



Production of Λ_c states and $(\bar{D}N)$ states at EicC and EIC

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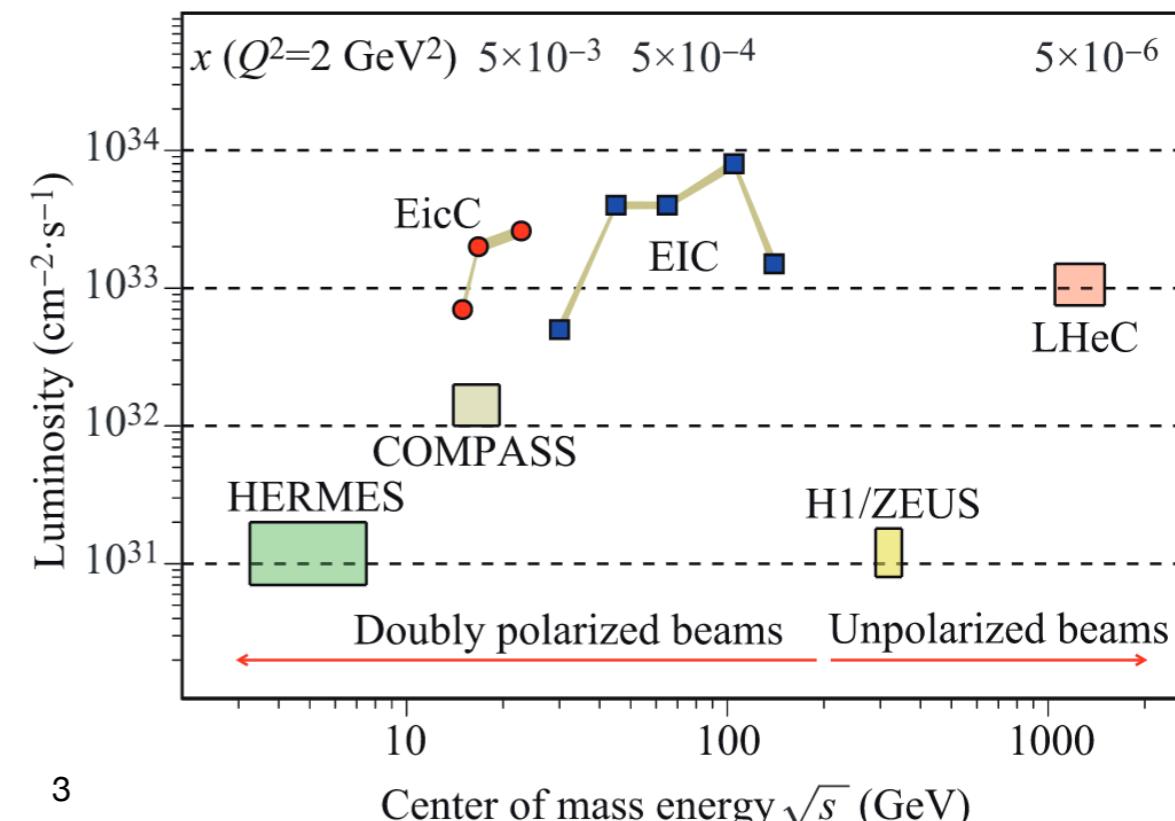
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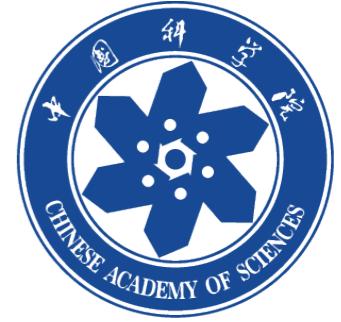
Λ_c Photo- and Electro-production in experiment

| Production | Time | Experiment | Particle |
|------------|------|------------------|--|
| Photo- | 1987 | NA1 at CERN | $9 \Lambda_c$ |
| | 1990 | NA14/2 at CERN | $29 \pm 8 \Lambda_c (\bar{\Lambda}_c)$ |
| | 1993 | E687 at Fermilab | $1340 \Lambda_c$ |
| | 1994 | E687 at Fermilab | $39.7 \pm 8.7 \Lambda_c (2625)$ |
| Electro- | 2005 | ZEUS at HERA | $1440 \pm 220 \Lambda_c$ |
| | 2013 | ZEUS at HERA | $7682 \pm 964 \Lambda_c$ |

EicC and EIC

- Estimate the yields of hadronic molecule candidates at EicC and EIC.
- Estimate the yields of candidates using both the **hadronic molecule** model and the **quark model** to determine whether it helps distinguish the particle **structures**.





Background

spin-parity assignment of $\Lambda_c(2940)$

- Observed in the $D^0 p$ invariant mass distribution by the BaBar Collaboration(2007).

- spin-parity assignment is quite diverse

$$1^\pm \ 3^\pm \ 5^\pm \ 7^+$$

- $\frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{3}{2}^-, \frac{5}{2}^-, \frac{7}{2}^-$

Details see: [H.-X. Chen et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 80, 076201 \(2017\)](#)

- The closest states in quark model

- $\Lambda_c(\frac{1}{2}^-, 2P), \Lambda_c(\frac{3}{2}^-, 2P)$

40 MeV and 60 MeV higher

than $\Lambda_c(2940)$

- Hadronic molecule

- $1/2^-$

[X.-G. He et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 51, 883 \(2007\).](#)

- $1/2^+$

[Y. Dong et al., Phys. Rev. D 81, 014006 \(2010\).](#)

