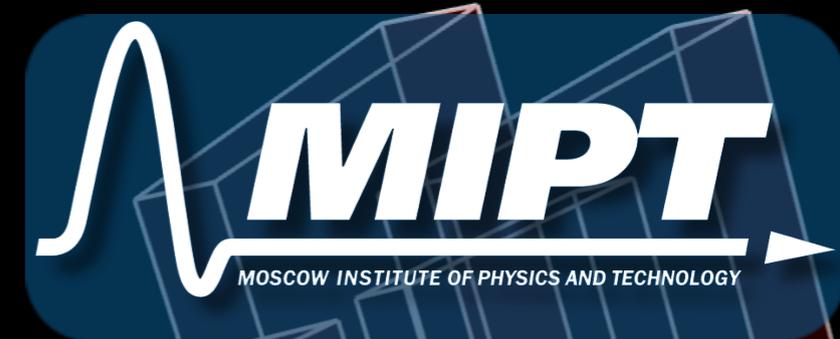




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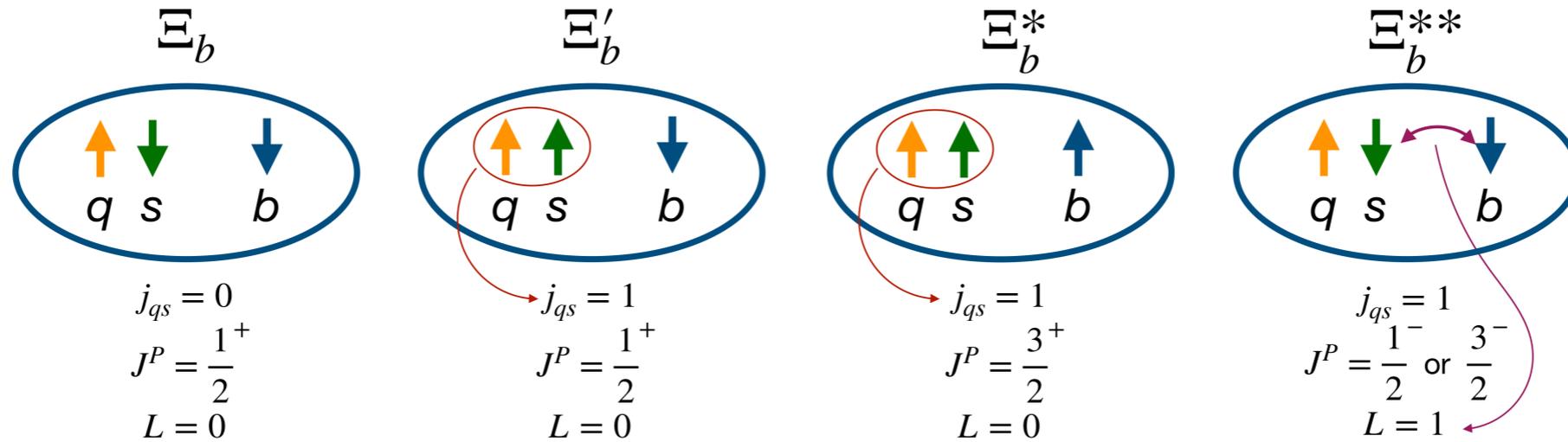
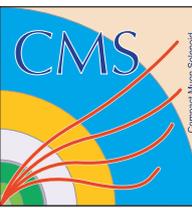
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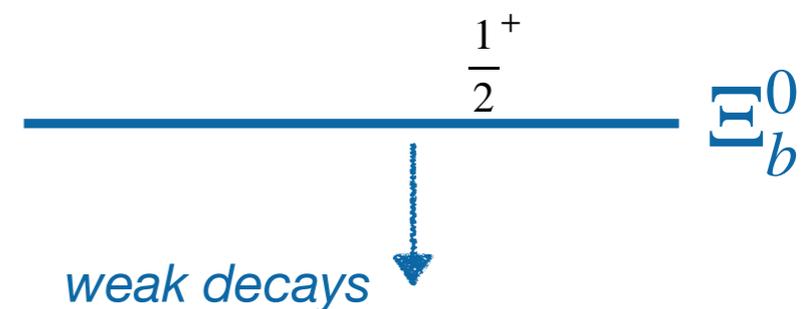
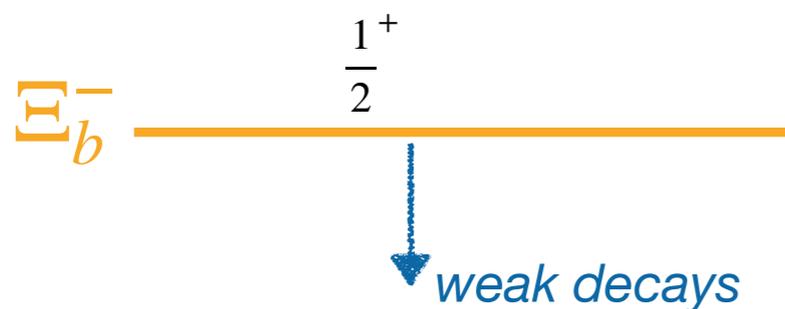
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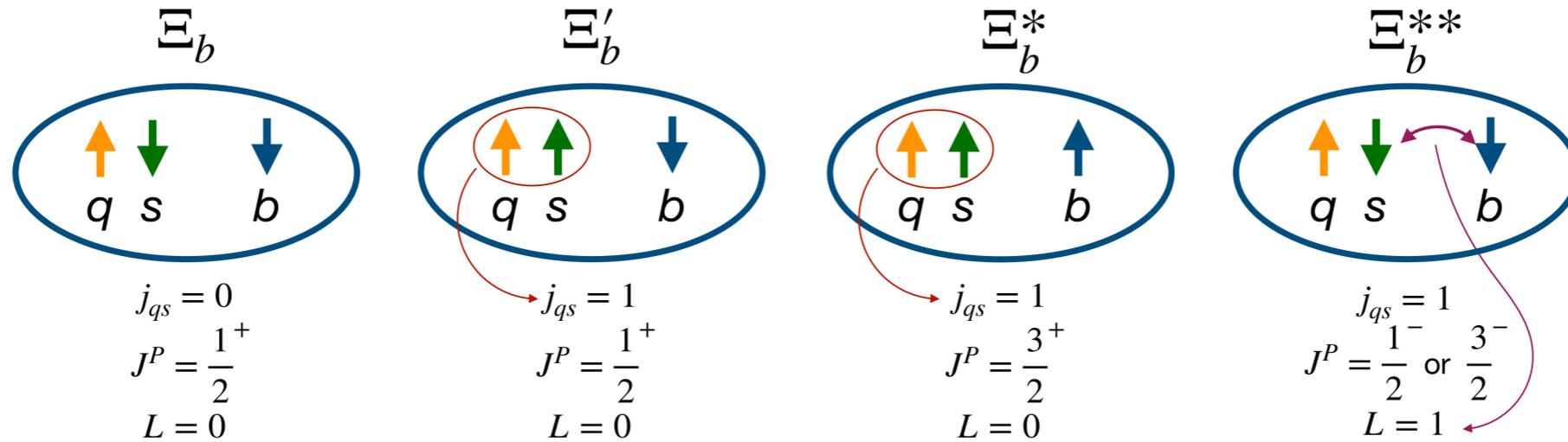
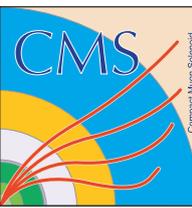
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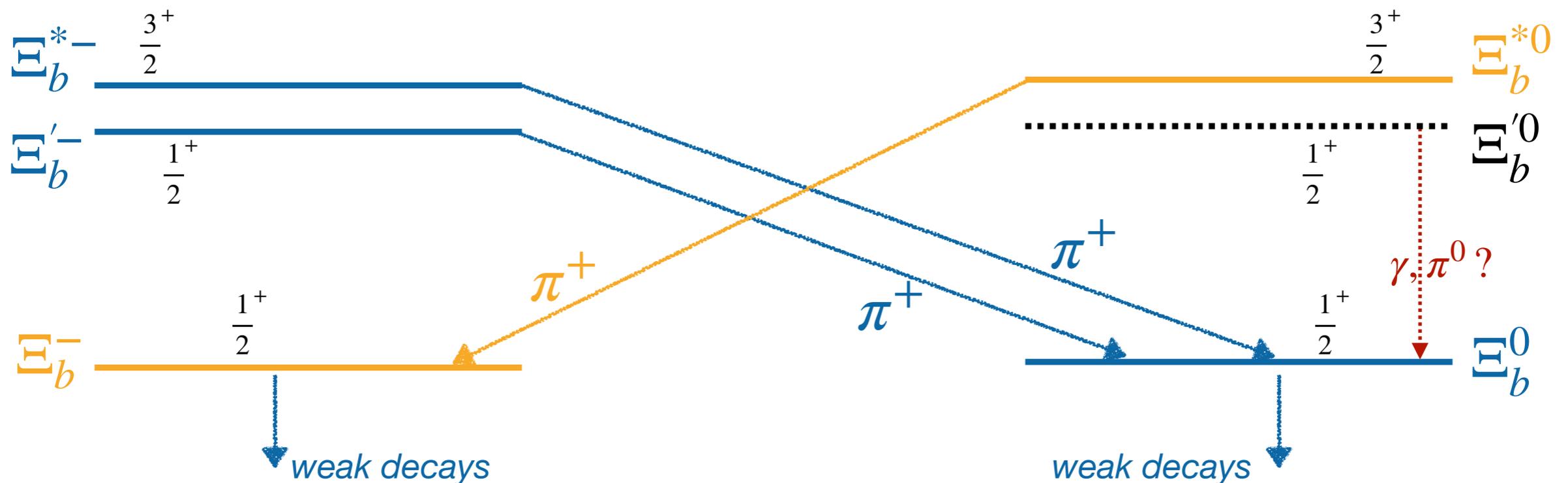
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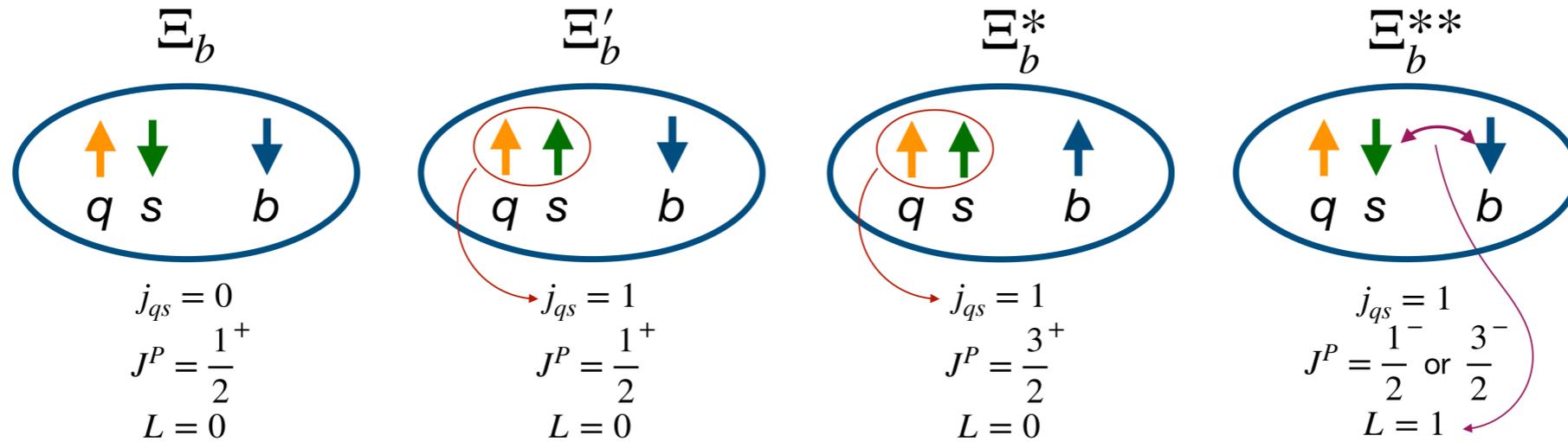
