

Recent measurements of low-energy hadronic cross sections at BABAR & implications for $g-2$ of the muon

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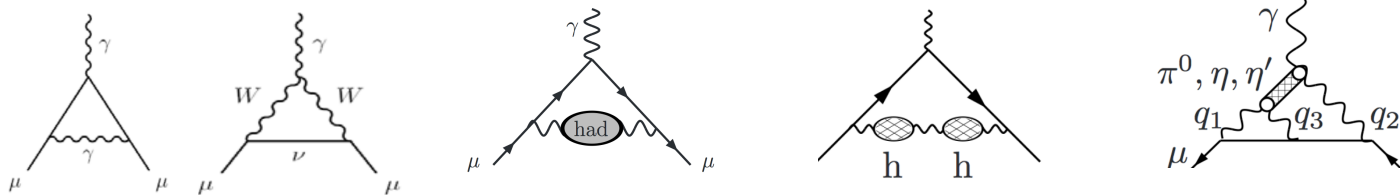
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 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S K^+ \pi^- \pi^0, K_S K^+ \pi^- \eta$ [PRD 95 \(2017\) 092005](#)
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- Summary

The muon g-2 discrepancy

- Magnetic moment of a spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particle: $\vec{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2mc} \vec{s}$
- Dirac equation predicts $g = 2$ exactly
- Radiative corrections alter the prediction, introducing sensitivity to new physics through loops: $g = 2(1 + a)$
- The “anomalous” moment: $a = \frac{g - 2}{2}$
- Theory and experiment agree to high precision for the electron anomalous moment
- For the muon, there is a tension on the order of 3.5 standard deviations → the muon g-2 discrepancy

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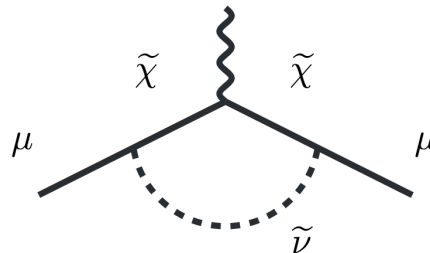
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- Discrepancy between data and calculation of 3.6σ
- Uncertainty in SM prediction dominated by LO hadronic term

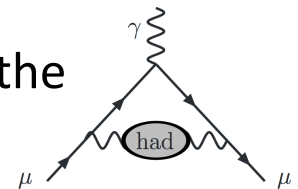
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& PDG (2016)

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- The longstanding tension between theory and data for the muon $g-2$ could be an indication of new physics



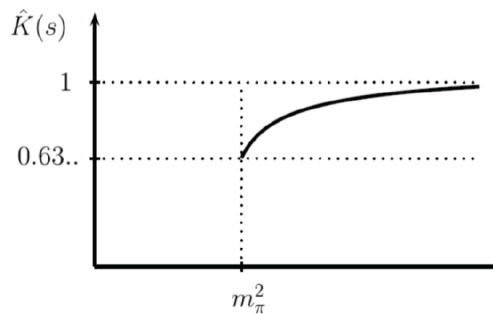
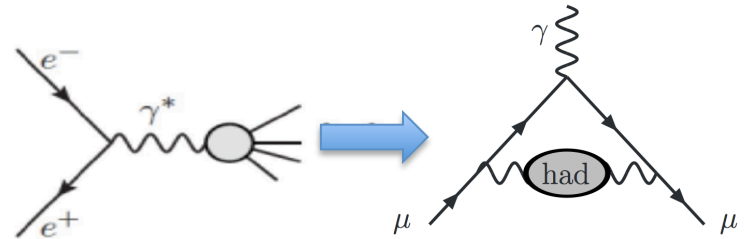
- The Muon $g-2$ experiment at Fermilab, with data collection starting in Fall 2017, hopes to reduce the experimental uncertainty by a factor of 4 by around 2019
- Similar goal on a somewhat longer time scale (2022 ??) by the J-PARC E34 experiment
- The limiting factor in the theoretical prediction for $g - 2$ is the uncertainty in the leading-order hadronic term



LO hadronic contribution to a_μ^{had}

The most precise prediction for $a_\mu^{\text{had,LO}}$ is from low-energy $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ data and dispersion relations

$$a_\mu^{\text{had,LO}} = \frac{m_\mu^2}{12\pi^3} \int_{m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{K}(s)}{s} \sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}(s) ds$$



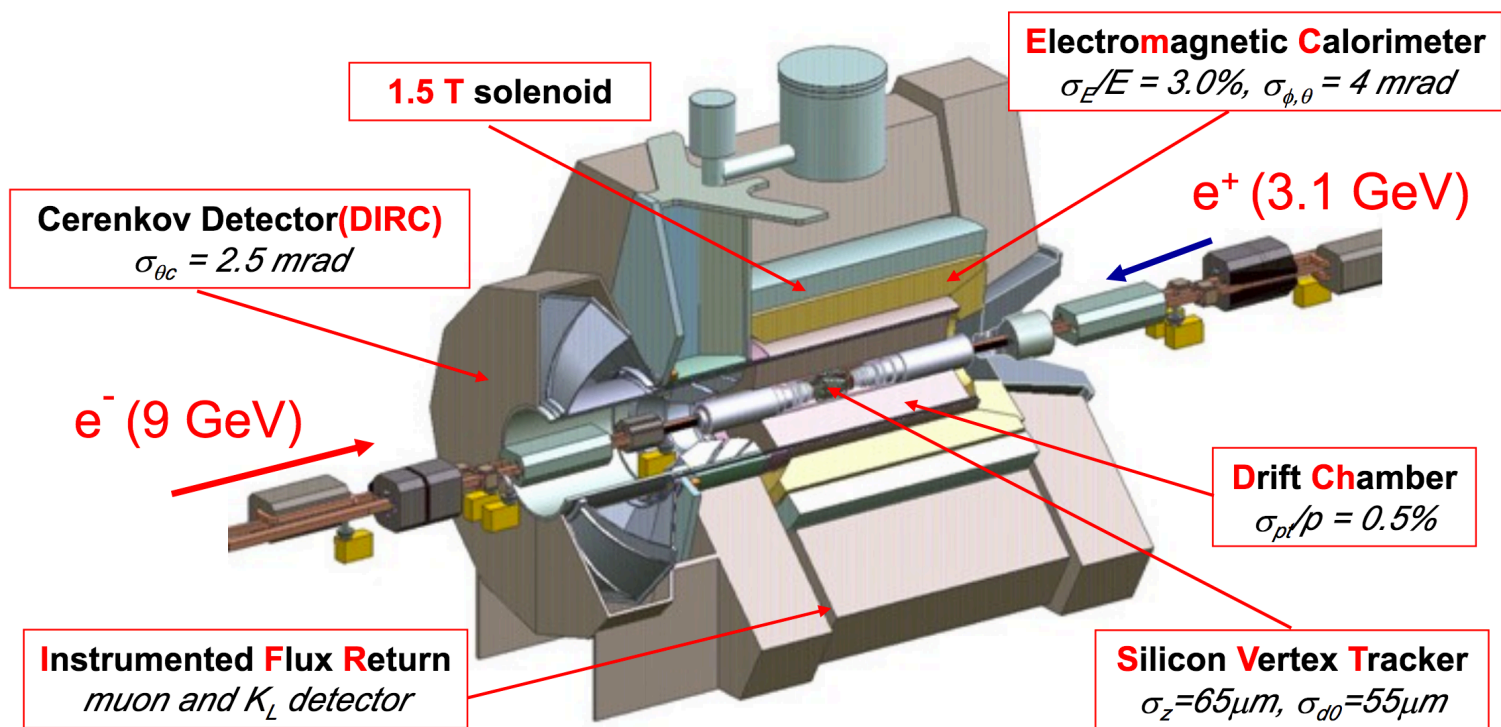
$\hat{K}(s)$ = kinematic factor

$\frac{\hat{K}(s)}{s} \sim \frac{1}{s} \rightarrow$ low-energy (< 2 GeV) cross sections dominate

- Use sum of measured exclusive channels: 2π , 3π , 4π , KK , $KK\pi$, $KK\pi\pi$, $\eta\pi$, ...
- Use isospin relations for missing channels
- Above ~ 1.8 GeV can start to use pQCD or inclusive $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$ data
- BABAR has a long-standing program to measure exclusive cross sections below 2 GeV for all possible hadronic final states

