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**Effect of the magnetic dipole moment of
the vector meson K^* on the process
 $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0$**

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Objective

To study the $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0$ process by incorporating the relevant channels to describe the experimental data, and to analyze the possibility of extracting a value for the magnetic dipole moment of the K^* meson.

Motivation

- The magnetic dipole moment (MDM) of vector mesons is a fundamental property of hadrons.
- A vector meson has 3 electromagnetic multipoles: **electric charge**, **magnetic dipole moment**, and **electric quadrupole moment**.
- There are no measurements of the MDM of the K^* meson because they have a very short lifetime ($\approx 10^{-23}$ s).
- An alternative to determine these quantities is to study processes where the electromagnetic interactions is involved, since this coupling gives rise to a multipole structure.
- We are looking for processes in which a pair of vector mesons is produced, similar to the process

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow W^+ W^-.$$

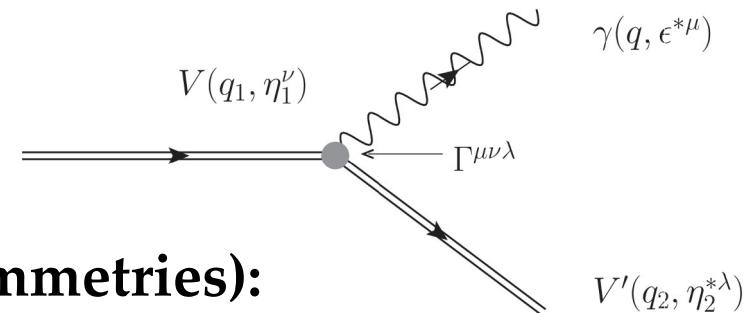
- For the case of the vector meson K^* , we propose the process

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0 .$$

The γVV vertex

- The $\Gamma^{\mu\nu\lambda}$ vertex is defined as follows:

$$V'(q_2, \eta_2) |J_{EM}^\mu(0)| V(q_1, \eta_1) \equiv e \Gamma^{\mu\nu\lambda} \eta_{1\nu} \eta_{2\lambda}^*$$



- Parameterization (satisfying C, P and T symmetries):

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{\mu\nu\lambda} = & \alpha(q^2) g^{\nu\lambda} (q_1 + q_2)^\mu + \beta(q^2) (g^{\mu\nu} q^\lambda - g^{\mu\lambda} q^\nu) - q_1^\lambda g^{\mu\nu} - q_2^\nu g^{\mu\lambda} \\ & - \frac{\zeta(q^2)}{M_V^2} \left[(q_1 + q_2)^\mu q^\nu q^\lambda - \frac{1}{2} \left(q^\nu g^{\mu\lambda} + q^\lambda g^{\mu\nu} \right) (q_1 + q_2) \cdot q \right] \end{aligned}$$

(where $\alpha(q^2)$, $\beta(q^2)$ and $\zeta(q^2)$ are the **electromagnetic form factors**).

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- As $q^2 \rightarrow 0$, the electromagnetic form factors become the **electromagnetic multipoles**:

$$Q_V = \alpha(0), \quad \text{in units of } e; \quad \mu_V = \beta(0), \quad \text{in units of } \frac{e}{2m_V}$$

$$X_{EV} = 1 - \beta(0) + 2\zeta(0), \quad \text{in units of } \frac{e}{m_V^2}$$

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MDM of the W and ρ meson

- This strategy was applied for the W boson in good agreement with the experimental results:

$ Q_W = 1 \ (e)$	$ \mu_W = 2 \ (e/2m_W)$	$ X_W = 1 \ (e/m_W^2)$
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- The results predicted by the Standard Model are in complete agreement with those from DELPHI.

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- **MDM of the ρ meson.** For the ρ meson, previous works involve the process:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- 2\pi^0. \quad \text{(where the } \rho\rho\gamma \text{ vertex appears).}$$

- This process has been studied in several experiments in the low energy regime, including BaBar.
- The $\gamma^* \rightarrow 4\pi$ vertex was described using the VMD model, including the intermediate resonances.
Phys. Rev. D 96, 092009 (2017).
- The MDM of the ρ is given by:

$$2.7 \pm 0.3, \quad \text{in units of } e/2m_\rho.$$

The K^* meson

- Some properties of the K^* meson:

$I(J^P)$	Quark structure	Mass	Width of the decay	Branching ratio	Lifetime
$1/2(1^-)$.	$K^{*+} (u\bar{s})$	895.5 ± 0.8 MeV.	$\Gamma = 46.2 \pm 1.3$ MeV	$\text{Br}(K^* \rightarrow K\pi) \approx 100\%$	$\tau \approx 10^{-23}$ s.

