

Charmless b -meson and b -baryon decays at LHCb

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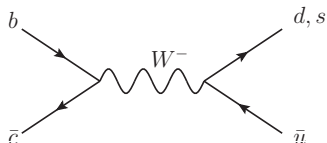
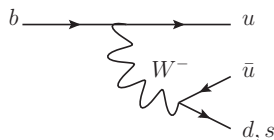
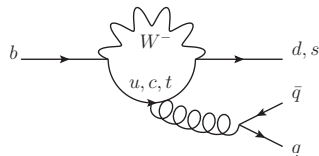
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Charmless b -hadron decays

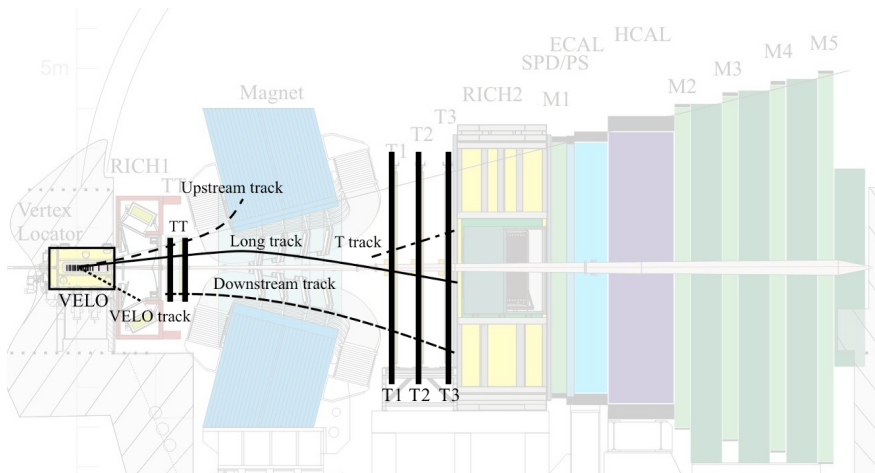
- Penguin $b \rightarrow d$ or $b \rightarrow s$
 - Sensitive to new particles in the loop
- Tree-level $b \rightarrow u$ suppressed by V_{ub}
 - Similar magnitude of tree & penguin contributions
 - Tree & penguin have relative weak phase γ
Interference $\rightarrow$ CP violation
- $B_c \rightarrow$ annihilation diagrams
 - Sensitive to BSM charged propagators



Outline

- ① Observations of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ and searches for other Λ_b and Ξ_b^0 decays to $\Lambda h^+ h'^-$
 - LHCb-PAPER-2016-004
 - arXiv:1603.00413
 - JHEP 05 (2016) 081
- ② Observation of the $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ decay
 - LHCb-PAPER-2016-002
 - arXiv:1603.02870
 - Submitted to PLB
- ③ Search for B_c^+ decays to the $\rho \bar{\rho} \pi^+$ final state
 - LHCb-PAPER-2016-001
 - arXiv:1603.07037
 - Submitted to PLB

Track types at LHCb



- Long tracks pass through all tracking stations
- Downstream tracks pass through the TT and T
 - Λ and K_S^0 can decay outside VELO

Performance paper:
LHCb-DP-2014-002

Event selection

- Full Run 1 dataset: 3 fb^{-1} of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV
- **Pre-selection** using track quality, vertex quality, isolation criteria and kinematic information
- **Multivariate Analysis** to reduce combinatorial background
- **Hadron PID requirements** to suppress misidentified backgrounds

$$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$$

Introduction

Motivation:

- Only a handful of observed charmless b -baryon decay modes
 - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p\pi^-$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-$
 - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow K_S^0 p\pi^-$
 - Some evidence for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda\eta$
- No charmless decays of the Ξ_b^0 have been observed
- Can be used to study hadronisation in b -baryons
- Complement CP violation studies performed in b -mesons

This analysis:

