



Resonance Production in Two-Photon Collisions at LEP with the L3 detector.

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- ⇒ Present status
- ⇒ L3 data
- ⇒ Results for $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 3$ GeV
- ⇒ Spin-Parity-Helicity for $W_{\gamma\gamma} < 3$ GeV

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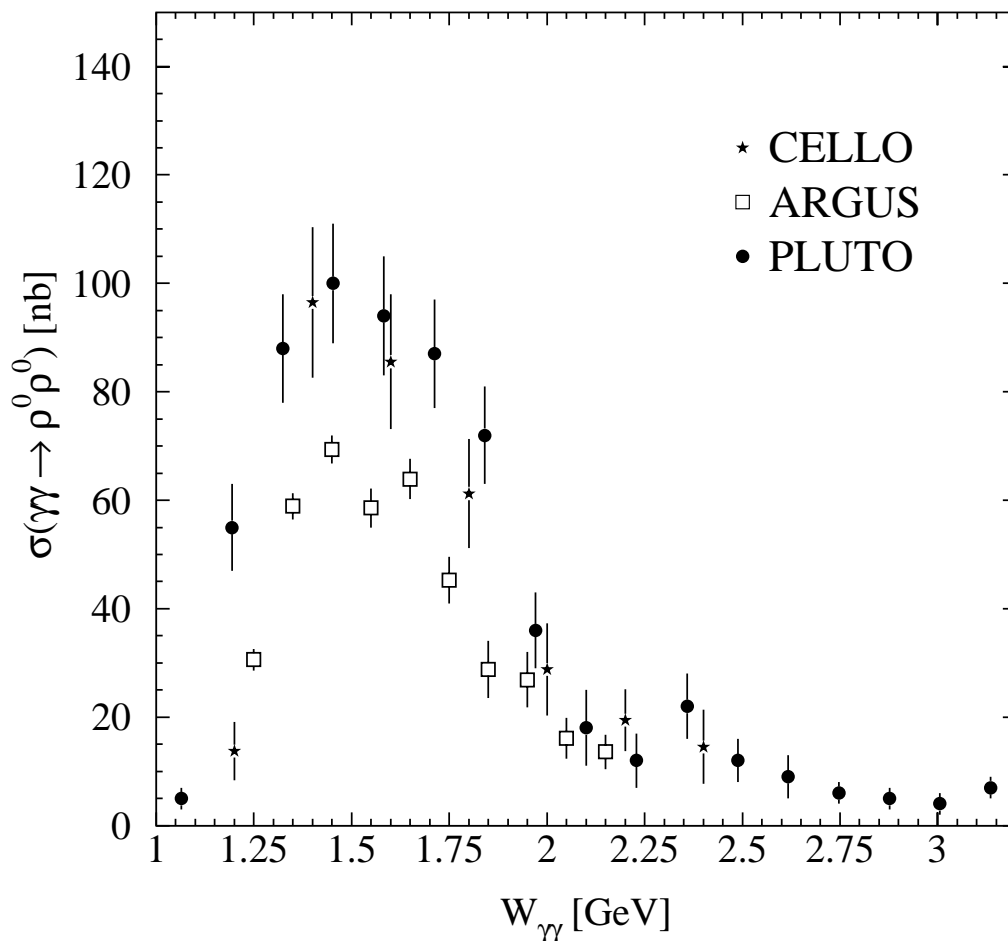
- ⇒ Present status of η and f_1 states
- ⇒ L3 data
- ⇒ Evidence for $\eta(1440)$, $f_1(1285)$ and $f_1(1420)$ in $K_S^0 K^\pm\pi^\mp$
- ⇒ Evidence for $f_1(1285)$ in $\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
- ⇒ Two-photon width of $\eta(1440)$ and tests of gluonium.

Conclusions



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$$

- A large cross section for the quasi-real two-photon reaction $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \rho^0\rho^0$ near threshold has been observed by TASSO, MARK II, CELLO, PLUTO, TPC/2 γ and ARGUS Collaboration.
- The highest statistics was collected by ARGUS : 5181 events for $1.1 < W_{\gamma\gamma} < 2.3$ GeV



Comparisons with $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \rho^+\rho^-$ cross sections indicate that this is not a single resonance.



Selection of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ Events in L3

1996 - 1999 data at $\sqrt{s} = 160 \div 200$ GeV

Total integrated luminosity $\mathcal{L}_e^+e^- = 466.2$ pb⁻¹

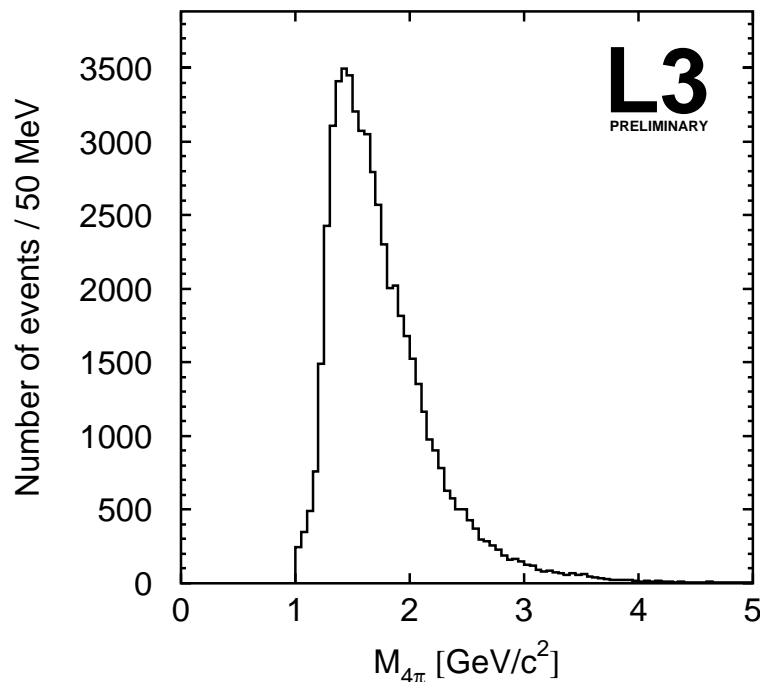
Event selection:

- four charged particles, with net charge zero
- tracks from the interaction vertex
- no photon candidates
- $(\Sigma \vec{p}_t)^2 \leq 0.02$ GeV²/c²

A sample of 51477 events is obtained,

49519 events with $1.1 < W_{\gamma\gamma} < 3$. GeV

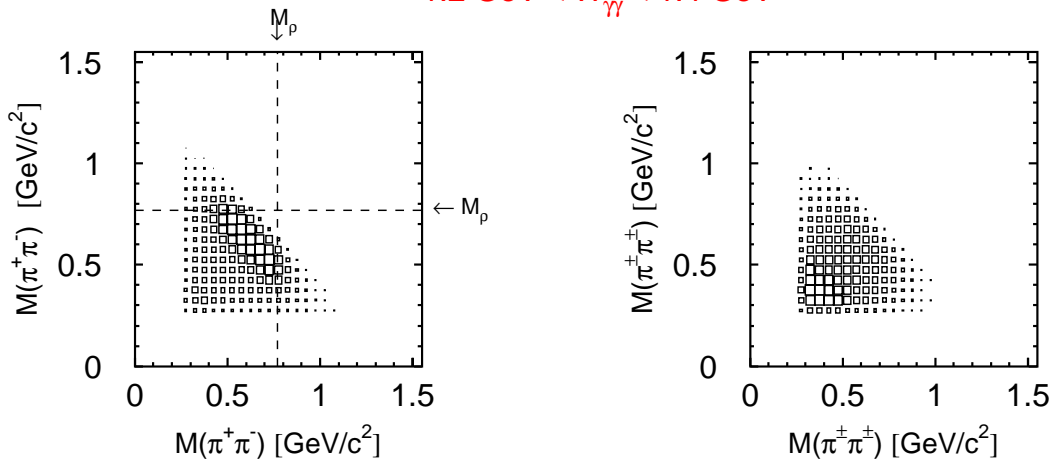
1146 events with $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 3$. GeV.



