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# Observation of the $\Omega_b^-$ and Measurements of the Properties of the $\Xi_b^-$ and $\Omega_b^-$

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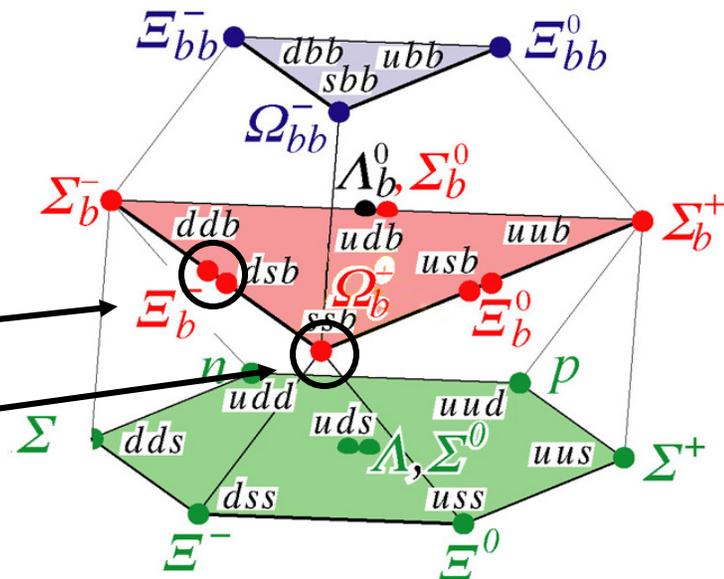
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# Baryon Ground States

- This is a report on  $b$ -baryon property measurements
  - Fully reconstructed states
- This analysis measures properties of two of the most recently observed  $b$ -baryons
  - $\Xi_b^-$ , observed in 2007
  - $\Omega_b^-$ , observed by D0 in 2008

$J=1/2$   $b$  Baryons





# A Subject in its Infancy

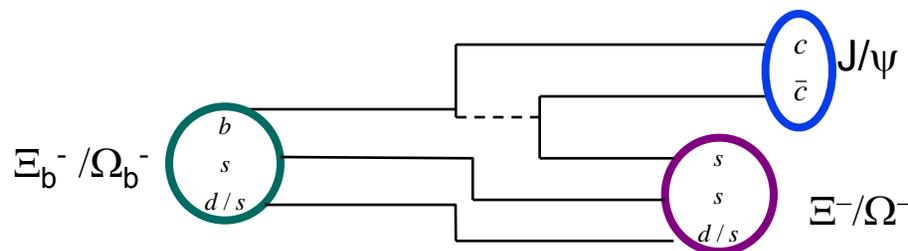
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- Little is known about the strange b-baryons
- The number of fully reconstructed events is small
  - $\Xi_b^-$ : D0: 15, CDF: 18
  - $\Omega_b^-$ : D0: 18
- Only lifetime measurements of  $\Xi_b^-$  are semileptonic (LEP)
- Any information we can obtain is new
  - Of course the Tevatron owns this subject right now.



# B Hadron Program

- The data set is from our di-muon trigger
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  in the final state
- We search for the  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$  through the processes
  - $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$
  - $\Omega_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Omega^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$

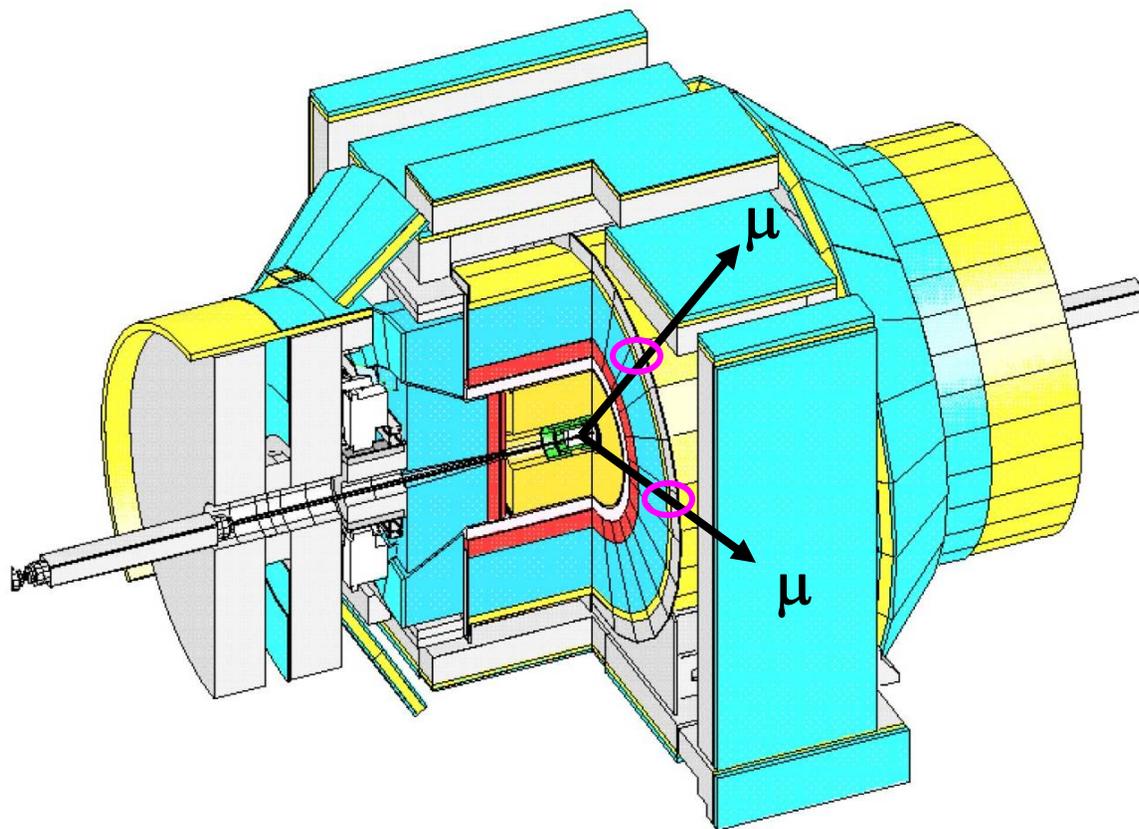


- This data set contains many  $b$ -meson candidates
- Therefore, the mesons are used throughout, to cross check the measurements.
- The baryon program is a natural extension of a larger  $b$ -meson program



# The CDF II Detector

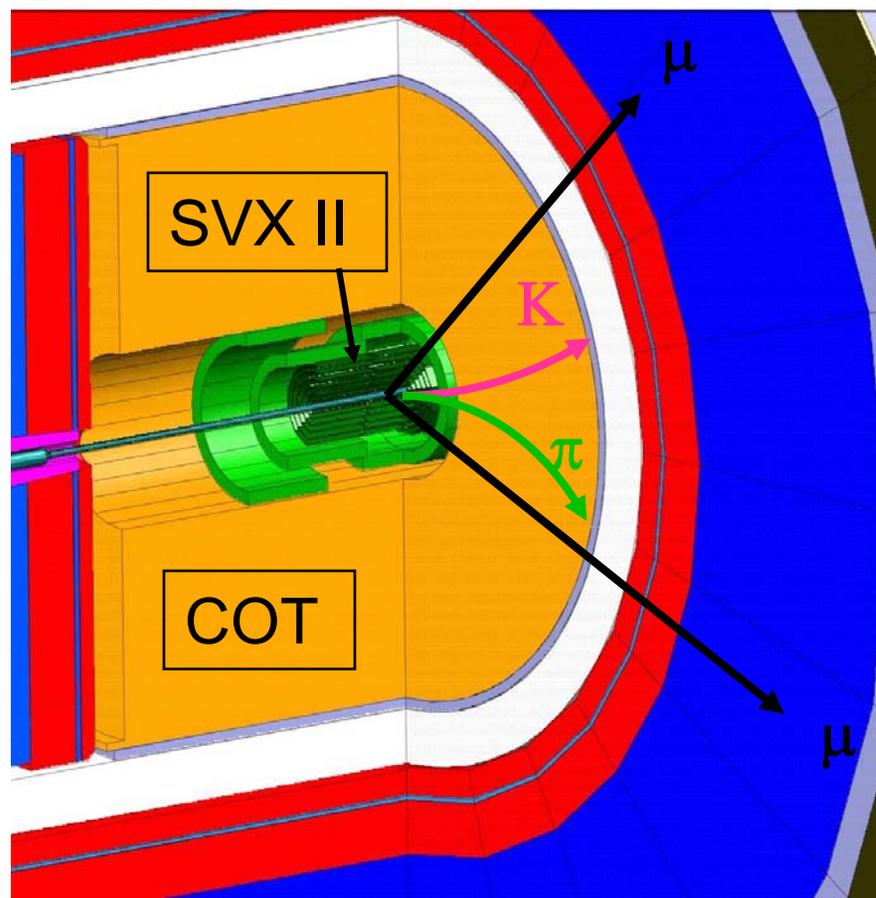
- The data used in this analysis was collected with the CDF II Detector.
  - This analysis uses data from  $4.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .
- The trigger requires
  - Tracks in muon chambers
  - Tracks in the central tracking chamber (COT) ( $p_T > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - $2.7 < M(\mu^+\mu^-) < 4.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Unbiased with respect to decay time for  $b$ -hadrons





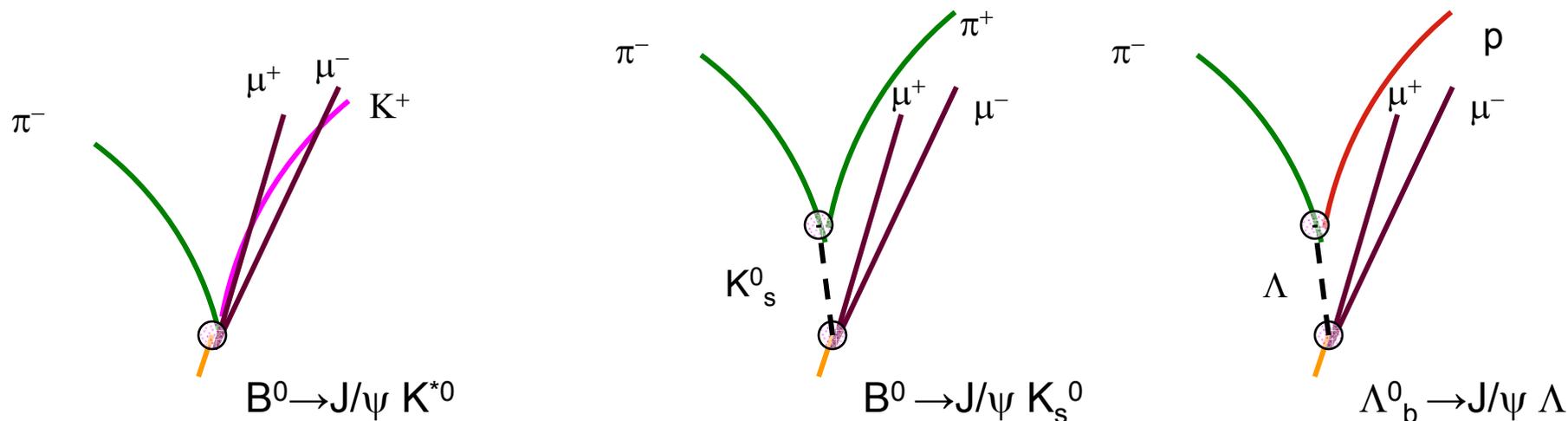
# The CDF II Detector

- Events that satisfy the trigger are fully analyzed.
- Track reconstruction identifies all tracks with  $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Three SVX II measurements are required for muon tracks.
  - Not used for  $p/K/\pi$  tracks





