

Heavy-Quark Expansion Meets Experiment: Heavy-Hadron Lifetimes

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A BIT OF HISTORY

First **FLAVOUR ANOMALIES** were **connected with lifetimes**:

- 80' - $\tau(D^+)/\tau(D_0) \sim 2.1$ ✓ in 1980's
- 85' - $\tau(D_s)/\tau(D_0) \sim 1.5$ (when D_s was called F 😊) ✓ +/- in 1980's
- 90' - $\tau(\Lambda_b)/\tau(B) \sim 0.7-0.8$ **BREAKING OF HQE??** ✓ NICE EXAMPLE OF AN „ANOMALY“
-> 2011 EXPERIMENTAL SOLUTION
- 2000 – WA large → influence on V_{ub} inclusive ✓ / nonperturbative?
- 2018/2020-22 – $\tau(\Omega_c) \sim 3-4$ times bigger then previously measured ✓ in 2023

LIFETIMES OF HEAVY HADRONS

testing the heavy-quark expansion

on 24 different weakly decaying particles

- ❑ D ($\mathbf{c}q_i$) and B ($\mathbf{b}q_i$) mesons
- ❑ c-baryons ($\mathbf{c}q_1q_2$) & b-baryons ($\mathbf{b}q_1q_2$)
- ❑ doubly heavy baryons ($\mathbf{cc}q_i, \mathbf{bb}q_i, \mathbf{bc}q_i$)
- ❑ B_c ($\mathbf{bc}$) meson

WEAKLY DECAYING CHARMED HADRONS

c-MESONS

$$D^+(\bar{c}d)$$

$$D^0(\bar{c}u)$$

$$D_s^0(\bar{c}s)$$

Guberina, Nussinov, Peccei, Rückl, PLB 89 (1979) 111
Bilić, Guberina, Trampetić, NPB 248 (1984) 261
Khoze, Shifman, Sov. Phys. Usp. 26 (1983) 387
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King, Lenz, Piscopo, Rauh, Rusov, Vlahos, 2109.13219
Gratex, Melic, Nisandzic, 2204.11935

c-BARYONS

$$\Lambda_c^+(cud)$$

$$\Xi_c^+(cus)$$

$$\Xi_c^0(cds)$$

$$\Omega_c^0(css)$$

Guberina, Rückl, Trampetić, Z. Phys. C 33 (1986) 297
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cc-BARYONS

$$\Xi_{cc}^{++}(ccs)$$

$$\Xi_{cc}^+(ccd)$$

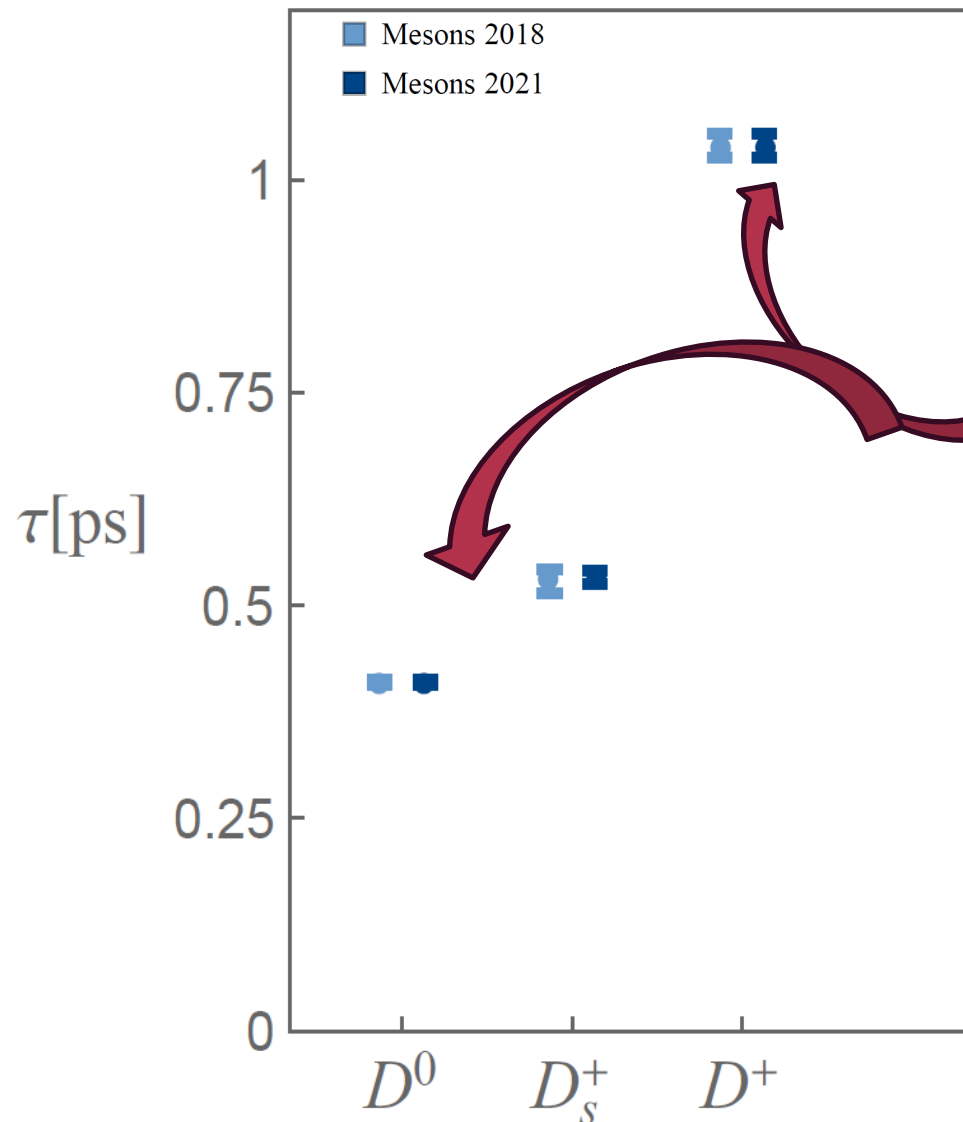
$$\Omega_{cc}^+(ccs)$$

Kiselev, Likhoded, Onishchenko, 9807354
Guberina, Melic, Stefancic, 9901323
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EXPERIMENTAL SITUATION – CHARMED MESONS

