Heavy-Flavor-Conserving Hadronic Weak Decays of Charmed and Bottom Baryons: an Update

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Abstract

This paper serves as an update of the previous work entitled “Heavy-Flavor-Conserving Hadronic Weak Decays of Charmed and Bottom Baryons”. We make an improvement on the bag wave functions by removing the center-of-mass motion of the bag. All the baryon matrix elements are now calculated under the same framework without introducing new parameters. The matrix elements of 4-quark operators are found to be nearly twice larger than the previous ones. The calculated branching fractions of $\Xi^0_c \rightarrow \Lambda^+_c \pi^-$ and $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-$ are both in agreement with current experimental results. For the yet-to-be-measured heavy-flavor-conserving decays, we find $B(\Xi^+_c \rightarrow \Lambda^+_c \pi^0) = (13.8 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$, $B(\Xi^+_b \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^0) = (2.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$, $B(\Omega^0_c \rightarrow \Xi^+_c \pi^-) = (2.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ and $B(\Omega^0_b \rightarrow \Xi^+_b \pi^-) = (1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$. They are all accessible to LHCb, Belle and Belle II and can be tested in the near future.
I. INTRODUCTION

It is known that a rigorous and reliable approach for describing the nonleptonic decays of heavy baryons, especially the nonfactorizable effects, does not exist. Nevertheless, there is a special class of weak decays of heavy baryons that deserves special attention, namely, heavy-flavor-conserving (HFC) nonleptonic decays such as the singly Cabibbo-suppressed decays $\Xi_Q \to \Lambda_Q \pi$ and $\Omega_Q \to \Xi_Q \pi$ with $Q = c, b$ [1]. They can be studied in a more trustworthy way. Since the pion produced in HFC decays are soft, it is legitimate to apply for the soft-pion theorem to evaluate the nonfactorizable contributions in both $S$- and $P$-wave amplitudes. If the heavy quark behaves a spectator, then we will have another great simplification, namely, the $P$-wave amplitude will vanish in $\Xi_Q \to \Lambda_Q \pi$ decays in the heavy quark limit, while the $S$-wave vanishes in $\Omega_Q \to \Xi_Q \pi$ decays in the limit of $m_Q \to \infty$. Indeed, this is the case for $\Xi_b \to \Lambda_b \pi$ and $\Omega_b \to \Xi_b \pi$ decays as the $b$ quark does not participate in weak interactions in these $b$-flavor-conserving decays. However, charm-flavor-conserving decays $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c \pi$ and $\Omega_c \to \Xi_c \pi$ receive additional contributions from the $W$-exchange diagrams via $cs \to dc$ transition. Hence, the charm quark no longer acts as a spectator and the $P$-wave ($S$-wave) will not diminish in $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c \pi$ ($\Omega_c \to \Xi_c \pi$) decays in the heavy quark limit.

In the soft-pion limit, the HFC decay amplitudes can be formulated in terms of the matrix elements of the current (i.e. 2-quark operator) and 4-quark operators [2]. Previously, they were estimated within the static bag model by two of us (HYC and FX). However, the calculated branching fraction of $\Xi_c^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ of order $1.76 \times 10^{-3}$ [2] is too small by a factor of 3 compared to the recent LHCb measurement of $(5.5 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-3}$ [3].

The problem can be traced back to the fact that the description of the bag model is a semi-classical one. Quarks are treated as quantum objects as they obey the free Dirac equation, while the boundary of the bag is a classical object, an infinite potential barrier, possessing a definite position. Clearly, a static bag is not invariant under space translation, and it is impossible for a static bag to be at rest in the quantum mechanics
as 3 momenta are the generators of space translation. The problem is also related to
the salient feature that the bag quarks are unentangled. Although the expectation
value of the 3-momentum vanishes
\[ \langle p^q \rangle = 0, \quad (1) \]
it is impossible for \( \langle p^2_q \rangle \) to be zero due to
\[ \langle p^2_q \rangle = E^2_q - M^2_q > 0, \quad (2) \]
where \( E_q, \ p_q \) and \( M_q \) are the energy, 3-momentum and mass, respectively, of the quark \( q \). Here, we have used the fact that the bag quarks obey the free Dirac equation and
possess a definite energy. Combining Eqs. (1) and (2), we arrive at \(^1\)
\[ \langle p^B \rangle = \langle p^1_q + p^2_q + p^3_q \rangle = 0, \]
\[ \langle p^2_B \rangle = \langle (p^1_q + p^2_q + p^3_q)^2 \rangle = \langle p^2_1 \rangle + \langle p^2_2 \rangle + \langle p^2_3 \rangle > 0, \quad (3) \]
where \( p^B \) and \( p^i_q \) are the 3-momenta of the baryon and the \( i \)-th quarks, respectively,
and we have used \( \langle p^i_q \cdot p^j_q \rangle = \langle p^i_q \rangle \cdot \langle p^j_q \rangle \) for \( i \neq j \) as the quarks are unentangled.
The variance of the baryon’s 3-momentum \( \sigma^2_{ps} \equiv \langle p^2_B \rangle - \langle p^B \rangle^2 \) would be referred to the
center-of-mass motion (CMM) of the bag. It is straightforward to see that the CMM
is Lorentz invariant:
\[ \sigma^2_{ps} = \langle E^2_B \rangle - \langle p^\mu_B p^\nu_B \rangle g_{\mu\nu} - \langle E_B \rangle^2 + \langle p^\mu_B \rangle \langle p^\nu_B \rangle g_{\mu\nu} \\
= -\langle p^\mu_B p^\nu_B \rangle g_{\mu\nu} + \langle p^\mu_B \rangle \langle p^\nu_B \rangle g_{\mu\nu}, \quad (4) \]
where \( p^\mu_B \) is the 4-momentum of the baryon. Since the last two terms in the above
equation cancel each other, a physical bag with a definite momentum should not have
a CMM as \( \sigma^2_{ps} = 0 \). However, in the static bag model we have \( \sigma^2_{ps} > 0 \). This unwanted
CMM is an issue and it should be removed for a consistent treatment.

\(^1\) It can also be deduced from the Heisenberg uncertainty principle. As the baryon is localized, it
cannot possess a definite 3-momentum.
In this update, we shall make an improvement on this shortcoming by getting rid of the CMM of the bag. In particular, it has been shown that the axial form factors are found to be 15% larger \cite{4} once the CMM issue is remedied.

The layout of this work is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we recall the expressions of the HFC decay amplitudes given previously. In Sec. III, we construct the baryon wave functions free of the CMM effect and sketch the methods of computing the matrix elements. Numerical results and discussions are presented in Sec. IV. We conclude our study in Sec. V. Baryon wave functions are summarized in Appendix A. Appendix B is devoted to an explicit evaluation of a given matrix element of 4-quark operators.

