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# Charmed baryons at Belle and Belle II

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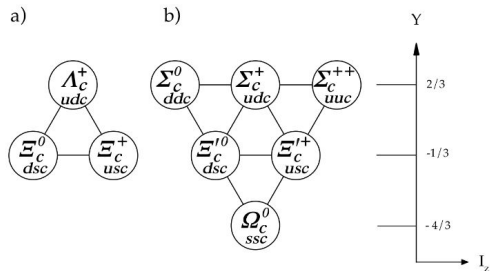


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# Charmed baryons topics

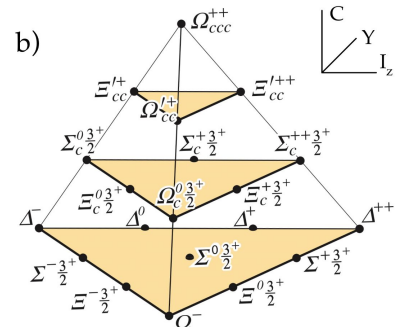
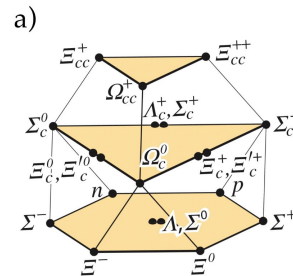
**spectroscopy**

- mass
- width
- quantum numbers ( $I^G, J^{PC}$ )



**weak decays**

- lifetime hierarchy
- branching fractions



**strong decays of excited states**

- dynamics & probabilities

# Introduction

In the past two decades, many new excited charmed baryon states have been discovered by BaBar, Belle, CLEO and LHCb. [**Chin. J. Phys. 78 (2022) 324**]

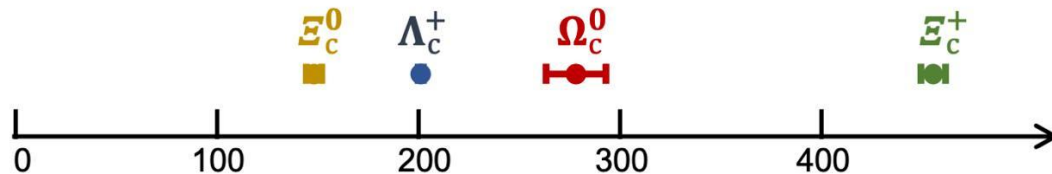
- Theoretical interest peaked ~ early 1990s
- But we still do not have a good phenomenological model
- Lifetimes of the heavy baryons are commonly analyzed within the framework of heavy quark expansion (HQE)
- Prediction by HQE :

$$\tau(\Xi^+_c) > \tau(\Lambda^+_c) > \tau(\Xi^0_c) > \tau(\Omega^0_c)$$

is in agreement with experiments before 2018

# Lifetime of charmed baryons

High influence of spectator quarks!



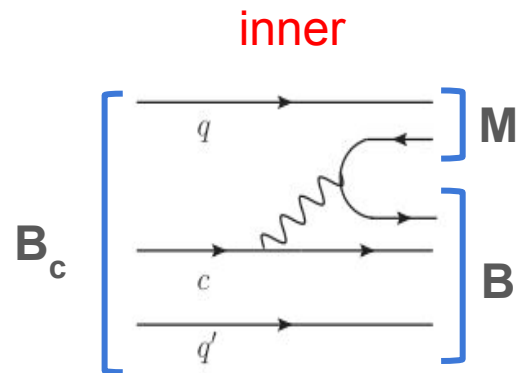
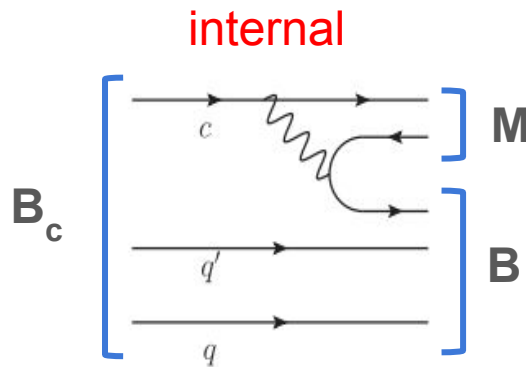
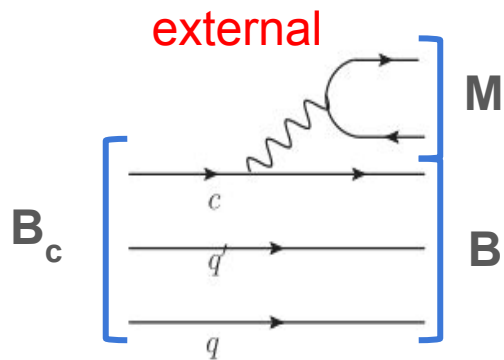
Lifetime hierarchy of charmed baryons, fs [PDG 2024]

