

Inclusive search for Ξ_{bc}

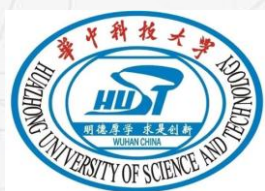
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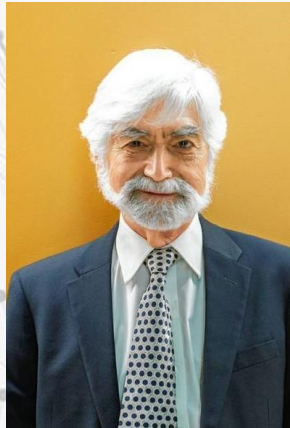
CONTENT

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

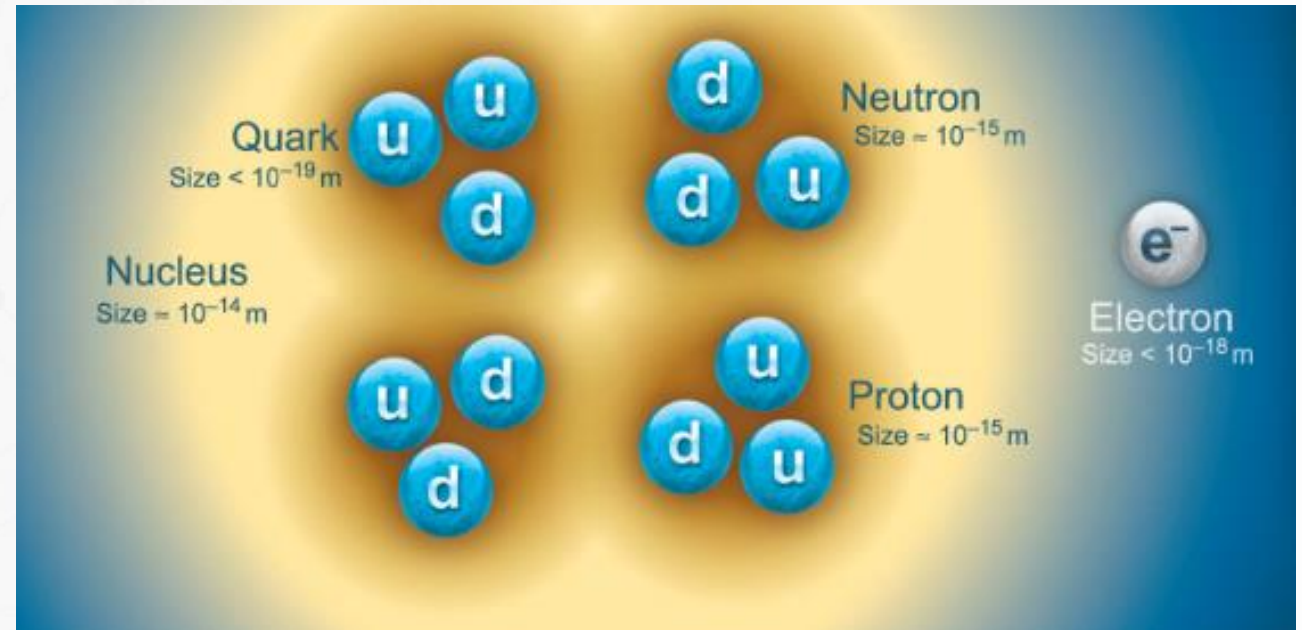
The quark model



Murray Gell-Mann
1929,9,15—2019,5,24



George Zweig
1937,5,30---



‘Three quarks for muster mark’
«Finnegans wake»

The exotic state



- Observation of tetraquarks $Z_c(3900)$
[BESIII, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 110 (2013) 252001]

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

- Observation of pentaquarks P_c
[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 the standard periodic table of elements, color-coded by groups. The groups are labeled at the bottom: Alkali Metal, Alkaline Earth, Transition Metal, Basic Metal, Semimetal, Nonmetal, Halogen, Noble Gas, Lanthanide, and Actinide.