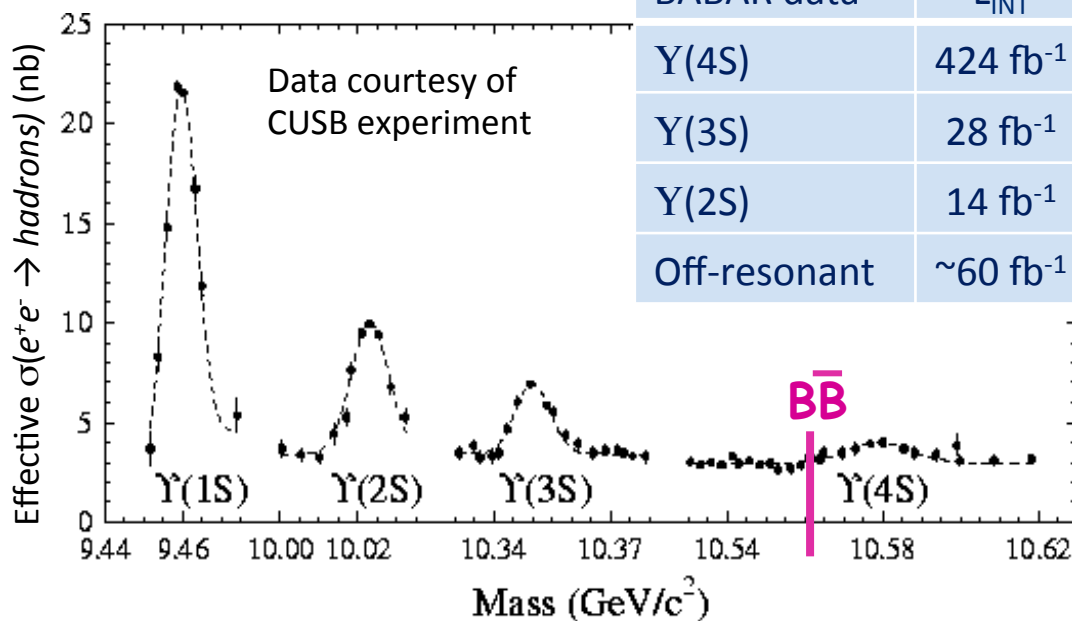
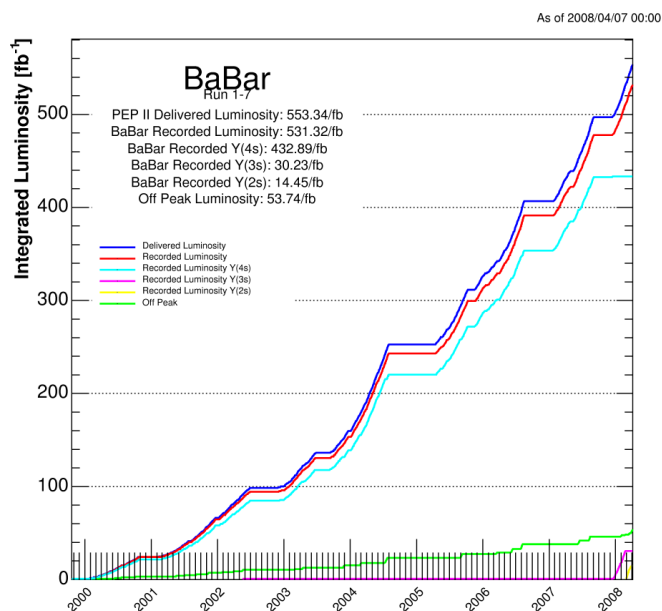
The BABAR experiment at SLAC

- PEP-II rings: asymmetric e^+e^- collider @ **SLAC** 9 GeV e^- and 3.1 GeV e^+
- Collected data 1999-2008
- Data analysis still active (6 papers submitted so far in 2017)



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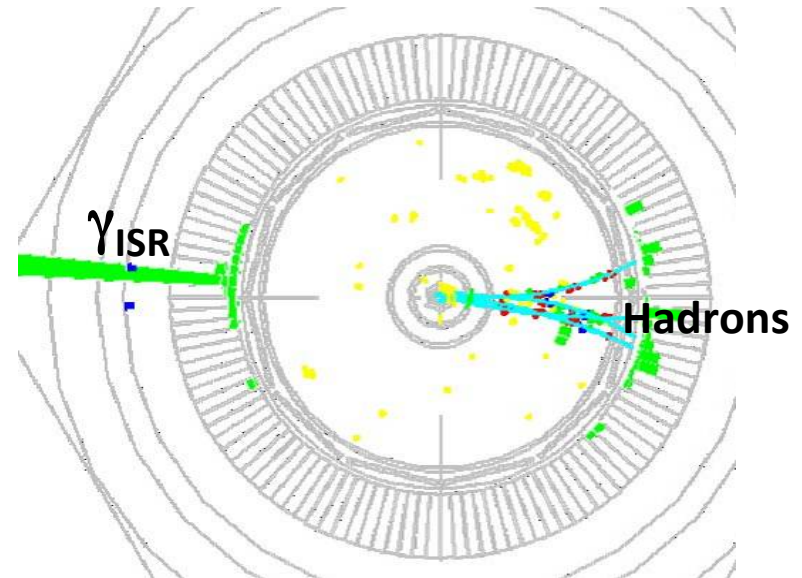
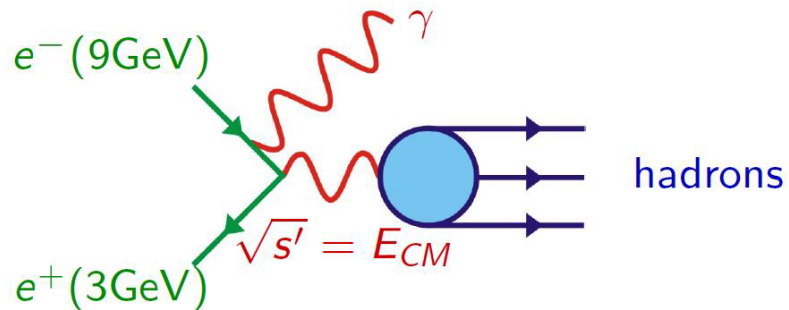
- Primarily designed for studies of CP violation in B meson decays
- Its general purpose design makes it suitable for a wide variety of other studies



BABAR data	L_{INT}
$\Upsilon(4S)$	424 fb^{-1}
$\Upsilon(3S)$	28 fb^{-1}
$\Upsilon(2S)$	14 fb^{-1}
Off-resonant	$\sim 60 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

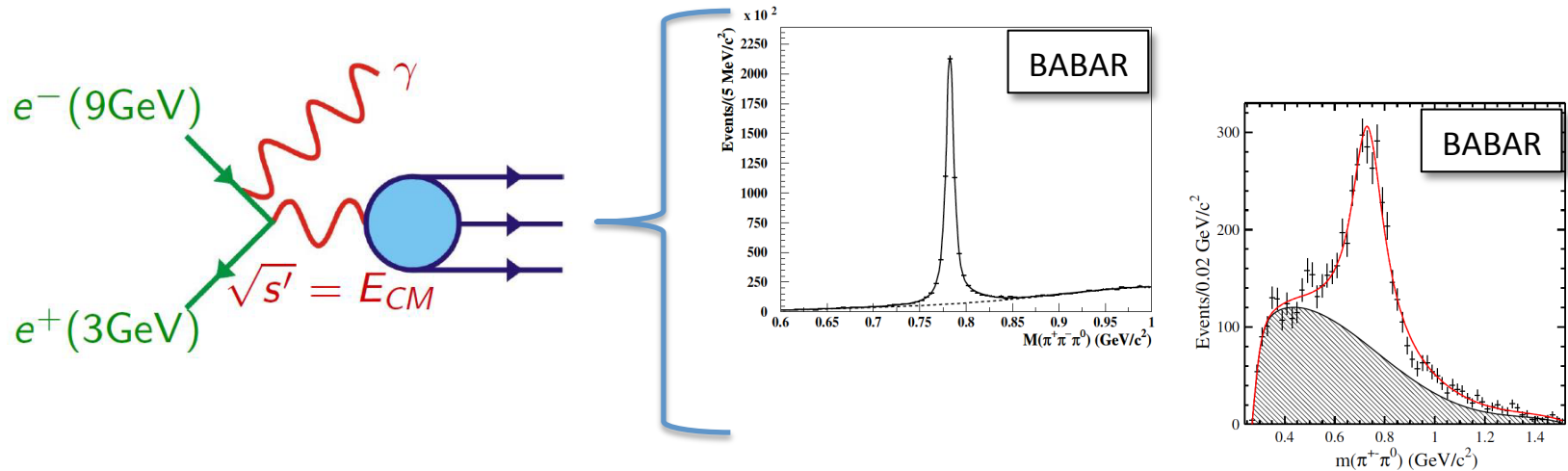
The analyses presented here use $\sim 470 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of data collected at $\sqrt{s} \approx 10.6 \text{ GeV}$