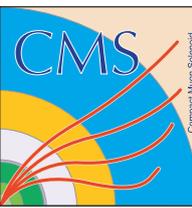
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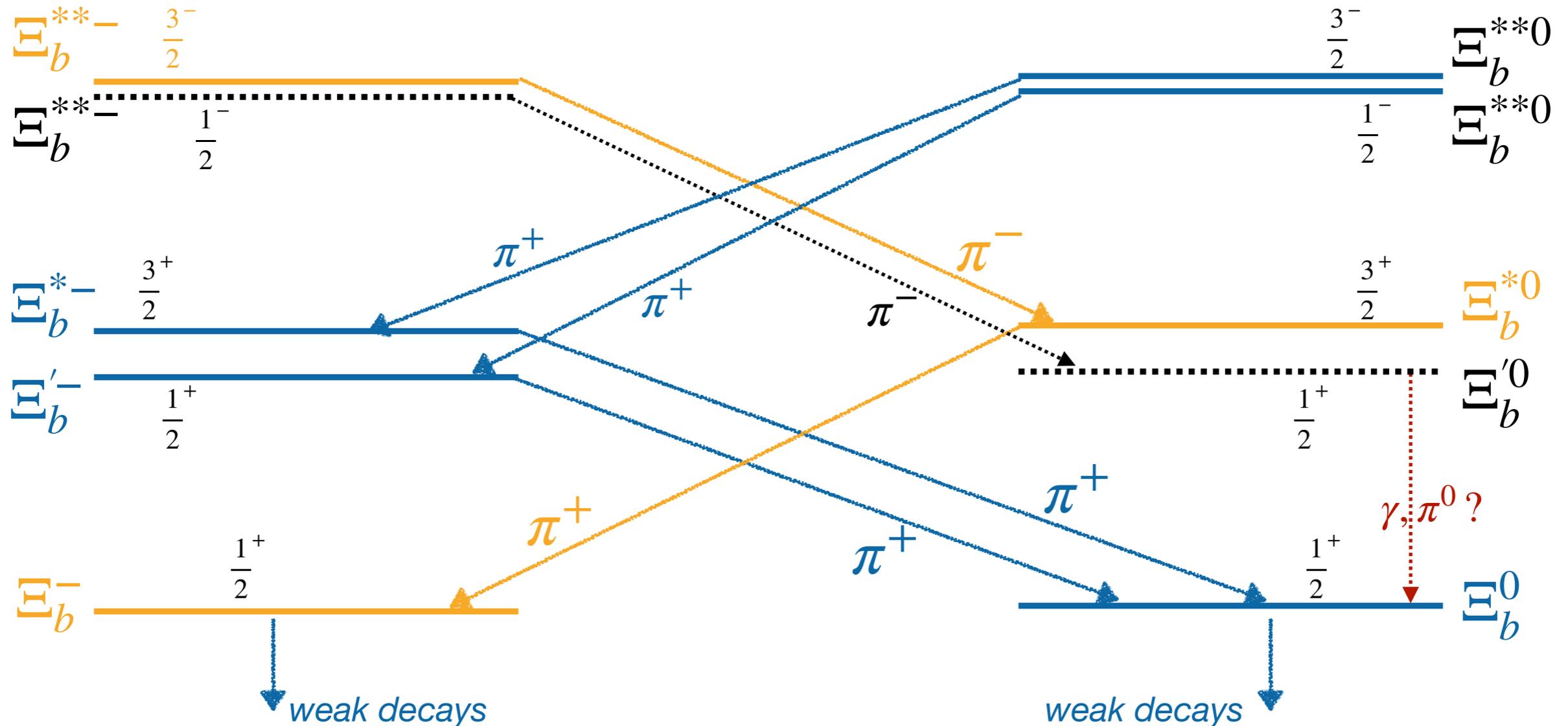
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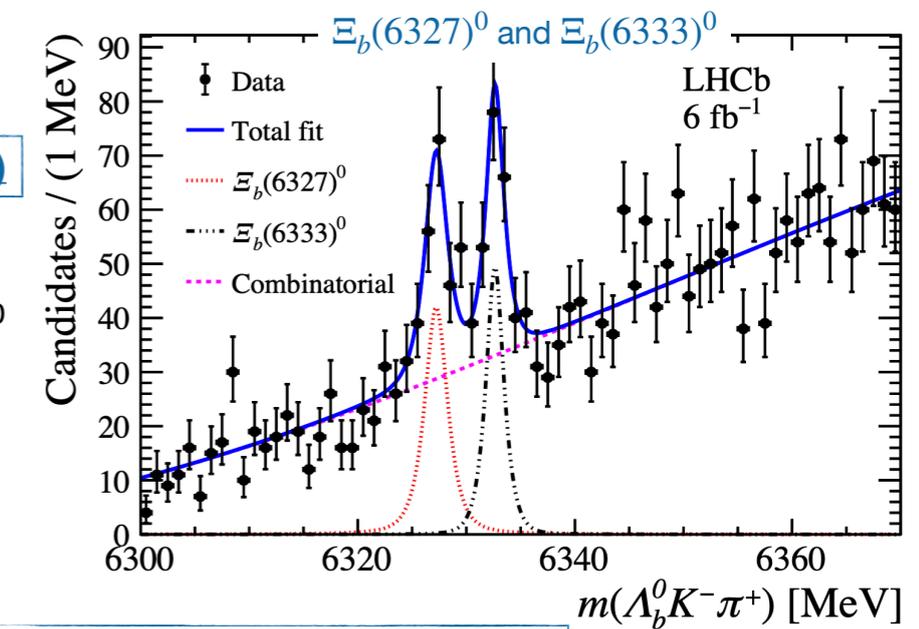
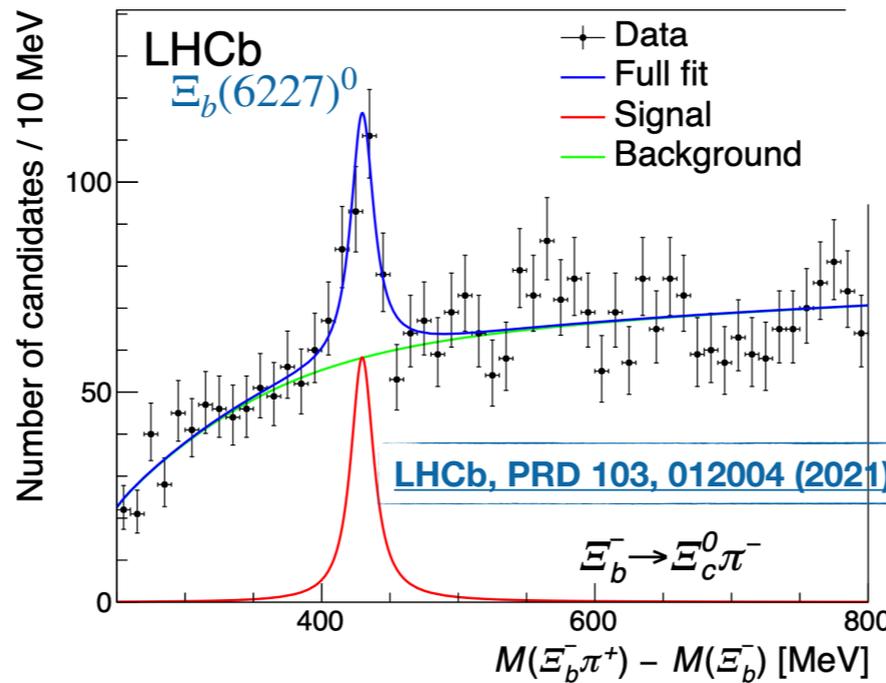
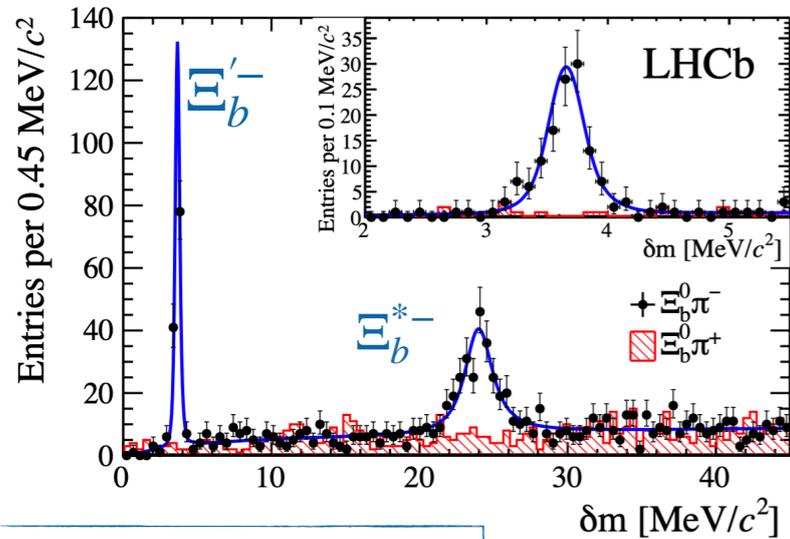
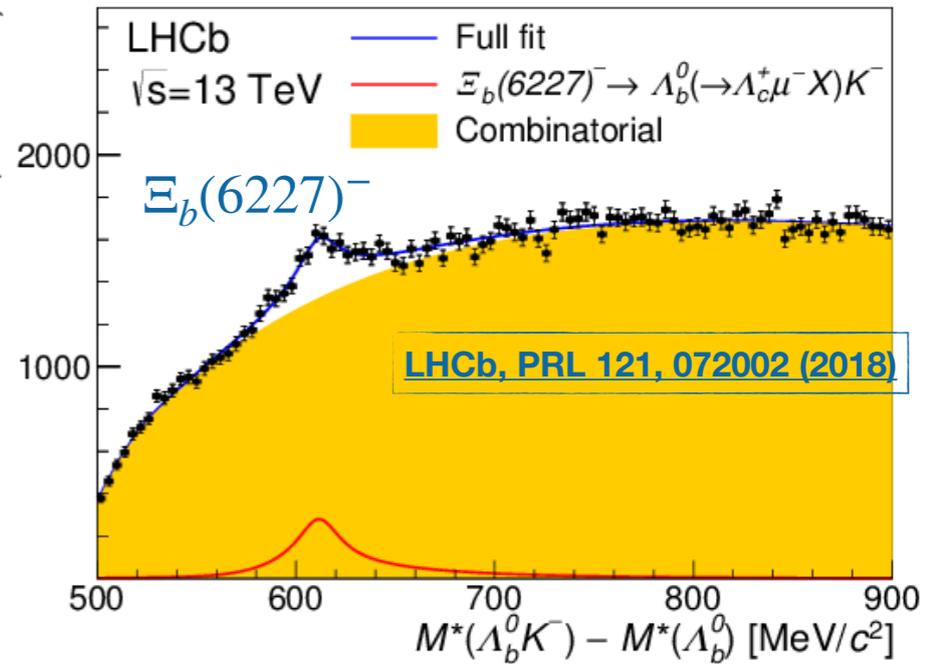
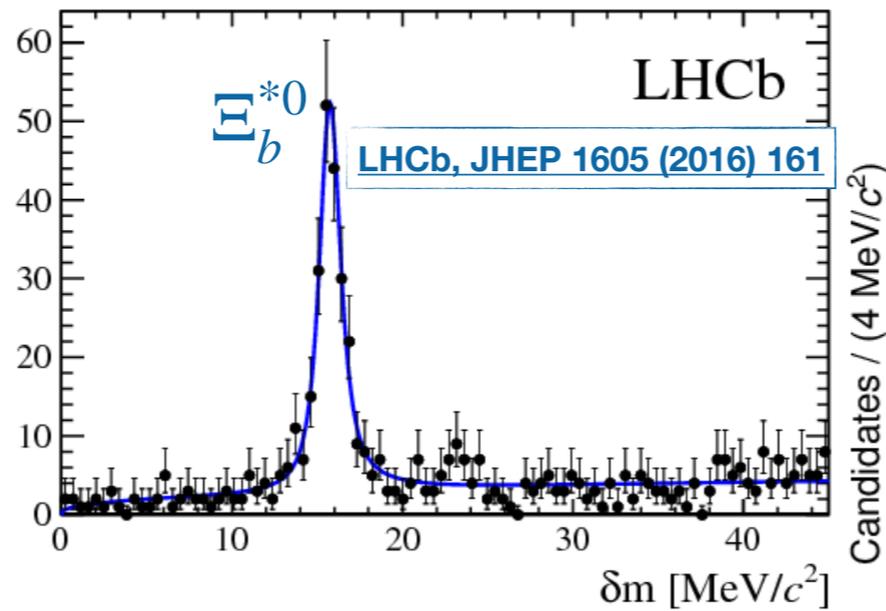
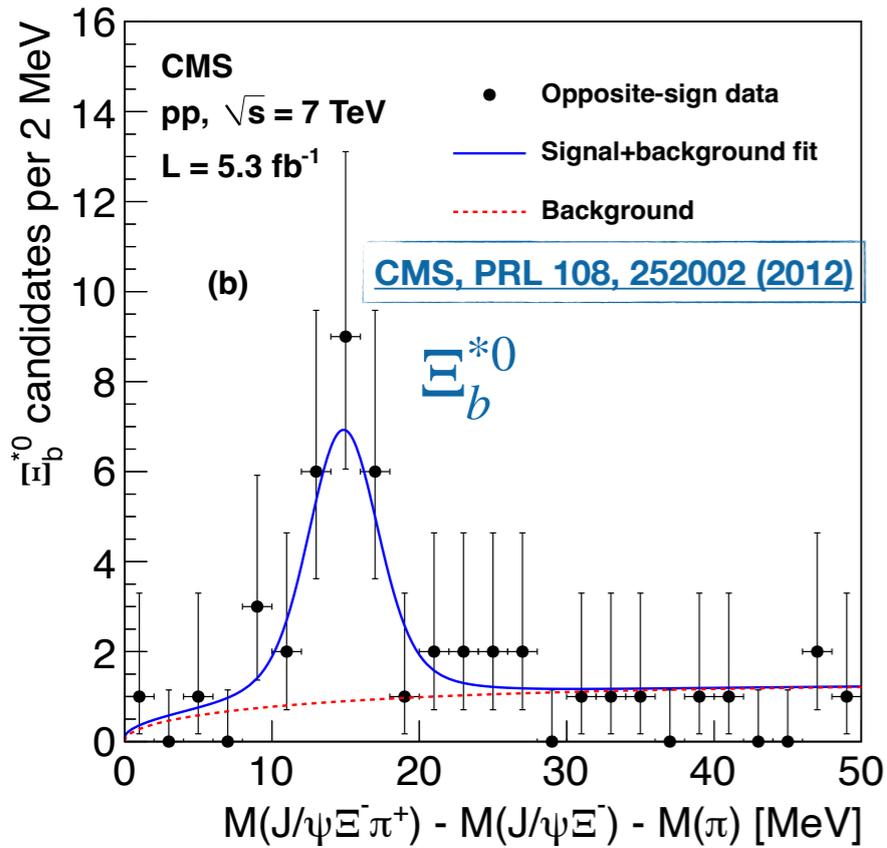
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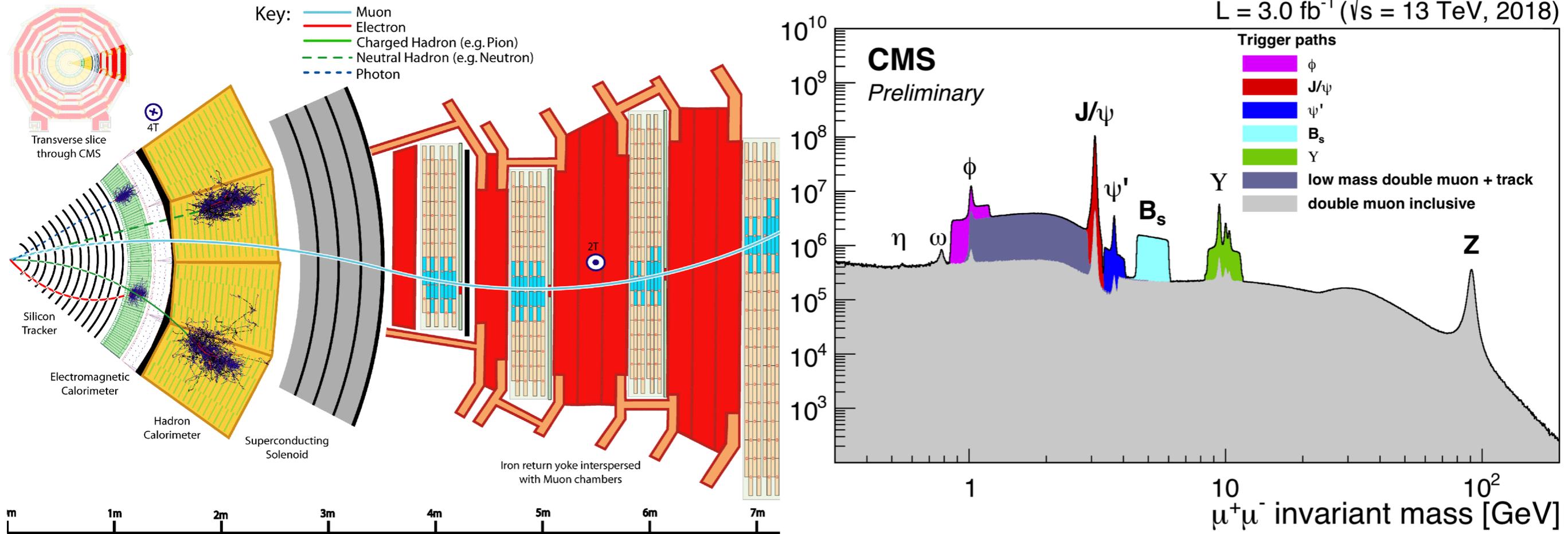
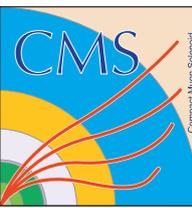