practically unchanged lifetime pattern since 1980's



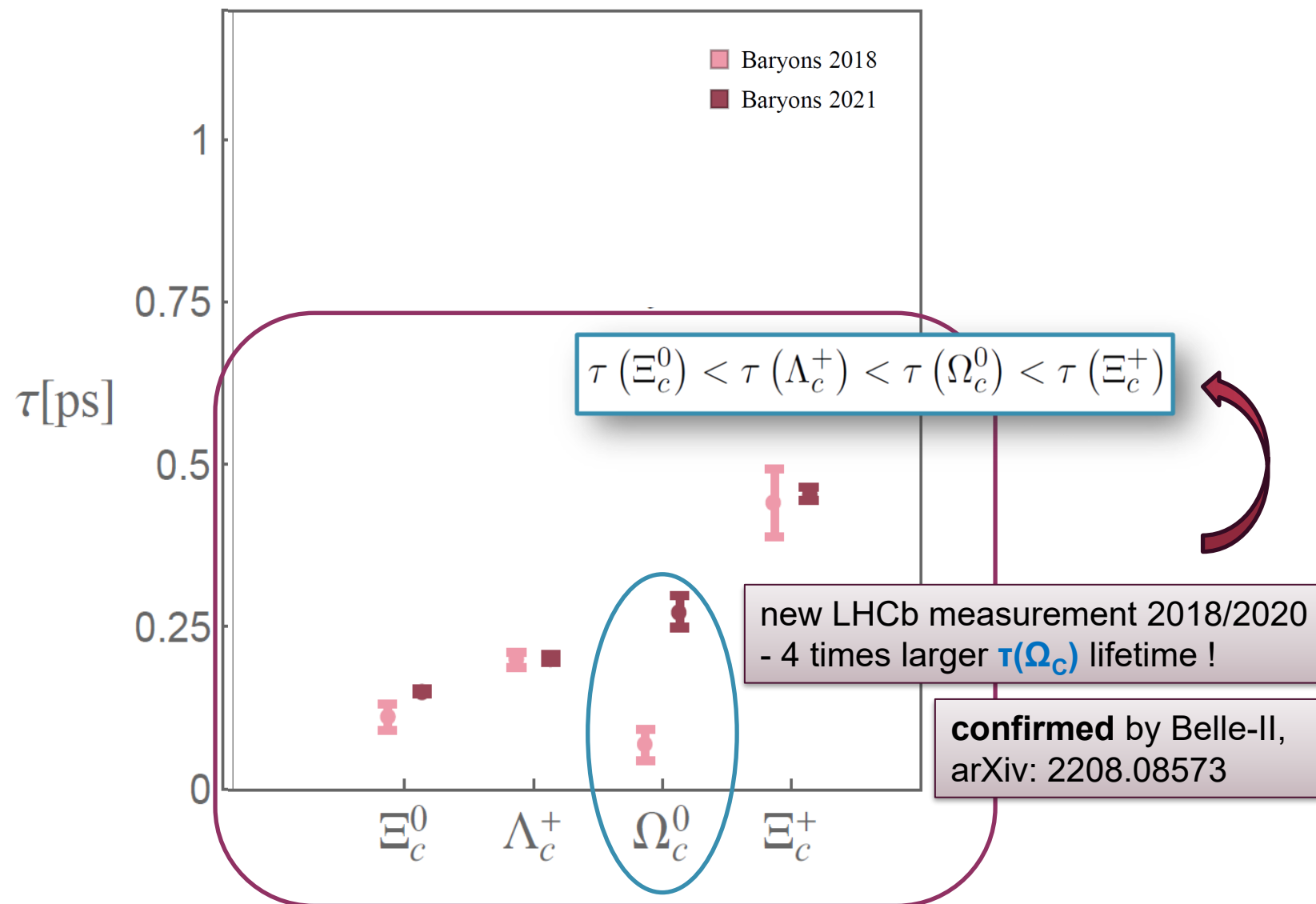
broad spread of lifetimes of singly CHARMED MESONS:

$$\frac{\tau(D^+)}{\tau(D^0)} = 2.54 \pm 0.02$$

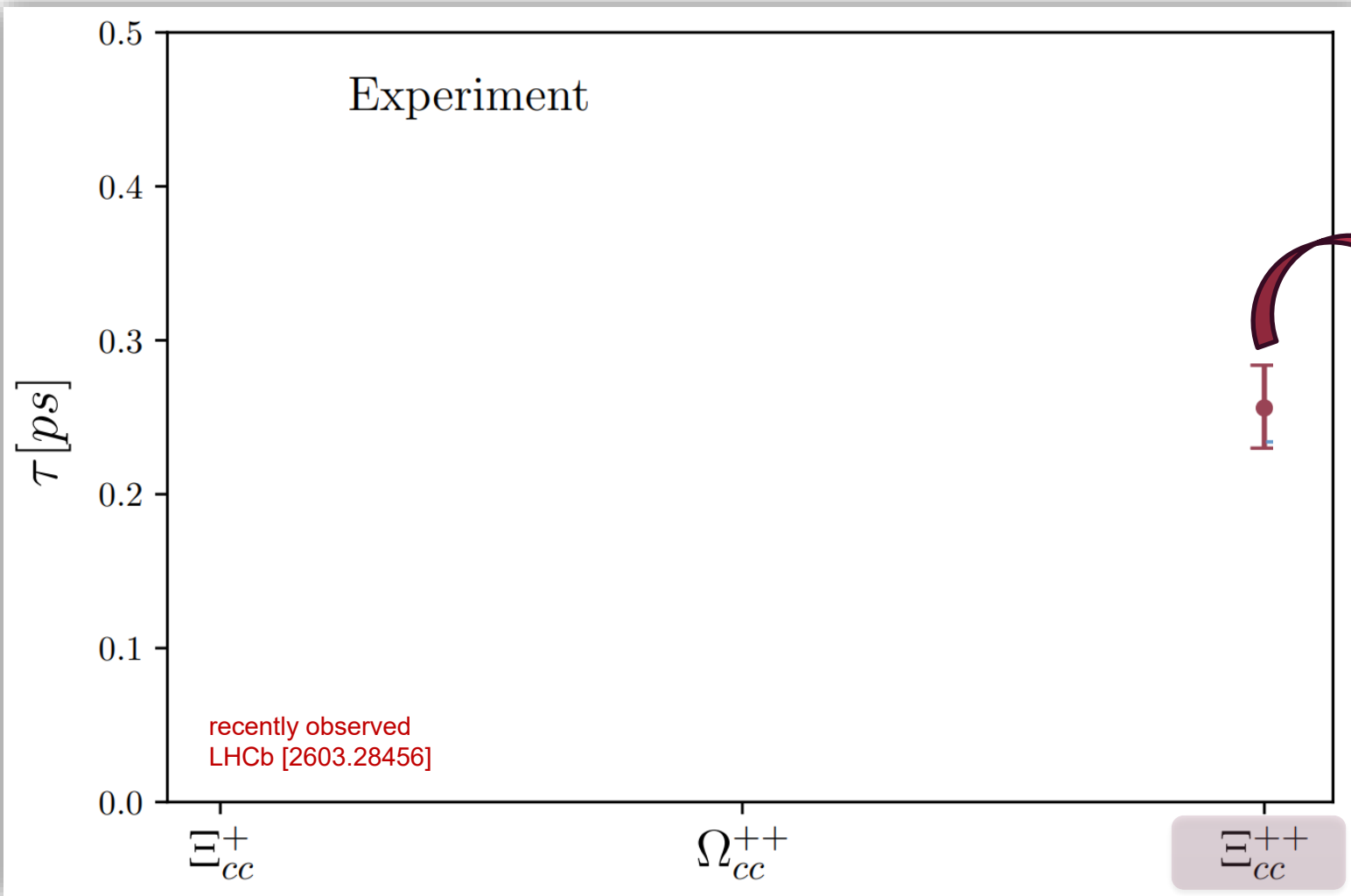
$$\frac{\tau(D_s^+)}{\tau(D^0)} = 1.23 \pm 0.01$$

EXPERIMENTAL SITUATION – CHARMED BARYONS

lifetime pattern changed 2018/2020



EXPERIMENTAL SITUATION – DOUBLY CHARMED BARYONS



Naively:

$$\tau(H_{cc}) = \frac{1}{2} \tau(H_c)$$

But it is somewhat larger, since the lifetimes of singly-charmed baryons spans as

$$\tau^{\text{exp}}(H_c) = 0.15 - 0.45 \text{ ps}$$

THEORY : TOTAL DECAY WIDTH ➡ LIFETIMES

$$\frac{1}{\tau(H)} = \Gamma(H) = \frac{1}{2m_H} \langle H | \mathcal{T} | H \rangle$$

Shifman, Voloshin 85

$$\mathcal{T} = \text{Im } i \int d^4x T [\mathcal{H}_{eff}(x) \mathcal{H}_{eff}(0)] \quad \text{forward-scattering amplitude}$$