ISR method to measure low energy cross sections



- Photon emitted by the incoming e^+ or e^- : initial-state radiation (ISR)
- γ_{ISR} is γ with highest E_{CM} & with $E_{CM} > 3\text{ GeV}$
- High event acceptance, easily recognizable
- Final-state photon radiation rate negligible
- Can access a wide range of energy in a single experiment: from threshold to $\sim 5\text{ GeV}$; eliminate point-to-point systematic uncertainties

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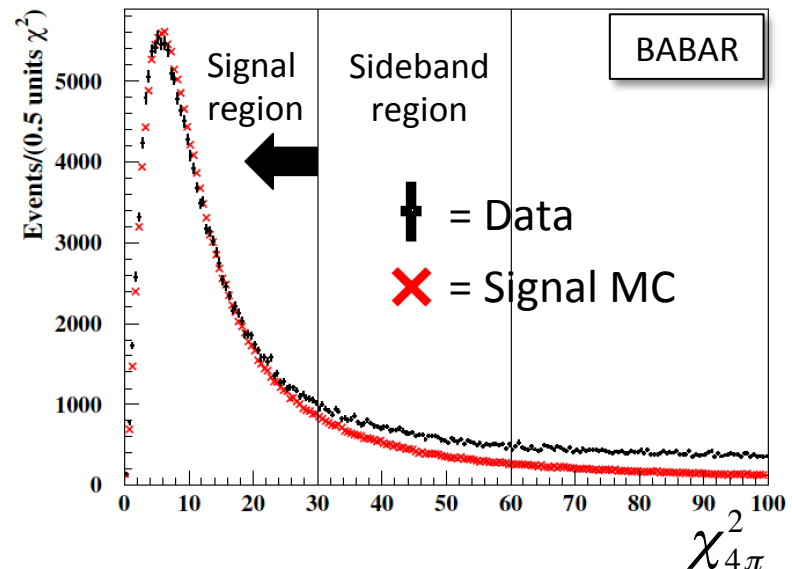


- Study of the intermediate resonance structure in low-energy $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ data is also interesting
- Sheds light on the production process of hadrons
- Can be used to test theoretical models
- Knowledge of the resonance structure significantly reduces systematic uncertainties in the acceptance since the acceptance differs for different intermediate states $\rightarrow$ incorporate information into the MC simulations

$$(I) e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$$

arXiv:1709.01171 (submitted to PRD)

- One of the least known cross sections important for $a_\mu^{\text{had,LO}}$
- The new results supersede preliminary BABAR results from 2007 based on around half the final data set
- Require exactly 2 charged tracks, an ISR photon candidate, ≥ 4 other photons
- Perform kinematic fit to the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$ hypothesis, constraining two 2γ combinations to the π^0 mass
- Select the overall combination of four photons yielding the smallest $\chi_{4\pi\gamma}^2$, requiring $\chi_{4\pi\gamma}^2 < 30$
- Difference between the $\chi_{4\pi\gamma}^2$ distributions of data and signal MC due to background in the former



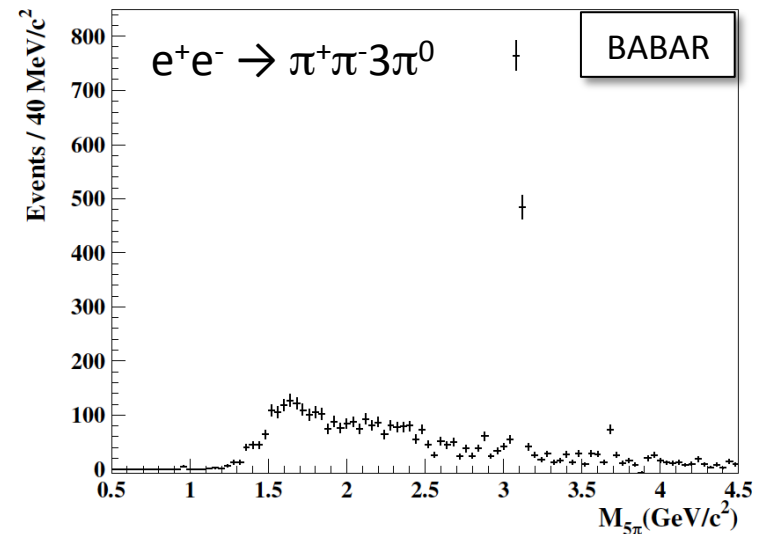
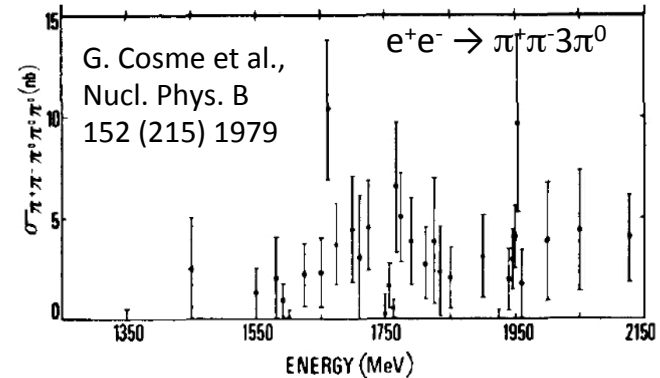
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Background subtracted using simulation
normalized to data or using the data sideband

Largest ISR background: $\pi^+\pi^-3\pi^0\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$

- Cross section not well measured;
only previous measurement is from 1979
- Perform new measurement using
similar techniques to that used for
the $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ cross section
- Obtain reliable background
estimate, adjusting the shape and
normalization of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-3\pi^0$ in
the simulation

