

# Overview of Exotic Spectroscopy at LHCb

on behalf of LHCb collaboration

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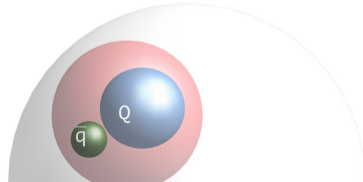
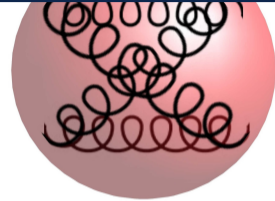
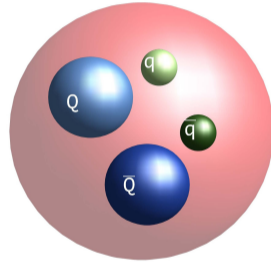
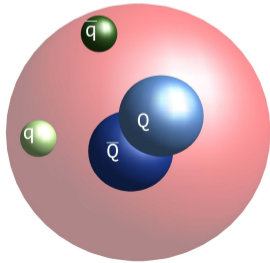
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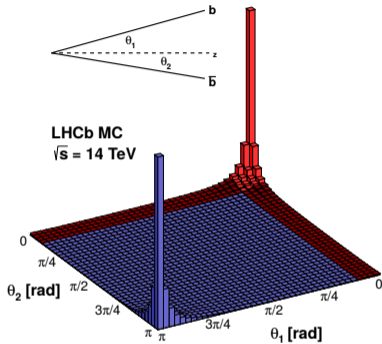


# Outline

- The LHCb experiment.
- Current landscape of hadron spectroscopy at LHCb.
- Recap on the nature of exotic hadrons.
- Observation of an exotic narrow doubly charmed tetraquark.
- Study of the doubly charmed tetraquark  $T_{cc}^+$ .

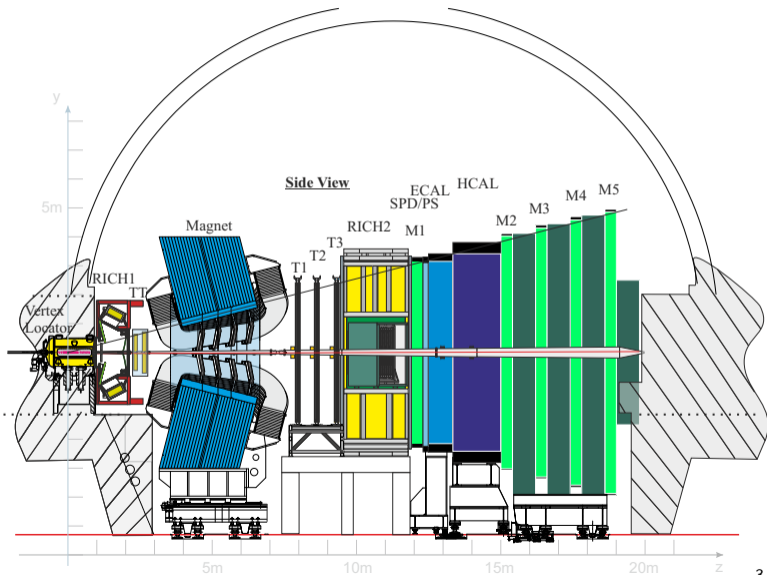


# The LHCb Experiment



LHCb is a single-arm forward spectrometer covering  $2 < \eta < 5$

Vertex:	$\sigma_{IP}$	$\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$
Time:	$\sigma_{\tau}$	$\sim 45 \text{ fs}$
PID:	$\epsilon(K \rightarrow K)$	$\sim 95\%$



# Exotic hadrons in the quark model

We can dispense entirely with the basic baryon  $\Lambda$  if we assign to the triplet  $t$  the following properties: spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z = -\frac{1}{3}$ , and baryon number  $\frac{1}{3}$ . We then refer to the members  $u^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ,  $d^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ , and  $s^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  of the triplet as "quarks"  $q$  and the members of the anti-triplet as anti-quarks  $\bar{q}$ . Baryons can now be constructed from quarks by using the combinations  $(qqq)$ ,  $(qqq\bar{q})$ , etc., while mesons are made out of  $(q\bar{q})$ ,  $(qq\bar{q}\bar{q})$ , etc.

