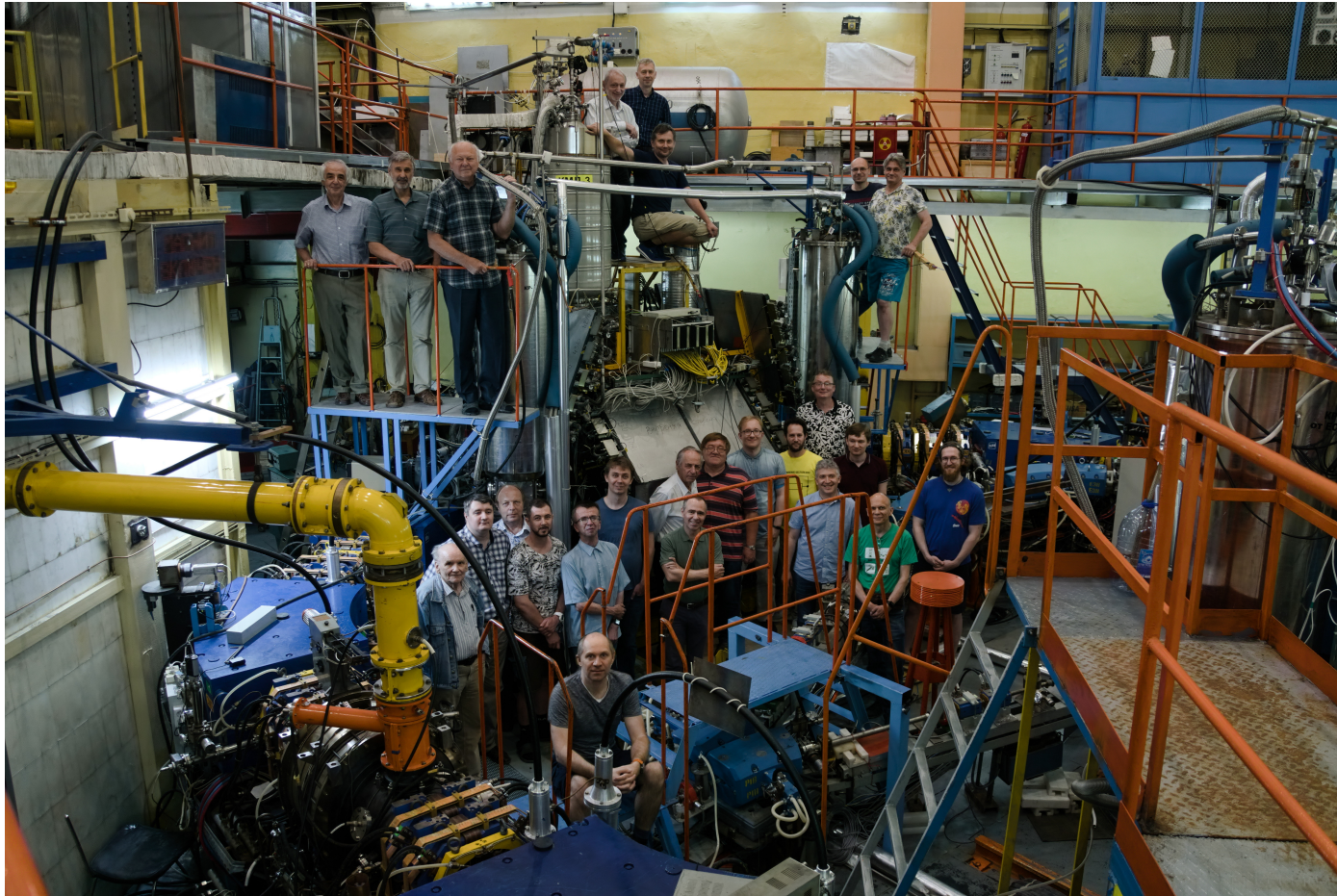


# Study of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons cross sections at the $NN_{\text{bar}}$ threshold with CMD-3 at VEPP2000

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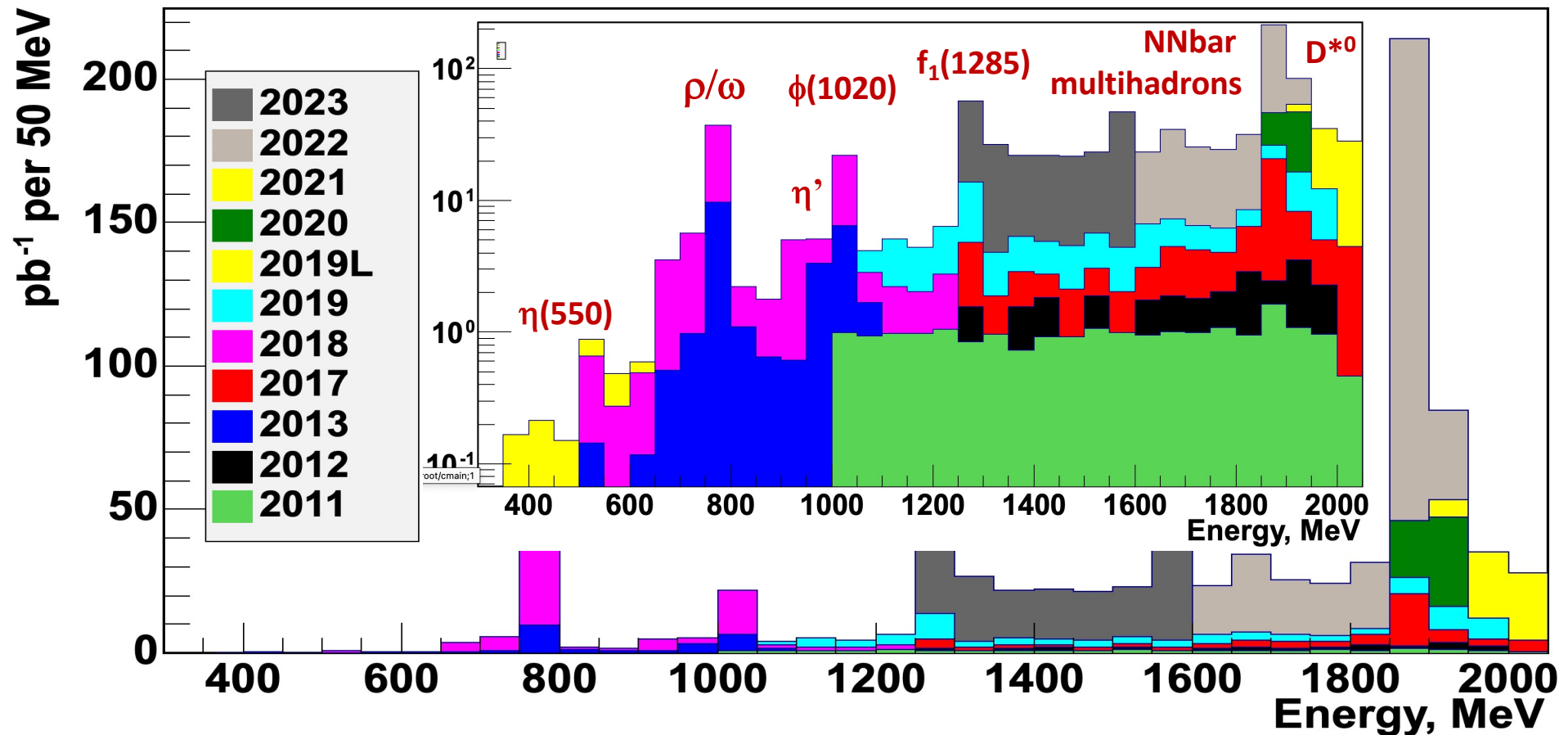


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# CMD-3 integral

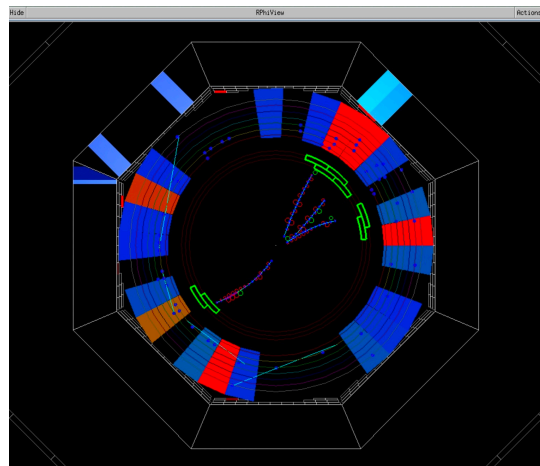
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About 10 papers are published. More than 20 exclusive  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons cross sections are under study.

