



# Prospects of studying baryonic B decays at BelleII

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- Historical review
- Findings at LHCb
- Recent Belle results
- Tools development  
(for tagging neutral hadrons)
- Summary



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# NTU contributions

- First observation of rare baryonic  $B$  decays – threshold enhancement
- First observation of baryonic  $b \rightarrow s \gamma$  decay
- Puzzle of angular asymmetry
- Total paper counts
  - Phys.Rev.Lett. 8
  - Phys.Rev.D 9
  - Phys.Lett.B 2



# First Observed Rare Baryonic B Decays in 2002: $B^\pm \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^\pm$

Peak at Low Mass

Baryon form factor?

- Cheng & Yang PRD **66** 014020 ('02)
- Chua, Hou, Tsai PRD **66** 054004 ('02)

Quasi 2-body Decay?

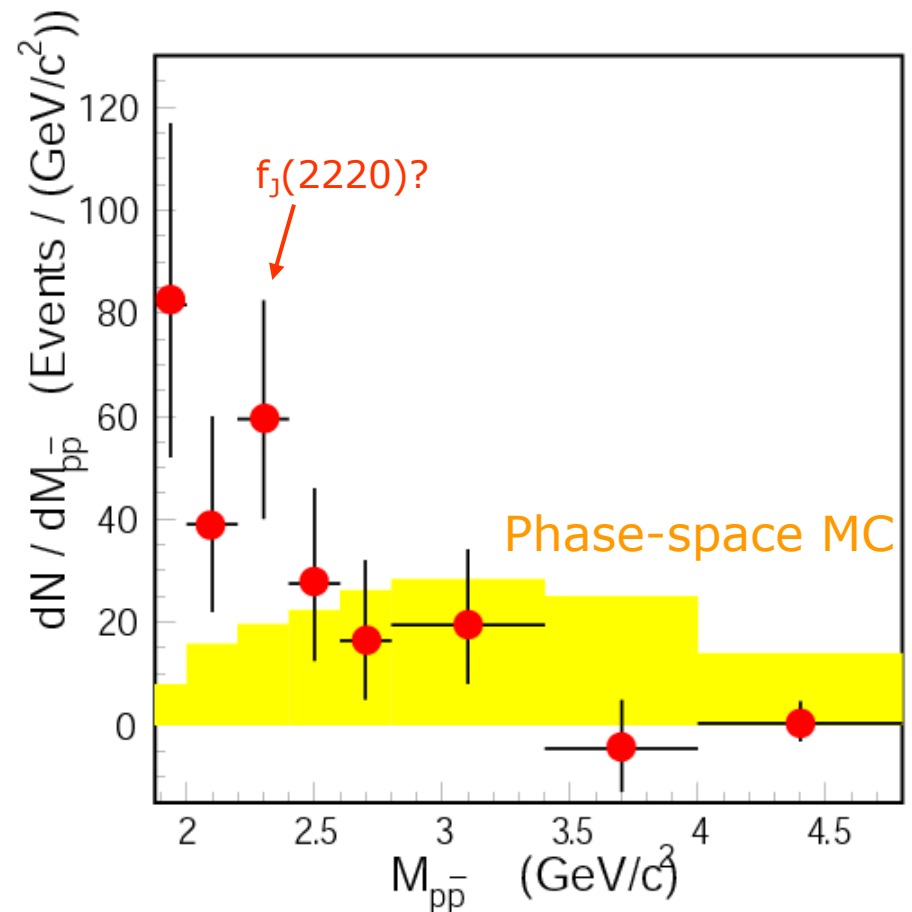
- Chua, Hou, Tsai PLB **544** 139 ('02)
- Glueball?

