

# $\eta$ Transition Form Factor from space- and time-like data and applications

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THE LOW-ENERGY FRONTIER  
OF THE STANDARD MODEL

Light Meson Dynamics  
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# Outline

## Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factors

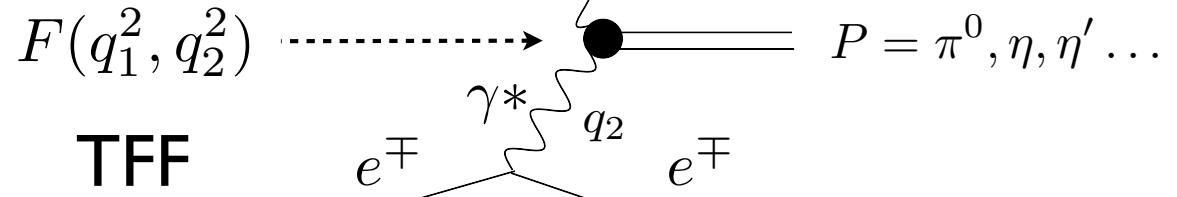
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- Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factors
- Parameterization using Rational Approximants
- Implications on
  - ▶ Low-energy parameters
  - ▶  $\eta$ - $\eta'$  mixing
  - ▶ Rare decays
- Outlook and Conclusions

# Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factors

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- Study of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma^*\gamma^*$  with  $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi, \eta, \eta'$



- Meson Structure
  - Transition Form Factors (TFF) give access to Meson Distribution Amplitudes
- Precision Tests of the Standard Model
  - Relation to mixing parameters and muon anomaly  $(g-2)_\mu$

# How do we do that?

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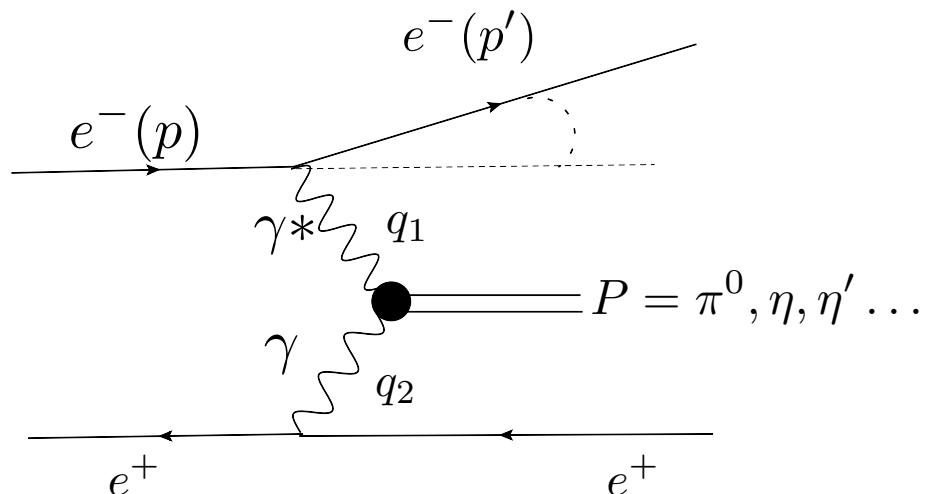
- Single Tag Method can access the Meson Transition Form Factor

## Selection criteria

- 1  $e^-$  detected
- 1  $e^+$  along beam axis
- Meson full reconstructed

## Momentum transfer

- tagged:  $Q^2 = -q_1^2 = -(p - p')^2$   
⇒ highly virtual photon
- untagged:  $q^2 = -q_2^2 \sim 0 \text{ GeV}^2$   
⇒ quasi-real photon

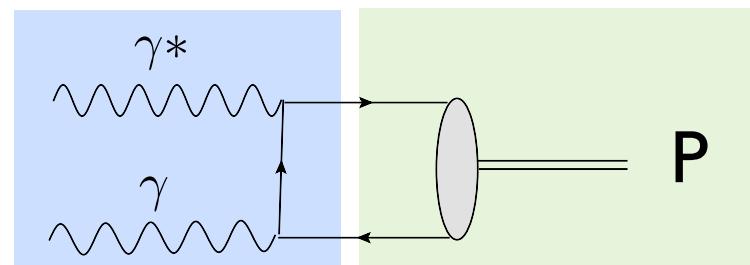


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Cross section for  $P$  production depends only on  $F(q_1^2, q_2^2)$

With the Single Tag Method:  $F(q_1^2, q_2^2) \rightarrow F(Q^2)$



$$F(Q^2) = \int T_H(x, Q^2) \Phi_P(x, \mu_F) dx$$

$$T_H(\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}) \quad \Phi_P(q\bar{q} \rightarrow P)$$

- $\mu_F$  is scale between soft and hard
- $x$ -dependence of  $\Phi_P(x, Q^2)$  not known but models
- Experimental data on  $F(Q^2)$  is needed

convolution of perturbative and non-perturbative regimes

# Our proposal use Padé Approximants

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$$P_M^N(Q^2) = \frac{T_N(Q^2)}{R_M(Q^2)} = a_0 Q^2 + a_1 Q^4 + a_2 Q^6 + \dots + \mathcal{O}((Q^2)^{N+M+1})$$

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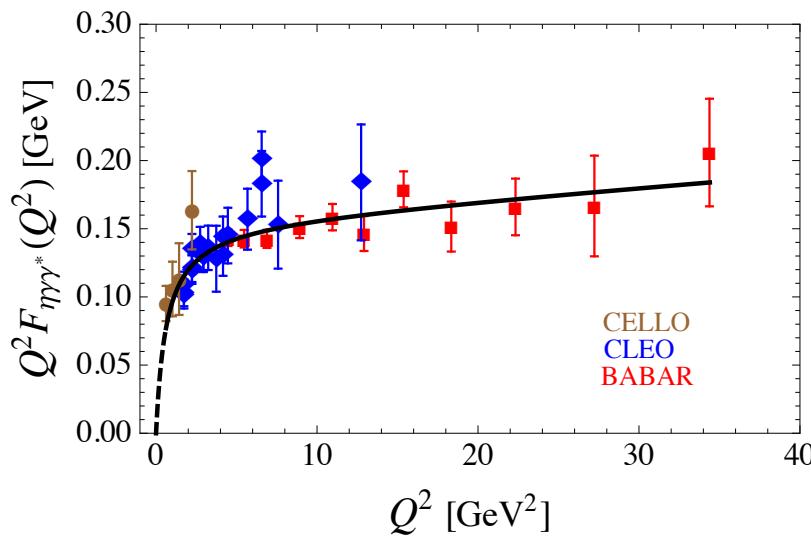
$$P_1^1(Q^2) = \frac{a_0 Q^2}{1 - a_1 Q^2} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} P_1^N(Q^2) &= P_1^1(Q^2), P_1^2(Q^2), P_1^3(Q^2), \dots \\ P_N^N(Q^2) &= P_1^1(Q^2), P_2^2(Q^2), P_3^3(Q^2), \dots \end{aligned}$$

# $\eta$ -TFF

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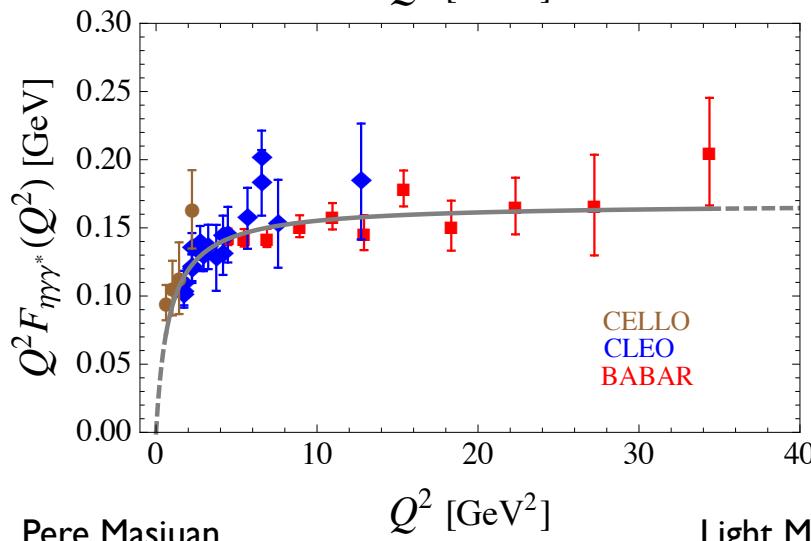
[R.Escribano, P.M., P.Sánchez-Puertas, '13]



$P_1^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=2$

$$\Gamma_{\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{pred} = (0.41 \pm 0.18) \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{PDG} = (0.518 \pm 0.018) \text{ keV}$$

