



Hadron Physics in LHCb

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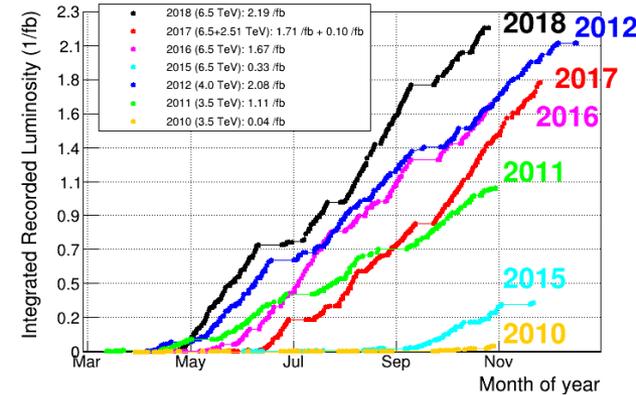
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Outline

- LHCb is an extraordinary lab for hadron spectroscopy
- High cross section and excellent Trigger/DAQ allows high yields of heavy hadrons
 - 10^{11} bb/year
 - 20x for cc/year
- New results now include the full Run1+Run2 dataset
- I will cover only a selection of very recent results by LHCb
- More results in talks by **Vincent Tisserand** (Flavour) and **Valery Pugatch** (Ions)



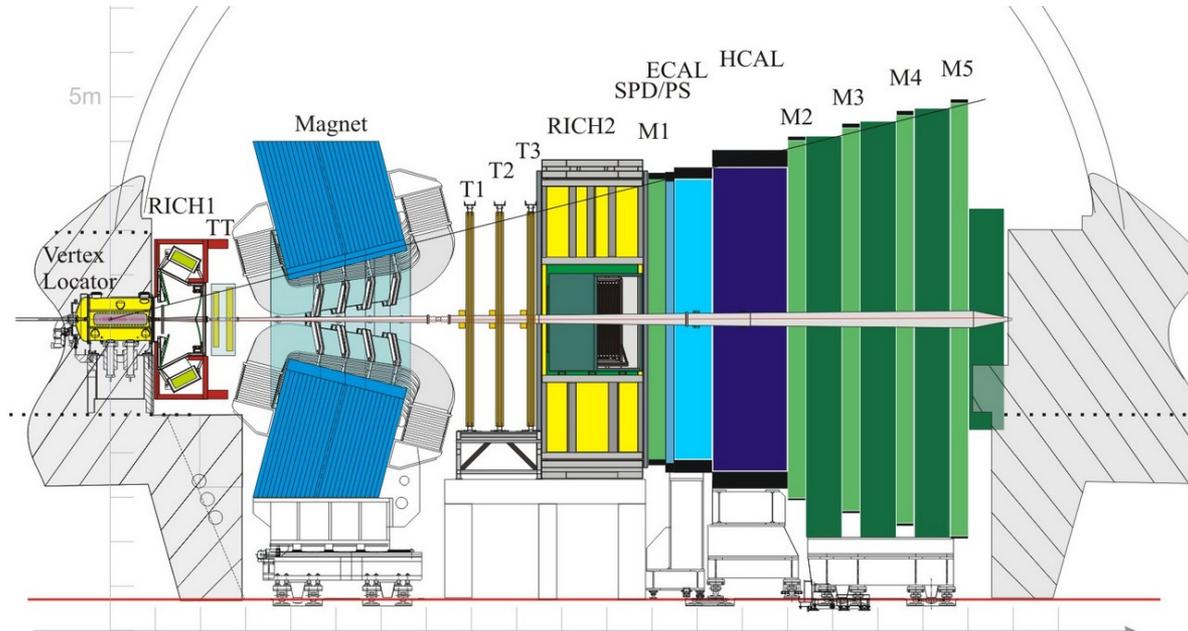
Shopping list

- New** • **First observation of excited Ω_b^- states**
PAPER-2019-042 [arXiv2001.00851](#), submitted by PRL
- Super New** • **Observation of a new baryon state in the $\Lambda_b \pi^+ \pi^-$ mass spectrum**
PAPER-2019-045, paper appearing soon on arXiv
- New** • **Precision measurement of the Ξ^{++cc} mass**
PAPER-2019-037 [arXiv:1911.08594](#), submitted to JHEP
- **Isospin amplitudes in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda(\Sigma^0)$ and $\Xi_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^0(\Lambda)$ decays**
PAPER-2019-039 [arXiv:1912.02110](#), submitted to PRL

The LHCb detector

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- The LHCb experiment has proven very successful in finding new hadronic states
- Excellent resolution + PID allows detailed states with Kaons and Protons (gold for baryons)
- Main issues are related to high multiplicity and prompt background



Fully instrumented: $2 < \eta < 5$
Some sensitivity: $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$

- Good Vertex measurements
(20 μ m and decay time resolution ~ 45 fs)
- Precise Tracking resolution $\sim 0.5\%$
- Excellent PID up to 100GeV
- Versatile Trigger (L0+Hlt)



New Baryons !

Hadrons

- The LHCb experiment has discovered many new states lately
- The study of hadrons containing heavy quarks has undergone a renaissance
- Very big datasets of charmed and bottomed baryons → look for unknown resonances
- No limit on energy due to beam energies (e.g. in b-factories)



CERN-EP-2019-153
LHCb-PAPER-2019-025
January 16, 2020

Observation of new resonances in
the $\Lambda_b^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ system



CERN-EP-2018-243
LHCb-PAPER-2018-032
October 12, 2018

Observation of two resonances in the
 $\Lambda_b^0 \pi^\pm$ systems and precise
measurement of Σ_b^\pm and $\Sigma_b^{*\pm}$
properties