- $\Lambda_c(2910) : 1/2^-, \Lambda_c(2940) : 3/2^-$

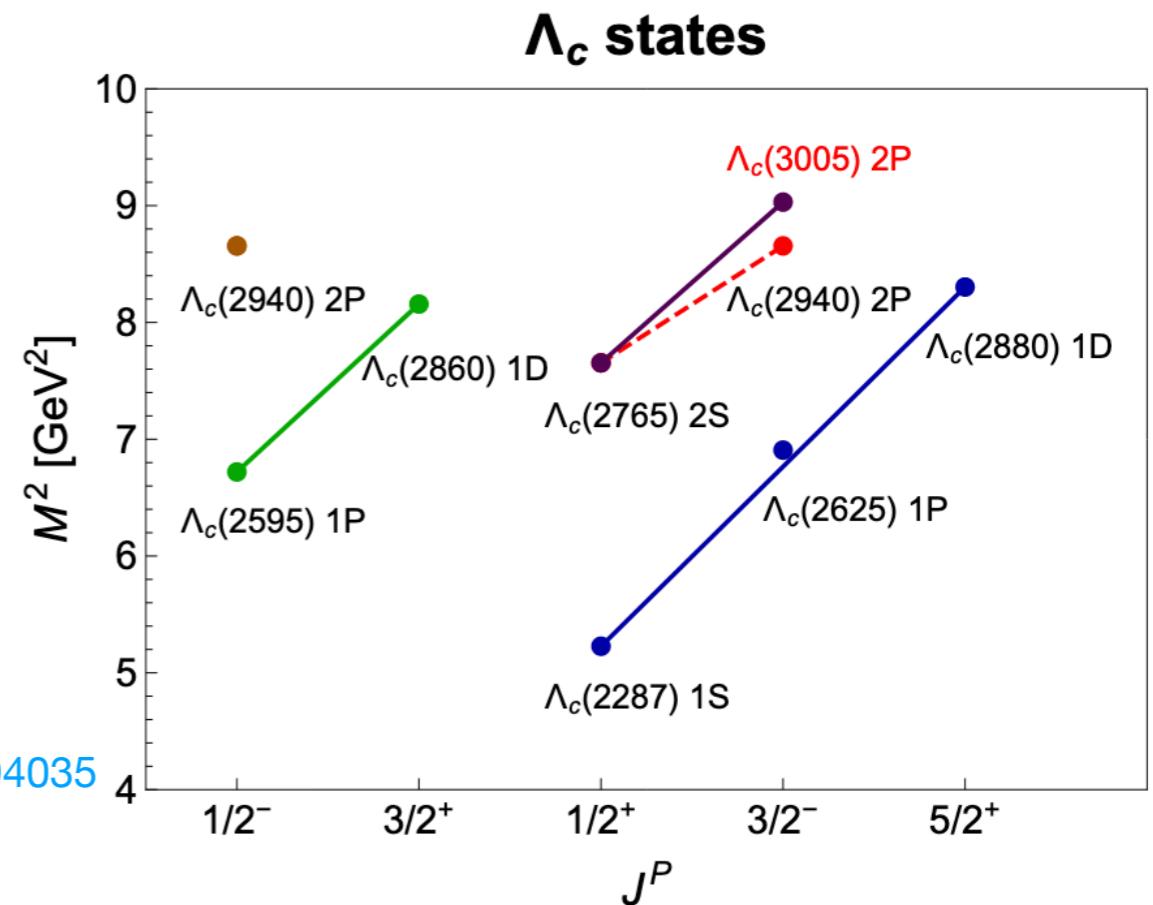
[Z.-L. Yue, Q.-Y. Guo, and D.-Y. Chen, \(2024\).](#)

- $\Lambda_c(2940) : 1/2^-, 3/2^-$

[B. Wang, L. Meng, and S.-L. Zhu, Phys. Rev. D 101, 094035 \(2020\).](#)

- Regge trajectories

[H.-Y. Cheng, \(2022\).](#)





The equivalent photon approximation

Weizsäcker-Williams' method

- Ultra-relativistic electroproduction can be calculated using the Weizsäcker-Williams' method
- $d\sigma_{ep} = \sigma_\gamma(\omega)dn(\omega, q^2)$
- The equivalent photon number or spectrum, dn , is defined by the $e \rightarrow e'\gamma^*$ vertex. In numerous cases that $\omega \gtrsim \Lambda_\gamma$:

$$dn(\omega, q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{d(-q^2)}{|q^2|} \left[1 - \frac{\omega}{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{2E^2} - (1 - \frac{\omega}{E}) \left| \frac{q_{min}^2}{q^2} \right| \right]$$

- After integrate q^2 : $q_{min}^2 \leq -q^2 \leq q_{max}^2$

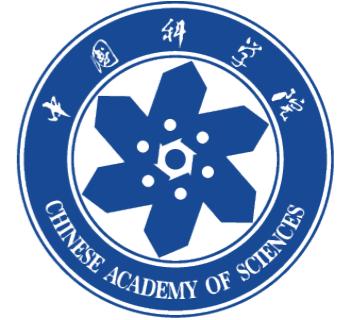
$$d\sigma = \sigma_\gamma(\omega)dn(\omega)$$

$$dn(\omega) = \int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} dn(\omega, q^2) = N(\omega)\omega d\omega$$

$$N(\omega) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\omega}{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{2E^2} \right) \ln \frac{\Lambda_\gamma^2 E(E - \omega)}{m_e^2 \omega^2} - \left(1 - \frac{\omega}{E} \right) \right]$$

V. M. Budnev et al., Physics Reports **15**, 181 (1975).

Y. Jia et al., Phys. Rev. D **108**, 016015 (2023).

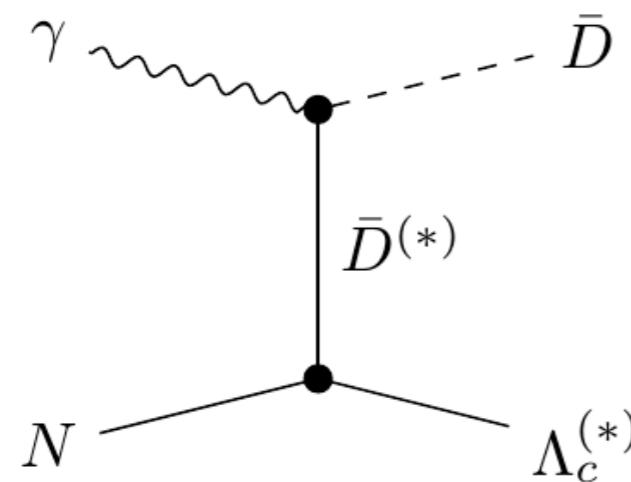


Λ_c states photoproduction

$\Lambda_c, \Lambda_c(2595), \Lambda_c(2940)$

- Consider the dominant contribution channel: t -channel.

$$\gamma + p \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + \Lambda_c^{(*)} +$$



Quantum number:

$$\Lambda_c : 1/2^+$$

$$\Lambda_c(2595) : (\frac{1}{2}^-, 1P)$$

$$\Lambda_c(2940) \text{ molecule: } \frac{1}{2}^- ; \text{ quark model: } (\frac{1}{2}^-, 2P)$$

