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#### How it started

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#### Observation of a Narrow Charmoniumlike State in Exclusive $B^{\pm} \rightarrow K^{\pm}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}J/\psi$ Decays

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## How it's going



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## Content

- Huge progress in hadron spectroscopy in past decade
  - Mostly due to new states with heavy flavours discovered by LHCb
    - Important contributions also from BESIII, Belle, BaBar, CMS, ATLAS, ...
  - Manifestly exotic, potentially exotic and conventional states
- Selected highlights (impossible to cover everything!)
  - $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ ,  $P_{c\bar{c}}$  states,  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  and partners,  $T_{cc}^{+}$ ,  $T_{cs}$  &  $T_{c\bar{s}}$
- Future outlook

#### Will follow PDG naming scheme as updated for 2023 RPP

https://pdg.lbl.gov/2023/reviews/rpp2023-rev-naming-scheme-hadrons.pdf

# The LHCb experiment

- Huge charm and beauty production cross-section in the forward direction in pp collisions at LHC energies
  - Essentially all hadrons produced
- Require superb detection capability to separate signal from potentially overwhelming background
  - LHCb strengths in vertexing, tracking and charged particle identification
  - Capability for online selection (trigger) also crucial
- Two main production mechanisms
  - prompt: highest cross-section, but high backgrounds; only for cleanest channels
  - via B decays: lower rates (cross-section + BF + acceptance), but very clean

Most results shown today exploit production via B decays



## Prompt vs. B decays

#### example with $\mu^+\mu^-$

#### PRL 120 (2018) 061801

#### EPJ C77 (2017) 161



## $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ in $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- K^+$ decays



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#### PR D108 (2023) L011103



Signal yield of  $6788 \pm 117$ 

Clear need for  $\omega$  contribution, and interference, to fit m( $\pi^+\pi^-$ ) spectrum  $_{10}$ 

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# $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ production in pp collisions

#### JHEP 01 (2022) 131

#### PRL 126 (2021) 092001



Production relative to  $\psi(2S)$  studied as a function of  $p_T$  and occupancy Studies of production in other environments (pPb, etc.) ongoing

#### $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ : other results and open questions

- Mass :  $3871.64 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.01 \text{ MeV/c}^2$ 
  - obtained from Breit—Wigner fits
  - c.f. DD\* threshold  $3871.70 \pm 0.11 \text{ MeV/c}^2$
- Lineshape in J/ $\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  studied in detail
  - Improved knowledge of  $D\overline{D}\pi$  &  $D\overline{D}\gamma$  couplings needed for further progress
- Disagreement on  $B(\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow \psi(2S)\gamma)$ 
  - Seen by BaBar & LHCb; not by Belle & BESIII



Studied in different experiments, different production environments, different decay channels Unique in this respect among

exotic hadrons (so far)

## Charmonium pentaquark discovery

PRL 115 (2015) 072001



Almost background-free  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$  sample

Clear structure in  $m(J/\psi p)$ 

### Importance of particle identification

LHCb; PRL 115 (2015) 072001

#### ATLAS-CONF-2019-048



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## Latest on charmonium pentaquarks

PRL 122 (2019) 222001



Candidates/(0.105×0.045 GeV<sup>4</sup>

10<sup>2</sup>

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PRL 122 (2019) 222001

State	M [ MeV $]$	$\Gamma$ [ MeV ]	(95%  CL)	${\cal R}~[\%]$
$P_c(4312)^+$	$4311.9 \pm 0.7^{+6.8}_{-0.6}$	$9.8 \pm 2.7^{+}_{-} ~ {}^{3.7}_{4.5}$	(< 27)	$0.30 \pm 0.07^{+0.34}_{-0.09}$
$P_c(4440)^+$	$4440.3 \pm 1.3^{+4.1}_{-4.7}$	$20.6 \pm 4.9^{+\ 8.7}_{-10.1}$	(< 49)	$1.11\pm0.33^{+0.22}_{-0.10}$
$P_c(4457)^+$	$4457.3 \pm 0.6^{+4.1}_{-1.7}$	$6.4 \pm 2.0^{+}_{-}  {}^{5.7}_{1.9}$	(< 20)	$0.53 \pm 0.16^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$

Striking proximity of peaks to  $\Sigma_c^+ \overline{D}^{(*)0}$  thresholds  $\rightarrow$ Coupled channel analyses of lineshapes may be necessary

