

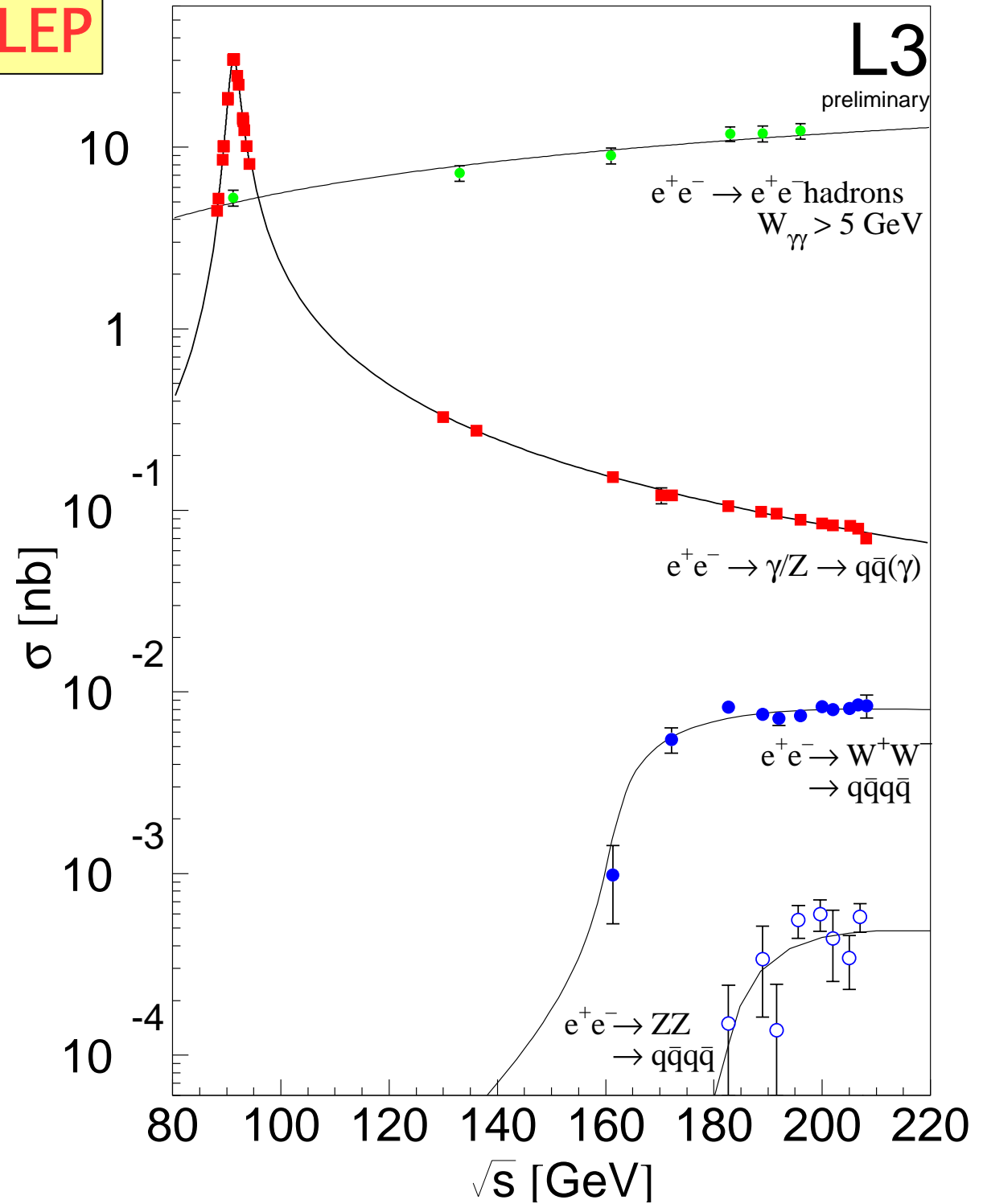
# $\gamma\gamma$ -Production of Heavy Flavour at LEP

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# Hadron Production at LEP

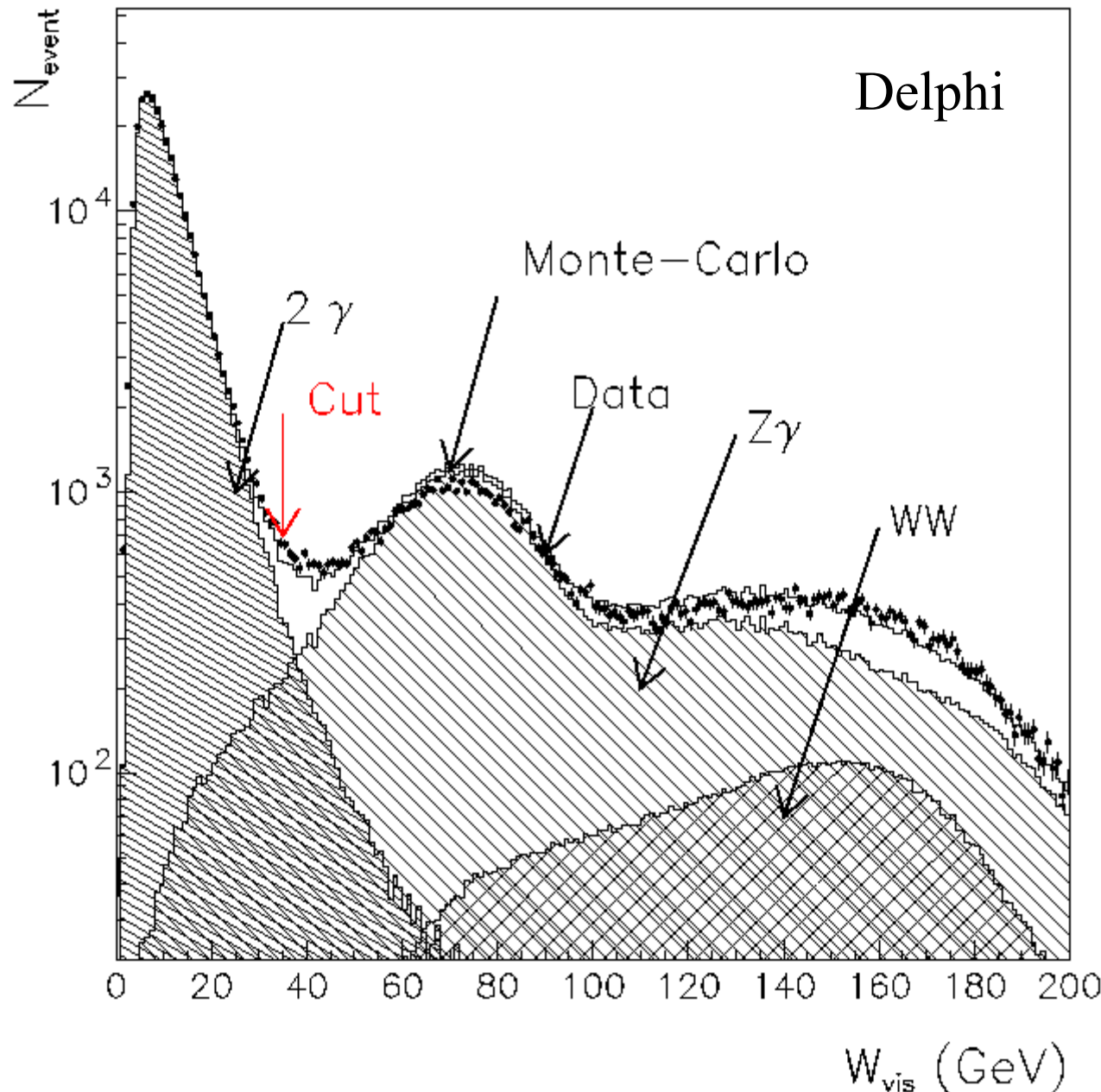
Two photon collisions  
are the dominant source  
of hadrons at LEP2