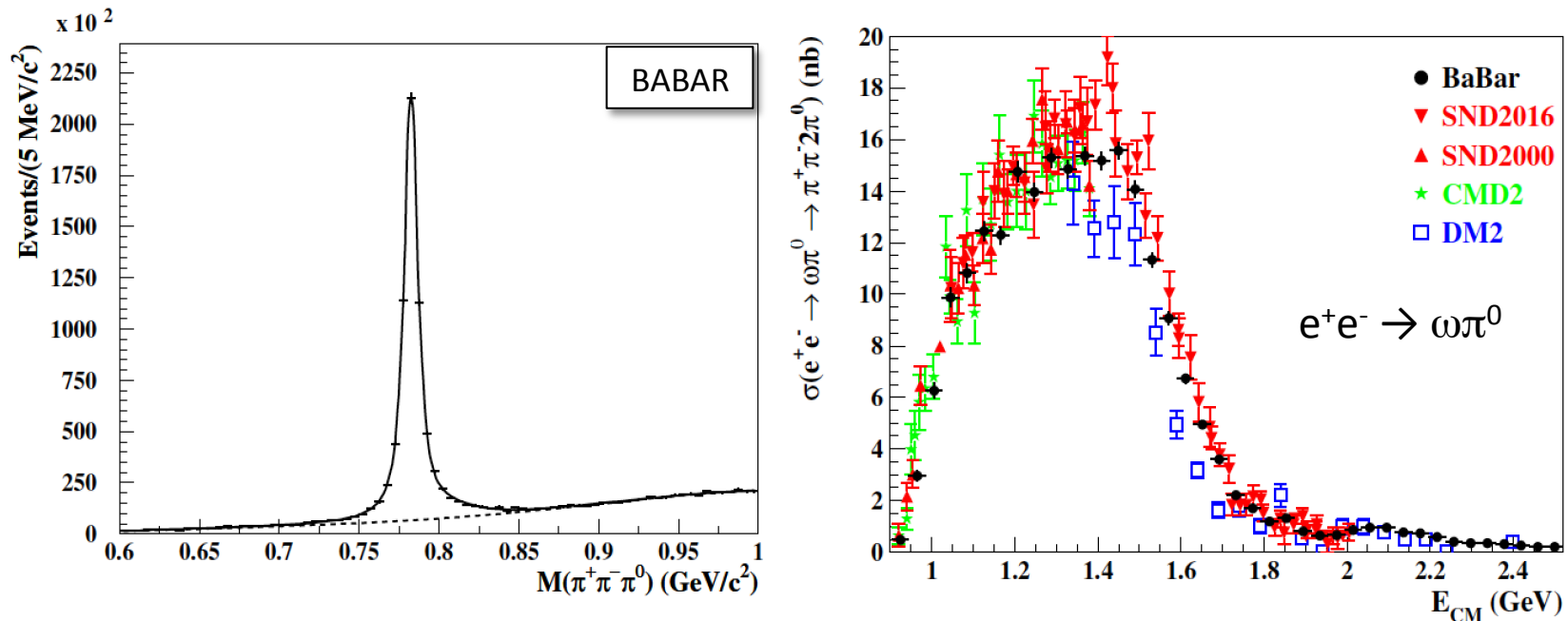


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Intermediate resonances:

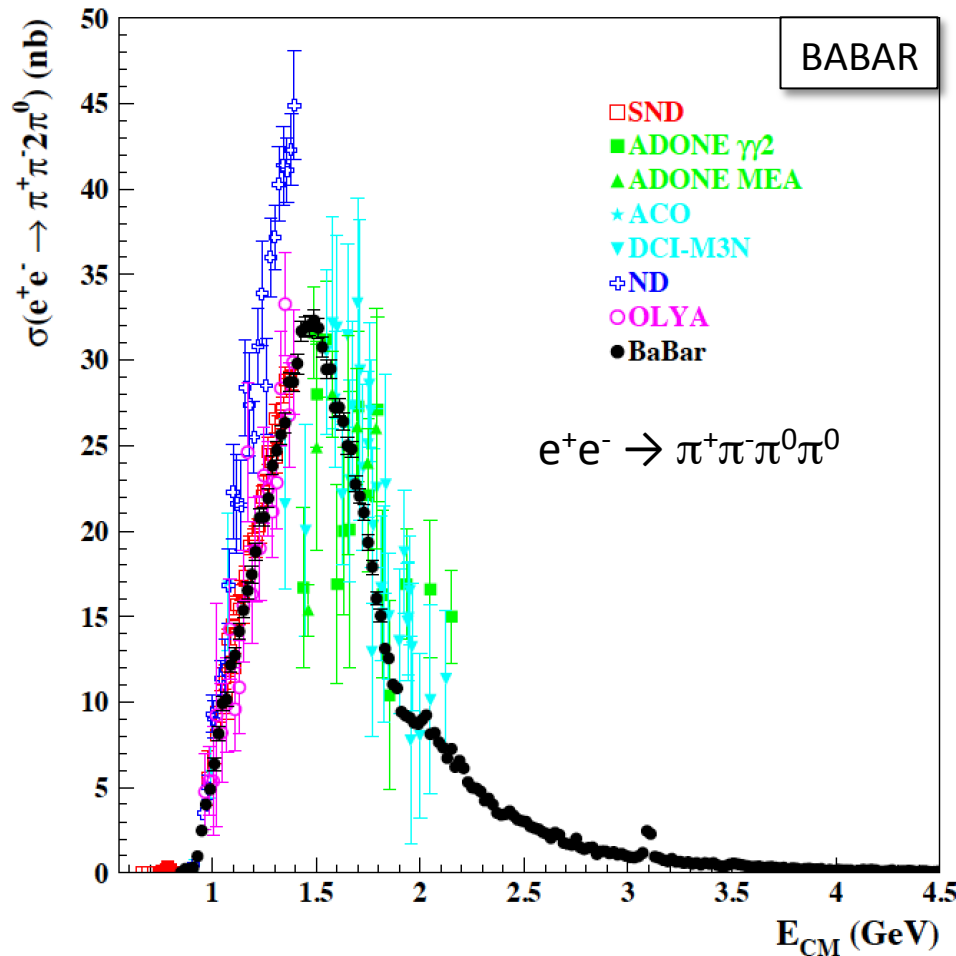
a large fraction of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ comes from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\pi^0$ with $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$



BABAR more precise than previous experiments; cover wider energy range;
resolve some discrepancies

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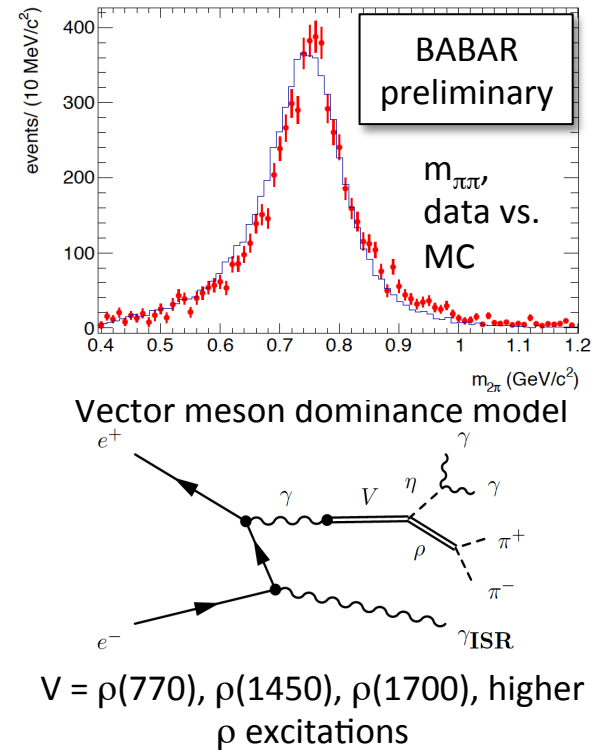
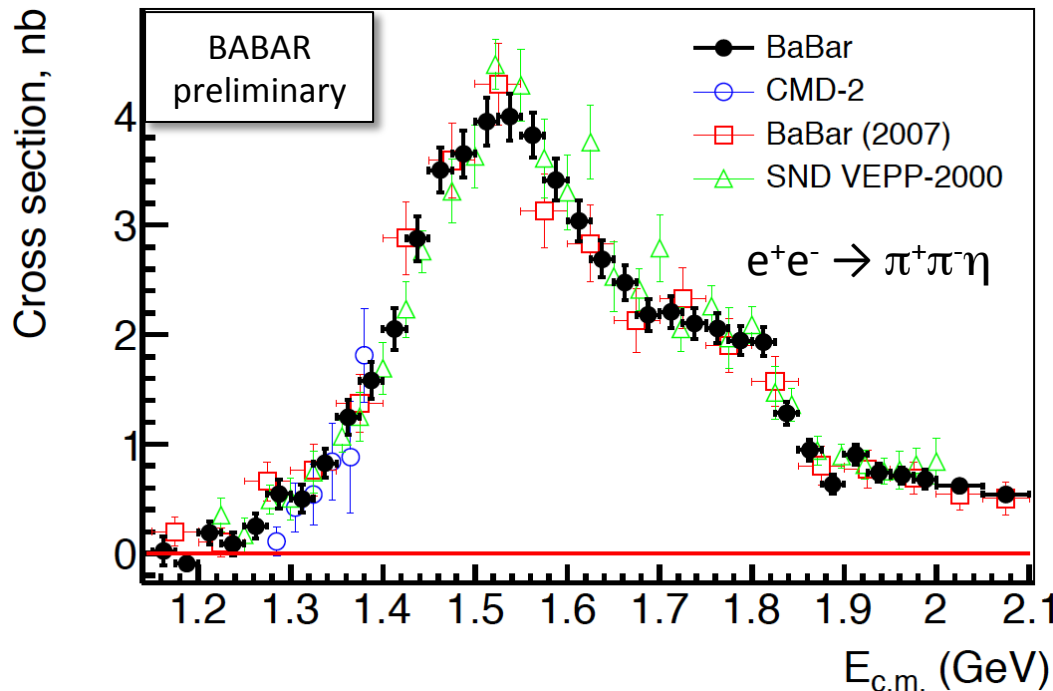
- BABAR results (150,000 signal events)
 - far more precise
 - cover far wider energy range
- Result for $a_\mu^{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0}$ ($E_{CM} < 1.8$ GeV):

$$179 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \times 10^{-11}$$
 (3.2% precision)
- World average without BABAR:

$$167 \pm 13 (\text{stat+syst}) \times 10^{-11}$$
 (7.9% precision)
- The BABAR data reduce uncertainty in $a_\mu^{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0}$ by a factor of 2.5

