

# B decays to Charmonium at LHCb

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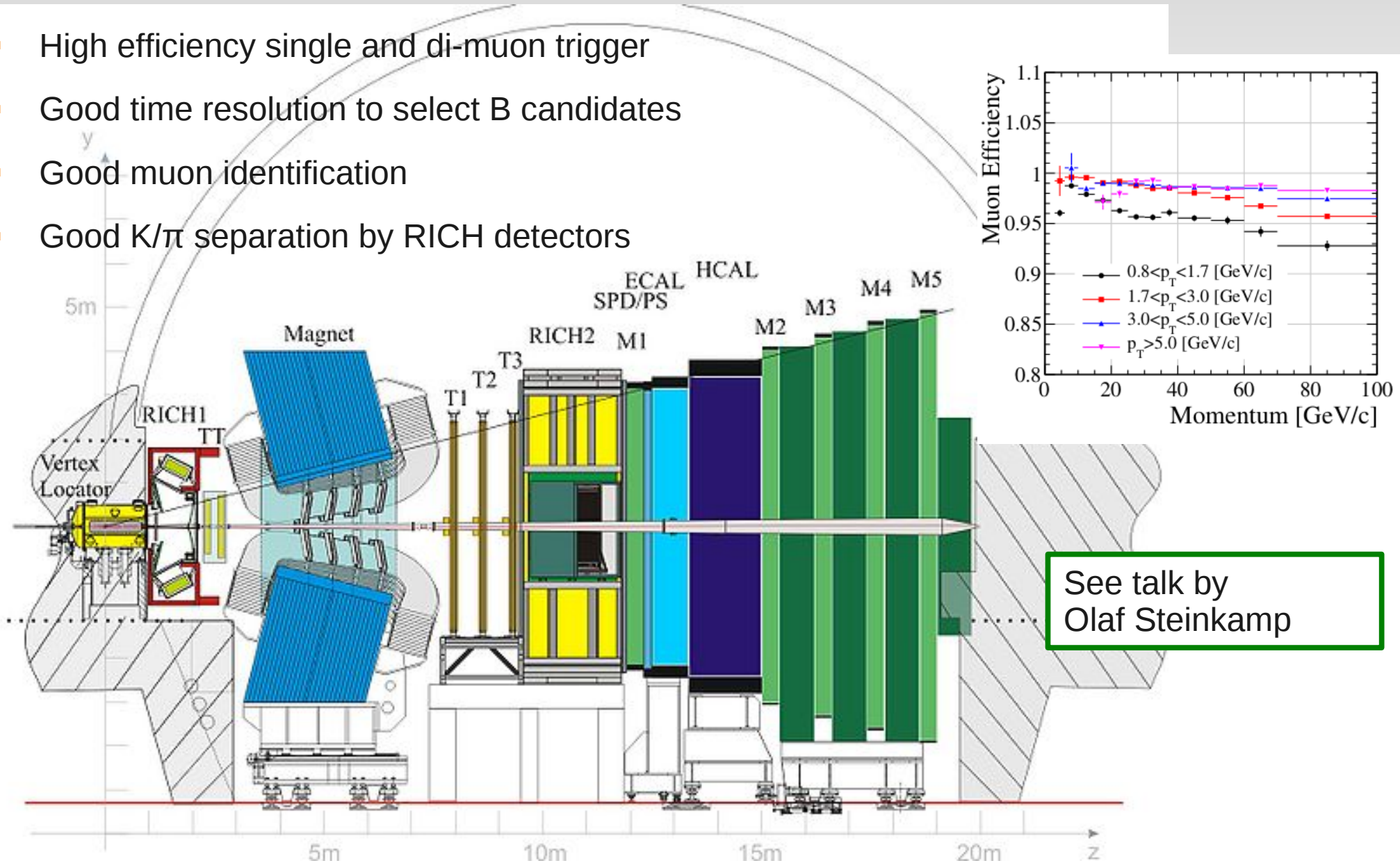
on behalf of the LHCb collaboration



- LHCb detector + B selection
- $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$  angular analysis
- $B_{(s)}^0$  decays to higher charmonium states ( $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\chi_c$ ) and neutrals
- X(3872) quantum numbers
- $B_c^+$  decays
- Summary

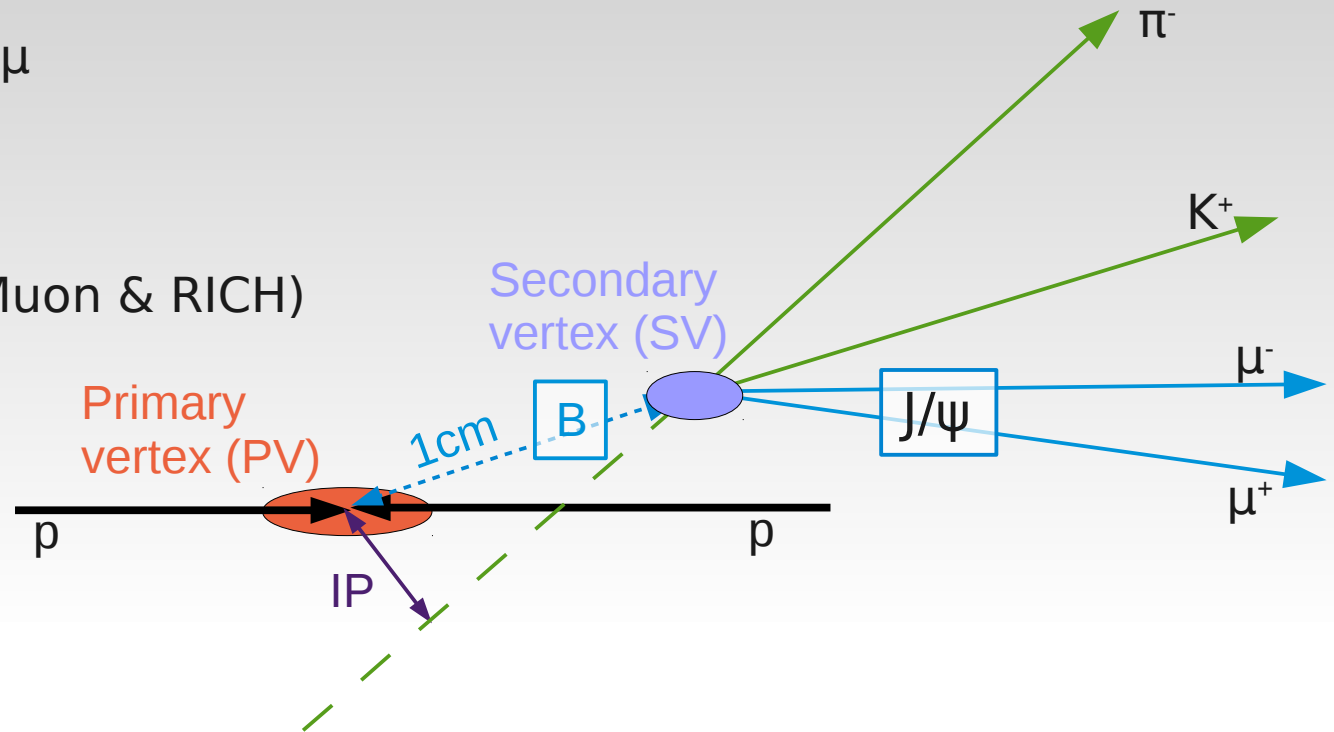
Features relevant for  $B \rightarrow J/\psi X$

- High efficiency single and di-muon trigger
- Good time resolution to select B candidates
- Good muon identification
- Good K/ $\pi$  separation by RICH detectors



See talk by  
Olaf Steinkamp

- Trigger on detached  $\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- Good quality tracks
- $\mu$ ,  $K$ ,  $\pi$  identification (Muon & RICH)
- Vertex quality
- PV and SV separation ( $c\tau > x$ )



- Daughter particles not from PV (cut on  $IP > 2\sigma$ ,  $p_T > x$ )
- B-candidate from the PV
- Decay structure consistent

## Efficiencies and background:

- Efficiencies from simulation (when possible from data – for PID, trigger)
- use sPlot technique to subtract background

