



## Recent results on exotic hadrons at LHCb

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# Outline

- overview on exotic hadrons
- the LHCb detector
- highlights of LHCb results on exotic spectroscopy
- evidence for an  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  resonance in  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  decays
- model-independent evidence for exotic contributions in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+\pi^-$  decays

# Introduction

- hadrons beyond conventional mesons and baryons foreseen since the formulation of the constituent quark model in 1964

AN  $SU_3$  MODEL FOR STRONG INTERACTION SYMMETRY AND ITS BREAKING

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A SCHEMATIC MODEL OF BARYONS AND MESONS \*

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California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

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anti-triplet as anti-quarks  $\bar{q}$ . Baryons can now be constructed from quarks by using the combinations  $(qqq)$ ,  $(qqq\bar{q})$ , etc., while mesons are made out of  $(q\bar{q})$ ,  $(qq\bar{q}\bar{q})$ , etc. It is assuming that the lowes

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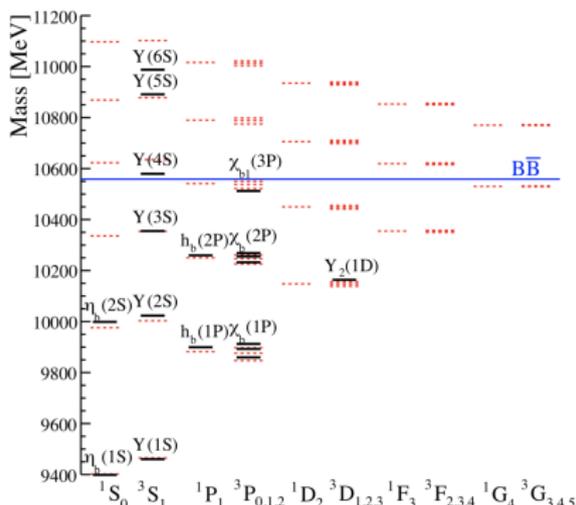
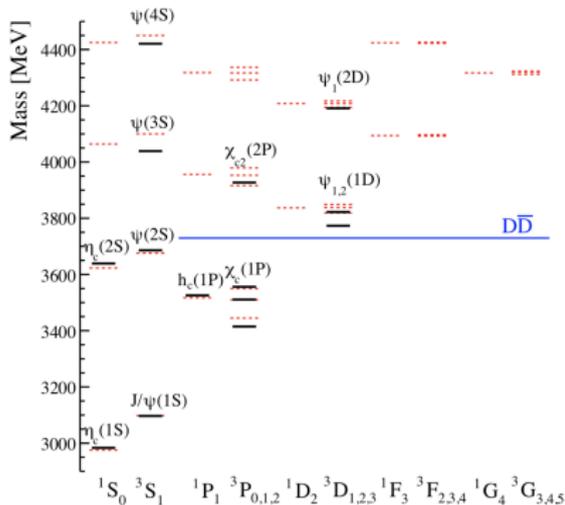
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6) In general, we would expect that baryons are built not only from the product of three aces,  $AAA$ , but also from  $\bar{A}AAA$ ,  $\bar{A}AAAA$ , etc., where  $\bar{A}$  denotes an anti-ace. Similarly, mesons could be formed from  $\bar{A}A$ ,  $\bar{A}AA$  etc. For the low mass mesons and baryons we will assume the simplest possibilities,  $\bar{A}A$  and  $AAA$ , that is, "deuces and treys".

- not forbidden by QCD as long as they form colour-singlet configurations
- many searches for exotic hadrons in the light-spectroscopy sector without success:
  - experimentally difficult given the high density of broad and overlapping states, and the large backgrounds
  - theoretical predictions are challenging given the relativistic  $u$ ,  $d$  and  $s$  constituents
- since 2003, about thirty hadrons not fitting with the conventional heavy-quarkonium states have been observed

# Heavy-quarkonium spectra

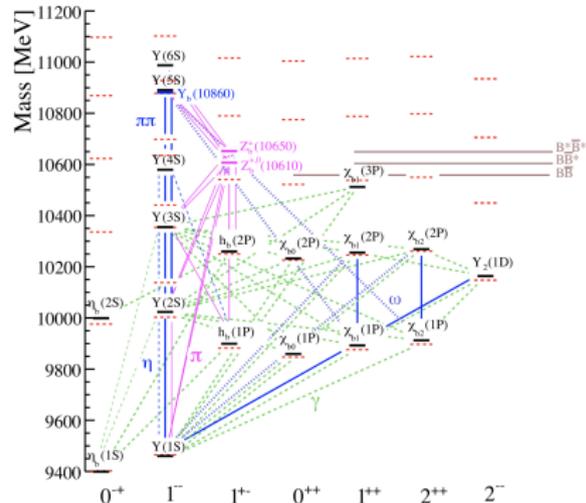
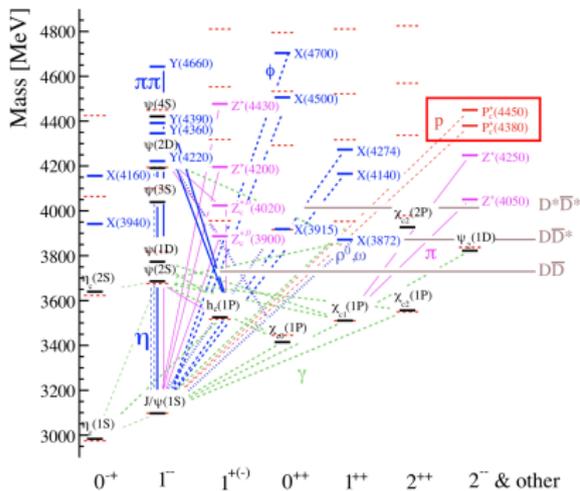
[S. L. Olsen, T. Skwarnicki, and D. Zieminska, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90 (2018) 015003]



- large  $c$ - and  $b$ -quark masses allow to treat charmonium ( $c\bar{c}$ ) and bottomonium ( $b\bar{b}$ ) mesons as **non-relativistic systems**  $\Rightarrow$  simpler systems  $\Rightarrow$  spectra of observed states well described by QCD motivated potential models with corrections provided by the NRQCD framework (dashed lines)
- narrow and non-overlapping states
- limited number of unassigned states below open-flavour thresholds
- no mixing with lighter quarkonium states

# Heavy-quarkonium-like spectra

[S. L. Olsen, T. Skwarnicki, and D. Zieminska, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90 (2018) 015003]



- plethora of unexpected neutral ( $X, Y$ ) and charged ( $Z^+, P_c^+$ ) states discovered by  $B^-$ ,  $c^-$  and  $\tau^-$  factories and by experiments at hadronic colliders
- their decay modes indicate they must contain a heavy quark-antiquark pair in their internal structure
- but either their mass, decay properties or electric charge are not consistent with unassigned charmonium or bottomonium levels

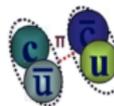
⇒ **more complex substructure than heavy-quarkonium states**

# Interpretations of exotic hadrons

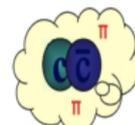
- four-quark candidates classified as  $X$  (neutral),  $Y$  (neutral and  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ ) and  $Z$  (charged); pentaquark candidates named  $P$
- different models have been proposed about the quark composition and binding mechanisms of these exotic hadrons
- a clear pattern is missing: experimental and theoretical efforts are needed to understand their nature
- it is important to search for new exotic candidates along with new production mechanisms and decay modes of already observed unconventional states
- many contributions from the LHCb experiment



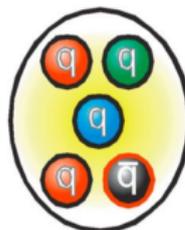
Tetraquark



Meson-meson molecule



Hadro-quarkonium



Pentaquark

meson-baryon molecule, hexaquark ....



Glueball



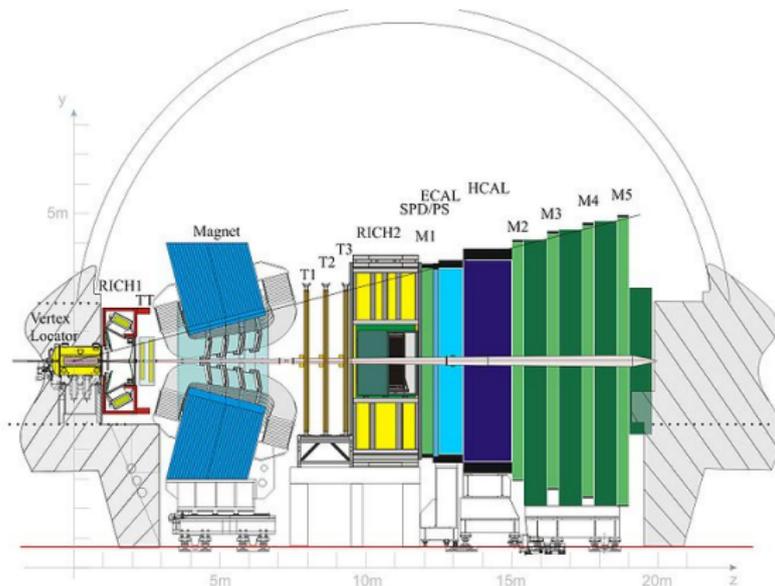
Hybrid meson

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[JINST 3 (2008) S08005]

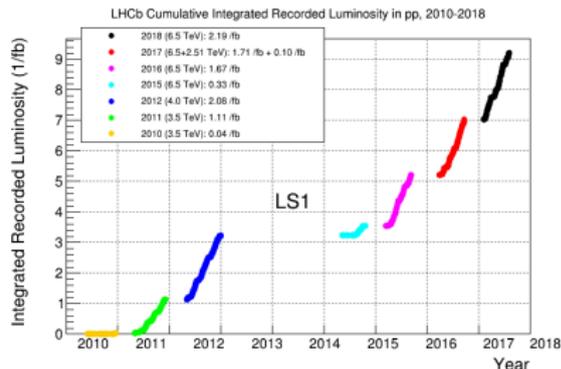
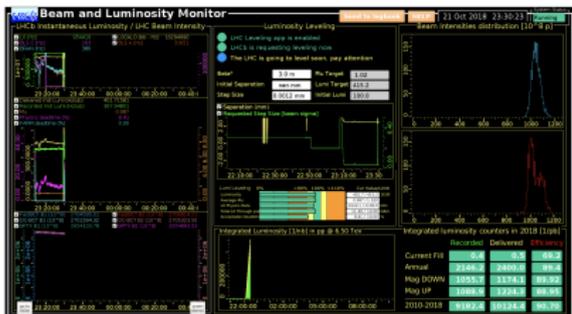
By design: study CP-violating processes and rare *b*- and *c*-hadrons decays



- **VELO**: excellent resolution on primary and secondary vertex separation
- **RICH 1 and 2**: optimal charged hadrons discrimination over the  $10 < p < 100$  GeV range
- **Muon stations**:  $\sim 90\%$  efficiency on muon triggers

# The LHCb data taking and physics

- Run 1:  $\sim 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7\text{-}8 \text{ TeV}$
- Run 2:  $\sim 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$   
( $\sigma_{b\bar{b}} \propto \sqrt{s} \Rightarrow 4\times b\bar{b}$  pairs with respect to Run 1)



Thanks to the LHC!

