



# Measurement of inclusive $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$ branching fractions using Belle data and hadronic Full Event Interpretation

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## Abstract

Inclusive  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  branching fractions were measured most recently by BaBar collaboration. However, the measurement still presented a poor accuracy. A more precise measurement of inclusive  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  branching fraction could be useful to gain a better confidence on B meson weak decays treatment. With help of the Full Event Interpretation algorithm, it is possible to perform a more precise measurement of inclusive  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  branching fractions using Belle data set.



# Changelog

## Version 1.0

Version for first review

- introduced the argumentation about the crossfeed ratio parametrization in Sec.??
- updated ?? in Sec.??, Table ??, ?? and ?? (adjusting the comments)
- changed the linearity tests plots for charged correlated decays ( ?? - ?? and Fig. 35 and Fig. 36 for anticorrelated decays)
- updated the systematics for charged correlated decays: summary Table ??, ?? updated with the results from the 2D fit (having the crossfeed ratio param.), same for ??. And for charged anticorrelated decays: summary Table 8 and Sections 6.8 -6.9.
- added the section about the systematics deriving from the parametrization of crossfeed normalization in the 2D fit (?? and in charged anticorrelated decays Sec. 5.10 ), which takes into account the statistical uncertainties of the parameters.
- added the sections about the crossfeed peaking fraction in the 2D fit for anticorrelated decays (?? and Sec. 5.11)
- Updated Table 7 for anticorrelated decays and also the corresponding plots.
- updated Table 12 for BR values of charged anticorrelated decays
- in the control sample chapter, updated Section 5.6 for the 2D fit on data, just adding the 2D fit performed on data using the parametrized normalization of crossfeed background, with results. And in the last section Sec. 4.13 added the new BR measured value for data.
- added Tracking efficiency to the systematics (see Sections 4.15 - 6.14)
- updated Sec. 4.13 for systematics on the control decay
- added Figures 51 , 52 and 53 in Appendix .2 relative to the optimized cuts discussed in Sec. 4.3
- corrected ??

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# 1 Introduction

Inclusive  $B$  meson baryonic decays with a  $\Lambda_c$  baryon in the final state are the most abundant, due to a relatively large  $V_{cb}$  element of the CKM matrix. The *BaBar* experiment measured their branching fractions to be around the percent level (see ref. [1]). However, the branching fractions were determined with big uncertainties: nearly 50% on the measured values or, in the case of the  $B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$  decay, only an upper limit could be established. A more precise measurement of inclusive  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  branching fractions may shed light on the appropriateness of  $B$  meson weak decays treatment, particularly of strong interaction effects modelling. Predictions for inclusive branching fractions are given, for example, in ref. [2] or in [3] for  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c p$  decays.

Exploiting the Full Event Interpretation (FEI) algorithm, developed for the Belle II experiment, it may be possible to perform a more precise measurement of inclusive  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  branching fractions, using the full Belle data set. A more precise measurement may also trigger further research on currently scarce theory predictions for  $B$  meson decays to charm baryons.

## 1.1 Analysis Setup

The reconstruction is performed with BASF2 release 05-02-03 together with the `b2bii` package in order to convert the *Belle* MDST files (BASF data format) to *Belle II* MDST files (BASF2 data format). The FEI version used is `FEI_B2BII_light-2012-minos`.

## 1.2 Datasets

The Belle detector acquired a dataset of about  $L_0 \approx 710 fb^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity in its lifetime at the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  energy of 10.58 GeV, which corresponds to about  $771 \times 10^6 B\bar{B}$  meson pairs. Additionally, several streams of Monte-Carlo (MC) samples were produced, where each stream of MC corresponds to the same amount of data that was taken with the detector. No specific signal MC was used: instead of producing dedicated signal MC samples, the samples were obtained by filtering the decays of interest from the generic on-resonance MC samples. The following samples were used in this analysis:

- data
- MC - 10 streams of  $B^+B^-$  and  $B^0\bar{B}^0$  (denoted as `charged` and `mixed`) for signal decays and backgrounds.
  - 6 streams of  $q\bar{q}$  produced at  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance energy
  - 6 streams of  $q\bar{q}$  produced at 60 MeV below  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance energy, where each stream corresponds to  $1/10 \times L_0$ .

## 2 Event selection and reconstruction

In this chapter the procedure for reconstruction of the events where one  $B$  meson decays inclusively to a  $\Lambda_c$  baryon and the accompanying  $B$  meson decays hadronically.

### 2.1 $B_{tag}$ reconstruction

The FEI is an exclusive tagging algorithm that uses machine learning to reconstruct  $B$  meson decay chains and calculates the probability that these decay chains correctly describe the true process. In this analysis only hadronically reconstructed decay chains are considered. The training called `FEI_B2BII_light-2012-minos` is used. Tag-side  $B$  meson candidates are required to have a beam-constrained mass greater than  $5.22 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and  $-0.15 < \Delta E < 0.07 \text{ GeV}$ .

In the case of multiple candidates in the same event, the candidate with the highest SignalProbability (the signal probability calculated by FEI using FastBDT) is chosen. To suppress the background consisting of  $B^0$  events misreconstructed as  $B^+$  (and vice-versa) from neutral (charged) decays also a  $B^0$  ( $B^+$ ) candidate is reconstructed with FEI and if its SignalProbability is higher than the charged (neutral) reconstructed  $B$  meson, the event is discarded. This constitutes a sort of crossfeed-veto, rejecting part of events belonging to the other typology of decays of interest: for example in the case one is interested in reconstructing  $B^{+/-}$  decays and the event actually contains  $B^0/\bar{B}^0$  decays, the FEI reconstructed neutral  $B$  meson candidate most likely presents a higher SignalProbability than the charged FEI reconstructed candidate.

### 2.2 $\Lambda_c$ reconstruction

In the *rest of event* (ROE) of the reconstructed  $B_{tag}$  meson, to select  $\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK\pi$  signal candidates, the following event selection criteria are applied (same PID cuts were used for example in the Belle Note 1521 [https://belle.kek.jp/secured/belle\\_note/gn1521/BN\\_v1.pdf](https://belle.kek.jp/secured/belle_note/gn1521/BN_v1.pdf)). Charged tracks with the impact parameters perpendicular to and along the nominal interaction point (IP) are required to be less than 2 cm and 4 cm respectively ( $dr < 2 \text{ cm}$  and  $|dz| < 4 \text{ cm}$ ).

The pion tracks are required to be identified with  $\frac{\mathcal{L}_\pi}{\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi} > 0.6$ . The kaon tracks are required to be identified with  $\frac{\mathcal{L}_K}{\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi} > 0.6$ , and the proton/anti-proton tracks are required to be identified with  $\frac{\mathcal{L}_{p/\bar{p}}}{\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_{p/\bar{p}}} > 0.6$  and  $\frac{\mathcal{L}_{p/\bar{p}}}{\mathcal{L}_\pi + \mathcal{L}_{p/\bar{p}}} > 0.6$ , where the  $\mathcal{L}_{\pi,K,p/\bar{p}}$  are the likelihoods for pion, kaon, proton/anti-proton, respectively, determined using the ratio of the energy deposit in the ECL to the momentum measured in the SVD and CDC, the shower shape in the ECL, the matching between the position of charged track trajectory and the cluster position in the ECL, the hit information from the ACC and the  $dE/dx$  information in the CDC.

For the  $\Lambda_c$  candidates a vertex fit is performed with `TreeFitter`, requiring it to converge. If there are more than one  $\Lambda_c$  combination, then the best candidate based on the  $\chi^2$  probability is chosen. The  $\Lambda_c$  signal region is defined to be  $|M_{\Lambda_c} - m_{\Lambda_c}| < 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ( $\sim$

73  $3\sigma$ ), here  $m_{\Lambda_c}$  is the nominal mass of  $m_{\Lambda_c}$ .

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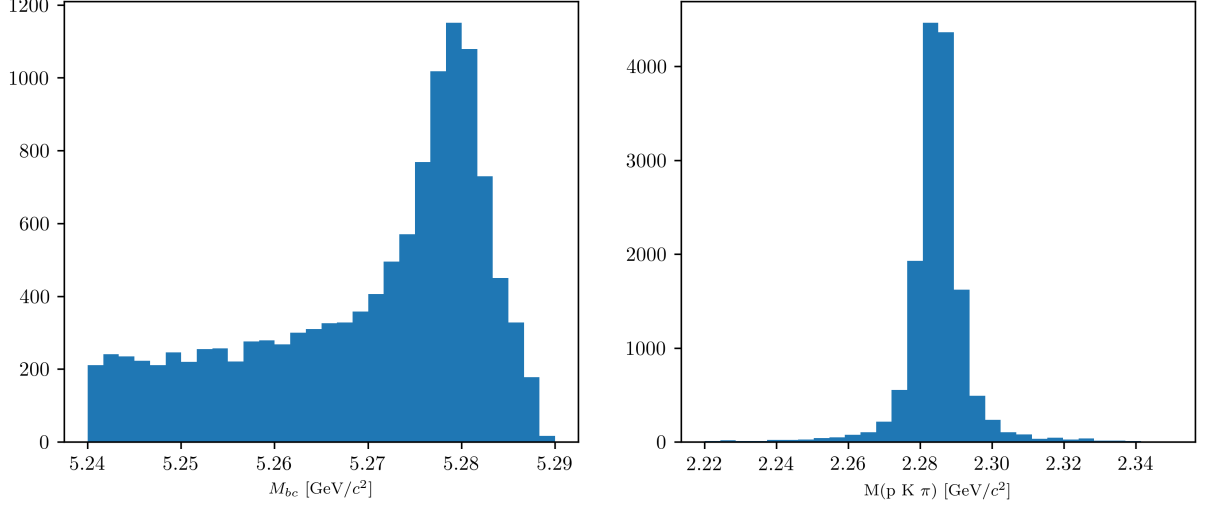


Figure (1)  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$  distributions of  $B_{tag}$  and  $\Lambda_c$  candidates reconstructed in the signal sample.

### 75 2.3 Wrongly reconstructed $B_{tag}$ candidates

76 In the case of the signal sample the distributions for the beam-constrained mass  $M_{bc}$  and  
77 for the correctly reconstructed  $\Lambda_c$  candidates, look like in Fig. 1. If one then investigates  
78 the  $M_{bc}$  distribution of the  $B_{tag}$  candidates reconstructed with FEI, it can be seen that  
79 there is a peaking structure for wrongly reconstructed  $B$  mesons (as in Fig. 2), according  
80 to the BASF2 internal truth matching variable **isSignal**. It is obvious from this that the  
81 BASF2 internal truth matching variable cannot be used to separate properly the signal  
82 events in correctly and wrongly reconstructed  $B$  mesons. In the study BELLE2-NOTE-TE-  
83 2021-026 [https://docs.belle2.org/record/2711/files/BELLE2-NOTE-TE-2021-026.](https://docs.belle2.org/record/2711/files/BELLE2-NOTE-TE-2021-026.pdf)  
84 pdf a possible solution was found developing new variables that can be used for an  
85 improved truth matching for the FEI (those variables were added to a newer BASF2  
86 release than the one used for this study). In the present study instead a more "traditional"  
87 approach was adopted: fitting the  $M_{bc}$  distribution with a sum of PDFs that account for the  
88 flat (background) component and the peaking (signal) component. The first component  
89 represents the combinatorial background, i.e.  $B$  mesons that were mis-reconstructed,  
90 and therefore those events are denoted from now on as "**misreconstructed signal**".  
91 The peaking component represents the correctly reconstructed signal events in  $M_{bc}$  and  
92 therefore denoted from now on as "**reconstructed signal**". Only the second one is then  
93 considered for the signal yield, while the first is counted as a background. To validate this  
94 method a control decay study was performed on the flavor correlated  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0$  channel.



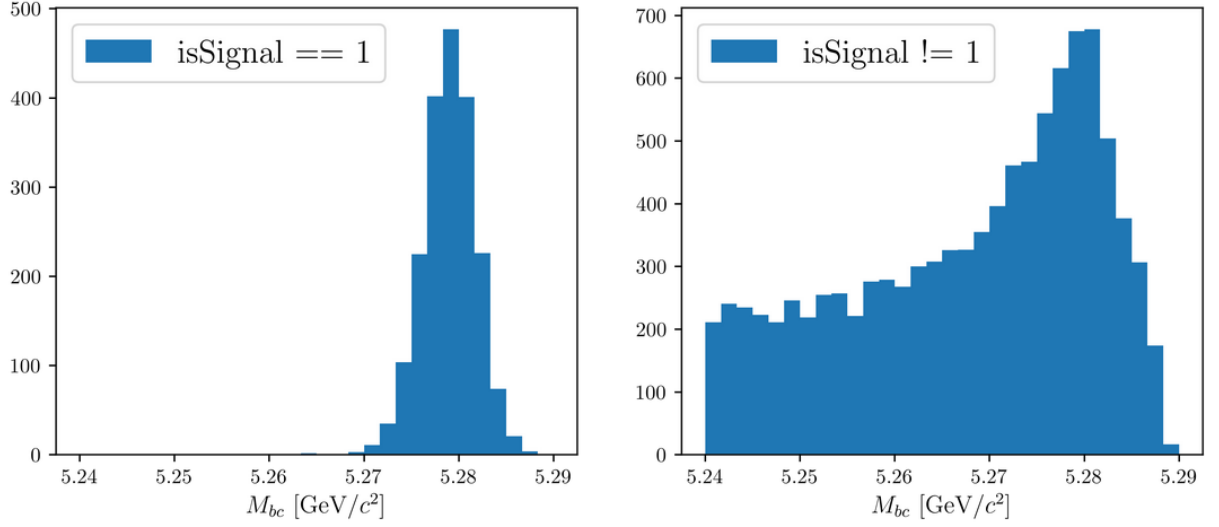


Figure (2)  $M_{bc}$  distribution of  $B_{tag}$  candidates reconstructed in the signal sample, truth-matched (on the left) and not (on the right).

### 3 Signal selection optimization

To further enhance the purity of the signal decays, an optimization procedure is adopted to determine optimal cuts for a set of variables for each decay mode under investigation by this study. The cuts on the following variables are optimized:

- *foxWolframR2*: the event based ratio of the 2-nd to the 0-th order Fox-Wolfram moments
- *SignalProbability*: the already mentioned signal probability calculated by FEI using FastBDT
- $p_{CMS}^{\Lambda_c}$ : momentum of the  $\Lambda_c$  candidates in the center of mass system

The optimization is based on the Figure Of Merit (FOM):  $FOM = \frac{S}{\sqrt{S+B}}$

Where S and B are respectively signal and background events in the signal region:  $M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ,  $2.2665 < M(pK\pi) < 2.3065 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ .

Due to the issue reported in Sec. 2.3, to separate signal events that peak in  $M_{bc}$  from the ones that are not (which are then categorized as background events), the events reconstructed in the signal sample are fitted with a sum of Crystal Ball function and Argus for each cut value on the corresponding variable to optimize (as in Fig. 3).

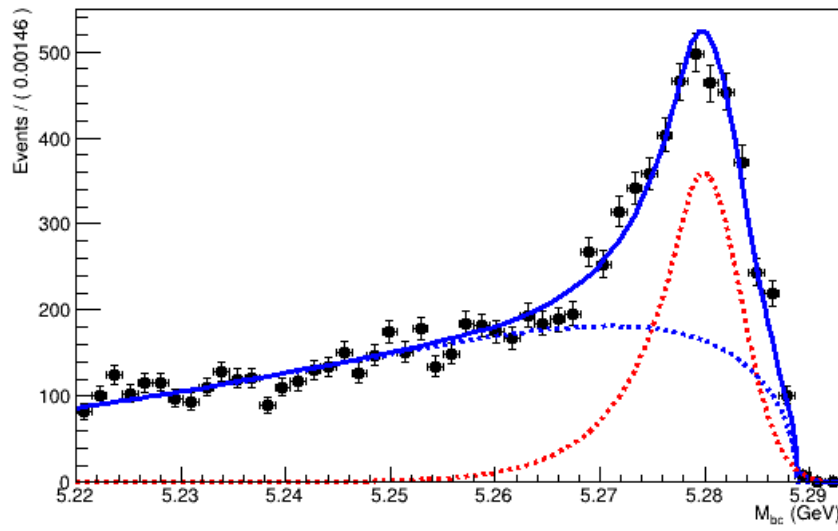


Figure (3) Example of a fit used to separate the correctly reconstructed  $B$  mesons (described by the red dotted Crystal Ball function) from the wrongly reconstructed ones (described by the blue dotted Argus function).

## 4 $B^- \rightarrow D^0$ control decay

To monitor the analysis steps, which are applied to both measured and simulated data, a control decay of the form

$$B^+ \rightarrow D^0 X, D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$$

is used. The statistics is much more abundant for this channel.

### 4.1 Dataset used

For this analysis the amount of data and Monte Carlo simulated data used was restricted to the SVD2 period: experiments ranging from 31 to 65. This choice was made to save processing time, anyway most of the  $B\bar{B}$  meson pairs were produced in this range of experiments ( $620 \times 10^6$  out of almost  $800 \times 10^6$ ).

### 4.2 Event selection and reconstruction

The approach used for the inclusive decays reconstruction is the same as for the  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  analysis. The same FEI training was used, though excluding the signal decay  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  from the decay chains used by the FEI to reconstruct the  $B_{tag}$ . Same preliminary selection criteria were applied to the tag-side  $B$  meson candidates as well. In the *rest of event* (ROE) of the reconstructed  $B_{tag}$  meson, to select  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  signal candidates, the following event selection criteria are applied:

- $dr < 2$  cm and  $|dz| < 4$  cm
- $\frac{\mathcal{L}_K}{\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi} > 0.6$

For the  $D^0$  candidates a vertex fit is performed with **TreeFitter**, requiring it to converge. If there are more than one  $D^0$  combination, then the best candidate based on the  $\chi^2$  probability is chosen. The  $D^0$  signal region is defined to be  $|M_{D^0} - m_{D^0}| < 30$  MeV/ $c^2$  ( $\sim 3\sigma$ ), where  $m_{D^0}$  is the nominal mass of  $D^0$ .

### 4.3 Signal selection optimization

Following the same procedure as for the  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  analysis, the optimized selection cuts obtained for the event based ratio of the 2-nd to the 0-th order Fox-Wolfram moments, the  $B_{tag}$  signal probability and the momentum of the  $D^0$  candidates in the center of mass system are<sup>1</sup>:

- $foxWolframR2 < 0.3$

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<sup>1</sup>illustrative plots can be found in Appendix .2

142 • SignalProbability > 0.004

143 •  $p_{CMS}^{D^0} > 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

144 Figure 4 shows the distributions of  $M_{bc}$  and invariant mass in the signal region<sup>2</sup> for the  
 145  $B^- \rightarrow D^0 X$  reconstructed events after the selection cuts were applied.

