

# Heavy baryons at LHCb (non exotic)

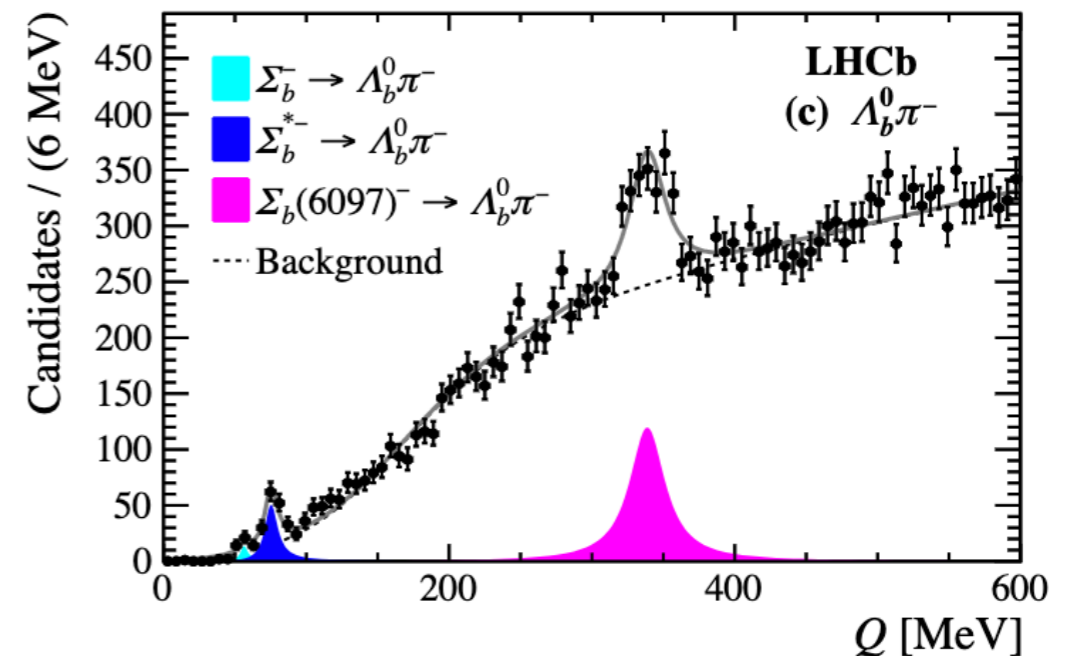
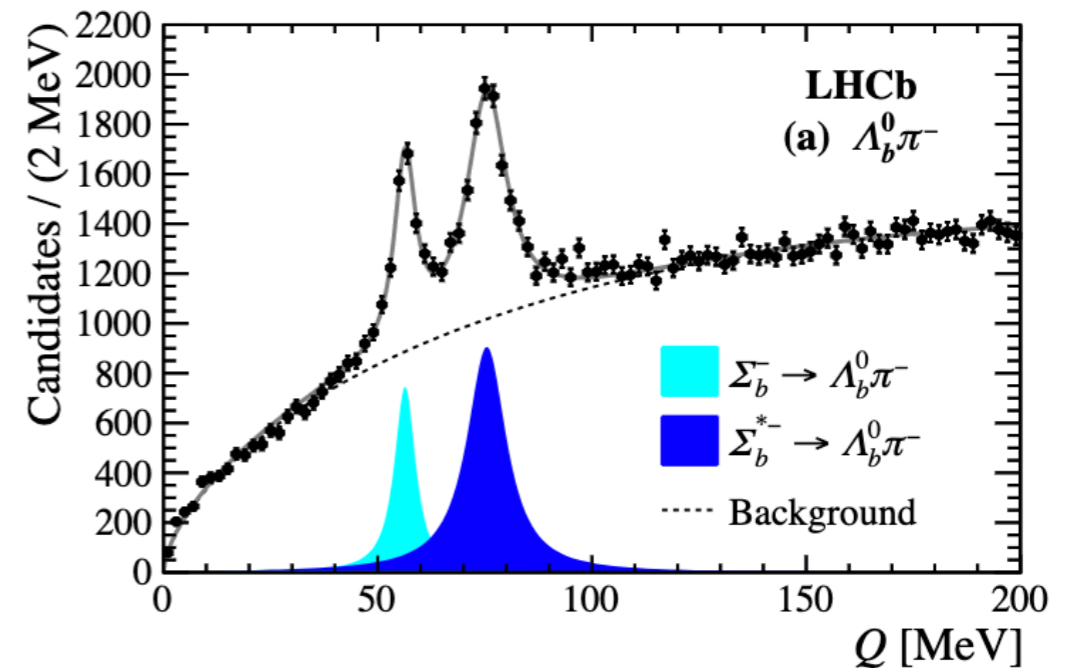
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# “Conventional” spectroscopy at LHCb


- This summer had quite some striking results by LHCb
- E.g. see [LHCb highlight talk](#) by Franz Muheim at EPS2021

<https://inspirehep.net/literature/1915457> : arxiv 2109.01038

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## Observation of $T_{cc}^+$ state



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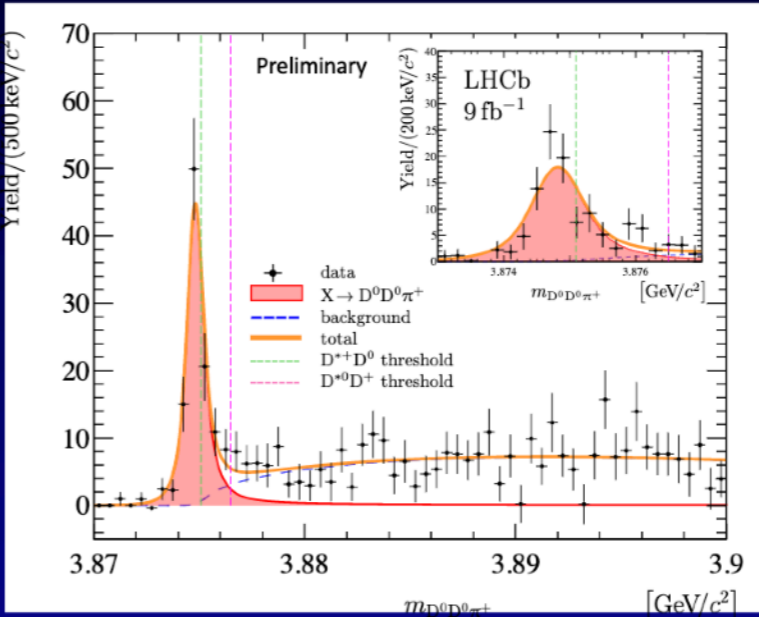
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- **First observation of a same-sign doubly charmed tetraquark  $T_{cc}^+$** 
  - Very narrow state in  $D^0 D^0 \pi^+$  mass spectrum
  - Consistent with  $cc\bar{u}\bar{d}$  tetraquark
  - Mass very close to  $D^{*+}D^0$  mass thresholds
  - Manifestly exotic
- **Parameters of  $T_{cc}^+$** 
  - Fit structure with P-wave relativistic Breit-Wigner

$$\delta m_{\text{BW}} = -273 \pm 61 \pm 5 \pm_{-14}^{+11} \text{ keV}/c^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{BW}} = 410 \pm 165 \pm 43 \pm_{-38}^{+18} \text{ keV},$$

  - Uncertainties stat, syst and due  $J^P = 1^+$  assumption
  - Significance for signal  $> 10 \sigma$
  - Significance for  $\delta m_{\text{BW}} < 0$   $4.3 \sigma$

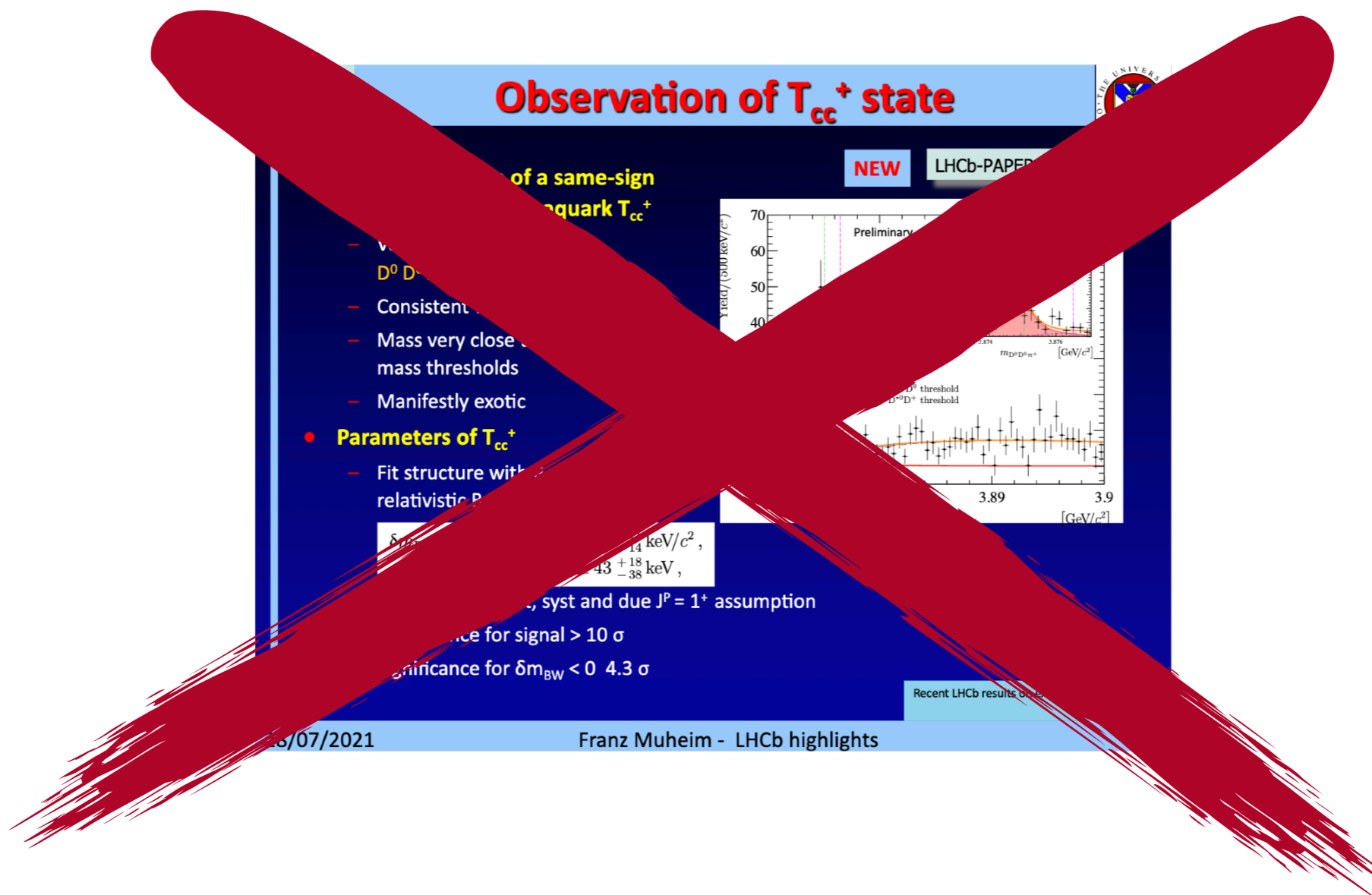


Recent LHCb results on exotic meson candidates  
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# “Conventional” spectroscopy at LHCb

- But I will talk about “conventional” heavy baryons, so no tetraquark/pentaquark here!
- Please refer to Nicola’s talk for exotica states

