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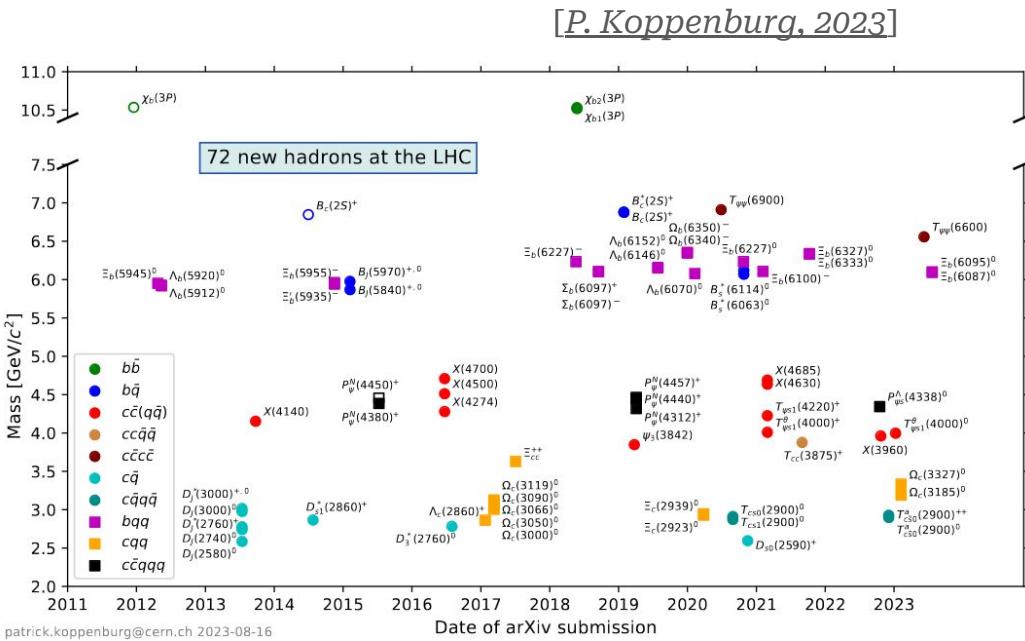
# Polarization and decay of charm baryons at LHCb

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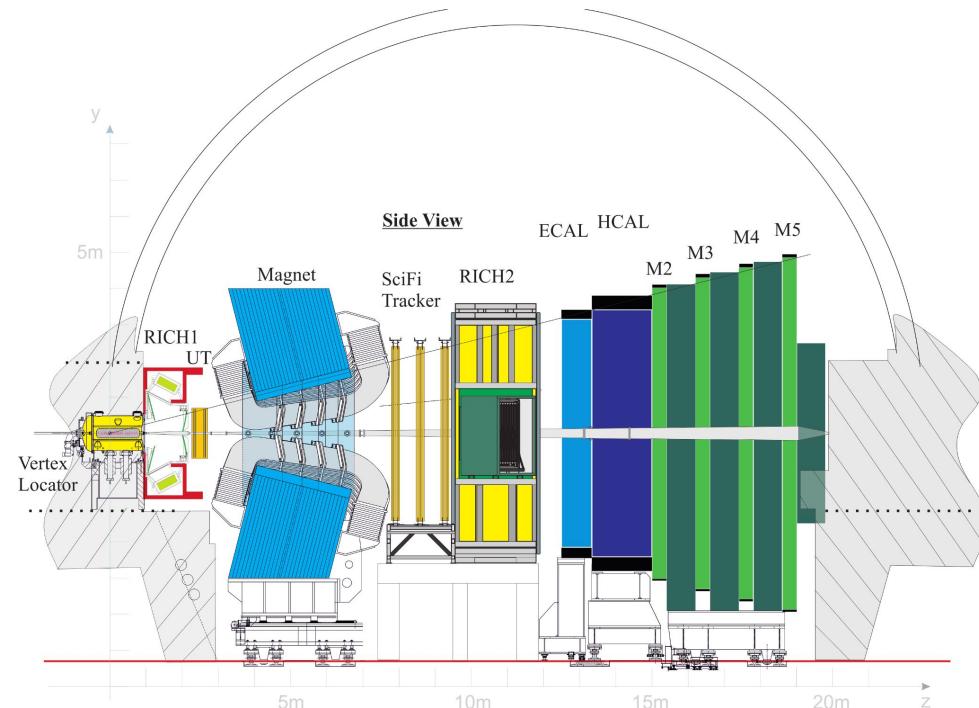
# Introduction

- With Run 1 and Run 2 data, the LHC experiments have uncovered 72 new hadronic states (64 of those at LHCb)
- Some recent results include
  - Observations of excited  $\Omega_c^0$  and  $\Xi_c^0$  states
  - Searches for doubly charmed and beauty-charm baryons
  - Amplitude analysis and polarisation measurement of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
- Opportunities for measurement of EDM/MDM of charm baryons at LHC

