Estimate of the Hadronic Production of the Doubly Charmed Baryon Ξ_{cc} under GM-VFN Scheme

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Abstract

Hadronic production of the doubly charmed baryon Ξ_{cc} (Ξ_{cc}^{++} and Ξ_{cc}^{+}) is investigated under the general-mass variable-flavor-number (GM-VFN) scheme. The gluon-gluon fusion mechanism and the intrinsic charm mechanisms, i.e. via the sub-processes $g + g \to (cc)[^3S_1]_{\bar{3}} + \bar{c} + \bar{c}$, $g + g \to (cc)[{}^1S_0]_6 + \bar{c} + \bar{c}$; $g + c \to (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{3}} + \bar{c}$, $g + c \to (cc)[{}^1S_0]_6 + \bar{c}$ and $c + c \to (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{3}} + g$, $c+c \to (cc)[{}^1S_0]_6+g$, are taken into account in the investigation, where $(cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{3}}$ (in color $\bar{3}$) and $(cc)[{}^{1}S_{0}]_{6}$ (in color 6) are two possible S-wave configurations of the doubly charmed diquark pair (cc) inside the baryon Ξ_{cc} . Numerical results for the production at hadornic colliders LHC and TEVATRON show that both the contributions from the doubly charmed diquark pairs $(cc)[{}^1S_0]_6$ and $(cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{3}}$ are sizable with the assumption that the two NRQCD matrix elements are equal, and the total contributions from the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms are bigger than those of the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism. For the production in the region of small transverse-momentum p_t , the intrinsic mechanisms are dominant over the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism and they can raise the theoretical prediction of the Ξ_{cc} by almost one order.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The heavy hadron Ξ_{cc}^{+} may have been observed by SELEX Collaboration already[1, 2], although some comments[3] pointed out that the measured lifetime is much shorter and the production rate is much larger than most of the theoretical predictions [4–8]. It is predicted that at the fixed target experiment, only about 10^{-5} of Λ_c^+ events in its total sample are producted by Ξ_{cc}^{+} , however the SELEX collaboration has found that almost 20% of Λ_c^+ events in its total sample are producted by Ξ_{cc}^+ .

In the literature, most of the perturbative QCD (pQCD) calculations and predictions for Ξ_{cc} ¹ hadroproduction are based on the 'gluon-gluon fusion mechanism' i.e. that via the subprocess, $g+g \to (cc)[^3S_1]_{\bar{3}}+\bar{c}+\bar{c}$ only. Whereas, the subprocess $g+g \to (cc)[^1S_0]_6+\bar{c}+\bar{c}$ may also contribute to the production^[9]. It is because that Ξ_{cc}^{+} and Ξ_{cc}^{++} contain the higher components $(ccqg)$ (here $q = u, d$) etc in their Fock space expansion, so the corresponding subprocess should be taken into account.

The discussion shown in Ref.[9] indicates that an inclusive production rate of Ξ_{cc}^+ or Ξ_{cc}^{++} can be factorized into two parts, one part is to produce two free c quarks, which can be calculated by $pQCD$, another part is to make these two free c quarks into a cc diquark pair: $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$ or $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}[{}^{1}S_{0}]$, then the diquark pair hadronizing either into Ξ_{cc}^{+} by absorbing a quark d or into Ξ_{cc}^{++} by absorbing a quark u for $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$, or either into Ξ_{cc}^+ by absorbing a quark d or into Ξ_{cc}^{++} by absorbing a quark u but both absorbing an extra soft gluon for $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$, all of which can be attributed to non-relativistic QCD (NRQCD) matrix elements [10]. In most of the existent calculations for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} , the cc diquark pair is assumed to be in ³S₁ configuration and in the color representation $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ ((cc)_{$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$}[³S₁]). Whereas according to power counting in velocity v_c , the velocity of the heavy c quarks in the baryon, the NRQCD matrix elements h_1 and h_3 (defined in Eq.(3)) for the nonperturbative transition, which correspond to the two configurations of the diquark pair (h_1) is that for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$ and h_3 is that for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}[{}^{1}S_{0}]$, are at the same order of v_c [9]. Hence to give a full estimation of the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} , we think that $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^3S_1]$ and $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}[{}^1S_0]$ should be treated on the equal footing.

Moreover, as pointed out in Refs.[11, 12], the so-called 'intrinsic' charm mechanism can

¹ Throughout the paper, Ξ_{cc} denotes Ξ_{cc}^+ or Ξ_{cc}^{++} , i.e., the isospin-breaking effects are ignorable here.

give sizable contribution to the charmonium hadroproduction [11], and to the B_c hadroproduction, especially in small p_t region^[12]. Therefore, in addition to considering two configurations of diquark pair in different color representation $\bar{3}$ and 6 for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, it is also interesting to see how important of the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms via the sub-processes $g + c \rightarrow (cc)[^3S_1]_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}} + \bar{c}$, $g + c \rightarrow (cc)[^1S_0]_{\mathbf{6}} + \bar{c}$ and $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[^3S_1]_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}} + g$, $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^{1}S_{0}]_{6} + g$, in hadronic production of Ξ_{cc}^{+} and Ξ_{cc}^{++} precisely.

Principally, the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism induced by the heavy charm quark is greatly suppressed by the parton distributions in comparison with the valance and the sea of light quarks and gluon, but it is 'compensated' by 'greater phase space' and lower order of interaction coupling of QCD. Namely the 'intrinsic' processes are $2 \rightarrow 2$ sub-processes at the order of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$, while for the gluon-gluon fusion subprocess, its leading contribution starts at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ and is a $2 \to 3$ process.

For a fixed target experiment which can reach to the region of very small transverse momentum p_t , the production of the doubly charmed baryon Ξ_{cc} should additionally involve more 'mechanisms', such as the mechanisms of the so-called intrinsic charm fusion with the subprocesses $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{3}}$ and $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^1S_0]_6$, which contribute to the production only with very small p_t but whose nature essentially is non-perturbative for QCD. The theoretical predictions on the hadronic production rate all can be based upon the perturbative QCD (pQCD) only, though the existent ones are orders of magnitude smaller than the SELEX observation as pointed out by Ref.[3]. Nevertheless, we think that it is worthwhile to consider more mechanisms than that in the existent predictions, and to use the updated parton distribution functions (PDFs) in the general-mass variable-flavor-number (GM-VFN) scheme to re-estimate the Ξ_{cc} hadroproduction so as to cover a so widen p_t region as pQCD is applicable. Especially, more attention to the so-called intrinsic charm production mechanism, that is through the subprocesses $g + c \to (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{\bf 3}} + \bar{c}$, $g + c \to (cc)[{}^1S_0]_{\bf 6} + \bar{c}$ and $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}} + g$, $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^1S_0]_{\mathbf{6}} + g$, should be payed. ²

² The reliable estimate of the production so far can be that in terms of pQCD only, so here we take into account all the mechanisms which are calculable by pQCD. Therefore, here the so-called intrinsic charm fusion with the subprocesses $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[^3S_1]_{\bar{3}}$ and $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[^1S_0]_{\bar{6}}$ are not considered (because they are of non-perturbative QCD as mentioned above). Since the 'higher order' mechanisms with the subprocesses: $c+c \to (cc)[^3S_1]_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}+g, c+c \to (cc)[^1S_0]_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}+g$ are also taken into account so as to 'complete the estimate', so in order to guarantee pQCD applicable and the obtained results being reliable, we compute the production always to put on a sizable cut on the transverse momentum p_t of the produced (cc)-pair.

This work is devoted to give a comparative studies of various production mechanisms, and is also served as a cross-check of the pQCD calculation for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, because the results given in Ref.[5] and Ref.[6, 7] are in disagreement. Our results satisfy the gauge invariance at the amplitude, and our results agree with that of Ref.[5] except for an overall factor 2.