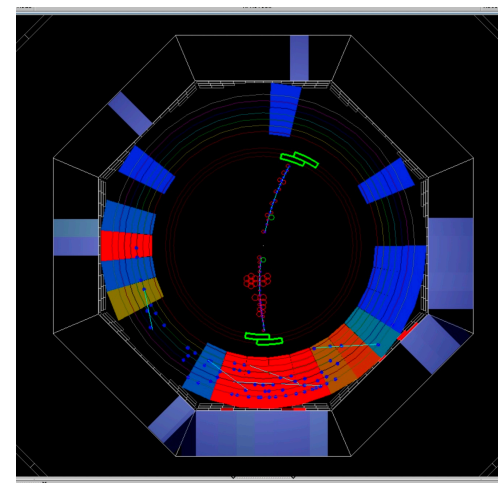
# NNbar threshold scan - 2017 data

20+50 pb<sup>-1</sup> ~2 pb<sup>-1</sup>/point



Anti-protons close to the production threshold are seen as an annihilation star at the vacuum beam pipe (or in the DC inner wall)+ large energy deposition in the calorimeters.

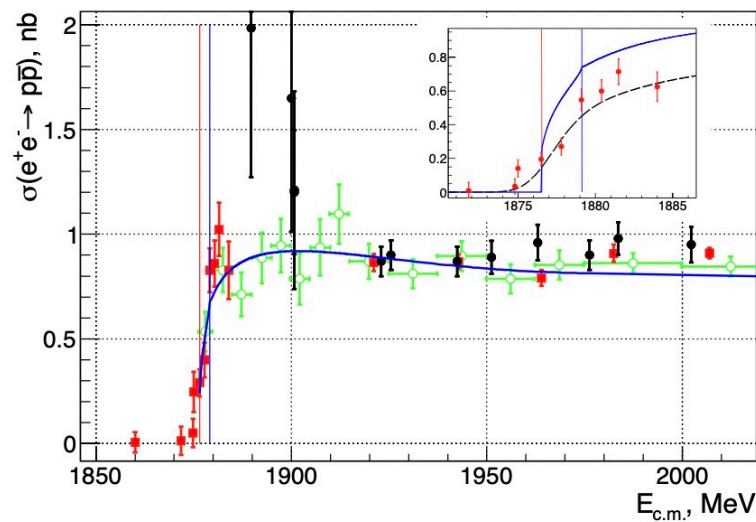
Above 1900 we see collinear PPbar tracks in DC



Green points – BaBar data

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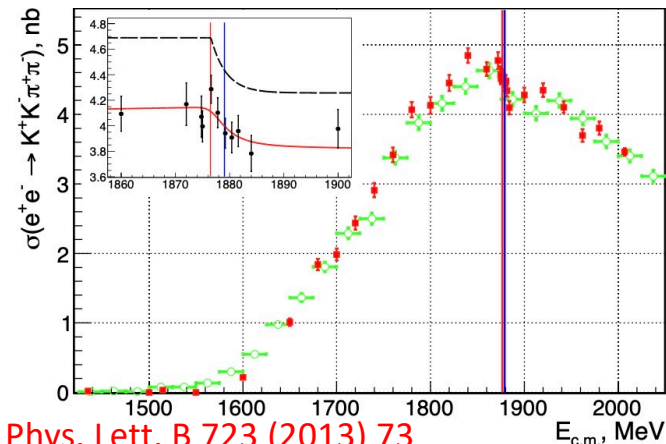
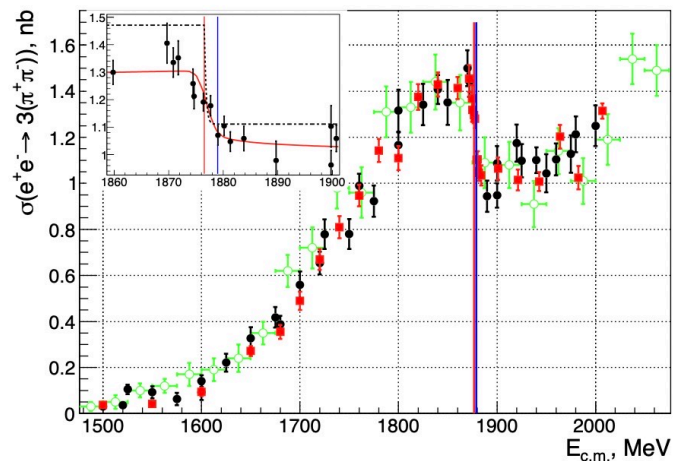
Theory:

A.I. Milstein, S.G. Salnikov,  
Nucl. Phys. A 977 (2018) 60.

Nucleons are formed from the quarks in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow NN\bar{p}$  and at the threshold are slow – final state strong interaction at small distances.



# NNbar threshold in hadronic reactions



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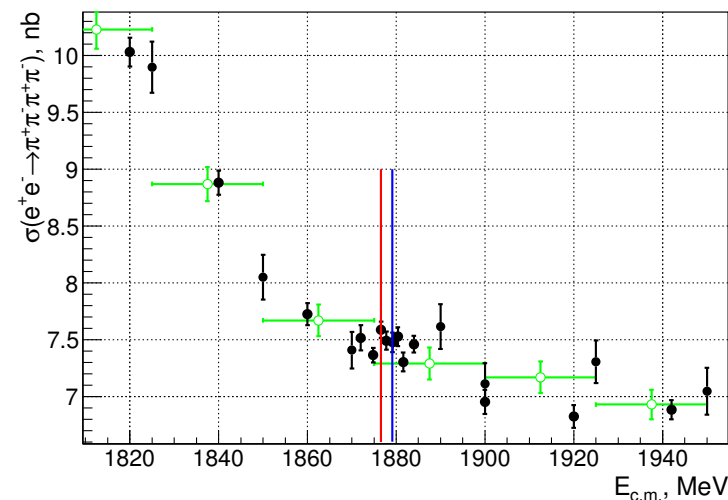
Opening NNbar real reaction reflects in XS drop in multihadron productions

Energy spread  $\sim 1$  MeV

Simultaneous fit with PPbar by exponentially rising (drop) functions gives:

$$\sigma^{\text{thr}} = 0.18 \pm 0.27 \text{ MeV}$$

Consistent with zero within uncertainty in energy due to beam spread and radiative corrections.



No signal for the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$  reaction

The idea, that signal in the hadronic cross section is proportional to the annihilation rate of NNbar to this final state does not work!?

Are there any indications for other hadronic cross sections?