$\mathcal{H}_{eff}$ = weak effective hamiltonian for a heavy Q decay

Buchalla, Buras, Lauternbacher 96

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\sum_{q,q'=d,s} V_{cq} V_{uq'}^* (C_1(\mu) Q_1^{(qq')} + C_2(\mu) Q_2^{(qq')}) - V_{ub} V_{cb}^* \sum_{k=3}^6 C_k(\mu) Q_k \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{q=d,s \\ \ell=e,\mu}} V_{cq} Q^{(q\ell)} \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum_{q,q'=d,s}} \right]$$

neglected for charm decays

non-leptonic(NL) and semileptonic (SL) decays included

WEAK HAMILTONIAN DIM-6 and DIM-7 OPERATORS

Dim 6 operators:

$$Q_1^{(qq')} = (\bar{c}^i \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q^j) (\bar{q}'^j \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u^i), \quad + \text{ color-octet operators}$$

$$Q_2^{(qq')} = (\bar{c}^i \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q^i) (\bar{q}'^j \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u^j), \quad + \text{ penguin operators}$$

$$Q_{\text{SL}}^{(q\ell)} = (\bar{c} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell), \quad + \mu\text{-running and mixing}$$

Dim 7 operators:

$$P_1^q = m_q (\bar{c}_i (1 - \gamma_5) q_i) (\bar{q}_j (1 - \gamma_5) c_j),$$

$$P_2^q = \frac{1}{m_Q} (\bar{c}_i \overleftarrow{D}_\rho \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) D^\rho q_i) (\bar{q}_j \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c_j),$$

$$P_3^q = \frac{1}{m_Q} (\bar{c}_i \overleftarrow{D}_\rho (1 - \gamma_5) D^\rho q_i) (\bar{q}_j (1 + \gamma_5) c_j), \quad + \text{ color-octet operators}$$

$$S_1^q = m_q (\bar{c}_i (1 - \gamma_5) t_{ij}^a q_j) (\bar{q}_k (1 - \gamma_5) t_{kl}^a c_l), \quad + \text{ non-local operators - reabsorbed}$$

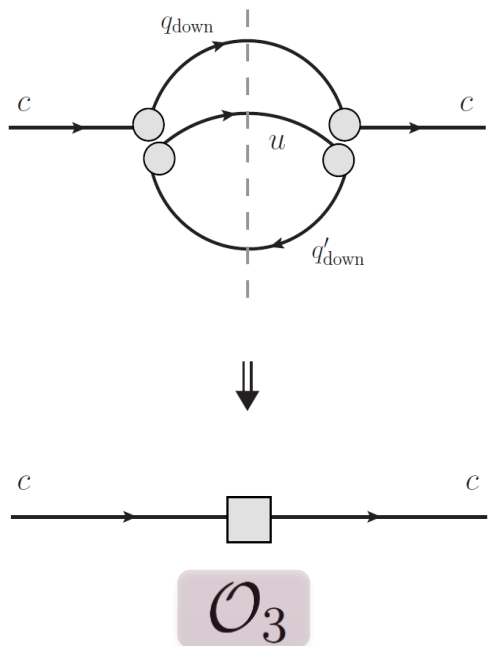
$$S_2^q = \frac{1}{m_Q} (\bar{c}_i \overleftarrow{D}_\rho \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) t_{ij}^a D^\rho q_j) (\bar{q}_k \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) t_{kl}^a c_l), \quad \text{into dim6 matrix elements (proven}$$

$$S_3^q = \frac{1}{m_Q} (\bar{c}_i \overleftarrow{D}_\rho (1 - \gamma_5) t_{ij}^a D^\rho q_j) (\bar{q}_k (1 + \gamma_5) t_{kl}^a c_l). \quad \text{for mesons)}$$

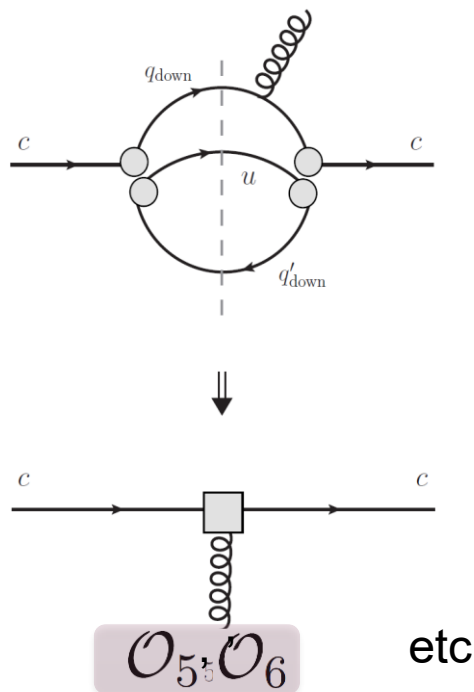
HEAVY QUARK EXPANSION (HQE) – systematic expansion in Λ_{QCD}/m_Q and α_s

$$\mathcal{T} = \left(c_3 \mathcal{O}_3 + \frac{c_5}{m_Q^2} \mathcal{O}_5 + \frac{c_6}{m_Q^3} \mathcal{O}_6 + \dots \right) + 16\pi^2 \left(\frac{\tilde{c}_6}{m_Q^3} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_6 + \frac{\tilde{c}_7}{m_Q^4} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_7 + \dots \right)$$

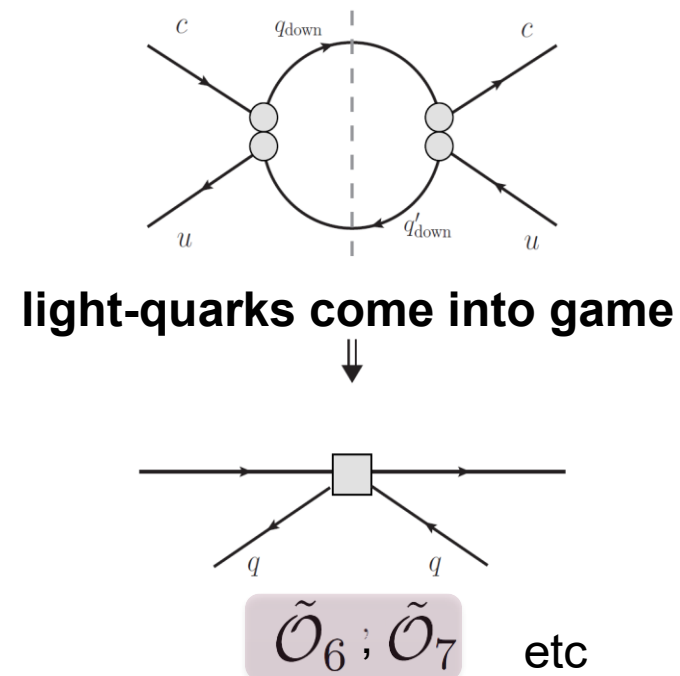
**TWO-QUARK LEADING
NON-SPECTATOR
CONTRIBUTION**



**TWO-QUARK NON-LEADING
NON-SPECTATOR
CONTRIBUTION - from 90-ies; HQE**



**FOUR-QUARK SPECTATOR (w light quarks)
CONTRIBUTIONS – ONE –LOOP ENHANCED**



CALCULATION

$$\mathcal{T} = \left(\mathcal{C}_3 \mathcal{O}_3 + \frac{\mathcal{C}_5}{m_Q^2} \mathcal{O}_5 + \frac{\mathcal{C}_6}{m_Q^3} \mathcal{O}_6 + \dots \right) + 16\pi^2 \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_6}{m_Q^3} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_6 + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_7}{m_Q^4} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_7 + \dots \right) \quad \Gamma(H) = \frac{1}{2m_H} \langle H | \mathcal{T} | H \rangle$$

WILSON COEFFICIENTS – perturbative part: $\mathcal{C}_i = \mathcal{C}_i^{(0)}(\mu, \mu_0) + \mathcal{C}_i^{(1)}(\mu, \mu_0)\alpha_s(\mu) + \mathcal{C}_i^{(2)}(\mu, \mu_0)\alpha_s(\mu)^2 + \dots$,