# Selection of two photon events

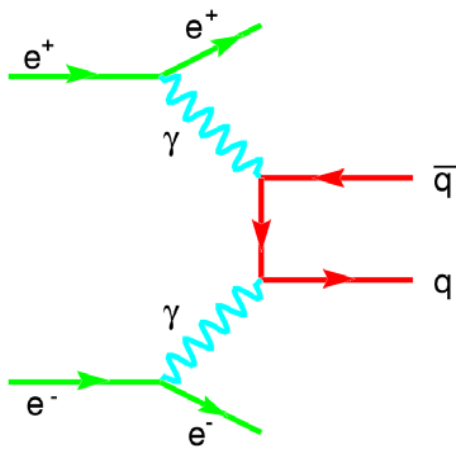
Two photon selection  
uses the low visible  
mass  $W_{\text{vis}}$  of the  
hadronic system

Here:  
Use antitagged events  
(beam electrons escape)

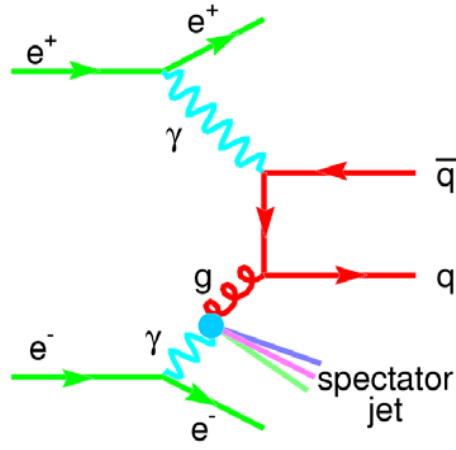


# Hadronic Final State in $\gamma\gamma$ collisions

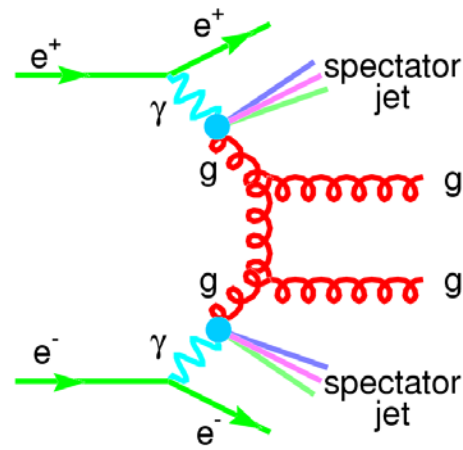
Hadronic final states from produced four processes



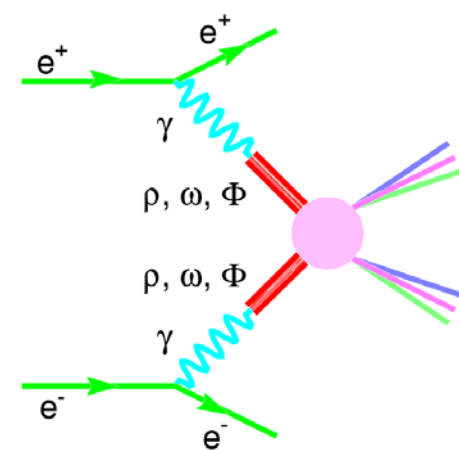
Direct



Single Resolved



Double Resolved



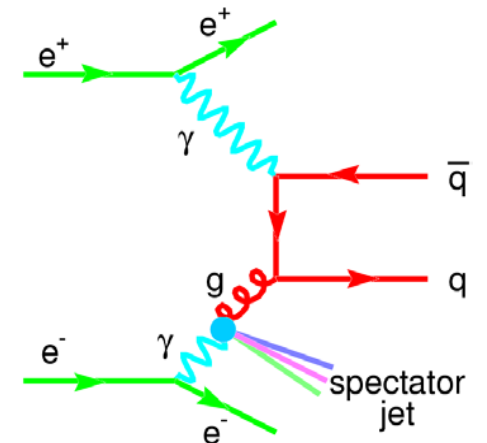
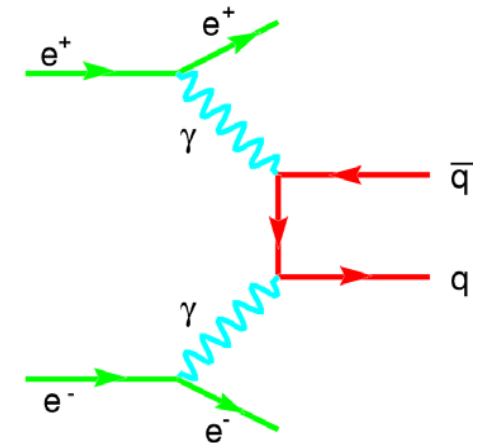
VDM

Heavy flavour production is dominated by the first two processes

# Heavy flavours in $\gamma\gamma$ collisions

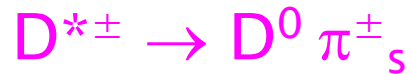
## Test of perturbative QCD:

- Quark masses set high energy scale
- Direct Process depends on  $m_c$  ( $m_b$ ) and  $\alpha_s$
- At LEP2 energies:
  - Resolved process of the same order as direct
- Resolved process depends on **gluon** content of the photon



# D\* Identification of Charm

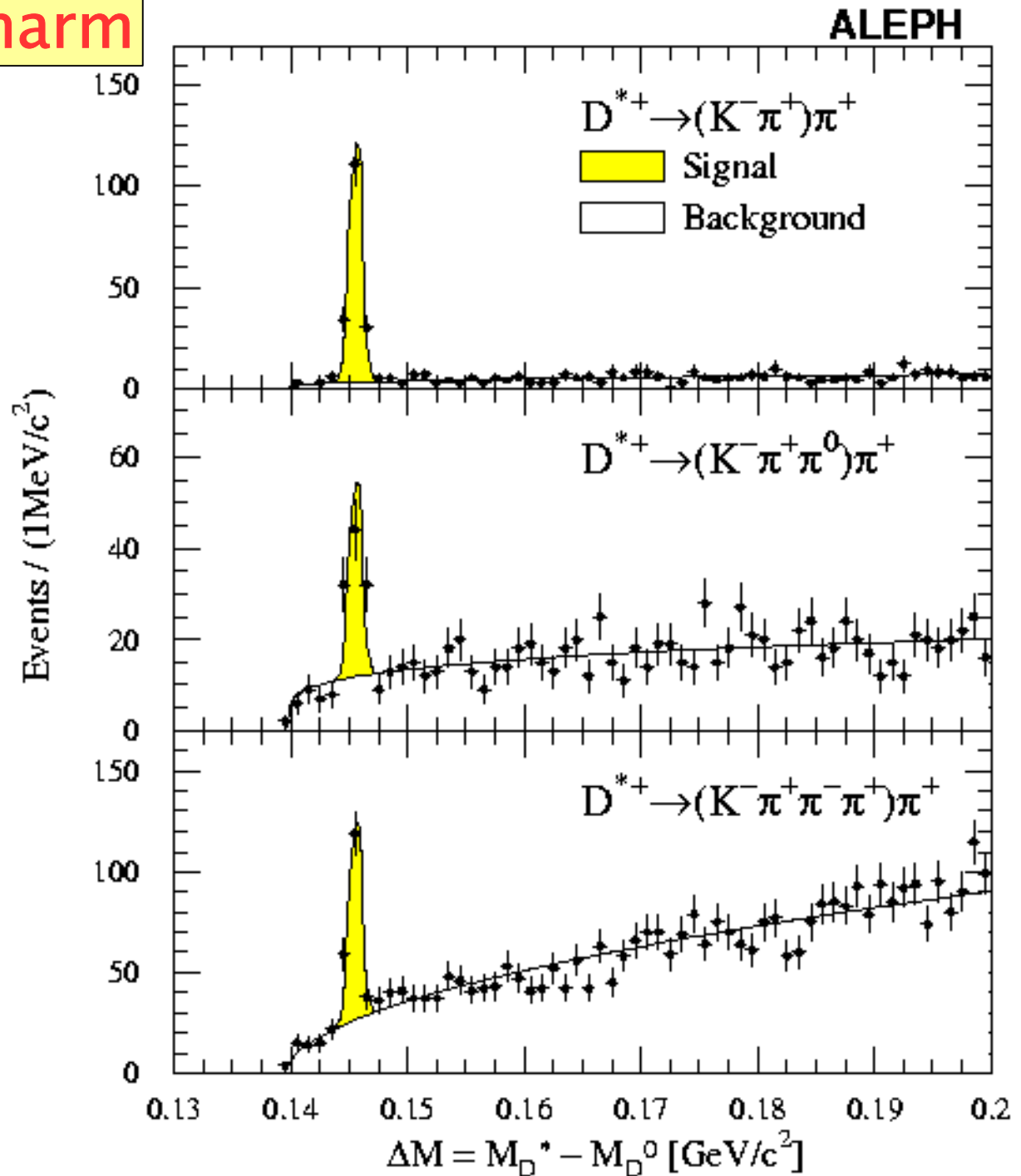
Charm tag from decay:



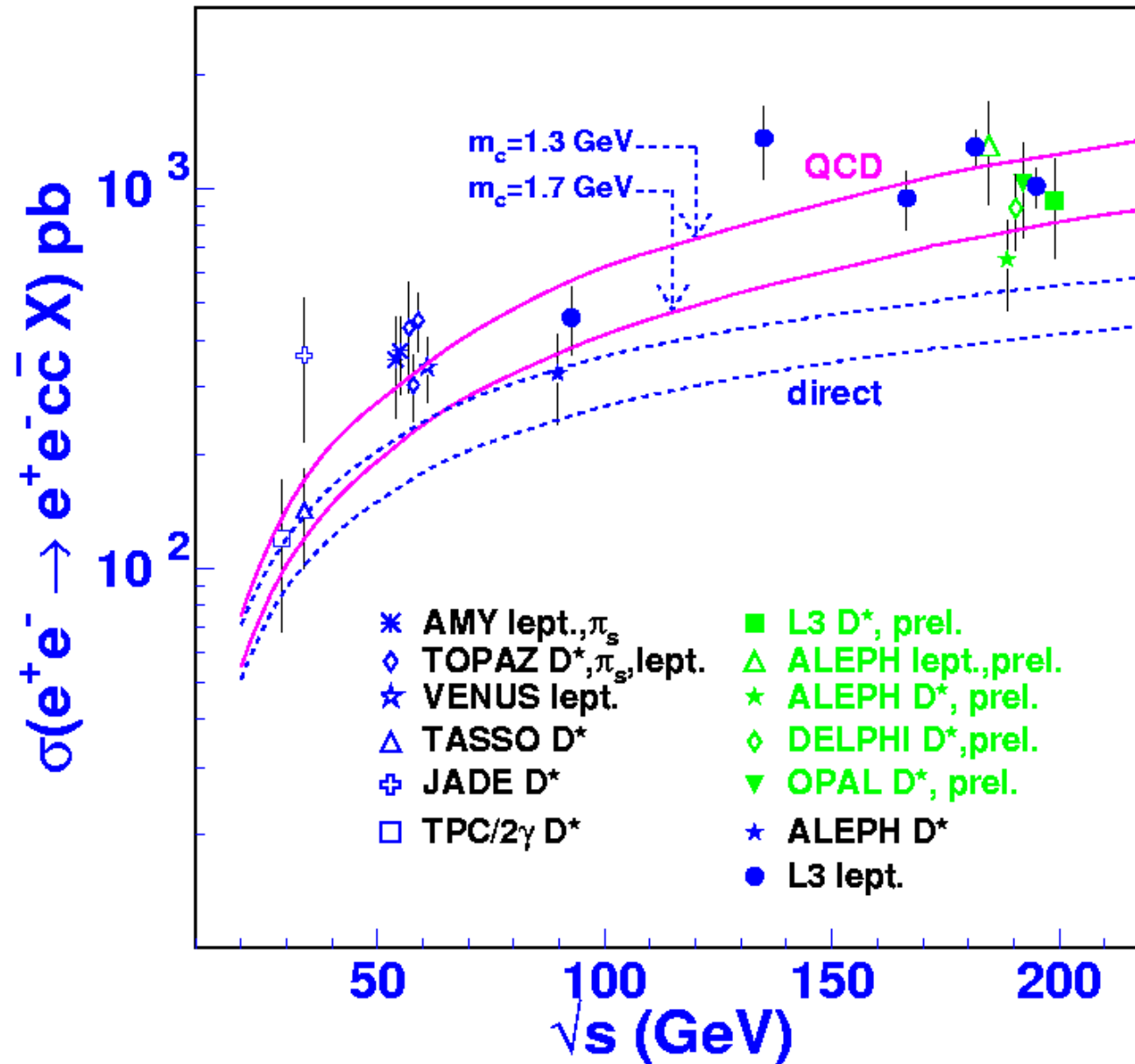
Peak in mass difference:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m &= m(D^*) - m(D^0) \\ &= 145 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  6 MeV kinetic energy  
for slow pion  $\pi^{\pm}_s$



# Charm production cross section



Evidence for  
gluon content  
of photon !

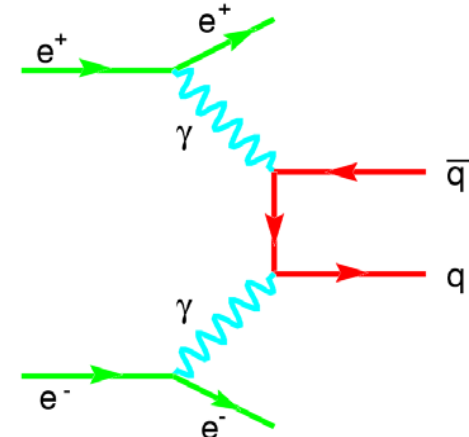
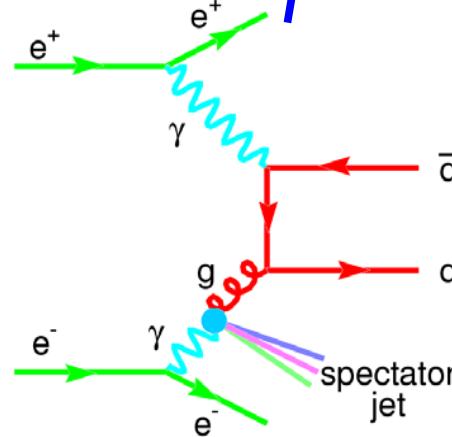
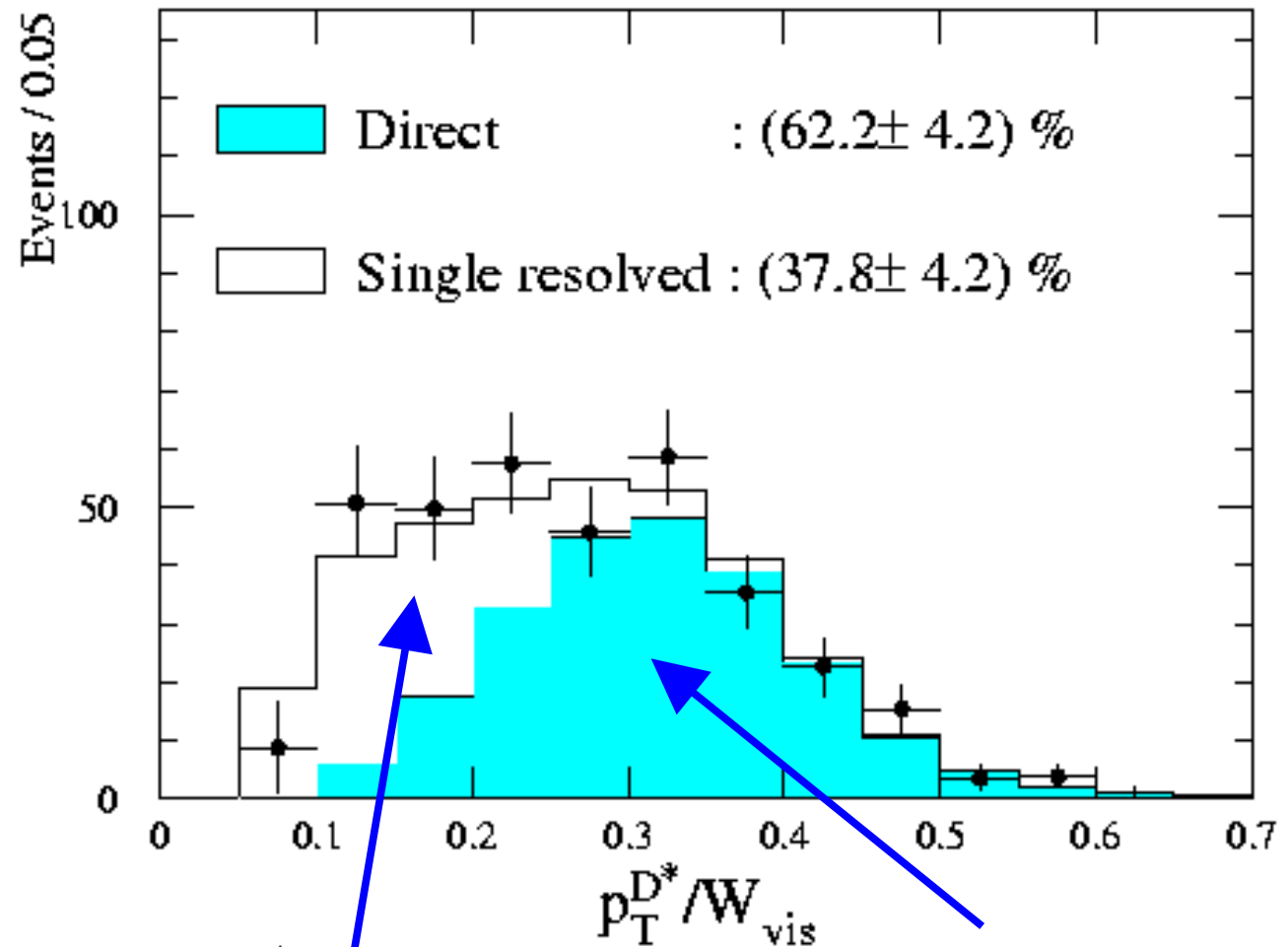
QCD calculation:  
M.Drees et al,  
Phys. Lett. B 306 (1993) 371

