

Recent results from LHCb on Pentaquark search

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Why pentaquarks?

- Interest in pentaquarks arises from the fact that they would be new type of particles beyond the the simplest quark combination. Could teach us a lot about strong force and QCD.
- There is no reason they should not exist
 - Predicted by Gell-Mann (64), Zweig (64), others later in context of specific QCD models: Jaffe (76), Högaasen & Sorba (78), Strottman (79)
- Name of "pentaquark" is coined by Lipkin (87), who proposed existence of a D_s⁻p bound state



Past claimed pentaquark

- Search for pentaquark states has been performed by many experiments in the last 50 years
- Early searches are summarized by K. H. Hicks [Eur. Phys. J. H37 (2012) 1]
 - □ Example: Θ⁺ [*uudds*] reported by many experiments in early 2000s was concluded to be just a fluctuation





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- Only LHCb has given a convincing result in 2015
 Two J/ψp resonances, consistent with pentaquarks, are

found in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ decays PRL 115, 072001 (2015)



 $\rightarrow J/\psi pK^{-}$ decays

LHCb first observed the Λ_b^0 decay in 2013, and found an **unexpected** structure





LHCb result in 2015

- Two J/ψp resonant structures are revealed by a full
 6D amplitude analysis
 - □ $P_c(4450)^+$ ← the prominent peak
 - □ $P_c(4380)^+$ ← required to obtain a good fit to the data
 - Consistent with pentaquarks with minimal quark content of $uudc\overline{c}$



PRL 115, 072001 (2015)

$$P_{c}(4450)^{+} \quad M = 4450 \pm 2 \pm 3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 39 \pm 5 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}$$

$$F.F. = 4.1 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.1 \%$$

$$P_{c}(4380)^{+} \quad M = 4380 \pm 8 \pm 29 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 205 \pm 18 \pm 86 \text{ MeV}$$

 $F.F. = 8.4 \pm 0.7 \pm 4.2 \%$



Interpretations

$M_{P_c^+} = M_{J/\psi} + M_p + \sim 400 \text{MeV}$

Tightly-bound pentaquark

Maiani,Polosa, Riquer, PLB 749 (2015) 289 Lebed, PLB 749 (2015) 454 Anisovich,Matveev,Nyiri, Sarantsev PLB 749 (2015) 454 and others





Loosely-bound pentaquark

Wu,Molina,Oset,Zou, PRL105 (2010) 232001 Wang,Huang,Zhang,Zou, PRC84 (2011) 015203 Karliner,Rosner, PRL 115 (2015) 122001 and others







Triangle diagram

Guo,Meissner,Wang, Yang, PRD 92 (2015) 071502 Liu, Wang, Zhao, PLB 757 (2016) 231 Mikhasenko, arXiv:1507.06552 Szczepaniak, PLB 757 (2016) 61 and others

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~few MeV

 $M_{\overline{D}^{*0}} + M_{\Sigma_c^+}$

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 $M_{P_c^+}$



The LHCb Experiment

- LHCb is a dedicated flavour physics experiment at the LHC
 - >10⁴ × larger b production rate than the B factories @ Y(4S)
 - Access to all *b*-hadrons: B^+ , B^0 , B_s^0 , B_c^+ , *b*-baryons
- Can also study hadron spectroscopy and exotic states
- Acceptance optimised for forward $b\overline{b}$ production





LHCb Detector





Improved selection

- Selection uses the feature of *B*-hadron decays
 - High p_{T}
 - Detached from primary vertex
 - Hadron ID information



- Selection improved with better uses of hadron ID
 - Hadron ID requirements are put into a multivariate (MVA) based selection. A much powerful MVA is achieved.
 - □ Use hadron ID to help vetoing $B^0 \to J/\psi K^- \pi^+$, $B_s^0 \to J/\psi K^+ K^-$ and other mis-ID backgrounds.
- Efficiency is doubled while maintaining similar background fraction, compared to the previous publication



9.5 x more than used in the Run 1 papers



Improvements in the data selection (x 2), integrated luminosity (x 3) and cross-section (\sqrt{s} =13 TeV vs 7-8 TeV)



