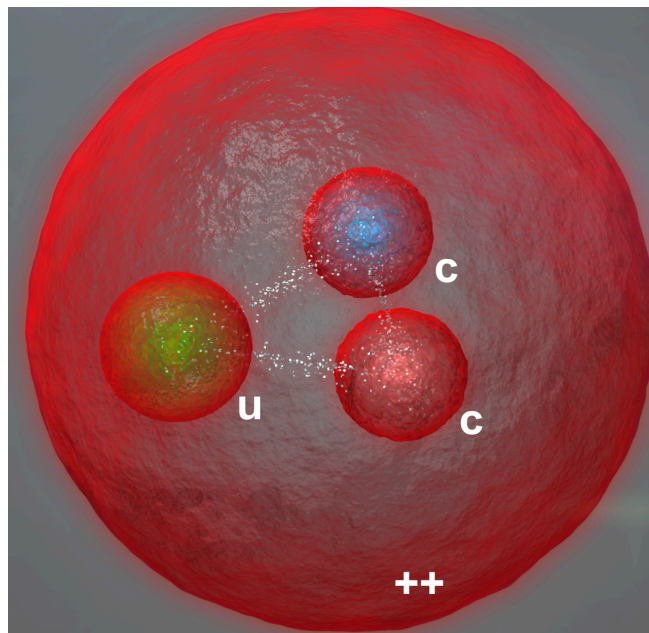


# Observation of the doubly charmed baryon $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$

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# Outline

- LHCb experiment
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$\Xi_{cc}^{++} : ccu$

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Challenges for hadron spectroscopy: hadronic background and particle mis-identification

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- $\delta p/p \sim 0.5\% - 1\%$  (5-200 GeV)
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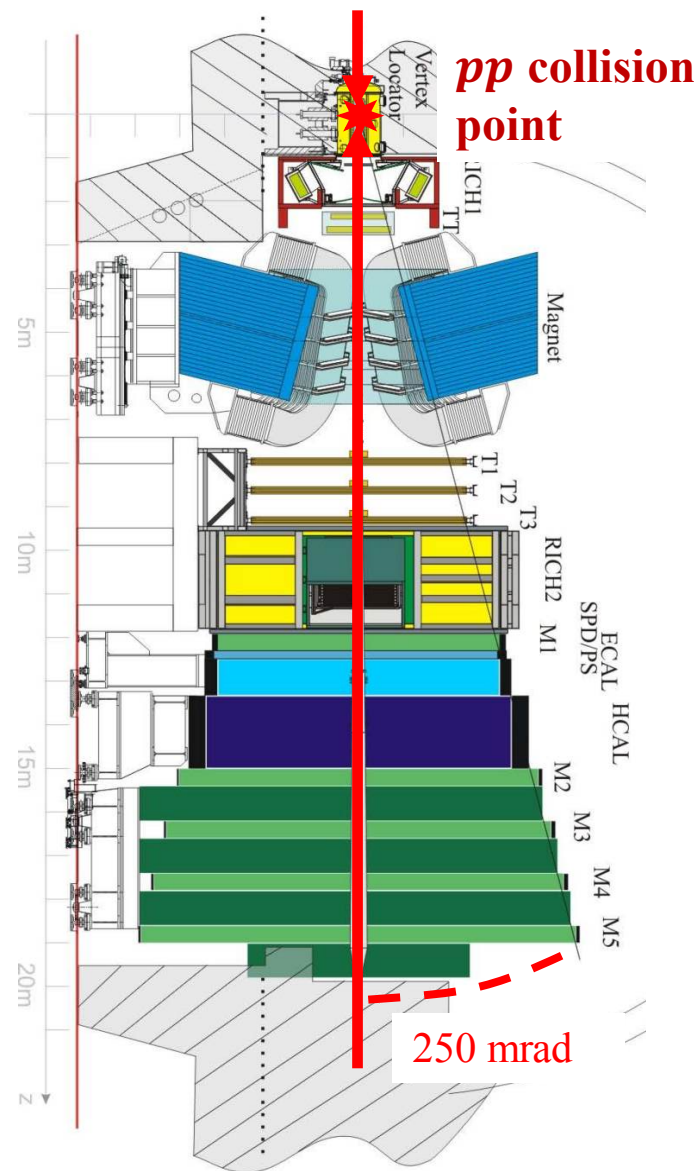
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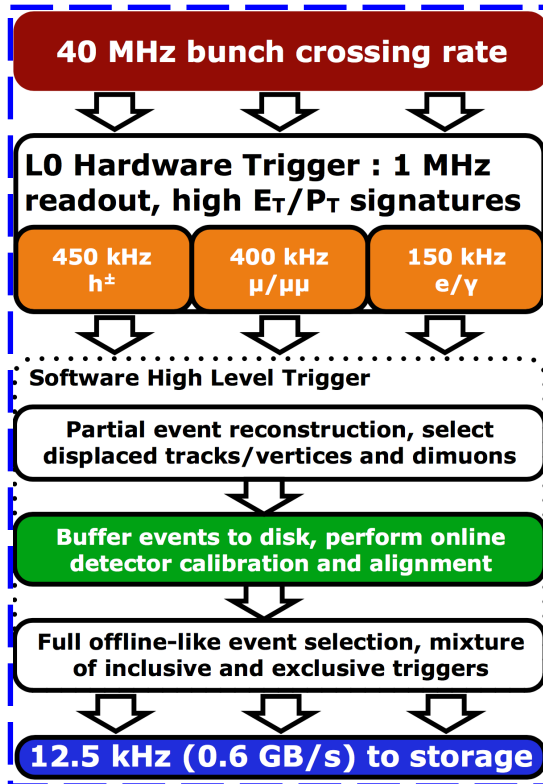
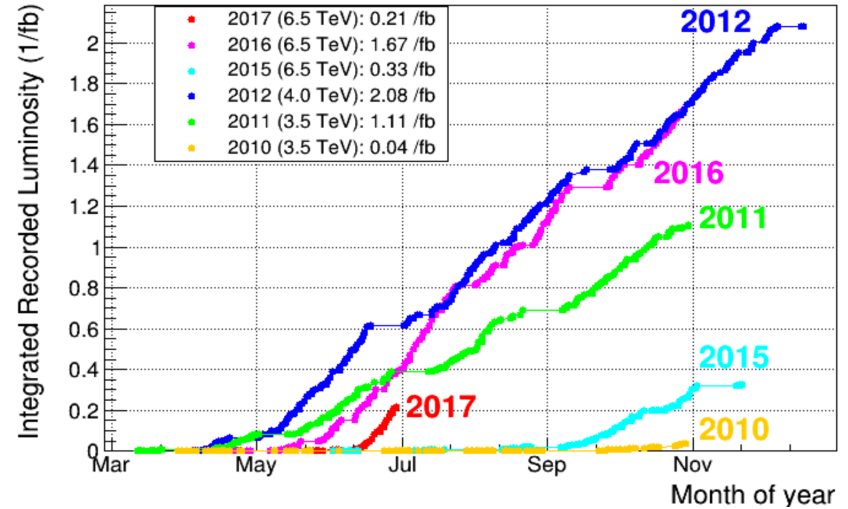


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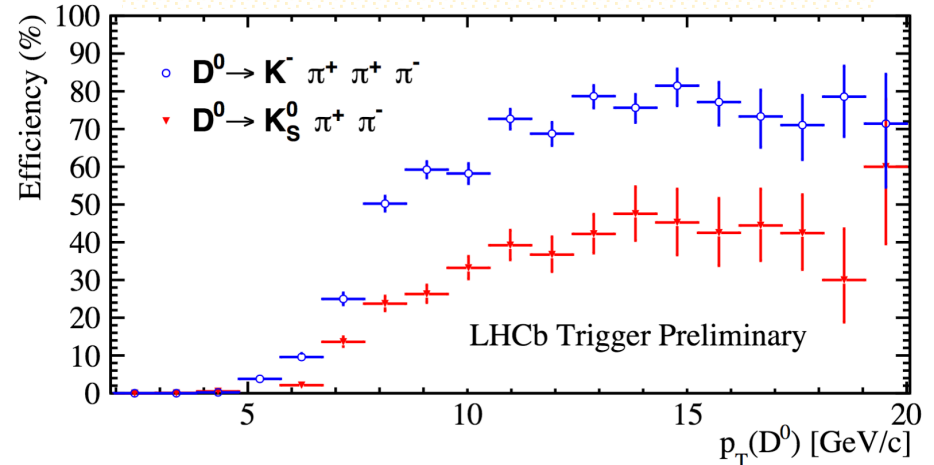
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## pp collisions

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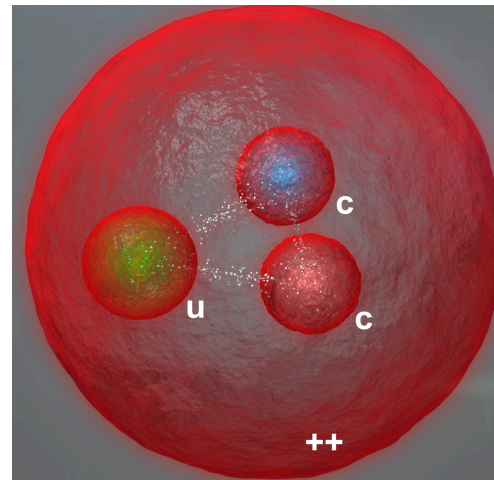


## Efficient trigger for hadronic channels



# Observation of the doubly charmed baryon $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$

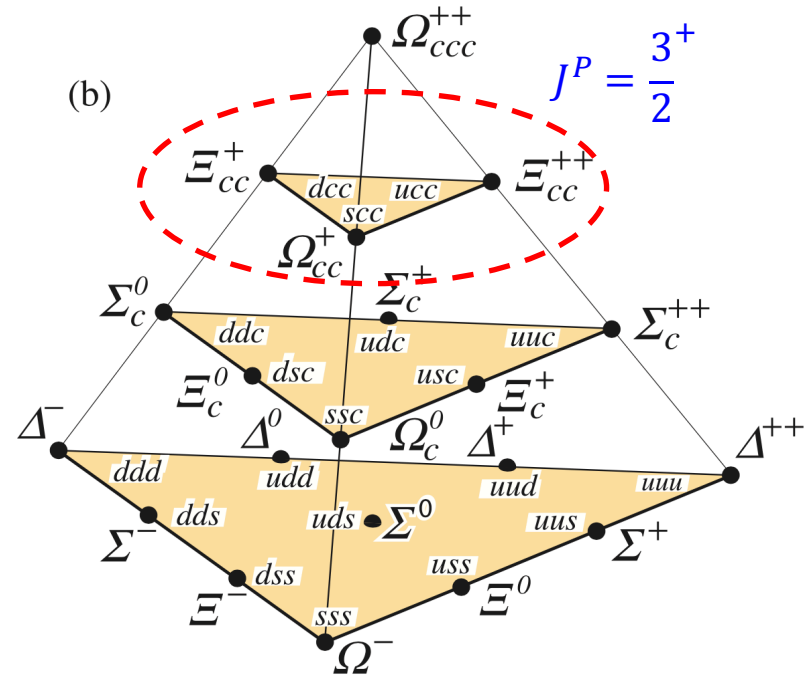
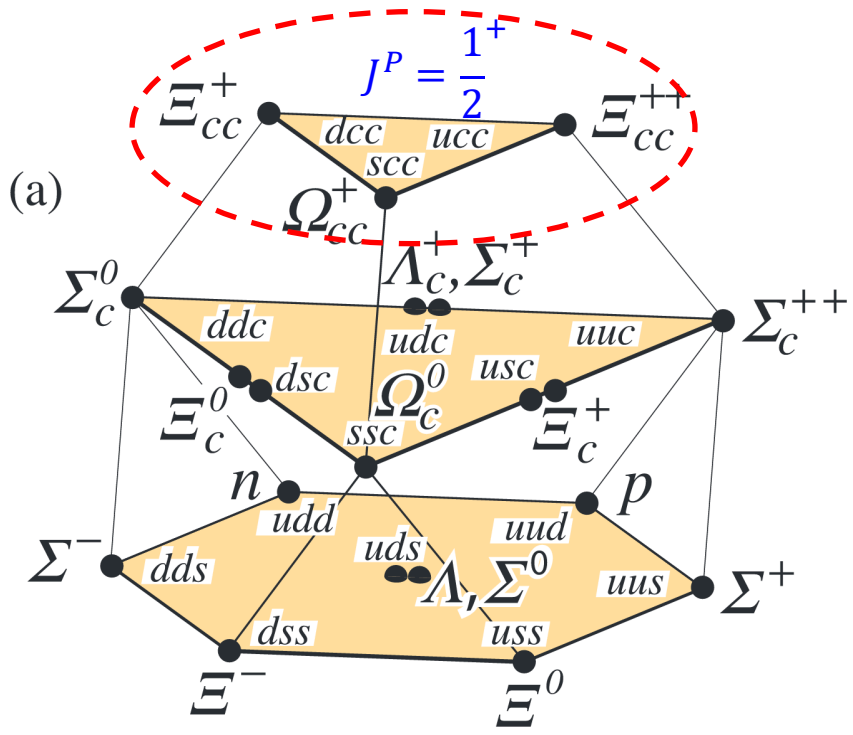
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# The doubly charm baryons

- Two SU(4) baryon 20-plets with  $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$  and  $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$ , each contains a SU(3) triplet with two charm quarks:  $\Xi_{cc}^+(ccd)$ ,  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}(ccu)$ ,  $\Omega_{cc}^+(ccs)$
- $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$  expected to decay to  $\frac{1}{2}^+$  states via strong/electromagnetic interaction
- $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$  states decay weakly with a  $c$  quark transformed to lighter quarks



- Many theoretical calculations for masses and lifetimes of ground states
- Masses by phenomenological models
  - $\Xi_{cc}^{+,++}$ : most of them with 3.5 – 3.7 GeV. Mass splitting between  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  and  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  only a few MeV due to  $u, d$  symmetry

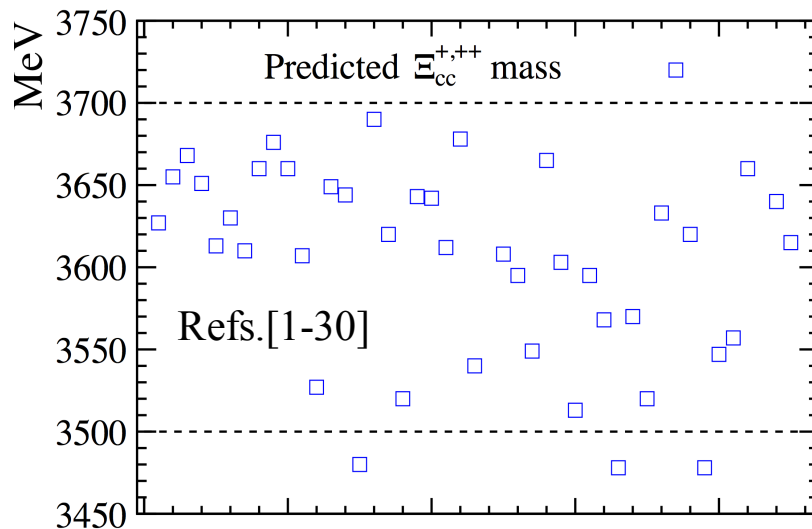
➤  $M(\Omega_{cc}^+) \approx M(\Xi_{cc}) + 0.1 \text{ GeV}$

- Masses by lattice QCD computations

$M(\Xi_{cc}) \approx 3.6 \text{ GeV}$

$M(\Omega_{cc}^+) \approx 3.7 \text{ GeV}$

Refs.[31-46]



Theoretical uncertainties not included

- Lifetimes

➤ Expect  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}(ccu)) \gg \tau(\Xi_{cc}^+(ccd))$

