

Inclusive search for Ξ_{bc}

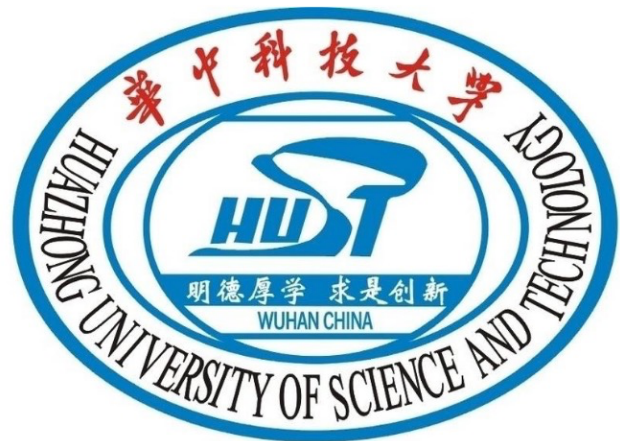
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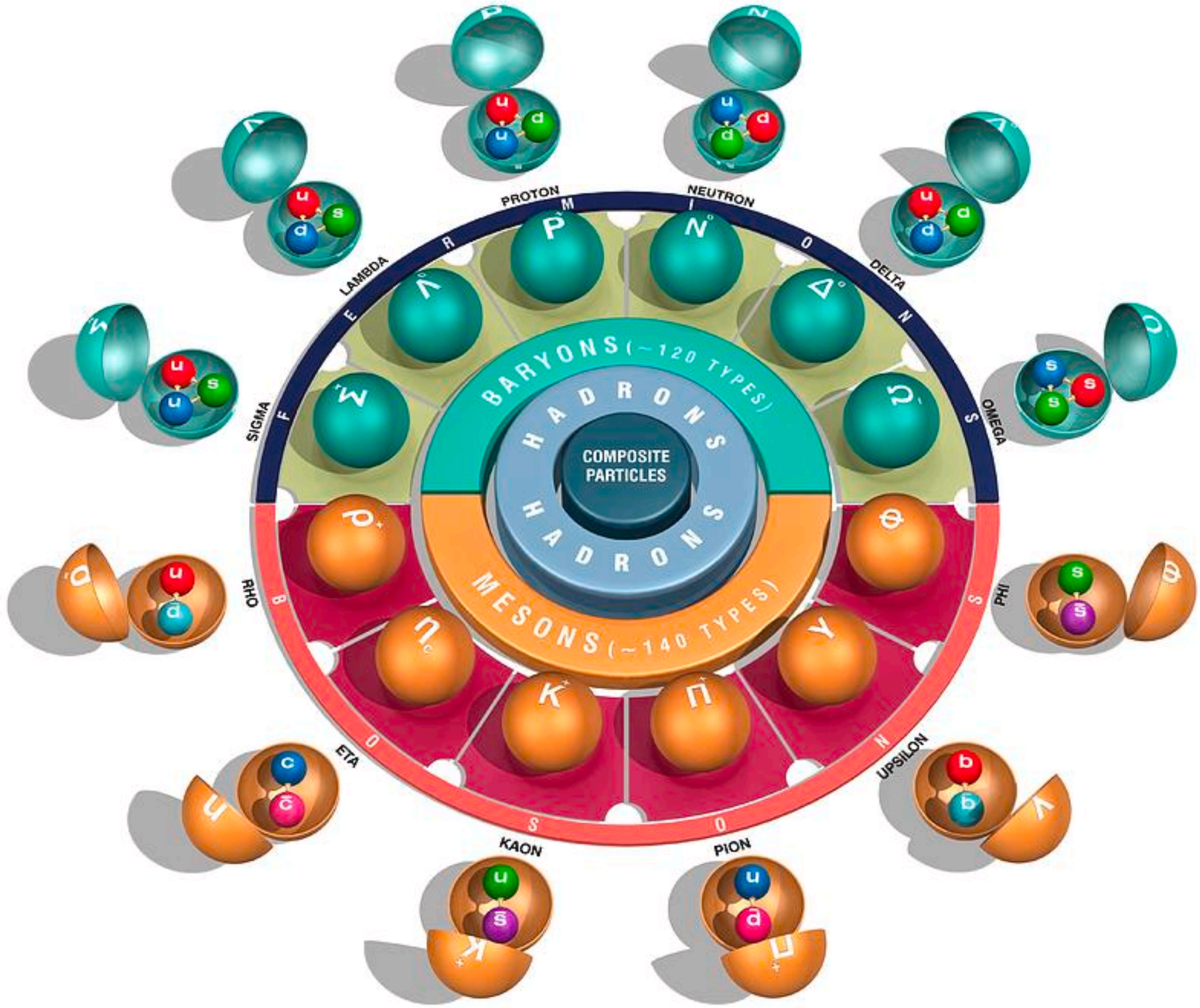
- It is important to study Ξ_{bc}
- We propose a inclusive strategy to find Ξ_{bc}
- We will show it is reachable at LHCb

The quark model

- Old myth
- New life



Murry Gell-Mann
1969 Nobel Prize for physics



Three new milestones

- Observation of tetraquarks

[BESIII, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 110 (2013) 252001]

The *Physics* 2013 “Highlights of the Year” (rank 1st)

- Observation of pentaquarks

[LHCb, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 115 (2015) 072001]

The *Physics World* 2015 “top-10 breakthroughs”

- Observation of a double-charm baryon Ξ_{cc}^{++}

[LHCb, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 119 (2017) 112001]

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“Periodic table of the hadrons”

Periodic Table of the Elements

The image shows a standard periodic table of elements. The elements are color-coded into groups: Alkali Metal (red), Alkaline Earth (orange), Transition Metal (yellow), Basic Metal (green), Semimetal (cyan), Nonmetal (blue), Halogen (purple), Noble Gas (pink), Lanthanide (light blue), and Actinide (light pink). The table includes element symbols, atomic numbers, and names.

