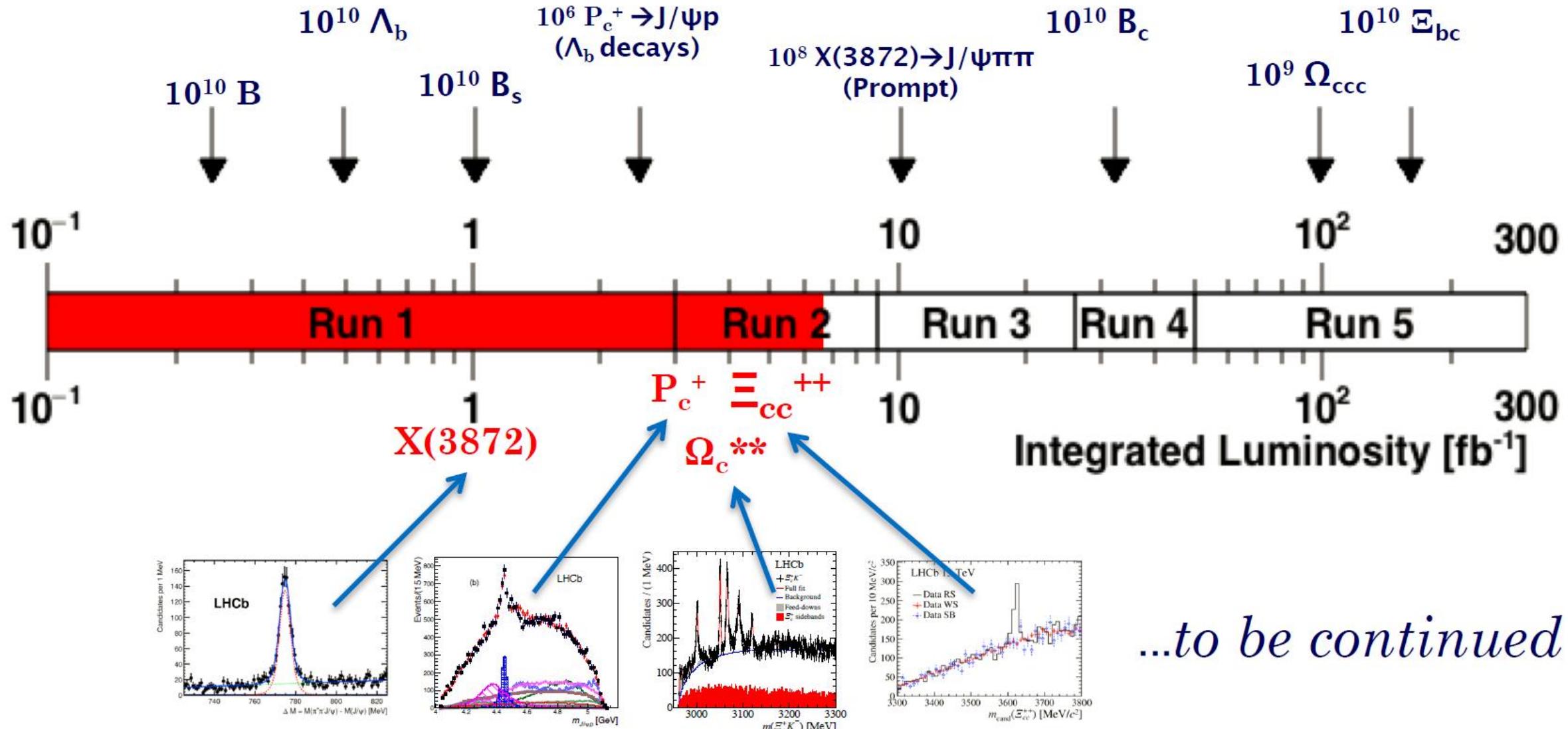
LHCb trigger



- Run real-time alignment and calibration of the detector
- Data buffered out of first software trigger stage
- Second software trigger runs asynchronously
- Permits **Turbo real-time analysis strategy**
 - Candidates reconstructed at the trigger level saved directly for offline analysis + (online alignment and calibration)

The first two analyses of today's talk benefit from the Turbo stream.