- **Search** for charmless Λ_b and Ξ_b^0 decays to $\Lambda\pi^+\pi^-$, $\Lambda K^\pm\pi^\mp$ and ΛK^+K^-
 - Veto open charm $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda h^+$, $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda h^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow h^+h'^-$
- Normalise to $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+(\rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+)\pi^-$
- Measure **branching fractions** and **CP asymmetries** of observed modes

Branching fractions

- The Λ_b branching fractions are calculated as:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-)} = \frac{N_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-}}{N_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-}} \frac{\varepsilon_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-}}{\varepsilon_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-}}$$

- Since $f_{\Xi_b^0}$ is not known, we measure:

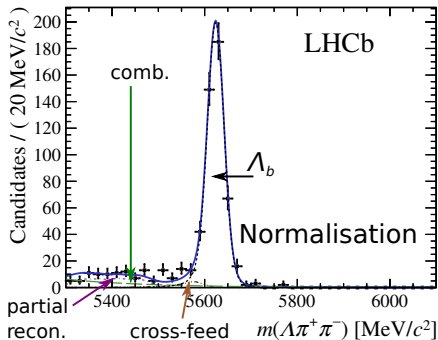
$$\frac{f_{\Xi_b^0} \mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-)}{f_{\Lambda_b} \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-)} = \frac{N_{\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-}}{N_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-}} \frac{\varepsilon_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-}}{\varepsilon_{\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-}}$$

- Yields are obtained by fitting mass distributions
- Efficiencies are found from simulation
 - Data-driven corrections

Fits to mass distributions

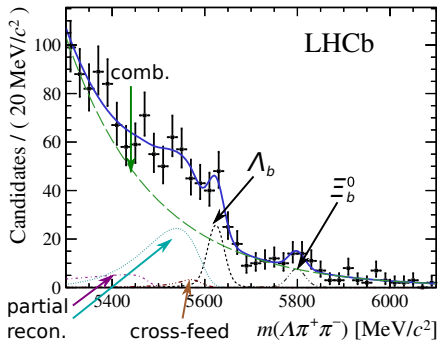
Components for $\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ signal, **cross-feed**, partially reconstructed backgrounds (**missing** π^0 and **missing** γ) and **combinatorial background**

$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-$$



$$N_{\Lambda_b} = 471 \pm 22$$

$$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$$



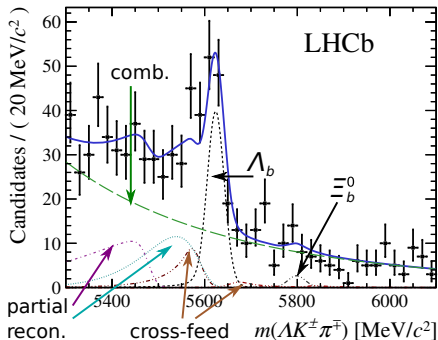
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$$N_{\Xi_b^0} = 19 \pm 8$$

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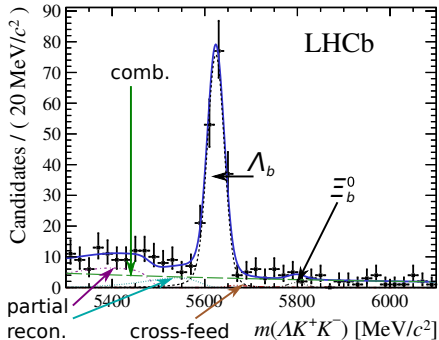
$$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$$



$$N_{\Lambda_b} = 97 \pm 14$$

$$N_{\Xi_b^0} = 4 \pm 7$$

$$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$$



$$N_{\Lambda_b} = 185 \pm 15$$

$$N_{\Xi_b^0} = 4 \pm 4$$

Branching fraction results

- **Observation** of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ with significance **15.8 σ**
- **Observation** of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$ with significance **8.1 σ**
- Evidence for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$ at 4.7 σ

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-) = (4.6 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-) = (5.6 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-) = (15.9 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.2 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-6}$$

