



# Charmed Baryon $\Lambda_c$ Decays at BESIII

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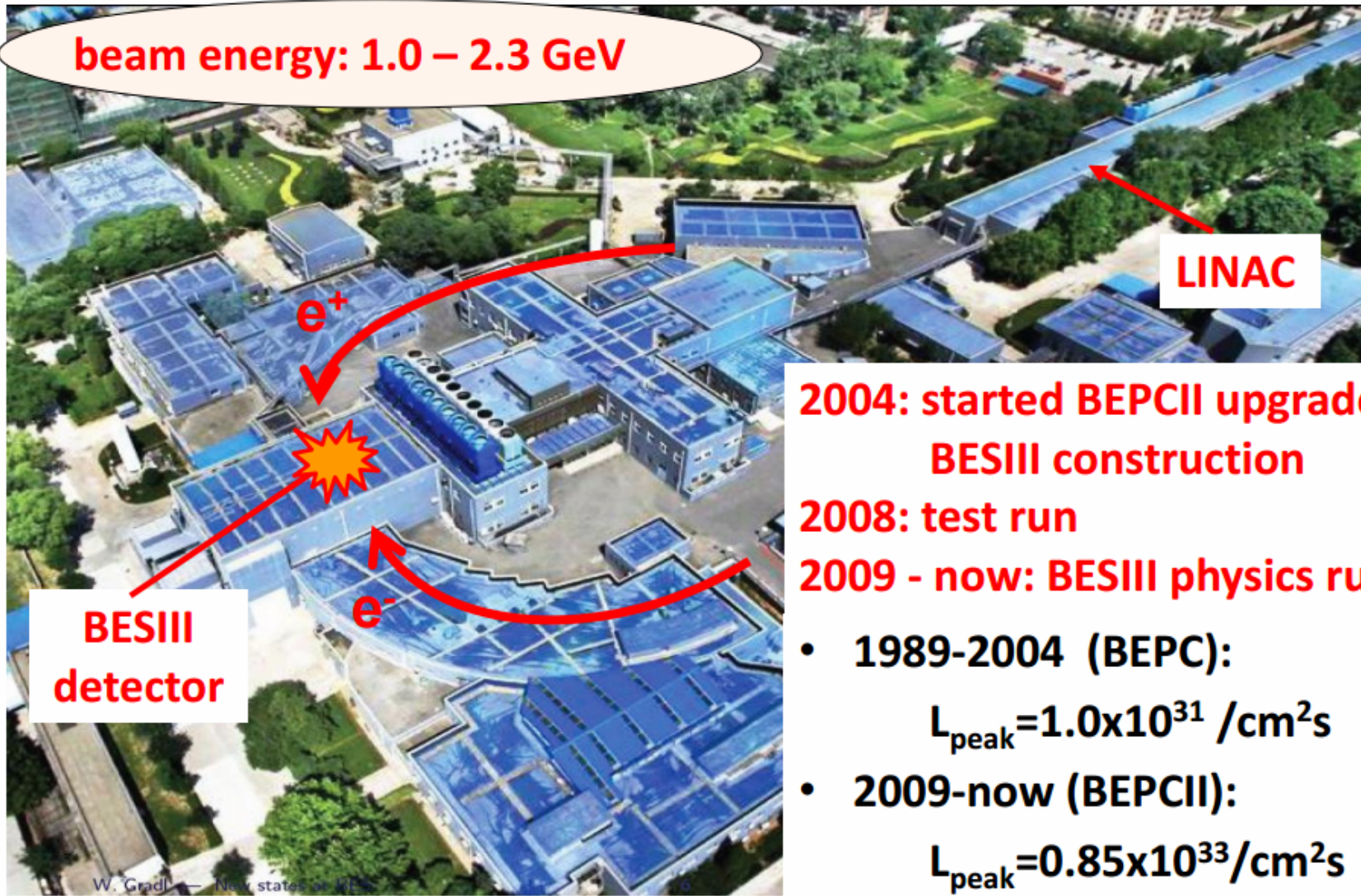
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# Outline

