

PROPERTIES OF HEAVY BARYONS IN THE RELATIVISTIC QUARK MODEL

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“My conclusion is that if you want to know the mass of a particle and if you have little time (in years!) and little money you should forget all your prejudices and use potential models. This is, in fact, even true to a large extent for systems containing light quarks, which is still more mysterious.”

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Heavy baryons (qqQ)

$J = 1/2$	Λ_c	Λ_b	Ξ_c	Ξ_b	Σ_c	Σ_b	Ξ'_c	Ξ'_b	Ω_c	Ω_b
$J = 3/2$					Σ_c^*	Σ_b^*	Ξ_c^*	Ξ_b^*	Ω_c^*	Ω_b^*
	$[ud]c$	$[ud]b$	$[us]c$	$[us]b$	$\{ud\}c$	$\{ud\}b$	$\{us\}c$	$\{us\}b$	$\{ss\}c$	$\{ss\}b$
			$[ds]c$	$[ds]b$	$\{dd\}c$	$\{dd\}b$	$\{ds\}c$	$\{ds\}b$		
					$\{uu\}c$	$\{uu\}b$				
isospin	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	0	0

INTRODUCTION

- Mass spectrum of heavy baryons B_Q (qqQ), ($q = u, d, s$)

Main assumption: [heavy-quark–light-diquark](#) picture of heavy baryons

[Three-body calculation](#) —→ [two-step two-body calculation](#)

Diquark is a composite system with $S = 0, 1$:

- light diquark is not point-like object: Its interaction with gluons is smeared by the form factor expressed through the overlap integral of diquark wave functions

Difference in dynamics of heavy and light quarks:

- slow relative motion of heavy quark Q
- fast motion of light diquarks d ($v/c \sim 0.6 - 0.7$) → light diquark should be treated fully relativistically

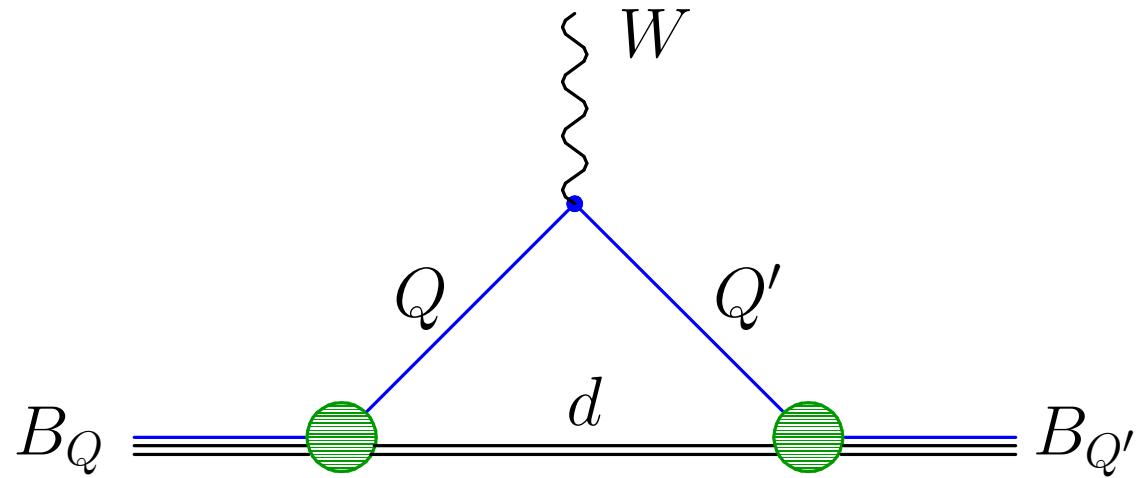
Pauli principle for ground state diquarks:

- (qq') diquark can have $S = 0, 1$ (scalar $[q, q']$, axial vector $\{q, q'\}$)
- (qq) diquarks can have only $S = 1$ (axial vector $\{q, q\}$)

Two types of heavy baryons:

- Λ_Q type – light scalar diquark: $\Lambda_b, \Lambda_c, \Xi_b, \Xi_c$ – spin 1/2
- $\Omega_Q(\Sigma_Q)$ type – light axial vector diquark: $\Omega_b, \Omega_c, \Xi'_b, \Xi'_c, \Sigma_b, \Sigma_c$ – spin 1/2;
 $\Omega_b^*, \Omega_c^*, \Xi_b^*, \Xi_c^*, \Sigma_b^*, \Sigma_c^*$ – spin 3/2

- Heavy-to-heavy semileptonic decays of baryons: $B_Q \rightarrow B_{Q'} e \nu$ ($Q = b, c$)
Additional source for the determination of V_{cb} .



