

Study of the two-body nonleptonic $B_c(2S)$ weak decays with the QCD factorization approach

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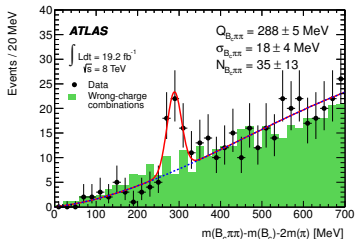
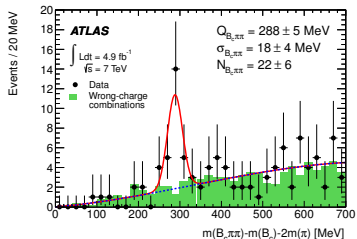
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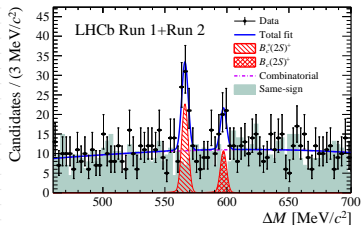
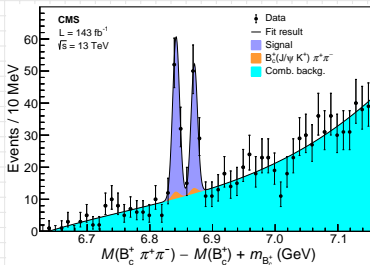
1. Motivation

1.1 Observation of $B_c(2S)$



The mass of the observed state is $6842 \pm 4 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$. The mass and decay of this state are consistent with expectations for the second S -wave state of the B_c^\pm meson, $B_c^\pm(2S)$.

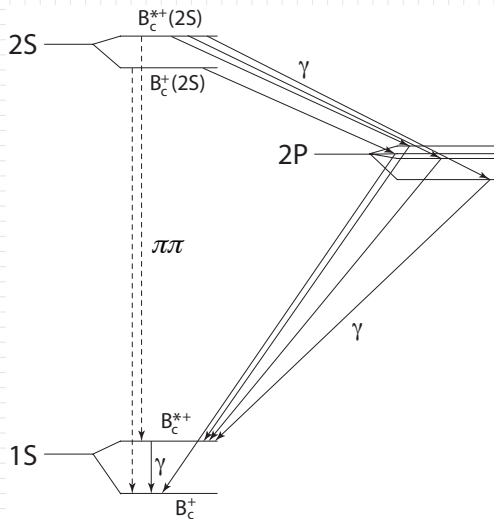
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Signals consistent with the $B_c^\pm(2S)$ and $B_c^{*\pm}(2S)$ states have been separately observed for the first time by investigating the $B_c^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ invariant mass spectrum measured by CMS. LHCb result confirmed the existence of the two states.

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 122 \(2019\) 13, 132001\(CMS\)](#)

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 122 \(2019\) 23, 232001 \(LHCb\)](#)



Transitions between the lightest B_c states, with solid and dashed lines indicating the emission of photons and pion pairs, respectively

1.2 There will be approximately $\mathcal{O}(10^{11}) B_c(2S)$ available at HL-LHC experiments

LHC $\sqrt{s} \approx 14 \text{ TeV}$ $\sigma \approx 1 \mu\text{b}$ $\implies \mathcal{O}(10^9) B_c(1S)$ with 1 fb^{-1}

HL-LHC 4000 fb^{-1} $\implies \mathcal{O}(10^{12}) B_c(1S)$

CMS group, $R = (3.47 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.33)\%$ $\implies \mathcal{O}(10^{11}) B_c(2S)$

1.3 The $B_c(2S)$ meson is still an immature and up-and-coming particle

- The mass of the $B_c(2S)$ meson is $m = 6871.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ MeV}$ and lies below the open BD threshold.
- The favourite decays, predominantly by hadronic cascades and the electric dipole (E1) or magnetic dipole (M1) transitions, lead to the total width of the $B_c(2S)$ meson are generally less than one hundred keV.
- The weak decays of the $B_c(2S)$ meson are similar to those of the lowest $B_c(1S)$ meson.

