



# Light Meson Physics with Crystal Ball at MAMI

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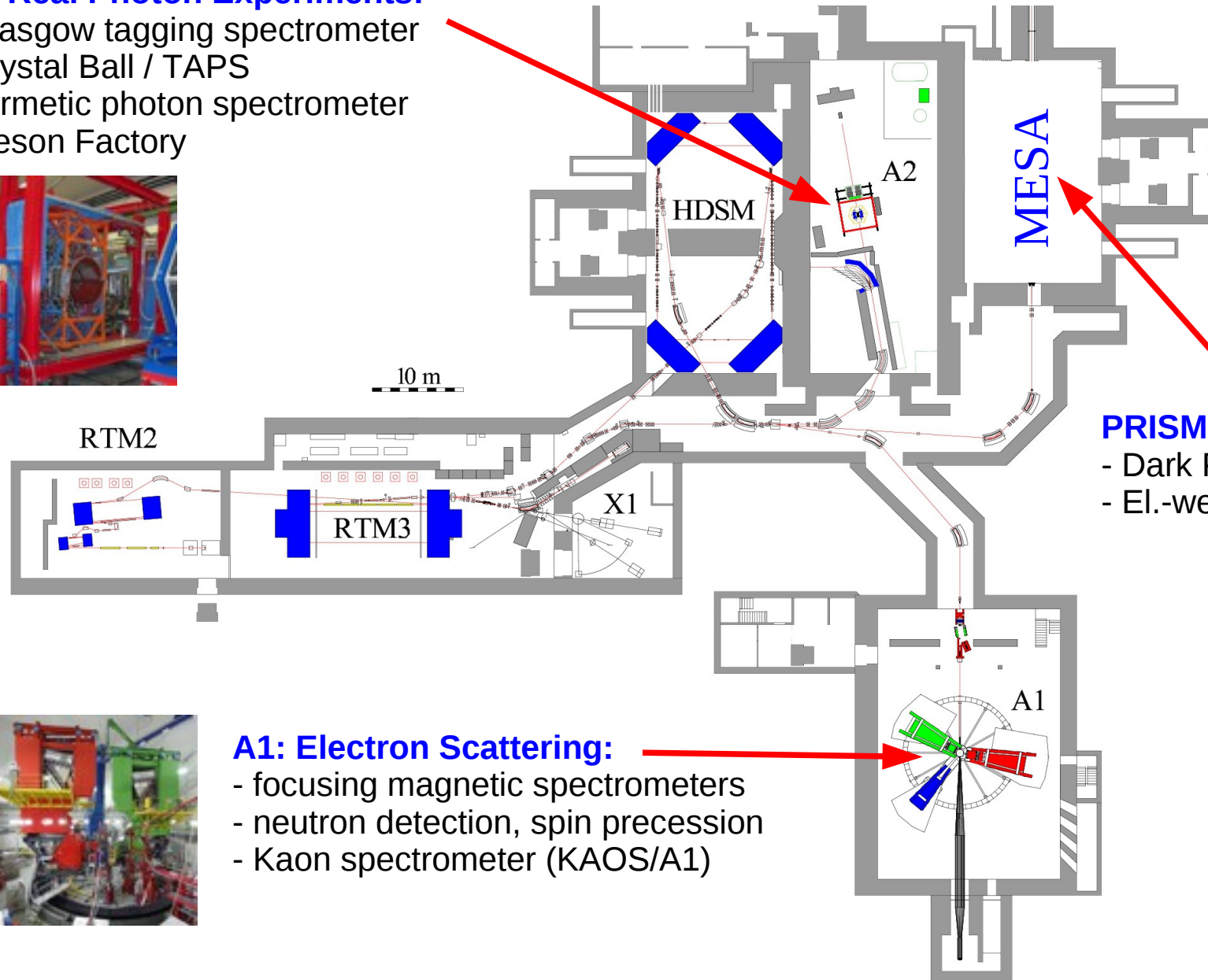
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# Experiments at MAMI

## A2: Real Photon Experiments:

- Glasgow tagging spectrometer
- Crystal Ball / TAPS hermetic photon spectrometer
- Meson Factory



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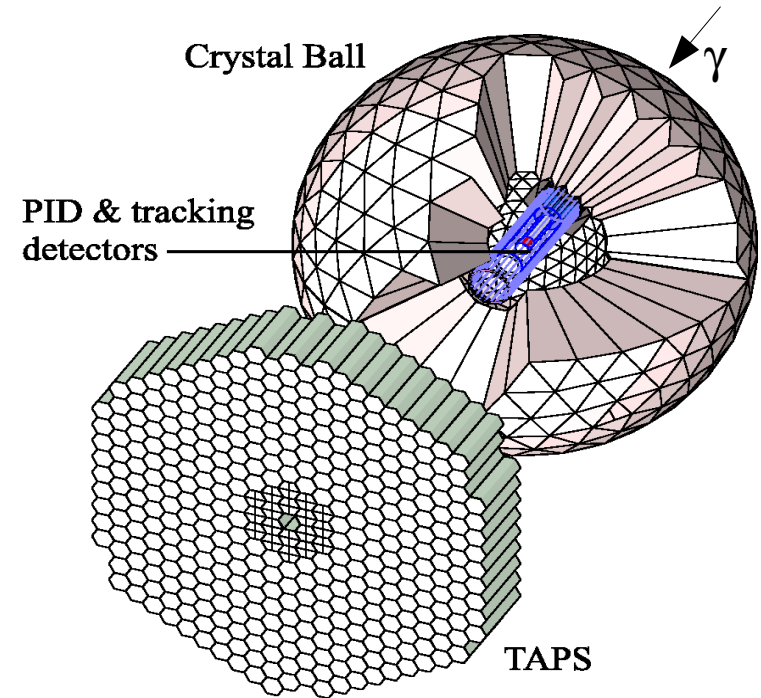
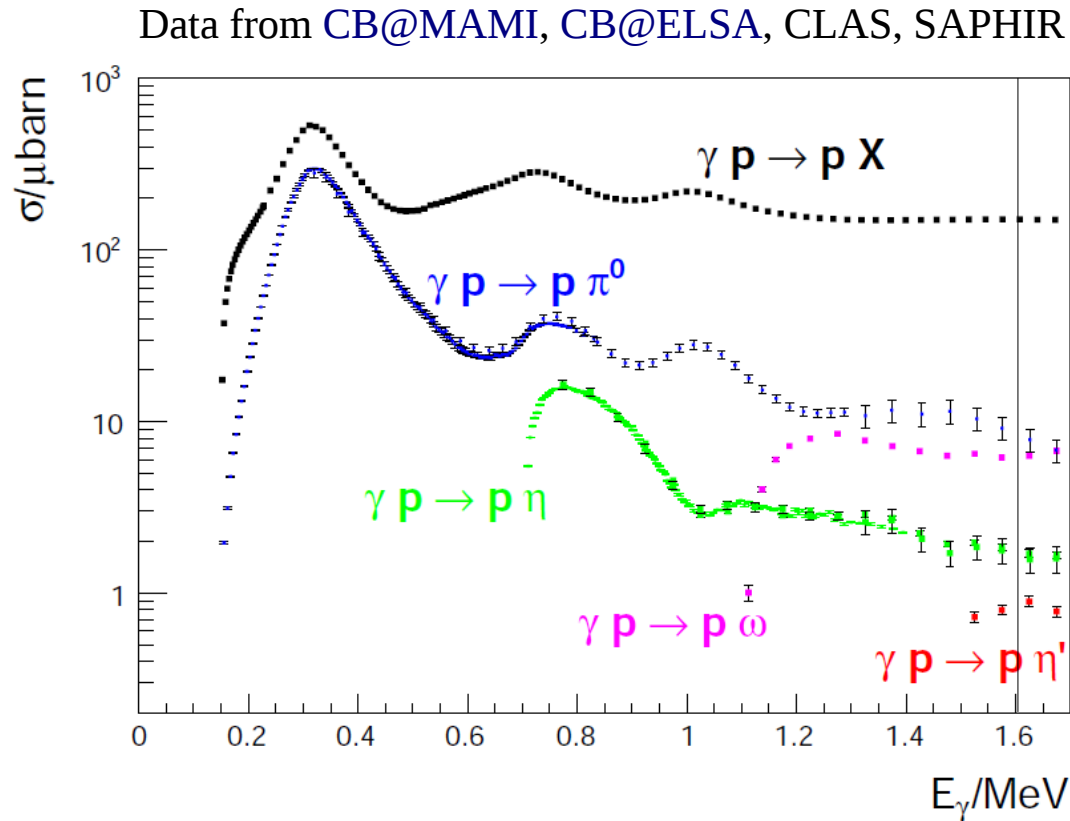
- Dark Photon Search
- El.-weak Mixing Angle

## A1: Electron Scattering:

- focusing magnetic spectrometers
- neutron detection, spin precession
- Kaon spectrometer (KAOS/A1)



# Meson Production with Real Photons



Current production rates on  $\text{IH}_2$  target feasible for taking data (Meson Factory):

$\eta$ :  $10^5 \text{ h}^{-1} \Rightarrow$  Goal  $10^6 \text{ h}^{-1}$

$\eta'$ :  $2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ h}^{-1} \Rightarrow$  Goal  $1.5 \cdot 10^4 \text{ h}^{-1}$

Has to be imposed by detection and analysis efficiencies

$\Rightarrow$   $4\pi$  Crystal Ball/TAPS setup, e.m. Production mechanism very clean

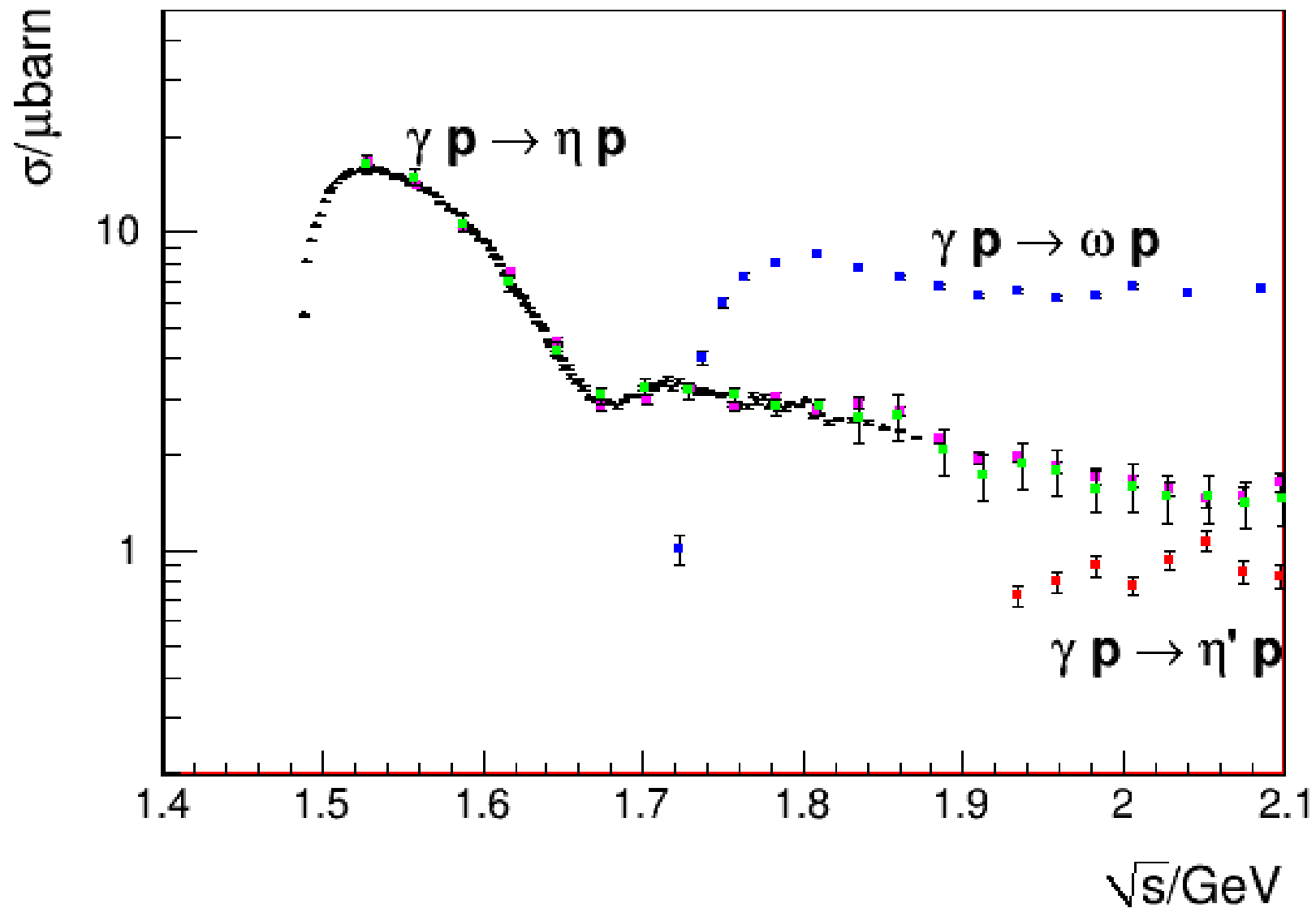
$\Rightarrow$  Ideally suited to measure high rates of meson decays

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# $\eta$ Photoproduction Cross Section



Crystal Ball: E.F. McNicoll et al., Phys. Rev. C 82 (2010) 035208.

Crystal Barrel: V. Crede et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 (2005) 012004.

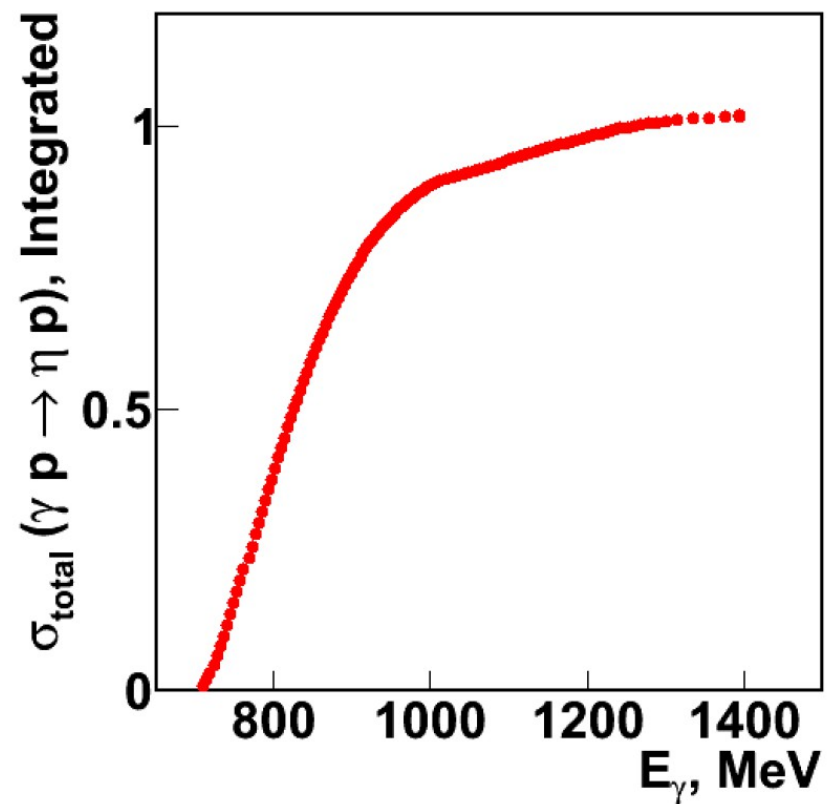
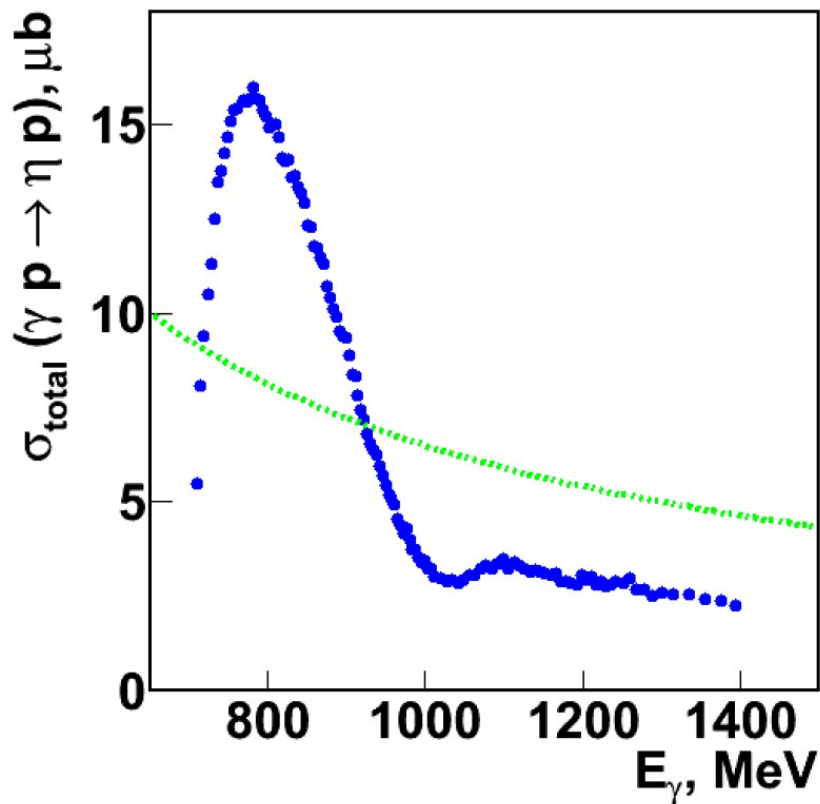
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SAPHIR: J. Barth et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 18 (2003) 117.