# Direct and Resolved Contribution

ALEPH

Use transverse momentum of  $D^*$

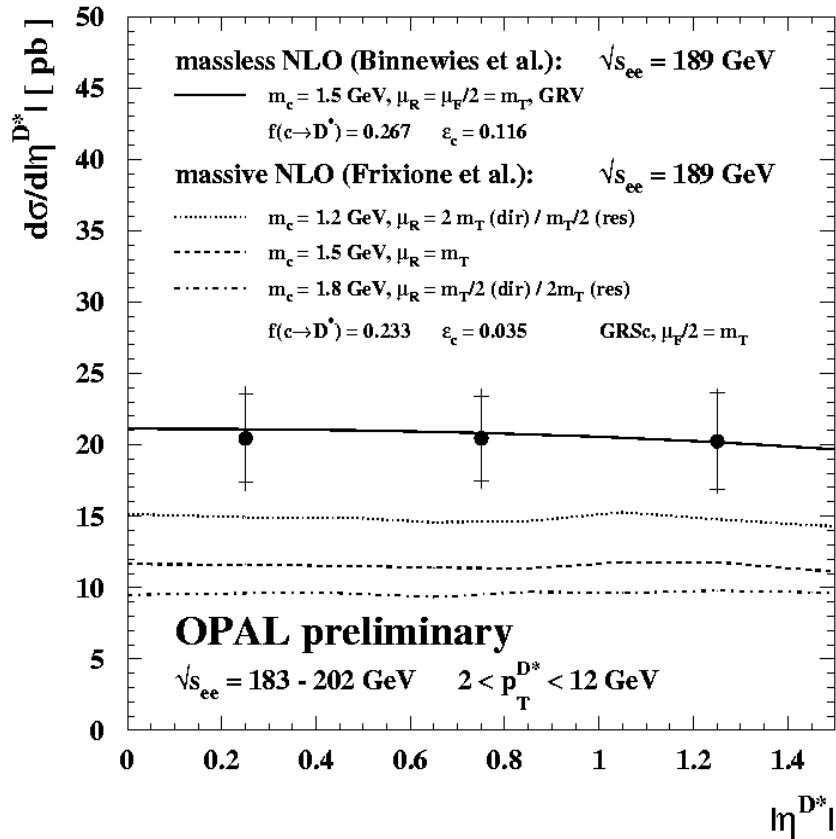
$$x_T^{D^*} = 2p_T^{D^*} / W_{\text{vis}}$$





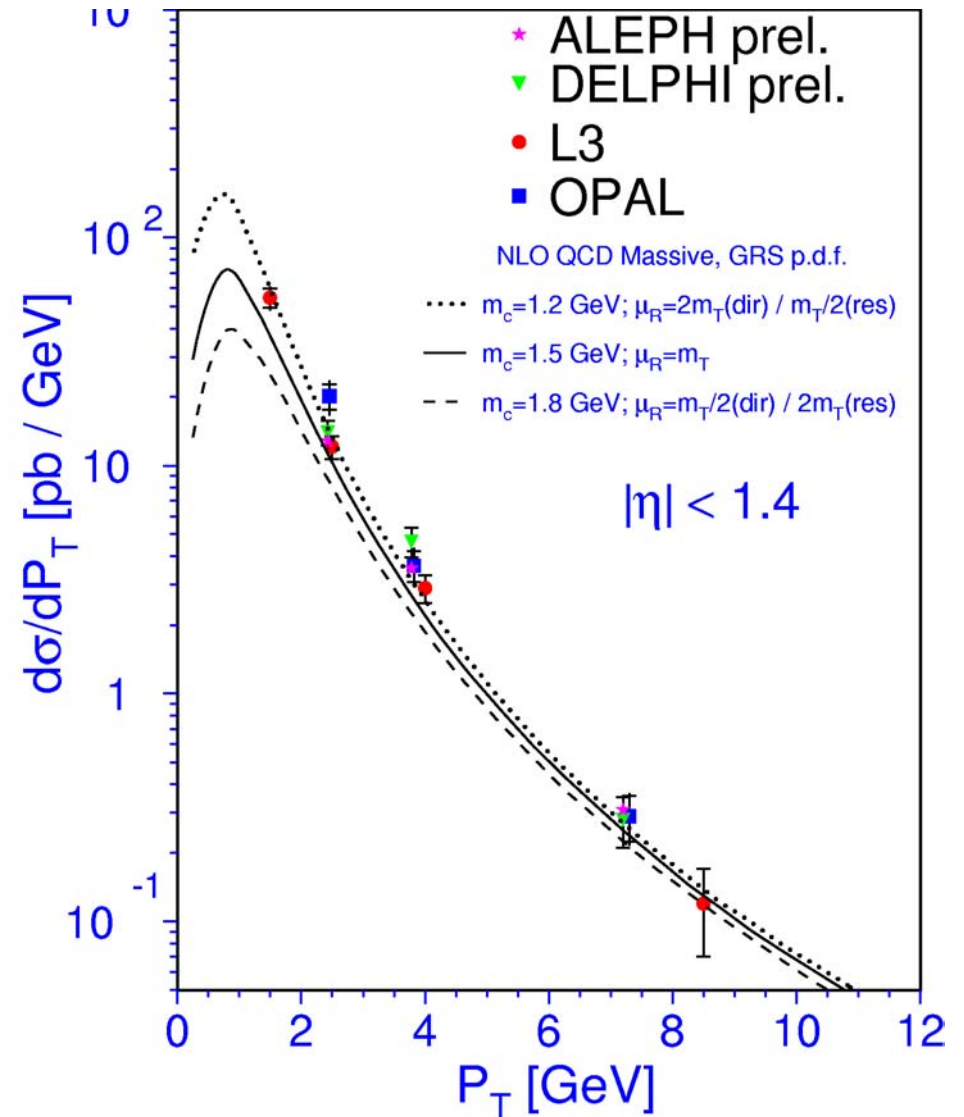
# Charm production: Differential cross sections

