



# STUDY OF CHARMED BARYONS AT BELLE

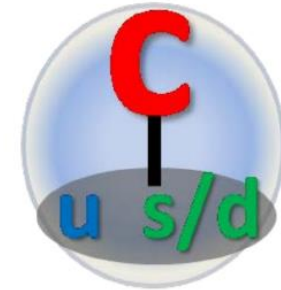
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# Introduction



- Charmed baryons consist of one heavy  $c$  quark and two light ( $u, d, s$ ) quarks. Large mass difference provides a natural way to classify these states using HQET.

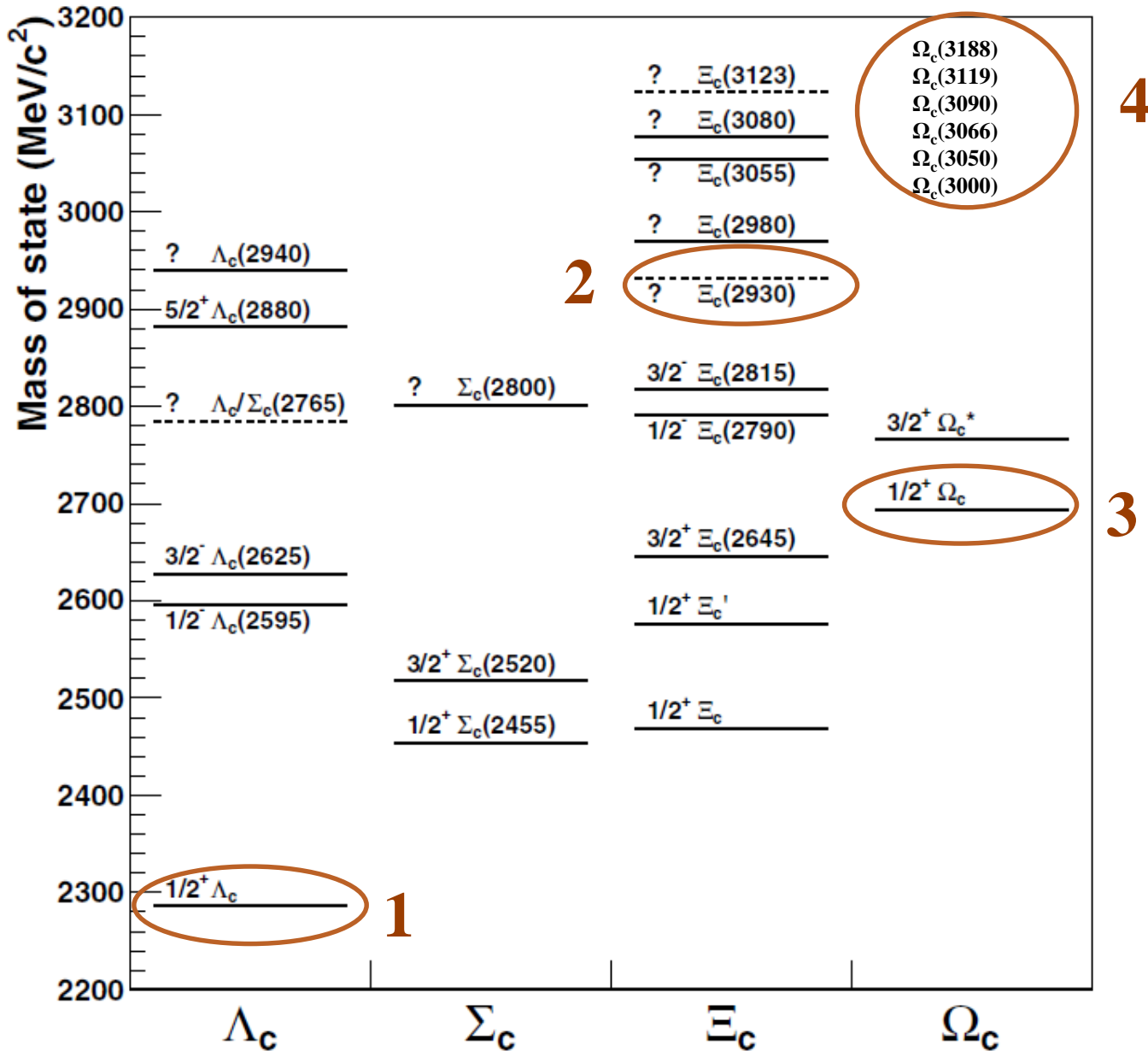


Light di-quark and charm quark

Symbol	$I$	Content
$N (p,n)$	1/2	$udq$
$\Delta$	3/2	$qqq$
$\Lambda$	0	$sud$
$\Sigma$	1	$sqq$
$\Xi$	1/2	$ssq$
$\Omega$	0	$sss$
$\Lambda_c$	0	$cud$
$\Sigma_c$	1	$cqq$
$\Xi_c$	1/2	$csq$
$\Omega_c$	0	$css$
$\Xi_{cc}$	1/2	$ccq$
$\Omega_{cc}$	0	$ccs$
$\Omega_{ccc}$	0	$ccc$

- Naming convention: to take a light baryon and replace one or more of  $s$  quarks with  $c$  quarks and add a  $c$  subscript for every quark replaced.
- Two production mechanisms at  $B$  factories:
  - in  $B$  decays (known initial  $J^P$ ),
  - from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  (efficient continuum background suppression with  $p^* > E_{CM}/4$ ).

# Plan of my talk



## Motivation:

- $\Lambda_c$  is the lightest charmed baryon;
- most  $\Lambda_b^0$  decays include  $\Lambda_c^+$ ;
- recent model-independent measurements of the normalization mode  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$  by Belle [1] and BESIII [2] improve the accuracy of the corresponding  $\Lambda_c^+$  branching ratios;
- $\Sigma$ - $\pi$  scattering length can be extracted using  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma \pi \pi \Rightarrow$  study of  $\Lambda(1405)$ .