Evolution of the charmed baryon lifetimes measured in units of  $10^{-13}$  s. **[Chin. J. Phys. 78 (2022) 324]**

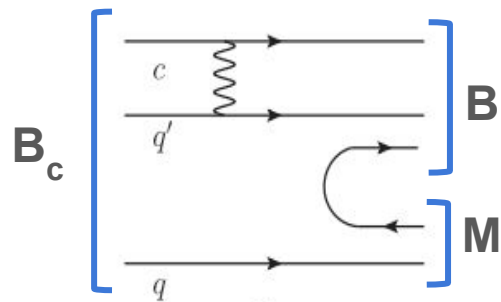
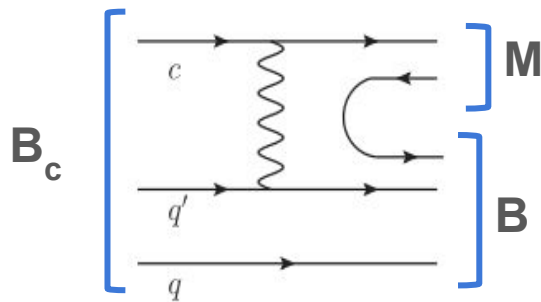
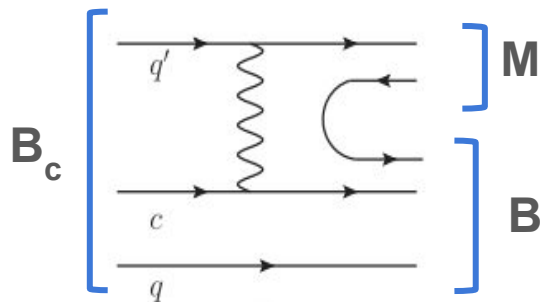
	$\tau(\Xi_c^+)$	$\tau(\Lambda_c^+)$	$\tau(\Xi_c^0)$	$\tau(\Omega_c^0)$
PDG (2004–2018) [5]	$4.42 \pm 0.26$	$2.00 \pm 0.06$	$1.12^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$	$0.69 \pm 0.12$
LHCb (2018) [6]				$2.68 \pm 0.26$
LHCb (2019) [125]	$4.57 \pm 0.06$	$2.035 \pm 0.022$	$1.545 \pm 0.026$	
PDG (2020) [31]	$4.56 \pm 0.05$	$2.024 \pm 0.031$	$1.53 \pm 0.06$	$2.68 \pm 0.26$
LHCb (2021) [126]			$1.480 \pm 0.032$	$2.765 \pm 0.141$
WA (2021)	$4.56 \pm 0.05$	$2.024 \pm 0.031$	$1.520 \pm 0.020$	$2.745 \pm 0.124$

