

Recent CMS results on rare heavy flavour decays

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Observation of $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0$
decays

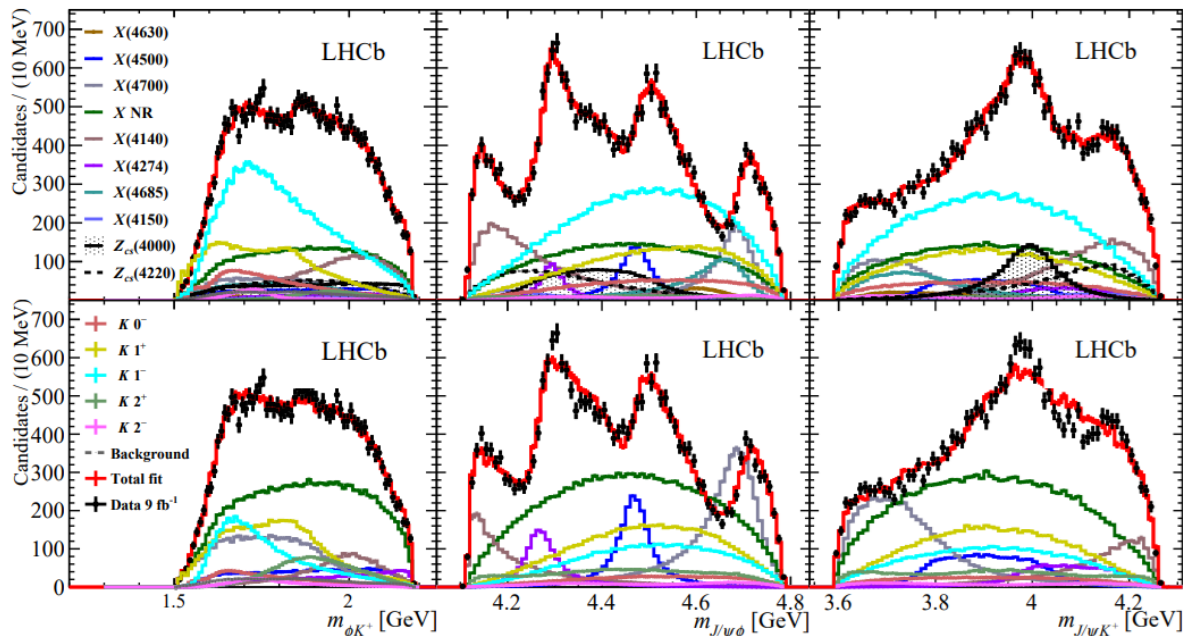
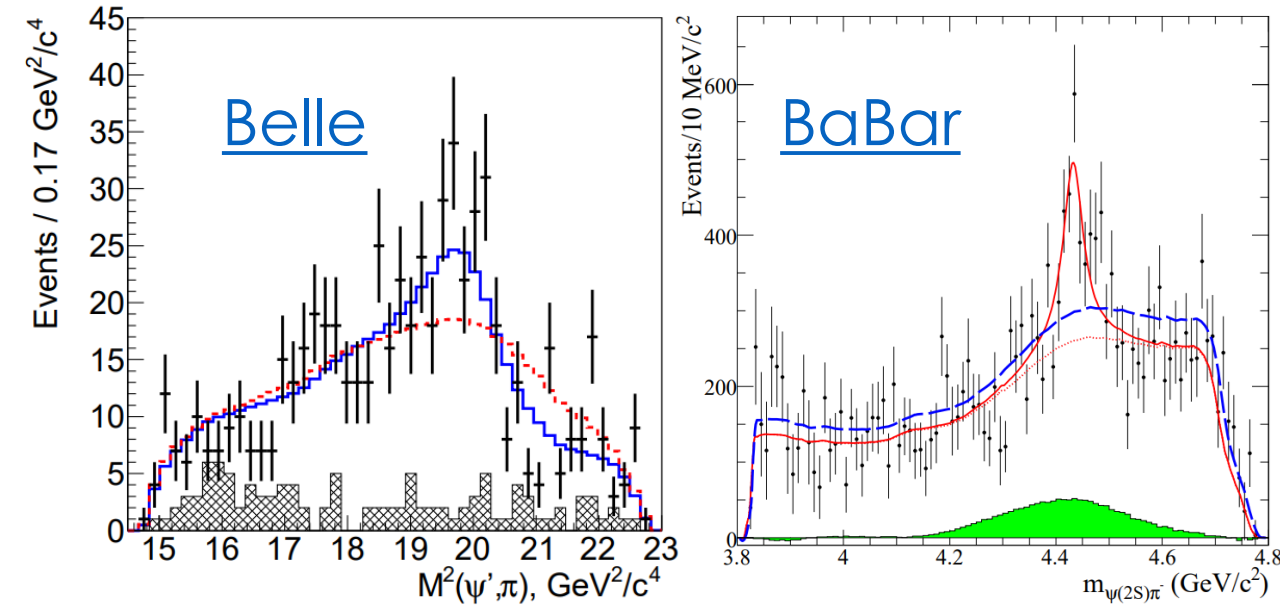
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Motivation

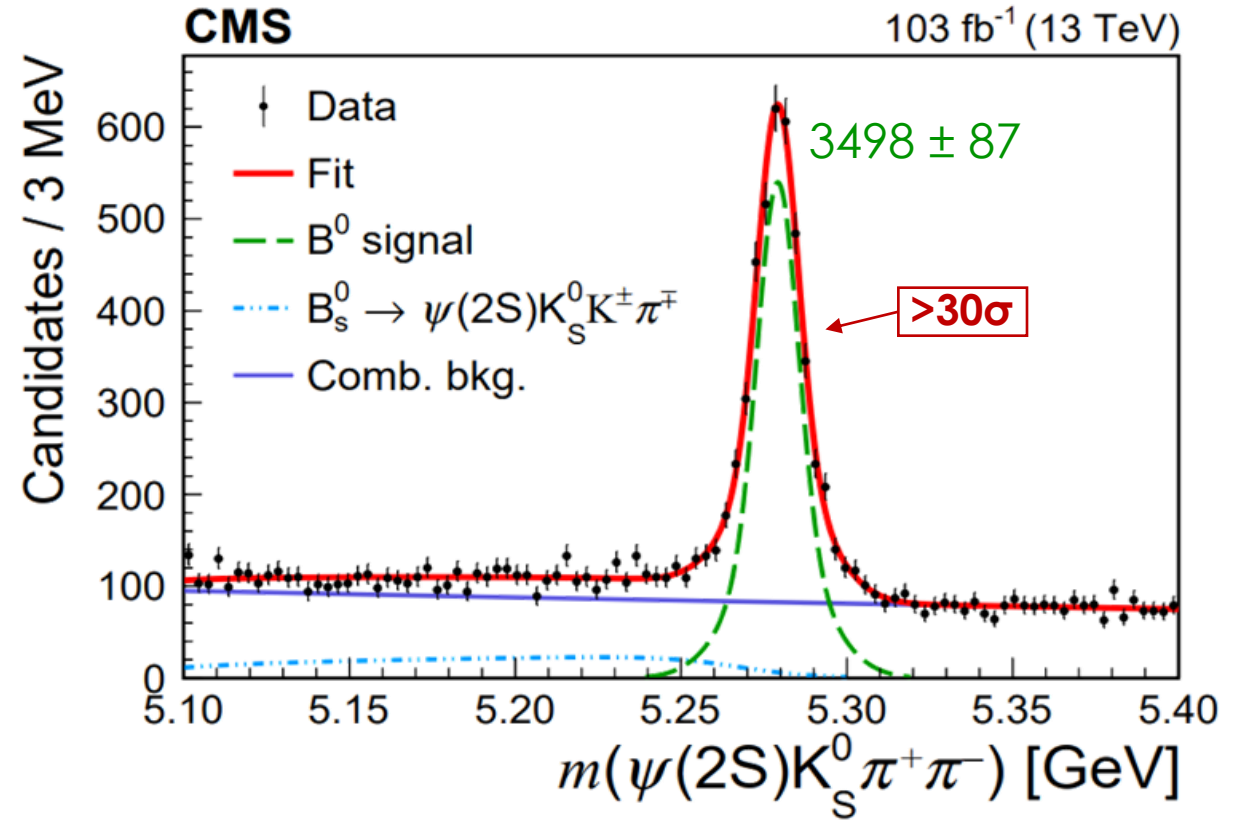
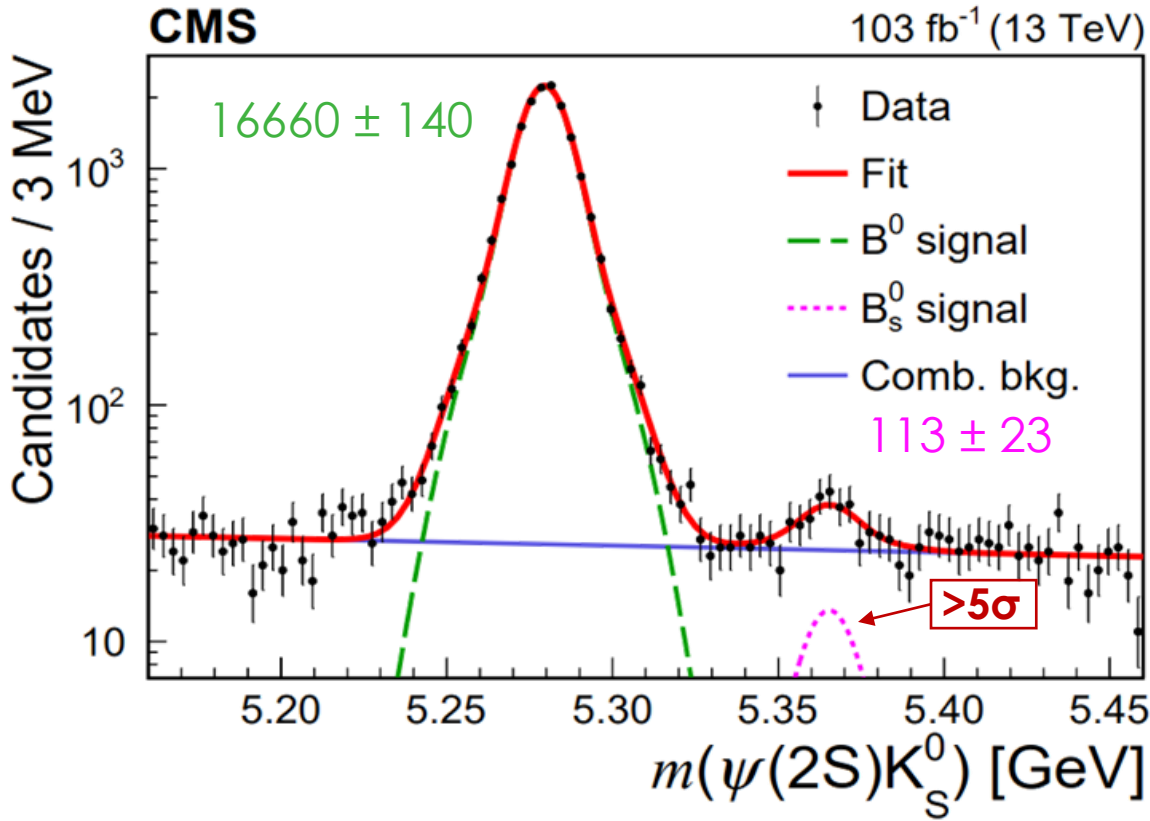
Many exotic states have been observed in the last 15 years, and the nature of most of them is still unclear

