

# BABAR ISR $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 (\pi^0)$

Wolfgang Gradl

on behalf of the *BABAR* collaboration

Tau 2016, Beijing  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016



# Motivation



QED is precision physics

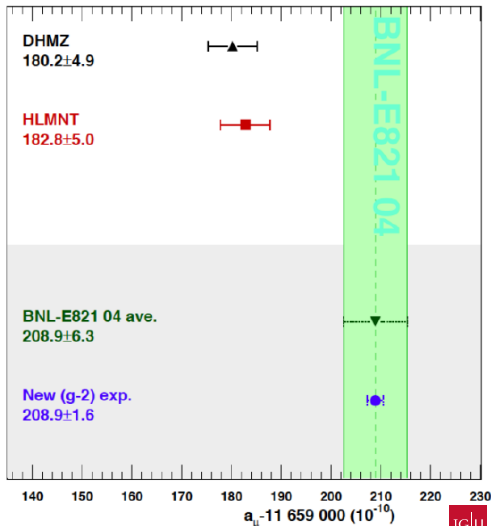
- $a_\ell \equiv \frac{1}{2}(g-2)_\ell$  testbed for QED
- experimentally: electron ok
- muon:  
currently  $> 3\sigma$  discrepancy btw.  
theory and experiment

$$a_\mu^{\text{theo}} \times 10^{10} = 11\,659\,180.2 \pm 4.9$$

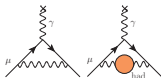
$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} \times 10^{10} = 11\,659\,208.9 \pm 6.3$$

$$\Delta a_\mu \times 10^{10} = 28.7 \pm 8.0$$

- Test SM  
new physics?



# Motivation



Muon anomalous magnetic moment  
sensitive to hadronic vacuum polarisation

ab-initio calculations difficult  
experimental input required:  
 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$

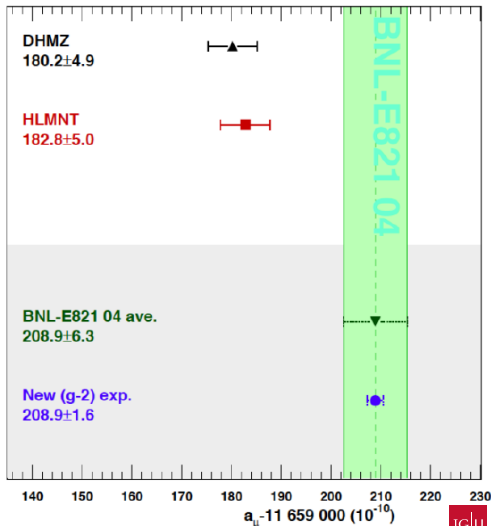
$$a_\mu^{\text{had, LO}} \times 10^{10} = 692.3 \pm 4.2$$

Davier *et al.*, EPJ C71, 1515

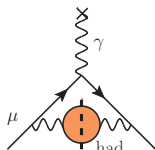
$$a_\mu^{\text{had, LO}} \times 10^{10} = 694.9 \pm 4.3$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{had, NLO}} \times 10^{10} = -9.84 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$$

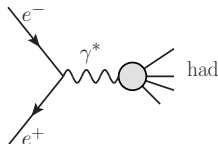
Hagiwara *et al.*, JP G38, 085003



# Motivation



dispersion  
relation



$K(s)$  : analytically known kernel function

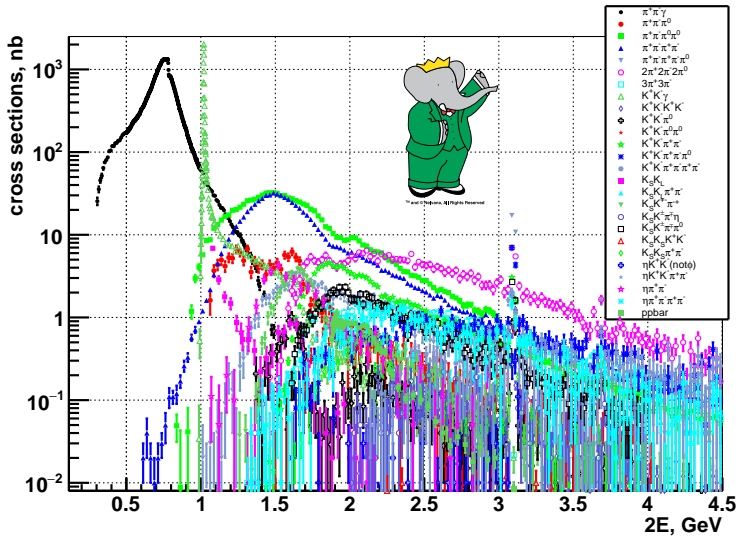
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{had, LO}} = \frac{\alpha^2(0)}{3\pi^2} \int_{4m_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{K(s)}{s} R(s)$$