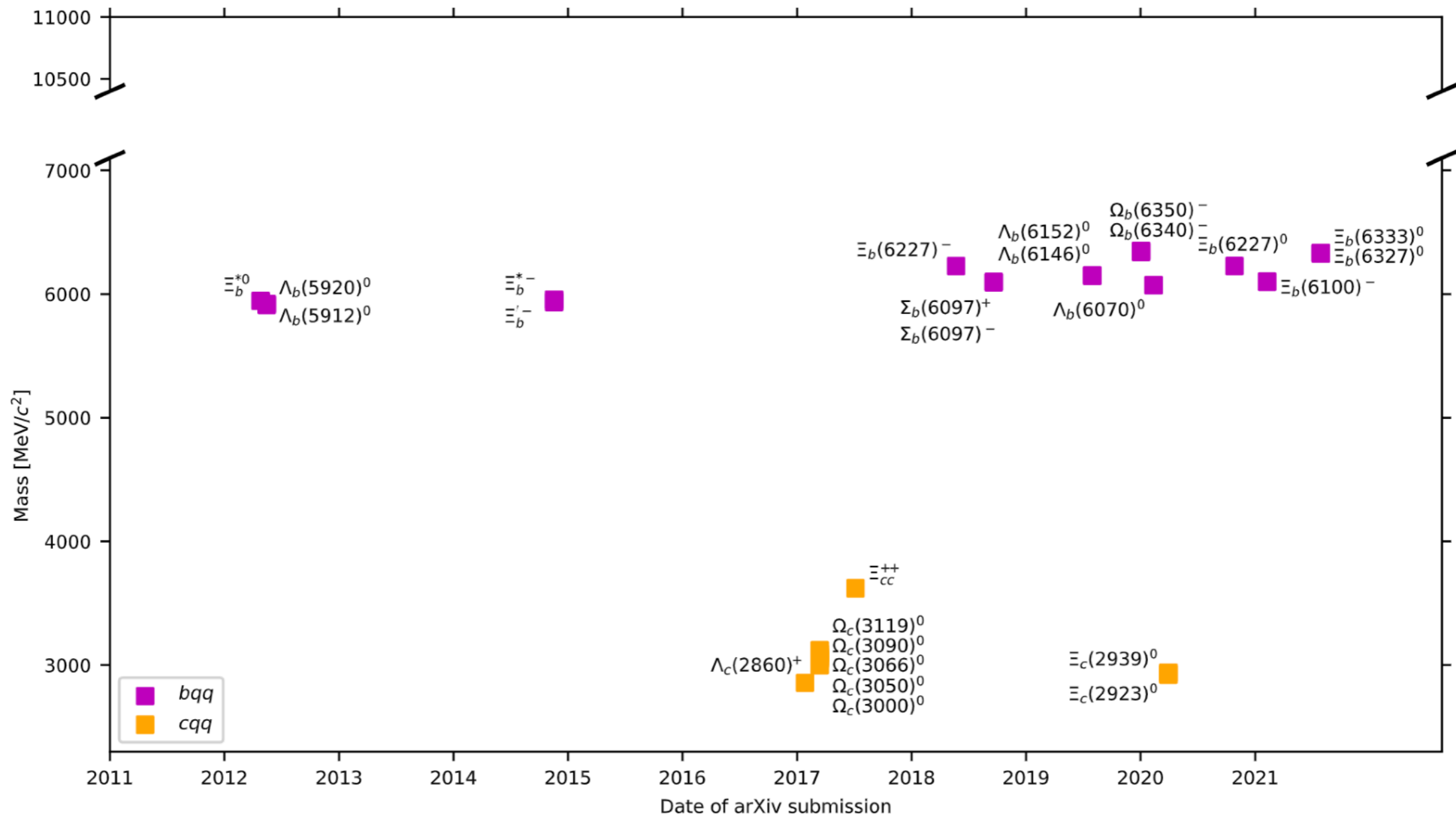


- On the other hand LHCb is still a key player even for states predicted by SM
- New decay modes → new resonances and sometimes even ground states!

# New states observed at LHC

- I cannot start without showing the updated famous plot by our colleague [Patrick Koppenburg](#)
- **This plot only shows the new observations of baryons at LHC (baryons only)**
- **Really nice progression with time (as new data arrives)**

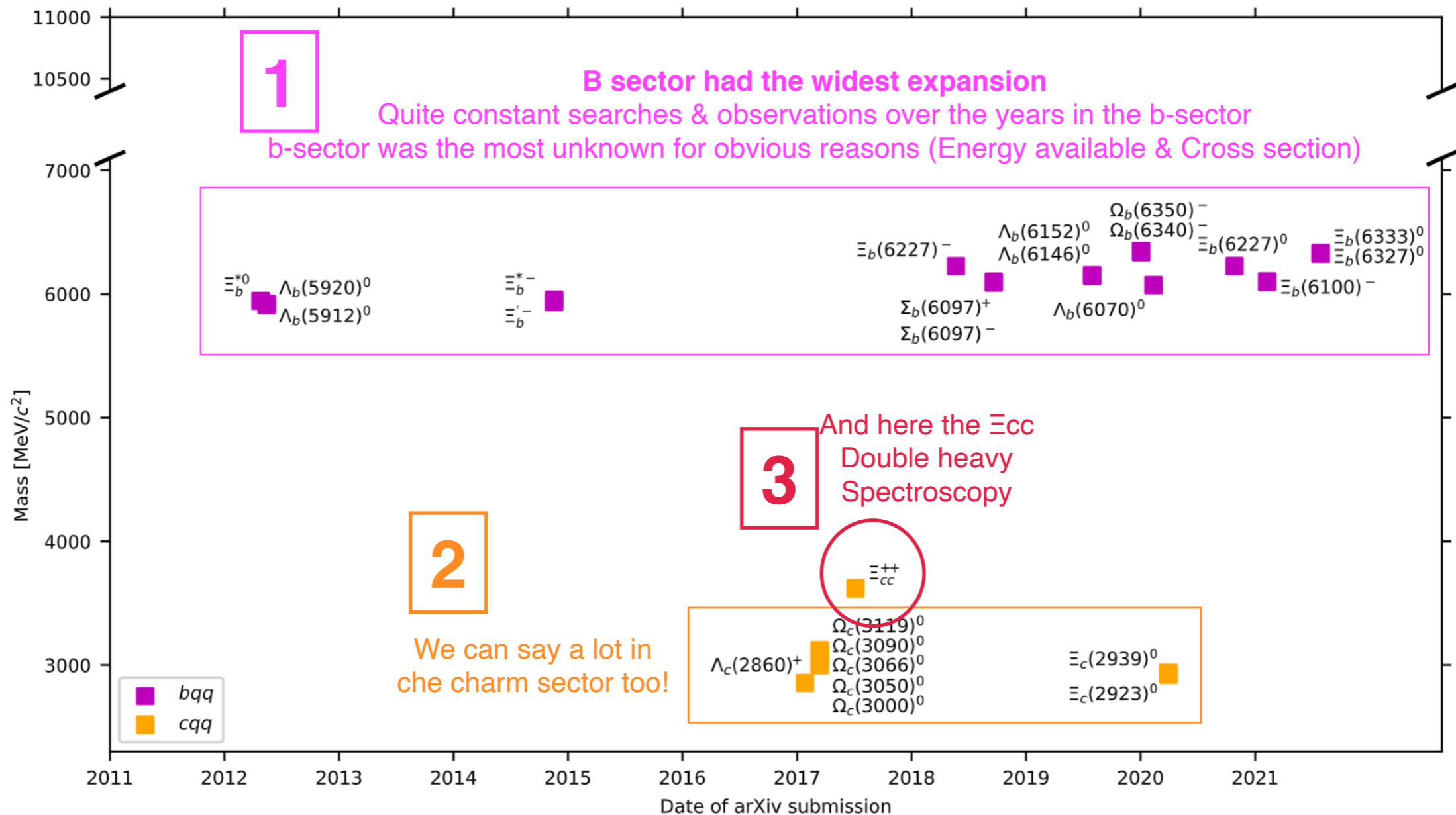
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- **My personal interpretation of the plot...**

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# Outline

- **Very hands-on talk**

- What we have done... (just one recent example)
- What we are doing...
- What can we do for the future... (especially in the upgrade scenario)

- **Putting things in order...**

## CHARMED BARYONS ( $C = +1$ )

$$\Lambda_c^+ = udc, \Sigma_c^{++} = uuc, \Sigma_c^+ = udc, \Sigma_c^0 = ddc, \\ \Xi_c^+ = usc, \Xi_c^0 = dsc, \Omega_c^0 = ssc$$

## BOTTOM BARYONS ( $B = -1$ )

$$\Lambda_b^0 = udb, \Xi_b^0 = usb, \Xi_b^- = dsb, \Omega_b^- = ssb$$

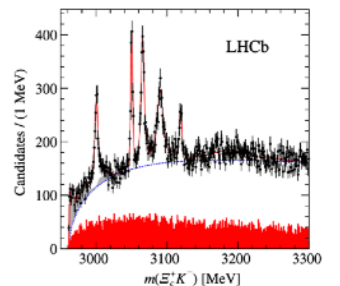
## DOUBLY CHARMED BARYONS ( $C = +2$ )

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

- Mostly explored
- But sometimes still interesting surprises

inclusive observation  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 182001 (2017)



- Resonances & Ground states

- Double heavy spectroscopy is a fact now
- LHCb is a key player on double-heavy searches

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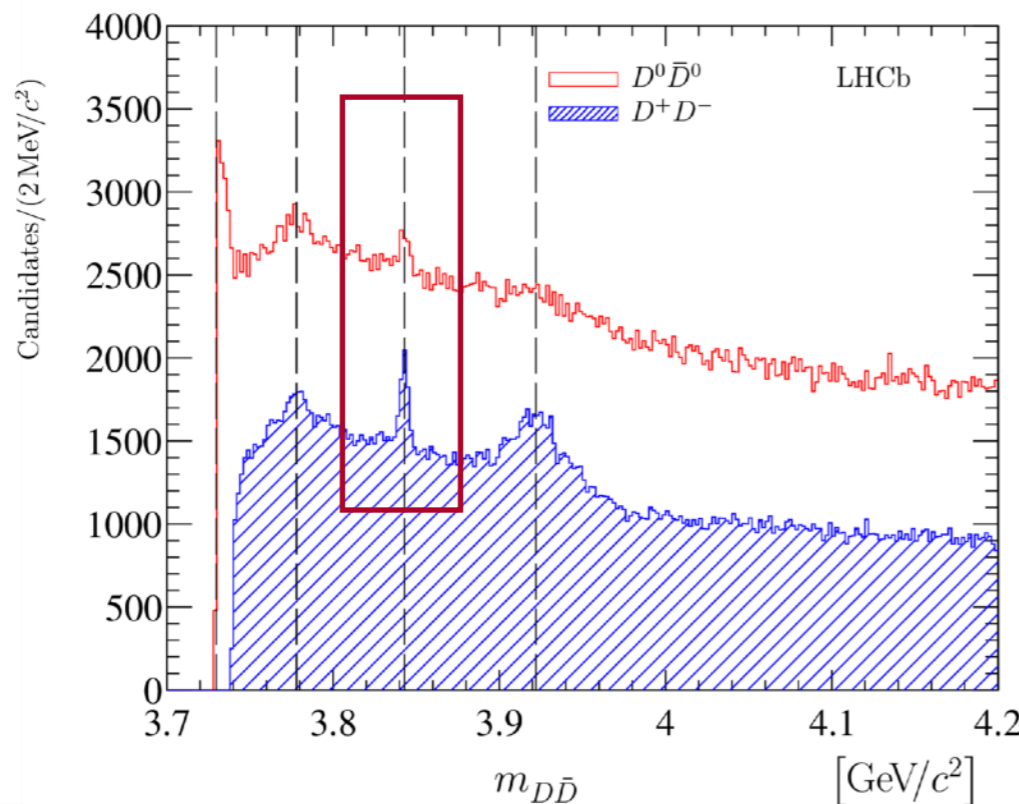
- “Most” states now known from previous experiments
- Inclusive searches + Dalitz decays from b-baryons
- Energy and Cross sections are not a problem for most experiments → states accessible at B factories
- Exotic states in the charm sector (Tetra and Penta states not covered in this talk)
- One could think everything is done for conventional SM → but surprises can happen!
- E.g. DD states, etc... (you can look for Tcc but even conventional c $\bar{c}$ bar states above threshold)
- For the future we could even try Triple-charm and similar

Abstract

JHEP 2019, 35 (2019)

Using proton-proton collision data, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $9fb^{-1}$ , collected with the LHCb detector between 2011 and 2018, a new narrow charmonium state, the X(3842) resonance, is observed in the decay modes  $X(3842) \rightarrow D^0\bar{D}^0$  and  $X(3842) \rightarrow D^+D^-$ . The mass and the natural width of this state are measured to be

$$m_{X(3842)} = 3842.71 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.12 MeV/c^2, \quad \Gamma_{X(3842)} = 2.79 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.35 MeV,$$



The mass spectra for selected  $D\bar{D}$  combinations. The open red histogram corresponds to  $D^0\bar{D}^0$  pairs, while the hatched blue histogram corresponds to  $D^+D^-$  pairs. Vertical black dashed lines help to identify the peaks from (left to right)  $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow D^{*0}\bar{D}^0$ ,  $\psi(3770) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$ ,  $X(3842) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$  and  $\chi_{c2}(3930) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$  decays.

