

LHCb Summary

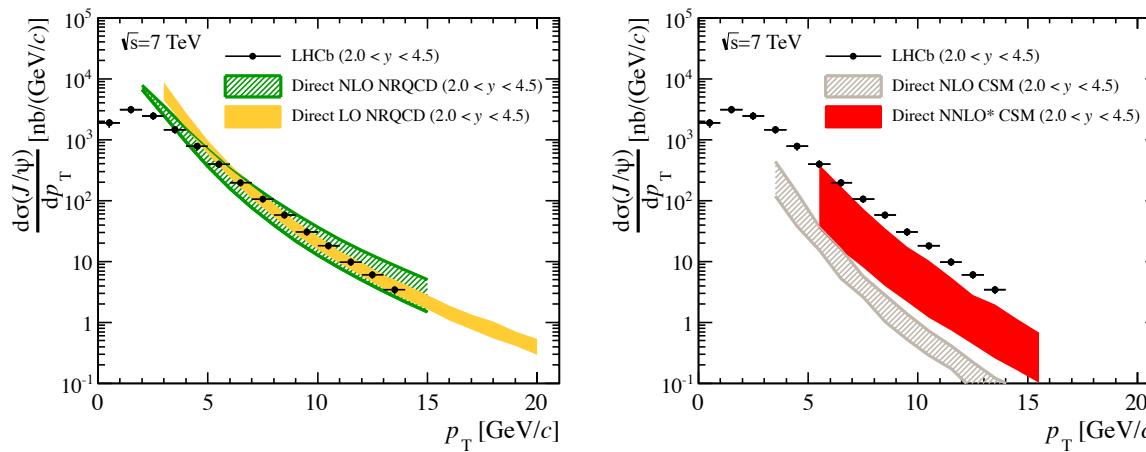
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LAL/Tsinghua collaboration

- Started in 2006
- Current members:
 - LAL: Patrick Robbe, Marie-Helene Schune, Sergey Barsuk
 - Tsinghua: Yuanning Gao, Zhenwei Yang, Yiming Li, Liupan An
- Activities, data analysis at LHCb:
 - Quarkonium production
 - Measurements of the B_c meson
- Long term exchanges:
 - Jibo He, CNRS post-doc (now CERN fellow)
 - Wenbin Qian, Embassy co-tutelle PhD (now post-doc at LAPP Annecy)
 - Bo Liu, CSC grant, one year at LAL (now post-doc in Cagliari)

Quarkonium Production

- Initially meant as first step towards B_c^+ analyses: understand detector, trigger, J/ψ reconstruction,
- But developed as major part of the LHCb physics program.
- Measurement of J/ψ production (prompt and from B decays), as a function of p_T and y , for 2.76 TeV, 7 TeV and 8 TeV energies.

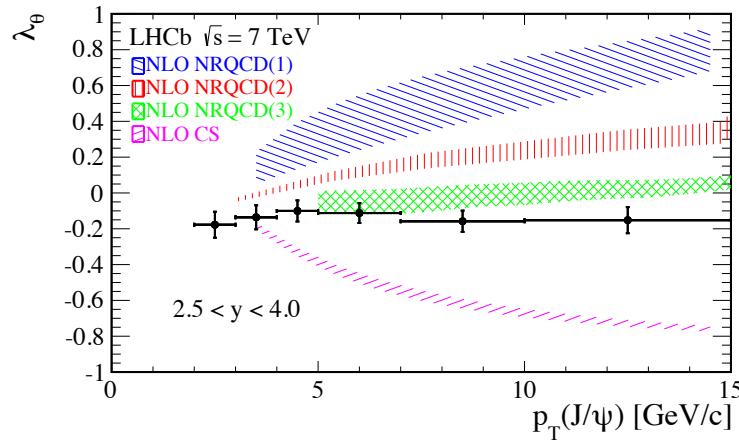


Thesis of Wenbin Qian, Eur.Phys.J.C71 (2011) 1645, one of the most cited paper of LHCb