II. FORMALISM

In this section we recapitulate the formalism outlined in Ref. \cite{2}. In the HFC processes, the $W$-exchange through $su \rightarrow ud$ transitions is described by the following effective Hamiltonian,

$$H_{\text{eff}}^u = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{us} (c_1 O_1^u + c_2 O_2^u), \quad (5)$$

where $G_F$ is the Fermi constant, $c_{1,2}$ the Wilson coefficients and $V_{qq'}$ the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements. For HFC decays of charmed baryons, they receive additional $W$-exchange contributions from the $cs \rightarrow dc$ transition. The relevant effective Hamiltonian reads

$$H_{\text{eff}}^c = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cs}^* V_{cs} (c_1 O_1^c + c_2 O_2^c), \quad (6)$$

with

$$O_1^q = (d_\alpha^\dagger L^\mu q_\alpha) (q_\beta^1 L_\mu s_\beta), \quad O_2^q = (q_\alpha^1 L^\mu q_\alpha) (d_\beta^1 L_\mu s_\beta), \quad (7)$$

where the Greek ($\alpha, \beta, \gamma$) alphabets stand for the color indices and $L^\mu = \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5)$. The general amplitude for $B_i \rightarrow B_f + P$ is given as

$$M (B_i \rightarrow B_f + P) = i \bar{u}_f (A - B \gamma_5) u_i, \quad (8)$$
where $\mathcal{B}_{i(f)}$ are the parent (daughter) baryons with $u_{i(f)}$ their Dirac spinors, and $A$ and $B$ correspond to the parity-violating (PV) $S$-wave and parity-conserving (PC) $P$-wave amplitudes, respectively. The partial wave amplitudes of HFC $\Xi_Q \rightarrow \Lambda_Q \pi$ and $\Omega_Q \rightarrow \Xi_Q \pi$ decays have been studied in Ref. [2] for $Q = b, c$. The expressions of the $S$-wave amplitudes are collected as follows [2]:

$$
A_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^+ \pi^-} = \zeta \left[ a_1 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_b} - m_{\Lambda_0^+}) f_{1,1}^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^0_b} - c_+ \left( a_+^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^0_b} \right) \right],
$$

$$
A_{\Xi^+_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^+ \pi^0} = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ a_2 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^+_b} - m_{\Lambda_0^+}) f_{1,1}^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^+_b} - c_+ \left( a_+^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^+_b} \right) \right],
$$

$$
A_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^0 \pi^-} = \zeta \left[ a_1 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_b} - m_{\Lambda_0^0}) f_{1,1}^{\Lambda_0^0 \Xi^0_b} - c_- a_0^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^0_b} \right],
$$

$$
A_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^0 \pi^0} = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ a_2 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_b} - m_{\Lambda_0^0}) f_{1,1}^{\Lambda_0^0 \Xi^0_b} - c_- a_0^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^0_b} \right],
$$

$$
A_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 \pi^-} = -\zeta a_0^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_b},
$$

$$
A_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 \pi^0} = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2}} a_0^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_b},
$$

whereas the $P$-wave amplitudes read

$$
B_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^+ \pi^-} = \zeta c_+ \left( g^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^0_b} + m_{\Lambda_0^+} g^{\Xi^0_b \Xi^0_b} + a^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^0_b} \right),
$$

$$
B_{\Xi^+_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^+ \pi^0} = \sqrt{2} \zeta c_+ \left( g^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^+_b} + m_{\Lambda_0^+} g^{\Xi^+_b \Xi^0_b} + a^{\Lambda_0^+ \Xi^+_b} \right),
$$

$$
B_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Lambda_0^0 \pi^-} = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2}} a_0^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_b},
$$

$$
B_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 \pi^0} = -\zeta a_1 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_b} + m_{\Xi^0_b}) g_{1,1}^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_b} + c_+ a_0^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_b},
$$

$$
B_{\Xi^0_c \rightarrow \Xi_0^0 \pi^0} = -\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2}} a_2 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_c} + m_{\Xi^0_c}) g_{1,1}^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_c} + 2c_- a_0^{\Xi_0^0 \Xi^0_c},
$$

$$
B_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Xi_0^- \pi^-} = -\zeta a_1 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_b} + m_{\Xi^0_b}) g_{1,1}^{\Xi_0^- \Xi^0_b},
$$

$$
B_{\Xi^0_b \rightarrow \Xi_0^- \pi^0} = -\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2}} a_2 f_{\pi}^2 (m_{\Xi^0_b} + m_{\Xi^0_b}) g_{1,1}^{\Xi_0^- \Xi^0_b},
$$

(9)

\footnote{2 The reader may notice that the expressions of the $S$- and $P$-wave amplitudes in this work have opposite signs to that given in Ref. [2]. We use the PDG convention $\langle \pi^- (q) | A_{\mu} | 0 \rangle = -i f_{\pi q_\mu}$, which was erroneously stated in the first footnote of Ref. [2], and then follow the scenario outlined in Ref. [6] for partial-wave amplitudes.
along with the following abbreviations

\[ \zeta \equiv \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} V_{ud} V_{us}, \quad c_- \equiv \frac{1}{2} (c_1 - c_2). \] (11)

In Eqs. (9) and (10), the factorizable contributions are expressed in terms of parameters \(a_{1,2}\) given by

\[ a_1 = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{N_c}, \quad a_2 = c_2 + \frac{c_1}{N_c}, \] (12)

and the form factors \(f_{1B}^B\) and \(g_{1B}^B\) defined by

\[ \langle \mathcal{B}'|q_\alpha(0)\gamma^\mu q_\alpha(0)|\mathcal{B}\rangle = \bar{u}_\mathcal{B} \left( f_{1B}^B(q^2)\gamma^\mu - f_{2B}^B(q^2)i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu m_B + f_{3B}^B(q^2) \frac{q^\mu}{m_B} \right) u_\mathcal{B}, \] (13)

\[ \langle \mathcal{B}'|q_\alpha(0)\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 q_\alpha(0)|\mathcal{B}\rangle = \bar{u}_\mathcal{B} \left( g_{1B}^B(q^2)\gamma^\mu - g_{2B}^B(q^2)i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu m_B + g_{3B}^B(q^2) \frac{q^\mu}{m_B} \right) \gamma_5 u_\mathcal{B}, \]

where \((q', q) = (u, s)\) and \((d, s)\), depending on the isospin of \(\mathcal{B}'\) and \(\mathcal{B}\). In Eqs. (9) and (10), the form factors \(f_{1B}^B\) and \(g_{1B}^B\) are evaluated at \(q^2 = m_\pi^2\). Note that the Wilson coefficients \(c_{1,2}\) and the parameters \(a_{1,2}\) are evaluated at the scale \(\mu = m_c\) and \(\bar{m}(m_b)\) for charmed and bottom baryons, respectively. We follow Ref. [2] to employ the Wilson coefficients \(c_1 = 1.336\) and \(c_2 = -0.621\) at the scale \(\mu = m_c\) and \(c_1 = 1.139\) and \(c_2 = -0.307\) at \(\mu = \bar{m}(m_b)\).

Nonfactorizable contributions arising from the \(W\)-exchange diagrams induced by \(su \rightarrow ud\) and \(cs \rightarrow dc\) transitions are dedicated by the PC matrix elements \(a_{B'B}^u\) and \(a_{B'B}^c\), respectively, of 4-quark operators defined by \[3\]

\[ \langle \mathcal{B}'|O_1^{u(c)} - O_2^{u(c)}|\mathcal{B}\rangle = \bar{u}_\mathcal{B} \left( a_{B'B}^{u(c)} + b_{B'B}^{u(c)} \gamma_5 \right) u_\mathcal{B}, \] (14)

where both \(a_{B'B}^{u(c)}\) and \(b_{B'B}^{u(c)}\) have canonical dimension 3. The axial couplings \(g_{B'B}^{A(\pi^-)}\) and \(g_{B'B}^{A(\eta)}\) in Eq. (10) are the special cases of \(g_1\), obtained by taking \((q', q) = (u, d)\) and \((q', q) = ((u, u) - (d, d))/2\) at \(q^2 = 0\), respectively.