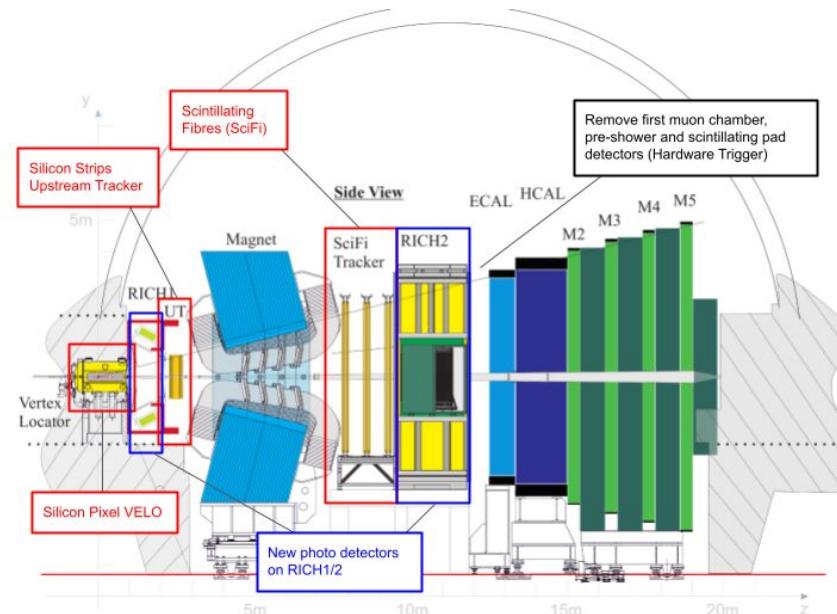


# The LHCb detector

- Single arm forward spectrometer, pseudo-rapidity coverage  $2 < \eta < 5$
- Initially designed for heavy flavour physics studies of charm and beauty hadrons
- During the Long Shutdown 2 (LS2) most of the sub-detectors systems have been upgraded for operation during Run 3 (2022-2025) onward
- Increased instantaneous luminosity from  $4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$

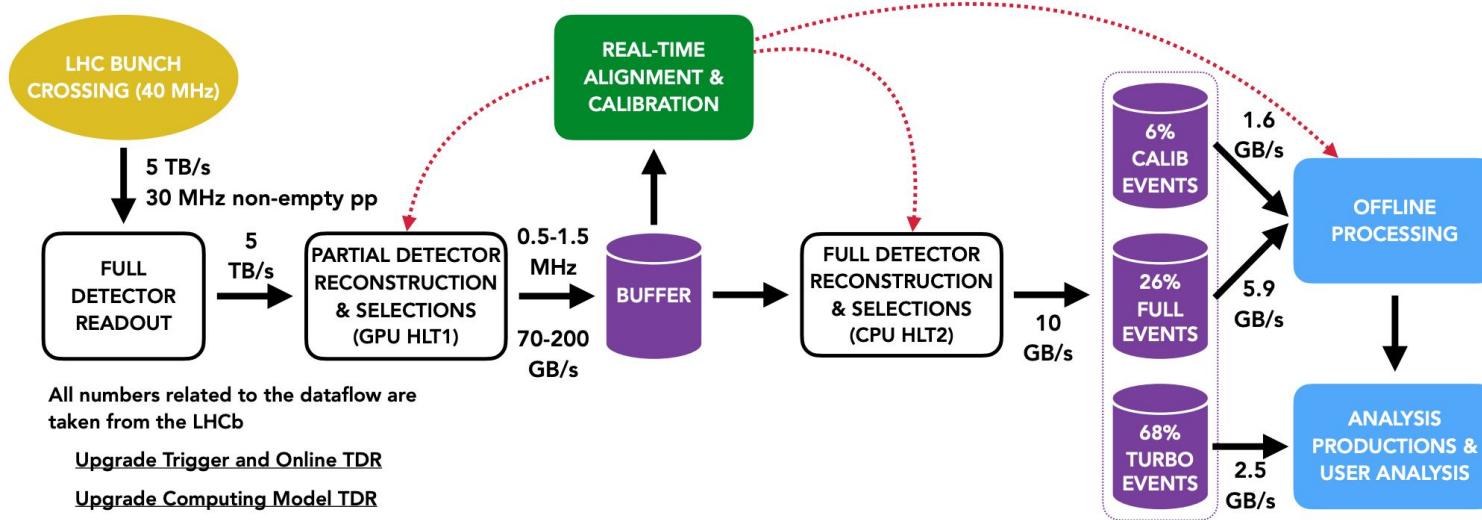


# The LHCb detector



- Major changes include a new tracking system and the fully software-based trigger system
- Increased sensitivity to flavour physics channels of interest but also a capability for triggering on other signatures like Long Lived Particles (LLPs). Turning the LHCb into a general purpose detector in the forward region

