



# Exploring two-body strong decay properties for possible single charm molecular pentaquarks with strangeness

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# Outline

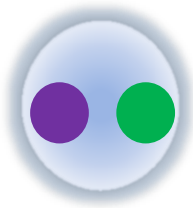
- I. Background and motivation: exotic states; new  $\Omega_c$  states and different explanations to them;
- II. Framework: from mass spectrum to decay properties;
- III. Numerical results: molecular candidates and decay widths;
- IV. Summary

# I. Background: exotic states

- Different with traditional mesons and baryons but allowed by QCD.
- First proposed by Gell-man and Zweig in 1964; *Phys. Lett.* 8, 214-215 (1964).
- Since 2003, a lot of candidates were reported.

*Phys. Rept.* 639, 1-121(2016). *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 90, 015004(2018). *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 107, 237-320 (2019).  
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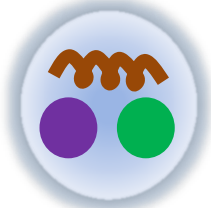
- Different theoretical explanations to them, like compact multiquarks, hybrids, glueballs, and hadronic molecules.



Meson



Baryon



Hybrid



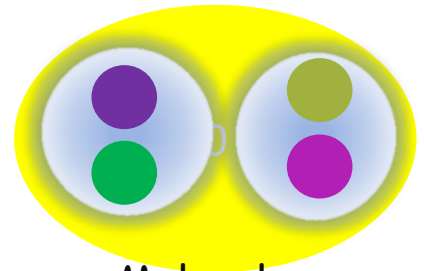
Glueball



Tetraquark



Pentaquark

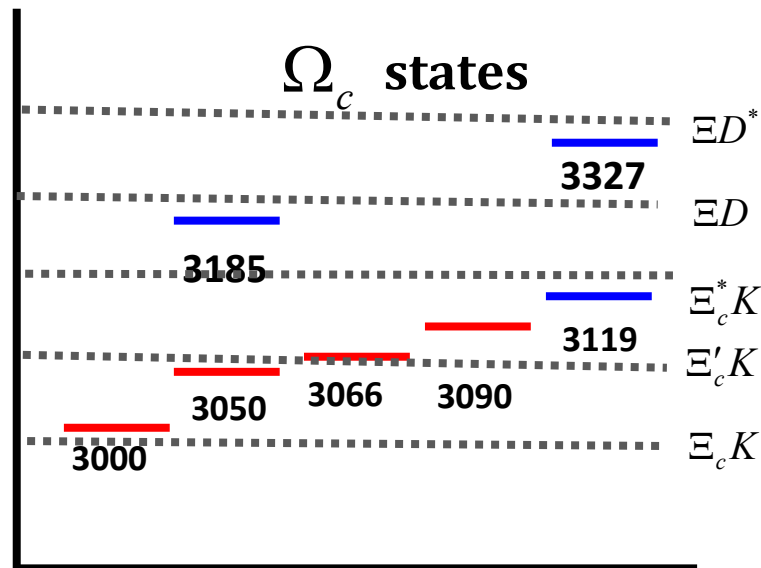


Molecule

# I. Background: new $\Omega_c$ states and different explanations

## Observations

- LHCb@2017, reported five  $\Omega_c$  states  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 118, no.18, 182001 (2017).
- Belle@2017, confirmed lower four states  
*Phys. Rev. D* 97, no.5, 051102 (2018).
- LHCb@2023, confirmed five states and observed another two  $\Omega_c$  (3185) and  $\Omega_c$  (3327)  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 131, no.13, 131902 (2023).



# I. Background: new $\Omega_c$ states and different explanations

➤ **Baryons: excited  $\Omega_c$  baryons.**

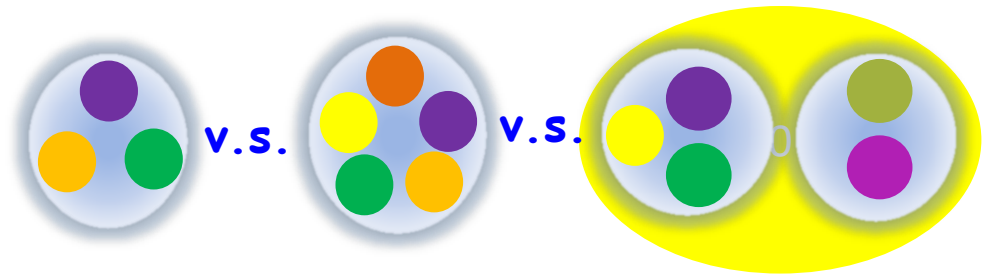
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➤ **Compact pentaquarks:  $\Omega_c(3066)$ ,  $\Omega_c(3090)$ , and  $\Omega_c(3119)$**

Phys. Rev. D 96 no.3, 034012 (2017). Phys. Rev. D 97 no.3, 034023 (2018). Phys. Rev. D 108 no.9, 094045 (2023). Eur. Phys. J. A 54, 64 (2018)...