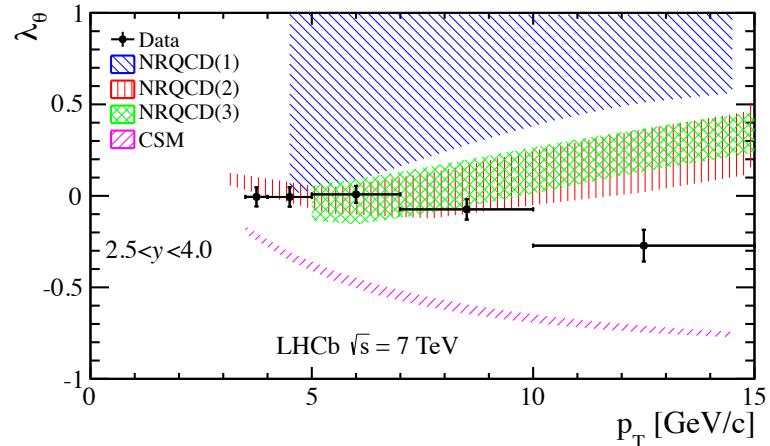
Quarkonium Polarization

- Quarkonium production mechanisms not so clear, test them with measurement of polarization.

$$\frac{d^2 N}{d \cos \theta \, d\phi}(\lambda_\theta, \lambda_{\theta\phi}, \lambda_\phi) \propto 1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_{\theta\phi} \sin 2\theta \cos \phi + \lambda_\phi \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi,$$



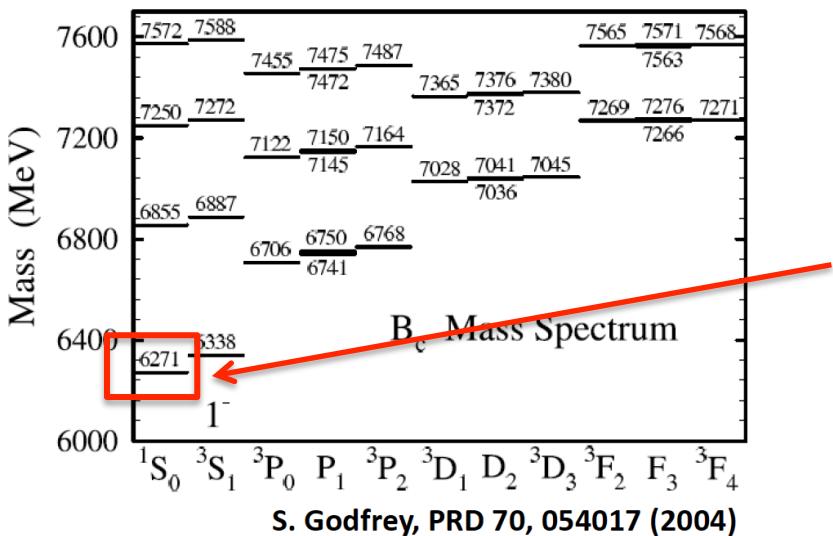
J/ψ polarization [[Eur. Phys. J. C 73 \(2013\) 2631](#)]



$\psi(2S)$ polarization [[arXiv:1403.1339](#)]

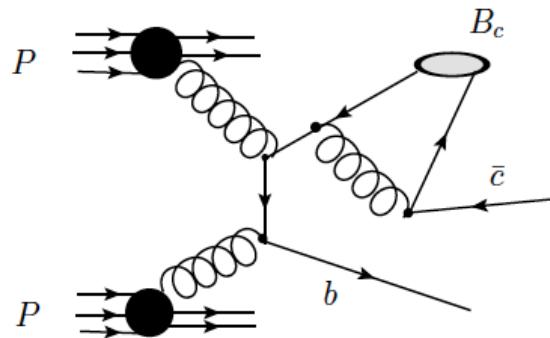
B_c Meson

- Unique family of meson formed with 2 different heavy flavours: ($\bar{b}c$).
- It is considered as a quarkonium state, because the study of its production properties can give constraints for the understanding of production mechanisms of heavy-quark states.
- Study of its mass, lifetime and decay channels can be used to test and constrain QCD calculations similar to these in the quarkonium sector.