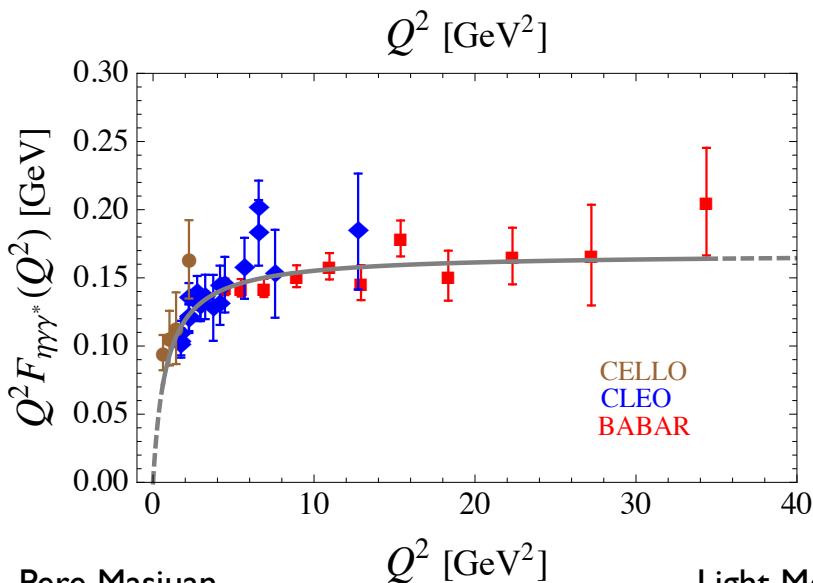
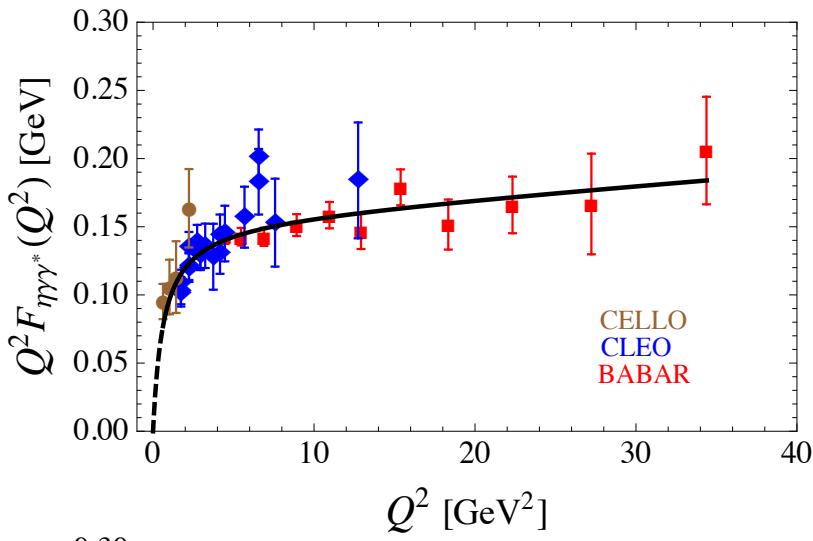


$P_N^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=1$

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) = 0.17(6) \text{ GeV}$$

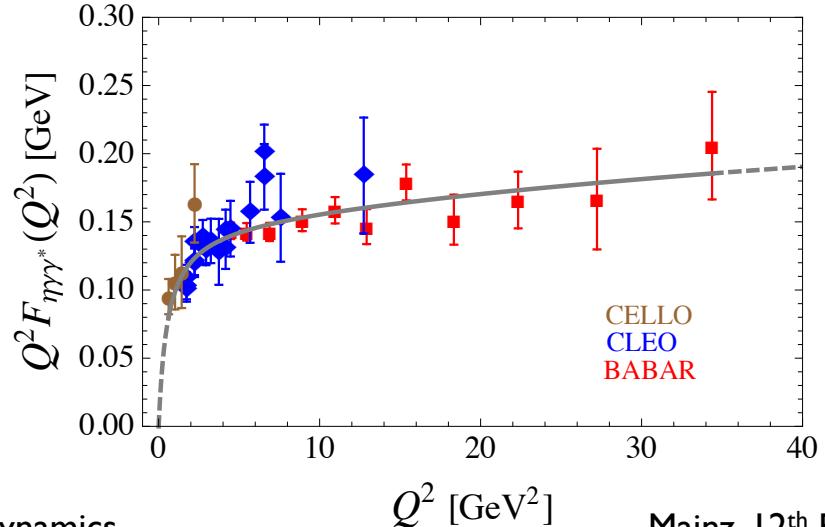
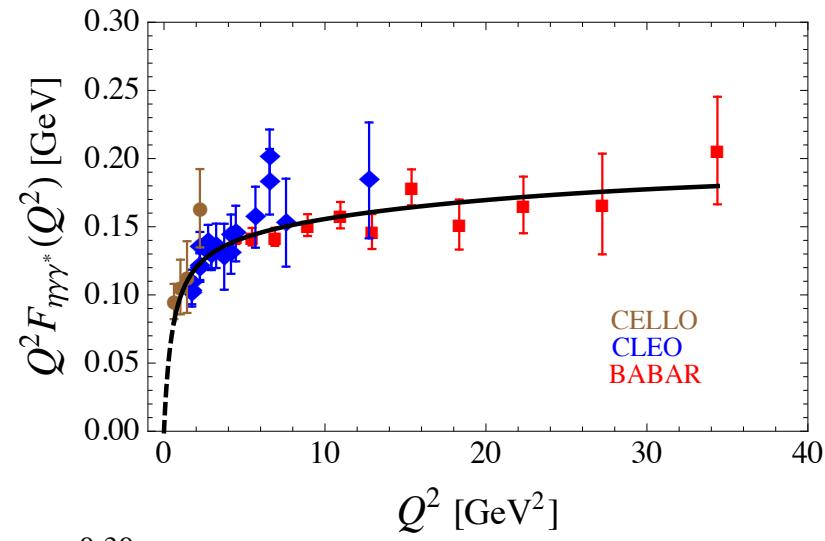
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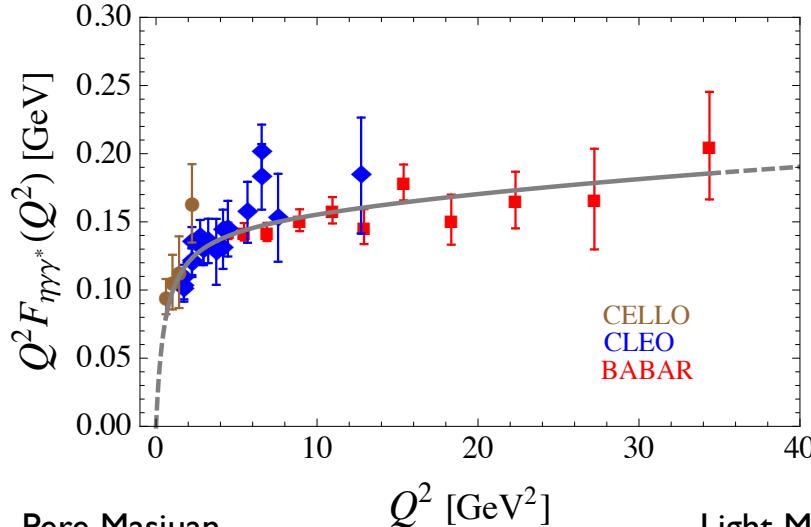
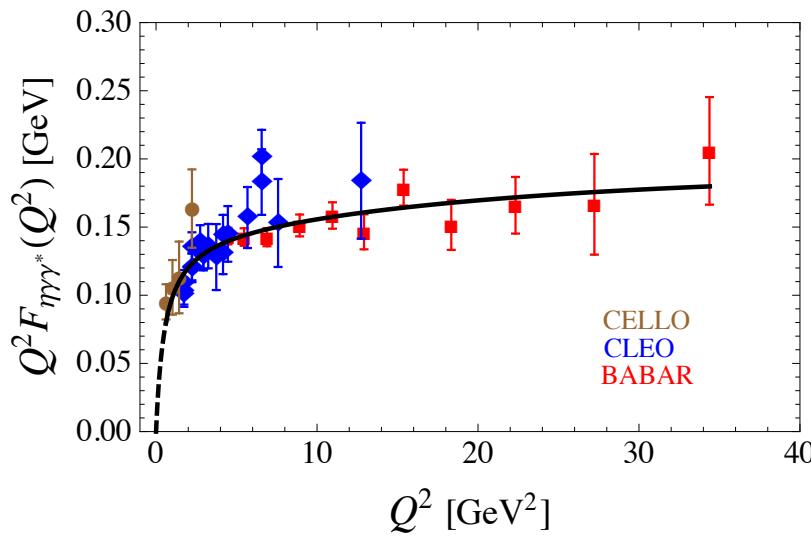
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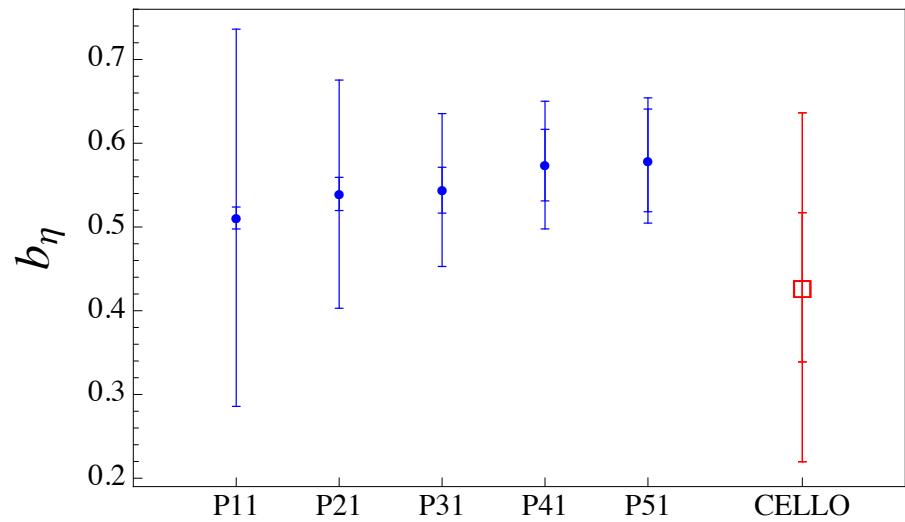
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$P_1^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=5$



