

Open-flavor tetraquarks from LHCb

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Experiment



LHCb@CERN: heavy flavor quarks factory

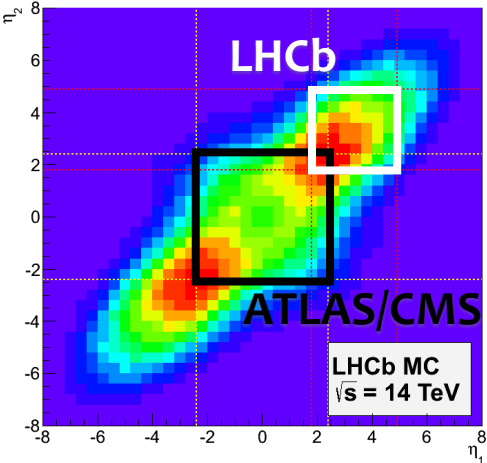
One of four large experiments at LHC

LHCb has the largest production cross-sections of b - and c -hadrons ever

$$\sigma(bb) \approx 600\mu\text{b} @ 14\text{TeV}$$

$$\sigma(cc) \approx 20 \times \sigma(bb) \text{ in } pp \text{ collisions}$$

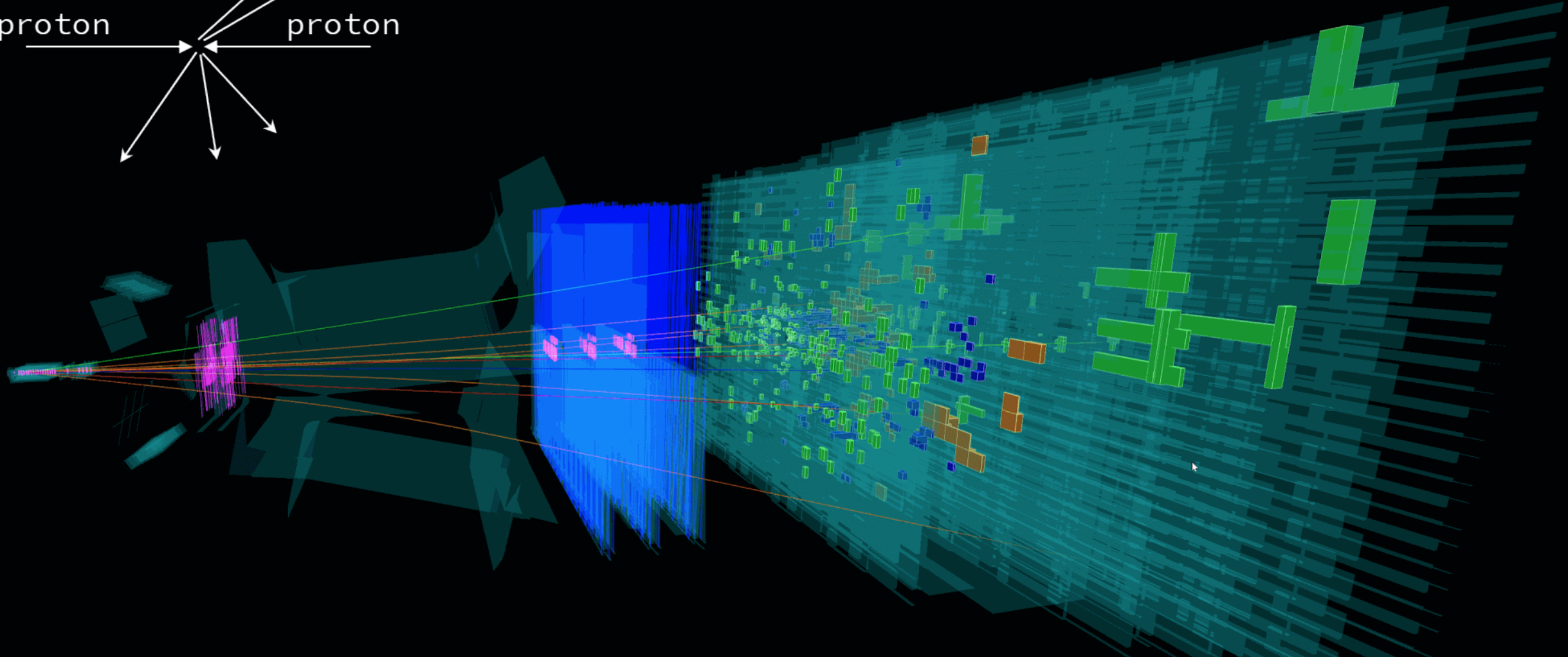
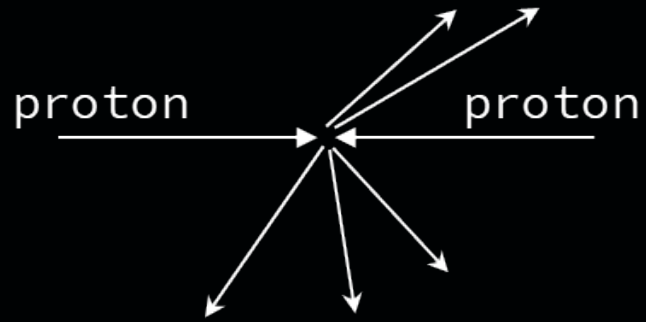
High track multiplicity



b-quark product cross-section



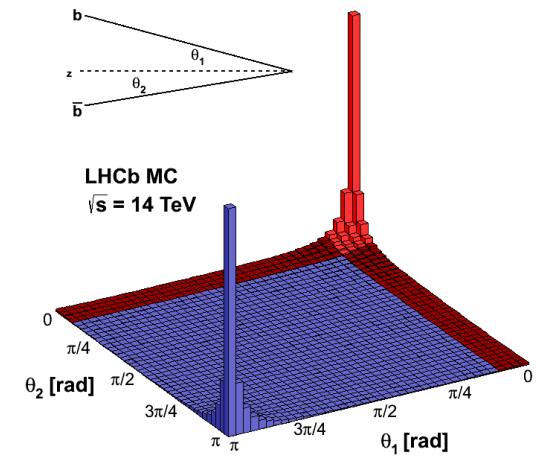
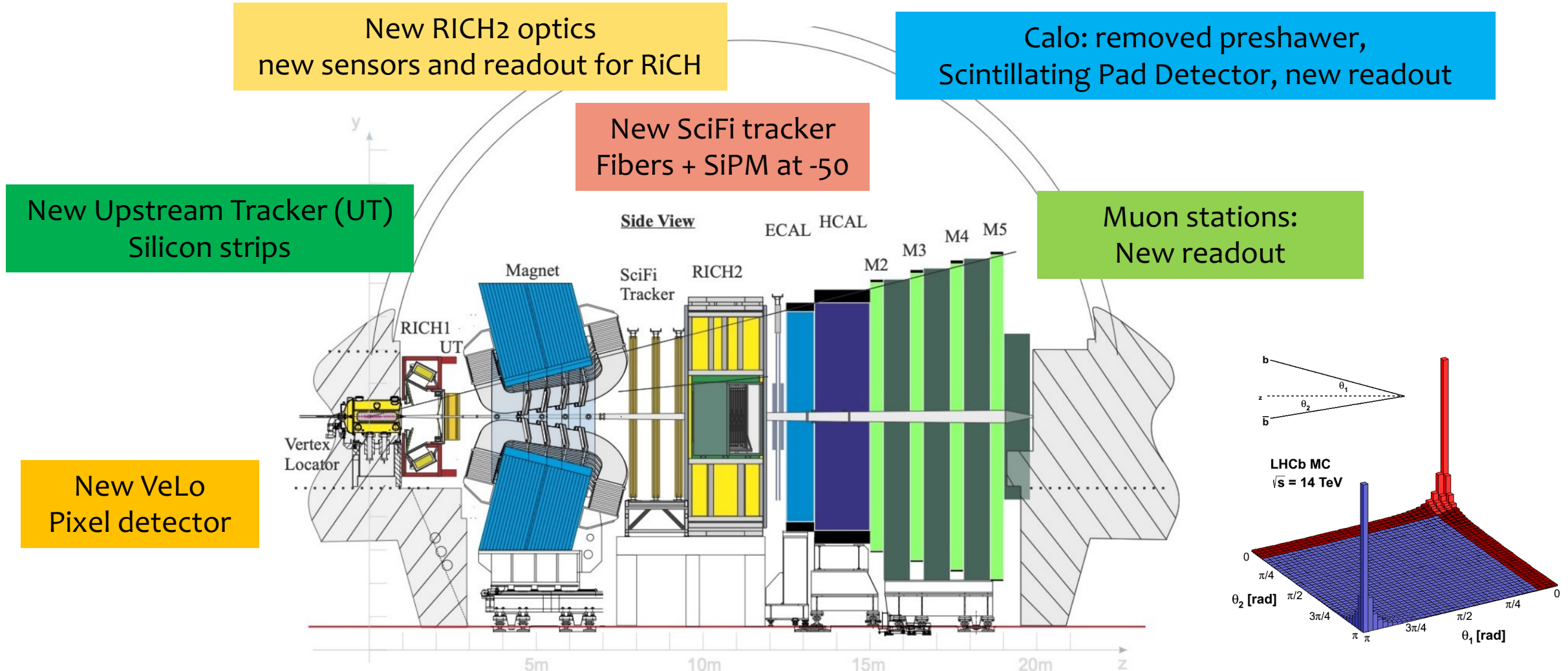
The LHCb experiment



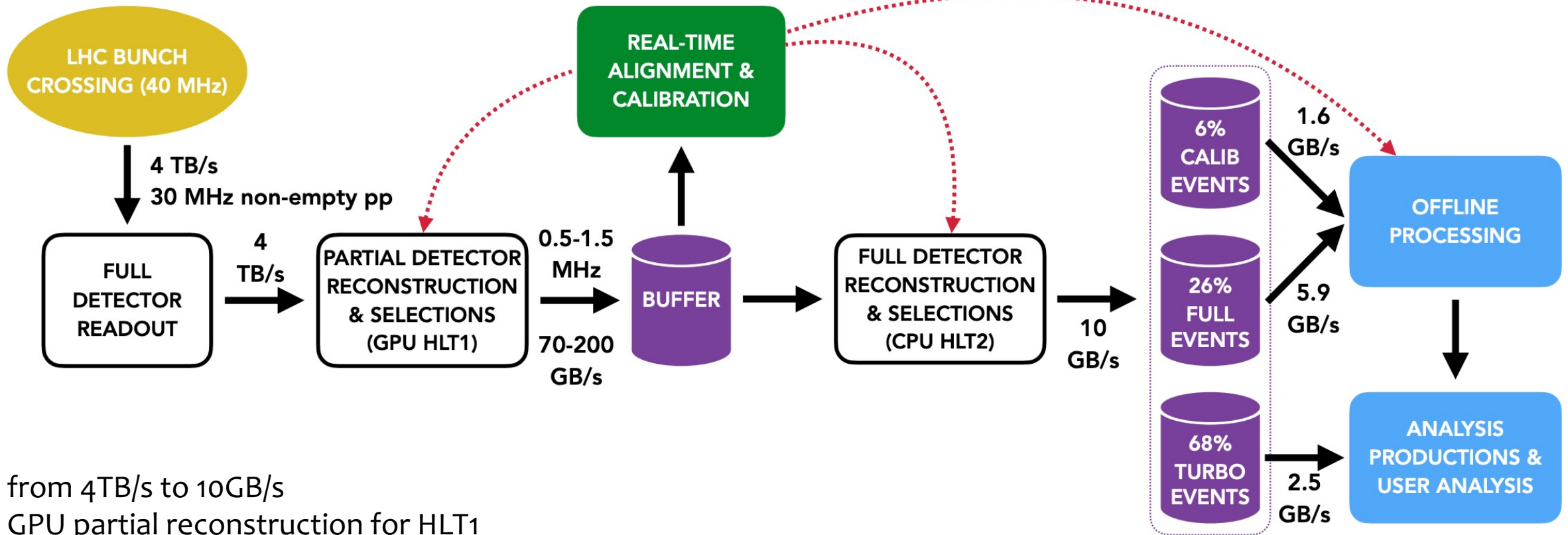
VeLo RICH1 Tracker Magnet RICH2 Tracker Calorimeters Muon stations

Upgraded detector

Software only trigger



Trigger



from 4TB/s to 10GB/s

GPU partial reconstruction for HLT1

CPU full reconstruction for HLT2

Data taking at LHCb

Run 1: (2011-2012):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ @ } 7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ @ } 8 \text{ TeV}$$

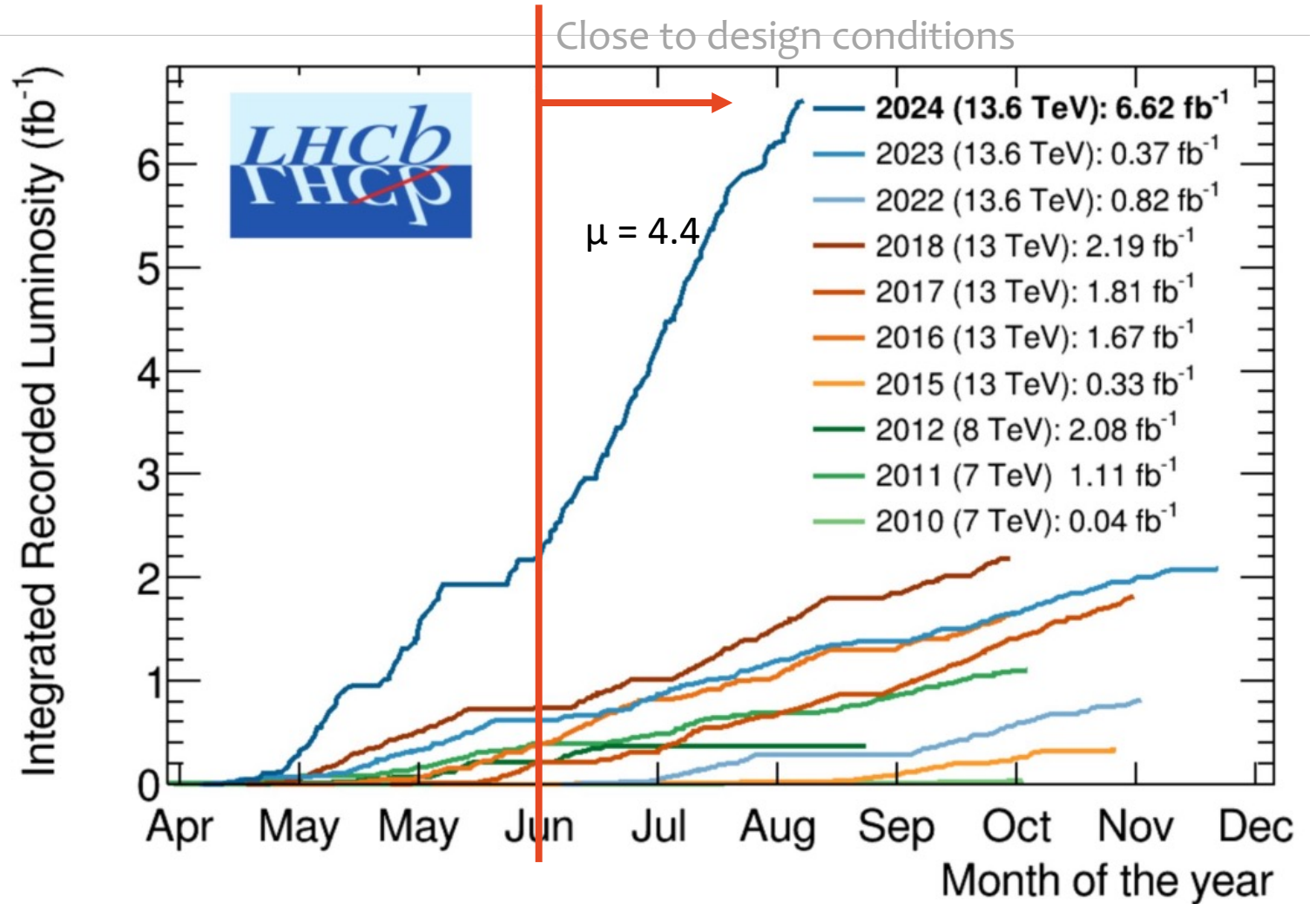
Run 2: (2015-2018):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 6 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ @ } 13 \text{ TeV}$$