$Z_c(3900)^\pm$	BELLE
$Z_c(4200)^\pm$	BaBar
$Z_c(4430)^\pm$	BELLE
$X(3915)$	BELLE
$P(4457)^+$	LHCb
$Z_{CS}(4220)^+$	LHCb

Decays with charmonium in the final state could be a good laboratory for CP-violation measurements.



$\psi(2S)K_S^0$ and $\psi(2S)K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass distributions

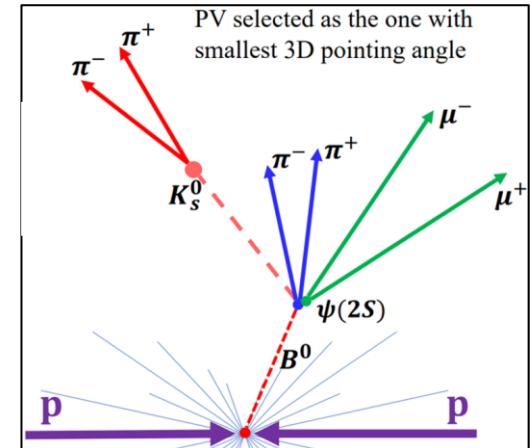


Double-Gaussian function for signal
Exponential for background

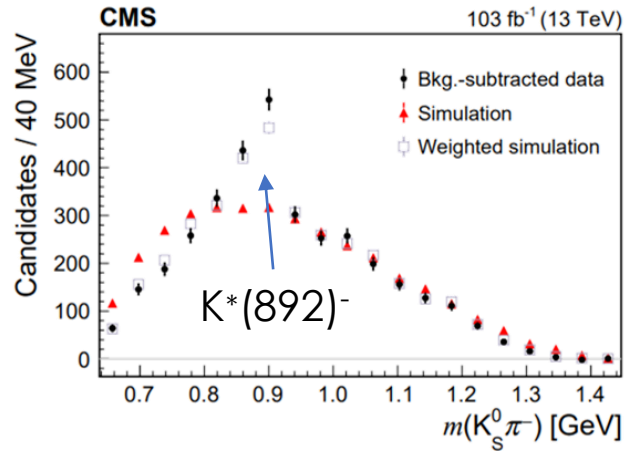
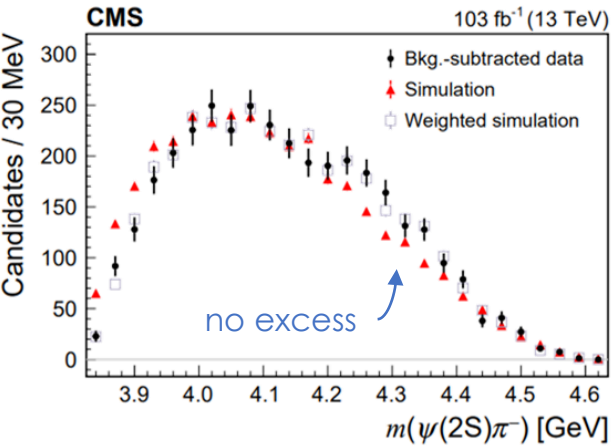
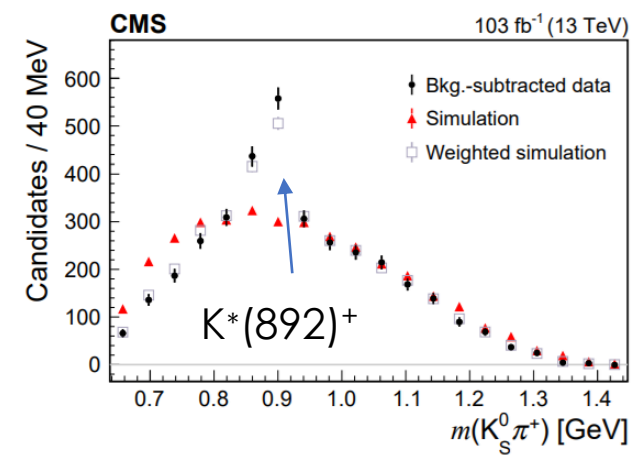
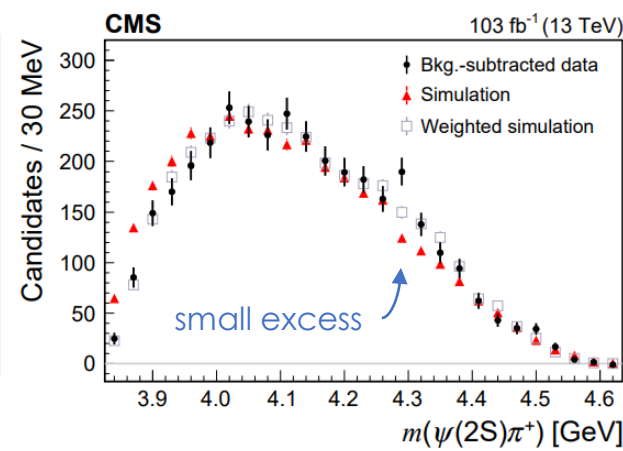
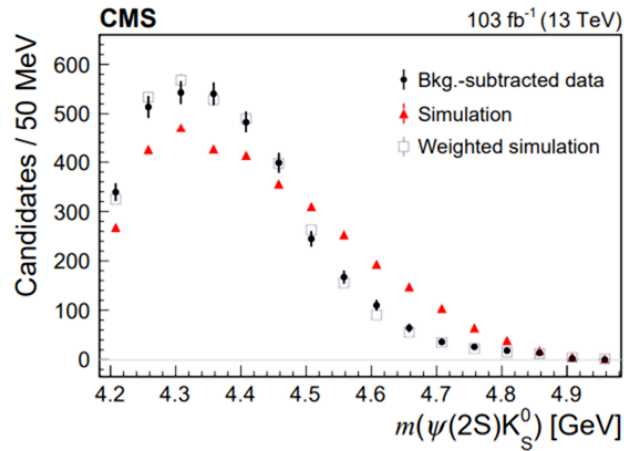
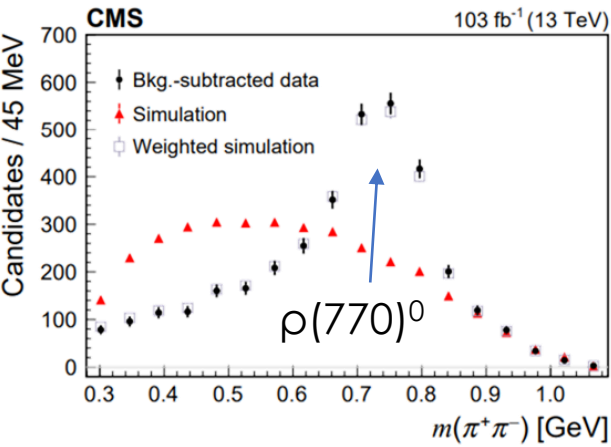
Unbinned ML fits

$$\begin{aligned} N(B_S^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0) / N(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0) &= \\ &= (6.8 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Selection criteria are in backup



