

ATLAS Bc mini-workshop  
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# *LHCb experimental overview of $B_c^+$*

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## Introduction

## Searches for the new $B_c^+$ -meson decays

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

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

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow D_{(s)}^{+(*)} D^{(*)}$$

## Test of the lepton universality with the semileptonic $B_c^+$ decays

## Searches for the excited $B_c^+$ states

# $B_c^+$ -mesons at LHCb

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

Not accessible by the B-factories → least studied of all B-meson

Only 16 decay modes established by now

**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:**

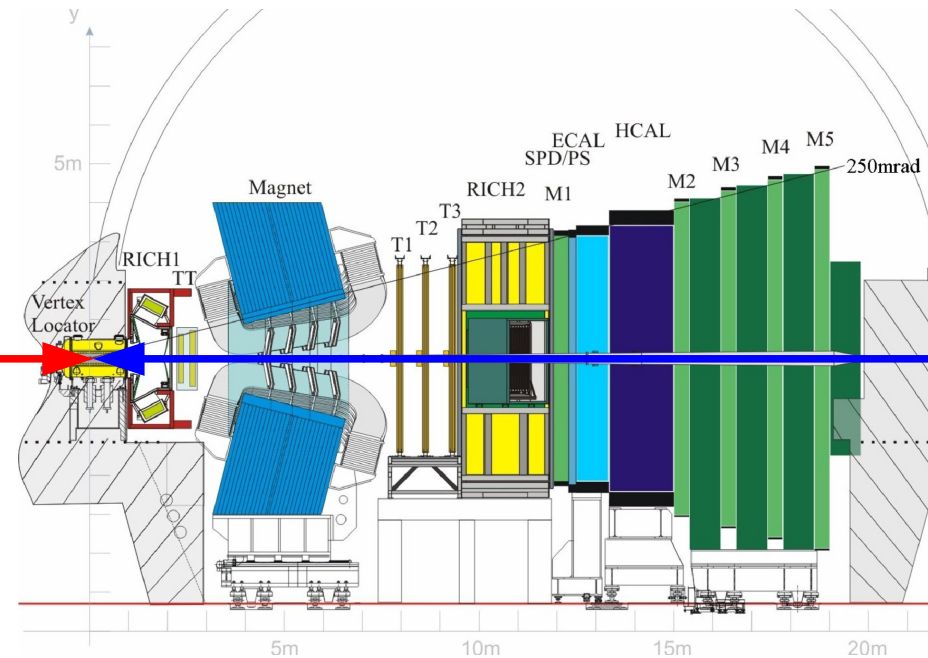
Kaon ID  $\sim 95\%$  for  $\sim 5\%$   $\pi \rightarrow K$  mis-id probability

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

**Trigger:**

$\sim 90\%$  trigger efficiency for dimuon channels

$\sim 30\%$  for multi-body hadronic final states



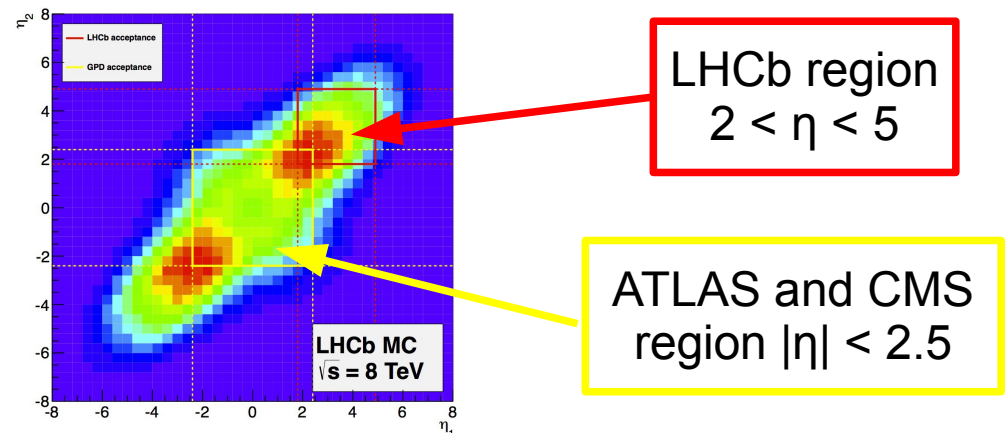
[JINST 3 (2008) S08005]

**Production rates in the LHCb acceptance**

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

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

[Phys.Atom.Nucl.60:1729-1740,1997]



# *Searches for new $B_c^+$ decays*

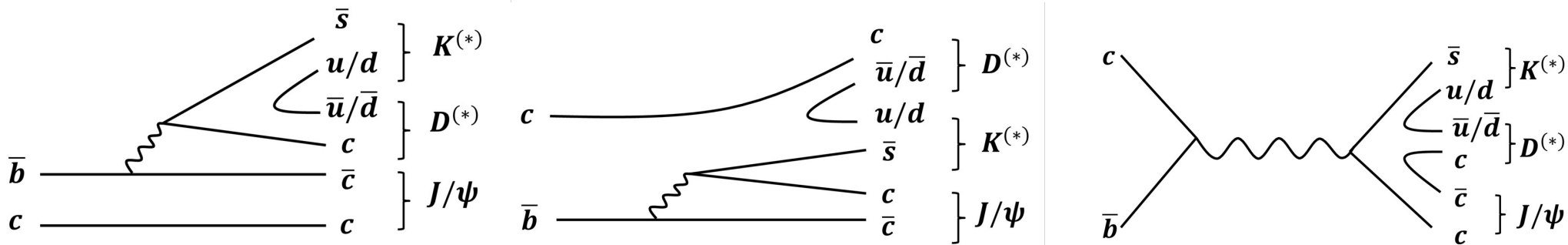
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^{(*)} K^{(*)}$$

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

## Motivation

Studying the DK system for the  $D_{S_J}$  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