Consistency check

- We can reproduce the results in the previous publication, when fitting the new data with 2015 amplitude model
- But the fit is only considered as a cross-check





Display in smaller bin size

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The new data

- Confirms the peaking structure at ~4450 MeV, which is resolved into two narrower pentaquark states with nearly identical masses
 - Unable to resolve in earlier smaller data set because mass split is small, and comparable to natural widths of the two states
- A new narrow peak at lower mass is also uncovered
 - Size too small to have been detected in earlier smaller data set
- Amplitude analysis faces challenge and takes time:
 - Must consider $m_{J/\psi p}$ resolution effect
 - Large statistics require to improve formulating an amplitude model in order to reduce the systematic uncertainty
 - Work in progress



How to fit the data

- **Simplified approach** fits to 1D $m_{J/\psi p}$ distribution
 - Narrow signals:
 - three Breit-Wigner (BW) functions \otimes resolution (2-3 MeV)
 - □ Background of Λ^* + non- Λ_b^0 + possible broad P_c^+ : two models compared
 - higher-order polynomial or
 - Iow-order polynomial + broad BW
- It can robustly determine M and Γ of narrow structures
 - Shown by studies of toy simulations
 - But not sensitive to J^P
 - Not sensitive to broad peaks, like $P_c(4380)^+$
- Several $m_{J/\psi p}$ distributions with different selection or weighting for systematic evaluation



Fit-1: all candidates

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- Fit inclusive $m_{I/\psi p}$ distribution
- Clear narrow structures, but background is high



Fit-2: *P*⁺_c dominated region



LHCb

- 26 [Ge√²] Fit $m_{Kp} > 1.9$ GeV events, ~80% Λ^* bkg removed] ^{dh/f} 24
- Significances: $P_c(4312)^+$, **7.3** σ ;

2 peaks over 1 around 4450 MeV, 5.4o

- Evaluated with toy simulations from 6D amplitude model
- Have taken account of look elsewhere effect







Fit-3: Novel method

- Candidates weighted by $w(\cos\theta_{P_c}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{stat}^2} \approx \frac{1}{S+B}$
 - w is inverse of $\cos\theta_{P_c}$ distribution of Λ_b^0 candidates with $m_{J/\psi p} \in [4.2, 4.6]$ GeV
- θ_{P_c} is P_c helicity angle
 - Angle between $\vec{p}_{J/\psi}$ and $-\vec{p}_{K}$ in $J/\psi p$ rest frame





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- Most statistically sensitive method





Results

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- Masses and widths are shown
- Relative P_c^+ production rates are determined

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to P_c^+ K^-) \mathcal{B}(P_c^+ \to J/\psi p)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi p K^-)}$$

- Fit inclusive $m_{J/\psi p}$ with efficiency correction
- The fit is not sensitive to broad peaks, like $P_c(4380)^+$

State	$M \;[\mathrm{MeV}\;]$	$\Gamma \;[\mathrm{MeV}\;]$	(95% CL)	${\cal R}~[\%]$
$P_c(4312)^+$	$4311.9 \pm 0.7^{+6.8}_{-0.6}$	$9.8 \pm 2.7^{+ 3.7}_{- 4.5}$	(< 27)	$0.30 \pm 0.07^{+0.34}_{-0.09}$
$P_c(4440)^+$	$4440.3 \pm 1.3^{+4.1}_{-4.7}$	$20.6 \pm 4.9^{+8.7}_{-10.1}$	(< 49)	$1.11 \pm 0.33^{+0.22}_{-0.10}$
$P_c(4457)^+$	$4457.3 \pm 0.6^{+4.1}_{-1.7}$	$6.4 \pm 2.0^{+}_{-} \stackrel{5.7}{_{-}1.9}$	(< 20)	$0.53 \pm 0.16^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$



Systematic uncertainties

- Systematic uncertainties are taken to be the largest deviations observed among all fits, including
- Six fits described above
- Change the order of polynomial for the background shape
- Use P-wave factors instead of S-wave in the BW amplitudes
 - Negligible effect on the results
- *P_c*(4312)⁺ fit in narrow 4.22-4.44 GeV mass range
- Fits to sample from an alternative selection without MVA
- Fits with interference considered
 - Source of the largest uncertainty

