

# Supplementary material for LHCb-PAPER-2017-018

Apart from the plots shown here, a gif animation is also contained in the supplementary zip file, which can be obtained from CDS. This animation shows the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$  mass peak emerging from the background over the course of the 2016 data taking.

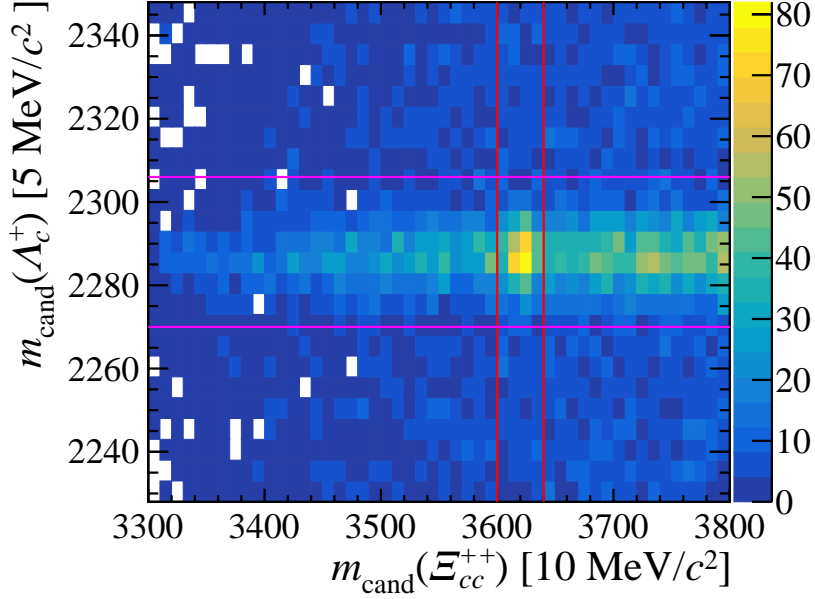


Figure 1: Invariant mass distribution of the  $\Lambda_c^+$  versus that of the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  candidates in the 13 TeV data sample. The areas between the two vertical or horizontal bars indicate the signal regions ( $\approx \pm 3\sigma$ ) for  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  and  $\Lambda_c^+$ , respectively.

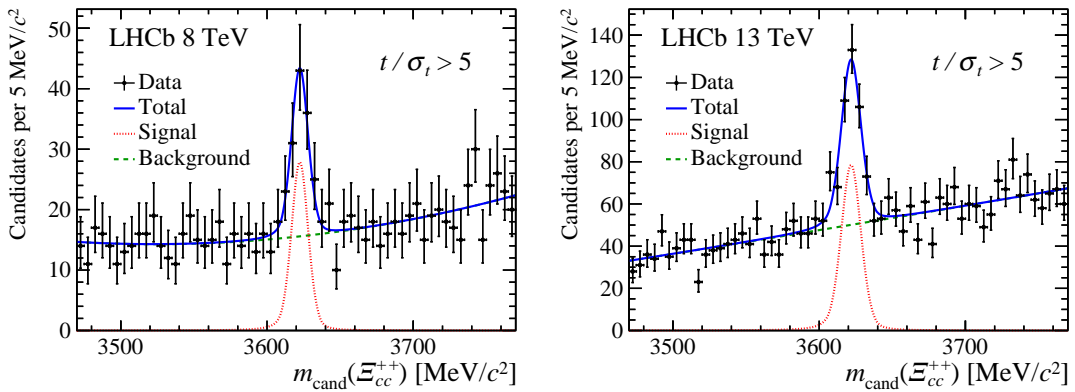


Figure 2: Invariant mass distribution of the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$  candidates in the (left) 8 TeV and (right) 13 TeV samples with an additional requirement that the significance of the proper decay time exceeds 5 standard deviations. The statistical signal significance is above  $7\sigma$  ( $12\sigma$ ) for the 8 TeV (13 TeV) samples.

