

Charmed Baryon Spectroscopy via the (π, D^{*-}) reaction

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Executive Summary

We propose the spectroscopic study of charmed baryons via the (π, D^{*-}) reactions at the high-momentum (high-p) beam line of J-PARC to investigate the diquark degree of freedom in a hadron. The good diquark correlation is due to the color-spin interaction whose strength is proportional to the inverse of a quark mass. Therefore, there would be only one good diquark pair in a charmed baryon, which makes the study of excited charmed baryons unique and interesting.

We will supplement the high-p beam line with the dispersive ion optical elements so that a high-intensity pion beam with a resolution of $\Delta p/p=0.1\%$ can be delivered. A new large acceptance spectrometer for the D^{*-} detection is designed to achieve a missing mass resolution of ~ 5 MeV. Charmed baryons from the ground state to highly excited states of $E_x \sim 1$ GeV will be identified in a missing mass spectrum of the $p(\pi, D^{*-})$ reaction. In addition to the masses and widths of charmed baryons, the spectrometer enables us to measure some of the decay branching ratios of an excited baryon by detecting decay products.

Here, we propose new charmed baryon spectroscopy by means of the missing mass method to shed lights on the diquark.

I. INTRODUCTION

Although we know the fundamental law of the strong interaction, quantum chromodynamics (QCD), the dynamics of hadrons at low energy is not easily described in terms of the bare quarks and gluons. As being strongly correlated systems, the construction of hadrons may require good insight with more ingredients beyond the bare particles. The possible formation of various kinds of active constituents at relevant energy scale as quasi-particles is the origin of the variety of hadrons.

Due to the strong interaction effects, light u, d and s quarks are renormalized to emerge as quasi-particles and become active building blocks of hadrons at low energy. Thus dressed quarks are referred to as constituent quarks. Contrary, heavy charm and bottom quarks are almost good constituents by themselves. The strongly renormalized u, d and s quarks and almost bare c and b quarks are the basic building blocks of hadrons that we shall study. The quark model based on these quarks have been generally successful especially for the ground state hadrons [1]. It also describes an important feature of the nuclear force [2].

Yet, problems have been recognized among resonances. For instance; (1) not all quark model states are observed, which is known as the missing resonance problem, and (2) many resonances above decay channel threshold are not well described. The so-called exotic hadrons are particularly so.

Diquarks have been discussed in hadron physics for a long time [7–10]. There are many phenomenological suggestions or even "evidence" of diquarks. The above-mentioned missing resonance problem in baryons might be solved by introducing diquarks. Exotic hadrons such as "light-narrow" penta-quark state are explained as a positive parity state by diquark picture, together with the "lightest" positive parity nucleon resonance, Roper [9]. Ref. [9] discusses also why the lightest scalar meson nonet appears below 1 GeV with a diquark model.

The so-called good diquark is formed due to strong attraction in the color-spin (color-magnetic) interaction between two quarks (Appendix A). In baryonic system with light quarks, the effect of the good diquark correlations may be difficult to see because 3 pairs of diquark correlations are at equal weight. If a light quark is replaced by a heavy quark in a baryon, because the color-spin interaction is proportional to the inverse of a quark mass (Eq. A3), the other two light quarks are expected to correlate strongly, thus, may develop a diquark. Lattice QCD calculations demonstrate strong spatial correlations between two light quarks with a spin-singlet, color antitriplet configuration in a baryon with introducing a static quark[11, 12]. A charm quark would act as a static quark and may isolate the other two light quarks. If the isolated two light quarks make a collective system, a relative motion in the light quarks (ρ mode) and a collective motion of them to the heavy quark (λ mode) may split in excited states, as illustrated in Fig. 1. If this is the case, characteristic patterns of the level structure of excited states, such as Regge trajectories, might be seen. A diquark mass may be determined from a slope parameter of a Regge trajectory. Although this is

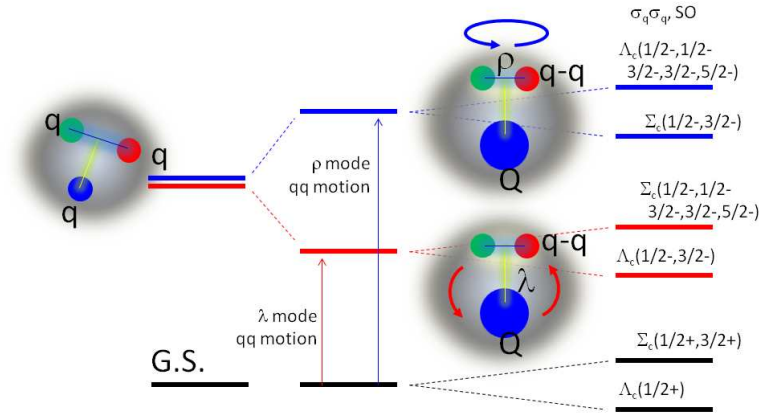


FIG. 1: Schematic picture of quark correlations in a baryon. In a baryon with light quarks, the correlations are equal weight and the orbital excitation levels are degenerated, as illustrated in the left hand side. In the case that two light quarks make a collective system by introducing a heavy quark in a baryon, the orbital excitation could be split into a relative orbital motion between two light quarks and a collective motion of the light quarks relative to the heavy quark(right).

a naive picture, the pattern, if it is found, must carry information on a strongly correlated colored object, the dynamics of which should be explained by QCD. One considers the case that a string tension between quarks becomes large enough to create a $q\bar{q}$ pair in an excited state. In a light baryon system, a light meson (Nambu-Goldstone boson) will be easily created at one end of the string with q , forming a lighter baryon at the other end of the string with " qq ". If a light qq pair forms a diquark in a charmed baryon, a string between the diquark and a charm quark will be expanded at an excited state. This may favor a decay to $Q\bar{q}$ and qqq (if it opens energetically) and suppress a decay to Qqq and $q\bar{q}$. This may be one of the explanations for narrow widths of the charmed baryons.

In this respect, a charmed baryon with a charm quark (Y_c) provides a unique opportunity to look into quark dynamics, particularly diquarks and/or diquark correlations, in hadrons. Giving information on a structure in a hadron, we could further understand QCD in the non-perturbative region. However, a limited number of charmed baryons are reported to date. Therefore, a systematic measurement of a charmed baryon is strongly desired.

We will measure charmed baryons via the (π, D^{*-}) reactions, where the charmed baryons are identified in missing mass spectra. We will supplement the high-momentum (high-p) beam line at J-PARC with dispersive ion optical elements so that a high-intensity pion beam with a resolution of $\Delta p/p=0.1\%$ can be delivered (Section refsec-hpbl). A new large acceptance spectrometer for the D^{*-} detection is designed to achieve a missing mass resolution of as good as 5 MeV, as described in Section III B. Charmed baryons from the ground state to highly excited states of the excitation energy equal to ~ 1 GeV will be identified in a missing mass spectrum of the $p(\pi, D^{*-})$ reaction. Expected missing mass spectrum is demonstrated

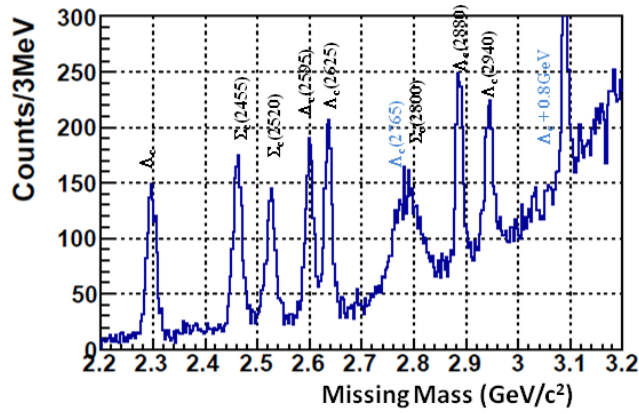


FIG. 2: Missing mass spectrum of the (π, D^{*-}) reaction on hydrogen is demonstrated by a Monte Carlo simulation. Here, known states reported by Particle Data Group [3] are taken into account, except for the highest peak at $\sim 3.08 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, assuming a production cross section for each state to be 1 nb.

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We will measure the excitation energies and widths of the charmed baryon states, in which we expect to find some hitherto-unobserved states. We could deduce information on a diquark correlation from the measured level structure. In addition to the masses and widths, the spectrometer enables us to measure some of decay branching ratios of an excited baryon by detecting decay products (Section III B). Decay branching ratios (partial decay widths) can be immediately obtained from the numbers of produced parent and daughter states populated via the (π, D^{*-}) and $(\pi, D^{*-}M)$ reactions, respectively, where M represents the decay particles from a populated charmed baryon. This is an advantage of the missing mass spectroscopy. According to the simulation, angular range of the decay particle can be covered widely so as to measure an angular distribution. This as well as the decay branching ratio would be helpful to determine a spin of the state [13, 14]. The production cross section must carry information on structure of produced charmed baryon through the coupling constant and transition form factor at the NDY_c and/or ND^*Y_c vertices.

Here, we propose new charmed baryon spectroscopy by means of the missing mass method to shed light on the diquark.

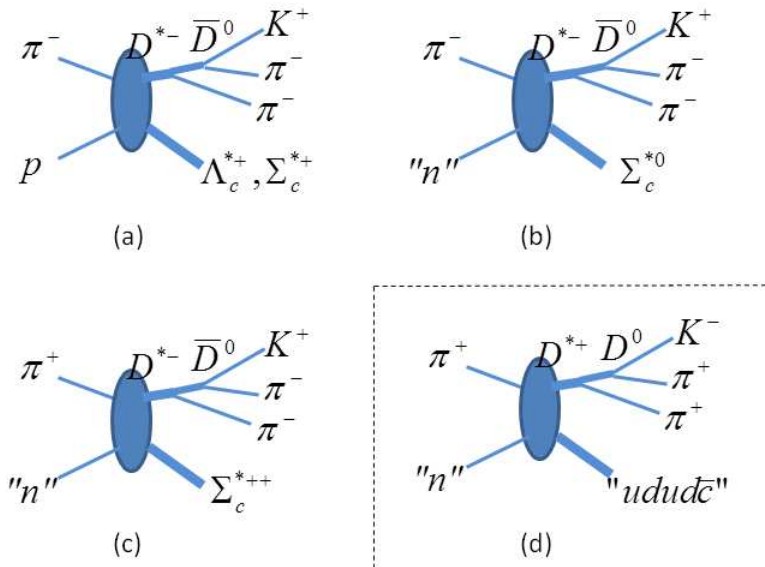


FIG. 3: Reaction and decay diagrams considered.

II. (π, \bar{D}^{*-}) REACTION

We propose to study charmed baryons at the high momentum beam line of the J-PARC hadron facility. Charmed baryons will be identified in the missing mass spectra of the (π, D^{*-}) reactions. Charmed baryons can be produced in a wide mass range from the ground state up to highly excited states of the excitation energy as high as 1 GeV at once. The (π^-, D^{*-}) reaction on a hydrogen target can populate both Λ_c^{*+} and Σ_c^{*+} , as illustrated in Fig. 3-(a). This is standard. We have another choices for the beam polarity and/or the target (neutron in deuteron) to control the isospin of a produced charmed baryon (Fig. 3-(b) and (c)). The spectrometer system is charge symmetric, as described in Section III B. When we choose the reaction mode (c) in Fig 3, we can measure an exotic channel, as shown in Fig. 3-(d).

To date, there is no experiment observed charmed baryons in a missing mass spectrum of the (π^-, D^{*-}) reaction. There is only a report which gave an upper limit of the cross section, ~ 270 nb at the incident pion momentum (p_π) of 13 GeV/ c in 1985 [15]. We estimate the production cross section to be at a level of 1 nb, employing a Reggeon exchange model [16], as described in Appendix E. We therefore improve sensitivity two orders of magnitude better than that of the previous experiment. On the other hand, the reaction cross section with a positive kaon production, which is a potential source of background, is estimated to be as high as 1.8 mb at $p_\pi=15$ GeV/ c [17]. The total cross section of π^- collision to p with strange particle production has been measured as 3.4 mb [18]. We will reduce background contamination by an order of 6 to 7 with identifying a charmed particle production twice, namely D^{*-} and D^0 in a decay chain of $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + \pi^-$ followed by $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$. Details

are described in Section III B

III. EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY

A. Beam Line Configuration

1. Concept

The high-momentum (high-p) beam line has been designed for the E16 experiment [19] to utilize a 30-GeV primary beam. The high-p beam line branches off at the SM point located at the middle point of the slope in the switch yard of the slow extraction beam line. A small fraction of the primary beam, about 10^{10} protons per spill, will be delivered for E16 through the high-p beam line. Since a production target of up to 15-kW beam loss can be placed at SM, an intense pion beam can be produced through the beam line.

We reconsider the high-p beam line design so that high-momentum unseparated secondary beams of sufficient intensity can be available to carry out the present experiment. The beam line must be compatible for the use of primary and secondary beams without major rearrangement of the beam line elements. We expect the High-p beam line performance as follows:

- The pion beam of up to 20 GeV/ c to produce excited charmed baryons that we study.
- A momentum resolution of 0.1% so that a missing mass resolution can be achieved at a level of 5 MeV.
- A Large acceptance of the beam line to achieve the intense pion beam of higher than 10^7 particles per second.

2. Optical Design

The beam line layout is shown in Fig. 4. It is composed of three parts, as corresponding to three focal points, IF, DP, and FF. In the first part, secondary beams produced at SM are collected and focused on IF. Here, we use 4 quadrupole magnets and 1 horizontal and 1 vertical bending magnets. The first Q magnet, which determines the solid angle of the beam line, is located at 4.5 m downstream of SM, although this magnet yoke has to be considered so as not to intercept the primary beam. A vertical bending magnet has to be placed before IF in order to bend the beam down to the beam level of the hadron hall. The magnifications in the horizontal and vertical directions are set to -1.591 and -2.398 at IF. The beam size will be redefined by collimators placed at IF.

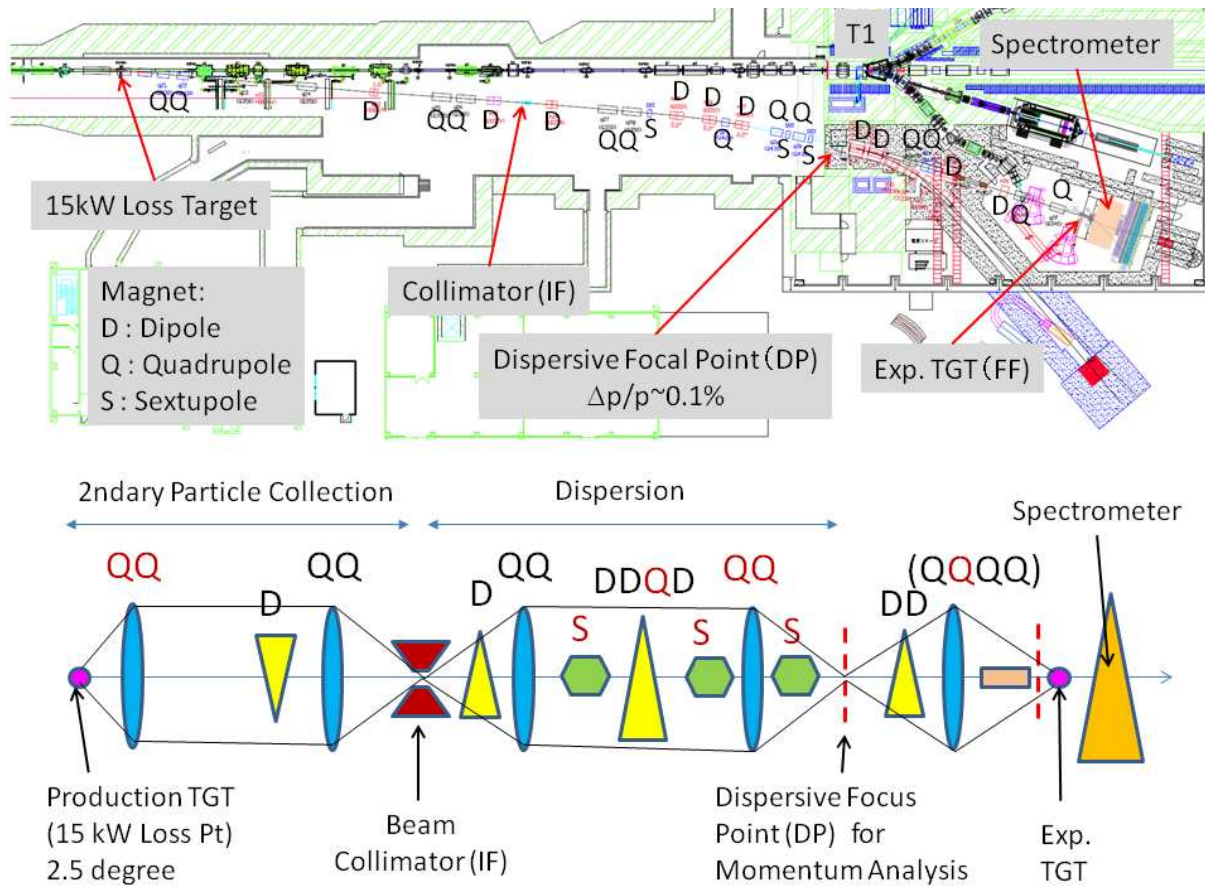


FIG. 4: Beam line layout is shown.