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

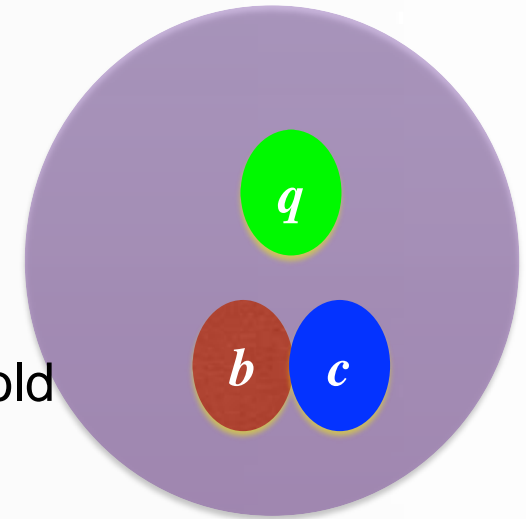
Beyond stamp collecting

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



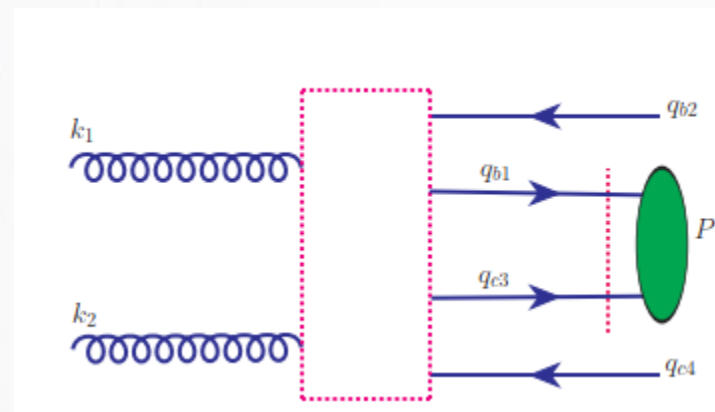
[Eichten, Quigg, 1707.09575]

Who is to be shot next?

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

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

Ξ_{bc} : this talk



$$\sigma(\Xi_{bc}) = 35 \text{ nb at } 14 \text{ TeV LHCb}$$

[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.

Difficulties in experimental searches

- Production rate
- Detection efficiency — small exclusive branching ratios

channels	Γ / GeV	\mathcal{B}	channels	Γ / GeV	\mathcal{B}
$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_b^- \pi^+$	6.13×10^{-15}	8.66×10^{-4}	$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_b^- \rho^+$	2.58×10^{-14}	3.64×10^{-3}
$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_b^- K^{*+}$	1.29×10^{-15}	1.82×10^{-4}	$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Sigma_b^- K^+$	4.62×10^{-16}	6.53×10^{-5}
$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b^- \pi^+$	9.38×10^{-14}	1.33×10^{-2}	$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b^- \rho^+$	1.90×10^{-13}	2.68×10^{-2}
$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b^- K^{*+}$	7.47×10^{-15}	1.06×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b^- K^+$	8.12×10^{-15}	1.15×10^{-3}
$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b'^- \pi^+$	5.47×10^{-14}	7.73×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b'^- \rho^+$	2.01×10^{-13}	2.83×10^{-2}
$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b'^- K^{*+}$	8.53×10^{-15}	1.21×10^{-3}	$\Xi_{bc}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_b'^- K^+$	3.82×10^{-15}	5.40×10^{-4}

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

- First experimental attempt

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

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

[LHCb, 2104.04759]