$$R(s) = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} \text{ experimental input}$$

dominated by low-energy cross sections

improve precision by measuring **exclusive** final states

## $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons cross sections from *BABAR*



# The *BABAR* experiment

- PEP-II:  $e^+e^-$  collider,  $3.1 \times 9 \text{ GeV}^2$   
 $\sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$  [ $\Upsilon(4S)$ ]

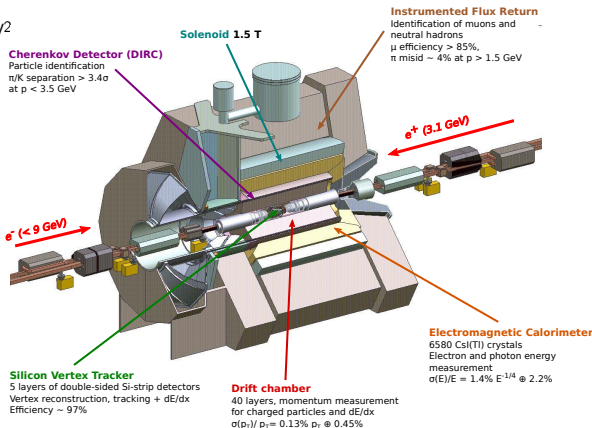
- Asymmetric beam energies  
c.m. lab boost  $\beta\gamma = 0.56$

- Asymmetric detector

- ▶ acceptance in c.m.  
 $-0.9 \lesssim \theta^* \lesssim 0.85$
- ▶ detects  $\approx 15\%$  of ISR  $\gamma$
- ▶ contains  $\approx 50\%$  of events  
with fwd/bwd  $\gamma_{\text{ISR}}$

- excellent performance

- ▶ Good tracking, mass resolution
- ▶ Good  $\gamma$ ,  $\pi^0$  reco.
- ▶ Full PID for  $e$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$

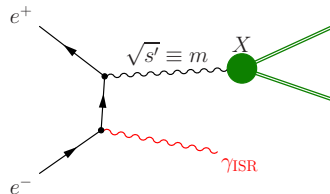


- High luminosity

- ▶  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 12.069 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- ▶  $513.7(18) \text{ fb}^{-1}$  accumulated  
(1.7 billion  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  events)

# Initial state radiation in $e^+e^-$

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ISR}} X$
- $X$  is any allowed (hadronic) system, e.g.
  - ▶ a resonance with  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
  - ▶ 2 particle system with appropriate quantum numbers
  - ▶ ...
- Cross section factorises into



$$\frac{d\sigma(s; s', \theta_\gamma)}{ds' d\theta_\gamma} = W(s; s', \theta_\gamma) \cdot \sigma_X(s')$$

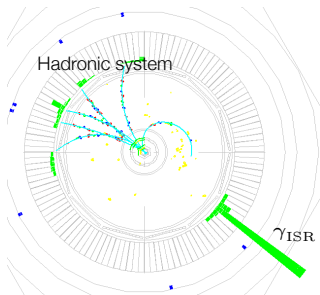
Radiator function  
known to  $\lesssim 0.5\%$

cross section  
 $\sigma_X(e^+e^- \rightarrow X)$

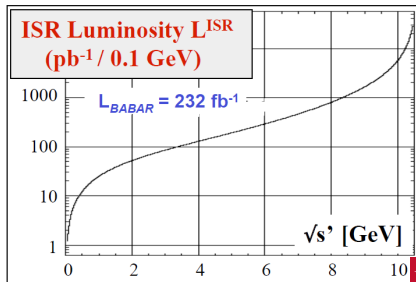
- Use  $W$  or normalise to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  (many systematics cancel)

