

Studies of Charm Meson Decays at BaBar

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Outline



- Measurements of the ratio of branching fractions for the decays
 - $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0, K^+ \pi^0$ **Phys.Rev.D74:011107,2006**
 - $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0, K^- K^+ \pi^0$ **hep-ex / 0608009, 2006, submitted to PRD**
- Amplitude (Dalitz plot) analysis of the decays
 - $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^0$ **BaBar Preliminary**
 - $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$ **BaBar Preliminary**

B.R. of the Decays $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0, K^+ \pi^0$

- Use the decay $D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$ as reference for normalization.
- Reconstruct the decay chain: [$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ \pi^0_{\text{soft}}, D^+ \rightarrow h^+ \pi^0, K^+ \pi^+ \pi^+, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$].
- Reject the events with D^+ NOT coming from D^{*+} decay (for cleaner signal).

Motivation

1. Measurement of the Cabibbo-suppressed branching ratio $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$.
2. The first measurement of $D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$ branching ratio.

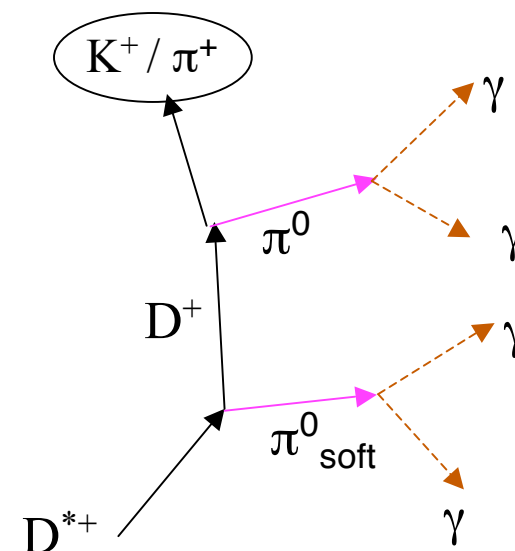
The description of charge conjugate decay is implied throughout this presentation unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Signal Reconstruction Efficiency

- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ \pi^0_{\text{soft}}, D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ 7.8%
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ \pi^0_{\text{soft}}, D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$ 5.9%
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ \pi^0_{\text{soft}}, D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$ 8.5%

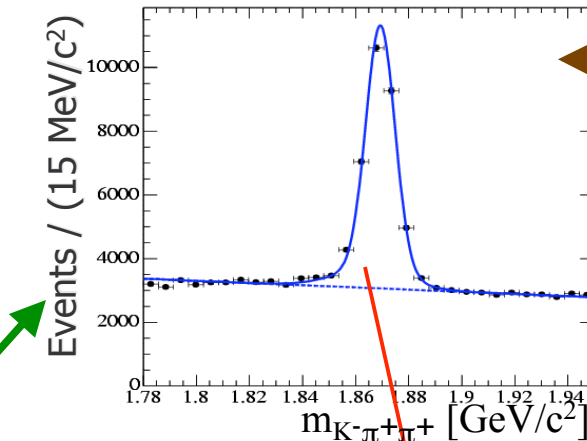
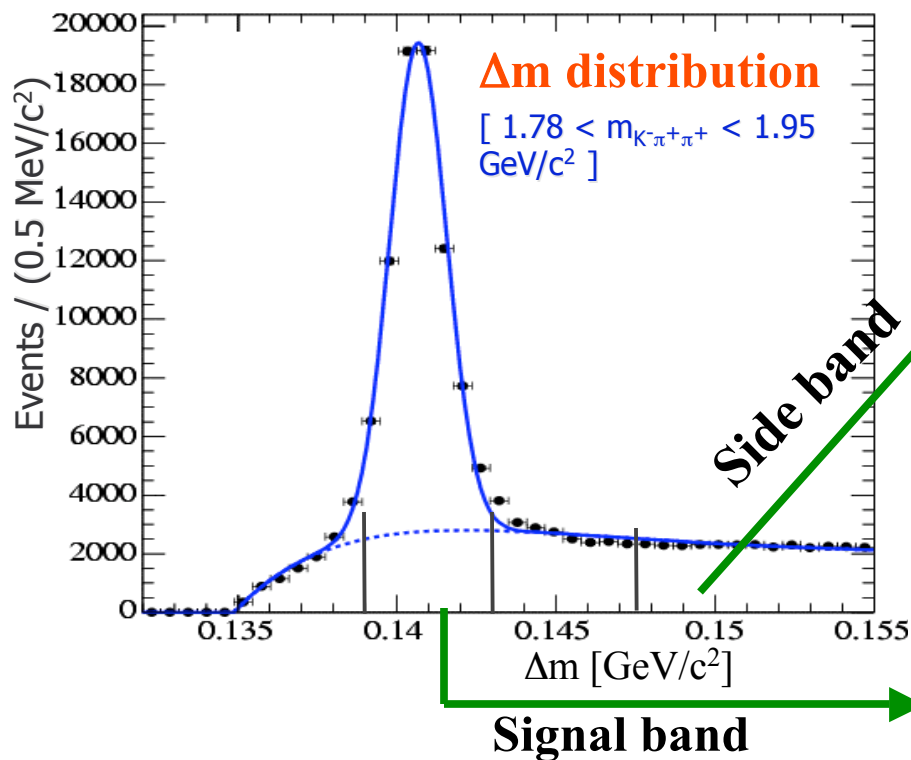
Event Reconstruction

- $P_{\text{CM}}(D^*) > 2.9 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|m_{D^*} - m_{D^+}| < 155 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

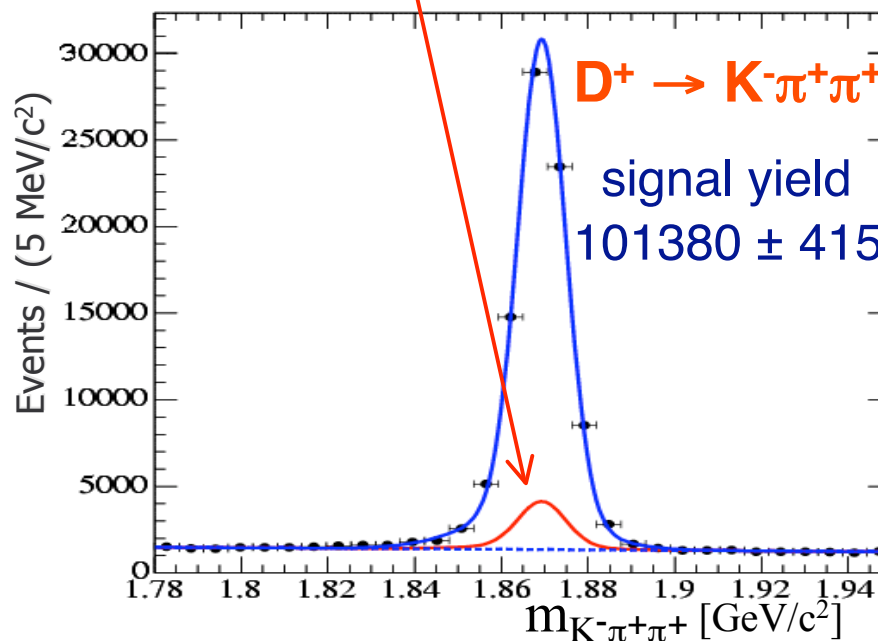


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Signal Yield

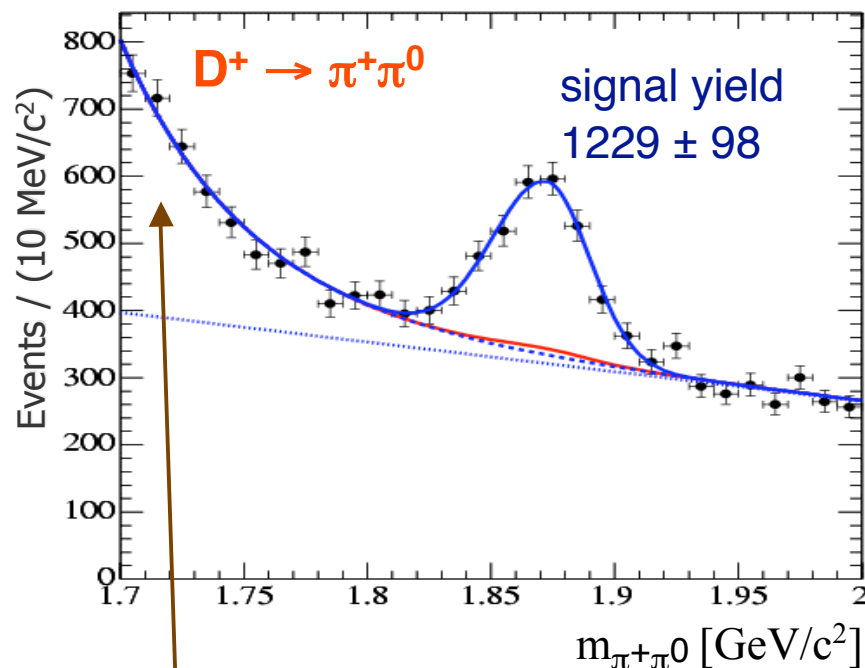


These are D⁺ events NOT coming from D^{*+} decay.