MATRIX ELEMENTS OF VARIOUS $\mathcal{O}$ OPERATORS ARE NEEDED – nonperturbative part:

NON-SPECTATOR PART:

SPECTATOR PART:

$$\Gamma(H) = \Gamma_0 \left[c_3 + \frac{c_\pi \mu_\pi^2 + c_G \mu_G^2}{m_Q^2} + \frac{c_\rho \rho_D^3}{m_Q^3} + \dots \right] + \frac{16\pi^2}{2m_H} \left(\sum_{i,q} \frac{c_{6,i}^q \langle H | \mathcal{O}_i^q | H \rangle}{m_Q^3} + \sum_i \frac{c_{7,i}^q \langle H | \mathcal{P}_i^q | H \rangle}{m_Q^4} + \dots \right)$$

$\Gamma_0 \sim m_Q^5$

$$\mu_\pi^2(H) = \frac{-1}{2m_H} \langle H | \bar{c}_v (iD)^2 c_v | H \rangle, \quad \text{kinetic parameter}$$

$$\mu_G^2(H) = \frac{1}{2m_H} \langle H | \bar{c}_v \frac{1}{2} \sigma \cdot (g_s G) c_v | H \rangle, \quad \text{chromomagnetic parameter}$$

$$\rho_D^3(H) = \frac{1}{2m_H} \langle H | \bar{c}_v (iD_\mu) (i v \cdot D) (i D^\mu) c_v | H \rangle \quad \text{Darwin term}$$

$$\langle H | \mathcal{O}_i^q | H \rangle$$

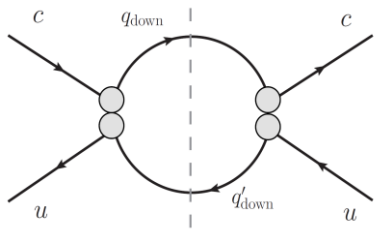
$$\langle H | \mathcal{P}_i^q | H \rangle$$

four-quark matrix elements

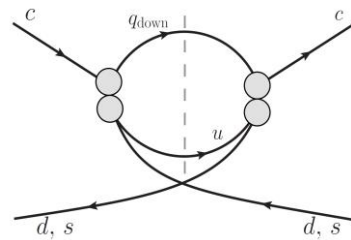
FOUR-QUARK SPECTATOR (u,d,s) CONTRIBUTIONS ARE LEADING!

one-loop i.e $16 \pi^2$ enhanced, although $1/m^3$ (dim6), $1/m^4$ (dim7) suppressed

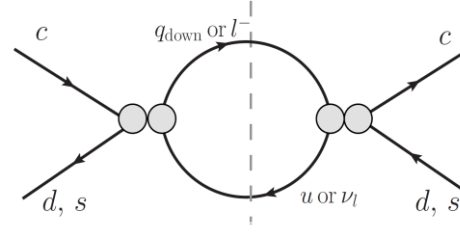
MESONS



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weak exchange

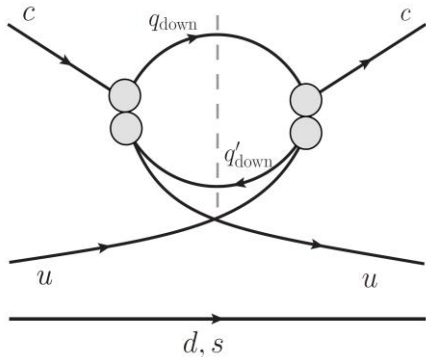


PI
Pauli interference

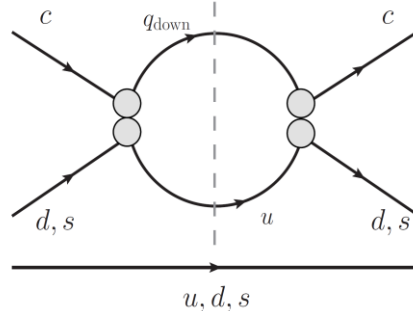


WA
weak annihilation

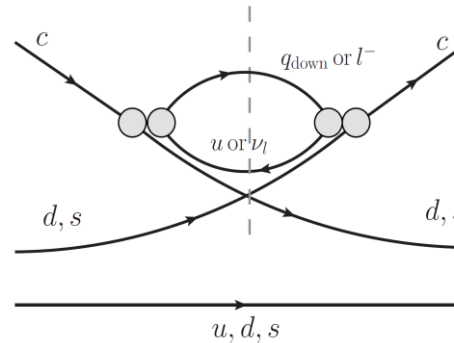
BARYONS



int-
negative interference



exc
exchange



int+
positive interference

decay \	CE NL $c \rightarrow s \bar{d} u$	CE SL $c \rightarrow s \bar{l} \nu_l$
$\bar{D}^0 (u \bar{c})$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{WE}}$	-
$D^- (d \bar{c})$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{PI}}$	-
$D_s^- (s \bar{c})$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{WA}}$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{WA}}^{\text{SL}}$
$\Lambda_c^+ (u d c)$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{exc}} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int-}}$	-
$\Xi_c^+ (u s c)$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int-}} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int+}}$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int+}}^{\text{SL}}$
$\Xi_c^0 (d s c)$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{exc}} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int+}}$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int+}}^{\text{SL}}$
$\Omega_c^0 (s s c)$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int+}}$	$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{int+}}^{\text{SL}}$

CE = leading; Cabibbo enhanced

- * effects are different in different mesons
- * effects are different in different baryons
- * no helicity suppression for baryons
 - different lifetimes
- * effects in SL decays – different SL BRs

PECULARITIES OF DOUBLY-CHARMED BARYONS

Difference to singly-charmed baryons:

- two c quarks decaying
- diquark system – **cc-pair** $\mathcal{B}_{cc} \sim (cc)q$
(instead the light diquark q_1q_2 -pair in singly-charmed baryons)

Additional contributions to some of the matrix elements, e.g.:

$$\mu_G^2(\mathcal{B}_{cc}) \rightarrow \mu_{G(D-q)}^2(\mathcal{B}_{cc}) + \mu_{G(c-c)}^2(\mathcal{B}_{cc}) \quad , \text{ similarly for } \mu_\pi^2(\mathcal{B}_{cc})$$

Additional contributions accessed by NRQCD expansion (up to $O(v^7)$, $\Psi_c = 2$ -component NR spinor):

$$\bar{c}c = \bar{\Psi}_c \Psi_c - \frac{1}{2m_c^2} \bar{\Psi}_c (i\vec{D})^2 \Psi_c + \frac{3}{8m_c^4} \bar{\Psi}_c (i\vec{D})^4 \Psi_c - \frac{1}{2m_c^2} \bar{\Psi}_c g_s \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} \Psi_c - \frac{1}{4m_c^3} \bar{\Psi}_c g_s (\vec{D} \cdot \vec{E}) \Psi_c + \dots$$

matrix elements, e.g.:

$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{B}_{cc} | \Psi_c^\dagger g_s \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} \Psi_c | \mathcal{B}_{cc} \rangle}{2M_{\mathcal{B}_{cc}}} \Big|_{c-c} = \frac{4}{9} \frac{g_s^2}{m_c} |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 \quad \text{where} \quad |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 \neq \left(|\Psi_{\bar{c}c}(0)|^2 \equiv |\Psi_{J/\psi}(0)|^2 \right)$$

CHARM QUARK MASS

m_c – major input parameter; the decay rate starts as m_c^5

$\overline{m}_c(\overline{m}_c) = 1.28 \text{ GeV}$	1-loop	2-loop	3-loop	4-loop
m_c^{pole}	1.49	1.68	1.95	2.43
m_c^{kin}	1.36	1.39	1.40	-
m_c^{MSR}	1.33	1.35	1.36	1.36

bad convergence for m_c / much better for m_b
however pole mass is non-physical - renormalons

we provide results for different mass schemes... at the end **no large differences in the final results**
– rearrangements among $1/m_c$ and α_s -expansion !