## Analysis features:

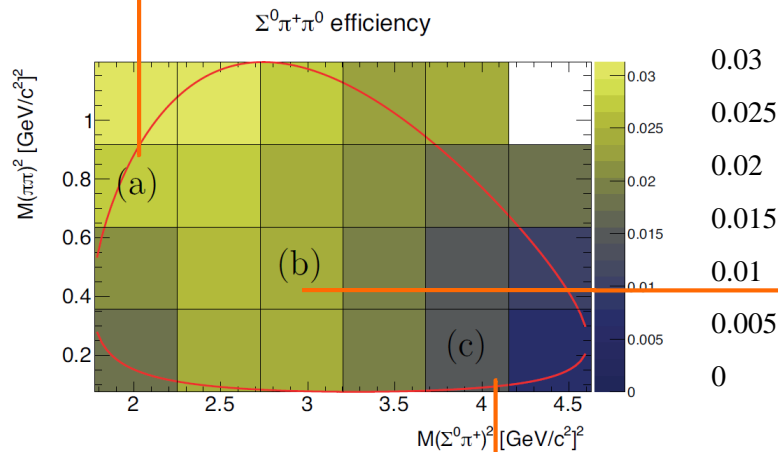
- 711 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data at  $Y(4S)$  resonance;
- three  $\Sigma \pi \pi$  decay modes are considered —  $\Sigma^+ \pi^- \pi^+$ ,  $\Sigma^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$ ,  $\Sigma^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$ ;
- all branching fractions are measured relative to  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ ;
- $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p \pi^-$ ;
- $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \gamma$ ;
- $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \pi^0$ .

[1] PRL 113 042002 (2014)

[2] PRL 116 052001 (2016)

## Signal yield extraction:

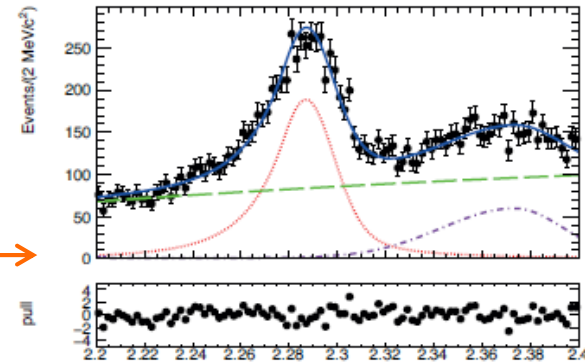
- model-independent way — binned Dalitz distribution;
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$  is also analyzed to calculate relative branching fractions;



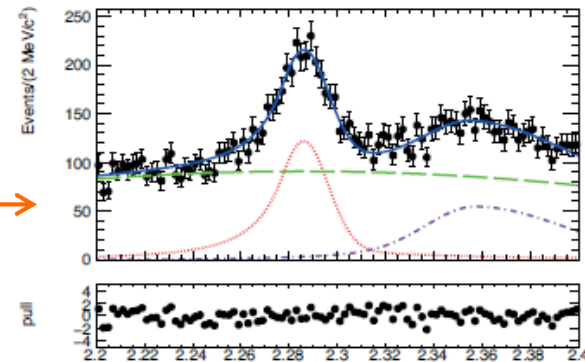
Final state  $\sum_i y_i / \epsilon_i [\times 10^3]$

$\Sigma^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$2636 \pm 10$
$\Sigma^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$	$2272 \pm 21$
$p K^- \pi^+$	$7249 \pm 9$
$\Sigma^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$	$741 \pm 21$

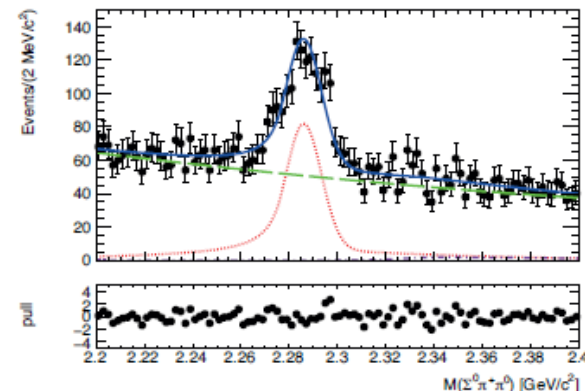
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- . . . .  $\Lambda^0 \pi^+ \pi^0 + \gamma$  bkg



(a)



(b)



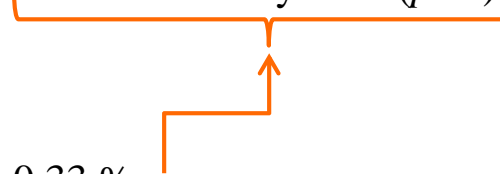
(c)

Results:

- branchings are measured relative to that of the decay  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ ;

Final state	$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma \pi \pi) / \mathcal{B}(p K \pi)$		$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma \pi \pi)$ [%]		$\mathcal{B}_{WA}(\Sigma \pi \pi)$ [%]
$\Sigma^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$0.706 \pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.030$	$4.48 \pm 0.02$	$\pm 0.19 \pm 0.23$	$4.57 \pm 0.29$
$\Sigma^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$	$0.491 \pm 0.005$	$\pm 0.023$	$3.12 \pm 0.03$	$\pm 0.15 \pm 0.16$	$2.3 \pm 0.9$
$\Sigma^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$	$0.198 \pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.017$	$1.26 \pm 0.04$	$\pm 0.11 \pm 0.07$	-

Errors                    stat    syst                    stat    syst     $\mathcal{B}(pK\pi)$



- assuming  $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+) = 6.35 \pm 0.33$  %,
- first measurement of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$ ;
- measurement of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$  is 4 times more precise than the current world average.

# $B^- \rightarrow K^- \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$

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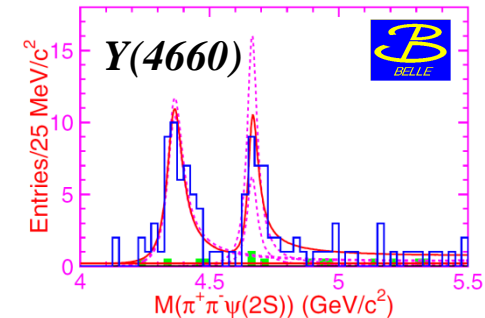
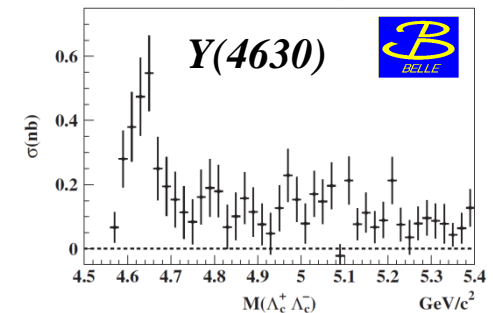
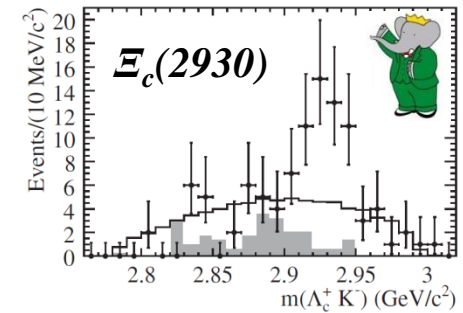