# Bottom Baryons

BOTTOM BARYONS ( $B = -1$ )

$\Lambda_b^0 = udb$ ,  $\Xi_b^0 = usb$ ,  $\Xi_b^- = dsb$ ,  $\Omega_b^- = ssb$

- Ground states are almost all known, with some exceptions (see below)
- A lot of resonances have been found, identified with radial and orbital excitations
- **With higher luminosities collected, we can have access to states with lower cross section**
- **Explore wider Q value ranges and multi-particle states, where background is severe**
- I will go through a list of what's available and what can be done (or not)

## Panoramic view

$\Lambda_b^0$	$\Sigma_b$	$\Xi_b^-$	$\Omega_b^-$
$\Lambda_b(5912)^0$	$\Sigma_b^*$	$\Xi_b^0$	$\Omega_b(6316)^-$
$\Lambda_b(5920)^0$	$\Sigma_b(6097)^+$	$\Xi_b'(5935)^-$	$\Omega_b(6330)^-$
$\Lambda_b(6070)^0$	$\Sigma_b(6097)^-$	$\Xi_b(5945)^0$	$\Omega_b(6340)^-$
$\Lambda_b(6146)^0$		$\Xi_b(5955)^-$	$\Omega_b(6350)^-$
$\Lambda_b(6152)^0$		$\Xi_b(6227)^-$	
		$\Xi_b(6227)^0$	



# $\Lambda_b$ states: $\Lambda_b \pi \pi$

- Example of time evolution of searches and new observations once more data is available
- At LHCb we collected order of 1M-2M  $\Lambda_b$  signal events in various final states

$\Lambda_b^0$  Ground state

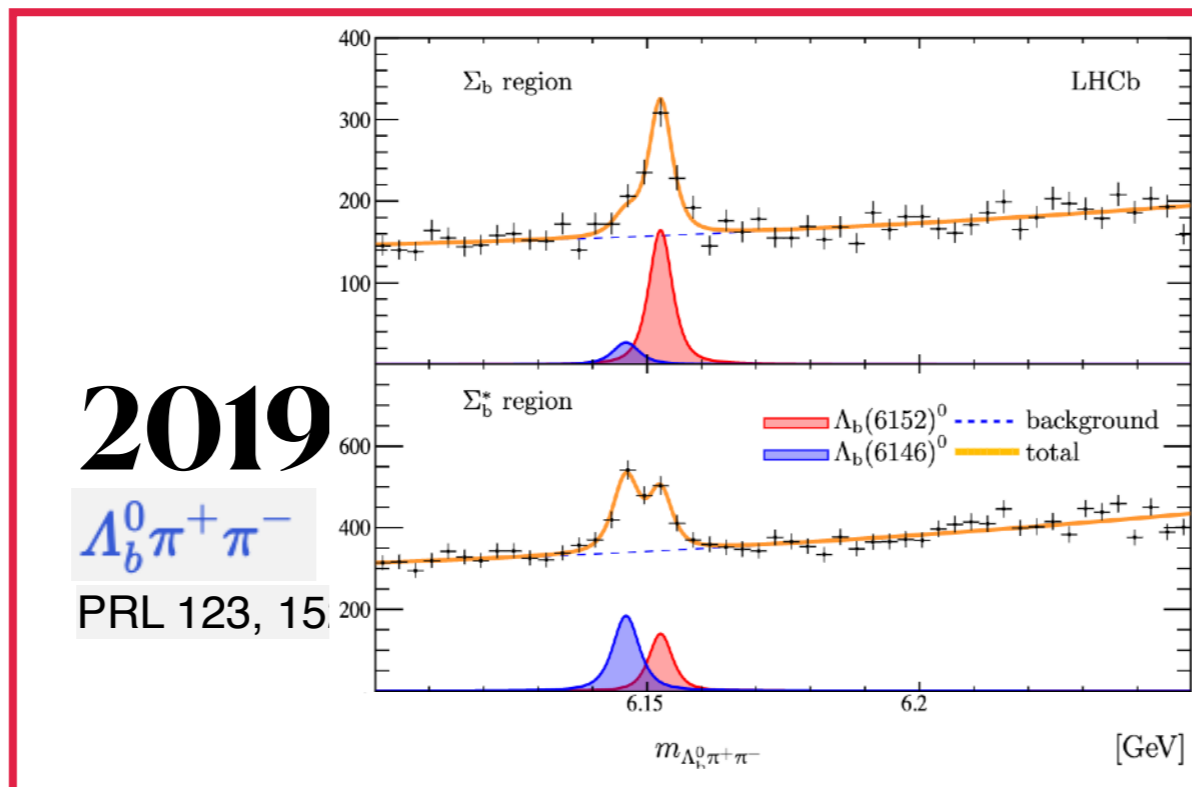
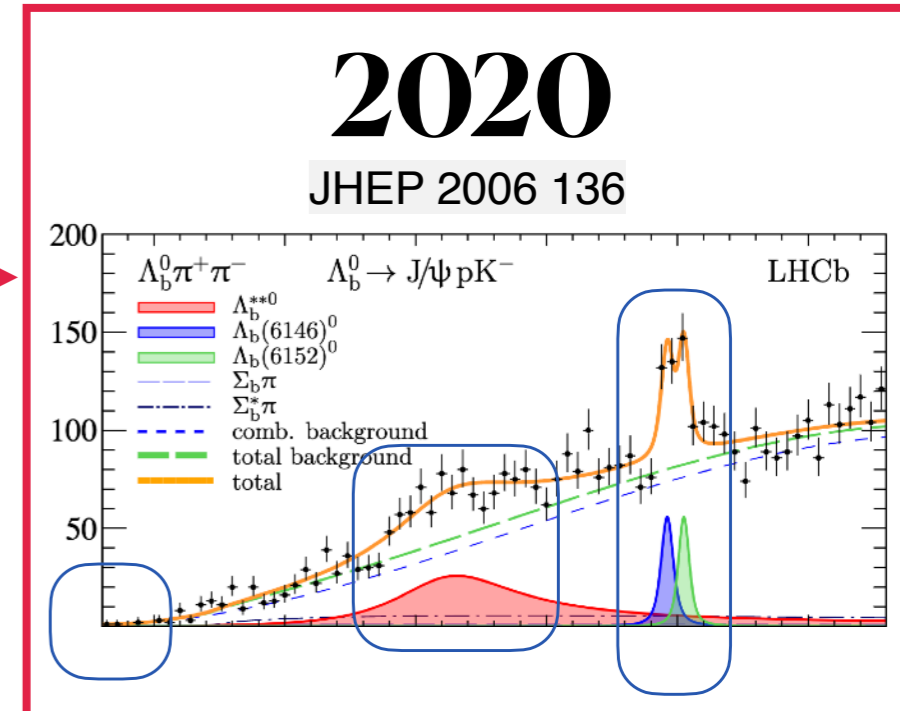
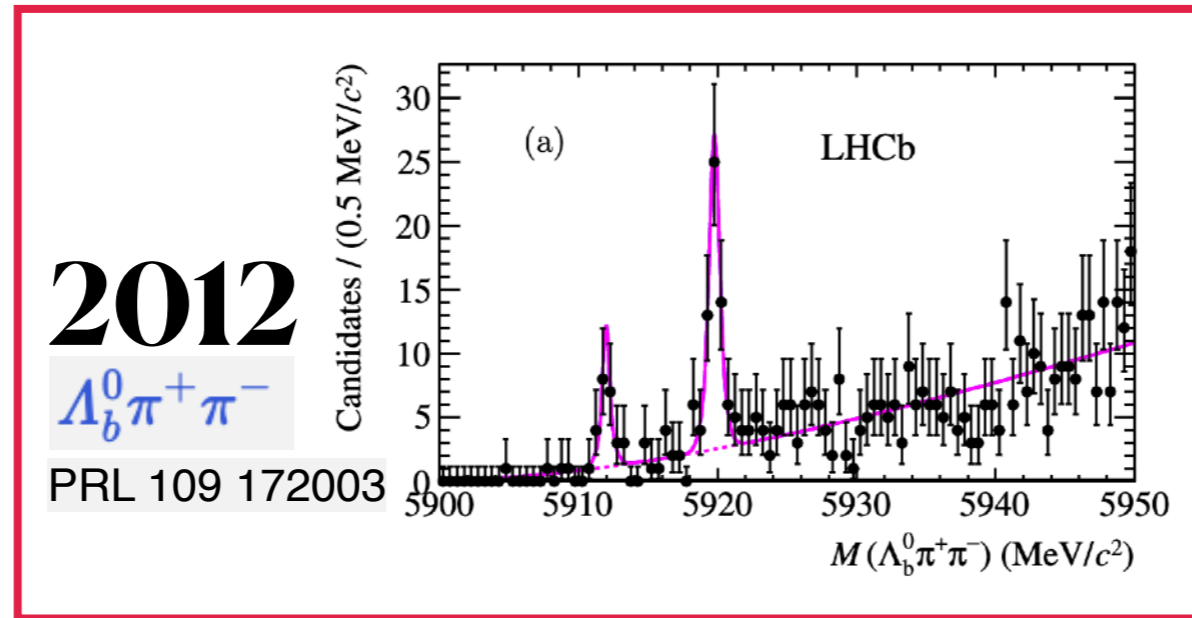
$\Lambda_b(5912)^0$

