

# Hadron spectroscopy at LHCb

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# Outline

Hadron spectroscopy

The LHCb experiment

Conventional hadrons:

*Mesons*

*Baryons*

Exotics hadrons:

*Tetraquarks*

*Pentaquarks*

Outlook

# Hadron spectroscopy

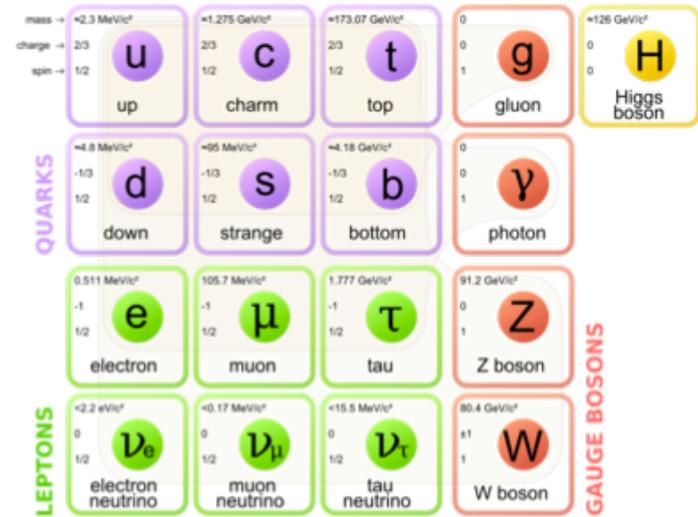
Hadrons are combinations of quarks

LHCb focuses on Heavy Flavour (HF):

*hadrons with  $\geq 1$  charm (c) or beauty (b) quark*

beyond ground-state hadrons:

- *spin excitations*
- *angular momentum excitations*
- *radial excitations*
- *exotic hadrons*



$C = 1$  hadrons:

mesons:  $D^+(c\bar{d})$ ,  $D^0(c\bar{u})$ ,  $D_s^+(c\bar{s})$

baryons:  $\Lambda_c^+(cdu)$ ,  $\Xi_c^+(cus)$ ,  $\Xi_c^0(cds)$ ,  $\Omega_c^0(css)$

$B = 1$  hadrons:

mesons:  $B^+(\bar{b}u)$ ,  $B^0(\bar{b}d)$ ,  $B_s^0(\bar{b}s)$ ,  $B_c^+(\bar{b}c)$

baryons:  $\Lambda_b^0(bdu)$ ,  $\Xi_b^0(bus)$ ,  $\Xi_b^-(bds)$ ,  $\Omega_b^-(bss)$

quarkonia:

$J/\psi$ ,  $\psi'(c\bar{c})$  and  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(3S)$ ,  $(b\bar{b})$

# Experimental program and motivation

Measure mass, width, decay modes and quantum numbers of known resonances

- *refine or eliminate models of hadron formation*
- *instrumental in reducing hadronic uncertainties in searches for new physics*

Search for new resonances

- *complete the "sky-map" of all hadrons*
- *narrow resonances make ideal flavor-tagging tool*
  - *$D^0$  oscillations observed thanks to  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$  decay*

# The LHCb experiment

LHC 27km, at  $\sim -100\text{m}$

*pp collisions every 25ns*

*2011:  $E_{cm}=7\text{TeV}$*

*2012:  $E_{cm}=8\text{TeV}$*

*2015-2018:  $E_{cm}=13\text{TeV}$*

*$\sim 1/100$  has  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $1/10$  has  $c\bar{c}$*

*delivered  $120 (7)\text{fb}^{-1}$  to ATLAS,CMS (LHCb)*

LHCb: dedicated HF experiment

*luminosity levelling: const  $\mathcal{L}=4\times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$*

*forward detector  $2<\eta<5 \rightarrow$  low  $p_T$  thresholds*

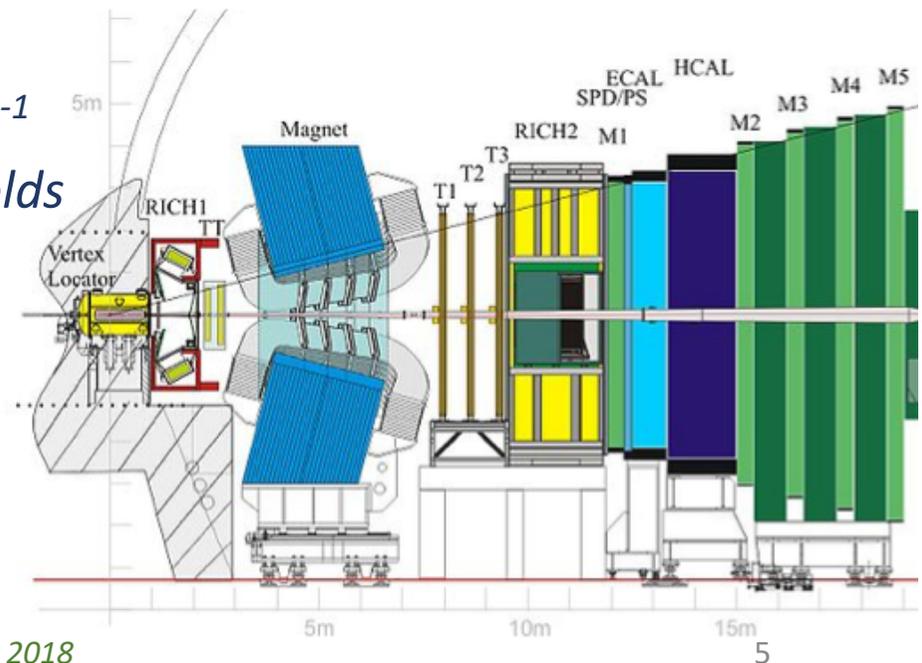
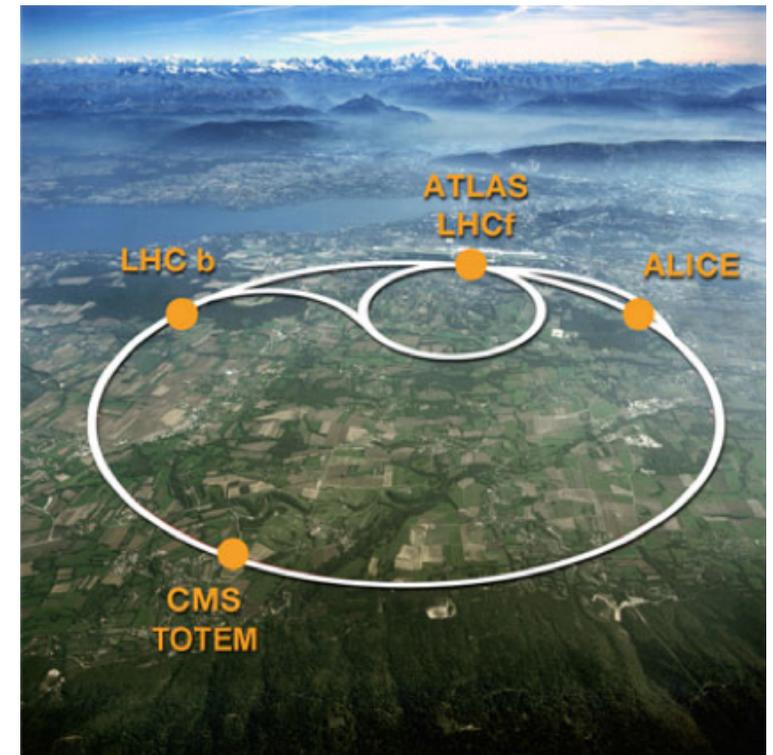
*Si strips 8mm from beam,  $\sigma_{IP} \approx 20\mu\text{m}$*

*4Tm dipole for  $\Delta p/p \sim 0.5-1.0\%$*

*2 RICH for  $\pi/K/p$  separation*

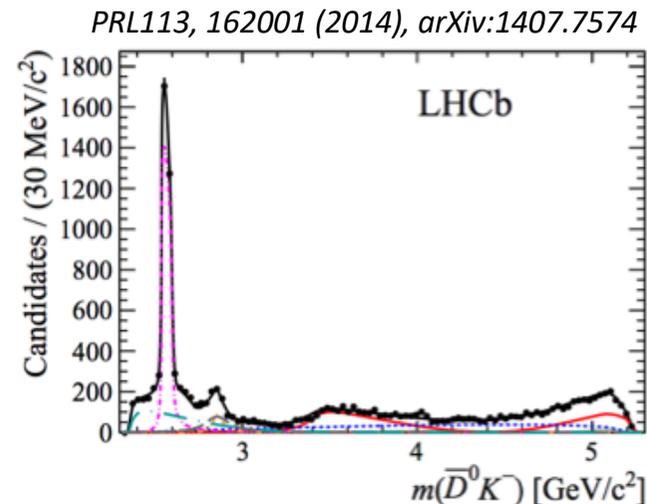
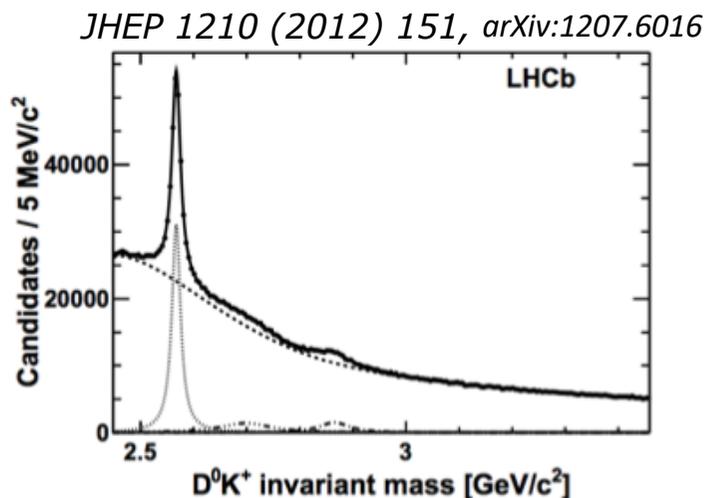
*full detector readout @ 1MHz*

