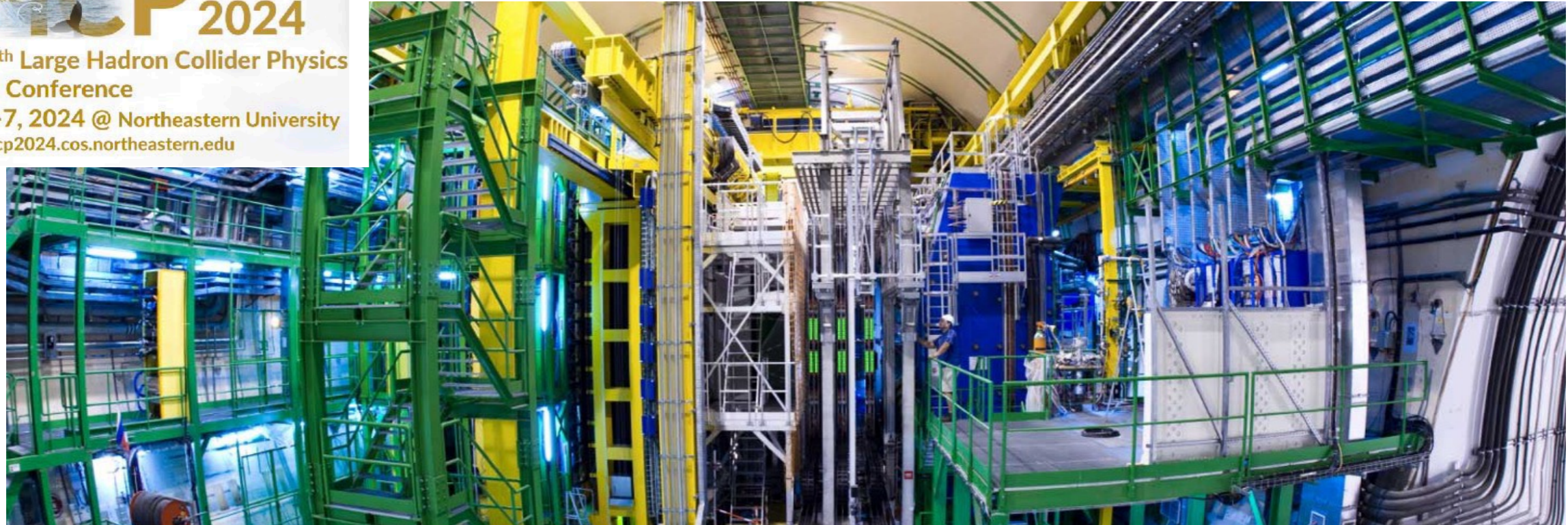


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# Heavy flavor spectroscopy studies at LHCb

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# Outline

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- Shopping list of most recent results, no time to cover all results appeared so far after winter conferences
- Overlap with plenary talk about hadron interaction, here maybe cover more details
- Analyses use different approaches for spectroscopy investigations

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NEW

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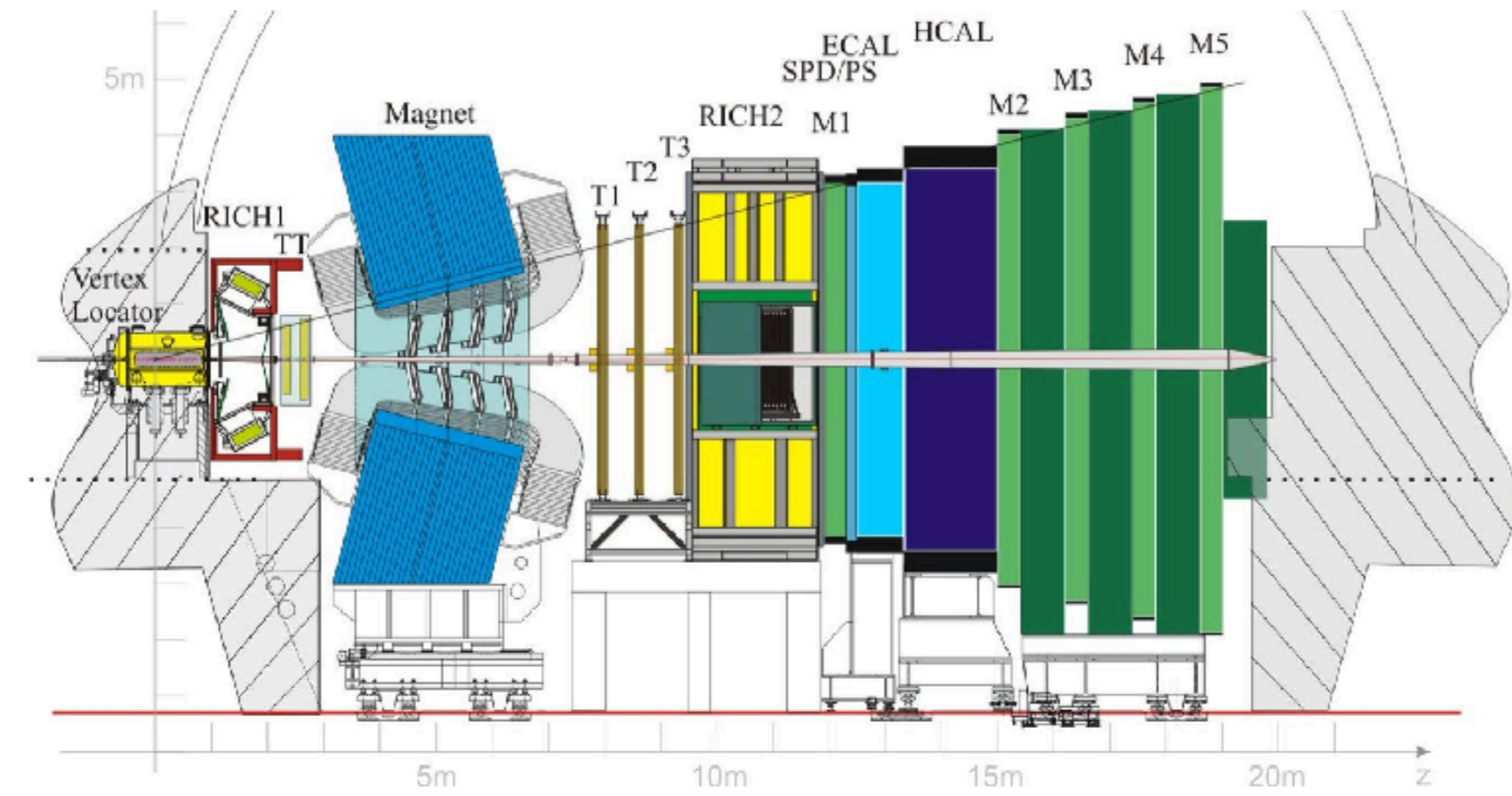
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# The LHCb detector

## Ingredients for good spectroscopy measurements

- **Excellent tracking** → mass and lifetime resolutions
- **Particle Identification** → important when dealing with charged hadrons in final states
- **Trigger efficiency** → use of muons & topological trigger give excellent efficiency



### LHCb Detector Performance

[Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30 \(2015\) 1530022](#)