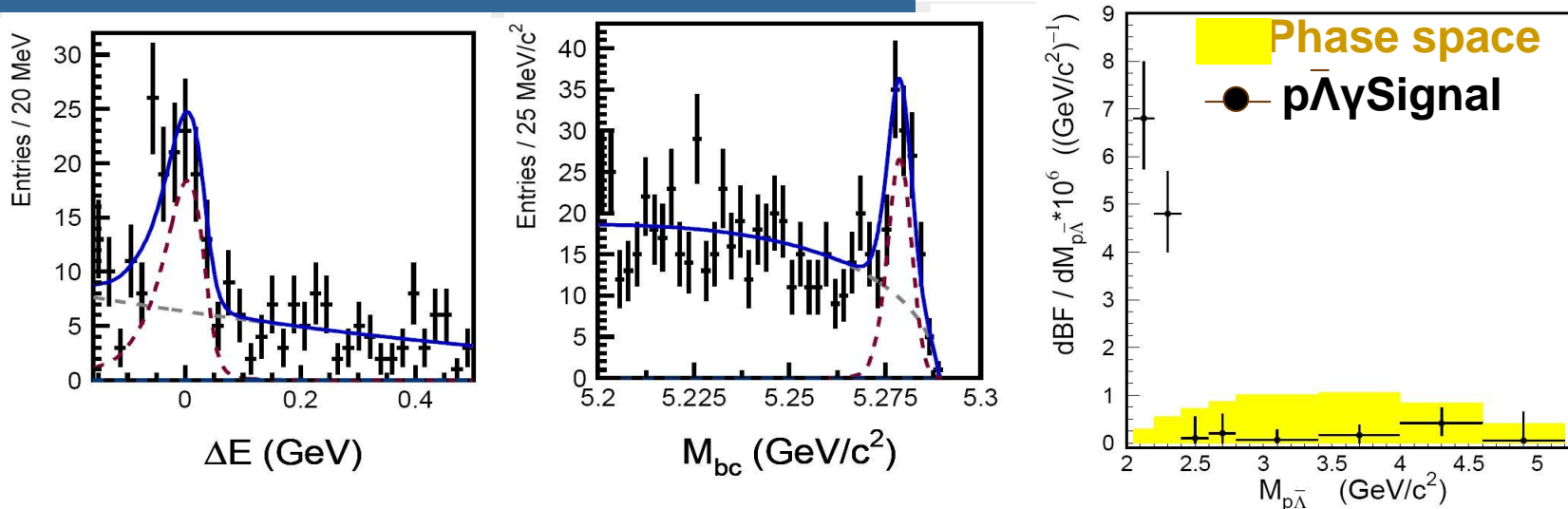
Baryonium

Fragmentation

Final state interaction

**Threshold enhancement:  
a universal feature of  
charmless baryonic  $B$  decays**





### Signal yield:

Signal Yield for  $B \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\gamma$  with  $M_{p\bar{\Lambda}} < 2.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ : **95.3**

Statistical Significance: **14.5 $\sigma$**

Full mass range:

$BF(B \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\gamma) : (2.45^{+0.44}_{-0.38} \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-6}$

### Theoretical prediction:

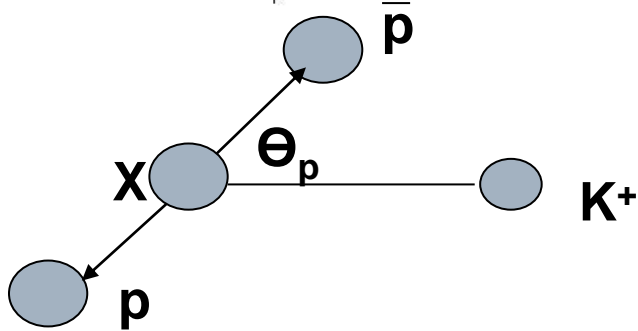
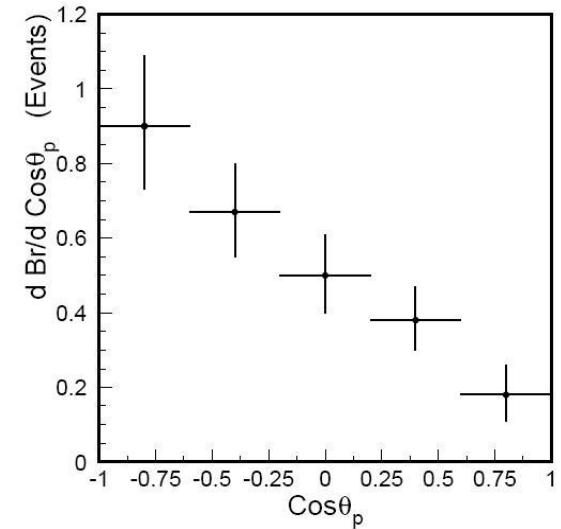
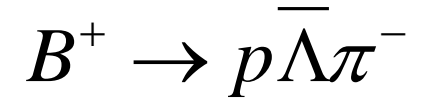
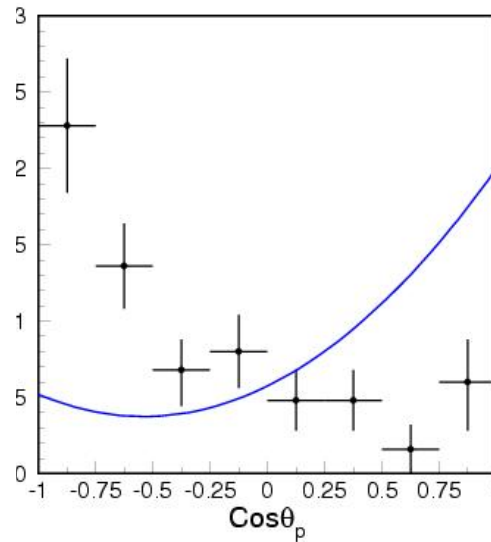
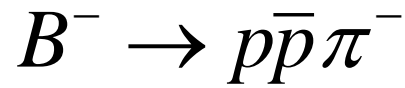
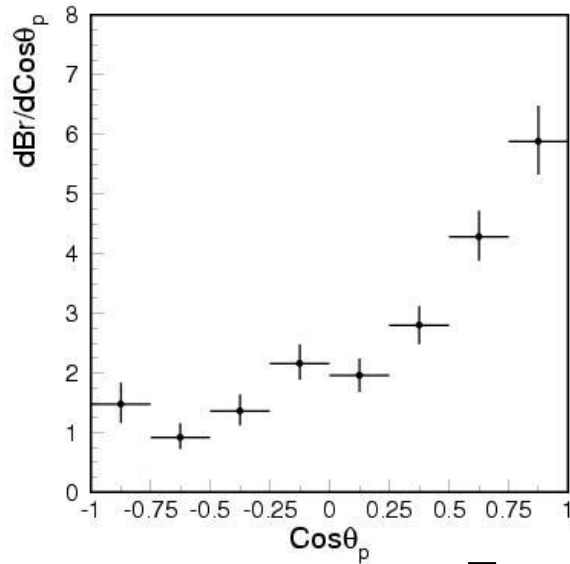
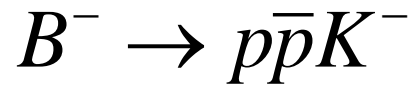
\***Pole Model**: Cheng and Yang  
Phys.Lett. B533 (2002)