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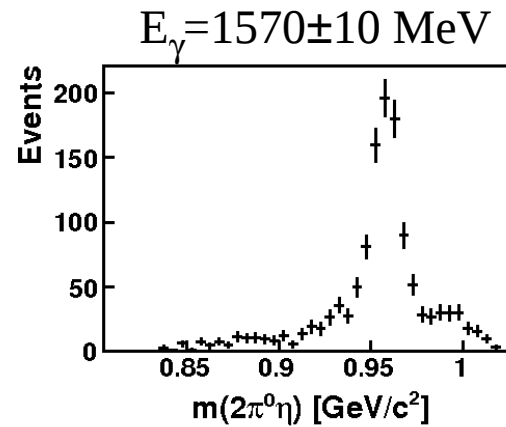
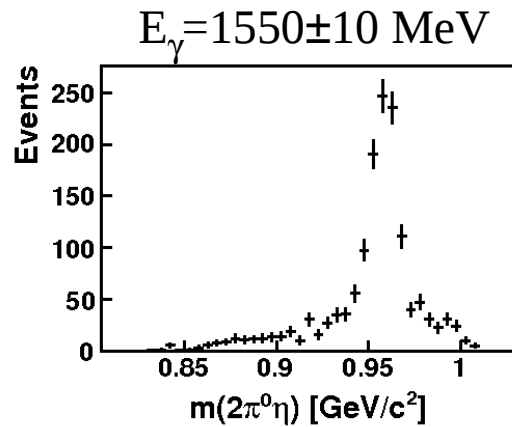
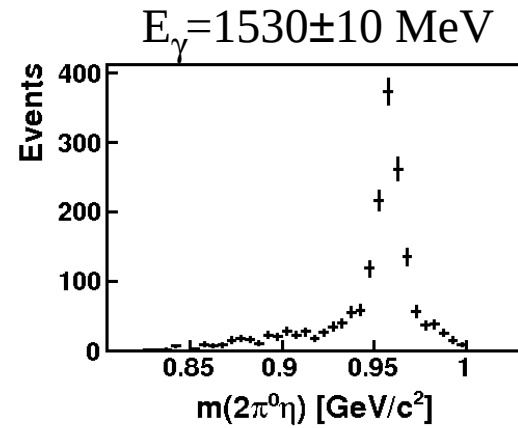
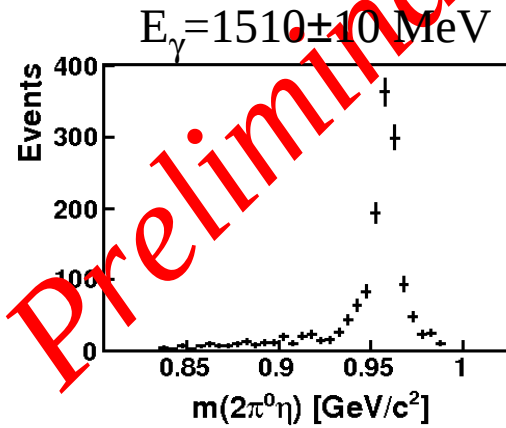
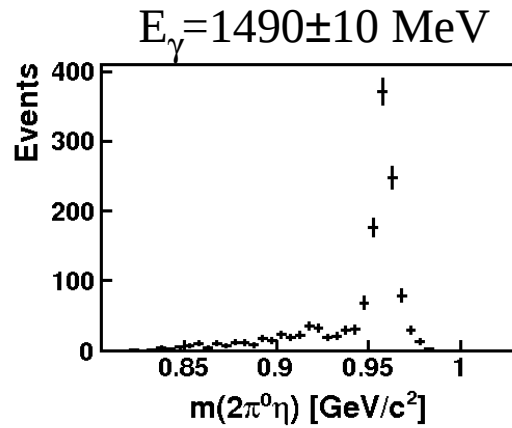
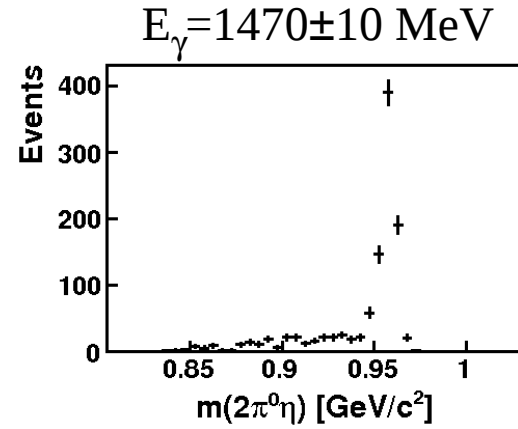
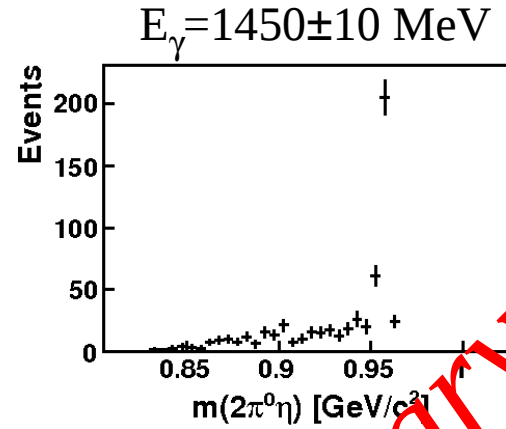
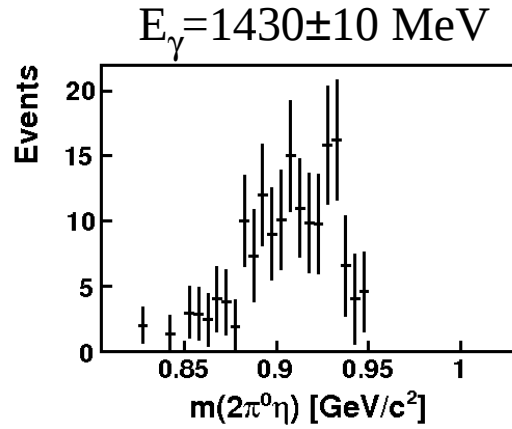
At MAMI a beam of tagged photons of excellent quality is available:

- High intensity photon beam
- Fine energy resolution
- Outstanding stability

Beam energy nearly perfect for high statistics  $\eta$  photoproduction



# $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \pi^0$ Invariant Mass

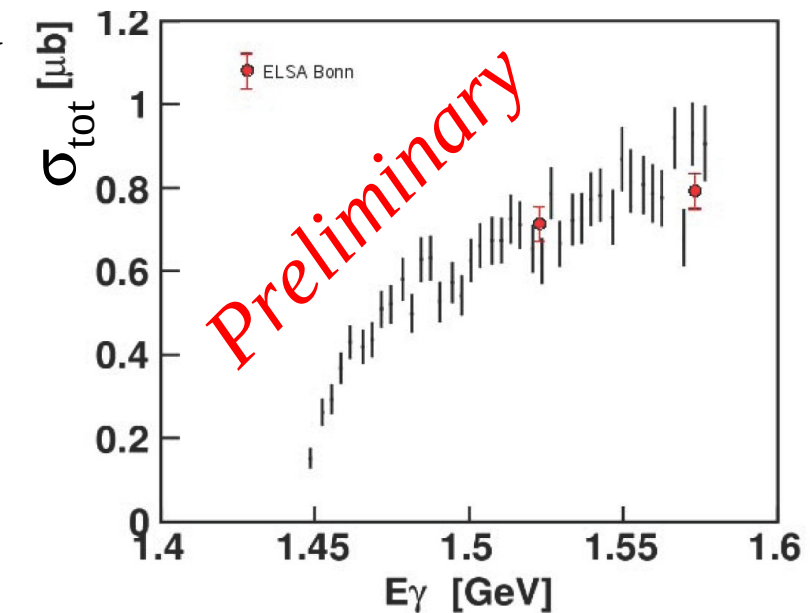
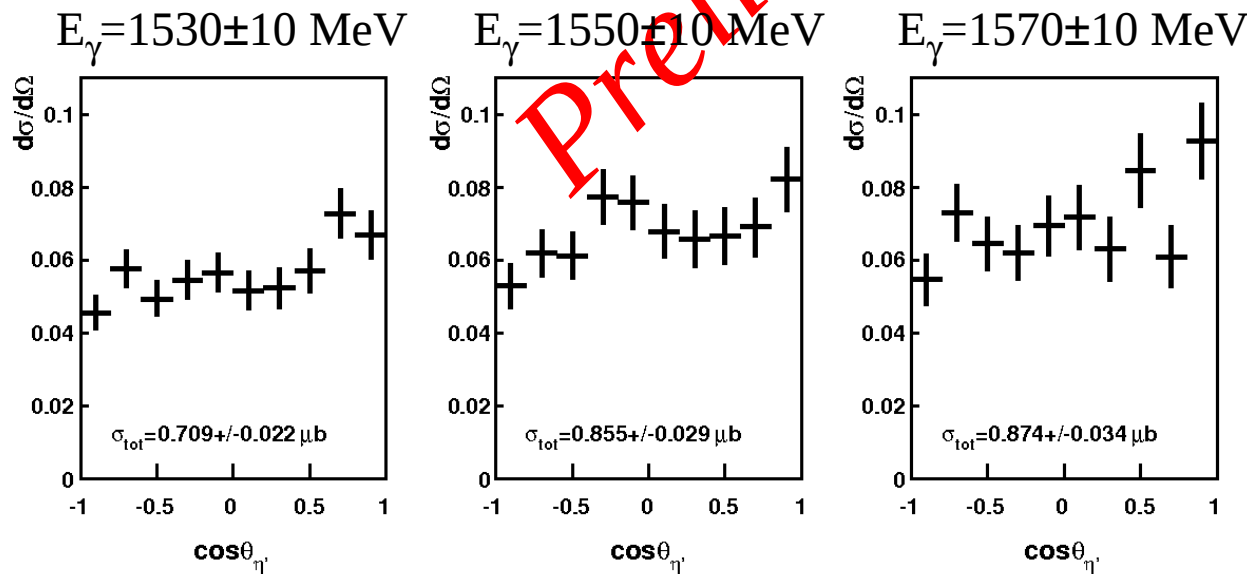
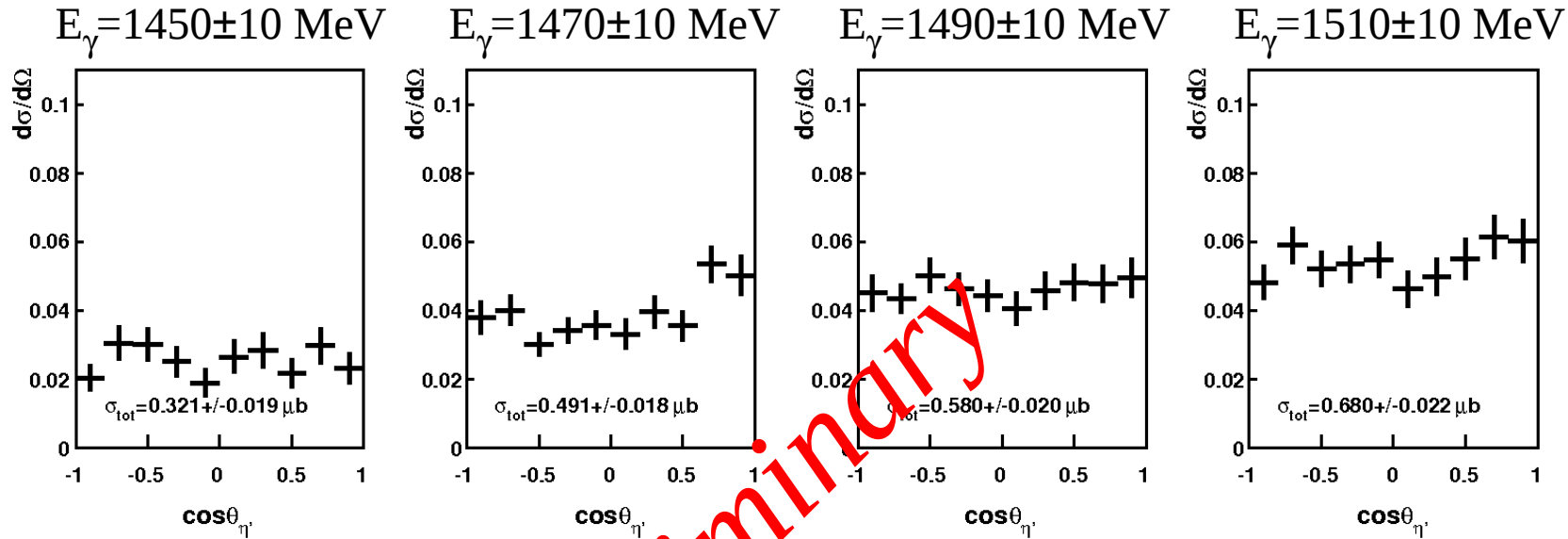


Preliminary

S. Prakhov (UCLA)

# $\eta'$ Cross Section

Using  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0$



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$$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$$

$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi \rightarrow$  Isospin breaking

$$H_Y = \frac{1}{2}(m_u - m_d)(\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d)$$

Lowest Order  $\chi$ PT:

$$A(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0) = \frac{B_0(m_u - m_d)}{\sqrt{3}F_\pi^2} \propto (m_u - m_d)$$

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi) \propto |A|^2 \propto Q^{-4}$$

$$Q^2 = \frac{m_s^2 - (m_u + m_d)^2/4}{m_d^2 - m_u^2}$$

Allows to extract information on quark masses!