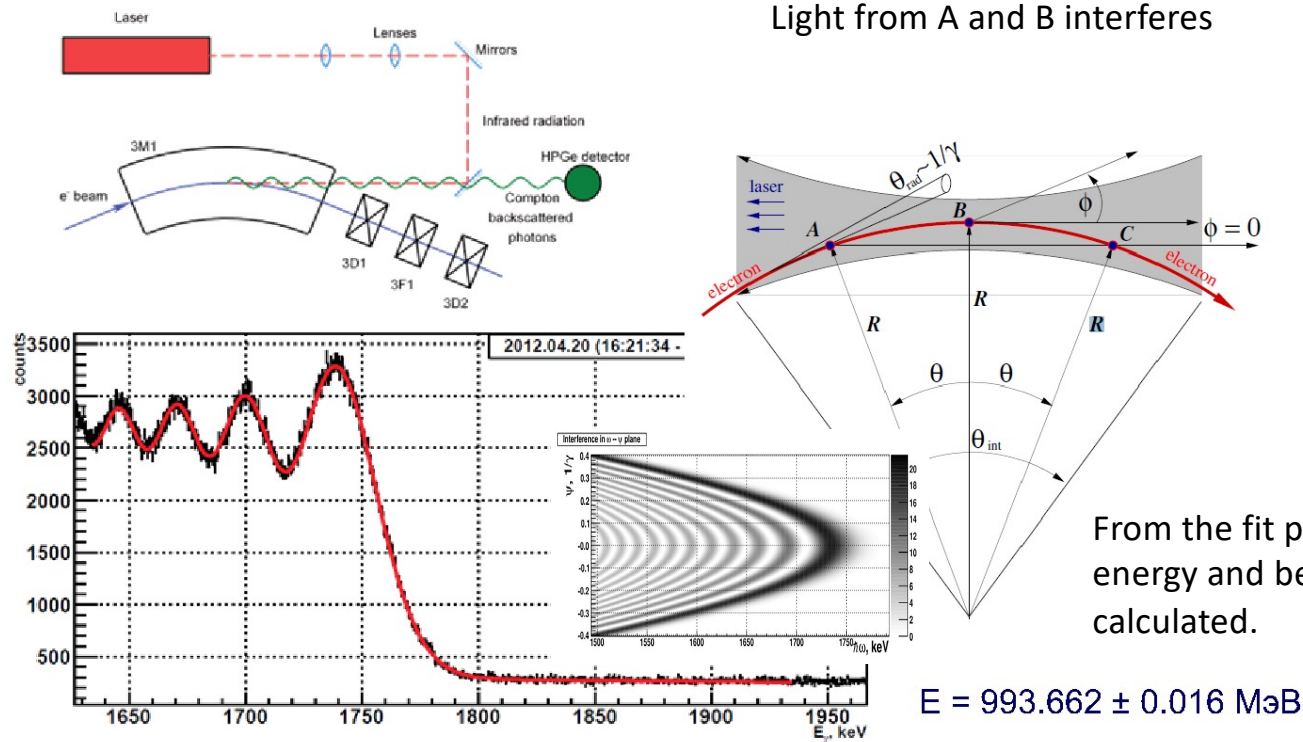
# New scans

- Scan 2019 – from 1.4 to 2.0 GeV c.m. 28 points with  $\sim 2 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{point}$  40.462  $\text{pb}^{-1}$
  - Scan 2020 – from 1.870 to 1.935 GeV – 5 points with  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{point}$  46.870  $\text{pb}^{-1}$
  - Scan 2021 – from 1.935 to 2007 GeV – 4 points with  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{point}$  (24  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  at 2007) 48.400  $\text{pb}^{-1}$
  - Scan 2021-2022 at NN threshold and below to 1.600 GeV: 282.844  $\text{pb}^{-1}$ 
    - 18 point at the threshold with  $\sim 1 \text{ MeV}$  step –  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{point}$  (x5 to 2017 scan)
    - 13 points below threshold with  $10 \text{ MeV}$  step –  $5\text{-}10 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{point}$
  - Scan 2023 – from 1.600 down to 1.400 GeV – with  $\sim 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{point}$  176.860  $\text{pb}^{-1}$
- 595.4  $\text{pb}^{-1}$

We plan to study the energy behavior of many hadronic reactions  
And in particular at the NNbar threshold

# Energy measurement

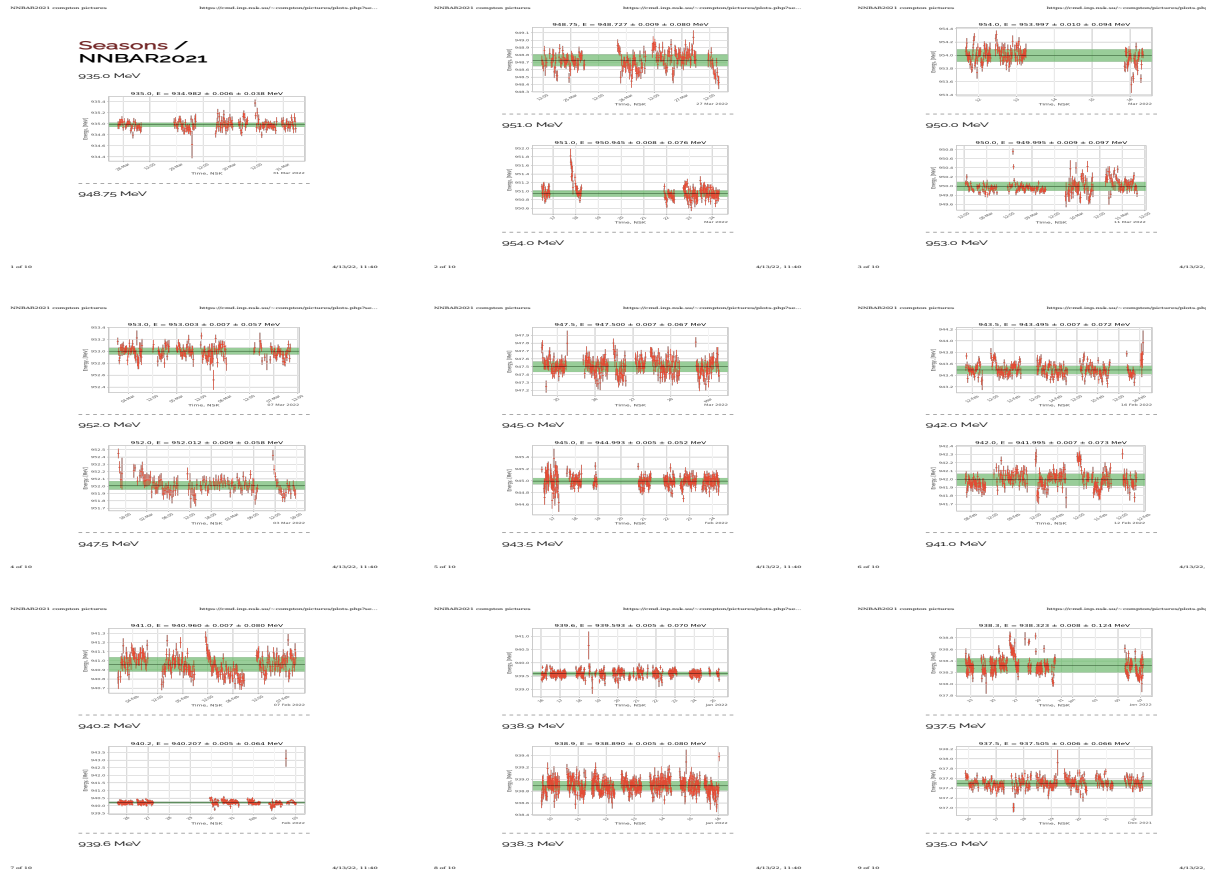
Starting from 2012, energy is monitored continuously using Compton backscattering