From Eqs. (9) and (10) we see that the \(S\)-wave of \(\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Xi_b\pi\) and the \(P\)-wave of \(\Xi_b \rightarrow \Lambda_b\pi\) vanish. This is ascribed to the fact that the \(b\) quark in these HFC decays

\[^3\] Recall that the commutator term of the \(S\)-wave in the soft-pion limit is proportional to \(\langle \mathcal{B}_f|Q_\alpha^0, \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^\mathcal{B}_1|\mathcal{B}_i\rangle = -\langle \mathcal{B}_f|[Q_\alpha^0, \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^\mathcal{B}_1]|\mathcal{B}_i\rangle\).
does not participate in weak interactions. The diquark transition $1^+ \to 0^+ + 0^-$ in $\Omega_b^- \to \Xi_b \pi$ in $S$-wave is prohibited by conservation of angular momentum. Likewise, the diquark transition $0^+ \to 0^+ + 0^-$ in $\Xi_b \to \Lambda_b \pi$ in $P$-wave is not allowed by the same token.

III. MODEL CALCULATION

In this section we shall calculate the matrix elements of the current and 4-quark operators using the homogeneous bag model in which the unwanted CMM of the bag is removed [4].

A. Baryon wave functions

The baryon wave functions are given in Appendix A. Here we take the antitriplet charmed baryons for an illustration

\begin{align}
|\Xi_c^0, \uparrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{aa}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1)s_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2)c_{c\gamma}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3)\Psi_{A_1(dsc)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3)[d^3\vec{x}]|0\rangle, \\
|\Xi_c^+, \uparrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_{aa}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1)s_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2)c_{c\gamma}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3)\Psi_{A_1(uqc)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3)[d^3\vec{x}]|0\rangle, \\
|\Lambda_c^+, \uparrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{aa}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1)u_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2)c_{c\gamma}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3)\Psi_{A_1(duc)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3)[d^3\vec{x}]|0\rangle, \tag{15}
\end{align}

where $[d^3\vec{x}] = d^3\vec{x}_1d^3\vec{x}_2d^3\vec{x}_3$, the Latin $(a,b,c)$ alphabets are the spinor indices, and $\epsilon$ is a totally anti-symmetric tensor. Compared to the static bag wave functions given in Ref. [7], the wave functions here are expressed in terms of creation operators and the Fermi statistics is taken care of by the anti-commutation relation

\begin{align}
\{q_{aa}(\vec{x}), q_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}')\} = \delta_{ab}\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}'). \tag{16}
\end{align}

For the spatial distribution $\Psi$ of the quarks, we shall describe it using the homogeneous bag model first proposed in Ref. [8]

\begin{align}
\Psi_{A_1(q_1q_2q_3)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) &= \frac{N}{\sqrt{2}} \int \left[ \phi_{g_1}^{a}(\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_\Delta)\phi_{g_2}^{b}(\vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_\Delta) \right]
\phi_{g_3}^{c}(\vec{x}_3 - \vec{x}_\Delta)d^3\vec{x}_\Delta, \tag{17}
\end{align}
where $N$ is a normalization constant and $\phi_q^a$ are the bag wave functions in the static bag model,

$$
\phi_{q^a}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix}
    u_c(r)\chi^\uparrow_a \\
    v_c(r)\hat{\vec{r}} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \chi^\downarrow_a
\end{pmatrix}
$$

$$
= \begin{cases}
    \left( \frac{E_+ j_0(|p_q|r)\chi^\uparrow_a}{E_+ - j_1(|p_q|r)} \hat{\vec{r}} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \chi^\downarrow_a \right) & \text{for } r \leq R, \\
    0 & \text{for } r > R,
\end{cases}
$$

(18)

with $\chi^\uparrow = (1, 0)^T$ and $\chi^\downarrow = (0, 1)^T$ representing $J_z = \pm 1/2$, $E_\pm = \sqrt{E_q \pm M_q}$, and $j_{0,1}$ the spherical Bessel functions. Note that the spin structure of Eq. (17) is simply

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow) \uparrow
$$

and the heavy quark clearly points to the same direction with the antitriplet baryon.

The integral of $d^3\vec{x}_\Delta$ in Eq. (17) plays an essential role of removing the CMM, rendering the wave function to be invariant under space translation. To see this, we apply the space translation operator $T_{\vec{d}}$ on $|\Lambda_c^+\rangle$ for example,

$$
T_{\vec{d}} |\Lambda_c^+\rangle = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{a\alpha}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{d}) u_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2 + \vec{d}) c_{c\gamma}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3 + \vec{d}) \Psi_{A_1(duc)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle,
$$

$$
= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{a\alpha}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) u_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{c\gamma}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{A_1(duc)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1 - \vec{d}, \vec{x}_2 - \vec{d}, \vec{x}_3 - \vec{d}) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle,
$$

$$
= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{a\alpha}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) u_{b\beta}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{c\gamma}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{A_1(duc)}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle = |\Lambda_c^+\rangle,
$$

(20)

where use of $T_{\vec{d}} g_{a\alpha}^\dagger(\vec{x}) T_{\vec{d}}^{\dagger} = g_{a\alpha}^\dagger(\vec{x} + \vec{d})$ and $T_{\vec{d}} |0\rangle = |0\rangle$ has been made in the first line of the equation, and the second and third lines are obtained by changing the integration variables

$$
\vec{x}_{1,2,3} \rightarrow \vec{x}_{1,2,3} - \vec{d},
$$

(21)

and

$$
\vec{x}_\Delta \rightarrow \vec{x}_\Delta + \vec{d},
$$

(22)

respectively. As the 3-momentum operator $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$ is the generator of space translation, we deduce that

$$
\hat{\mathbf{P}} |\Lambda_c^+\rangle = \hat{\mathbf{P}}^2 |\Lambda_c^+\rangle = 0.
$$

(23)
Thus, the CMM is taken away from the static bag. Throughout this work, we give the integration variables $\vec{x}_\Delta$ an additional meaning. By eliminating every $d^3\vec{x}_\Delta$ integrals, the formulae would be reduced to the ones in the static limit [2].

For a baryon at rest (i.e. with zero momentum), quarks distribute homogeneously all over the space to fulfill the translation-invariant requirement. Now the baryons are described by a linear superposition of infinite bags. Although quarks are no longer localized, they are confined with each other in the sense that

$$\Psi_{A_1^{(q_1 q_2 q_3)}}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) = 0, \quad \text{for } |\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j| > 2R,$$

with $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ and $i \neq j$. It can be proved by noticing that the integrand in Eq. (17) vanishes when $|\vec{x}_\Delta - \vec{x}_i| > R$. While Eq (24) holds in the homogeneous bag model because the locations of the quarks are entangled, it is also valid in the static bag model since quarks are localized.

Of course, it is possible to construct other baryon wave functions free of the CMM issue in different bag models. Nevertheless, we believe that the homogeneous bag model for $\Psi$ which we have adopted here is the simplest one as it requires no new parameter and the static limit can be easily recovered.

By taking the normalizing condition as

$$\langle \mathbf{p}_S | \mathbf{p}'_S \rangle = u^\dagger u'(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{p}_S - \mathbf{p}'_S),$$

we find [4]

$$\frac{\bar{u}u}{N^2} = \int d^3\vec{x}_\Delta \prod_{i=1,2,3} \int \phi^+_q(\vec{x}^+_i) \phi_q(\vec{x}^-_i) d^3\vec{x}_i,$$

where $\vec{x}^\pm_i = \vec{x}_i \pm \vec{x}_\Delta/2$. In Eq. (26), the spin direction of $\phi_q$ is not important as it leads to the same result. In the following, we will suppress the spin indices whenever they make no difference.