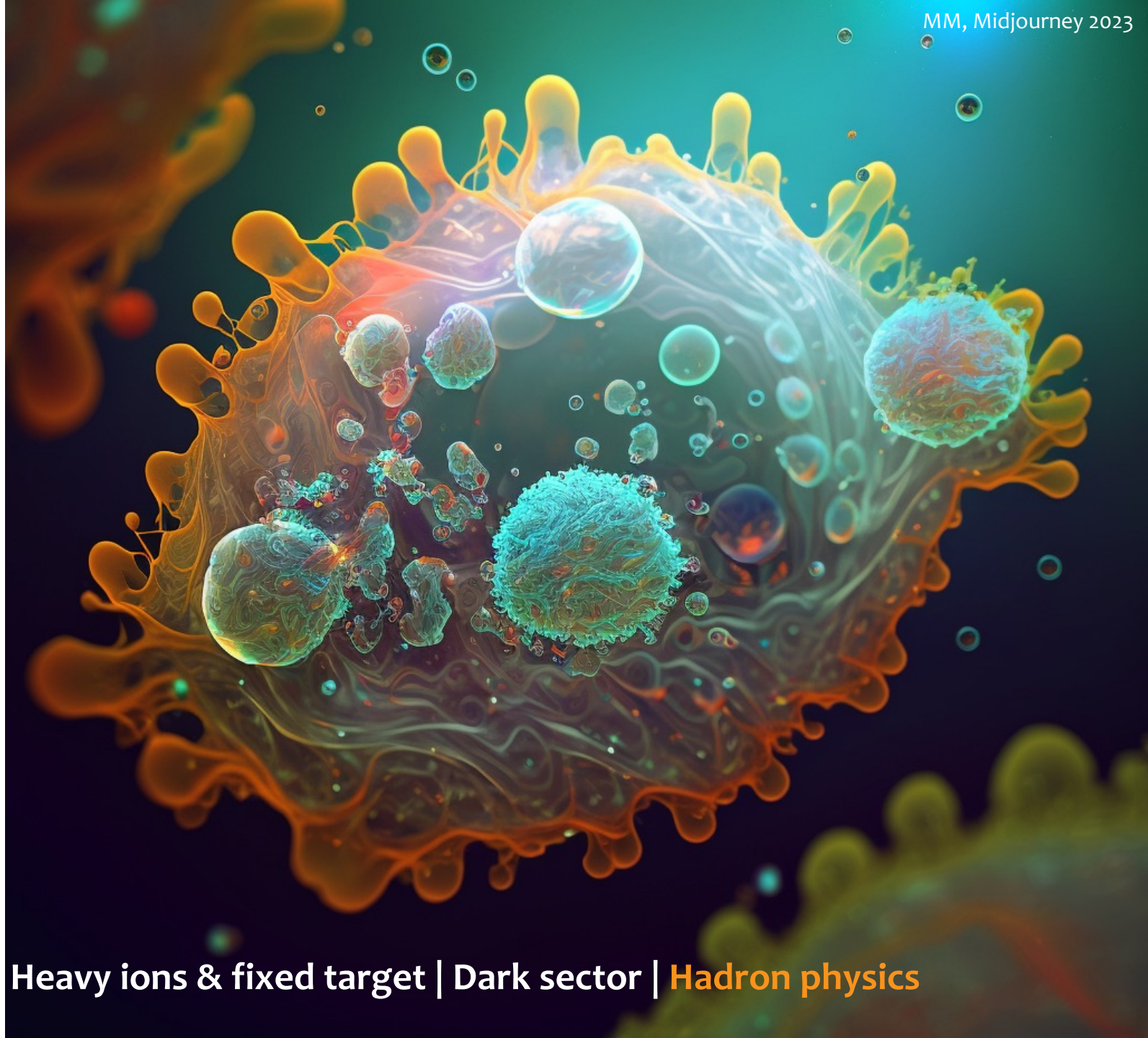
Run 3: (2022-2026):

rapidly growing @ 13.6 TeV
nominal $\mu = 5.5$

Target of 7 fb^{-1} is archived in September



Physics



CP violation | Rare decays | Electroweak | Heavy ions & fixed target | Dark sector | **Hadron physics**

Possible configurations of hadrons

Conventional Quark Model: $(q\bar{q}, qqq)$

Bigger Quark Model $(q\bar{q}q\bar{q}, qqqq\bar{q}, \dots)$

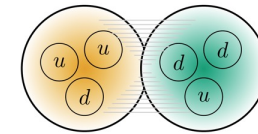
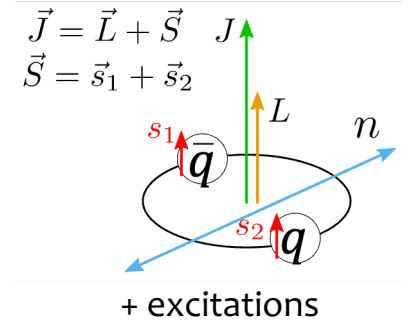
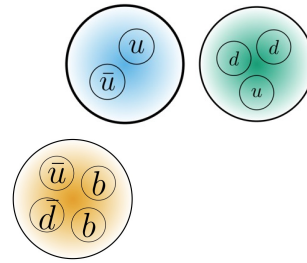
Conventional Hadronic Molecules = Nuclei: $(qqq)(qqq)$

Heavy-Flavor Hadronic Molecules: $(Qqq)(Qqq), (Q\bar{q})(Qqq), \dots$

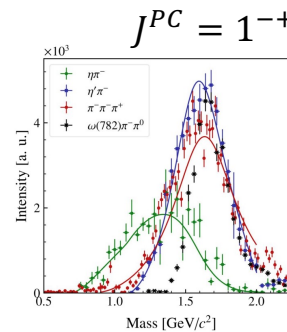
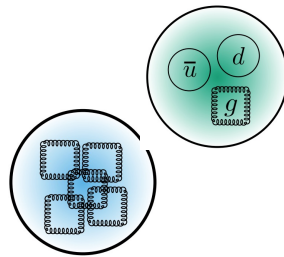
Admixed Molecules: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow (q\bar{q})(q\bar{q})$

Hybrids: $q\sim g\sim\bar{q}$

Glueballs: $g\sim g$

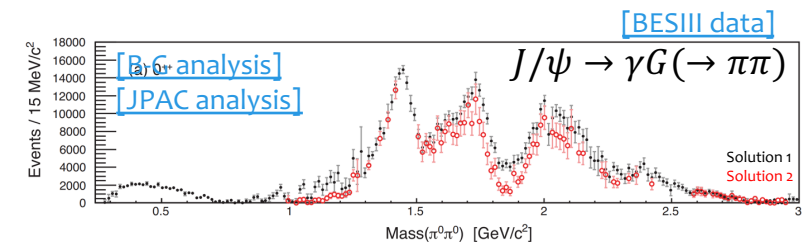


+ nuclei chart

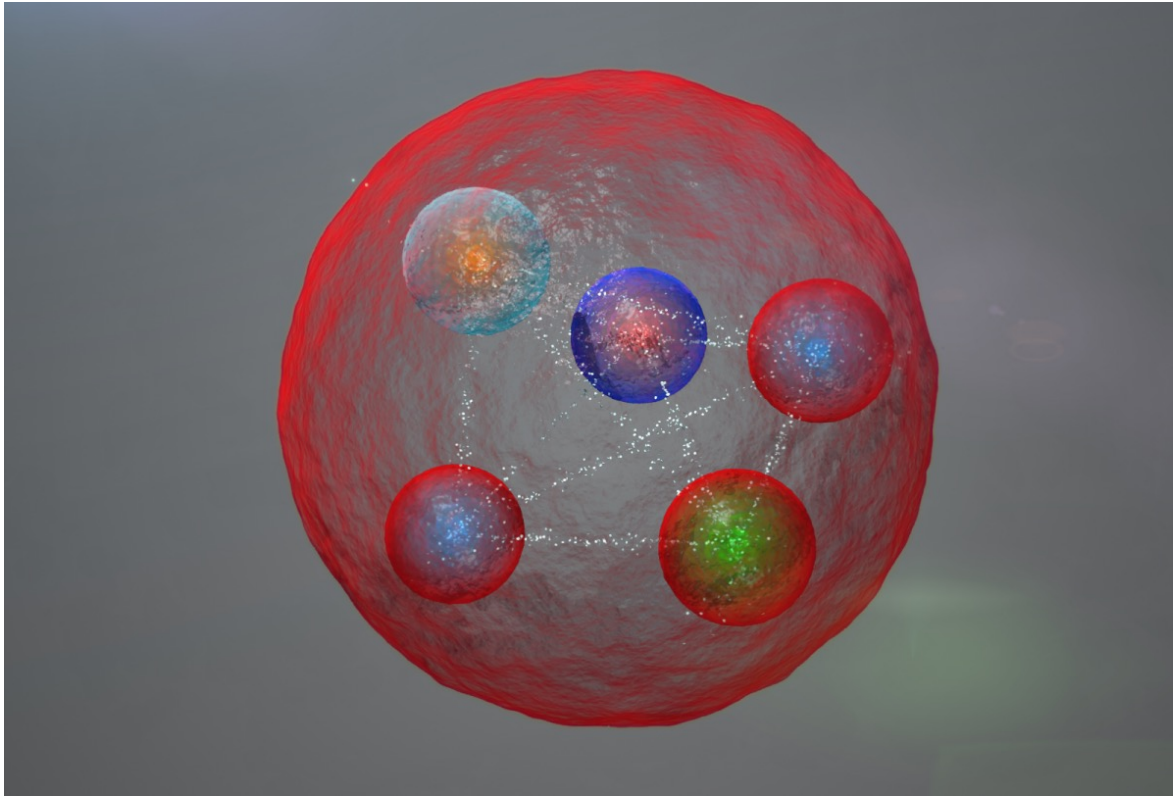


[P. Haas, HADRON2023]

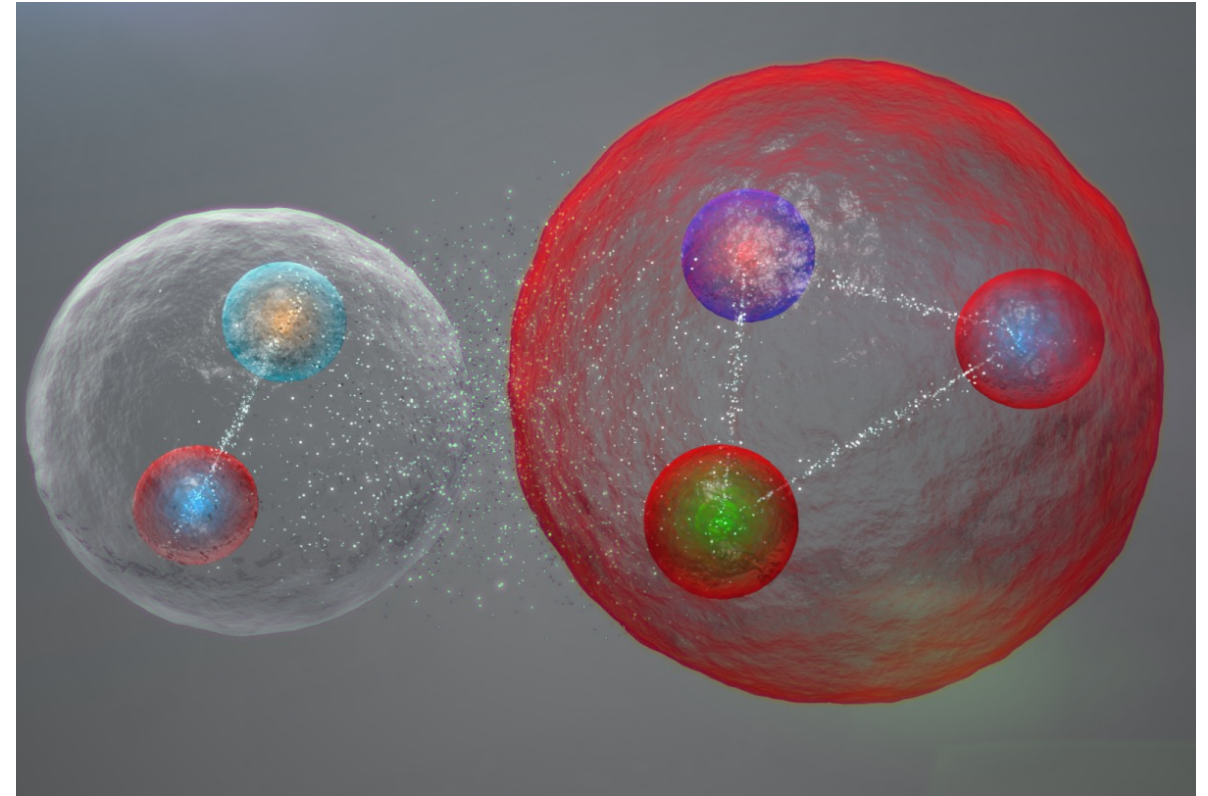
[D. Spülbeck, B3 / 194]



“Compact pentaquark”



“Hadronic molecule”

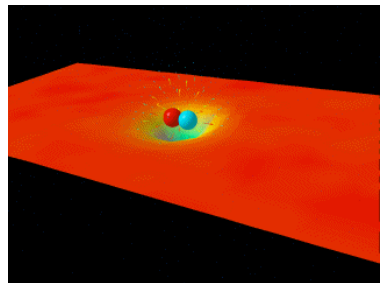
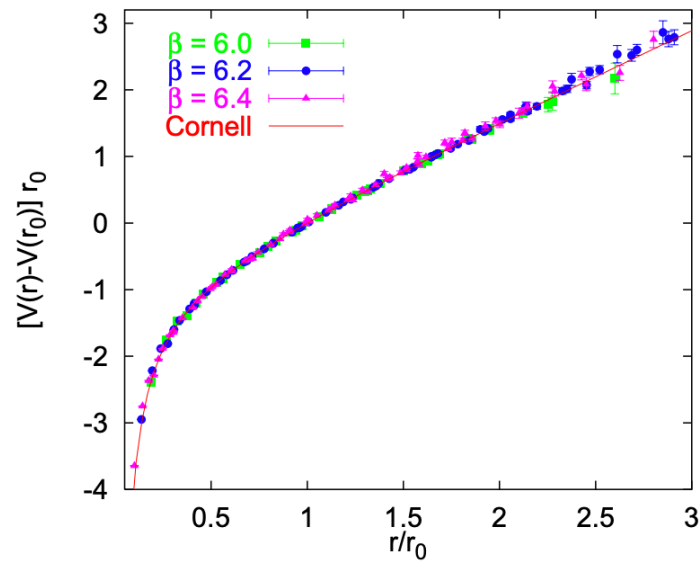


In fact, **quark-model states** are coupled to **continuum (hadron-hadron)**, and have ~100% of wave function as a molecule if near threshold.

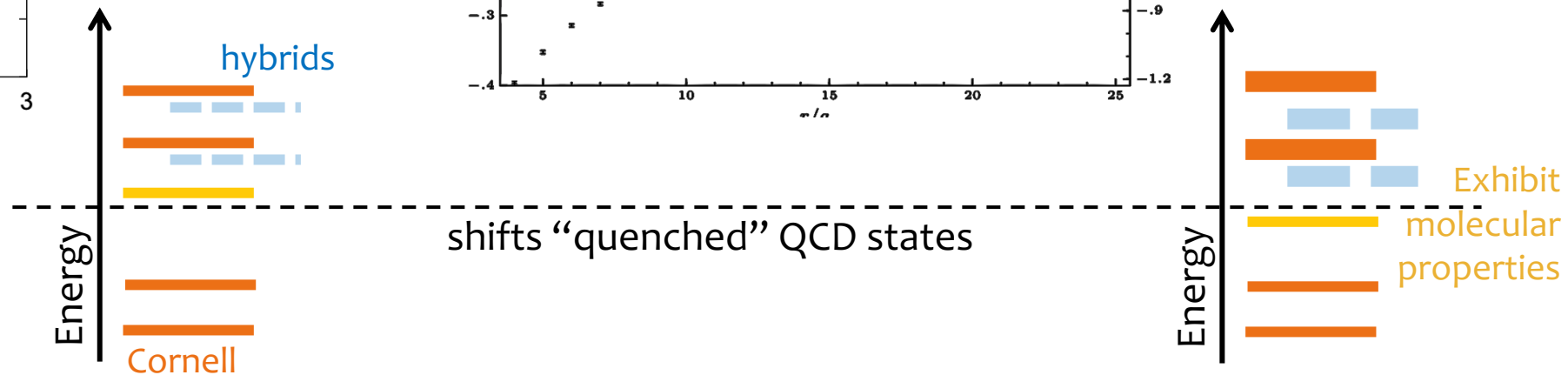
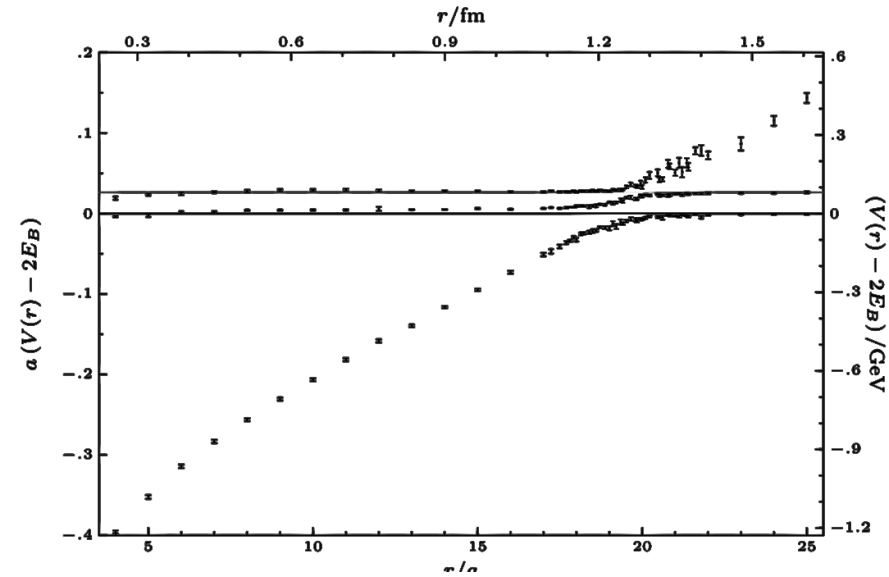
Q: does meson-exchange interaction provide sufficient binding? (molecules in absence of compact QM seed)

Effect of string breaking

The quenched potential (no breaking)