B_c^+ : ground state, only one observed so far
(1998, CDF)

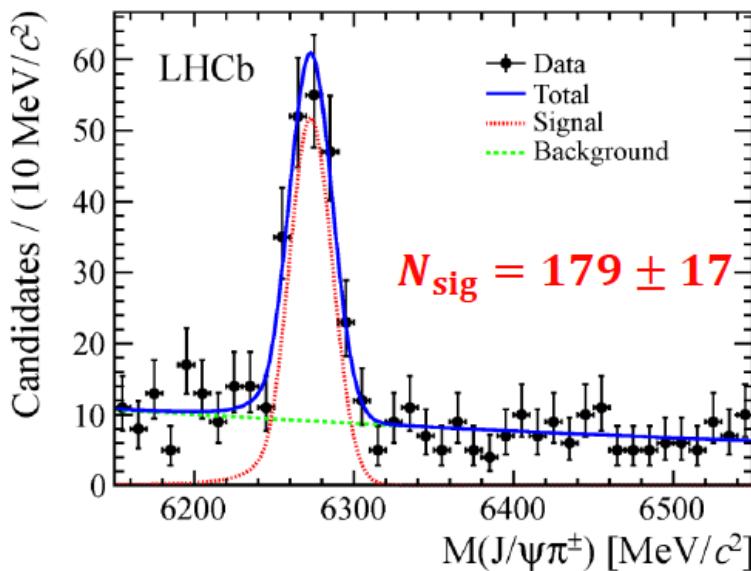
B_c Production



Typical production diagram (α_s^4)

Measured with the decay mode $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$, relative to the B^+ production ($B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$)

$$\mathcal{R}_{c/u} = \frac{\sigma(B_c^+) \times \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+)}{\sigma(B^+) \times \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)}$$



$$\mathcal{R}_{c/u} = (0.68 \pm 0.10_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.03_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.05_{\text{lifetime}})\%$$

For $p_T < 4$ GeV/c and $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$

The absolute BR of $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ is not known, but using theoretical estimates, this means
 $\sigma(B_c^+) \sim \sigma(B^+)/100$

LHCb: PRL 109 (2012) 232001, PhD Thesis of Bo Liu.

The analysis is repeated to obtain a different cross-section (p_T and y), in an extended collaboration with Cagliari (Giulia Manca)

B_c Decays

- Very little is known about them !
- PDG 2012 sections for B_c^+ and B_c^0 :

BOTTOM, CHARMED MESONS ($B = C = \pm 1$)

$$B_c^+ = c\bar{b}, B_c^- = \tau b, \text{ similarly for } B_c^* \text{'s}$$

B_c^\pm

$$I(J^P) = 0(0^-)$$

I, J, P need confirmation.

Quantum numbers shown are quark-model predictions.

$$\text{Mass } m = 6.277 \pm 0.006 \text{ GeV } (S = 1.6)$$

$$\text{Mean life } \tau = (0.453 \pm 0.041) \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$$

B_c^- modes are charge conjugates of the modes below.

$B_c^+ \text{ DECAY MODES} \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow B_c)$	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confidence level (MeV/c)	p
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The following quantities are not pure branching ratios; rather the fraction

$$\Gamma_i/\Gamma \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow B_c).$$

$J/\psi(1S) \ell^+ \nu_\ell \text{ anything}$	$(5.2^{+2.4}_{-2.1}) \times 10^{-5}$	—	
$J/\psi(1S) \pi^+$	$< 8.2 \times 10^{-5}$	90%	2372
$J/\psi(1S) \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$< 5.7 \times 10^{-4}$	90%	2352
$J/\psi(1S) a_1(1260)$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	90%	2171
$D^*(2010)^- \bar{D}^0$	$< 6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	90%	2468