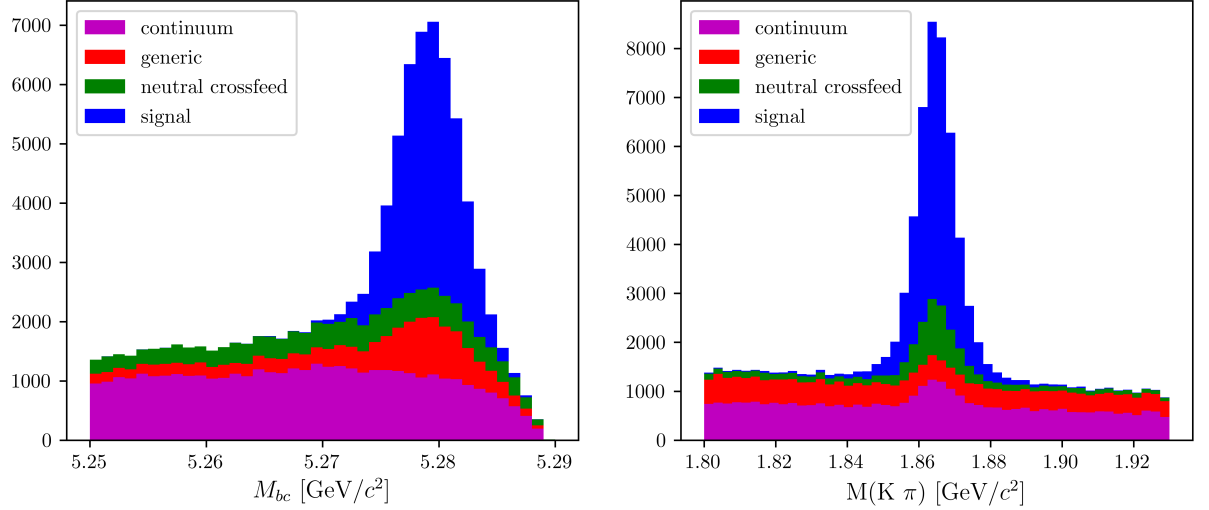


Figure (4) Distribution of  $M_{bc}$  (left) and invariant mass of charged correlated  $D^0$  candidates (right), in the signal region after the above mentioned selection cuts.

#### 146 4.4 Probability Density Functions (PDFs) for two dimensional 147 fit

148 As already said the main goal of the control sample analysis is to ensure that the method  
 149 used to extract the signal yields discriminating the correctly reconstructed from the  
 150 misreconstructed signal events by fitting is valid. The reconstructed events in  $M_{bc}$  are  
 151 fitted with a Crystal Ball, the misreconstructed signal with a Novosibirsk function. As in  
 152 the  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  analysis both components have a correspondent peak in the  $D^0$  mass which is  
 153 fitted with a sum of three gaussians with a common mean. The fitted distribution of  $M_{bc}$   
 154 and  $M(\pi K)$  are shown in Fig. 5 with signal MC sample.

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<sup>2</sup>signal region:  $M_{bc} > 5.27 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and  $|M_{D^0} - m_{D^0}| < 30 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

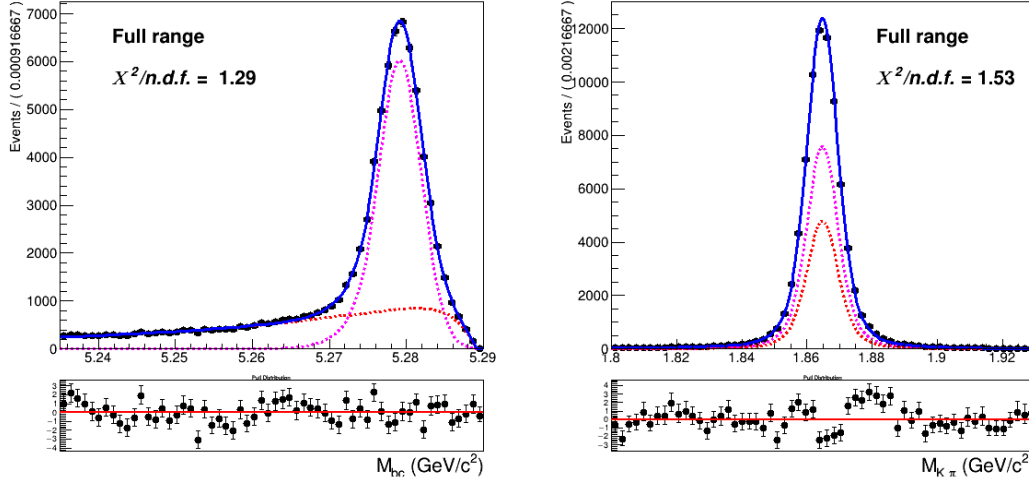


Figure (5) Two dimensional fit of total signal events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$  (in magenta reconstructed signal PDF, misreconstructed signal PDF in red)

As already seen in the  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  analysis besides the misreconstructed signal the other background components are:

- **generic** (charged  $B$ ) background
- **crossfeed** (neutral  $B$ ) background
- **continuum** background

### Generic background

The generic background deriving from other  $B^+B^-$  events presents a similar shape in  $M_{bc}$ : it is fitted again with a sum of Crystal Ball and Novosibirsk function. Instead the distribution in the  $D^0$  mass is fitted with a sum of first order Polynomial function and a small gaussian peak, which is due to the small amount of flavor anti-correlated  $B^+ \rightarrow D^0$  reconstructed events (see Fig. 6). The total two-dimensional PDF is a product of the one-dimensional PDFs in  $M_{bc}$  and  $D^0$  mass:

$$P_{B,D^0}^{GenBkg}(M_{bc}, M(K\pi)) = [\Gamma_{CB}(M_{bc}) + \Gamma_{Nov}(M_{bc})] \times [\rho_{pol1}(M(K\pi)) + \rho_G(M(K\pi))] \quad (1)$$

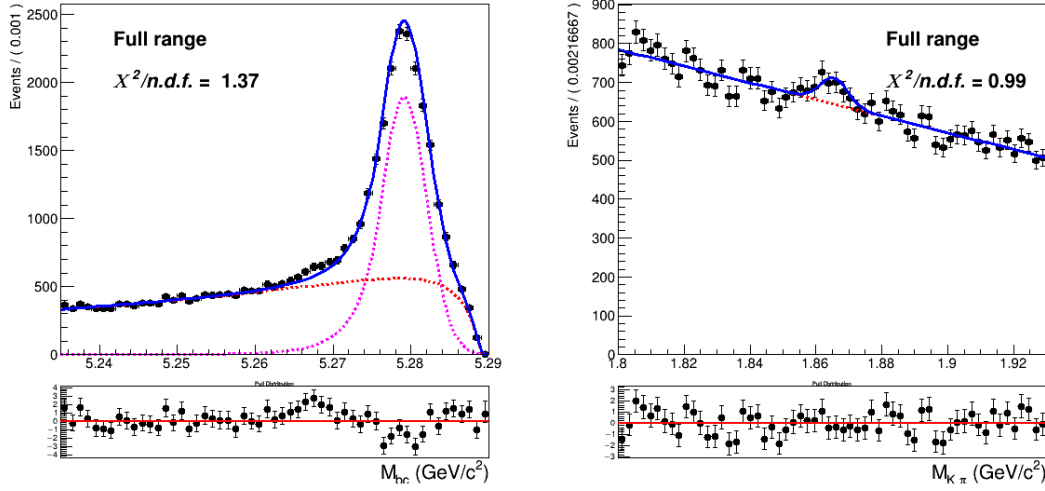


Figure (6) Two dimensional fit of generic ( $B^+B^-$ ) background events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(K\pi)$ .

167 **Crossfeed background** The crossfeed background deriving from  $B^0\bar{B}^0$  events is shown  
 168 in Fig. 7 The  $M_{bc}$  distribution is fitted with a sum of Novosibirsk and Argus functions.  
 169 The distribution in the  $D^0$  mass is fitted with a first order Chebyshev polynomial and the  
 170  $D^0$  mass peak is fitted with the same sum of three gaussians used to describe the signal  
 171 peak (same parametrization used already in  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  analysis).

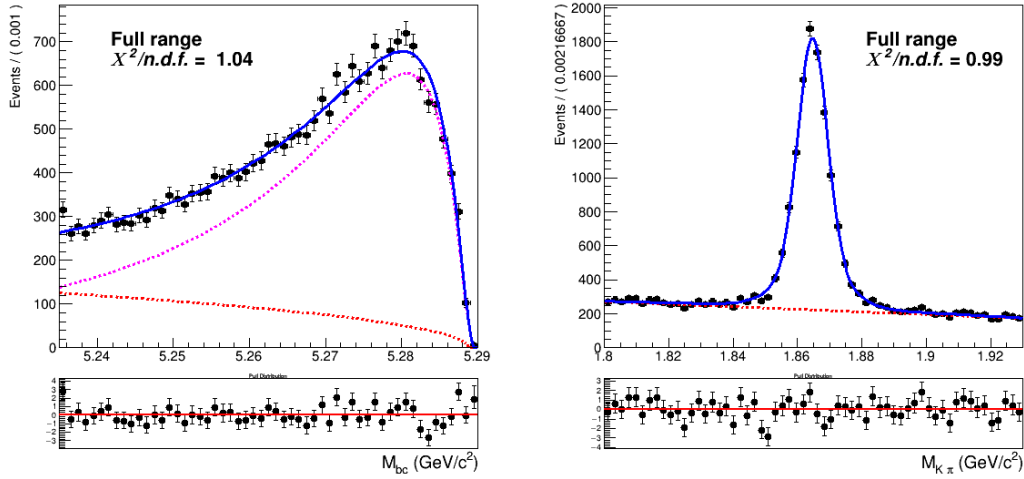


Figure (7) Two dimensional fit of crossfeed ( $B^0\bar{B}^0$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(K\pi)$ .

## 172 Continuum background

173 The procedure adopted to model the continuum background is the same used for the  
 174  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  decays, but in this case the available statistics is enough to perform the scaling  
 175 with all the selection cuts also in the case of the two-dimensional fit (not removing the  
 176 continuum suppression).

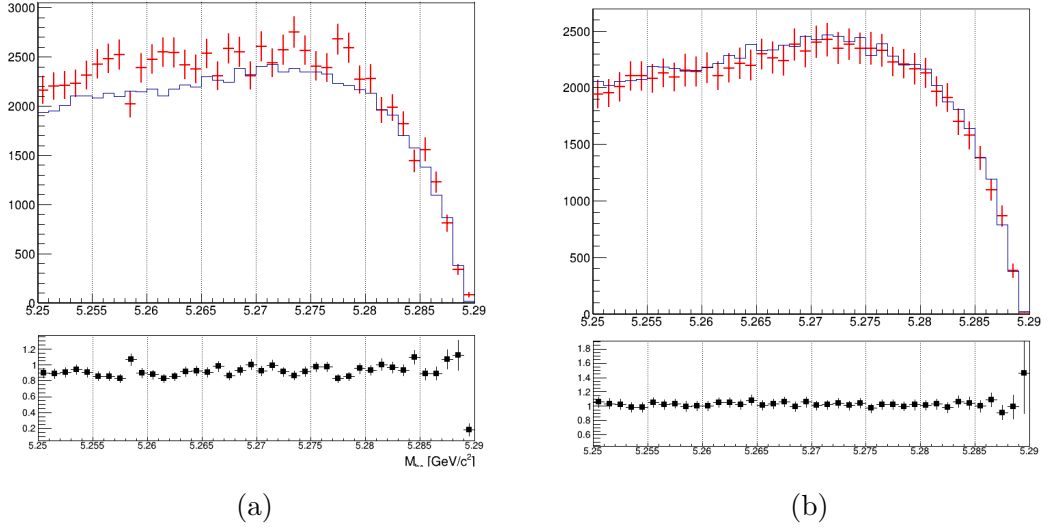


Figure (8) In Fig. 8a  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the MC (scaled) off-resonance sample (in red) and on-resonance (in blue). In Fig. 8b  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the corrected scaled off-resonance and on-resonance MC continuum.

For each bin a correction factor is calculated, in order to have a reasonable match with the expected continuum background. Fig. 8b shows the applied correction on an independent MC sample. As in the case of  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  analysis, then the resulting  $M_{bc}$  distribution is fitted with a Novosibirsk function, whereas the  $D^0$  mass distribution is fitted with a sum of first order Chebyshev polynomial and the sum of three gaussians used to describe the signal peak (as shown in Fig. 9). The fraction of events in the peak is the same in on- and off-resonance MC. This method is applied also to scale the off-resonance data.

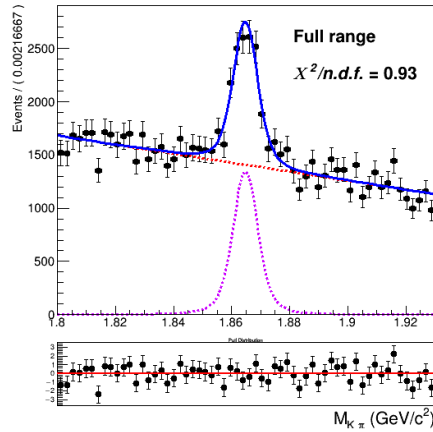


Figure (9)  $D^0$  mass fit of scaled off-resonance Monte Carlo

## 4.5 2D Fit on Monte Carlo simulated data

As in the  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  study, five streams of Monte Carlo simulated data have been used to get values for the shaping parameters for the individual components described in the previous section and the fit model is tested on an independent stream.

For the six fits, the same conditions were applied to the widths:

- $\sigma_{G1}$ : the width of the wider of the three Gaussian functions in  $\rho_G(M(K\pi))$
- $\sigma_{CB}$  parameter for the Crystal Ball describing the signal
- the  $\sigma_{CB}$  parameter for the Crystal Ball describing the generic background is expressed as function of the signal  $\sigma_{CB}$  with a ratio fixed from the MC.

For the fits on Monte Carlo simulated data the crossfeed normalization is expressed as ratio of its contribution and the misreconstructed signal as found in MC and kept fixed (to see how the parametrized form impacts a fit on data is then performed). Exemplary, the distributions of stream 0 overlaid by the fitted PDF are depicted in Fig. 10 (see Appendix .2 for the projections of signal regions and sidebands).

In Table 1 the yields for reconstructed and misreconstructed signal are listed for each stream.

stream	0	1	2	3	4	5
NrecSig	$56986 \pm 400$	$57766 \pm 437$	$55607 \pm 426$	$57068 \pm 372$	$58385 \pm 369$	$57501 \pm 437$
NmisSig	$31453 \pm 321$	$30513 \pm 350$	$32580 \pm 350$	$33340 \pm 399$	$29966 \pm 390$	$32012 \pm 355$

Table (1) reconstructed and misreconstructed signal yields obtained fitting 6 independent streams

To be sure that the PDFs enables us to extract the signal yield in an unbiased way, the sum of reconstructed and misreconstructed signal yields, i.e. total signal, from the fits are compared to the true values of each stream (Table 2). There are quite some differences between the fitted signal yield and the true values in individual streams. However, all these deviations are within statistical expectations.



streams	fit	MC truth	fit - MC truth	
stream 0	$88439 \pm 340$	88144	+ 295	(+0.33%)
stream 1	$88279 \pm 361$	88551	-272	(- 0.31%)
stream 2	$88187 \pm 360$	88487	-300	(- 0.34%)
stream 3	$90408 \pm 372$	90149	+ 259	(+ 0.29%)
stream 4	$88351 \pm 383$	87981	+ 370	(+ 0.42%)
stream 5	$89513 \pm 366$	89710	-197	(- 0.22%)
sum	533177	533022	+155	(+0.03%)

Table (2) Comparison of fitted and truth-matched total signal events in each stream.

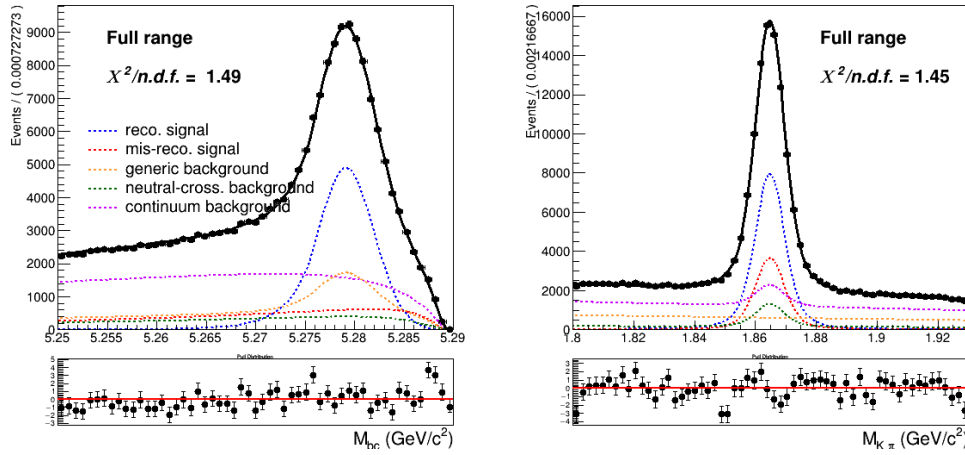


Figure (10) Two dimensional fit on stream 0 Monte Carlo simulated data.

## 4.6 2D Fit on data

After obtaining the model for the continuum background scaling and correcting the  $M_{bc}$  distribution of the off-resonance data, the model tested on Monte Carlo simulated data is applied on data with same free parameters and yields. Fig. 11 shows the projections of the two dimensional fit (see Appendix .2 for the projections of signal regions and sidebands). Yields for the reconstructed and misreconstructed signal and for generic background are obtained from the fit:

NrecSig	$35629 \pm 368$
NmisSig	$24425 \pm 311$
Generic	$24596 \pm 407$

The total normalization from the fit is  $174230 \pm 407$  (to be compared with the total data events: 173964).

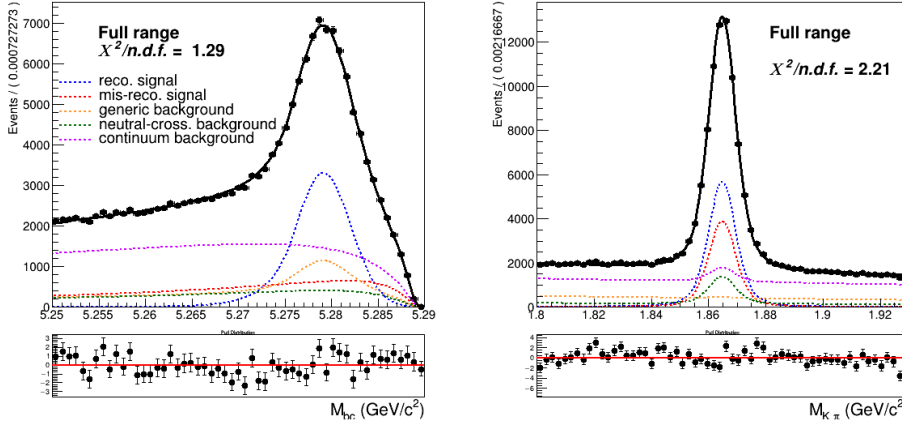


Figure (11) Two dimensional fit on Data (same conditions applied as in Fig. 10)

ratio	MC	DATA
NmisSig/NrecSig	$0.56 \pm 0.01$	$0.68 \pm 0.01$
NmisSig/Generic	$0.90 \pm 0.02$	$0.99 \pm 0.02$
Generic/NrecSig	$0.62 \pm 0.01$	$0.69 \pm 0.02$

Table (3) Comparison of ratios of yields from the two dimensional fits on Monte Carlo simulated data and on Data.

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220 Since in the case of the two dimensional fit for the measurement of  $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ X$  decays  
 221 the crossfeed normalization was parametrized in the form described by ??, the 2D  
 222 fit shown above is repeated with the parametrized normalization for the crossfeed  
 223 background. The signal reconstruction efficiency that enters the formula to estimate  
 224 the true number of signal events ( $N_{sig} = N_{recSig}/\epsilon$ ) is now the signal reconstruction  
 225 efficiency on data:  $\epsilon_{data}$ . It can be estimated scaling the one found on Monte Carlo by  
 226 a correction factor that takes into account the different FEI efficiency on data and the  
 227 signal-side reconstruction corrected for the different PID efficiency (see Sec. 4.10-Sec. 4.11),  
 228  $\epsilon_{data} = \epsilon_{MC} \cdot c_{FEI} \cdot c_{D^0} = (0.216 \pm 0.016)\%$ .