When combining the results of 'intrinsic' charm mechanism with the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, one needs to make some subtractions to the 'intrinsic' mechanism so as to avoid 'double counting'. To perform the subtraction, we adopt the general-mass variable-flavornumber (GM-VFN) scheme [13–15], in which the heavy-quark mass effects can be treated in a consistent way both for the hard scattering amplitude and the PDFs. Moreover, it will be necessary to use the dedicated PDFs with heavy-mass effects included, which are determined by global fitting utilizing massive hard-scattering cross-sections. For instance, for the present analysis, the up-dated one CTEQ6HQ [16] is used.

In Ref.[9], the production of Ξ_{cc} at e^+e^- collider is treated carefully and hadronic production is estimated roughly by comparing with c-quark jet both by taking the fragmentation approach. In the present paper, alternatively, we take the full pQCD approach to do the estimate with more mechanisms, because we think the fragmentation approach becomes reliable only at the high p_t regions where the fragmentation mechanism is dominant and also the results from the fragmentation approach show a strong dependence on the input parameter values [9]. At last, our results show that when assuming $h_1 = h_3$, the contribution to the Hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} from the doubly charmed diquark pair in $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$ can be sizable as that from $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}].$

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec.II, we shall first give the formulation for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} within the GM-VFN scheme, and then present in some more detail the formulae for both the gluon-gluon mechanism and the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism. In Sec.III, we present the results for the subprocess and make a comparison with those in the literature. In Sec.IV, we present the numerical results for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} and make some discussion over them. The final section is reserved for a summary.

II. FORMULATION UNDER THE GM-VFN SCHEME

Under the general-mass variable-flavor-number (GM-VFN) scheme [13–15], according to pQCD factorization theorem the cross-section for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} can be formulated as below:

$$
\sigma = F_{H_1}^g(x_1, \mu) F_{H_2}^g(x_2, \mu) \bigotimes \hat{\sigma}_{gg \to \Xi_{cc}}(x_1, x_2, \mu)
$$

+
$$
\sum_{i,j=1,2; i \neq j} F_{H_i}^g(x_1, \mu) \left[F_{H_j}^c(x_2, \mu) - F_{H_j}^g(x_2, \mu) \bigotimes F_g^c(x_2, \mu) \right] \bigotimes \hat{\sigma}_{gc \to \Xi_{cc}}(x_1, x_2, \mu)
$$

+
$$
\sum_{i,j=1,2; i \neq j} \left[\left(F_{H_i}^c(x_1, \mu) - F_{H_i}^g(x_1, \mu) \bigotimes F_g^c(x_1, \mu) \right) \left(F_{H_j}^c(x_2, \mu) - F_{H_j}^g(x_2, \mu) \bigotimes F_g^c(x_2, \mu) \right) \right]
$$

$$
\bigotimes \hat{\sigma}_{cc \to \Xi_{cc}}(x_1, x_2, \mu) + \cdots,
$$
 (1)

where the symbol \cdots means even higher order α_s terms. $F^i_H(x,\mu)$ (with $H = H_1$ or H_2 ; $x = x_1$ or x_2) is the distribution function of parton i in hadron H. $\hat{\sigma}$ stands for the crosssection of the corresponding subprocess. For convenience, we have taken the renormalization scale μ_R for the subprocess and the factorization scale μ_F for factorizing the PDFs and the hard subprocess to be the same, i.e. $\mu_R = \mu_F = \mu$. In the square bracket, the subtraction for $F_H^c(x,\mu)$ is defined as

$$
F_H^c(x,\mu)_{SUB} = F_H^g(x,\mu) \bigotimes F_g^c(x,\mu) = \int_x^1 F_g^c(\kappa,\mu) F_H^g\left(\frac{x}{\kappa},\mu\right) \frac{d\kappa}{\kappa}.
$$
 (2)

The quark distribution $F_g^c(x,\mu)$ inside an on-shell gluon up to order α_s can be connected to the familiar $g \to c\bar{c}$ splitting function $P_{g\to c}$, i.e. $F_g^c(x,\mu) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_c^2}$ $\frac{\mu^2}{m_c^2} P_{g \to c}(x)$, with $P_{g\to c}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2x + 2x^2)$. Later on for convenience, we shall call the 'heavy quark mechanisms', in which proper subtraction has been given according to method in GM-VFN scheme, as 'intrinsic ones' accordingly.

In Eq.(1), the first term is the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the second and the third terms are the so called 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms [11], in which all the subtraction terms are necessary to avoid the double counting problem, since these terms represent the parts of the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism which are already included in a fully QCD evolved 'intrinsic' charm distribution function [13]. The gluon-gluon fusion mechanism has been considered by several authors [4–8]. However, in these references, they usually used a PDF in a zero-mass variable-flavor-number scheme but performed the partonic cross section calculation using the non-zero heavy-quark masses. Such treatment shall not heavily affect the results for the hadronic production at LHC or TEVATRON as is the case of B_c production [12], however it will make large discrepancies at the fixed target experiment, i.e. SELEX experiment. This is because, for the fixed target experiment, most of the generated Ξ_{cc} events are concentrated in the small p_t regions, where large uncertainties are caused due to the inconsistent using of PDF. This is one of the reason that we adopt the GM-VFN scheme to study the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} in which the heavy-quark mass effects can be treated in a consistent way both for the hard scattering amplitude and the PDFs.

For the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms at the leading order, we need to calculate subprocesses: $g + c \to \Xi_{cc}^+ + \bar{c}$ and $c + \bar{c} \to \Xi_{cc}$. For the hadronic production via $c + \bar{c} \to \Xi_{cc}$, because its hard subprocess is a $2 \rightarrow 1$ subprocess and the p_t cut is unavoidable to ensure the applicable of the PQCD calculation, it at least need to emit one hard gluon to obtain the p_t distribution. Therefore we shall calculate $c + \bar{c} \to \Xi_{cc} + g$ other than $c + \bar{c} \to \Xi_{cc}$ in the following calculations. Note for $c + \bar{c} \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$ mechanism, it has no double counting problem with the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism and does not need to introduce the subtraction term, since it is one order higher than the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism according to the power counting rule shown in Ref.[13].

According to NRQCD formulation, the production rate of Ξ_{cc} can be factorized into two parts, one part is for the production of two or four free quarks (for the intrinsic mechanism or gluon-gluon fusion mechanism respectively) and is determined by pQCD, another part is for non-perturbative transition of the (cc) -diquark pair into Ξ_{cc} and can be defined in terms of non-relativistic QCD (NRQCD) [10] matrix elements. According to the discussions in Ref.[9], at the leading order of v_c , the baryon Ξ_{cc} contains two configurations of the (cc) diquark pair, one is that with the pair in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$, another is that in $(cc)_{\bar{6}}[^{1}S_{0}]$, whose matrix elements can be written as

$$
h_1 = \frac{1}{48} \langle 0 | [\psi^{a_1} \epsilon \psi^{a_2} + \psi^{a_2} \epsilon \psi^{a_1}] (a^\dagger a) \psi^{a_2 \dagger} \epsilon \psi^{a_1 \dagger} | 0 \rangle,
$$

\n
$$
h_3 = \frac{1}{72} \langle 0 | [\psi^{a_1} \epsilon \sigma^i \psi^{a_2} - \psi^{a_2} \epsilon \sigma^i \psi^{a_1}] (a^\dagger a) \psi^{a_2 \dagger} \sigma^i \epsilon \psi^{a_1 \dagger} | 0 \rangle,
$$
\n(3)

where $a_j(j = 1, 2)$ label the color of the valence quark fields and $\sigma^i(i = 1, 2, 3)$ are Pauli matrices, $\epsilon = i\sigma^2$. h_1 represents the probability for a (cc)-diquark pair in $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$ to transform into the baryon, while h_3 represents the probability for a (cc) -diquark pair in $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ to transform into the baryon. According to the discussion in Ref.[9], both h_1 and h_3 are of order v_c^2 to $|\langle 0|\chi^\dagger \sigma \psi|^3 S_1\rangle|^2$. The value of the two matrix elements h_1 and h_3 can

FIG. 1: The schematic Feynman diagrams for the hadroproduction of Ξ_{cc} from the gluon-gluon mechanism, where the dashed box stands for the hard interaction kernel. k_1 and k_2 are two momenta for the initial gluons, q_{c2} and q_{c4} are the momenta for the two outgoing \bar{c} , P is the momentum of Ξ_{cc} . The (cc)-diquark pair is either in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$ or in $(cc)_{\bar{6}}[^1S_0]$ respectively.

be determined with non-perturbative methods like QCD sum rule approach, however their values are unknown yet. The fragmentation of a diquark into a baryon is assumed to occur with unit probability and consequently, to have no influence on the production cross section. Further more, as the fragmentation function $D(z)$ of a heavy diquark into a baryon, peaks near $z \approx 1[6]$ ³, and then the momentum of the final baryon may be considered roughly equal to the momentum of initial diquark. So to study the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} is equivalent to study the hadronic production of (cc) -diquark. Under such condition, the value of NRQCD matrix element h_3 can be naively related to the wave-function for the color anti-triplet $[{}^3S_1]$ cc state, i.e. $h_3 = |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2$. And for convenience, since h_1 and h_3 is of the same order of v_c [9], we take h_1 to be h_3 hereafter.