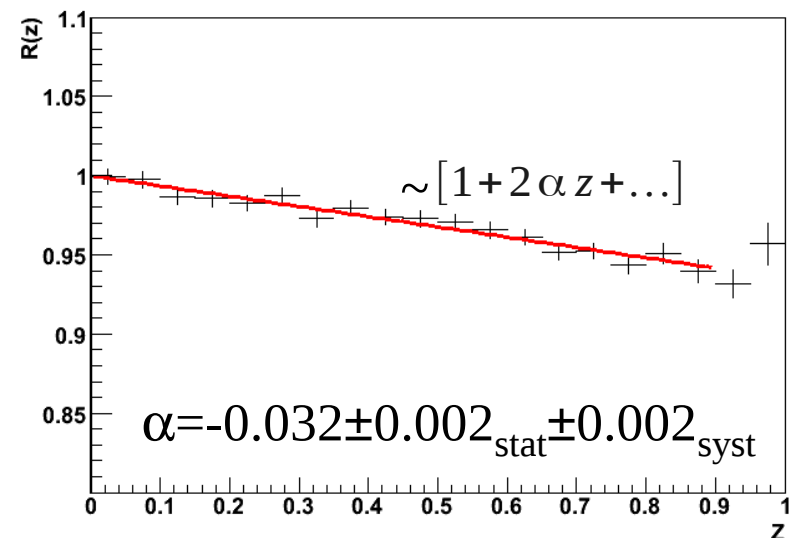
Parametrization of  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$  Dalitz plot:

$$|A(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0)|^2 = N \cdot (1 + 2\alpha z + \dots)$$

$$z = 6 \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{E_i - m_\eta/3}{m_\eta - 3m_{\pi^0}} \right)^2 = \frac{\rho^2}{\rho_{max}^2}$$

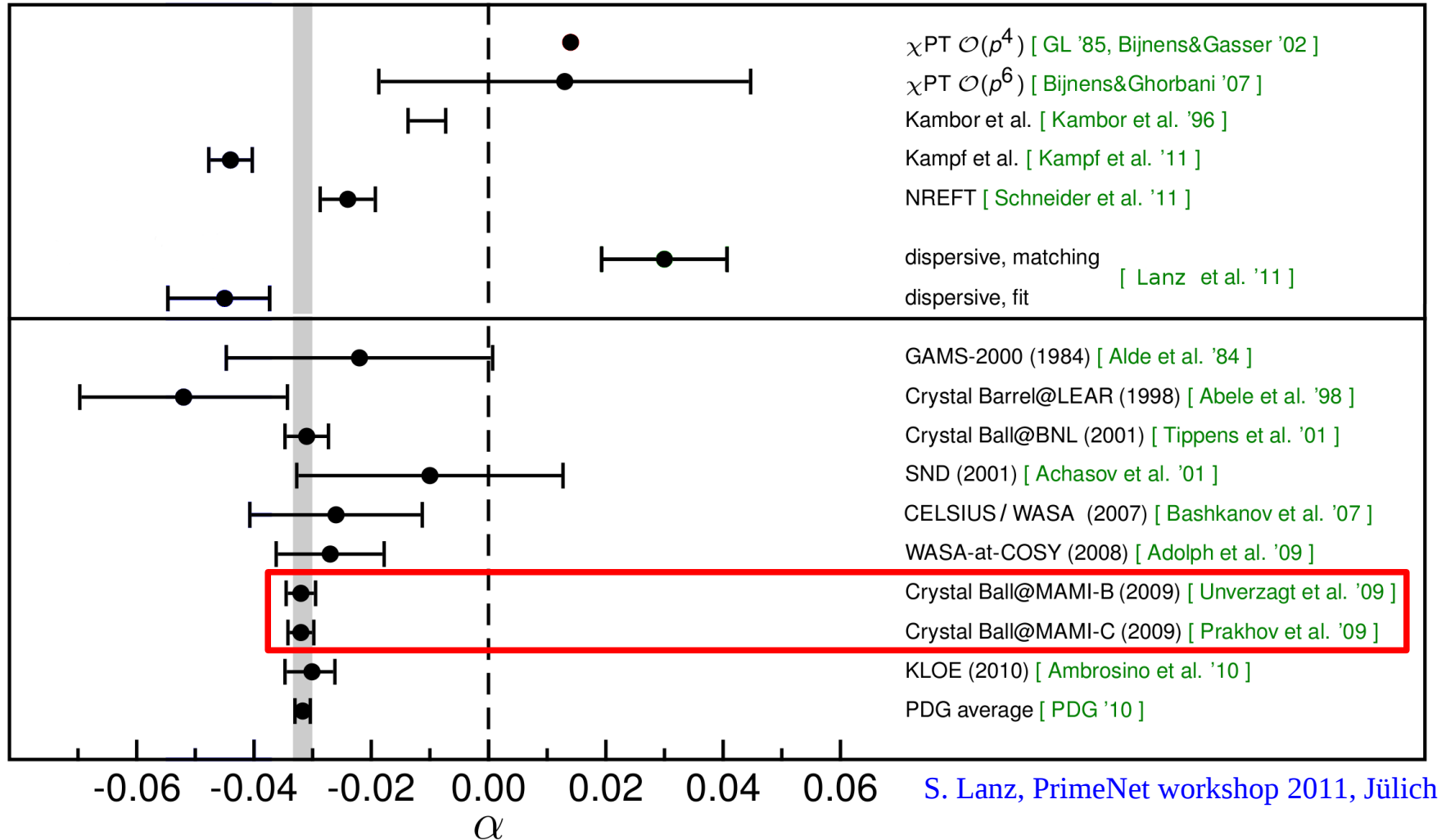
$E_i$ :  $\pi^0$  energies in  $\eta$  rest frame,

$\rho$ : radial distance to center of Dalitz plot



# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ Dalitz Plot Parameter

- World's **most precise results** on  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$  decay from **CB at MAMI**



Experiments reach precision where higher order effects (cusp-effect, second order term in expansion) become visible

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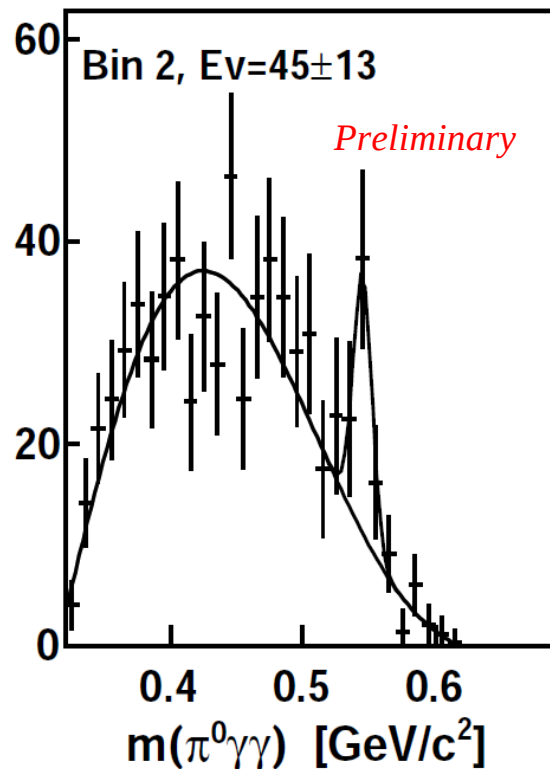
# Double Radiative $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$

- Tree level amplitudes at  $O(p^2)$  and  $O(p^4)$  vanish
- $\pi$  and  $K$  loops largely suppressed by  $G$ -parity and large Kaon mass
- First sizable contribution from  $(p^6)$
- Coefficients must be determined using models (e.g. VMD)
  - $\Rightarrow$  Stringent test for  $\chi$ PT at  $O(p^6)$  as well as models
- Calculations must describe  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)$  and differential decay width  $d\Gamma/dm^2(\gamma\gamma)$
- Discrepancies between models in  $d\Gamma/dm^2(\gamma\gamma)$
- Discrepancies in experimental results for  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)$
- Experimental challenges:
  - Small rate
  - Large background (e.g.  $\pi^0 \pi^0$ )
  - Only three measurements of  $d\Gamma/dm^2(\gamma\gamma)$ : [CB@AGS](#), [CB@MAMI](#), [WASA@COSY](#)
- New [CB@MAMI](#) analysis based on data taken in 2007 and 2009 ( $6 \cdot 10^7$   $\eta$  produced)

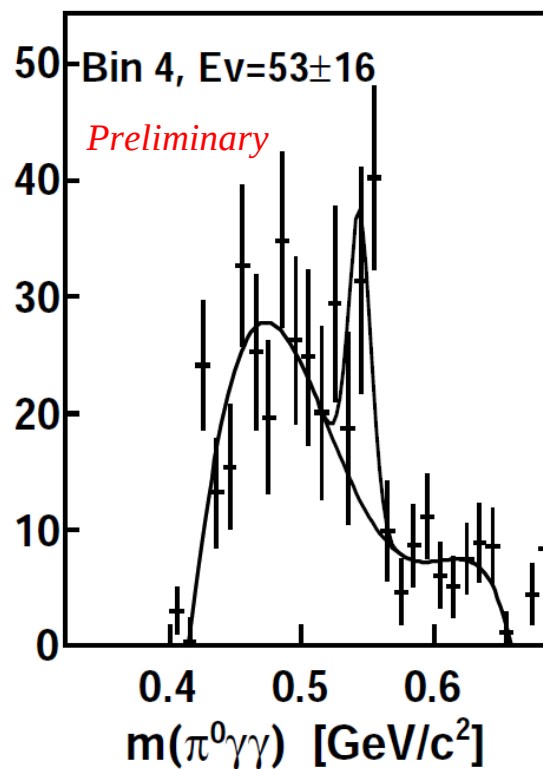
# Analysis of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$

- Based on **kinematic fitting**
- $\pi^0 \pi^0$  background suppressed by anti-hypothesis
- Results based on  $1.2 \cdot 10^3$   $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$  events
  
- **Below preliminary results from 2009**

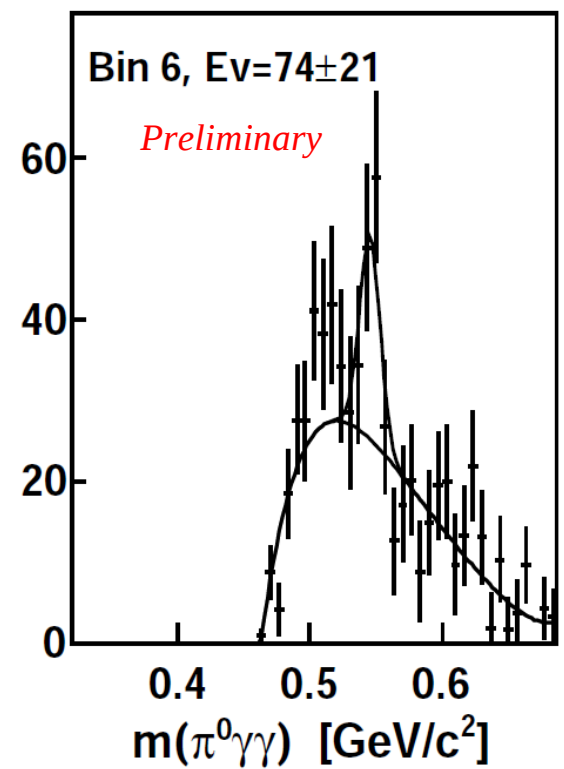
$$m^2(\gamma\gamma) = (0.0375 \pm 0.0100) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$$



$$m^2(\gamma\gamma) = (0.0775 \pm 0.0100) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$$

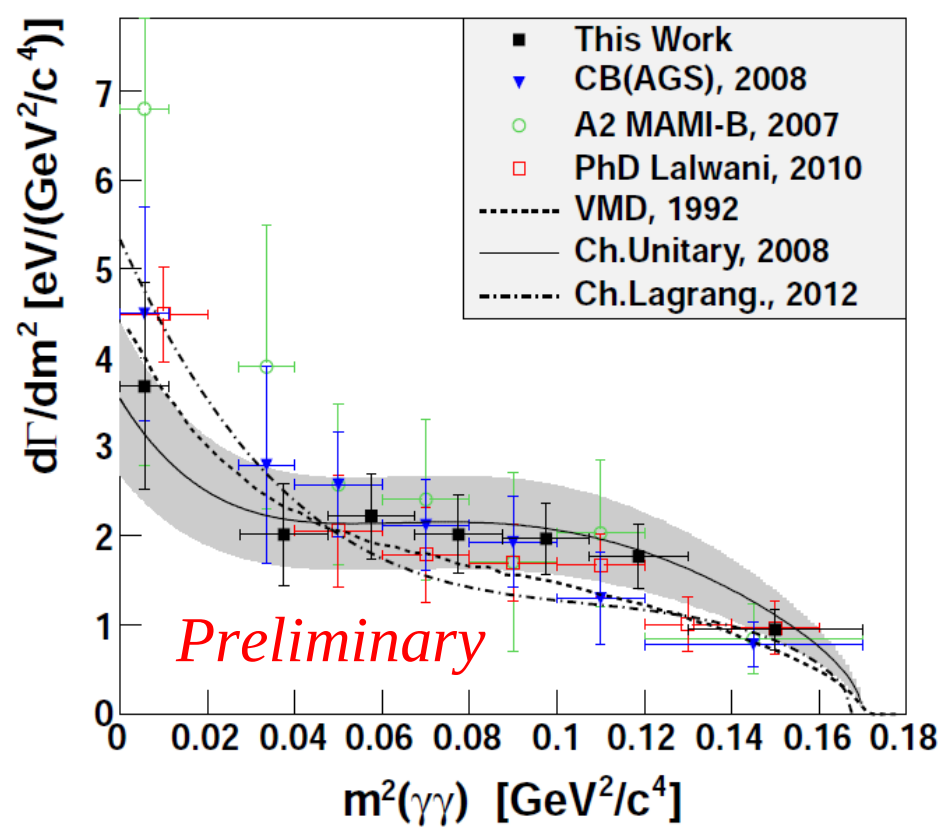
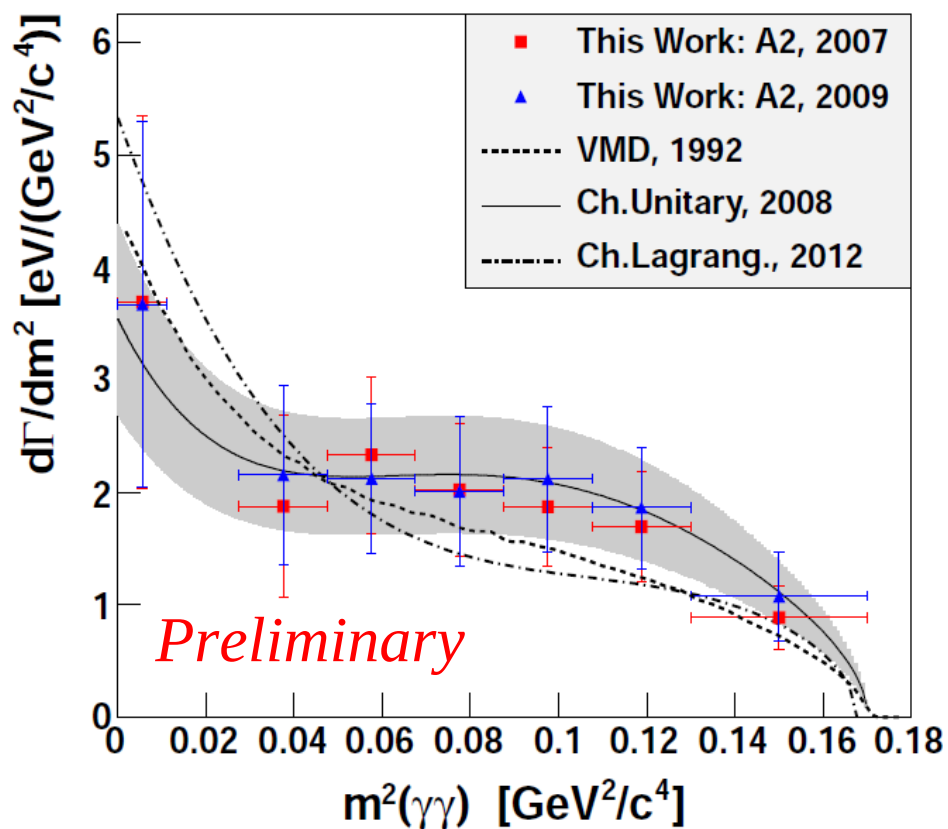


$$m^2(\gamma\gamma) = (0.11875 \pm 0.01125) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$$





# Decay Rate $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$



General agreement but statistics still not sufficient to distinguish between models.  
To be submitted soon!

CB (AGS): S. Prakhov et al., Phys. Rev. C **78** (2008) 015206.

A2 MAMI-B: S. Prakhov, Proceedings of MENU 2007, published in eConf C070910 (2007) 159.

WASA: K. Lalwani, Ph.D. Thesis, Depart. of Physics, Indian Inst. of Technology, Bombay (2010).

VMD: J. N. Ng, D. J. Peters, Phys. Rev. D **46** (1992) 5034.

Ch. Unitary: E. Oset, J.R. Palaez, L. Roca, Phys. Rev. D **77** (2008) 073001.