*JMPA 30, 1530022 (2015), arXiv:1412.6352*



# Two methods for spectroscopy

- Direct production in  $pp$  collisions
- Combine a HF hadron with one or more light particles
- High statistics
- Works for all hadrons
- Amplitude analysis of heavier state
- Analyze HF+light particle in  $\geq 3$ -body decay of heavier particle
- Low background
- Better determination of quantum numbers  $J^{PC}$



# Mesons

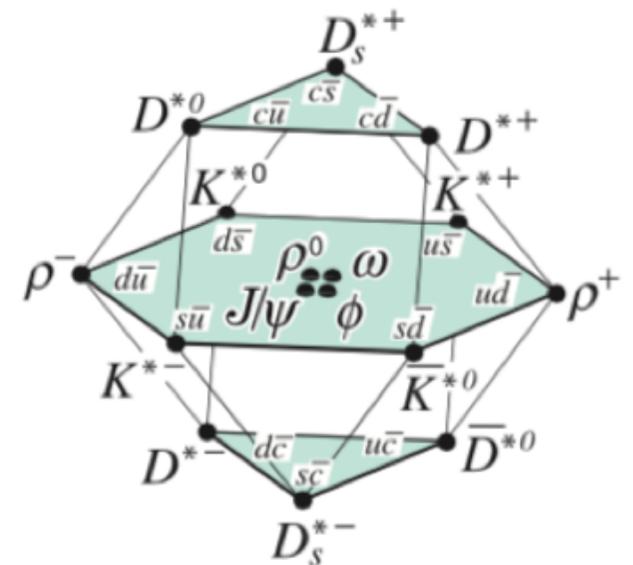
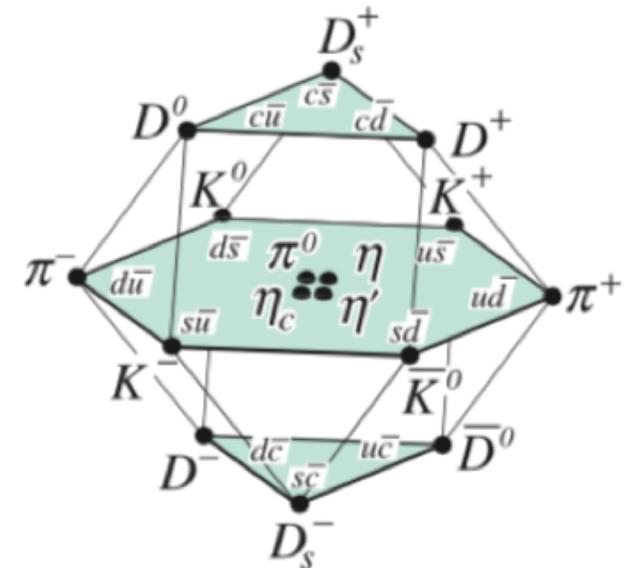
simplest possible hadron:  $q\bar{q}$  states

For  $\ell = 0$  states:

antiparallel quark spin:  $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$

parallel quark spin:  $J^{PC} = 1^{-+}$

Also  $\ell > 0$  states and  
radial excitations (e.g.  $\psi'$ )

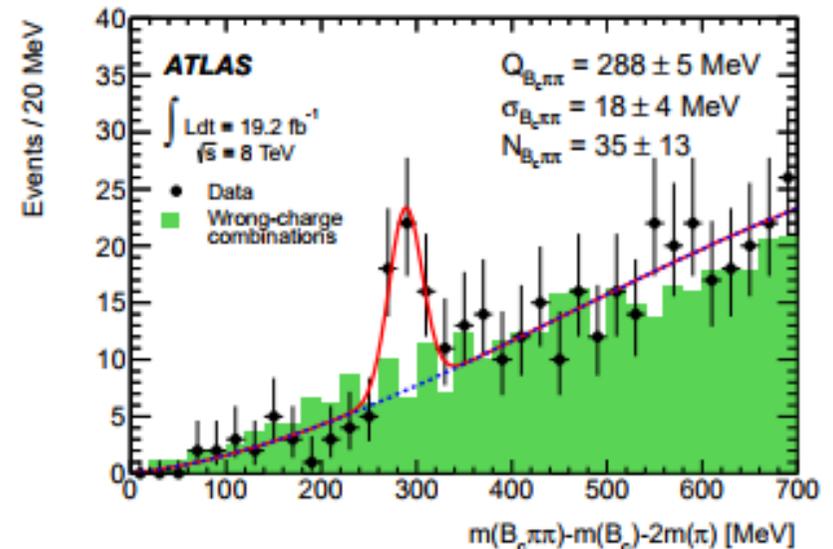
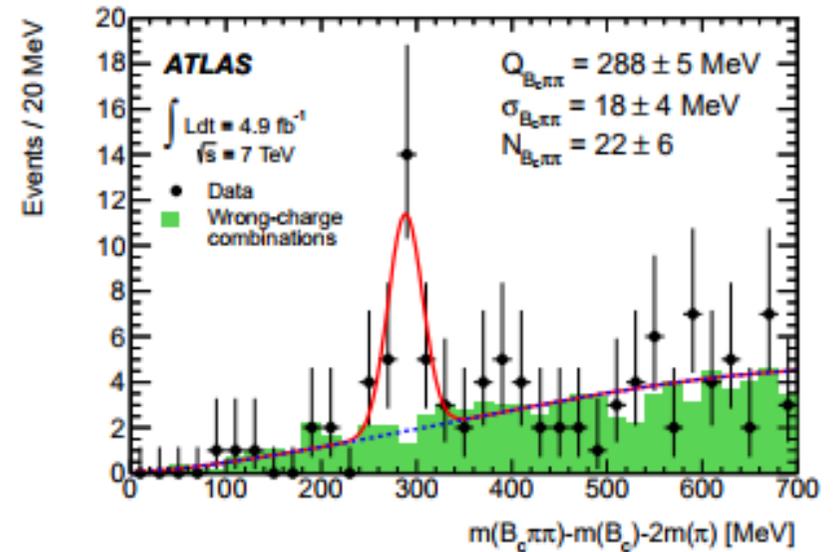


# $B_c^{(*)+} (2S) \rightarrow B_c^{(*)+} \pi^+ \pi^-$ search

Follow-up on ATLAS  
observation of peak in  
 $B_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  spectrum  
 $m = 6842 \pm 4 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$

Based on a yield of  $\sim 330$   
 $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  decays

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113 (2014) 212004, *arXiv:1407.1032*.



# $B_c^{(*)+}(2S) \rightarrow B_c^{(*)+} \pi^+ \pi^-$ search

$\sim 3300 B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  decays

Expected mass resolutions:

$$\sigma_w(B_c(2S)^+) = 2.05 \pm 0.05 \text{ MeV},$$

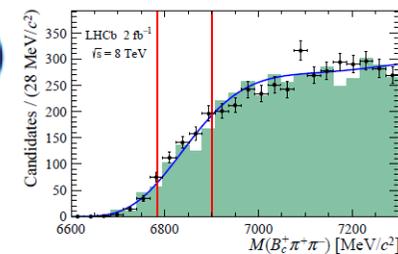
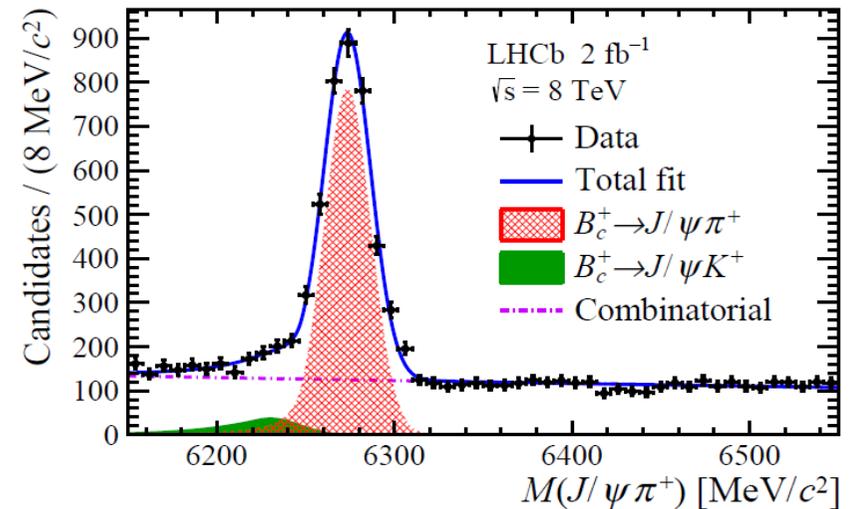
$$\sigma_w(B_c^*(2S)^+) = 3.17 \pm 0.03 \text{ MeV}$$

No  $B_c^{(*)+}(2S)$  signal. Measure

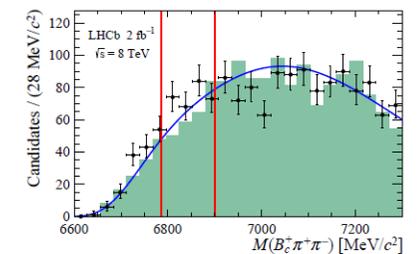
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\sigma_{B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+}}{\sigma_{B_c^+}} \cdot \mathcal{B}(B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+ \rightarrow B_c^{(*)+} \pi^+ \pi^-)$$

95% CL. Limits on  $\mathcal{R}$  in range 0.02-0.14, depending on mass

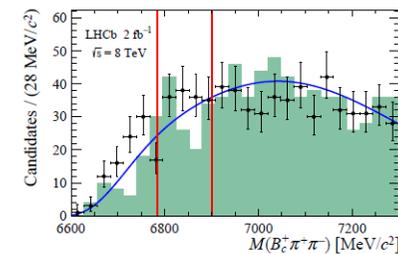
arXiv:1712.04094, submitted to JHEP



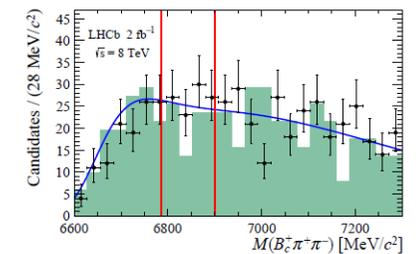
(a) MLP category: (0.02,0.2)