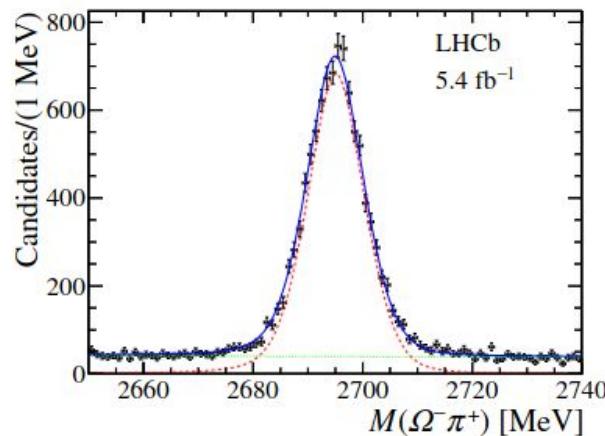
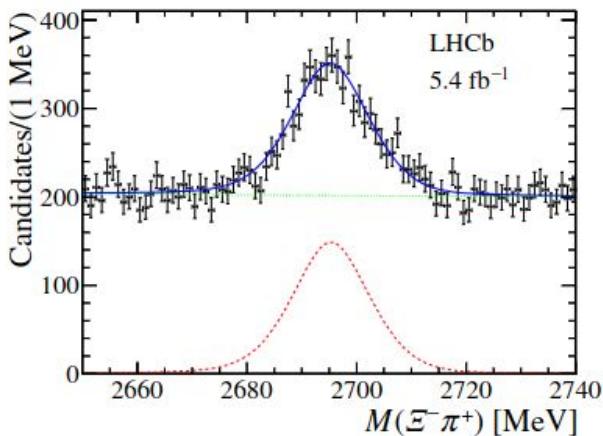
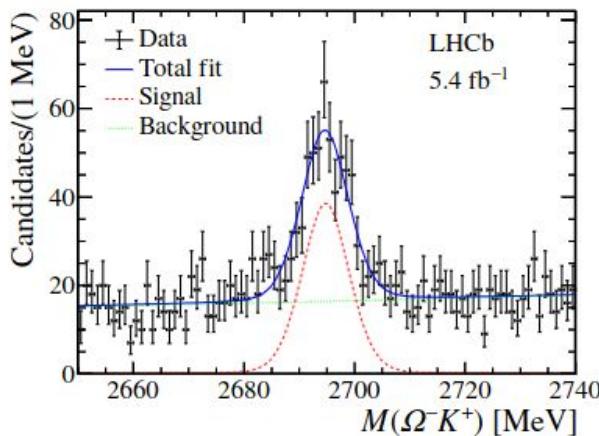
# The LHCb detector



- Hardware trigger L0 has been completely removed
- HLT1 implemented on GPUs
  - Rate reduction 30 MHz → 1 MHz (70-200 GB/s)
  - Partial reconstruction, real time calibration and alignment
- HLT2 implemented on CPUs
  - Output rate 10 GB/s
  - Trigger lines rely on offline quality reconstructed objects.
  - Full Reconstruction and selection.

# Observation of $\Omega_c^0$ decays into two-body hadronic modes

First observation of singly Cabibbo-suppressed  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- K^+$  and  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$



[arXiv:2308.08512v1]