# Reference Processes

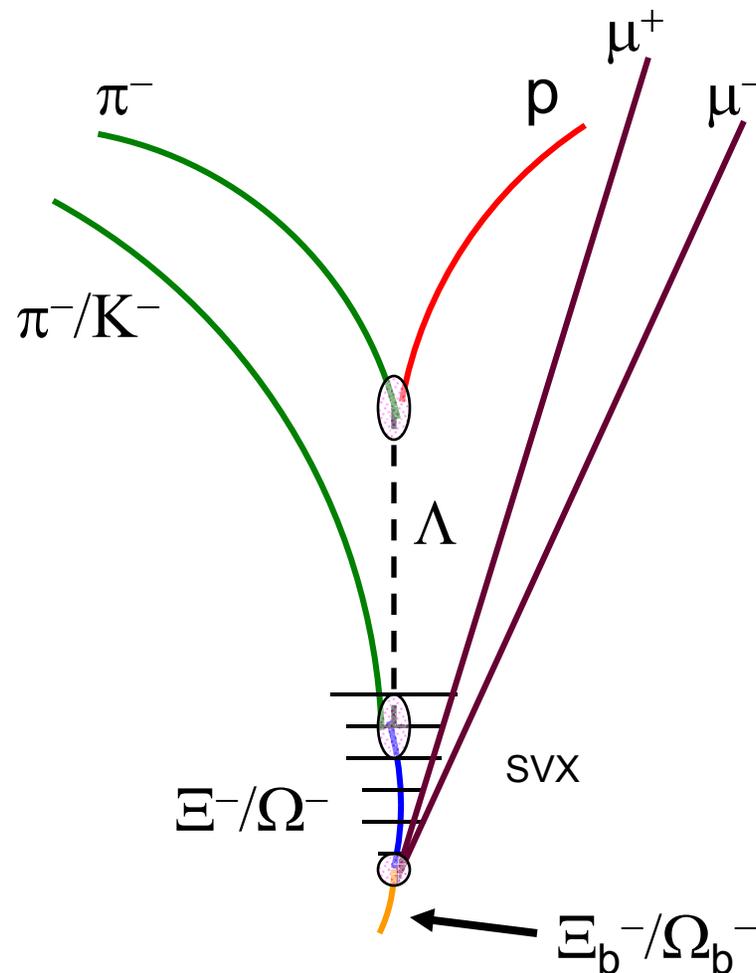


- Measurements of  $B^0$  properties provide a cross check.
  - Also the  $\Lambda_b^0$ , the most plentiful  $b$ -baryon
- Reconstruction is very similar for these.
- Final state is fit with constraints
  - $\mu^+\mu^-$  are constrained to  $J/\psi$  mass
  - Hadron trajectories constrained to appropriate topologies



# $\Xi_b^-/\Omega_b^-$ Reconstruction

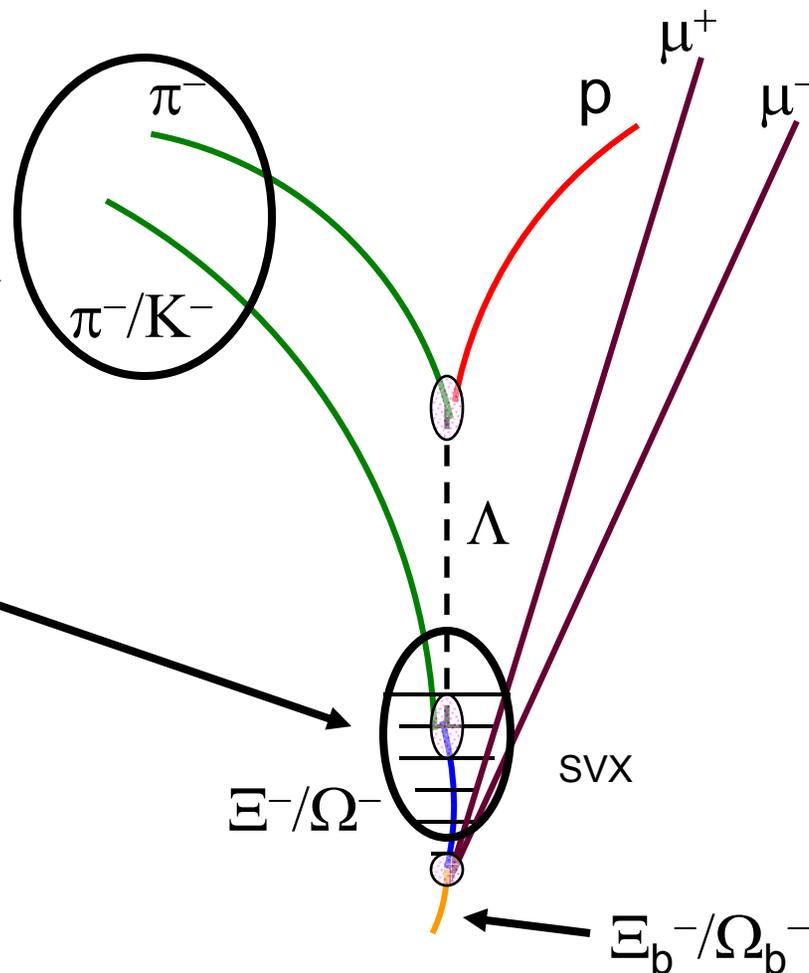
- The  $\Xi^-/\Omega^-$  reconstruction adds some complexity
  - 5<sup>th</sup> track, 3<sup>rd</sup> vertex
- Same techniques used for the neutrals can be applied
  - Decay  $\Xi^-$  or  $\Omega^-$  is constrained to originate from the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  intersection.
- The long life of the  $\Xi^-$  and  $\Omega^-$  opens the possibility of using the silicon detector on the 6<sup>th</sup> track in the process.
  - Impact resolution improvement





# $\Xi_b^-/\Omega_b^-$ Reconstruction

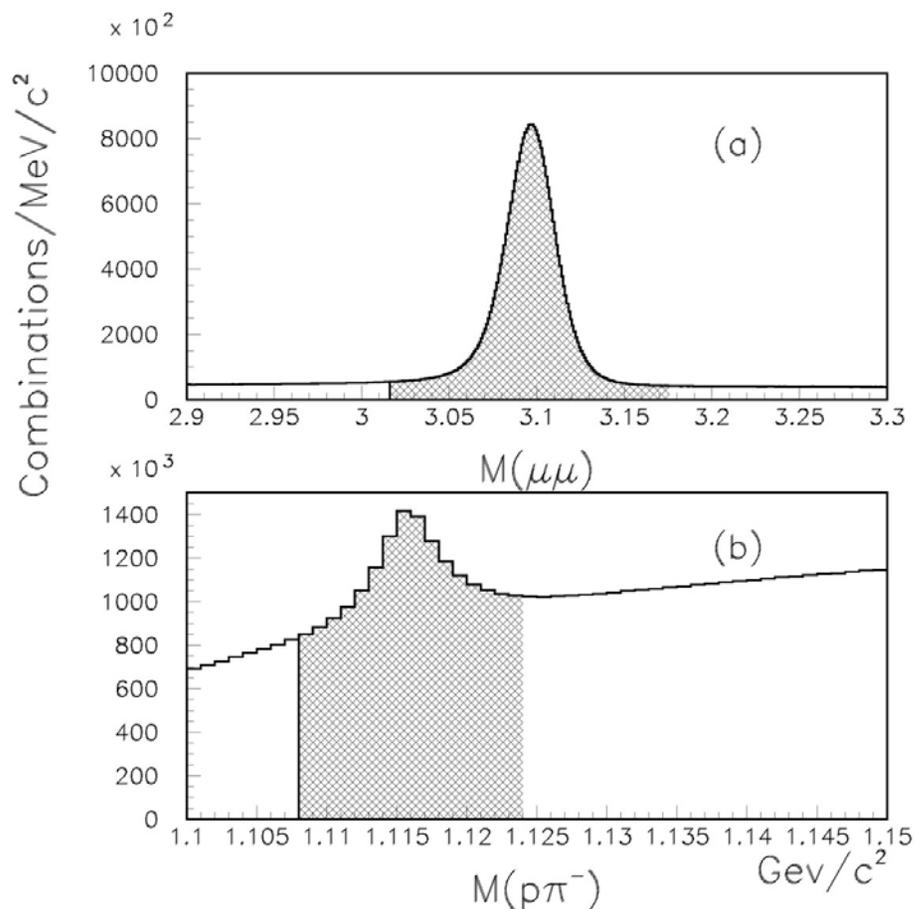
- The third hadron track allows some occasional ambiguity
- Selection criteria may be satisfied by
  - Like sign pairs
    - p may form a  $\Lambda$  candidate with either
  - Both  $\Lambda$  – track intersections
- These are resolved by
  - Track measurements in the longitudinal (along beamline) view
  - Fully constrained 5-track fit
    - Helix constraint avoids “wrong” intersection





# J/ $\psi$ and $\Lambda$ Samples

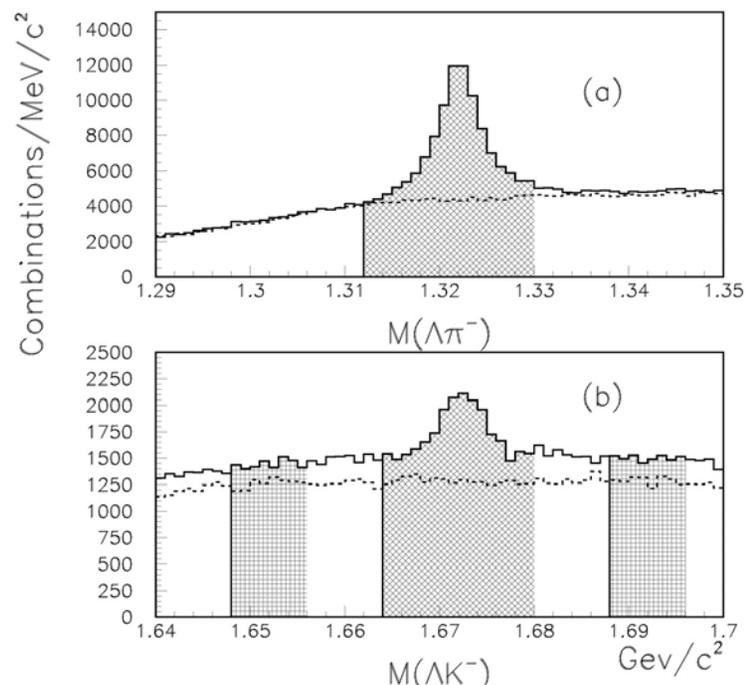
- The analysis is based data collected from  $4.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of collisions.
  - $2.9 \times 10^7$  J/ $\psi$
- For  $\Lambda$  in the J/ $\psi$  sample,
  - Require decay position  $> 1$  cm transverse from the collision.
  - $p_T > 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
  - $3.6 \times 10^6$   $\Lambda$
- Shaded areas define the mass ranges used for  $b$ -hadron selection.