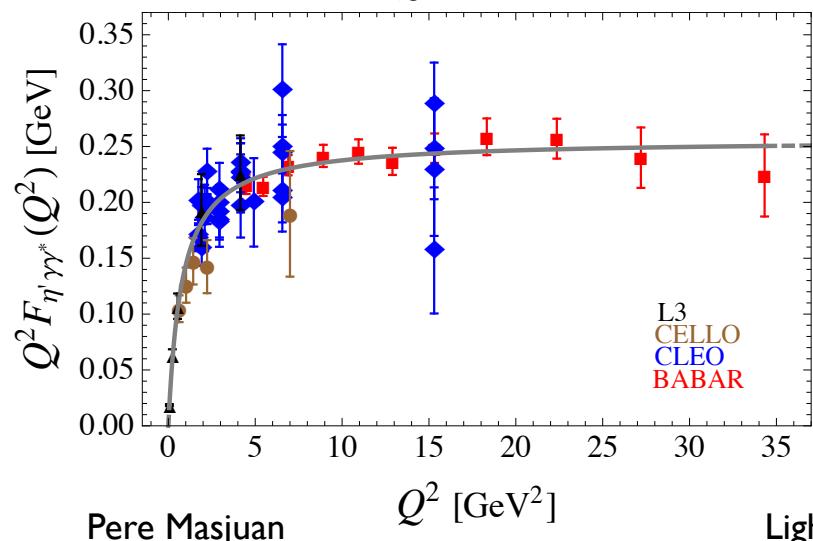
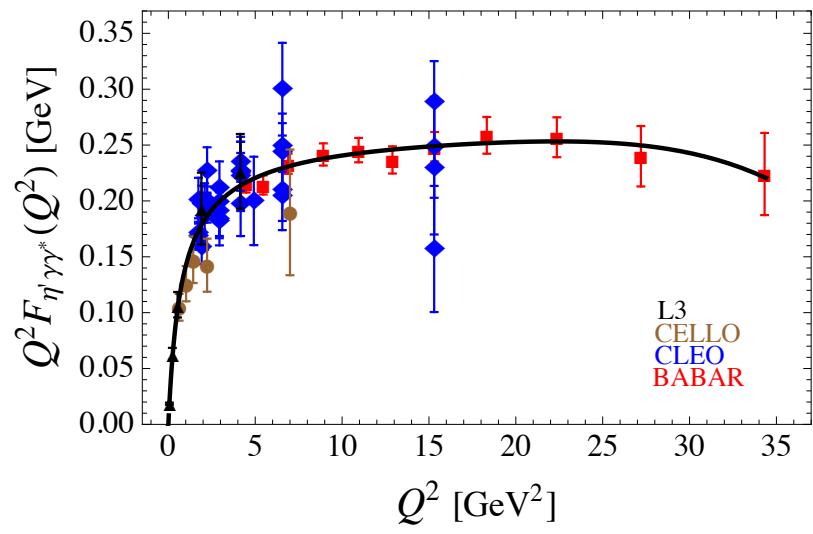
$P_N^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=2$

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) = 0.160(24) \text{ GeV}$$

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[R.Escribano, P.M., P.Sanchez-Puertas, '13]



$P_1^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=5$

$$\Gamma_{\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{pred} = (4.21 \pm 0.43) \text{ keV}$$

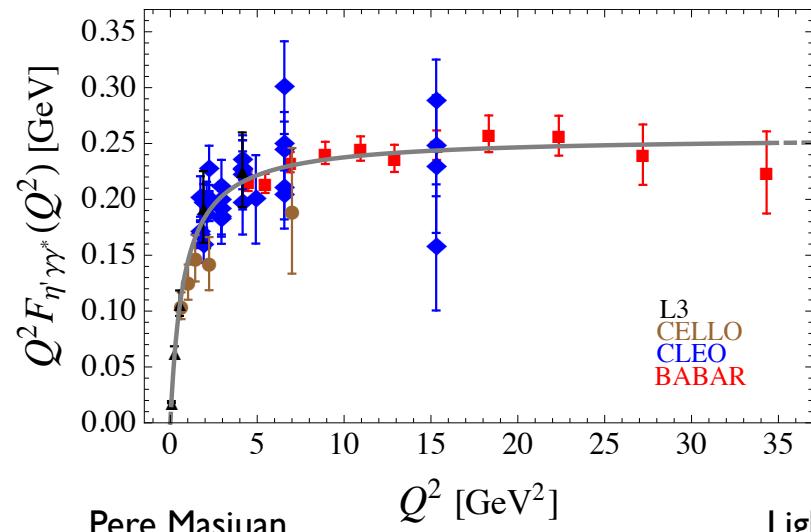
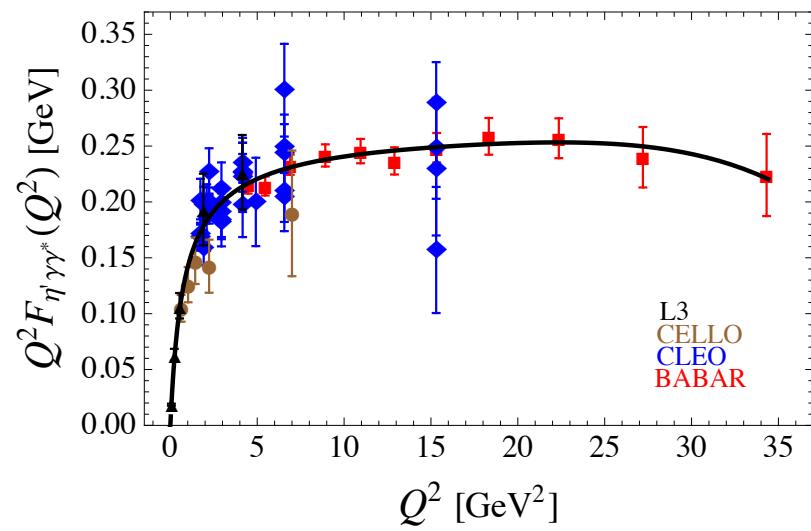
$$\Gamma_{\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{PDG} = (4.34 \pm 0.14) \text{ keV}$$

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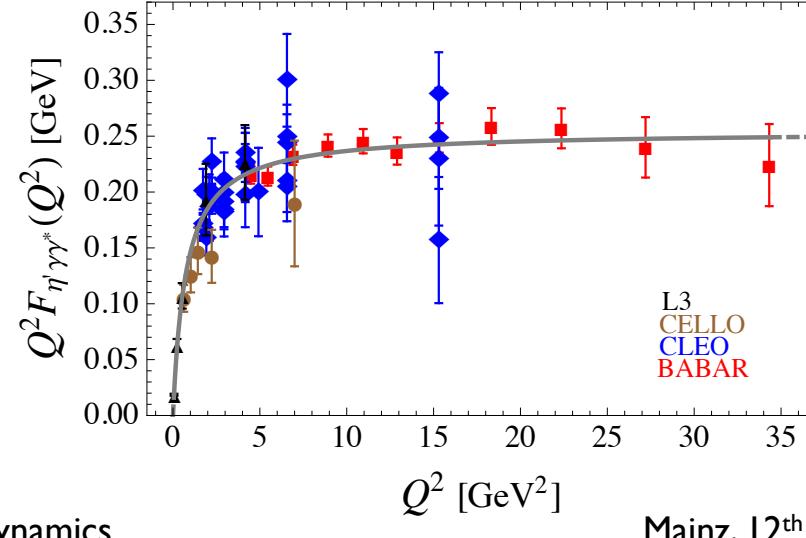
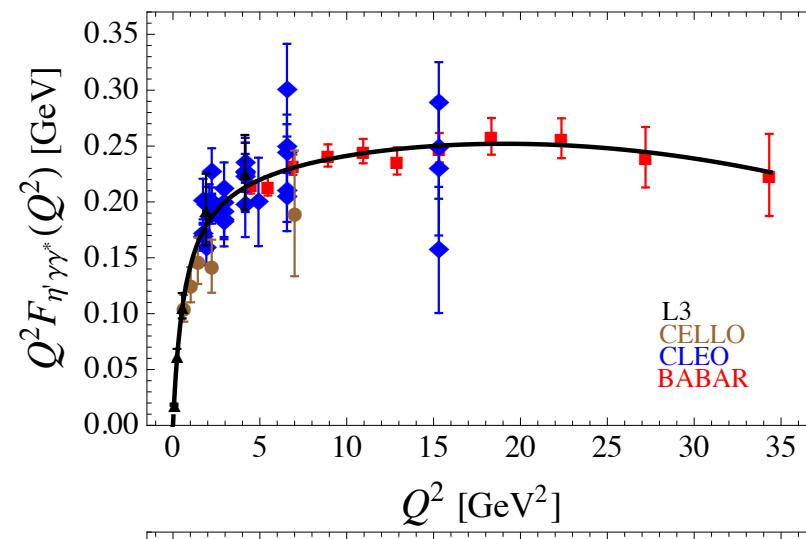
$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta'\gamma*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) = 0.256(4) \text{ GeV}$$