$\Lambda_b(5920)^0$

$\Lambda_b(6070)^0$

$\Lambda_b(6146)^0$

$\Lambda_b(6152)^0$



# $\Sigma_b$ states: $\Lambda_b \pi$

- Ground state observed by CDF
- Confirmed + new states observed by LHCb

$\Sigma_b$

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$\Sigma_b^*$

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$\Sigma_b(6097)^+$

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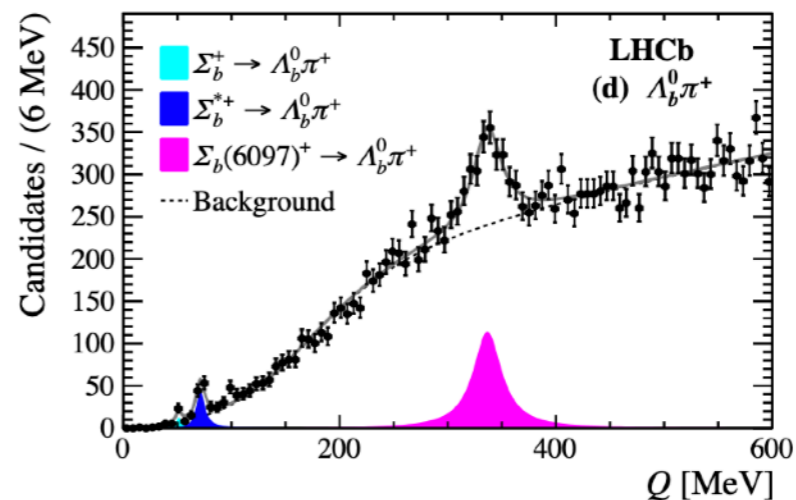
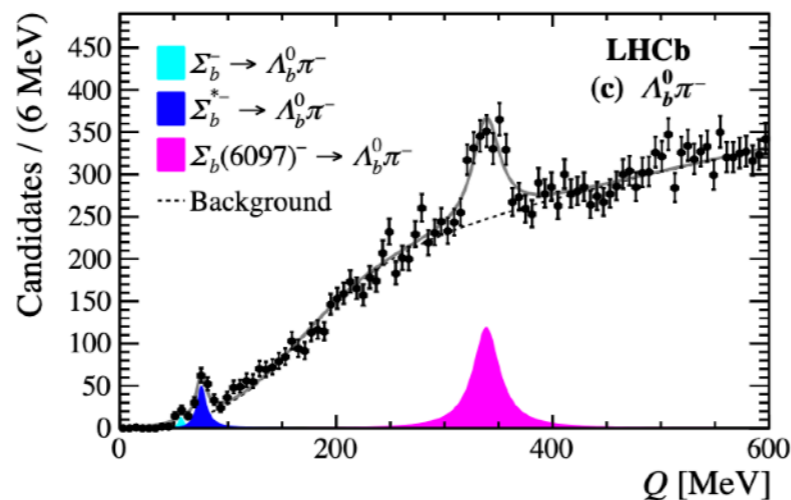
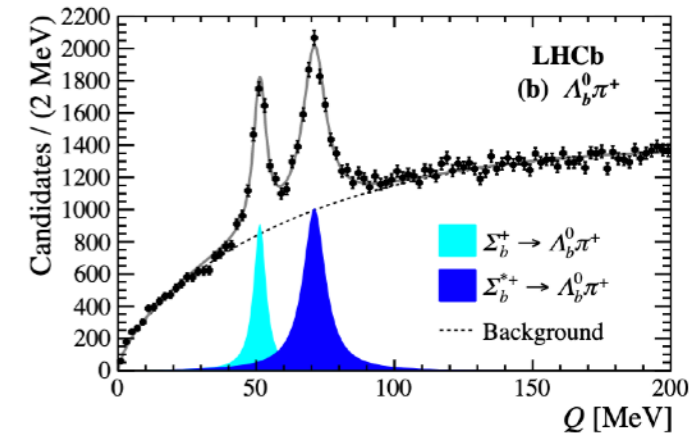
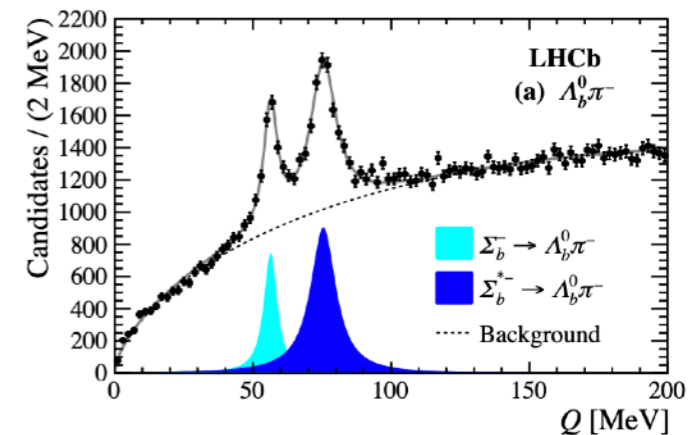
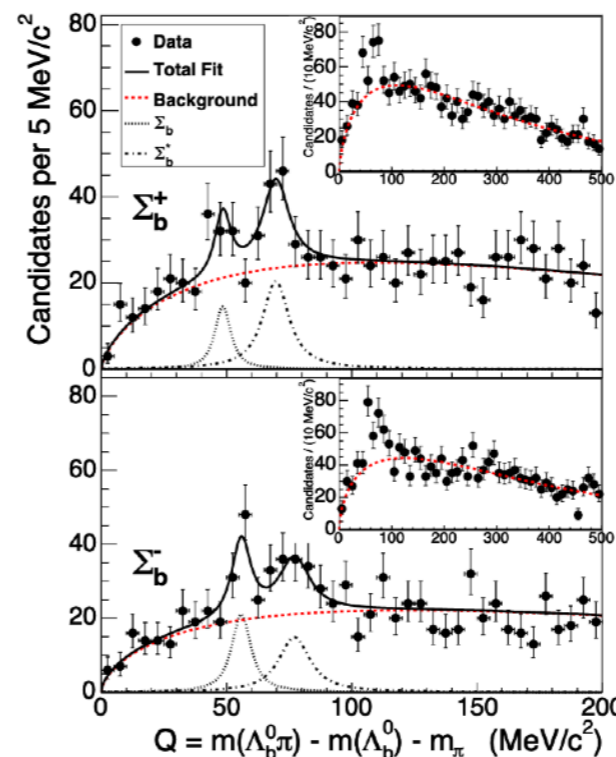
$\Sigma_b(6097)^-$

**2007**

PRL 99:202001

**2019**

PRL 122, 012001



- $\Sigma_b^0$  doublet still unobserved experimentally
- Experimentally very challenging as neutral  $\Sigma_b$  is expected  $\rightarrow \Lambda_b \pi^0$

# $\Xi_b$ states: $\Xi_b\pi$ and others

- Several observations of ground states and excitations
- Missing ground state  $\Xi_b'$  (probably below threshold)
- Multi particle modes interesting (see next slide)

$\Xi_b^-$   
 $\Xi_b^0$

$\Xi_b'(5935)^-$   
 $\Xi_b(5955)^-$

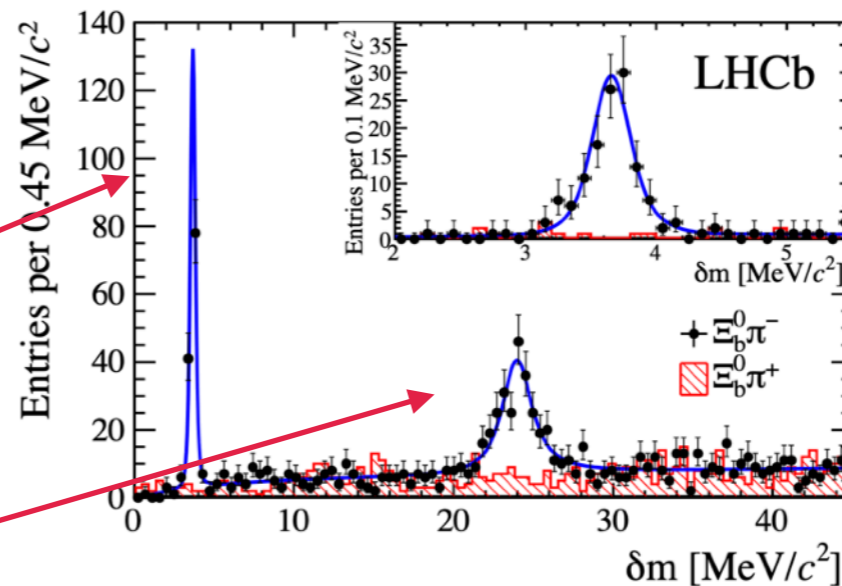
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$\Xi_b(5945)^0$

2015

PRL 114 062004

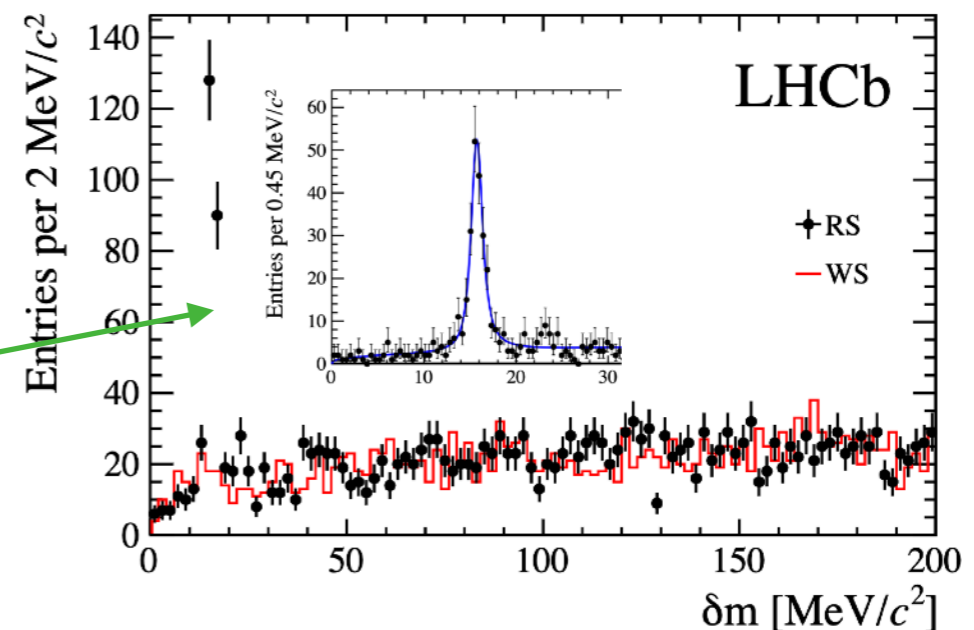
Observed in  $\Xi_b^0\pi^-$  channel with  $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^+\pi^-$  and  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$



2016

2016AE JHEP 1605 161

2012S PRL 108 252002



$\Xi_b'^0$  is probably below  $\Xi_b\pi$  threshold and decay either  $\Xi_b^0\pi^0$  or  $\Xi_b^0\gamma$

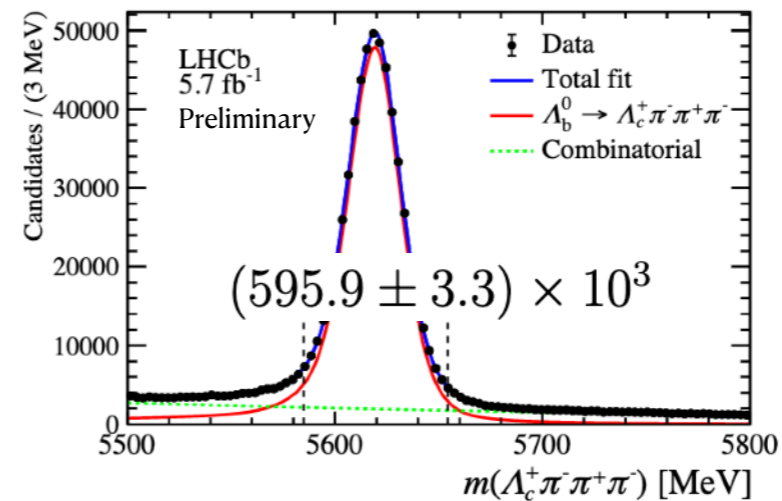
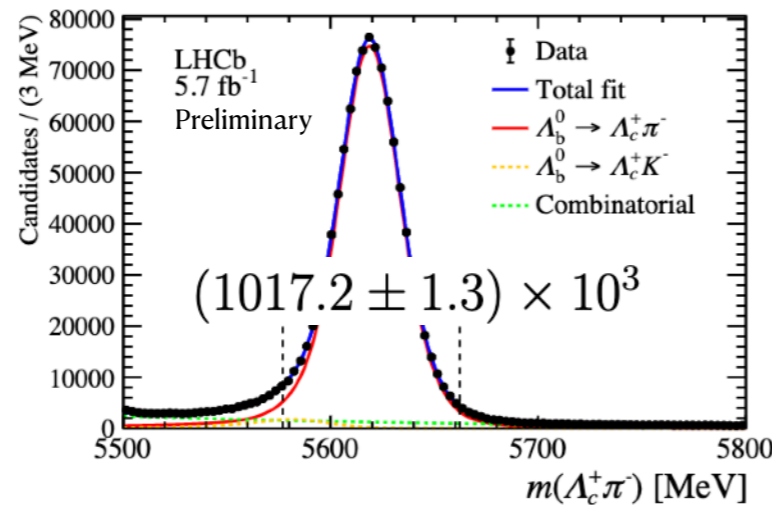
# Observation of two new excited $\Xi_b^0$ states decaying to $\Lambda_b^0 K^- \pi^+$