# Previous results of $\Xi_b$ resonances



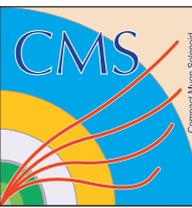
Cannot reconstruct  $\Xi_b^0$  at CMS (no hadron ID, hard to work with non-charged particles)

# The CMS Experiment



- The CMS Experiment at the LHC was designed mainly for high- $p_T$  physics (Higgs, top-quark, SM precision measurement, New Physics searches etc)
- However, robust muon system, good  $p_T$  resolution and perfect vertex reconstruction provide promising opportunities for heavy flavour and quarkonia-related analyses

# CMS Analysis Overview



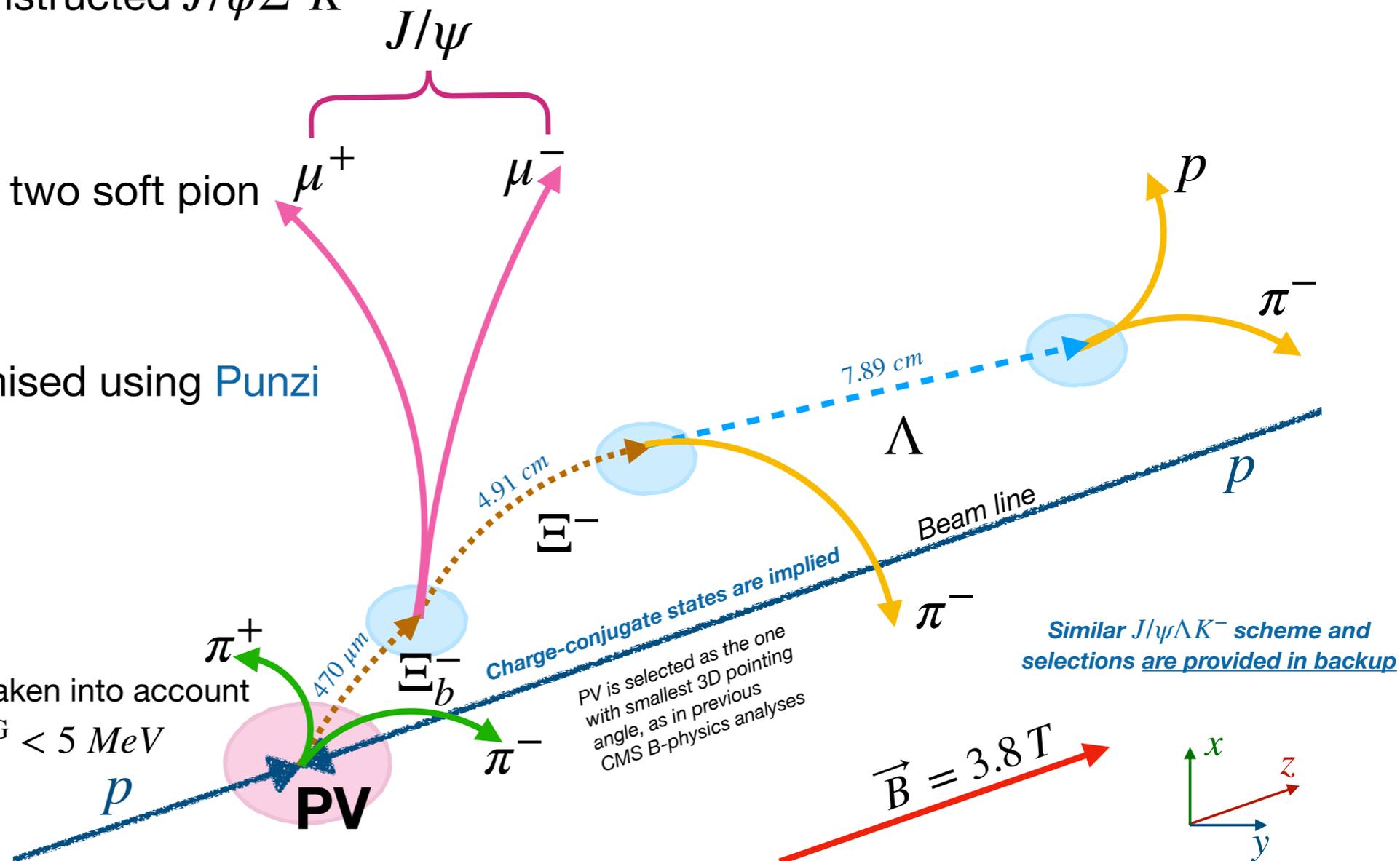
- We use full Run-2 CMS data ( $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ) to search for a new  $\Xi_b^{*-} \rightarrow \Xi_b^{*0} \pi^- \rightarrow \Xi_b^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  resonance, basing on [theoretical predictions](#) and excited  $\Xi_c^{**}$  [charm analogies](#)  
Also to update the  $\Xi_b^{*0}$  parameters w.r.t. previously reported

- $\Xi_b^-$  ground state is reconstructed via  $J/\psi \Xi^-$  and  $J/\psi \Lambda K^-$  channels, where latter one also presents the partially reconstructed  $J/\psi \Sigma^0 K^-$  component

Also search for the new decay  $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Xi^-$  is performed

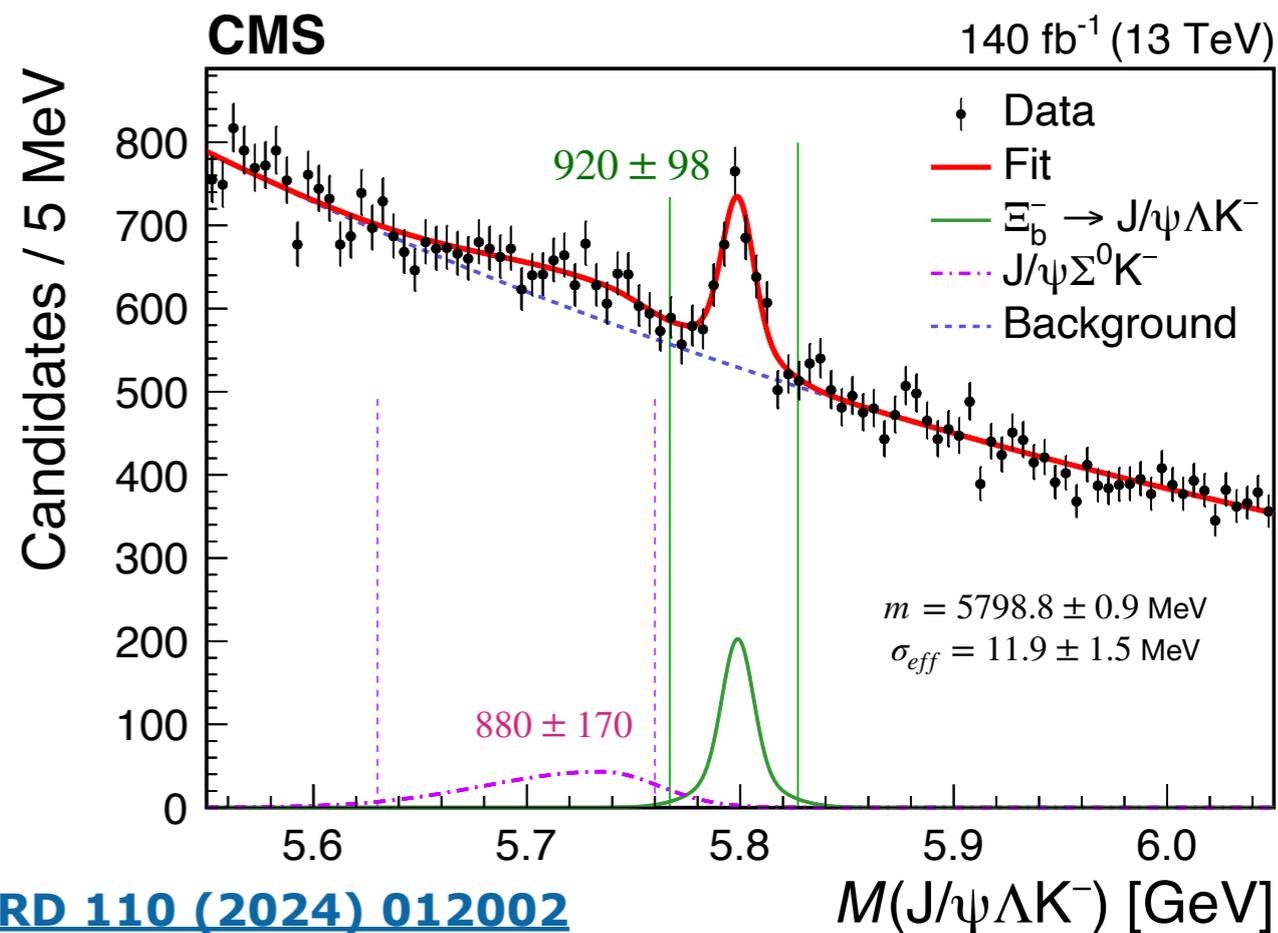
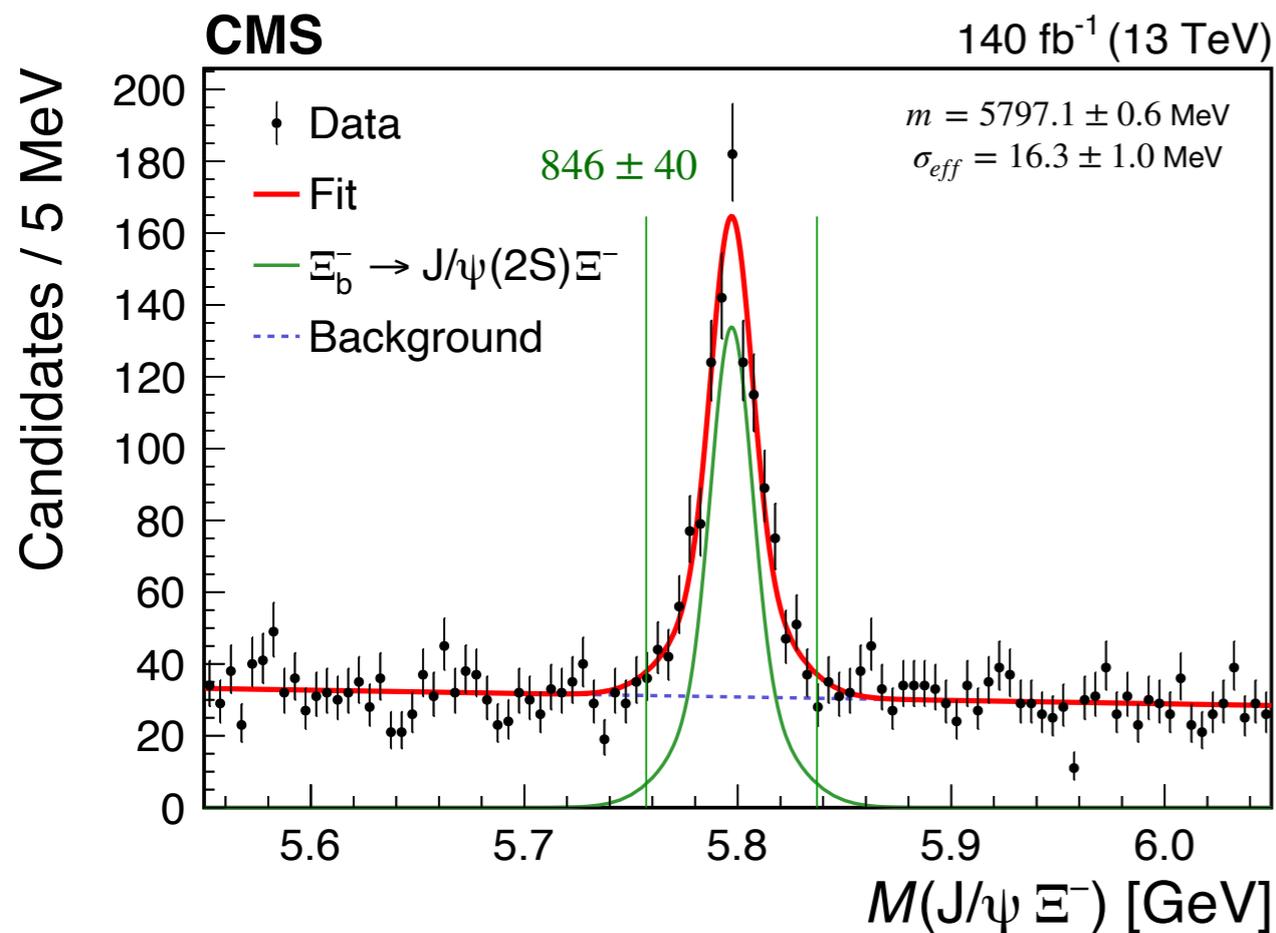
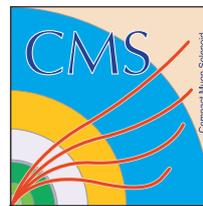
- Then  $\Xi_b^-$  is combined with two soft pion tracks from PV
- Selection criteria are optimised using [Punzi Figure of Merit](#)

Intermediate decay of  $\Xi_b^{*-} \rightarrow \Xi_b^{*0} \pi^-$  taken into account w/ mass window  $\Delta M(\Xi_b^- \pi^+) - \Delta m_{\Xi_b^{*0}}^{\text{PDG}} < 5 \text{ MeV}$



Similar  $J/\psi \Lambda K^-$  scheme and selections are provided in backup

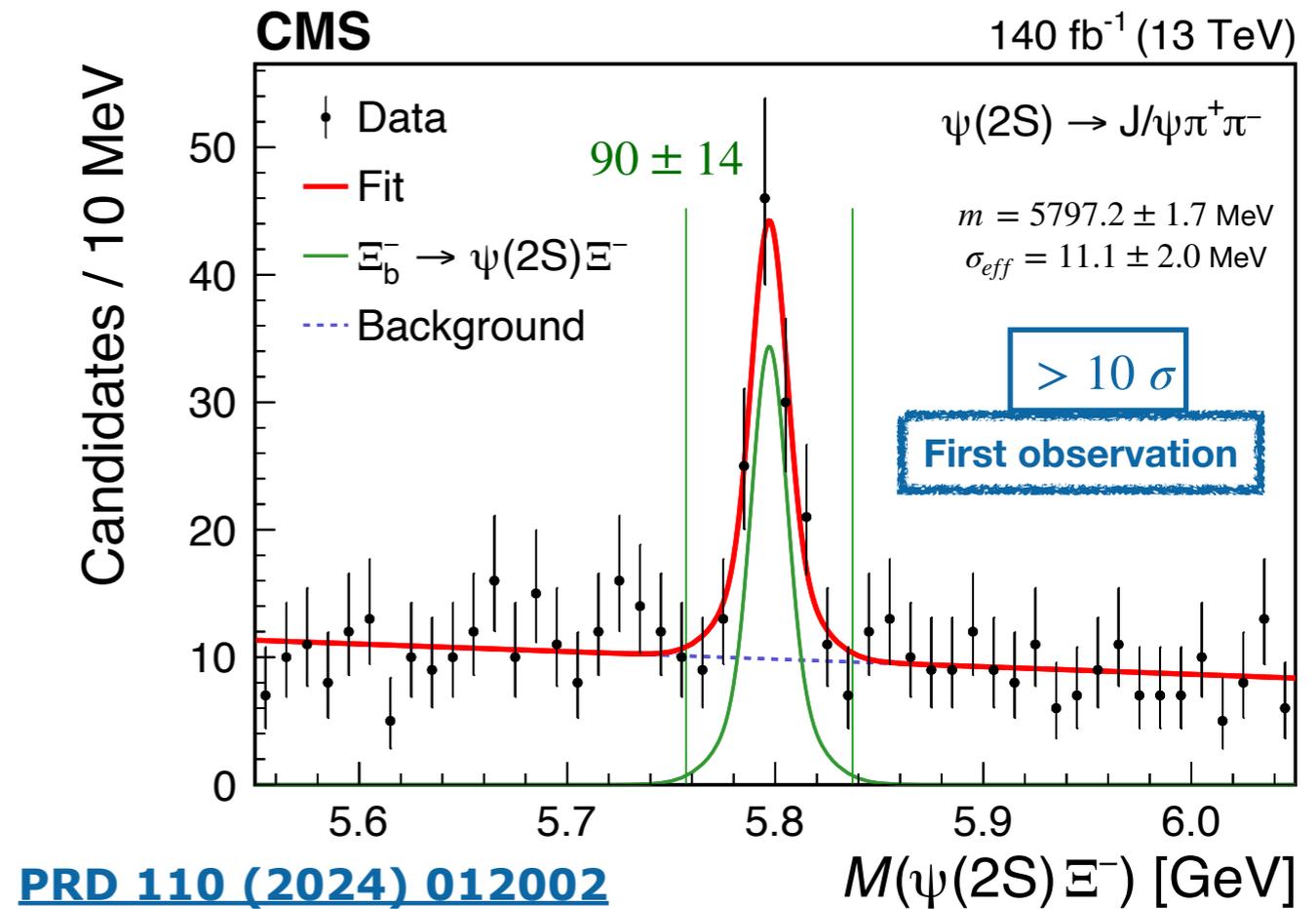
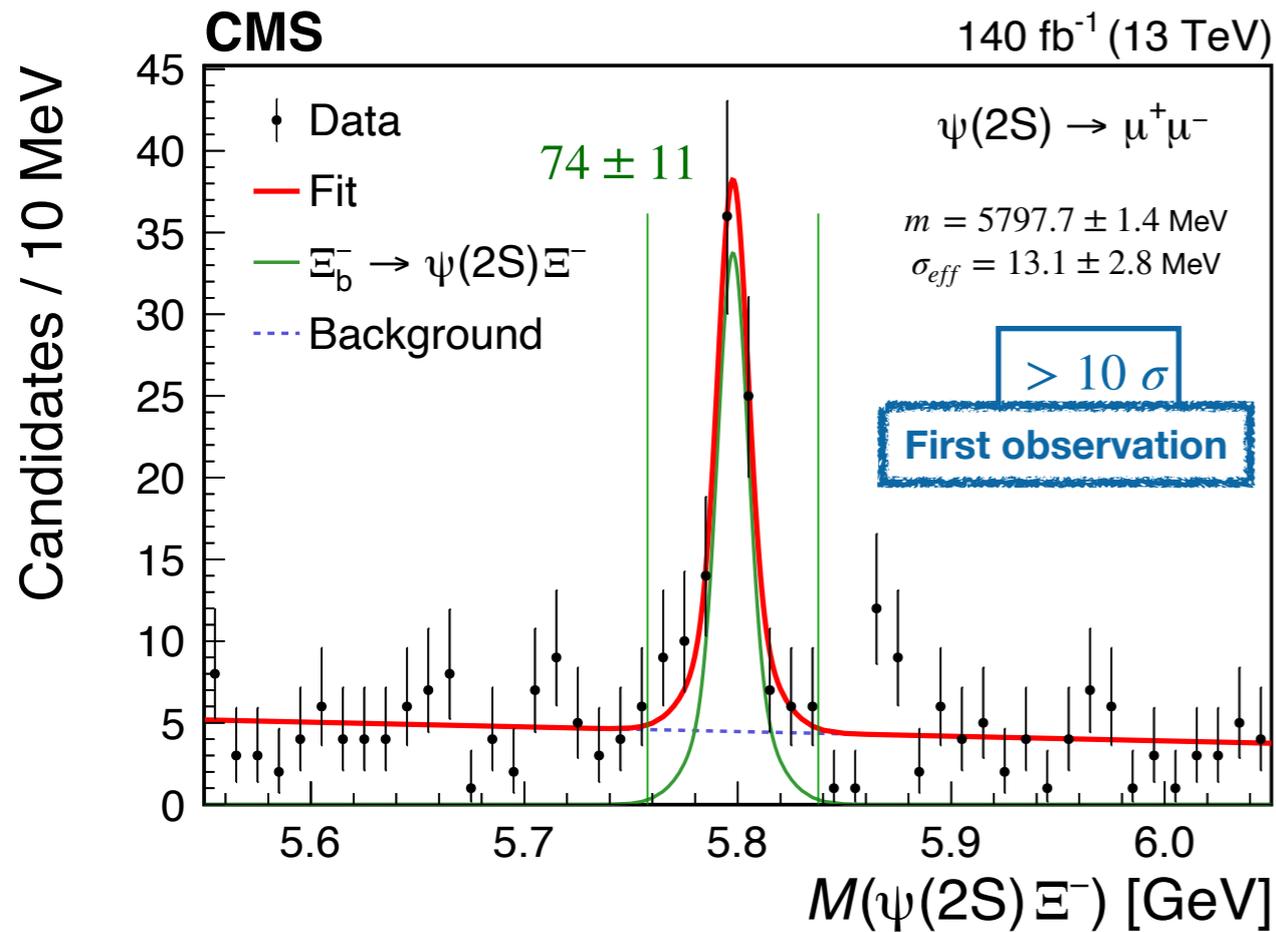
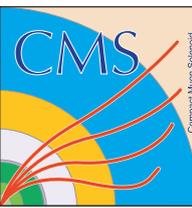
# $\Xi_b^-$ “known” signals



