

CP Violation in Baryon Decays at LHCb

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- Introduction
- CP violation in charmless beauty baryon decays
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow ph^-$
[PRD 111 (2025), 092004]
 - $\Lambda_b^0/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h_1^+ h_2^-$
[PRL 134 (2025) 101802]
 - $\Lambda_b^0/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 h^-$
[LHCb-PAPER-2025-016, in prep.]
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \pi^+ \pi^-$
[arXiv:2503.16954, accepted by Nature]
- CP violation in beauty baryon to charmonium decays
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi ph^-$
[LHCb-PAPER-2025-021, in prep.]
- CP violation in beauty baryon to open charm decays (decay parameters)
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^0 h^-$
[PRL 133 (2024) 261804]
- Conclusions and Outlook

Introduction

- Violation of CP symmetry is essential to explain the observed matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe
- CP violation has been well-established in oscillations and decays of mesons
 - Particularly, B meson decays exhibit CP asymmetries at the level of $\sim 10\%$
- For baryons, CP violation had never been observed — until recently!

➤ **Hyperon:** [\[PRL 129, 131801 \(2022\)\]](#)

- $A_{CP}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-) = (-0.25 \pm 0.48)\%$

➤ **Charm baryons:** [\[JHEP 03 \(2018\) 182\]](#)

- $A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^+K^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-) = (0.30 \pm 1.1)\%$

➤ **Bottom baryons:** [\[PRL 134 \(2025\) 101802\]](#)

- $A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+K^-) = (-8.3 \pm 2.8)\%$

- $A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+\pi^-) = (2.45 \pm 0.47)\%$ ➡ **First Observation!**
[\[arXiv:2503.16954\]](#)

- CP violation in baryons is complementary to meson studies and essential for comprehensive tests of the CKM mechanism

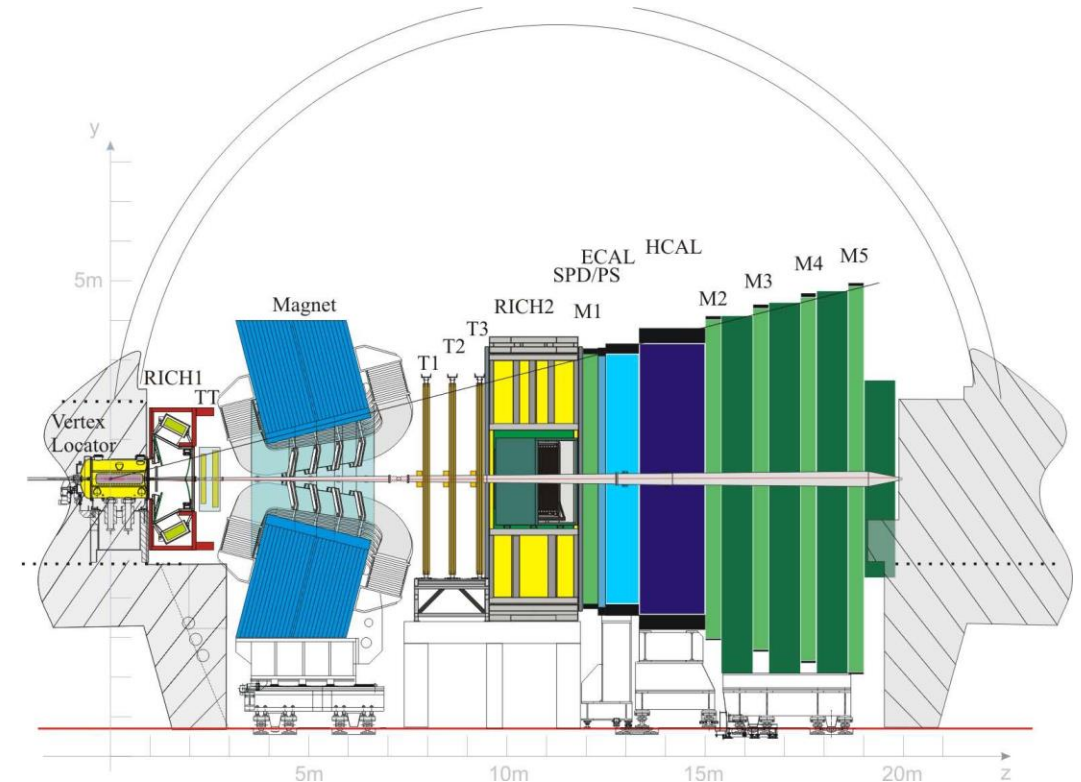
LHCb experiment

- Dedicated experiment at CERN for measurement of b , c hadrons

- Single-arm forward spectrometer covers $2 < \eta < 5$
- Excellent vertex resolution
 - $\sigma_{\text{IP}} = 20 \mu\text{m}$
- Excellent momentum resolution
 - $\Delta p/p = 0.5 - 1.0\%$ ($5 - 200 \text{ GeV}/c$)
- Efficient particle identification
 - $\epsilon(K \rightarrow K) \sim 95\%$
 - $\text{misID}\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow K) \sim 5\%$

❖ LHCb Dataset

- ❖ Run1 + Run2 (2011-2018): 9 fb^{-1} of pp collisions



[JINST 3 (2008) S08005, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A30, 1530022 (2015)]

A_{CP} measurement in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow ph^-$ decays

[PRD 111 (2025), 092004]

- Search for CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-$ and $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$ decays, using Run1+Run2 samples
- Dynamics analogy to $B^0 \rightarrow h^+h^-$ decays

Transition	$b \rightarrow u\bar{u}d$		$b \rightarrow u\bar{u}s$	
Decays	$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+K^-$	$B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$	$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$
CPV (%)	-31.4 ± 3.0	22.4 ± 1.2	8.31 ± 0.31	16.2 ± 3.5

- Most precise result in this mode

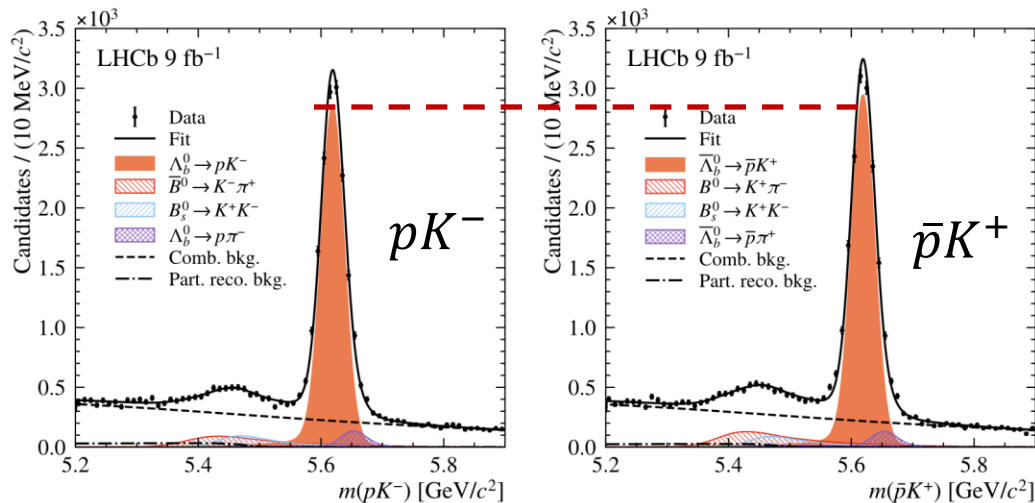
- The precision improved by a factor of 3 compared to the PDG value
- Not dominated by systematics anymore