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- MDM estimates for the K^* meson:

MDM	Description, Source
$2 - 0.0047, [e/2M_{K^*}]$	Finite width modification, [1]
$2.194 \mu_N$	Relativistic Hamiltonian, [2]
$2.4 \mu_N$	Lattice QCD, [2], [3]
$2.08 \mu_N$	Lattice QCD, [2], [4]
$2.04 \pm 0.4 [e/2M_{K^*}]$	QCD sum rules, [5]
$2.23 [e/2M_{K^*}]$	Poincaré covariant formulation, based on the Dyson-Schwinger equations of QCD, [6]
$2.37 [e/2M_{K^*}]$	Lorentz-covariant, Dyson-Schwinger-equation-based, [7]

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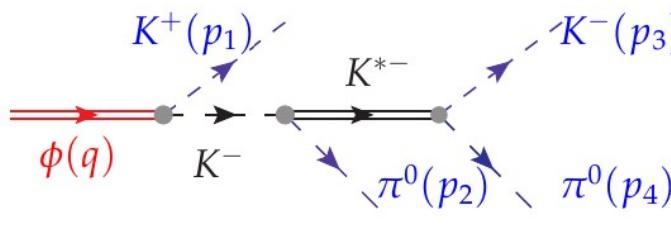
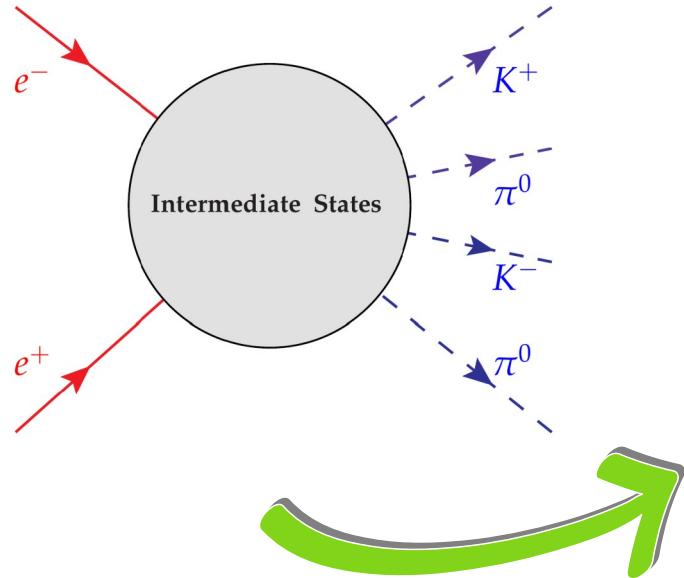
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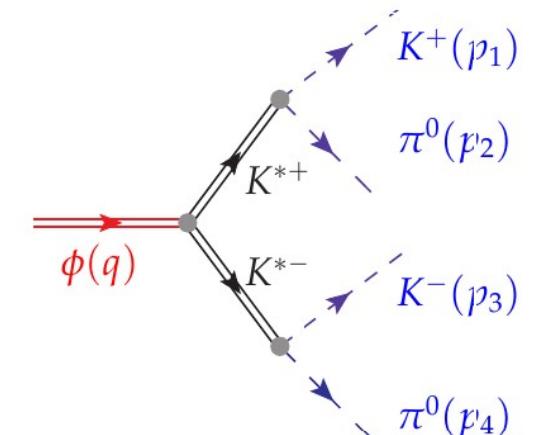
Description of the $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0$ process

The following process is proposed to study the MDM of the K^* meson:

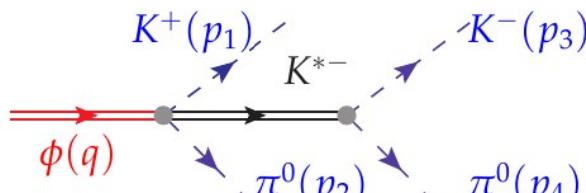
$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0$$



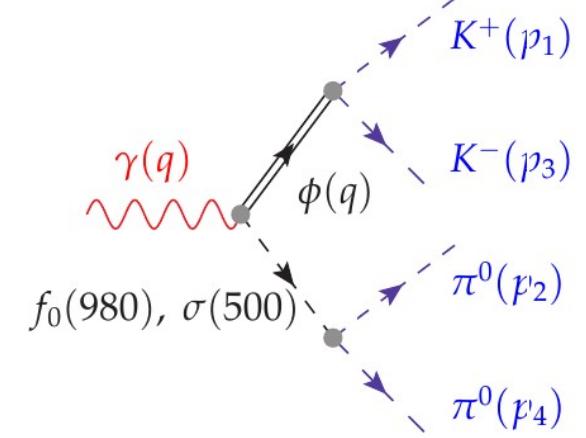
(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

Channel A

- **Effective Lagrangian density:**

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_V \frac{e m_V^2}{G_V} V_\mu A^\mu + G_V P_1 P_2 V_\mu (P_1 \partial^\mu P_2 - P_2 \partial^\mu P_1).$$

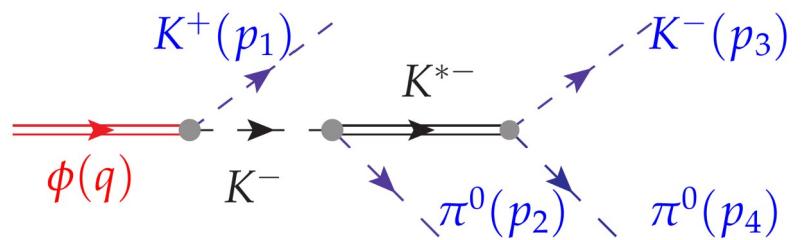
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The $\gamma^* \rightarrow 2K2\pi$ vertex is modeling in the **VMD** approach.