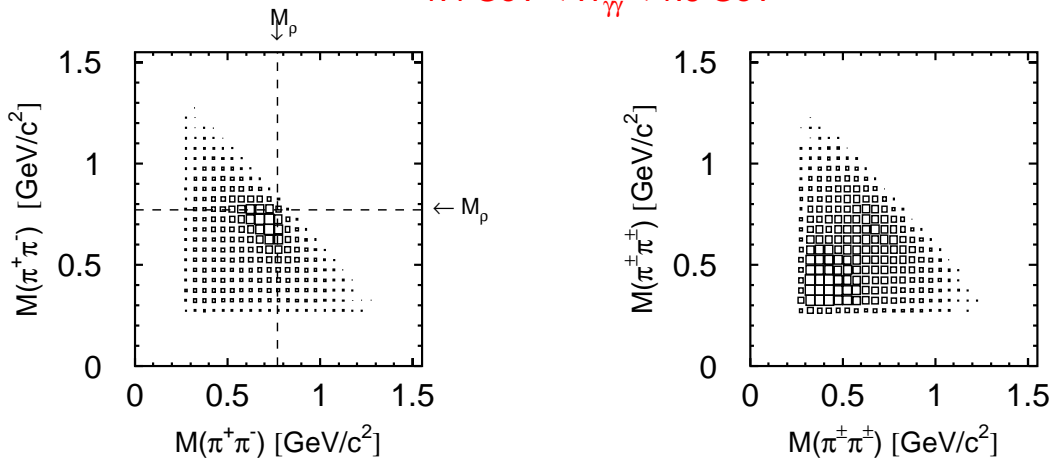


Pion pair spectra

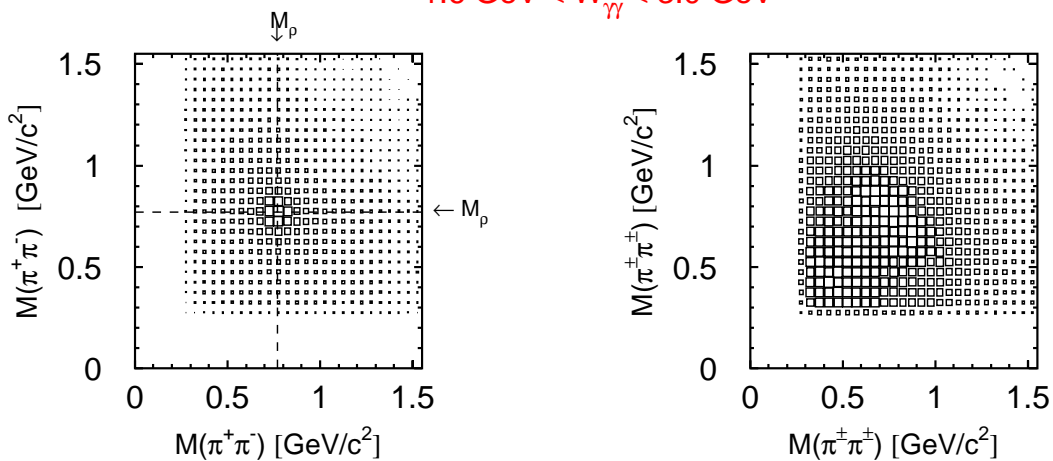
1.2 GeV < $W_{\gamma\gamma}$ < 1.4 GeV



1.4 GeV < $W_{\gamma\gamma}$ < 1.6 GeV



1.6 GeV < $W_{\gamma\gamma}$ < 3.0 GeV



unlike—sign

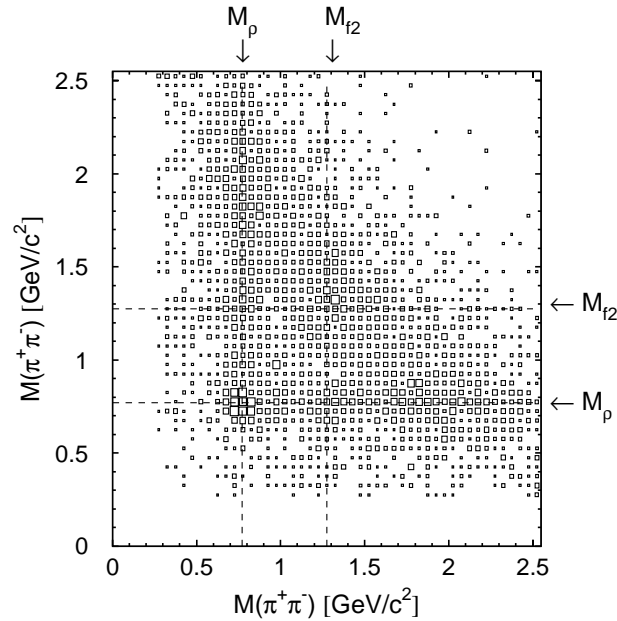
like—sign



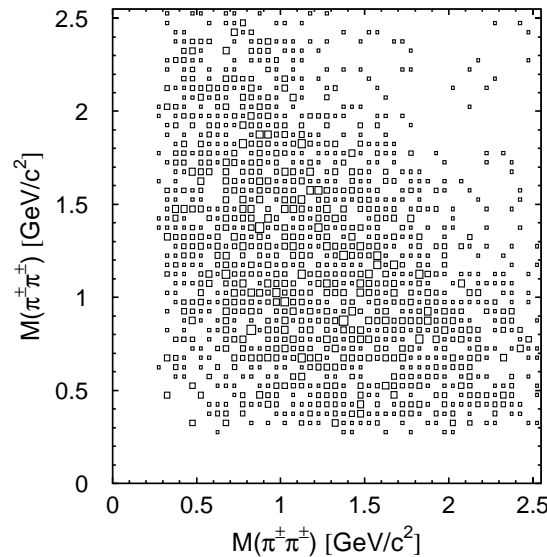
High mass data $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 3 \text{ GeV}$

Two-pion mass distribution of the unlike-sign combinations for $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 3 \text{ GeV}$ show clear $\rho^0(770)$ and $f_2(1270)$ signals.

Unlike-sign charge two-pion mass combinations

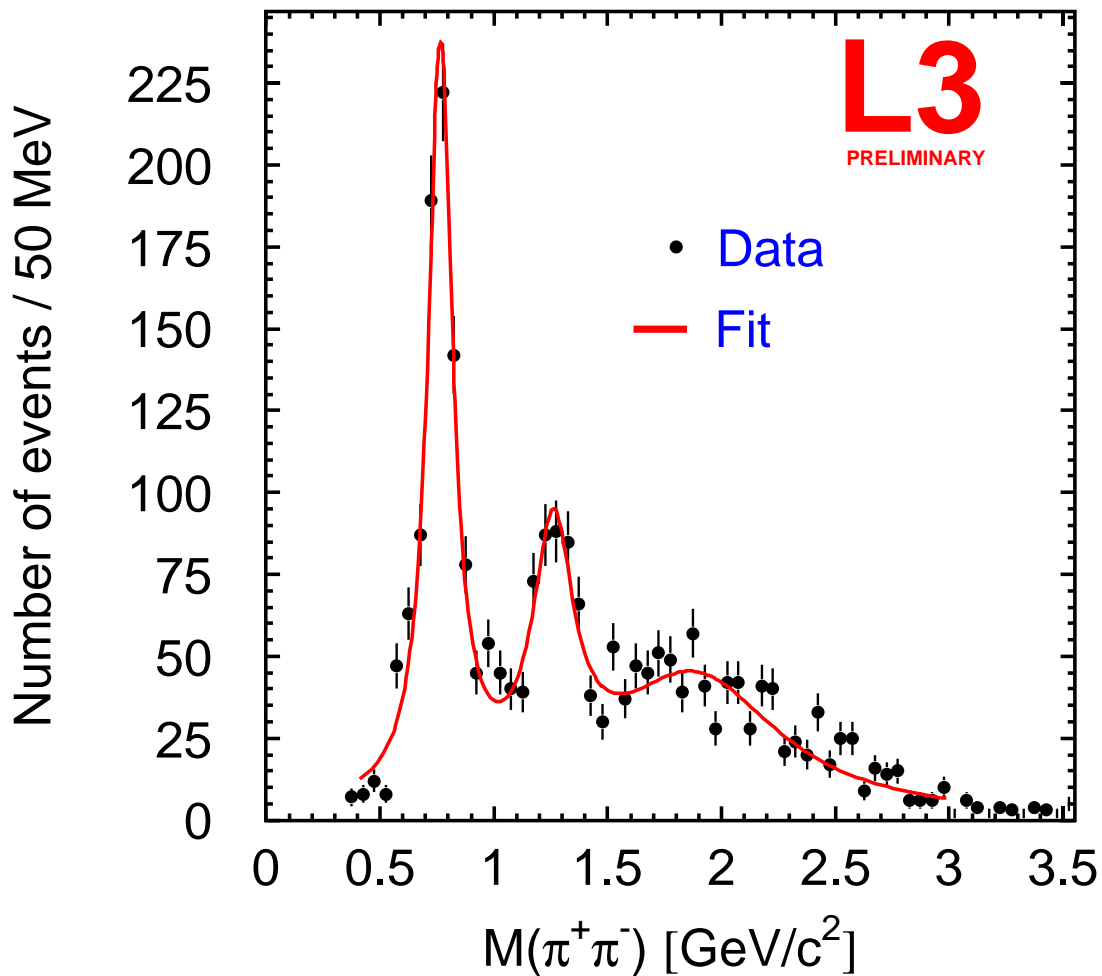


Like-sign charge two-pion mass combinations





High mass data $W_{\gamma\gamma} \geq 3 \text{ GeV}$



Events with $(\Sigma \vec{p}_t)^2 \leq 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$. Fitted by three Breit-Wigner functions.