(Dominated by LHCb Run1 measurement)

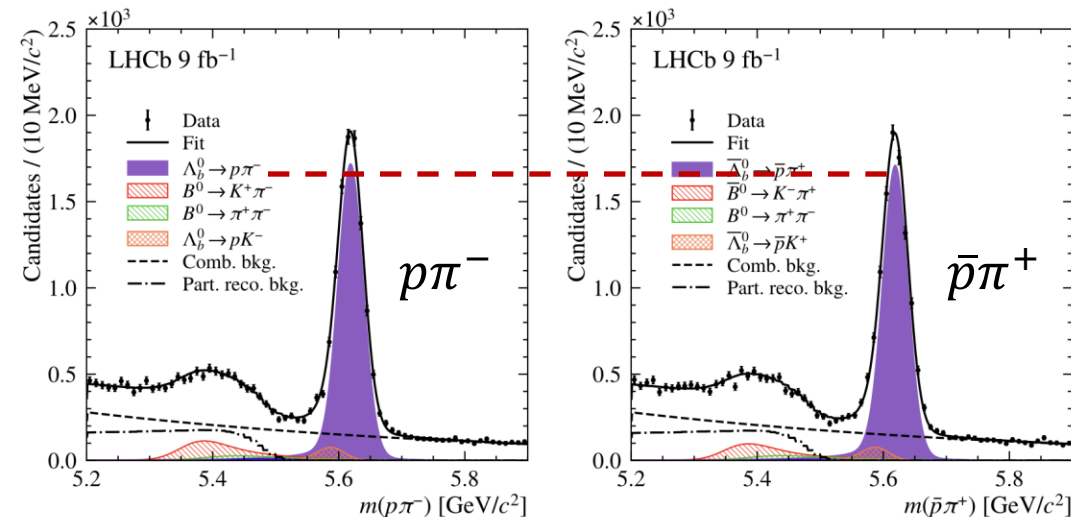
[PRB 787 (2018) 124-133]

- Sizable CP violation ruled out

$$A_{CP}^{pK^-} = (-1.1 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.4)\%$$



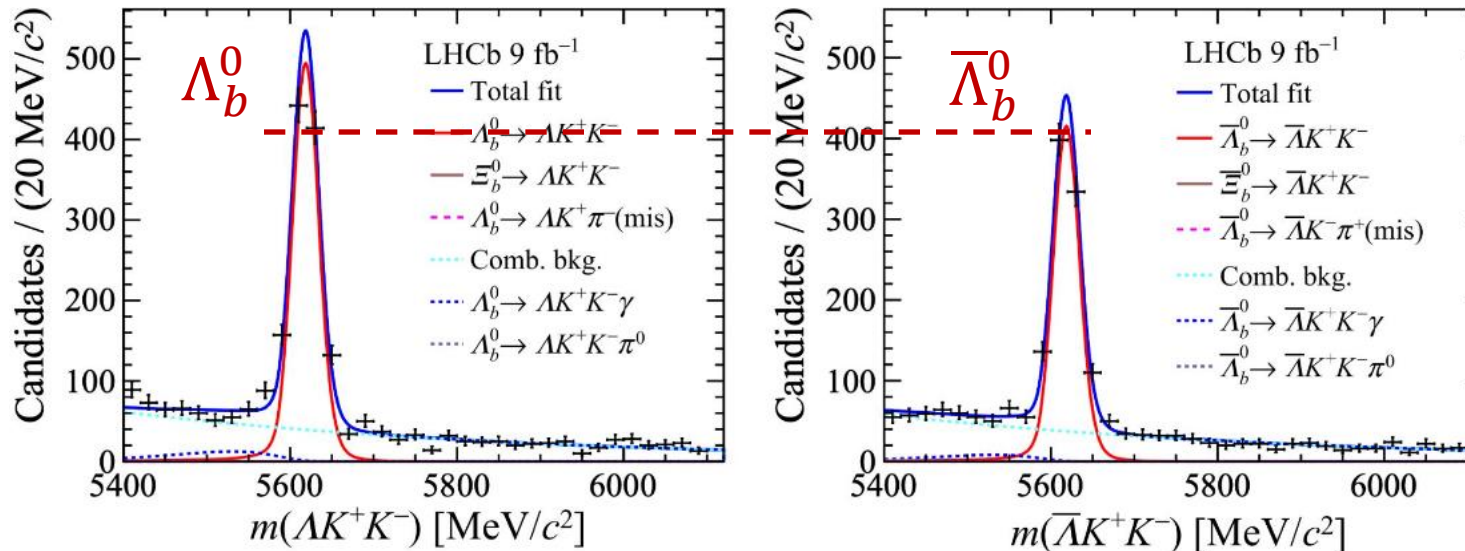
$$A_{CP}^{p\pi^-} = (+0.2 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.4)\%$$



- Study of three Λ_b^0 decays $\Lambda\pi^+\pi^-$, $\Lambda K^+\pi^-$, ΛK^+K^- , and $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^-\pi^+$ decay, Run1+Run2
 - Control channel: $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+(\rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+)\pi^-$
- Evidence (3.1σ) of direct CP violation is found in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+K^-$ decay

➤ $\Delta A_{CP} = A_{\text{raw}}(\text{signal}) - A_{\text{raw}}(\text{control}) - \Delta A_P - \Delta A_{\text{exp}}$

$\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+\pi^-)$	$= -0.013 \pm 0.053 \pm 0.018,$
$\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+\pi^-)$	$= -0.118 \pm 0.045 \pm 0.021,$
$\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+K^-)$	$= 0.083 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.016,$
$\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^-\pi^+)$	$= 0.27 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05,$

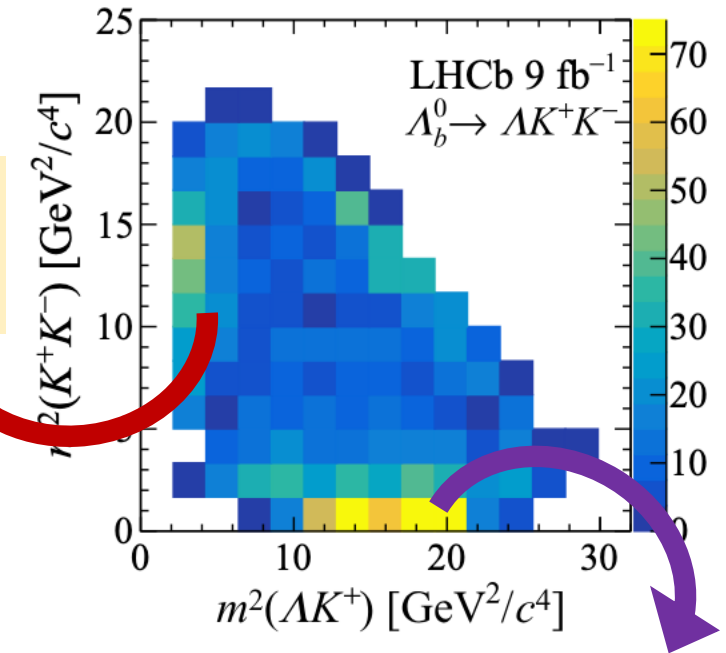


- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ is dominated by intermediate $N^{*+}(\rightarrow \Lambda K^+)$ and $\phi(\rightarrow K^+ K^-)$ resonances
- In the region dominated by the N^{*+} resonance, local A_{CP} show 3.2σ evidence:

$$m_{\Lambda K^+} < 2.9 \text{ GeV}$$

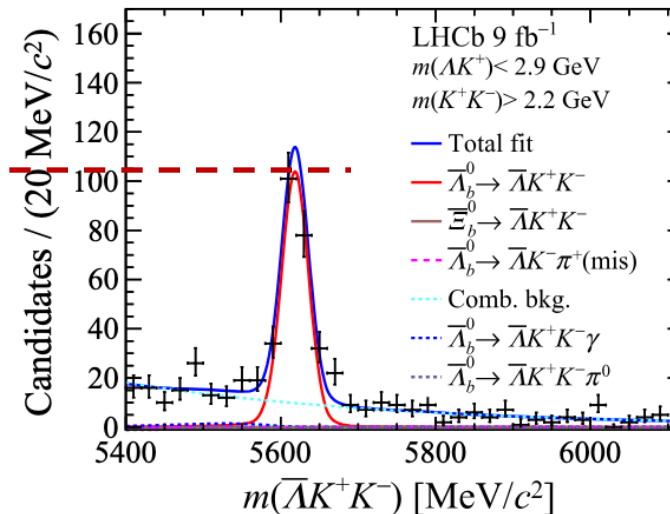
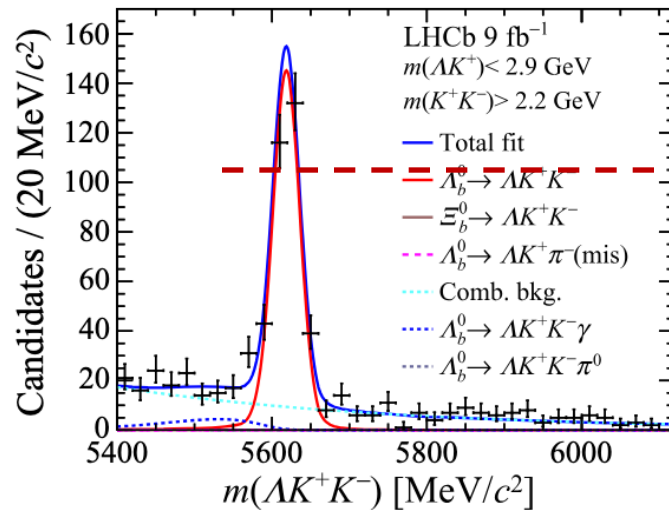
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow N^{*+}(\rightarrow \Lambda K^+) K^-$: possibly via $b \rightarrow u \bar{u} s$

$$\Delta A_{CP}(N^{*+} K^-) = 0.165 \pm 0.048 \pm 0.017$$



$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow N^{*+} K^-$

$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow N^{*-} K^+$



$$m_{K^+ K^-} < 1.1 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{consistent with zero})$$

$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \phi(\rightarrow K^+ K^-)$ or non-resonant:

$$\Delta A_{CP}(\Lambda \phi) = 0.150 \pm 0.055 \pm 0.021$$

Study of $\Lambda_b^0/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 h^-$ decays

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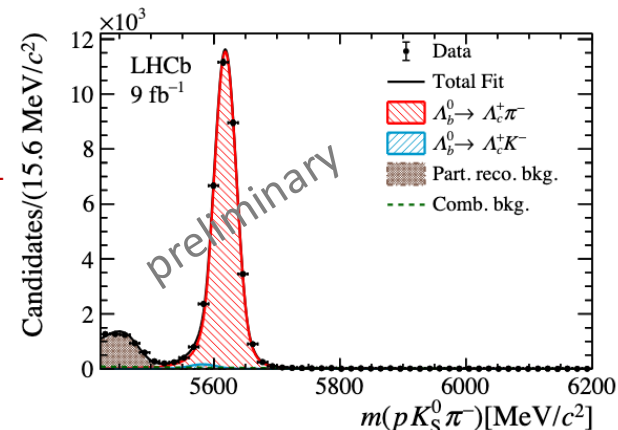
[New!]

- Study of Λ_b^0 and Ξ_b^0 baryon to the final states of $pK_S^0\pi^-$ and $pK_S^0K^-$, Run1+Run2

➤ Update of previous analysis used only 2011 data

➤ Control channel: $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+(\rightarrow pK_S^0)\pi^-$

Control channel:
 $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+(\rightarrow K_S^0 p)\pi^-$



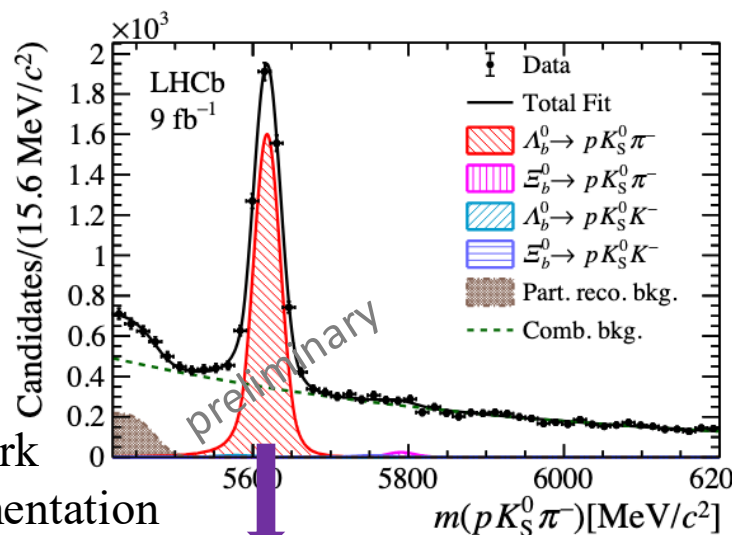
- Measurement of all 4 BF's

➤ Observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0\pi^-$ with statistical precision improved by a factor of 9

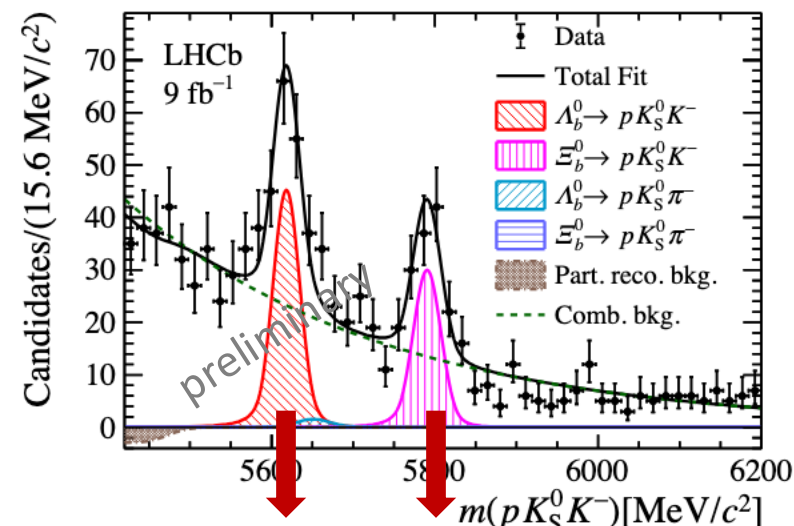
➤ First Observation of 2 decay

	Result [$\times 10^{-6}$]
$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0\pi^-)$	$10.62 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.98$
$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0K^-)$	$0.61 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06$
$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0\pi^-)$	< 2.8 (3.2) at 90 (95)% CL
$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0K^-)$	$3.9 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.4$

stat. syst. control b-quark
mode fragmentation
fractions



Observation with
higher precision



First Observation!