# Spectroscopy in brief...

Searches for many states with different nature → conventional hadrons & exotics

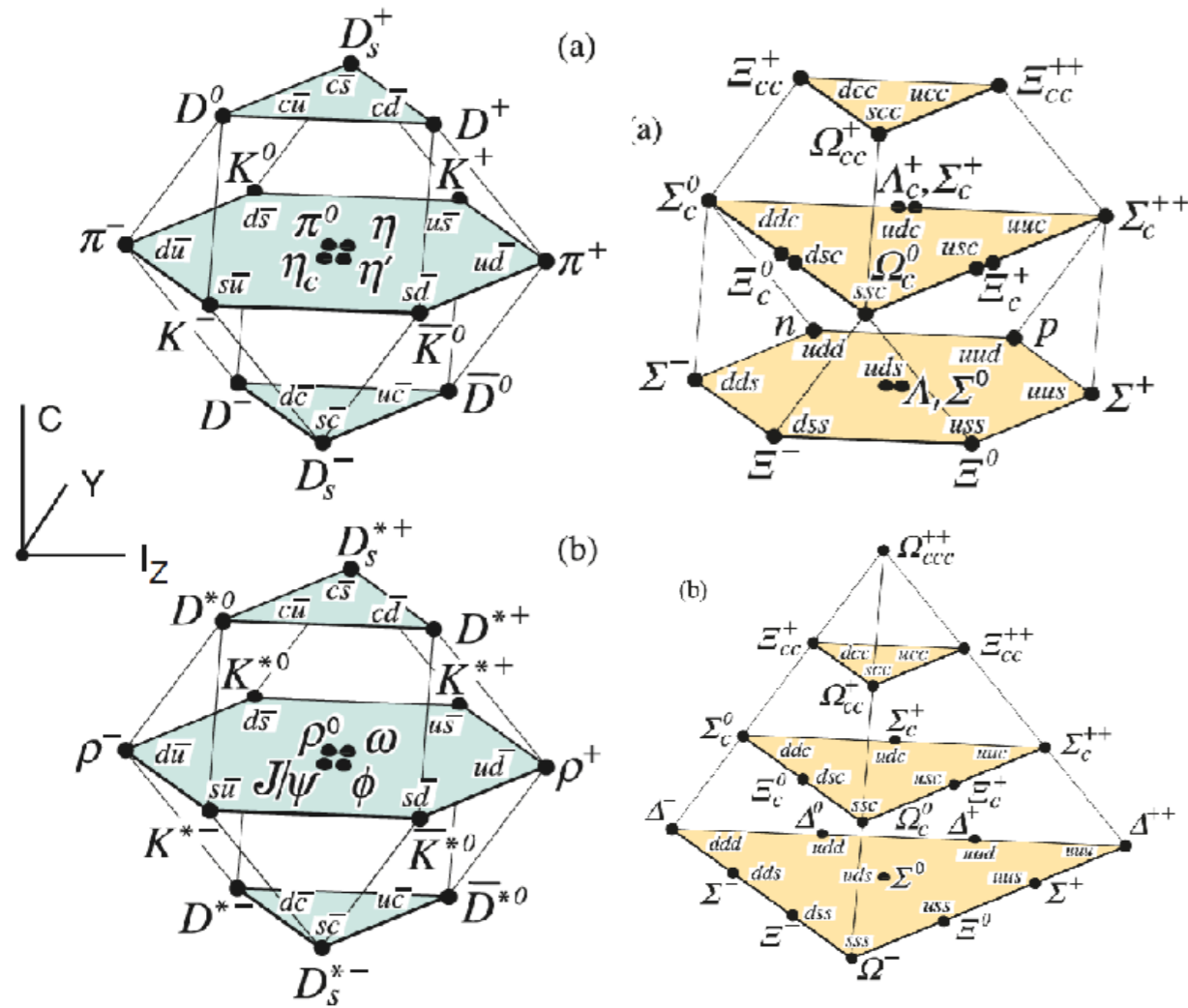
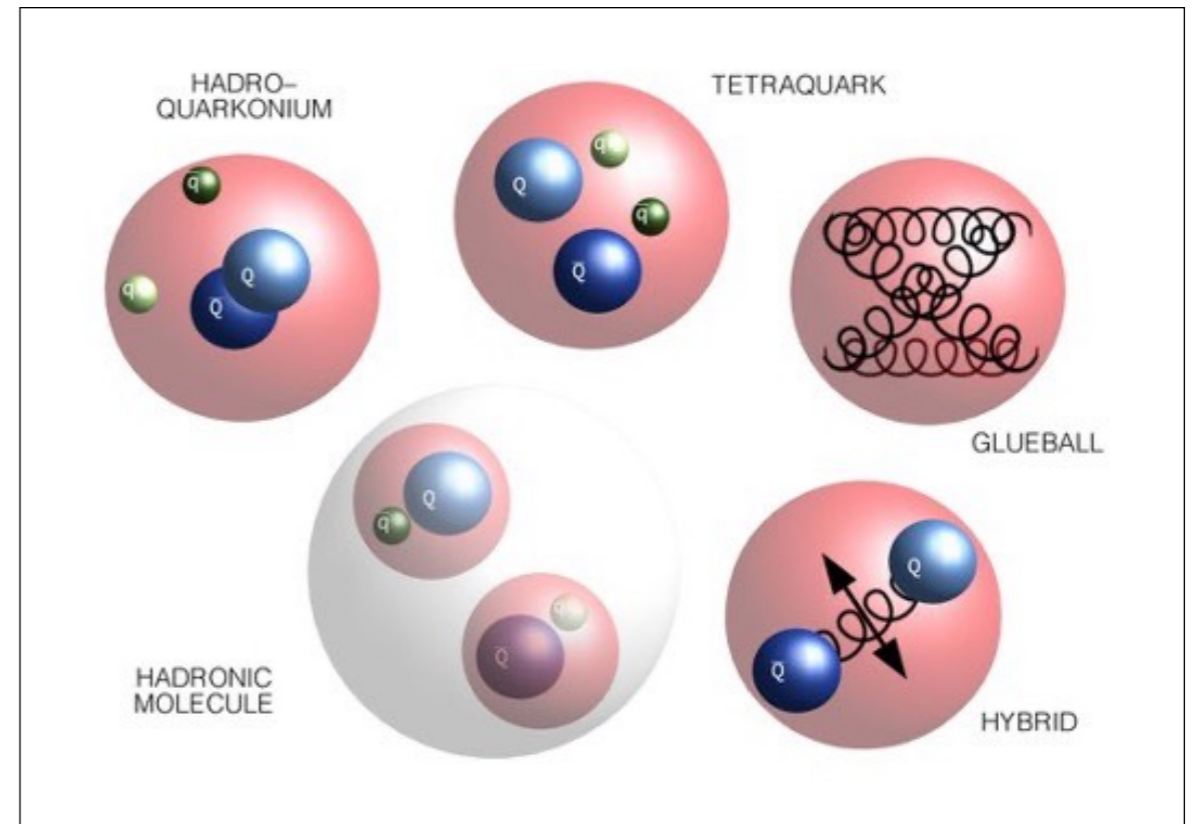
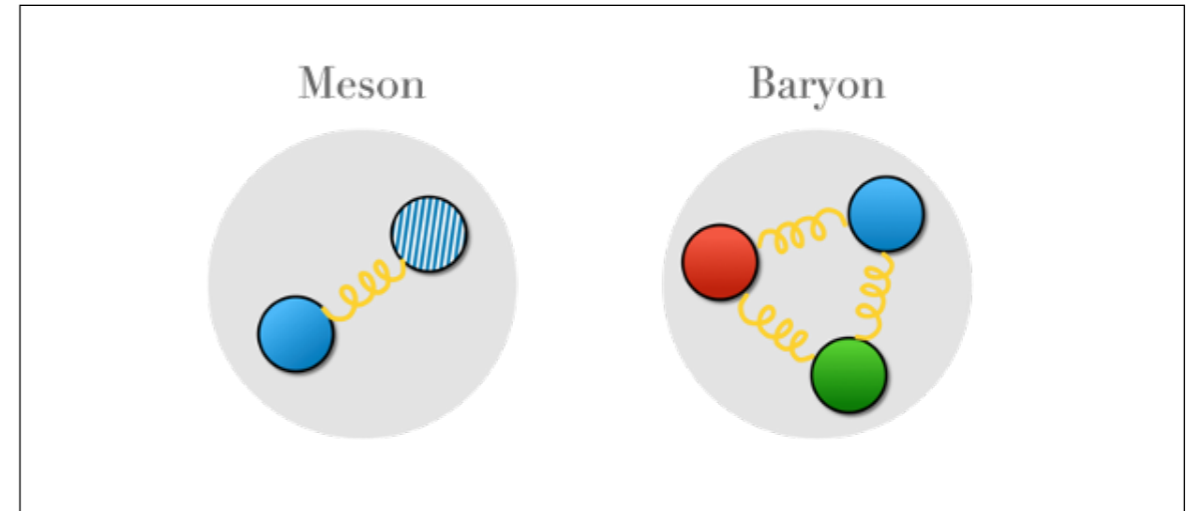
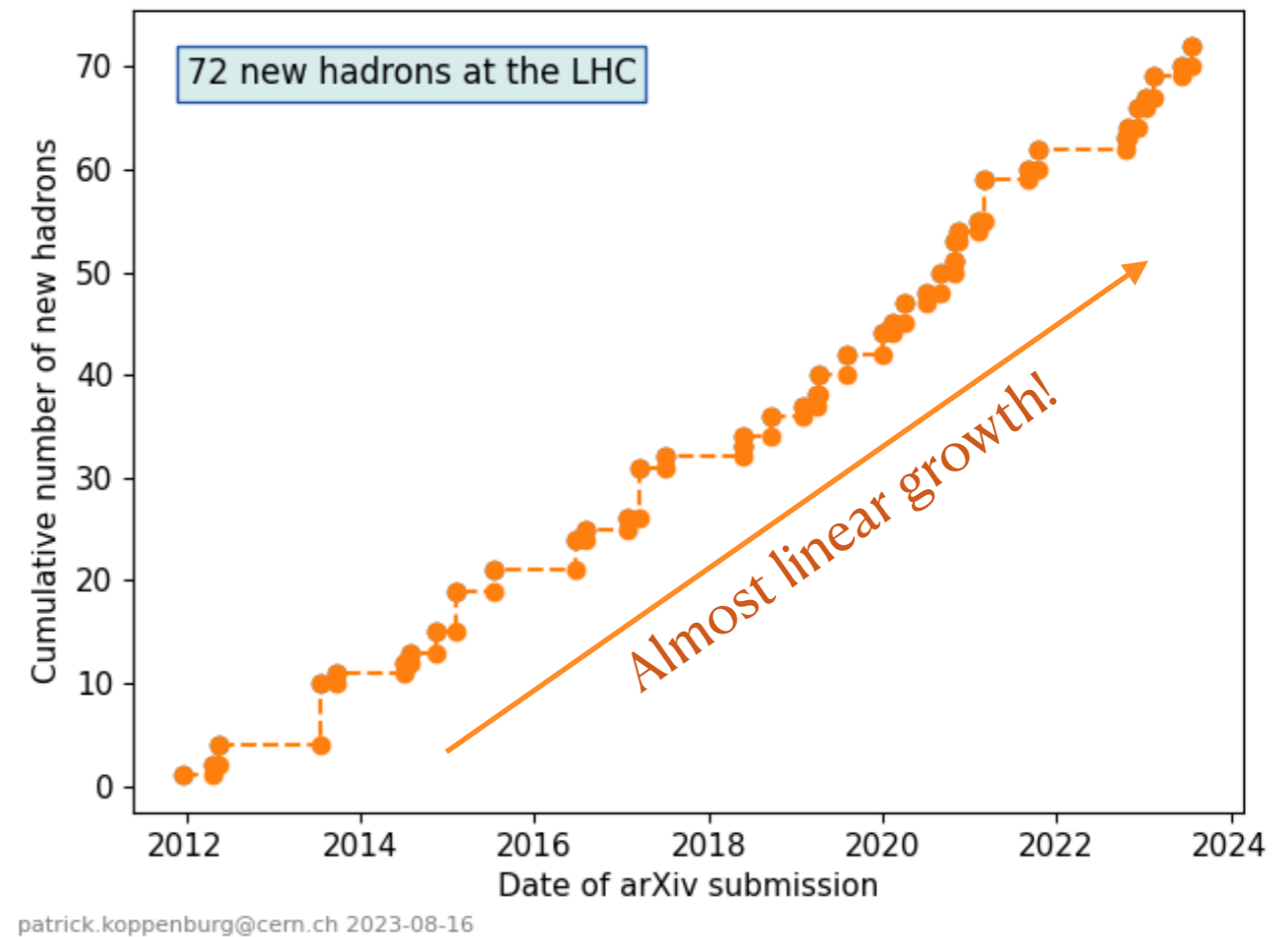
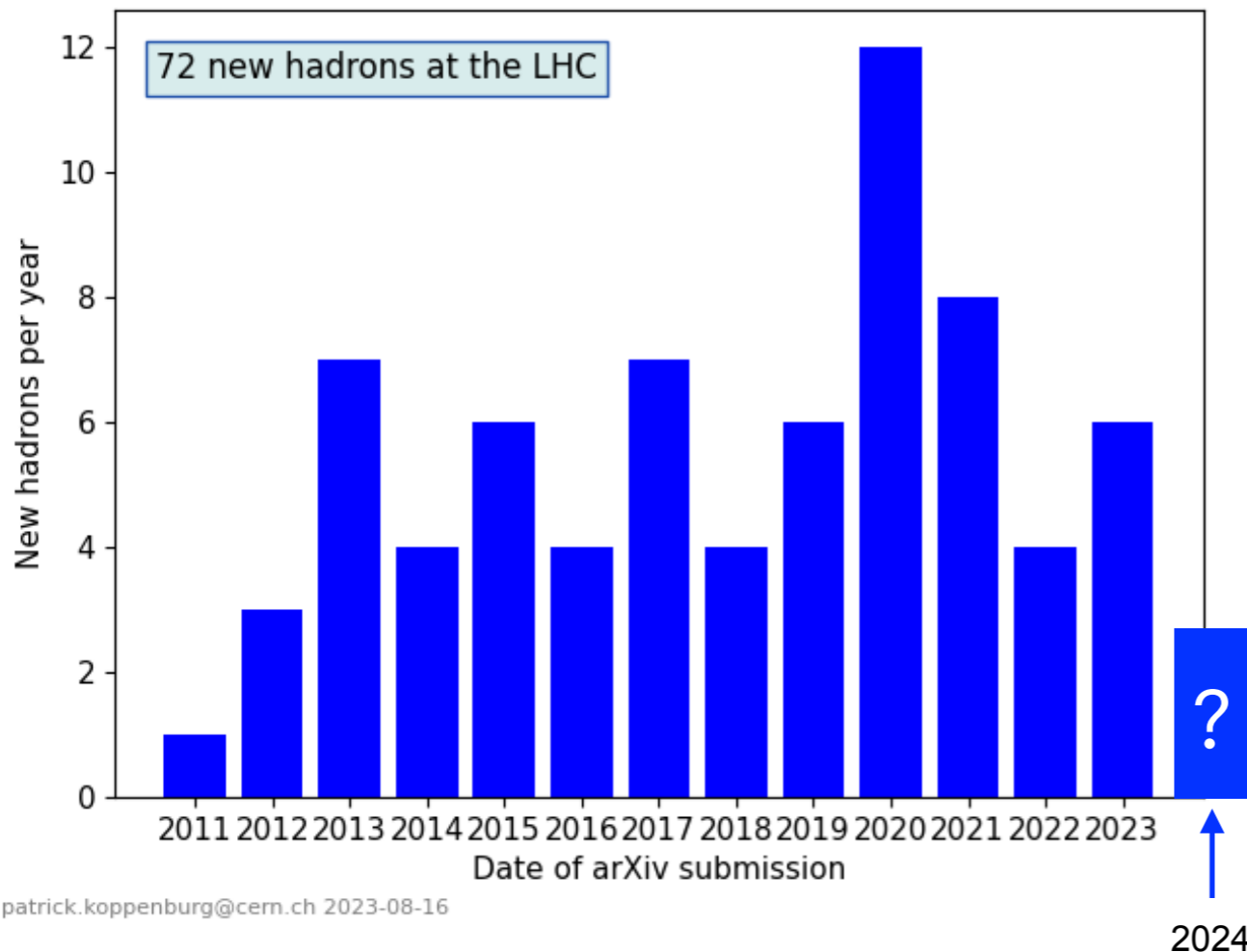