$BF(B \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\gamma) \sim 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$






\***QCD counting rules**: Geng and Hsiao  
Phys.Lett. B610 (2005)

$BF(B \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\gamma) \sim 1 \times 10^{-6}$

# Angular asymmetry (puzzle)



**Proton against  $K^-$  ( $\bar{p}$  against  $K^+$ )**

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 Rare two-body baryonic  $B$  decays  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-8}$   
 R Aaij *et al.*, LHCb collaboration [PRL 119:232001 \(2017\)](#)
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 Evidence of direct CP violation in baryonic  $B$  decays  
 R Aaij *et al.*, LHCb collaboration [PRL 113:141801 \(2014\)](#)
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 Baryonic  $B_s$  decays  
 R Aaij *et al.*, LHCb collaboration [PRL 119:041802 \(2017\)](#)
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 Baryonic  $B_c$  decays  
 R Aaij *et al.*, LHCb collaboration [PRL 113:152003 \(2014\)](#)
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 Many 1<sup>st</sup> obs. of many-body  $B$  decays

# Pentaquark found $\text{in } \Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p!$

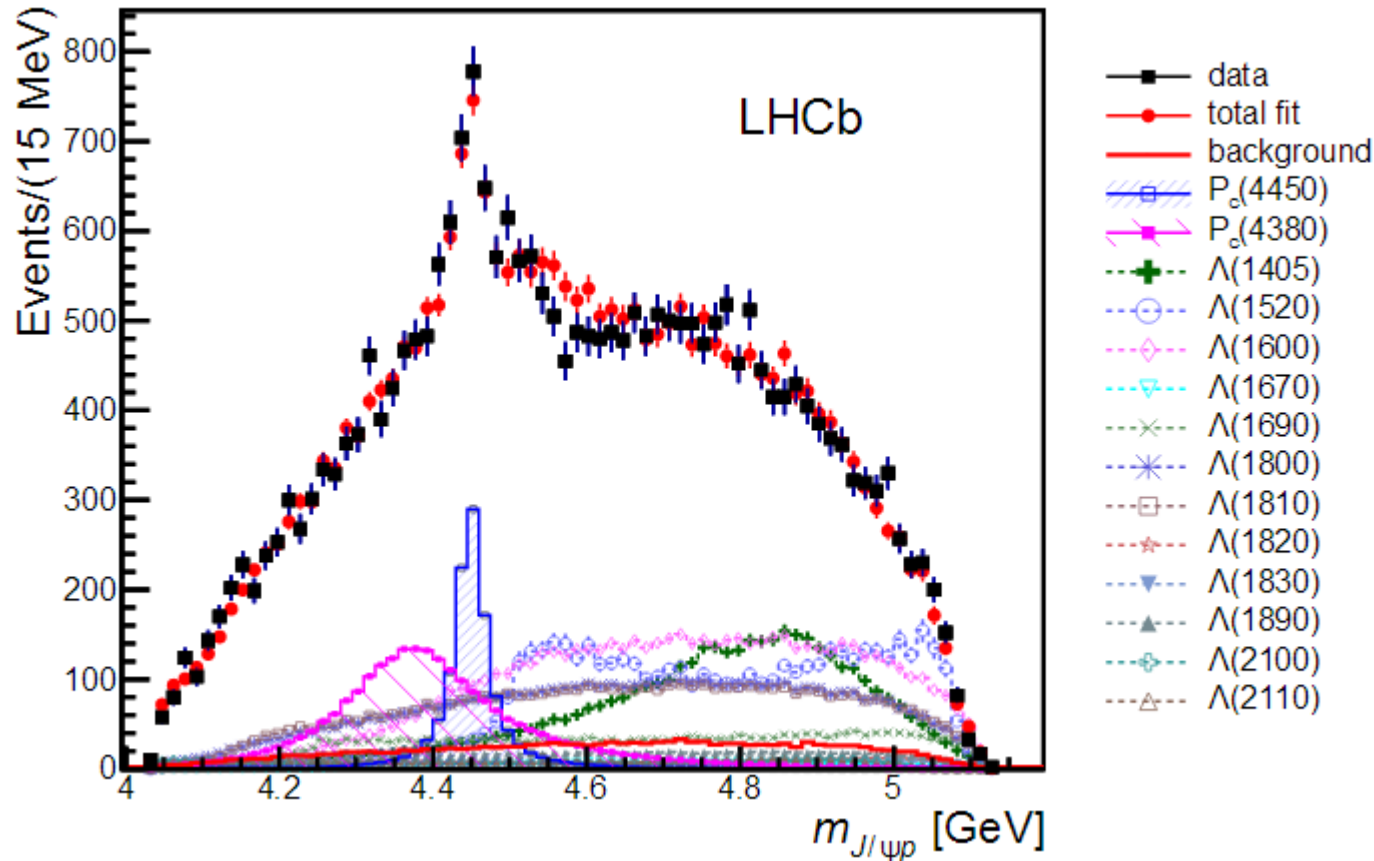
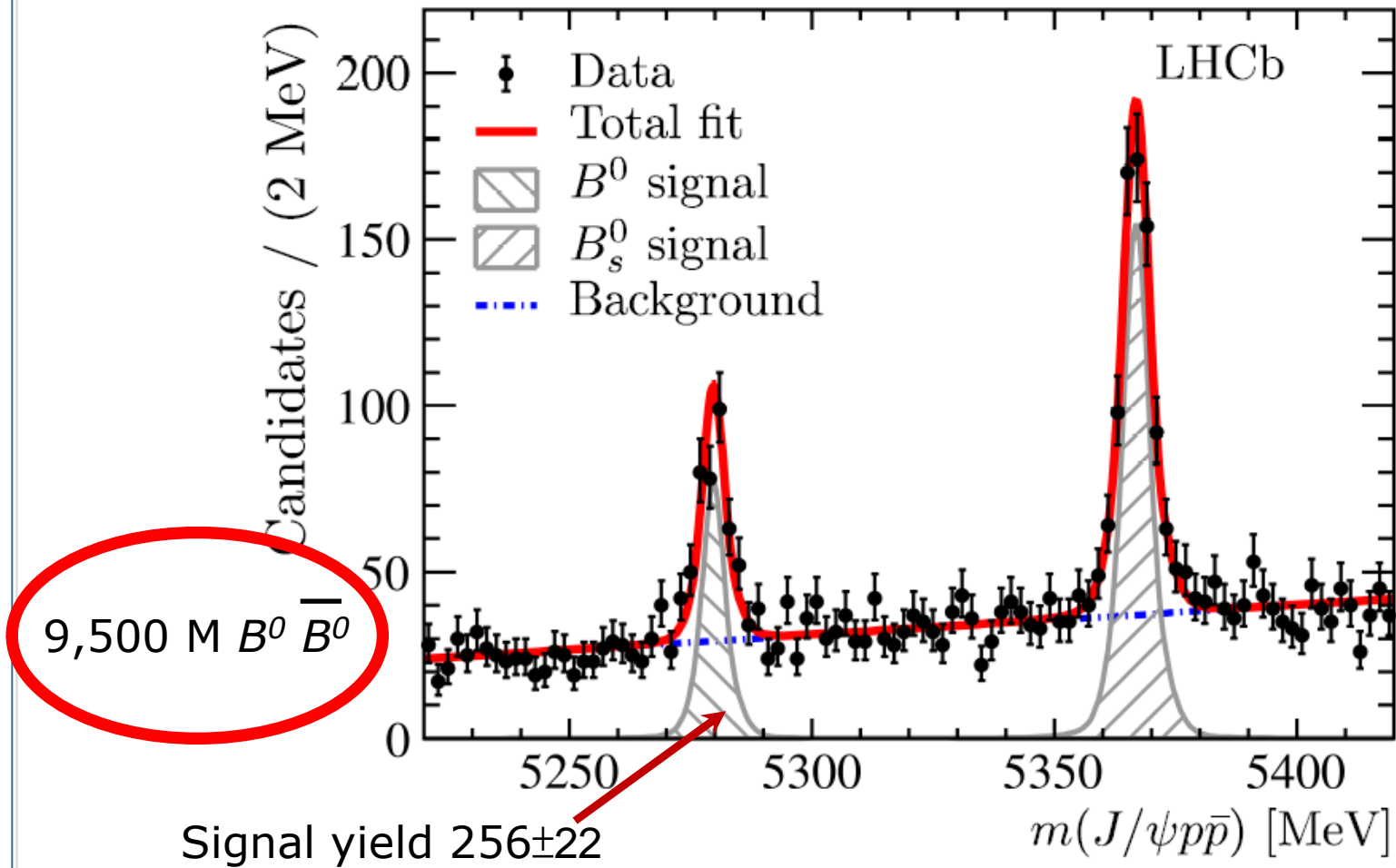


