



# Modeling Tau Decays for the Energy and Luminosity Frontiers.

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The BaBar Experiment

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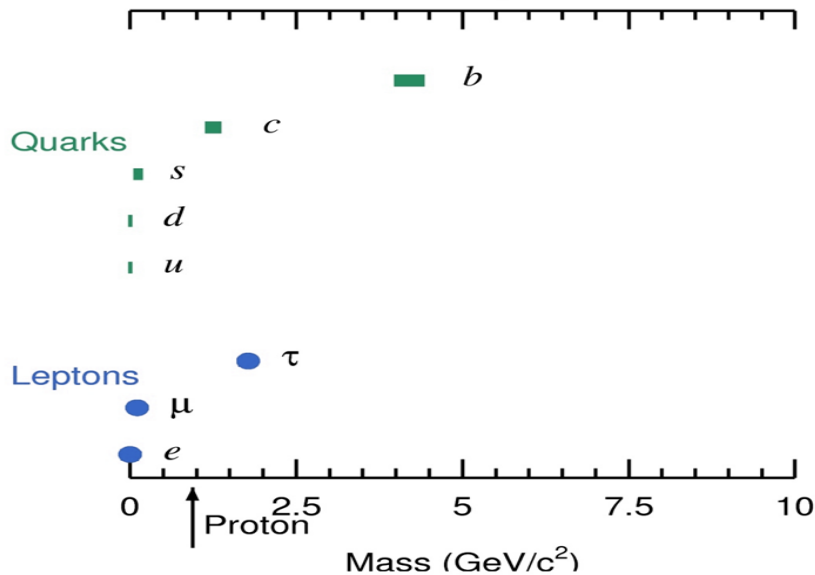
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# Introduction

The Elementary Particles



$\tau$  are the heaviest of the leptons and provide unique opportunities  
Physic at B-Factories:

- Searches for new Physics
  - Lepton Flavour Violations
  - CP Violation
- Study electro-weak physics
  - Electro-weak couplings:  $|V_{us}|/g_e/g_\mu/g_\tau$
  - Michel Parameters
  - $\tau$  EDM
- Low energy QCD
  - $\alpha(s)$  strong
  - g-2 measurements
  - Second Class Currents
  - Resonances structure
  - $K_1(1280)$  and  $K_1(1400)$  mixing
- $\tau$  properties
  - mass, life-time, ...

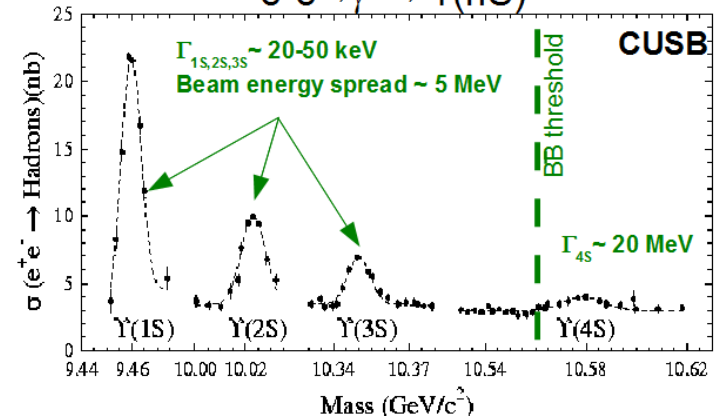
## Physics at the LHC:

- Study electro-weak physics
  - SM Measurements:  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ ,  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
  - Higgs  $\rightarrow \tau\tau$
- Search for new physics:
  - Susy
  - Lepto-quarks
  - Charged Higgs Doublet



The BaBar Detector is located on the PEP II, an  $e^+e^-$  collider, at SLAC. Collected data from 1999-2008.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)$$



BABAR collected about  $531 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data

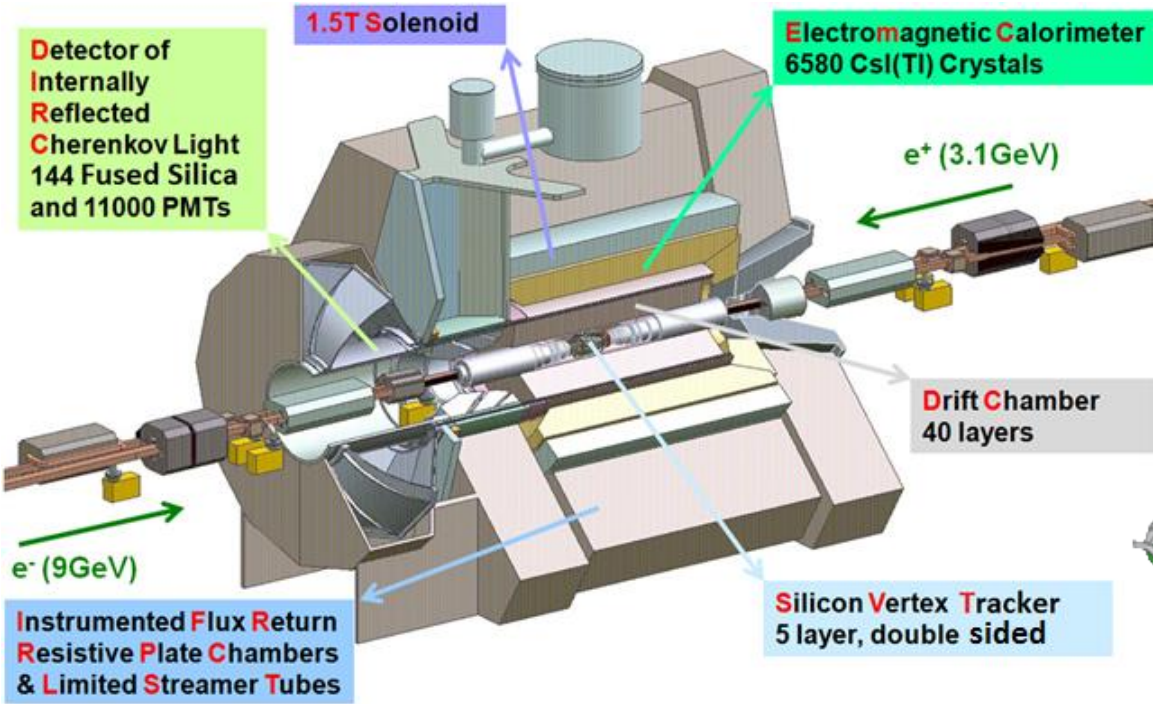
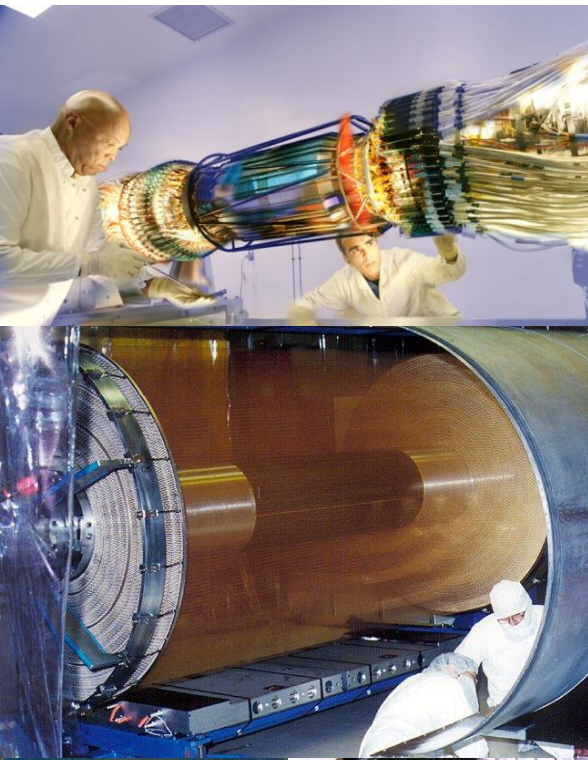
$\sim 470 \times 10^6$  events  $\Upsilon(4S)$

$\sim 120 \times 10^6$  events  $\Upsilon(3S)$  (10x Belle)

$\sim 100 \times 10^6$  events  $\Upsilon(2S)$  (10x CLEO)

$\sim 18 \times 10^6$  events  $\Upsilon(1S)$  from  $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$

# BaBar Detector



## Branching Ratio

Theory Uncertainty: 0.5%

$$\frac{B(\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \nu_\tau)}{B(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)} = \frac{f_K^2 |V_{us}|^2 (1 - m_K^2 / m_\tau^2)^2}{f_\pi^2 |V_{ud}|^2 (1 - m_\pi^2 / m_\tau^2)^2}$$

## Branching Fraction

Theory Uncertainty: 0.7%

$$B(\tau \rightarrow K \nu) = \frac{G^2 \tau_\tau m_\tau^3 f_K^2 S_{EW} |V_{us}|^2}{16\pi\hbar} (1 - m_K^2 / m_\tau^2)^2$$

## Finite Energy Sum Rules

Theory Uncertainty: 0.2-0.5%

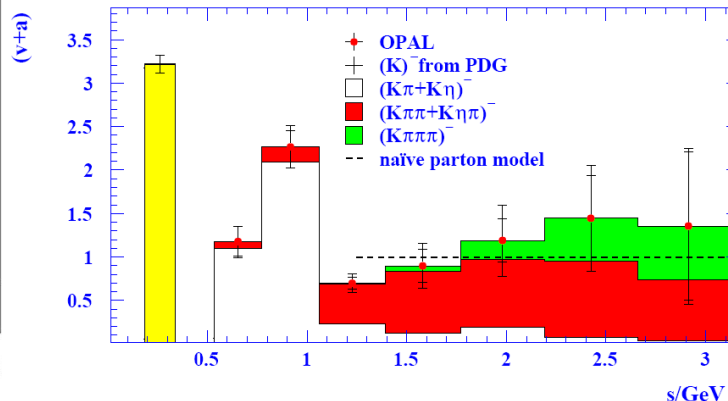
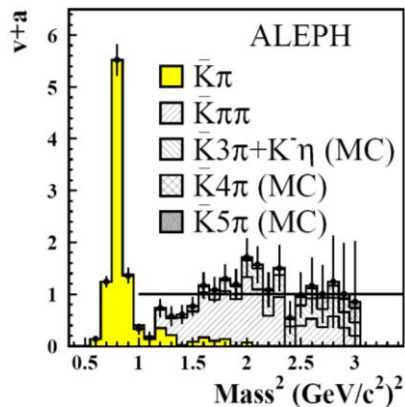
Requires SDF for Finite Energy Sum Rules:

Branching fraction for all  $\tau$  decay modes

Invariant mass for all measured  $\tau$  decay modes

Upper limit on all unobserved  $\tau$  decay modes

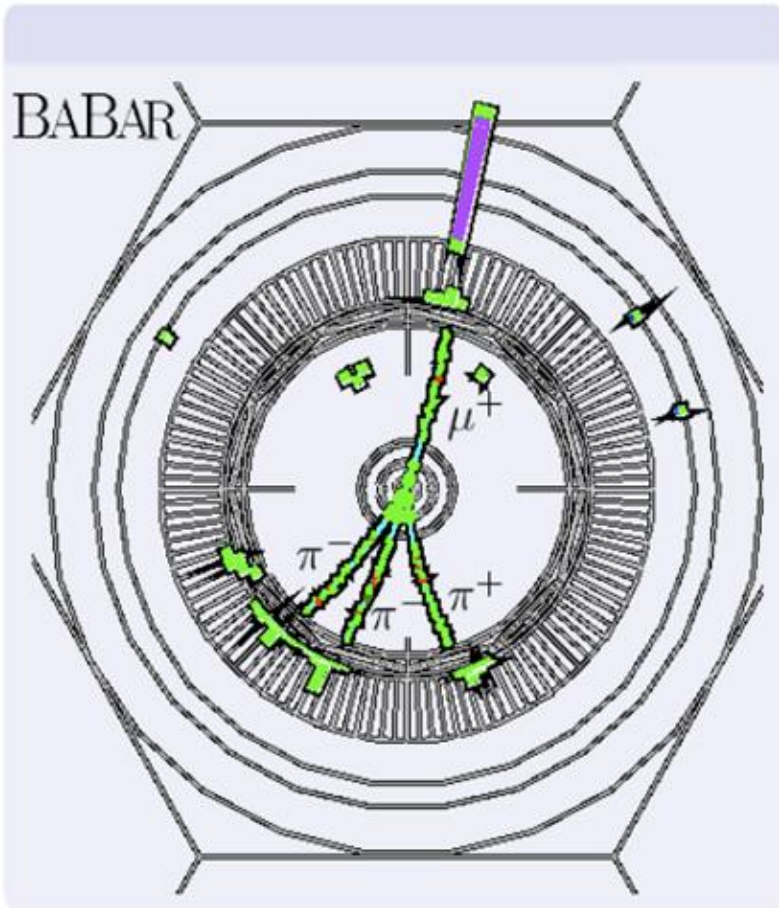
$$|V_{us}|^2 = \frac{R_{\tau, \text{strange}}^w}{R_{\tau, \text{non-strange}}^w / |V_{ud}|^2 - \delta R_\tau^w}$$



# $\tau$ at the B-Factories

$\tau$ -Pair Signature:

Leptonic vs Hadronic Decay



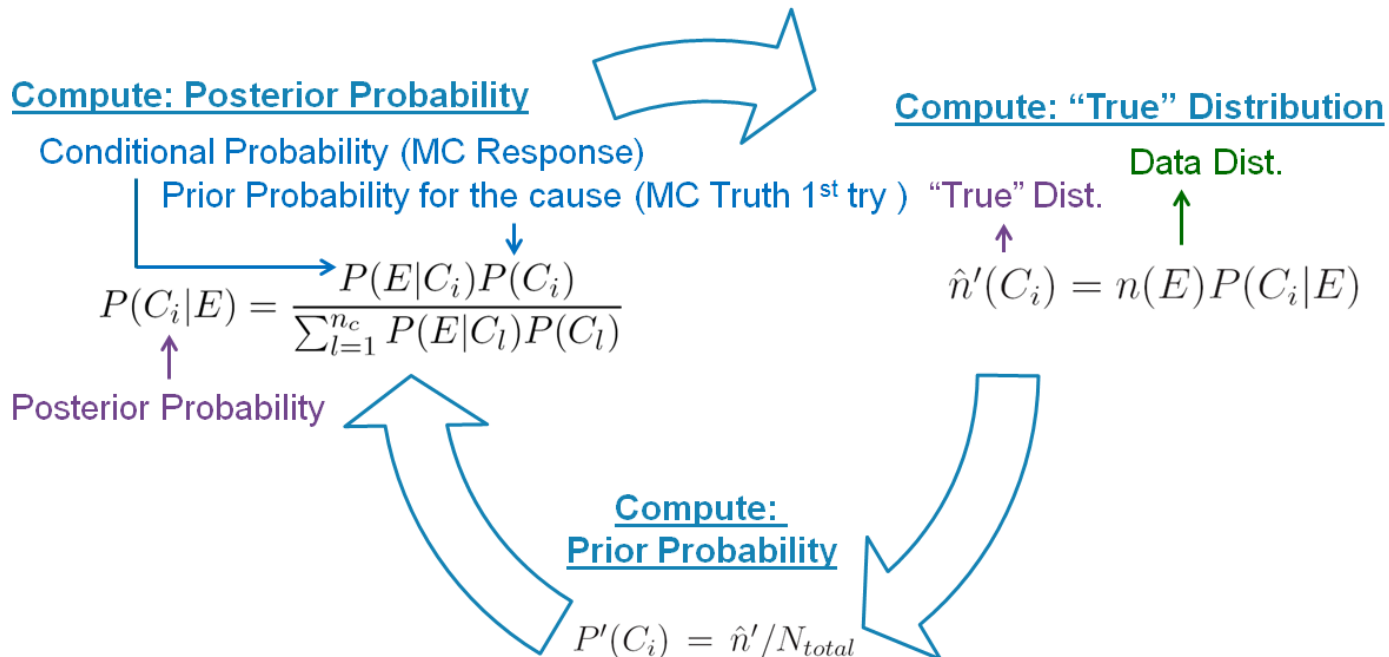
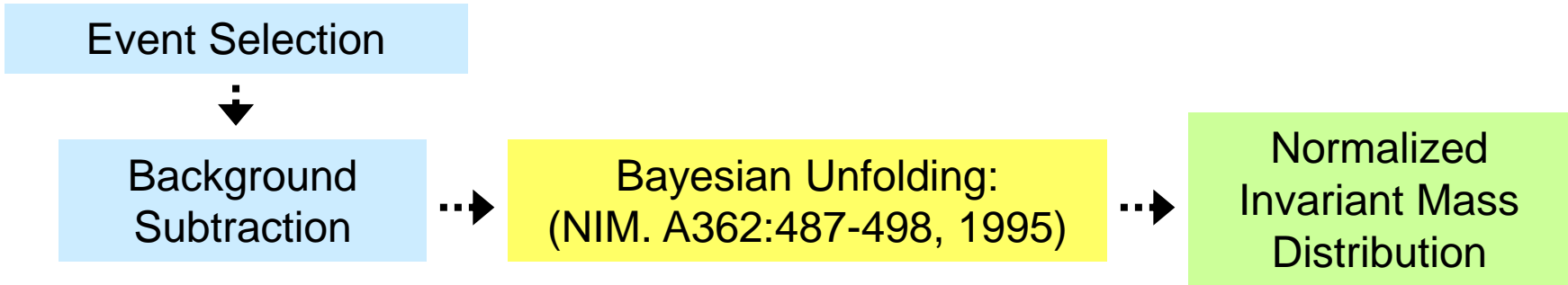
Backgrounds	Discriminants
Bhabha, $\mu$ -pair	Lepton Momentum Multiplicity Conversion veto $\cos(\theta)$
Two-Photon	Missing Transverse Momentum Missing Mass $\cos(\theta^{\text{Miss}})$ Thrust Total Reconstructed Energy
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{q}q$ $q=u,d,s,c,b$	Thrust Invariant mass Multiplicity

Once the  $\tau$ -pairs are identified, selection criteria are applied to the signal hemisphere:

- K/ $\pi$  separation
- Neutral Identification:  $\pi^0, \eta, \gamma$

# Unfolding Procedure

Distributions are unfolded to remove detector scale and resolution effect and are efficiency corrected to obtain the true distribution...



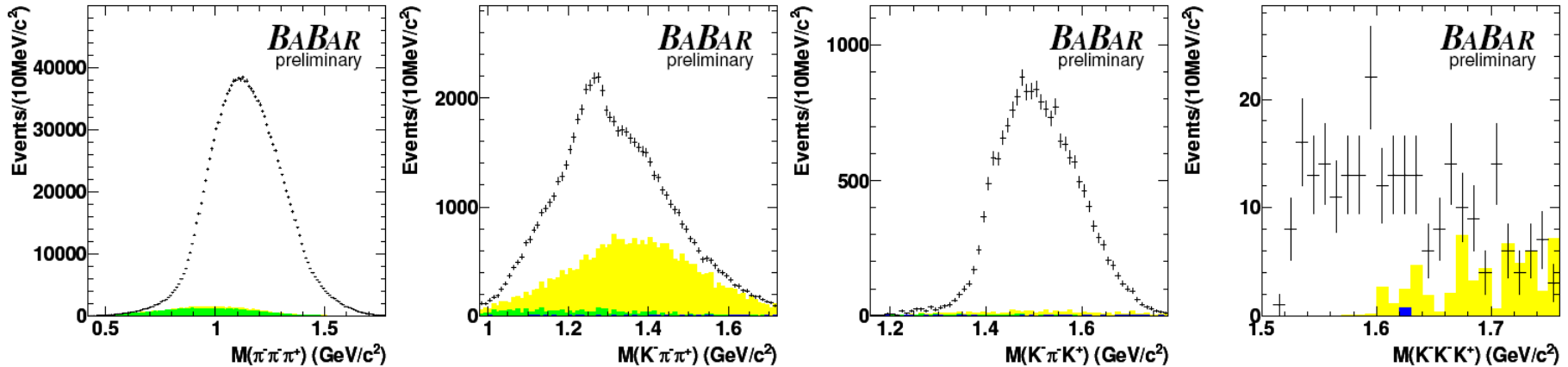
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BaBar-Preliminary [arXiv:1301.7105]

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Other  $\tau$ -Bkg

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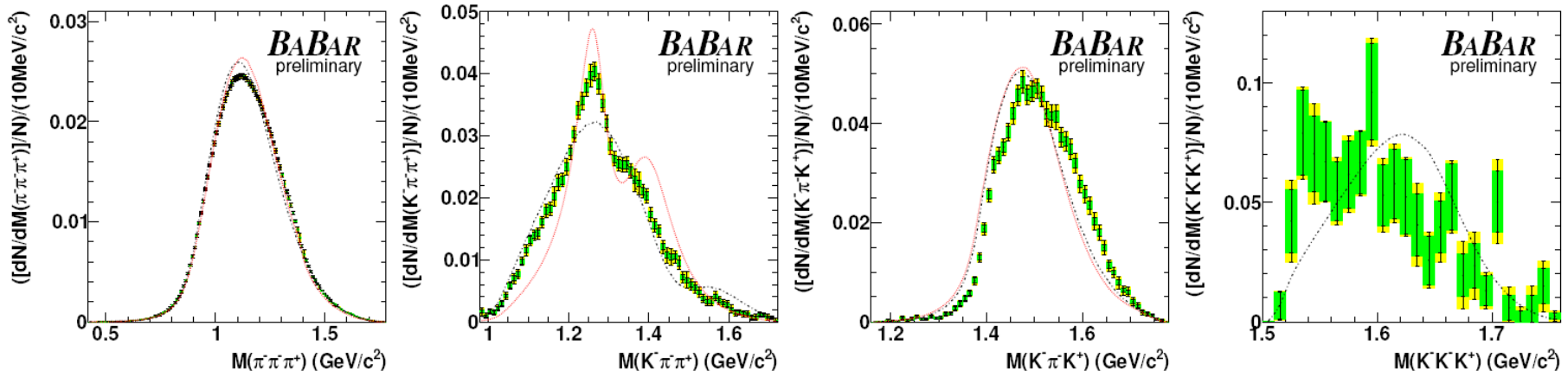