## Pseudorapidity



Agreement between data and NLO calculations

## Transverse Momentum

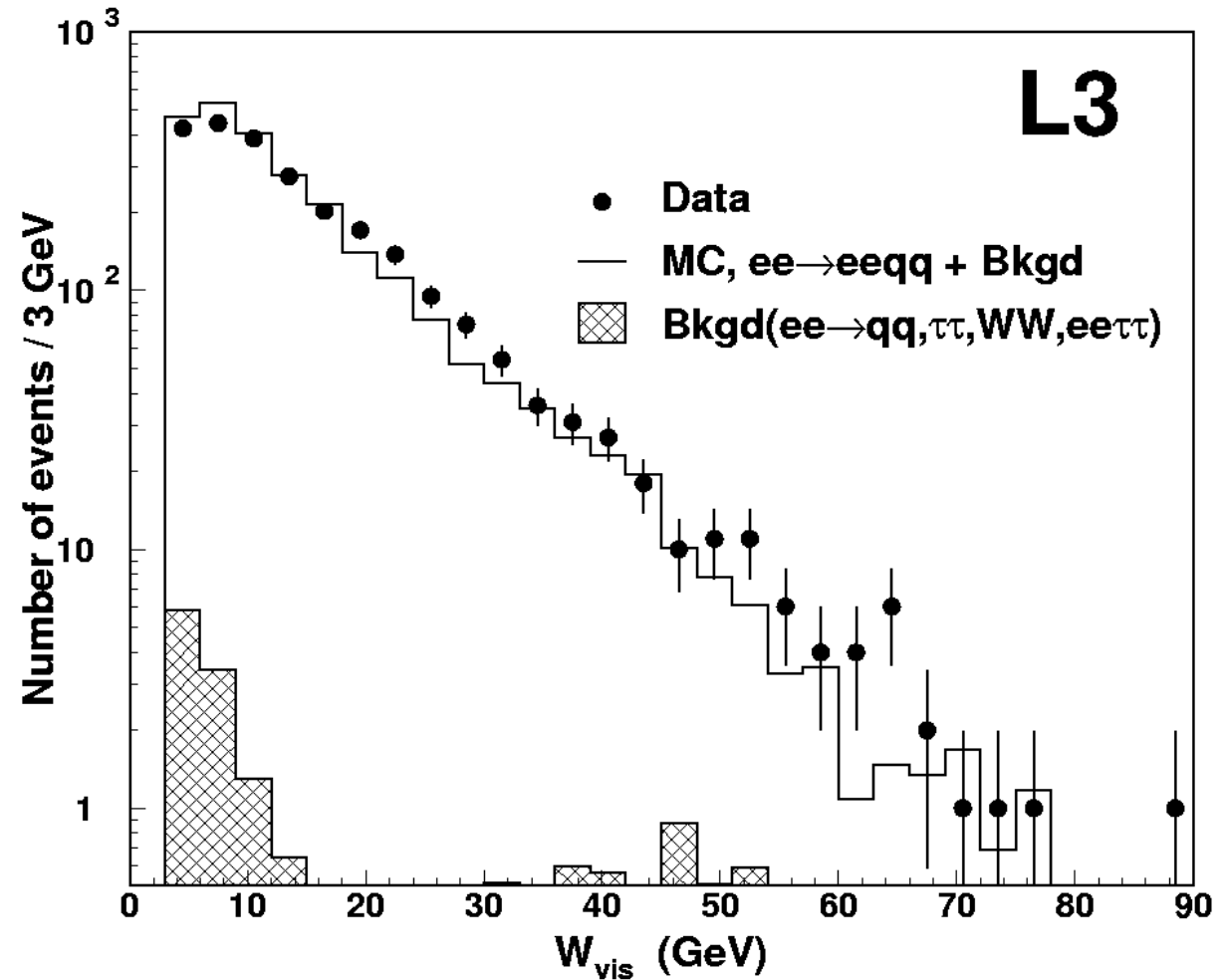


# Charm production vs $W_{\text{vis}}$

Data are in excess of Pythia MC for visible masses  $W_{\text{vis}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$

Extraction of  $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ccX)$

- Correction of detector acceptance
- Unfolding of detector resolution
- Unfolding of photon luminosity spectrum