Active heavy quark and spectator light diquark.

HQS ($m_Q \rightarrow \infty$):

heavy quark spin and mass decouple \rightarrow heavy baryon properties are determined by light diquarks \rightarrow

- masses of ground state baryons with spin 1/2 and 3/2 containing the axial vector diquark are degenerate
- for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c$ one universal form factor $\zeta(w)$ (Isgur-Wise function)
- for $\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c$ two universal form factors $\zeta_1(w)$ and $\zeta_2(w)$
- isospin violating decay amplitudes, e.g. $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Sigma_c$, vanish

$1/m_Q$ order:

- for $\Lambda_Q \rightarrow \Lambda_{Q'}$ one additional mass parameter $\bar{\Lambda}$ and one additional function $\chi(w)$
- for $\Omega_Q \rightarrow \Omega_{Q'}$ one additional mass parameter $\bar{\Lambda}$ and five additional functions

RELATIVISTIC QUARK MODEL

Quasipotential equation of Schrödinger type:

$$\left(\frac{b^2(M)}{2\mu_R} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2\mu_R} \right) \Psi_M(\mathbf{p}) = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; M) \Psi_M(\mathbf{q})$$

\mathbf{p} - relative momentum of quarks (diquarks)

M - bound state mass ($M = E_1 + E_2$)

μ_R - relativistic reduced mass:

$$\mu_R = \frac{E_1 E_2}{E_1 + E_2} = \frac{M^4 - (m_1^2 - m_2^2)^2}{4M^3}$$

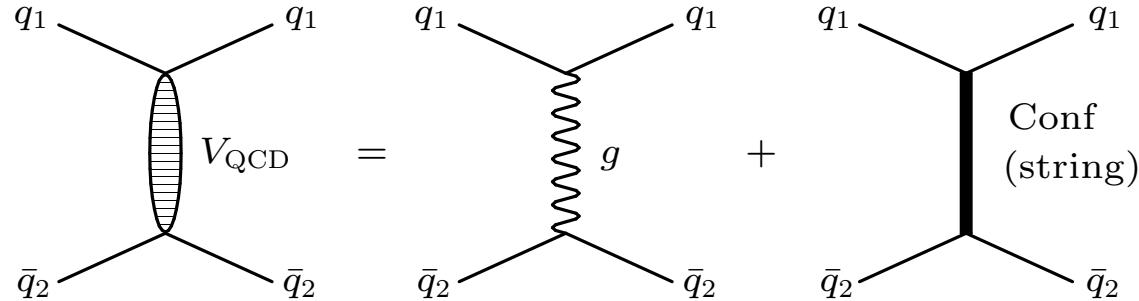
$b(M)$ - on-mass-shell relative momentum in cms:

$$b^2(M) = \frac{[M^2 - (m_1 + m_2)^2][M^2 - (m_1 - m_2)^2]}{4M^2}$$

$E_{1,2}$ - center of mass energies:

$$E_1 = \frac{M^2 - m_2^2 + m_1^2}{2M}, \quad E_2 = \frac{M^2 - m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2M}$$

- Parameters of the model fixed from meson sector
- $q\bar{q}$ quasipotential (meson sector)
(Constructed with the help of off-mass-shell scattering amplitude projected onto positive-energy states)



$$V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; M) = \bar{u}_1(p)\bar{u}_2(-p) \left\{ \frac{4}{3}\alpha_S D_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k})\gamma_1^\mu\gamma_2^\nu + V_{\text{conf}}^V(\mathbf{k})\Gamma_1^\mu\Gamma_{2;\mu} + V_{\text{conf}}^S(\mathbf{k}) \right\} u_1(q)u_2(-q)$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$$

$D_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k})$ - (perturbative) gluon propagator

$\Gamma_\mu(\mathbf{k})$ - effective long-range vertex with Pauli term:

$$\Gamma_\mu(\mathbf{k}) = \gamma_\mu + \frac{i\kappa}{2m}\sigma_{\mu\nu}k^\nu,$$

κ - anomalous chromomagnetic moment of quark,

$$u^\lambda(p) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon(p) + m}{2\epsilon(p)}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{p} \\ \epsilon(p) + m \end{pmatrix} \chi^\lambda,$$

with $\epsilon(p) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}$.