Figure 3b in "Observation of  $J/\psi p$  resonances consistent with pentaquark states in  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p$  decays"  
(arXiv:1507.03414 The LHCb collaboration)

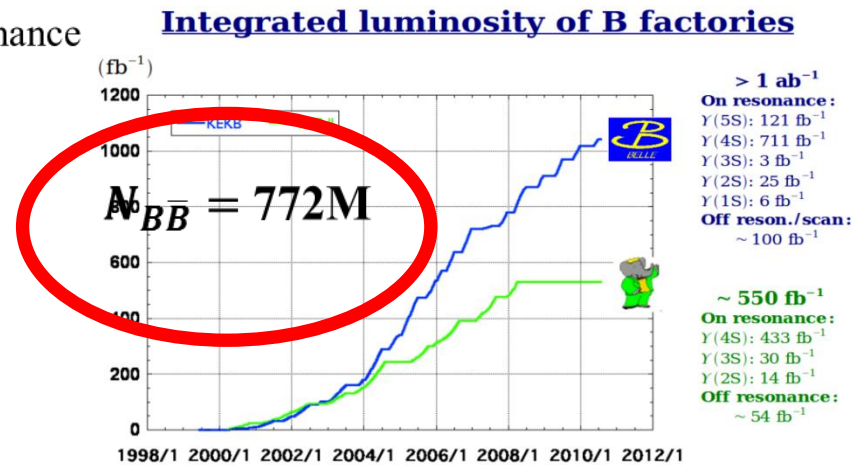
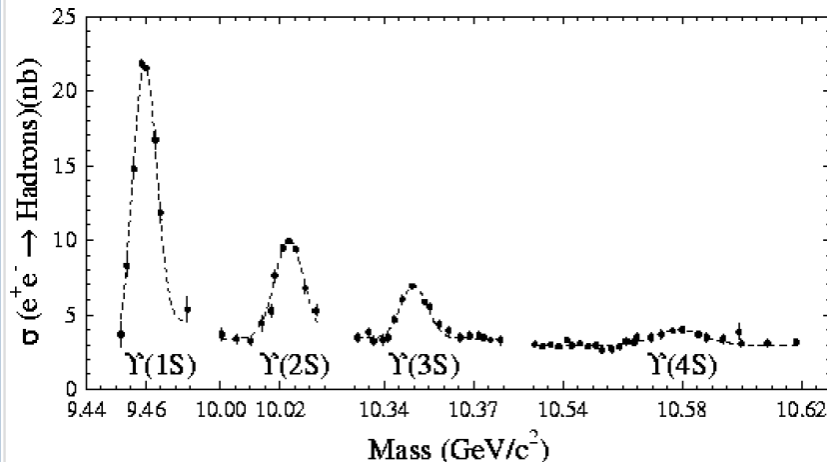
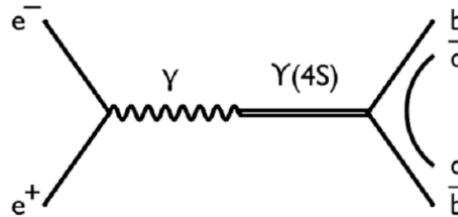
# Recent LHCb paper with $5.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ data