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230 where  $c_{FEI} = 0.810^{+0.013}_{-0.012} \pm 0.054$  is the correction factor for the FEI efficiency determined  
 231 in [5]

232 whereas the factor  $c_{D^0}$  is the PID correction reported in Sec. 4.10.

233 Fig. 12 shows this second fit.

ratio	MC	DATA
NmisSig/NrecSig	$0.56 \pm 0.01$	$0.66 \pm 0.01$
NmisSig/Generic	$0.90 \pm 0.02$	$0.93 \pm 0.02$
Generic/NrecSig	$0.62 \pm 0.01$	$0.71 \pm 0.02$

Table (4) Comparison of ratios of yields from the two dimensional fits on Monte Carlo simulated data and on Data (from the fit shown in Fig. 12).

In the following table yields for the reconstructed and misreconstructed signal and for generic background obtained from this second fit are reported:

NrecSig	$36553 \pm 360$
NmisSig	$24115 \pm 283$
Generic	$25900 \pm 409$

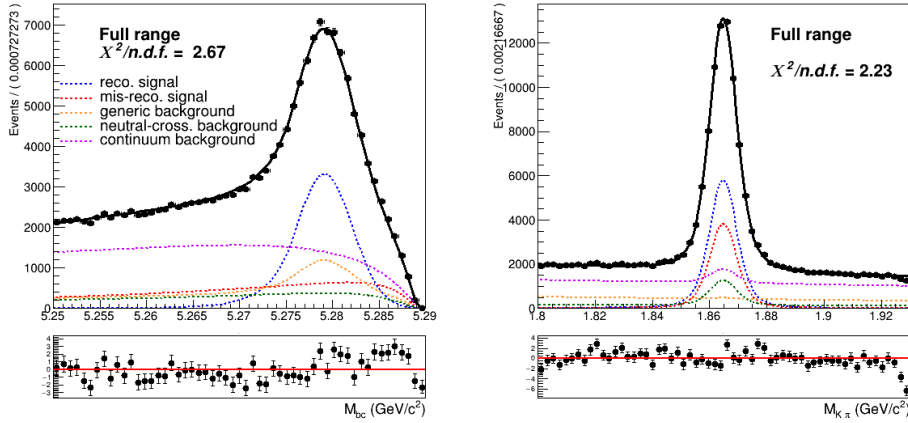


Figure (12) Two dimensional fit on Data with parametrized normalization of crossfeed background

## 4.7 Probability Density Functions (PDFs) for the $B_{tag}$

Like for the signal model in the 2D fit the  $M_{bc}$  distribution of the tagged charged  $B$  mesons is fitted with a Crystal Ball as for the reconstructed signal component, whereas the misreconstructed signal component is fitted with a Novosibirsk function (Fig. 13a).

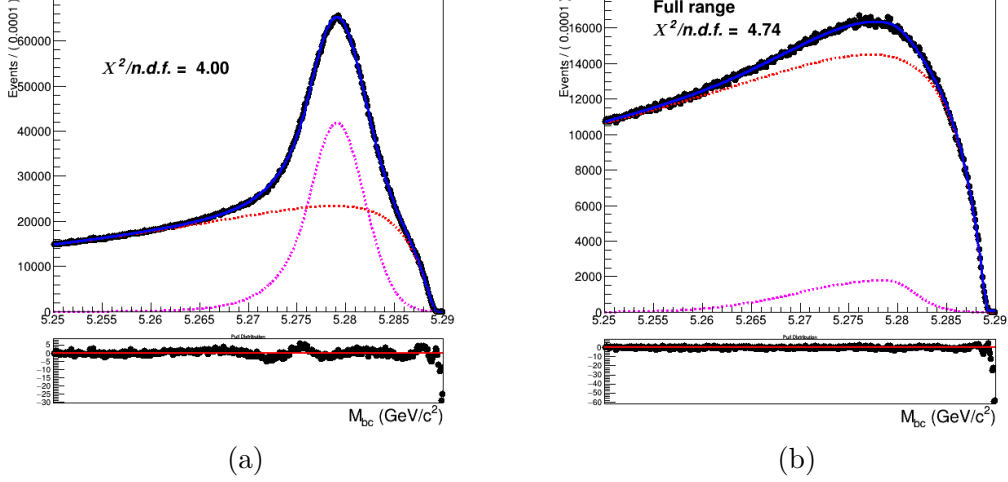


Figure (13) On the left: fitted distribution of tagged charged  $B$  mesons, reconstructed signal events (magenta) are described by a Crystal Ball whereas the misreconstructed signal events (red) are described by a Novosibirsk function. On the right: Crossfeed distribution fitted with a sum of Novosibirsk (red) and asymmetric Gaussian PDF (magenta)

The crossfeed background is fitted instead with a sum of a Novosibirsk and an asymmetric Gaussian PDF (Fig. 13b).

Regarding the continuum background component, same procedure used for the 2D fit was applied to the  $M_{bc}$  distribution of the continuum background in this case (see Fig. ?? for the result).

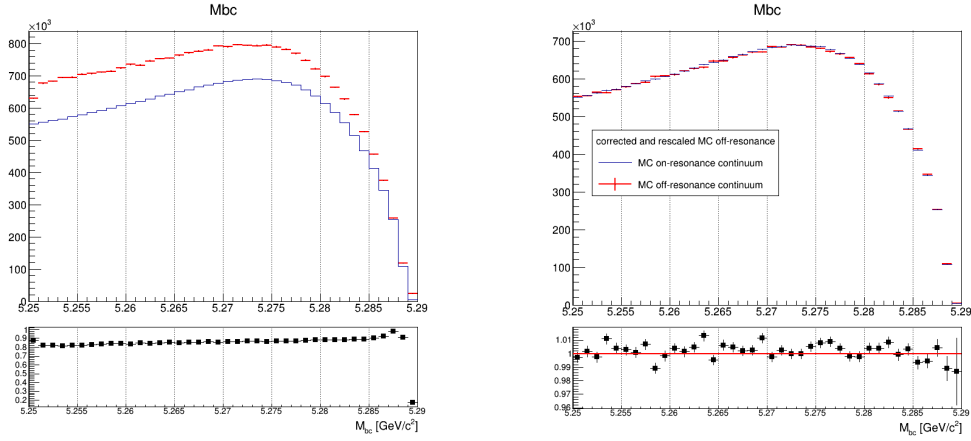


Figure (14) On the left:  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the MC off-resonance sample and the MC continuum sample. On the right:  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the corrected scaled MC off-resonance and on-resonance MC continuum.

#### 4.8 $B_{tag}$ Fit on Monte Carlo simulated data

An independent Monte Carlo stream was used to test the total fit model on tagged  $B$  mesons candidates. The usual condition is applied to the crossfeed background events: the ratio between its contribution and misreconstructed signal events is fixed from the other Monte Carlo stream.

In this fit the shaping parameters that are not kept fixed are the Crystal Ball width ( $\sigma_{CB}$ ) and the width of the Novosibirsk function describing the misreconstructed signal events. As in the case of  $B_{tag}$  fit in Sec. ?? the range for the fit is restricted to values between 5.250 and 5.287  $\text{GeV}/c^2$ .

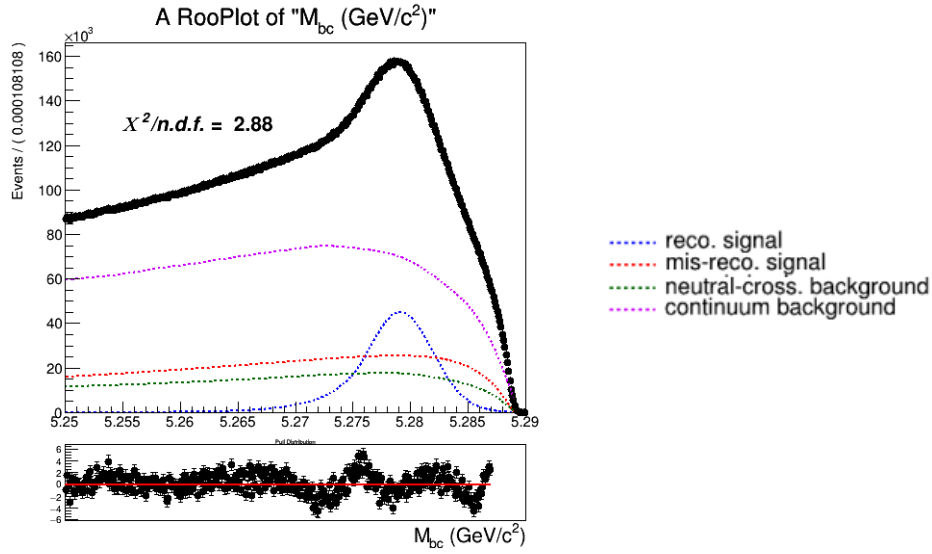


Figure (15) Total fit of tagged  $B$  mesons

Yields for the reconstructed and misreconstructed signal are obtained from the fit:

NrecSig	$3.25110 \cdot 10^6 \pm 6759$
NmisSig	$7.41107 \cdot 10^6 \pm 5341$

One can then compare the sum NrecSig+NmisSig (the so called total signal) with the true value known from the Monte Carlo and the same for the total number of events in this particular stream:

	fit	MC value
Total Signal	$10.662 \cdot 10^6 \pm 5249$	$10.671 \cdot 10^6$
Total events	$38.601 \cdot 10^6 \pm 6886$	$38.610 \cdot 10^6$

The discrepancy in the total signal events from the fit and the MC here is about  $1.7\sigma$ , but the relative error is an order of magnitude smaller than the one found in  $B_{tag}$  fit in ?? (below the %level), therefore it's negligible.

## 267 4.9 $B_{tag}$ Fit on data

268 The fit model tested on Monte Carlo simulated data is then applied with the same method  
 269 on data Fig. 16.

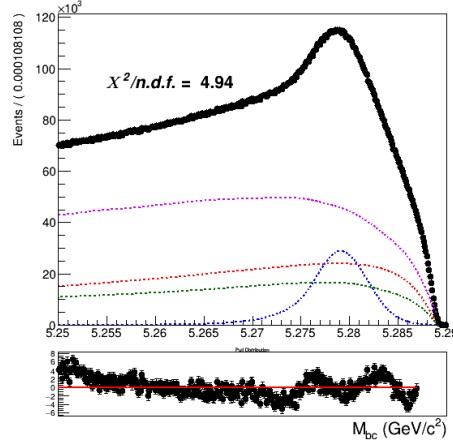


Figure (16) Total fit of tagged  $B^+$  mesons candidates on data

270 Yields for the reconstructed and misreconstructed signal are obtained from the fit:

271	NrecSig	$2.011 \cdot 10^6 \pm 5858$
	NmisSig	$6.975 \cdot 10^6 \pm 4667$
	Total Signal	$8.982 \cdot 10^6 \pm 4587$

ratio	MC	DATA
NmisSig/NrecSig	$2.28 \pm 0.01$	$3.47 \pm 0.01$

Table (5) Comparison of ratios of yields from the tagged  $B$  mesons fits on Monte Carlo simulated data and on Data.

## 4.10 PID efficiency correction

The PID selection is applied only to Kaons:  $\frac{\mathcal{L}_K}{\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi} > 0.6$

Using the values provided in the global tag BellePID (as done in the  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  study), the average Kaon ID correction for this analysis is estimated to be  $R = 0.976 \pm 0.008$ .

## 4.11 $D^0$ and FEI efficiency

The efficiency in reconstructing the  $D^0$  after correctly tagging the charged  $B$  meson, can be estimated from the 2D fit on Monte Carlo simulated data, using the reconstructed signal yield and from a sample of  $B_{tag}$  candidates reconstructed in signal events in the Monte Carlo: where from  $B^+B^-$  at least a  $D^0$  decaying into  $\pi K$  is produced.

For the latter a fit is performed to extract the yield of correctly tagged  $B$  mesons (Fig. 17)

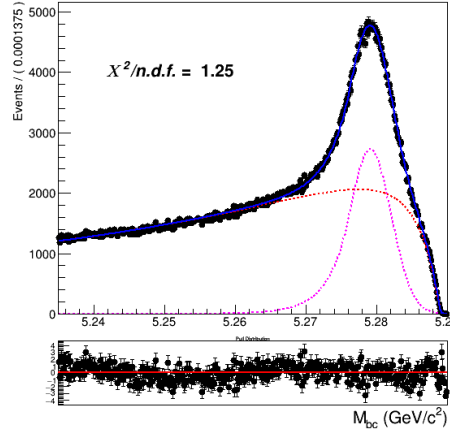


Figure (17) Fit of tagged  $B$  mesons in the "signal events" sample

Yields for the reconstructed and misreconstructed signal :

NrecSig	$1.46779 \cdot 10^5 \pm 767$
NmisSig	$6.16717 \cdot 10^5 \pm 1028$

From this and the results listed in Sec. 4.5 the efficiency to reconstruct  $D^0$  is obtained :

$$\epsilon_{D^0} = \frac{N_{recSig}(2D)}{N_{recSig}(B_{tag}^{sig})} = 39.1 \pm 0.4\%^3 \quad (\text{KID efficiency corrected value for data: } 38.2 \%)$$

The results from the fit shown in (Fig. 17) can be used also to calculate the FEI tag-side efficiency for signal events, i.e. the efficiency to tag the  $B$  meson accompanying a  $B_{sig}$  decaying into a  $D^0$  on the signal side. Whereas results from the fit of charged  $B_{tag}$  shown

<sup>3</sup>the error reflects the limited Monte Carlo statistics



in Fig. 13a can be used to calculate the hadronic tag-side efficiency in the generic  $B^+B^-$  events case.

The ratio of the two efficiencies is found to be:  $\frac{\epsilon_{FEI,sig}^+}{\epsilon_{FEI}^+} = 1.50 \pm 0.01$

## 4.12 Studies of Systematic Effects

The systematic uncertainties are studied the same way as in the case of the  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^- X$  branching fraction. The values are reported in the next section. The dominant systematic uncertainty is the one originated by the continuum background modeling and its incidence in terms of relative error on the branching fraction value is same as for the  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^- X$  study. For this control sample study the uncertainty that would be caused by the uncertainty of the crossfeed peaking events is not estimated, since the uncertainty on  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + X)$  is only of few percent and the possible effect can be considered negligible compared to the other systematic uncertainties.

## 4.13 Measured $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 X$ inclusive Branching Fraction

The inclusive branching fraction of  $B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 X$  can be determined by:

$$Br(B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0) = \frac{r}{Br(D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)\epsilon_{D^0}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{FEI}^+}{\epsilon_{FEI,sig}^+} \quad (2)$$

Where

- $r = \frac{N_{tag,D^0}}{N_{tag}}$  is the ratio of reconstructed signal yield in the two dimensional fit and in the  $M_{bc}$  fit of the tagged  $B$  mesons.
- $\epsilon_{D^0}$  is the  $D^0$  reconstruction efficiency calculated as fraction of reconstructed signal events with correct tag of which then also a correctly reconstructed  $D^0$  is reconstructed in the signal side.
- $\frac{\epsilon_{FEI}^+}{\epsilon_{FEI,sig}^+}$  is the ratio of the FEI efficiencies: the hadronic tag-side efficiency for generic  $B^+B^-$  events ( $\epsilon_{FEI}^+$ ) and signal-side dependent one ( $\epsilon_{FEI,sig}^+$ ) where one of the two  $B$  mesons decays inclusively into the signal channel ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ )
- $Br(D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-) = 3.8\%$  in Belle DECAY.DEC table,  $Br(D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-) = 3.95\%$  in PDG.

In Monte Carlo:  $Br(B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0) = 79.4 \pm 0.6^{(stat.)}\%$  (true MC value: 79.1%)

As for the Data, the value obtained using a fixed ratio of crossfeed events with respect to misreconstructed signal events is:  $Br(B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0) = 78.3 \pm 0.8^{(stat.)}\%$

323 While, introducing the parametrization of the crossfeed normalization in the two dimen-  
324 sional fit gives a larger value:  $Br(B^+ \rightarrow \bar{D}^0) = 80.3 \pm 0.8^{(stat.)}\%$   
325 Nevertheless, the latter is in agreement with the value reported by the PDG:  $(79 \pm 4)\%$   
326 One can conclude that the obtained results have proven the validity of the method chosen  
327 for the measurements.  
328 The systematic uncertainties are dominating as one can see from the Table below, listing  
329 the contribution of the various sources of systematics in terms of Branching Fraction in  
330 percentage.  
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continuum modelling	1.8 %
Crossfeed PFDs	0.4 %
Crossfeed fraction	0.8 %
2DFit crossfeed normalization	0.4 %
FEI efficiency	0.5 %
$\epsilon_{D^0}$	0.8 %
PID	0.6 %
Tracking efficiency	0.8 %
Total	2.5 %

Table (6) Sources of systematic uncertainties and their contributions.

## 5 $B^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ decays

Applying the same procedure already illustrated in ??, the optimized selection cuts for the charged flavor-anticorrelated decays are:

- $foxWolframR2 < 0.3$
- $SignalProbability > 0.1$
- $p_{CMS}^{\Lambda_c} < 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

### 5.1 Probability Density Functions (PDFs) for the two dimensional fit

The PDFs used to describe the signal distributions are the same already used in ?? (only the shaping parameters differ) and an example of the 2D fit is shown in Fig. 18. Also the generic background deriving from other  $B^+B^-$  events presents similar shapes of the distributions as shown already in ??, therefore the probability density functions used are the same (fit is shown in Fig. 19).