- Order of uncertainties: $\pm$ stat. $\pm$ syst. $\pm$ norm.
- No observation of any of the Ξ_b^0 decays

$$\frac{f_{\Xi_b^0}}{f_{\Lambda_b}} \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-) < 1.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\frac{f_{\Xi_b^0}}{f_{\Lambda_b}} \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+) < 0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\frac{f_{\Xi_b^0}}{f_{\Lambda_b}} \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-) < 0.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

CP asymmetries

- Fit separately for Λ_b and $\bar{\Lambda}_b$ in the $\Lambda K^+ \pi^-$ and $\Lambda K^+ K^-$ samples
- Calculate efficiency-corrected yields, N^{corr} , using Dalitz plots

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}^{\text{raw}} = \frac{N_f^{\text{corr}} - N_{\bar{f}}^{\text{corr}}}{N_f^{\text{corr}} + N_{\bar{f}}^{\text{corr}}}$$

- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-$ has the same b -hadron production asymmetry and similar detection asymmetry, therefore:

$$\Delta \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-) = \mathcal{A}_{CP}^{\text{raw}}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-) - \mathcal{A}_{CP}^{\text{raw}}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+) \pi^-)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-) &= -0.53 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.11 \\ \Delta \mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-) &= -0.28 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.07 \end{aligned}$$

- Both consistent with zero

$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$$

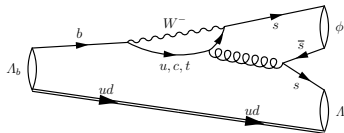
Introduction

Motivation:

- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ should contain significant $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ component
- $b \rightarrow s\bar{s}s$ FCNC transition $\rightarrow$ penguin loop **sensitive to new particles**
- Of particular interest is non-SM CP violation
 - Previously studied in $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$, $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K^{*0}$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \phi$
 - Results so far consistent with SM
- Measurements with $\Lambda_b \rightarrow$ look for direct CP violation
 - CP asymmetries
 - T -odd observables

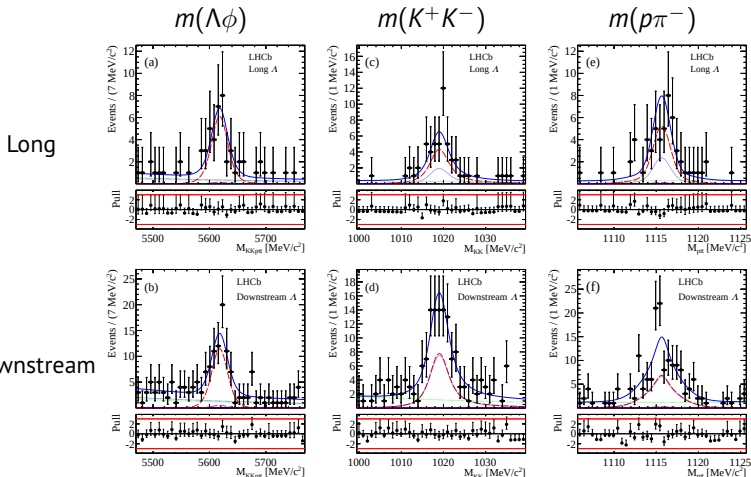
This analysis:

- Measure $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ **branching fraction**
- Normalise to $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$
- Measure **T -odd triple-product asymmetries**
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$, $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$, $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$



Fits to mass distributions for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$