M.N. Achasov et al. arXiv:1211.0103v1 [physics.acc-ph] 1 Nov 2012

MeV

# Energy control during data taking at each point

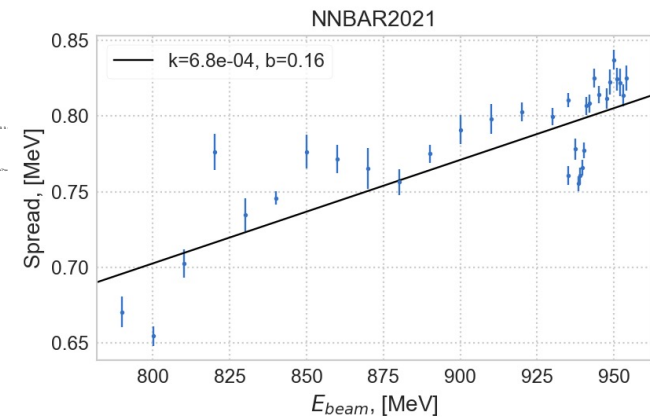


Energy measurement each 20 minutes

Green bands – are the estimated uncertainty in the energy **~50-60 keV**

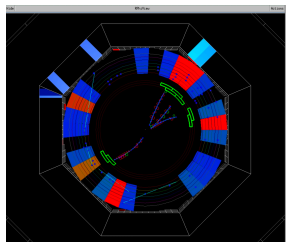
**Excellent ! machine stability**

The energy spread is also measured for each energy point



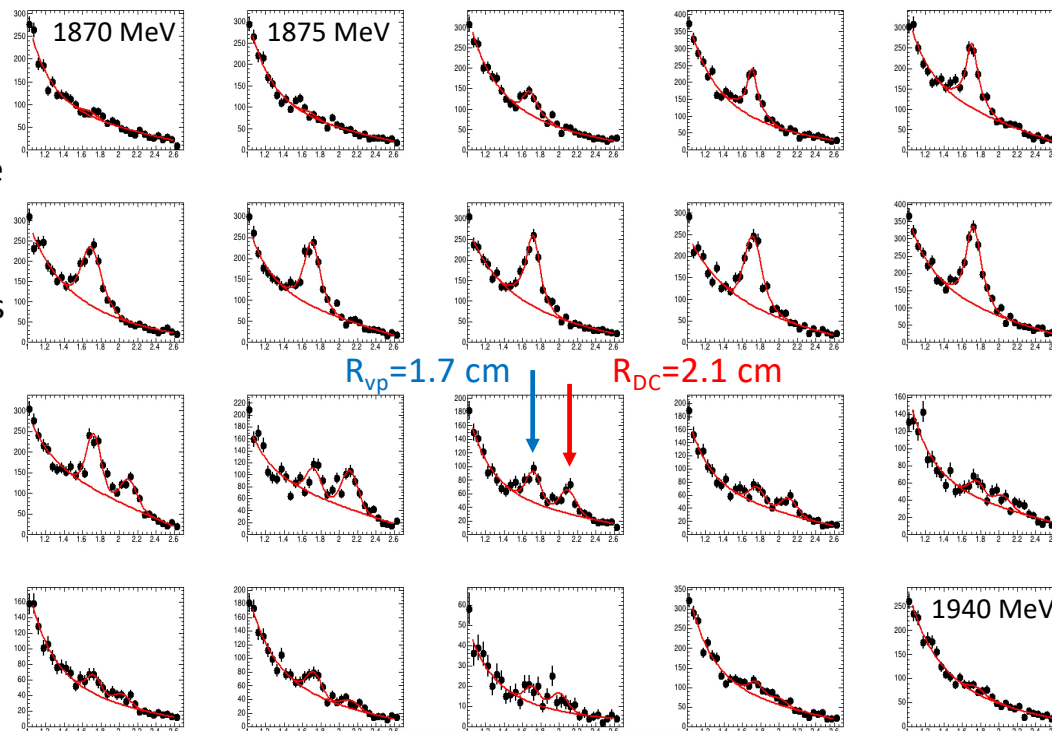
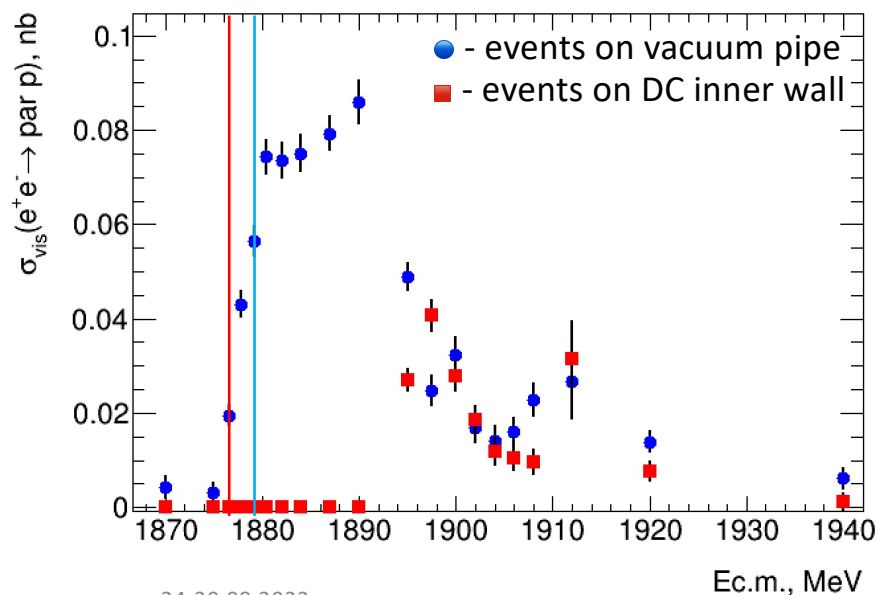


# New ppbar detailed threshold scan



Anti-protons close to the production threshold are seen as an annihilation star at the vacuum beam pipe (or in the DC inner wall)+ large energy deposition in the calorimeters.

We plot radius of the vertex with >2 tracks and energy deposition > 500 MeV

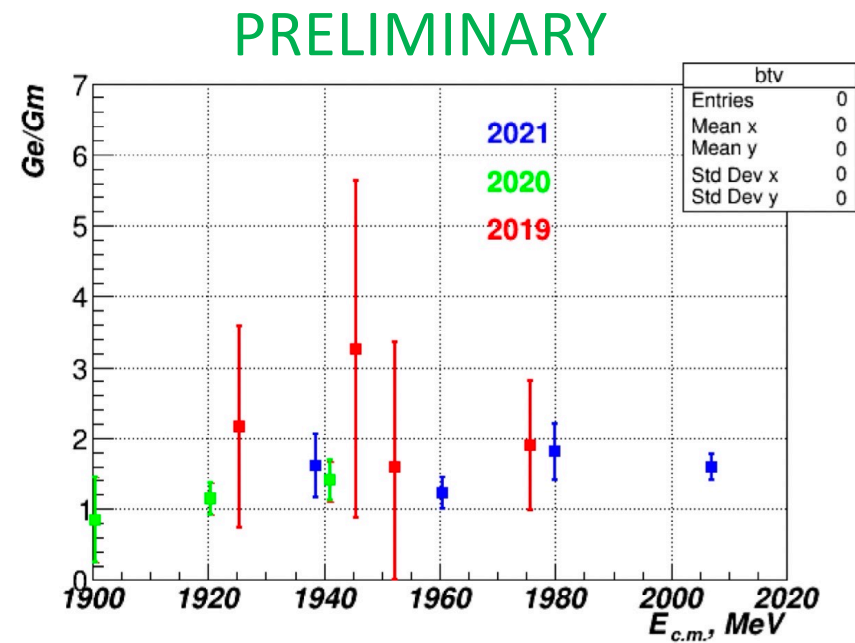
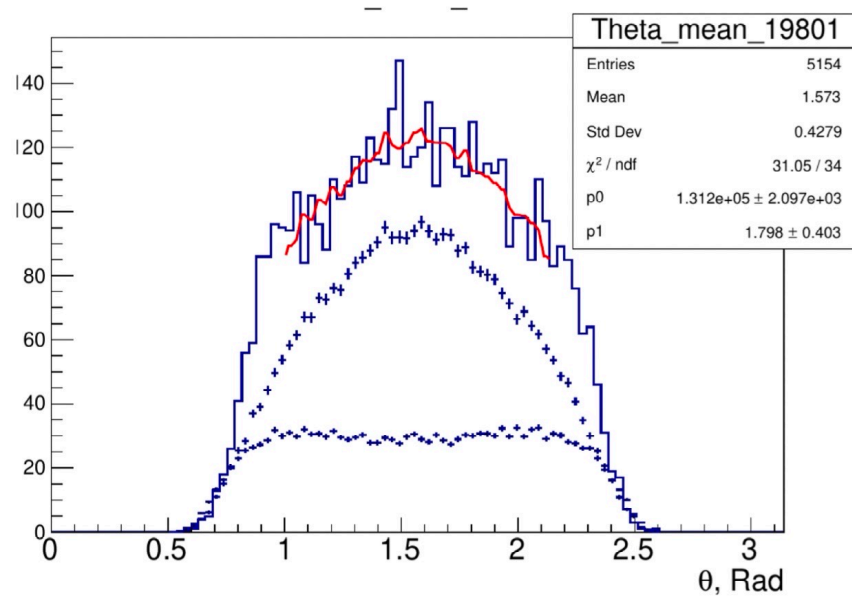


