



Charm quark physics

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Scope of this talk

What are main goals of charm physics at LHCb?

- CP violation at charm sector
- Indirect searches of New Physics in loops
- Further QCD development with heavy baryons and exotica.

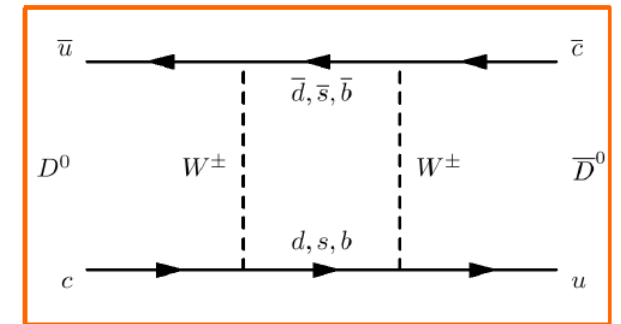
• Summary of LHCb results in charm sector (Charm Physics Analysis Working Group)

Also, I'd like to

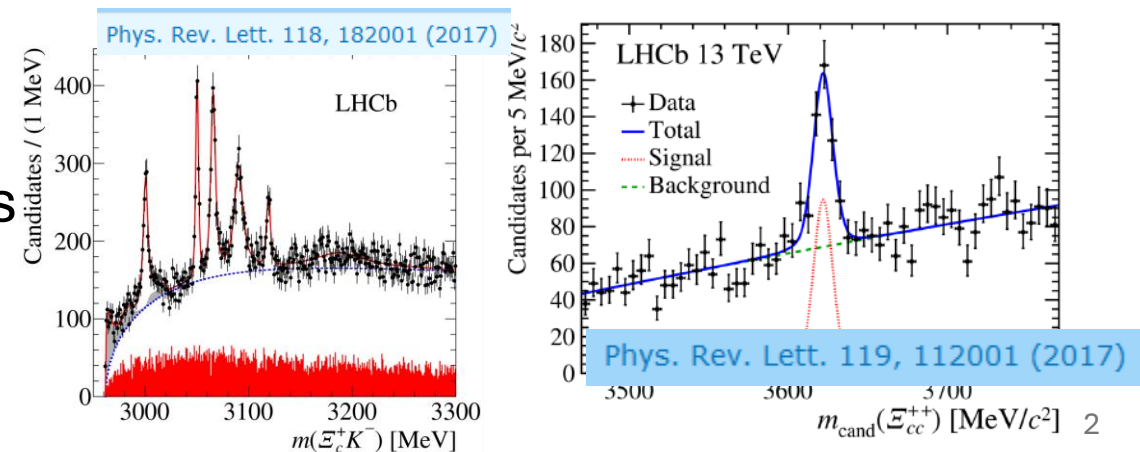
- Show advantages of HEP hadronic machines as the tool for charm
- Remind how LHCb works

mass→	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV
charge→	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
spin→	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
name→	u up	c charm	t top
	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	4.2 GeV
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$
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$\arg(V_{cd}) \sim 10^{-4}$ $\arg(V_{cs}) \sim 10^{-5}$



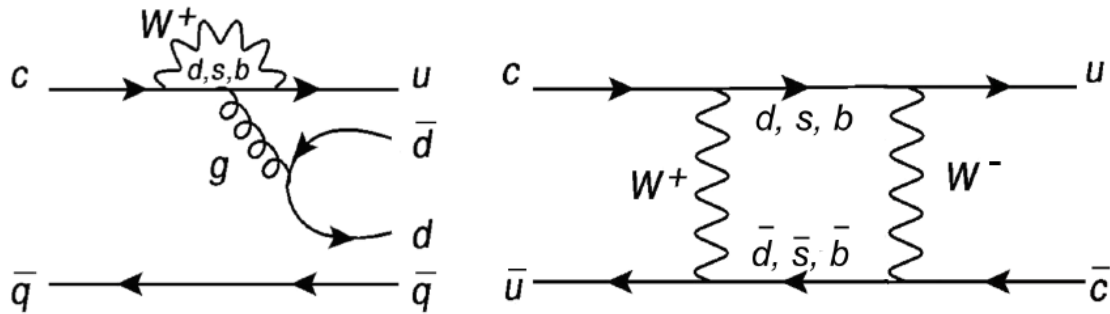
Mixing / FCNC



CPV at charm sector & New Physics in loops

$$V_{\text{Wolf}}^{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} d & s & b \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda^4}{8} \\ -\frac{\lambda^6}{16}[1 + 8A^2(\rho^2 + \eta^2)] \\ -\lambda + \frac{\lambda^5}{2}A^2(1 - 2\rho - 2i\eta) \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) + \frac{\lambda^5}{2}A(\rho + i\eta) \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ -\frac{\lambda^6}{16}[1 - 4A^2(1 - 4\rho - 4i\eta)] \\ -A\lambda^2 + \frac{\lambda^4}{2}A(1 - 2\rho - 2i\eta) + \frac{\lambda^6}{8}A \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ A\lambda^2 \\ 1 - \frac{\lambda^4}{2}A^2 - \frac{\lambda^6}{2}A^2(\rho^2 + \eta^2) \end{pmatrix} \\ u \\ c \\ t \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^7)$$

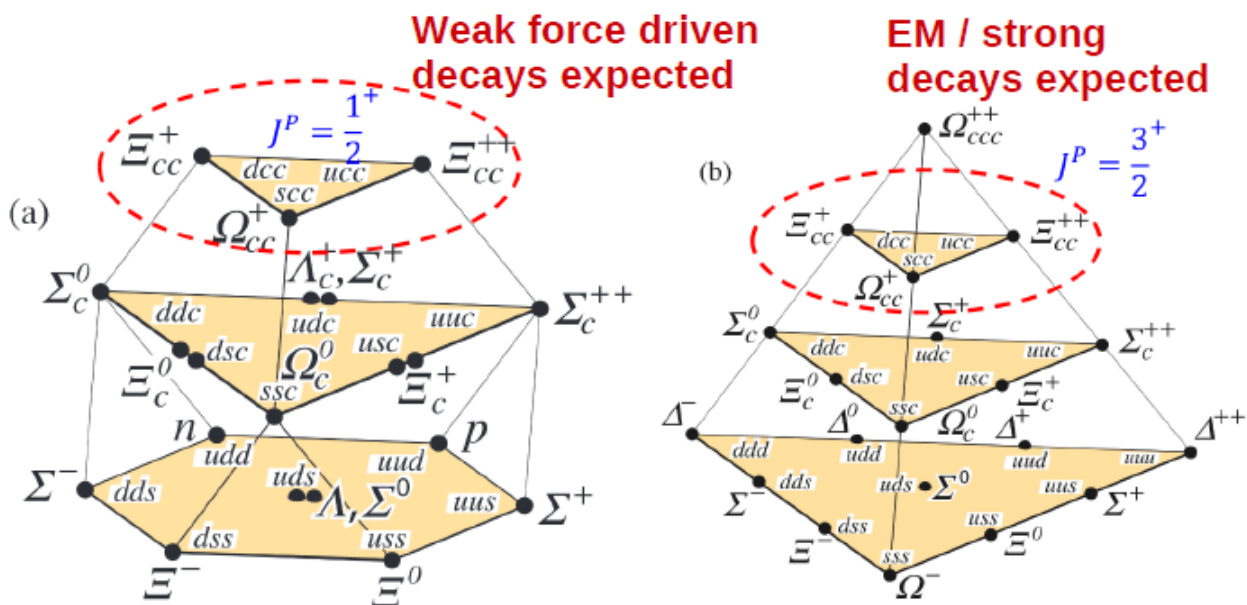
$$\lambda = 0.2257^{+0.0009}_{-0.0010}, A = 0.814^{+0.021}_{-0.022}, \rho = 0.135^{+0.031}_{-0.016}, \text{ and } \eta = 0.349^{+0.015}_{-0.017}$$



- CKM matrix provides clear prediction of very small CPV in charm sector (**D-mesons are the only up-type quark system, where mixing and CPV can occur**)
- New Physics in loop-diagrams driven processes, which are very suppressed in the SM (**Keeping in mind: long-distance contributions, for which precise theoretical predictions are difficult, but can play important role**)
- Need a lot of $c\bar{c}$ for discoveries**

Better understanding of QCD

- QCD is a natural part of the SM
- Chiral perturbation theory is valid between 0.1 and 1 GeV
- Perturbative QCD calculations $\gg 1$ GeV
- Although charm hadrons are in between of these two regimes, due to high **c** mass double and triple charm systems, as well as exotica are kind of natural bridges for QCD development
- Need intensive charm source to produce such bound systems



Machines for charm studies (Luminosity / $N_{c\bar{c}}$)

At threshold

Higher energies

e^+e^- colliders

CLEO-c ($0.8 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 5 \cdot 10^6$) / **BESIII** ($3 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 2 \cdot 10^7$)

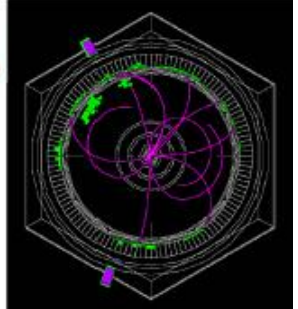
In future **Super-tau-charm Factories (??)**

- at $\psi(3770)$ resonance
- Quantum coherence, which allows to measure strong phase
- Almost no background
- No boost – no lifetime measurements
- Small sample size

Belle ($1 \text{ ab}^{-1} / 13 \cdot 10^8$) / **BaBar** ($550 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 8 \cdot 10^8$)

In future **Belle2** (50 ab^{-1})

- Neutrals / neutrino studies
- Clean environment
- Lifetime studies possible



hadron machines

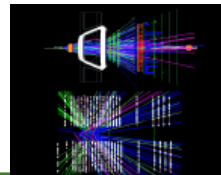
In future **PANDA (??)**

- Selective to hadron production thresholds
- Production cross sections measurements
- Polarization studies possible
- no lifetime measurements / not large sample

CDF ($10 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 23 \cdot 10^{10}$) / **LHCb** ($9 \text{ fb}^{-1} / 1.4 \cdot 10^{13}$)

In future **LHCb Upgraded** ($\rightarrow 50 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

- Huge rates
- Excellent lifetime resolution due to the boost
- Large backgrounds
- Difficult to work with neutral

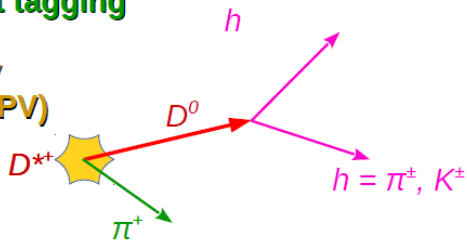


Charm and beauty production into forward region

- Gluon fusion is main production mechanism for pairs of heavy (**c** & **b**) quark-antiquark pairs
- Produced charmed hadrons go together in forward direction (**LHCb** acceptance $2 < \eta < 5$)
- Lorentz boost provides signature for **c**- & **b**-hadrons selection
- Tagging for prompt-**c** and **c**-from-**b**

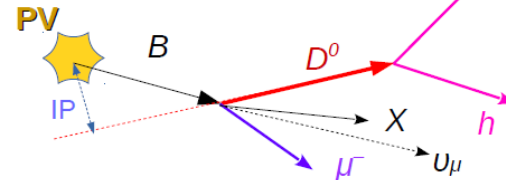
Prompt tagging

Primary vertex (PV)

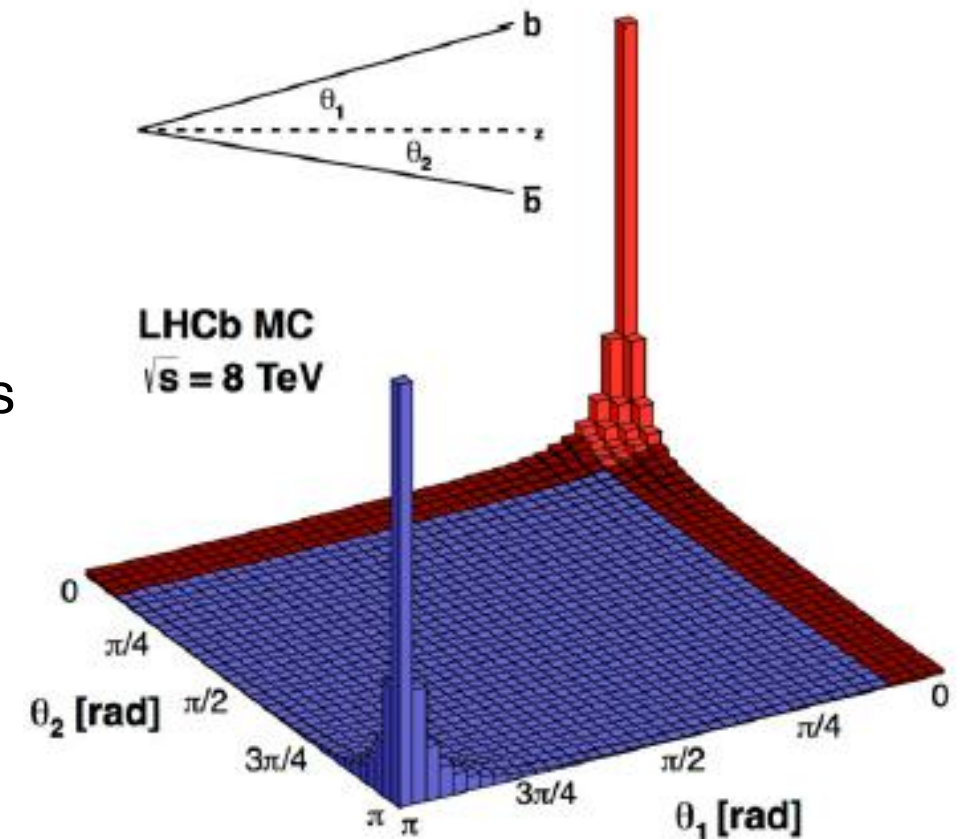


Higher tagging rate

Secondary (semileptonic)



More efficient triggering



LHCb: Find \ Identify \ Measure

Excellent vertexing allows efficient heavy quark hadrons selection / gives access to decay time distribution / prompt-secondary separation for charm

Protons collision point

Excellent PID allows to suppress background dramatically and explore many decay modes

Excellent tracking

Muon system – nice tagging & great potential to search for rare decays with di-muons

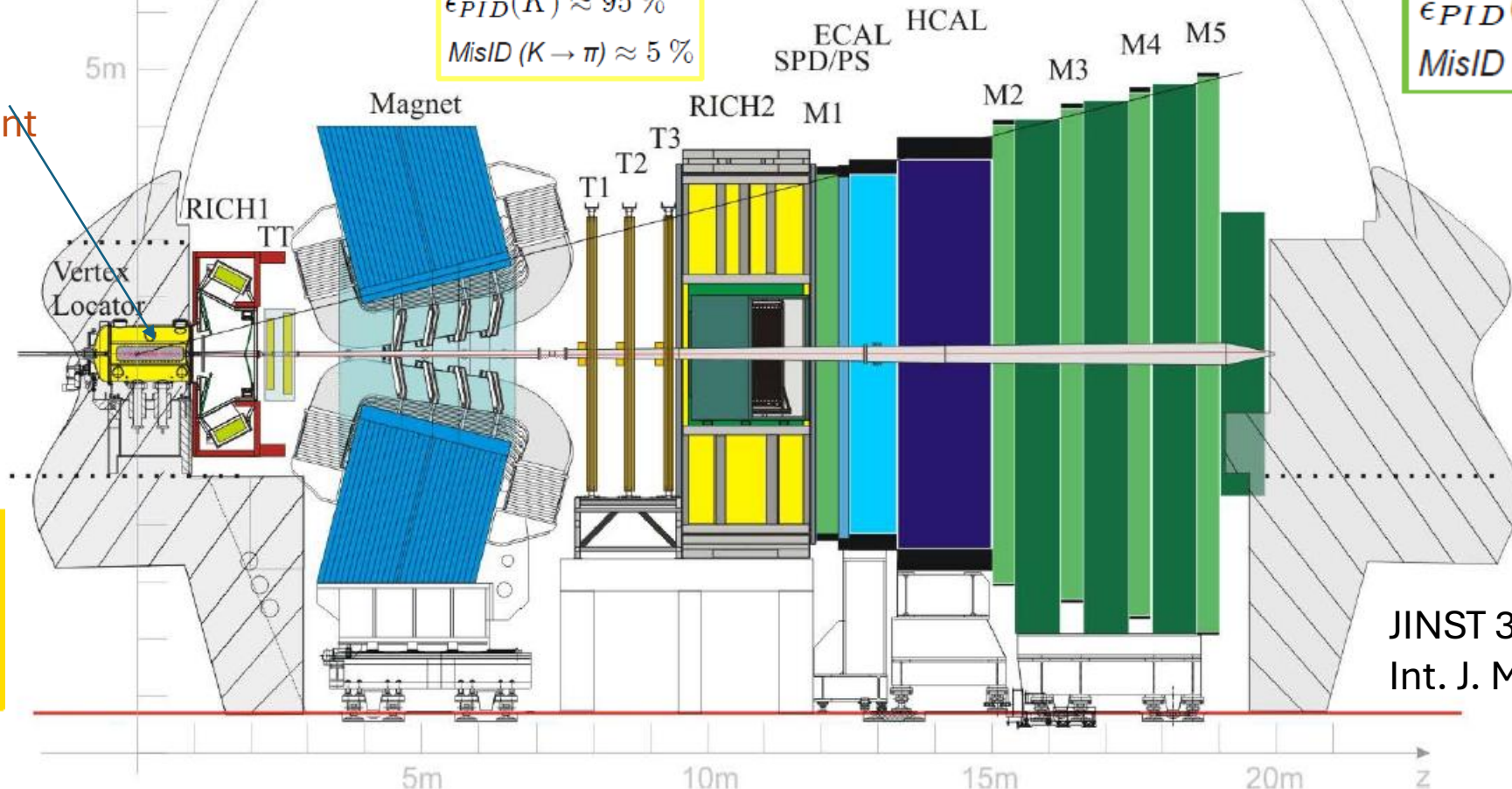
$$\epsilon_{PID}(K) \approx 95 \%$$

$$MisID(K \rightarrow \pi) \approx 5 \%$$

$$\epsilon_{PID}(\mu) \approx 97 \%$$

$$MisID(\pi \rightarrow \mu) \approx 3 \%$$

$$\sigma(IP) \approx 20 \mu m$$
$$\delta p/p = 0.4 - 0.6 \%$$
$$\epsilon_{track} > 96 \%$$