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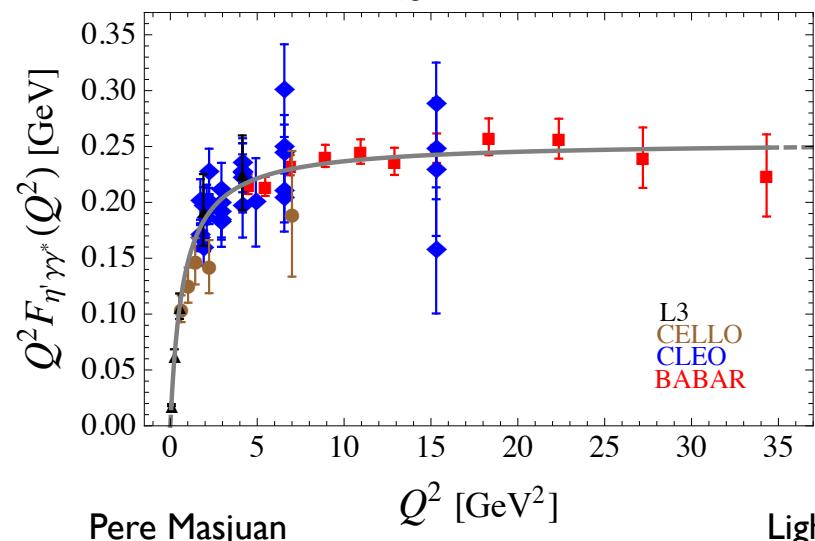
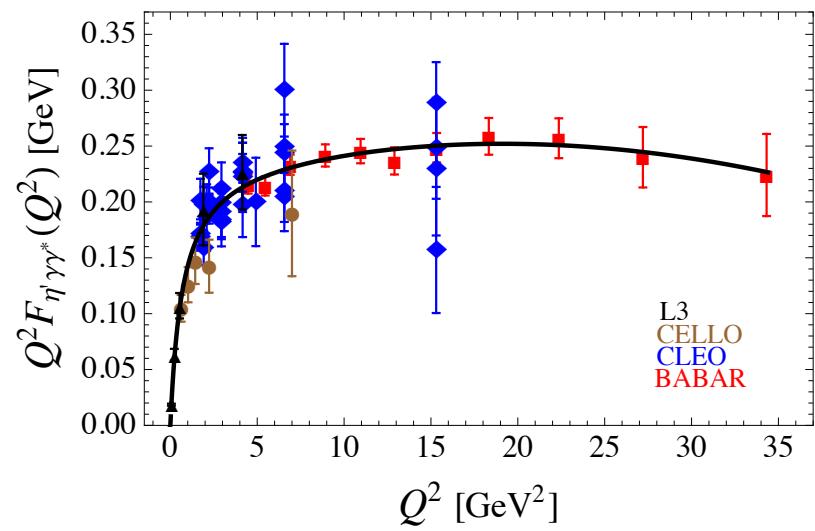
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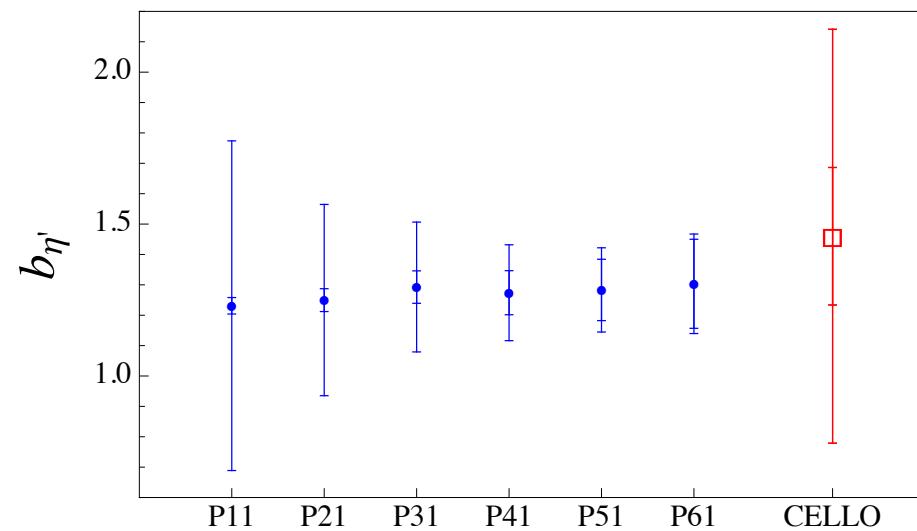
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$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta' \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2, 0) = 0.254(4) \text{ GeV}$$

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$$f_q = 1.065(13)f_\pi, \quad f_s = 1.53(22)f_\pi, \quad \phi = 40.2(1.5)^\circ$$

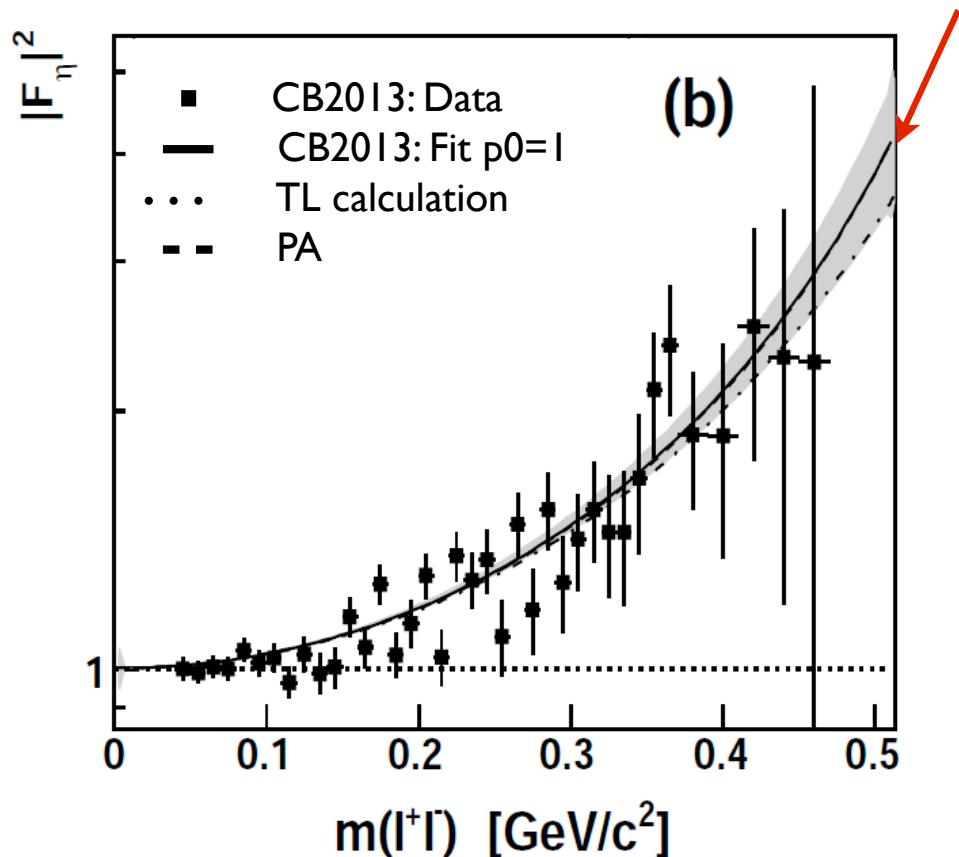
Update of Frere-Escribano '05 with PDG12 using 9 inputs

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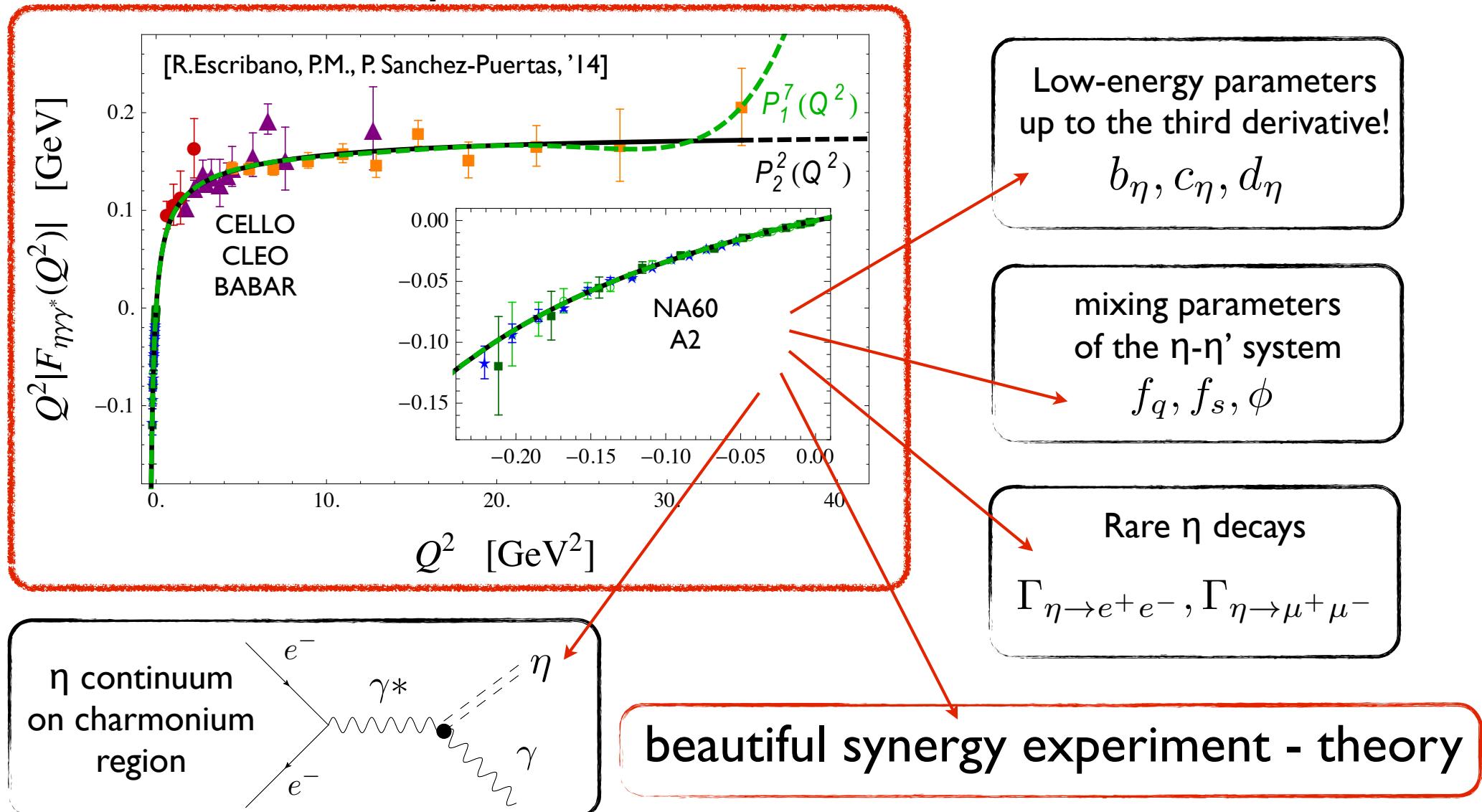
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(see talk of M. Unverzagt)