Murray Gell-Mann



Multiquark hadrons other than conventional meson and baryon states (containing 2 and 3 quarks respectively) are considered to be **Exotic Hadrons**.

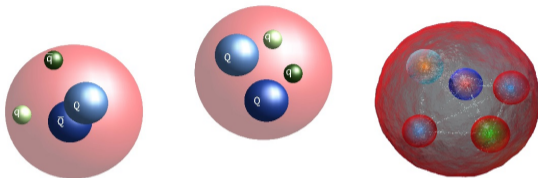


- 6) In general, we would expect that baryons are built not only from the product of three aces,  $AAA$ , but also from  $\bar{A}AAAA$ ,  $\bar{A}AAAAA$ , etc., where  $\bar{A}$  denotes an anti-ace. Similarly, mesons could be formed from  $\bar{A}A$ ,  $\bar{A}AAA$  etc. For the low mass mesons and baryons we will assume the simplest possibilities,  $\bar{A}A$  and  $AAA$ , that is, "deuces and treys".

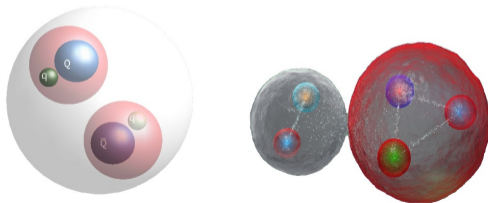
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# The nature of exotic hadrons

Tightly bound  
(compact) states

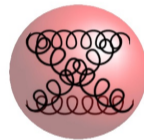


Molecular states

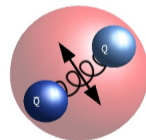


Other states

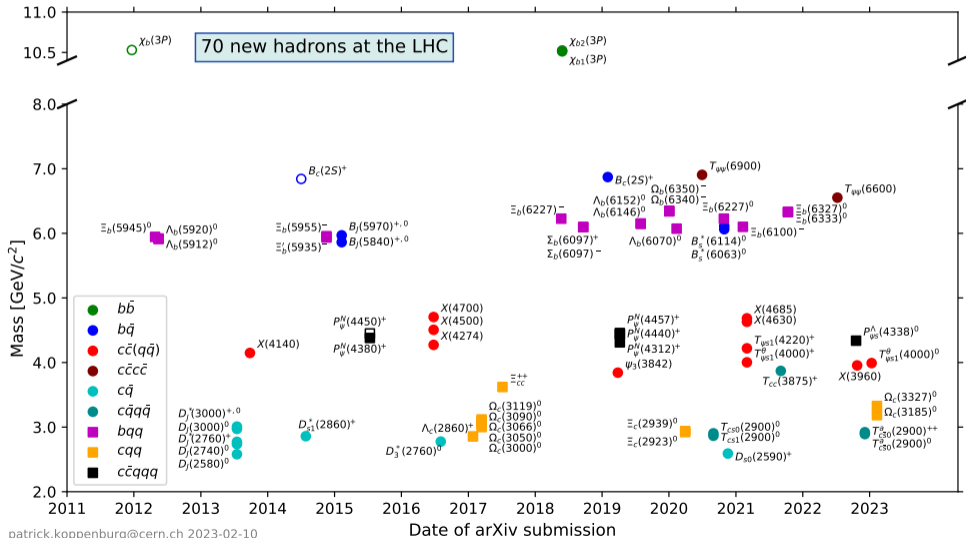
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Hybrid