## Motivation:

- charmed-strange baryon  $\Xi_c(2930)^0$  reported only in  $B^- \rightarrow K^- \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$  by BaBar [1] (no significance given);
- charmonium-like state  $Y(4630)$  observed by Belle in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{ISR} \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$  [2];
- exotic state  $Y(4660)$  (same as  $Y(4630)$ ?) observed by Belle in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{ISR} \pi^+ \pi^- \psi'$  [3]
  - can be modeled as  $f_0(980)\psi'$  bound state [4],
  - should have a spin partner  $Y_\eta$  ( $f_0(980)\eta_c(2S)$  bound state) with  $M \approx 4613 \pm 4$  MeV and  $\Gamma \approx 30$  MeV,
  - expected to have large partial width into  $\Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$ .

## Analysis features:

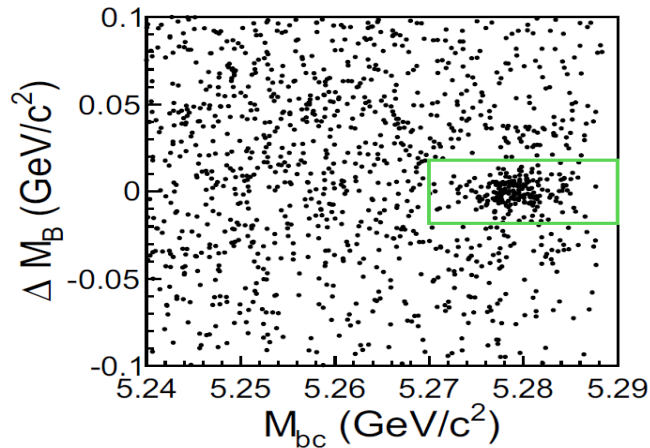
- 711 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data at  $Y(4S)$  resonance;
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+, pK^0_s, \Lambda\pi^+, pK^0_s\pi^+\pi^-, \Lambda\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-$ ;
- at least one of  $\Lambda_c^+$  and  $\Lambda_c^-$  are reconstructed via  $pK^+\pi^-$  or  $pK^-\pi^+$ ;
- $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ ;
- simultaneous 2D fit to  $\Delta M_B$  vs  $M_{bc}$ , where  $\Delta M_B = M_B - m_B$ ,  
 $M_{bc} = \sqrt{(E_{\text{beam}})^2 - \sum p_i^2}$ .



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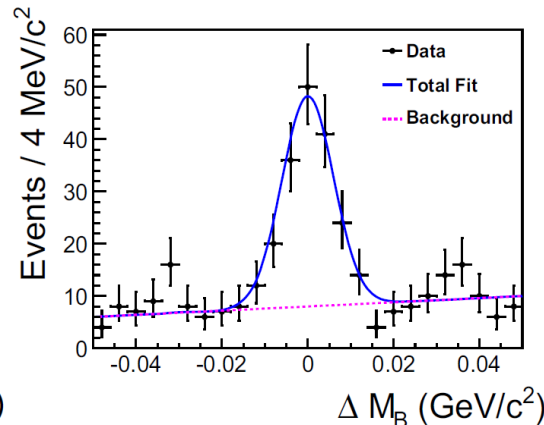
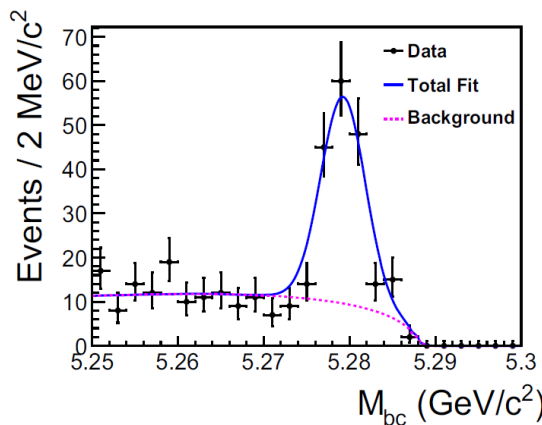
## Results:

- $153 \pm 14$  signal events;
- measurement with improved precision of  $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow K^- \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-) = (4.80 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-4}$ ; previous results by BaBar  $(9.0 \pm 4.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$  [1] and Belle  $(6.2^{+2.5}_{-2.4} \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$  [2].



[1] PRD 77 031101 (2008)

[2] PRL 97 202003 (2006)





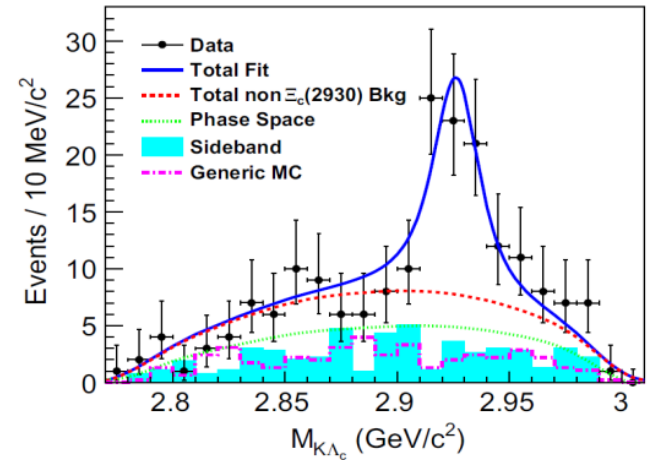
### Results (continued):

- first observation of  $\Xi_c(2930)^0$  with significance  $> 5\sigma$ :

$$M = (2928.9 \pm 3.0^{+0.9}_{-12.0}) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma = (19.5 \pm 8.4^{+5.9}_{-7.9}) \text{ MeV},$$