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..... BaBar Tauola MC

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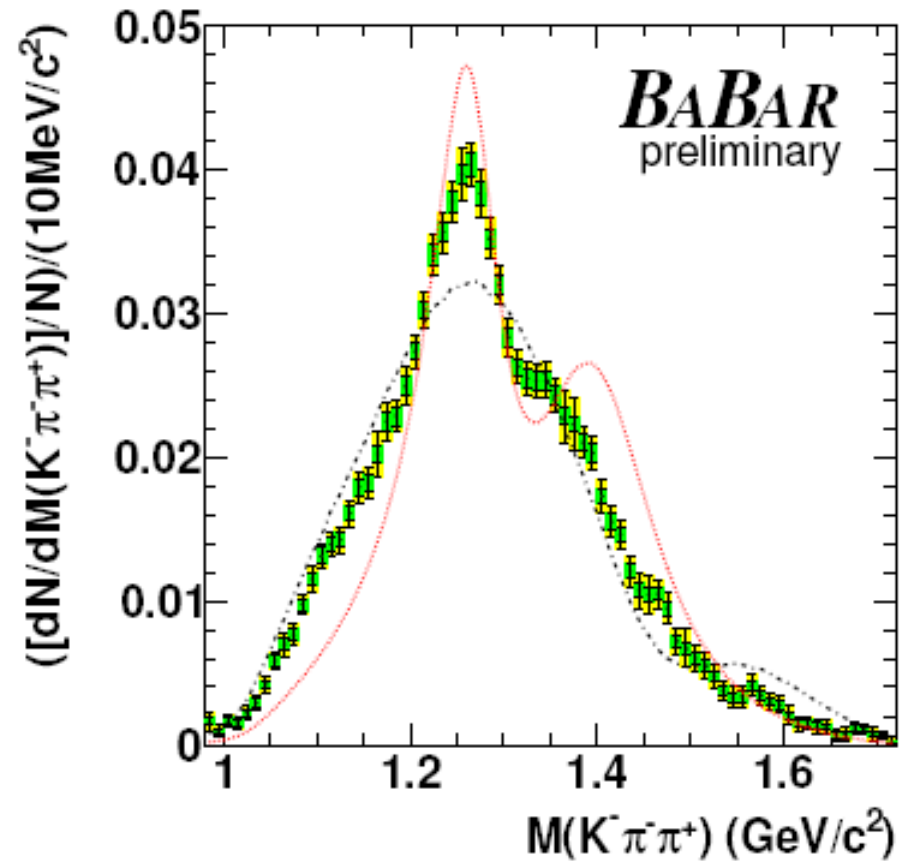
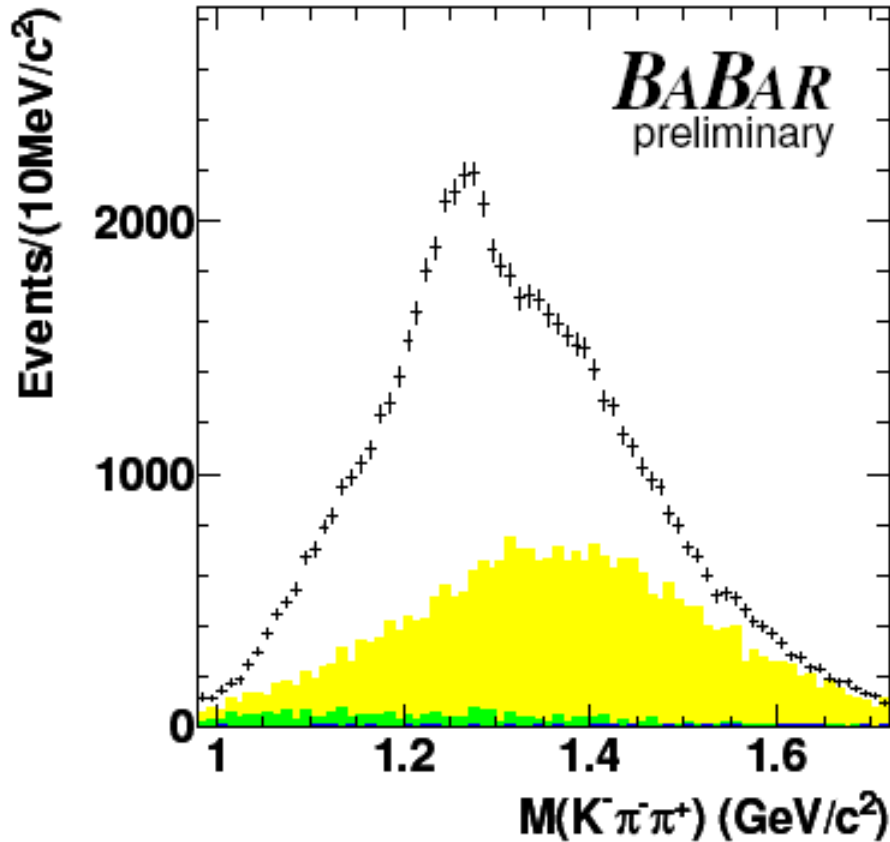
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# Hadronic Structure of $\tau \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\nu$

The CLEO, OPAL, DELPHI, ARGUS, + ... Experiments have used model dependent Fits: Törnqvist Unitarized Quark Model, Kühn Santamaria Model, Isgur, Morningstar and Reader (IMR) Model, Flux Tube Models, + ...

[Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 123 (2003) 40-46], [Z.Phys. C75 (1997) 593-605]

[Phys. Lett. B bf 426, 411 (1998)], [Phys.Rev. D61 (2000) 012002] and many more ...

**“The models used are not unique, as significant variations in their form and content can lead to similar features in the distributions of observable quantities. In addition, no model has so far given a fully satisfactory description of the data.”**

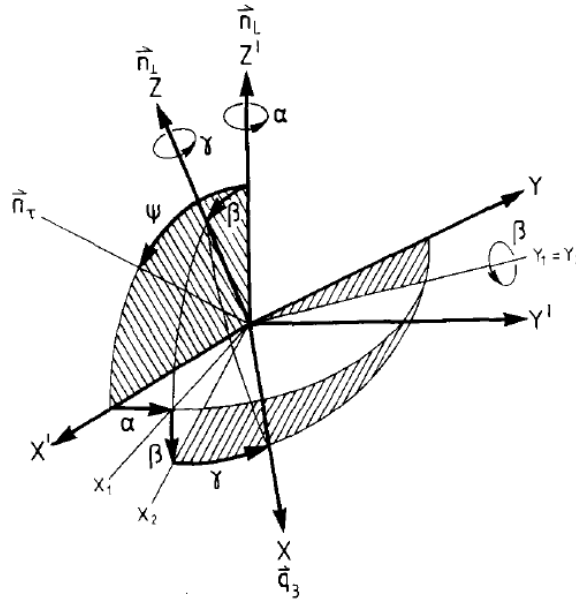
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Moments for the structure functions have been measured based on the method proposed by:

[Z. Phys. C 56, 661 (1992) and Erratum Z. Phys. C67, 364 (1995).]

Both the OPAL and CLEO experiments have the structure functions where  $\alpha$  has been integrated over. [Z.Phys. C75 (1997) 593-605][Phys.Rev. D61 (2000) 052004]



$$\begin{aligned}
 W_A &= (x_1^2 + x_3^2)|F_1|^2 + (x_2^2 + x_3^2)|F_2|^2 + 2(x_1 x_2 - x_3^2)\text{Re}(F_1 F_2^*), \\
 W_B &= x_4^2 |F_3|^2, \\
 W_C &= (x_1^2 - x_3^2)|F_1|^2 + (x_2^2 - x_3^2)|F_2|^2 + 2(x_1 x_2 + x_3^2)\text{Re}(F_1 F_2^*), \\
 W_D &= 2[x_1 x_3 |F_1|^2 - x_2 x_3 |F_2|^2 + x_3(x_2 - x_1)\text{Re}(F_1 F_2^*)], \\
 W_E &= -2x_3(x_1 + x_2)\text{Im}(F_1 F_2^*), \\
 W_F &= 2x_4[x_1 \text{Im}(F_1 F_3^*) + x_2 \text{Im}(F_2 F_3^*)], \\
 W_G &= -2x_4[x_1 \text{Re}(F_1 F_3^*) + x_2 \text{Re}(F_2 F_3^*)], \\
 W_H &= 2x_3 x_4 [\text{Im}(F_1 F_3^*) - \text{Im}(F_2 F_3^*)], \\
 W_I &= -2x_3 x_4 [\text{Re}(F_1 F_3^*) - \text{Re}(F_2 F_3^*)], \\
 W_{SA} &= Q^2 |F_4|^2, \\
 W_{SB} &= 2\sqrt{Q^2}[x_1 \text{Re}(F_1 F_4^*) + x_2 \text{Re}(F_2 F_4^*)], \\
 W_{SC} &= -2\sqrt{Q^2}[x_1 \text{Im}(F_1 F_4^*) + x_2 \text{Im}(F_2 F_4^*)], \\
 W_{SD} &= 2\sqrt{Q^2} x_3 [\text{Re}(F_1 F_4^*) - \text{Re}(F_2 F_4^*)], \\
 W_{SE} &= -2\sqrt{Q^2} x_3 [\text{Im}(F_1 F_4^*) - \text{Im}(F_2 F_4^*)], \\
 W_{SF} &= -2\sqrt{Q^2} x_4 \text{Im}(F_3 F_4^*), \\
 W_{SG} &= -2\sqrt{Q^2} x_4 \text{Re}(F_3 F_4^*).
 \end{aligned}$$

$\tau \rightarrow K\pi\pi\nu$  - mixing of  $K_1(1280)$  and  $K_1(1400)$  related to theory error on  $|\alpha - \alpha_{\text{eff}}|$

$\tau \rightarrow K\pi\pi\nu / K\pi K\nu$  - Wess-Zunimo Anomaly

[Phys. Lett. B37B (1971) 95][Phys.Rev. D47 (1993) 4012-4021]