- Introduction
- $\Lambda_C^+$  hadronic and semileptonic decays(@4.6GeV)
  - Branching fraction of hadronic modes
  - Branching fraction of semileptonic decay:  $\Lambda_C^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$
- Summary

# Beijing Electron Positron Collider



beam energy: 1.0 – 2.3 GeV

LINAC

BESIII detector

2004: started BEPCII upgrade, BESIII construction  
2008: test run  
2009 - now: BESIII physics run

- 1989-2004 (BEPC):  
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 1.0 \times 10^{31} / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$
- 2009-now (BEPCII):  
 $L_{\text{peak}} = 0.85 \times 10^{33} / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$

# The BESIII detector

## Drift Chamber (MDC)

$$\sigma_{P/P} (\%) = 0.5\% (1\text{GeV})$$

$$\sigma_{dE/dx} (\%) = 6\%$$

## Time Of Flight (TOF)

$$\sigma_T: 90 \text{ ps Barrel}$$

$$110 \text{ ps endcap}$$

$$\text{EMC: } \sigma_{E/\sqrt{E}} (\%) = 2.5\% (1 \text{ GeV})$$

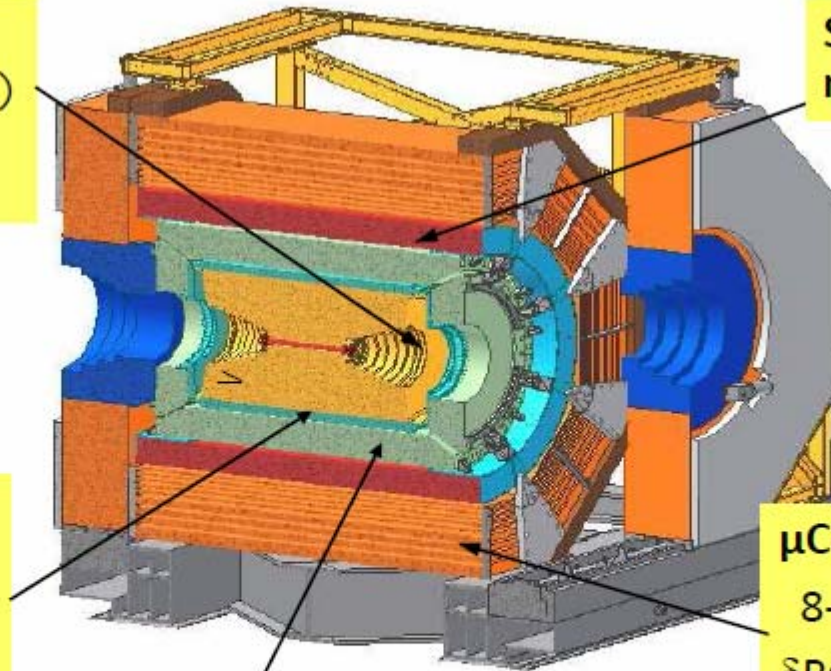
$$(\text{CsI}) \quad \sigma_{z,\phi} (\text{cm}) = 0.5 - 0.7 \text{ cm}/\sqrt{E}$$

Super-conducting  
magnet (1.0 tesla)

