



# *bc-hadrons at LHCb*

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## Introduction

## $B_c$ -mesons

Searches for the new decays

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{(*)} K^{(*)}$$

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow D^{0(*)} h^+$$

Searches for the excited  $B_c$  states

## Prospects

$B_c$  spectroscopy

Studies of the  $B_c$  decays

Towards  $\Xi_{bc}$

# $bc$ -hadrons

Three lightest states:  $B_c^+$ -meson ( $[\bar{b}c]$ ),  $\Xi_{bc}^0$ - and  $\Xi_{bc}^+$ -baryons ( $[bcd]$ ,  $[bcu]$ )

$B_c^+$ -meson observed by the CDF collaboration in 1998 [Phys. Rev. Lett. 81, 2432]

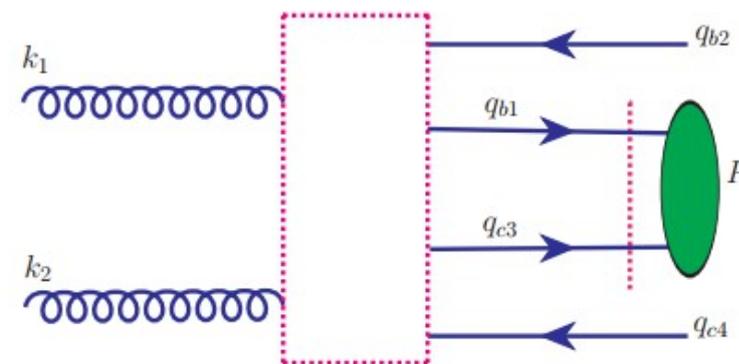
Not accessible by the B-factories  $\rightarrow$  least studied of all B-meson

Only 16 decay modes established by now, with major contribution from LHCb

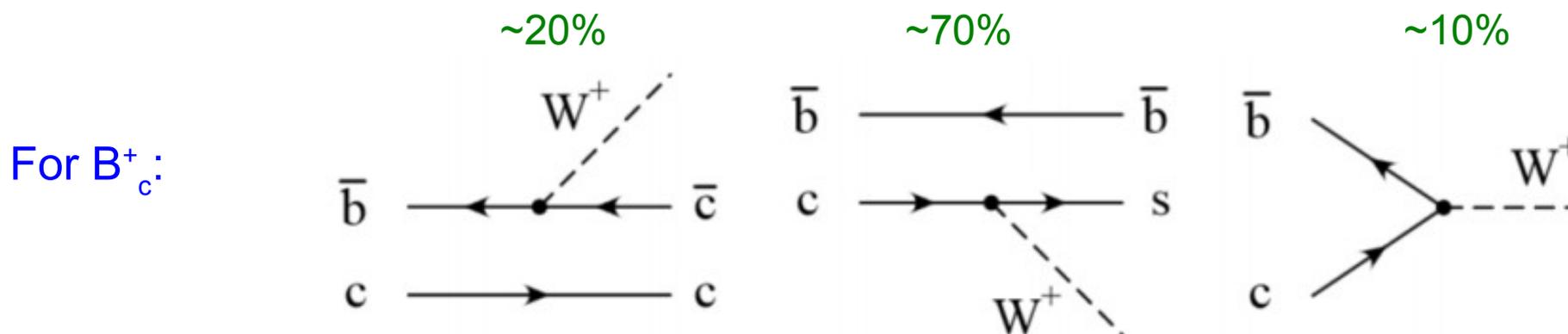
$\Xi_{bc}$  have not been observed by now

Two heavy quarks pairs need to be produced  
suppressed by an order of  $\alpha_s^2$  with respect  
to quarkonium production

Can decay only through weak interaction  
Leads to a relatively long lifetime



[Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 034026]



[Phys.Atom.Nucl.67 (2004) 1559]

# *Searches for new $B_c$ decays*

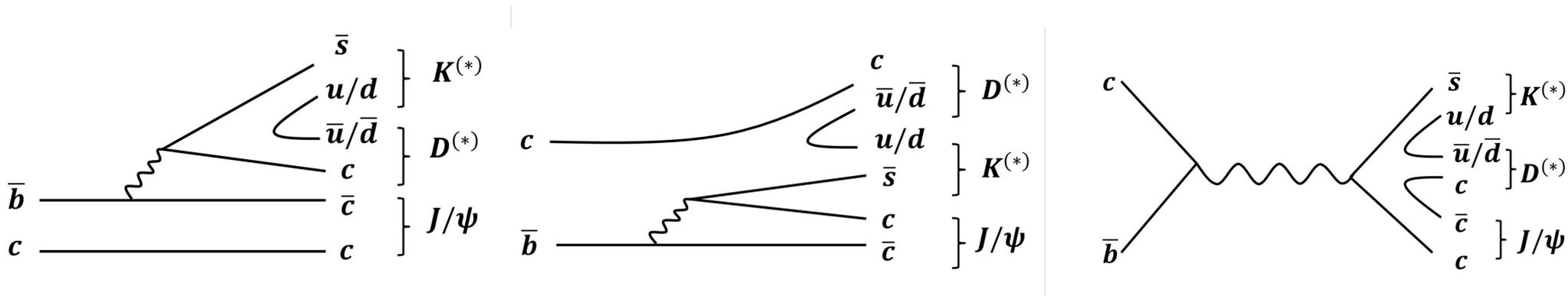
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{(*)} K^{(*)}$$

## Motivation

Information on the  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \bar{D}^{(*)} K^*$  decays branching fraction

Studying the DK system for the  $D_{SJ}$  contribution

Opens the door to the possible exotic searches in  $J/\psi D$  and close to  $DD$  threshold



## Modes reconstructed

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+) K^+$$

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) D^0(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+) K^+$$

$$\text{Partially reconstructed } B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) D^{*0}(\rightarrow D^0 + \gamma/\pi^0) K^+$$

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) D^+(\rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+) K^{*0}(\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$$

$$\text{Partially reconstructed } B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) D^{*+}(\rightarrow D^0\pi^+) K^{*0}(\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$$

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

Data: 3 fb<sup>-1</sup>, full Run 1 sample

[Phys. Rev. D 95, 032005 (2017)]

Event selection: common loose preselection+BDT trained separately for each decay

2 first observations and 2 first evidences:

$D^0(\rightarrow K\pi^+\pi^+\pi^+)$  and  $D^0(\rightarrow K\pi^+)$  combined

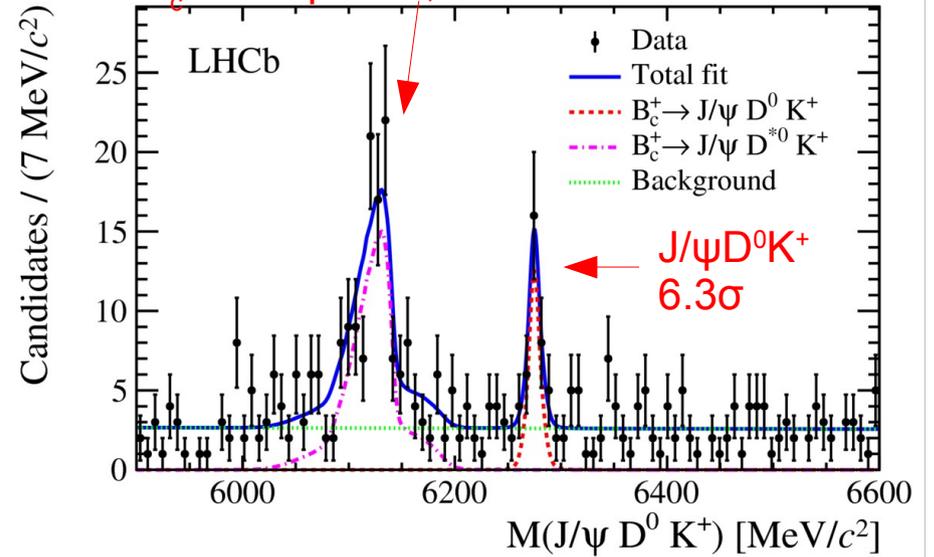
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)} = 0.432 \pm 0.136 \pm 0.028,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*0} K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+)} = 5.1 \pm 1.8 \pm 0.4,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*+} K^{*0})}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+)} = 2.10 \pm 1.08 \pm 0.34,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^+ K^{*0})}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+)} = 0.63 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.08,$$

