

KEK IPNS Physics Seminar

Measurement of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ cross section with the Belle II detector

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 - HVP predictions are different depending on methods: e⁺e⁻ data vs Lattice QCD
 - Differences among e⁺e⁻ experiments are also non-negligible
- Validation by independent experiments is important in HVP prediction



Cross section measurements of exclusive channels



SuperKEKB/Belle II experiment

□ Asymmetric e⁺e⁻ collider at KEK

- √s = M(Y(4S)) = 10.58 GeV
- World record instantaneous luminosity : 4.7×10³⁴ /cm²/s
- ~90% data taking efficiency : 1-2 fb⁻¹/day

Used dataset in this analysis

- 2019 2021 Summer dataset
- Integrated luminosity: 191 fb⁻¹
 - A half of the collected data, 424 fb⁻¹





Belle II detector

Trigger & DAQ

New calorimeter-based trigger enables light-hadron cross section measurements



Previous measurements for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$



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Radiative return method

■ Measure the cross section in the energy range 0.4-3.5 GeV at fixed e⁺e⁻ energy collision

□ Use a process associated with energetic ISR emission

Only less than10% of ISR photons are emitted into detector acceptance





Δ Target :
$$\delta a_{\mu}^{3\pi}/a_{\mu}^{3\pi} \sim 2\%$$
 with 191 fb⁻¹ data

□ Key items

• Event selection to extract $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma_{ISR}$ process

Background suppression and estimation

- Unfolding to mitigate detector resolution
- Efficiency corrections between data and simulation

Blind analysis

□ Study of analytical methods using MC before examining data

Analysis outline

Event selection

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- Signal extraction
- Unfolding
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- \square Cross section and a_{μ} calculation

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Reconstruct Two tracks + three photons : $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma_{ISR} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma_{ISR}$



$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma_{ISR}$ selection: Background suppression

Apply background suppression criteria to reduce remaining backgrounds



Background suppression (1)

- A) Background not containing real π^0 : $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$, $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$, $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$
 - Pion/Electron ID > 0.1
 - $M^{2}_{recoil}(\pi^{+}\pi^{-}) > 4 \text{ GeV}^{2}/c^{4}$
- B) Charged kaon : $e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0\gamma$
 - Pion/Kaon ID $L(\pi/K) > 0.1$
- $C) \quad e^+e^- {\rightarrow} \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$

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- Reconstruct $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$ (with additional π^0)
- 4C kinematic fit under π⁺π⁻π⁰π⁰γ (2π5γ) hypothesis, and $\chi^2_{4C}(2π5γ) > 30$

$\chi^{2}_{4C}(2\pi 3\gamma)$ versus $\chi^{2}_{4C}(2\pi 5\gamma)$



Background suppression (2)

- D) Background not containing real ISR : Non-ISR qqbar (dominated by $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$) and $\tau^+\tau^$
 - i. $M(\pi^{\pm}\gamma_{ISR}) > 2 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ to reduce high momentum $\rho^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{0}$
 - ii. $M(\gamma_{ISR}\gamma)$ cut to reduce ISR candidate from π^0 -decay photon
 - iii. Cluster shape cut to reduce ISR-like photon in which two photons from of π^0 are merged



After applying all selection criteria

$M(3\pi) < 1.05 \text{ GeV/c}^2$

- **Combinatorial** γγ background is dominant bkg.
- □ Signal purity is 98%

M(3π) > 1.05 GeV/c²

 \square $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$ background is dominant bkg.



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Background estimation

Estimate by determining a mass-dependent data-MC scale factor using a control sample.

$$N_{\text{Signal}}^{\text{data}} = N_{\text{Signal}}^{\text{MC}} \cdot \frac{N_{\text{Control}}^{\text{data}}}{N_{\text{Control}}^{\text{MC}}}$$

- $\square e^+e^- \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^0\gamma : \text{Invert } \pi/\text{K-ID } L(\pi/\text{K}) > 0.1 \Rightarrow L(\pi/\text{K}) < 0.1$
- $\square e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma : \text{Reconstruct } \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\gamma \text{ and select } \chi^2(4\pi\gamma) < 30$

□ Non-ISR qqbar : $0.10 < M(\gamma_{ISR}\gamma) < 0.17$ GeV / large cluster second moment



Final-state radiation background

- Difficult to reject FSR background or extract control sample
- Estimate FSR background using pQCD prediction based on the BABAR previous analysis [PRD112003]



Signal extraction

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\square Fit M(yy) in each M(3 π) bin to remove the combinatorial background in yy

- Signal: Gaussian + Novosibirsk function
- Background: linear function
- \square Fit each bin of M(3 π) with fixed signal-shape parameters
- □ Signals were observed up to 0.62 GeV as the lower limit.