# Hadron spectroscopy at the LHC

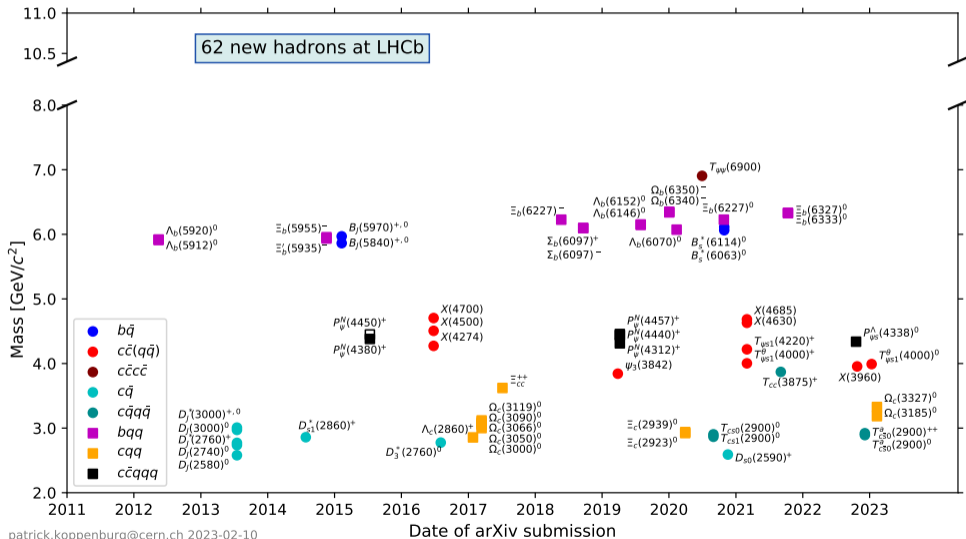


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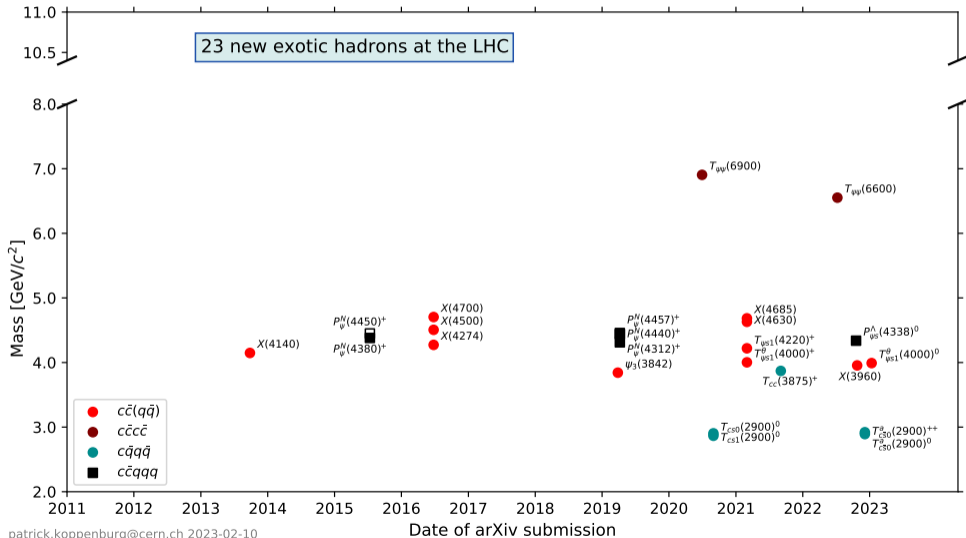
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# Hadron spectroscopy at the LHCb