π, K, \dots	D	B	η_c	B_c	η_b			
p, n, ...	Λ_c	Λ_b				Ξ_{cc}	Ξ_{bc}	Ξ_{bb}
	$X_{(2900)}$		Z_c			T_{cc}	T_{bc}	T_{bb}
			P_c					

Z_c, P_c : a new period

Ξ_{cc} : a new main group

Beyond stamp collecting

- Because of **color confinement**, properties of quarks are studied via hadrons

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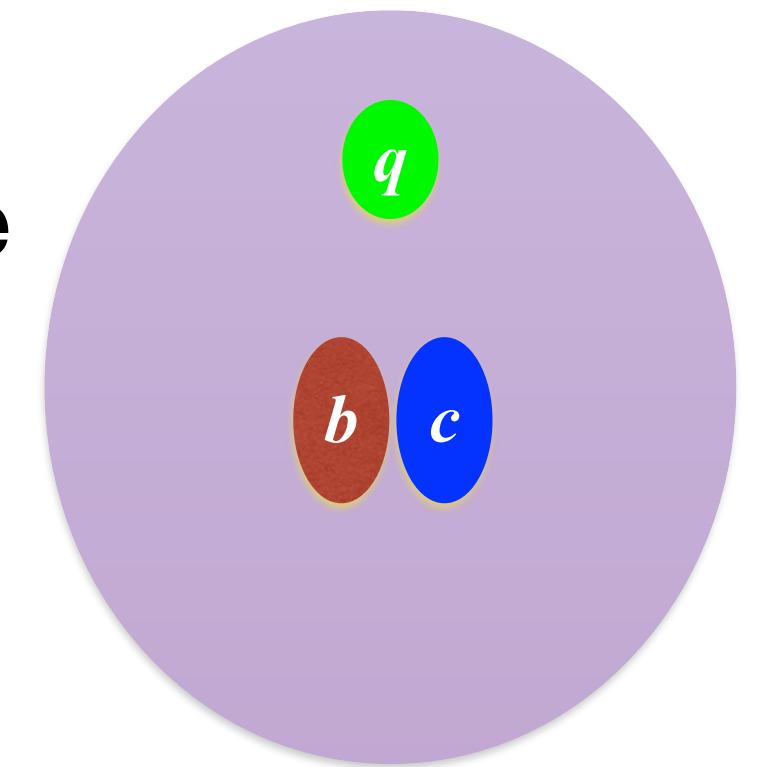
- Different types of hadrons provide **different visual angles** into QCD and also electroweak dynamics

e.g., **doubly-heavy baryons** have a unique structure, a bound state of a heavy 'diquark' and a light quark

analogous to a heavy meson, but also different: bosonic, sizable heavy element

e.g., the **double-bottom tetraquark** $T_{[qq']}^{\{bb\}}$ is expected to be below threshold and thus decay weakly

[Eichten, Quigg, 1707.09575]



Who is to be shot next?

π, K, \dots	D	B	η_c	B_c	η_b			
p, n, \dots	Λ_c	Λ_b				Ξ_{cc}	Ξ_{bc}	Ξ_{bb}
	$X_{(2900)}$		Z_c			T_{cc}	T_{bc}	T_{bb}
			P_c					

$$\sigma(\Xi_{bc}) = 37 \text{ nb at 14 TeV LHCb}$$

[X.G.Wu, et al 1101.1130]

	2011	2012	2018	2023	2029	2035
LHCb	Run I		Run II	Run III	Run IV	Run V
Integrated luminosity	1 fb ⁻¹	3 fb ⁻¹	9 fb ⁻¹	23 fb ⁻¹	50 fb ⁻¹	300 fb ⁻¹

Trillions of Ξ_{bc} will be produced @ LHCb Run3.

T_{cc} : [QQ, F.S.Yu,2008.08026]

Ξ_{bc} : this talk

Difficulties in experimental searches

- Production rate
- Detection efficiency — — small exclusive branching ratios
- First experimental attempt

channels	Γ / GeV	\mathcal{B}	channels	Γ / GeV	\mathcal{B}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^+$	5.74×10^{-15}	2.13×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \rho^+$	1.55×10^{-14}	5.77×10^{-3}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 a_1^+$	5.85×10^{-15}	2.17×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 K^+$	5.21×10^{-16}	1.93×10^{-4}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 K^{*+}$	7.32×10^{-16}	2.71×10^{-4}			
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_b^0 \pi^+$	3.08×10^{-15}	1.14×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_b^0 \rho^+$	1.30×10^{-14}	4.81×10^{-3}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_b^0 K^{*+}$	6.50×10^{-16}	2.41×10^{-4}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_b^0 K^+$	2.32×10^{-16}	8.62×10^{-5}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^0 \pi^+$	9.42×10^{-14}	3.49×10^{-2}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^0 \rho^+$	1.91×10^{-13}	7.09×10^{-2}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^0 K^{*+}$	7.55×10^{-15}	2.80×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^0 K^+$	8.16×10^{-15}	3.03×10^{-3}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^{\prime 0} \pi^+$	5.47×10^{-14}	2.03×10^{-2}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^{\prime 0} \rho^+$	2.01×10^{-13}	7.44×10^{-2}
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^{\prime 0} K^{*+}$	8.53×10^{-15}	3.16×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow \Xi_b^{\prime 0} K^+$	3.82×10^{-15}	1.42×10^{-3}

$$\frac{\sigma(\Xi_{bc}^0) B(\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-)}{\sigma(\Lambda_b^0) B(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-)} < [0.5, 2.5] \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(\Xi_{bc}^0) B(\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^-)}{\sigma(\Lambda_b^0) B(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \pi^-)} < [1.4, 6.9] \times 10^{-3}$$

[LHCb, 2104.04759]

[W. Wang, F.S. Yu, Z.X. Zhao, 1707.02834]

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A novel approach — — inclusive Ξ_{bc} search

- Generally, inclusive decays have (1) larger branching ratios but (2) lower detection efficiencies