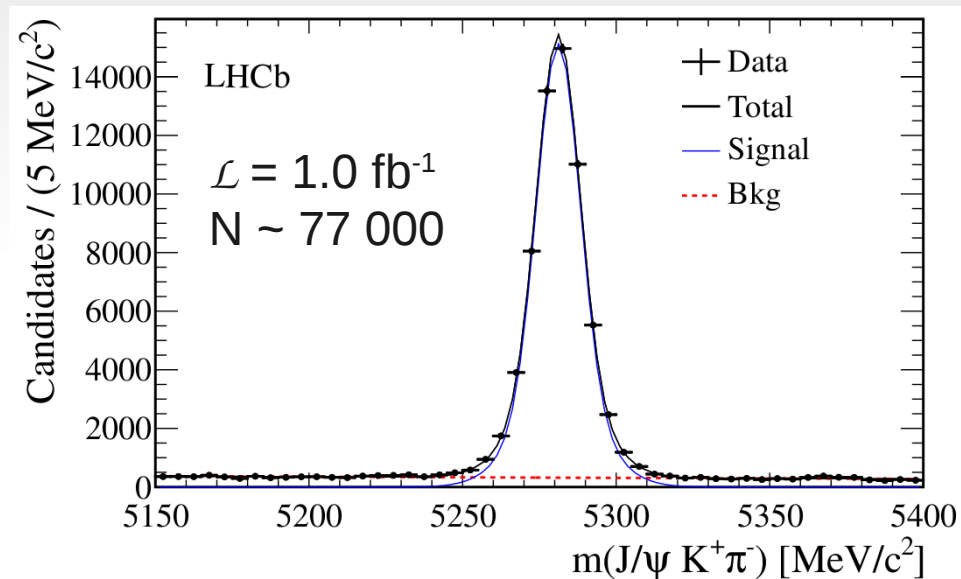
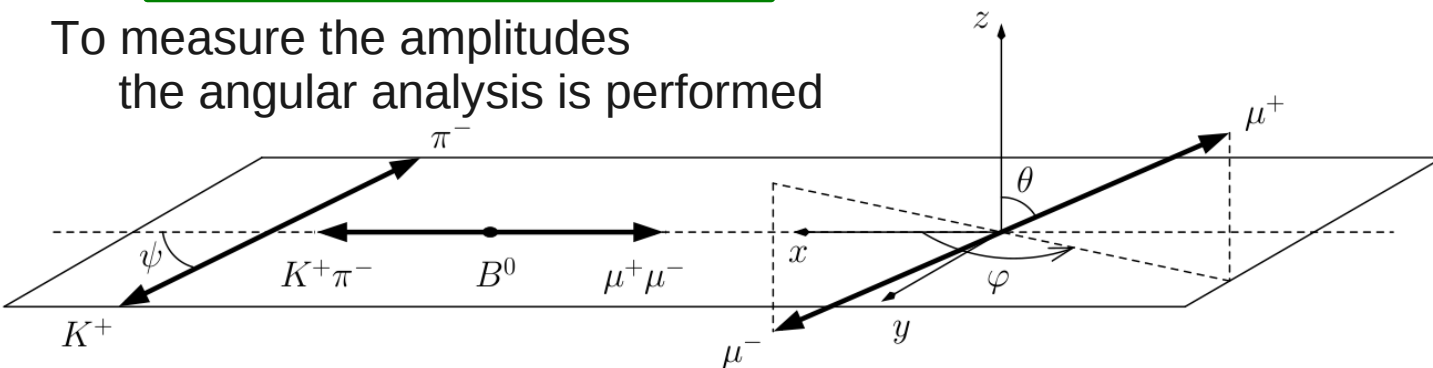
# Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$

- The decay ( $S \rightarrow VV$ ) can be decomposed as
  - P-wave:  $A_0$  (longitudinal),  $A_{\parallel}$  (transverse-parallel),  $A_{\perp}$  (transverse-perpendicular)
  - S-wave:  $A_s$  (non-resonant  $K\pi$ )
  - Strong phases:  $\delta_0=0, \delta_{\parallel}, \delta_{\perp}$  and  $\delta_s$
  - Parity: even( $A_0, A_{\parallel}$ ), odd( $A_{\perp}, A_s$ )

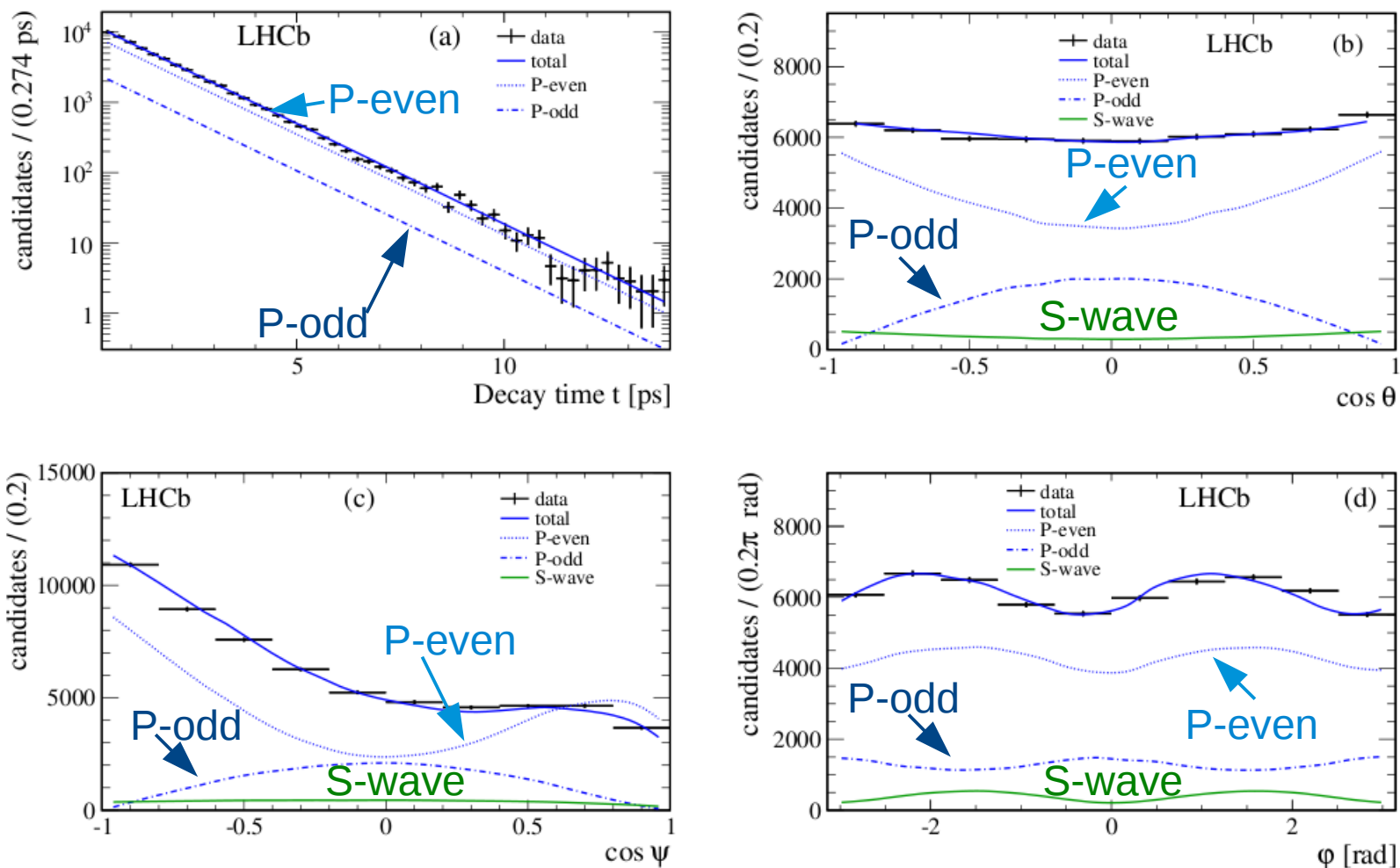
- Probe BSM contributions, which are approximately equal to those in  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$  (golden mode for CPV in  $B_s$ )

See talk by Olaf Steinkamp

- To measure the amplitudes the angular analysis is performed



# Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$

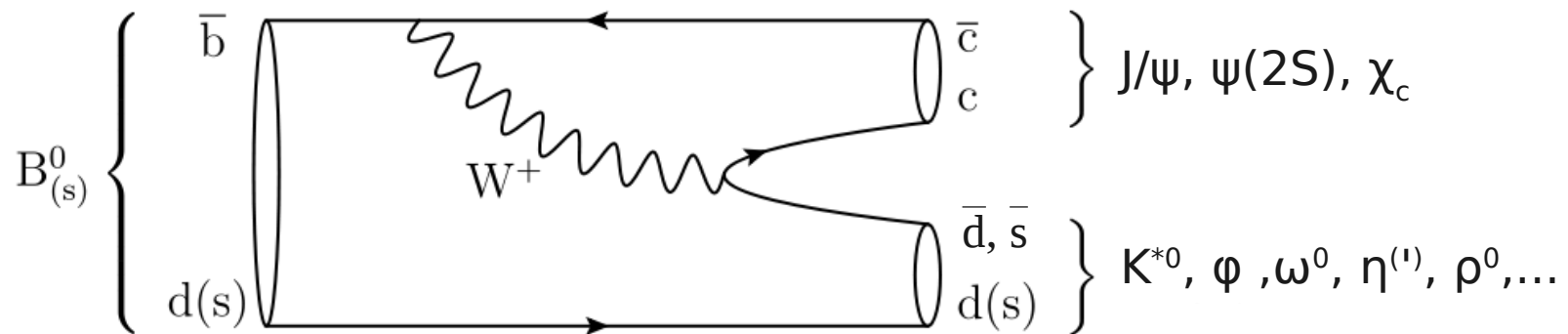


Dominant systematic unc.  
 - acceptance  
 - contribution from other resonances in  $K\pi$

