$B_c^\pm$

$I(J^P) = 0(0^-)$
I, J, P need confirmation.
Quantum numbers shown are quark-model predictions.

$B_c^\pm$ MASS

VALUE (GeV)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
6.2756 ±0.0011 OUR AVERAGE				
6.27628±0.00144±0.00036	[1] AAIJ	13AS	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV
6.2737 ±0.0013 ±0.0016	[2] AAIJ	12AV	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV
6.2756 ±0.0029 ±0.0025	[3] AALTONEN	08M	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
6.300 ±0.014 ±0.005	[3] ABAZOV	08T	D0	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
6.4 ±0.39 ±0.13	[4] ABE	98M	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.8 TeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
6.2857 ±0.0053 ±0.0012	[3] ABULENCIA	06C	CDF	Repl. by AALTONEN 08M
6.32 ±0.06	[5] ACKERSTAFF	98O	OPAL	$e^+e^- \to Z$

[1] AAIJ 13AS uses the $B_c^+ \to J/\psi D_s^+$.

[2] AAIJ 12AV uses the $B_c^+ \to J/\psi \pi^+$ mode and also measures the mass difference $M(B_c^+) - M(B^+) = 994.6 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.6$ MeV/c^2.

[3] Measured using a fully reconstructed decay mode of $B_c \to J/\psi \pi$.

[4] ABE 98M observed $20.4^{+6.2}_{-5.5}$ events in the $B_c^+ \to J/\psi(1s)\ell\nu_\ell$ with a significance of > 4.8 standard deviations. The mass value is estimated from $m(J/\psi(1S)\ell)$.

[5] ACKERSTAFF 98O observed 2 candidate events in the $B_c^+ \to J/\psi(1S)\pi^+$ channel with an estimated background of 0.63 ± 0.20 events.

$B_c^\pm$ MEAN LIFE

"OUR EVALUATION" is an average using rescaled values of the data listed below. The average and rescaling were performed by the Heavy Flavor Averaging Group (HFAG) and are described at http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hfag/. The averaging/rescaling procedure takes into account correlations between the measurements.

VALUE (10^{-12} s)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
0.452±0.033 OUR EVALUATION				
0.500±0.013 OUR AVERAGE				
0.509±0.008±0.012	[6] AAIJ	14G	LHCB	pp at 8 TeV
0.452±0.048±0.027	[7] AALTONEN	13	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
$0.448^{+0.038}_{-0.036}$±0.032	[8] ABAZOV	09H	D0	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
$0.463^{+0.073}_{-0.065}$±0.036	[8] ABULENCIA	06O	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
$0.46^{+0.18}_{-0.16}$±0.03	[8] ABE	98M	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ 1.8 TeV

[6] Measured using $B_c^+ \to J/\psi\mu^+\nu_\mu X$ decays.

[7] Uses fully reconstructed $B_c^+ \to J/\psi\pi^+$ decays.

[8] The lifetime is measured from the $J/\psi e$ decay vertices.

B_c^+ DECAY MODES $\times$ B($\overline{b} \to B_c$)

B_c^- modes are charge conjugates of the modes below.

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)		Confidence level

The following quantities are not pure branching ratios; rather the fraction $\Gamma_i/\Gamma \times$ B($\overline{b} \to B_c$).

	Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)		Confidence level
Γ_1	$J/\psi(1S)\ell^+\nu_\ell$ anything	$(5.2\,^{+2.4}_{-2.1}\,) \times 10^{-5}$		
Γ_2	$J/\psi(1S)\pi^+$	seen		
Γ_3	$J/\psi(1S)K^+$	seen		
Γ_4	$J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-$	seen		
Γ_5	$J/\psi(1S)a_1(1260)$	< 1.2	$\times 10^{-3}$	90%
Γ_6	$J/\psi(1S)K^+K^-\pi^+$	seen		
Γ_7	$\psi(2S)\pi^+$	seen		
Γ_8	$J/\psi(1S)D_s^+$	seen		
Γ_9	$J/\psi(1S)D_s^{*+}$	seen		
Γ_{10}	$D^*(2010)^+\overline{D}^0$	< 6.2	$\times 10^{-3}$	90%
Γ_{11}	D^+K^{*0}	< 0.20	$\times 10^{-6}$	90%
Γ_{12}	$D^+\overline{K}^{*0}$	< 0.16	$\times 10^{-6}$	90%
Γ_{13}	$D_s^+K^{*0}$	< 0.28	$\times 10^{-6}$	90%
Γ_{14}	$D_s^+\overline{K}^{*0}$	< 0.4	$\times 10^{-6}$	90%
Γ_{15}	$D_s^+\phi$	< 0.32	$\times 10^{-6}$	90%
Γ_{16}	K^+K^0	< 4.6	$\times 10^{-7}$	90%
Γ_{17}	$B_s^0\pi^+$ / B($\overline{b} \to B_s$)	$(2.37^{+0.37}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-3}$		