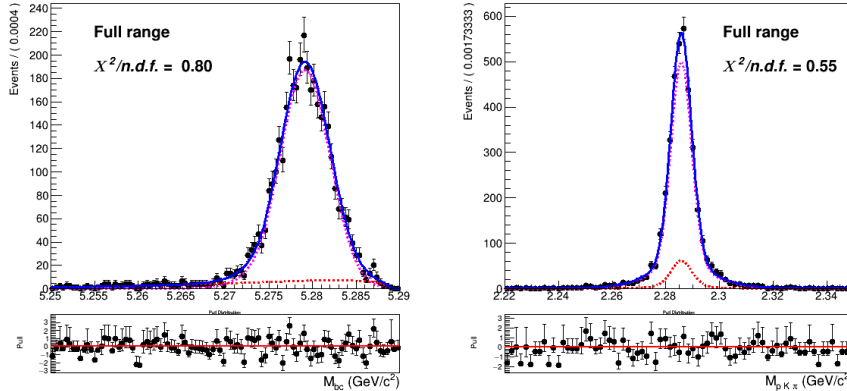


Figure (18) Two dimensional fit of total signal events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

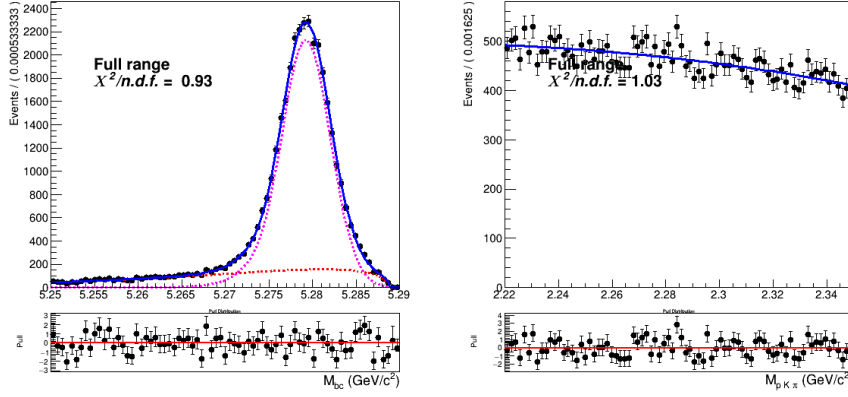


Figure (19) Two dimensional fit of generic ( $B^+B^-$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

345 The same can be said about the misreconstructed  $B^0$  events (Fig. 20)

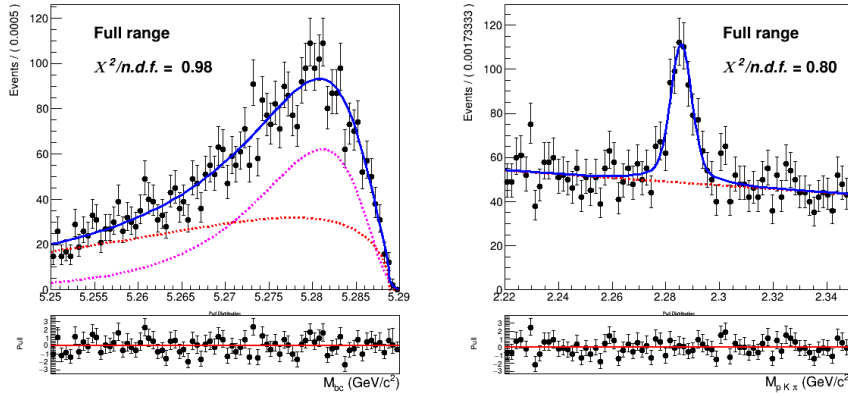


Figure (20) Two dimensional fit of crossfeed ( $B^0\bar{B}^0$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

346 To check that the shapes determined using 5 streams of Monte Carlo are describing with  
 347 reasonable accuracy the 2D distribution, the projections of the fit of the two-dimensional  
 348 distributions in the signal and sideband regions are plotted (Fig. 22 - Fig. 24). One can see  
 349 the same tendencies of undershooting/overshooting the  $\Lambda_c$  invariant mass peak, as in the  
 350 case of charged correlated decays (Figures ?? - ??). But when examining the independent  
 351 Monte Carlo stream distribution overlaid by the determined PDF in the very same regions  
 352 (see Figures 25 -27) those effects are so much diminished, according to the statistics, that  
 353 the effects are within statistical fluctuations and therefore negligible, contrary to the case  
 354 of charged flavor-correlated decays.

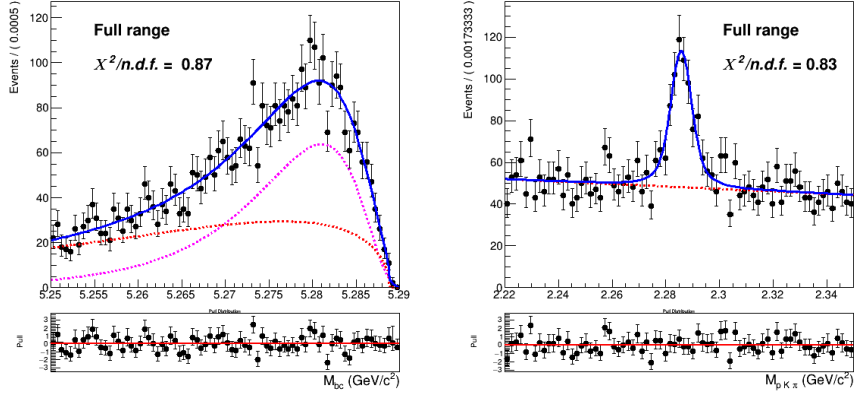


Figure (21) Two dimensional fit of crossfeed ( $B^0 \bar{B}^0$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

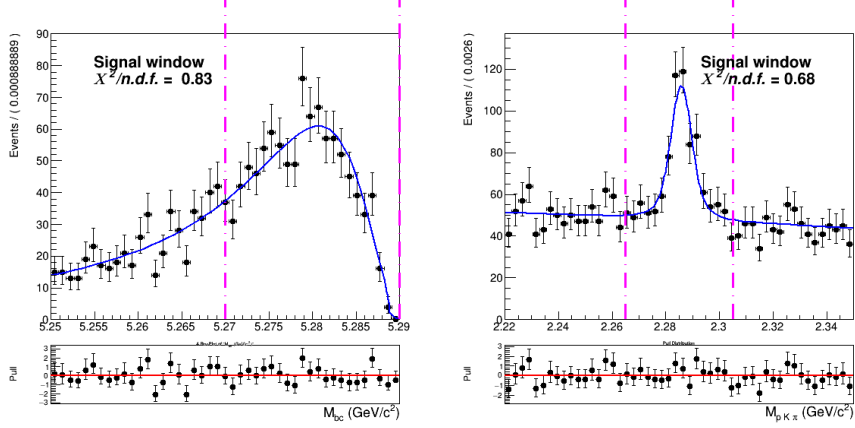


Figure (22) Signal region projections in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$  of the fit of crossfeed events.

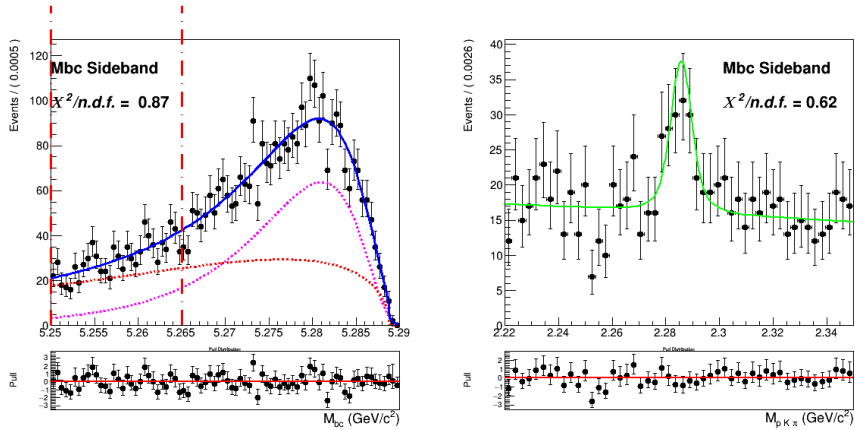


Figure (23)  $M_{bc}$  sideband region projection of the fit of crossfeed events in  $M(pK\pi)$ .

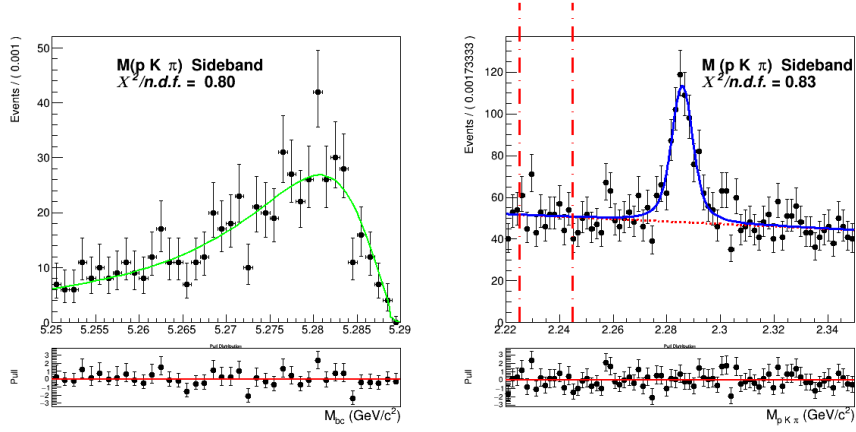


Figure (24)  $M(pK\pi)$  sideband region projection of the fit of crossfeed events in  $M_{bc}$ .

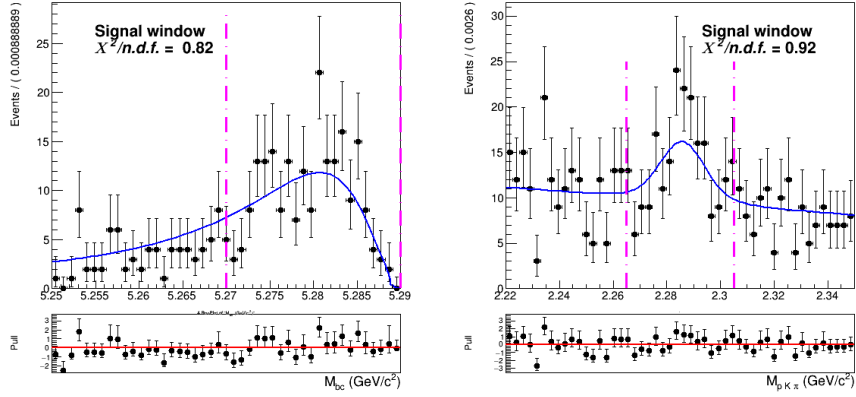


Figure (25) Signal region projections in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$  of the fit of crossfeed events.

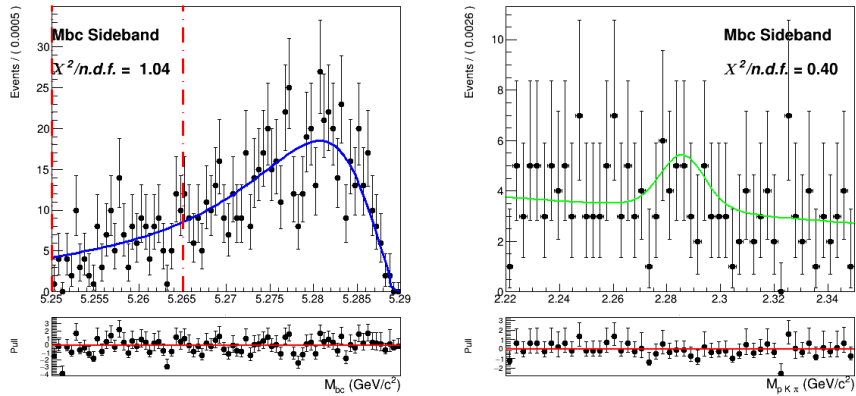


Figure (26) Two dimensional fit of crossfeed ( $B^0\bar{B}^0$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

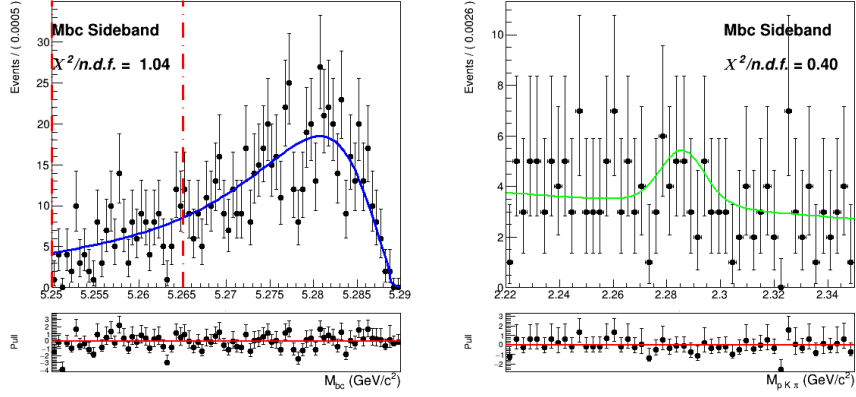


Figure (27) Two dimensional fit of crossfeed ( $B^0 \bar{B}^0$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

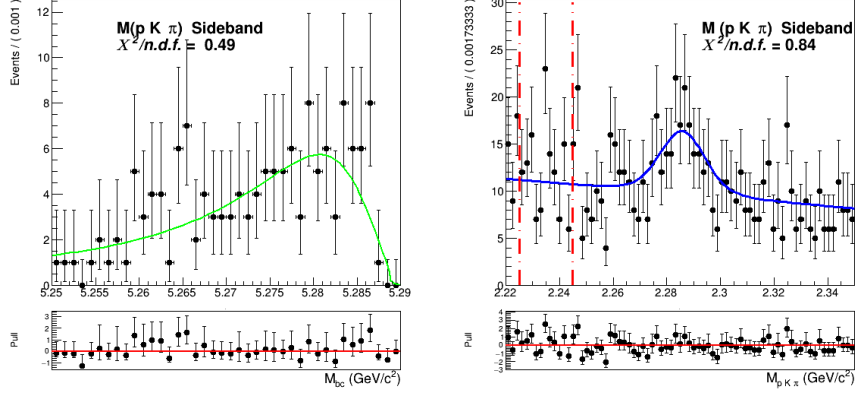


Figure (28) Two dimensional fit of crossfeed ( $B^0 \bar{B}^0$ ) events in  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

355 The procedure adopted to model the continuum background is the same used for the  
 356 charged correlated  $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  decays. To obtain the shape that can describe the continuum  
 357 background  $M_{bc}$  distribution, the continuum suppression is not applied on the off-resonance  
 358 continuum sample in order to acquire more statistics. It is then scaled and corrected for  
 359 the *SignalProbability* correlated effects. The scaling and bin-correction procedure was  
 360 carried out on a sample of five streams of on- and off-resonance MC. From a ratio plot,  
 361 like the one in Fig. 29a, showing the continuum on-resonance distribution in  $M_{bc}$  and the  
 362 scaled continuum on-resonance distribution without the continuum suppression applied,  
 363 the bin-correction is obtained to correct the off-resonance data in the scaling procedure.

364 The validity of this procedure is first tested on the sixth independent MC sample: Fig.  
 365 29b shows the scaled and bin-corrected off-resonance continuum histogram compared with  
 366 the continuum on-resonance distribution of the independent stream. Compared to the  
 367 charged correlated decays one can notice larger statistical fluctuations but the overall  
 368 result looks still fairly reasonable. In order to obtain the PDF describing the distribution  
 369 the histogram is fitted (see Fig. 30a), i.e. with a Novosibirsk function.  
 370 Since in the  $\Lambda_c$  invariant mass one doesn't expect correlation effects, one can fit directly the  
 371 properly scaled distribution with a first order polynomial (see Fig.30b) It is possible then  
 372 to check the validity of the whole procedure on the on-resonance Monte Carlo independent  
 373 stream (Fig. 31)

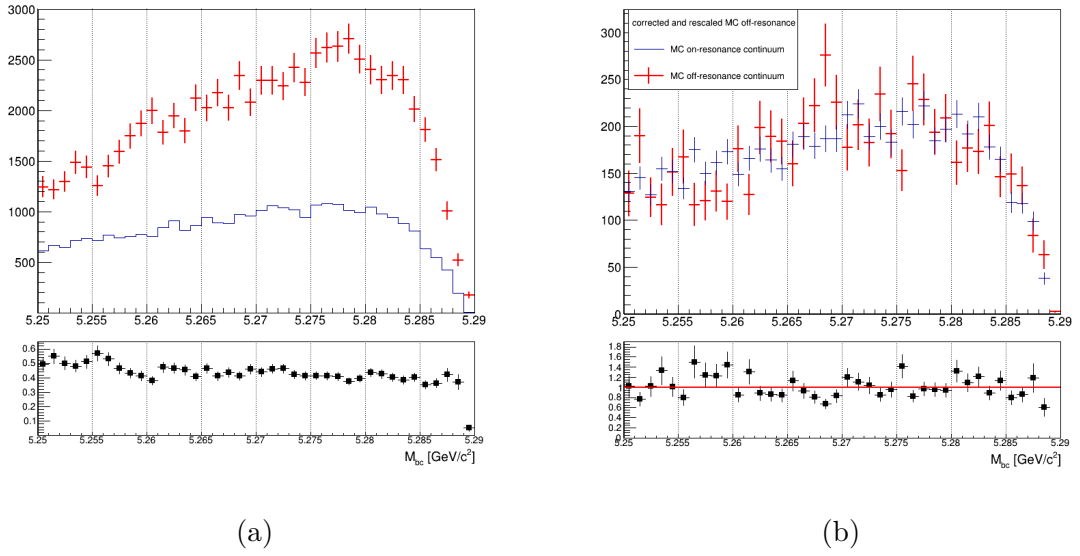
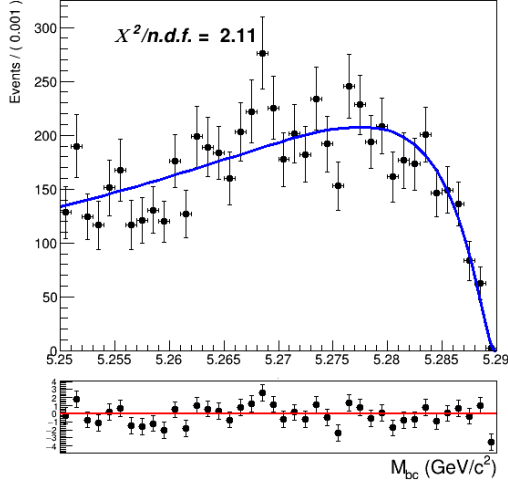
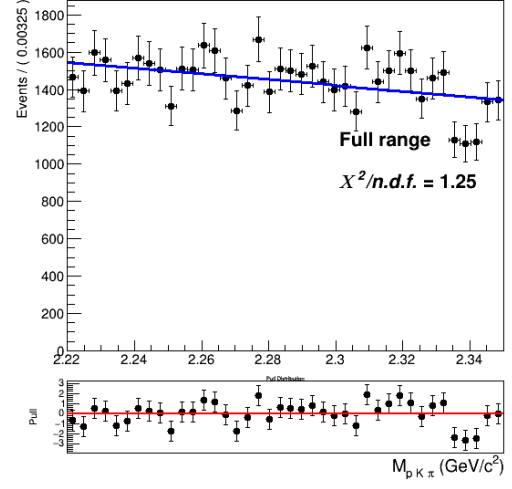


Figure (29) On the left:  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the MC off-resonance sample without  
 continuum suppression and the MC continuum sample with applied continuum suppression  
 (5 streams). On the right:  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the corrected scaled MC off-resonance and  
 on-resonance MC continuum (independent stream).





(a)



(b)

Figure (30) On the left: fit of the  $M_{bc}$  distribution MC (scaled and corrected) off-resonance continuum (one stream). On the right: fit of the  $\Lambda_c$  invariant mass distribution of five stream scaled off-resonance continuum.

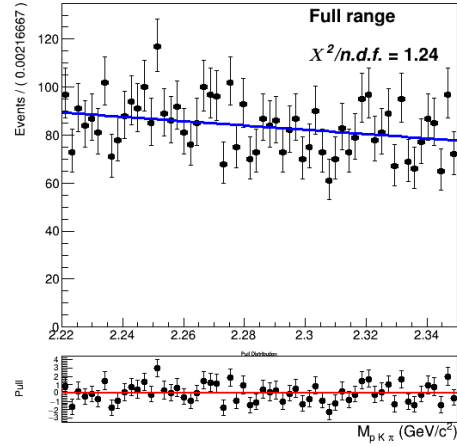
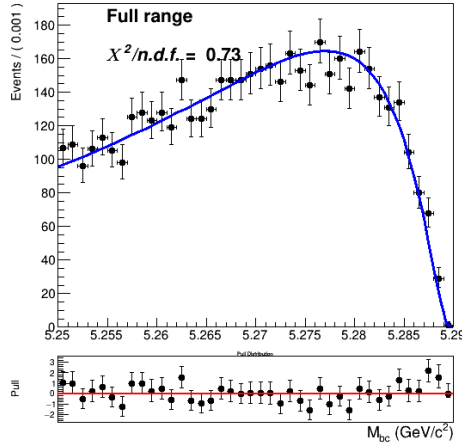


Figure (31) Continuum  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$  distributions overlaid by the PDFs obtained in fits shown in Figures 30a - 30b

## 5.2 Two dimensional fit

After obtaining the PDFs describing the various signal/background components using five streams statistics, the fit model is tested with six fits on the six independent Monte Carlo streams. The conditions for these six two dimensional fits are again the same used for the charged correlated decays (see Sec. ??). Exemplary, the distributions of stream 0 overlaid

by the fitted PDF are depicted in Fig. 32 (see Appendix .3 for the projections in signal and sideband regions). In Table ?? the signal yields of the fits (**Reconstructed Signal**) to the two dimensional distributions for the six streams of  $B^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$  flavor-anticorrelated decays are listed and compared to the expected yields of reconstructed signal, and fitted and truth-matched total signal events are also compared, together with their deviations.