Ch. Lagrang.: I. V. Danilkin, M. F. M. Lutz, S. Leupold, C. Terschläsen, Eur. Phys. J. C **73** (2013) 2358.

# Decay Width of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$

$\Gamma = (0.84 \pm 0.19) \text{ eV}$ , GAMS2000, 1984

$\Gamma = (0.45 \pm 0.12) \text{ eV}$ , CB(AGS), 2005

$\Gamma = (0.11 \pm 0.04) \text{ eV}$ , KLOE, 2006 (preliminary)

$\Gamma = (0.290 \pm 0.063) \text{ eV}$ , A2(MAMI B), 2007 (preliminary)

$\Gamma = (0.285 \pm 0.068) \text{ eV}$ , CB(AGS), 2008 (reanalysis of 2005)

$\Gamma = (0.33 \pm 0.11) \text{ eV}$ , WASA at COSY, Ph.D. thesis of K. Lalwani, 2010 (preliminary)

$\Gamma = (0.30^{+0.16}_{-0.13}) \text{ eV}$ , VMD, 1992

$\Gamma = (0.33 \pm 0.08) \text{ eV}$ , Ch. Unitary, 2008

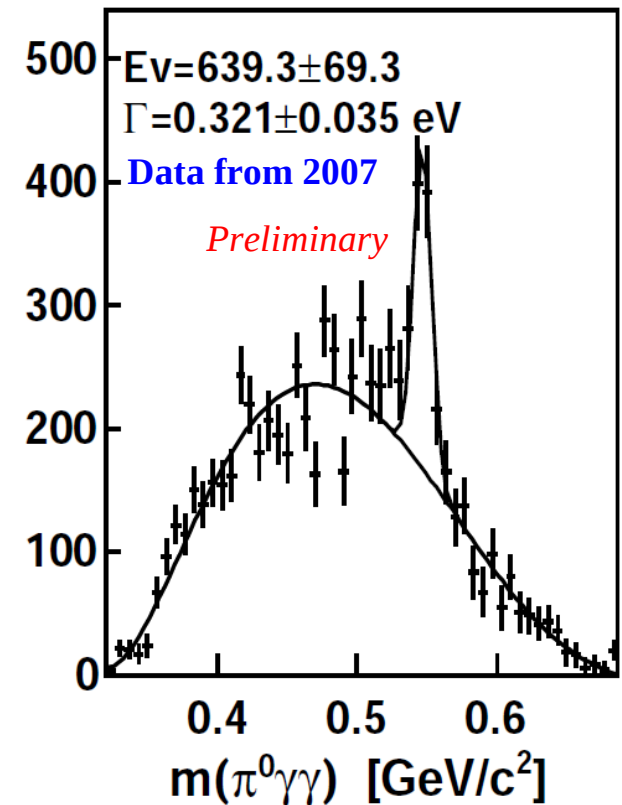
$\Gamma = 0.31 \text{ eV}$ , Ch. Lagrang., 2012

CB at MAMI (2013): [S. Prakhov \(UCLA, University Mainz\)](#)

- **Data from 2007 and 2009 combined:**

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (0.33 \pm 0.03_{\text{tot}}) \text{ eV} \quad \textit{preliminary}$$

- Agreement with latest results, except KLOE
- Most precise value from CB@MAMI



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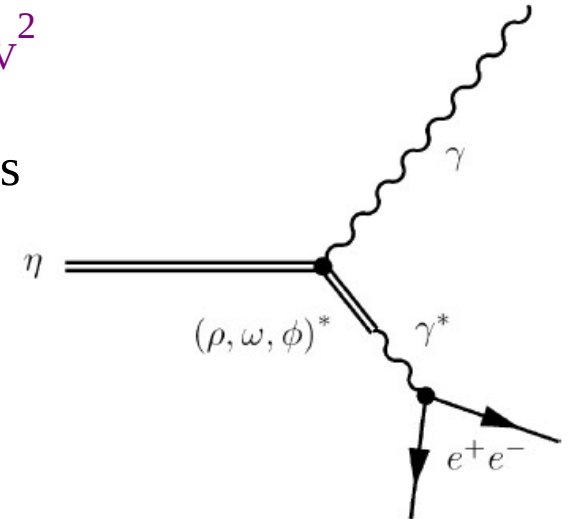
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# Transition Form Factor with VMD

- Mechanism especially pronounced in timelike region at  $q^2 \approx m_V^2$ 
  - Virtual meson reaches „mass shell“, becomes real
  - Strong resonance enhancement around vector meson mass
- TFF behaviour, especially for  $\eta'$ , not well known
- TFF modifies differential decay width

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dm^2} = \left[ \frac{d\Gamma}{dm^2} \right]_{\text{QED}} \cdot |F(m^2)|^2$$



- For  $\eta$  often one-pole approximation used:

$$|F(m^2)|^2 = \left( 1 - \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\text{Exp: } \Lambda \approx 0.72 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow \Lambda^{-2} = 1.93 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$\text{VMD: } \Lambda \approx m_\rho = 0.77 \text{ GeV}$$

- For  $\eta'$  resonance shape:

$$|F(m^2)|^2 = \frac{\Lambda^2(\Lambda^2 + \gamma^2)}{(\Lambda^2 - m^2)^2 + \Lambda^2\gamma^2}$$

$$\Lambda \approx 0.76 \text{ GeV} \quad \gamma \approx 0.10 \text{ GeV}$$

- Gain information on structure of transition, structure of meson and  $\eta/\eta'$  mixing, (dark photon?)

# Hadronic LbL Contribution to $a_\mu = (g-2)_\mu$

- QED contributions:

$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = (11658471.895 \pm 0.008) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

T. Kinoshita et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **109** (2012) 111808.

- Electro-Weak contribution:

$$a_\mu^{\text{Weak}} = (15.4 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

A. Czarnecki et al., Phys. Rev. D **67** (2003) 073006.

Erratum-ibid. D **73** (2006) 119901.

M. Knecht et al., JHEP 0211 (2002) 003.

- Hadronic vacuum polarisation:

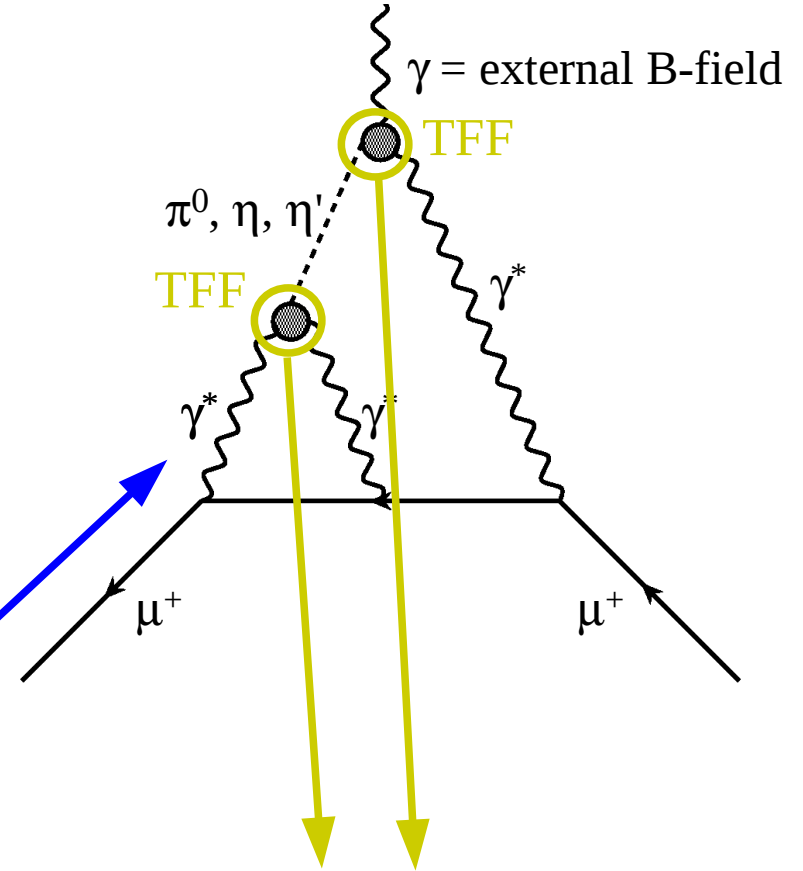
$$a_\mu^{\text{VP}} = (692.3 \pm 4.2) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

M. Davier et al., Eur. Phys. J. C **71** (2011) 1515.

- Hadronic light-by-light:

$$a_\mu^{\text{LbL}} = (10.5 \pm 2.6) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

J. Prades et al., arXiv:0901.0306 (2009).

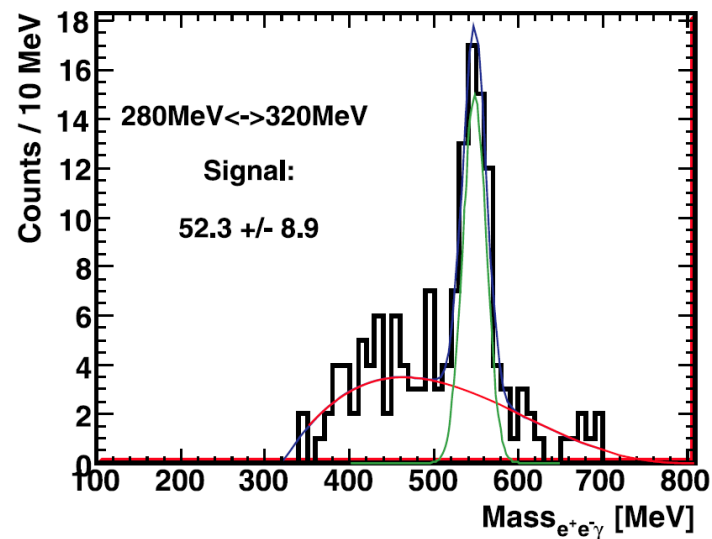
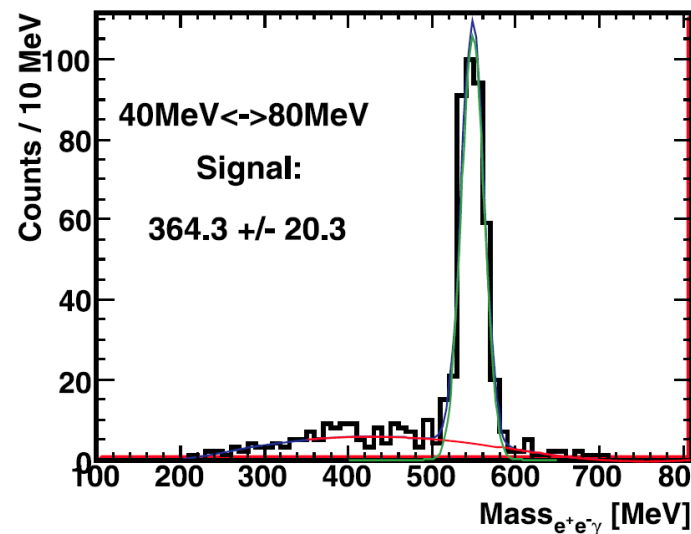
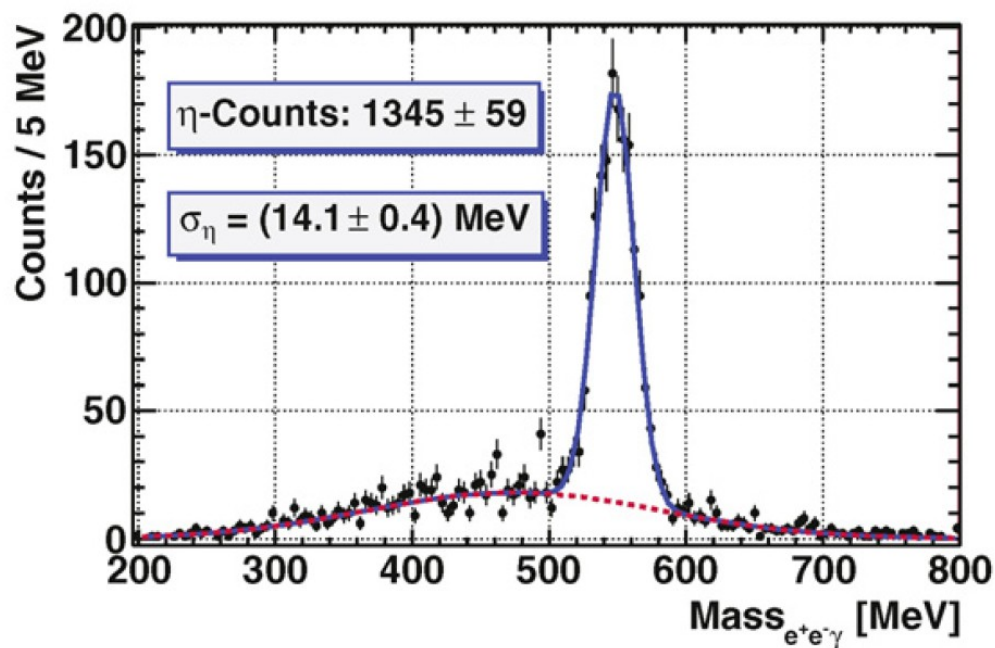


Transition Form Factors of light pseudoscalar mesons could give important input for SM calculations of  $(g-2)_\mu$

# First A2 Analysis for $\eta$ TFF

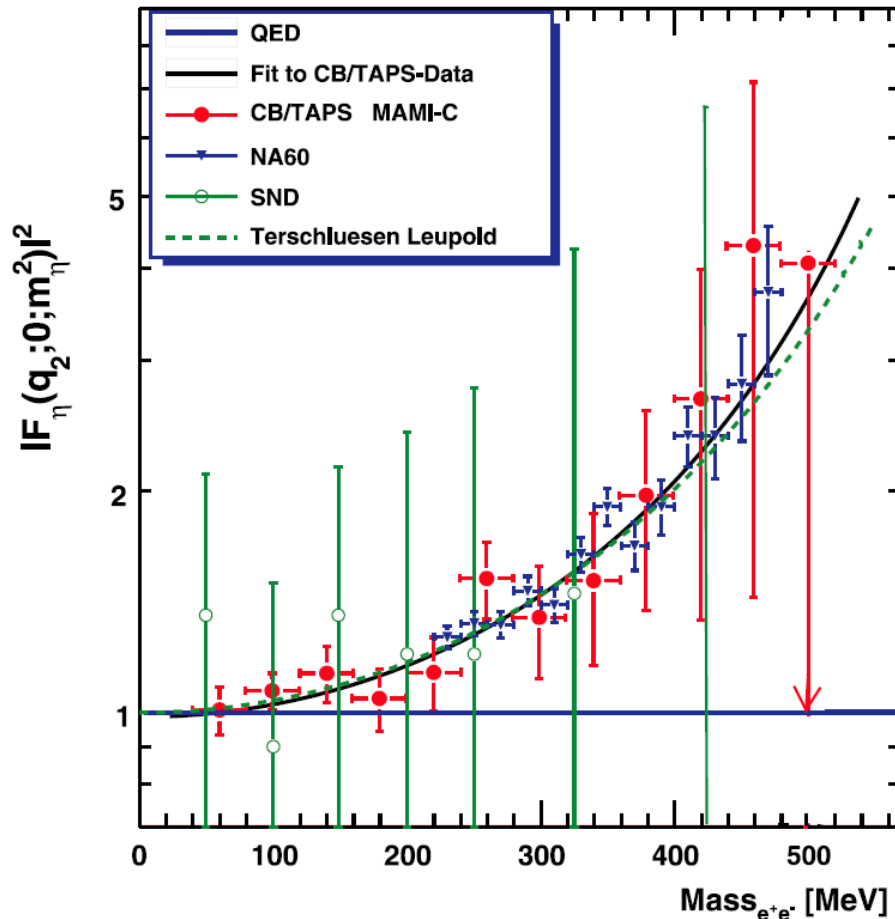
H. Berghäuser et al. (A2-Collaboration), Phys. Rev. B 701 (2011) 562-567.