A novel approach — inclusive Ξ_{bc} search

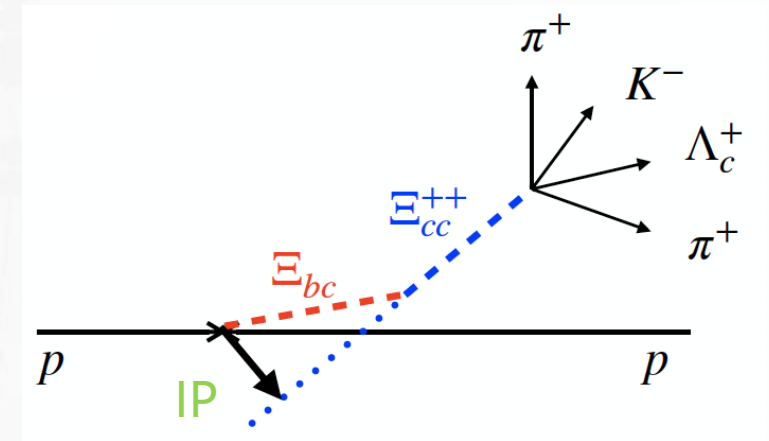
- Generally, inclusive decays have (1) larger branching ratios but (2) lower detection efficiencies

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

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

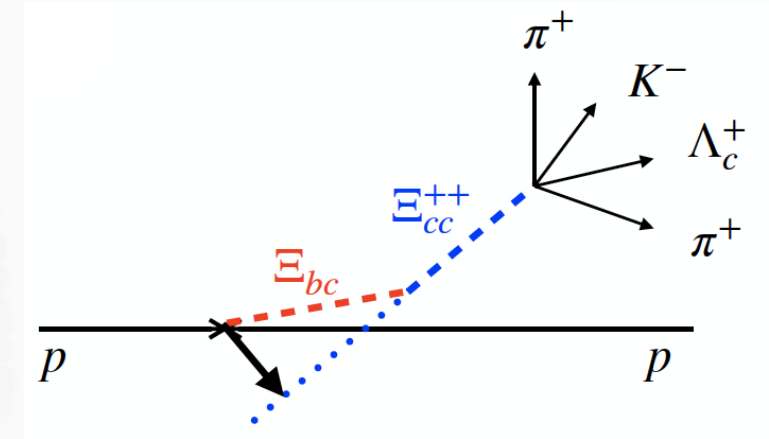
It is reasonable because $r_{QQ'} \sim 1/(m_Q v) \ll 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$ [e.g., Brodsky, Guo, Hanhart, Meissner, 1101.1983]

- 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

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

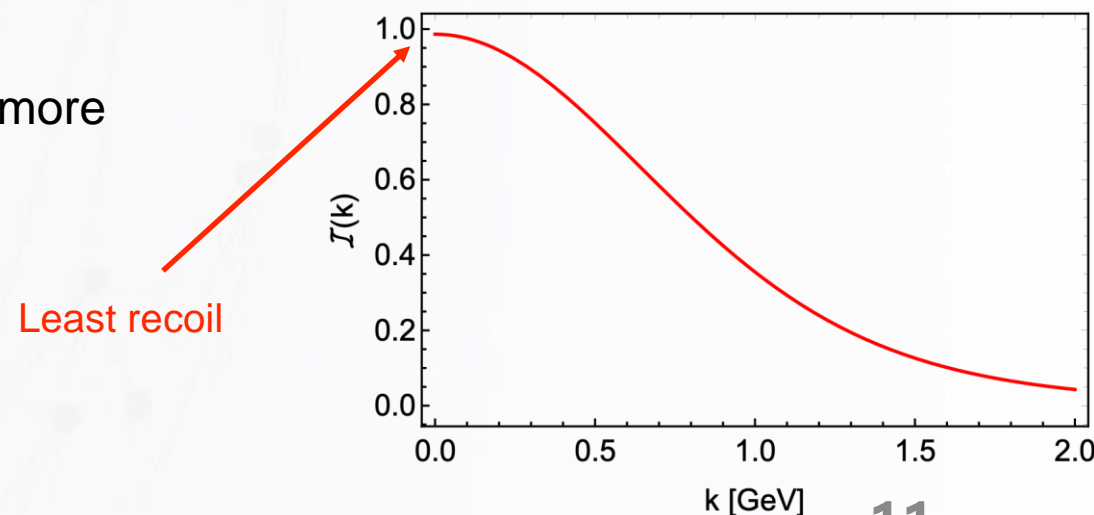
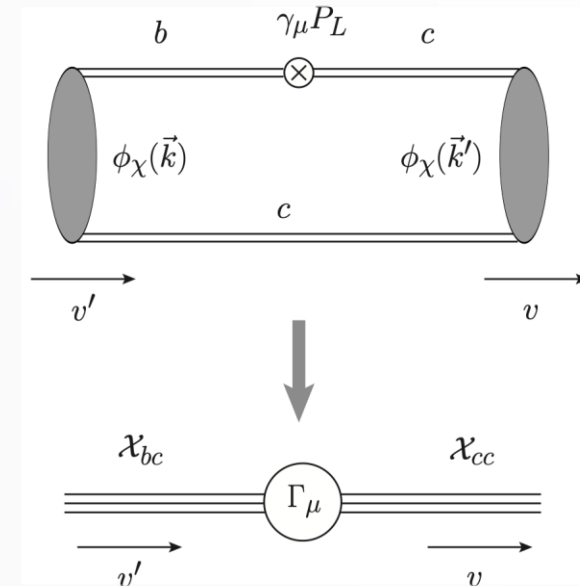


