



Charmed hadron properties and spectroscopy at LHCb

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LHCb experiment in Run 1 + Run 2



LHCb detector Run 1 + 2

- → General purpose detector in forward region with a special focus on heavy flavour physics
- → Successful operation in Run 1 (2010-2012) and 2 (2015-2018), upgraded for Run 3 (2022-2025)







Data collected by LHCb

- Successful operation in Run 1 and Run 2
- → Annual data-taking efficiency above 90 %
- → Various collision systems:
 - → pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb, SMOG (fixed target-like)
- Recorded substantial amount of data
 - → Run 1: ~ 3 fb⁻¹
 - → Run 2: ~ 6 fb⁻¹
- Largest recorded sample of heavy flavour hadrons
- LHCb historically focused mostly on decays with charged hadrons or muons in the final state
 - Increasing amount of studies involving neutral particles such as π° and γ
 - Progress on electron PID and bremsstrahlung corrections allowing wider usage of electron modes
 - → Better understanding of relatively long-lived particles decaying outside of VELO (K^{0,} Λ⁰, ...)





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Precise measurements of Ω_c^0 baryon [PRL 132, 081802 (2024)]

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Ω_c^0 measurement: analysis motivation

- → Ω_c^0 is the least probed singly charmed baryon
 - Not accessible on various charm-factories such as BESIII
- → No observation of singly Cabibbo-supressed (SCS) decays $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^-\pi^+$ and $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^-K^+$
 - First evidence of $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^-\pi^+$ published by Belle [JHEP01(2023) 055]
 - Wide range of theoretical predictions for $\Xi^-\pi^+$ (1.96×10⁻³ ~1.04×10⁻¹)
 - → No prediction available for Ω^-K^+
- \rightarrow Aim of this analysis:
 - → Measure BFs of Ω_c^0 -> $\Xi^-\pi^+$ and Ω_c^0 -> Ω^-K^+
 - → Precise measurement of Ω_c^0 mass using Ω_c^0 -> $\Omega^-\pi^+$



W-exchange: nonfactorizable contribution



W-emission: factorizable contribution

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- → Analysis based on 2016-2018 LHCb data (5.5 fb⁻¹)
 - Full online reconstruction and selection of signal candidates
 - → LHCb Turbo model [Comput. Phys. Commun. 208 (2016) 35]
- → Challenging analysis due to presence of two long-lived particles
 - Most of the signal events decaying outside of VELO
 - Various possible combinations of Long and Downstream tracks
- → Analysis based on Ξ^- / $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-/K^-$ in Down-Down-Long configuration







Ω_c^0 measurement: analysis strategy

- → Relative branching fraction measurement using a proper normalization decay channel
- \rightarrow $\Omega_c^0 \Omega^- \pi^+$ used as the normalization channel due to its relatively high yield and same topology
- \rightarrow Relative branching fractions then can be calculated as:

$$R(\Omega_c^0 \to \Xi^- \pi^+) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Omega^- \pi^+)} = \frac{N(\Xi^- \pi^+)}{N(\Omega^- \pi^+)} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Omega^- \to \Lambda K^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi^- \to \Lambda \pi^-)} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon(\Omega^- \pi^+)}{\varepsilon(\Xi^- \pi^+)}$$
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- → Where:
 - → *B:* branching fraction
 - N: Yield of the specific decay mode
 - \bullet c: related total experimental efficiency



Ω_c^0 measurement: invariant mass fit

- → Extended unbinned maximum likelihood fits are performed to full dataset
- Signal is based on Johnson SU + Gaussian distribution, the tail and fraction of Johnson are fixed from simulation
- → Background is modeled by an Exponential



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Ω_c^0 measurement: results

- → The first observation of singly Cabbibo-suppressed decays of $\Omega_c^0 \Xi^- \pi^+$ and $\Omega_c^0 \Omega^- K^+$
- → Ratio of Branching fraction obtained:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \to \Omega^- K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \to \Omega^- \pi^+)} = [6.08 \pm 0.51 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.40 \,(\text{syst})]\%,
\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \to \Xi^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \to \Omega^- \pi^+)} = [15.81 \pm 0.87 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.44 \,(\text{syst}) \pm 0.16 \,(\text{ext})]\%$$