# ISR at $\Upsilon(4S)$ energies

- Rely on **tagged (= measured) photon** to identify ISR events
- Excellent momentum resolution by means of **kinematic fit**
- High **fiducial efficiency**:  
hadronic system forced into detector fiducial region



- Harder momentum spectrum due to boost
  - ▶ fewer problems with soft particles
  - ▶ measure down to threshold
- Simultaneous access to wide range of  $s'$  in single experiment  
 $\Rightarrow$  very small point-to-point systematic errors
- Large **integrated luminosity**



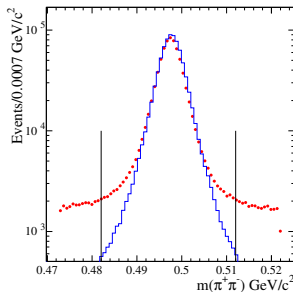




$K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 (\pi^0)$

# General event selection and reconstruction

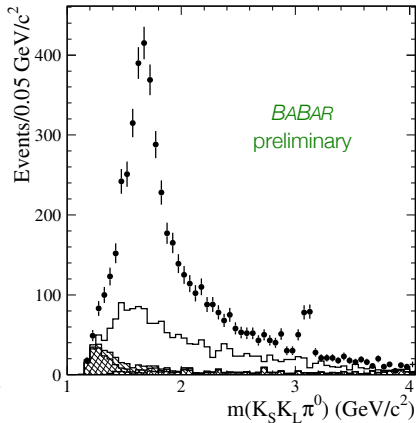
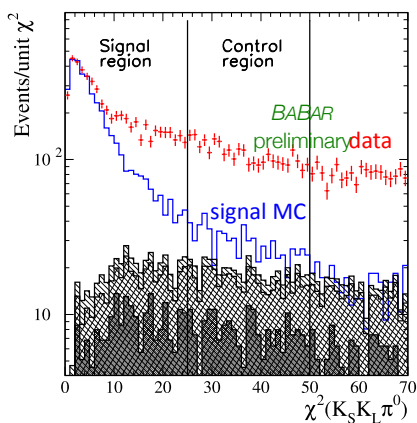
- Using  $469 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data near  $\Upsilon(4S)$
- At least two charged tracks and at least four neutral clusters
- $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ , pointing back to IP
- $K_L^0$  reconstruction:  
cluster in EMC with  $E \geq 200 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
take direction from cluster, and energy from kinematic fit
- Apply kinematic fits for different signal hypotheses
- Invariant mass resolution  
for the hadronic system  $\approx 25 \text{ MeV}$



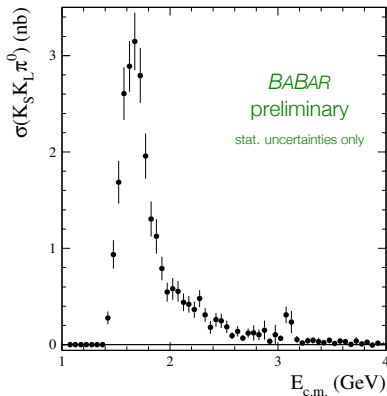
# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$ reconstruction

Select events with kinematic fit  $\chi^2 < 25$

Estimate backgrounds from control region in  $\chi^2$



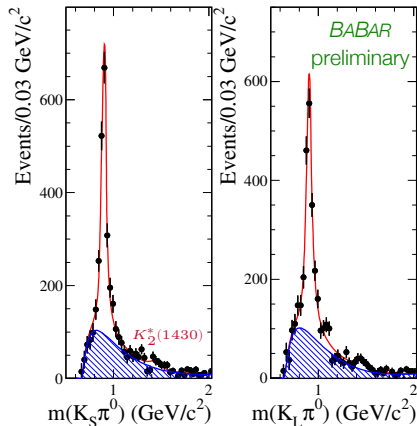
# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$ cross section



Systematic uncertainties include

- Background subtraction:  
 $\approx 10\%$  for  $M(K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0) < 2.2 \text{ GeV}$ , increasing to  $\approx 80\text{-}100\%$  above  $3.2 \text{ GeV}$
- Efficiency corrections  
overall data-MC difference of  $(-9.5 \pm 1.6)\%$

# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$ resonant substructure



background-subtracted  $K_S^0 \pi^0$  and  $K_L^0 \pi^0$  mass distributions.