- Example of a recent search (arXiv this August)
- Use the very abundant samples of  $\Lambda_b$  saved on disk
- Use both:

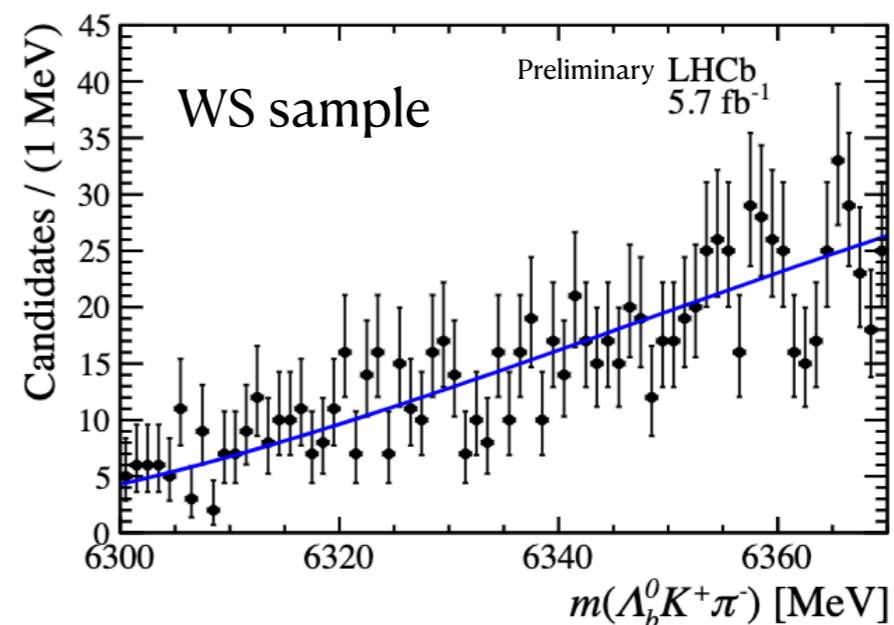
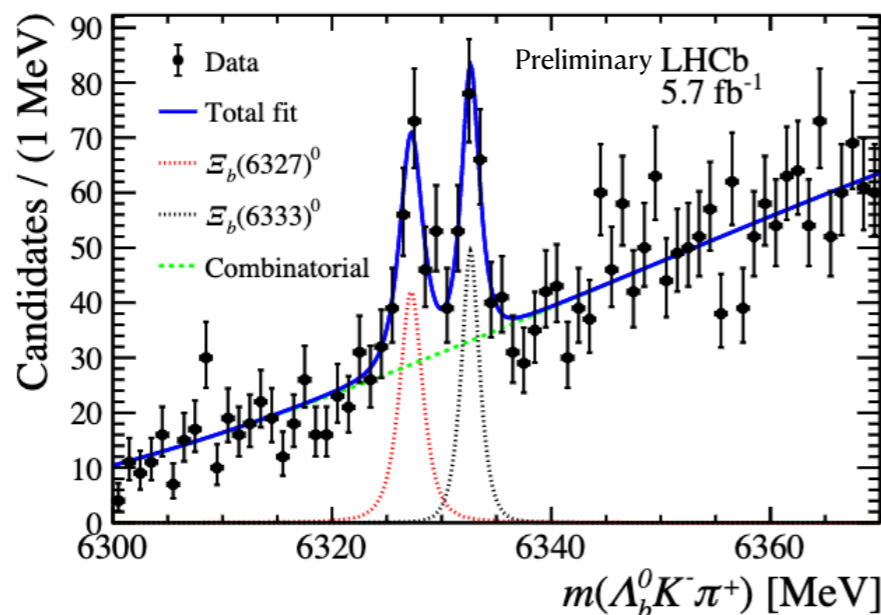
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- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \pi$
- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \pi \pi^+ \pi^-$

$\Lambda_b^0 K^- \pi^+$



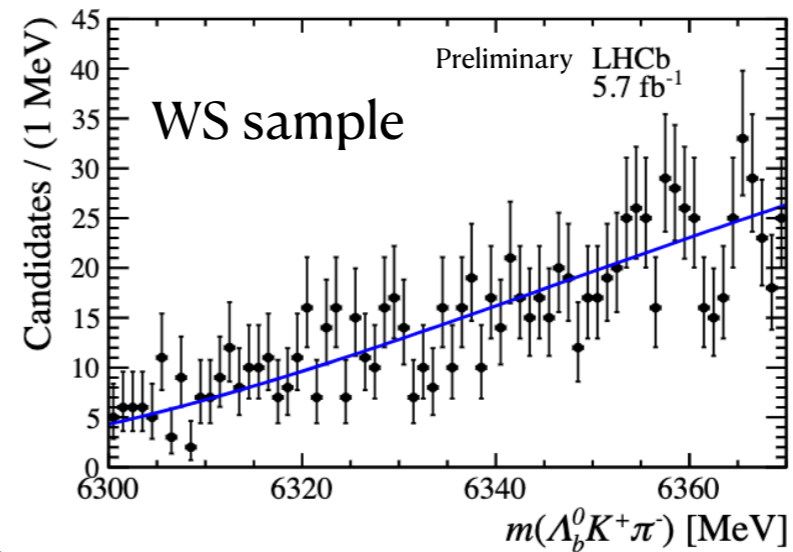
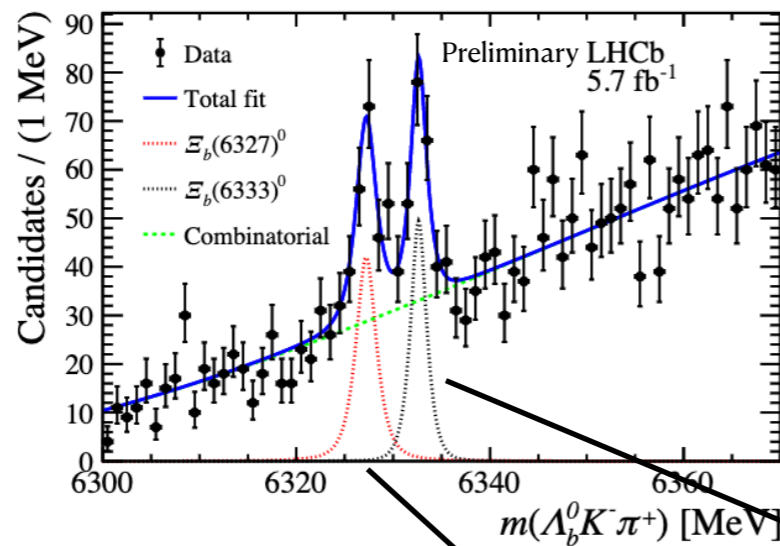
- Two narrow peaks in the  $\Lambda_b K^- \pi^+$  mass spectrum are observed



# Observation of two new excited $\Xi_b^0$ states decaying to $\Lambda_b^0 K^- \pi^+$

- The states are consistent with the theoretical predictions to the 1D excited  $\Xi_b^0$  doublets

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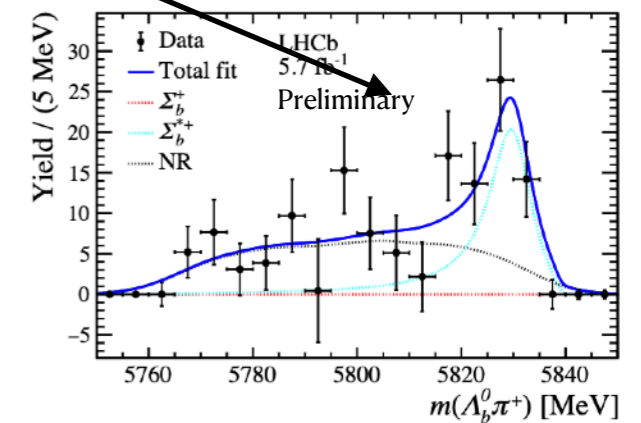
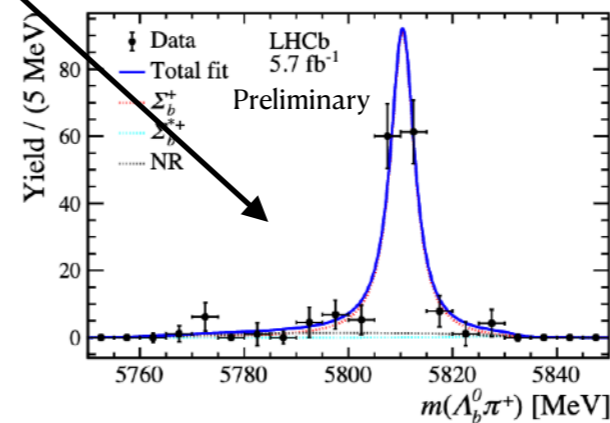
$$m_{\Xi_b(6327)^0} = 6327.28_{-0.21}^{+0.23} \pm 0.08 \pm 0.24 \text{ MeV},$$

$$m_{\Xi_b(6333)^0} = 6332.69_{-0.18}^{+0.17} \pm 0.03 \pm 0.22 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma_{\Xi_b(6327)^0} < 2.20 \text{ (2.56) MeV at 90\% (95\%) CL},$$

$$\Gamma_{\Xi_b(6333)^0} < 1.55 \text{ (1.85) MeV at 90\% (95\%) CL},$$

Confirmed decay patterns of the two peaks via intermediate resonances



# $\Omega_b$ are rare objects

- $\Omega_b$  and where to find them...
- $\Omega_b$  state appear in the PDG, but yields are still very low
- New decay modes observed, they help measuring mass and lifetime
- LHCb has roughly 100 - 200 signal events per mode in the full Run1+Run2 dataset

$\Omega_b^-$  MASS

$6046.1 \pm 1.7 \text{ MeV}$

$m_{\Omega_b^-} - m_{\Lambda_b^0}$

$426.4 \pm 2.2 \text{ MeV}$

$m_{\Omega_b^-} - m_{\Xi_b^-}$

$247.3 \pm 3.2 \text{ MeV}$

$\Omega_b$  MEAN LIFE

$(1.64^{+0.18}_{-0.17}) \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$

$\tau(\Omega_b^-)/\tau(\Xi_b^-)$  mean life ratio

$1.11 \pm 0.16$

$\Omega_b^-$

$\Omega_b(6316)^-$

$\Omega_b(6330)^-$

$\Omega_b(6340)^-$

$\Omega_b(6350)^-$

*Mode*

$\Gamma_1$   $J/\psi \Omega^- \times B(b \rightarrow \Omega_b)$  ← Golden dimuon mode

$\Gamma_2$   $pK^- K^- \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow \Omega_b)$

$\Gamma_3$   $p\pi^- \pi^- \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow \Omega_b)$

$\Gamma_4$   $pK^- \pi^- \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow \Omega_b)$