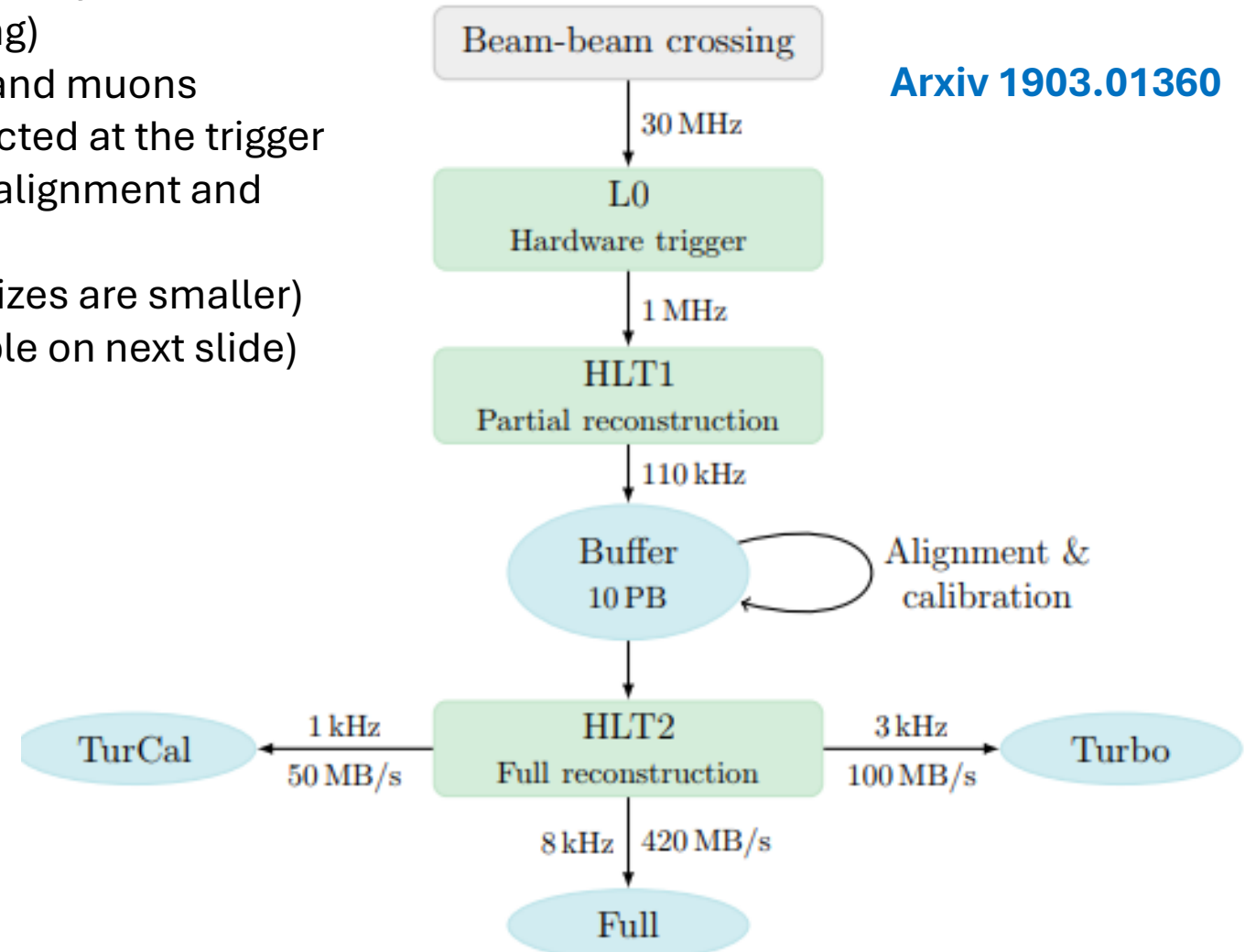
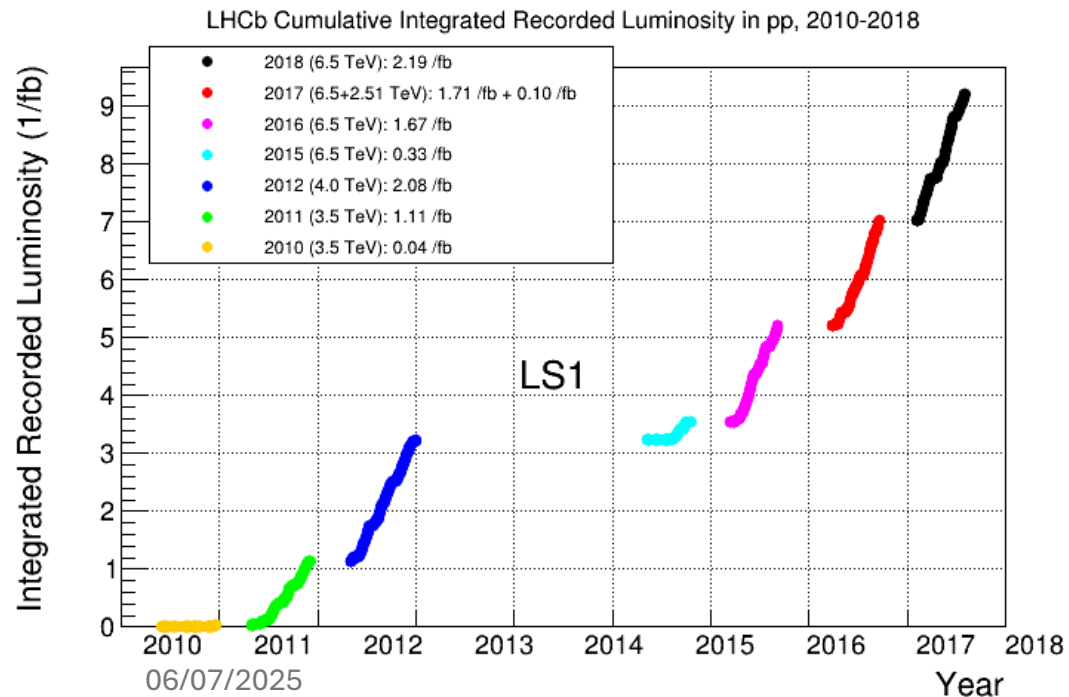
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Luminosity and trigger

Comput. Phys. Commun. 208 35-42
Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30, 1530022 (2015)

- LHCb operated in constant instantaneous luminosity mode (1.1 visible interactions per bunch crossing)
- Two stage trigger, which is efficient for hadrons and muons
- **Turbo stream for Run-2** – candidates reconstructed at the trigger level saved directly for offline analysis + (online alignment and calibration):
 - huge accepted rates (more data, as event sizes are smaller)
 - widely used for charm analyses (see example on next slide)

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Production and spectroscopy

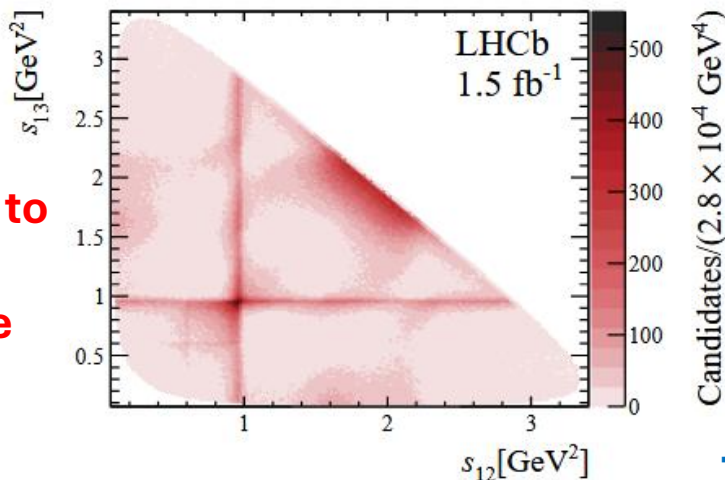
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- > New hadrons
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 - > Doubly charmed baryon
 - > Doubly charmed exotic meson
- > New decay modes
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 - > Amplitude analysis and branchings
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Couple of examples

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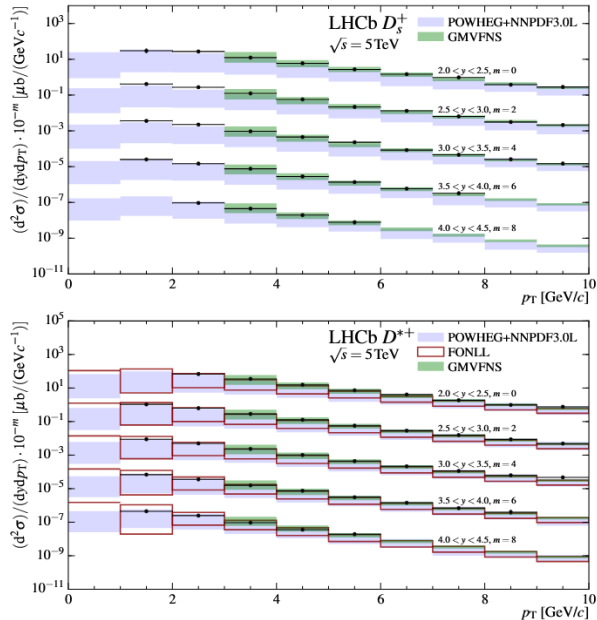
Production
and
spectroscopy

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$



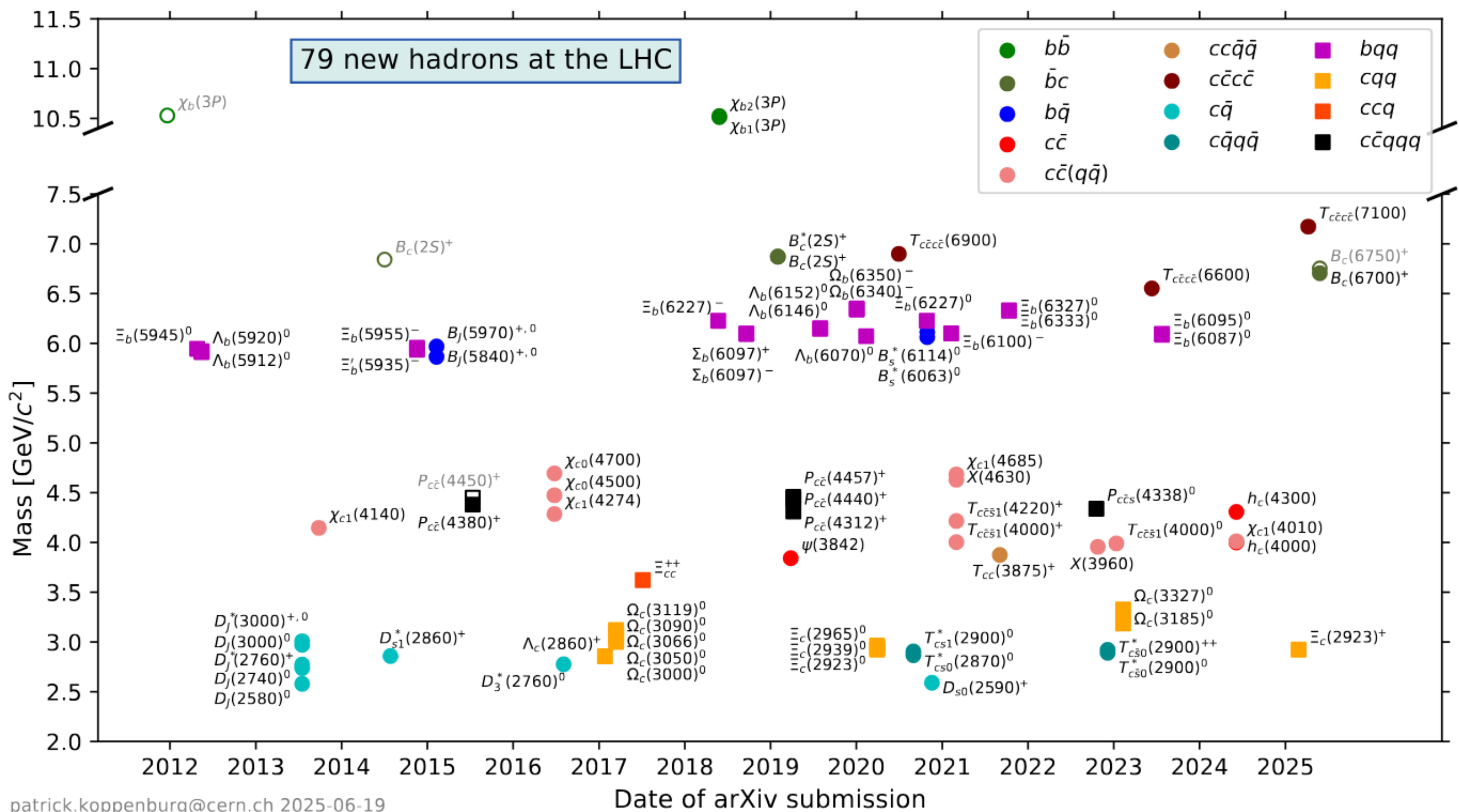
Huge rates leads to
a opportunity to
investigate phase
space in great
details

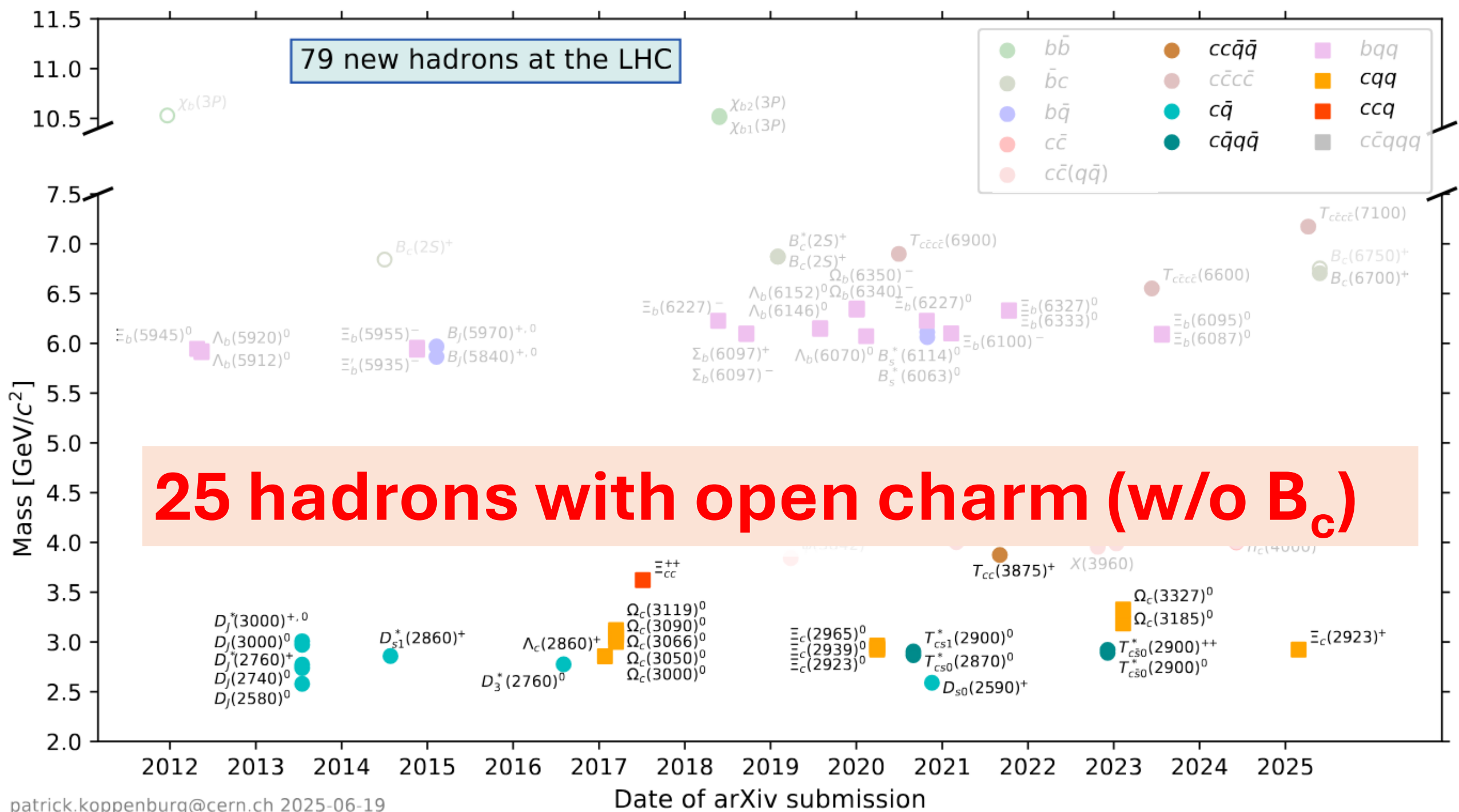
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5,7,8 and 13 TeV data

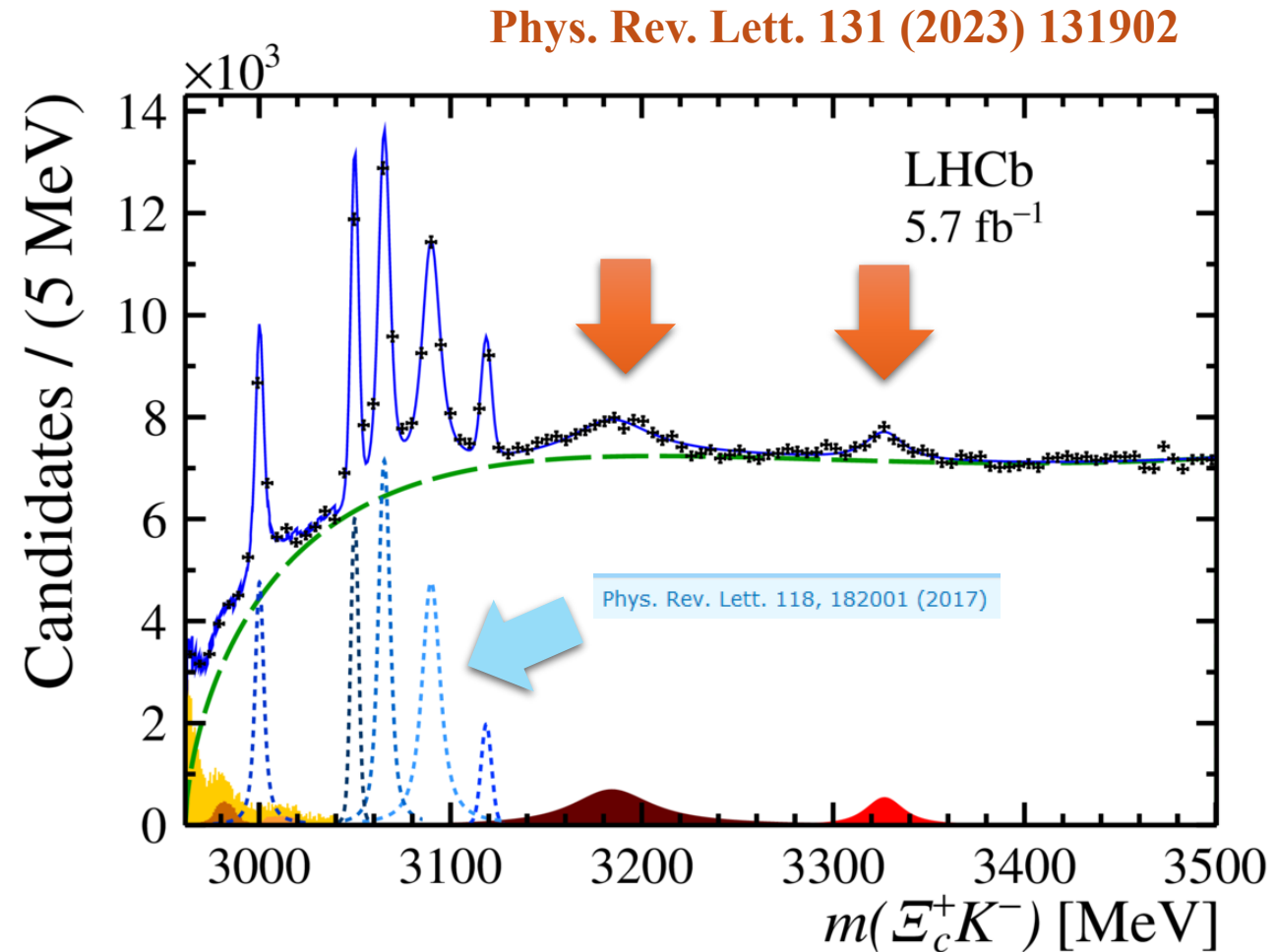
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$\Omega_c(3185)^0$ и $\Omega_c(3327)^0$

- In 2015 году LHCb announced simultaneous discovery of **five new excited states** of Ω_c^{*0} , which were observed in the $\Xi_c^+ K^-$ decay channel
- These investigations have been continued with LHCb Run-2 data.
- New analysis demonstrated **two more broad (resonant) structures** in $\Xi_c^+ K^-$ spectrum.