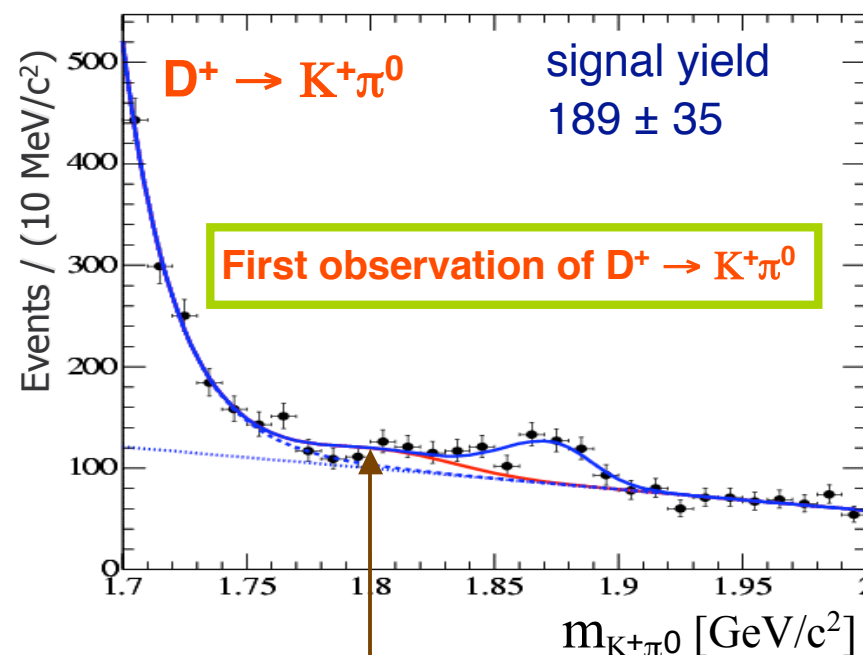


- Divide ΔM into 2σ signal band and $>5\sigma$ side band
- Fit D⁺ mass distribution separately (with the same signal pdf)
- Subtract side band yield from signal band yield (adjusted by scale factor)

Signal Yield continued



Background from a missing π^0 in the event, parameterized by an exponential function.



Background from $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K_s$, $K_s \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ events, when we miss one π^0 .

- Signal events are modeled by bifurcated Gaussian functions.
- Combinatorial backgrounds are modeled by linear functions.

Results and Conclusion

$$B(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0) / B(D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+) = (1.33 \pm 0.11 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.09 \text{ (sys)}) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$B(D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) / B(D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+) = (2.68 \pm 0.50 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.26 \text{ (sys)}) \times 10^{-3}$$

using $B(D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+) = (9.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$,

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$$B(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0) = (1.25 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.09 \text{ (sys)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (ref)}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$B(D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) = (2.52 \pm 0.47 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.25 \text{ (sys)} \pm 0.08 \text{ (ref)}) \times 10^{-4}$$

↑ Excellent kaon ID has contributed significantly to the sensitivity of this measurement.

Comparison to the current PDG values :

• $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$ world average (2006) $B(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0) = (1.28 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-3}$

• $D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$ world average (2006) $B(D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) < 4.2 \times 10^{-4}$ at 90% CL

This is the first measurement of the doubly Cabibbo-suppressed decay

$D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$ [The CLEO-c collaboration recently made a new measurement which is consistent with our result:

$B(D^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) = (2.25 \pm 0.36 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.15 \text{ (sys)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (ref)}) \times 10^{-4}$]. [hep-ex/0607075](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0607075)

Preliminary result

B.R. of the Decays $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$, $K^- K^+ \pi^0$

Use the the Cabibbo-favored decay $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ as reference for normalization.
 Reconstruct the decay chain: [$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_s^+$, $D^0 \rightarrow h^- h^+ \pi^0$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$] and c.c.

Motivation

1. Precision measurement of the branching ratios of 3-body Cabibbo-suppressed decays of D^0 .
2. To investigate the anomaly in the BR of 2- & 3-body CS decays of D^0 .

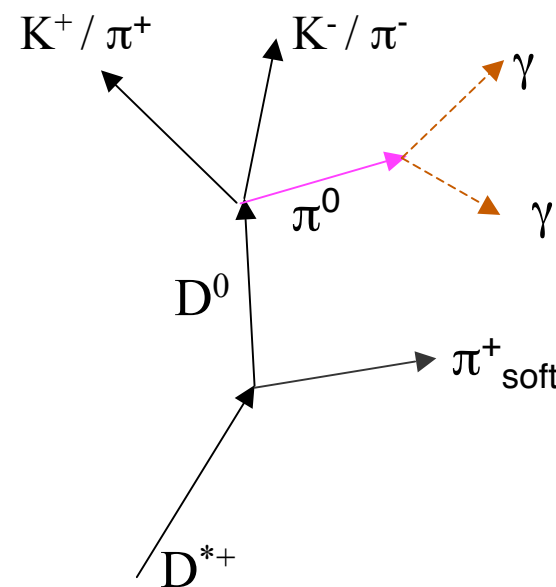
The charge of the π_{soft} determines the charm content of the D^0 meson (i.e., whether it is D^0 or \bar{D}^0).

Background Sources

- Combinatorial
- $K\pi\pi^0$ reflection in $\pi\pi\pi^0$ and $KK\pi^0$ modes

Event Reconstruction

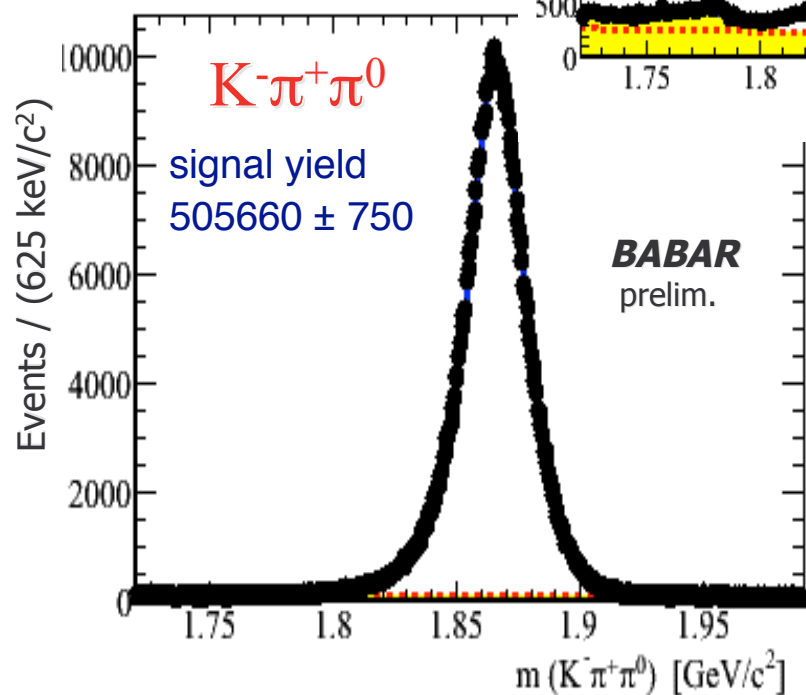
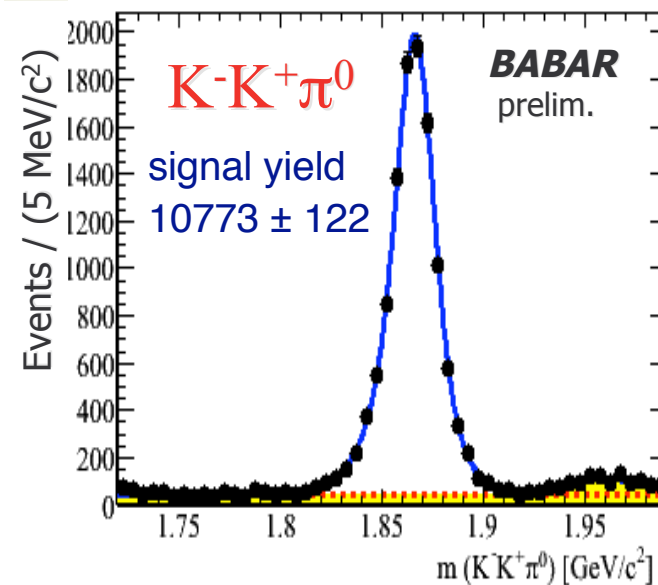
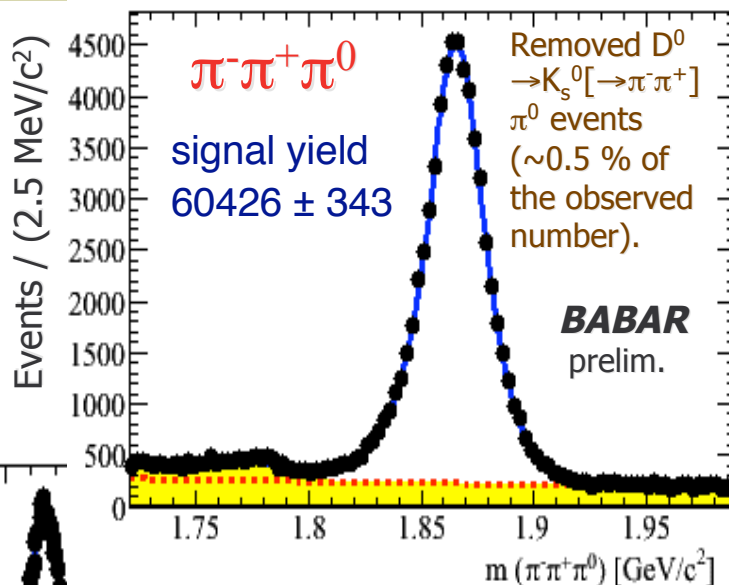
- $P_{\text{CM}}(D^0) > 2.77 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|m_{D^*} - m_{D^0} - 145.5| < 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