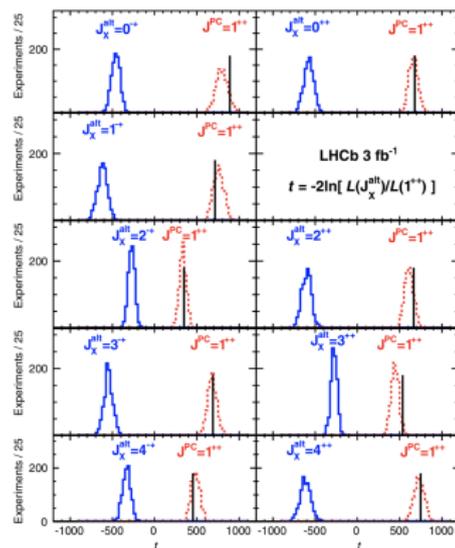
Excellent tracking and PID performance  $\Rightarrow$  extended Physics programme

$\Rightarrow$  not only CP violation and rare decays measurements, but also LFU tests, **exotic and conventional spectroscopy**, production and polarisation measurements, EW and QCD physics, dark photon searches, p-Pb and p-He physics, ...

# Exotic hadrons at LHCb: highlights

# LHCb contributions to the understanding of the $X(3872)$ state

- first exotic candidate observed by Belle in 2003 [Belle collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91 (2003) 262001]
- quantum numbers measurements  $\Rightarrow J^{PC} = 1^{++}$  [Phys. Rev. D92 (2015) 011102], [Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013) 222001]
- search for new decay modes [EPJC 73 (2013) 2462], [Phys. Lett. B 769 (2017) 305]
- direct production in  $pp$  collisions [EPJC 72 (2012) 1972]



- measurement of  $\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow \psi(2S)\gamma)/\mathcal{B}(X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma)$ : **disfavors the pure  $D\bar{D}^*$  molecular interpretation** [Nucl. Phys. B 886 (2014) 665]

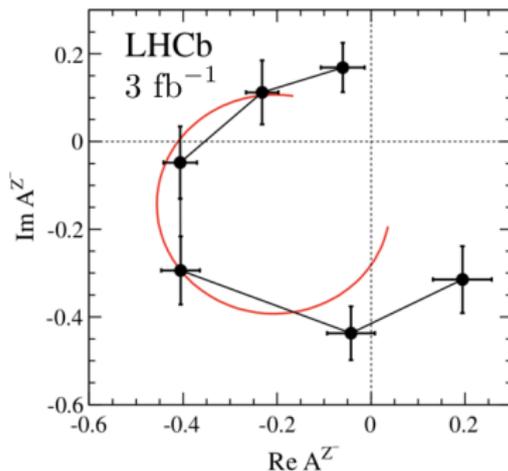
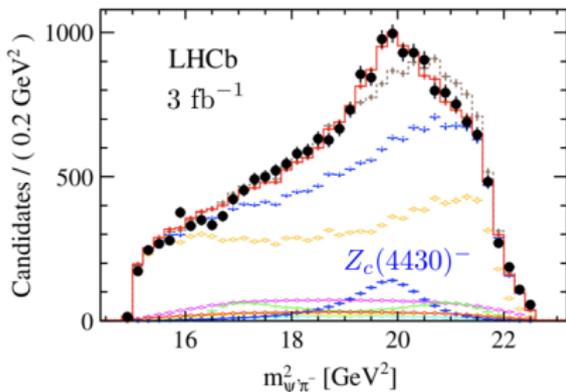
$\Rightarrow$  strong indications that the  $X(3872)$  is a **quantum mixture** of the  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  charmonium state (accounting for the prompt production rate) with a  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  **molecule** state (accounting for the isospin violation coming from the observation of the decays to  $J/\psi\rho$  and  $J/\psi\omega$ )

[M. Padmanath, C. B. Lang, and S. Prelovsek, Phys. Rev. D92 (2015) 034501]

# Confirmation of the $Z_c(4430)^+$ state in $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^+\pi^-$ decays

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 222002]

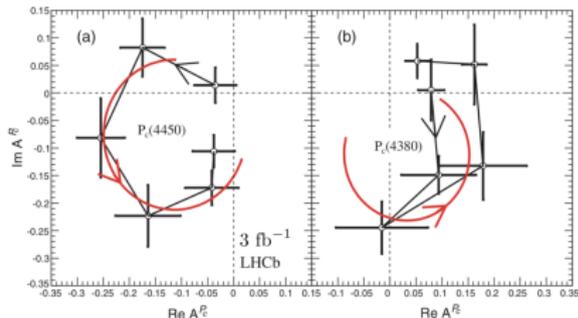
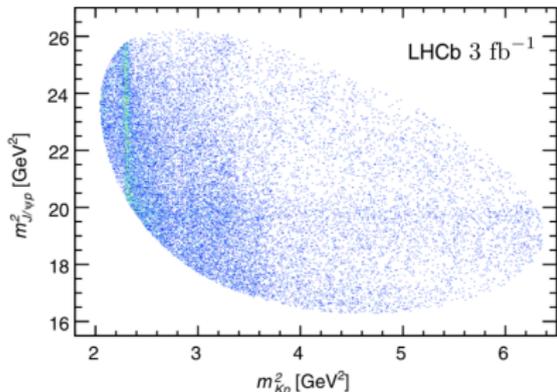
- confirmation of the existence of the  $Z_c(4430)^+$  charged charmonium-like state, and determination of its  $J^P = 1^+$  quantum numbers with very high significance
- first unambiguous exotic state
- demonstration of its **resonant character** through the study of the Argand diagram
- model-independent approach used to demonstrate that the  $\psi(2S)\pi^-$  structures can not be explained by reflections from  $K^+\pi^-$  contributions alone [Phys. Rev. D92 (2015) 112009]



# Discovery of two pentaquark candidates in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p K^+$ decays

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 072001]

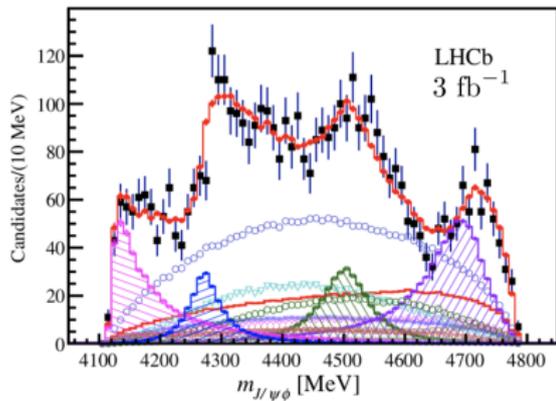
- first observation of two pentaquark candidates  $P_c(4450)^+$  and  $P_c(4380)^+$  using Run 1 data ( $\approx 26000 \Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p K^+$  decays)
- Argand plot consistent with a resonance for the  $P_c(4450)^+$ , not conclusive for the  $P_c(4380)^+$
- $P_c^+$  states have opposite parities
- supported by a model-independent analysis [Phys. Rev. Lett. 117 (2016) 082002]
- evidence for pentaquark contributions also in the Cabibbo-suppressed  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^+$  decay mode [Phys. Rev. Lett. 117 (2016) 082003]



# Neutral exotics in $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \phi K^+$ decays

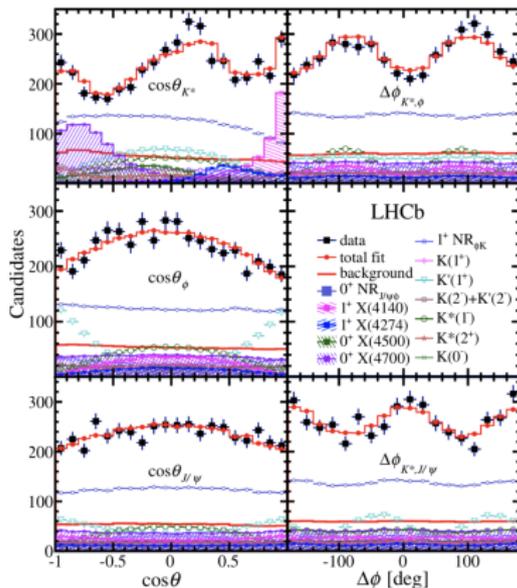
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2016) 022003], [Phys. Rev. D95 (2016) 012002]

- confirmation of the  $X(4140)$  and  $X(4274)$  states
- discovery of two higher mass states:  $X(4400)$  and  $X(4700)$
- quantum numbers assignments



- $D_s^+ D_s^{*-}$  cusp model included among systematic variations [E. S. Swanson, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E25 (2016) 1642010]

- indications that the  $X(4140)$  may not be a bound state that can be described by the Breit-Wigner function



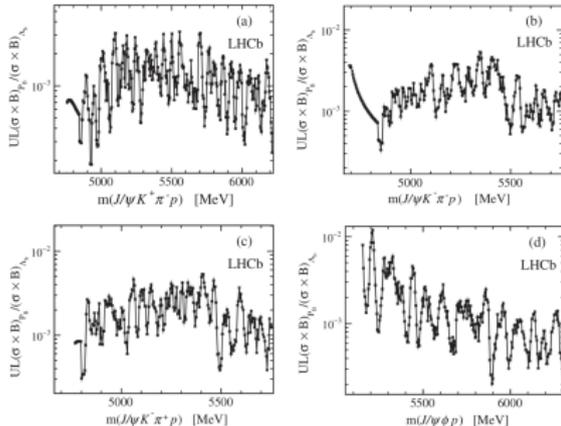
# Searches for exotic hadrons containing $b$ quarks