First peak – radius of the aluminum vacuum pipe  $R_{vp} = 1.7\text{ cm}$ , (0.5 mm)  
Second peak – inner wall of the DC carbon fiber  $R_{DC} = 2.1\text{ cm}$  (0.25mm)

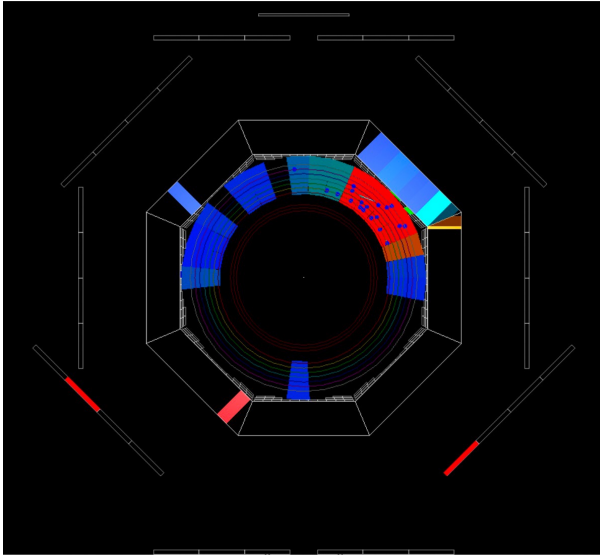
Just a monitor – not a measurement yet

# GE/GM measurement

ppbar events polar angle distribution for  $E_{c.m.} = 1980$  MeV,  
and fit with sum of expected distributions with  $GE=0$  and  $GM=0$

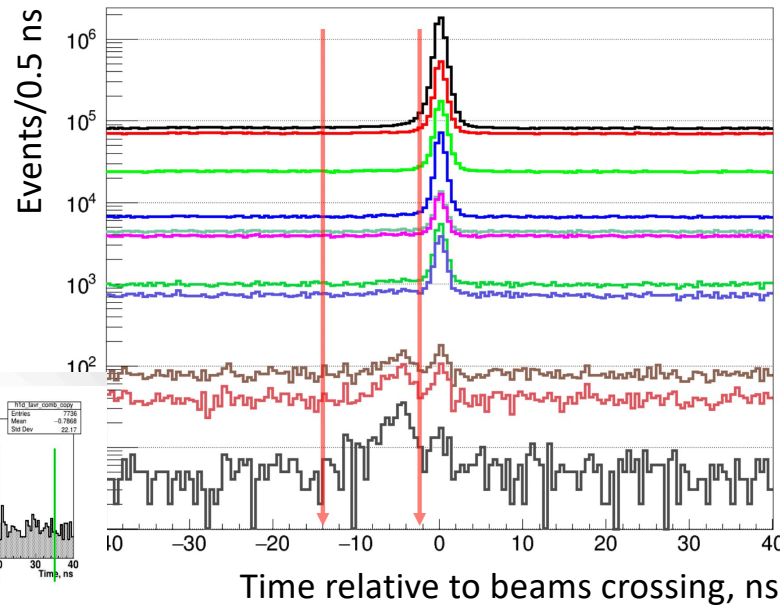


# nnbar production



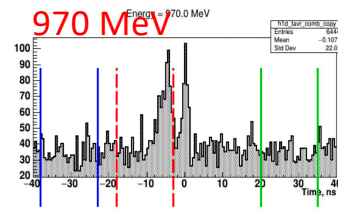
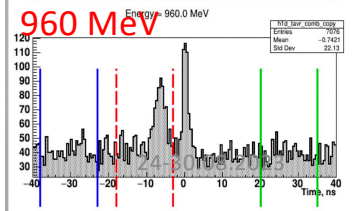
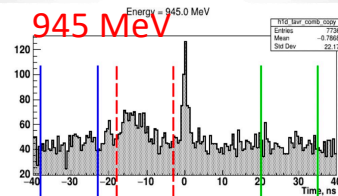
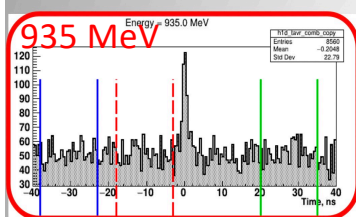
**nnbar** events are detected as a large energy single cluster in the calorimeters with delay timing in the TOF system, relative to the beam crossing.

Cross section is small and selections should suppress **5 orders** of magnitude of backgrounds, mainly from the cosmic events.