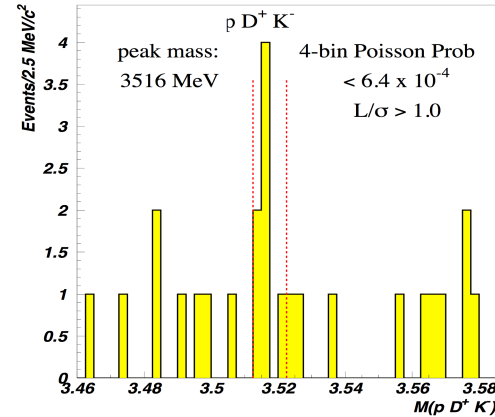
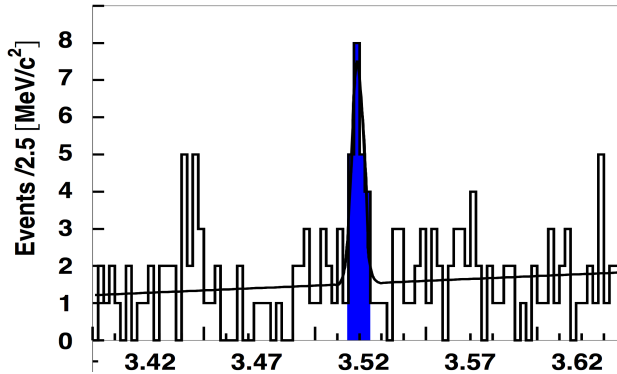
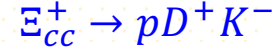
➤ Most calculations give  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \in [200 - 700] \text{ fs}$       Refs.[5, 6, 12 49-52]



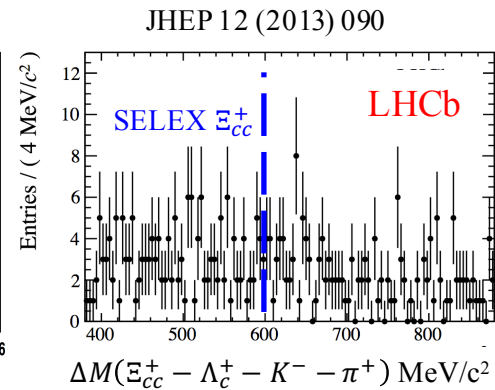
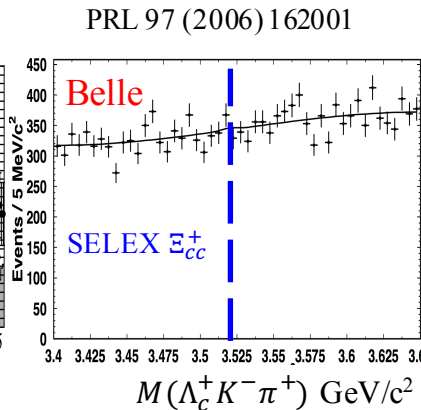
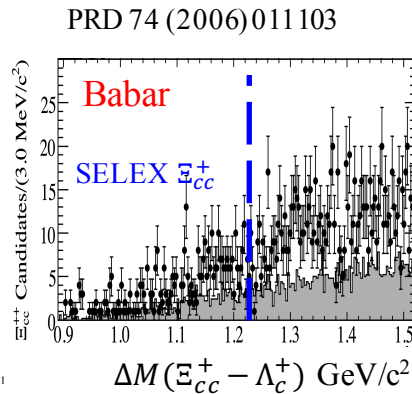
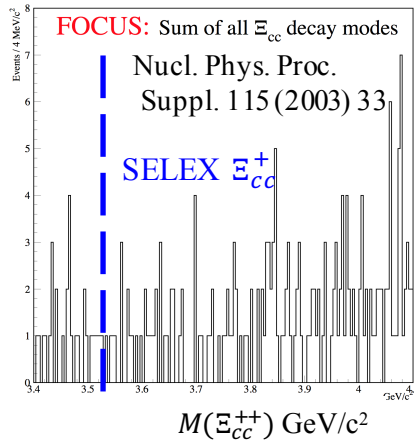
# Experimental studies of $\Xi_{cc}^+$

- SELEX claimed to observe  $\Xi_{cc}^+(ccd)$  in  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$  and  $p D^+ K^-$  decays

➤ Mass:  $3518.7 \pm 1.7$  MeV PRL 89 (2002) 112001, PLB 628 (2005) 18



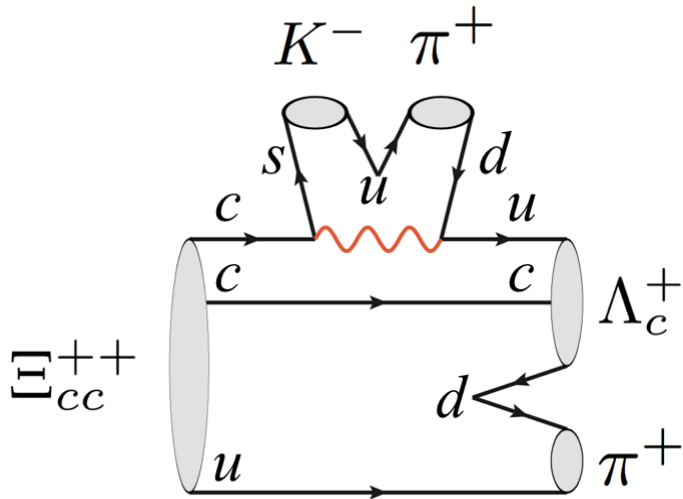
- Not confirmed by FOCUS, BaBar, Belle and LHCb in much larger  $\Lambda_c^+$  samples



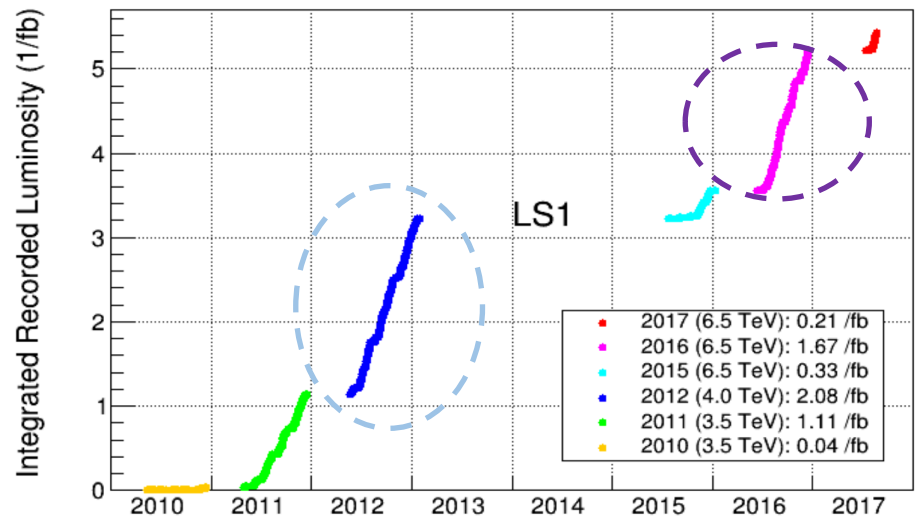
# Searching for $\Xi_{cc}^{++} (ccu)$

- Expected to have longer lifetime than  $\Xi_{cc}^+$ , higher sensitivity at LHCb
- Decay:  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ , branching fraction up to 10%      Refs. [56]
- Data sample: LHCb run II at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $\sim 1.7$  fb<sup>-1</sup>
  - Dedicated exclusive trigger ensuring high efficiency, full event reconstruction at trigger level
  - Run I data (2012) also analyzed for cross-check

$$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$

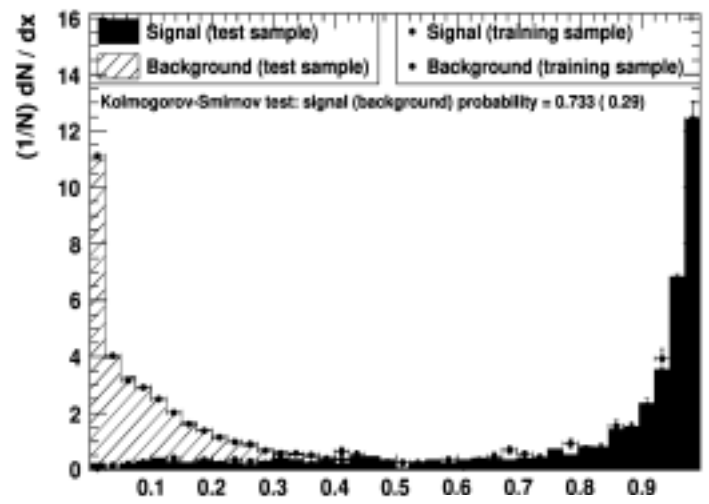
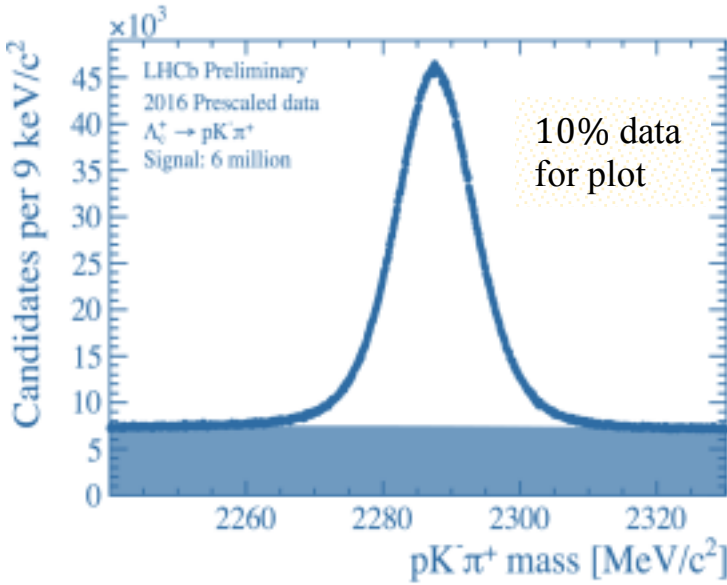
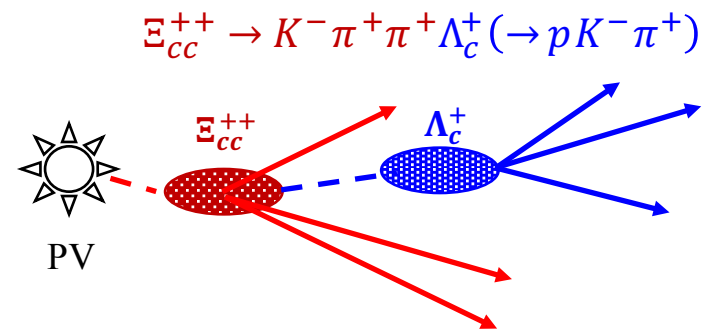


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# Candidate selection

- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ :
  - $p, K^-, \pi^+$  tracks: positive particle ID, not produced from primary vertices
  - $\Lambda_c^+$ : good vertex quality, separated from primary vertices
  - $p, K^-, \pi^+$  tracks and  $\Lambda_c^+$  have large  $p_T$
- $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ : multivariate selector
  - Decay fit quality
  - $p_T$  of decay products
  - $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  vertex separation from PV

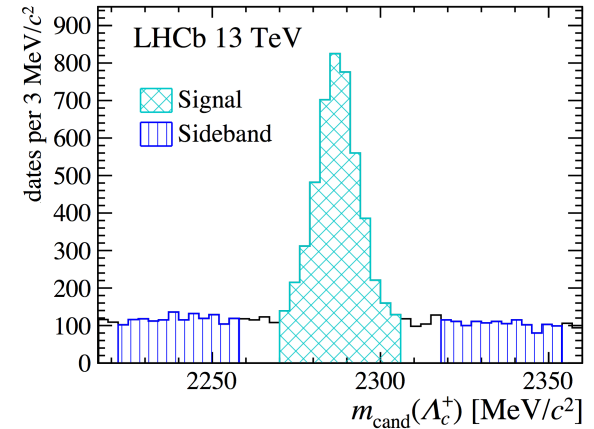
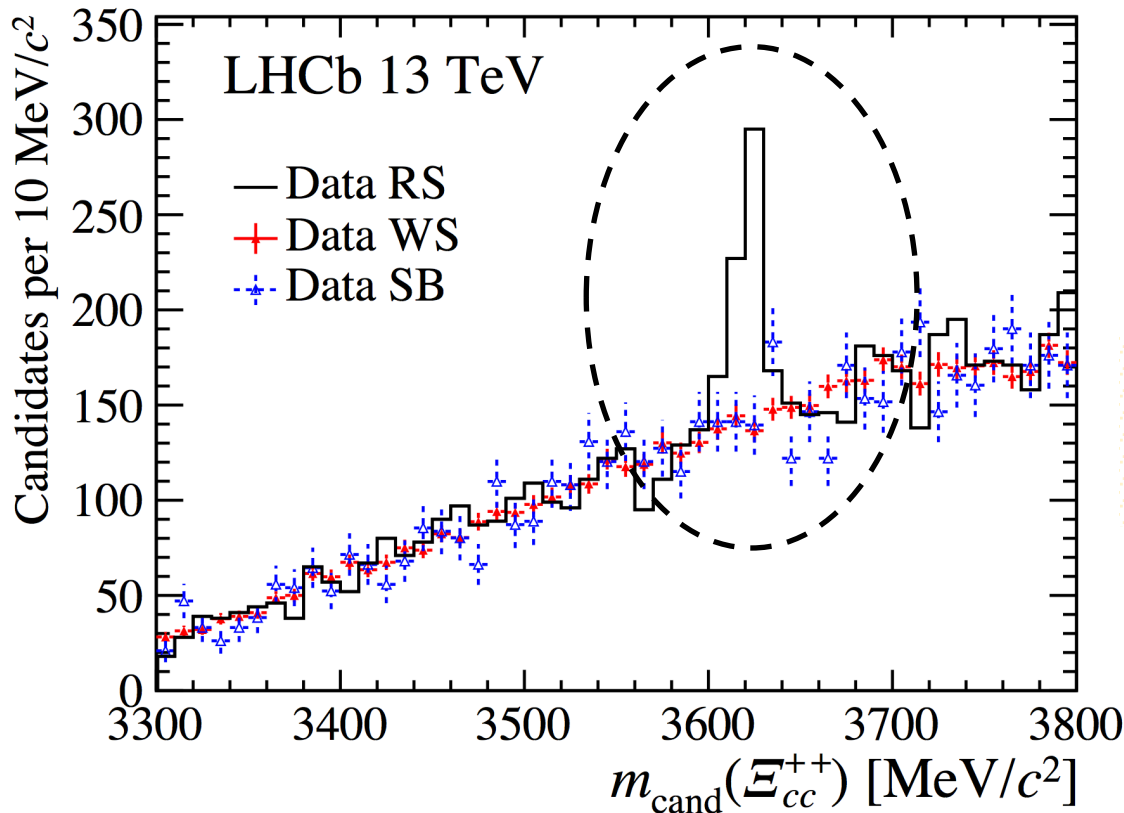


Multivariate selector

# $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ mass distribution

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- A significant structure in right sign (RS) combinations
- **Not present in wrong sign (WS) combinations**
- **Not observed for  $\Lambda_c^+$  background candidates**
- Distributions similar except the peak in RS



