

## INITIAL STATE RADIATION PHYSICS AT THE B FACTORIES <sup>a</sup>

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A mini-review of the recent *BaBar* and *Belle* results on the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$  using the initial state radiation (ISR) technique, is presented. ISR studies at the  $\Upsilon(4s)$  resonance (B-Factories) can yield to the same observables as the low energy  $e^+e^-$  experiments: Precise cross-section measurements, the R ratio (ratio of cross-sections of hadron production to dimuon production) measurement, form factors measurements (from hadron pair production such as  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}, \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \Lambda\bar{\Sigma}, \Sigma\bar{\Sigma}$ ), as well as  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$  hadron spectroscopy that can lead to the discovery of new states.

### 1 Introduction

The extraordinary performance of the B meson factories which was required for the study of CP violation in the b quark sector has made them, both *BaBar* and *Belle*, an excellent place to study hadronic final states in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation. Making use of the so-called radiative return, where a photon is emitted by either the initial electron or positron, it is possible to study not only the produced events at the collider nominal centre-of-mass energy, but also at lower energies, from the production threshold up to the 4-5 GeV region.

### 2 Cross-section measurements

The measurement, using the ISR method [1], of the cross-section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$  at low energy allows the precise determination of the ratio  $R = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})/\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ , which is of key importance to calculate the hadronic contribution in the theoretical prediction of [2] the muon anomalous magnetic moment ( $g-2$ ) and [3] the running QED coupling constant  $\alpha$ . The advantage of using ISR events is that a scan of the entire effective centre-of-mass energy range (the available energy after the initial state radiation of a hard photon), is performed in the same experiment, avoiding uncertainties in the relative normalization when combining data from different experiments. In addition, the B-factories high luminosity and detector performances (specially their particle identification capabilities) allow the ISR data to be very competitive againsts low energy  $e^+e^-$  machines.

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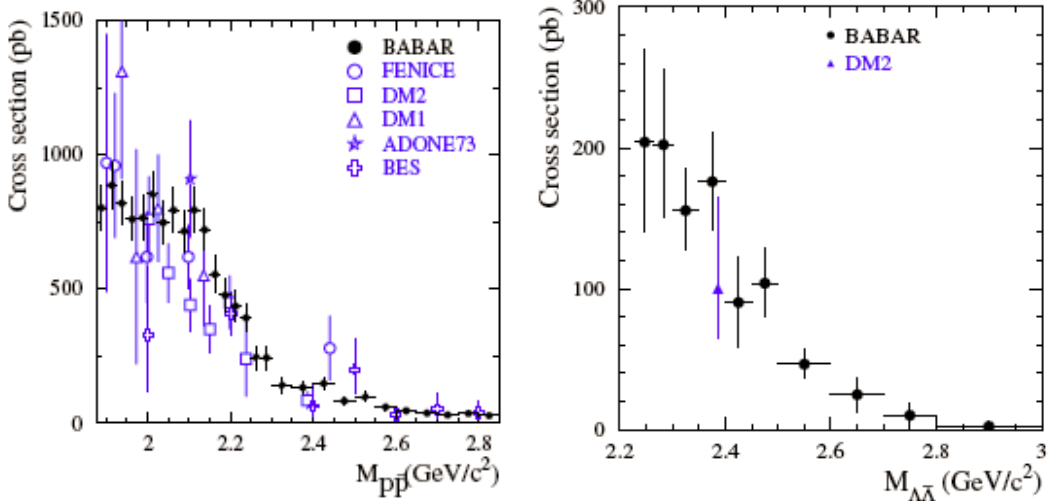


Figure 1: The  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  (left) and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  (right) cross sections near threshold measured from  $e^+e^-$  experiments: BaBar [12] [13], FENICE [16], DM2 [15], DM1 [14], ADONE73 [17] and BES [18].

The dominant hadronic channel below 1 GeV is  $\pi^+\pi^-$ , but other hadronic channels are dominant at larger centre-of-mass energies, and the total hadronic rate is obtained by summing up all the exclusive cross-sections. The majority of them have recently been measured by BaBar:  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  [4],  $2\pi^+2\pi^-$ ,  $2K^+2K^-$  [5],  $\pi^+\pi^-K^+K^-$ ,  $\pi^0\pi^0K^+K^-$ ,  $2K^+2K^-$  [6],  $2\pi^+2\pi^-\pi^0$ ,  $2\pi^+2\pi^-\eta$ ,  $K\bar{K}\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ ,  $K\bar{K}\pi^+\pi^-\eta$  [7],  $3\pi^+3\pi^-$ ,  $2\pi^+2\pi^-2\pi^0$ ,  $K^+K^-2\pi^+2\pi^-$  [8],  $p\bar{p}$  [9],  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ ,  $\Lambda\bar{\Sigma}$ ,  $\Sigma\bar{\Sigma}$  [10], and  $K^+K^-\eta$ ,  $K^+K^-\pi^0$ ,  $K_s^0K^+\pi^-$  [11]. There is also a preliminary measurement of the channel  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ , and work is in progress to measure from the same data sample the cross-section of the processes  $\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $K^+K^-$ ,  $\pi^+\pi^-3\pi^0$ ,  $p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$ , as well as the inclusive measurement of the aforementioned R ratio.

