




Beauty baryons in ATLAS

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- Production polarisation of Λ_b^0 and Parity-violating asymmetry parameter and the helicity amplitudes in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$
[Phys. Rev. D 89, 092009, May 2014](#) 
- Measurement of Λ_b^0 lifetime
[PhysRevD.87.032002, 2013](#) 
- J/ψ p resonances in the $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^-$
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- Summary and outlook

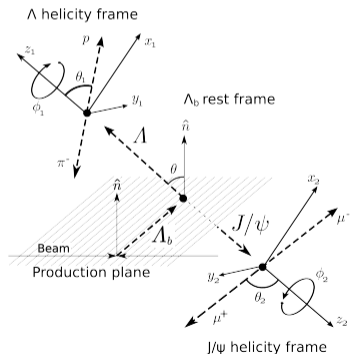
Physics motivation

- Production polarisation: in the symmetric p-p collisions hyperons are produced with spin perpendicular to the production plane. A Polarisation means an asymmetry between probabilities of spin oriented up versus down. Λ_b^0 production polarisation in ATLAS been measured using the decay $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$. In the central p-p collisions covered by ATLAS detector this polarisation is expected to be larger than in forward oriented LHCb. So measuring it in ATLAS is a synergy between LHC experiments.
- Another property of hyperons is a parity violation, some of them exhibit in their decays. For example, $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$ has an asymmetry parameter of over 60%.
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$ Decay Probability depends on production polarisation P and 4 helicity amplitudes $a_+ \equiv A(1/2, 0)$, $a_- \equiv A(-1/2, 0)$, $b_+ \equiv A(-1/2, 1)$ and $b_- \equiv A(1/2, -1)$, where 1/2 and 1 are spin projections of Λ and J/ψ . The parity violating parameter is defined as: $\alpha_b \equiv |a_+|^2 - |a_-|^2 + |b_+|^2 - |b_-|^2$

- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$ Decay Probability contain 20 terms, shown in figure, left. To extract all physics parameters in the PDF, the 5 angles are used, shown in Fig right.

i	f_{1i}	f_{2i}	F_i
0	$a_+ a_+^* + a_- a_-^* + b_+ b_+^* + b_- b_-^*$	1	1
1	$a_+ a_+^* - a_- a_-^* + b_+ b_+^* - b_- b_-^*$	P	$\cos \theta$
2	$a_+ a_+^* - a_- a_-^* - b_+ b_+^* + b_- b_-^*$	α_Λ	$\cos \theta_1$
3	$a_+ a_+^* + a_- a_-^* - b_+ b_+^* - b_- b_-^*$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\cos \theta \cos \theta_1$
4	$-a_+ a_+^* - a_- a_-^* + \frac{1}{2} b_+ b_+^* + \frac{1}{2} b_- b_-^*$	1	$\frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 1)$
5	$-a_+ a_+^* + a_- a_-^* + \frac{1}{2} b_+ b_+^* - \frac{1}{2} b_- b_-^*$	P	$\frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 1) \cos \theta$
6	$-a_+ a_+^* + a_- a_-^* - \frac{1}{2} b_+ b_+^* + \frac{1}{2} b_- b_-^*$	α_Λ	$\frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 1) \cos \theta_1$
7	$-a_+ a_+^* - a_- a_-^* - \frac{1}{2} b_+ b_+^* - \frac{1}{2} b_- b_-^*$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 1) \cos \theta \cos \theta_1$
8	$-3 \text{Re}(a_+ a_+^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\sin \theta \sin \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_2 \cos \phi_1$
9	$3 \text{Im}(a_+ a_+^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\sin \theta \sin \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_2 \sin \phi_1$
10	$-\frac{3}{2} \text{Re}(b_+ b_+^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\sin \theta \sin \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 + 2\phi_2)$
11	$\frac{3}{2} \text{Im}(b_+ b_+^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\sin \theta \sin \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_2 \sin(\phi_1 + 2\phi_2)$
12	$-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re}(b_- a_+^* + a_- b_+^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\sin \theta \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \cos \phi_2$
13	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Im}(b_- a_+^* + a_- b_+^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\sin \theta \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \sin \phi_2$
14	$-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re}(b_- a_-^* + a_- b_-^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\cos \theta \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$
15	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Im}(b_- a_-^* + a_- b_-^*)$	$P \alpha_\Lambda$	$\cos \theta \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \sin(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$
16	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re}(a_- b_+^* - b_- a_+^*)$	P	$\sin \theta \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \cos \phi_2$
17	$-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Im}(a_- b_+^* - b_- a_+^*)$	P	$\sin \theta \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \sin \phi_2$
18	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re}(b_- a_-^* - a_- b_-^*)$	α_Λ	$\sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$
19	$-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Im}(b_- a_-^* - a_- b_-^*)$	α_Λ	$\sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2 \sin(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$