Data Sample = 232 fb⁻¹

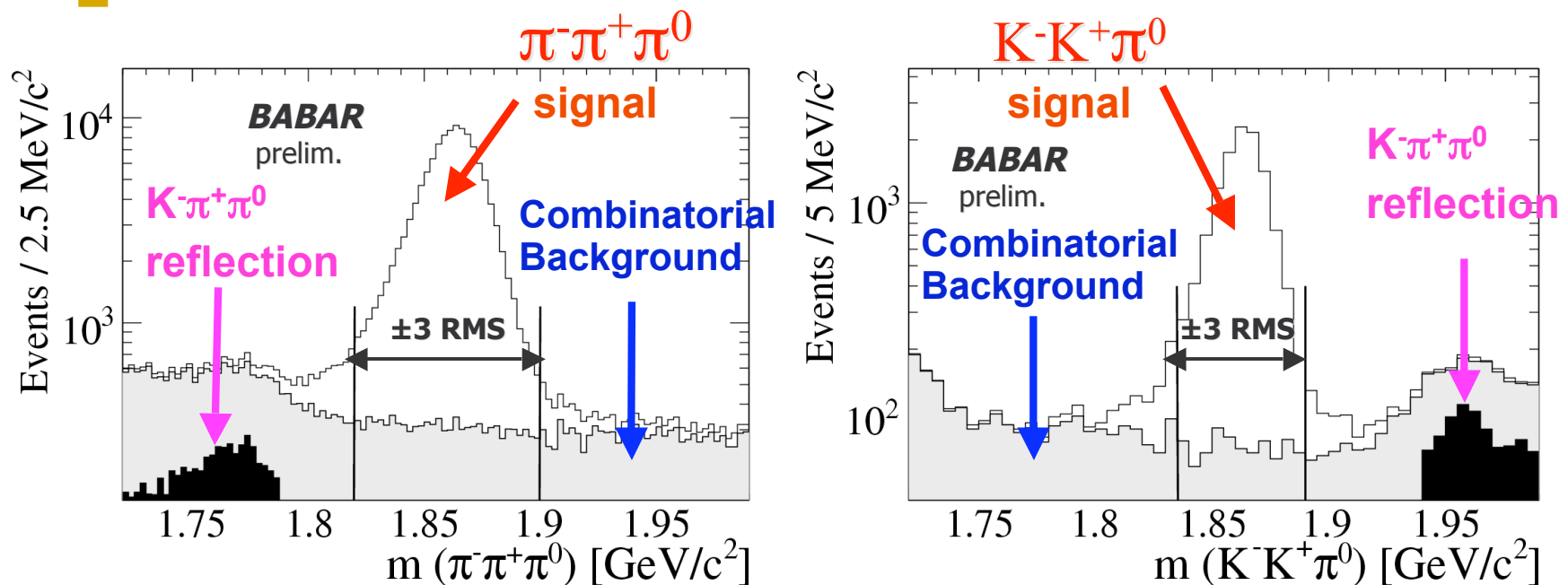
Fit for Signal Yield

Maximum Likelihood fit for signal yield



- Signal events are modeled by the sum of 3 Gaussian functions. The means and σ 's of the Gaussians are allowed to vary.
- Combinatorial backgrounds are modeled by linear functions.
- The shape of $K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ reflection events in the sidebands of $\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0$ and $K^-K^+\pi^0$ is obtained from MC as described on the next slide.

Background Events in Monte Carlo

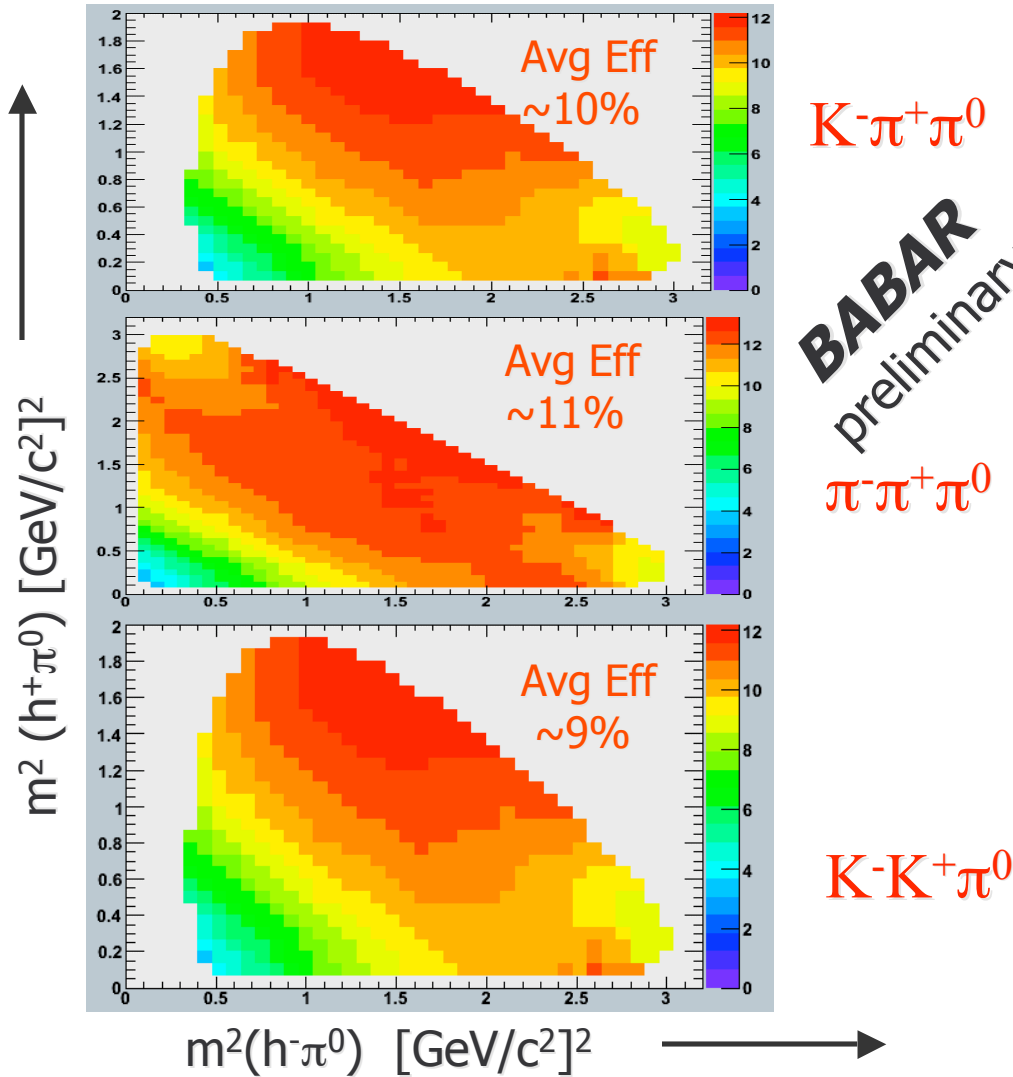


Note Log y-scale.

- Above: three-body invariant mass distributions of $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^0$ events in generic $c\bar{c}$ Monte Carlo (MC).
- $K^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ reflection events peak in the sidebands of $\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$, $K^- K^+ \pi^0$.
- We take the shape of the reflection from MC and obtain the number of reflection events by fitting their distribution in data.

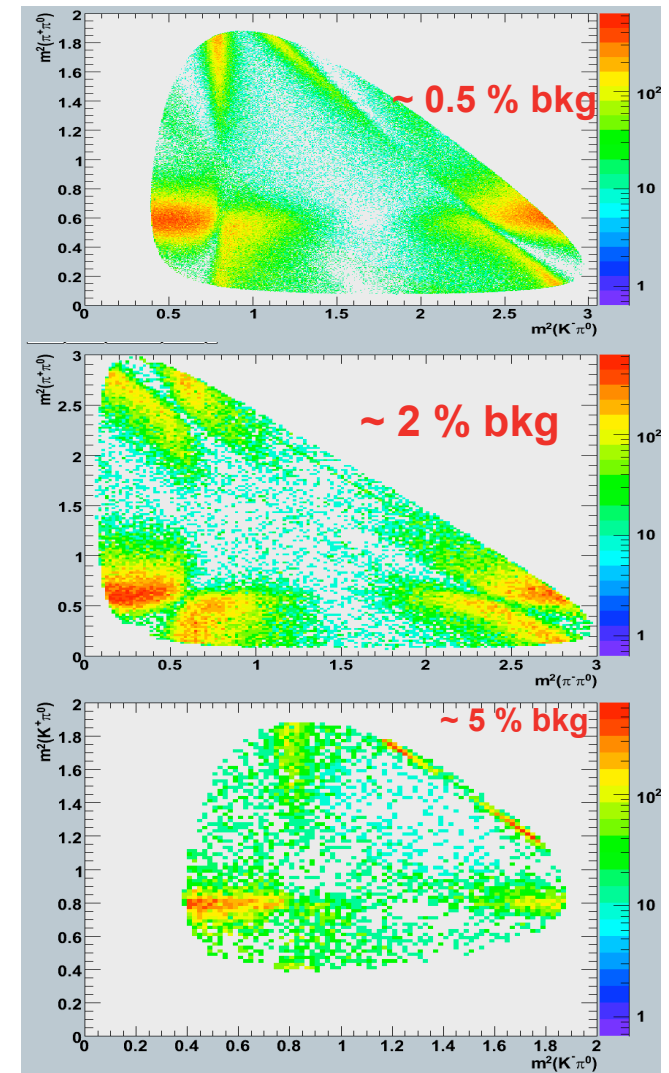
Reconstruction Efficiency

Reco. Efficiency (%) from Monte Carlo



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Dalitz plot of events in data



Results and Conclusion

The decay rate for each mode

$$\Gamma = \langle |M|^2 \rangle \cdot \Phi$$

where

M = decay matrix element

Φ = phase space factor

= **For 3-body decays:** area of the Dalitz plot
For 2-body decays: momentum of either daughter in D^0 rest frame.