➤ **Meson-baryon molecules:  $\Omega_c(3050)$ ,  $\Omega_c(3090)$ ,  $\Omega_c(3119)$**

Eur. Phys. J. A 54, 64 (2018). Phys. Rev. D 97, 094035 (2018). Eur. Phys. J. C 78, 407 (2018). Phys. Rev. D 97, 036016 (2018). Phys. Rev. D 97, 094013 (2018). Phys. Rev. D 105, 094036 (2022)...



# I. Motivation: why decays?

## Limitations of the mass spectrum

- The mass of the molecular state is consistent with that of the charmed baryon.
- **Difficult to distinguish** them based solely on the mass spectrum.

## Advantages of decay properties

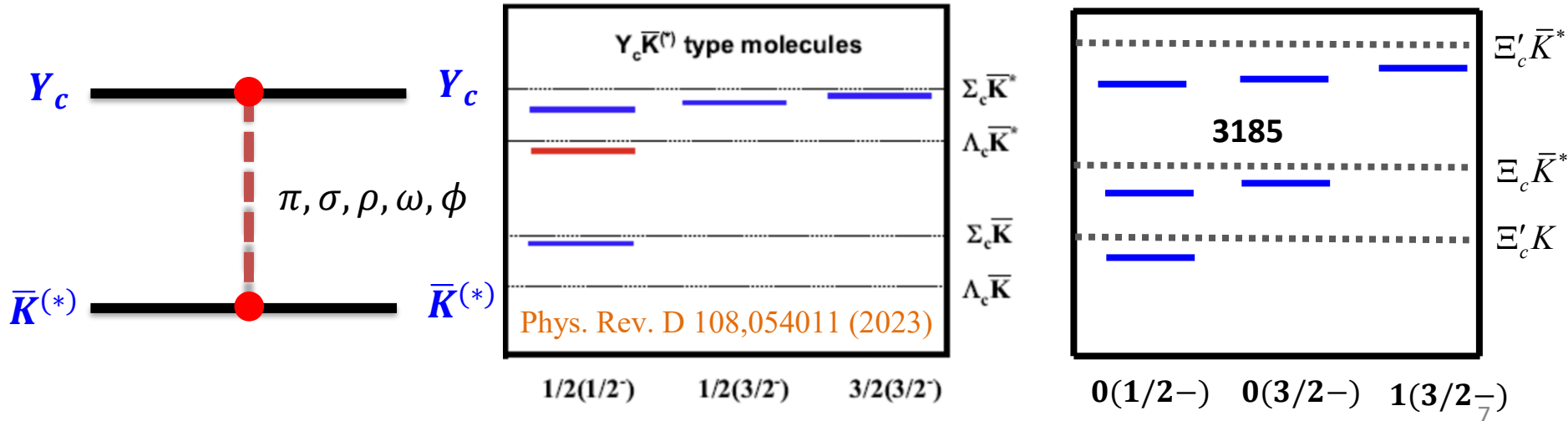
- Decay width and decay branching ratios are **highly sensitive to the wave functions**.
- Different internal structures exhibit **significant differences** in decay behaviors.

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## II. Framework: from mass spectrum to decay properties

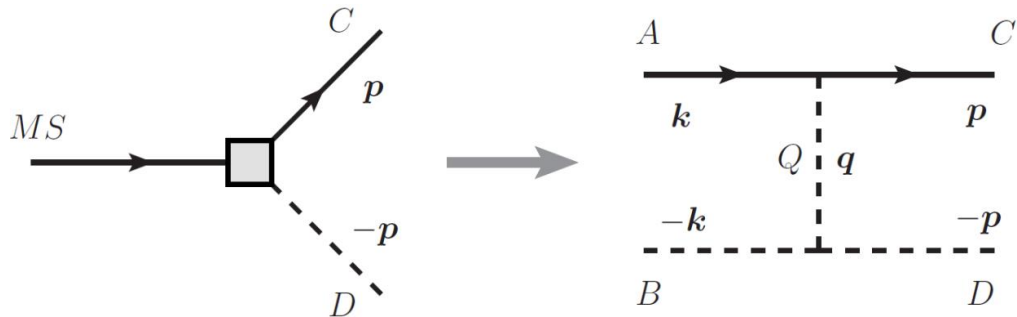
### Mass spectrum for possible $Y_c \bar{K}^{(*)}$ ( $Y_c = \Lambda_c, \Sigma_c, \Xi_c^{(\prime)}$ )

Study the interaction between charmed baryons and strange mesons using the one-boson-exchange model to search for possible candidates for hadronic molecular states.



