

Heavy flavour spectroscopy and exotic states at LHCb

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Introduction



- Spectroscopy provides opportunities to study QCD predictions for models
 - e.g. lattice QCD, diquark model, potential model ...
- Exotic states are important for understanding strong force in QCD
 - Predicted in quark model
 - Recent results show strong evidence for their existence



mesonic molecule ?



tetraquark ?



pentaguark?



hybrid?

...

LHCb detector





LHCb detector





LHCb collected luminosity





 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow b\overline{b}X) \approx 300 \ \mu b \ @7 \ TeV \ vs \approx 500 \ \mu b \ @13 \ TeV$

Two methods for spectroscopy



- Direct production in *pp* collisions
- Combine a heavy flavour (HF) hadron with one or more light particles
- High statistics

- Production by a heavier particle decay, usually with amplitude analysis
- Low background
- Better determination of J^P





 $B_c^{(*)^+}(2S) \rightarrow B_c^{(*)^+}\pi^+\pi^-$ from ATLAS (八万)

Based on a yield of 327 $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ decays

Data	Signal events
7 TeV	100 ± 23
8 TeV	227 ± 25

ATLAS, PRL 113 (2014) 212004



ATLAS observed a peak in $B_c^+\pi^+\pi^-$ spectrum

 $m_{B_c(2S)} = 6842 \pm 4 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$

5.2*σ*





$B_c^{(*)^+}(2S) \rightarrow B_c^{(*)^+}\pi^+\pi^-$ search at LHCb

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- The peak could be due to - $B_c^+(2S) \rightarrow B_c^+\pi^+\pi^-$ or - $B_c^{*+}(2S) \rightarrow B_c^{*+}\pi^+\pi^-$ with $B_c^{*+} \rightarrow B_c^+\gamma$ (missing)
- LHCb used ~3300 B_c^+ signals and searched for $B_c^{(*)+}(2S)$
- No $B_c^{(*)+}(2S)$ signal



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 search at LHCb

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$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\sigma_{B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+}}{\sigma_{B_c^+}} \cdot \mathcal{B}(B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+ \to B_c^{(*)+}\pi^+\pi^-)$$

	$\sqrt{s} = 7 \mathrm{TeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 8 \mathrm{TeV}$
ATLAS	$(0.22 \pm 0.08 (\text{stat})) / \varepsilon_7$	$(0.15 \pm 0.06 (\text{stat}))/\varepsilon_8$
LHCb		< [0.04, 0.09]

Upper limit @95%CL

 ϵ_7, ϵ_8 : relative efficiencies of reconstructing $B_c^{(*)}(2S)^+$ wrt B_c^+

- ATLAS did not publish ε_7 , ε_8
- More studies needed to resolve the tension between ATLAS and LHCb.

$\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{\boldsymbol{b}}$ baryon spectroscopy

- A HON'S
- Numbers of excited *b*-baryons have already been discovered
 - $\mathcal{Z}_{b}^{\prime}(5935)^{-}, \mathcal{Z}_{b}^{*}(5955)^{-} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_{b}^{0}\pi^{-}$
 - $\mathcal{Z}_b^* (5945)^0 \to \mathcal{Z}_b^- \pi^+$

State	J ^P	b (sq)
Ξ_b	1/2+	↑ (↑↓)
Ξ_b'	1/2+	↓ (↑↑)
$\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{\boldsymbol{b}}^{*}$	3/2+	↑ (↑↑)



Ξ_b baryon spectroscopy

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• The higher excited states are expected to be above $\Lambda_b^0 K$ threshold







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The \mathcal{Z}_b^{**-} properties (preliminary)

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• With hadronic mode

$$\begin{split} M(\Xi_b^{**-}) &- M(\Lambda_b^0) = 607.3 \pm 2.0 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3 \,(\text{syst}) \,\text{MeV}/c^2, \\ \Gamma &= 18.1 \pm 5.4 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 1.8 \,(\text{syst}) \,\text{MeV}/c^2, \\ M(\Xi_b^{**-}) &= 6226.9 \pm 2.0 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3 \,(\text{syst}) \pm 0.2 (\Lambda_b^0) \,\text{MeV}/c^2, \end{split}$$

Mass peak position is consistent between the three decay channels

• Production ratios are measured with SL modes

Quantity	7+8 TeV	13 TeV
$(\sigma_{\Xi_b^{**-}}/\sigma_{\Lambda_b^0})\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^{**-}\to\Lambda_b^0K^-)$	$(3.0\pm0.4\pm0.4) imes10^{-3}$	(3.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.4) $ imes$ 10 ⁻³
$(\sigma_{\Xi_b^{**-}}/\sigma_{\Xi_b^0})\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^{**-}\to \Xi_b^0\pi^-)$	(47 \pm 9 \pm 7) $ imes$ 10 ⁻³	(22 \pm 6 \pm 3) $ imes$ 10 ⁻³

- The new state could be either a $\Xi_b(1P)^-$ or $\Xi_b(2S)^-$
 - To distinguish them further information needed (e.g. J^P)

Doubly charmed baryons



- Observation of $\mathcal{Z}_{cc}^+(ccd)$ reported by SELEX
 - Mass: 3518.7 ± 1.7 MeV
 - Unexpected short lifetime and large production
- Not confirmed by Babar [PRD 74 (2006) 011103], Belle [PRL 97(2006) 162001] nor LHCb [JHEP 12 (2013) 090]