D^0 decay mode	Our Results(%)	PDG-2006 (%)
$B(\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0)/B(K^-\pi^+\pi^0)$	$10.59 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.13$	8.40 ± 3.11
$B(K^-K^+\pi^0)/B(K^-\pi^+\pi^0)$	$2.37 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04$	0.95 ± 0.26

> 5σ difference with PDG value. Excellent PID performance has greatly improved the the sensitivity of this measurement.

Using 2-body B.R. values from PDG:

$$|M|^2(\pi^-\pi^+)/|M|^2(K^-\pi^+) = 0.034 \pm 0.001$$

$$|M|^2(K^-K^+)/|M|^2(K^-\pi^+) = 0.111 \pm 0.002$$

$$|M|^2(K^-K^+)/|M|^2(\pi^-\pi^+) = 3.53 \pm 0.12$$

Very different from naïve expectations (see the orange box below).

Using branching ratio values from above table:

$$|M|^2(\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0)/|M|^2(K^-\pi^+\pi^0) = 0.0668 \pm 0.0004 \pm 0.0008$$

$$|M|^2(K^-K^+\pi^0)/|M|^2(K^-\pi^+\pi^0) = 0.0453 \pm 0.0006 \pm 0.0008$$

$$|M|^2(K^-K^+\pi^0)/|M|^2(\pi^-\pi^+\pi^0) = 0.678 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.021$$

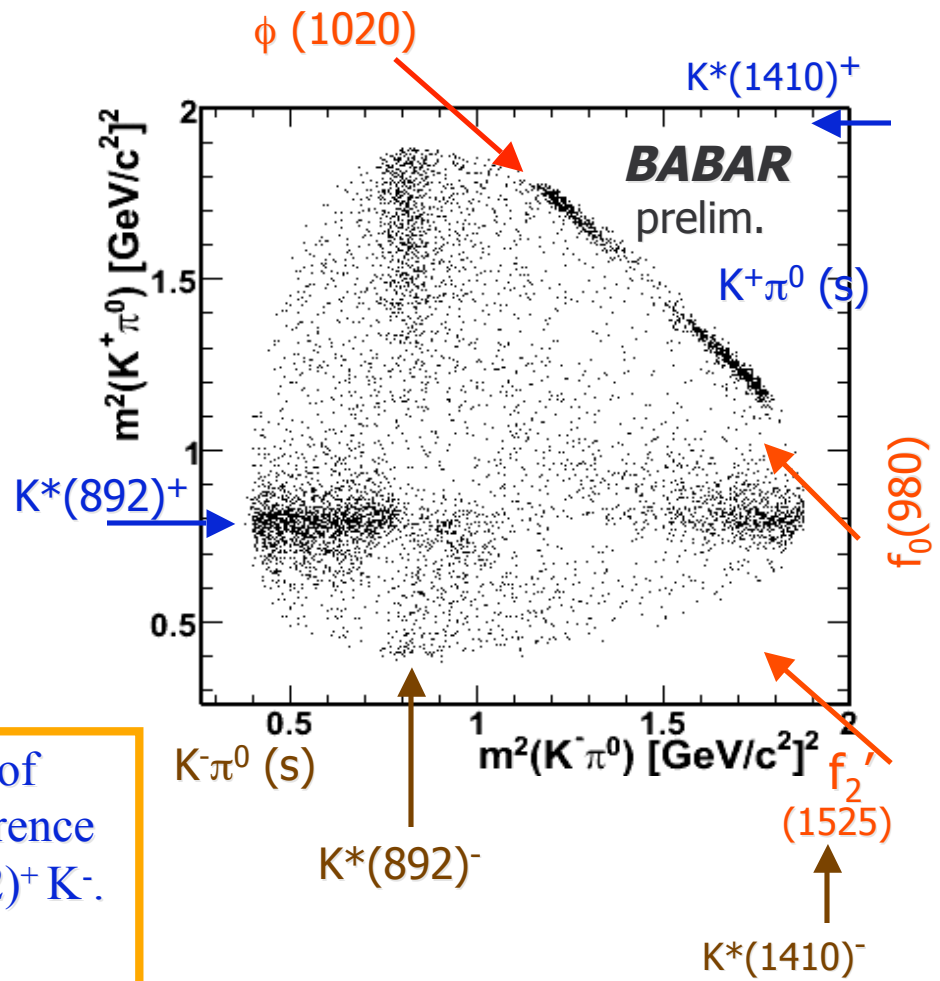
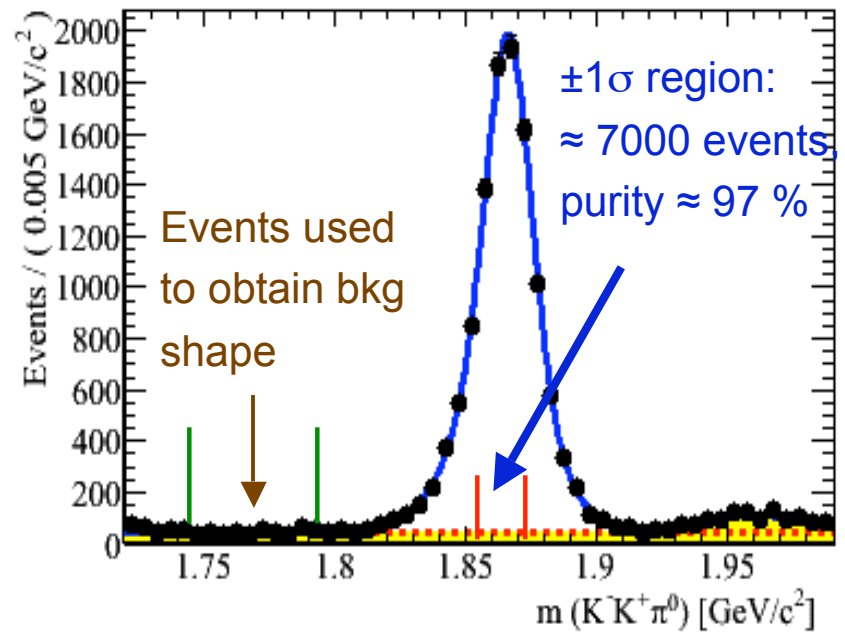
(Naïve expectation = 1.0)

← Roughly consistent with naïve expectations, i.e., $\sin^2\theta_c = 0.05$

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Amplitude Analysis of D and D_s decays

Amplitude Analysis of the Decay $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^0$



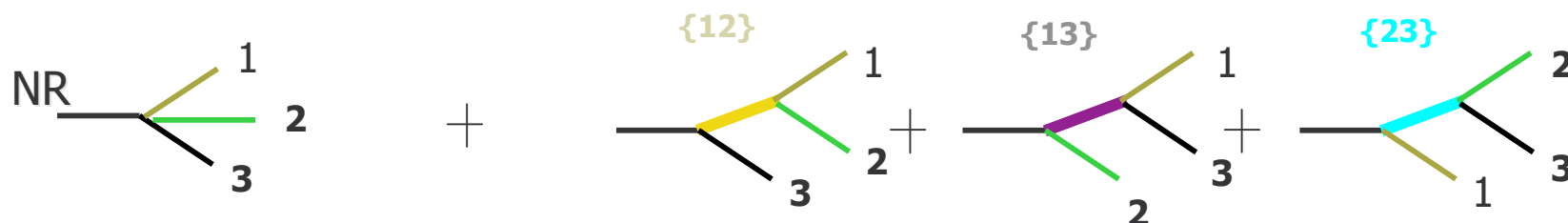
Motivation

- Extract information useful for determination of angle γ of the CKM matrix: strong phase difference & relative phase for $D^0 \rightarrow K^*(892)^- K^+$, $K^*(892)^+ K^-$.
- Is there a charged κ state ?
- Nature of $K\pi$ S-wave below $1.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$?

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Isobar Model Formalism

three-body decay $D \rightarrow ABC$ decaying through an $r=[AB]$ resonance



D decay three-body amplitude $\mathcal{A}_D(s_{12}, s_{13}) = a_0 e^{i\delta_0} + \sum_r a_r e^{i\delta_r} \mathcal{A}_r(s_{12}, s_{13})$

$a_0, \delta_0, a_r, \delta_r$: Free parameters of fit

NR term (direct 3 body decay)

$$\mathcal{A}_r(s_{12}, s_{13}) = F_D^J F_r^J \times M_r^J \times BW_r^J$$

Relativistic Breit-Wigner

$$BW_r^J(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{M_r^2 - s - iM_r\Gamma_r(\sqrt{s})} \\ \frac{1}{M_r^2 - s - i(\rho_1 g_1^2 + \rho_2 g_2^2)} \end{cases} f_0(980)$$