To cooperate with the soft pion limit, we take the 3-momenta of the initial and final baryons to be zero for consistency. In particular, the matrix elements of 4-quark operators would simply vanish if the baryons have different momenta as $\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}$ respects the energy-momentum conservation law. Since $q^2 = m^2 = (M_{\Xi_Q} - M_{\Lambda_Q})^2 \approx (M_{\Omega_Q} -$
\( M_{\Xi}^2 \approx 0 \), the treatment we adopt here is in fact an excellent approximation. For example, the errors of the form factors are of order \( 10^{-3} \). The method of boosting the baryon wave functions requires several additional steps, and the interested readers are referred to Ref. [4] for detail.

### B. Current operators

To illustrate the calculation of form factors, we take \( \Xi_0^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_1^+ \) as an example. It follows from Eq. (16) that

\[
\langle \Lambda_1^+ | u_\alpha^+(0) L^\mu s_\alpha(0) | \Xi_0^0 \rangle = \int \Psi^{abc}_{A(duc)}(\vec{x}_1, 0, \vec{x}_3)(L^\mu)^{yb} \Psi^{abc}_{A(dsc)}(\vec{x}_1, 0, \vec{x}_3) d^3 \vec{x}_1 d^3 \vec{x}_3
\]

\[
= \int d^3 \vec{y} d^3 \vec{y}' d^3 \vec{x}_1 d^3 \vec{x}_3 \phi_d^+ (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{y}) \phi_d (-\vec{y}') L^\mu \phi_s (-\vec{y}) \phi_c^+ (\vec{x}_3 - \vec{y}') \phi_c (\vec{x}_3 - \vec{y}'),
\]

With Eq. (26), it is easily seen that form factors are independent of the normalization condition of the Dirac spinors \((\bar{u}u)\). By changing the integration variables

\[
(\vec{y}, \vec{y}', \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_3) \rightarrow (\vec{x}_2 - \frac{1}{2} \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3 - \vec{x}_2)
\]

we recast Eq. (27) to a more symmetric form

\[
\langle \Lambda_1^+ | u_\alpha^+(0) L^\mu s_\alpha(0) | \Xi_0^0 \rangle = \int [d^3 \vec{x}] d^3 \vec{x}_2 \phi_d^+ (\vec{x}_2) L^\mu \phi_s (\vec{x}_2)
\]

\[
\times \phi_d^+ (\vec{x}_1) \phi_d (\vec{x}_1) \phi_c^+ (\vec{x}_3) \phi_c (\vec{x}_3),
\]

where the static limit is recovered by taking \( \vec{x}_3^\pm \rightarrow \vec{x}_i \). By matching Eqs. (13) and (29), we find

\[
(f_1, g_1) = (0.978, 0),
\]

where we have used [9]

\[
R = (5.0 \pm 0.1) \text{ GeV}^{-1}, \quad M_u = 0, \quad M_s = 0.28 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_c = 1.655 \text{ GeV}.
\]

For form factors, the uncertainties of the bag radius can be neglected for the precision under consideration in this work. Notice that \( f_1 \) is very close to 0.985 obtained from
TABLE I: Numerical results of the form factors with \( \pi \in \{\pi^-, \pi^0\} \), depending on the isospin of the baryons.

| \((\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}')\) | \((\Lambda_c^+, \Sigma_c^0)\) | \((\Xi_c^+, \Xi_c^0)\) | \((\Xi_c^+, \Xi_c^0)\) | \((\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}')\) | \((\Xi_c^{(0)+}, \Omega_c^0)\) | \((\Xi_c^{(0)-}, \Omega_b^-)\) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| \(g_{_{\mathcal{B}'\mathcal{B}}}^\pi\) | 0.614 | -0.436 | -0.218 | 0.218 | \(g_{_{\mathcal{B}'\mathcal{B}}}^{s\rightarrow u(d)}\) | -0.616 | -0.597 |

the MIT bag model \[2\]. It is ascribed to that \( f_1 = 1 \) is protected by the \( SU(3)_F \) symmetry and hence a large correction is not expected.

Since the \( c \) quark shares the same spin direction with \( \Xi_c^0 \) and \( \Lambda_c^+ \), we are forced to choose both baryon spins aligned in the same direction to get a non-vanishing result. Thus, the spin flipping term \( g_1 \) vanishes, providing that the spin of the antitriplet baryon arises solely from the \( c \) quark. It can also be understood as the transition of the diquark \( 0^+ \rightarrow 0^+ + \pi \) is forbidden by conservation of angular momentum and parity \[1, 2\]. Thus, the strong coupling of \( \mathcal{B}_c\mathcal{B}_c\pi \) vanishes and so does \( g_{_{\mathcal{B}_c\mathcal{B}_c}}^\pi \). On the other hand, the \( c \) quark in the sextet baryon does not necessarily share the same spin direction with the baryon and hence the aforementioned argument cannot be applied.

The relevant form factors are given in Table II. Notice that in contrast to \( f_1 \), \( g_1 \) not protected by the flavor symmetry and found to be 16% larger than the one in the static limit \[2\].

C. 4-quark operators

The calculations of 4-quark operators are similar to those of the current ones. We take the \( su \rightarrow ud \) transition in \( \Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \) to illustrate the method. Applying the anti-commutation relation in Eq. (16), we find

\[
\langle \Lambda_c^+ | (d_{\alpha}^a(0)L^\mu u_{\alpha}(0))(u_{\beta}^b(0)L_\mu s_{\beta}(0))|\Xi_c^+ \rangle
= \int \Psi_{A,(duc)}(0,0,\vec{x}_3)(L^\mu)^{a' a}(L_\mu)^{b' b}\Psi^{abc}_{A,(usc)}(0,0,\vec{x}_3)d^3 \vec{x}_3 ,
\]

\[32\]
for $O_1^u$, and

$$
\langle \Lambda_+^c | (u_β^0 \mu u_β(0)) (d_α^0 \mu s_α(0)) | \Xi_+^c \rangle = \int \Psi_{A(duc)}^a (0, 0, \vec{x}_3) (L_μ^a) \phi_c (\vec{x}_3) d^3 \vec{x}_3 ,
$$

(33)

for $O_2^u$. With the Fierz identity $(L_μ^a) \phi_c (\vec{x}_3) = - (L_μ^a) \phi_c (\vec{x}_3)$, it is straightforward to show that $\langle \Lambda_+^c | (O_1^u + O_2^u) | \Xi_0^c \rangle = 0$, as it should be because the operator $O_1^u + O_2^u$ is symmetric in color indices, while the baryon wave function is color anti-symmetric. This is known as a special case of the K"{o}nner-Pati-Woo theorem [10]. On the other hand, for the sextet baryon $B_6$ we have

$$
\langle B_6 | O_1^u | B_6 \rangle = 0 ,
$$

(34)

which can be deduced by substituting $S$ for $A$ in Eqs. (32) and using $\Psi_{abc}^a = \Psi_{bac}^a$ along with the Fierz identity.