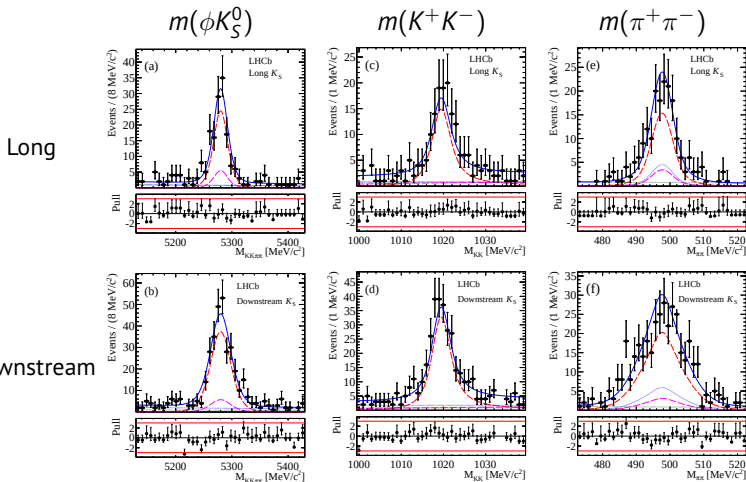
Components for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ signal, non-resonant $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$, $\Lambda +$ random ϕ and pure combinatorial background



$$N = 89 \pm 13$$

Fits to mass distributions for $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$

Components for $B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$ signal, non-resonant $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- K_S^0$, K_S^0 + random $K^+ K^-$ pair and pure combinatorial background



$$N = 350 \pm 24$$

Branching fraction result

- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ is **observed** with a significance of **5.9σ**
- Branching fraction calculated as:

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi) = \frac{f_d}{f_{\Lambda_b}} \frac{N_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi}}{N_{B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0}} \frac{\varepsilon_{B^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0}}{\varepsilon_{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \phi K^0)}{2} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-)}$$

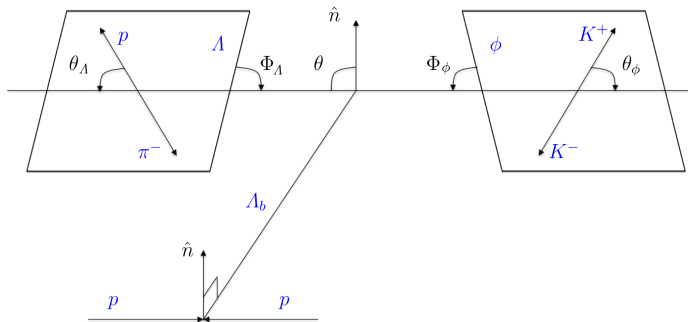
- Result:

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi) = (5.18 \pm 1.04 \pm 0.35^{+0.50}_{-0.43} \pm 0.44) \times 10^{-6}$$

- Order of uncertainties: $\pm \text{stat.} \pm \text{syst.} \pm \text{norm.} \pm f_d/f_{\Lambda_b}$

T-odd observables

- 5 angles needed to describe the angular distribution of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$



T-odd observables:

- $\cos(\Phi_\Lambda)$
- $\sin(\Phi_\Lambda)$
- $\cos(\Phi_\phi)$
- $\sin(\Phi_\phi)$

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T-odd observables results

- Datasets split by sign of observables $\rightarrow$ mass fits to obtain $N_D^{\pm,O}$
 - D is daughter: Λ or ϕ
 - O is observable: $\cos \Phi_D$ or $\sin \Phi_D$
 - $\pm$ denotes sign of O
- Asymmetries calculated as:

$$A_D^O = \frac{N_D^{+,O} - N_D^{-,O}}{N_D^{+,O} + N_D^{-,O}}$$

- Results:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\Lambda}^c &= -0.22 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.06 \\ A_{\Lambda}^s &= +0.13 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05 \\ A_{\phi}^c &= -0.01 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.03 \\ A_{\phi}^s &= -0.07 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.01 \end{aligned}$$

- All consistent with zero

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+$$

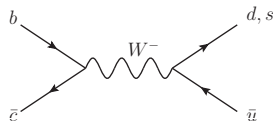
Introduction

Motivation:

- Charmless B_c^+ decays proceed via **annihilation diagrams**
- **Probe BSM physics** such as charged Higgs
- $\mathcal{A}(\bar{b}c \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow \bar{q}u) \propto V_{cb}V_{uq}^*$ where $q = d, s$
- Cabibbo suppression $\rightarrow$ final states with zero strangeness dominate
- In B decays to states containing baryons, often enhancement at threshold
 - Poorly understood