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Unfolding

□ The signal spectrum is unfolded to mitigate the effect of detector resolution

- Typically with a mass resolution around 7-10 MeV/c²
- The data-MC difference of mass bias and resolution is determined by a Gaussian convolution fit to the ω, Φ, and J/ψ resonances
 - Mass bias of 0.5-1.5 MeV/c², and resolution of about 1 MeV/c² is corrected



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Signal efficiency and data-MC corrections

Efficiency $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{MC} \int \left[(1 + \delta_i) \right]$ Data-MC correction $\delta_i \sim O(1)\%$

1st order signal efficiency is estimated using MC of the x10 larger statistics
 Possible differences between data and MC are checked in data-driven way

- Trigger efficiency
- Tracking efficiency
- ISR photon efficiency
- $\blacksquare \pi^0$ efficiency
- Selection efficiency
- Higher-order ISR effects

MC detection efficiency (no correction)



Trigger efficiency

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- □ ISR events are triggered by the calorimeter
- The efficiency can be measured by using the events triggered independently by the tracker
 Efficiency for energetic ISR in barrel region: 99.9%
- □ The uncertainty related is small, 0.1%
- This also benefits other final-state measurements
 - $\neg \neg \neg \rightarrow$ Reference: triggered by track trigger



Tracking efficiency

□ Tracking efficiency for pions is studied with the e⁺e⁻→τ⁺τ⁻ process.
 □ Data-MC differences are confirmed to be small with 0.3% uncertainty per track.



Tracking efficiency: Track loss

Track loss due to shared hits on the drift chamber is confirmed using the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma$

D Define $\Delta \varphi \coloneqq \varphi(\pi^+) - \varphi(\pi^-)$

D The Inefficiency due to track loss is given by $f = \frac{N(\Delta \phi^2)}{2}$

$$f = \frac{N(\Delta \varphi < 0) - N(\Delta \varphi > 0)}{2N(\Delta \varphi < 0)}$$

 \Box In total, the correction factor of tracking is $(-1.4 \pm 0.8)\%$.

The track loss is 5.0% in data and 4.0% in MC

Dependency on no. of CDC hits and duplicated tracks are also studied.



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ISR photon detection efficiency

□ Photon detection efficiency is measured using e⁺e⁻→µ⁺µ⁻γ events
 □ Taking a match between a ECL cluster and the missing momentum of dimuon system
 □ Efficiency is in good agreement with 0.7% systematic uncertainty



π^0 efficiency correction

 \square Accurate evaluation of π^0 efficiency in e⁺e⁻ experiment is a challenging task.

Exclusive processes that include a π^0 are limited.

 \Box Evaluate efficiency using the e⁺e⁻ $\rightarrow \omega \gamma \rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}\gamma$ events.

 $\frac{N(\text{Full reconstruction}: \gamma_{\text{ISR}}\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)}{N(\text{Partial reconstruction}: \gamma_{\text{ISR}}\pi^+\pi^-)} \longrightarrow \text{Count } \omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 \text{ decay without using } \pi^0 \text{ information.}$ $\varepsilon_{\pi^0} =$





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 $\Box \varepsilon_{\pi^0}$ are independently evaluated by the data and MC Data/MC ratio = 0.986 ± 0.006_{stat}

 \Box The systematic uncertainty related to π^0 is 1.0% The uncertainty is evaluated by variations of the M(yy) signal pdf, background pdfs, and selections

Background suppression efficiency

Estimated by the ratio of signal yield before/after the criteria
 It is evaluated using ω and Φ, J/ψ resonances of good S/N
 In M(3π) < 1.05 GeV/c², efficiency is (89.5±0.2)% for data
 Data-MC difference is ε_{data}/ε_{MC} -1 = (-1.90±0.20)%
 M(3π) > 1.05 GeV/c² : the number of J/ψ was obtained by M(3π) fitting
 Data-MC difference is ε_{data}/ε_{MC} -1 = (-1.78±1.85)%
 Error is due to statistical errors in the sample

χ2 selection efficiency

- \blacksquare ISR and tracks χ^2 -criteria efficiency is confirmed using e⁺e⁻ $\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ sample
- □ Confirm effects from differences in position, momentum, and energy of ISR and tracks
 - □ Agreement confirmed within ±0.6% uncertainty
- Dependence on multi-ISR photon calculations is discussed on the next page



- Although a one-ISR photon emission process is set as the signal, in reality there are processes with multiple photon emissions.
- Two effects need to be considered from the existence of multiple photons:
 A) Effective integrated luminosity L_{eff} (radiative correction): 0.5% unc.
 - B) χ 2 selection efficiency due to ISR photon calculations in generator: 1.2% unc.