- Using  $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$
- Based on kinematic cuts
- Small amount of data
- Limited photoproduction energy range



# First A2 Result for $\eta$ TFF

H. Berghäuser et al. (A2-Collaboration), Phys. Rev. B 701 (2011) 562-567.



CB/TAPS MAMI-C: 1350  $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  events  
 NA60: 9000  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  events  
 SND: 109  $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  events

$$|F(m^2)|^2 = \left(1 - \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)^{-2}$$

$$\Lambda^{-2} = (1.92 \pm 0.35_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.13_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

NA60, In-In: R. Arnaldi et al., Phys. Lett. B **677** (2009) 260.

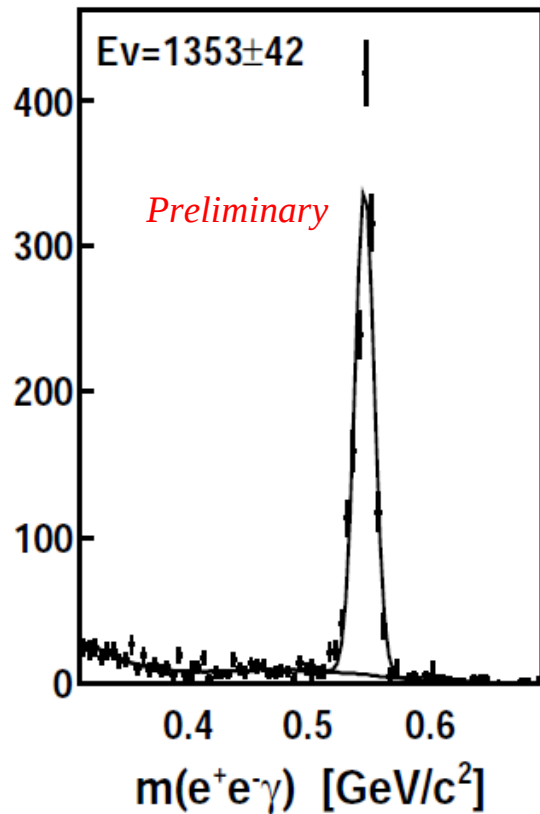
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Terschluesen Leupold: C. Terschluesen, Diploma thesis, University Gießen, Germany, 2010.

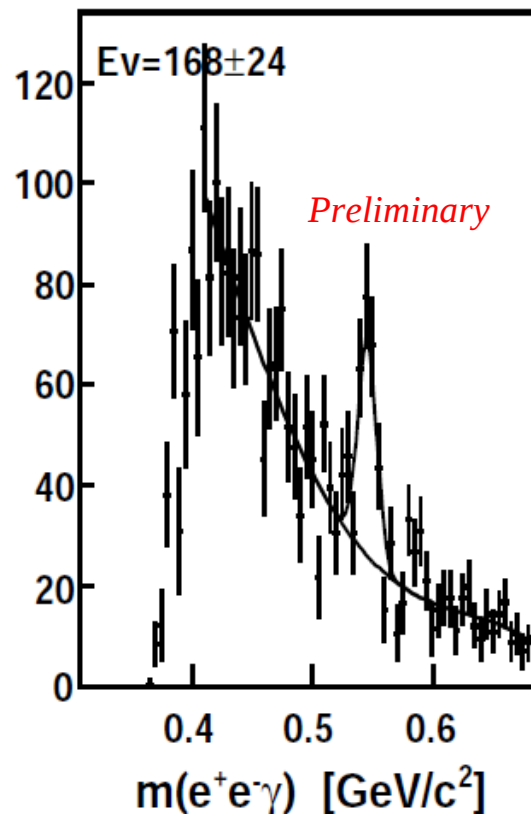
# New Analysis of $\eta$ TFF

- Based on **kinematic fitting**
- **3x** more data
- **Full  $\eta$  photoproduction** range accessible at MAMI used
- **18,000 events** (no proton requirement: 22,000 events), **most precise  $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  up to now**

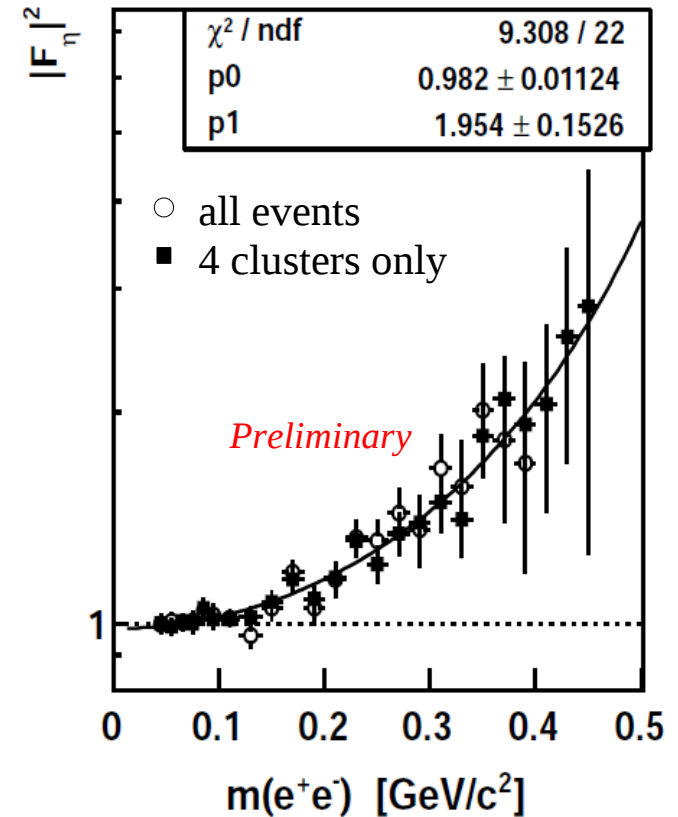
$m(e^+e^-) = 45 \pm 5$  MeV



$m(e^+e^-) = 285 \pm 5$  MeV



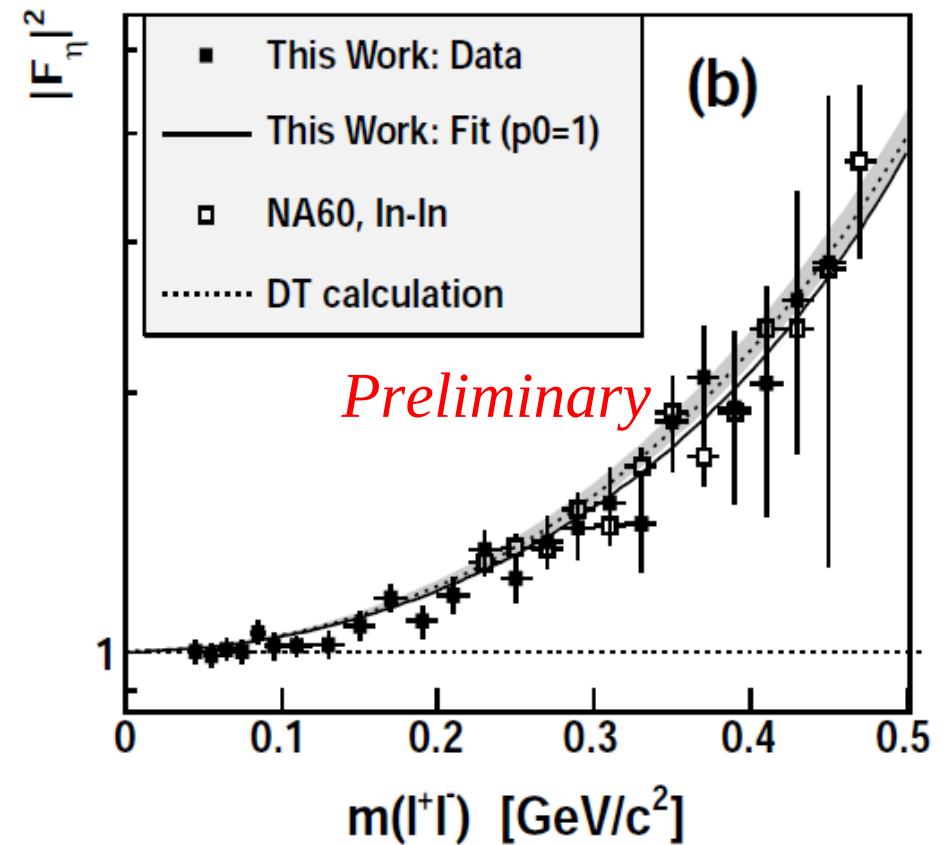
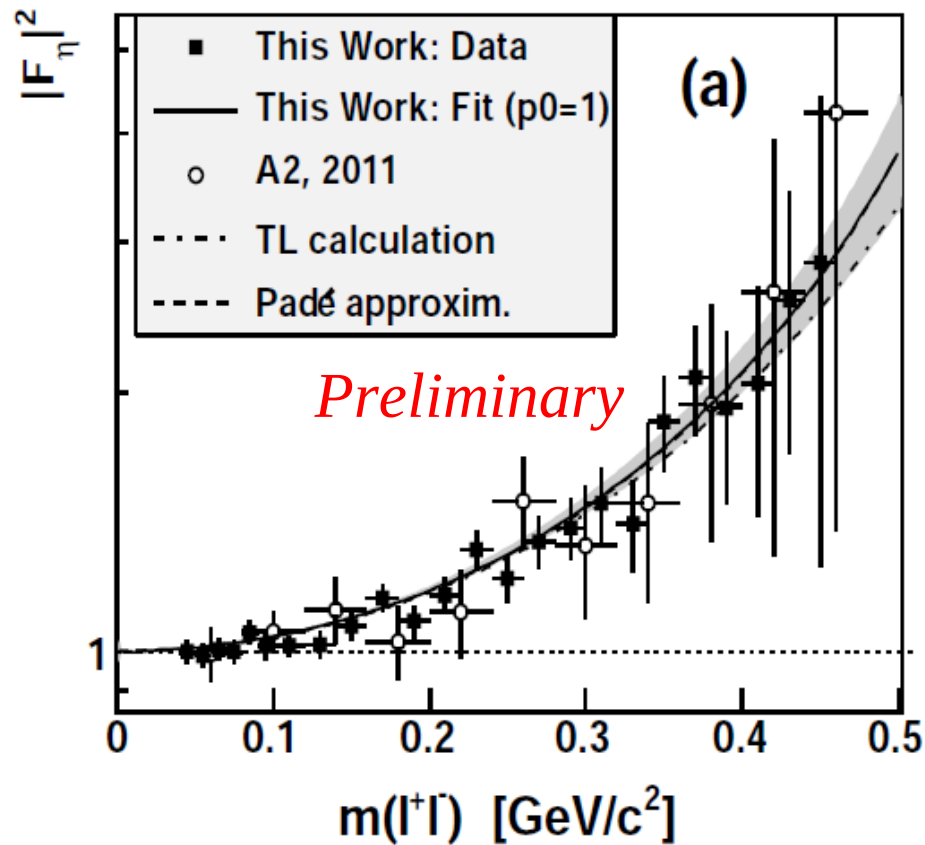
Solid line: Pole-approximation fit  
Normalisation  $p_0$  and  $\Lambda^{-2}=p_1$  as free parameters





# New A2 Result for $\eta$ TFF

S. Prakhov, M. Unverzagt et al., submitted to Phys. Rev. C, arXiv: 1309.5648 [hep-ex]



$$\Lambda^{-2} = (1.95 \pm 0.15_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.10_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad \textit{preliminary}$$

A2, 2011: H. Berghäuser et al., Phys. Rev. B **701** (2011) 562-567.

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DT calculation: C. Hahnart, A. Kupś, U.-G. Meißner, F. Stollenwerk, A. Wirzba, Eur. Phys. J. C **73** (2013) 2668.

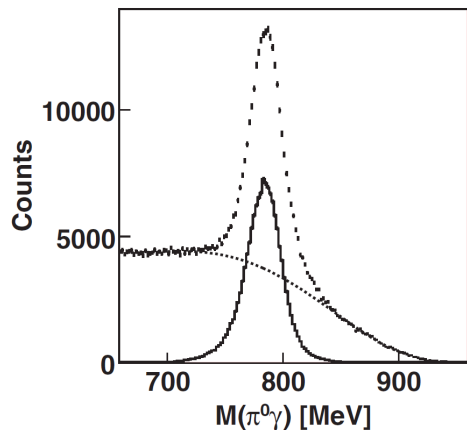
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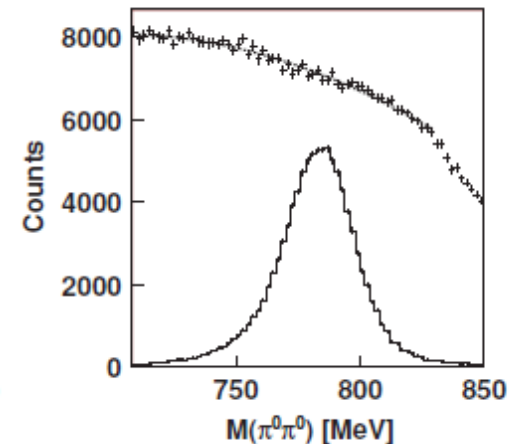
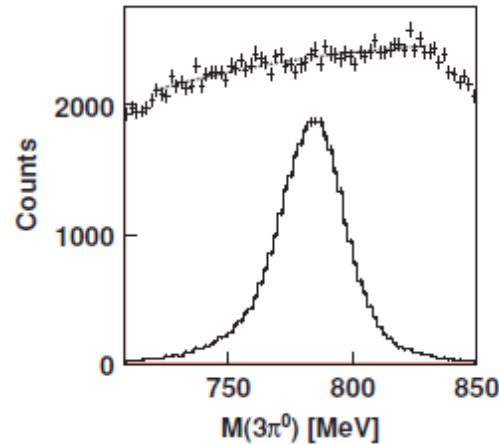
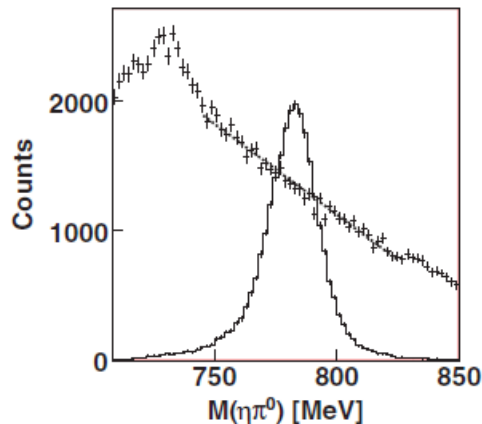


# C-Violating $\omega$ Decays

- $7 \cdot 10^6$   $\omega$  events produced in 3 weeks (parallel to  $\eta$  production)



$1.5 \cdot 10^5$  events



$$\Gamma(\omega \rightarrow \eta\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 2.3 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad \text{at 90\% C.L.}$$

$$\Gamma(\omega \rightarrow 3\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 2.3 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad \text{at 90\% C.L.}$$

$$\Gamma(\omega \rightarrow 2\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 2.4 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad \text{at 90\% C.L.}$$

never been done before

Only CB at MAMI results used by PDG!