# Weak decays

$B_c$  - charmed baryon; B - daughter baryon; M - daughter meson

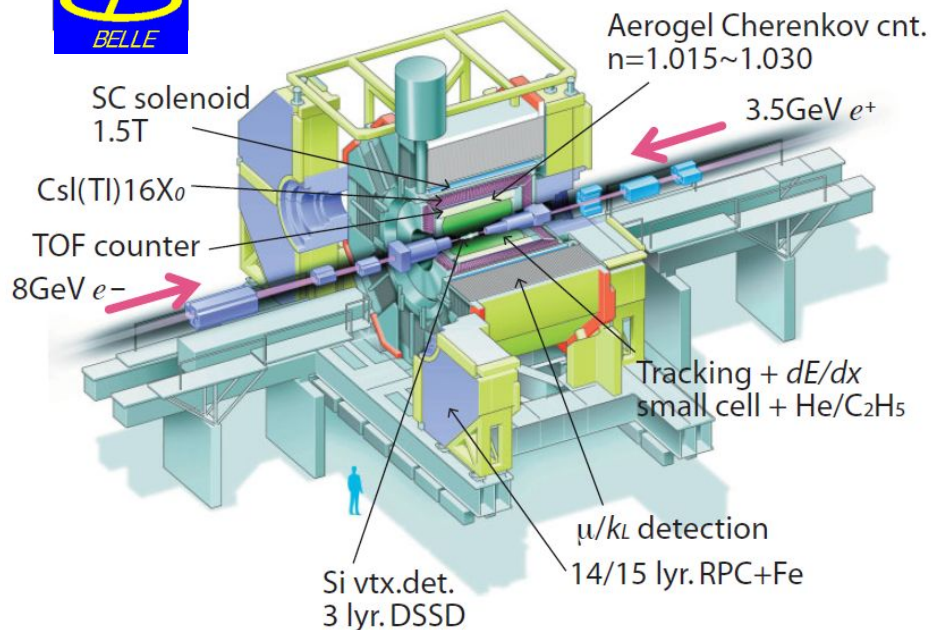


**W - emission**



**W - exchange**

# Belle/Belle II detector

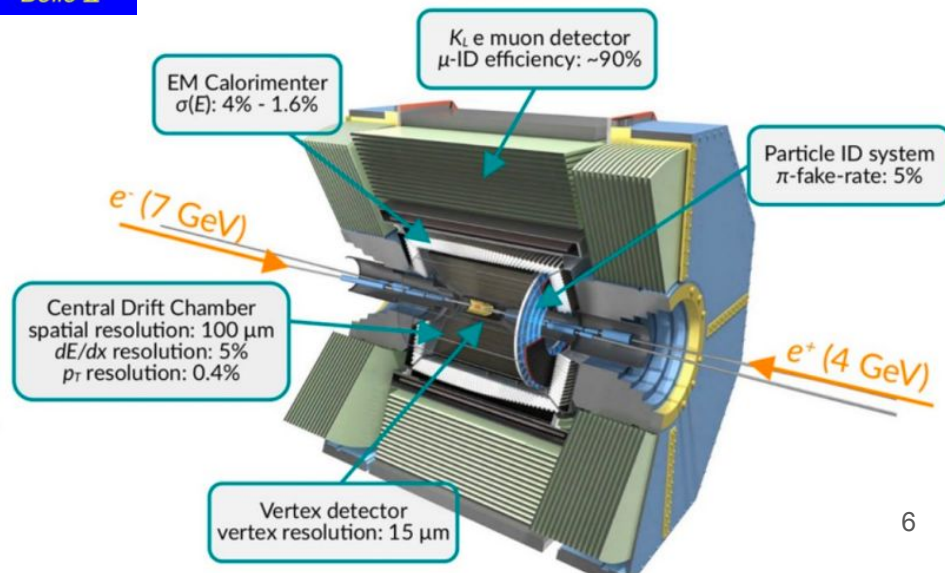


1999-2010 data collection,  $\sim 1\text{ab}^{-1}$

Belle/Belle II is universal  $4\pi$  magnetic spectrometer

asymmetrical beams

- upgraded version of Belle
- start in 2019



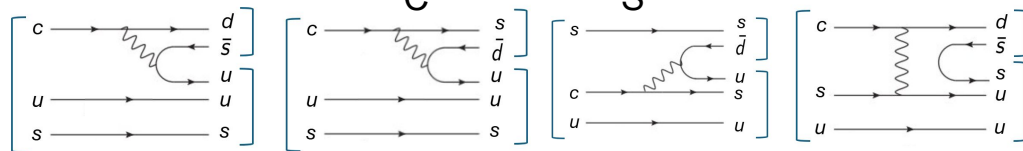
# Overview of selected analysis

- Measurements of the branching fractions (BF) of  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K_s^0$ ,  $\Xi^0 \pi^+$ , and  $\Xi^0 K^+$
- Observations of the singly Cabibbo-suppressed (SCS) decays  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K_s^0$ ,  $\Lambda \pi^+$ , and  $\Sigma^0 \pi^+$
- Measurement of the BF of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_s^0 \pi^0$
- Measurements of the BF of  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0$ ,  $\Xi^0 \eta$ , and  $\Xi^0 \eta'$  and asymmetry parameter of  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0$

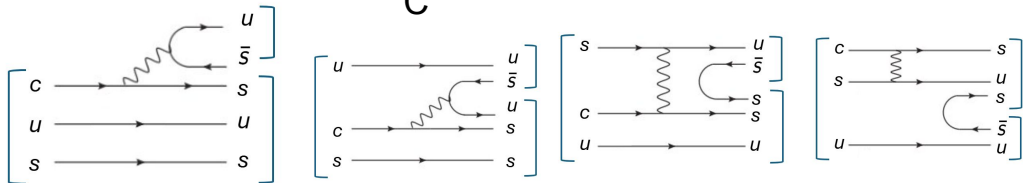
# Measurements of the BF of $\Xi_C^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K_S^0$ , $\Xi_C^0 \pi^+$ , and $\Xi_C^0 K^+$