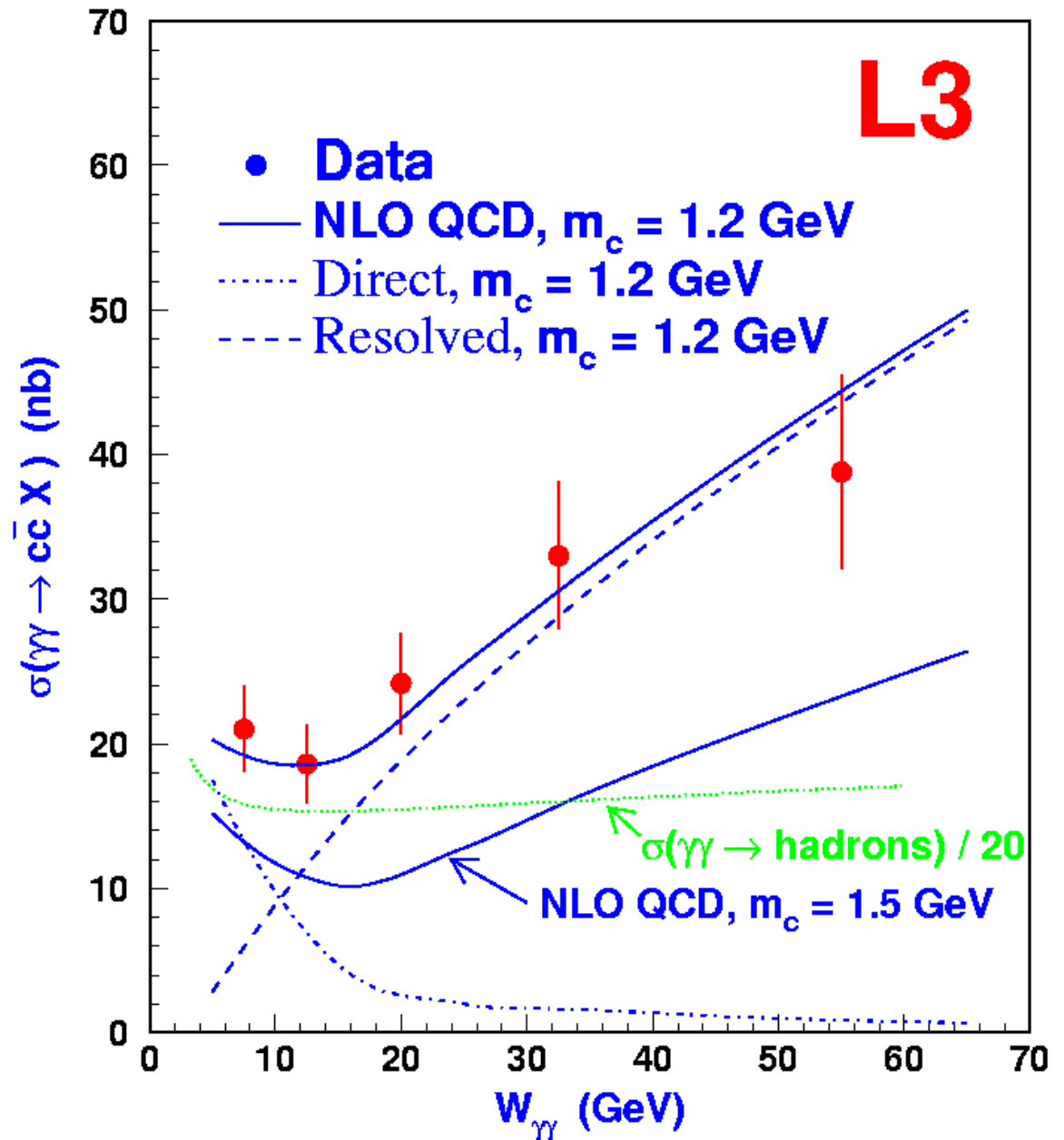


# Cross section of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ccX$

$W_{\gamma\gamma}$  dependence of direct and resolved part are seen in data

Agreement with NLO calculations only for small charm quark masses

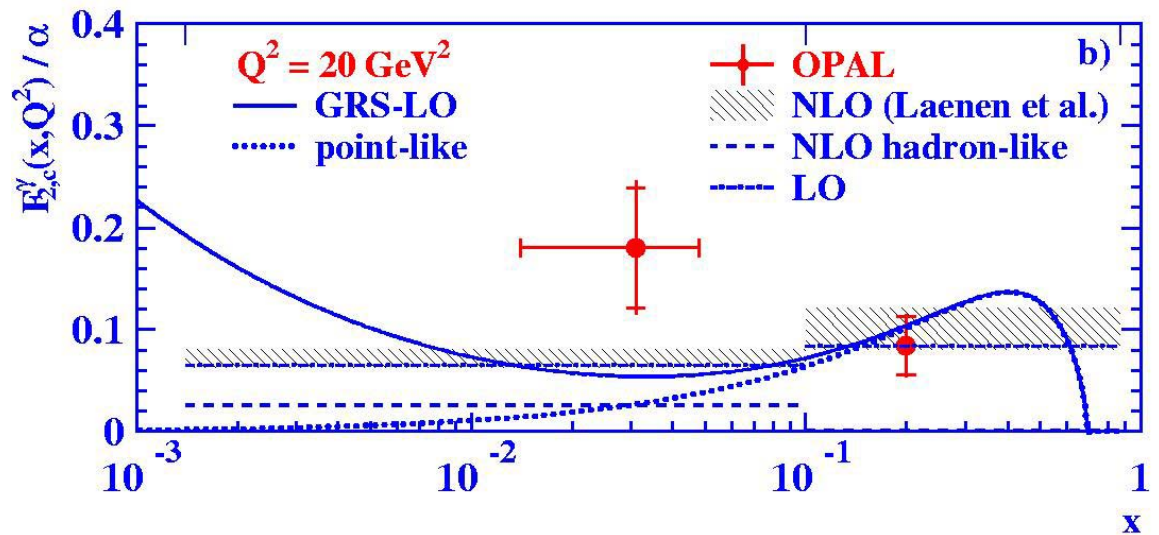
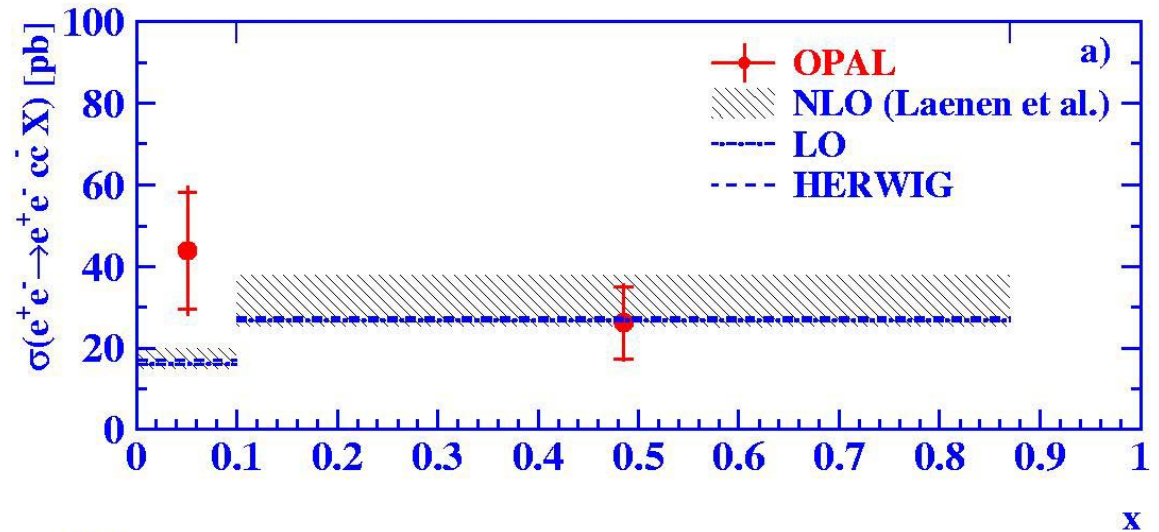
Steeper rise with visible mass as compared to  $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$



# Charm structure function

Measurement of  $F_{2,c}^Y$  using single-tag events with inclusive  $D^*$

- $33 \text{ mrad} < \theta_e < 120 \text{ mrad}$
- $P_T(D^*) > 1 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Rightarrow \langle Q^2 \rangle = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$



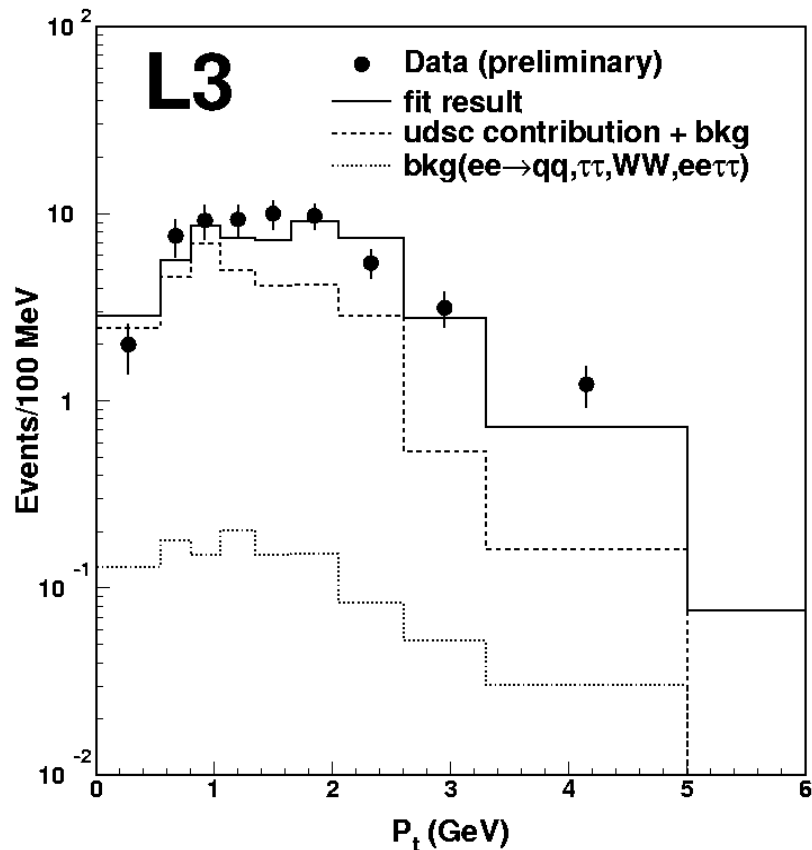
Result for  $F_{2,c}^Y$

- $x > 0.1$  pointlike part calculable in QCD
- $x < 0.1$  hadron-like component

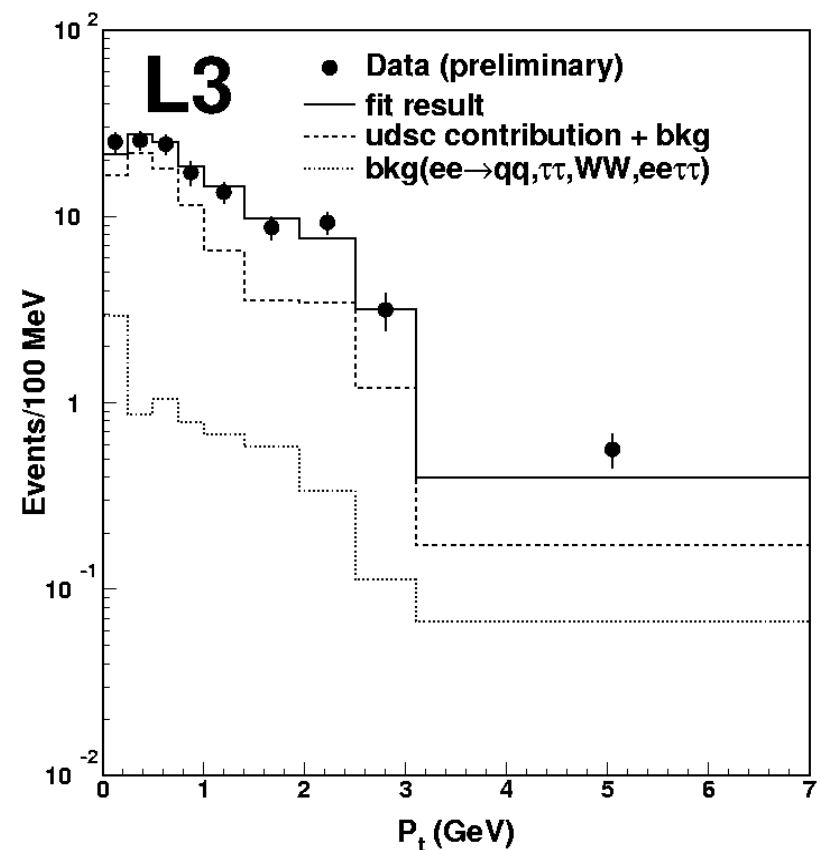
# Search for Beauty in Two Photon Events