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \bar{p}) = (4.51 \pm 0.40 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.44 \text{ (syst)}) \times 10^{-7}$$



# KEKB factory and data sample

- An asymmetric energy  $e^+e^-$  collider at KEK.
- LER( $e^+$ ): 3.5 GeV  
HER( $e^-$ ): 8 GeV  
Crossing angle:  $\pm 11$  mrad
- Target:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$
- Main background:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  ( $q = u, d, s, c$ ) with about 3 times larger cross section.
- The CM energy of  $e^+e^-$  are set to be  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance





# Recent Belle measurements

## ✦ new observation

Mode	Branching fraction
✦ $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}K^+K^-$	$(4.10^{+0.45}_{-0.43} \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-6}$
✦ $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{p}\Lambda K^+K^+$	$(3.70^{+0.39}_{-0.37} \pm 0.44) \times 10^{-6}$
✦ $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\phi$	$(7.95 \pm 2.09 \pm 0.77) \times 10^{-7}$
✦ $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}K^- + \text{c.c.}$	$(2.83^{+0.36}_{-0.34} \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-3}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}K^- + \text{c.c.}$	$(8.32^{+1.63}_{-1.45} \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-4}$
$\chi_{c1} \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}K^- + \text{c.c.}$	$(9.15^{+2.63}_{-2.25} \pm 0.86) \times 10^{-4}$
$B^+ \rightarrow \Lambda(1520)\bar{\Lambda}K^+$	$(2.23 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-6}$
$\eta_c \rightarrow \Lambda(1520)\bar{\Lambda} + \text{c.c.}$	$(3.48 \pm 1.48 \pm 0.46) \times 10^{-3}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda(1520)\bar{\Lambda} + \text{c.c.}$	$< 1.80 \times 10^{-3}$
$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}(1520)\Lambda K^+$	$< 2.08 \times 10^{-6}$

## Theoretical prediction

$$(3.0 \pm \text{***}) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$(1.5 \pm \text{***}) \times 10^{-6}$$

PDG value

$$(8.9 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$2^*(4.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$$

P.-C.Lu *et al.*  
PRD99:032003(2019)



# Related Theoretical predictions

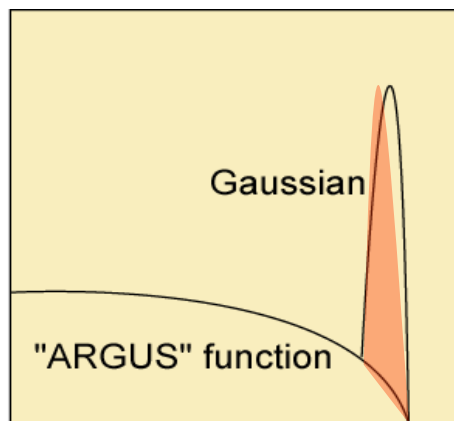
Branching ratios	Our results	Data
$10^6 \mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \pi^+ \pi^-)$	$3.7_{-0.5}^{+1.2} \pm 0.1 \pm 0.9$	$5.9 \pm 1.1$
$10^6 \mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} K^+ K^-)$	$3.0_{-0.5}^{+1.1} \pm 0.1 \pm 0.7$	-
$10^6 \mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow p \bar{p} \pi^+ \pi^-)$	$3.0_{-0.3}^{+0.5} \pm 0.3 \pm 0.7$	$3.0 \pm 0.3$
$10^6 \mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow p \bar{p} \pi^\pm K^\mp)$	$6.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.0 \pm 2.3$	$6.6 \pm 0.5$

Y.K. Hsiao and C.Q. Geng  
PLB 770:348-351(2017)