Helicity studies using 5 angles



- Supposing production polarisation is $P=0$, leaves only 5 out of 20 terms of PDF.
- The Parity-violating asymmetry parameter α_b and 4 helicity amplitudes were measured for Λ_b^0 , for anti Λ_b^0 and for the combination of both, combining Λ_b^0 and anti- Λ_b^0 samples, under the assumption of CP conservation.

• both Λ_b^0 anti Λ_b^0

• $\alpha_b = 0.28 \pm 0.16 \pm \pm 0.06$

$|a_+| = 0.17_{-0.17}^{+0.12}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst})$

$|a_-| = 0.59_{-0.07}^{+0.06}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst})$

$|b_+| = 0.79_{-0.05}^{+0.04}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{syst})$

$|b_-| = 0.08_{-0.08}^{+0.13}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst})$

• Λ_b^0

• $\alpha_b = 0.24 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.28$

$|a_+| = 0.26_{-0.26}^{+0.11}(\text{stat})$

$|a_-| = 0.60_{-0.09}^{+0.08}(\text{stat})$

$|b_+| = 0.75_{-0.07}^{+0.06}(\text{stat})$

$|b_-| = 0.14_{-0.14}^{+0.10}(\text{stat})$

• anti Λ_b^0

• $\alpha_b = 0.33 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.17$

$|a_+| = 0.008_{-0.008}^{+0.227}(\text{stat})$

$|a_-| = 0.58_{-0.08}^{+0.07}(\text{stat})$

$|b_+| = 0.81_{-0.05}^{+0.05}(\text{stat})$

$|b_-| = 0.004_{-0.004}^{+0.168}(\text{stat})$

- If parity is conserved, one should get $|a_+| = |a_-|$ and $|b_+| = |b_-|$. The different values of $|a_+| / |a_-|$ and $|b_+| / |b_-|$ shows the parity conservation is broken in the $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$ decay.
- Large amplitudes $|a_-|$ and $|b_+|$ mean the negative-helicity states for Λ are preferred. The Λ and $J\psi$ from Λ_b^0 decay are highly polarized.
- The parameters from Λ_b^0 and anti- Λ_b^0 are consistent with each other, showing no indication of the CP violation. In this case, the results of the combination of Λ_b^0 and anti- Λ_b^0 is justified, which are more

Comparison of asymmetry parameter with others.

- ATLAS $\alpha_b = 0.28 \pm 0.16(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst})$
- Comparison with LHCb:
 - Adding in quadrature stat. and syst. uncertainties, ATLAS α_b is consistent with early LHCb measurement $0.05 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.07(\text{syst})$ [Phys.Lett.B724,27(2013)],
 - while it is in tensions at level of 1.6σ with new LHCb measurement: JHEP 06 (2020), in which the parity-violating parameter α_b was found to be consistent with zero, with a 68% credibility interval from -0.048 to 0.005.
- Theory models predict α_b values:
 - pQCD[C.-H.Chou,etal, Phys.Rev.D65, 074030(2002)] (α_b in the range -0.17 to -0.14)
 - HQET[Z.Ajaltouni,etal, Phys.Lett.B614,165(2005)] ($\alpha_b = \pm 0.78$)

- Fit results when allowing Polarisation parameter non-zero for Λ_b^0 , $\bar{\Lambda}_b^0$ and combined.

Table 13: Fit results when allowing polarization parameter free.