LIFETIMES OF SINGLE BEAUTY HADRONS

DIFFERENCES CHARM vs BEAUTY:

Lifetimes of hadrons containing a b quark provide stringent tests of the heavy quark expansion (HQE)

- convergence in $1/m_b$ is better known (HQE is working better)
- matrix elements are better known (HQET is applicable)
- penguin operators need to be included
- in the bottom sector, the achieved precision of lifetime observables is impressive, at percentage level, in particular in theoretically cleaner quantities such as lifetime ratios

LIFETIMES OF DOUBLY HEAVY HADRONS

DIFFERENCES DOUBLY CHARMED cc -BARYONS vs DOUBLY BEAUTY bb - AND bc -HADRONS:

- **DOUBLY HEAVY HADRONS** provide an additional important testing ground for the HQE, as their lifetimes are gradually becoming experimentally accessible.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{B}_{cc} = (\Xi_{cc}^{++}, \Xi_{cc}^+, \Omega_{cc}^+) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{bb} = (\Xi_{bb}^0, \Xi_{bb}^-, \Omega_{bb}^-) && \text{bb - diquark} && S_{QQ} = 1 \\
 \mathcal{B}_{bc} = (\Xi_{bc}^+, \Xi_{bc}^0, \Omega_{bc}^0) &&& \left. \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}_{bc} = (\Xi_{bc}^+, \Xi_{bc}^0, \Omega_{bc}^0) \\ \mathcal{B}'_{bc} \equiv (\Xi_{bc}'^+, \Xi_{bc}'^0, \Omega_{bc}'^0) \end{array} \right\} && \text{bc- diquark} && S_{bc} = 0 \text{ or } S_{bc} = 1 \\
 &&& && && \text{(scalar or vector)} \\
 &&& && && \text{still undetermined}
 \end{aligned}$$

lifetime predictions may help distinguish the nature of the (bcq) ground states

- **B_c MESON** is a peculiar meson, built of two heavy quarks which both decay



RESULTS

CHARMED MESON LIFETIMES

Lifetime ratios :

$$\frac{\tau(D_{(s)}^+)}{\tau(D^0)} = 1 + \left(\Gamma^{\text{th}}(D^0) - \Gamma^{\text{th}}(D_{(s)}^+) \right) \tau^{\text{exp}}(D_{(s)}^+)$$

- some uncertainties cancel in the ratios

Inclusive SL branching ratios (e only) :

$$BR^{(e)}(D) = \Gamma^{(e)}(D) \tau^{\text{exp}}(D)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma^{(e)}(D_{(s)}^+)}{\Gamma^{(e)}(D^0)} = 1 + (\Gamma^{(e)\text{th}}(D_{(s)}^+) - \Gamma^{(e)\text{th}}(D^0)) \left(\frac{\tau(D^0)}{BR^{(e)}(D^0)} \right)^{\text{exp}}$$

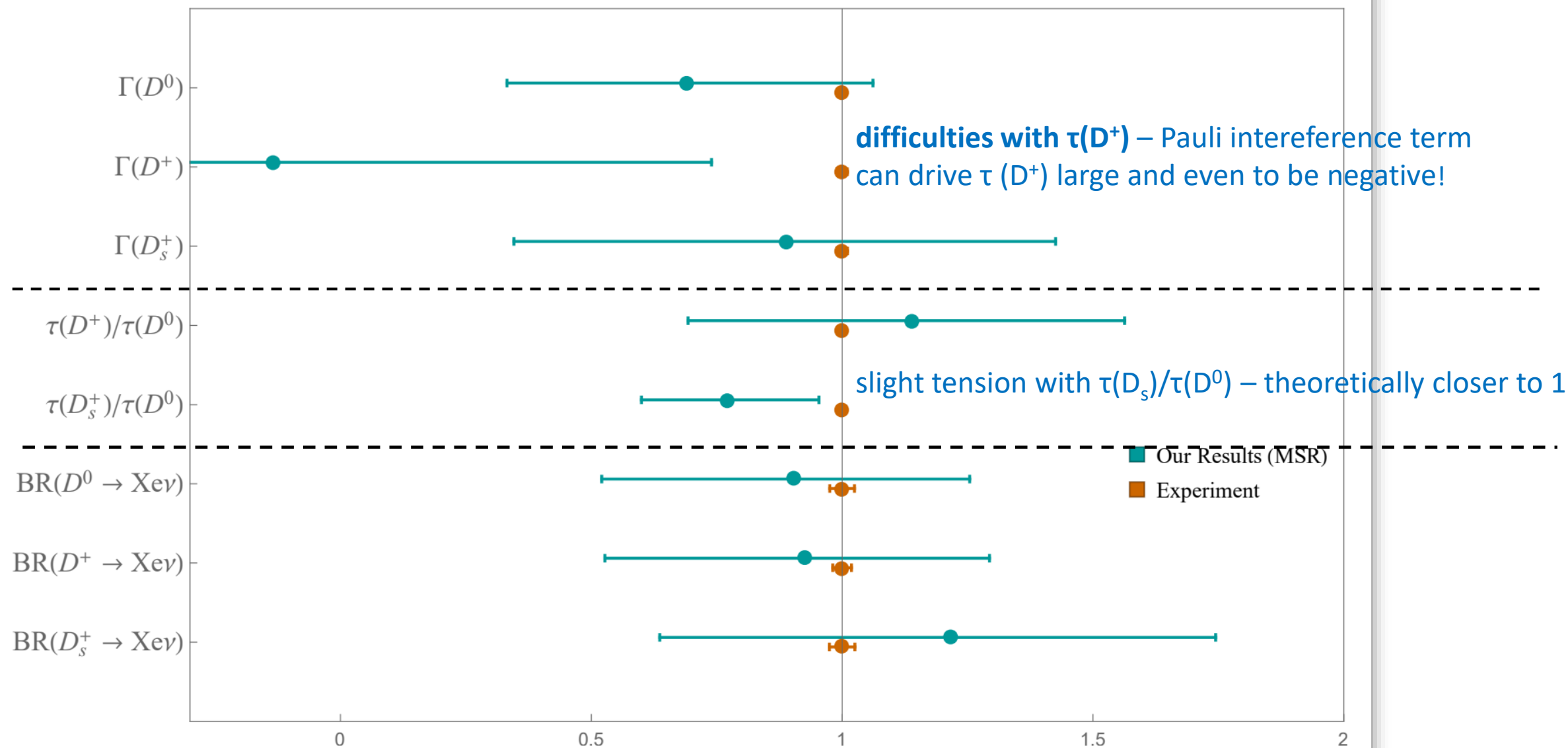
■ Our Results (MSR)

■ Experiment

Gratrex, Melic, Nisandzic, 2204.11935

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results are largely compatible with the experiment



