

First observation of DCS
decay of a charmed Baryon:

$$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^+ \pi^-$$

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Outline

- Today let's talk more about physics rather technique details.
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 - Experimental status of charmed hadrons
 - weak decays of Λ_c
 - some highlights of this paper

experimental status of charmed hadrons: meson V.s. baryon

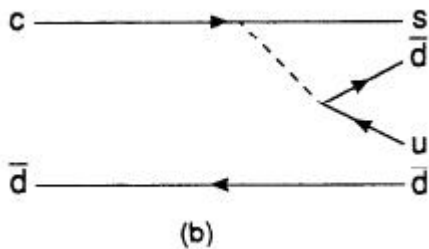
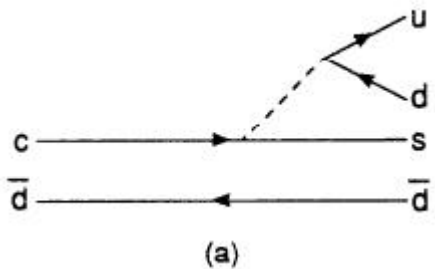
- For charmed **mesons**, many doubly Cabibbo-suppressed(DCS) decay channels have been discovered.
- But for charmed **baryons**, before this paper, no direct experimental observation due to smaller production cross sections.

Weak Decays of Λ_c (1)

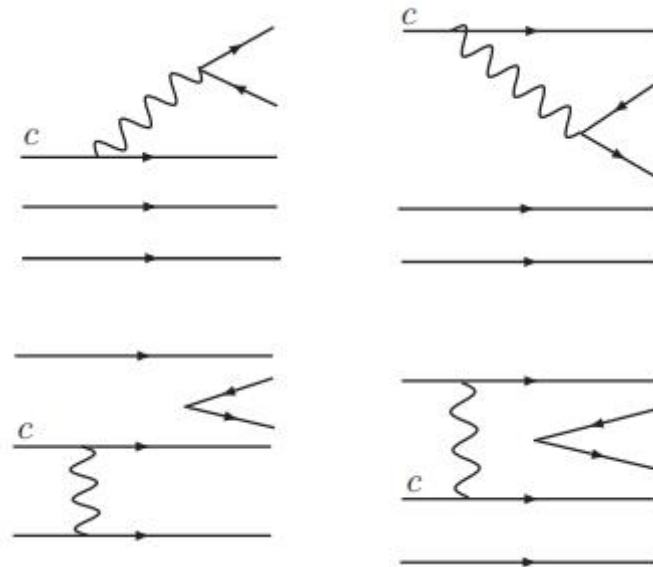
- Higher excited charmed hadrons mainly decay through strong or electromagnetic interactions.
- Study of weak decays of charmed hadron focuses on the ground states, such as D^0 and Λ_c

Weak Decays of Lambda_c(2)

- Unlike charmed meson decays, internal W emission and W exchange processes are not suppressed for charmed baryons.



external and internal W
emission in D⁺ decay



Lambda_c hadronic weak decays

Weak Decays of $\Lambda_c(3)$

- The weak decays of charmed hadron is not well yet.
- Some reasons:
 - experimentally small data sample
 - baryons are made of three quarks
 - Some theoretical technique does not work well, example, some approximation for two body system, 'soft-meson outgoing' technique....
 - W-change plays more important and complicated role in baryon decays
- Unclear yet, difficult to calculate, more complicated in physics picture, that's why Λ_c decays are interesting.

We high energy physicists never satisfied with only doing easy things!

Highlights of this paper (1)

- This work is done by Belle, using $\sim 900\text{fb}$ data to select the $ee \rightarrow qq\bar{q}$ continuum process of Λ_c production. The Λ_c candidates from B mesons are rejected.
- The first doubly cabbibo suppressed process of a charmed baryon to be observed;
- Λ_c decay study reaches the doubly cabbibo suppressed level by Belle

Highlights of this paper(2)

- Unlike BESIII near threshold pair production, Belle could directly measure the absolute branching fractions.
- But could be measured with the help of the branching ratio with the golden channel.
- Also, this ratio $(2.35 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-3}$ corresponding $(0.82 \pm 0.12)\tan^4 \theta_c$,
- Indicate that the internal W-change does not make a large contribution to Λ_c decay.

Thanks