(II) $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$ with $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Preliminary

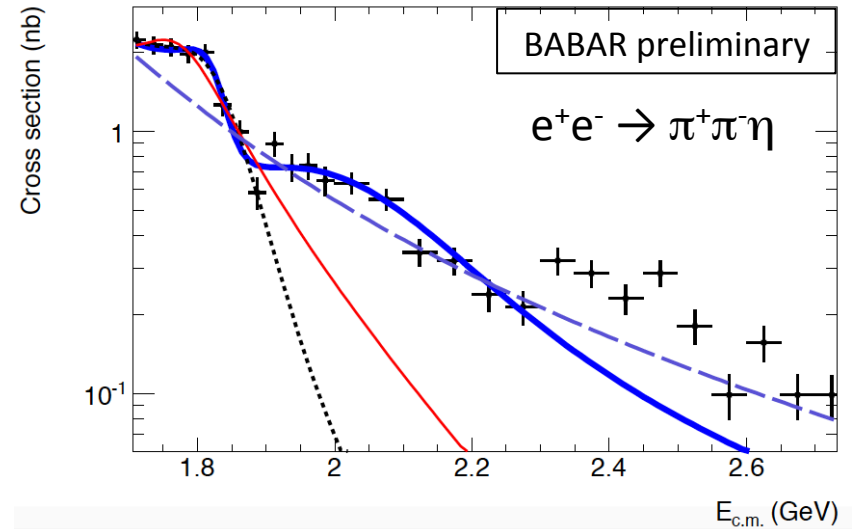
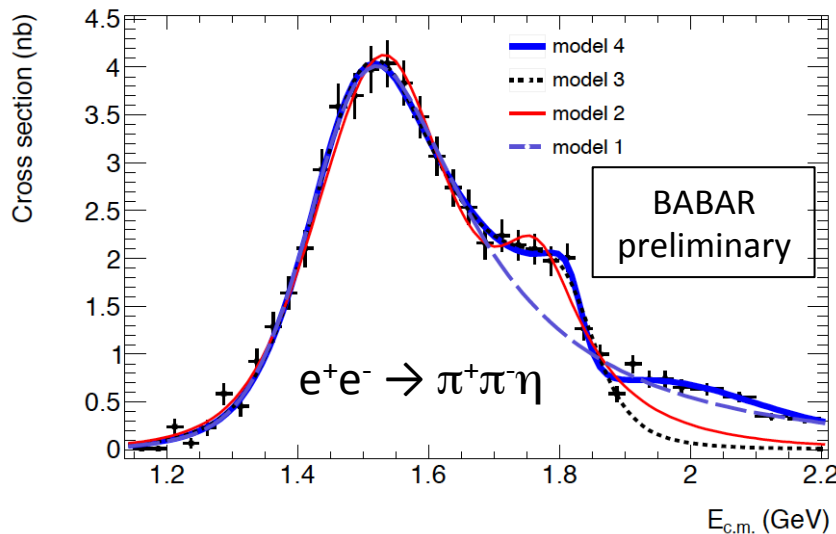


- Similar analysis techniques to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$; 8000 signal events
- Complements and improves the precision of the BABAR result from 2007 [PRD 76 (2007) 092005], based on 232 fb⁻¹ and the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ decay mode
- Reaction dominated $\rho(770)\eta$ intermediate state, but has complex E_{CM} structure

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Test of vector meson dominance model:

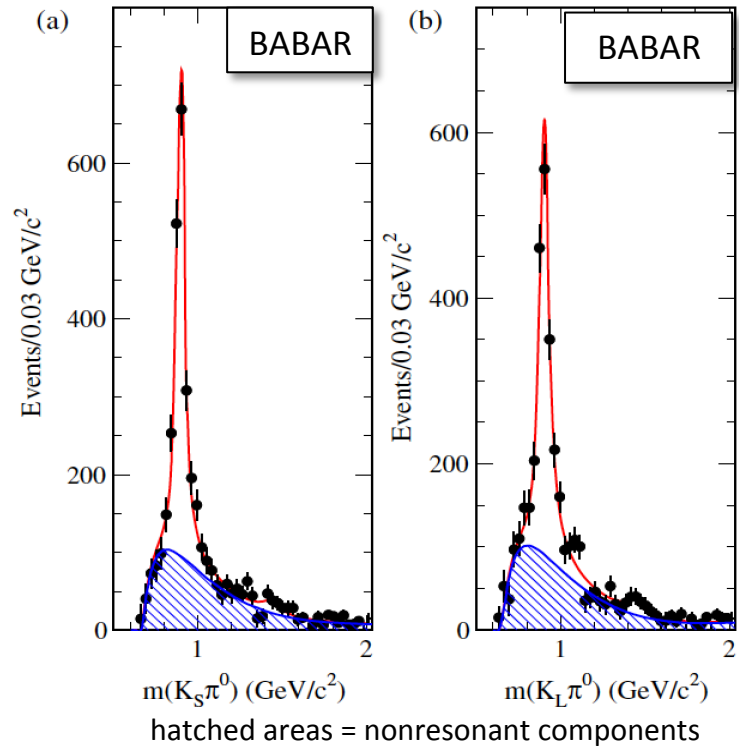
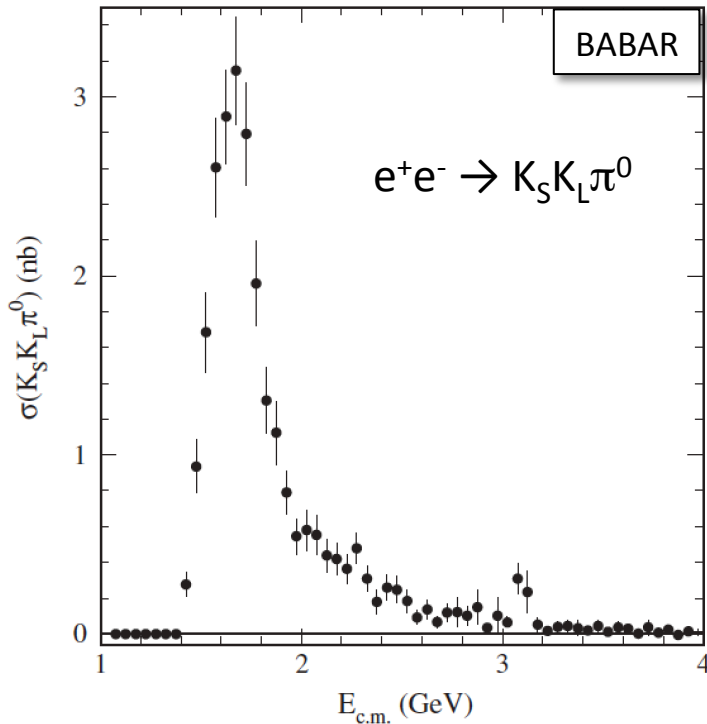


model	Resonance model	Good fit for
0	$\rho(770) + \rho(1450)$	Doesn't fit
1	$\rho(770) - \rho(1450)$	$E_{cm} < 1.7$ GeV
2	$\rho(770) - \rho(1450) - \rho(1700)$	$E_{cm} < 1.9$ GeV
3	$\rho(770) - \rho(1450) + \rho(1700)$	$E_{cm} < 1.9$ GeV
4	$\rho(770) - \rho(1450) + \rho(1700) + \rho(2150)$	$E_{cm} < 2.2$ GeV

- Coupling constants governing the decays $\sim$ real: phase differences are 0 or π only
- Need an additional resonance to describe data above $E_{cm} = 2.3$ GeV