In the second part, the beam is focused at DP so as to make a dispersive focus, where a strong correlation between a beam momentum and a beam position. We employ 3 bending magnets to make a sufficient dispersion and 4 quadrupole magnets to focus the beam. The magnifications of the horizontal and vertical directions at DP are 0.664 and 4.658, respectively. The momentum dispersion is realized as 1.031 cm/%. We employ 3 sextupole magnets in order to eliminate second order aberrations. We expect a momentum resolution of $\sim 0.1\%$ if we measure a position of a secondary particle with a spatial resolution of 1 mm at DP. Contribution of the beam momentum resolution of 0.1% to a missing mass resolution is estimated to be about 4 MeV in the $p(\pi, \bar{D})\Lambda_c$ reaction at the incident momentum of 15 GeV/c.

In the last part, the beam is focused on FF with a momentum dispersion. The magnifications of the horizontal and vertical directions at FF are -1 and -1.678 , respectively. By using three bending magnets, each of which has 6 m long pole length, and 7 quadrupoles realize a momentum dispersion to be 1.207 cm/% at FF.

A beam envelope of the High-p beam line is calculated to the second order by TRANSPORT [20], as shown in Fig. 5. In this beam optics, the momentum resolution is estimated

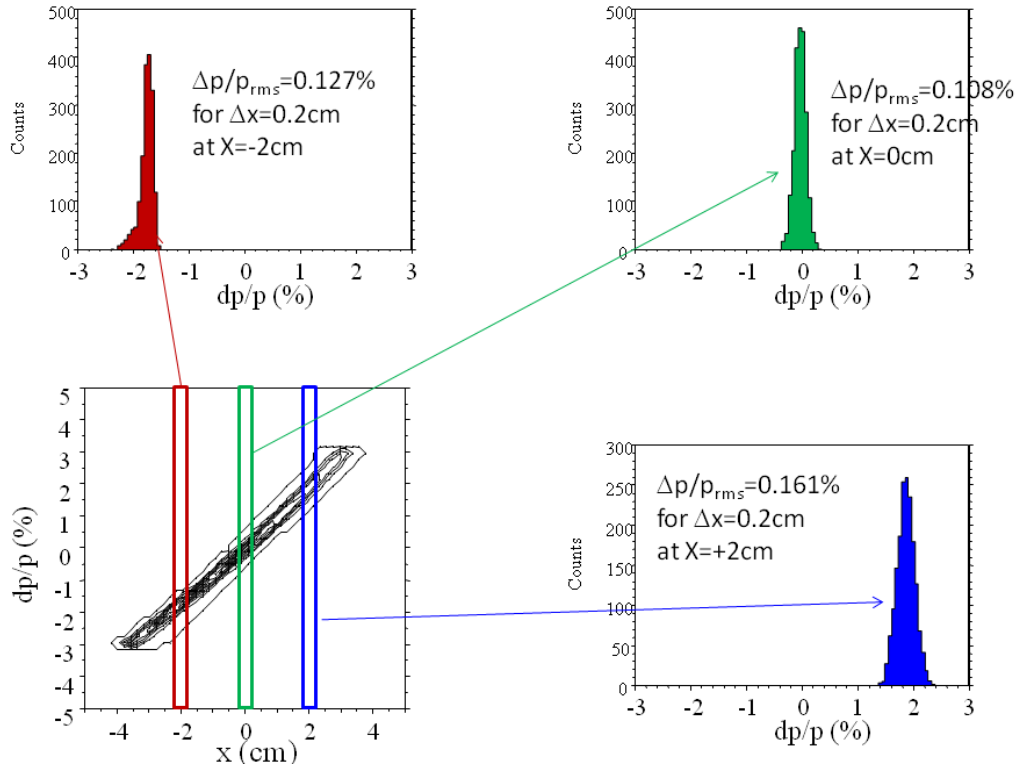


FIG. 6: Dispersive beam correlation at FF is shown.

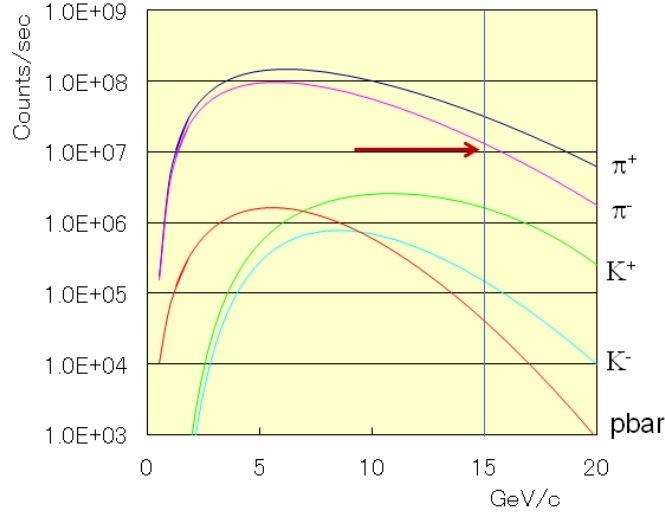


FIG. 7: Yields of secondary particles at a production angle of 2.5 degrees for a 15-kW primary beam lost at a platinum target, calculated by the Sanford-Wang formula [21]. The acceptance and the total length of the beam line are 2 msr*% and 132 m, respectively.

the decay products from excited baryons such as the $Y_c^* \rightarrow Y_c + \pi$ decay, and the analysis of the decay chain which decays to the known states, the spin and parity of the excited states could be also determined. The excited charmed baryon states could completely be measured in the experiment.

In the experiment, the $\pi^- + p \rightarrow Y_c^* + \bar{D}^{*-}$ reaction is used. The \bar{D}^{*-} meson decays by the $\bar{D}^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + \pi^-$ channel (branching ratio of 67.7%). Then, the \bar{D}^0 meson decays by the $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ + \pi^-$ channel (branching ratio of 3.88%). The decay products of K^+ and π^- from \bar{D}^0 and π^- from \bar{D}^{*-} are mainly detected by the spectrometer. The spectrometer is designed to detect the final state of the " K^+, π^-, π^- " mode. The other decay modes of the \bar{D}^0 meson which have all charged particles could be also measured according the spectrometer acceptance.

The detector configuration of the spectrometer is designed to satisfy those experimental requirements as followings;

- Large acceptance for \bar{D}^{*-} decay particles (multi-particles measurement)
- Mass resolution as good as 5 MeV/c² to search for excited charmed baryons
- Particle identification (K and π) performance in a momentum of up to 10 GeV/c
- High-rate capability for handling the high-rate beam.

The decay products of K^+ and π^- from the \bar{D}^0 decay have higher momentum up to 10 GeV/c at the beam momentum of 15 GeV/c. Those particles are scattered to the forward direction so that the large forward detectors are installed at both the entrance and the exit of the magnet. The soft π^- from the \bar{D}^{*-} has low momentum of less than 1 GeV/c due to the small Q-value of the $\bar{D}^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + \pi^-$ decay. To keep the acceptance, it is necessary to install the specific detectors to detect the soft π^- . One of the known higher excited charmed baryon such as $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ has the total decay width of 5.8 ± 1.1 MeV [13]. The missing mass resolution of as good as 5 MeV is necessary to measure those higher excited region with a narrow width. This value is enough to measure the excited states having a wider width of ~ 70 MeV such as $\Sigma_c(2800)$ [22]. The scattered particles have high momentum of up to 10 GeV/c. Due to the limited flight length by keeping the acceptance, the scattered particles could not separated by the time of flight measurement. We plan to use the RICH counter. The production cross section is estimated to a level of 1 nb in Appendix E so that it is necessary to use the intense J-PARC beam of more than 10^7 Hz. For measurement of the beam and scattered particles at the downstream of the target, the detectors which has the high-rate capability is inseparable. The spectrometer system was designed by satisfying those experimental requirements.

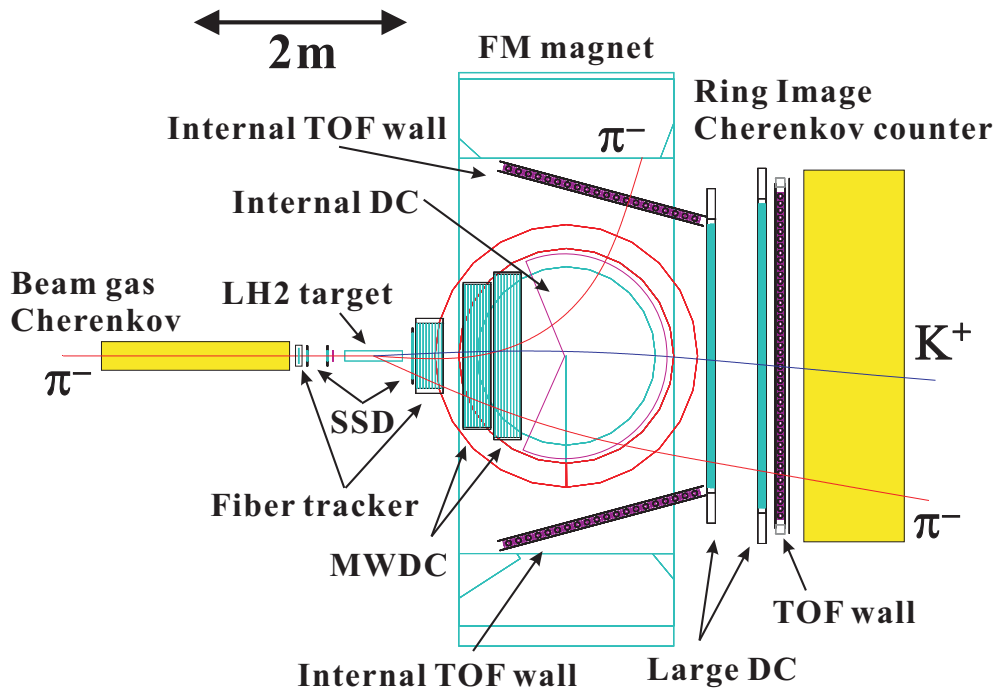


FIG. 8: Schematic view of the proposed spectrometer

1. Conceptual design of the spectrometer

Figure 8 shows the conceptual design of the spectrometer. For design the spectrometer, the FM cyclotron magnet which is used in the J-PARC E16 experiment [19] is planned to be used. The magnet has a large pole gap space and an inner space for installing inner detectors to measure the soft π^- from the \bar{D}^{*-} decay. Those properties are suitable to design the charmed baryon spectrometer with large acceptance. The FM cyclotron magnet is modified for the charmed baryon spectroscopy experiment by changing the pole pieces. The gap of the magnet pole is changed to be 1 m and the maximum field strength of 1 T is used. It corresponds to the $B \times L$ value of 2.3 Tm.

To increase the yield of the excited charmed baryon states, the long length Liquid Hydrogen target is used. The length of the target is 570 mm which corresponds to the mass thickness of 4 g/cm². This mass thickness was determined to the contribution of the target energy loss straggling to the invariant mass resolution for reconstructing both \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} mesons. The experimental target is placed at the entrance of the magnet. For maximizing both the acceptance and the bending angle for the scattered particles, the target was installed to the optimized position. In the simulation, the scattered particles are generated isotropically inside of the target along the beam direction.

The pion beams are measured by Silicon strip detectors(SSD) for tracking and a fine segmented plastic scintillation counter for timing. This timing counter determines the time-zero. The horizontal size of each segment is adjusted for operating in the single counting rate

of a few MHz. By assuming design value of horizontal beam size of 100 mm and expecting counting rate of 30 MHz, the size is needed to be less than 5 mm. In addition, to reject the accidental events in the beam tracking, the scintillating fiber wall with a 1 mm pitch segment is installed. By gating the narrow fiber timing window of ~ 1 ns and comparing the hit position on the fiber wall with the tracks measured by SSD, the accidental events from intense pion beams (30 MHz) could be rejected. The segmented gas Čerenkov counter is installed at the upstream of the fiber wall. For separating the beam π^- from K^- with the beam momentum of 15 GeV/ c , the CO₂ gas Čerenkov counter is used.

For detecting K^+ and π^- from the \bar{D}^0 decay, tracking detectors are installed at both the entrance and the exit of the magnet. The coverage of the forward tracking detectors for detecting K^+ and π^- from the \bar{D}^0 decay is determined from the momentum and angular distribution by the simulation by assuming the isotropic angular distribution of the $\pi^- + p \rightarrow Y_c^* + \bar{D}^{*-}$ reaction in the center of mass system. The detectors at the entrance of the magnet have the horizontal and vertical size of 400–600 mm and 200–300 mm, respectively. For the tracking devices, SSD and a scintillating fiber tracker (1 mm pitch) are used due to the high-rate beam. The sizes of downstream detectors are 2000–3000 mm for horizontal and 1200–1500 mm for vertical direction, respectively. The large drift chambers with smaller drift space (~ 10 mm) are used for the downstream tracking devices. The wires where the beam pass through are inactive by not applying the high voltage. The redundancy is kept by increasing the number of the tilted wire layers. The TOF wall has a similar size to the downstream tracking detectors. The large downstream detectors are needed to be installed to keep the acceptance. The PID counter is installed at the downstream of the TOF wall. The detail of the PID counter is described in Sec. IIIB–2.

The inner counters are installed inside of the magnet gap. To measure the tracks of both soft π^- from the \bar{D}^{*-} decay and K^+ and π^- from the \bar{D}^0 decay, the internal tracking drift chambers such as planar and cylindrical types are installed at the downstream of the entrance detectors. The wires where the beam pass through are also inactive by keeping the redundancy to use enough number of the tilted wire layers. The time-of-flight of soft π^- from the \bar{D}^{*-} decay is measured by the internal TOF counters located at the magnet gap. By using those internal detectors, the decay particles and decay chain of higher excited Y_c^* states could be measured also, because those decay particles are scattered to the forward direction. The decay particle measurement is described in Sec. IIIB–8.

2. Particle identification

The momentum range of the scattered particle from the \bar{D}^0 decay is up to 10 GeV/ c . The time difference between K^+ and π^- is estimated to be ~ 60 ps for the momentum of 5 GeV/ c by using the typical spectrometer flight-path length of 4 m. The conventional time-of-flight measurement cannot be used for the particle identification so that the timing counters such

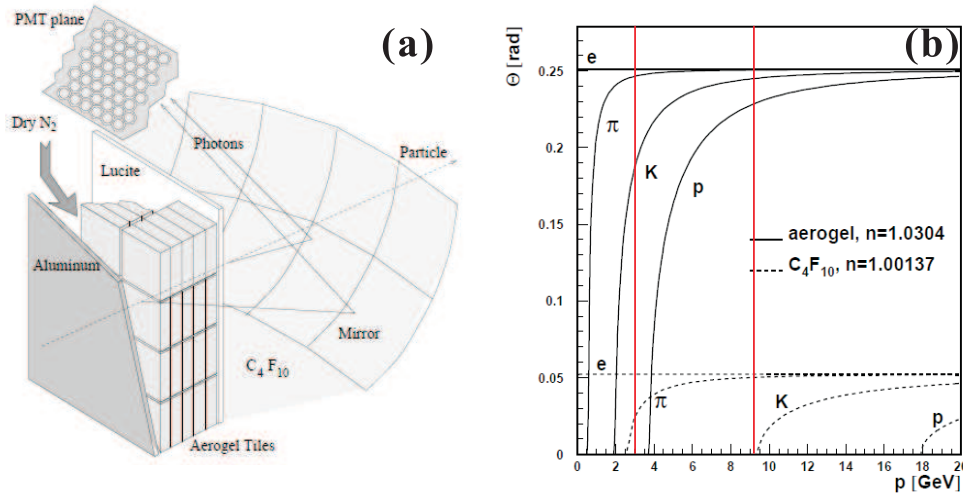


FIG. 9: Geometry and radiator configuration for the HERMES RICH (a) and the Čerenkov emission angles versus hadron momentum for the aerogel and the C_4F_{10} gas radiators (b)

as the time-zero and the TOF counters are just used for selecting the prompt timing of the scattered particles. On the other hand, the slow particles from the \bar{D}^{*-} and Y_c^* decays could be identified by using the time-of-flight information of the internal counters.