CERN-EP-2019-047
LHCb-PAPER-2019-005
March 28, 2019

Near-threshold $D\bar{D}$ spectroscopy
and observation of a new
charmonium state



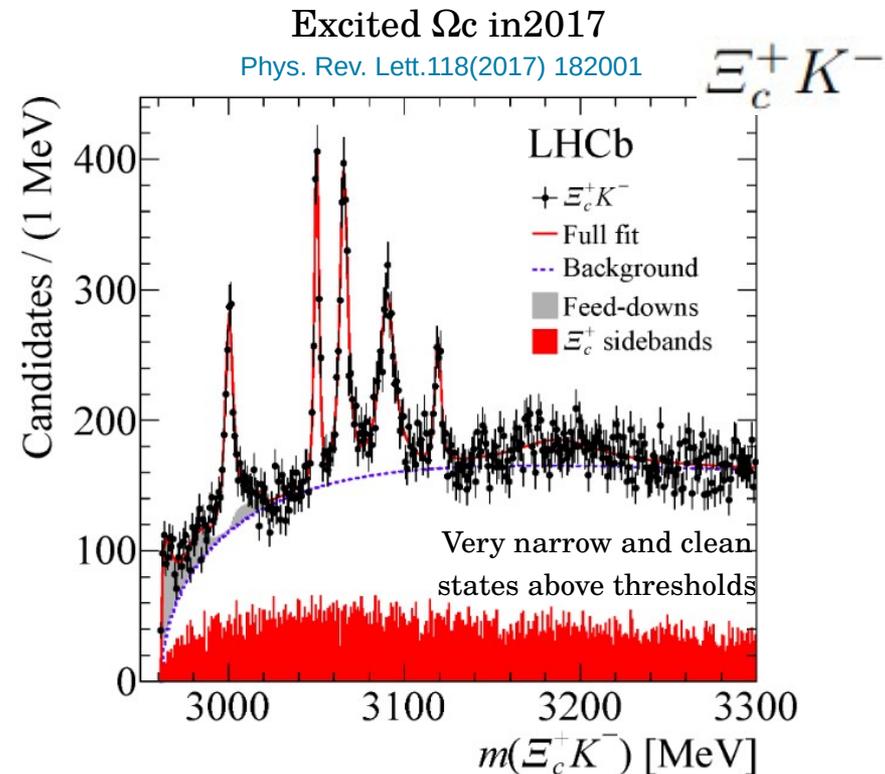
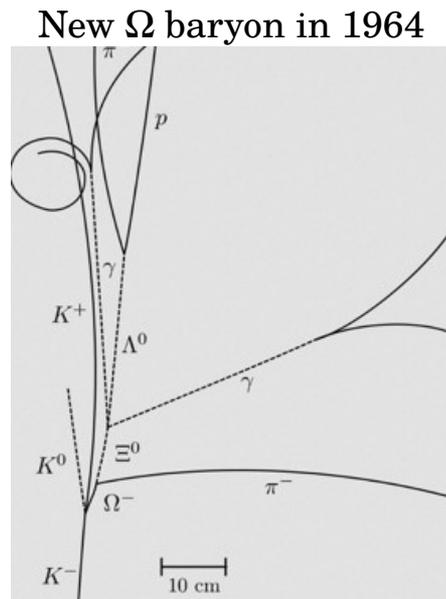
CERN-EP-2019-050
LHCb-PAPER-2019-007
June 12, 2019

Observation of an excited B_c^+ state

- Not to mention very important achievements as
Pentaquarks
Doubly-Charmed baryons

First observation of excited Ω_b^- states

- 6th January 2020: Observation of new Ω_b baryon states (first time presented) [arXiv2001.00851](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.00851)
- A new system of four particles interpreted as four narrow excited Ω_b^- states
- These states are named the $\Omega_b(6316)^-$, $\Omega_b(6330)^-$, $\Omega_b(6340)^-$ and $\Omega_b(6350)^-$
- History repeating as in 2017 five excited states of the Ω_c^0 baryon in the $\Xi_c^+ K^-$ mass spectrum
- Analysis uses the same idea, but with bottom particles, where yields are lower (+more stat)

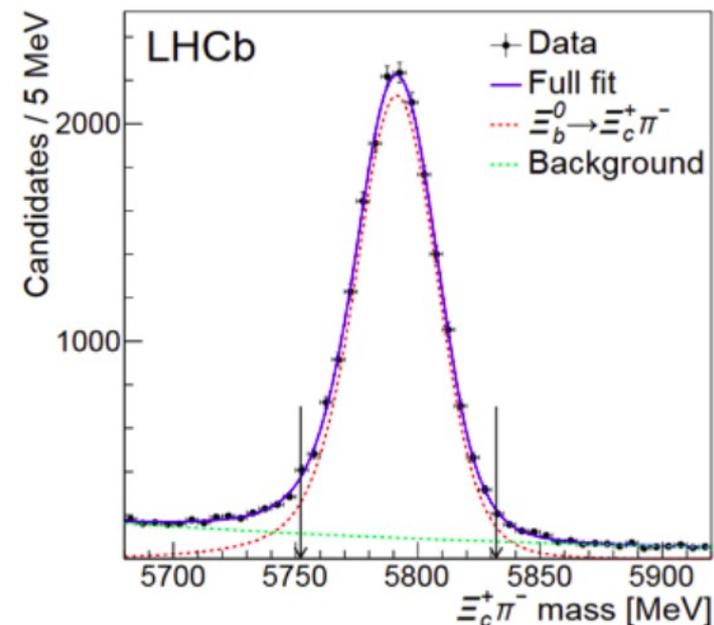


First observation of excited Ω_b^- states

[arXiv2001.00851](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.00851)

- Use pp collisions corresponding to a total integrated lumi of 9fb^{-1}
- Idea: search for narrow resonances in the $\Xi_b^0 K^-$ mass close to the kinematic threshold
- Similar idea to the charmed case (but no feed-down from $b \rightarrow c$ transitions)
- Samples of Ξ_b^0 candidates formed by pairing $\Xi_c^+ \pi^-$, $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
- All particles have PID requirements
- Use topology of the decay
- Signal selected with Multivariate analysis (BDT)
- **The fitted Ξ_b^0 signal yield is 19200 ± 200**