# Inclusive $\Xi^-/\Omega^-$ Sample

- The base sample is given by
  - $1.1077 < M(\pi p) < 1.1237$
  - $P_T(\Xi/\Omega) > 2.0$
  - $\text{Flight}(\Lambda/\Xi^-/\Omega^-) > 1 \text{ cm}$
  - $\text{Impact}(\Xi^-/\Omega^-) < 3\sigma$
  - $P(\chi^2) > 10^{-4}$
  - $P(\chi^2)_{\text{used}} > P(\chi^2)_{\text{swapped}}$
  - Veto  $1.311 < M(\Lambda\pi) < 1.331$  for  $\Lambda K$  sample ( $\Xi^-$  reflection)
- Yields in the full sample
  - $\Xi^-$ : 41,000
  - $\Omega^-$ : 3,500

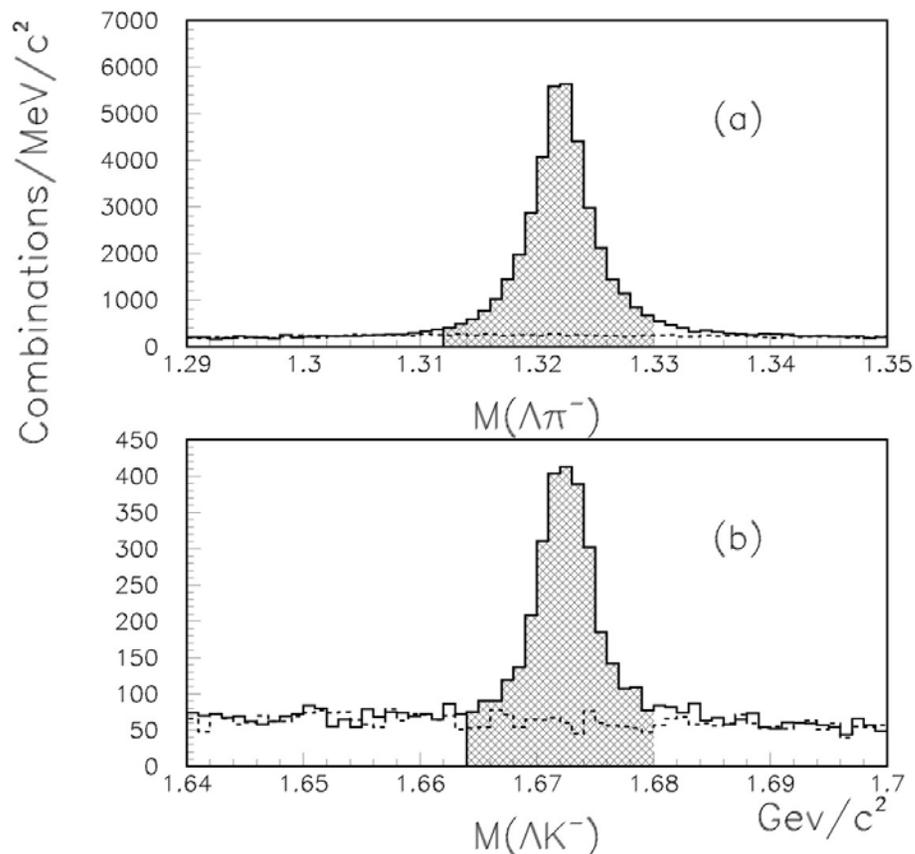


- Dashed histograms are  $\Lambda\pi^+/\Lambda K^+$
- Shaded are selection and sideband regions



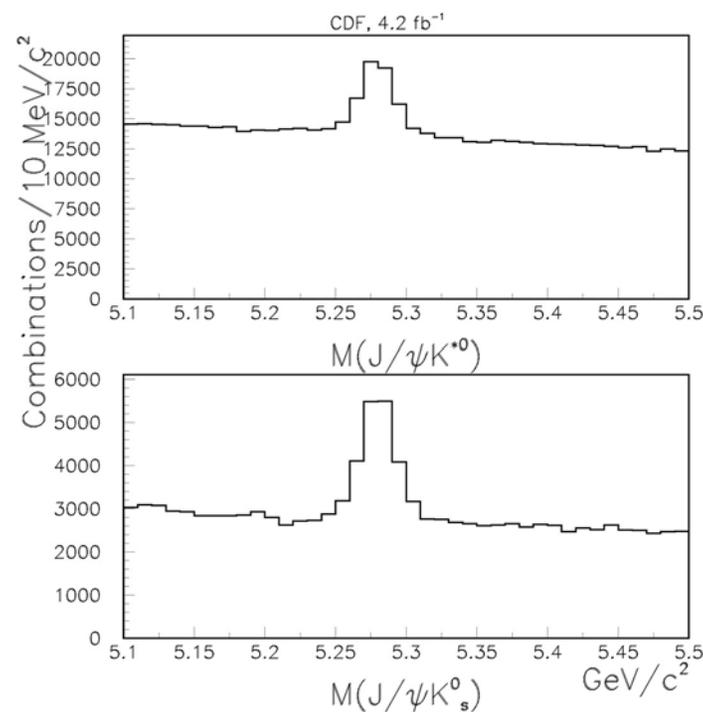
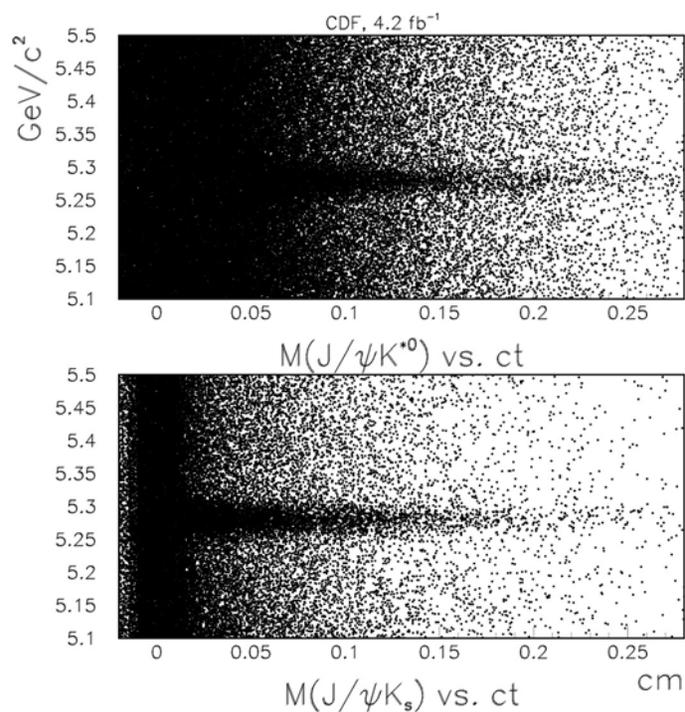
# Silicon on the $\Xi^-/\Omega^-$ Helices

- Inclusive  $\Lambda\pi$  and  $\Lambda K$  with previous selection and silicon on the  $\Xi^-/\Omega^-$  track
  - $\Xi^-$ : 34,700
  - $\Omega^-$ : 1,900
- Shaded areas are our mass selection ranges.
  - Shorter lifetime of the  $\Omega^-$  (1" vs. 2") implies lower efficiency
  - Many decay before reaching the silicon detector.





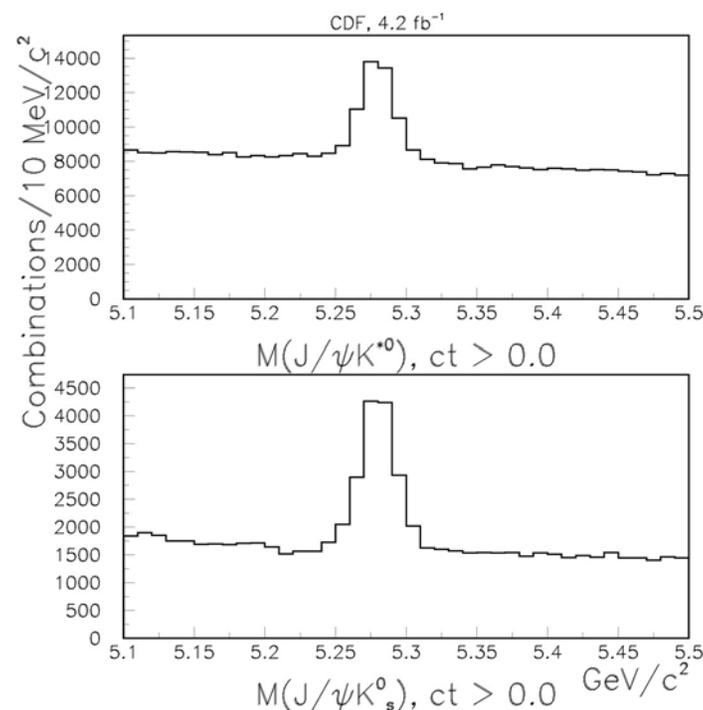
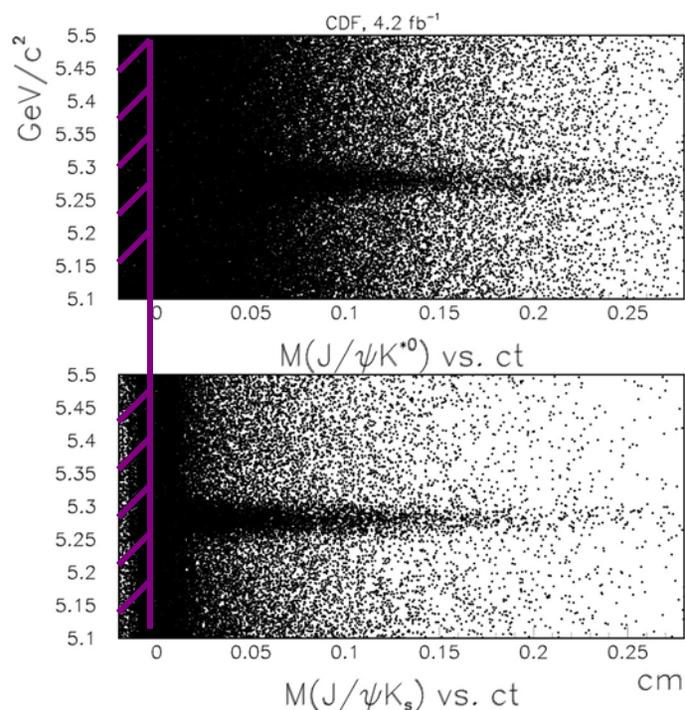
# *b*-hadron signals at CDF



- B hadron signals are distinctive
  - Precisely measured mass
  - Characteristic lifetime
- $p_T(B^0) > 6 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $p_T(K) > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Good fit with  $J/\psi$  mass constraint