## II. Framework: from mass spectrum to decay properties

Study their two-body strong decay properties using the effective Lagrangian method.



末态相对动量

$$|\vec{p}| = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(m_{MS}^2, m_{f_1}^2, m_{f_2}^2)}{2m_{MS}}$$

其中  $\lambda(x,y,z) = [x-(y+z)^2][x-(y-z)^2]$  为卡伦函数

高斯型形式因子

$$F(m, q, \Lambda) = \frac{\Lambda^4}{(m^2 - q^2)^2 + \Lambda^4}$$

用于正规化高动量行为, 截止参数取  $\Lambda \approx 1.00 \text{ GeV}$

微分衰变宽度

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{2J+1} \frac{|\vec{p}|}{32\pi^2 m_{MS}^2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 d\Omega$$

$J$  为分子态自旋,  $m_{MS}$  为其质量

转换矩阵元 (Transition Matrix Element)

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$$\langle f_1 f_2 | V_{eff} | i \rangle = \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \psi_n(\vec{k}) \frac{\mathcal{M}(A_n + B_n \rightarrow f_1 + f_2)}{\sqrt{2E_{A_n} 2E_{B_n} 2E_{f_1} 2E_{f_2}}}$$

# 有效拉格朗日量 (顶点1)

为了计算散射振幅，我们采用符合SU(3)味对称性的有效拉格朗日量来描述强子间的相互作用。以下是涉及赧标介子(P)、矢量介子(V)和重子(B)的关键相互作用顶点：

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赧标介子-赧标介子-矢量介子 (PPV)

$$\mathcal{L}_{PPV} = ig_{PPV}(P\partial_\mu P - \partial_\mu PP)V^\mu$$

矢量介子-矢量介子-赧标介子 (VVP)

$$\mathcal{L}_{VVP} = \frac{g_{VVP}}{m_V} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu V^\nu \partial^\alpha V^\beta P$$

三矢量介子耦合 (VVV)

$$\mathcal{L}_{VVV} = ig_{VVV} \langle V_\mu [V_\nu, \partial^\mu V^\nu] \rangle$$

重子-重子-赧标介子 (BBP)

$$\mathcal{L}_{BBP} = \frac{g_{BBP}}{m_P} \bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \partial_\mu P B$$

## 参数说明

**P, V, B:** 赧标介子、矢量介子和重子场

**g:** 相应的强耦合常数

**m\_P, m\_V:** 参与顶点的具体介子质量

**$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ :** 列维-奇维塔张量

**注意:** 公式中的质量 m 使用物理质量而非 SU(3) 极限质量，以包含 SU(4) 味对称性破缺的唯象修正。

# 有效拉格朗日量（顶点2）与衰变宽度

继续展示涉及重子(B)、矢量介子(V)、赝标介子(P)和十重态重子(D)的相互作用顶点，以及二体强衰变的微分宽度计算公式：

## 重子-重子-矢量介子 (BBV)

$$\mathcal{L}_{BBV} = -g_{BBV} \bar{B} (\gamma^\mu - \frac{\kappa}{2m_B} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu) V_\mu B$$

## 重子-十重态重子-赝标介子 (BDP)

$$\mathcal{L}_{BDP} = \frac{g_{BDP}}{m_P} (\bar{B} \partial_\mu P D^\mu + \bar{D}_\mu \partial^\mu P B)$$

## 重子-十重态重子-矢量介子 (BDV)

$$\mathcal{L}_{BDV} = i \frac{g_{BDV}}{m_V} [\bar{B} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 D_\nu F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{D}_\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma_5 B F^{\mu\nu}]$$

## 二体强衰变微分宽度

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{2J+1} \frac{|\vec{p}|}{32\pi^2 m_{MS}^2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 d\Omega$$