Belle, 980 fb<sup>-1</sup> + Belle II, 428 fb<sup>-1</sup>

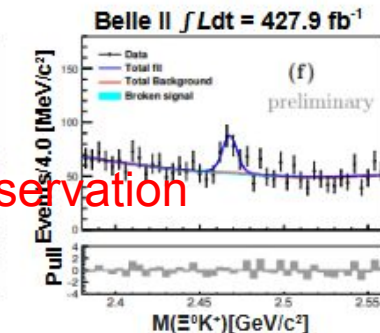
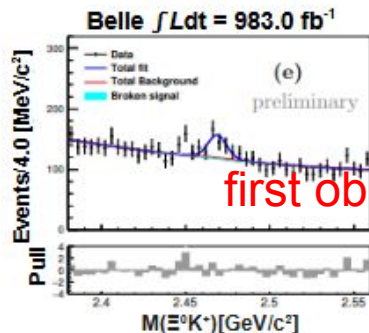
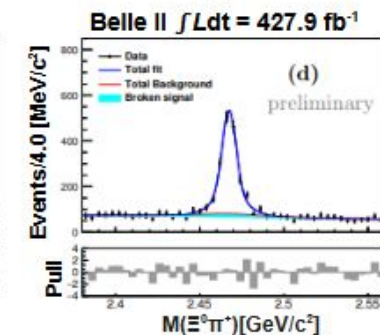
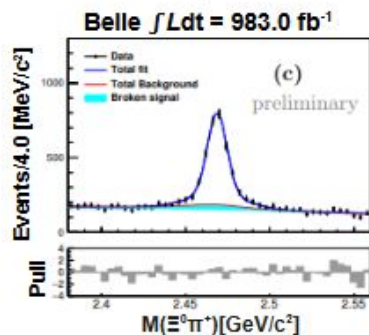
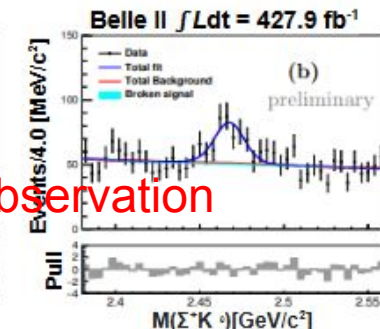
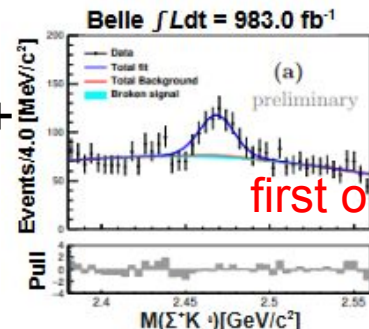
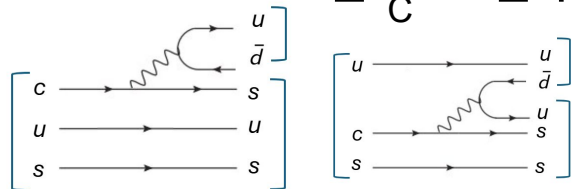
$$\Xi_C^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K_S^0$$



$$\Xi_C^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^+$$



$$\Xi_C^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^+$$





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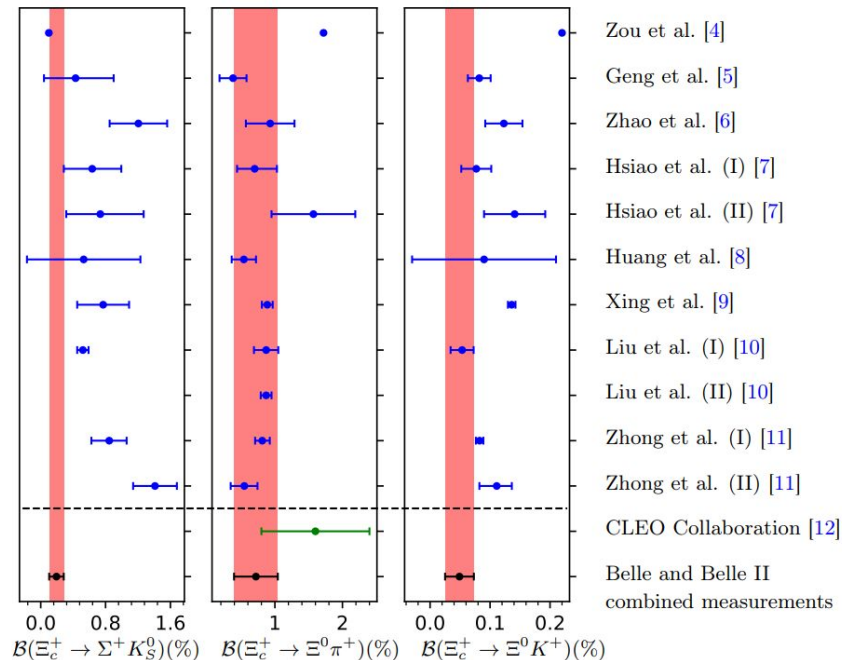
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K_S^0)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)} = 0.067 \pm 0.007^{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.003^{\text{syst.}},$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)} = 0.248 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.009,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)} = 0.017 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001.$$