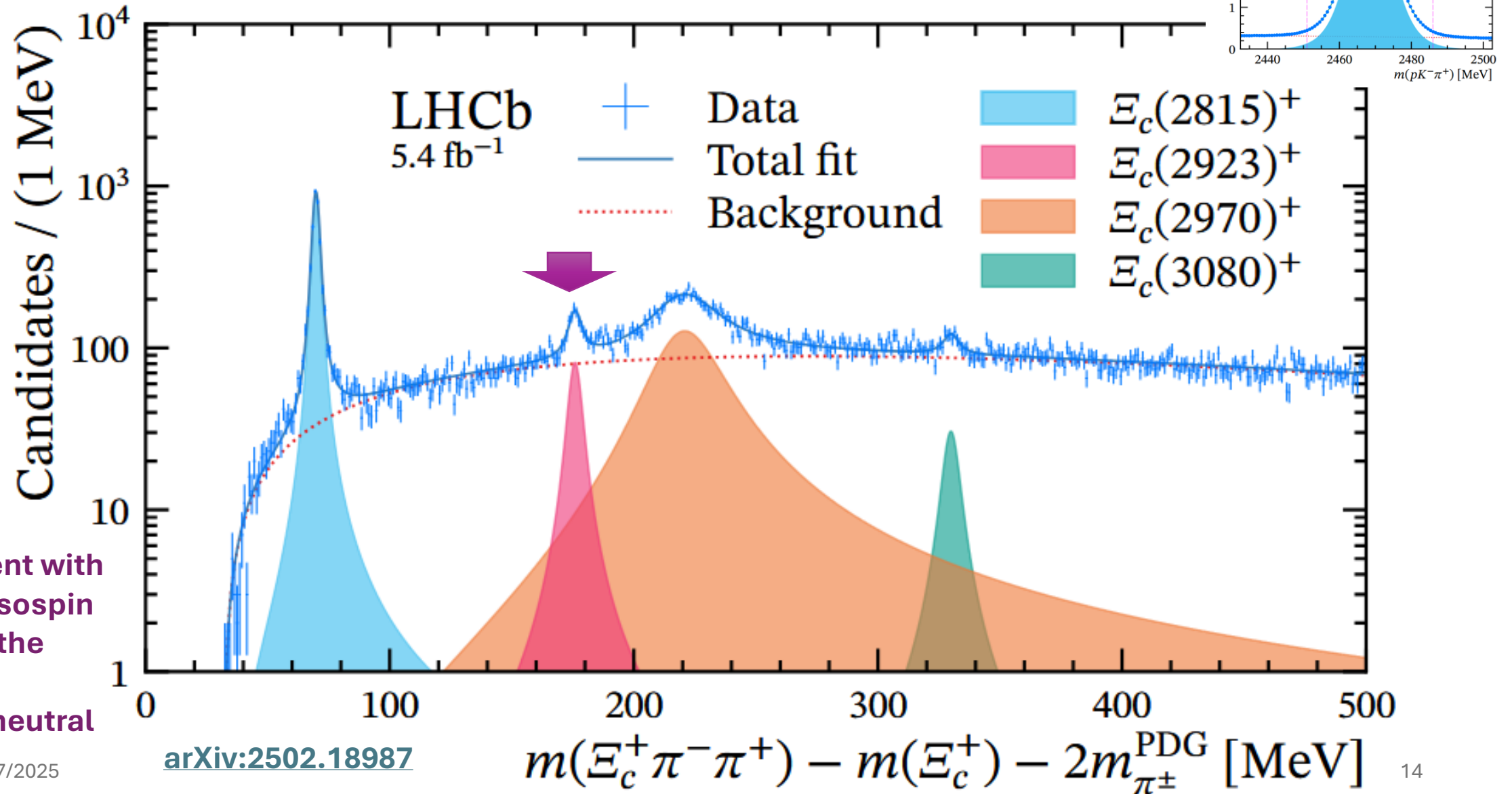
$$\Omega_c(3185)^0: \quad m = 3185.1 \pm 1.7^{+7.4}_{-0.9} \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 50 \pm 7^{+10}_{-20} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Omega_c(3327)^0: \quad m = 3327.1 \pm 1.2^{+0.1}_{-1.3} \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma = 20 \pm 5^{+13}_{-1} \text{ MeV}$$

Observation of $\Xi_c(2923)^+$



Is consistent with
being the isospin
partner of the
previously
observed neutral
state

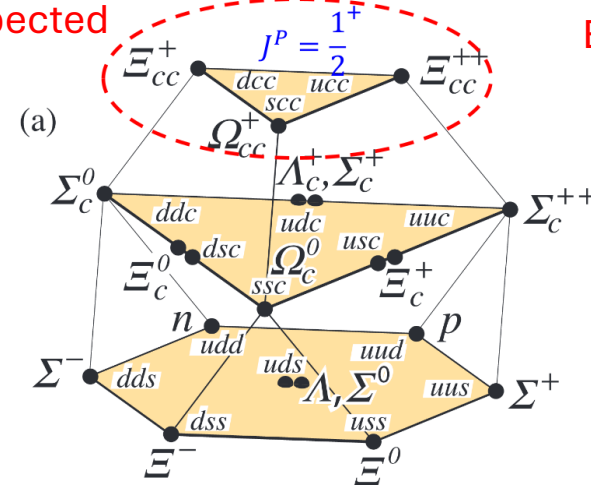
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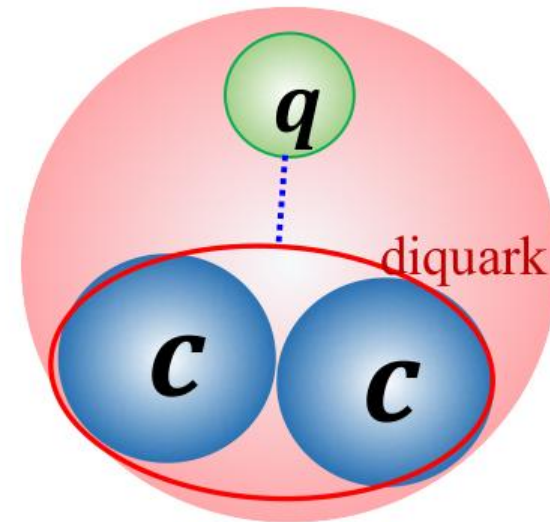
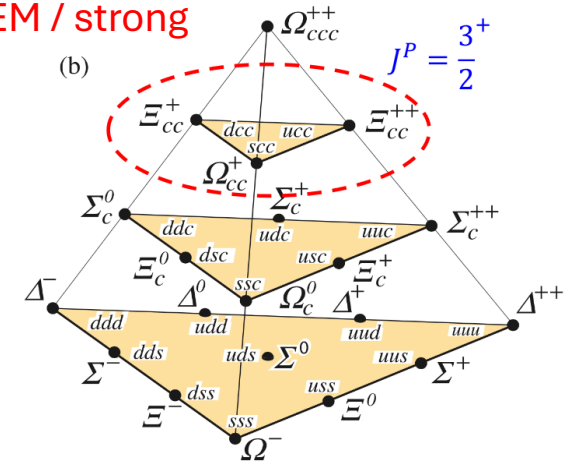
Discovery of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

- Two SU3 triplets are predicted as parts of two SU4 baryons 20-plets
- Many predictions:
 - $M(\Xi_{cc}^{++,+})$ in [3.5-3.7] GeV
 - $M(\Omega_{cc}) \approx M(\Xi_{cc}) + 0.1$ GeV
- Few MeV isospin splitting between Ξ_{cc}^{++} and Ξ_{cc}^{+}
- Lattice QCD: $M(\Xi_{cc}^{++,+}) \approx 3.6$ GeV, $M(\Omega_{cc}) \approx 3.7$ GeV
- HQET: core from heavy diquark
- Lifetimes prediction $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \in [200 - 700] \text{ fs}$
 $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}(ccu)) \gg \tau(\Xi_{cc}^{+}(ccd))$

Weak force driven
decays expected



EM / strong

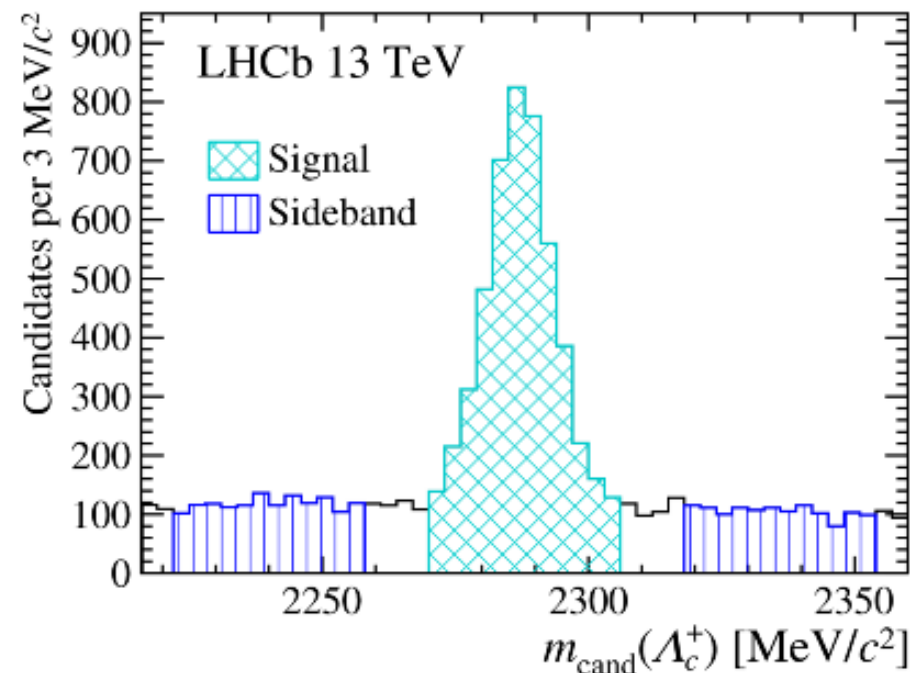
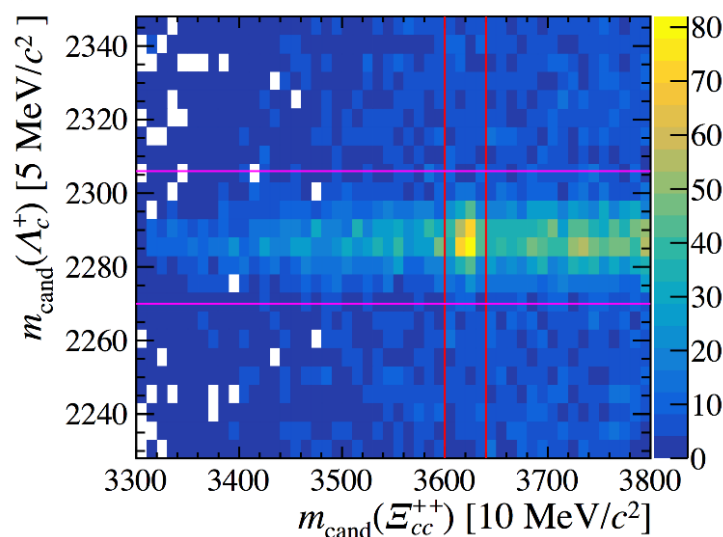
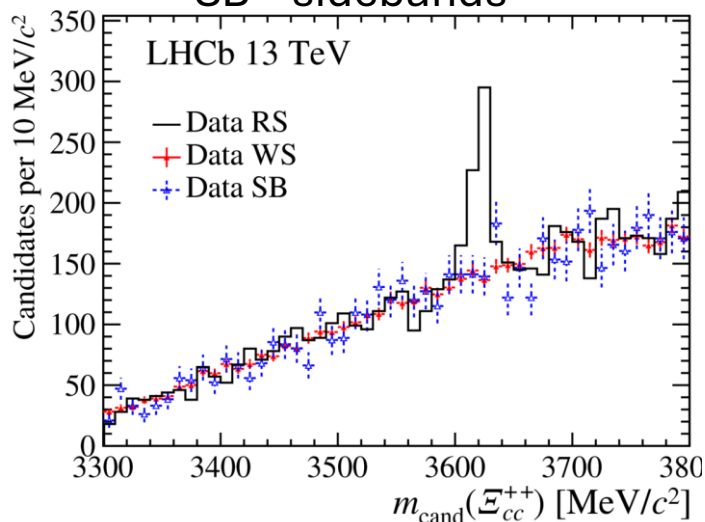
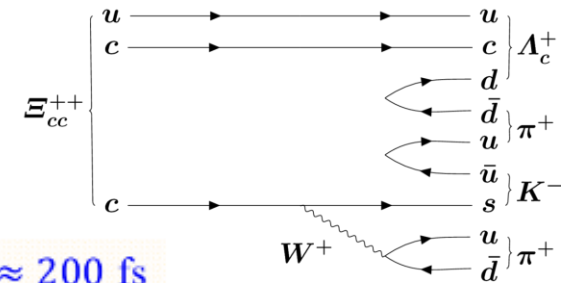
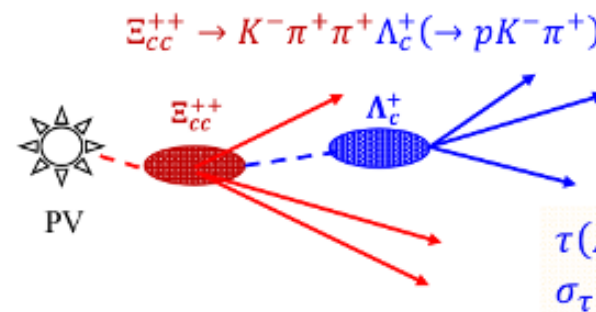


Doubly heavy baryon
expected to be similar
to a heavy Qq meson

Ref. to theory papers in backup

Discovery of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

- Use Run II data 1.7 fb^{-1} , exclusive high efficient trigger (Turbo) / result is confirmed with Run-I data 2 fb^{-1}
- Expected up 10% branching fraction for decay of interest
- Cross check with different categor $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ion:
 - RS – right sign combination
 - WS – wrong sign
 - SB – sidebands



Discovery of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

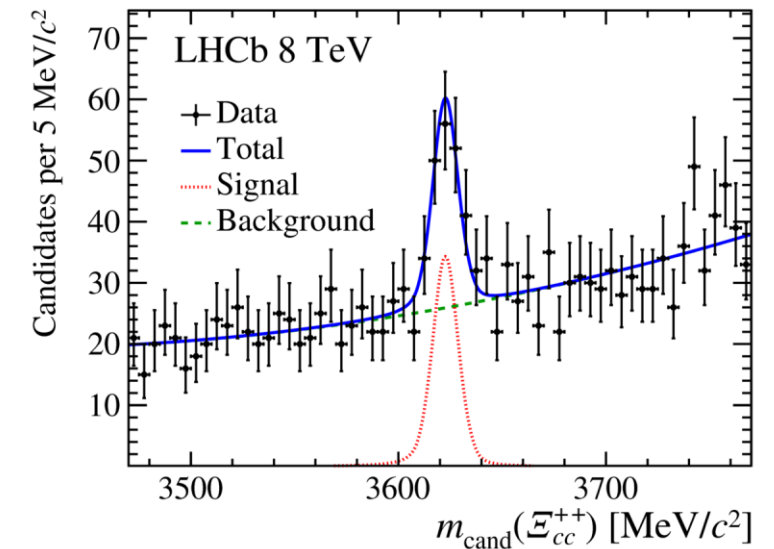
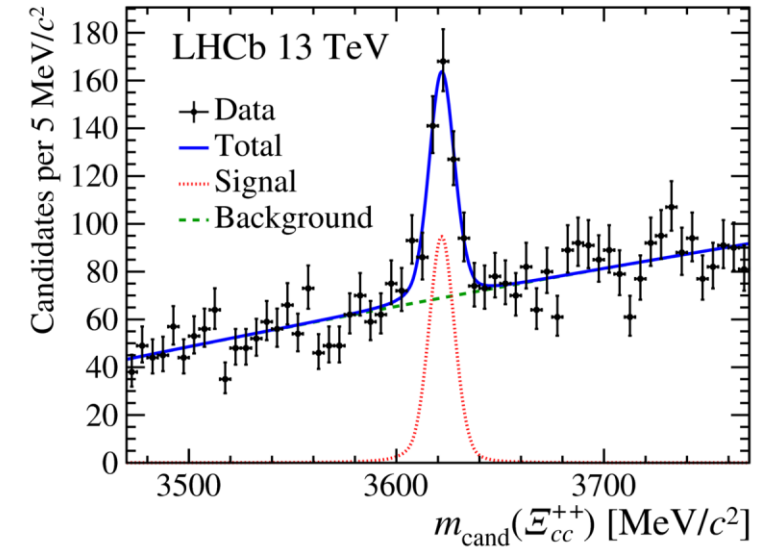
- Signal yield of 313 ± 33 events
- Local significance greater than 12σ
- Confirmed with Run-I data (113 ± 21 ev. / $>7\sigma$ sign.)

$$m(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 3621.40 \pm 0.72(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst}) \pm 0.14(\Lambda_c^+) \text{ MeV}$$

$$m(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) - m(\Lambda_c^+) = 1134.94 \pm 0.72(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$$