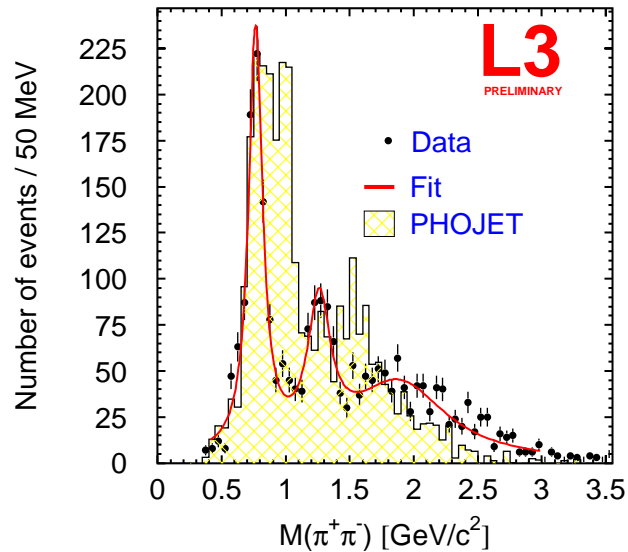
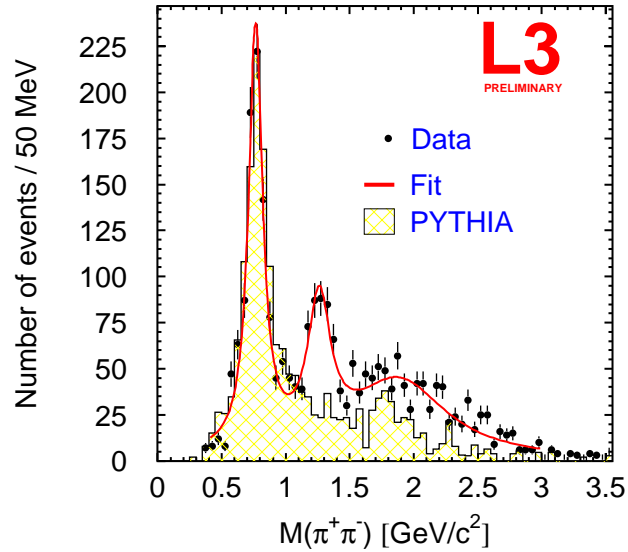
Fit result

$$m_\rho = 765 \pm 3 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma_\rho = 129 \pm 7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{f_2} = 1261 \pm 9 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma_{f_2} = 217 \pm 28 \text{ MeV}$$



High mass data $W_{\gamma\gamma} \geq 3$ GeV



Neither PYTHIA nor PHOJET reproduce well the data



$W_{\gamma\gamma} < 3 \text{ GeV}$ Spin-Parity-Helicity Analysis

The possible final states in no-tag $\gamma\gamma$ reaction are :

even spins $J^P = 0^\pm, 2^\pm, 4^\pm \dots$ with helicity $J_z = 0$

$J^P = 2^+, 3^+, 4^+ \dots$ with helicity $J_z = \pm 2$

Formalism first used by TASSO :

- ❖ $2\pi^+2\pi^-$ non-resonant (PS)
- ❖ $\rho^0\pi^+\pi^-$ isotropic .
- ❖ $\rho^0\rho^0$ final states restricted to $L = 0$ and $L = 1$:
 $(J^P, J_z) = 0^+, 0^-, (2^+, \pm 2), (2^+, 0), (2^-, 0)$
 $(2^-, 0)$ can have a total spin $S=1$ or $S=2$.
- ❖ All final states are produced incoherently
- ❖ Fit for each mass bin, with N events, with parameters λ_j

$$\log \Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\log \left(\sum_j \lambda_j \frac{|g_j(\xi_i)|^2}{|g_j|^2} \right) - \sum_j \lambda_j \right]$$

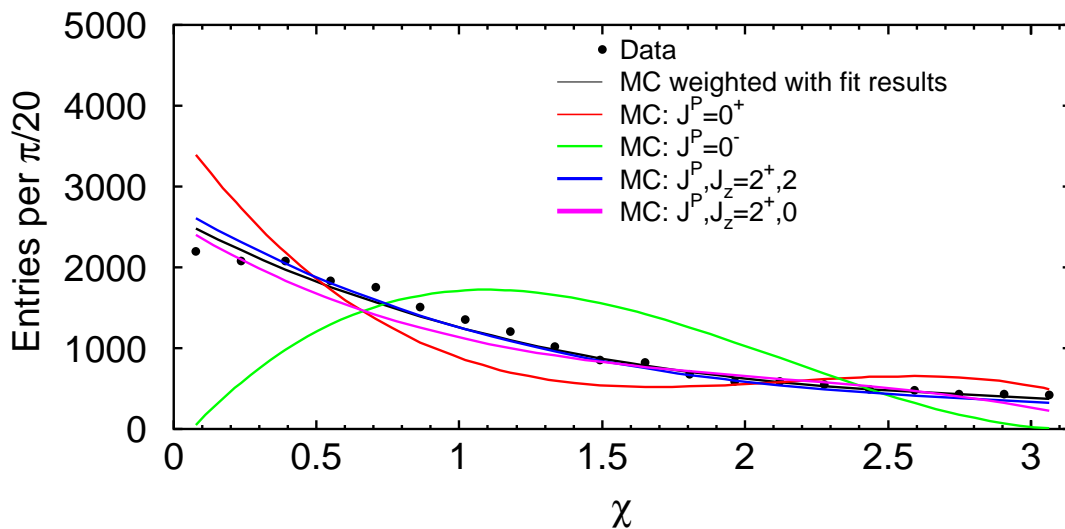
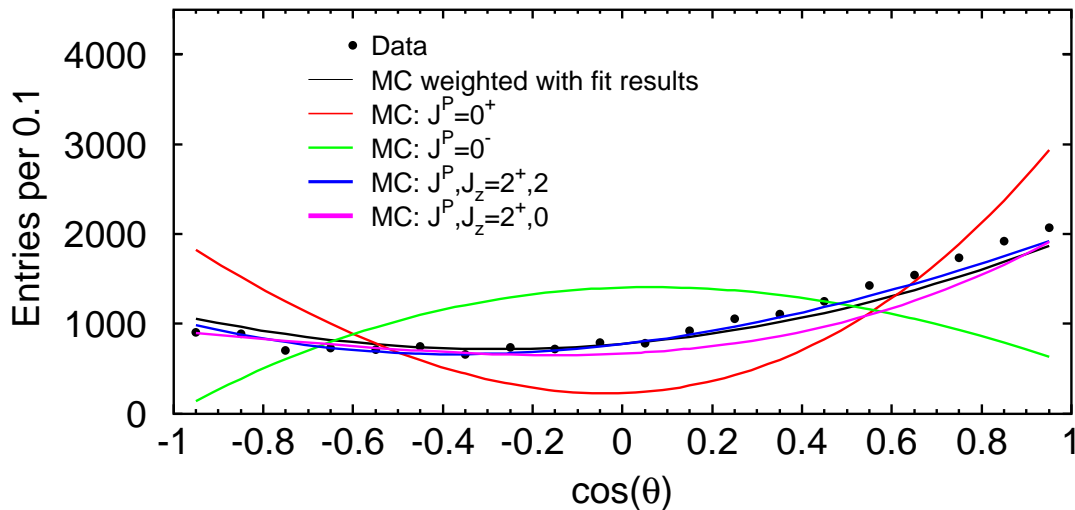
- ❖ $g_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-} = 1$
 $g_{\rho^0\pi^+\pi^-} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ BW(m_{12}) + BW(m_{34}) + BW(m_{14}) + BW(m_{32}) \right\}$
 $g_{\rho^0\rho^0}^{J^P J_z}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ BW(m_{12})BW(m_{34})\Psi^{J^P J_z L S}(\xi) \right.$
 $\left. + BW(m_{14})BW(m_{32})\Psi^{J^P J_z L S}(\xi) \right\}$
- ❖ $\xi = (m_{12}^2, m_{34}^2, \theta_\rho, \theta_\pi^{12}, \phi_\pi^{12}, \theta_\pi^{34}, \phi_\pi^{34})$, set of seven variables to describe the four particles final state



Angular distributions, results of the fit

The data are well described by the model. Example :

$$1.6 < W_{\gamma\gamma} < 1.8 \text{ GeV}$$



ϑ is the opening angle between two positive charged pions and the χ is the angle between the decay planes of the two ρ^0 .