Search for weakly decaying  $b$ -flavoured pentaquarks

[Phys. Rev. D97 (2018) 032010]

Run 1 data  $\Rightarrow L \sim 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

**No evidence for signal**

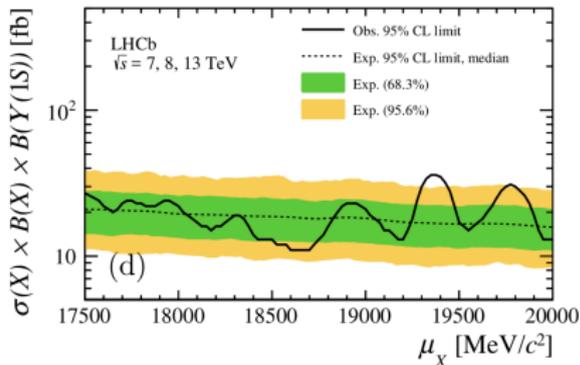


Upper limits relative to  $\Lambda_b$  production times its branching fraction to  $J/\psi p K^+$  of  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$

Search for  $X_{b\bar{b}\bar{b}\bar{b}} \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) \mu^+ \mu^-$   
[JHEP 10 (2018) 086]

2011–2017 data  $\Rightarrow L \sim 6.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

**No significant excess for any mass hypothesis between 17.5 and 20.0 GeV**



Upper limits on production cross section of  $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ fb})$

**Evidence for an  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  resonance  
in  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  decays**

[arXiv:1809.07416]

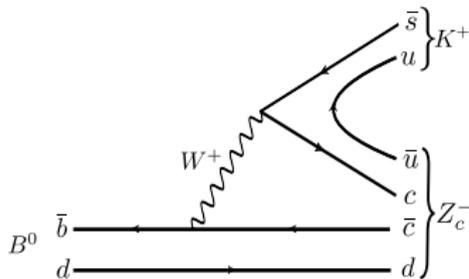
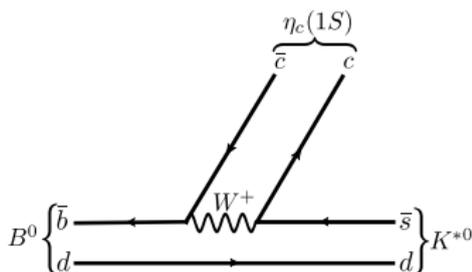
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# Motivations

[arXiv:1809.07416]

- prediction of states decaying to  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  **depending on the model** used to describe the  $Z_c(3900)^-$ , discovered by BESIII [BESIII collaboration, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **110** (2013) 252001]:
  - $Z_c(3900)^-$  as an hadrocharmonium state  $\Rightarrow$  charged charmonium-like state of mass  $\approx 3800$  MeV [M. B. Voloshin, *Phys. Rev.* **D87** (2013) 091501]
  - $Z_c(3900)^-$  as analogues of quarkonium hybrids  $\Rightarrow$  states with quantum numbers allowing the decay to  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  [E. Braaten, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111** (2013) 162003]
- the diquark model predicts a  $J^P = 0^+$  exotic candidate decaying to  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  below the open-charm threshold [L. Maiani, F. Piccinini, A. D. Polosa, and V. Riquer, *Phys. Rev.* **D71** (2005) 014028]

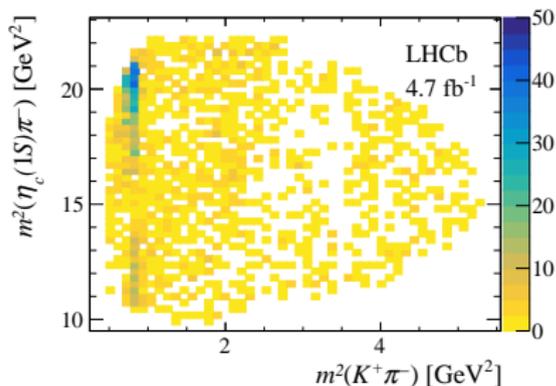
$\Rightarrow$  search for an  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  resonance studying  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  decays



# Analysis strategy

[arXiv:1809.07416]

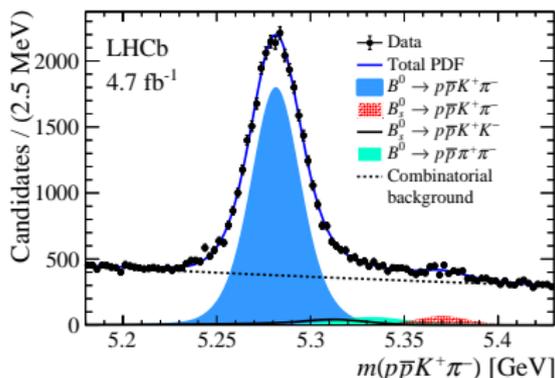
- the  $\eta_c(1S)$  is reconstructed into the  $p\bar{p}$  decay mode
- charged hadrons discrimination provided by the RICH detectors are of crucial importance to select and correctly identify  $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-$  decays
- isolate  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  events from combinatorial and nonresonant  $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-$  decays
- perform a Dalitz plot analysis to search for exotic hadrons and measure quasi-two-body branching fractions
- use 2011–2016 data  
 $\Rightarrow L \sim 4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Dalitz plot analysis performed separately for Run 1 and 2 data to take into account possible differences in the two data taking periods



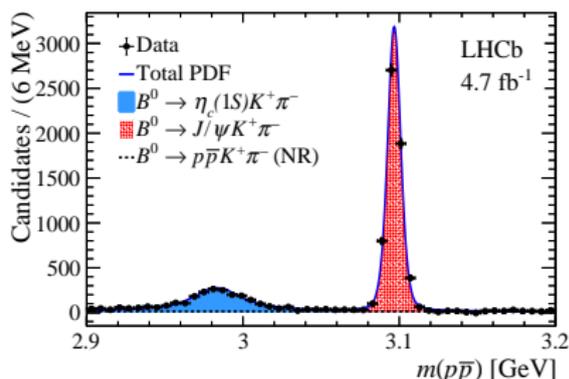
# Signal yields

[arXiv:1809.07416]

$\approx 3 \times 10^4 B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-$  decays



$\approx 2100 B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  decays



- fit to the  $m(p\bar{p})$  used to determine the  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  branching fraction with respect to the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+\pi^-$  normalisation channel
- reconstruction and selection efficiencies largely cancel in the ratio

$$\bullet R = \frac{N_{\eta_c}}{N_{J/\psi}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{J/\psi}}{\epsilon_{\eta_c}} = 0.357 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.008$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-) = (5.73 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.66) \times 10^{-4}$$

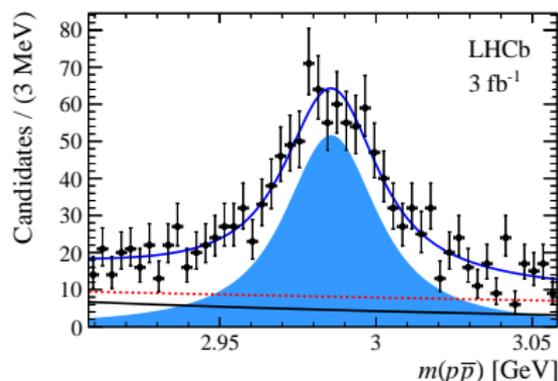
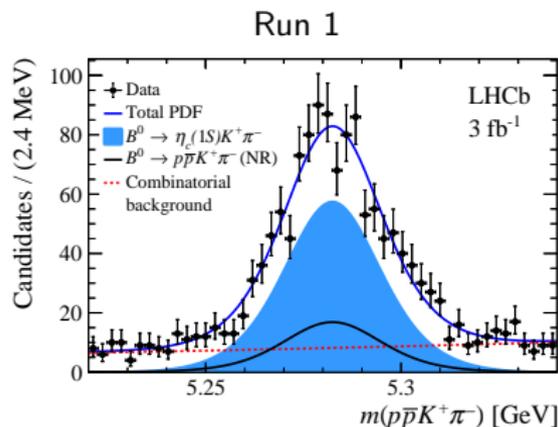
# Amplitude analysis strategy

[arXiv:1809.07416]

- the  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-$  decay involves only pseudoscalar particles  $\Rightarrow$  Dalitz plot (DP) analysis using the Laura++ package [Comput. Phys. Commun. 231 (2018) 198]
- the sizeable natural width of the  $\eta_c(1S)$  meson ( $\Gamma_{\eta_c} \sim 32 \text{ MeV}$ ) complicates the formalism:
  - the kinematic quantities entering the DP formalism are computed using  $m(p\bar{p})$  instead of the known value of the  $\eta_c(1S)$  mass
  - the natural width of the  $\eta_c(1S)$  is set to zero when computing the DP normalisation (the effect of this simplification is taken into account when assessing systematic uncertainties)
- the isobar model is used to write the decay amplitude:  $K^+\pi^-$  S-wave at  $m(K^+\pi^-) \lesssim 1.7 \text{ GeV}$  parametrised with the LASS function, other resonances with relativistic Breit–Wigner functions
- simultaneous fit to Run 1 and Run 2 data using the JFIT framework [arXiv:1409.5080]: the signal and background yields, and the efficiency maps, are different between the two subsamples

# Signal and background yields

[arXiv:1809.07416]



- 2D fit to the joint  $m(p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-) \times m(p\bar{p})$  distribution
- separate fit to Run 1 and 2 data samples
- $D^0$  and  $\Lambda_c^+$  vetoes
- nonresonant and combinatorial backgrounds to be subtracted

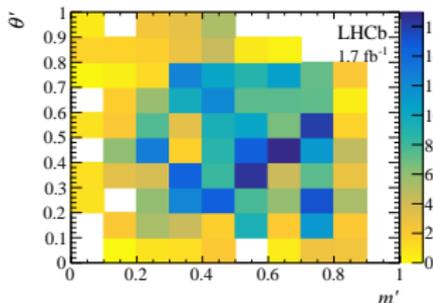
Component	Run 1	Run 2
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K^+\pi^-$	$805 \pm 48$	$1065 \pm 56$
$B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^+\pi^-$ (NR)	$234 \pm 48$	$273 \pm 56$
Combinatorial background	$409 \pm 36$	$498 \pm 41$