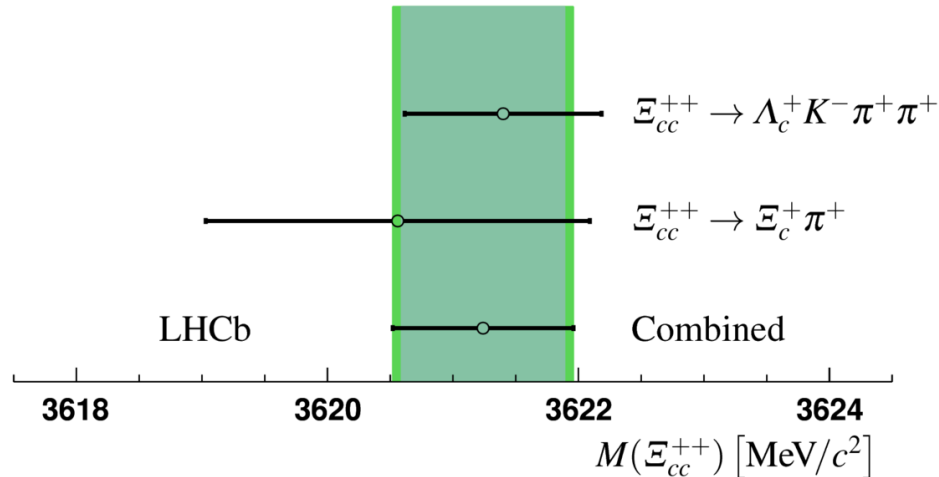
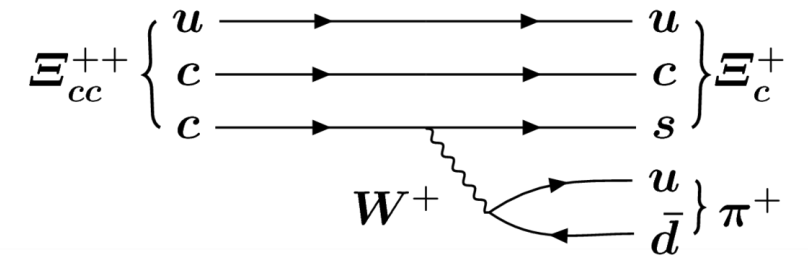
- Sub-MeV precision for observation
- Obtained values are consistent with many theoretical calculations (including LQCD)
- Weakly decay (as has ~ 0.25 ps lifetime, see. next slides)

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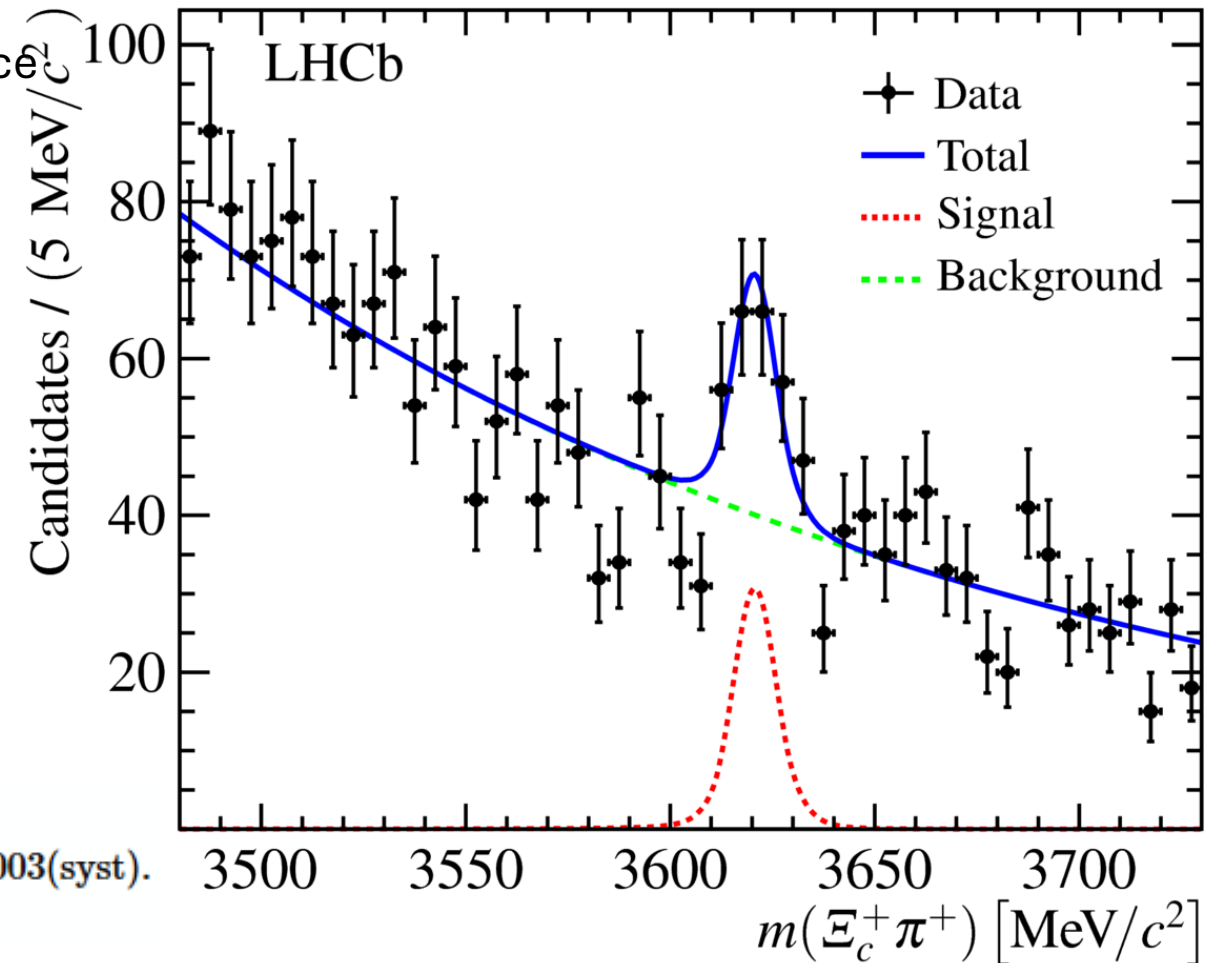


“Re-Discovery” of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

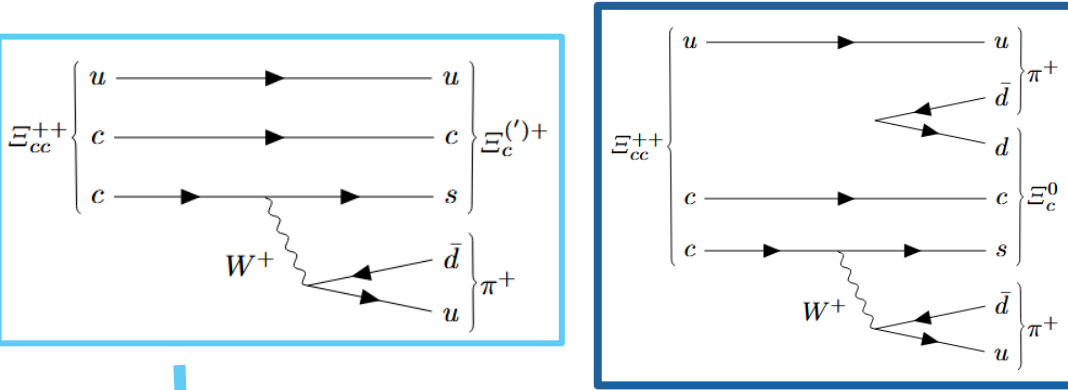
- Another channel with assumed high branching fraction
- Use Run II data 1.7 fb^{-1}
- Yield: 90 ± 20 candidates, corresponds 5.9σ significance
- Mass measurement is in agreement with previously measured value



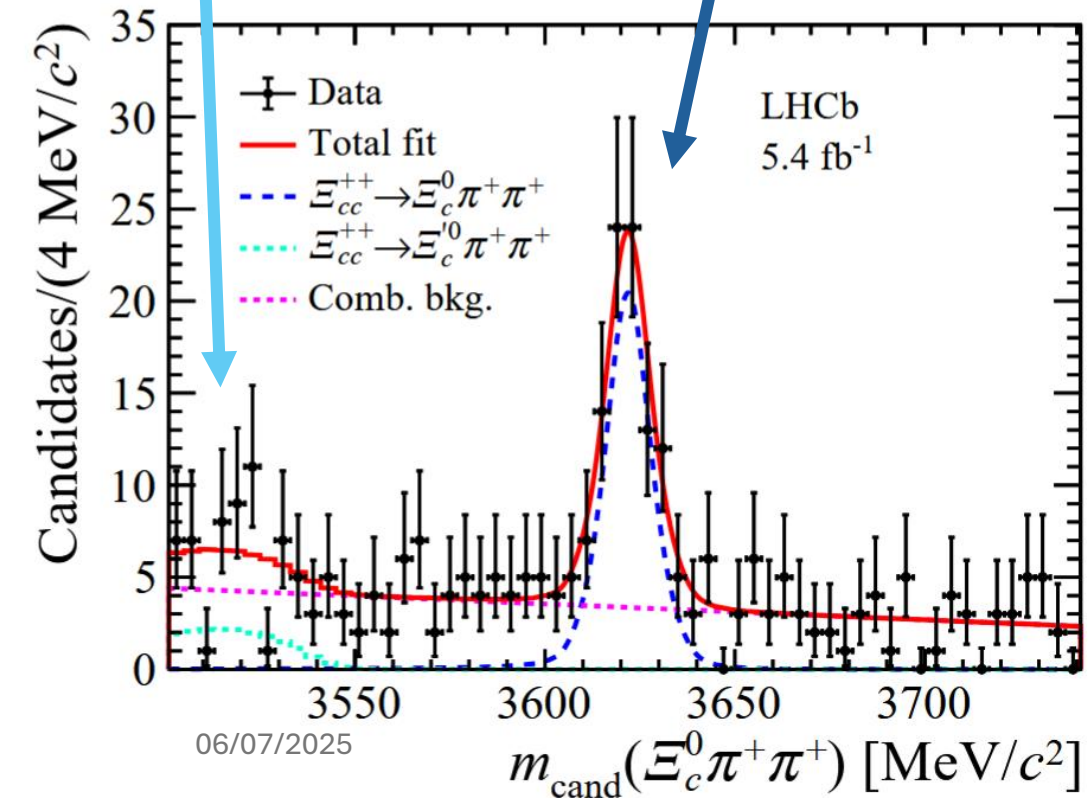
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)} = 0.035 \pm 0.009(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003(\text{syst}).$$



One more decay channel observed for Ξ_{cc}^{++}



- A search for the doubly-charmed-baryon decay $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^0 (\rightarrow p K^- K^- \pi^+) \pi^+ \pi^+$ is performed using pp collision data collected by the LHCb experiment at a centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV and corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.4 fb^{-1} .



$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^0 \pi^+ \pi^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow p K^- K^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)} =$$

$$= 0.105 \pm 0.014 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.007 (\text{syst})$$

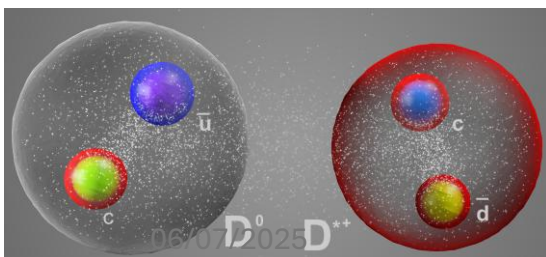
Discovery of doubly charmed tetraquark

- Narrow resonance has been discovered in the mass spectrum of promptly produced system of $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ mesons.
- Doubly charmed exotic resonance has a mass below $D^{*+} D^0$ threshold
- Minimal quark content [ccud](#).

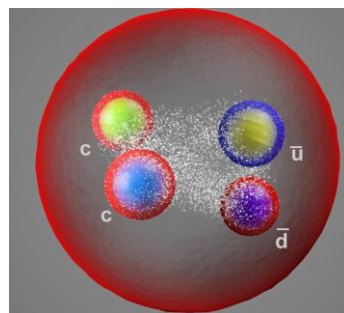
[Nature Physics](#) **18**, 751–754 (2022)

- More informatio:
 - Seminar of I.Belyaev ([video](#))
 - Seminar of V.Baru ([video](#))

Hadronic molecule

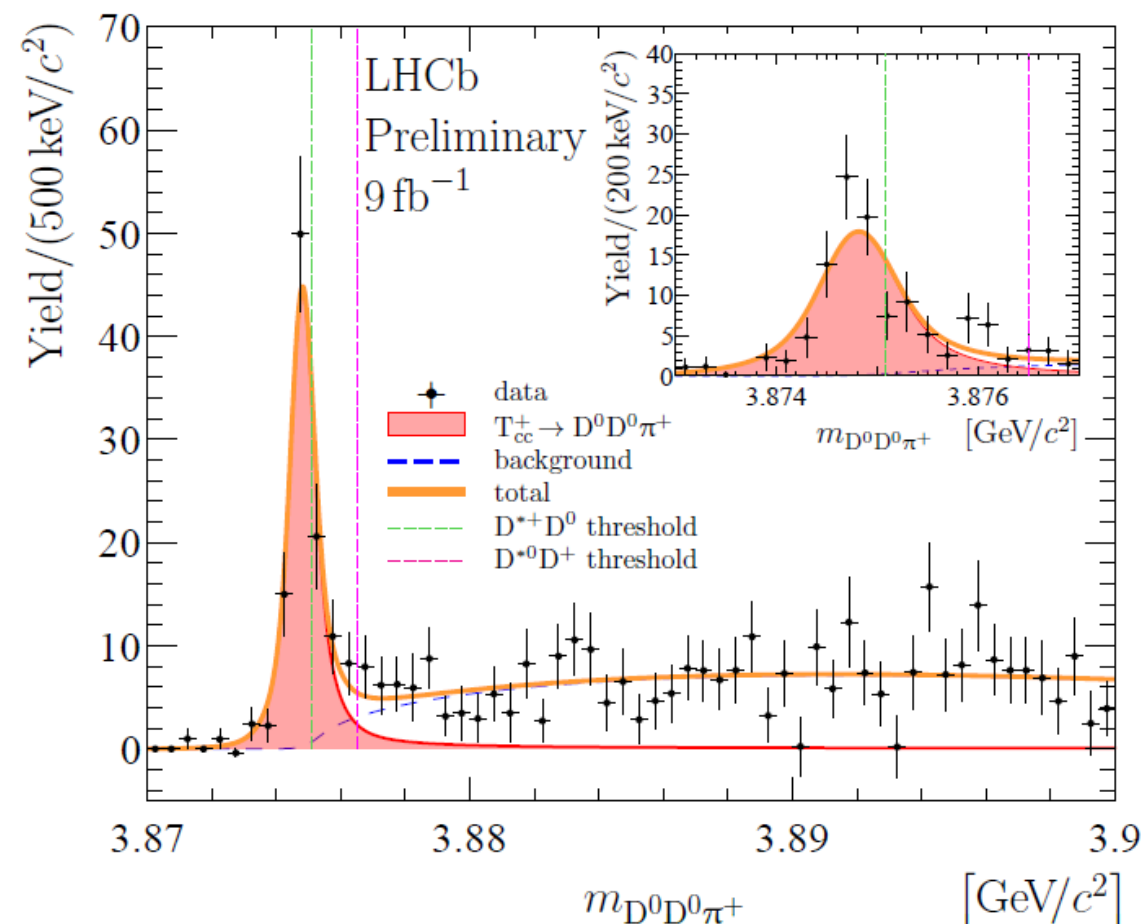


Compact hadrocharmonium-like state



or

?



$D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ mass spectrum with the approximation. In addition T_{cc}^+ mass region is shown. Vertical lines corresponds to thresholds for production of pairs: $D^+ D^{*0}$ and $D^0 D^{*+}$

Lifetime measurement for Ξ_{cc}^{++}

- Significant yields for non-zero lifetime
- Lifetime was measured wrt. Λ_b^0 decay
- Semi-unbinned method used: only lifetime acceptances are defined as histogram pdf's

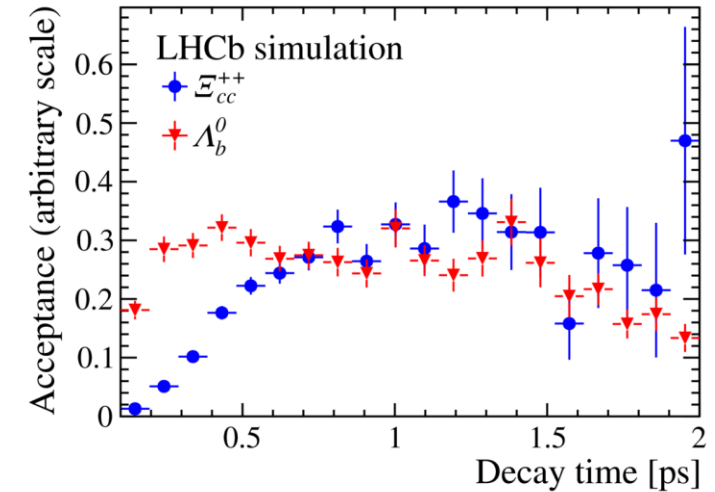
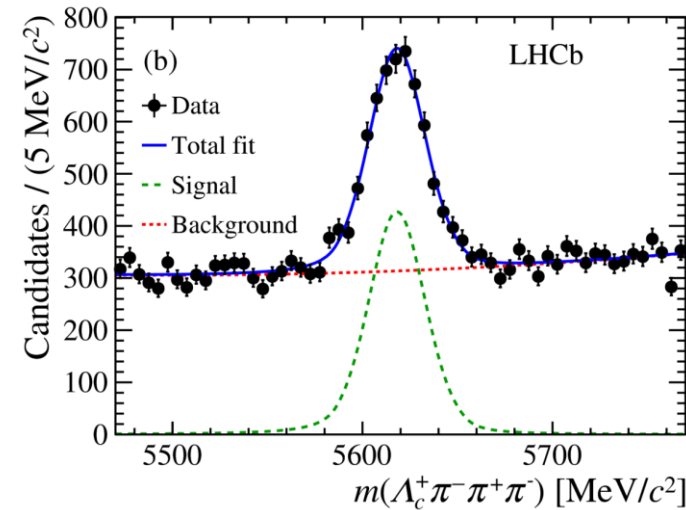
$$\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 0.256^{+0.024}_{-0.022} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.014 (\text{syst}) \text{ ps.}$$

This result favors smaller lifetime values in the range of theoretical predictions

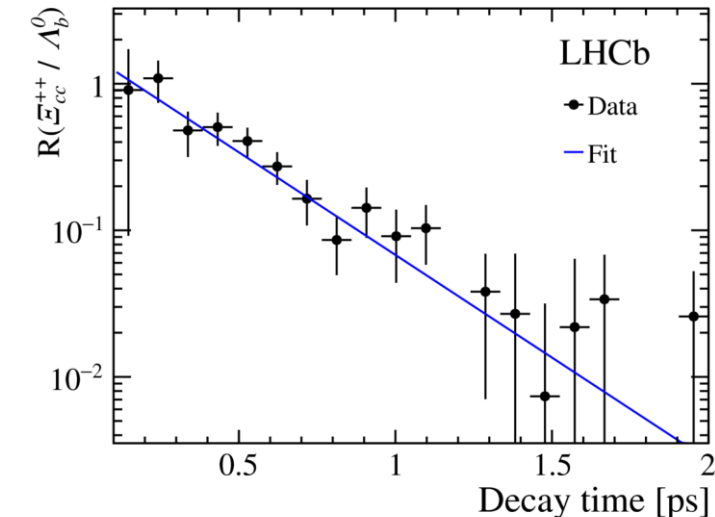
Ref. to theory papers in backup

- Result suggests small lifetime values for isospin partner Ξ_{cc}^{+} .**
- Hard to search for!!**
- Searches in progress (see JHEP 12 (2021) 107 and refs. there in)**