- Lorentz structure of $V_{\text{conf}} = V_{\text{conf}}^V + V_{\text{conf}}^S$

In nonrelativistic limit

$$\left. \begin{array}{rcl} V_{\text{conf}}^V & = & (1 - \varepsilon)(Ar + B) \\ V_{\text{conf}}^S & = & \varepsilon(Ar + B) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{Sum : } (Ar + B)$$

ε - mixing parameter

Parameters A , B , κ , ε and quark masses fixed from analysis of meson masses and radiative decays:

$\varepsilon = -1$ from heavy quarkonium radiative decays ($J/\psi \rightarrow \eta_c + \gamma$) and HQET

$\kappa = -1$ from fine splitting of heavy quarkonium 3P_J states and HQET

$(1 + \kappa) = 0 \implies$ vanishing long-range chromomagnetic interaction !

Freezing of α_s for light quarks (Simonov, Badalyan)

$$\alpha_s(\mu) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \ln \frac{\mu^2 + M_0^2}{\Lambda^2}}, \quad \beta_0 = 11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f, \quad \mu = \frac{2m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2},$$

$$M_0 = 2.24\sqrt{A} = 0.95 \text{ GeV}$$

Quasipotential parameters:

$$A = 0.18 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad B = -0.30 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\Lambda = 0.413 \text{ GeV} \text{ (from } M_\rho \text{)}$$

Quark masses:

$$m_b = 4.88 \text{ GeV} \quad m_s = 0.50 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_c = 1.55 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{u,d} = 0.33 \text{ GeV}$$

- Heavy baryons in quark-diquark picture

(qq)-interaction:

$$V_{qq} = \frac{1}{2} V_{q\bar{q}}$$

$$V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; M) = \bar{u}_1(p)\bar{u}_2(-p)\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; M)u_1(q)u_2(-q),$$

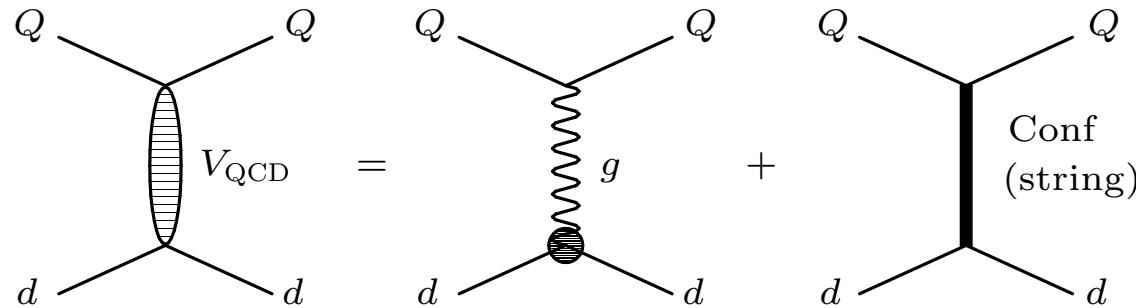
where

$$\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; M) = \frac{2}{3}\alpha_S D_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k})\gamma_1^\mu\gamma_2^\nu + \frac{1}{2}V_{\text{conf}}^V(\mathbf{k})\Gamma_1^\mu\Gamma_{2;\mu} + \frac{1}{2}V_{\text{conf}}^S(\mathbf{k})$$