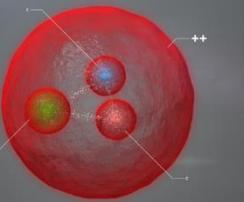
Hadron spectroscopy @ LHCb



...to be continued

Prospects

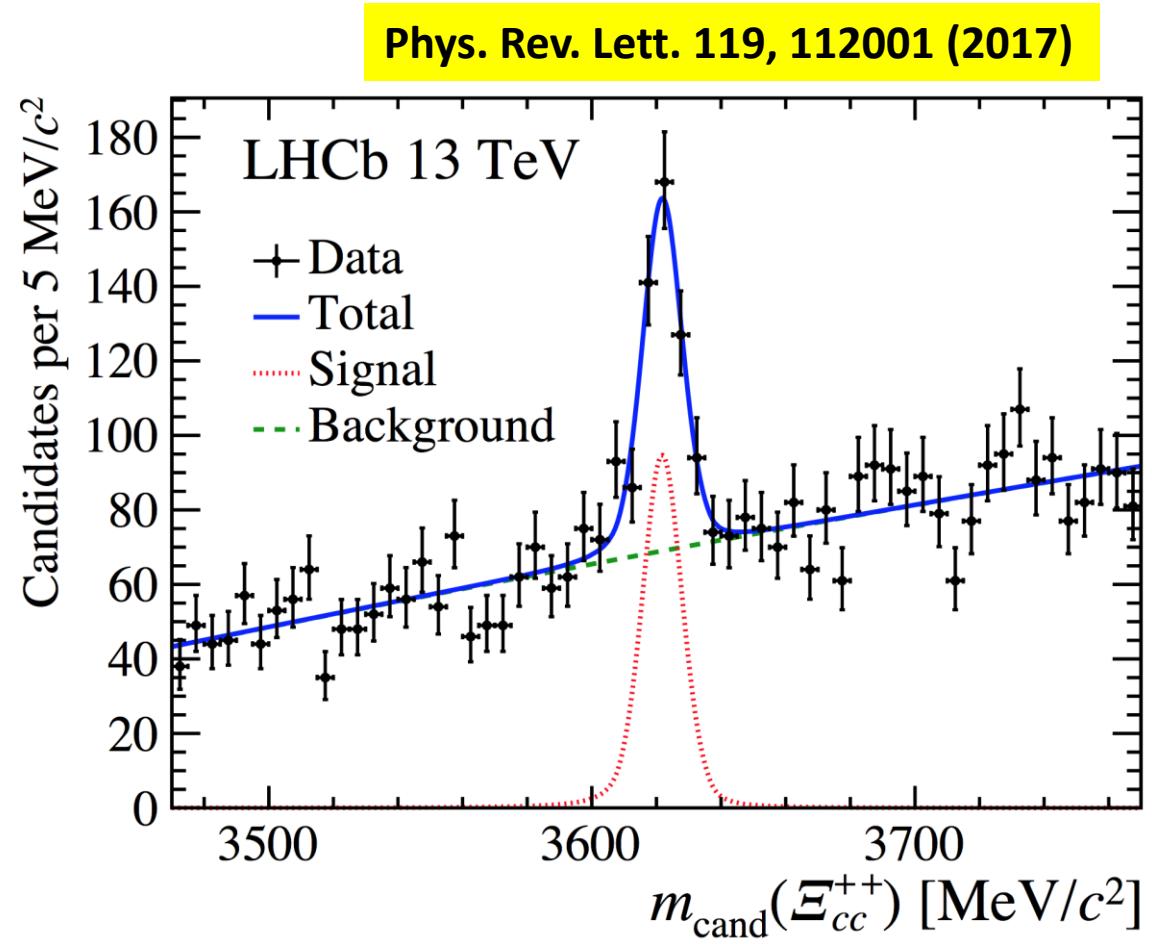
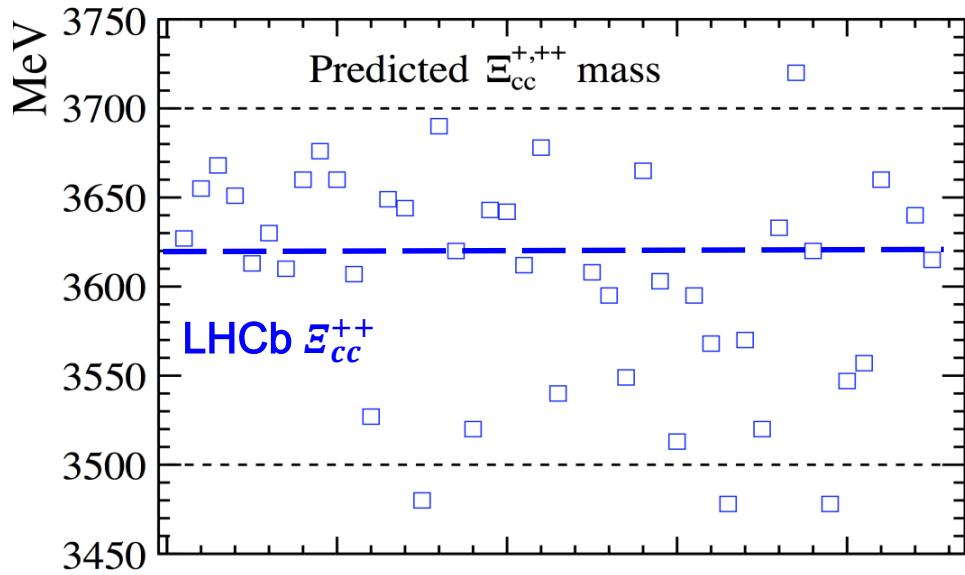
- Searching for Ξ_{cc}^{++} with more channels: $\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$,
 $\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+$, $p D^+ K^- \pi^+$...
- Measurement of the Ξ_{cc}^{++} lifetime
- Measurement of the production cross-section
- Confirming its spin-parity: $1/2^+$
- Searching for its isospin partner Ξ_{cc}^+ in a larger sample than the previous measurement
- Searching for Ω_{cc}^+
- Doubly heavy baryons with bottom quark: Ξ_{bc} , Ω_{bc} , Ξ_{bb} ...
- The excited states?
- And new systems for CP violations