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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



Measurement of Ω_c lifetime

- Lifetime hierarchy charmed baryons was considered (see backup Refs.) to be:

$$\tau_{\Xi_c^+} > \tau_{\Lambda_c^+} > \tau_{\Xi_c^0} > \tau_{\Omega_c^0}.$$

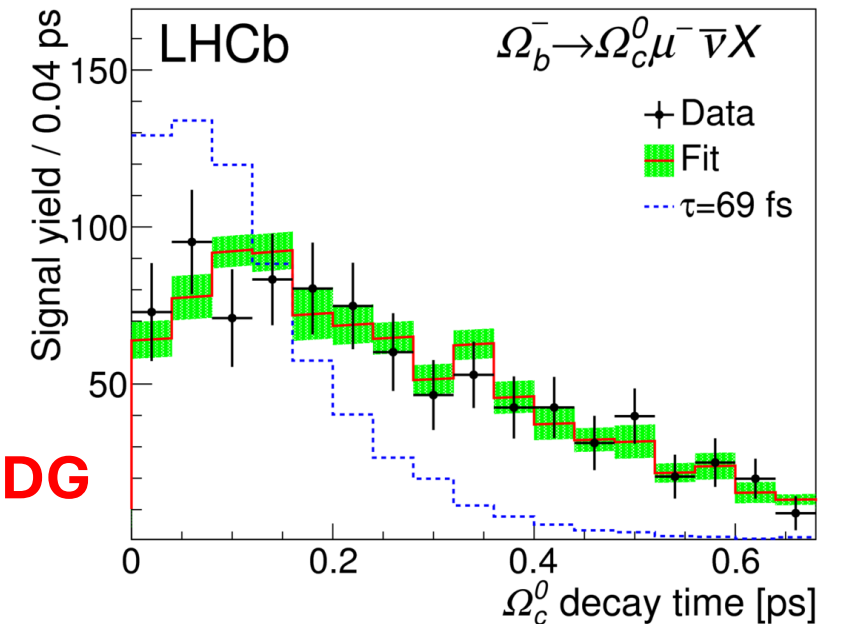
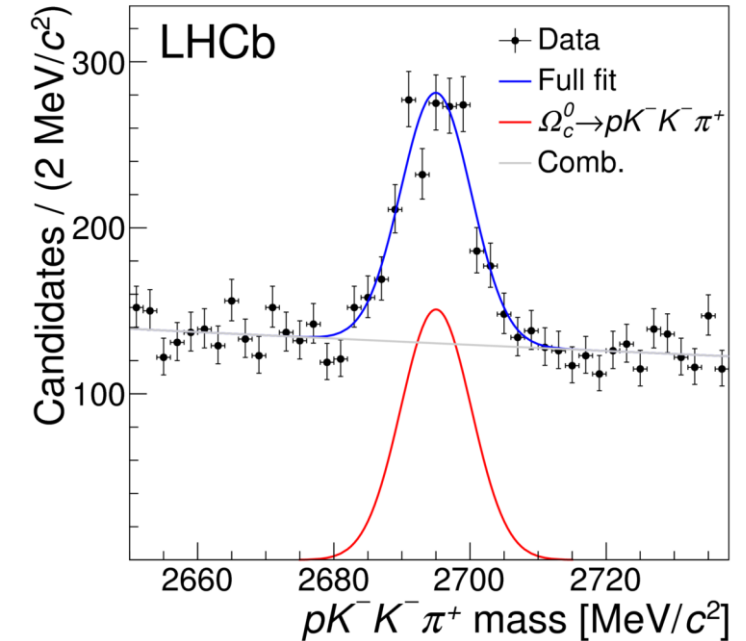
- Muons from semileptonic decays of Ω_b baryons and decay vertex of Ω_c baryon provide opportunity for lifetime measurement

- To reduce uncertainty the lifetime ratio were measured

$$\tau_{\Omega_c^0} \equiv \frac{\tau_{\Omega_c^0}}{\tau_{D^+}}$$

$$B \rightarrow D^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu X \quad D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$

- Result is incompatible with 69 fs lifetime reported in PDG**



Measurement of Ω_c lifetime

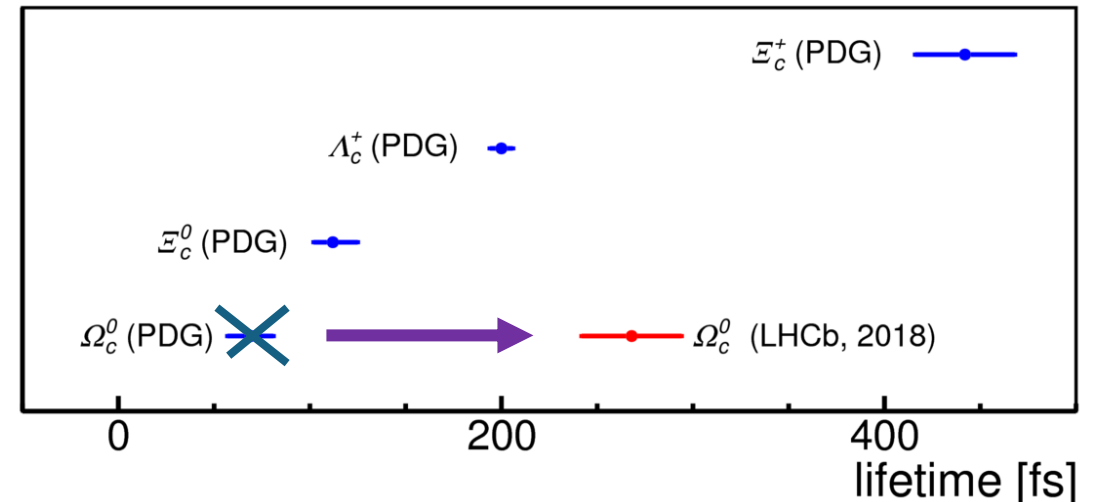
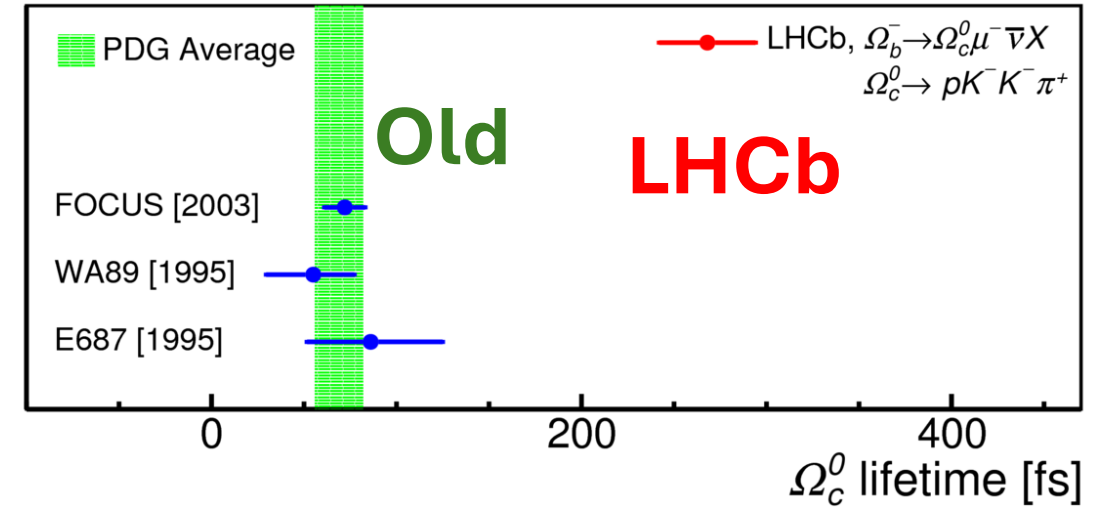
Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 092003

$$\frac{\tau_{\Omega_c^0}}{\tau_{D^+}} = 0.258 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.010$$

$$\tau_{\Omega_c^0} = 268 \pm 24 \pm 10 \pm 2 \text{ fs,}$$

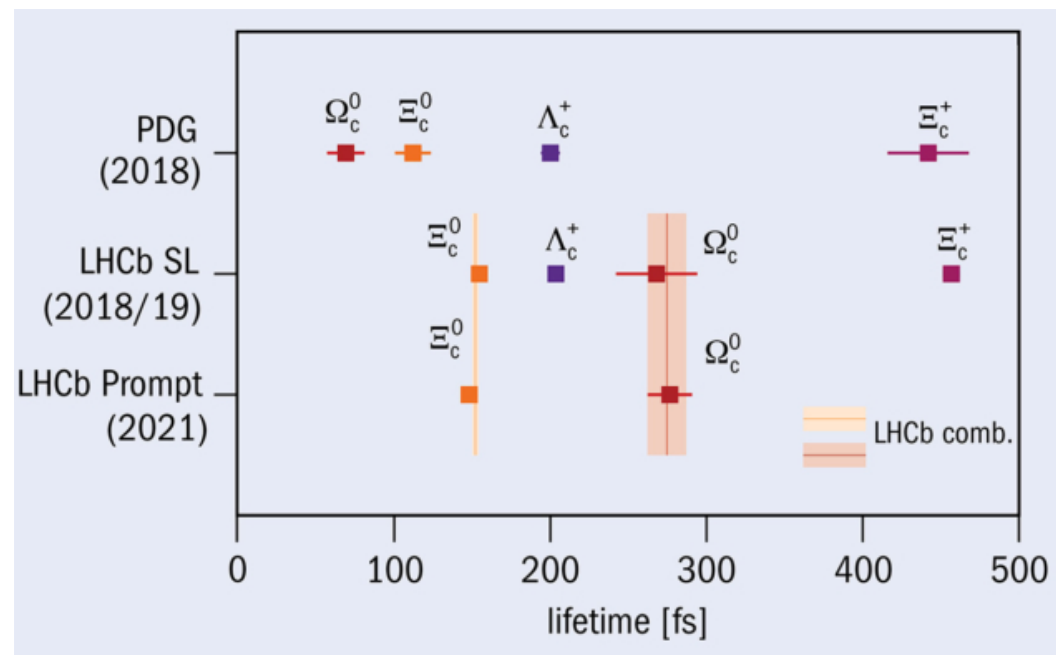
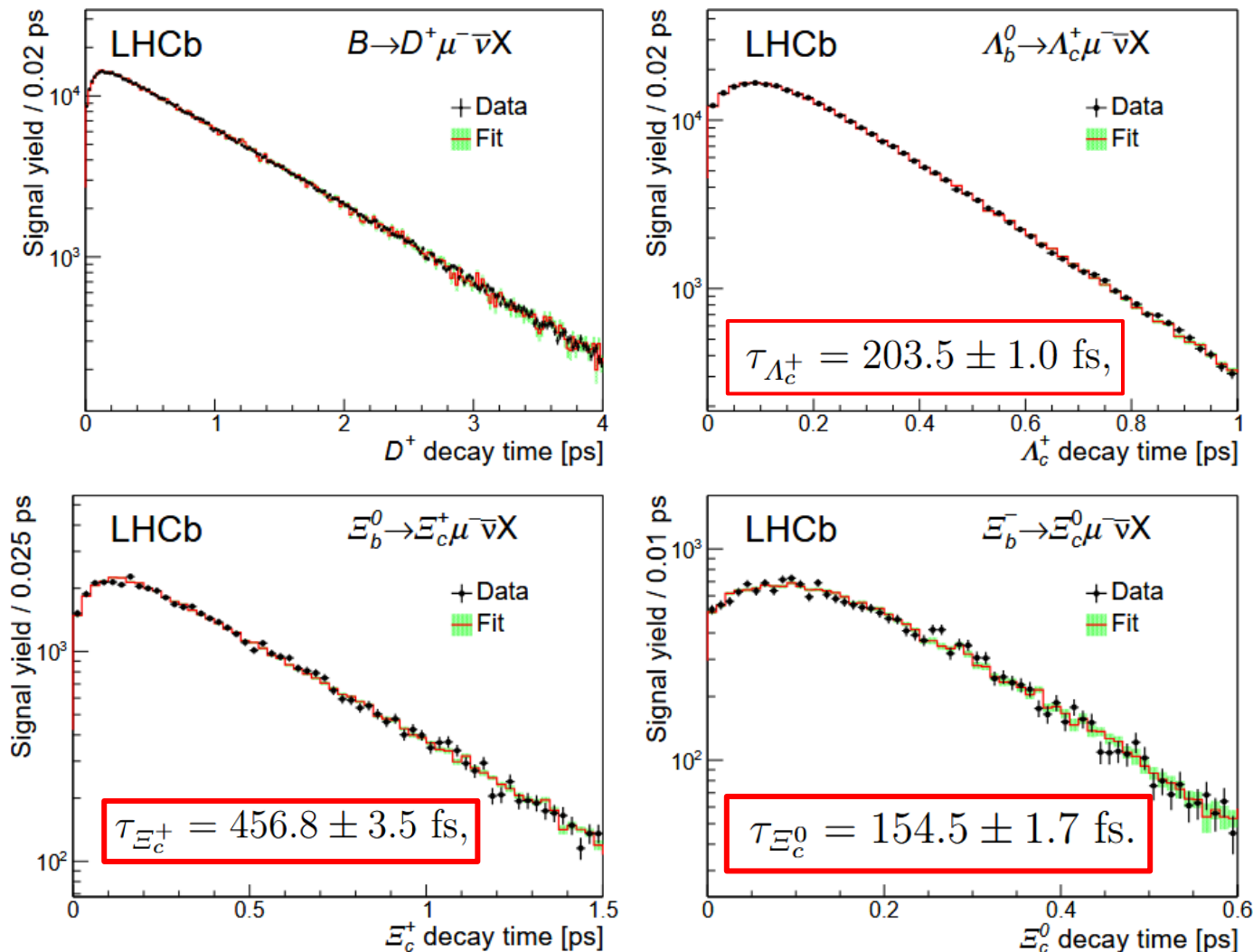
- Previous experiments were done using much smaller sample obtained on nucleus targets
- Very intriguing / Theorist are kindly welcome to explain:

$$\tau_{\Xi_c^+} > \tau_{\Omega_c^0} > \tau_{\Lambda_c^+} > \tau_{\Xi_c^0}.$$



Lifetimes of charmed baryons

Plot from [CERN Courier](#)



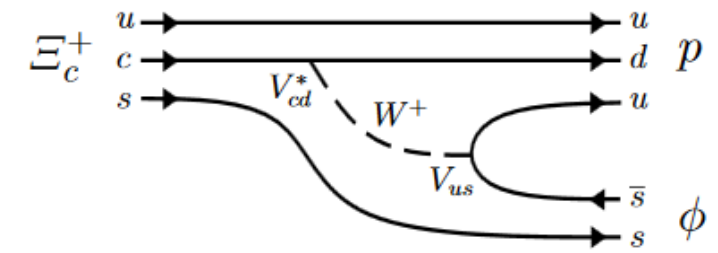
- Measurements done with prompt baryons
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confirmed results of the semi-muonic method
- New hierarchy of lifetimes is confirmed!**

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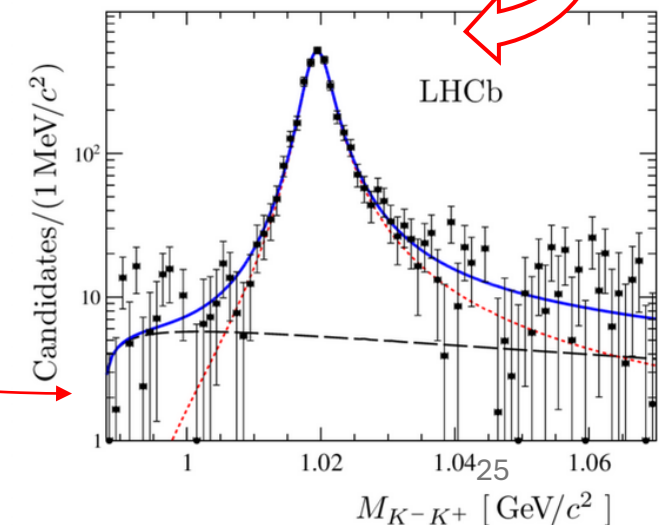
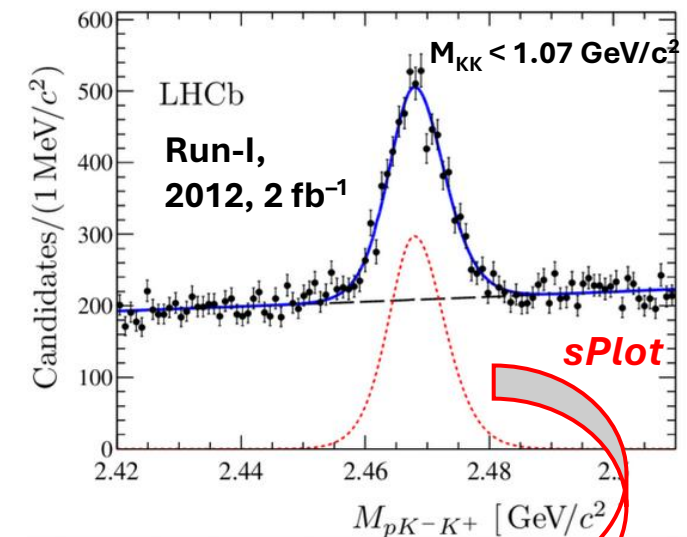
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Doubly Cabibbo suppressed decay of Ξ_c^+ baryon

Quark diagram for the decay: $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p\phi$