The schematic Feynman diagrams for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism are shown in Fig.(1). Fig.(1) shows that there are two ways for the two outgoing valence c quarks to form the (cc) -diquark pair and each way contains 36 Feynman diagrams that are similar to the case of hadronic production of B_c (all the diagrams can be found in Ref.[18], and one only need to change all the b quark line there to the c quark line). However in Refs.[5– 7], only Fig.(1a) is considered and then only 36 Feynman diagrams have been taken into consideration. Since the contributions from the left and the right diagrams of Fig.(1) are the same and there is an $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $\frac{1}{2}$ factor for the square of the amplitude by taking into account the symmetry of the diquark wavefunction, so there is an overall factor '2' for our total

³ By taking a simple form of fragmentation function $D(z)$, Ref.[7, 21] did a rough estimation for such effects. The results there show that such effect is really small.

FIG. 2: Typical Feynman diagrams for the sub-processes induced by 'intrinsic' charm. The upper five of them are those for $g(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + \bar{c}(p_4)$ and the lower five are for $c(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow$ $\Xi_{cc}(p_3)+g(p_4)$ respectively. The (cc)-diquark pair is either in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$ or in $(cc)_{\bar{6}}[^1S_0]$ respectively.

cross-sections in comparing with those in Refs.[5–7]. In the present paper, as a cross check of the results in Refs. [5–7], we calculated it by using two different methods and made a cross check numerically between them. One method is to fully simplify the amplitude of the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism by using the improved helicity approach which was developed in case of the hadronic production of B_c [18, 19]. More details of the calculation could be found in the appendix A. The other is to generate the Fortran program directly by the Feynman Diagram Calculation (FDC) program[20], which is a Reduce and Fortran package to perform Feynman diagram calculation automatically. The detailed treatment method of Ξ_{cc} in FDC could be found in appendix B.

For the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism, we need to consider the following sub-processes, $g + c \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c}$ and $c + \bar{c} \to \Xi_{cc} + g$, where the (cc)-diquark pair in Ξ_{cc} is in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$ or $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$, respectively. Similar to the case of gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, There is a symmetry factor '2' for cross section. The typical Feynman diagrams are shown in Fig.(2). The final expression of the total square of amplitude is quit simple, and we adopt the FDC program [20] to obtain it directly.

We will calculate the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism within the GM-VFN scheme. In GM-VFN scheme, when one talks about the heavy quark components of PDFs, and takes into account of both 'heavy quark mechanisms' and the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism for the hadronic production, one has to solve the double counting problem: i.e. a full QCD evolved

'heavy quark' charm/bottom distribution functions, according to the Altarelli-Parisi equations, includes all the terms proportional to $\ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2}\right)$ $\stackrel{\cdot }{m_{Q}^{2}}$) (μ the factorization scale and m_Q the heavy quark mass); and some of them come from the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, i.e., a few terms appear from the integration of the phase-space for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism.

To be specific, according to Eq.(1), the inclusive Ξ_{cc} hadronic production via 'intrinsic charm mechanisms' can be formulated as,

$$
d\sigma = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 \int dx_2 F_{H_1}^i(x_1, \mu_F) \times F_{H_2}^j(x_2, \mu) d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \to \Xi_{cc} X}(x_1, x_2, \mu) , \tag{4}
$$

where $i \neq j$ and $i, j = g, c$. Here, the heavy quark PDF $F_H^c(x, \mu)$ $(x = x_1 \text{ or } x_2, H = H_1)$ or H_2), should include a proper subtraction term $F_H^c(x,\mu)_{SUB}$ as is defined in Eq.(2) in order to avoid the double counting of $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$ mechanism to the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism. $d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \to \Xi_{cc}}$ stands for the usual 2-to-2 differential cross-section,

$$
d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \to \Xi_{cc} X}(x_1, x_2, \mu^2) = \frac{(2\pi)^4 |\overline{M}|^2}{4\sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2}} \prod_{i=3}^4 \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}_i}{(2\pi)^3 (2E_i)} \delta\left(\sum_{i=3}^4 p_i - p_1 - p_2\right), \quad (5)
$$

where p_1 , p_2 are the corresponding momenta for the initial two partons and p_3 , p_4 are the momenta for the final ones respectively. The average over the initial parton's spins and colors and the sum over the initial and the final state's spins and colors are absorbed into $|\overline{M}|^2$. All the expressions of $|\overline{M}|^2$, with all the mass effects being retained, are shown in the appendix B.

The phase space integration can be manipulated by adopting the routines RAMBOS [22] and VEGAS [23], which is the same as that of the B_c meson generator BCVEGPY [18, 19].

III. NUMERICAL CHECKS

Before analyzing the properties for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} , we need to check the rightness of program for all the mechanisms, especially, we should be more careful for the most complicate gluon-gluon fusion mechanism.

First of all, all the programs are checked by examining the gauge invariance of the amplitude, i.e. the amplitude vanishes when the polarization vector of an initial/final gluon is substituted by the momentum vector of this gluon⁴. Numerically, we find that the gauge

⁴ All the Fortran codes are available from the authors on request.

FIG. 3: The energy dependence of the integrated partonic cross-section for the production of the baryons with heavy diquarks via the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism. The dotted line, solid line, dashed line and dash-dot line stand for the baryons with $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$, $(bc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$, $(bc)_{\bar{3}}[^{1}S_{0}]$ and $(bb)_{\mathbf{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ respectively. The curves for Ξ_{cc} and Ξ_{bb} are divided by 2.

invariance is guaranteed at the computer ability (double precision) for all these processes. Next, to make sure the rightness of our program for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, as mentioned before, the numerical results of our two programs agree with each other exactly.

Furthermore, we compared our numerical results for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism with those in the literature by using the same input parameters as were stated in the corresponding references. To make a complete comparison with the results listed in Ref.[5], we also calculate the partonic cross sections for the production of Ξ_{bc} and Ξ_{bb} through the subprocesses, $gg \to \Xi_{bc} + \bar{b} + \bar{c}$ with the (bc)-diquark in color-anti-triplet [³S₁] or [¹S₀] state, and $gg \to \Xi_{bb} + \bar{b} + \bar{b}$ with the (bb)-diquark in color-anti-triplet [³S₁] state. The programs for the production of Ξ_{bc} and Ξ_{bb} can be easily obtained from the program for the case of Ξ_{cc} .