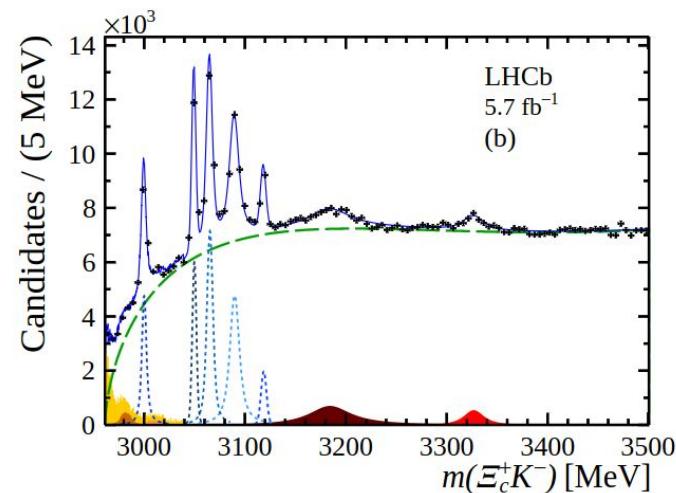
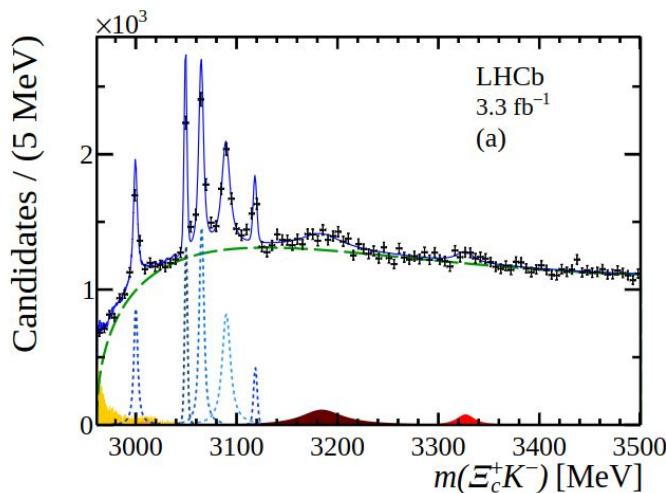
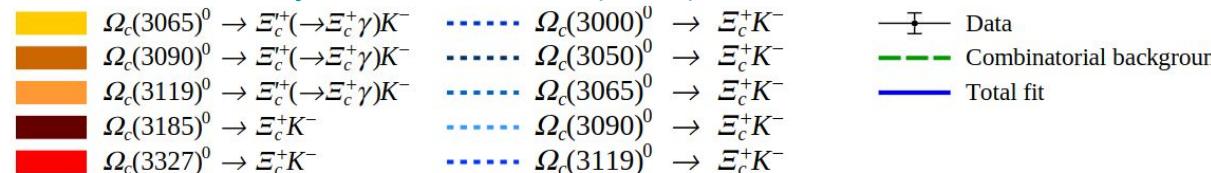
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)} &= 0.0608 \pm 0.0051 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.0040 \text{ (syst)}, \\ \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)} &= 0.1581 \pm 0.0087 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.0043 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.0016 \text{ (ext)}.\end{aligned}$$

Measurement of the  $\Omega_c^0$  mass using the decay  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$   
 $M(\Omega_c^0) = 2695.28 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.27 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.30 \text{ (ext)} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

# New $\Omega_c^0$ states decaying to the $\Xi_c^+ K^-$ final state

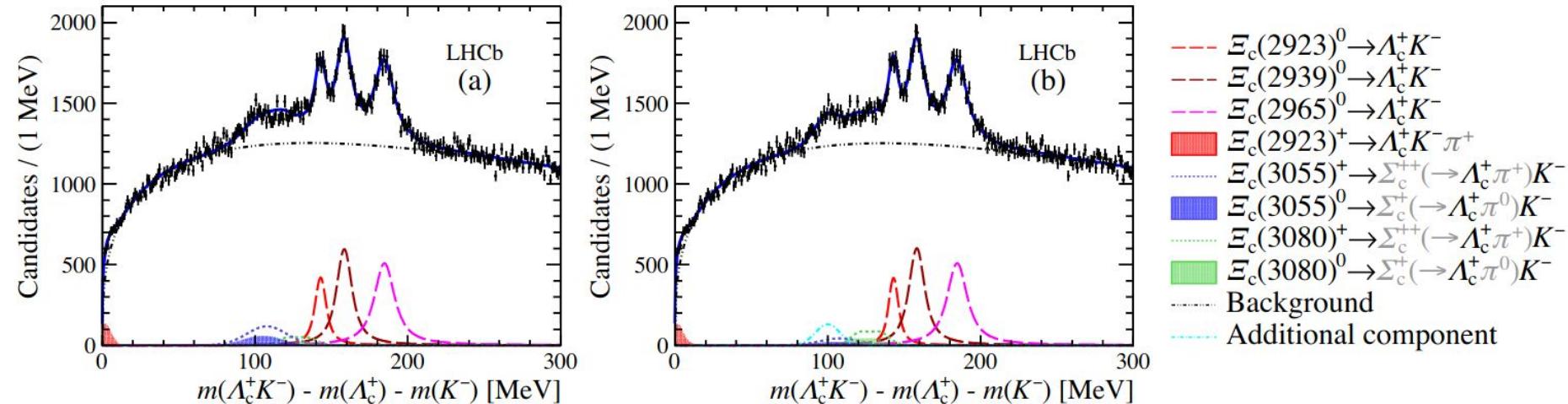
Two new excited states  $\Omega_c(3185)^0$  and  $\Omega_c(3327)^0$  observed and five previously observed states are confirmed  $\Omega_c(3000)^0$ ,  $\Omega_c(3050)^0$ ,  $\Omega_c(3065)^0$ ,  $\Omega_c(3090)^0$ , and  $\Omega_c(3119)^0$

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 131902](#)



# New $\Xi_c^0$ baryons decaying to $\Lambda_c^+ K^-$ decays

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, \(2020\) 222001](#)