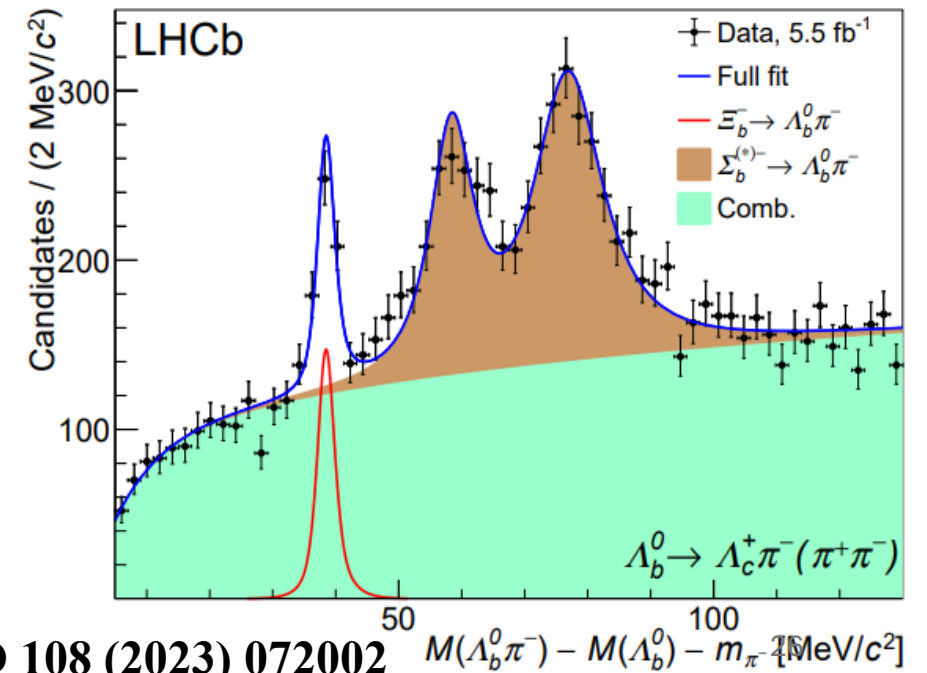
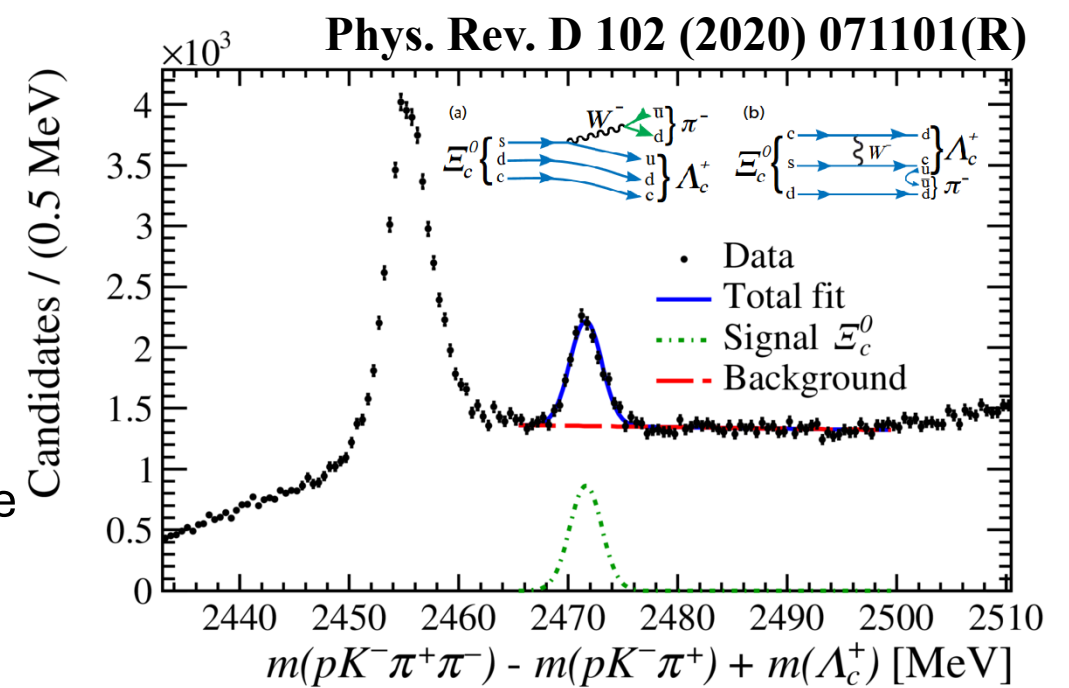


- In the SM decays driven by the $c \rightarrow d$ and $u \rightarrow s$ transition are suppressed because of hierarchy of the elements of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix
- Decays, for which both of these transitions play roles are named **doubly Cabibbo suppressed**.
- Their investigation will allow to understand the role of the spectator quarks (in particular the role of the Pauli principle) on dynamics of the decay.
- **Important for the explanation of the hierarchy of the charmed hadron lifetimes** (see. LHCb: *Phys. Rev. D* **100** (2019) 032001).
- Signal from the $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p\phi$ decay has been discovered with high statistical significance ($>15\sigma$)
- An evidence ($3,5\sigma$) for the non- ϕ мезонном decays $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^+K^-$ also has been found
- A ratio of $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p\phi$ and $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^+\pi^-$ has been measured
- **JHEP** **04** (2019) 084).



s-quark transitions in heavy (**c**-/**b**-) baryons

- LHCb has discovered decays $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ and $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-$
- These decays are interesting because they are driven by the strange quark (**s**) weak decay, while charm (**c**) of beauty (**b**) quark plays spectator role.
- Some theoretical models predict enhancement of branching fractions of decays of these type .
- With the known fragmentation functions ratio ($f_{\Xi_b^-}/f_{\Lambda_b^0}$) the branching ratio has been measured:
- $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-) = (0.89 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.29) \%$
- Measured value rejects some theoretical models, which describe decay



Mixing and CPV searches in charm sector

- > Direct CPV
 - > Search and Observation
 - > Many CP asymmetries
- > Mixing
 - > Observation
 - > Mixing parameters
 - > Search CPV in mixing

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Observation of *CP* violation in charm decays
Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 (2019) 211803 , 20 Mar 2019

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Observation of the mass difference between neutral charm-meson eigenstates
Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, (2021) 111801, 07 Jun 2021

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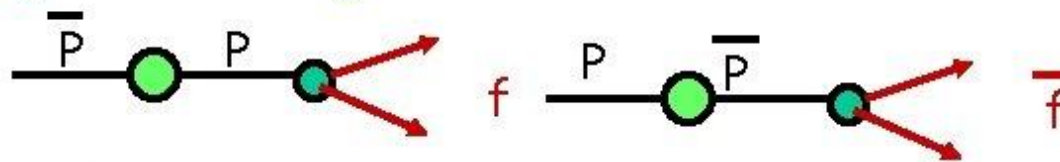
CP-violation and mixing

Types of CP violation

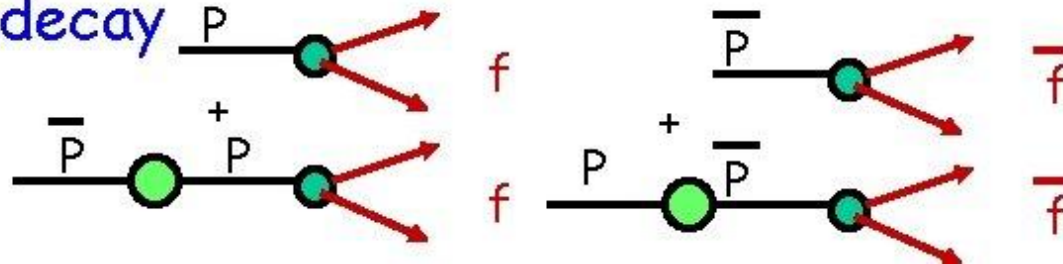
- ~~CP~~ in decay



- ~~CP~~ in mixing



- ~~CP~~ in interference between mixing and decay



- CP Violation in the Quark Sector, T. Gershon, Y. Nir ([PDG](#))
 - CKM Quark-Mixing Matrix, A. Ceccucci, Z. Ligeti, Y. Saka ([PDG](#))
 - CPT Invariance Tests in Neutral Kaon Decay, M. Antonelli, G. D'Ambrosio, M.S. Sozzi ([PDG](#))
 - CP Violation in K_L Decays, L. Wolfenstein, C.-J. Lin (LBNL), T.G. Trippe ([PDG](#))
 - D^0 - \bar{D}^0 Mixing, D.M. Asner, A.J. Schwartz ([PDG](#))
 - B^0 - \bar{B}^0 Mixing, O. Schneider ([PDG](#))

Discovery of the direct CP in decays of charmed mesons

- Standard Model predict quite small CPV for the c -quarks decays.
- LHCb reaches sensitivity which allows to search for CPV at the SM level
- A difference of CP asymmetries for two different CP-even decay modes of the D^0 meson has been measured. This allowed to decrease significantly systematic uncertainties related to production and detection asymmetries.
- Flavor of the initial state is determined using so-called *tagging algorithm*: soft pion charge /muon charge allow to tag D meson flavor.
- Statistical significance $5,3\sigma \rightarrow$ **First observation of direct CPV in decays of charmed hadrons**
- Phys. Rev. Lett.* **122 (2019) 211803**

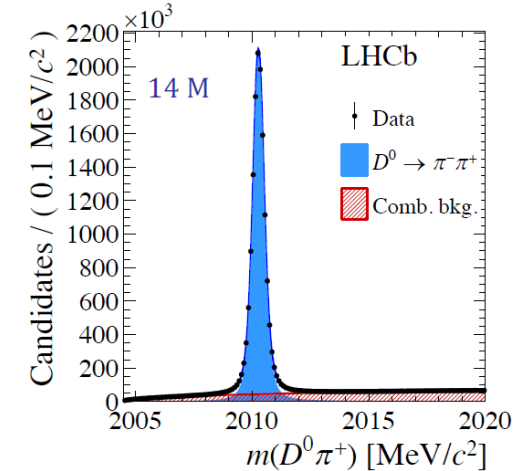
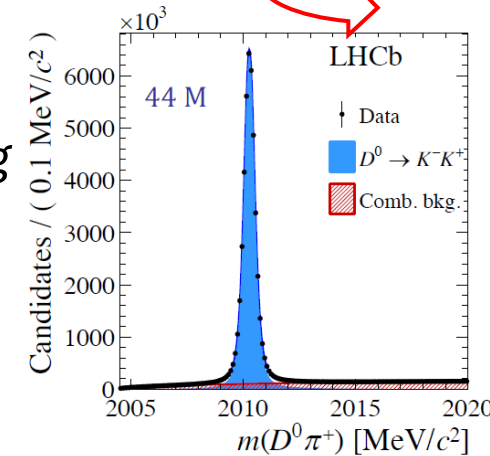
CP asymmetry:

$$A_{CP}(f) = \frac{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma(D^0 \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow f)}$$

$$f = \pi^- \pi^+, K^- K^+$$

Tagging:

$$B \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow f)\mu^- X$$



Results for Run 1 + Run 2 :

$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\Delta A_{CP} \equiv A_{raw}(KK) - A_{raw}(\pi\pi) = A_{CP}(KK) - A_{CP}(\pi\pi)$$

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$\Delta A_{CP} \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Violation of CP

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ or $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$?

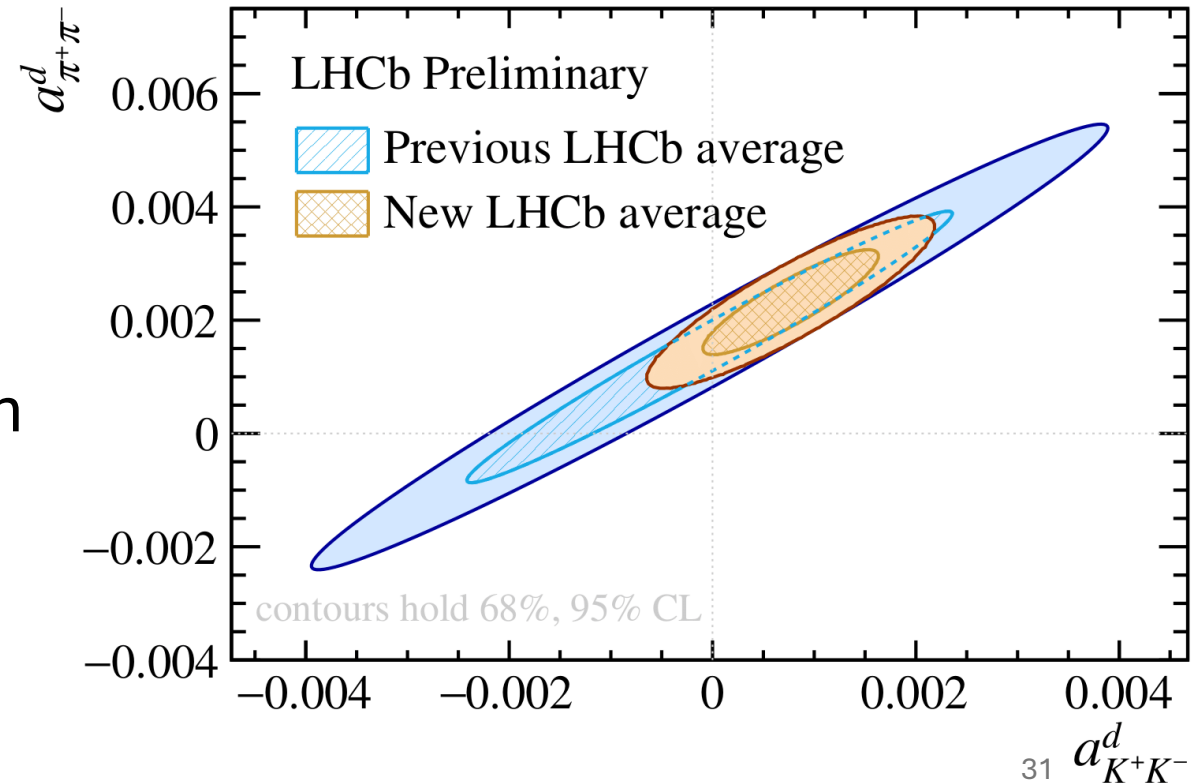
- **2019:** $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$
- $\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(KK) - A_{CP}(\pi\pi) \neq 0$
- CPV exists but what is the source?!

Two methods to measure $A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+)$

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+) = A(D^{*+} \rightarrow (D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+) \pi^+) - A(D^{*+} \rightarrow (D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+) \pi^+) + A(D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) - [A(D^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 \pi^+) - A(K^0)],$$

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+) = A(D^{*+} \rightarrow (D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+) \pi^+) - A(D^{*+} \rightarrow (D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+) \pi^+) + A(D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+) - [A(D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^+) - A(K^0)].$$

- **2022:** $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ – measurement $A_{CP}(KK)$
 - Two methods of the corrections
- $A_{CP}(KK) = (6.8 \pm 5.4_{\text{stat.}} \pm 2.0_{\text{sys.}}) \times 10^{-4}$
- Using ΔA_{CP} , one can distinguish between $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$ channels
 - $a_{\pi\pi}^d$ is non-zero at 3.8σ level
 - **Evidence for direct CPV in decays of $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$**



Time integrated $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0$

Promising channel to observe CPV, as only **exchange** and **loop-suppressed annihilation** amplitudes (with different strong and weak phases; similar sizes) can contribute.

Effect could reach $\sim 1\%$ levels in time-integrated CP asymmetry.

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{raw}} \approx \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}} + \mathcal{A}^{\text{prod}} + \mathcal{A}^{\text{det}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}} &\equiv \mathcal{A}^{\text{raw}}(K_S^0 K_S^0) - \mathcal{A}^{\text{raw}}(K^+ K^-) \\ &= \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}(K_S^0 K_S^0) - \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}(K^+ K^-). \end{aligned}$$

Huge rate, measured with per-mile precision

Prompt tagging using D^* .

Two track categories: Long (decays inside VELO) and Down (TT & OT hits)

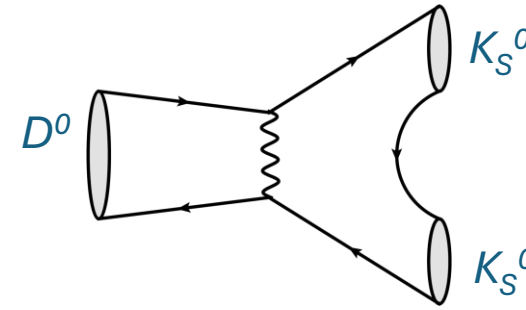
Two event categories: LL and LD

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}(\text{LL}) &= 0.067 \pm 0.038 \pm 0.009, \\ \mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}(\text{LD}) &= -0.053 \pm 0.074 \pm 0.013, \end{aligned}$$

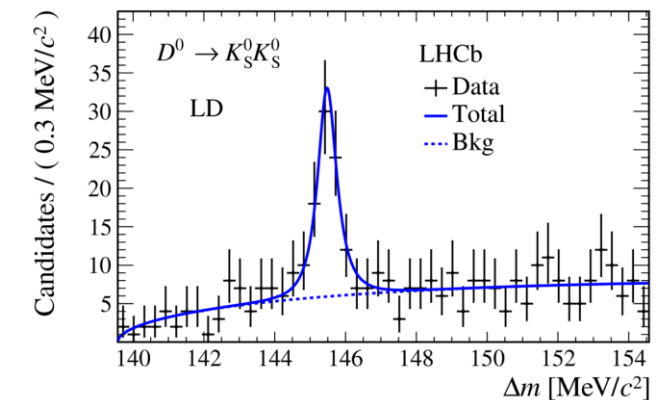
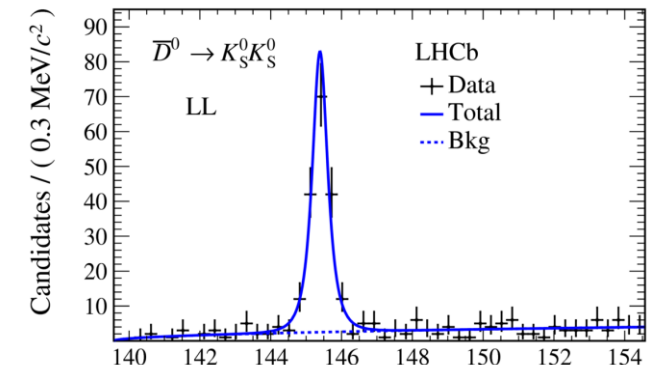
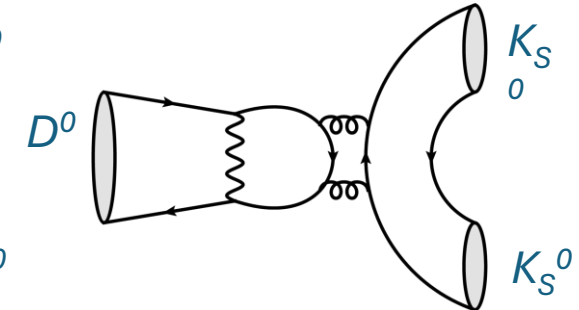
Compatible with SM predictions and with previous measurements

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{CP}}(K_S^0 K_S^0) = 0.020 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.010.$$

Exchange diagram



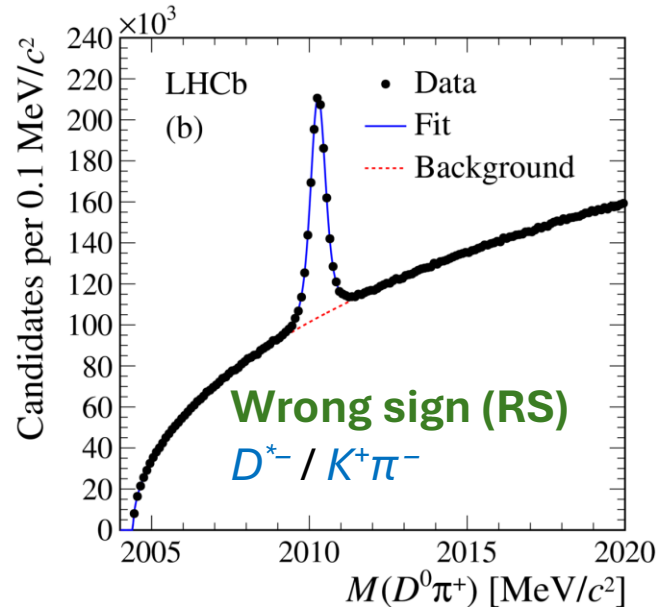
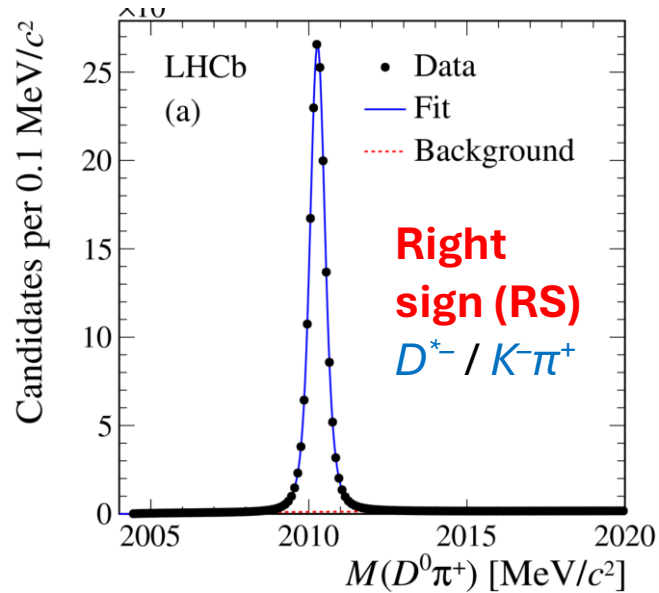
Penguin diagram



Mixing and CPV for D^0

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- What about CPV in mixing?