In Fig.(3), we show the partonic cross sections for the production of baryons with heavy diquarks via the gluon-gluon fusion subprocess. In drawing the curves, we adopt the same parameter values as were taken in Ref.[5], i.e. with a fixed value for α_s ($\alpha_s = 0.2$) and

$$
|\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 = 0.039 GeV^3, \ |\Psi_{bc}(0)|^2 = 0.065 GeV^3, \ |\Psi_{bb}(0)|^2 = 0.152 GeV^3 \ , \tag{6}
$$

$$
m_c = 1.8 \text{GeV}, \ m_b = 5.1 \text{GeV}, \ M_{\Xi_{cc}} = 3.6 \text{GeV}, \ M_{\Xi_{bc}} = 6.9 \text{GeV}, \ M_{\Xi_{bb}} = 10.2 \text{GeV}. \tag{7}
$$

TABLE I: Comparison of the partonic cross sections for $gg \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c} + \bar{c}$ with the corresponding results in Ref.[6], where the (cc) -diquark pair is in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$. E_{cm} is the center of mass energy of the subprocess. The input parameters are $m_c = 1.7 GeV$, $M_{\Xi_{cc}} = 3.4 GeV$, the radial wavefunction at the origin $R_{cc}(0) = \sqrt{4\pi} \Psi_{cc}(0) = 0.601 GeV^{3/2}$ and $\alpha_s = 0.2$.

E_{cm}						15 GeV 20 GeV 40 GeV 60 GeV 80 GeV 100 GeV
$\sigma (pb)$	66.6	68.2	41.8	26.2	17.9	13.1
$\sigma(p b)$ [6]	23.2	22.5	13.7	8.96	6.45	4.94

For convenience of comparison with those of Ref.[5], in Fig.(3), our results for Ξ_{cc} and Ξ_{bb} have been divided by an overall factor '2'. One may easily find all the curves for the energy dependence of the partonic cross-sections shown in Fig.(3) are in consistent with the results in Ref.[5] (Fig.(2a) there).

In Tab.(I), we show the comparison of partonic cross sections (the second column) for the production of Ξ_{cc} with the (cc) -diquark in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$ via the gluon-gluon fusion subprocess with those in Refs. $[6, 7]$. In Tab. (I) , the results of Ref. $[6]$ is derived from the fitted expression $(Eq.(8)$ in Ref.[6]):

$$
\sigma = 213. \left(1 - \frac{4m_c}{E_{cm}}\right)^{1.9} \left(\frac{4m_c}{E_{cm}}\right)^{1.35},\tag{8}
$$

where E_{cm} is the center of mass energy of the subprocess. One may observe that under the same parameter values, the results in Refs.[6, 7] are in disagreement with ours even though they are close in shape ⁵.

Next, as a cross-check between our results for one of the 'intrinsic' mechanism through $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$ with those of Ref.[21], we show the cross section of Ξ_{cc} -baryon production at the hadronic energy $E_{cm} = 1.8 TeV$ or $14 TeV$ with the same input parameters in Fig.(4). The curves in Fig.(4) agree with those of Ref.[21] (Fig.3 and Fig.4 there).

As a summary, for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, except for an overall factor '2', we confirm the results in Ref.[5], but not those of Ref.[6, 7]. And for one of the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism, i.e. $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$, our results agree with those of Ref.[21] under the same

⁵ Such discrepancy has already been found in Ref.[5], however the author there attribute it to the different use of input parameters.

FIG. 4: The p_t -distributions for the 'intrinsic' mechanism $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$ at Tevatron RUN-I $E_{cm} = 1.8 \text{TeV}$ (dashed line) or LHC $E_{cm} = 14 \text{TeV}$ (solid line) both with $|y| \leq 1.0$. The present results are calculated with the same parameters in Ref. [21].

FIG. 5: The P_t − and y−distributions of the produced Ξ_{cc} for the subprocess $gg \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c} + \bar{c}$ under different C.M. energies. Here the (cc) diquark pair only in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ is taken into account. The dotted line, dashed line, solid line, dash-dot line and the diamond line stand for $E_{cm} = 20 \text{GeV}$, 40GeV, 60GeV, 80GeV and 100GeV, respectively.

input parameters.

Finally, we discuss the properties of the two different configurations of (cc) -diquark pair, i.e. $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$ and $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[{}^{1}S_{0}]$, for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} . In Fig.(5), we show the transverse momentum P_t distribution and the rapidity y distribution at different center of mass energies for the subprocess $gg \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c} + \bar{c}$, with its (cc) -diquark pair in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$. The case of (cc)-diquark pair in $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ is similar and will not be shown here. We drawn

FIG. 6: The energy dependence of the integrated partonic cross-section for the Ξ_{cc} production of via the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism. The solid line and the dashed line stand for the two (cc)-diquark pair states in configurations $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ and $(cc)_{\bar{6}}[^{1}S_{0}]$ respectively.

a comparison between the energy dependence of the integrated partonic cross-section of the two different (cc)-diquark configurations, i.e. $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ and $(cc)_{\bar{6}}[^{1}S_{0}]$, in Fig.(6). One may observe that the curves for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}\left[{}^{3}S_{1}\right]$ and $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}\left[{}^{1}S_{0}\right]$ are close in shape and the contributions from $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ can be up to ~ 20% comparing with the case of $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$. So the contributions from the (cc) -diquark pair $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$ are significant and should be taken into consideration for a full estimation of the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} . This is in agreement with the conclusion drawn in Ref.^[9], where the contributions of these two different states of (cc)-diquark pair are discussed through the fragmentation approach.

IV. HADRONIC PRODUCTION OF Ξ_{cc}

In the present section, we shall first study the hadronic production properties of Ξ_{cc} both at TEVATRON and at LHC, and then make a discussion for the hadronic production at the fixed target SELEX experiment. All the calculations are done under the GM-VFN scheme.

TABLE II: Cross sections σ for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} at TEVATRON and LHC, where the (cc) -diquark is in $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ or $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}[^{1}S_{0}]$, and the symbol $g + c$ means $g + c \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c}$ and etc. In the calculations, $p_t \ge 4 GeV$ is taken and $|y| \le 1.5$ at LHC, while $|y| \le 0.6$ at TEVATRON.

		TEVATRON ($\sqrt{S} = 1.96$ TeV)	LHC (\sqrt{S} = 14.0 TeV)		
	$(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$	$(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$	$(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$	$(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$	
$\sigma_{q+q}(nb)$	1.61	0.392	22.3	5.44	
$\sigma_{c+g}(nb)$	2.29	0.360	22.1	3.42	
$\sigma_{c+c}(nb)$	0.751	0.0431	8.74	0.475	

A. hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} at LHC and TEVATRON

As has been discussed in Sec.II, we take $h_3 = |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2$ and $h_1 = h_3$ in the calculations. The mass of $M_{\Xi_{cc}}$ can be determined by potential model, and it is estimated to be[6], $M_{\Xi_{cc}} = 3.584 \pm 0.035 GeV$. In Ref.[1], it has been measured to be $3.519 \pm 0.001 GeV$. For clarity, we choose $|\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 = 0.039 GeV^3[5]$, $M_{\Xi_{cc}} = 3.50 GeV$ and then $m_c = 1.75 GeV$. The factorization energy scale is fixed to be the transverse mass of Ξ_{cc} , i.e. $Q = M_t \equiv \sqrt{M^2 + p_t^2}$, where p_t is the transverse momentum of the baryon. The PDFs of version CTEQ6HQ [16] and the leading order α_s running above $\Lambda_{QCD}^{(n_f=4)} = 0.326 \text{GeV}$ are adopted.

In TABLE II, we show the cross-section for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} at TEVATRON and LHC, where $p_t \ge 4GeV$ is taken in the calculations and $|y| \le 1.5$ at LHC, $|y| \le 0.6$ at TEVATRON. From Tab.II, one may observe that similar to the case of hadronic production of B_c meson [12], the cross-sections of the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms are comparable to, or even bigger than, the usual considered gluon-gluon fusion mechanism. From Tab.II, one may also observe that the contributions from $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ are sizable comparing with that of $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$, i.e. for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the contribution from $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[{}^{1}S_{0}]$ is about 24% of that of $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}\left[{}^3S_1\right]$, while for the mechanisms of $c+g \to \Xi_{cc}+\bar{c}$ and $c+c \to \Xi_{cc}+g$, it changes to $\sim 15\%$ and $\sim 5\%$, respectively.