(III) $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S K_L \pi^0$

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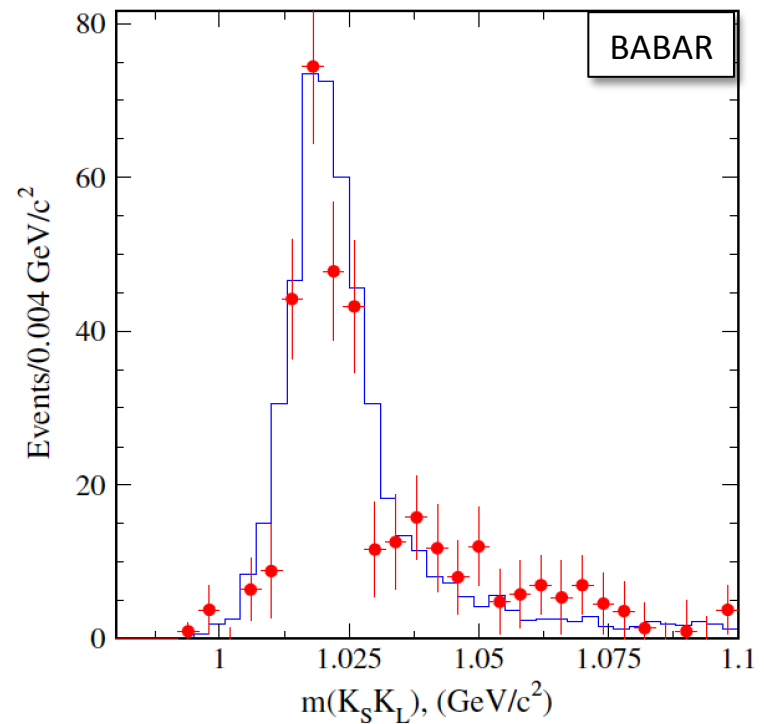
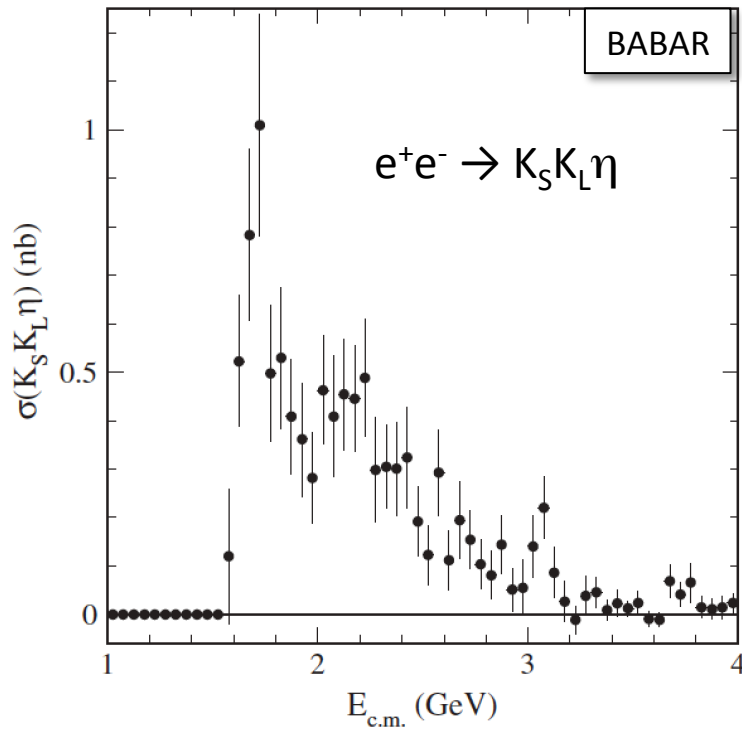


- 3700 signal events
- First measurement of this process
- First observation of $J/\psi \rightarrow K_S K_L \pi^0$

- Dominant intermediate state (95%) is $K^*(892)K$
- $K^*(1430)K$ and $\phi(\rightarrow K_S K_L)\pi^0$ also seen

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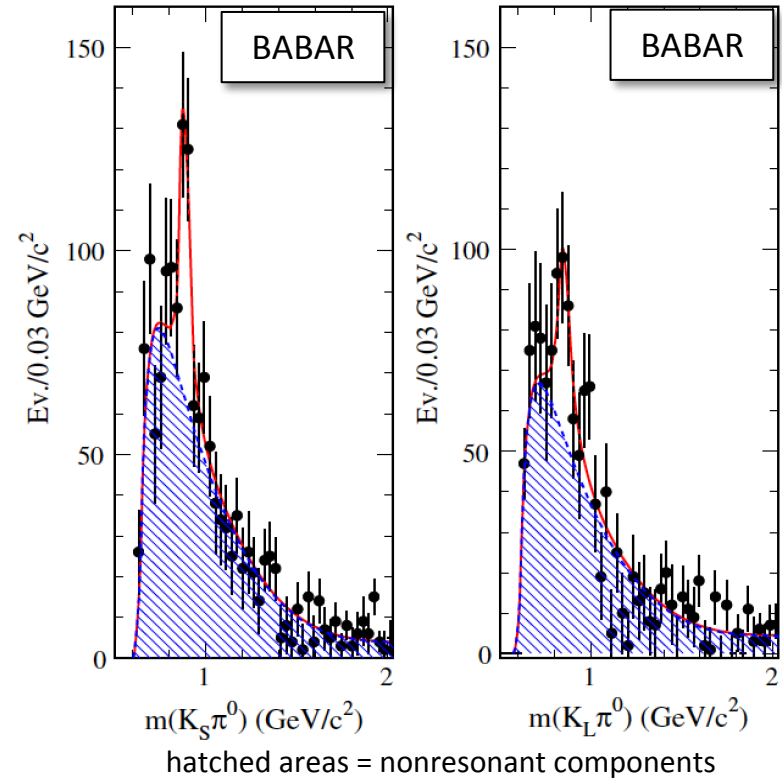
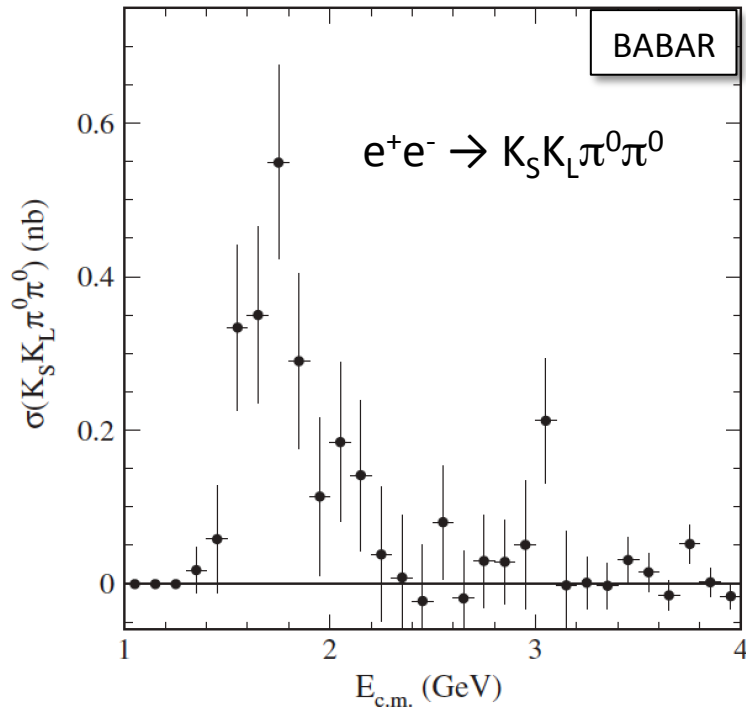