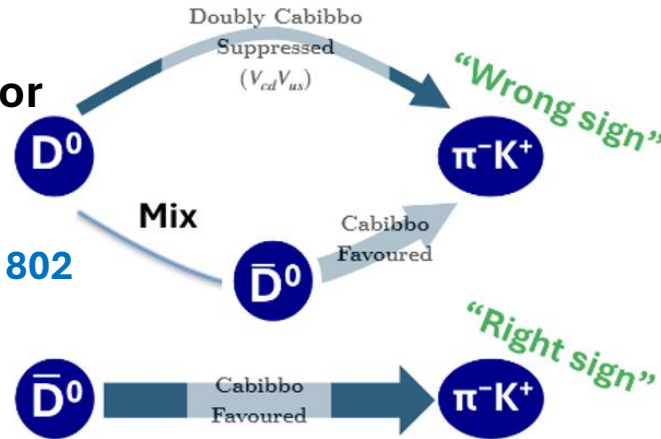
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Using both Run I and II data 5 fb⁻¹

Observation of $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ oscillations

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 \(2013\) 101802](#), 06 Nov 2012



- RS appears, when **no-mixing AND Cabibbo-favored (CF) decay**
- WS either **[mixing AND CF]** or **[no-mixing and Doubly-Cabibbo suppressed decay]**
- Probe for all possible CPV scenarios (direct, in mixing, interference of direct and mixing)
- As mixing parameters (x' and y') are small the WS / RS ratio can be approximated as:

$$R(t)^{\pm} = R_D^{\pm} + \sqrt{R_D^{\pm}} y'^{\pm} \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right) + \frac{(x'^{\pm})^2 + (y'^{\pm})^2}{4} \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right)^2,$$

$$R_D^+ = |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{f}}/\mathcal{A}_f|^2 \quad R_D^- = |\bar{\mathcal{A}}_f/\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{f}}|^2 \quad R_D^+ \neq R_D^- \Rightarrow \text{direct CPV}$$

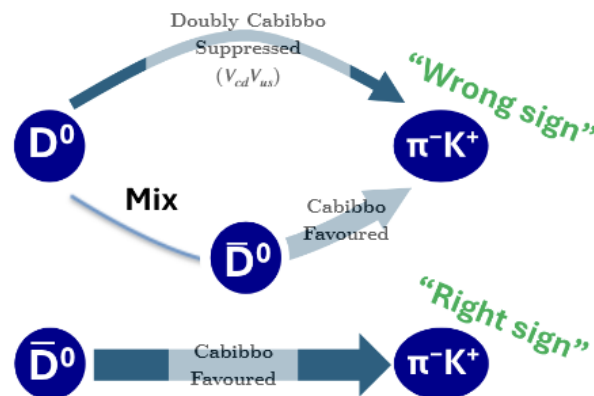
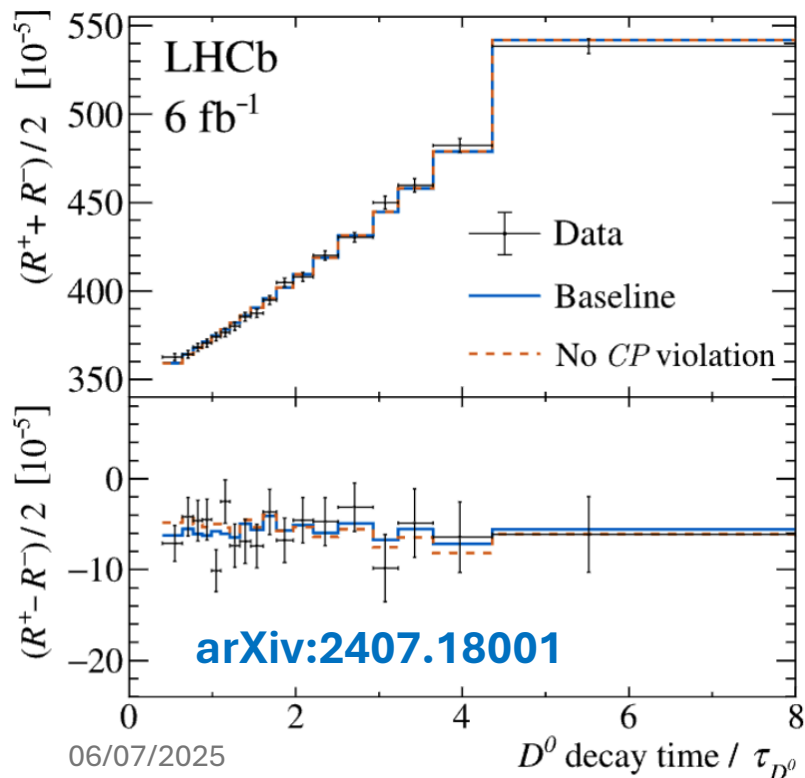
$$\begin{aligned} x'^+ &\neq x'^- \\ y'^+ &\neq y'^- \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{CPV in mixing and interference}$$

Поиск CP-нарушения при смешивании очарованных мезонов

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- **What about CPV in mixing?**

- **Run-2 / Prompt-tagging ($D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^\pm$)**



Fit the time-dependent ratio $R(t)$

$$R_{K\pi}^+(t) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(D^0(t) \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(\bar{D}^0(t) \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)}$$

$$R_{K\pi}^-(t) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{D}^0(t) \rightarrow K^-\pi^+)}{\Gamma(D^0(t) \rightarrow K^-\pi^+)}$$

Ratios depends on D^0 mixing parameters and CP violating parameters

$$R_{K\pi}^\pm(t) \approx R_{K\pi}(1 \pm \underline{A_{K\pi}}) + \sqrt{R_{K\pi}(1 \pm \underline{A_{K\pi}})}(c_{K\pi} \pm \underline{\Delta c_{K\pi}}) \frac{t}{\tau_{D^0}} + (c'_{K\pi} \pm \underline{\Delta c'_{K\pi}}) \left(\frac{t}{\tau_{D^0}}\right)^2$$

DCS

Interference

Mixing

CPV in decay

CPV in mixing

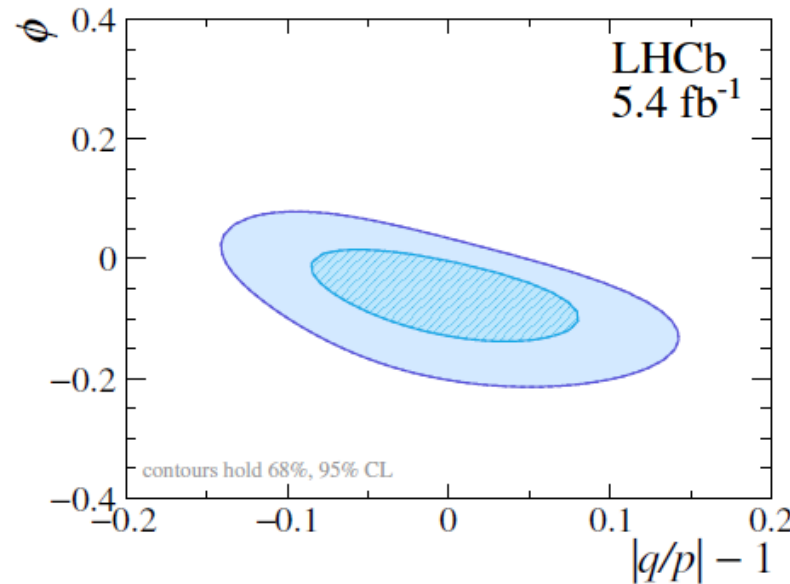
$R_{K\pi}$	$(343.1 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-5}$
$c_{K\pi}$	$(51.4 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{-4}$
$c'_{K\pi}$	$(13.1 \pm 3.7) \times 10^{-6}$
$A_{K\pi}$	$(-7.1 \pm 6.0) \times 10^{-3}$
$\Delta c_{K\pi}$	$(3.0 \pm 3.6) \times 10^{-4}$
$\Delta c'_{K\pi}$	$(-1.9 \pm 3.8) \times 10^{-6}$

First measurement of quadratic terms

No evidence for the CPV in mixing

Done with decay: $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

Parameter	Value
$x [10^{-3}]$	$3.98^{+0.56}_{-0.54}$
$y [10^{-3}]$	$4.6^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$
$ q/p $	0.996 ± 0.052
ϕ	$-0.056^{+0.047}_{-0.051}$



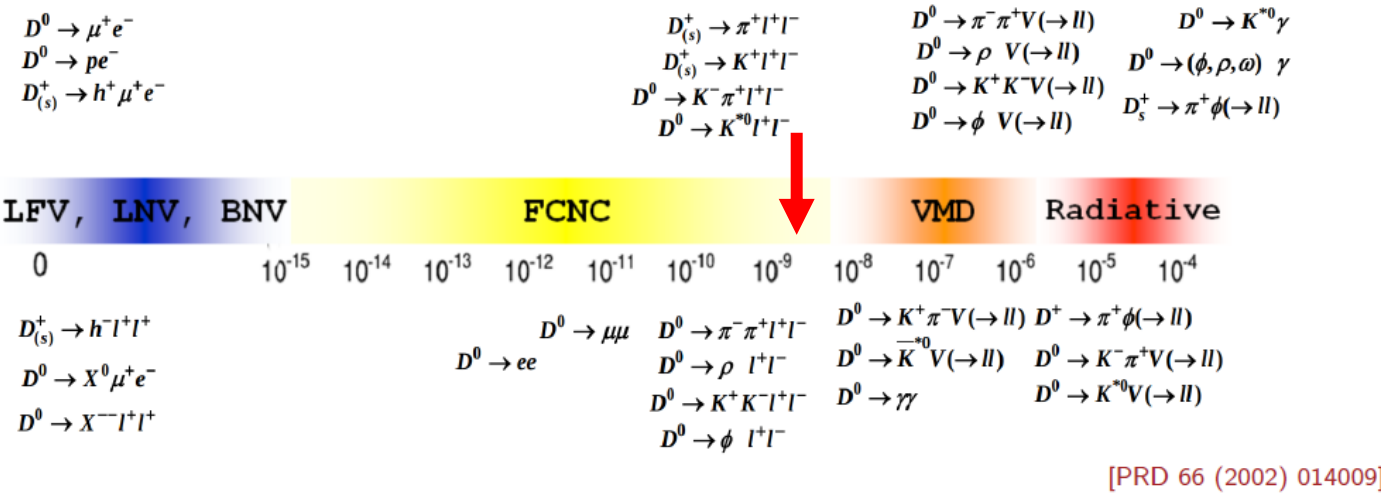
- Ratio of DNA molecule's mass and mass of Earth is of the order of 10^{-38} !**



Rare decays of charmed hadrons

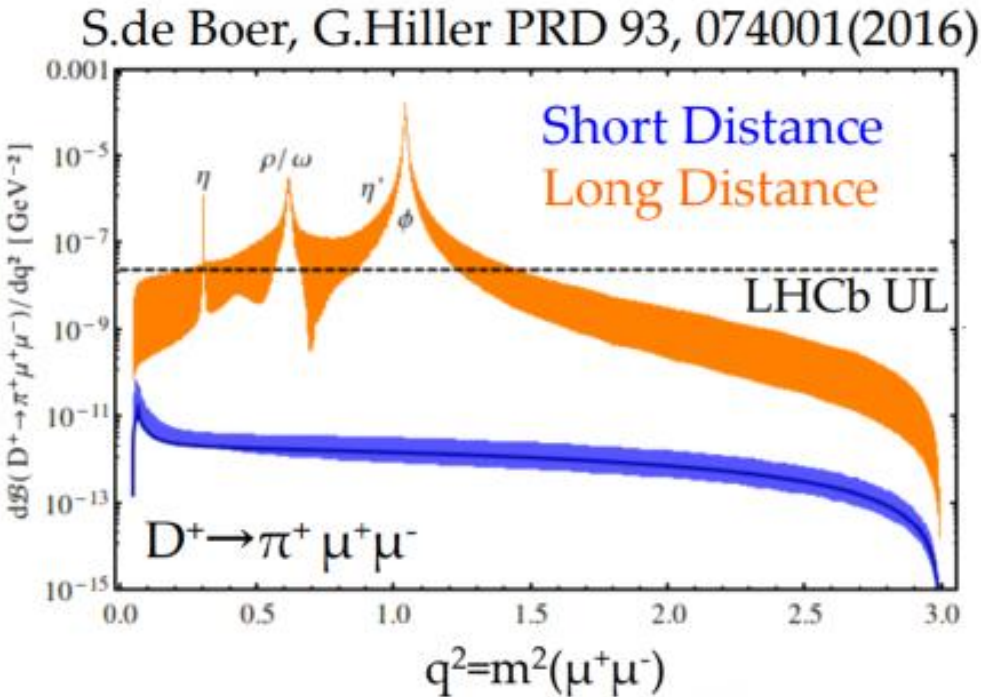
- > Flavor changing neutral currents SM
 - > Two-body
 - > Three-body
 - > Meson decays
 - > Baryon decays
 - > Four-body
 - > Branchings
 - > CP asymmetries
 - > Search di-electrons decays
- > Lepton Flavor violating decays

LHCb impact for rare charm decays



Intermediate vector resonances in the dimuon spectrum can hide short distance (SM) contribution

- Pushing down the limits
- CP - and T -asymmetries
- Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV) will be examined
- Lepton Universality (LU) in charm sector
- Angular and amplitude analyses



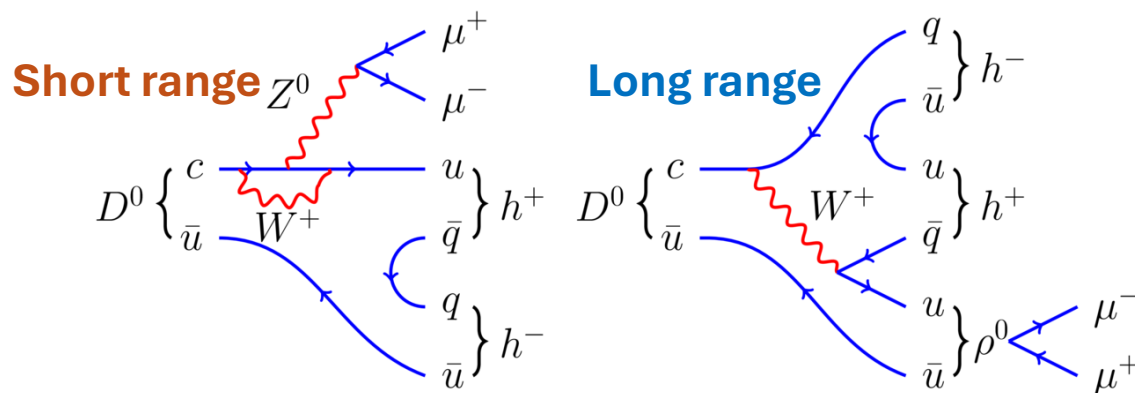
Recent LHCb upper limit with 9 fb^{-1} dataset
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 041804

$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.1 \times 10^{-9}$$

$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-$

Goal: Probe New Physics in $c \rightarrow u$ transitions, appears at **short distances** and very suppressed in SM ($< 10^{-9}$)

Long range contribution from ρ, ω, ϕ due to decays into $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair (difficult to predict leakage of events from resonance tails into search region)



Non-blinded mass bins

Event “leakage” into Low-m bins, as expected

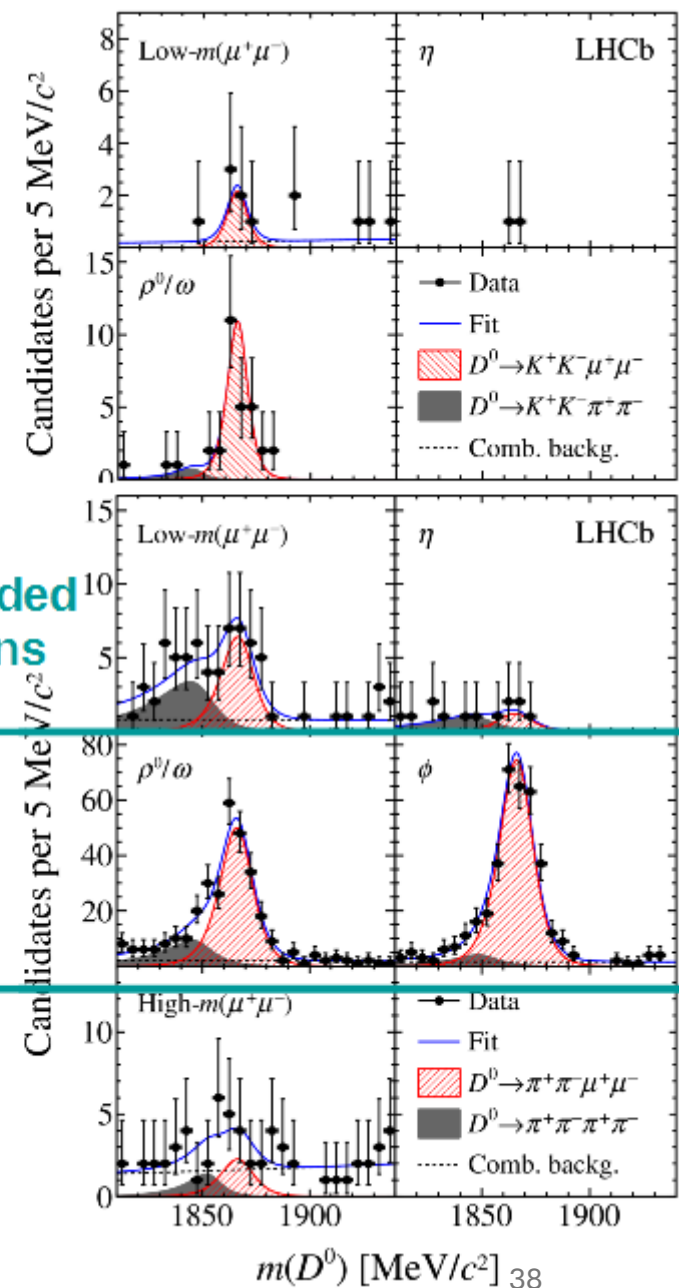
Observed branching fractions are consistent with SM expectations (done with 2 fb $^{-1}$)