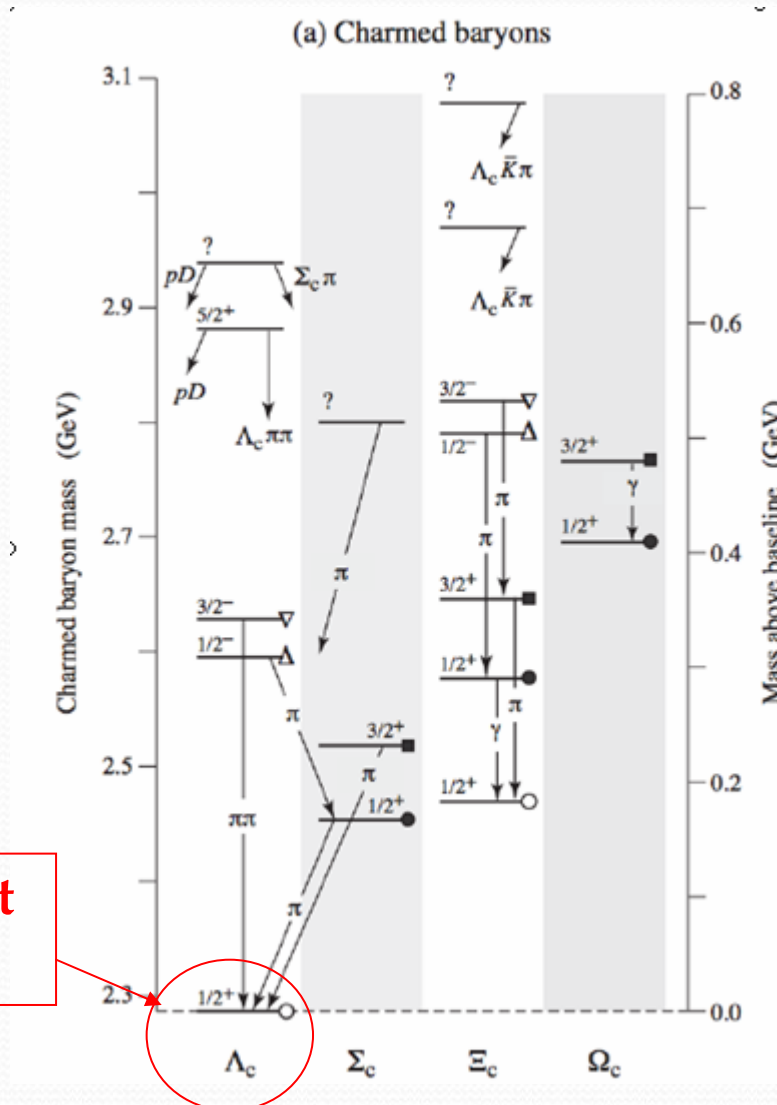
## $\mu$ Counter

8- 9 layers RPC

$$\delta R\Phi = 1.4 \text{ cm} \sim 1.7 \text{ cm}$$



# Charmed baryon



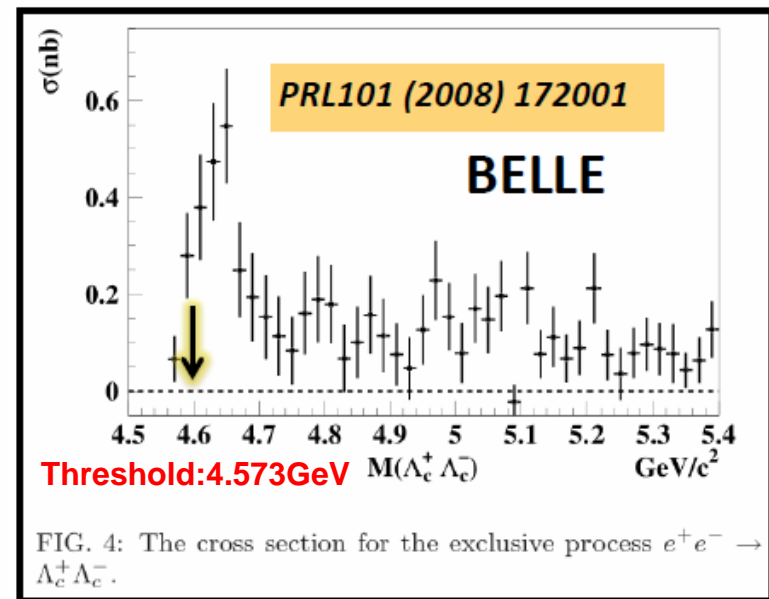
- $\Lambda_c^+$  is the lightest charmed baryon

# BESIII data taken

- In 2014, BESIII took data above  $\Lambda_c^+$  pair threshold and run machine @4.6GeV with excellent performance! This is a marvelous achievement of BES!