- 864 signal events
- First measurement of this process

- Dominated by $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi \eta$

$$(V) e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S K_L \pi^0 \pi^0$$

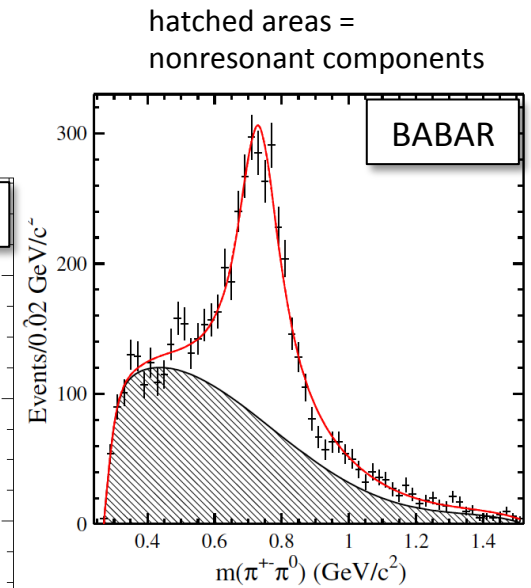
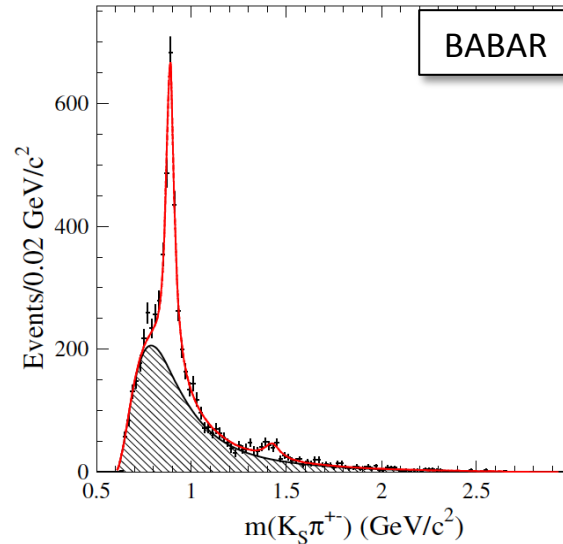
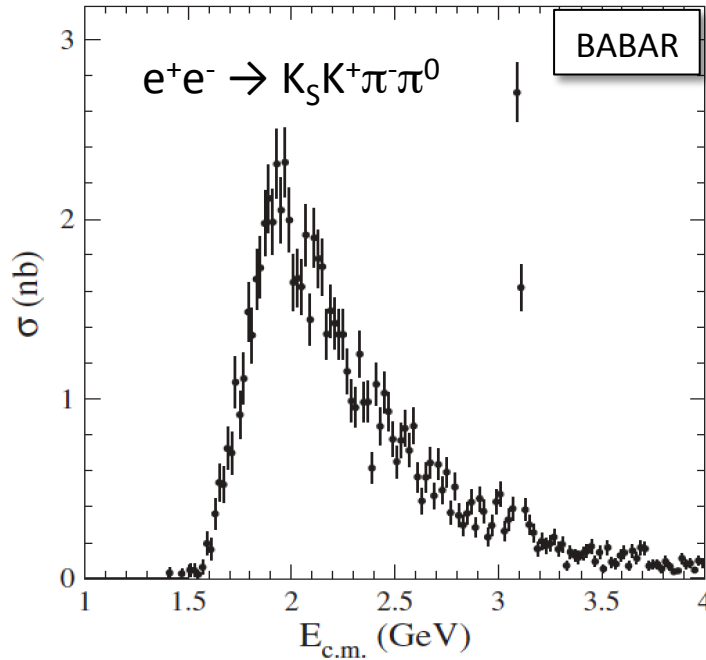
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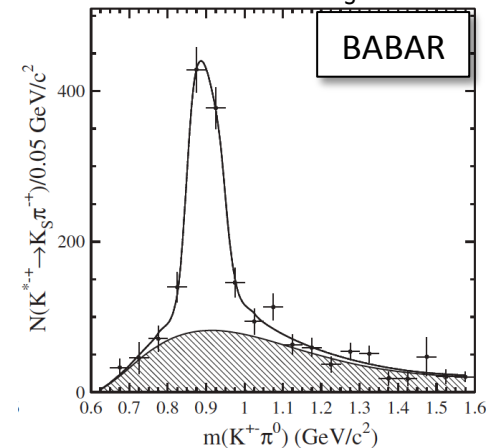
- 392 signal events
- First measurement of this process
- Clear $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^*(892)K\pi$ signals

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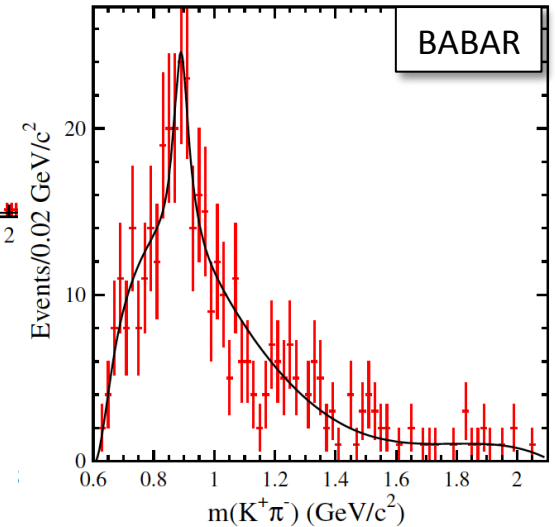
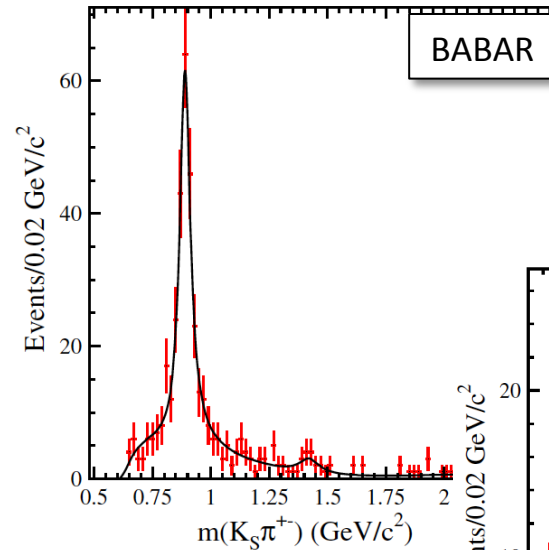
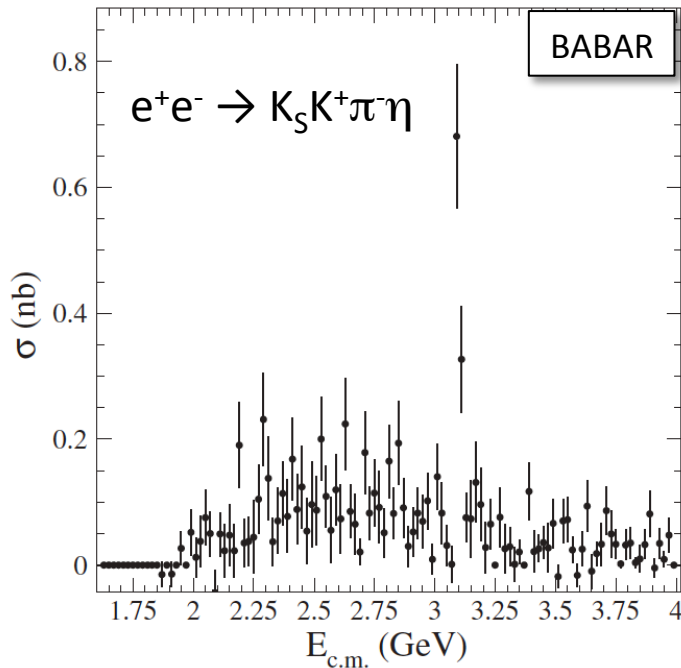
Nr. of fitted $K^* \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$
In bins of $K_S \pi^0$



- 6400 signal events, first measurement of this process
- Large $J/\psi \rightarrow K_S K^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ peak (first observation of this decay)
- $K^*(892)K\pi$ and $K_S K^+ \rho(770)^-$ are dominant
- $K^*(892)K^*(892) \sim 15\%$; small $K^*(1430)K\pi$ component

(VII) $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S K^+ \pi^- \eta$

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- 358 signal events
- First measurement of this process
- Dominated by $K^*(892)K\eta$ peak, primarily in $K^*(892)^\pm \rightarrow K_S \pi^\pm$

