

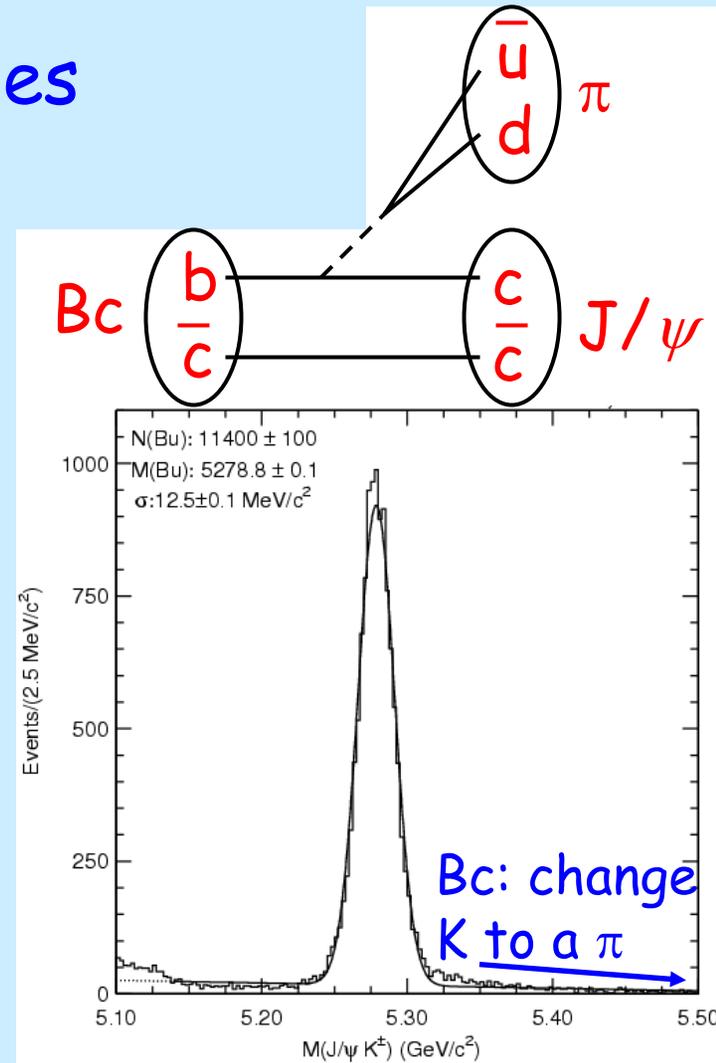


$B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi$   
at CDF with  $1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
(approved result May 25 2006)