A. Starostin et al., Phys. Rev. C 79, 065201 (2009).

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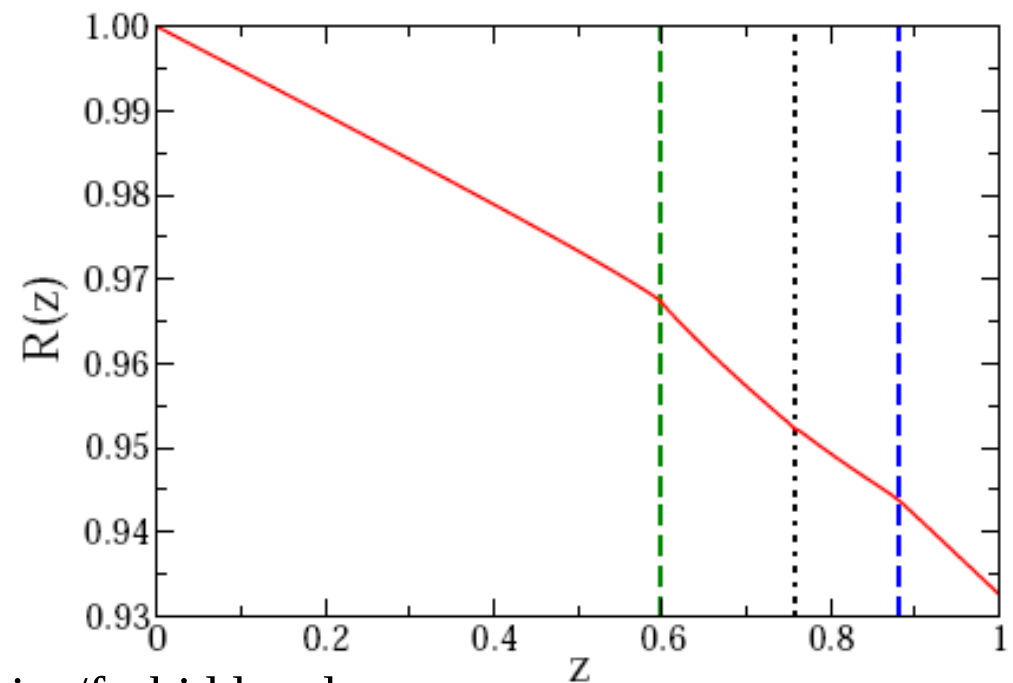


# Perspectives for $\eta$

Proposed production yields with Crystal Ball at MAMI:

10 weeks:  $5 \cdot 10^8 \eta$  (factor 10 improvement)

- Neutral decay modes with unprecedented accuracy with CB:  
QCD/ $\chi$ PT related (Dalitz plot analysis):  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$   
Further effects: kinematic boundaries, second order term in expansion,  
cusp effect (few %),  $\pi\pi$ -scattering
- Transition Form Factor:  
Improve single Dalitz decay  
Double Dalitz decays?
- C/CP-violation:  
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Further effects: cusp effect (8%),  $\pi\pi$ - and  $\pi\eta$ -scattering
- Transition Form Factor:  
Single Dalitz decay (800 events proposed)

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# Rate Estimation

S. Wagner, Master thesis, University Mainz, 2013  
M. Unverzagt, A. Denig

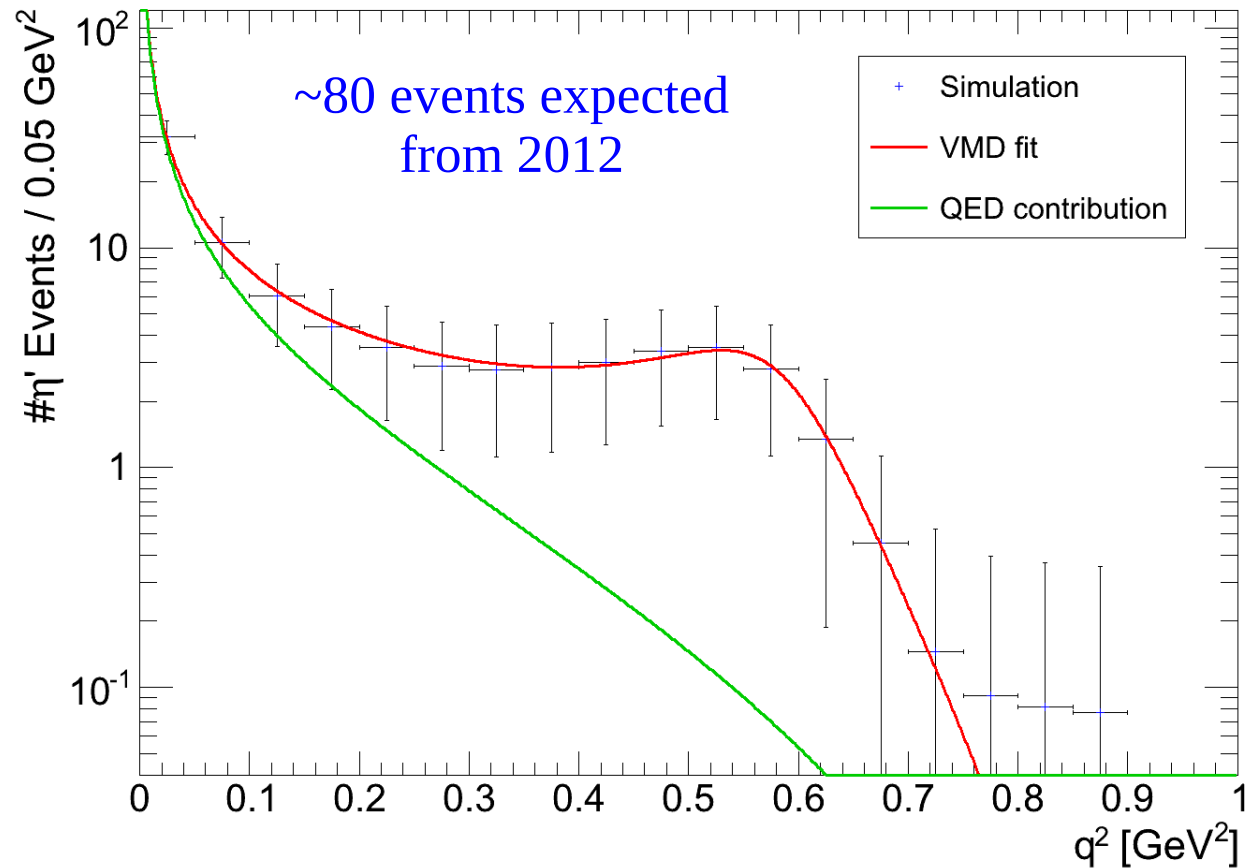
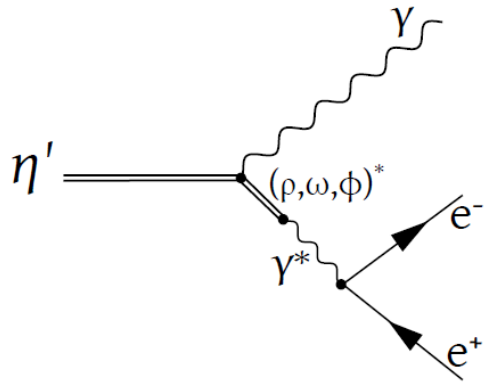
- $\eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  no observation published yet worldwide
- 5.5 weeks of  $\eta'$  photoproduction in 2012
  - Analysis of  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0$
  - Total 1.5 million  $\eta'$  produced
- Simulation based on
  - PDG upper limit for branching ratio
  - 20 background channels simulated
  - Kinematic cuts (try kinematic fit ?)
  - Most critical backgrounds:  $\pi^0\pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0\eta$
  - Acceptance  $\sim 8.5\%$  (preliminary)
- Expected:  $\sim 80 \eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  events from 2012 data

| Kanal                                  | $\sigma$ [ $\mu\text{b}$ ] | BR                   | simulierte Statistik |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $\eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$       | 0,76                       | $< 9 \cdot 10^{-4}$  | 10M                  |
| $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$     | 0,76                       | 43,40 %              | 5M                   |
| $\eta' \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma$       | 0,76                       | 29,30 %              | 8M                   |
| $\eta' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$   | 0,76                       | $1,07 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | 5M                   |
| $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$       | 0,76                       | 2,18 %               | 6M                   |
| $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$        | 1,85                       | $6,9 \cdot 10^{-3}$  | 5M                   |
| $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$    | 1,85                       | 4,60 %               | 5M                   |
| $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$     | 1,85                       | 22,74 %              | 5M                   |
| $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$    | 1,85                       | $3,1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  | 5M                   |
| $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$        | 1,85                       | 39,31 %              | 5M                   |
| $\omega \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0$       | 6,44                       | $7,7 \cdot 10^{-4}$  | 5M                   |
| $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$   | 6,44                       | 89,20 %              | 5M                   |
| $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$        | 6,44                       | 1,53 %               | 5M                   |
| $\rho^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$            | 19,00                      | $4,72 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | 5M                   |
| $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$        | 19,00                      | $\sim 100\%$         | 5M                   |
| $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$       | 10,52                      | 1,17 %               | 5M                   |
| $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$       | 10,52                      | 98,82 %              | 10M                  |
| $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ | 15,00                      | —                    | 5M                   |
| $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$      | 68,62                      | —                    | 10M                  |
| $\pi^0\pi^0 \rightarrow 4\gamma$       | 6,87                       | 97,65 %              | 20M                  |
| $\pi^0\eta \rightarrow 4\gamma$        | 4,09                       | 38,85 %              | 20M                  |

# Time-like TFF for $\eta'$

S. Wagner, Master thesis, University Mainz, 2013

M. Unverzagt, A. Denig



$$|F(m^2)|^2 = \frac{\Lambda^2(\Lambda^2 + \gamma^2)}{(\Lambda^2 - m^2)^2 + \Lambda^2\gamma^2}$$

- New Goal:  $\sim 800 \eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  events in fall 2014 measurement
- Only possible if acceptance holds, has to be improved (use kinematic fit?)
- Next: analyse old data (S. Prakhov, S. Wagner)



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# Perspectives for $\omega$

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8 weeks:  $2 \cdot 10^8$   $\omega$  (factor 30 improvement)

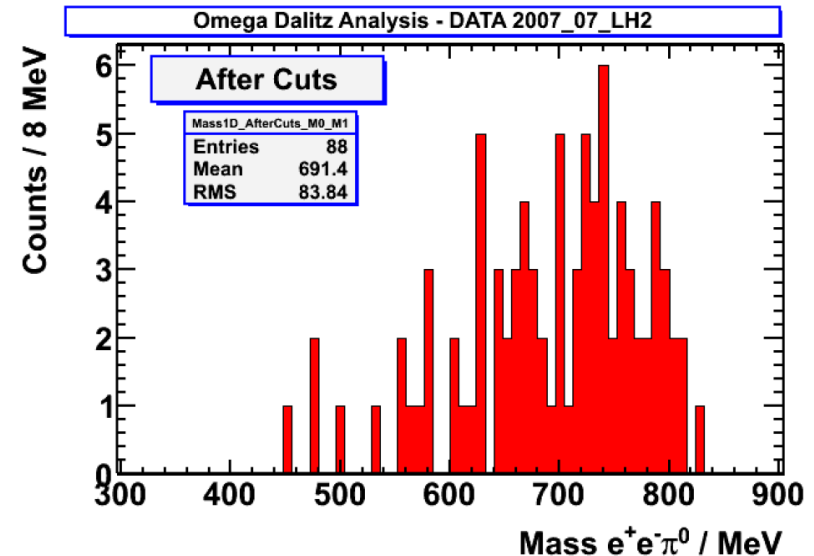
Neutral decay modes with unprecedented accuracy with CB:

- $\text{BR}(\omega \rightarrow \eta\gamma / \omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma)$  improve by factor 2-5

PDG 2010:  $\text{BR}(\omega \rightarrow \eta\gamma / \omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma) = 0.0098 \pm 0.0024$  (not used anymore)

- $\omega \rightarrow \eta\gamma / \omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma$ : power counting for unstable particles in effective field theory
- Transition Form Factors for  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ ?

H. Berghäuser, PhD Thesis, University, Gießen, Germany, 2010.



A. Denig, W. Gradl, M. Ostrick, M. Unverzagt (University Mainz), S. Prakhov, (UCLA/Mainz)

# Perspectives for $\pi^0$

C-violating decay:  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 3\gamma$

Current bound:  $BR(\pi^0 \rightarrow 3\gamma) < 3.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$  (90 %C.L.)

Crystal Box Experiment at Los Alamos in  $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$

J. McDonough et al., Phys. Rev. **D38** (1988) 2121.

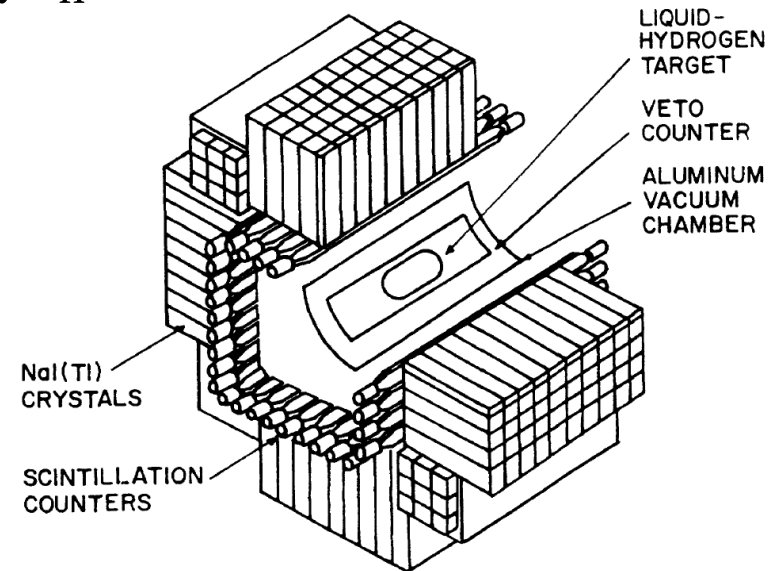
Main background channels:

$\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$

$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$

$\pi^0 \pi^0$  production

Reduce at trigger level  
by factor 100!



$\pi^0 \rightarrow 4\gamma$  (allowed high order process, never seen yet, can be improved in parallel)

$BR(\pi^0 \rightarrow 4\gamma) < 2 \cdot 10^{-8}$  (90 %C.L.)

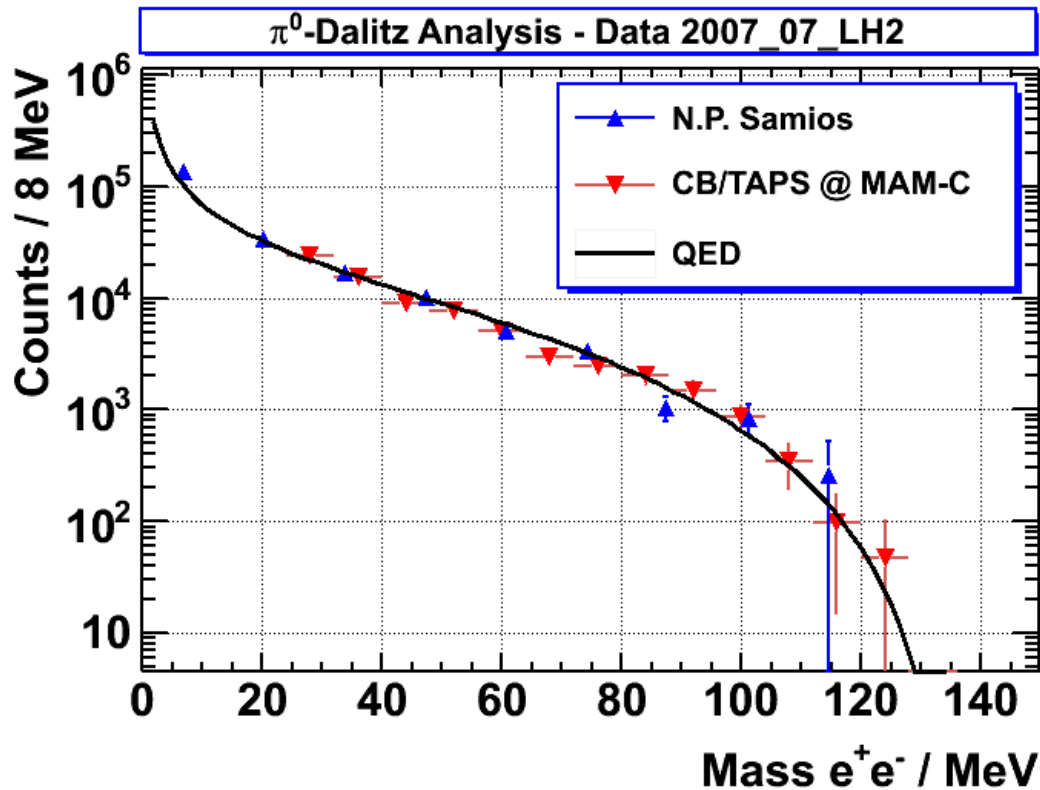
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$$BR_{4\gamma}^{\text{QED}} = \frac{\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow 4\gamma}}{\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma}} \sim 2.6 \cdot 10^{-11} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad BR_{4\gamma}^{\text{hadr}} \sim 10^{-9} - 7.1 \cdot 10^{-18}$$