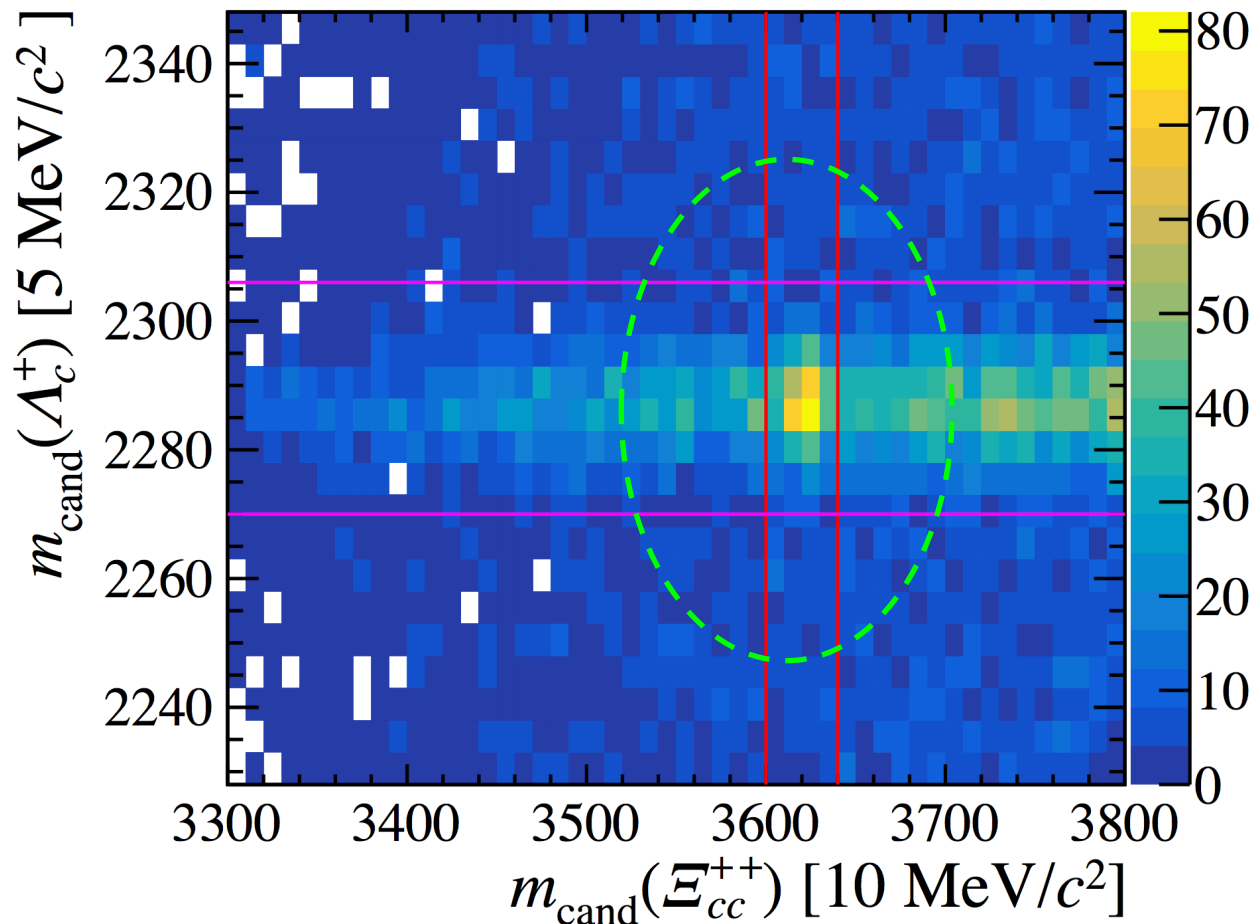
RS :  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \Lambda_c^+$   
 WS :  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \Lambda_c^+$   
 SB :  $\Lambda_c^+$  in mass sideband

# More tests

$$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)$$

- Signal candidates only present in  $\Lambda_c^+$  signal region

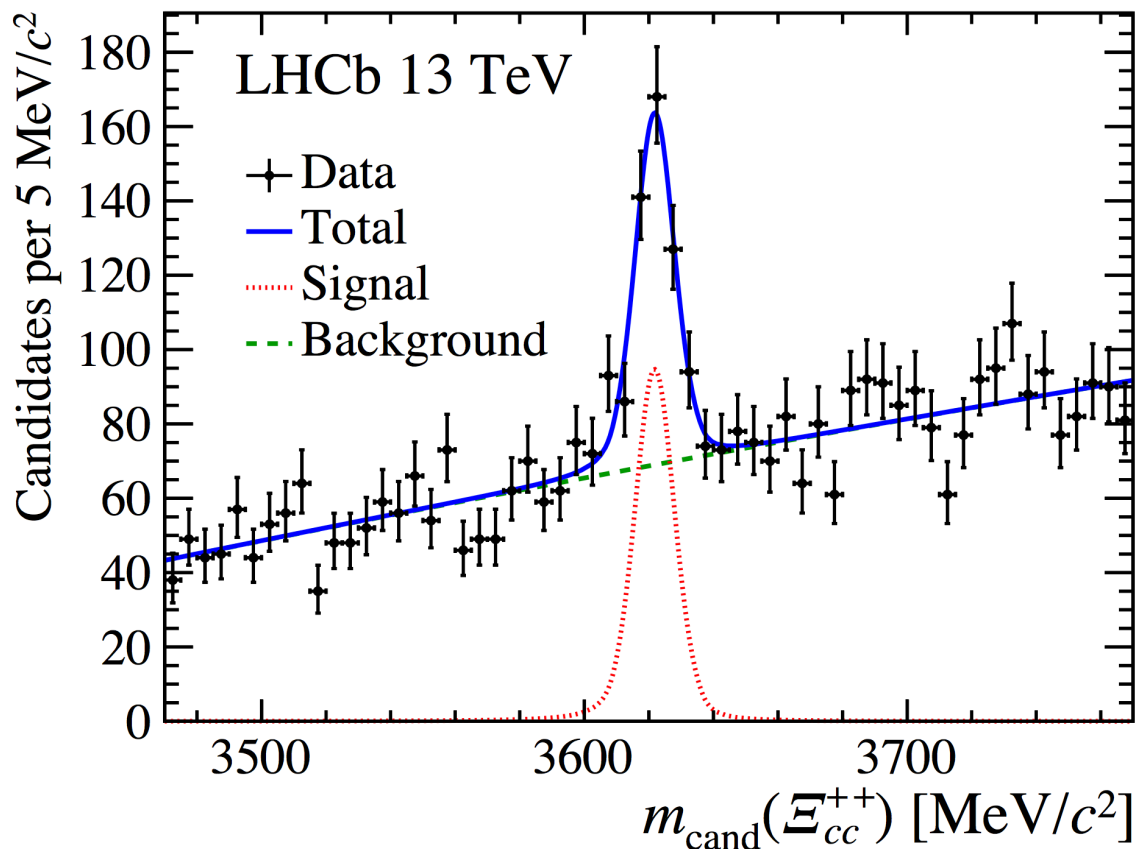
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## Systematic uncertainties

Source	Value [ MeV/ $c^2$ ]
Momentum-scale calibration	0.22
Selection bias correction	0.14
Unknown $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ lifetime	0.06
Mass fit model	0.07
Sum of above in quadrature	0.27
$\Lambda_c^+$ mass uncertainty	0.14

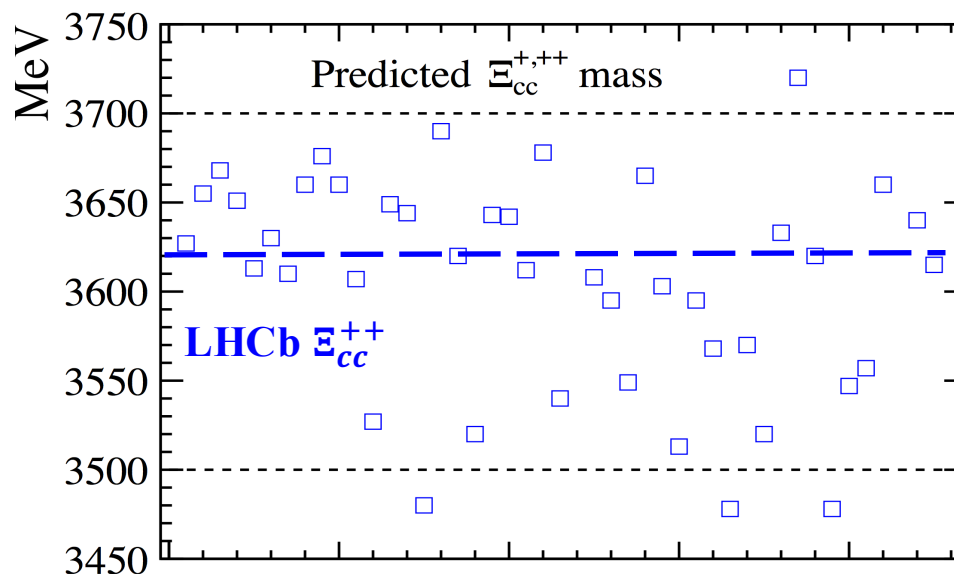
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Value consistent with many theoretical calculations



Refs.[1-30]



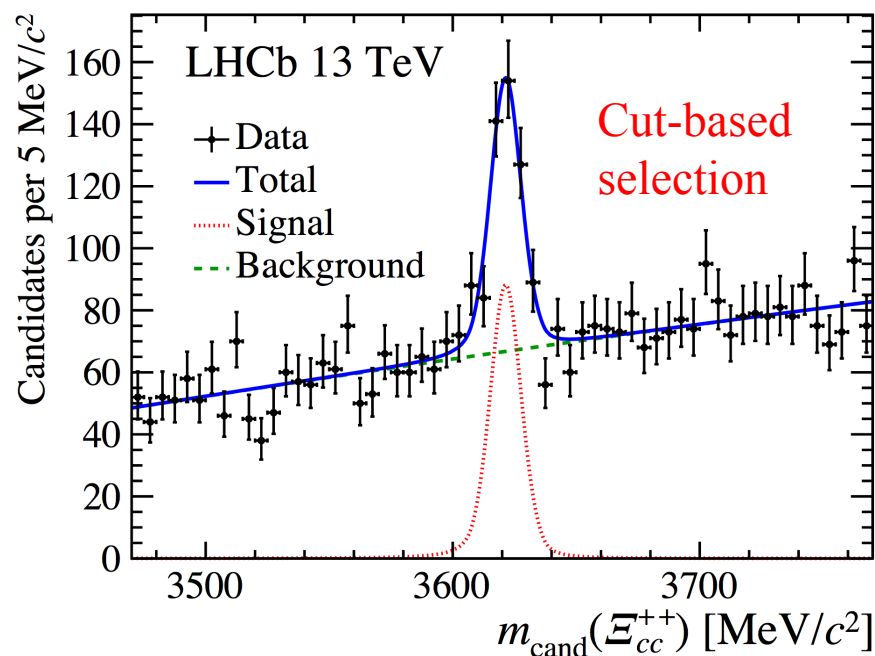
# More tests

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1. Multiple candidates: not creating fake narrow structure
2. Checking combinations of tracks from  $\Lambda_c^+$  and  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ : not peaking
3. MVA efficiency as a function of mass: very smooth
4. Varying threshold value of MVA selector: structure stays significant
5. Varying particle ID selections: no peaking structure emerging in WS combinations, structure stays in RS sample

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6. Using a cut based selection instead of using MVA, requiring good vertex fit quality,  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  vertex displaced and tracks are not produced from PV: **peak significance  $> 12\sigma$**

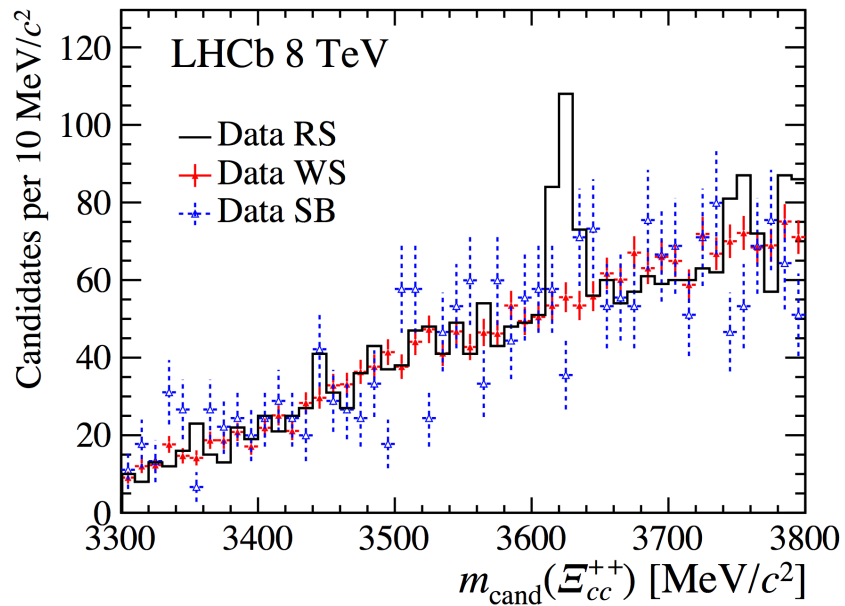


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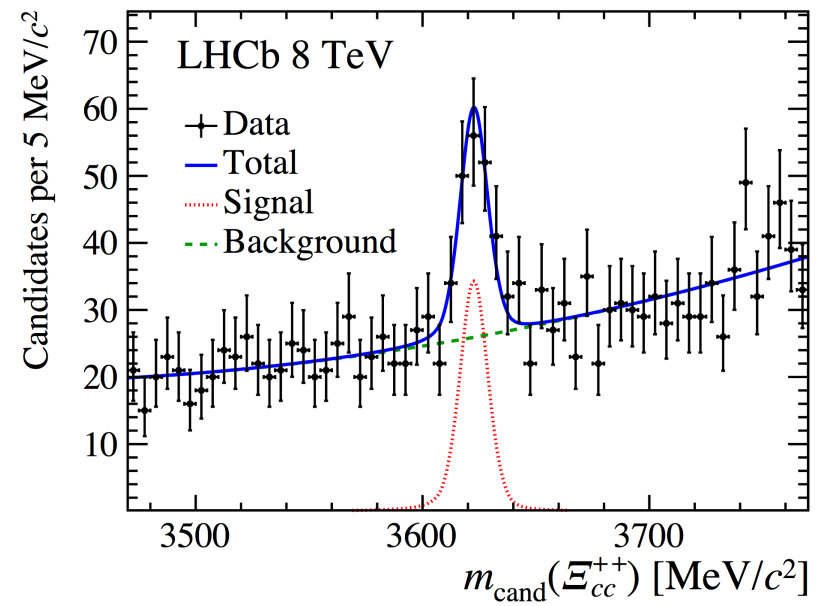
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- Signal peak presents in run I data sample with significance  $> 7\sigma$

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$$N(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) = 113 \pm 21$$

$$\text{Resolution: } 6.6 \pm 1.4 \text{ MeV}$$

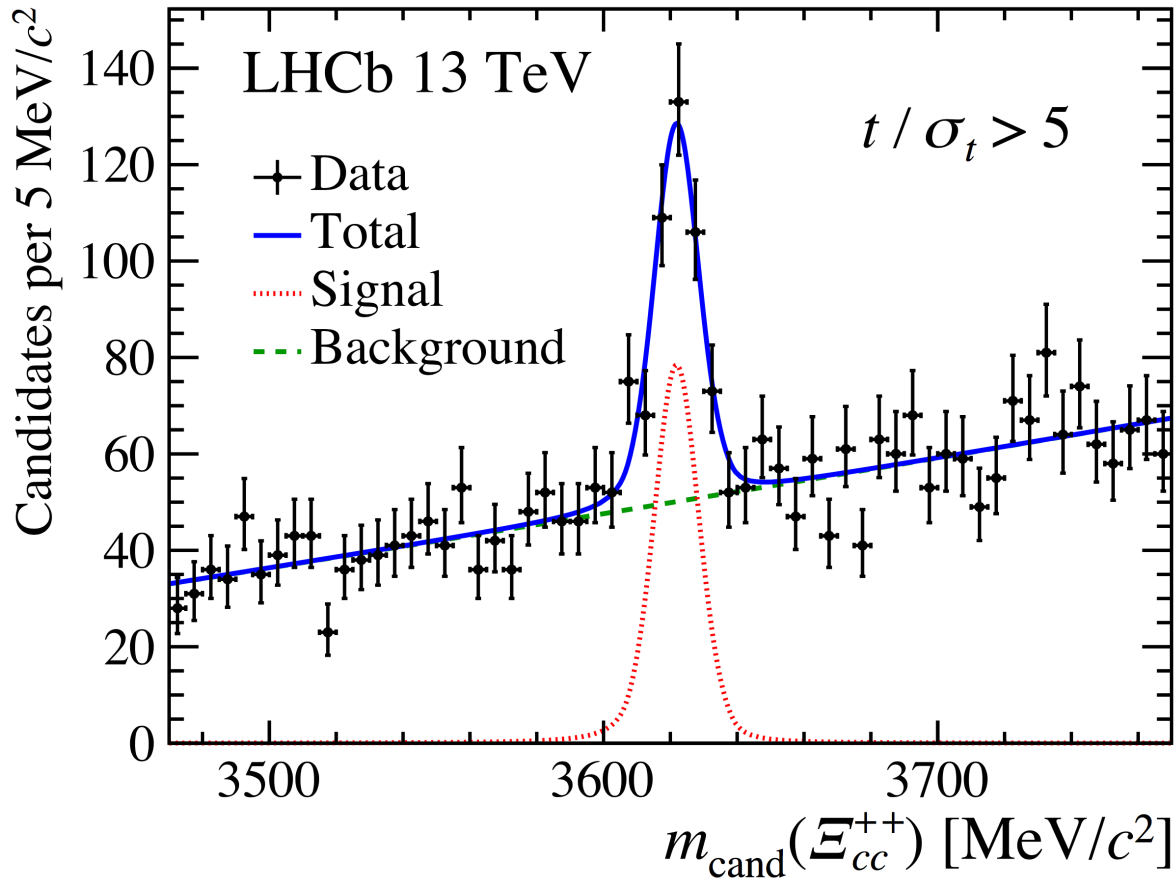
$$\Delta m(\text{run I, run II}) = 0.8 \pm 1.4 \text{ MeV}$$

