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- Main fields of my interest:
 - many-body decays of vector mesons
 - form of Lagrangian of the $a_1\rho\pi$ interaction
 - collisions with three particles in initial state

My current work

Electron-positron annihilation into four charged pions
and the $a_1\rho\pi$ Lagrangian

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- how to relieve this problem
- investigation of the role of the axial-vector $a_1(1260)$ resonance
in the processes $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ and $\rho(770) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$
- controversial situation (ignored or neglected vs. dominant)

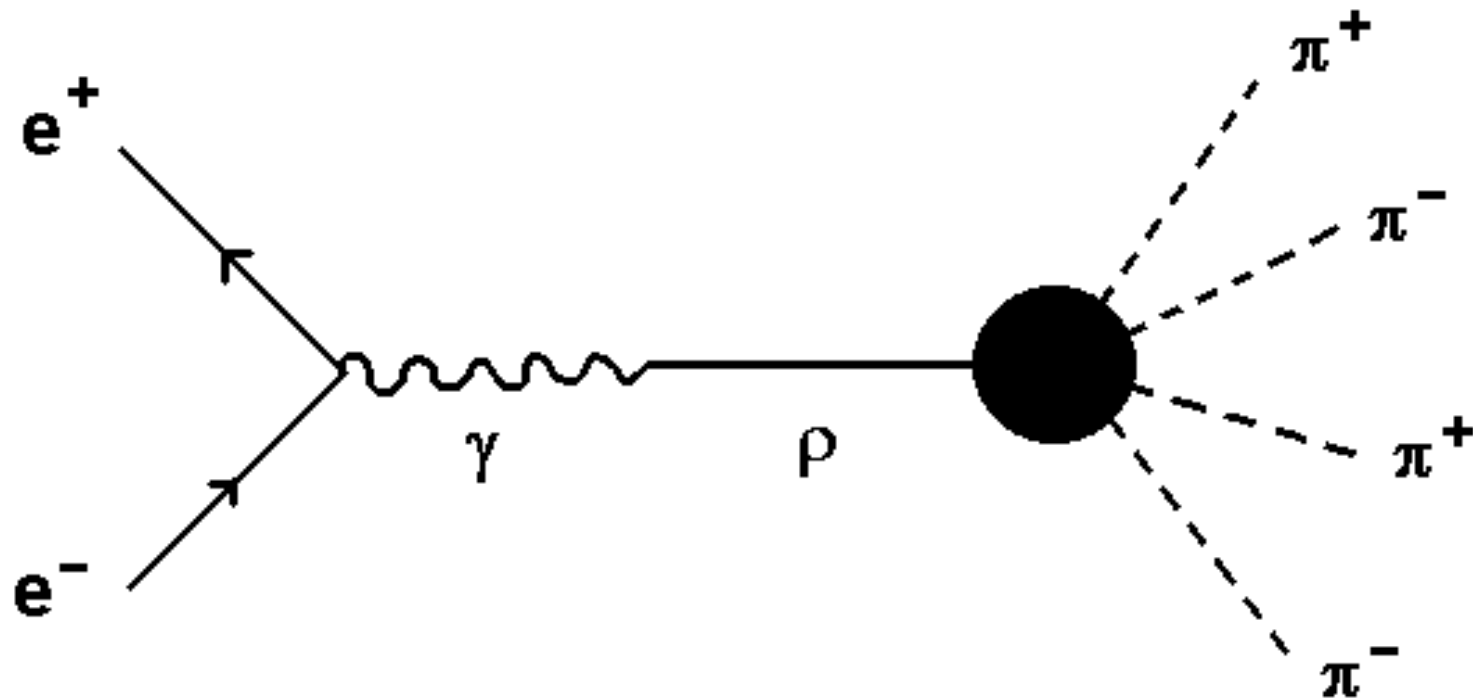
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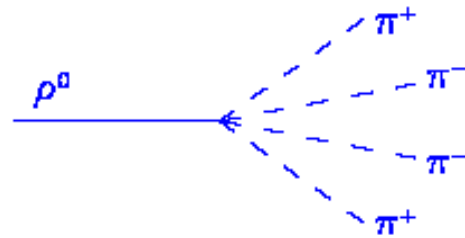
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- A two-term phenomenological $a_1\rho\pi$ Lagrangian with two free parameters
- its determination by requiring:
 - (i) the decay width of $a_1(1260)$ be reproduced
 - (ii) the best possible fitting the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ cross section