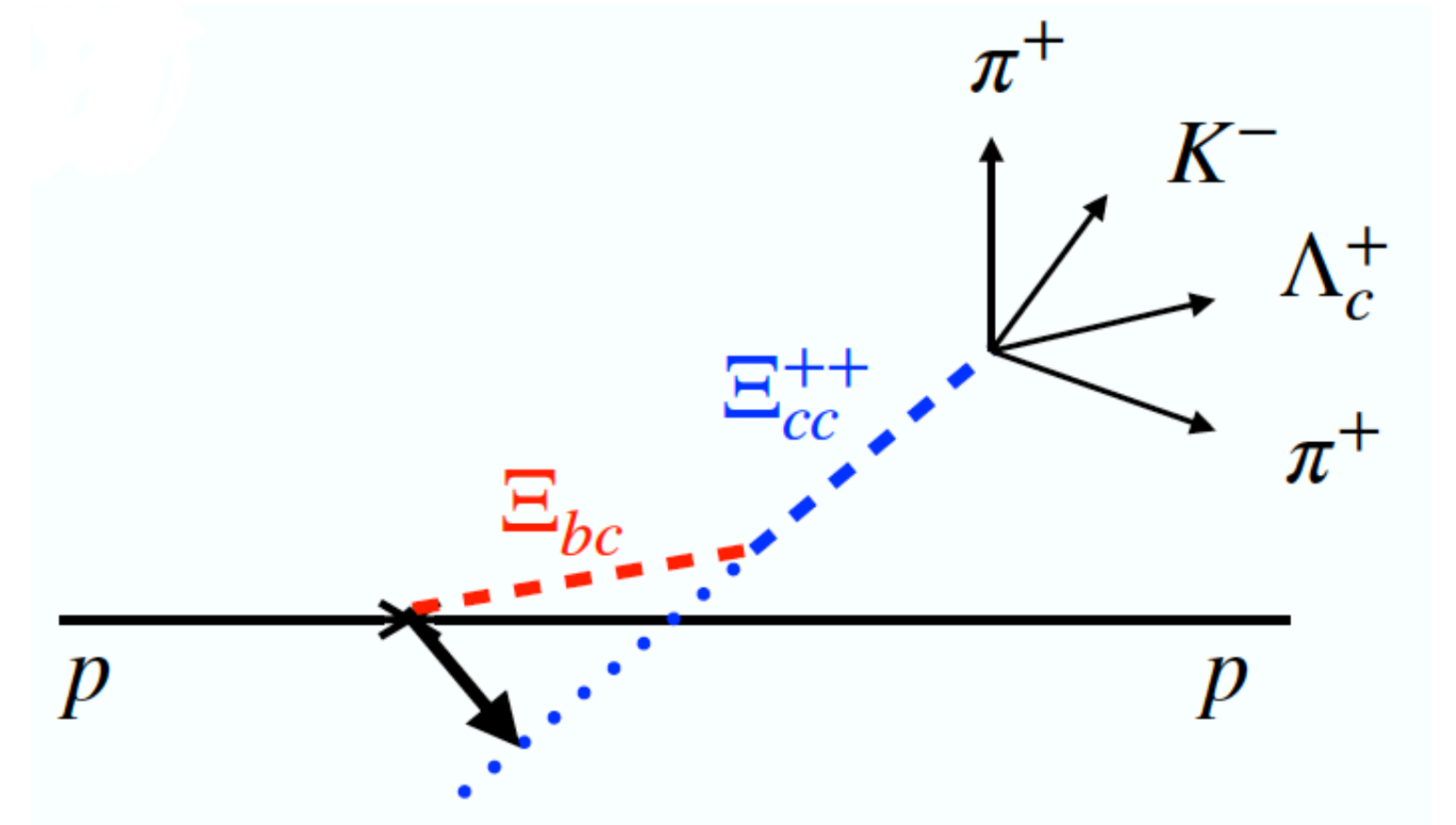
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Basically impossible at hadron colliders

- However, for $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X$, the efficiency can be large by making use of the inform of displaced vertex, because Ξ_{bc} can only decay weakly

Inspired by the proposal to search for Ξ_{bb} via $\Xi_{bb} \rightarrow B_c + X$
[Gershon, Poluektov, 1810.06657]

- Ξ_{bc} is (almost) the only source for displaced Ξ_{cc} 's
- The $B_c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X$ decay is highly suppressed



Calculation of $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X$

- First important fact: $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X = \Xi_{bc} \rightarrow X_{cc}$

X_{cc} include excited states of Ξ_{cc} , which still decay into Ξ_{cc}

- If we regard the heavy diquarks χ_{bc} and χ_{cc} as elementary objects, the decay at the quark-diquark diquark level is