## available data set at BESIII

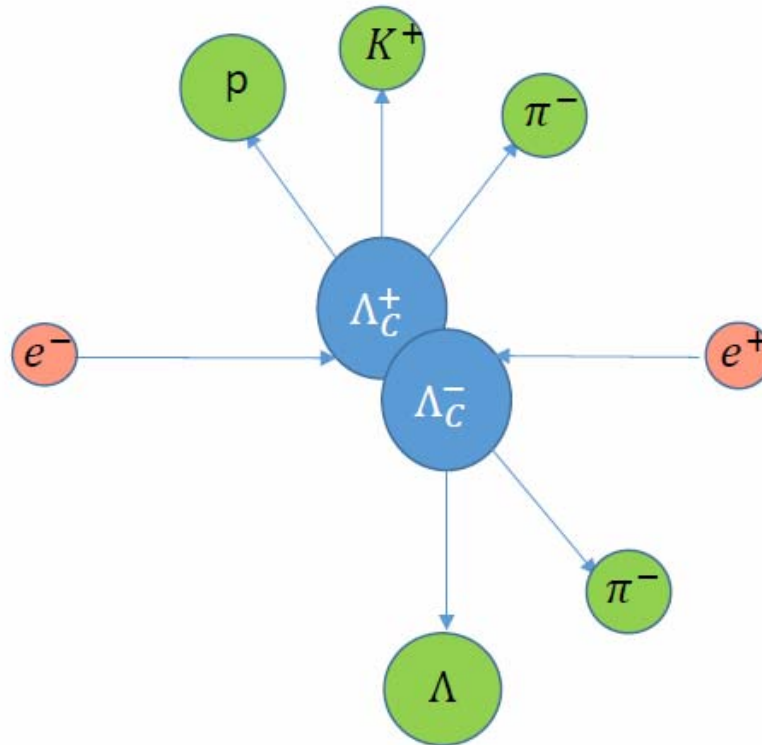
Energy(GeV)	lum.(1/pb)
4.575	~48
4.580	~8.5
4.590	~8.1
4.600	~567



**First time to systematically study charmed baryon at threshold!**

# $\Lambda_c^+$ selection

mode
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow p K_S$
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow p k \pi^+$
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow p K_S \pi^0$
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow p K_S \pi^+ \pi^-$
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$\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^+$
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^0$
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \omega$



12 modes used in reconstruction of  $\Lambda_c$  covers  $\sim 1/3$  of the total decays.

Constructing particles from final state particles:

- $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$
- $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$
- $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \pi^0$
- $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

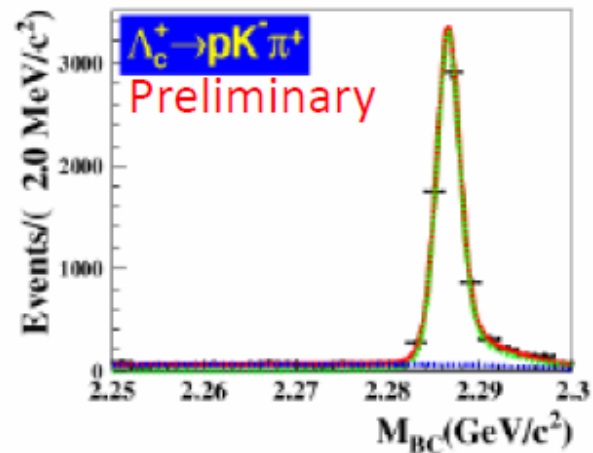
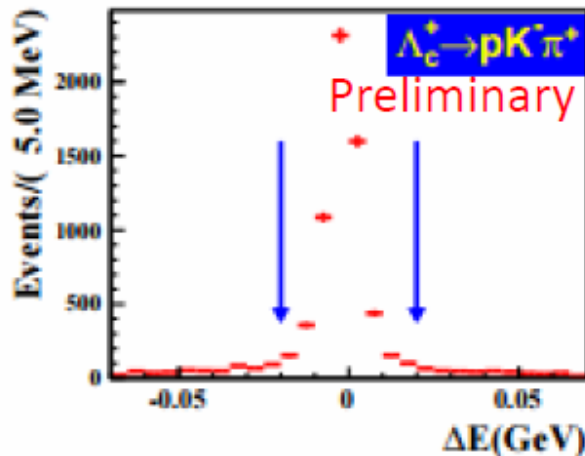
# Tagging method