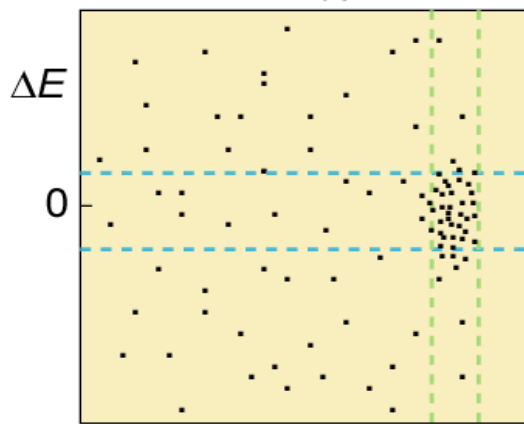
decay mode	our result	data
$B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \rho^0$	$3.28_{-0.31}^{+0.66} \pm 0.31$	$4.78 \pm 0.90$
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \rho^+$	$3.01_{-0.29}^{+0.62} \pm 0.31$	-
$B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} \phi$	$1.51_{-1.46}^{+1.49} \pm 0.28$	-
$B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} K^{*-}$	$1.91_{-0.14}^{+0.52} \pm 0.20$	$2.19 \pm 1.18$
$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} \bar{K}^{*0}$	$1.76_{-0.13}^{+0.47} \pm 0.18$	$2.46 \pm 0.93$

C.Q. Geng and Y.K. Hsiao  
PRD 85:017501(2012)

# B Signal Reconstruction



$M_{bc}$



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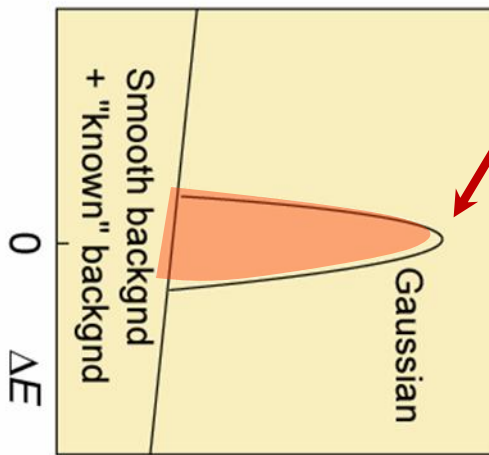
$$BF = N_{sig}/\epsilon/N_{BB}$$

$$\Delta E = E(B \text{ cand.}) - E_{beam}$$

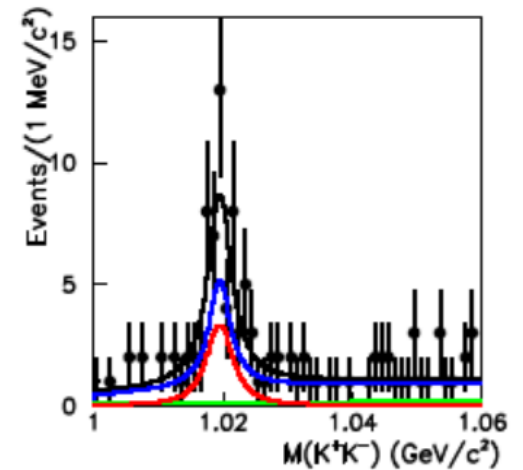
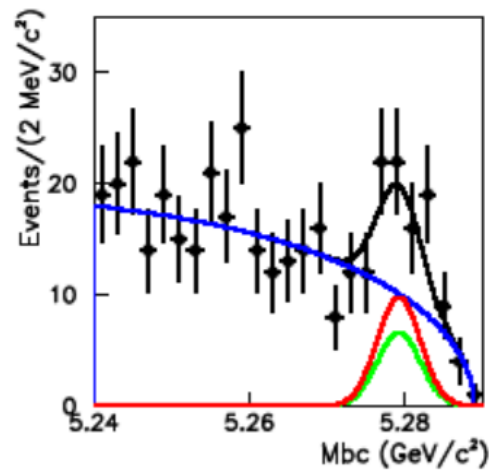
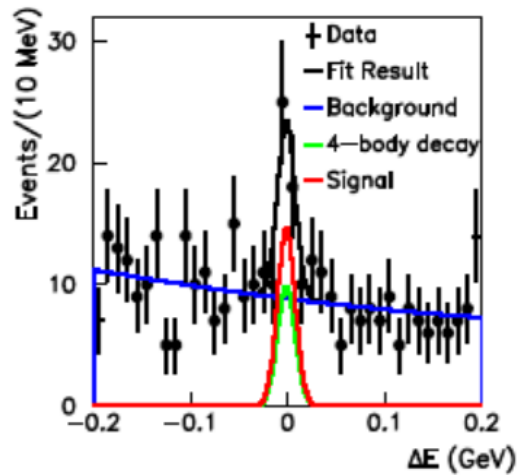
$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{beam}^2 - P(B \text{ cand.})^2}$$

(all in CM frame)