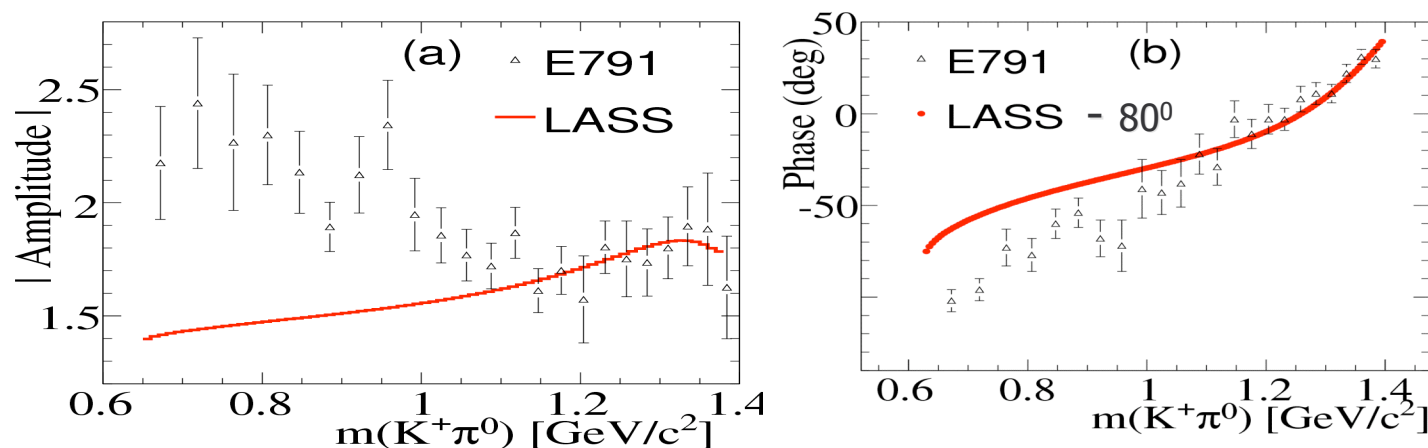
Angular distribution

D and r Blatt-Weisskopf form factors

I=1/2 Kπ S-wave Parameterization

- Kπ S-wave in mass range 0.6–1.4 GeV/c² is not well-understood. A possible κ state ~ 800 MeV/c² has been conjectured, but this has only been reported in the neutral state.
- For the K⁺π⁰ and K⁻π⁰ S-wave amplitudes, we try three models:
 - Amplitude obtained from LASS K⁻π⁺ → K⁻π⁺ scattering.
 - Nucl. Phys. B296, 493 (1988); W. Dunwoodie, web notes.
 - K⁻π⁺ amplitude extracted from a model-independent partial-wave analysis of D⁺ → K⁻π⁺π⁺ decay by the E791 collaboration. Phys. Rev. D73, 032004 (2006)
 - [coherent sum of κ(800) + uniform NR + K^{*}₀(1430)]. { No evidence in Kπ elastic scattering. }

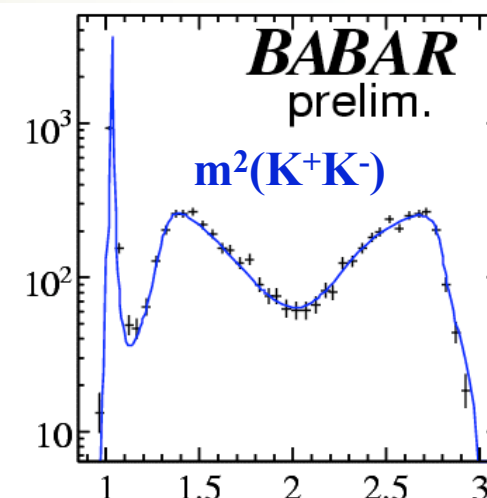
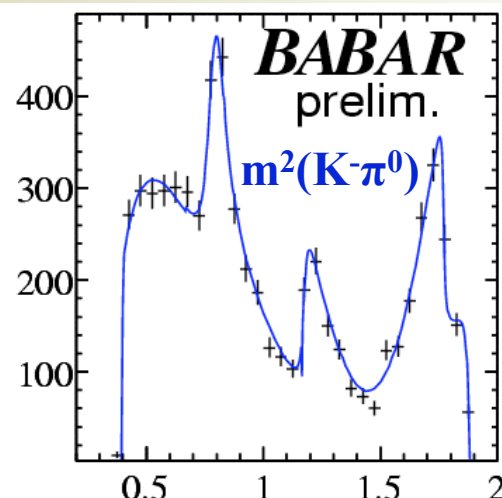
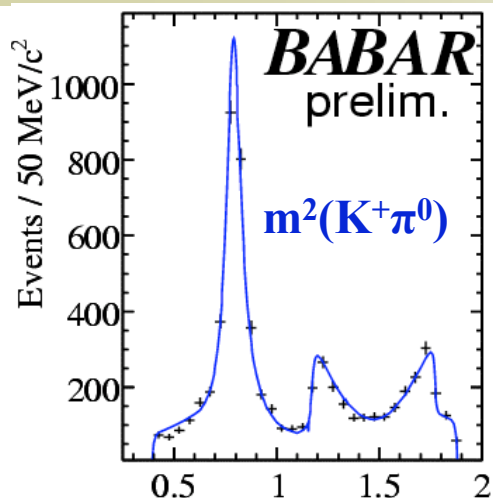
Normalized to arbitrary scale for m(Kπ) > 1.1 GeV/c² for easy comparison.



Fit Results

LASS parameterization for $K\pi$ S-wave

Use the fit model with $K\pi$ S-wave from E791 for model systematic uncertainty



Component	Amplitude, a_r	Phase, ϕ_r ($^\circ$)	Fraction (%)
$K^{*+}(892)$	1.0 (fixed)	0.0 (fixed)	$41.6 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.6$
$K^{*+}(1410)$	$0.99 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.17$	$92.4 \pm 12.2 \pm 19.5$	$0.7 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$
$[K^+ \pi^0](S)$	$3.85 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.71$	$85.2 \pm 3.5 \pm 13.2$	$8.1 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.3$
$\phi(1020)$	$0.72 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.03$	$-15.0 \pm 4.8 \pm 1.6$	$19.0 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.7$
$f_0(980)$	$0.60 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.08$	$97.7 \pm 6.0 \pm 7.9$	$3.0 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.7$
$f_2'(1525)$	$0.85 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.08$	$-41.8 \pm 6.7 \pm 5.9$	$0.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$
$K^{*-}(892)$	$0.64 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$	$-37.9 \pm 2.2 \pm 4.2$	$16.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.2$
$K^{*-}(1410)$	$2.93 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.34$	$177.3 \pm 3.0 \pm 19.4$	$5.1 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.3$
$[K^- \pi^0](S)$	$3.05 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.17$	$156.9 \pm 3.7 \pm 6.0$	$6.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.4$

For $K\pi$ S-wave

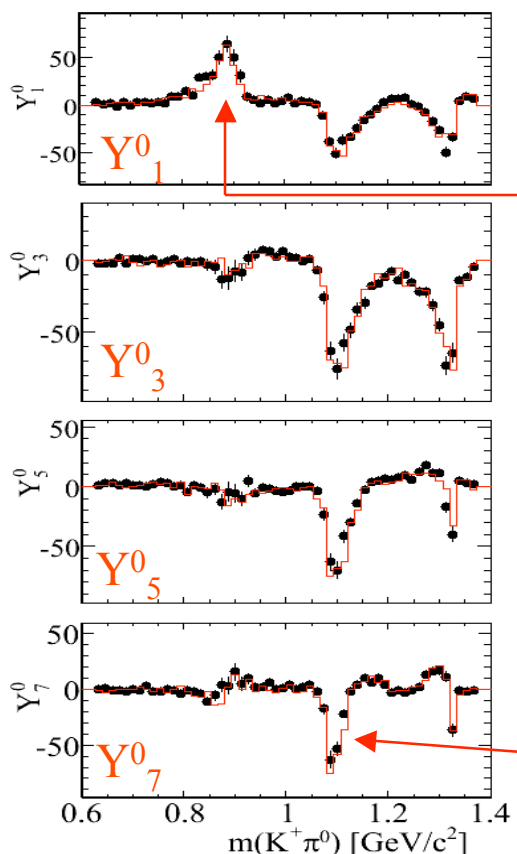
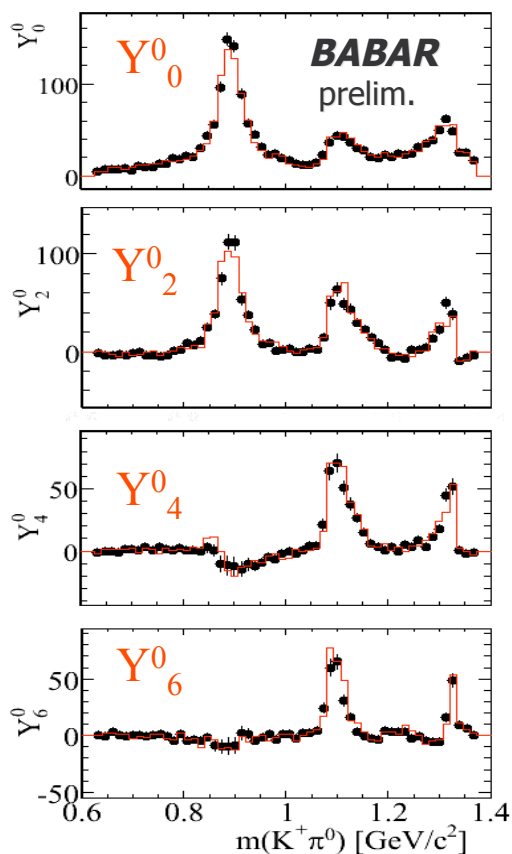
- The best fit is LASS parameterization.
- E791 fit worse at low mass.
- κ model yields
 - mass 870 ± 30 MeV/ c^2
 - width 150 ± 20 MeV/ c^2
 significantly different from the values reported previously for κ^0 .

These results are preliminary. We are investigating the $K\pi$ S-wave at lower mass, and contribution of $K^*(1410)$.

Analysis of Angular Moments

Excellent agreement between data & model.

Each event was weighted by the spherical harmonic $Y^0_L(\cos \theta_H)$ ($L=0,1,2,\dots$).



For S- and P- waves in absence of cross-feeds from other channels (also, assuming negligible contributions from D- and higher waves):

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{4\pi} \langle Y_0^0 \rangle = S^2 + P^2 \\ \sqrt{4\pi} \langle Y_1^0 \rangle = 2|S||P| \cos \phi_{SP} \\ \sqrt{4\pi} \langle Y_2^0 \rangle = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} P^2 \end{cases}$$

Significantly large interference between S and P waves.