### **i** 参数说明

$D$ : 自旋3/2的十重态重子场

$F^{\mu\nu}$ : 场强张量  $\partial^\mu V^\nu - \partial^\nu V^\mu$

$\kappa$ : 磁矩型耦合常数

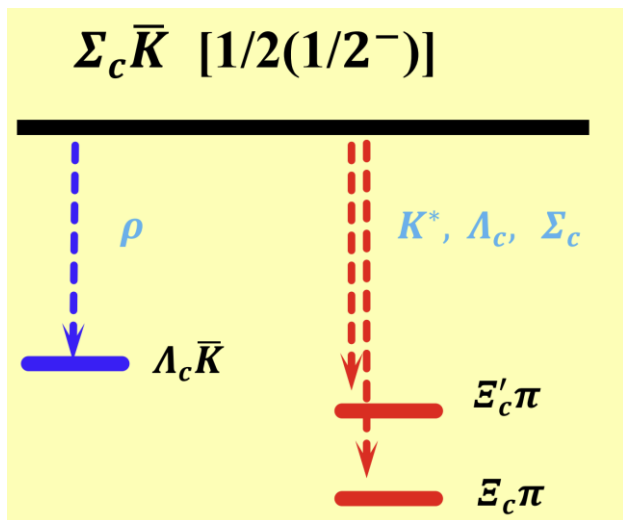
$J, m_{MS}$ : 分子态的总自旋和质量

$|\vec{p}|$ : 末态粒子在质心系的动量

$\mathcal{M}$ : 散射振幅（包含形状因子）

**说明:** 有效拉格朗日量中的导数作用于相应的场，产生动量依赖的顶点因子。微分散射截面的积分给出了总衰变宽度。

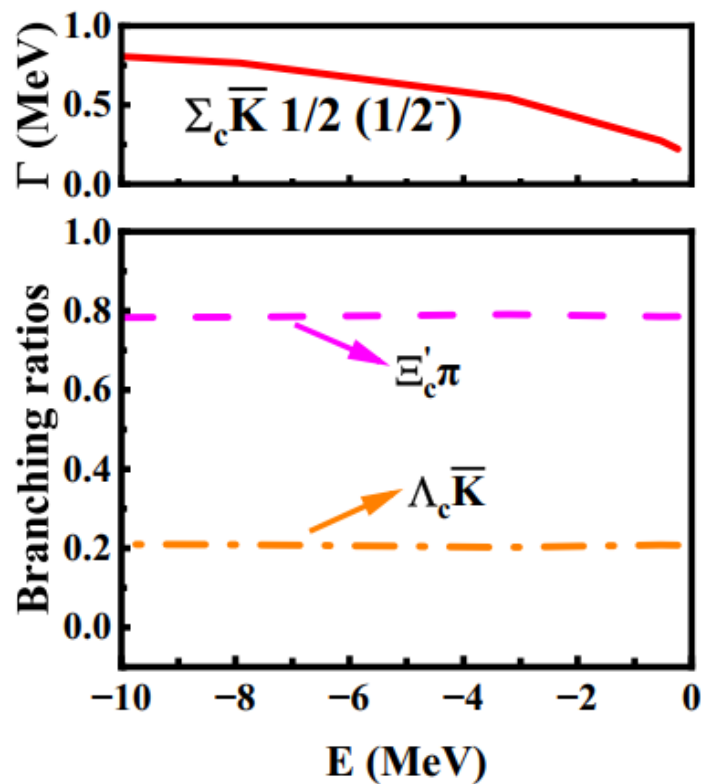
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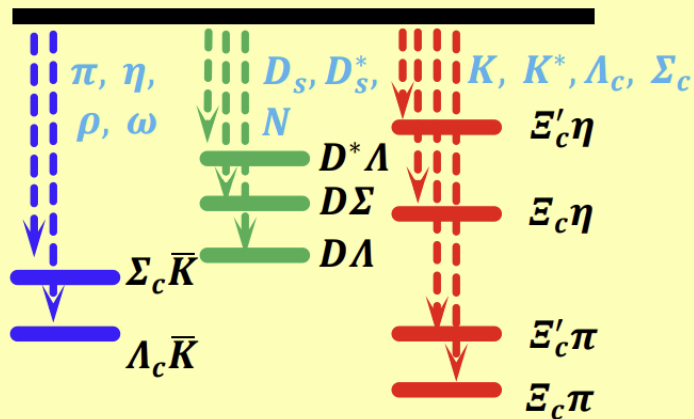
Total width  $\Gamma$ : **less than 1 MeV.**