Effective Lagrangians:

$$\mathcal{L}_{ND\Lambda_c(1/2^+)} = ig_{ND\Lambda_c}\bar{\Lambda}_c\gamma_5 ND + H.c.,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ND^*\Lambda_c(1/2^+)} = g_{ND^*\Lambda_c}\bar{\Lambda}_c\gamma_\mu ND^{*\mu} + H.c.,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ND\Lambda_c^*(1/2^-)} = g_{ND\Lambda_c^*}^{1/2^-} i\bar{\Lambda}_c^* ND + H.c.,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ND^*\Lambda_c^*(1/2^-)} = g_{ND^*\Lambda_c^*}^{1/2^-} \bar{\Lambda}_c^* \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu ND^{*\mu} + H.c.,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma NN} = -e\bar{N}(Q_N A + \frac{\kappa_N}{4m_N}\sigma^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu})N,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma DD} = ieA_\mu(D^+\partial^\mu D^- - \partial^\mu D^+ D^-),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma DD^*} = g_{\gamma DD^*}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}(\partial^\mu A^\nu)(\partial^\alpha D^{*\beta})D + H.c.,$$

Form factor

$$f_2(q^2) = \left(\frac{\Lambda_2^2 - m_{ex}^2}{\Lambda_2^2 - q^2} \right)^2$$



Coupling constants

3P_0 model

- Spatial wave function
 - Excitation mode:

$$p_\rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(p_1 - p_2)$$

$$p_\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(p_1 + p_2 - 2p_3)$$

- $\psi_A(\vec{p}) = N\psi_{n_\rho l_\rho m_{l\rho}}(\vec{p}_\rho)\psi_{n_\lambda l_\lambda m_{l\lambda}}(\vec{p}_\lambda)$
- Simple harmonic oscillator(SHO) wave function:

- $\Psi_{nlm_l}(\mathbf{p}) = (-1)^n(-i)^l R^{l+\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{\Gamma(n+l+\frac{3}{2})}} \exp(-\frac{R^2 \mathbf{p}^2}{2}) \times L_n^{l+1/2}(R^2 \mathbf{p}^2) |\mathbf{p}|^l Y_{lm_l}(\Omega_p),$
- $R = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ for light mesons, $R = 1.67 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ for D meson, $R = 1.94 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ for D^* meson

- $\alpha_\rho = 0.4, \alpha_\lambda = (\frac{3m_Q}{2m_q + m_Q})^{1/4} \alpha_\rho$ for Baryon

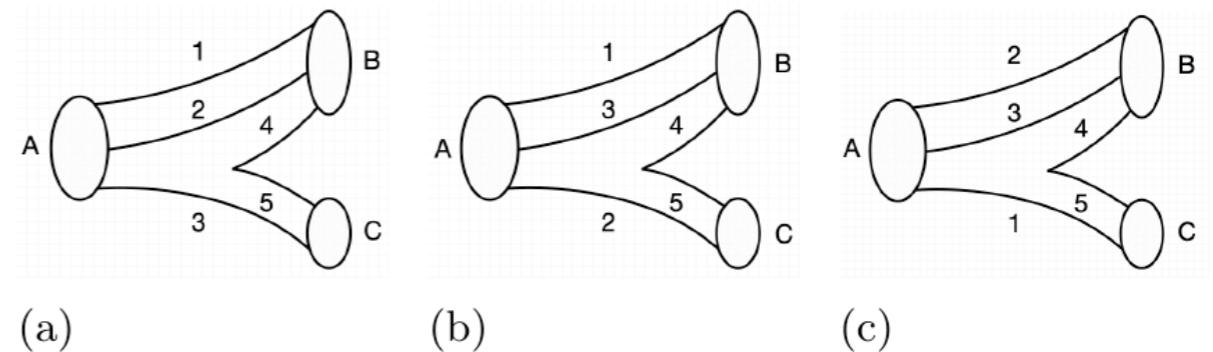
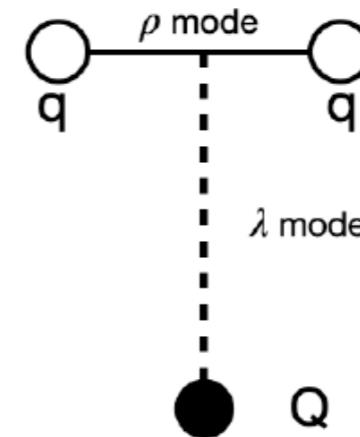


FIG. 3: The Vertex $A \rightarrow B + C$ in the 3P_0 model



Q.-F. Lü et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 78, 599 (2018).



Coupling constants

3P_0 model

- Transition operator

$$T = -3\gamma \sum_m \langle 1 m; 1 - m | 0 0 \rangle \int d^3k_4 d^3k_5 \delta^3(k_4 + k_5) \\ \times \mathcal{Y}_1^m \left(\frac{k_4 - k_5}{2} \right) \chi_{1,-m}^{45} \varphi_0^{45} \omega_0^{45} b_{4i}^\dagger(k_4) d_{5j}^\dagger(k_5) \quad (1)$$

- $\gamma = 9.83$ derived from fitting the $\Sigma_c(2520)^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c + \pi^+$ process.

Q.-F. Lü and X.-H. Zhong, Phys. Rev. D 101, 014017 (2020).

- Effective coupling constant

$$\Gamma = \pi^2 \frac{P}{M_A^2} \frac{\mathcal{S}}{(2J_A + 1)} \sum_{M_{J_A}, M_{J_B}, M_{J_C}} |M^{M_{J_A} M_{J_B} M_{J_C}}|^2.$$

$$g_{ABC} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{spins} |\mathcal{M}_{^3P_0}(m_A^2, m_B^2, 0)|^2}{\sum_{spins} |\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{L}}(m_A^2, m_B^2, 0)|^2}} (2\pi)^3$$

- Independent after summing over the spin index.
- $(2\pi)^3$ stems from the normalization difference.