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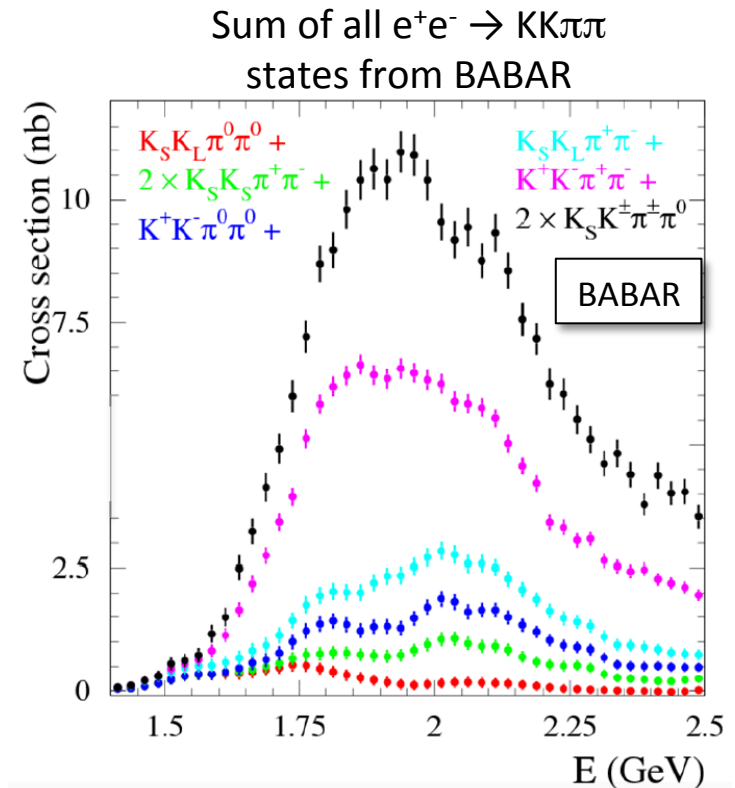
- With the new results for
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S K_L \pi^0$ [PRD95 \(2017\) 052001](#)
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in combination with previous BABAR results, BABAR has now measured all

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow KK\pi$
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cross sections except those with a $K_L K_L$

- $a_\mu^{KK\pi}$ and $a_\mu^{KK\pi\pi}$ can be determined with no assumptions or isospin relations (except assume the $K_L K_L$ rates to be the same as for $K_S K_S$)



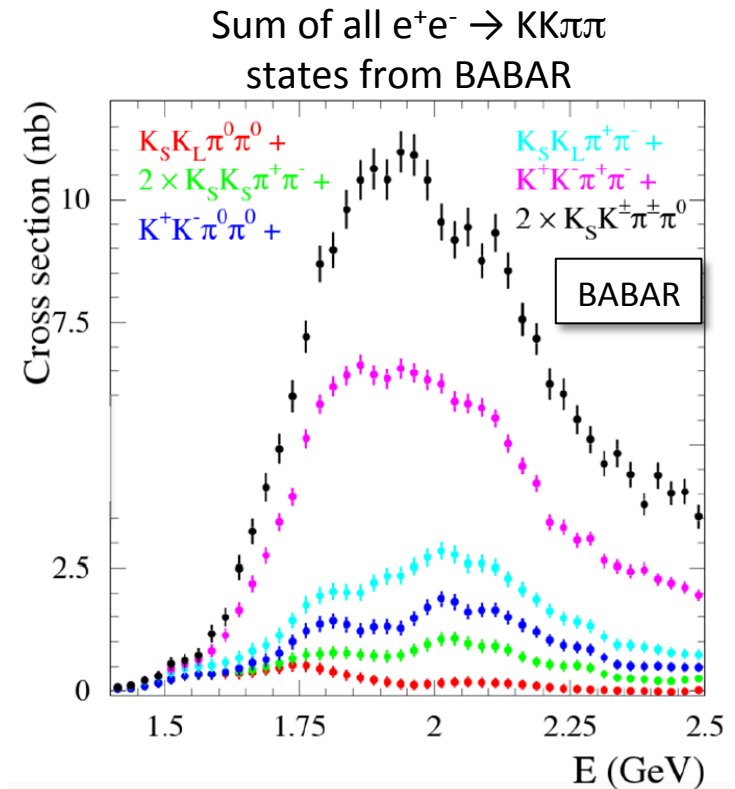
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Implications for the muon $g - 2$

- $KK\pi\pi$ states comprise $\sim 25\%$ of the total hadronic cross section at $E_{\text{CM}} \approx 2$ GeV
- Can be used, along with the other BABAR measurements at $E_{\text{CM}} \approx 2$ GeV, to test the pQCD prediction for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$
- The BABAR results yield ($E_{\text{CM}} < 1.8$ GeV)

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{KK}\pi\pi} = 8.5 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat+syst)} \times 10^{-11}$$

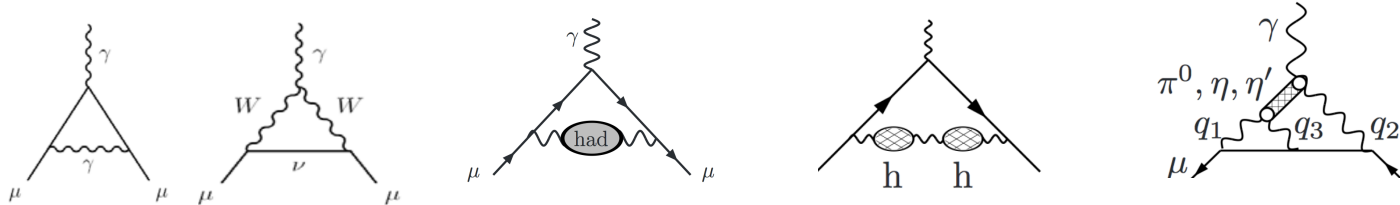
(6% precision)
- Previous result, based mostly on isospin relations: 30% precision



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Updated result from ,M. Davier
[arXiv:1612.02743 (Feb. 2017)]
using all the newly available (since
2010) data, dominated by BABAR

$$a_\mu^{had, LO} = 6926 \pm 33$$

Reduction in $\delta a_\mu^{had, LO}$ by 20%

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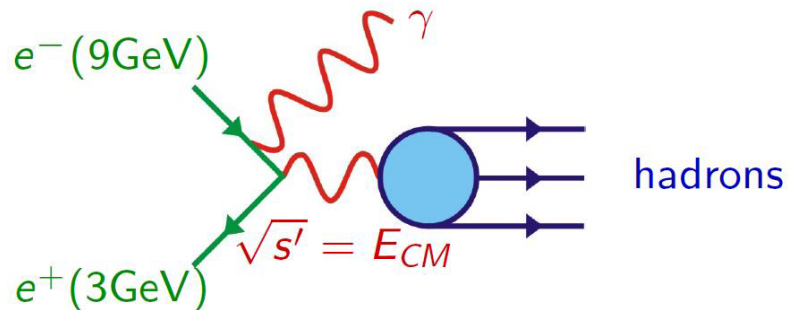
Summary

- Low-energy $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ cross section data currently provide the most accurate prediction for $a_\mu^{\text{had,LO}}$
- The $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ data also
 - yield important information on hadron dynamics
 - allow tests of QCD, including for $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$ at $E_{\text{CM}} \approx 2 \text{ GeV}$
 - provide first observations of cross sections and of (for example) J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ branching fractions
- New BABAR results reduce the uncertainty in $a_\mu^{\text{had,LO}}$
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ from around 7% to around 3%
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi\pi$ from around 30% to around 6%
- Future progress in $a_\mu^{\text{had,LO}}$ will come from reduced systematic uncertainties in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ (BABAR and CMD3) and perhaps eventually lattice QCD



EXTRA

ISR method to measure low energy cross sections



The measured radiative cross section is then interpreted in terms of nonradiative cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma f}(s, x)}{dx} = W(s, x)\sigma_f(E_{c.m.})$$

$W(s, x)$ = radiator function

= probability for the initial e^+ or e^- to radiate a photon,
lowering the annihilation energy from $\sqrt{s}$ to E_{CM}
(calculated in QED to better than 0.5% accuracy)

$E_{CM} = \sqrt{(1-x)s}$ = invariant mass of the hadronic system

$x = 2 E_\gamma / \sqrt{s}$; E_γ measured in CM frame