### 3 Form factor measurements

BaBar has measured with unprecedented accuracy the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  [12] and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  [13] processes cross-sections, as well as the mass dependence of the ratio of the electric and magnetic form factors,  $\|G_E/G_M\|$ . These measurements, as summarized in figure 1, have been made by means of the ISR technique, which has the advantages of good efficiency, an energy resolution of around 1 MeV and full angular acceptance when the radiated photon is detected. A surprising feature of these cross sections is their non-vanishing values at threshold. In principle, due to the finite energy-bin width, it cannot be excluded from data vanishing cross-sections at threshold with extremely sharp rise. If that was not the case, for charged baryons ( $p\bar{p}$  case), this phenomenon could be explained in terms of the Coulomb interaction between the outgoing baryon and antibaryon. However such an effect is not expected for neutral baryons ( $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  case), and alternative explanations might be suggested, such as sub-threshold resonances among others. Concerning the measurement of the  $\|G_E/G_M\|$  form factor ratio, for  $p\bar{p}$  case it is found to be significantly greater than unity near threshold, whereas for the  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  case, it is consistent both with unity and with the results for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ .

### 4 Study of charmonium-like states via ISR

Observations of charmonium-like states recoiling from a  $J/\psi$  in the inclusive process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}$  have been made by the Belle collaboration [19] [20], using also the ISR

technique. In the case of the X(3940) state its decay into  $D^*\bar{D}$  final states is used to determine their intrinsic width. Similarly, in the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi D^{*+}D^{*-}$ , another charmonium-like state, denoted as X(4160) has been observed [20]. The observation of this X(4160) state has also been hinted at the cross-section measurement (using also the ISR technique) of the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^{*+}D^{*-}$  [21]. In addition, the ISR method based measurements [22] of the exclusive cross section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^0D^-\pi^+$  process show the first observation of the state Y(4415) ( $\psi(4415)$ ) decaying into  $D\bar{D}_2^*(2460)$ .

B meson factories have also studied the invariant mass distribution of  $(\pi^+\pi^- + \text{charmonium})$  in the processes  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma_{ISR}) \pi^+\pi^- + \text{charmonium}$ . Both Babar and Belle found for the case  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- + \psi(2s)$  evidence a new resonance [23][24]. The exact mass and width values are slightly different between the measurements made by the different collaborations since the mass spectrum is parametrized as a single Breit-Wigner (BW) function (BaBar) or as the coherent sum of two BW's (Belle). In particular, this new resonance appears to be incompatible with the Y(4260) state, observed earlier by Babar [25] and confirmed afterwards by Belle [26], in the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- + J/\psi$ . The CLEO-c experiment has confirmed the Y(4260) in direct  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4260)$  interactions [27]. The Y(4260) has also been detected in CLEO-c to decay into  $\pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi$  and a ratio of  $\text{BR}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^-\pi^+ J/\psi)/\text{BR}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 J/\psi)$  has been measured to be around 0.5, which implies that the Y(4260) has isospin zero, as expected for a charmonium state. Observations of states such as the Y(4260) (and also X(3872) [28]) have complicated the picture in which charmonium spectroscopy was well described by potential models. Therefore at the B factories search for charmonium and other new states has also been performed in the study of exclusive ISR production of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow D\bar{D}$ . The  $D\bar{D}$  mass spectrum shows clear evidence of the  $\psi(3770)$  plus other structures near 3.9, 4.1, and 4.4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>, but no evidence for  $Y(4260) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$  is observed [29][30]. Moreover, no evidence has been found of Y(4260) decays into  $\phi\pi\pi$  in the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow KK\pi\pi$  process [31][32], but the sub-resonant structure shows hints of a new resonance, denoted as X(2175), in the invariant mass distribution of  $\phi(1020)f_0(980)$  of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi(1020)f_0(980)$  process. Such observation of the X(2175) resonance seems to be supported in the analysis of the invariant mass distribution of  $\phi\eta$  in the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi\eta$ , where  $\phi$  decays into  $K^+K^-$  and  $\eta$  decays into either a  $\gamma\gamma$  pair or  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  final state [33][34].

## 5 Conclusions

In this mini-review, it has been shown that the B meson factories are also  $q\bar{q}$  factories and, that what is commonly thought to be background to b-quark physics, is actually a very rich and fruitful source of physics results. The ISR technique, properly applied to Babar and Belle, has revealed as a very powerful tool to obtain *effective* low energy  $e^+e^-$  experiments with unprecedented statistics. Many more new results might be expected from new and updated analysis from the B factories in the near future.

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