Observation of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

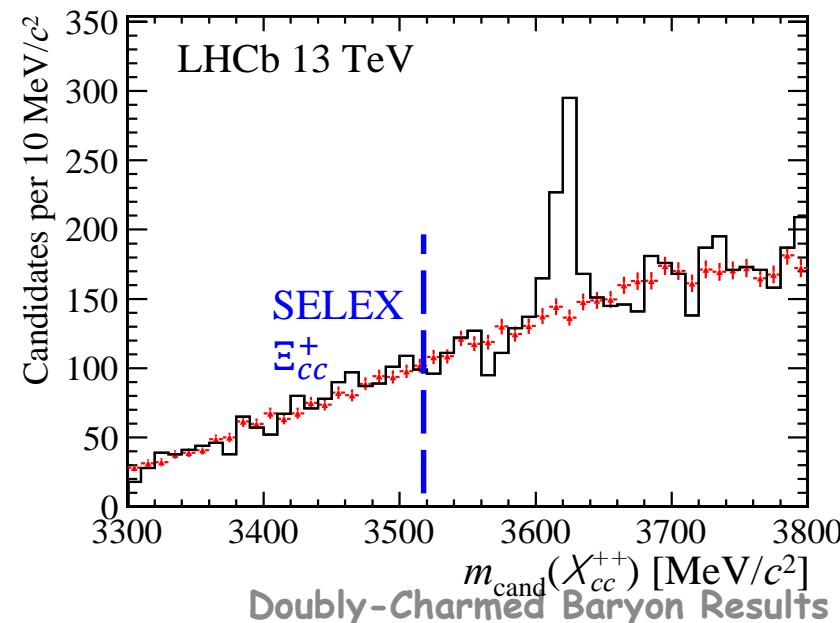
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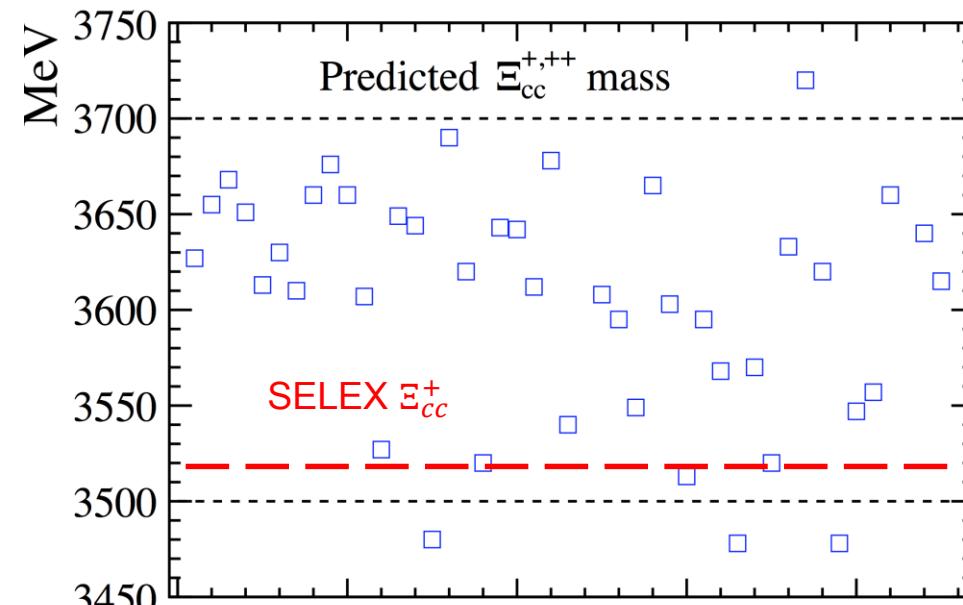
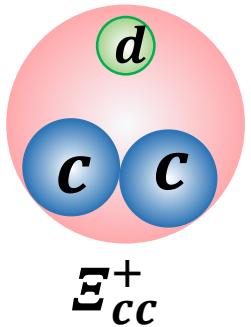
Compared with SELEX results