BDT based on

$B_c^+$ -meson transverse momentum

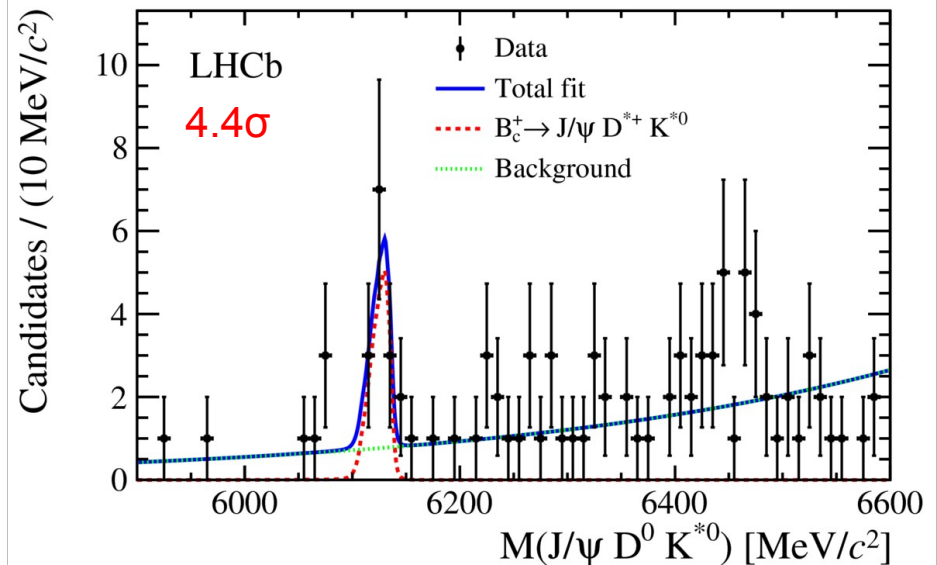
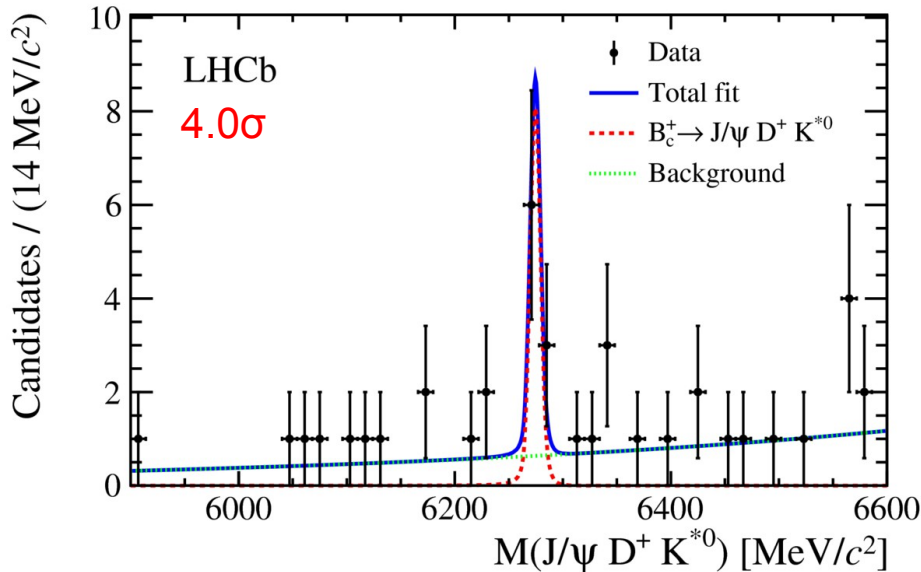
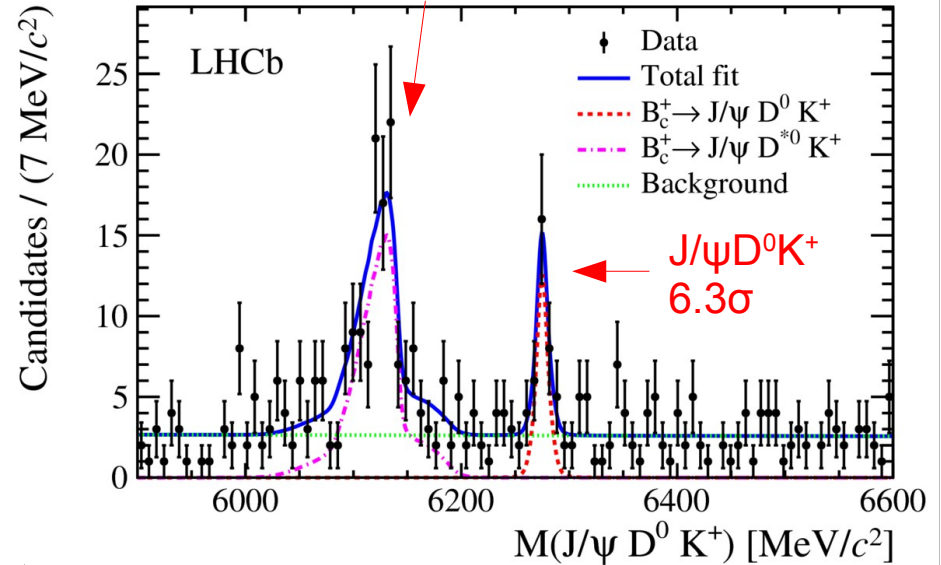
$\chi^2$  vertex fit for all unstable particles

Event geometry

Similar selection for the normalization

$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  channel

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



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

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:

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

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

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

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

Most precise single mass measurement:

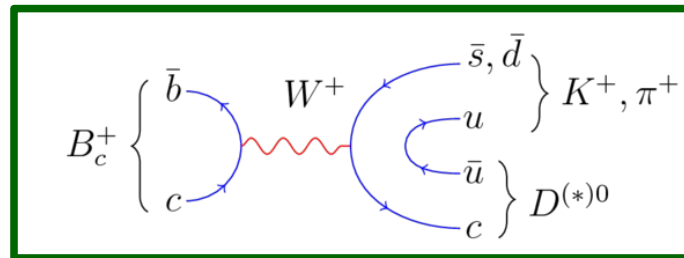
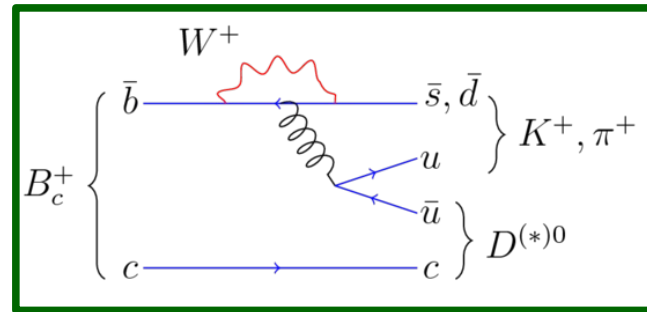
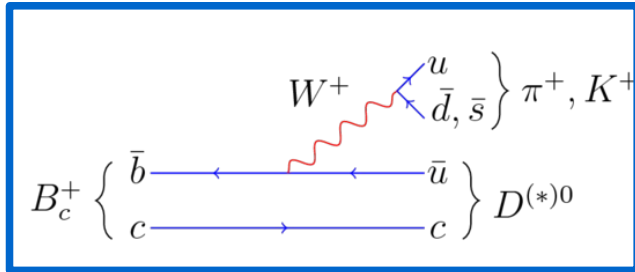
$$M(B_c^+) = 6274.28 \pm 1.40 \pm 0.32 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

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

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

$$2.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ to } 2.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ for } B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \quad [\text{JHEP 1106 (2011) 015}], [\text{Eur.Phys.J.C63 (2009) 435}]$$

$$[\text{Eur.Phys.J.C5 (1998) 705}]$$

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

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

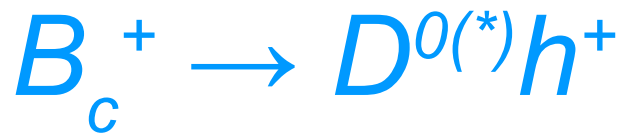
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K \pi^+) h^+$$

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

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

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



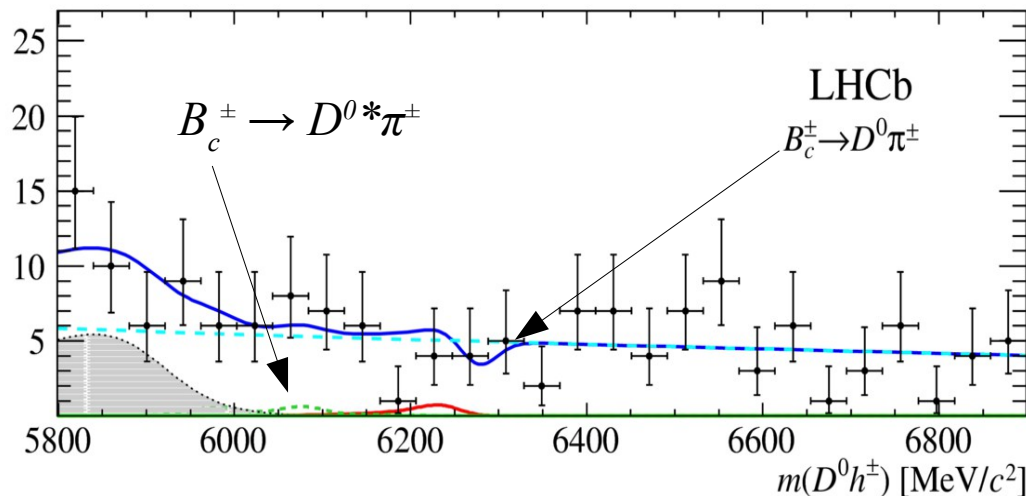
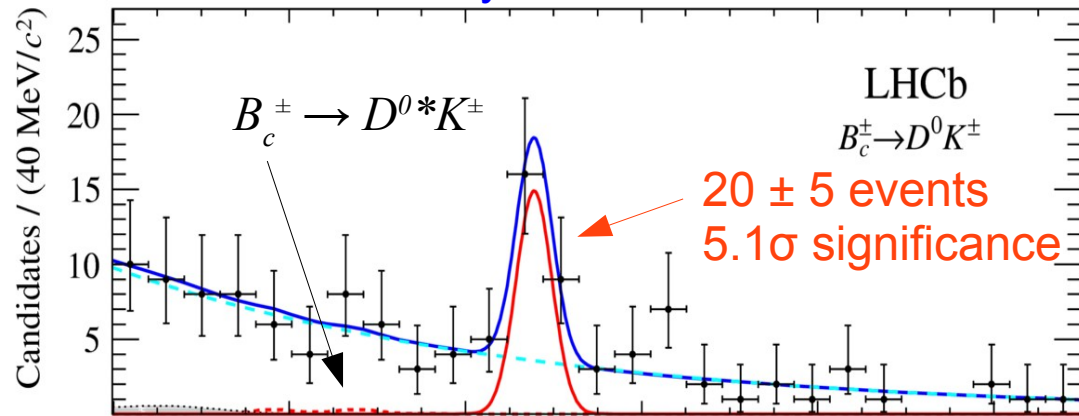