Intermediate 2body invariant mass distributions



Data: sPlot-bkg-subtracted

Not described well by phase-space MC

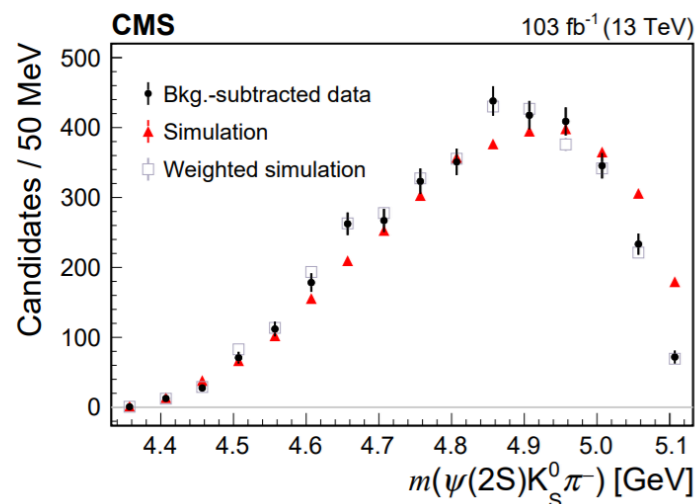
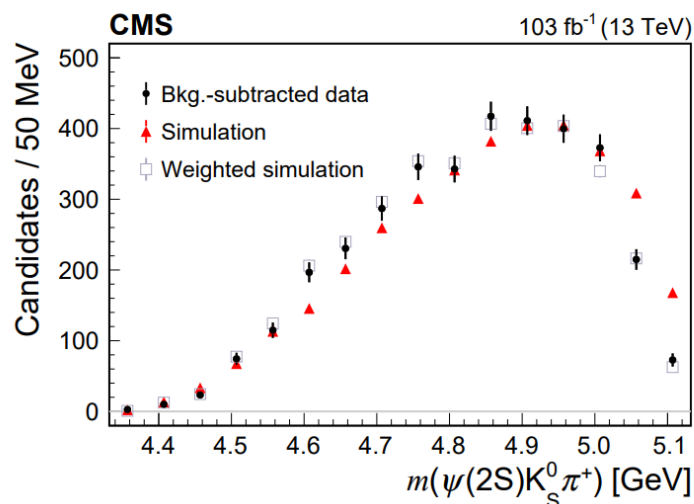
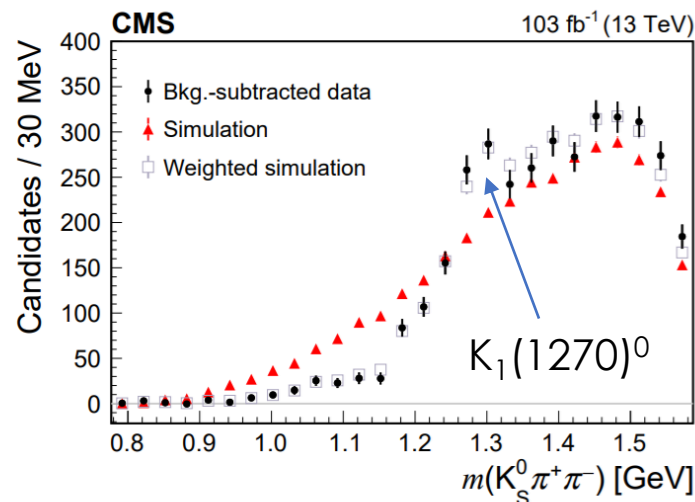
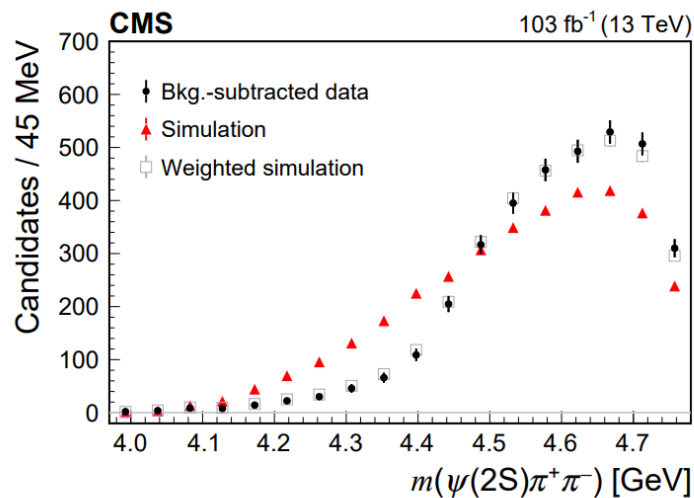
Good agreement after MC reweighting

No unexpected features, only known K^* and ρ resonances

Results

Intermediate 3body invariant mass distributions

Measured branching fraction ratios:



$$R_s = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)} =$$

$$= (3.33 \pm 0.69 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.11 (\text{syst}) \pm 0.34 (f_s/f_d)) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$R_{\pi^+\pi^-} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)} =$$

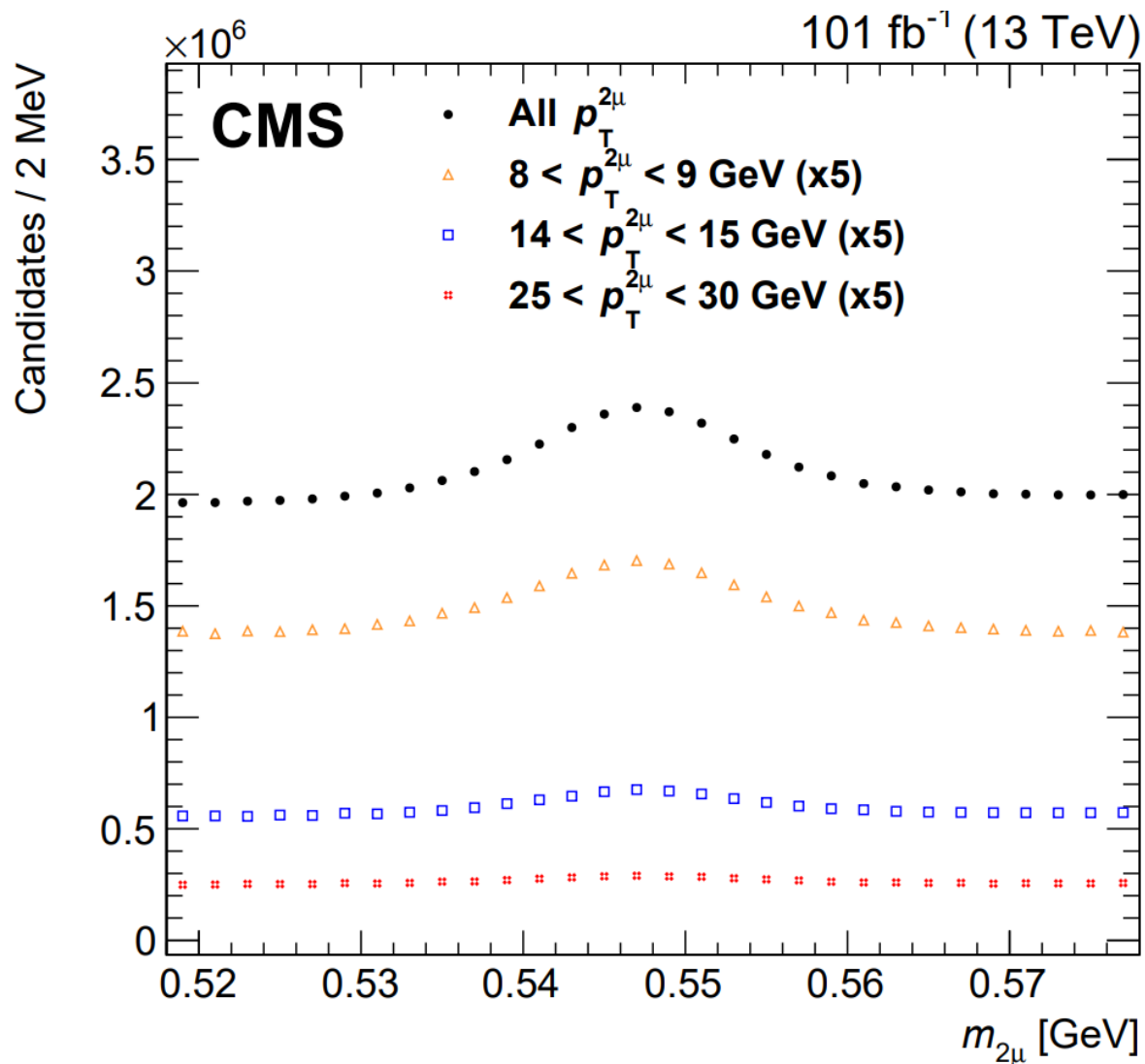
$$= 0.480 \pm 0.013 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.032 (\text{syst})$$

~ same order of magnitude as in decays with J/ψ instead of ψ(2S)