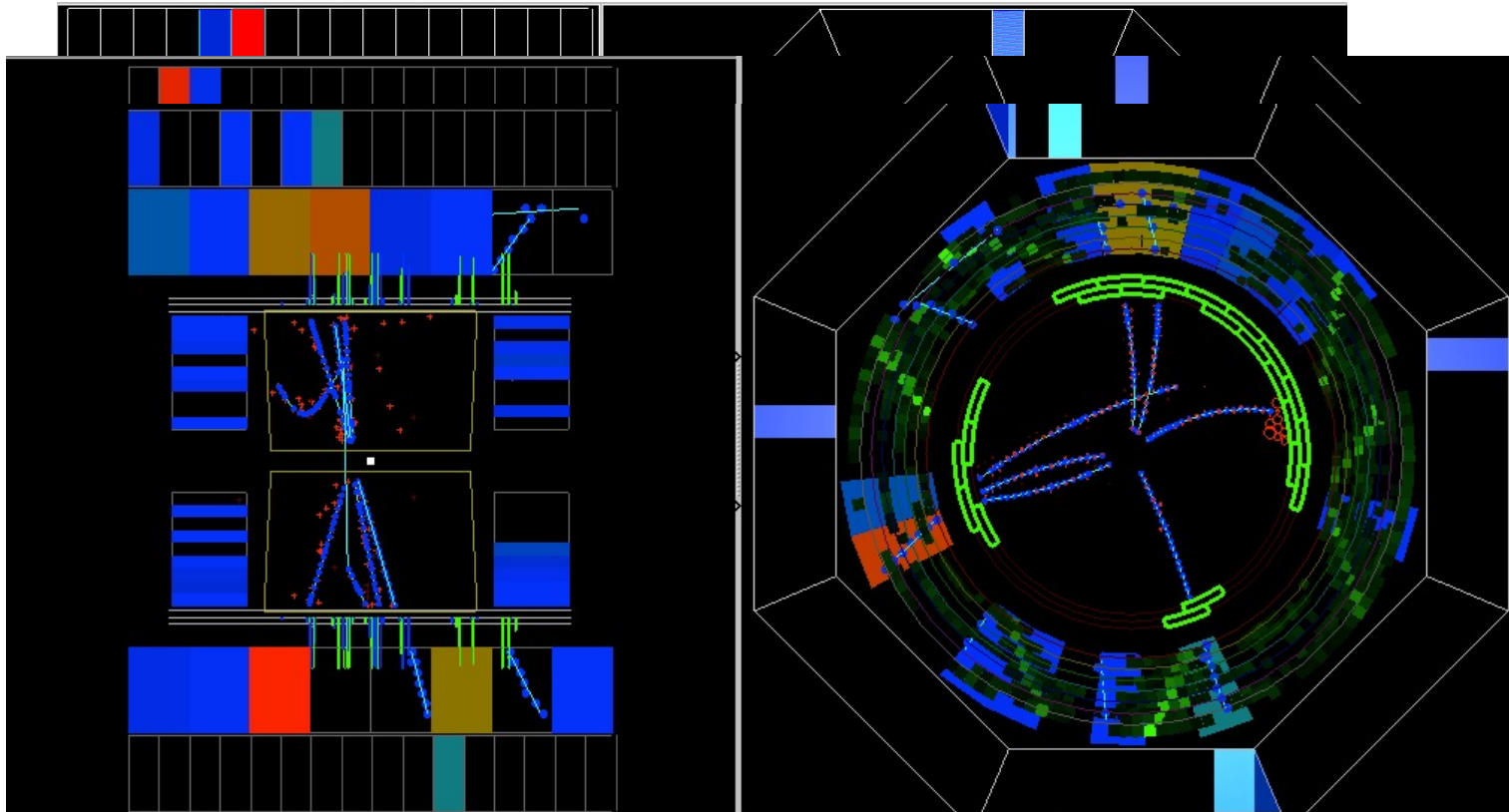
Peak at 0 is from Bhabha events

- All events with TOF (81% nn MC)
- + no central tracks (72% nn MC)
- + ecaltot cut (66% nn MC)
- + moments of inertia cut (53% nn MC)
- + Gamma-gamma cut (47% nn MC)
- + Cluster Theta cut (43% nn MC)
- + [LXe+MU+Cluster position] + [P(track)] cut (36% nn MC)
- + Mu Counters cut (29% nn MC)
- + LXe tracks cut (17% nn MC)
- + MLP output > -0.5 (16% nn MC)
- + MLP output > 0.8 (9% nn MC)



Analysis is in progress. Major problem comes from the efficiency calculation

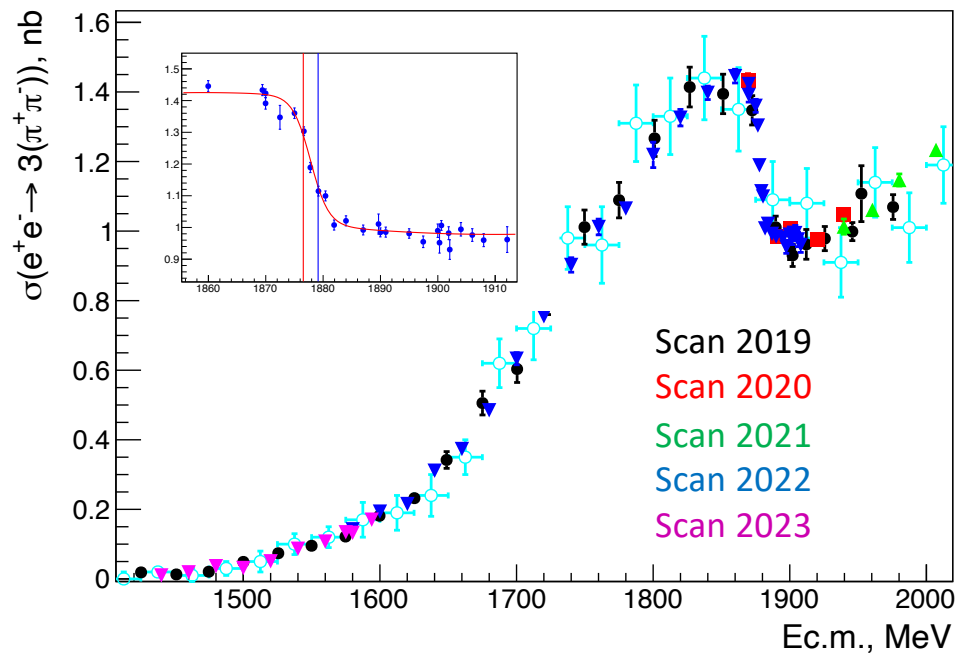
# Example of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ from CMD-3



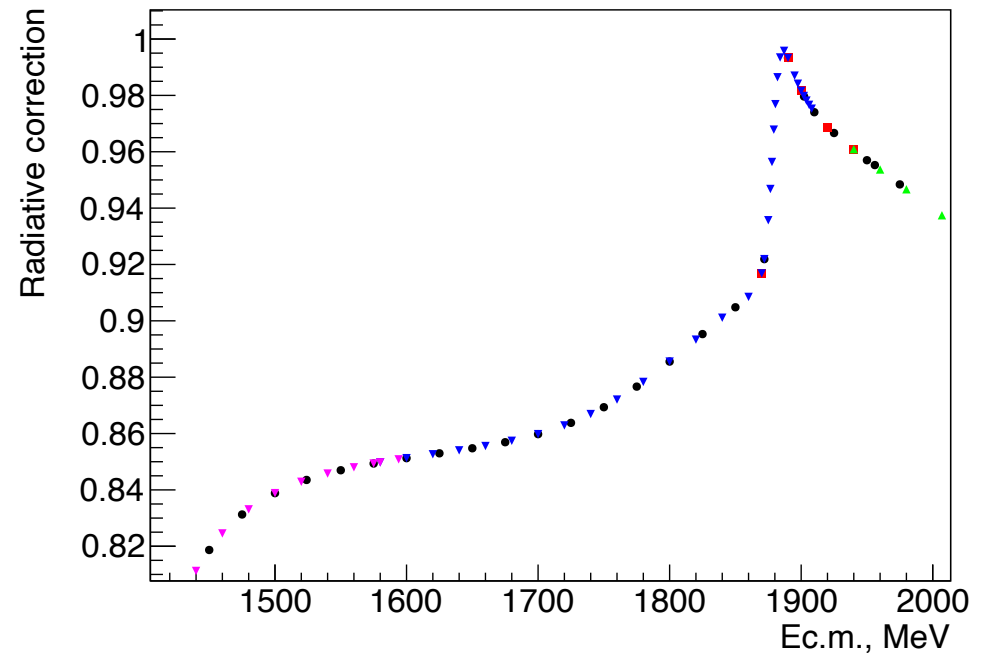


# First look to $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$ reaction (new data)

PRELIMINARY



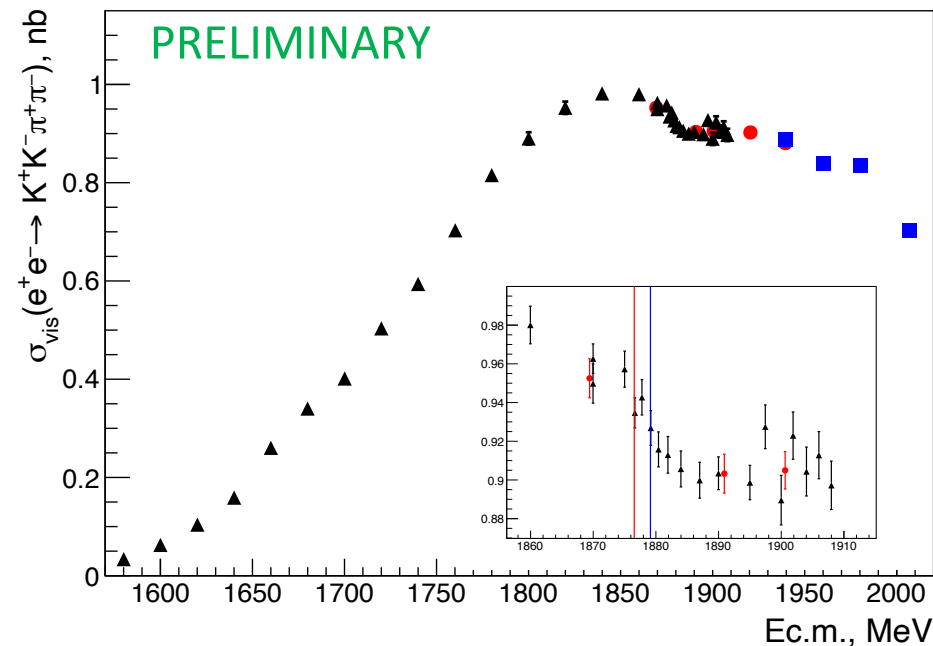
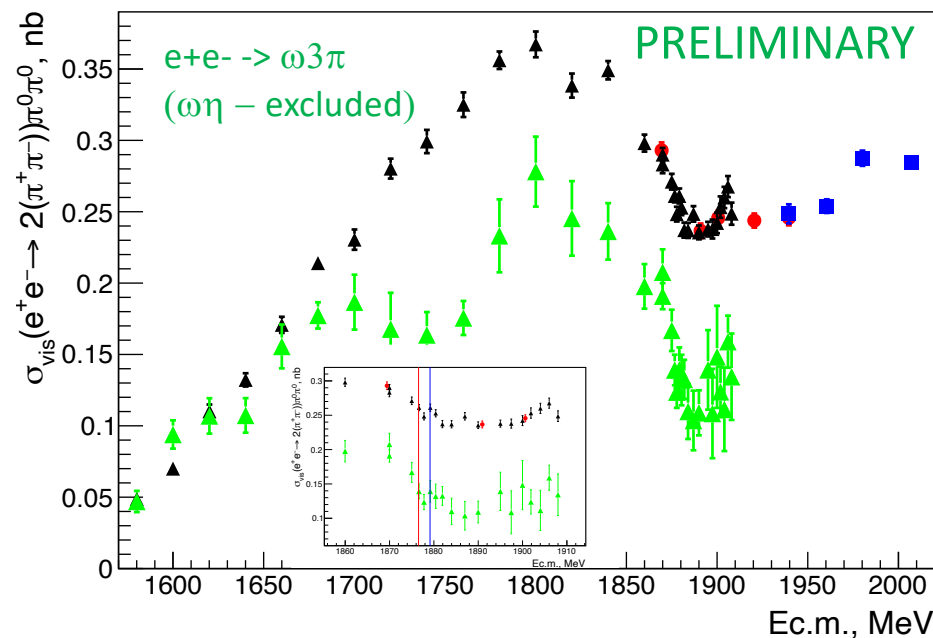
Unfolding of beam energy spread and radiative effects