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- Signal:** double-Gaussian (MC-shape scaled to data); **Background:** linear/exponential function  
**Partially reconstructed  $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Sigma^0 K^-$  decay:** asymmetrical Gaussian (from MC)  
*photon from  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$  is too soft to be reconstructed*
- For  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+$  and  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  studies, **fully reconstructed  $\Xi_b^-$  = green lines**,  $\pm 54(\pm 27)$  MeV for  $J/\psi \Xi^-(J/\psi \Lambda K^-)$  channels,  
**partially reconstructed  $\Xi_b^-$  = purple lines**, [5.63, 5.76] GeV window

# Observation of $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Xi^-$ decay



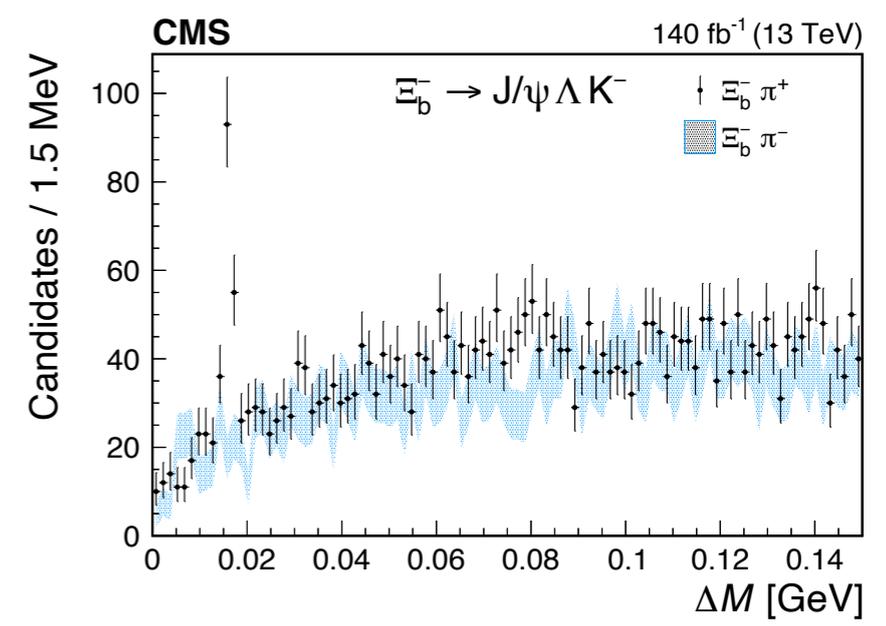
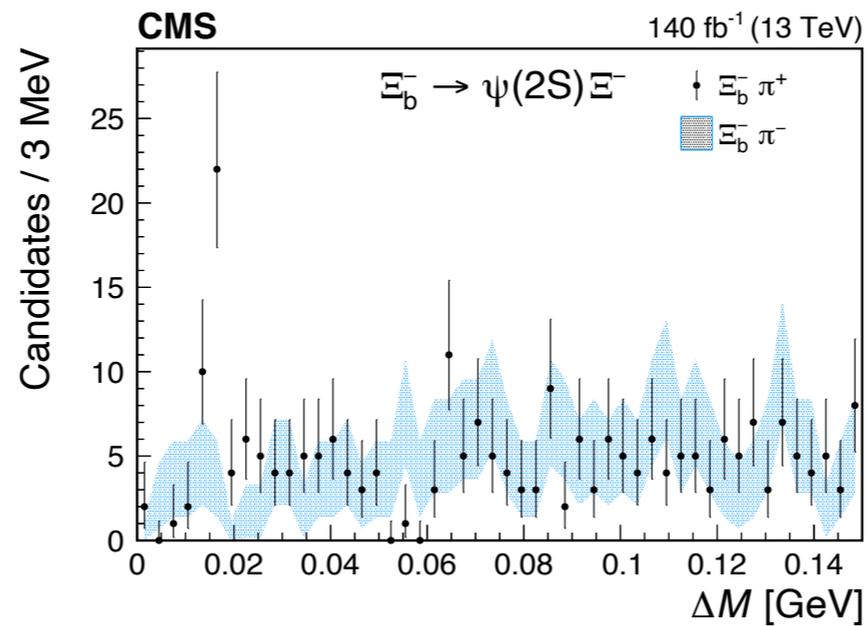
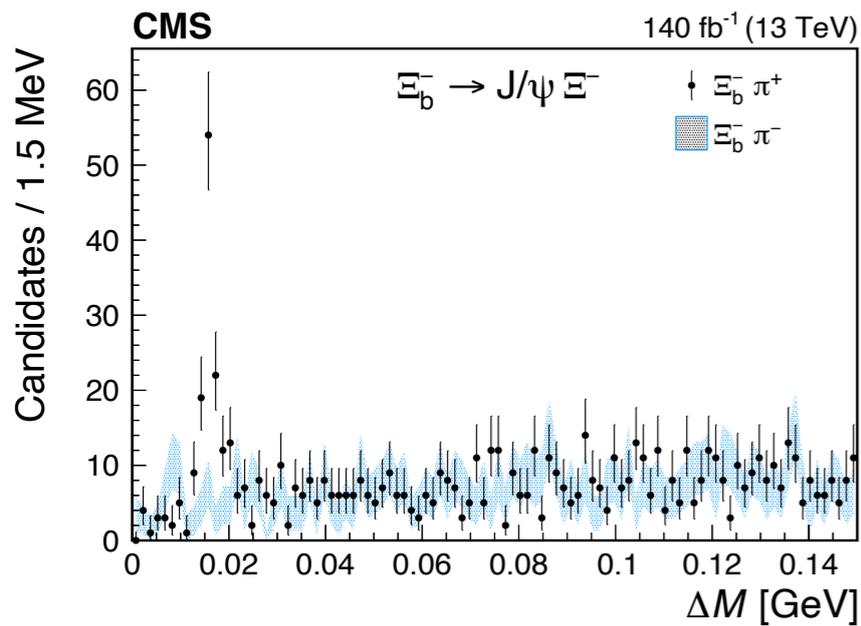
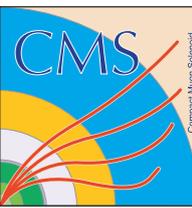
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- **Signal shape:** Double Gaussian, shape is fixed from MC but allowed to be scaled from data  
**Background:** 1st order polynomial
- **Local statistical significance** from [likelihood ratio technique](#) (Sig. + Bkg. versus Bkg. only hypothesis)  
**Well above 5 sigma** for both  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  and modes  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$

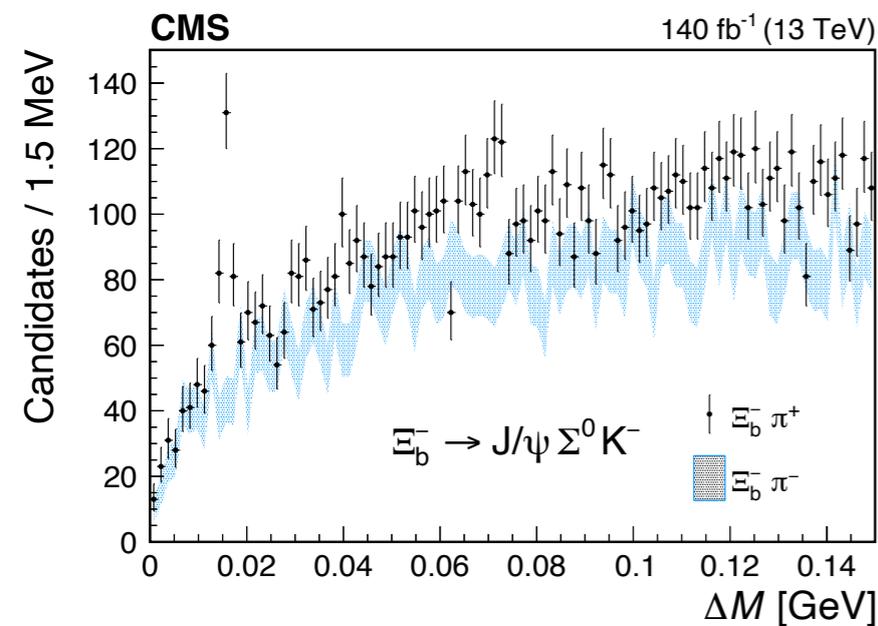
- Branching fraction of the new decay is estimated to be:

$$R = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Xi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi\Xi^-)} = \underbrace{\frac{N_{\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Xi^-}}{N_{\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi\Xi^-}}}_{\text{from data fits}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_{\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi\Xi^-}}{\epsilon_{\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Xi^-}}}_{\text{from MC simulation}} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} = 0.84^{+0.21}_{-0.19} \pm 0.10 \pm 0.02$$

# Exploration of $\Xi_b^- \pi^+$ system



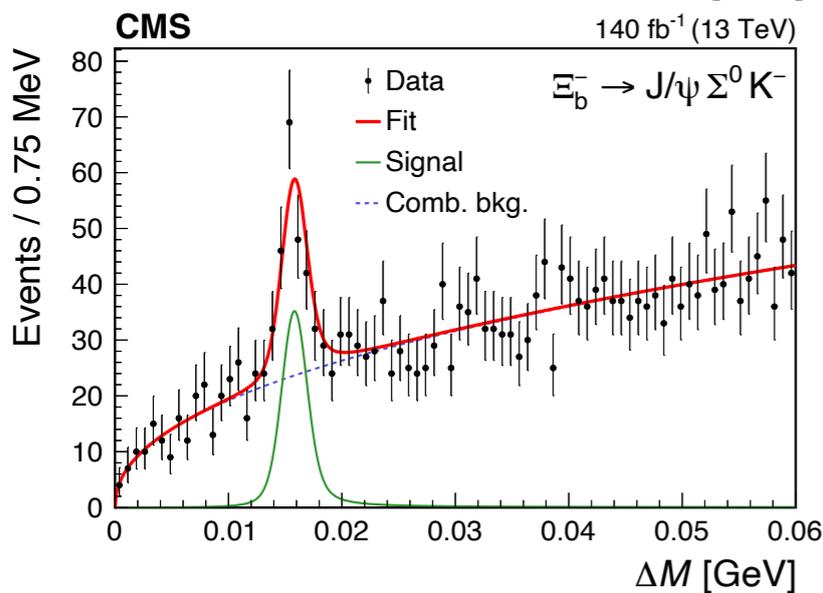
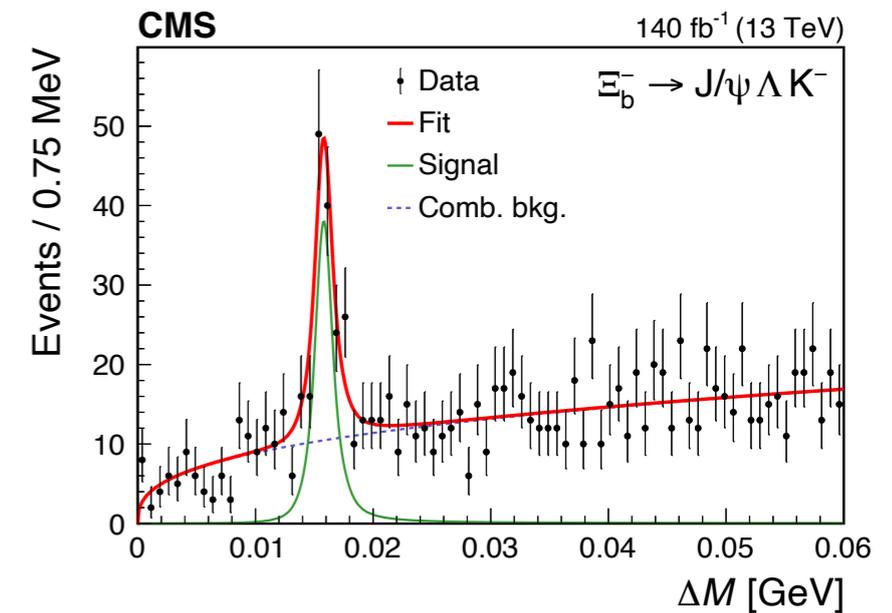
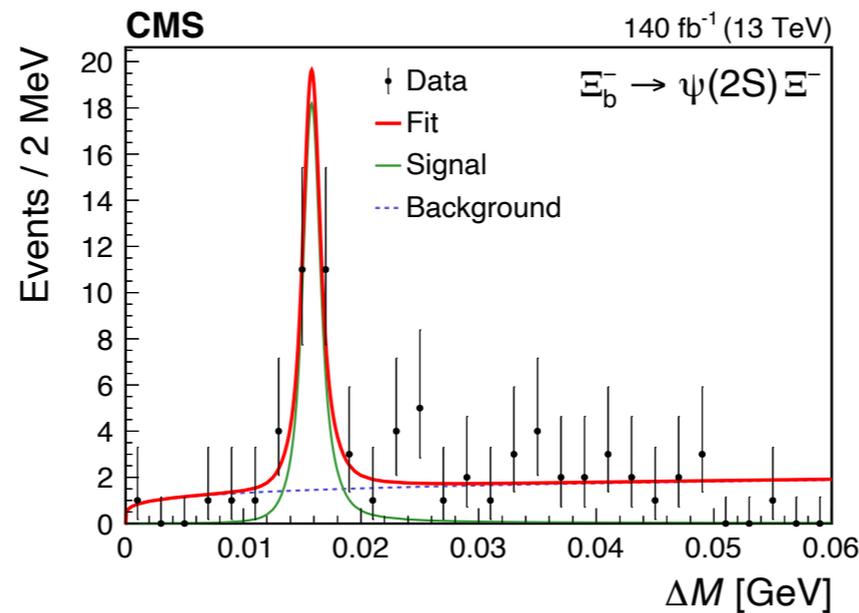
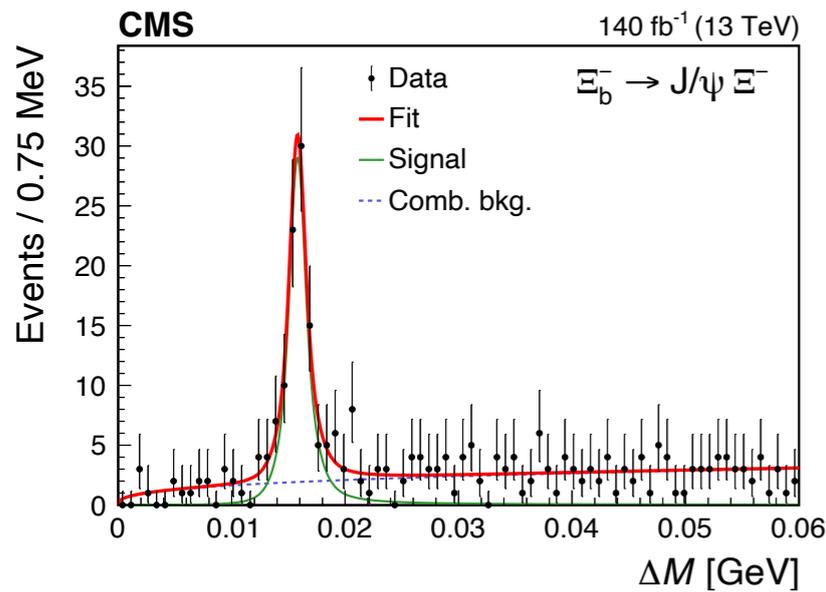
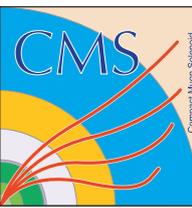
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- Clear, significant peak of  $\Xi_b^{*0}$  near the kinematic threshold in  $M(\Xi_b^- \pi^+)$  for all 4 channels of  $\Xi_b^-$  reconstruction
- No other structures observed in the near-threshold area (*as expected*)
- Combinatorial background is in agreement with wrong-sign (*showing us that the bkg is combinatorial indeed*)