W. Gradl, M. Unverzagt, Jennifer Wettig (University Mainz), G. Ron (Jerusalem)

# Conclusion

- Within 100h of beamtime on  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  or  $^{236}\text{U}$  upper limits for  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 3\gamma/4\gamma$  may be improved by up to two orders of magnitude, deviations from Standard Model indicate New Physics
- Pilot test for more rare decays (also  $\eta/\omega$ ?) and possibly decay studies with higher rate



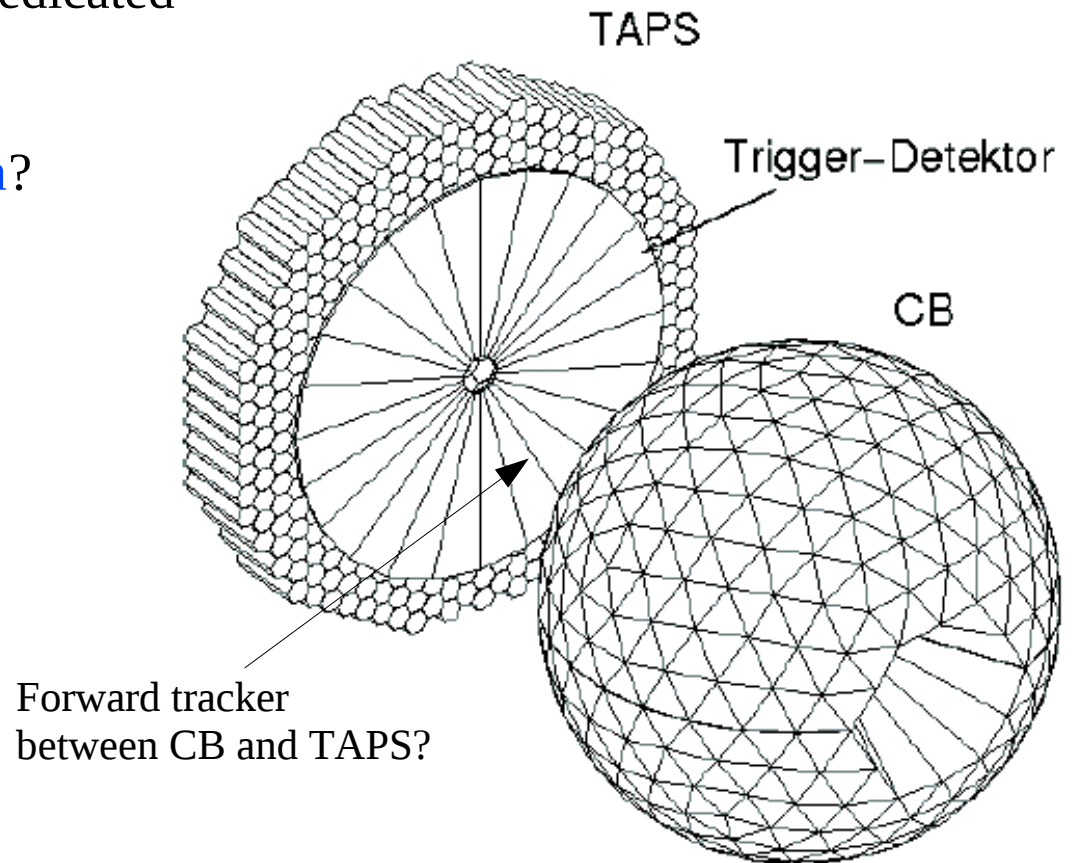
N.P. Samios et al. (BNL), Phys. Rev. 121 (1961) 275-281.

H. Berghäuser, PhD Thesis, University Gießen,  
Germany, 2010.

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# Setup Upgrades?

- Old trigger scheme replaced by **FPGA based trigger module**
  - **Triggerless readout** (TRB boards)? (**A. Neiser, W. Gradl**)
  - Branching fractions: **trigger detector** under construction (**M. Hillenbrand, M. Ostrick**)
  - Charged decays e.g.  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma(\gamma)$  need dedicated **tracking detector**
  - High resolution **forward tracking system**?
  - **New detector setup**?
- Development of **high-rate TPC with?**  
**Complete new setup?**



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# Summary

- **World leading results** from Crystal Ball at MAMI  
Dalitz plot parameter:  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$   
XPT, VMD:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$   
Transition Form Factor:  $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$   
C-violation: neutral  $\omega$  decays
- Further analyses in  $\eta/\omega$  decays possible with existing data
- Main focus:  $\eta'$  studies  
Data taking planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2014  
Goals: 400,000  $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \pi^0$   
800  $\eta' \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$
- New programme with **very rare decays** under investigation  
 $\pi^0 \rightarrow 3\gamma/4\gamma$ , extend to other rare  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\omega$  decays
- New detector possibilities under discussion

# Chiral Symmetry Breaking

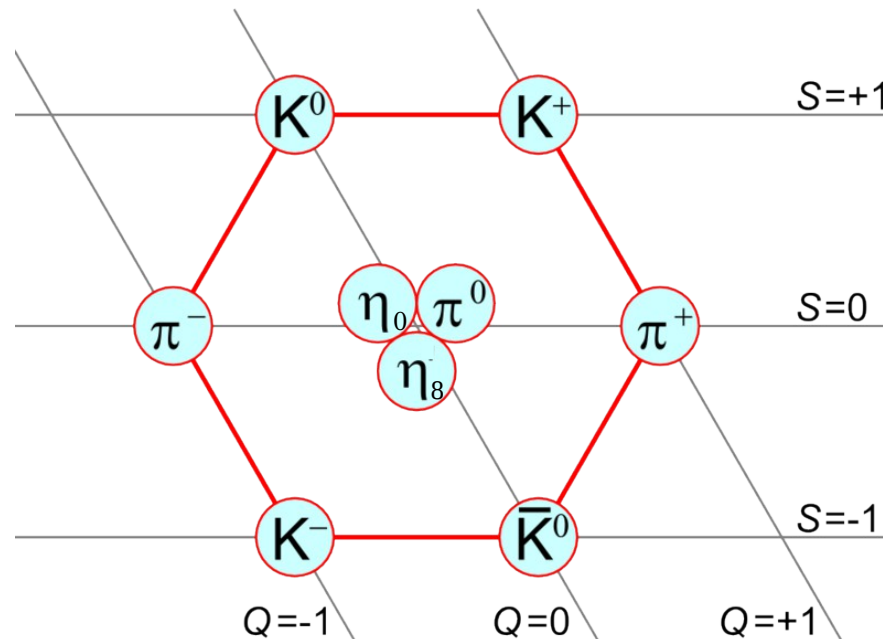
$$L_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{q} (i \not{D} - M) q - \sum_{a=1}^8 \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu,a} G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

- Chiral limit ( $m_u = m_d = m_s = 0$ ):

$$U(3)_L \times U(3)_R = SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_V \times U(1)_A \text{ symmetry}$$

Hadrons do not come in parity doublets  
 → Chiral symmetry must be broken (spontaneously)

- $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_V$  gives rise to 8 massless, pseudoscalar Goldstone bosons





# Explicit Symmetry Breaking

## Quarks have finite masses

- SU(3) flavor symmetry:  $m_u = m_d = m_s \neq 0$
- SU(2) isospin symmetry:  $m_u = m_d \neq m_s$
- Isospin breaking:  $m_u \neq m_d$
- Electromagnetic effects also break isospin symmetry

Using:  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ ,  $\eta' \rightarrow 3\pi$ ;  $\eta' \rightarrow 2\pi\eta$

Extract:

$$Q^2 = \frac{m_s^2 - \hat{m}^2}{m_d^2 - m_u^2} \quad \hat{m} = \frac{m_u + m_d}{2}$$

# $\eta/\eta'$ mixing

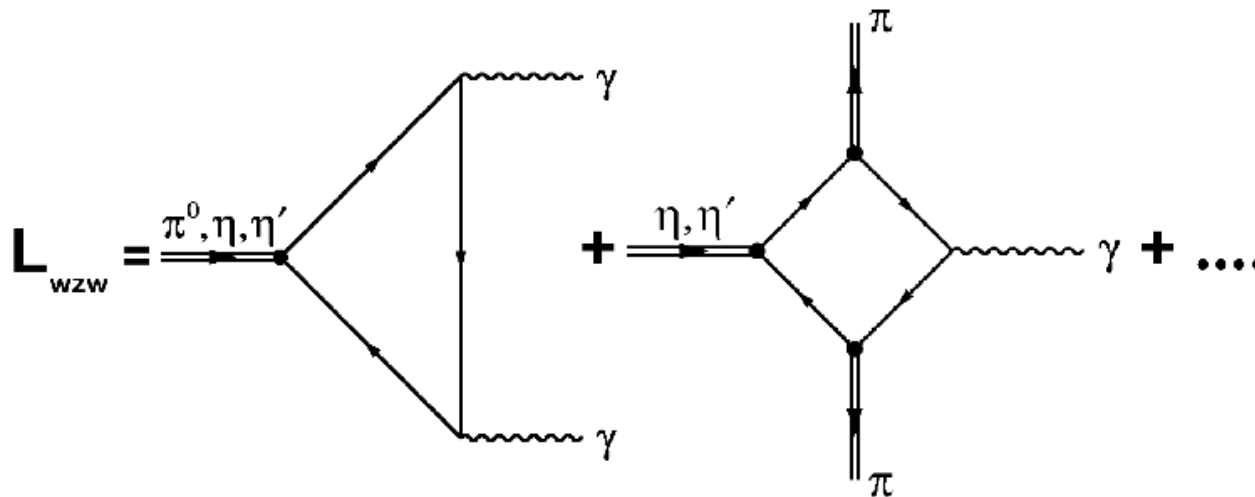
$\eta$  and  $\eta'$  are admixtures of pure SU(3) singlet and octet states

$$\eta = \eta_0 \sin\theta - \eta_8 \cos\theta$$

$$\eta' = \eta_0 \cos\theta + \eta_8 \sin\theta$$

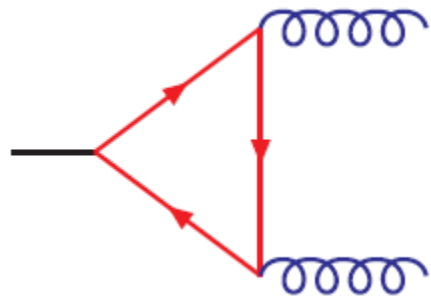
$$\eta/\eta': I^G(J^P C) = 0^+(0^- +)$$

- Mixing caused by SU(3) breaking due to strange quark mass AND the chiral anomaly
- Beyond leading-order single mixing angle not sufficient, possible gluonium content



# $U(1)_A$ Anomaly

- Quantum fluctuations destroy singlet axial-vector current conservation



The diagram shows a quark loop (red lines) with two gluon insertions (blue wavy lines). An arrow points from the diagram to the equation below.

$$\partial_\mu A^{0\mu} = 2\sqrt{N_C} \omega = \frac{2\sqrt{N_C}}{16\pi^2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \text{tr} G_{\mu\nu} G_{\alpha\beta} \neq 0$$

- Why is the  $\eta'$  so heavy?
- $\omega$ -term includes gluons  $\rightarrow$  strongly interacting  $\rightarrow \eta'$  heavy
- Applicability of  $\chi$ PT to  $\eta'$ ? (chiral symmetry breaking scale:  $4\pi f_\pi \approx 1.2$  GeV,  $\eta'$  as a Goldstone boson) (theory)

# C/CP-Violation

Sacharov criterium: C/CP-violation is one of three criteria to explain dominance of matter over antimatter (Baryogenesis)

Electromagnetism, and strong force are assumed to be invariant under C and CP transformation

CP-violation in weak interaction not strong enough to explain Baryogenesis

## CHARGE CONJUGATION (C) INVARIANCE

|  |   |
|--|---|
| $\Gamma(\pi^0 \rightarrow 3\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$                | $<3.1 \times 10^{-8}$ , CL = 90%        |
| $\eta$ C-nonconserving decay parameters                                  |   |
| $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ left-right asymmetry                                   | $(0.09^{+0.11}_{-0.12}) \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ sextant asymmetry                                      | $(0.12^{+0.10}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ quadrant asymmetry                                     | $(-0.09 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-2}$       |
| $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ left-right asymmetry                                  | $(0.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2}$          |
| $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ parameter $\beta$ (D-wave)                            | $-0.02 \pm 0.07$ (S = 1.3)              |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$             | $<9 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%          |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 2\pi^0\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$            | $<5 \times 10^{-4}$ , CL = 90%          |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$            | $<6 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%          |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$                 | $<1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%        |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$           | [a] $<4 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%      |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$       | [a] $<5 \times 10^{-6}$ , CL = 90%      |
| $\Gamma(\omega(782) \rightarrow \eta\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$        | $<2.1 \times 10^{-4}$ , CL = 90%        |
| $\Gamma(\omega(782) \rightarrow 2\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$           | $<2.1 \times 10^{-4}$ , CL = 90%        |
| $\Gamma(\omega(782) \rightarrow 3\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$           | $<2.3 \times 10^{-4}$ , CL = 90%        |
| asymmetry parameter for $\eta'(958) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ decay  | $-0.03 \pm 0.04$                        |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$     | [a] $<1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ , CL = 90%    |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$      | [a] $<2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ , CL = 90%    |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow 3\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$           | $<1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ , CL = 90%        |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ | [a] $<6.0 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%    |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \eta)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$  | [a] $<1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%    |
| $\Gamma(J/\psi(1S) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$      | $<5 \times 10^{-6}$ , CL = 90%          |

## CP INVARIANCE

|   |  |
|---|--|
| $\text{Re}(d_{\tau}^W)$   | $<0.50 \times 10^{-17}$ e cm, CL = 95% |
| $\text{Im}(d_{\tau}^W)$   | $<1.1 \times 10^{-17}$ e cm, CL = 95%  |
| $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$ decay-plane asymmetry           | $(-0.6 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-2}$        |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$         | $<1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ , CL = 90%       |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 2\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$             | $<3.5 \times 10^{-4}$ , CL = 90%       |
| $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 4\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$             | $<6.9 \times 10^{-7}$ , CL = 90%       |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$   | $<2.9 \times 10^{-3}$ , CL = 90%       |
| $\Gamma(\eta'(958) \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$   | $<1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ , CL = 90%       |
| $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^+\pi^-$ rate difference/average   | $(0.08 \pm 0.12)\%$                    |
| $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^0\pi^0$ rate difference/average   | $(0.0 \pm 0.6)\%$                      |
| $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^0\gamma$ rate difference/average  | $(0.9 \pm 3.3)\%$                      |
| $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^+\pi^- (g_+ - g_-) / (g_+ + g_-)$ | $(-1.5 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{-4}$        |
| $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^0\pi^0 (g_+ - g_-) / (g_+ + g_-)$ | $(1.8 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-4}$         |

Only weak upper limits

# CP-Violation in SM

CP-violation in SM: quark mass eigenstates are different from weak eigenstates:

→ quark mixing matrix (Cabibbo, Kobayashi, Maskawa)