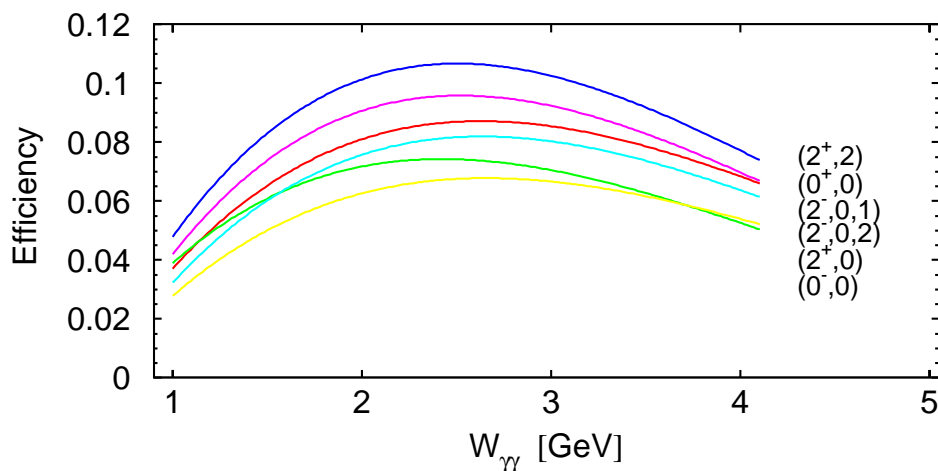
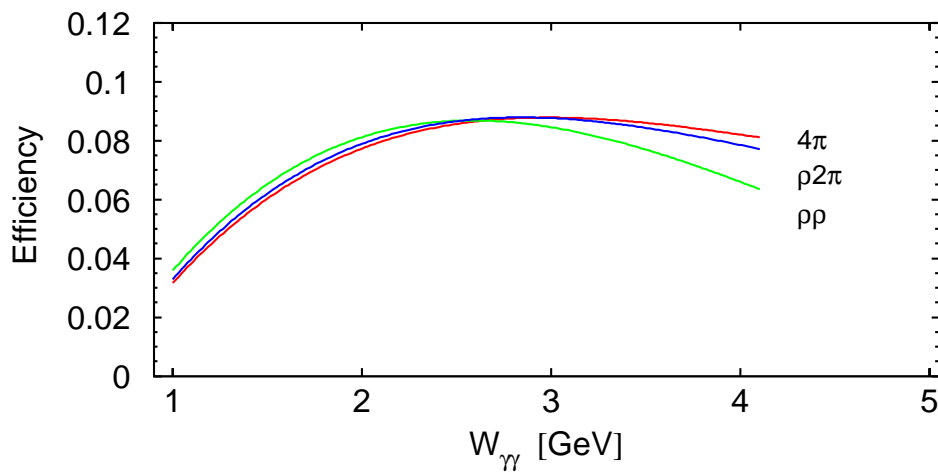


Spin-Parity-Helicity Analysis

The cross section for the formation of a partial wave j is:

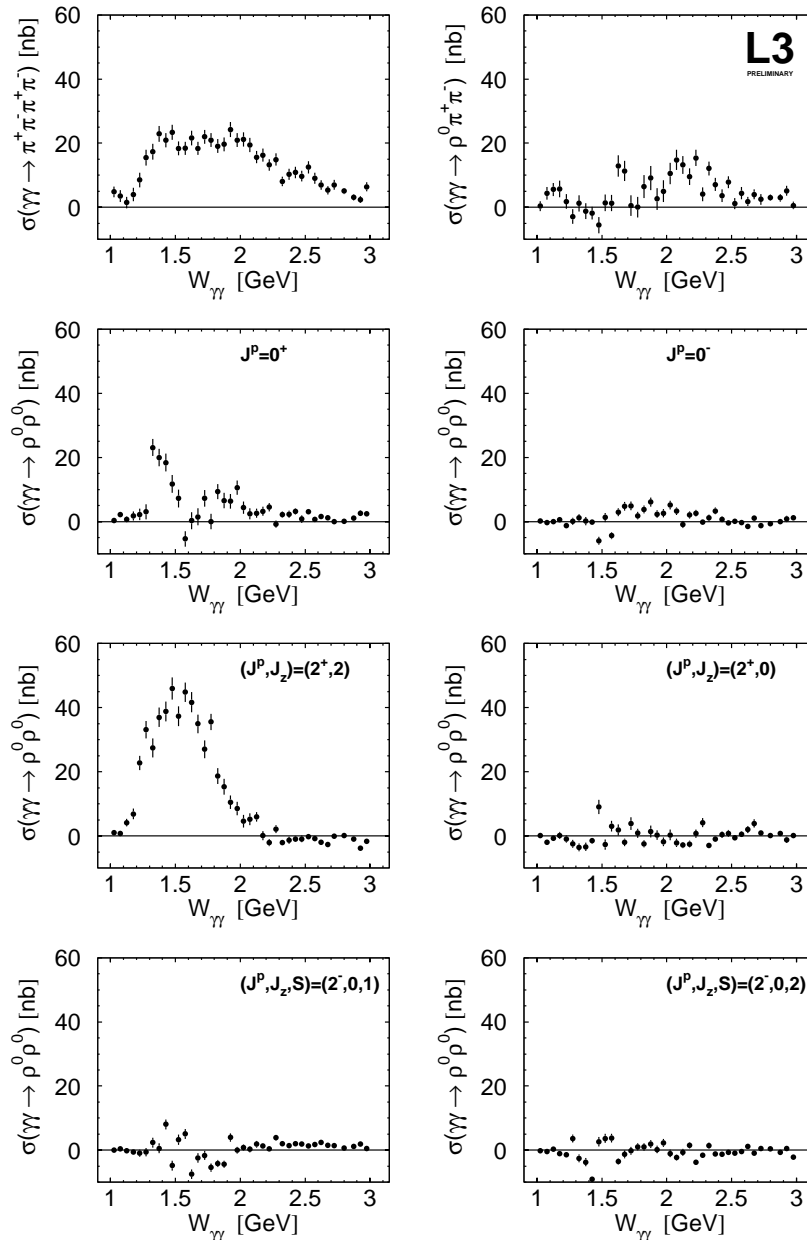
$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow j} = \frac{N\lambda_j}{\mathcal{L}_{e^+e^-} \varepsilon(W_{\gamma\gamma}) \frac{\Delta\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}}{\Delta W_{\gamma\gamma}} \Delta W_{\gamma\gamma}}$$

The efficiency ε includes detector acceptance, trigger efficiency and selection requirements.