Known  $B$  meson energy

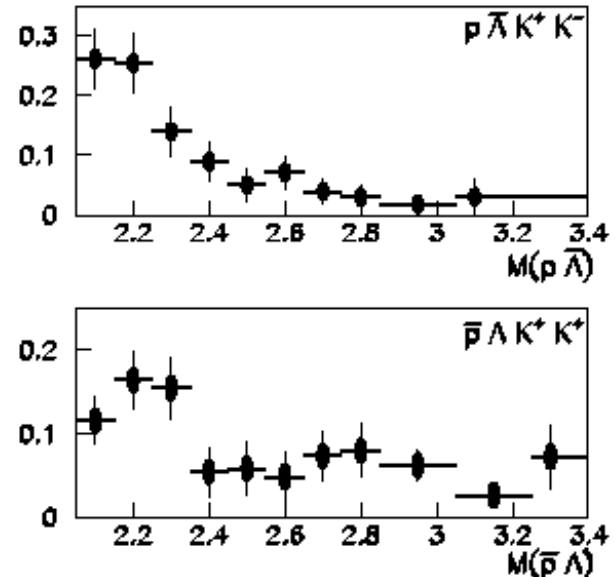
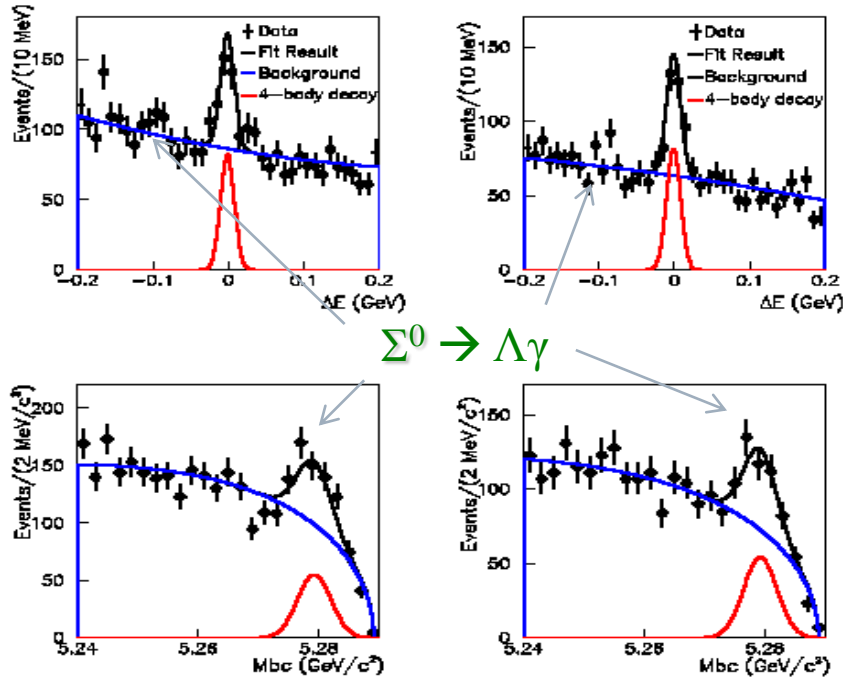


$$B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\phi$$



Mode	$N_s$	$\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(\%)$	sys(%)	sig ( $\sigma$ )
$(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}\phi)$	$23.2 \pm 6.1$	7.52	9.53	5.15
$\times (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$				

# 4-body decay after vetoing all visible resonances



threshold effect observed

4-body decays

Mode	$N_s$	$\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(\%)$	sys(%)	sig ( $\sigma$ )
$B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}K^+K^-$	$190.1^{+20.3}_{-19.6}$	5.84	12.2	11.7
$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{p}\Lambda K^+K^+$	$188.0^{+19.2}_{-18.4}$	6.40	11.8	12.7



# Tools development

- Target neutrals:  $\gamma$   $\pi^0$   $K_L$  neutron antineutron
- Using outer detector information to tag  $K_L$ , neutron and antineutron
- Using  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  to obtain the systematics a tedious task to map out the full detector region with data and MC
- B mass information will be used to determine the momentum of neutral hadrons



# Possible topics

- ❏  $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\rho^+$
- ❏  $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{\Sigma}^0\pi^-$
- ❏  $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^0$
- ❏  $B^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}l\nu$
- ❏  $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{n}K^-$
- ❏  $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \bar{n}\Lambda\gamma$
- ❏ *etc.*
- ❏ Pentaquark confirmation/search



# Summary

- Many interesting observations have been found in rare baryonic B decays
- With LHCb ahead, we still have some niches for decay modes with  $\nu \gamma \pi^0$  and  $\bar{n}$  in the final state
- More theoretical investigations are highly welcome
- Belle2 is taking collision data now  
Will publish the physics results of the targeted modes in two to three years