Consistent between two samples

# Signal properties

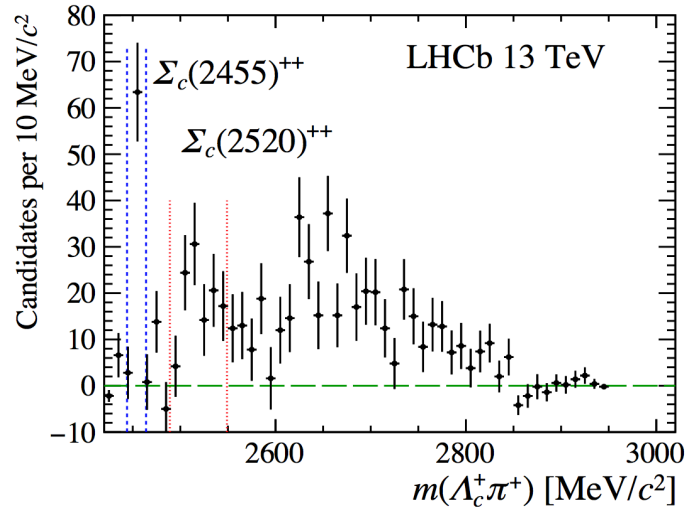
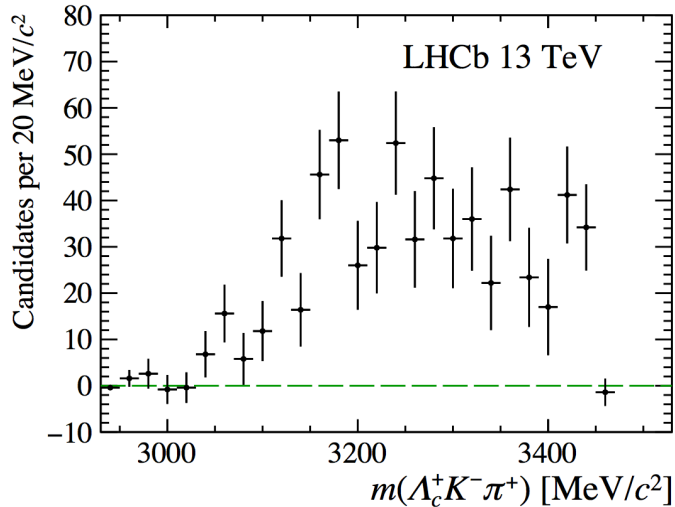
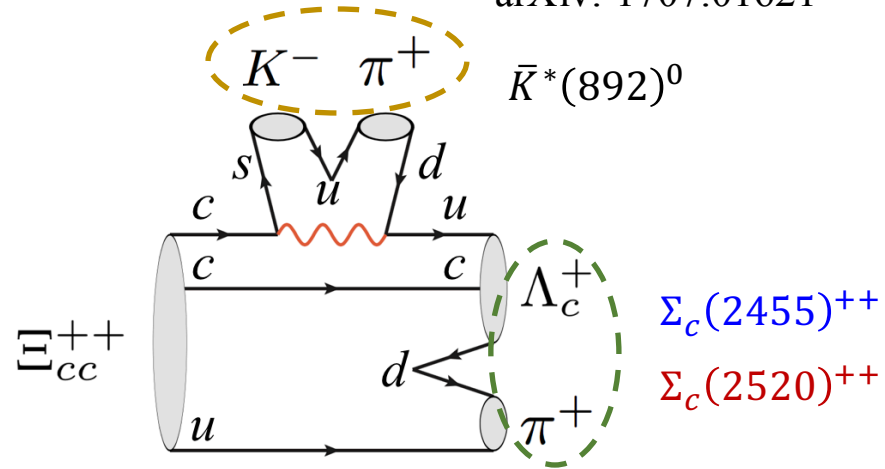
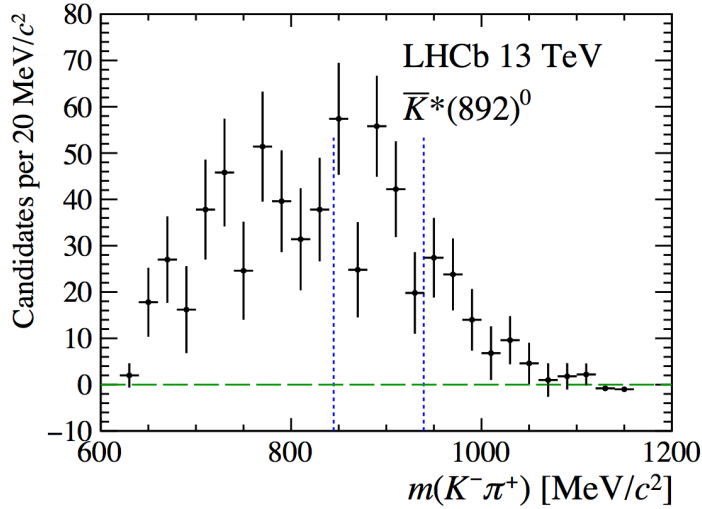
- Peaking structure remains significant ( $> 12\sigma$ ) after requiring minimum decay time,  $t > 5\sigma_t$ . It is indeed a weak decay.

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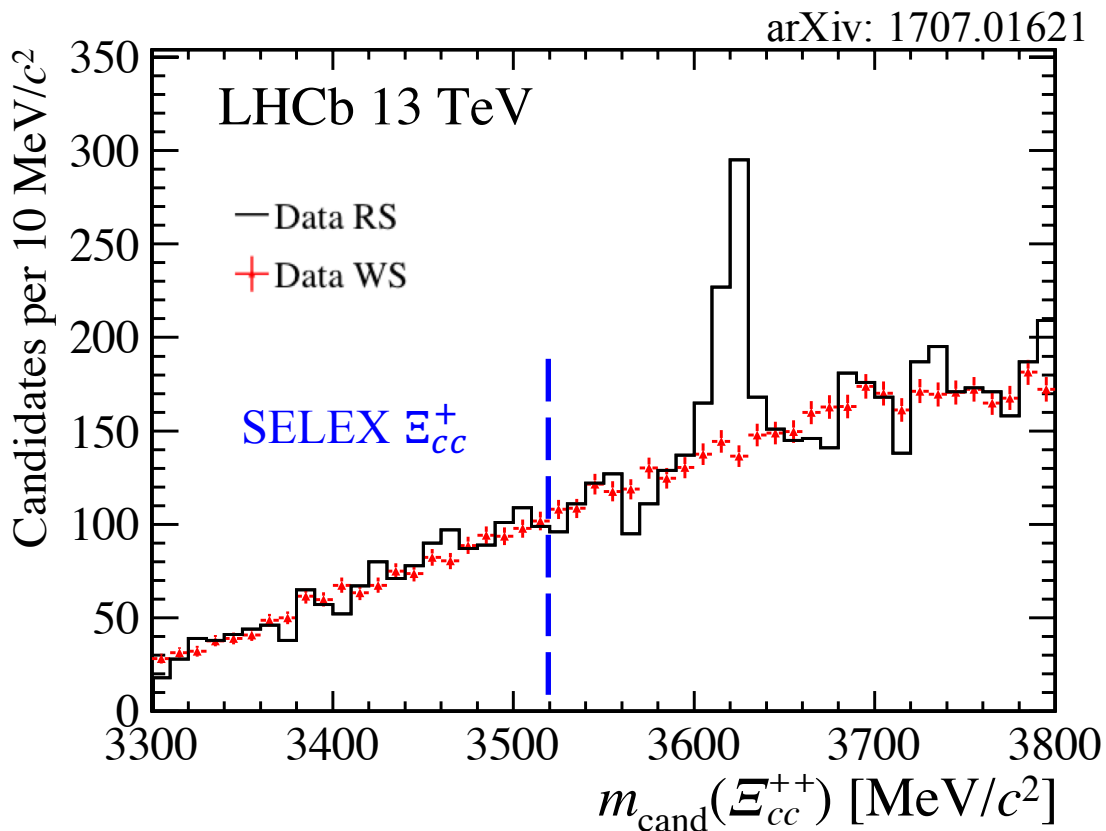
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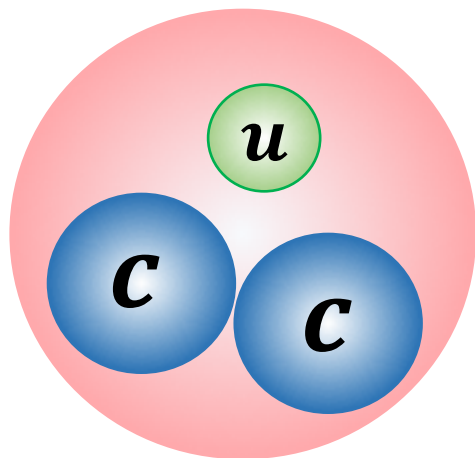
- Intermediate resonances:  $\bar{K}^*(892)^0, \Sigma_c(2455)^{++}, \Sigma_c(2520)^{++}$   
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# Comparison with SELEX

- Large mass difference:  $m(\Xi_{cc}^{++})_{\text{LHCb}} - m(\Xi_{cc}^+)_{\text{SELEX}} = 103 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}$ 
  - Narrow structures observed by both experiments Refs. [46-48]
  - Inconsistent with being isospin partners
- Production:  $N(\Xi_{cc})/N(\Lambda_c^+)$  much smaller in LHCb result

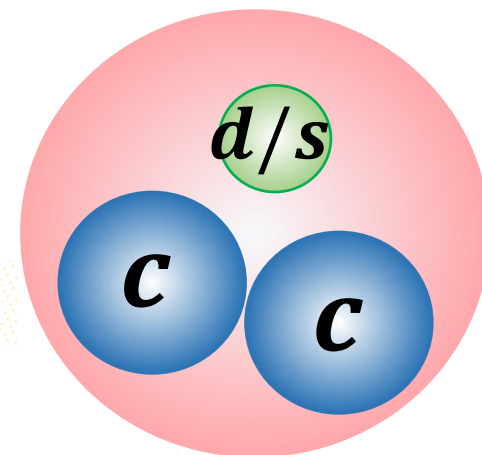




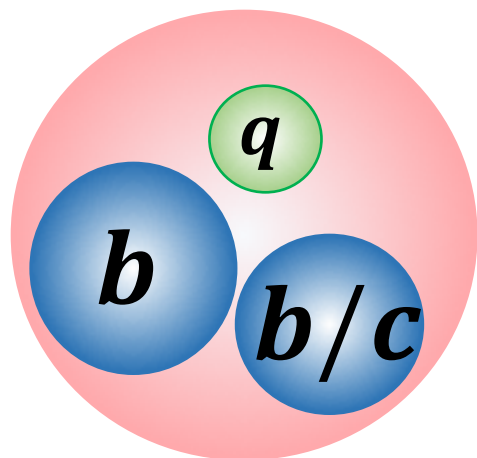
$\Xi_{cc}^{++}$

- Other decay modes
- Lifetime
- Production
- Spin-parity

- Searching for  $\Xi_{cc}^+$ ,  $\Omega_{cc}^+$



- Doubly heavy baryons with  $b$  quark(s)



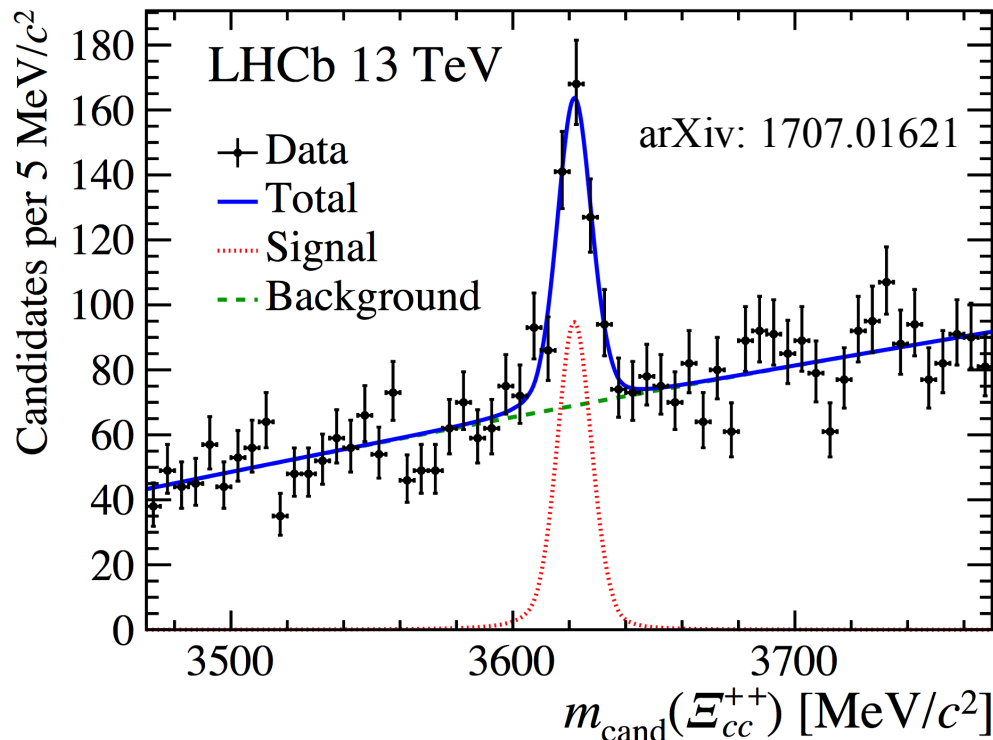
- The excited states?
- New systems for CP violations

# Summary

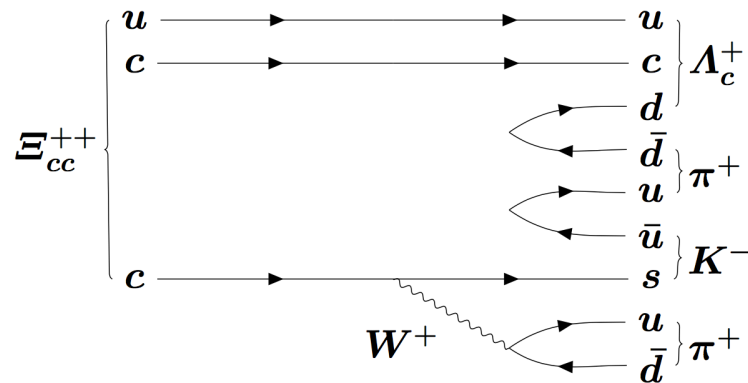
- LHCb observed the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  ( $ccu$ ) state in the  $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$  decay
  - Mass  $3621.40 \pm 0.78$  (tot) MeV inconsistent with  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  observed by SELEX being its isospin partner
  - Mass consistent with predictions by many models
  - Opens new window for charm/bottom hadron spectroscopy studies