Single Tag (ST)  $\Lambda_C^\pm \rightarrow i$

Reconstruct candidate particles for  $\Lambda_C^\pm$  decay.

$$\Delta E = E_{\Lambda_C \text{Rec}} - E_{\text{Beam}}$$

$$M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^2 - |\vec{P}_{\Lambda_C \text{Rec}}|^2}$$



Double Tag (DT)  $\Lambda_C^+ \rightarrow i, \Lambda_C^- \rightarrow j$

Reconstruct candidate particles for both  $\Lambda_C^+$  and  $\Lambda_C^-$  decays.

- Used to cancel out model dependence
- Background reduced
- Statistically suffer

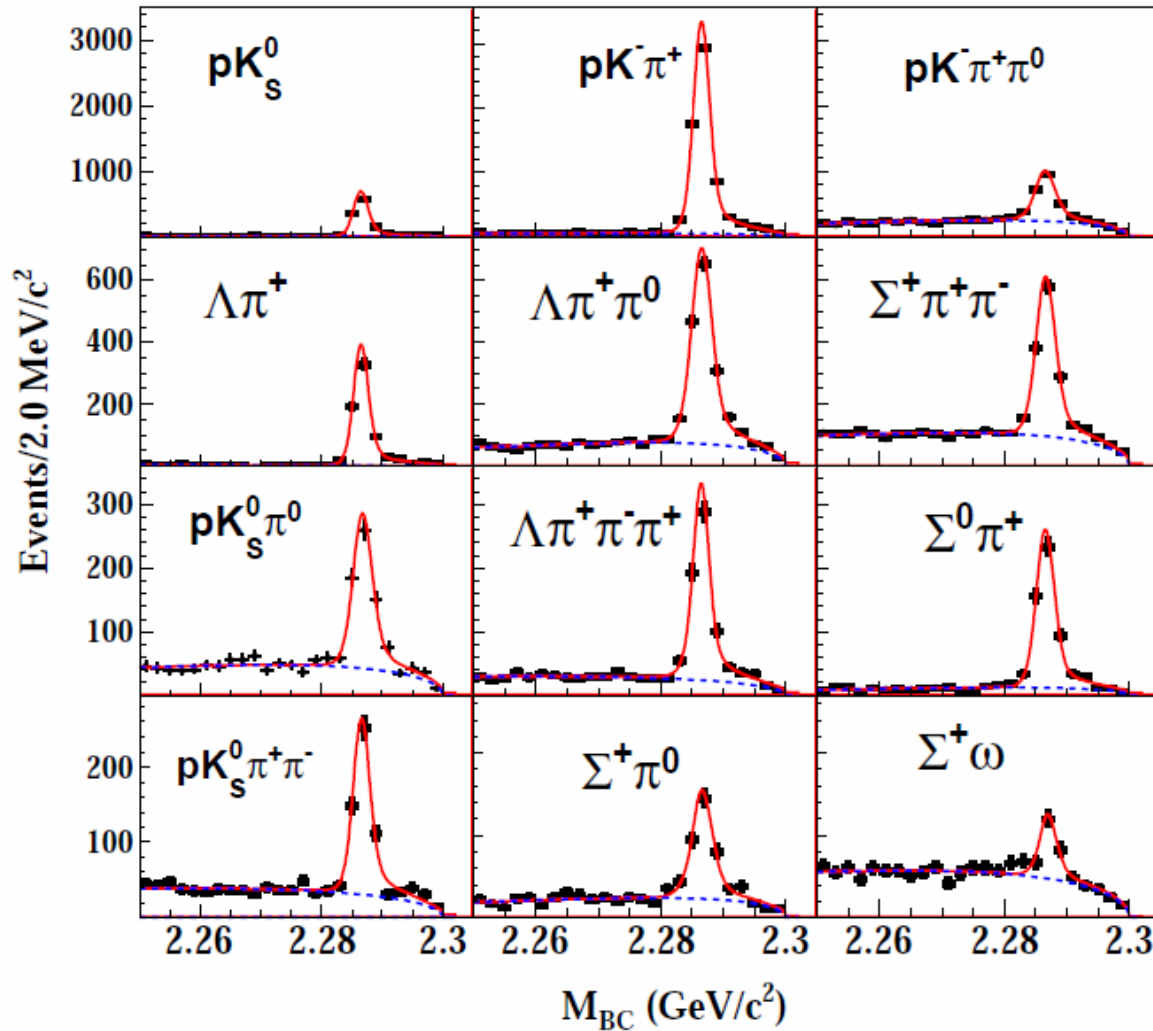