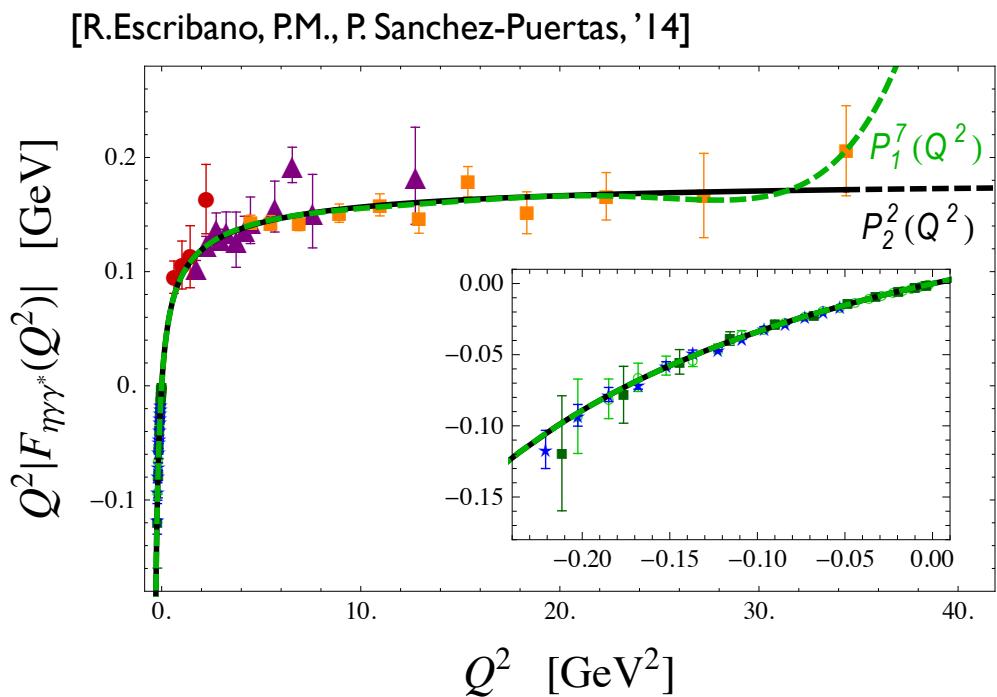
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## space-like and time-like data



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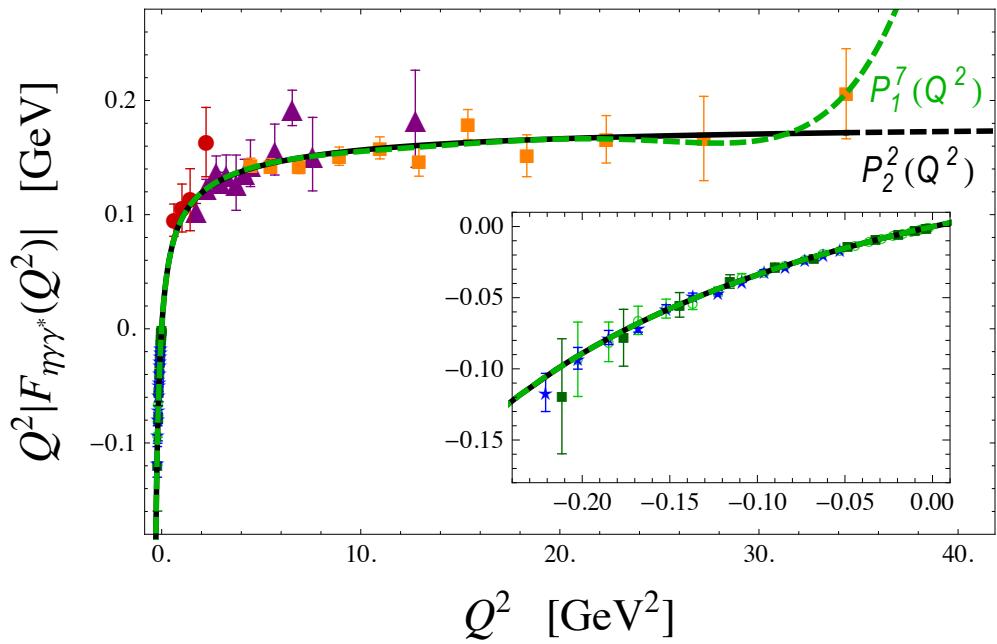
$$P_N^N(Q^2) \quad \text{up to } N=2$$

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) = 0.169(14) \text{ GeV}$$

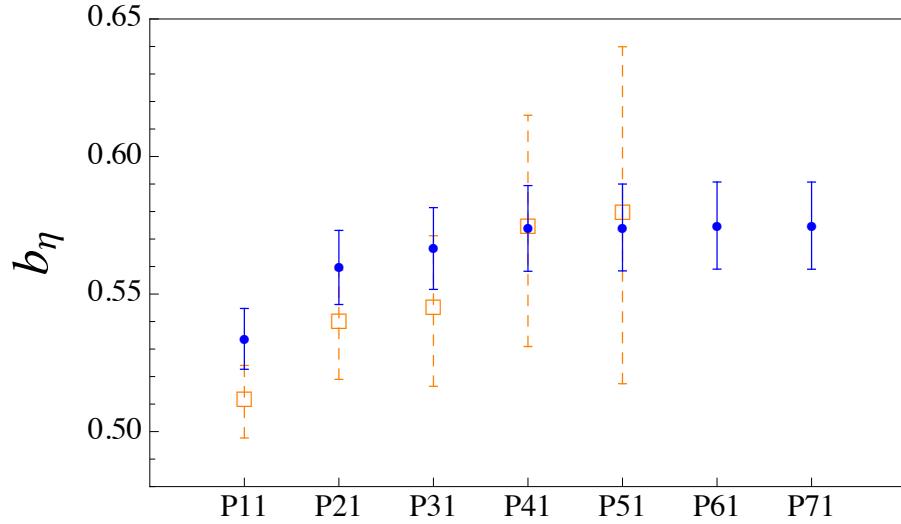
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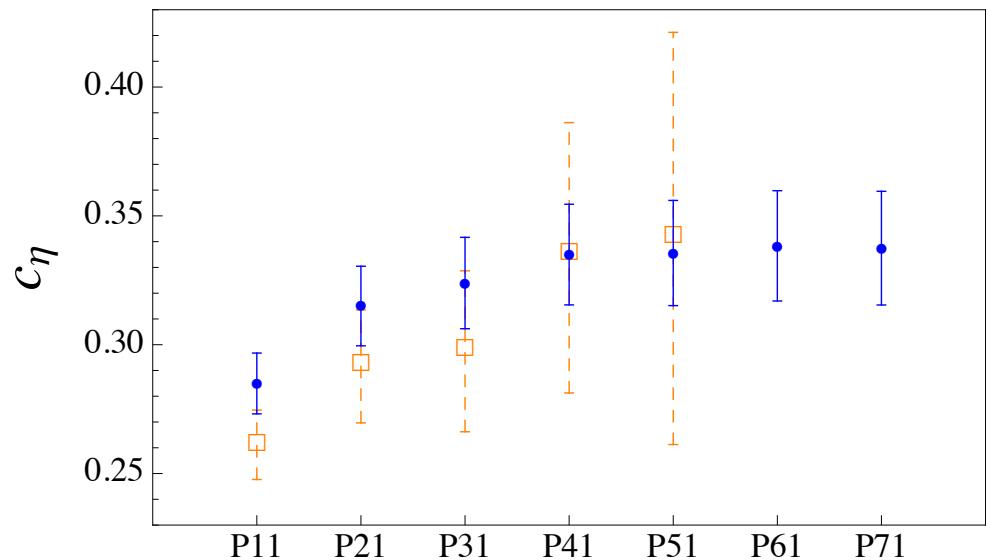
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$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta \gamma * \gamma}(Q^2, 0) = 0.177(15) \text{ GeV}$$