$B_c^0 \text{ DECAY MODES}$	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confidence level	Scale factor / Confidence level (MeV/c)	p
$\ell^+ \nu_\ell \text{ anything}$	[ppp]	(10.33 ± 0.28) %	—	
$e^+ \nu_e X_c$	[ppp]	(10.1 ± 0.4) %	—	
$D \ell^+ \nu_\ell \text{ anything}$	[ppp]	(9.2 ± 0.8) %	—	
$D^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	[ppp]	(2.18 ± 0.12) %	2309	
$D^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$	[ppp]	(1.1 ± 0.4) %	1909	
$D^*(2010)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	[ppp]	(4.95 ± 0.11) %	2257	
$D^*(2010)^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$	[ppp]	(1.5 ± 0.5) %	S=1.4	1837
$D_0^*(2400)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	[ppp]	(4.3 ± 0.6) $\times 10^{-3}$	2308	
$D_0^*(2400)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell \times B(D_0^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-)$	[ppp]	(3.0 ± 1.2) $\times 10^{-3}$	S=1.8	—
$D_0^*(2400)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell \times B(D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-)$	[ppp]	(1.21 ± 0.33) $\times 10^{-3}$	S=1.8	2065
$\bar{D}^*(*) \pi^+ \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\geq 1)$	[ppp]	(2.3 ± 0.5) %	—	
$\bar{D}^0 \pi^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	[ppp]	(4.9 ± 0.8) $\times 10^{-3}$	2256	
$D_1(2420)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell \times B(D_1^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-)$	[ppp]	(2.80 ± 0.28) $\times 10^{-3}$	—	
$D_1'(2430)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell \times B(D_1' \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-)$	[ppp]	(3.1 ± 0.9) $\times 10^{-3}$	—	
$D_2'(2460)^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell \times B(D_2^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-)$	[ppp]	(6.8 ± 1.2) $\times 10^{-4}$	2065	
$\rho^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	[ppp]	(2.34 ± 0.28) $\times 10^{-4}$	2583	
$\pi^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$	[ppp]	(1.44 ± 0.05) $\times 10^{-4}$	2638	
Inclusive modes				
$K^\pm \text{ anything}$		(78 ± 8) %	—	
$D^0 X$		(8.1 ± 1.5) %	—	
$\bar{D}^0 X$		(47.4 ± 2.8) %	—	
$D^+ X$		< 3.9 %	CL=90%	—
$D^- X$		(36.9 ± 3.3) %	—	
$D_s^+ X$		(10.3 ± 2.1) %	—	
$D_s^- X$		< 2.6 %	CL=90%	—
$\Lambda_c^0 X$		< 3.1 %	CL=90%	—
$\bar{\Lambda}_c^0 X$		(5.0 ± 2.1) %	—	
$\tau^+ X$		(95 ± 5) %	—	
$c X$		(24.6 ± 3.1) %	—	
$\bar{c} X$		(119 ± 6) %	—	
$D, D^*,$ or D_s modes				
$D^- \pi^+$		(2.68 ± 0.13) $\times 10^{-3}$	2306	
$D^- \rho^+$		(7.8 ± 1.3) $\times 10^{-3}$	2235	
$D^- K^0 \pi^+$		(4.9 ± 0.9) $\times 10^{-4}$	2259	
$D^- K^*(892)^+$		(4.5 ± 0.7) $\times 10^{-4}$	2211	
$D^- \omega \pi^+$		(2.8 ± 0.6) $\times 10^{-3}$	2204	
$D^- K^+$		(1.97 ± 0.21) $\times 10^{-4}$	2279	
$D^- K^+ K^0$		< 3.1 $\times 10^{-4}$ CL=90%	2188	
$D^- K^+ K^*(892)^0$		(8.8 ± 1.9) $\times 10^{-4}$	2070	
$\bar{D}^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$		(8.4 ± 0.9) $\times 10^{-4}$	2301	
$D^*(2010)^- \pi^+$		(2.76 ± 0.13) $\times 10^{-3}$	2255	
$D^+ \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$		(6.4 ± 0.7) $\times 10^{-3}$	2287	
$(D^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) \text{ nonresonant}$		(3.9 ± 1.9) $\times 10^{-3}$	2287	
$D^- \pi^+ \rho^0$		(1.1 ± 1.0) $\times 10^{-3}$	2206	
$D^- a_1(1260)^+$		(6.0 ± 3.3) $\times 10^{-3}$	2121	
$D^*(2010)^- \pi^+ \rho^0$		(1.5 ± 0.5) %	2247	
$D^*(2010)^- \rho^+$		(6.8 ± 0.9) $\times 10^{-3}$	2180	
$D^*(2010)^- K^+$		(2.14 ± 0.16) $\times 10^{-4}$	2226	
$D^*(2010)^- K^0 \pi^+$		(3.0 ± 0.8) $\times 10^{-4}$	2205	

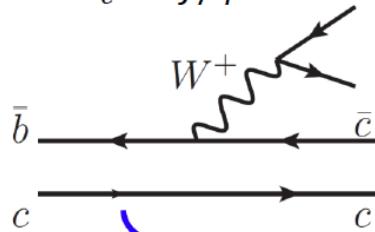
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B_c Decays

- They decay through weak interaction.
- Different processes:

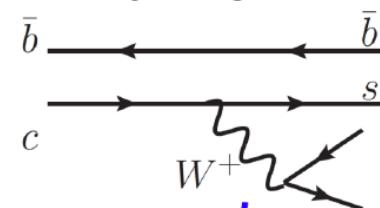
➤ $\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c}$ transition

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi l^+ \nu_l$$
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$$



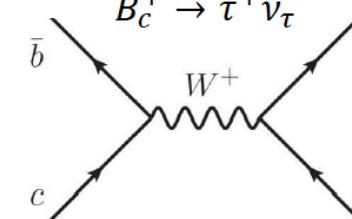
➤ $c \rightarrow s$ transition

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow B_s^0 l^+ \nu_l$$
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow B_s^0 \pi^+$$



➤ $c\bar{b} \rightarrow W^+$ annihilation

$$B_c^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} K^+$$
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow \phi K^+$$
$$B_c^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$$



Spectator modes

annihilation modes

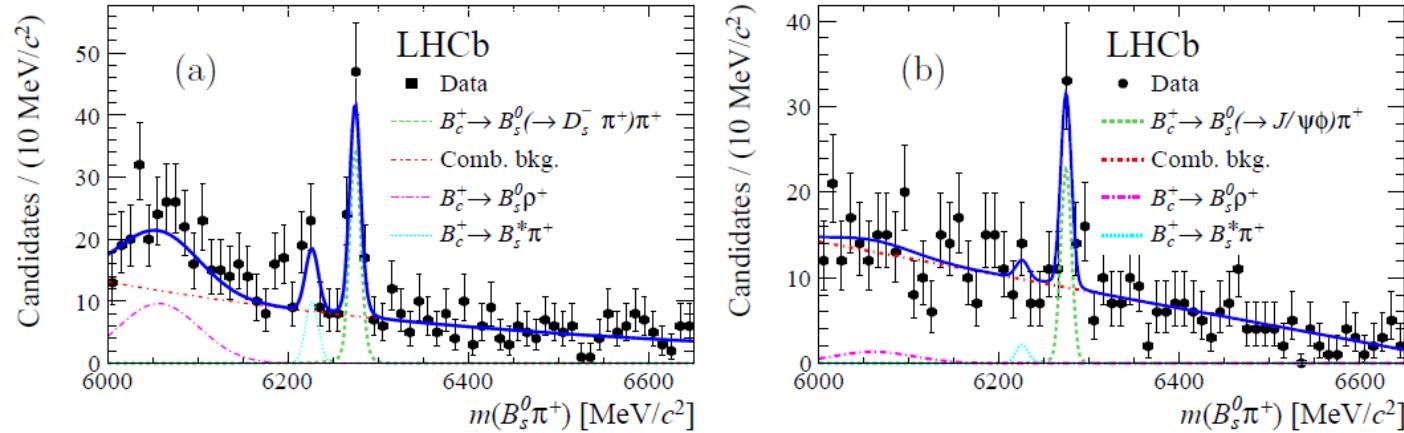
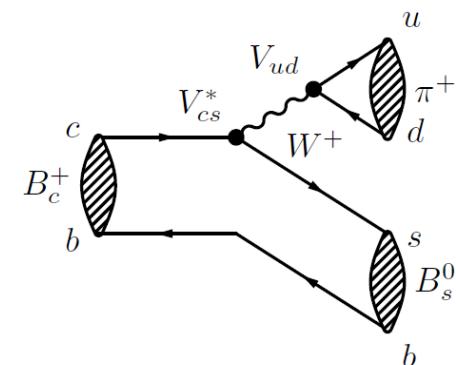
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- Proportion of the different modes is linked to the B_c lifetime (~ 0.4 ps): important to measure precisely its lifetime.