(dQ)-interaction:

$$d = (qq')$$

$$V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; M) = \frac{\langle d(P)|J_\mu|d(Q)\rangle}{2\sqrt{E_d(p)E_d(q)}}\bar{u}_Q(p)\frac{4}{3}\alpha_S D_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k})\gamma^\nu u_Q(q) \\ + \psi_d^*(P)\bar{u}_Q(p)J_{d;\mu}\Gamma_Q^\mu V_{\text{conf}}^V(\mathbf{k})u_Q(q)\psi_d(Q) + \psi_d^*(P)\bar{u}_Q(p)V_{\text{conf}}^S(\mathbf{k})u_Q(q)\psi_d(Q)$$



$J_{d,\mu}$ – effective long-range vector vertex of diquark:

$$J_{d;\mu} = \begin{cases} \frac{(P+Q)_\mu}{2\sqrt{E_d(p)E_d(q)}} & \text{for scalar diquark} \\ \frac{(P+Q)_\mu}{2\sqrt{E_d(p)E_d(q)}} + \frac{i\mu_d}{2M_d}\sum_\nu k_\nu^\nu & \text{for axial vector diquark } (\mu_d = 0) \end{cases}$$

μ_d - total chromomagnetic moment of axial vector diquark

diquark spin matrix: $(\Sigma_{\rho\sigma})_\mu^\nu = -i(g_{\mu\rho}\delta_\sigma^\nu - g_{\mu\sigma}\delta_\rho^\nu)$

\mathbf{S}_d - axial vector diquark spin: $(S_{d;k})_{il} = -i\varepsilon_{kil}$

$\psi_d(P)$ – diquark wave function:

$$\psi_d(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for scalar diquark} \\ \varepsilon_d(p) & \text{for axial vector diquark} \end{cases}$$

$\varepsilon_d(p)$ – polarization vector of axial vector diquark

$\langle d(P) | J_\mu | d(Q) \rangle$ – vertex of diquark-gluon interaction:

$$\langle d(P) | J_\mu(0) | d(Q) \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 p \, d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \bar{\Psi}_P^d(\mathbf{p}) \Gamma_\mu(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \Psi_Q^d(\mathbf{q}) \Rightarrow F(k^2)$$

Γ_μ – two-particle vertex function of the diquark-gluon interaction:

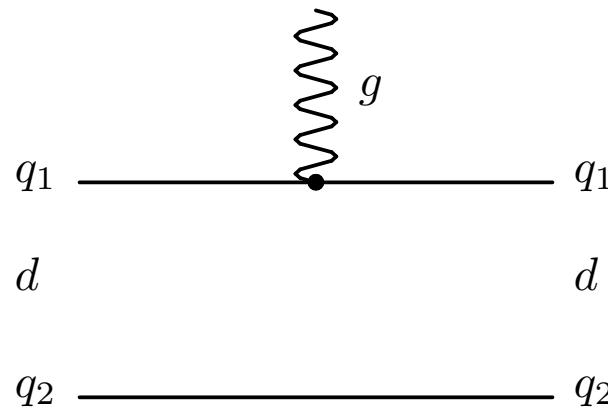


Figure 1: The vertex function Γ of the diquark-gluon interaction in the impulse approximation. The gluon interaction only with one quark is shown.

LIGHT DIQUARKS

Table 1: Masses of light ground state diquarks (in MeV). S and A denotes scalar and axial vector diquarks antisymmetric $[q, q']$ and symmetric $\{q, q'\}$ in flavour, respectively.

Quark content	Diquark type	Mass				
		our RQM	Ebert et al. NJL	Burden et al. BSE	Maris BSE	Hess et al. Lattice
$[u, d]$	S	710	705	737	820	694(22)
$\{u, d\}$	A	909	875	949	1020	806(50)
$[u, s]$	S	948	895	882	1100	
$\{u, s\}$	A	1069	1050	1050	1300	
$\{s, s\}$	A	1203	1215	1130	1440	