This analysis:

- **Search** for $B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+$
- Normalise to $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+$
- Focus on $B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+$ with $m(p\bar{p}) < 2.85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - **Below $c\bar{c}$ threshold**
- Cross-check with $B_c^+ \rightarrow (J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p})\pi^+$



Analysis strategy

Since f_c is unknown, the measured quantities are:

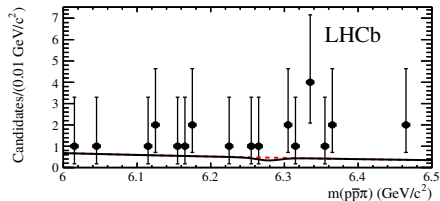
$$R_p \equiv \frac{f_c}{f_u} \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+) = \frac{N_{B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+}}{N_{B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+}} \frac{\varepsilon_u}{\varepsilon_c} \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+)$$

$$R_p^{J/\psi} \equiv \frac{f_c}{f_u} \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+) = \frac{N_{B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})\pi^+}}{N_{B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+}} \frac{\varepsilon_u}{\varepsilon_c^{J/\psi}} \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p})}$$

Mass fits: $B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+$ signal

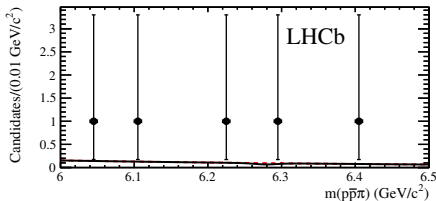
Fits to $m(p\bar{p}\pi^+)$ with components for $B_{(c)}^+$ **signal**, **combinatorial** background and **partially reconstructed $B_{(c)}^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\rho^+(\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0)$**

Simultaneous fit to 3 bins in multivariate classifier output for B_c^+ region



$$m(p\bar{p}) < 2.85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$N_{B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+} = -2.7 \pm 6.3 \text{ (stat)}$$

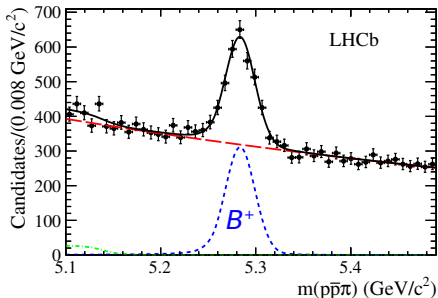


$$2.85 < m(p\bar{p}) < 3.15 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

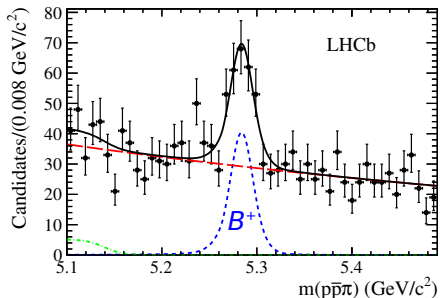
$$N_{B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})\pi^+} = -0.1 \pm 3.0 \text{ (stat)}$$

Mass fits: normalisation mode

Fits to $m(p\bar{p}\pi^+)$ with components for $B_{(c)}^+$ signal, **combinatorial** background and **partially reconstructed** $B_{(c)}^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\rho^+(\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0)$



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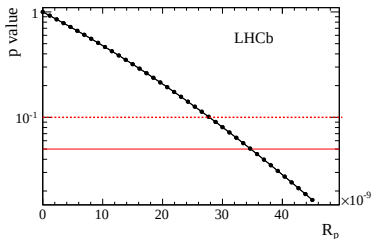


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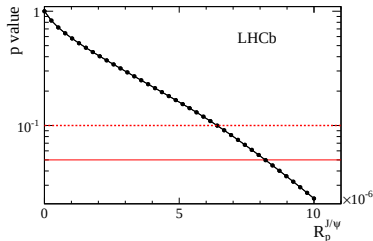
$$N_{B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+} = 1644 \pm 83(\text{stat})$$