The fast scattered particles are identified by using the RICH counter located at the downstream of the TOF wall. In the experiment, the hybrid-RICH system is planned to be used. The hybrid-RICH system was used in the HERMES experiment [23]. The HERMES RICH detector consisted of the aerogel ($n=1.0304$) and the C_4F_{10} gas ($n=1.00137$) radiators. By using information of both the different thresholds and the Čerenkov emission angles of those radiators, the particles (π , K , p) with the momentum of 2–15 GeV/ c could be separated. Figure 9 shows the geometry and radiator configuration for the HERMES RICH and the Čerenkov emission angles versus hadron momentum for the aerogel and the C_4F_{10} gas radiators. In the momentum range of less 3 GeV/ c , the aerogel is used for the thresholds type Čerenkov detector for separating K and π . In the momentum range from 3 GeV/ c to 9.3 GeV/ c , the aerogel is used for the RICH type detector for K and p , and the C_4F_{10} gas is used for the thresholds type detector for K and π . Above 9.3 GeV/ c , the C_4F_{10} gas is used for the thresholds type detector for K and p and for the RICH type detector for K and π . For the charmed baryon spectrometer, the similar hybrid-RICH detector will be developed.

3. High-rate and multi-particle tracking system

The intense π^- beam of $6.0 \times 10^7/\text{spill}$ (30 MHz for the 2 sec extraction) is planned to be used in the experiment. This beam intensity is over the limit of the wire chamber operation so that high-rate detectors are needed to handle the beam. For beam measurement, the

Silicon strip detectors and scintillation fiber wall are installed. The high-rate capability of SSD ($80\mu\text{m}$ pitch and $60\text{ mm}\times 60\text{ mm}$) is up to 10^8 Hz and that of the scintillation fiber is a few MHz per 1 mm segmentation. Those capabilities are satisfied under the operation by assuming 100 mm horizontal beam and expecting total counting rate of 30 MHz.

For the track measurement at the downstream of the target, the tracking devices at the entrance of the magnet have to be operated under the conditions of both the high-rate beam and high-rate scattered multi-particles. The total charged particle cross section of the $\pi^- p$ reaction measured at the beam momentum of 16 GeV/c [24]. From the cross section values in Ref [24], the multi-track rate with averaged particle number of 4 tracks is estimated to be 3 M/spill by the experimental conditions (4 g/cm^2 target, $6.0 \times 10^7/\text{spill}$ beam). In this condition, both the accidental tracks and the wrong tracking connection between tracks obtained from the entrance and exit tracking devices are expected. To avoid the incorrect tracking, the redundant tracking system is planned to be used for the tracking at the downstream of the target. Those three kind of the tracking devices are installed, the scintillating fiber tracker for gating the narrow timing gate, SSD for separating the tracks with the precise spacial resolution and the internal MWDCs for distinguishing the particles tracks and charge by using the motion in the magnetic field of the magnet. By combining those three tracking devices, it is possible to measure the multi-particle tracks under the high-rate condition without the incorrect tracking. The high-rate and multi-particle tracking system is one of the key device for the experiment.

4. Acceptance

The acceptance of the spectrometer system was estimated by the simulation. The accepted condition are followings.

- Both K^+ and π^- from the \bar{D}^0 decay pass through all the layers of tracking devices and the TOF wall.
- Soft π^- from the \bar{D}^{*-} decay pass through the entrance tracking devices, the internal tracking chambers and the internal TOF wall.

The acceptance which is the ratio of the number of the accepted particles divided by that of the generated ones are shown in Fig. 10(a). The bottom figures show the momentum correlation of both generated (b) and accepted (c) particles from the \bar{D}^0 decay in the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ produced case with the beam momentum of 15 GeV/c. The horizontal and vertical axis are acceptance and the known charmed baryon mass, respectively. The \bar{D}^{*-} meson is generated by assuming the isotropic and the forward ($\propto e^{-at}$) angular distribution of the $\pi^- + p \rightarrow Y_c^* + \bar{D}^{*-}$ reaction in the center of mass system. The decay angular distributions of both \bar{D}^{*-} and \bar{D}^0 are isotropic in the center of mass system. By using the forward peak, the scattering angle of the generated \bar{D}^{*-} is less than 3° so that due to the large opening angle of

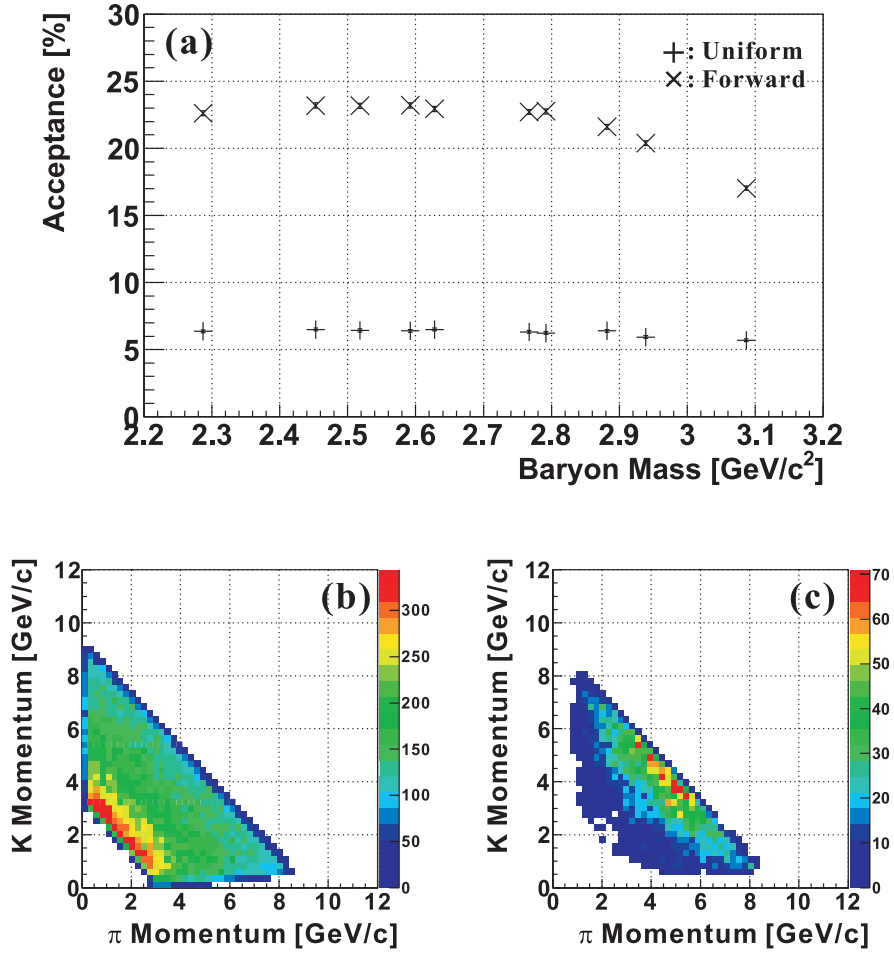


FIG. 10: (a): Acceptance for \bar{D}^{*-} as a function of the missing baryon mass. \bar{D}^{*-} is isotropically generated in the CM system. Momentum distributions of K^+ versus π^- from \bar{D}^0 generated (b) and detected (c) in the case of the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ production.

the D^0 decay, the acceptance is decreased in the higher mass region. The acceptance of the \bar{D}^0 decay particle detection is mainly determined by the gap of the FM cyclotron magnet. When K^+ and π^- from the \bar{D}^0 decay are accepted, $\sim 90\%$ of soft π^- from the \bar{D}^{*-} decay pass are detected by the internal detectors. Those soft π^- s have a momentum of $0.3\text{--}1.1$ GeV/c and are scattered to the polar angle of $0^\circ\text{--}8^\circ$. By including the decay process of K^+ and π^- s, the acceptance is decreased to be $\sim 75\%$. The decay factor of K^+ and soft π^- are ~ 0.85 and ~ 0.90 , respectively. The absolute value of the acceptance strongly depends on the angular distribution of the $\pi^- + p \rightarrow Y_c^* + \bar{D}^{*-}$ reaction. If the angular distribution of the reaction is forward peak, the acceptance becomes a few times higher than that of the isotropic distribution.

5. Resolution

The momentum resolution, the invariant mass resolution for reconstructing the \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} and the missing mass resolution are estimated by the simulation. The realistic materials are input to the simulation, the liquid hydrogen for the target, the silicon for SSDs, the plastic scintillator for the timing counters and the scintillation fibers, the drift chamber gas (Ar:iso-C₄H₁₀) for all chambers, and Helium gas for the gap of the magnet. For the tracking, the position resolutions of SSD, Fiber tracker and drift chambers are assumed to be 100 μm , 200 μm and 200 μm , respectively. The momentum resolution of 0.2% at momentum of 5 GeV/ c is achieved. The invariant mass resolution for reconstructing the \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} are estimated to be 4.6 MeV and 0.71 MeV, respectively. The contribution of the target material effect to the invariant mass resolution of the \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} are 2.4 MeV and 0.53 MeV, respectively. The estimated invariant mass resolutions are mainly determined by the target ΔE straggling. The missing resolution by assuming the production of the ground state (Λ_c) and the excited state ($\Lambda_c(2880)^+$) are estimated to be 9.6 MeV and 5.5 MeV, respectively. In the case of the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ production, the contributions of the missing mass resolution is estimated from $\Delta M^2 = \Delta_{Beam}^2 + \Delta_{Spec}^2 + \Delta_\theta^2 + \Delta E_{target}^2$, where the first term is the mass resolution coming from the momentum resolution of the beam line and the second is that of the spectrometer. The third term comes from the resolution of the scattering angle and the last term from the target ΔE straggling. The contributions of the momentum resolution of the beam line and the spectrometer including scattering angle resolution are estimated to 3.6 MeV and 3.9 MeV, respectively, where that of the target ΔE straggling is 1.5 MeV. The contribution of the momentum resolution of the spectrometer and the scattering angle is balanced to that of the beam line. The required resolution are found to be achieved.

6. Background Event

In the experiment, the final state of the " K^+, π^-, π^- " mode is detected by the spectrometer. All reaction events which include this mode could be background of the mass spectra. There are little information about those background processes of the $\pi^- p$ reaction in the momentum region of 10–20 GeV/ c . The total cross section of the $\pi^- p$ reaction at the beam momentum of 16 GeV/ c is 25.6 mb [25]. At this momentum, the inclusive strangeness production cross section is 3.4 mb [18]. In addition, the K_s^0 production with more than 4-charged tracks which could include the " K^+, π^-, π^- " mode has a cross section of 1.1 mb [26]. Therefore, the total cross section of a few mb has to be assumed to estimate the background.

The background events are estimated by the simulation. To produce background events, a simulation code, JAM [17], and an isotropic phase space distribution are used for comparison. JAM (Jet AA Microscopic transport model) code is used for the background estimation of

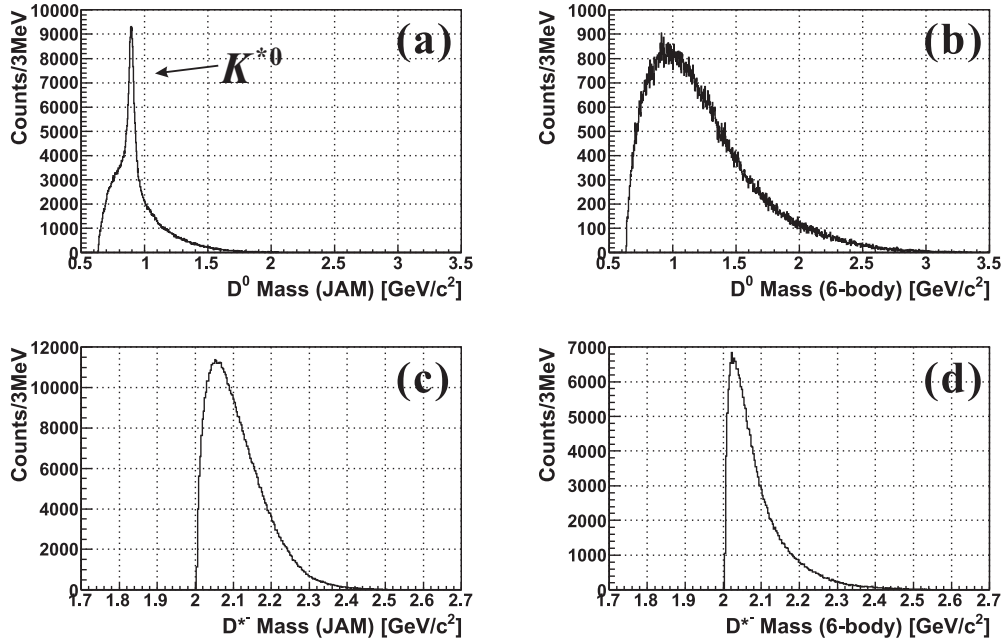


FIG. 11: Reconstructed mass spectra from K^+ and π^- (\bar{D}^0) (a,b) and \bar{D}^0 and soft π^- (c,d) in the cases of JAM (a,c) and 6-body (b,d).

the heavy iron collision experiment. The code includes many elemental processes, such as $p p$, $\pi^\pm p$ and so on. The JAM code covers the low energy range of 1-20 AGeV so that we employ this simulation code. For the background of the isotropic phase space distribution, the combination of the particles including the " K^+ , π^- , π^- " mode are randomly assigned. Then, those particles are generated by the N-body(5–7 bodies) kinematics which follows the phase space.

Figure 11 shows the background distribution for the invariant mass of \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} . For reconstructing the \bar{D}^{*-} mass, the \bar{D}^0 mass is assumed. For comparison, both the simulation result by JAM and the 6-body random background are shown. Due to the processes included by JAM, the clear K^{*0} peak is observed in the spectrum. Figure 12 shows the background distribution for the missing mass spectra. By the JAM code, the average number of produced particles in an event is ~ 8 so that the momentum of each particle is lower than that of the 6-body random background. The number of the background events of the higher mass region are relatively larger than that of the lower region.

In the JAM code, the total cross section of the background processes which include the " K^+ , π^- , π^- " mode is 1.8mb. For the initial value, we employ this total cross section for the estimation. The number of the background events are estimated to be 3.7×10^{11} by considering the experimental conditions (4 g/cm² target, 6.0×10^7 /spill beam, 100 days beam time). The trigger rate is roughly estimated by the JAM simulation. By assuming the

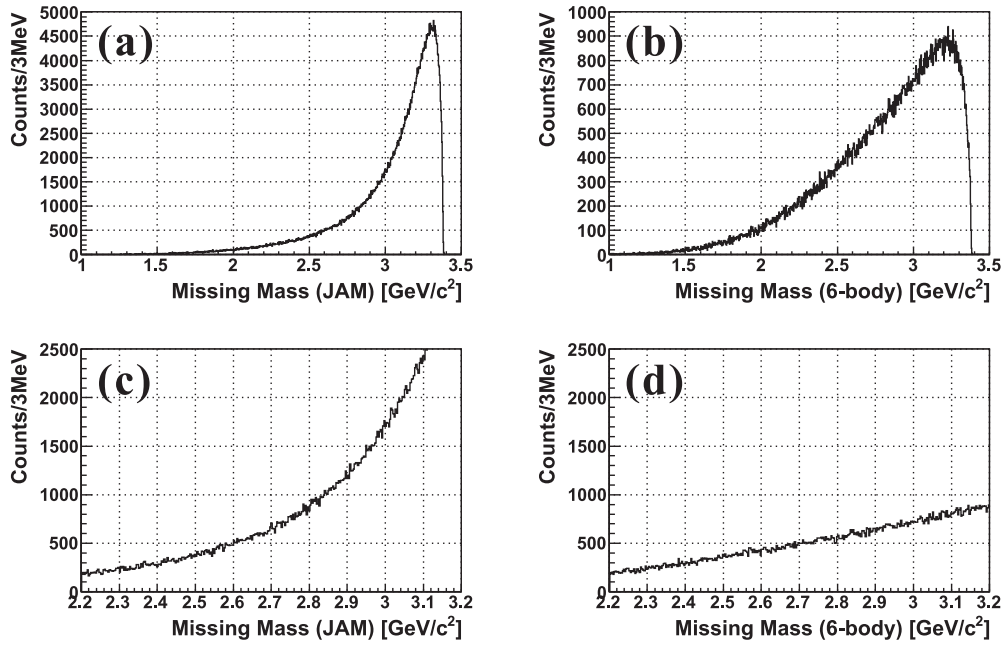


FIG. 12: Missing mass spectra for the background events. (a,c): JAM and (b,d): 6-body.