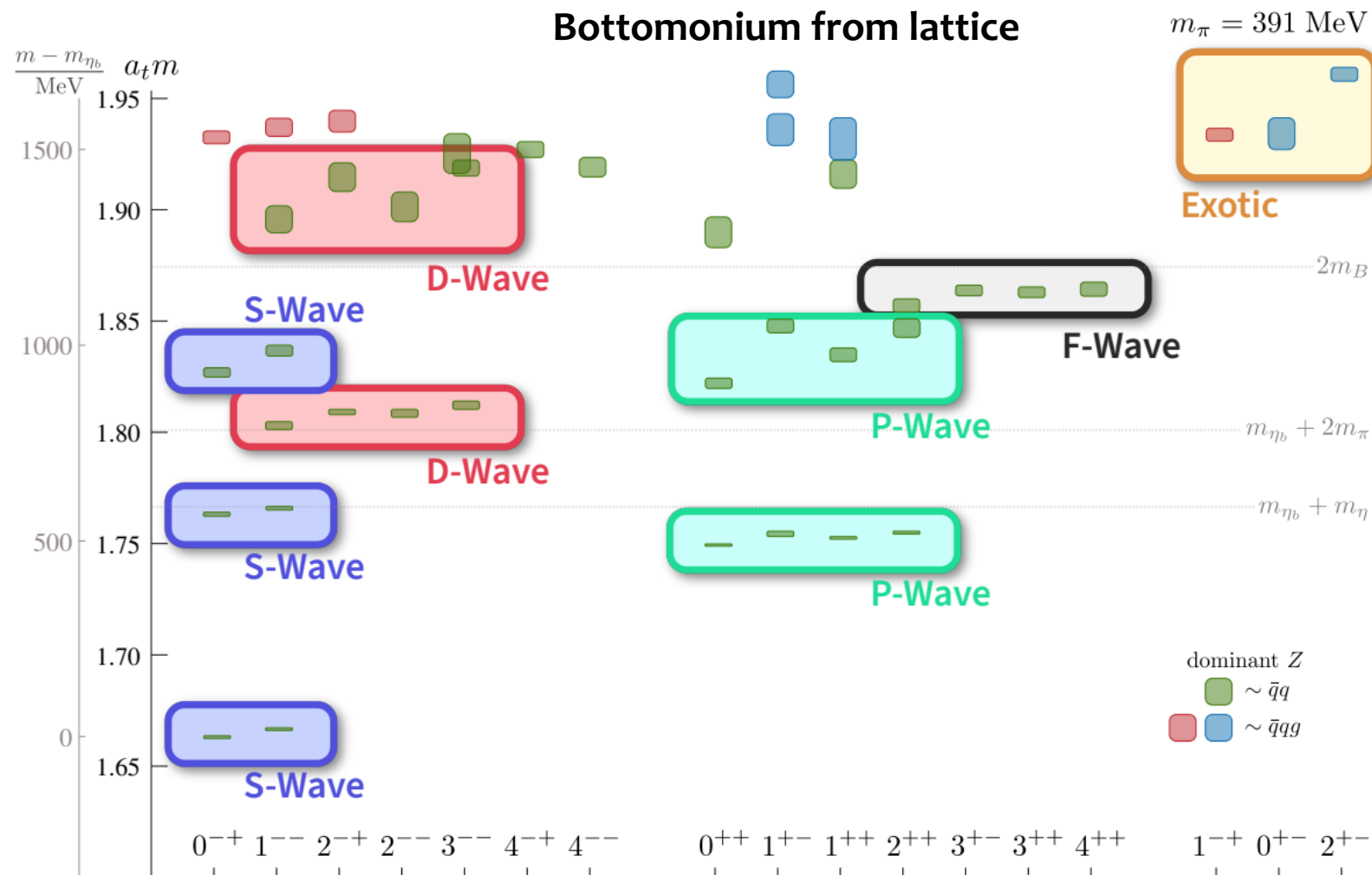
The unquenched potential (breaking)



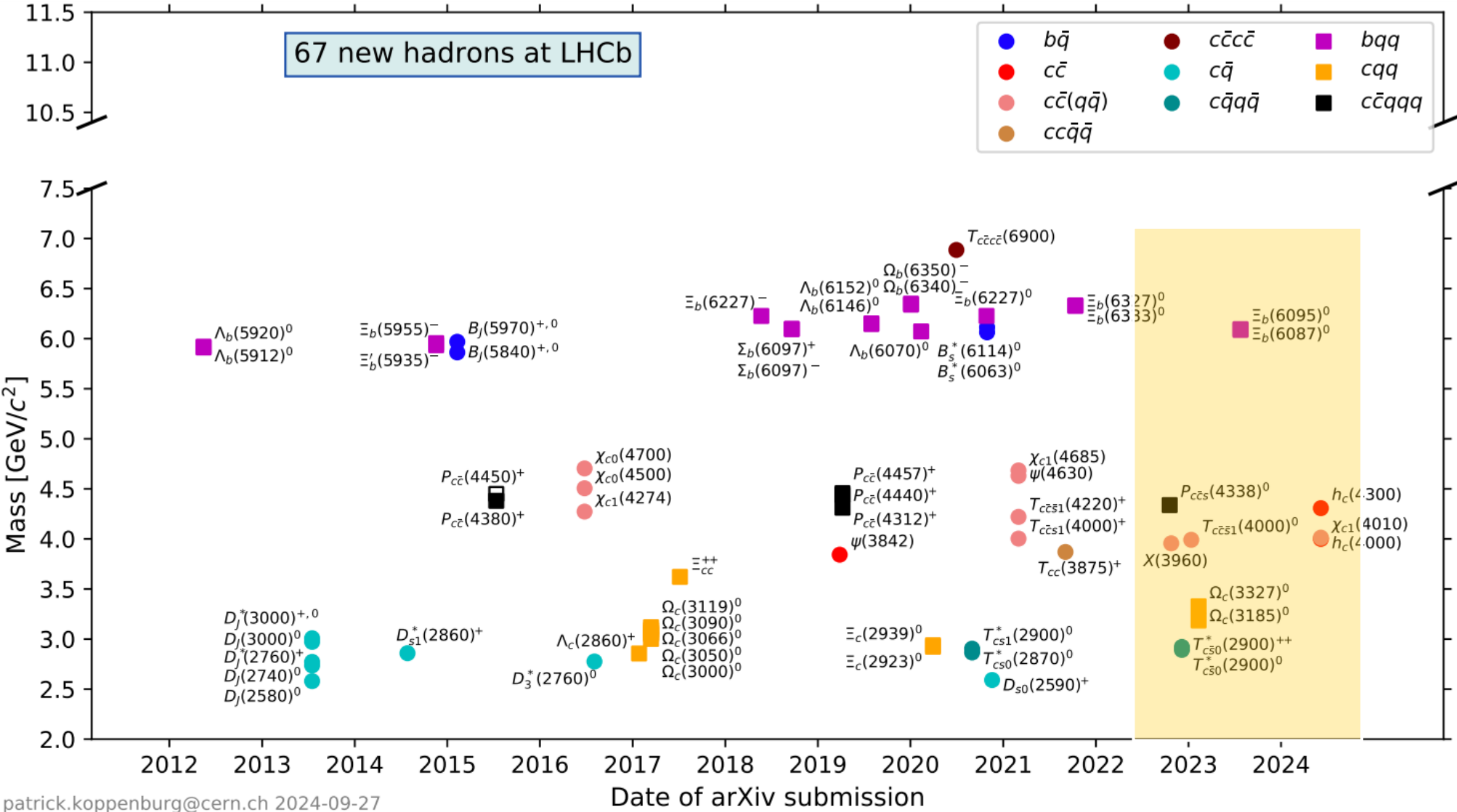
Pattern of meson excitation

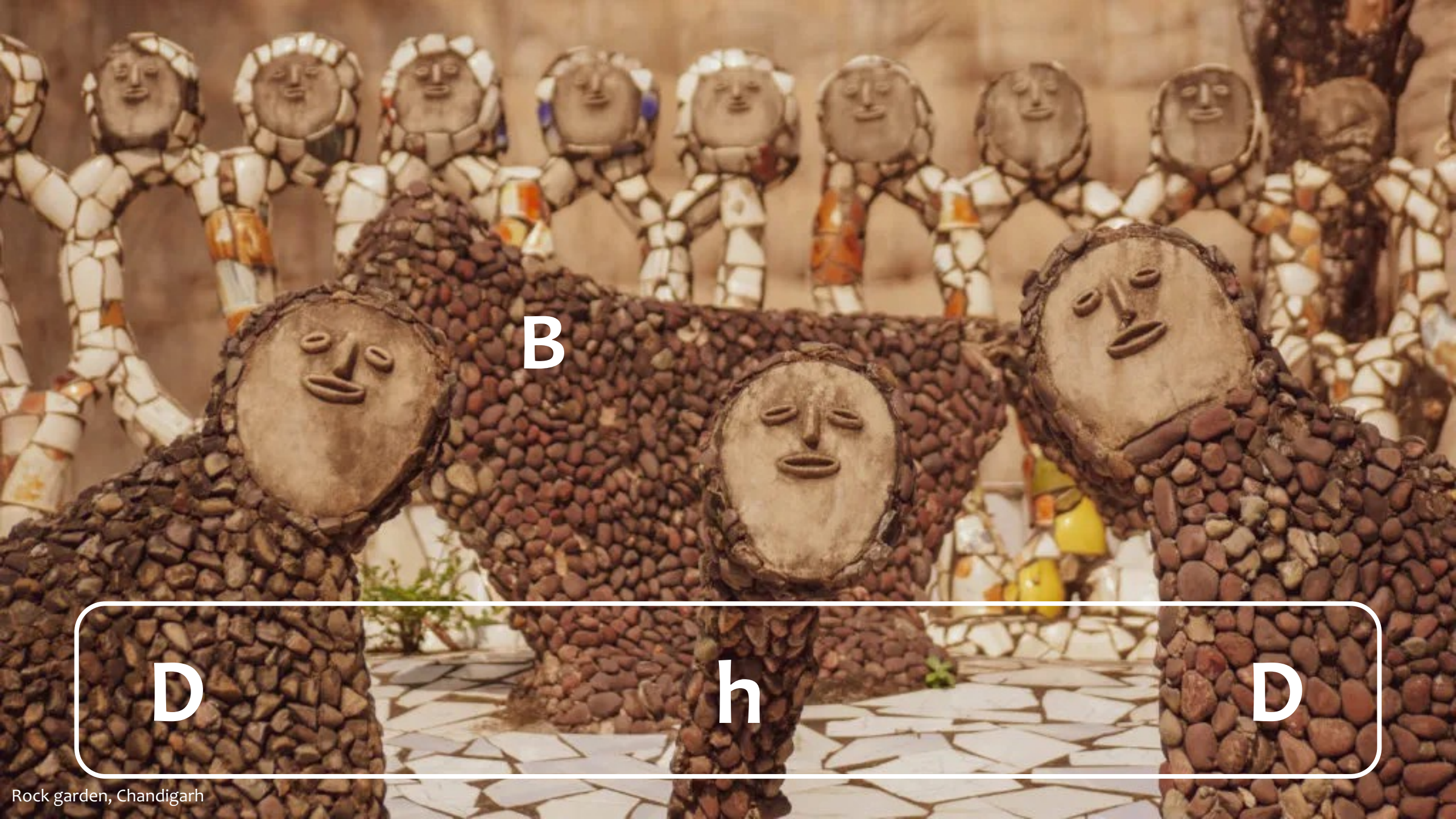
Same patten for all mesons:

- Radial excitation
- Orbital excitation
- Hyper-fine splitting within every multiplet
 - 2 line for S-wave,
 - 4lines for L>0



New particles





B

D

h

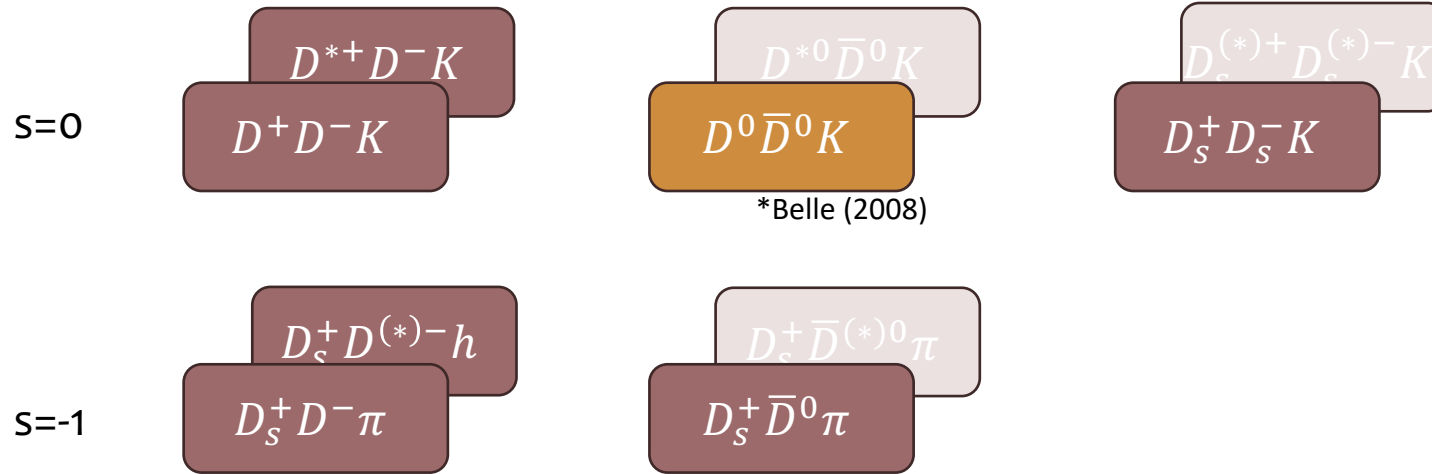
D

B → D D h studies

h is a K^\pm or π^\pm

← Isospin →

← SU(3) →



1 Studies of charmonium:

$$D^+ D^- : D^0 \bar{D}^0 : D_S^+ D_S^-$$

2. excited D states:

$$D^+ \pi^- : D_S^+ K^-$$

3. exotic $T_{c\bar{s}}$ states:

(like D_S^+ but double charged / neutral)

$$D^+ K^+ : D_S^+ \pi^+$$

4. exotic T_{cs} states:

$$D^+ K^-$$

$$T_{c\bar{s}} : T_{c\bar{s}}^0(c\bar{s}d\bar{u}), T_{c\bar{s}}^+(c\bar{s}d\bar{d}), T_{c\bar{s}}^{++}(c\bar{s}u\bar{d})$$

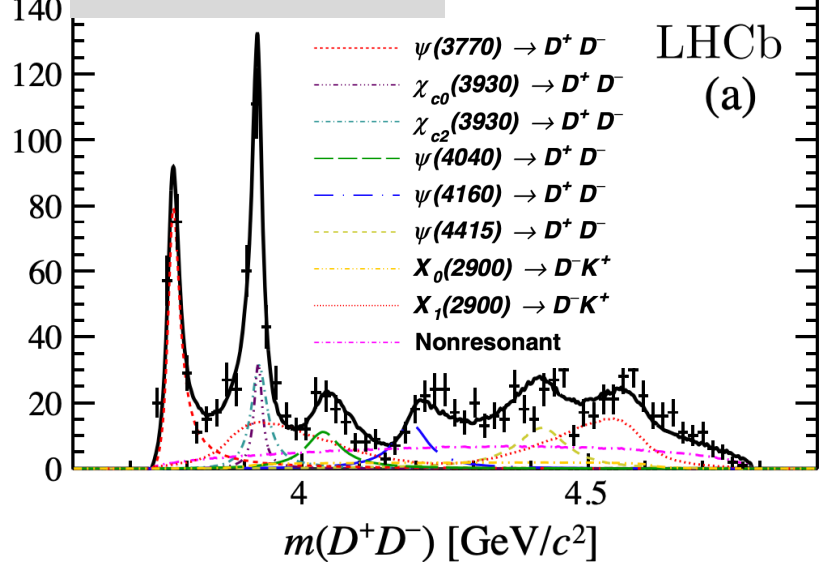
$$T_{cs} : T_{cs}^-(cs\bar{u}\bar{u}), T_{cs}^0(cs\bar{u}\bar{d}), T_{cs}^+(cs\bar{d}\bar{d}) \quad (\text{unknow isospin})$$

Charmonium

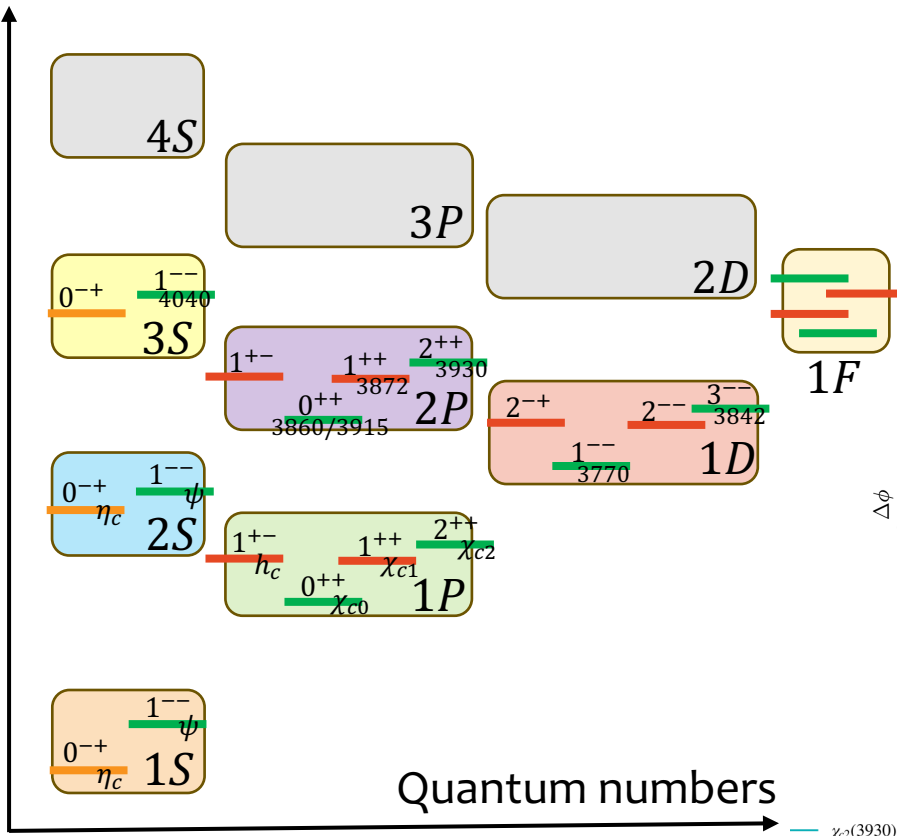
[PRD 102 (2020) 112003]

Candidates / (17.3 MeV/c²)