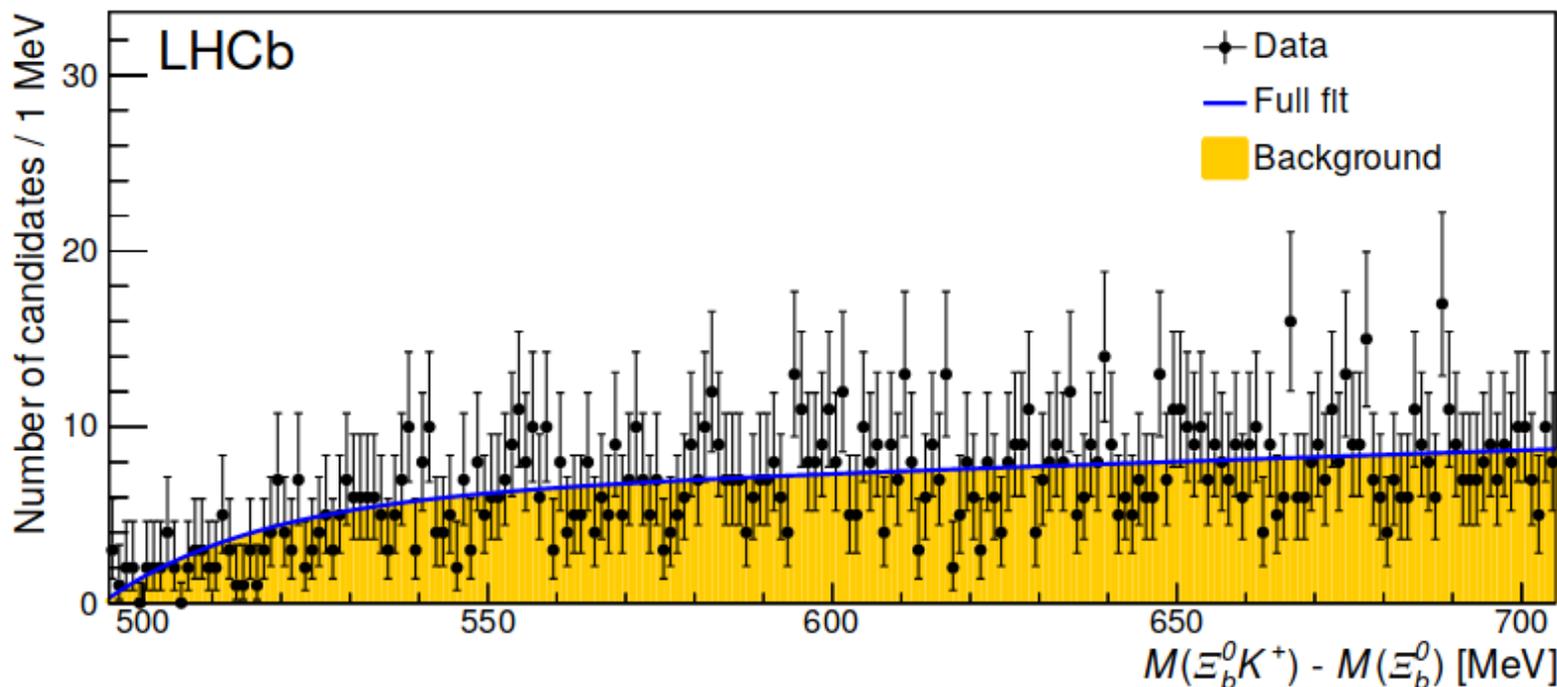
- Then combine with a charged K coming from same PV
- Apply tight PID to exclude prompt pions
- Look for mass difference: resonances as bumps in
$$\delta M \equiv M(\Xi_b^0 K^-) - M(\Xi_b^0)$$



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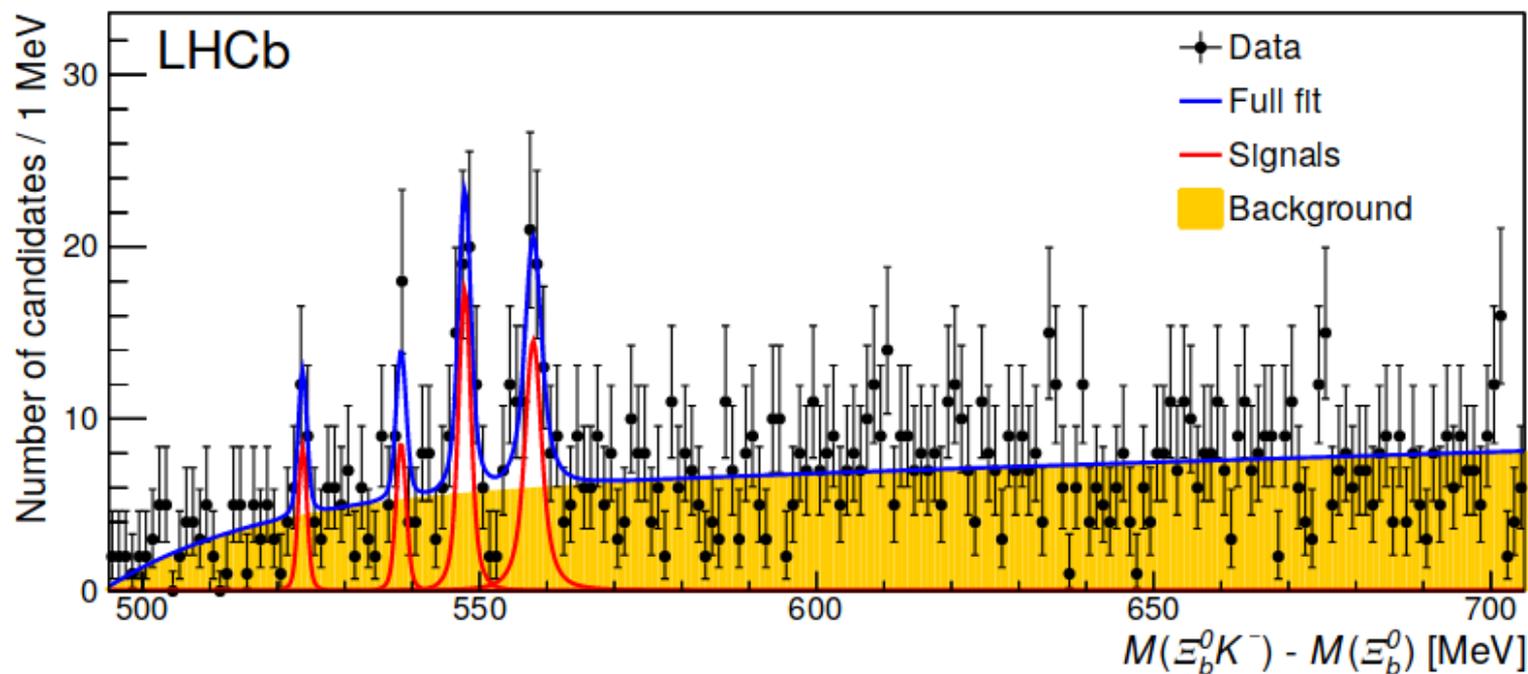
- The experimental δM resolution is obtained from simulated events
- Resolution variation vs δM mass is taken into account
- In the δM interval of interest σ is in the range of 0.7 - 0.8 MeV
- Study the right-sign (RS) and wrong-sign (WS) candidates



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- **Four peaks are seen in the RS spectrum**
- Perform a simultaneous unbinned extended maximum-likelihood fit to RS and WS
- A common background shape is used to describe both the RS and WS spectra



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- Measured masses

$$\begin{aligned}m(\Omega_b(6316)^-) &= 6315.64 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}, \\m(\Omega_b(6330)^-) &= 6330.30 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}, \\m(\Omega_b(6340)^-) &= 6339.71 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}, \\m(\Omega_b(6350)^-) &= 6349.88 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV},\end{aligned}$$

uncertainties are statistical, systematic and the last is due to the knowledge of the Ξ^0 mass

- The natural widths of the three lower mass states are consistent with zero
 - UL $\Gamma(\Omega_b(6316)) < 2.8 \text{ MeV}$
 - UL $\Gamma(\Omega_b(6330)) < 3.1 \text{ MeV}$
 - UL $\Gamma(\Omega_b(6340)) < 1.5 \text{ MeV}$
- The natural width of the $\Omega_b(6350)$ peak is $1.4^{+1.0}_{-0.8} \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$
- Local significances ranging from 3.6σ to 7.2σ
- Still significant after look-else where effect