$B_c^+ \rightarrow B_s^0 \pi^+$

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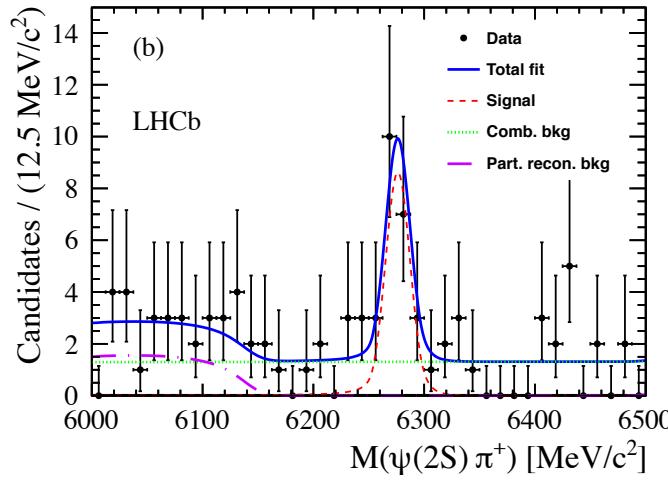
- First observation of a decay with a b spectator quark.
- Important to know dilution due to B_s^0 from B_c^+ decays in B_s^0 CP violation measurements
- B_s^0 reconstructed in the $J/\psi \phi$ and $D_s \pi$ modes.



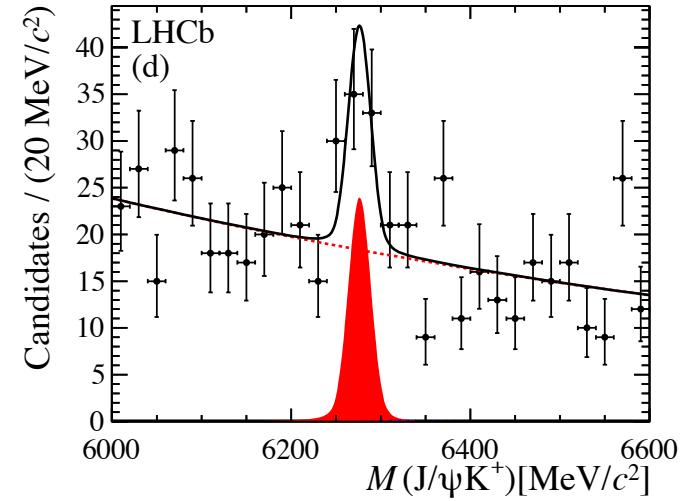
$$\frac{\sigma(B_c^+)}{\sigma(B_s^0)} \times \mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow B_s^0 \pi^+) = (2.38 \pm 0.35 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)} {}^{+0.17}_{-0.12} (\tau_{B_c^+})) \times 10^{-3}$$

$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ and friends

- $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ is the reference decay mode
- Similar modes discovered:
 - $B_c^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S) \pi^+$ [[Phys. Rev. D 87 \(2013\) 071103](#)]
 - Cabibbo suppressed counterpart, $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ [[J. High Energy Phys. 09 \(2013\) 075](#)]
 - Measured consistent with expectations



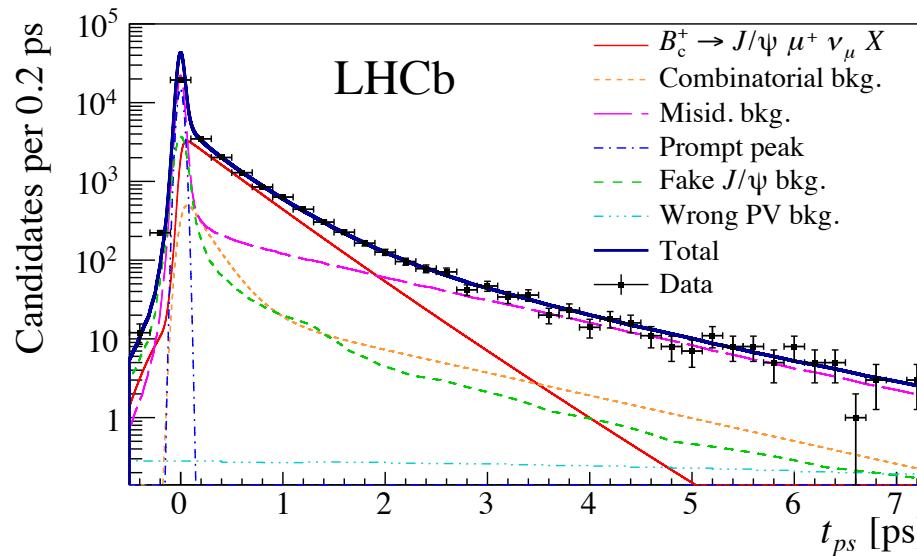
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+)} = 0.250 \pm 0.068 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.014 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.006 \text{ (\mathcal{B})}$$



$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+)} = 0.069 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.005$$