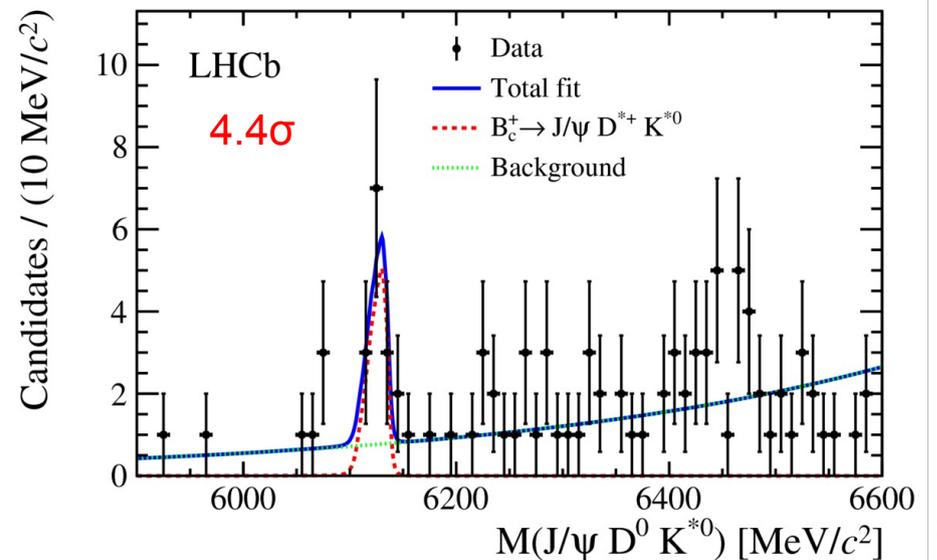
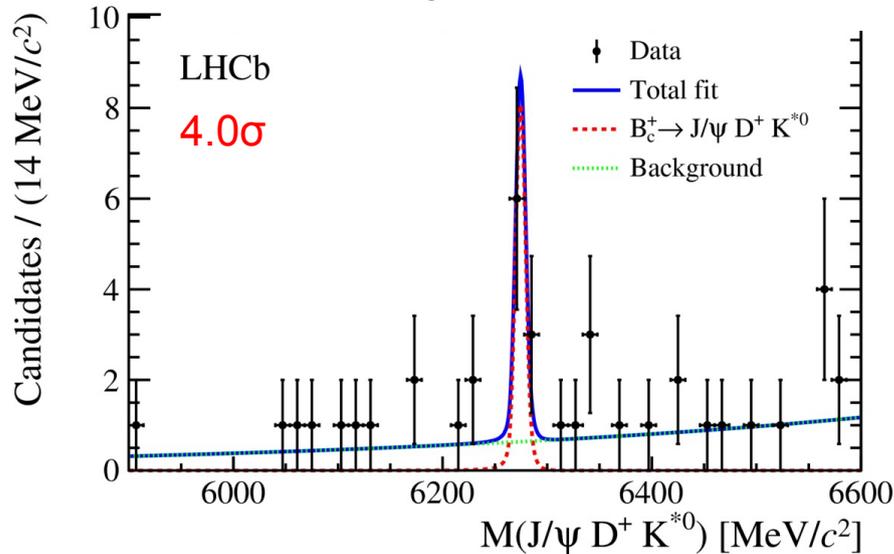
Partially reconstructed  
 $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+$ , 10.3 $\sigma$



Most precise single mass measurement:

$$M(B_c^+) = 6274.28 \pm 1.40 \pm 0.32 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

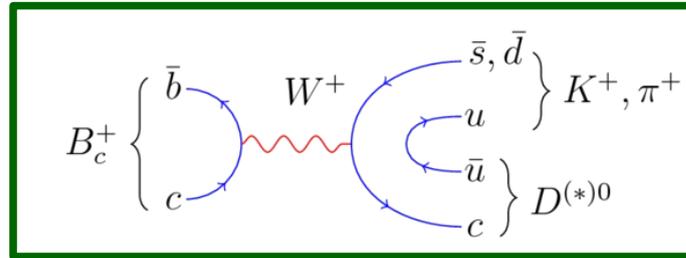
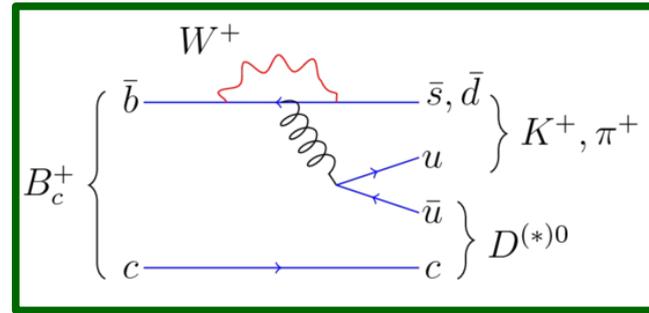
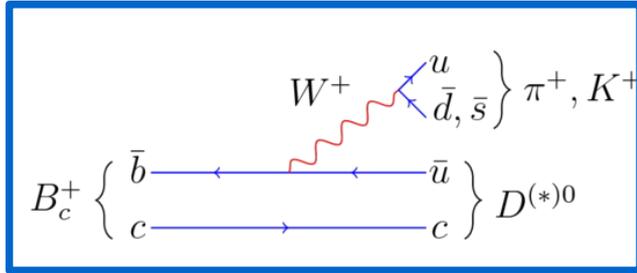
Consistent with previous LHCb measurements and the world average



# $B_c^+ \rightarrow D^{0(*)} h^+$

Cabbibo-suppressed with respect to  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi$

[Phys. Rev. Lett 118, 111803 (2017)]



May enhance the branching fraction

Theoretical predictions vary in a large range

$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $6.6 \times 10^{-5}$  for  $B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 K^+$

$2.3 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.3 \times 10^{-6}$  for  $B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$  [JHEP 1106 (2011) 015]

[Eur.Phys.J.C5 (1998) 705]

[Eur.Phys.J.C63 (2009) 435]

Modes under study ( $h = K, \pi$ ):

$B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+) h^+$

$B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+) h^+$

Partially reconstructed  $B_c^+ \rightarrow D^{*0} (\rightarrow D^0 + \gamma / \pi^0) h^+$

Measure ratios for all four modes normalizing by the known  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D} \pi$  decay

$$R_{D^{(*)0}h} = \frac{f_c}{f_u} \times \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow D^{(*)0} h^+)$$

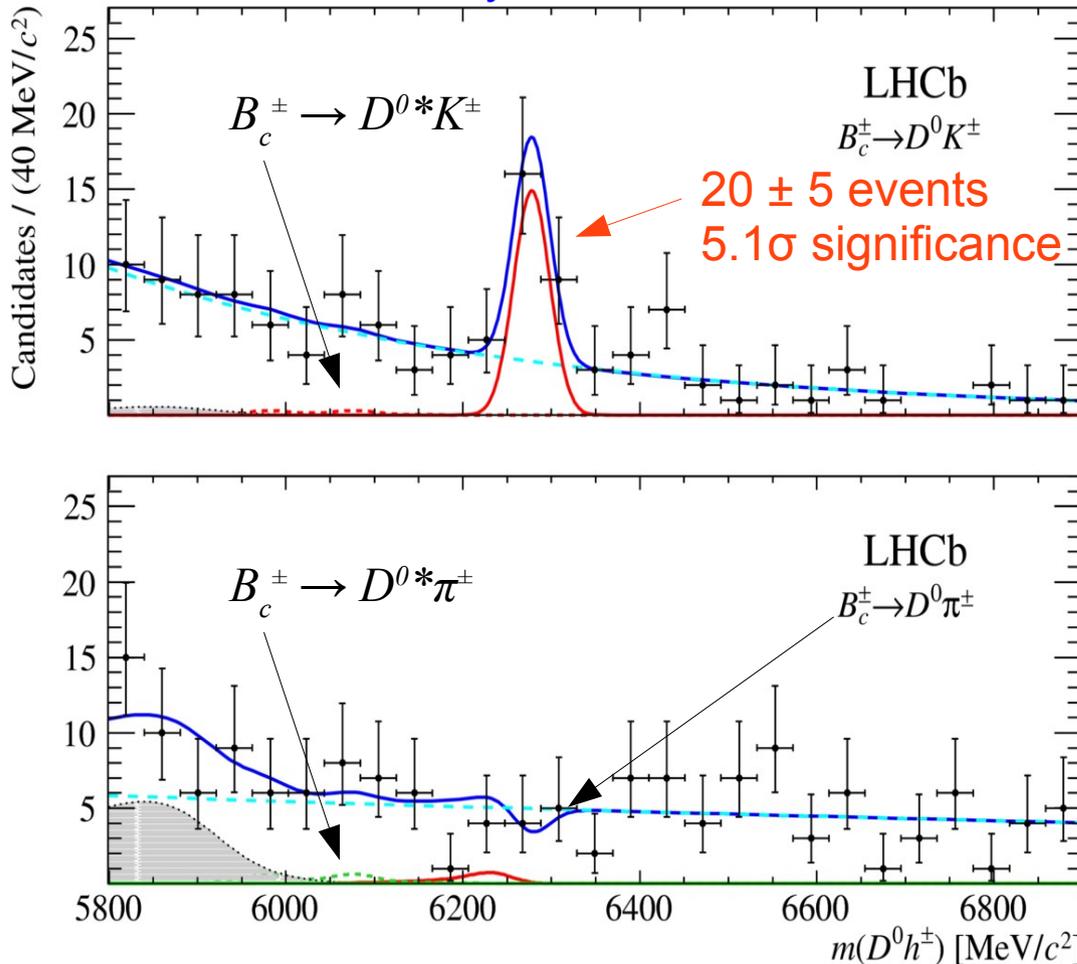
# $B_c^+ \rightarrow D^{0(*)} h^+$

Data: 3 fb<sup>-1</sup>, full Run 1 sample

[Phys. Rev. Lett 118, 111803 (2017)]