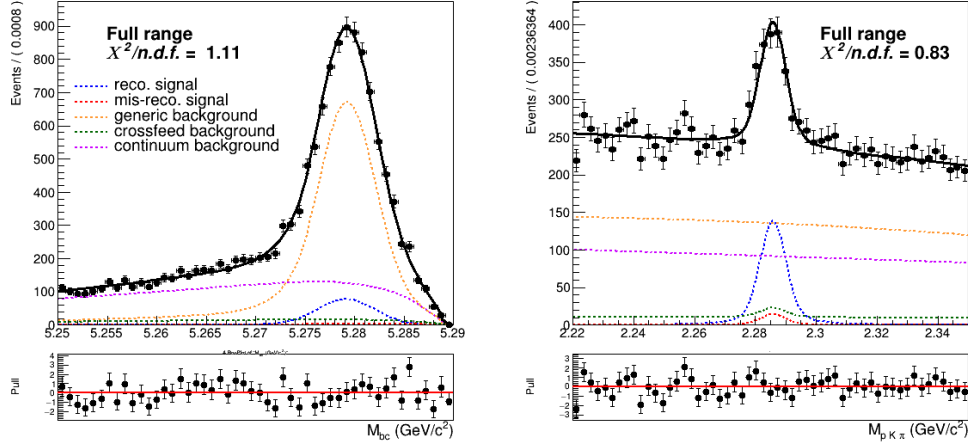


Figure (32) Two dimensional fit on stream 0 Monte Carlo simulated data.

	Reconstructed Signal		Total Signal			
	fit	expected	fit	MC truth	fit - MC truth	
stream 0	$730 \pm 60$	$660 \pm 21$	$805 \pm 65$	765	40	5.2 %
stream 1	$732 \pm 60$	$698 \pm 29$	$794 \pm 63$	785	9	1.1%
stream 2	$759 \pm 65$	$718 \pm 29$	$800 \pm 67$	797	3	0.4%
stream 3	$725 \pm 58$	$702 \pm 29$	$769 \pm 60$	802	-33	-4.1%
stream 4	$829 \pm 67$	$710 \pm 29$	$944 \pm 76$	804	140	17.4%
stream 5	$650 \pm 61$	$675 \pm 29$	$703 \pm 62$	760	-57	-8.1%
sum	4425	4163	4815	4718	102	+ 2.2%

Table (7) Comparison of fitted and expected signal yields, fitted and truth-matched total signal for six streams of Belle generic MC when fitting the two dimensional distributions of  $M_{bc}$  and  $M(pK\pi)$ .

Except for stream 4 all the fits show values of reconstructed signal within the  $1\sigma$  uncertainties in agreement with the expected ones, but as already encountered in Sec. ?? a tendency of overestimation can be seen also in these fits, confirmed by the fit shown in Fig 34. Again this small, but not negligible, bias has to be taken into account while fitting the data.

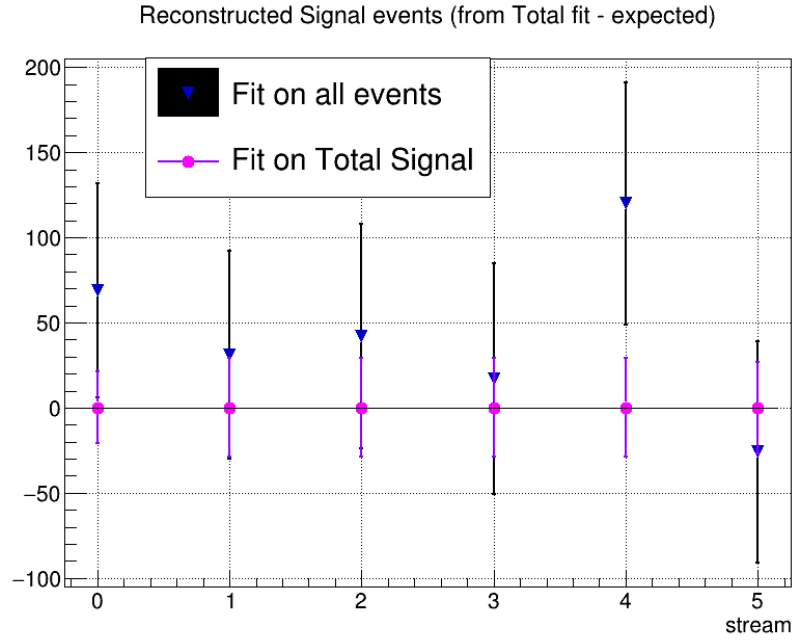


Figure (33) Differences between results from the fits and "expected" values for signal yields as reported in the first columns on Table 7 .

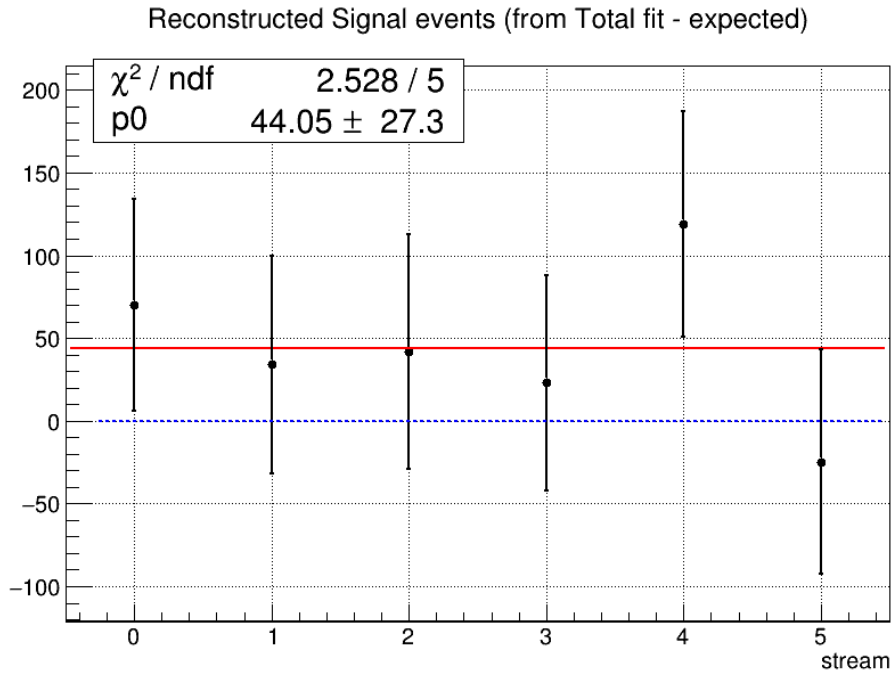


Figure (34)

389 Also the behaviour for different signal-to-background ratio was investigated using the six

390 independent streams of continuum and all the ten independent streams of  $B\bar{B}$  events  
 391 for the generic and crossfeed backgrounds and for the signal events. The amount of  
 392 total signal is varied between 50% and 275% of the nominal (MC) values, in order to  
 393 cover the values spanned by the uncertainties on the measurement performed by *BaBar*  
 394 ( $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^+ X) = 2.1^{+0.9}_{-0.6}$ ) and even the values covered by twice larger uncertainties as  
 395 one can see in Fig. 36. The values seem to distribute according to a linear dependence,  
 396 therefore also for this decay channel one doesn't expect any systematics due to different  
 397 signal-to-background ratio.

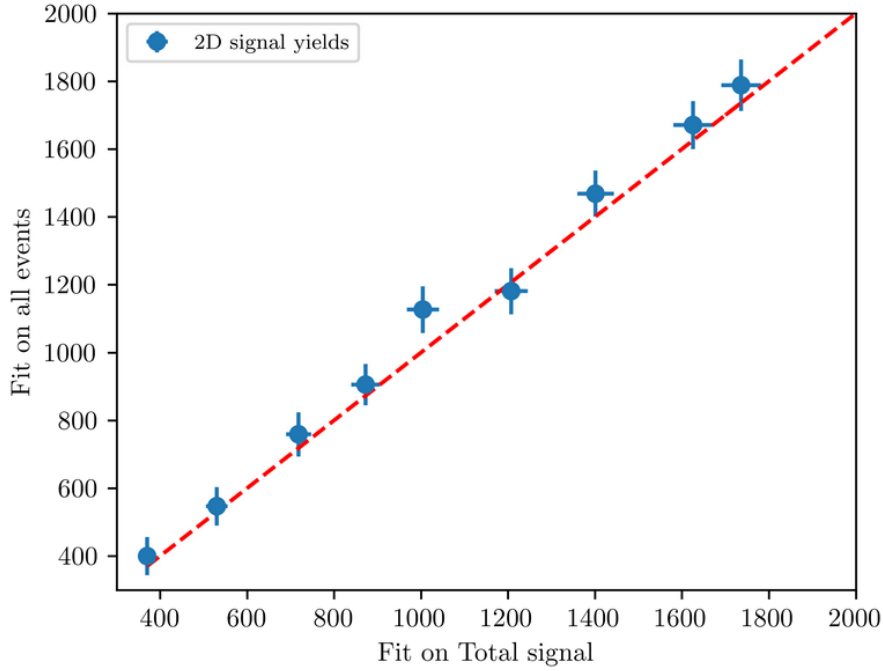


Figure (35) Linearity test: on the x-axis the obtained reconstructed signal yields from fits on different amounts of total signal; on y-axis the yields of reconstructed signal obtained fitting all events (as in Fig. ??). The dashed red line represents the 1:1 linear dependence.

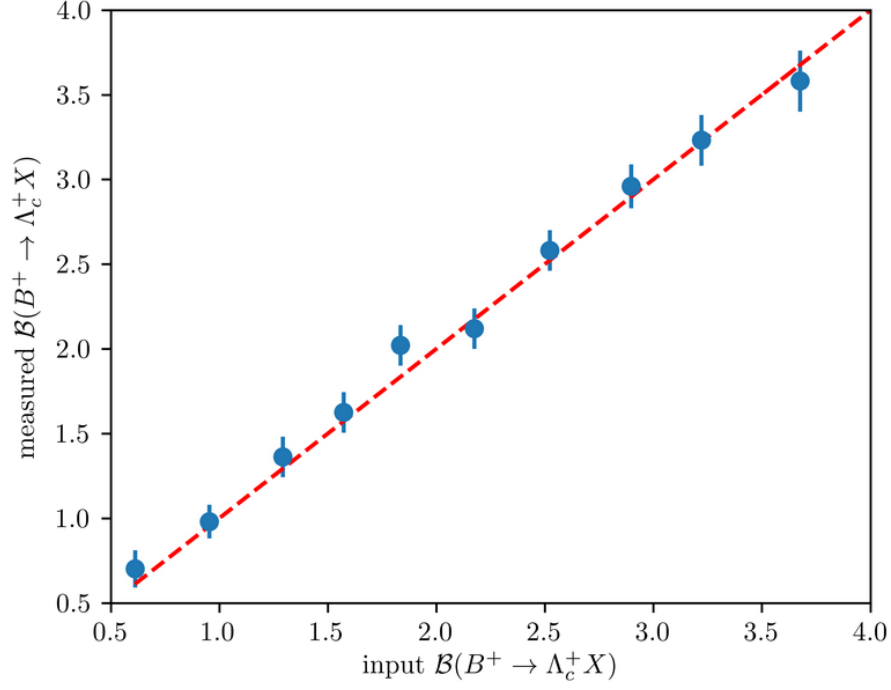


Figure (36) Linearity test: on the x-axis the input branching ratio value corresponding to the signal yields displayed on the x-axis in Fig. 35; on y-axis the measured branching fraction values corresponding to the signal yields of reconstructed signal displayed on the y-axis in Fig. 35.

398 Toy MC pseudo-experiments were performed as well (see Appendix).

### 5.3 Probability Density Functions (PDFs) for the $B_{tag}$

The  $M_{bc}$  distribution of the tagged  $B$  mesons is fitted with a Crystal Ball as for the "peaking" component and the "flat" component is fitted with a Argus function (Fig. 37a). The crossfeed background, consisting of neutral  $B$  mesons tagged as charged  $B$ , is fitted instead with a sum of a Novosibirsk and an asymmetric Gaussian PDF (Fig. 37b).

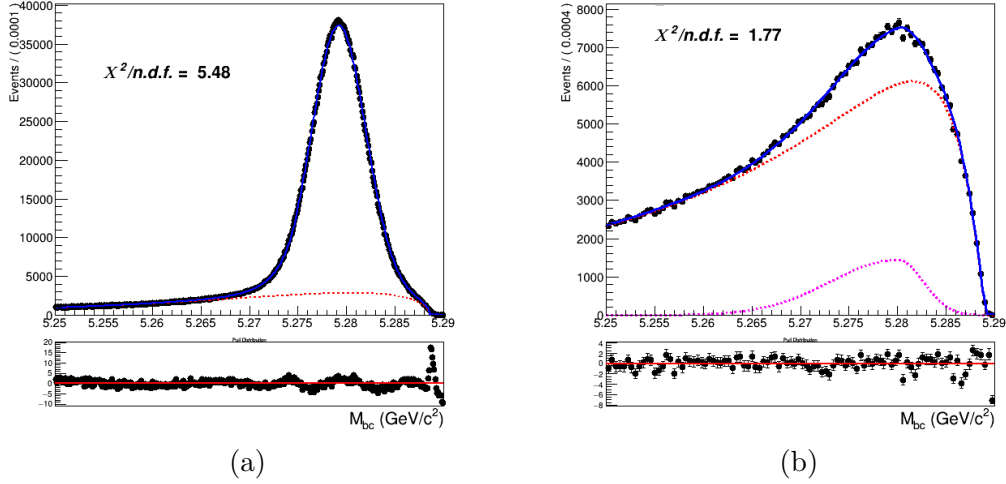
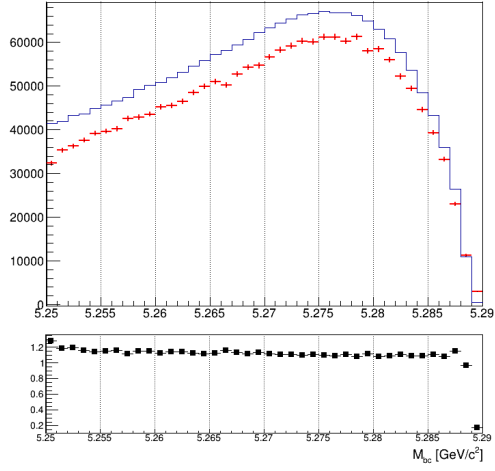


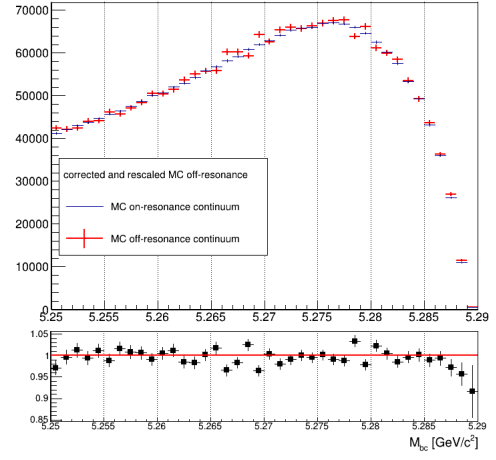
Figure (37) On the left: fitted distribution of tagged charged  $B$  mesons, reconstructed signal events (magenta) are described by a Crystal Ball whereas the misreconstructed signal events (red) are described by an Argus function. On the right: Crossfeed distribution fitted with a sum of Novosibirsk (red) and asymmetric Gaussian PDF (magenta)

As for the continuum background, same procedure as the one in the case of charged flavor-correlated decays is adopted:

- first the off-resonance sample is scaled accordingly with all the included cuts.
- the ratio between the scaled off-resonance and the on-resonance in MC is calculated in each bin (see Fig. 38a)
- the bin-correction is applied on an independent stream and the scaled and bin-corrected  $M_{bc}$  distribution is compared with the on-resonance distribution as shown in Fig. 38b



(a)



(b)

Figure (38) On the left:  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the MC off-resonance sample and the MC continuum sample with applied continuum suppression. On the right:  $M_{bc}$  distributions of the corrected scaled MC off-resonance and on-resonance MC continuum.

## 5.4 $B_{tag}$ fit

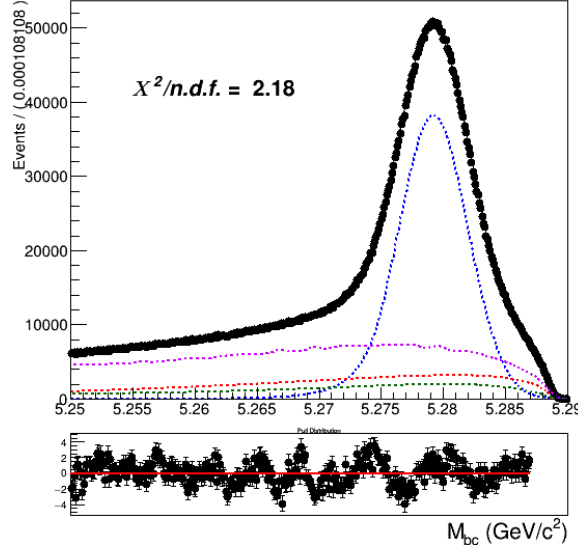


Figure (39) Total fit of tagged  $B$  mesons on Monte Carlo simulated data.

An independent Monte Carlo stream was used to test the total fit model on tagged  $B$  meson candidates. As in the 2D fit, the parameter for the width,  $\sigma_{CB}$ , of the Crystal Ball is floated and the ratio between expected crossfeed background events and misreconstructed signal events is fixed from the MC. The Argus function describing the misreconstructed signal is also not fully constrained: the parameter describing the tail is free. As in the previous  $B_{tag}$  fits, the range for the fit is restricted to values between 5.250 and 5.287  $\text{GeV}/c^2$ . Yields for the reconstructed and misreconstructed signal are obtained from the fit:

NrecSig	$2.5099 \cdot 10^6 \pm 4408$
NmisSig	$7.82307 \cdot 10^5 \pm 2936$

The Total Signal (the sum NrecSig+NmisSig) is  $3292168 \pm 2423$  (to be compared with 3299629 from the Monte Carlo), which means a  $\sim 3\sigma$  underestimation. As in the case of charged flavor-correlated decays, this can produce some systematic effect which needs to be taken into account. In fact, a slight underestimation of the Total Signal is found also in the result of the toy Monte Carlo study<sup>4</sup>: Fig. 40 shows the results for the Total Signal events and one can notice a mean value for the pulls consistently below zero.