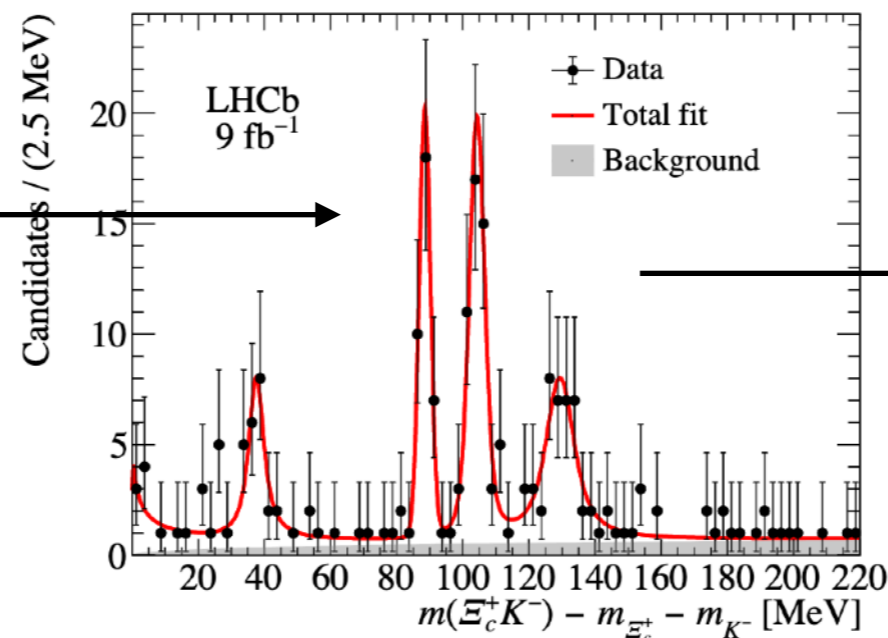
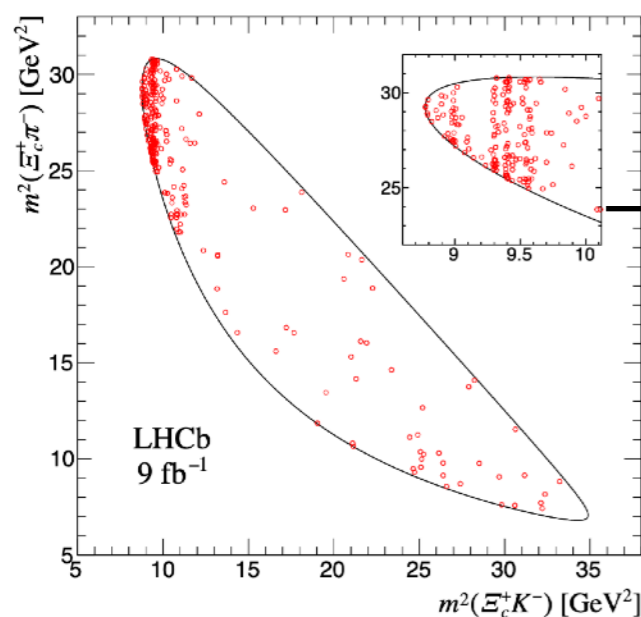
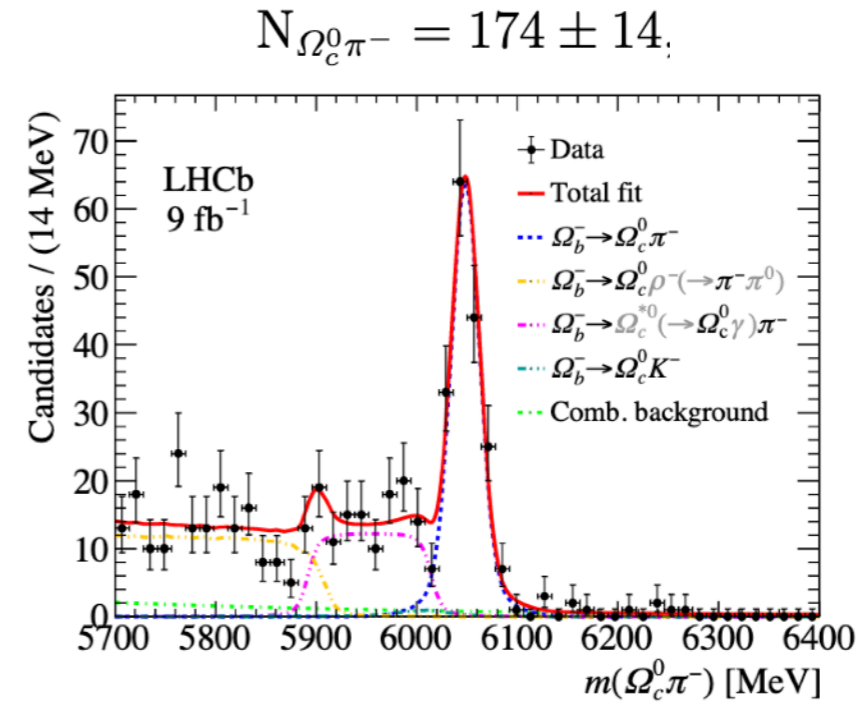
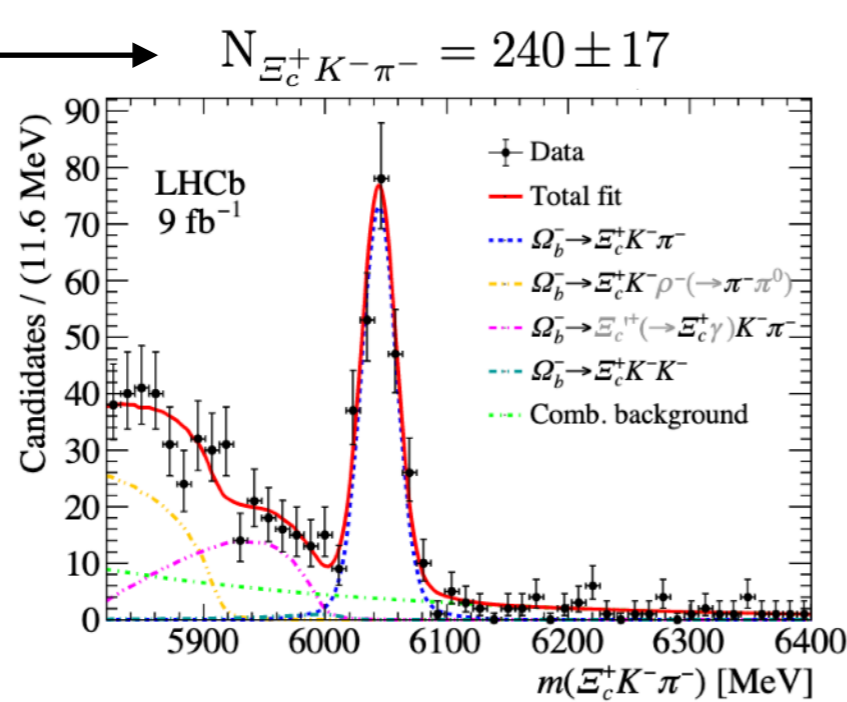
$\Gamma_5$   $\Omega_c^0 \pi^-$  ← Golden hadronic mode

# Example: $\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ K^- \pi^-$ decays

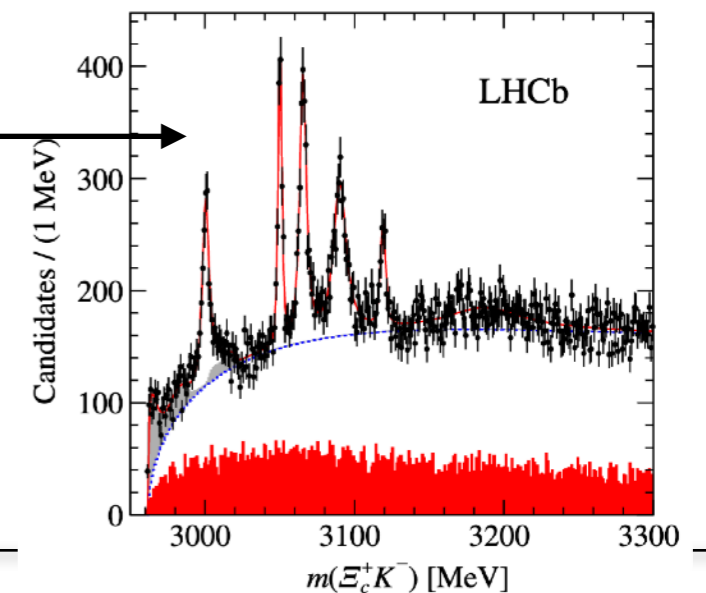
arXiv:2107.03419

- New mode considered  $\rightarrow$  first observation
- Four excited  $\Omega_c$  baryons are observed in the  $\Xi_c^+ K^-$  mass projection
- Their relative production rates, masses and natural widths are measured + Precise mass measurement

More than the actual control mode!



Comparison wrt the inclusive observation  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 182001 (2017)



# $\Omega_b$ excited states

- Replicate what done in the charm sector
- Same ideas but yields are expected much lower

We report four narrow peaks in the  $\Xi_b^0 K^-$  mass spectrum obtained using  $pp$  collisions at center-of-mass energies of 7, 8 and 13 TeV, corresponding to a total integrated luminosity of  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  recorded by the LHCb experiment. Referring to these states by their mass, the mass values are

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(\Omega_b(6316)^-) &= 6315.64 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}, \\
 m(\Omega_b(6330)^-) &= 6330.30 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}, \\
 m(\Omega_b(6340)^-) &= 6339.71 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}, \\
 m(\Omega_b(6350)^-) &= 6349.88 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV},
 \end{aligned}$$