- **Amplitude:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_A^\beta(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) &= ieC_A D(K^{*-}, s_{34}) \frac{x_1^\beta}{x_1 \cdot q} r_{43} \cdot z_{12} \\ &\quad - \bar{\Delta}(s_{34}) \left(ieC_A D(K^{*-}, s_{34}) \frac{x_1^\beta}{x_1 \cdot q} (z_{12} \cdot s_{34}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$C_A \equiv \frac{G_{\phi KK} G_{K^* K \pi^0}^2}{G_\phi} D(\phi, q)$$

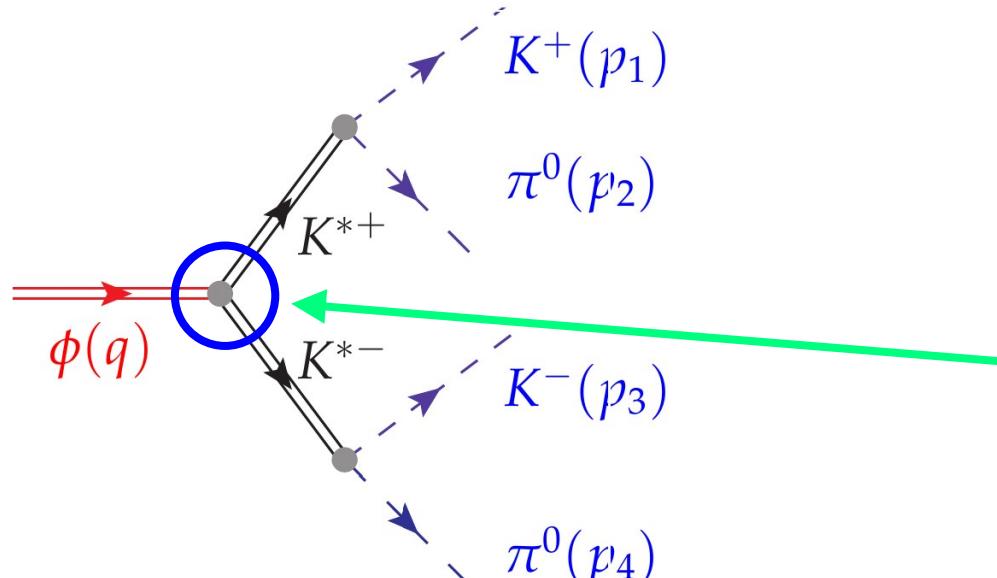
$$\bar{\Delta}(s_{34}) \equiv \frac{\Delta}{dK^*(s_{34})}, \quad dK^*(s_{34}) \equiv m_{K^*}^2 - im_{K^*} \Gamma_{K^*}(s_{34})$$

$\Delta = m_\pi^2 - m_K^2$ includes isospin breaking effects. It generalizes the ρ case.

Channel B

- Effective Lagrangian density is the same as in the channel A:
- Amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}^\beta(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \frac{e G_{\phi K^* K^*} G_{K^* K \pi}^2 M_\phi^2}{G_\phi} D^{\beta\gamma}(\phi, q) \times r_{21\lambda} D^{\delta\lambda}(K^{*+}, s_{12}) \Gamma_{\gamma\delta\epsilon}^1 D^{\epsilon\nu}(K^{*-}, s_{34}) r_{43\nu}$$



$$\Gamma_{\gamma\delta\epsilon}^1 \equiv (1 + i\gamma_V) \Gamma_{\gamma\delta\epsilon}$$

In this diagram we can see the γVV vertex in the VMD approach

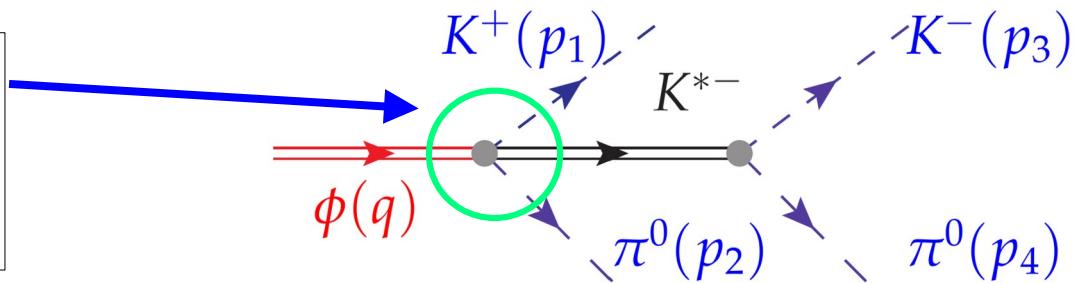
$$\gamma_V \equiv \frac{\Gamma_V}{M_V}$$

$\Gamma_{\gamma\delta\epsilon}^1$ is the vertex function at first order.

Channel C

- **Chanel C:**

Four-particle vertex, $\Gamma_{\gamma\delta}^1$
 (the corresponding
 coupling constant is
 $G_{\Phi K^* K\pi}$).