2. Theoretical framework

2.1 The effective Hamiltonian

For the $B_c(2S) \rightarrow BP, BV$ decays induced by the c quark decays, the effective weak interaction Hamiltonian can be written as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^c = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q_1, q_2} V_{cq_1}^* V_{uq_2} \left[C_1(\mu) O_1 + C_2(\mu) O_2 \right] + \text{h.c.}, \quad (1)$$

$$O_1 = [\bar{q}_{1,\alpha} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c_\alpha] [\bar{u}_\beta \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q_{2,\beta}], \quad (2)$$

$$O_2 = [\bar{q}_{1,\alpha} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c_\beta] [\bar{u}_\beta \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q_{2,\alpha}], \quad (3)$$

both the penguin and annihilation contributions being proportional to the CKM factor $V_{ub} V_{cb}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^5)$ are highly suppressed relative to those from the operator $O_{1,2}$ being proportional to $V_{ud} V_{cs}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ or $V_{ud} V_{cd}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ or $V_{us} V_{cs}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ or $V_{us} V_{cd}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$.

For the $B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi(1S, 2S) P$, $\eta_c(1S, 2S) P$ decays induced by the $b \rightarrow c$ quark transition, the expression of the low-energy effective Hamiltonian is written as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^b = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=d,s} V_{cb} V_{uq}^* \left[C_1(\mu) O'_1 + C_2(\mu) O'_2 \right] + \text{h.c.}, \quad (4)$$

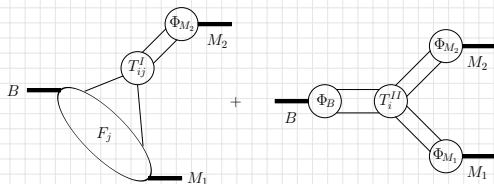
$$O'_1 = [\bar{c}_\alpha \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b_\alpha] [\bar{q}_\beta \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_\beta], \quad (5)$$

$$O'_2 = [\bar{c}_\alpha \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b_\beta] [\bar{q}_\beta \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_\alpha]. \quad (6)$$

The decay amplitude can be written as,

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle \psi \pi | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} | B_c(2S) \rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{ud}^* \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i \langle \psi \pi | O'_i | B_c(2S) \rangle, \quad (7)$$

2.2 Hadronic matrix elements



$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle M_1 M_2 | \mathcal{O}_i | \bar{B} \rangle &= \sum_j F_j^{B \rightarrow M_1}(m_2^2) \int_0^1 du T_{ij}^I(u) \Phi_{M_2}(u) + (M_1 \leftrightarrow M_2) \\
 &+ \int_0^1 d\xi dudv T_i^{II}(\xi, u, v) \Phi_B(\xi) \Phi_{M_1}(v) \Phi_{M_2}(u)
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

if M_1 and M_2 are both light,

$$\langle M_1 M_2 | \mathcal{O}_i | \bar{B} \rangle = \sum_j F_j^{B \rightarrow M_1}(m_2^2) \int_0^1 du T_{ij}^I(u) \Phi_{M_2}(u) \tag{9}$$

if M_1 is heavy and M_2 is light.

Combined the nonfactorizable contributions with the Wilson coefficients, the scale independent effective coefficients at the order α_s can be obtained as follows:

$$a_1 = C_1^{\text{NLO}} + \frac{1}{N_c} C_2^{\text{NLO}} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{C_F}{N_c} C_2^{\text{LO}} V^{(t)}, \quad (10)$$

$$a_2 = C_2^{\text{NLO}} + \frac{1}{N_c} C_1^{\text{NLO}} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{C_F}{N_c} C_1^{\text{LO}} V^{(t)}, \quad (11)$$

c quark decay:

$$V = 6 \log\left(\frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}\right) - 18 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + i3\pi\right) a_0^M + \left(\frac{11}{2} - i3\pi\right) a_1^M - \frac{21}{20} a_2^M + \dots, \quad (12)$$

b \rightarrow c decay:

$$V' = 3 \ln\left(\frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2}\right) + 3 \ln\left(\frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}\right) - 18 - \int \mathbf{d}z \phi(z) H_1(z) \quad (13)$$