$$\chi_{bc} \rightarrow \chi_{cc} + \ell^- \bar{\nu}, \chi_{cc} + \bar{q}q'$$

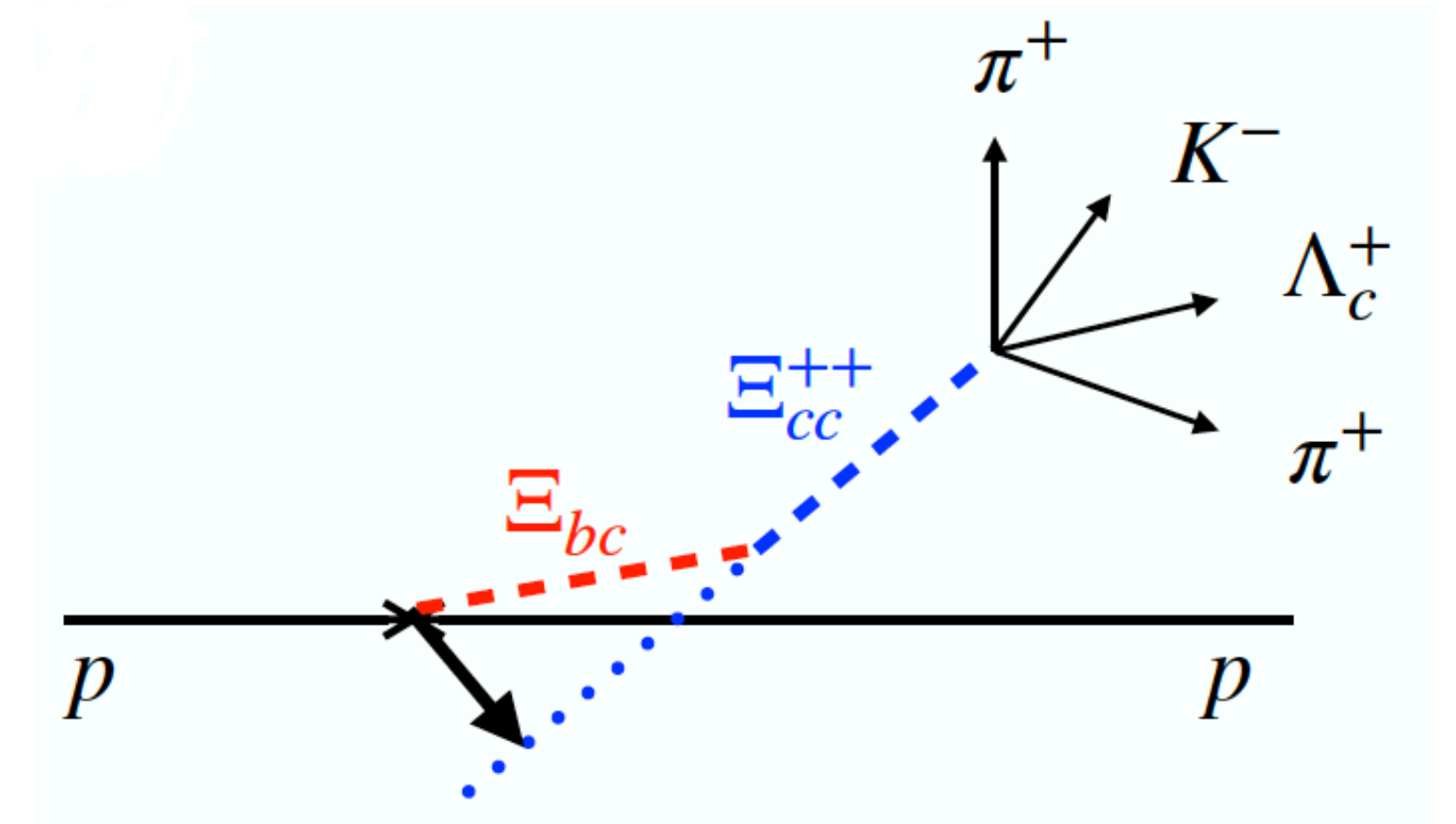
It is reasonable because $r_{QQ'} \sim 1/(m_Q v) \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ [e.g., Brodsky, Guo, Hanhart, Meissner, 1101.1983]

- By making use of **OPE**, the inclusive decay width can be expanded by powers of $1/M_{QQ'}$ within the **Heavy Diquark Effective Theory**

[Y.J. Shi, W. Wang, Z.X. Zhao, Meissner, 2002.02785]

- At the leading power

$$B(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow X_{cc}) = B(\chi_{bc} \rightarrow \chi_{cc} + \ell^- \bar{\nu}, \chi_{cc} + \bar{q}q') + \mathcal{O}(1/M_{QQ'})$$



Calculation of $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X$

- The key issue is the 2-diquark-2-fermion interaction vertex, i.e. the $\chi_{bc} \rightarrow \chi_{cc}$ diquark current