Stay tuned for  
upcoming results

Thank you



# Backup slides



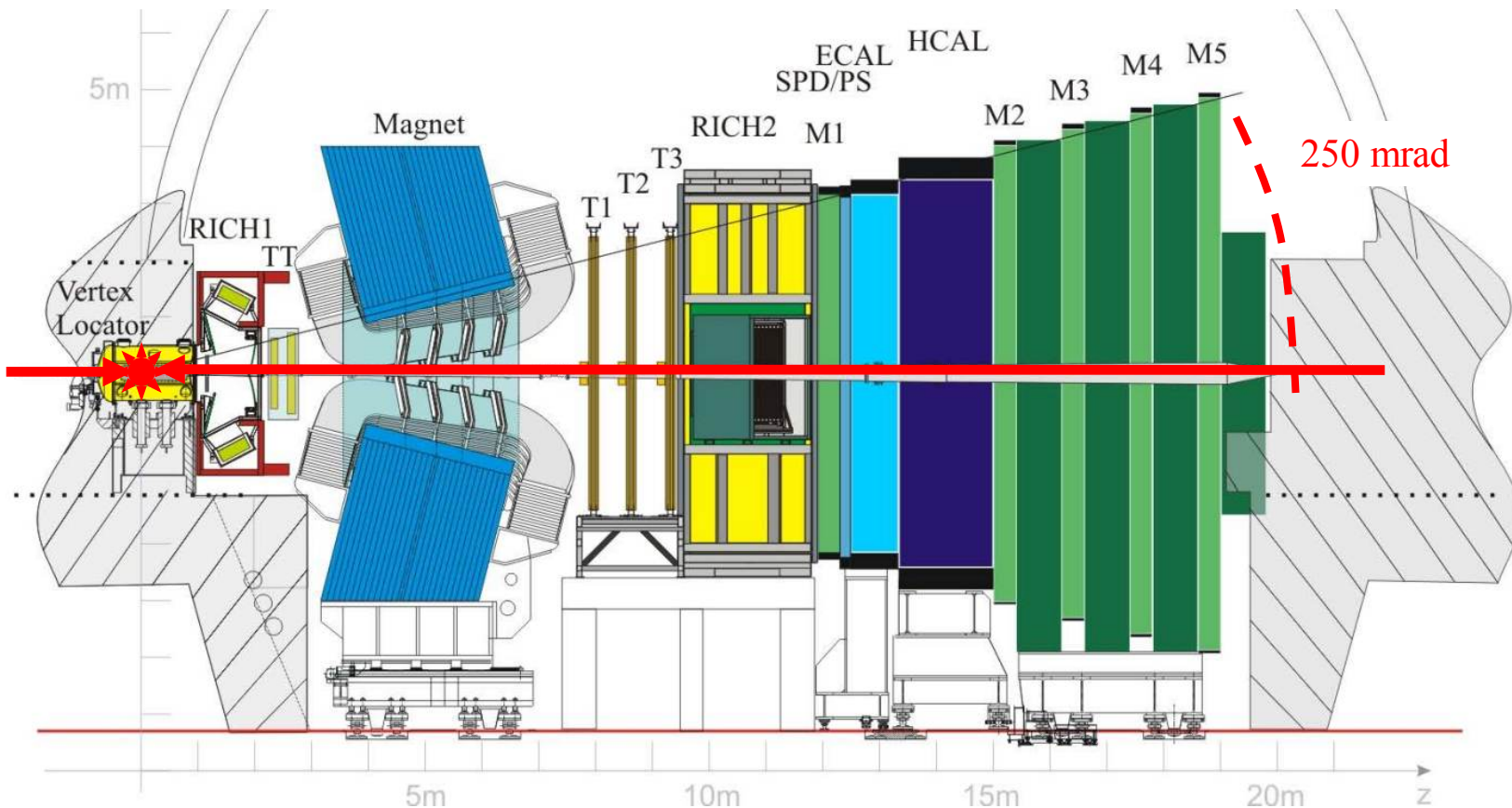


# LHCb experiment

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Aiming for precision measurements in  $b, c$  flavor sectors

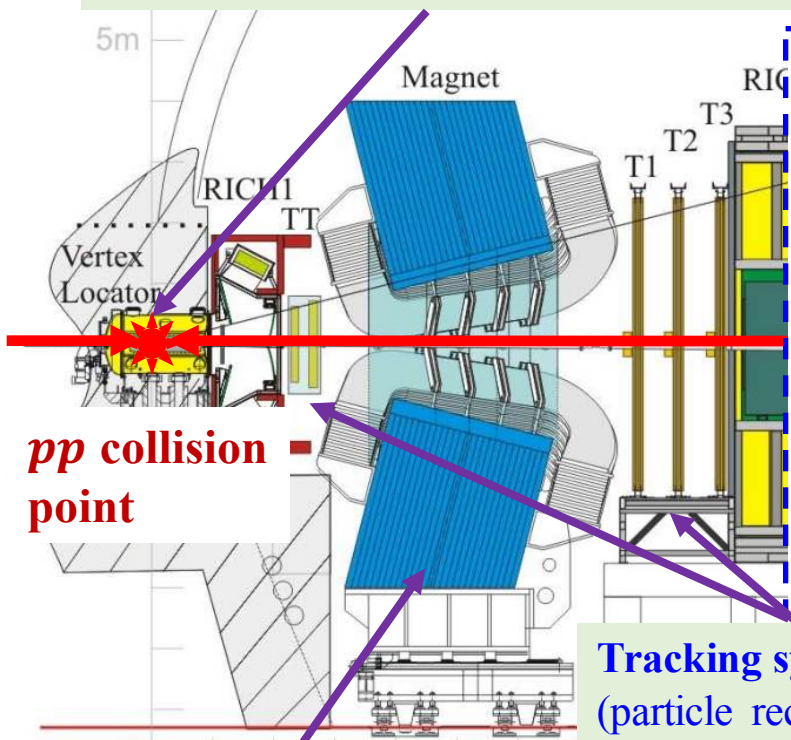
Acceptance:  $2 < \eta < 5$



# LHCb experiment

## Vertex Locator (vertex reconstruction)

- Impact parameter resolution:  $20\mu\text{m}$
- Decay time resolution:  $45\text{ fs}$  ( $\tau_B \sim 1.5\text{ ps}$ )



**pp collision point**

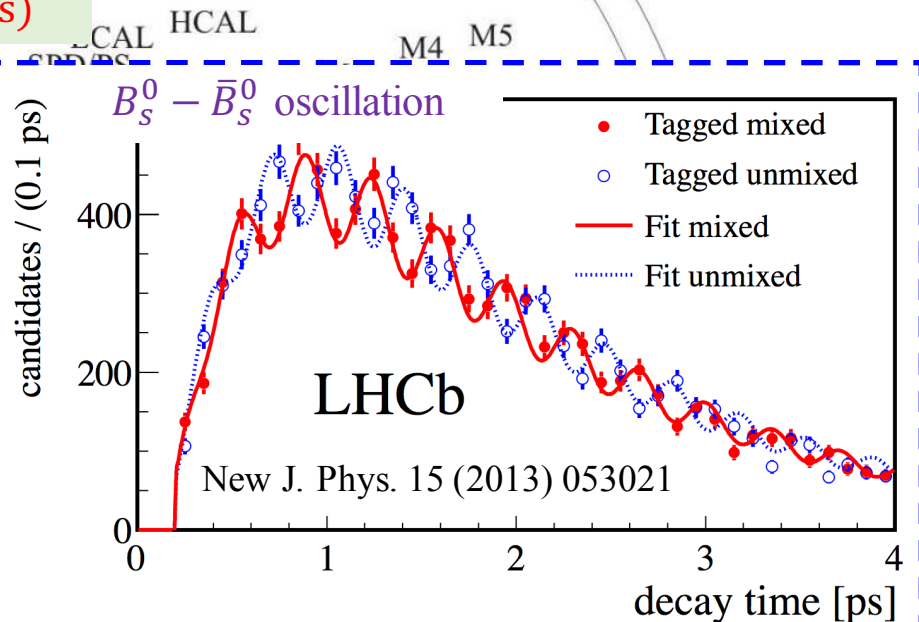
**Magnet**

Bending power:  $4\text{ Tm}$

## Tracking system

(particle reconstruction)

- $\epsilon(\text{Tracking}) \sim 96\%$
- $\delta p/p \sim 0.5\%-1\%$  (5-200 GeV)
- $\sigma(m_{B \rightarrow hh}) \approx 22\text{ MeV}$



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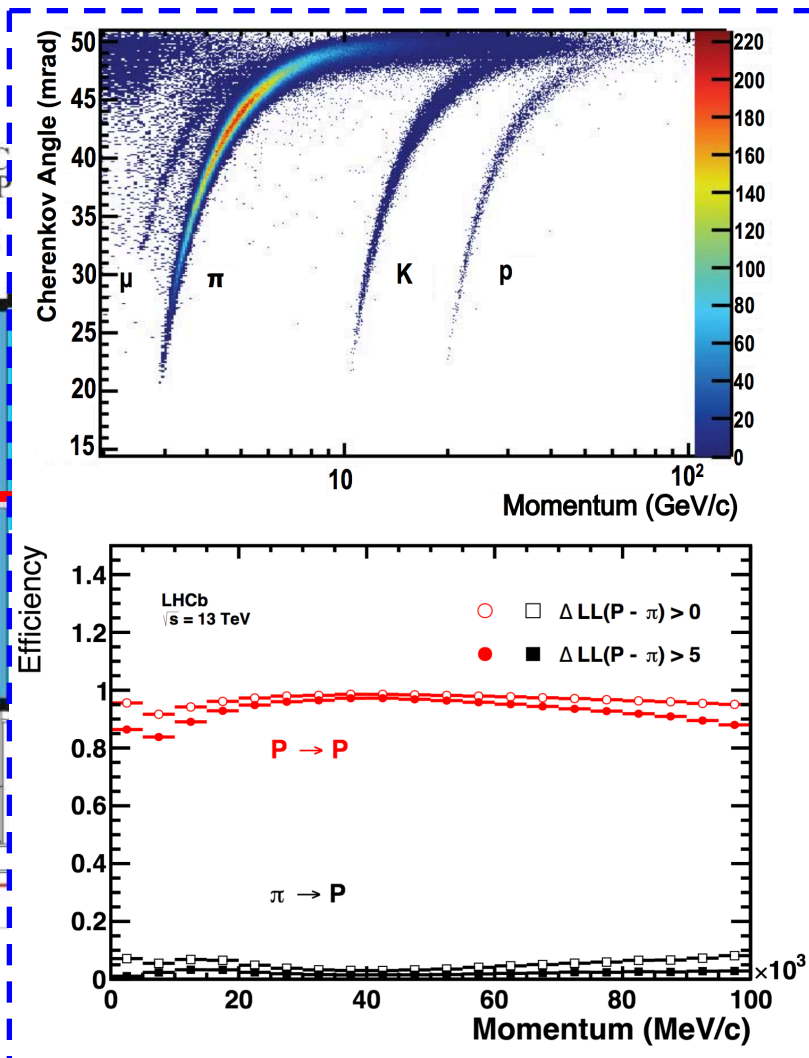
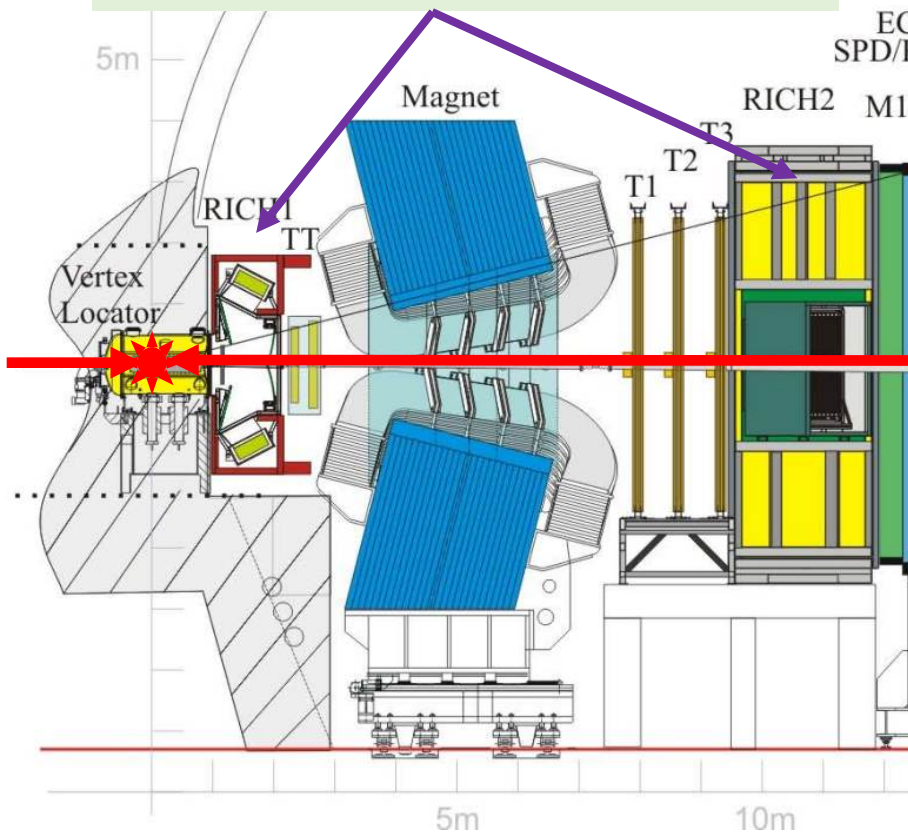
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## RICH detectors ( $K/\pi/p$ separation)

- $\epsilon(K \rightarrow K) \sim 95\%$
- Mis-ID  $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow K) \sim 5\%$



# LHCb trigger

**40 MHz bunch crossing rate**

**L0 Hardware Trigger : 1 MHz readout, high  $E_T/P_T$  signatures**

450 kHz  
 $h^\pm$

400 kHz  
 $\mu/\mu\mu$

150 kHz  
 $e/\gamma$

**Software High Level Trigger**

**Partial event reconstruction, select displaced tracks/vertices and dimuons**

**Buffer events to disk, perform online detector calibration and alignment, PID**

**Full offline-like event selection, mixture of inclusive and exclusive triggers**

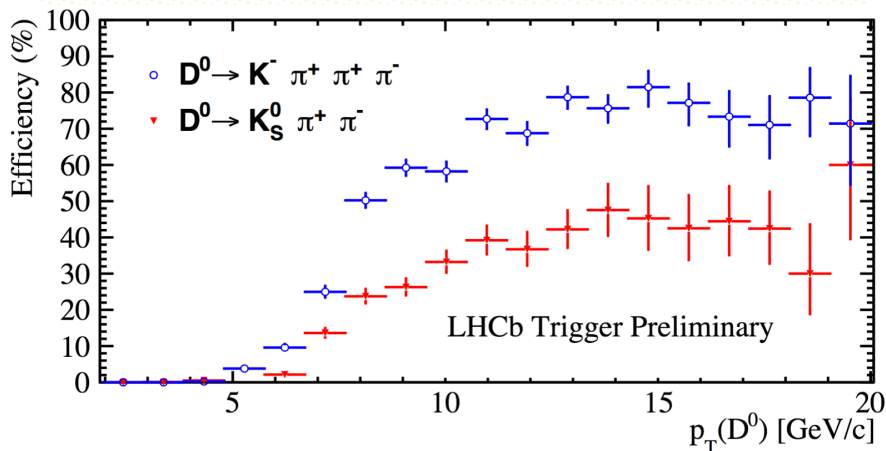
**12.5 kHz (0.6 GB/s) to storage**

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Run II Turbo stream:

Candidates reconstructed at trigger level saved for offline analyses directly

High trigger efficiency for hadronic channels



# Data samples

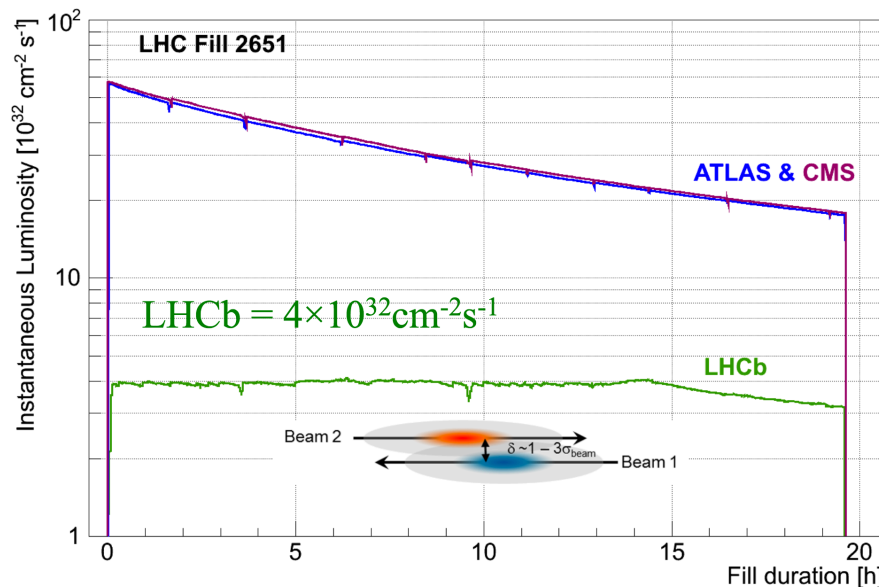
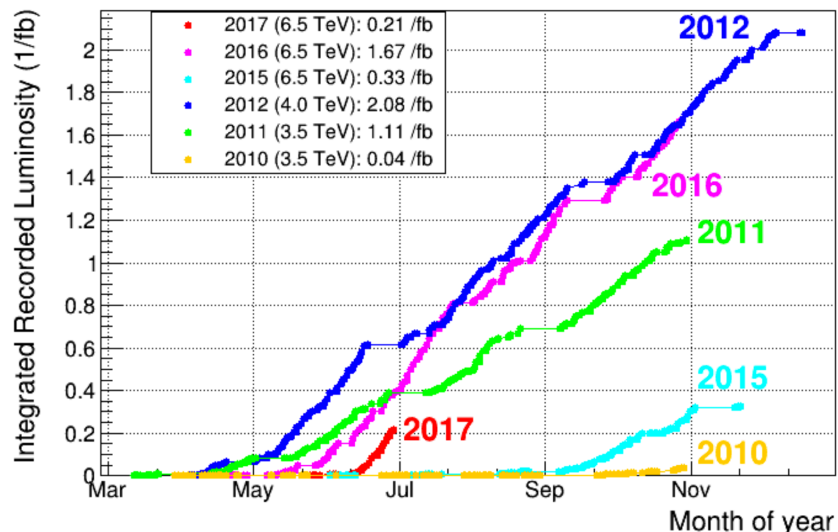
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*pp* collisions