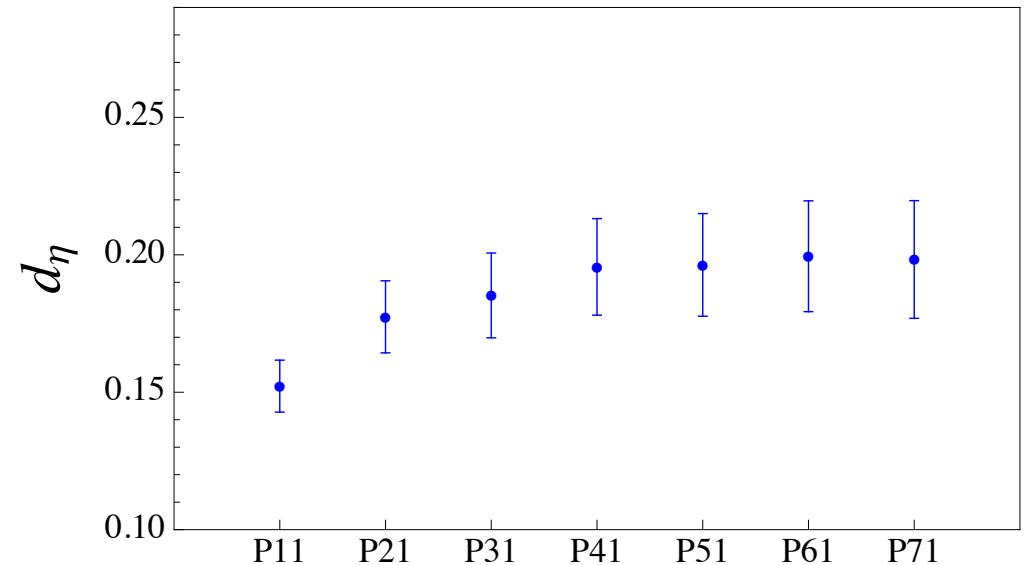
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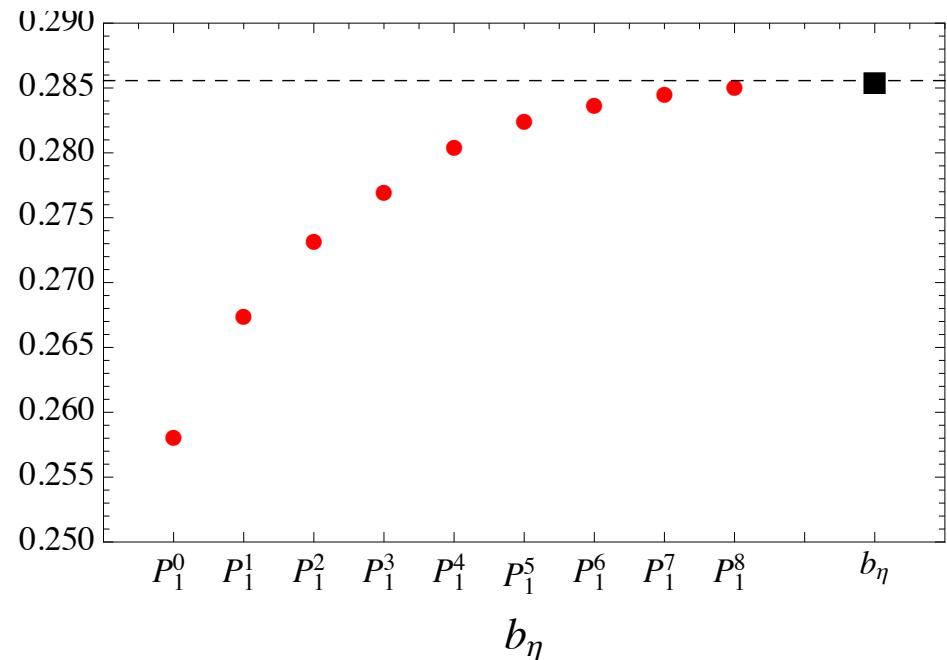
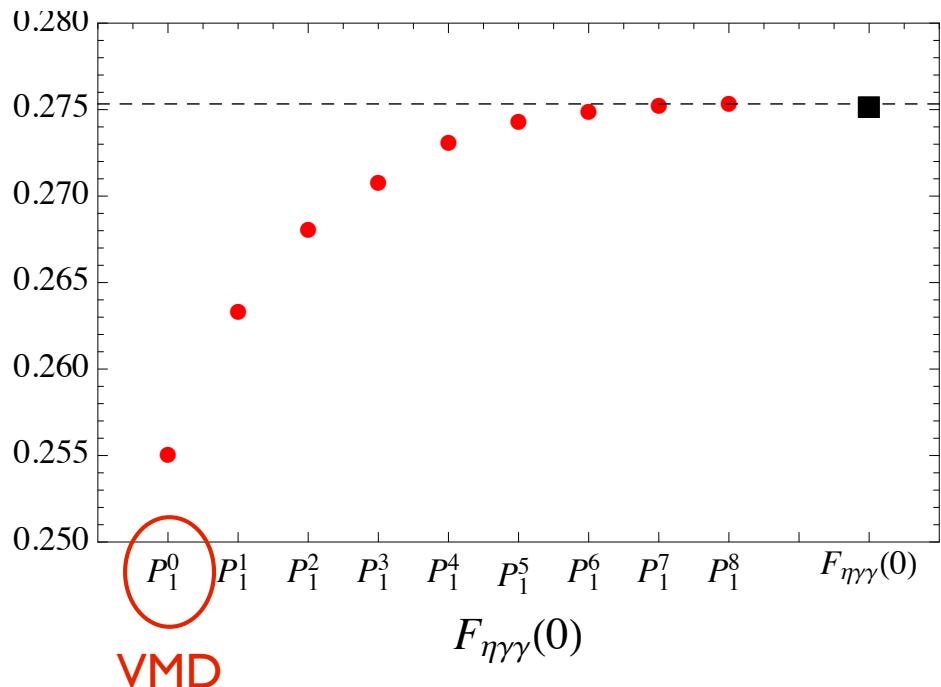
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# A word on systematics

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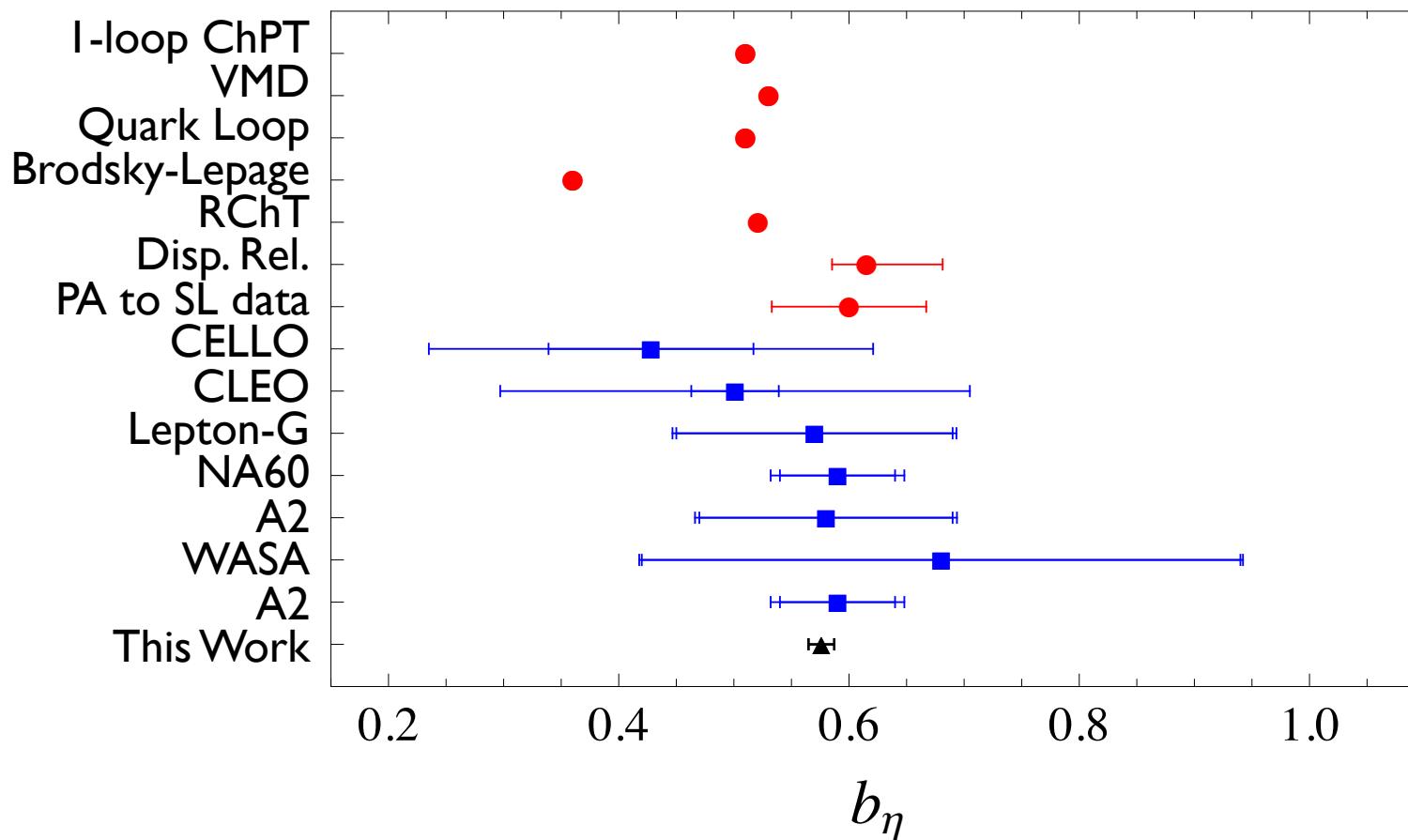
- Consider a model for  $\eta$  TFF
- Generate a pseudodata set emulating the physical situation (SL+TL)
- Build up your PA sequence
- Fit and compare