[Phys. Rev. Lett 118, 111803 (2017)]

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

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  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D} h^+$

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

Branching fraction measured

$$R_{D^{(*)}0h} = \frac{f_c}{f_u} \times B(B_c^+ \rightarrow D^{(*)0} h^+) = (9.3_{-2.5}^{+2.8} \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-7}$$

At the high end of theoretical predictions

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

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

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

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

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

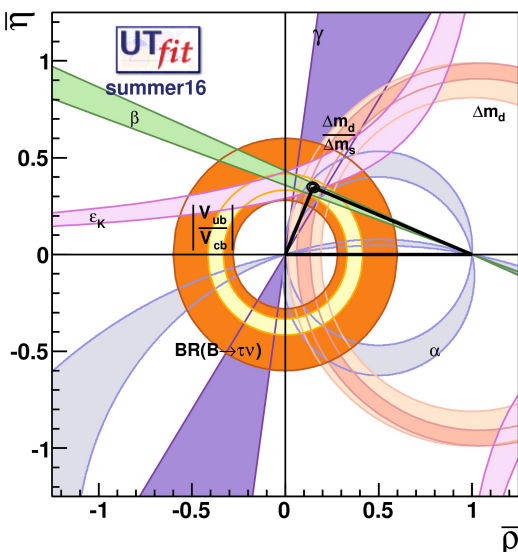
# Decays into two charmed mesons

[arXiv:1712.04702, submitted to Nucl.Phys.B]

## Motivation

Additional possibilities for the Unitarity Triangle angle  $\gamma$  measurements

$$\gamma \equiv \arg(-V_{ud}V_{ub}^*/V_{cd}V_{cb}^*)$$



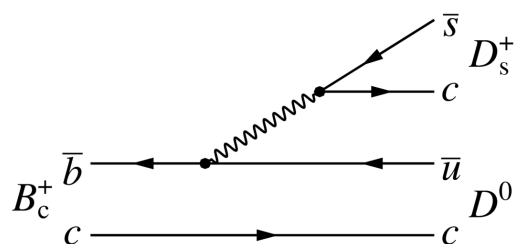
Lower production cross-section than for  $B^+$ -mesons  
Lower branching fractions than for  $B^+ \rightarrow DK$

Channel	Prediction for the branching fraction [ $10^{-6}$ ]			
	$2.3 \pm 0.5$	4.8	1.7	2.1
$B_c^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^0$	$2.3 \pm 0.5$	4.8	1.7	2.1
$B_c^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D^0$	$3.0 \pm 0.5$	6.6	2.5	7.4
$B_c^+ \rightarrow D^+ \bar{D}^0$	$32 \pm 7$	53	32	33
$B_c^+ \rightarrow D^+ D^0$	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	0.32	0.11	0.32

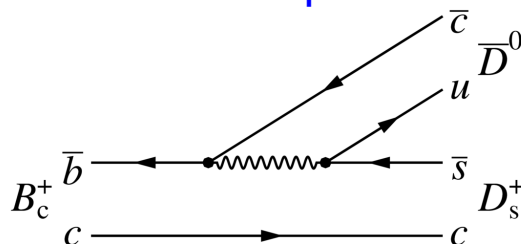
[Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 074019], [arXiv:hep-ph/0211021],  
[Phys. Lett. B555 (2003) 189], [Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 054024]

Expected large amplitude ratio and CP-asymmetry

Color-allowed



Color-suppressed



$$r_{B_c^+} \equiv |A(B_c^+ \rightarrow D^0 D_s^+)/A(B_c^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 D_s^+)| \approx 1$$

[Phys.Rev. D62 (2000) 057503]

Can use decays with excited D-mesons in the final state also

Alternative method: study of the angular distributions in  $B_c^+ \rightarrow D_{(s)}^{**} D^*$

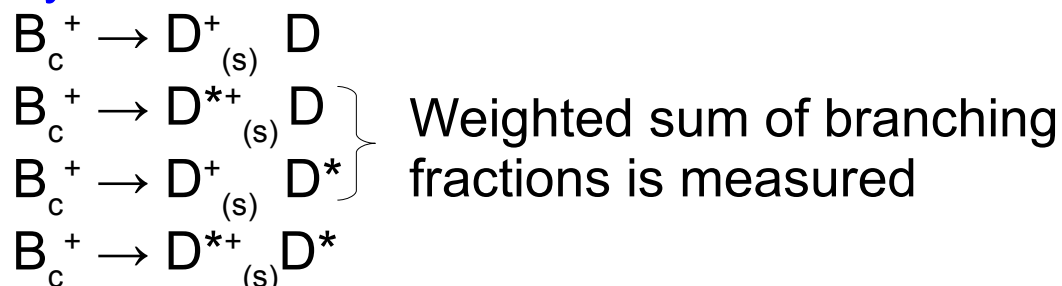
[Phys. Rev. D65 (2002) 034016]

# Decays into two charmed mesons

[arXiv:1712.04702, submitted to Nucl.Phys.B]

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

Decay modes reconstructed:



Where  $D = D^0, \bar{D}^0$

No signals observed for any of the decay modes

The upper limits are set @90%(95%) CL:

$$\frac{f_c \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^0)}{f_u \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^0)} = (3.0 \pm 3.7) \times 10^{-4} [ < 0.9 (1.1) \times 10^{-3} ]$$

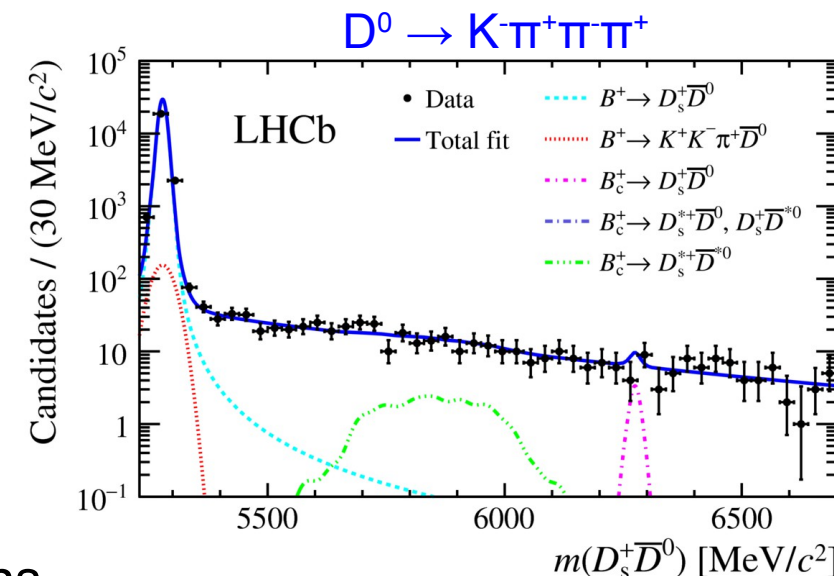
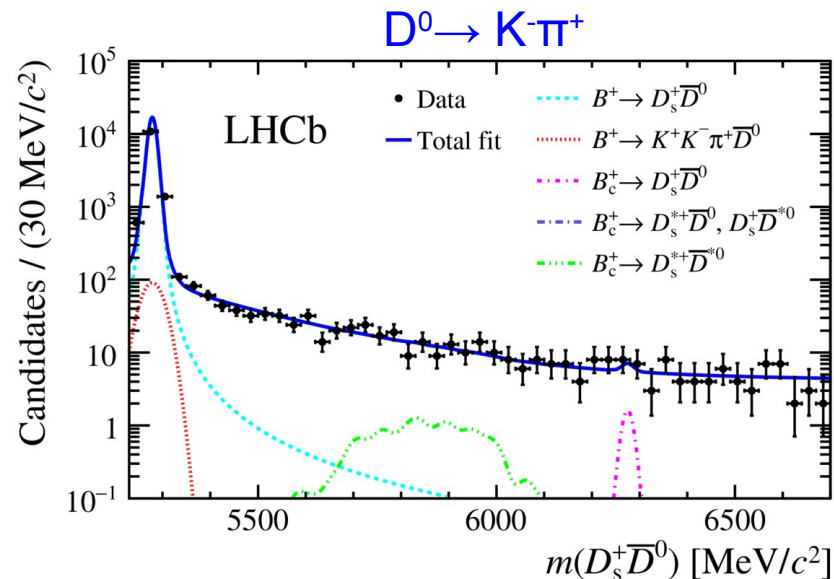
$$\frac{f_c \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D^0)}{f_u \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^0)} = (-3.8 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-4} [ < 3.7 (4.7) \times 10^{-4} ]$$

$$\frac{f_c \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow D^+ \bar{D}^0)}{f_u \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow D^+ \bar{D}^0)} = (8.0 \pm 7.5) \times 10^{-3} [ < 1.9 (2.2) \times 10^{-2} ]$$

$$\frac{f_c \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow D^+ D^0)}{f_u \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow D^+ \bar{D}^0)} = (2.9 \pm 5.3) \times 10^{-3} [ < 1.2 (1.4) \times 10^{-2} ]$$