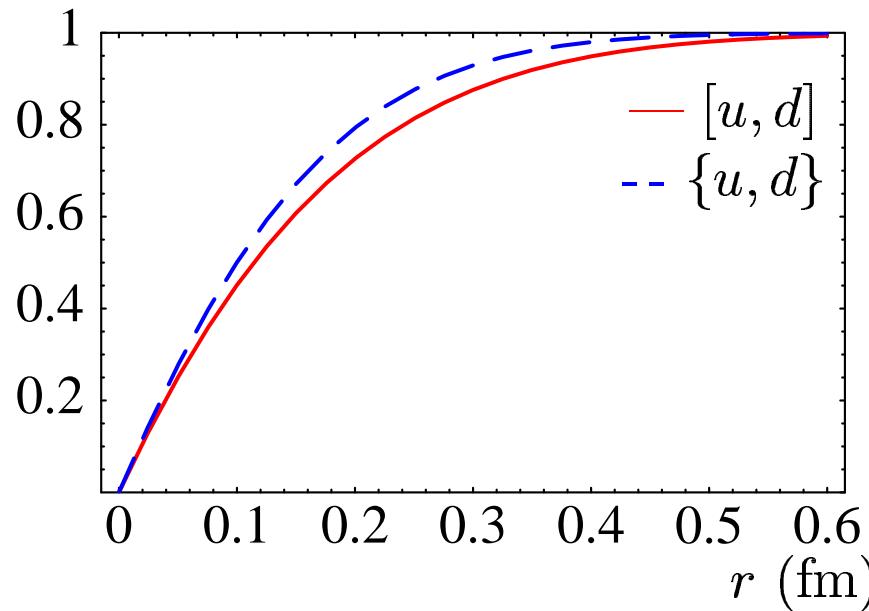


Figure 2: The form factors $F(r)$ for the scalar $[u, d]$ (solid line) and axial vector $\{u, d\}$ (dashed line) diquarks.

MASSES OF HEAVY BARYONS

- ★ p/m_Q expansion for heavy quark
- ★ relativistic treatment of light diquark $d = (qq)$

- leading order in p/m_Q
for scalar diquark

$$V^{(0)}(r) = \hat{V}_{\text{Coul}}(r) + V_{\text{conf}}(r),$$

for axial vector diquark

$$V^{(0)}(r) = \hat{V}_{\text{Coul}}(r) + V_{\text{conf}}(r) + \frac{1}{E_d(E_d + M_d)} \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{M_d}{E_d} \hat{V}'_{\text{Coul}}(r) - V'_{\text{conf}}(r) + \mu_d \frac{E_d + M_d}{2M_d} V'^V_{\text{conf}}(r) \right] \mathbf{LS}_d,$$

$$\hat{V}_{\text{Coul}}(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \alpha_s \frac{F(r)}{r}, \quad V_{\text{conf}}(r) = Ar + B,$$

where $\hat{V}_{\text{Coul}}(r)$ is the smeared Coulomb potential (which accounts for diquark structure).

- $\delta V(r)$ corrections up to second order in p/m_Q (spin-independent + \mathbf{LS}_Q , $\mathbf{S}_d \mathbf{S}_Q$, T terms)

Mass formula

$$\frac{b^2(M)}{2\mu_R} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{p}^2 \rangle}{2\mu_R} + \langle V^{(0)}(r) \rangle + \langle \delta V(r) \rangle.$$

Table 2: Masses of the ground state heavy baryons (in MeV).

Baryon	$I(J^P)$	Theory					Experiment
		our (2005)	Capstick Isgur	Roncaglia et al.	Savage	Jenkins	
Λ_c	$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2297	2265	2285			2290
Σ_c	$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2439	2440	2453			2452
Σ_c^*	$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	2518	2495	2520	2518		2538
Ξ_c	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2481		2468			2473
Ξ'_c	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2578		2580	2579	2580.8(2.1)	2599
Ξ_c^*	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	2654		2650			2680
Ω_c	$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2698		2710			2678
Ω_c^*	$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	2768		2770	2768	2760.5(4.9)	2752
Λ_b	$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	5622	5585	5620			5620.2(1.6)
Σ_b	$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	5805	5795	5820		5824.2(9.0)	5807.5(3.6)[‡]
Σ_b^*	$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	5834	5805	5850		5840.0(8.8)	5829.0(3.3)[‡]
Ξ_b	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	5812		5810		5805.7(8.1)	5788
Ξ'_b	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	5937		5950		5950.9(8.5)	5936
Ξ_b^*	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	5963		5980		5966.1(8.3)	5959
Ω_b	$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	6065		6060		6068.7(11.1)	6040
Ω_b^*	$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	6088		6090		6083.2(11.0)	6060