Event selection: loose preselection + 2 BDT trained to remove D<sup>0</sup> and non-D<sup>0</sup> background

Simultaneous fit to 2 decay modes  
2- and 4-body D<sup>0</sup> modes combined



For fully reconstructed decays:

$B_c$  masses fixed to the PDG values

Resolutions are estimated from the normalization channel

First observation of the  $B_c^\pm \rightarrow D^0 K^\pm$  decay

$$R_{D^0 K} = (9.3^{+2.8}_{-2.5} \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-7}$$

At the high end of theoretical predictions

Absence of  $B_c^\pm \rightarrow D^0 \pi^\pm$  means that the tree-level contribution is not dominating one

For the other modes the upper limits are set up @95% CL

$$R_{D^0 \pi} < 3.9 \times 10^{-7}$$

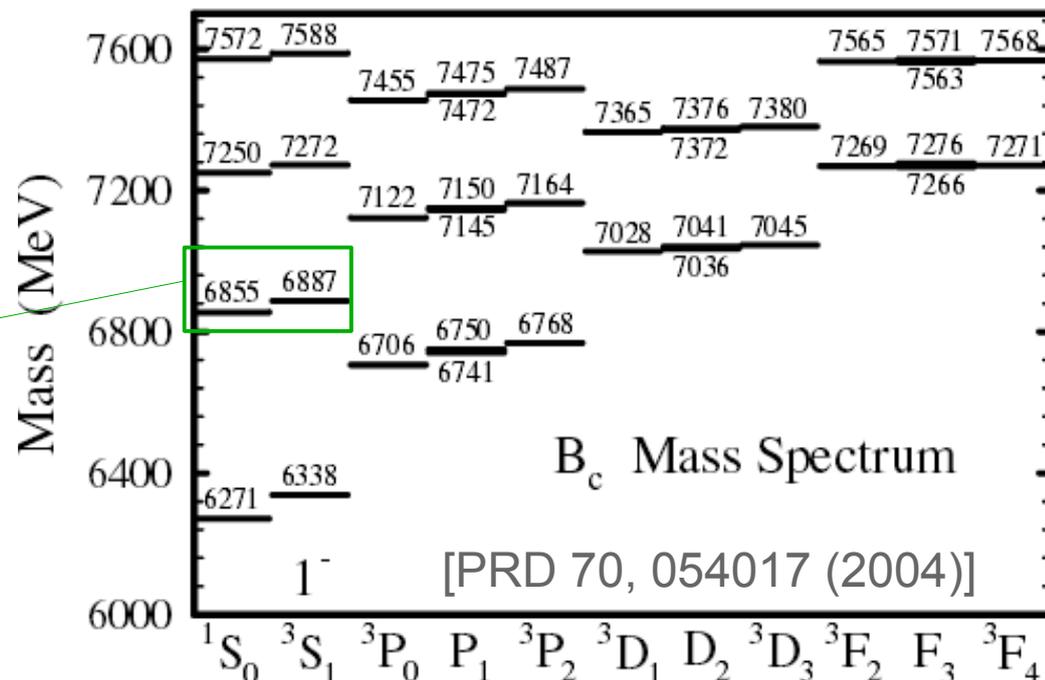
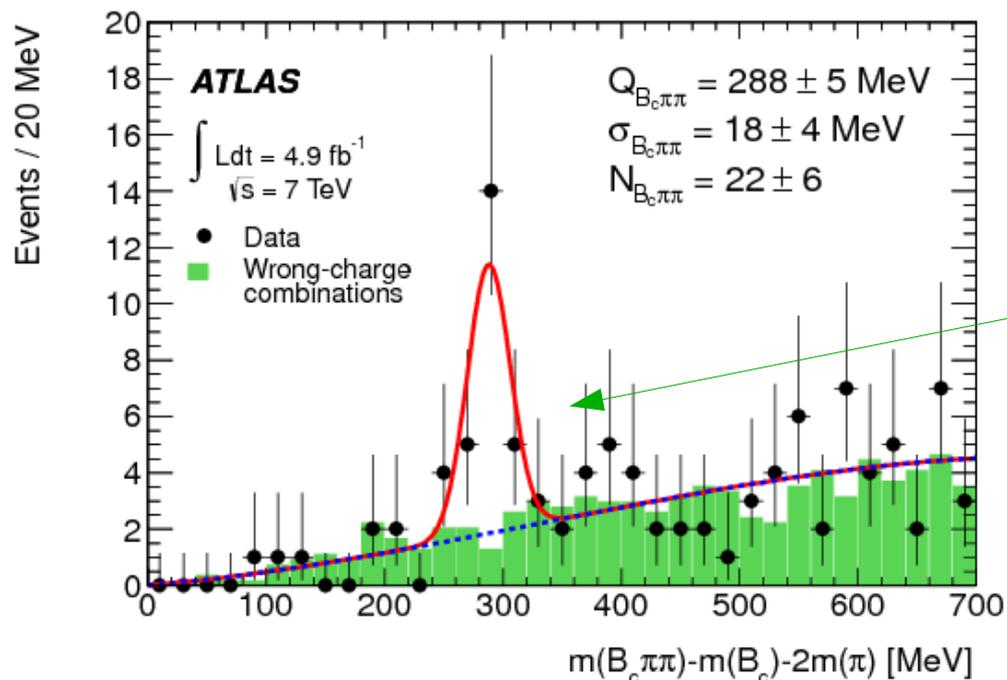
$$R_{D^{*0} \pi} < 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$R_{D^{*0} K} < 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

# $B_c$ spectroscopy

# Excited states

$B_c^+$  has a large spectrum, the excited states still remain to be observed



Many theoretical predictions for spectroscopy and properties.

[arxiv:9703341], [PRD 71, 074012].

First  $B_c(2S)$  observation was recently claimed by ATLAS

$B_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  final state

Measured mass  $6842 \pm 4 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 212004 (2014)]

The most probable interpretation is either  $B_c(2^3S_1)$  or sum of  $B_c(2^3S_1)$  and  $B_c(2^1S_0)$