B_c^+ BRANCHING RATIOS

$\Gamma(J/\psi(1S)\ell^+\nu_\ell\,\text{anything})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times$ B($\overline{b} \to B_c$) $\Gamma_1/\Gamma \times$ B

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$\mathbf{(5.2^{+2.4}_{-2.1}) \times 10^{-5}}$		[9] ABE	98M	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ 1.8 TeV

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VALUE		CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
< 1.6	$\times 10^{-4}$	90	[10] ACKERSTAFF	98O	OPAL	$e^+e^- \to Z$
< 1.9	$\times 10^{-4}$	90	[11] ABREU	97E	DLPH	$e^+e^- \to Z$
< 1.2	$\times 10^{-4}$	90	[12] BARATE	97H	ALEP	$e^+e^- \to Z$

[9] ABE 98M result is derived from the measurement of $[\sigma(B_c) \times B(B_c \to J/\psi(1S)\ell\nu_\ell)]$ / $[\sigma(B^+) \times B(B^+ \to J/\psi(1S)K^+)] = 0.132^{+0.041}_{-0.037}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.031(\text{sys})^{+0.032}_{-0.020}(\text{lifetime})$ by using PDG 98 values of B($b \to B^+$) and B($B^+ \to J/\psi(1S)K^+$).

[10] ACKERSTAFF 98O reports B($Z \to B_c X$)/B($Z \to q\overline{q}$)$\times$B($B_c \to J/\psi(1S)\ell\nu_\ell$) < 6.95×10^{-5} at 90%CL. We rescale to our PDG 98 values of B($Z \to b\overline{b}$).

[11] ABREU 97E value listed is for an assumed $\tau_{B_c} = 0.4$ ps and improves to 1.6×10^{-4} for $\tau_{B_c} = 1.4$ ps.

[12] BARATE 97H reports $B(Z \to B_c X)/B(Z \to q\bar{q}) \cdot B(B_c \to J/\psi(1S)\ell\nu_\ell) < 5.2 \times 10^{-5}$ at 90%CL. We rescale to our PDG 96 values of $B(Z \to b\bar{b})$. A $B_c^+ \to J/\psi(1S)\mu^+\nu_\mu$ candidate event is found, compared to all the known background sources 2×10^{-3}, which gives $m_{B_c} = 5.96^{+0.25}_{-0.19}$ GeV and $\tau_{B_c} = 1.77 \pm 0.17$ ps.

$\Gamma\left(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\right)/\Gamma_{\textbf{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_2/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE	CL%		DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
seen			AALTONEN	13	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
seen		[13]	AAIJ	12AV	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV
seen			AALTONEN	08M	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV
seen			ABAZOV	08T	D0	$p\overline{p}$ at 1.96 TeV

• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •

$<2.4 \times 10^{-4}$	90	[14]	ACKERSTAFF	98O	OPAL	$e^+e^- \to Z$
$<3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	90	[15]	ABREU	97E	DLPH	$e^+e^- \to Z$
$<8.2 \times 10^{-5}$	90	[16]	BARATE	97H	ALEP	$e^+e^- \to Z$
$<2.0 \times 10^{-5}$	95	[17]	ABE	96R	CDF	$p\overline{p}$ 1.8 TeV

[13] AAIJ 12AV reports a measurement of $B(B_c^+ \to J/\psi\pi^+)/B(B^+ \to J/\psi K^+) f_c/f_u = (0.68 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05)\%$ at $p_T(B) > 4$ GeV and $2.5 < \eta(B) < 4.5$.

[14] ACKERSTAFF 98O reports $B(Z \to B_c X)/B(Z \to q\bar{q}) \times B(B_c \to J/\psi(1S)\pi^+) < 1.06 \times 10^{-4}$ at 90%CL. We rescale to our PDG 98 values of $B(Z \to b\bar{b})$.