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Significances

Peak of δM [MeV]	Width [MeV]	Signal yield	Significances [σ]	
			Local	Global
523.74 ± 0.31	$0.00^{+0.7}_{-0.0}$	15^{+6}_{-5}	3.6	2.1
538.40 ± 0.28	$0.00^{+0.4}_{-0.0}$	18^{+6}_{-5}	3.7	2.6
547.81 ± 0.26	$0.47^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$	47^{+11}_{-10}	7.2	6.7
557.98 ± 0.35	$1.4^{+1.0}_{-0.8}$	57^{+14}_{-13}	7.0	6.2

Systematics

Source	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3	Peak 4
	[MeV]	[MeV]	[MeV]	[MeV]
Momentum scale	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03
Energy loss	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Signal shape	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Background	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.01
Total	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05

In summary

	δM_{peak} [MeV]	Mass [MeV]	Width [MeV]
$\Omega_b(6316)^-$	$523.74 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.07$	$6315.64 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.50$	< 2.8 (4.2)
$\Omega_b(6330)^-$	$538.40 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.07$	$6330.30 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.50$	< 3.1 (4.7)
$\Omega_b(6340)^-$	$547.81 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.05$	$6339.71 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.50$	< 1.5 (1.8)
$\Omega_b(6350)^-$	$557.98 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.05$	$6349.88 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.50$	< 2.8 (3.2) $1.4^{+1.0}_{-0.8} \pm 0.1$

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Possible interpretation of the states

- They are qualitatively similar to those observed in the Ξ^+cK^- mass spectrum
- The simplest interpretation of these peaks is that they correspond to excited Ω_b states
- Possibly the $L = 1$ excitations of the ground state (or possible $n = 2$ radial excitations)
- Different models predict five states most of which should be narrow ($<1\text{MeV}$)
- Quark-diquark models have also predicted several excited Ω_b states
- However, there are no predictions for the decay widths
- Molecular models have also been employed, where two narrow states are predicted at 6405 and 6465 MeV: no such peaks at those masses are seen in our data
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- An alternate interpretation for one or more of the observed peaks is that they arise from the decay of a higher-mass excited Ω_b state, $\Omega_b^{*-} \rightarrow \Xi^0 b (\rightarrow \Xi^0 b \pi^0) K^-$, where π^0 meson is undetected
- While the $\Xi b'^-$, Ξb^{*-} and Ξb^{*0} baryons have been observed, the $\Xi^0 b$ is yet to be seen

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Observation of a new baryon in $\Lambda_b \pi^+ \pi^-$

PAPER-2019-045

soon on arXiv

- Excited beauty baryons have been studied by CDF and LHCb
- The family of these baryons consists of Λ_b isosinglet and the Σ_b isotriplet states

$\Lambda_b \pi^\pm$ spectrum

Phys. Rev. Lett.99(2007) 202001

The lightest charged $\Sigma^{(*)\pm} b$ baryons have been observed by the CDF

Later states confirmed by LHCb + heavier $\Sigma_b(6097)^\pm$ states were discovered (LHCb)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 012001 (2019)

$\Lambda_b \pi^+ \pi^-$ final state

Near threshold has been studied by LHCb

Phys. Rev.Lett.109(2012) 172003

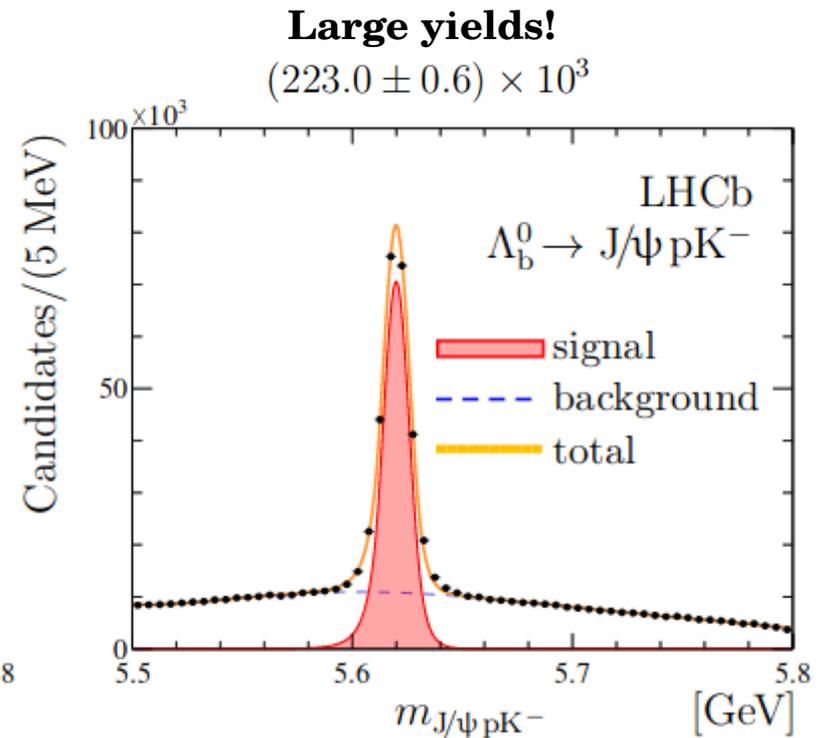
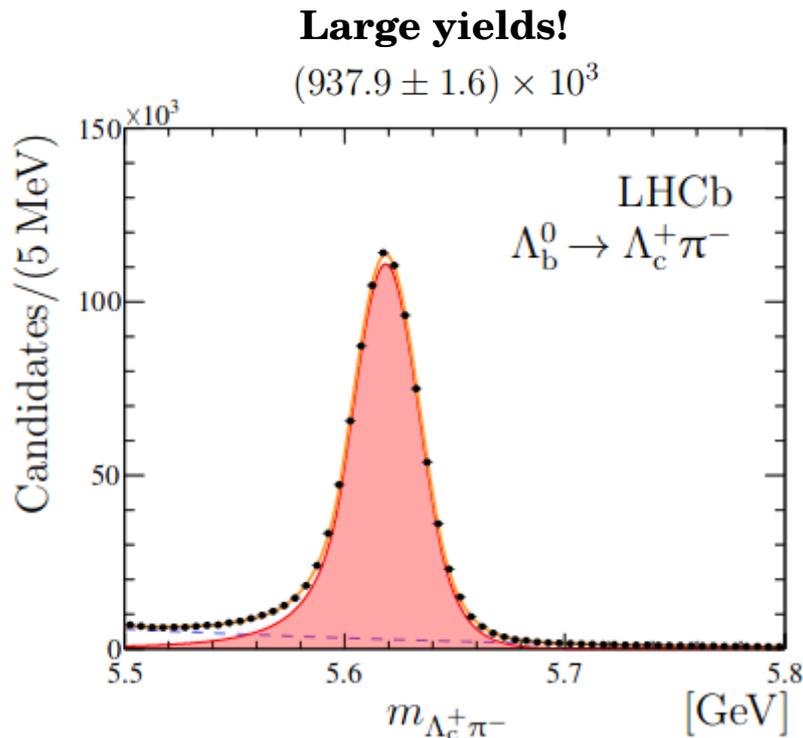
- In 2011, discovery of two narrow states, $\Lambda_b(5912)^0$ and $\Lambda_b(5920)^0$ Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 152001
- In 2019, doublet of narrow states $\Lambda_b(6146)^0$ and $\Lambda_b(6152)^0$ discovered
- Interpretations of those states as 1P and 2D, but states are missing
- Notably predicted in the region between the established narrow doublet states