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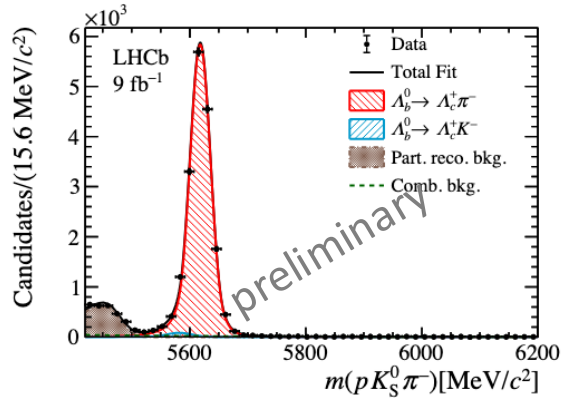
[New!]

- A_{CP} measurement in 3 observed decays

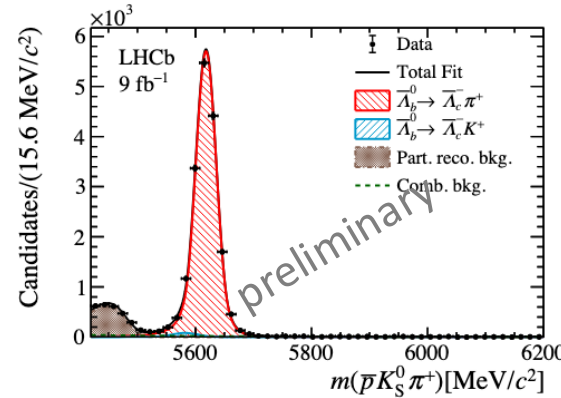
➤ $A_{CP}(\text{signal}) = \Delta A_{\text{raw}} - \Delta A^P - \Delta A^{\text{exp}}$

- Control channel

$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$

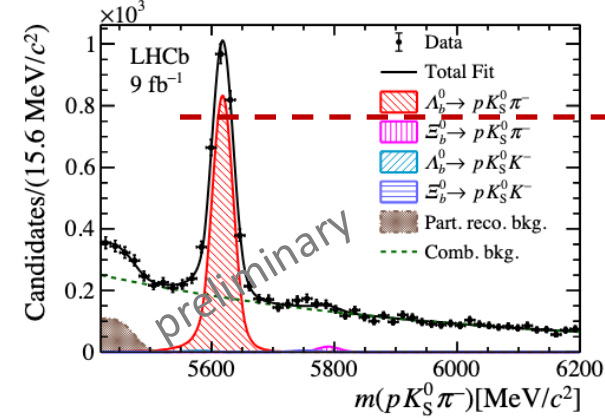


$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^- \pi^+$

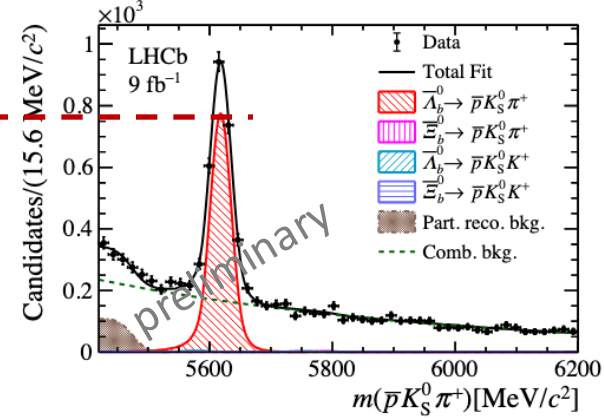


- Signal channel

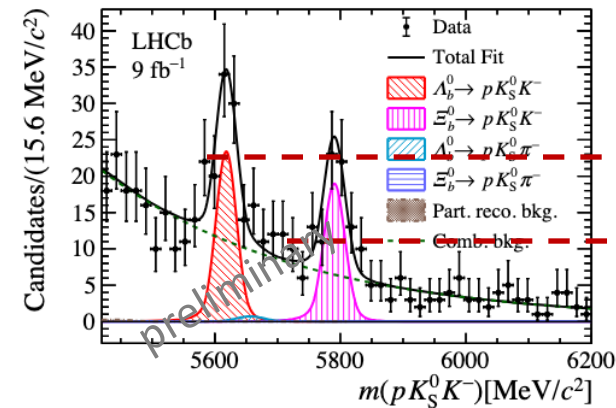
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 \pi^-$



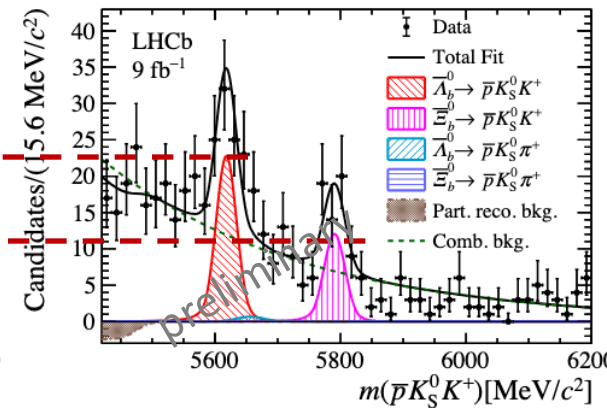
$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \bar{p}K_S^0 \pi^+$



$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 K^-$

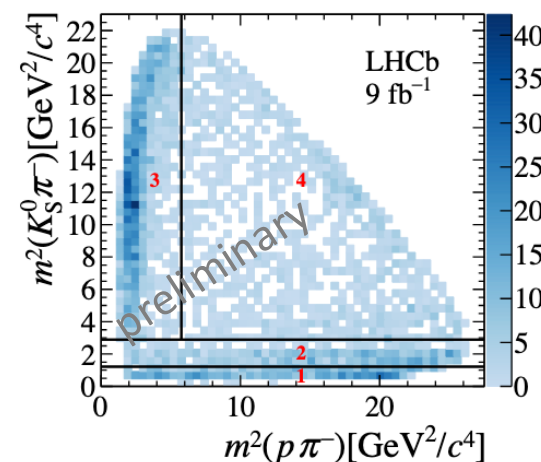


$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \bar{p}K_S^0 K^+$



- Local A_{CP} for $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 \pi^-$ investigated

- N^*, K^{*-} resonances observed
- A_{CP} measured in 4 bins



- No CP violation is found

- Global A_{CP} in 3 decay modes

	Result [%]
$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 \pi^-)$	$3.4 \pm 1.9 \pm 0.9$
$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 K^-)$	$2 \pm 13 \pm 9$
$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 K^-)$	$22 \pm 15 \pm 11$

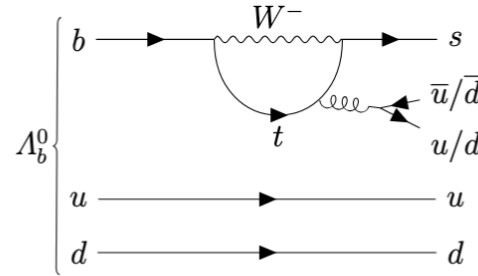
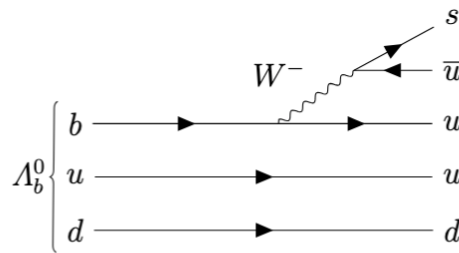
- Local A_{CP} in 4 regions of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK_S^0 \pi^-$ decay