Result of 8-parameter fit



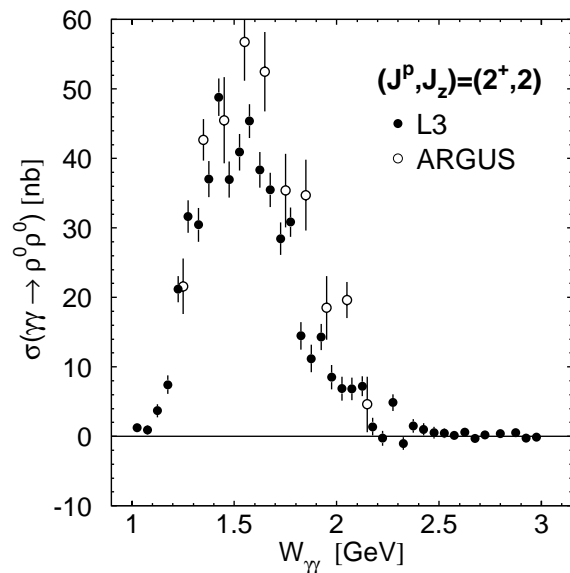
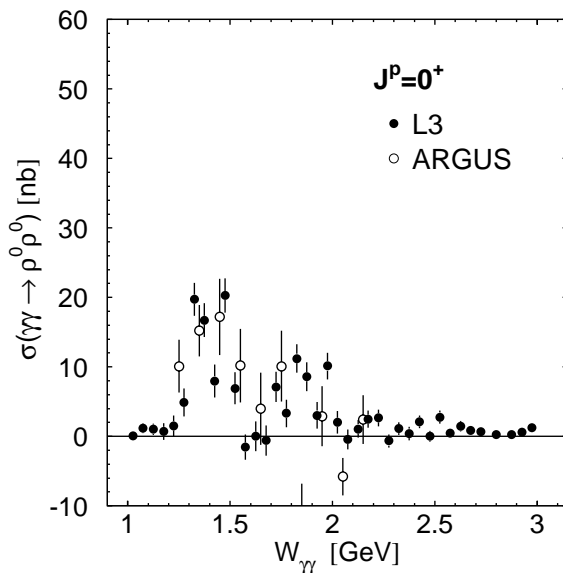
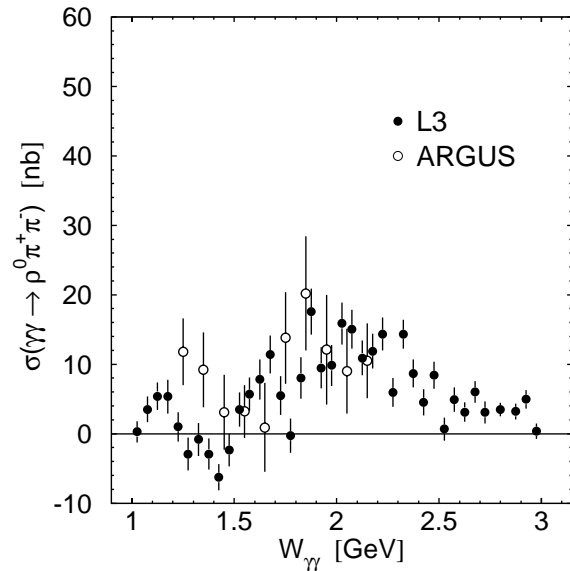
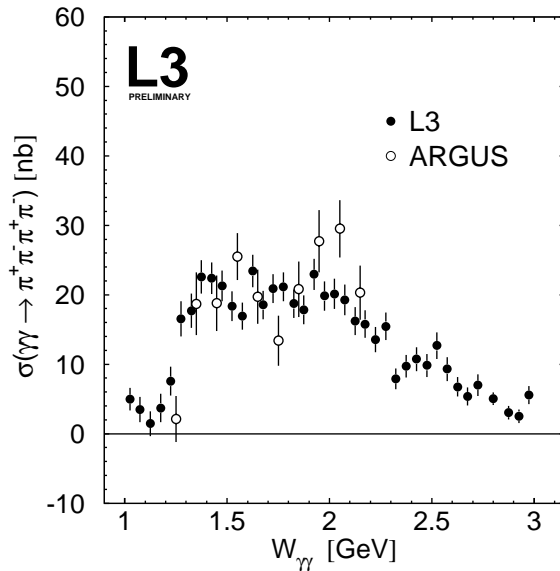
- ❑ **Dominance** of the partial wave $(J^P, J_z) = (2^+, 2)$
- ❑ **Contribution of $J^P = 0^+$**
- ❑ **Negative parity and $(2^+, 0)$ states consistent with zero**



Result of 4-parameter fit

The maximum likelihood fit repeated with the assumption that only four states are present in the data sample:

4π , $\rho^0 2\pi$ and $\rho^0 \rho^0$ with $(J^P, J_z) = 0^+, (2^+, 2)$



□ Cross sections are similar to the ones obtained by ARGUS.



1. PDG: $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ and $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ states

Pseudoscalars: $I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(0^{-+})$

$\eta(1440)$:

$$M = 1400 - 1470 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 50 - 80 \text{ MeV}$$

Seen in πp , $p\bar{p}$, J/ψ radiative decay

Has never been seen in $\gamma\gamma \Rightarrow$ gluonium ???

1. $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ decay :

$$\eta_H \rightarrow K^* K \quad M = 1473 \pm 4 \text{ MeV} \\ \Gamma = 79 \pm 13 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\eta_L \rightarrow a_0 \pi \quad M = 1418.7 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV} \\ \Gamma = 59 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$$

2. $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay :

$$\eta_L ? \quad M = 1405 \pm 5 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 56 \pm 7 \text{ MeV}$$

$\eta(1295)$:

$$M = 1297.0 \pm 2.8 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 53 \pm 3 \text{ MeV}$$

Seen in $\pi p \rightarrow \eta \pi \pi$

Has never been seen in $\gamma\gamma$



2. PDG: $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ and $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ states

Axial-Vectors: $I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(1^{++})$

$f_1(1285)$

$$M = 1281.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 24.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

Seen in

$\gamma\gamma^*$, πp , pp , $p\bar{p}$, Kp , J/ψ radiative decay

1. $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ decay: 9.6%

2. $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay: 50% ; $a_0(980)\pi$ 34%

$f_1(1420)$

$$M = 1426.2 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 55.0 \pm 3.0 \text{ MeV}$$

Seen in

$\gamma\gamma^*$, $\gamma^*\gamma^*$, πp , $p\bar{p}$, Kp , J/ψ radiative decay

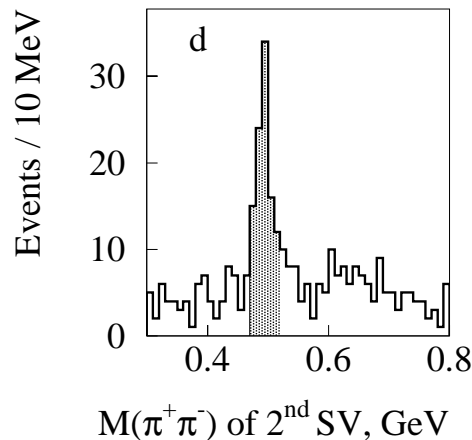
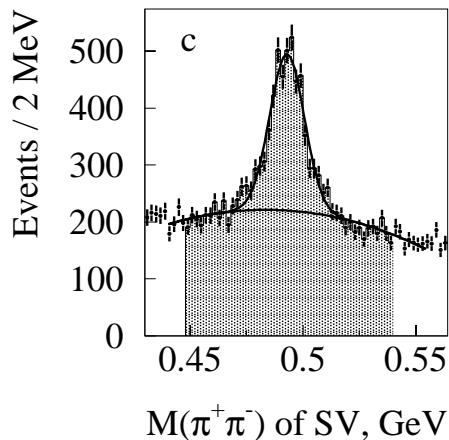
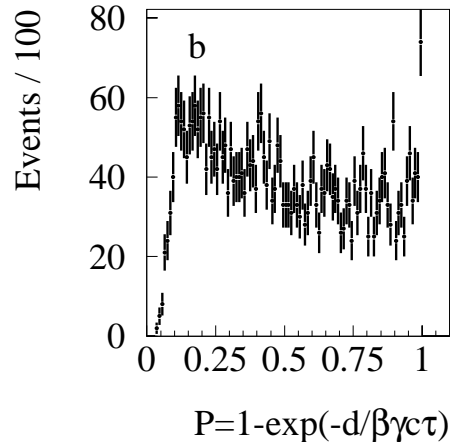
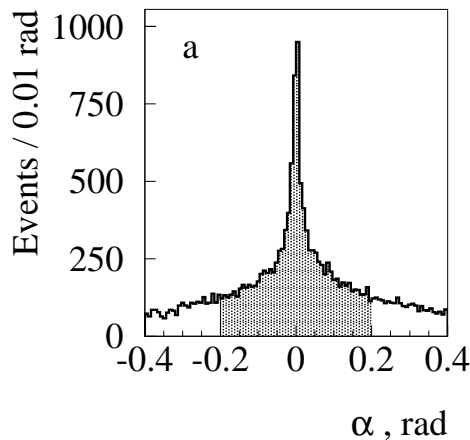
1. $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ decay: K^*K dominant

2. $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay: possibly seen



L3 : K_S^0 selection

- Final K_S^0 state: $\pi^+\pi^-$
- Secondary vertex (SV): $3 \text{ mm} \leq R_{XY} \leq 200 \text{ mm}$
- Angle α between K_S^0 momentum and K_S^0 flight direction
in transverse plane is within 0.2 rad
- Lifetime cut for K_S^0 : $1 - \exp(-d/\beta\gamma c\tau) \leq 0.99$
- Mass $K_S^0 = 0.46\text{--}0.53 \text{ GeV}$; No 2nd K_S^0
- dE/dx identification of pions