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- The analysis uses pp collision data recorded by LHCb in 2011–2018
- The Λ_b reconstructed via $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c + \pi^-$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ decay chains
- BDT selection similar to previous analyses to maintain consistency

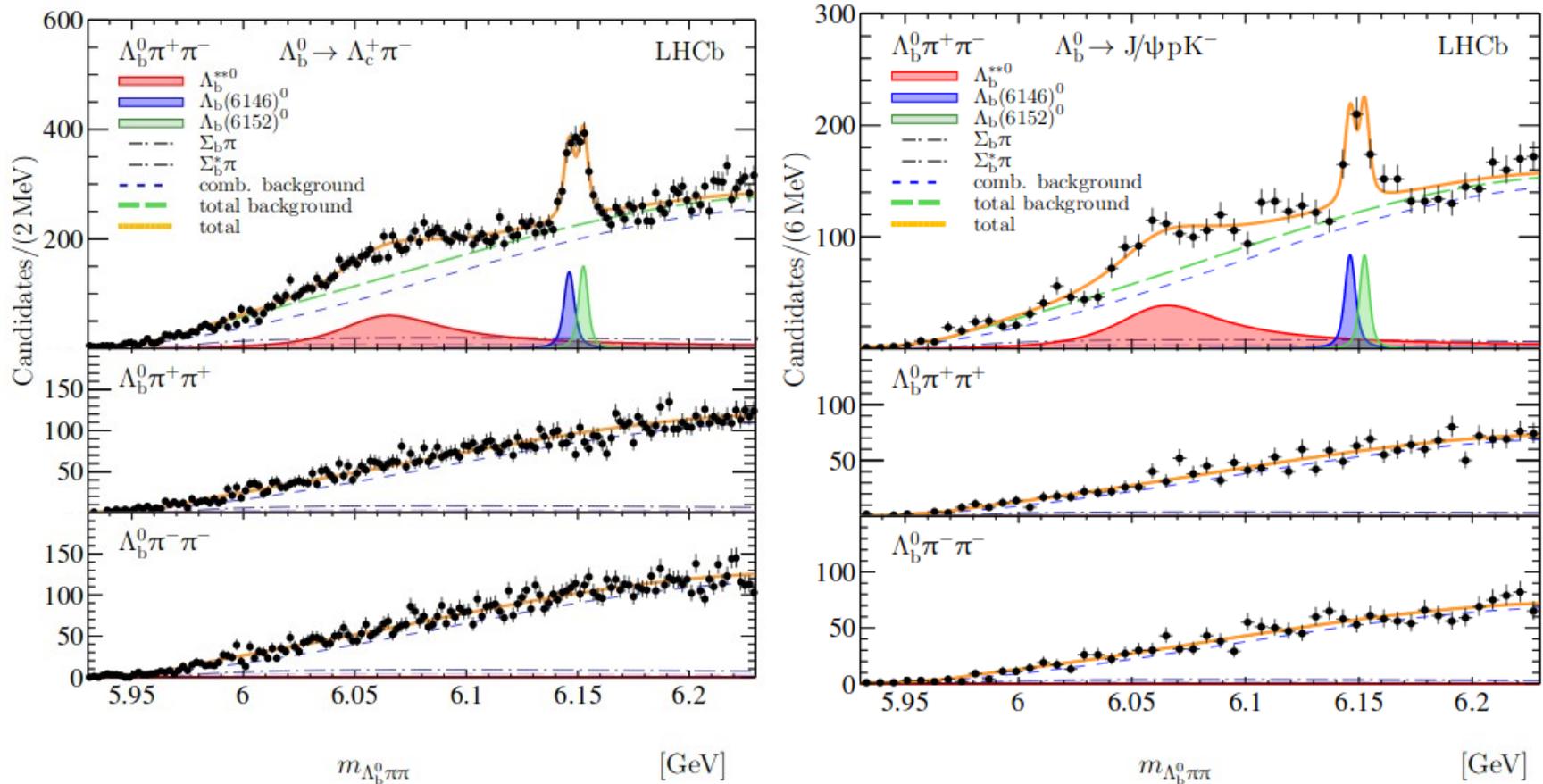


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- Simultaneous binned maximum-likelihood fit is performed
- Excess of events clearly appearing (confirmed in both independent samples)

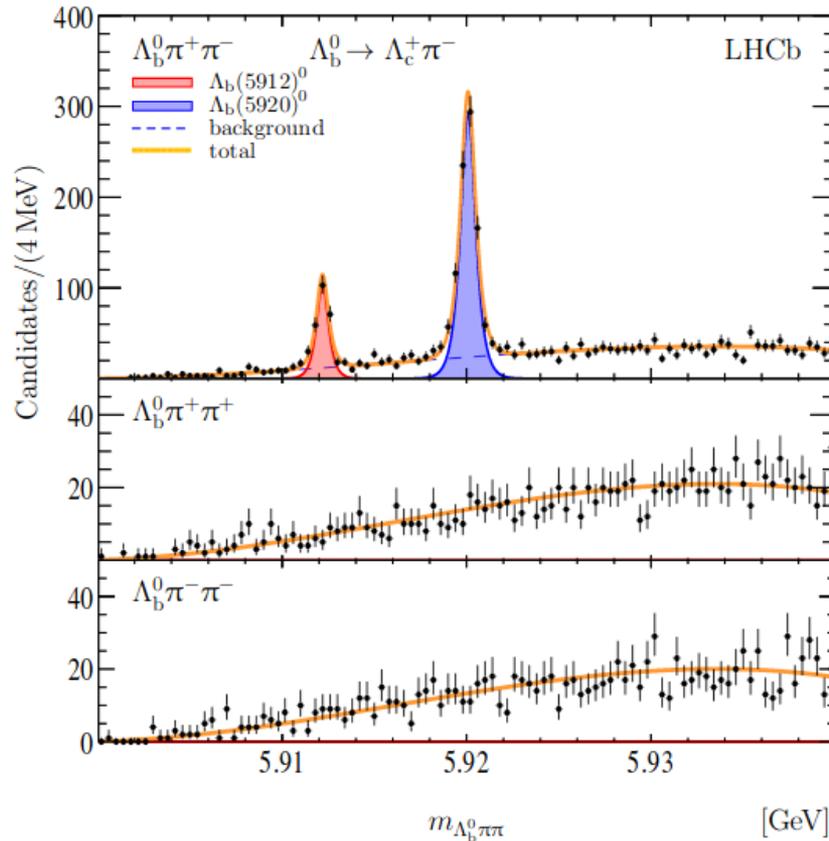


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- Fit to the lower mass window (where the 1P are)
- Widths still too narrow to be distinguished from exp resolution
- **Now probing the 200keV range of widths**