- **Amplitude:**

$$\mathcal{M}_C^\beta(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = ie C_C^{\beta\gamma} \Gamma_{\gamma\delta}^1 D^{\delta\eta}(K^{*-}, s_{34}) r_{43\eta},$$

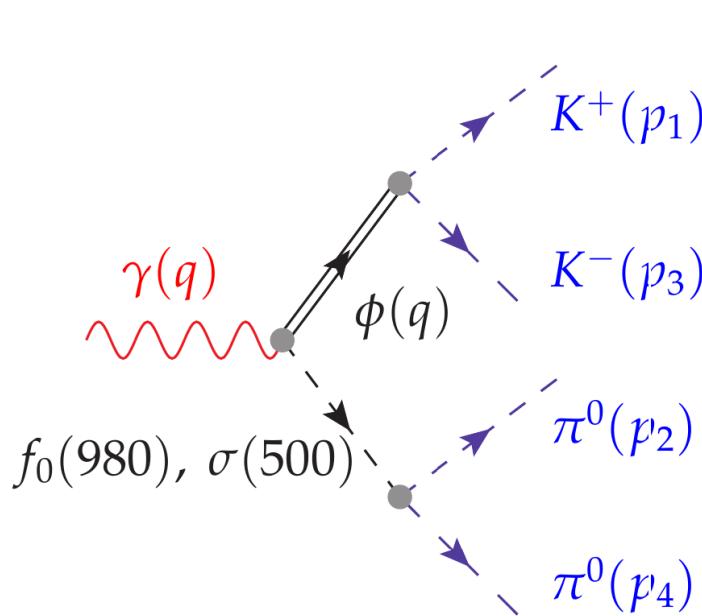
$$C_C^{\beta\gamma} = \frac{M_\phi^2 G_{\phi K^* K\pi} G_{K^* K\pi}}{G_\phi} D^{\beta\gamma}(\phi, q).$$

- The effective coupling, $G_{\Phi K^* K\pi}$, and the general vertex, $\Gamma_{\gamma\delta}^1$, are not predicted by the assumed hadronic model.
- However, they are fixed by requiring the gauge invariance to the sum of the A, B and C amplitudes.

Channels D and E

- **Effective Lagrangian density:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_S &= iG_{VVS} (g_{\alpha\beta} g_{\mu\nu} \partial^\alpha V_1^\mu \partial^\beta V_2^\nu - \partial_\nu V_1^\mu \partial_\mu V_2^\nu) S \\ &+ iG_{SPP} S P_1 P_2,\end{aligned}$$



Amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}_D^\mu(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \frac{ieC_D D(\phi, s_{13}) D(f, s_{24})}{q \cdot s_{13}} \left(q \cdot r_{31} s_{13}^\mu - q \cdot s_{13} r_{31}^\mu \right)$$

$$C_D \equiv G_{\phi\gamma f_0} G_{\phi KK} G_{f_0\pi^0\pi^0}$$

- **For these two channels we define the amplitude:**

$$\mathcal{M}_{DE}^\mu = \mathcal{M}_D^\mu + e^{i\theta_1} \mathcal{M}_E^\mu$$

This amplitude is gauge invariance by itself.

Gauge invariance condition

- Symmetries of **BE** and **C** must be taken into account, which are obtained by exchanging the corresponding momenta, which is visible in the dependence of each amplitude.
- They combine appropriately to produce a **gauge-invariant amplitude**:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{ABC_1}^\beta &= \mathcal{M}_A^\beta(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) + \mathcal{M}_A^\beta(p_3, p_4, p_1, p_2) & \mathcal{M}_{ABC_2} \text{ is obtained by} \\ &\quad + \mathcal{M}_B^\beta(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) & p_2 \leftrightarrow p_4 \\ &\quad + \mathcal{M}_C^\beta(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) + \mathcal{M}_C^\beta(p_3, p_4, p_1, p_2). \end{aligned}$$

- Channels **A, B, C** are related by the **gauge invariance condition**:

$$q_\beta \mathcal{M}_{ABC_1}^\beta = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad q_\beta \mathcal{M}_{ABC_2}^\beta = 0.$$

- This implies that

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\delta}^1 = \frac{x_{3\gamma}}{x_3 \cdot q} (z_{12\delta} - r_{21\delta}) \quad G_{\phi K^* K^*} = G_{\phi K K} \cdot \quad G_{\phi K^* K \pi} = G_{\phi K K} G_{K^* K \pi}$$

- We can define: $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^\beta = \mathcal{M}_{ABC_1}^\beta + \mathcal{M}_{ABC_2}^\beta$

Total amplitude and cross section

- Total Amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{e}{q^2} l^\mu J_\mu$$

The leptonic current , l^μ , is common to each channel.

- J_μ is the electromagnetic hadron current:

$$J_\mu = \sum_{\text{channel}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{channel}}^\mu = \mathcal{M}_{ABC}^\mu + e^{i\theta_2} \mathcal{M}_{DE}^\mu$$

J_μ fulfills **BE** symmetry and **C** invariance.

- Total amplitude squared was calculated using FeynCalc in Mathematica:

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} = \frac{e^2}{q^4} l_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu}$$

- A Fortran subroutine, **Vegas**, was used to perform the integration of the cross section:

$$d\sigma = \frac{(2\pi)^4 \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}}{4 \sqrt{(k_+ \cdot k_-)^2}} \delta^4 \left(q - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \right) \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i}.$$

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- For the kinematics, the work of R. Kumar is being taken into account.