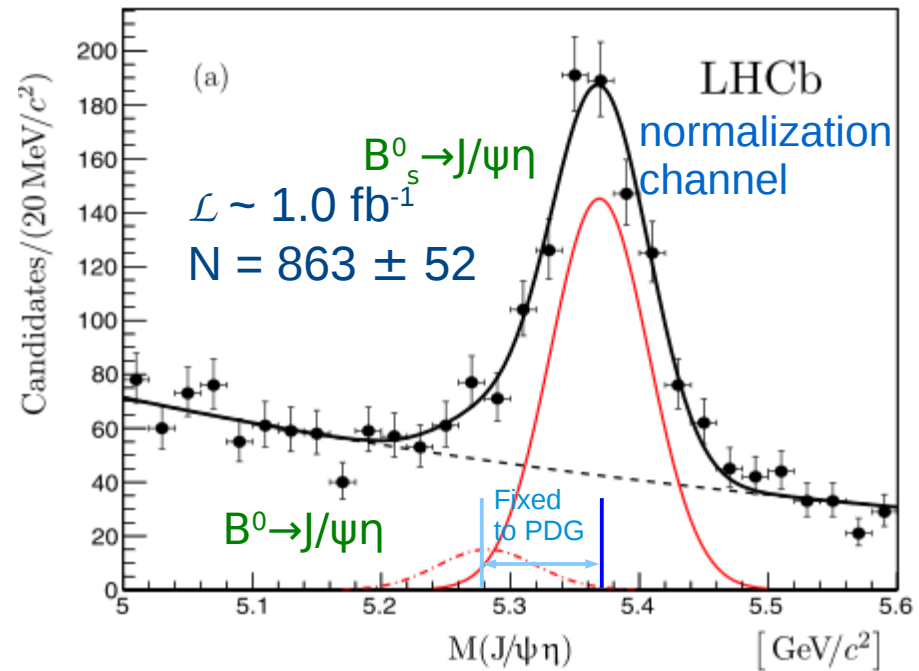
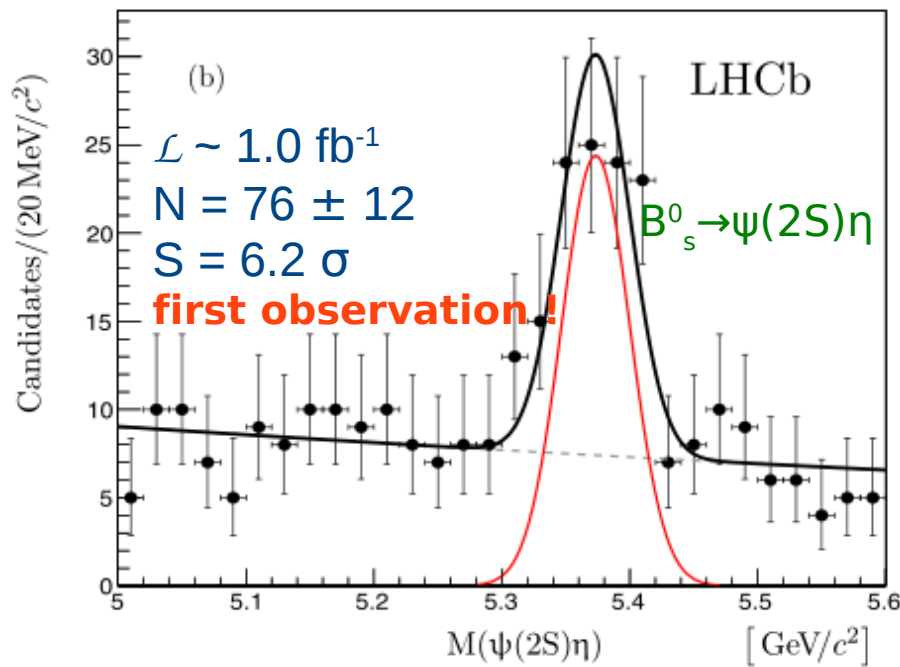
$$\begin{aligned}
 |A_{\parallel}|^2 &= 0.227 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.011, \\
 |A_{\perp}|^2 &= 0.201 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.008, \\
 \sigma_{\parallel} [rad] &= -2.94 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03, \\
 \sigma_{\perp} [rad] &= 2.94 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02
 \end{aligned}$$

Consistent with previous measurements and SM predictions

- Crucial role in CP violation studies [see talk of Olaf Steinkamp] & precise measurement of neutral B mixing parameters
  - new possible channels for CPV studies in  $B^0_s$
- Sensitive laboratory for electro-weak transition studies
- Direct probe of charmonium properties
- Study light quarks



- $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\eta$  has been previously seen by Belle [PRL 108 (2012) 181808] and LHCb [NPB 867 (2013) 547]



- Similar study for  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi\pi$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi\pi$
- Explore intermediate resonance structure with sPlot

Dominant systematics:  
efficiencies from simulation

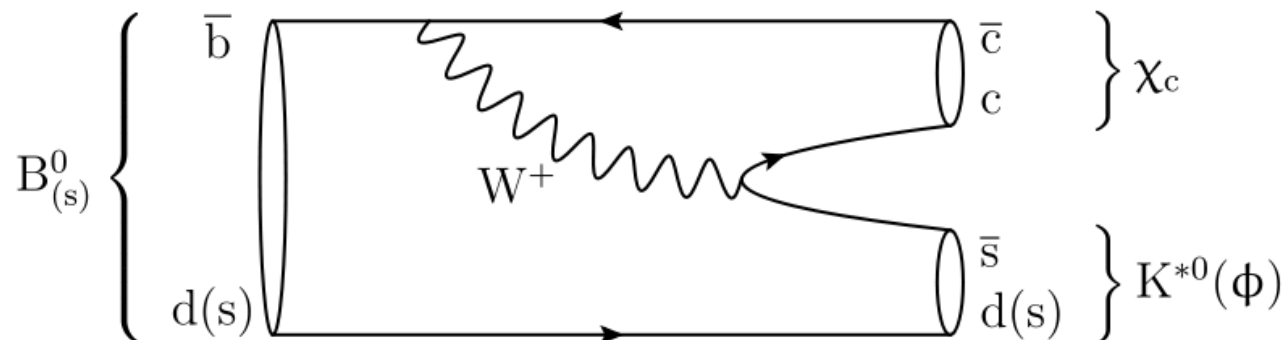
$$\frac{BR(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\eta)}{BR(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\eta)} = 0.83 \pm 0.14 (stat) \pm 0.12 (syst) \pm 0.02 (BR_{\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-})$$

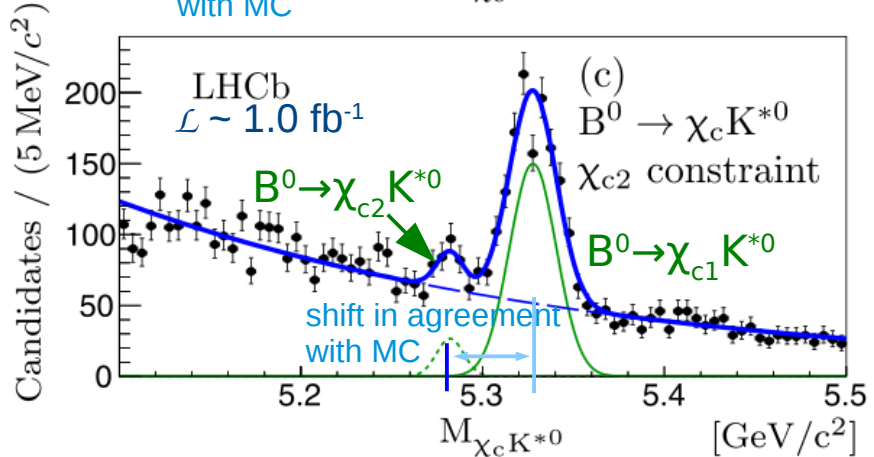
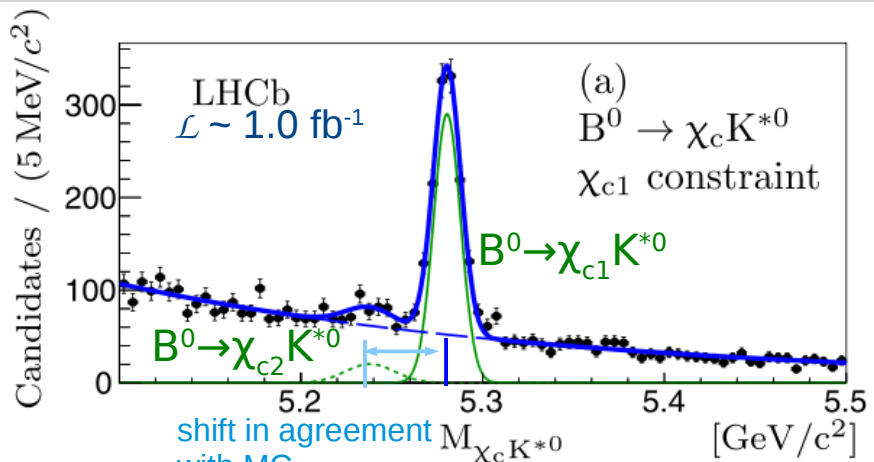


# Study of $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow \chi_{c1,2} K^{*0}(\phi)$

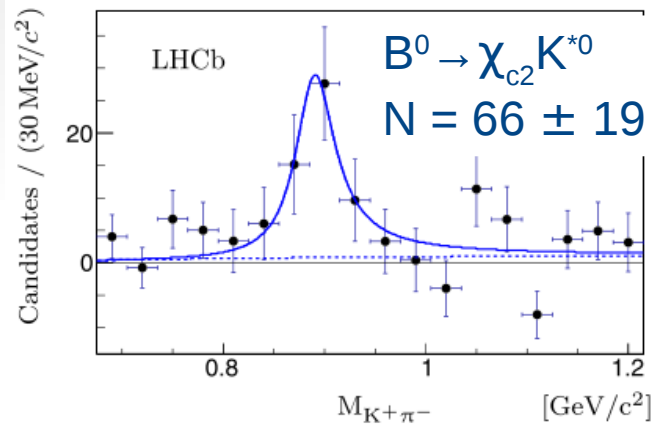
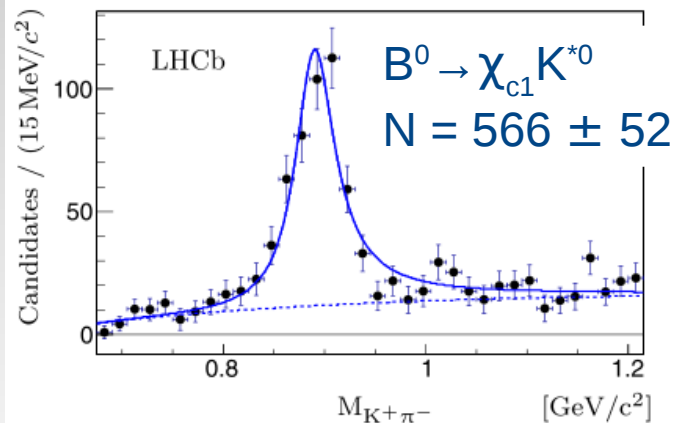