$B^+ \rightarrow D^+ D^- K^+$

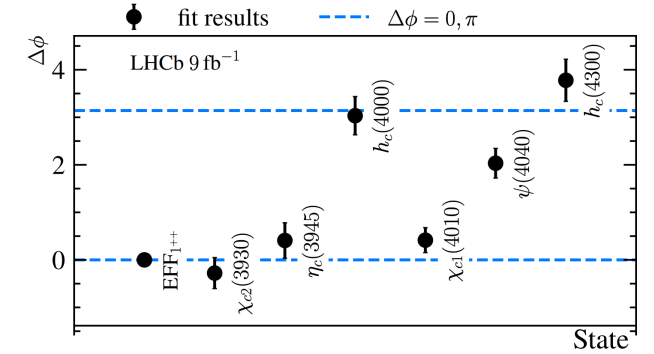


mass

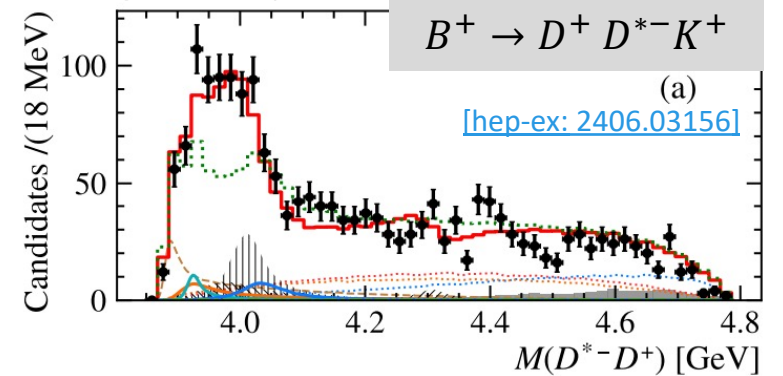
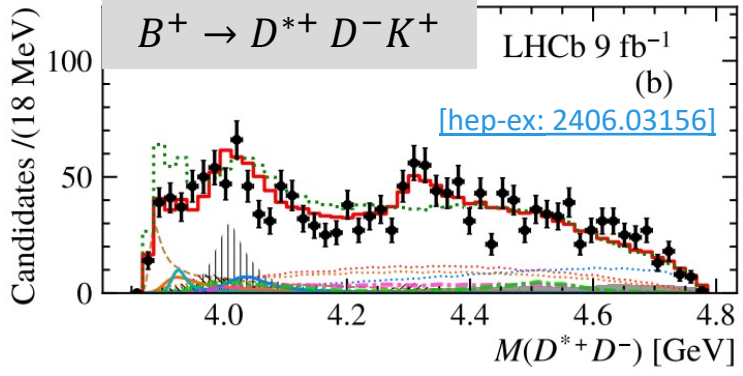
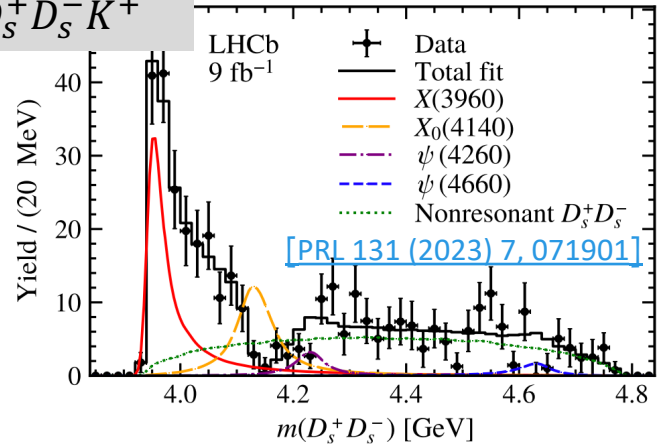


$D^+ D^-: 0^{++}, 1^{--}, 2^{++}, 3^{--}$
 $D^{*+} D^-: 1^{+x}, 0^{-x}, 1^{-x}, 2^{-x}, 2^{+x}$

$$|D^* \bar{D}\rangle = \frac{D^{*+} D^- + e^{i\Delta\phi} D^{*-} D^+}{2}$$



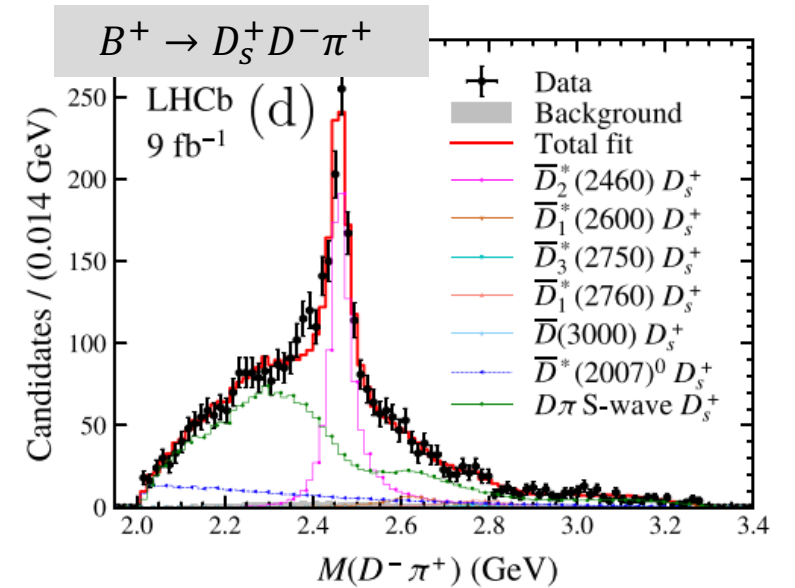
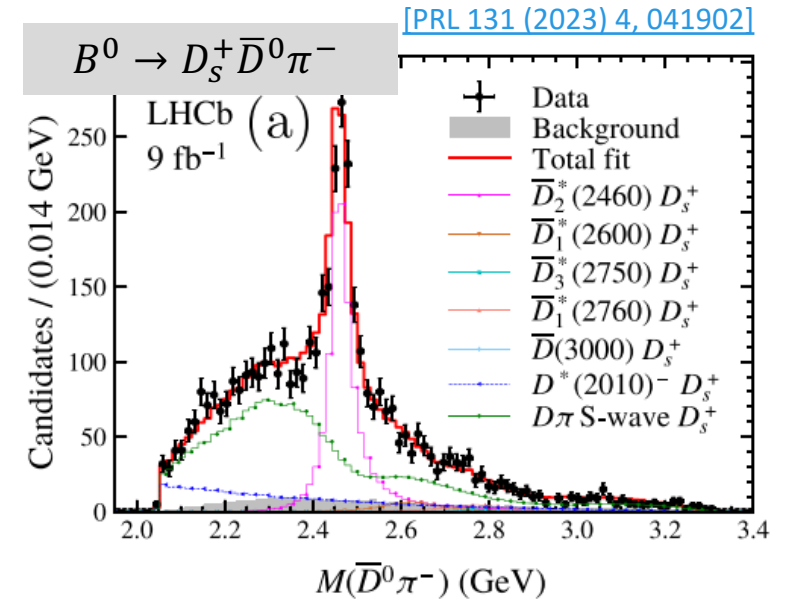
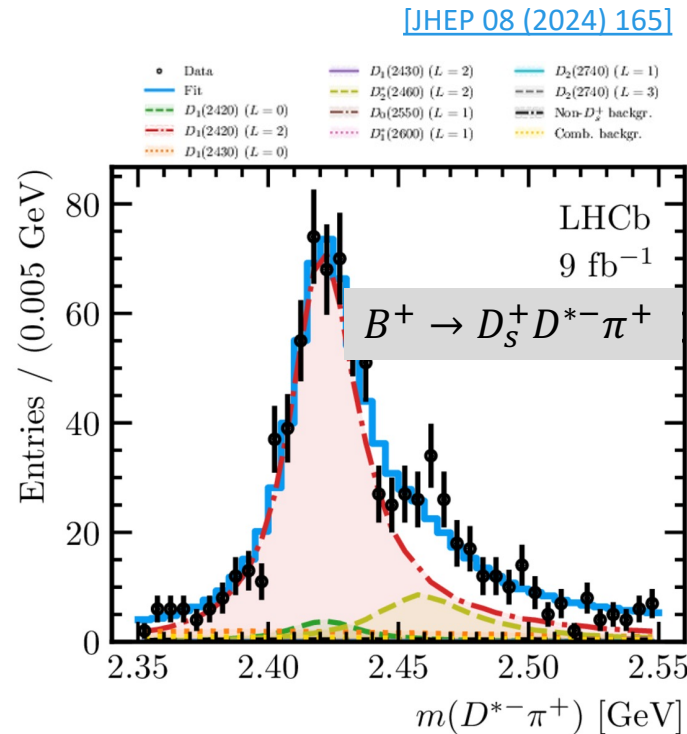
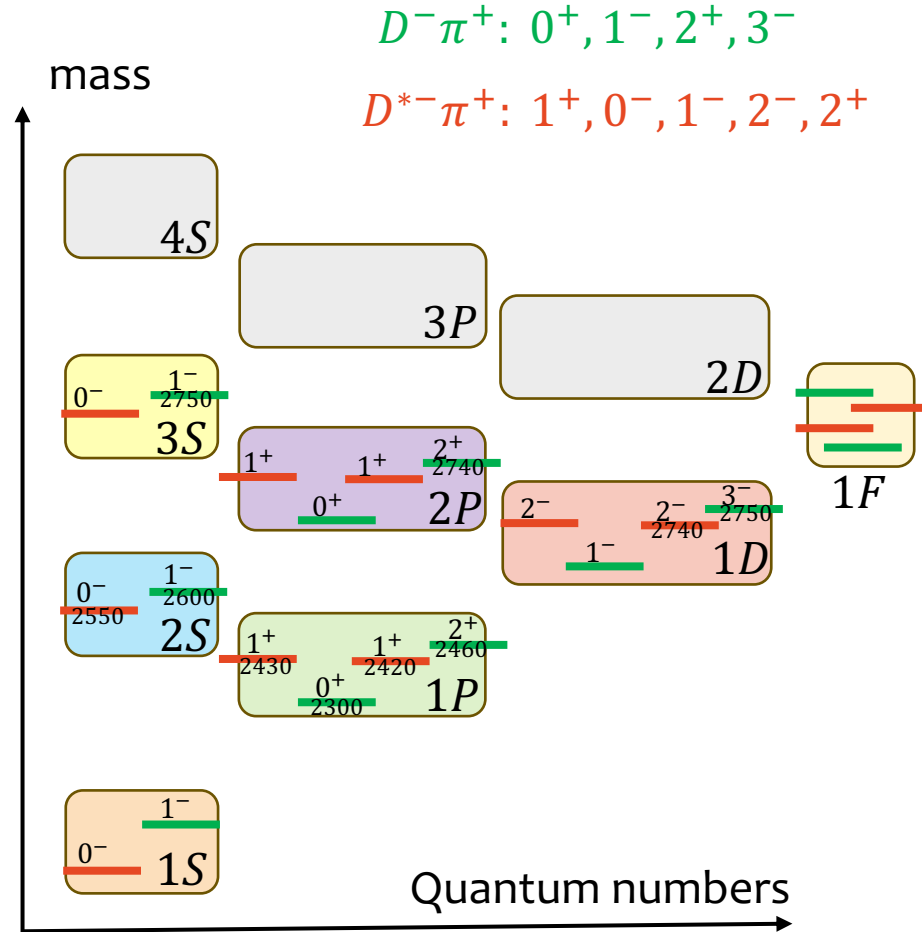
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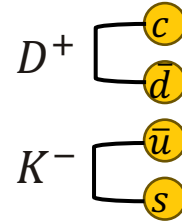
$\chi_{c2}(3930)$, $\eta_c(3945)$, $\psi(4040)$, $T_{331}^+(2870)^0$, $T_{331}^+(2900)^0$, $\text{EFF}_{1^{+-}}$, $h_c(4000)$, $\chi_{c1}(4010)$, $h_c(4300)$, $\text{NR}_{1^{+-}}$, $\text{NR}_{0^{+-}}$, $\text{NR}_{0^{++}}$, $\text{NR}_{0^{--}}$, Reference fit



D-meson spectroscopy

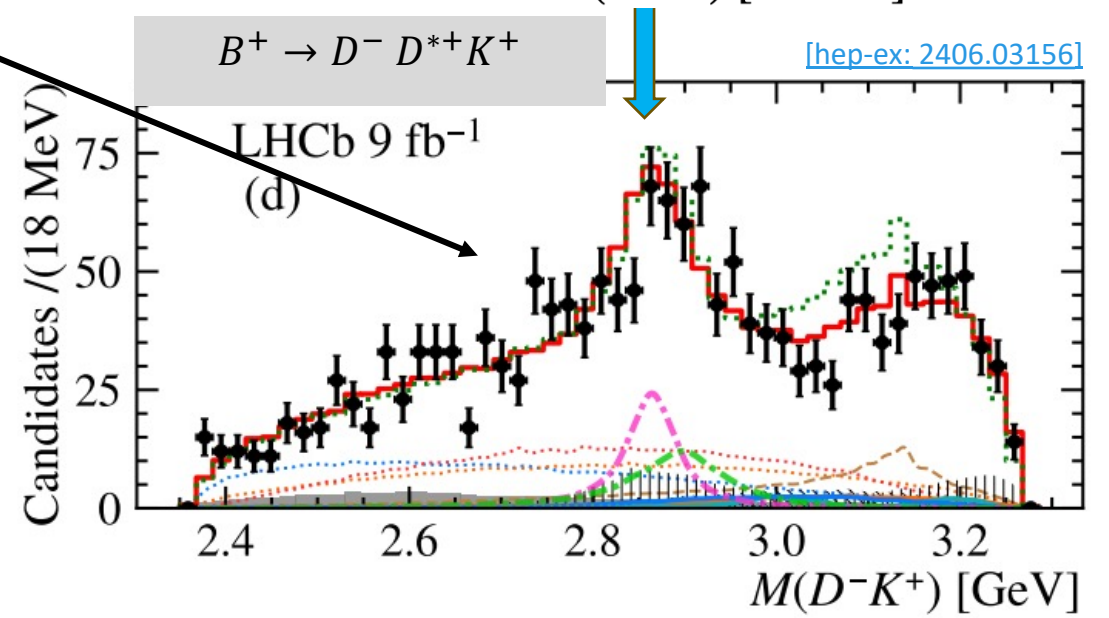
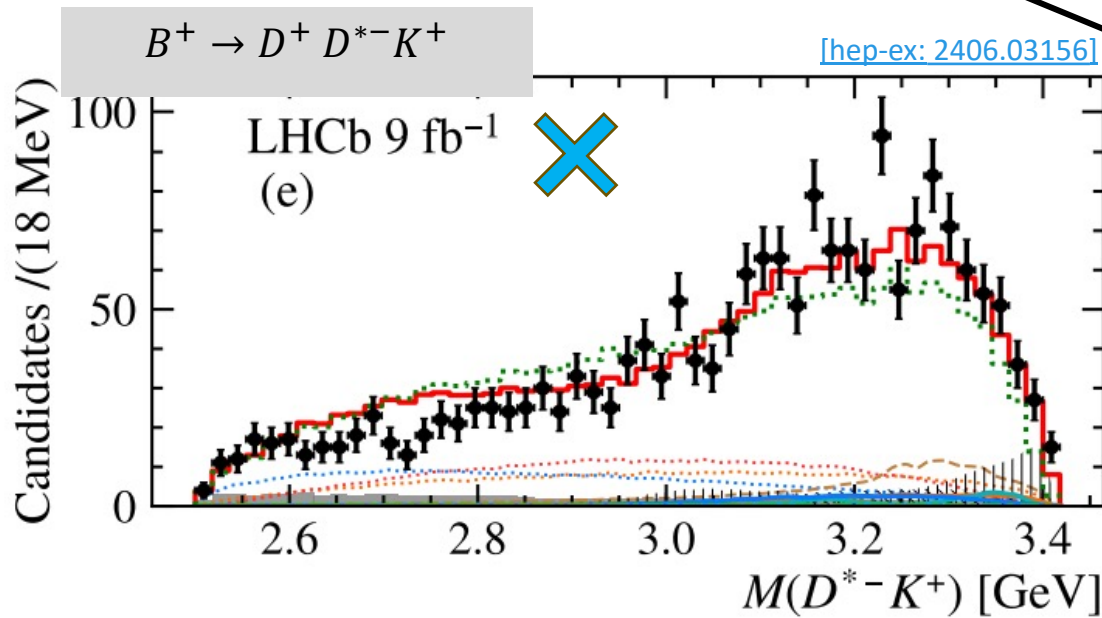
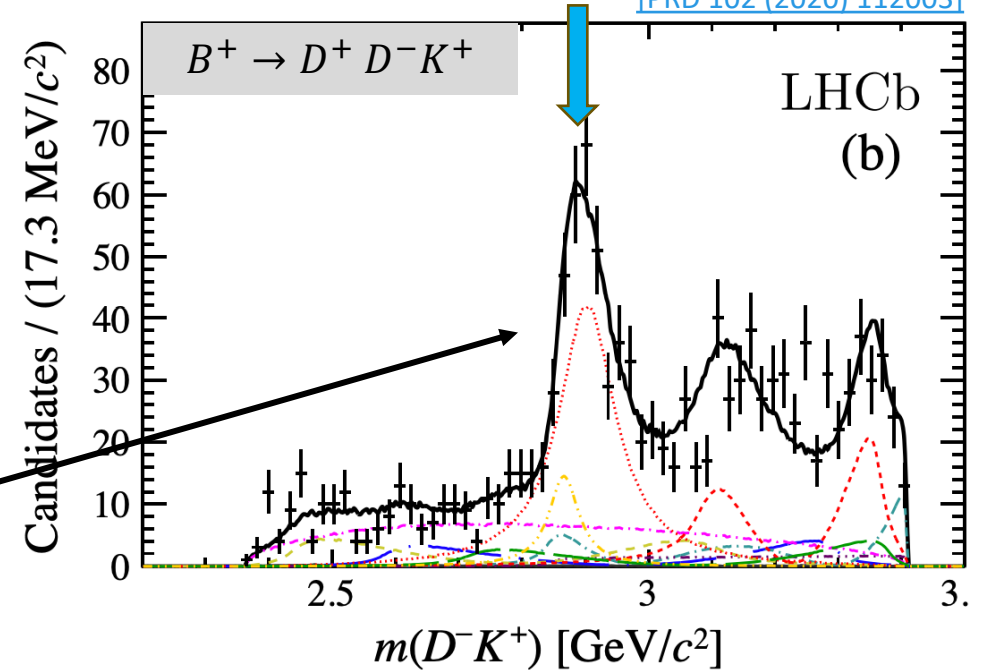