- → Results showing some tension with the theory predictions:
 - → $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- K^+ / \Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$ is larger than 10.38 % predicted by algebra with factorizable and nonfactorizable amplitudes [Phys. Rev. D 101, 094033 (2020)]
 - Light-front quark model using only the external W-emission then predicts value of 3.45 % [Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 1066 (2020), Chin. Phys. C 42, 093101 (2018)]
- \rightarrow Ω_{c}^{0} mass is consistent with the PDG value and while the precision is improved by a factor 4:

$$M(\Omega_c^0) = 2695.28 \pm 0.07 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27 \,(\text{syst}) \pm 0.30 \,(\text{ext}) \,\text{MeV}$$

→ Mass difference between Ω_c^0 and Ω^- obtained as:

 $m(\Omega_c^0) - m(\Omega^-) = 1022.83 \pm 0.07 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27 \,(\text{syst}) \,\text{MeV}/c^2$

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Observation of new Ω_c^0 states decaying to the $\Xi_c^+K^$ final state [PRL. 131 (2023) 131902]

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New excited Ω_c^0 states: status in 2017

→ In 2017 LHCb studied $\Xi_{c}^{+}K^{-}$ spectrum up to 3450 MeV using 3.3 fb⁻¹ of data [PRL 118 (2017) 182001]



- → Five new Ω_c^0 states observed:
 - → $\Omega_{\rm c}(3000)^{\rm 0}, \Omega_{\rm c}(3050)^{\rm 0}, \Omega_{\rm c}(3066)^{\rm 0}, \Omega_{\rm c}(3090)^{\rm 0}, \Omega_{\rm c}(3119)^{\rm 0}$
 - → Hint on another broad structure around 3200 and 3300 MeV



New excited Ω_c^0 states: motivation and data

- New states can be described by heavy quark effective theory
- → However large difference in predictions for masses and quantum numbers diverges in different models
 - Lattice quantum chromodynamics predicts invariant-mass spectrum with D or F–wave excited states [PRL 119 042001]
 - Baryon-meson molecular (quasi-bound) states interpretation for $\Omega_c(3050)^0$ and $\Omega_c(3090)^0$ [PRD 97 (2018) 094035, EPJ. A54 (2018) 64, Few Body Syst. 61 (2020) 34]
 - Interpretation as pentaquark states [PRD96 (2017) 034012, CTP 73 (2021) 035201]
- → New study is based on a full LHCb data-set of 9 fb⁻¹
- → Data are split into two samples
 - Previously analysed data from Run 1 and 2015 (3.3 fb⁻¹)
 - → Newly added 2016-2018 data (5.7 fb⁻¹)
 - + Higher instantaneous luminosity and improved trigger result into five times large data-set
 - Dedicated selection and BDT training per sample
- → BDT trained with a special focus not to favour any particular excited state
- → $\Omega_c(X)^{\circ}$ candidates are described by S-wave relativistic Breit–Wigner functions convolved with a Gaussian resolution function

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New excited Ω_c^0 states: results

- → In total 7 states are reported, including two new states $\Omega_c(3185)^\circ$ and $\Omega_c(3327)^\circ$
- → Several checks performed to confirm the existence of new states:
 - Splitting data into subsamples based on data-taking conditions, charge combination ($\Xi_c^+K^-$ or $\Xi_c^-K^+$) and different kinematic regions of pT(K⁻) and pT(Ξ_c^+)



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First determination of the spin-parities of the $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ baryons [LHCb-PAPER-2024-018; to be submitted to PRL]

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$\Xi_{c}(3055)^{+(0)}$ measurement: analysis motivation

- → $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ observed for the first time by Babar (Belle)
- → Excitation modes of $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ extensively studied in literature
 - Excitation can happen between heavy quark and diquark (λmode) or between two light quarks (ρ-mode)
- → Many proposed interpretations, including:
 - → D-wave excitation with the spin-parity (J^{P}) assignments of 3/2⁺, 5/2⁺ or 7/2⁺ [PRD 78 (2008) 056005]
 - → Possible compatibility with the 2S excitation of the $\Xi_c(3F)$ or $\Xi_c(6F)$ states, with a possible J^P assignment of $1/2^+$ or $3/2^+$ [PRD 96 (2017) 114003]
 - → Hadron molecular states are also proposed, favouring a J^P assignment of 1/2⁻ or 3/2⁻ [EPJC 79 (2019) 167]