first measurement !

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 K^+) / \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^+) = 0.068 \pm 0.010^{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.004^{\text{syst.}}.$$

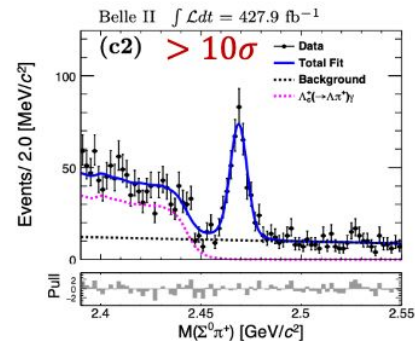
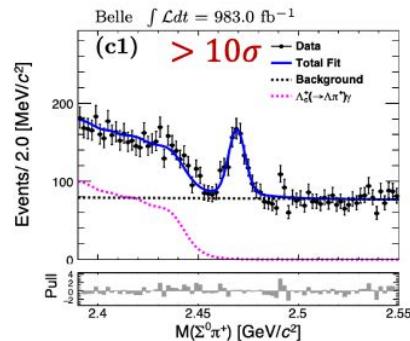
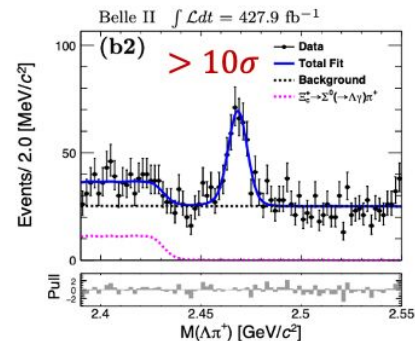
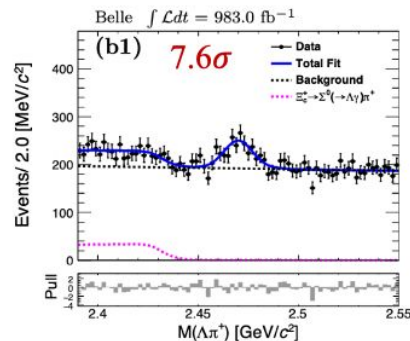
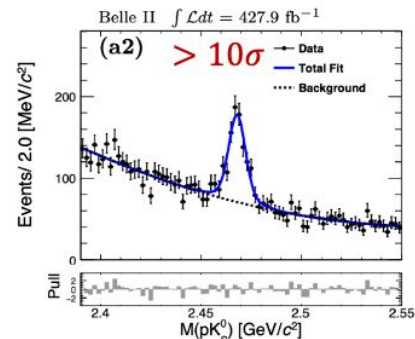
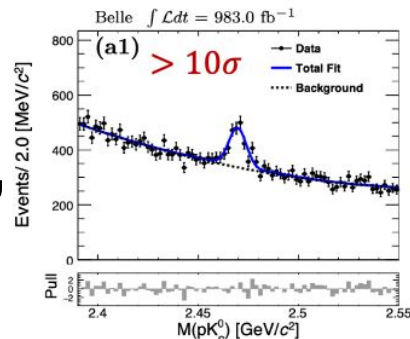
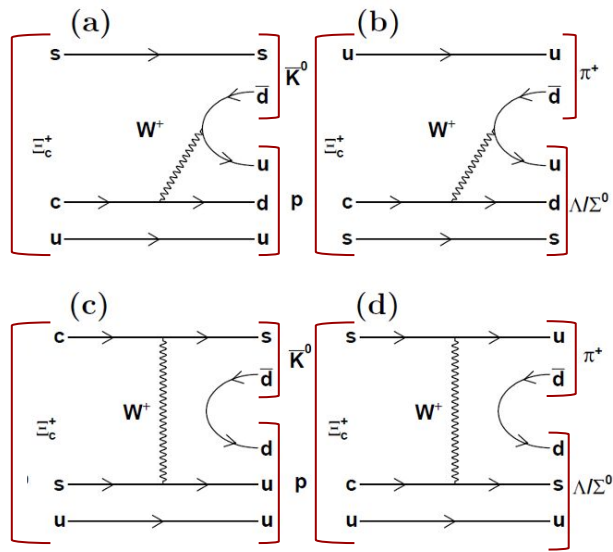