(b) MLP category: [0.2,0.4]



(c) MLP category: [0.4,0.6]



(d) MLP category: [0.6,1.0]

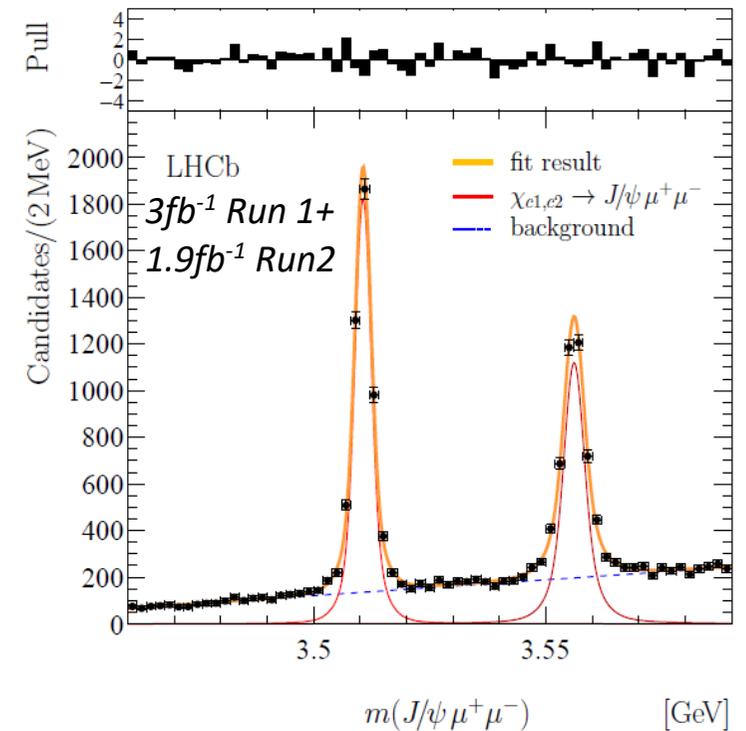
# Muonic decays of $\chi_{c1}$ and $\chi_{c2}$

Orbitally excited  $c\bar{c}$  states  $\chi_c$  usually studied in  $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$  decays

First observation of  $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\mu^+\mu^-$  decays!

Much better mass resolution allows competitive mass and width measurements.

PRL119 (2017) 221801, arXiv:1709.04247

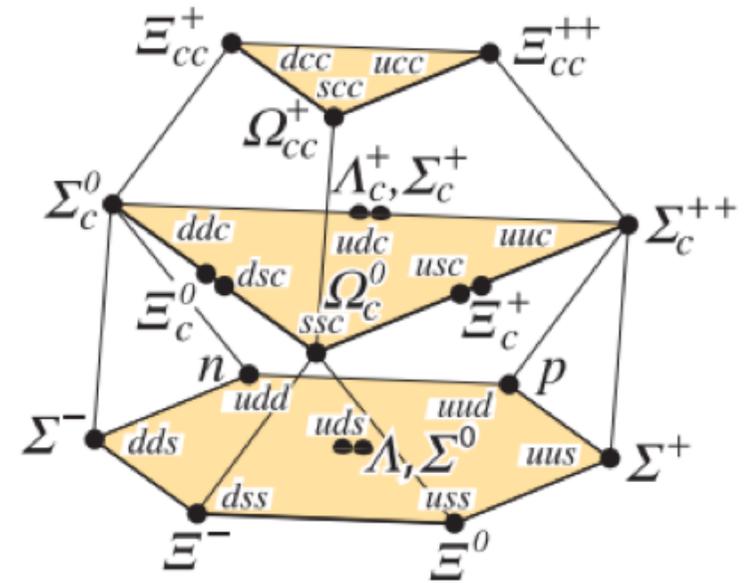


Quantity [MeV]	LHCb measurement	Best previous measurement	World average
$m(\chi_{c1})$	$3510.71 \pm 0.10$	$3510.72 \pm 0.05$	$3510.66 \pm 0.07$
$m(\chi_{c2})$	$3556.10 \pm 0.13$	$3556.16 \pm 0.12$	$3556.20 \pm 0.09$
$\Gamma(\chi_{c2})$	$2.10 \pm 0.20$	$1.92 \pm 0.19$	$1.93 \pm 0.11$

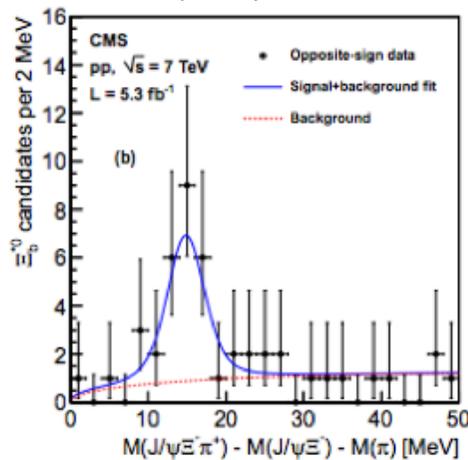
# Baryons

$qqq$  states, very rich in weakly decaying ground states

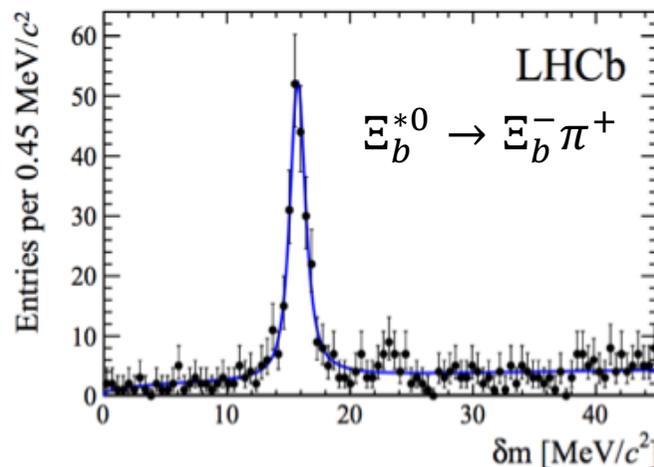
Even richer in excited states!



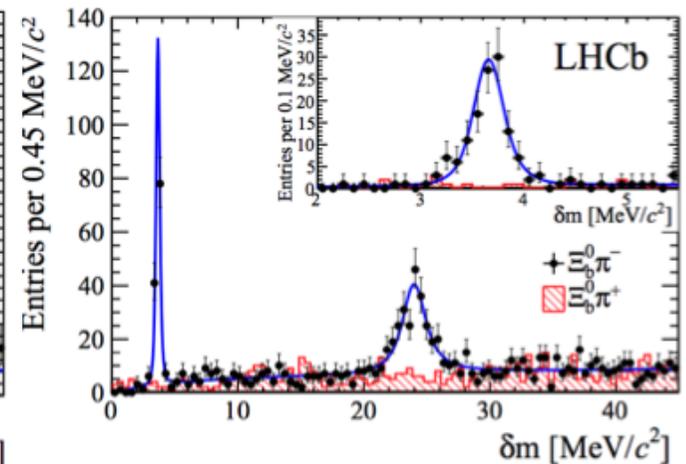
PRL 108, 252002 (2012), arXiv:1204.5955



JHEP 1605 (2016) 161, arXiv:1604.03896



PRL 114, 062004 (2015), arXiv:1411.4849



# Doubly charmed baryons

Three weakly decaying C=2 states expected:

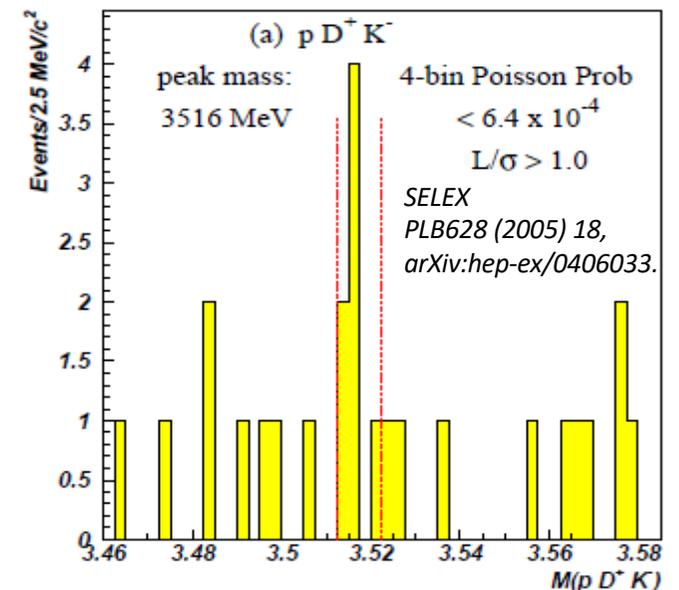
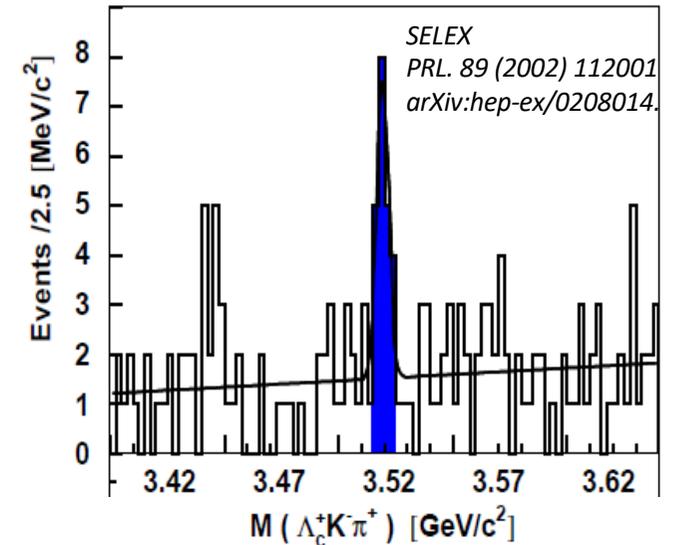
$\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  ( $ccu$ ),  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  ( $ccd$ ) and  $\Omega_{cc}^+$  ( $ccs$ ).