> Full amplitude analysis needed to determine quantum numbers (work in progress)

#### Charmonium pentaquarks $\rightarrow$ open charm?



#### $\mathsf{P}_{c\overline{c}}$ states : open questions

- Determination of quantum numbers
  - Amplitude analysis required
- Decays to final states other than  $J/\psi p$ 
  - Potential to study  $\eta_c p$ ,  $\chi_{c1} p$  but larger samples needed
  - Similarly, good long-term prospects to study  $\Lambda_c D^{(\star)}, \, \Sigma_c D^{(\star)}$  decays
- Other production mechanisms?
  - Other b decays? Prompt production in pp collisions? Photoproduction?
- What is the relevance of the proximity to  $\Sigma_c D^{(*)}$  threshold?

### $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ discovery

#### PRL 119 (2017) 112001



Subsequently seen also in  $\Xi_c^{(\prime)+}\pi^+$  decays

First (so far only) weakly decaying hadron discovered at LHC

### Lifetime measurement



#### PRL 121 (2018) 052002



 $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_{c}^{+}K^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$  channel Non-trivial decay-time acceptance

• use  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  as control channel

 $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 0.256^{+0.024}_{-0.022}$  (stat) ± 0.014 (syst) ps

#### Mass measurement & production rate



$$\sigma(\Lambda_c^+) = (2.22 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-4}$$

• in LHCb acceptance:

 $4 < p_T < 15 \text{ GeV/c} \& 2.0 < y < 4.5$ 

- for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- assuming central value of  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++})$

Both  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  and  $\Xi_c^+ \pi^+$  channels m( $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ ) = 3621.55 ± 0.23 (stat) ± 0.30 (syst) MeV/c<sup>2</sup> Largest systematic uncertainties from

- momentum scale
- $\Lambda_c^+$  and  $\Xi_c^+$  masses

# Searches for $\Xi_{cc}^+$

SCPMA 63 (2020) 221062 JHEP 12 (2021) 107





### Search for $\Omega_{cc}^+$

SCPMA 64 (2021) 101062



### Double charm baryons : open questions

- Discover partner states and measure their properties
  - More data, but also better vertexing capability important to improve sensitivity
    - Capability to separate decay position from production vertex crucial to reject
      potentially overwhelming background
- Can we study the spectrum of excited states?
- Can we observe other doubly heavy hadrons?
  - Main focus on  $\Xi_{\tt bc}$
  - $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  could become a tool to discover heavier multiquark states
    - Similarly for  $T_{cc^+}$  ...

## Double charm tetraquark T<sub>cc</sub><sup>+</sup>



Nature Phys. 18 (2022) 751 Nature Comm. 13 (2022) 3351

Clear and narrow peak just above threshold in m(D<sup>0</sup>D<sup>0</sup>π<sup>+</sup>) Below D<sup>0</sup>D<sup>\*0</sup> threshold Study of lineshape (similar methodology to χ<sub>c1</sub>(3872) study)

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Partially reconstructed decays in different DD, DD $\pi$  and D $\overline{D}$  final states Consistent with isosinglet expectation

# $T_{cc}$ : open questions

- $T_{cc}^+$  observed just above threshold for strong decay
  - Does it imply  $T_{\rm bc}$  and  $T_{\rm bb}$  are below threshold, and hence weakly decaying?
  - How can we observe these states?
- Properties of production and decay to be studied in detail
  - Narrow width should help theoretical interpretation and understanding of binding mechanism
- Can we study the spectrum of excited states?
  - Is assumption that observed  $T_{cc}^+$  is a ground-state justified?

PR D102 (2020) 112003



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Need two  $T_{cs}(2900)$  states (spin-0 and spin-1) to fit the data First exotic states with open charm

With additional cut to remove cc reflections

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PR D102 (2020) 112003



Need two  $T_{cs}(2900)$  states (spin-0 and spin-1) to fit the data Masses close to DK\* threshold

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PRL 131 (2023) 041902



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Decays related by isospin and similar structures seen Motivates simultaneous amplitude analysis to both decays





# To the future, and beyond!

- More yet to be learned from the Run 1+2 data sample
- But fundamental limits due to sample size and detector performance
  - improve both in Runs 3 (2022-25) & 4 (2029-32)
  - reasons to be optimistic for further discovery of multiquark states
- No reason to think that should be the end of the road
  - ambitious plans for LHCb Upgrade 2
  - aim for the ultimate LHC flavour experiment
  - reasons to be optimistic for even more discoveries of multiquark states

## LHCb Upgrade I



## **Pixel VELO**

Identification of displaced vertices crucial to identify B decays at hadron colliders

-200



**Beamspot RF** foils -2x/mm 12 /mm

200

z/mm

400

600

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Commissioning ongoing!