	$m(p\pi^-)$	$m(K_S^0 \pi^-)$	Yield	$\mathcal{A}^{CP}$ [%]
Bin 1	-	$< 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	821 ± 34	$-0.6 \pm 4.0 \pm 1.9$
Bin 2	-	$[1.1, 1.7] \text{ GeV}/c^2$	870 ± 40	$12.4 \pm 4.2 \pm 1.8$
Bin 3	$< 2.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$> 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	2200 ± 50	$0.5 \pm 2.4 \pm 1.1$
Bin 4	$> 2.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$> 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	840 ± 50	$3.3 \pm 5.5 \pm 2.0$

- Search for CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays

$$A_{CP} = \frac{\Gamma(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+ \pi^-) - \Gamma(\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \bar{p} K^+ \pi^- \pi^+)}{\Gamma(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+ \pi^-) + \Gamma(\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \bar{p} K^+ \pi^- \pi^+)}$$

- Amplitudes of the tree and penguin transitions are expected to have comparable contributions



Sizeable weak
phase difference

- Rich resonances

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_b^0 &\rightarrow N^{*+}(p\pi^+\pi^-)K^-, & pK^*(K^-\pi^+\pi^-) \\ \Lambda_b^0 &\rightarrow \Lambda^*(pK^-)f(\pi^+\pi^-), & N^{*0}(p\pi^-)K^*(\pi^+K^-) \end{aligned}$$

Possible strong
phase difference

- Cancelling production and detection asymmetries: $A_{CP} = \Delta A_{\text{raw}} - \Delta A_{\text{prod}} - \Delta A_{\text{exp}}$

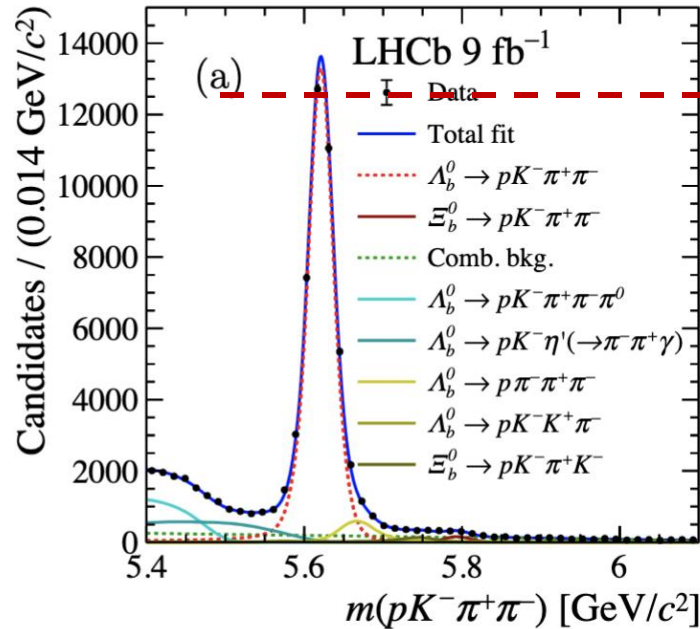
- Control channel: $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+(\rightarrow p K^- \pi^+) \pi^-$
- Same final state, no CP violation expected

➤ First observation of CPV in baryonic decays

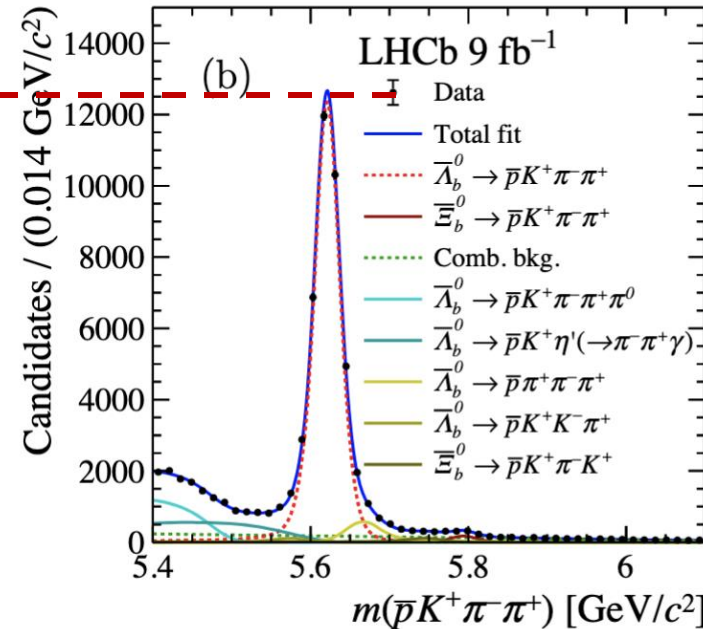
- $A_{CP} = (2.45 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.10)\% \quad 5.2\sigma$

➤ Signal channel

$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+\pi^-$$



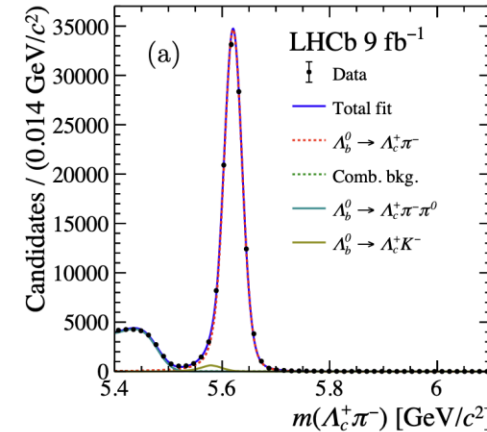
$$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \bar{p}K^+\pi^-\pi^+$$



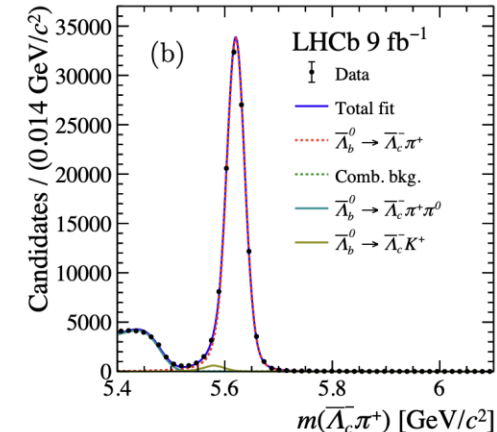
$$A_{\text{raw}}(\text{signal}) = (3.71 \pm 0.39)\%$$

➤ Control channel

$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\pi^-$$



$$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0 \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^-\pi^+$$

