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Studies of charmed baryon productions and decays at Belle

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Besides being a B-factory KEBB/Belle provides an excellent laboratory to study (charmed) baryons:

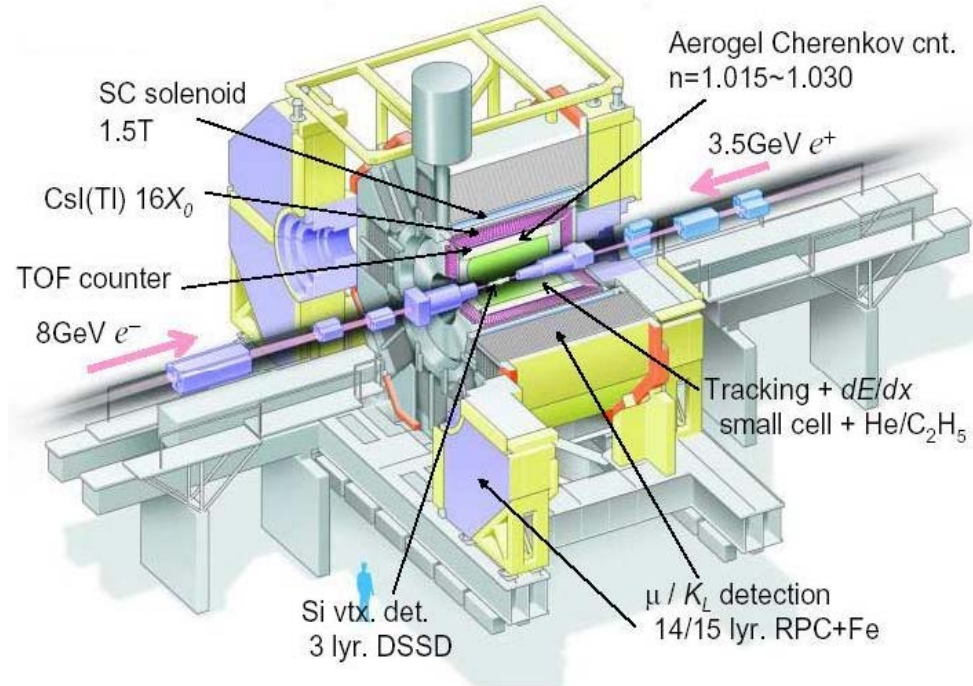
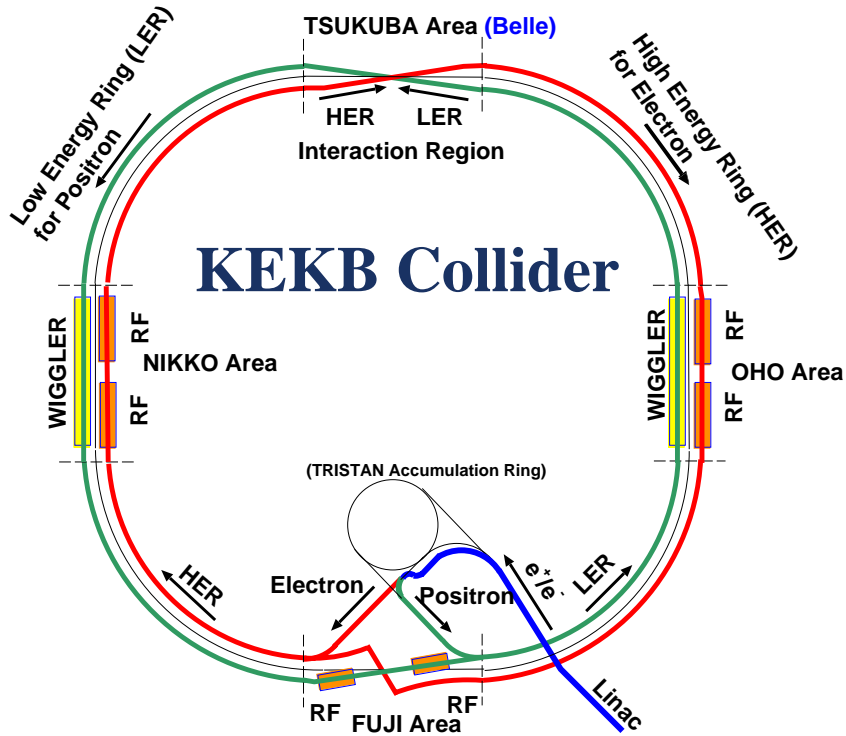
More than 20 (>10% of the total number of) published papers are on processes with baryons in the final state. This includes:

- @ 5 papers on B decays to final states with charmed baryons
- @ 3 papers on studies of charmed baryon properties

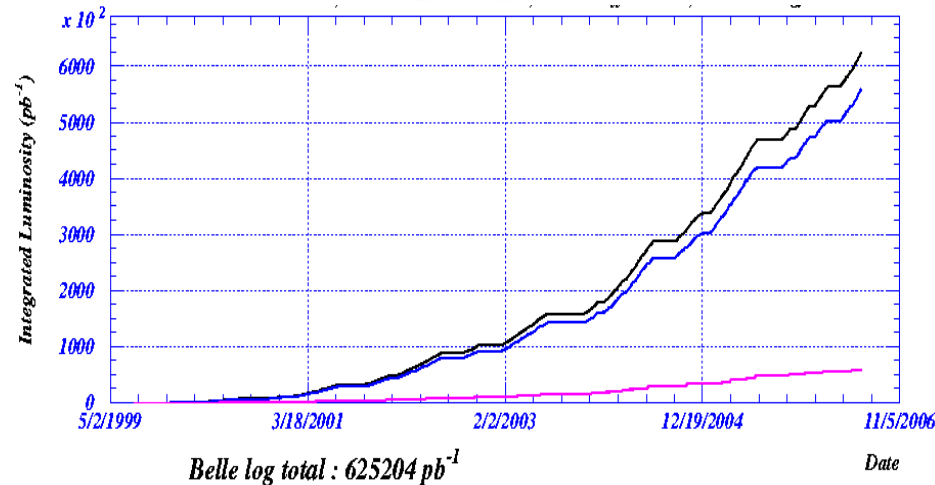
In this presentation:

- ↪ Observation of $\Sigma_c(2800)$
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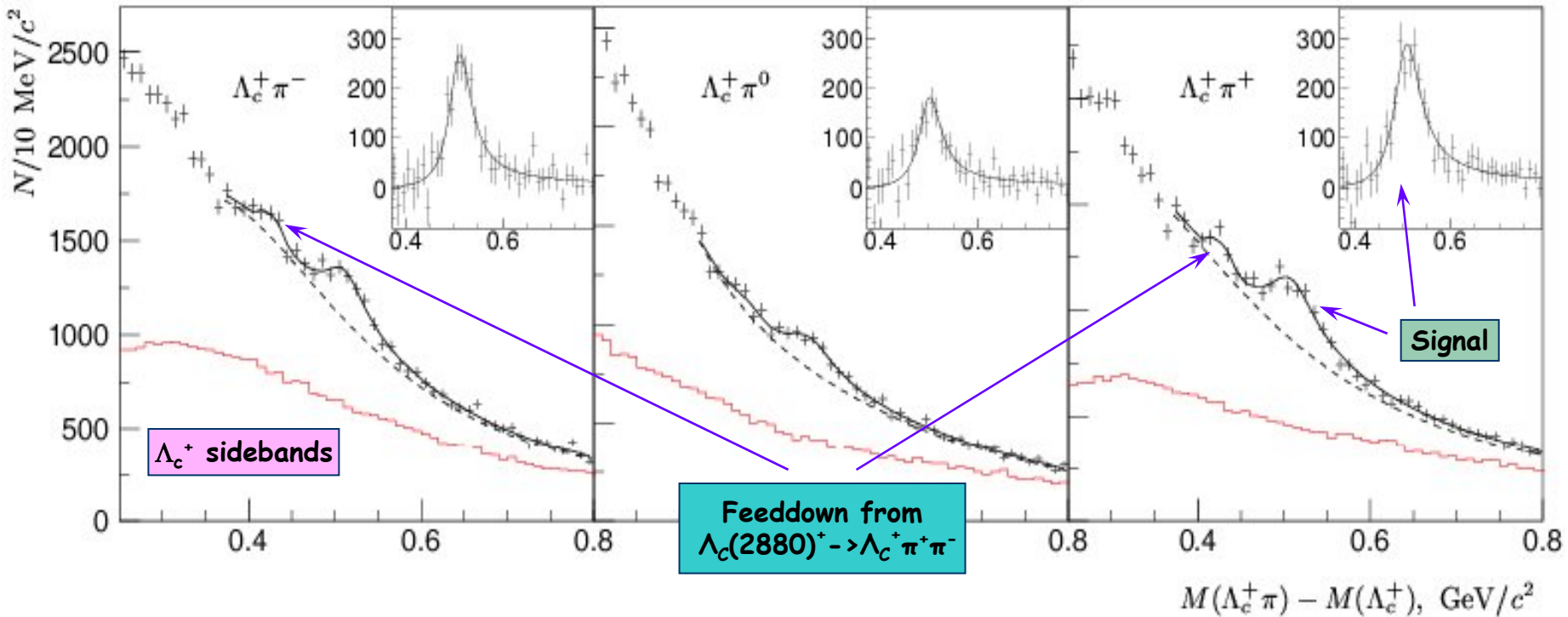
3.5 GeV e^+ & 8.0 GeV e^- beams
 3 km circumference
 ± 11 mrad crossing angle
 $L = 1.65 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (world record)
 $\int L dt = 625 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ @ $\Upsilon(4S)$ +off($\sim 10\%$)



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$\Sigma_c(2800)$: Observation

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$, $x_p(\Lambda_c) > 0.5$



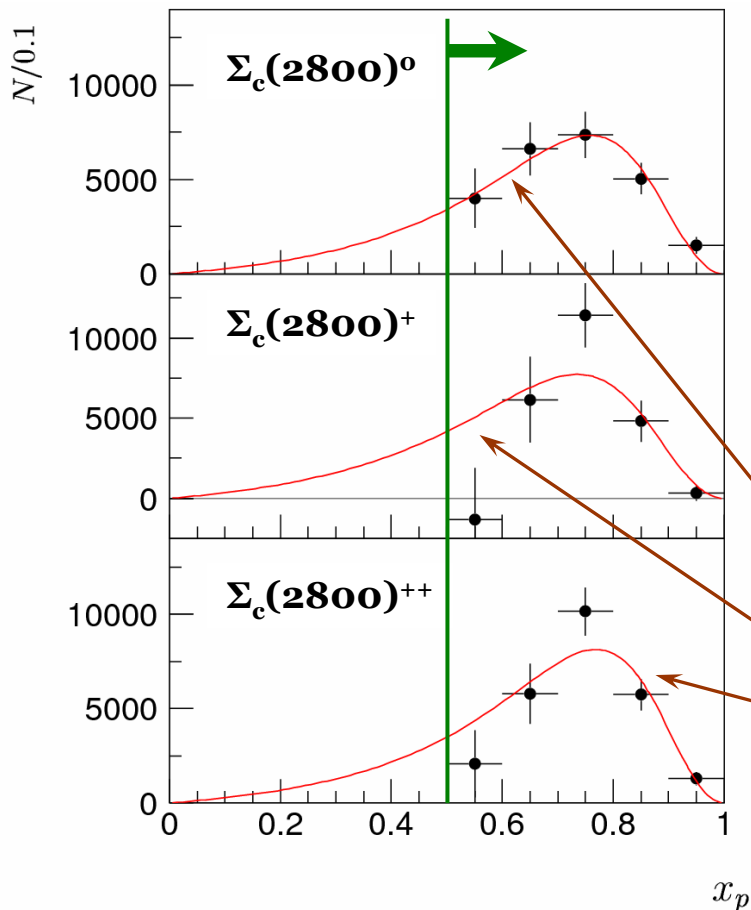
NEW CHARMED ISOTRIplet!

PRL **94**, 122002, 2005

State	Yield / 10^3	ΔM , MeV/c^2	Γ , MeV
$\Sigma_c(2800)^0$	$2.24^{+0.79+1.03}_{-0.55-0.50}$	$515.4^{+3.2+2.1}_{-3.1-6.0}$	61^{+18+22}_{-13-13}
$\Sigma_c(2800)^+$	$1.54^{+1.05+1.40}_{-0.57-0.88}$	$505.4^{+5.8+12.4}_{-4.6-2.0}$	62^{+37+52}_{-23-38}
$\Sigma_c(2800)^{++}$	$2.81^{+0.82+0.71}_{-0.60-0.49}$	$514.5^{+3.4+2.8}_{-3.1-4.9}$	75^{+18+12}_{-13-11}