- In factorization approach  $B \rightarrow \chi_{c0,2} K(\phi)$  decay modes are expected to be suppressed with respect to  $B \rightarrow \chi_{c1} K(\phi)$
- But the measured  $\mathcal{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c0} K^{*0}) = (1.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$  [BaBar, PR D78 (2008) 0911001] is compatible with  $\mathcal{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} K^{*0}) = (2.5 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$  [BaBar, PRL 102 (2009) 132001] and  $\mathcal{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} K^{*0}) = (1.73^{+0.15}_{-0.12} \ ^{+0.34}_{-0.22}) \times 10^{-4}$  [Belle, PR D78 (2008) 072004]
- While  $\mathcal{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c2} K^{*0}) = (6.6 \pm 1.8 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$  [BaBar, PRL 102 (2009) 132001] can still be explained in factorization approach
- The  $B^0_s \rightarrow \chi_c \phi$  have not been previously observed





Background subtraction (sPlot)



- Constraint  $J/\psi$  mass to  $\chi_{c1,2}$  to resolve two peaks  
 $\rightarrow$  mass shift in agreement with simulation

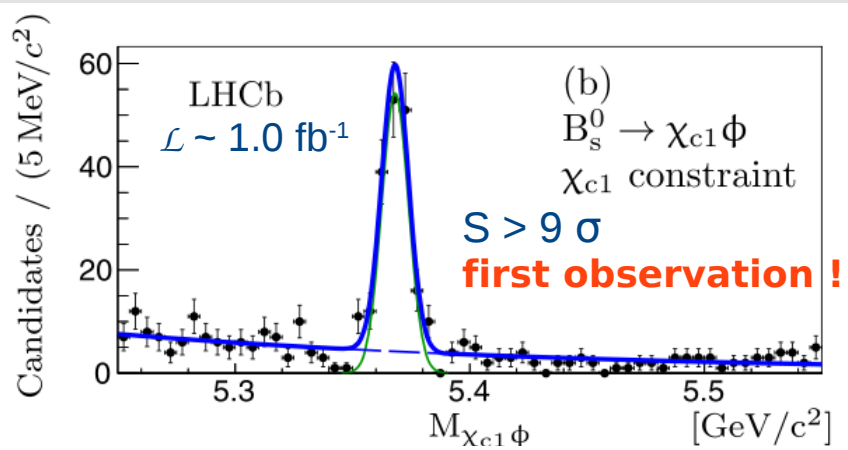
$$\frac{BR(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} K^{*0})}{BR(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0})} = (19.8 \pm 1.1 (stat) \pm 1.2 (syst) \pm 0.9 (BR_{\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma})) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\frac{BR(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c2} K^{*0})}{BR(B^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} K^{*0})} = (17.1 \pm 5.0 (stat) \pm 1.7 (syst) \pm 1.1 (BR_{\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma})) \times 10^{-2}$$

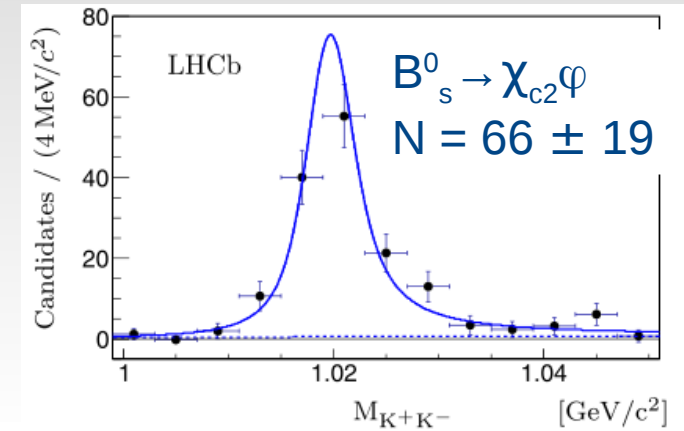
Dominant systematic:  
 - signal determination  
 - photon reconstruction

Compatible with previous measurements, but more precise

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Background subtraction (sPlot)



- Measure branching ratio relatively to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$

Dominant systematic:  
 - signal determination  
 - photon reconstruction

$$\frac{BR(B_s^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \phi)}{BR(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)} = (18.9 \pm 1.8(\text{stat}) \pm 1.3(\text{syst}) \pm 0.8(BR_{\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma})) \times 10^{-2}$$

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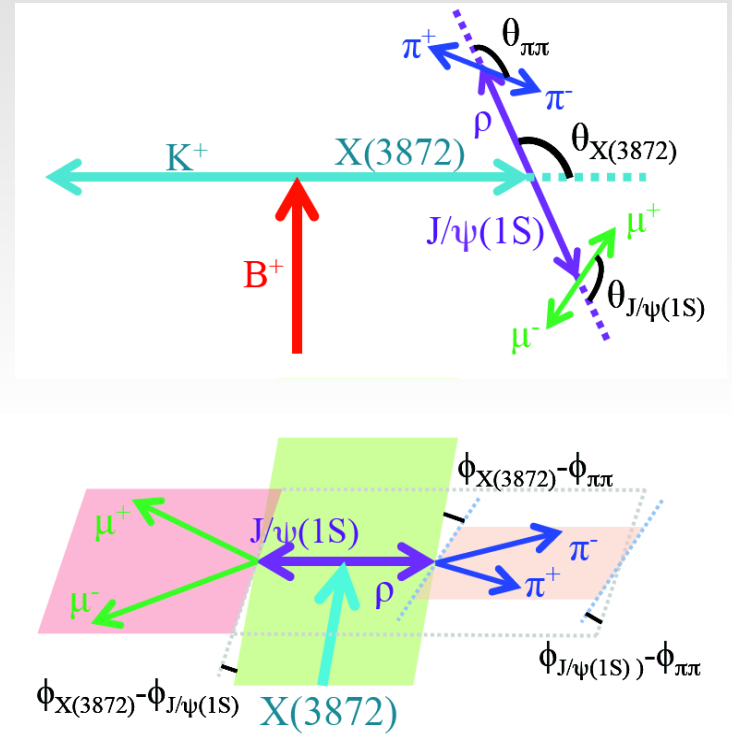
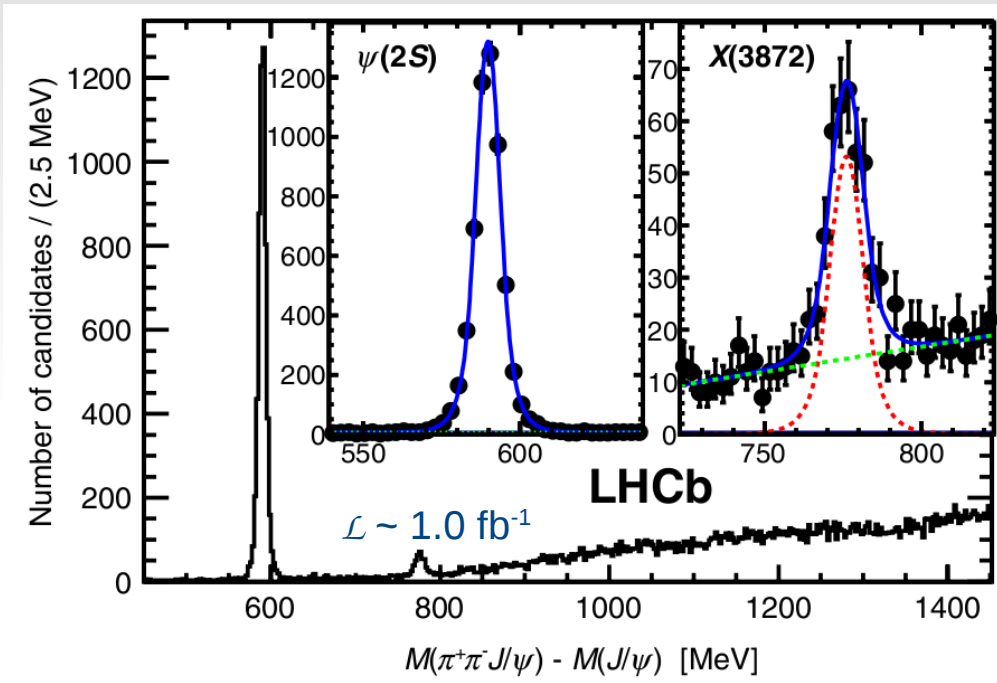
X(3872) was discovered by Belle in 2003 [PRL 91 (2003) 262001],  
but its nature is still unclear

- C-parity = +1 since  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$  is observed
- CDF excluded all  $J^{PC}$  combinations except  $1^{++}$  and  $2^{-+}$  [PRL 98 (2007) 132002]
- BaBar favoured  $2^{-+}$  (68% CL) by studying  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\omega^0$ , but not ruled out  $1^{++}$  (7% CL) [PRD 82 (2010) 011101]
- Belle couldn't distinguish  $1^{++}$  and  $2^{-+}$  by analysing 1D distributions [PRD 84 (2011) 052004]

Determination of quantum numbers is crucial for the interpretation of the state

- $1^{++}$ : molecular, tetraquark,  $\chi_c(2^3P_1)$ ?
- $2^{-+}$ :  $\eta_c(1^1D_2)$ ?