# New exotic hadrons at the LHC



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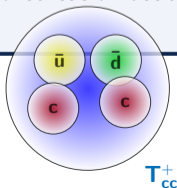
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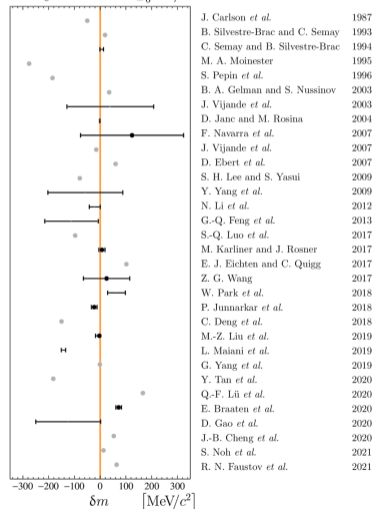


- Highly non-perturbative regime makes QCD calculations difficult.
- Hadronic spectroscopy is driven by experimental input.
- Abundance of tetraquark and pentaquark states discovered.
- All discovered exotic hadrons predominantly decay via strong interaction.
- A long-lived exotic state stable wrt. strong interaction would be very intriguing.
- $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$  hadron is a prime candidate for such a state.
- $bb\bar{u}\bar{d}$  state expected to be stable, but no consensus on  $bc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  or  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  states.

$$\delta m \equiv m_{T_{cc}^+} - (m_{D^{*+}} + m_{D^0})$$

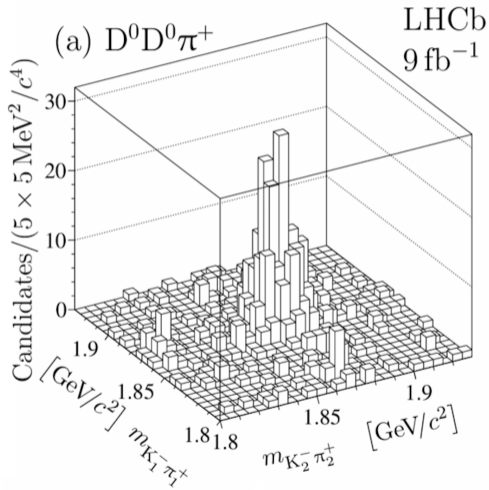
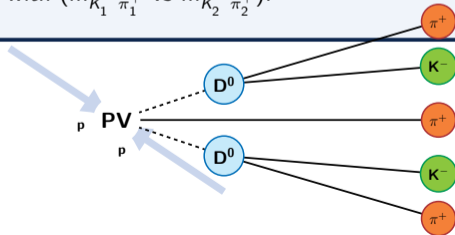


$$\delta m_U = -359 \pm 40_{-6}^{+9} \text{ keV}/c^2$$



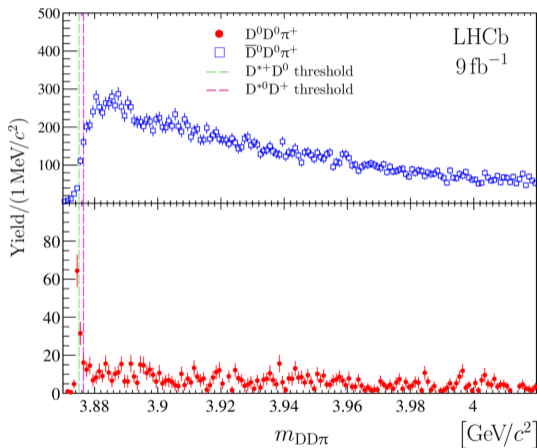
# Selection of $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ candidates

- Prompt  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  candidates selected.
- Ensuring  $D^0$  detached vertices.
- Detached  $K^- \pi^+$  with high  $p_T$ .
- Good track, vertex and PID quality required.
- Ensure no reflections via mis-ID.
- Remove  $D^0$  combinatorial background using 2D with  $(m_{K_1^- \pi_1^+} \text{ vs } m_{K_2^- \pi_2^+})$ .