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Fits with interferences

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- Interference effect is important only if two overlying P⁺_c have same J^P
- Nominal fits use incoherent sum of BW amplitudes
- Systematic uncertainty considers fits with coherent sum, including broad P⁺_c state
 - No evidence for interferences
 - But this source gives the largest uncertainty on mass and width measurements, e.g. +6.8 MeV for $P_c(4312)^+$ mass







Plausible interpretation

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- The near-threshold masses of $P_c(4312)^+$, $P(4440)^+, P_c(4457)^+$ favour "molecular" pentaquarks with mesonbaryon substructure, but other hypotheses are not ruled out
- The 1D fit provides limited information. More work needed
 - *I^P* measures and confirmation of $P_c(4380)^+$ require amplitude analysis
 - To find isospin partners, and other decay modes





Earlier predictions with molecular picture

- Several theoretical predictions for $\Sigma_c^+ \overline{D}^{(*)0}$ published before 2015, some are in good agreement with the LHCb data
 - Wu,Molina,Oset,Zou, PRL105, 232001 (2010)
 - Wang,Huang,Zhang,Zou, PR C84, 015203 (2011)
 - Yang,Sun,He,Liu,Zhu, Chin. Phys. C36, 6 (2012)
 - Wu,Lee,Zou, PR C85 044002 (2012)

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Karliner, Rosner, PRL 115, 122001 (2015)

PR C85 044002 (2012)



Example: Predicted three I=1/2 doublets

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	PB System			VB System				
$J^p = \frac{1}{2}^-$	$M^p = \frac{1}{2}^- \Lambda \qquad M - i\Gamma/2$		ΔE	$M - i\Gamma/2$	ΔE			
	650	-	-	-	-			
	800	-	-	4462.178 - 0.002i	0.002			
	1200	4318.964 - 0.362i	1.826	4459.513 - 0.417i	2.667			
	1500	4314.531 - 1.448i	6.259	4454.088 - 1.662i	8.092			
	2000	4301.115 - 5.835i	19.68	4438.277 - 7.115i	23.90			
$J^p = \frac{3}{2}^-$	-							
	650	-	-	-	-			
	800	-	-	4462.178 - 0.002i	0.002			
	1200	-	-	4459.507 - 0.420i	2.673			
	1500	-	-	4454.057 - 1.681i	8.123			
	2000	-	-	4438.039 - 7.268i	23.14			

Λ : cut off on exchanged meson mass $ΔE = E_{thr} - M$: "binding energy"

PR C85 044002 (2012)

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Triangle diagrams?

 Can produce peaking structure at or above mass threshold, but not below





 $P_c(4312)^+$, $P_c(4440)^+$ are too far from any rescattering thresholds to be triangle diagram peaks



Triangle diagrams?

• Can produce peaking structure at or above mass threshold, but not below PRL 122, 222001 (2019) $D_s(2860) \Gamma_0 = 159 \text{ MeV}$

P_(4440

4450

BW

4500

4550 4600

 $m_{J/\psi\rho}$ [MeV]





 $P_c(4457)^+$ is right at the $\Lambda_c(2595)^+\overline{D}{}^0$ threshold

Two BWs + triangle for $P_c(4457)^+$ fit is acceptable

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4250 4300

 $P_{c}(4312)^{+}$

BW

4350

4400

400

200

4200



Summary

- Thanks to excellent LHC performance, and improved selection, we achieved almost an order of magnitude increases in signal yield.
- We confirmed the $P_c(4450)^+$ peak structure, and found it's actually a combination of two narrower states, $P_c(4440)^+$ and $P_c(4457)^+$.
- We also observed a new narrow state $P_c(4312)^+$.
- The experimental information sheds more light onto the nature of these observed narrow pentaquark states. The mass thresholds play an important role in the dynamics of these states.
- The analysis is not sensitive to broad P_c^+ , so confirmation of the broad P_c^+ seen before will need detailed amplitude analysis.
- To further decipher their nature, the J^P measurement will be essential.