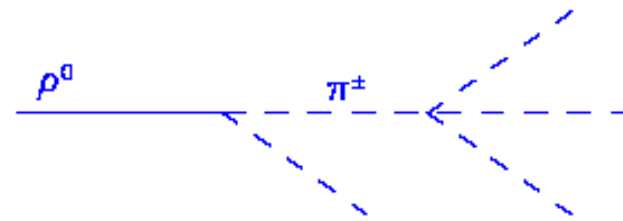
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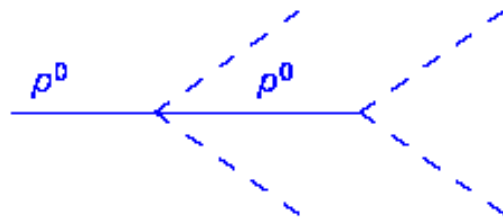
$$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$$



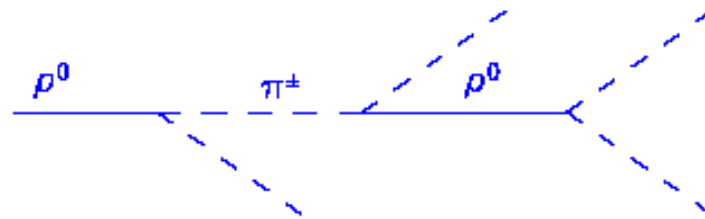
(a1), 1 diagram



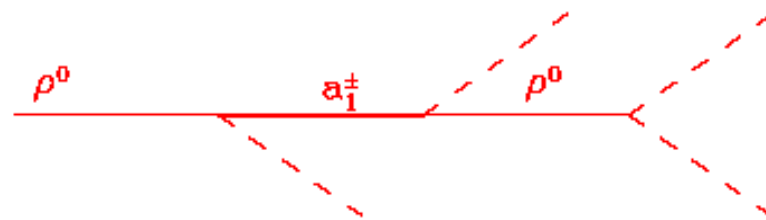
(a2), 4 diagrams



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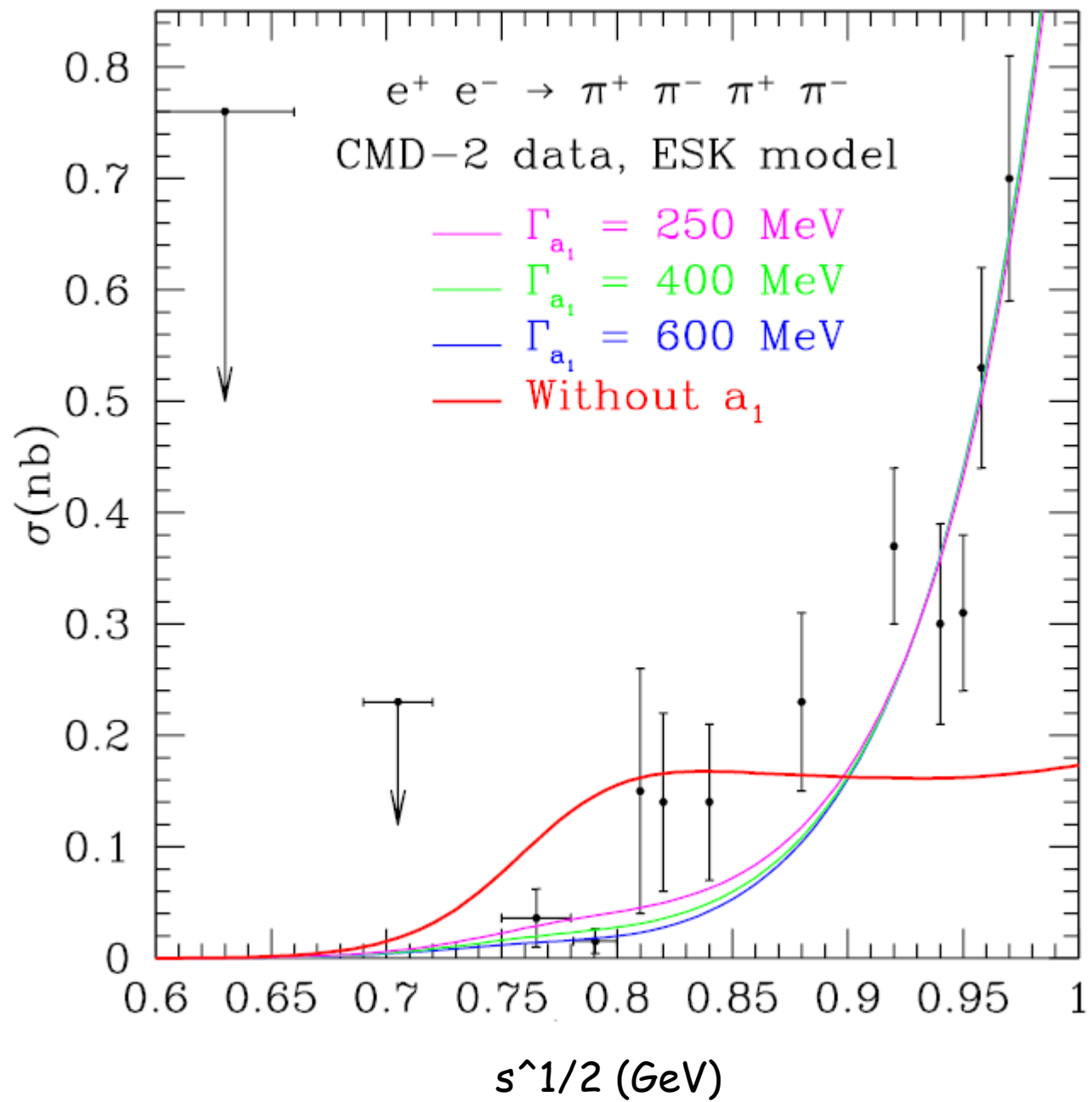
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- fixing decay width of $a_1(1260)$: 250, 400, and 600 MeV ($g_{a_1\rho\pi}$)
- calculation of decay width of $\rho(770)$ into 4 charged pions
- converting decay width to electron-positron cross section
- optimization of $\sin(\theta)$ by Minuit; GL quadratures; check by MC
- data: CMD-2, BaBar, D/S ratio; low and high energy region