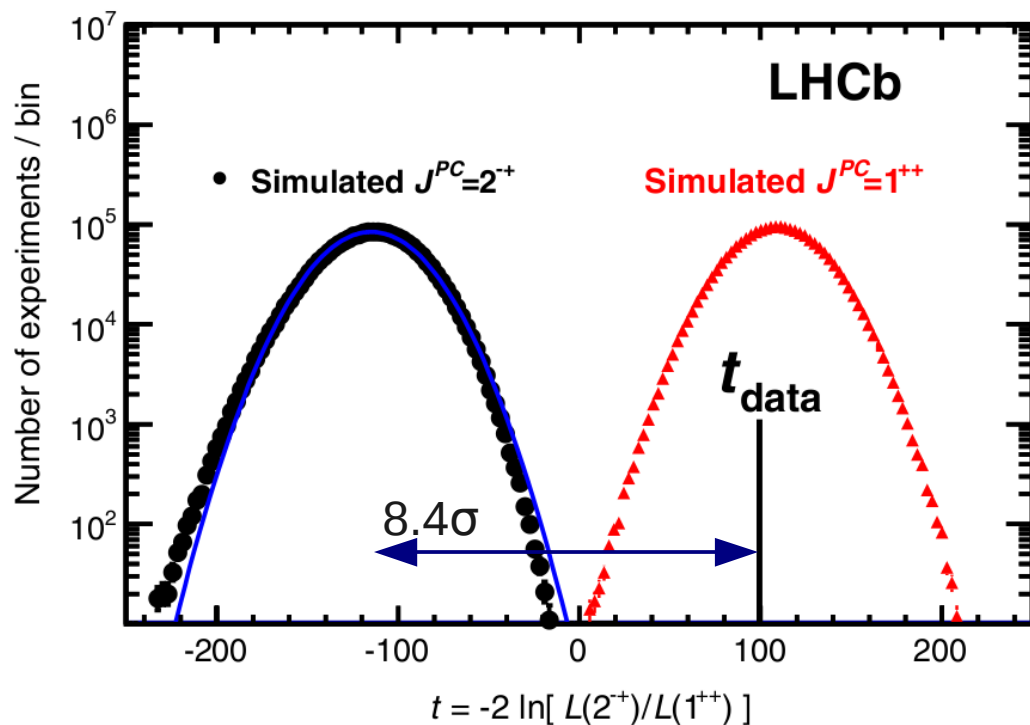
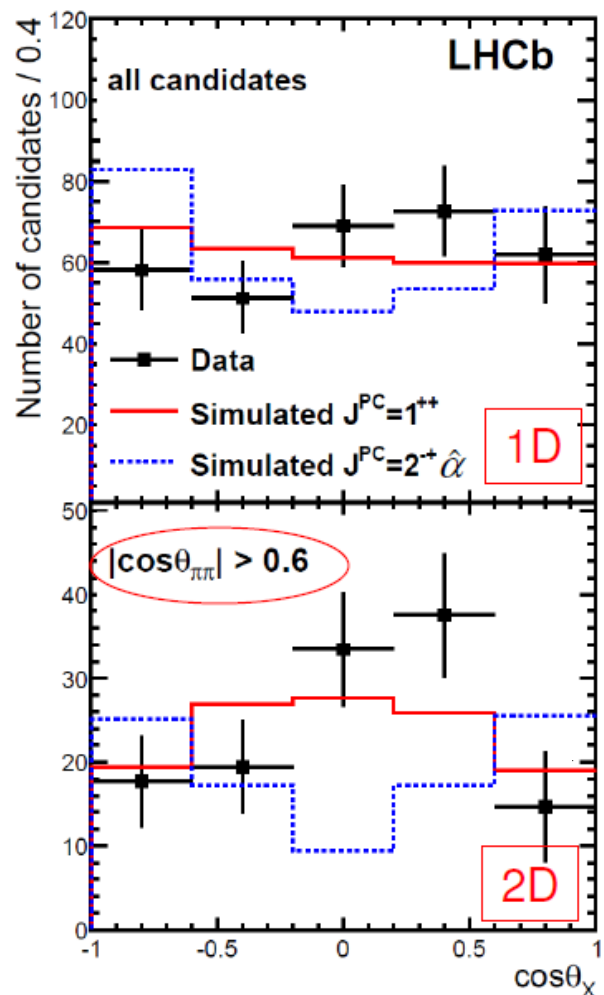
- 5-D angular analysis of  $B^+ \rightarrow X(3872)K^+$ ,  $X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$
- Angular distributions carry information about  $J^{PC}$



$B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^+$ ,  $N = 5642 \pm 76$   
 $B^+ \rightarrow X(3872)K^+$ ,  $N = 313 \pm 26$

- Angular correlations magnify differences between spin hypothesis:

- Likelihood-ratio test to discriminate between hypothesis  
 $t = -2\ln[\mathcal{L}(2^-)/\mathcal{L}(1^{++})]$
- Compare with simulated statistics



Result:  
 $2^-$  is rejected with  $8.4\sigma$ ,  
 with p-value for  $1^{++}$  of 34%



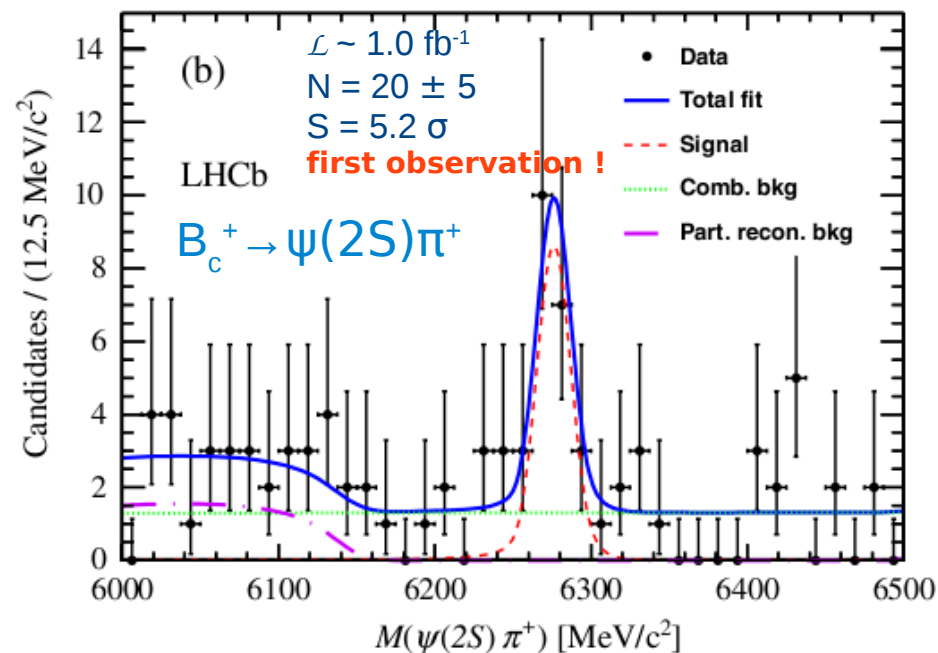
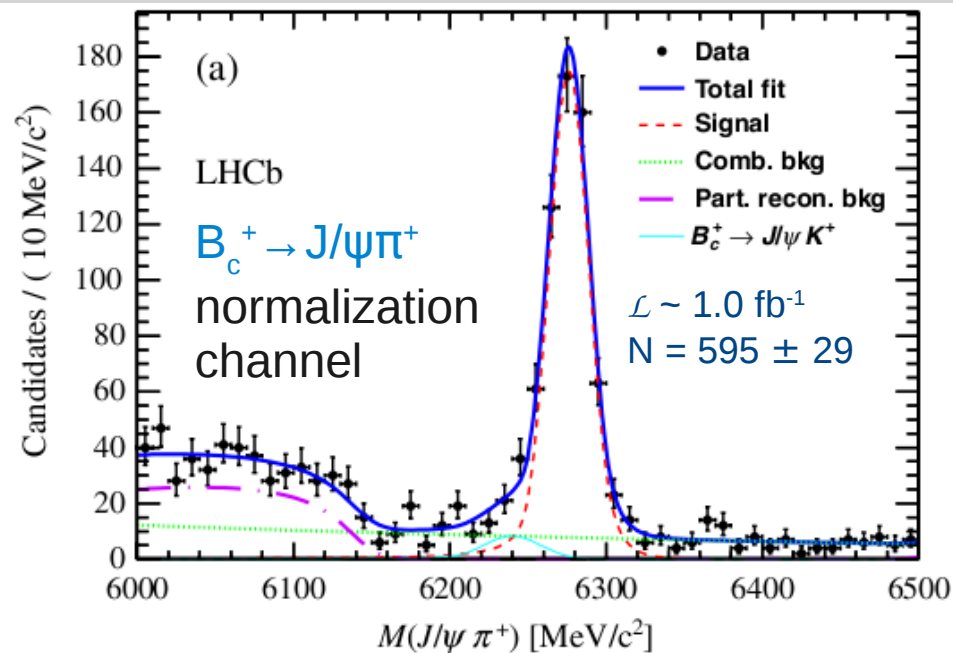
- The  $B_c$  meson, composed of two heavy quarks ( $b\bar{c}$ ), is a unique, being the only weak decaying heavy quarkonium system
- Prior to LHCb only the  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+$  and  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\mu^+\nu_\mu$  decays were observed
- At LHCb  $f(\bar{b} \rightarrow B_c^+) \sim 1/1000$
- LHCb has already observed new decay mode:  
 $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$  [PRL 108 (2012) 251802]
- Four more new decay modes in this summer → see next