In Fig.(7), we show p_t distributions for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} with two configurations of the (cc)-diquark pair states, i.e. $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$ and $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[{}^{1}S_{0}]$, where $|y| \leq 1.5$ at LHC and $|y| \leq 0.6$ at TEVATRON are adopted. From Fig.(7), one may observe the following

FIG. 7: The p_t -distribution for the hadroproduction of Ξ_{cc} at TEVATRON (left) and at LHC (right), where $|y| \leq 1.5$ at LHC and $|y| \leq 0.6$ at TEVATRON are adopted. The dotted line and the solid line are for gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the triangle line and the diamond line are for $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}$, the dashed line and the dash-dot line are for $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}$, where the upper lines of each mechanism are for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[^3S_1]$ and the lower lines are for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}[^1S_0]$, respectively.

points: 1) to compare with the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the 'intrinsic' mechanism $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$ dominant in small p_t regions and its p_t distributions drop faster than that of gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, which is similar to the case of B_c hadroproduction [12]. 2) For 'intrinsic' mechanism $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$, it p_t -distribution drops faster than other mechanisms and then its contribution is the smallest among all the mechanisms. 3) For a particular mechanism, the contribution from the case of $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$ is sizable comparing with the contribution from the case of $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}\left[^{3}S_{1}\right]$. However, the p_{t} distribution of $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}\left[^{1}S_{0}\right]$ is smaller than that of $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ in the whole p_{t} regions for the same mechanism and it also drops faster than the case of $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^3S_1]$. Especially for the $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}$ mechanism, p_t distribution of $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ drop much faster than that of $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$, and then the crosssection for $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ is only about 5% of that of $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$. As for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the contribution from $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ is comparable to that of $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ from the 'intrinsic' mechanisms at high energies, especially at LHC, so one should be careful to take the contribution from $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ into consideration so as to provide a full estimation for all these hadronic mechanisms.

TABLE III: Cross section σ for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} at the fixed target experiment with center of mass energy 33.58 GeV , where the (cc) -diquark pair is in $(cc)_{\mathbf{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ or $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^{1}S_{0}]$, and the symbol $g + c$ means $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c}$ and etc. In the calculations, $p_t > 0.2 GeV$ is taken.

	SELEX $(\sqrt{S} = 33.58 \text{GeV})$				
	$\sigma_{g+g}(pb)$	$\sigma_{g+c}(pb)$	$\sigma_{c+c}(pb)$		
$(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$	4.03	102.	1.02×10^{-3}		
$(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$	0.754	11.3	4.15×10^{-5}		

B. A simple discussion on hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} at the fixed target SELEX experiment

For the fixed target experiment, the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism becomes more important than in the case of hadronic production at TEVATRON or LHC, since small p_t events can contribute here. Such an experiment has been done by SELEX group [1] and it may cover all solid angle without p_t cut, thus the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms may be studied and extended to very small p_t region. For SELEX experiment, its lower p_t limit can be as small as $0.2GeV$. However, one should be careful to ensure that the pQCD calculation is reliable in such small p_t regions, i.e. the intermediate gluon (with momentum q) in all the mechanisms for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} must be hard enough, i.e. $q^2 >> \Lambda_{QCD}^2$.

For the gluon-gluon fusion subprocess, the square of the intermediate gluon momentum at least is bigger than $(4m_c^2)$ so as to produce one $c\bar{c}$ -quark pair and then is always PQCD calculable. For the 'intrinsic' subprocess $g(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + \bar{c}(p_4)$, we must ensure that the momentum of the intermediate gluon of Fig.(2b,2c,2e) satisfy

$$
Q^2 = -q^2 = -\left(p_1 - \frac{p_3}{2}\right)^2 >> \Lambda_{QCD}^2 \quad , \tag{9}
$$

and for the 'intrinsic' subprocess $c(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + g(p_4)$, similarly, we have

$$
Q_1^2 = -q_1^2 = -\left(p_1 - \frac{p_3}{2}\right)^2 >> \Lambda_{QCD}^2, \qquad Q_2^2 = -q_2^2 = -\left(p_2 - \frac{p_3}{2}\right)^2 >> \Lambda_{QCD}^2. \tag{10}
$$

Eqs.(9,10) give two extra constraints for both the partonic fractions x_1 , x_2 and p_t . For definiteness, we set the lowest values for Q^2 , Q_1^2 and Q_2^2 to be m_c^2 (>> Λ_{QCD}^2).

FIG. 8: The p_t -distributions for the hadroproduction of Ξ_{cc} at SELEX. The dotted line and the solid line are for gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the dashed line and the dash-dot line are for $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}$, the triangle line and the diamond line are for $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}$, where the upper lines of each mechanism are for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[^3S_1]$ and the lower lines are for $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}[^1S_0]$, respectively.

We show the cross-section for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} at SELEX experiment in TABLE III, where $p_t > 0.2 \text{GeV}$ is adopted in the calculations. TABLE III shows that at SELEX, the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism is the dominant mechanism and then the theoretical predictions of Ξ_{cc} events at SELEX can be raised by more than an order. We show the p_t distributions for the fixed target experiment in Fig.(8). One may observe that the p_t distributions of 'intrinsic' mechanism $g + c \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c}$ are bigger than that of the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism almost in all the p_t region, which is the reason why the total cross-section of $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c}$ mechanism is much larger than the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism as shown in TABLE III. For 'intrinsic' mechanism $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$, it p_t -distribution starts at \sim 5GeV due to the constraint Eq.(10) and its contribution is quite small. From TABLE III, one may also observe that the contributions from $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]$ are also sizable comparing with that of $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$ that is similar to the hadronic production at TEVATRON and LHC as shown in TABLE II, i.e. for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism, the contribution from $(cc)_{6}[{}^{1}S_{0}]$ is about 19% of that of $(cc)_{3}[{}^{3}S_{1}]$, while for the processes of $c + g \to \Xi_{cc} + \bar{c}$ and $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$, it changes to $\sim 10\%$ and $\sim 4\%$, respectively.

SELEX	TEVATRON	LHC	
$p_t > 0.2 GeV$	$p_t \ge 4 GeV, y \le 0.6$	$p_t \ge 4 GeV, y \le 1.5$	
29.		2.8	

TABLE IV: R values, which is defined in Eq.(11), for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} .

V. SUMMARY

We have calculated the hadronic production of the doubly charmed baryon Ξ_{cc} via the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism and the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism, i.e. via the subprocesses $g + g \to \Xi_{cc} + \cdots$, $g + c \to \Xi_{cc} + \cdots$ and $c + c \to \Xi_{cc} + \cdots$. To avoid the double counting problem while taking the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism and the 'intrinsic' charm mechanism into consideration, we have adopted the GM-VFN scheme in which the heavyquark mass effects can be treated in a consistent way both for the hard scattering amplitude and the PDFs. Some cross checks for the present results with those in the literature have been done. The result for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism agree with what was given in Ref.[5] up to a factor of 2; and the results for the $c + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc} + g$ with (cc)-diquark pair in $cc_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[^3S_1]$ agree with that of Ref. [21] when adopting the same input parameters. Whereas the results for the 'intrinsic' mechanisms and those for the cases with (cc) -diquark pair in $cc_6[^1S_0]$ are fresh.

From TABLE II and TABLE III, one may see that the total cross sections of the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms are comparable to, or even bigger than, that of the gluon-gluon fusion process, especially for the $g + c \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}$ mechanism. To be more definite, we define a ratio

$$
R = \frac{\sigma_{total}}{\sigma_{gg \to \Xi_{cc}((cc)\bar{\mathfrak{g}}[^3S_1])}} \,, \tag{11}
$$

where σ_{total} stands for the cross section for all the concerned mechanisms and $\sigma_{gg\to\Xi_{cc}((cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[3S_1])}$ is the cross section for the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism with (cc) -diquark pair in $(cc)_{\mathbf{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ configuration only. The values of R for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} in various environments are shown in Tab.IV, which shows that the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms are not negligible: at SELEX they even dominate over the other mechanisms. The contributions from the (cc)-diquark pair in $cc_6[^1S_0]$ for all the concerned mechanisms are also considered in the work, and the results show that if the matrix element h_1 is at the same order of h_3 [9], i.e. $h_1 \simeq h_3$, the diquark pair will make a sizable contribution to the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} .