# Search for excited $B_c$ states



[LHCb-PAPER-2017-042] preliminary

Data:  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

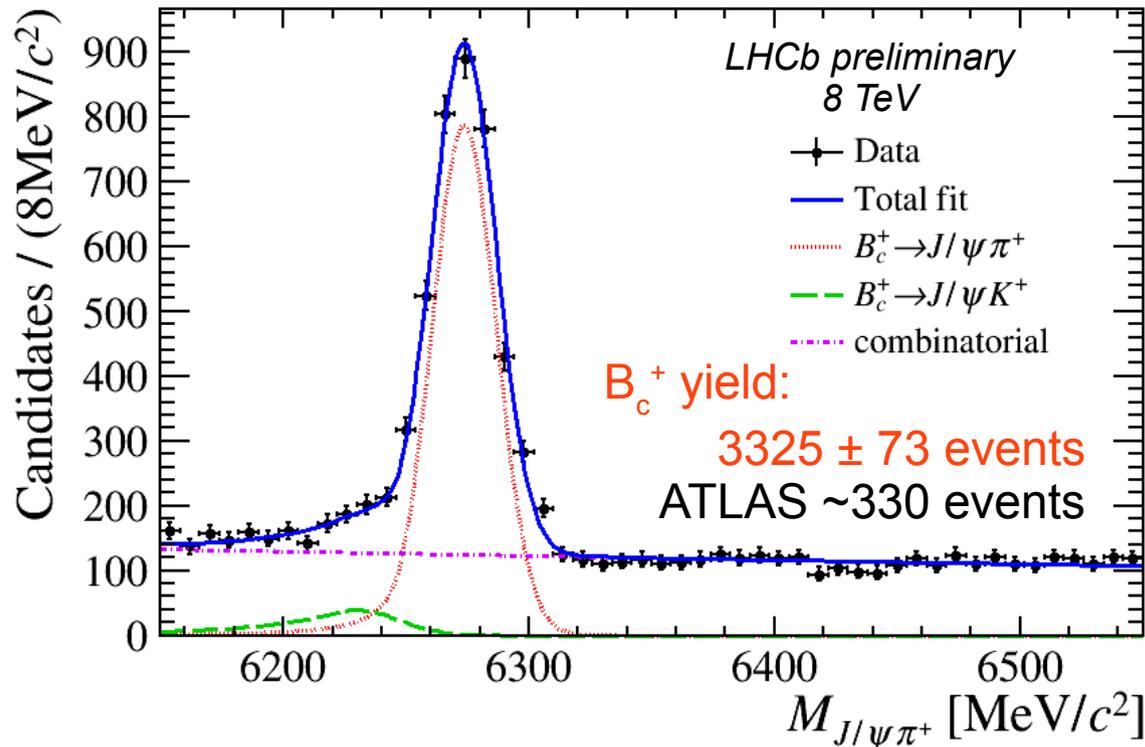
Search for  $B_c(2^1S_0)$  and  $B_c(2^3S_1)$  states

$B_c(2^1S_0) \rightarrow B_c (\rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+) \pi^+ \pi^-$

$B_c(2^3S_1) \rightarrow B_c^* (\rightarrow B_c (\rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+) \gamma) \pi^+ \pi^-$  with missing photon

Branching fractions 39-59%

[Phys. Rev. 239 D70 (2004) 054017], [Phys. Atom. Nucl. 67 (2004) 250 1559]



No significant signal in the  $B_c \pi^+ \pi^-$  invariant mass is seen

Upper limits set up for the ratio:

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\sigma_{B_c^{(*)+}(2S)}}{\sigma_{B_c^+}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{B_c^{(*)+}(2S) \rightarrow B_c^{(*)+} \pi^+ \pi^-}$$

With the help of  $CL_s$  method

Scan over wide mass range

$B_c(2^1S_0)$ : [6830, 6890]  $\text{MeV}/c^2$

$B_c(2^3S_1)$ : [6795, 6890]  $\text{MeV}/c^2$

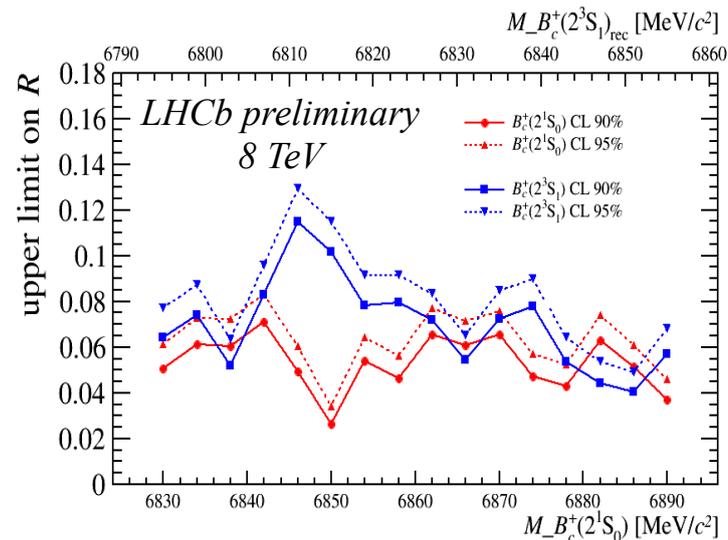
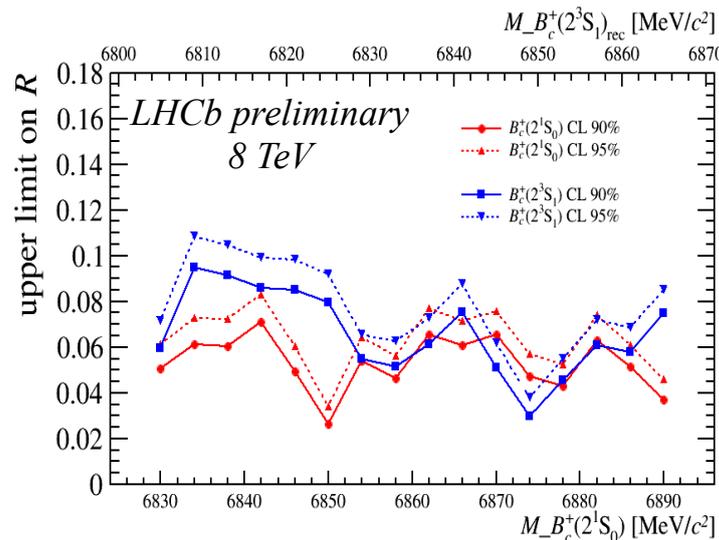
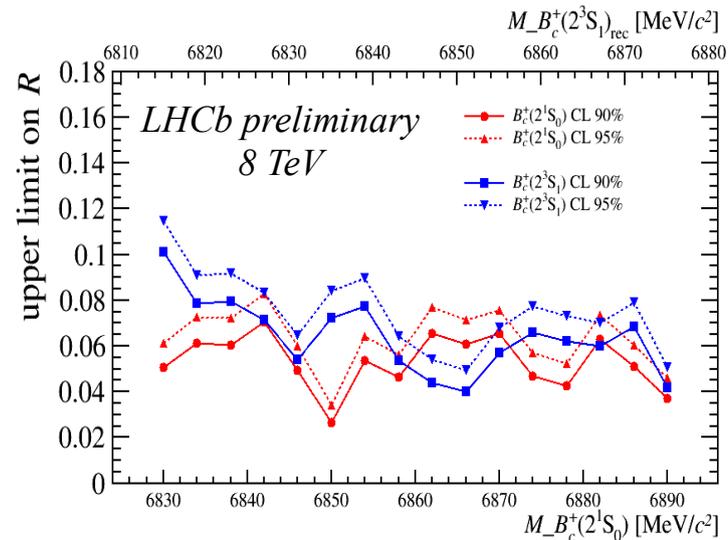
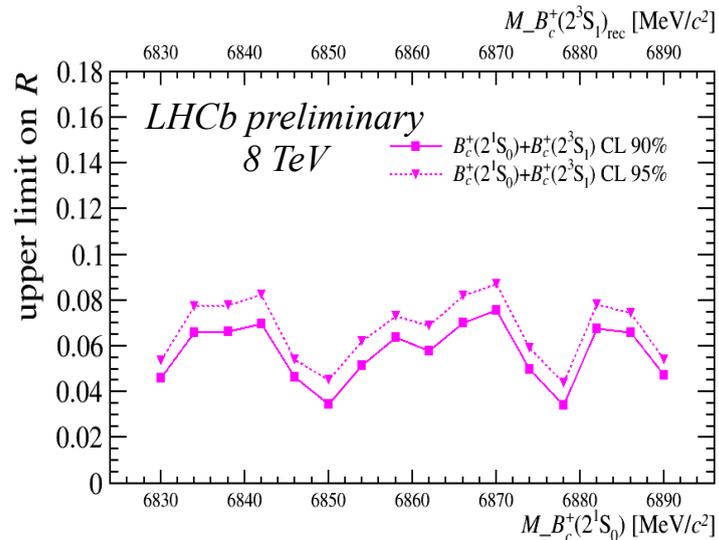
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Mass resolution fixed from simulation, cross-checked with data for  $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$

4 different values of reconstructed mass difference between  $B_c(2^1S_0)$  and  $B_c(2^3S_1)$