Higher moments above 1 GeV are coming from cross channels.

Strong Phase Difference & Amplitude Ratio

- The strong phase difference δ_D and relative amplitude r_D between the decays $D^0 \rightarrow K^{*-}K^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^{*+}K^-$ are defined, neglecting direct CP violation in D^0 decays, by the equation:

$$r_D e^{i\delta_D} = [a_{K^{*-}K^+} / a_{K^{*+}K^-}] \exp[i(\delta_{K^{*-}K^+} - \delta_{K^{*+}K^-})]$$

- We find

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_D &= -37.9^\circ \pm 2.2^\circ (\text{stat}) \pm 0.7^\circ (\text{exp sys}) \pm 4.2^\circ (\text{model sys}) \\ r_D &= 0.64 \pm 0.01 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.01 (\text{exp sys}) \pm 0.01 (\text{model sys}). \end{aligned}$$

These results are preliminary.

These measurements are consistent with the previous measurement by CLEO:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_D &= -28^\circ \pm 8^\circ (\text{stat}) \pm 2.9^\circ (\text{exp sys}) \pm 10.6^\circ (\text{model sys}) \\ r_D &= 0.52 \pm 0.05 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.02 (\text{exp sys}) \pm 0.04 (\text{model sys}). \end{aligned}$$

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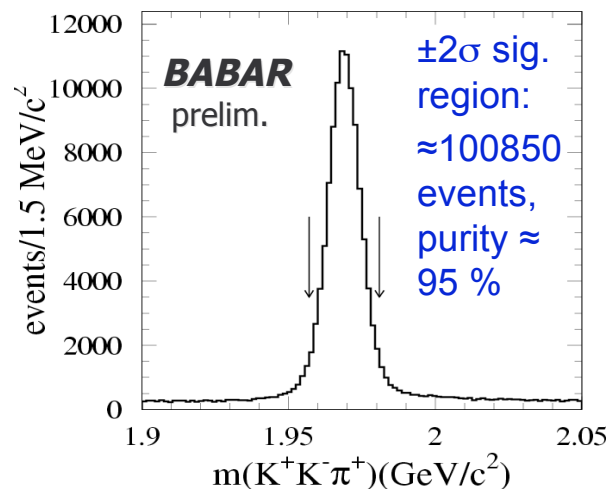
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Amplitude Analysis of $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$ Decay

Data Sample = 240 fb⁻¹

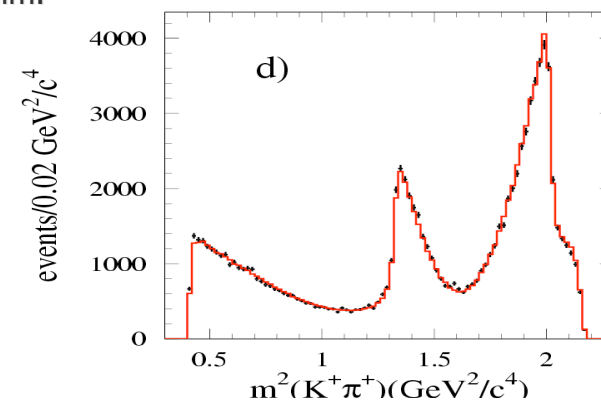
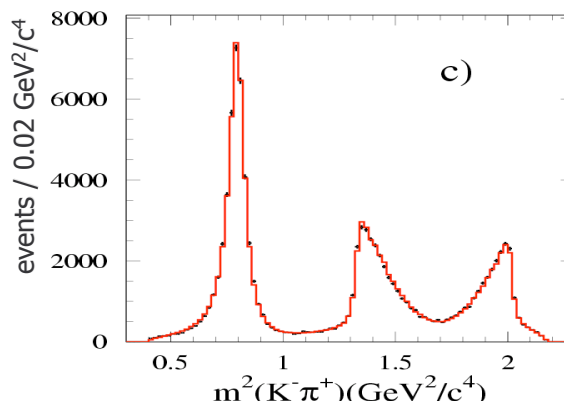
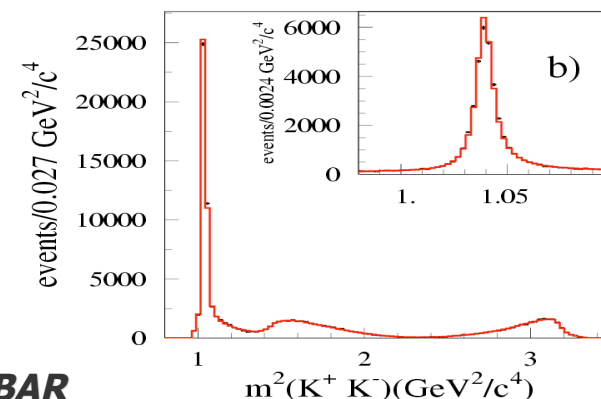
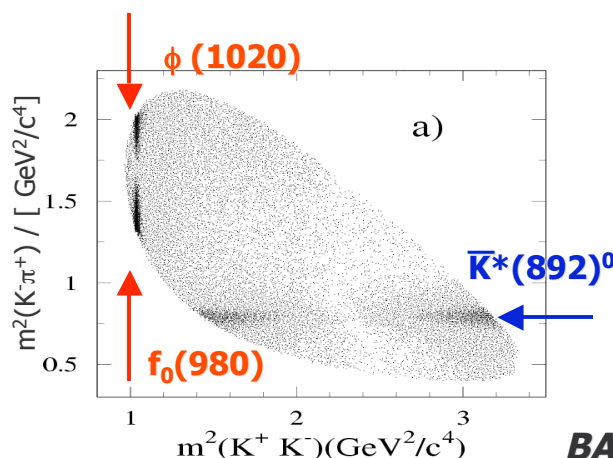
Motivation

Precise measurement of the branching fractions of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$ and $D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(892)^0 K^+$.



- Clean signal obtained with a likelihood selection using vertex separation and p^* .
- Average reconstruction efficiency $\sim 30\%$.

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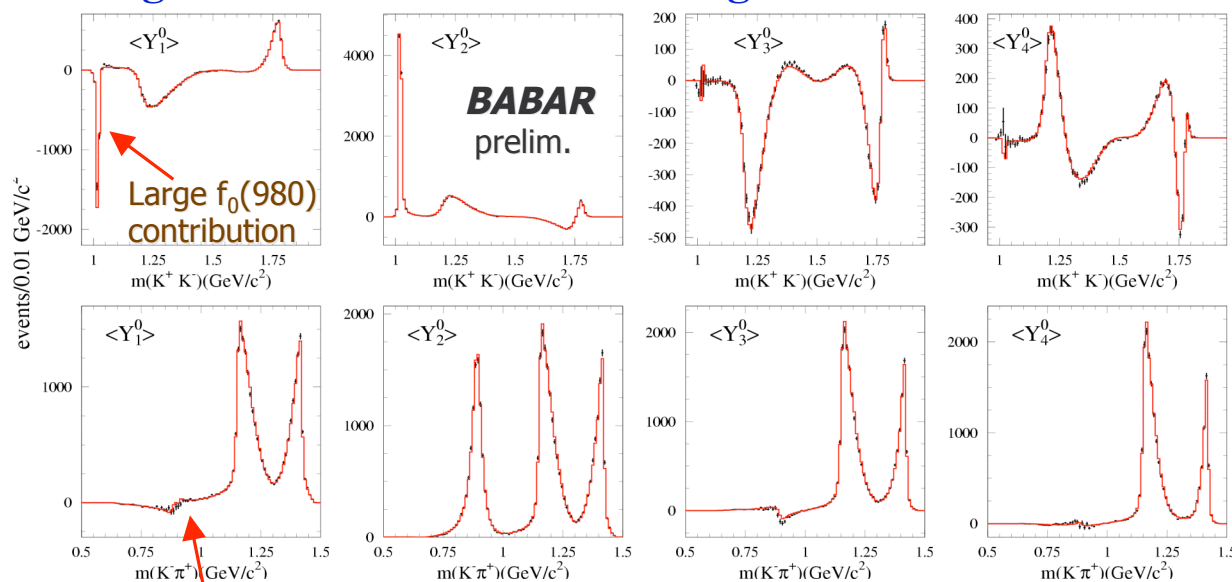
Fit Results

Decay Mode	Decay fraction(%)	Amplitude	Phase(radians)
$\bar{K}^*(892)^0 K^+$	$48.7 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.6$	1. (<i>Fixed</i>)	0. (<i>Fixed</i>)
$\phi(1020)\pi^+$	$37.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.8$	$1.081 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.049$	$2.56 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.38$
$f_0(980)\pi^+$	$35 \pm 1 \pm 14$	$4.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.6$	$-1.04 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.48$
$\bar{K}_0^*(1430)^0 K^+$	$2.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 3.3$	$1.07 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.73$	$-1.37 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.81$
$f_0(1710)\pi^+$	$2.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.0$	$0.83 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.18$	$-2.11 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.42$
$f_0(1370)\pi^+$	$6.3 \pm 0.6 \pm 4.8$	$1.74 \pm 0.09 \pm 1.05$	$-2.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.1$
$\bar{K}_2^*(1430)^0 K^+$	$0.17 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.3$	$0.43 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.34$	$-2.5 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3$
$f_2(1270)\pi^+$	$0.18 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.4$	$0.40 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.35$	$0.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.5$
Sum	$132 \pm 1.2 \pm 15.6$		
χ^2/NDF	1.5		

Large systematic uncertainty in $f_0(980)$ amplitude and phase because several different parameterizations were tried.