## Data processing at 30 MHz

Traditional HEP trigger model: – select interesting events with loose criteria for later offline analysis

At high luminosity, every pp bunch-crossing contains a potentially interesting event

Need a new paradigm

- full software trigger
- first level trigger (HLT1) implemented in GPUs
- offline quality reconstruction: calibration and alignment performed before HLT2

select relevant information in each event to store for offline analysis

data rate from LHCb detector (32 Tb/s) global internet traffic 2022 (997 Tb/s)



Up to 100 HLT2 sub-farms (4000 servers)

n.b:

## Why stop there?





## The need for timing



- High LHC luminosity achieved by increasing number of pp interactions per bunch crossing
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# Summary

- Hard to predict what new discoveries will be coming
  - But certain that new discoveries will be coming

#### Back it up

# LHCb Run 1+2 integrated luminosity



Unprecedented samples of charm and beauty Dependence of production rate on  $\sqrt{s}$  means (for LHCb) 2015+16  $\approx$  2 x Run 1 (2011+12); 2017+18  $\approx$  2 x 2011–16

## **HL-LHC** schedule





Last updated: January 2022

to be followed by LS5 (1-2 years) and Run 6

#### $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_{c}^{(')+}\pi^{+}$

PRL 121 (2018) 162002 JHEP 05 (2022) 038

- $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_{c}^{+}\pi^{+}$  appears as partially reconstructed peak in m( $\Xi_{c}^{+}\pi^{+}$ ) spectrum
  - missing photon from  $\Xi_c{}^{`+}$   $\rightarrow$   $\Xi_c{}^+\gamma$  decay
- Reconstruct  $\Xi_c{}^+ \to p K^- \pi^+$  decay
  - Cabibbo-suppressed but good efficiency (3 tracks)



- on signal (TOS)
- independent of signal (TIS)



$$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_{c}^{(')+}\pi^{+}$$

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$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Xi_c^+ \pi^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \to pK^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to pK^- \pi^+)} = 0.035 \pm 0.009 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003 \,(\text{syst}).$$

Separate hardware trigger decision samples

- on signal (TOS)
- independent of signal (TIS)



$$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_{c}^{(')+}\pi^{+}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Xi_{c}^{'+} \pi^{+})}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Xi_{c}^{+} \pi^{+})} = 1.41 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.10.$$

Theory predictions range from 0.4 - 7 depending on relative contributions of two amplitudes



### $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow D^+ p K^- \pi^+$

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$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to D^+ p K^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+)} < 1.7 \ (2.1) \times 10^{-2} \ \text{at} \ 90\% \ (95\%) \ \text{CL}$$



## Charmonia decaying to D<sup>+</sup>D<sup>-</sup>

Structure around 3930 MeV seen in  $D\overline{D}$  and J/ $\psi\omega$  previously assumed to be J<sup>P</sup> = 2<sup>+</sup> state, i.e.  $\chi_{c2}(2P)$ 

LHCb analysis shows there to be two states in that region, with  $J^{P} = 0^{+}$  and  $2^{+}$ 

Resonance	Mass (GeV/ $c^2$ )	Width (MeV)	
$\chi_{c0}(3930)$	$3.9238 \pm 0.0015 \pm 0.0004$	$17.4 \pm 5.1 \pm 0.8$	
$\chi_{c2}(3930)$	$3.9268 \pm 0.0024 \pm 0.0008$	$34.2 \pm 6.6 \pm 1.1$	



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## Charmonia decaying to $D_s^+D_s^-$

arXiv:2211.05034 to appear in PRD

 $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^- K^+$ 

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LHCb Data 9 fb<sup>-1</sup> Total fit 40 *K*-matrix  $\psi(4260)$  $\psi(4660)$ 20 10 4.0 4.2 4.4 4.6 4.8  $m(D_s^+D_s^-)$  [GeV]

Striking low-mass enhancement + interference dip near J/ψφ threshold <sub>60</sub> [modelled here with K matrix]