- Results

- $g_{\Lambda_c^{(*)} D^* p}$:

- $\Lambda_c(\frac{1}{2}^+, 1s), \quad 2286.46 : \quad 4.27$

- $\Lambda_c(\frac{1}{2}^-, 1p), \quad 2592.25 : \quad 1.21$

- $\Lambda_c(\frac{1}{2}^-, 2p), \quad 2939.6 : \quad 0.76$



Coupling constants

Hadronic molecule

- Mass operators and vertex form factors

- $Z = 1 - \Sigma'(m^2) = 0$

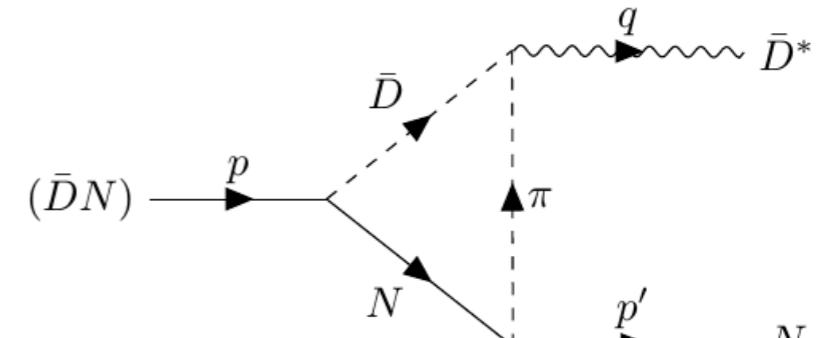
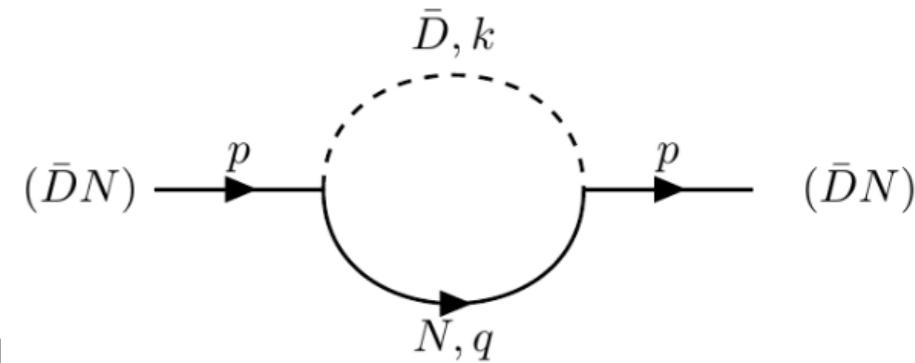
- $\gamma_5 \Gamma^\mu(q^2) = \gamma_5 [F_1(q^2)\gamma^\mu + F_2(q^2)p^\mu + F_3(q^2)p'^\mu]$

- Form factor in molecule vertex

- $$\mathcal{L}_{\Lambda_c^*}(x) = g_{\Lambda_c^*} \bar{\Lambda}_c^*(x) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \int d^4y \Phi(y^2) N(x + w_{D^*N} y) \times D^{*\mu}(x - w_{ND^*} y) + H.c.$$

$$\Phi(y^2) = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ipy} \tilde{\Phi}(-p^2)$$