Expect  $m(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \approx m(\Xi_{cc}^+)$ ,  
but  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) > \tau(\Xi_{cc}^+)$ .

Observation and confirmation of  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  reported by SELEX experiment.

Unexpectedly short lifetime and large production.

Not confirmed by BaBar [[PRD74\(2006\)011103](#)],  
Belle [[PRL97\(2006\)162001](#)] nor LHCb [[JHEP 12 \(2013\) 090](#)]



# The doubly charmed baryon $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$

Select  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^- \pi^+$  candidates,  
combine with  $K^-, \pi^+, \pi^+$  tracks

Reject background with neural net  
(trained on MC for signal, wrong-sign  
combinations for background)

Peak of  $313 \pm 33$  events (local  
significance of  $12\sigma$ ), mass

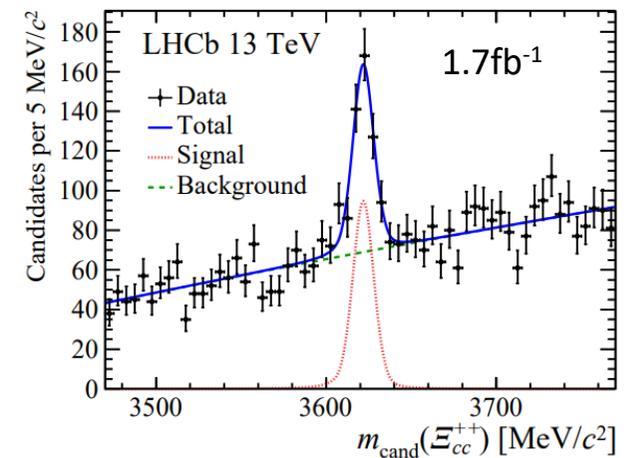
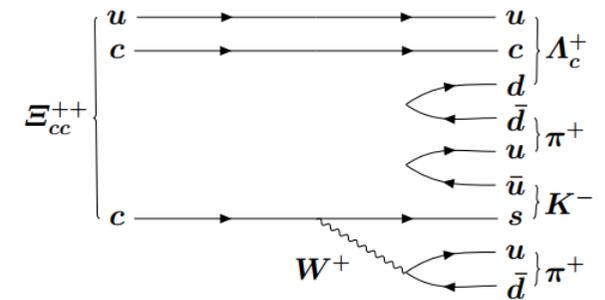
$3621.40 \pm 0.72$  (stat)  $\pm 0.27$  (syst)  $\pm 0.14$  ( $\Lambda_c^+$ )  $\text{MeV}/c^2$ .

$7\sigma$  peak also in 8TeV Run1 data

Significant signal also after  $t > 5\sigma_t$  cut.

$\sim 100\text{MeV}$  more than SELEX  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  peaks

PRL119, 112001 (2017), arXiv:1707.01621



# Excited $\Omega_c^0$ states

Previously, the only  $c$ ss baryons known were the ground state  $\Omega_c^0$  and the  $\Omega_c(2770)^0$

Search for more excited  $c$ ss states in  $\Xi_c^+ K^-$  spectrum.

Reconstruct  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^- \pi^+$   
*Cabibbo-suppressed but efficient*

S/B likelihood ratio used to select 1,05M  $\Xi_c^+$  with 83% purity

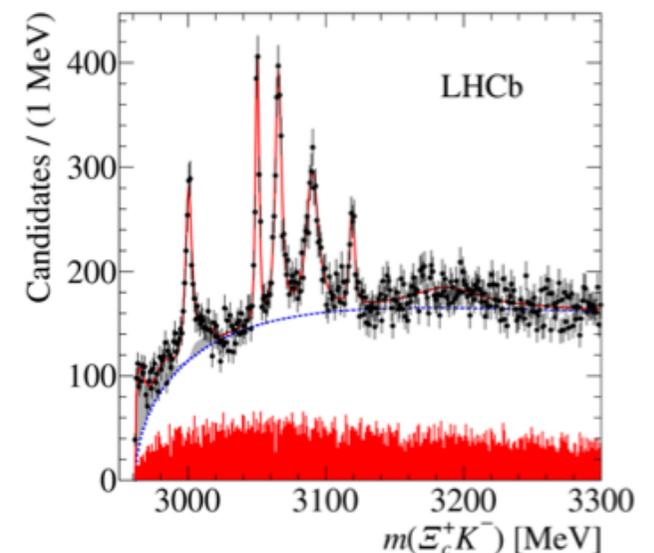
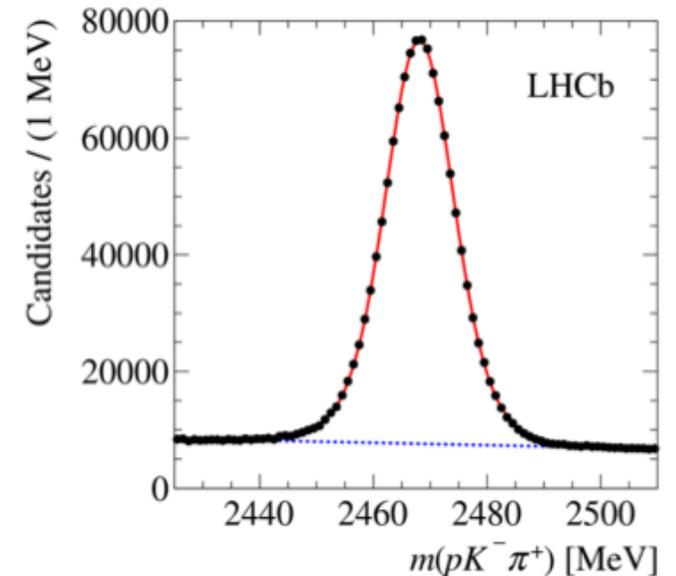
Combine with tight  $K^-$  and require  $p_T > 4.5\text{GeV}$

**5 new narrow resonances**

*plus  $\Omega_c(X)^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ K^-$ ,  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \gamma$  feeddown*

No structures in  $\Xi_c^+$  sidebands or  $\Xi_c^+ K^+$  spectrum

PRL118, 182001 (2017), arXiv:1703.04639  
3.0fb<sup>-1</sup>Run1 + 0.3fb<sup>-1</sup> Run2



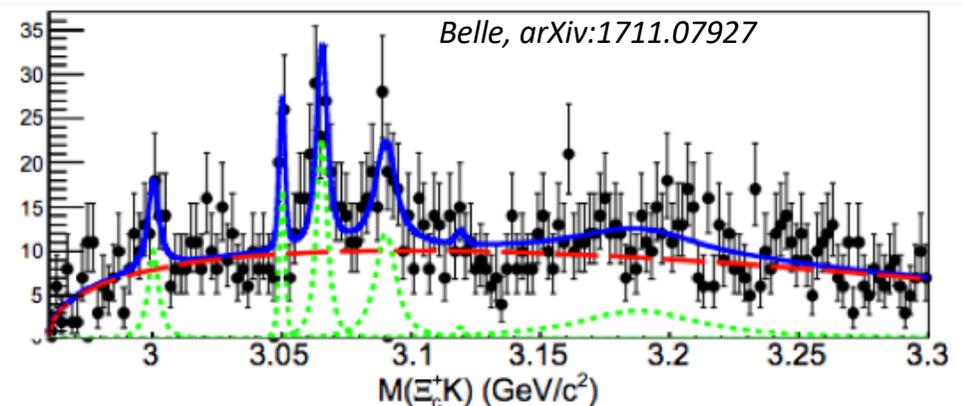
# Excited $\Omega_c^0$ states

Resonance	Mass (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	Yield	$N_\sigma$
$\Omega_c(3000)^0$	$3000.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1_{-0.5}^{+0.3}$	$4.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3$	$1300 \pm 100 \pm 80$	20.4
$\Omega_c(3050)^0$	$3050.2 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1_{-0.5}^{+0.3}$	$0.8 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$	$970 \pm 60 \pm 20$	20.4
		$< 1.2 \text{ MeV, 95\% CL}$		
$\Omega_c(3066)^0$	$3065.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3_{-0.5}^{+0.3}$	$3.5 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2$	$1740 \pm 100 \pm 50$	23.9
$\Omega_c(3090)^0$	$3090.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5_{-0.5}^{+0.3}$	$8.7 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.8$	$2000 \pm 140 \pm 130$	21.1
$\Omega_c(3119)^0$	$3119.1 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.9_{-0.5}^{+0.3}$	$1.1 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.4$	$480 \pm 70 \pm 30$	10.4
		$< 2.6 \text{ MeV, 95\% CL}$		
$\Omega_c(3188)^0$	$3188 \pm 5 \pm 13$	$60 \pm 15 \pm 11$	$1670 \pm 450 \pm 360$	
$\Omega_c(3066)_{\text{fd}}^0$			$700 \pm 40 \pm 140$	
$\Omega_c(3090)_{\text{fd}}^0$			$220 \pm 60 \pm 90$	
$\Omega_c(3119)_{\text{fd}}^0$			$190 \pm 70 \pm 20$	

Fit improves by including broad high-mass BW shape  
*Could be single state, multiple states, feeddowns, etc.*

Studies of these states in B decays will allow determination of quantum numbers

Confirmed by Belle:  
*Suppression of the 5th state in  $e^+e^-$  expected if it is a pentaquark*



# Tetraquarks

$q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$  states that cannot be described as  $q\bar{q}$