$\Sigma_c(2800)$: Continuum Production

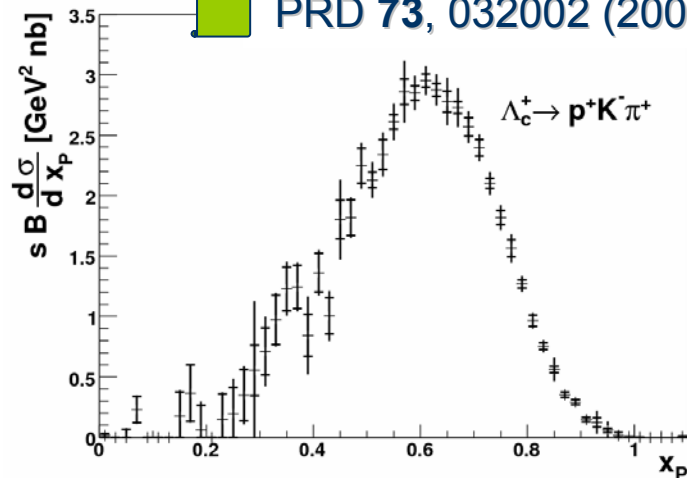
Scaled momentum distribution:



$$x_p \equiv p^* / \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^{*2} - M^2}$$

*calculated in the c.m. frame

PRD 73, 032002 (2006)



Fit with Peterson parameterization

$$dN/dx_p \sim x_p^{-1} [1 - 1/x_p - \epsilon/(1 - x_p)^2]^{-2}$$

$\Sigma_c(2800)$ x_p distribution is typical for charmed particle produced in $e^+e^- \rightarrow cc$ continuum events

$\Sigma_c(2800)$: Identification

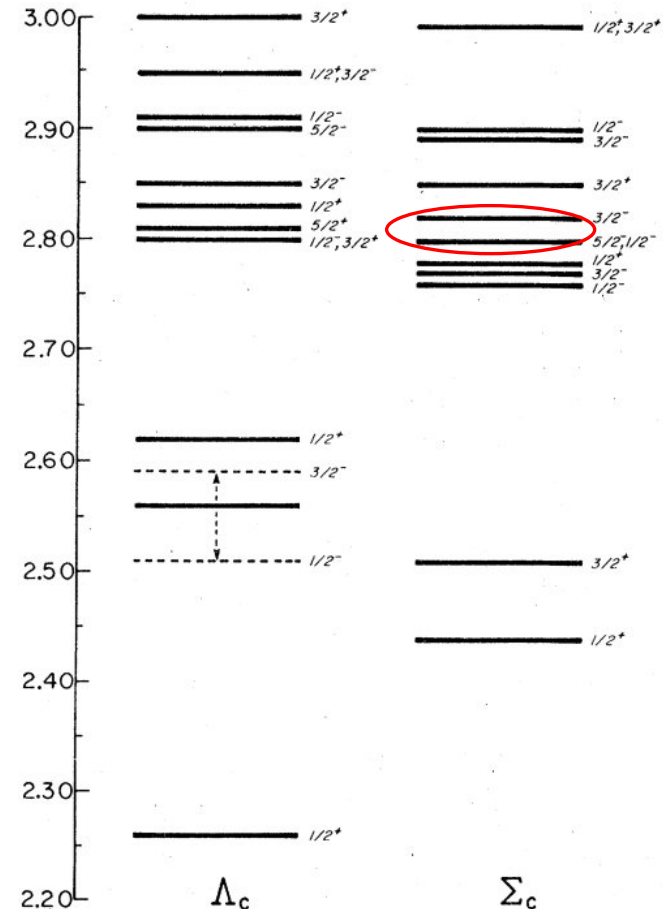
Theoretical models predict a rich spectrum of excited charmed baryons in the vicinity of the $\Sigma_c(2800)$
 [L.A.Copley, N.Isgur and G.Karl, Phys. Rev D 20, 768 (1979)].

Possible candidate is a Σ_{c2} with $J^P=3/2^-$ and $5/2^-$ (subscript 2 denotes the total angular momentum of light diquark.)

Σ_{c2} is expected to decay exclusively into $\Lambda_c^+\pi$ in D-wave.

The predicted mass is close to the measured but **the expected width is only 15 MeV.**

However, $\Sigma_{c2}(3/2^-)$ can mix with the nearby $\Sigma_{c1}(3/2^-)$ resulting in a wider physical state.

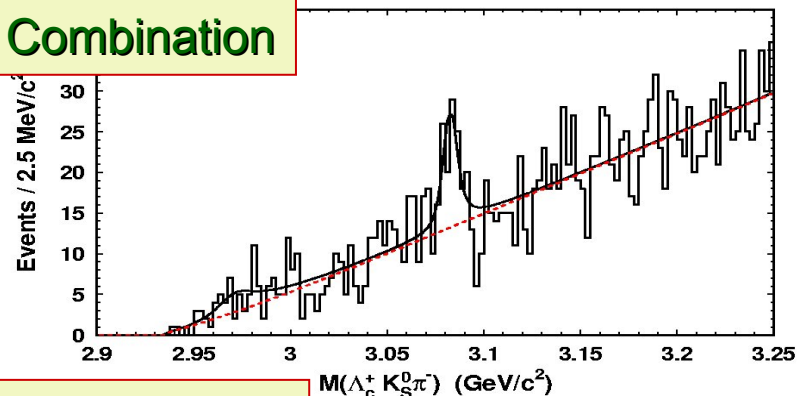
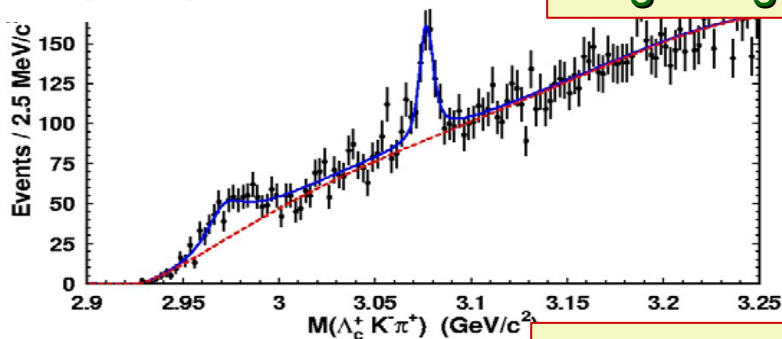