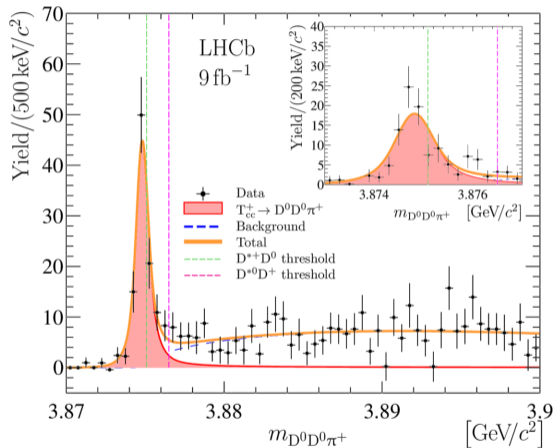
# $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ inv. mass spectrum

- Narrow peak observed in  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ .
- As a cross-check  $D^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$  spectrum investigated.
- No peak observed in  $D^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$ .
- A narrow hypothetical charmonium like state in  $D^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$  followed by a transition  $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow D^0$  would produce a narrow peak in  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  but a much larger peak in  $D^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$ .
- The peak in  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  appears just under  $D^{*+} D^0$  threshold.
- Tetraquark in close proximity to meson-meson threshold suggests a molecular - loosely bound nature of the state.



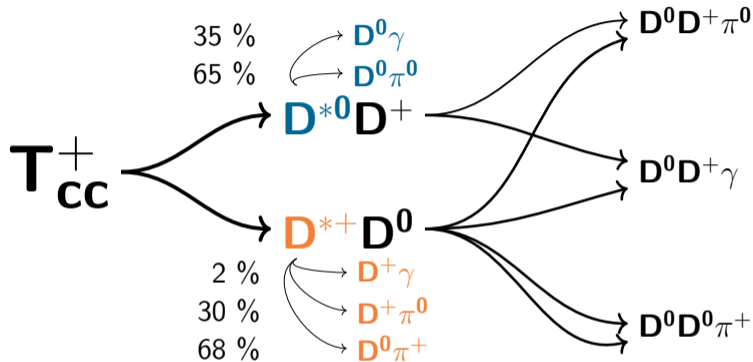
- Signal model:  
Relativistic Breit-Wigner \* Resolution.
- Phase space background.
- Signal significance  $> 10\sigma$ .
- Peak below  $D^{*+} D^0$  established with  $4.3\sigma$  significance.
- Model too naive  $\rightarrow$  proximity to threshold.

Parameter	Value
N	$117 \pm 16$
$\delta m_{BW}$	$-273 \pm 61$ keV
$\Gamma_{BW}$	$410 \pm 165$ keV



$$\delta m_{BW} \equiv m_{T_{cc}^+} - (m_{D^{*+}} + m_{D^0})$$

# Constructing unitarized amplitude model



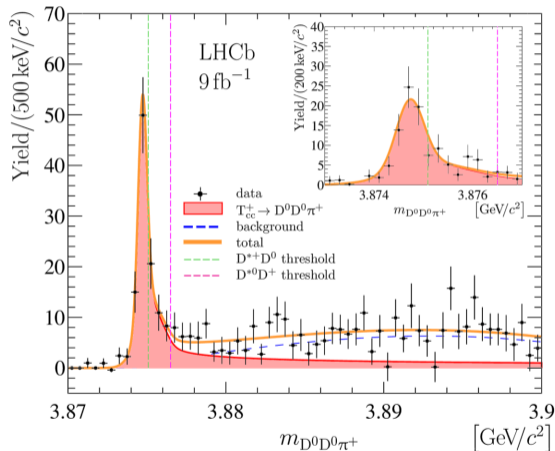
Model assumptions:

- $J^P = 1^+$  : S-wave decay to  $DD^*$ .
- $T_{cc}^+$  is an isoscalar:  $|T_{cc}^+\rangle_{I=0} = (|D^{*0} D^+\rangle - |D^{*+} D^0\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$ .
- Isospin conserved in  $D^{*0} D^+$  and  $D^{*+} D^0$  couplings.