# Absolute BFs of hadronic modes

- Absolute BFs of  $\Lambda^+_c$  decays are not well determined.
- Belle result:  $B(\Lambda^+_c \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+) = (6.84 \pm 0.24^{+0.21}_{-0.27})\%$  *PRL 113(2014) 042002*
- Most Cabibbo-favored hadronic BFs still have poor accuracy
- Using threshold pair-productions via  $e^+e^-$  annihilation: *the most simple and straightforward*

# ST yields

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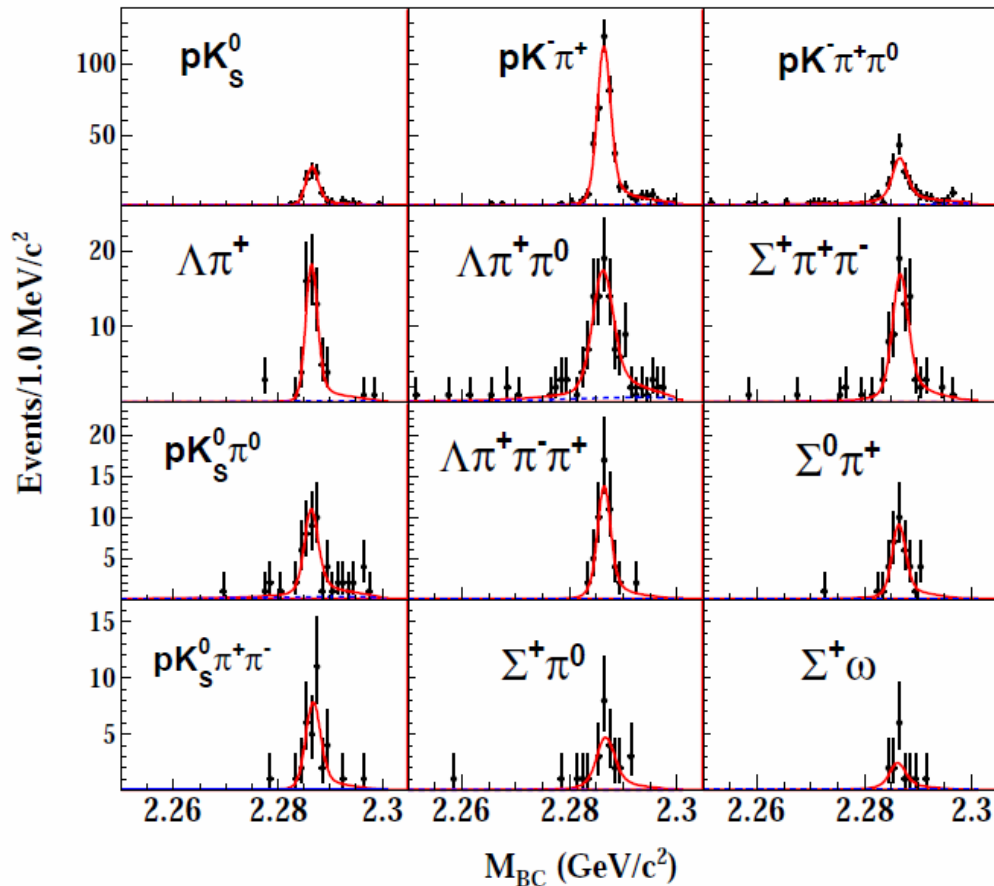