Dominant decay channel:  $\Xi_c' \pi$  (78%),

**larger phase space;  $\Lambda_c \bar{K}$  (20%).**

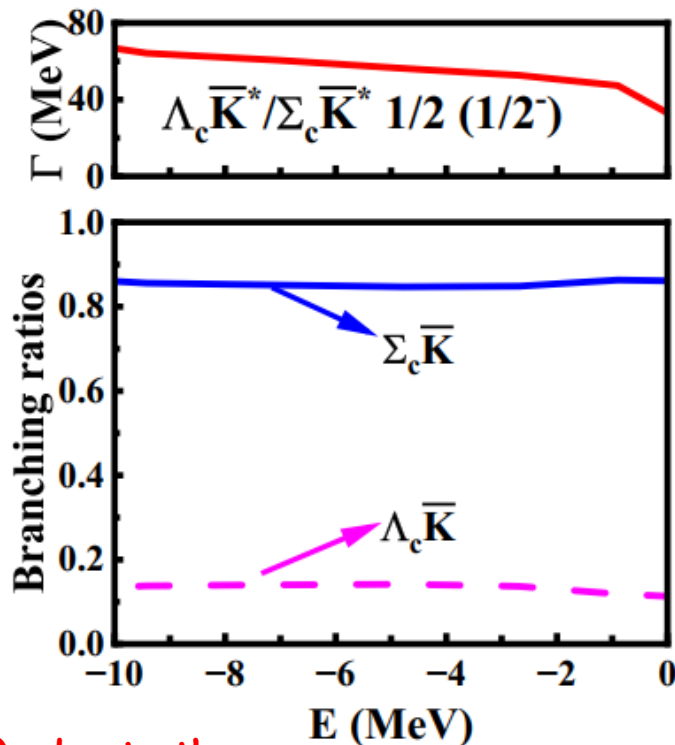


$$\Lambda_c \bar{K}^* / \Sigma_c \bar{K}^* [1/2(1/2^-)]$$

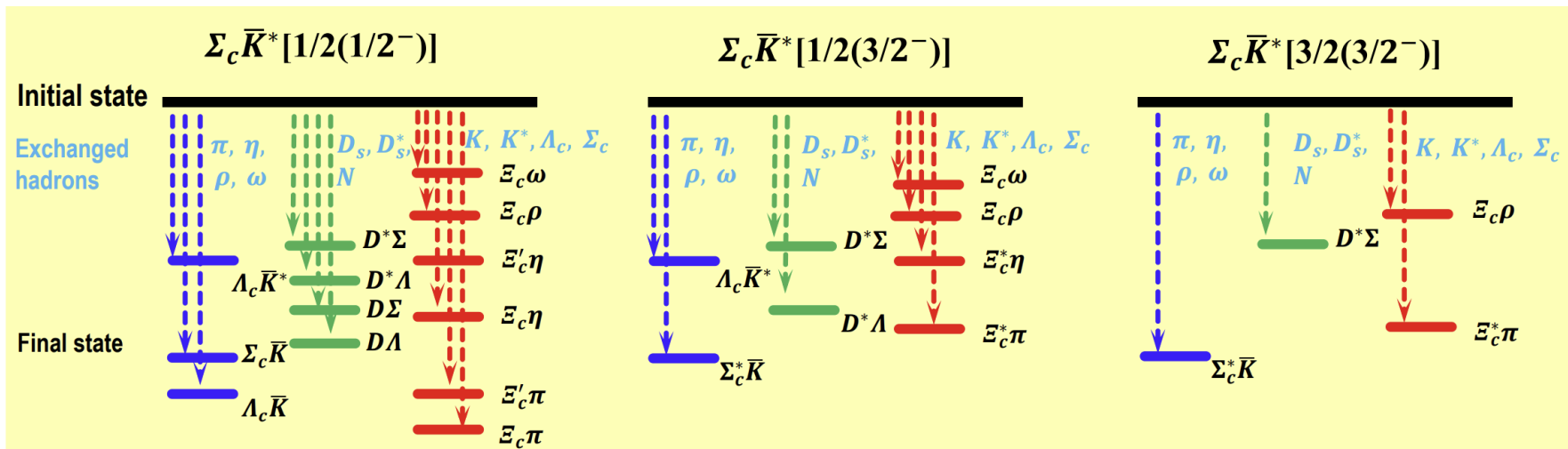


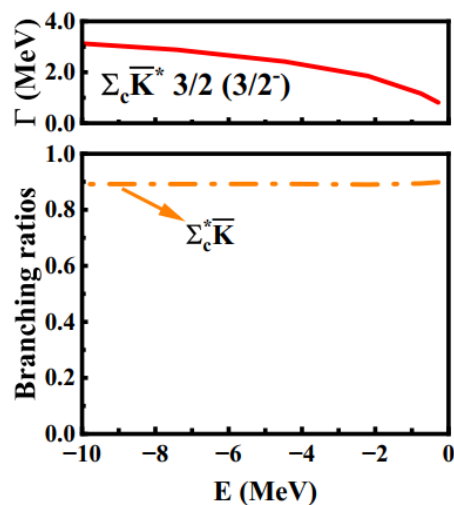
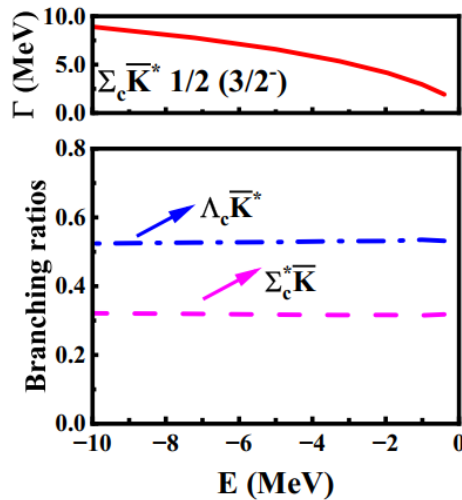
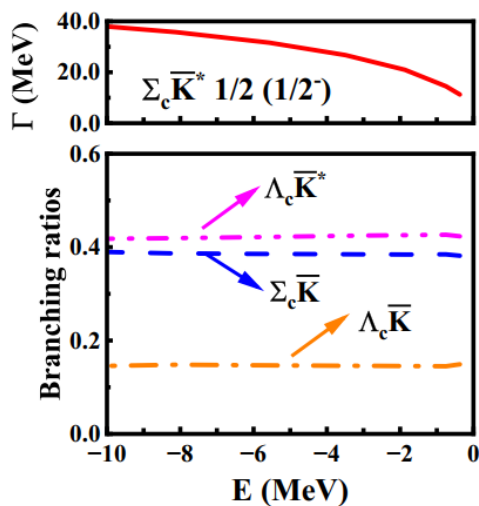
Total width  $\Gamma$ : **from 30 to 76 MeV.**

**Dominant decay channel:  $\Sigma_c K$  component (about 85%), due to the strong pion-exchange mechanism;  $\Lambda_c K$  (14%), coupled channel effects and  $\pi$  exchange interactions.**



# $\Sigma_c K^*$ molecules





**$I(JP) = 1/2(1/2-)$**

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 11 - 40 