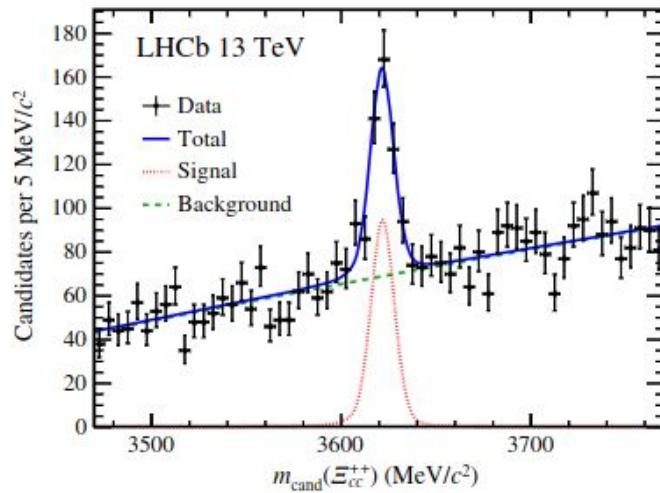


Two new  $\Xi_c(2923)^0$  and  $\Xi_c(2939)^0$  states found. The  $\Xi_c(2965)^0$  is very close to the known  $\Xi_c(2970)^0$  but with significantly different natural width and mass

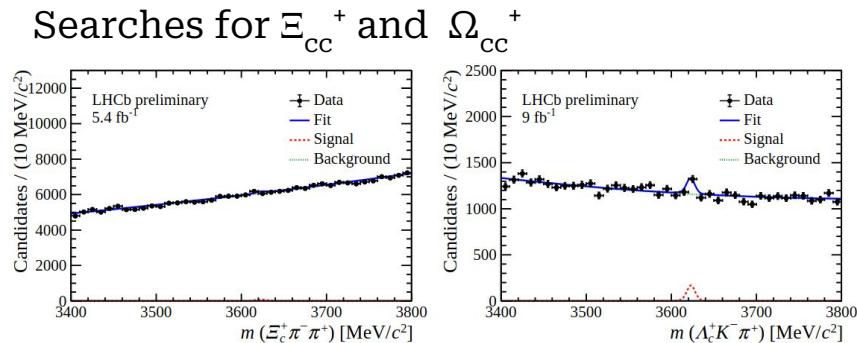
Resonance	Peak of $\Delta M$ [MeV]	Mass [MeV]	$\Gamma$ [MeV]
$\Xi_c(2923)^0$	$142.91 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.20$	$2923.04 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.14$	$7.1 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.8$
$\Xi_c(2939)^0$	$158.45 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.17$	$2938.55 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.14$	$10.2 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.1$
$\Xi_c(2965)^0$	$184.75 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.14$	$2964.88 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.14$	$14.1 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.3$

# Doubly charmed baryons at LHCb

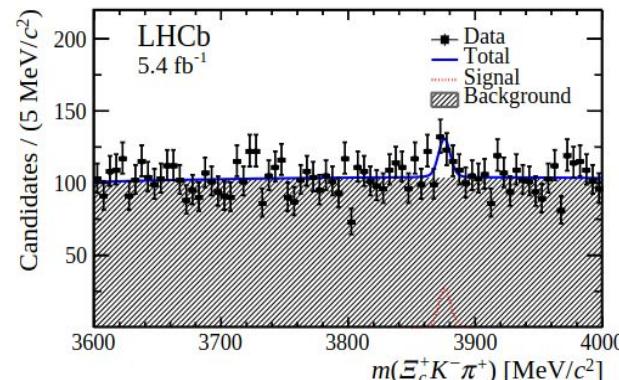
In 2017 LHCb reported the first observation of the doubly charmed baryon  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  in the  $\Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$  final state was announced by the LHCb collaboration



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 112001](#)