[15] ABREU 97E value listed is for an assumed $\tau_{B_c} = 0.4$ ps and improves to 2.7×10^{-4} for $\tau_{B_c} = 1.4$ ps.

[16] BARATE 97H reports $B(Z \to B_c X)/B(Z \to q\bar{q}) \cdot B(B_c \to J/\psi(1S)\pi) < 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$ at 90%CL. We rescale to our PDG 96 values of $B(Z \to b\bar{b})$.

[17] ABE 96R reports $B(b \to B_c X)/B(b \to B^+ X) \cdot B(B_c^+ \to J/\psi(1S)\pi^+)/B(B^+ \to J/\psi(1S)K^+) < 0.053$ at 95%CL for $\tau_{B_c} = 0.8$ ps. It changes from 0.15 to 0.04 for 0.17 ps$< \tau_{B_c} < 1.6$ ps. We rescale to our PDG 96 values of $B(b \to B^+) = 0.378 \pm 0.022$ and $B(B^+ \to J/\psi(1S)K^+) = 0.00101 \pm 0.00014$.

$\Gamma\left(J/\psi(1S)K^+\right)/\Gamma\left(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\right)$ $\qquad$ Γ_3/Γ_2

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
0.069±0.019±0.005	50	AAIJ	13BY	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

$\Gamma\left(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\right)/\Gamma_{\textbf{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_4/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE	CL%		DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
seen			AAIJ	12Y	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •

$<5.7 \times 10^{-4}$	90	[18]	ABREU	97E	DLPH	$e^+e^- \to Z$

[18] ABREU 97E value listed is independent of 0.4 ps$< \tau_{B_c} < 1.4$ ps.

$\Gamma\left(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\right)/\Gamma\left(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\right)$ $\qquad$ Γ_4/Γ_2

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
2.41±0.30±0.33	AAIJ	12Y	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

$\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\,a_1(1260)\big)/\Gamma_{total} \times B\big(\overline{b}\to B_c\big)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_5/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	90	[19] ACKERSTAFF	98O	OPAL	$e^+e^- \to Z$

[19] ACKERSTAFF 98O reports $B(Z \to B_c X)/B(Z \to q\,q) \times B(B_c \to J/\psi(1S)\,a_1(1260)) < 5.29 \times 10^{-4}$ at 90%CL. We rescale to our PDG 98 values of $B(Z \to b\overline{b})$.

$\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\,K^+K^-\pi^+\big)/\Gamma_{total} \times B\big(\overline{b}\to B_c\big)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_6/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
seen	[20] AAIJ	13CA	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV

[20] A signal yield of 78 ± 14 decays is reported with a significance of 6.2 standard deviations using an integrated luminosity of 3 fb^{-1} data.

$\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\,K^+K^-\pi^+\big)/\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\big)$ $\qquad$ Γ_6/Γ_2

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$0.53\pm0.10\pm0.05$	[21] AAIJ	13CA	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV

[21] A signal yield of 78 ± 14 decays is reported with a significance of 6.2 standard deviations using an integrated luminosity of 3 fb^{-1} data.

$\Gamma\big(\psi(2S)\pi^+\big)/\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\big)$ $\qquad$ Γ_7/Γ_2

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$0.250\pm0.068\pm0.015$	[22] AAIJ	13AM	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[22] The last uncertainty is due to the measurement of $B(\psi(2S) \to \mu^+\mu^-)/B(J/\psi \to \mu^+\mu^-)$.

$\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\,D_s^+\big)/\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\big)$ $\qquad$ Γ_8/Γ_2

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$2.90\pm0.57\pm0.24$	AAIJ	13AS	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV

$\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\,D_s^{*+}\big)/\Gamma\big(J/\psi(1S)\,D_s^+\big)$ $\qquad$ Γ_9/Γ_8

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$2.37\pm0.56\pm0.10$	AAIJ	13AS	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV

$\Gamma\big(D^*(2010)^+\overline{D}^0\big)/\Gamma_{total} \times B\big(\overline{b}\to B_c\big)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{10}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	90	[23] BARATE	98Q	ALEP	$e^+e^- \to Z$

[23] BARATE 98Q reports $B(Z \to B_c X) \times B(B_c \to D^*(2010)^+\overline{D}^0) < 1.9 \times 10^{-3}$ at 90%CL. We rescale to our PDG 98 values of $B(Z \to b\overline{b})$.