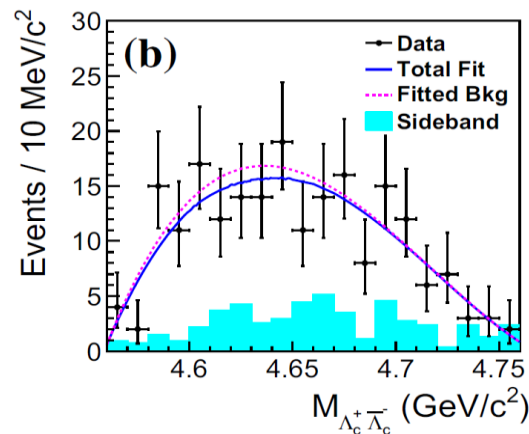
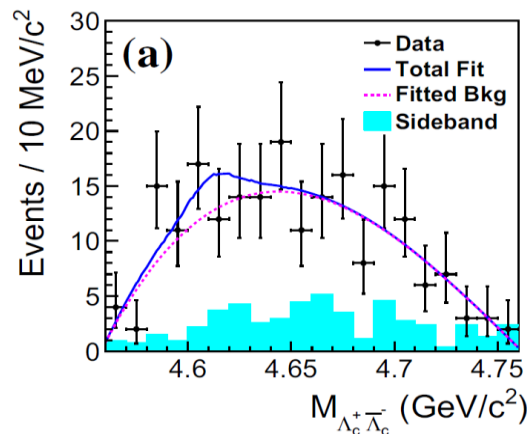
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \Xi_c(2930)^0 \Lambda_c^-) \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c(2930)^0 \rightarrow K^- \Lambda_c^+) = \\ = (1.73 \pm 0.45 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-4}; \end{aligned}$$



- 90% C. L. upper limits for  $Y(4660)$  and its theoretically predicted spin partner  $Y_\eta$ :

(a)  $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow K^- Y_\eta) \mathcal{B}(Y_\eta \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-) < 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ;

(b)  $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow K^- Y(4660)) \mathcal{B}(Y(4660) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-) < 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,

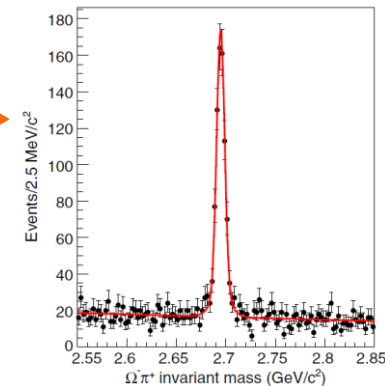


## Motivation:

- low  $\Omega_c^0$  production cross section  $\Rightarrow$  less information on its hadronic decays than for any other weakly decaying charmed baryons ( $\Lambda_c^+$ ,  $\Xi_c^0$ , and  $\Xi_c^+$ ) or charmed mesons;
- $\Omega_c^0 = (css)$ , i.e. two quarks have the same flavor  $\Rightarrow$  many decay diagrams producing the same final states  $\Rightarrow$  interference  $\Rightarrow$  need more information on branchings.

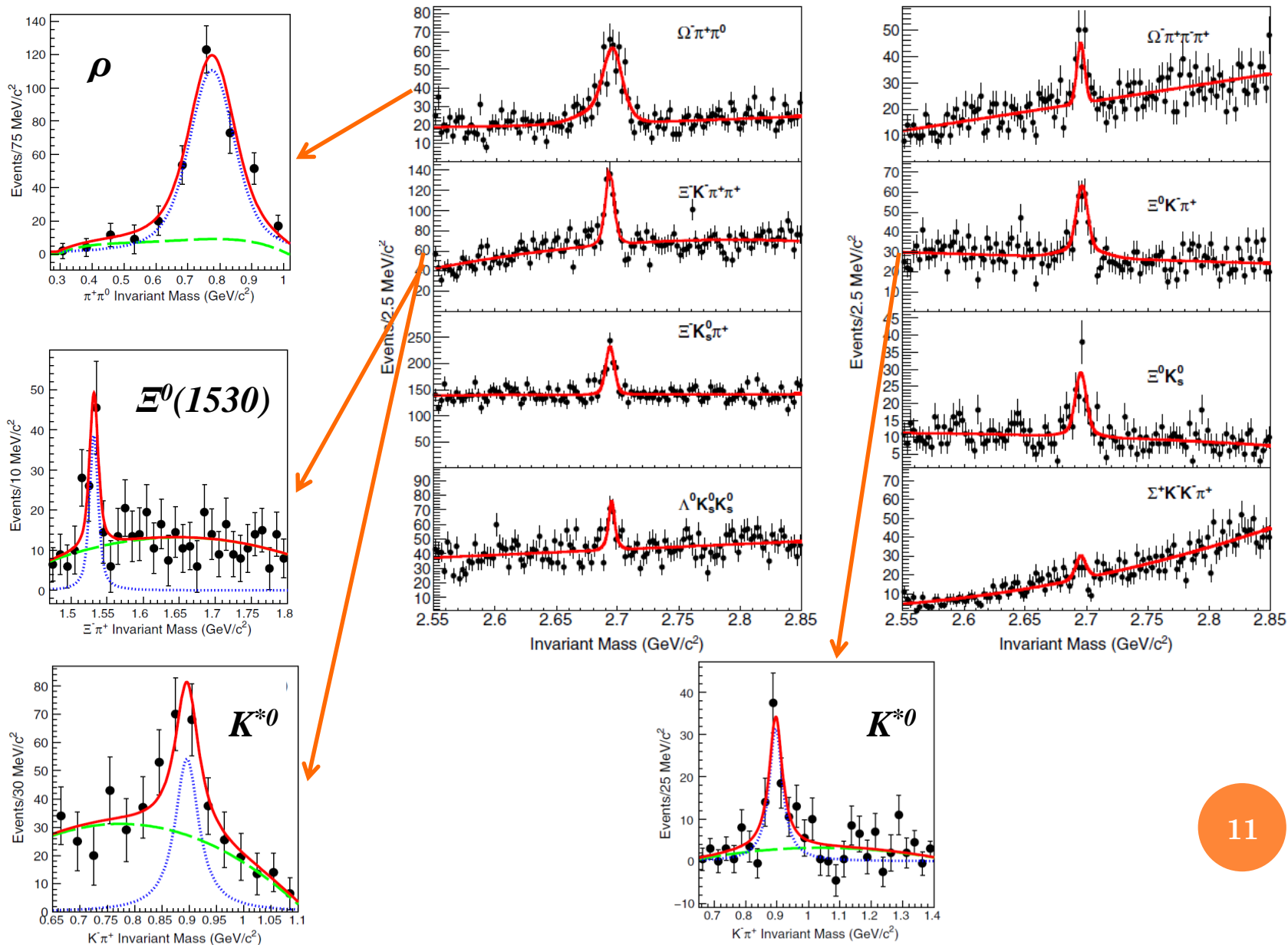
## Analysis features:

- 980 fb<sup>-1</sup> of  $e^+e^-$  annihilation data;
- eight  $\Omega_c^0$  decay modes are considered
  - $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ ,  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+ \pi^+$  (previously measured by CLEO [1] and BaBar [2]),
  - $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- K^0 \pi^+$ ,  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^0$ ,  $\Lambda_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 K^0$  (previously unreported),
  - $\Sigma_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^- K^+ \pi^+$  (reported by Fermilab E687 [3]);
- all branching fractions are measured relative to  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$ ;  $\rightarrow$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p \pi^+$ ;
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$ ,  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$ ;
- $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$ ,  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$ ;
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$ ;
- $\Sigma_c^+ \rightarrow p \pi^0$ .