2.3 Form factors

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle X(p_2) | \bar{q}_\alpha \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b_\alpha | B_c(2S)(p_1) \rangle \\
 = & \frac{m_{B_c(2S)}^2 - m_X^2}{q^2} q^\mu F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow X}(q^2) \\
 + & \left(p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu - \frac{m_{B_c(2S)}^2 - m_X^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right) F_1^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow X}(q^2), \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \psi(p_2, \epsilon) | \bar{q}_\alpha \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b_\alpha | B_c(2S)(p_1) \rangle \\
 = & \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \epsilon_\psi^{*\nu} p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta \frac{2 V^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(q^2)}{m_{B_c(2S)} + m_\psi} + i \frac{2 m_\psi (\epsilon_\psi^* \cdot q)}{q^2} q_\mu A_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(q^2) \\
 + & i \epsilon_{\psi, \mu}^* (m_{B_c(2S)} + m_\psi) A_1^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(q^2) \\
 - & i \frac{(\epsilon_\psi^* \cdot q)}{m_{B_c(2S)} + m_\psi} (p_1 + p_2)_\mu A_2^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(q^2) \\
 - & i \frac{2 m_\psi (\epsilon_{\psi, \mu}^* \cdot q)}{q^2} q_\mu A_3^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(q^2), \tag{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

At the large recoil limit, $q^2 = 0$, there is

$$F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow X}(0) = F_1^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow X}(0), \quad (16)$$

$$A_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(0) = A_3^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(0). \quad (17)$$

Currently, there is no theoretical calculation for these form factors. We will use the Bauer-Stech-Wirbel approach to give a rough estimation of the form factor.

$$F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow X}(0) = \int d\vec{k}_\perp \int_0^1 dx \Phi_X(\vec{k}_\perp, x, 0, 0) \Phi_{B_c(2S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x, 0, 0), \quad (18)$$

$$A_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi}(0) = \int d\vec{k}_\perp \int_0^1 dx \Phi_\psi(\vec{k}_\perp, x, 1, 0) \sigma_z \Phi_{B_c(2S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x, 0, 0), \quad (19)$$

$$\Phi_{B_c(2S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = A \left\{ \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \bar{x} m_c^2 + x m_b^2}{6 \alpha_1^2 x \bar{x}} - 1 \right\} \exp \left\{ - \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \bar{x} m_c^2 + x m_b^2}{8 \alpha_1^2 x \bar{x}} \right\}, \quad (20)$$

$$\Phi_{\eta_c(1S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = \Phi_{\psi(1S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = B \exp \left\{ - \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_c^2}{8 \alpha_2^2 x \bar{x}} \right\}, \quad (21)$$

$$\Phi_{\eta_c(2S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = \Phi_{\psi(2S)}(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = C \left\{ \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_c^2}{6 \alpha_2^2 x \bar{x}} - 1 \right\} \exp \left\{ - \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_c^2}{8 \alpha_2^2 x \bar{x}} \right\}, \quad (22)$$

the mean value of square of transverse momentum is $\alpha_1^2 = \mu \omega$ with the reduced mass $\mu = \frac{m_b m_c}{m_b + m_c}$ and the characteristic frequency $\omega \approx 0.50 \pm 0.05$ GeV; and $\alpha_2 = m_c \alpha_s$ for the charmonium.

$$\Phi_{B_{u,d,s}}(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = D x^2 \bar{x}^2 \exp\left\{-\frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + x^2 m_B^2}{2\alpha_3^2}\right\}, \quad (23)$$

$\alpha_3 = 0.45 \pm 0.05$ GeV for $B_{u,d}$ meson and 0.55 ± 0.05 GeV for B_s meson

$$F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow B_{u,d}}(0) = 0.397, \quad (24)$$

$$F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow B_s}(0) = 0.426, \quad (25)$$

$$F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \eta_c(1S)}(0) = A_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi(1S)}(0) = 0.270, \quad (26)$$

$$F_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \eta_c(2S)}(0) = A_0^{B_c(2S) \rightarrow \psi(2S)}(0) = 0.260, \quad (27)$$