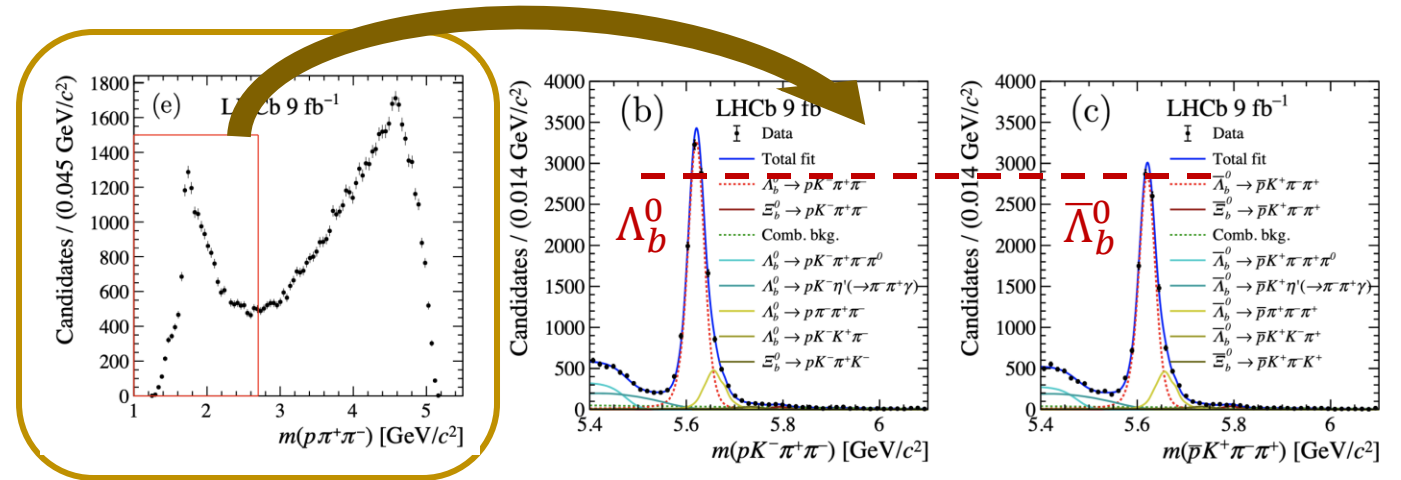
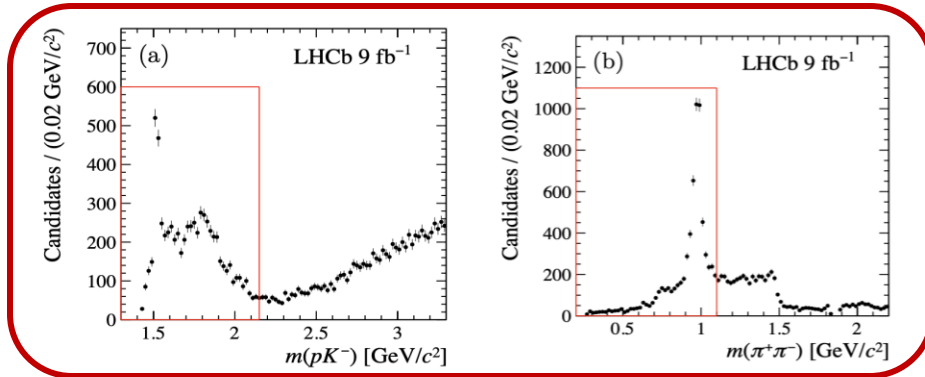


$$A_{\text{raw}}(\text{control}) = (1.25 \pm 0.23)\%$$

➤ Local A_{CP} reaching 6σ

- Interference between resonance states induces phase-space-dependent CPV
- Most significant local CPV found in N^+ resonances regions

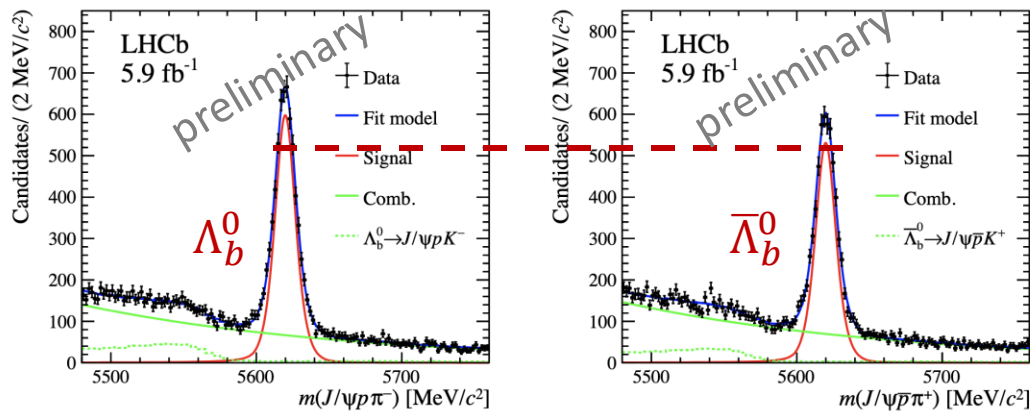
❖ Λ resonances ❖ $f_0(980)$ resonances



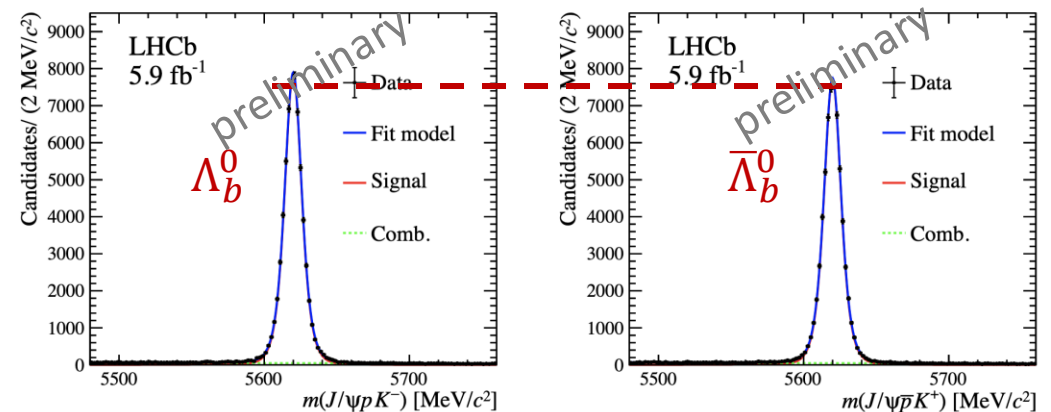
❖ N^+ resonances

Decay topology	Mass region (GeV/c ²)	A_{CP}	
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow R(pK^-)R(\pi^+\pi^-)$	$m_{pK^-} < 2.2$ $m_{\pi^+\pi^-} < 1.1$ $m_{p\pi^-} < 1.7$	$(5.3 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.2)\%$	4σ
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow R(p\pi^-)R(K^-\pi^+)$	$0.8 < m_{\pi^+K^-} < 1.0$ or $1.1 < m_{\pi^+K^-} < 1.6$	$(2.7 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.1)\%$	
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow R(p\pi^+\pi^-)K^-$	$m_{p\pi^+\pi^-} < 2.7$	$(5.4 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.1)\%$	6σ
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow R(K^-\pi^+\pi^-)p$	$m_{K^-\pi^+\pi^-} < 2.0$	$(2.0 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.3)\%$	

- Study of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-$ and $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ decays, Run1+Run2
 - **First evidence of CP violation in B meson decay to charmonium** [\[PRL 134, 101801 \(2025\)\]](#)
 - $A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+) - A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+) = (1.29 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.08)\%$, **3.2σ**
 - No CPV in b-baryon to charmonium observed yet [\[JHEP 07 \(2014\) 103\]](#)
 - $A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-) - A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-) = (5.7 \pm 2.4 \pm 1.2)\%$
- Measurement of the CP asymmetry difference ΔA_{CP}
 - $\Delta A_{CP} = A_{\text{raw}}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-) - A_{\text{raw}}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-) + A_D(K^-) - A_D(\pi^-)$
 - LHCb Run2:



$$A_{\text{raw}}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-) = (5.94 \pm 1.14) \%$$



$$A_{\text{raw}}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-) = (0.98 \pm 0.30) \%$$