CHARMED BARYON LIFETIMES

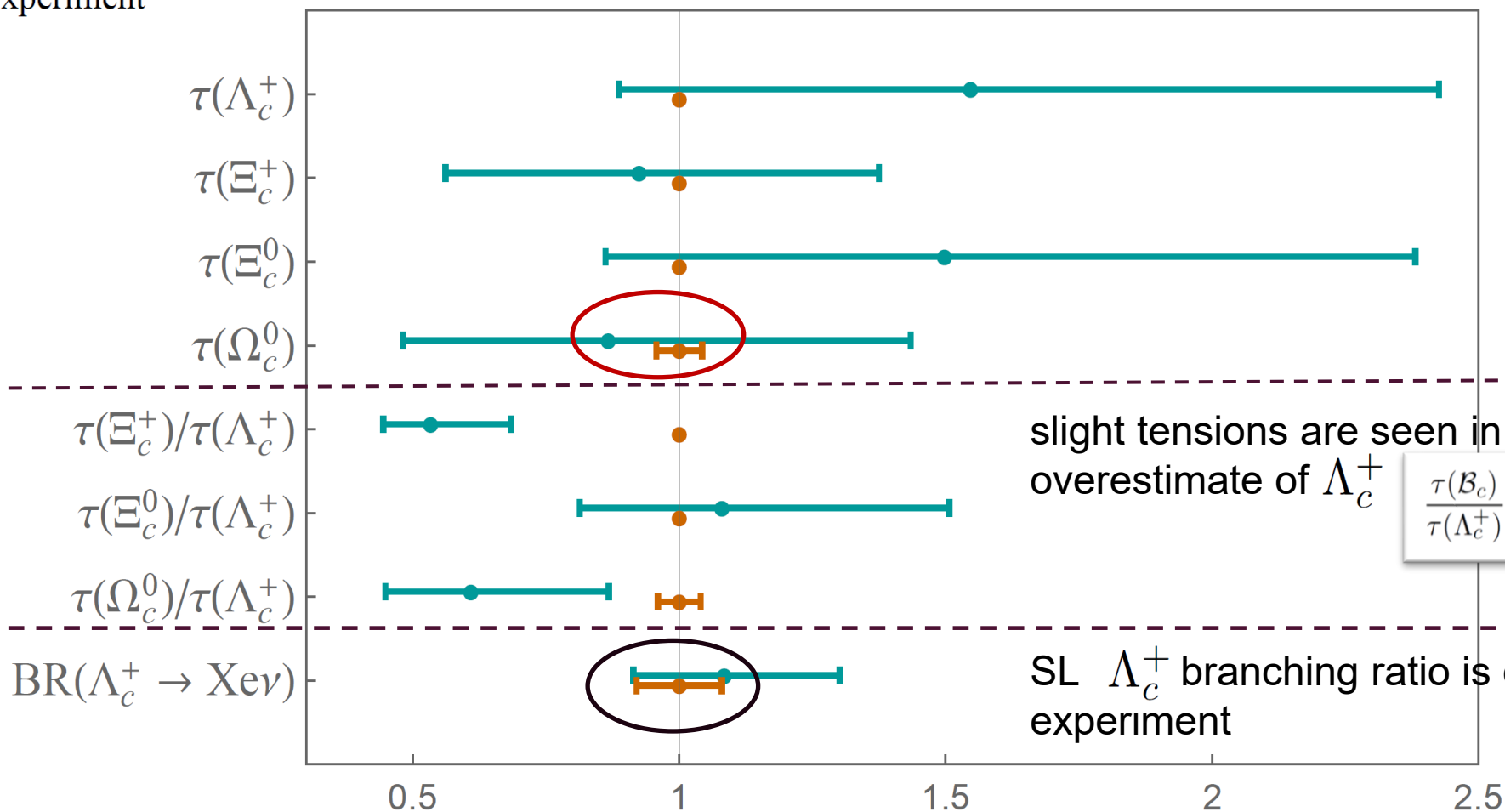
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$$\tau(\Xi_c^0) < \tau(\Lambda_c^+) < \tau(\Omega_c^0) < \tau(\Xi_c^+)$$

In agreement with Belle-II, aug.2022

■ Our Results (MSR)

■ Experiment



individual lifetimes compatible with the experiment, even Ω_c^0 !

slight tensions are seen in the ratios due to our overestimate of Λ_c^+

$$\frac{\tau(\mathcal{B}_c)}{\tau(\Lambda_c^+)} \equiv \frac{1}{1 + (\Gamma^{\text{th}}(\mathcal{B}_c) - \Gamma^{\text{th}}(\Lambda_c^+))\tau^{\text{exp}}(\Lambda_c^+)}$$

SL Λ_c^+ branching ratio is compatible with the experiment

CHARMED BARYON SL BRs

$$BR(\mathcal{B}_c \rightarrow X e \nu) \equiv \Gamma(\mathcal{B}_c \rightarrow X e \nu) \tau^{\text{exp}}(\mathcal{B}_c)$$

MSR m_c mass scheme:

$BR(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow X e \nu)/\%$	$4.28^{+0.47+0.39}_{-0.37-0.30}$
$BR(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow X e \nu)/\%$	$14.95^{+2.66+1.59}_{-2.45-1.50}$
$BR(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow X e \nu)/\%$	$5.06^{+0.91+0.54}_{-0.84-0.51}$
$BR(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow X e \nu)/\%$	$11.19^{+3.01+1.94}_{-2.89-2.09}$

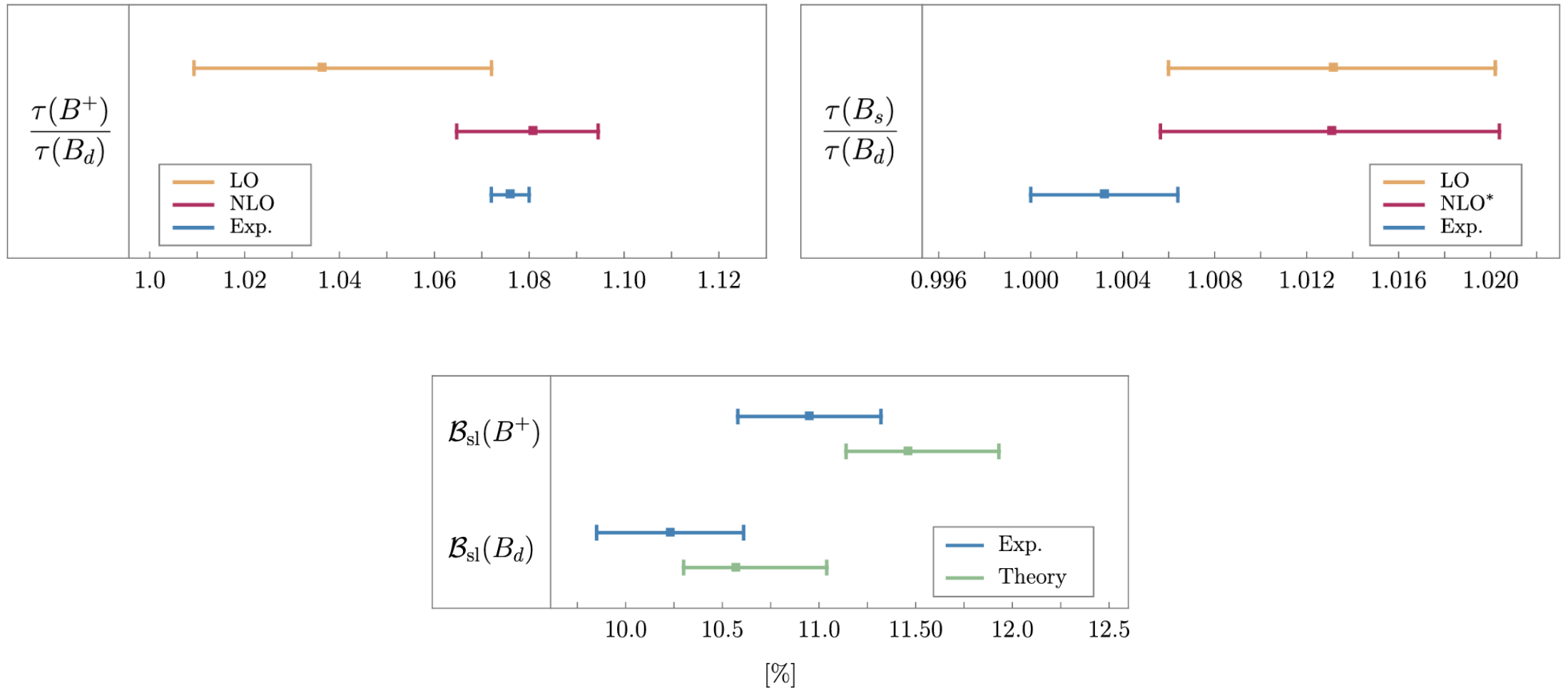
SL decays are important to assess the validity of HQE in charmed baryons