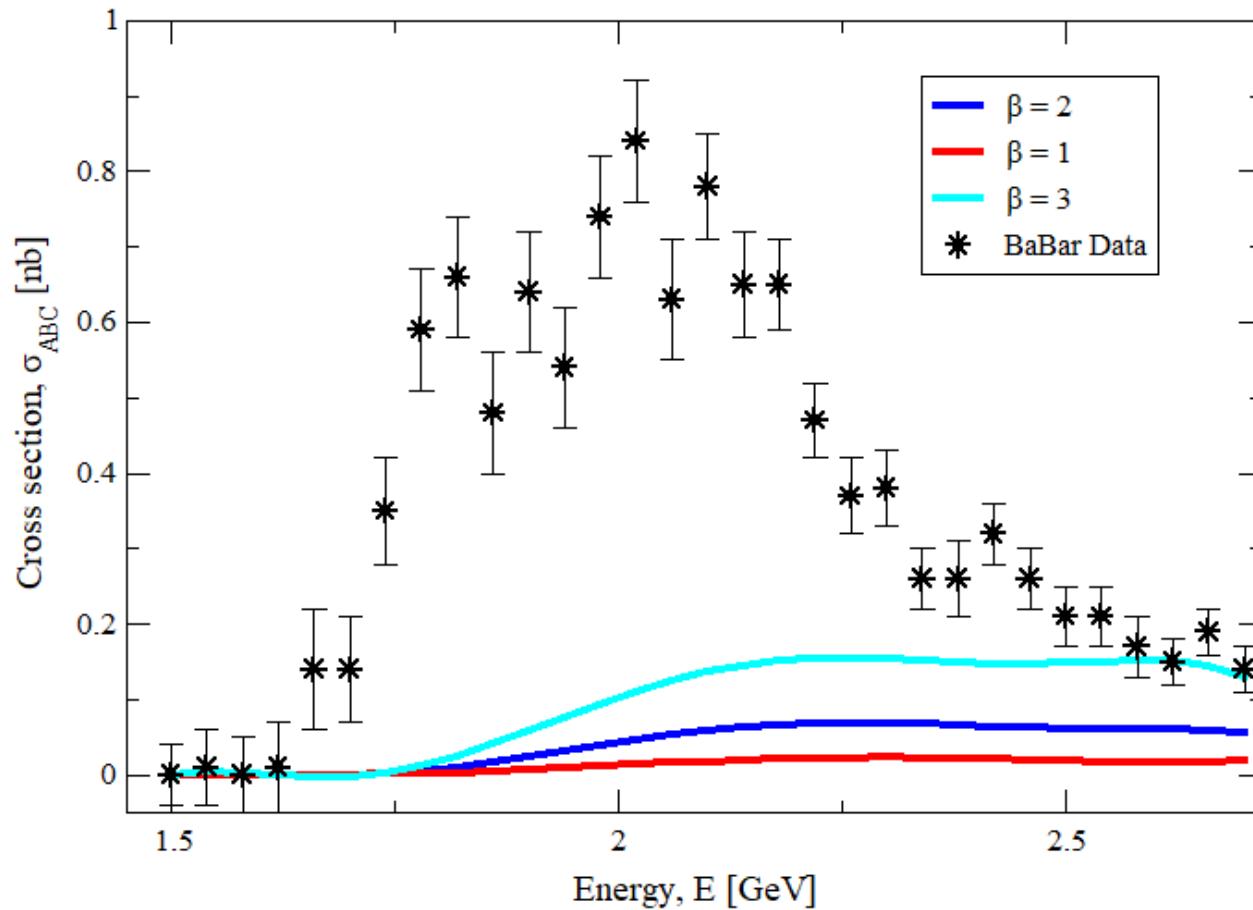
Fit to Data

Free parameters fitted with Minuit:

Parameter	Fitted value	PDG or computed
θ_1	2.00 ± 0.29	—
m_{f_0}	0.97 ± 0.35 GeV	0.990 ± 0.02 GeV
Γ_{f_0}	$(0.76 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-2}$ GeV	$0.010 - 0.010$ GeV
m_σ	0.71 ± 0.43 GeV	$0.400 - 0.800$ GeV
Γ_σ	0.60×10^{-1} GeV	$0.100 - 0.800$ GeV
$G_{f_0\pi^0\pi^0}$	2.42 ± 0.79	1.23 ± 0.65 GeV
$G_\sigma = G_{\phi\gamma\sigma}G_{\sigma\pi^0\pi^0}$	1.2567 ± 0.64503	$0.45_{-0.31}^{+0.78}$ GeV 2
β	2.00 ± 0.73	—
θ_2	2.54 ± 0.48	—