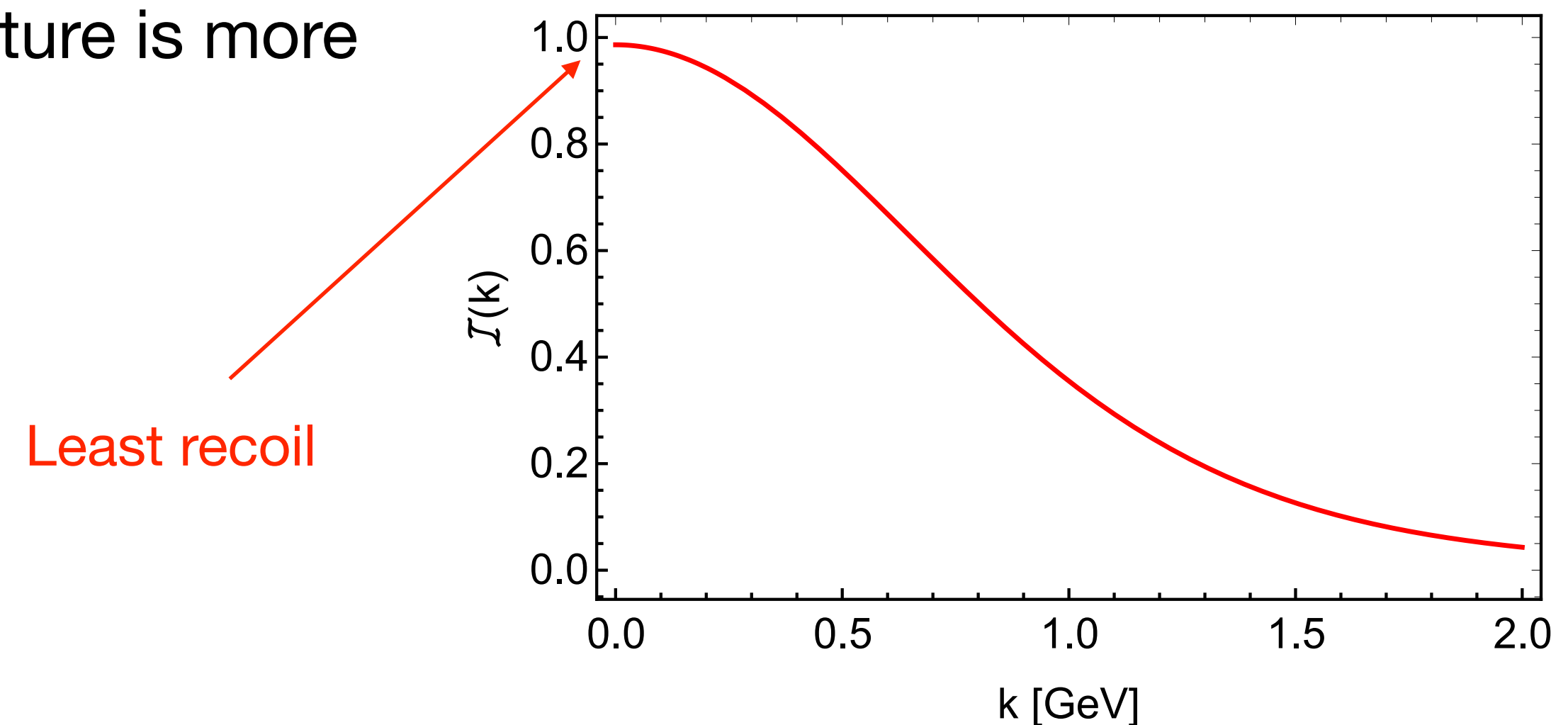
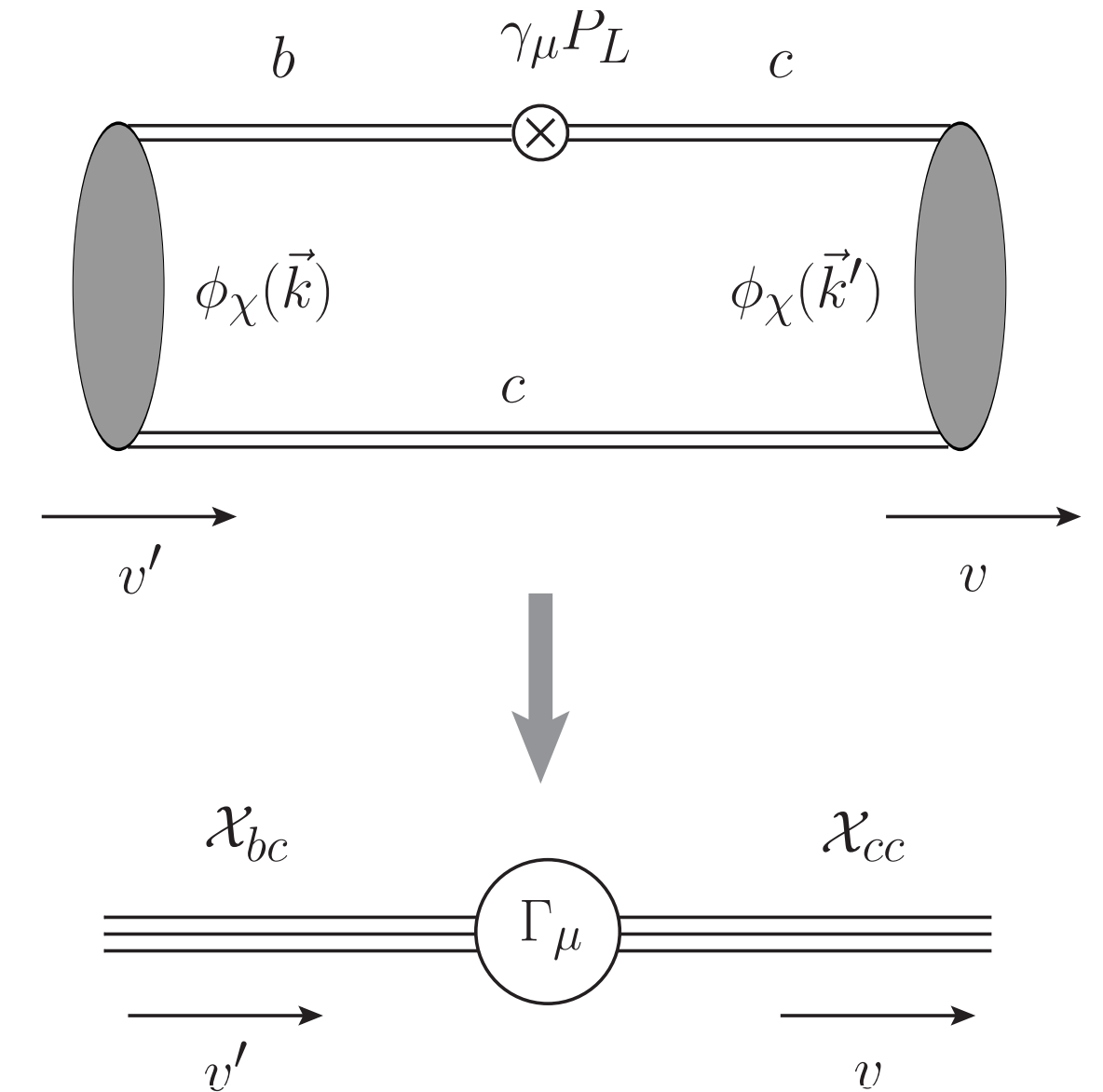
- Assuming the heavy quark symmetry, the diquark current is matched from the quark current to be

$$\Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^{\mu} = \left[i \left(g_{\rho\sigma} \overleftarrow{\partial}^{\mu} - g_{\rho}^{\mu} \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\sigma} - g_{\rho\sigma} \partial^{\mu} + \partial_{\rho} g_{\sigma}^{\mu} \right) + \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left(\overleftarrow{\partial}^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} \right) \right] \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{F} (m_c |\mathbf{v}' - \mathbf{v}|)$$

with $\mathcal{F}(\dots) \equiv 1$

- If we consider the heavy quark mass effects, the structure is more complicated, and $\mathcal{F}(\dots)$ is given by the right curve

- The model matching is to be improved



Calculation of $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X$ (Preliminary)

- Numerical result for the decay width

$$\Gamma(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X) = (3.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}$$

Uncertainties from Quark mass, model independence, power correction

- The branching ratio is

$$B(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X) \approx 12\% \times \frac{\tau_{\Xi_{bc}}}{200\text{fs}}$$