- experimental measurements of $BR_{\text{SL}}(\Xi_c^+)$, $BR_{\text{SL}}(\Xi_c^0)$ and $BR_{\text{SL}}(\Omega_c^0)$ are needed

BEAUTY MESON LIFETIMES

Egner, Fael, Lenz, Piscopo, Rusov, Schoenwald, Steinhauser :2412.14035 – NNLO improvements

impressive theoretical precision achieved:

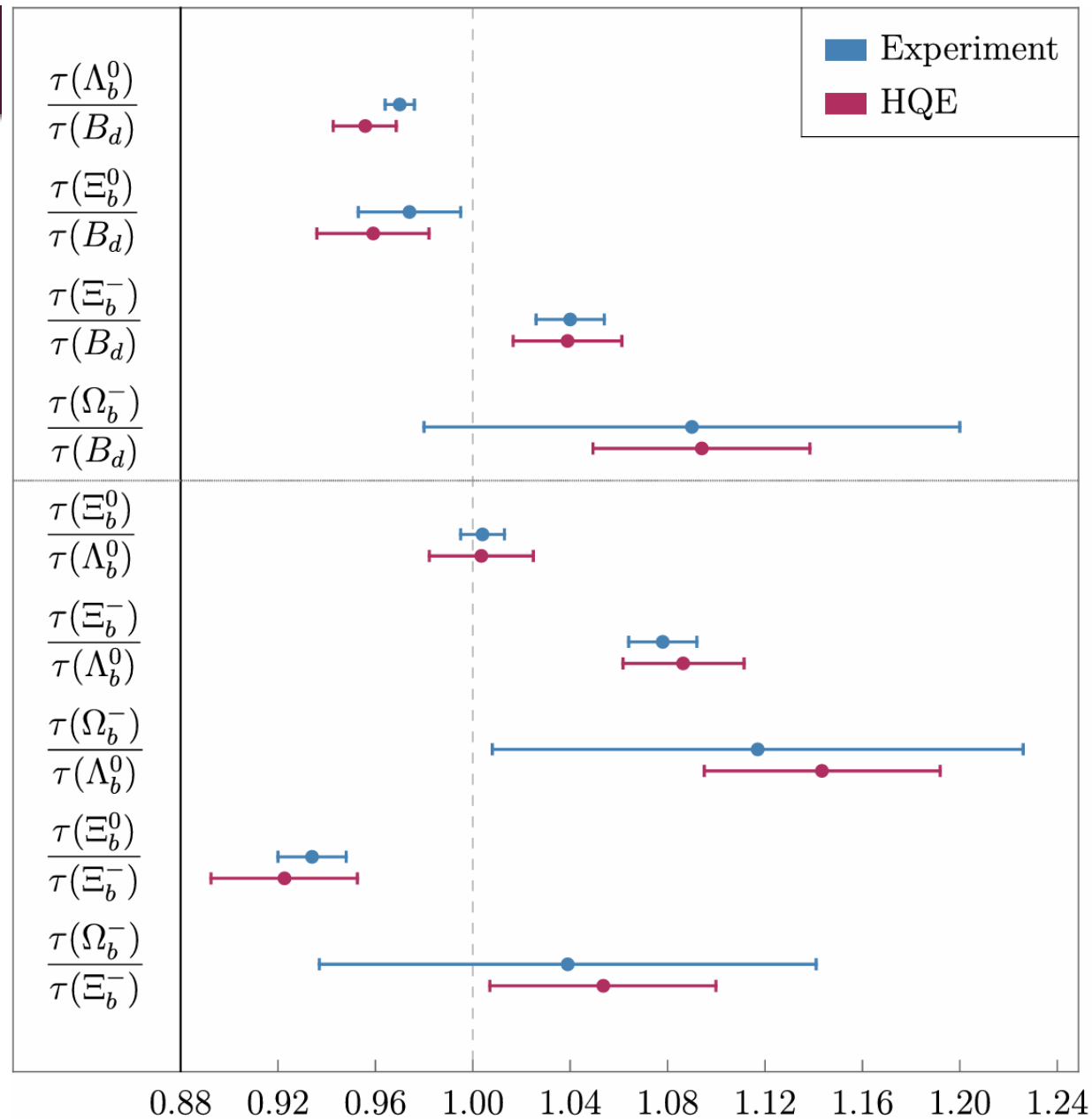
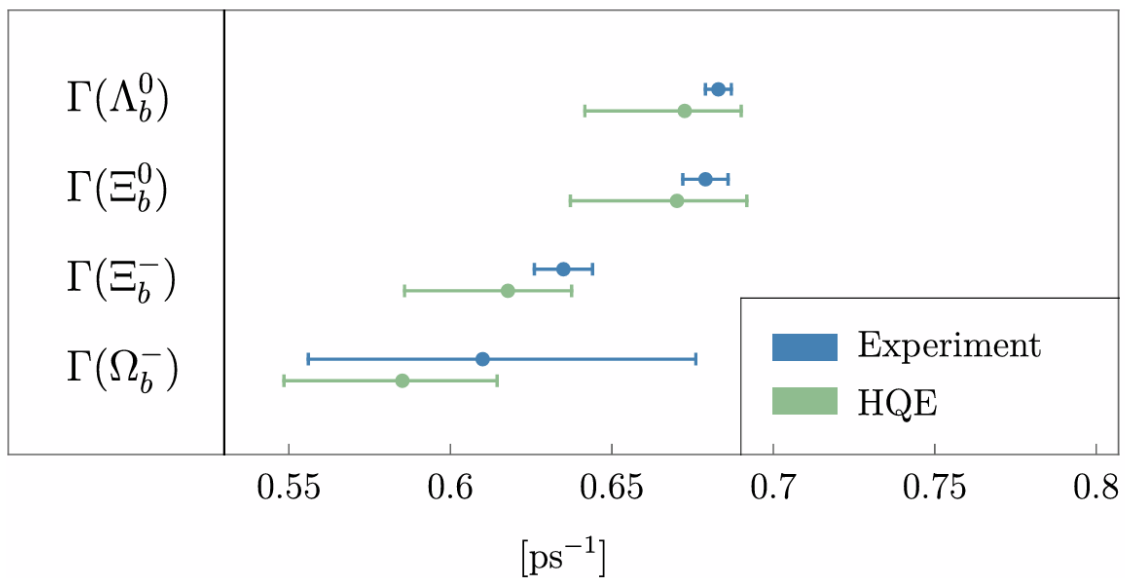