# Parametrisation of the backgrounds

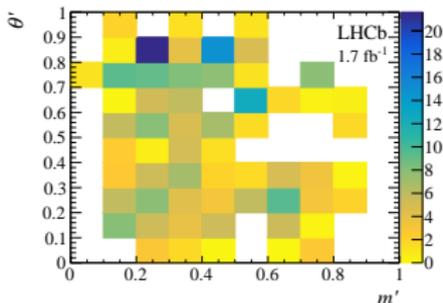
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- use the sPlot technique to build the histograms for the nonresonant and combinatorial backgrounds
- parametrised using the Square Dalitz plot coordinates to avoid artefacts related to the curved boundaries of the DP
- smooth histograms through a cubic spline interpolation

Run 2



combinatorial background

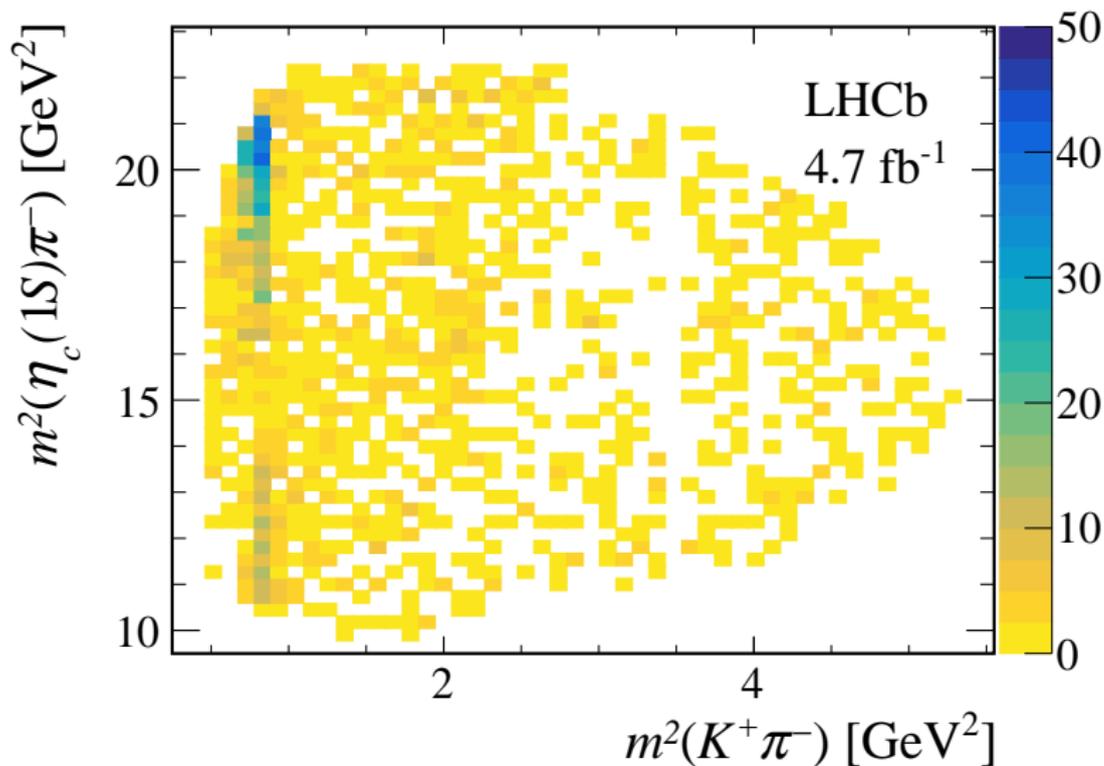


nonresonant background

# Background subtracted Dalitz plot

[arXiv:1809.07416]

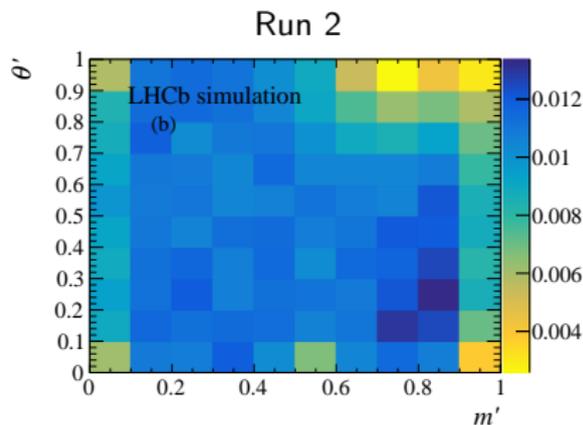
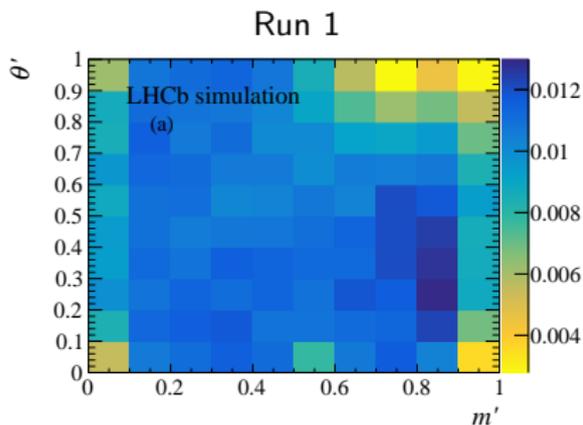
Run 1 and 2



# Efficiency parametrisation

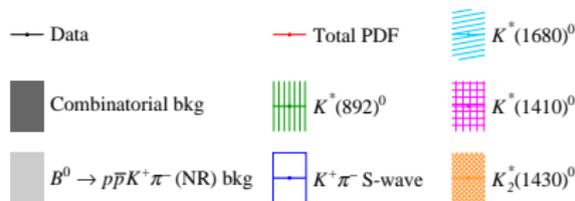
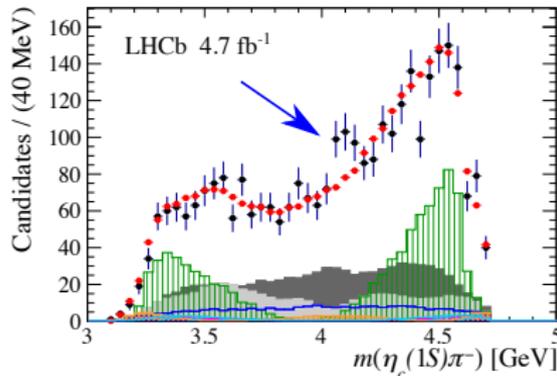
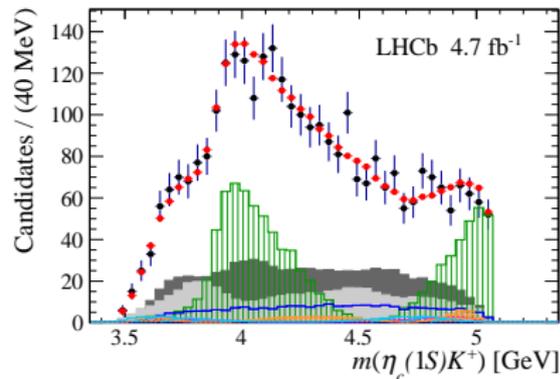
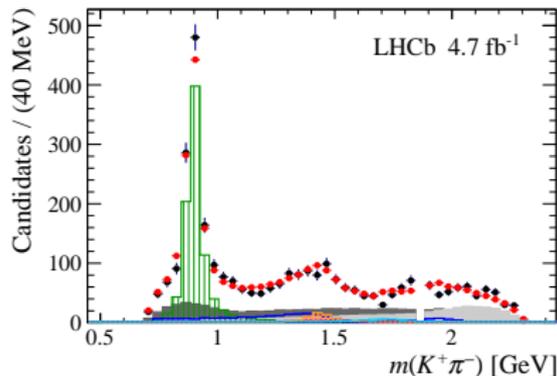
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- the efficiency variation is caused by the detector acceptance and selection procedure
- use simulated samples generated uniformly across the Square Dalitz plot and correct for differences between data and simulation in the PID efficiencies using calibration samples
- smooth histograms through a cubic spline interpolation



# Model with only $K^+\pi^-$ contributions

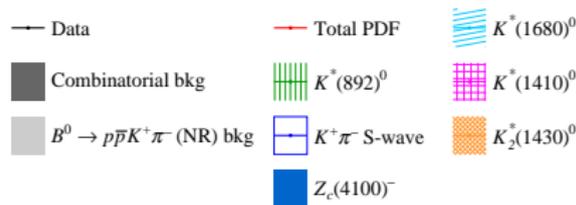
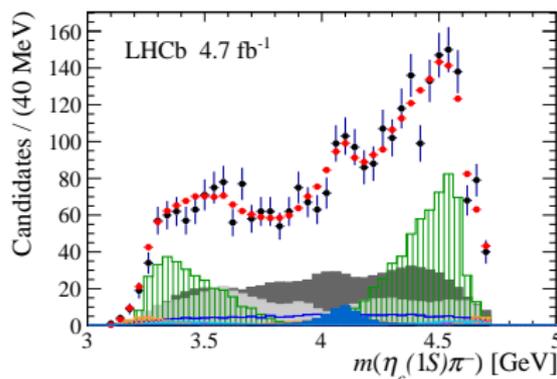
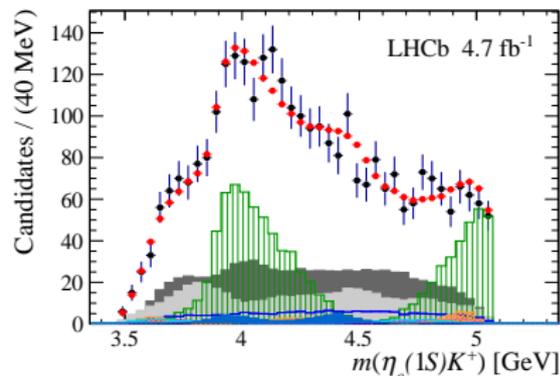
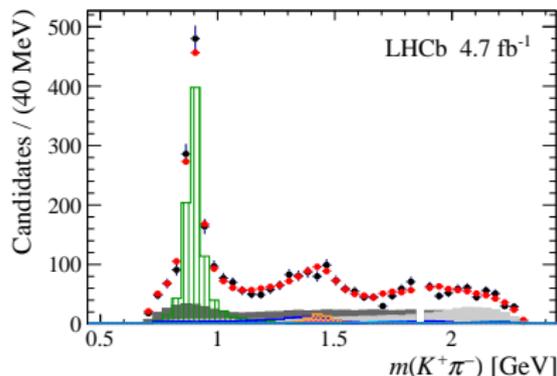
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- discrepancy around  $\approx 4.1$  GeV in  $m(\eta_c(1S)\pi^-)$