- Large mass difference: $m(\Xi_{cc}^{++})_{\text{LHCb}} - m(\Xi_{cc}^+)_{\text{SELEX}} = 103 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}$
→ Inconsistent with being isospin partners
- Production: $N(\Xi_{cc})/N(\Lambda_c^+)$ much smaller in LHCb result



SELEX result in tension with predictions

- Models to determine masses of ground state and excitations:
 - (non-) relativistic QCD potential models, triple harmonic-oscillator potential model, QCD sum rules, bag model or quark model ...
 - Predicted $\Xi_{cc}^{+,++}$ masses in range **3.5 – 3.7 GeV**,
 - Masses of Ξ_{cc}^+ and Ξ_{cc}^{++} only differ by a few MeV due to u, d symmetry



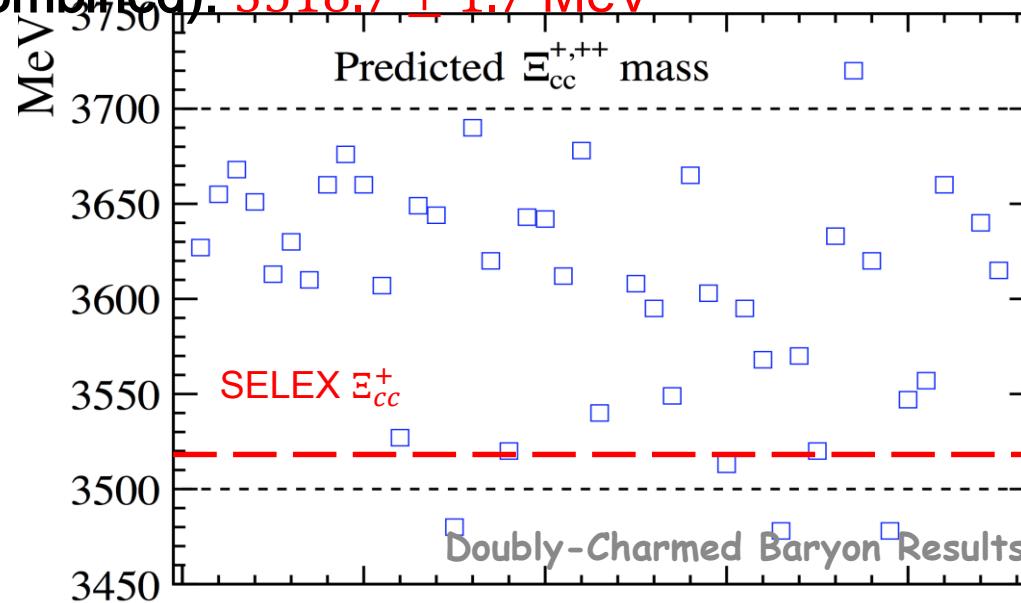
Analysis strategy $E_c^+\pi^+$ (Blinded analysis)