Upper limits

- Profile likelihood ratio scans for S+B and B-only hypotheses
- Signal p -value profiles calculated by dividing S+B by B



$$R_p < 2.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$



$$R_p^{J/\psi} < 6.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

Summary

$$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$$

- **Observations of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$**
 - Branching fractions: $(15.9 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-6}$ and $(5.6 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-6}$
 - *CP* asymmetries consistent with zero
- Evidence for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$ at 4.7σ
- New upper limits on $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ branching fractions

$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$$

- **Observation of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$**
- Branching fraction: $(5.2 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-6}$
- *T*-odd triple product asymmetries consistent with zero

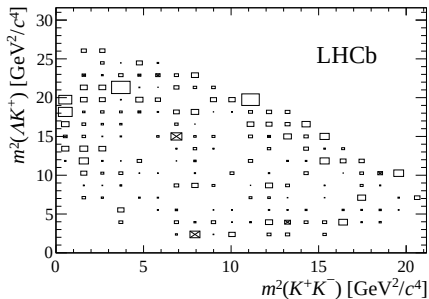
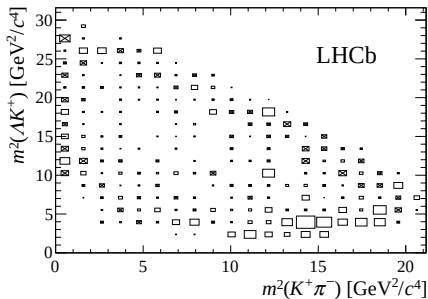
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow p \bar{p} \pi^+$$

- No evidence for this decay $\rightarrow$ upper limits on $\frac{f_c}{f_u} \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow p \bar{p} \pi^+)$

Many more analyses in progress with Run I data and soon with Run II data.
Stay tuned...

Backup slides

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ h^-$ Dalitz plots



$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ signal yields

Mode	Run period	Yield			
		Λ_b		Ξ_b^0	
		downstream	long	downstream	long
$\Lambda\pi^+\pi^-$	2011	10.2 ± 5.5	8.7 ± 4.7	-0.6 ± 2.4	4.9 ± 3.2
	2012a	9.1 ± 5.2	13.6 ± 5.7	5.3 ± 3.6	1.0 ± 2.6
	2012b	17.2 ± 7.1	6.2 ± 4.6	3.9 ± 4.0	4.1 ± 2.7
	Total	65 ± 14		19 ± 8	
$\Lambda K^+\pi^-$	2011	20.9 ± 6.4	8.2 ± 3.5	3.5 ± 3.7	-0.7 ± 2.4
	2012a	9.3 ± 3.7	1.7 ± 3.6	-0.1 ± 1.7	0.3 ± 1.5
	2012b	39.7 ± 8.9	16.9 ± 5.1	2.9 ± 4.5	-1.8 ± 1.5
	Total	97 ± 14		4 ± 7	
ΛK^+K^-	2011	32.3 ± 6.4	20.1 ± 4.6	0.6 ± 2.3	0.0 ± 0.6
	2012a	22.2 ± 5.3	15.9 ± 4.2	0.5 ± 2.4	0.0 ± 0.5
	2012b	60.5 ± 8.5	34.4 ± 6.1	3.0 ± 2.7	0.0 ± 0.6
	Total	185 ± 15		4 ± 4	
$(\Lambda\pi^+)_{\Lambda_c^+} \pi^-$	2011	78.1 ± 9.1	78.9 ± 9.2		
	2012a	45.0 ± 7.0	63.0 ± 8.3		
	2012b	115.3 ± 11.1	90.7 ± 9.8		
	Total	471 ± 22			

$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ systematics

Systematic uncertainties ($\times 10^{-3}$)							
	Fit	Eff.	Ph. sp.	PID	Veto	$N_{\Lambda_c^+ \pi^-}$	Total
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	8.4	2.0	19.7	0.4	2.2	3.5	21.9
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	1.7	11.7	—	2.9	1.3	4.6	13.1
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$	6.7	5.4	—	4.2	2.2	15.9	18.7
$\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	4.1	0.7	7.0	0.1	—	1.2	8.2
$\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ K^-$	1.5	0.4	3.5	0.1	—	0.7	4.0
$\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.0	—	0.2	0.8