# Model with $K^+\pi^-$ and $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$ contributions

[arXiv:1809.07416]



- **statistical significance** determined through the profile likelihood ratio test, using toys and taking into account the look-elsewhere effect

$Z_c(4100)^-$  at  $\Rightarrow 4.8\sigma$ ;  $J^P = 0^+$  is rejected with respect to  $J^P = 1^-$  at  $4.3\sigma$

# Systematic uncertainties

[arXiv:1809.07416]

- **experimental uncertainties:**

- signal and background yields
- backgrounds parametrisation
- efficiency parametrisation
- amplitude fit bias

- **model uncertainties:**

- treatment of the  $\eta_c(1S)$  natural width
- $K^+\pi^-$  S-wave parametrisation
- fixed parameters of the resonances
- addition or removal of marginal components

- the systematic variations producing the **largest deviations** on the  $Z_c(4100)^-$  parameters (mass, width and fit fraction) are used to evaluate the systematic effects on the significances
- **$Z_c(4100)^-$  significance (top table) when including systematic uncertainties and correlations between them:  $3.2\sigma$**
- **Discrimination between  $J^P = 0^+$  and  $J^P = 1^-$  (bottom table) is not significant**

Source	$\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L})$	Significance
Nominal fit	41.4	$4.8\sigma$
Fixed yields	45.8	$5.2\sigma$
Phase-space border veto	44.6	$5.1\sigma$
$\eta_c$ width	36.6	$4.3\sigma$
$K^+\pi^-$ S-wave	31.8	$3.9\sigma$
Background	27.4	$3.4\sigma$

Source	$\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L})$	Significance
Default	18.6	$4.3\sigma$
Fixed yields	23.8	$4.9\sigma$
Phase-space border veto	24.4	$4.9\sigma$
$\eta_c$ width	4.2	$2.0\sigma$
Background	3.4	$1.8\sigma$
$K^+\pi^-$ S-wave	1.4	$1.2\sigma$

# Cross-checks

[arXiv:1809.07416]

- addition of further high-mass  $K^{*0}$  states does not improve the quality of the fit
- additional amplitude decaying to  $\eta_c(1S)\pi^-$  is not significant, nor an amplitude decaying to  $\eta_c(1S)K^+$
- possible effect of the  $\eta_c(1S)$  resonant phase motion in the overall amplitude is found negligible

# $Z_c(4100)^-$ parameters and quasi-two-body branching fractions

[arXiv:1809.07416]

- $m_{Z_c^-} = 4096 \pm 20_{-22}^{+18}$  MeV,  $\Gamma_{Z_c^-} = 152 \pm 58_{-35}^{+60}$  MeV
- quasi-two-body branching fractions measured by multiplying  
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)K^+\pi^-) = (5.73 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.66) \times 10^{-4}$$
with the fit fractions resulting from the Dalitz plot fit

Decay mode	Branching fraction ( $10^{-5}$ )
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K^*(892)^0 (\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$	$29.5 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.6 \quad {}_{-2.8}^{+1.0} \pm 3.4$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K^*(1410)^0 (\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$	$1.20 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.14$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K^+\pi^-$ (NR)	$5.90 \pm 0.84 \pm 0.11 \quad {}_{-0.69}^{+0.57} \pm 0.68$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K_0^*(1430)^0 (\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$	$14.50 \pm 2.10 \pm 0.28 \quad {}_{-1.60}^{+2.01} \pm 1.67$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K_2^*(1430)^0 (\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$	$2.35 \pm 0.87 \pm 0.05 \quad {}_{-0.92}^{+0.57} \pm 0.27$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K^*(1680)^0 (\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$	$1.26 \pm 1.15 \pm 0.02 \quad {}_{-0.97}^{+0.86} \pm 0.15$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta_c K_0^*(1950)^0 (\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)$	$2.18 \pm 1.04 \pm 0.04 \quad {}_{-1.43}^{+0.80} \pm 0.25$
$B^0 \rightarrow Z_c(4100)^- K^+$	$1.89 \pm 0.64 \pm 0.04 \quad {}_{-0.63}^{+0.69} \pm 0.22$

statistical, branching fraction systematic, fit fraction systematic, external branching fractions uncertainties

# Model-independent evidence for exotic contributions in $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^-$ decays

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# Motivations

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- $Z_c(4430)^-$  discovered in the  $Z_c(4430)^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^-$  decay mode
- $Z(4430)^- \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^-$  decay mode not yet confirmed: the understanding of this would provide insights into the internal structure of the  $Z(4430)^-$
- in the dynamical diquark picture, this suppression is explained by a better overlap of the  $Z(4430)^-$  radial wavefunction with the  $\psi(2S)$  with respect to the radial ground  $J/\psi$  state [S. J. Brodsky, D. S. Hwang, and R. F. Lebed, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 (2014) 112001]
- the Belle collaboration observed the  $Z_c(4200)^- \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^-$  at  $6.2\sigma$  [Belle collaboration, Phys. Rev. D90 (2014) 112009]

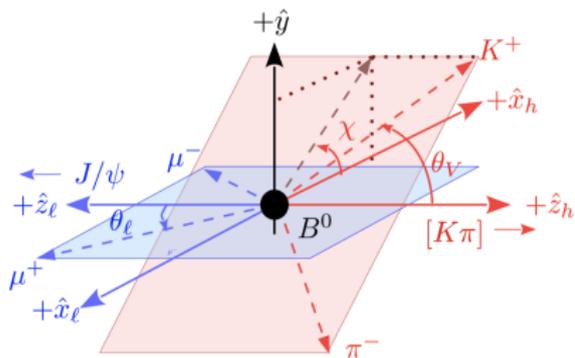
# Analysis strategy

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- the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^-$  decay mode is dominated by  $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  intermediate contributions
- given the low  $Z(4430)^-$  fit fraction expected in this decay mode, an optimal description of the  $K^{*0}$  contributions would be required
- adopt the model-independent approach, only requiring the knowledge of the highest spin of the  $K^{*0}$  contributions for a given  $m(K^+ \pi^-)$  interval, to bypass the problem
- 4D angular analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^-$  decays to analyse the differential decay rate as a function of  $m(K^+ \pi^-)$  and of the three angles defining the decay
- test the hypothesis that the  $K^{*0}$  contributions alone can describe all the structures seen in the data using a novel 3D moments technique

# Angular moments technique

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- $\Omega = \{\theta_l, \theta_v, \chi\}$  characterise the decay for a  $m(K^+\pi^-)$  value
- $\theta_v$  is the  $K^{*0}$  helicity angle tagging the spin  $J$  of the resonance

$$\left[ \frac{d\Gamma^k}{d\Omega} \right]_{J_{\max}^k} \propto \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\max}^k} f_i(\Omega) \Gamma_i^k$$

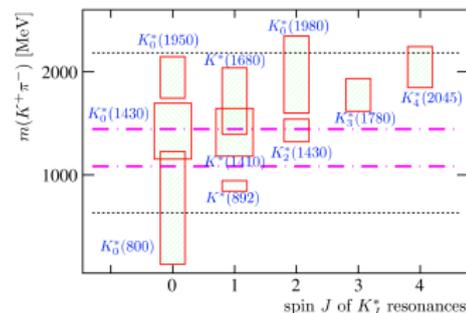
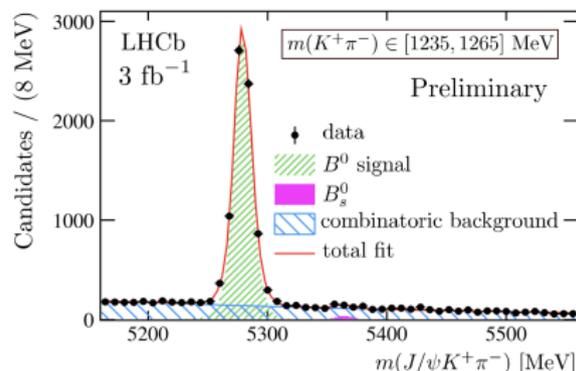
- $f_i(\Omega)$  is an element of a set of orthonormal functions built starting from spherical harmonics of the three decay angles
- $\Gamma_i^k$  are angular moments in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  bin of  $m(K^+\pi^-)$  extracted from data (the dependence on  $m(K^+\pi^-)$  can be neglected if the intervals are narrow)

# Signal yields and $K^{*0}$ states

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- large statistics of  $\sim 500k$  events with Run 1 data
- allows for independent fits in fine  $m(K^+\pi^-)$  intervals (purity is larger than 90% for all of them)

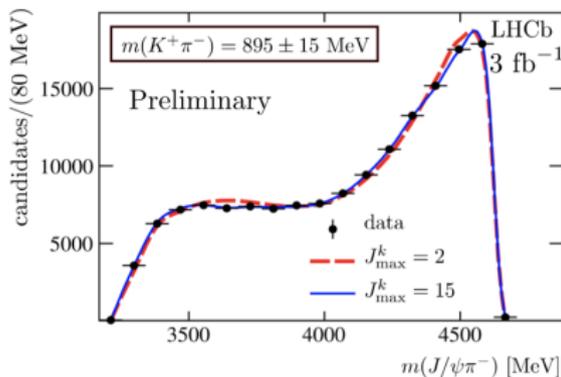
- $J_{\max} = 2$  for  $m(K^+\pi^-) < 1265$  MeV
- $J_{\max} = 3$  for  $m(K^+\pi^-) > 1265$  MeV
- if only  $K^{*0}$  states contribute to the decay  $\Rightarrow$  data described by an expansion in angular moments with the sum truncated to  $J_{\max}$ 
  - if the data can be described only truncating the sum to unphysical high values for  $J_{\max}$ , it is an indication of other dynamical processes contributing to the decay



