



第七届"重味物理与量子色动力学"研讨会 南京师范大学 Baryon CPV in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ decays at LHCb

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- Event selection
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Introduction

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 - Phase-space dependent strong-phase & resonant contributions
- LHCb has explored:
 - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi ph$ direct CPV, 3fb⁻¹
 - $\Xi_b \rightarrow pK^-K^-$ amplitude analysis, 5fb⁻¹
 - $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p D^0 K^-$ direct CPV, 9fb⁻¹
 - $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c (\to \Lambda h^+) h^-$ decay parameters, 9fb⁻¹

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Predictions

 $\Lambda_h^0/\Xi_h^0 \to \Lambda K^+K^ \Lambda_h^0/\Xi_h^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+\pi^ \Lambda_{h}^{0} \rightarrow \Lambda K^{+} \pi^{-}$ $\Xi_h^0 \to \Lambda K^- \pi^+$

- \succ This work: CPV in $\Lambda_h^0/\Xi_h^0 \to \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ channels
- b meson decays: $B^+ \rightarrow h^+ h^+ h^-$ b baryon decays: $\Lambda_h^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$



 $A_{\rm CP} \sim 4\%$ $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda V$ decay chains, $A_{\rm CP} \sim 0 - 4\%$ [PRD.107.053009, EPJC.76.399, PRD95.093001, [PRD.107.053009, EPJC.76.399, PRD95.093001, PRD99.054020]

> $N^{*+}\pi^{-}$ scattering, $A_{CP} \sim -4\% \sim 10\%$ [CPC.48.101001]

Both dominated by $b \rightarrow su\overline{u}$ process, CP violation exists theoretically



LHCb detector

> LHCb detector is designed for heavy flavour events

- VELO Detector: excellent position & time resolution
- PID System: hadron & muon identification
- Tracking System: track resolution
- Trigger System: high efficiency, high signal rate
- Has collected 9 fb⁻¹ with Run1 + 2
 - Expecting even more events (~5 times) in Run3
 - Efficiency also increased

The LHCb detector has world-leading precision in bottom hadron CPV measurements .





Experimental method

Signal extraction

> Events collected with LHCb trigger system is "dirty", when we need N

> A set of **selection procedures** to suppress 12000 LHCb unofficial backgrounds, which mainly come from: 10000 8000 **Randomly combined tracks** (majority) 1. 6000 2. Physical backgrounds: 4000 2000 decays through charm states $(D^0, J/\psi, \chi_{c0} \dots)^{\tilde{}}$ а. 4500 5500 6000 5000 partial reconstruction or mis-identified processes $m(\Lambda_b)/GeV/c^2$ b. Λ_h^0 mass peak

Event selections

- Dedicated selection procedures:
- 1. Mass vetoes: remove mass regions near physical peaks
- 2. MVA selection: machine-learning based BDT classifier
 - Utilizing kinematic and topological information
 - Trained with simulated sample, optimized with $N_S / \sqrt{N_S + N_B}$
- 3. PID requirements
- 4. Mass fits are performed:
 - Describe remained backgrounds
 - Signal component



 $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda KK$ signal yield: $N = 1920 \pm 50$

$$\begin{split} \Lambda_b^0/\Xi_b^0 &\to \Lambda K^+ K^- \\ \Lambda_b^0/\Xi_b^0 &\to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \\ \Lambda_b^0 &\to \Lambda K^+ \pi^- \\ \Xi_b^0 &\to \Lambda K^- \pi^+ \\ all \, measured \end{split}$$

CPV observable



A_{CP} measurementsCorrections $A_{CP}^{Phy} = +A_{CP}^{Raw}$ $-A_{prod}$ $-A_{det}$ $\sigma_{sys} \approx$ (~0.1%)1.8%1.5%

$$A_{CP}^{\text{Phy}} = \frac{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \to f) - \Gamma(\overline{\Lambda}_b \to \overline{f})}{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \to f) + \Gamma(\overline{\Lambda}_b \to \overline{f})}, \text{ Physical CP asymmetry}$$

$$A_{prod} = \frac{\sigma_P(\Lambda_b^0) - \sigma_P(\overline{\Lambda}_b^0)}{\sigma_P(\Lambda_b^0) + \sigma_P(\overline{\Lambda}_b^0)}, \text{ Produ}_{[arxiv:180]}$$

Production asymmetry [arxiv:1807.06544]

$$A_{exp} = \frac{\epsilon_{exp}(f) - \epsilon_{exp}(\bar{f})}{\epsilon_{exp}(f) + \epsilon_{exp}(\bar{f})}, \text{ Experimental efficiency asymmetry}_{[arxiv:1807.06544]}$$