L3 data : $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ selection

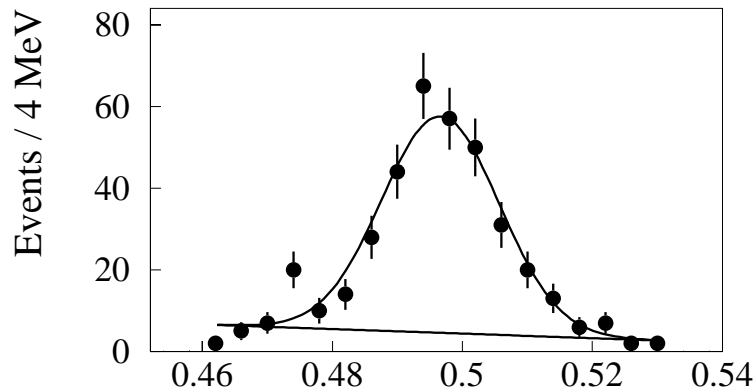
1997 - 1999 data at $\sqrt{s} = 183 \div 202$ GeV

Total integrated luminosity $\mathcal{L}_{e^+e^-} = 449$ pb $^{-1}$

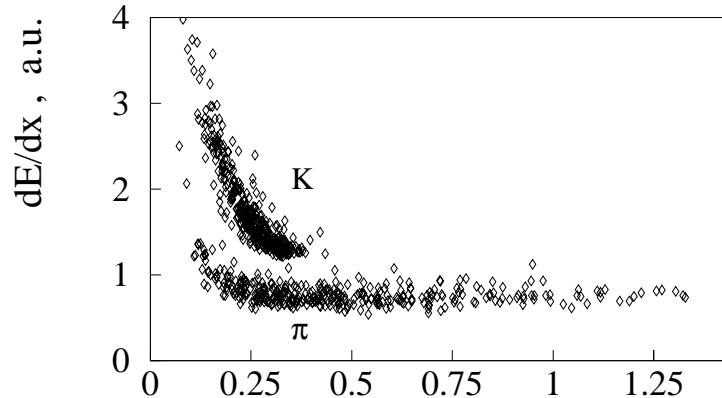
□ Events: 4 good tracks ; No photons

□ $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ at secondary vertex

□ dE/dx identification of $\pi^\pm K^\mp$ at primary vertex:
CL(K π) > 1%, CL($\pi\pi$) < 10 $^{-3}$



a) $M(\pi^+ \pi^-)$ of SV , GeV



b) Momentum , GeV

K_S^0 : $M=496$ MeV, $\sigma=9$ MeV.



$K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ mass spectrum

$$P_t^2 = (\sum \vec{p}_t)^2 < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad (290 \text{ events})$$

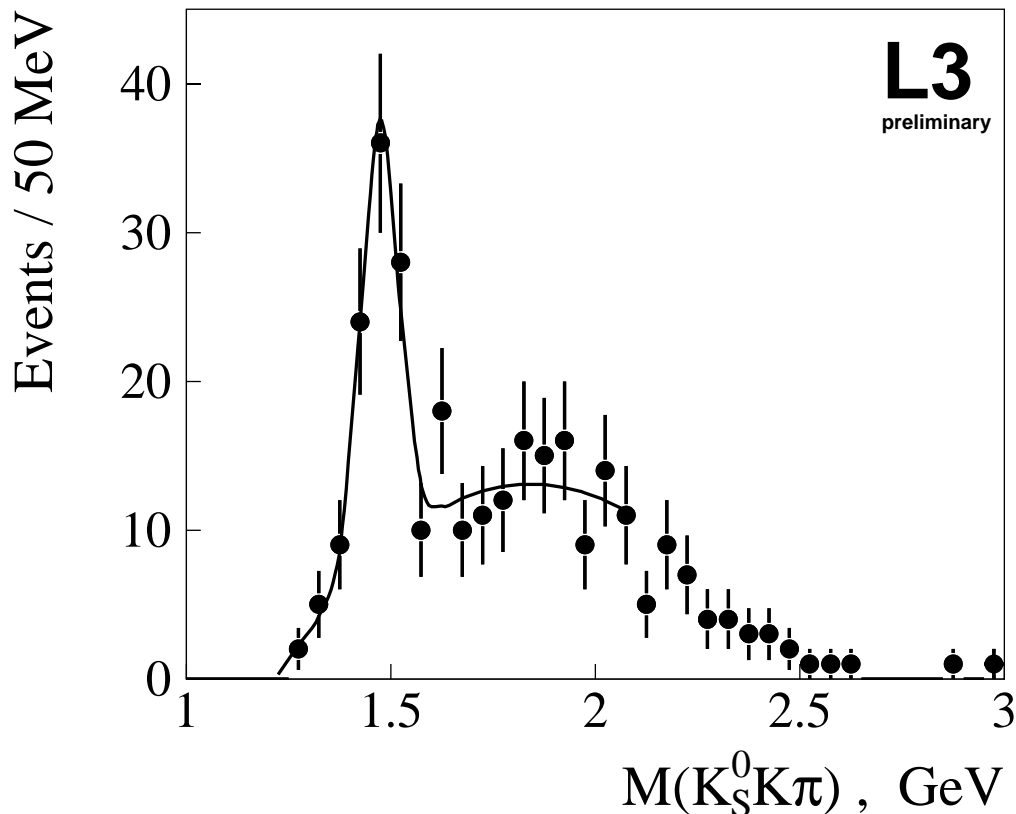
Fit :

Gaussian and second order polynomial background :

Number of events = 66 ± 11

$$M = 1473 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 97 \pm 16 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{Experimental resolution } 20 \text{ MeV})$$



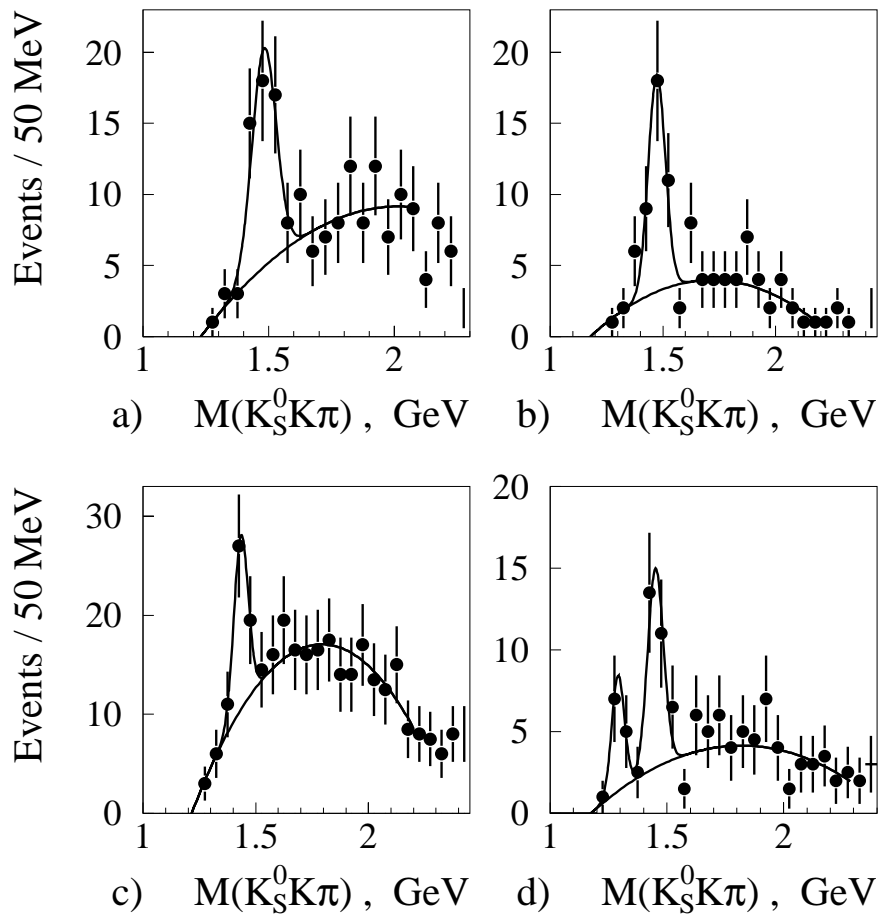
These parameters correspond to η_H



$K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$: Q^2 bins

$$Q^2 \simeq P_t^2$$

$Q^2 \simeq 0 \Rightarrow \text{spin } 0$; $Q^2 \gg 0 \Rightarrow \text{spin } 1$ (Landau-Yang)



	P_t^2 (GeV^2)	N_{events}	M (MeV)
a	0–0.02	37 ± 9	1481 ± 12
b	0.02–0.2	28 ± 7	1473 ± 11
c	0.2–1	29 ± 9	1435 ± 10
d	1–7	21 ± 6	1452 ± 11
d	1–7	10 ± 4	1290 ± 12

At high Q^2 both $f_1(1285)$ and $f_1(1420)$ are seen .