Prospects

Analyses to update

- $\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi p K^-$ amplitude analysis
 - J^P and $P_c(4380)^+$?
- $\Lambda_b^0 \to J/\psi p \pi^-$ amplitude analysis
 - To study the production of observed P_c^+
 - Find evidence of exotic hadron contribution in Run-1 data [PRL 117 (2016) 082003]

More interesting ideas

- Decay modes to other charmonium states than J/ψ ?
- Hidden-charmonium pentaquarks with strangeness?
- Open charm baryon meson final state, eg. $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \overline{D}{}^0 K^-$?



LHCb Upgrade I

Upgrade I: installation ongoing



LHCb Upgrade I



CERN-LHCC-2011-001

Upgrade I: installation ongoing

- Almost a new detector for factor 5 luminosity increase
- Remove the hardware trigger \rightarrow all detector read out at 40 MHz
- Expect to have data of 23 fb⁻¹ by 2023 and of 50 fb⁻¹ by 2029

LHCb Upgrade II



Upgrade II: started to investigate

- Aim to collect > 300 fb⁻¹
- Instantaneous $\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{34}$, x10 with respect to Upgrade I
- Expression of Interest issued in 2017 [CERN-LHCC-2017-003]
- Physics case document released [CERN-LHCC-2018-027]
- Green light from LHCC to proceed to TDRs (expected ~late 2020)





Expected yields in future

- We are now boosting our data to a new level
 - Expect to 7x more data (14x more hadronic events) by 2029 than current data
 - Could have another factor of 6 increase from Upgrade II

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Decay mode	$23\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$	$50{\rm fb}^{-1}$	$300\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$
$B^+ \to X(3872) (\to J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-) K^+$	14k	30k	180k
$B^+ \to X(3872) (\to \psi(2S)\gamma) K^+$	500	1k	7k
$B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^- \pi^+$	340k	700k	$4\mathrm{M}$
$B_c^+ \to D_s^+ D^0 \overline{D}{}^0$	10	20	100
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ [*]	680k	1.4M	8M
$\Xi_b^- \to J/\psi \Lambda K^-$	4k	10k	55k
$\Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	7k	15k	90k
$\Xi_{bc}^+ \to J/\psi \Xi_c^+$	50	100	600

[*] updated according to the latest result

CERN-LHCC-2018-027

arXiv:1808.08865



Predictions with molecular picture

- Predict J^P in S-wave
 All P = -1
- Predict 4 additional partners at $\Sigma_c^* \overline{D}^{(*)}$ thresholds

[Liu et al. PRL 122 (2019) 242001]







Tightly bound pentaquarks

Diquark model



Models of tightly bound pentaquarks predict a very rich spectrum

And predicted different J^P for the observed narrow P'_cs than that from the molecular model



Ali et al, PLB 793, 365 (2019); Ali et al, 1907.06507 predicts more states with $(ud)_{S=1}$



Tightly bound pentaquarks

Different color-binding $\left((c\bar{c})((ud)u) \right)_{L=0}$



Models of tightly bound pentaquarks predict a very rich spectrum

Use the chromomagnetic model to study the mass spectra



 $\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{5}{2}$

Weng et al, arxiv:1904.09891

Hadro-charmonium model

Compact ($c\overline{c}$) surrounded by light quarks



P_c^+	Bound state	Binding <i>E</i> (MeV)	J^P	
4312	$\chi_{c0}p$	42	1/2+	
4440	$\psi(2S)p$	~170	$1/2^{-}$	
4457	$\psi(2S)p$	~170	$3/2^{-}$	

Many more states predicted in 4380 region



I. Eides et al, arXiv:1904.11616 and previous works

$$\frac{1}{2}^{+} \frac{1}{2}^{+} \frac{5}{2}^{+}$$
$$\frac{1}{2}^{+} \frac{1}{2}^{-} \frac{3}{2}^{-} \frac{1}{2}^{-} \frac{3}{2}^{+} \frac{3}{2}^{+} \frac{3}{2}^{+}$$

Past claimed pentaguark

- No convincing states 50 years after Gell-mann paper proposing qqqqq states
- Prediction: Θ^+ (*uudds*) could exist with m ≈1530 MeV
- In 2003,10 experiments reported evidences of narrow peaks of $K^0 p$ or K^+n , all >4 σ
- High statistics repeats from JLab showed the original claims were fluctuation