- Ξ_{cc}^{++} fragmentation suffers a factor of 1/2 (Assuming the u and d quark saturate the fragmentation)

$$B(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X) = 6\% \times \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_{\Xi_{bc}^+}}{200\text{fs}} + \frac{\tau_{\Xi_{bc}^0}}{200\text{fs}} \right) = 6\% \times \left(\frac{\tau_{\Xi_{bc}^+} + \tau_{\Xi_{bc}^0}}{400\text{fs}} \right)$$

- Lifetime [H.Y.Cheng, F.R.Xu, 1903.08148]

$$93\text{fs} < \tau(\Xi_{bc}^0) < 108 \text{ fs}, 409 \text{ fs} < \tau(\Xi_{bc}^+) < 607 \text{ fs}$$

Search for $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X$ with displaced Ξ_{cc}^{++}

- Estimated of signal signal events

$$N(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X) = N(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \cdot \frac{2\sigma(\Xi_{bc})}{\sigma(\Xi_{cc})} \cdot B(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X)$$

(Both Ξ_{bc}^0 and Ξ_{bc}^+ decay equally to Ξ_{cc}^{++} and thus Identical detection efficiency)

Three ingredients:

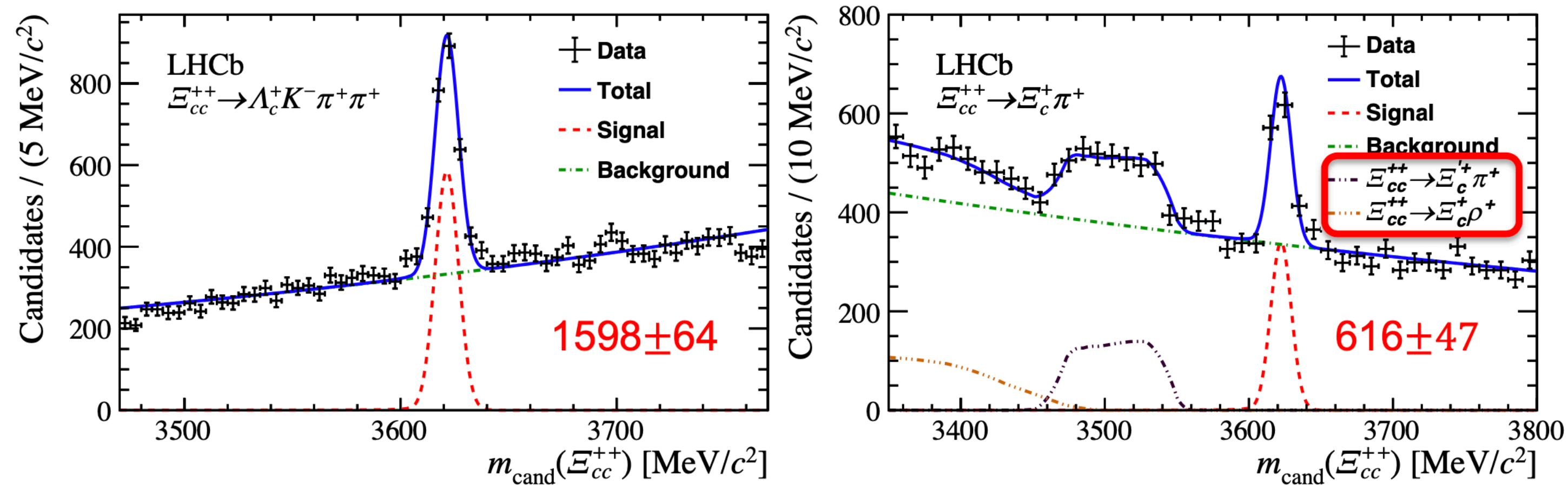
1. Number of signals of Ξ_{cc}^{++}

2. Production ratio $\sigma(\Xi_{bc})/\sigma(\Xi_{cc})$

3. Branching fraction of inclusive decay of $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X$

Search for $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X$ with displaced Ξ_{cc}^{++}

1. Number of signals of Ξ_{cc}^{++}



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- Data of 9 fb⁻¹ Run 1+2

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Integrated luminosity	1 fb ⁻¹	3 fb ⁻¹	9 fb ⁻¹	23 fb ⁻¹	50 fb ⁻¹	300 fb ⁻¹

- Events estimated for 23 fb⁻¹ (Run III)

Decay mode	LHCb			Belle II 50 ab ⁻¹
	23 fb ⁻¹	50 fb ⁻¹	300 fb ⁻¹	
$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	7k	15k	90k	<6k
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \Xi_c^+$	50	100	600	—

Z.W.Yang

$$\frac{7000}{1600} \times (1600 + 600) \approx 10000$$

Search for $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X$ with displaced Ξ_{cc}^{++}

2. Production ratio $\sigma(\Xi_{bc})/\sigma(\Xi_{cc})$

[X.G.Wu et al, 1101.1130]

TABLE VI. Comparison of the total cross section (in units nb) for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} , Ξ_{bc} , and Ξ_{bb} at $\sqrt{S} = 7.0$ TeV and $\sqrt{S} = 14.0$ TeV, where $[^3S_1]$ and $[^1S_0]$ stand for the combined results for the diquark in spin-triplet and spin-singlet states, respectively. In the calculations, we adopt $p_T > 4$ GeV and $|y| < 1.5$.