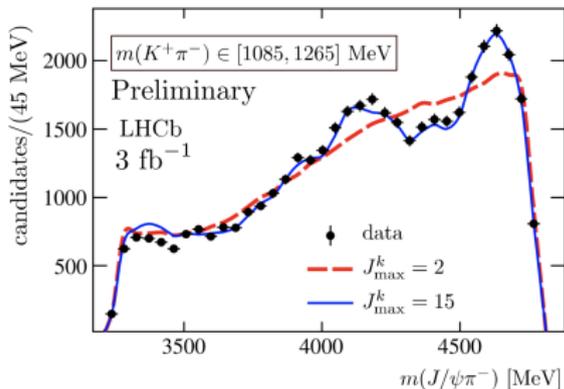
# Model from angular moments

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- use simulated events generated flat in the angular space and including efficiency effects
- weight events using normalised moments determined from data



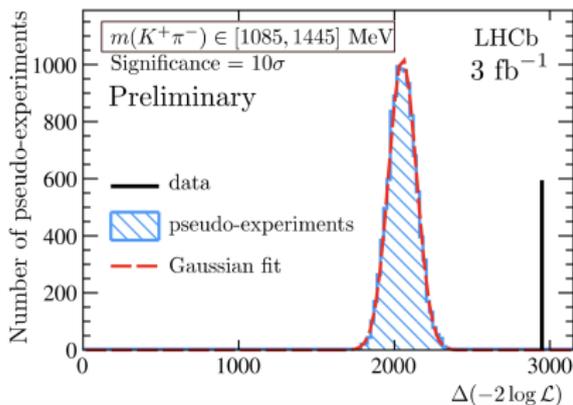
Region dominated by the  $K^*(892)^0$   
⇒ well described by  $J_{\max} = 2$



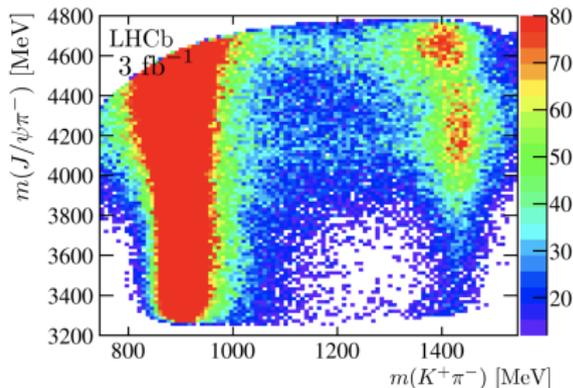
⇒ Higher moments are required

# Significance and results

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⇒ the profile likelihood ratio test demonstrates at more than  $5\sigma$  that  $K^{*0}$  contributions alone cannot describe the dynamics of the  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+\pi^-$  decay



By inspecting the DP, structures are visible at  $m(J/\psi\pi^-) \approx 4200 \text{ MeV}$  and  $m(J/\psi\pi^-) \approx 4600 \text{ MeV}$

**The nature of the non- $K^{*0}$  contributions can be investigated with a future amplitude analysis**

## Conclusions

- the study of exotic spectroscopy is important to improve the understanding of the non-perturbative regime of QCD
- the LHCb collaboration already provided important results in this sector, and will contribute further in the near future with important updates using the Run 2 data sample
- LHCb is going to be upgraded, *i.e.* a brand new detector will be built, implementing an innovative software-based trigger system, that will improve the efficiency on hadronic final states and will make it possible to collect a larger data sample exploiting the increased instantaneous luminosity

**Thanks!**

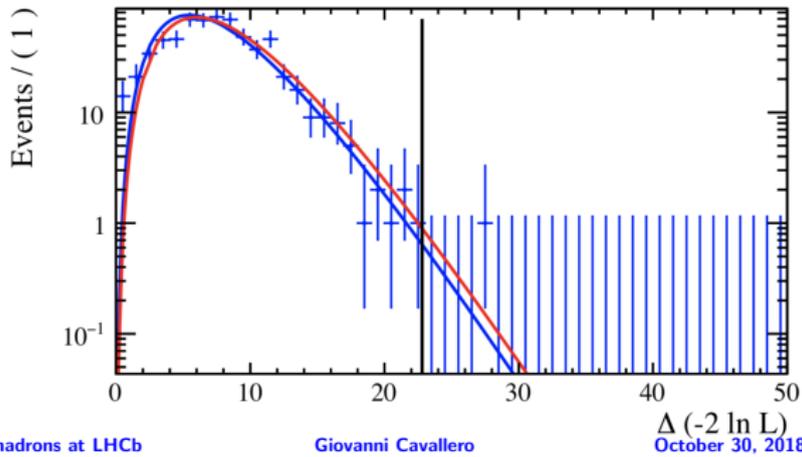
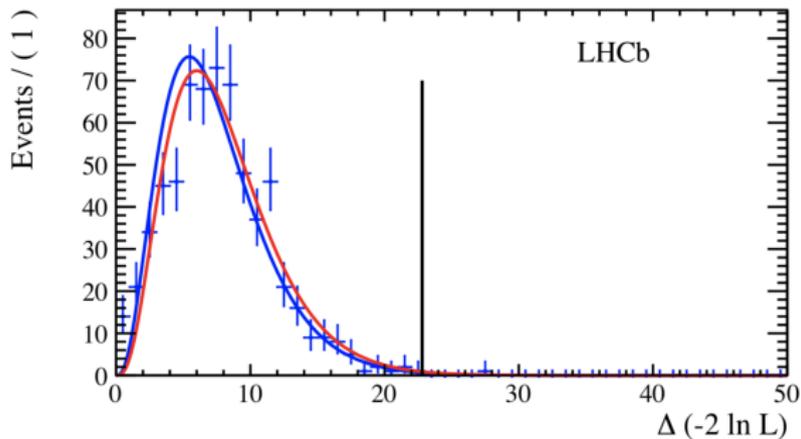
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## $Z_c(4100)^-$ significance determination strategy

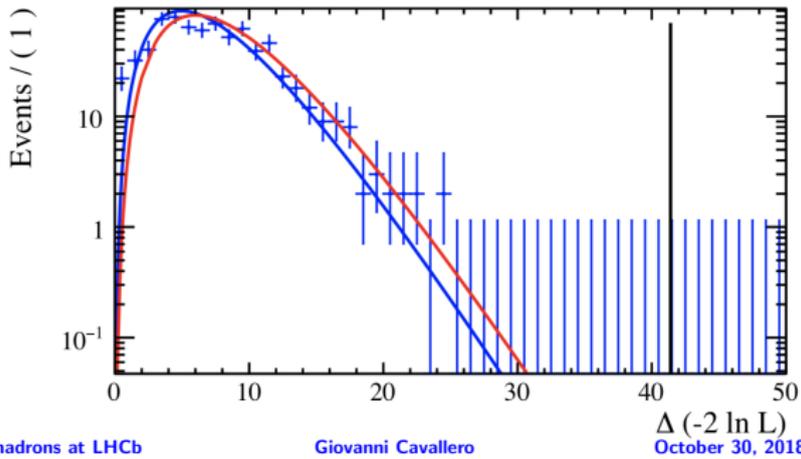
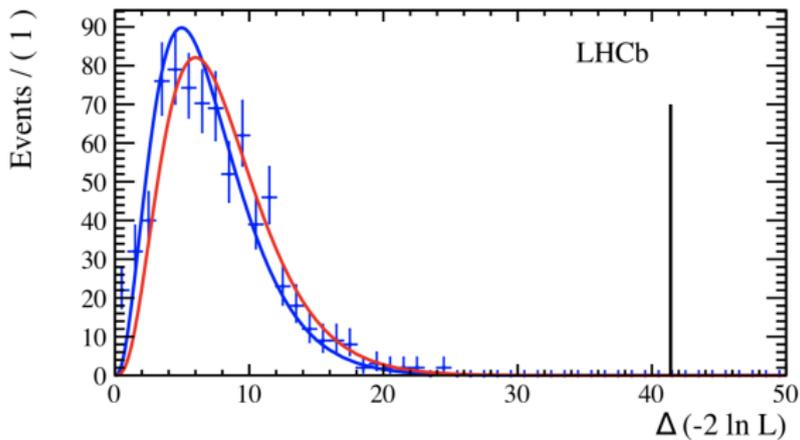
- generate 1000 toys according to the no- $Z$  model
- fit with both the no- $Z$  ( $H_0$ ) and  $Z$  ( $H_1$ ) models and determine
$$\lambda = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(H_0)}{\mathcal{L}(H_1)} = \Delta(-2 \log \mathcal{L})$$
- when fitting with  $H_0$ , add the  $Z_c(4100)^-$  component but fixing its isobar coefficients to zero (assure the regularity of the likelihood around the point of constraint)
- when fitting with  $H_1$ ,  $Z_c(4100)^-$  mass and width are left floating  $\Rightarrow$  look-elsewhere effect taken into account
- check  $\Delta(-2 \log \mathcal{L})$  follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution
- fit  $\Delta(-2 \log \mathcal{L})$  to determine the number of degrees of freedom: a  $\chi^2$  with  $\text{ndof}=8$  describes well  $\Delta(-2 \log \mathcal{L})$

$$n_\sigma(\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L})) = \sqrt{2} \text{TMATH::ErfcInverse}(\text{TMATH::Prob}(\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L}), 8)) \quad (1)$$

# $\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L})$ for $J^P = 0^+$



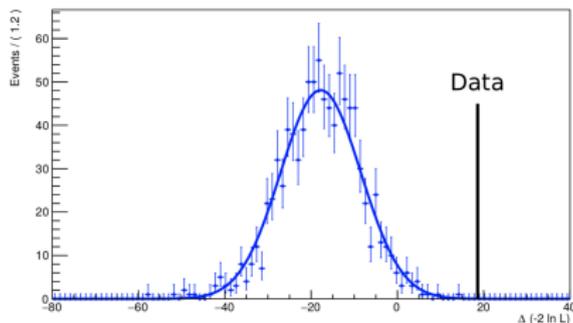
# $\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L})$ for $J^P = 1^-$