Mass difference variable  $\Delta M = M(\Xi_b^- \pi^+) - M(\Xi_b^-) - m_{\pi^+}^{\text{PDG}}$  and PV refit technique ([see backup](#)) are used to improve detector resolution

# Fit of the $\Xi_b^{*0} \rightarrow \Xi_b^- \pi^+$ signal



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Decay channel	$N(\Xi_b^{*0})$
$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi_b^-$	$97^{+13}_{-12}$
$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Xi_b^-$	$24^{+6}_{-5}$
$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$	$124^{+17}_{-16}$
$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Sigma^0 K^-$	$155^{+22}_{-20}$

$$\Delta M = 15.810 \pm 0.077 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.052 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(\Xi_b^{*0}) = 0.87^{+0.22}_{-0.20} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.16 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}$$

*Excellent agreement with previous CMS & LHCb results!*

- We perform simultaneous fit of 4  $\Xi_b^-$  channels, using Relativistic Breit-Wigner  $\otimes$  MC resolutions for signals; mass and  $\Gamma$  are shared parameters of the fit
- Background is described  $(\Delta M)^\alpha$  threshold function

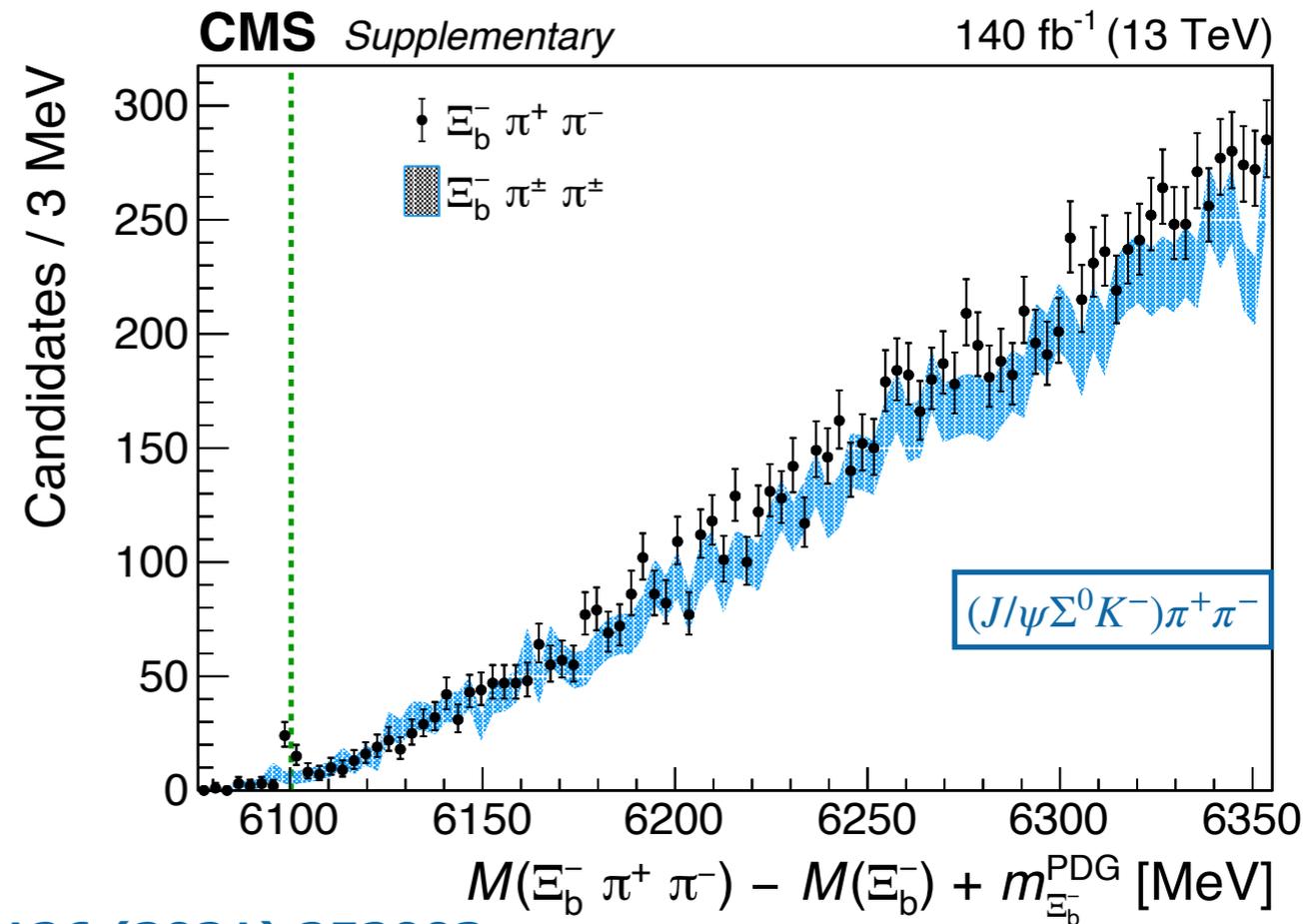
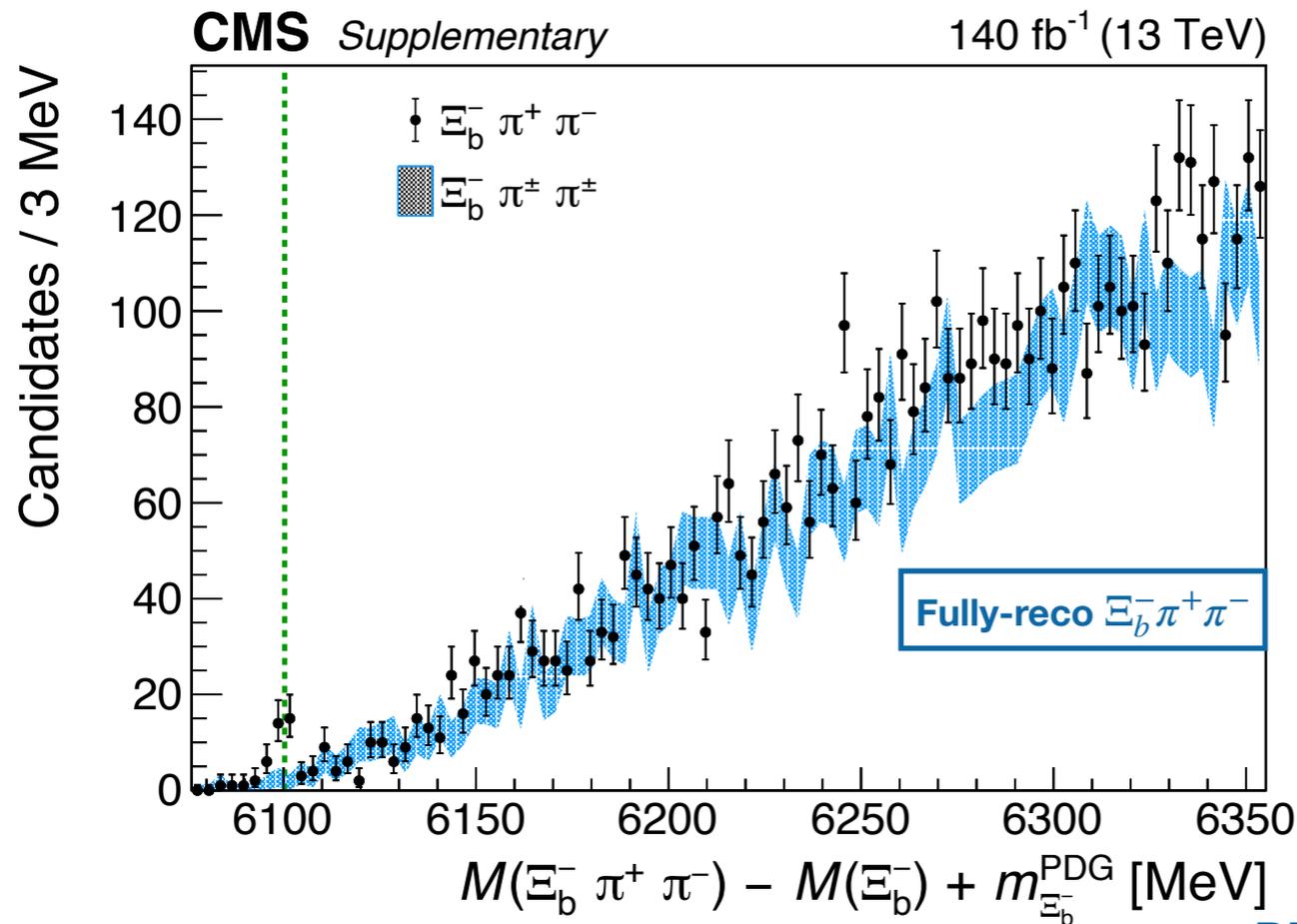
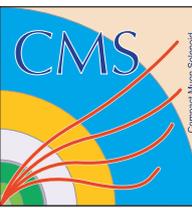
- We also measure relative  $\Xi_b^{*0}/\Xi_b^-$  production ratio:

$$R_{\Xi_b^{*0}} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Xi_b^{*0} X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^{*0} \rightarrow \Xi_b^- \pi^+)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Xi_b^- X)} = \frac{N(\Xi_b^{*0})}{N(\Xi_b^-)} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{\Xi_b^-}}{\epsilon_{\Xi_b^{*0}}} = 0.23 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$$

from data fits      from MC simulation

*BLUE method is used to combine results from different channels*

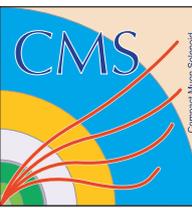
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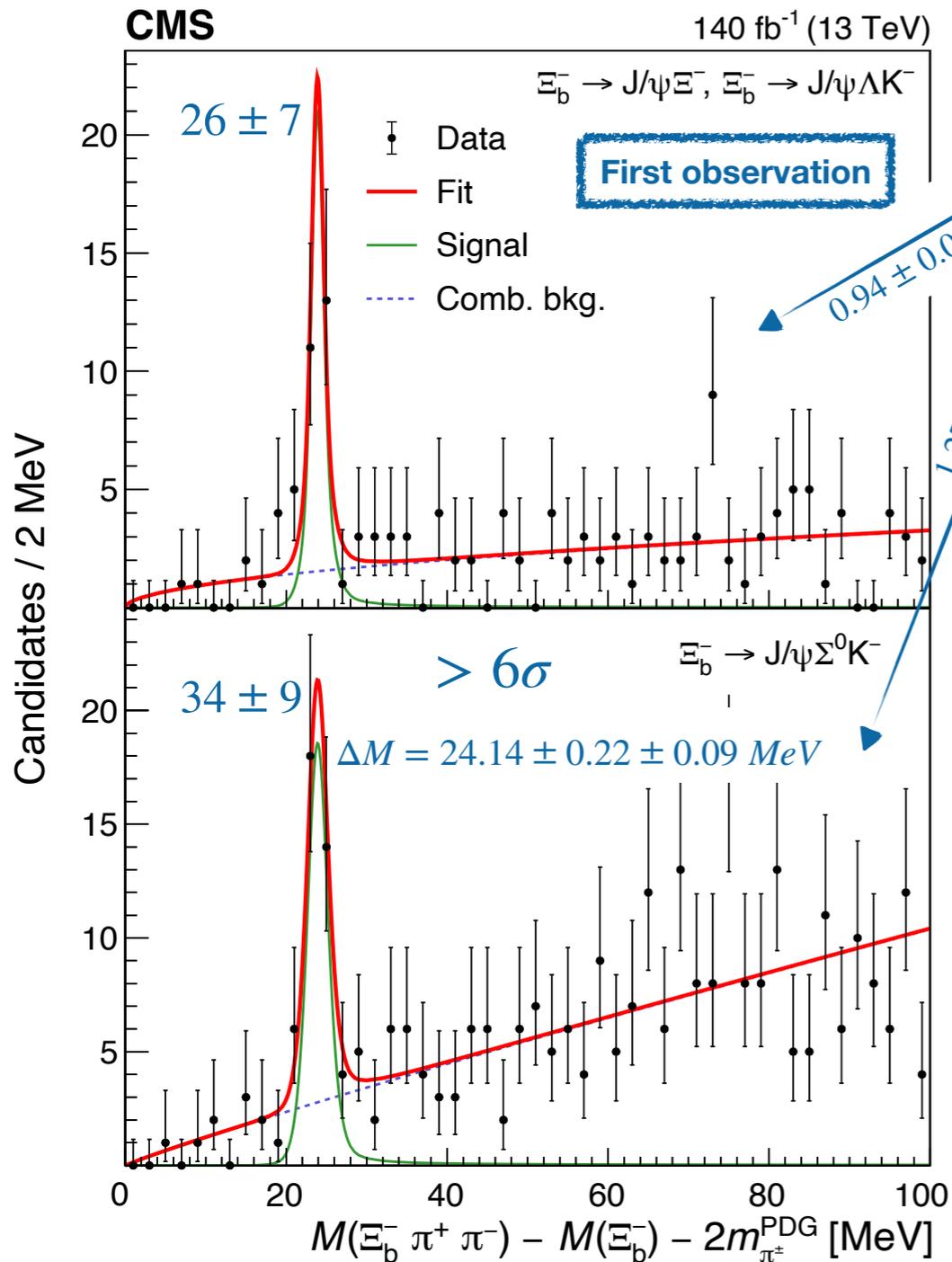
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- Plots with no requirements of  $\Xi_b^{*0}$  in the  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+$  mass, with opposite-sign (OS, circles) and same-sign (SS, band) pions.
- No other peaks except 6100 near the threshold are observed in both OS and SS distribution