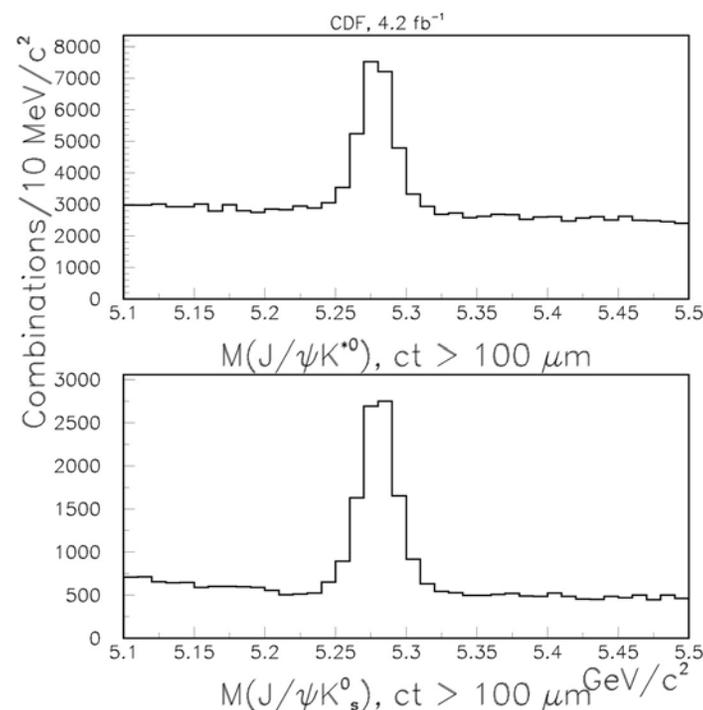
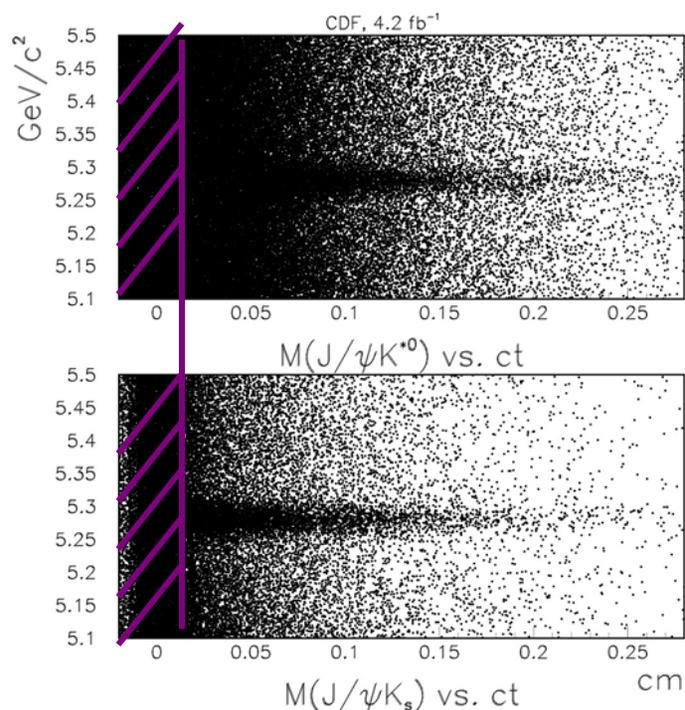
# $b$ -hadron signals at CDF



- Decay time selects B hadron signals from the prompt background
  - Here,  $ct > 0$  requirement removes half the prompt background



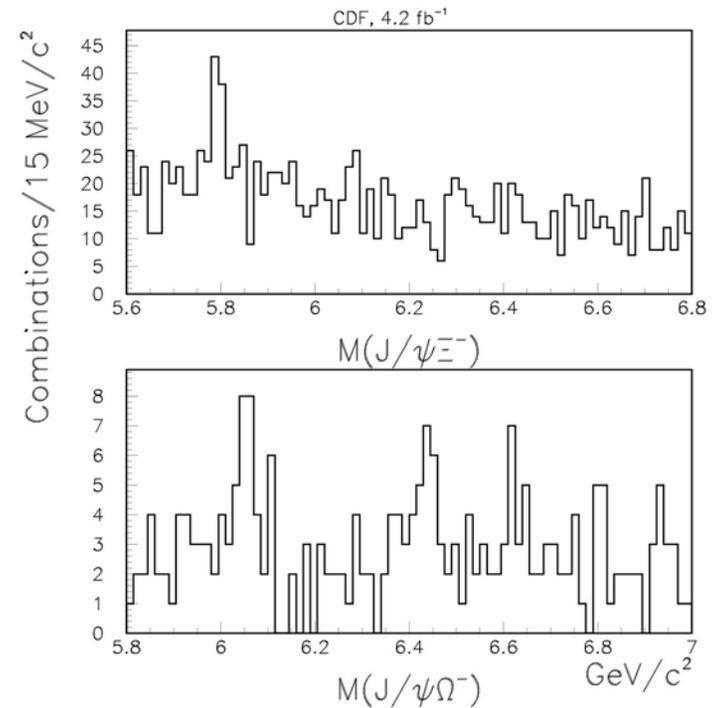
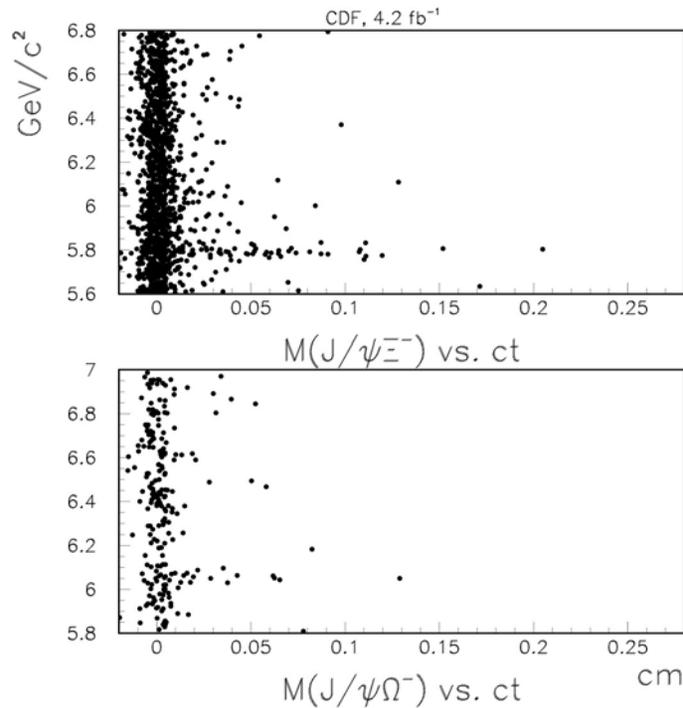
# $b$ -hadron signals at CDF



- Decay time selects B hadron signals from the prompt background
  - $ct > 100 \mu\text{m}$  requirement removes most prompt background



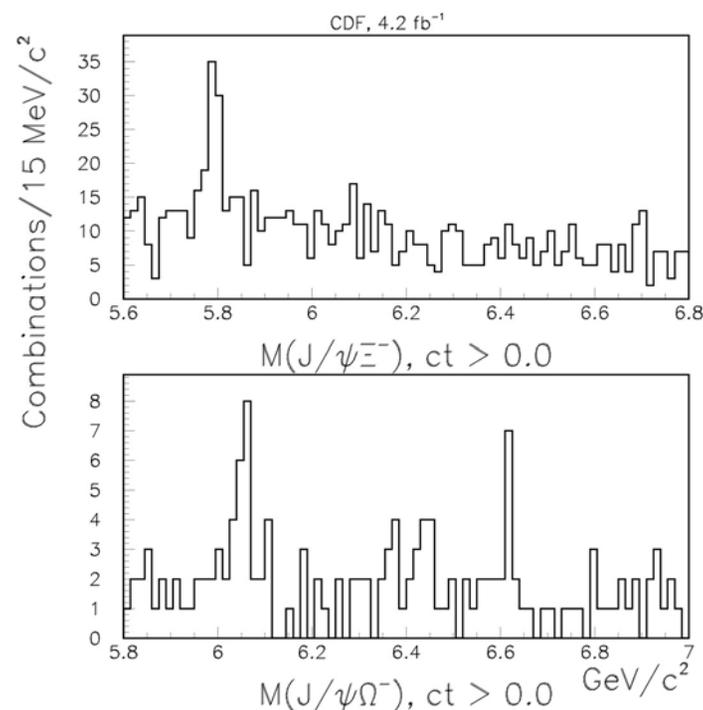
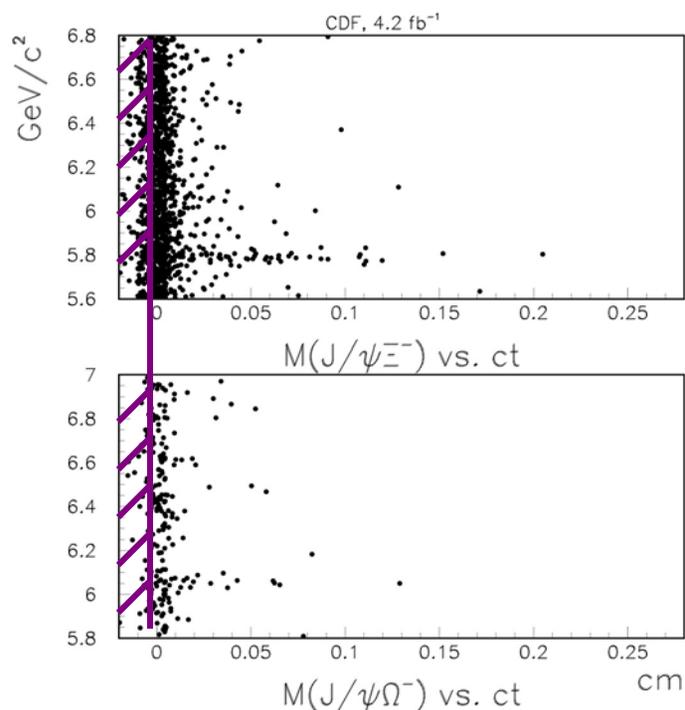
# $b$ -baryon signals at CDF



- J/ψ Ξ<sup>-</sup> and J/ψ Ω<sup>-</sup> samples
  - Same mass-decay time pattern appears
- $p_T(B) > 6 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $p_T(\Xi^-/\Omega^-) > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Good fit with J/ψ mass constraint