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:  $\Lambda_c K^*$  (42%),  $\Sigma_c K$  (38%),  $\Lambda_c K$  (15%).

Characteristic:  $\pi$  exchange drives a significant width

**$I(JP) = 1/2(3/2-)$**

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 2 - 10 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:  $\Lambda_c K^*$  (53%),  $\Sigma_c^* K$  (32%).

Characteristic:  $\pi$  exchange drives a significant width

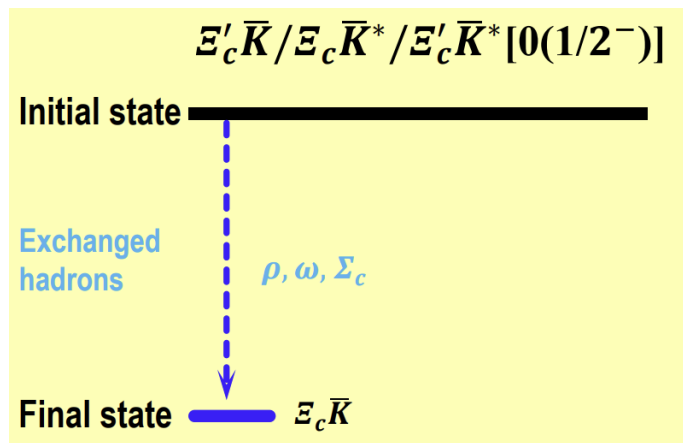
**$I(JP) = 3/2(3/2-)$**

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 1 - 3.2 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:  $\Sigma_c^* K$  (90%).

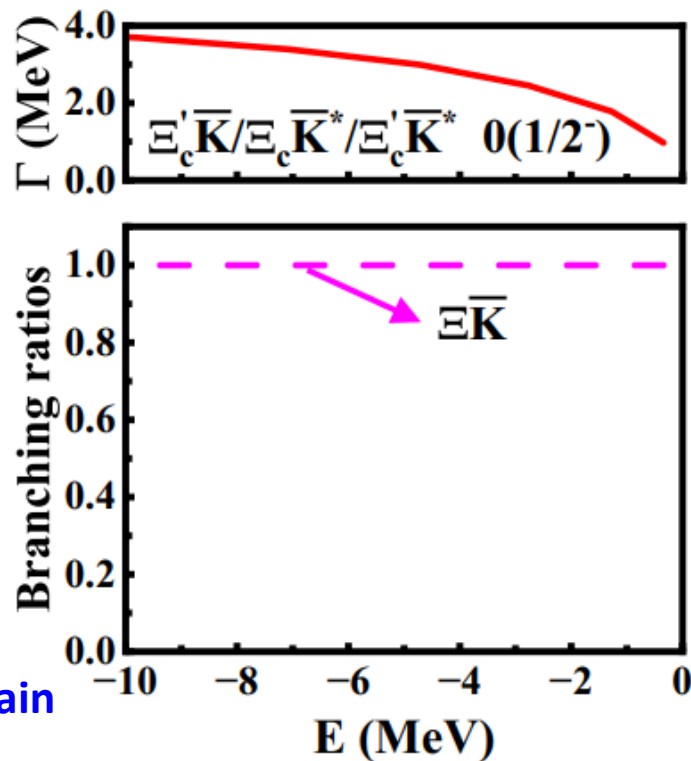
Characteristic:  $\pi$  exchange drives a significant width.