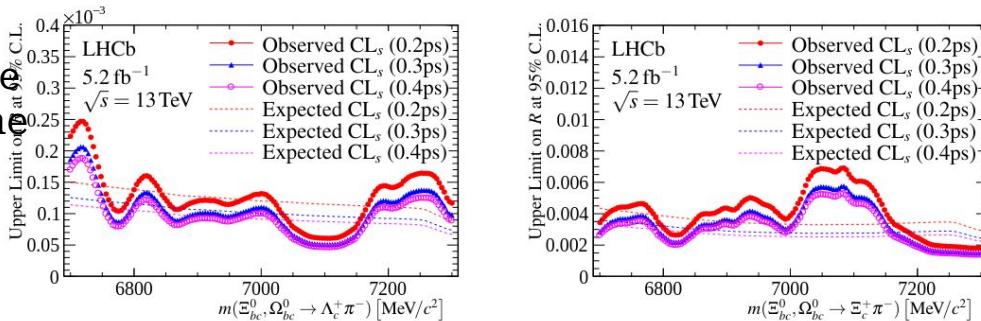
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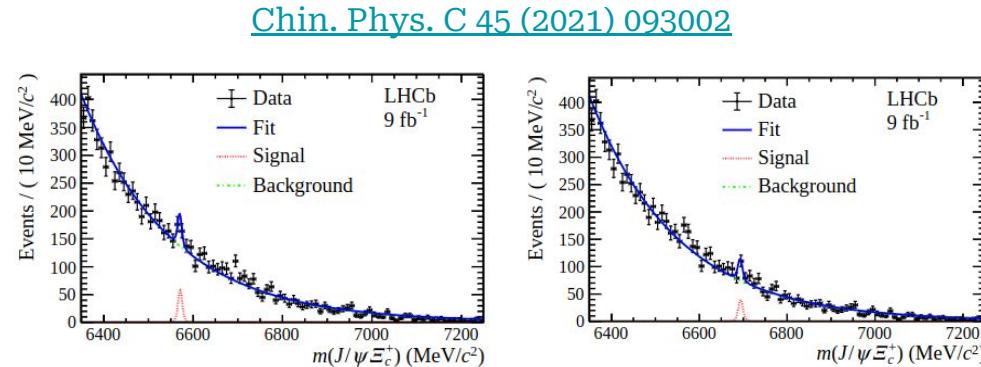
[Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astron. 12, \(2021\) 107](#)

# Searches of beauty-charm baryons

- **$\Xi_{bc}^0$  and  $\Omega_{bc}^0$  decays to  $\Lambda_c^+\pi^-$  and  $\Xi_c^+\pi^-$**   
No evidence is found. Limits are set on the ratio of production cross-section times the branching fraction wrt to the control channels at 95% CL for different lifetime hypothesis



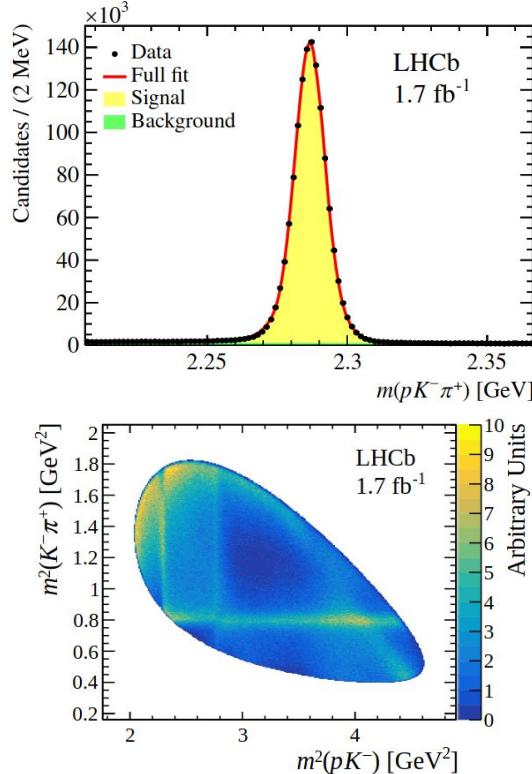
- **$\Xi_{bc}^+$  decaying to  $J/\psi \Xi_c^+$**   
Two peaking structures are seen with a local (global) significance of 4.3 (2.8) and 4.1 (2.4)



[Chin. Phys. C 47 \(2023\) 093001](#)

# Amplitude analysis of $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+$ polarization

Model Dependent Amplitude Analysis of semileptonic (SL)  $\Lambda_c^+$  decays and polarization measurement of  $\Lambda_c^+$