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[Review of Particle Physics](#)



# New hadrons at LHC

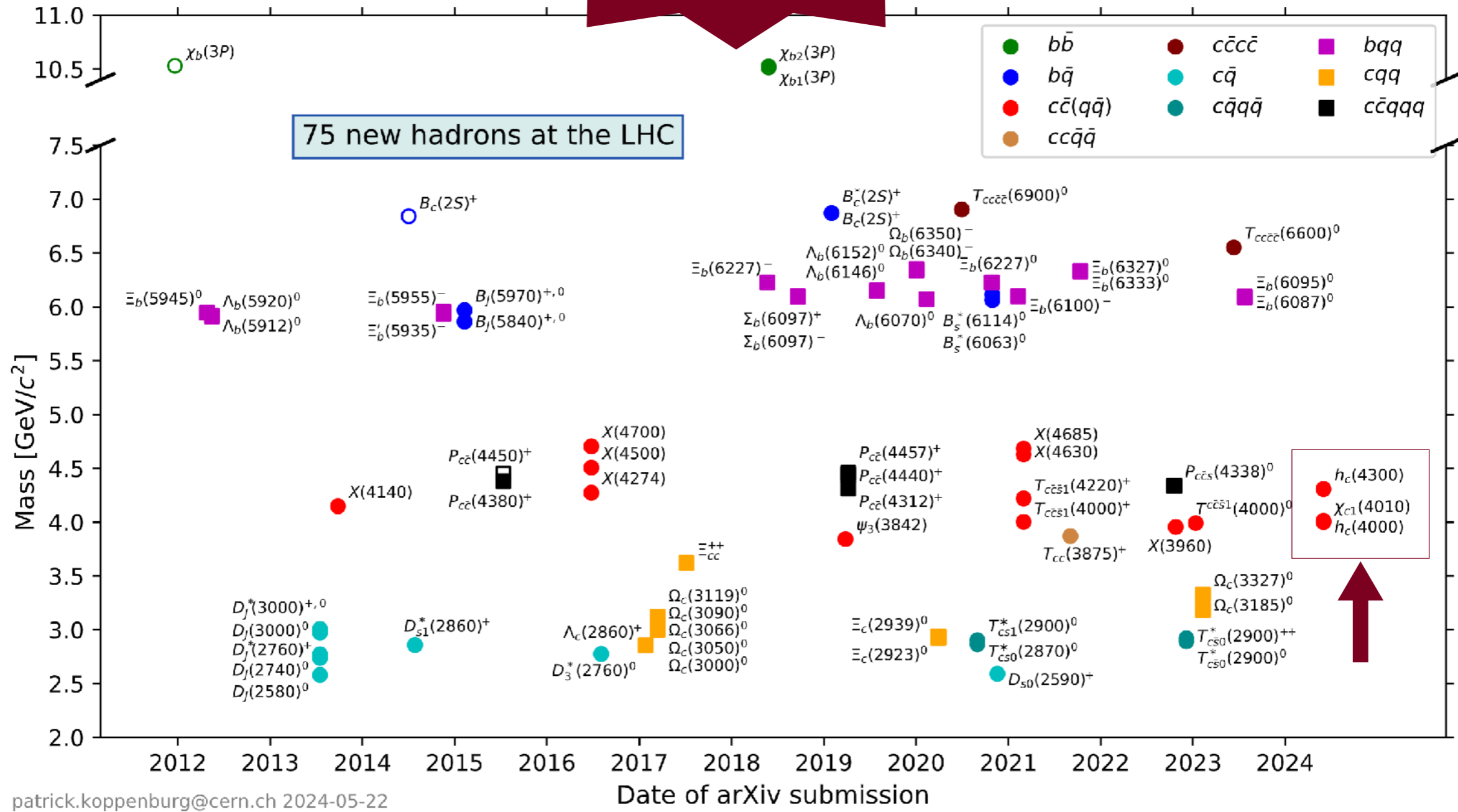
- It's usual practice in this type of talks to show a summary of LHC new states found
- In 2024, no new hadrons yet!
- But summer conferences have just started...
- And Run3 data taking is in full steam...



LHCb collaboration, P. Koppenburg, List of hadrons observed at the LHC, LHCb-FIGURE-2021-001, 2021, and 2023 updates.

# New hadrons at LHC

**SPOILER  
ALERT  
3 new states**



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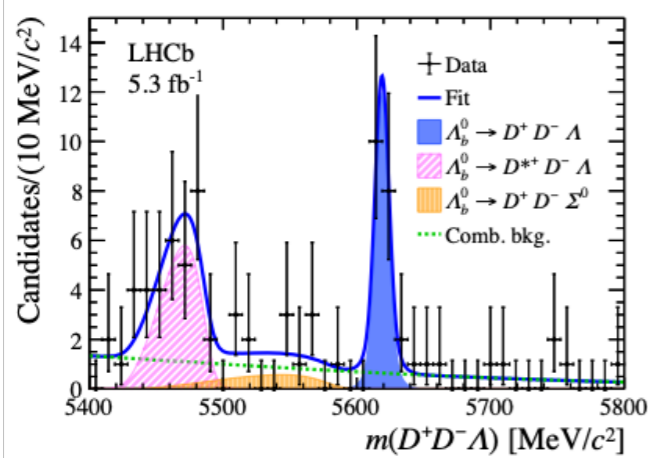


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- Let's start with Dalitz analysis of a baryon
- First observation: significance of  $16\sigma$ . Use  $B^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^- K_S$  as a reference channel
- $D^+ \Lambda$  and  $D^+ D^-$  invariant-mass distributions  $\rightarrow$  rich presence of intermediate resonances