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→ Experimental determination of $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)} J^P$ is an important information for charm baryon spectroscopy



$\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ measurement: data

- → Study of $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ based on 2016-2018 data (5.4 fb⁻¹)
- → $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ studied in decay of $\Xi_b^{0(-)}$
 - $\rightarrow \quad \Xi_{\rm b}{}^{0(-)} \rightarrow \ \Xi_{\rm c}{}^{**+(0)}\pi^{-}$
 - → $\Xi_c^{\star\star+(0)} \rightarrow D^{+(0)}\Lambda^0$, $D^{+(0)} \rightarrow K\pi\pi(K\pi)$, $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$
 - Λ^0 can be both Long-Long or Down-Down
- → The total $\Xi_{b}^{0(-)}$ yields are 637 ± 31 (232 ± 19)



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$\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ measurement: amplitude analysis

- Amplitude analysis using helicity formalism
- Resonances described by relativistic Breit-Wigner convoluted by Gaussian resolution fucntions
- Non-resonant component described by exponential functions
- → Free parameters:
 - → $\Xi_c^{**+(0)}$ mass
 - → Ξ_c**⁺⁽⁰⁾width
 - \rightarrow $\Xi_{c}^{**+(0)}$ helicity couplings
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- Other hypotheses rejected at level above 6σ

$J^P_{\Xi_c(3055)^+}$	n_{σ}	$\alpha_{\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c(3055)^+ \pi^-}$
$1/2^{-}$	12.9σ	-0.10 ± 0.17
$1/2^{+}$	11.0σ	$+0.31\pm0.13$
$3/2^{-}$	7.3σ	$+0.18\pm0.14$
$5/2^{-}$	6.5σ	-0.12 ± 0.14
$5/2^{+}$	9.8σ	$+0.52\pm0.14$
$7/2^{-}$	10.7σ	$+0.41\pm0.16$
$7/2^{+}$	10.9σ	$+0.12 \pm 0.14$



$\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ measurement: results

- → The spin-parity of the $\Xi_c(3055)^{+(0)}$ determined to be $3/2^+$
- → The masses and widths updated with a precision comparable to previous determinations
- → Up-down asymmetries of $\Xi_{b}^{0(-)} \rightarrow \Xi_{c}(3055)^{+(0)}\pi^{-}$ decays measured
 - Consistent with a complete parity violation
 - The first measurement for the transition of the Ξ_b to Ξ_c baryon with a pseudoscalar meson
- → The first determination of the relative branching fraction $\frac{\mathcal{B}_{\Xi_c(3080)^+}}{\mathcal{B}_{\Xi_c(3055)^+}}$

Quantity	$\Xi_c(3055)^+$	$\Xi_{c}(3055)^{0}$
$m [\mathrm{MeV}\!/c^2]$	$3054.52 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.17$	$3061.00 \pm 0.80 \pm 0.23$
$\Gamma[\mathrm{MeV}]$	$8.01 \pm 0.76 \pm 0.34$	$12.4 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.1$
α	$-0.92\pm~0.10~\pm0.05$	$-0.92 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.22$
$R_{\mathcal{B}}$	$0.045 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.006$	$0.14 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$



Conclusion

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Conclusion and outlook

- → LHCb is highly active in Charm sector and leading many studies of charm baryons
 - One of the largest recorded charm samples with high purity and excellent PID information
 - Many still ongoing analyses using Run 1 and Run 2 data
- → LHCb Upgrade I successfully taking Run 3 data with
 - Around 3 fb⁻¹ of pp data recorded in 2024 (½ of full Run 2 statistics)
 - Run 3 performance talk by G. Tuci on 18/07/2024 (Operation and Performance, 09:24)
- → Upgraded hardware and fully software trigger significantly improving LHCb reach in charm sector



LHCb Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp by years 2010-2024

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Thank you for the attention



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Systematic uncertainties: branching fraction