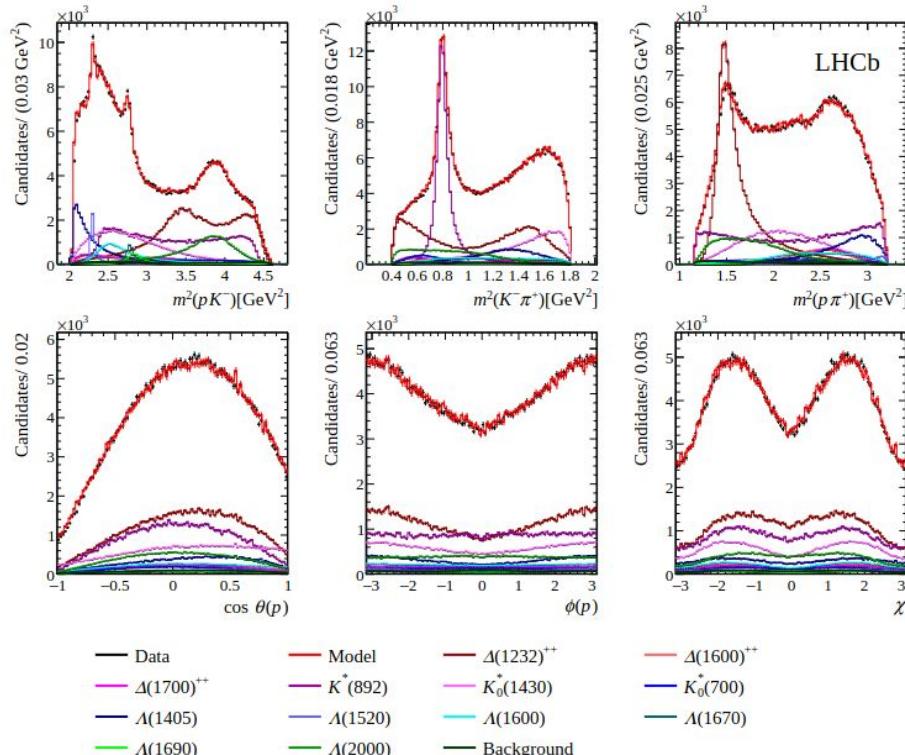


Resonance	$J^P$	Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)
$\Lambda(1405)$	$1/2^-$	1405.1	50.5
$\Lambda(1520)$	$3/2^-$	1515–1523	10–20
$\Lambda(1600)$	$1/2^+$	1630	250
$\Lambda(1670)$	$1/2^-$	1670	30
$\Lambda(1690)$	$3/2^-$	1690	70
$\Lambda(2000)$	$1/2^-$	1900–2100	20–400
$\Delta(1232)^{++}$	$3/2^+$	1232	117
$\Delta(1600)^{++}$	$3/2^+$	1640	300
$\Delta(1700)^{++}$	$3/2^-$	1690	380
$K_0^*(700)$	$0^+$	824	478
$K^*(892)$	$1^-$	895.5	47.3
$K_0^*(1430)$	$0^+$	1375	190

[Phys. Rev. D 108 \(2023\) 012023](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.108.012023)

# Amplitude analysis of $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+$ polarization

Large sensitivity of the  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$  decay to the polarization



Distributions in the *lab system*

Component	Value (%)
$P_x$ ( <i>lab</i> )	$60.32 \pm 0.68 \pm 0.98 \pm 0.21$
$P_y$ ( <i>lab</i> )	$-0.41 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.07$
$P_z$ ( <i>lab</i> )	$-24.7 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.1$
$P_x$ ( $\tilde{B}$ )	$21.65 \pm 0.68 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.15$
$P_y$ ( $\tilde{B}$ )	$1.08 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.08$
$P_z$ ( $\tilde{B}$ )	$-66.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.1$

Measured  $\Lambda_c^+$  polarization components

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# $\Lambda_c^+$ polarimetry

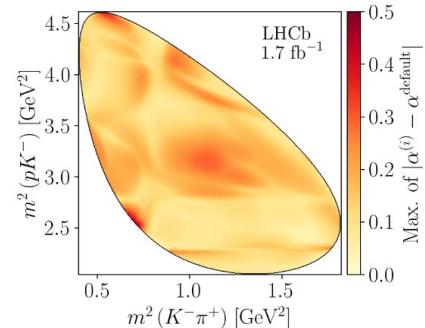
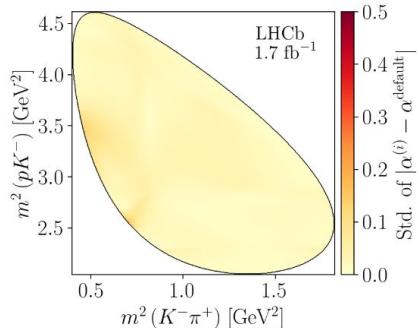
The differential decay rate in a polarized decay

$$\frac{\Phi}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\Phi} \propto 1 + \vec{P} \cdot \vec{h}$$

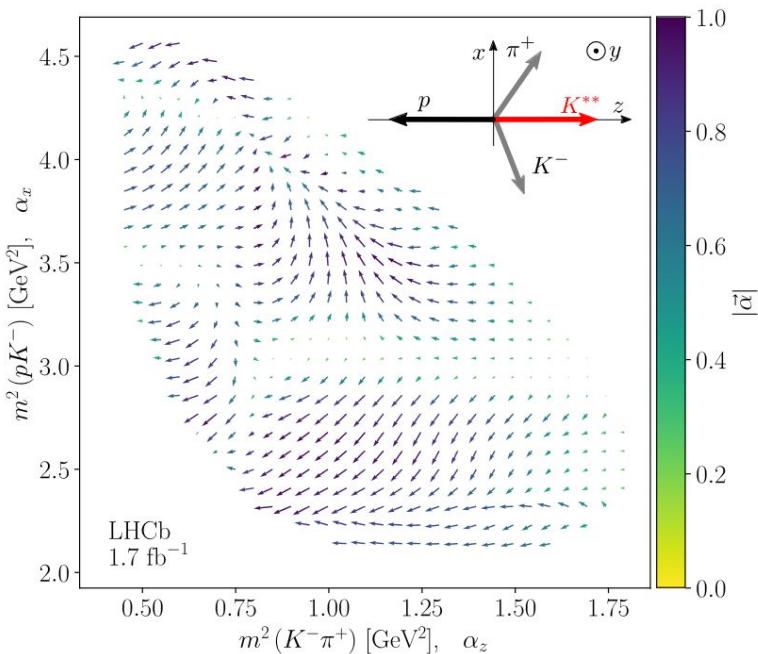
$\vec{P}$  is the polarization vector and  $\vec{h}$  the polarimeter vector