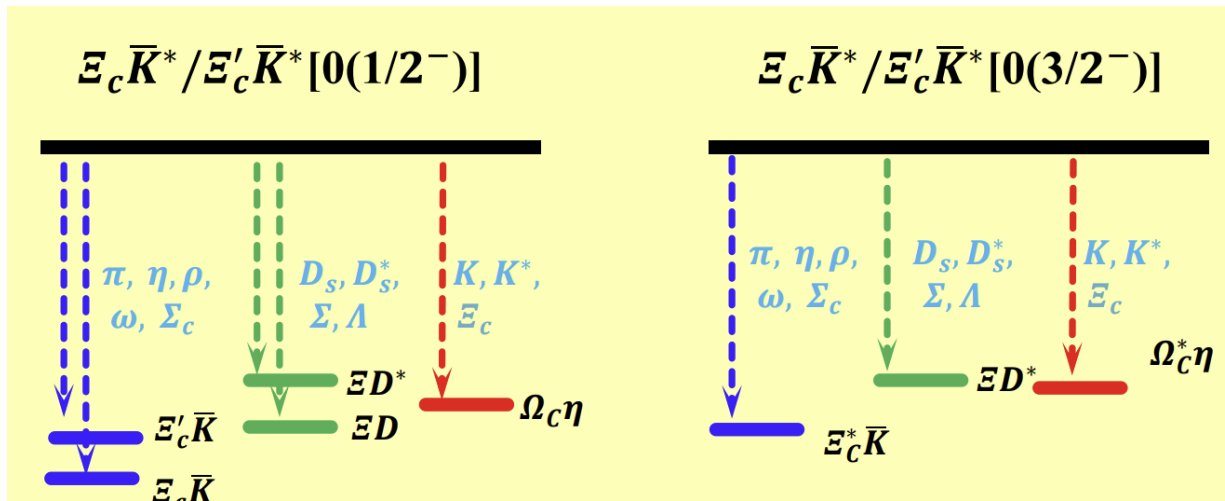
$$\Xi'_c K / \Xi_c K^* / \Xi'_c K^* \quad I(JP) = 0(1/2^-)$$



Total width  $\Gamma$ : 0.97 - 3.9 MeV .

The width is relatively narrow, and the main decay channel is single.





$I(JP) = 0(1/2^-)$

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 0.6-2.5 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:  $\Xi_c K$  (90%),  $\Xi'_c K$  (10%).

Characteristic:  $\pi$  exchange drives a significant width.

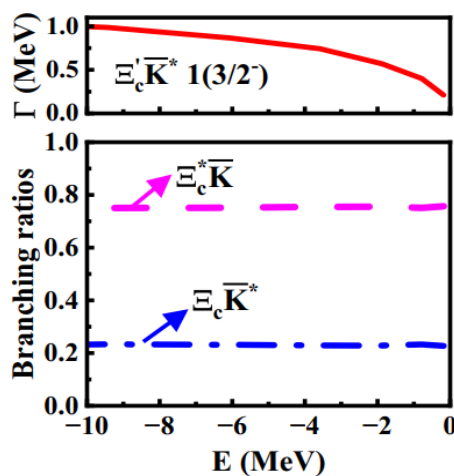
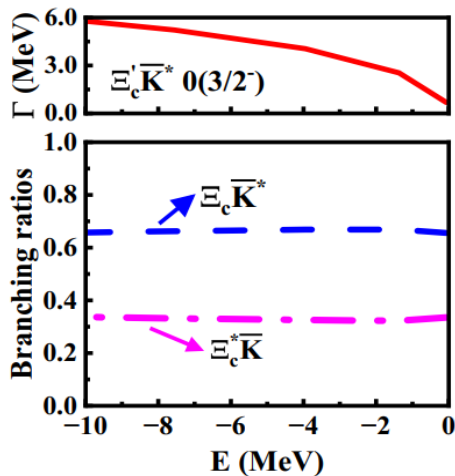
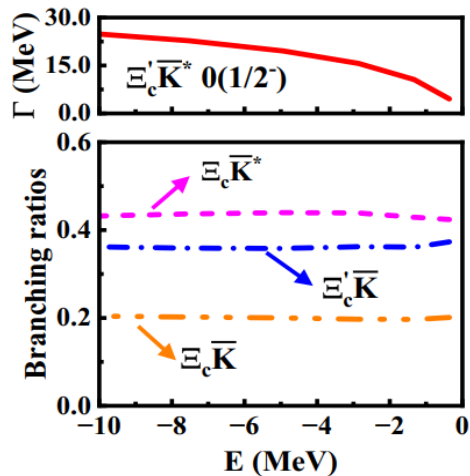
$I(JP) = 0(1/2^-)$