**Luminosity levelling to run at its optimal instantaneous luminosity:**

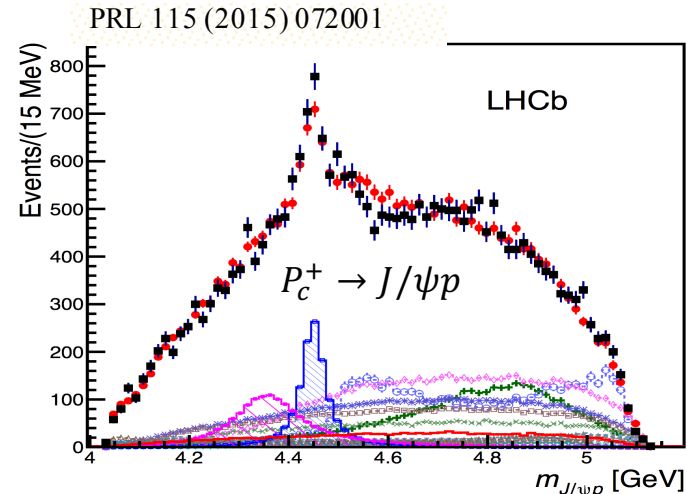
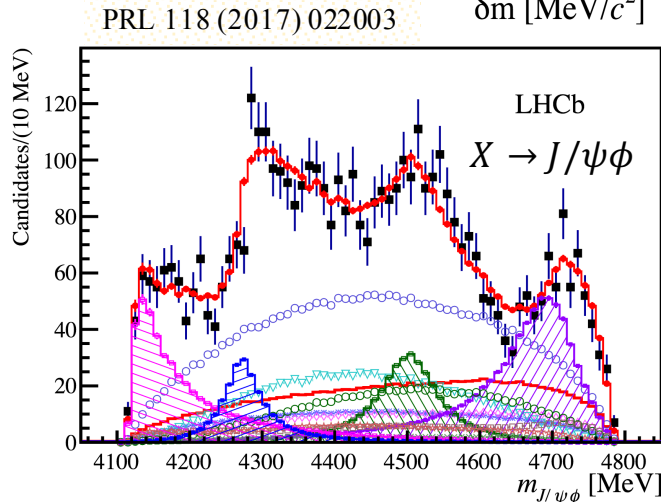
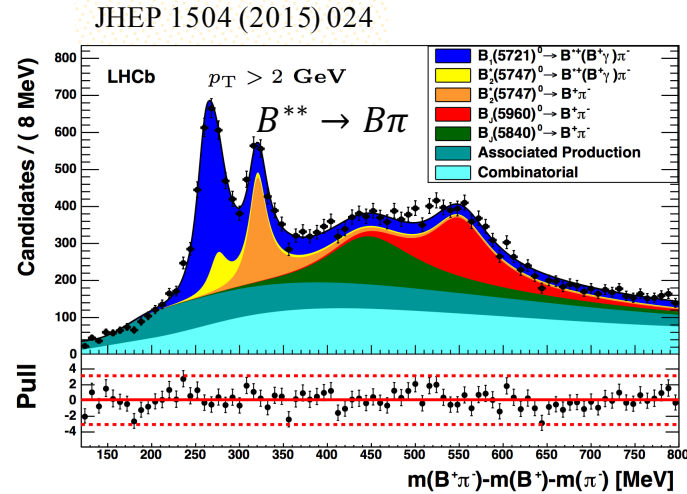
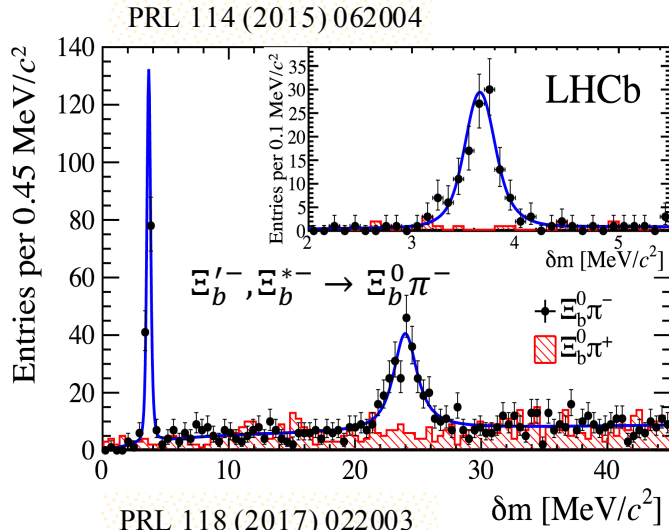
Stable running conditions benefiting reconstruction and calibration

LHCb Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp, 2010-2017

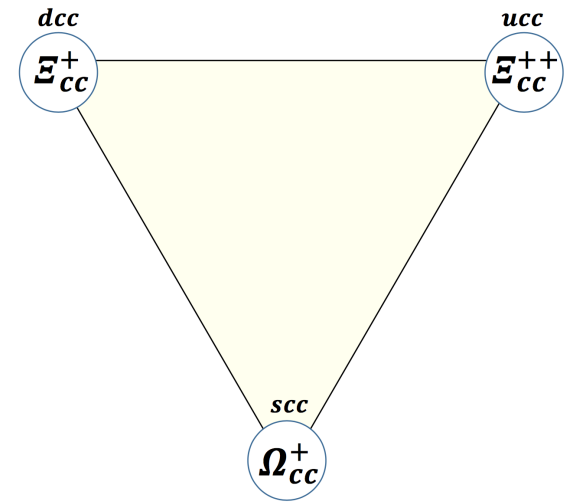
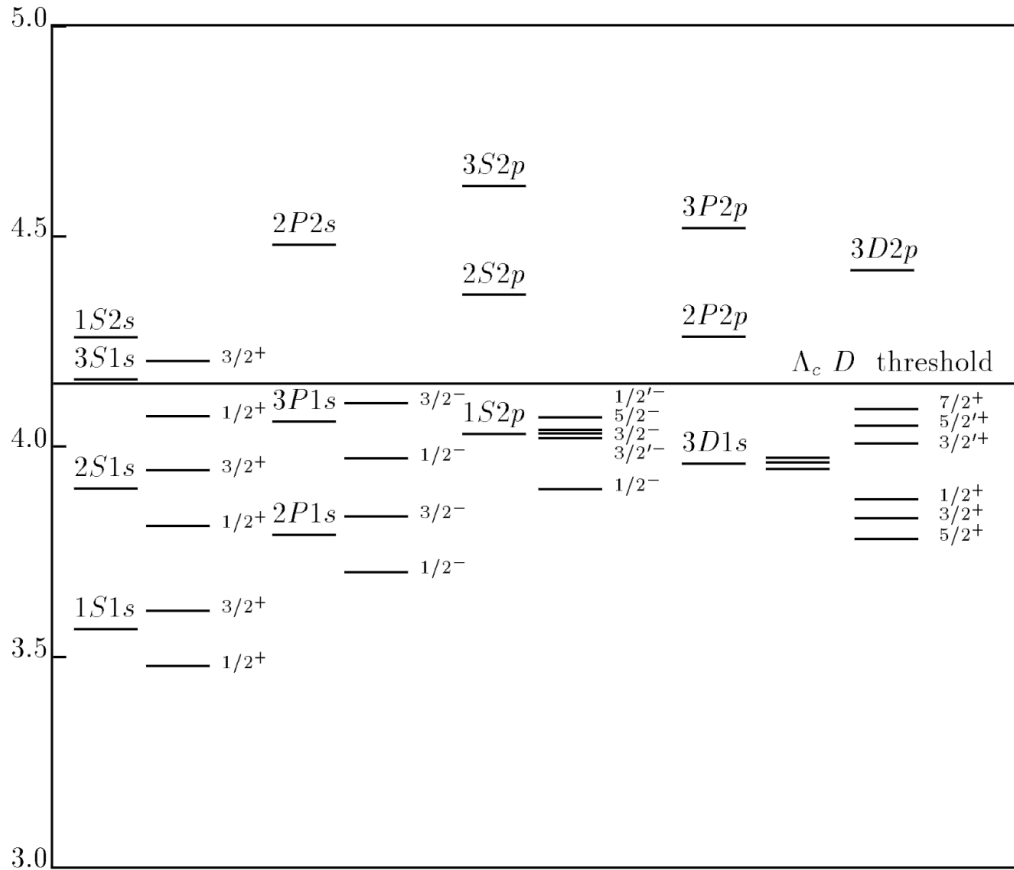


# LHCb: observations of new hadrons

- With excellent tracking, particle identification and efficient trigger system, LHCb is a unique laboratory for hadron spectroscopy studies



# $E_{cc}$ spectroscopy



# Lifetimes of $1/2^+$ states

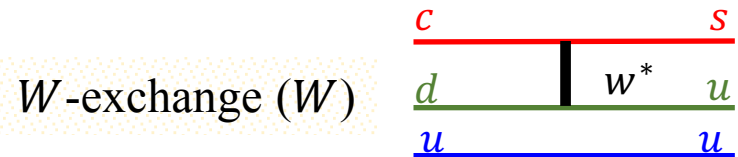
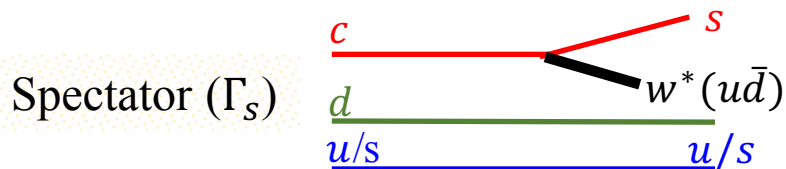
- Spectator model predicts almost equal lifetimes

- True for bottom hadrons:  $1.5 \text{ ps} \pm 10\%$
- True for charm semi-leptonic decay width:

$$\Gamma(H_c \rightarrow l\nu_l X) = \frac{\text{Br}(H_c \rightarrow l\nu_l X)}{\tau_{H_c}} \approx 0.3 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

- But charm hadron lifetimes known to vary a lot
- Explained by non-spectator decays and Pauli interference, qualitatively

	PDG	
$D^0$	$0.410 \pm 0.002$	<i>ps</i>
$D_s^+$	$0.500 \pm 0.007$	
$D^+$	$1.040 \pm 0.007$	
$D_b^+(B_c^+)$	$0.507 \pm 0.009$	
$\Lambda_c^+(cud)$	$0.200 \pm 0.006$	
$\Xi_c^0(csd)$	$0.112 \pm 0.012$	
$\Xi_c^+(csu)$	$0.442 \pm 0.026$	
$\Omega_c^0(css)$	$0.069 \pm 0.012$	



- Destructive/constructive interference ( $\Gamma_s^{-/+}$ ):  $cuq/csq \rightarrow suq/ssq(u\bar{d})$
- $W$ -exchange process (enhancement):  $cdq \rightarrow suq$
- $\Gamma(\Xi_c^0: W + \Gamma_s^+) > \Gamma(\Lambda_c^+: W + \Gamma_s^-) > \Gamma(\Xi_c^+: \Gamma_s^{+-})$

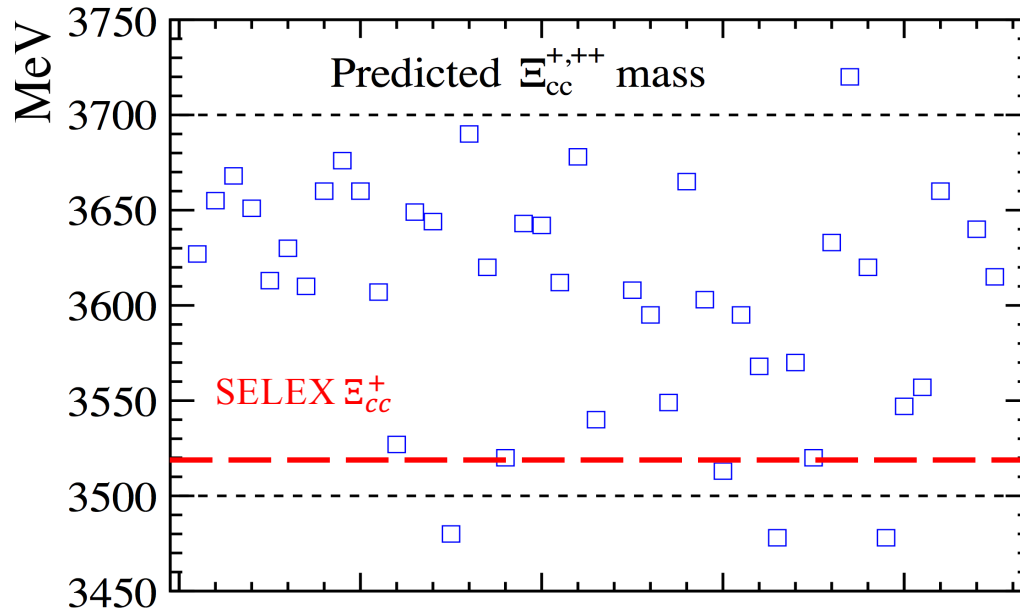
- Expectation:  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}(ccu)) \gg \tau(\Xi_{cc}^+(ccd))$
- Calculations give  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \in [200 - 700] \text{ fs}$  Refs.[5, 6, 12 49-52]



# Studies of $\Xi_{cc}$ by SELEX experiment

- SELEX (Fermilab E781) collides high energy hyperon beams ( $\Sigma^-, p$ ) with nuclear targets, dedicated to study charm baryons
- Observed  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  ( $ccd$ ) in  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$  and  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow p D^+ K^-$  decays
  - Signal yields: 15.9 ( $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ ) and 5.62 ( $p D^+ K^-$ )
  - Short lifetime:  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+) < 33$  fs @90% CL, but not zero
  - Large production:  $R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} \sim 20\%$
  - Mass (combined):  $3518.7 \pm 1.7$  MeV

Very puzzling



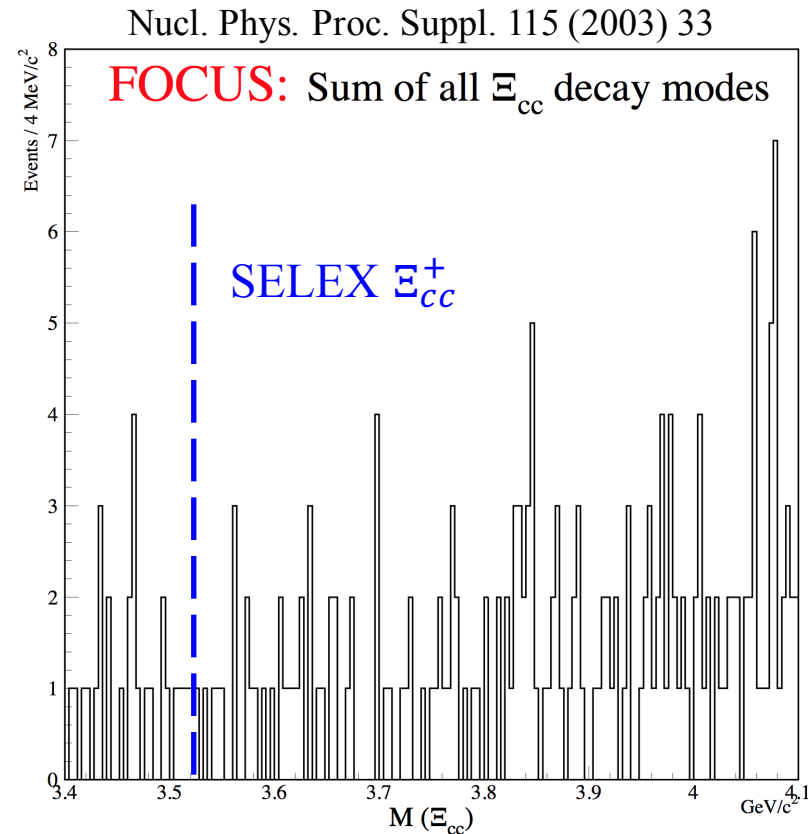
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# Studies of $\Xi_{cc}$ by FOCUS

