

Hadron 2025

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Belle and Belle II experiments

• Belle experiment

- e⁺e⁻ collision experiment located @ KEK
- B factory, built to study B mesons' mixing, decay and CP violation.
- 1999~2010, 1 ab⁻¹ data sample
- Belle II experiment
 - Updated version of Belle
 - Built to search for new physics out of the standard model
 - Started collecting collision data from 2019

Belle and Belle II are not only B factory, but also τ -charm factory.



Belle detector



Belle II detector





How are charm baryons produced @ Belle (II)?







Only relative branching fractions can be measured. The absolute value can be obtained only by reference channel.



High level background.



Large data sample.

c quark hadronizes into charmed baryon



The absolute branching fractions can be obtained, because the cross section of BB is precisely measured.



Clean signal.



Small data statistic.



Relatively complex analysis procedure.



Selected analyses

- Search for charmed baryons in the $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ system and measurement of the branching fractions of $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ and $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ decaying to $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ and pD⁰ relative to $\Sigma_c(2455)\pi$
- Search for the semileptonic decays $\Xi_c^0 \to \Xi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$
- First observation of $\Lambda \pi^+$ and $\Lambda \pi^-$ signals near the KN (I = 1) mass threshold in $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay
- Observations of the singly Cabbibo-suppressed decays $\Xi_c^+ \to pK_S^0$, $\Xi_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+$, and $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^+$ at Belle and Belle II
- Search for CP violation and measurement of branching fractions and decay asymmetry parameters for $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda h^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 h^+$ (h = K, π)
- Measurement of the Λ_c^+ lifetime



Search for charmed baryons in the $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ and pD^0 system

• $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ and $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$

the pD^0 mass spectrum [2].

 $\Sigma_{c}(2455)\pi$ decay [4].

- Why $\Lambda_{c}^{+}\eta$ spectrum?
 - A good channel to search for excited Λ_c^+ baryons.
 - Signal in $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ is likely to be an excited Λ_c^+ rather than Σ_c^+ , which is dominated by $\Lambda_c^+\pi$.
 - A narrow enhancement was observed in the pK⁻ channel near the $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ threshold [5].

Why pD spectrum?

- An analogue to the NK system[6-8].
- not investigated it in direct e^+e^- annihilation.

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- The $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ was first observed by CLEO in the $\Lambda_c^+\pi^+\pi^-$ decay mode [1], and later reported by Babar in

- The $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ was first seen by BaBar in the pD⁰ decay mode [3], and then confirmed by Belle in the

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- BaBar has reported $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ and $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ in the pD⁰ mass spectrum [9], while Belle has













Search for charmed baryons in the $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ and pD^0 system

• Study for the first time the $\Lambda_c^+\eta$ system and search for singlycharmed baryons, measure relative branching fractions of $\Lambda_c(2880)^+/\Lambda_c(2940)^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\eta/pD^0$.

No obvious $\Lambda_{\rm c}(2880)^+$ or $\Lambda_{\rm c}(2940)^+$ signals are seen in $\Lambda_{\rm c}^+\eta$ spectra.

Clear $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ and $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ signals can be seen in pD⁰ spectra as well as the $\Sigma_c(2455)\pi$ signal region.

This background is expected and due to the
$$\Lambda_{\rm c}(2880)^+ \to \Lambda_{\rm c}^+\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2880)^+ \to \Lambda_{\rm c}^+ \eta}{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2880)^+ \to \Sigma_{\rm c}(2455)\pi} < 0.13 & \frac{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2940)^+ \to \Lambda_{\rm c}^+ \eta}{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2940)^+ \to \Sigma_{\rm c}(2450)^+} \\ \frac{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2880)^+ \to pD}{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2880)^+ \to \Sigma_{\rm c}(2455)\pi} = 0.75 \pm 0.03(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.07 \\ \frac{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2940)^+ \to pD}{\Lambda_{\rm c}(2940)^+ \to \Sigma_{\rm c}(2455)\pi} = 3.95 \pm 0.21(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.56 \end{aligned}$$



Search for the semileptonic decays $\Xi_c^0 \to \Xi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$

- hadronic form factors.
- baryons.
- the understanding of the recent anomalies in meson FCNC processes.
- If observed, would also allow an LFU test to be performed.

No significant signal observed, consistent with SM



$$B(\Xi_c^0 \to \Xi^0 e^+ e^-) < 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

 $B(\Xi_c^0 \to \Xi^0 e^+ e^-) < 2.35 \times 10^{-6}$ $B(\Xi_c^0 \to \Xi^0 e^+ e^-) < 2.25 \times 10^{-6}$



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Theoretical study of baryon semileptonic decays is complex due to W-exchange transitions [1-4] and poorly understood

Experimentally, few neutrino-less semileptonic decays of baryons have been observed. Measurements exist for lightbaryon octets and bottom baryons ($\Xi^0 \to \Lambda^0 e^+ e^-$, $\Sigma^+ \to p \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$) [5-9], but not for charmed

The study of semileptonic decays of baryons provides an opportunity to test the Standard Model, and also can help in

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- channel, which is close to \overline{KN} threshold (1435 MeV/c²).
- physics (such as exotic state or threshold effect).