30% drop with  $1.91 \pm 0.15$  MeV shape at  $1877.9 \pm 0.13$  MeV

# How about other reactions?

First look to visible (number of events/luminosity) cross sections (no corrections)



We confirm, that  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4\pi 2\pi^0$  (is dominated by  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega 3\pi$ ) and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+\pi^-$  reactions demonstrate structures at the NNbar threshold

# Expect signal in other reactions?

## THE ANTINUCLEON-NUCLEON INTERACTION AT LOW ENERGY: ANNIHILATION DYNAMICS

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### Abstract

The general properties of antiproton-proton annihilation at rest are presented, with special focus on the two-meson final states. The data exhibit remarkable dynamical selection rules: some allowed annihilation modes are suppressed by one order of magnitude with respect to modes of comparable phase-space. Various phenomenological analyses are reviewed, based on microscopic quark dynamics or symmetry considerations. The role of initial- and final-state interaction is also examined.

## $\bar{p}p$ annihilation rates

Table 8: Pionic multiplicity distribution.

	From Table 7	From [262]
2 pions	$0.38 \pm 0.03\%$	$0.38 \pm 0.03\%$
3 pions	$7.4 \pm 0.3\%$	$7.8 \pm 0.4\%$
4 pions	$18.1 \pm 1.8\%$	$17.5 \pm 3.0\%$
5 pions	$35.2 \pm 3.7\%$	$45.8 \pm 3.0\%$
6 pions	$23.3 \pm 2.8\%$	$22.1 \pm 1.5\%$
7 pions	$3.3 \pm 0.3\%$	$6.1 \pm 1.0\%$
8 pions		$0.3 \pm 0.1\%$

$$\text{BR}(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \text{kaons} + \text{anything}) = (5.4 \pm 1.7)\% . \quad (5.11)$$

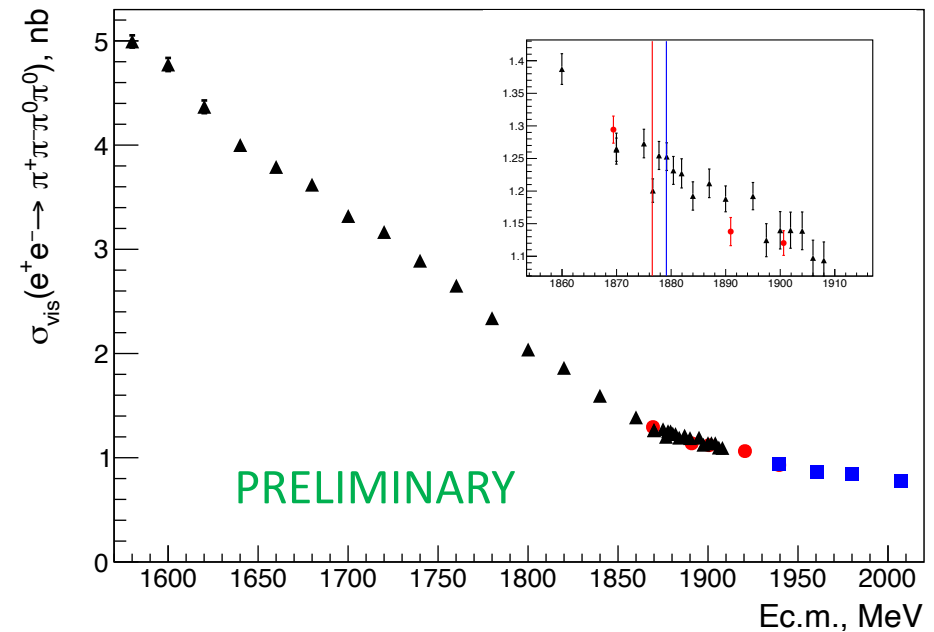
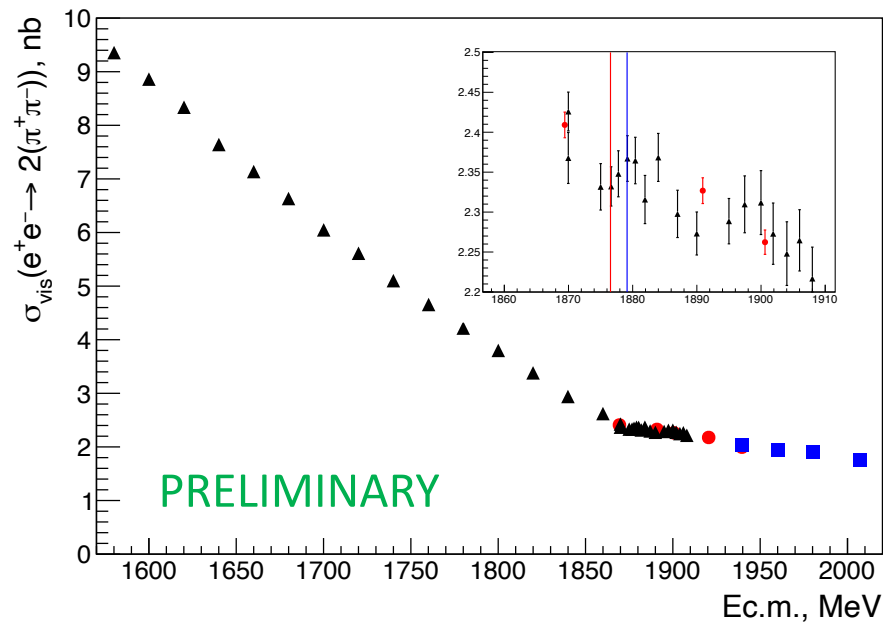
In short, one event out of 20 contains strange particles in the final state.