<sup>4</sup>as usual performed with  $3 \times 10^3$  pseudo-datasets



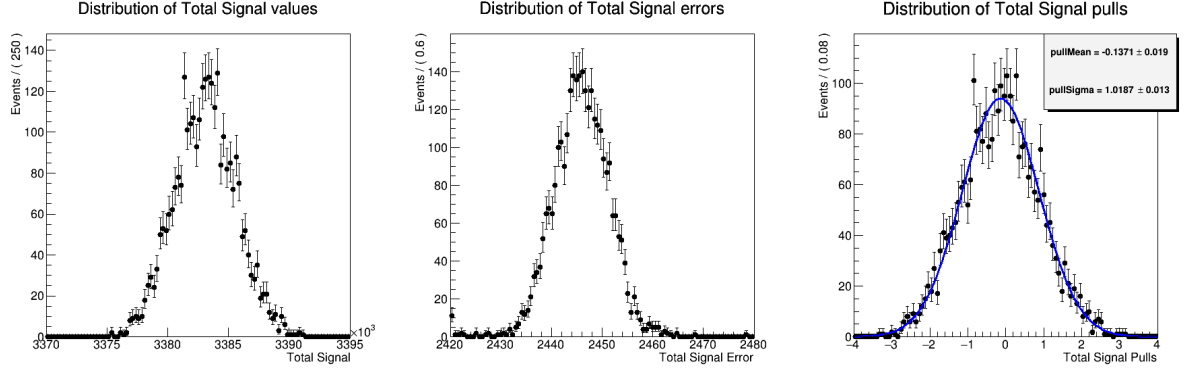


Figure (40) Toy MC fits of pseudo-data showing the Total Signal yield (left), Total Signal yield errors (center) and the pull distribution of the Total Signal (right).

## 5.5 $\Lambda_c$ and FEI efficiency

The efficiency in reconstructing the  $\Lambda_c$  baryon after correctly tagging the charged  $B$  meson, is as usual estimated as the ratio:

$$\frac{N_{recSig}(B_{tag}, \Lambda_c)}{N_{recSig}(B_{tag}^{sig})} \quad (3)$$

where  $N_{recSig}(B_{tag}, \Lambda_c)$  are the yields of reconstructed signal from the two dimensional fits (reported in Table 7 ) and  $N_{recSig}(B_{tag}^{sig})$  are the yields of correctly reconstructed signal in a fit of  $B$  mesons tagged in events where one of the two mesons decayed hadronically and inclusively into a  $\Lambda_c$  baryon (see Fig ??). This ratio was calculated upon six streams of Monte Carlo simulated data.

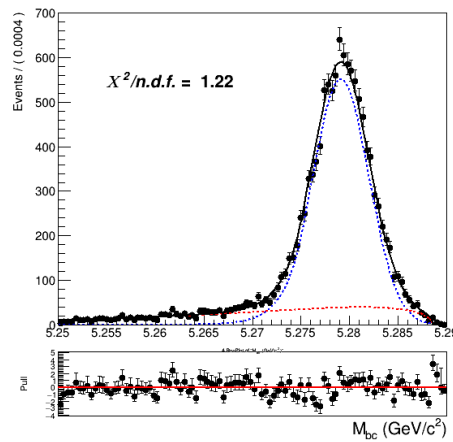


Figure (41) Fit of tagged  $B$  mesons in the "signal events" sample

From this and the results listed in Sec. 5.2 the efficiency to reconstruct  $\Lambda_c$  is obtained :

$$\epsilon_{\Lambda_c} = \frac{N_{recSig}(B_{tag}, \Lambda_c)}{N_{recSig}(N_{recSig}(B_{tag}))} = 40.95 \pm 1.77\%$$

The yields from the fit shown in Fig. 41) are then used to calculate the FEI tag-side efficiency for signal events. The yields from the fit of charged  $B_{tag}$  shown in Fig. 37a can be used to calculate the hadronic tag-side efficiency in the generic  $B^+B^-$  events case.

The ratio between the two efficiencies is calculated:  $\frac{\epsilon_{FEI, sig}^+}{\epsilon_{FEI}^+} = 0.973 \pm 0.009$

## 5.6 Studies of Systematic Effects

The systematic uncertainties are estimated the same way as in the case of charged flavor-correlated decays (see ?? and the following Sections). In Table 8 the systematic uncertainties of the various considered sources are summarized. Their individual calculation is outlined in the subsequent subsections (the uncertainties on the PID efficiency corrections are the same already discussed in ??)

source	%
Continuum modeling	0.04
Crossfeed PDFs	0.01
Crossfeed fraction	0.01
2DFit crossfeed normalization	0.01
2DFit crossfeed peaking fraction	0.08*
$\epsilon_{FEI, sig}^+ / \epsilon_{FEI}^+$	0.01
$\epsilon_{\Lambda_c}$	0.05
Fit bias	0.05
PID	0.02
Tracking efficiency	0.01
Total	0.12

Table (8) Systematic uncertainties in the determination of the  $B^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^- X$  branching fractions in %.

\* as in the case of charged flavor-correlated decays this uncertainty can be possibly reduced with a new measurement of  $B^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  decays.

## 5.7 Continuum background modeling

Exemplary, fits used to estimate the impact of these uncertainties deriving from statistical uncertainties are shown here in Figures 42 - 43. Mean deviation values are then obtained for both the two-dimensional fit and the  $B_{tag}$  fit.

Fit	$-\sigma$	$+\sigma$	$\pm\bar{\sigma}$
2D	21	22	22
$B_{tag}$	5800	5800	5800

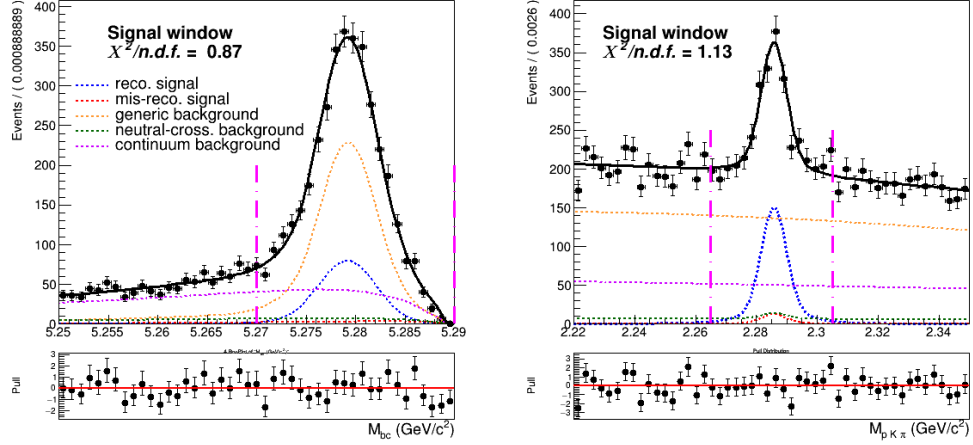


Figure (42) Signal window projections of a two dimensional fit on Monte Carlo simulated data where the shaping parameters were varied of their uncertainties.

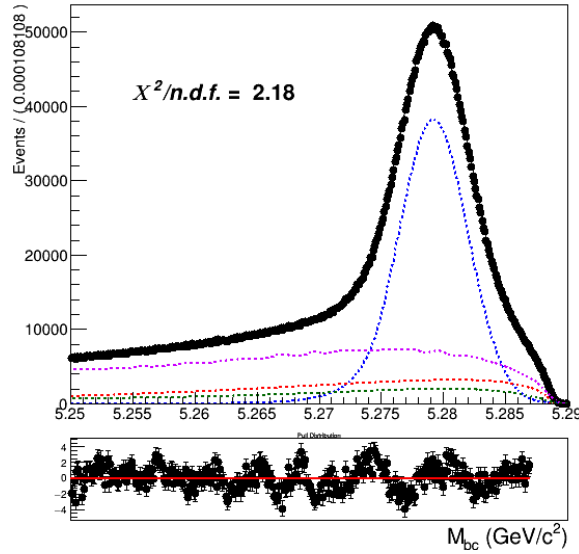


Figure (43) Fit of tagged  $B$  meson candidates on Monte Carlo simulated data where the shaping parameters were varied of their uncertainties.

458 The estimated systematic uncertainty on Br value from this source is 0.04%.

459 The continuum suppression cut is found to reject about 68% of the continuum back-  
 460 ground in data, whereas it rejects 64% of the continuum background in MC (66.5% in

on-resonance MC). This means that in data one can expect about 1.4% less continuum background events. The statistical uncertainty on this fraction of events can be also be taken into account as systematics. But again, as already seen in the case of charged flavor-correlated decays, the statistical uncertainty on the on-resonance continuum background events in MC originates a much larger systematic uncertainty: the relative systematic uncertainty deriving from the different impact on data of the continuum suppression would account for just 0.004% on the BR value (one order of magnitude smaller than systematics deriving from the statistical uncertainties). This second source is again consequently neglected.

## 5.8 Crossfeed background modeling

This source of systematic uncertainty is again estimated performing the fits varying the parameters of the Crossfeed PDFs by their uncertainties (see the table below for the deviations in terms of signal yields). The resulting absolute systematic uncertainty is about 0.006% on the BR value, which is rounded up to 0.01%.

Fit	$-\sigma$	$+\sigma$	$\pm\bar{\sigma}$
2D	3	3	3
$B_{tag}$	1500	1100	1300

Table (9) Offsets on the signal yields obtained varying the parameters of crossfeed background PDFs within their uncertainties in the two dimensional and  $B_{tag}$  fit and mean deviations reported in the last column.

## 5.9 Crossfeed ratio

As already done for the charged flavor-correlated decays, the systematic uncertainty on the crossfeed/misreconstructed signal "probability ratio" for the 2D fit and crossfeed/misreconstructed ratio is studied considering a maximal discrepancy up to 20% between Monte Carlo and data (the procedure adopted is the same as illustrated in ??).

Fit	$-\sigma$	$+\sigma$	$\pm\bar{\sigma}$
2D	4	8	6
$B_{tag}$	5800	800	3300

Table (10) Offsets on the signal yields obtained varying of  $\pm 20\%$  the  $k$  ratio in the two dimensional and  $B_{tag}$  fit and mean deviations reported in the last column.

The estimated systematic uncertainty on Br value from this source is 0.01%.

## 5.10 Parametrization of crossfeed normalization in the 2D fit

The statistical uncertainties on the parameters used in the parametrization of crossfeed normalization in the 2D fit are estimated to originate a systematic uncertainty of 0.01% on the Br value.

## 5.11 Crossfeed peaking fraction in the 2D fit

As already done for the charged correlated decays, to estimate this systematic uncertainty the amount of crossfeed events peaking in  $M(pK\pi)$  was varied in order to cover the uncertainties on the branching fraction for neutral decays and the two-dimensional fit repeated with those values. The difference in signal yields obtained is reported in the following table.

Fit	$-\sigma$	$+\sigma$	$\pm\bar{\sigma}$
2D	15	18	16

Table (11) Offsets on the signal yields obtained varying the amount of peaking crossfeed in the  $\Lambda_c$  invariant mass and mean deviation.

The uncertainty originated is estimated to be of 0.08% on the Br value.

## 5.12 Efficiencies

The ratio between the two FEI efficiencies is:  $\frac{\epsilon_{FEI,sig}^+}{\epsilon_{FEI}^+} = 0.973 \pm 0.009$

The uncertainty on this value originates a systematic uncertainty of 0.01% on the Br value. The  $\Lambda_c$  reconstruction efficiency is determined to be  $\epsilon_{\Lambda_c} = 40.95 \pm 1.77\%$ . When propagating its uncertainty, a systematic error of 0.07% on the Br value is calculated.

## 5.13 Fit biases

The small bias on the reconstructed signal seen in the two-dimensional fit model produces a not negligible systematic uncertainty on the branching fraction. The discrepancy in the amount of the total signal estimated by the  $B_{tag}$  fit needs to be included as well in the systematic effects. Propagating the two sources of systematics in the branching fraction calculation results in an additional 0.05% uncertainty on the branching fraction value.

## 5.14 Tracking efficiency

As for the charged correlated decays, a systematic uncertainty of 0.35% per track is applied and the total systematic uncertainty is the sum over the three charged tracks used to reconstruct the  $\Lambda_c$  baryon: 1.05%. This results in 0.01% uncertainty on the branching fraction value.

### 5.15 Measured $B^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$ inclusive Branching Fraction

Using the results from the two dimensional fit reported in Table 7 with all the needed factors known, it's possible to examine the agreement between the the branching ratio value used in MC generation and the measured ones. As in the charged flavor-correlated decays the average of measured values are about  $1\sigma$  statistical uncertainty away from the average value of the branching ratio set in MC (actually already the average value obtained with the total signal fits shows this tendency).

	total fit	signal fit	BELLE MC VALUE
stream 0	$(1.32 \pm 0.11)\%$	$(1.19 \pm 0.04)\%$	$(1.233 \pm 0.007)\%$
stream 1	$(1.32 \pm 0.11)\%$	$(1.26 \pm 0.05)\%$	$(1.218 \pm 0.007)\%$
stream 2	$(1.37 \pm 0.12)\%$	$(1.29 \pm 0.05)\%$	$(1.218 \pm 0.007)\%$
stream 3	$(1.31 \pm 0.11)\%$	$(1.26 \pm 0.05)\%$	$(1.215 \pm 0.007)\%$
stream 4	$(1.50 \pm 0.12)\%$	$(1.26 \pm 0.05)\%$	$(1.218 \pm 0.007)\%$
stream 5	$(1.12 \pm 0.12)\%$	$(1.22 \pm 0.05)\%$	$(1.217 \pm 0.007)\%$
average	$(1.32 \pm 0.05)\%$	$(1.25 \pm 0.02)\%$	$(1.220 \pm 0.003)\%$

Table (12) Measured branching fraction values obtained using the results listed in Table 7 for the six different streams (only statistical uncertainties are displayed) and its average.

As in the charged flavor-correlated decays the precision obtained on Monte Carlo simulated data is improved by factors compared to the branching fraction measured by BaBar experiment (see [1]).

# <sup>518</sup> Appendices





519 .1  $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$  decays: additional plots

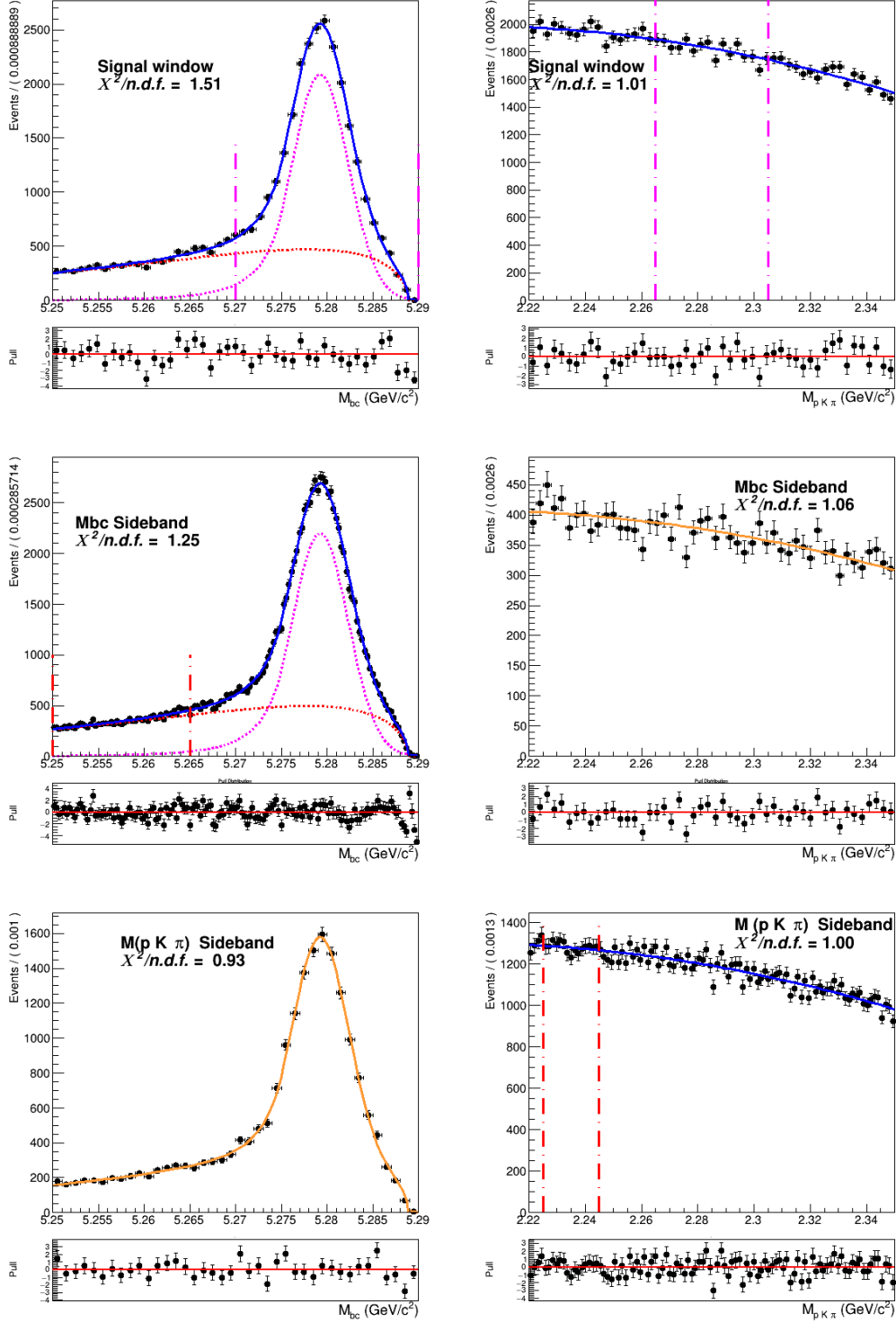


Figure (44) Signal region and sidebands of the two dimensional fit of generic background shown in ??