$$\tilde{\Phi}(p_E^2) \doteq \exp(-p_E^2/\Lambda^2)$$

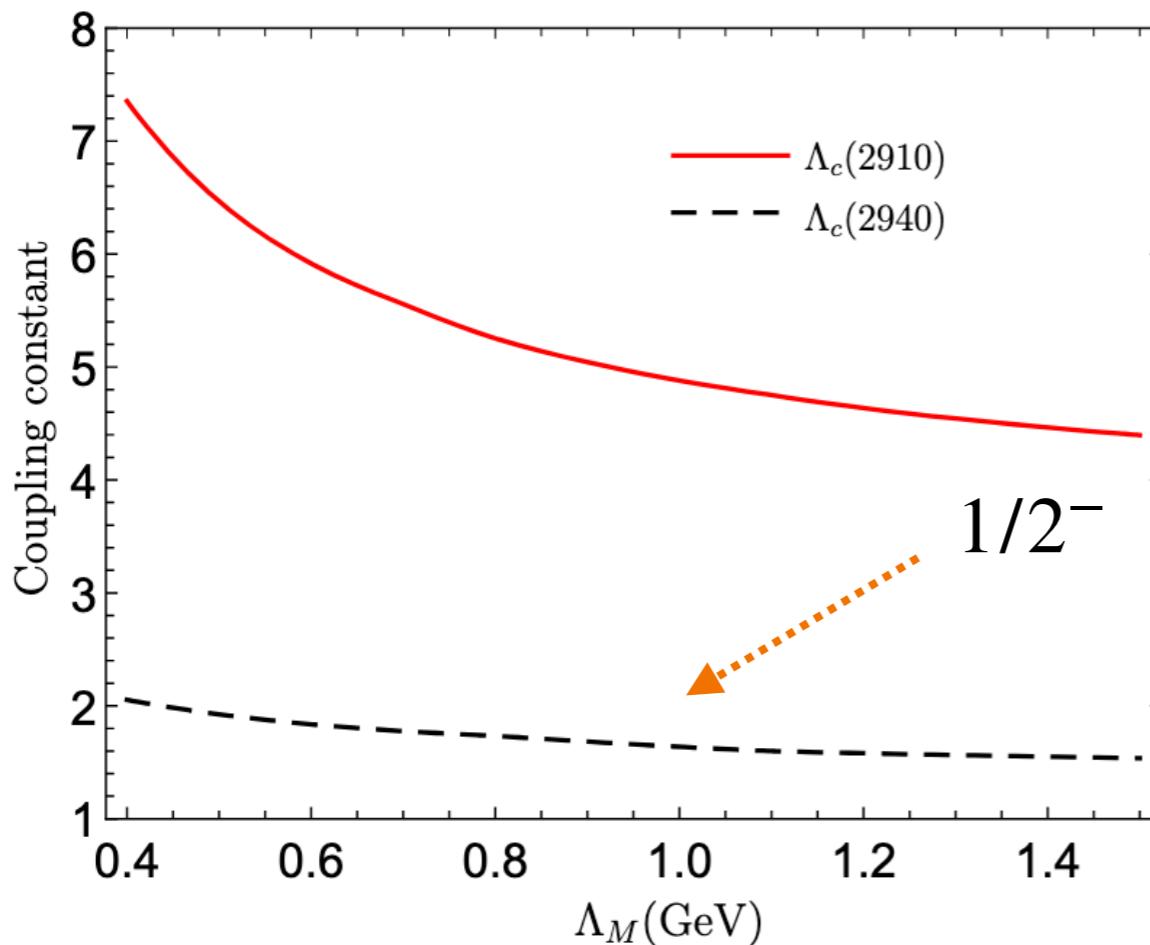




Coupling constants

Hadronic molecule

- $\Lambda_c(2940), 1/2^-$



- $(\bar{D}N), 1/2^-$

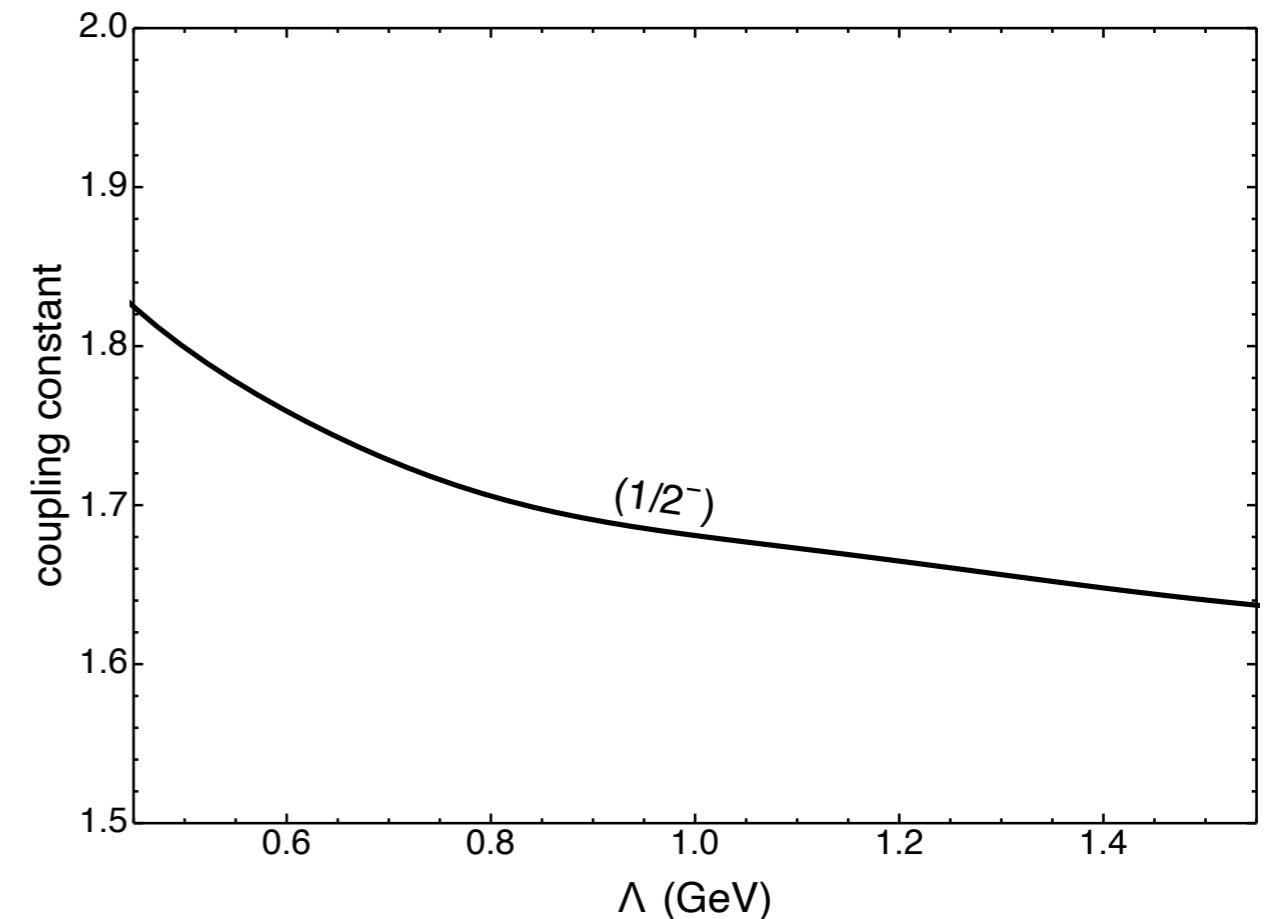


FIG. 7: The coupling constants $g_{\Lambda_c D^* N}^{1/2}$ and $g_{\Lambda_c D^* N}^{3/2}$ depending on the model parameter Λ_M in scenario B.

The cutoff is set to be $\Lambda = 1$ GeV.

$$g_{(\bar{D}N)}^{I=0} = 1.68$$

$$g_{(\bar{D}N)}^{I=1} = 2.62$$



Coupling constants

Hadronic molecule $(\bar{D}N) - \bar{D}^*N$ vertex

- Configuration

$$|(\bar{D}N), I = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|D^- p\rangle - |\bar{D}^0 n\rangle)$$

$$|(\bar{D}N), I = 1, I_3 = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|D^- p\rangle + |\bar{D}^0 n\rangle)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{B'BV} = & \bar{B}'_1 (g_{B'BV} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu + \frac{f_{B'BV}}{m_1 - m_2} \gamma_5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu) V_\mu B_2 \\ & + H.c. \end{aligned}$$

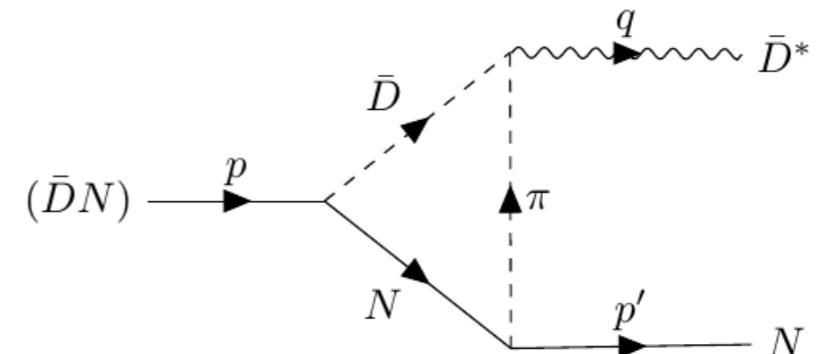
- Result

TABLE III: Coupling constants in $(\bar{D}N) - \bar{D}^*N$ vertex. The cutoff is set to $\Lambda = 1$ GeV and $\Lambda_1 = 1$ GeV.

| States | I= 0 | I= 1 |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| $g_{(\bar{D}N)-\bar{D}^*N}$ | 0.40 | -0.21 |
| $f_{(\bar{D}N)-\bar{D}^*N}$ | 0.45 | -0.24 |

| $\bar{D}N$ | B.E. (MeV) | Mixing ratio (%) |
|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| $0(1/2^-)$ | 1.38 | $\bar{D}N(^2S_{1/2})$ 96.1 |
| | | $\bar{D}^*N(^2S_{1/2})$ 1.94 |
| | | $\bar{D}^*N(^4D_{1/2})$ 1.93 |
| $1(1/2^-)$ | 5.99 | $\bar{D}N(^2S_{1/2})$ 88.9 |
| | | $\bar{D}^*N(^2S_{1/2})$ 10.9 |
| | | $\bar{D}^*N(^4D_{1/2})$ 0.11 |

Y. Yamaguchi, S. Yasui, and A. Hosaka, Phys. Rev. D **106**, 094001 (2022).



- Form factor on exchanged particle

$$f_1(q^2) = \frac{\Lambda_1^4}{\Lambda_1^4 + (q^2 - m_{ex}^2)^2}$$



Results - photoproduction

Λ_c , $\Lambda_c(2595)$, $\Lambda_c(2940)$

- Empirically Λ_2 should be larger than m_{ex} by $0.4 \sim 1.0$ GeV
- The impact of the cutoff parameter
 - more than one order of magnitude from 2.4 GeV to 3.0 GeV
 - The ratio remains nearly unchanged in this range.