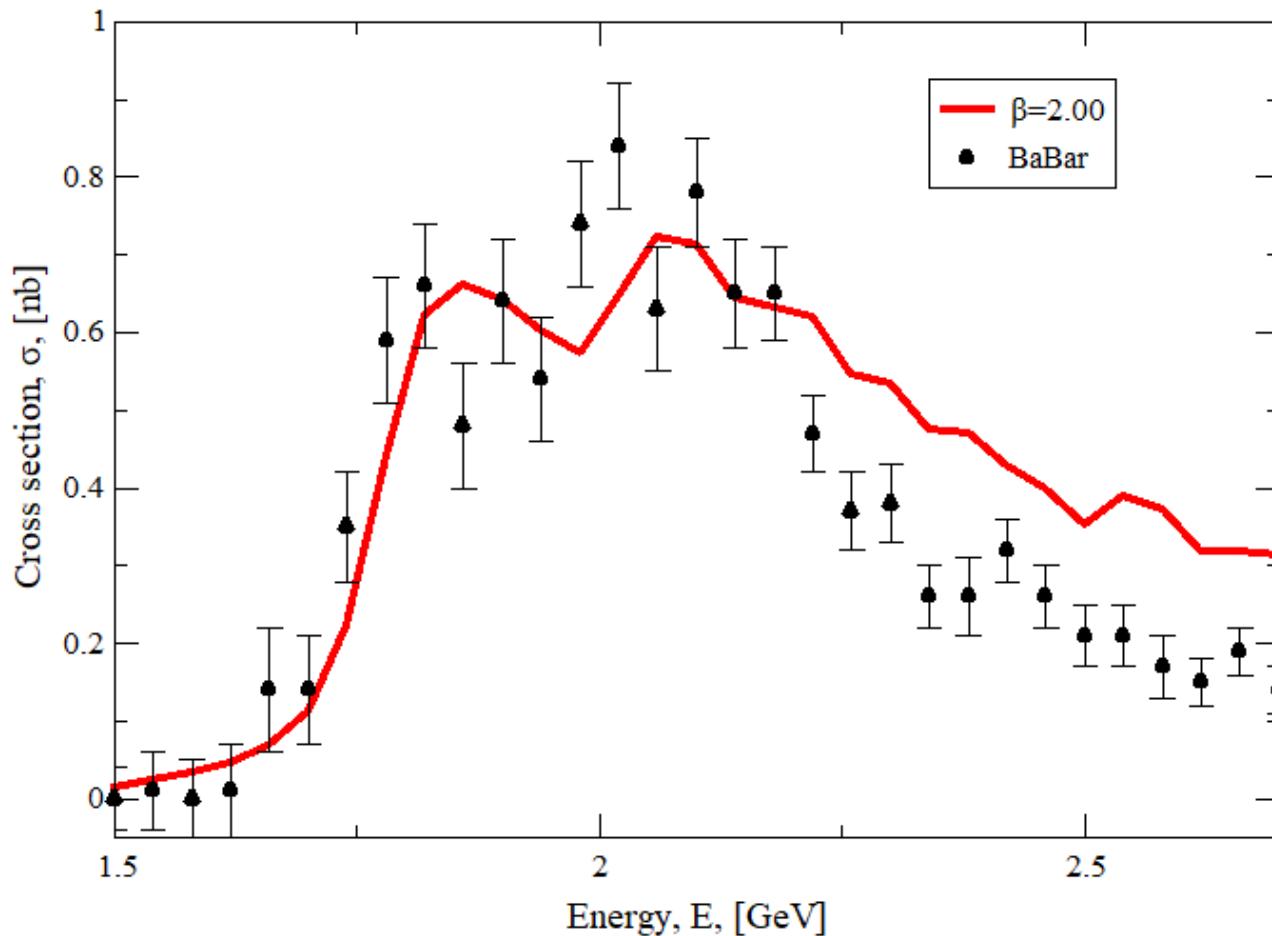
Preliminary results

σ_{ABC} cross section for $\beta = 1, 2, 3$



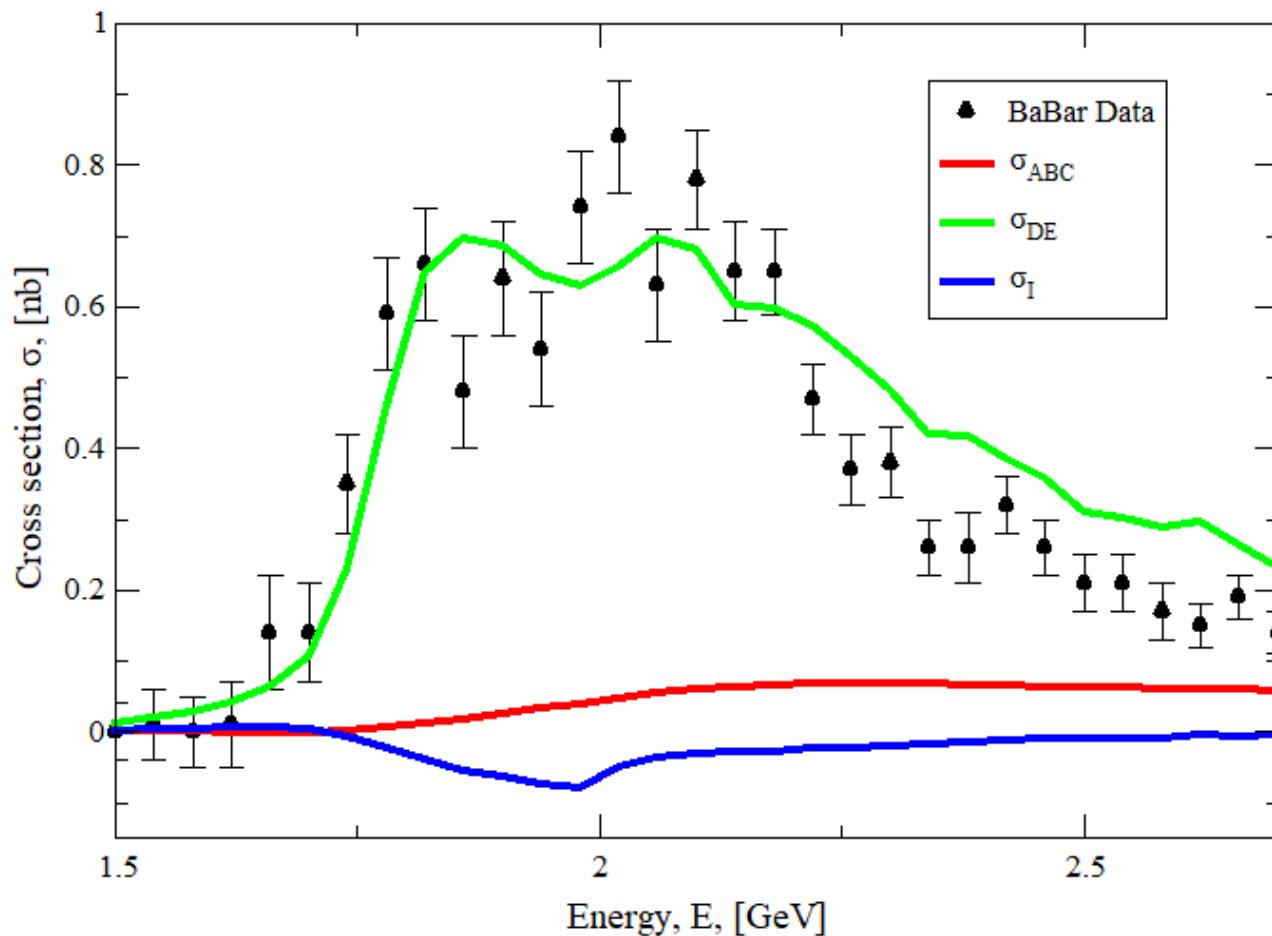
Preliminary results

Experimental and Theoretical Cross section for the $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^0 \pi^0$ process



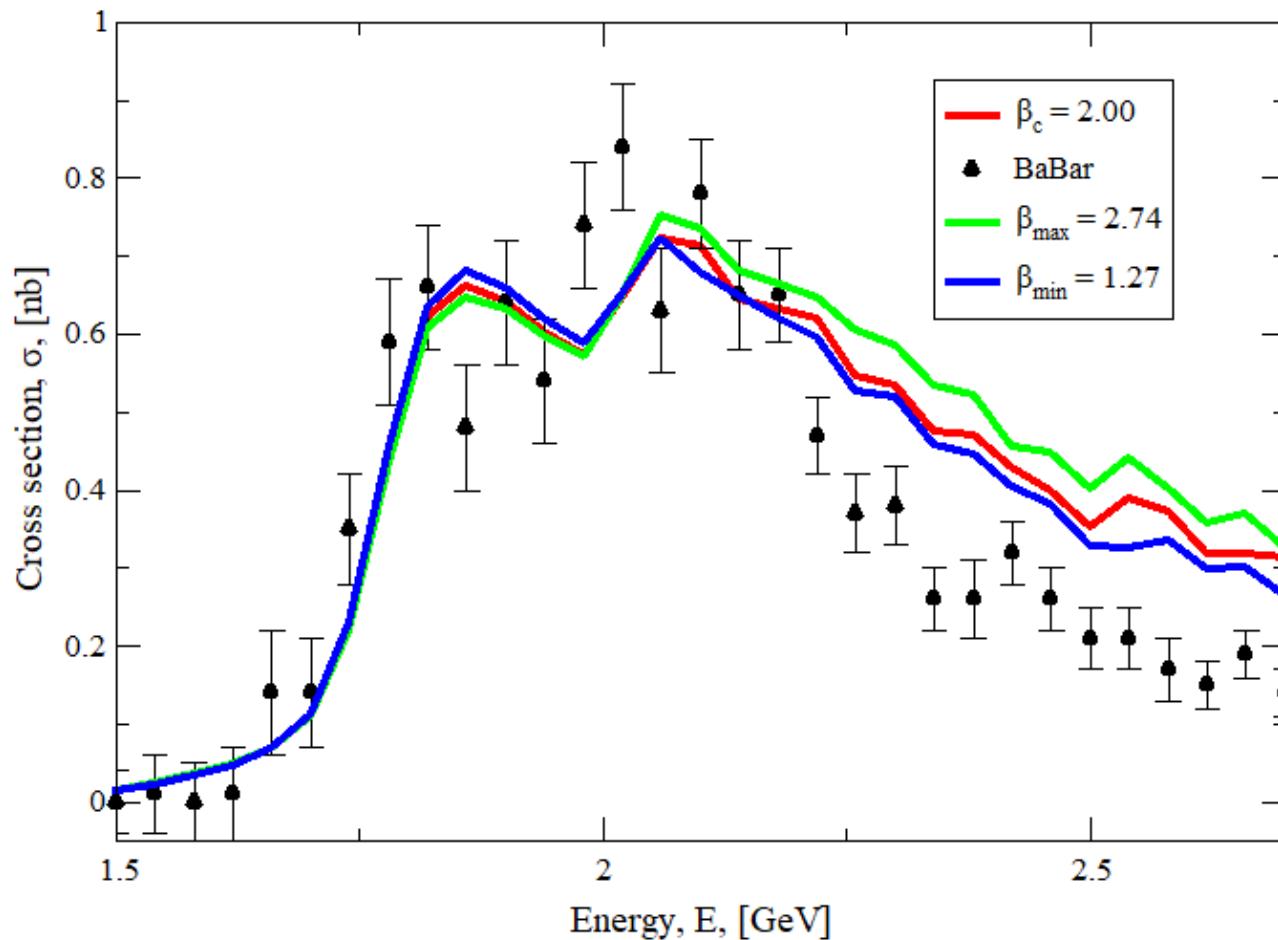
Preliminary results

σ_{ABC} , σ_{DE} and σ_I contributions in $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^0 \pi^0$