# Observation of $\Xi_b(6100)^-$ baryon



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- Relativistic Breit-Wigner convolved with MC resolution, background: threshold function  $(x - x_0)^\alpha$ . Simultaneous fit: common mass and natural width
- **First observation of a new state,** excited beauty strange baryon  $\Xi_b(6100)^-$ , expected to be the lightest orbital excitation with  $J^P = 3/2^-$ , beauty analogue of  $\Xi_c(2815)^0$
- **Systematics studies:** include variations of fit model, fit range, possible data/MC difference

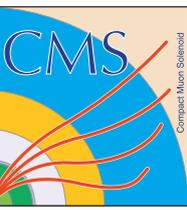
$$M(\Xi_b(6100)^-) = 6100.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(\Xi_b(6100)^-) < 1.9 \text{ MeV @ 95\% CL}$$

systematics are included in  $\Gamma$  calculation

At Moriond 2023 LHCb presented the **confirmation** of  $\Xi_b(6100)^-$  state

# Conclusion and summary



- CMS Experiment is actively contributing to the heavy flavour physics, providing state-of-the-art spectroscopy results
- We report the first observation of the new  $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S)\Xi^-$  decay and measure its branching fraction w.r.t. to the well-known  $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J\psi\Xi^-$  to be  $R = 0.84^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$
- We perform a new precise measurement of the  $\Xi_b^{*0}$  baryon mass and natural width  
We also confirm the relative  $\Xi_b^{*0}/\Xi_b^-$  production rate to be  $R_{\Xi_b^{*0}} = 0.23 \pm 0.03$
- New beauty strange baryon is observed at mass  $6100.3 \pm 0.6$  MeV in  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  invariant mass spectrum and natural width  $< 1.9$  MeV @ 95% CL
  - Consistent with being the lightest orbitally excited  $\Xi_b^-$  baryon with  $J^P = 3/2^-$  and orbital momentum  $L = 1$  between  $b$  quark and light diquark  $ds$
- All our  $\Xi_b^{*0}$  and  $\Xi_b(6100)^-$  results are in excellent agreement with those reported by the LHCb experiment, proving CMS validity in flavour field
- Stay tuned for the new beautiful and charming results from the CMS Collaboration!



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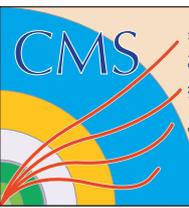
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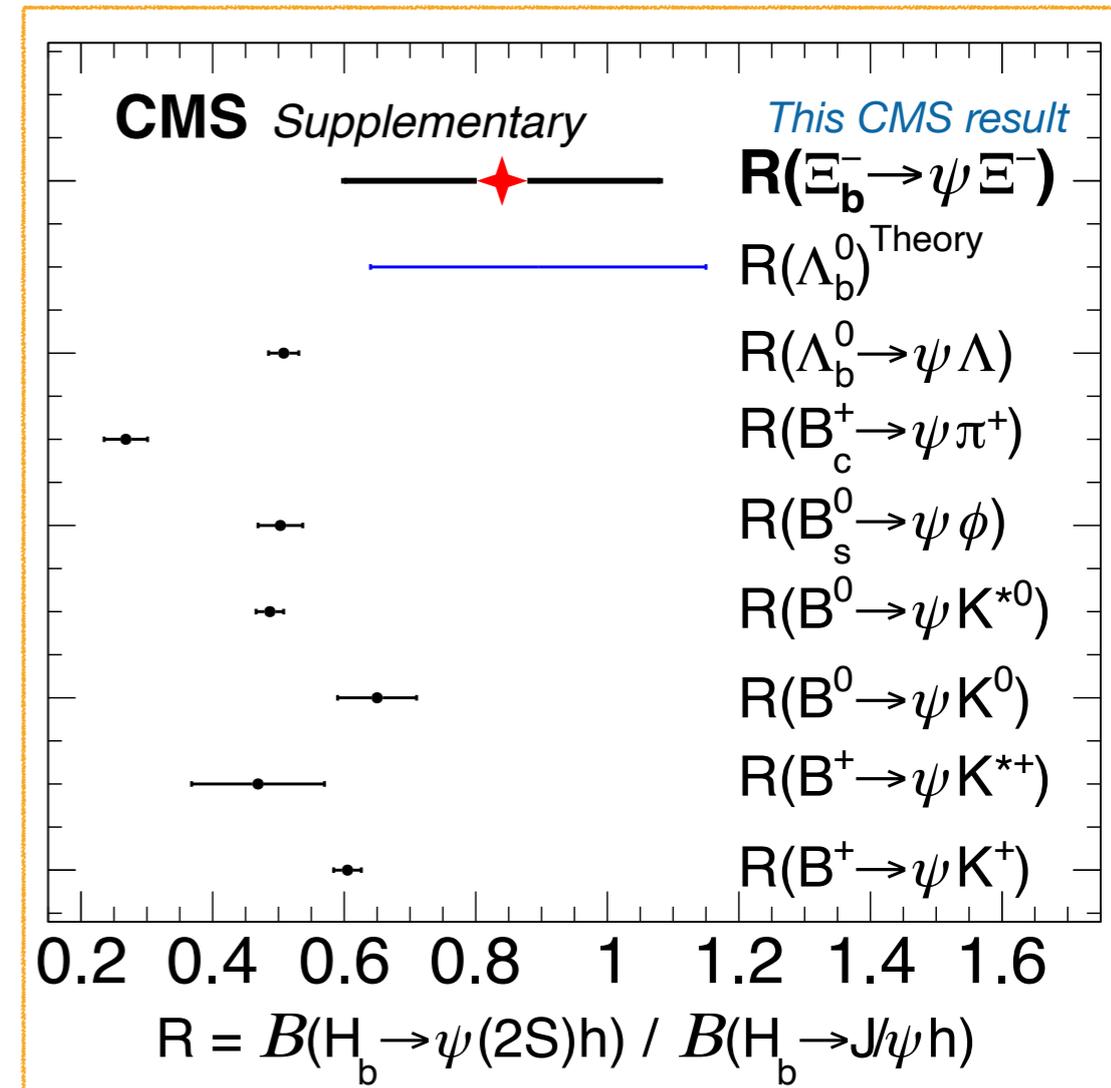
**Do you have any questions?**

# Backup slides

# Branching fraction ratio discussion



- We compare our result for the measured  $\mathcal{B}$  ratio with other “similar” decays: a b-hadron  $H_b$  decays to  $J/\psi$  or  $\psi(2S)$  (both referred as  $\psi$ ) plus a light hadron  $h$
- Our  $R(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi \Xi^-)$  seems to be an agreement with others, but uncertainty is large
- The previously measured  $R(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \psi \Lambda)$  ratio is in disagreement with the theory prediction — will  $R(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi \Xi^-)$  repeat this “baryon deviation”?



- In general we do not see any clear, “straightforward” trend for these ratios, likewise there is no great theoretical model to describe this plot
- Both new, precise measurements of such ratios and theoretical predictions are required, especially for the beauty baryon sector ( $\Lambda_b$ ,  $\Xi_b$ ,  $\Omega_b$  decays...)

# Trigger strategy

- While the analysis in general uses combination of all charmonia-compatible dimuon CMS HLT paths, we need to select a single dedicated HLT for  $\mathcal{B}$  and production measurements
  - ↳ to ensure robust signal yields and efficiency and cancel trigger-related systematics
- We select the HLT suitable for the decay topology; then re-do our fits it data to estimate signal yield  $N$  we use for the ratio measurements
- Generated MC events are required to pass the selected HLT using the same reconstruction algorithm we have for data → extract efficiency  $\epsilon$  for the for the ratio measurements

$J/\psi$  or  $\psi(2S)$

$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^-$   
 $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Xi^-$

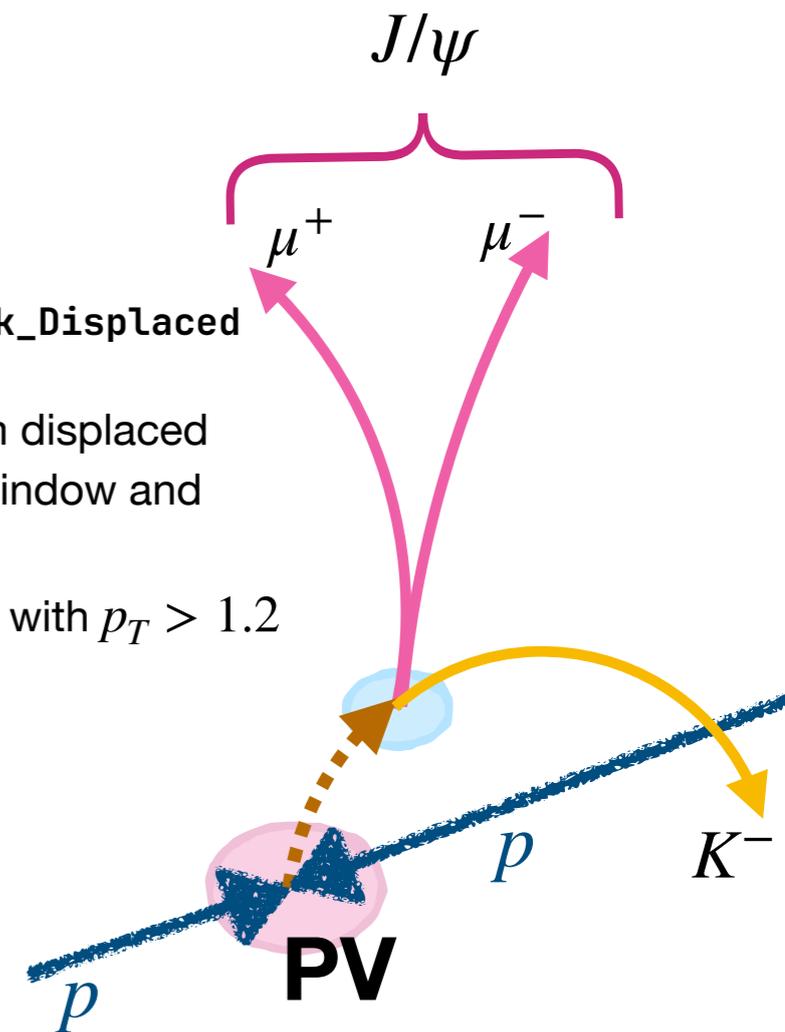
- Inclusive dimuon triggers are used:
  - HLT\_Dimuon25\_Jpsi
  - HLT\_Dimuon18\_PsiPrime
- Require OS muons from one vertex with  $J/\psi(\psi(2S))$  mass window and  $p_T(\mu^+ \mu^-) > 25$  (18) GeV

$R = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \psi(2S) \Xi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^-)}$   
 $R_{\Xi_b^{*0}}(J/\psi \Xi^-)$   
*HLT\_Dimuon20\_Jpsi and HLT\_Dimuon13\_PsiPrime are used for the 2016 conditions*

$$\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda K^-$$

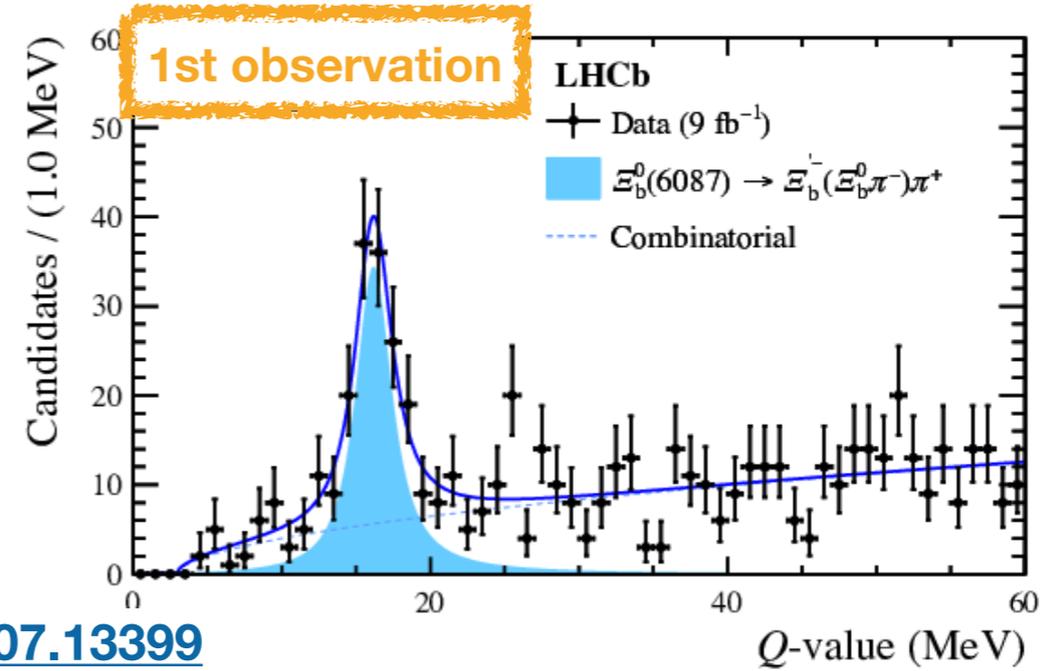
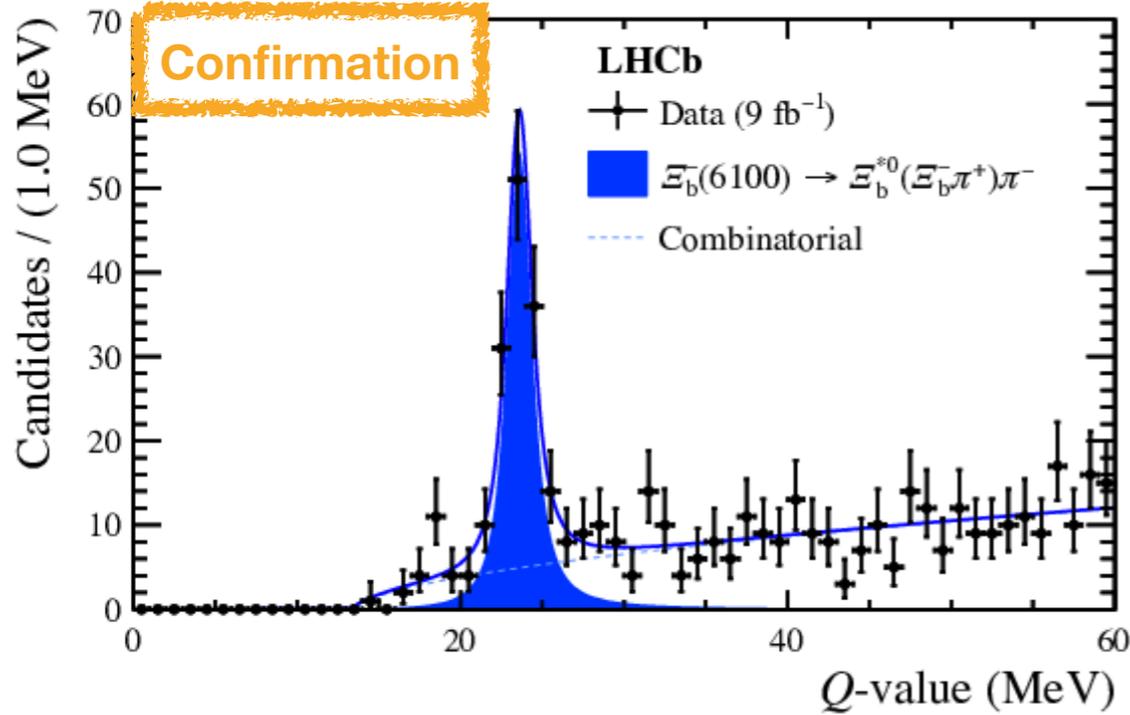
- We use dedicated HLT: HLT\_DoubleMu4\_JpsiTrk\_Displaced
- Require OS muons from displaced vertex with  $J/\psi$  mass window and  $p_T(\mu^\pm) > 4$  GeV and Trk from this vertex with  $p_T > 1.2$  GeV and  $d_{xy}/\sigma_{d_{xy}} > 2$