- Test different theoretical models for  $B_c^+$  decays
- Analysis strategy:
  - multivariate selection (BDT) to suppress background
  - $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+$  as normalization channel

- Dominant syst:
  - understanding of the BDT selection
  - background shape

$$BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+) / BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+) = 0.250 \pm 0.068(stat) \pm 0.014(syst) \pm 0.006(BR)$$

- The result favours relativistic quark model prediction with respect to the others

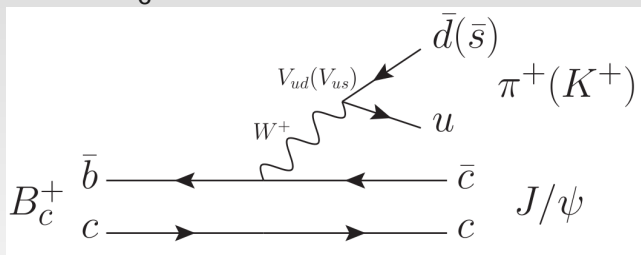




# $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$

← pion-like

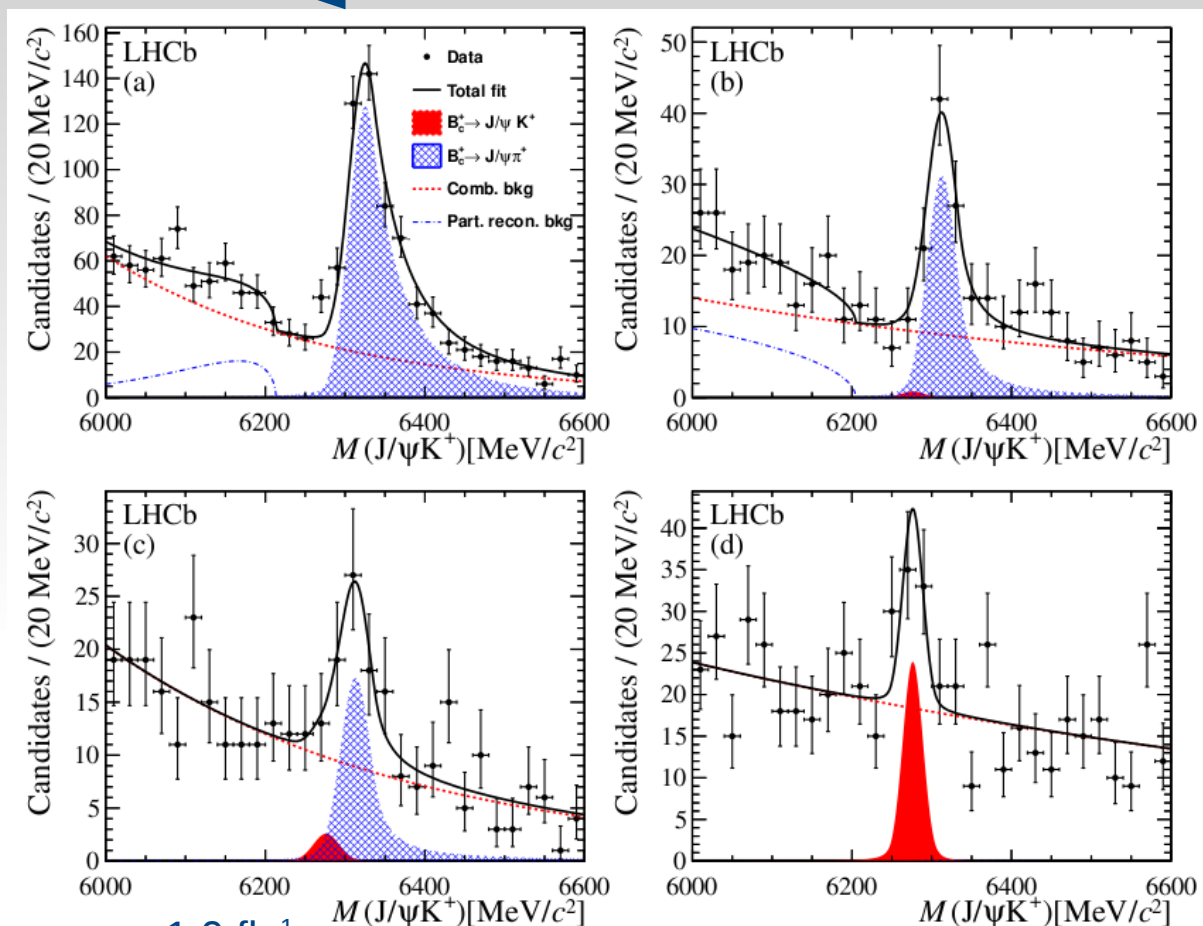
- The branching fraction relative to  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  is measured



- Naive expectation:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)} \approx \left| \frac{V_{us} f_{K^+}}{V_{ud} f_{\pi^+}} \right|^2 = 0.077$$

- Theoretical predictions lie within 0.054 – 0.088 range  
→ test hadronization model
- Analysis strategy:
  - Multivariate selection (BDT)
  - bins of discriminating K– $\pi$  identification variable



$\mathcal{L} \sim 1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$N = 46 \pm 14$

$S = 5.0 \sigma$

**first observation !**

→ kaon-like

$$\frac{BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)}{BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)} = 0.069 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.005$$

Dominant systematic:

- understanding of the BDT selection

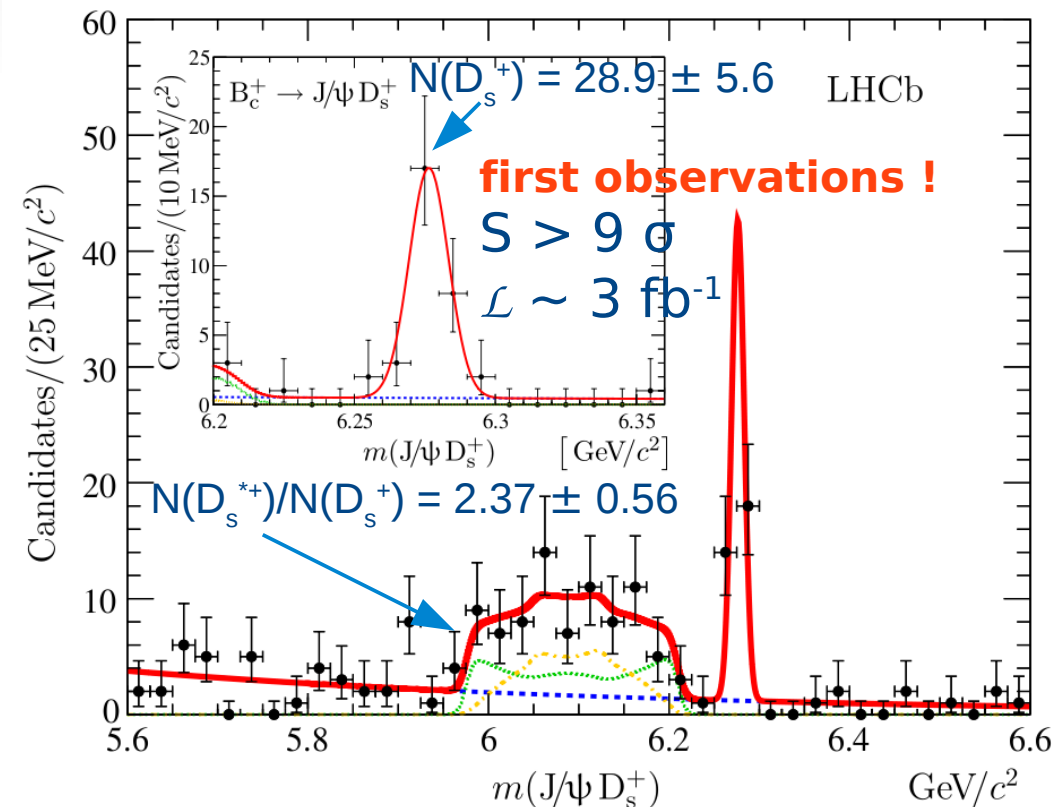
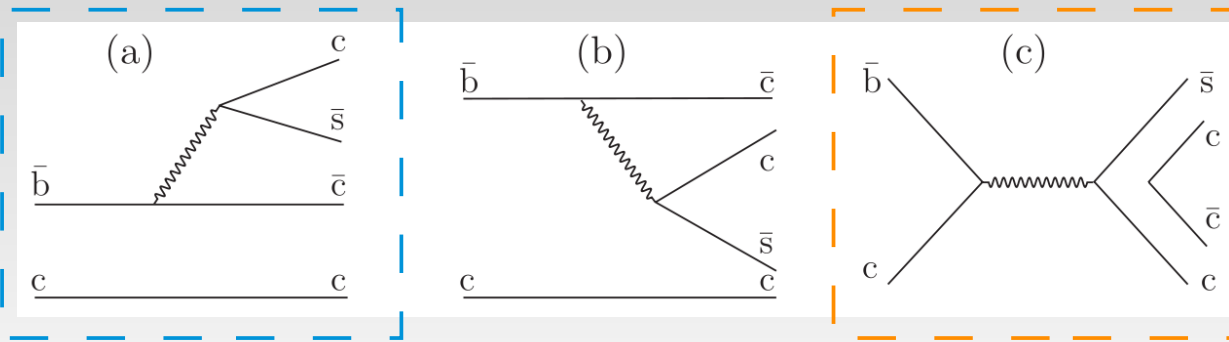
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# $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{+(*)}$



can contribute in contrast to decays of other B mesons

- The branching fraction relative to  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  is measured
- Three leading contributions
- Test assumption that **spectator one dominates** & factorization holds
- Low energy release allows precision mass measurement



$$\frac{BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+)}{BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)} = 2.90 \pm 0.57 (stat) \pm 0.24 (syst)$$

$$\frac{BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{*+})}{BR(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+)} = 2.37 \pm 0.56 (stat) \pm 0.10 (syst)$$