# Hadronic decays of $\Omega_c^0$

# II



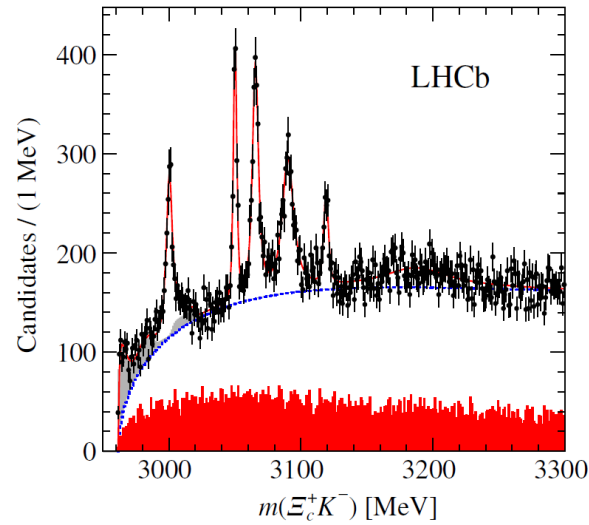
## Results:

- branching ratios of four  $\Omega_c^0$  decay modes measurement with improved precision;
- ○ first measurement of intermediate resonances;
- ○ three decay branching ratios are measured for the first time;
- upper limit is set on  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^- K^- \pi^+) / \mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ , while E687 observed  $42.5 \pm 8.8$  events;
- comment: for other weakly decaying charmed baryons  $Y_c$   
 $\mathcal{B}(Y_c \rightarrow Y \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+) / \mathcal{B}(Y_c \rightarrow Y \pi^+) \gg 1$ , but  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+) / \mathcal{B}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+) < 1$ .

Mode	Branching ratio with respect to $\Omega^- \pi^+$	Substructure	Previous measurement
$\Omega^- \pi^+$	1		
$\Omega^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	$2.00 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.11$		$1.27 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.11$
$\Omega^- \rho^+$		$>71\%$	
$\Omega^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$0.32 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.02$		$0.28 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.01$
$\Xi^- K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	$0.68 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.03$		$0.46 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.03$
$\Xi^0(1530) K^- \pi^+$		$(33 \pm 9)\%$	
$\Xi^- \bar{K}^{*0} \pi^+$		$(55 \pm 16)\%$	
$\Xi^0 K^- \pi^+$	$1.20 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.08$		$4.0 \pm 2.5 \pm 0.4$
$\Xi^0 \bar{K}^{*0}$		$(57 \pm 10)\%$	
$\Xi^- \bar{K}^0 \pi^+$	$2.12 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.14$		
$\Xi^0 \bar{K}^0$	$1.64 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.12$		
$\Lambda \bar{K}^0 \bar{K}^0$	$1.72 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.14$		
$\Sigma^+ K^- K^- \pi^+$	$<0.32$ (90% CL)		

## Motivation:

- LHCb observed five narrow resonances and one wide enhancement at higher mass in  $\Xi_c^+ K^-$  [1];

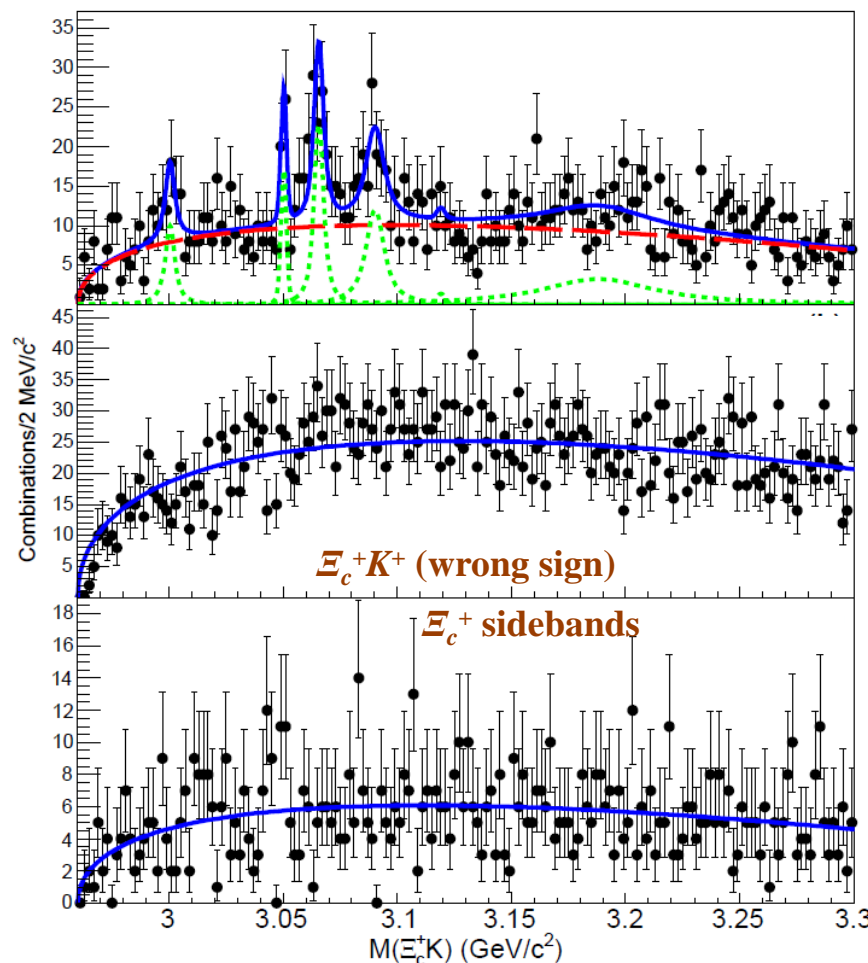


## Analysis features:

- 980 fb<sup>-1</sup> of  $e^+e^-$  annihilation data;
- seven  $\Xi_c^+$  decay modes are considered ( $\Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $\Lambda K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $\Xi^0 \pi^+$ ,  $\Xi^0 \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $\Sigma^+ K^- \pi^+$ ,  $\Lambda K_S^0 \pi^+$ ,  $\Sigma^0 K_S^0 \pi^+$ );
- we look for  $\Omega_c^{*0} \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ K^-$ ;
- masses and widths are fixed to the values found by LHCb.