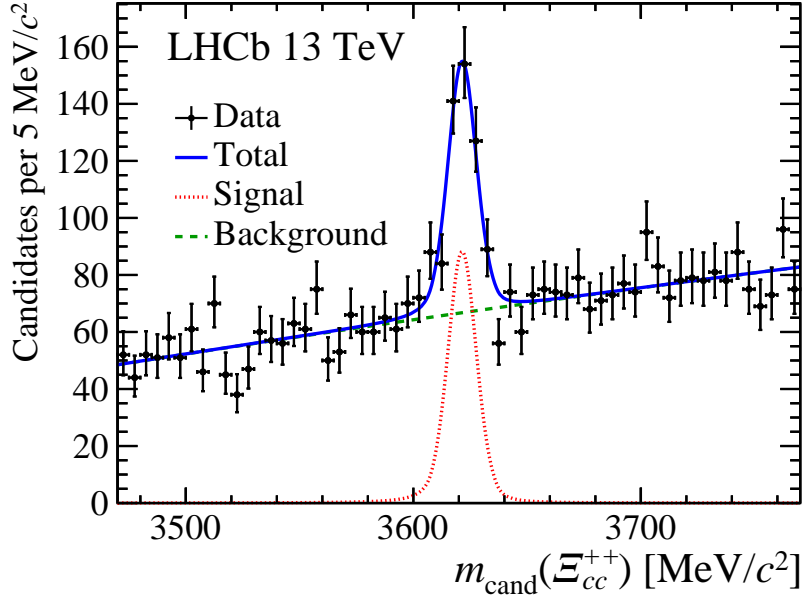


Figure 3: Invariant mass distribution of the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  candidates with a cut-based selection instead of the multivariate selector.

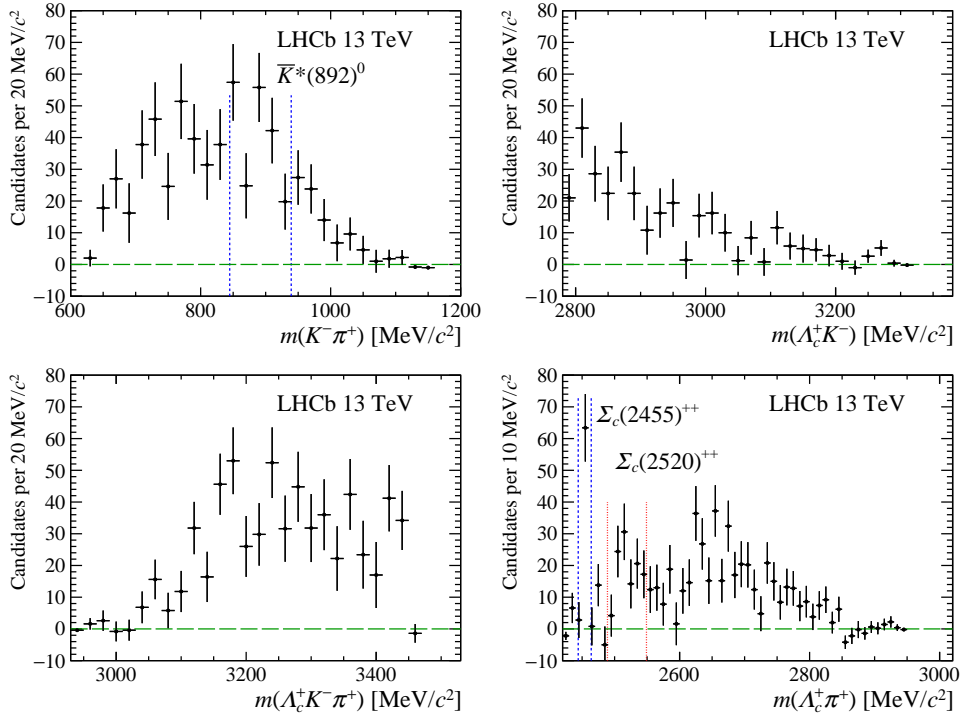


Figure 4: Invariant mass distributions for combinations of decay products in the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$  decay in the 13 TeV data. The plots involving  $\pi^+$  directly from the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  decay (the bottom two) have two entries per event. The blue vertical bars in the top-left plot indicate the position of the  $\bar{K}^*(892)^0$  resonance, and those in the bottom-right plot indicate the  $\Sigma_c(2455)^{++}$  and  $\Sigma_c(2520)^{++}$  resonances. The background is subtracted using sideband candidates.