2008: Evidence from Belle of a  $\psi'\pi^-$  peak in  $B^+ \rightarrow \psi'K^+\pi^-$  decays (1D analysis)

Difficult to distinguish unambiguously from reflections of  $K^+\pi^-$  resonances

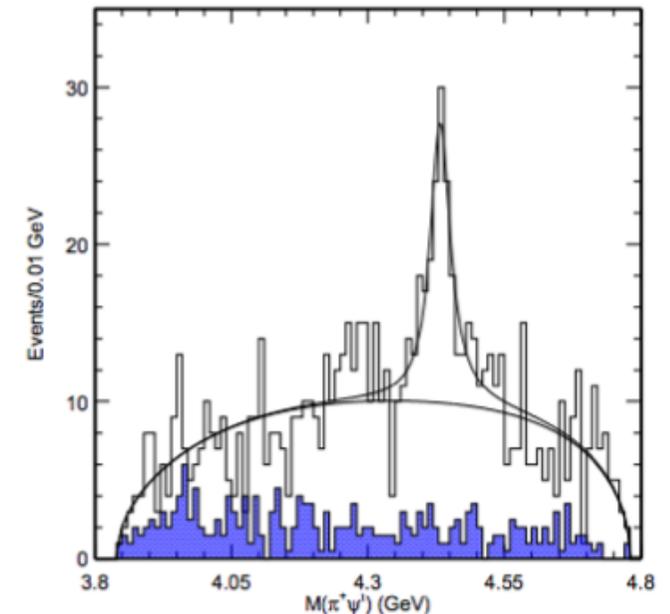
2009 BaBar analysis in 4D managed to describe with  $K^+\pi^-$  resonances alone

2014 high-stat LHCb analysis: incompatible with  $K^+\pi^-$  resonances alone

*amplitude fit Z(4430):  $> 13\sigma$*

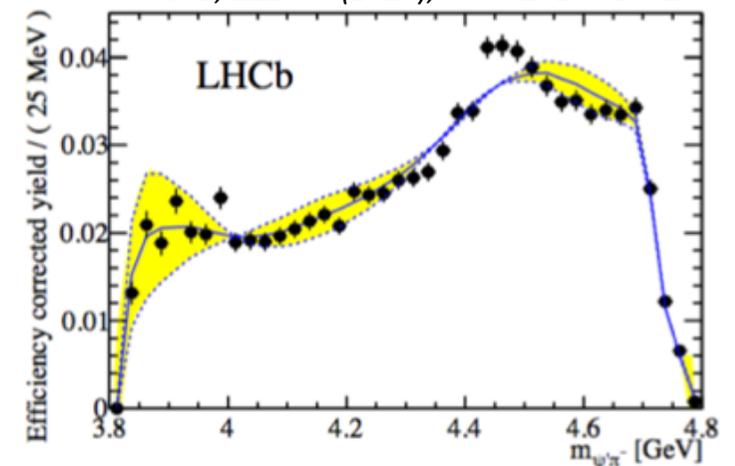
*phase motion consistent with BW*

PRL100 (2008) 142001, arXiv:0708.1790



PRL112, 222002 (2014), arXiv:1404.1903

PRD92, 112009 (2015), arXiv:1510.01951



# Exotic $J/\psi\phi$ states in $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^+$ decays

First evidence for  $J/\psi\phi$  structure from CDF:

$3.8\sigma$  excess at 4140 MeV based on 75  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^+$  decays

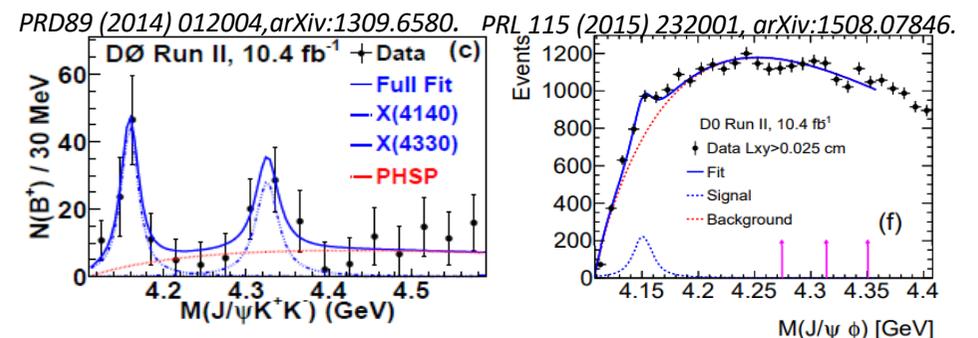
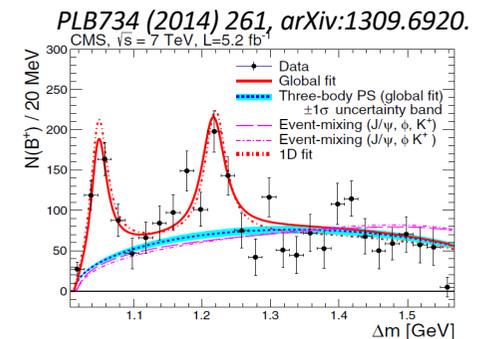
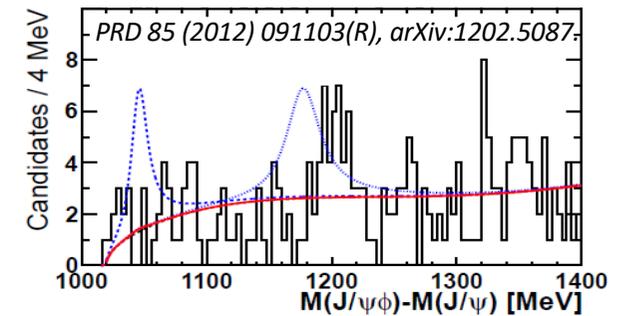
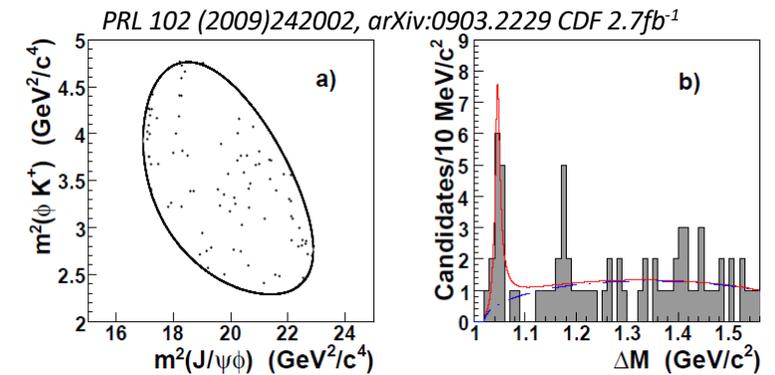
Also excess at higher mass

Not confirmed in  $0.37\text{fb}^{-1}$  LHCb search, using 382 decays

But confirmed by CMS

and D0

both in  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^+$  decays and in prompt production



# Exotic $J/\psi\phi$ states in $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^+$ decays

LHCb performed full 6D amplitude analysis

Data cannot be described with  $\phi K^+$  resonances alone.

**Four** new  $J/\psi\phi$  resonances are observed with  $>5\sigma$  each

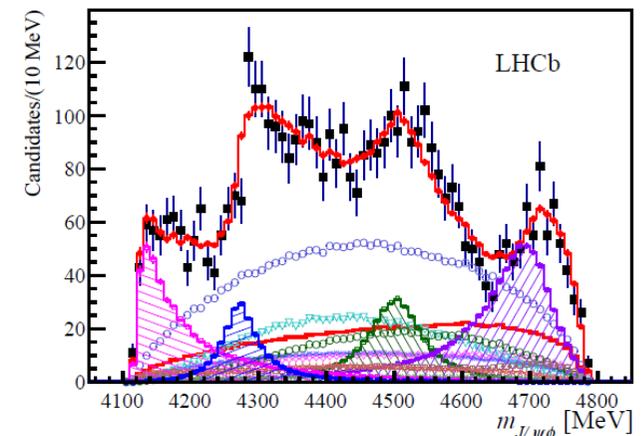
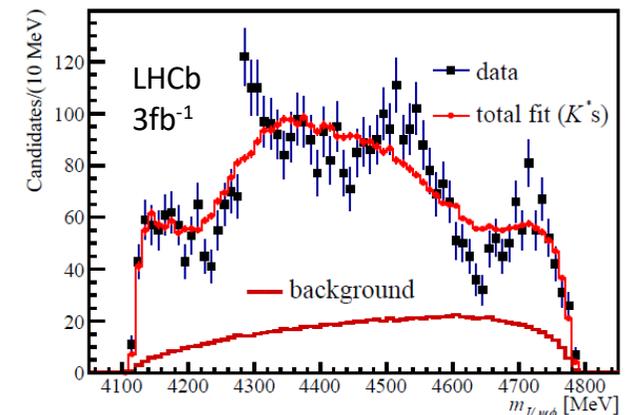
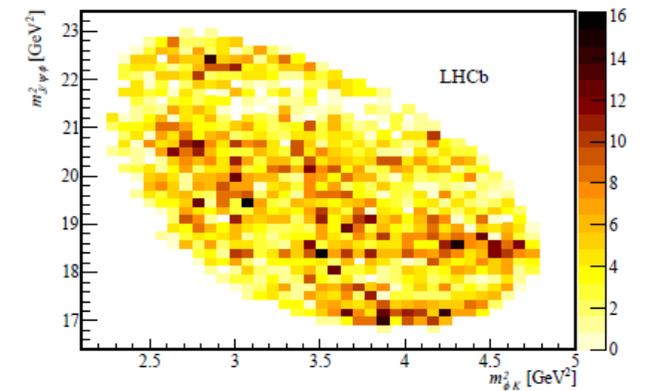
A wide  $X(4140)$ ,  $\Gamma = 80 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$

$X(4274)$   $\Gamma \sim 60 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$