- Measurement of the CP asymmetry difference ΔA_{CP}
 - Weight the $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ sample to cancel the $A_P(\Lambda_b^0)$, $A_D(p)$, and also trigger asymmetry
 - Corrected Run2 result: $\Delta A_{CP} = (4.03 \pm 1.18 \pm 0.23)\%$ **3.3 σ**
 - Combined with the LHCb Run1 results with the Best Linear Unbiased Estimate (BLUE) method
 - $\Delta A_{CP} = (4.31 \pm 1.06 \pm 0.28)\%$ **3.9 σ**
 - **First evidence of CP violation in beauty baryon to charmonium decays!**
- Measure the triple-product asymmetry (TPA) for the two decay modes
 - Triple product

Λ_b^0 :	$C_T \equiv \vec{p}_{\mu^+} \cdot (\vec{p}_p \times \vec{p}_{\pi^-})$
$\bar{\Lambda}_b^0$:	$\bar{C}_T \equiv \vec{p}_{\mu^-} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\bar{p}} \times \vec{p}_{\pi^+})$
 - Asymmetry $\mathcal{A}_{\hat{T}} = \frac{\Gamma(C_T > 0) - \Gamma(C_T < 0)}{\Gamma(C_T > 0) + \Gamma(C_T < 0)}$

$\mathcal{A}_{T\text{-odd}}(J/\psi p \pi^-) = (-1.37 \pm 1.15) \%$

$\mathcal{A}_{T\text{-odd}}(J/\psi p K^-) = (-0.04 \pm 0.28) \%$
 - Under CP: $C_T \rightarrow -\bar{C}_T$, $\mathcal{A}_{\hat{T}} \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{T}}$
 - CP violation variable: $\mathcal{A}_{T\text{-odd}} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{A}_{\hat{T}} - \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{T}})$

No evidence of TPA found!

Study of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p \pi^-$ decays

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[New!]

• Measurement of the local CP asymmetry with 4 binning schemes

A_{raw}

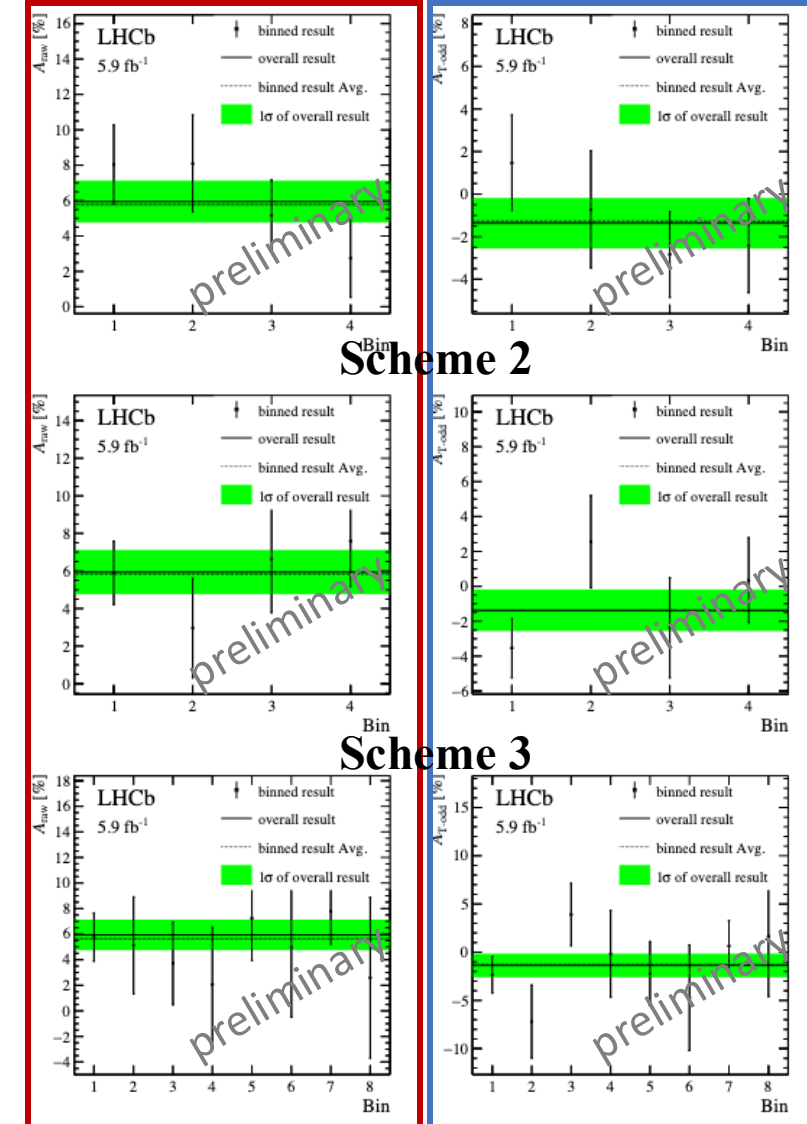
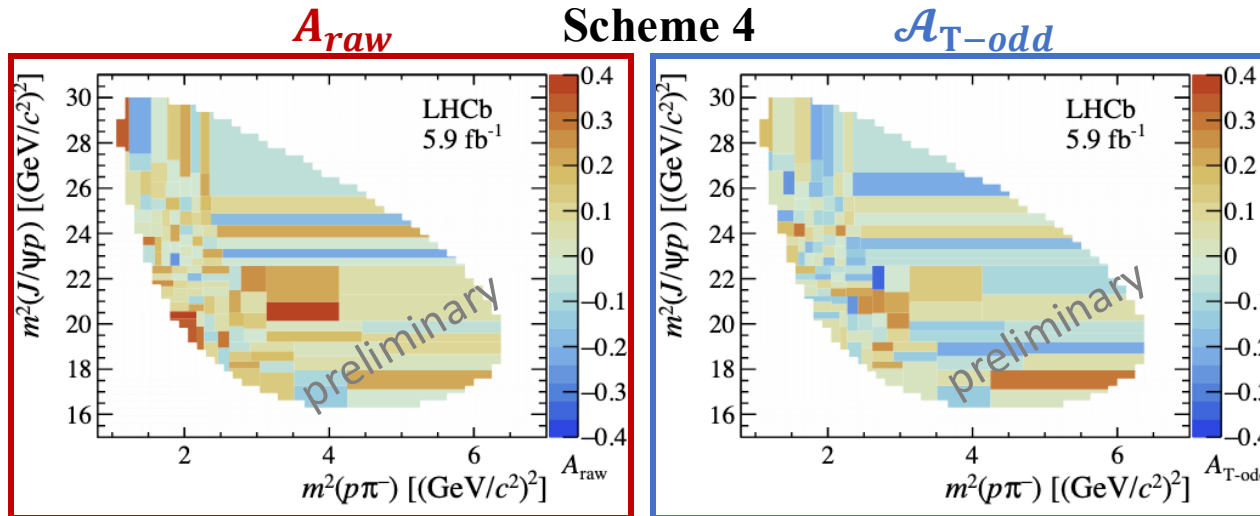
Scheme 1