Consistent with background-only hypothesis within  $3\sigma$

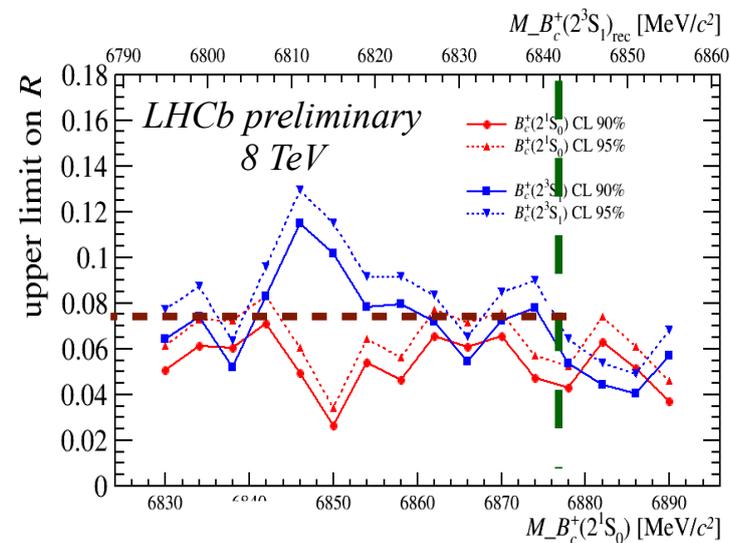
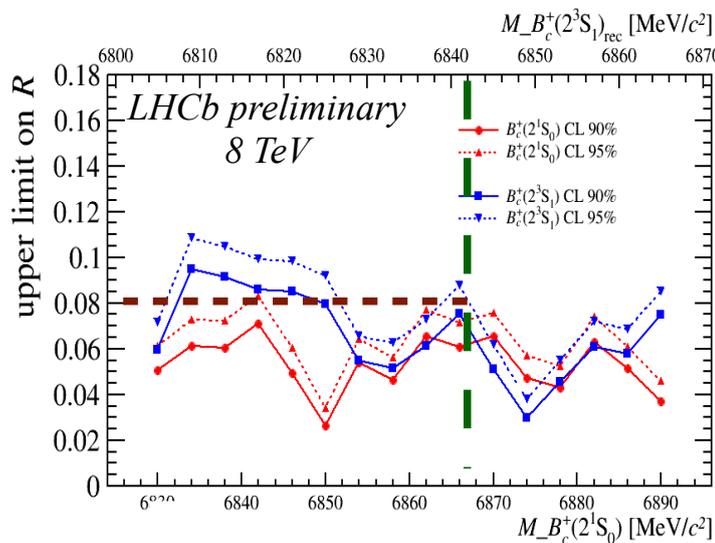
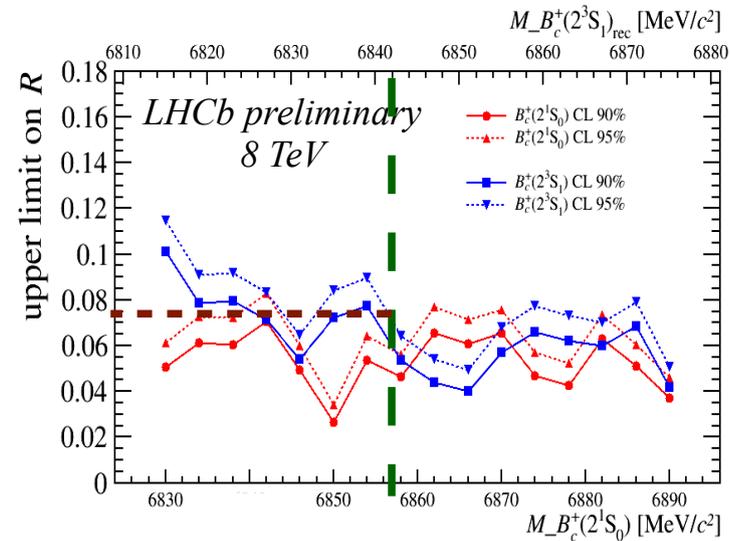
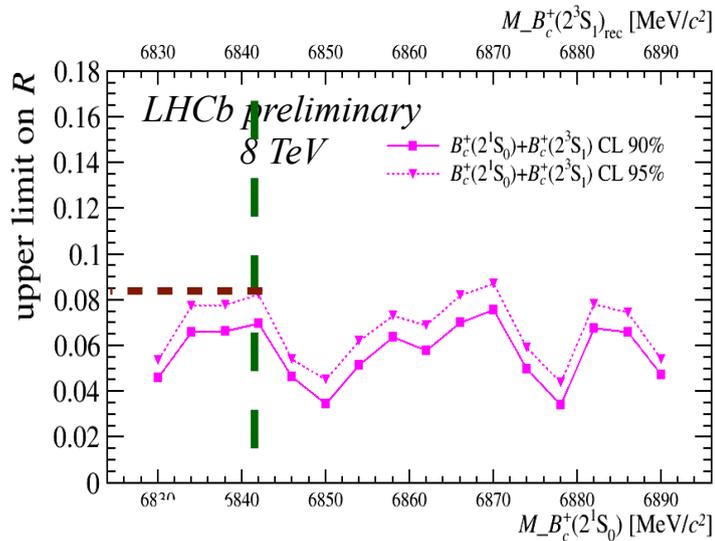
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With the event yields and mass measured by ATLAS  $6842 \pm 4 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and the expected R would be more than 0.15, which is in some tension with LHCb upper limits  
Should not have significant dependence on  $y$  and  $p_T$

[Comput. Phys. Commun. 174 (2006) 241]



# *Prospects*

# Future



Production rates increase with energy

$$\sigma(\Xi_{bc}^+) \sim \sigma(\Xi_{bc}^0) \sim 10\text{nb @ 7 TeV}$$

$$\sigma(\Xi_{bc}^+) \sim \sigma(\Xi_{bc}^0) \sim 20\text{nb @ 14 TeV}$$

[Phys.Rev.D 83 034026 (2011)]

$$\sigma(B_c^+) \sim 20\text{ nb @ 7 TeV}$$

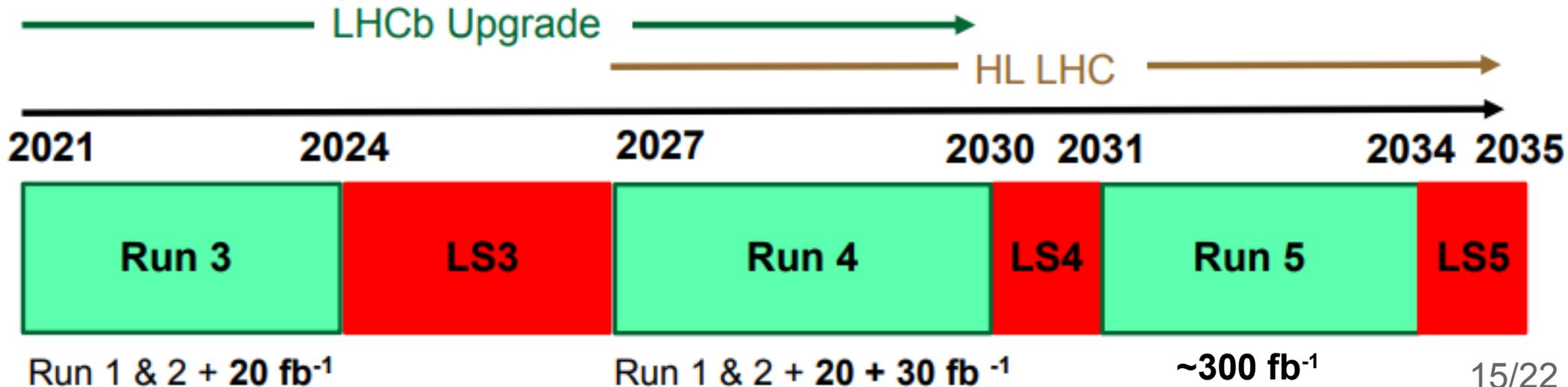
$$\sigma(B_c^+) \sim 40\text{ nb @ 14 TeV}$$

[arXiv:hep-ph/9703341]

Rough estimate ~200 increase of bc-hadrons yields after Run5

Moving towards real-time reconstruction

For some studies allows „offline quality“ already now  
Important to have all modes covered by the trigger