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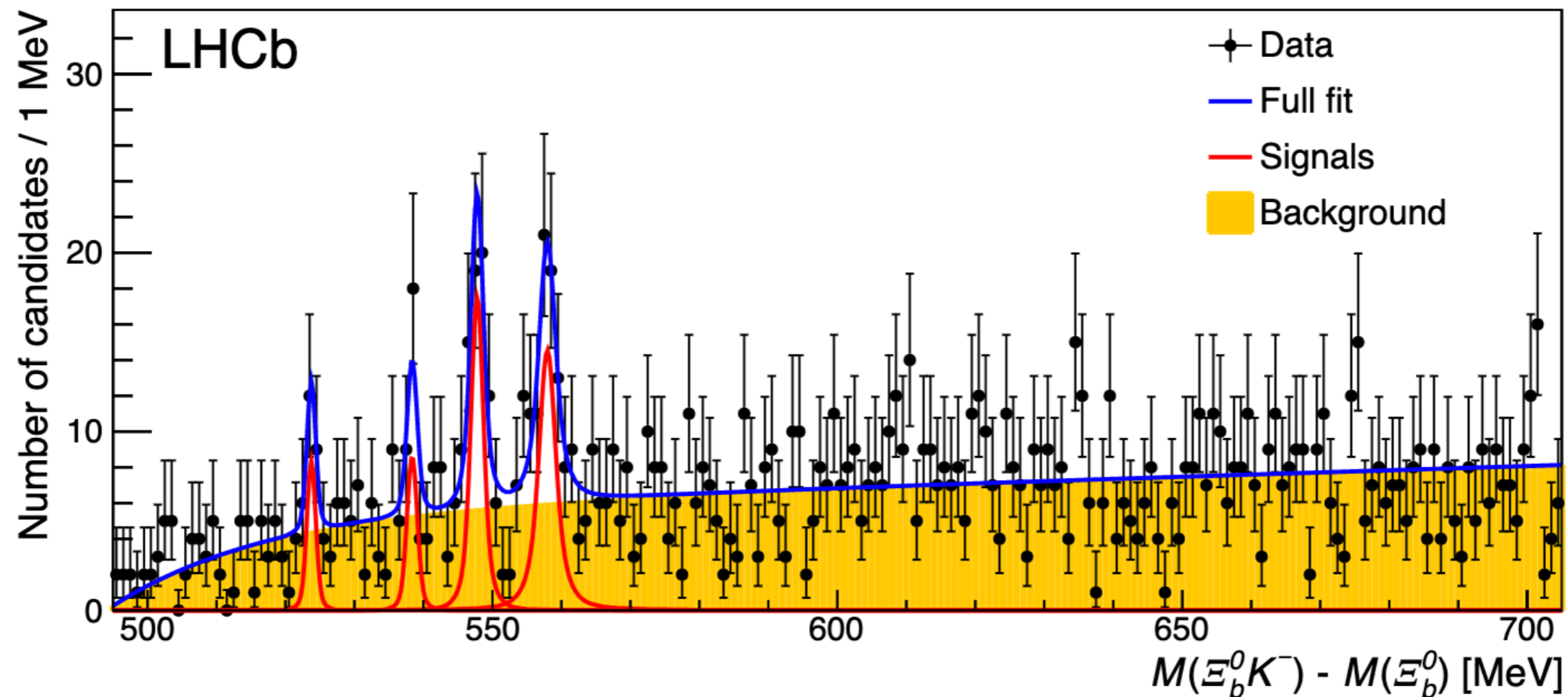
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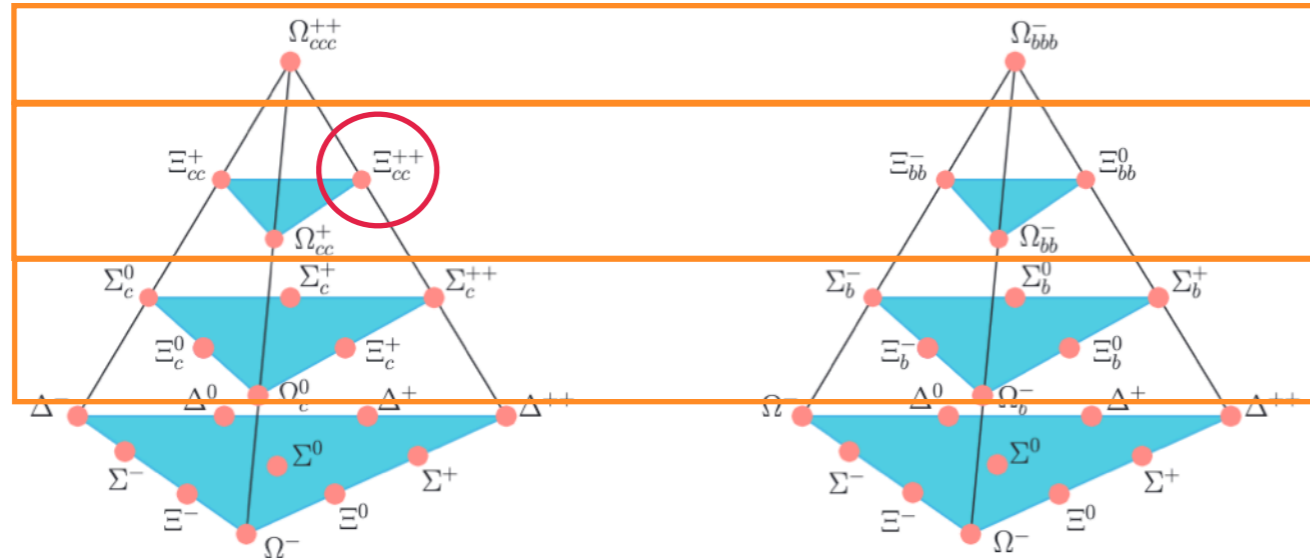
# “Multiple” Heavy States

- Searches ongoing, cross sections are at the limit of what we can do
- Double-bottom and Triple-charm (at the moment) are more just like a dream

Triple

Double

Single



+ the equivalent with bottom+charm

Baryon	Quark Content	$S_h^\pi$	$J^P$	Baryon	Quark Content	$S_h^\pi$	$J^P$
$\Xi_{cc}$	$\{cc\}q$	$1^+$	$1/2^+$	$\Xi_{bb}$	$\{bb\}q$	$1^+$	$1/2^+$
$\Xi_{cc}^*$	$\{cc\}q$	$1^+$	$3/2^+$	$\Xi_{bb}^*$	$\{bb\}q$	$1^+$	$3/2^+$
$\Omega_{cc}$	$\{cc\}s$	$1^+$	$1/2^+$	$\Omega_{bb}$	$\{bb\}s$	$1^+$	$1/2^+$
$\Omega_{cc}^*$	$\{cc\}s$	$1^+$	$3/2^+$	$\Omega_{bb}^*$	$\{bb\}s$	$1^+$	$3/2^+$
$\Xi'_{bc}$	$\{bc\}q$	$0^+$	$1/2^+$	$\Omega'_{bc}$	$\{bc\}s$	$0^+$	$1/2^+$
$\Xi_{bc}$	$\{bc\}q$	$1^+$	$1/2^+$	$\Omega_{bc}$	$\{bc\}s$	$1^+$	$1/2^+$
$\Xi_{bc}^*$	$\{bc\}q$	$1^+$	$3/2^+$	$\Omega_{bc}^*$	$\{bc\}s$	$1^+$	$3/2^+$

- Interesting ideas are appearing
- It's important to keep in mind what can be done experimentally when providing expected rates/decay widths
- Also, there are appearing prediction of triple-heavy states
- Most of them clearly too optimistic from the experimental point of view
- E.g. Example using a triple-charm state in a cascade type of decay

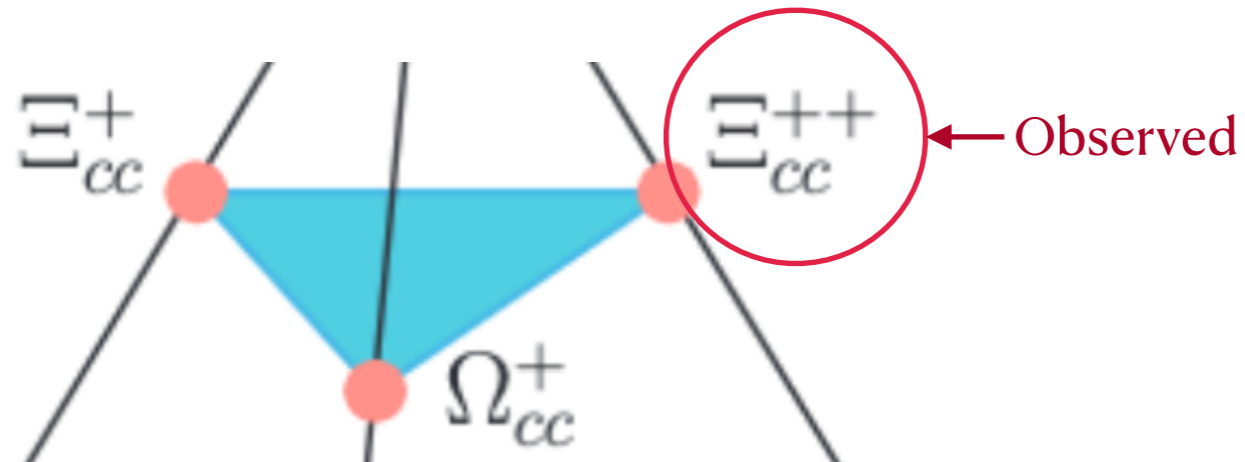
$$\Omega_{ccc}^{+++} \rightarrow \Omega_{ccs}^+ + \pi^+ \rightarrow \Omega_{css}^0 + 2\pi^+ \rightarrow \Omega_{sss}^- + 3\pi^+ .$$

$$\Omega_{ccc} \rightarrow (\Xi_{cc}^{++} \bar{K}^0, \Xi_{cc}^{++} K^- \pi^+, \Omega_{cc}^+ \pi^+, \Xi_c^+ D^+, \Xi_c' D^+, \Lambda_c D^+ \bar{K}^0, \Xi_c^+ D^0 \pi^+, \Xi_c^0 D^+ \pi^+)$$

# Double Charmed

## DOUBLY CHARMED BARYONS ( $C = +2$ )

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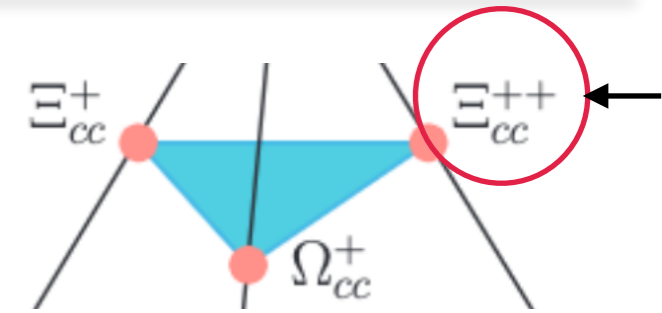


- 3 baryons to be observed (ground states), **so far only one experimentally**
- All analyses of this type are performed blind in LHCb
- If no signal is found, UL are put on the interesting mass region on production

# Double Charmed

## • $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$

- Well established in 2 different modes (as required by PDG)
- Lifetime measured as well



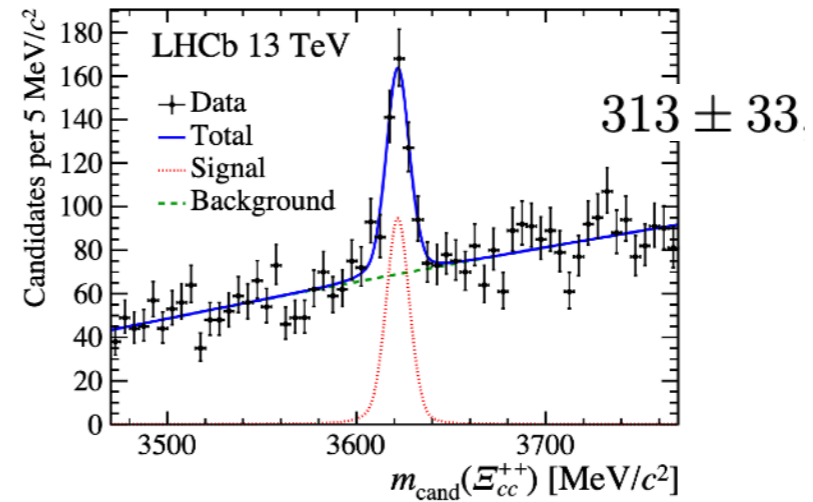
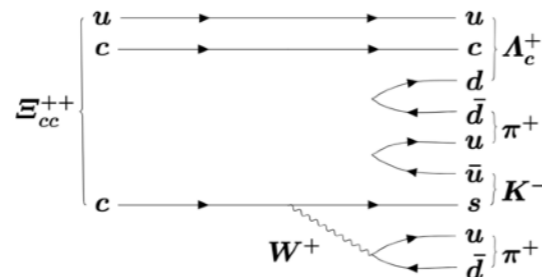
$3621.6 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}$

$(2.56 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$

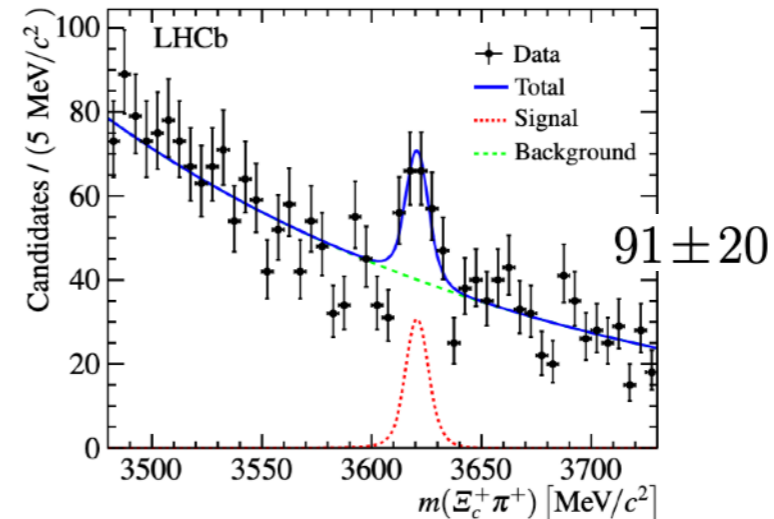
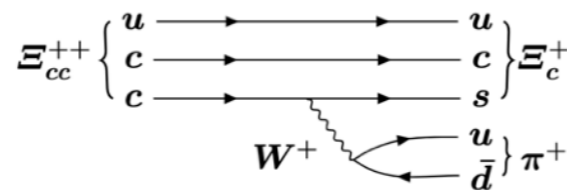
Mode