$$R_{\Xi_b^{*0}}(J/\psi \Lambda K^-)$$



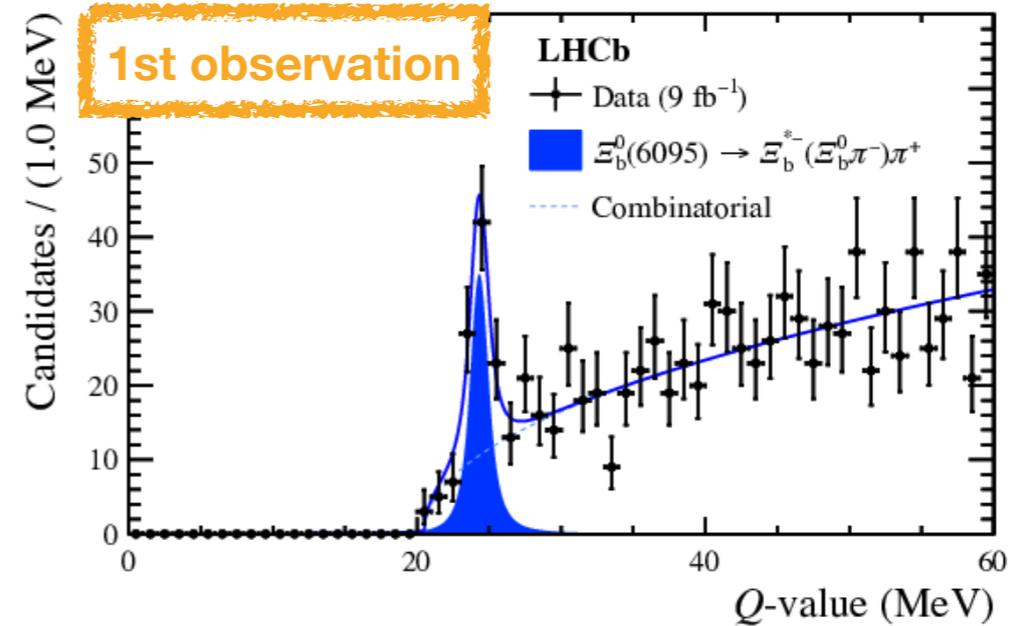
This selection is very tough — there was no good inclusive dimuon HLT @ Run-2!  
 New BPH Run-3 trigger Parking would significantly improve  $\psi \Xi^-$  signal

# Recent confirmation from LHCb



[arXiv:2307.13399](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.13399)

- [At Moriond 2023](#), LHCb presented updates on their  $\Xi_b \pi$  and  $\Xi_b \pi \pi$  results
- **Our  $\Xi_b(6100)^-$  baryon is confirmed**, 2 new states with  $\Xi_b^0$  observed and precise measurements are reported;  $\Xi_b^{*0}$  parameters are also updated
- Immense statistics of  $\Xi_b$  provided:  $\approx 18\,000$  of  $\Xi_b^-$  v.s.  $\approx 2\,000$  at CMS (and  $\approx 30\,000$  of  $\Xi_b^0$  inaccessible to us)



$\Xi_b^{*0}$	$Q_0$	$15.80 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01$
	$\Gamma$	$0.87 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.05$
	$m_0$	$5952.37 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.6(\Xi_b^-)$

State	Observ.	Value (MeV)
$\Xi_b(6100)^-$	$Q_0$	$23.6 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.02$
	$\Gamma$	$0.94 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.08$
	$m_0$	$6099.74 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.6(\Xi_b^-)$

**Reported parameters are in excellent agreement with us!**

# Theoretical prediction for $\Xi_b^{*-}$

Table 1: Theoretical predictions for  $\Xi_b^{*-}$  mass and natural width, given in MeV.

Properties	[15]	[16]	[22]
$M(\Xi_b^{*-})$	6130	$6124_{-20}^{+30}$	6102
$\Gamma(\Xi_b^{*-})$	2.88	$< 7.21$	2.9

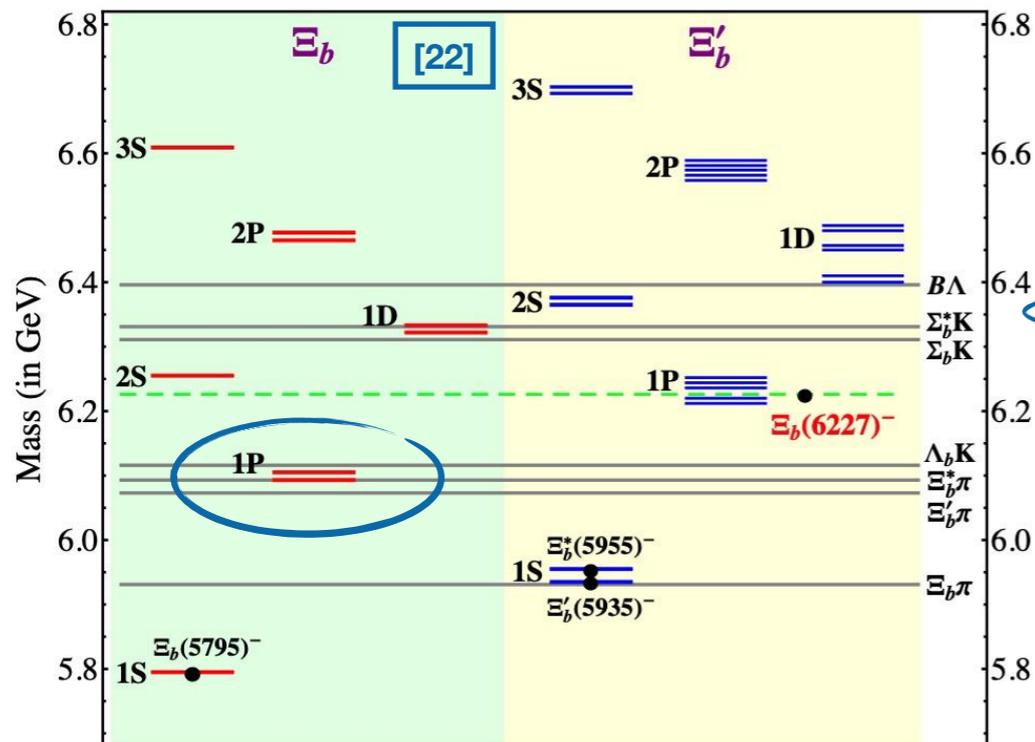


FIG. 2: The obtained masses for the bottom-strange baryons. The red solid lines (left) correspond to the predicted masses of  $\Xi_b$  states which are composed of a good diquark and a bottom quark, while the blue solid lines (right) correspond to the  $\Xi'_b$  states which contain a bad diquark. Here, we also listed the measured masses of the ground states [1] and the  $\Xi_b(6227)^-$  [9], which are marked by “filled circle”.

- [15] is [Phys. Rev. D 96, 116016 \(2017\)](#)
- [16] is [Phys. Rev. D 99, 094016 \(2019\)](#)
- [22] is [Phys. Rev. D 98, 031502 \(2018\)](#)

State	$\Xi_b$	
	RQM [24]	NQM [27]
$1^2S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{+}$	5803	5806
$1^2P_{\lambda\frac{1}{2}}^{-}$	6120	6090
$1^2P_{\lambda\frac{3}{2}}^{-}$	6130	6093

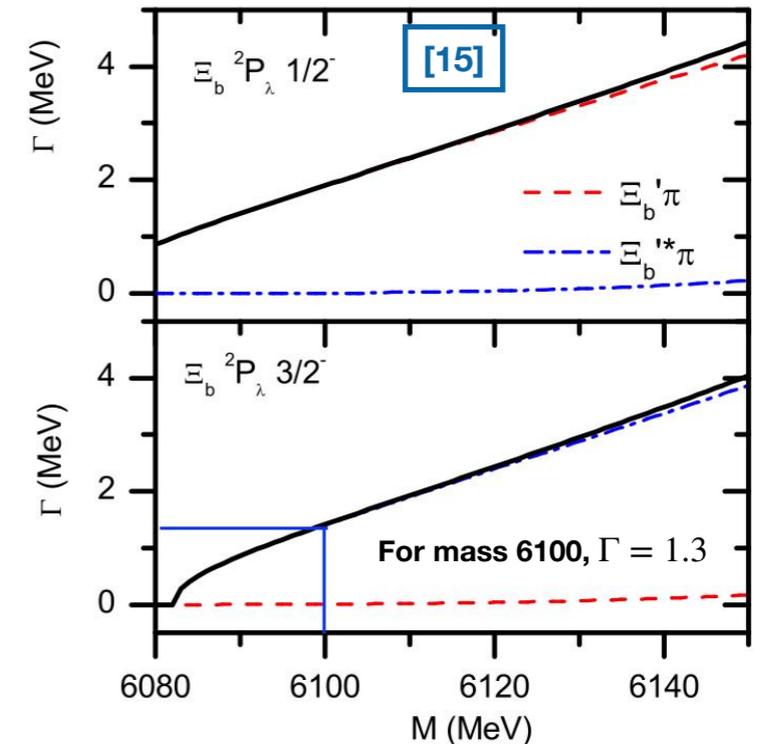


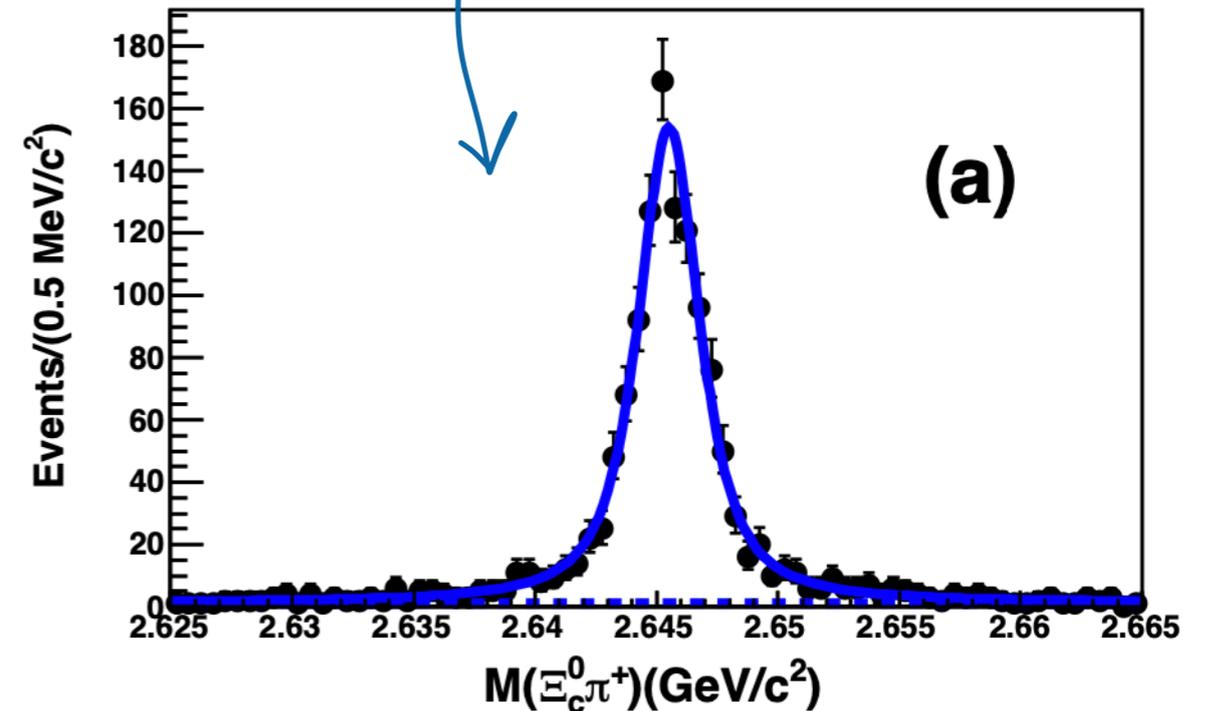
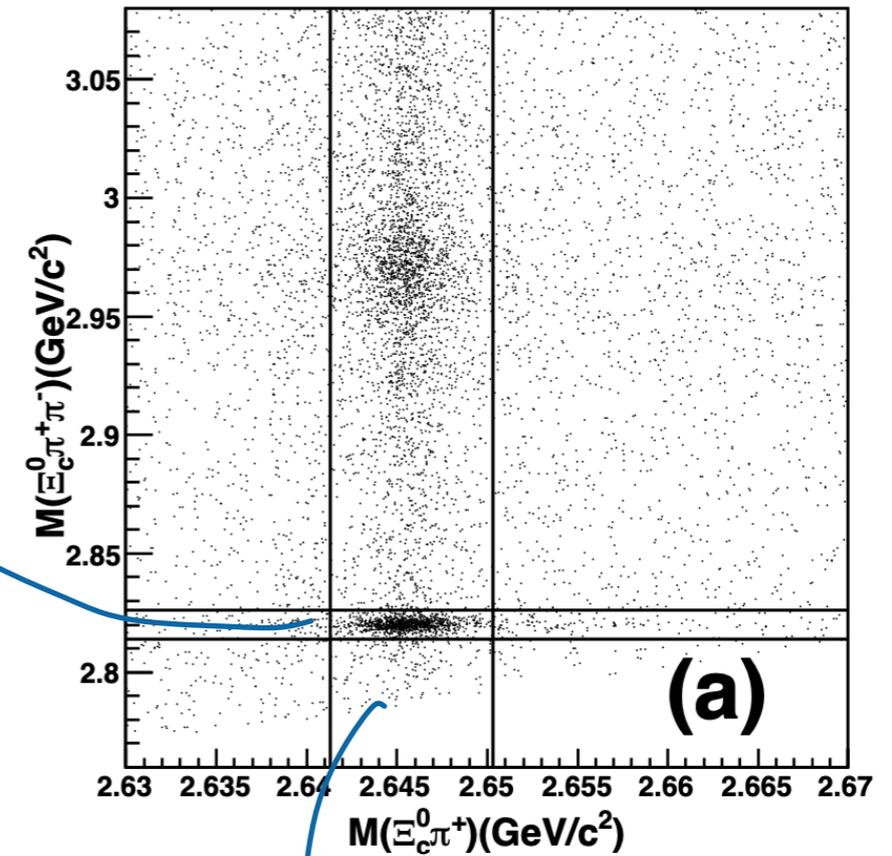
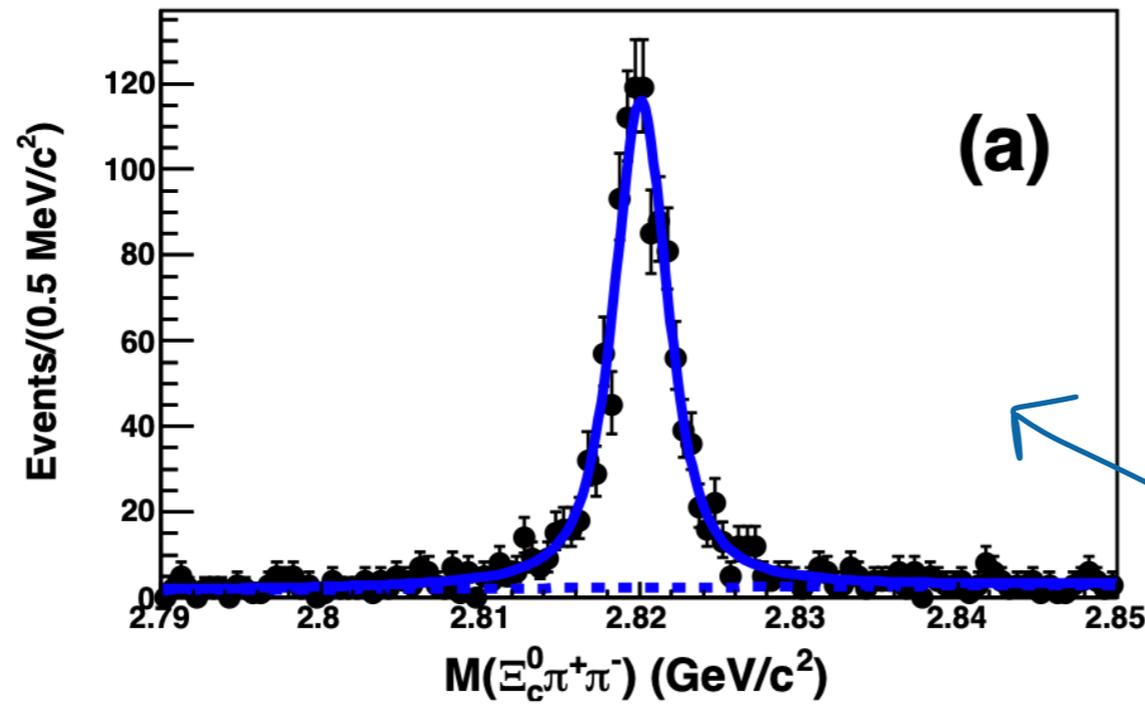
FIG. 2: Partial and total strong decay widths of the  $1P$ -wave  $\Xi_b$  states as functions of their mass. The solid curves stand for the total widths.