- Event selection of $E_c^+\pi^+$ candidates, 2016 data
- Multivariate selector to suppress combinatorial background
 - Simulation as signal, data upper sideband as background
- Open signal window
 - $> 3\sigma$ signal: mass measurement, ratio of branching fraction
 - Otherwise: upper limit setting

Studies of Ξ_{cc} by SELEX experiment

- SELEX (Fermilab E781) collides high energy hyperon beams (Σ^-, p) with nuclear targets, dedicated to study charm baryons
- Observed Ξ_{cc}^+ ($cc\bar{d}$) in $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ and $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow p D^+ K^-$ decays
 - Signal yields: 15.9 ($\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$) and 5.62 ($p D^+ K^-$)
 - Short lifetime: $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+) < 33$ fs @90% CL, but not zero
 - Large production: $R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} \sim 20\%$
 - Mass (combined): 3518.7 ± 1.7 MeV

Very puzzling

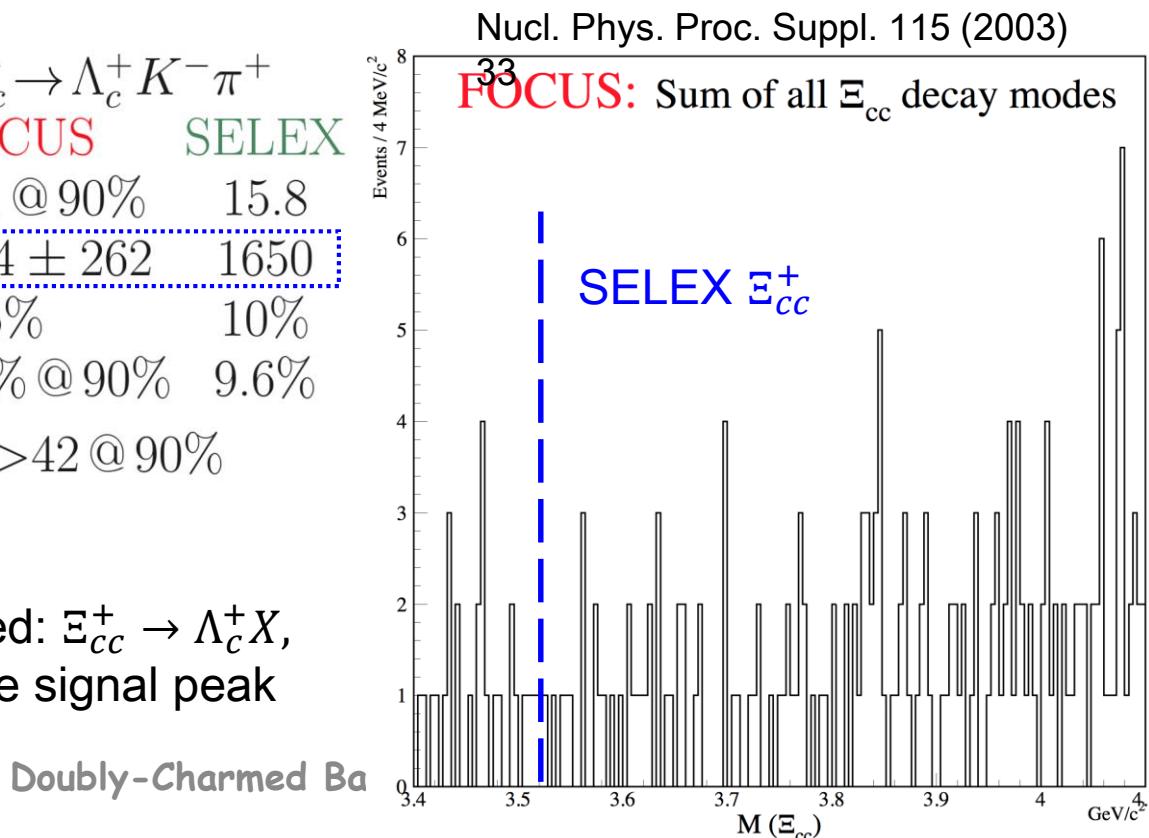


Studies of Ξ_{cc} by FOCUS

- FOCUS (Fermilab E831) studies charm hadrons produced in photon-nuclear fixed target collisions
- FOCUS didn't confirm Ξ_{cc}^+ observed by SELEX in $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ decay