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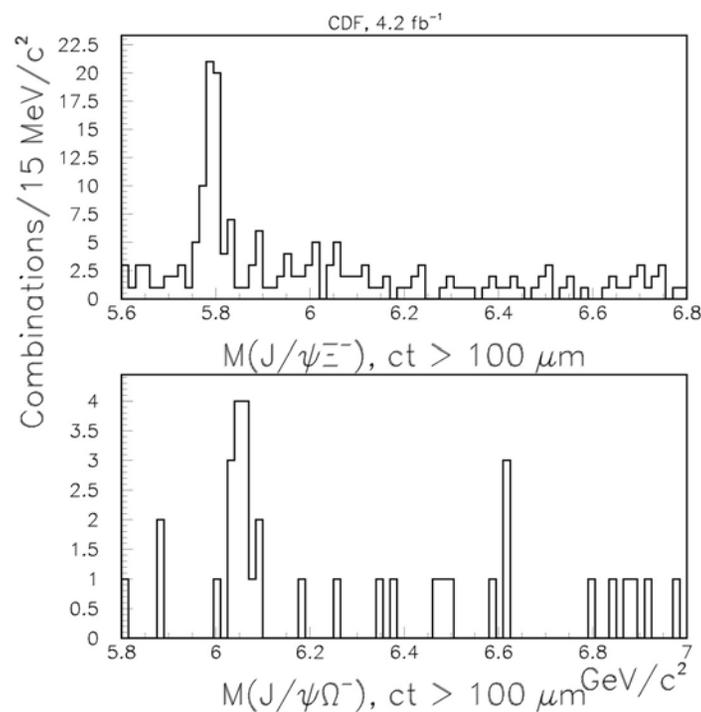
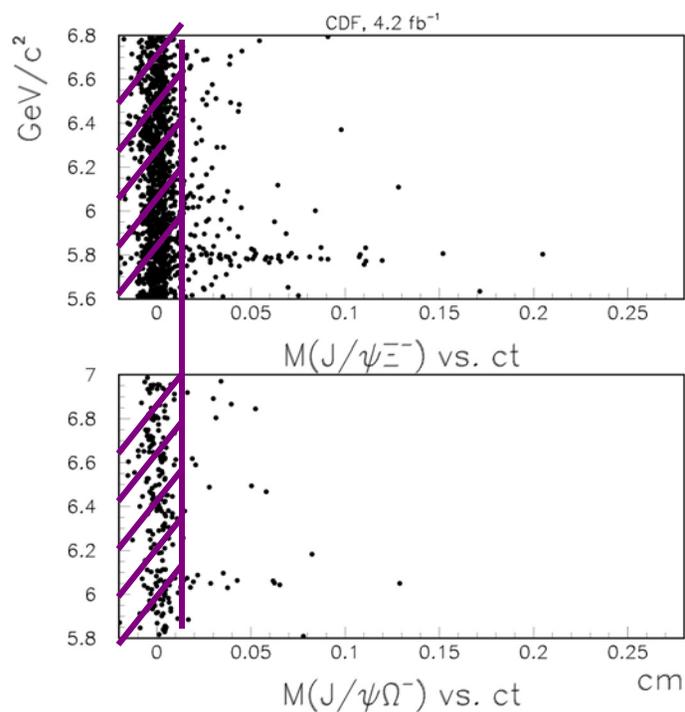


- $\text{J}/\psi \Xi^-$  and  $\text{J}/\psi \Omega^-$  samples

- As with the mesons, decay time requirements reduce the prompt background. Here  $ct > 0$



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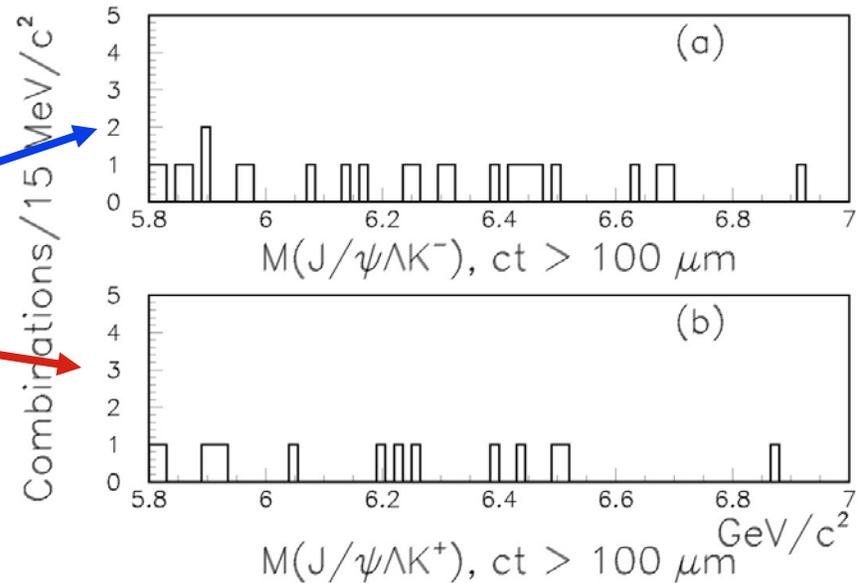
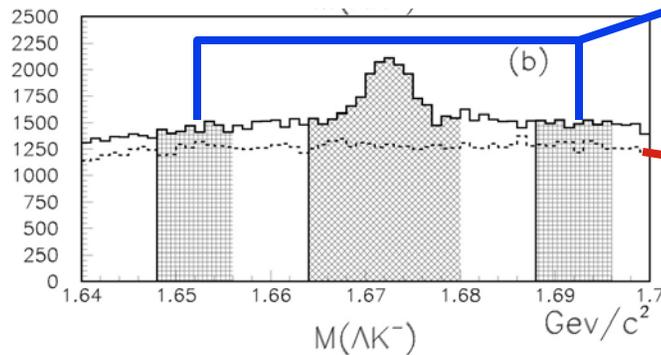
- $\text{J}/\psi \Xi^-$  and  $\text{J}/\psi \Omega^-$  samples
  - Obvious  $\Xi_b^-$  signal when  $ct > 100 \mu\text{m}$
  - Cluster in the  $\text{J}/\psi \Omega^-$  around  $6.05 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  – test its significance



# Where we expect nothing...

- For the same candidate selection, except for

➤ The  $\Lambda K^-$  mass



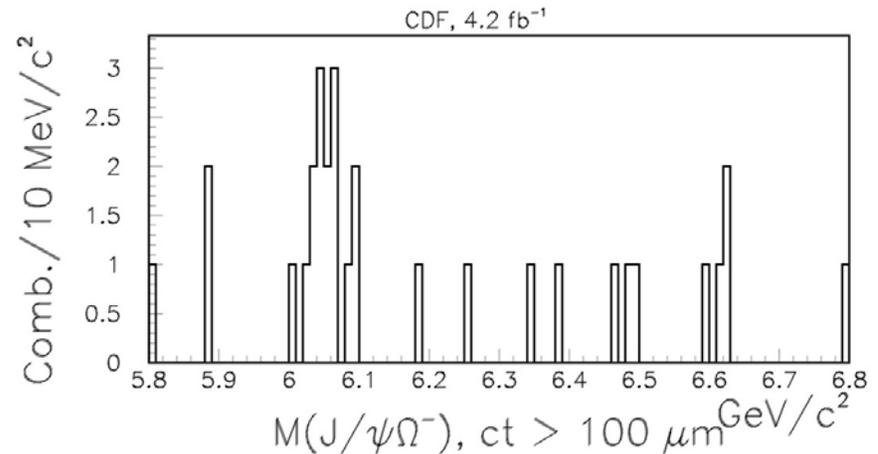
➤ The “wrong sign” distribution

- Neither shows any features anywhere



# $\Omega_b^-$ - Significance - Mass Distribution Test

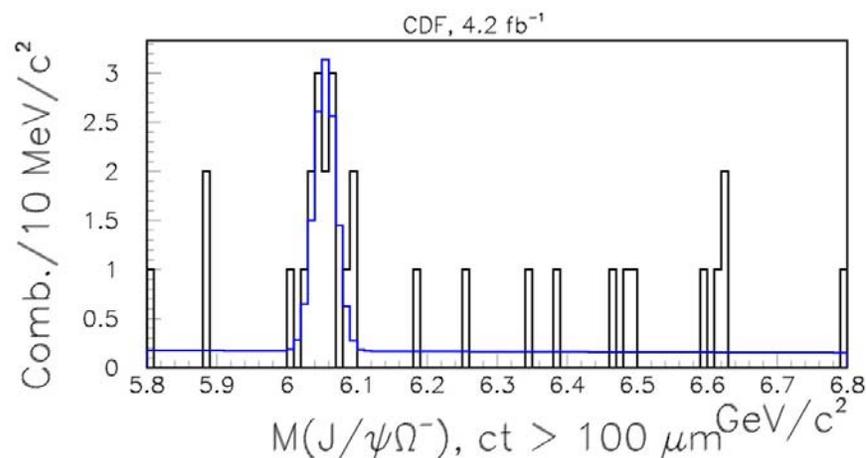
- Two tests are used to determine the significance of the candidate signal in the  $J/\psi\Omega^-$  sample.
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  - $\Delta 2\ln\mathcal{L} = 27.9$

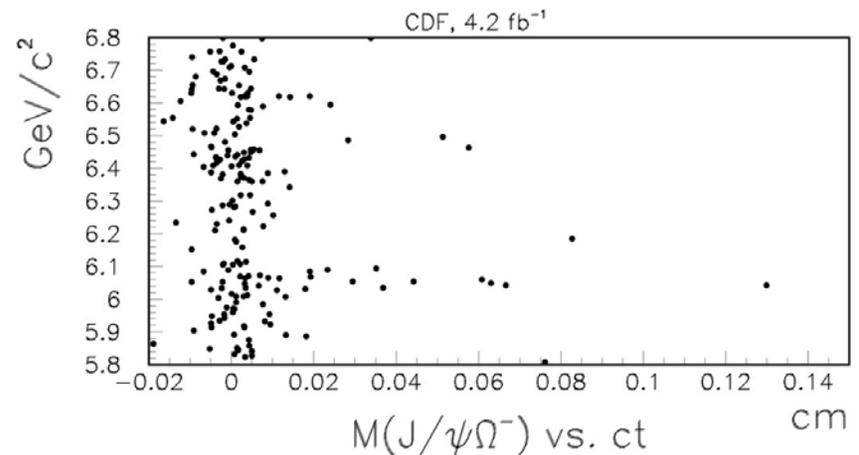


- Interpreted as  $P(\chi^2)$  with 2 d.o.f., =  $8.7 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $\Rightarrow 4.9\sigma$ 
  - Confirmed by simulation
    - Similar prob. For random background
    - $\pm 200 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  search range