## $Z_c(4100)^-$ quantum numbers: significance determination strategy

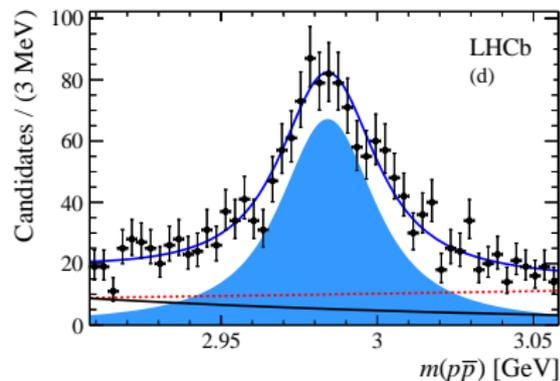
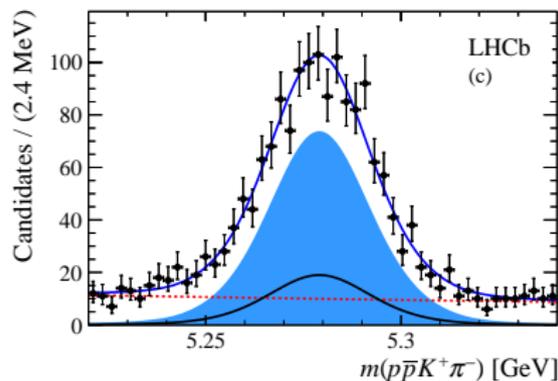
- generate 1000 toys according to  $J^P = 0^+$  hypothesis
- fit with both the  $J^P = 0^+$  ( $H_0$ ) and  $J^P = 1^-$  ( $H_1$ ) models and determine  $\lambda = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(H_0)}{\mathcal{L}(H_1)} = \Delta(-2 \log \mathcal{L})$
- lower limit on the significance of the rejection of the  $J^P = 0^+$  hypothesis:

$$n_\sigma = \sqrt{\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L})} \quad (2)$$



# Signal and background yields: 2D fit for Run 2

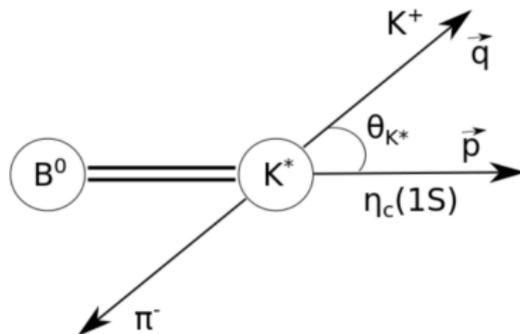
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## Square Dalitz plot coordinates and helicity angle

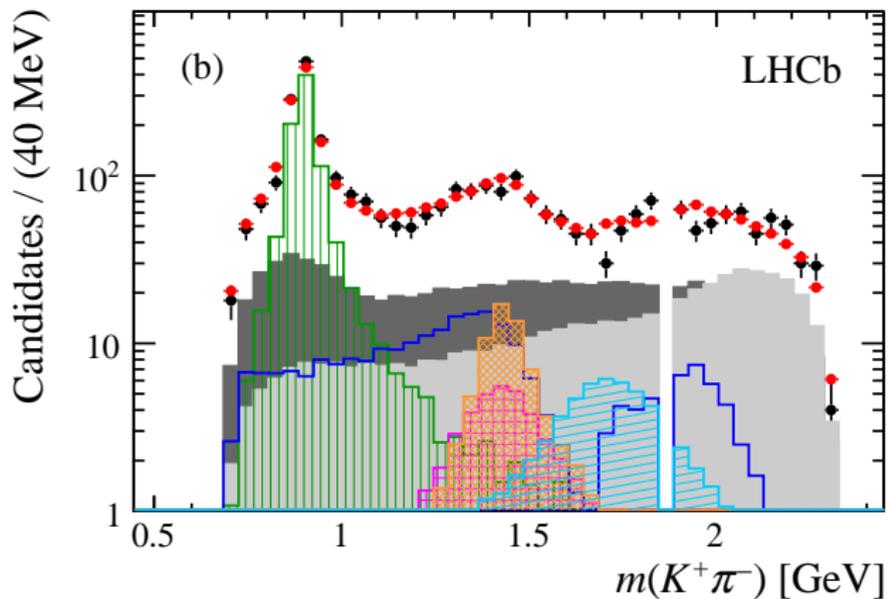
$$m' \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \left( 2 \frac{m(K^+ \pi^-) - m_{K^+ \pi^-}^{\min}}{m_{K^+ \pi^-}^{\max} - m_{K^+ \pi^-}^{\min}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\theta' \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \theta(K^+ \pi^-),$$