$\Lambda_b/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ CP asymmetries

Systematic uncertainties ($\times 10^{-3}$)

	$\Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^-)$	$\Delta\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-)$
Control mode	66	57
PID asymmetry	20	–
Fit model	27	32
Fit bias	14	4
Efficiency uncertainty	80	28
Total	110	71

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ efficiencies

Combination of efficiencies for reconstruction, offline selection, trigger requirements and detector acceptance, ϵ^{tot} , taken from simulation.

Difference in detector-material interaction cross section determined from simulation

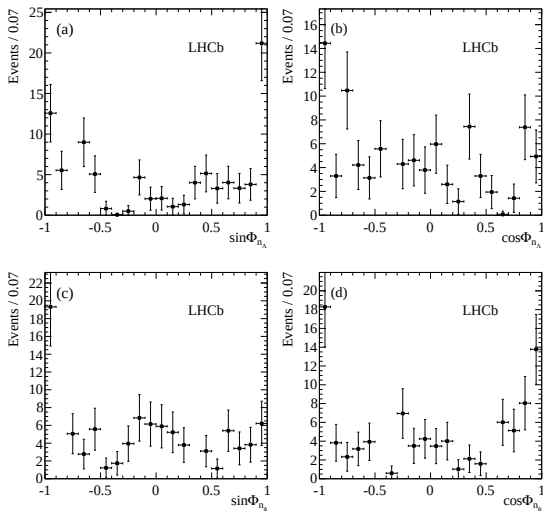
Data-driven corrections applied where necessary

- Hardware-level hadron trigger corrected with calibration samples from charm decays
- Reconstruction efficiency for long tracks corrected with tag-and-probe method with J/ψ calibration samples
- $D^0 \rightarrow \phi K_S^0$ samples used to correct vertexing efficiency

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ branching fraction systematics

Source	Uncertainty (%)
Mass model	3.0
Simulation sample size	2.2
Tracking efficiency	0.5
Vertex efficiency	2.6
Hardware trigger	2.8
Selection efficiency	4.1
Peaking background	0.1
Total	6.7

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \phi$ T -odd observables



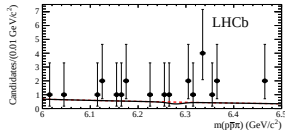
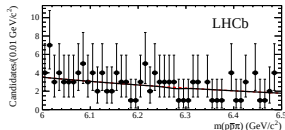
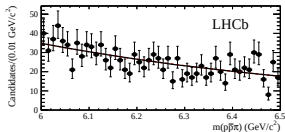
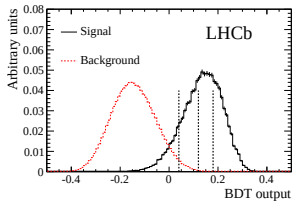
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Systematic uncertainties

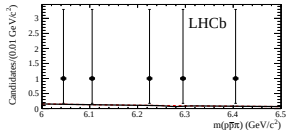
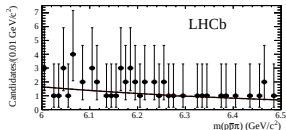
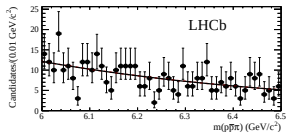
Source	A_{Λ}^c	A_{Λ}^s	A_{ϕ}^c	A_{ϕ}^s
Mass model	0.061	0.051	0.026	0.009
Angular acceptance	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Angular resolution	0.008	0.008	0.005	0.005
Total	0.062	0.053	0.028	0.014

$B_c^+ \rightarrow \rho \bar{p} \pi^+$ mass fits: signal

Simultaneous fit to 3 bins in
BDT output for B_c^+ region



$m(p\bar{p}) < 2.85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



$2.85 < m(p\bar{p}) < 3.15 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

$$N_{B_c^+ \rightarrow \rho \bar{p} \pi^+} = -2.7 \pm 6.3 \text{ (stat)}$$

$$N_{B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \rho \bar{p}) \pi^+} = -0.1 \pm 3.0 \text{ (stat)}$$

$B_c^+ \rightarrow \rho \bar{p} \pi^+$ efficiencies

Detector acceptance efficiency, ϵ^{acc} , taken from simulation.