Exotic T_{cS} states



Property	This work	Previous work
$T_{c\bar{s}0}^*(2870)^0$ mass [MeV]	$2914 \pm 11 \pm 15$	2866 ± 7
$T_{c\bar{s}0}^*(2870)^0$ width [MeV]	$128 \pm 22 \pm 23$	57 ± 13
$T_{c\bar{s}1}^*(2900)^0$ mass [MeV]	$2887 \pm 8 \pm 6$	2904 ± 5
$T_{c\bar{s}1}^*(2900)^0$ width [MeV]	$92 \pm 16 \pm 16$	110 ± 12

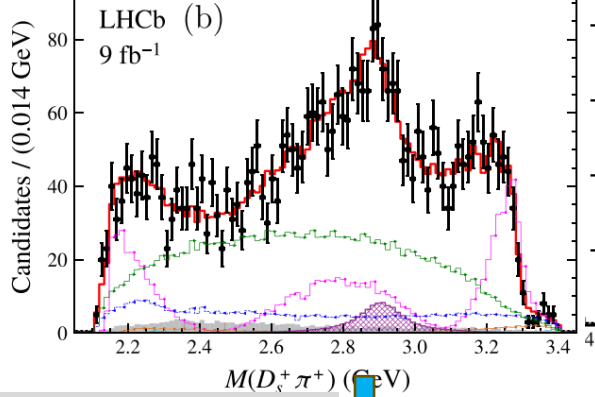
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Exotic $T_{c\bar{s}}$ states

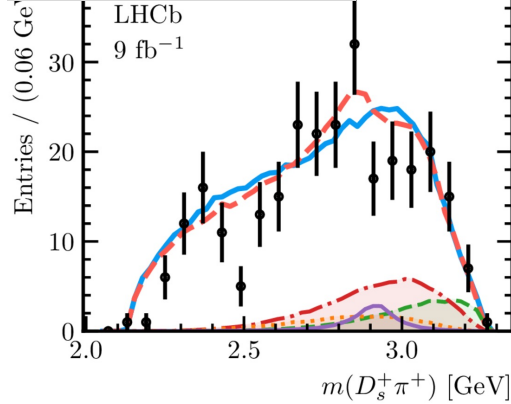
[PRL 131 (2023) 4, 041902]

$$B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D^- \pi^+$$

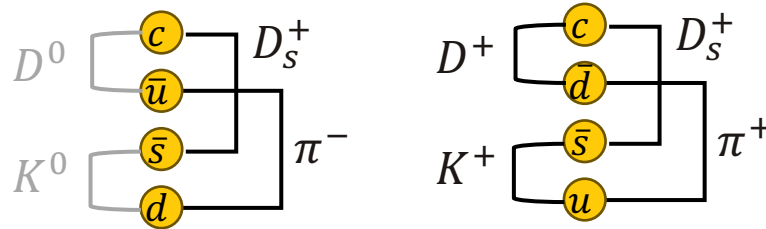
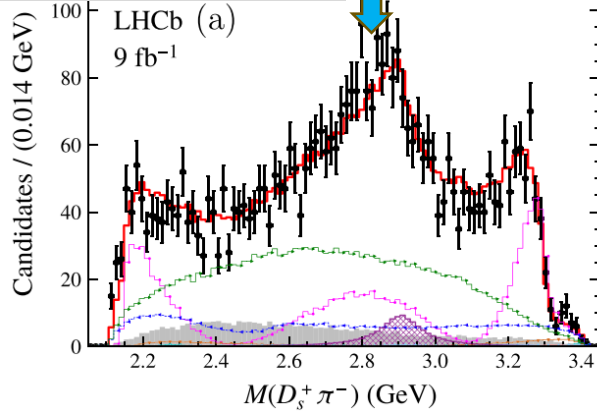


[JHEP 08 (2024) 165]

$$B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D^{*-} \pi^+$$

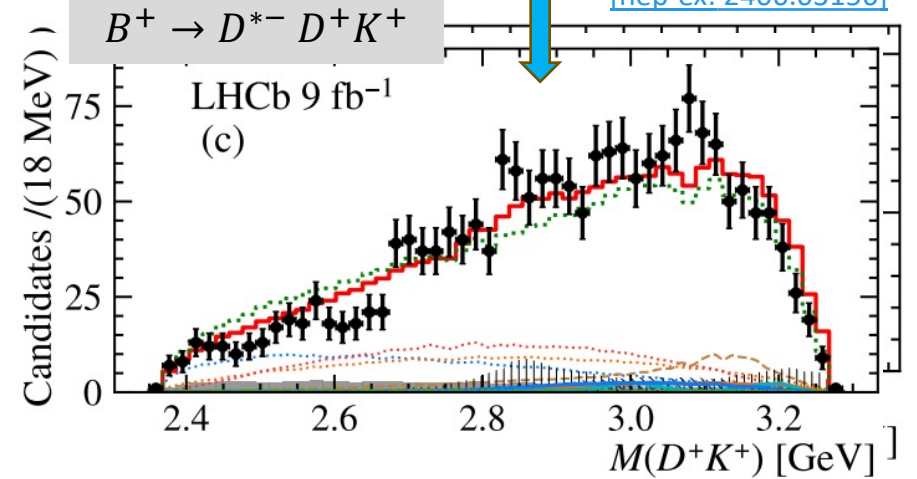


$$B^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$$



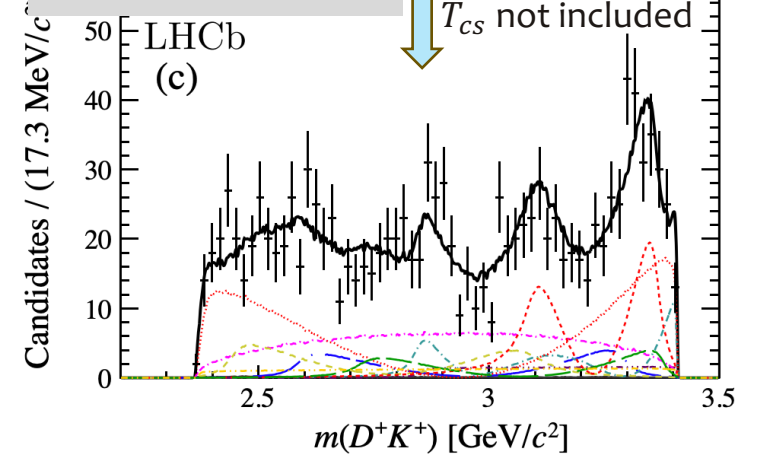
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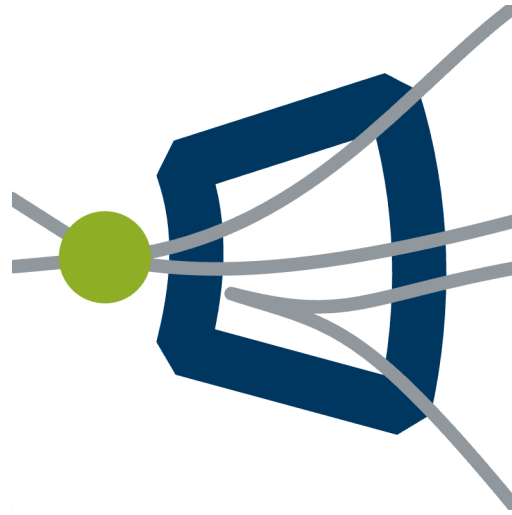
[hep-ex: 2406.03156]



[PRD 102 (2020) 112003]

$$B^+ \rightarrow D^+ D^- K^+$$





J/ψ φ states

Reminder: $J/\psi \varphi$ states

Rich spectrum of previous-unseen states

$\chi_{c1}(4140)$
 $\chi_{c1}(4274)$
 $\chi_{c0}(4500)$
 $\chi_{c0}(4700)$

(2017)
four babies
 $0^+ & 1^+$

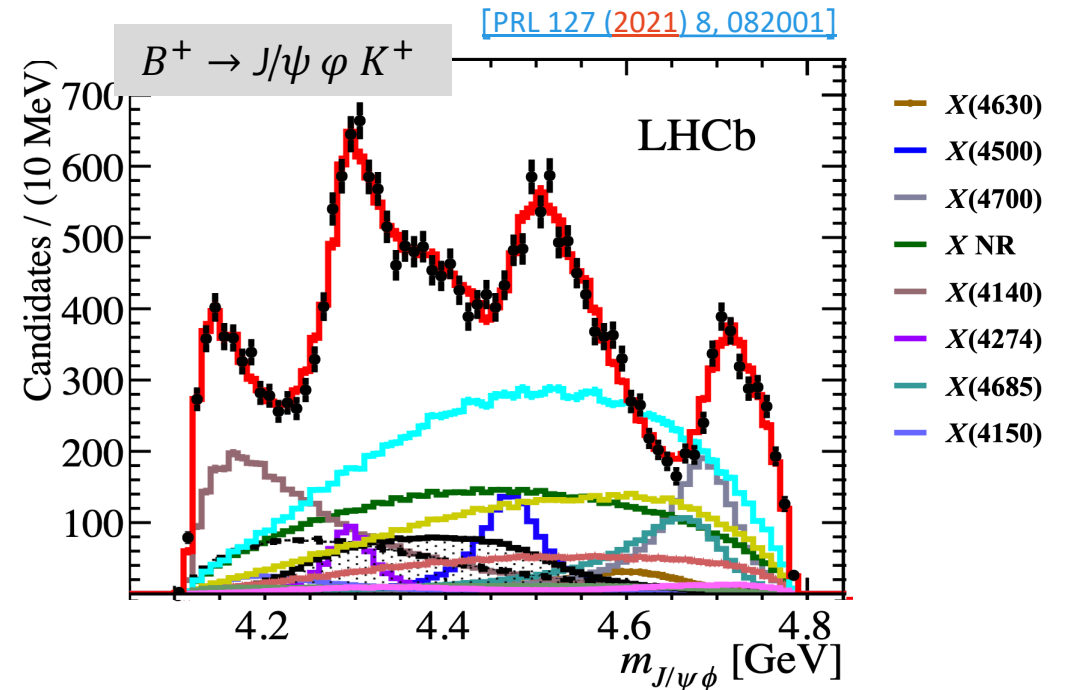
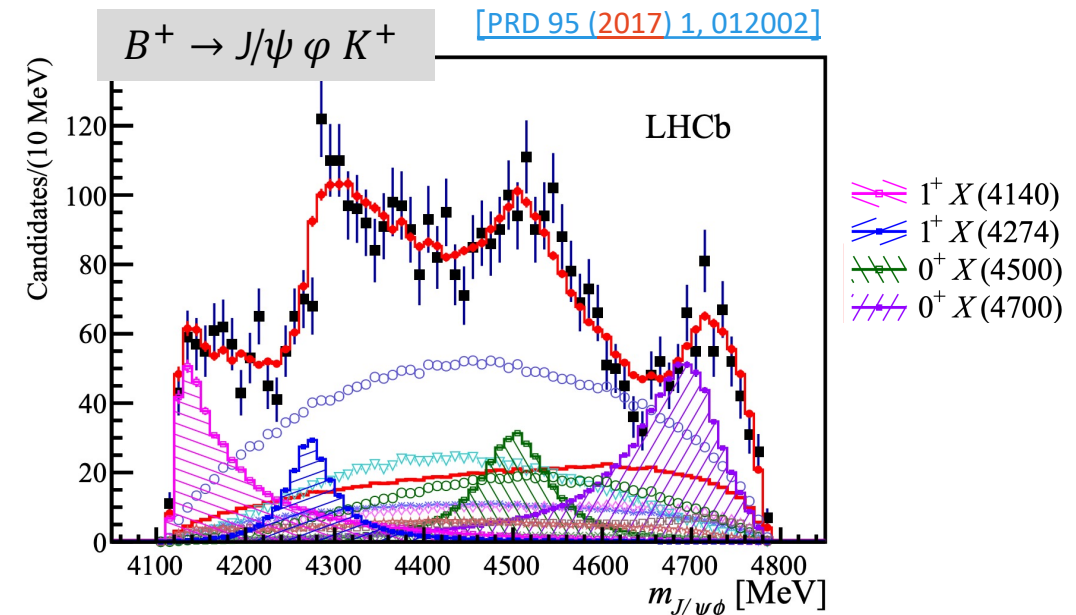


"I wonder if they'll be a doctor or an artist."
- some are probably **charmonia**, but some are **exotic**

$\chi_{c1}(4685)$
 $\psi(4630)$
 $X(4150)$

(2021)
three more
 $1^+ & 1^- & 2^-$

Overall, 9 exotic states (7 X + 2 Z_{cs})



New results on diffractive $J/\psi \phi$ production

[hep-ex: 2407.14301]

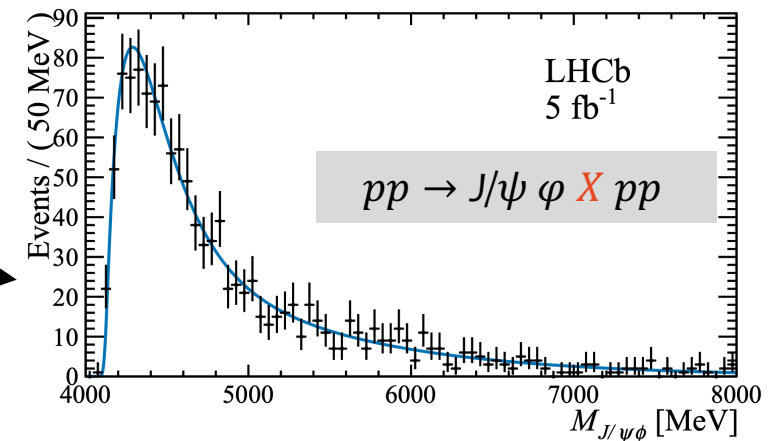
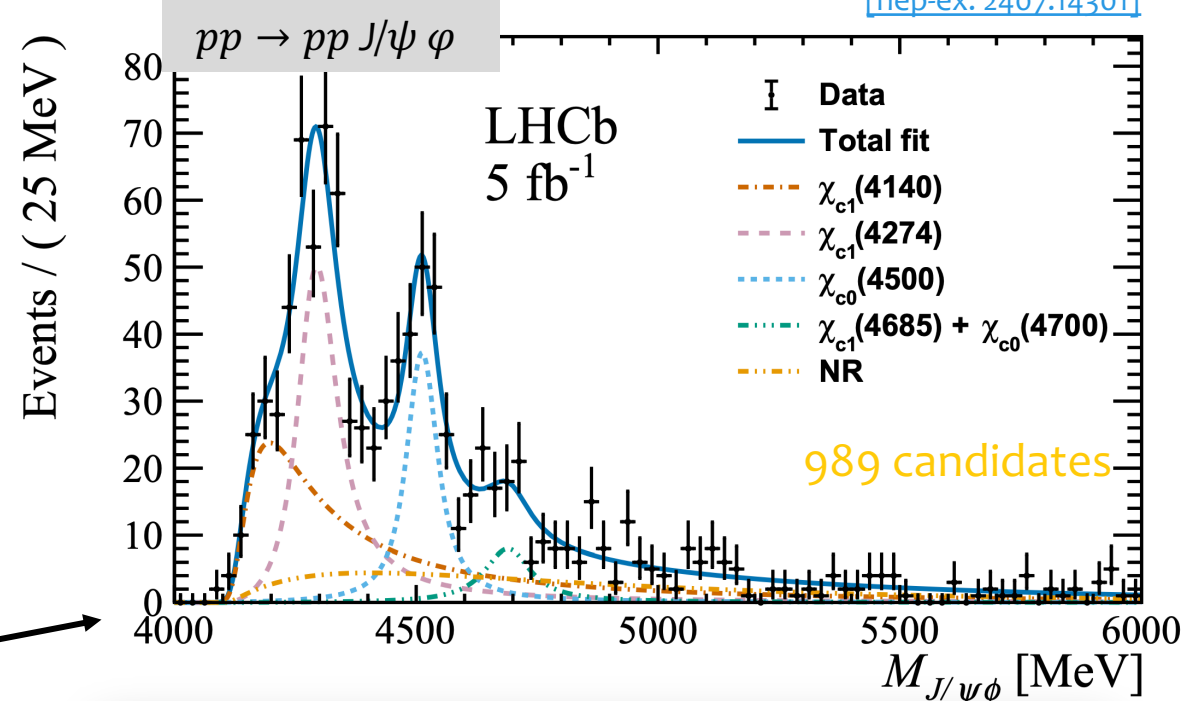
For diffractive studies,
the acceptance is extended with [HeRSChel](#),
 $5 < |\eta| < 10$
=> cross section measurement

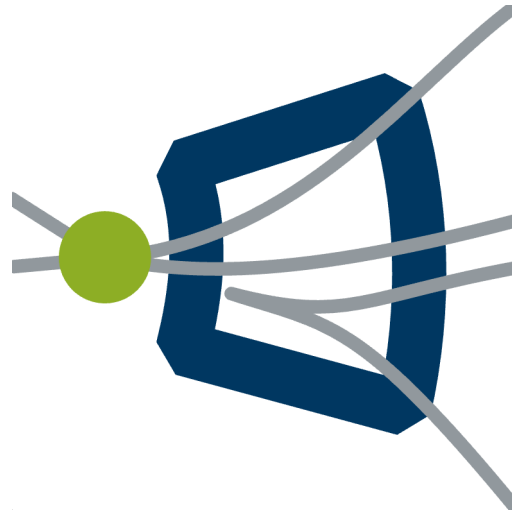
$$\sigma_{J/\psi\phi} \times \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \times \mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-) \\ = (2.52 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05) \text{ pb,}$$

For selection, #track in VeLo is used

- only four tracks
- with additional tracks

Hm, strong couplings to gluons?