[16]	particle	our model	[30]	[36]	expt. (spin averaged)
	$\Sigma_b^{(*)}$	$5843_{-37}^{+20}$	5811 – 5835	...	5826.9
	$\Xi_b^{(*)}$	$5975_{-37}^{+18}$	...	...	5946.7
	$\Omega_b^{(*)}$	$6102_{-36}^{+15}$	6048 – 6086	...	6046.1 (spin-1/2)
	$\Lambda_{b1}^{(*)}$	$5936_{-36}^{+20}$	5980 – 6000	...	5917.33
	$\Xi_{b1}^{(*)}$	$6124_{-34}^{+20}$	6129 – 6151	6096, 6102	...

TABLE VII: Partial widths (MeV) and branching fractions for the strong decays of the  $1P$ -wave states in the  $\Xi_c$  and  $\Xi_b$  families.

$^{2S+1}L_{\lambda} J^P$	State	Channel	$\Gamma_i$ (MeV)	$\mathcal{B}_i$	State	Channel	$\Gamma_i$ (MeV)	$\mathcal{B}_i$
$^{2}P_{\lambda\frac{1}{2}}^{-}$	$\Xi_c(2790)$	$\Xi'_c\pi$	3.61	100%	$\Xi_b(6120)$	$\Xi'_b\pi$	2.84	98.61%
		$\Xi_c^*\pi$	$3.9 \times 10^{-4}$	$\approx 0.0\%$		$\Xi_b^*\pi$	0.04	1.39%
		total	3.61			total	2.88	
$^{2}P_{\lambda\frac{3}{2}}^{-}$	$\Xi_c(2815)$	$\Xi'_c\pi$	0.31	14.69%	$\Xi_b(6130)$	$\Xi'_b\pi$	0.07	2.37%
		$\Xi_c^*\pi$	1.80	85.31%		$\Xi_b^*\pi$	2.88	97.63%
		total	2.11			total	2.95	

# The $\Xi_c(2815) \rightarrow \Xi_c(2645)\pi \rightarrow \Xi_c\pi\pi$ analogy



- There are peaks in both  $\Xi_c\pi$  and  $\Xi_c\pi\pi$  masses
- Mass window on  $\Xi_c\pi$  is used for  $\Xi_c\pi\pi$  studies
- Plots from [PRD 94 \(2016\) 5, 052011 \(Belle\)](#)
- This analogy is a strong motivation to perform search for a peak in  $\Xi_b^-\pi^+\pi^-$  mass with a window on  $\Xi_b^-\pi^+$  (corresponding to a previously observed  $\Xi_b^{*0}$ )

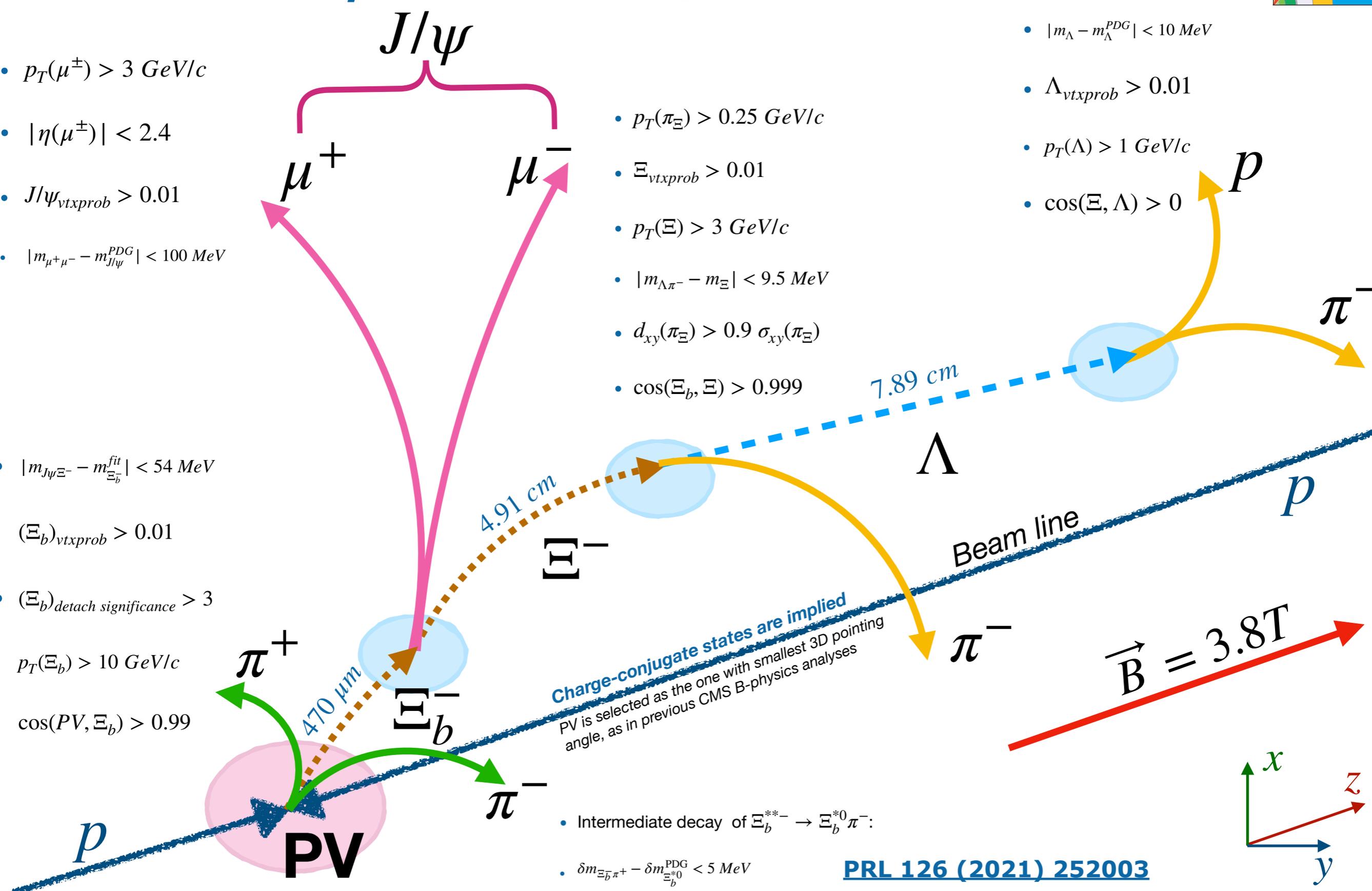
# $J/\psi \Xi^-$ decay scheme

- $p_T(\mu^\pm) > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|\eta(\mu^\pm)| < 2.4$
- $J/\psi_{vtxprob} > 0.01$
- $|m_{\mu^+\mu^-} - m_{J/\psi}^{PDG}| < 100 \text{ MeV}$

- $|m_{J\psi\Xi^-} - m_{\Xi_b^-}^{fit}| < 54 \text{ MeV}$
- $(\Xi_b^-)_{vtxprob} > 0.01$
- $(\Xi_b^-)_{detach\ significance} > 3$
- $p_T(\Xi_b^-) > 10 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $\cos(PV, \Xi_b^-) > 0.99$

- $p_T(\pi_\Xi) > 0.25 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $\Xi_{vtxprob} > 0.01$
- $p_T(\Xi) > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|m_{\Lambda\pi^-} - m_\Xi| < 9.5 \text{ MeV}$
- $d_{xy}(\pi_\Xi) > 0.9 \sigma_{xy}(\pi_\Xi)$
- $\cos(\Xi_b, \Xi) > 0.999$

- $|m_\Lambda - m_\Lambda^{PDG}| < 10 \text{ MeV}$
- $\Lambda_{vtxprob} > 0.01$
- $p_T(\Lambda) > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $\cos(\Xi, \Lambda) > 0$



- Intermediate decay of  $\Xi_b^{*-} \rightarrow \Xi_b^{*0} \pi^-$ :
- $\delta m_{\Xi_b^+ \pi^+} - \delta m_{\Xi_b^{*0}}^{PDG} < 5 \text{ MeV}$

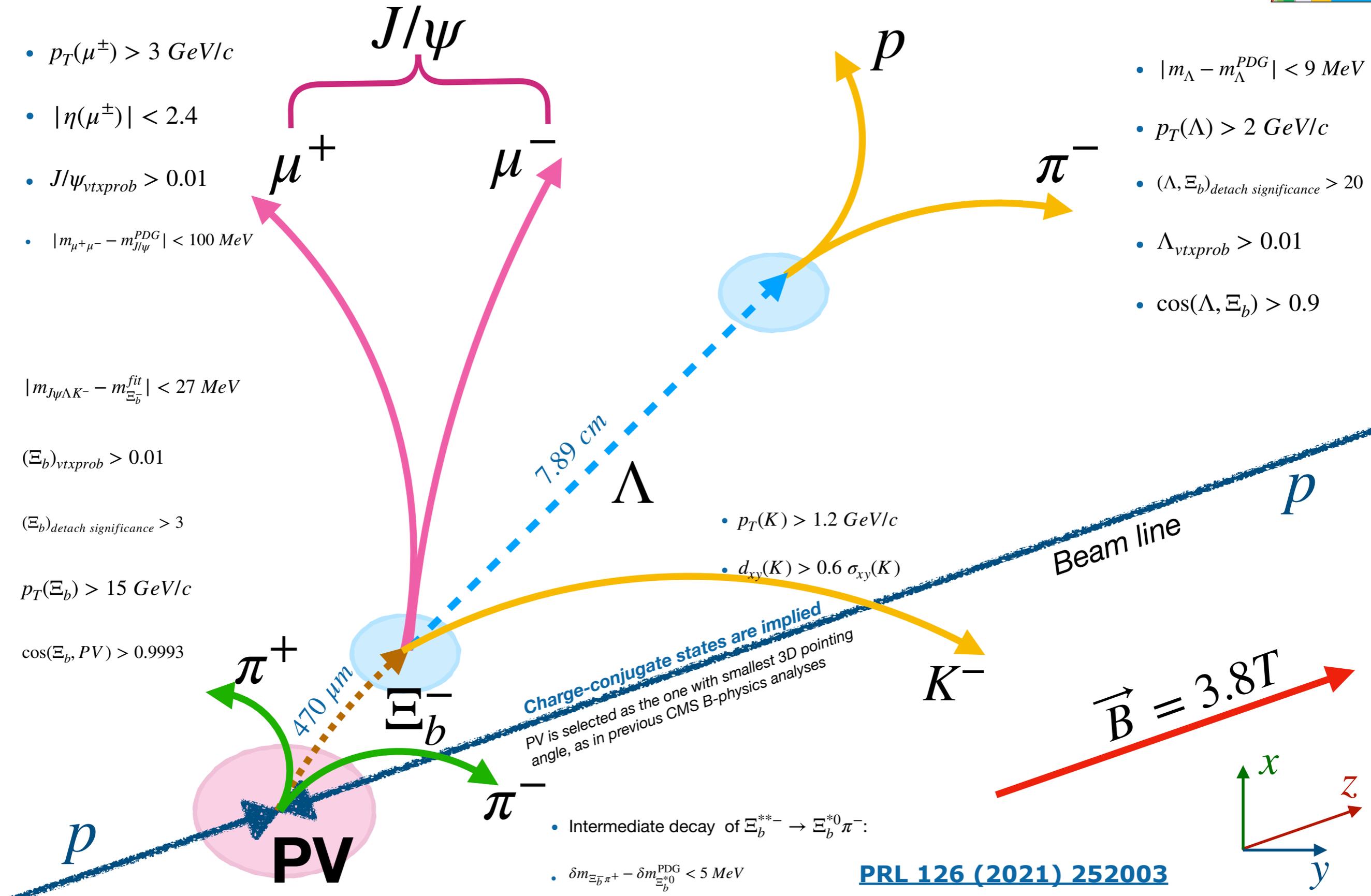
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# $J/\psi\Lambda K^-$ decay scheme

- $p_T(\mu^\pm) > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|\eta(\mu^\pm)| < 2.4$
- $J/\psi_{\text{vtxprob}} > 0.01$
- $|m_{\mu^+\mu^-} - m_{J/\psi}^{\text{PDG}}| < 100 \text{ MeV}$

- $|m_\Lambda - m_\Lambda^{\text{PDG}}| < 9 \text{ MeV}$
- $p_T(\Lambda) > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $(\Lambda, \Xi_b)_{\text{detach significance}} > 20$
- $\Lambda_{\text{vtxprob}} > 0.01$
- $\cos(\Lambda, \Xi_b) > 0.9$

- $|m_{J/\psi\Lambda K^-} - m_{\Xi_b}^{\text{fit}}| < 27 \text{ MeV}$
- $(\Xi_b)_{\text{vtxprob}} > 0.01$
- $(\Xi_b)_{\text{detach significance}} > 3$
- $p_T(\Xi_b) > 15 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $\cos(\Xi_b, \text{PV}) > 0.9993$



- $p_T(K) > 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $d_{xy}(K) > 0.6 \sigma_{xy}(K)$

Charge-conjugate states are implied  
 PV is selected as the one with smallest 3D pointing angle, as in previous CMS B-physics analyses

- Intermediate decay of  $\Xi_b^{*-} \rightarrow \Xi_b^{*0} \pi^-$ :
- $\delta m_{\Xi_b^+ \pi^+} - \delta m_{\Xi_b^{*0}}^{\text{PDG}} < 5 \text{ MeV}$

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# Different approaches for excited $B$ -hadrons mass calculation

- We can extract “raw” 4-momenta from prompt PV’s tracks or make excited  $B$ -hadron vertex fit and extract 4-momenta from fit for signal enhancement (used in CMS  $B_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  [PRL 122 \(2019\) 132001](#) analysis)
- More complicated approach for excited  $B$ -hadrons study was applied for the current  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+ (\pi^-)$  study (analogously to CMS  $\Lambda_b^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  [PLB 803 \(2020\) 135345](#) analysis):
- We fit ALL the tracks forming the PV +  $B$ -candidate (about 20-100 tracks in each) and use 4-momenta from this vertex fit. The PV refitting procedure has improved the  $\Xi_b^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  mass resolution by up to 50%