BF of  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^+ K_S^0$  lower than the central values predicted by most theoretical papers

# Observations of the SCS decays $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^0$ , $\Lambda\pi^+$ , and $\Sigma^0\pi^+$

Belle,  $980\text{ fb}^{-1}$  + Belle II,  $428\text{ fb}^{-1}$  JHEP 03 (2025) 061

first measurements of SCS decays



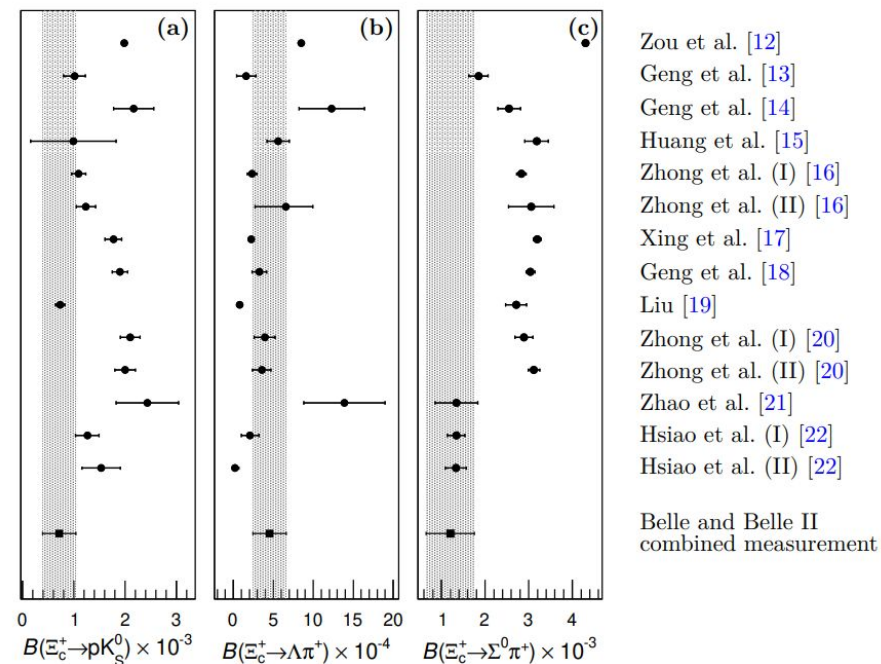
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Comparisons of measured SCS decay with with theoretical predictions

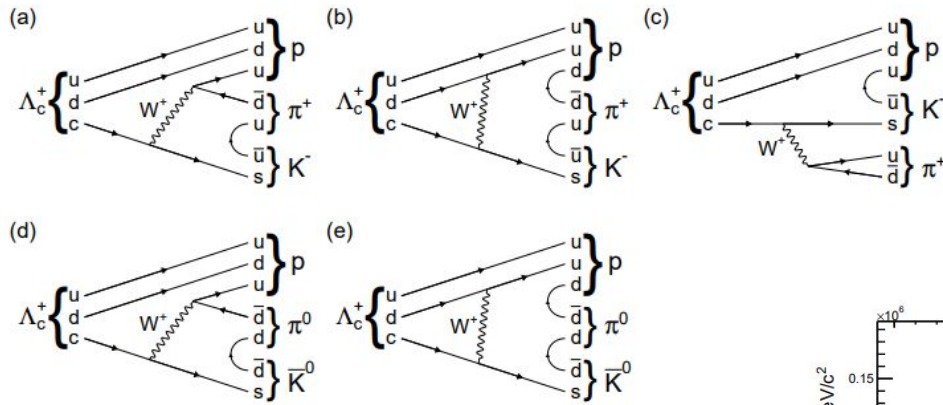
Theoretical predictions are in poor agreement with experimental values