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[R.Escribano, P.M., P.Sanchez-Puertas, '14]

$$f_q = 1.07(1)f_\pi, \quad f_s = 1.39(14)f_\pi, \quad \phi = 39.3(1.3)^\circ$$

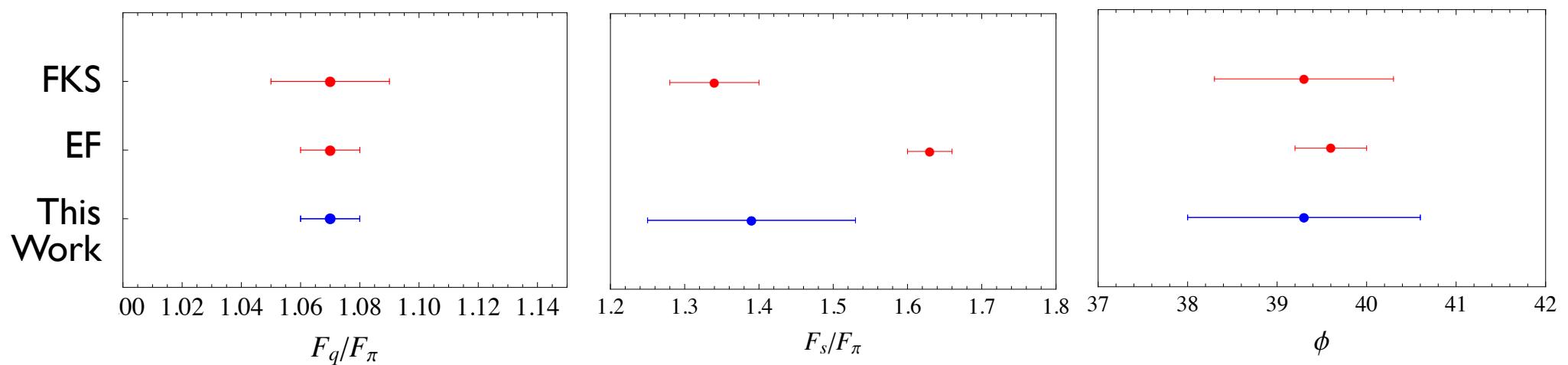
Update of Frere-Escribano '05 with PDG12 using 9 inputs

$$f_q = 1.07(1)f_\pi, \quad f_s = 1.63(2)f_\pi, \quad \phi = 40.4(0.3)^\circ$$

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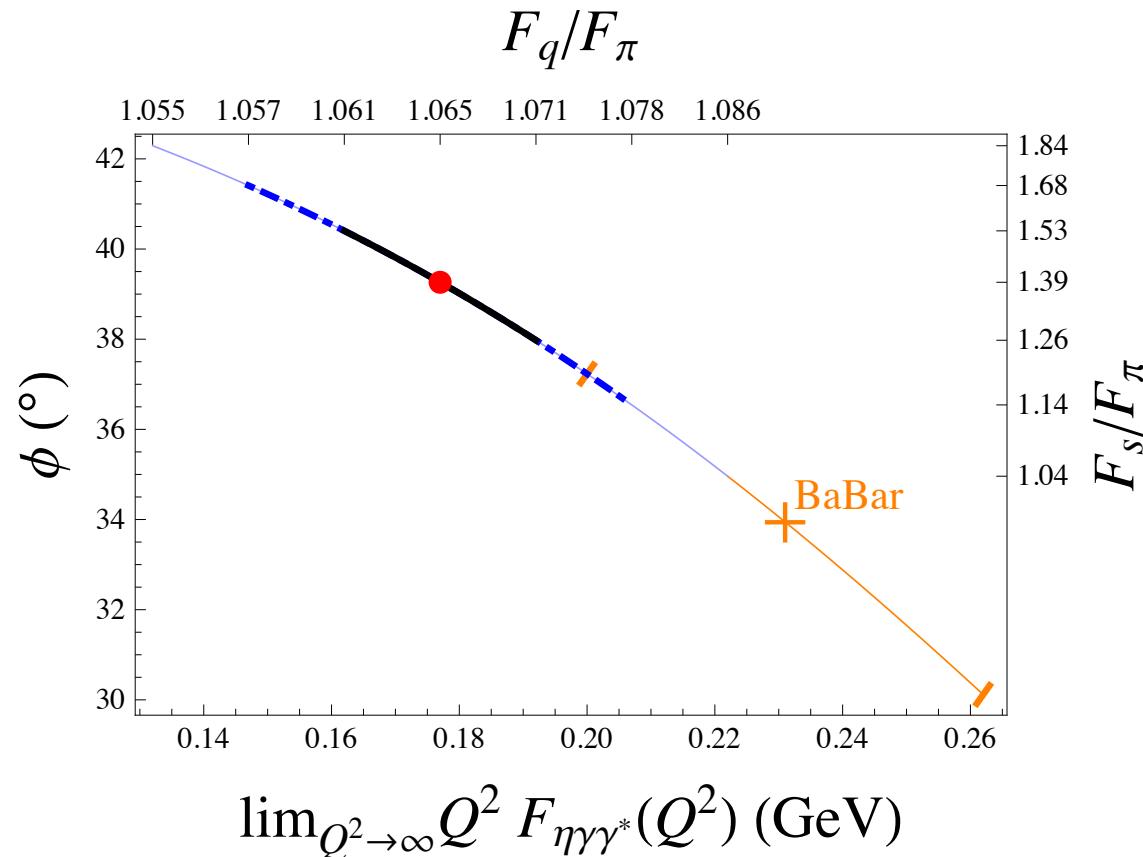
FKS: Feldmann, Kroll, Stech, PLB 449, 339, (1999)

EF: Escribano, Frere, JHEP 0506, 029 (2005) updated in Escribano, P.M, Sanchez-Puertas, 2013.

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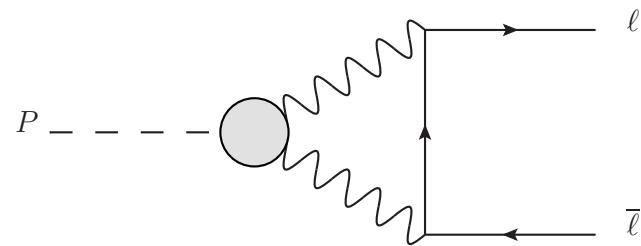
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From the TFFs we can determine  $F_q, F_s, \phi$   
and the  $\text{VP}\gamma$  and  $\text{J}/\Psi$  decays used in FKS and EF as inputs

( using  $F_{\pi^0} = 131.5 \pm 1.4$  MeV instead of  $F_{\pi^-} = 92.21 \pm 0.14$  MeV )

	Our predictions	Experimental determinations
$g_{\rho\eta\gamma}$	1.46(3)	1.58(5)
$g_{\rho\eta'\gamma}$	1.20(4)	1.32(3)
$g_{\omega\eta\gamma}$	0.56(2)	0.45(2)
$g_{\omega\eta'\gamma}$	0.55(2)	0.43(2)
$g_{\phi\eta\gamma}$	-0.78(8)	-0.69(1)
$g_{\phi\eta'\gamma}$	0.88(10)	0.72(1)
$\frac{J/\Psi \rightarrow \eta'\gamma}{J/\Psi \rightarrow \eta\gamma}$	5.09(47)	4.67(20)

# Dissection of $\eta \rightarrow l^+ l^-$



$$\frac{BR(P \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell)}{BR(P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 2 \left( \frac{\alpha m_\ell}{\pi m_P} \right)^2 \beta_\ell(m_P^2) |\mathcal{A}(m_P^2)|^2$$

The only unknown  $\mathcal{A}(m_P^2)$  from loop calculation where the TFF enters.

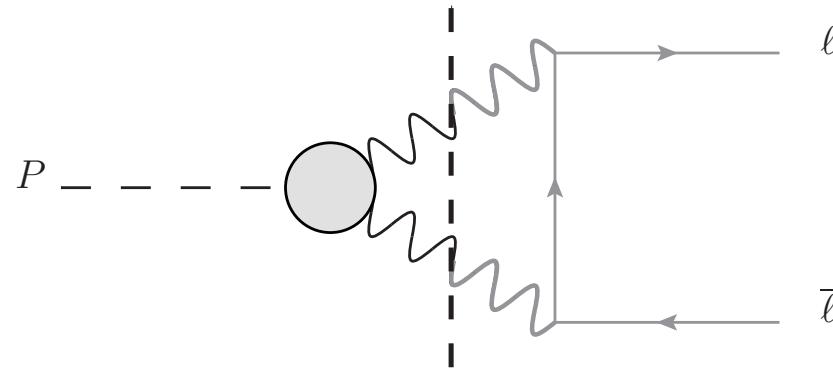
$$\mathcal{A}(q^2) = \frac{2i}{\pi^2} \int d^4 k \frac{q^2 k^2 - (k \cdot q)^2}{k^2 (k - q)^2 ((p - k) - m_\ell^2)} \frac{F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(k^2, (q - k)^2)}{F_{P\gamma\gamma}(0, 0)}$$

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Use dispersion relations to get the real part

$$Re(\mathcal{A}(q^2)) = \mathcal{A}(0) + \frac{1}{\beta_I(q^2)} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \ln^2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta_I(q^2)}{1 + \beta_I(q^2)} \right) + Li_2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta_I(q^2)}{1 + \beta_I(q^2)} \right) \right)$$

## Dissection of $\eta \rightarrow l^+ l^-$

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PDG value dominated by the KTeV measurement

$$\frac{BR(P \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell)}{BR(P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 2 \left( \frac{\alpha m_\ell}{\pi m_P} \right)^2 \beta_\ell(m_P^2) |\mathcal{A}(m_P^2)|^2 = 5.8(8) \cdot 10^{-6} \quad (\mu^+\mu^-)$$
$$\leq 5.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \quad (e^+e^-)$$