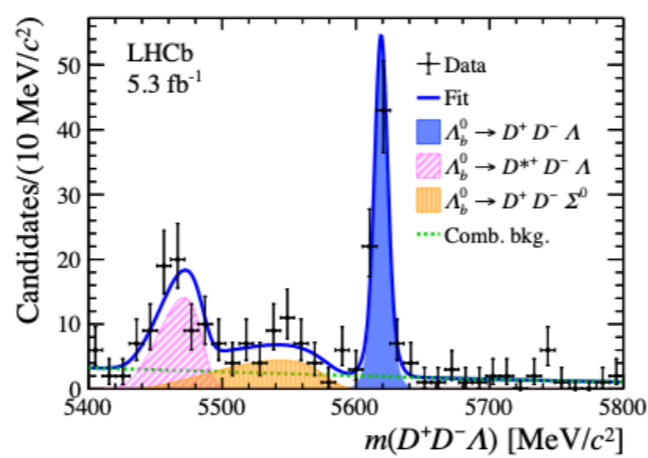
$\Lambda$  decay inside VELO

$N = 19 \pm 5$



$\Lambda$  decay outside VELO

$N = 73 \pm 9$



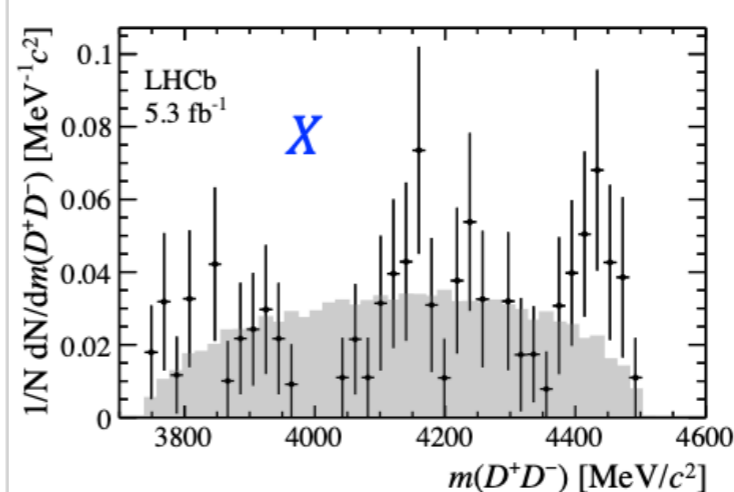
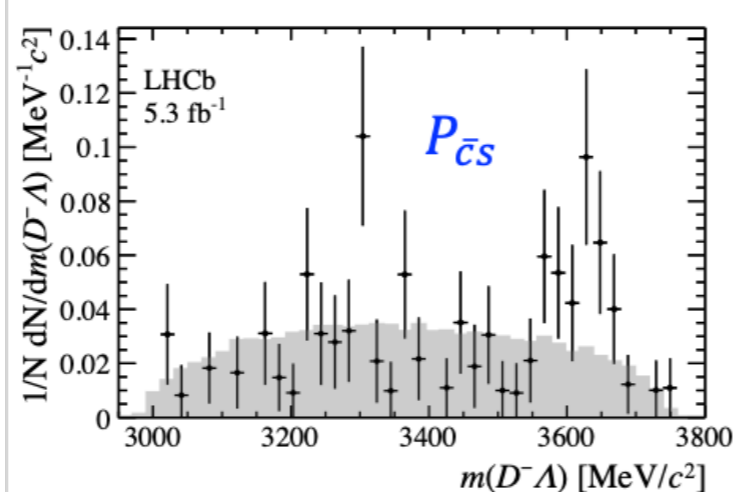
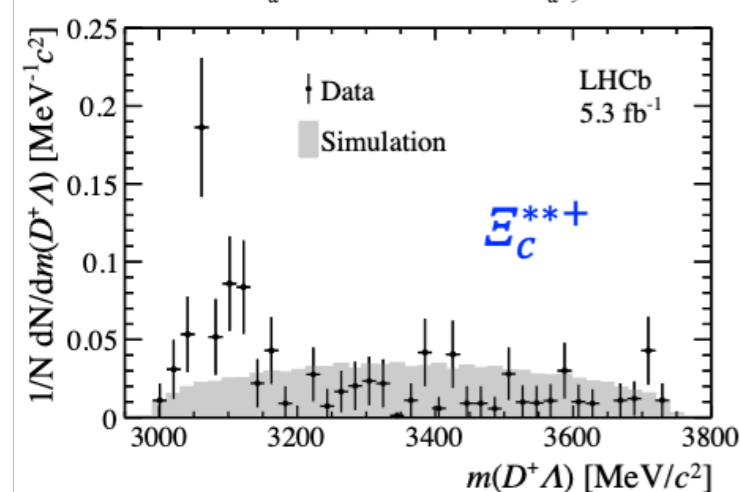
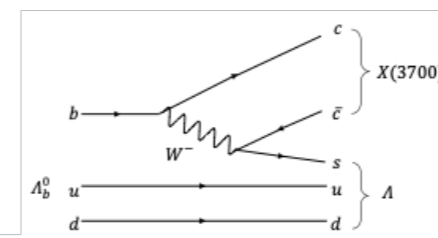
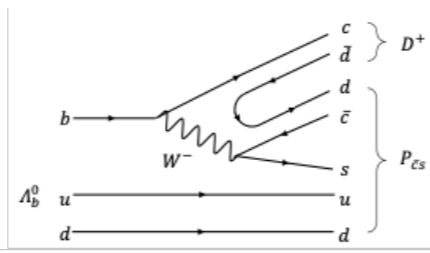
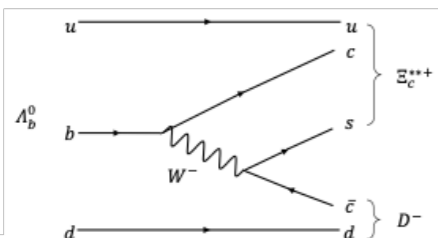
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\sigma_{\Lambda_b^0}}{\sigma_{B^0}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^- \Lambda)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^- K_S^0)} = 0.179 \pm 0.022 \pm 0.014,$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^- \Lambda) = (1.24 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-4},$$

PRD 103 (2021) 114013

Search for a  $D\bar{D}$  bound state in the  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda D\bar{D}$  process

Le-Le Wei, Hong-Shen Li, En Wang, Ju-Jun Xie, De-Min Li, and Yu-Xiao Li  
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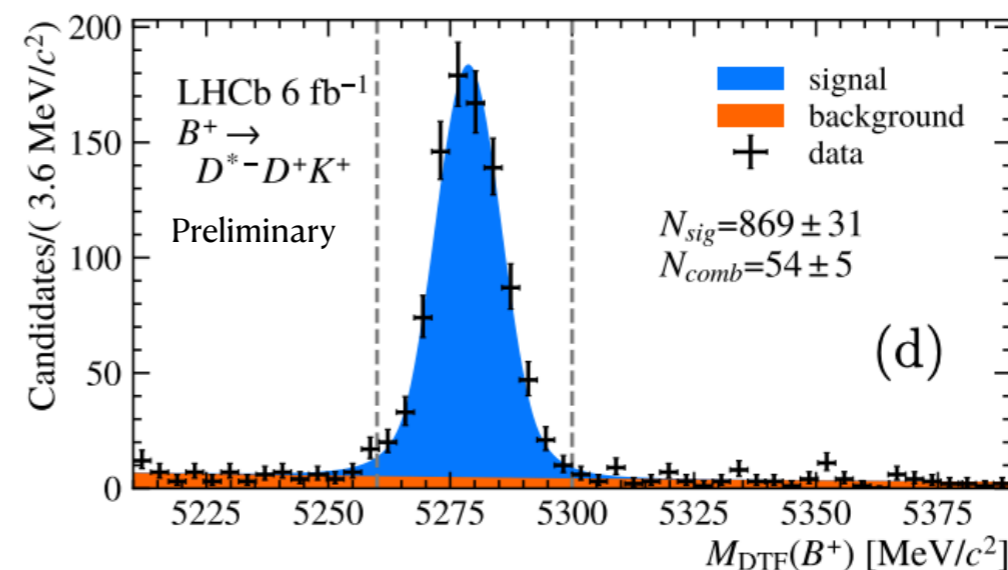
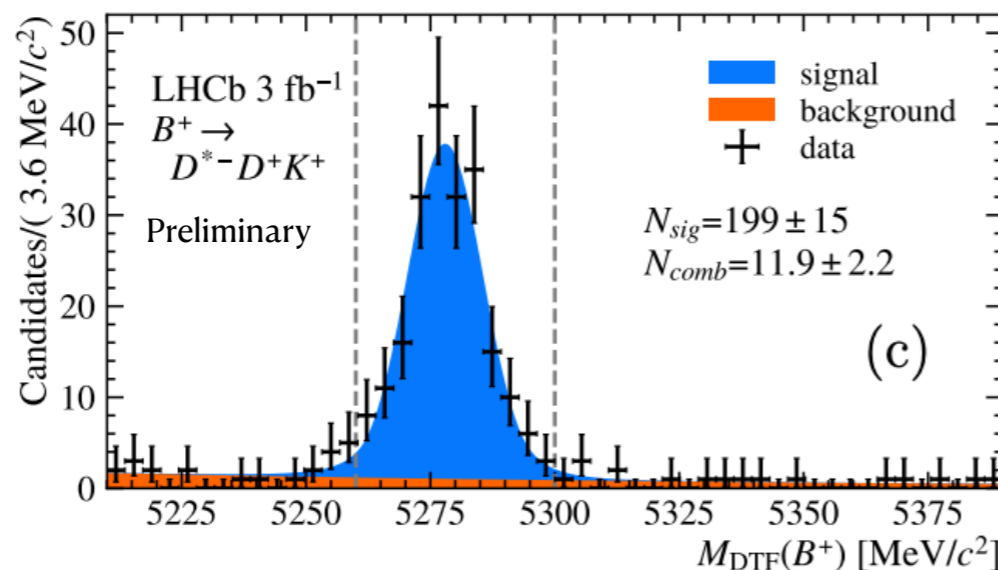
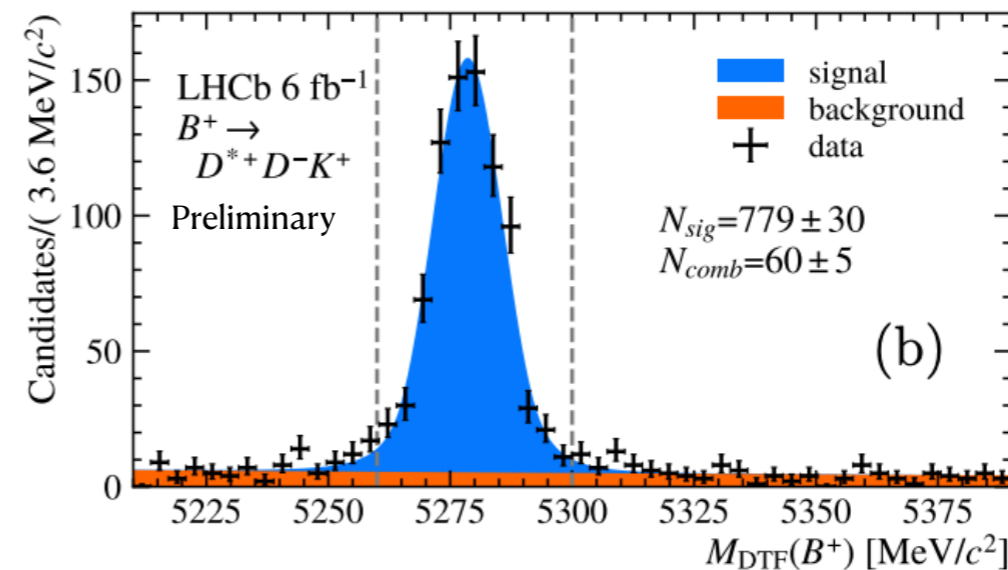
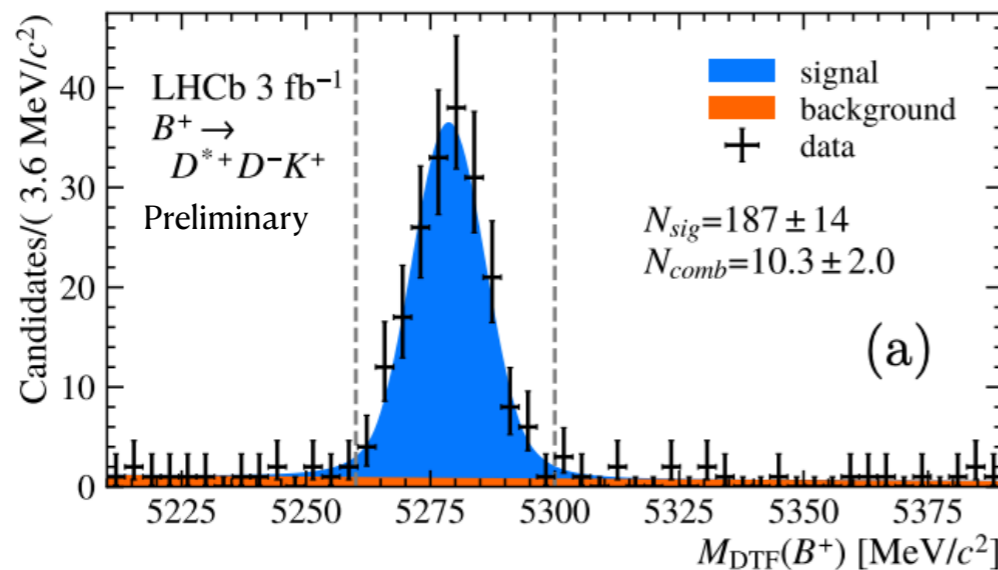
# Observation of new charmonium(-like) states in $B^+ \rightarrow D^{*\pm} D^\mp K^+$