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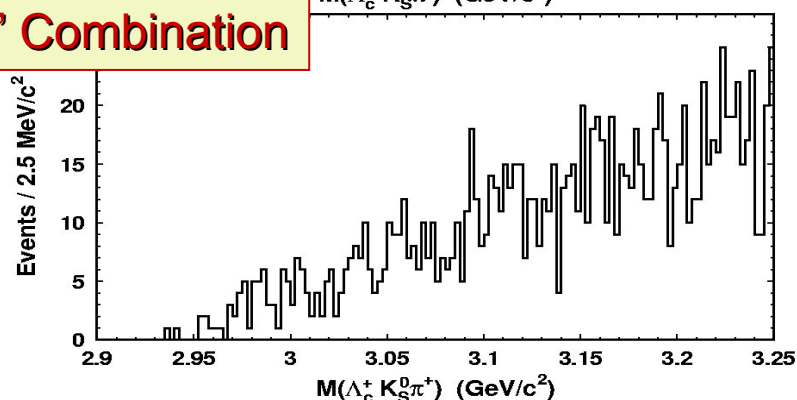
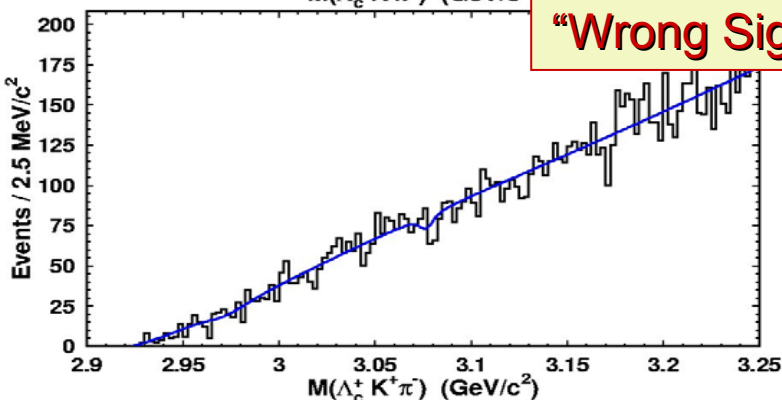
Observation of $\Xi_{cx}(2980)$ & $\Xi_{cx}(3077)$

Belle: 462fb⁻¹

“Right Sign” Combination



“Wrong Sign” Combination



	Yield	Mass, MeV/c ²	Width, MeV	Significance, σ
$\Xi_{cx}(2980)^+$	405 ± 51	2978.5 ± 2.1 ± 2.0	43.5 ± 7.5 ± 7.0	6.3 (6 w/ syst.)
$\Xi_{cx}(3077)^+$	326 ± 40	3076.7 ± 0.9 ± 0.5	6.2 ± 1.2 ± 0.8	9.7 (9 w/ syst.)
$\Xi_{cx}(2980)^0$	42 ± 24	2977.1 ± 8.8 ± 3.5	43.5 (fixed)	2.0
$\Xi_{cx}(3077)^0$	67 ± 20	3082.8 ± 1.8 ± 1.5	5.2 ± 3.1 ± 1.8	5.1 (5 w/ syst.)

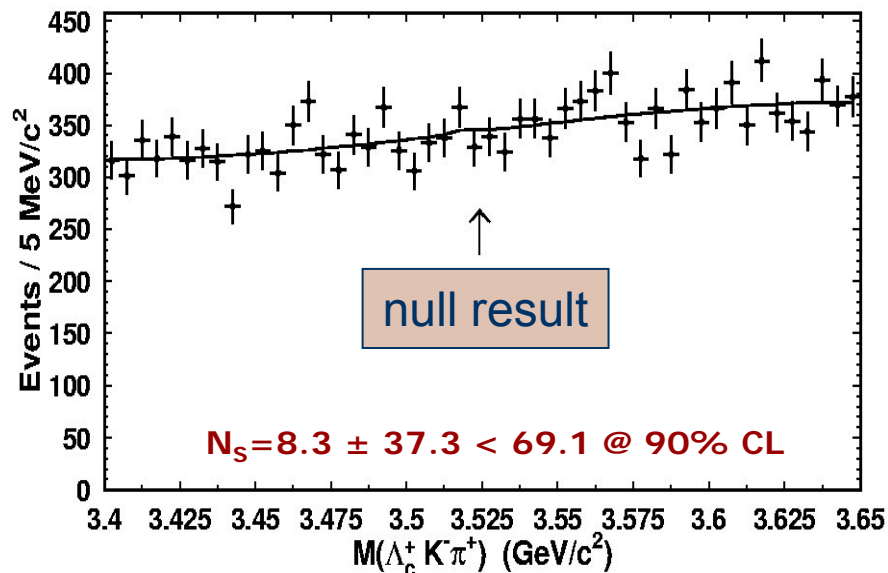
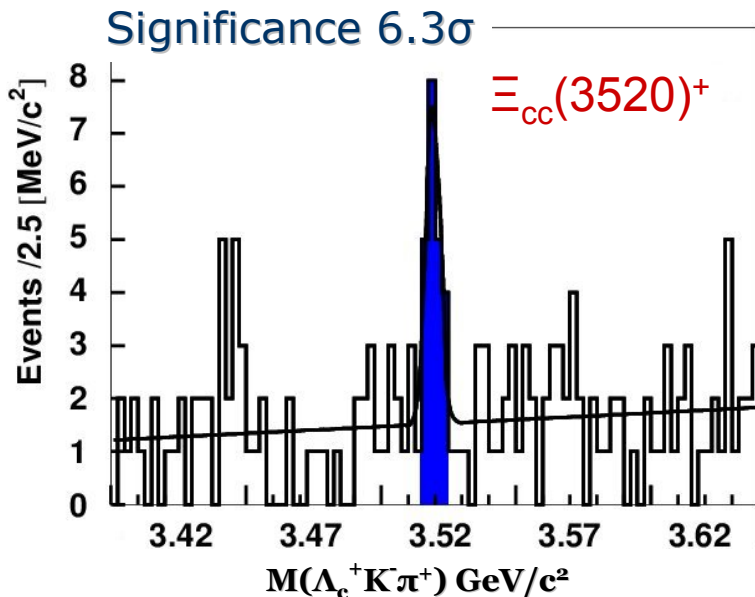
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PRL 97, 162001 (2006)

$\Xi_{cx}(2980)$ and $\Xi_{cx}(3077)$ { non-zero widths
c- and s-quarks } \Rightarrow excited charm strange baryons

Search for SELEX State $\Xi_{cc}(3520)$

SELEX:
PRL **89**, 112001 (2002)

Belle:
PRL **97**, 162001 (2006)