3.Numerical results

$$Br = \frac{p_{cm}}{8\pi m_{B_c(2S)}^2 \Gamma_{B_c(2S)}} |\mathcal{A}|^2, \quad (28)$$

Table: The partial widths (Γ_i in unit of keV) and branching ratios (Br_i in unit of %) of the $B_c(2S)$ meson decay.

decay mode	final states	E. Eichten ¹		L. Fulcher ²		S. Godfrey ³		I. Asghar ⁴		B. Martín-González ⁵		X. Li ⁶	
		Γ_i	Br_i	Γ_i	Br_i	Γ_i	Br_i	Γ_i	Br_i	Γ_i	Br_i	Γ_i	Br_i
hadronic	$B_c(1S) \pi \pi$	50	90.4	50	71.9	57	88.1	10.68	51.42	42	54.4	25	76.9
E1	$B_c(1P) \gamma$	0.0	0.0	6.4	9.2	1.3	2.0	7.11	34.23	0.0	0.0	2.8	8.6
E1	$B_c(1P') \gamma$	5.2	9.4	13.1	18.8	6.1	9.4	2.91	14.01	35	45.3	4.4	13.5
M1	$B_c^*(1S) \gamma$	0.1	0.2	0.06	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.07	0.34	0.25	0.3	0.3	1.0
total		55.3	100	69.6	100	64.7	100	20.77	100	77.3	100	33	100

¹ nonrelativistic quarkonium quantum mechanics. [PhysRevD.49.5845](#)

² potential models. [PhysRevD.60.074006](#)

³ the relativized quark model. [PhysRevD.70.054017](#)

⁴ non-relativistic quark potential model. [PhysRevD.100.096002](#)

⁵ non-relativistic constituent quark model. [PhysRevD.106.054009](#)

⁶ modified Godfrey-Isgur model. [EPJC.83.1080](#)

Table: The numerical results on CP -averaged branching ratios for the $B_c(2S) \rightarrow BP, BV$ decays.

final states	decay amplitude (\mathcal{A})		case	branching ratio ($\mathcal{B}r$)
	coefficient	CKM factor		
$B_s^0 \pi^+$	a_1	$V_{cs}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$	I-a	$(1.93^{+0.00+0.18+0.01}_{-0.00-0.10-0.01}) \times 10^{-9}$
$B_s^0 \rho^+$	a_1	$V_{cs}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$	I-a	$(3.34^{+0.00+0.31+0.10}_{-0.00-0.17-0.10}) \times 10^{-9}$
$B_s^0 K^+$	a_1	$V_{cs}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	I-b	$(1.40^{+0.01+0.13+0.02}_{-0.01-0.07-0.02}) \times 10^{-10}$
$B_s^0 K^{*+}$	a_1	$V_{cs}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	I-b	$(1.53^{+0.01+0.14+0.07}_{-0.01-0.08-0.07}) \times 10^{-10}$
$B_d^0 \pi^+$	a_1	$V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	I-b	$(1.04^{+0.01+0.10+0.01}_{-0.01-0.05-0.01}) \times 10^{-10}$
$B_d^0 \rho^+$	a_1	$V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	I-b	$(1.90^{+0.01+0.18+0.06}_{-0.01-0.10-0.05}) \times 10^{-10}$
$B_d^0 K^+$	a_1	$V_{cd}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	I-c	$(7.60^{+0.09+0.72+0.10}_{-0.09-0.40-0.10}) \times 10^{-12}$
$B_d^0 K^{*+}$	a_1	$V_{cd}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	I-c	$(8.97^{+0.11+0.84+0.43}_{-0.11-0.47-0.42}) \times 10^{-12}$
$B_u^+ \bar{K}^0$	a_2	$V_{cs}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$	II-a	$(2.85^{+0.00+1.60+0.07}_{-0.00-0.79-0.07}) \times 10^{-10}$
$B_u^+ \bar{K}^{*0}$	a_2	$V_{cs}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$	II-a	$(3.33^{+0.00+1.87+0.19}_{-0.00-0.92-0.18}) \times 10^{-10}$
$B_u^+ \pi^0$	a_2	$V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	II-b	$(5.61^{+0.03+3.15+0.09}_{-0.03-1.55-0.09}) \times 10^{-12}$
$B_u^+ \rho^0$	a_2	$V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	II-b	$(1.02^{+0.01+0.57+0.04}_{-0.01-0.28-0.03}) \times 10^{-11}$
$B_u^+ \omega$	a_2	$V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	II-b	$(7.55^{+0.04+4.24+0.46}_{-0.04-2.09-0.44}) \times 10^{-12}$
$B_u^+ \eta$	a_2	$V_{cs}^* V_{us}, V_{cd}^* V_{ud}$	II-b	$(2.17^{+0.01+1.22+0.19}_{-0.01-0.60-0.18}) \times 10^{-11}$
$B_u^+ \eta'$	a_2	$V_{cs}^* V_{us}, V_{cd}^* V_{ud}$	II-b	$(2.79^{+0.02+1.56+0.64}_{-0.02-0.77-0.56}) \times 10^{-12}$
$B_u^+ \phi$	a_2	$V_{cs}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$	II-b	$(1.37^{+0.01+0.77+0.00}_{-0.01-0.38-0.00}) \times 10^{-11}$
$B_u^+ K^0$	a_2	$V_{cd}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	II-c	$(8.21^{+0.10+4.61+0.21}_{-0.10-2.27-0.21}) \times 10^{-13}$
$B_u^+ K^{*0}$	a_2	$V_{cd}^* V_{us} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	II-c	$(9.53^{+0.12+5.35+0.54}_{-0.12-2.63-0.52}) \times 10^{-13}$