- Compatible with naive expectations from  $B \rightarrow D^* D_s^{(*)+} (\pi^+)$  decays

$$m_{B_c^+} = 6276.28 \pm 1.44 (stat) \pm 0.36 (syst) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

- In agreement with PDG (2013 update):  $m(B_c^+) = 6274.5 \pm 1.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

LHCb shows excellent performance in measuring B decays to charmonia

- Provide input for measurements of CPV and mixing in B mesons
- Explore charmonium properties
  
- Serie of new decays observed ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\eta$ ,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c1}\phi$ ,  $B_c^+ \rightarrow \dots$ )
- X(3872) quantum numbers determined to be  $1^{++}$
- Study of properties and observe new decays of the  $B_c^+$  meson  
( $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ ,  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{(*)+}$ )
  
- Plus many other analysis, for instance
  - Precision measurement of  $\Lambda_b$  lifetime [arXiv:1306.6723]
  - First upper limits on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p\bar{p})$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi p\bar{p}\pi^+)$  [arXiv: 1306.4489]
  - ...

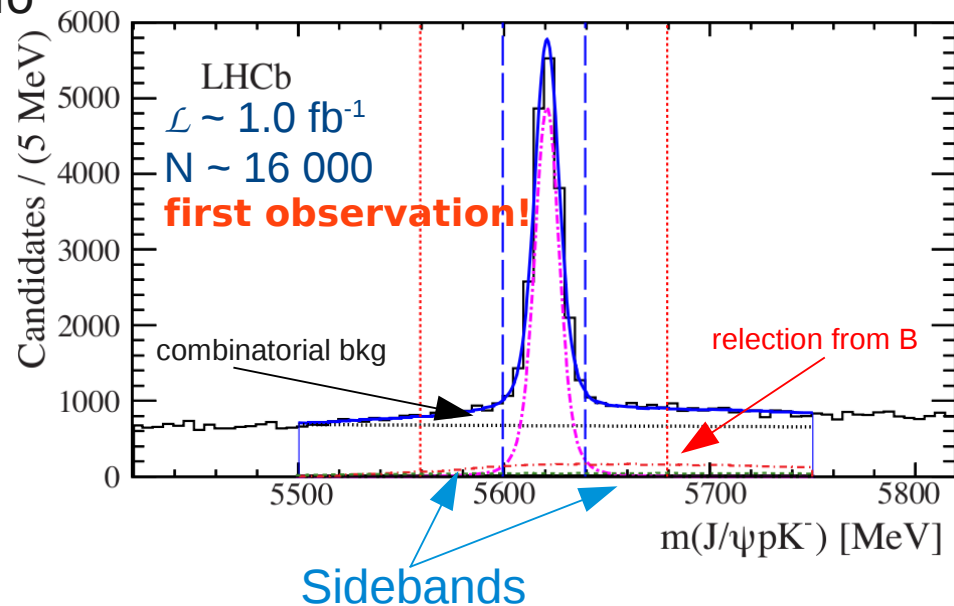
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# Backup

- According to Heavy Quark Expansion model  $\tau(\Lambda_b)/\tau(B) \simeq 1$  with difference only a few percent expected
- Average experimental give  $0.798 \pm 0.052$  [arXiv:hep-ph/0304132]  
 $0.786 \pm 0.034$  [arXiv:hep-ph/0310241, arXiv:hep-ph/0203089]
- Precision measurement is necessary

- Strategy:

- Use similar decay modes  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$  and  $B \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ K^- \rightarrow$  systematic uncertainty cancels in the ratio
- BDT
- Sideband to subtract background

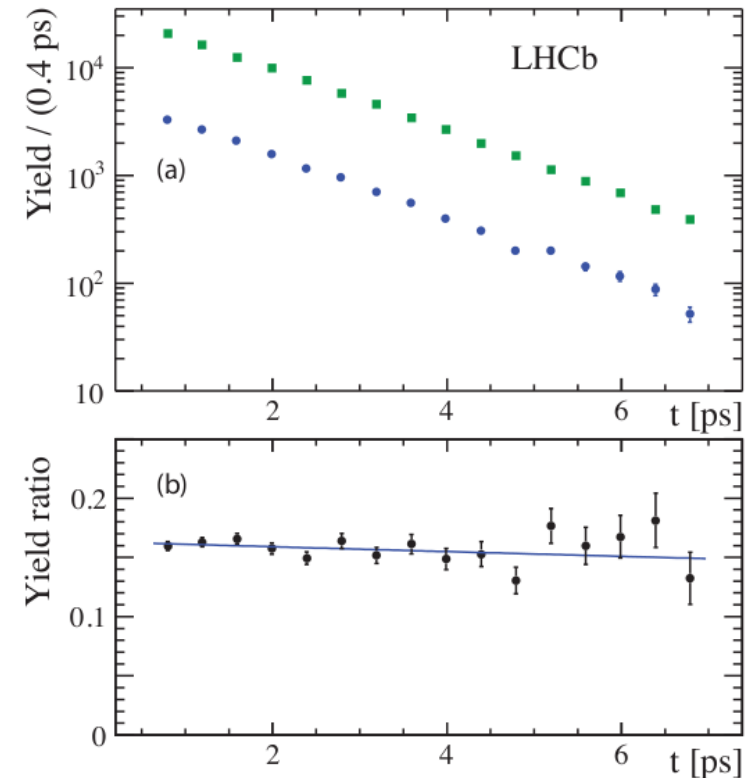
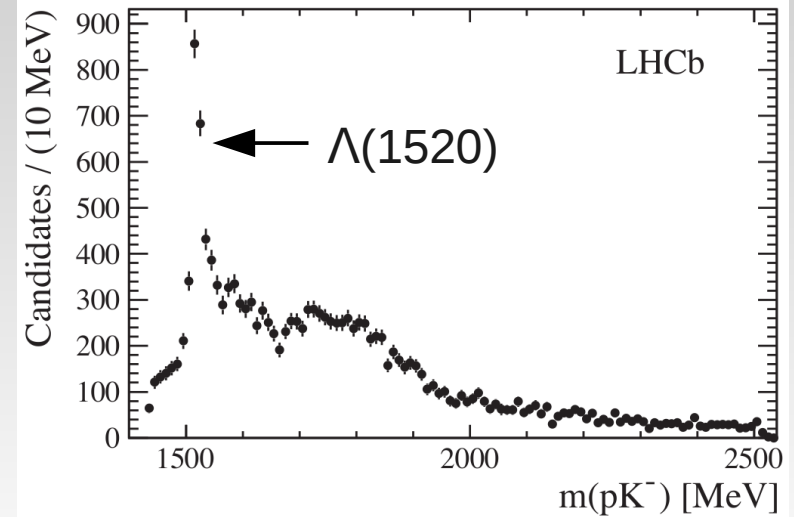


- Use whole pK mass region
- Decay time acceptance from simulation weighted to match pK( $\pi$ K) mass distribution
- Determine  $\Delta_{\Lambda B} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\Lambda}} - \frac{1}{\tau_B}$  from ratio of yields
- Dominant uncertainty:
  - decay time fit range
  - acceptance slope

$$\frac{\tau_{\Lambda_b^0}}{\tau_{\bar{B}^0}} = \frac{1}{1 + \tau_{\bar{B}^0} \Delta_{\Lambda B}} = 0.976 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.006$$

$$\tau_{\Lambda_b^0} = 1.482 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.012 \text{ ps}$$

- In agreement with HQE expectation of  $\tau(\Lambda_b)/\tau(B) = 1$
- Consistent with, but more precise than, current world average:  $\tau(\Lambda_b) = 1.429 \pm 0.024 \text{ ps}$