Low - energy results

TABLE I: χ^2/NDF of the fits to the CMD-2 cross section data (11 data points)

Γ_{a_1} (MeV)	ESK	PB/HG	AK	only a_1
250	1.60	1.34	1.28	1.68
400	1.53	1.37	1.30	1.82
600	1.61	1.41	1.31	1.94
Only ρ, π	17.6	15.0	14.8	/



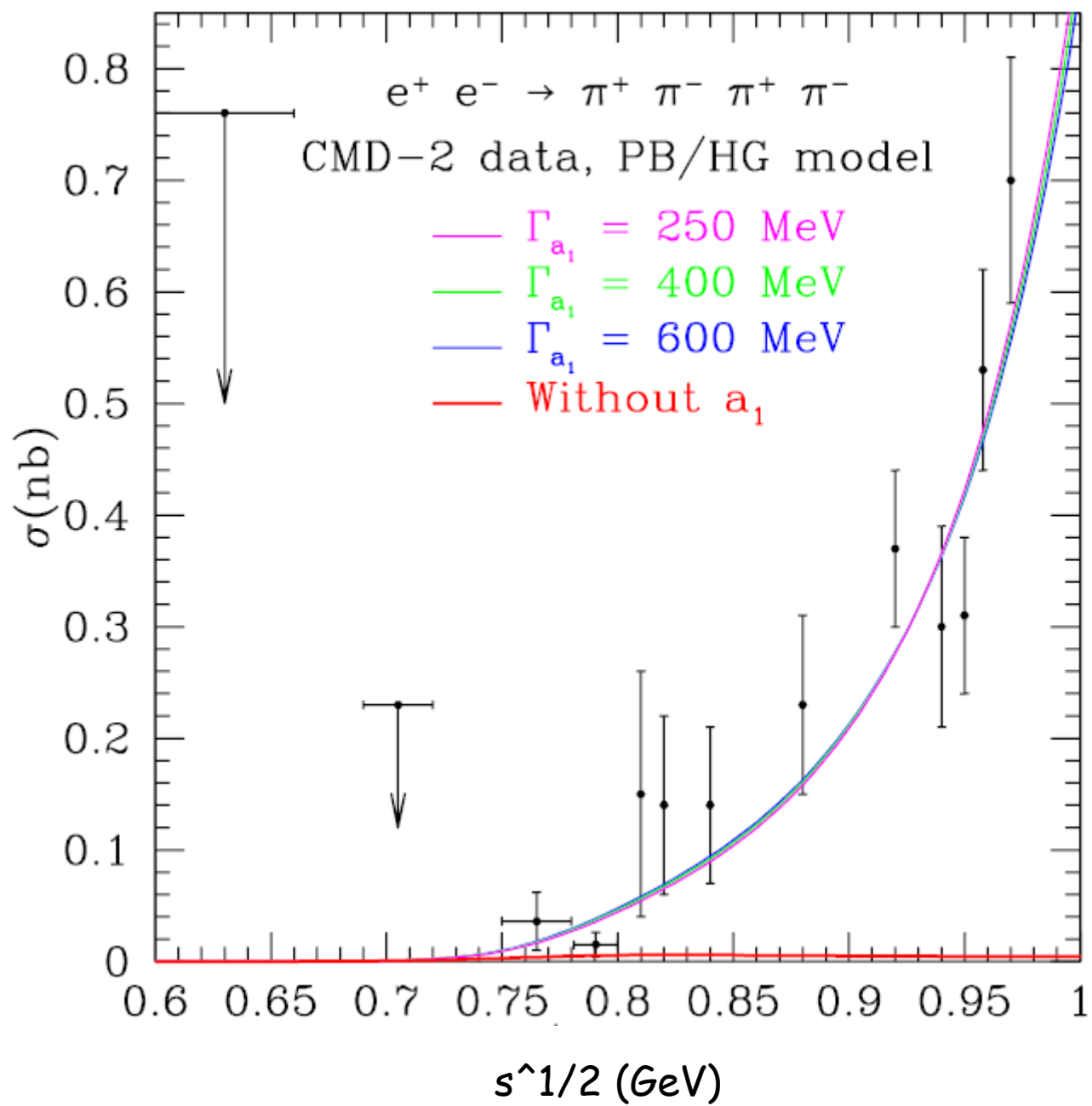


TABLE XI: Decay width $\Gamma(\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-)$ (keV) calculated in various models using $\sin \theta$ from the fits to the combined CMD-2 & BaBar data. Experimental value is $(2.8 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.5)$ keV.

Γ_{a_1} (MeV)	ESK	PB/HG	AK	only a_1
250	4.35	3.41	2.94	4.79
400	2.80	3.62	3.10	5.15
600	1.94	3.79	3.24	5.42
Only ρ, π	16.2	0.59	0.89	/

TABLE VIII: Values of $\sin \theta$ from the fit to the CMD-2 & BaBar data + D/S ratio.

Γ_{a_1} (MeV)	ESK	PB/HG	AK	only a_1
250	0.4092(33)	0.4278(32)	0.4267(32)	0.4312(35)
400	0.4352(24)	0.4624(34)	0.4608(32)	0.4679(39)
600	0.4659(27)	0.5046(44)	0.5022(41)	0.5132(55)