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- A simultaneous amplitude fit performed to two channels
- Include contributions from resonances decaying to  $D^{*-} D^+$  and  $D^{*+} D^-$  (states linked by C parity)
- Determine the C parity of any new states

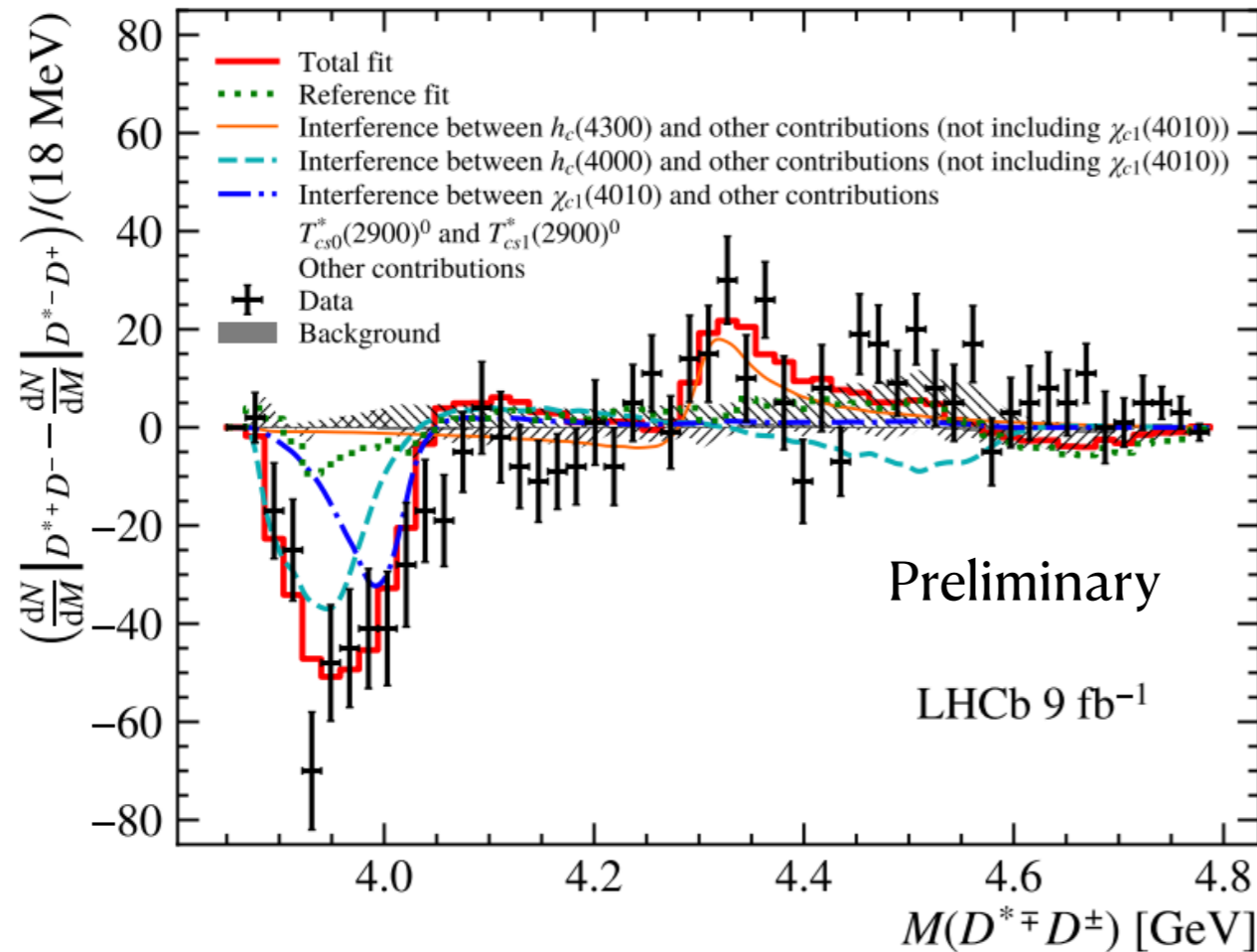




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$\eta_c(3945)$ ,  $h_c(4000)$ ,  $\chi_{c1}(4010)$  and  $h_c(4300)$   
 $J^{PC}$  equal to  $0^{-+}$ ,  $1^{+-}$ ,  $1^{++}$  and  $1^{+-}$

Figure 3: Difference between the  $M(D^*D)$  distributions of the two channels ( $B^+ \rightarrow D^{*+}D^-K^+$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow D^{*-}D^+K^+$ ). Only interference between states with the same  $J^P$  but different  $C$ -parities, and reflections from  $T_{\bar{c}s0,1}^*(2900)^0$  resonances, have significant contributions. The reference fit where  $h_c(4000)$ ,  $\chi_{c1}(4010)$  and  $h_c(4300)$  are not included is shown as green dashed line.

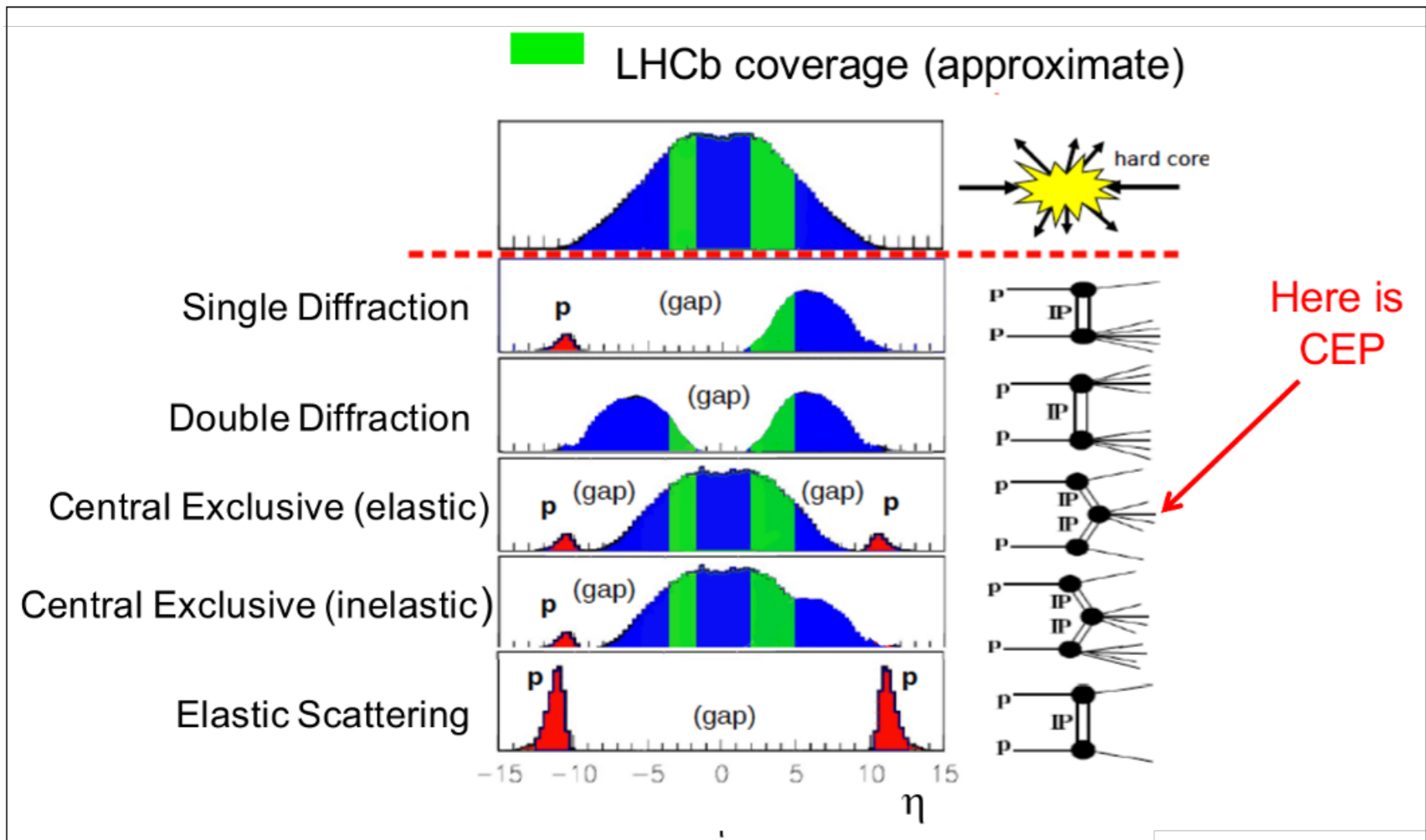
- Four charmonium(-like) states are observed: at least 3 are new
- Existence of 2 tetraquark resonances in  $D^-K^+$  confirmed (different channel, already observed  $B^+ \rightarrow D^+D^-K^+$ )