And also for the modes involving excited D-mesons

Upper limits are far above the theoretical predictions



*Lepton universality with  
semileptonic  $B_c^+$  decays*

# Lepton universality

Lepton universality: SM predicts same behavior for all charged leptons  
Same amplitudes besides the effects of different masses

Difference in amplitudes may be caused by non-standard contributions:

charged Higgs, leptoquarks, new vector bosons

Some recent results give a hint of deviation from the SM predictions

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$  [Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) 151601]

$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} l^+ l^-$  [JHEP 08 (2017) 055]

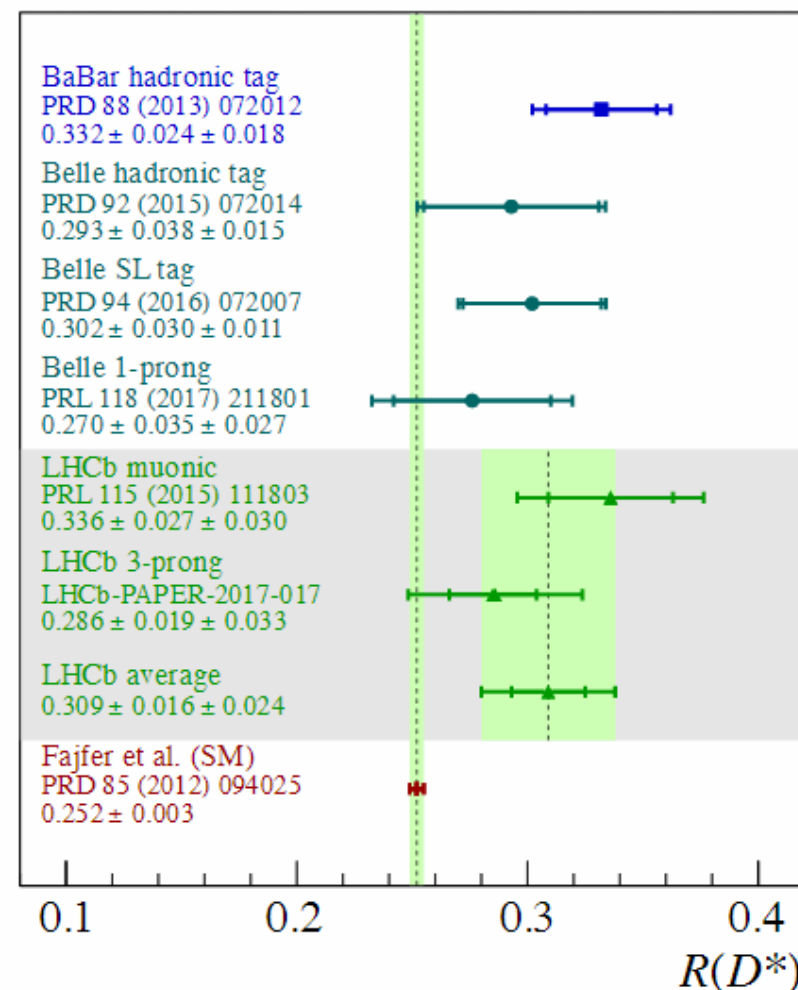
$R(D^*) = \text{Br}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu_\tau) / \text{Br}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu \nu_\mu)$

by BaBar, Belle and LHCb

Semileptonic decays are a good tool for such studies

simple theoretical descriptions through tree-level diagrams in SM

new channels should give additional information



# Semileptonic $B_c^+$ decays

[arXiv:1711.05623, submitted to PRL]

Possibility provided by the  $B_c^+$  decays:

$$\mathcal{R}(J/\psi) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

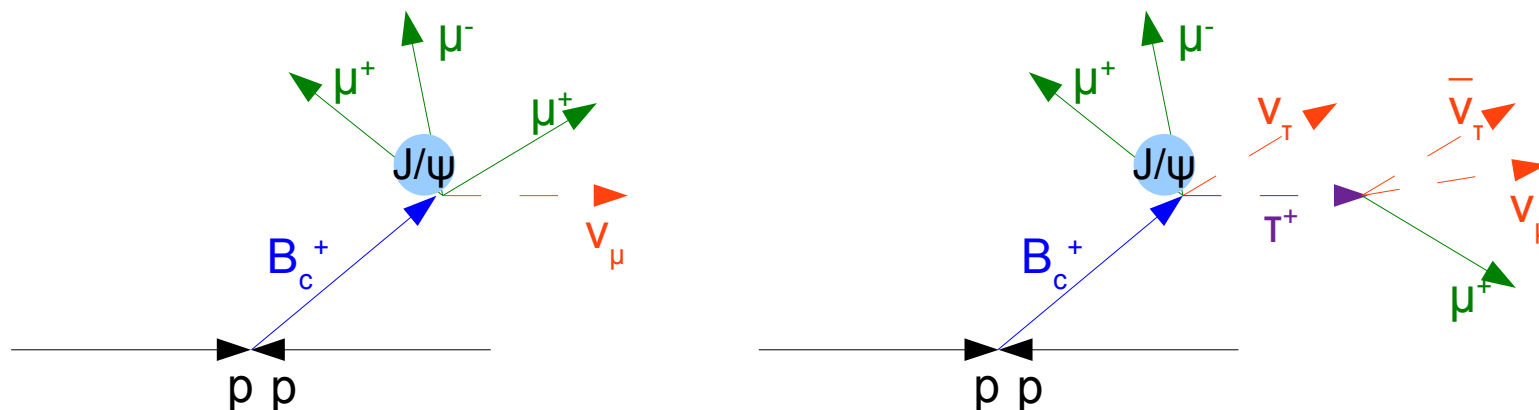
SM expectation  $\sim 0.25-0.28$  depending on form-factors

[Phys. Lett. B452 (1999) 129] [arXiv:hep-ph/0211021]

[Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 054024] [Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 074008]

Data:  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , full Run 1 sample

Event selection: cut-based + isolation BDT, same for both semimuonic and semitauonic channels



Disentangle semimuonic and semitauonic contributions via different decay kinematics based on three variables:

Missing mass:

$$m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (\mathbf{p}_{B_c} - \mathbf{p}_{J/\psi} - \mathbf{p}_\mu)^2$$

Energy of the bachelor muon:  $E_\mu^*$

Four-momentum transfer:

$$q^2 = (\mathbf{p}_{B_c} - \mathbf{p}_{J/\psi})^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} m_{\text{miss}}^2 \\ E_\mu^* \\ q^2 \end{array} \right\} Z(q^2, E_\mu^*)$$

$B_c^+$ -meson decay time – to remove background from light B-mesons decays

B-meson direction of flight determined as the direction from primary to secondary vertex

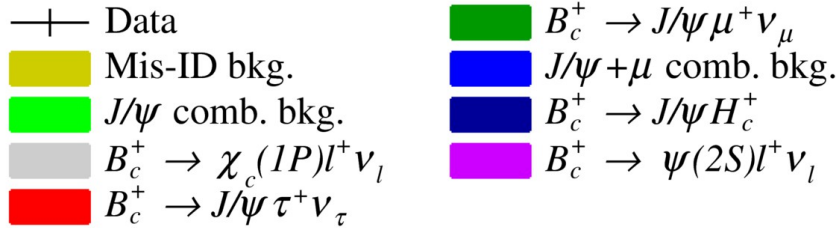
$$\text{and } (p_B)_z = \frac{m_B}{m_{\text{reco}}} (p_{\text{reco}})_z$$

# Results

[arXiv:1711.05623, submitted to PRL]