$$\Delta m_{\Lambda_b(5912)^0} = 292.589 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.010 \text{ MeV} ,$$

$$\Delta m_{\Lambda_b(5920)^0} = 300.492 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.010 \text{ MeV} ,$$

$$\Gamma_{\Lambda_b(5912)^0} < 0.25 \text{ (0.28) MeV} ,$$

$$\Gamma_{\Lambda_b(5920)^0} < 0.19 \text{ (0.20) MeV} ,$$

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- **A broad structure in the $\Lambda_b \pi^+ \pi^-$ mass spectrum is observed**
- The significance of the new structure exceeds 14 standard deviations
- Mass and natural width of the new state

$$m = 6072.3 \pm 2.9 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV} ,$$

$$\Gamma = 72 \pm 11 \pm 2 \text{ MeV} ,$$

- The structure is consistent with the first radial excitation of the Λ_b baryon [$\Lambda_b(2S)^0$]
- Updated measurements of previously observed $\Lambda_b(5912)^0$ and $\Lambda_b(5920)^0$ states
- Several excited $\Sigma_b(1P)$ states are expected with the mass close to the measured value
But the partial decay widths for $\Sigma_b(1P)$ states into $\Lambda_b \pi \pi$ predicted to be very small
- If the observed broad peak corresponds to the $\Sigma_b(1P)^{(*)0}$ state \rightarrow two peaks with similar masses and widths and significantly larger yields should be visible in the $\Lambda_b \pi^\pm$ spectra due to decays of the charged isospin partners $\Sigma_b(1P)^{(*)\pm} \rightarrow \Lambda_b \pi^\pm$
- However, no signs of states with such mass and width and large production yields are observed in the analysis of the $\Lambda_b \pi^\pm$ mass spectra and the observed $\Sigma_b(6097)^\pm$ states have significantly smaller natural width and relatively small yields

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- If interested, supplementary material that will be posted on the public CDS
- With detailed discussion on interpretation
- Is it a neutral component of the $\Sigma_b(6097)$ triplet?

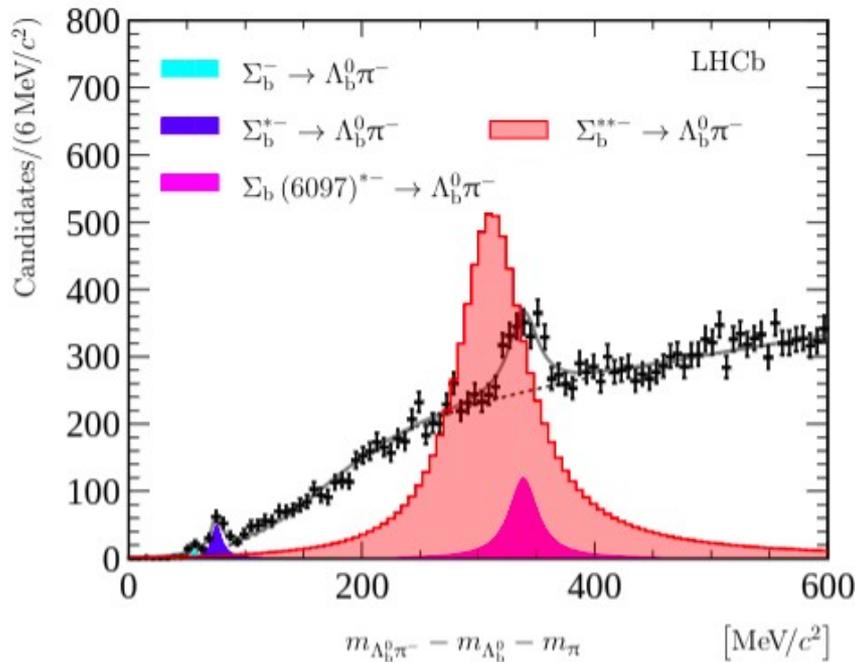


Figure 7: The $\Lambda_b^0 \pi^-$ mass spectrum from Ref. [3] with superimposed expected signal from the $\Sigma_b^{*+-} \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-$ decays.

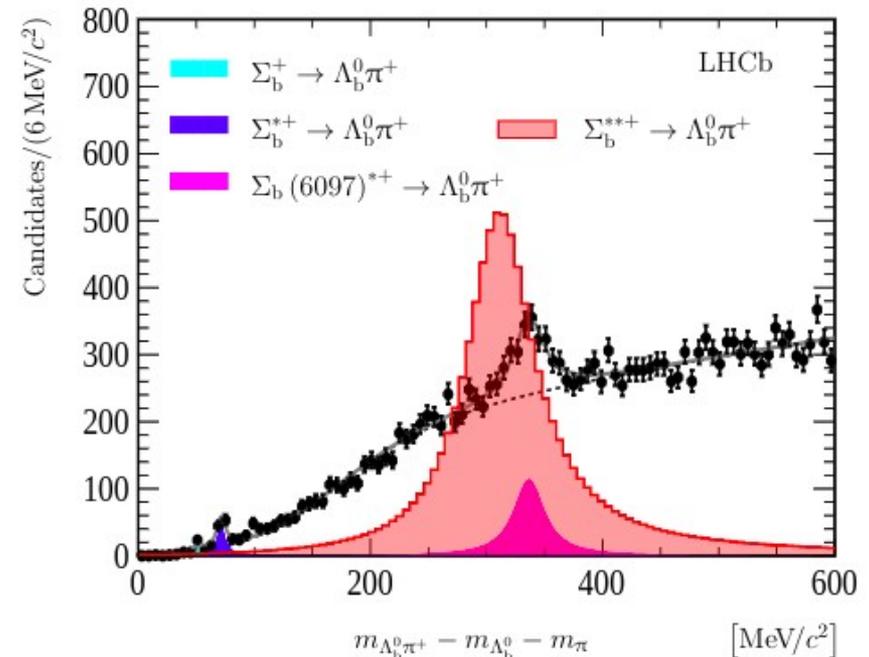


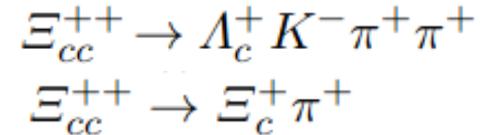
Figure 8: The $\Lambda_b^0 \pi^+$ mass spectrum from Ref. [3] with superimposed expected signal from the $\Sigma_b^{*++} \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^+$ decays.