Mode	$N_j^{ST}$
$pK_S^0$	$1243 \pm 37$
$pK^- \pi^+$	$6308 \pm 88$
$pK_S^0 \pi^0$	$558 \pm 33$
$pK_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$	$485 \pm 29$
$pK^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	$1849 \pm 71$
$\Lambda \pi^+$	$706 \pm 27$
$\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^0$	$1497 \pm 52$
$\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$609 \pm 31$
$\Sigma^0 \pi^+$	$522 \pm 27$
$\Sigma^+ \pi^0$	$309 \pm 24$
$\Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$1156 \pm 49$
$\Sigma^+ \omega$	$157 \pm 22$

ST sum:~15K

# DT yields

BESIII *preliminary*



Mode	$N_{i-}^{DT}$
$pK_S^0$	$97 \pm 10$
$pK^- \pi^+$	$420 \pm 22$
$pK_S^0 \pi^0$	$47 \pm 8$
$pK_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$	$34 \pm 6$
$pK^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	$176 \pm 14$
$\Lambda \pi^+$	$60 \pm 8$
$\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^0$	$101 \pm 13$
$\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$53 \pm 7$
$\Sigma^0 \pi^+$	$38 \pm 6$
$\Sigma^+ \pi^0$	$25 \pm 5$
$\Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$80 \pm 9$
$\Sigma^+ \omega$	$13 \pm 3$

$$N_{-j}^{DT} = \sum_{i^+ \neq j} N_{i^+ j^-}^{DT} + \sum_{i^- \neq j} N_{i^- j^+}^{DT} + N_{jj}^{DT}$$

Where,  $N_{i^+ j^-}^{DT}$  is the DT yield with  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow i$  and  $\Lambda_c^- \rightarrow j$ .

# Hadronic BFs results

- We perform a simultaneous fit to all tag modes, taking into account the correlations.

**BESIII** *preliminary*

Decay modes	global fit $\mathcal{B}$	PDG $\mathcal{B}$ [1]	Belle $\mathcal{B}$ [6]
$pK_S$	$1.52 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$	$1.15 \pm 0.30$	
$pK^- \pi^+$	$5.84 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.23$	$5.0 \pm 1.3$	$6.84 \pm 0.24^{+0.21}_{-0.27}$
$pK_S \pi^0$	$1.87 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.05$	$1.65 \pm 0.50$	
$pK_S \pi^+ \pi^-$	$1.53 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.09$	$1.30 \pm 0.35$	
$pK^- \pi^+ \pi^0$	$4.53 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.30$	$3.4 \pm 1.0$	
$\Lambda \pi^+$	$1.24 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.03$	$1.07 \pm 0.28$	
$\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^0$	$7.01 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.19$	$3.6 \pm 1.3$	
$\Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$3.81 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.18$	$2.6 \pm 0.7$	
$\Sigma^0 \pi^+$	$1.27 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$	$1.05 \pm 0.28$	
$\Sigma^+ \pi^0$	$1.18 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.03$	$1.00 \pm 0.34$	
$\Sigma^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$4.25 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.20$	$3.6 \pm 1.0$	
$\Sigma^+ \omega$	$1.56 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.07$	$2.7 \pm 1.0$	



stat. and sys. err

- ✓  $\mathcal{B}(pK^- \pi^+)$ : BESIII precision comparable with Belle's result
- ✓ BESIII rate  $\mathcal{B}(pK^- \pi^+)$  is smaller
- ✓ Improved precisions of the other 11 modes significantly