# $\Omega_b^-$ Significance – Mass/Decay Time Distribution Test

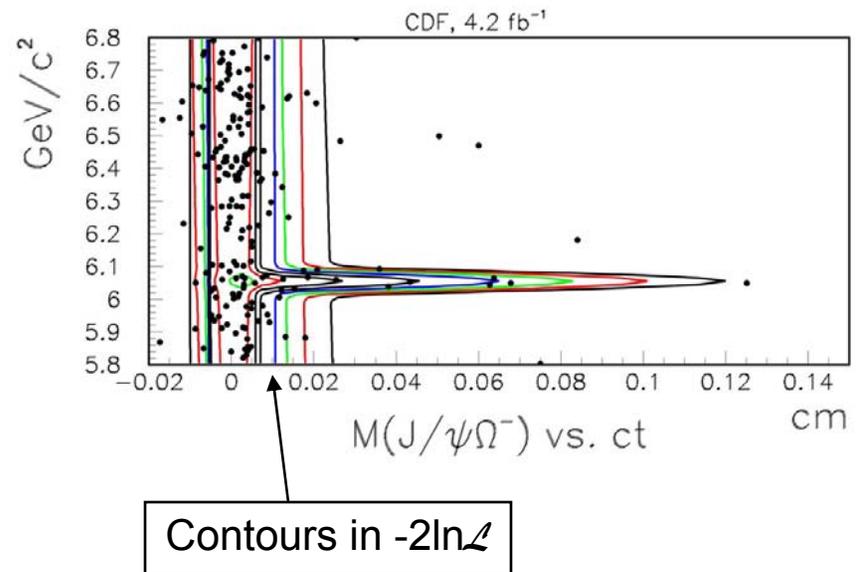
- Second method - ratio of likelihoods of the mass-decay time distribution.
  - P.D.F in mass is Gaussian signal and a flat background.
  - P.D.F. in time is resolution smeared
    - Exponential( $\tau_0$ ) for signal
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    - Delta function for prompt background
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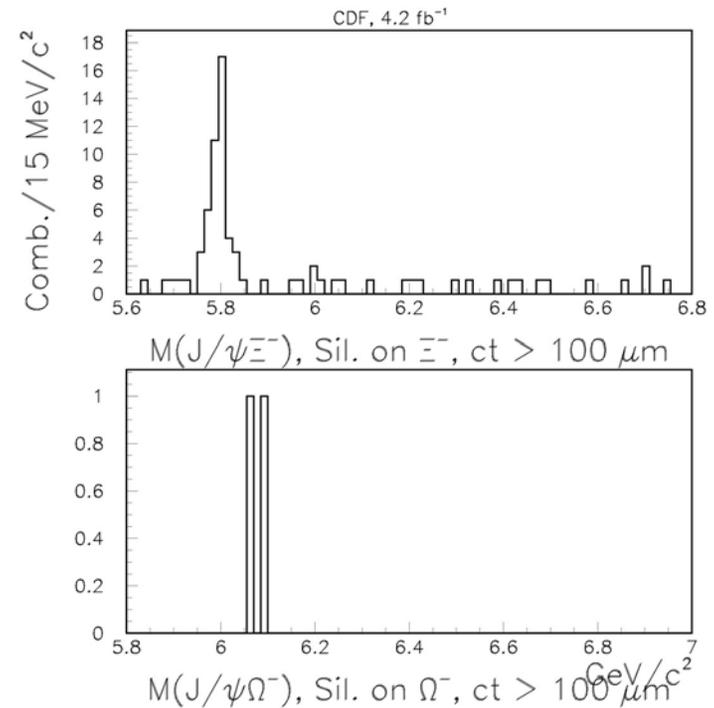
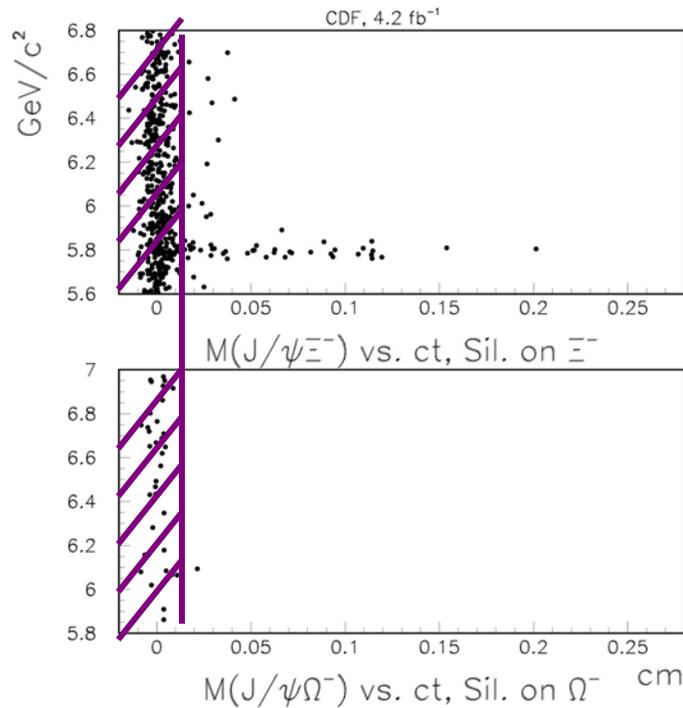
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  - Fit freely, and with the null hypothesis
  - $\Delta 2\ln\mathcal{L} = 37.3$



- Interpreted as  $P(\chi^2)$  with 3 d.o.f., =  $4.0 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $\Rightarrow 5.5\sigma$



# Can Silicon Help?



- $J/\psi \Xi^-$  and  $J/\psi \Omega^-$  samples, silicon on the  $\Xi^-$  or  $\Omega^-$  track
  - Obvious  $\Xi_b^-$  signal, but few  $J/\psi \Omega^-$  remain – acceptance is too low
- Next, move on to property measurements with a less restrictive sample

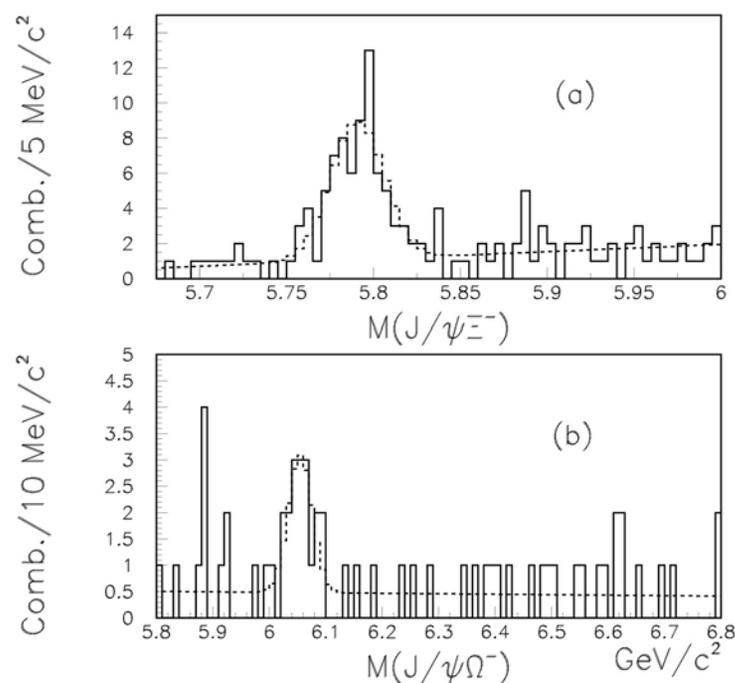
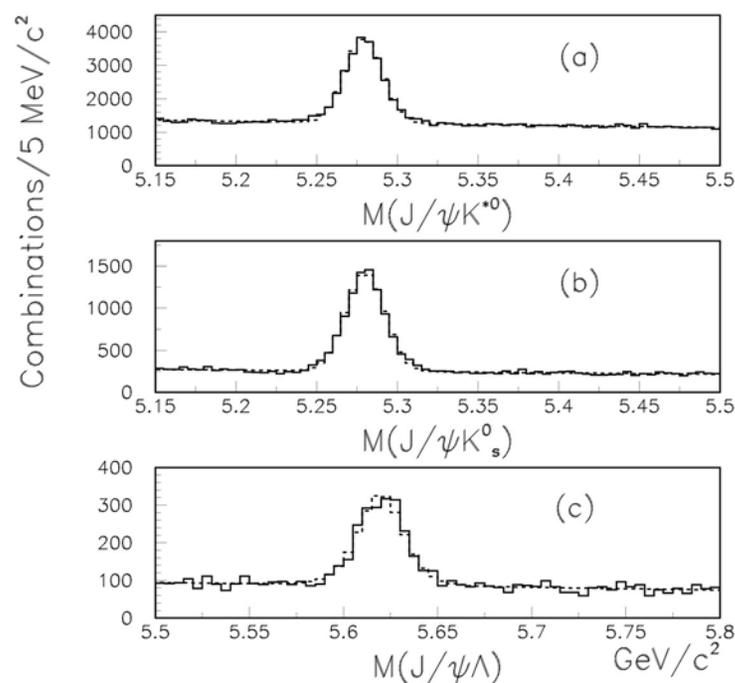


# Mass and Lifetime Measurements

- Masses and lifetimes are calculated for 5 final states
  - 3 are references ( $B^0$  in  $K^{*0}$  and  $K_s^0$  final states and  $\Lambda_b^0$ )
  - 2 are results ( $\Xi_b^-$ ,  $\Omega_b^-$ )
- Similar selection is used for all final states
  - Same  $J/\psi$  selection,  $p_T(B) > 6.0$ ,  $p_T(K/\Lambda/\Xi/\Omega) > 2.0$
  - Drop impact requirements – various efficiency for this
  - Mass windows set for hadrons, full fit  $P(\chi^2) > 10^{-4}$
- Unbinned mass fit applied to  $ct > 100 \mu\text{m}$  samples
- Unbinned mass, binned lifetime fit applied to whole samples.



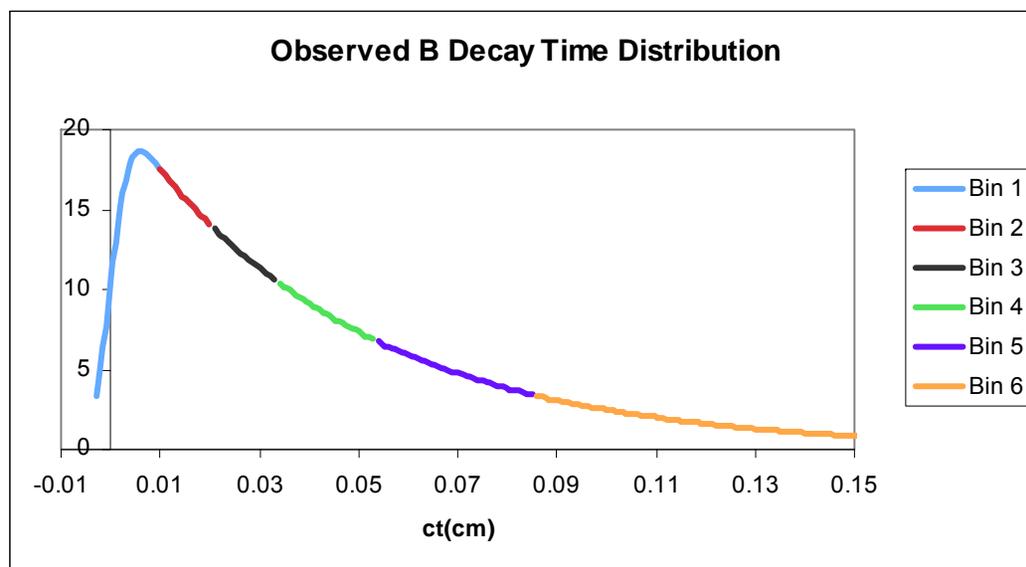
# Mass Measurements, Data and Fits



- Mass distributions for  $ct > 100 \mu\text{m}$  samples
  - Dashed lines are fit projections
  - Note, resolution is  $\sim 12\text{-}16 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  for all