Other topics on Flavour

Precision measurement of the Ξ_{cc}^{++} mass

[arXiv:1911.08594](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.08594)

- Most precise measurement of the Ξ_{cc}^{++} mass to date
- Data collected between 2016 and 2018 in pp collisions
- Luminosity corresponds to 5.6 fb^{-1}
- **Use both known decays (and observed by LHCb)**
- Extremely important to understand the cc system (in a baryon)



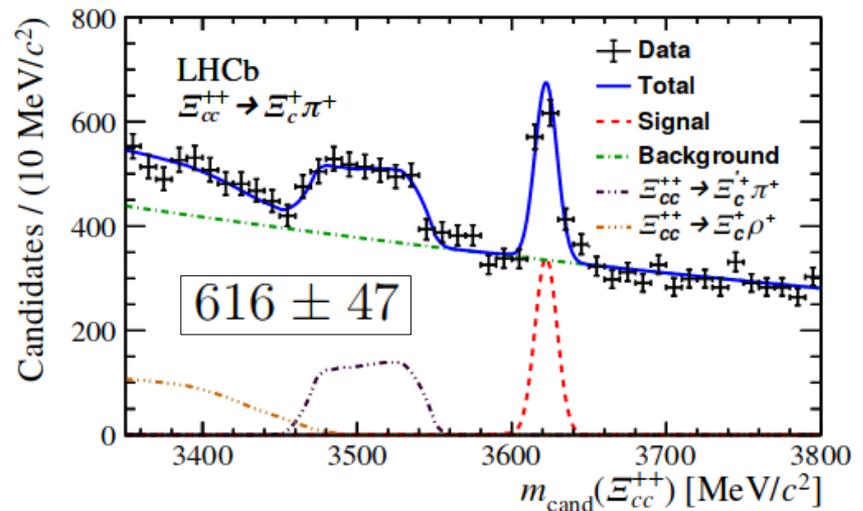
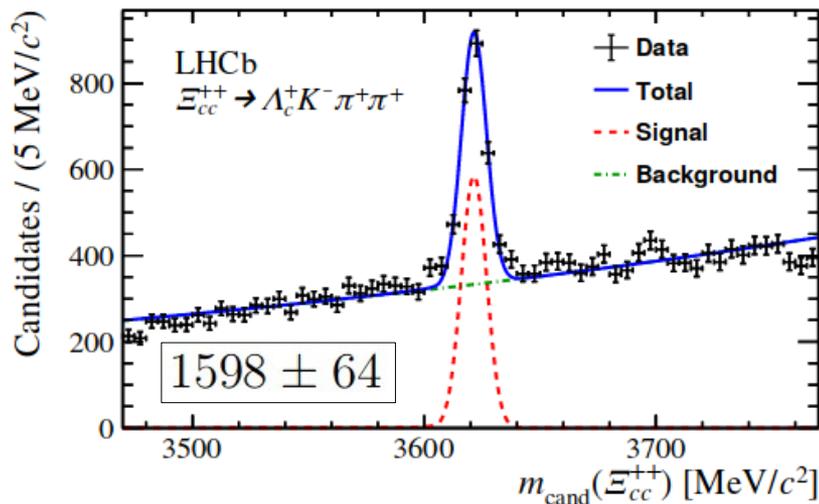
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LHCb collaboration, R. Aaij *et al.*, *First observation of the doubly charmed baryon decay $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$* , Phys. Rev. Lett. **121** (2018) 162002, [arXiv:1807.01919](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.01919).

- Selection is based on optimised MVA
- To improve mass resolution we mass differences

$$m_{\text{cand}}(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = m(\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) - m(\Lambda_c^+) + M_{\text{PDG}}(\Lambda_c^+),$$

$$m_{\text{cand}}(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = m(\Xi_c^+ \pi^+) - m(\Xi_c^+) + M_{\text{LHCb}}(\Xi_c^+),$$



Precision measurement of the Ξ^{++}_{cc} mass

- Multiple scattering can increase/decrease the opening angle between the Ξ^{++}_{cc} products [arXiv:1911.08594](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.08594)
- Since selection is more efficient for candidates with larger reco decay lengths we could have a bias on the mass
- Effect was studied with charmed hadrons, D^+ , D^0 , D^+_s , $\Lambda^+_c \rightarrow$ well reproduced by simulation

Source	Uncertainty [MeV/c^2]	
	$\Xi^{++}_{cc} \rightarrow \Lambda^+_c K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	$\Xi^{++}_{cc} \rightarrow \Xi^+_c \pi^+$
Momentum-scale calibration	0.21	0.34
Energy-loss correction	0.05	0.03
Simulation/data agreement	0.09	0.05
Selection-induced bias on the Ξ^{++}_{cc} mass	0.09	0.09
Final-state radiation	0.05	0.16
Background model	0.01	0.04
Λ^+_c, Ξ^+_c mass	0.14	0.22
Total	0.29	0.49

- The combined Ξ^{++}_{cc} mass is determined to be

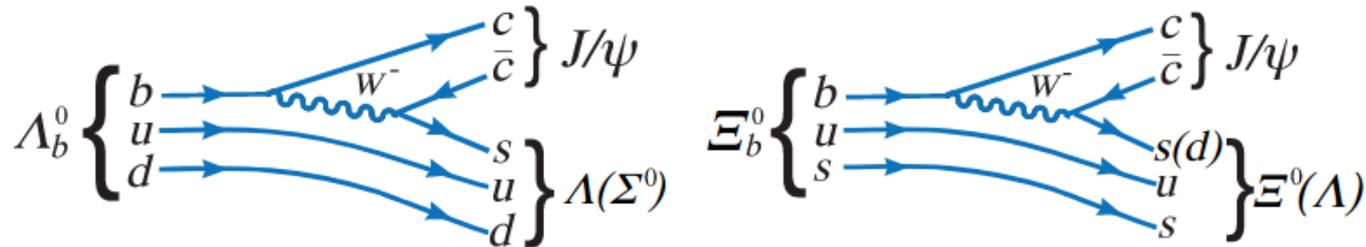
$$3621.55 \pm 0.23 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.30 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Isospin amplitudes in Λ_b and decays

[arXiv:1912.02110](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.02110)

- Ratios of isospin amplitudes in hadron decays are a useful probe of the interplay between weak and strong interactions (useful for searches on NP)
- We measure the isospin ratio

$$|A_1(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Sigma^0)/A_0(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda)|$$