# $B_c$ spectroscopy



16 states expected below the BD threshold

2 S-wave, 2 P-wave and 1 D-wave

Strong decays are disfavoured

Very narrow: width < 100 keV

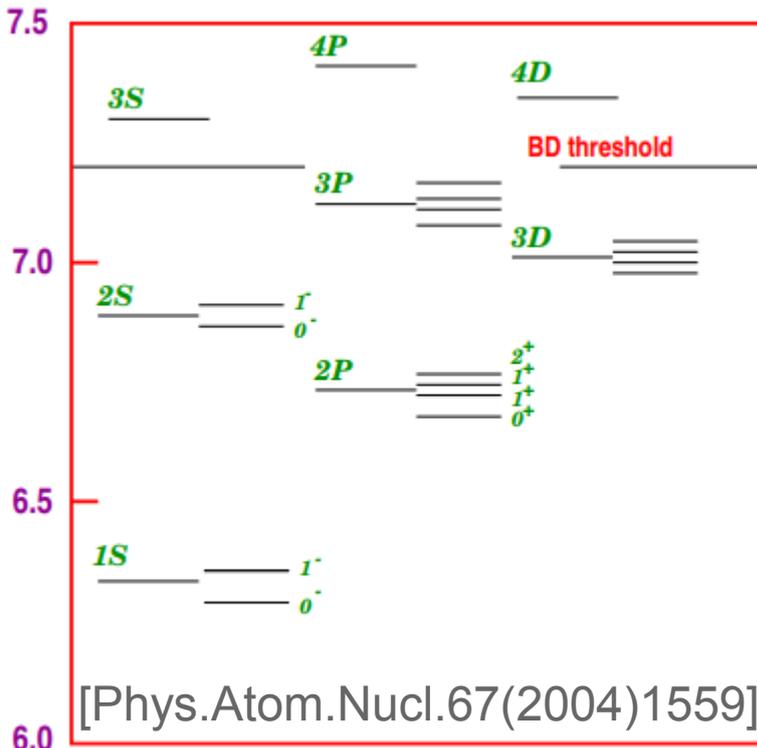
Cascade decays to ground state with emission of  $\gamma$  or  $\pi\pi$

Plenty of theoretical predictions given

$B_c^{**} \rightarrow$  BD with Run5 data

[PRD 70, 054017 (2004)]

[Phys.Atom.Nucl.67(2004)1559]



Decay Chain	Tevatron	LHC
$1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$3.4 \times 10^3$	$3.4 \times 10^5$
$2^1S_0 \xrightarrow{\pi\pi} B_c$	$1.8 \times 10^3$	$1.8 \times 10^5$
$2^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\pi\pi} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$1.6 \times 10^3$	$1.6 \times 10^5$
$2^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	16	$1.6 \times 10^3$
$1^3P_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$6.7 \times 10^2$	$6.7 \times 10^4$
$1P_1' \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$5.9 \times 10^2$	$5.9 \times 10^4$
$1P_1 \rightarrow \gamma 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$5.5 \times 10^2$	$5.5 \times 10^4$
$1P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$1.2 \times 10^2$	$1.2 \times 10^4$
$1^3P_0 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	$6.7 \times 10^2$	$6.7 \times 10^4$
$1^3D_3 \xrightarrow{\pi\pi} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	3.5	$3.5 \times 10^2$
$1^3D_3 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1^3P_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	64	$6.4 \times 10^3$
$1D_2' \xrightarrow{\pi\pi} 1^1S_0$	1.7	$1.7 \times 10^2$
$1D_2' \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1P_1' \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	45	$4.5 \times 10^3$
$1D_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1P_1' \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	1.4	$1.4 \times 10^2$
$1D_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	9.5	$9.5 \times 10^2$
$1D_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	8.2	$8.2 \times 10^2$
$1^3D_1 \xrightarrow{\pi\pi} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	3.1	$3.1 \times 10^2$
$1^3D_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1P_1' \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	2.8	$2.8 \times 10^2$
$1^3D_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	3.6	$3.6 \times 10^2$
$2^3P_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 2^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	2.3	$2.3 \times 10^2$
$2^3P_2 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 1^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	72	$7.2 \times 10^3$
$2P_1' \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	90	$9.0 \times 10^3$
$2P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	12	$1.2 \times 10^3$
$2P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 2^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	2.2	$2.2 \times 10^2$
$2^3P_0 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 2^3S_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} B_c$	2.8	$2.8 \times 10^2$

state	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$ , KeV	dominant decay mode	BR, %
$1^1S_1$	0.06	$1^1S_0 + \gamma$	100
$2^1S_0$	67.8	$1^1S_0 + \pi\pi$	74
$2^1S_1$	86.3	$1^1S_1 + \pi\pi$	58
$2^1P_0$	65.3	$1^1S_1 + \gamma$	100
$2P 1^+$	89.4	$1^1S_1 + \gamma$	87
$2P 1'^+$	139.2	$1^1S_0 + \gamma$	94
$2^3P_2$	102.9	$1^1S_1 + \gamma$	100
$3^1P_0$	44.8	$2^1S_1 + \gamma$	57
$3P 1^+$	65.3	$2^1S_1 + \gamma$	49
$3P 1'^+$	92.8	$2^1S_0 + \gamma$	63
$3^3P_2$	71.6	$2^1S_1 + \gamma$	69
$3D 2^-$	95.0	$2P 1^+ + \gamma$	47
$3^5D_3$	107.9	$2^3P_2 + \gamma$	71
$3^3D_1$	155.4	$2^1P_0 + \gamma$	51
$3D 2'^-$	122.0	$2P 1'^+ + \gamma$	38

# Spectroscopy in $B_c$ decays

[EPJ C 73 (2013) 2373] Conventional spectroscopy

Study of the  $D^0 K^+$  final state in  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{(*)0} K^+$

**Run1:**  $26 \pm 7$  events in  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+$  mode  
 $102 \pm 13$  events in  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*0} K^+$  mode

**Run 5:**  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 14 TeV  
 $> 5000 B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+$   
 $\sim 2 \times 10^4 B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*0} K^+$

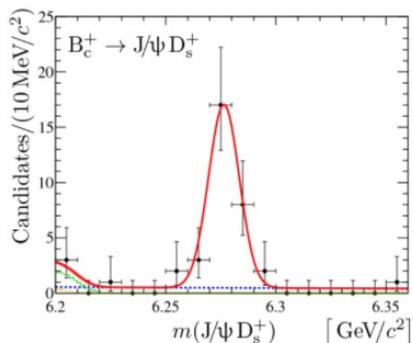
$B_s^0$  spectroscopy

Amplitude analysis of  $B_c^+ \rightarrow B K \pi^+$

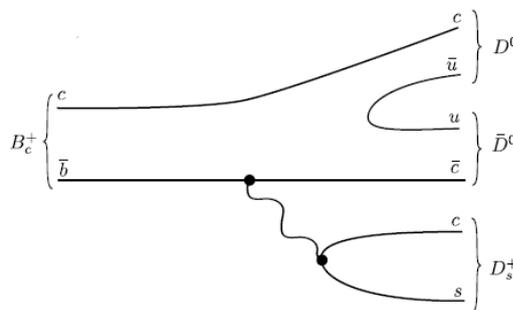
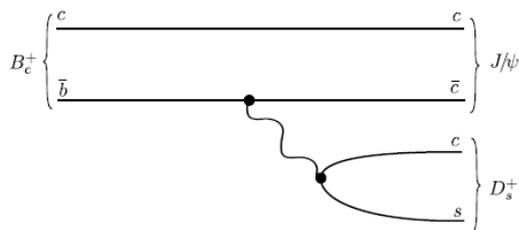
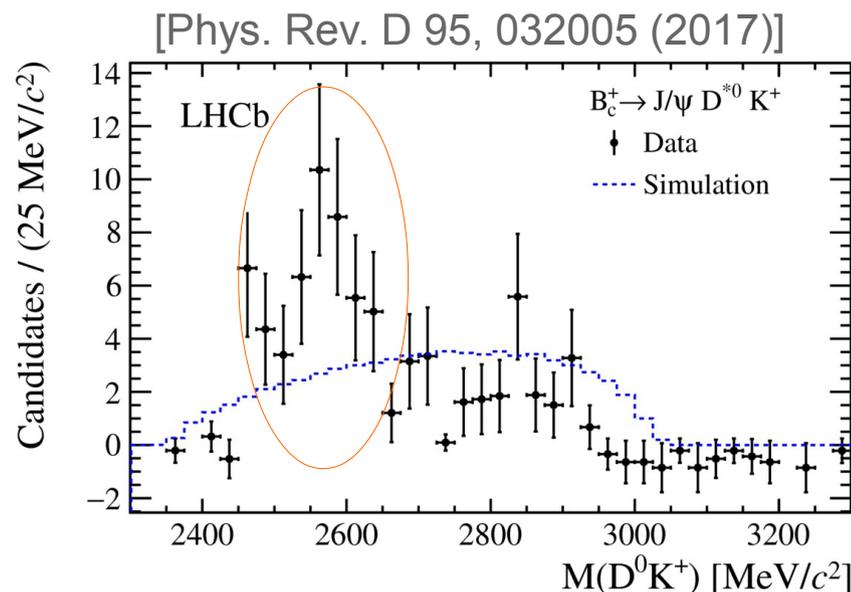
Study of  $B_c^+ \rightarrow B_s^0 \{\gamma, \pi^0\} \pi^+$

Exotic spectroscopy

Doubly charmed tetraquark in  $B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^0 D_s^+$



**Run1:**  $\sim 29 B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+$   
**Run 5:**  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 14 TeV  
 $\sim 6000 B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+$   
 $\sim 10^2 B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^0 D_s^+$



Many ideas of searches of tetraquarks in  $B_c^+$  decays

[Phys.Rev.D94(2016)034036]  
 [Phys.Rev.D88(2013)054029]

Possibility of pentaquark searches  
 Study of the  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p} \pi^+$

First double-heavy baryon observed this summer

Should move further!