Substituting Eq. (17) into Eq. (32) leads to

$$
\sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} \int d^3 \vec{x}_3 d^3 \vec{y} d^3 \vec{y}' \phi_c^\dagger (\vec{x}_3 - \vec{y}) \phi_c (\vec{x}_3 - \vec{y}') \\
\times \phi_{d_{/\lambda_4}}^\dagger (-\vec{y}) L_μ \phi_{u_\lambda_2} (-\vec{y}') \phi_{u_\lambda_3} (-\vec{y}) L_μ \phi_{s_\lambda_1} (-\vec{y}') ,
$$

$$
= \sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} \int d^3 \vec{x}_3 d^3 \vec{y} \phi_c^\dagger (\vec{x}_3) \phi_c (\vec{x}_3) \\
\times \int d^3 \vec{x}_3 \phi_{d_{/\lambda_4}}^\dagger (\vec{x}_3) L_μ \phi_{u_\lambda_2} (\vec{x}_3) \phi_{u_\lambda_3} (\vec{x}_3) L_μ \phi_{s_\lambda_1} (\vec{x}_3) ,
$$

$$
\equiv \int d^3 \vec{x}_3 \mathcal{D}_c (\vec{x}_3) \Gamma (\vec{x}_3)
$$

(35)

where $[\lambda]$ stands for the possible configurations of spins

$$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4) \in \{(\downarrow, \uparrow, \uparrow), (\uparrow, \downarrow, \downarrow), (\uparrow, \downarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow), (\downarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow, \downarrow)\} .
$$

(36)

To sort out the expression, we have changed the integration variables

$$
(\vec{y}, \vec{y}', \vec{x}_3) \rightarrow \left( -\vec{x} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{x}_3, -\vec{x} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{x}_3, \vec{x}_3 - \vec{x} \right) ,
$$

(37)
and taken the short hand as
\[
D_c(\vec{x}_\Delta) = \int d^3\vec{x}_3\phi_c^\dagger(\vec{x}_3^+)\phi_c(\vec{x}_3^-)
\]
\[
\Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta) = \sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1-\lambda_3} \int d^3\vec{x}\phi_{d\lambda_4}^\dagger(\vec{x}^+) L_\mu \phi_{u\lambda_2}(\vec{x}^-) \phi_{u\lambda_3}^\dagger(\vec{x}_+^+) L_\mu^\dagger \phi_{s\lambda_1}(\vec{x}^-) \tag{38}
\]
Although Eq. (35) seems complicated, it can be understood as follows:

- The $\vec{x}_\Delta$ is the distance between the static bags of the initial and final baryons. The integrals of $d^3\vec{x}_\Delta$ can be viewed as computing the overlapping of the bags.
- The $D_c(\vec{x}_\Delta)$ is the overlapping of the spectator quark in the static bags separated at a distance of $\vec{x}_\Delta$.
- The $\Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta)$ describes the weak transition, where the $(su)$ and $(ud)$ pairs are annihilated and created in the static bags centering at $-\frac{1}{2}\vec{x}_\Delta$ and $\frac{1}{2}\vec{x}_\Delta$, respectively.

To extract $a^{a}_d\Lambda^\pm_\Xi^\pm$, we choose the parity-conserving part of the operators, namely
\[
(L^\mu)^{ab}(L_\mu)^{cd} \rightarrow (V^\mu)^{ab}(V_\mu)^{cd} + (A^\mu)^{ab}(A_\mu)^{cd}. \tag{39}
\]
Plugging Eq. (39) to Eq. (35) and comparing with Eq. (14), we find
\[
a^{a}_d\Lambda^\pm_\Xi^\pm = (3.74 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3, \tag{40}
\]
where the uncertainties arise from the bag radius in Eq. (31) and the details are sketched in Appendix B. Note that this value is consistent with the estimation
\[
\frac{1}{c_1 - c_2} (5.6 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3, \tag{41}
\]
made in the diquark model [11].

In the previous bag model calculation, it was found $a^{a}_d\Lambda^\pm_\Xi^\pm = 1.67 \times 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3 \tag{2}$. Interestingly, our current result indicates that $a^{a}_d\Lambda^\pm_\Xi^\pm$ is enhanced by a factor of 2.2 once the CMM is removed from the static bag. The large correction can be seen by the

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4 The matrix elements $a^{a}_d\Lambda^\pm_\Xi^\pm$ and $a^{c}_d\Lambda^\pm_\Xi^\pm$ are denoted by $X$ and $Y$, respectively, in Ref. [2].
TABLE II: Parity-conserving matrix elements of the 4-quark operators in units of \(10^{-2}\) GeV$^3$.

| \( (B, B') \) | \( (\Lambda^+_c, \Xi^+_c) \) | \( (\Lambda^+_c, \Xi^0_c) \) | \( (\Sigma^+_c, \Xi^0_c) \) | \( (\Omega_c, \Xi^0_c) \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( a_{BB'}^u \) | 3.74(20) | 3.68(20) | 0 | 0 |
| \( a_{BB'}^c \) | 0.95(5) | 0 | −1.61(9) | 1.61(9) | 2.28(13) | −2.26(11) | −3.97(25) |

The fact that \( a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^+_c}^u \) has canonical dimension 3, and the only possible canonical dimension comes from the bag radius in the massless limit of \( M_{u,d,s} \). Therefore, it is expected that

\[
a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^+_c}^u \propto R^{-3}.
\]

This implies that \( a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^+_c}^u \) is sensitive to the bag radius. It has been shown in Ref. \[8\] that the distance between the quarks will become smaller by around 20% once the CMM is eliminated. This explains the large correction since \((4/5)^{-3} \approx 2\). Likewise, it is ready to evaluate the matrix elements of \( O_{1,2}^c \) in a similar vein. In the static bag model, it was found \( a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^+_c}^c = 0.55 \times 10^{-2} \) GeV$^3$ \[2\]. We see from Table II that this matrix element is enhanced by a factor of 1.7 after taking the CMM effect into account.

The light diquark of the antitriplet and sextet baryons form spin-0 and spin-1 configurations, respectively. Since \( O_1^u \) is a scalar, it is unable to bring spin-1 to spin-0. Thus, we obtain

\[
\langle B_3^\bar{c} | O_{1,2}^u | B_6 \rangle = 0.
\]

As shown in Ref. \[1\], the combined heavy quark and chiral symmetries severely restrict the weak transitions allowed. It turns out that \( B_3 - B_6 \) weak transition via the weak Hamiltonian \( H_{\text{eff}}^u \) is prohibited in the heavy quark limit, namely, \( \langle B_3 | H_{\text{eff}}^u | B_6 \rangle = 0 \), which is consistent with Eq. (43). However, the same argument is not applicable to \( O_{1,2}^c \) since neither \( cs \) nor \( cd \) forms a spin eigenstate.

The results of the matrix elements \( a_{BB'}^{u,c} \) are summarized in Table II. For charm baryons, we take the parameters in Eq. (31), whereas we take \( M_b = 4.78 \) GeV for

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5 We do not include \( M_Q \) here, as spectator quarks have little effects on the matrix elements.
bottom baryons.

IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Before proceeding to the numerical results, we shall follow Ref. [2] to treat \( N_c \) in Eq. (12) as an effective parameter and take \( N_c^{\text{eff}} = 18.8 \) and 1.88 at the \( \mu = m_c \) and \( \mu = \bar{m}_b(m_b) \) scales, respectively. For the heavy baryon lifetimes, we shall use \[ \tau(\Xi^+_c) = (453 \pm 5) \text{ fs}, \quad \tau(\Xi^0_c) = (150.5 \pm 1.9) \text{ fs}, \quad \tau(\Omega^0_c) = (274.5 \pm 12.4) \text{ fs}, \]
\[ \tau(\Xi^0_b) = (1.480 \pm 0.030) \text{ ps}, \quad \tau(\Xi^-_b) = (1.572 \pm 0.040) \text{ ps}, \quad \tau(\Omega^-_b) = (1.64^{+0.18}_{-0.17}) \text{ ps}. \]

(44)

Expressions of the \( S \)- and \( P \)-wave amplitudes for various HFC decays obtained in the previous work are collected in Eqs. (9) and (10). Since the matrix elements \( a_{BB'}^u \) evaluated in the static bag model led to \( B(\Xi^-_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0_b \pi^-) = 6.6 \times 10^{-4} \), which is too small compared to the LHCb measurement (see Eq. (46) below), a hybrid scheme was adopted in Ref. [2] for the matrix elements of 4-quark operators, namely, the diquark model for \( a_{BB'}^u \) and the static bag model for \( a_{BB'}^c \).\(^6\) We have noticed in passing that the matrix elements \( a_{BB'}^u \) evaluated in the homogeneous bag model without the CMM is consistent with the diquark model. Thus we shall use the homogeneous bag model to compute both \( a_{BB'}^u \) and \( a_{BB'}^c \) for reason of consistency. Using the values of matrix elements from Table II and form factors from Table I, the calculated \( S \)- and \( P \)-wave amplitudes, branching fractions and up-down asymmetries of various HFC decays are displayed in Table III.