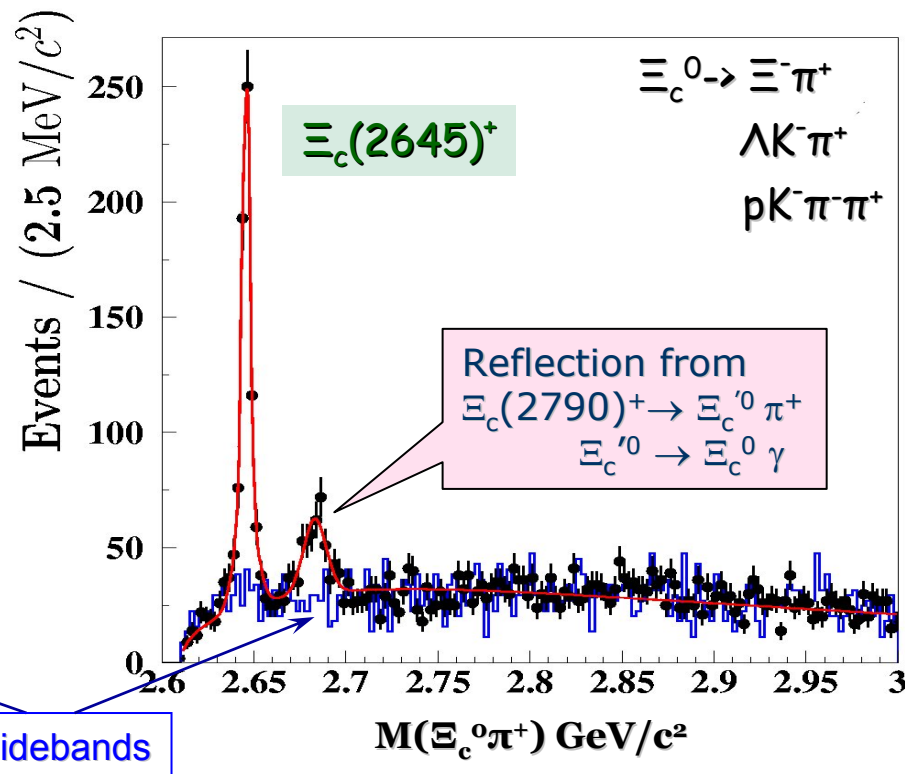
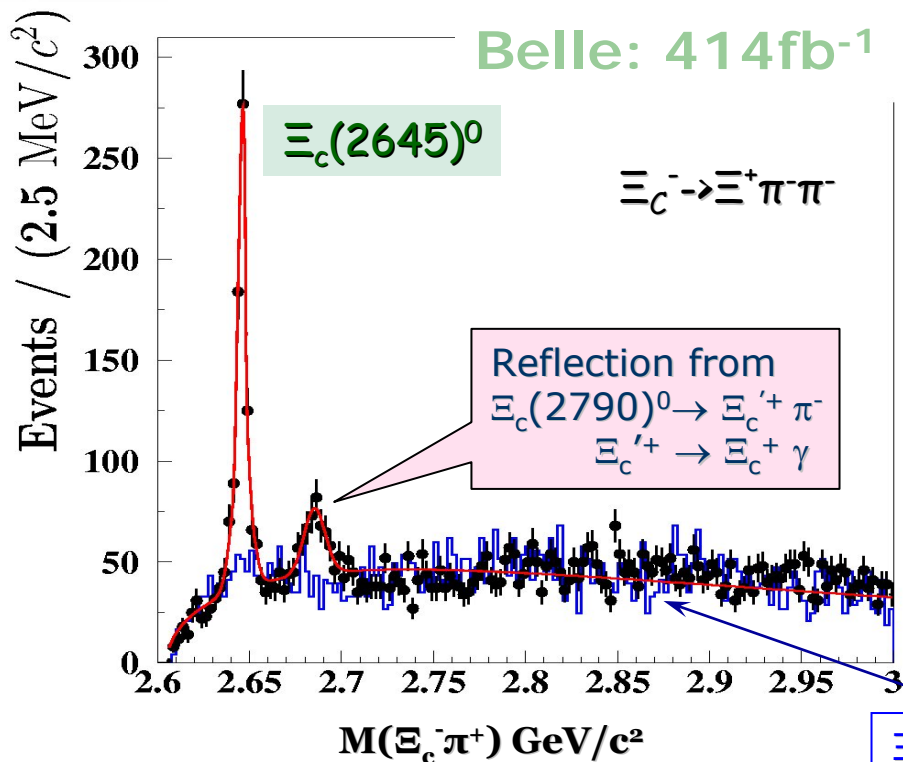
With 835360 ± 13748 reconstructed $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ decays

$$\frac{\sigma(\Xi_{cc}(3520)^+) \times \mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}(3520)^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+) | p^*(\Lambda_c^+) > 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c}{\sigma(\Lambda_c^+) | p^*(\Lambda_c^+) > 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c} < 1.5 \times 10^{-4} @ 90\% \text{ C.L.}$$

⇒ No signal of the $\Xi_{cc}(3520)^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ K^- \pi^+$ in e^+e^- annihilations is observed by Belle

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Measurement of the $\Xi_c(2645)$ Mass