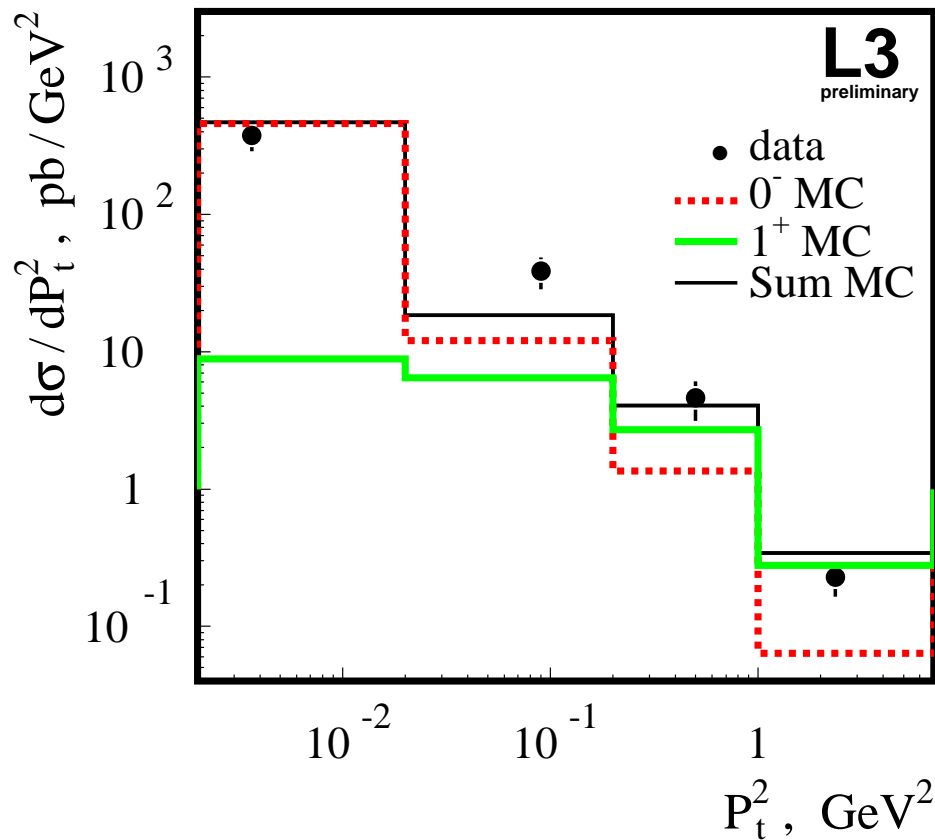


$$K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp : d\sigma/dP_t^2$$

Fit of the $d\sigma/dP_t^2$ dependence :

Resonance(s)	Kolmogorov test CL
pseudoscalar η (1440) only	$< 10^{-5}$
vector meson f_1 (1420) only	$< 10^{-5}$
sum: η (1440)+ f_1 (1420)	30%

The result of η (1440)+ f_1 (1420) fit is shown:



⇒ Presence of both 0^- and 1^+ in the peak

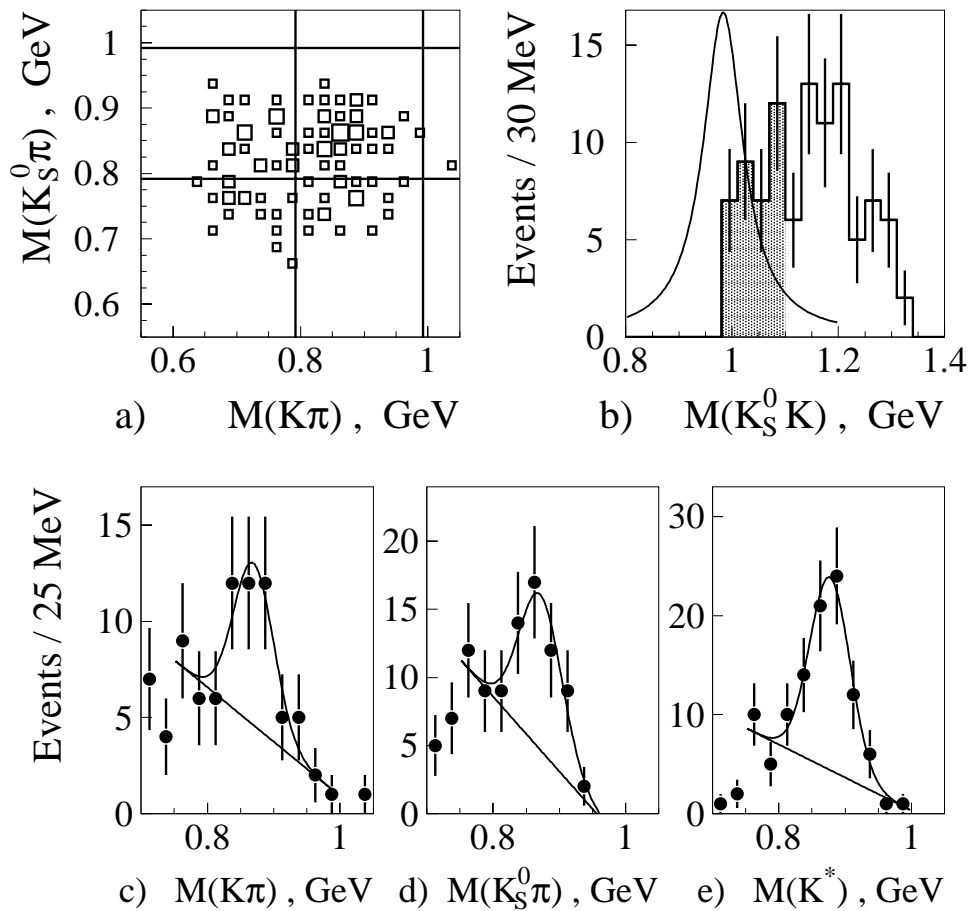
$$\eta(1440) \Rightarrow 72 \pm 9 \text{ events,}$$

$$f_1(1420) \Rightarrow 43 \pm 9 \text{ events.}$$



Two-body decay : $K^*(892)K$ and $a_0(980)\pi$

$P_t^2 < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ and
 $1370 \text{ GeV} < M(K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp) < 1560 \text{ GeV}$



$K^*(892)K$ dominant $\Rightarrow \eta_H$

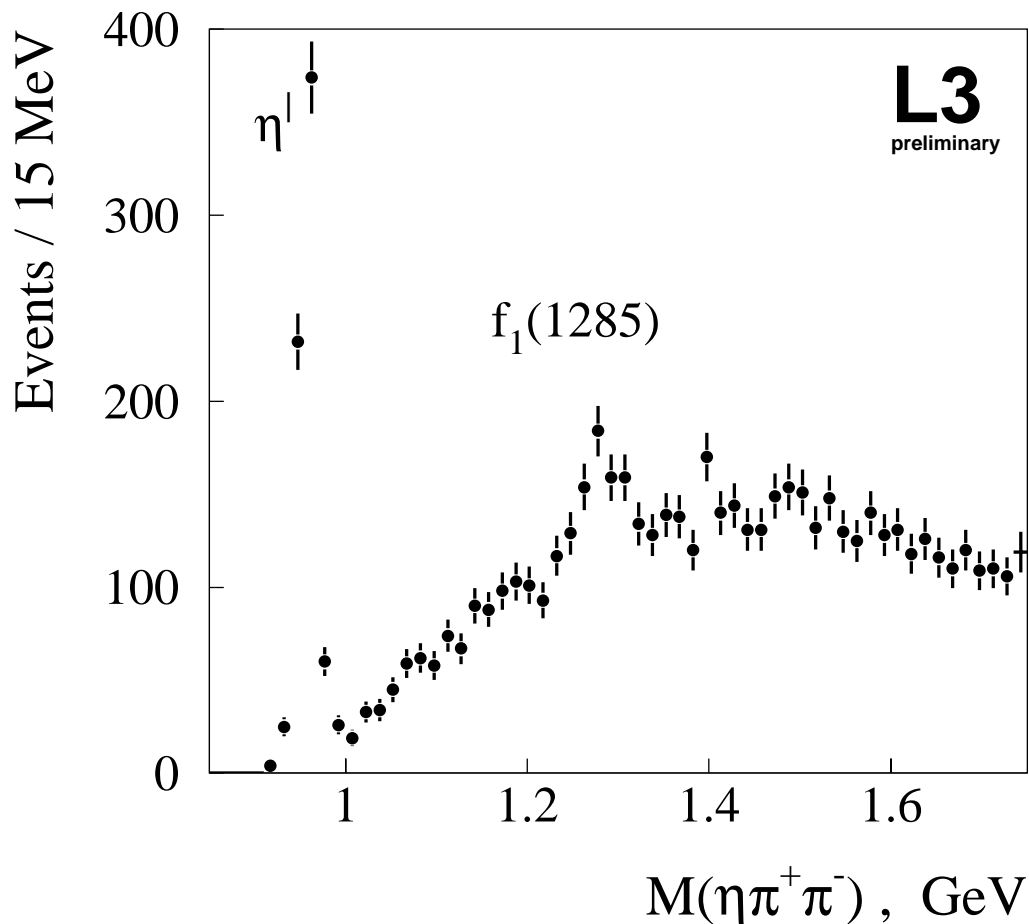
Too small statistics to establish $\eta_L \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$