## Results:

- strong confirmation of  $\Omega_c(3066)$  and  $\Omega_c(3090)$ ;
- confirmation with significance  $< 5\sigma$  of  $\Omega_c(3000)$  and  $\Omega_c(3050)$ ;
- no confirmation for  $\Omega_c(3119)$ ;
- indication of wide excess at higher mass, consistent with LHCb;
- results fit into the heavy-quark—light-diquark models prediction on the existence of states in the mass range 2.9 – 3.2 GeV.



$\Omega_c$ Excited State	3000	3050	3066	3090	3119	3188
Yield	$37.7 \pm 11.0$	$28.2 \pm 7.7$	$81.7 \pm 13.9$	$86.6 \pm 17.4$	$3.6 \pm 6.9$	$135.2 \pm 43.0$
Significance	$3.9\sigma$	$4.6\sigma$	$7.2\sigma$	$5.7\sigma$	$0.4\sigma$	$2.4\sigma$
LHCb Mass	$3000.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$	$3050.2 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1$	$3065.5 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3$	$3090.2 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5$	$3119 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.9$	$3188 \pm 5 \pm 13$
Belle Mass (with fixed $\Gamma$ )	$3000.7 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.2$	$3050.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2$	$3064.9 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.2$	$3089.3 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.2$	-	$3199 \pm 9 \pm 4$

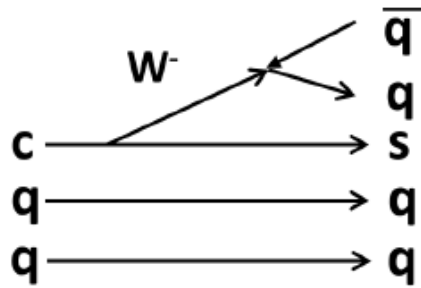
- $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Sigma \pi \pi$ 
  - Branching fractions of decays  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi \pi^+$  and  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^+ \pi^0$  are measured relative to that of the decay  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$  with improved precision.
  - $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^0 \pi^0) / \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)$  is measured for the first time.
- $B^- \rightarrow K^- \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-$ 
  - $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow K^- \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^-)$  is measured with improved accuracy.
  - $\Xi_c(2930)^0$  is observed for the first time. Its mass, width and product branching fraction is reported.
- **Hadronic decays of  $\Omega_c^0$** 
  - Branchings of decays  $\Omega_c^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ ,  $\Omega_c^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ ,  $\Xi^- K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ , and  $\Xi^0 K^- \pi^+$  are measured relative to that of the decay  $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$  with improved precision.
  - For the first time  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Xi^- K^0 \pi^+) / \mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^0) / \mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Lambda K^0 K^0) / \mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$  are reported.
  - Upper limit is set on  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K^- K^- \pi^+) / \mathcal{B}(\Omega_c \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ .
- **Excited  $\Omega_c$** 
  - $\Omega_c(3066)$  and  $\Omega_c(3090)$  are strongly confirmed.
  - $\Omega_c(3000)$  and  $\Omega_c(3050)$  are confirmed with less significance.
  - There is no confirmation for  $\Omega_c(3119)$ .
  - Indication of wide excess at higher mass, consistent with LHCb, is presented.



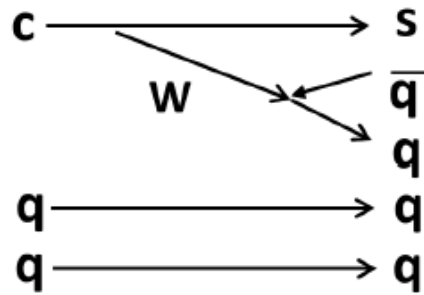
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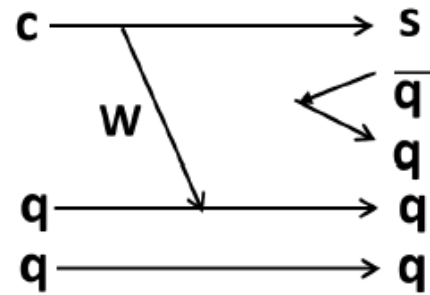
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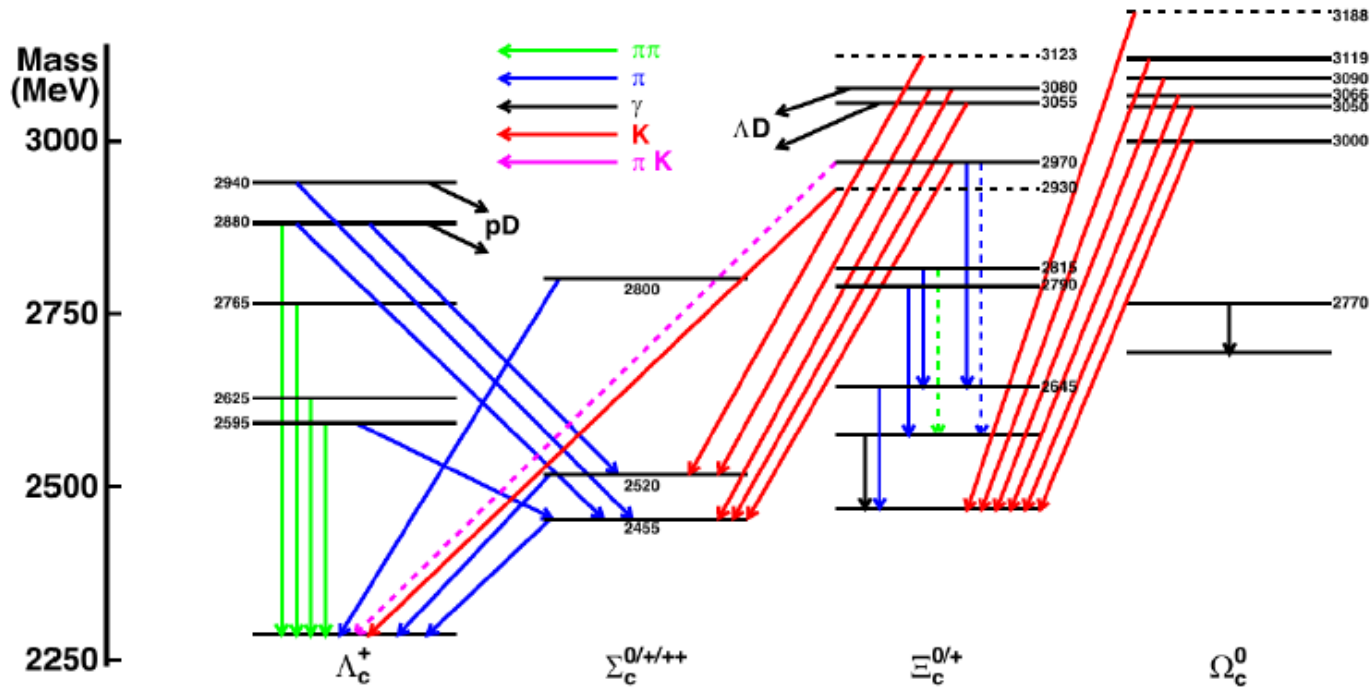
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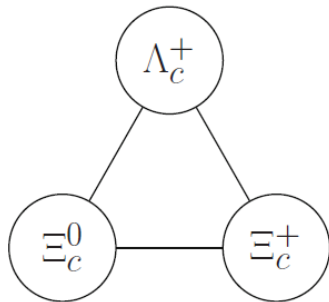