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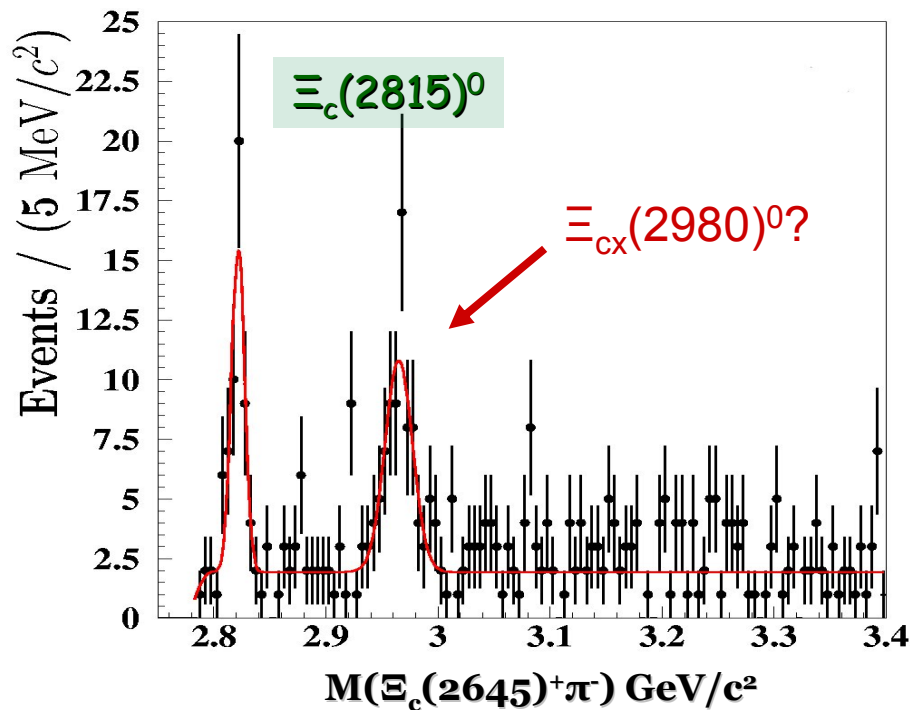
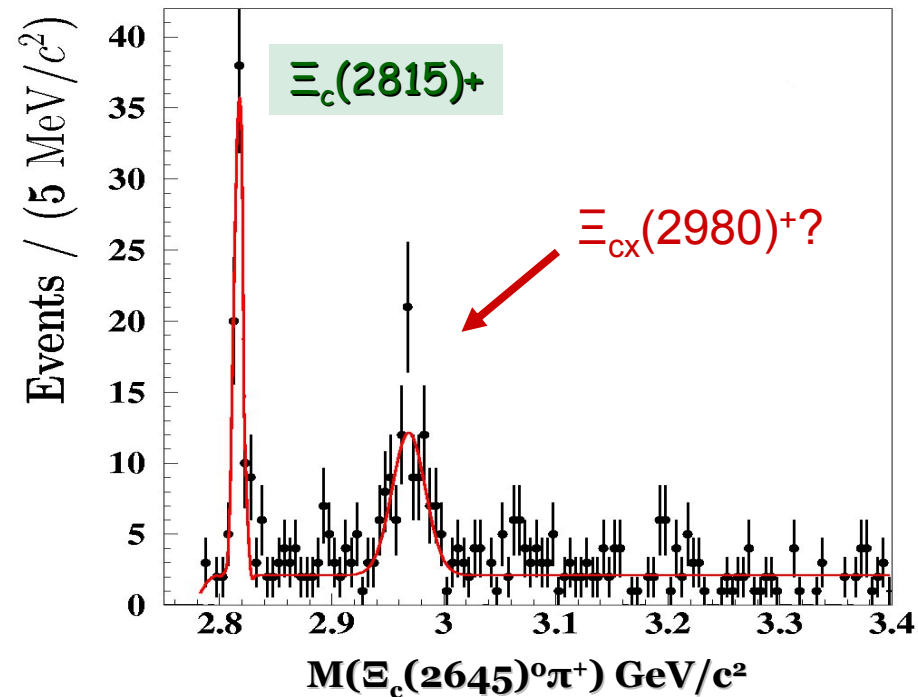
$$m_{\Xi_c(2645)^+} = (2645.4 \pm 0.1(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_{\Xi_c(2645)^0} = (2645.6 \pm 0.2(\text{stat})_{-0.7}^{+0.6}(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_{\Xi_c(2645)^+} - m_{\Xi_c(2645)^0} = (-0.2 \pm 0.3(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

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 2646.6 ± 1.4
 2646.1 ± 1.2

Measurement of the $\Xi_c(2815)$ mass



Is the second peak a signal of $\Xi_{cx}(2980) \rightarrow \Xi_c(2645)\pi$? \Rightarrow further study is needed

Belle PRELIMINARY

$$m_{\Xi_c(2815)^+} = (2816.7 \pm 0.6(\text{stat})_{-0.8}^{+0.7}(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_{\Xi_c(2815)^0} = (2819.7 \pm 0.8(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_{\Xi_c(2815)^+} - m_{\Xi_c(2815)^0} = (-3.0 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

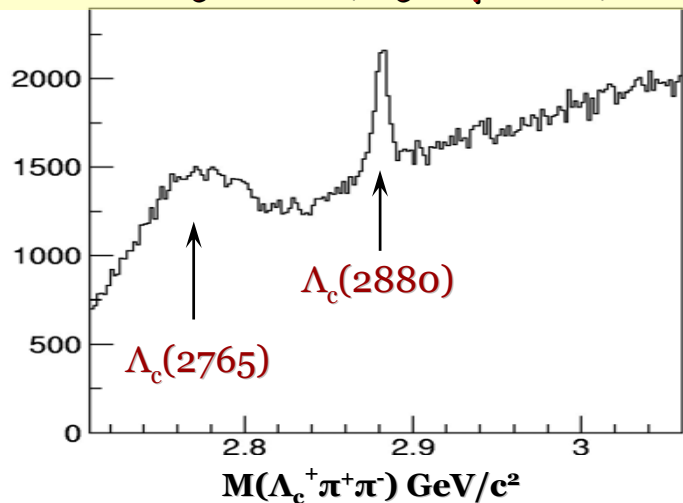
PDG 2006
 2816.5 ± 1.2
 2818.2 ± 2.1

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$\Lambda_c(2880)$: Mass Measurement I