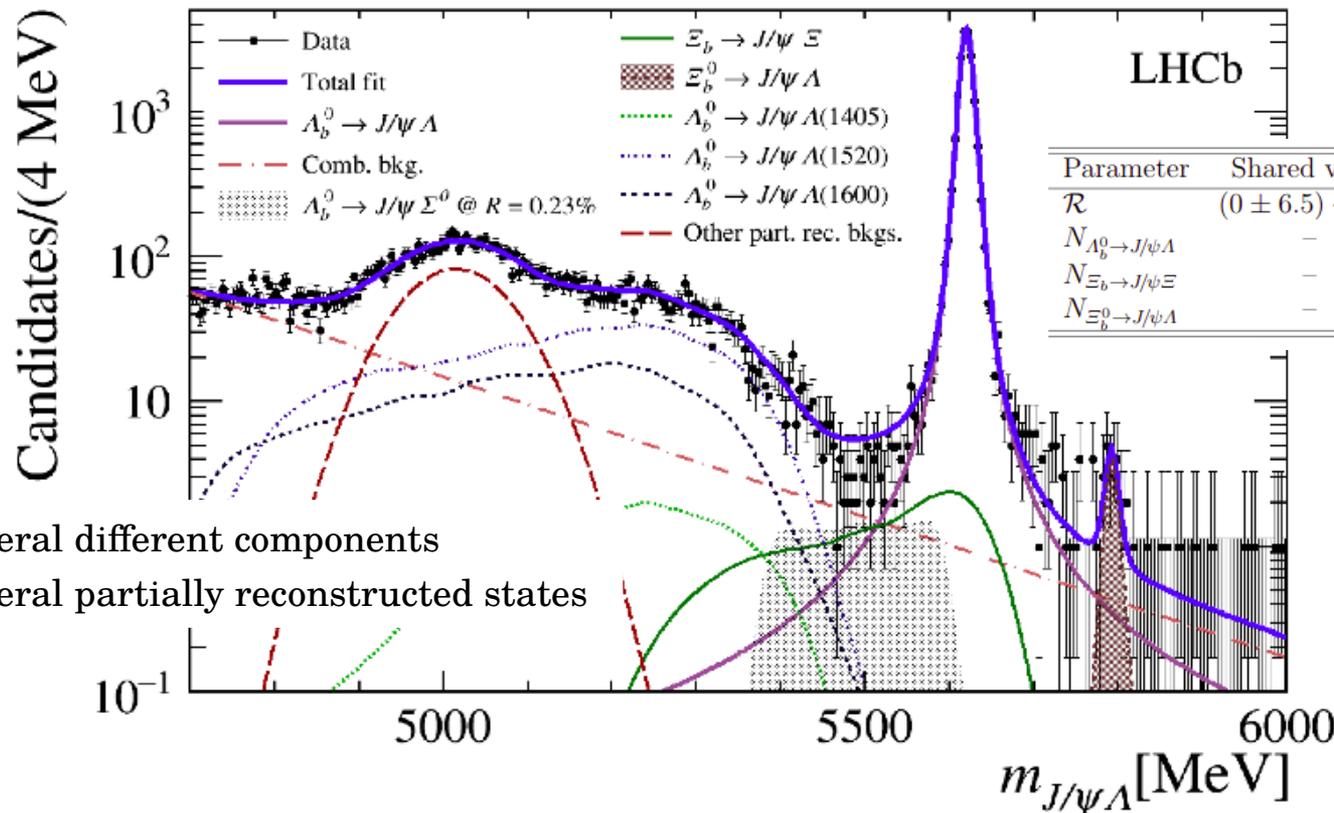


- **First, the Cabibbo suppressed $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$ decay is observed for the first time**
- Isospins of the $J/\psi \Lambda$ Λ_b and are zero, that of the Σ^0 baryon is one
- Since the $b \rightarrow ccs$ weak operator involves no isospin change
- We expect a dominant $A_{I=0}$ amplitude and a preference for the $J/\psi \Lambda$ final-state
- Isospin breaking effects are possible due to the difference in mass and charge of the u and d quarks but can also be induced by electroweak-penguin or NP processes

Isospin amplitudes in Λ_b and decays

- Strategy
 - fully reconstruct the $J/\psi \Lambda$ final state
 - partially reconstruct the $J/\psi \Sigma^0$ mode (ignoring the photon from the $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \gamma \Lambda$ decay)
 - Reason: low efficiency of the calorimeter at small photon energies
- Mass distributions show very complicate components

[arXiv:1912.02110](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.02110)



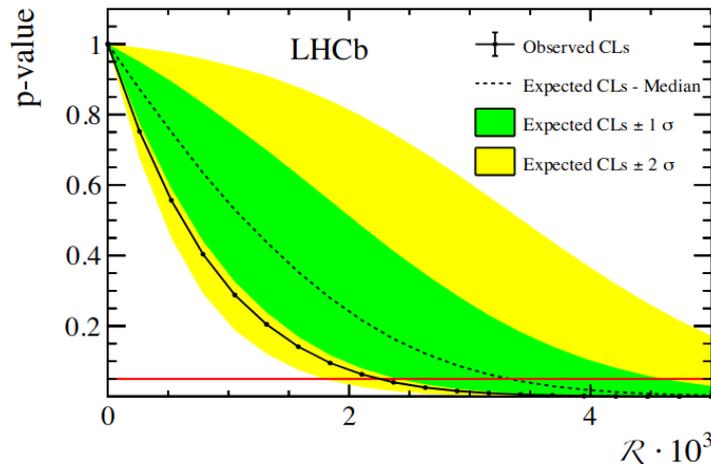
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- We jointly fit all components to extract the yields
- The parameter of interest is

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{|A_1|^2}{|A_0|^2} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Sigma^0)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda)} \cdot \Phi_{\Lambda_b^0} = \frac{N_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Sigma}}{N_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda}}{\epsilon_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Sigma}} \cdot \Phi_{\Lambda_b^0}$$

- Need to consider respective efficiencies (estimated from simulation);
- $\Phi_{\lambda b}$ is a phase space correction factor
- \mathcal{R} is consistent with zero as no signal is observed



$$|A_1/A_0| = \sqrt{\mathcal{R}} < 1/20.9 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL}$$

- This limit is stringent and rules out isospin violation at a $\sim 1\%$ rate.
- Isospin violation has been seen at this level, e.g. in ρ - ω mixing ($B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays)
- Our limit implies that the Λ_b might be formed of a b-quark and a ud-diquark

Summary

- Presented only a short list of the latest results from LHCb
- Expect many new final states investigated and maybe new surprises
- **Upgrade phase in full process → expect to collect more luminosity**
- **More luminosity == more statistics == many new final states available**
- **You can follow our progress on our [page](#) (weekly updates and videos)**

Stay Tuned!