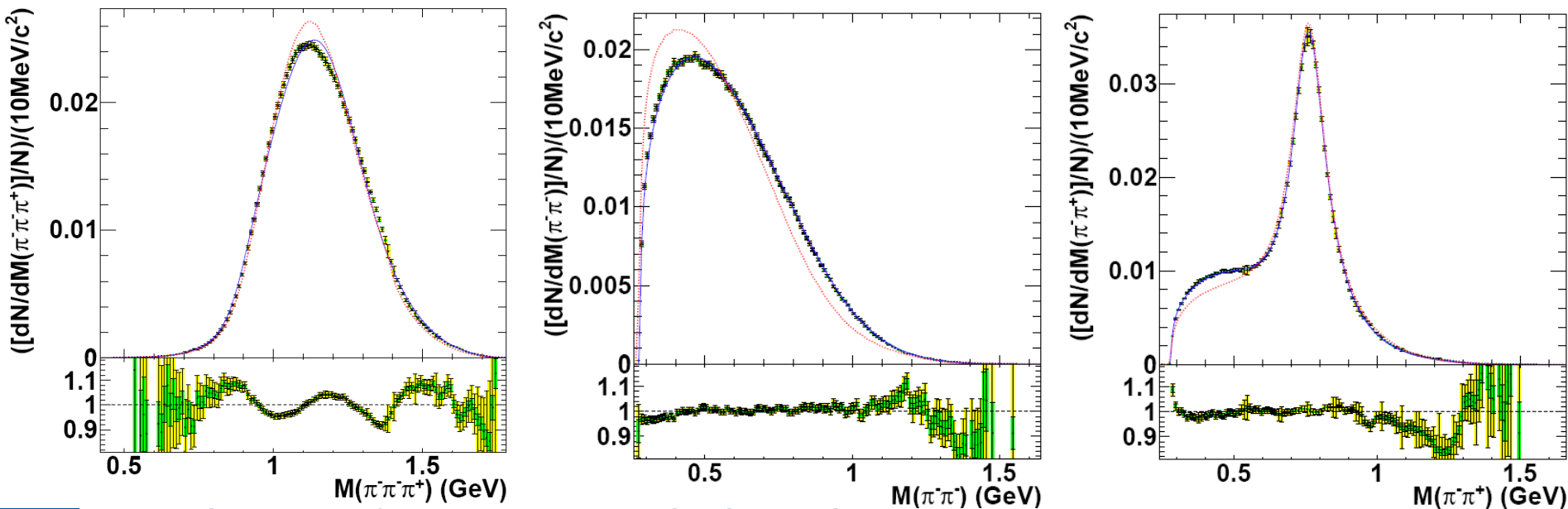
# Fitting the Hadronic Spectra

To improve the modeling of  $\tau$  decays Tauola authors tuned Tauola using BaBar data  
Model based on a RCHL model [Phys.Rev. D88 (2013) 093012].

Main discrepancies point to the resonances measured by CLEO and other former experiments...

[Phys.Rev. D61 (2000) 012002] [Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 123 (2003) 40-46].

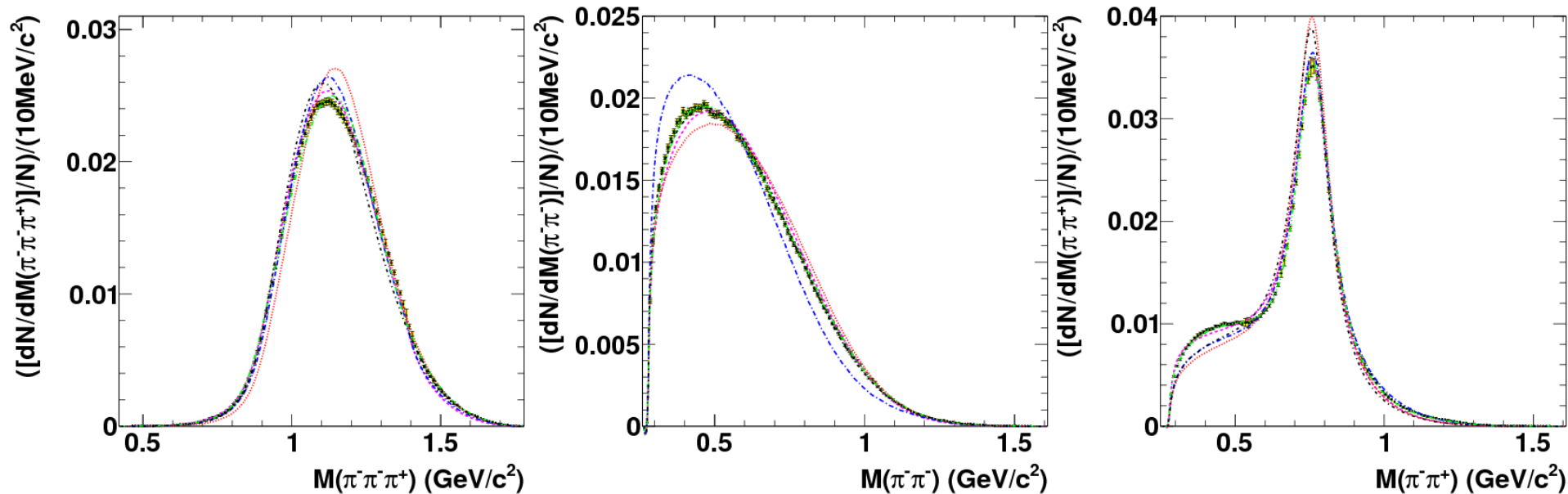
$\sigma$  model is constructed based on a Breit-Wigner and a exponential function. The large width and numerical instability suggest problems with the  $\sigma$  description.



# Hadronic Spectra Tunes

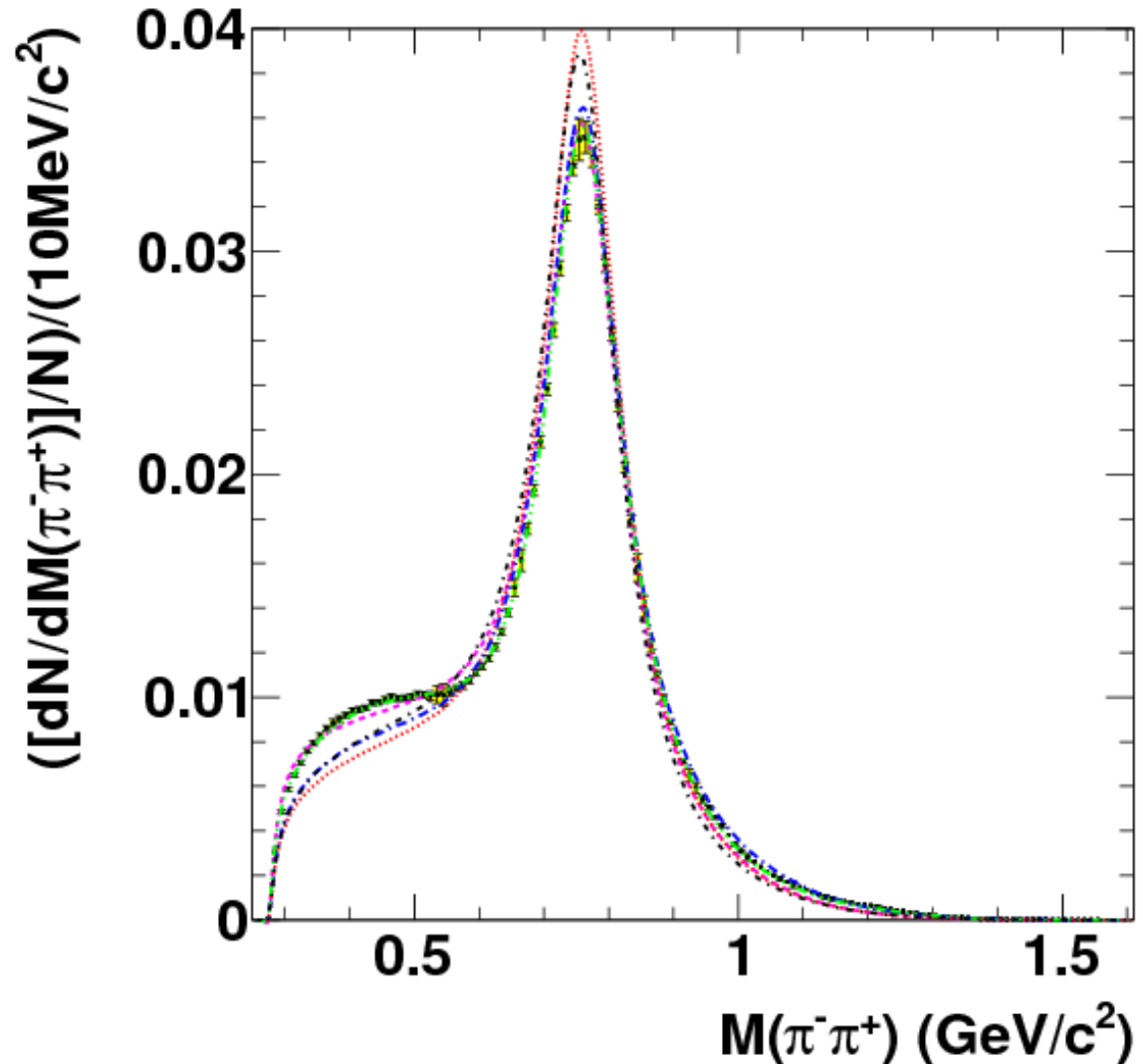
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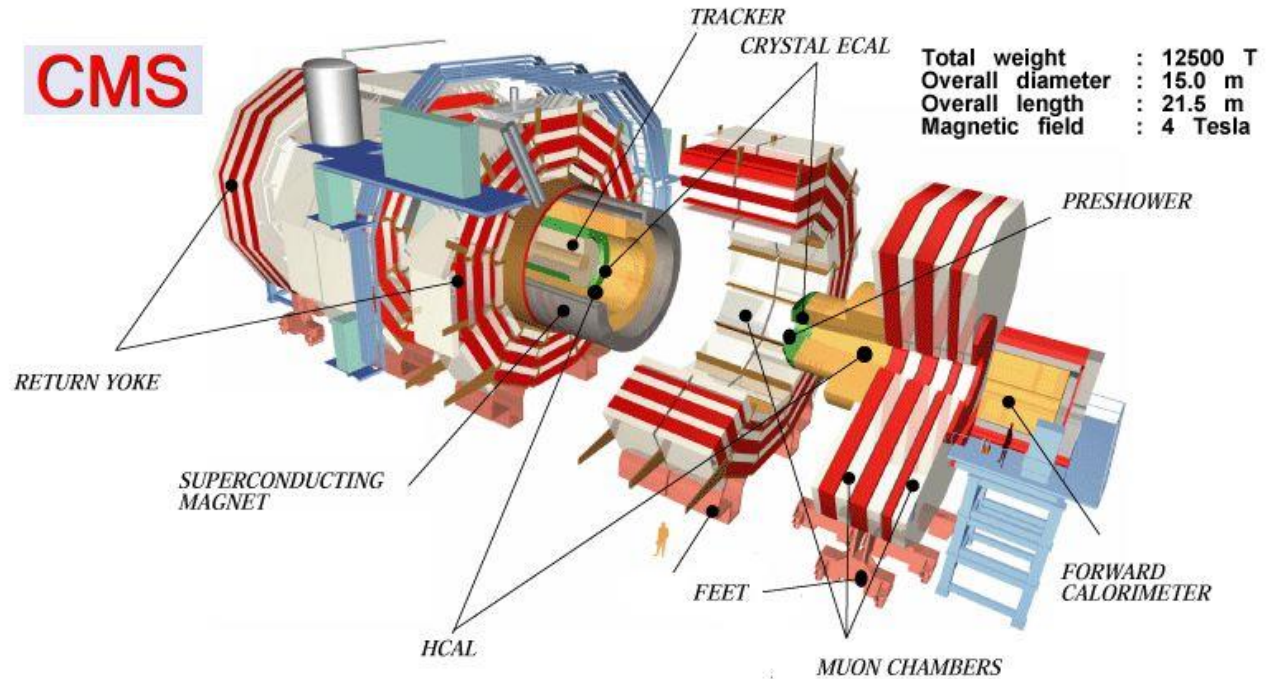
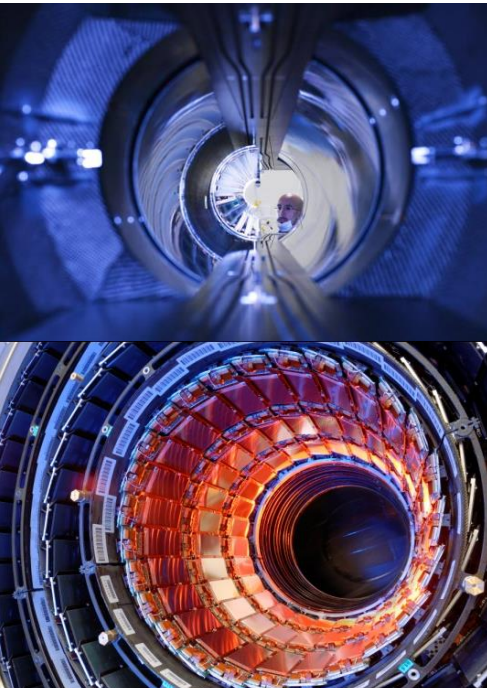