	Ξ_{cc}		Ξ_{bc}		Ξ_{bb}	
	$\sqrt{S} = 7.0$ TeV	$\sqrt{S} = 14.0$ TeV	$\sqrt{S} = 7.0$ TeV	$\sqrt{S} = 14.0$ TeV	$\sqrt{S} = 7.0$ TeV	$\sqrt{S} = 14.0$ TeV
$[^3S_1]$	38.11	69.40	16.7	28.55	0.503	1.137
$[^1S_0]$	9.362	17.05	3.72	6.315	0.100	0.226
Total	47.47	86.45	20.42	34.87	0.603	1.363

$$\sigma(\Xi_{bc})/\sigma(\Xi_{cc}) \approx 40\%$$

Search for $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X$ with displaced Ξ_{cc}^{++} (Preliminary)

- Final number of estimated signal events @ LHCb Run3

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X) &= N(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \cdot \frac{2\sigma(\Xi_{bc})}{\sigma(\Xi_{cc})} \cdot B(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X) \\
 &= 10^4 \cdot \frac{N(\Xi_{cc}^{++})}{10^4} \times 40\% \cdot \frac{2\sigma(\Xi_{bc})/\sigma(\Xi_{cc})}{40\%} \times 6\% \cdot \left(\frac{\tau_{\Xi_{bc}^+} + \tau_{\Xi_{bc}^0}}{400\text{fs}} \right) \\
 &= \mathbf{480} \times \frac{N(\Xi_{cc}^{++})}{10^4} \cdot \frac{\sigma(\Xi_{bc})/\sigma(\Xi_{cc})}{40\%} \cdot \left(\frac{\tau_{\Xi_{bc}^+} + \tau_{\Xi_{bc}^0}}{400\text{fs}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Small possibility from B_c decays

- The **small phase space** (0.18 GeV for $\Xi_{cc}\Xi_c$) only allows the processes of