The first measured HFC weak decay is the \( b \)-flavor-conserving and strangeness-changing weak decay \( \Xi^-_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0_b \pi^- \). Its relative rate was measured by LHCb to be \[ \frac{f_{\Xi^-_b}}{f_{\Lambda^0_b}} B(\Xi^-_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0_b \pi^-) = (5.7 \pm 1.8^{+0.8}_{-0.9}) \times 10^{-4}, \]

(45)

\(^6\) The diquark model is not applicable to the matrix elements \( a_{BB'}^c \).
TABLE III: The magnitudes of the $S$- and $P$-wave amplitudes (in units of $10^{-7}$), branching fractions (in units of $10^{-3}$) and the up-down asymmetries of various HFC decays.

| Mode                  | $A$             | $B$             | $BF$              | $\alpha$          |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $\Xi^+_c \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ | $-3.24 \pm 0.20$ | $-522 \pm 30$  | $7.2 \pm 0.7$     | $0.46 \pm 0.05$   |
| $\Xi^-_c \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ | $-2.51 \pm 0.14$ | $-410 \pm 23$  | $13.8 \pm 1.4$    | $0.45 \pm 0.05$   |
| $\Omega^+_c \to \Xi^+_c \pi^-$ | $3.06 \pm 0.15$ | $-91 \pm 6$    | $2.0 \pm 0.2$     | $\approx -1.00$   |
| $\Omega^0_c \to \Xi^+_c \pi^0$ | $-2.17 \pm 0.12$ | $69 \pm 4$     | $1.1 \pm 0.1$     | $\approx -1.00$   |
| $\Xi^-_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^-$ | $-3.27 \pm 0.20$ | $0$             | $4.2 \pm 0.5$     | $0$               |
| $\Xi^0_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^0$ | $-2.67 \pm 0.14$ | $0$             | $2.6 \pm 0.3$     | $0$               |
| $\Omega^-_b \to \Xi^0_b \pi^-$ | $0$             | $16.1 \pm 0.1$ | $(6.5 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-2}$ | $0$               |
| $\Omega^-_b \to \Xi^-_b \pi^0$ | $0$             | $3.49 \pm 0.02$ | $(3.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$ | $0$               |

where $f_{\Xi^0_b}$ and $f_{\Lambda^0_b}$ are $b \to \Xi^-$ and $b \to \Lambda_c^0$ fragmentation fractions, respectively. The values of $f_{\Xi^0_b}/f_{\Lambda^0_b}$ were obtained by LHCb by invoking SU(3) symmetry in $\Xi^0_b \to J/\psi \Xi^-$ and $\Lambda_c^0 \to J/\psi \Xi^-$ decays [19], leading to

$$B(\Xi^-_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^-)_{\text{exp}} = (6.0 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-3}.$$  

(46)

The charm-flavor-conserving decay $\Xi^0_c \to \Lambda^+_c \pi^-$ first advocated and studied in 1992 [1] was finally measured by LHCb in 2021 [3] and Belle very recently [20] with results in excellent agreement with each other:

$$B(\Xi^0_c \to \Lambda^+_c \pi^-)_{\text{exp}} = \begin{cases} 
(0.55 \pm 0.18) \% & \text{LHCb,} \\
(0.54 \pm 0.14) \% & \text{Belle.} 
\end{cases}$$

(47)

Our results $B(\Xi^0_c \to \Lambda^+_c \pi^-) = (7.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$ and $B(\Xi^-_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^-) = (4.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$ are both in agreement with experiment. The predicted branching fractions for $\Omega^-_b \to \Xi^0_b \pi^-$ and $\Omega^-_b \to \Xi^-_b \pi^0$ decays are very small as they proceed only through factorizable external and internal $W$-emission diagrams, respectively. The factorizable

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This value can be found explicitly in Ref. [2].
TABLE IV: Branching fractions (in units of $10^{-3}$) of heavy-flavor-conserving decays $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c \pi$ and $\Xi_b \to \Lambda_b \pi$ predicted in various models. All the model results have been normalized using the current world averages of lifetimes for $\Xi_c^{++}$, $\Xi_c^{-0}$ and $\Xi_b^0$, $\Xi_b^{-}$ given in Eq. (44).

| Mode            | (CLY)$^2$ | Faller | Gronau | Voloshin | Niu | HYC | This work | Exp  |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|-----|-----|-----------|------|
| $\Xi_c^{0} \to \Lambda_c^{+} \pi^{-}$ | 0.17      | < 3.9  | 0.18$^{+0.23}_{-0.13}$ | $>0.25 \pm 0.15$ | 5.8$ \pm 2.1$ | 1.76$^{+0.18}_{-0.12}$ | 7.2$ \pm 0.7$ | 5.4$ \pm 1.1$ | 1.34$ \pm 0.53$ $^a$ |
| $\Xi_c^{+} \to \Lambda_c^{+} \pi^{0}$ | 0.11      | < 6.1  | < 0.2  | -        | 11.1$ \pm 4.0$ | 3.03$^{+0.29}_{-0.22}$ | 13.8$ \pm 1.4$ | - |
|                  |           |        |        |          |     |     |           |      |
|                  |           |        |        |          |     |     |           |      |
| $\Xi_c^{-} \to \Lambda_c^{0} \pi^{0}$ | 7.0       | 1.9$ - 7.6$ | 6.4$ \pm 4.3$ | 8$ \pm 3$ | 1.4$ \pm 0.7$ | 4.67$^{+2.20}_{-1.83}$ | 4.2$ \pm 0.5$ | 6.0$ \pm 1.8$ | 2.01$ \pm 0.80$ $^a$ |
| $\Xi_b^{0} \to \Lambda_b^{0} \pi^{0}$ | 2.5       | 0.9$ - 3.7$ | 3.2$ \pm 2.1$ | -        | 0.17$ \pm 0.15$ | 2.87$^{+1.30}_{-0.99}$ | 2.6$ \pm 0.3$ | - |

$^a$Assuming (wrongly) constructive interference between the $W$-exchange diagrams induced by $cs \to dc$ and $su \to ud$ transitions.

The branching fractions are the result of constructive interference between the $W$-exchange diagrams induced by $cs \to dc$ and $su \to ud$ transitions. The amplitude is proportional to the pion’s momentum, which is of order 205 MeV in HFC $\Omega_b$ decays. Consequently, their rates are suppressed.

In Table IV, we compare our results with other model calculations. For HFC $\Xi_c^{0} \to \Lambda_c^{+} \pi^{-}$ decay, it is clear that all the early predictions before 2020 with the branching fraction of order $(1 \sim 3) \times 10^{-4}$ are too small compared to experiment. As first pointed out by Niu, Wang and Zhao (NWZ) \[17\] and independently by Groote and Körner \[21\], the $P$-wave amplitude induced through $cs \to dc$ $W$-exchange was overlooked in all the previous model calculations. It turns out that owing to the small mass difference between $\Xi_c$ and the intermediate $\Sigma_c$ pole, of order 16 MeV, PC amplitudes are two orders of magnitude larger than the PV ones (see Table III). That is, $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c^{+} \pi$ receives largest contributions from the $\Sigma_c$ pole terms.