$\Gamma_1$	$\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
$\Gamma_2$	$\Xi_c^+ \pi^+, \Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
$\Gamma_3$	$D^+ p K^- \pi^+$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 112001 (2017)  
 $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$



Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 162002 (2018)  
 $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^+$



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

No significant signal is observed  
 Upper limit set

# Double Heavy researches

## Search for the doubly charmed baryon $\Omega_{cc}^+$

arXiv:2105.06841  
 $\Omega_{cc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ K^- \pi^+$

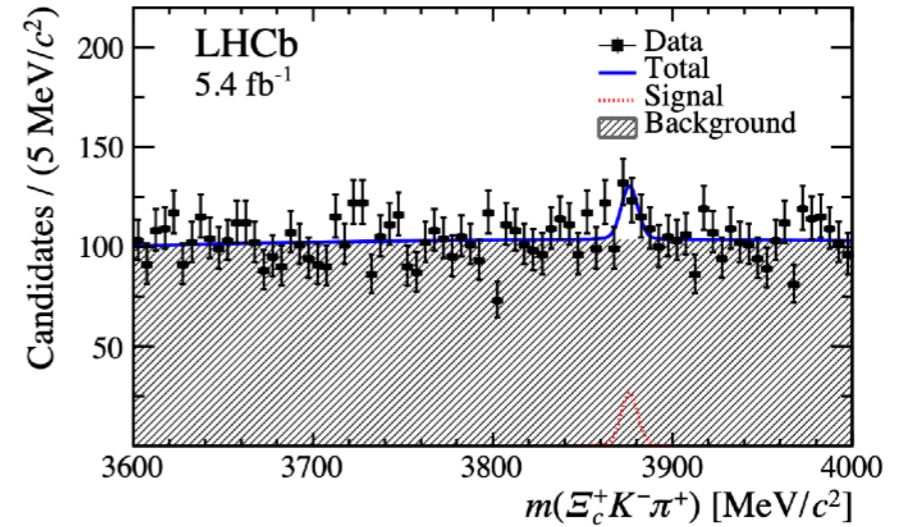
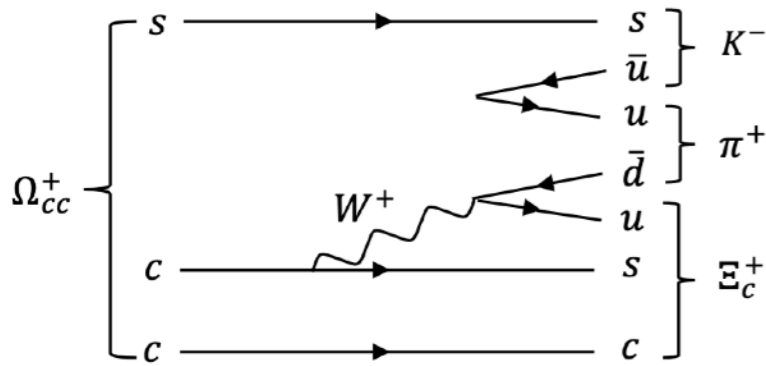
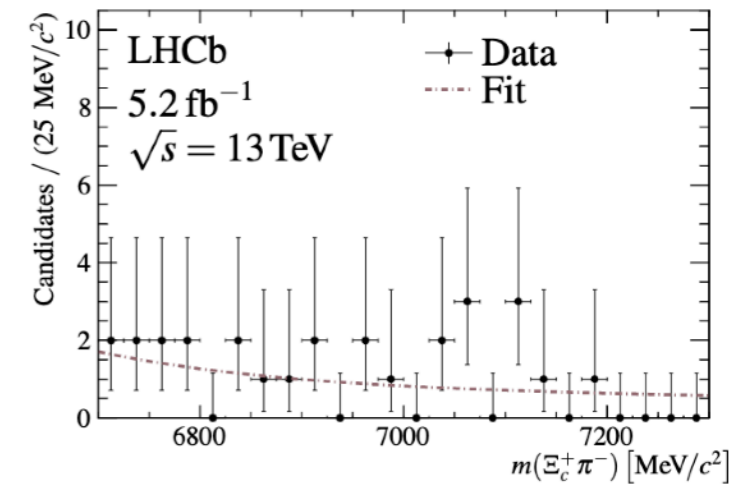
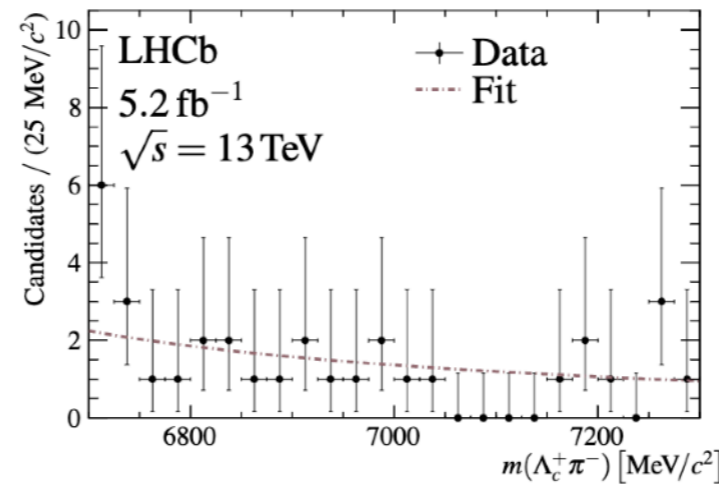
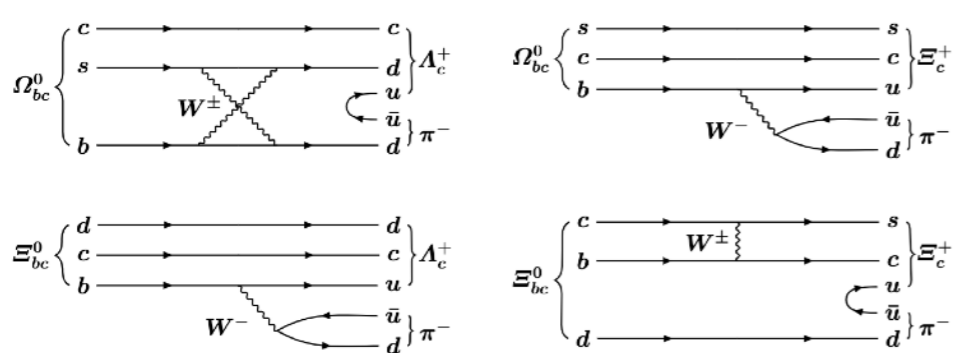


Figure 2: Invariant mass  $m(\Xi_c^+ K^- \pi^+)$  distribution of selected  $\Omega_{cc}^+$  candidates from (black points) selection A, with (blue solid line) the fit with the largest local significance at the mass of 3876 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> superimposed.

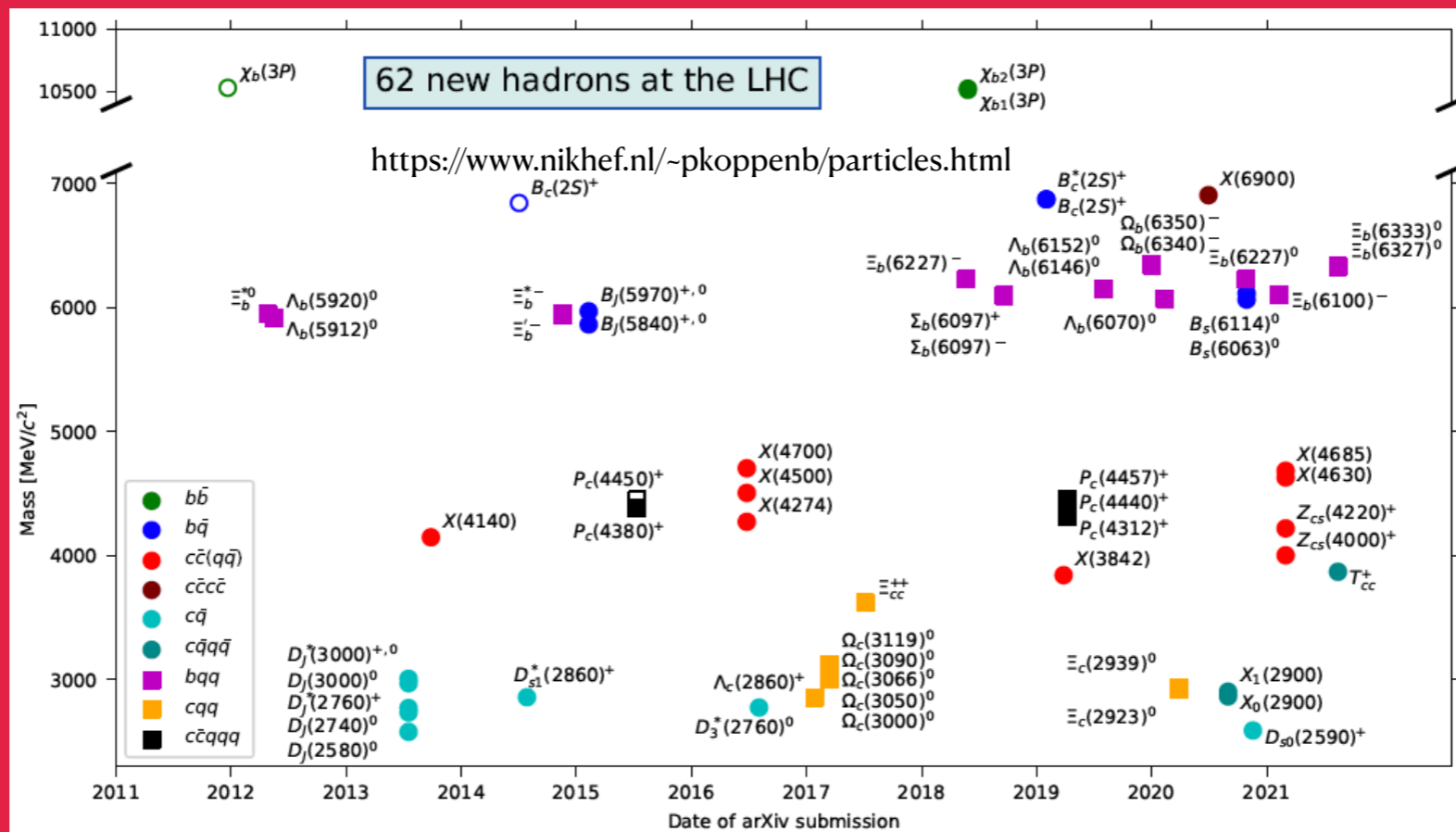
## Search for the doubly heavy baryons $\Omega_{bc}^0$ and $\Xi_{bc}^0$ decaying to $\Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ and $\Xi_c^+ \pi^-$

arXiv:2104.04759



# Conclusions

This summer → 3 more hadrons have been added to the list  
Growing extremely fast!



- Research is speeding up with new results coming at a fast pace
- Meanwhile, upgrade is speeding up to be ready for next year's data taking!

- We need to be sure to include all modes in our upgraded trigger
- Due to computing resources available → all selections should be almost offline like

## Please stay tuned!