# Fit to $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$ inv. mass spectrum unitarized amplitude model

- Signal model:  
Advanced 3-body Breit-Wigner model.
- 3-body phase-space calculated via of  $X \rightarrow DD^*[\rightarrow D\pi/\gamma]$  matrix element over  $D^0 D^{0/+} \pi^+/\gamma$  Dalitz plot.
- Peak below  $D^{*+} D^0$  established with  $9\sigma$  significance.
- Shape does not depend on  $T_{cc}^+ \rightarrow DD^*$  coupling  $|g|$  for large values.

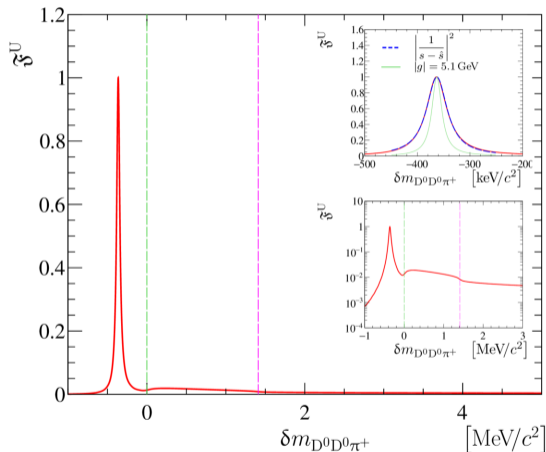
Parameter	Value
N	$186 \pm 24$
$\delta m_U$	$-359 \pm 40$ keV
$ g $	$3 \times 10^4$ keV (fixed)



$$\delta m_U \equiv m_{T_{cc}^+} - (m_{D^{*+}} + m_{D^0})$$

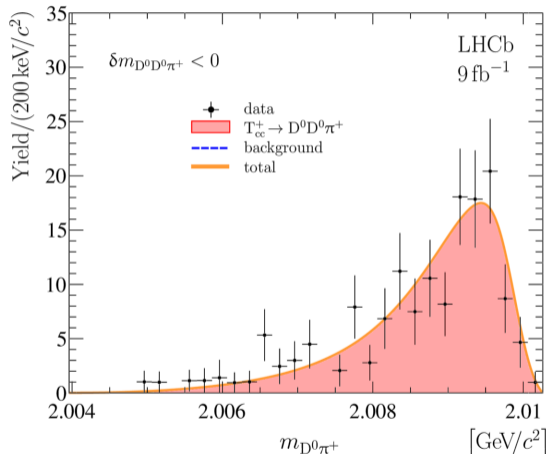
# Features of the unitarized amplitude model

- Nearly isolated resonance below  $D^{*+}D^0$  threshold.
- Best precision on peak position below threshold.
- FWHM:  $47.8 \pm 1.9$  keV.
- Lifetime:  $\tau \approx 10^{-20}$  s.
  - ▶ Compared to other exotic hadrons, lifetime is very large.
- Long tail observed.
- Threshold cusps observed at  $D^{*+}D^0$  and  $D^{*0}D^+$ .