Production rate

Twice lower than  $B_c^+$

$\sim 43\%$  (bc)  $\rightarrow \Xi_{bc}^0$

$\sim 43\%$  (bc)  $\rightarrow \Xi_{bc}^+$

$\sim 13\%$  (bc)  $\rightarrow \Omega_{bc}^0$

[Phys.Rev.D83 (2011) 034026]

Lifetime predictions suffer from large uncertainties :-)

$\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  lifetime  $\sim 185\text{-}500$  fs

$\Xi_{bc}^+$  lifetime  $\sim 244\text{-}340$  fs

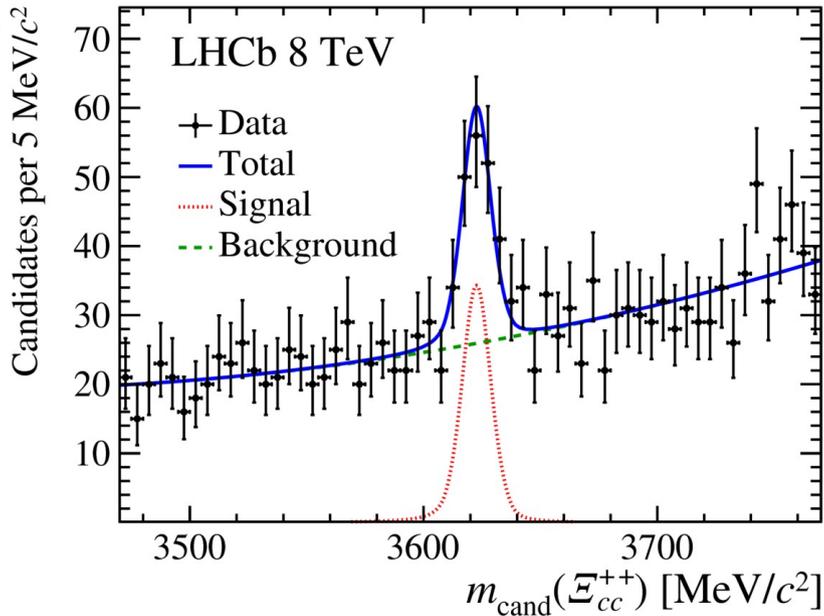
$\Xi_{bc}^0$  lifetime  $\sim 93\text{-}280$  fs

[arXiv:hep-ph/0201071]

[Eur.Phys.J.C16 (200) 461]

[Phys. Rev. D 90, 094007 (2014)]

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[Phys. Rev. Lett. 119(2017)112001]

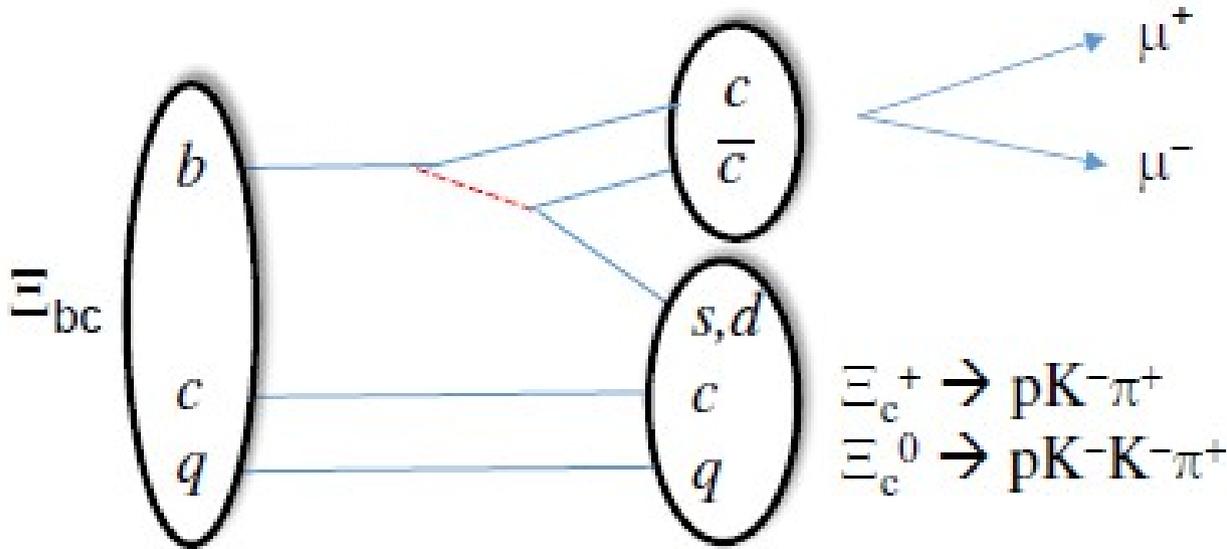
Many decay modes predicted

May combine them to increase the statistics!

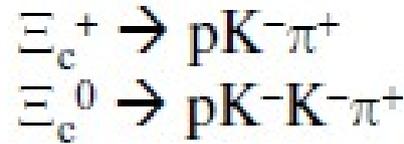
Hard to predict branching fractions  $\rightarrow$  large uncertainties

# $\Xi_{bc}$ most promising channels

Charmonium modes  
Cabbibo-favoured



Clear signature and very efficient dimuon trigger



A particle with long decay time in the final state

Easy to compare/normalize by  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s$   
Same diagram vertices

„Golden mode“  $\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda_c^+ K^-$

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda_c^+ K^-)}{\mathcal{N}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{(*)+})} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Xi_{bc} X)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow B_c^+ X)} \times f_{\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{bc}^0} \times \frac{Br(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda_c^+ K^-)}{Br(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{(*)+})} \times \epsilon_{K^-}$$

$\sim 0.5$ 
 $\sim 0.43$ 
 $\sim 0.2$  (color suppression)
 $\sim 0.7$

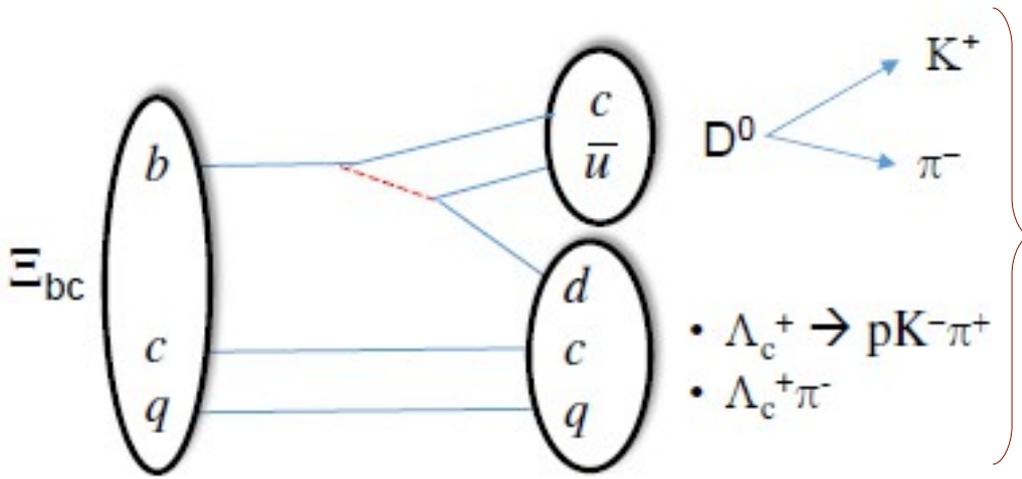
$\sim 100 B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s$  events observed in Run1, expect

$\sim 3 \Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda_c^+ K^-$  events in Run1

$\sim 600 \Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda_c^+ K^-$  events in Run5