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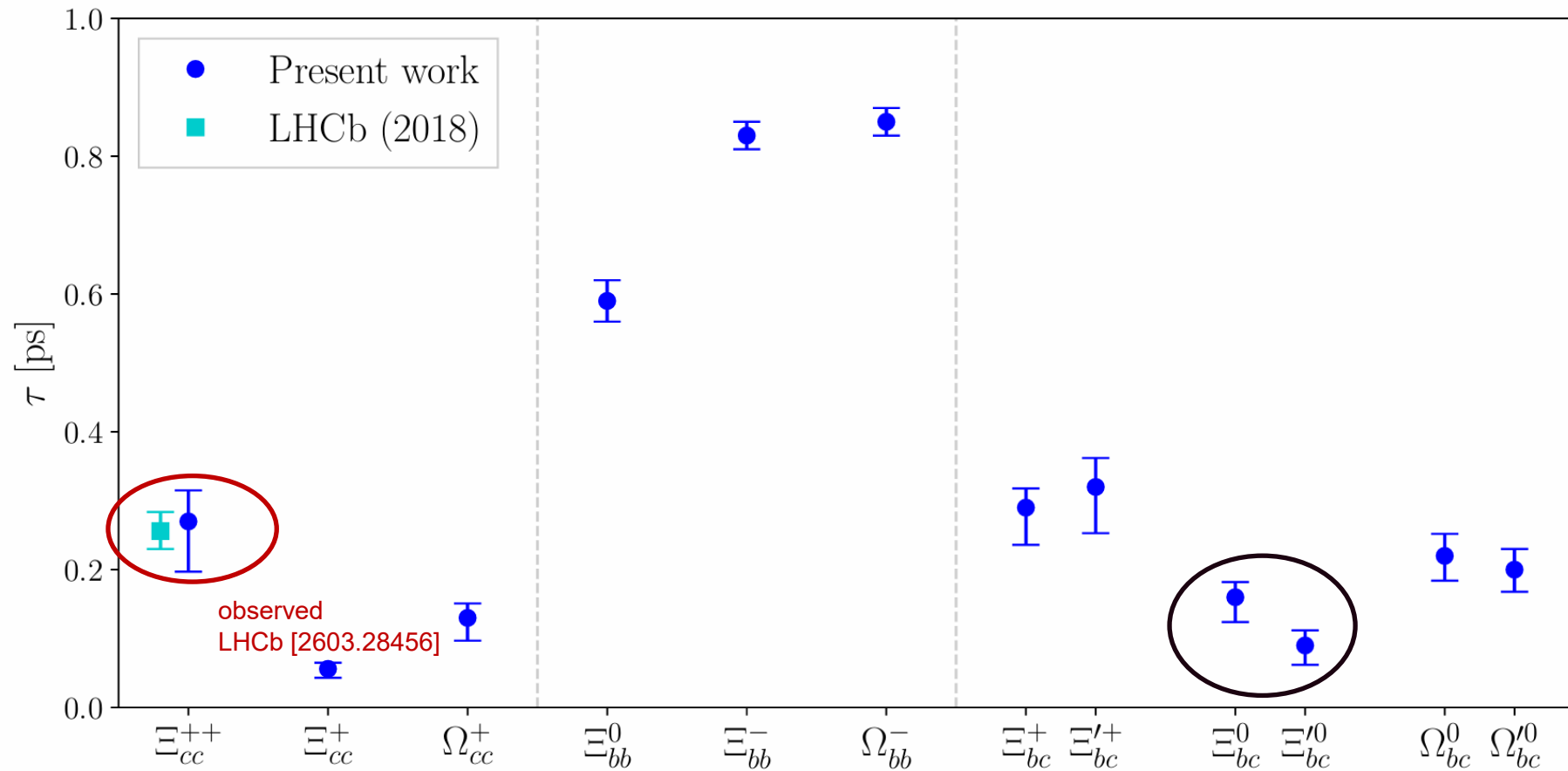
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DOUBLY HEAVY HADRON LIFETIMES

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$$\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+) < \tau(\Omega_{cc}^+) < \tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++})$$

$$\tau(\Xi_{bb}^0) < \tau(\Xi_{bb}^-) \simeq \tau(\Omega_{bb}^-)$$

$$\tau(\Xi_{bc}^0) \lesssim \tau(\Omega_{bc}^0) < \tau(\Xi_{bc}^+)$$

$$\tau(\Xi_{bc}'^0) < \tau(\Omega_{bc}'^0) < \tau(\Xi_{bc}'^+)$$

$\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++})$ is the only measured doubly-heavy baryon lifetime (LHCb 2018) - good agreement

the predicted lifetime of Ξ_{bc}^0 is significantly larger than that of $\Xi_{bc}'^0$, with the difference exceeding the quoted theoretical uncertainties.

B_c MESON LIFETIME

EXP: $\tau(B_c) = 0.510 \pm 0.009$ ps

Our predictions:

Decay widths	$\overline{\text{MS}}$
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c}u(\bar{s} + \bar{d})$	$0.31^{+0.25}_{-0.02}$
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c}c(\bar{s} + \bar{d})$	$0.15^{+0.07}_{-0.01}$
$\bar{b} \rightarrow c(e + \mu + \tau)\nu$	$0.12^{+0.10}_{-0.00}$
$\sum \bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c}$	$0.58^{+0.42}_{-0.02}$
$c \rightarrow (s + d)u(\bar{d} + \bar{s})$	$0.55^{+0.56}_{-0.15} + (0.75^{+0.31}_{-0.10}) _{\rho_{D,c}^3}$
$c \rightarrow (s + d)(e + \mu)\nu$	$0.18^{+0.09}_{-0.03} + (0.29^{+0.03}_{-0.01}) _{\rho_{D,c}^3}$
$\sum c \rightarrow s$	$0.72^{+0.65}_{-0.18} + (1.05^{+0.33}_{-0.12}) _{\rho_{D,c}^3}$
WA: $\bar{b}c \rightarrow c(\bar{s} + \bar{d})$	$0.12^{+0.13}_{-0.03}$
WA: $\bar{b}c \rightarrow \tau\nu$	0.03
PI	$-0.11^{+0.04}_{-0.17}$
Γ_{B_c}	$1.35 \pm 0.02^{+1.03}_{-0.19} + (1.05 \pm 0.21^{+0.33}_{-0.12}) _{\rho_{D,c}^3}$

$$\tau^{\text{kin}}(B_c) = 0.293 \pm 0.022^{+0.019}_{-0.047} \text{ ps}$$

too small lifetime predicted

Interestingly, dropping the unusually large Darwin contribution results with the value comparable with the experiment:

$$\tau_{\text{excl. } \rho_{D,c}}^{\text{kin}}(B_c) = 0.463 \pm 0.009^{+0.029}_{-0.075}$$

HEAVY HADRON LIFETIMES - CONCLUSIONS

Up-to-date results for lifetimes of ALL weakly decaying hadrons with a single charm/bottom quark and with two heavy quarks is provided

- results compatible with experiment
 - B-mesons and b-baryons with the inclusion of NNLO in the decay have achieved remarkable precision;
 - still large uncertainties for those particles involving charm quark decay
- recent LHCb (2018/20) and Belle-II (8/2022) result for $\tau(\Omega_c^0)$ lifetime ($\sim 4\times$ bigger than old measurements) confirmed theoretically
- reasonably controlled description of the lifetimes of all doubly heavy hadrons; measurements of remaining cc-baryon lifetimes, $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+)$ and $\tau(\Omega_{cc}^+)$ at LHCb Run3 are feasible
- predictions for unmeasured semileptonic $BR_{SL}(H)$ are important for complete assessment
- B_c -meson lifetime is not compatible with the experiment – need more theory investigation

conclusions above are largely independent of the charm/bottom-quark mass scheme

FINAL REMARKS:

HEAVY QUARK EXPANSION work for both, bottom and charm decays and lifetimes provide valuable tests of the HQE, however,

- there is a need for inclusion of higher order corrections and even QED effects for b-decays
 - / dim 7 operator ($1/m_c^4$) contributions were essential for showing compatibility of $\tau(\Omega_c^0)$ with experiment
 - / Darwin term ($1/m_c^3$) appeared to be quite large, in the prediction of B_c lifetime even unusually large
- improvement of the nonperturbative input/matrix elements is needed to reduce uncertainties even more

HQE is a powerful framework for inclusive heavy hadron decays!