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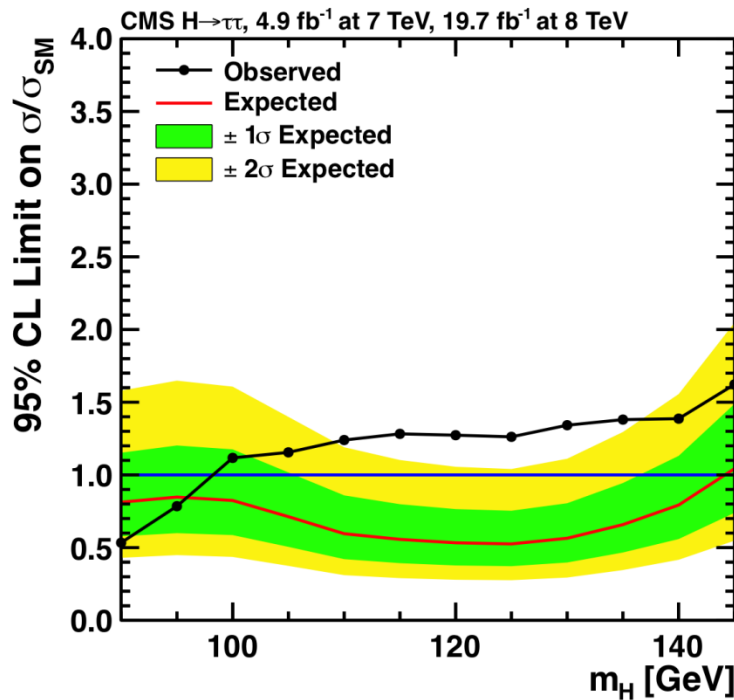


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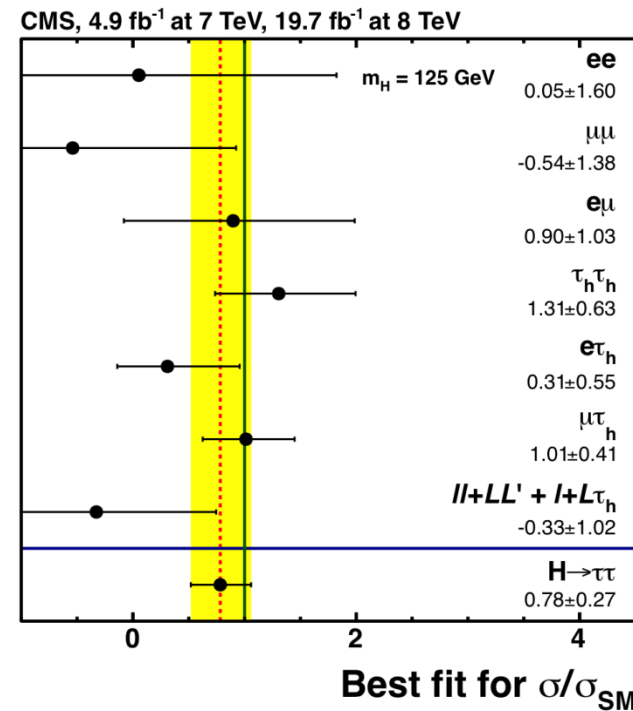


# Motivation: $\tau$ 's at the LHC

Many interesting channels at the LHC contain a  $\tau$  lepton:  
SM Bosons, Higgs, SUSY, Lepto-Quarks



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arXiv: 1401.5041



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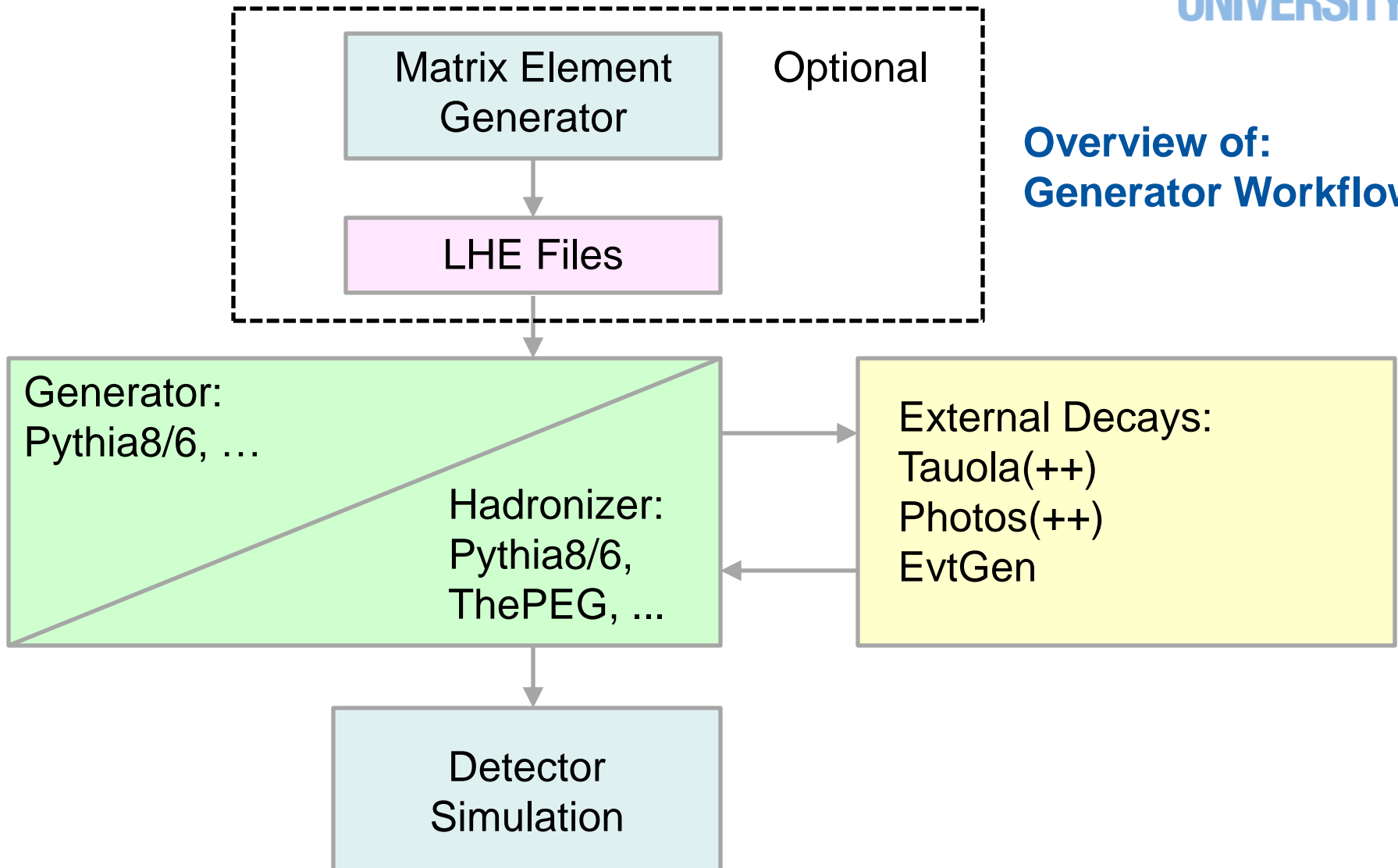
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  results from LHC: Atlas ( $4.2\sigma$ ) and CMS ( $3.2\sigma$ ).