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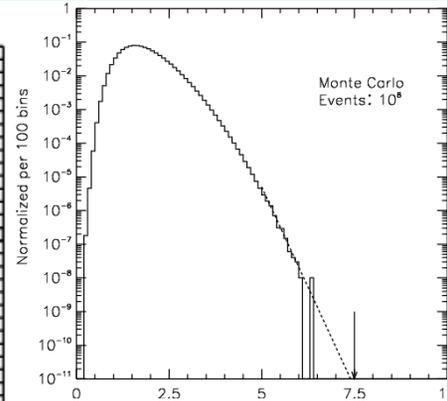
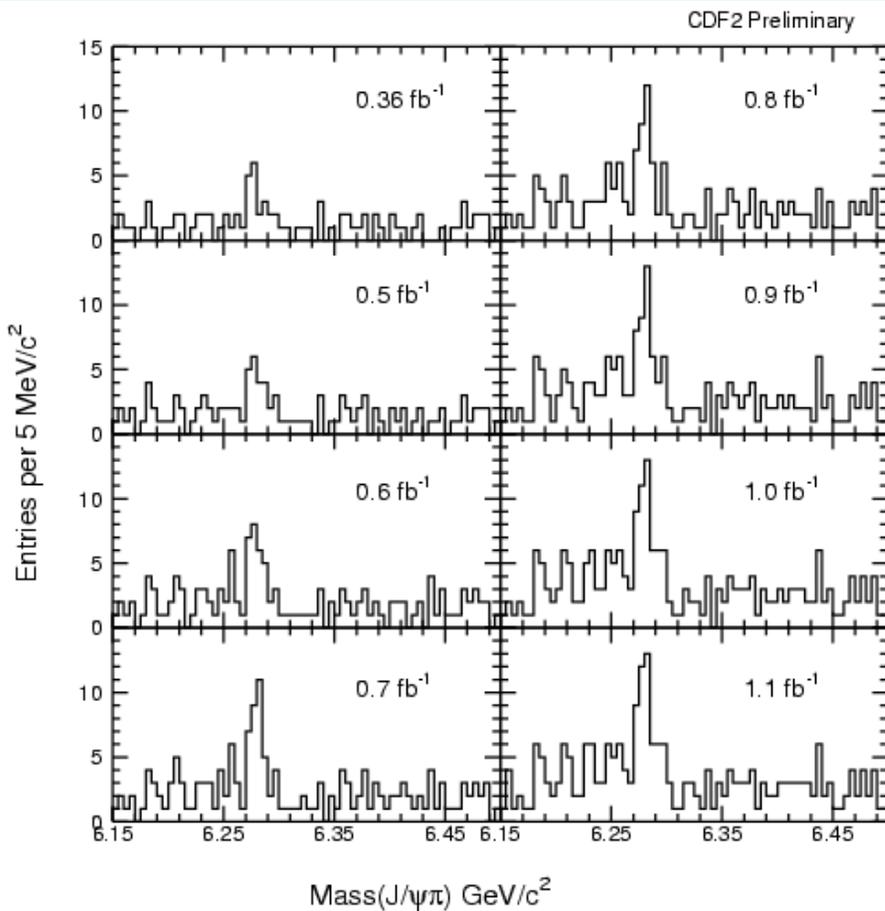
- $B_c$  is not produced at B factories
- Full reconstruction allows for precise mass measurement
- New analysis

- Tune selection on the data:  
 $B_u \rightarrow J/\psi K$  reference decay
- After approval, "open box".
- Wait for events to become a significant excess
- Measure properties of the  $B_c$