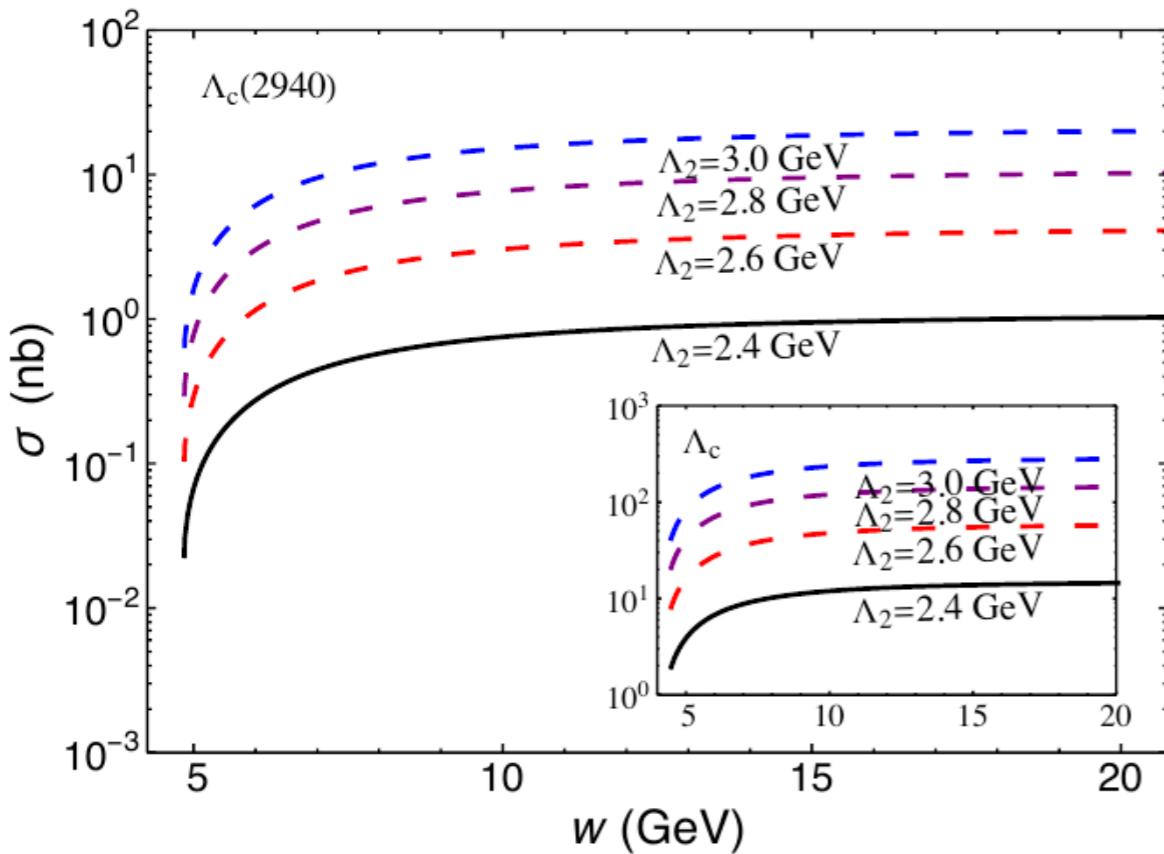


FIG. 5: Cross sections of Λ_c and $\Lambda_c(2940)$ for different cutoff parameters Λ_2 .