Search for Σ^* state

First Observation of $\Lambda \pi^+$ and $\Lambda \pi^-$ Signals near the KN^- (I = 1) Mass Threshold in the $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ decay Phys. Rev. Lett 130, 151903 Belle data, 980 fb⁻¹ • This is the first time to observe significant signal on $\Lambda \pi^+(\Lambda \pi^-)$ mass spectrum in $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \text{decay}$

• Investigate the spectrum structure on $\Lambda \pi^{+(-)}$ mass spectrum above the $\Sigma(1385)$. The traditional quark model

did not predict any new excited state of Σ^* near $\Lambda(1405)$, thus the observation of signal can indicate new

• The interaction of $\overline{K}N$ (I = 1) is related to kaon condensation in neutron stars. It is probably not strong enough to form a bound state, but can produce a virtual state, which can be observed as a threshold cusp [1].



Study KN scattering with a cusp

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First Observation of $\Lambda \pi^+$ and $\Lambda \pi^-$ Signals near the \mathbb{KN}^- ($\mathbb{I} = 1$) Mass Threshold in the $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ decay

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Σ^* resonances	Ξ	Mode	$E_{\rm BW} \; [{\rm MeV}/c^2]$	$\Gamma \; [{ m MeV}/c^2]$	χ^2 / NDF
	-	$\Lambda \pi^+$	1434.3 ± 0.6	11.5 ± 2.8	74.4/68
	-	$\Lambda\pi^-$	1438.5 ± 0.9	33.0 ± 7.5	92.3/68
	-				
			$f_{\rm BW} = \frac{\Gamma_{A}}{(E - E_{\rm BW})}$	$\frac{2}{(2)^2 + \Gamma^2/4},$	

TABLE II. Dalitz model fitting results.

$\bar{\mathrm{K}}-\mathrm{N}$ rescattering	Mode	$a[\mathrm{fm}]$	$b[\mathrm{fm}]$	χ^2 / NDF
	$\Lambda \pi^+$	0.48 ± 0.32	1.22 ± 0.83	68.9/68
	$\Lambda\pi^-$	1.24 ± 0.57	0.18 ± 0.13	78.1/68

Also tested by Flatte parametrization

$$f_D = \frac{4\pi b}{(1+kb)^2 + (ka)^2}, E > m_{\bar{K}N}$$
$$= \frac{4\pi b}{(1+\kappa a)^2 + (\kappa b)^2}, E < m_{\bar{K}N},$$

The two fits give similar χ^2 s.

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Belle data, 980 fb⁻¹



Due to the limitation of the statistic, we can not distinguish between Σ^* resonances and $\bar{K}\mathbb{N}$ threshold cusps.





Belle and Belle II

- lacksquareanti-triplet charmed baryons.
- ulletespecially the singly Cabibbo-suppressed (SCS) decays. $> 10\sigma$
- The $\Xi_c^+ \to \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ is used as the reference channel.





Belle and Belle II



Observations of the singly Cabbibo-suppressed decays $\Xi_c^+ \to pK_S^0$, $\Xi_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+$, and $\Xi_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 \pi^+$ at

Belle data, 980 fb⁻¹ + Belle II data 428 fb⁻¹

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for $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda h^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 h^+$ (h = K, π)

- the observed asymmetry.
- lacksquaredecays much greater than 10^{-3} could indicate new physics beyond the SM [2-5].
- decays $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 \pi^+$ as reference modes.
- The $A^{\alpha}_{CP}(\Lambda \to p\pi^{-})$ can be extracted from $A^{\alpha}_{CP}(\text{total})$

channels, with $\alpha_{\Lambda_c^+} = - \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}_c^-}$ (SM).

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Search for CP violation and measurement of branching fractions and decay asymmetry parameters

Belle data, 980 fb⁻¹ Sci. Bull. 68, (2023) 583-592

CP violation (CPV) is one of the essential requirements to form the matter-anti-matter asymmetrical universe [1]. In the

standard model, the only source of CPV is the single complex phase in the CKM matrix, which is not enough to explain

The CPV has been observed in open charm mesons decay, not yet in baryons decay. An observation of CPV in charm

• This paper reports A_{CP}^{dir} , A_{CP}^{α} and BF measurements for the SCS decays $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda K^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 K^+$, using the CF

$$) = (\alpha_{\Lambda_{c}^{+}}\alpha_{-} - \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}_{c}^{-}}\alpha^{+})/(\alpha_{\Lambda_{c}^{+}}\alpha_{-} + \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}_{c}^{-}}\alpha^{+}) \text{ from CF reference}$$









Search for CP violation and measurement of branching fractions and decay asymmetry parameters for $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda h^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 h^+$ (h = K, π) Belle data, 980 fb^{-1} <u>Sci. Bull. 68, (2023) 583-592</u>



$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+)} = (5.05 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.09)\% \qquad \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 \pi^+)}$$
$$\frac{\mathscr{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda K^+) = (6.57 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.3)}{\mathscr{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 K^+) = (3.58 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.11)}$$

This is the first direct CP asymmetry measurement for SCS two-body decays of charmed baryons.