	Belle	Belle II	combined
$\frac{B(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK_S^0)}{B(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$(2.36 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.08)\%$	$(2.56 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.11)\%$	$(2.47 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.07)\%$ <sup>stat. syst.</sup>
$\frac{B(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^+)}{B(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$(1.72 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.11)\%$	$(1.47 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.09)\%$	$(1.56 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.09)\%$
$\frac{B(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^+)}{B(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+)}$	$(3.97 \pm 0.42 \pm 0.23)\%$	$(4.26 \pm 0.33 \pm 0.24)\%$	$(4.13 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.22)\%$



# Measurement of the BF of $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_S^0 \pi^0$

Belle,  $980 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



arXiv:2503.04371v2 **accepted by PRD**

examining the isospin properties  
of the weak interaction

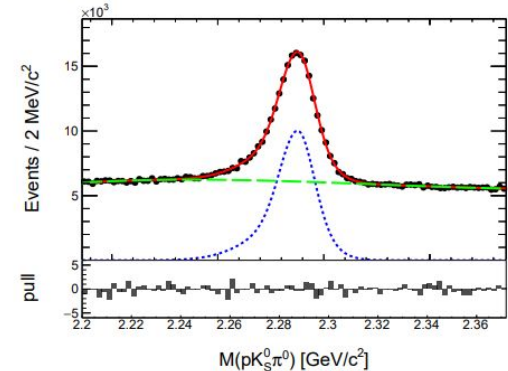
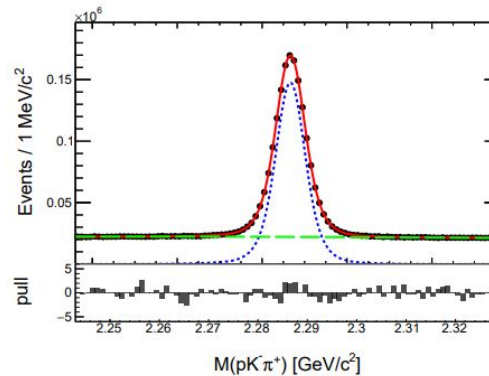
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_S^0 \pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+)} = 0.339 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.009,$$

Using PDG value of

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+) = (6.24 \pm 0.28)\%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_S^0 \pi^0) = (2.12 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.10)\%,$$

stat.    syst.

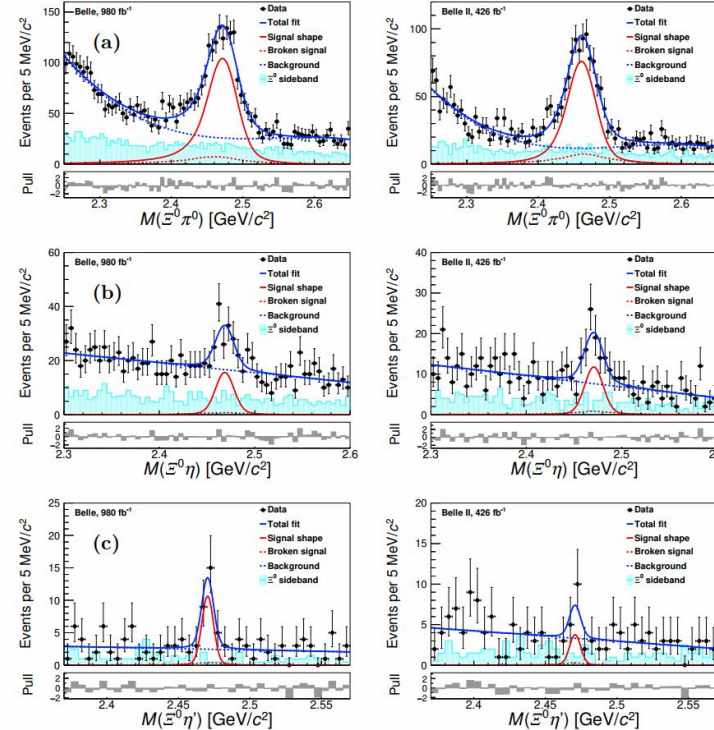


This measurement improves uncertainty  
of previous CLEO result

# Measurements of the BF of $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0$ , $\Xi^0 \eta$ , and $\Xi^0 \eta'$ and asymmetry parameter of $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0$

Belle, 980 fb<sup>-1</sup> + Belle II, 428 fb<sup>-1</sup>

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First measurement

Mode	Belle	Belle II	Combined
$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0) / \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+)$	$0.47 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.51 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$	$0.48 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$
$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \eta) / \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+)$	$0.10 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01$	$0.14 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$	$0.11 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$
$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \eta') / \mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+)$	$0.12 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.06 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.08 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01$