$\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$: selection

- Events: 2 tracks and 2 photons
- Photon: isolated cluster in ECAL, $E > 0.1$ GeV
- $\eta \Rightarrow 0.47 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.62$ GeV
- Kinematical fit with η mass constraint

No P_t^2 cut (6444 events)

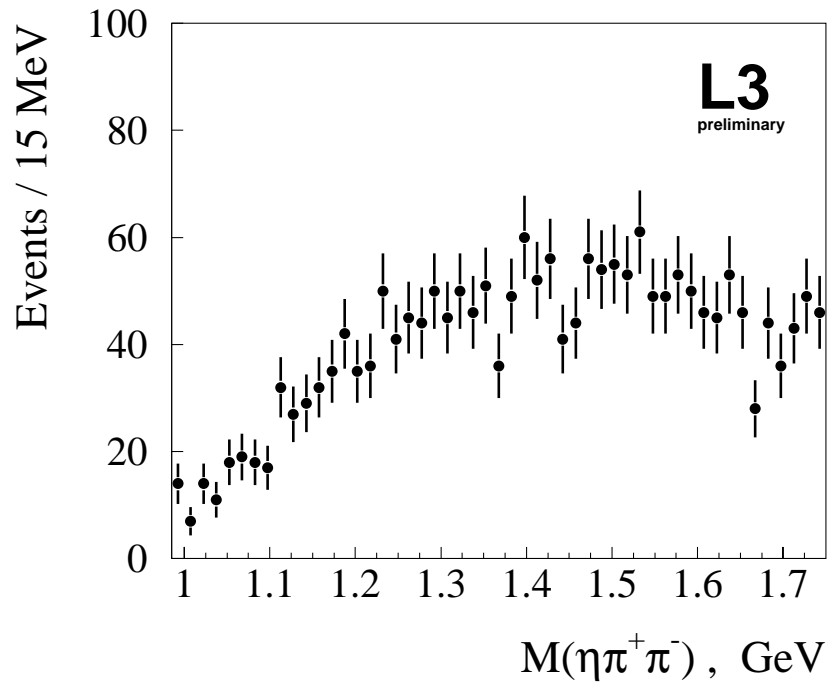


$\eta'(958)$ and $f_1(1285)$



$\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$

Mass spectrum for $P_t^2 < 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$

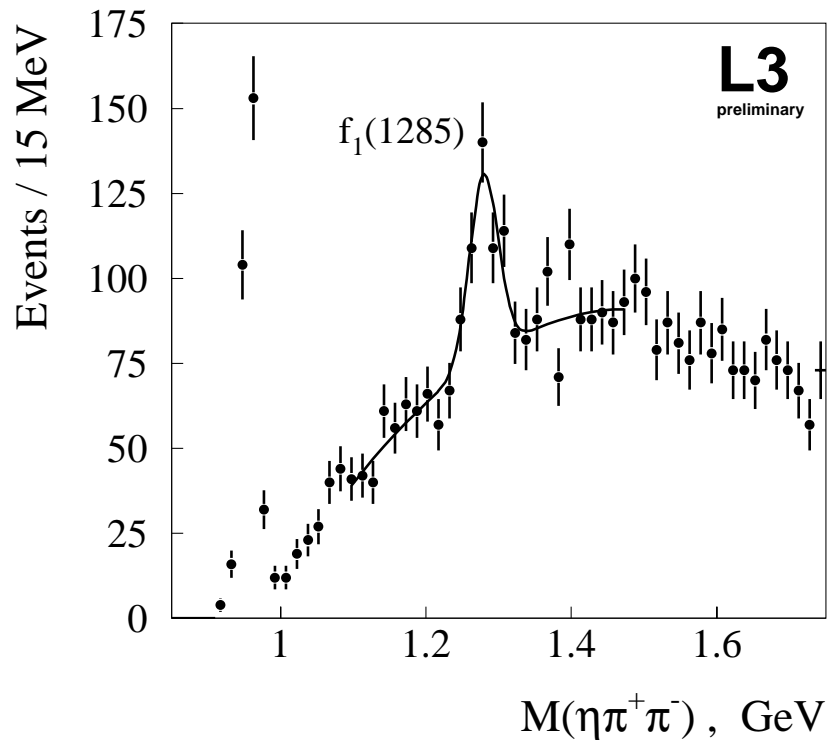


No $\eta(1295)$ nor $\eta(1440)$



$\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$

Mass spectrum for $P_t^2 > 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$



Fit of a gaussian over a polynomial background :

Number of events = 176 ± 29

$M = 1280 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}$, $\sigma = 20 \pm 3 \text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow f_1(1285)$



$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ of $\eta(1440)$ and $\eta(1295)$

Use $P_t^2 < 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$ (only 2% of 1^+)

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR = \frac{N}{\mathcal{K} \epsilon \mathcal{L}_{ee}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ee} = 449 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

\mathcal{K} from MC

1) $K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$ decay :

$$\epsilon = 1.03 \pm 0.04\%$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR(\eta(1440) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi) = 212 \pm 50 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 23 \text{ (sys.) eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR < 1.2 \text{ keV CELLO Coll., Z.Phys. C42(1989)367}$$

This value is consistent with pseudo-scalar radial recurrence, $u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}$, as calculated by A.V. Anisovich *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. A 6 (1999) 247.

2) $\eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay :

$$\epsilon = 2.0\%$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR(\eta(1440) \rightarrow \eta\pi\pi) < 80 \text{ eV at CL=90\%}$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR < 300 \text{ eV Crystal Ball Coll., Phys.Rev. D36(1988)2633}$$

\Rightarrow Consistent with η_H , no proof of η_L

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR(\eta(1295) \rightarrow \eta\pi\pi) < 55 \text{ eV at CL=90\%}$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR < 300 \text{ eV Crystal Ball Coll.}$$



Tests for Gluonium

□ **Stickiness** (M. Chanowitz (1984))

$$\frac{|\langle R | gg \rangle|^2}{|\langle R | \gamma\gamma \rangle|^2} \sim S_X = N_l \left(\frac{m_X}{\mathcal{K}_{J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma R}} \right)^{2l+1} \frac{\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma R)}{\Gamma(R \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$$

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta(1440) \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp) = (79 \pm 16) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta(1440) \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-) = (29 \pm 6) \text{ eV}$$

$$S_{\eta(1440)} = 79 \pm 26 \text{ from } K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$$

$$S_{\eta(1440)} > 98 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL, from } \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$$

□ **Guinness** (Close, Farrar and Li (1997))

$$G = \frac{9 e_Q^4}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s} \right)^2 \frac{\Gamma(R \rightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(R \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$$

$$G_{\eta(1440)} = 35 \pm 12 \text{ from } K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$$

$$G_{\eta(1440)} > 44 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL, from } \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$$

(For the η' , $S = 3.5 \pm 0.3$, $G = 6.5 \pm 0.8$)

⇒ **Strong gluon admixture**

Lattice QCD calculations predict pseudo-scaler gluonium only at $\sim 2 \text{ GeV}$!



Conclusions and Outlook

Two-photon interactions, with the high statistics obtained at LEP, can help to clarify the complex region of low mass resonances.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$$

⇒ 2^{++} and 0^{++} waves in the $\rho^0\rho^0$ channel.

More detailed spin-parity-helicity analysis and the study of the $\rho^+\rho^-$ channel will identify the f_2 and f_0 resonances

⇒ For $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 3$ GeV the production mechanism of the ρ^0 and f_2 must be studied.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-K_S^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp \text{ and } \eta \pi^+\pi^-$$

⇒ $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \cdot BR(\eta(1440) \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi) =$
 212 ± 50 (stat.) ± 17 (sys.) eV

Which is the nature of this state?

Glueonium or radial recurrence?

⇒ Measure the $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ of $f_1(1285)$ and $f_1(1420)$