# Charmed baryons

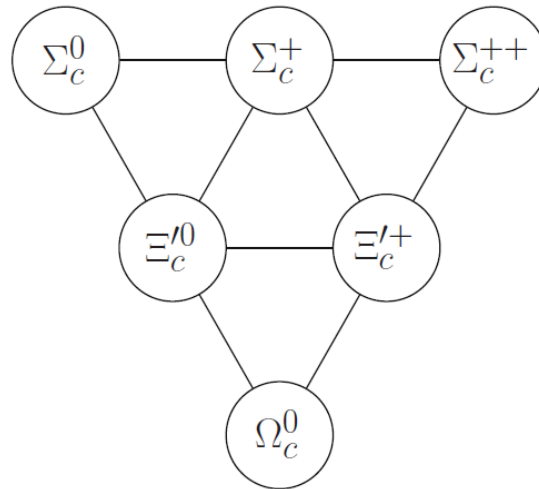


- $\Lambda_c$  –  $qq$  with isospin 0 (flavor antisymmetric);
- $\Sigma_c$  –  $qq$  with isospin 1 (flavor symmetric);
- $\Xi_c$  –  $sq$  with isospin 1/2 (either);
- $\Omega_c$  –  $ss$  with isospin 0 (flavor symmetric).

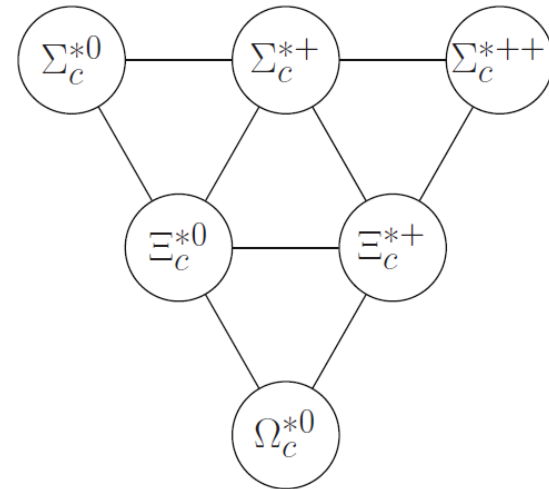
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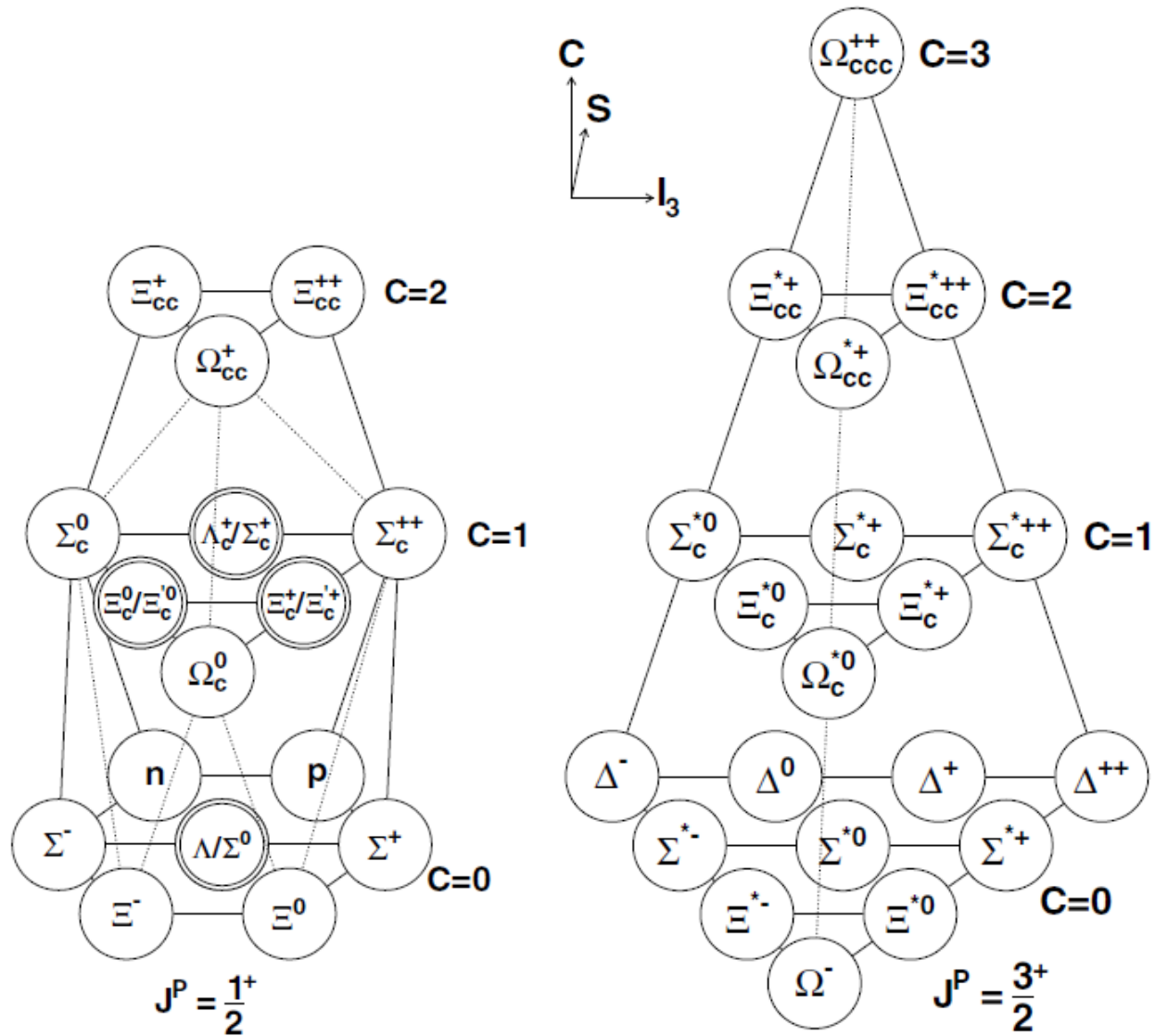
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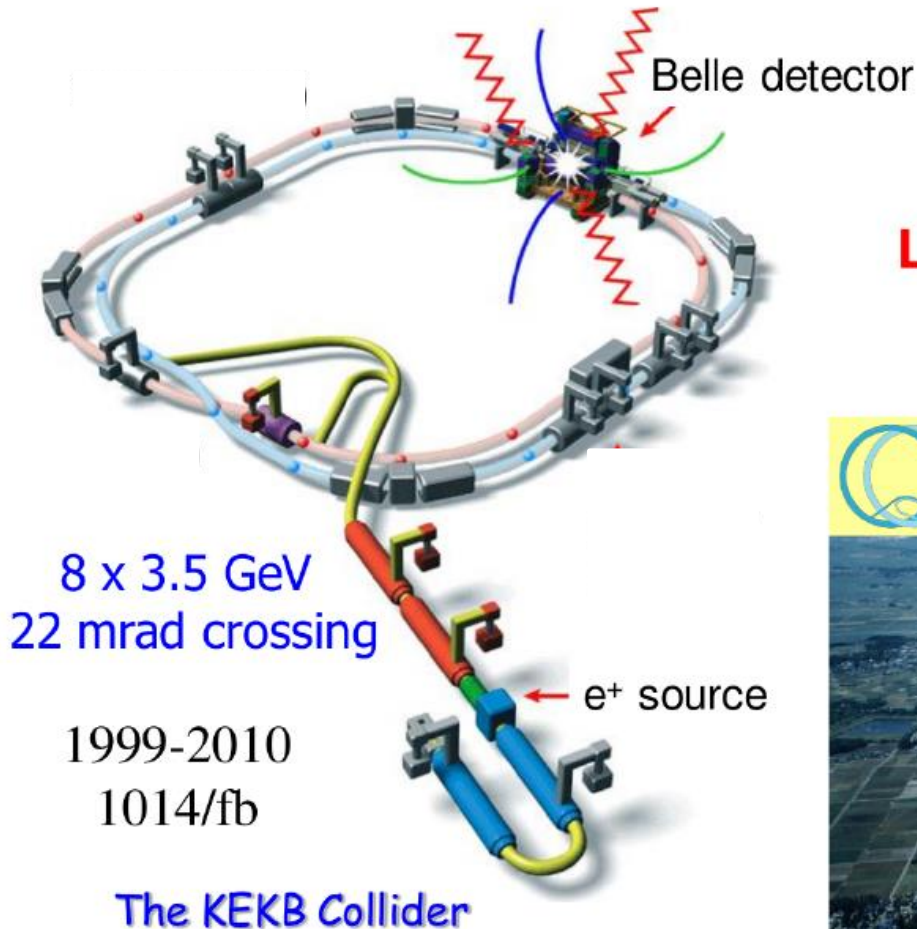
$$j = 1, J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$$