Observation of the rare decay of the η meson to four muons

[arXiv:2305.04904](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.04904)

$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ in scouting data



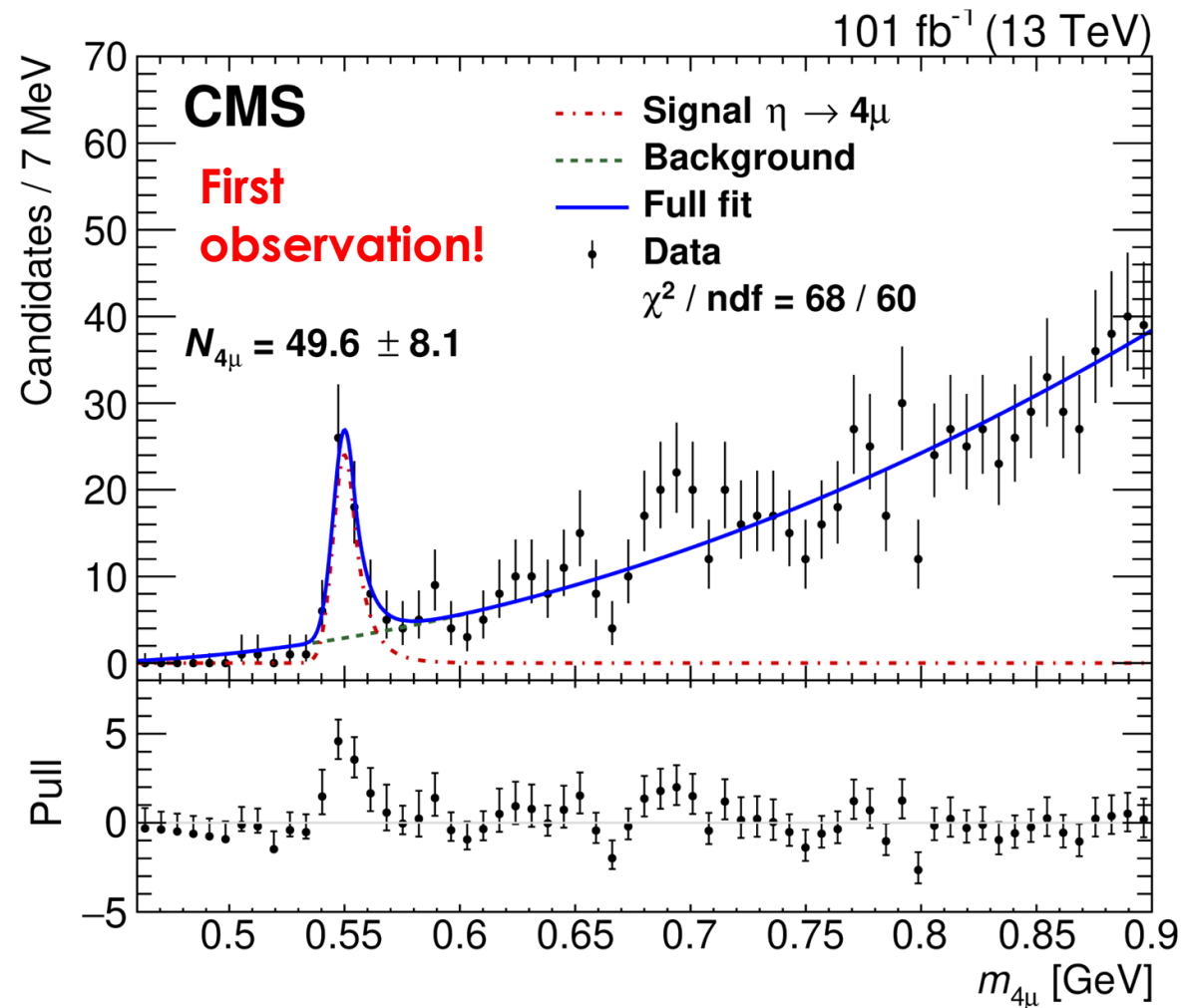
- Around **4.5×10^6** signal $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ events in the scouting data!

- $B(\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim 6 \times 10^{-6}$!

→ **$\sim 10^{12} \eta$** produced in “CMS acceptance” (even more after correcting for efficiency)

$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ signal is used to calibrate η meson production vs. p_T and y in MC

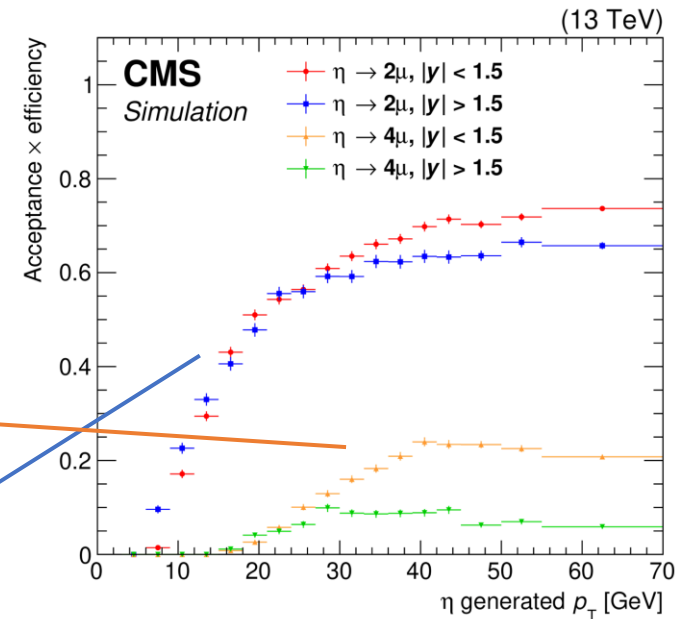
$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ observation



- A clear narrow peak of ~ 50 events, near the kinematic threshold
- Fit with **Crystall-Ball+** threshold $(m_{4\mu} - 4m_\mu)^\beta$
- **Significance $> 5\sigma$**
- Several misreconstructed decays were shown to not be able to produce such a peak

B measured relative to $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ using **Axε** ratio $4\mu/2\mu$ map vs. p_T and y :

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{4\mu}}{\mathcal{B}_{2\mu}} = \frac{N_{4\mu}}{\sum_{i,j} N_{2\mu}^{i,j} \frac{A_{4\mu}^{i,j}}{A_{2\mu}^{i,j}}}$$



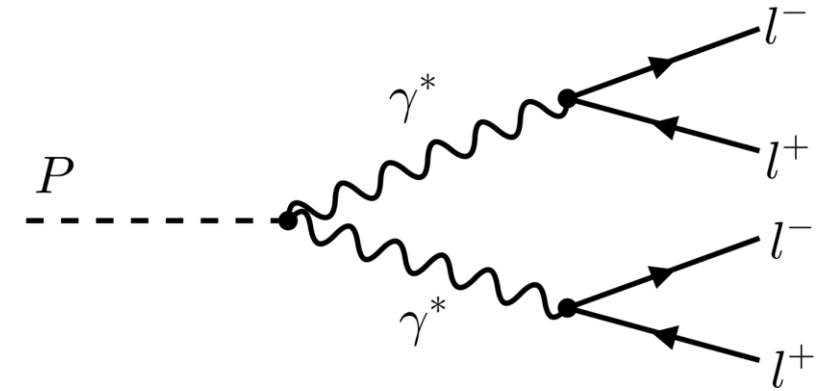
$$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

Fully-leptonic decays of pseudoscalar mesons η and η' :

- Allow precision tests of the SM
- Impact the knowledge of hadronic correction $(g-2)_\mu$

So far, the following modes have been observed:

$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ([SERPUKHOV-134, 1980](#)), $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$ ([KLOE-2, 2011](#)), $\eta' \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$ ([BESIII, 2022](#))



We present the **first observation of $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$** , and measurements

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{4\mu}}{\mathcal{B}_{2\mu}} = (0.86 \pm 0.14 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.12 \text{ (syst)}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow 4\mu) = (5.0 \pm 0.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.7 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.7 (\mathcal{B}_{2\mu})) \times 10^{-9}$$