It is natural to expect signal in other hadronic reactions  
to be proportional to the  $\bar{p}p$  annihilation rate to this final state

**BUT**

# How about other reactions?

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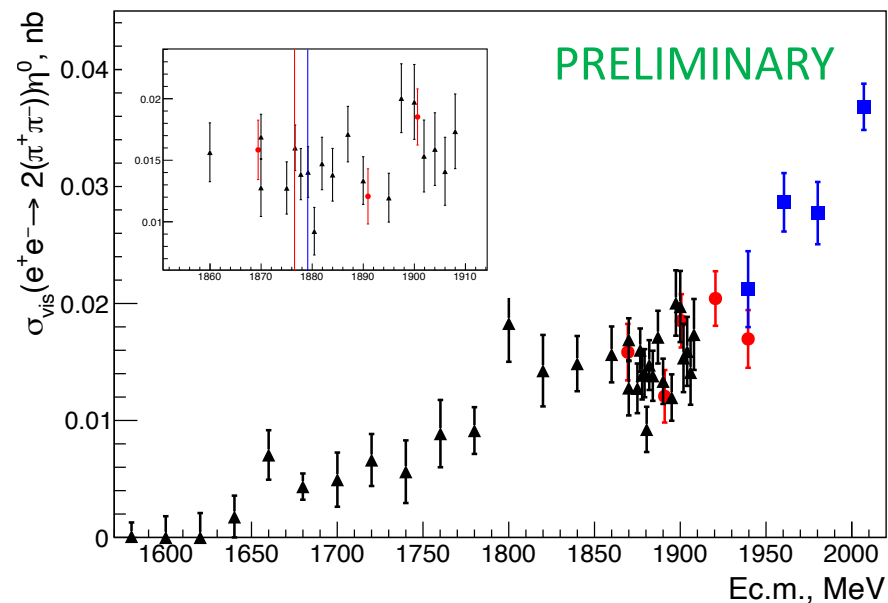
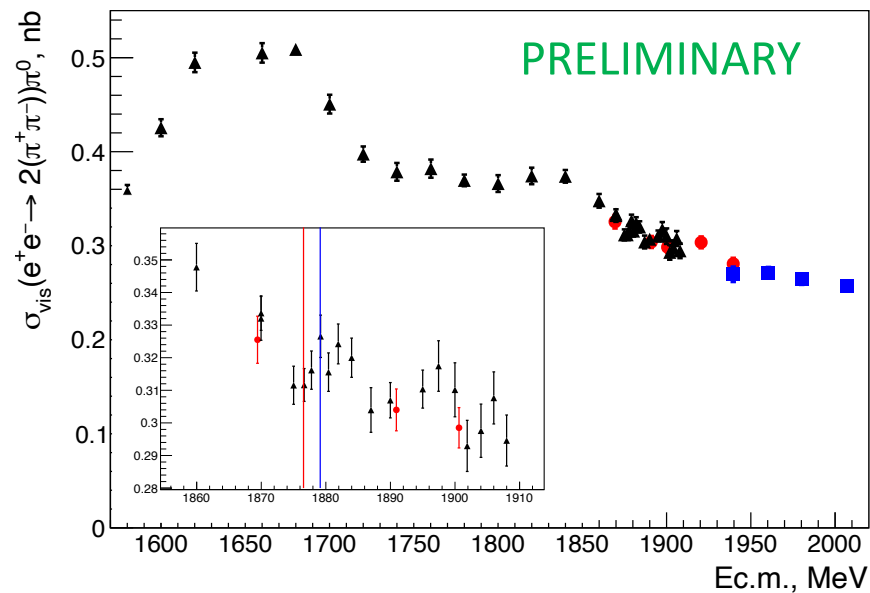


Nothing is seen for the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$  reactions !!



# How about other reactions?

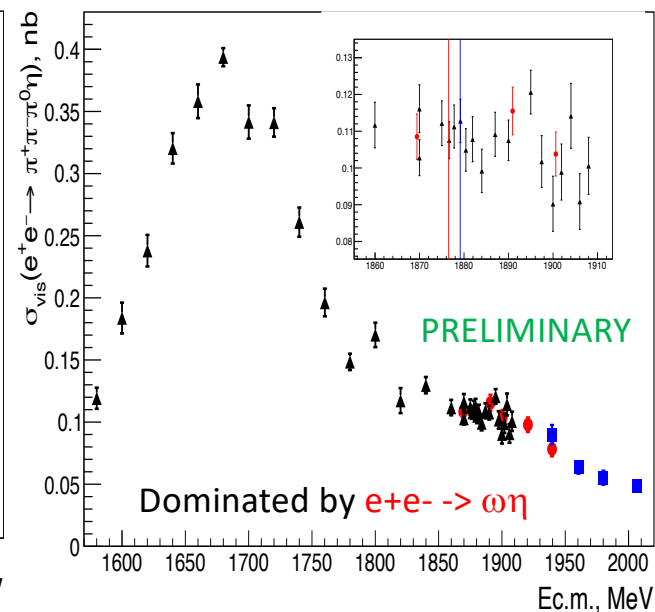
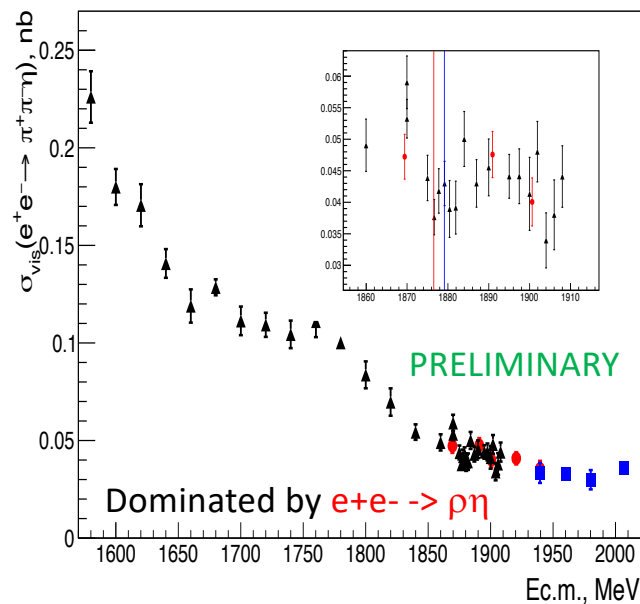
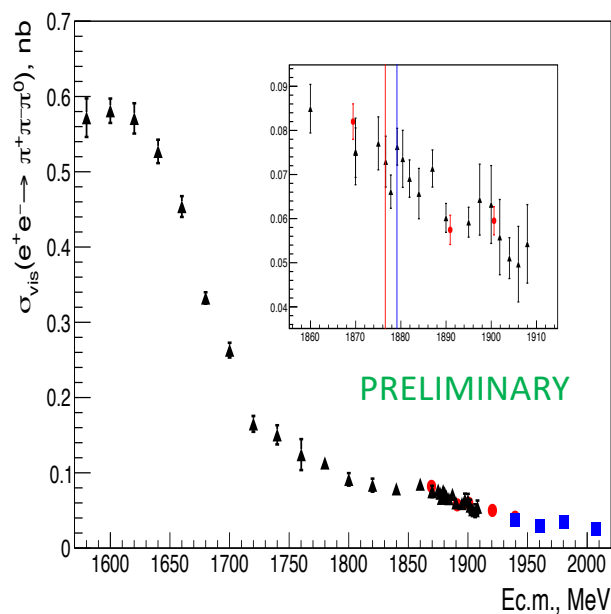
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Nothing is seen for the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\eta$  reactions !!

# How about other reactions?

First look to visible (number of events/luminosity) cross sections (no corrections)



Nothing is seen for the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$ , and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\eta$  reactions !!

# CONCLUSION

- New small-step energy scans have been performed at the VEPP2000  $e^+e^-$  collider with the significantly increased (**x5**) integrated luminosity.
- First preliminary results from CMD-3 confirms a fast cross section changing in the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$ ,  $2(\pi^+\pi^-)2\pi^0$  and  $K^+K^-\pi^+\pi^-$  reactions at the **NNbar** threshold.
- **NO** other hadronic reactions exhibit structure at the **NNbar** threshold in the  $e^+e^-$  collisions. Why? **Ideas are needed.**
- We plan to investigate this effect, study the cross section and production dynamic for the hadronic reactions.

THANK YOU