PRL 91, 252001 Events/001 (GeV/c² 20 15 lo/dM [nb/(GeV/c² 30x sta CLAS-2006 PRL 96, 212001 1.45 1.5 1.55 1.75 1.7 $M(nK^{+})$ [GeV/c²]

See summary by [K. H. Hicks, Eur. Phys. J. H37 (2012) 1]

 $\gamma d \rightarrow p K^- K^+ n$

JLab CLAS-2003 "observation"



Detector performance

Vertexing





Impact parameter: Proper time: Momentum: Mass: RICH $K - \pi$ separation: Muon ID: ECAL:

 $\sigma_{IP} = 20 \ \mu m$ $\sigma_{\tau} = 45$ fs for $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ or $D_s^+ \pi^ \Delta p/p = 0.4 \sim 0.6\% (5 - 100 \text{ GeV}/c)$ $\sigma_m = 8 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \text{ for } B \rightarrow J/\psi X \text{ (constrained } m_{I/\psi}\text{)}$ $\epsilon(K \to K) \sim 95\%$ mis-ID $\epsilon(\pi \to K) \sim 5\%$ $\epsilon(\mu \rightarrow \mu) \sim 97\%$ mis-ID $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow \mu) \sim 1 - 3\%$ $\Delta E/E = 1 \oplus 10\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$



Molecular interpretations

- If molecular hypothesis is true, existence of $P_c(4312)^+$ points to the importance of vector meson (ρ, ω) exchanges in binding the charmed baryon and meson, since a pion cannot be exchanged in the $\Sigma_c \overline{D}$ system
- This may also imply that DD or BB can form bound states [arXiv:1905.13156], calling for improved experimental searches



Correlation of \cos \theta_{P_c} and m_{pK}

• For events with $m_{J/\psi p} \in [4.2, 4.6]$ GeV





Systematic uncertainty

The largest ones are due to interference effect

	$P_c(4312)^+$		$P_c(4400)^+$		$P_c(4457)^+$	
	M MeV	Γ MeV	M MeV	$\Gamma \mathrm{MeV}$	M MeV	$\Gamma \mathrm{MeV}$
value \pm statistical error	4311.9 ± 0.7	9.8 ± 2.7	4440.3 ± 1.3	20.6 ± 4.9	4457.3 ± 0.6	6.4 ± 2.0
bkg.subtr. & cut variation	$+0.8 \\ -0.6$	$+3.7 \\ -4.5$	$+0.1 \\ -1.1$	$+4.6 \\ -8.2$	$+0.4 \\ -1.7$	$+3.6 \\ -0.9$
including interferences	$+6.8 \\ -0.6$	$^{+3.7}_{-4.5}$	$+4.1 \\ -4.7$	$^{+ 8.7}_{-10.1}$	$+4.1 \\ -1.7$	$^{+5.7}_{-1.9}$
mass resolution	< 0.1	$^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	$+0.1 \\ -0.0$	± 0.2	$^{+0.0}_{-0.1}$	$^{+0.7}_{-0.8}$
mass scale	< 0.2		< 0.2		< 0.2	
Blatt-Weisskopf factors	< 0.1	$+0.0 \\ -0.1$	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
efficiency in fit function	< 0.1	$+0.0 \\ -0.1$	< 0.1	$+0.0 \\ -0.2$	< 0.1	< 0.1



Triangle diagram



- All the intermediate states are on shell
- The proton emitted from the decay of the Λ^* moves along the same direction as the χ_{c1} and can catch up with it to rescatter
- Can only happen on the red line of the Dalitz-plot boundary



Quark model

Successfully describes all the hadrons observed in the last century

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ABSTRACT

Helps to explain how the strong force binds the quarks to form a particle



Quark model

Multiquark objects were predicted in the birth of Quark model - now called exotic

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> qqqqq baryons later called "pentaquarks"; qqqq meson called "tetraquarks"



LHCb result in 2015

 A model-independent analysis showed that the 4450 MeV peak is too narrow to be explained by reflections of Kp resonances





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