We may conclude that to be a full estimation for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} , one needs to take all these mechanisms into consideration. One may observe that by taking into account the 'intrinsic' mechanisms, the theoretical prediction on the Ξ_{cc} event can be almost one order higher than the previous predictions in which only the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism is considered. Nevertheless, there is still a big discrepancy between the SELEX observation [1] and pQCD predictions. Perhaps it is due to the fact that the small p_t regions is not amenable to the pQCD analysis, e.g., the 'intrinsic' mechanism $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}} + g$ and $c+c \to (cc)[{}^1S_0]_6+g$, according to constraint (10) there is a big contribution from nonperturbative QCD range, and the intrinsic charm fusion mechanism with the subprocesses $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^3S_1]_{\bar{3}}$ and $c + c \rightarrow (cc)[{}^1S_0]_{\bar{6}}$, which may contribute to the production greatly but only with very small p_t , and being non-perturbative QCD nature, it is not considered here. Another possibility might be that the SELEX experiment does not provide sufficient support for its claim of evidence for the observation of doubly charmed baryon Ξ_{cc} as pointed out by Ref.[3].

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APPENDIX A: CALCULATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE GLUON-GLUON FUSION MECHANISM UNDER THE IMPROVED HELICITY APPROACH

The general structure of the amplitude in 'explicit helicity' form can be written as

$$
M_i^{(\lambda_2, \lambda_4, \lambda_5, \lambda_6)}(q_{c3}, q_{c4}, q_{c1}, q_{c2}, k_1, k_2) = g_s^4 \sum_{\lambda_2, \lambda_3} C_i X_i D_1 B_{Fi}^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5, \lambda_6)}(q_{c3}, q_{c4}, q_{c1}, q_{c2}, k_1, k_2) \cdot D_2 B_{(cc)}^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_3)}(q_{c3}, q_{c1}), \tag{A1}
$$

where $i = 1, \dots, 72, \lambda_j$ $(j = 1, \dots, 6)$ denote the helicities of the quarks and gluons respectively. λ_1 denotes the helicity of $c(q_{c3})$, λ_2 that of $\bar{c}(q_{c4})$, λ_3 that of $c(q_{c1})$, λ_4 that of $\bar{c}(q_{c2})$; whereas λ_5 denotes that of gluon-1 and λ_6 denotes that of gluon-2. Here C_i , X_i denote the

color factor and the scalar factor from all the propagators as a whole for the ith-diagram, respectively. $B_{Fi}^{(\lambda_1,\lambda_2,\lambda_3,\lambda_4,\lambda_5,\lambda_6)}(q_{c3},q_{c4},q_{c1},q_{c2},k_1,k_2)$ and $B_{(cc)}^{(\lambda_1,\lambda_3)}$ $\binom{(\lambda_1,\lambda_3)}{(cc)}$ (qc3, qc1) are the amplitudes corresponding to the 'free quark part' $g(k_1, \lambda_5)g(k_2, \lambda_6) \rightarrow c(q_{c3}, \lambda_1)+\bar{c}(q_{c4}, \lambda_2)+c(q_{c1}, \lambda_3)+$ $\bar{c}(q_{c2}, \lambda_4)$ (all the quarks are on-shell) and the 'bound state part' $c(q_{c3}, \lambda_1)+c(q_{c1}, \lambda_3) \to (cc)$, respectively. $D_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a_0}}$ $\frac{1}{2q_{c3}\cdot q_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2q_c}}$ $\frac{1}{2q_{c4}\cdot q_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2q_c}}$ $\frac{1}{2q_{c1}.q_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2q_c}}$ $\frac{1}{2q_{c2}\cdot q_0}$ and $D_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2q_c}}$ $\frac{1}{2q_{c1}.q_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2q_c}}$ $\frac{1}{2q_{c3}\cdot q_0}$ are two common normalization factors.

By comparing Eq.(A1) with Eq.(22) in Ref.[18] that is for the B_c hadroproduction, one may observe that both amplitudes are quite similar with each other. Most of the present helicity amplitudes can be directly derived from the results in Ref. [18] by simply replacing the b-quark line there to the present c-quark line. And for the present case, we only need to deal with the following type of the helicity matrix element (HME) that is quite different from the case of B_c hadroproduction, i.e.

$$
\text{HME}_{i} = \langle q_{0\lambda_2} | (q_{c4} + m_c) \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_i (q_{c3} - m_c) | q_{0\lambda_1} \rangle , \qquad (A2)
$$

where $i = (1, \dots, 72)$ stands for the *i*-th Feynman diagram and $\hat{\Gamma}_i$ means that all the momentum in Γ_i (Γ_i stands for the explicit strings of Dirac γ matrices between $\overline{U}(q_{c3})$ and $V(q_{c4})$, which corresponds to *i*-th Feynman diagram) should change their sign and the string of the γ -matrices in Γ_i should be written in inverse order. In fact, such type of HME can also be relate to the familiar one as has been dealt with in the B_c case by adopting the following relation:

$$
HME_{i} = -\langle q_{0(-\lambda_{1})}|(q_{c3} + m_{c})\Gamma_{i}(q_{c4} - m_{c})|q_{0(-\lambda_{2})}\rangle.
$$
 (A3)

A simple demonstration of Eq.(A3) can be found in the last part of the appendix.

The sum of all the helicity amplitudes of the sub-process $g + g \rightarrow (cc) + \bar{c} + \bar{c}$ can be arranged as

$$
M^{(\lambda_2,\lambda_4,\lambda_5,\lambda_6)}(q_{c3},q_{c4},q_{c1},q_{c2},k_1,k_2) = \sum_{m=1}^{6} C_{mij} M_m^{(\lambda_2,\lambda_4,\lambda_5,\lambda_6)}(q_{c3},q_{c4},q_{c1},q_{c2},k_1,k_2)
$$
 (A4)

where C_{mij} ($m = 1 - 6$) are six independent color factors of the process,

$$
C_{1ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T^a T^b)_{mi} G_{mjk}, \quad C_{2ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T^b T^a)_{mi} G_{mjk},
$$

\n
$$
C_{3ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T^a)_{mj} (T^b)_{ni} G_{mnk}, \quad C_{4ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T^b)_{mj} (T^a)_{ni} G_{mnk},
$$

\n
$$
C_{5ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T^a T^b)_{mj} G_{mik}, \quad C_{6ij} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (T^b T^a)_{mj} G_{mik}, \quad (A5)
$$

TABLE V: The square of the six independent color factors (including the cross terms) for $gg \to$ $(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}[^{3}S_{1}] + \bar{c} + \bar{c}, (C_{mij} \times C_{nij}^{*})$ with $m, n = (1, 2, \dots, 6)$, respectively.

	C^*_{1ij}	C_{2ij}^*	C_{3ij}^*	C_{4ij}^*	C^*_{5ij}	C^\ast_{6ij}
\mathcal{C}_{1ij}	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
\mathcal{C}_{2ij}	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{12}$
\mathcal{C}_{3ij}	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
\mathcal{C}_{4ij}	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12}$
\mathcal{C}_{5ij}	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
C_{6ij}	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{3}$

TABLE VI: The square of the six independent color factors (including the cross terms) for $gg \to$ $(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}[^1S_0]+\bar{c}+\bar{c}, (C_{mij}\times C_{nij}^*)$ with $m,n=(1,2,\cdots,6)$, respectively.

where $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ are color indices of the two outgoing anti-quarks \bar{c} and \bar{c} respectively, and the indices a and b are color indices for gluon-1 and gluon-2 respectively. Here, the function G_{mjk} equals to the anti-symmetric ε_{mjk} for the (cc)-diquark in $\bar{3}$ configuration and equals to the symmetric f_{mjk} for the (cc)-diquark in 6 configuration respectively. The antisymmetric ε_{mjk} satisfies $\varepsilon_{mjk}\varepsilon_{m'j'k}=\delta_{mm'}\delta_{jj'}-\delta_{mj'}\delta_{jm'}$ and the symmetric f_{mjk} satisfies $f_{mjk}f_{m'j'k}=\delta_{mm'}\delta_{jj'}+\delta_{mj'}\delta_{jm'}.$

To get the matrix element squared, one needs to deal with the square of the above six independent color factors as shown in Eq.(A5) (including the cross terms), i.e. $(C_{mij} \times C_{nij}^*)$ with $m, n = (1, 2, \dots, 6)$. For reference use, we list the square of these six independent color factors in TABLE V and TABLE VI, which are for $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ and $(cc)_{\bar{6}}[^{1}S_{0}]$, respectively.