- FOCUS (Fermilab E831) studies charm hadrons produced in photon-nuclear fixed target collisions
- FOCUS didn't confirm  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  observed by SELEX in  $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$  decay

Decay Mode	$\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$	
Experiment	FOCUS	SELEX
$\Xi_{cc}$ Events	<2.21 @ 90%	15.8
Reconstructed $\Lambda_c$	$19,444 \pm 262$	1650
Relative Efficiency	5%	10%
$\Xi_{cc}/\Lambda_c^+$	<0.23% @ 90%	9.6%
$\frac{\text{SELEX}}{\text{FOCUS}}$ Rel $\frac{\Xi_{cc}}{\Lambda_c}$ Prod	>42 @ 90%	

- Other modes also studied:  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ X, D^0 X$   
 $D^+ X$ , no SELEX-like signal peak observed

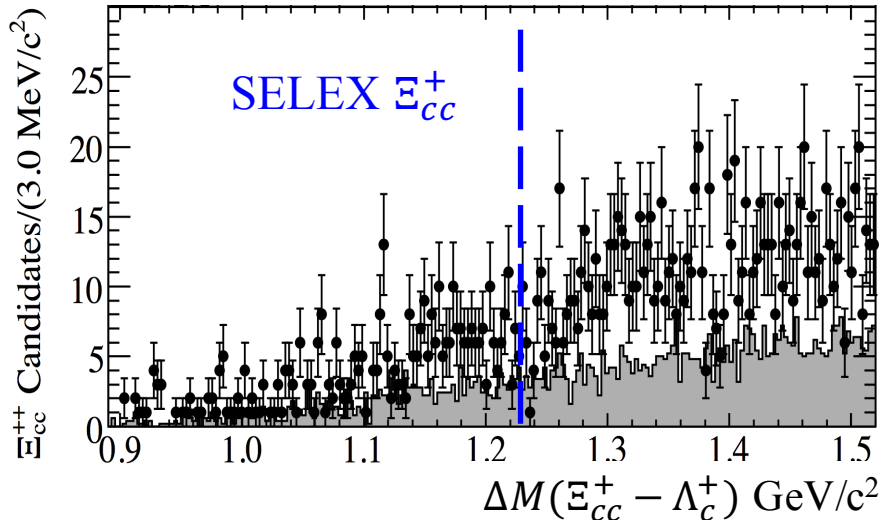


# Studies of $\Xi_{cc}$ by BaBar and Belle

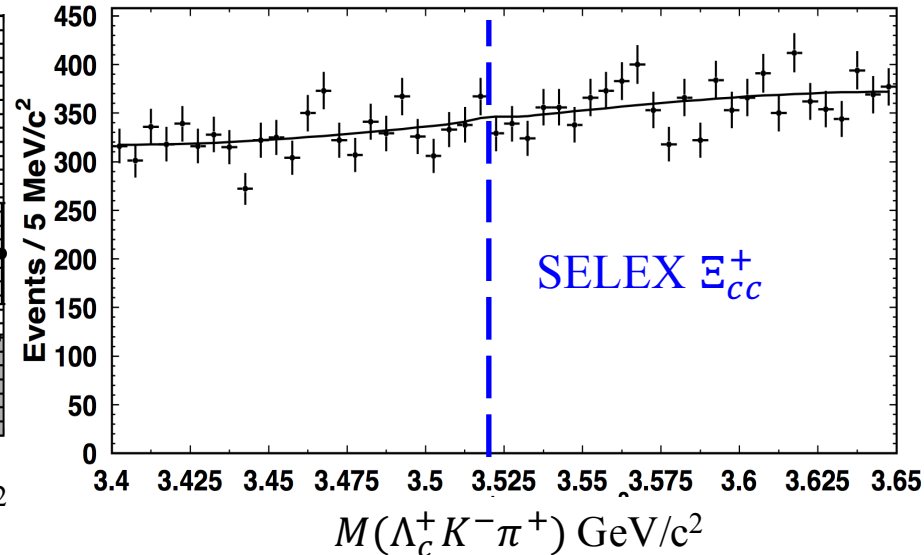
- $e^+e^-$  colliders working at  $\Upsilon(4S)$  mass  $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$  GeV
- Large  $\Lambda_c^+$  yields:  $\approx 0.6$  M at BaBar,  $\approx 0.8$  M at Belle
- SELEX-like  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  signal not confirmed in  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$  decays

$$R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} < 2.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (BaBar)} \quad 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (Belle)} \quad @ 95\% \text{ CL}$$

BaBar: PRD 74 (2006) 011103



Belle: PRL 97 (2006) 162001

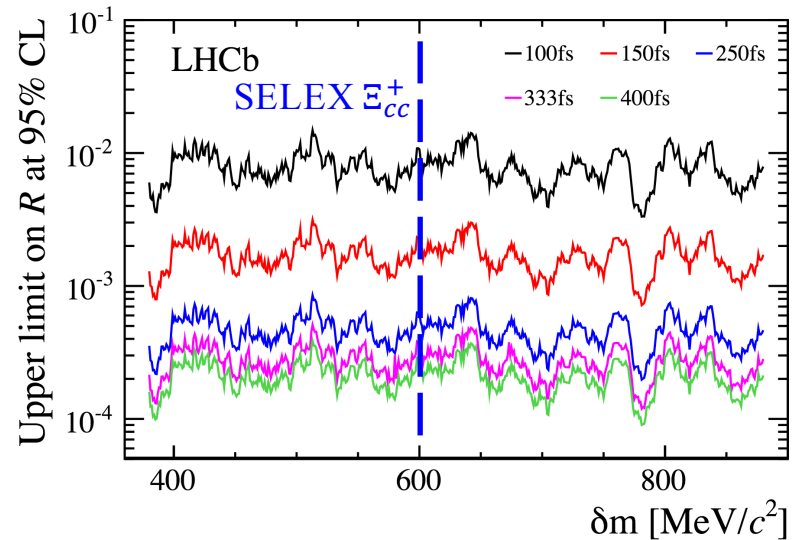
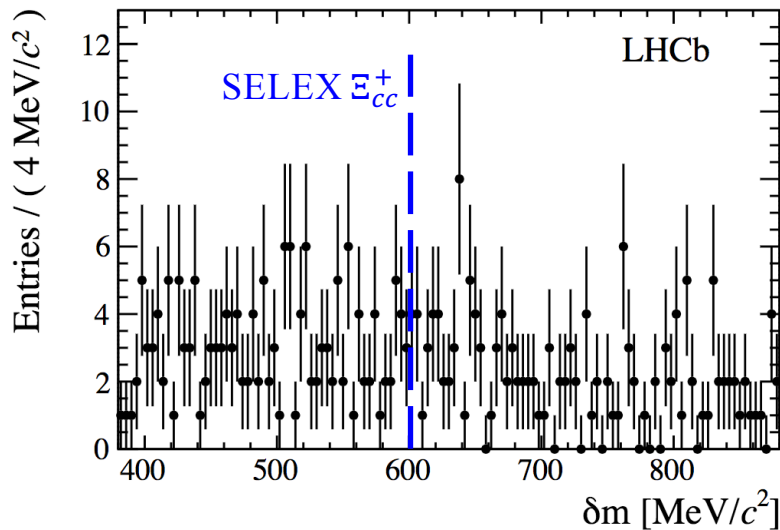


- LHCb searched for  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$  decay with  $0.65 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 7 TeV data
  - $N(\Lambda_c^+) \approx 0.8 \text{ M}$ , requiring high- $p_T$
  - No significant peaking structure observed with  $m \in [3.3, 3.8] \text{ GeV}$
  - Experiment sensitivity strongly depends on  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  lifetime

$$R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} < 0.013 \text{ for } \tau = 100 \text{ fs},$$

$$< 3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ for } \tau = 400 \text{ fs} \quad @95\%$$

Increased by  $\sim 40$  from 100 fs to 400 fs



$$\delta m = m([pK^- \pi^+]_{\Lambda_c^+} K^- \pi^+) - m([pK^- \pi^+]_{\Lambda_c^+}) - m(K^-) - m(\pi^+)$$

# Studies of $\Xi_{cc}$ by SELEX experiment

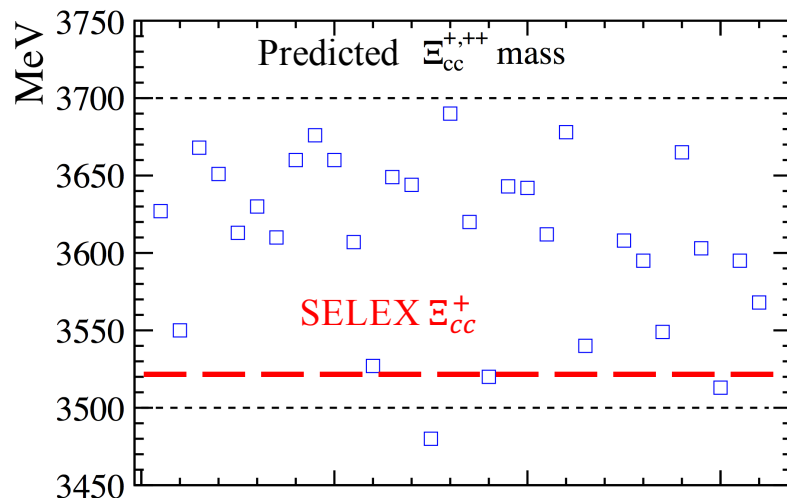
- $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$

- Number of inclusive  $\Lambda_c^+$  signals:  $\approx 1650$
- 15.9 signals over  $6.1 \pm 0.5$  background candidates with significance of  $6.3\sigma$
- Mass:  $m(\Xi_{cc}^+) = 3519 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}$
- Lifetime:  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+) < 33 \text{ fs @90\% CL}$ , but non zero lifetime
- Production:  $R = \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}^+) \times \text{BF}(\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)} \sim 20\%$ , much large than most model predictions of  $\sim 0.1\%$

- $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow p D^+ \pi^-$

- 5.62 signals over  $1.38 \pm 0.18$  background candidates with  $4.8\sigma$
- Mass:  $m(\Xi_{cc}^+) = 3518 \pm 3 \text{ MeV}$
- Confirms the observed small lifetime
- A few percent of  $D^+$  produced from  $\Xi_{cc}^+ \rightarrow p D^+ \pi^-$  decay

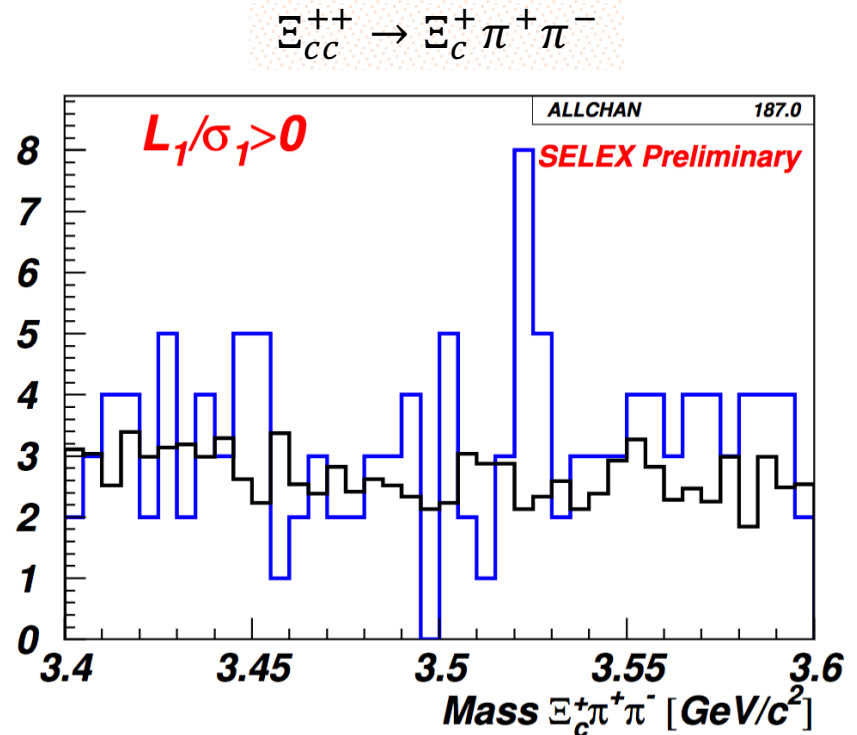
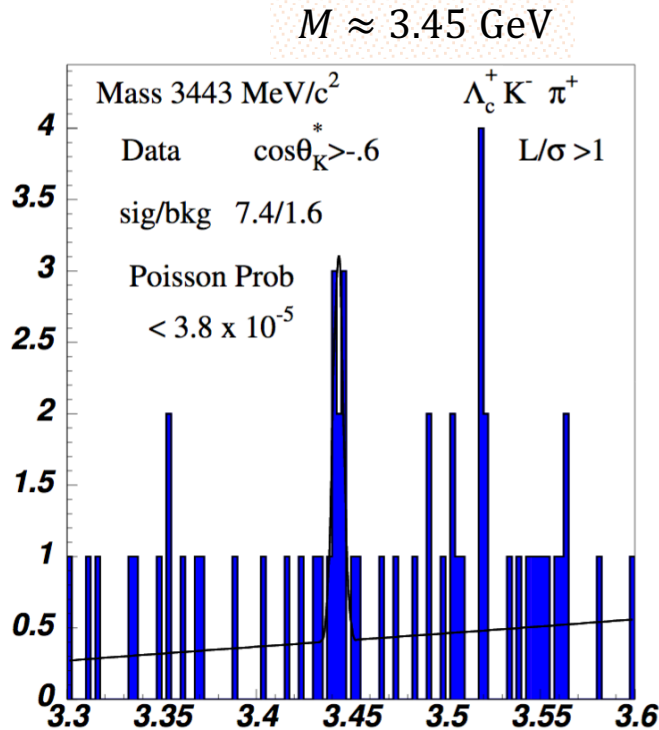
**Combined mass:  $3518.7 \pm 1.7 \text{ MeV}$**



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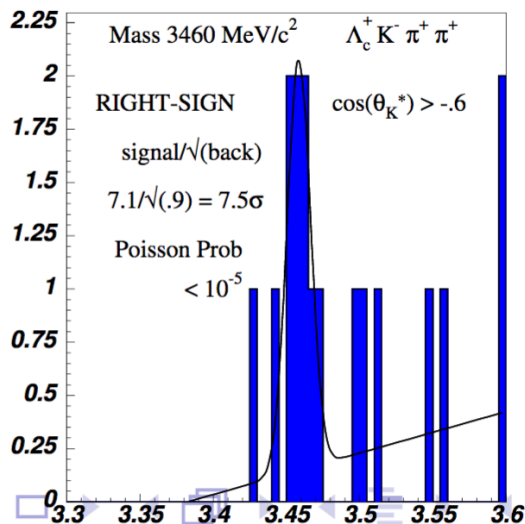
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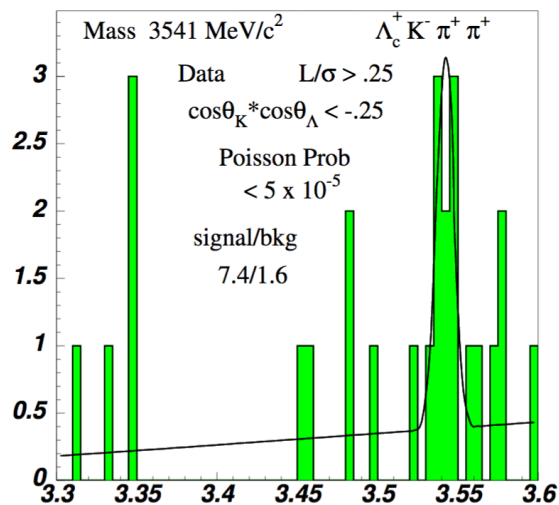
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  - Evidence of  $\Xi_{cc}^{(*)++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ : three of them