Decay Mode	$\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$	
Experiment	FOCUS	SELEX
Ξ_{cc} Events	<2.21 @ 90%	15.8
Reconstructed Λ_c	$19,444 \pm 262$	1650
Relative Efficiency	5%	10%
Ξ_{cc}/Λ_c^+	<0.23% @ 90%	9.6%
$\frac{\text{SELEX}}{\text{FOCUS}} \text{ Rel } \frac{\Xi_{cc}}{\Lambda_c} \text{ Prod}$	>42 @ 90%	

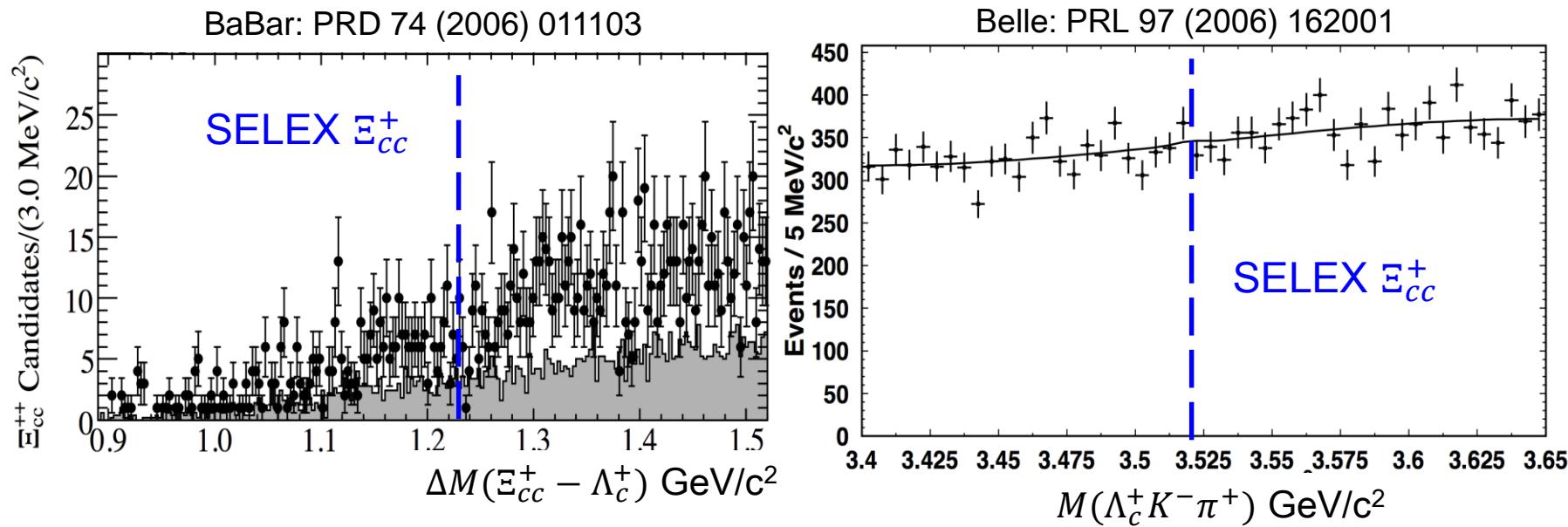
- Other modes also studied: $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ X$, $D^0 X D^+ X$, no SELEX-like signal peak observed



Studies of Ξ_{cc} by BaBar and Belle

- e^+e^- colliders working at $\Upsilon(4S)$ mass $\sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$
- Large Λ_c^+ yields: $\approx 0.6 \text{ M}$ at BaBar, $\approx 0.8 \text{ M}$ at Belle
- SELEX-like Ξ_{cc}^+ signal not confirmed in $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ decays

$$R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} < 2.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (BaBar)} \quad 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (Belle) @ 95\% CL}$$