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$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-) = (9.64 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.97) \times 10^{-7},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-) = (1.54 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-7}.$$

rarest charm decays ever observed

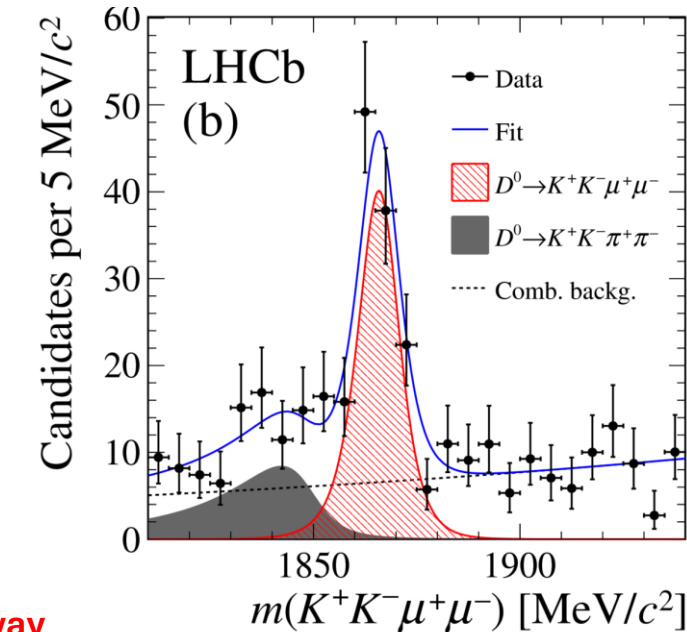
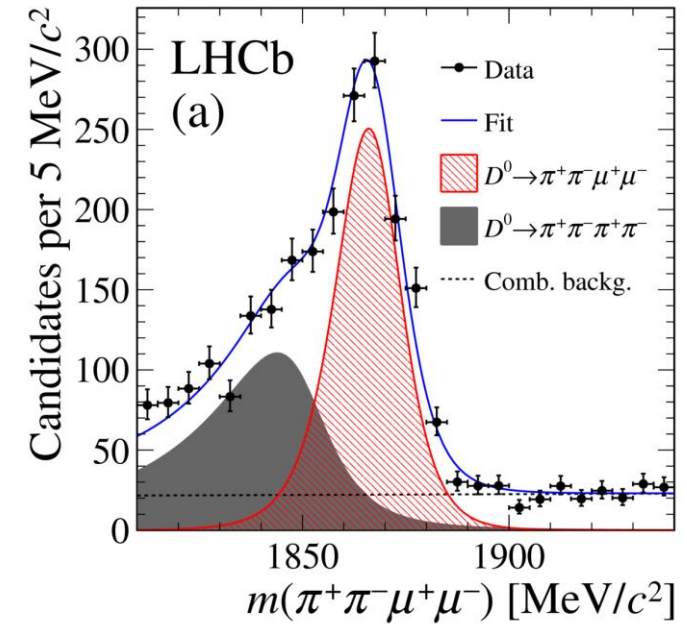
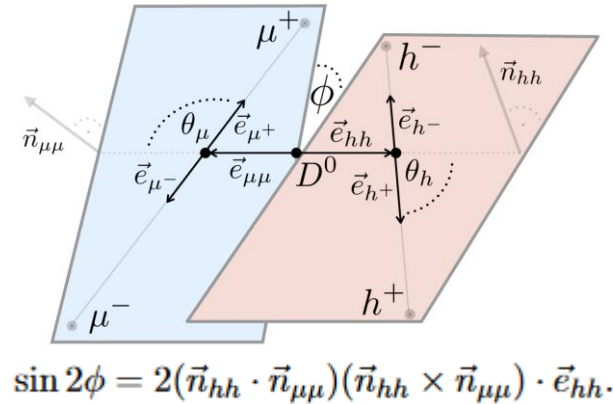


$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-$

Observation was done with 2 fb^{-1} / **Start to learn properties (asymmetries) with 5 fb^{-1}**

- A_{FB} – forward-backward asymmetry of $\mu^+\mu^-$
- $A_{2\phi}$ – triple product asymmetry →
- A_{CP} – CP asymmetry (using prompt (D^*) tagging)

Quite promising probe for searches of New Physics



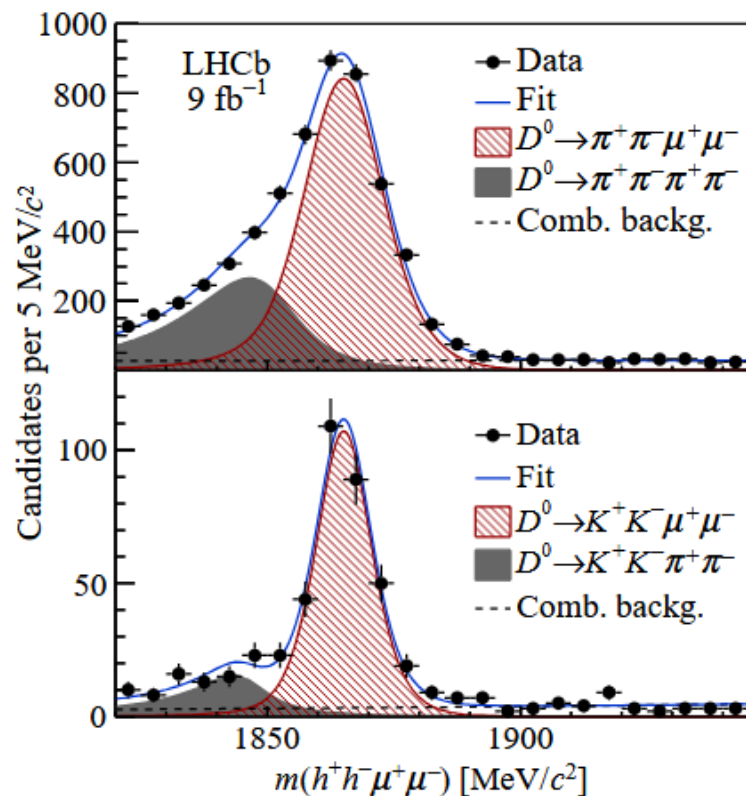
Percent accuracy achieved with existing dataset

$m(\mu^+\mu^-)$ [MeV/c ²]	Efficiency-weighted yields			Signal asymmetries		
	Signal	Misid. back.	Comb. back.	A_{FB} [%]	$A_{2\phi}$ [%]	A_{CP} [%]
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$						
< 525	90 ± 17	233 ± 25	108 ± 22	$2 \pm 20 \pm 2$	$-28 \pm 20 \pm 2$	$17 \pm 20 \pm 2$
525–565	—	—	—	—	—	—
565–780	326 ± 23	253 ± 24	145 ± 21	$8.1 \pm 7.1 \pm 0.7$	$7.4 \pm 7.1 \pm 0.7$	$-12.9 \pm 7.1 \pm 0.7$
780–950	141 ± 14	159 ± 15	89 ± 14	$7 \pm 10 \pm 1$	$-14 \pm 10 \pm 1$	$17 \pm 10 \pm 1$
950–1020	244 ± 16	63 ± 13	43 ± 9	$3.1 \pm 6.5 \pm 0.6$	$1.2 \pm 6.4 \pm 0.5$	$7.5 \pm 6.5 \pm 0.7$
1020–1100	258 ± 14	33 ± 9	44 ± 9	$0.9 \pm 5.6 \pm 0.7$	$1.4 \pm 5.5 \pm 0.6$	$9.9 \pm 5.5 \pm 0.7$
> 1100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Full range	1083 ± 41	827 ± 42	579 ± 39	$3.3 \pm 3.7 \pm 0.6$	$-0.6 \pm 3.7 \pm 0.6$	$4.9 \pm 3.8 \pm 0.7$
$D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-$						
< 525	32 ± 8	5 ± 13	124 ± 20	$13 \pm 26 \pm 4$	$9 \pm 26 \pm 3$	$-33 \pm 26 \pm 4$
525–565	—	—	—	—	—	—
> 565	74 ± 9	39 ± 7	48 ± 8	$1 \pm 12 \pm 1$	$22 \pm 12 \pm 1$	$13 \pm 12 \pm 1$
Full range	110 ± 13	49 ± 12	181 ± 19	$0 \pm 11 \pm 2$	$9 \pm 11 \pm 1$	$0 \pm 11 \pm 2$

we are at the beginning of the long way

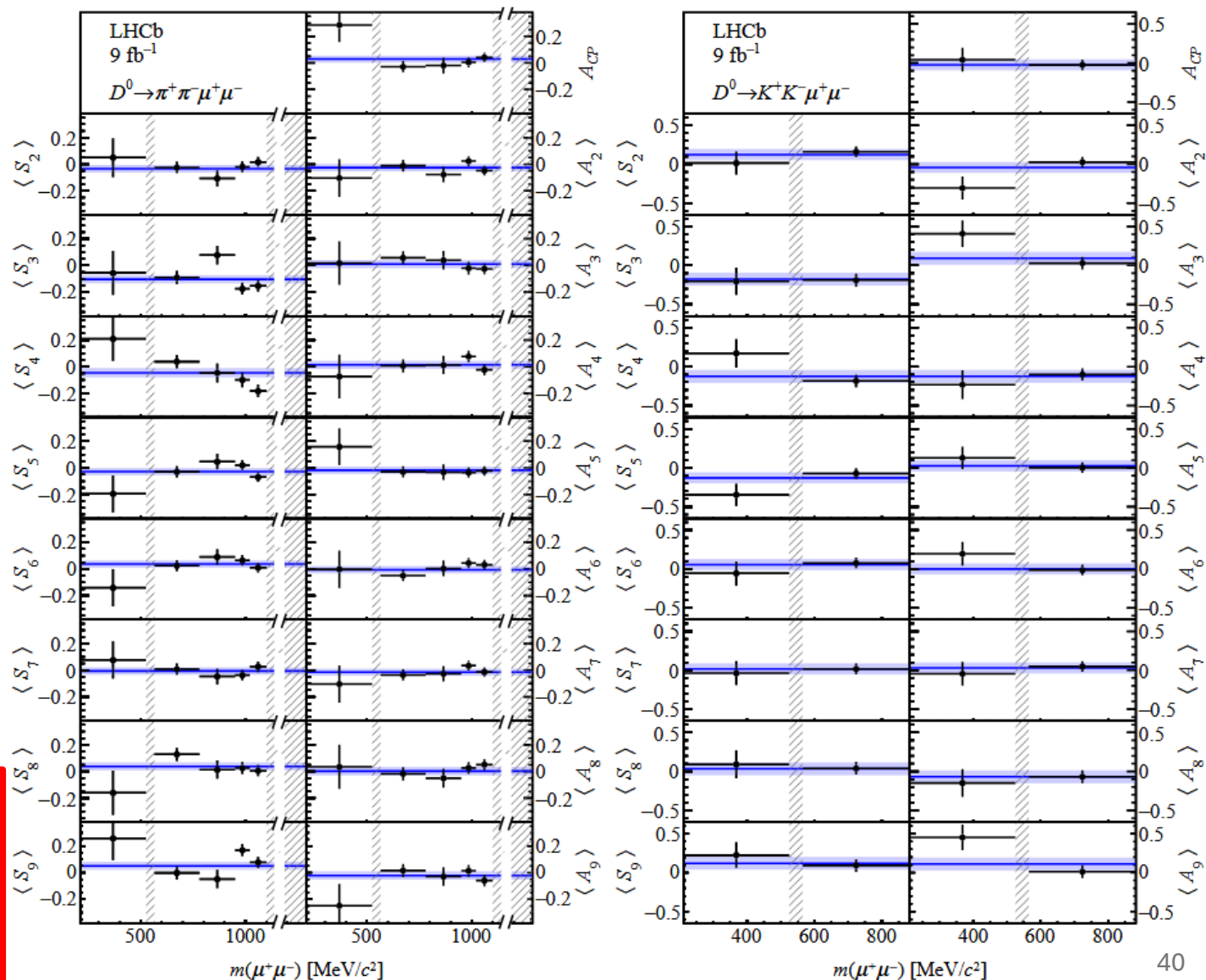
$$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^- \text{ and } D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

The results are consistent with expectations from the standard model and with CP symmetry



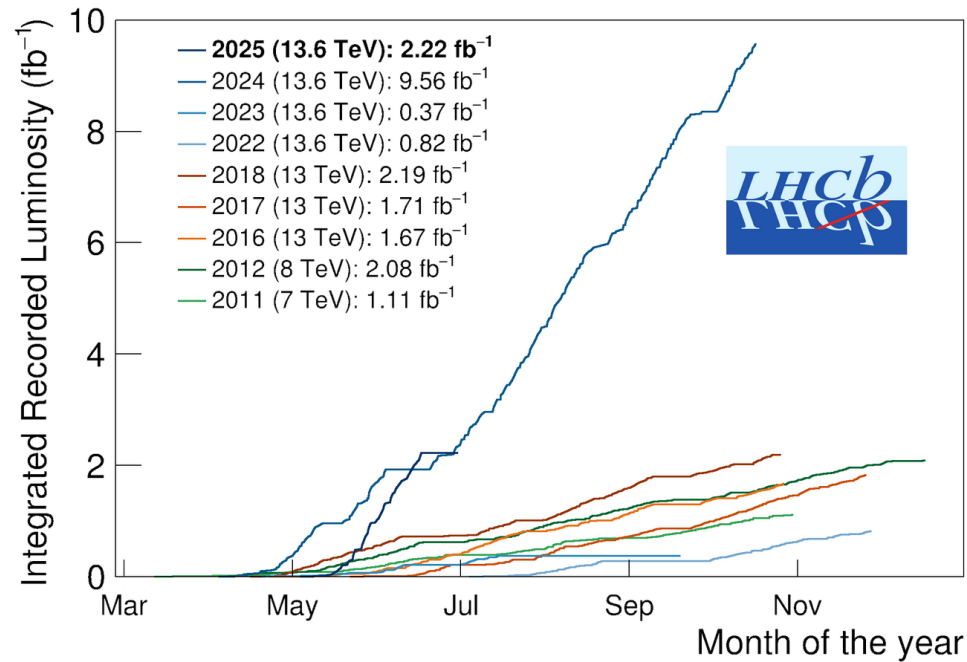
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Rare decays studies reflects an impact of the stable work of LHCb MUON (responsibility of PNPI: concept, design, construction, commissioning, operation)



Run-3

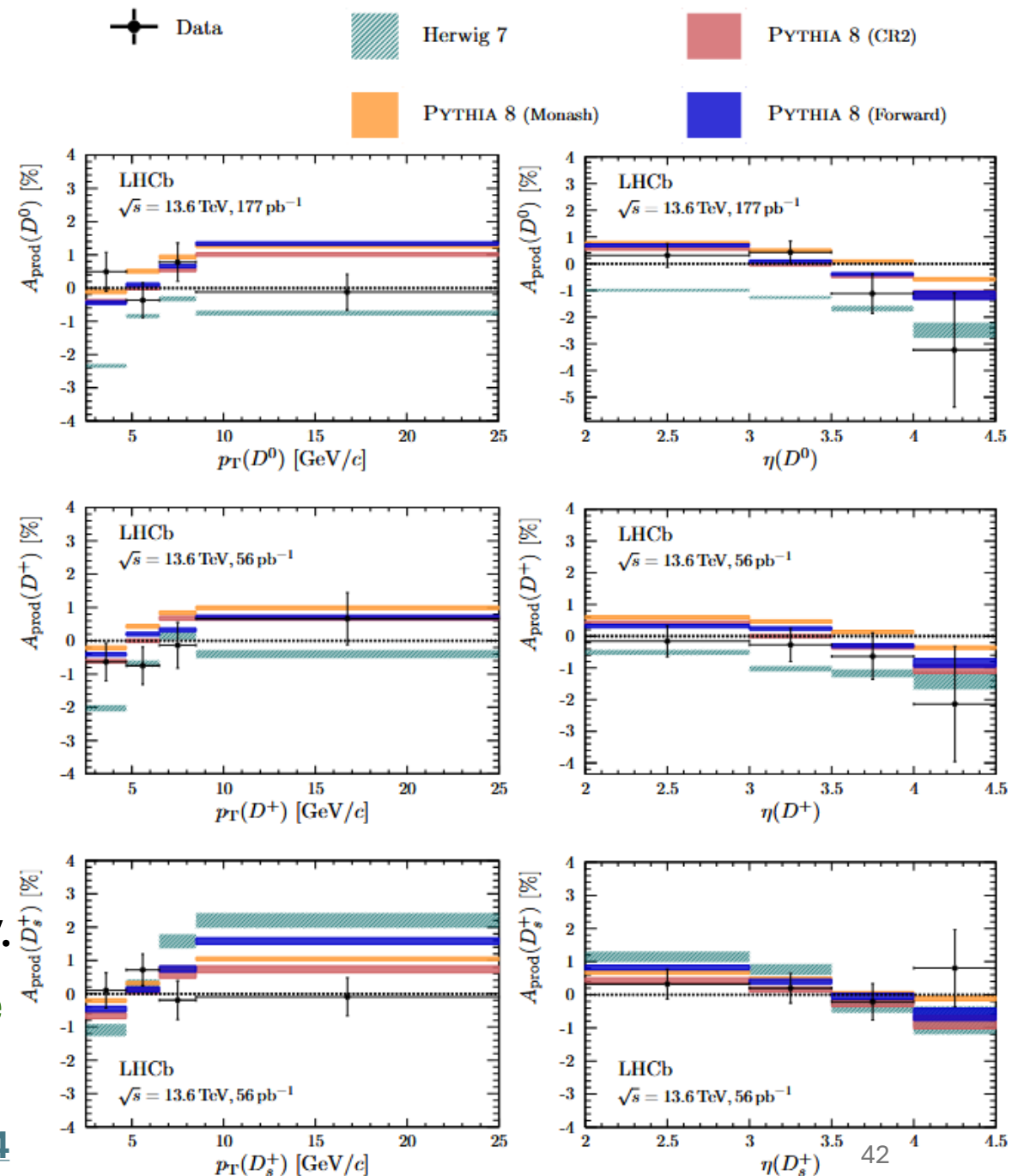
First paper after Upgrade I



- The asymmetries of D^+ , D^0 and D_s^+ mesons are measured for two-dimensional intervals in transverse momentum and pseudorapidity.
- **No significant production asymmetries are observed.**

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[arXiv:2505.14494](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.14494)



Summary & Conclusions + Future



- Excellent LHCb performance during Run-I and II.
- A lot of important results in charm sector exploiting huge charm rate:
 - Production and Spectroscopy – LHCb is mega-factory of charm
 - Mixing & CPV – LHCb is dominating here
 - Rare decays – push down limits for di-muon decays / asymmetries studies

Many more in the [stream of LHCb charm results](#)

- Upgrades I/II approaching $L_{\text{int}} = 50 / 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Expect to have a lot of new and important results for Charm Physics in future