* error estimates of lattice calculations — ~ 50 MeV for charmed, ~ 100 MeV for bottom baryons

[†] BaBar 2006; [‡] CDF 2006; ^{*} D0 2007

Table 3: Masses of the excited Λ_Q ($Q = c, b$) heavy baryons (in MeV) (scalar diquark)

$I(J^P)$	Qd state	$Q = c$			$Q = b$			M^{exp}	CDF
		$M(\text{our})$	M^{exp}	PDG	$M(\text{our})$	M^{exp}	PDG		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	$1S$	2297	2286.46(14)		5622	5624(9)		5619.7(2.4)	
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2598	2595.4(6)		5930				
$0(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2628	2628.1(6)		5947				
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	$2S$	2772	2766.6(2.4)?		6086				
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	$1D$	2874			6189				
$0(\frac{5}{2}^+)$	$1D$	2883	2882.5(2.2)		6197				
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	$2P$	3017			6328				
$0(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	$2P$	3034			6337				

Table 4: Masses of the excited Σ_Q ($Q = c, b$) heavy baryons (in MeV) (axial vector diquark)

$I(J^P)$	Qd state	$Q = c$				$Q = b$			M^{exp}	CDF
		$M(\text{our})$	M^{exp}	PDG	M^{exp}	BaBar	M^{exp}	Belle		
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	$1S$	2439	2453.76(18)						5805	5807.5(3.6)
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	$1S$	2518	2518.0(5)						5834	5829.0(3.3)
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2805							6122	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2795							6108	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2799	2802($\frac{4}{7}$)						6106	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2761	2766.6(2.4)?						6076	
$1(\frac{5}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2790							6083	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	$2S$	2864							6202	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	$2S$	2912			2939.8(2.3)?		2938($\frac{3}{5}$)?		6222	

Table 5: Masses of the excited Ξ_Q ($Q = c, b$) heavy baryons with scalar diquark (in MeV).

$I(J^P)$	Qd state	$Q = c$			$Q = b$			
		$M(\text{our})$	M^{exp}	PDG	$M(\text{our})$	M^{exp}	D0	M^{exp}
$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	$1S$	2481	2471.0(4)		5812	5774(26)		5793(4)
$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2801	2791.9(3.3)		6119			
$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	$1P$	2820	2818.2(2.1)		6130			
$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	$2S$	2923			6264			

Table 6: Masses of the excited Ξ_Q ($Q = c, b$) heavy baryons with axial vector diquark (in MeV).

SEMILEPTONIC DECAYS

- Matrix elements of weak current

Matrix element of weak current $J_\mu^W = \bar{Q}'\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)Q$:

$$\langle B_{Q'}(p_{B_{Q'}}) | J_\mu^W | B_Q(p_{B_Q}) \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \bar{\Psi}_{B_{Q'} p_{B_{Q'}}}(\mathbf{p}) \Gamma_\mu(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \Psi_{B_Q p_{B_Q}}(\mathbf{q}),$$

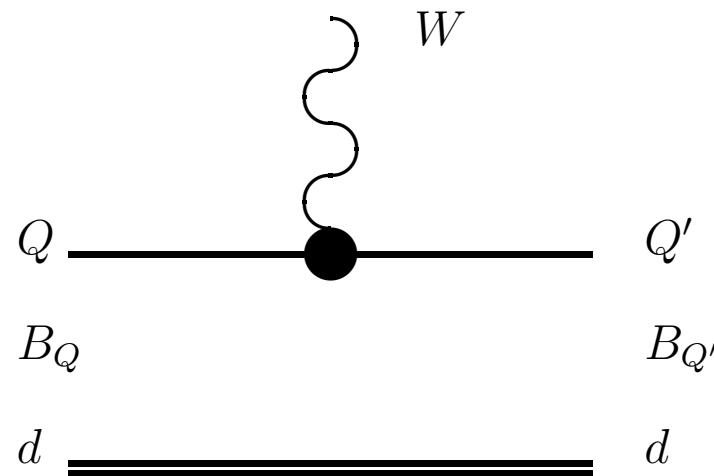


Figure 3: Lowest order vertex function $\Gamma^{(1)}$ contributing to the current matrix element.