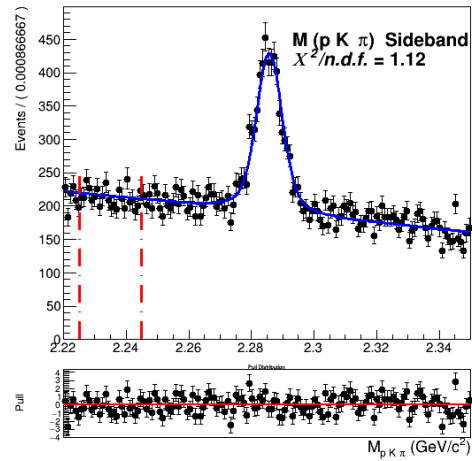
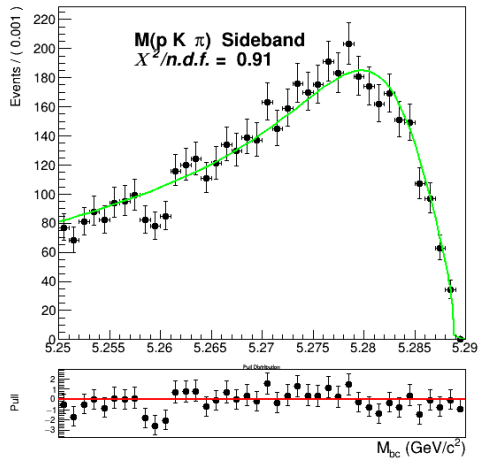
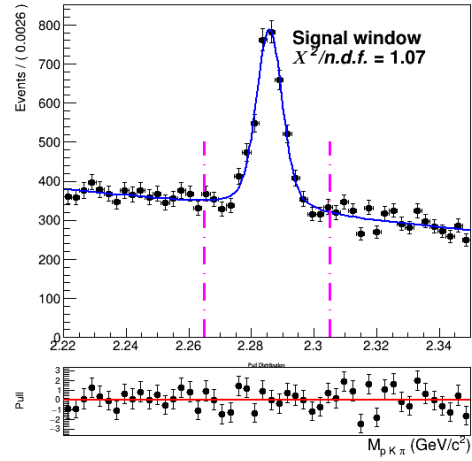
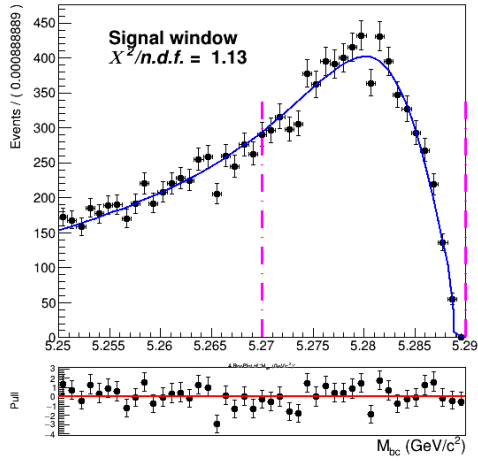
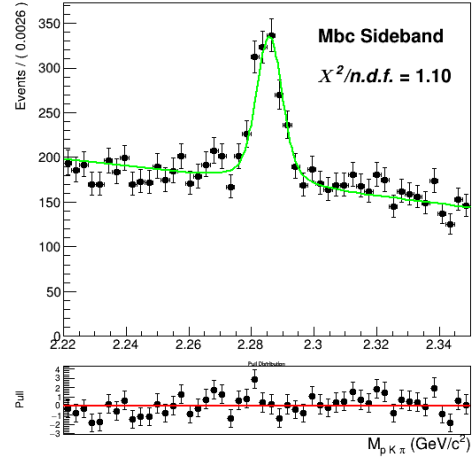
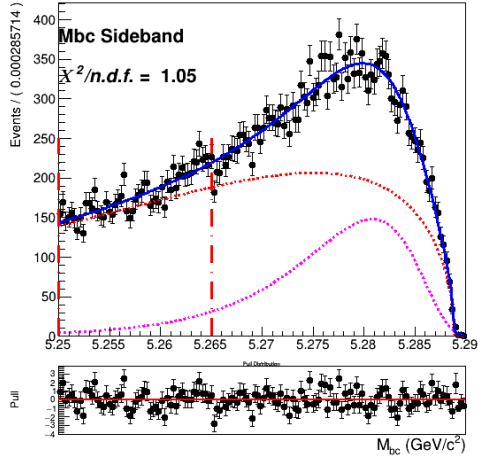


Figure (45) Signal region and sidebands of the two dimensional fit of crossfeed background after parametrization

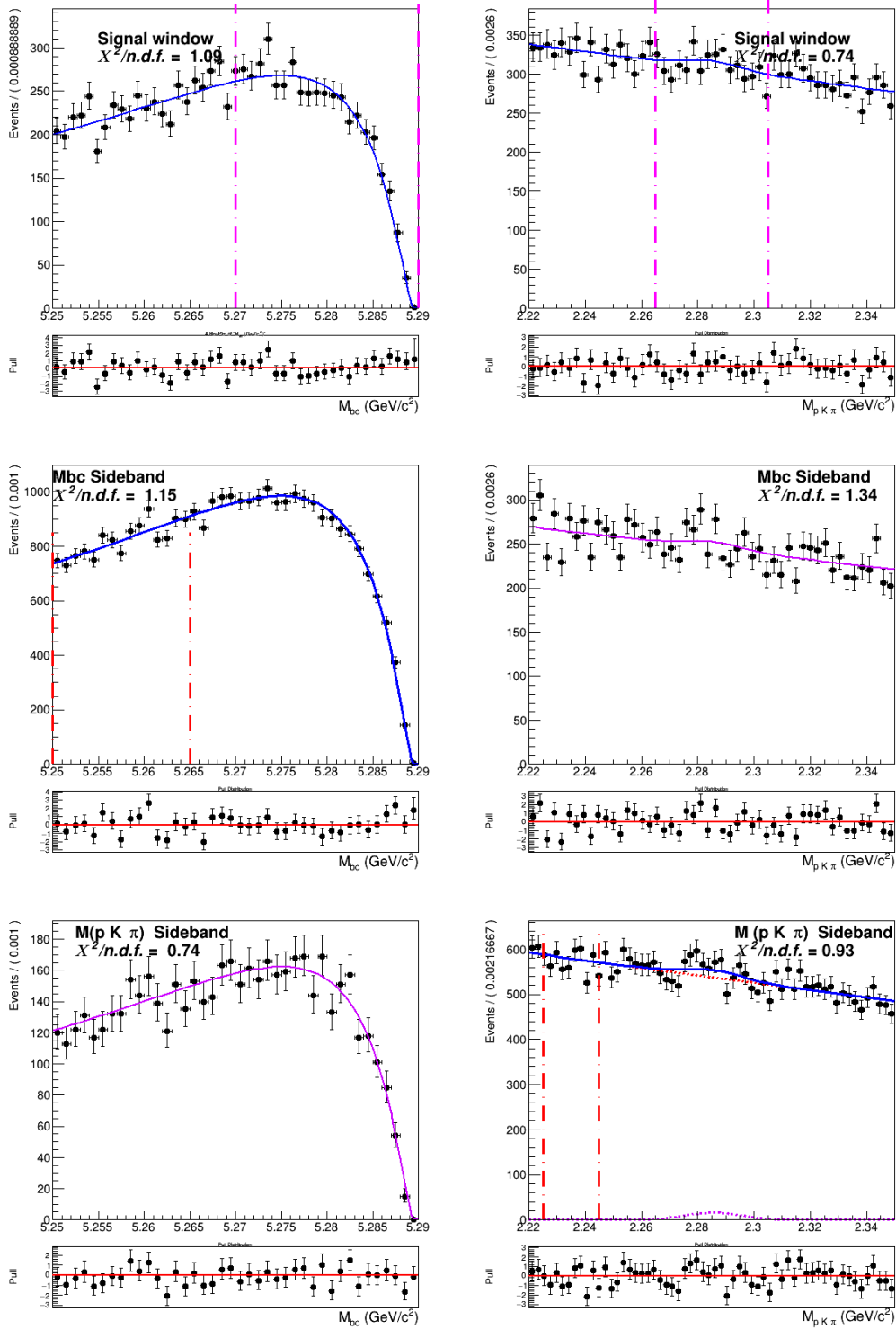


Figure (46) Signal region and sidebands of the two dimensional fit of continuum back-ground shown in ??

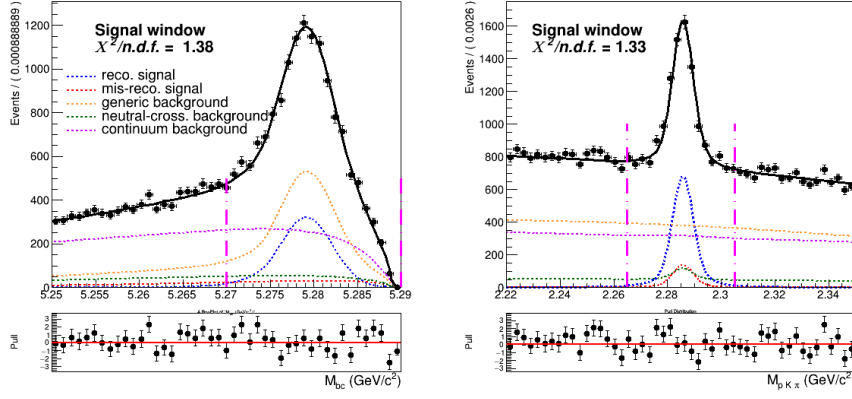


Figure (47) Signal region ( $2.22 < M(pK\pi) < 2.35$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$  and  $5.27 < M_{bc} < 5.29$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$ ) projections of the dimensional fit on stream 0 Monte Carlo simulated data.

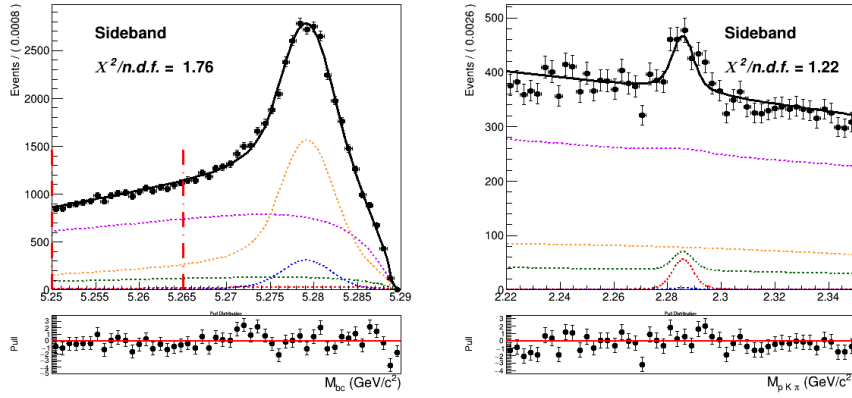


Figure (48) Sideband region of  $5.25 < M_{bc} < 5.265$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$  projection of the two dimensional fit on stream 0 Monte Carlo simulated data.

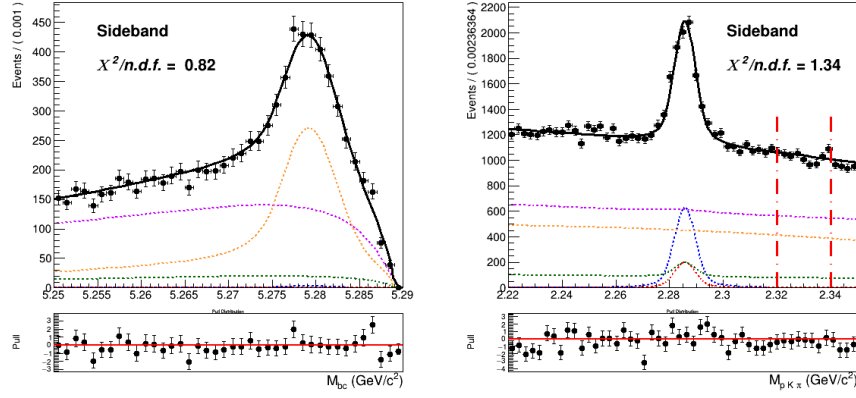


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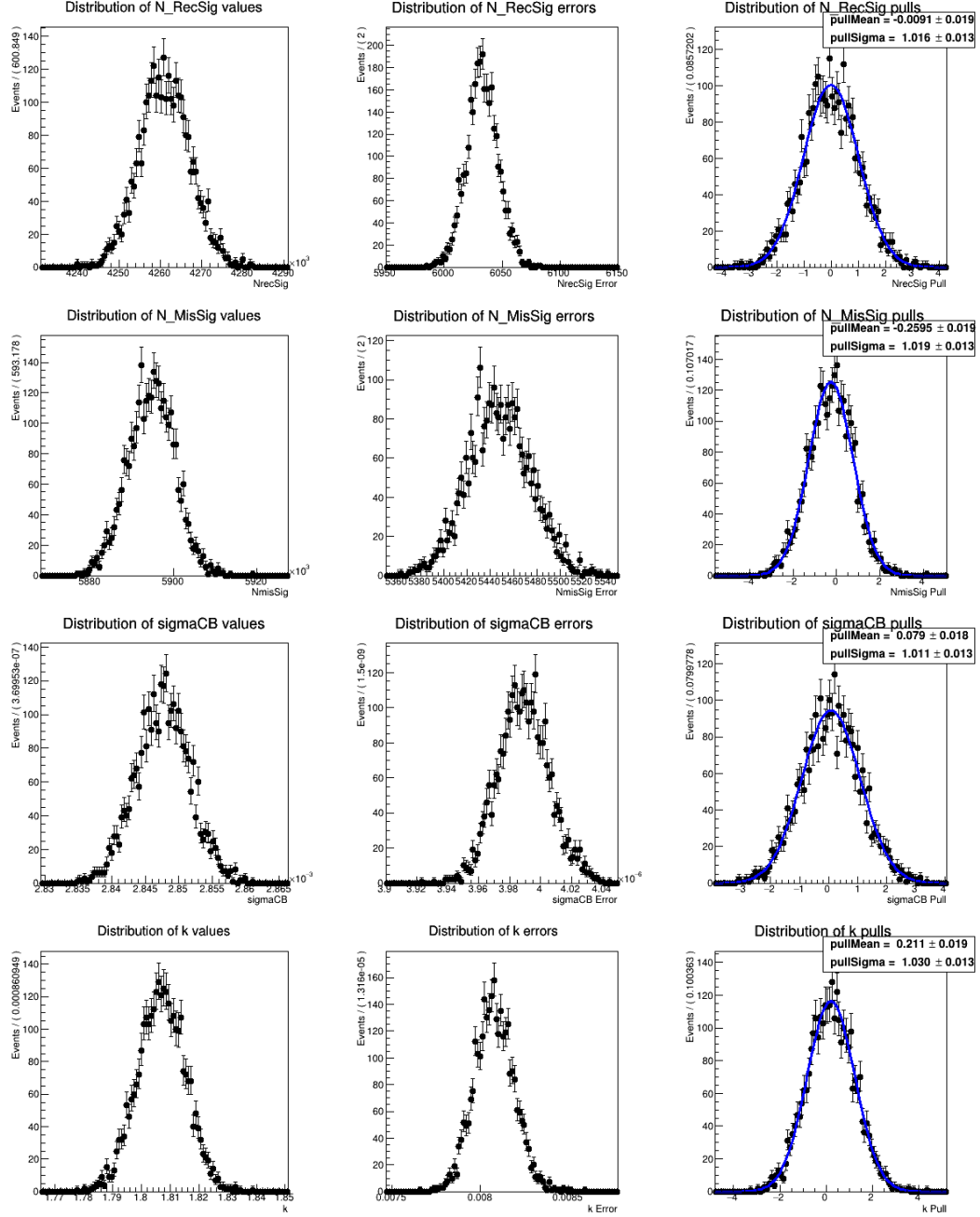


Figure (50) Toy MC study for the  $B_{tag}$  fit model described in Sec. ??

## 520 .2 $B^- \rightarrow D^0$ decays: additional plots

521 Figures 51-52 show the FOM values at various cuts on *foxWolframR2* and SignalProba-  
 522 bility variables respectively. After the cuts on the first two variables were optimized, the  
 523 cut on  $D_{CMS}^0$  is chosen considering the momenta distributions plotted on 53:  $p_{CMS}^{D^0} > 1$   
 524 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> removes a good portion of background events while retaining most of the signal  
 525 events.

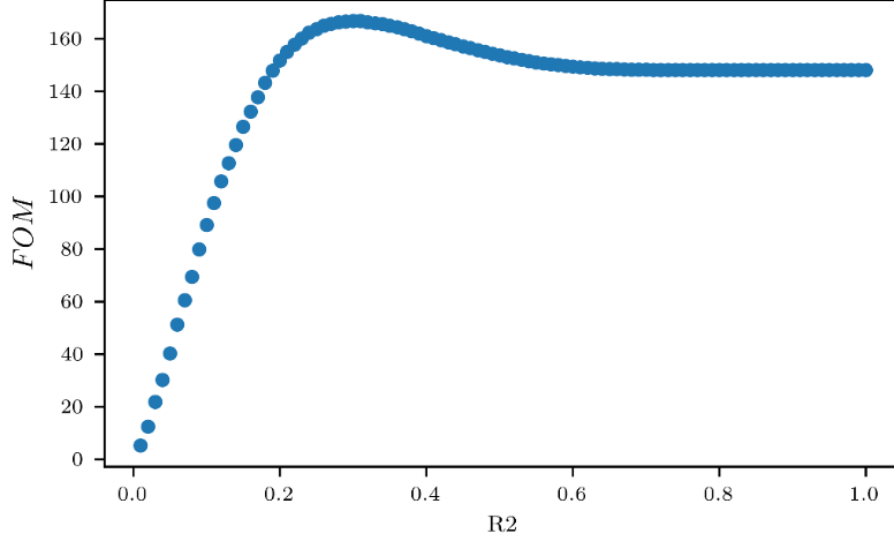


Figure (51) Figure of Merit values calculated at several cuts on the *foxWolframR2* variable.

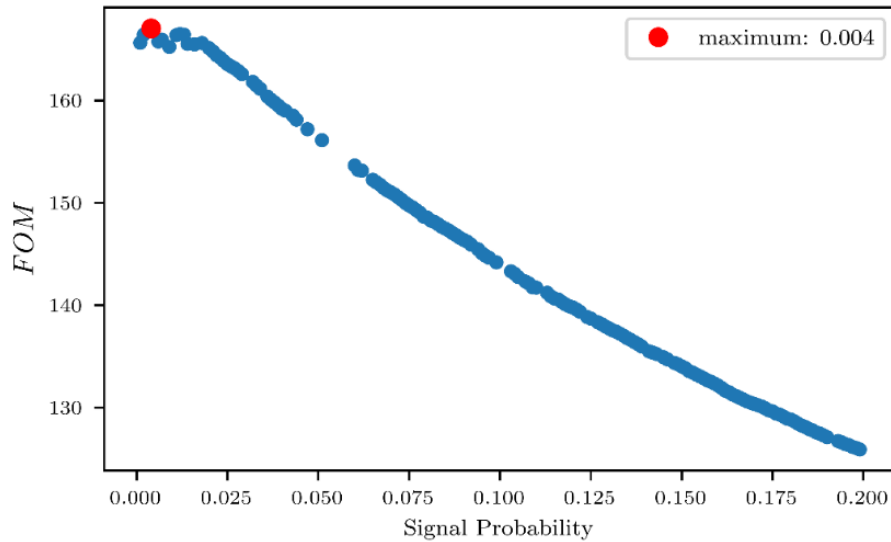


Figure (52) Figure of Merit values calculated at several cuts on the SignalProbability variable.

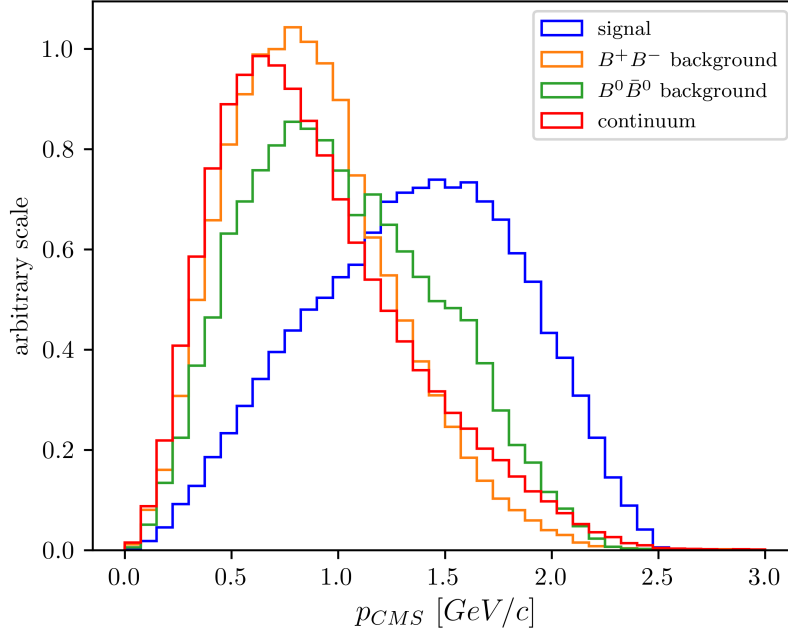


Figure (53) Distribution of  $D^0$  candidates momenta in the center of mass system after the cuts on *foxWolframR2* and *SignalProbability* variables were applied.

526 Figures 54-56 show the projections of signal regions and sidebands in  $M_{bc}$  and in the  
 527  $D^0$  invariant mass of the two dimensional fit on stream 0.