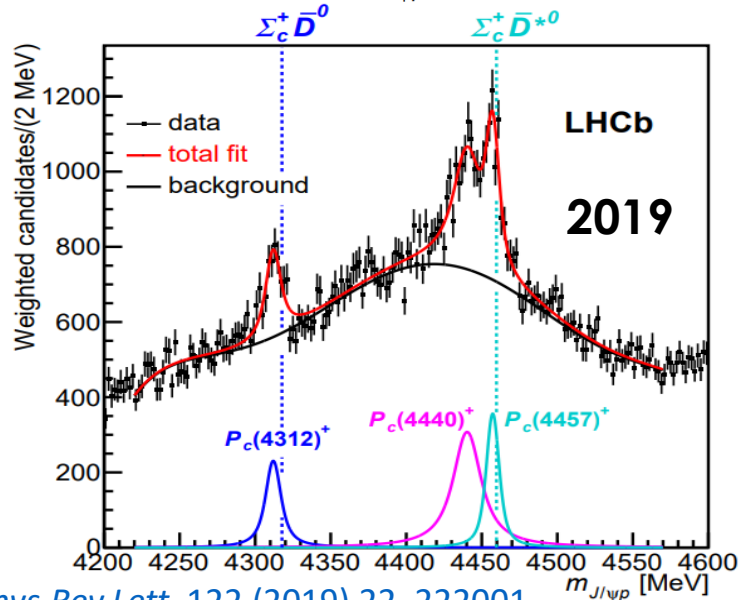
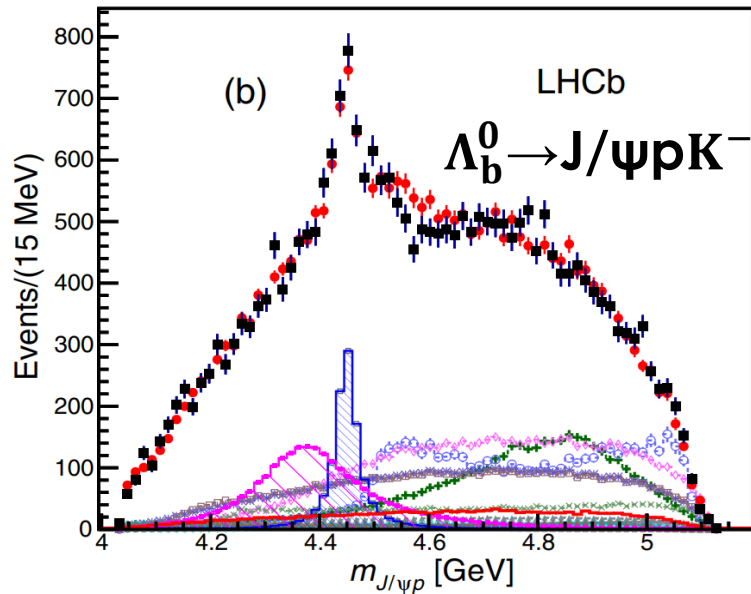
In agreement with SM prediction: $3.98 \pm 0.15 \cdot 10^{-9}$ [[Chin.Phys.C42 \(2018\) 2, 023109](#)]

Observation of the $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+$ decay

[CMS-PAS-BPH-22-002](#)

<https://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/preliminary-results/BPH-22-002/index.html>

1544 citations!



Introduction

b hadron decays with charmonium and a baryon allow searching for pentaquarks in ψ +baryon system in the intermediate resonance structure

LHCb, **2015**: studied $J/\psi p$ mass from $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ (full δD angular analysis with interference between resonances)

Observed $P_c(4450)^+$ and $P_c(4380)^+$

pentaquark candidates!

Confirmed later with a [model-independent analysis \(2016\)](#)

[Also seen](#) in CS $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-$ decay (2016)

2019: adding Run-2 data, **9x Λ_b^0 yield**. [From 1D fit of \$J/\psi p\$](#)

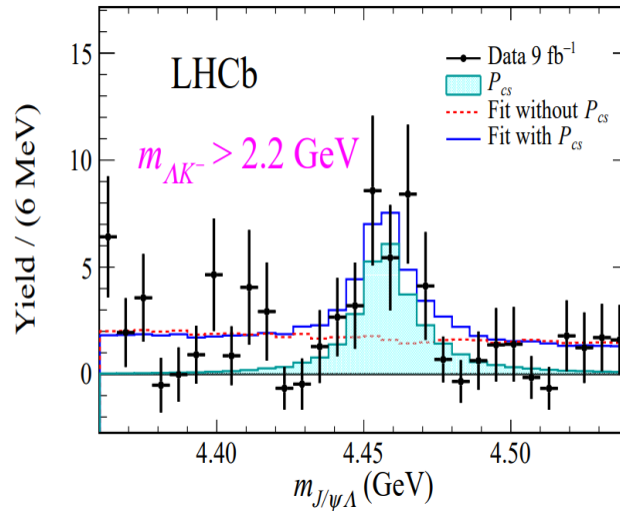
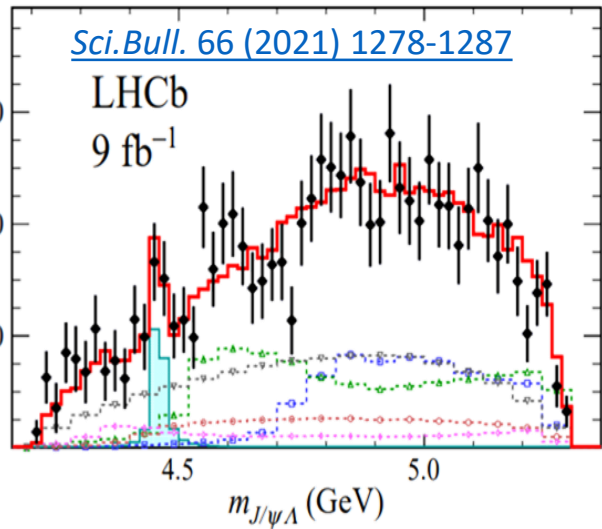
[mass distribution](#), 4450 peak is now split into two

+ observe a new resonance, $P_c(4312)^+$

Introduction

LHCb 2020: $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$

In addition to $J/\psi p$ system, also the $J/\psi \Lambda$ system was investigated.



2020: 6D full angular analysis by LHCb of $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$ decay revealed evidence for hidden-charm **strange pentaquark $P_{cs}(4459)^0$**

[CMS-BPH-18-005](#), [JHEP 12 \(2019\) 100](#): Based on Run-1, CMS studied the $B^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda p^-$ decay, data is consistent with no pentaquarks in $J/\psi \Lambda$ or $J/\psi p$

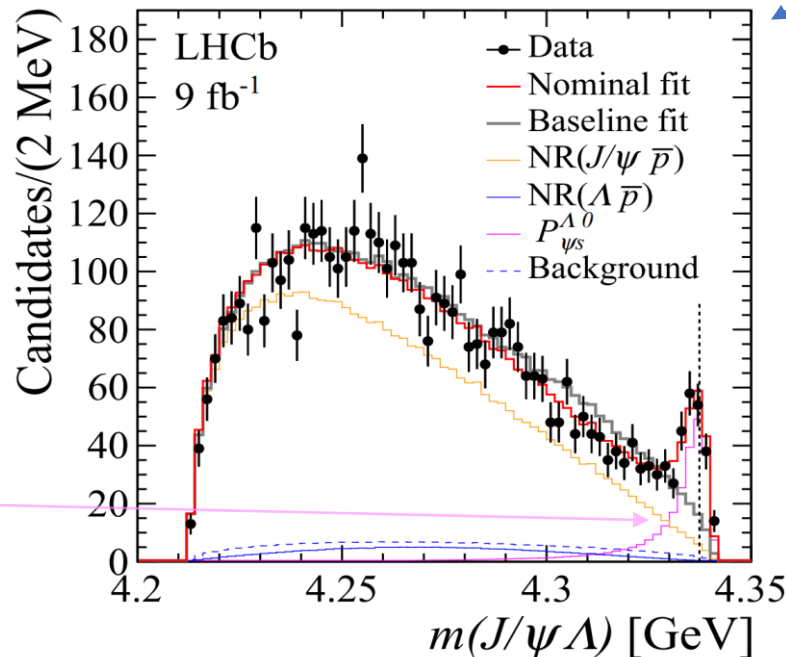
LHCb 2022: with 6D amplitude analysis of $B^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda p^-$ decay, **observe new strange pentaquark $P_{cs}(4338)^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$**

no significant states decaying to $J/\psi p$

[arXiv:2210.10346](#)

LHCb 2022:
 $B^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda p^-$

$P_{\psi_s}^\Lambda(4338)^0$



It is interesting to note that $J/\psi \Lambda$ pentaquarks are found to be generally **narrower** than $J/\psi p$ states (7-17 vs ~10-200 MeV). Even narrower pentaquarks are expected for doubly-strange hidden-charm P_{css} . Such states can decay into e.g. $J/\psi \Xi^-$

This motivates our search for decays having $J/\psi \Xi^-$ in the decay products, i.e. $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+$

Data and event selection

pp collisions 13 TeV, $L \sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (2016-2018)

Mass constraints applied on $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ and $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$

Λ_b^0 obtained from vertex fit of $\mu^+\mu^-\Xi^-K^+$

Normalization channel is chosen according to the similar decay topology, to reduce the systematic uncertainties associated with the track reconstruction:

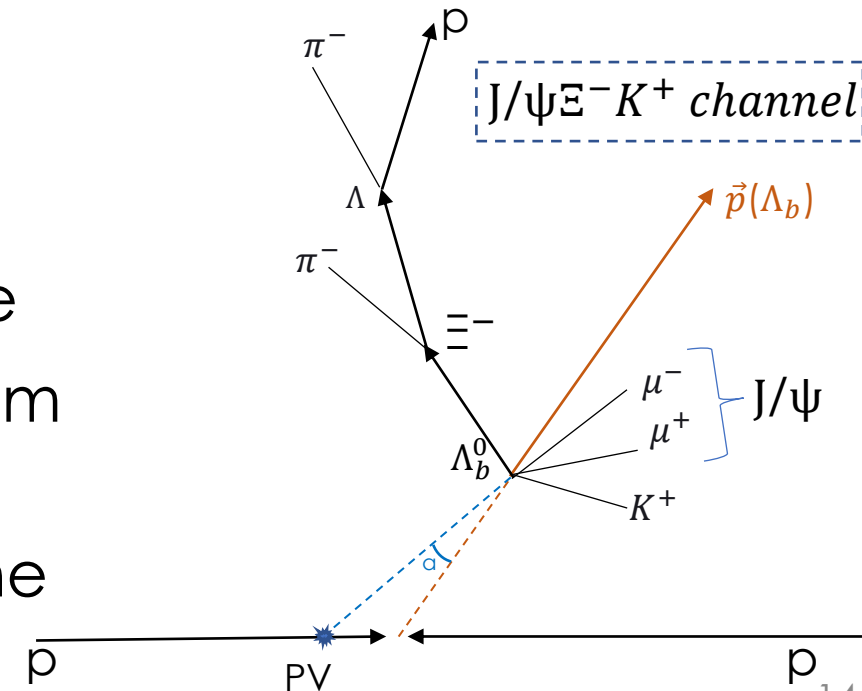
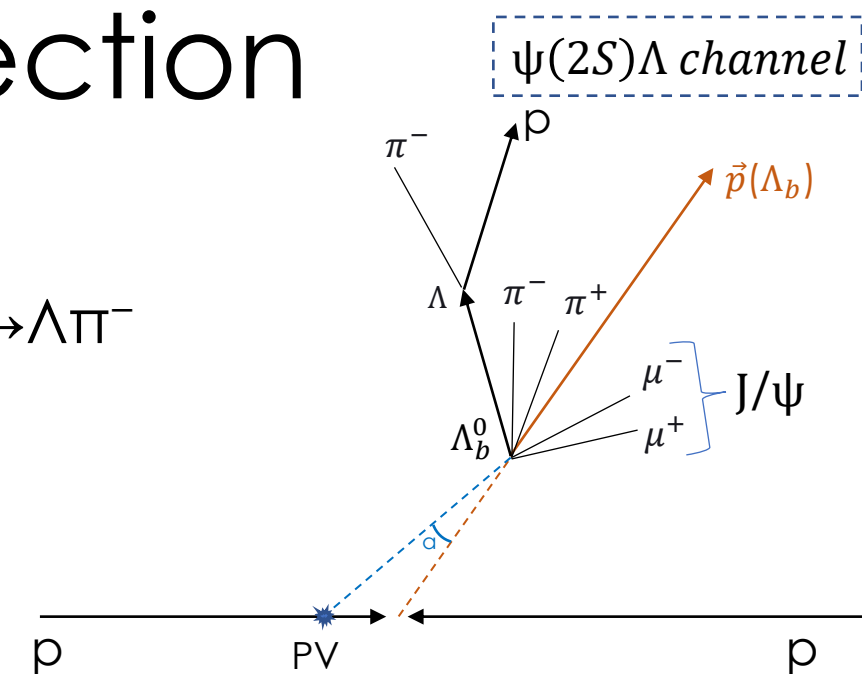
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Lambda$, with vertex fit of $\mu^+\mu^-\Lambda\pi^+\pi^-$

$J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ mass close to $M^{\text{PDG}}(\psi(2S))$

Λ_b^0 vertex should be away from PV in transverse plane

PV selected by smallest angle between Λ_b^0 momentum and the line joining PV and Λ_b^0 decay vertex

Λ_b^0 baryon momentum should be aligned with that line



Calculation of branching fraction ratio

Ratio of the signal
yields in data

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Lambda)} \equiv$$

$$\frac{N(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+)}{N(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Lambda)} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\psi(2S) \Lambda}}{\epsilon_{J/\psi \Xi^- K^+}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-)}$$

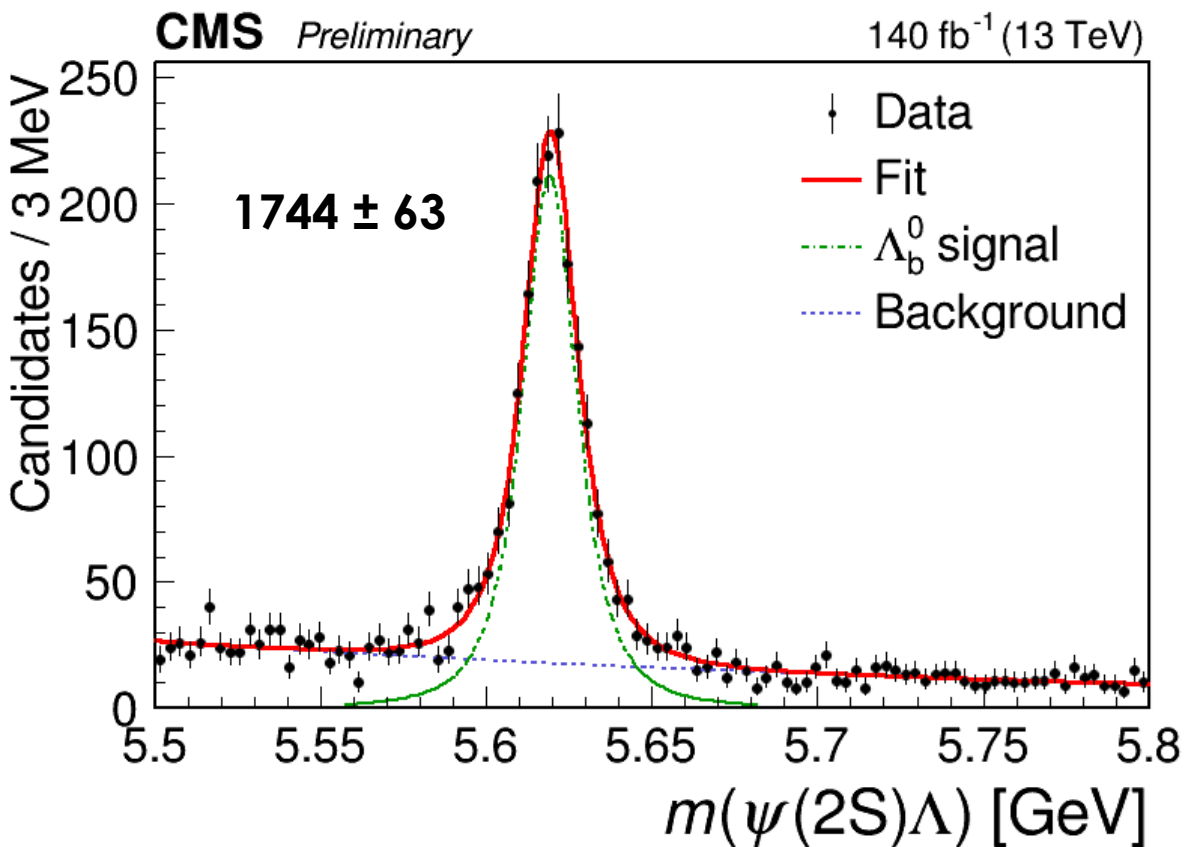
Ratio of total
efficiencies from
MC = 5.06 ± 0.29

Known branching
fractions from PDG

$$\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi \pi) = (34.68 \pm 0.30)\%$$

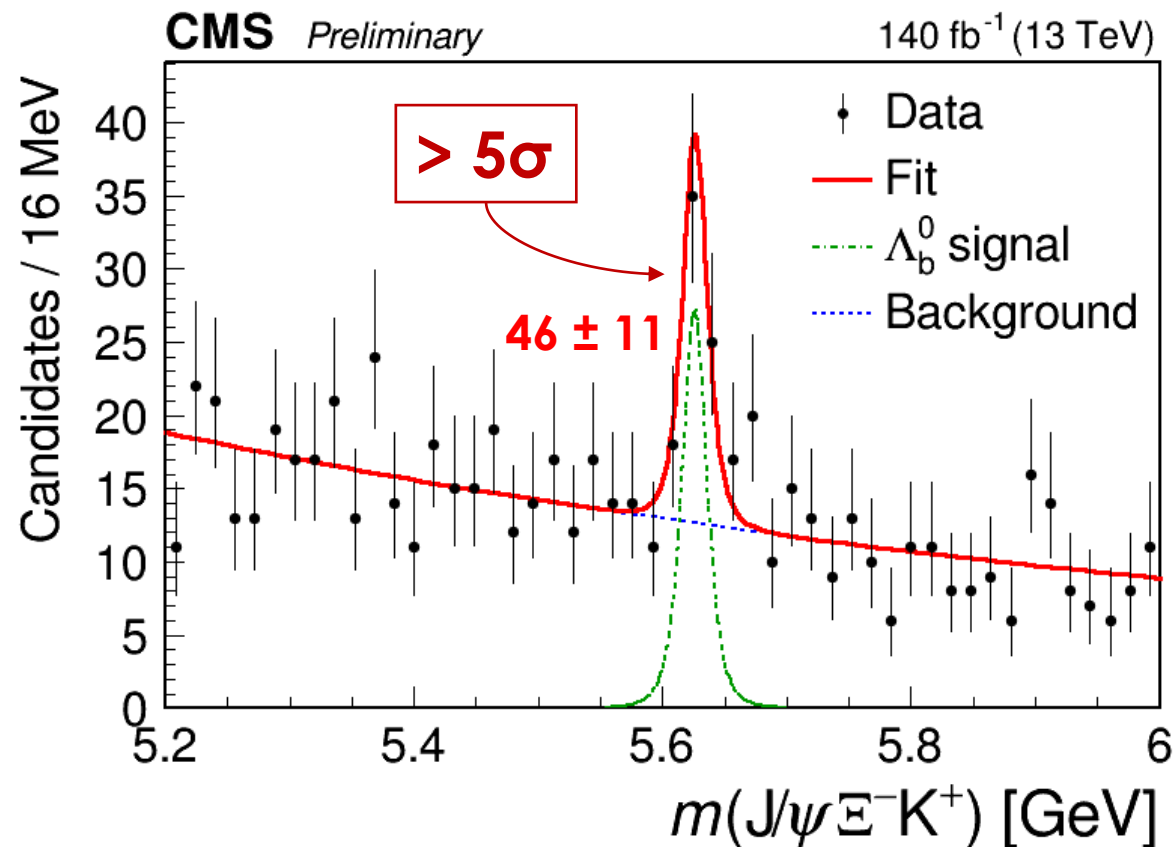
$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi \rightarrow \Lambda \pi) = (99.887 \pm 0.035)\%$$