- Decay is dominated by $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^{*0}K^+$, $\phi\pi^+$, and $f_0(980)\pi^+$
- $f_0(980)$ contribution is large but has large systematic error as well.
- Higher mass f_0 's and D-wave resonances have small contributions.

Angular moments : Excellent agreement with data



Very small interference between S-wave ($\kappa(800)$?) and P-wave ($K^*(892)$) => no $\kappa(800)$ contribution found.

Branching Ratios

- The decay $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$ is frequently used as the D_s^+ reference decay mode for measurement of branching ratios.
- The previous analysis (E687) of this Dalitz plot was performed with ~ 700 events (vs. 10^5 events in our case).
- Using Dalitz plot results, we make a precise measurement of the branching ratios of the decays $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$ and $D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(892)^0 K^+$ integrated over the whole phase space.

$$B(D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+) / B(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+) = 0.379 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.018 \text{ (sys)}$$

$$B(D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(892)^0 K^+) / B(D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+) = 0.487 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.016 \text{ (sys)}$$

where $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ and $\bar{K}^*(892)^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$.

These results are preliminary.

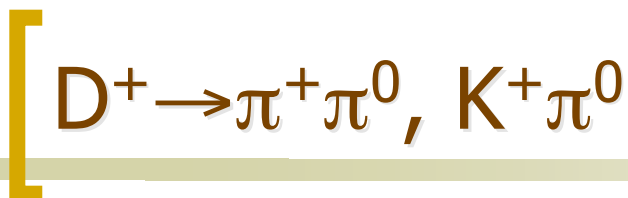
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Summary

- Precise measurements of singly Cabibbo-suppressed branching ratios: $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$, $K^- K^+ \pi^0$.
- First measurement of doubly Cabibbo-suppressed branching ratio : $D^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$.
- Amplitude analysis of $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^0$: measure δ_D & r_D for the charge-conjugate dominant decays.
- Amplitude analysis $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$: measure precise branching ratios of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$ and $D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0}(892) K^+$ with $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ and $\bar{K}^*(892)^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$.

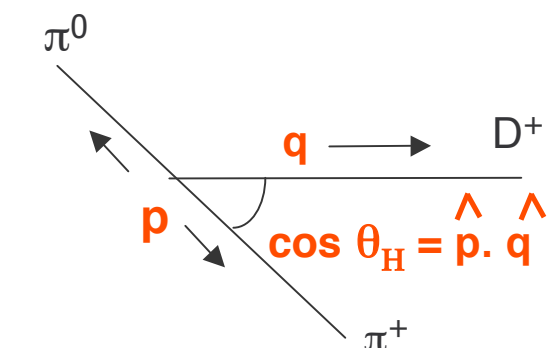


Back up slides



Event Reconstruction

- π^0 reconstruction: have two of them, one from D^{*+} , other from D^+ :
 - π^0 from D^{*+} is soft , $150 < p_{\pi^0} < 450$ MeV/c
 - π^0 from D^+ has higher mom., $p_{\pi^0} > 200$ MeV/c
- $D^+ \rightarrow h^+ \pi^0$ reconstruction: $1.7 < m(h^+ \pi^0) < 2.0$ GeV/c², $-0.9 < \cos \theta_h < 0.8$ (0.7 in case of $K^+ \pi^0$).
- K^- , π^+ and π^+ tracks are fit to a vertex to reconstruct D^+ candidate for reference mode.
- $P_{CM}(D^*) > 2.9$ GeV/c, $|m_{D^*} - m_{D^+}| < 155$ MeV/c²
- In case of multiple candidates in an event, select the one with higher D^* momentum.



Helicity angle for $\pi^+ \pi^0$ mode

$$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0, K^- K^+ \pi^0$$

$D^0 \rightarrow h^- h^+ \pi^0$ Reconstruction

- h^- and h^+ tracks are fit to a vertex
- Mass of π^0 candidate is constrained to m_{π^0} at $h^- h^+$ vertex
- $P_{CM}(D^0) > 2.77 \text{ GeV}/c$

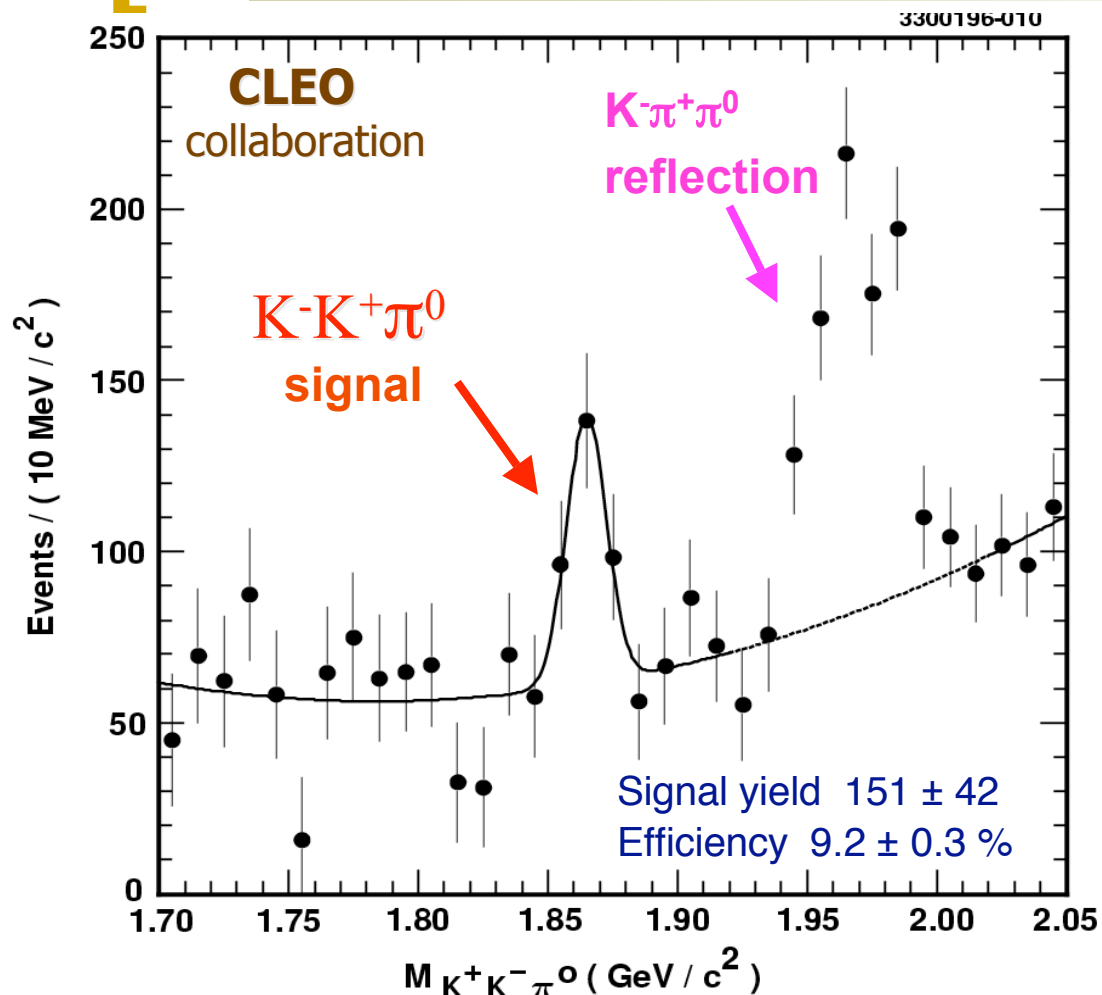
Background Sources

- Charged track combinatoric
- Mis-reconstructed π^0
- Real D^0 , fake π_s
- $K\pi\pi^0$ reflection in $\pi\pi\pi^0$ and $KK\pi^0$ modes

D^* Reconstruction

- D^{*+} candidate is made by fitting the D^0 and the π_s^+ to a vertex constrained in x and y to the measured beam-spot for the run.
- $|m_{D^{*+}} - m_{D^0} - 145.5| < 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Vertex χ^2 probability > 0.01
- Choose a single best candidate with smallest χ^2 for the whole decay chain (multiplicity = 1.03).

K-K⁺π⁰ branching ratio: CLEO result



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 $B(D^0 \rightarrow KK\pi^0) / B(D^0 \rightarrow K\pi^+\pi^0) = 0.95 \pm 0.26 \%$

- High pion-to-kaon misidentification rate \Rightarrow contamination from $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi^+\pi^0$ events very high.
- Had to apply various vetoes and the corresponding efficiency corrections.
- Combinatorial background not fully understood.

A new cross-check done by the CLEO collaboration shows $B(D^0 \rightarrow KK\pi^0) / B(D^0 \rightarrow K\pi^+\pi^0) = 2.21 \pm 0.14$ (stat) %, which is consistent with our measurement.

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FIG. 10. The invariant mass distribution of $K^+K^-\pi^0$ after doing the normalized mass difference sideband subtraction. In fitting, we exclude the region between 1.92 and 2.02 GeV/c^2 due to an excess of misidentified $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ events which survive the veto.

LASS $K\pi$ S-wave Parameterization

$K\pi$ S-wave amplitude is described by the coherent sum of an effective range term and the $K^*_0(1430)$ resonance:

$$S(s) = (\sqrt{s/p}) \sin\Delta \cdot e^{i\Delta}$$

$$\Delta = \cot^{-1} [1/ap + rp/2] + \cot^{-1} [(m^2_R - s)/(m_R \Gamma_R)]$$

Phase space factor

Effective Range (NR) term

$K^*_0(1430)$ resonance term

a = scat. length, r = eff. range, m_R = mass of $K^*_0(1430)$, Γ_R = width
 p = momentum of either daughter in the $K\pi$ rest frame.