$\Gamma\big(D^+K^{*0}\big)/\Gamma_{total} \times B\big(\overline{b}\to B_c\big)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{11}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
<0.20	90	[24] AAIJ	13R	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[24] AAIJ 13R reports $[\Gamma(B_c^+ \to D^+K^{*0})/\Gamma_{total} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)] / [B(\overline{b} \to B^+)] < 0.5 \times 10^{-6}$ which we multiply by our best value $B(\overline{b} \to B^+) = 40.2 \times 10^{-2}$.

$\Gamma(D^+ \overline{K}^{*0})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{12}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	*CL%*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
<0.16	90	[25] AAIJ	13R	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[25] AAIJ 13R reports $[\Gamma(B_c^+ \to D^+ \overline{K}^{*0})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)] / [B(\overline{b} \to B^+)] < 0.4 \times 10^{-6}$ which we multiply by our best value $B(\overline{b} \to B^+) = 40.2 \times 10^{-2}$.

$\Gamma(D_s^+ K^{*0})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{13}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	*CL%*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
<0.28	90	[26] AAIJ	13R	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[26] AAIJ 13R reports $[\Gamma(B_c^+ \to D_s^+ K^{*0})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)] / [B(\overline{b} \to B^+)] < 0.7 \times 10^{-6}$ which we multiply by our best value $B(\overline{b} \to B^+) = 40.2 \times 10^{-2}$.

$\Gamma(D_s^+ \overline{K}^{*0})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{14}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	*CL%*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
<0.4	90	[27] AAIJ	13R	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[27] AAIJ 13R reports $[\Gamma(B_c^+ \to D_s^+ \overline{K}^{*0})/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)] / [B(\overline{b} \to B^+)] < 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$ which we multiply by our best value $B(\overline{b} \to B^+) = 40.2 \times 10^{-2}$.

$\Gamma(D_s^+ \phi)/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{15}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	*CL%*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
<0.32	90	[28] AAIJ	13R	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[28] AAIJ 13R reports $[\Gamma(B_c^+ \to D_s^+ \phi)/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)] / [B(\overline{b} \to B^+)] < 0.8 \times 10^{-6}$ which we multiply by our best value $B(\overline{b} \to B^+) = 40.2 \times 10^{-2}$.

$\Gamma(K^+ K^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{16}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE	*CL%*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
<4.6 × 10^{-7}	90	[29] AAIJ	13BS	LHCB	pp at 7 TeV

[29] Derived from $\Gamma(K^+ K^0)/\Gamma \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c) / (B(B^+ \to K^0 \pi^+) B(\overline{b} \to B^+)) < 5.8\%$ at 90% CL using normalization mode $B(B^+ \to K^0 \pi^+) = (23.97 \pm 0.53 \pm 0.71) \times 10^{-6}$ and assuming a B production ratio $f(\overline{b} \to B_u^+) = 0.33$.

$\Gamma(B_s^0 \pi^+ / B(\overline{b} \to B_s))/\Gamma_{\text{total}} \times B(\overline{b} \to B_c)$ $\qquad$ $\Gamma_{17}/\Gamma \times B$

VALUE (units 10^{-3})	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
$2.37 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.11 ^{+0.17}_{-0.13}$	[30] AAIJ	13BU	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV

[30] The last uncertinty is due to the uncertainty of the B_c^+ lifetime measurument.

POLARIZATION IN B_c^+ DECAY

In decays involving two vector mesons, one can distinguish among the states in which meson polarizations are both longitudinal (L) or both are transverse and parallel ($\parallel$) or perpendicular ($\perp$) to each other with the parameters Γ_L/Γ, $\Gamma_\perp/\Gamma$, and the relative phases $\phi_\parallel$ and $\phi_\perp$. See the definitions in the note on "Polarization in B Decays" review in the B^0 Particle Listings.

Γ_L/Γ in $B_c^+ \to J/\psi D_s^{*+}$

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
0.48±0.20	[31] AAIJ	13AS	LHCB	pp at 7, 8 TeV

[31] AAIJ 13AS measures $1 - \Gamma_L/\Gamma = 0.52 \pm 0.20$.

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