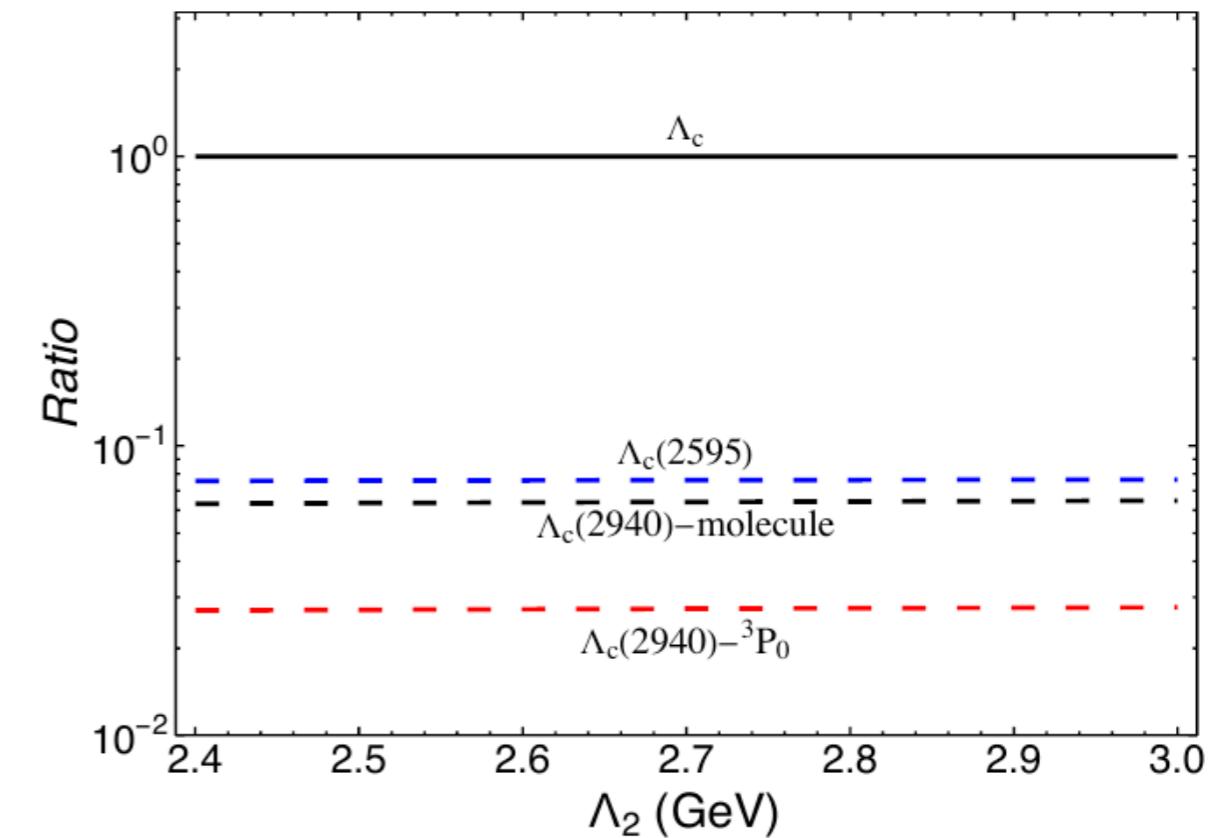


FIG. 6: Ratios of various channels to Λ_c for different cutoffs with $w = 10$ GeV.
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Results - photoproduction

$$\Lambda_c, \Lambda_c(2595), \Lambda_c(2940) \quad \gamma + p \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 + \Lambda_c^{(*)+}$$

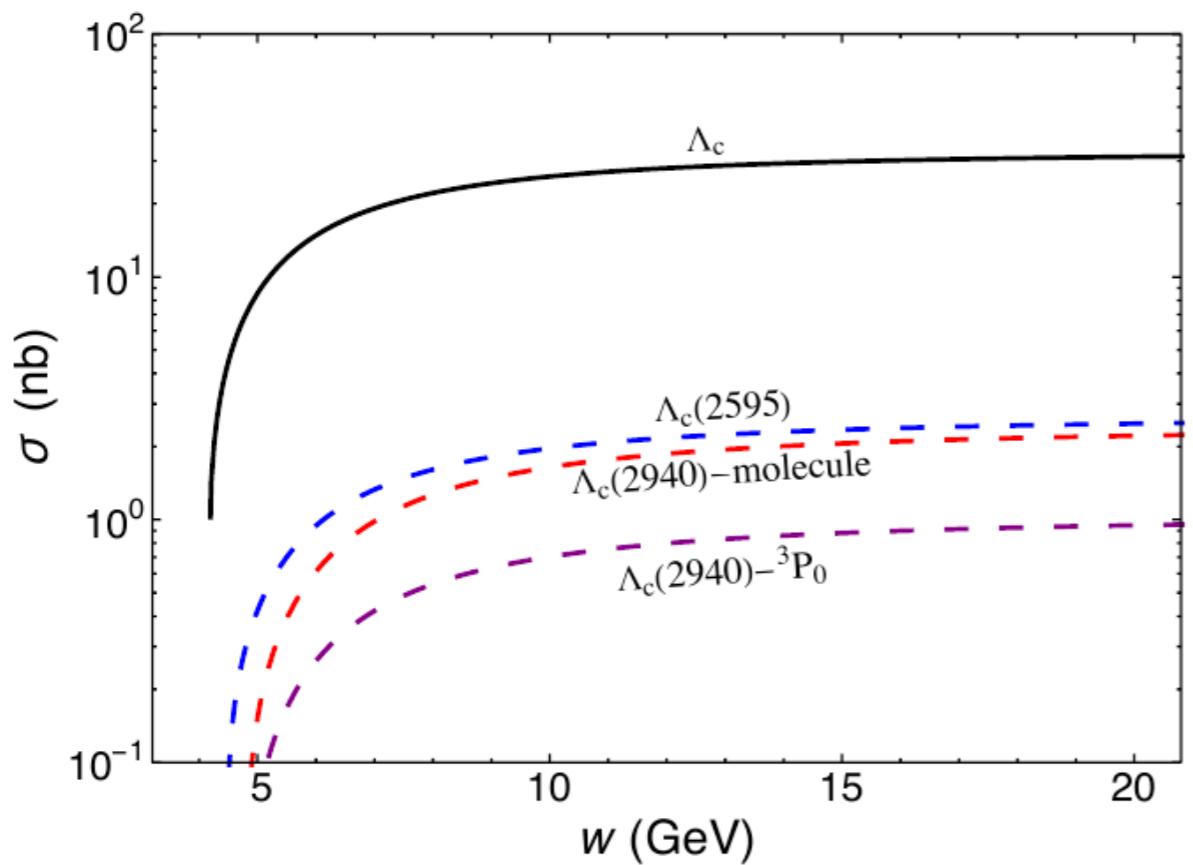


FIG. 7: Photoproduction cross sections of Λ_c , $\Lambda_c(2595)$, and $\Lambda_c(2940)$ in the 3P_0 model and the hadronic molecule model within the t -channel of the process $\gamma p \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \Lambda_c^{(*)+}$. The cutoff is set to $\Lambda_2 = 2.5$ GeV.

- t -channel D^* exchange of the process $\gamma p \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 \Lambda_c^{(*)+}$
- $\Lambda_2 = 2.5$ GeV
- The hadronic molecule model shows an enhancing effect on $\Lambda_c(2940)$
- Remain within the same magnitude range as the quark model predictions.
- Judging the particle structure based on yields may not be feasible.

Results

$(\bar{D}N)$ states - photoproduction

- Mass

| $\bar{D}N$ | B.E. (MeV) | Mixing ratio (%) |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 0($1/2^-$) | 1.38 | $\bar{D}N(^2S_{1/2})$ 96.1 |
| | | $\bar{D}^*N(^2S_{1/2})$ 1.94 |
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$$m_{(\bar{D}N)}^{I=0} = 2804.8 \text{ MeV}$$

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$$m_{(\bar{D}N)}^{I=1} = 2800.2 \text{ MeV}$$

- nearly one order of magnitude lower than the yields of the $\Lambda_c(2940)$ states
 - the disparity between the coupling constants $g_{\gamma D^0 D^{*0}}$ and $g_{\gamma D^+ D^{*+}}$
 - the difference in the dominant contribution channels