Wave function $\Psi_{B_{Q'}\Delta}$ of the moving baryon is connected with the rest-frame wave function $\Psi_{B_{Q'}0} \equiv \Psi_{B_{Q'}}$ by the transformation

$$\Psi_{B_{Q'}\Delta}(\mathbf{p}) = D_{Q'}^{1/2}(R_{L\Delta}^W) D_d^{\mathcal{I}}(R_{L\Delta}^W) \Psi_{B_{Q'}0}(\mathbf{p}), \quad \mathcal{I} = 0, 1,$$

where R^W – Wigner rotation, L_Δ – Lorentz boost from the baryon rest frame to a moving one.

- Rotation matrix $D_{Q'}^{1/2}(R)$ of heavy quark spin:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} D_{Q'}^{1/2}(R_{L\Delta}^W) = S^{-1}(\mathbf{p}_{Q'}) S(\Delta) S(\mathbf{p}),$$

$$S(\mathbf{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon(p) + m}{2m}} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha \mathbf{p}}{\epsilon(p) + m} \right).$$

- Rotation matrix $D_d^{\mathcal{I}}(R)$ of diquark with spin $\mathcal{I} = 0, 1$:

$$D_d^0(R^W) = 1 \quad \text{for scalar diquark}$$

$$D_d^1(R^W) = R^W \quad \text{for axial vector diquark.}$$

- **Form factors of heavy baryons with scalar diquark**

Hadronic matrix elements for $\Lambda_Q \rightarrow \Lambda_{Q'} e \nu$:

$$\langle \Lambda_{Q'}(v', s') | V^\mu | \Lambda_Q(v, s) \rangle = \bar{u}_{\Lambda_{Q'}}(v', s') \left[F_1(w) \gamma^\mu + F_2(w) v^\mu + F_3(w) v'^\mu \right] u_{\Lambda_Q}(v, s),$$

$$\langle \Lambda_{Q'}(v', s') | A^\mu | \Lambda_Q(v, s) \rangle = \bar{u}_{\Lambda_{Q'}}(v', s') \left[G_1(w) \gamma^\mu + G_2(w) v^\mu + G_3(w) v'^\mu \right] \gamma_5 u_{\Lambda_Q}(v, s),$$

$$w = v \cdot v' = \frac{M_{\Lambda_Q}^2 + M_{\Lambda_{Q'}}^2 - q^2}{2M_{\Lambda_Q}M_{\Lambda_{Q'}}}.$$

- In heavy quark limit $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$

$$F_1(w) = G_1(w) = \zeta(w), \quad F_2(w) = F_3(w) = G_2(w) = G_3(w) = 0.$$

- At $1/m_Q$ order in HQET

$$F_1(w) = \zeta(w) + \left(\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \right) [2\chi(w) + \zeta(w)],$$

$$G_1(w) = \zeta(w) + \left(\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \right) \left[2\chi(w) + \frac{w-1}{w+1} \zeta(w) \right],$$

$$F_2(w) = G_2(w) = -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \frac{2}{w+1} \zeta(w), \quad F_3(w) = -G_3(w) = -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} \frac{2}{w+1} \zeta(w).$$

In our model up to $1/m_Q$ order

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1(w) &= \zeta(w) + \left(\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \right) [2\chi(w) + \zeta(w)] \\
&\quad + 4(1 - \varepsilon)(1 + \kappa) \left[\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \frac{1}{w-1} - \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} (w+1) \right] \chi(w), \\
G_1(w) &= \zeta(w) + \left(\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \right) \left[2\chi(w) + \frac{w-1}{w+1} \zeta(w) \right] - 4(1 - \varepsilon)(1 + \kappa) \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} w \chi(w), \\
F_2(w) &= -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \frac{2}{w+1} \zeta(w) - 4(1 - \varepsilon)(1 + \kappa) \left[\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \frac{1}{w-1} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} w \right] \chi(w), \\
G_2(w) &= -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \frac{2}{w+1} \zeta(w) - 4(1 - \varepsilon)(1 + \kappa) \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_{Q'}} \frac{1}{w-1} \chi(w), \\
F_3(w) &= -G_3(w) = -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} \frac{2}{w+1} \zeta(w) + 4(1 - \varepsilon)(1 + \kappa) \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2m_Q} \chi(w).
\end{aligned}$$

* For $(1 - \varepsilon)(1 + \kappa) = 0$ HQET results are reproduced $(\kappa = -1$ in our model)!)