By keeping all these points in mind, we rewrite a program based on the B_c meson generator BCVEGPY[18, 19] to calculate the gluon-gluon fusion mechanism for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} .

Finally, we give a simple demonstration of the relation Eq.(A3). To demonstrate the relation Eq. $(A3)$, we shall adopt the following relation,

$$
\langle p_{(\lambda_1)} | k_1 ... k_n | q_{(\lambda_2)} \rangle = (-1)^{n+1} \langle q_{(-\lambda_2)} | k_n ... k_1 | p_{(-\lambda_1)} \rangle , \qquad (A6)
$$

whose non-zero ones can be explicitly written as [25]

$$
\langle p_-|k_1...k_n|q_+\rangle = -\langle q_-|k_n...k_1|p_+\rangle \quad (n \ \ even), \tag{A7}
$$

$$
\langle p_+|\not{k}_1...\not{k}_n|q_-\rangle = -\langle q_+|\not{k}_n...\not{k}_1|p_-\rangle \ (n \ even), \tag{A8}
$$

$$
\langle p_+|\not{k}_1...\not{k}_n|q_+\rangle = \langle q_-|\not{k}_n...\not{k}_1|p_-\rangle \ (n \ odd), \tag{A9}
$$

where $k_i(i = 1, \dots, n)$ are any types of momenta.

Generally, to the *i*-th Feynman diagram, we can expand Γ_i as,

$$
\Gamma_i = \sum_n C_n (\not p_1 \not p_2 \cdots \not p_n), \tag{A10}
$$

and then we have,

$$
\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\mathbf{i}} = \sum_{n} (-1)^{n} C_{n} (\not p_{n} \cdots \not p_{2} \not p_{1}), \tag{A11}
$$

where C_n are functions free of Dirac γ matrix element. Taking use of Eq.(A6), we finally obtain

$$
\langle q_{0(-\lambda_{1})}|(q_{c3}+m_{c})\Gamma_{2i}(q_{c4}-m_{c})|q_{0(-\lambda_{2})}\rangle
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{n} C_{n} \langle q_{0(-\lambda_{1})}|[q_{c3}(\not{p}_{1} \not{p}_{2} \cdots \not{p}_{n}) q_{c4}-m_{c} q_{c3}(\not{p}_{1} \not{p}_{2} \cdots \not{p}_{n})
$$
\n
$$
+ m_{c}(\not{p}_{1} \not{p}_{2} \cdots \not{p}_{n}) q_{c4}-m_{c}^{2}(\not{p}_{1} \not{p}_{2} \cdots \not{p}_{n})] |q_{0(-\lambda_{2})}\rangle
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{n} C_{n} \langle q_{0(\lambda_{2})}|[(-1)^{n+3} q_{c4}(\not{p}_{n} \cdots \not{p}_{2} \not{p}_{1}) q_{c3}-(-1)^{n+2}m_{c}(\not{p}_{n} \cdots \not{p}_{2} \not{p}_{1}) q_{c3}
$$
\n
$$
+ (-1)^{n+2} m_{c} q_{c4}(\not{p}_{n} \cdots \not{p}_{2} \not{p}_{1}) - (-1)^{n+1} m_{c}^{2}(\not{p}_{n} \cdots \not{p}_{2} \not{p}_{1})] |q_{0(\lambda_{1})}\rangle
$$
\n
$$
= -\langle q_{0(\lambda_{2})}|(q_{c4}+m_{c})\hat{\Gamma}_{2i}(q_{c3}-m_{c})|q_{0(\lambda_{1})}\rangle.
$$
\n(A12)

APPENDIX B: CALCULATION TECHNOLOGY IN FDC PROGRAM[20] AND THE SQUARE OF AMPLITUDE FOR THE INTRINSIC CHARM MECHANISM

First, we take gluon-gluon fusion mechanism as an explicit example to show the technology used in FDC program[20] and show in more detail how we can derive the program for the hadronic production of Ξ_{cc} from those of J/ψ .

The amplitude for each Feynman diagram of $g + g \rightarrow J/\psi(p_3) + c(p_4) + \bar{c}(p_5)$ can be written as:

$$
M(J/\psi) = \bar{u}(p_4, s_4) \Gamma_1 s_f(k_1, m_c) \cdots s_f(k_{n-1}, m_c) \Gamma_n v(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_1)
$$

$$
B(p_3, s, s_1, s_2, m_{J/\psi}) \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_2) \Gamma'_1 s_f(q_1, m_c) \cdots s_f(q_{n'-1}) \Gamma'_{n'} v(p_5, s_5).
$$
 (B1)

where $s_f(k, m)$ $(k = k_i \text{ or } q_i)$ is the fermion propagator, $B(p_3, s, s_1, s_2, m_{J/\psi})$ is the wavefunction of J/ψ , $\Gamma_1, \cdots, \Gamma_n, \Gamma'_1, \cdots, \Gamma'_n$, are the interaction vertices. The color factor part is treated separately (similar to the method described in Appendix.A) and will not discussed here.

One can easily find out the corresponding Feynman diagram in $g + g \to \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + \bar{c}(p_4) + \bar{c}(p_5)$ $\bar{c}(p_5)$ and the amplitude of it could be written as:

$$
M(\Xi_{cc}) = \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_1) \Gamma_n s_f(-k_{n-1}, m_c) \cdots s_f(-k_1, m_c) \Gamma_1 v(p_4, s_4)
$$

$$
B(p3, s, s_1, s_2, m_{\Xi_{cc}}) \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_2) \Gamma'_1 s_f(q_1, m_c) \cdots s_f(q_{n'-1}, m_c) \Gamma'_{n'} v(p_5, s_5),
$$
 (B2)

where $B(p_3, s, s_1, s_2, m_{\Xi_{cc}})$ is the wavefunction of Ξ_{cc} . For an arbitrary Fermion line,

$$
a = \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_1) \Gamma_n s_f(-k_{n-1}, m_c) \cdots s_f(-k_1, m_c) \Gamma_1 v(p_4, s_4),
$$

we have

$$
a = aT = vT(p4, s4)\Gamma1TsfT(-k1, mc)···sfT(-kn-1, mc)\GammanT \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s1)T= vT(p4, s4)CC-\Gamma1TCC-sfT(-k1, mc)CC-···CC-sfT(-kn-1, mc)CC-\GammanTCC- \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s1)T= (-1)(n+1) \bar{u}(p4, s4)\Gamma1sf(k1, mc)···sf(kn-1, mc)\Gammanv(\frac{p_3}{2}, s1),
$$

with the help of the following equations

$$
v^{T}(p_{4}, s_{4})C = -\bar{u}(p_{4}, s_{4}), \quad C^{-}\bar{u}(\frac{p_{3}}{2}, s_{1})^{T} = v(\frac{p_{3}}{2}, s_{1}),
$$

$$
C^{-}\Gamma_{i}^{T}C = -\Gamma_{i}, \quad C^{-}s_{f}^{T}(-k_{i}, m_{c})C = s_{f}(k_{i}, m_{c}).
$$

Where $C = -i\gamma^2 \gamma^0$ is the charge conjugation matrix. And then Eq.(B2) can be transformed as

$$
M(\Xi_{cc}) = (-1)^{(n+1)} \bar{u}(p_4, s_4) \Gamma_1 s_f(k_1, m_c) \cdots s_f(k_{n-1}, m_c) \Gamma_n v(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_1)
$$

$$
B(p_3, s, s_1, s_2, m_{\Xi_{cc}}) \bar{u}(\frac{p_3}{2}, s_2) \Gamma'_1 s_f(q_1, m_c) \cdots s_f(q_{n'-1}) \Gamma'_{n'} v(p_5, s_5).
$$
 (B3)

By comparing Eq.(B1) with Eq.(B3), one find that they are the same except for an overall factor $(-1)^{(n+1)}$, where 'n' is the interaction vertex number of the corresponding fermion line and depends on the detail of each Feynman diagram. Therefore, we can completely use the method of J/ψ to deal with Ξ_{cc} case by adding a factor $(-1)^{(n+1)}$ diagram by diagram. The detailed description of method to treat the J/ψ and B_c calculation could be found in the Ref.[19, 20].