# Binned Lifetime Calculation

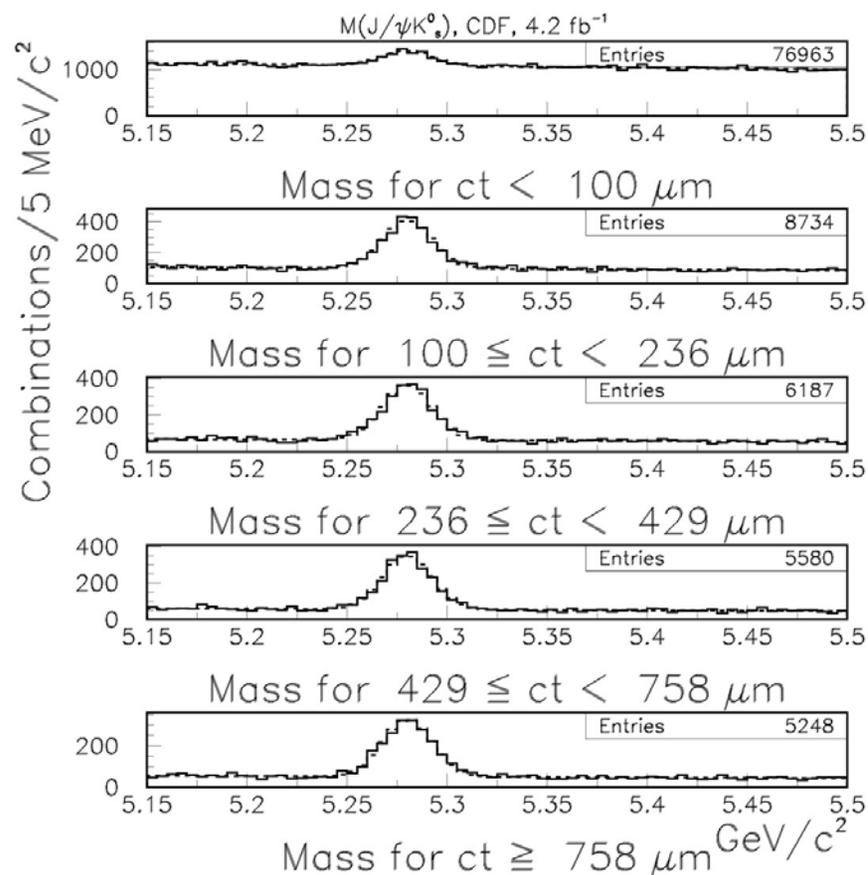


- Lifetime is calculated by binning the events in decay time.
  - Fit the mass distributions in each bin – count the candidates
  - Fit the lifetime to the distribution of candidates among the bins
- No need to model the background lifetime



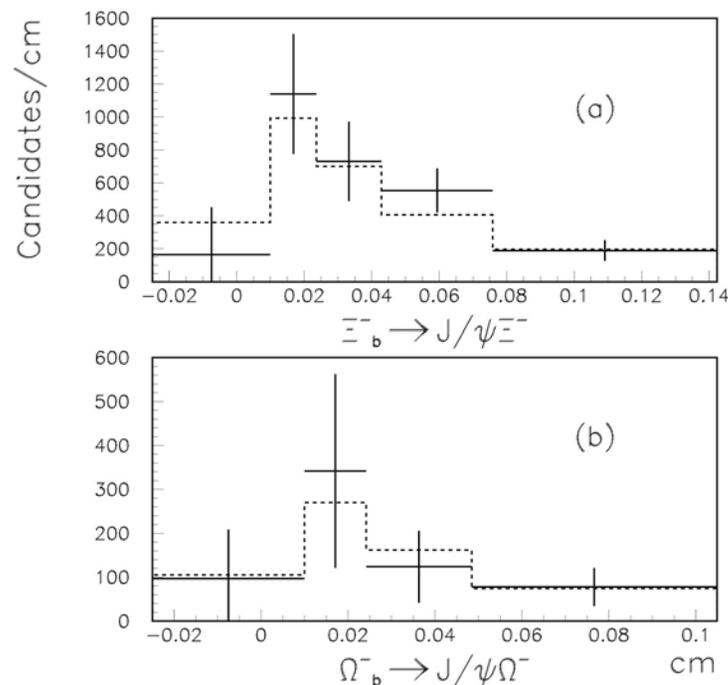
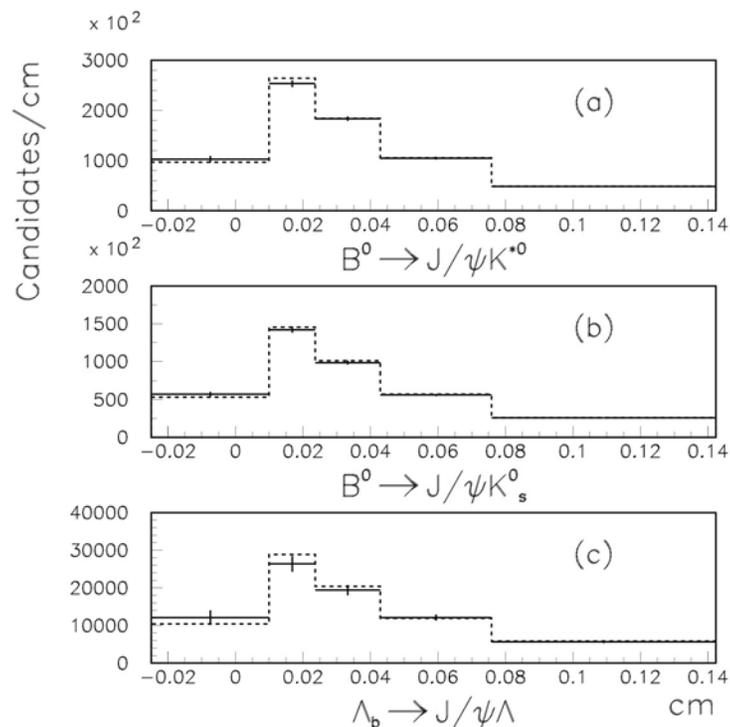
# A Binned Lifetime Demonstration

- Here is a demonstration on the full  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s^0$  sample.
  - Bin boundaries are indicated.
    - ~20% area in each time range
  - Projections of the mass fits are overlaid on the data.
- Fit results -
  - Yield:  $9424 \pm 167$
  - Mass:  $5280.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 
    - PDG:  $5279.53 \pm 0.33 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $c\tau_0$ :  $448 \pm 7 \mu\text{m}$ 
    - PDG:  $459 \pm 3 \mu\text{m}$





# Lifetime Measurements, Data and Fits



- Binned lifetime fit distributions
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# Mass and Lifetime Results

	Mass (MeV)			Lifetime( $\mu\text{m}$ )		
References	$B^0(K^{*0})$	5279.2	$\pm 0.2$	453	$\pm 6$	
	$B^0(K_s^0)$	5280.2	$\pm 0.2$	448	$\pm 7$	
	$\Lambda_b$	5620.3	$\pm 0.5$	472	$\pm 17$	
	$\Xi_b$	5790.9	$\pm 2.6$	468	$^{+82}_{-74}$	
	$\Omega_b$	6054.4	$\pm 6.8$	340	$^{+160}_{-120}$	
				Results		

- 2.0 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> shift in  $\Xi_b^-$  from 1.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> measurement - PRL 99,052002(2007)
- Systematic uncertainty on mass – 0.8 ( $\Xi_b^-$ ) and 0.9( $\Omega_b^-$ ) MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - 0.55 MeV from  $B^0(K_s)$  error – scale by 80% for kinetic energy in the decay
  - 0.5 MeV from  $\Lambda_b$  resolution treatment (considered largest possible)
  - 0.3 MeV from  $\Omega^-$  mass
- Systematic uncertainty on lifetime – 1.3% overall
  - 2  $\mu\text{m}$  from  $\sigma^{\text{ct}}$  treatment – range is 15-40  $\mu\text{m}$  in  $B^0$
  - 5  $\mu\text{m}$  from binning



# Production Rate Measurements

- We have access to the product of cross section times branching fraction.
  - We will measure ratios, with respect to the  $\Lambda_b^0$ :
    - Only other  $b$ -baryon with a large sample
- Problem –
  - Experiment's acceptance is  $p_T$  dependent
    - This can be simulated
  - Cross section is  $p_T$  dependent
    - This is unknown in detail
  - Limited data sample requires integration over  $p_T$ 
    - No  $\Xi_b^-$  or  $\Omega_b^-$  candidates above 20 GeV/c

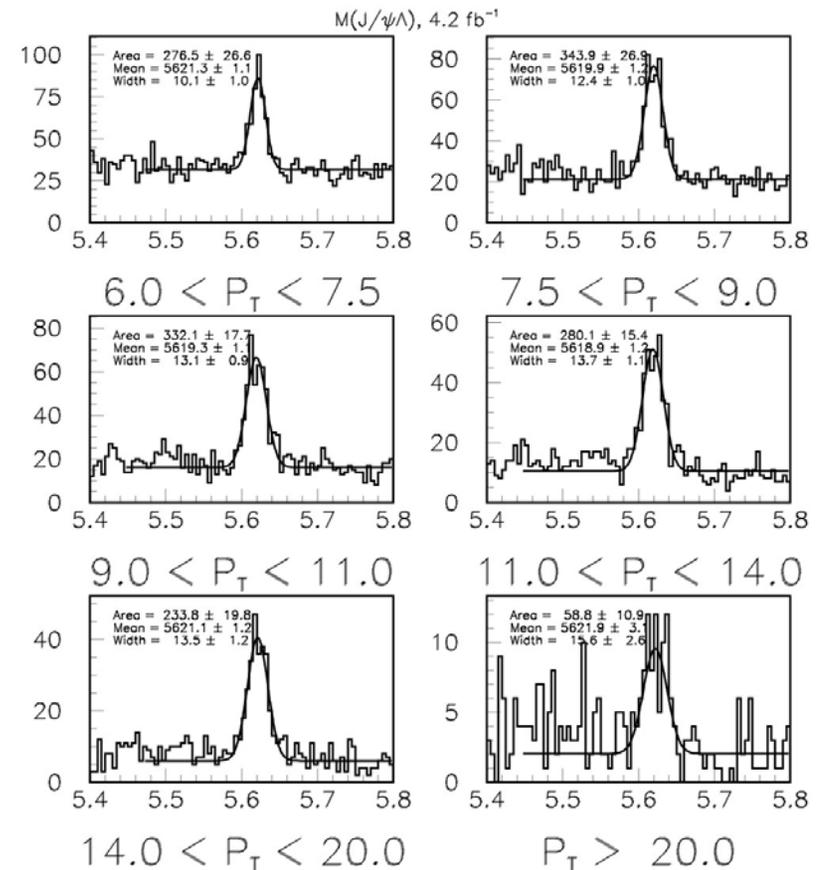
$$\frac{\sigma B(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi_b^-)}{\sigma B(\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda)}$$

$$\frac{\sigma B(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow J/\psi \Omega_b^-)}{\sigma B(\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda)}$$



# $\Lambda_b$ Yield vs. $p_T$

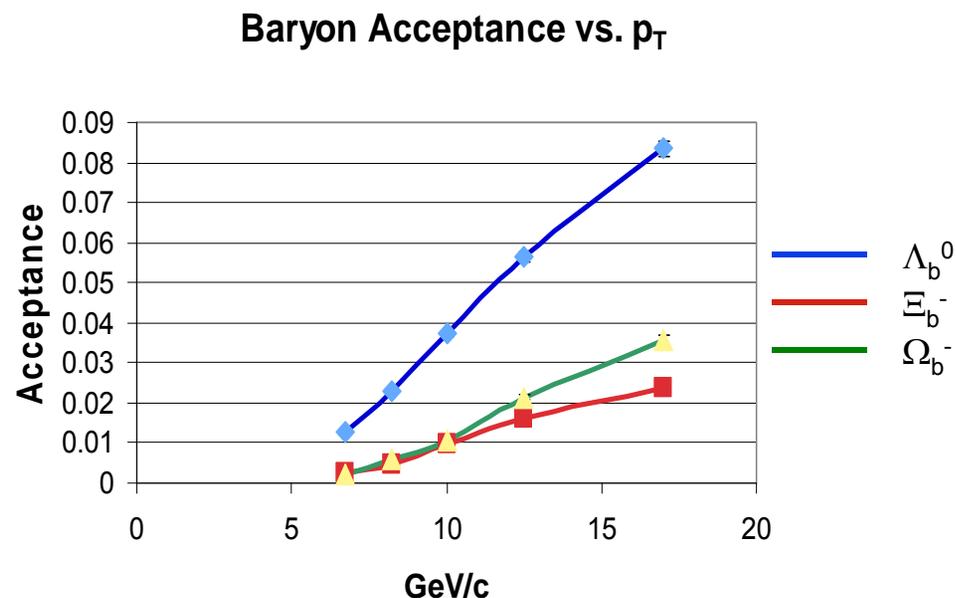
- Use the data to perform the integration
  - We assume that production kinematics of the  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$  is the same as the  $\Lambda_b^0$ .
- The  $\Lambda_b^0$  sample
  - $ct > 100 \mu\text{m}$  requirement
- Gaussian fits give  $\Lambda_b^0$  yield vs.  $p_T$ 
  - Five bins over 6-20 GeV/c are used