Future of LHCb

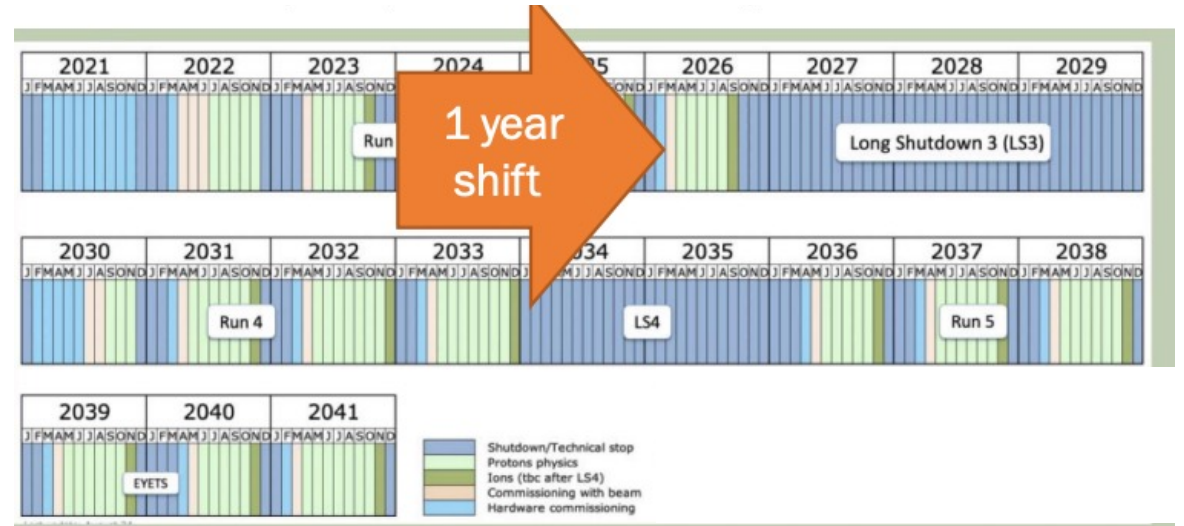
Upgrade II

The current Run is prolonged by 1y (2022-2026)

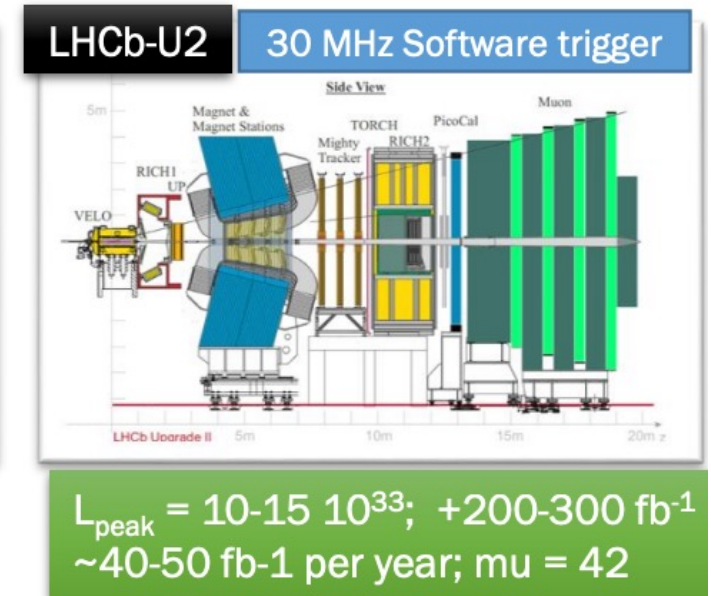
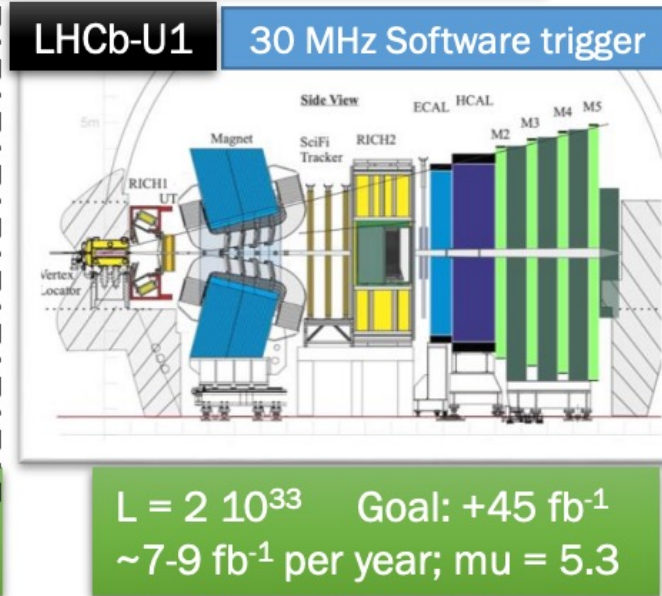
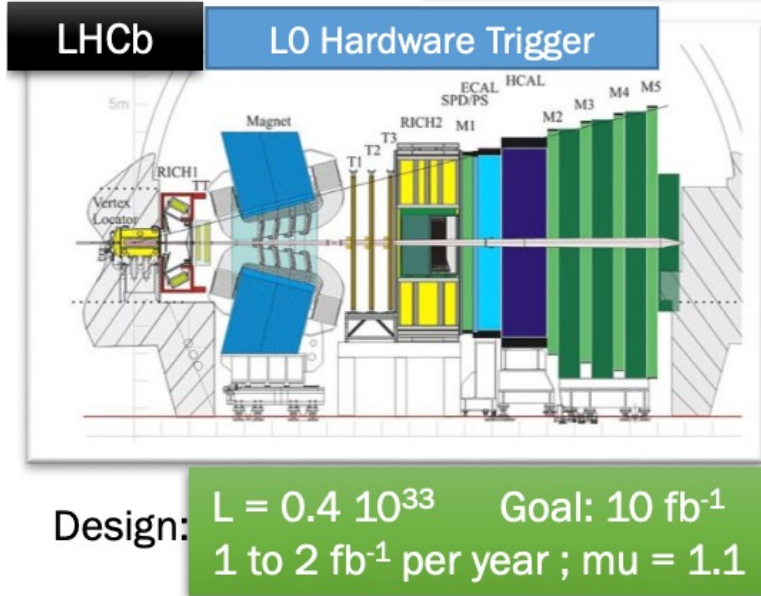
LS3: no major changes at LHCb

Run4: 2030-2033

LS4: Upgrade II, 2036-2041 start of data taking



Comparison courtesy Blake Leverington



Summary on LHCb

A lot of exciting physics with open-flavor systems with $D\pi$ and DK

- D-spectroscopy, and D_s spectroscopy
- Exotic states ($T_{c\bar{s}} \sim$ “neutral D_s ”)

The Run-3 has started:

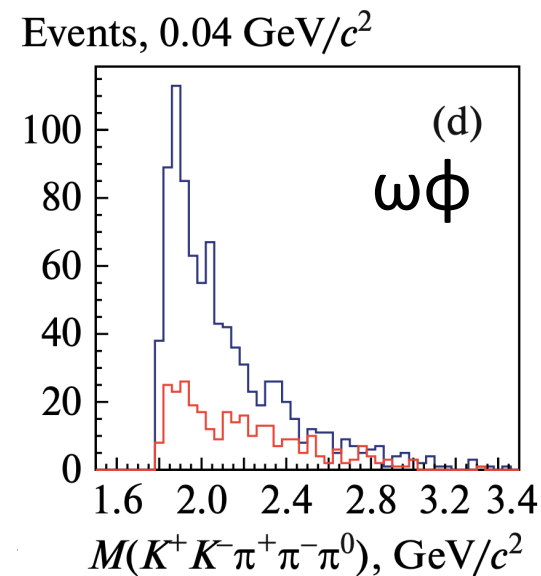
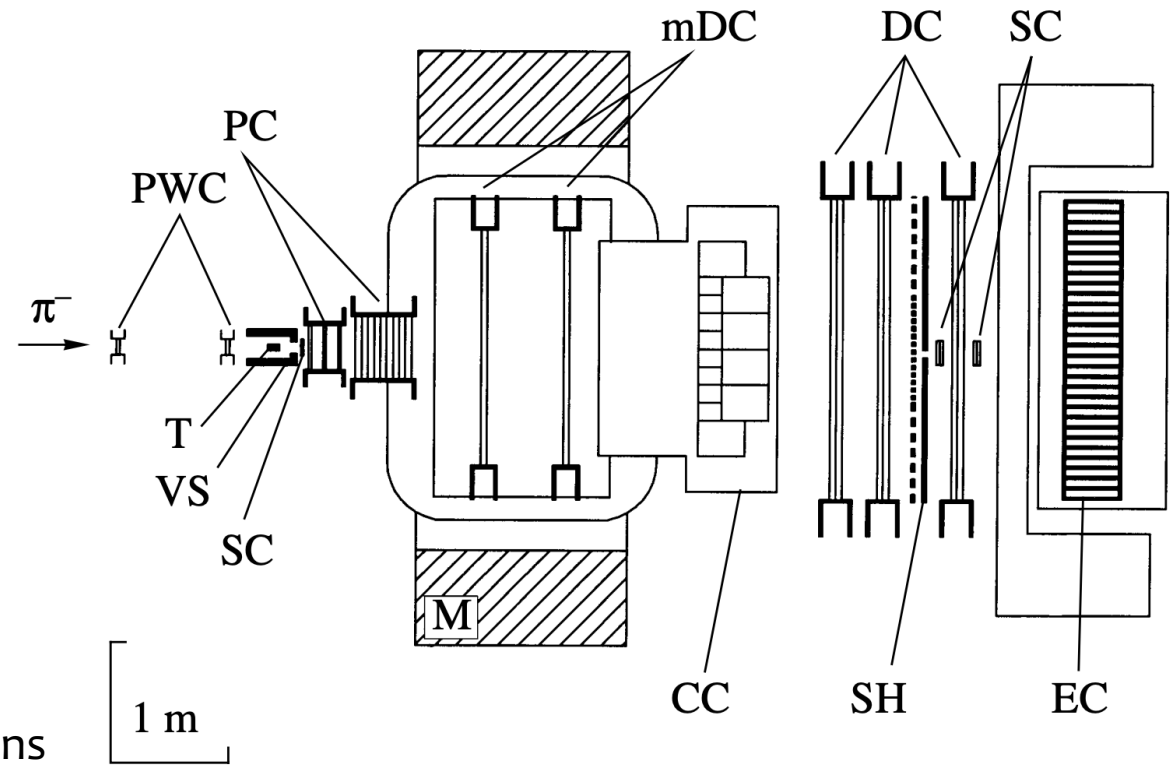
- already more B mesons than in Run-2.
- running for 2 more years
- Run4: 2030-2033

Upgrade 2 operation time: 2036-2045

A note on 30 GeV setup

VES experiment at IHEP, Protvino, Russia:

- 30 GeV pion beam on beryllium target
- Integrated flux, $1.73 \cdot 10^{11}$ protons on target



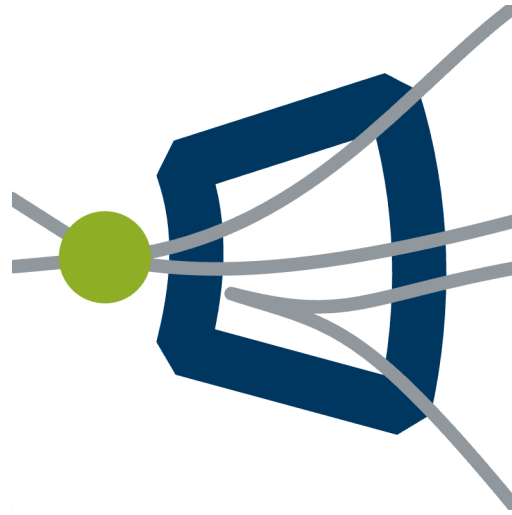
Physics program and reach

- Exclusive multi-pion reactions
- Multi-kaon reactions (ϕ)

[\[Phys.Atom.Nucl. 83 \(2020\) 11, 1602-1606\]](#)

**Search for Scalar Resonance in the $\omega\phi$ System
in the Pion-Nuclear Interaction at Momentum of 29 GeV/c**

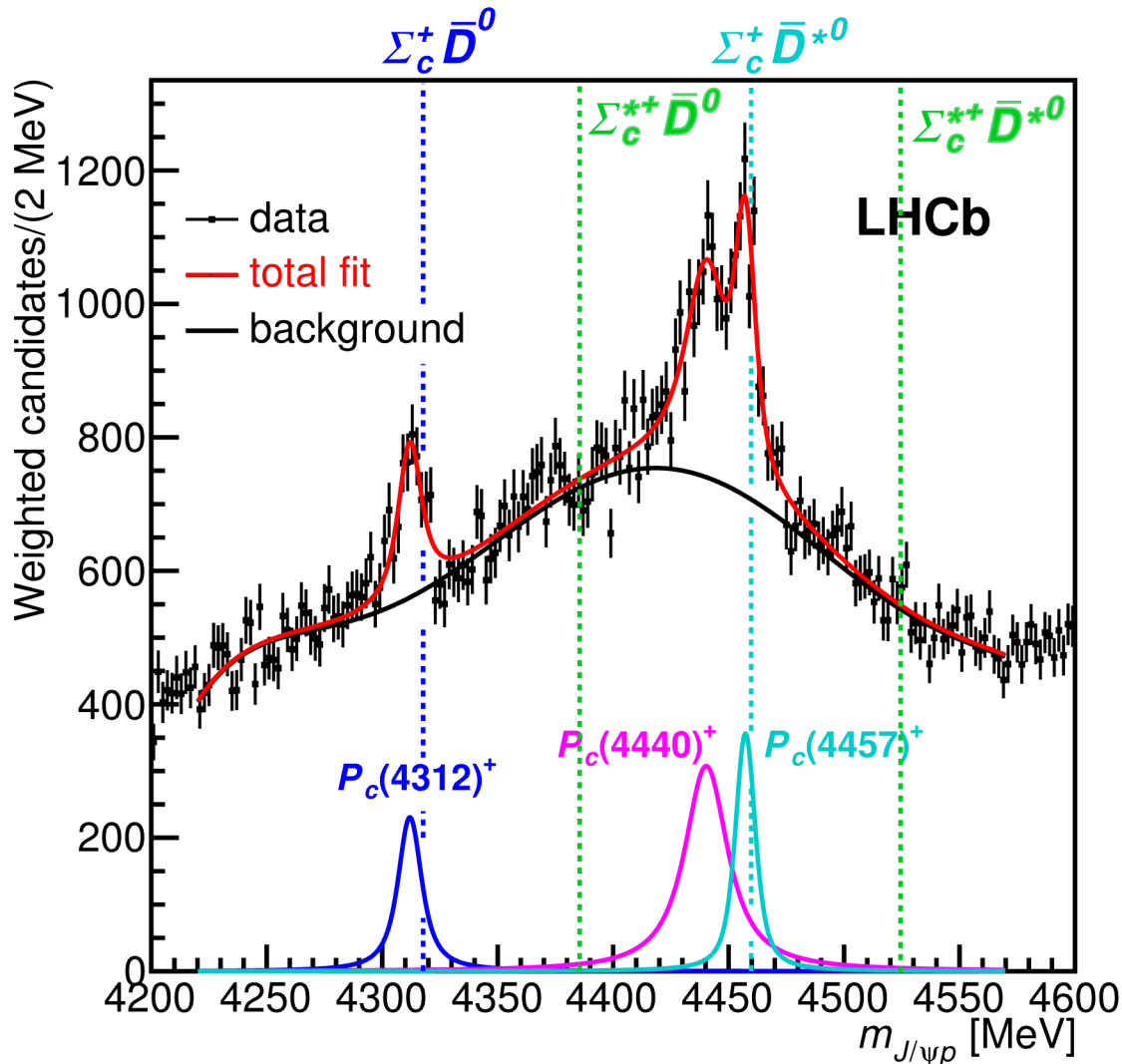
Backup



Pentaquarks

In prompt

Pentaquarks $P_{c\bar{c}}^+$ in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow K^- (p J/\psi)$



(1D) [LHCb, PRL 122 (2019) 22, 222001]

(AmAn) [LHCb, PRL 115 (2015), 072001]

Near threshold

$$\Sigma_c^{(*)+} \bar{D}^{(*)0} / \Sigma_c^{(*)++} D^{(*)-}$$

Multiplicity matches
threshold-states spin algebra

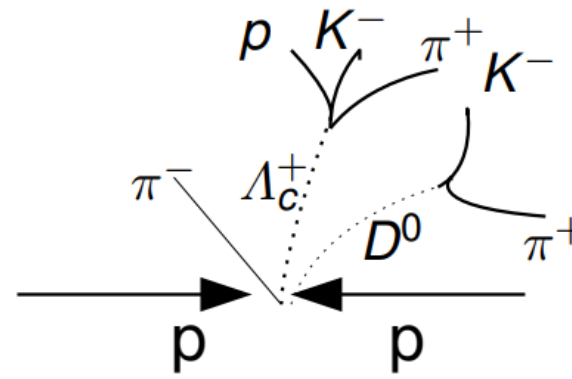
No observation in
other final states so far

[naming scheme for hadrons, PDG2023]

New search of Pentaquarks in open-flavor decays

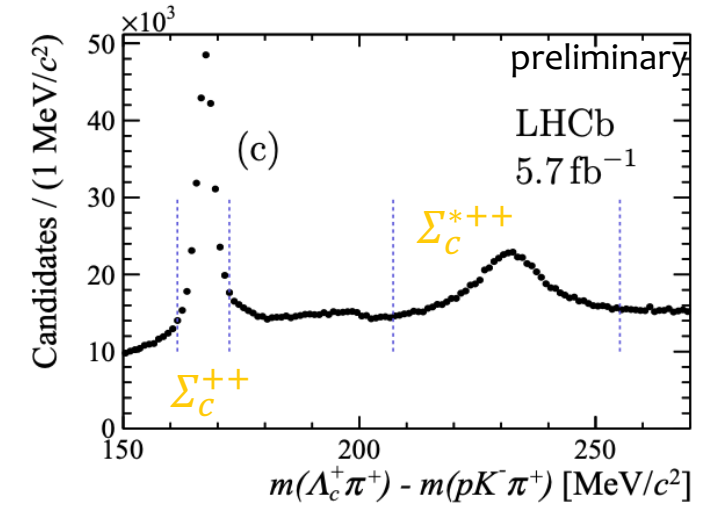
Pentaquark states seen in $J/\psi p$
must leave traces in

$$\begin{aligned} &\Sigma_c^{(*)++} D^{(*)-} \\ &\Sigma_c^{(*)+} \bar{D}^{(*)0} \\ &\Sigma_c^{(*)+} D^{(*)-} \\ &\Sigma_c^{(*)0} D^{(*)0} \\ &\Lambda_c^+ D^{(*)-} \\ &\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} \end{aligned}$$