All the above discussion is also valid for the calculation of the 'intrinsic' charm mechanisms. And the following results are obtained by taking the FDC program.

For convenience, we express the square of the amplitudes by the variants s, t and u , which are defined as:

$$
s = (p_1 + p_2)^2
$$
, $t = (p_1 - p_3)^2$, $u = (p_1 - p_4)^2$,

where $p_i = (E_i, p_{ix}, p_{iy}, p_{iz})$ are the corresponding momenta for the involved particles: p_1 and p_2 are the momenta of initial partons, p_3 and p_4 are the momenta of Ξ_{cc} and another outgoing particles respectively. Further more, for $\bar{c}(p_1) + g(p_2) \to \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + \bar{c}(p_4)$, we set

$$
u_1 = (u - 4m_c^2), \quad s_1 = (s - m_c^2), \quad t_1 = (t - m_c^2),
$$

and for $c(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + g(p_4)$, we set

$$
u_1 = (u - m_c^2), \quad s_1 = (s - 4m_c^2), \quad t_1 = (t - m_c^2).
$$

The relation, $u_1 + t_1 + s_1 = 0$, is useful to make all the expressions for the square of the amplitudes compact.

The square of the amplitude for the subprocess $c(p_1) + g(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + \bar{c}(p_4)$ with (cc)-diquark pair in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ can be written as,

$$
|\overline{M}|^2 = \frac{2^9 \alpha_s^3 |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 \pi^4}{3^5 M} \left[4M^2 \left(\frac{10}{u_1^2} + \frac{-4}{s_1 t_1} + \frac{11 u_1^2}{s_1^2 t_1^2} + \frac{4 u_1^4}{s_1^3 t_1^3} \right) + 4M^4 \left(\frac{-17}{s_1 t_1 u_1} + \frac{28 u_1}{s_1^2 t_1^2} + \frac{-20 u_1^3}{s_1^3 t_1^3} \right) \right. \\ \left. + 3M^6 \left(\frac{-12}{s_1 t_1 u_1^2} + \frac{-5}{s_1^2 t_1^2} + \frac{-14 u_1^2}{s_1^3 t_1^3} + \frac{4 u_1^4}{s_1^4 t_1^4} \right) + 8 \left(\frac{-2}{u_1} + \frac{11 u_1}{s_1 t_1} + \frac{-9 u_1^3}{s_1^2 t_1^2} \right) \right]. \tag{B4}
$$

The square of the amplitude for the subprocess $c(p_1) + g(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + \bar{c}(p_4)$ with (cc)-diquark pair in $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ can be written as,

$$
|\overline{M}|^2 = \frac{2^9 \alpha_s^3 |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 \pi^4}{3^5 M} \left[M^2 \left(\frac{-20}{u_1^2} + \frac{-1}{s_1 t_1} + \frac{-12 u_1^2}{s_1^2 t_1^2} \right) + 4 M^4 \left(\frac{-12}{s_1 t_1 u_1} + \frac{-u_1}{s_1^2 t_1^2} + \frac{-2 u_1^3}{s_1^3 t_1^3} \right) + M^6 \left(\frac{-48}{s_1 t_1 u_1^2} + \frac{8}{s_1^2 t_1^2} + \frac{-7 u_1^2}{s_1^3 t_1^3} + \frac{2 u_1^4}{s_1^4 t_1^4} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{-10}{u_1} + \frac{9 u_1}{s_1 t_1} + \frac{-2 u_1^3}{s_1^2 t_1^2} \right) \right].
$$
 (B5)

The square of the amplitude for the subprocess $c(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + g(p_4)$ with (cc)-diquark pair in $(cc)_{\bar{3}}[^{3}S_{1}]$ can be written as,

$$
|\overline{M}|^2 = \frac{2^{11} \alpha_s^3 |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 \pi^4}{3^6 M} \left[4M^2 \left(\frac{-4s_1^4}{t_1^3 u_1^3} + \frac{11s_1^3}{t_1^2 u_1^3} + \frac{15s_1^2}{t_1 u_1^3} + \frac{18s_1}{u_1^3} + \frac{34t_1}{u_1^3} + \frac{30t_1^2}{s_1 u_1^3} + \frac{10t_1^3}{s_1^2 u_1^3} \right) + 4M^4 \left(\frac{20s_1^3}{t_1^3 u_1^3} + \frac{28s_1^2}{t_1^2 u_1^3} + \frac{28s_1}{t_1 u_1^3} + \frac{17}{s_1 t_1 u_1} \right) + 3M^6 \left(\frac{-4s_1^4}{t_1^4 u_1^4} + \frac{-14s_1^3}{t_1^3 u_1^4} + \frac{-9s_1^2}{t_1^2 u_1^4} + \frac{-2s_1}{t_1 u_1^4} \right) + 3M^6 \left(\frac{-4s_1^4}{t_1^4 u_1^4} + \frac{-14s_1^3}{t_1^3 u_1^4} + \frac{-36t_1}{t_1 u_1^4} + \frac{-36t_1}{s_1 u_1^4} + \frac{-12t_1^2}{s_1^2 u_1^4} \right) + 8 \left(\frac{9s_1^3}{t_1^2 u_1^2} + \frac{11s_1^2}{t_1 u_1^2} + \frac{11s_1}{u_1^2} + \frac{2}{s_1} \right) \right].
$$
 (B6)

The square of the amplitude for the subprocess $c(p_1) + c(p_2) \rightarrow \Xi_{cc}(p_3) + g(p_4)$ with (cc)-diquark pair in $(cc)_{6}[^{1}S_{0}]$ can be written as,

$$
|\overline{M}|^2 = \frac{2^{11} \alpha_s^3 |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2 \pi^4}{3^6 M} \left[M^2 \left(\frac{12s_1^2}{t_1^2 u_1^2} + \frac{-s_1}{t_1 u_1^2} + \frac{-1}{u_1^2} + \frac{20}{s_1^2} \right) + 4M^4 \left(\frac{2s_1^3}{t_1^3 u_1^3} + \frac{-s_1^2}{t_1^2 u_1^3} + \frac{-s_1}{t_1 u_1^3} + \frac{12}{s_1 t_1 u_1} \right) + M^6 \left(\frac{-2s_1^4}{t_1^4 u_1^4} + \frac{-7s_1^3}{t_1^3 u_1^4} + \frac{-15s_1^2}{t_1^2 u_1^4} + \frac{-64s_1}{t_1 u_1^4} + \frac{-152}{u_1^4} + \frac{-144t_1}{s_1 u_1^4} + \frac{-48t_1^2}{s_1^2 u_1^4} \right) + \frac{2 \left(\frac{2s_1^3}{t_1^2 u_1^2} + \frac{9s_1^2}{t_1 u_1^2} + \frac{9s_1}{u_1^2} + \frac{10}{u_1^2} \right)}{t_1^2 u_1^2}.
$$
\n(B7)

In these equation, M is the mass of Ξ_{cc} and $\Psi_{cc}(0)$ is the wavefunction at origin for the [³S₁] cc state. And here we have adopted that $h_3 = |\Psi_{cc}(0)|^2$ and $h_1 = h_3$.

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