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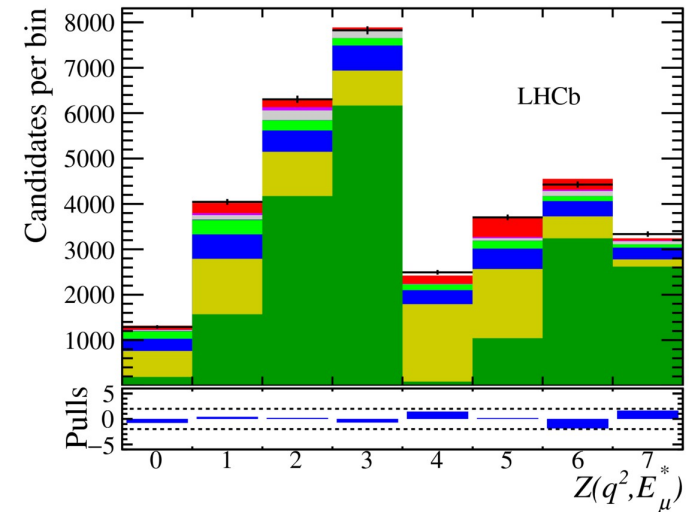
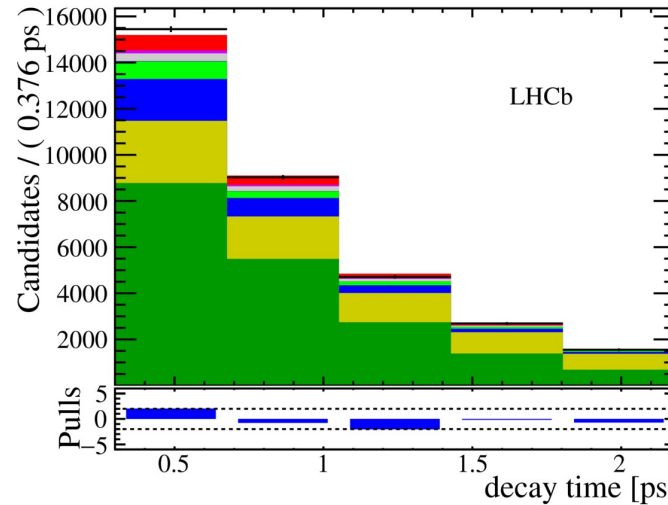
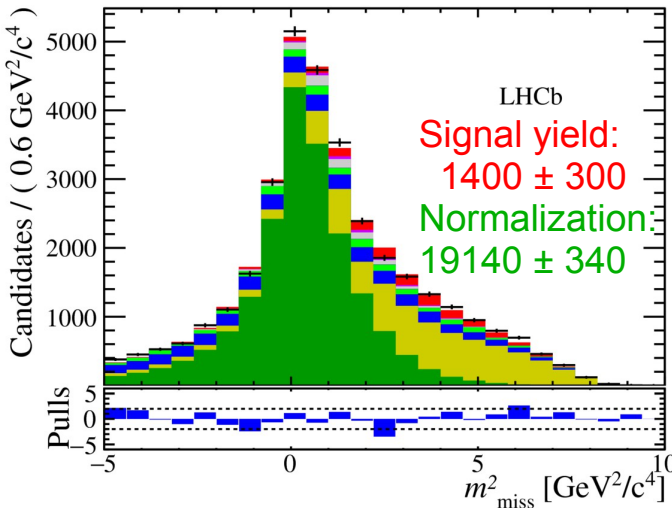
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Binned maximum likelihood fit with templates

Signals templates from the simulation with form-factors determined from data

Background templates determined from simulation

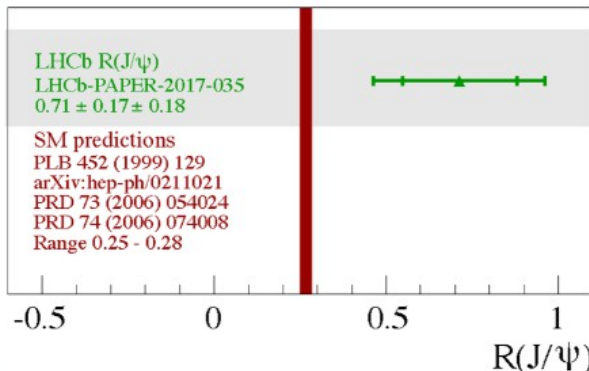


Ratio of branching fractions measured

$$\mathcal{R}(J/\psi) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu)} = 0.71 \pm 0.17 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.18 \text{ (syst)}$$

Within 2σ with the theoretical predictions

Still higher than the SM prediction as well as R(D\*)

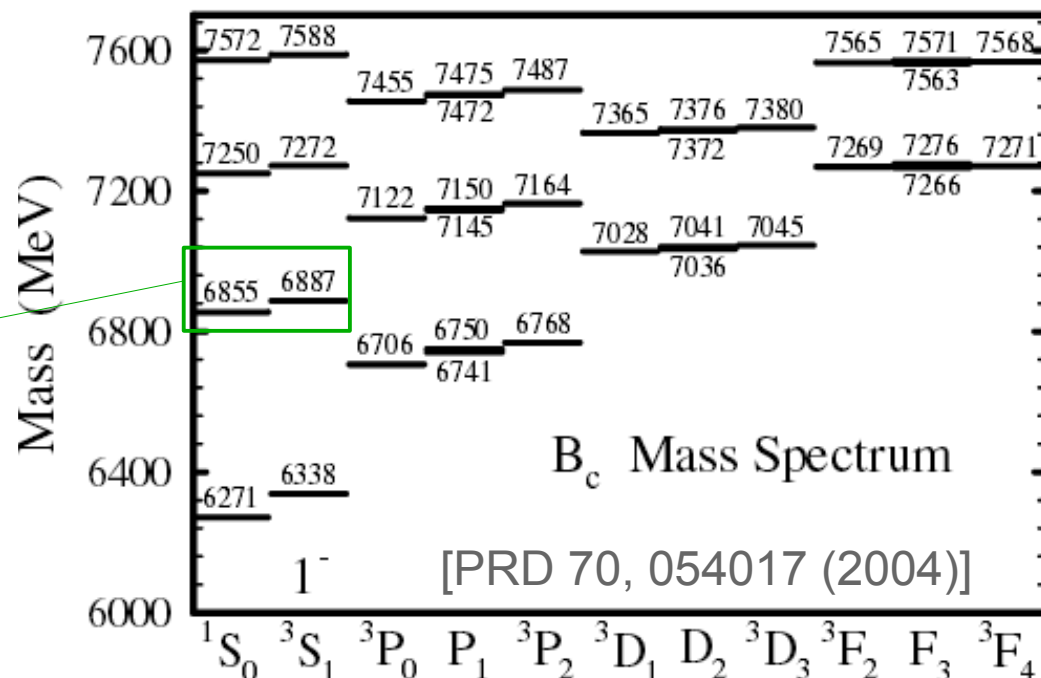
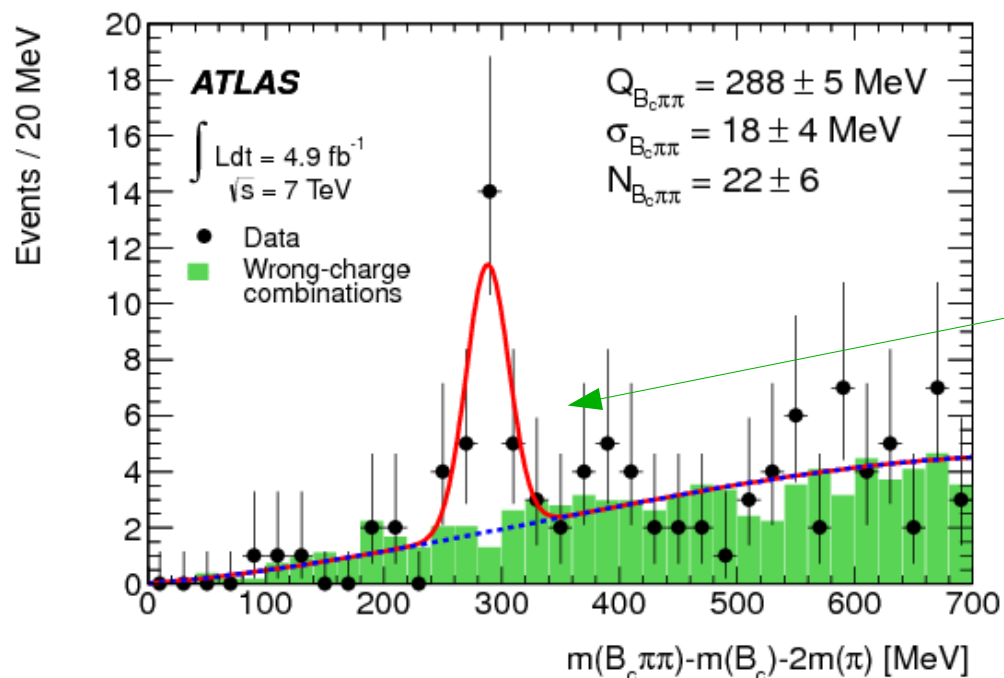