Calculation of $\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X$

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

$$\langle 0 | X_{cc}(v, \epsilon) \bar{c} \gamma^\mu P_L b(0) X_{bc}^\dagger(v', \epsilon') | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | X_{cc}(v, \epsilon) X_{cc}^\dagger \Gamma^\mu X_{bc}(0) X_{bc}^\dagger(v', \epsilon') | 0 \rangle$$

- Assuming the heavy quark symmetry, the diquark current is matched from the quark current to be $\Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\mu = \left[i \left(g_{\rho\sigma} \overleftarrow{\partial}^\mu - g_\rho^\mu \overleftarrow{\partial}_\sigma - g_{\rho\sigma} \partial^\mu + \partial_\rho g_\sigma^\mu \right) + \epsilon^\mu{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} \left(\overleftarrow{\partial}^\nu - \partial^\nu \right) \right] \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{I}(m_c |\mathbf{v}' - \mathbf{v}|)$ with $\mathcal{I}(\dots) \equiv 1$
- If we consider the heavy quark mass effects, the structure is more complicated, and $\mathcal{I}(\dots)$ 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 dependence, 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

$$93\text{fs} < \tau(\Xi_{bc}^0) < 118\text{fs}, 409\text{fs} < \tau(\Xi_{bc}^+) < 607\text{fs}$$

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

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

- Estimated of signal events

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

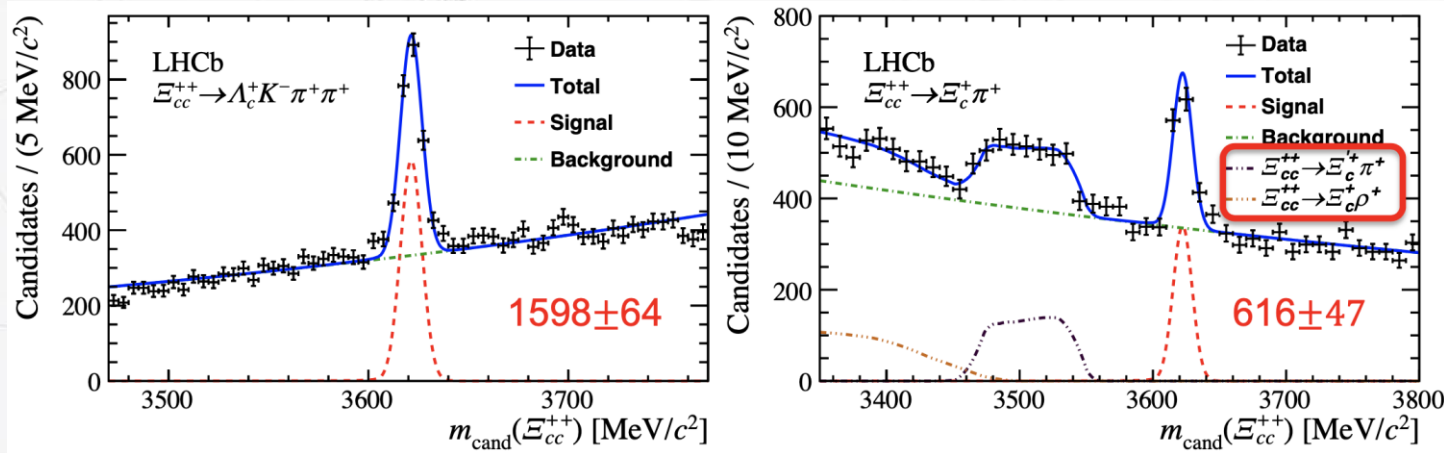
(Both Ξ_{bc}^0 and Ξ_{bc}^+ decay equally to Ξ_{cc}^{++} and thus Identical detection efficiency)