PID efficiency of 100%, the trigger rate is estimated to be 13 k/spill. This value is just the accepted number of events from the JAM background. If the 2.0 sec extraction is assumed, the trigger rate becomes 6.5 kHz.

The reduction of the background is tested by the simulation. In the experiment, the invariant mass of \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} meson are reconstructed step by step. This analysis method is called, "D* tagging." By using the D^* tagging, the background events can be drastically reduced because the combinations of the background events which enter the mass gate are drastically decreased. As shown in Fig. 13, by gating both the \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} mass of the 2.5σ region, the background reduction factor which includes the acceptance is 10^{-7} and 10^{-6} for JAM and the 6-body random background, respectively. The narrow mass gate by the high resolution spectrometer is also inseparable for the background reduction. Finally, the number of the background events are reduced to be $3.7 \times 10^4 - 10^5$.

7. Missing Mass Spectra

By assuming reduction factor of 10^{-7} and 10^{-6} , the missing mass spectra with known charmed baryon resonances are generated. For the production of charmed baryon states, the cross section of 1 nb and is assumed with the PDG mass and width. The events are generated by assuming the isotropic angular distribution of the $\pi^- + p \rightarrow Y_c^* + \bar{D}^{*-}$ reaction in the center of mass system. Figure 14 shows the missing mass spectra simulated with signal and

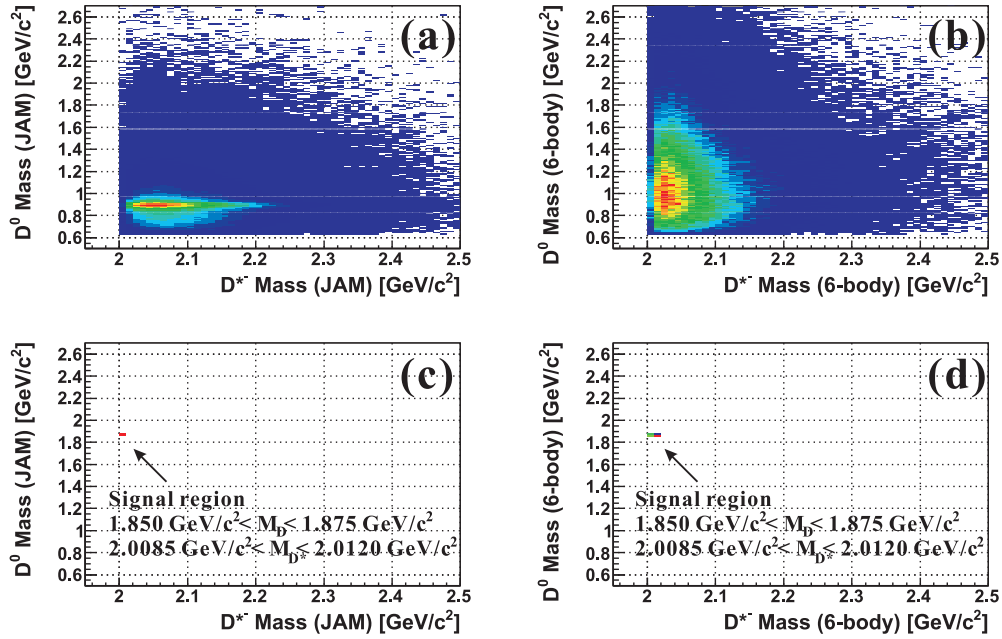


FIG. 13: Two dimensional plots of reconstructed \bar{D}^{*-} and \bar{D}^0 masses for JAM and 6-body background events (a,b). By applying the D^* tagging, only a part of the background events remain in the selected mass region (c,d).

background events. The background shape generated by JAM is assumed and the number of the total events is generated to be that of the reduced ones. For the higher excited region ($2.65\text{--}3.10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$), the significance of the charmed baryon states is estimated by assuming the decay width. Figure 15 shows the significance of the total cross section of 1 nb (~ 1000 counts) in the case of the reduction factor of 10^{-6} . By changing the decay width, we found that the reduction factor of less than 10^{-6} is necessary to find out the wider decay width state.

For reducing more background, the forward proton detection is applied. The proton from the decay of the charmed baryon states has higher momentum due to the large momentum transfer. On the other hand, the proton from the background has lower momentum. Those protons are mainly produced by the multi-meson production so that the momentum transfer is smaller than that of the charmed baryon production. By detecting the forward proton, the background events generated by JAM is reduced to be $\sim 1/10$. The signal from the charmed baryon states is also reduced due the proton decay breaching ratio of 50%. By optimizing the acceptance for the forward proton, the signal to noise ratio could be improved more. In the case of the total production cross section of 1 nb , the background reduction factor of 10^{-6} is the limit to observe the higher excited charmed baryon states with a wider width.

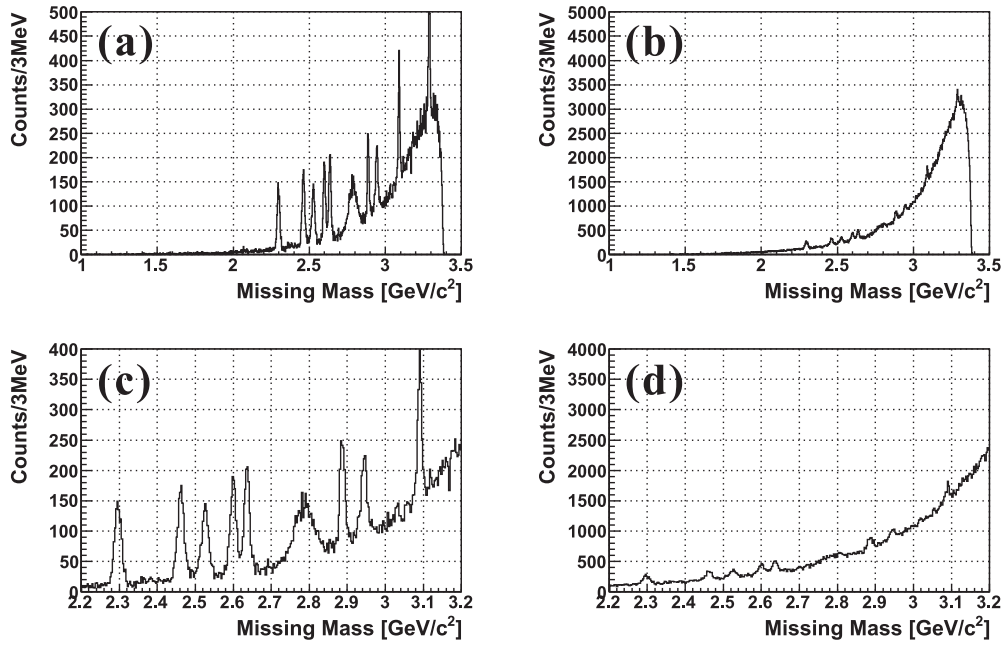


FIG. 14: The missing mass spectra simulated with signal and background events. The masses and widths of charmed baryons are assumed as reported in the PDG [3], except for the heaviest one at 3.08 GeV (this is artificial). (a,c): Missing mass spectra for the background events reduced to be 10^{-7} . (b,d): Missing mass spectra for the background events reduced to be 10^{-6} .

8. Measurements of decay products from excited baryons

The measurement of the decay products from excited baryons such as the $Y_c^* \rightarrow Y_c + \pi$ decay, and the analysis of the decay chain which decays to the known states, the spin and parity of the excited states could be also determined. The produced excited charmed baryon has large momentum in the beam direction so that decay products of these baryons still can be detected in the forward region. Figure 16 shows the π^+ angular distribution in the center of mass system ($\cos\theta_{cm}$) from the $\Lambda_c(2940)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2455)^0 + \pi^+$ decay. The angular distribution of the $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ decay is isotropic in the center of mass system. By detecting the forward decay particles, large fraction of the angular distribution can be measured. The momentum vector of the excited charmed baryon state is measured by the missing mass spectroscopy. By measuring the decay products such as π^\pm , the mass of the daughter charmed baryon state can be determined. The mass resolution for detecting those decay modes is estimated to be 10 MeV. It is small enough to measure the daughter charmed baryon state.

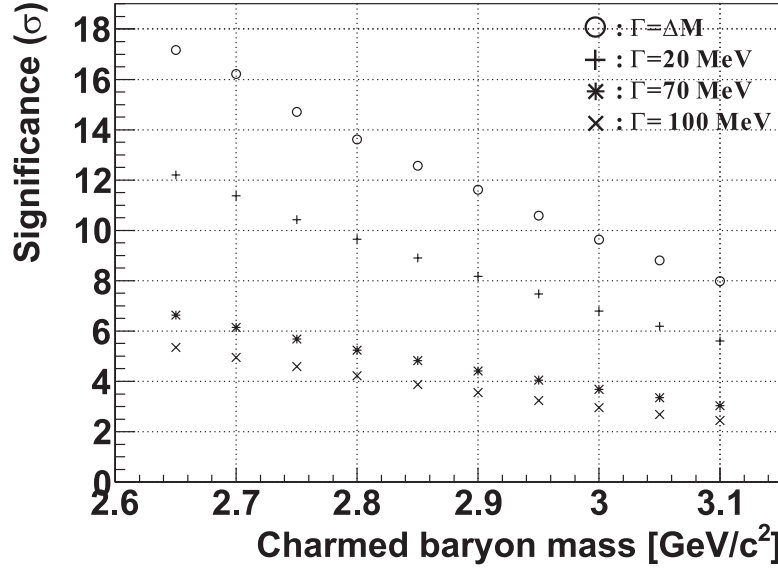


FIG. 15: The significance of the total cross section of 1 nb (~ 1000 counts) in the case of the reduction factor of 10^{-6} . The case of the different mass window are also shown.

9. Summary for the spectrometer

The conceptual design of the charmed baryon spectrometer were described in this section. The spectrometer was designed for the missing mass spectroscopy experiment and also the decay products for the $Y_c^* \rightarrow Y_c + \pi$ decay could be detected. The excited charmed baryon states could completely be measured systematically. For the experimental apparatus, there are the high-rate detectors for tracking and the hybrid-RICH counter for the particle identification. By using a large detectors with the FM cyclotron magnet, the acceptance was achieved to be 10%. The momentum resolution was estimated to be $\Delta p/p = 0.2\%$. The invariant mass resolution of 4.6 MeV and 0.71 MeV for \bar{D}^0 and \bar{D}^{*-} were obtained, respectively. The missing mass resolution of 5.5 MeV was achieved for the $\Lambda_c(2880)^+$ production case. The background events were estimated by using the JAM code and the isotropic phase space distribution. The reduction factor was estimated to be less than 10^{-6} by using the D^* tagging method. In the case of the total cross section of the background of 1.8 mb, we found that the reduction of less than 10^{-6} is necessary for the measurement of the higher excited state charmed baryons with production cross section of 1 nb. The acceptance of the decay product detection was estimated. The large fraction of the angular distribution can be measured by the forward detection of the scattered particles. The mass resolution for detecting those decay modes is estimated to be about 10 MeV. The experimental requirements are found to be achieved.

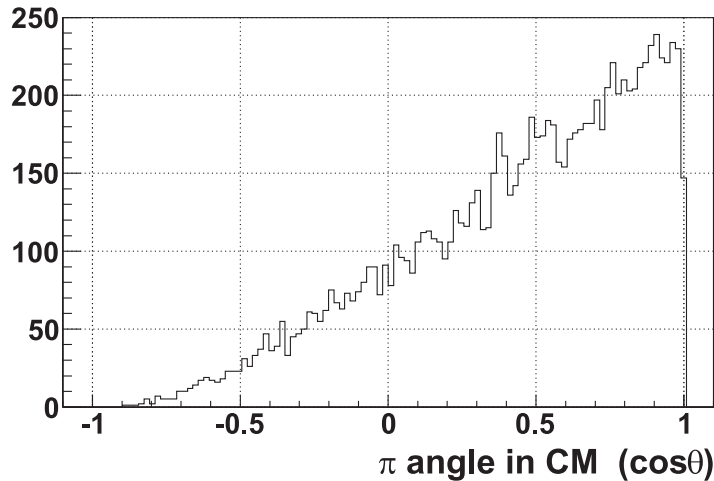


FIG. 16: The π^+ angular distribution in the center of mass system ($\cos\theta_{cm}$) from the $\Lambda_c(2940)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_c(2455)^0 + \pi^+$ decay.

IV. BEAM TIME REQUEST

Below, we estimate an yield of a charmed baryon. The pion beam intensity and the target thickness of hydrogen are assumed to be 6×10^7 and 4 g/cm^2 , respectively. The decay branching ratios of $D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$ and $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$, 0.67 and 0.039, respectively, should be taken into account [3]. The live time of the data aquisition is assumed to be 0.9. We estimate the tracking efficiency of the MWDCs to be 0.7. The efficiencies of pion and kaon identifications are obtained as 98 % about 93 % for the RICH counter of HERMES [27]. Then, the estimated yields of a charmed baryon are $2.3 \sim 6.8$ events/day/nb, according to the acceptances of $7 \sim 21$ %, as described in Section III B-4. We think that angular distribution with having a peak at a forward angle in the (π, D^{*-}) is more likely than isotropic distribution, as we estimate the reaction cross sections by equations in Appendix E. Here, we just take an average of above estimations for beam time request. We expect 450 events for a state having a cross section of 1 nb in a year (100 days). It is the first goal for the proposed experiment to accumulate more than 1000 events so that a state with a width of 100 MeV can be observed at a better significance, as shown in Fig. 15.

V. ORGANIZATION

The proposed experimental project is based on the Memorandum of Understanding on Research Collaboration among RCNP, KEK-IPNS, and the J-PARC Center. RCNP will share not only a certain amount of the facility cost but also of human resources for construction and operation. The project team is expected to be in charge of collecting collaborators and

conducting experimental research programs there. The authors of the present proposal are to be the core members of the project team.

Once the present facility is prepared, many of hadron/nuclear physics experiments can be carried out. For example, spectroscopic studies of nucleon and hyperon resonances via the (π, ρ) and (π, K^*) reactions are described in Appendix F

It should be mentioned that the present proposal is based on intensive discussions with a theory group in hadron physics [29]. We will strengthen this collaboration further more to extract fruitful physics from this project.

VI. COST ESTIMATION

Construction cost of the proposed experimental equipment is estimated below:

+ High-p Beam line:

KEK will be asked to make a budget request of 19.8 Oku-yen for a construction of the High-p beam line to MEXT. This beam line is requested for the E16 experiment [19] to utilize a 30-GeV primary beam. The beam line can be compatible for the use of primary and secondary beams by adding 6 quadrupole and 3 sextupole magnets. Additional cost is estimated to be about 2.1 Oku-yen. The cost for 8 power supplies is to be about 0.8 Oku-yen if they are newly constructed. We need a primary target system of 15-kW beam loss. An indirect water cooled target system is expected to be placed, as used for the T1 target at a primary beam power below 50 kW that corresponds to about 25-kW beam loss. Four bending magnets are placed in series with the 15-kW target being the center so that a negative pion beam extraction at a production angle of 2.5 degrees is realized with the so-called Beam Swinger Optics [30].

+ Beam Line Detectors and Charm Particle Spectrometer:

According to the design of the beam line detectors and the spectrometer system, as described in Section III, we estimate the cost.

	amount	unit price	total price
		(10^4 yen)	(10^4 yen)
Beam Line Detectors			
Focal Plane SFT	2	100	200
Gas Cherenkov (CO_2)	1	500	500
SSD	12	500	6000
SFT	2	100	200
Timing Counter	1	220	220
Spectrometer Detectors			
SSD	48	500	24000

SFT	9	478	4302
MWDC	4	2947	11788
Timing Counter	3	821	2463
RICH	1	20000	20000
Cabling			
34 twisted-pair cables	1545	4	6180
Coax. cables	12636	2	25272
Digitizing Electronics			
32ch TDC	773	50	38650
32ch HRTDC	139	70	9730
32ch ADC	139	70	9730

A labor cost is not included above.

APPENDIX A: QUARKS AND DIQUARKS

1. Quark model classification

Ingredients of the quark model are the constituent quarks which move in a single particle potential of confinement. The constituent quarks are different from the bare quarks of the QCD Lagrangian. Due to the strong interaction the mass of the light quarks is dynamically generated; $m_s \sim m_u \sim m_d \sim 300$ MeV. Due to their rather large values and similarity among u, d, s quarks, quarks are assumed to be treated in a non-relativistic manner with respecting spin SU(2) and flavor SU(3) symmetries. This leads to SU(6) symmetry which is empirically very well satisfied, the basis of the constituent quark model.