# $B_c^+$ spectroscopy



# 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



[arXiv:1712.04094, accepted by JHEP]

Data:  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected in pp collisions at the energy of  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

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

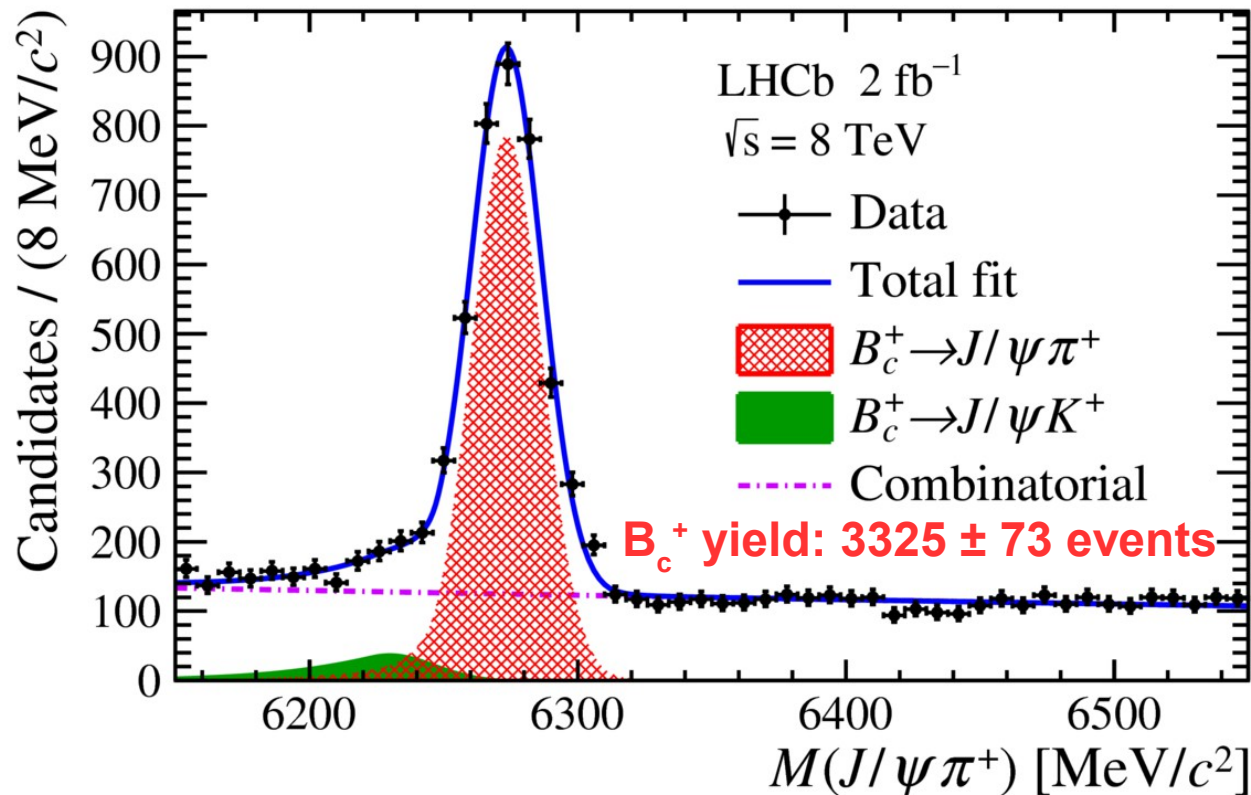
$B_c(2^1S_0) \rightarrow B_c^+ (\rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+) \pi^+ \pi^-$

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

In the transverse momentum range of  $p_T \in [0, 20] \text{ GeV}/c$  and rapidity  $y \in [2.0, 4.5]$

Use BDT for the  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  selection

BDT based on the vertex  $\chi^2$ , impact parameters  $\chi^2$  with respect to primary vertex and transverse momenta of the daughter particles

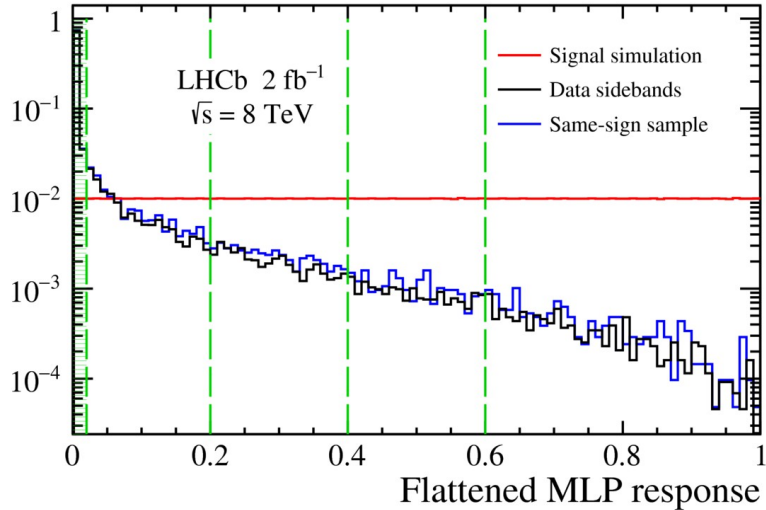


# Search for excited $B_c^+$ states

[arXiv:1712.04094, accepted by JHEP]

Apply MLP for further selection of  $B_c(2S)$  to improve the sensitivity

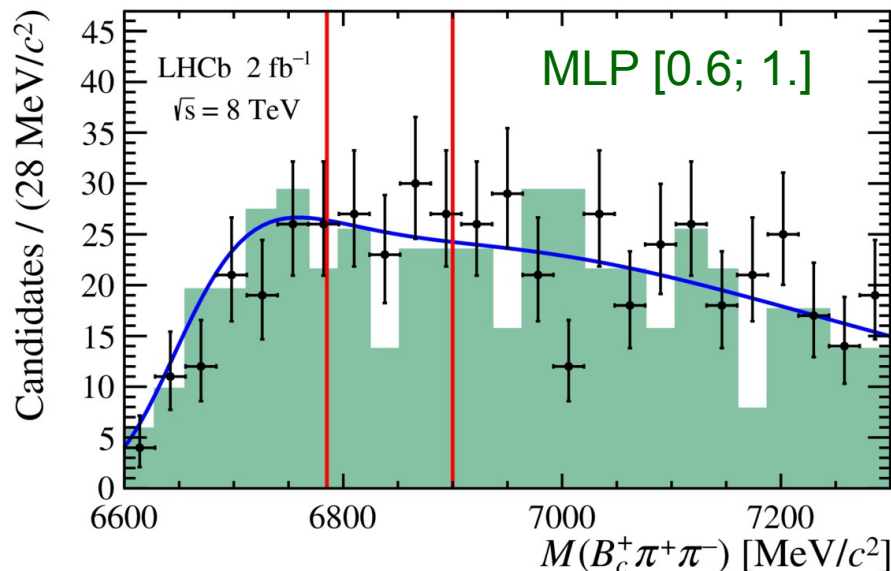
MLP based on the angular variables between the  $B_c^+$  and  $B_c^{*+}$  daughter particles



Total selection efficiencies for the  $B_c(2^1S_0)$  and  $B_c(2^3S_1)$  in the four MLP bins

MLP category	(0.02, 0.2)	[0.2, 0.4)	[0.4, 0.6)	[0.6, 1.0]
	Efficiencies in %			
$B_c(2S)^+$	$0.148 \pm 0.006$	$0.140 \pm 0.006$	$0.130 \pm 0.006$	$0.256 \pm 0.008$
$B_c^*(2S)^+$	$0.118 \pm 0.003$	$0.140 \pm 0.004$	$0.144 \pm 0.004$	$0.288 \pm 0.005$