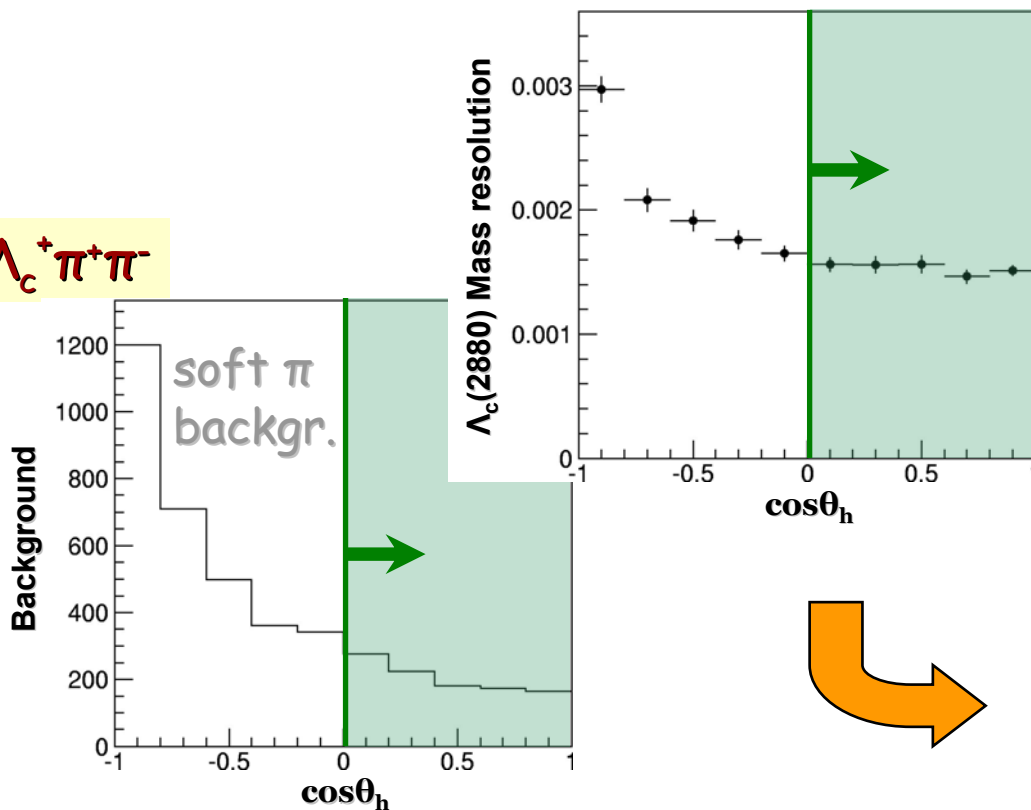
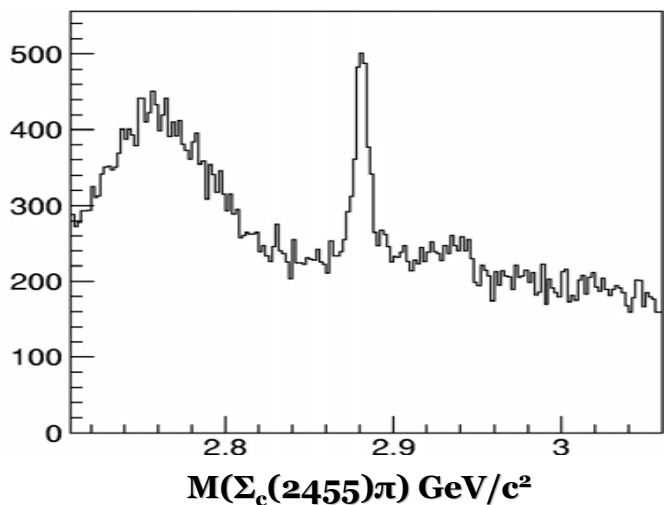
☑ All $\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ ($\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$) combinations with $x_p > 0.7$

Belle: 553fb⁻¹



☑ Define helicity angle for the 2-body $\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2455)\pi$ decay

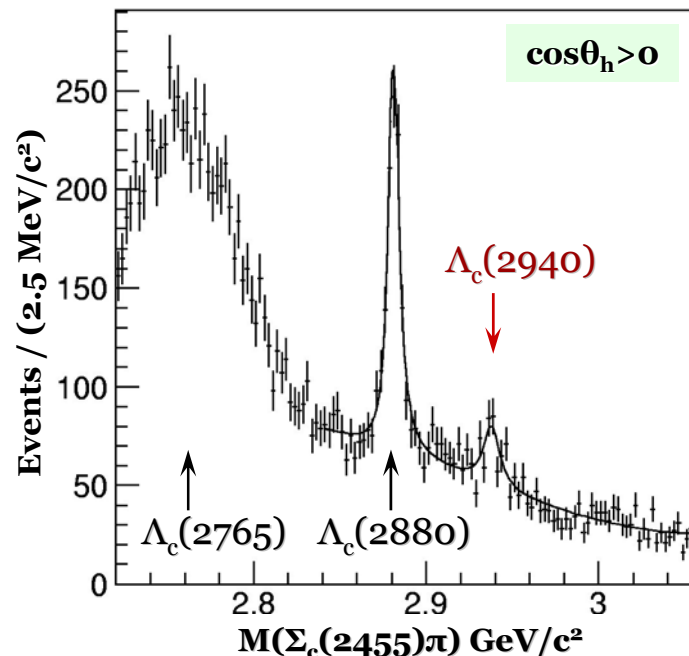
☑ $\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2455)\pi \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$



$\Lambda_c(2880)$: Mass Measurement II

- Apply requirement $\cos\theta_h > 0$
- Fit the $M(\Sigma_c(2455)\pi)$ spectrum

Significance of the $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ signal is 5.6σ (5.1σ with systematic)



	Yield	Mass, MeV/c^2	Width, MeV
$\Lambda_c(2880)^+$	$880 \pm 50 \pm 40$	$2881.2 \pm 0.2^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	$5.5^{+0.7}_{-0.3} \pm 0.4$
$\Lambda_c(2940)^+$	$210^{+70+100}_{-40-60}$	$2937.9 \pm 1.0^{+1.8}_{-0.4}$	$10 \pm 4 \pm 5$

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BaBar: $\Lambda_c^+ \Rightarrow D^0 p \Rightarrow$

$\Lambda_c(2880)^+$	2800 ± 190	$2881.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.5$	$5.8 \pm 1.5 \pm 1.1$
$\Lambda_c(2940)^+$	2280 ± 310	$2939.8 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0$	$17.5 \pm 5.2 \pm 5.9$

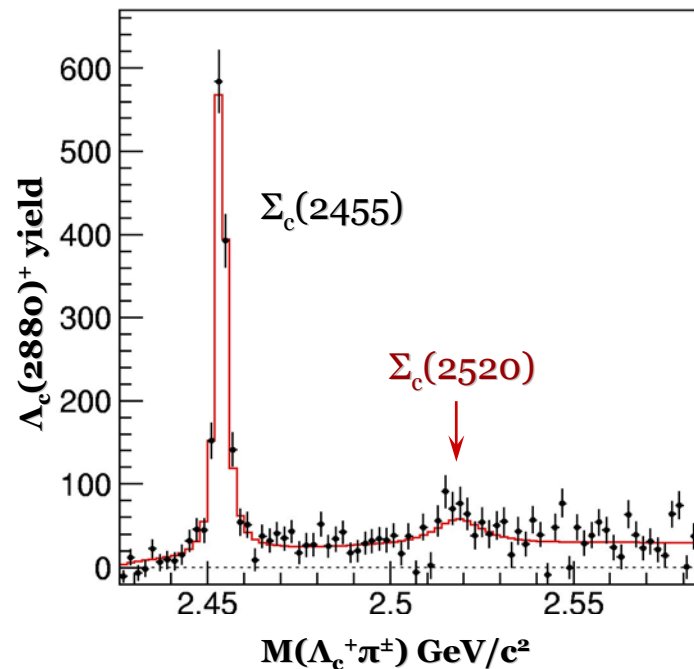
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\Rightarrow Results are consistent

$\Lambda_c^+(2880) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$: Resonant substructure

- Ⓢ Release $\cos\theta_h > 0$ requirement
- Ⓢ Release $\Sigma_c(2455)$ requirement
- Ⓢ Fit $M(\Lambda_c \pi^+ \pi^-)$ in bins of $M(\Lambda_c \pi^\pm)$