Expect Z value of greater than  $5\sigma$  in Run II



# Monte-Carlo Simulation at CMS

## Overview of: Generator Workflow



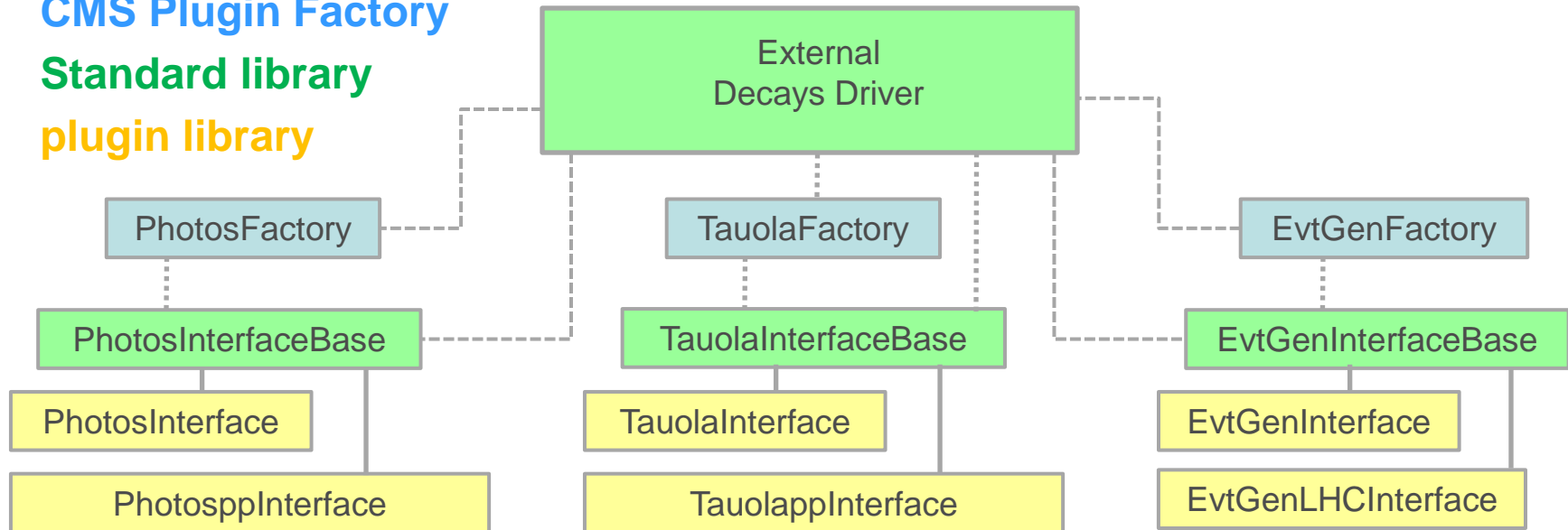
In CMS software framework the MC Generators are built as RPMs which are accessed through interfaces in CMSSW.

## Legend

CMS Plugin Factory

Standard library

plugin library

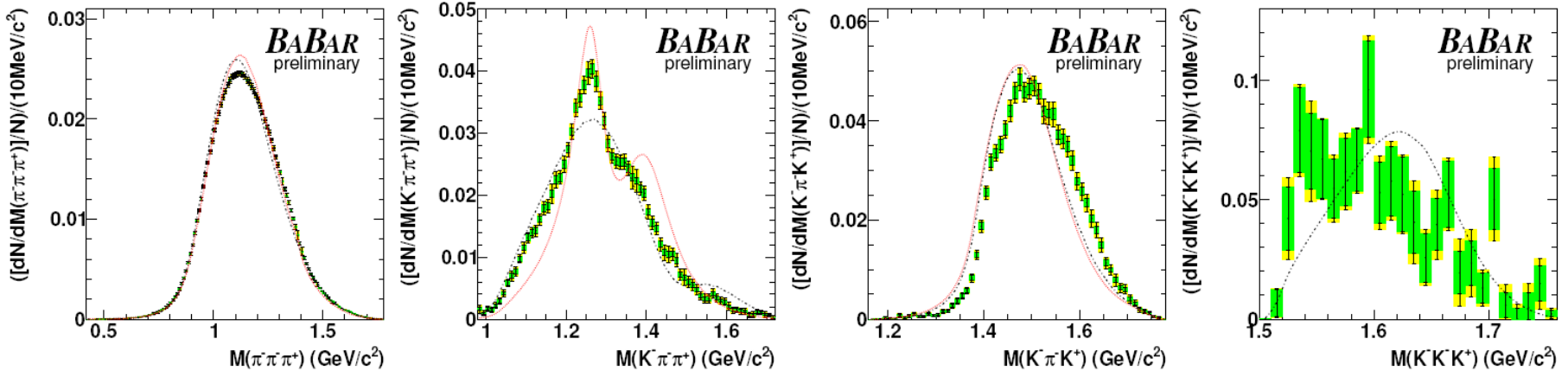


For reproducibility of the MC, the default generators are not allowed to change in a given release series.

To allow for upgrades and patches for the external decays the software was upgraded to use plugins: EvtGen, Photos++, TauSpinner(Tauola++).

# Conclusions & Outlook

$\tau$  decays provide a unique opportunity to probe the SM:



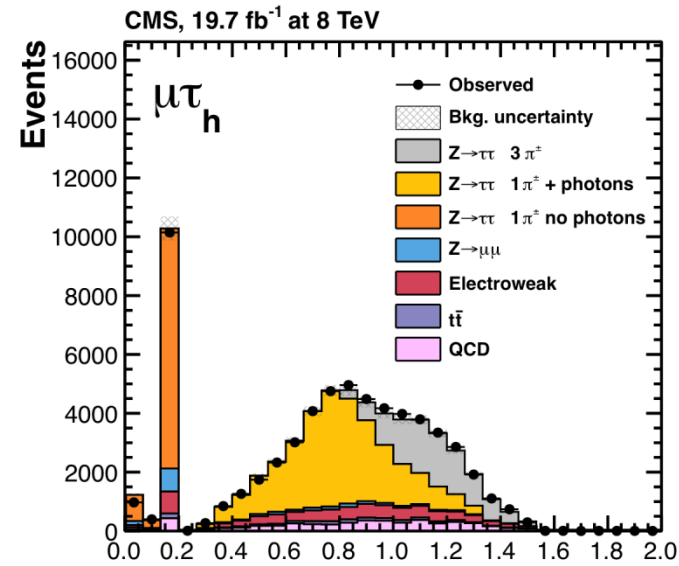
Low energy QCD, Electro-weak couplings

Many interesting channels at the LHC contain  $\tau$ : Higgs/Susy/Lepto-Quarks/...

Simulation of  $\tau$  decays is essential for any analysis that uses  $\tau$  at the LHC.

→ Upgrade of external generators include:

- » EvtGen 1.3.0
- » Tauola++
- » Photos++



CMS: HIG-13-004  $m_{vis}^{\tau_h}$  [GeV]  
arXiv: 1401.5041



## Topics

$\tau$  Properties  
Electro-Weak physics  
Hadronic decays and QCD  
Decays Involving  $\tau$  Leptons  
Lepton Flavour Violation  
g-2  
Neutrino physics  
 $\tau$  at Hadron Colliders  
Prospects for  $\tau$  Physics  
Poster session

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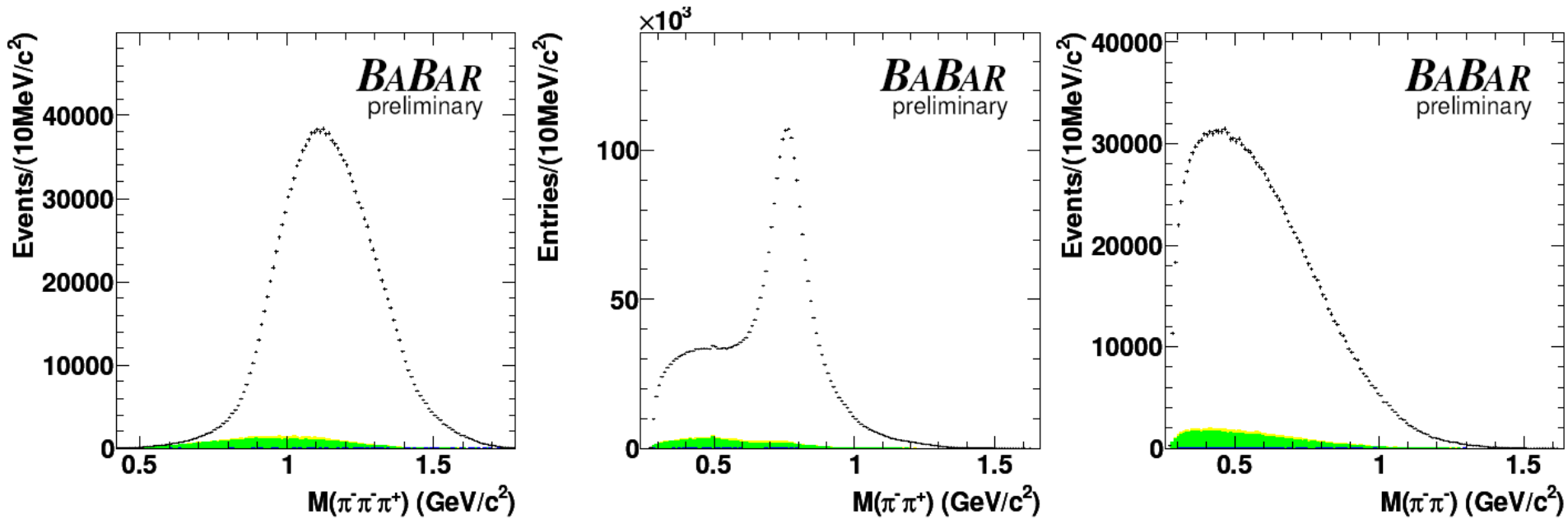
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# Raw Invariant Mass Distributions

Raw Invariant mass distributions for:  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu$

 Cross-Feed     Other  $\tau$ -Bkg     Other Bkg



Main background:  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0 \nu$  ( $\sim 3.6\%$ )