 $\frac{7}{2} = (2.78 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05)\%$ $(35) \times 10^{-4}$ $(19) \times 10^{-4}$







for $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda h^+$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 h^+$ (h = K, π) corrected bin-by-bin with α parameter extraction the signal efficiencies ×10³ $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda K^+$ $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+$ 150 N_{sig}^{corr} / [0.2] [0.2] / 100 N^{corr} sig 0└ _1 0└---1 -0.5 0.5 -0.5 0.5 $\cos\theta_{A}$ $\cos\theta_{A}$ $\frac{1}{d\cos\theta_{\rm A}} \propto 1 + \alpha_{\Lambda_{\rm c}^{+}} \alpha_{\Lambda} \cos\theta_{\rm A} \quad ---- \alpha_{\Lambda}^{\rm avg} = 0.7542 \pm 0.0026$ $\alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\text{avg}}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda K^+) = -0.585 \pm 0.049 \pm 0.018 \,,$ $\alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\text{avg}}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+) = -0.755 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.003 \,,$ $\alpha_{\Lambda_c^+}^{\text{avg}}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 K^+) = -0.54 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.09,$ $\alpha_{A^+}^{\text{avg}}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 \pi^+) = -0.463 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.008 \,,$ Consistent with the current world average, with better precision. Measure the A^{α}_{CP} in $\Lambda^+_{c} \to \Lambda h^+$ and $\Lambda^+_{c} \to \Sigma^0 h^+$ $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline Channel & \alpha_{A_c^+} \alpha_- & \alpha_{A_c^-} \alpha_+ & \alpha_{A_c^+} & \alpha_{A_c^-} & \alpha_{\overline{A_c^-}} & A_c^{\alpha} & A_c^{\alpha}$ Channel

Search for CP violation and measurement of branching fractions and decay asymmetry parameters

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The first measurement of hyperon CPV searches in CF charm decays. No evidence of Λ -hyperon CPV is found.

Search for hype	ron CPV in Λ	$\rightarrow p\pi$ in CF
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$\stackrel{\alpha}{CP}$	W.A. A_{CP}^{α}
$.086 \pm 0.071$	—
$.007 \pm 0.014$	-0.07 ± 0.22
$.35 \pm 0.14$	_
$.034 \pm 0.030$	_

 $A^{\alpha}_{CP}(\Lambda \to p\pi^{-}) = +0.013 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.011$













- standard model.
- The the heavy quark expansion (HQE) is an effective model to describe strong interactions at low energy, which lacksquareprovides a consistent framework for bottom hadrons. But for charm hadron lifetimes, HQE is not able to describe them satisfactorily [1~3].
- A precise, absolute measurement by Belle II may help to resolve the tension between Λ_c^+ lifetime measurements at e^+e^- colliders and other experiments and will substantially improve the world average [4~12].
- We report a precise measurement of the Λ_c^+ lifetime using $\Lambda_c^+ \to p K^- \pi^+$ decays reconstructed in data collected at or near the $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonance.

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- region.
 - \bullet template from background-subtracted signal candidates.
 - Background PDF: Empirical model of the sideband data
- To better constrain the background, a simultaneous fit to the events in the signal region and sidebands is performed.

 $\tau(\Lambda_c^+) = 203.20 \pm 0.89(\text{stat}) \pm 0.77(\text{sys}) \text{ fs}$

Signal PDF: 1) Exponential function in t convolved with a Gaussian resolution function, which depends on σ_t ; 2) PDF for σ_t is a histogram

Most precise





Summary

- Belle's enduring legacy 0
 - Continues to yield critical insights in charm hadron dynamics even 10+ years post-data-taking
 - Maintains relevance through innovative analysis of its 980 fb⁻¹ dataset
- Belle II's improvement 0
 - With enhanced of vertex resolution, Belle II has a improved detection precision.
 - Enabling unprecedented precision in charm flavor physics, CP violation studies, and beyond the Standard Model searches.
 - Started run2 taking.



Thank you!



Back Up





FIG. 5. Schematic plot showing the helicity angles: (left) $\theta_{\Lambda_c^+}$ and θ_{Λ} in $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+$, $\Lambda \to p\pi^-$; and (right) θ_{Σ^0} and θ_{Λ} in $\Lambda_c^+ \to \Sigma^0 \pi^+$, $\Sigma^0 \to \gamma \Lambda$, $\Lambda \to p\pi^-$.







histogram) and the peaking backgrounds more clearly.