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

	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}

- Events estimated for 23 fb^{-1} (Run III)

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

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

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

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

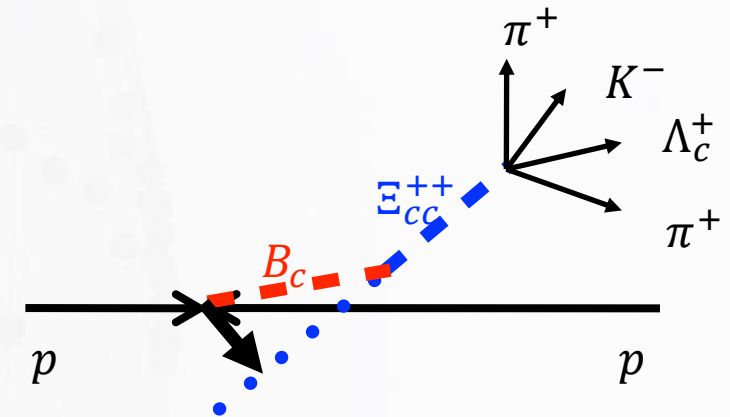
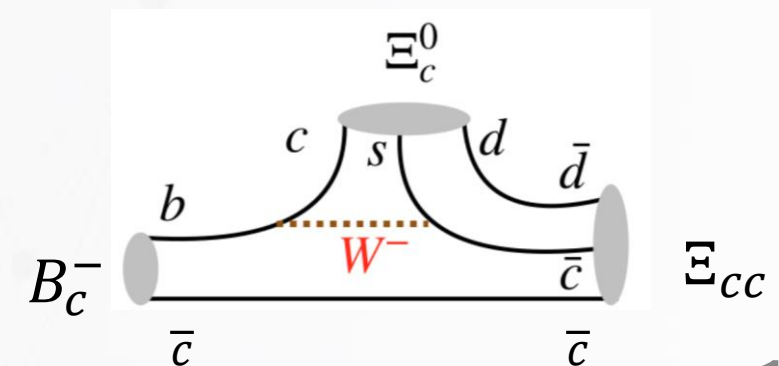
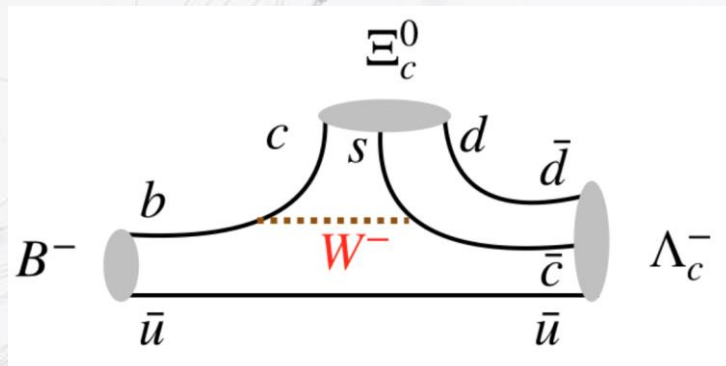
Small possibility from B_c decays

- The **small phase space** (0.18 GeV for $\Xi_{cc}\Xi_c$) only allows the processes of B_c
 $\rightarrow \Xi_{cc}\Xi_c$, or $\Xi_{cc}\Xi_c\pi$, or $\Xi_{cc}^*\Xi_c$, 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 $\Gamma(\Xi_{bc} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + X) = (3.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}$.
- We estimate about **480** signal events to be observed @ LHC Run 3.
- We hope it is useful.

Thank you