Let us consider a classification of the Qqq baryons as discussed in this proposal. In the heavy quark limit, Q behaves as a fixed center around which two light quarks move around. Thus the dynamics is dictated by the two light quarks. Wave functions are then the products of spin, flavor and orbital parts. Here we consider the ground state and the p-wave excited states as an example of the classification. Extension to further excited states is straightforward, though complicated.

Spin and flavor states are denoted by the dimensions of the representations. Thus spin 1/2 states are expressed by 2, spin 1 states are by 3, and so on. Flavor states are 3, 6, and so on, and their conjugates $\bar{3}$, etc. The two quark states are then classified by the irreducible decomposition of two fundamental representations of the spin and flavor group;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{spin} : 2 \times 2 &= 1_A + 3_S \\ \text{flavor} : 3 \times 3 &= \bar{3}_A + 6_S \end{aligned}$$

where the subscript shows permutation symmetry: either symmetric (S) or antisymmetric (A). Orbital states are denoted by S for the lowest s-wave state, and by λ and ρ for p-wave excitations of the λ and ρ modes, respectively. Under permutation, s-wave states are symmetric, while p-wave states are antisymmetric. The λ mode corresponds to the center of mass motion of qq and ρ to the relative motion of qq . Because the color state of qq is antisymmetric $\bar{3}$ in a three quark baryon, the qq must be symmetric when spin, flavor and orbital wave functions are combined. Thus for the ground and p-wave excited states, possible qq states are as follows:

$$\text{ground} : \quad \bar{3}^1 S_0, \quad 6^3 S_1 \tag{A1}$$

$$\text{p-wave} : \quad \bar{3}^1 \lambda_1, \quad 6^3 \lambda_{0,1,2}, \quad \bar{3}^3 \rho_{0,1,2}, \quad 6^1 \rho_1 \tag{A2}$$

where the notation is $D^{2S+1}L_J$, with D flavor representation, S spin value, L orbital angular momentum and J the total angular momentum. In the naive quark model, all the states of (A1) and those of (A2) are degenerate, separately. This is shown in the left of Fig. 17

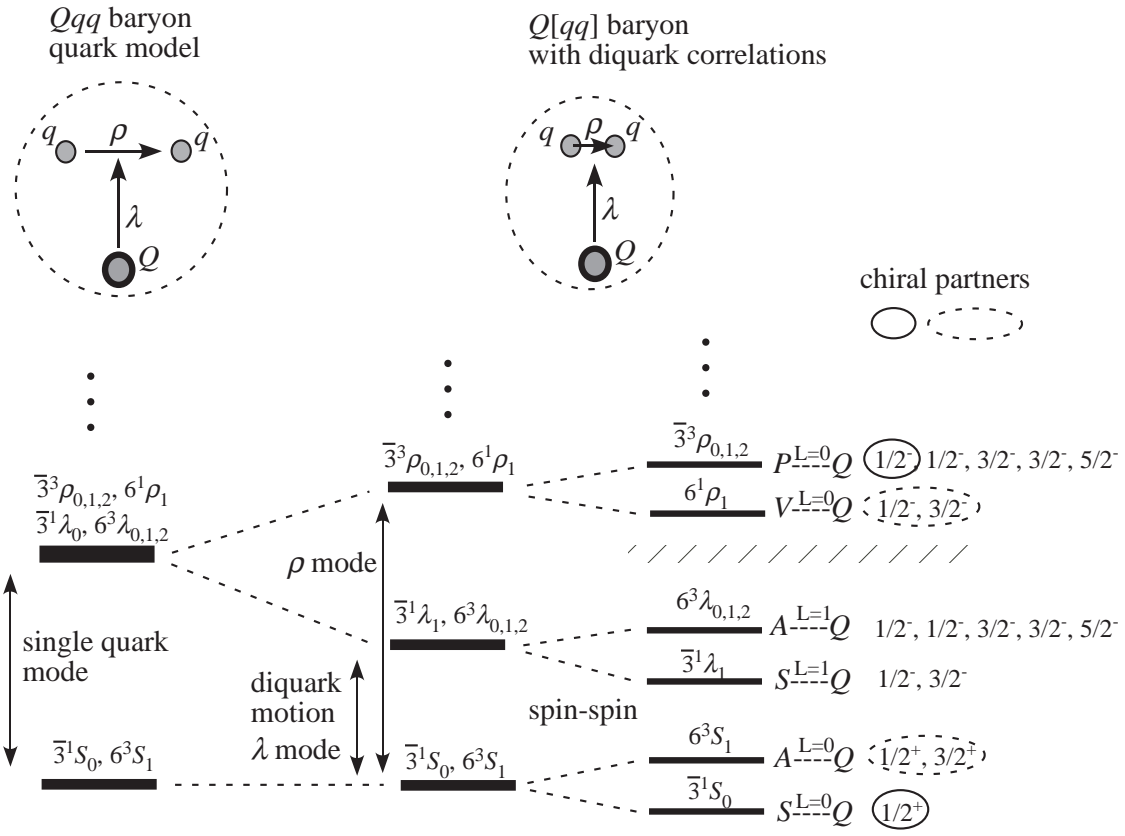


FIG. 17: Expected Qqq spectrum in a single particle picture of the quark model (left) and those with diquark correlations (middle and right). From the left to the middle, orbital motion of λ is lowered due to the collectivity of the diquark motion. From the middle to the right, spin correlations are turned on among light quarks qq . Symbols S, P, V and A are for the scalar (1S_0), pseudoscalar (3P_0) vector (3P_1) and axial-vector (3S_1) diquarks, respectively.

2. Diquarks

In some cases, it has been known that diquarks are useful ingredients to describe hadrons at low energy. A well known example was presented by Jaffe long time ago to explain the light scalar mesons, $\sigma(600)$, $\kappa(800)$, $f_0(980)$ and $a_0(980)$ [4]. The mass ordering of these mesons are not explained by a simple $\bar{q}q$ structure, but is naturally done so by assuming $[qq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$ structure, where color anti-symmetric $\bar{3}$ scalar diquark $[qq]$ is adopted. Because of the Pauli principle, the flavor of this diquark is determined as anti-symmetric $\bar{3}$, and so is denoted as $\bar{3}^1 S_0$ in the present notation.

Table 1 summarizes relative strengths of the color-magnetic (spin dependent) interaction

$$V_{CS} = - \sum_{ij} \frac{\alpha}{m_i m_j} \frac{\lambda^a(i)}{2} \frac{\lambda^a(j)}{2} \vec{\sigma}(i) \cdot \vec{\sigma}(j). \quad (\text{A3})$$

for all possible qq states, assuming that the orbital motion of the relative qq is the ground state. In three quark baryons, only half of the listed states, $3^1 S_0$ and $6^3 S_1$, are allowed

due to the Pauli principle. The other two diquarks are, however, allowed for exotic hadrons. Due to the interaction (A3), the scalar diquark $3\ ^1S_0$ is expected to be lighter than the axial-vector diquark $6\ ^3S_1$.

Now, as Eq. (A3) shows, if the interaction depends on the inverse mass of the quarks, the diquark correlation becomes more relevant for light quark pairs, while if either one or both quarks are heavy, the correlation is suppressed.

TABLE I: Matrix elements of the color-spin operator in various diquark systems.

$qq\ \bar{3}\ ^1S_0\ 6\ ^3S_1\ 6\ ^1S_0\ \bar{3}\ ^3S_1$
$-1/2\ +1/6\ +1/4\ -1/12$

It is a general feature that correlations resolve degenerate spectrum in many-body systems. An example is shown in Fig. 18 for nuclear levels expected in the simple harmonic oscillator model which is compared to more realistic cases, where the degenerate levels are resolved as more correlations are turned on.

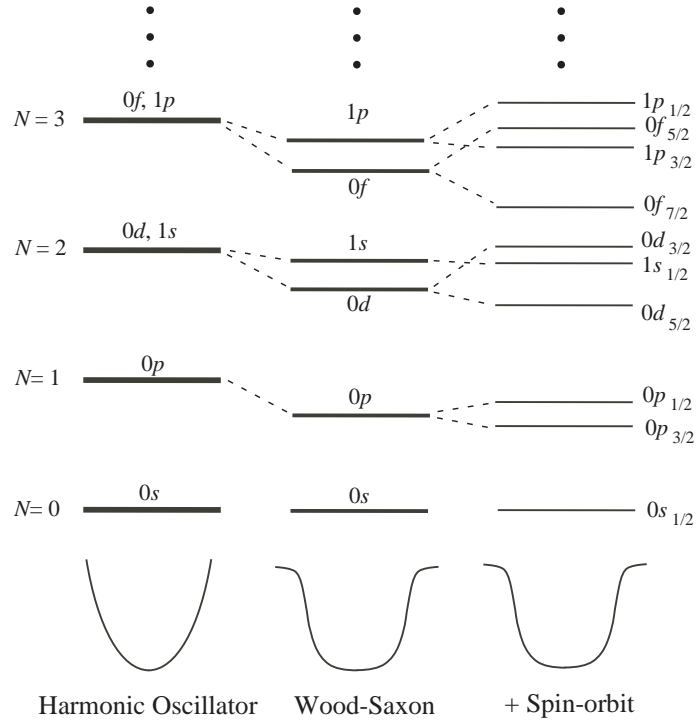


FIG. 18: Nuclear levels expected in three different potentials, and qualitative pattern of resolving the degeneracy when correlations are introduced.

3. Chiral partners

Chiral symmetry is one of the fundamental symmetries of QCD, and is relevant for light flavor quarks. In the present world, it is spontaneously broken and is considered to be responsible for the mass generation of light flavor hadrons. It is responsible for the masses of the constituent quarks.

The chiral symmetry transformations are

$$q \rightarrow \exp(i\gamma_5 \theta t) \quad (\text{A4})$$

where θ is a set of transformation parameters and t the generator of the light flavor transformations. The product θt is understood to be an inner product over the components of the adjoint representations of the flavor group.

In a relativistic construction, five kinds of Lorentz bilinear forms of diquarks are possible; $\tilde{q}q$, $\tilde{q}\gamma_5 q$, $\tilde{q}\gamma_\mu q$, $\tilde{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 q$, $\tilde{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$. Here $\tilde{q} = q^T i\gamma_0\gamma_2\gamma_5$ which transforms as \bar{q} under the Lorentz transformation. Now those bilinear forms are related by the chiral symmetry transformations (A4);

$$\tilde{q}q \leftrightarrow \tilde{q}\gamma_5 q, \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$\tilde{q}\gamma_\mu q \leftrightarrow \tilde{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 q \quad (\text{A6})$$

The states which transform under chiral symmetry transformations are called chiral partners. In the non relativistic notation, there is correspondences

$$\tilde{q}q \rightarrow {}^1S_0(S), \quad \tilde{q}\gamma_\mu q \rightarrow {}^3P_1(V), \quad \tilde{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 q \rightarrow {}^3S_1(A), \quad \tilde{q}\gamma_5 q \rightarrow {}^3P_0(P). \quad (\text{A7})$$

Here shorthand notations S, V, A, P are also denoted. By combining them with another quark, we can form chiral partner baryons. They are denoted by circles of solid and dashed lines in Fig. 17.

As an empirical fact, chiral partners have a mass difference about half GeV. This seems universal by choosing possible candidates of chiral partners in light flavor hadrons as shown in Fig. 19. In the quark model, the P and V diquarks requires an internal p-wave excitation. Whether such excited diquarks survive in hadron structure is an important question.

APPENDIX B: THRESHOLD EFFECTS AND HADRON DYNAMICS

1. Opening of hadron thresholds

Excited baryons are strongly renormalized by the dynamics of ground state hadrons. The opening of hadron thresholds primarily gives the decay width to excited states. Not only that, multi-hadrons can become constituents of excited states as hadronic molecules, if correlations among hadrons are sufficiently strong. Hadronic correlations are primarily

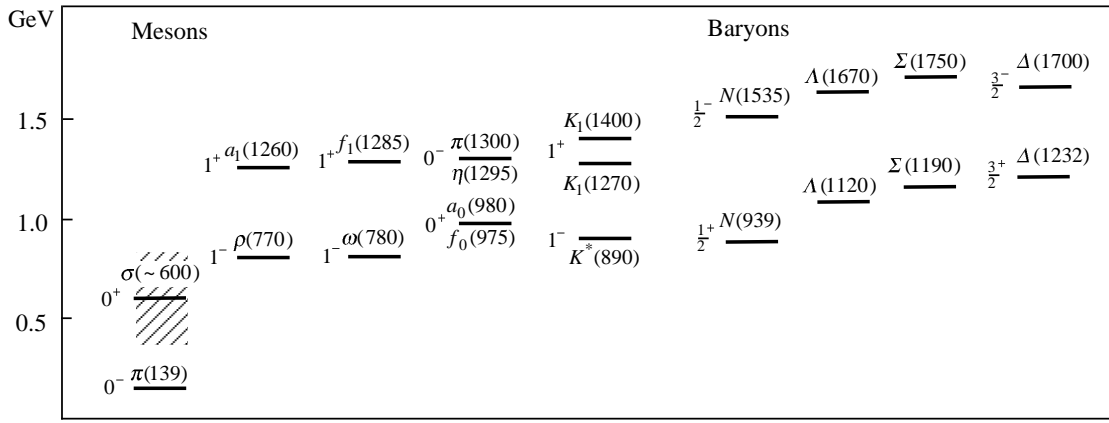


FIG. 19: Expected chiral partners of hadrons with opposite parities.

driven by a long-range dynamics among hadrons, in contrast to the short range quark-gluon dynamics in the confinement scale. The understanding of the interaction among hadrons is then important to generate exotic hadrons and multi-quark states. These features are discussed actively also in the charmonium sector, where many findings have been recently accumulated above the open charm $D\bar{D}$ threshold [31]. In the following, we discuss various issues which are accessible in charmed baryon spectroscopy.

2. Comparison of charm with strangeness

To see the importance of threshold effects in the excited baryon spectroscopy, let us compare the threshold energies and masses of excited hadrons in strangeness $S = -1$ sector and charm $C = +1$ sector (Fig. 20). As seen in the figure, the level ordering of the excited states of uds hadrons (Λ, Σ) is the same as that of the udc hadrons (Λ_c, Σ_c). However, their energies relative to two-body thresholds are quite different. To understand these features, let us consider the symmetries of QCD. In the massless limit $m_q \rightarrow 0$, hadrons are constrained by chiral symmetry, and in the limit $m_q \rightarrow \infty$, heavy quark symmetry becomes manifest [32]. Although both of them are approximate symmetries for charm and strange sectors, the remnant of the idealized limit can be found in the observed pattern of the spectrum.

For instance, it is instructive to compare the mass difference of $1/2^+$ and $3/2^+$ states of Σ and Σ_c :

$$M_{\Sigma, 3/2^+} - M_{\Sigma, 1/2^+} \sim 192 \text{ MeV} \gg M_{\Sigma_c, 3/2^+} - M_{\Sigma_c, 1/2^+} \sim 65 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{B1})$$

This mass difference stems from the spin-spin force which is suppressed when the quark mass is large, as a consequence of the heavy quark symmetry. Because of the reduction of the mass difference, the ground state of Σ_c lies above the $\pi\Lambda_c$ threshold. At the same time, the threshold energy of $\pi\Sigma_c$ appears higher than the $3/2^+$ state. As a consequence, the ground state of Σ_c can decay *via* strong interaction, which is forbidden in the strangeness

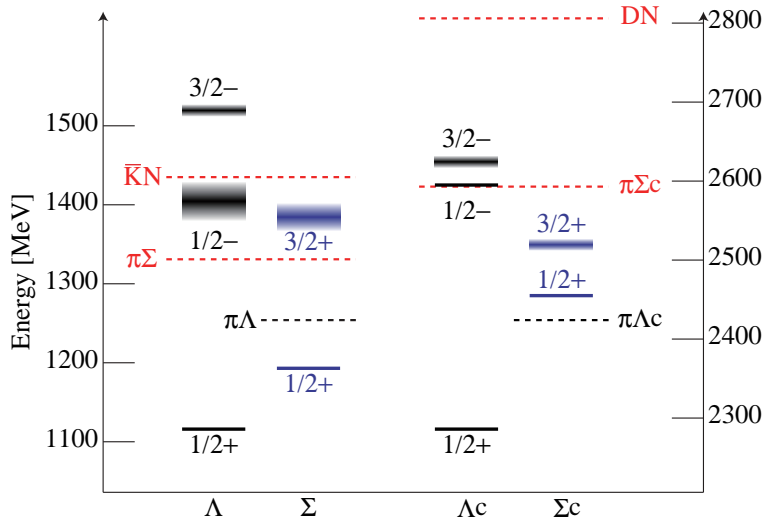


FIG. 20: Comparison of the threshold and excited state energies of the strangeness $S = -1$ and charm $C = +1$ sectors.

sector. In addition, the excited state of $3/2^+ \Sigma_c$ cannot decay into the $\pi \Sigma_c$ channel which is allowed in the strangeness sector. Thus, it is possible to study the effect of the opening of new threshold through the comparison of Σ and Σ_c states.