• **No CPV** in control mode $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda_c^+(\Lambda \pi^+)\pi^-$:

$$\Delta A_{CP}^{\rm Phy} \equiv A_{CP,\rm Signal}^{\rm Phy}$$

• $\Delta A_{\text{prod.}}, \Delta A_{\text{exp.}}$ helps to reduce systematic uncertainties

Channel	$\Delta A_{ m P}~(\%)$	$\Delta A_{ m exp}$ (%)
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	0.1 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.9
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	0.2 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 1.0
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$	-0.2 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.9
$\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda K^- \pi^+$	-5.2 ± 4.0	0.3 ± 1.6

Results and conclusion

Global ΔA_{CP} measurements

 $\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP} \left(\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \right) = -0.013 \pm 0.053 \pm 0.018,$ Significance: 0.3σ $\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP} \left(\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^- \right) = -0.118 \pm 0.045 \pm 0.021,$ Significance: 2.2σ $\Delta \mathcal{A}^{CP} \left(\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^- \right) = 0.083 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.016$ Significance: 3.1σ

 \succ First evidence for CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ decays until publishment



Source of CP asymmetries



Results for Branching Fractions





• First evidence for CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ decay mode,

which mainly origins in the N^{*+} region.

- First observation for charmless three body Ξ_b^0 decay
- $\mathcal{Z}_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ K^-$ and First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay mode.
- One solid step towards establishment of CP violation in baryons

Outlook: Stories ahead



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Observation of charge-parity symmetry breaking in baryon decays

LHCb collaboration[†]

First observation baryon CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK\pi^+\pi^-$

Abstract

The Standard Model of particle physics, the theory of particles and interactions at the smallest scale, predicts that matter and antimatter interact differently due to violation of the combined symmetry of charge conjugation (C) and parity (P). Charge conjugation transforms particles into their antimatter particles, while the parity transformation inverts spatial coordinates. This prediction applies to both mesons, which consist of a quark and an antiquark, and baryons, which are composed of three quarks. However, despite having been discovered in various meson decays, CP violation has vet to be observed in baryons, the type of matter that makes up the observable Universe. This article reports a study of the decay of the beauty baryon Λ_b^0 to the $pK^-\pi^+\pi^-$ final state and its *CP*-conjugated process, using data collected by the LHCb (Large Hadron Collider beauty) experiment at CERN. The results reveal significant asymmetries between the decay rates of the Λ_{b}^{0} baryon and its CP-conjugated antibaryon, marking the first observation of CP violation in baryon decays, thus demonstrating the different behaviour of baryons and antibaryons. In the Standard Model, CP violation arises from the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa mechanism, while new forces or particles beyond the Standard Model could provide additional contributions. This discovery opens a new path to search for physics beyond the Standard Model.

Submitted to Nature

What's coming next?

- More data with Run3/4/5…
- New questions will be raised

Discussion

 π^{-}/K^{-}

 $\Lambda_{b}^{0} \rightarrow N^{*+} (\rightarrow \Lambda K^{+}) K^{-} \text{ region}$ $\Delta \mathcal{A}_{CP} = 0.165 \pm 0.048 \pm 0.017 \text{ (3.2}\sigma\text{)}$





CP violation ~10% expected in specific phase space.

[CPC.48.101001]

Discussion

- Pinning down CPV sources in Λ_b → N*(→ ΛK⁺)K⁻
 ➤ Amplitude analysis
- Entangled *N*^{*+} contributions: **scattering data**?





Thanks for your attention!

Back up

Source of CP asymmetries (Continue)



 $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda f_2 / f_0 (\to \pi^+ \pi^-) \text{ region}$ $\Delta \mathcal{A}_{CP} = 0.088 \pm 0.069 \pm 0.021 (1.2\sigma)$



Matter and antimatter asymmetries

- Visible world dominated by matter
- Cosmic Microwave Background indicate large matter-antimatter asymmetry in universe n_B

$$\eta = \frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \sim 10^{-10}$$

After inflation Matter = antimatter





Sakharov conditions: CP violation required

Motivations (Experimental)

CP asymmetries in charmless b baryon decays

b meson decays:
$$B^+ \rightarrow h^+ h^+ h^-$$

Significant CP asymmetries observed in localized bins [LHCb, PRL 123.231802]





 $\begin{array}{l} \Lambda^0_b \to \Lambda K^+ K^- \\ \Lambda^0_b \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^- \\ \Lambda^0_b \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \end{array}$

b baryon decays: $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$



A_{CP} in adaptive binning scheme

2D adaptive Binning on Dalitz plot (m(h^+h^-) vs. m(Λh^+)) based on signal numbers

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Number of bins (200 events per bin)