Parameter	Λ_b only	$\bar{\Lambda}_b$ only	Λ_b and $\bar{\Lambda}_b$
α_b	$0.17^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	$0.32^{+0.17}_{-0.16}$	$0.29^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$
P	$-0.26^{+0.23}_{-0.23}$	$-0.11^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$	$-0.13^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$
$ a_+ $	$0.20^{+0.11}_{-0.16}$	$0.05^{+0.18}_{-0.05}$	$0.15^{+0.04}_{-0.15}$
$ a_- $	$0.61^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$	$0.58^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$	$0.59^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$
$ b_+ $	$0.74^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.81^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$0.79^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$
$ b_- $	$0.20^{+0.13}_{-0.20}$	$0.012^{+0.157}_{-0.012}$	$0.07^{+0.13}_{-0.07}$

- Within precision of measurement, the Polarisation of Λ_b^0 , $\bar{\Lambda}_b^0$ and combined are identical with zero.
- Under conditions of Polarisation parameter free, the asymmetry parameters of Λ_b^0 , $\bar{\Lambda}_b^0$ and combined are consistent with the measurement if Polarisation supposed to be 0.
- Total Run2/Run3 statistics to improve precision of these important parameters of Λ_b^0 baryon.

- Based on 4.9 fb^{-1} of p-p collisions in ATLAS.
- Simultaneous un-binned maximum likelihood fit applied to mass and proper-decay time to $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda^0$ candidates.

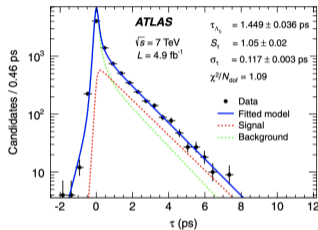
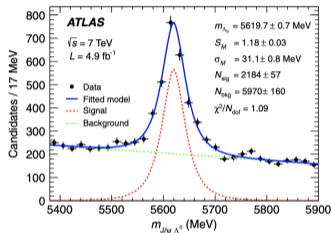


TABLE II. Summary of the systematic uncertainties of the lifetime measurement, $\sigma_{\tau}^{\text{syst}}$, and the mass measurement, σ_m^{syst} , for Λ_b^0 .

Systematic uncertainty	$\sigma_{\tau}^{\text{syst}}$ (fs)	σ_m^{syst} (MeV)
Selection/reco. bias	12	0.9
Background fit models	9	0.2
B_d^0 contamination	7	0.2
Residual misalignment	1	...
Extra material	3	0.2
Tracking p_T scale	...	0.5
Total systematic error	17	1.1

- mass and lifetime result:

$$\tau_{\Lambda_b} = 1.449 \pm 0.036(\text{stat}) \pm 0.017(\text{syst}) \text{ ps},$$

$$m_{\Lambda_b} = 5619.7 \pm 0.7(\text{stat}) \pm 1.1(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}.$$

- PDG: mass (5619.60 ± 0.17) MeV , Lifetime (1.471 ± 0.009) ps

- Ratio of Λ_b^0 and B_d^0 lifetimes:

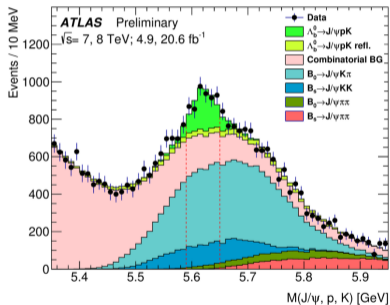
$$R = \tau_{\Lambda_b} / \tau_{B_d} = 0.960 \pm 0.025(\text{stat}) \pm 0.016(\text{syst}).$$

- PDG: 0.970 ± 0.009

- LHCb (PRL 115 (2015) 072001 W) observed 2 structures, $P_c(4380)^+$ and $P_c(4450)^+$ in J/ψ p mass of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$. Later, PRL 117 (2016) 082003 W LHCb claimed one new narrow $P_c(4312)$ state, and the previous $P_c(4450)$ split into two close narrow peaks.
- Using Run1 data ATLAS use $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ channel for this search.