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



- + - data
- - same-sign background
- | - considered signal region

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

# Search for excited $B_c^+$ states



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

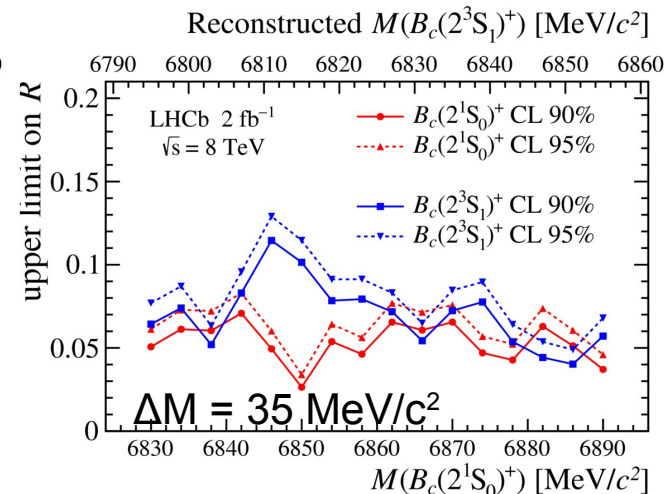
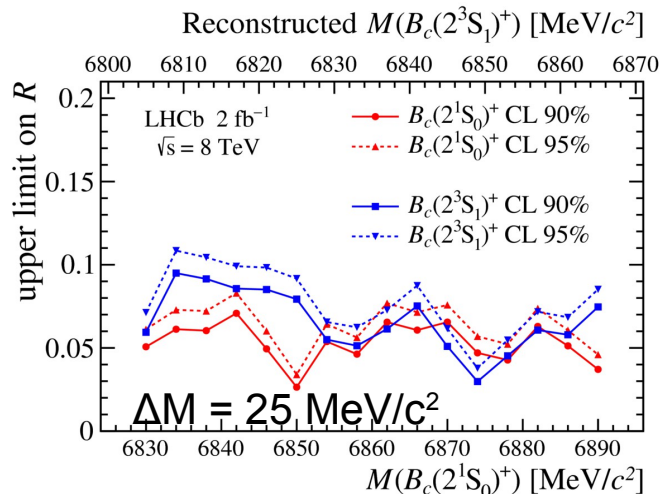
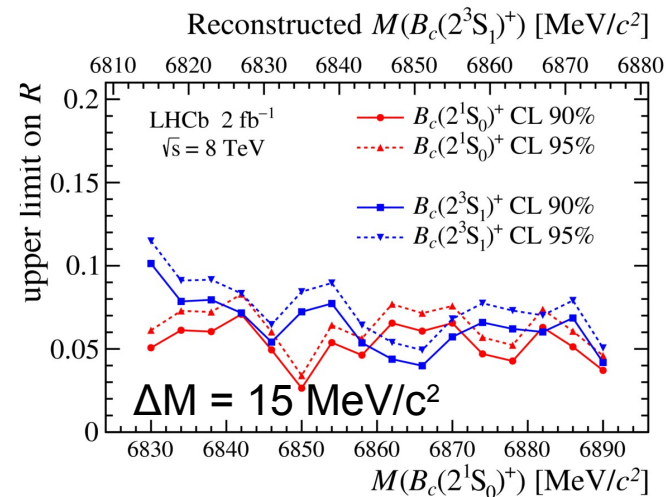
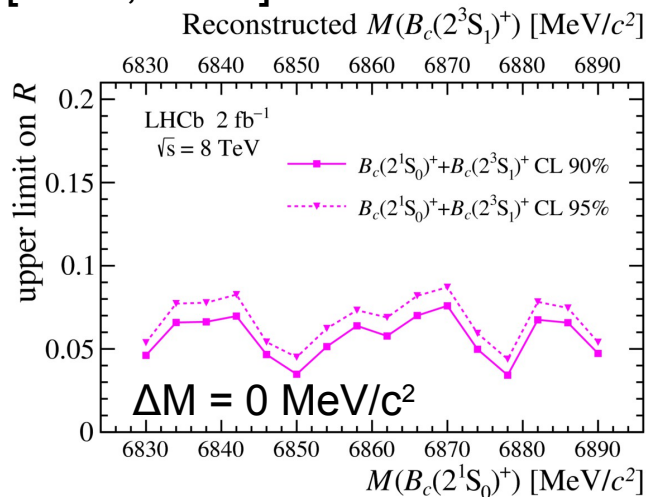
4 different values of reconstructed mass difference ( $\Delta M$ ) between  $B_c(2^1S_0)$  and  $B_c(2^3S_1)$

Scan over the signal mass range

$B_c(2^1S_0)$ : [6830, 6890] MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

$B_c(2^3S_1)$ : [6795, 6890] MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

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



# Search for excited $B_c^+$ states



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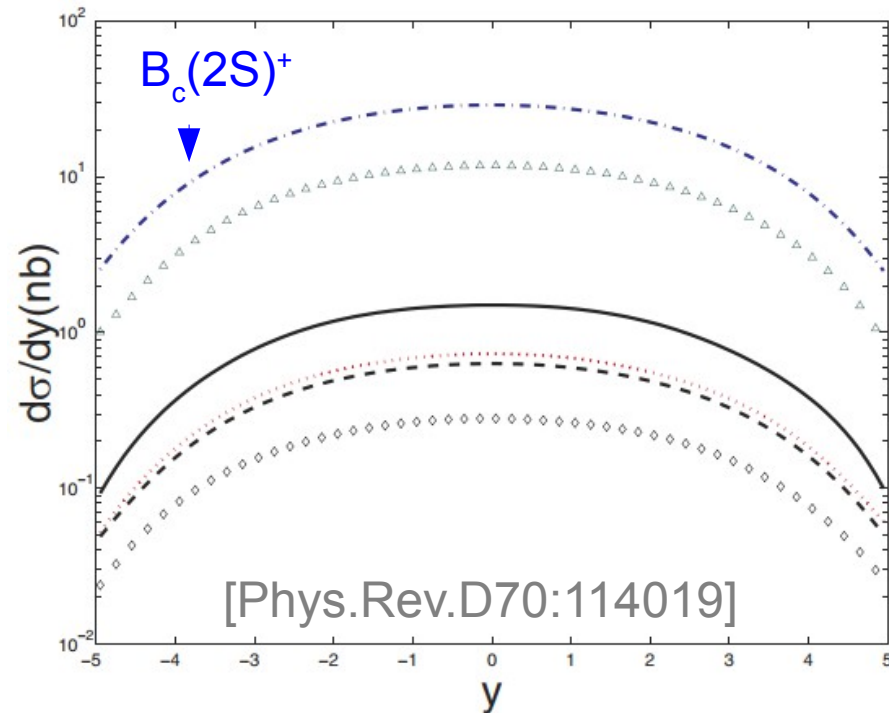
Resulting upper limits are contained in the range [0.04; 0.09]

Consistent with most theoretical predictions

For  $\text{Br}(B_c(2S)^+ \rightarrow B_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) = 49\%$

$\text{Br}(B_c^*(2S) \rightarrow (B_c^* \rightarrow B_c^+ \gamma) \pi^+ \pi^-) = 39\%$

[arXiv:hep-ph/0211432]



ATLAS efficiencies should be large to achieve consistency

	$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
ATLAS	$(0.22 \pm 0.08 \text{ (stat)})/\varepsilon_7$	$(0.15 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat)})/\varepsilon_8$
LHCb	–	$< [0.04, 0.09]$

$\varepsilon_{7,8}$  – relative efficiencies of reconstructing  $B_c(2S)$  with respect to  $B_c^+$  signals

	$R_{B_c(2S)^+}$	$R_{B_c^*(2S)^+}$
BcVegPy hep-ph/9602347	0.02	0.04
Fragmentation approach arXiv:hep-ph/0211432	0.02	0.04
Complete order- $\alpha_s^4$ Chin. Phys. Lett. 27 061302	0.04	0.09

For  $\text{Br}(B_c(2S)^+ \rightarrow B_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) = 59\%$

$\text{Br}(B_c^*(2S) \rightarrow (B_c^* \rightarrow B_c^+ \gamma) \pi^+ \pi^-) = 53\%$

[ Phys. Rev. D70 (2004) 054017]

	$R_{B_c(2S)^+}$	$R_{B_c^*(2S)^+}$
BcVegPy hep-ph/9602347	0.02	0.05
Complete order- $\alpha_s^4$ Chin. Phys. Lett. 27 061302	0.05	0.12

# Conclusions

A number of new decays of  $B_c^+$ -mesons are observed and studied

Most precise  $B_c^+$  mass measurement in a single decay

Observation of penguin and/or weak annihilation decays of the  $B_c^+$ -mesons

Open up exciting possibilities for the future studies

A test of the lepton universality performed with the help of the semileptonic  $B_c^+$ -mesons decays

Within 2 standard deviations agreement with the SM

Higher than the SM prediction as well as  $R(D^*)$

Searches for the excited  $B_c^+$  states performed

No signals observed for the  $B_c(2^1S_0)$  and  $B_c(2^3S_1)$  states

Work in progress... Looking forward for the new results!