# Unfolded Invariant Mass Distributions

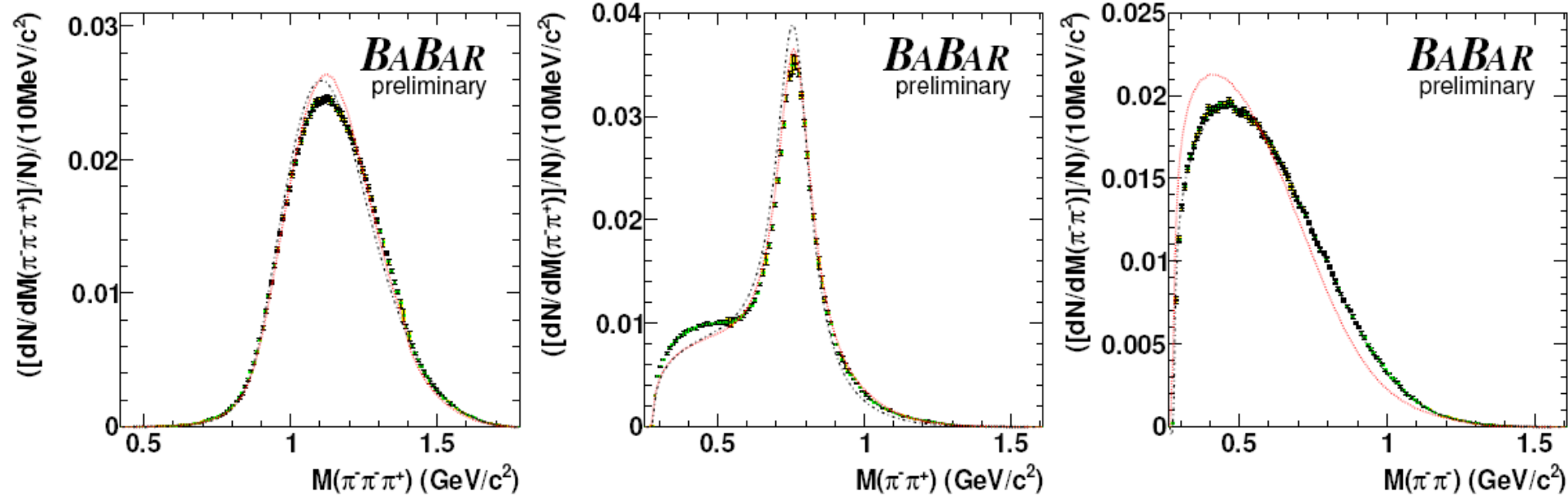
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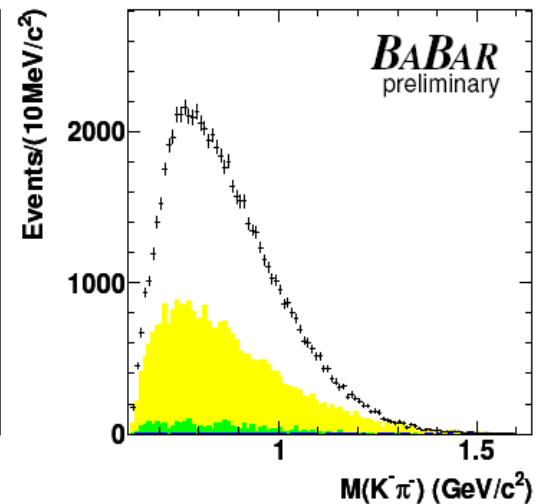
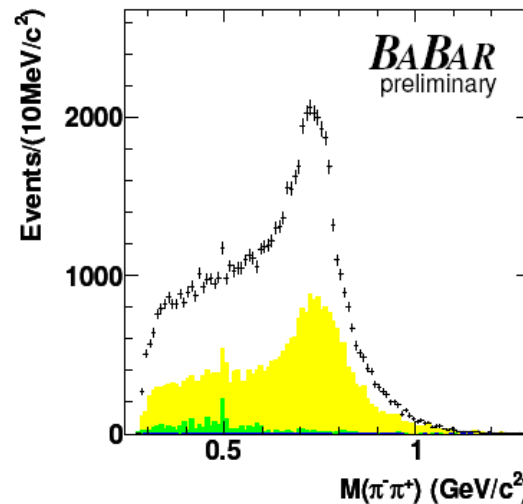
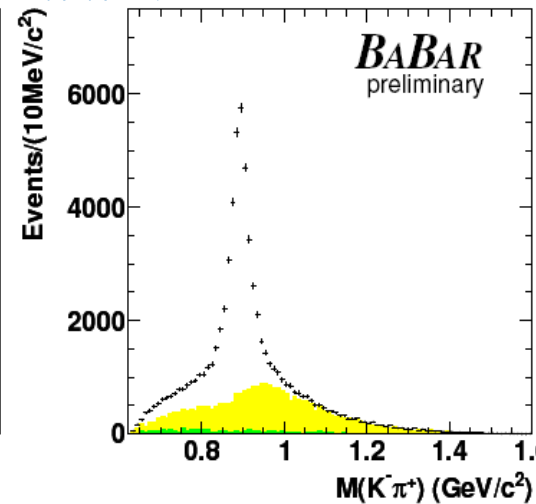
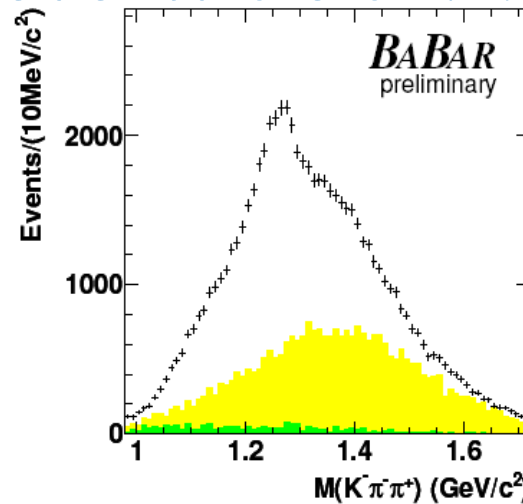
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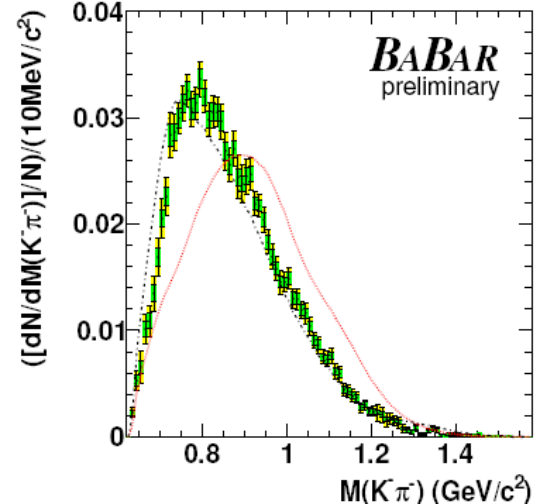
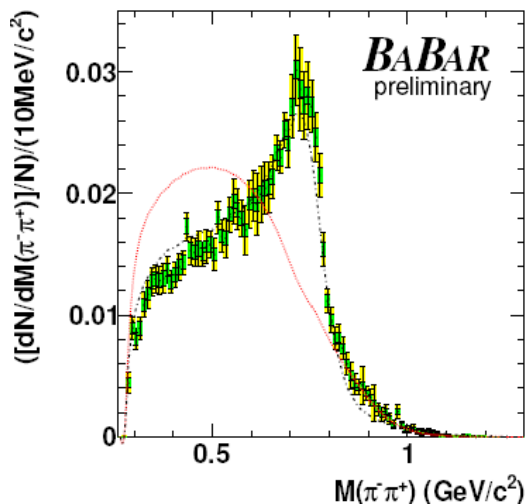
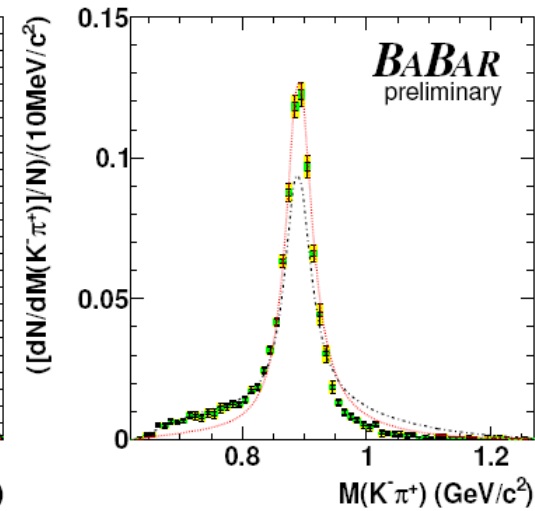
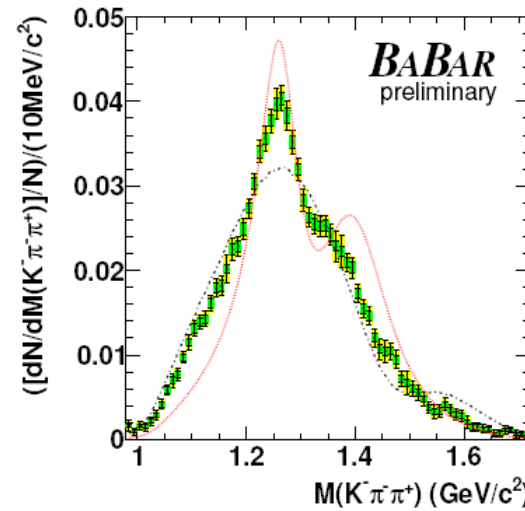
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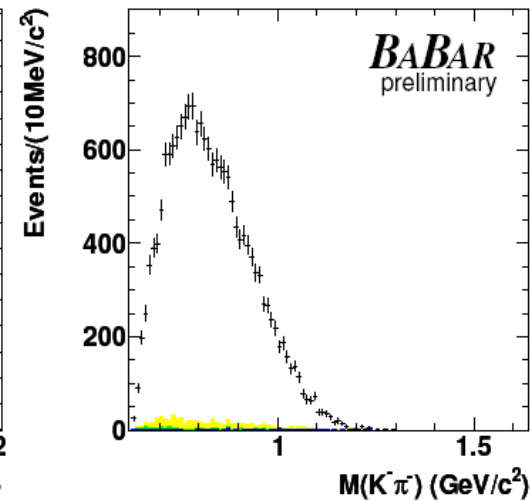
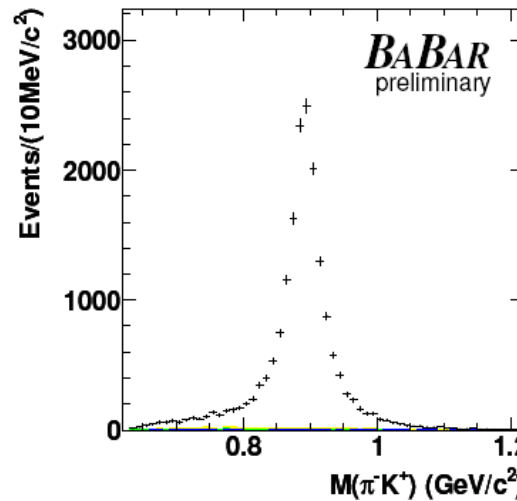
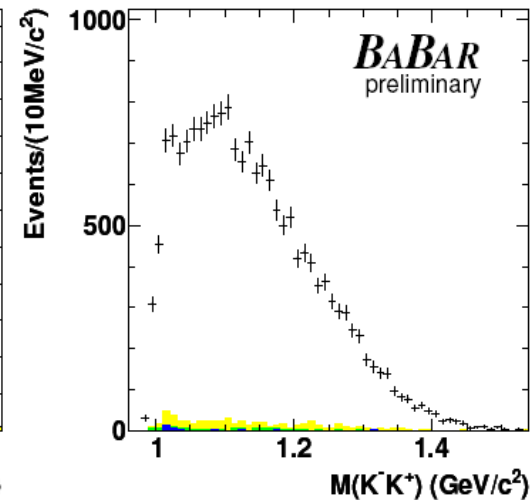
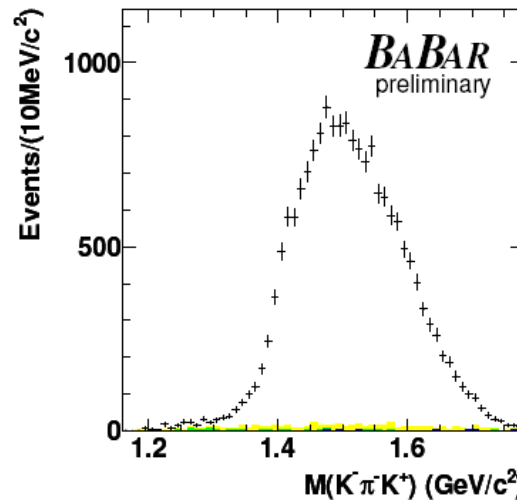
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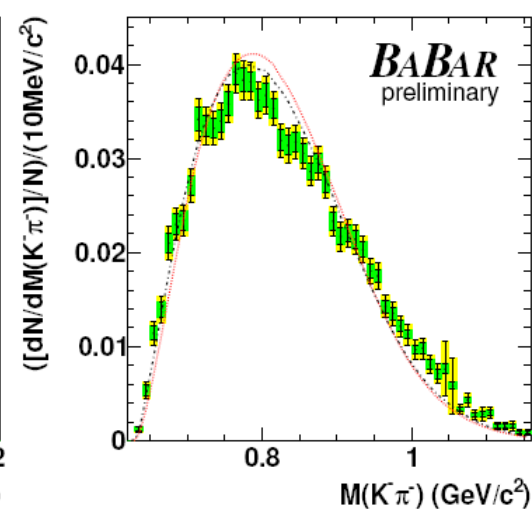
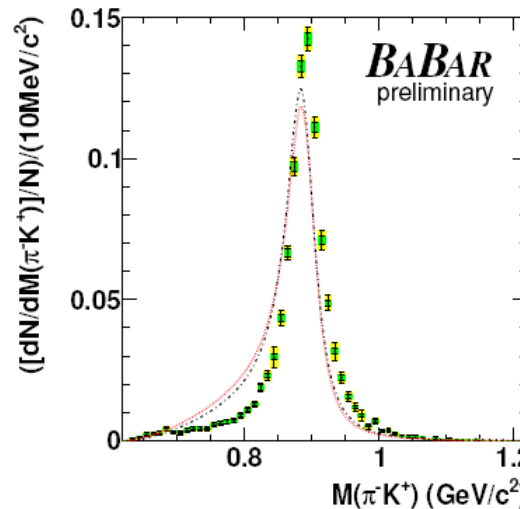
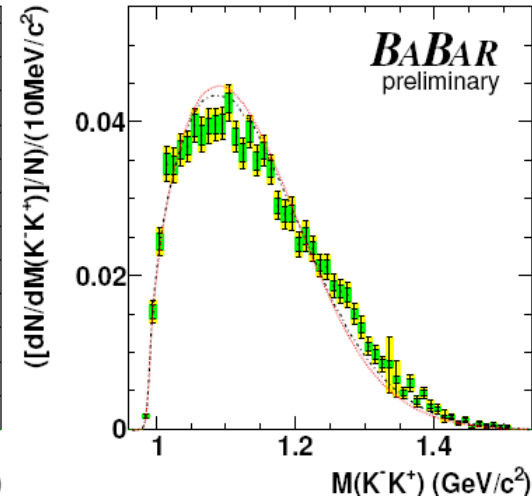
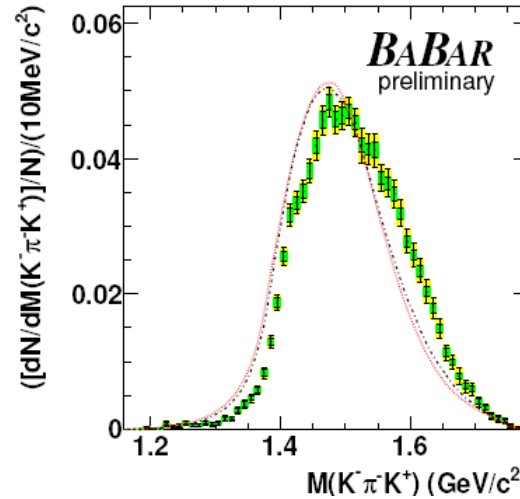
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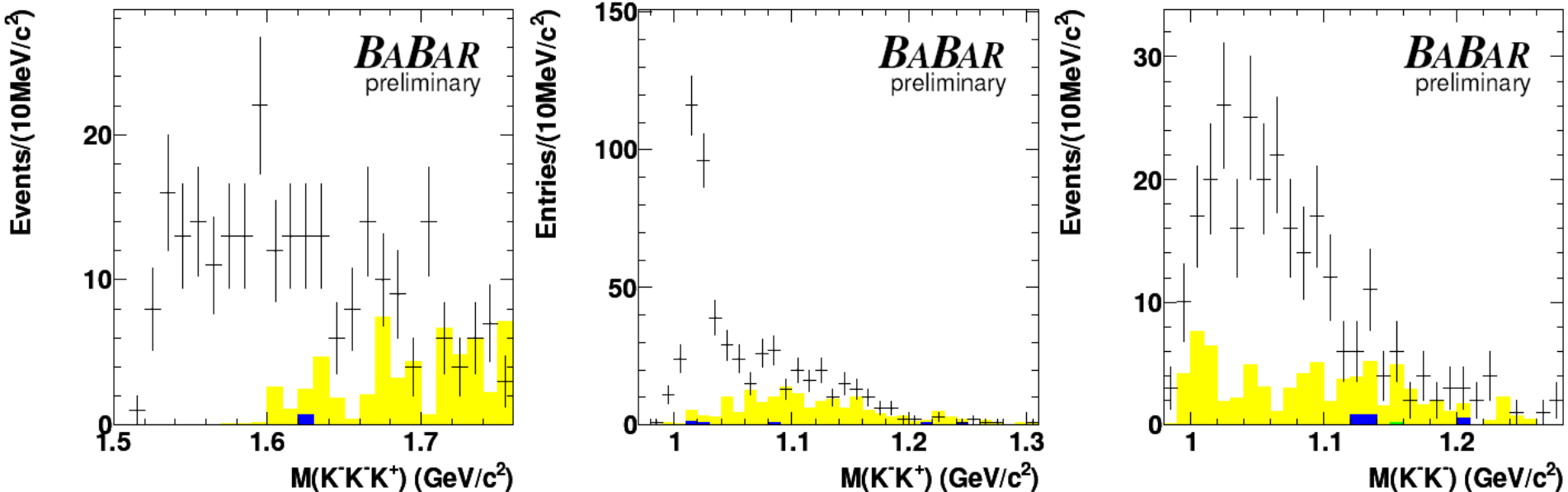
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■ Cross-Feed    ■ Other  $\tau$ -Bkg    ■ Other Bkg