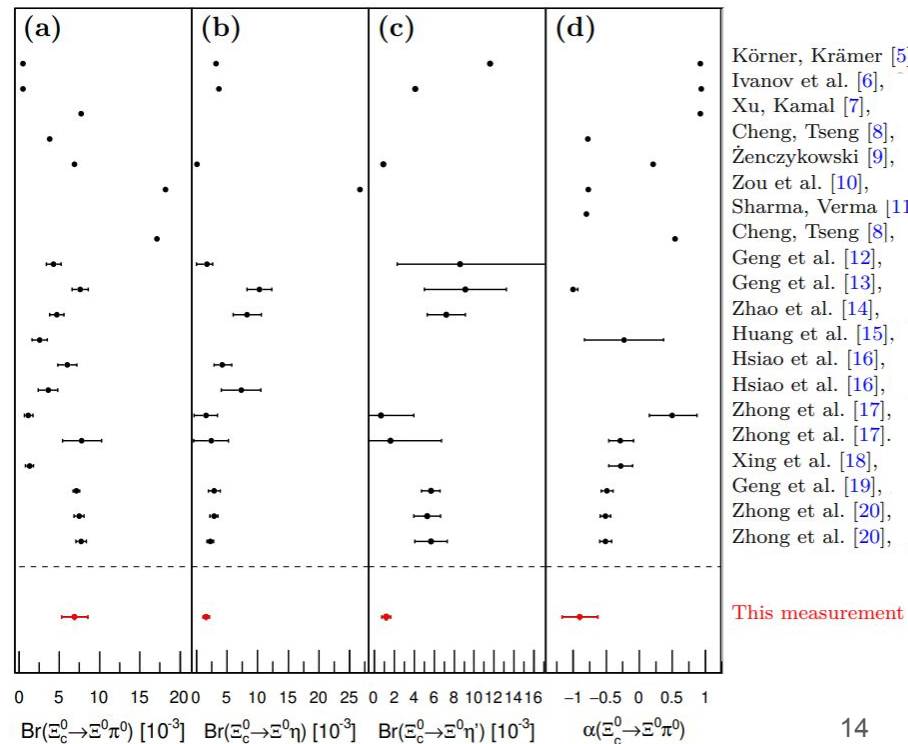
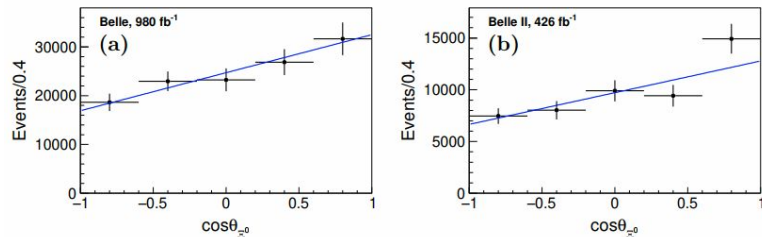
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Asymmetry parameter of  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^0$

$\cos \theta_{\Xi^0}$	$(-1.0, -0.6)$	$(-0.6, -0.2)$	$(-0.2, 0.2)$	$(0.2, 0.6)$	$(0.6, 1.0)$
Belle	$\frac{260 \pm 25}{1.40}$	$\frac{296 \pm 26}{1.29}$	$\frac{266 \pm 27}{1.14}$	$\frac{265 \pm 27}{0.99}$	$\frac{224 \pm 24}{0.71}$
Belle II	$\frac{176 \pm 18}{2.37}$	$\frac{167 \pm 18}{2.08}$	$\frac{194 \pm 20}{1.96}$	$\frac{151 \pm 17}{1.60}$	$\frac{176 \pm 17}{1.18}$

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_{\Xi^0}} \propto 1 + \alpha(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^0 h^0) \alpha(\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0) \cos \theta_{\Xi^0},$$

\*angle between the  $\mathbf{p}(\Lambda)$  and the direction opposite to the  $\Xi_c^0$  momentum vector in the  $\Xi^0$  frame



# Conclusion

- Study of charmed baryon is an important way to understand the non-perturbative dynamics of quantum chromodynamics
- Lifetime (as branching fraction) plays a crucial role in weak decays research of the charmed baryons
- There are wide dispersion between different theoretical prediction of branching fraction of charmed baryons
- We hope our experimental results will help to improve theoretical models
- Belle II starts new data taking in November 2025