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 15-5.4 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:  $\Xi_c^* K$  (98%).

Characteristic:  $\pi$  exchange drives a significant width.

$\Xi'_c \bar{K}^*$



$I(JP) = 0(1/2-)$

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 4.5-25 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:

$\Xi_c K^*$  (44%) >  $\Xi'_c c K$  (35%) >  $\Xi_c c K$  (20%).



$I(JP) = 1/2(3/2-)$

Total width  $\Gamma$ : 0.7-6.2 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:

$\Xi_c K^*$  (66%) >  $\Xi_c^* c K$  (33%).



$I(JP) = 3/2(3/2-)$

Total width  $\Gamma$ : <1 MeV.

Dominant decay channel:

$\Xi_c^* c K$  (75%) >  $\Xi_c c K^*$  (23%).

$\Gamma(I = 1) < \Gamma(I = 0)$  with same binding energy

Interference effect: In the  $I = 1$  system, significant destructive interference between the  $\rho$  and  $w$  exchange amplitudes.

States	$I(J^P)$	$\Gamma$	Primary Decay	
$\Sigma_c \bar{K}$	$1/2(1/2^-)$	(0.22, 0.90)	$\Xi'_c \pi(78\%)$	$\Lambda_c \bar{K}(20\%)$
$\Lambda_c \bar{K}^* / \Sigma_c \bar{K}^*$	$1/2(1/2^-)$	(30, 76)	$\Sigma_c \bar{K}(85\%)$	$\Lambda_c \bar{K}(14\%)$
$\Sigma_c \bar{K}^*$	$1/2(1/2^-)$	(11, 40)	$\Lambda_c \bar{K}^*(42\%)$	$\Sigma_c \bar{K}(38\%)$ $\Lambda_c \bar{K}(15\%)$
	$1/2(3/2^-)$	(2, 9.80)	$\Lambda_c \bar{K}^*(53\%)$	$\Sigma_c^* \bar{K}(32\%)$
	$3/2(3/2^-)$	(0.8, 3.2)	$\Sigma_c^* \bar{K}(90\%)$	
$\Xi'_c \bar{K} / \Xi_c \bar{K}^* / \Xi'_c \bar{K}^*$	$0(1/2^-)$	(0.97, 3.9)	$\Xi_c \bar{K}(100\%)$	
$\Xi_c \bar{K}^* / \Xi'_c \bar{K}^*$	$0(1/2^-)$	(0.6, 2.5)	$\Xi_c \bar{K}(90\%)$	$\Xi'_c \bar{K}(10\%)$
	$0(3/2^-)$	(1.47, 5.38)	$\Xi_c^* \bar{K}(98\%)$	
$\Xi'_c \bar{K}^*$	$0(1/2^-)$	(4.52, 25)	$\Xi_c \bar{K}^*(44\%)$	$\Xi'_c \bar{K}(35\%)$ $\Xi_c \bar{K}(20\%)$
	$0(3/2^-)$	(0.68, 6.24)	$\Xi_c \bar{K}(66\%)$	$\Xi_c^* \bar{K}(33\%)$
	$1(3/2^-)$	(0.21, 1.00)	$\Xi_c^* \bar{K}(75\%)$	$\Xi_c \bar{K}^*(23\%)$

- **Large variation in width:** range from less than 1 MeV to several tens of MeV;
- **Main reason:** phase space and light meson exchange, especially pion;
- **Stable branching ratios:** predicted decay branching ratios are insensitive to variations in binding energy.

## IV. Summary

Investigate the two-body strong decay properties of  $Y_c K^*$  molecules using the effective Lagrangian method combined with hadronic molecular wavefunctions derived from the one-boson-exchange (OBE) model.

- ✓ Predict the total decay widths and dominant branching ratios.
- ✓ The total decay widths vary significantly for different molecules.
- ✓ The branching ratios exhibit high stability.
- ✓ The decay dynamics are dominated by light meson (especially pion) exchange, leading to a strong preference for "charmed baryon + strange meson" final states.

**Thank you!**