- Select leptonic decays of **c** or **b** quark
- Calculate  $P_t$  of lepton with respect to the nearest jet
- Fit resulting spectrum with **uds**, **c** and **b** content as free parameters

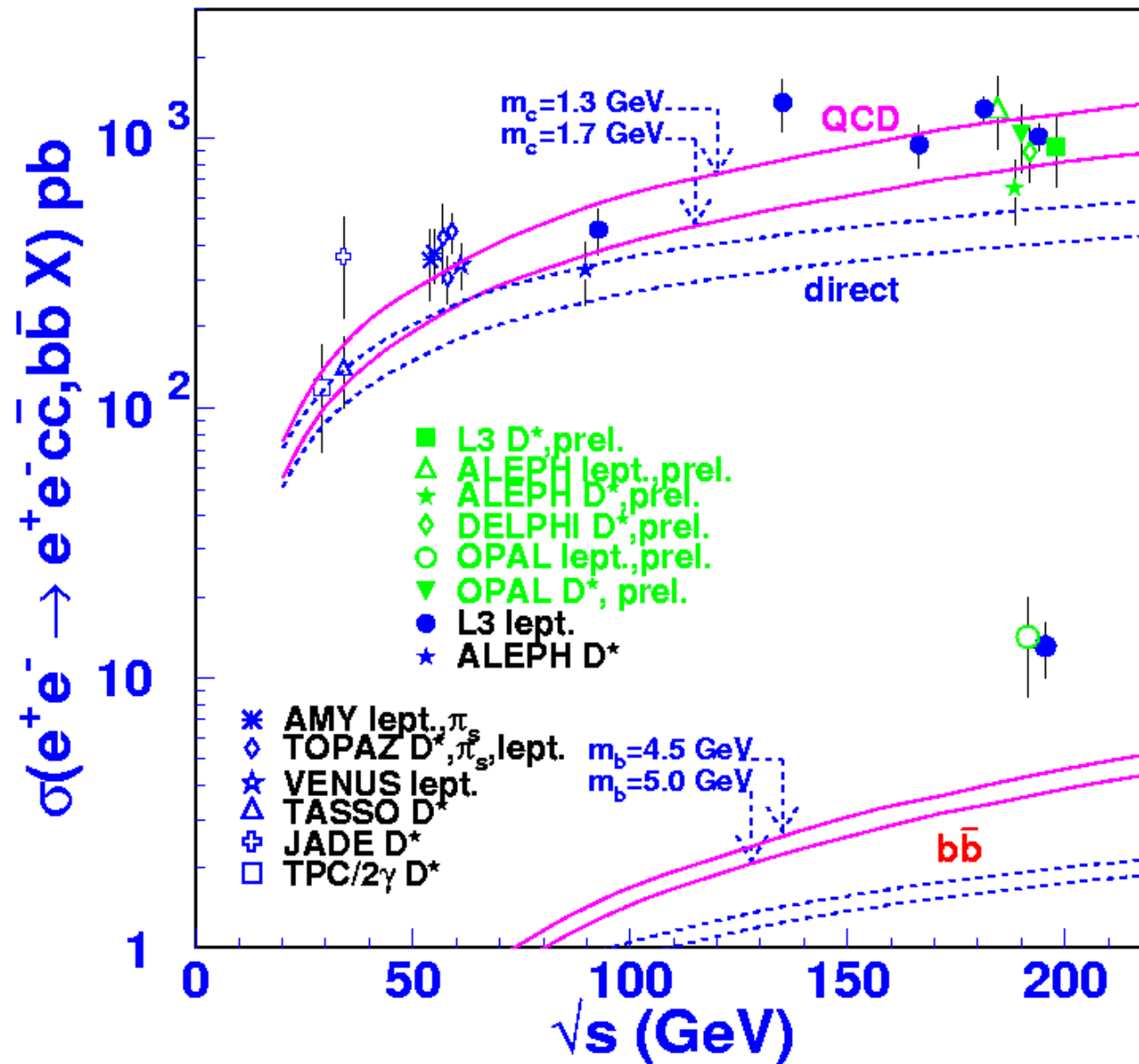
## Electrons



## Muons



# Charm and beauty cross section



Charm cross section reproduces  $D^*$  result

Beauty cross section in excess of QCD by 4 standard deviations

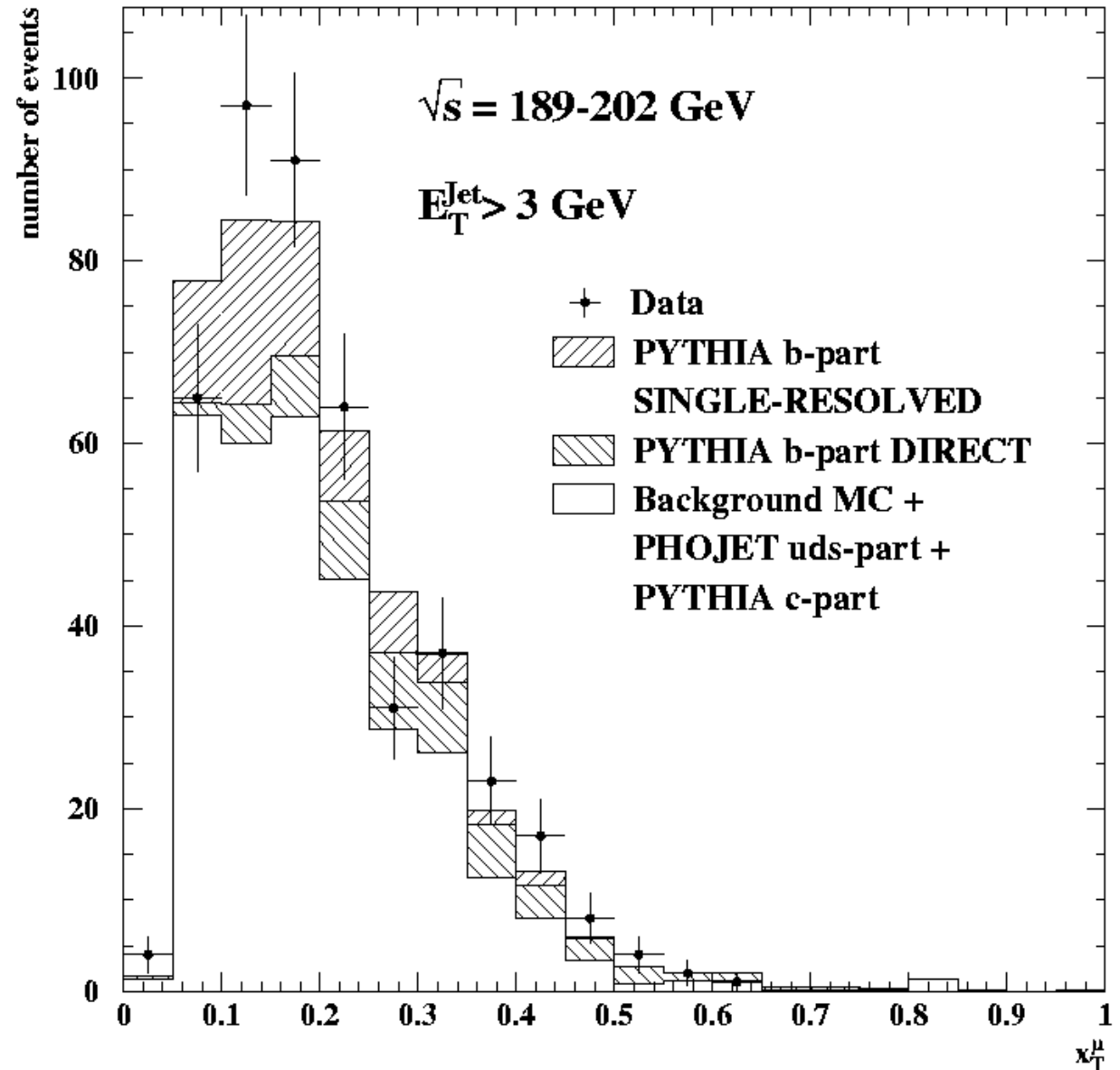
# Source of beauty excess ?