Analyze signal process after the background decay parameters fixed at the step 1

- ▶ Fit the $M(J/\psi p K)$ distribution in the “global scope”
 - ▶ $N(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-) = 2270 \pm 300$
 - ▶ $N(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^-) \approx 10770$
 - ▶ $N(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ K^-) \approx 2290$
 - ▶ $N(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-) \approx 1070$
 - ▶ $N(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-) \approx 1390$
- ▶ Further $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K$ study is done in the SR (fit steps 3, 4)

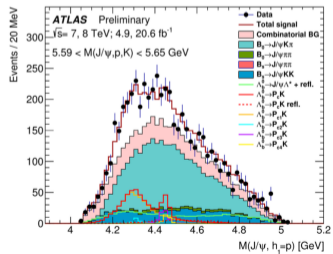
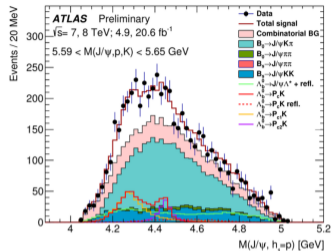


- ▶ $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K$ yields in the SR:
 - ▶ 1010 ± 140 for right mass assignment
 - ▶ 160 ± 20 for wrong mass assignment

► Fit under 2 pentaquarks hypothesis yields

Parameter	Value	LHCb value [5]
$N(P_{c1})$	$400_{-140}^{+130}(\text{stat})_{-100}^{+110}(\text{syst})$	–
$N(P_{c2})$	$150_{-100}^{+170}(\text{stat})_{-90}^{+50}(\text{syst})$	–
$N(P_{c1} + P_{c2})$	$540_{-70}^{+80}(\text{stat})_{-80}^{+70}(\text{syst})$	–
$\Delta\phi$	$2.8_{-1.6}^{+1.0}(\text{stat})_{-0.1}^{+0.2}(\text{syst})$ rad	–
$m(P_{c1})$	$4282_{-26}^{+33}(\text{stat})_{-7}^{+28}(\text{syst})$ MeV	$4380 \pm 8 \pm 29$ MeV
$\Gamma(P_{c1})$	$140_{-50}^{+77}(\text{stat})_{-33}^{+41}(\text{syst})$ MeV	$205 \pm 18 \pm 86$ MeV
$m(P_{c2})$	$4449_{-29}^{+20}(\text{stat})_{-10}^{+18}(\text{syst})$ MeV	$4449.8 \pm 1.7 \pm 2.5$ MeV
$\Gamma(P_{c2})$	$51_{-48}^{+59}(\text{stat})_{-46}^{+14}(\text{syst})$ MeV	$39 \pm 5 \pm 19$ MeV

- $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 31.7/39$ ($p = 55.7\%$)
- Fixing M and Γ of the two P_c to LHCb values yields $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 49.0/43$ ($p = 24.5\%$)
- The new narrow P_c states cannot be distinguished by ATLAS due to a worse mass resolution and low stats
- Check the hypothesis by fixing their parameters to the LHCb results
 - $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 31.7/42$



- Model with 2 penta-quarks yields 400 events $P_c(4282)^+$ and 150 $P_c(4449)^+$, with their parameters consistent with the LHCb results, arriving to $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 31.7/39$ ($p = 55.5\%$)
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- Checking the hypothesis by fixing parameters to LHCb results gives $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 31.7/42$
- The no penta-quarks model fit to data was also performed. In this case the fit describes data poorly, but this hypothesis still cannot be excluded ($p = 9.1 \times 10^{-3}$).
- This ATLAS research continues with larger Run2 statistics - allows more precise determination.

- Λ_b^0 research in ATLAS with RUN1 data covered wide range of analysis:
- Λ_b^0 Production polarisation in 7 and 8 TeV p-p collisions
- Λ_b^0 Parity violation measured in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$ decay
- Λ_b^0 lifetime in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda^0$ and its ratio to B_d lifetime
- Less favourable $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$ decay channel (due to hadrons in the final state) was successfully used to search for J/ψ p pentaquark resonances
- Improvements with Run2 statistics in all these projects vital.
- ATLAS opened to new ideas for analysis and searches in Beauty Baryons. New theory ideas very welcome !