$X(4500)$  and  $X(4600)$   $\Gamma \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$   $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$

PRL118, 022003 (2017), arXiv:1606.07895

PRD 95, 012002 (2017), arXiv:1606.07898



# Structures in the $B_S^0 \pi^\pm$ spectrum

D0 reported 3.9-5.1  $\sigma$  evidence for a resonance in the  $B_S^0 (\rightarrow J/\psi\phi)\pi^\pm$  spectrum, dubbed  $X(5568)$ ,

$$\Gamma = 22 \pm 7 \text{ MeV},$$

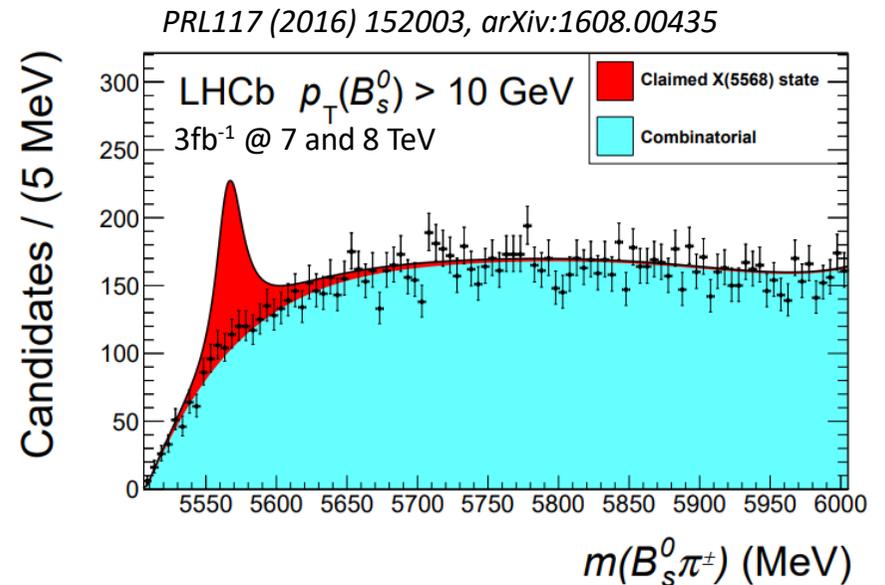
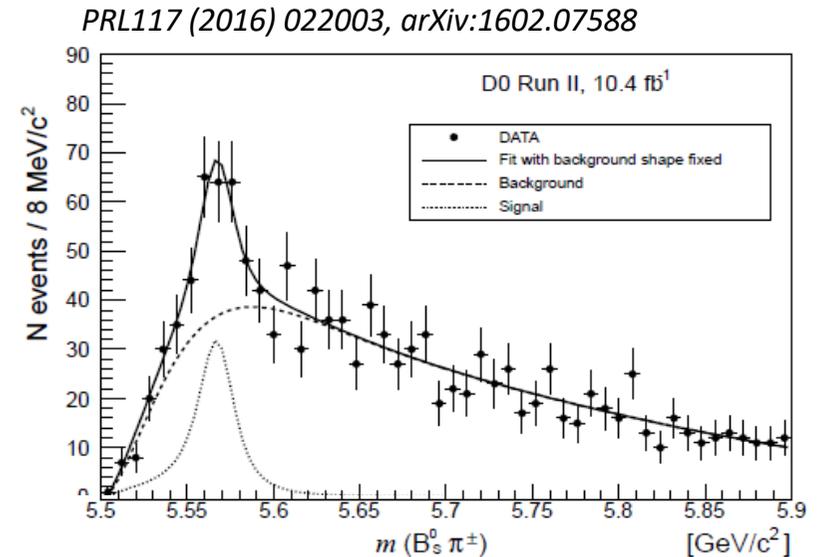
$$\sigma(X)/\sigma(B_S^0) = 0.086 \pm 0.022$$

Uniquely interesting:

- 4-flavour quark content:  $b\bar{s}u\bar{d}$
- Mass dominated by single heavy quark

LHCb checked with 20x larger  $B_S^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi, D_S^- \pi^+$  sample

$X(5568)$  **not confirmed**, find  $\sigma(X)/\sigma(B_S^0) < 0.02$



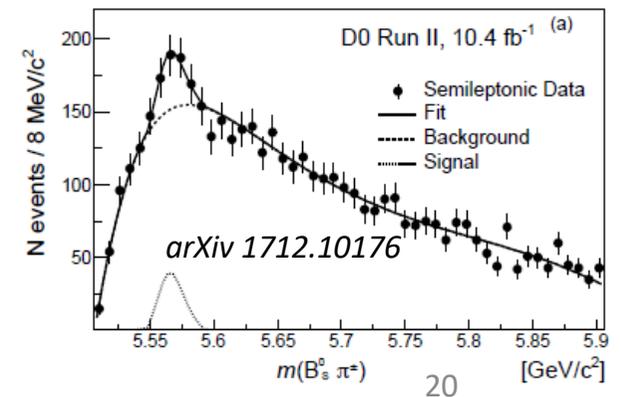
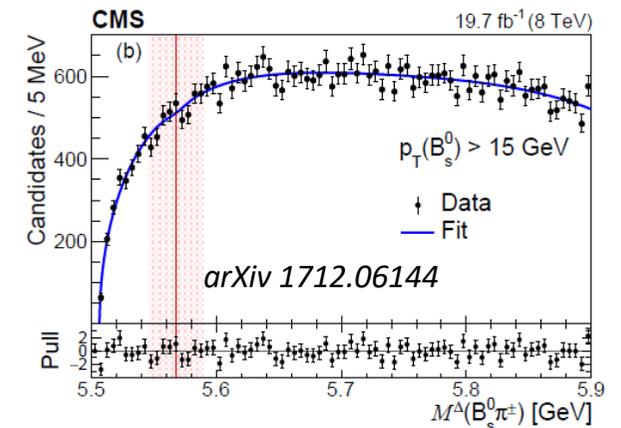
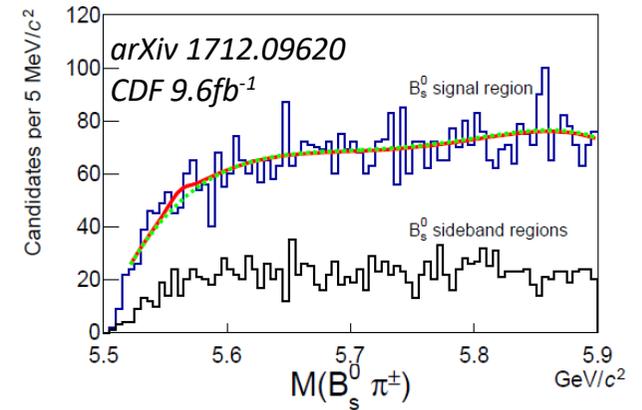
# Structures in the $B_S^0 \pi^\pm$ spectrum

Lastest news on the X(5568):

CDF finds no evidence and sets limit on  $\sigma(X)/\sigma(B_S^0) < 0.067$

CMS finds no evidence and sets limits on  $\sigma(X)/\sigma(B_S^0) < 0.010$

D0 confirms the observation with semileptonic  $B_S^0$  decays



# Pentaquarks

5-quark  $qqqq\bar{q}$  states

A bit of a rocky history with many unconfirmed claims:

2002-2003: >10 claims of  $\Theta^+(1540) \rightarrow nK^+, pK^0$

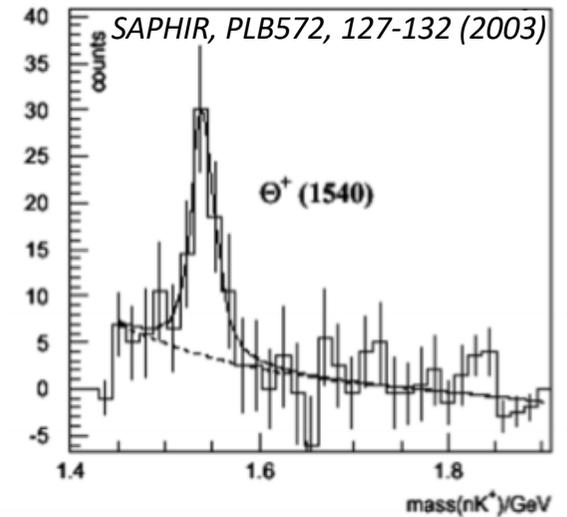
*also peaks in  $\Xi^-\pi^-$  and  $D^{*-}p$*

None of the claims confirmed with overwhelming ( $> 10\sigma$ ) significance

Soon many null-results came in

*later also by high-stat runs of experiments that claimed original observations*

*EPJH37 (2012) 1.*



# $J/\psi p$ resonances in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$

Large (26K) clean ( $S/B \sim 20$ ) sample of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$  decays with intriguing Dalitz plot

Fit to 6D amplitude model  
*helicity formalism + BW*

Model with only  $\Lambda^* \rightarrow p K^-$  resonances gives very poor description.