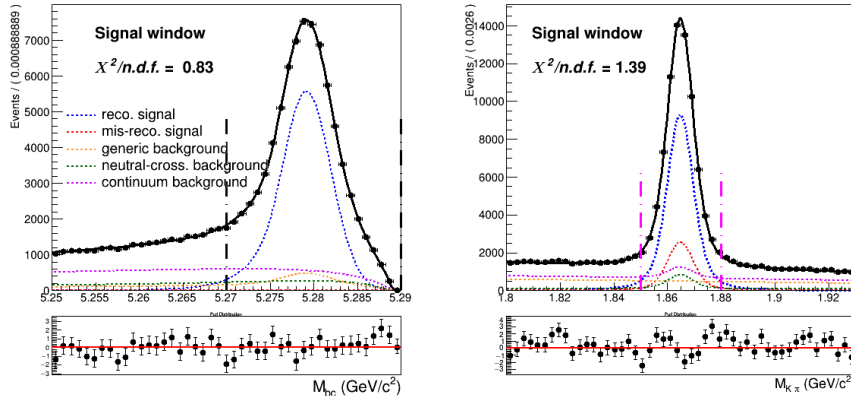


Figure (54) Signal region (  $1.85 < M(\pi K) < 1.88 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and  $5.27 < M_{bc} < 5.29 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) projections of the two dimensional fit on stream0 (Fig. 10).



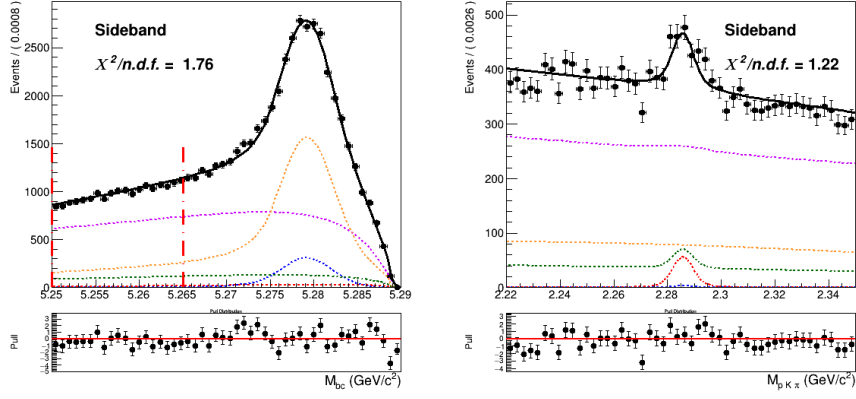


Figure (55) Sideband region of  $5.25 < M_{bc} < 5.265$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$  projection in  $M(\pi K)$  of the two dimensional fit on stream 0.

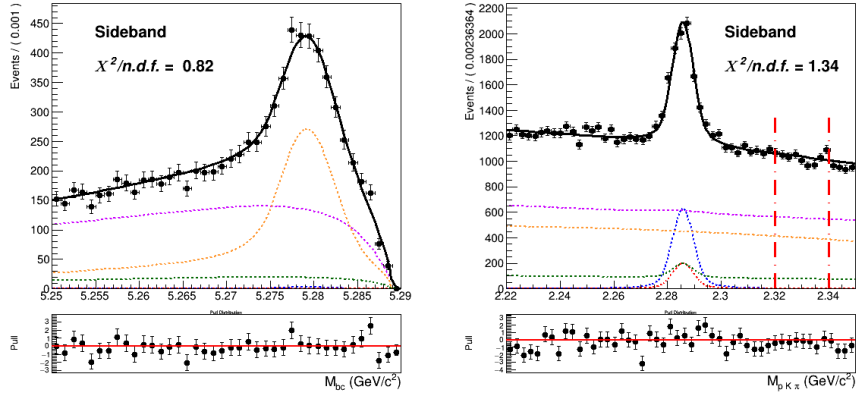


Figure (56) Sideband region of  $1.8 < M(\pi K) < 1.84$   $\text{GeV}/c^2$  projection in  $M_{bc}$  of the two dimensional fit on stream 0.

528 Figs. 57 to 59 show the projections in  $M_{bc}$  and in the  $D^0$  invariant mass of the two  
529 dimensional fit on data.

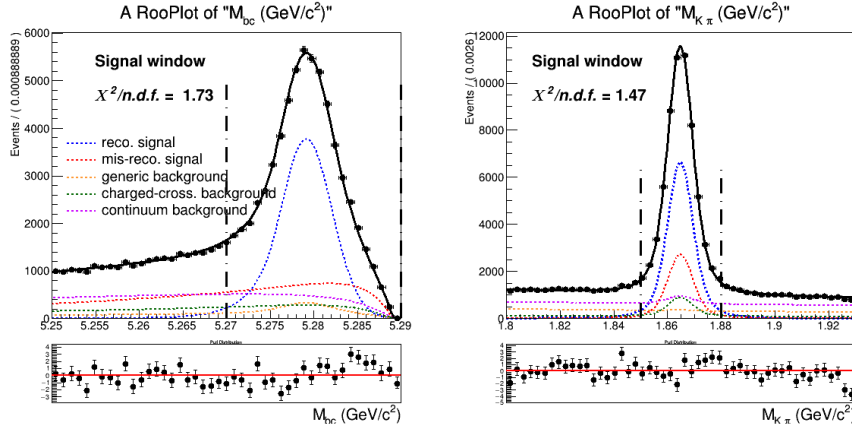


Figure (57) Signal region ( $1.85 < M(\pi K) < 1.88 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and  $5.27 < M_{bc} < 5.29 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) projections of the two dimensional fit on data described in Sec. 4.6

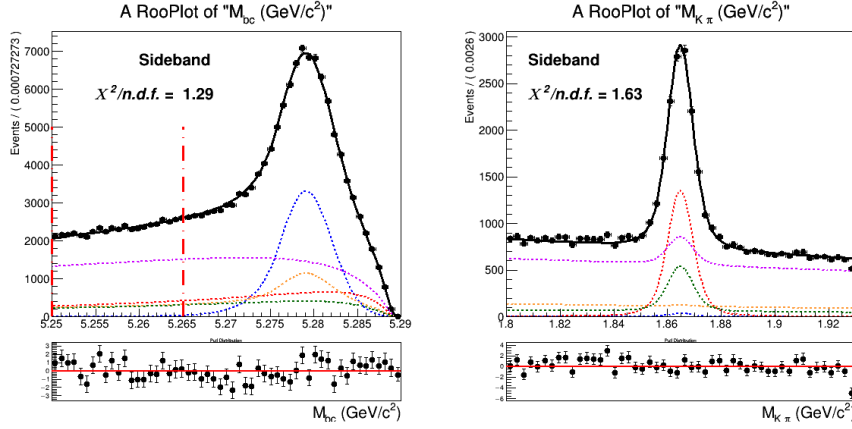


Figure (58) Sideband region of  $5.25 < M_{bc} < 5.265 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  projection in  $M(\pi K)$  of the two dimensional fit on data

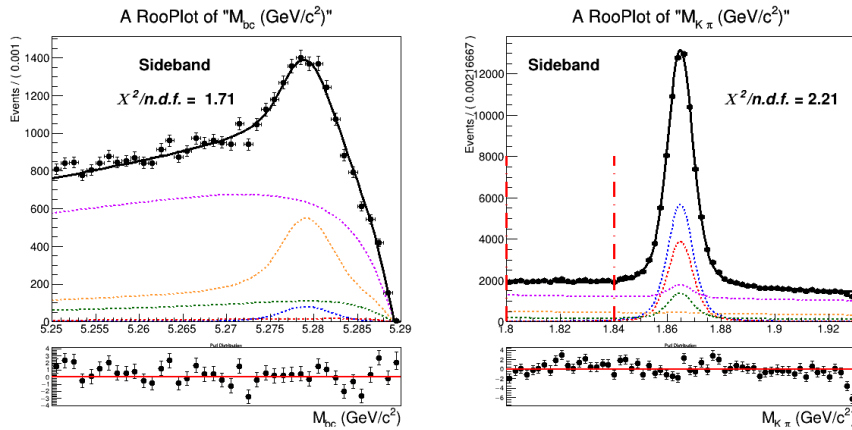


Figure (59) Sideband region of  $1.8 < M(\pi K) < 1.84 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  projection in  $M_{bc}$  of the two dimensional fit on data.



### .3 $B^- \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ decays: additional plots

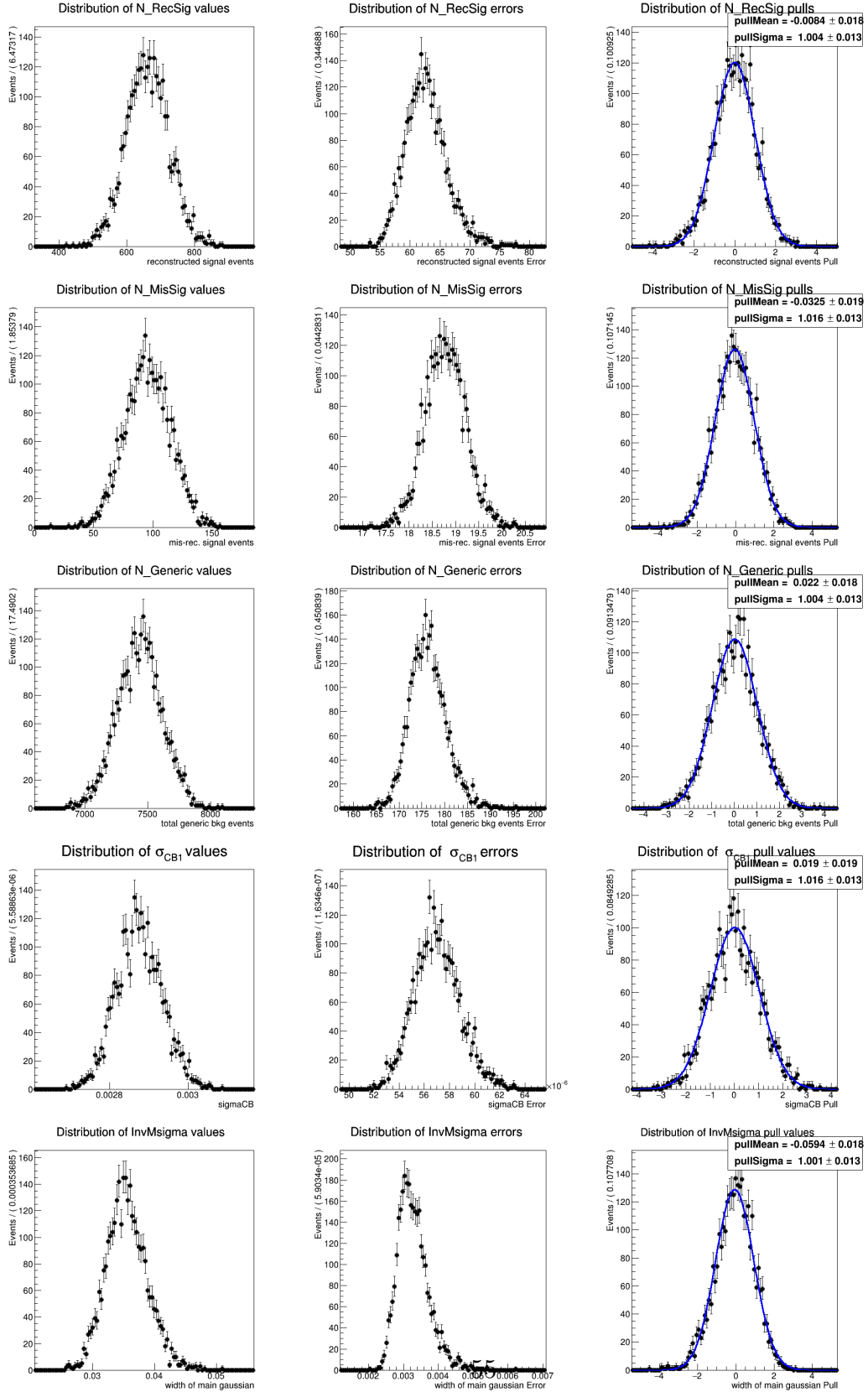


Figure (60) Toy MC study for the two dimensional fit model described in Sec. 5.2

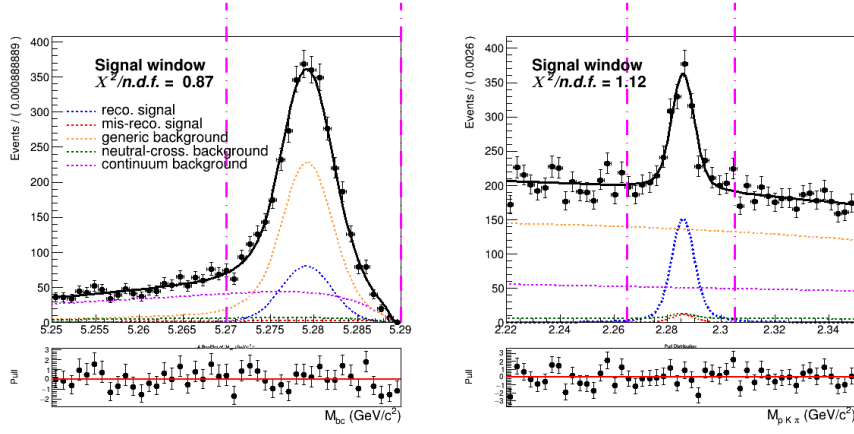


Figure (61) Signal region ( $2.22 < M(pK\pi) < 2.35$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup> and  $5.27 < M_{bc} < 5.29$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>) projections of the dimensional fit on stream 0 Monte Carlo simulated data.

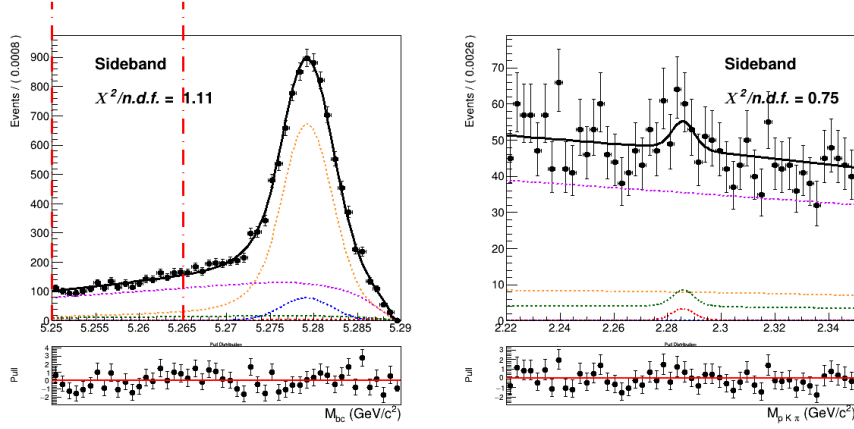


Figure (62) Sideband region of  $5.25 < M_{bc} < 5.265$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup> projection of the two dimensional fit on stream 0 Monte Carlo simulated data.

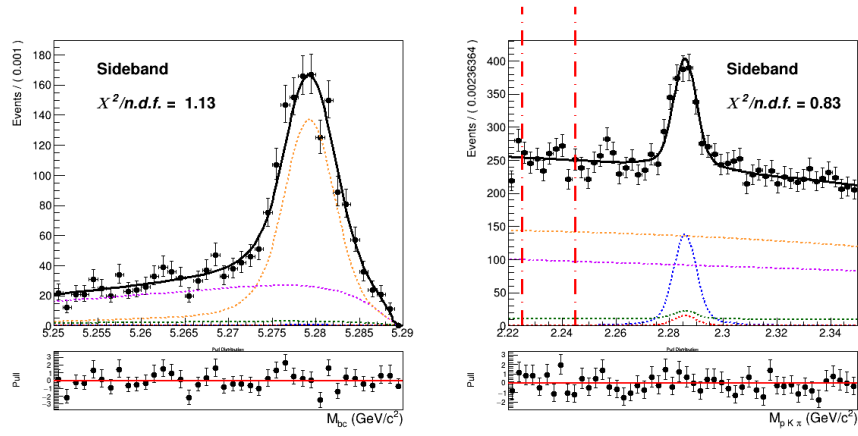


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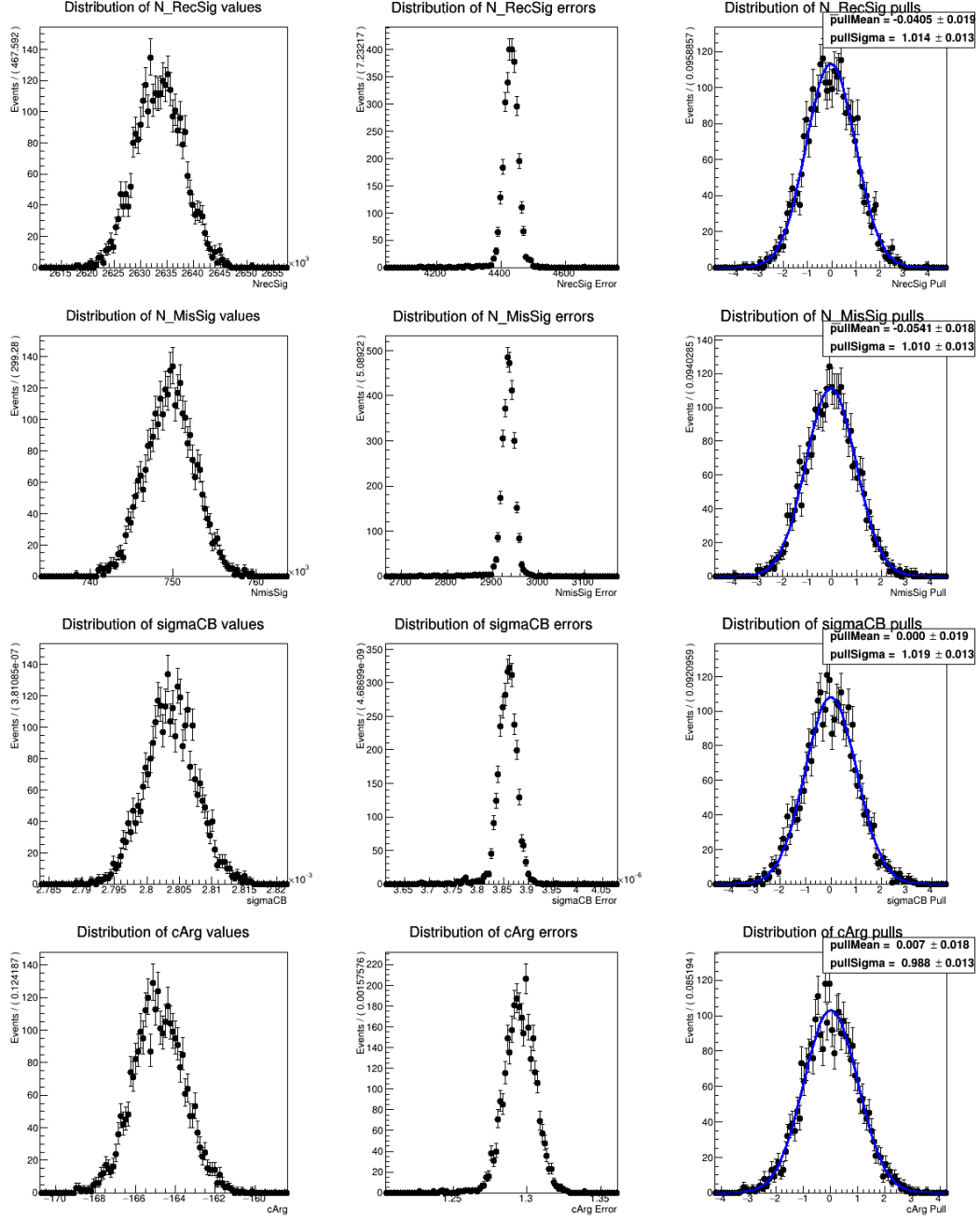


Figure (64) Toy MC study for the  $B_{tag}$  fit model described in Sec. 5.4

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