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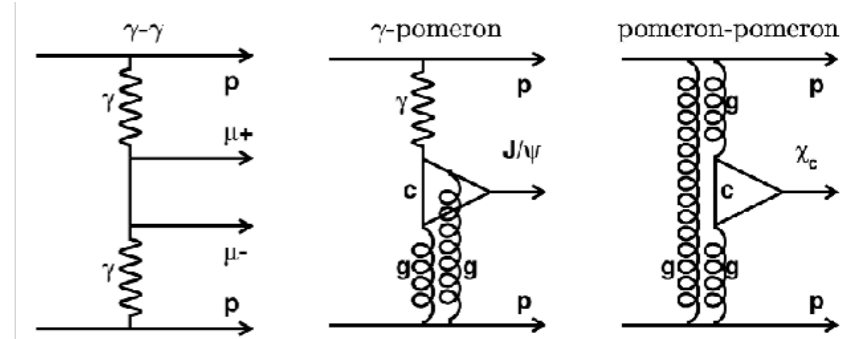


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- Central Exclusive Production can be done at LHCb → What do we look for?
- $pp \rightarrow p + X + p$  (rapidity gaps and protons intact)
- Colourless objects in QCD, Very low  $P_T$  objects, Clean experimental environment
- Rich Physics: Photon-Pomeron, Double-Pomeron, Photoproduction, Glueballs, Exotica



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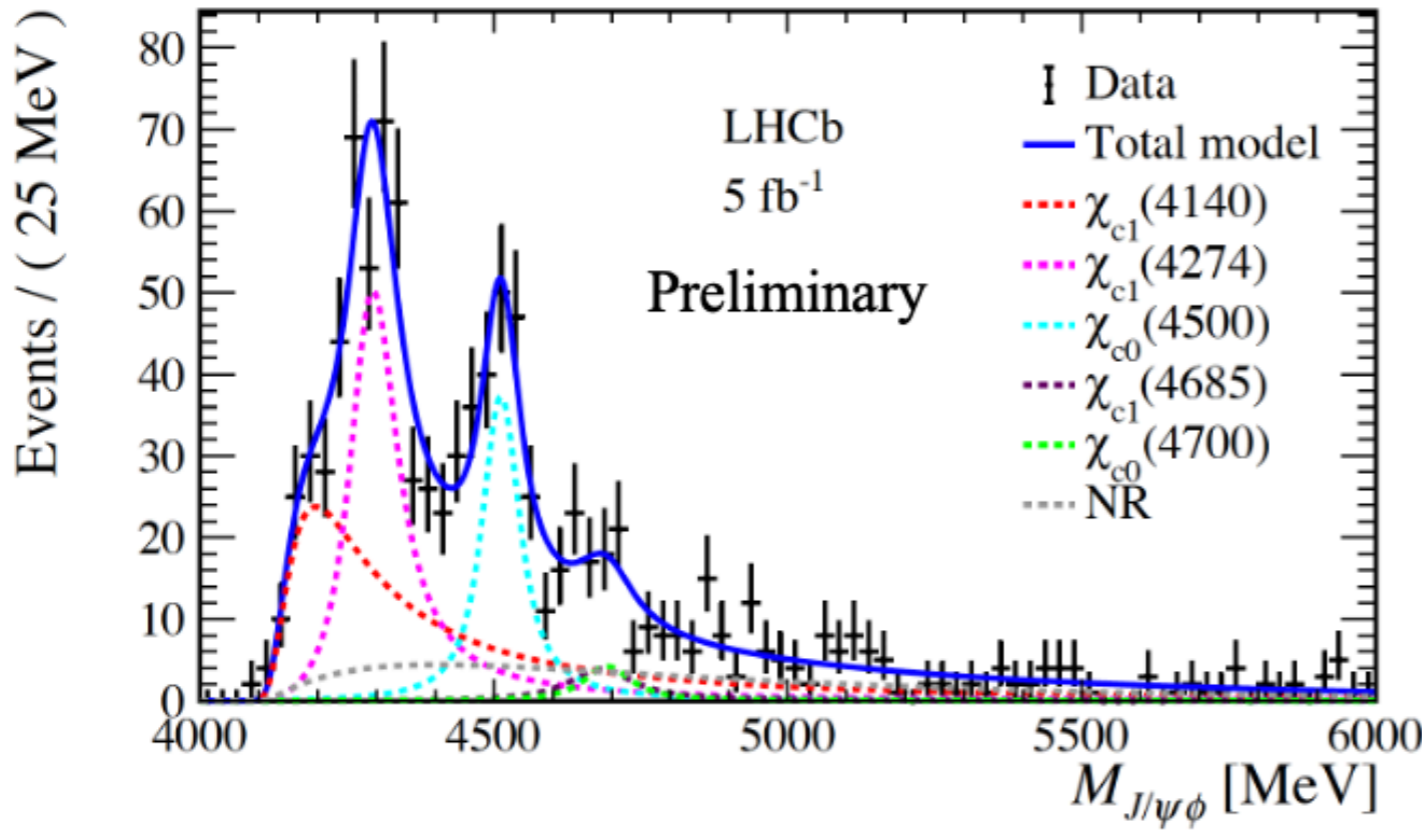


- ✓ Experimentally clean even @LHC
- ✓ Spin-parity option narrowed down
- ✗ Much smaller rate

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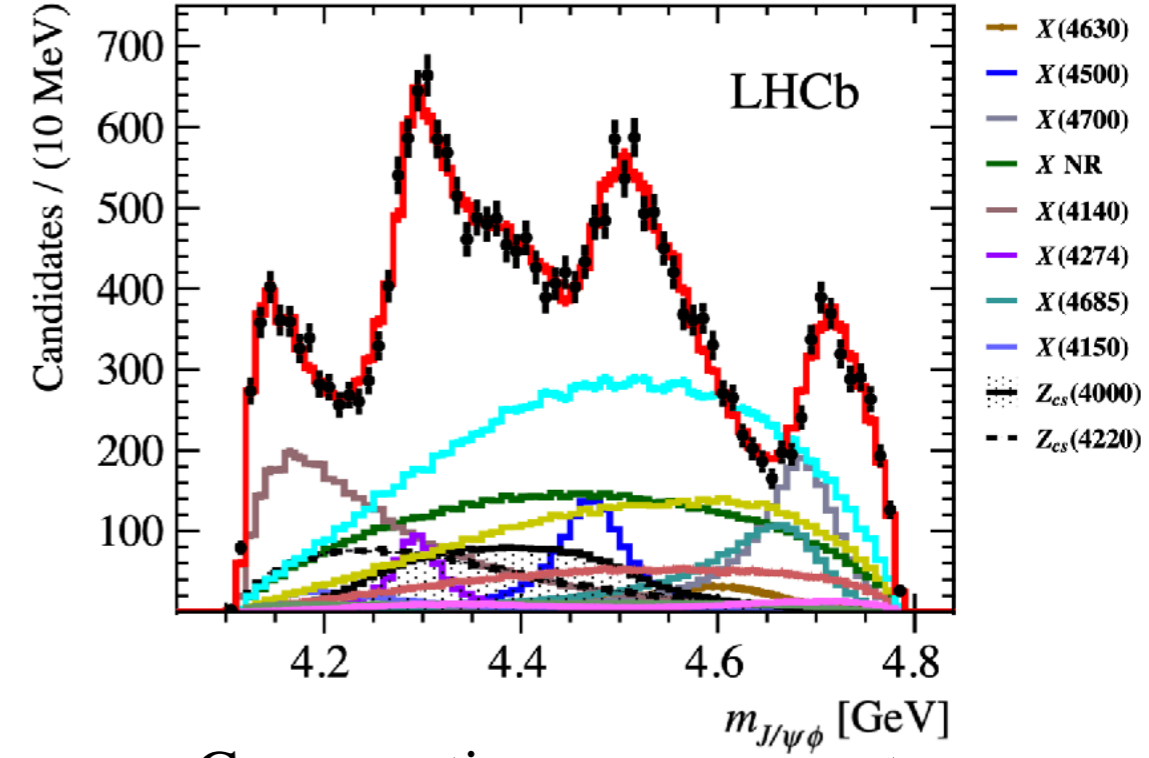
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Mass & width measurement  
slightly higher mass of X(4500)

Parameter (MeV)	This Letter	Ref. [12]
$M_{\chi_{c1}(4274)}$	$4298 \pm 6 \pm 9$	$4294 \pm 4_{-6}^{+3}$
$\Gamma_{\chi_{c1}(4274)}$	$92_{-18}^{+22} \pm 57$	$53 \pm 5 \pm 5$
$M_{\chi_{c0}(4500)}$	$4512.5_{-6.2}^{+6.0} \pm 3.0$	$4474 \pm 3 \pm 3$
$\Gamma_{\chi_{c0}(4500)}$	$65_{-16}^{+20} \pm 32$	$77 \pm 6_{-8}^{+10}$