Preliminary results

Cross sections of $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^0 \pi^0$ for β_{\min} , β_c , β_{\max}



Electric Form Factor

- Electric form factor as $q^2 \rightarrow 0$,

$$|F_\phi(0)| = \lim_{q^2 \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{G_{\phi KK} M_\phi^2}{G_\phi} D(\phi, q^2) \right| = 1.$$

- In this work,

$$|F_\phi^{exp}(0)| = 0.33.$$

- We need to normalize so that the electric charge has the correct value in the correct units,

$$F(0) \equiv \frac{F_\phi(0)}{F_\phi^{exp}(0)} = 1$$

- The correct expression to compute the mdm of the K^* :

$$\mu_{K^*} = \frac{\beta_{final}}{F_\phi^{exp}(0)} = 6.1 \pm 2.21.$$

The systematic error
is still being
evaluated.

where

$$\beta_{final} = \beta \pm \Delta\beta_{stat} \pm \Delta\beta_{sys}.$$

Conclusions

- A theoretical description of the process $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0$ was developed within the Vector Meson Dominance (VMD) framework.
- The channel B involves the γVV vertex. This vertex contains the multipole structure of the meson.
- Channel C involves contact vertices and coupling constants. These quantities were fixed by requiring gauge invariance among the amplitudes of channels A , B , and C .
- The free parameters of the model were fitted to BaBar data using MINUIT, achieving a good agreement in the 1.5 – 2.1 GeV energy range.
- A sensitivity of the total cross section to variations of β is observed.

Thank you for your attention.

BACKUP

MDM of the W and ρ meson

- This strategy was applied for the W boson in good agreement with the experimental results:

$ Q_W $	$ \mu_W $	$ X_W = \kappa_\gamma \cdot \lambda_\gamma$
$1 (e)$	$2 (e/2m_W)$	$1 (e/m^2_W)$

The SM values imply that $\kappa_\gamma = 1, \lambda_\gamma = 0$.

- DELPHI found: $\lambda_\gamma = 0.002^{+0.035}_{-0.035}$
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- The MDM of the ρ is given by:

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Coupling constants and Fit to Data

Coupling Constant	Value	Obtained from:
$G_{\phi KK}$	4.47 ± 0.03	$\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
$G_{\phi K^* K^*}$	4.47 ± 0.03	$= G_{\phi KK}$ (from G I)
$G_{K^* K \pi}$	3.05 ± 0.05	$K^* \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$
$G_{\phi K^* K \pi}$	13.66 ± 0.33	$= G_{\phi KK} G_{K^* K \pi}^2$ (from G I)
G_ϕ	13.40 ± 0.09	$\phi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
$G_{\phi \gamma f_0}$	$0.14^{+0.12}_{-0.035}$ GeV	$\phi \rightarrow \gamma f_0$
$G_{\phi \gamma \sigma}$	$0.14^{+0.12}_{-0.035}$ GeV	$= G_{\phi \gamma f_0}$
$G_{f_0 \pi \pi}$	$1.38^{+0.50}_{-0.80}$ GeV	$f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$
$G_{\sigma \pi \pi}$	$3.18^{+1.59}_{-1.84}$ GeV	$\sigma \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$

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Results of the fit with MINUIT

Parameter	Fitted value	PDG or computed
θ_{D-E}	2.00 ± 0.29	—
m_{f_0}	0.97 ± 0.35 GeV	0.990 ± 0.02 GeV
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β	2.00 ± 0.73	—
θ_{ABC-DE}	2.54 ± 0.48	—

The full decay width of f_0 is used when calculating $f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$, because there are no branching ratio available for this process. The same for $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$.

In addition, there is no branching ratio for $\phi \rightarrow \gamma \sigma$, but an approximation is to take:

$$G_{\phi \gamma \sigma} = G_{\phi \gamma f_0}.$$

However, **some coupling constants were left as free parameters:**

$$G_{f_0 \pi \pi}, \quad G_{\sigma \pi \pi} \quad \text{and} \quad G_{\phi \gamma \sigma}.$$

Other parameters are masses, widths, phases and the parameter β .

Conclusions

- A theoretical description of the process $e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- 2\pi^0$ was developed within the Vector Meson Dominance (VMD) framework, including the relevant intermediate channels and their interferences.
- The effective amplitudes for each channel were constructed from effective hadronic Lagrangians.
- The channel B involves the γVV vertex, which is parameterized in a general form that satisfies C, P, and T symmetries and their combinations. This vertex contains the multipole structure of the meson.
- Channel C involves contact vertices and coupling constants that cannot be predicted by the assumed hadronic model. These quantities were fixed by requiring gauge invariance among the amplitudes of channels A, B, and C.
- Some coupling constants associated with the decays $f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$, $\phi \rightarrow \gamma \sigma$ and $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ cannot be calculated, since no branching ratios are available. Therefore, they were treated as free parameters and determined from a fit to the experimental data.
- The free parameters of the model were fitted to BaBar data using MINUIT, achieving a good agreement in the 1.5 – 2.1 GeV energy range.
- A sensitivity of the total cross section to variations of β is observed.
- A preliminary value for the magnetic dipole moment (MDM) of the K^* meson has been estimated. Although this result does not agree with previous estimations, further fits using MINUIT are being carried out to obtain the final value.