## OPAL preliminary

Plot transverse momentum of muon

Direct and Resolved part is needed to describe shape of data distribution

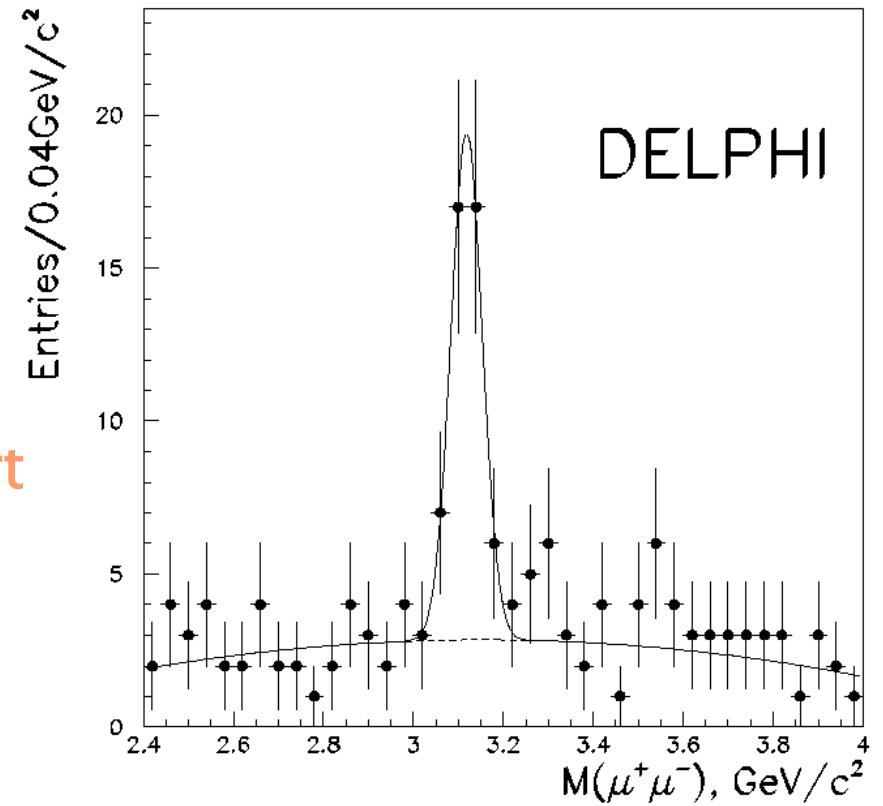
None of both can explain excess alone



# Inclusive $J/\Psi$ Production

## Identification of $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- DELPHI selects 36 events with nearly full LEP2 luminosity
- Distinguish diffractive/resolved part
- Measure cross section of resolved part ( $\gamma g \rightarrow J/\Psi$ )



## Interpretation by M. Klasen et al. hep-ph/0112259

- Colour Octet Model favoured
- $J/\Psi$  is produced in hard process as CO

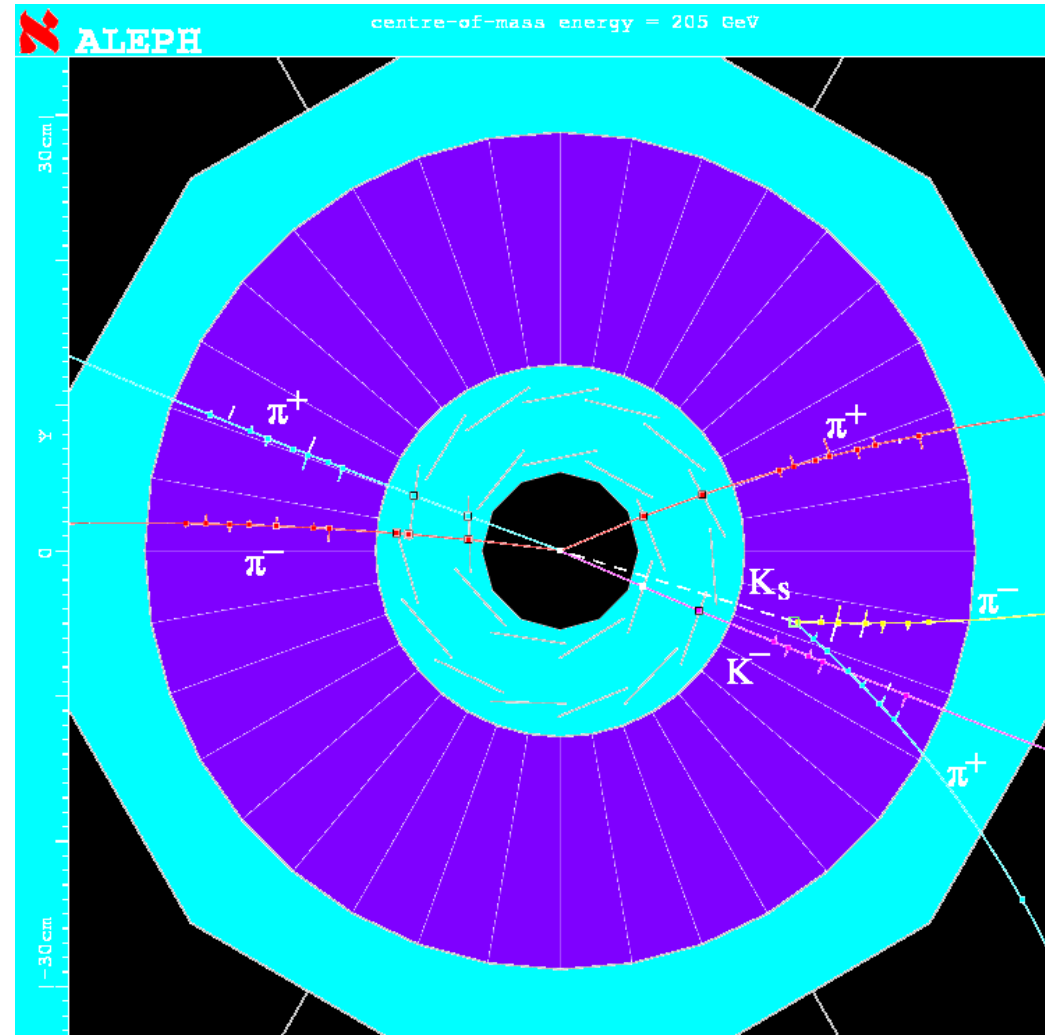
Converts into physical colour singlet quarkonia by nonperturbative emission of soft gluons.



# Search for $\eta_b$

Exclusive production via  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \eta_b$

- $\eta_b$  still undiscovered
- Estimates for  $\Delta m = m(\Upsilon) - m(\eta_b)$  from lattice are  $O(100 \text{ MeV})$
- ALEPH: 1 candidate
- L3: 3 candidates



Mass from ALEPH event:  $9.30 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

# Summary

## Charm:

- Differential distributions agree with QCD calculations
- Total inclusive charm cross section agrees with NLO calculations,  
but low charm quark masses preferred
- Gluon content of photon is important
- Charm structure function of photon measured

## Beauty:

- Cross section three times higher than NLO calculations
- Search for exclusive  $\eta_b$  still ongoing.