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A study of the decay  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  at CDF BRIANNA SCHUYLER, Johns Hopkins, CDF COLLABORATION — Using  $\sim 360~{\rm pb}^{-1}$  of Run II data collected by the CDF detector, we search for the decay  $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda_c^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ , in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=1.96~{\rm TeV}$ , where  $\Lambda_c$  baryon is reconstructed as  $\Lambda_c^+ \to p^+ K^- \pi^+$ . This decay mode is plagued by a substantial combinatorial background arising from a large track multiplicity characteristic of hadronic environment. We investigate ways of suppressing the combinatorial background in order to extract the  $\Lambda_b$  signal.

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