Significance of the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2520) \pi$ signal is 3.7σ (3σ with systematic)



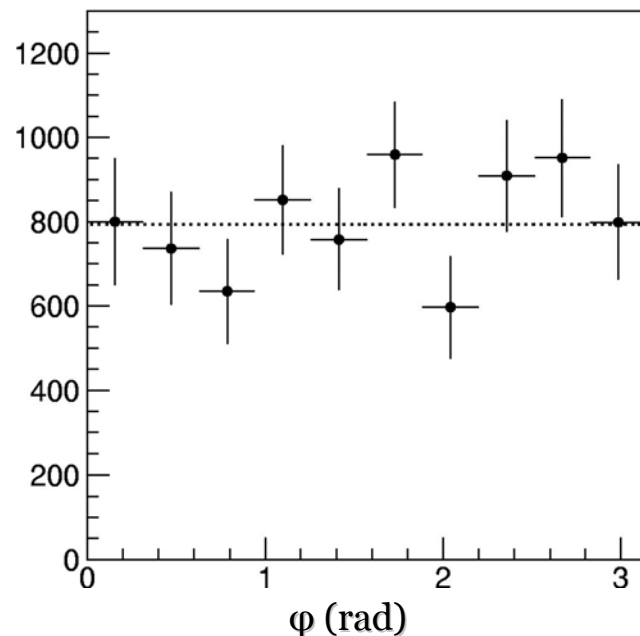
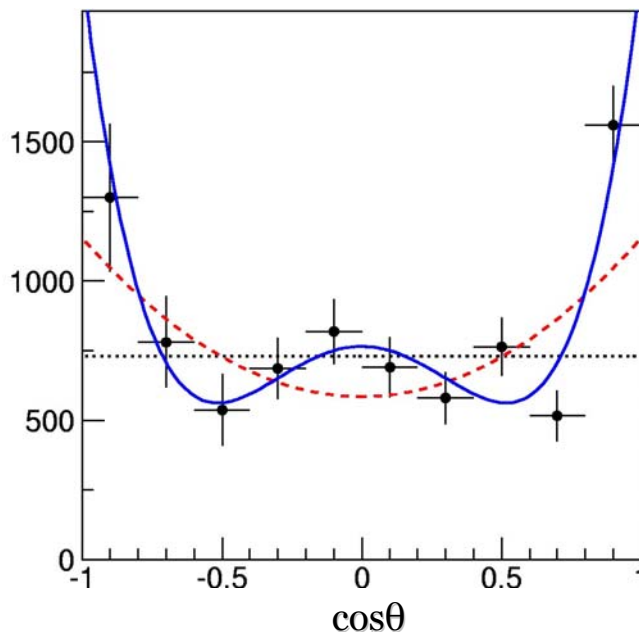
PRL86,4479(2001)

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$\Gamma(\Sigma_c(2455)\pi^\pm)/\Gamma(\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$	$(31 \pm 6 \pm 3)\%$	$(39.8 \pm 2.1^{+1.6}_{-0.5})\%$
$\Gamma(\Sigma_c(2520)\pi^\pm)/\Gamma(\Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$	$< 11\%$	$(9.6 \pm 2.5^{+0.5}_{-1.5})\%$
$\Gamma(\Sigma_c(2520)\pi^\pm)/\Gamma(\Sigma_c(2455)\pi^\pm)$	—	$(24.1 \pm 6.4^{+1.1}_{-4.5})\%$

Belle PRELIMINARY

$\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c \pi$: Angular Analysis

- Select $\Sigma_c(2455)$
- Fit to $M(\Sigma_c \pi)$ in $\cos\theta$ and ϕ bins
- Subtract non-res. contribution using Σ_c sideband
- Correct for efficiency



Parameterization vs. spin of the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$

$J=1/2$: $W(\theta, \phi) = \text{const}$ $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 49.9/9$

$J=3/2$: $W(\theta, \phi) = \frac{3}{4\pi} [\rho_{33} \sin^2 \theta + \rho_{11} (\frac{1}{3} + \cos^2 \theta) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{Re} \rho_{3-1} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{Re} \rho_{31} \sin 2\theta \cos \phi]$
 $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 36.0/8$

$J=5/2$: $W(\theta, \phi) = P_2(\cos^2 \theta)$ $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 10.8/7$

$\rho_{11} = 0.85 \pm 0.07$ $\rho_{33} = 0.00 \pm 0.03$ $\rho_{55} = 0.08 \pm 0.03$

(mainly helicity $\pm 1/2$ states are populated)

$\Rightarrow J=5/2$ hypothesis is strongly favored over $1/2$ and $3/2$ ones

$\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c \pi$: Parity

Quark Model mass prediction:

Capstick, Isgur PRD **34**, 2809(1986)

$$J^P=5/2^-: M=2900 \text{ MeV}/c^2; M'=3130 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$J^P=7/2^-: M=3125 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$J^P=5/2^+: M=2910 \text{ MeV}/c^2; M'=3140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$J^P=7/2^+: M=3175 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Heavy Quark Symmetry:

Isgur, Wise PRL **66**,1130(1991)

$$5/2^- \quad L=1 \quad s_{\text{light}}=1 \quad j_{\text{light}}=2 \Rightarrow \Gamma(\Sigma_c^* \pi) / \Gamma(\Sigma_c \pi) = 7/2 (0.837)^{2*2+1} = 140\%$$

$$5/2^+ \quad L=2 \quad s_{\text{light}}=0 \quad j_{\text{light}}=2 \Rightarrow \Gamma(\Sigma_c^* \pi) / \Gamma(\Sigma_c \pi) = 4/5 (0.837)^{2*3+1} = 23\%$$

Data: $(24 \pm 8)\%$

\Rightarrow HQS favors $5/2^+$ over $5/2^-$ assignment for the $\Lambda_c(2880)$

- Observation of new charmed isotriplet $\Sigma_c(2880)$
- Observation of two new charmed baryons decaying into $\Lambda_c K \pi$
 $\Xi_{cx}(2980)$ and $\Xi_{cx}(3077)$
- Precision measurement of the $\Xi_c(2645)$ and $\Xi_c(2815)$ masses
- Experimental constraints on the J^P of the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$:
 - $\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2455)\pi$ angular analysis $\Rightarrow J = 5/2$ is favored
 - $\Lambda_c(2880)^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ resonant structure $\Rightarrow J^P = 5/2^+$ is favored
- Evidence for $\Lambda_c(2940)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2455)\pi$
- Measurement of the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ and $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ masses and widths