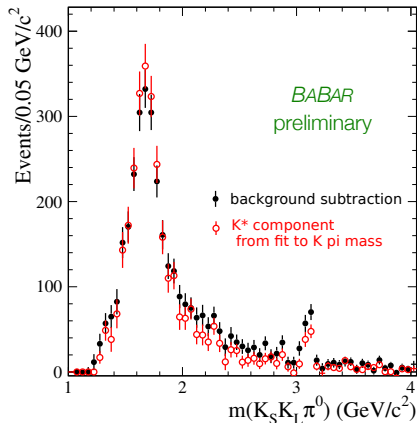
Fit: red line — coherent resonant; blue histogram — non-resonant component

Dominated by  $K^{*0} \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$ :

dominant contribution from  $K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$

small  $K_2^*(1430)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$

# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$ resonant substructure: $K^{*0} \bar{K}^0$



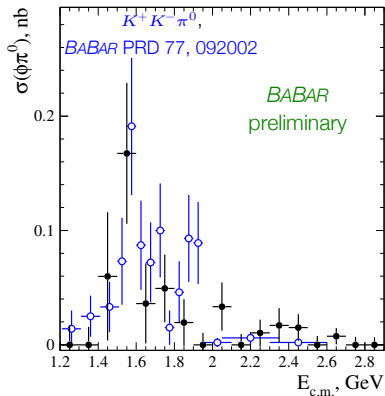
Dominated by  $K^{*0} \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$ :

dominant contribution from  $K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$

small  $K_2^*(1430)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$

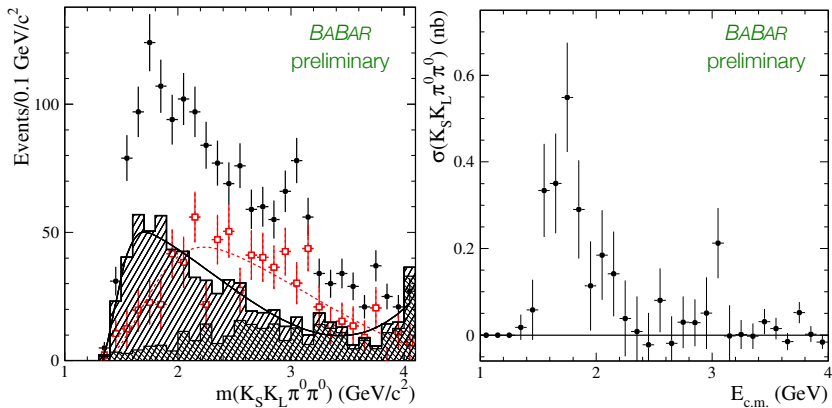
$K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c.$  almost saturates cross section

# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$ resonant substructure: $\phi \pi^0$



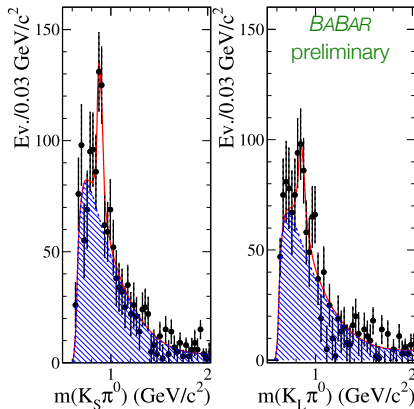
Small contribution from  $\phi\pi^0$ ; compatible with cross section measured in  $K^+ K^- \pi^0$   
 Isospin  $I = 1$ , OZI suppressed  
 Possible resonant structure around 1.6 GeV

# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$ cross section





# $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$ resonant substructure

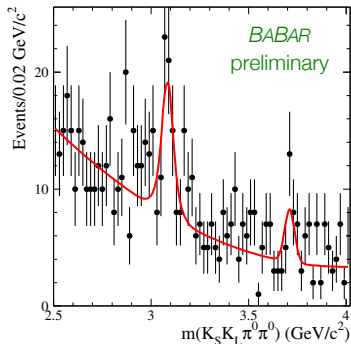
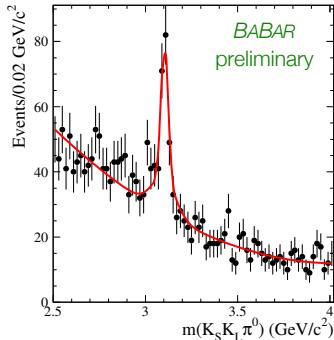