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Observation of \mathcal{Z}_{cc}^{++} at LHCb



- Expected to have longer lifetime than \mathcal{Z}_{cc}^+ , higher sensitivity at LHCb
- Decay: $\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$, \mathcal{B} could be as large as 10%

Yu et al., arXiv:1703.09086

- LHCb run II at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, ~ 1.7 fb⁻¹
 - \succ 313 \pm 33 events, 12 σ
 - \succ 8 TeV data analyzed for cross-check, 7σ
 - > Consistent with weakly decays
 - $m(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) = 3621.40 \pm 0.72(\text{stat}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst}) \pm 0.14(\Lambda_c^{+}) \text{ MeV}$ $\sim 100 \text{ MeV above SELEX } \Xi_{cc}^{+} \text{ peaks}$





Pentaquark studies





Discovery of pentaquark states



PRL 115 (2015) 072001

• Two pentaquark states observed in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$



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PRL 115 (2015) 072001

• Amplitude analysis reveals the properties



• Confirmed by a model independent analysis

• Production & decay

Chin. Phys. C 40 (2016) 011001

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to P_c^+(4380)K^-)\mathcal{B}(P_c^+ \to J/\psi\,p) = (2.56 \pm 0.22 \pm 1.28 \stackrel{+0.46}{_{-0.36}}) \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to P_c^+(4450)K^-)\mathcal{B}(P_c^+ \to J/\psi\,p) = (1.25 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.33 \stackrel{+0.22}{_{-0.18}}) \times 10^{-5}$$

PRL 117 (2016) 082002

Study of $\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi p\pi^-$



- Cabbibo suppressed mode with less statistics
- Exotic Z_c^- contribute in $J/\psi\pi^-$
- Fit with $2 P_c^+ + Z_c (4200)^-$ favored by 3σ compared to no exotic contributions



Observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \to \chi_{c(1,2)} p K^-$



PRD 92 (2015) 071502

- Search for $P_c(4450)^+$ in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \chi_{c(1,2)} p K^-$ decays \Rightarrow Test hypothesis of kinematic rescattering effect
- First step: observe the decays, measure \mathcal{B}
- Use $\chi_{c(1,2)} \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$, constrain $J/\psi\gamma$ mass to known χ_{c1} mass



- Strange pentaquark ($udsc\overline{c}$) predicted in [PRL 105 (2010) 232001]
- Can be searched for in the Ξ_b^- decay [PRC 93 (2016) 065203]



Weakly decaying *b*-flavoured pentaquarks PRD 97 (2018) 032010

• Skyrme model: heavy quarks give tightly bound pentaquark

PLB 590(2004) 185; PLB 586(2004)337; PLB 331(1994)362

• Search for mass peaks below strong decay threshold

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III	$b\overline{d}uud$	$P^{+}_{\Lambda^0_{h}\pi^+} \to J/\psi K^-\pi^+ p$	$46685760~\mathrm{MeV}$
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Upper limit on production ratio $\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B}$ wrt $\Lambda_h^0 \to I/\psi K^- p$

$$R = \frac{\sigma(pp \to P_B X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(P_B \to J/\psi X)}{\sigma(pp \to \Lambda_b^0 X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi K^- p)}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma(pp \to P_B X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(P_B \to J/\psi X)}{\sigma(pp \to \Lambda_b^0 X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi K^- p)}$$







Weakly decaying b-flavoured new pentaquarks PRD 97 (2018) 032010

• No evidence for signal, 90% CL limits on $R < 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$



Search for dibaryon state

• A dibaryon state [cd][ud][ud]could be produced in Λ_b^0 decays to final state $\Lambda_c^+ \pi^- p \bar{p}$

L. Maiani, et al. PLB 750 (2015) 37

• LHCb has discovered the decay $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^- p \bar{p}$

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Search for dibaryon state

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 Ratio of branching fractions (preliminary)

 $\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ p \overline{p} \pi^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-)} = 0.0544 \pm 0.0023 \pm 0.0032$

• No obvious dibaryon peak in $m(\Lambda_c^+\pi^-p)$ spectra



Summary

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- LHCb has made important contributions to the knowledge of hadron spectroscopy
 - Observation/study of excited B(D) mesons & b(c) baryons
 - Observation/study of exotic states
 - Discovery of doubly charmed baryons

- Stay tuned with new results from RUNI+RUNII
- Spectroscopy at the upgraded LHCb is challenging and promising



Backup

Best previous

measurement

 3510.72 ± 0.05

 3556.16 ± 0.12

 1.92 ± 0.19

- $c\bar{c}$ states χ_c usually studied in $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$ decays
- First observation of $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays
- Much better mass resolution allows competitive mass and width measurements

LHCb

measurement

 3510.71 ± 0.10

 3556.10 ± 0.13

 2.10 ± 0.20



 3510.66 ± 0.07

 3556.20 ± 0.09

 1.93 ± 0.11

PRL 119 (2017) 221801

Quantity

[MeV]

 $m(\chi_{c1})$

 $m(\chi_{c2})$

 $\Gamma(\chi_{c2})$

Physics program at LHCb



- Not only precision measurements in b, c sectors
 - CKM and CP-violation parameters
 - Rare decays
 - Testing lepton universality
 - ...
- But also a general purpose detector
 - Electroweak measurments: $\sin \theta_W$, W/Z, top quark
 - Spectroscopy, exotic hadrons
 - Soft QCD
 - Heavy ions