[PRL 127 (2021) 082001]  
Zoomed version of the spectrum  
from tetraquark original paper



Cross-section measurement

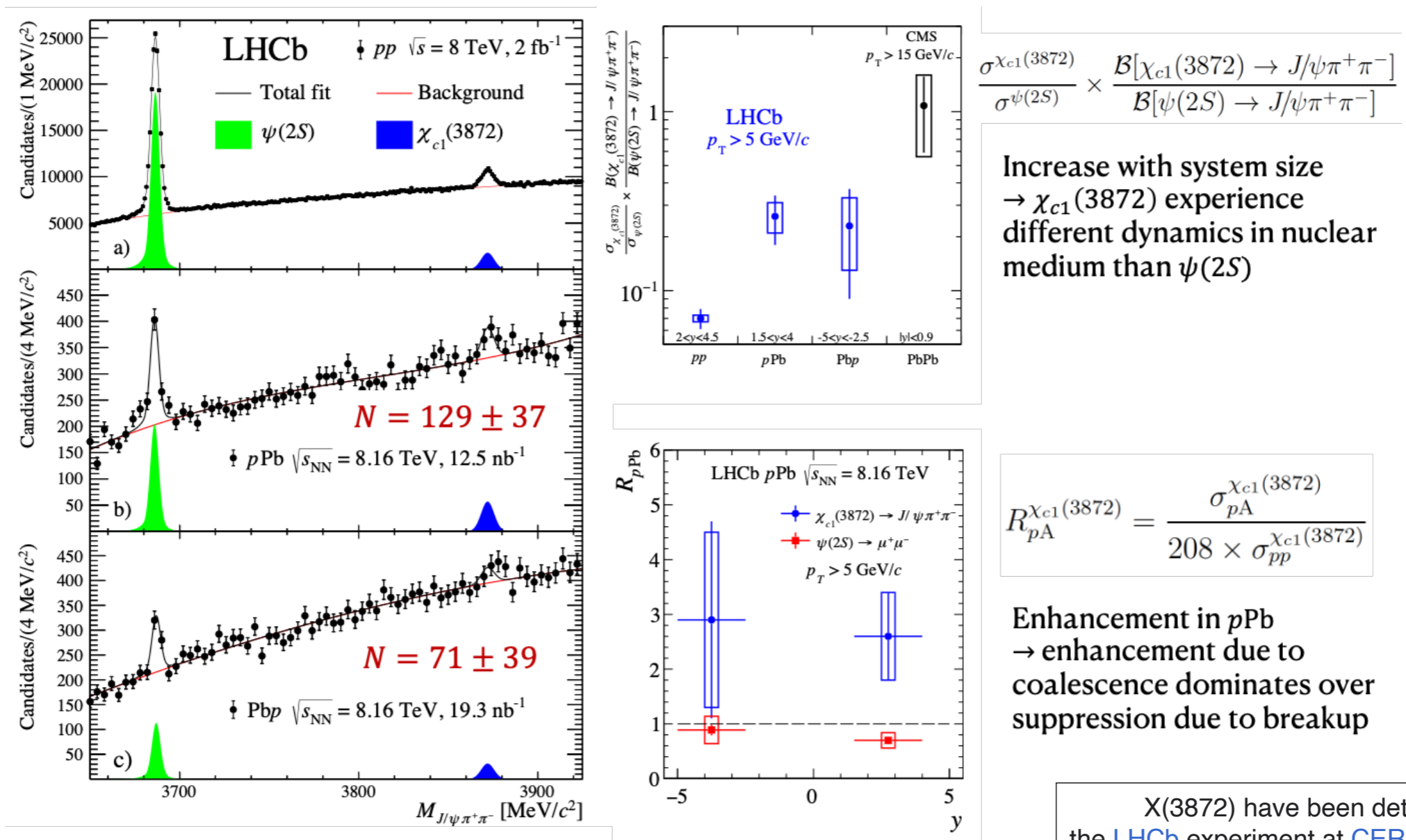
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\chi_{c1}(4140)} \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}}^{\chi_{c1}(4140)} &= (0.85 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.30) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma_{\chi_{c1}(4274)} \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}}^{\chi_{c1}(4274)} &= (0.77_{-0.13}^{+0.14} \pm 0.18) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma_{\chi_{c0}(4500)} \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}}^{\chi_{c0}(4500)} &= (0.44_{-0.08}^{+0.09} \pm 0.07) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma_{\chi_{c1}(4685)+\chi_{c0}(4700)} \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}}^{\chi_{c1}(4685)+\chi_{c0}(4700)} &= (0.14_{-0.06}^{+0.07} \pm 0.06) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma_{NR} \times \mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}}^{NR} &= (0.46_{-0.19}^{+0.25} \pm 0.21) \text{ pb}, \end{aligned}$$

**First exotic measurement in CEP**

# Modification of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$ production in pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=8.16$ TeV

- First measurement of the production of the exotic hadron  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  in pPb collisions
- Comparison with the charmonium state  $\psi(2S)$
- The exotic  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  experiences different dynamics in the nuclear medium than conventional hadrons
- Comparison with data from pp collisions  $\rightarrow$  the presence of the nucleus may modify  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  production rates

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Increase with system size  
 $\rightarrow \chi_{c1}(3872)$  experience different dynamics in nuclear medium than  $\psi(2S)$

Enhancement in pPb  
 $\rightarrow$  enhancement due to coalescence dominates over suppression due to breakup

$\chi_{c1}(3872)$  have been determined by the [LHCb](#) experiment at [CERN](#) in March 2013. The values for  $J^{PC}$  are  $1^{++}$

# Conclusions

- This was a very short talk contains only the very latest LHCb results
- All results are using Run1-Run2 datasets but now collecting datasets for Run3
- Expect high statistics and unprecedented number of heavy hadron produced
- Full software trigger will increase efficiency (and discovery potential!)



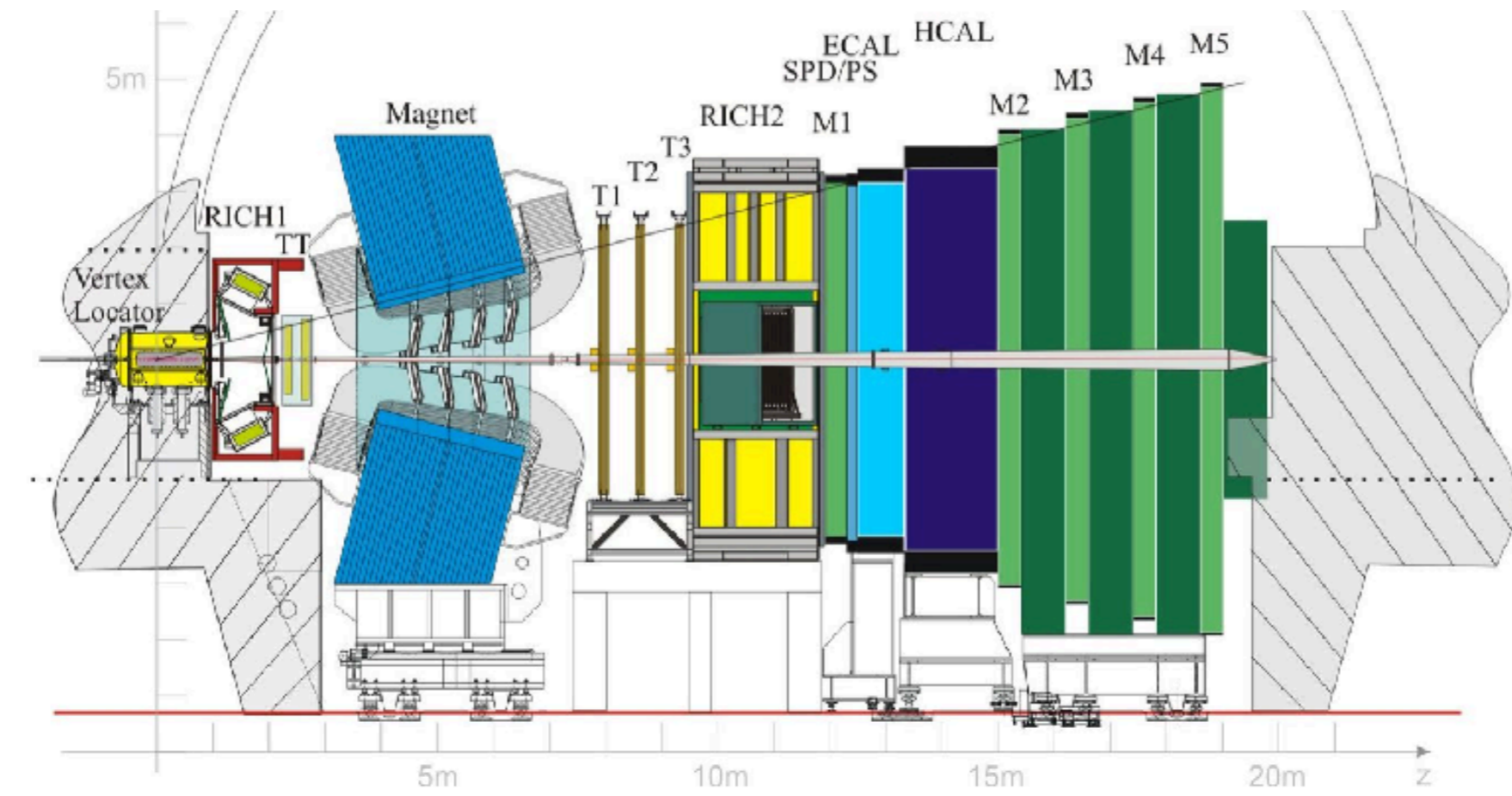
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# Backup Slides