We next turn to the HFC decays of the bottom baryon $\Xi_b$. From Eqs. \[9\] and \[10\] we see that if the factorizable contributions to $\Xi_b \to \Lambda_b \pi$ are neglected, we will have...
the relation
\[ \sqrt{2} A_{\Xi^0_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^0} = A_{\Xi^-_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^-}, \]
for $S$-wave amplitudes, while $P$-waves vanish, leading to
\[ 2 \mathcal{B}(\Xi^0_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^0) \approx \mathcal{B}(\Xi^-_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^-). \]

Since the factorizable amplitude is proportional to the pion’s momentum, it vanishes in the soft-pion limit. In reality, it is a small contribution to HFC decays as the pion is soft. Hence, the above relation \((49)\) is expected to be approximately valid. However, it is badly broken in the work of NWZ \([17]\), see Table IV. To see this, from Table VII of Ref. \([17]\) we see that negative-parity baryon pole contributions to the $S$-wave amplitudes do respect the relation \((48)\). However, NWZ claimed a large factorizable contribution to $\Xi^-_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^-$ from the external $W$-emission\(^8\) comparable to the pole terms, which breaks the relation \((48)\) badly. In our case, nonfactorizable terms dominate the $S$-wave, namely, $a_{\Lambda_b^+ \Xi^-_b}^n \gg f_\pi^2 (m_{\Xi_b} - m_{\Lambda_b})$, see Eq. \((9)\). At any rate, this issue will be clarified by measuring $\mathcal{B}(\Xi^0_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^0)$.

In the charm sector, $\Omega_c \to \Xi_c \pi$ acquire additional contributions from nonspectator $W$-exchange for both PC and PV amplitudes. The $P$-wave amplitude of $\Omega_c \to \Xi_c \pi$ is enhanced by the $\Xi'_c$ pole, though it is not so dramatic as in the case of $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c \pi$. The predicted branching fraction is of order $2 \times 10^{-3}$ for $\Omega^0_c \to \Xi^+_c \pi^-$ and $1 \times 10^{-3}$ for $\Omega^0_c \to \Xi^0_c \pi^0$. These HFC decays are accessible to LHCb, Belle and Belle II. Early crude estimates given in \([14]\) indicated $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_b \to \Xi_b \pi) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$ and $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \to \Xi_c \pi) < \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$.

The asymmetry parameter $\alpha$ vanishes in the decays $\Xi_b \to \Lambda_b \pi$ and $\Omega_b \to \Xi_b \pi$ owing to the absence of $P$- and $S$-wave transitions, respectively. By contrast, it is very close to $-1$ in $\Omega_c \to \Xi_c \pi$ modes. For decays $\Xi^0_c \to \Lambda^+_c \pi^-$ and $\Xi^+_c \to \Lambda^+_c \pi^0$, the decay asymmetries are found to be positive, of order 0.45. In the work of NWZ \([17]\), the corresponding decay asymmetries are $-0.16$ and $-0.007$, \(^9\) respectively. Therefore,

\(^8\) On the contrary, the factorizable internal $W$-emission contribution to $\Xi^0_b \to \Lambda^0_b \pi^0$ was not considered in Ref. \([17]\).

\(^9\) Decay asymmetries are obtained using the $S$- and $P$-wave amplitudes given in Table IV of Ref. \([17]\).
NWZ predicted a negative up-down asymmetry in $\Xi_c^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ and a negligible one in $\Xi_c^+ \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^0$.

In short, although this work and the model of NWZ yield similar branching fractions for $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c \pi$, we differ in the treatment of $S$-wave amplitudes: While NWZ rely on the pole model to consider negative-parity baryon pole contributions, we appeal to current algebra thanks to the soft nature of the pion produced in HFC decays. Furthermore, NWZ claimed a sizable factorizable contribution to the $S$-wave while it is small in our case due to the soft momentum of the pion. Consequently, NWZ predict (i) a negative decay asymmetry in $\Xi_c^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$ and a negligible one in $\Xi_c^+ \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^0$, and (ii) $B(\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda_b^0 \pi^0) \ll B(\Xi_b^- \to \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-)$. Hence, measurements of decay asymmetries in $\Xi_c \to \Lambda_c \pi$ and the rate of $\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda_b^0 \pi^0$ relative to $\Xi_b^- \to \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-$ will allow to discriminate different models.

V. CONCLUSION

We have improved the numerical estimations of the previous work [2], where the static bag was employed. The wave functions from the homogeneous bag model are adopted in order to remove the CMM of the static bag. The calculations have been carried out under the same framework, and we have shown that the matrix elements of 4-quark operators are enhanced about twice. We have found that $B(\Xi_c^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-) = (7.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$ and $B(\Xi_b^- \to \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-) = (4.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$, both are in agreement with experiment. For the yet-to-be-measured heavy-flavor-conserving decays, we find $B(\Xi_c^+ \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^0) = (13.8 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$, $B(\Xi_b^0 \to \Lambda_b^0 \pi^0) = (2.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$, $B(\Omega_c^0 \to \Xi_c^+ \pi^-) = (2.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$, and $B(\Omega_c^0 \to \Xi_b^0 \pi^0) = (1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$. They are all accessible to LHCb, Belle and Belle II and can be tested in the near future.
Their wave functions are given by

\[
\begin{align*}
|\Xi^+_c, \uparrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) s_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{A_1(usc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Xi^0_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) s_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{A_2(usc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Lambda^+_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) u_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{A_2(usc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle,
\end{align*}
\]

where the spatial parts of the wave functions are described by Eq. (17).

On the other hand, the light quarks of the sextet baryons form spin-1 configuration. Their wave functions read

\[
\begin{align*}
|\Sigma^{++}_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) u_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{S_2(ussc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Sigma^+_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) u_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{S_2(ddc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Sigma^0_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) d_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{S_2(ddd)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Xi^{++}_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) s_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{S_2(uusc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Xi^0_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} d_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) s_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{S_2(uusc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle, \\
|\Omega^{++}_c, \downarrow\rangle &= \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} s_{\alpha a}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) s_{\beta b}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) c_{\gamma c}^\dagger(\vec{x}_3) \Psi_{S_2(sssc)}^\text{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) [d^3\vec{x}] |0\rangle.
\end{align*}
\]
where

\[
\Psi_{S_1^+}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) = \frac{N}{\sqrt{6}} \int \left( 2\phi_{q_1\uparrow}^a(\vec{x}_1^\prime)\phi_{q_2\uparrow}^b(\vec{x}_2^\prime)\phi_{q_3\downarrow}^c(\vec{x}_3^\prime) - \phi_{q_1\uparrow}^a(\vec{x}_1^\prime)\phi_{q_2\downarrow}^b(\vec{x}_2^\prime)\phi_{q_3\uparrow}^c(\vec{x}_3^\prime) \right) d^3\vec{x}_\Delta,
\]

\[
\Psi_{S_1^-}^{abc}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3) = \frac{N}{\sqrt{6}} \int \left( -2\phi_{q_1\downarrow}^a(\vec{x}_1^\prime)\phi_{q_2\downarrow}^b(\vec{x}_2^\prime)\phi_{q_3\uparrow}^c(\vec{x}_3^\prime) + \phi_{q_1\downarrow}^a(\vec{x}_1^\prime)\phi_{q_2\uparrow}^b(\vec{x}_2^\prime)\phi_{q_3\downarrow}^c(\vec{x}_3^\prime) \right) d^3\vec{x}_\Delta,
\]

with \( \vec{x}_i = \vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_\Delta \).