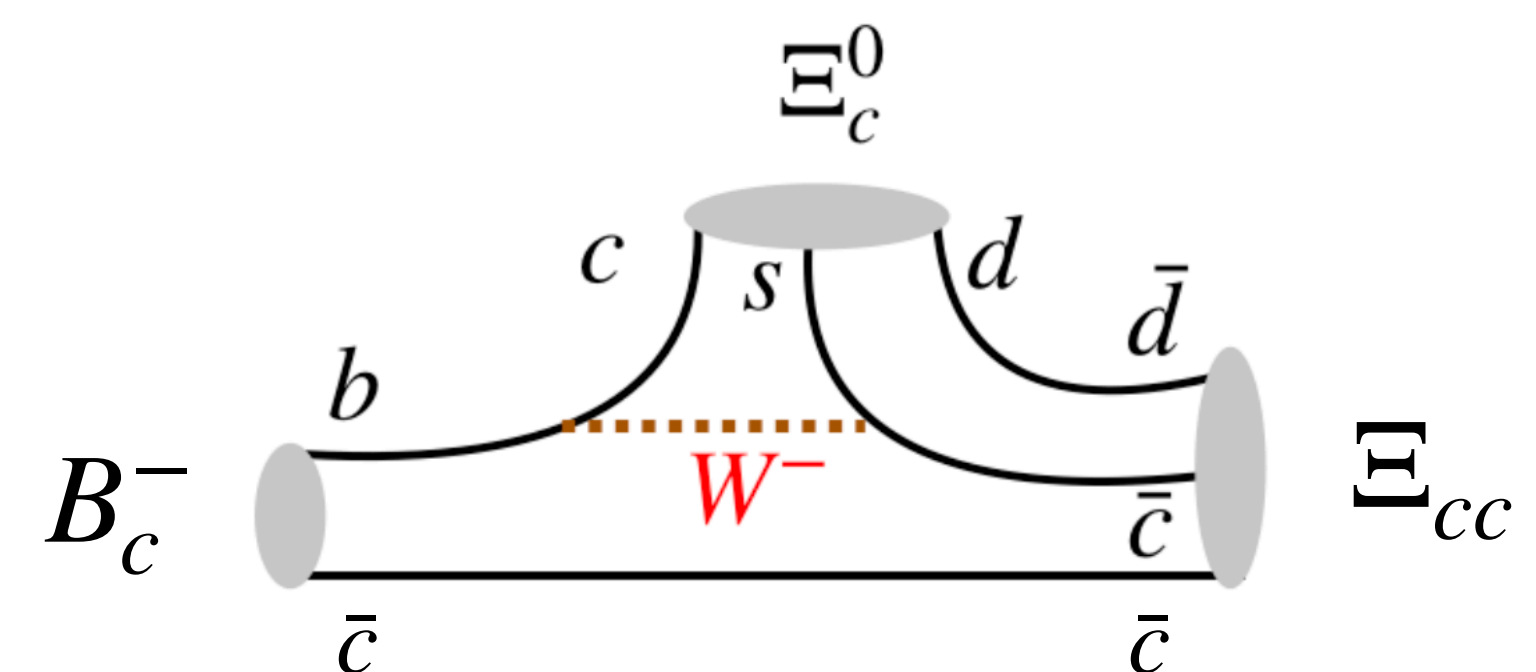
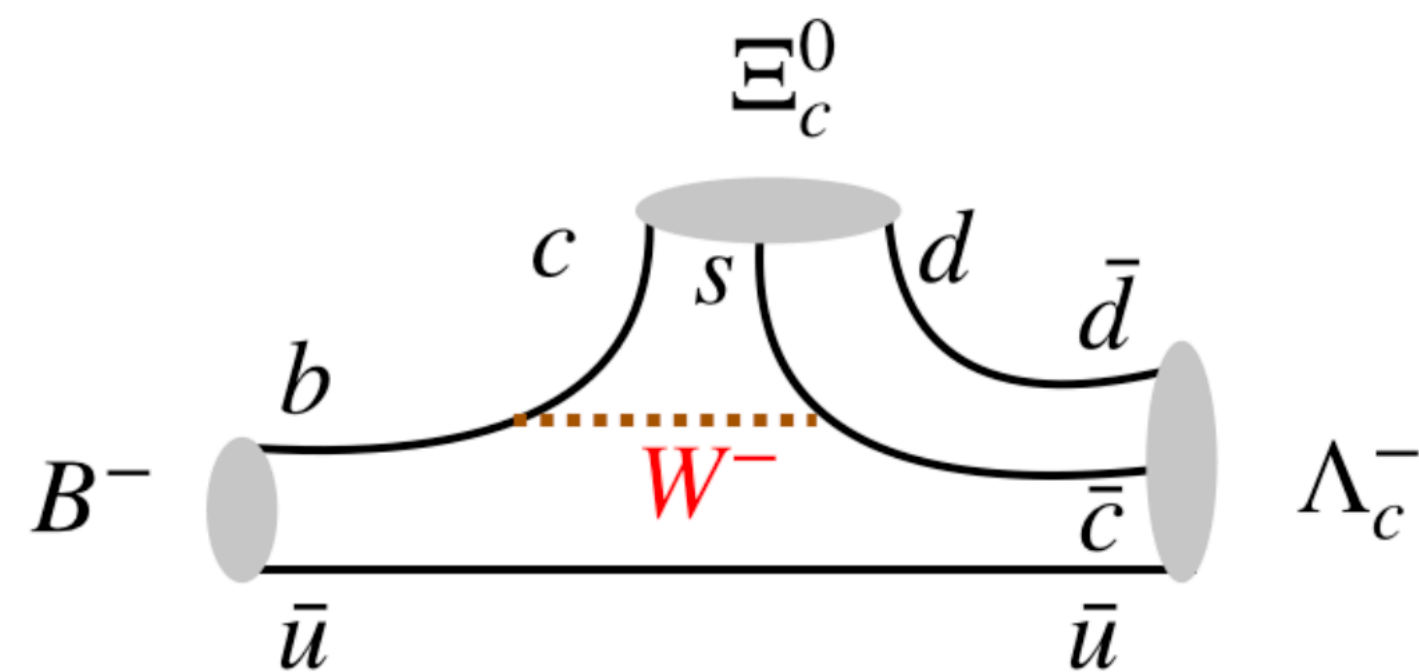
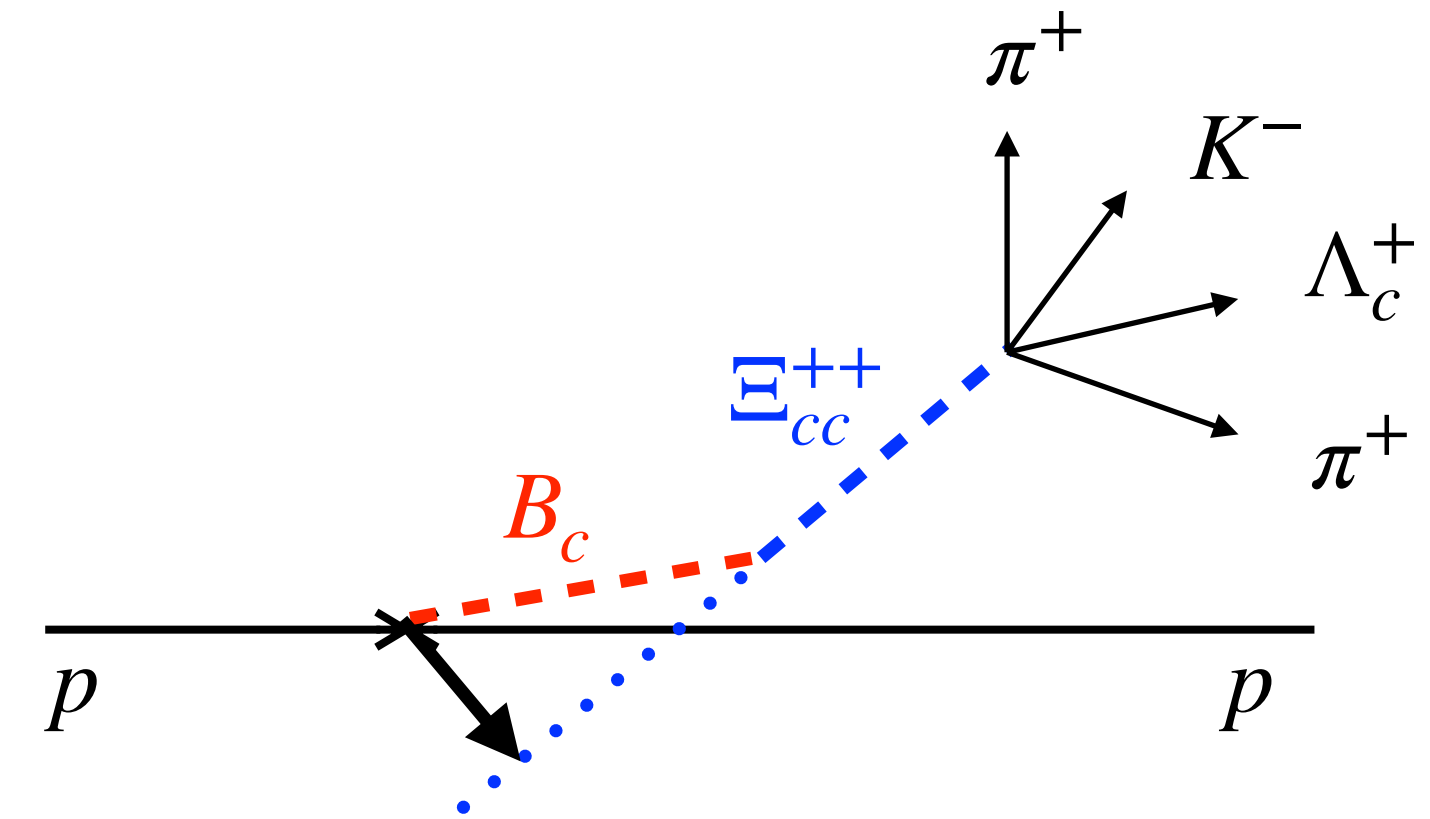
$$B_c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}\Xi_c, \text{ or } \Xi_{cc}\Xi_c\pi, \text{ or } \Xi_{cc}^*\Xi_c, \text{ or } \Xi_{cc}\Xi_c^*$$

- Similar process but with a light spectator quark:

$$Br(B^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^- \Lambda_c^+) = (1.2 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$Br(B^- \rightarrow \Xi_c^0 \Lambda_c^-) = (0.95 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3}$$

(0.5 GeV phase space)



Conclusion

- We propose to search for Ξ_{bc} via **inclusive** $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}^{++} + X$ with a **displaced** Ξ_{cc}^{++} .
- We calculate $\Gamma(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X) = (3.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-13}$ GeV.
- We estimate about **480** signal events to be observed @ LHC Run 3.
- We hope it is useful.

Thank you!