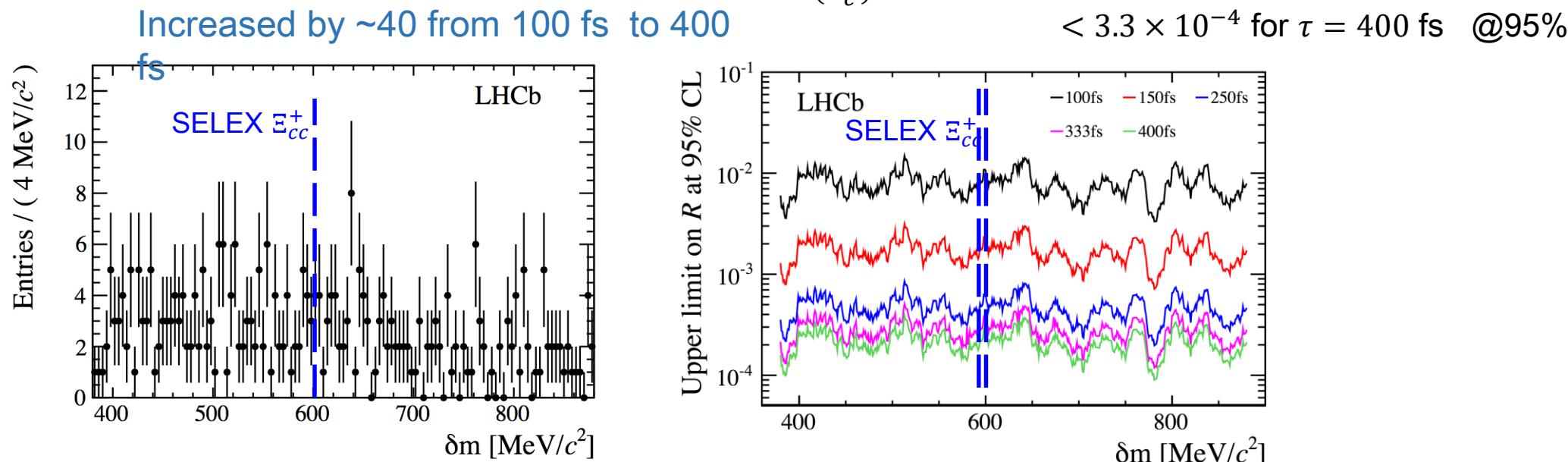


Studies of Ξ_{cc}^+ by LHCb: Run-I

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- LHCb searched for $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ decay with 0.65 fb^{-1} of 7 TeV data
- $N(\Lambda_c^+) \approx 0.8 \text{ M}$, requiring high- p_T
- No significant peaking structure observed with $m \in [3.3, 3.8] \text{ GeV}$
- Experiment sensitivity strongly depends on Ξ_{cc}^+ lifetime

$$R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} < 0.013 \text{ for } \tau = 100 \text{ fs},$$



$\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$ Prediction

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+) = \left(\frac{\tau_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}}{300 \text{ fs}} \right) \times 7.2\%.$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p \bar{K}^{*0}) = (2.2 \pm 0.8)\%.$$

as $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p \bar{K}^{*0}) / \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+) = 0.54 \pm 0.10$ [33].