Efficiency correction : Summary

	Efficiency correction (%)		
Source	M < 1.05 GeV/c ²	M > 1.05 GeV/c ²	
Trigger	-0.1±0.1	-0.1±0.1	
ISR photon detection	0.2±0.7	+0.2±0.7	
Tracking	-1.4±0.8	-1.7±0.8	
π ⁰ detection	-1.4±1.0	-1.4±1.0	
Background suppression	-1.9±0.2	-1.8±1.9	
χ^2 distribution	0.0±0.6	0.3±0.3	
MC generator	0.0±1.2	0.0±1.2	
Total correction	-4.6±2.0	-4.6±2.0	

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Systematic uncertainty for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ cross section

- Luminosity is measured with Bhabha events and confirmed with $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $\mu^+\mu^-$ processes
- Major systematic uncertainty comes from MC generator, and π^0 efficiency
 - In M(3π) > 1.05 GeV, the uncertainty of selection efficiency is dominant

Source	Systematic uncertainty (%)		
Source	√s < 1.05 GeV²	√s > 1.05 GeV	
Trigger efficiency	0.1	0.2	
ISR photon efficiency	0.7	0.7	
Tracking efficiency	0.8	0.8	
π ⁰ efficiency	1.0	1.0	
χ^2 criteria efficiency	0.6	0.3	
Background suppression efficiency	0.2	1.9	
MC generator	1.2	1.2	
Radiative correction	0.5	0.5	
Integrated luminosity	0.6	0.6	
Total systematics	2.2	2.8	

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Result: cross section below 1.05 GeV



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□ Cross section at ω resonance is 5-10% higher than SND, BABAR, and CMD-2



Result: cross section above 1.05 GeV

□ Good agreement with BABAR result



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 $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO,HVP,3}\pi}(0.62-1.8 \text{ GeV}) = (48.91 \pm 0.25_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.07_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-10}$

	a _μ (3π)×10 ¹⁰	Difference×10 ¹⁰
BABAR alone [PRD104 11 (2021)]	45.86 ± 0.14 ± 0.58	-3.2±1.3 (6.9%)
Global fit [JHEP08 208 (2023)]	45.91 ± 0.37 ± 0.38	-3.0±1.2 (6.5%)

6.5% higher than the global fit result with 2.5σ significance

D This difference $3x10^{-10}$ corresponds 10% of $\Delta a_{\mu} = a_{\mu}(Exp) - a_{\mu}(SM) = 25x10^{-10}$

Systematic uncertainty for a_{μ}

Source	Systematic uncertainty (%)
Efficiency corrections	1.63
Monte Carlo generator	1.20
Integrated luminosity	0.64
Simulated sample size	0.15
Background subtraction	0.02
Unfolding	0.12
Radiative corrections	0.50
Vacuum polarization corrections	0.04
Total	2.19

Next: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ at Belle II

- **D** Target precision: 0.5% of $a_{\mu}(2\pi)$
- □ Trying to follow BABAR methods as a baseline
- Systematics uncertainty dominant analysis
 - BABAR: 232 /fb [Phys. Rev. D 86 (2012), 032013]
 - We can use large dataset to control systematic uncertainties

 \square Design of data-driven efficiency corrections for tracking, trigger and $\pi/\mu/K$ ID is ongoing

Summary

□ Cross-section measurements are ongoing at the SuperKEKB/Belle II experiment

- Good trigger efficiency thanks to the upgrade is confirmed
- Further channel analysis can be expected in the future

 \square We measured the e⁺e- $\rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}$ cross section with systematic uncertainty of 2.2%

- The second largest contribution to HVP term
- The largest uncertainty arises from NLO/NNLO calculation in MC generator

Ο Our results are about 2.5σ greater than BABAR and global fit

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{LO,HVP,}}(3\pi) = (48.91 \pm 0.25_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.07_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

□ The paper is available on <u>arXiv:2404.04915</u> and has been submitted to PRD