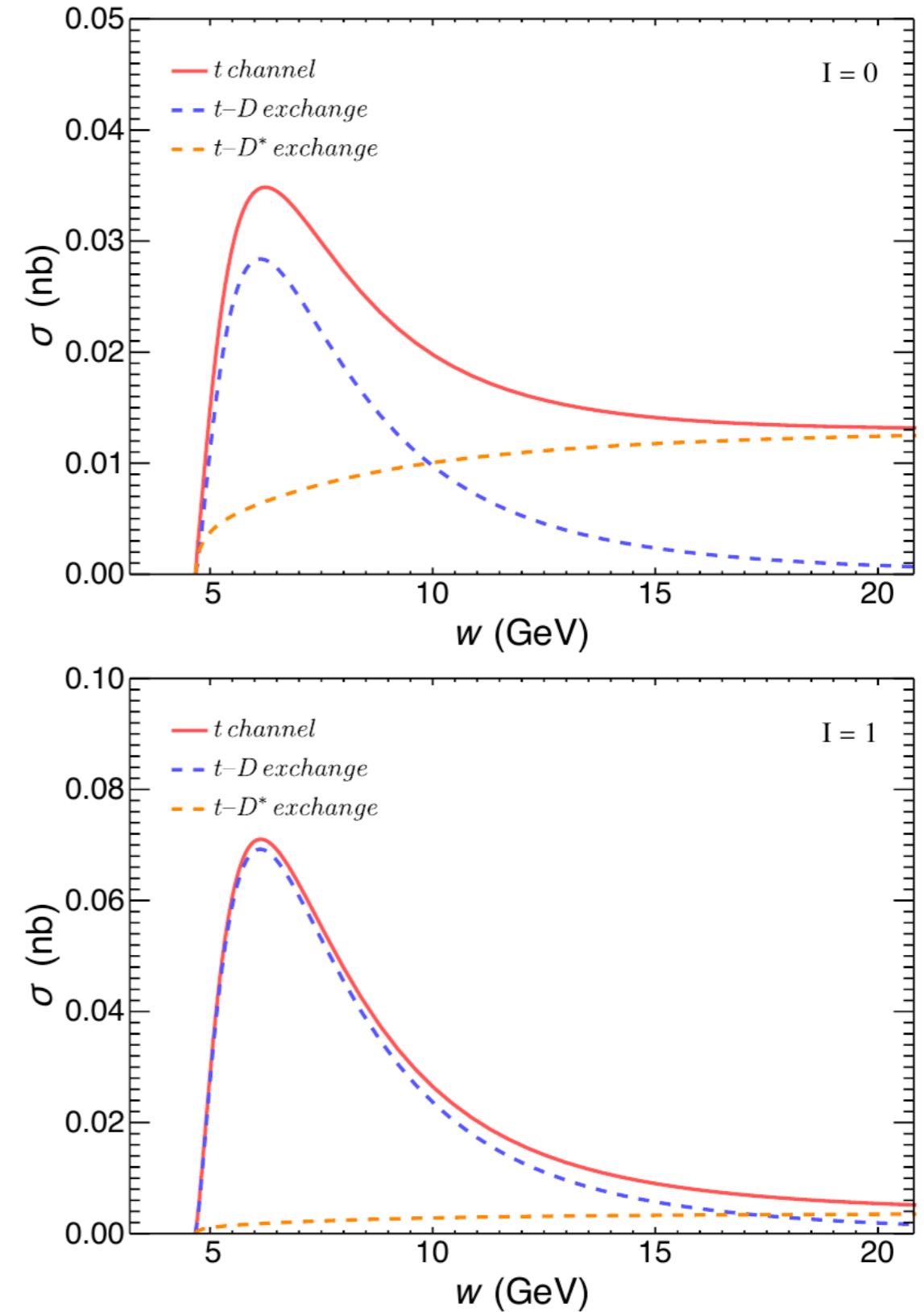


FIG. 8: Cross sections of $\gamma + p \rightarrow (\bar{D}N)_I + D^+$ for the $\bar{D}N$ molecules with isospin $I = 0$ and $I = 1$.



Results

Electroproduction at EicC and EIC

| Facility | Center-of-Mass Energy(GeV) | Luminosity($\text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$) | Integrated Luminosity(fb^{-1}) |
|----------|----------------------------|--|---|
| EicC | 15-20 | 2×10^{33} | 50 |
| EIC | 20-140 | 10^{33-34} | 10-100 |

TABLE I: Energy, luminosity, and integrated luminosity for EicC and EIC. Integrated luminosity for EicC corresponds to operating time accounting for 80% of the entire year. Integrated luminosity for EIC corresponds to 30 weeks of operations.

- Λ_c states

TABLE II: Estimated yields for the states Λ_c , $\Lambda_c(2595)$, and $\Lambda_c(2940)$ at EicC and EIC.

| State | EicC | EIC |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Λ_c | $(6.3 \sim 9.3) \times 10^7$ | $(1.9 \sim 8.0) \times 10^8$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2595)$ | $(4.3 \sim 6.6) \times 10^6$ | $(1.3 \sim 6.1) \times 10^7$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2940)$ -molecule | $(3.3 \sim 5.2) \times 10^6$ | $(1.1 \sim 5.3) \times 10^7$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2940)$ - 3P_0 | $(1.4 \sim 2.2) \times 10^6$ | $(4.5 \sim 2.3) \times 10^7$ |

- $(\bar{D}N)$ states

TABLE IV: Estimated yields for the state $(\bar{D}N)$ in different isospin configurations at EicC and EIC.

| State | Isospin | EicC | EIC |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $(\bar{D}N)$ | $I = 0$ | $(7.5 \sim 9.8) \times 10^4$ | $(2.0 \sim 5.3) \times 10^5$ |
| | $I = 1, I_3 = 0$ | $(1.3 \sim 1.6) \times 10^5$ | $(3.2 \sim 6.0) \times 10^5$ |

- The yields difference for $(\bar{D}N)$ between EicC and EIC is not significant, while Λ_c states show a difference of an order of magnitude



Summary

- Investigate the Λ_c states, including Λ_c , $\Lambda_c(2595)$, $\Lambda_c(2940)$, and $(\bar{D}N)$ states, in both **photoproduction** and **electroproduction** processes
- The $\Lambda_c(2940)$ is studied in both the **hadronic molecule** model, assigned $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$, and the **quark model**(3P_0) as the $\Lambda_c(\frac{1}{2}^-, 2P)$ state
 - The hadronic molecule model and the 3P_0 model predict production yields of the **same order of magnitude**.
 - Distinguishing the structure of $\Lambda_c(2940)$ based on yields may not be feasible.
 - The yields of Λ_c excited states are estimated to reach 10^6 to 10^7 at EicC and EIC.
- The yields of the $(\bar{D}N)$ molecules are approximately **one order of magnitude lower** than that of $\Lambda_c(2940)$
 - Yields reach 10^5 at EicC and EIC.

Thank you!