# $\Xi_{bc}$ most promising channels

Decays to open charm  
Cabbibo-favoured

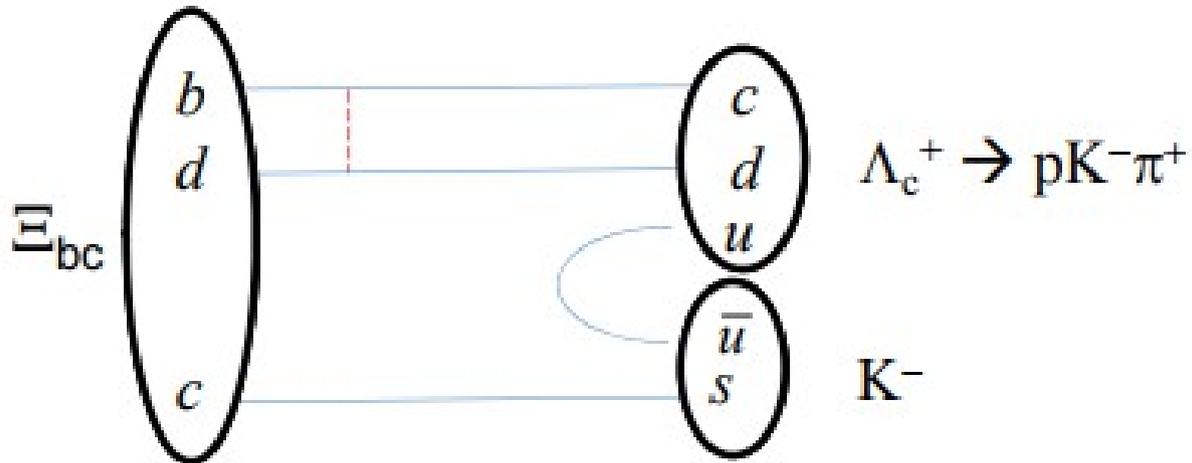


Less efficient hadron trigger

Two particles with long decay time in the final state

Clear signature

Decays with one charm hadron  
Exchange or loop diagram



Less efficient hadron trigger

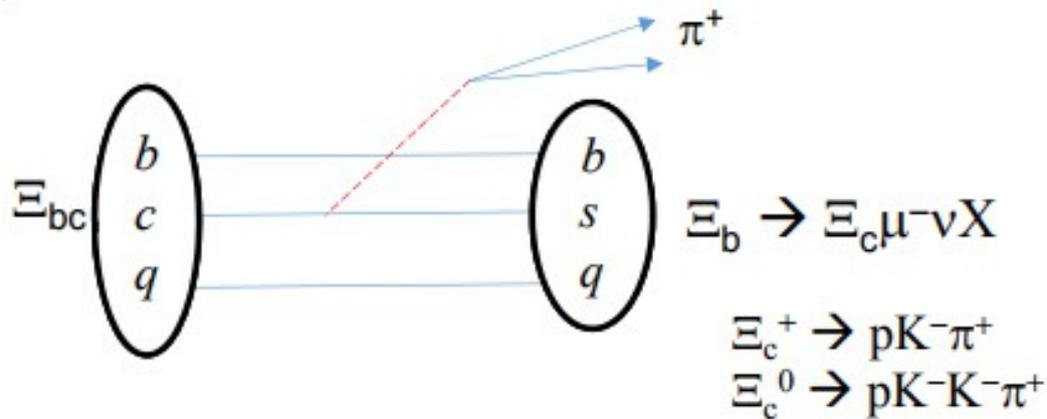
A particle with long decay time in the final state

Only one intermediate branching fractions contributes

# $\Xi_{bc}$ most promising channels

## Semileptonic

The  $B_c$ -mesons were first discovered in semileptonic decays  
Cabbibo-favoured



Have to deal with missing energy

But  $\Xi_b$  semileptonic branching fraction is  $\sim 10$  times higher than for a hadronic decay

A particle with long decay time in the final state

**Optimistic scenario:** even having low individual yields in Run1 + Run2, with several modes combined will see the signal

**Bit less optimistic scenario:** won't see the signal in Run1+Run2, but will reach in through Phase1!

# Conclusions



Studies of bc-hadrons is rapidly developing

New channels and new results for  $B_c$ -mesons

Not all of them covered in this talk

Search for  $B_c^+ \rightarrow D_{(s)}^{+ (*)} D^{(*)0}$  and UT angle  $\gamma$  measurement

– see talk by Francesca Dordei

Study of the lepton universality in  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau \nu_\tau$  decay

(form-factors measurement is on its way)

– see talk by Antonio Vidal

Even more new ideas for the future

Searches for the bc-baryons – challenging but extremely interesting task

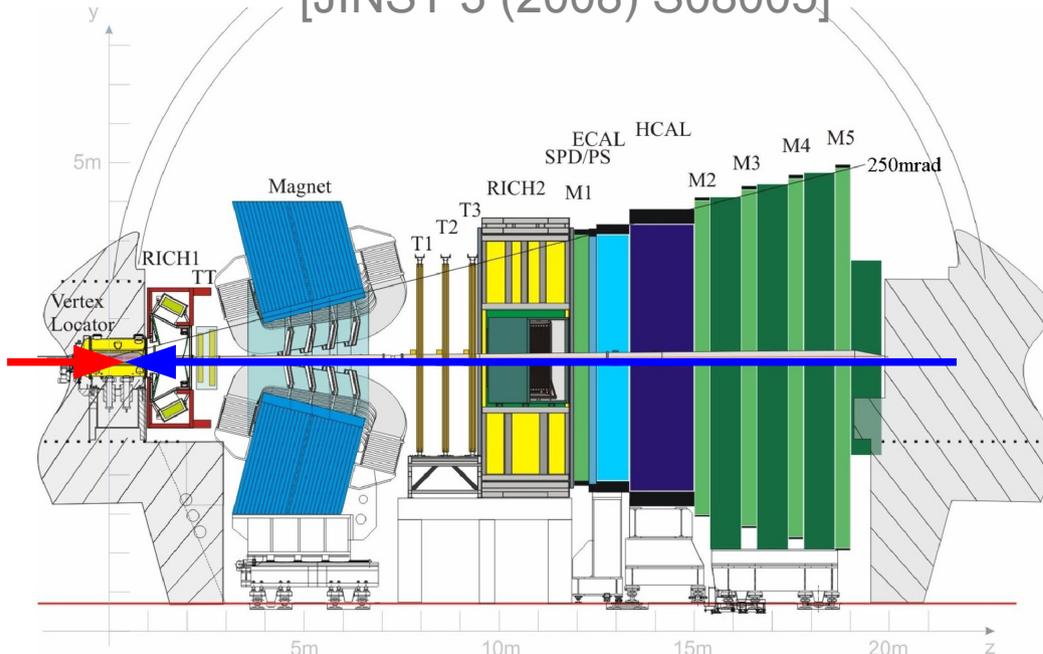
Thank you!

# *Backup*

# The LHCb experiment



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LHC:

Cross-sections in the LHCb acceptance:

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}} = 72.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 6.8 \mu\text{b} @ \sqrt{s} = 7\text{TeV}$$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}} = 144 \pm 1 \pm 21 \mu\text{b} @ \sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$$

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 052002 (2017)]

Access to all possible b- and c-hadrons

**Fully instrumented rapidity range  $2 < \eta < 5$**

**VELO:** Decay time resolution  $\sim 45$  fs for B-mesons  
 $\sim 100$ fs for D-mesons

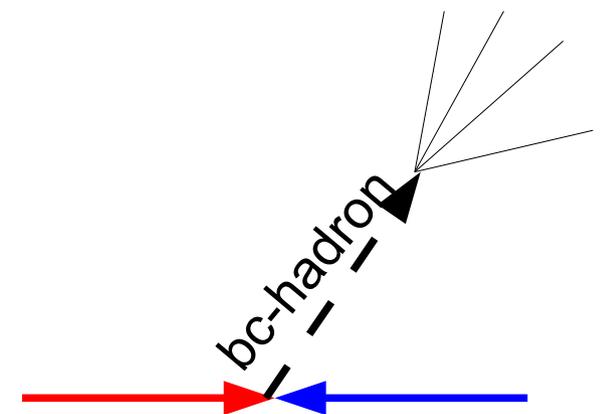
**Relative track momentum resolution:**

0.5% at low momentum 1.0% at 200 GeV/c

**Particle identification:**

Kaon ID  $\sim 95$  % for  $\sim 5$  %  $\pi \rightarrow K$  mis-id probability

Muon ID  $\sim 97$  % for 1-3 %  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$  mis-id probability



**Muon system:**  $\sim 90$ % trigger efficiency for dimuon channels