Another example can be seen in the negative parity excited states of Λ (Λ_c). These states can couple to the $\pi \Sigma$ and $\bar{K} N$ channels ($\pi \Sigma_c$ and DN channels). If we compare the threshold energy differences of the $\bar{K} N$ - $\pi \Sigma$ system and the DN - $\pi \Sigma_c$ system, we find

$$E_{\bar{K}N} - E_{\pi\Sigma} \sim 104 \text{ MeV} \ll E_{DN} - E_{\pi\Sigma_c} \sim 213 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{B2})$$

This can be understood by chiral symmetry. π and \bar{K} can be regarded as Nambu-Goldstone (NG) bosons, while D meson cannot be so, since charm quark is too heavy to be a chiral fermion. The NG boson nature of \bar{K} reduces its mass from the naively expected value in the constituent quark model. Thus, the mass difference between \bar{K} and D should be much larger than the mass difference between Σ and Σ_c , which leads to the threshold energy difference in Eq. (B2). Because of the change of the threshold energies, the $3/2^-$ state of Λ_c is found below the DN threshold, and the $1/2^-$ state comes close to the $\pi \Sigma_c$ threshold.

In this way, the pattern of the threshold energies in charm sector is different from the strangeness sector. Although the quark mass in QCD is not an adjustable parameter, comparison of charm and strangeness sector enables us to extract the information of threshold effects in the structure of excited hadrons.

APPENDIX C: CHARMED MOLECULES

In this section we consider hadronic molecules containing heavy quark as candidates of exotic hadrons. Two examples are discussed; one is the exotic baryon formed by $\bar{D}N$ [33, 34]

and the other the dibaryon formed by $\Lambda_c N$ [37]. A common feature of these states are that the main interaction of the two hadrons is dominated by the one pion exchange. The couplings such as $\bar{D}^* \bar{D} \pi$ and $\Sigma_c \Lambda_c \pi$ are responsible for the interaction. Note that the $\bar{D} N$ system is truly exotic which requires minimally five quarks. We may be able to consider a DN system, but it requires couplings to the genuine quark states such as cud , where more theoretical study is needed.

In the heavy quark sector, molecular states are more likely to be formed by two reasons. One is that the kinetic energy is suppressed because of larger reduced mass. The other is that the spin degeneracy of heavy hadrons renders significant coupled channel effects. In fact, \bar{D}^* and \bar{D} are degenerate spin multiplet in the heavy quark limit, and so are $\Sigma_c(1/2^+)$ and $\Sigma_c^*(3/2^+)$. Therefore, coupled channel effects of $\bar{D}^* N$ in the $\bar{D} N$ system, and of $\Sigma_c(1/2^+) N$ and $\Sigma_c^*(3/2^+) N$ in $\Lambda_c N$ is a driving force to make bound and resonance states.

For the $\bar{D} N$ systems, the interaction was constructed by using the D^* decay into $D\pi$ as well as the well controlled πNN coupling [34]. The results for the coupled channel analysis for the $\bar{D} N$ and BN systems are shown in Fig. 21, where analysis was made both for the charm and bottom systems. There are several bound and resonant states with similar pattern in the two flavor systems. As anticipated, bottom systems have more strongly bound and low lying resonant states due to more attractions.

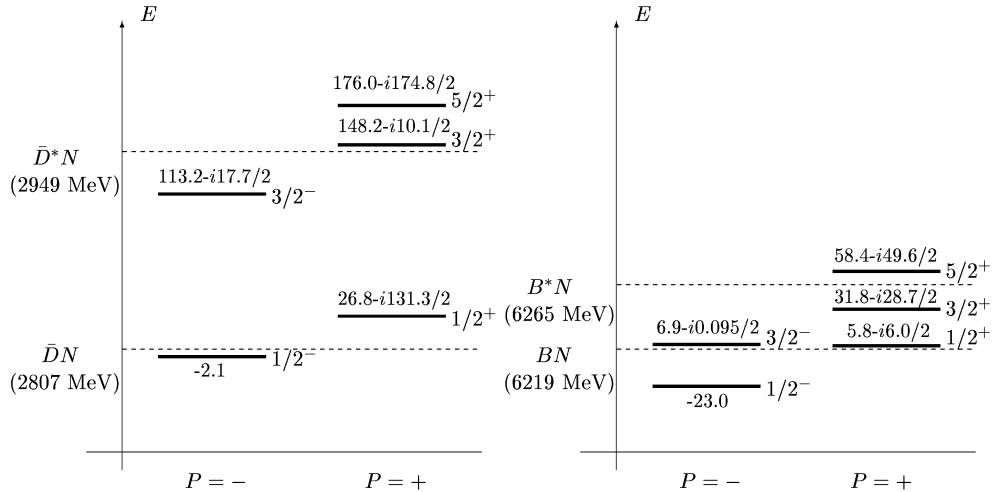


FIG. 21: Low lying bound and resonant states of the exotic $\bar{D} N$ and $B N$ systems.

For the $\Lambda_c N$ systems, the interaction between the charmed baryon and the nucleon was first studied in Ref. [35], when the authors employed the meson-exchange potential approach. Further studies carried out by Bando and Nagata [36] found that both Λ_c - and Λ_b -nuclear bound states may exist for $A \geq 4$, while no two-body bound state was found. On the other hand, recent studies [37] with the modern effective theory with chiral symmetry and heavy-quark symmetry have shown that it is plausible to have $\Lambda_c N$ and also $\Lambda_c \Lambda_c$ bound states. The

results show significant mixings of the Σ_c and Σ_c^* baryons in the wave functions (Fig. 22), for the $J^P = 0^+$ ($\Lambda_c N(^1S_0)$, $\Sigma_c N(^1S_0)$, $\Sigma_c^* N(^5D_0)$) bound state of the binding energy 6.16 MeV (left), and the $J^P = 1^+$ ($\Lambda_c N(^3S_1)$, $\Sigma_c N(^3S_1)$, $\Sigma_c^* N(^3S_1)$, $\Lambda_c N(^3D_1)$, $\Sigma_c N(^3D_1)$, $\Sigma_c^* N(^3D_1)$, $\Sigma_c^* N(^5D_1)$) bound state of 7.52 MeV (right). The strong D -wave mixings are due to the tensor force in the one-pion exchange interaction. The same mixing phenomenon is also found in the $\bar{D}N$ systems [34].

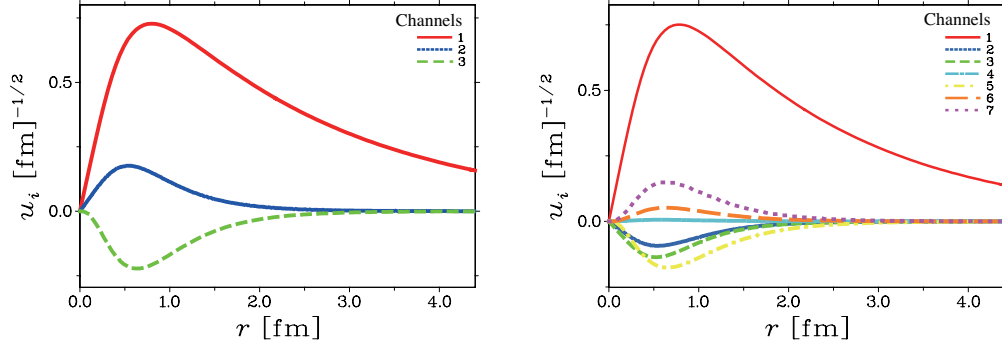


FIG. 22: Radial wave functions of various coupled channels of the charmed dibaryons.

APPENDIX D: ROPER LIKE STATE OF CHARMED BARYON

In naive constituent quark models, the orbital angular momentum of constituent quarks can be excited with less energy than the nodal excitation. Consequently, the first excited state of a baryon is expected to have a negative parity. This expectation is, however, not realized in the actual spectrum of the light-quark baryons; the first excited state, called the Roper resonance, has a positive parity, while the negative parity N^* appears as the second excited state. This “inverse phenomena” in the N^* spectrum, the “Roper problem”, is known as a long standing problem of the hadron spectroscopy (the “Roper problem”).

A number of attempts based on static hadron models has been made to resolve the “Roper problem”, but up to now any of those has not succeeded to give a satisfactory answer. Though other qualitative features of the low-lying N^* spectrum can be understood reasonably well in the constituent quark picture, the “Roper problem” raises serious question on how well the constituent quarks can be used as a dynamical degrees of freedom.

Recent dynamical coupled-channels analyses of meson production reactions have revealed that the hadron dynamics may produce sizable mass shifts with a few hundred MeV for the N^* energy levels obtained from the constituent quark models [38]. This suggests that the “Roper problem” in the N^* spectrum could be naturally explained by taking into account the hadron dynamics. The large width of the N^* , however, implies that dispersive effect completely mixes up the naive picture of the constituent quark models. Therefore, it is difficult to identify essential degrees of freedom to describe baryon properties, as far as one

studies the light-quark baryons only. On the other hand, the widths of heavy baryons are very small (\sim a few MeV) compared with the light-quark baryons. Thus the “contamination” from reaction dynamics is expected to be much suppressed for heavy baryon spectrum. The heavy baryons will be an ideal laboratory for examining if the constituent quark picture of baryons is justified and for clarifying many questions which cannot be answered from the light-quark baryons.

The spectrum of the Qqq baryons is shown in Fig. 23. One can see that a few low-lying states could be understood in a simple picture, though spin-parity of them is not measured. Let us assume that the heavy baryons consist of a heavy quark Q and a “diquark” (baryon number $2/3$ system) with the spin-parity S^P and the relative orbital angular momentum L . In this picture, the ground states Λ_c , Λ_b , and Ξ_c have $S^P = 0^+$ and $L = 0$. The first and second excited positive parity states with $J^P = 1/2^+, 3/2^+$ (Σ_c , Σ_b and excited states of Ξ_c) can be interpreted as baryons made of a diquark with $S^P = 1^+$ and $L = 0$. Then, the next pair of excited states with the negative parity ($J^P = 1/2^-, 3/2^-$) can be assigned as the first orbital excited states with $L = 1$. The excitation energies of them are almost the same for Λ_c and Ξ_c . Within this naive quark-diquark picture, the Roper states are assigned as the first nodal excitations of the diquark with $S^P = 0^+$ and is expected to appear with 400-700 MeV of the excitation energy for Λ_c . Therefore, the most crucial and urgent test of the constituent quark picture is an experimental identification of this correspondent of the Roper resonance in the heavy baryon sector. A precise determination of the excitation energy is also important because the nodal excitation energies purely reflect dynamics of the underlying theory, QCD.

In the excitation energy region between 400 and 700 MeV, many baryon states may still be unobserved in addition to the Roper resonance. For example, there is also a possibility that the heavy baryons containing negative-parity diquarks ($S^P = 0^-, 1^-$) with $L = 0$ could be found in the same energy region as the Roper-like state. On the other hand, at present three baryons are observed for the Λ_c and Σ_c excited states as plotted in Fig. 23, while the spin and parity of only one of the three states ($5/2^+$) have been determined from the experiment.

In conclusion, the experimental identification of the spectrum and spin-parity quantum numbers for the Λ_c and Σ_c excited states up to 700 MeV excitation energy will be very important for establishing a solid picture of baryons.

APPENDIX E: $p(\pi, D^{*-})X$ REACTION CROSS SECTION

To estimate a cross section of a charmed baryon (Y_c) in the $p(\pi, D^{*-})Y_c$ reaction, we employ a Reggeon exchange model based on the Quark Gluon String Model [16]. A cross

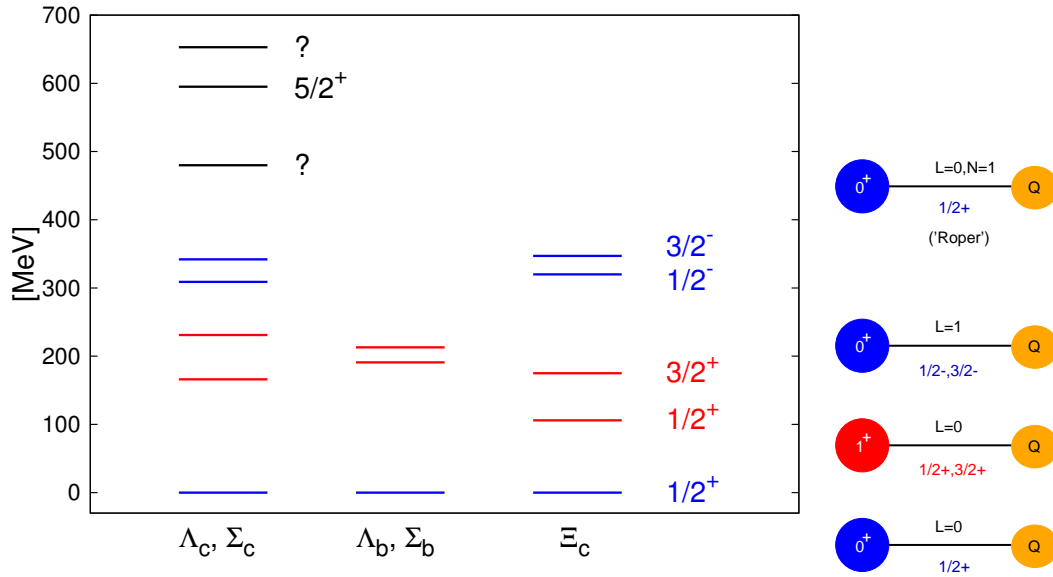


FIG. 23:

section ($\sigma(s)$) is expressed as a function of the Mandelstam variable, s ;

$$\sigma(s) = C \int_{t_0}^{t_1} dt \left[\frac{1}{64\pi s(p_m^{cm})^2} g_1^2 g_2^2 |F(t)|^2 |s/s_0|^{2\alpha(t)} \right], \quad (\text{E1})$$

$$|F(t)|^2 = \exp(2R^2 t), \quad (\text{E2})$$

$$s_0 = (m_M + m_B)^2, \quad (\text{E3})$$

where α is a Regge trajectory of an exchanged Reggeon in a binary reaction (Fig. 24-right), taking a non-linear Regge trajectory as a function of the Mandelstam variable t into account [39–41]. A parameter R^2 represents a slope parameter, by which the Form Factor ($F(t)$) of the t -channel reaction is characterized. Parameters g_1 and g_2 are coupling constants at the reaction vertex to the Reggeon. A scale parameter s_0 is taken to be the threshold energy of a binary reaction, thus m_M and m_B are masses of scattered particles, respectively. We demonstrate that this formula reproduces energy dependences of various binary reactions. Fig. 24-left shows measured cross sections of strange meson and baryon production in a pion collision with a proton. A solid line is calculated for $R^2=2.13 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$, $g_1=5.8$, $g_2=4.5$ as adopted in Ref. [39]. Just use $C=0.5$, the line fits the data for the (π^-, K^0) reaction fairly well.

Then, we estimate cross sections of the $p(\pi, D^{*-})Y_c$ reactions as a function of incident pion beam momentum, as shown in Fig. 25-left. We use α for D and D^* Reggeons shown in Ref. [41]. We found that the cross section for the ground state Λ_c has a peak at around $p_\pi=15 \text{ GeV/c}$ but that for the excited state $\Lambda_c(2880)$ greater than 25 GeV/c . On the other hand, the pion beam intensity decreases as the momentum increases. Fig. 25-left shows a Figure of Merit, taking a product of the intensity and the cross section. According to this figure, the momentum dependence becomes flat at around 20 GeV/c at highly excited states.