[courtesy G. Robertson (LHCb)]

[LHCb-PAPER-2023-018, in preparation]



New search in prompt production is performed in many systems of

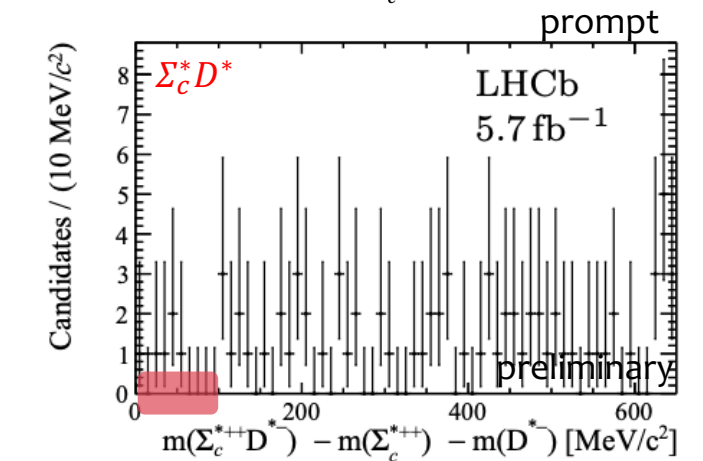
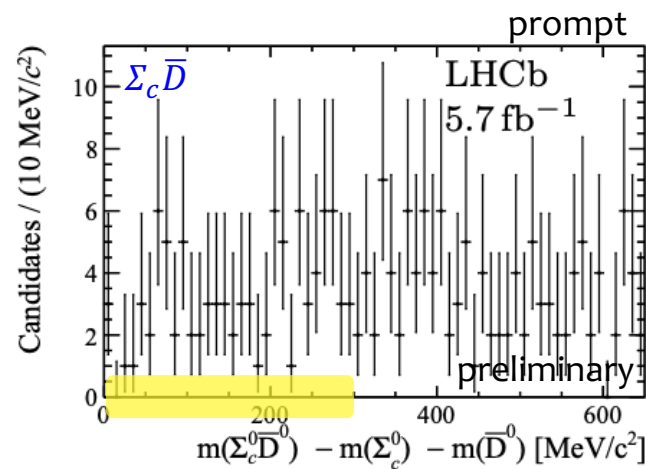
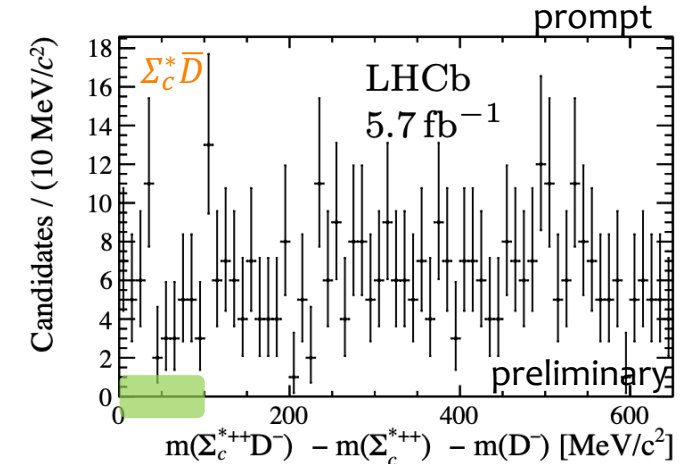
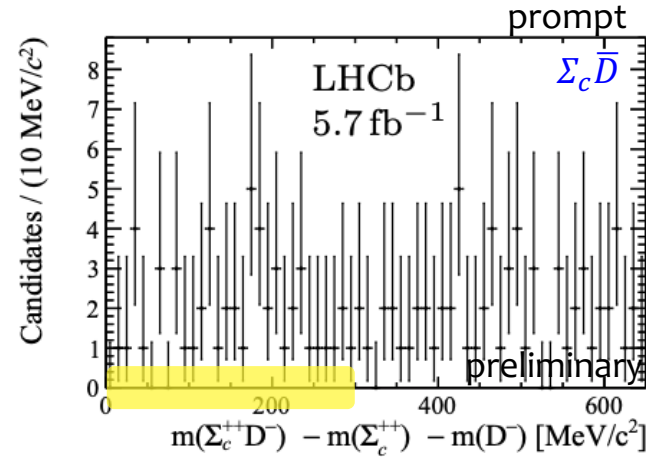
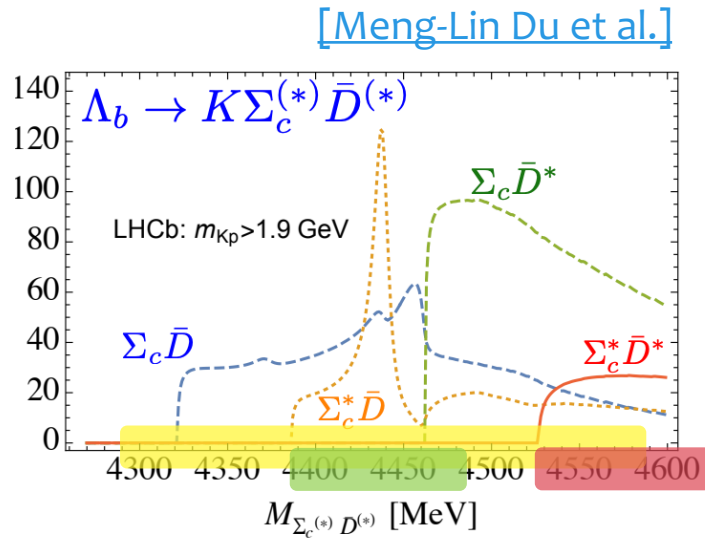
$$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D} \pi^\pm$$

combinations

$\Sigma_c^{++} \bar{D}^0$	$\Sigma_c^{++} D^0$	$\Sigma_c^{++} D^-$	$\Sigma_c^{++} D^+$	$\Sigma_c^{++} D^{*-}$	$\Sigma_c^{++} D^{*+}$
$\Sigma_c^0 \bar{D}^0$	$\Sigma_c^0 D^0$	$\Sigma_c^0 D^-$	$\Sigma_c^0 D^+$	$\Sigma_c^0 D^{*-}$	$\Sigma_c^0 D^{*+}$
$\Sigma_c^{*++} \bar{D}^0$	$\Sigma_c^{*++} D^0$	$\Sigma_c^{*++} D^-$	$\Sigma_c^{*++} D^+$	$\Sigma_c^{*++} D^{*-}$	$\Sigma_c^{*++} D^{*+}$
$\Sigma_c^{*0} \bar{D}^0$	$\Sigma_c^{*0} D^0$	$\Sigma_c^{*0} D^-$	$\Sigma_c^{*0} D^+$	$\Sigma_c^{*0} D^{*-}$	$\Sigma_c^{*0} D^{*+}$
$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^0$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^-$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^{*-}$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^{*+}$
$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 \pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^0 \pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^- \pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^+ \pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^{*-} \pi^+$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^{*+} \pi^+$
$\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^0 \pi^-$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^- \pi^-$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^+ \pi^-$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^{*-} \pi^-$	$\Lambda_c^+ D^{*+} \pi^-$

[X] : too small statistics for limit setting

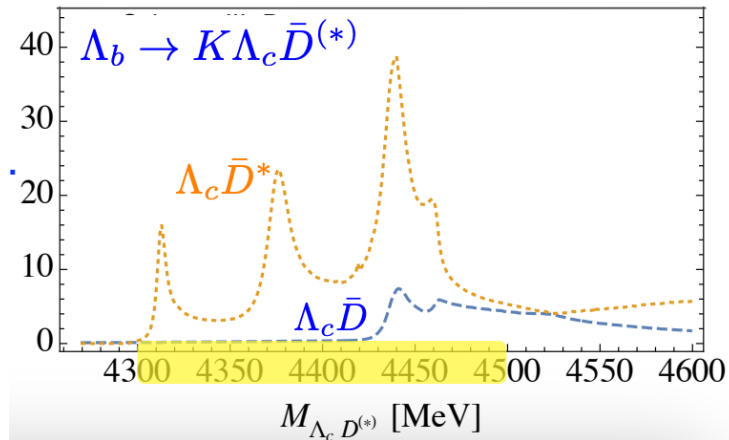
Search for pentaquarks: $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}$



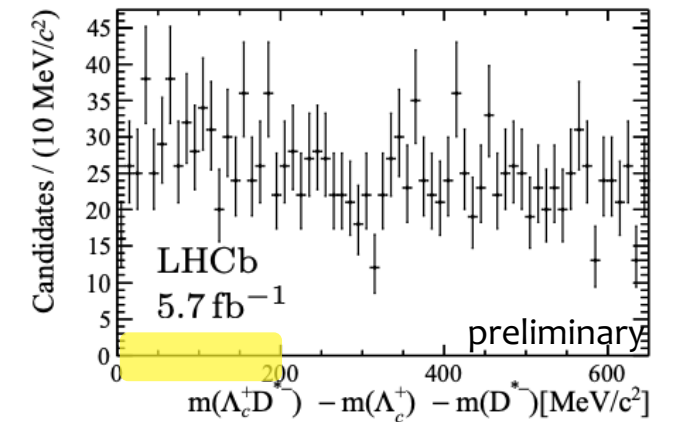
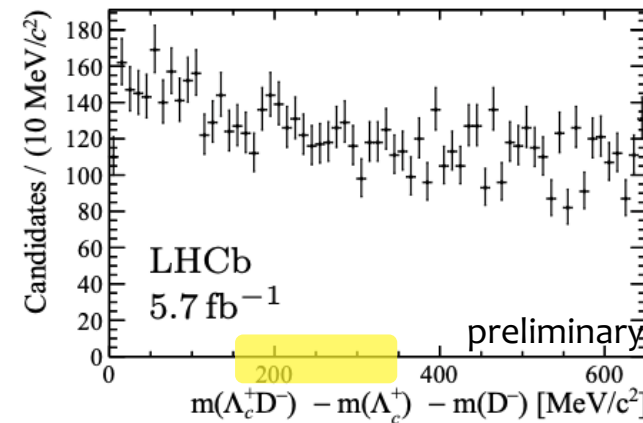
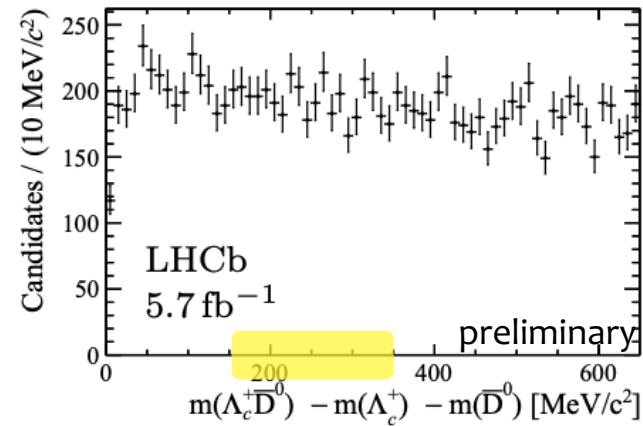
Statistically limited

Search for pentaquarks: $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}$

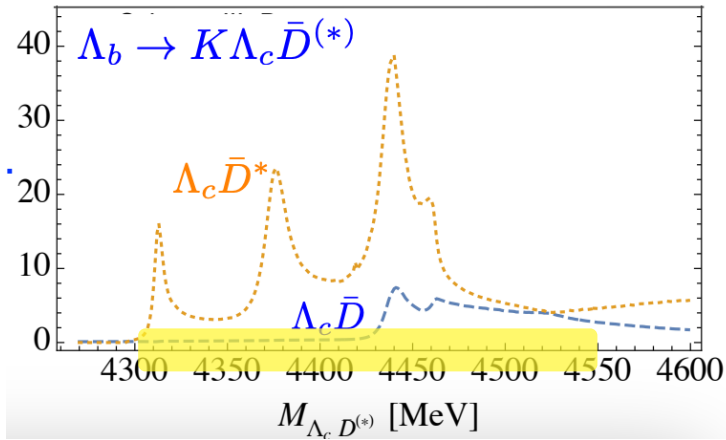
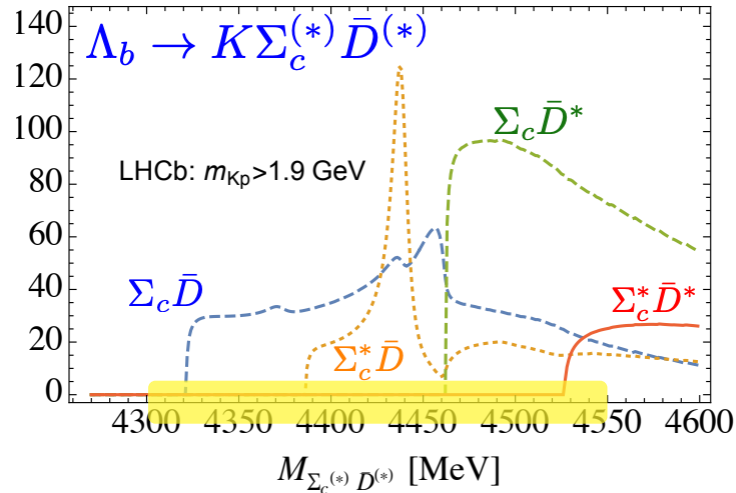
[Meng-Lin Du et al.]



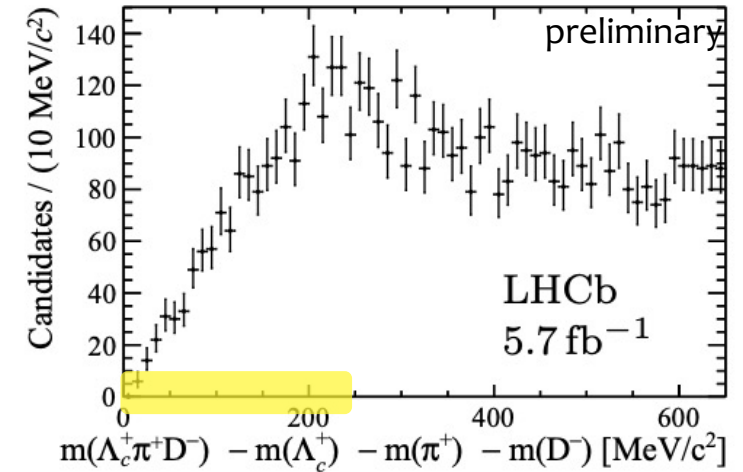
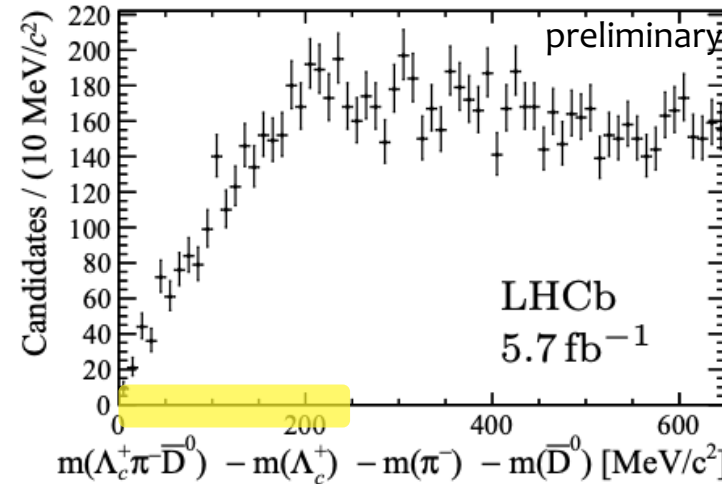
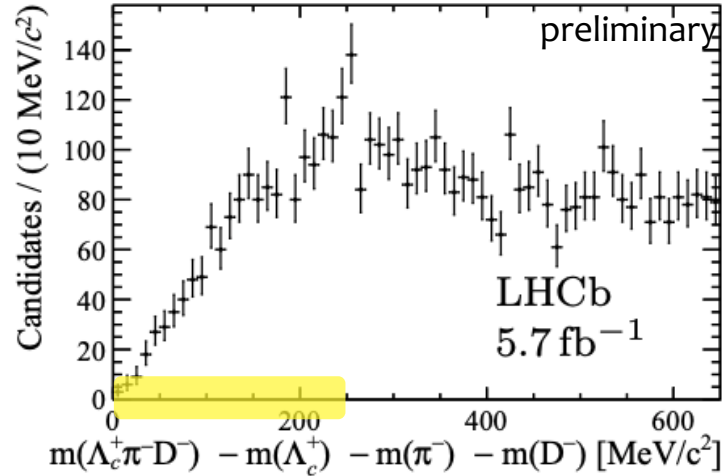
No obvious peaks



Search for pentaquarks: $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D} \pi$



[Meng-Lin Du et al.]