*Backup*

# Previous LHCb $B_c^+$ studies

## Properties:

- Measurement of the lifetime of the  $B_c^+$  meson using the  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  decay mode  
Phys. Lett. B 742 (2015) 29-37
- Measurement of the  $B_c^+$  meson lifetime using  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu X$  decays  
Eur. Phys. J. C74 (2014) 2839
- Measurements of  $B_c^+$  production and mass with the  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  decay  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 232001 (2012)

## New decays:

- Study of  $B_c^+$  decays to the  $K^+ K^- \pi^+$  final state and evidence for the decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow \chi_{c0} \pi^+$   
Phys. Rev. D 94, 091102 (2016)
- Search for  $B_c^+$  decays to the  $p \bar{p} \pi^+$  final state, Physics Letter B759, 313 (2016)
- First observation of a baryonic  $B_c^+$  decay, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 152003 (2014)
- Evidence for the decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi 3\pi^+ 2\pi^-$ , JHEP 1405 (2014) 148
- Observation of the decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ K^- \pi^+$ , JHEP 1311 (2013) 094
- Observation of the decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow B_s^0 \pi^+$ , Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 181801 (2013)



# Previous LHCb $B_c^+$ studies

## New decays

- First observation of the decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ , JHEP09(2013)075
- Observation of  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^+$  and  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{*+}$  decays, Phys.Rev.D87, 11 (2013) 112012
- Observation of the decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+$ , Phys. Rev. D 87, 071103(R) (2013)
- First observation of decay  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$ , Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 251802 (2012)

## Branching fractions

- Measurement of the ratio of branching fractions  $B(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)/B(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)$   
JHEP 1609 (2016) 153
- Measurement of the branching fraction ratio  $B(B_c^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+)/B(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)$   
Phys. Rev. D 92, 072007 (2015)
- Measurement of the ratio of  $B_c^+$  branching fractions to  $J/\psi \pi^+$  and  $J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu$  final states  
Phys. Rev. D 90, 032009 (2014)

Full list of the LHCb measurements:

[http://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/LHCbProjectPublic/Summary\\_all.html](http://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/LHCbProjectPublic/Summary_all.html)

# Excited $B_c^+$ mesons simulation and selection

## Pythia 6 + BcVegPy

$$M(B_c(2S)^+) = 6858 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$M(B_c^*(2S)^+) = 6890 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$M(B_c^{*+}) = 6342 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Delta M = 35 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Unpolarized  $B_c^*(2S)^+$

## $B_c^+$ preselection

$$\text{Muon } p_T > 0.55 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$M(J/\psi) \text{ in } [3.04; 3.14] \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{Pion } p_T > 1.00 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Pion impact parameter  $\chi^2$

with respect to primary vertex ( $\chi^2_{IP}$ )  $> 9$

$$B_c^+ \text{ decay time} > 0.2 \text{ ps}$$

$$\chi^2_{IP}(B_c^+) < 25$$

## MLP variables

Angles between the  $B_c^+$  and  $\pi^+$ ,  $B_c^+$  and  $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  candidate momenta projected in the plane transverse to the beam axis

Angles between the  $B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+$  momentum and the  $B_c^+$ ,  $\pi^+$ , and  $\pi^-$  momenta in the  $B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+$  centre-of-mass frame

Minimum cosine value of the angles between the momentum of the  $B_c^+$  meson or of one of the pions from  $B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+$  and the momentum of the muons or pion from the  $B_c^+$  meson

The vertex-fit  $\chi^2$  of the  $B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+$  meson.

# *Isolation BDT for semileptonic decays*

## Input variables:

Transverse momentum of the track

Impact parameter  $\chi^2$  of the track with respect to the primary vertex

Impact parameter  $\chi^2$  of the track with respect to the B+c vertex

The cosine of the angle track makes with J/ $\psi$  $\mu$  momentum

Flight distance  $\chi^2$  of the B<sup>+</sup><sub>c</sub> before and after the addition of the track

# Search for excited $B_c^+$ states



[arXiv:1712.04094, accepted by JHEP]

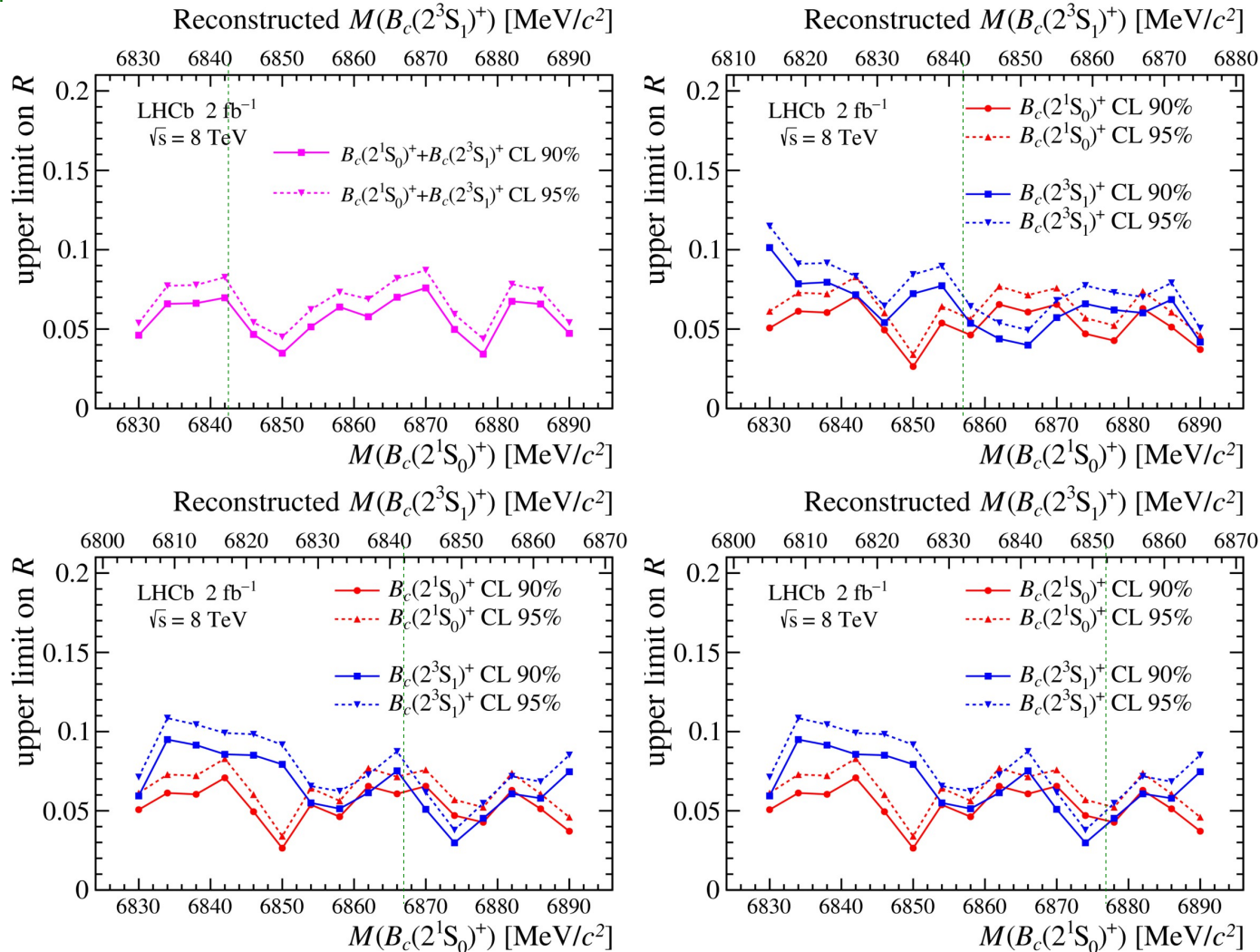
Mass resolution fixed from simulation, cross-checked with data for  $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$

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

Scan over the signal mass range

$B_c(2^1S_0)$ : [6830, 6890] MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

$B_c(2^3S_1)$ : [6795, 6890] MeV/c<sup>2</sup>



## LHCb Cumulative Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp, 2010-2017

Integrated Recorded Luminosity (1/fb)