$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^- \ 10:$	only measures in
$\Lambda^0_b \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^- 4:$	three Λ_b^0 decays
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- 4:$	

Demonstration of Binning Scheme

'K)[GeV

n(K*π)[GeV



A_{CP} results in adaptive binning scheme

Channel	Bin	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{CP}}$
$\overline{ \Lambda^0_b \to \Lambda K^+ K^- }$	0	$0.017 \pm 0.092 \pm 0.025$
$\Lambda_b^0 ightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$	1	$0.188 \pm 0.075 \pm 0.023$
$\Lambda_b^0 ightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$	2	$0.062 \pm 0.077 \pm 0.022$
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$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$	5	$0.061 \pm 0.089 \pm 0.024$
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$	6	$0.066 \pm 0.088 \pm 0.024$
$\Lambda_b^0 ightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$	7	$0.168 \pm 0.070 \pm 0.021$
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$	8	$-0.002 \pm 0.080 \pm 0.023$
$\Lambda_b^{\check 0} o \Lambda K^+ K^-$	9	$0.025 \pm 0.074 \pm 0.022$
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	0	$-0.153 \pm 0.079 \pm 0.027$
$\Lambda_b^0 o \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	1	$-0.284 \pm 0.188 \pm 0.041$
$\Lambda_b^0 o \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	2	$-0.006 \pm 0.062 \pm 0.028$
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	3	$-0.264 \pm 0.125 \pm 0.030$
$\Lambda_b^0 o \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	0	$-0.483 \pm 0.200 \pm 0.043$
$\Lambda_b^0 o \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	1	$0.147 \pm 0.092 \pm 0.026$
$\Lambda_b^0 o \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	2	$0.058 \pm 0.114 \pm 0.028$
$\Lambda^0_b \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	3	$0.067 \pm 0.111 \pm 0.028$

No significant CP asymmetries observed

Mass vetoes

• Narrow resonances: K_S^0 , D^0 , Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^+ , J/ψ and $\chi_c^0 \leftarrow \text{Add veto cuts on states}$



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Signal extraction

Fit model: Simultaneous fit applied

Signal Model

- Sum of two Crystal Ball functions
- Parameters extracted from MC (except mean and width)
- Mean and width shared among all decays

Mis-ID background

- Sum of two Crystal Ball functions
- Parameters extracted from MC
- Ratio of Signal and mis-ID fixed

Partially reconstructed background

- Argus convolved gaussian
- Parameters extracted from MC

Combinatorial background

• Parameters shared among all decays

 Λ_b^0 decays ~ 1000 events Ξ_b^0 decays ~ 100 events

Yields and significance: (using Wilks' theorem)

Channel	Yield	Significance
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	$(6.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^2$	$> 10\sigma$, first obs.
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ \pi^-$	$(6.18 \pm 0.32) \times 10^2$	$> 10\sigma$
$\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$	$(1.92 \pm 0.05) \times 10^3$	$> 10\sigma$
$\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$	$(5.6 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{1}$	first evidence
$\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda \pi^+ K^-$	$(1.19 \pm 0.15) \times 10^2$	first obs.
$\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda K^+ K^-$	$(1.2 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{1}$	

Total efficiency is calculated with:

 $\epsilon_{Total} = \epsilon_{\text{acceptance}} \times \epsilon_{\text{stripping/reconstruction}} \times \epsilon_{\text{trigger}} \times \epsilon_{\text{offline-selection}} \times \epsilon_{\text{PID}}$

Efficiency measurements: Based on simulation samples

- corrections on $\Lambda_b^0 p_T$, $\eta(y)$ variables
- PID efficiency: further simulated with recalibrated MC (Data-driven)
- Efficiency evaluated in bins of Dalitz plot, perform per-event efficiency corrections

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\sum_{i} \omega_{i}}{\sum_{i} \omega_{i} / \epsilon_{i}},$$

$$\omega_{i}: \text{ sweight of data}$$

Production asymmetry



Detection asymmetry

$$A_{\rm D}^{f} = \frac{\epsilon(f) - \epsilon(\bar{f})}{\epsilon(f) + \epsilon(\bar{f})}$$

- Matter, antimatter interact with detector (made by matter) differently
- f: different combinations of p, K, π etc.
- Including effects from reconstruction of particles, PID, trigger effects; $A_D^h = A_{Rec}^h + A_{Tri}^h + A_{PID}^h, h = K, \pi, p$
- Obtained using data-driven method with calibration channels $A_D(\pi^{\pm}) \approx 0.1\%, A_D(K^{\pm}) \approx 1\%, A_D(p/\overline{p}) \approx 1 - 2\%$ Significantly reduced using control channel



 ΔA_D : ~1%

CPV observable



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Measurements of A_{CP}



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