Some peaking structures that might become pentaquarks with more statistics

$\Lambda_c^+ D^0$ in b -decays

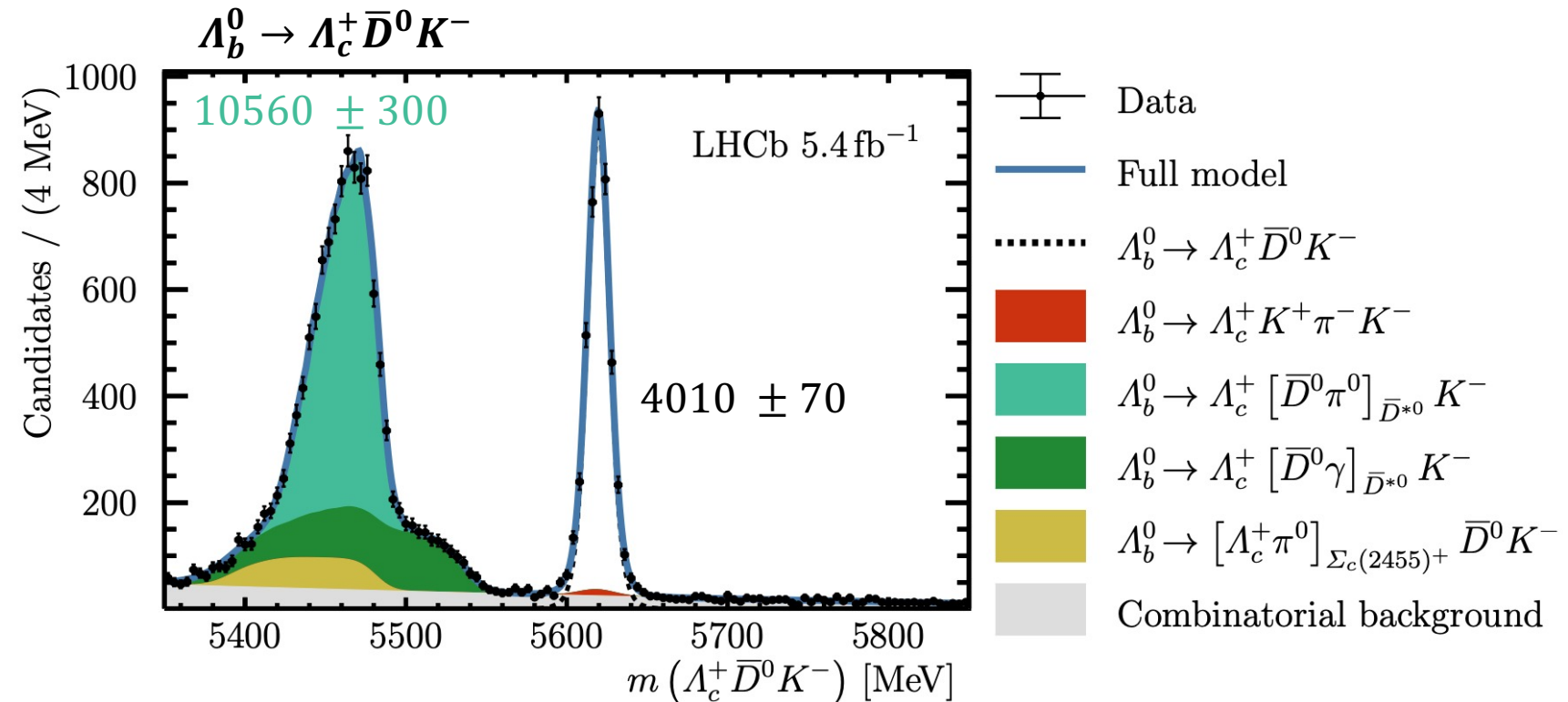
The decays $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}^0 K^-$ are observed.

Dalitz plot is populated by

- $D_s^{*-} (\rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^-)$, and
- $\Xi_c^{*0} (\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^-)$

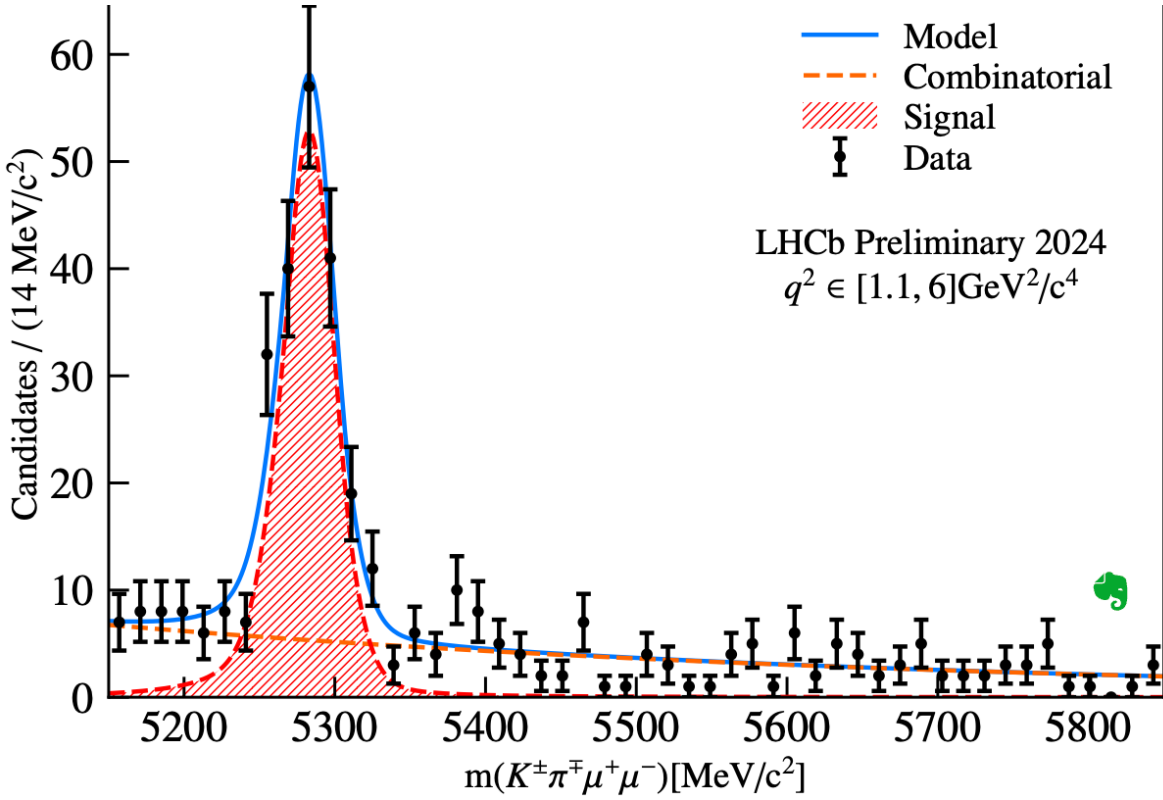
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Searches for pentaquark contributions are ongoing.

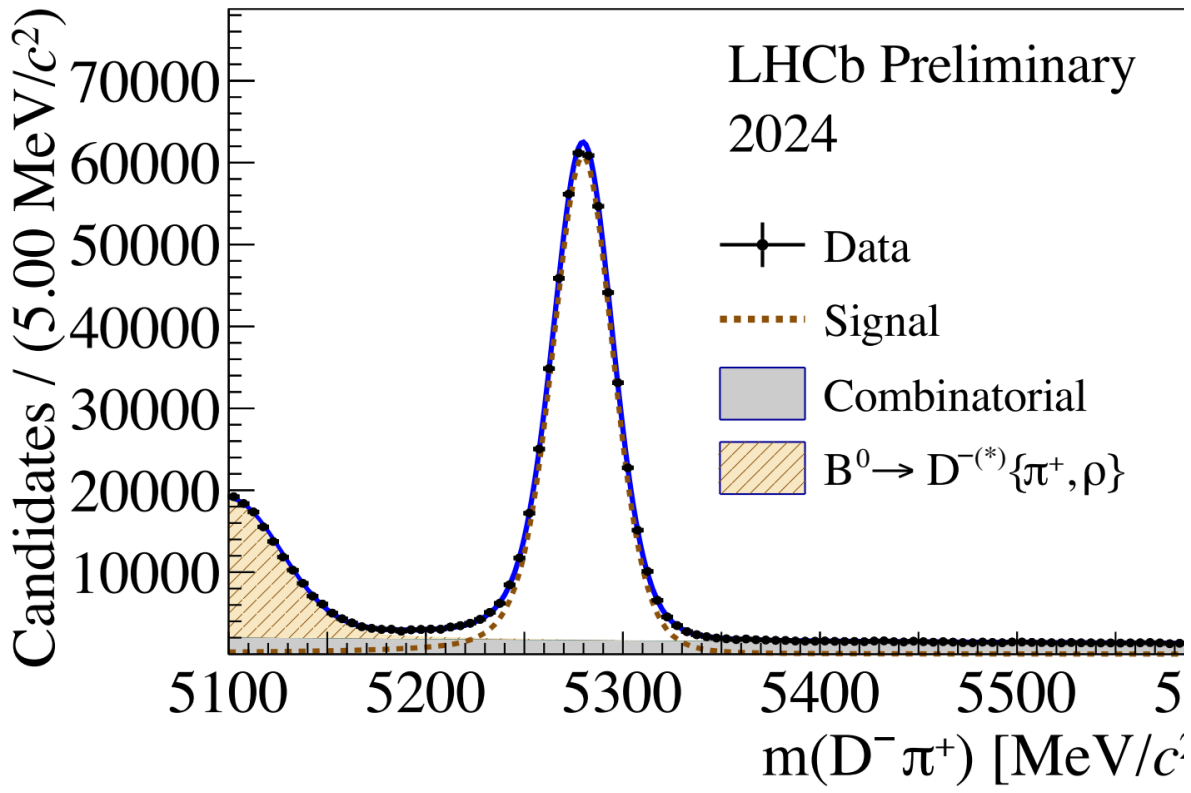


More on B->DDh

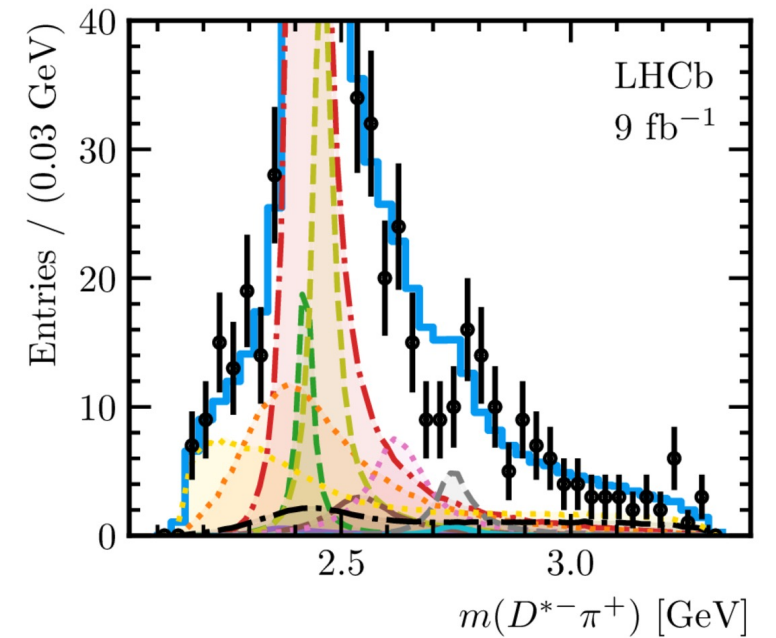
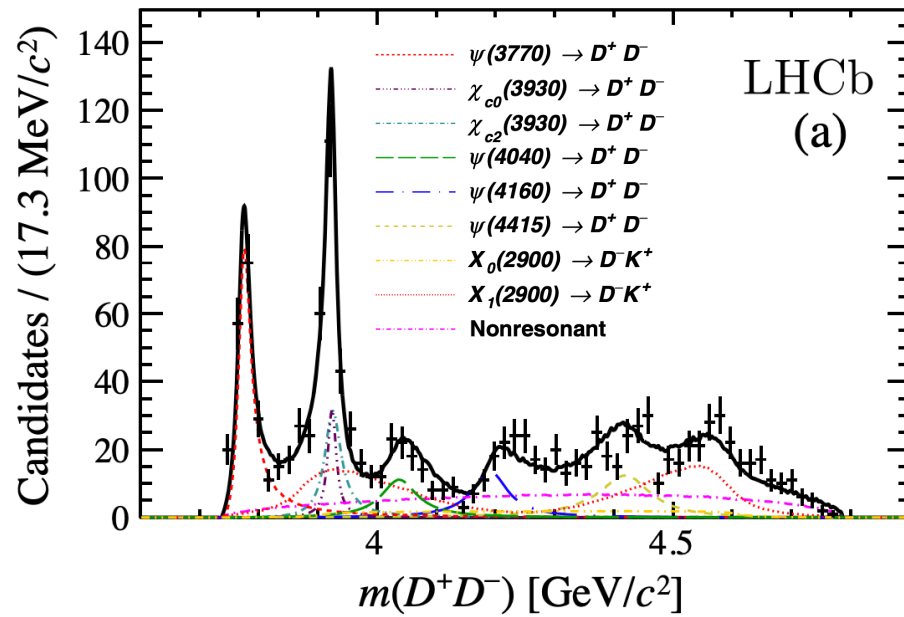
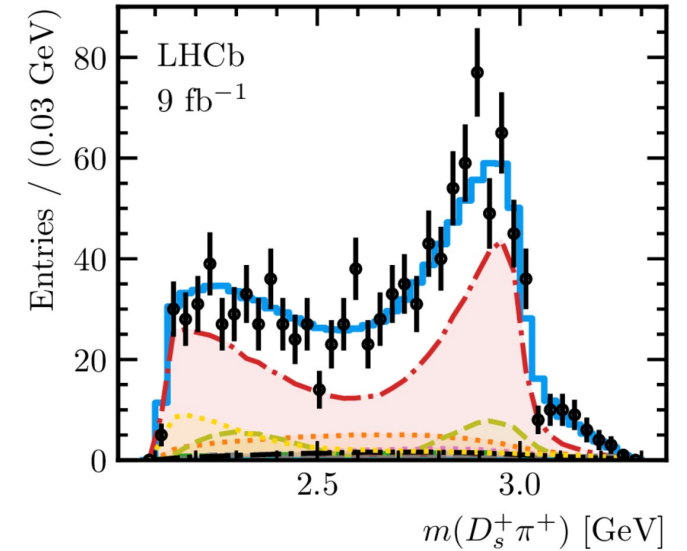
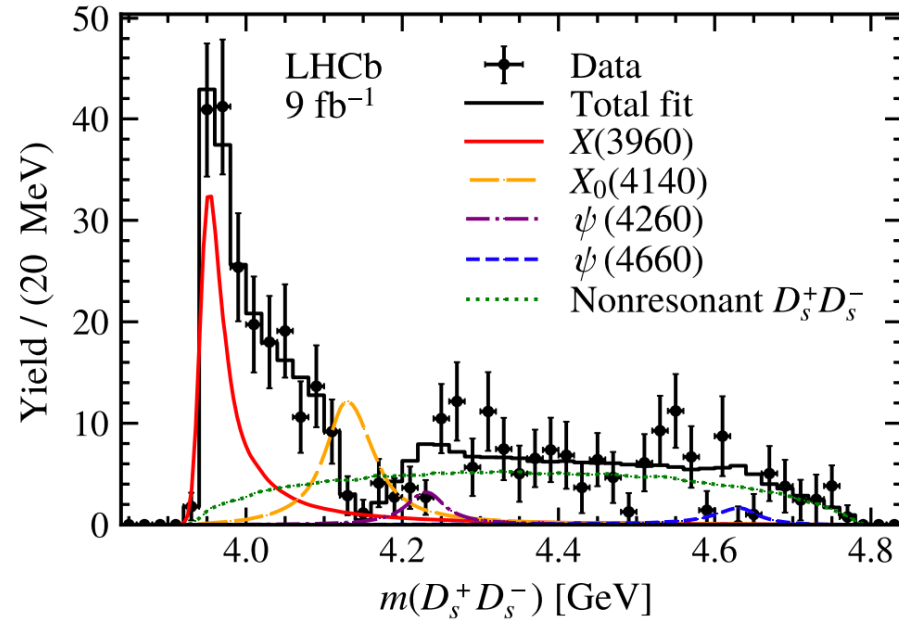
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$$



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

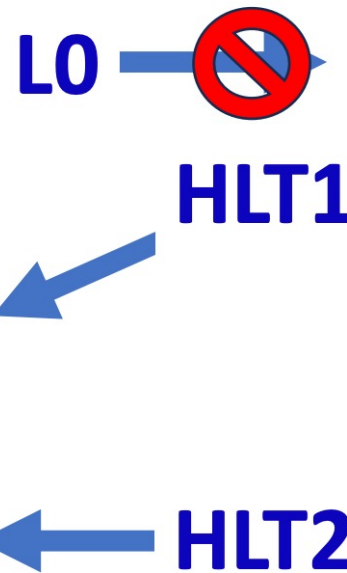
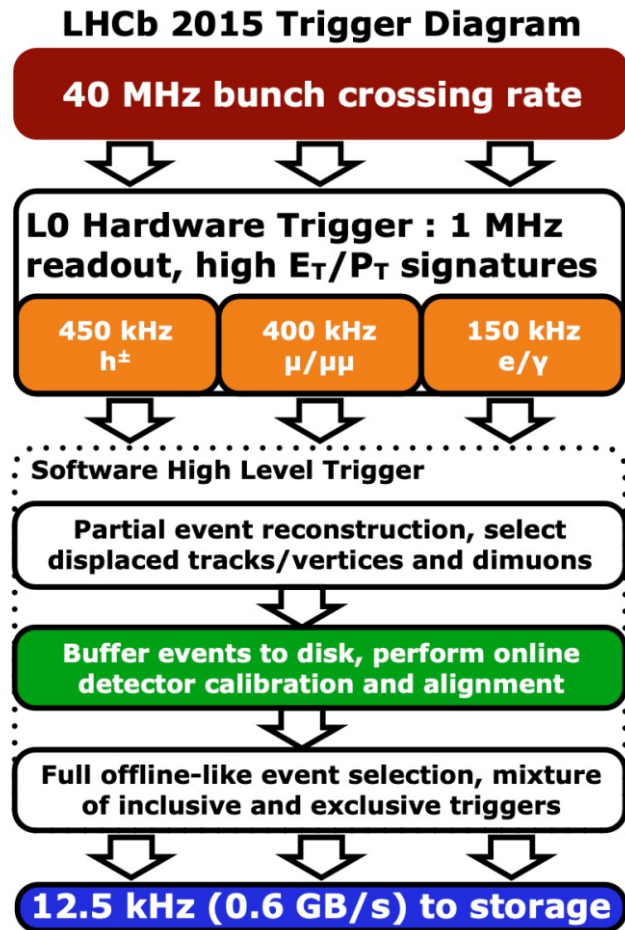


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No level zero hardware trigger anymore

Run2 (2014-2018)



Run3 (2022-2026)

