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Particles with two heavy quarks, a new tool for particle physics ?



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Summary

The objective of particle physics is to understand the elementary components of the nature, and the interactions between them. At present, it is understood that the matter is formed by quarks and leptons, which are bounded together by the fundamental forces. They are theoretically quite well described by the so-called Standard Model of particle physics.

In this colloquium, where no prior knowledge of particle physics will be assumed, we will highlight the particles formed by two heavy quarks, the beauty or the charm quark. We will discuss how the Large Hadron Collider beauty (LHCb) experiment located at CERN was used for their discovery and further studies, and the potential of this new tool for particle physics. We will focus on the doubly charmed baryon, and on the Bc meson made of a beauty quark and a charm antiquark, which is presently used to test the validity of one very basic theoretical pillar of the Standard Model, the assumption that all the leptons couple in exactly the same way to the fundamental interactions (Lepton Flavour Universality).

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