# Relative Rates

- Acceptance vs.  $p_T$  is obtained from simulation
  - Provides  $\Lambda_b^0$  production vs.  $p_T$
- $\Lambda_b^0$  production fractions are then used to obtain an integrated acceptance for the  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$  in a limited range of  $p_T$  (6-20 GeV/c).
  - $\Lambda_b^0$  :  $3.1 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-2}$
  - $\Xi_b^-$  :  $6.7 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$
  - $\Omega_b^-$  :  $9.0 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-3}$





# Relative Rates

- The lifetime fits over  $6.0 < p_T < 20$  GeV/c also produce total yields
  - $\Lambda_b^0$ :  $1812 \pm 61$
  - $\Xi_b^-$ :  $66^{+14}_{-9}$
  - $\Omega_b^-$ :  $16^{+6}_{-4}$
- These are combined with acceptances to give

$$\frac{\sigma B(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Xi_b^-)}{\sigma B(\Lambda_b \rightarrow J / \psi \Lambda)} = 0.167^{+0.037}_{-0.025}$$

$$\frac{\sigma B(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Omega_b^-)}{\sigma B(\Lambda_b \rightarrow J / \psi \Lambda)} = 0.045^{+0.017}_{-0.012}$$



# Relative Rates

- Systematic uncertainties on the rates:
  - Simulation sample size plus  $\Lambda_b^0$  sample gives  $\sim 6\%$
  - Tracking simulation – 3% (five tracks, no credit for the ratio)
  - K/ $\pi$  difference in tracking due to material - 0.3%
  - $\Omega$ - branching fraction – 1%
  - $\Lambda_b^0$  lifetime ( $\pm 50 \mu\text{m}$ ) – 2.5%
  - $\Omega_b^-$  mass ( $\pm 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) - 5%
- Total systematic uncertainty of 7% for  $\Xi_b^-$ , 9% for  $\Omega_b^-$
- Final rate ratios
  - $\Xi_b^-: 0.167^{+0.037}_{-0.025} \pm 0.012$
  - $\Omega_b^-: 0.045^{+0.017}_{-0.012} \pm 0.004$



# Summary of Results

- CDF observes the  $\Omega_b^-$ .
- CDF measures relative rates of production
  - Over the range  $6.0 < p_T < 20$  GeV/c
  - Assume the kinematic distributions are identical for the  $\Lambda_b^0$

$$\frac{\sigma B(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Xi_b^-)}{\sigma B(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J / \psi \Lambda)} = 0.167_{-0.025}^{+0.037} (stat.) \pm 0.012(syst.)$$

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- CDF measures  $b$ -baryon masses:
  - $\Xi_b^-$ :  $5790.9 \pm 2.6(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\Omega_b^-$ :  $6054.4 \pm 6.8(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- CDF measures  $b$ -baryon lifetimes
  - $\Xi_b^-$ :  $1.56^{+0.27}_{-0.25}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.02(\text{syst.}) \text{ ps}$ 
    - First in a fully reconstructed state.
  - $\Omega_b^-$ :  $1.13^{+0.53}_{-0.40}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.02(\text{syst.}) \text{ ps}$ 
    - First ever



# $\Omega_b^-$ - Measurements Compared to D0

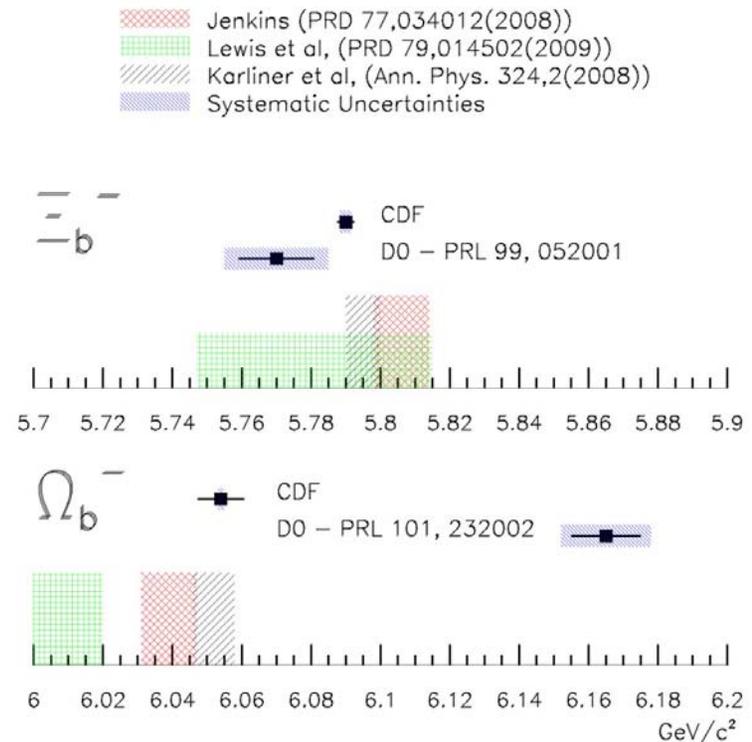
- D0 finds  $M(\Omega_b^-) = 6165 \pm 10(\text{stat.}) \pm 13(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 
  - PRL **101**, 232002(2008)
- We find  $M(\Omega_b^-)_{\text{D0}} - M(\Omega_b^-)_{\text{CDF}} = 111 \pm 12(\text{stat.}) \pm 14(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 
  - Significant disagreement
- D0 finds 
$$\frac{f(b \rightarrow \Omega_b^-) B(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Omega^-)}{f(b \rightarrow \Xi_b^-) B(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Xi^-)} = 0.80 \pm 0.32^{+0.14}_{-0.22}$$
- CDF finds 
$$\frac{\sigma B(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Omega^-)}{\sigma B(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J / \psi \Xi^-)} = 0.27 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.01$$



# $b$ -Baryon Masses

- CDF results are from this work
- Two results by two groups are at odds
  - Consistency with the  $\Xi_b^-$
  - Inconsistency with the  $\Omega_b^-$
- Resolution of this puzzle can only come with more measurements
  - CDF – other channels?
  - D0 – more  $J/\psi$  sample?

Measured and Predicted Masses for the  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$





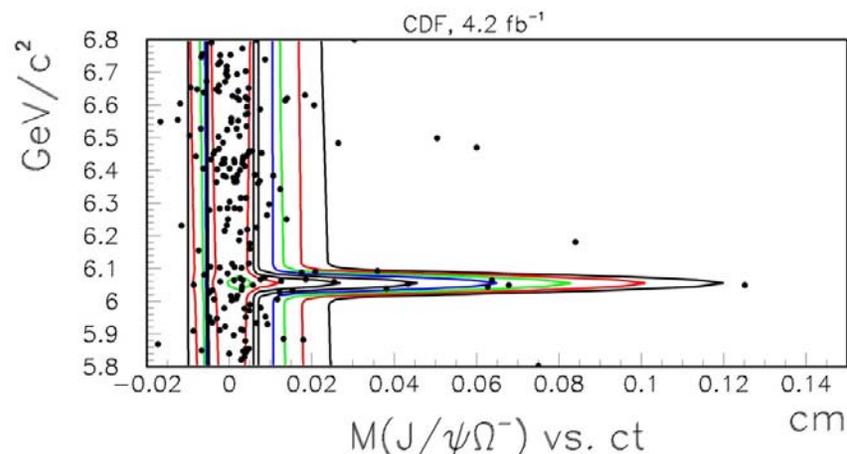
# Conclusions

- CDF performs a “cut-based” selection on its  $J/\psi$  sample in  $4.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .
  - Cut on  $p_T$ , mass ranges, track and constrained fit quality
- Samples of  $B^0$ ,  $\Lambda_b^0$ ,  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$  are isolated.
- Mass, lifetime, and relative production rate measurements are performed on the  $\Xi_b^-$  and  $\Omega_b^-$ .
  - Plentiful  $B^0$  and  $\Lambda_b^0$  serve as cross checks and motivate systematics.
- These strange  $b$ -baryons are simply additional members of a rich program of fully reconstructed  $b$ -hadrons obtained in the CDF  $J/\psi$  sample.



# $\Omega_b^-$ Significance – Mass/Decay Time Distribution Test

- Second method - ratio of likelihoods of the mass-decay time distribution.
  - P.D.F in mass is Gaussian signal and a flat background.
  - P.D.F. in time is resolution smeared
    - Exponential( $\tau_0$ ) for signal
    - Exponential( $\tau_b$ ) for b-background
    - Delta function for prompt background
  - Fit freely, and with the null hypothesis
  - $\Delta 2\ln\mathcal{L} = 37.3$



- Interpreted as  $P(\chi^2)$  with 3 d.o.f., =  $4.0 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $\Rightarrow 5.5\sigma$
- Fit results:
  - Mass:  $6055.5 \pm 6.6$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - $c\tau_0$ :  $338 \pm 100$   $\mu\text{m}$
  - Yield:  $18 \pm 5$



# Cross-check the Simulation with the $B^0$

$p_T$ (Gev/c)	$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$	$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s^0$	$\mathcal{B}(K^0)/\mathcal{B}(K^{*0})$
6.0-7.5	2640 $\pm$ 74	1196 $\pm$ 52	0.59 $\pm$ 0.04
7.5-9.0	2687 $\pm$ 52	1361 $\pm$ 50	0.64 $\pm$ 0.03
9-11	3189 $\pm$ 49	1685 $\pm$ 34	0.63 $\pm$ 0.03
11-14	3243 $\pm$ 54	1615 $\pm$ 50	0.64 $\pm$ 0.03
14-20	2787 $\pm$ 56	1321 $\pm$ 27	0.63 $\pm$ 0.03
6-20	14546 $\pm$ 129	7178 $\pm$ 98	0.628 $\pm$ 0.014

- We cross-check the simulation with the  $B^0$  Branching Fraction Ratio
- From the data, and the simulated events, we get

$$\frac{\sigma(B^0)B(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^0)}{\sigma(B^0)B(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0})} = \frac{4 N_{data}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s) N_{sim}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0})}{3 N_{data}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}) N_{sim}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s)}$$

- This is solved for several bins in  $p_T$ .
- Results are self consistent
- PDG value is  $0.655 \pm 0.038$ .
  - We're consistent, and better (stat. only)