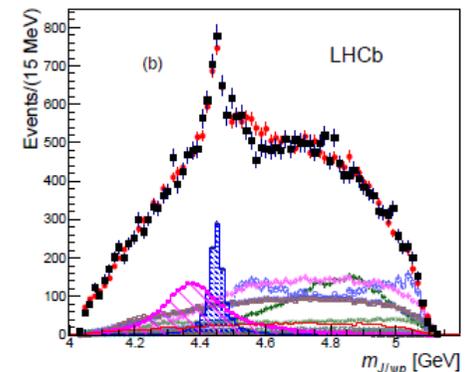
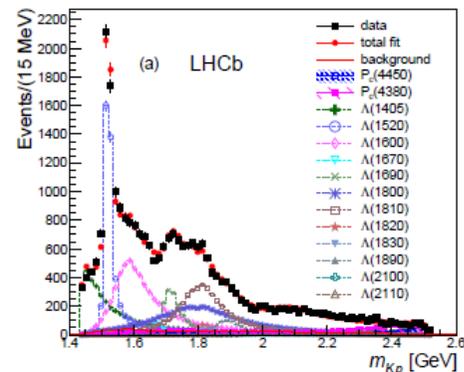
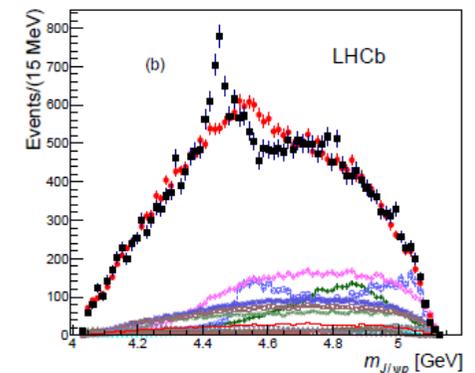
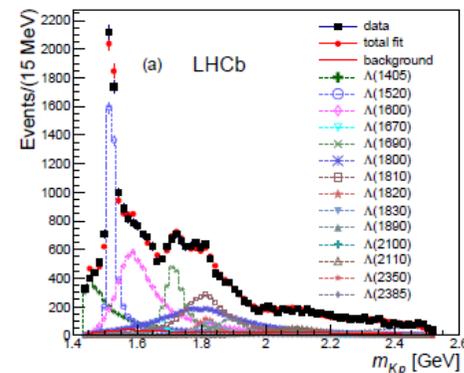
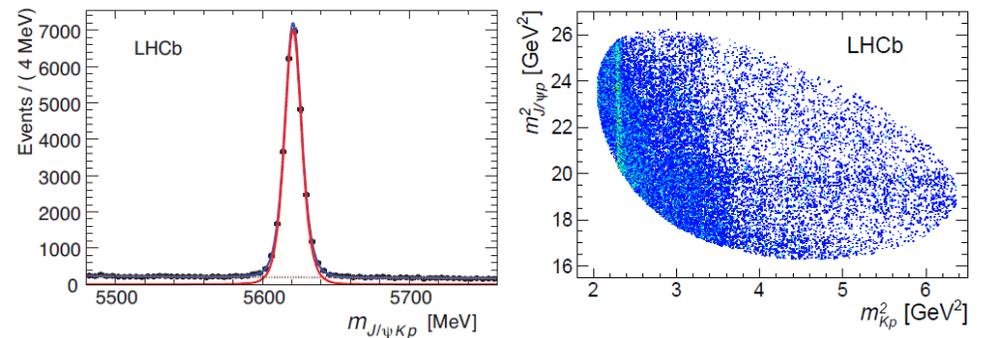
Fit much improved when adding two  $J/\psi p$  resonances

$P_c(4380): \Gamma \approx 200\text{MeV}, 9\sigma$

$P_c(4450): \Gamma \approx 40\text{MeV}, 12\sigma$

*phase motion consistent with BW*

PRL 115, 072001 (2015), arxiv:1507.03414  $3\text{fb}^{-1}$



# Model-independent confirmation

PRL117, 082002 (2016), arXiv:1604.05708

2D analysis in  $m_{pK}$ ,  $\cos \theta_{\Lambda^*}$   
*efficiency corrections in 6D*

Expand in Legendre polynomials

$$dN/d \cos \theta_{\Lambda^*} = \sum_{l=0}^{l_{\max}} \langle P_l^U \rangle P_l(\cos \theta_{\Lambda^*})$$

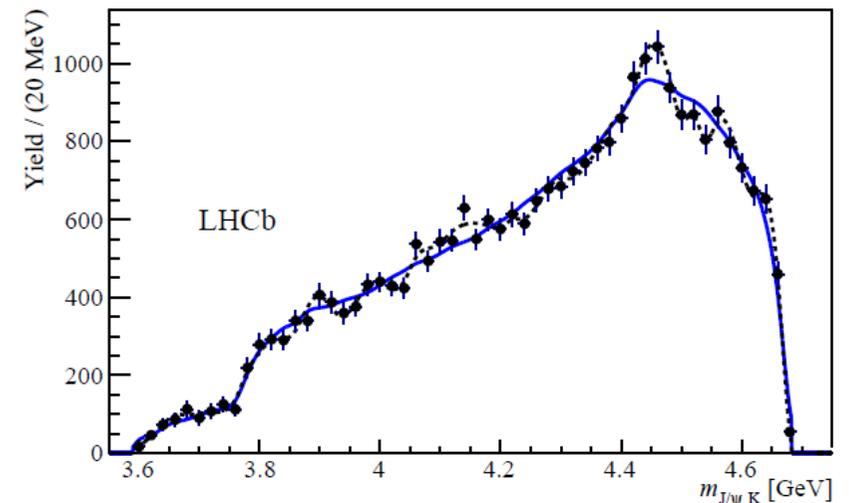
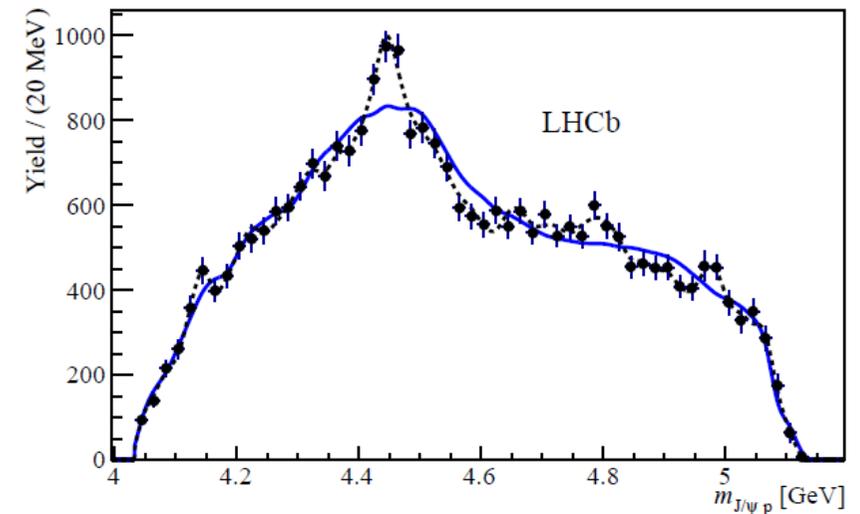
$$l_{\max} = 3 (m_{pK} < 1.64) - 9 (m_{pK} > 2.05)$$

Compare to data, projected on  
 $m_{J/\psi p}$  or  $m_{J/\psi K}$

Demonstrated that  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$   
 cannot be described by  $pK^-$   
 contributions alone.

>  $9\sigma$  incompatible in  $m_{J/\psi p}$

>  $5\sigma$  incompatible in  $m_{J/\psi K}$



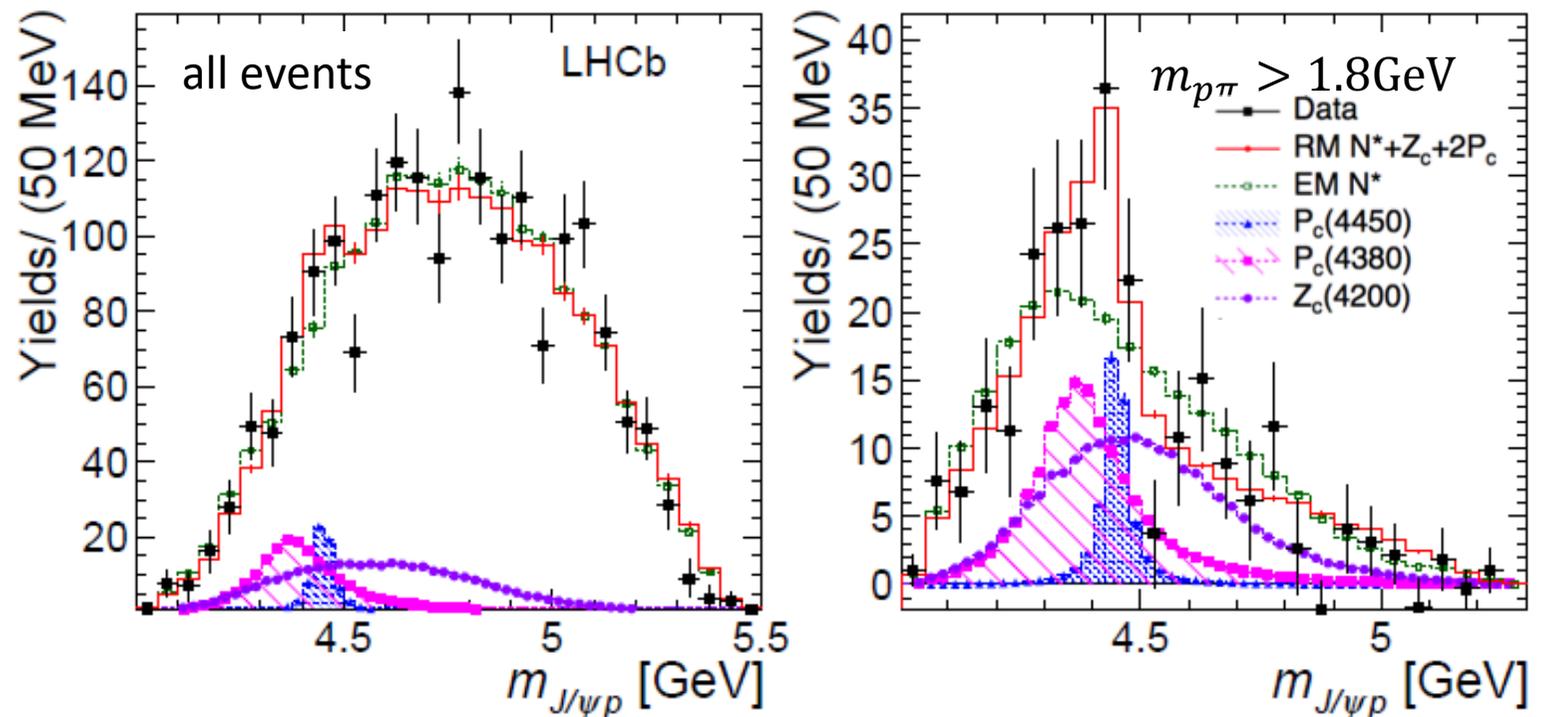
# PQ in other channels

$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-$  : smaller yield than  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$