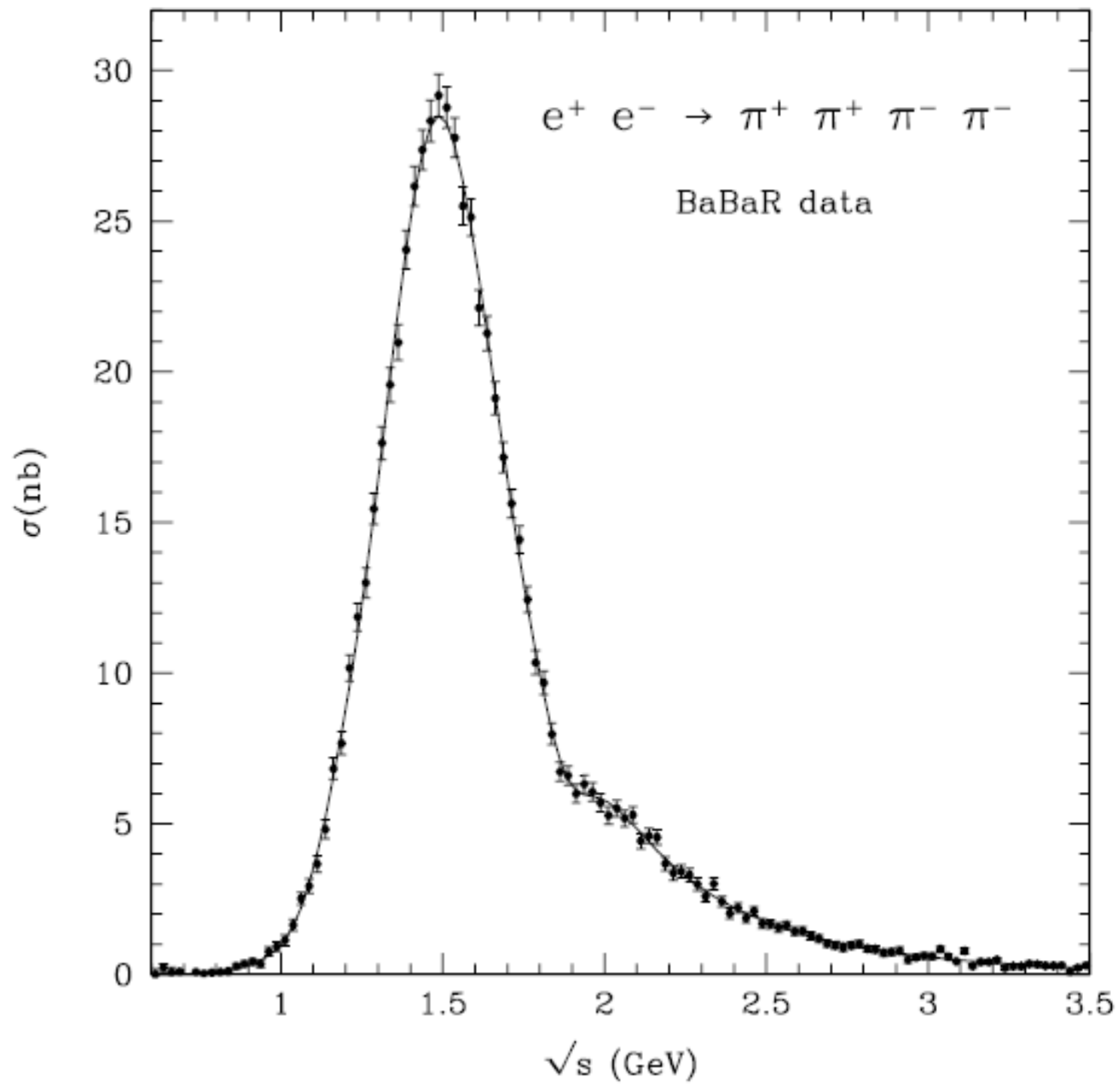
The optimized values of $\sin(\theta)$ squeeze into interval (0.40,0.51).

High - energy results

- fit to BaBar cross section data (up to 4.5 GeV, 144 data points)
+ D/S ratio
- contribution from higher ρ -resonances: $\rho' = \rho(1450)$, $\rho'' = \rho(1700)$
- assumption: decay of higher resonances is governed by the same Feynman diagrams
- 10 real parameters to be determined by fitting
- in the following for $\Gamma_{a_1} = 600$ MeV (best results at energies below 1 GeV)

TABLE VII: Results of the fit to the BaBaR cross section data and D/S ratio (145 data points) for $\Gamma_{a_1} = 600$ MeV.

Model	ESK	PB/HG	AK	only $a_1\pi$
χ^2/NDF	1.21	1.12	1.12	1.12
$\sin \theta$	0.4474(22)	0.4592(28)	0.4588(27)	0.4603(28)
β (GeV)	0.3505(89)	0.3665(97)	0.3657(97)	0.3695(98)
$m_{\rho'}$ (GeV)	1.419(12)	1.439(13)	1.438(13)	1.442(13)
$\Gamma_{\rho'}$ (GeV)	0.564(20)	0.568(21)	0.568(21)	0.566(21)
$m_{\rho''}$ (GeV)	1.903(21)	1.923(24)	1.922(24)	1.926(24)
$\Gamma_{\rho''}$ (GeV)	0.247(38)	0.284(44)	0.283(44)	0.290(45)



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- our failure to obtain more precise value of $\sin(\theta)$ suggests that it is necessary to make a simultaneous fit to data about several physical processes (e^+e^- annihilation into various 4π 's, τ -lepton decay into neutrino and 3 or 4π 's, ...)

Thank you for your attention.