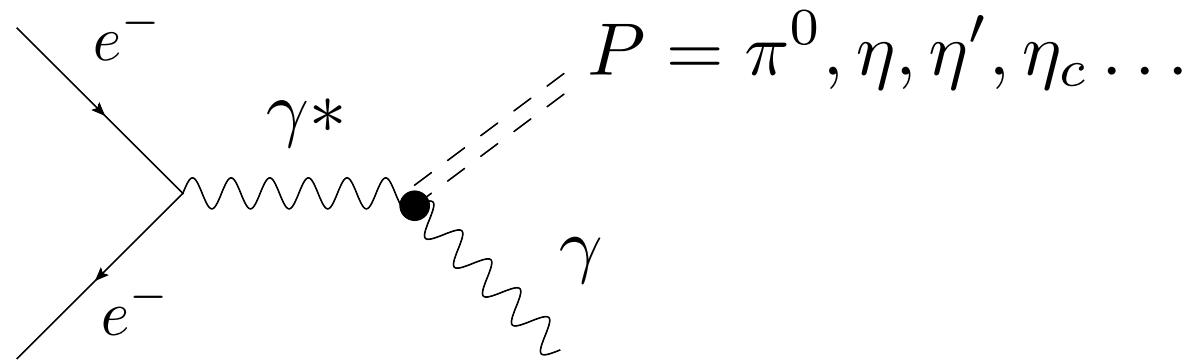
Unitary Bound for the  $\mu\mu$  case  $= 4.37 \cdot 10^{-6}$

SM calculations with  $m_\eta^2/\Lambda^2 \sim 0$   $= 4.99 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Our result from SL+TL (full result)  $= 4.51(2) \cdot 10^{-6}$

# Time-like TFF: prediction

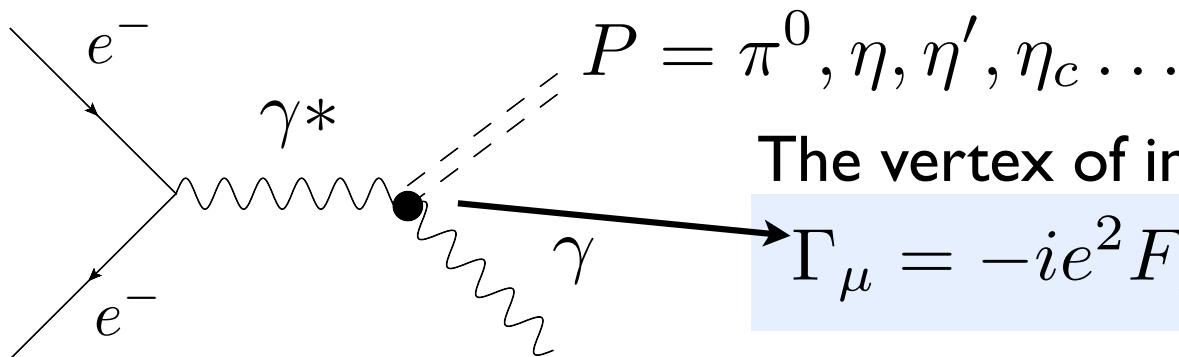
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- Asymptotic limits in time-like and space-like FFs are expected to be close, is important to measure this time-like FF because:
  - the charmonium region is between the perturbative and non-perturbative regimes of the  $\pi$ -,  $\eta$ -, and  $\eta'$ -TFF
  - background for charmonium decays

# Time-like TFF: prediction

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The vertex of interest is:

$$\Gamma_\mu = -ie^2 F_P(Q^2) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\nu \epsilon^\rho q^\sigma$$

Differential cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma P)}{d(\cos\theta)} = \frac{\pi^2 \alpha^3}{4} (F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(s, 0))^2 \left(1 - \frac{M_P^2}{s}\right)^3 (1 + \cos^2\theta)$$

Integrating with respect to  $\cos\theta$

$$\boxed{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma P) = \frac{2\pi^2 \alpha^3}{3} (F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(s, 0))^2 \left(1 - \frac{M_P^2}{s}\right)^3}$$

# Conclusions

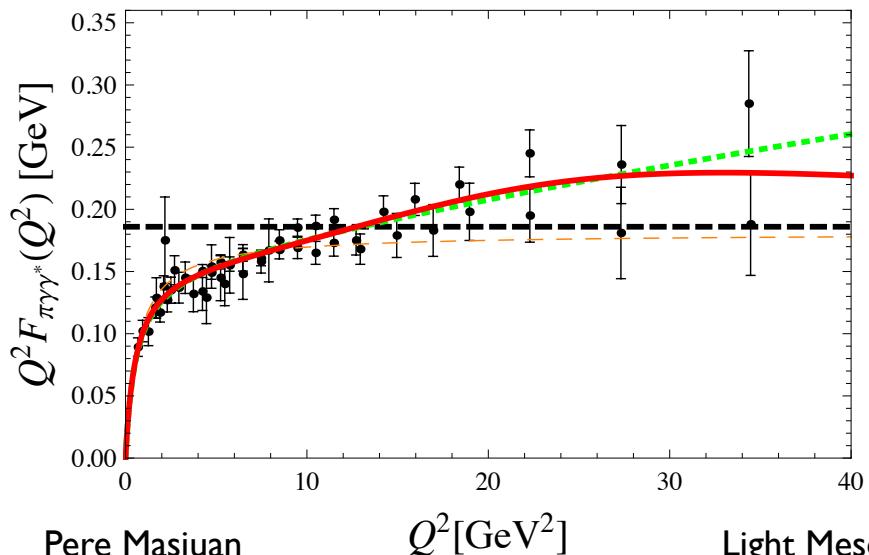
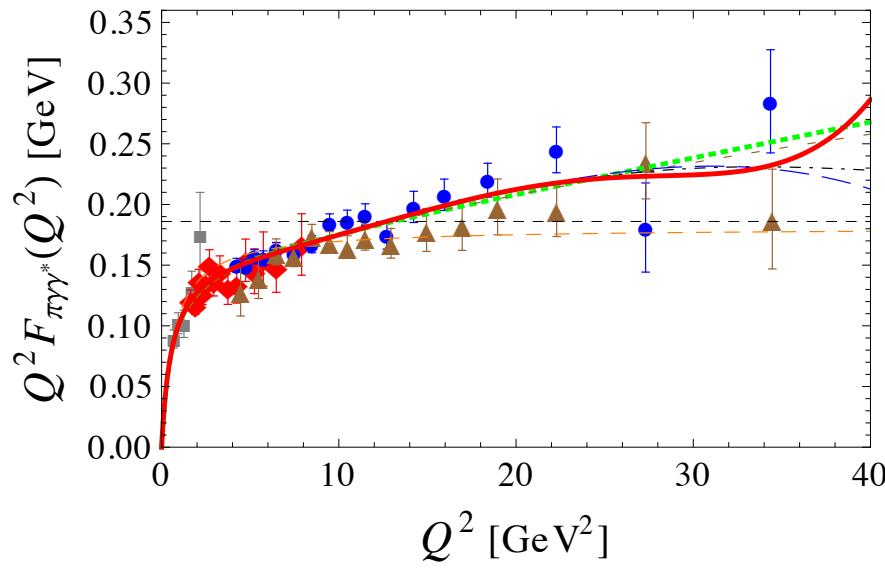
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- Transition Form Factors are a good laboratory to study meson properties
- Need for a model independent approach: we use Padé App.
- Padé Approximants' method is easy, systematic and can be improved upon by including new data
- Considering Space-like and time-like data
  - provides very accurate LECs and asymptotic limits
  - provides insight in mixing scheme and meson structure
  - predicts  $\bar{V}P\gamma$ ,  $J/\Psi$ , rare decays, continuum...
  - beautiful synergy experiment - theory

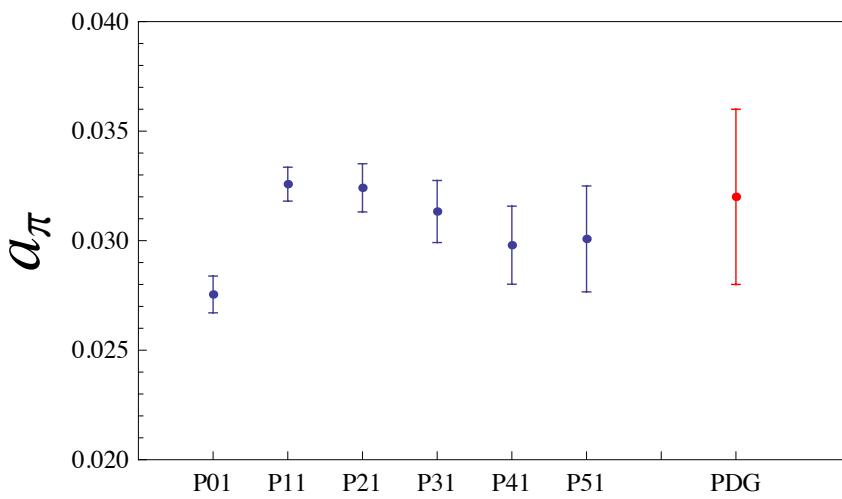
Thank you!

# $\pi^0$ -TFF

Fit to Space-like data: CELLO'91, CLEO'98, BABAR'09 and Belle'12



$P_1^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=5$  [P.M. '12]



$P_N^N(Q^2)$  up to  $N=3$