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# The LHCb detector

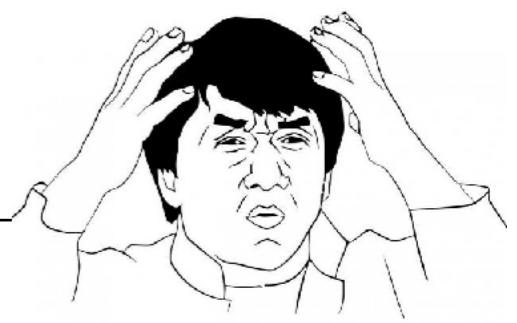
- LHCb designed as forward spectrometer covering the pseudo rapidity range  $2 < \eta < 5$
- The LHCb experiment is an extraordinary spectroscopy gym both for “conventional” and “exotic” states
- At LHC  $b$  and  $c$  baryons are produced in unprecedented quantities (high cross sections & luminosity)
- Perfect conditions for both precision measurements & observations of new states
- Drawbacks: reconstructing neutrals is experimentally challenging (but doable)



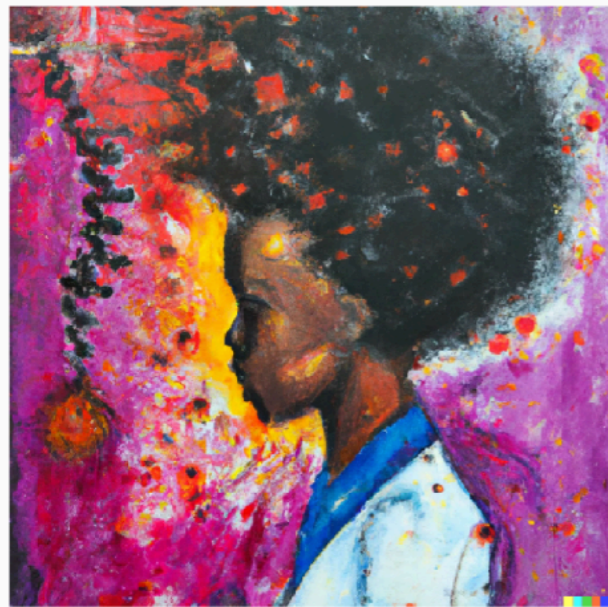
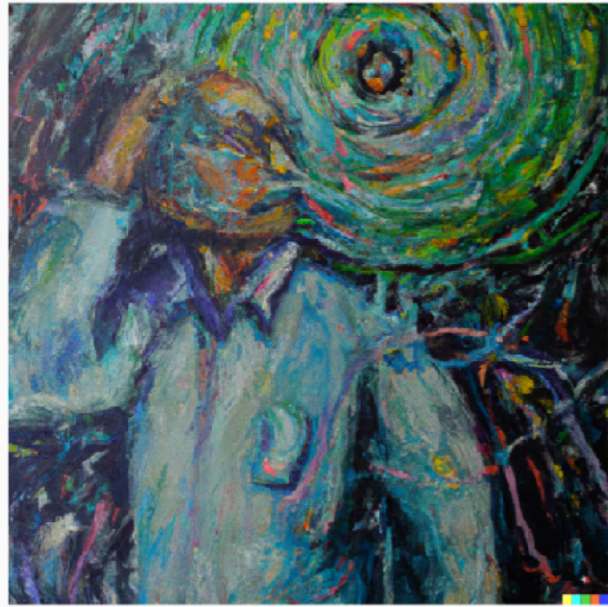
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# AI fun



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artificial intelligence

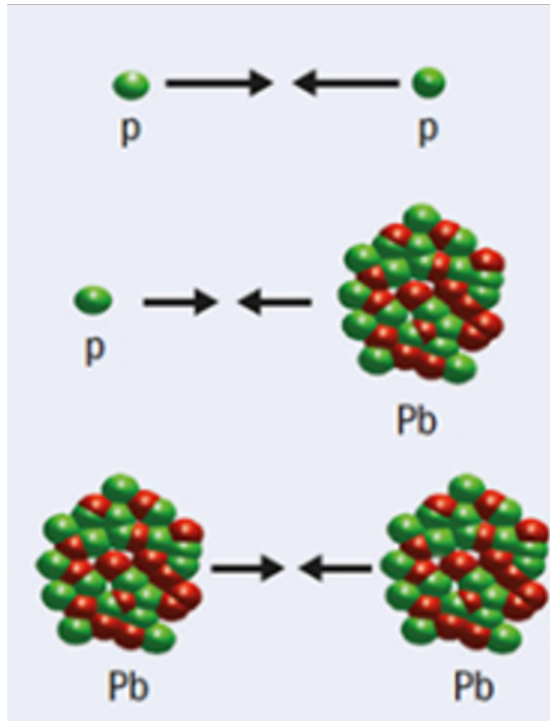


And using Midjourney  
More oneiric... less inclusive



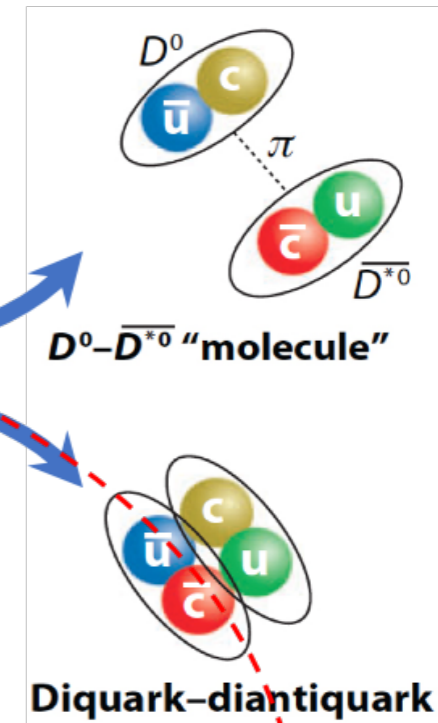


# $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ in hadronic collisions



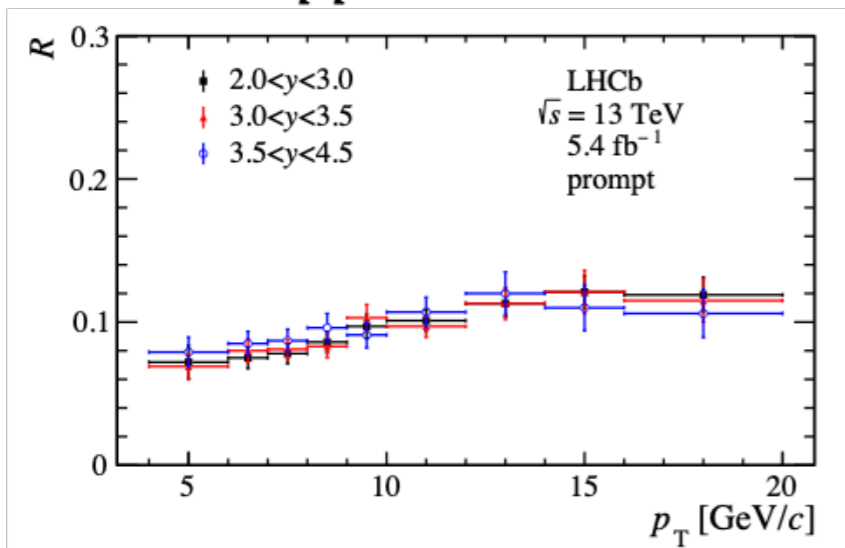
- ✓ Enhancement: quark coalescence...
- ✗ Suppression: breakup due to interactions with comoving particles...

differ in



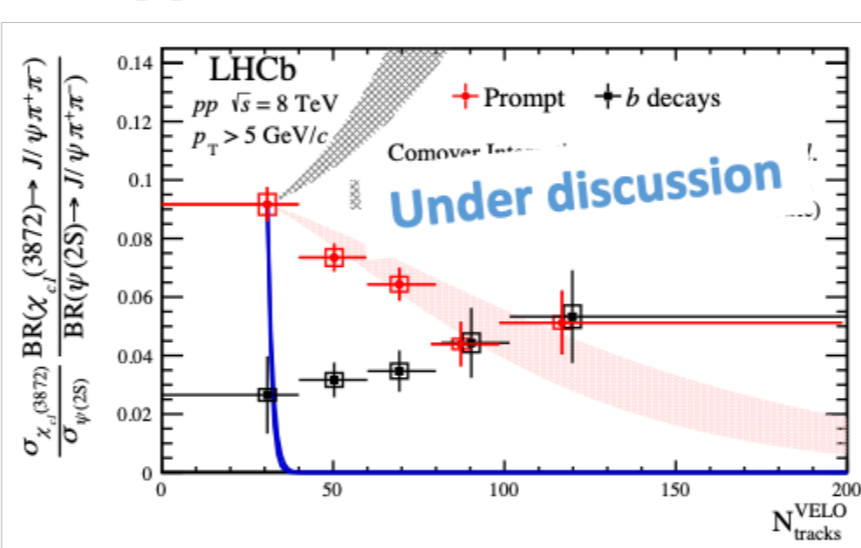
## Measurements of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ production wrt $\psi(2S)$

In  $pp$  collisions



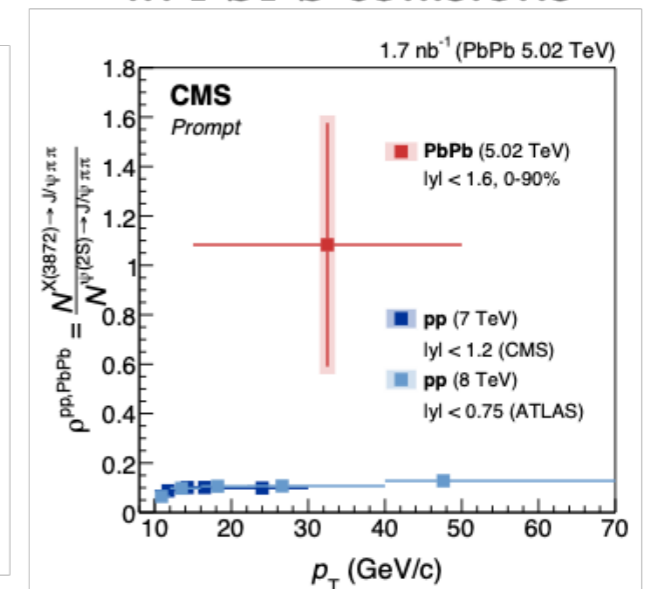
[JHEP 01 (2022) 131]

In  $pp$  collisions vs multiplicity



[PRL 126 (2021) 092001]

In PbPb collisions



[PRL 128 (2022) 032001]