- Tracking efficiency:
 - Evaluated centrally, assigned 0.8 % per track not-canceling in the ratio
- → Decay model:
 - The decay asymmetry of three processes could be non-trivial but not properly modeled in MC
 - Simultaneously reweighted the MC according to the sWeighted data in different angular distributions
- → PID efficiency:
 - Using central calibration samples, limited by the size and selection of calibration samples
- Reweight strategy:
 - Correction between MC and data based on the normalization channel instead of per-channel

Source	$\mathcal{B}(\Xi^-\pi^+)/\mathcal{B}(\Omega^-\pi^+)$	$\mathcal{B}(\Omega^- K^+)/\mathcal{B}(\Omega^- \pi^+)$
Tracking efficiency	1.78	1.78
PID efficiency	0.62	3.37
L0 trigger efficiency	0.69	1.26
Fit model	0.54	0.16
Decay model	1.32	3.59
Lifetimes of Ω^- and Ξ^-	0.59	
Simulation statistics	0.08	0.07
Reweight strategy	0.52	2.82
Signal resolution	0.97	2.35
Total	2.76	6.51
External input	1.04	



Systematic uncertainties: mass



- Momenta of charged tracks require calibration due to non-perfect alignment, uncertainty on B, ...
- Empirically, momentum of final-state particles can vary up to 0.03%
- Largest possible deviation takes as a systematic uncertainty
- Energy loss correction
 - Particles energy loss due to the interaction with detector materials
 - Scaling by a number of final-state particles (4 final-state particles)
- → Mass fit model:
 - Alternative model for signal (Johnson SU + CB) and background (Chebyshev polynomial)

Source	$\delta M (\text{MeV}/c^2)$
Energy loss correction	0.030
Momentum scale calibration	0.265
Mass fit model	0.009
Total	0.267
Ω^- mass uncertainty	0.290
Λ mass uncertainty	0.006
External input masses	0.296

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New observations



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$\Xi_{\rm c}(3055)^{+(0)}$ measurement: helicity angles

- $A \Xi_h \rightarrow \Xi_c \pi^ II \Xi_h \rightarrow \Xi_c \pi^-$ • $\mathcal{E}_h \to \mathcal{E}_c^{**} \pi^-$
- $\mathcal{Z}_{c}^{**} \to D\Lambda$

• $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

$$A_{\lambda_{\Xi_b},\lambda_{\Xi_c},\lambda_{\pi}} = H_{\lambda_{\Xi_c}} \circ \delta_{\lambda_{\Xi_b},\lambda_{\Xi_c}}$$

 $A_{\lambda_{\Xi_{c}},\lambda_{D},\lambda_{\Lambda}}^{\Xi_{c}\to D\Lambda} = H_{\lambda_{\Lambda}}^{\Xi_{c}\to D\Lambda} d_{\lambda_{\Xi_{c}},\lambda_{\Lambda}}^{J_{\Xi_{c}}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

Floated for each resonance Strong decay, only phase term: $n^{P_{\Xi_c}}(-1)^{J_{\Xi_c}+1/2}$

Fixed from input

 $A^{\Lambda \to p\pi^-}_{\lambda_{\Lambda},\lambda_{p},\lambda_{\pi}} = H^{\Lambda \to p\pi^-}_{\lambda_{p}} D^{j_{\Lambda}}_{\lambda_{\Lambda},\lambda_{p}}(\boldsymbol{\phi},\boldsymbol{\beta},0)$





$\Xi_{\rm c}(3055)^{+(0)}$ measurement: systematic unc.

Source	$\sigma_m \left[\text{MeV}/c^2 \right]$	$\sigma_{\Gamma} [\mathrm{MeV}]$	σ_{lpha}	$\sigma_{R_{\mathcal{B}}}$
Mass input	± 0.05	_	_	_
Momentum scale	± 0.01	—	_	_
Detector resolution	± 0.00	± 0.07	± 0.00	± 0.000
MC sample size	± 0.15	± 0.30	± 0.02	± 0.002
Trigger efficiency	± 0.01	± 0.03	± 0.02	± 0.000
Λ categories	± 0.03	± 0.04	± 0.01	± 0.002
Ξ_b^0 Mass fit	± 0.03	± 0.13	± 0.01	± 0.001
Angular momentum	± 0.00	± 0.00	± 0.04	± 0.002
$\Gamma_{\Xi_c(3080)}$	± 0.01	± 0.01	± 0.00	± 0.003
$m_{\Xi_c(3080)}$	± 0.00	± 0.02	± 0.00	± 0.000
Clone tracks	± 0.02	± 0.03	± 0.01	± 0.003
Total	± 0.17	± 0.34	± 0.05	± 0.006