Invariant mass distributions



Student-T function for signal
Exponential for background

Unbinned ML fits



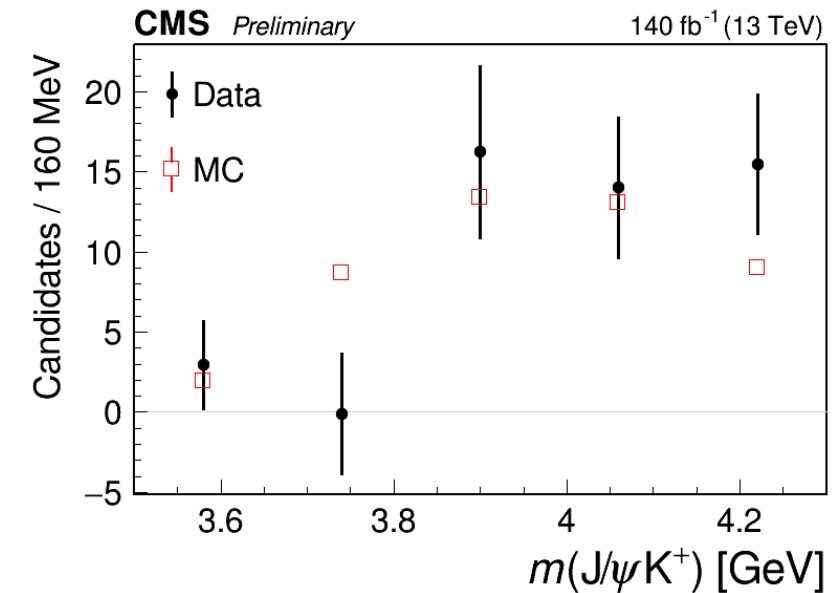
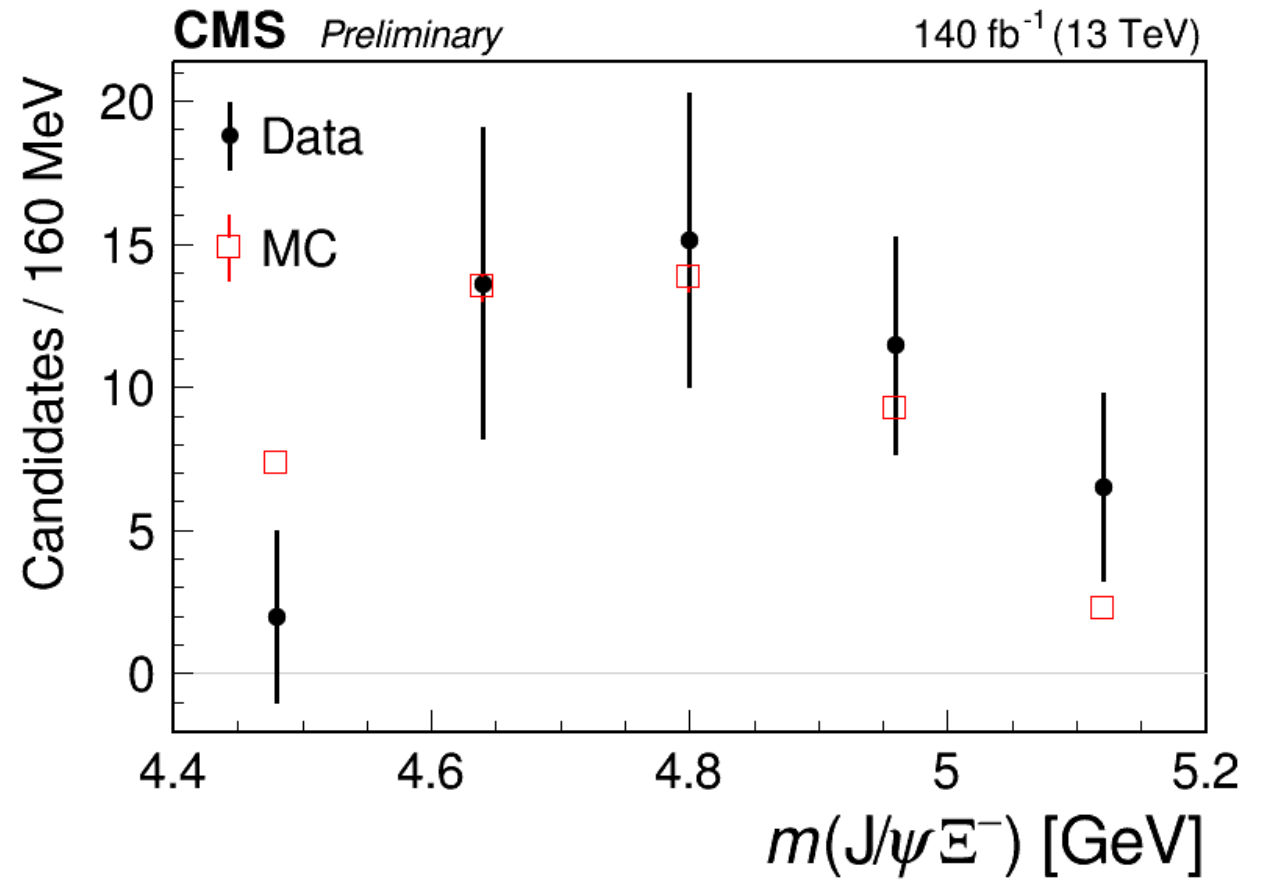
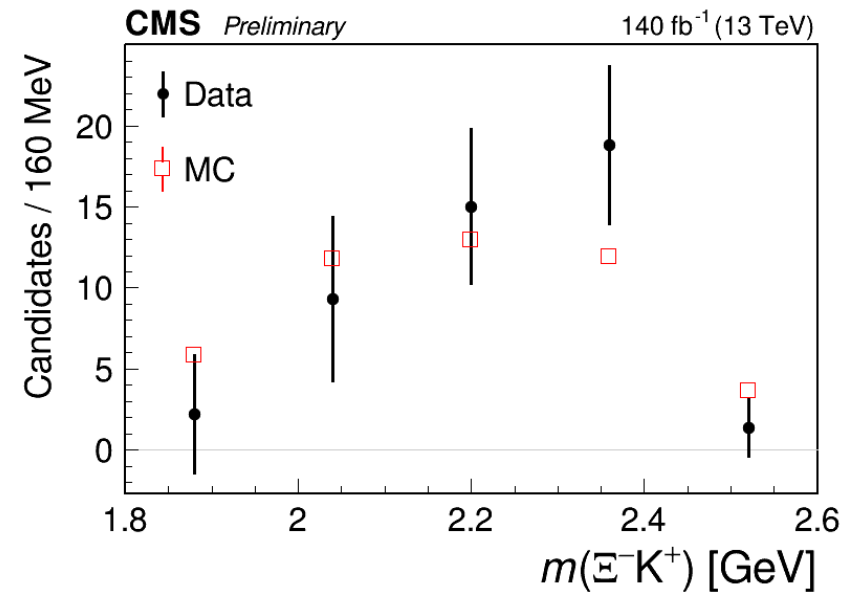
First observation!