Table: The numerical results on CP -averaged branching ratios for the $B_c(2S) \rightarrow \eta_c(1S, 2S) P, \psi(1S, 2S) P$ decays, where the theoretical uncertainties come from the CKM parameters, the renormalization scale $\mu = (1 \pm 0.2) m_b$, decay constants, and Gegenbauer moments, respectively.

final states	decay amplitude (\mathcal{A})		case	branching ratio ($\mathcal{B}r$)
	coefficient	CKM factor		
$\eta_c(1S) \pi^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{ud}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	l-c	$(9.90^{+0.48+0.14+0.03}_{-0.47-0.11-0.03}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\eta_c(2S) \pi^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{ud}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	l-c	$(6.40^{+0.31+0.10+0.02}_{-0.30-0.07-0.02}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\psi(1S) \pi^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{ud}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	l-c	$(9.36^{+0.46+0.14+0.03}_{-0.44-0.11-0.03}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\psi(2S) \pi^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{ud}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$	l-c	$(6.19^{+0.30+0.09+0.02}_{-0.29-0.07-0.02}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\eta_c(1S) K^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{us}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$	l-d	$(7.49^{+0.42+0.11+0.07}_{-0.40-0.09-0.07}) \times 10^{-13}$
$\eta_c(2S) K^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{us}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$	l-d	$(4.83^{+0.27+0.07+0.04}_{-0.26-0.06-0.04}) \times 10^{-13}$
$\psi(1S) K^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{us}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$	l-d	$(6.95^{+0.39+0.11+0.06}_{-0.37-0.08-0.06}) \times 10^{-13}$
$\psi(2S) K^+$	a_1	$V_{cb} V_{us}^* \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$	l-d	$(4.56^{+0.25+0.07+0.04}_{-0.24-0.05-0.04}) \times 10^{-13}$

4. Summary

- It is expected to have **hundreds or dozens** of the $B_c(2S)$ weak decay events belonging to the I-a, I-b and II-a cases with the potential $\mathcal{O}(10^{11})$ $B_c(2S)$ data in the coming HL-LHC experiment, which might be observed and used to identify the $B_c(2S)$ mesons.
- The $B_c(2S)$ weak decays into final states containing one charmonium are severely suppressed by the CKM factors, and have significantly small branching ratios, $\mathcal{O}(10^{-12})$ and less, which might be outside the future experimental detectability.

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