Dependence of the polarimeter vector on the decay plane can be factored out by a rotation

$$\vec{h} = R(\phi, \theta, \chi) \vec{\alpha}$$



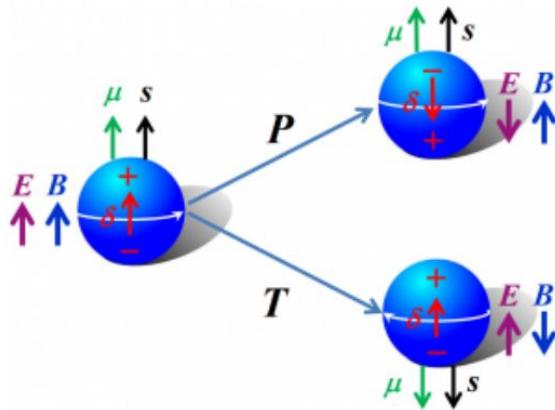
Use amplitude model found to compute the aligned polarimeter vector  $\vec{\alpha}$



[JHEP07\(2023\)228](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP07(2023)228)

# EDM/MDM of charm baryons at LHC

Electric and magnetic dipole moments of spin-½ particles



$$\delta = d\mu_N \frac{\mathbf{S}}{2} \quad \mu = g\mu_N \frac{\mathbf{S}}{2}$$

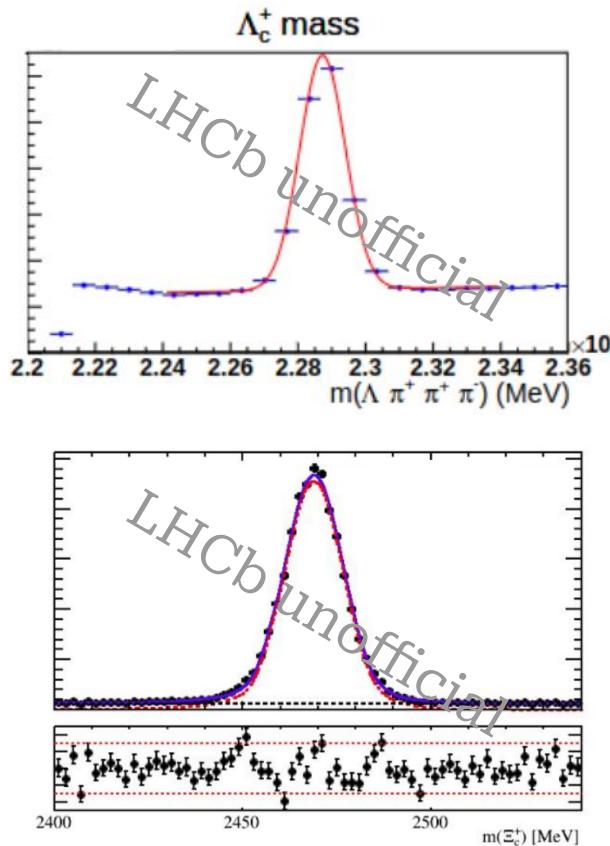
$$H = -\delta \cdot \mathbf{E} - \mu \cdot \mathbf{B} \xrightarrow{P,T} H = +\delta \cdot E - \mu \cdot B$$

A non-zero **EDM** indicates violation of P and T symmetry  
→ **CP violation**

Measurement of the **MDM** for particle and antiparticle provides a test for the **CPT theorem** and **low energy QCD models**

Unique opportunity for charm baryons produced in a fixed target experiment with bent crystals.  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$  and  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^-\pi^+\pi^+$  are golden modes  
[PRD 103, 072003 (2021)]

# Amplitude analysis and polarimetry of charm baryons



Amplitude analysis and polarization measurements ongoing on several other charm baryon decay channels

- $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

# Summary

- With Run 1 and Run 2 data LHCb has made the first observation of many new states and performed high precision measurements on many heavy flavour observables
- In the recent years several new charm baryon states have been observed or confirmed and improved limits on searches for other exotic doubly charm and beauty-charm baryon have been performed
- Still several other amplitude analyses and polarisation measurements with charm baryons using Run 2 data to come
- LHCb Upgrade detector will improve sensitivity to charm baryon decays, in particular for channels with intermediate LLPs and a higher luminosity will improve current measurements

# Back up