The wave functions of the \( b \)-baryons can be obtained by substituting \( b \) for \( c \).

**Appendix B: Evaluation of \( a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^-_c}^u \)**

In this appendix we evaluate one of the matrix elements, say \( a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^-_c}^u \), explicitly. We start with sorting out the overlapping of the spectator quark

\[
\mathcal{D}_c(\vec{x}_\Delta) = \int d^3\vec{x} \left( u_c^+ \chi^\dagger, -i v_c^+ \chi^\dagger \sigma_x^+ \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_c^- \chi \\ i v_c^- \sigma_x \chi \end{pmatrix},
\]

\[
= \int d^3\vec{x} \left[ u_c^+ u_c^- + v_c^+ v_c^- \chi^\dagger \sigma_x^+ \sigma_x^- \chi \right],
\]

\[
= \int d^3\vec{x} \left[ u_c^+ u_c^- + v_c^+ v_c^- \left( \hat{x}^+ \cdot \hat{x}^- + \frac{1}{r^+ r^- i} \chi^\dagger (\vec{x}_\Delta \times \vec{x}) \cdot \bar{\sigma} \chi \right) \right],
\]

\[
= \int d^3\vec{x} \left[ u_c^+ u_c^- + v_c^+ v_c^- \left( \hat{x}^+ \cdot \hat{x}^- \right) \right],
\]

where we have taken the shorthand \( \sigma_v = \hat{\nu} \cdot \bar{\sigma} \) with \( \hat{\nu} \) an arbitrary unit vector, \( u_q^\pm = u_q(r^\pm) \) and \( v_q^\pm = v_q(r^\pm) \) with \( r^\pm = |\vec{x}^\pm| \). To get the third line of the equation, we have used the relation \( \sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} + i\epsilon^{ijk} \sigma_k \).

The integrals in \( \Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta) \) are much more complicated. We decompose them into several parts as

\[
\Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta) = \int d^3\vec{x} \sum_{i=1,2,3,4} \Gamma_i(\vec{x}_\Delta, \vec{x}) + PV
\]
where $V_i = \gamma_0 \gamma_i$ with $i = 1, 2, 3$ and PV stands for the parity-violating part, which is not concerned in this work.

In tidying up the spin indices, it is useful to note the identities

\[
\sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} (\chi_{\lambda_3} \chi_{\lambda_1}) (\chi_{\lambda_4} \chi_{\lambda_2}) = 1,
\]
\[
\sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} (\chi_{\lambda_3} \sigma_i \chi_{\lambda_1}) (\chi_{\lambda_4} \chi_{\lambda_2}) = \sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} (\chi_{\lambda_3} \chi_{\lambda_1}) (\chi_{\lambda_4} \sigma_i \chi_{\lambda_2}) = 0, \quad \text{(B4)}
\]
\[
\sum_{[\lambda]} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} (\chi_{\lambda_3} \sigma_i \chi_{\lambda_1}) (\chi_{\lambda_4} \sigma_j \chi_{\lambda_2}) = -\delta_{ij},
\]

which can be derived from a direct calculation. It can be interpreted as the interacting quarks are spin-0, so the matrix elements cannot depend on a specific direction. Using Eq. \text{(B4)}, we arrive at

\[
\Gamma_1(\vec{x}_\Delta, \vec{x}) = \left( u_d^+ u_u^- + v_d^+ v_u^- \hat{x}^+ \cdot \hat{x}^- \right) \left( u_u^+ u_s^- + v_u^+ v_s^- \hat{x}^+ \cdot \hat{x}^- \right) + \frac{(\vec{x}_\Delta \times \vec{x})^2}{(r^+ r^-)^2} v_d^+ v_u^- v_u^+ v_s^-, \\
\Gamma_2(\vec{x}_\Delta, \vec{x}) = \left( u_d^+ v_u^- \hat{x}^- - v_d^+ u_u^- \hat{x}^+ \right) \left( u_u^+ v_s^- \hat{x}^- - v_u^+ u_s^- \hat{x}^+ \right), \\
\Gamma_3(\vec{x}_\Delta, \vec{x}) = \Gamma_2(\vec{x}_\Delta, \vec{x}) + 2 \left( u_d^+ v_u^- \hat{x}^- + v_d^+ u_u^- \hat{x}^+ \right) \cdot \left( u_u^+ v_s^- \hat{x}^- + v_u^+ u_s^- \hat{x}^+ \right), \\
\Gamma_4(\vec{x}_\Delta, \vec{x}) = 3 u_d^+ u_u^- u_u^+ v_d^+ v_u^- v_s^- \left( 2 + (\hat{x}^+ \cdot \hat{x}^-)^2 \right) + \frac{(\vec{x}_\Delta \times \vec{x})^2}{(r^+ r^-)^2} \\
- \left( u_d^+ u_u^- v_u^- v_s^+ + v_d^+ v_u^- u_u^+ u_s^- \right) \hat{x}^+ \cdot \hat{x}^-.
\]

To see the connection with the static limit, we take $\vec{x}_\Delta = 0$ and obtain

\[
a_{\lambda_3, \lambda_4}^{u_s} = 2 \int \sum_{k=1,2,3,4} \Gamma_k(0, \vec{x}) d^2 \vec{x} = 2 \int 4(u_d^+ v_u^- (u_u^+ v_s^- + v_u^+ u_s^-)(4\pi r^2 dr).
\]

\[
(\text{B6})
\]
This is precisely the quantity $X$ defined in Eq. (4.1) of Ref. [2].

The integrals of $d^3\vec{x}$ in Eqs. (B1) and (B2) can be further simplified by adopting the cylindrical coordinate with $\vec{x}_\Delta$ in the $z$ direction given as

$$D(\vec{x}_\Delta) = 2\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{R^2-r_\Delta^2}/4} \rho d\rho \int_{-\sqrt{R^2-\rho^2-r_\Delta^2/2}}^{\sqrt{R^2-\rho^2-r_\Delta^2/2}} dz \left( u_c^+ u_c^- + v_c^+ v_c^- \frac{4\rho^2 + 4z^2 - r_\Delta^2}{4r^+ r^-} \right),$$

$$\Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta) = 2\pi \int_0^{\sqrt{R^2-r_\Delta^2}/4} \rho d\rho \int_{-\sqrt{R^2-\rho^2+r_\Delta^2/2}}^{\sqrt{R^2-\rho^2+r_\Delta^2/2}} dz \sum \Gamma_i(\vec{x}_\Delta, \rho, z), \quad \text{(B7)}$$

where $r_\Delta = |\vec{x}_\Delta|$, and we have used that the integrands are independent of the azimuthal angle, and the bounds of the integrals come from the bag boundary. It is easily seen that $D(\vec{x}_\Delta)$ and $\Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta)$ depend only on the magnitude of $\vec{x}_\Delta$. Thus, Eq. (B5) can be recast as

$$\int d^3\vec{x}_\Delta D_c(\vec{x}_\Delta) \Gamma(\vec{x}_\Delta) = 4\pi \int_0^{2R} dr_\Delta D_c(r_\Delta) \Gamma(r_\Delta). \quad \text{(B8)}$$

Here the upper limit of $r_\Delta$ comes from that the static bags separated farther than $2R$ do not overlap. This completes the evaluation of $a_{\Lambda^+_c \Xi^-_c}^{u\Xi^-_c}$. 

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