Some  $K^*(892)^0$  evident ( $190 \pm 44$   $K_S^0 \pi^0$ ,  $171 \pm 32$   $K_L^0 \pi^0$ )  
 but statistics too low to study further  
 No indication for  $K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^*(892)^0$

Consistent with  $K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^0 \pi^0 + c.c.$  as expected from  $K^+ K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$



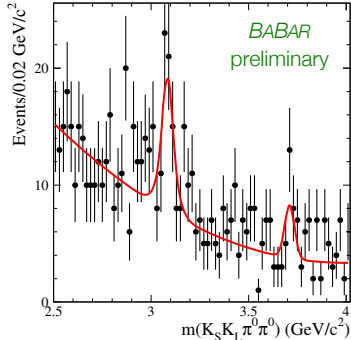
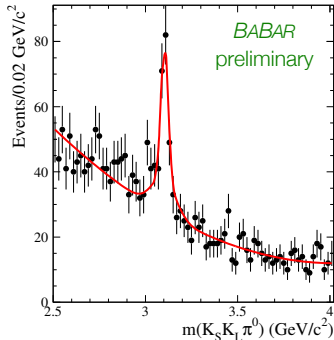
# Charmonium region



Fit with MC signal shape + second-order polynomial (background)

$J/\psi$	$K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$	$182 \pm 21$
	$K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$	$47 \pm 11$
$\psi(2S)$	$K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$	$< 8$
	$K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$	$14 \pm 6$

# Charmonium region



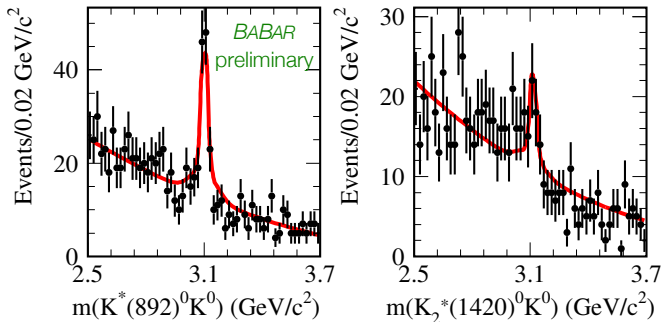
$B/10^{-3}$

BABAR prelim.

PDG 2014

$J/\psi \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$	$2.06 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.10$		
$J/\psi \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$	$1.86 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.10$	$2.35 \pm 0.41$	(from $K^+ K^- \pi^0 \pi^0$ )
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$	$< 0.3$	—	
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$	$1.24 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.06$	—	

# Charmonium decays to $K^* \bar{K}^0$



See significant yields for  $J/\psi \rightarrow$

	Events	$B(J/\psi \rightarrow X) \times B(X \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0) \times 10^3$
$K^*(892)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c. \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$	$106 \pm 13$	$1.20 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.06$
$K_2^*(1420)^0 \bar{K}^0 + c.c. \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0$	$37 \pm 11$	$0.43 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.02$

# Summary

- Measure cross sections for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 (\pi^0)$
- Resonant substructure explored with  $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$  events
- Contribution to  $a_\mu$ :

$$a_\mu^{KK\pi\pi}(E_{\text{CM}} < 2 \text{ GeV}) \times 10^{10} = 3.31 \pm 0.58 \quad \text{HLMNT 2011}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{all}KK\pi\pi}(E_{\text{CM}} < 2 \text{ GeV}) \times 10^{10} = 2.41 \pm 0.11$$

- All  $KK\pi$  and  $KK\pi\pi$  now directly measured by *BABAR*  
no isospin relations needed any more for cross sections and dispersion relation!
- Branching fractions for  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi'$  to  $K_S^0 K_L^0 \pi^0 (\pi^0)$   
improved precision, first measurements
- Final word from *BABAR* for these channels.  
More progress: BESIII, Belle II, VEPP-2000