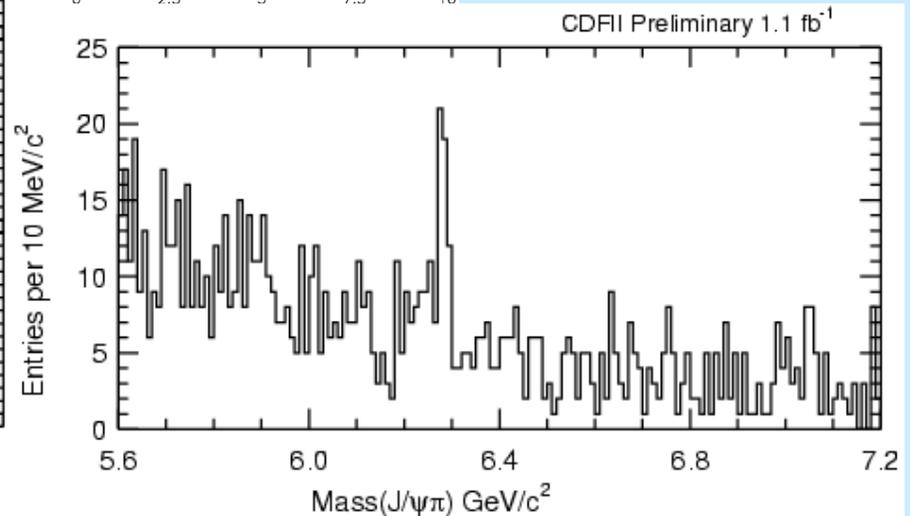


# $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\pi$



Num(events)<sub>FIT</sub> =  
44.4 sig 34.6 bkg  
between 6245-6305

Significance >  $6\sigma$   
over search area



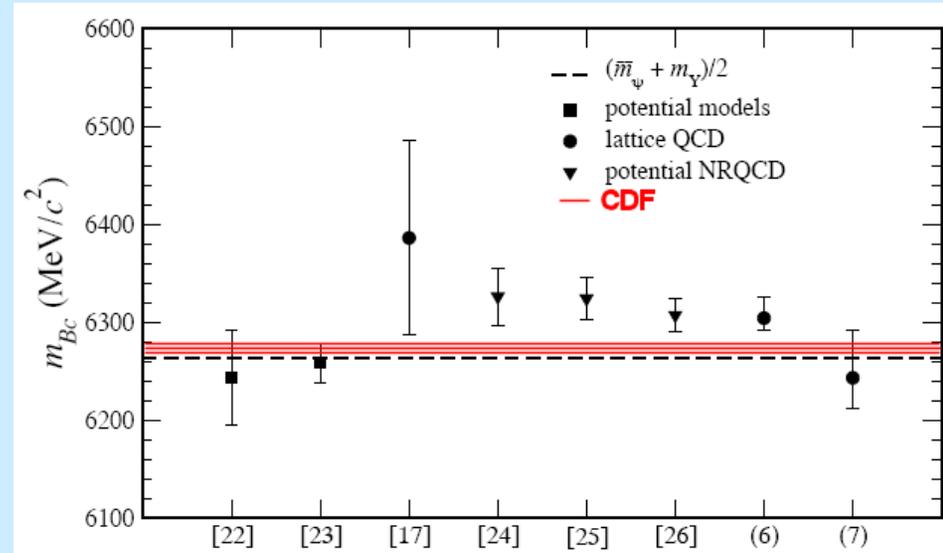
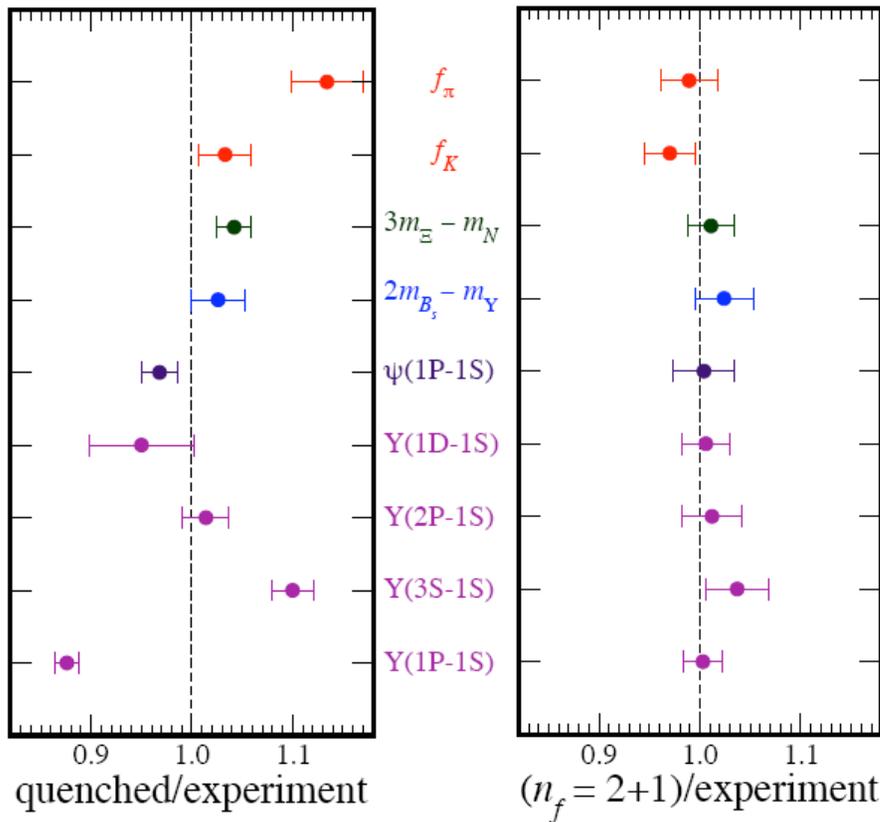
$$\text{Mass}(B_c) = 6276.5 \pm 4.0 \pm 2.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Best in  
world!



# Recent Lattice Calculations

- Lattice calculations that show good agreement with experiment were used to *predict* the mass of the  $B_c$



$$M(B_c)_{\text{CDF}} = 6275.2 \pm 4.0 \pm 2.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$M(B_c)_{\text{LAT}} = 6304 \pm 12^{+18}_{-0} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$