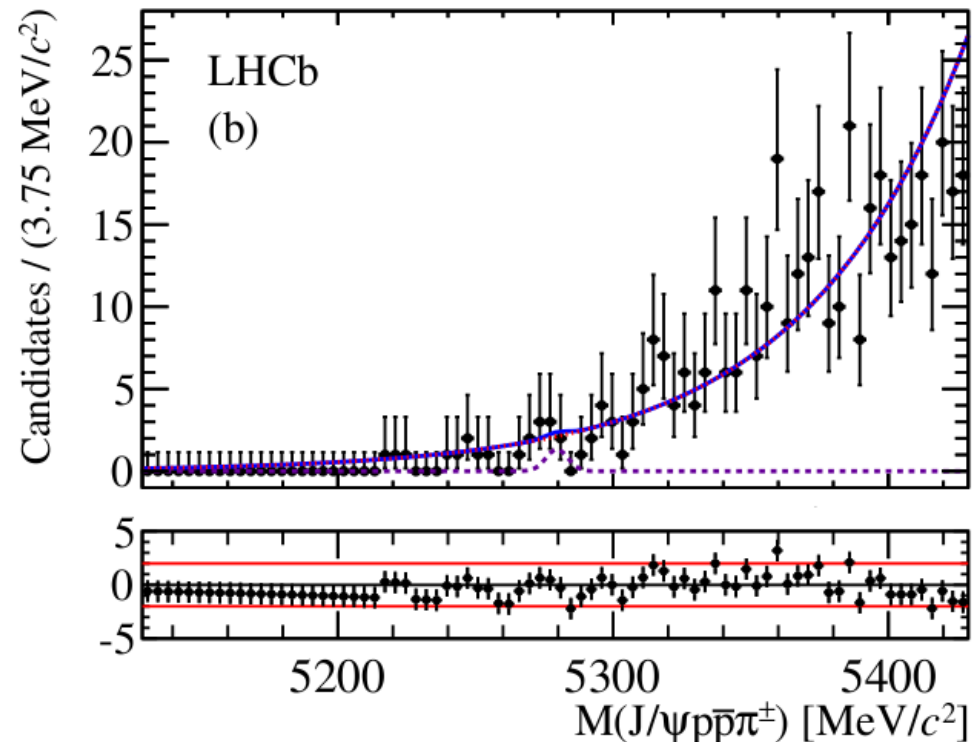
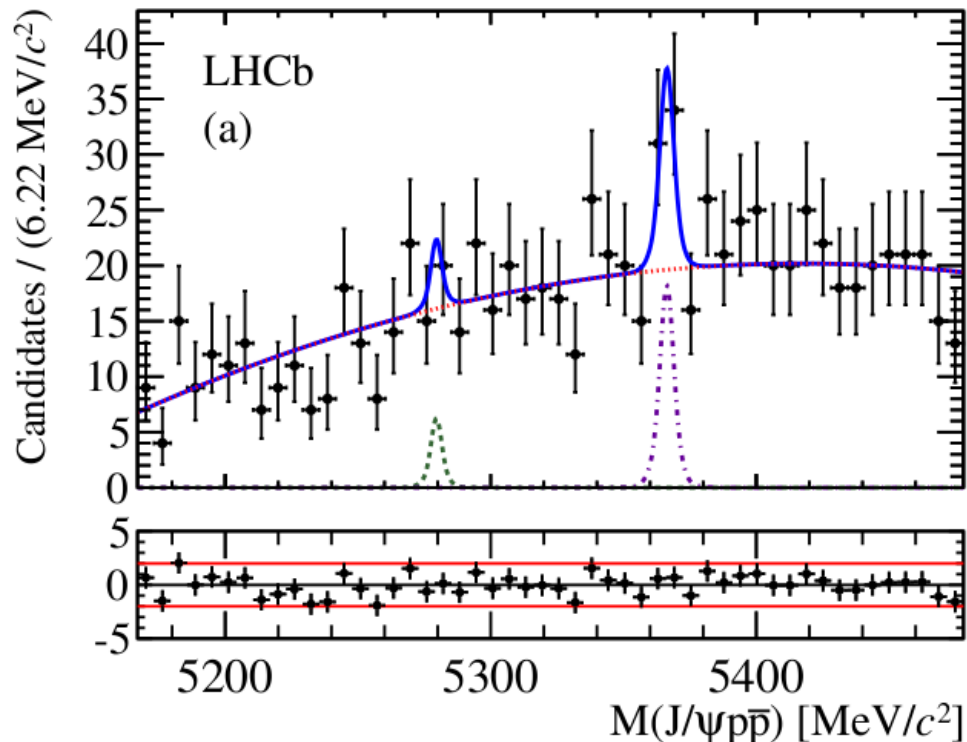
- The study of such decays has not been extensively explored mainly due to the suppressed branching fractions of typically  $O(<10^{-5})$
- Dibaryon production in B meson decays has been studied in decays  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ p \bar{p}$  or  $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 p \bar{p}$
- Branching fraction is  $\sim 10\%$  that of the corresponding decay with  $pp$  replaced by  $\pi^+ \pi^-$
- In contrast

$$BR(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-) = (4.6 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$BR(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p}) < 8.3 \times 10^{-7}$$

$\sim 50$  times  
difference

# $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p}$ and $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p} \pi^+$

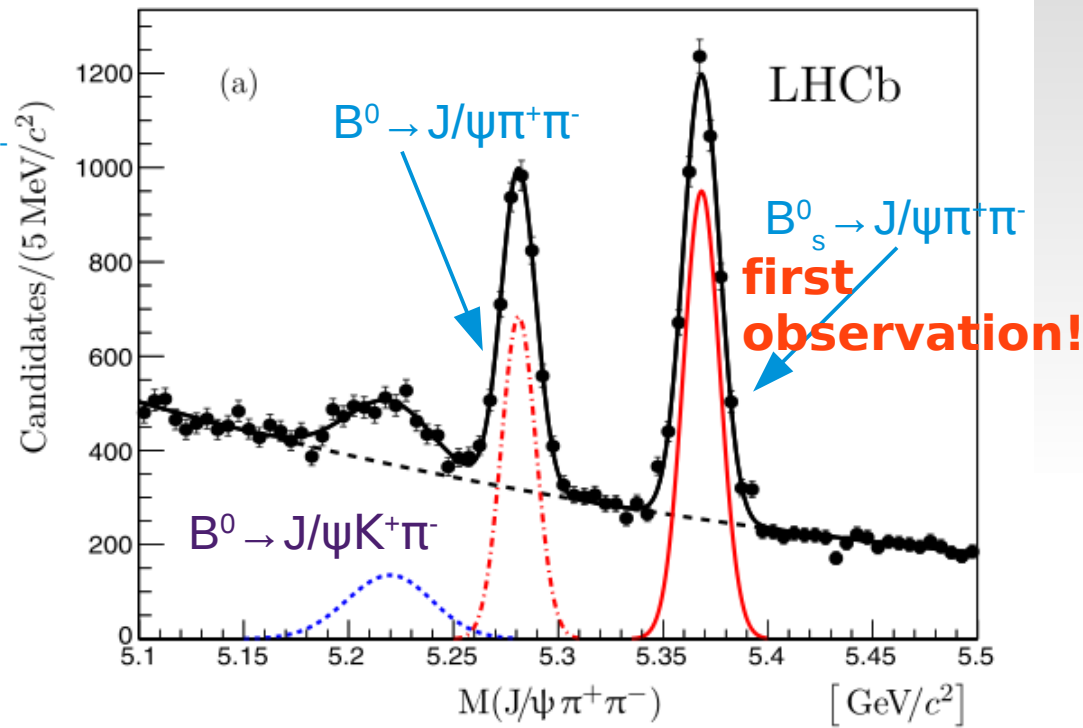
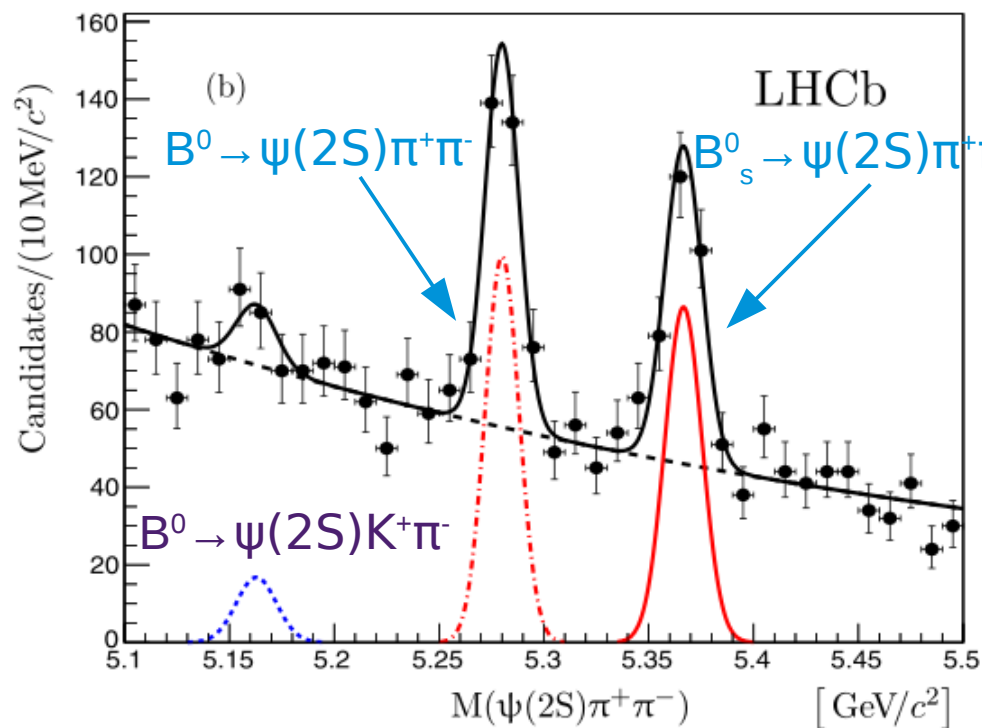


No significant signals are seen

$BR(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p})$	$< 5.2 (6.0) \times 10^{-7}$	@ 90% (95%) CL
$BR(B^0_s \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p})$	$< 4.8 (5.3) \times 10^{-6}$	@ 90% (95%) CL
$BR(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p} \pi^+)$	$< 5.0 (6.1) \times 10^{-7}$	@ 90% (95%) CL

**first limits!**





$$\frac{BR(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-)}{BR(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)} = 0.56 \pm 0.07 (stat) \pm 0.05 (syst) \pm 0.01 (BR_{\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-})$$

$$\frac{BR(B^0_s \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-)}{BR(B^0_s \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-)} = 0.34 \pm 0.04 (stat) \pm 0.03 (syst) \pm 0.01 (BR_{\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-})$$