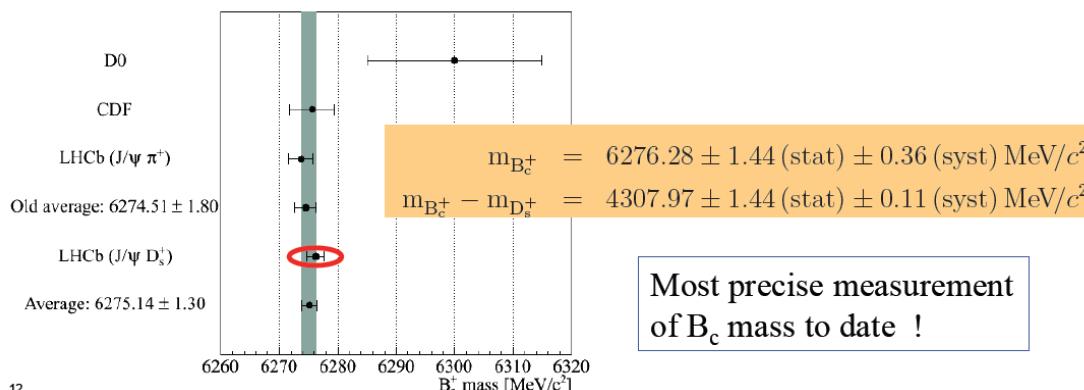
B_c^+ lifetime

- Measured with semi-leptonic decays [arXiv:1401.6932]
- $\tau=509\pm8\pm12$ fs, most precise measurement to date, with uncertainty half of the previous average
- Measurement ongoing with $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ decays (smaller systematic uncertainty)



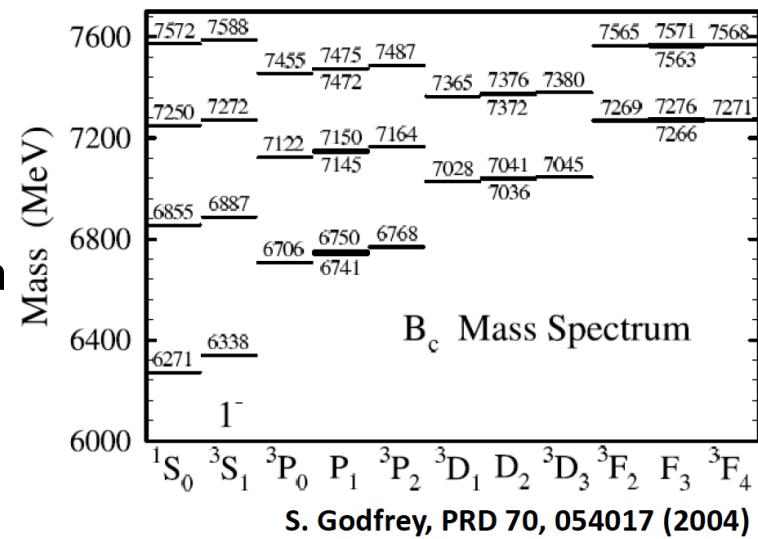
Other B_c^+ measurements in LHCb

- I showed only the measurements where we were involved but others were done with LHCb data:
 - Observation of $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ K^- \pi^+$ [arXiv:1309.0587]
 - Observation of $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$ [arXiv:1404.0287]
 - Observation of $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{(*)+}$ [[Phys. Rev. D 87 \(2013\) 112012](#)]
 - Mass measurement with $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ and $J/\psi D_s^+$



Future of our project

- Precise production cross-section: in collaboration with Cagliari (G. Manca), with 3fb^{-1} of data
- Search of excited states:
 - Decaying to $B_c\gamma$, $B_c\pi^0$, $B_c\pi^+\pi^-$ or BD if above threshold
 - Important to understand cross-section
 - There could be exotic (BD molecules or tetraquarks) similar to the $X(3872)$ in the charmonium sector
- No absolute branching fraction is known yet: measure as many modes as possible to constrain them:
 - In particular, annihilation modes, like $B_c^+ \rightarrow \phi K^+$
 - Triply charmed decays, like $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+$



Conclusions

- LHCb searching for indirect evidence of New Physics through precision measurements, excellent results, but no sign of deviation from Standard Model
- LAL/Tsinghua collaboration involved in many of the B_c results from LHCb
- Upgrade of the experiment will increase a lot the statistics available