# Crosscheck of the model on $D^0\pi^+$

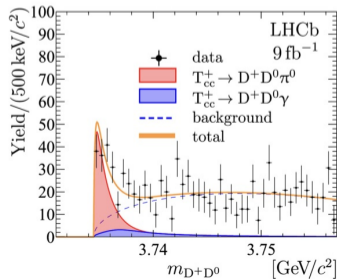
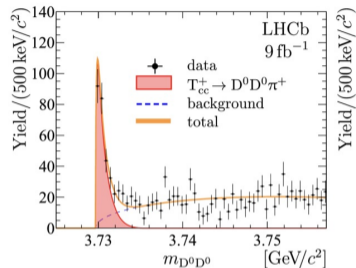
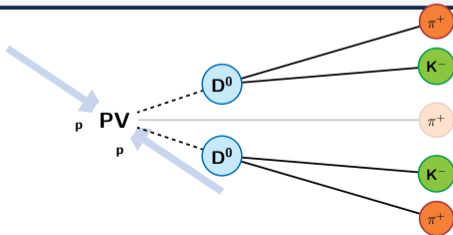
- Unitarized model integrated over  $D^0D^0\pi^+$  and  $D^0D^0$  masses to obtain  $D^0\pi^+$  shape
- Only floating parameter is the yield
- Perfect agreement confirms:
  - ▶  $T_{cc}^+ \rightarrow DD^*$  is decaying via off-shell  $D^*$  resonance
  - ▶  $J^P$  assignment for  $T_{cc}^+$  is correct
- Future amplitude analysis of the Dalitz plot will exclude all other possibilities for  $J^P$





# Crosscheck of the model on partially reconstructed decays

- Energy release in  $D^* \rightarrow D^0 \pi^0 / \gamma$  is small.
- Even without reconstructing  $\pi^0$  or  $\gamma$ , a narrow peak should be observed in  $D^0 D^0$  and  $D^+ D^0$  mass spectra.
- Independent selection is performed to obtain prompt  $D^0 D^0$  and  $D^+ D^0$  signal.
- Only floating parameter in the fits is the yield.
- Relative yields are in agreement with expectations.



# Checking $\mathcal{I} = 1$ hypothesis

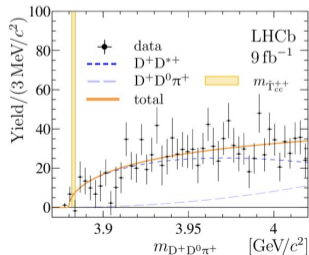
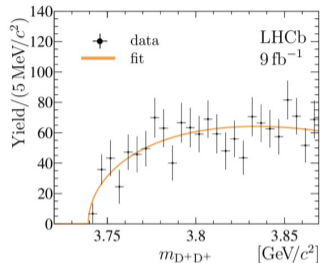
- If  $T_{cc}^+$  was a part of  $\mathcal{I} = 1$  triplet:

$$\begin{array}{ll} T_{cc}^0 & cc\bar{d}\bar{d} \\ T_{cc}^+ & cc\bar{u}\bar{d} \\ T_{cc}^{++} & cc\bar{u}\bar{u} \end{array}$$

- Isospin partners should have roughly the same mass.

$$m_{T_{cc}^{++}} - (m_{D^+} + m_{D^{*+}}) = 2.7 \pm 1.3 \text{ MeV}$$

(using mass of  $\Sigma_c^0, \Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}$ )



# Analytic continuation to the complex plane

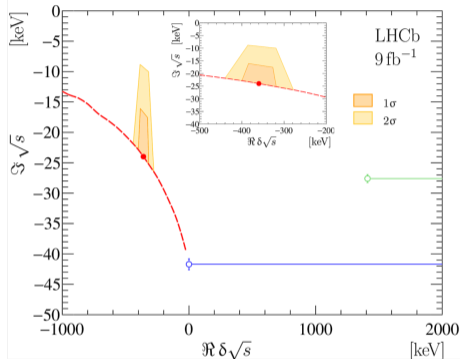
- Pole position can be obtained from the model:

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{A}_U^H \hat{s}} = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} \equiv m_{pole} - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{pole}$$

$$\delta\sqrt{s} \equiv \sqrt{s} - (m_{D^{*+}} + m_{D^0})$$

- $\delta m_{pole} = -360 \pm 40_{-0}^{+4}$  keV
- $\Gamma_{pole} = 48 \pm 2_{-14}^{+0}$  keV
- By expansion near pole low-energy scattering parameters can be extracted:
  - ▶ Scattering length:  $a = [-(7.16 \pm 0.51) + i(1.85 \pm 0.28)]$  fm
  - ▶ Characteristic size:  $R_a \equiv -\mathcal{R}_a = 7.16 \pm 0.51$  fm
  - ▶ Effective range:  $0 \leq -r < 11.9(16.9)$  fm at 90(95)% CL
  - ▶ Weinberg compositeness:  $Z < 0.52(0.58)$  at 90(95)% CL
  - ▶ Size of  $D^0 D^{*+}$  molecule:  $R_{\Delta E} \equiv \frac{1}{\gamma} = 7.5 \pm 0.4$  fm



# Summary

- Clear experimental evidence that QCD is richer than  $qq$  and  $qqq$  baryons.
- This is an exciting new chapter of exotic hadron spectroscopy, with many intriguing results already obtained.
- $T_{cc}^+$  is the first state of  $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$  family.
- $T_{cc}^+$  is isoscalar, no indication of  $\mathcal{I} = 1$  family found.
- Unitarized amplitude model crosschecked in  $D^0\pi^+$  and partially reconstructed decays  $\rightarrow$  very good agreement.
- Studies of Open-double-charm and other exotic states will help to obtain a better description of QCD inner workings.
- Run3, Run4 and future runs of the LHC will provide more statistics to accommodate precision measurements of exotic states.

Thank You for your attention

# Modern hadron naming scheme

- Current naming scheme is not sufficient to unambiguously index exotic hadrons.
- There is no clear solution of how to name some of the states (and how to indicate their quantum numbers) (eg.  $c\bar{s}\bar{u}\bar{d}$  or  $J/\psi\Sigma$  states).
- With the future prospects of more multi-quark states being discovered, a new naming scheme has to be introduced.
- Proposal of [[Exotic hadron naming convention](#)].

Minimal quark content	Current name	$I^G, J^{PC}$	Proposed name
$c\bar{c}$	$X_{c1}(3872)$	$I^G = 0^+, J^{PC} = 1^{++}$	$X_{c1}(3872)$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$Z_c(3900)^+$	$I^G = 1^+, J^P = 1^+$	$T_{\psi 1}^b(3900)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$Z_c(4100)^+$	$I^G = 1^-$	$T_{\psi}(4100)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$Z_c(4430)^+$	$I^G = 1^+, J^P = 1^+$	$T_{\psi 1}^b(4430)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{s}$	$Z_{cs}(4000)^+$	$I = \frac{1}{2}, J^P = 1^+$	$T_{\psi s 1}^{\phi}(4000)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{s}$	$Z_{cs}(4220)^+$	$I = \frac{1}{2}, J^P = 1^?$	$T_{\psi s 1}^{\psi}(4220)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{c}\bar{c}$	$X(6900)$	$I^G = 0^+, J^{PC} = ??^+$	$T_{\psi\psi}(6900)$
$c\bar{s}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$X_0(2900)$	$J^P = 0^+$	$T_{cs0}(2900)^0$
$c\bar{s}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$X_1(2900)$	$J^P = 1^-$	$T_{cs1}(2900)^0$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$T_{cc}(3875)^+$		$T_{cc}(3875)^+$
$b\bar{b}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$Z_b(10610)^+$	$I^G = 1^+, J^P = 1^+$	$T_{\psi 1}^b(10610)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	$P_c(4312)^+$	$I = \frac{1}{2}$	$P_{\psi}^N(4312)^+$
$c\bar{c}\bar{u}\bar{d}\bar{s}$	$P_{cs}(4459)^0$	$I = 0$	$P_{\psi s}^A(4459)^0$

## Work in Progress: Hadron naming tool

Hadron name builder

Quark content (upper-case for  $\bar{q}$ ): cCuud

Spin: 0.5 Isospin: 0.5

Parity: G-parity

Reset

$P_{\psi}^{N+}$

Quarks: cCuud

$P_{c_1(\psi s 1)^+ (N)}$

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