For $K\pi$ scattering, S-wave is elastic up to $K\eta'$ threshold (1.45 GeV).

$K\pi$ S-wave from $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+$ DP

[E791 Collaboration, slide from Brian Meadow's Moriond 2005 talk]

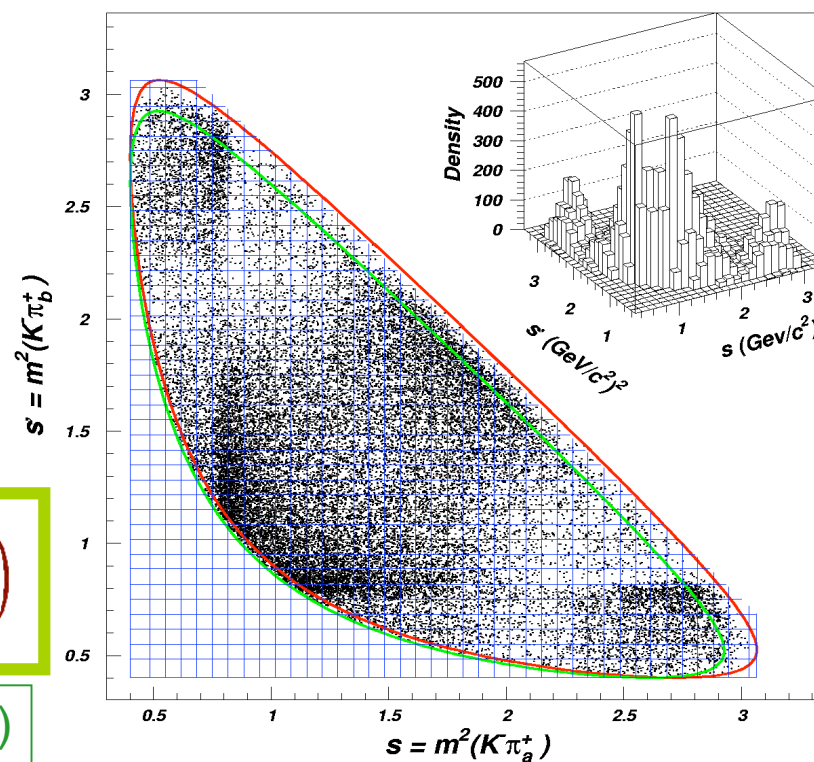
- Divide $m^2(K\pi^+)$ into slices
- Find s-wave amplitude in each slice (two parameters)
 - Use remainder of Dalitz plot as an interferometer

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{ds_{12}ds_{13}} \propto |\mathcal{S} + (\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{D})|^2$$

- For s-wave:
 - Interpolate between (c_k, γ_k) .
- Model P and D waves.

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{Interp}(c_k e^{i\gamma_k}) \times F_0^D(q, r_D) F_0^R(p, r_R)$$

\mathcal{S} ("partial wave")



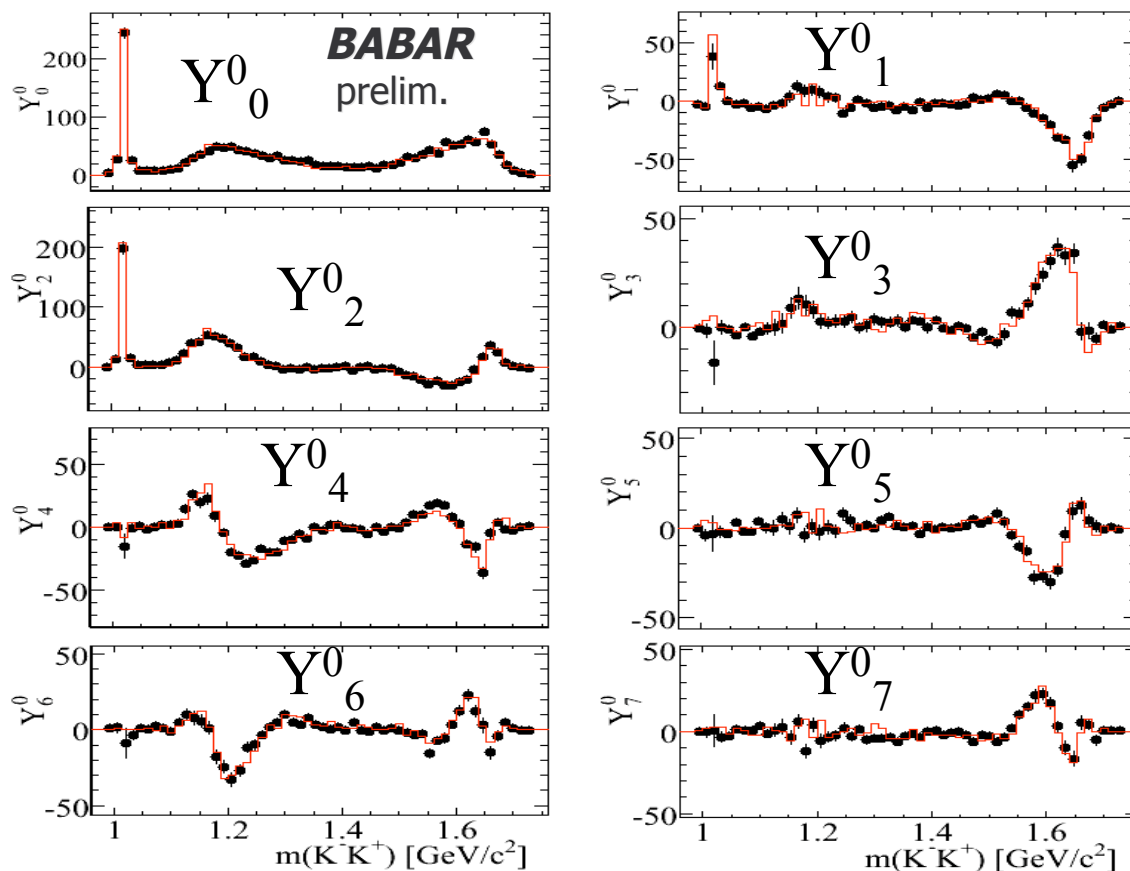
Moments Analysis in $K\bar{K}^+$ channel

Excellent agreement between data & model.

Each event was weighted by the spherical harmonic $Y^0_L(\cos \theta_H)$ ($L=0,1,2$).

For S- and P- waves in absence of cross-feeds from other channels:

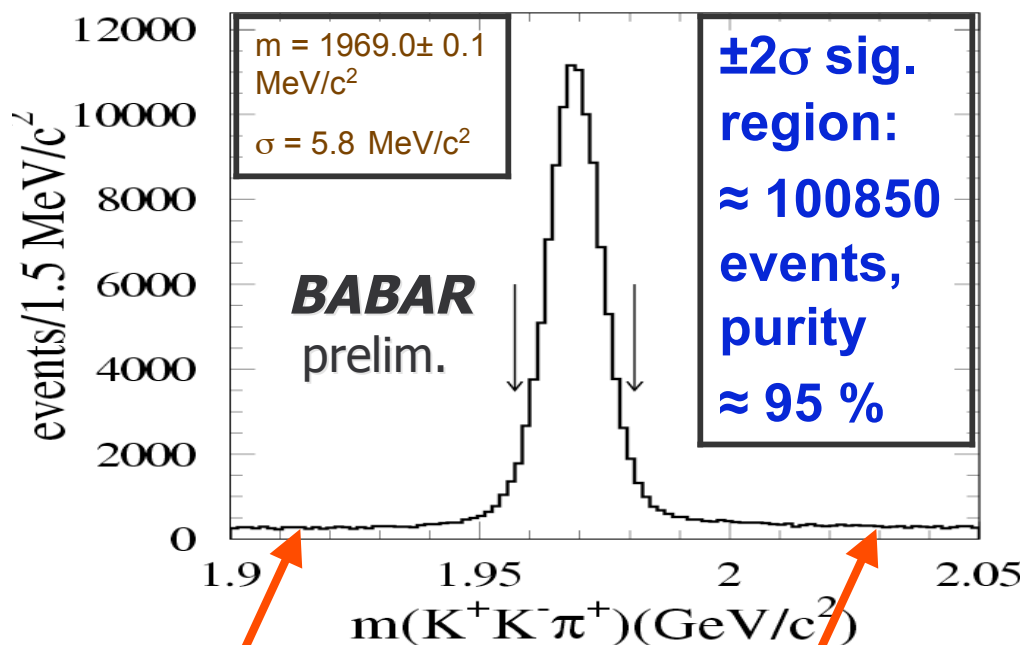
$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{4\pi} \langle Y_0^0 \rangle = S^2 + P^2 \\ \sqrt{4\pi} \langle Y_1^0 \rangle = 2|S||P| \cos \phi_{SP} \\ \sqrt{4\pi} \langle Y_2^0 \rangle = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} P^2 \end{cases}$$



- With cross-feeds or in the presence of D-waves, higher moments $\neq 0$.
- Wrong fit models tend to give rise to higher moments in the ϕ region, creating disagreement with data.



Data Sample = 240 fb⁻¹



Events used to obtain Bkg shape:
(-10σ, -6σ) and (6σ, 10σ).

- Signal events reconstructed from two kaon and a pion charged tracks fitted to a common vertex, with $\chi^2 > 0.1$ %.
- Background from $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 [K^+ K^-] \pi^+$ removed by requiring $m(K^+ K^-) < 1.85$ GeV/c².
- Removed $K^- \pi_{\text{mis}}^+ \pi^+$ reflection by requiring $m(K^- \pi_{\text{mis}}^+ \pi^+) - m(K^- \pi_{\text{mis}}^+) > 0.15$ GeV/c².
- Average event reconstruction efficiency ~ 30 %.