# Baryons



# Belle experiment



World record:  
 **$L = 2.1 \times 10^{34}/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$**



The new generation SuperKEKB has been launched, and Belle II recorded the first collisions on April 26, 2018, JST!

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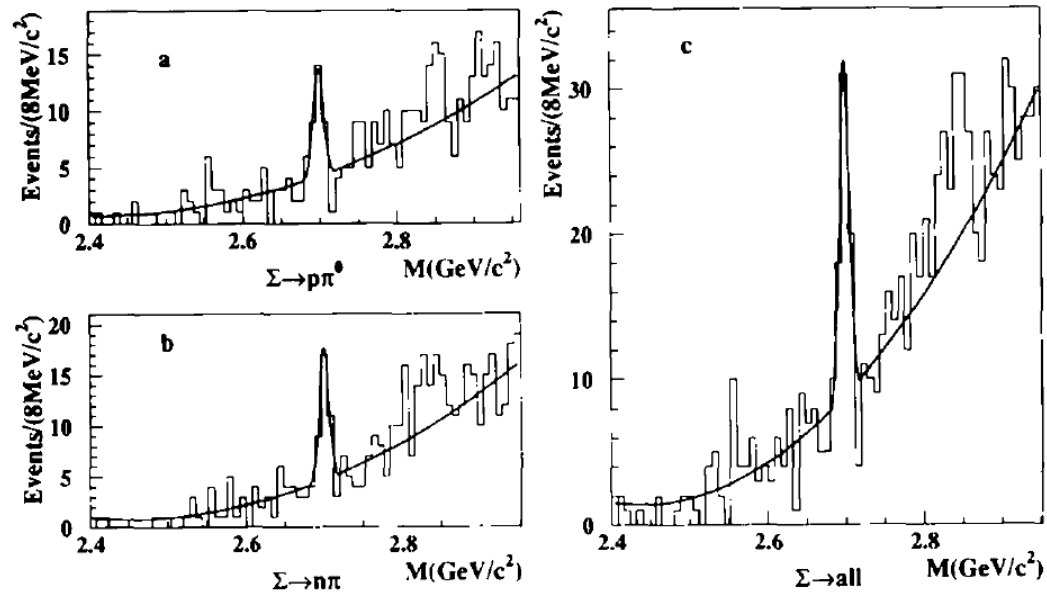


Fig. 1. (a)  $\Sigma^- K^- K^- \pi^+$  invariant mass distribution for the  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0$  decay mode; (b)  $\Sigma^- K^- K^- \pi^+$  invariant mass distribution for the  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow n\pi^+$  decay mode; and (c)  $\Sigma^- K^- K^- \pi^+$  invariant mass distribution for both decay modes of the  $\Sigma^+$ .

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