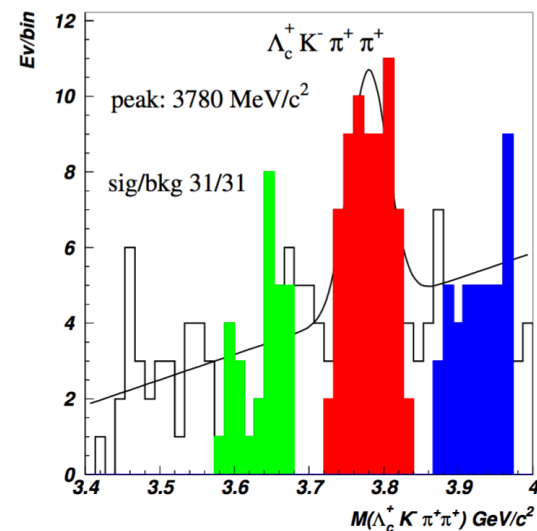
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$M \approx 3.46 \text{ GeV}$



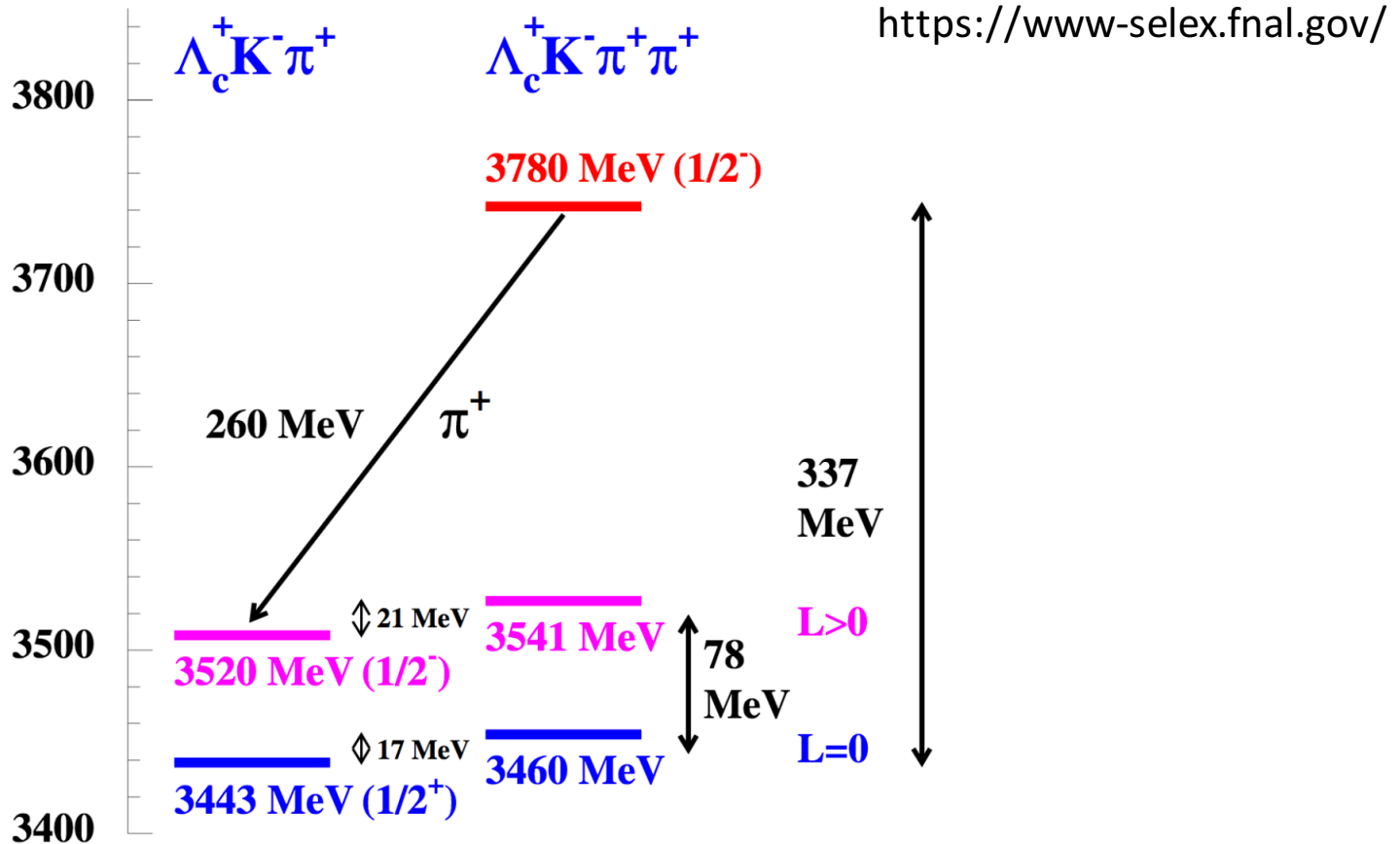
$M \approx 3.54 \text{ GeV}$



$M \approx 3.78 \text{ GeV}$

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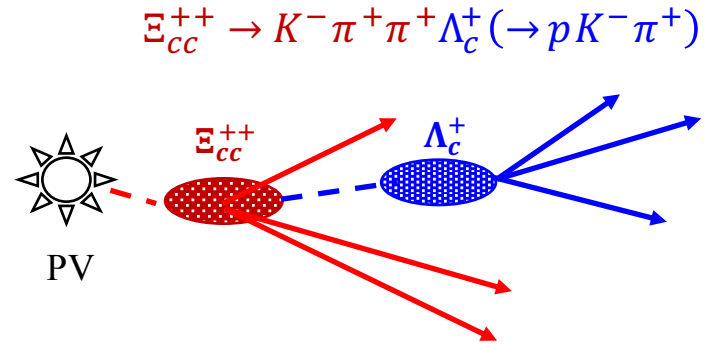
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- Claims by SELEX: consistent spectroscopy



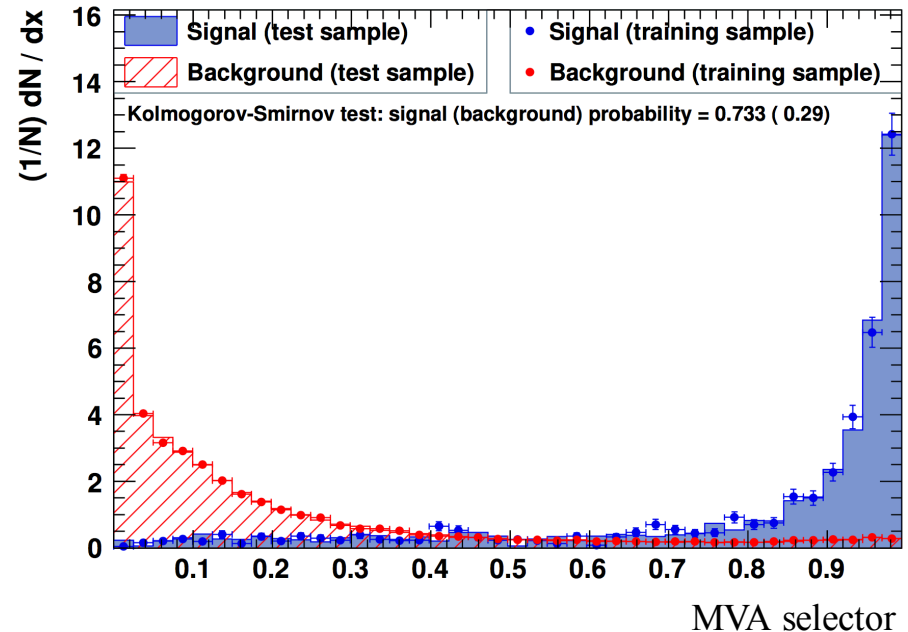


# The machine learning

- $\Lambda_c^+$  combined with PID-selected  $K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$  tracks to form  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  candidates
- Candidates with cloned tracks are removed
- Multivariate selector further explores
  - Decay fit quality
  - Kinematics of final states
  - $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  vertex separation from PV
- More sensitive to long lived particles

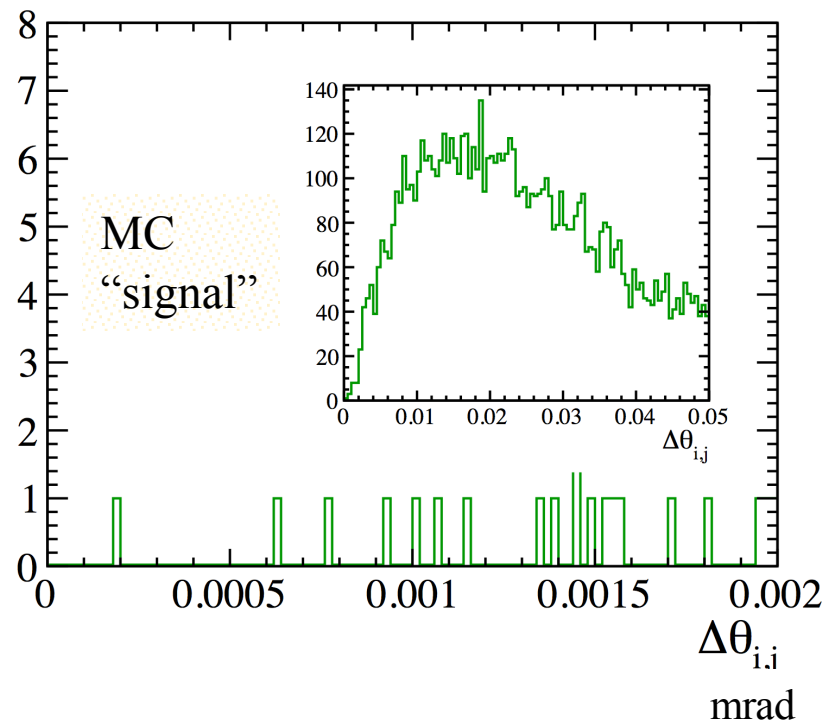
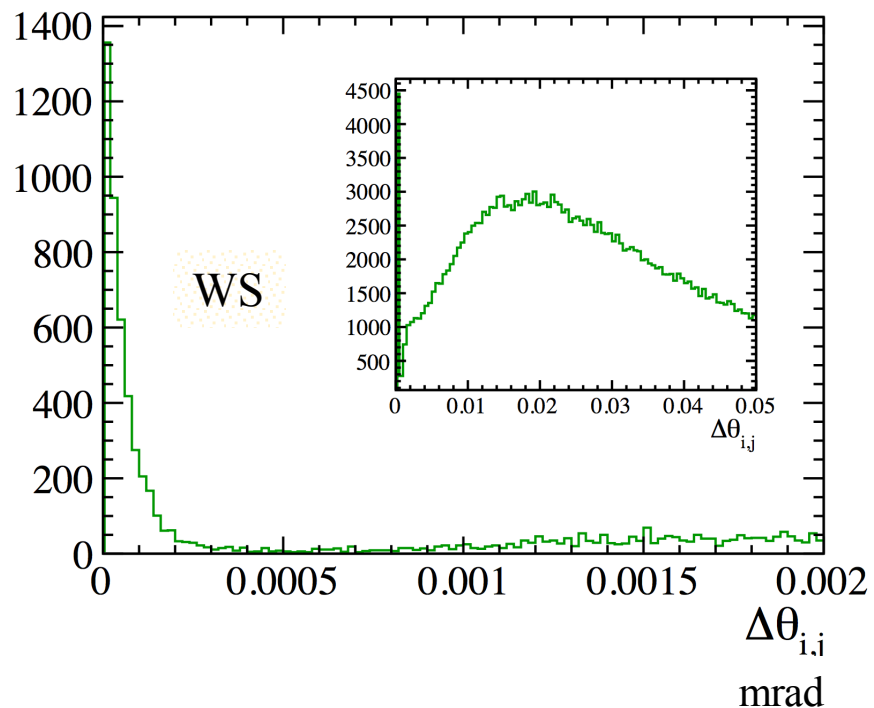


Selector optimized using simulated decays for signals and a wrong-sign control sample representing backgrounds:  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \Lambda_c^+$



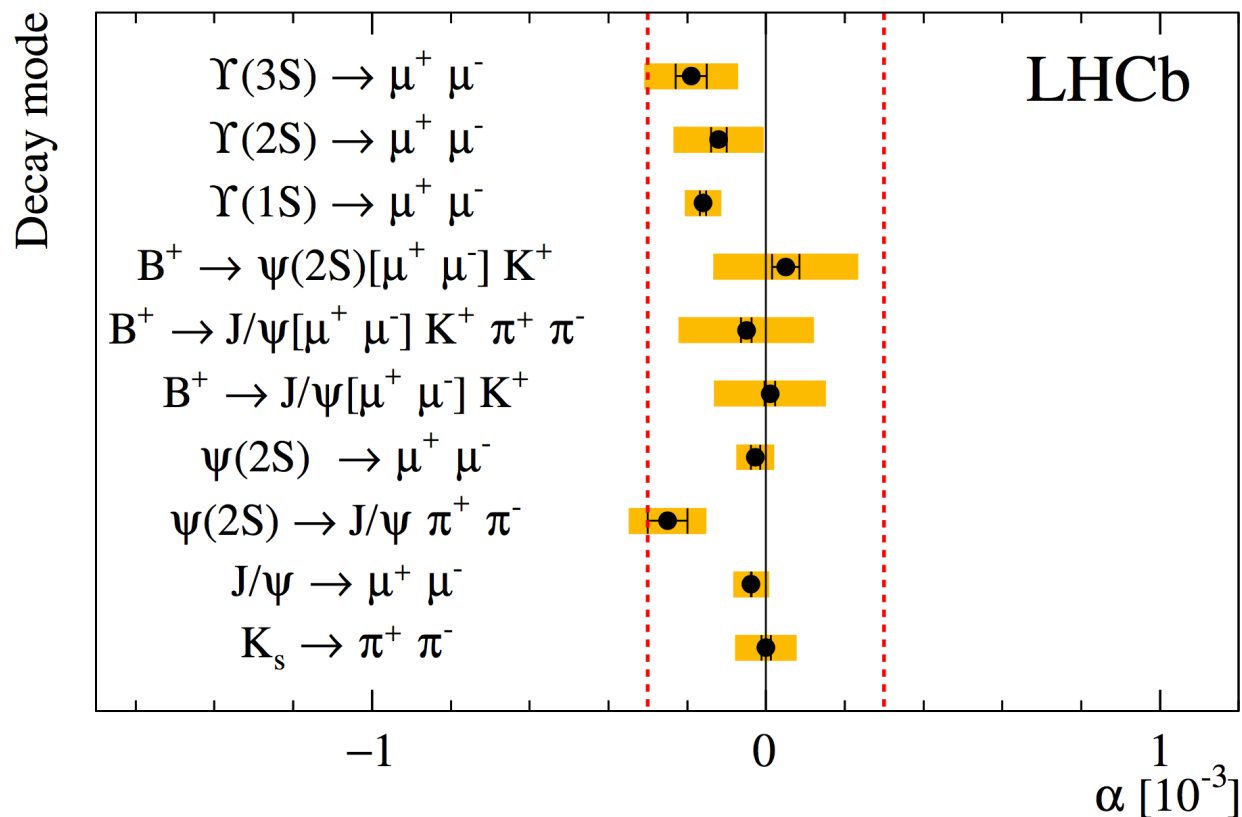
# Remove clone candidates

- Clone track pair has smaller angle



# Momentum scaling calibration

- Momentum scale calibrated using  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  decays, validated using other hadrons
  - Agree with know values at 0.03%



- Searching for  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  with more channels:  $\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$ ,  $\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+$ ,  $p D^+ K^- \pi^+$  ...
- Measurement of the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  lifetime
- Measurement of the production cross-section
- Confirming its spin-parity:  $\frac{1}{2}^+$
- Searching for its isospin partner  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  in a larger sample than the previous measurement
- Searching for  $\Omega_{cc}^+$
- Doubly heavy baryons with bottom quark:  $\Xi_{bc}$ ,  $\Omega_{bc}$ ,  $\Xi_{bb}$  ...
- The excited states?
- And new systems for CP violations

A long list of programs

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