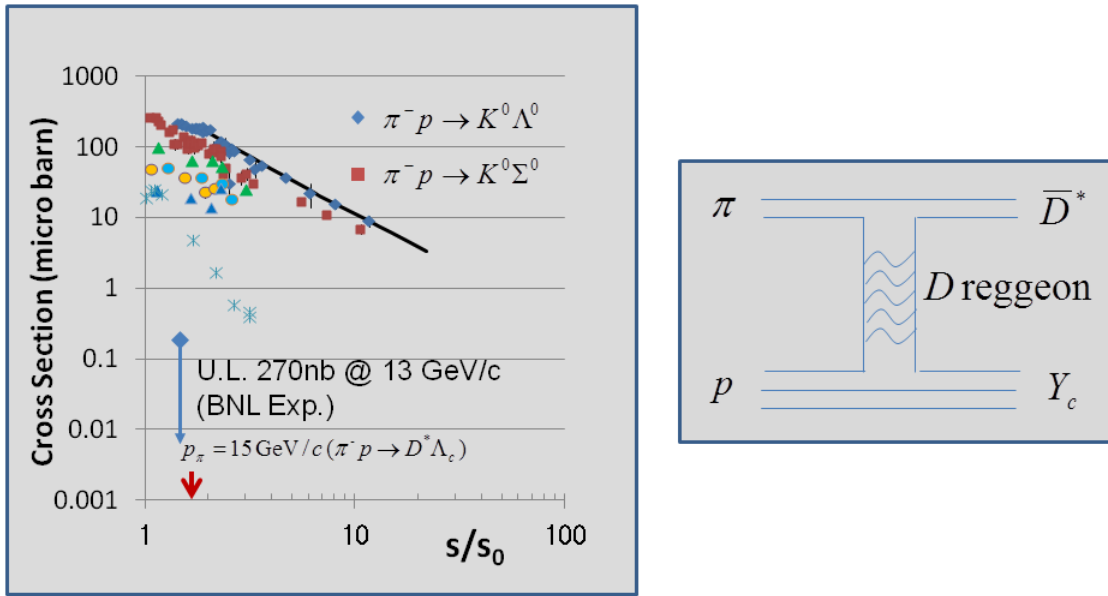


FIG. 24: Various binary reactions measured in strange quark sectors. The solid line calculated by the formula fits the energy dependence of the (π^-, K^0) reaction

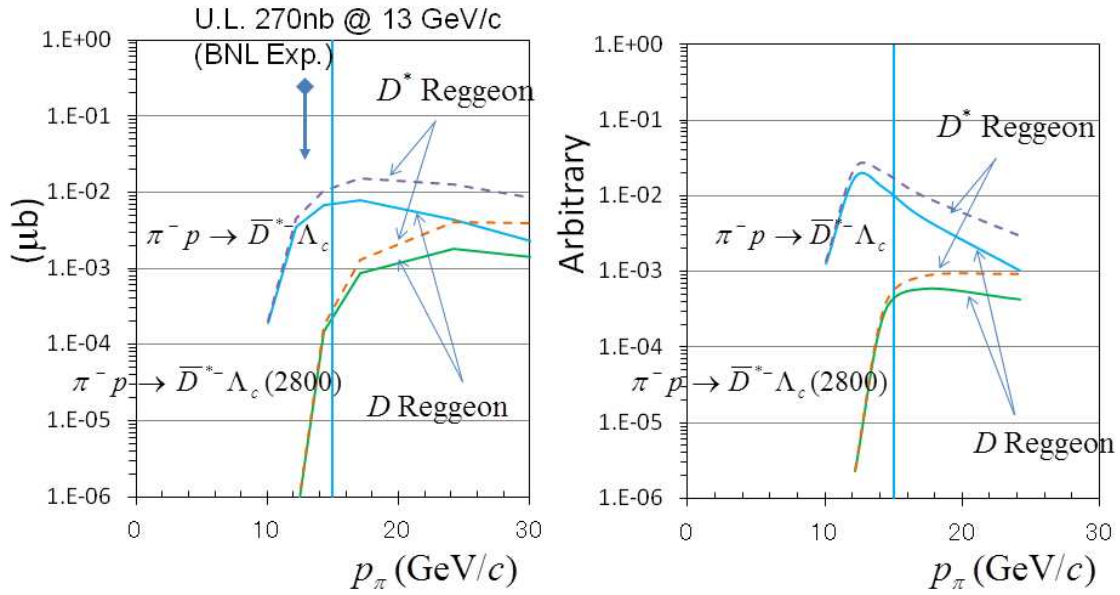


FIG. 25: Calculated cross sections for Λ_c and $\Lambda_c(2800)$ productions in the (π^-, D^{*-}) reactions.

The beam momentum should be chosen between 15~20 GeV/c in experiment.

APPENDIX F: AXIAL FORM FACTOR MEASUREMENT

An experimental setup for charmed baryon spectroscopy can be used for light flavor one as well. We also plan to measure the axial vector transition form factor from nucleon to light flavor baryon resonance. Hadron form factors describe the spatial distributions of charge and current inside the hadron, and thus are intimately related to its internal structure. The fundamental understanding of the hadron form factors in terms of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) gives the confinement mechanism, and is one of the outstanding problems in nuclear physics. The electromagnetic structures (vector response) of baryons have been measured so far by using electron scattering. We will determine the axial vector transition form factor, which corresponds to the current source of the coupling to pions (kaons), by using virtual pions (kaons). The virtual pions (kaons) are realized by detecting the extremely forward produced vector mesons ρ (K^*) at high momentum secondary beamline at J-PARC. The (π, ρ) and (π, K^*) reactions on the proton is thought to give the virtual pions and virtual kaons. The axial vector form factor can be obtained from the cross sections as a function of the spacelike invariant momentum transfer Q^2 .

1. Form factors

Historically, the electromagnetic form factors of the proton have been measured by using elastic electron-proton scattering, and those of the neutron have been also extracted from elastic electron-deuteron scattering [42]. The elastic electric and magnetic form factors characterize the distributions of charge and magnetization in the nucleon as a function of spatial resolving power. The nucleon form factors are the matrix elements of the electromagnetic current $J_\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi$ between the initial nucleon with a momentum p and a spin four vector s and the final nucleon with p' and s' , and are described as

$$\langle N(p', s') | J_\mu | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[\gamma_\mu F_1(Q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^\nu}{2m} F_2(Q^2) \right] u(p, s) \quad (\text{F1})$$

where m denotes the nucleon mass, q stands for the momentum transferred to the nucleon $p - p'$ and $Q^2 = -q^2$. The electric and magnetic form factors are defined in terms of F_1 and F_2 as:

$$\begin{cases} G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4m^2} F_2(Q^2) \\ G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2) \end{cases} \quad (\text{F2})$$

These form factors are interpreted as Fourier transforms of the nucleon charge and magnetization densities. The elastic form factors at low Q^2 are known to approximately follow a dipole form

$$G_D(Q^2) \propto \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71 \text{GeV}^2}\right)^2}. \quad (\text{F3})$$

This behavior can be explained by a vector meson dominance model in which the virtual photon couples to the nucleon after the fluctuation from the virtual photon into a virtual vector meson. Figure 26 shows the G_E and G_M divided by G_D as a function of Q^2 for the proton obtained by the Rosenbluth cross section method, and Figure 27 shows those for the neutron obtained in double-polarization experiments. The deviations from the dipole form is important at larger Q^2 . Different charge and magnetization distributions are suggested for the proton [43–45].

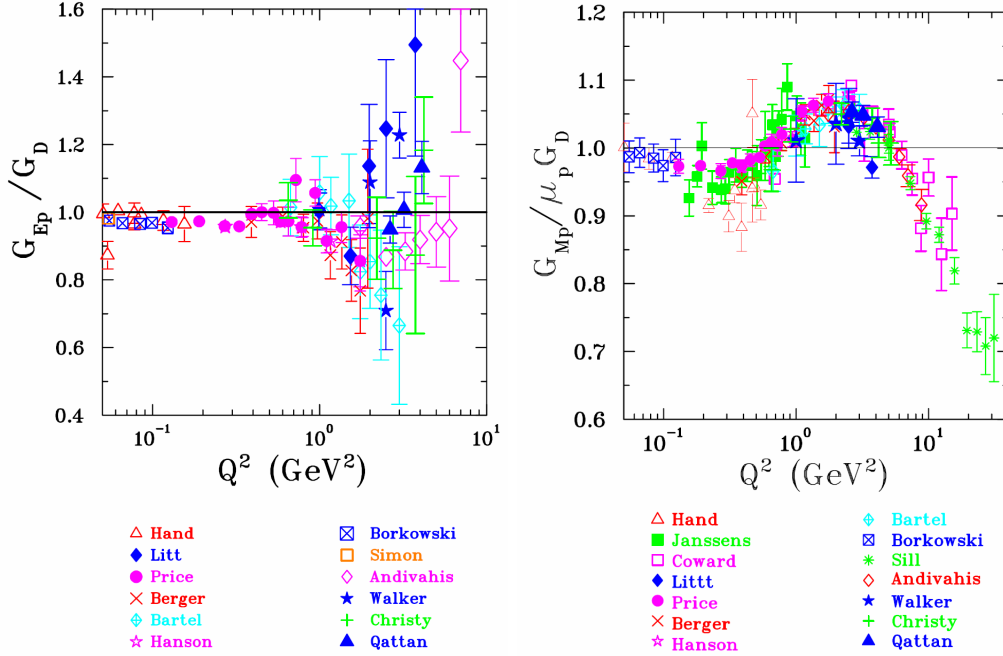


FIG. 26: Data base for the proton G_E and G_M obtained by the Resenbluth cross section method [46].

The excitation spectrum of the nucleon is a feature of strong interaction in the non-perturbative domain. A variety of excited baryon resonances are investigated by using πN elastic scattering and meson photoproduction experiments. The properties of these baryon resonances have been extracted such as mass, width, and branching ratios of their decay. The transition form factor from the nucleon to a baryon resonance B^* (NB^* form factor) is also a fundamental property of B^* . The transition form factors are defined similarly to the nucleon form factors, yet the final state is no longer a nucleon but a baryon resonance state B^* , and the matrix elements become $\langle B^*(p', s') | J_\mu | N(p, s) \rangle$. The first trial to determine the electromagnetic form factors for baryon resonances were made by using inelastic electron scattering on the proton at DESY [47]. The similar inelastic electron scattering experiments were carried out also at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) [48]. The decay particles from the baryon resonance were not detected in these experiments and the form factors can be deduced only for the isolated excited resonance $\Delta(1232)P_{33}$. Recently, electromagnetic N^*

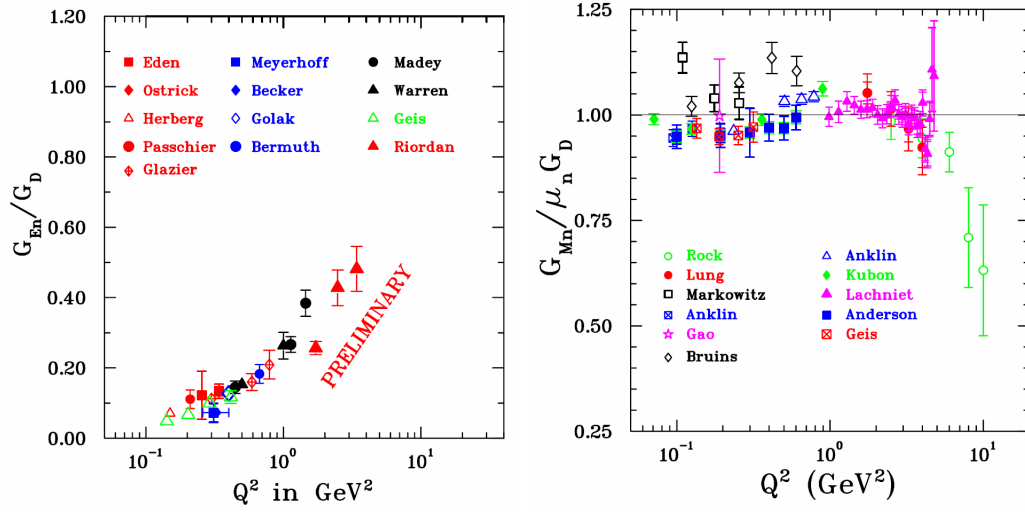


FIG. 27: Data base for the neutron G_E and G_M obtained in double-polarization experiments [46].

transition form factors for many states have been obtained at JLAB/CLAS. Measurement of π^+ and $\pi^+\pi^-$ electroproductions on the proton give the transition form factor of baryon resonances with a mass $W < 2.1$ GeV and a momentum transfer $Q^2 < 1.5$ GeV² [49, 50]. Figure 28 shows the form factor G_M^* for the $\gamma^*p \rightarrow \Delta(1232)P_{33}$ transition obtained at JLAB/CLAS.

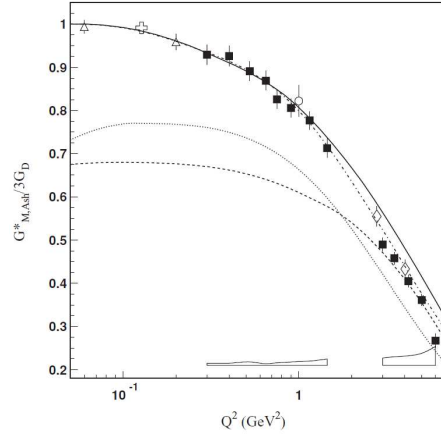


FIG. 28: Form factor G_M^* for the $\gamma^*p \rightarrow \Delta(1232)P_{33}$ transition relative to $3G_D$ [49].

The nucleon axial form factor can be defined with the axial current $A_\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi$ between the initial and final nucleons:

$$\langle N(p', s') | A_\mu | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 G_A(Q^2) + \frac{q_\mu \gamma_5}{2m} G_P(Q^2) \right] u(p, s). \quad (\text{F4})$$

The axial form factors characterize the distributions of the axial charge in hadrons at low Q^2 as a function of spatial resolving power. A pion exchange plays an important role in nuclear physics, and thus the distributions of the axial charge, namely the current source of the coupling to pions, are important to understand the hadron interaction. The Q^2 dependence of G_A for the nucleon is determined by two types of the experiments. One is the quasi-elastic (QE) νN scattering ($\nu n' \rightarrow \mu^- p$), and the other is π^+ electroproduction on the proton ($ep \rightarrow e\pi^+ n$) [51]. The axial form factors are approximately described as

$$G_A(Q^2) = \frac{g_A}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_A^2}\right)^2} \quad (\text{F5})$$

with an axial mass M_A . Fitting to the QE ν - N scattering experiments gives $M_A = 1.001 \pm 0.020$ GeV. The M_A from the π^+ electroproduction on the proton is 1.013 ± 0.015 GeV, which agrees well with M_A from the QE ν - N experiments. Fig. 29 shows the axial masses obtained from these experiments. Recently, the axial form factors can be obtained by a lattice QCD calculation [52], and the direct comparison can be made between the experiments and the calculations.

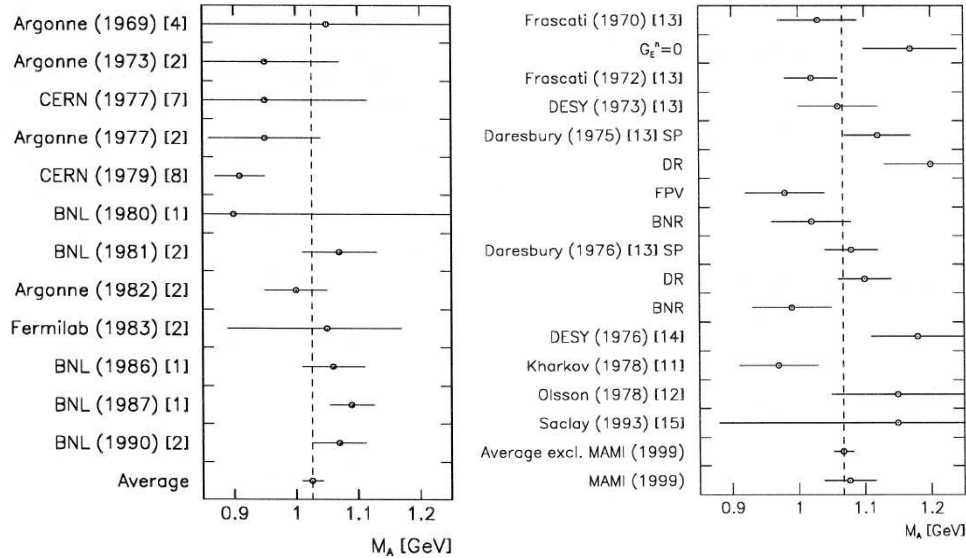


FIG. 29: Axial mass M_A extracted from quasi-elastic neutrino and antineutrino scattering experiments (left), and the axial mass M_A extracted from charged pion electroproduction experiments (right) [51].

The axial NB^* transition form factors are also defined similarly to the electromagnetic NB^* form factors where the matrix elements become $\langle B^*(p', s') | A_\mu | N(p, s) \rangle$. **We propose to determine the axial NB^* transition form factors for the first time from the Q^2 dependence of the B^* production yield coupling to virtual pions (kaons).** Since

the axial form factors link the strong and weak interactions through the partial conservation of axial vector current (PCAC), they are important both for the hadron and neutrino interactions [53].