$\mathcal{A}_{T-odd}$

- 1: Split the $J/\psi p \pi^-$ data sample evenly in Dalitz-plot (4 bins)
- 2: Split according to resonances in $M(p\pi^-)$ spectrum (4 bins)
- 3: Split according to $p\pi^-$ resonances and boosting angle $\theta_{p\pi}$ (8 bins)
- 4: Split evenly into 128 bins

• Both raw asymmetry A_{raw} and TPA $\mathcal{A}_{T-odd}$ are measured

- No significant variation of asymmetries across the phase space



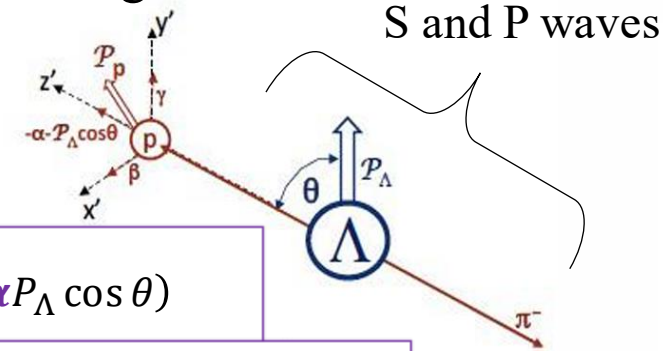
[Phys. Rev. 108 (1957) 1645]

- **Decay parameters**: proposed by Lee & Yang to study P violation in hyperon decay $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

- Between $p\pi^-$, there are both P-violating S-wave and P-conserving P-wave

- Decay parameters α, β, γ indicate the extent of P violation

- The same definition in the Λ_b^0, Λ_c^+ decays from a spin-half baryon to a spin-half baryon and a pseudoscalar meson



$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma(1 + \alpha P_\Lambda \cos\theta)$$

$$P_p = \frac{(\alpha + P_\Lambda \cos\theta)z' + \beta P_\Lambda x' + \gamma P_\Lambda y'}{1 + \alpha P_\Lambda \cos\theta}$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{2\text{Re}(S^*P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2},$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{2\text{Im}(S^*P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2},$$

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{|S|^2 - |P|^2}{|S|^2 + |P|^2},$$

$$\text{with } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1,$$

- **CPV observables** can also be defined using the decay parameters of CP-conjugated processes

- $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}$ are the decay parameters of anti-baryon decays
- $\Delta\delta$ ($\Delta\phi$) is the strong (weak) phase difference between S- and P-waves

$$A_\alpha = \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = -\tan\Delta\delta \tan\Delta\phi$$

$$R_{\beta_1} = \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = \tan\Delta\phi$$

$$R_{\beta_2} = \frac{\beta - \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} = \tan\Delta\delta.$$

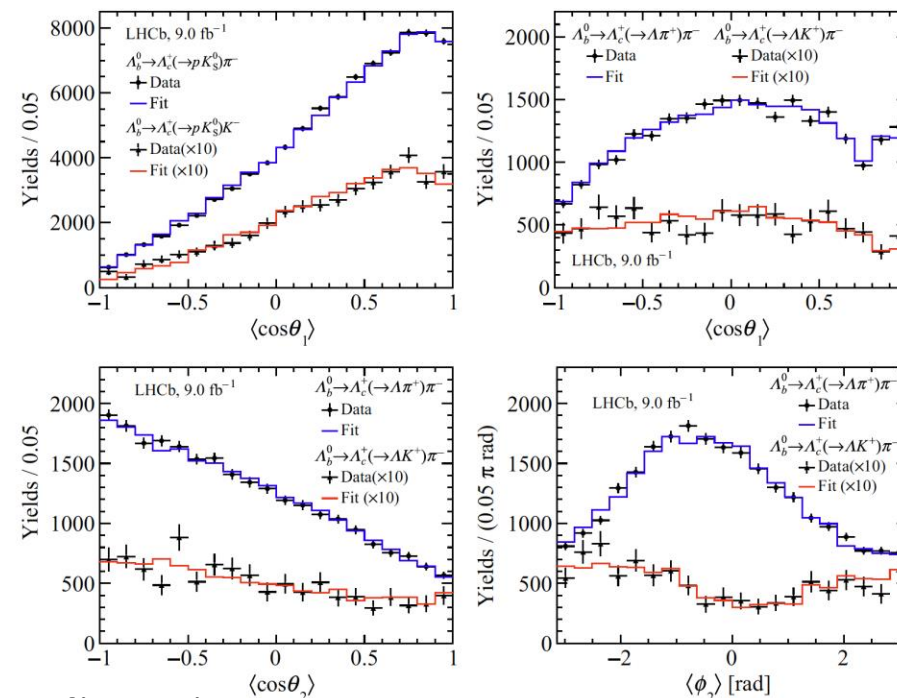
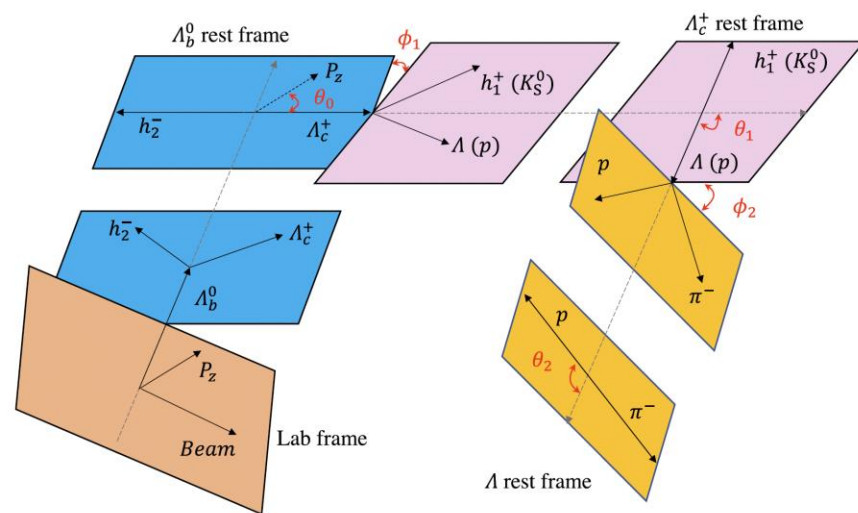
❖ Clean observables, less polluted by experimental effects

❖ Complementary to decay rate asymmetry

Beauty and charm baryon decay parameters

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- Study of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ h^-$ ($h = \pi, K$) with $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda h^+$, $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ or $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK_S^0$, Run1+Run2
- Simultaneous angular analysis of 6 decays



- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ h^-$ decay parameters are measured for the first time

- CP violating parameters A_{CP}^α consistent with CP symmetry

- No CP violation in β , γ or phases as well

- Weak and strong phase difference determined:

	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$	$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^-$
$\Delta\phi$ (weak phase)	0.01 ± 0.02	-0.03 ± 0.14
$\Delta\delta$ (strong phase)	2.693 ± 0.017	2.57 ± 0.19

Conclusions & Outlook

- LHCb provides an excellent environment to study CP violation in baryon decays
 - Numerous new results from Run 1 & 2 data
 - **First observation of CPV in baryonic decays!**
- A major step forward in understanding CP violation
 - While generally smaller than in mesons, **baryonic CPV can be significant under specific conditions**
 - The complex dynamics of baryon decays call for **innovative analysis techniques**
- Future prospects
 - Huge increase in sample size expected for Run 3 with higher hadronic selection efficiencies
 - Exciting opportunities to deepen our understanding of CP violation