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Amplitude analysis of the $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ decay and Λ_c^+ baryon polarization measurement in semileptonic beauty hadron decays [PRD 108 (2023) 012023]

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Amplitude analysis of $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$: data

- Semileptonic (SL) decay can be studied to determine amplitude models for polarisation measurements
 - Large polarisation from parity-violating weak decay gives full sensitivity on decay amplitude
 - Cleaner samples with more regular detector efficiency
 - Preferable for amplitude fit with many free parameters
- → Study of Λc + → pK⁻ π ⁺ polarisation in SL decays of b-hadrons
 - → Based on 2016 data (~ 1.7 fb⁻¹)
 - Significant available statistics ~ 1.27 M signal event
 - Minimal combinatorial background,
 - Negligible physical contributions
 - Fit performed on subsample of 400 000 signal candidates
 - Already dominated by systematics uncertainties



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Amplitude analysis of $\Lambda_c{}^+ \to p K^- \pi^+$: fit



- Contributions improving the fit quality are retained
- Alternative models with similar quality considered for systematic uncertainties
- Polarisation weakly dependent on specific amplitude model
- Main contributions:
 - → Δ++(1232), K*(892), K₀*(1430)

Resonance	J^P	$\mathrm{Mass}~(\mathrm{MeV})$	Width (MeV)
$\Lambda(1405)$	$1/2^{-}$	1405.1	50.5
A(1520)	$3/2^{-}$	1515 - 1523	10 - 20
$\Lambda(1600)$	$1/2^{+}$	1630	250
A(1670)	$1/2^{-}$	1670	30
A(1690)	$3/2^{-}$	1690	70
$\Lambda(2000)$	$1/2^{-}$	1900 - 2100	20 - 400
$\Delta(1232)^{++}$	$3/2^{+}$	1232	117
$\Delta(1600)^{++}$	$3/2^{+}$	1640	300
$\Delta(1700)^{++}$	$3/2^{-}$	1690	380
$K_0^*(700)$	0^{+}	824	478
$K^{*}(892)$	1^{-}	895.5	47.3
$K_0^*(1430)$	0^{+}	1375	190



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Amplitude analysis of $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$: polarisation

- Precision measurement of the Λ_{c^+} polarisation vector
 - Uncertainties in sub-% level
- → Large polarisation measured in both helicity frames (HF)
 - \rightarrow Λ_{c}^{+} laboratory HF: more transverse (Px) than longitudinal (Pz)
 - \rightarrow Λ_{c}^{+} HF from approximate rest frame of b-hadron: more longitudinal than transverse
- → Normal polarisation (Py) compatible with zero in both systems
 - Sensitive to time-reversal violation effects and final-state interactions

Component	Value $(\%)$
$P_x (lab)$	$60.32 \pm 0.68 \pm 0.98 \pm 0.21$
$P_y (lab)$ $P_z (lab)$	$-0.41 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.07$ $-24.7 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.1$
$\frac{P_x(\tilde{B})}{P_x(\tilde{B})}$	$21.65 \pm 0.68 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.15$
$P_y(\tilde{B})$	$1.08 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.08$
$P_z \ (ilde{B})$	$-66.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.1$

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LHCb Upgrade 1 + Modern trigger at LHCb

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LHCb experiment in Run 3

- → LHCb conditions in Run 3: luminosity of $2x10^{33}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹, \sqrt{s} = 13.6 TeV, visible collisions per bunch $\mu \sim 5$
- → New tracker detectors, upgraded electronics, fully software trigger, ...
- → <u>A new general-purpose forward-region detector at LHC</u>





Trigger strategies

Almost every pp collision is interesting for LHCb as is contains a heavy quark (b, c)