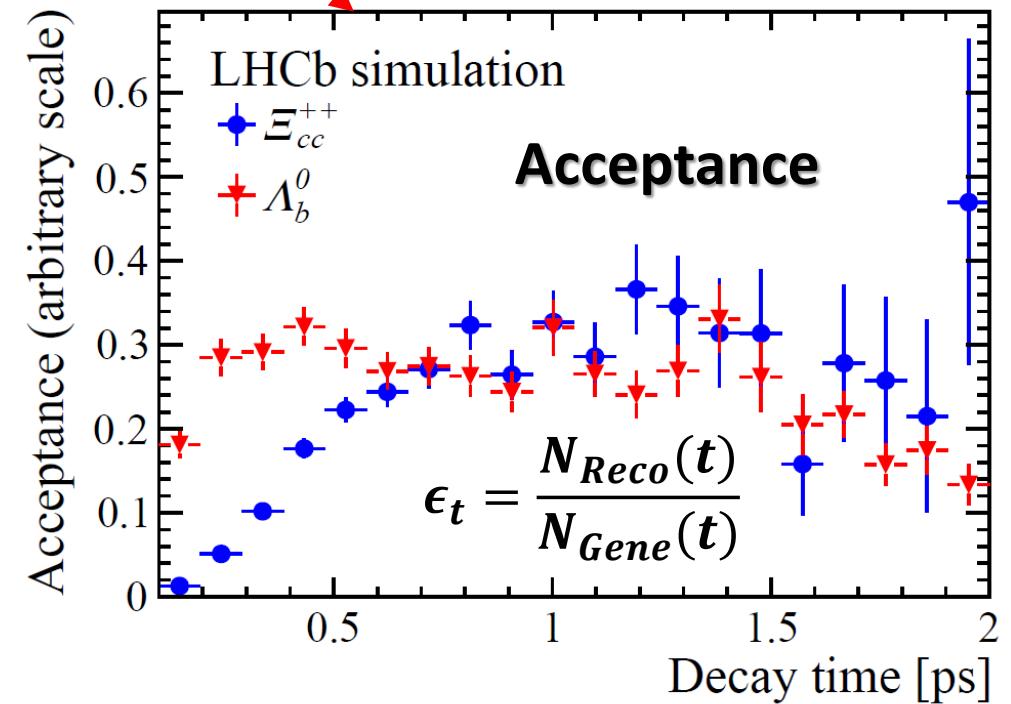
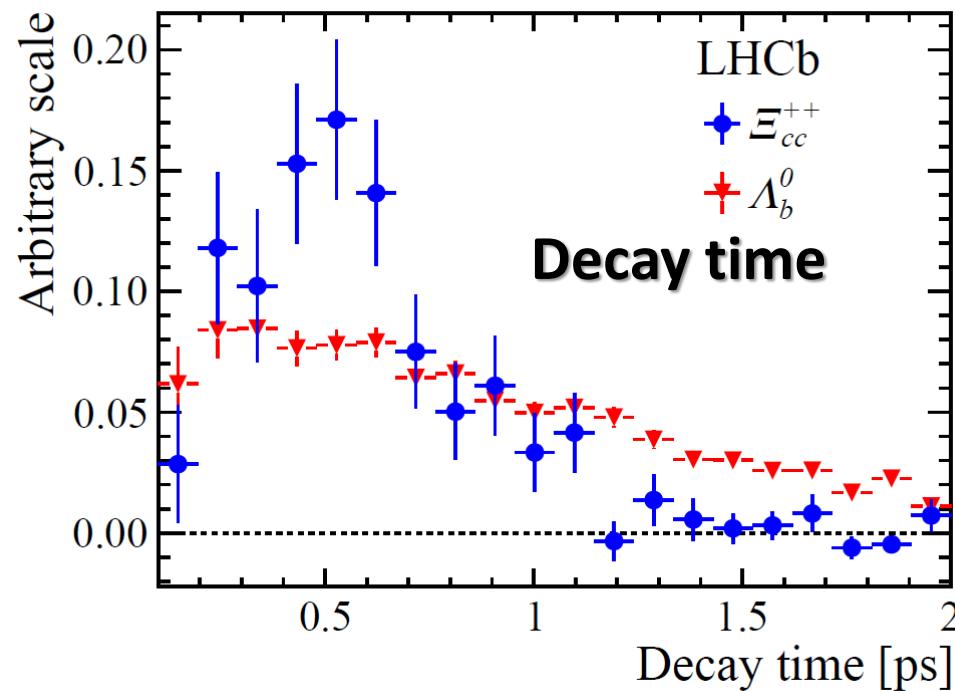
Besides, the relation $\mathcal{A}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p \bar{K}^{*0}) = \mathcal{A}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^{*0})$ holds under U -spin symmetry. With the measurement of $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^{*0}) = (0.36 \pm 0.10)\%$ [34], the branching

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{++}(2455) \bar{K}^{*0}) = \left(\frac{\tau_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}}{300 \text{ fs}} \right) \times (3.8 \sim 24.6)\%, \quad (11)$$

Decay time distributions and acceptance

$$\mathcal{R}(t) = \frac{f_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}(t)}{f_{\Lambda_b^0}(t)} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\Lambda_b^0}(t)}{\epsilon_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}(t)} = \mathcal{R}(0)e^{-\left(\frac{1}{\tau_{\Xi_{cc}^{++}}} - \frac{1}{\tau_{\Lambda_b^0}}\right)t}$$

S-weighted data
to subtract background



$\Xi_{cc}^{++}/\Lambda_b^0$ lifetime ratio comparison