6D amplitude fit improves when including  $P_c(4450)$  and  $P_c(4380)$  and/or  $Z_c(4200)^-$  tetraquark *Phys. Rev. D90 (2014) 112009, arXiv:1408.6457.*

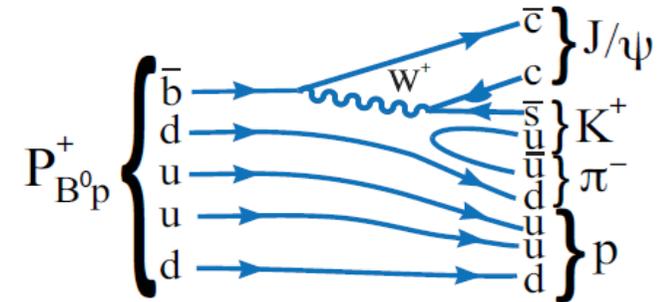
$3.3\sigma$  evidence for sum of PQ, assuming no  $Z_c(4200)^-$

*PRL 117, 082003 (2016), arXiv:1606.06999*



# Weakly decaying b-flavoured pentaquarks

Skyrme model : heavy quarks give tightly bound PQ



Search for masses below strong decay threshold

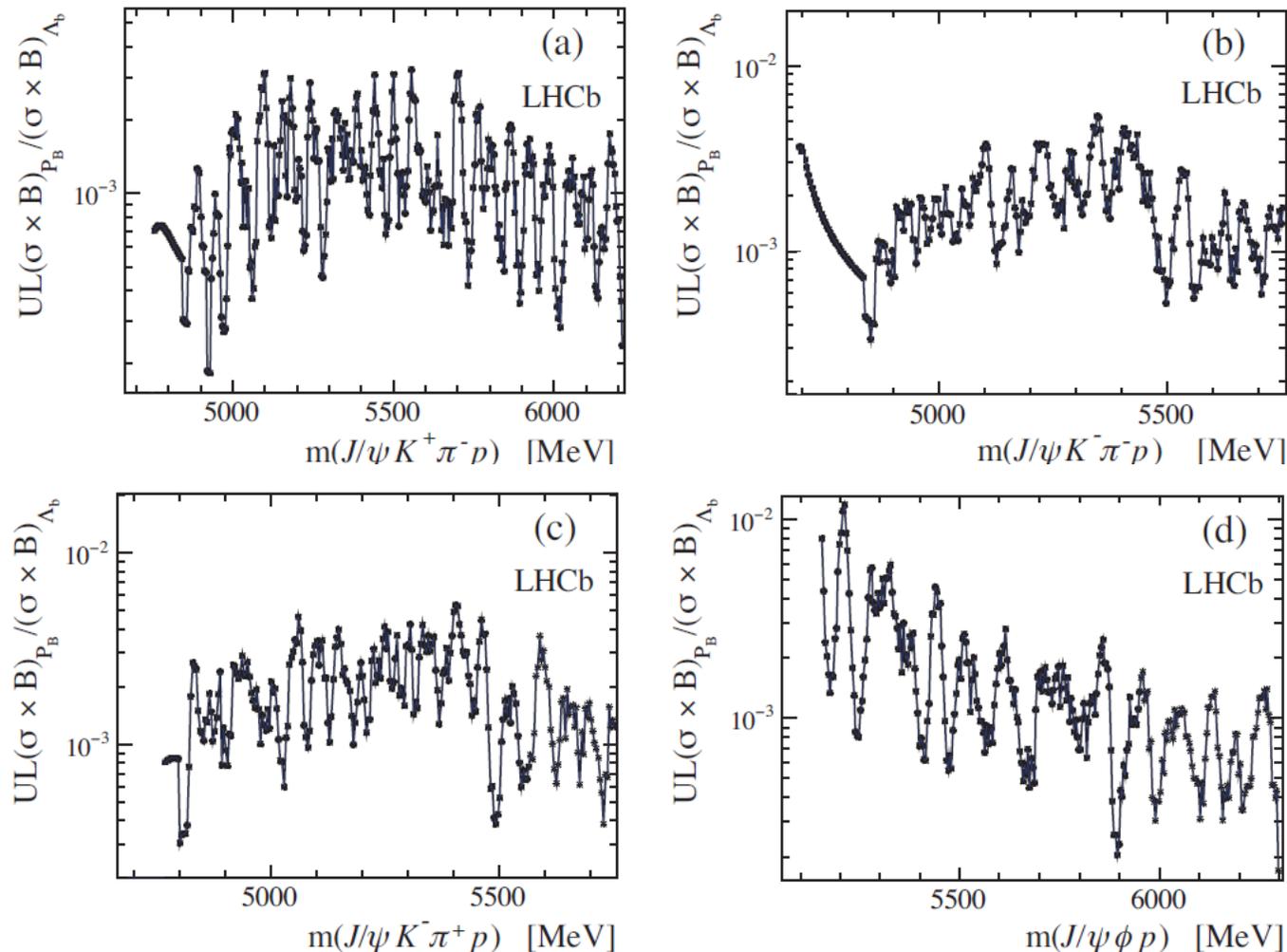
Mode	Quark content	Decay mode	Search window
I	$\bar{b}duud$	$P_{B^0 p}^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^- p$	4668–6220 MeV
II	$b\bar{u}udd$	$P_{\Lambda_b^0 \pi^-}^- \rightarrow J/\psi K^- \pi^- p$	4668–5760 MeV
III	$b\bar{d}uud$	$P_{\Lambda_b^0 \pi^+}^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^- \pi^+ p$	4668–5760 MeV
IV	$\bar{b}suud$	$P_{B_s^0 p}^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \phi p$	5055–6305 MeV

Measure 
$$R = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow P_B X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(P_B \rightarrow J/\psi X)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p)}$$

# Weakly decaying b-flavoured pentaquarks

arXiv:1712.08086, submitted to PRD  
3fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 7 and 8 TeV

No evidence for signal, limits on  $R < 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$



# Outlook

## New data

*Run 2 continues in 2018, already >2xRun 1*

## New channels

*Many combinations still unexplored*

## New triggers and data formats

*Store B or D with few tracks only*

## New detector

*Upgrade with 40MHz readout, 5x $\mathcal{L}$  ready in 2021*

*Ideas, R&D for phase-2 upgrade another 5x $\mathcal{L}$  aim for Run 5, 2031*

## New people with new ideas

# Conclusions

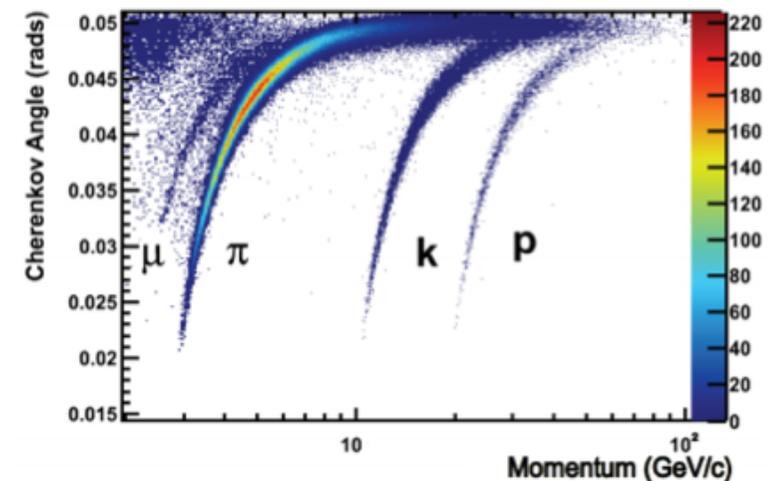
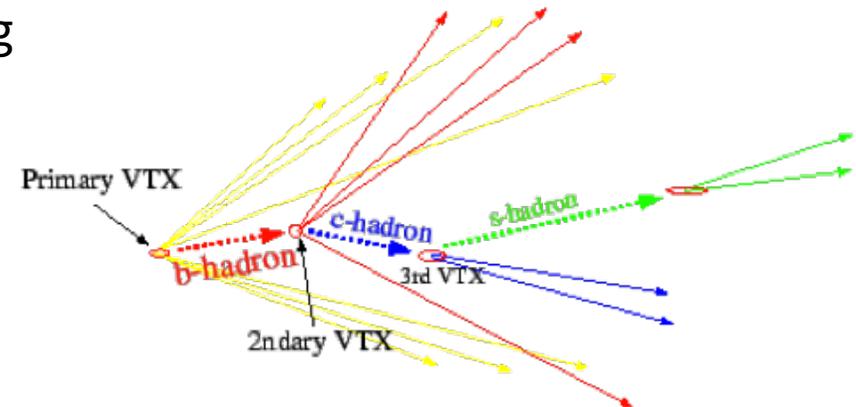
- Large HF data samples from LHCb used for detailed spectroscopy measurements
- Existence of baryons beyond mesons and baryons now well established
- Keep going on with new data, and new ideas

# BACKUP

# Experimental considerations

- Lifetime key to identifying weakly decaying charm ( $c\tau \sim 0.3 - 1.2\text{mm}$ ) and beauty ( $c\tau \sim 1.5\text{mm}$ ) hadrons
- A HF hadron decay results in tracks with a large impact parameter that fit to a secondary vertex that point back to the primary  $pp$  vertex
- The  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay is particular enough that it can be identified even if produced promptly
- Identifying a track as  $\pi$ ,  $K$  or  $p$  is key to suppressing peaking backgrounds
- Charm data samples too large to store full events

*TURBO/TURBO++: record only reconstructed candidate or candidate + nearby tracks*



## LHCb $pp$ collision data