As for the strangeness sector, the structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$ hyperon resonance is one of the important issues in hadron physics. Since $\Lambda(1405)$ is considered to be a quasi-bound state of $\bar{K}N$, its structure gives the $\bar{K}N$ interaction at low energies. The $\Lambda(1405)$ has a mass between $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ thresholds, and it decays to the $\pi\Sigma$ channel with $I = 0$ by the strong interaction. The dynamical description with coupled channels are required for understanding $\Lambda(1405)$. The $\Lambda(1405)$ can be predominantly described by meson-baryon components in a coupled-channels approach based on chiral dynamics [57]. Recently, the possibility of two resonance state composition having different coupling nature to the $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ channels is discussed for $\Lambda(1405)$ [56, 58–60]. Experimental efforts for understanding the $\Lambda(1405)$ nature were made by measuring the $\pi\Sigma$ invariant mass distributions for different $\pi\Sigma$ channels [61–64]. Since the $\Sigma(1385)$ is located close to the $\Lambda(1405)$, the decay particles from the $\Lambda(1405)$ must be detected. We propose to determine the axial $p\Lambda(1405)$ transition form factors where the $\Lambda(1405)$ component is extracted from the isospin decomposition between the $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^{*0}X$ and $\pi^+p \rightarrow K^{*+}X$ reactions.

2. Virtual pions and virtual kaons

The virtual pions (kaons) are realized by detecting the extremely forward produced vector mesons ρ (K^*) at high momentum secondary beamline at J-PARC. The t channel process is considered to be dominant for the pion-induced (π, ρ) and (π, K^*) reactions on the proton when the vector mesons ρ (K^*) are detected at the extremely forward angles. The quantum numbers transferred to the proton target are the same as those for pseudo scalar mesons, namely virtual pions (kaons) are considered to be exchanged. As for non-strangeness sector, two different channels $\pi^-p \rightarrow \rho^0X$ and $\pi^+p \rightarrow \rho^0X$ enables us to decompose the nucleon and Δ resonances. Both the nucleon and Δ resonances are produced in the $\pi^-p \rightarrow \rho^0X$ channel, and only the Δ resonance can be produced in the $\pi^+p \rightarrow \rho^0X$ channel. The mass of produced baryon resonances is determined by a missing mass technique in the first stage experiment. We plan to identify the baryon resonance by detecting the decay particles from it in the second stage. As for strangeness sector, two different channels $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^{*0}X$ and $\pi^+p \rightarrow K^{*+}X$ enables us to decompose the Λ and Σ resonances. Both the Λ and Σ resonances are produced in the $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^{*0}X$ channel, and only the Σ resonance can be produced in the $\pi^+p \rightarrow K^{*+}X$ channel. Figure 30 shows the diagrams for producing virtual pions and virtual kaons.

Since the t channel exchange is considered, the cross section becomes smaller as the incident pion momentum increases. The acceptance of detecting the forward vector mesons with the charmed baryons spectrometer becomes higher since the decay particles from the vector

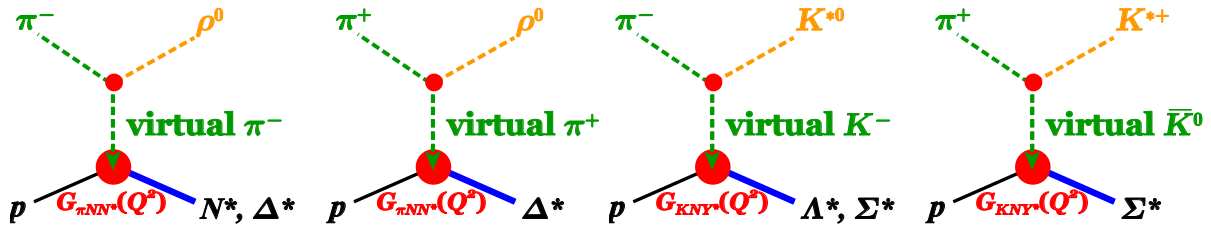


FIG. 30: Diagrams for producing virtual pions and virtual kaons. The t channel process is considered to be dominant for the pion-induced (π, ρ) and (π, K^*) reactions on the proton when the vector mesons ρ (K^*) are detected at the extremely forward angles. The quantum numbers transferred to the proton target are the same as those for pseudo scalar mesons, namely virtual pions (kaons) are considered to be exchanged.

mesons are boosted. The baryon mass resolution determined by the missing mass becomes worse since the momenta of the decay particles become higher. Here, the acceptance of detecting the forward vector mesons at the incident momentum 5 GeV/ c has been estimated. The reactions of interest are $\pi^\pm p \rightarrow \rho^0 X$, $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^{*0} X$ and $\pi^+ p \rightarrow K^{*+} X$. The ρ^0 , K^{*0} and K^{*+} mesons are assumed to be detected by $\pi^+\pi^-$, $K^+\pi^-$, and $K_s^0\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$. The branching ratios of $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ are 100%, 67%, respectively. The branching ratio of $K^{*+} \rightarrow K^0\pi^+$ is 67%, the K_s component is 50% in K^0 , the branching ratio of $K_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ is 69%. Therefore, the total branching ratio $K^{*+} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ is expected to be 23%. These branching ratios are not taken into account in the acceptance estimation. Figure 31 shows the acceptance of detecting the forward vector mesons at 5 GeV/ c as a function of the baryon mass for different momentum transfer t . The baryon mass resolution determined by the missing mass is the worst for the $\pi^\pm p \rightarrow \rho^0 X$ reaction because the momenta of the decay particles from the vector meson are higher. In the $\pi^\pm p \rightarrow \rho^0 X$ reaction, the baryon mass resolution of approximately 10 MeV is expected with the charmed baryon spectrometer at the incident momentum 5 GeV/ c .

The produced vector meson ρ^0 at forward angles can be identified by detecting $\pi^+\pi^-$. Figure 32 shows the $\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass distribution for the $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+n$ reaction at the incident momentum of 17.2 GeV/ c [65]. The $\pi^+\pi^-$ shows a clear $\rho(770)$ peak together with $f_2(1270)$ and $\rho_3(1690)$ peaks. The differential cross sections for the $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \rho^0 \Delta^{++}$ reaction were measured at the incident momentum of 13.1 GeV/ c . The $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-p$ final state events were obtained in the SLAC 82-inch bubble chamber. The differential cross section shows a strong forward peak as a function of $|t - t_{\min}|$ shown in Fig. 32. The slope is 20 GeV²/ c^2 and the value of the spin density matrix ρ_{00} is large (> 0.9) for $|t - t_{\min}| < 0.15$ GeV²/ c^2 , which are well described well with a conventional pion exchange model with absorption.

Here, the strategy of the $G_{\pi NN^*}(Q^2)$ transition form factor determination is discussed for instance. To extract $G_{\pi NN^*}(Q^2)$, the $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$ transition form factor $G_{\rho\pi\pi}(Q^2)$ is necessary.

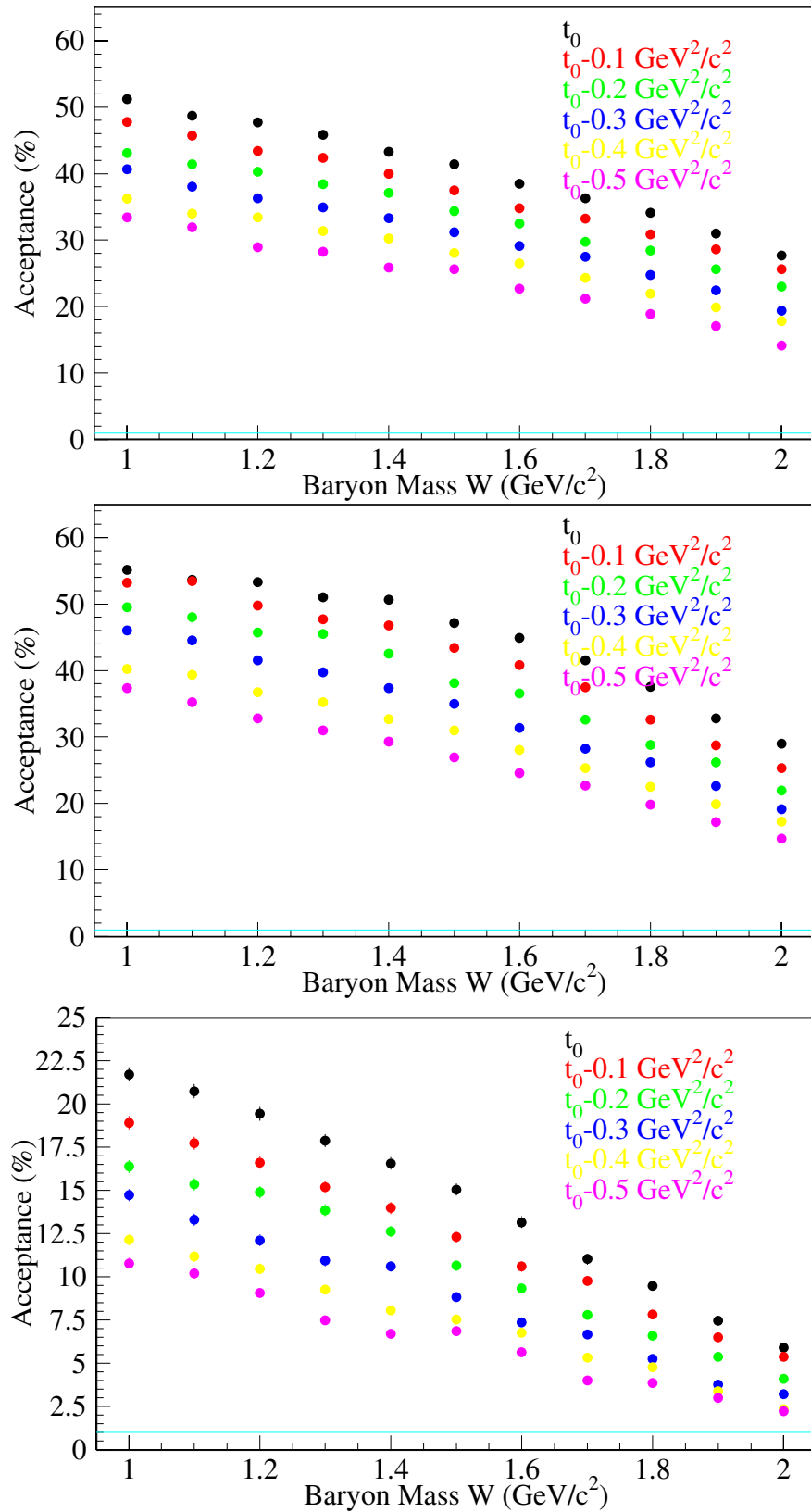


FIG. 31: Acceptance of detecting forward vector mesons at 5 GeV/c. The upper, central, lower panels show the acceptances as a function of produced baryon mass for the $\pi^\pm p \rightarrow \rho^0 X$, $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^{*0} X$ and $\pi^+ p \rightarrow K^{*+} X$ reactions. The ρ^0 , K^{*0} and K^{*+} mesons are assumed to be detected by $\pi^+\pi^-$, $K^+\pi^-$, and $K_s^0\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$. The branching ratios of $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$, $K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$, $K^{*+} \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ are 100%, 67%, $67\% \times 50\% \times 69\% = 23\%$. They are not taken into account in the acceptance estimation. The color indicates the corresponding momentum transfer (Mandelstam variable t).

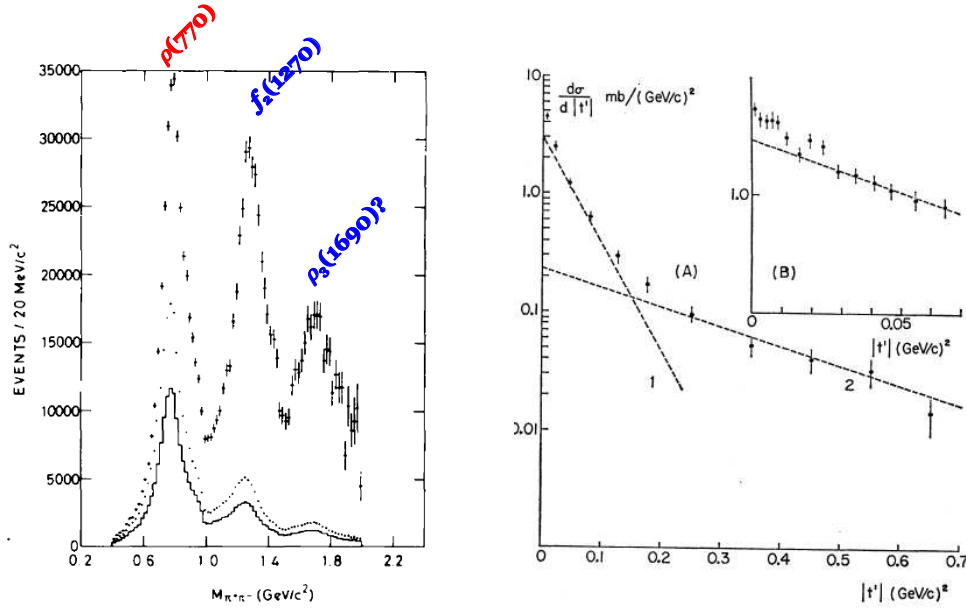


FIG. 32: The $\pi^+\pi^-$ invariant mass distributions for events with $|t| < 0.15 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$ (left) [65]. The acceptance corrected number of events are shown in the points with error bars. Differential cross section as function of $|t'| = |t - t_{\min}|$ for the $\pi^+p \rightarrow \rho^0\Delta^{++}$ reaction at 13.1 GeV/c (right) [66]. The lines correspond to slopes of 20 and 3.8 GeV/c. The small $|t'|$ is plotted in the inset.

The $G_{\rho\pi\pi}(Q^2)$ can be deduced from the $\pi^-p \rightarrow \rho^0 n$ reaction because $G_{\rho\pi\pi}(Q^2)$ is common for different final state baryons for $\pi^\pm p \rightarrow \rho^0 X$ and because the axial form factors for the nucleon is well determined by the QE νN scattering and π^+ electroproduction experiments. After $G_{\rho\pi\pi}(Q^2)$ is determined, the axial form factor can be determined as a function of produced baryon mass. In the second stage, we plan to detect the decay particles from the excited baryons, then the axial form factor can be determined for specific baryon resonances.

The similar $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^{*-}X$ reaction gives a transition form factor of a Θ^+ pentaquark baryon $G_{K\Theta^+}$. Here, K^{*-} meson is detected at forward angles, and it is identified by the $\bar{K}^0\pi^- \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^-)\pi^-$ decay. The evidence for the pentaquark Θ^+ baryon was reported by the LEPS collaboration for the first time [67]. A narrow peak was observed in the K^+n invariant mass distribution in the $\gamma n \rightarrow K^-K^+n$ reaction, and the Θ^+ is a genuine exotic baryon predicted by Diakonov *et al* [68]. The experimental situation for the existence of the Θ^+ is controversial. Many collider experiments found no positive evidence in the pK_s invariant mass distributions [69]. The CLAS collaboration searched for the Θ^+ in the $\gamma p \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^+n$ and $\gamma d \rightarrow pK^-K^+n$ reactions [70]. No evidence for the Θ^+ was obtained in these experiments, and only the upper limits for the Θ^+ productions were given. Other experiments by pion-, kaon-, and proton-induced reactions showed no evidence for the Θ^+ production: $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^-X$ [71], $K^+p \rightarrow \pi^+X$ [72], and $pp \rightarrow pK^0\Sigma^+$ [73] reactions. At this moment, three positive experiments exist: re-analysis of the $K^+Xe \rightarrow K^0pXe'$ reaction by the DIANA colla-

ration [74], the $\gamma d \rightarrow K^+ K^- p n$ reaction by the LEPS collaboration [75], and the $\gamma p \rightarrow K_s X$ reaction taken with the CLAS spectrometer by M.J. Amarian *et al.* [76]. Since the Θ^+ production seems highly reaction dependent, the formation experiments of $K^+ n \rightarrow \Theta^+$ seem to clarify its existence. The K^+ beam with a momentum around 420 MeV/ c is required for the formation experiments. Yet, it is difficult to obtain such a low momentum K^+ beam with a momentum analysis and particle identification since $c\tau = 3.712$ m for the K^+ meson and almost all the K^+ mesons decay before arriving at the target position. Therefore, the Θ^+ search by using the $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^{*-} X$ reaction is the best way. A small $K^* N \Theta^+$ coupling, which is suggested by the previous experiments, is not included in the $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^{*-} X$ reaction and the vertex is the same as the formation $K^0 p \rightarrow \Theta^+$.

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