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Searching for Charged Higgs Bosons via $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}b\bar{b}$ at Linear Colliders

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We study a search for the charged Higgs boson via $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}b\bar{b}$ at the 500 GeV ILC. In a general two Higgs doublet model without Z_2 symmetry, extra Yukawa couplings ρ_{tc} and ρ_{tt} can drive electroweak baryogenesis, but searches at the HL-LHC may still go empty-handed if the couplings are relatively weak. Taking $m_{H^\pm} \simeq m_H \simeq m_A \simeq 200$ GeV, with $\rho_{tc}, \rho_{tt} \sim 0.1$ and no $h(125)$ - H mixing, $H^+ \rightarrow c\bar{b}$ decay is dominant, and the $c\bar{c}b\bar{b}$ final state is likely overwhelmed by QCD background at the LHC. We show that the electroweak production of H^+H^- at the ILC can be discovered with integrated luminosity of 1 ab^{-1} . Furthermore, we show that m_{H^\pm} can be extracted by requiring the two pairs of b and light jets be roughly equal in mass, without assuming the mass value. Thus, ILC can probe low mass Higgs bosons in multijet final states to complement HL-LHC in the future.

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