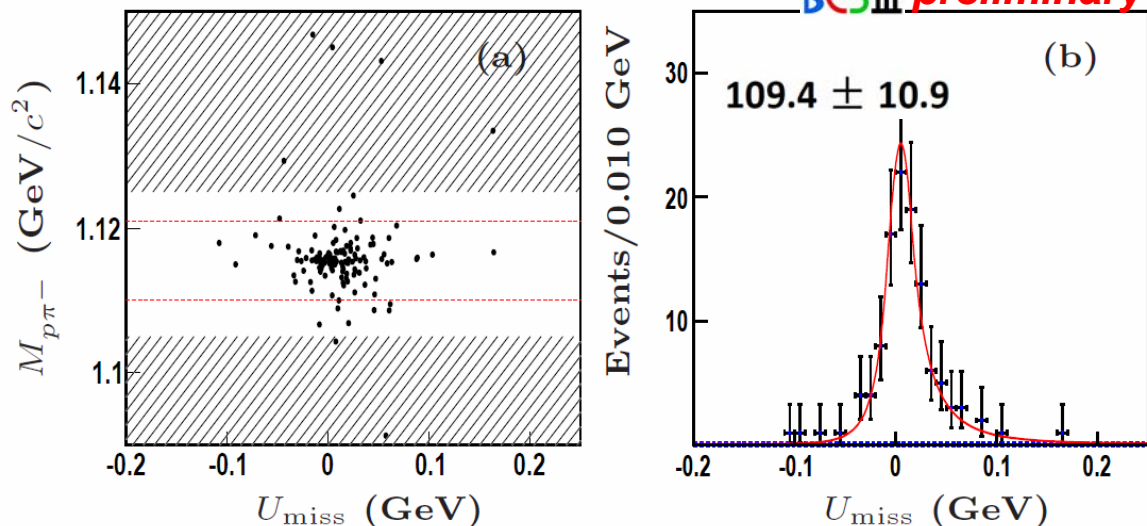
# Measurement of the BF of $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$

- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$  is a  $c \rightarrow sl^+ \nu_1$  dominated process, provide important information for
  - testing the theoretical prediction for  $B(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)$
  - calibrating the LQCD calculations
  - Additional information for determining CKM elements
- No direct absolute measurement:
  - $B(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e) = (2.1 \pm 0.6)\%$  (PDG2014), scaling to  $(2.9 \pm .05)\%$  based on Belle's  $B(pK^-\pi^+)$
- Theoretical predictions for BF of  $B(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)$  range from 1.4% to 9.2%.

# Determine the SL events

- 11 ST modes are used (except  $\Sigma^+\omega$ ) to tag  $N_{\Lambda_C^-}^{tot} = 14415 \pm 159$
- Require  $\Delta E$  and  $M_{BC}$  signal region, reconstruct  $\Lambda$  and  $e^+$  to obtain:

- $U_{miss} = E_{miss} - c |p_{miss}|$



subtraction of backgrounds:

- non-ST events: negligible
- $\Lambda$  sidebands:  $1.4 \pm 0.8$
- $\Lambda\mu^+\nu + \Lambda\pi^+\pi^0 + \Lambda\pi^+ = 4.5 \pm 0.5$
- ➔ **signal yields:  $103.5 \pm 10.9$**

$$B(\Lambda_C^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e) = (3.63 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.20)\%$$

- Statistics limited measurement: sys.err smaller than stat. err
- Best precision to date: twofold improvement

# Summary

- BESIII started study of  $\Lambda^+_c$  decays using the world largest data at  $\Lambda^-_c \Lambda^+_c$  pair threshold (4.6 GeV)
- BESIII got comparable result of  $B(pK^-\pi^+)$  with Belle and improved precisions of other 11 Cabibbo-favored decays significantly.
- BESIII had a direct measurement of  $B(\Lambda^+_c \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e)$  firstly and twofold improved the precision.
- Many new exciting results are on their way!

**Thank you!**