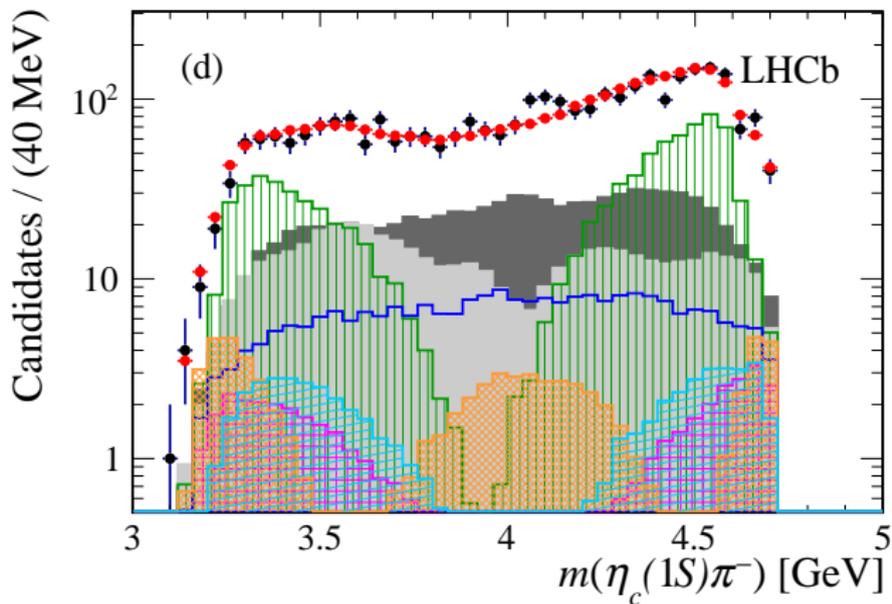
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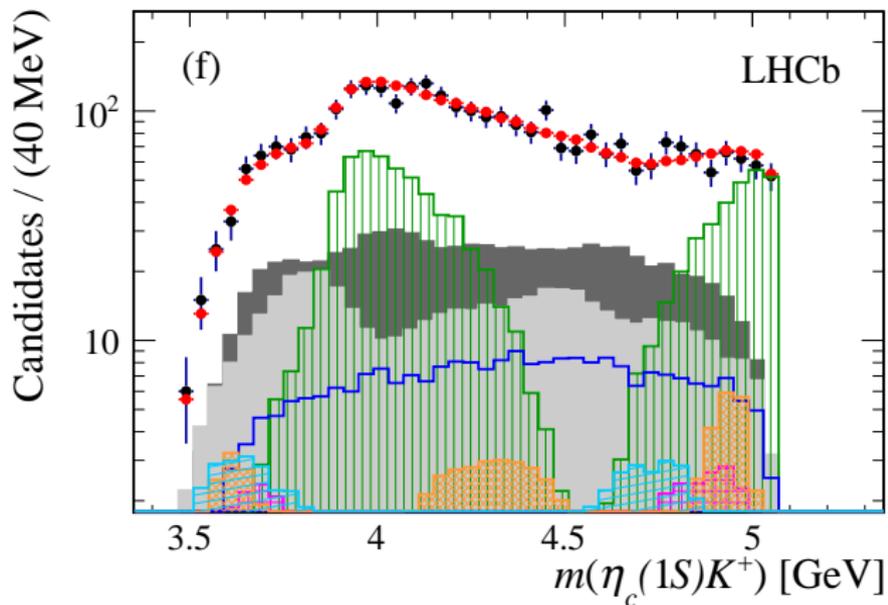
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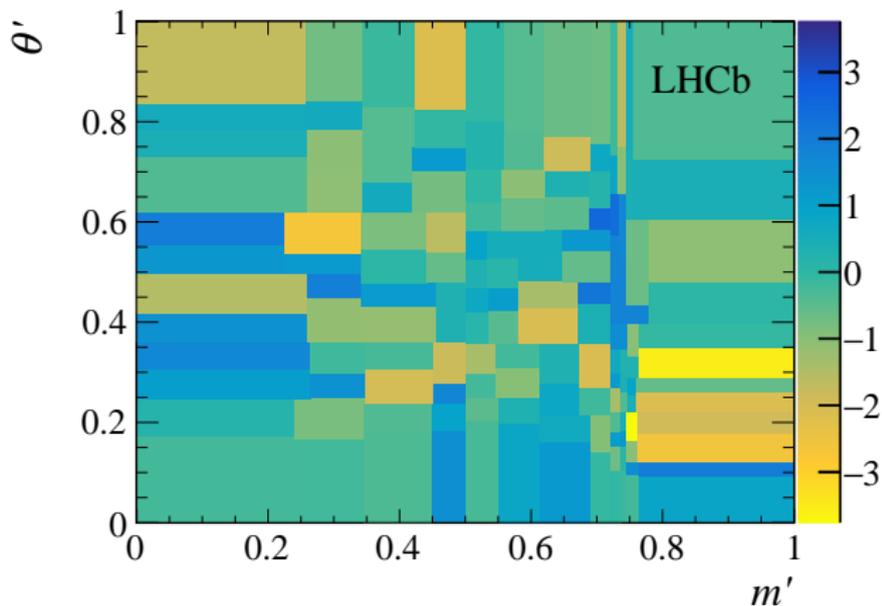
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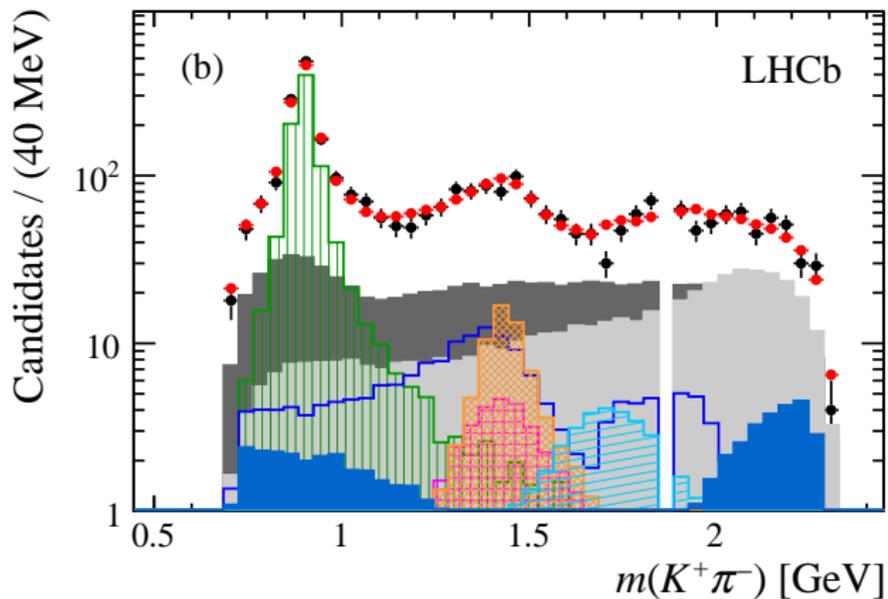
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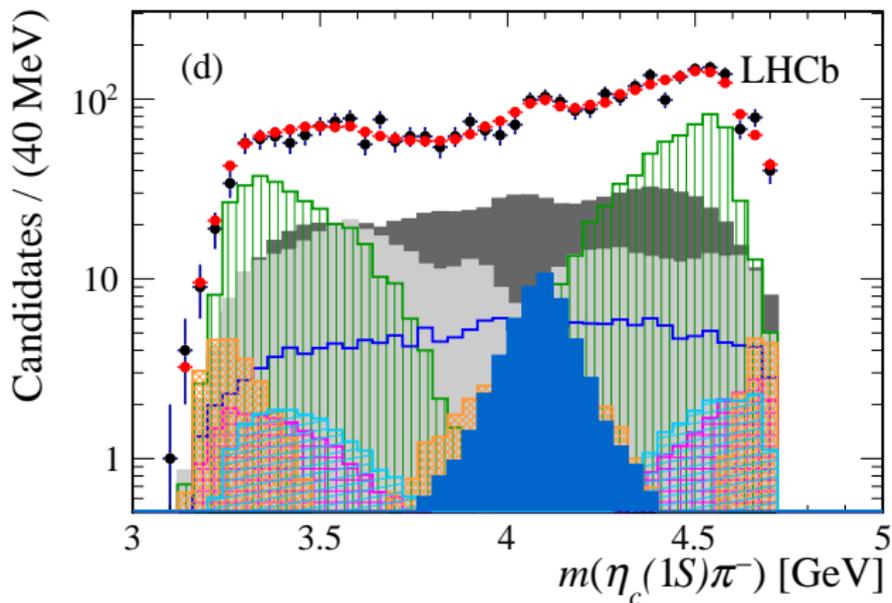
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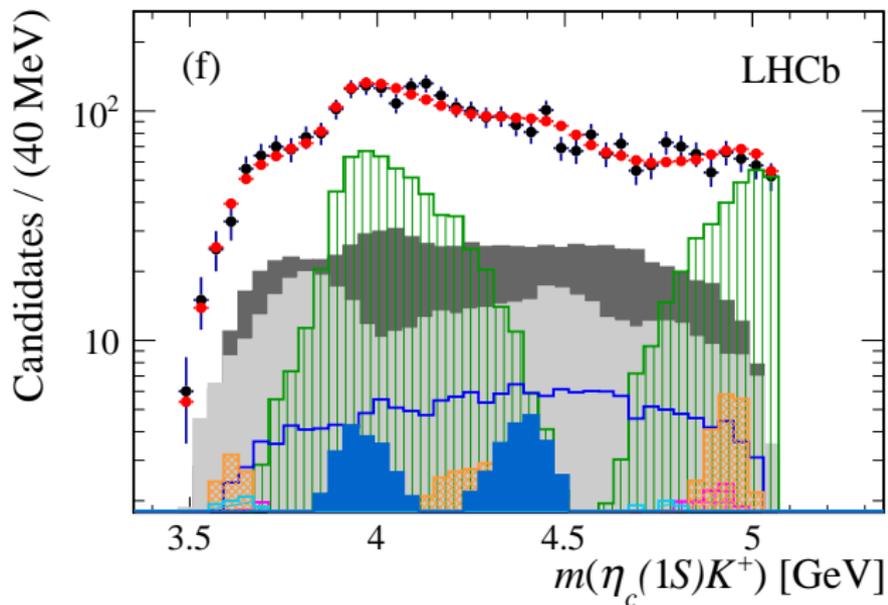
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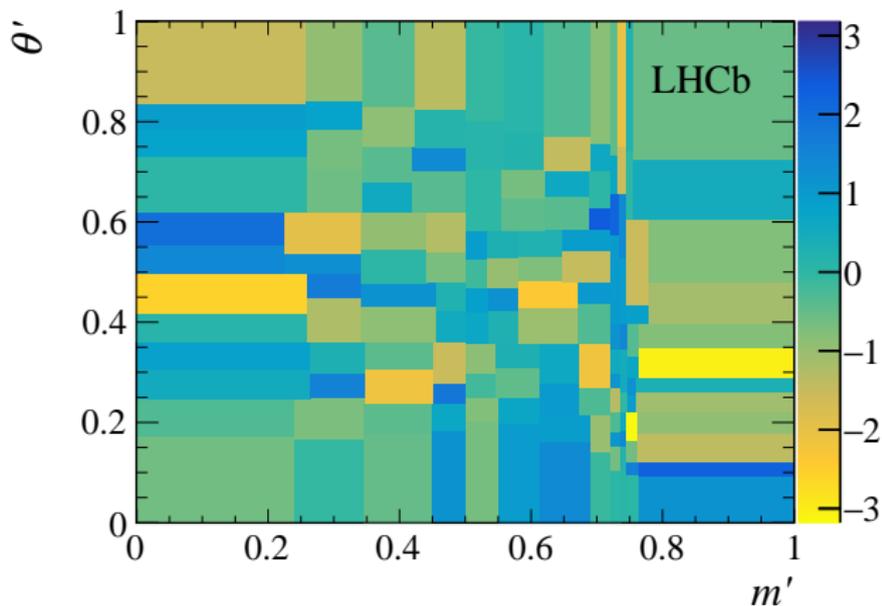
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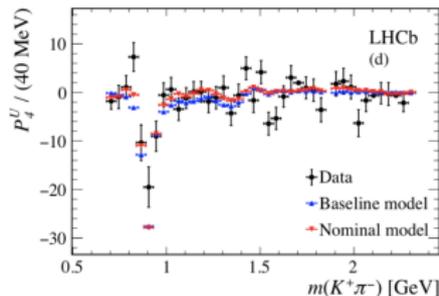
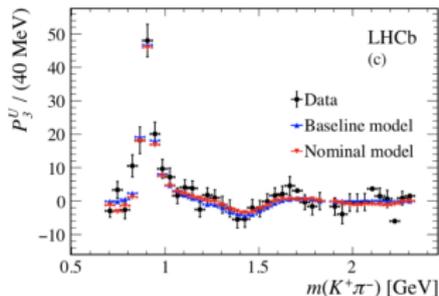
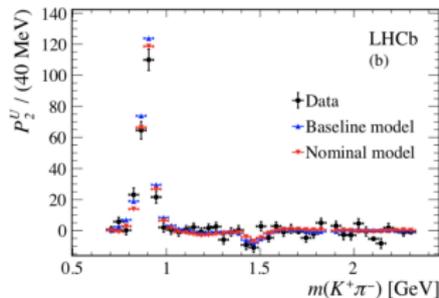
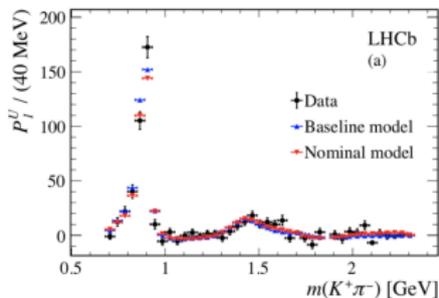
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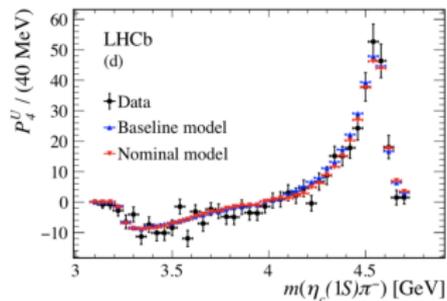
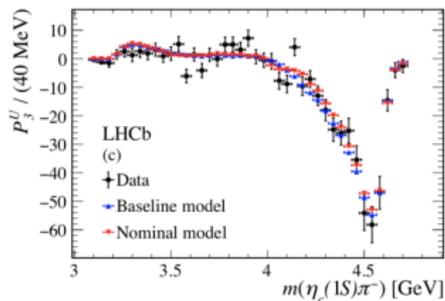
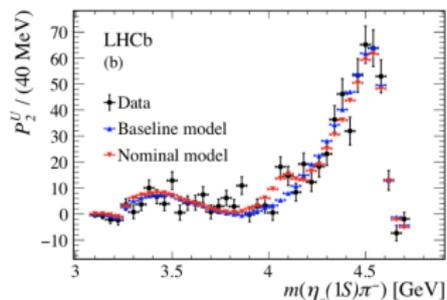
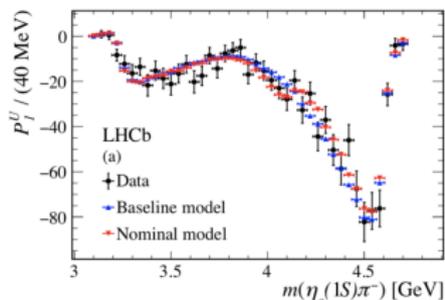
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