Selection efficiency, ϵ^{sel} :

- Acceptance maps in the $m^2(\rho \bar{p})$ vs $m^2(p \pi)$ plane
- Account for reconstruction, triggers, preselection, BDT, PID
- All but PID calculated from simulation
- PID part calculated using calibration samples from charm decays
- Use s-weights to calculate average ϵ^{sel} for B^+
- No B_c^+ signal $\rightarrow$ simple average over phase space region $\rightarrow$ **large systematic**
- Ratio $\epsilon_u^{\text{sel}}/\epsilon_c^{\text{sel}}$ corrected for differences in data and simulation

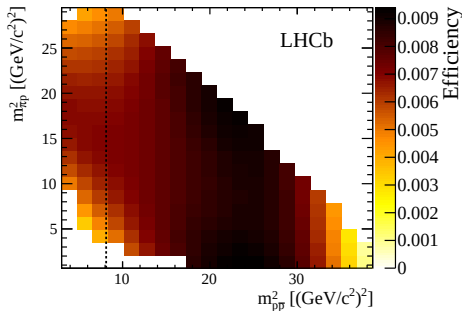
$$\frac{\epsilon_u^{\text{sel}}}{\epsilon_c^{\text{sel}}} = 2.495 \pm 0.028$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_u^{\text{acc}}}{\epsilon_c^{\text{acc}}} = 1.195 \pm 0.007$$

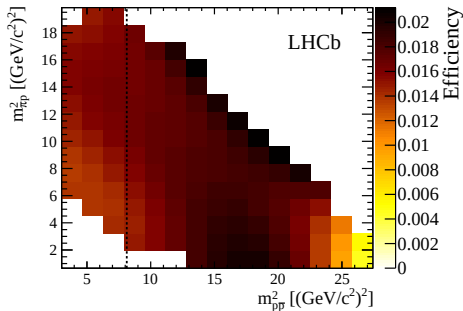
$$\frac{\epsilon_u^{\text{sel}}}{\epsilon_c^{J/\psi, \text{sel}}} = 2.513 \pm 0.032$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_u^{\text{acc}}}{\epsilon_c^{J/\psi, \text{acc}}} = 1.186 \pm 0.007$$

$B_c^+ \rightarrow \rho \bar{p} \pi^+$ efficiencies



Acceptance map for $B_c^+ \rightarrow \rho \bar{p} \pi^+$



Acceptance map for $B^+ \rightarrow \rho \bar{p} \pi^+$

$B_c^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+$ systematics

Relative systematic uncertainties on $\varepsilon_u/\varepsilon_c$ and input $\mathcal{B}$ s

Source	$m(p\bar{p}) < 2.85 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})\pi^+$
PID	3.0 %	3.0 %
B_c^+ lifetime	2.0 %	2.0 %
Simulation	0.8 %	0.9 %
Detector acceptance	0.6 %	0.6 %
BDT shape	1.5 %	1.5 %
Hardware trigger correction	0.8 %	0.9 %
Fiducial cut	0.1 %	0.1 %
Modelling	15 %	—
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+)$	15 %	15 %
$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p})$	—	1.4 %

- PID uncertainty dominated by proton calibration sample size
- B_c^+ lifetime = $0.507 \pm 0.009 \text{ ps}$
- “Modelling”: variation in efficiency over phase space
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+) = (1.07 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-6}$
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (2.120 \pm 0.029) \times 10^{-3}$