Main background: Cross-feed ( $\sim 28\%$ )

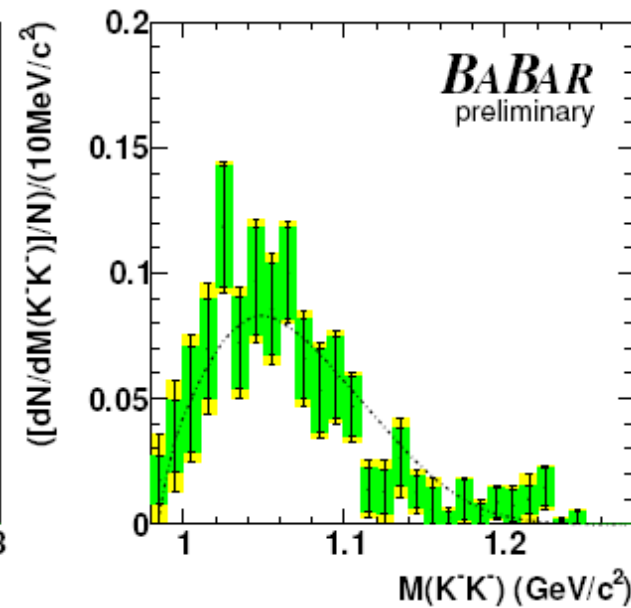
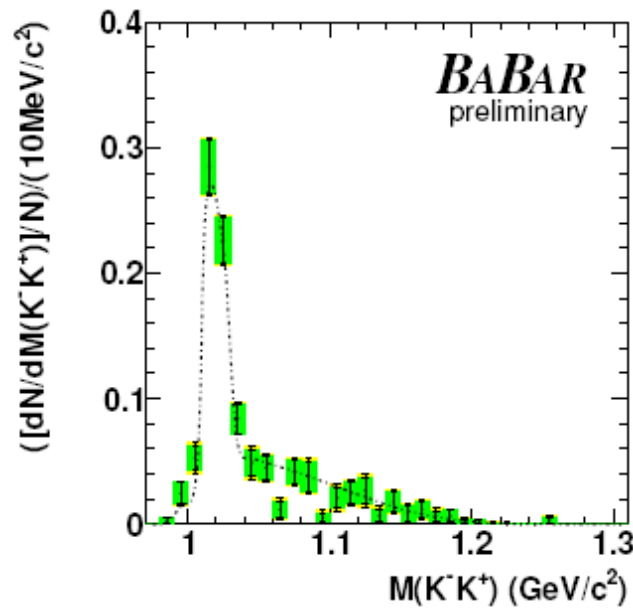
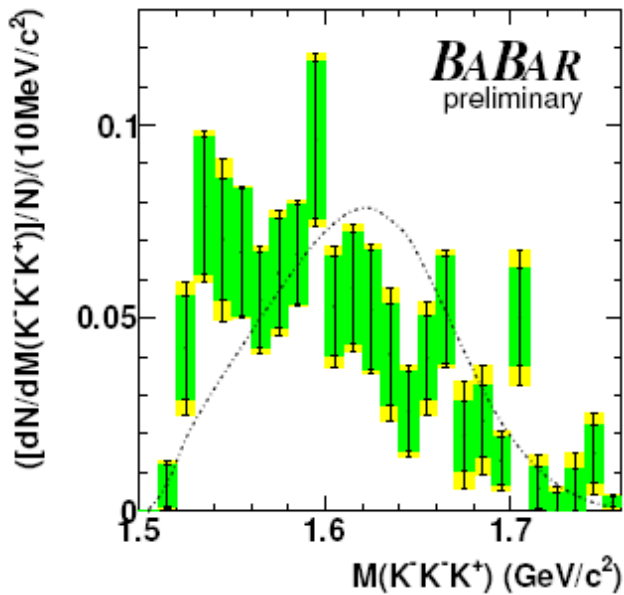
# Unfolded Invariant Mass Distributions

Invariant mass distributions for:  $\tau^- \rightarrow K^- K^- K^+ \nu$

..... BaBar MC ( $\tau^- \rightarrow \phi K^- \nu$ )

■ Stat. Error (Data)

■ Stat.  $\oplus$  Sys. Error (Data)



Upper edge of  $M(K^- K^- K^+)$  Plot:  $1.76 \text{GeV}/c^2$  PDG:  $M(\nu_\tau) < 18.2 \text{MeV}/c^2$  @ 95% CL