The $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c$ differential decay rate near zero recoil:

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{w^2 - 1}} \frac{d\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c e \nu)}{dw} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{4\pi^3} M_{\Lambda_c}^3 (M_{\Lambda_b} - M_{\Lambda_c})^2 |G_1(1)|^2$$

$$G_1(w) = 1 - \hat{\rho}^2(w - 1) + \dots$$

In our model with $1/m_Q$ corrections: $\hat{\rho}^2 = 1.51$

Experiment (DELPHI Collaboration): $\hat{\rho}^2 = 2.03 \pm 0.46^{+0.72}_{-1.00}$

Lattice QCD (Bowler et al.): $\hat{\rho}^2 = 1.1 \pm 1.0$

Our prediction for the branching ratio ($|V_{cb}| = 0.041$, $\tau_{\Lambda_b} = 1.23 \times 10^{-12}\text{s}$)

$$Br^{\text{theor}}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c l \nu) = 6.9\%$$

Experiment

$$Br^{\text{exp}}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c l \nu) = \begin{cases} (5.0^{+1.1+1.6}_{-0.8-1.2}) \% & \text{DELPHI} \\ (8.1 \pm 1.2^{+1.1}_{-1.6} \pm 4.3) \% & \text{CDF} \end{cases}$$

$$Br^{\text{exp}}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c l \nu + \text{anything}) = (9.1 \pm 2.1)\%. \quad \text{PDG}$$

Table 7: Comparison of different theoretical predictions for semileptonic decay rates Γ (in 10^{10}s^{-1}) of bottom baryons.

Decay	Our RQM	Singleton NRQM	Cheng NRQM	Körner NRQM	Ivanov RTQM	Ivanov BS	Cardarelli LF	Albertus NRQM	Huang sum rule
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c e \nu$	5.64	5.9	5.1	5.14	5.39	6.09	5.08 ± 1.3	5.82	5.4 ± 0.4
$\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi_c e \nu$	5.29	7.2	5.3	5.21	5.27	6.42	5.68 ± 1.5	4.98	
$\Sigma_b \rightarrow \Sigma_c e \nu$	1.44	4.3			2.23	1.65			
$\Xi'_b \rightarrow \Xi'_c e \nu$	1.34								
$\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c e \nu$	1.29	5.4	2.3	1.52	1.87	1.81			
$\Sigma_b \rightarrow \Sigma_c^* e \nu$	3.23				4.56	3.75			
$\Xi'_b \rightarrow \Xi_c^* e \nu$	3.09								
$\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c^* e \nu$	3.03			3.41	4.01	4.13			

SUMMARY

- Mass spectra and semileptonic decays of heavy baryons qqQ are studied in heavy-quark–light-diquark picture
- Light quarks and light diquarks are treated fully relativistically
- $1/m_Q$ expansion is used only for heavy quarks
- Light diquarks are considered as nonlocal objects. Diquark wave functions are used to calculate diquark-gluon vertex describing diquark structure
- Predictions for the masses of the Ω_c^* , Σ_b , Σ_b^* and Ξ_b were recently confirmed experimentally
- Calculated masses of ground state and excited heavy baryons are in good agreement with available experimental data
- All presently available data on masses of heavy baryons can be accommodated in the picture treating a heavy baryon as the bound state of light diquark and heavy quark, experiencing orbital and radial excitations
- Diquark and baryon wave functions obtained in calculating heavy baryon masses are used for the calculation of semileptonic decays
- Structure of weak decay matrix elements agrees with model independent predictions of HQET both at leading and subleading orders of heavy quark expansion
- Leading and subleading Isgur-Wise functions for heavy baryon decays are explicitly expressed through the overlap integrals of wave functions in the whole accessible kinematic range
- Calculated decay rates agree with available experimental data