Fit results | $m(\Lambda_b^0) = 5619.3 \pm 0.3$ MeV
 $\sigma = 8.9 \pm 0.4$ MeV

consistent with PDG
consistent with MC

$m(\Lambda_b^0) = 5625.9 \pm 3.2$ MeV
 $\sigma = 10.4 \pm 3.2$ MeV

$J/\psi E^- K^+$ Intermediate invariant mass distributions



Data: sPlot-bkg-subtracted

No narrow peaks in $J/\psi E^-$ (also with narrower bins)

Good data-MC agreement

(not unexpected with 46 signal events)

Systematic uncertainties

Source	Uncertainty (%)
Signal model	3.9
Background model	6.7
Non- $\psi(2S)$ contribution	2.5
Finite size of MC	5.6
Tracking efficiency	2.3
Alternative selection criteria	33.5
Total	35.0

} Vary the fit model, deviation in R = syst. uncertainty

— In $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^+$ sample, evaluated vis sPlot

— Different p_T spectra between signal and norm. channels

Conservative estimate, based on variation of cuts near trigger/reconstruction thresholds. Accounts for correlation between the sample and its subsample

First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+$

- **The first decay to have $J/\psi \Xi^-$ system in decay products**
- No significant narrow peaks in $J/\psi \Xi^-$ mass distribution
 - *With 46 signal events, our sensitivity is very limited*
- Measured branching fraction ratio:

[CMS-PAS-BPH-22-002](#)

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^- K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Lambda)} = (2.54 \pm 0.78 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.89 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.02(\mathcal{B}))\%$$

~ same order of magnitude as $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda \phi$ decay that has similar Feynman diagram:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda \phi)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Lambda)} = (8.26 \pm 0.90 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.68 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.11(\mathcal{B})) \times 10^{-2}$$

[Phys.Lett.B 802 \(2020\) 135203](#)

Summary

- CMS is an active experiment in flavor spectroscopy
- We **observe for the first time**:
 - $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_s^0$ decay
 - $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_s^0\pi^+\pi^-$ decay
 - $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\Xi^-K^+$ decay **[NEW RESULT]**

Thank you for attention!

BACKUP

Selection criteria for B^0 and B_s^0

CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
 Overall diameter : 15.0 m
 Overall length : 28.7 m
 Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE
 12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS
 Pixel ($100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 1\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$ channels
 Microstrips ($80 \times 180 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$ channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
 Niobium titanium coil carrying $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

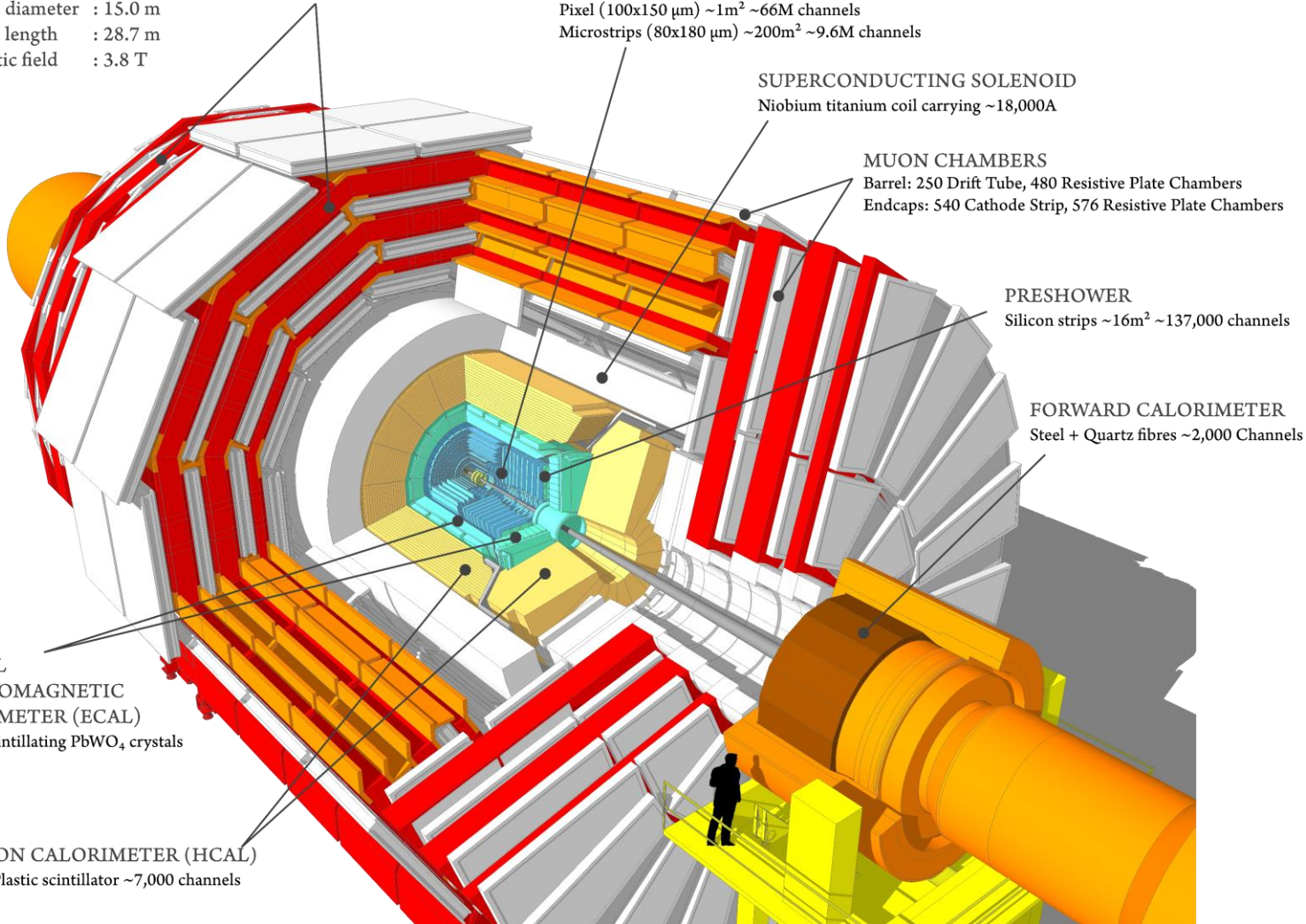
MUON CHAMBERS
 Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
 Endcaps: 540 Cathode Strip, 576 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER
 Silicon strips $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$ channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER
 Steel + Quartz fibres $\sim 2,000$ Channels

CRYSTAL
 ELECTROMAGNETIC
 CALORIMETER (ECAL)
 $\sim 76,000$ scintillating PbWO_4 crystals

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
 Brass + Plastic scintillator $\sim 7,000$ channels



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Trigger:

$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, $p_T(\mu^+\mu^-) > 18 \text{ GeV}$
 $p_T(\mu^+) > 3 \text{ GeV}$, $P_{\text{vtx}}(\mu\mu) > 1\%$

$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

$P_{\text{vtx}}(\pi^+\pi^-) > 1\%$
 $m(\pi^+\pi^-) \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$ around PDG value
 Distance significance $D_{xy}/\sigma > 5$
 Angle between \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{D} : $\cos(\alpha) > 0.99$
 $p_T(K_S^0) > 1 \text{ GeV}$

$B \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0$

$P_{\text{vtx}}(\mu^+\mu^-K_S^0) > 5\%$
 Distance significance $D_{xy}/\sigma > 5$
 Angle between \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{D} : $\cos(\beta) > 0.99$

$B \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0 \pi^+\pi^-$

$p_T(\pi^\pm) > 0.9 \text{ GeV}$
 $P_{\text{vtx}}(\mu^+\mu^-K_S^0 \pi^+\pi^-) > 5\%$
 Distance significance $D_{xy}/\sigma > 5$
 Angle between \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{D} : $\cos(\beta) > 0.99$

Calculation of branching fraction ratio

[BPH-18-004]

$$R_s \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)} =$$

$$= \frac{f_d}{f_s} \frac{\epsilon(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}{\epsilon(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)} \frac{N(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}{N(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}$$

Fragmentation
fraction ratio

Ratio of total
efficiencies from
MC

Ratio of the
signal yields in
data

$$R_{\pi^+\pi^-} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)} =$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}{\epsilon(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-)} \frac{N(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-)}{N(B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0)}$$

Systematic uncertainties

Source	R_s	$R_{\pi^+\pi^-}$
Background model	2.5	0.8
Signal model	1.5	0.8
Shape of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K_S^0K^\mp\pi^\pm$ contribution	—	0.5
Finite size of simulation samples	1.3	1.1
Intermediate resonances	—	5.0
Tracking efficiency	—	4.2
Total	3.2	6.7

Optimization of selection criteria

[BPH-22-002]

Punzi formula is used for optimization,
as it does not rely on **S** normalization

$$f = \mathbf{S} / \left(\frac{463}{13} + 4\sqrt{\mathbf{B}} + 5\sqrt{25 + 8\sqrt{\mathbf{B}} + 4\mathbf{B}} \right)$$

S is number of signal events from MC
(double-Gaussian function with common mean)

B is expected number of background events in the signal region

Extracted from data with $m_{PDG}(\Lambda_b^0) \pm 2\sigma_{eff}$ region excluded from the
(bkg-only, exponential) fit.

*Wrong-sign events are added to the sample to improve statistics.
CS and WS distributions are found to be consistent.*

The bkg integral in the signal region is taken as **B**

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1) Uncertainty of efficiency ratio due to limited MC statistics

2) Signal model choice:

- Student-T is baseline, alternatives are
 - Double-gaussian
 - Johnson PDF

3) Tracking efficiency

4) Background model choice:

- Exp is baseline, alternatives are
 - 2nd degree polynomial
 - Modified threshold pdf $(x-x^0)^\alpha \cdot \exp$
 - Modified threshold pdf $(x-x^0)^\alpha \cdot \text{Pol}_1$

5) Potential non-psi(2S) contribution

6) Alternative selection criteria:

it accounts the correlation of the statistical uncertainties