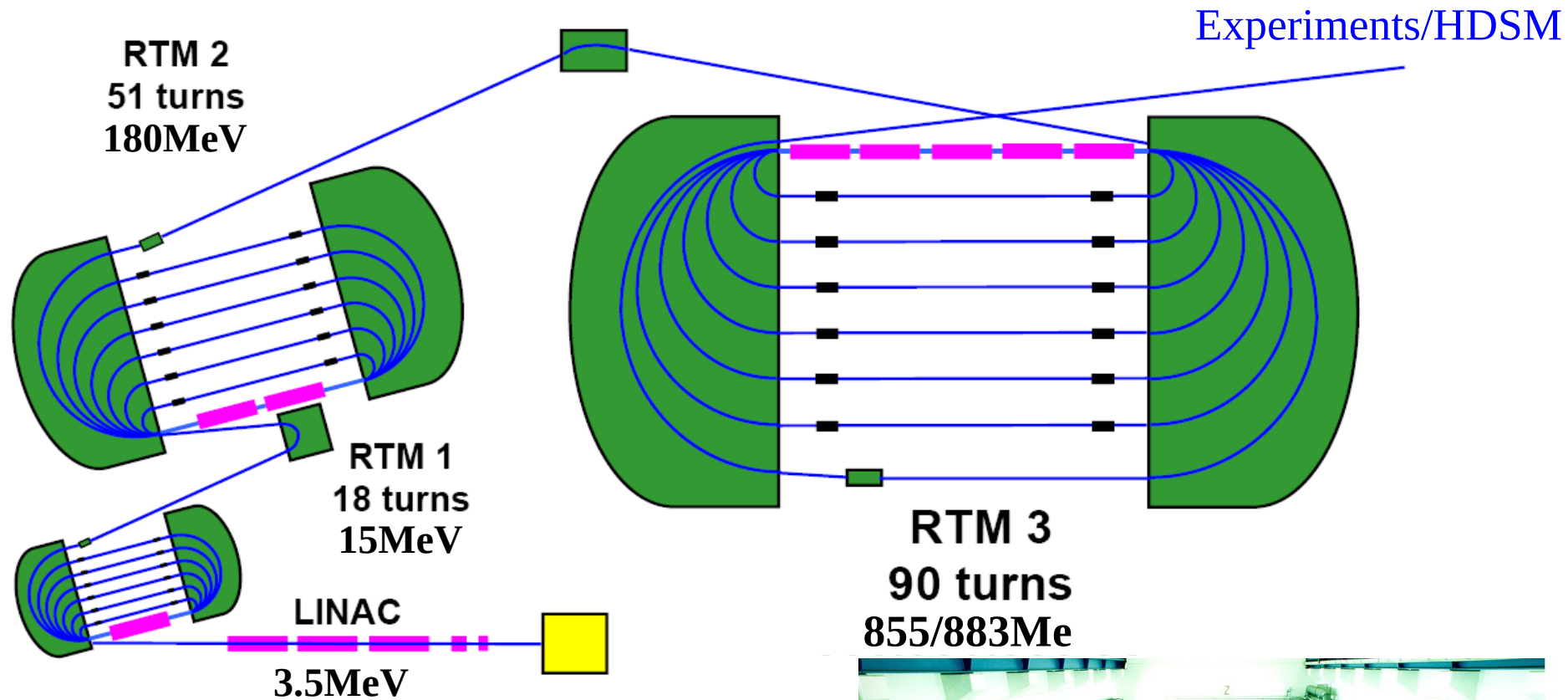
→ different mixing matrices for quarks and antiquarks → CP-violation

CKM-matrix complex and unitary → 4 parameters (e.g. 3 angles and one phase)

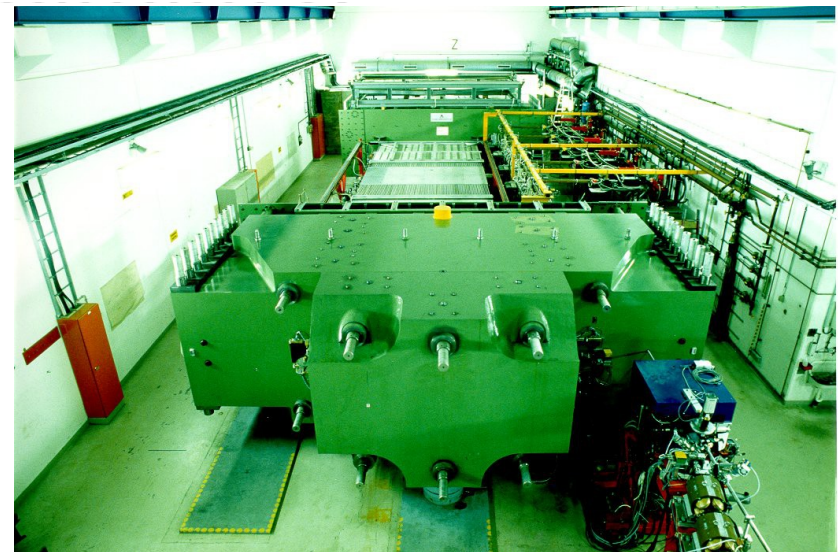
Single phase in CKM-matrix responsible for CP-violation

|             | weak states  | <u>CKM matrix</u>  | mass states   |
|-------------|--|--|---|
| Quarks      | $\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$                   | $= \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$                   | $\begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$                   |
| Anti-quarks | $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{d}' \\ \bar{s}' \\ \bar{b}' \end{pmatrix}$ | $= \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud}^* & V_{us}^* & V_{ub}^* \\ V_{cd}^* & V_{cs}^* & V_{cb}^* \\ V_{td}^* & V_{ts}^* & V_{tb}^* \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{d} \\ \bar{s} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$ |

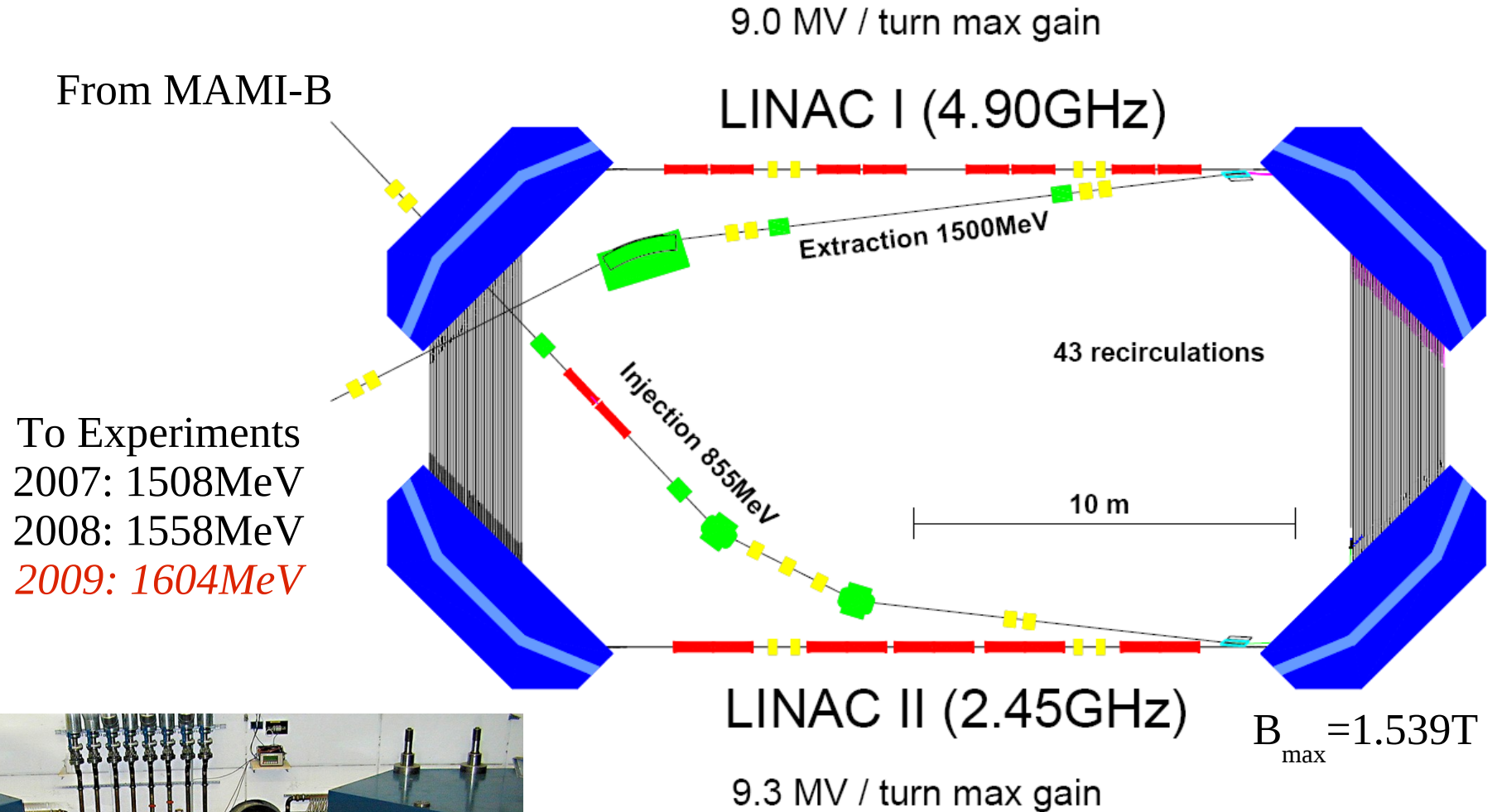
# Mainz Microtron (MAMI-B)



Acceleration via em wave (2.45GHz)  
cw: bunch structure  $\sim 0.4\text{ns}$   
Injektion LINAC  
3 cascaded Race-Track-Microtrons  
Magnet of RTM 3  $\sim 450\text{t}$  per Magnet, 1.28T



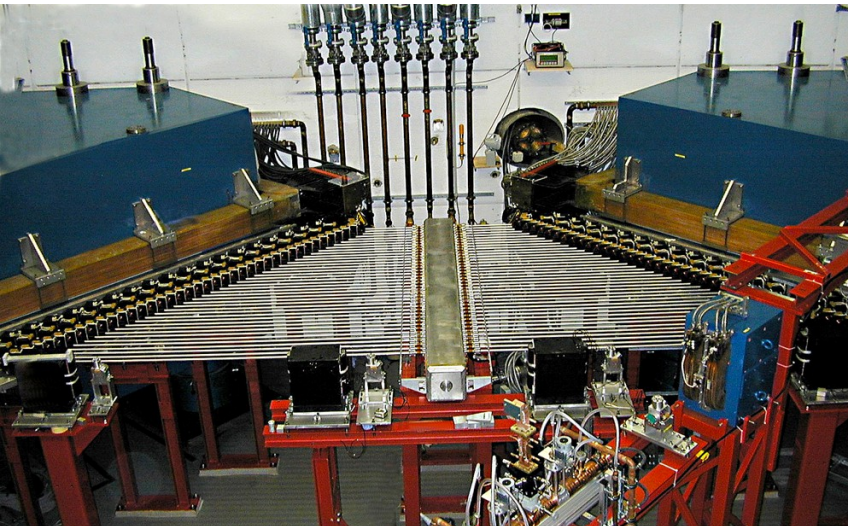
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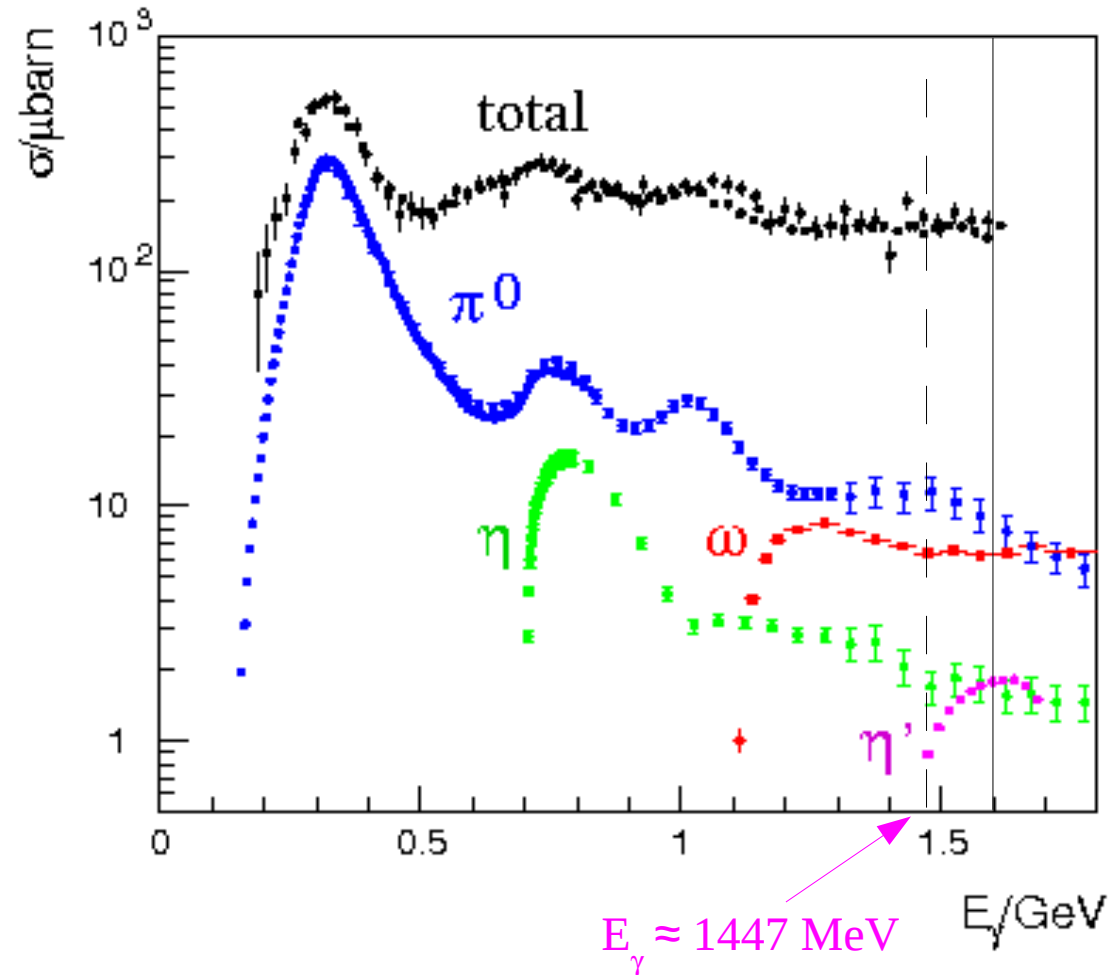
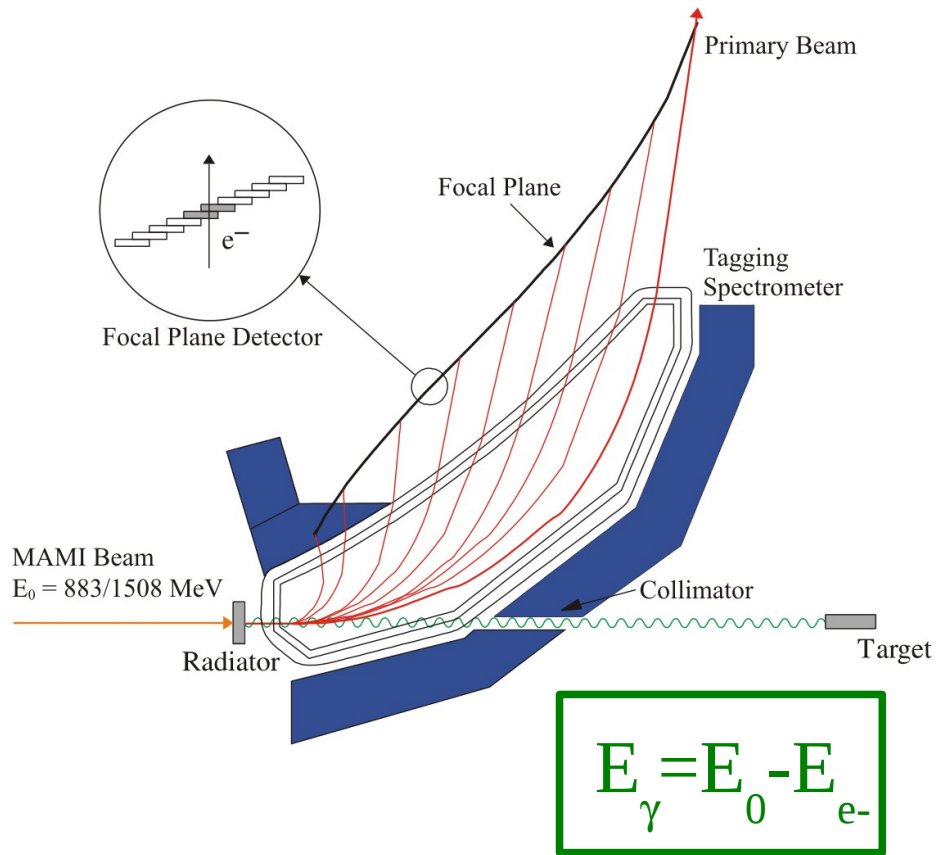
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2007: 1508MeV  
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*Harmonic Doubled Sided Microtron (HDSM)*

K.-H. Kaiser et al., NIM A 593, 159 (2008).



# Tagging Spectrometer



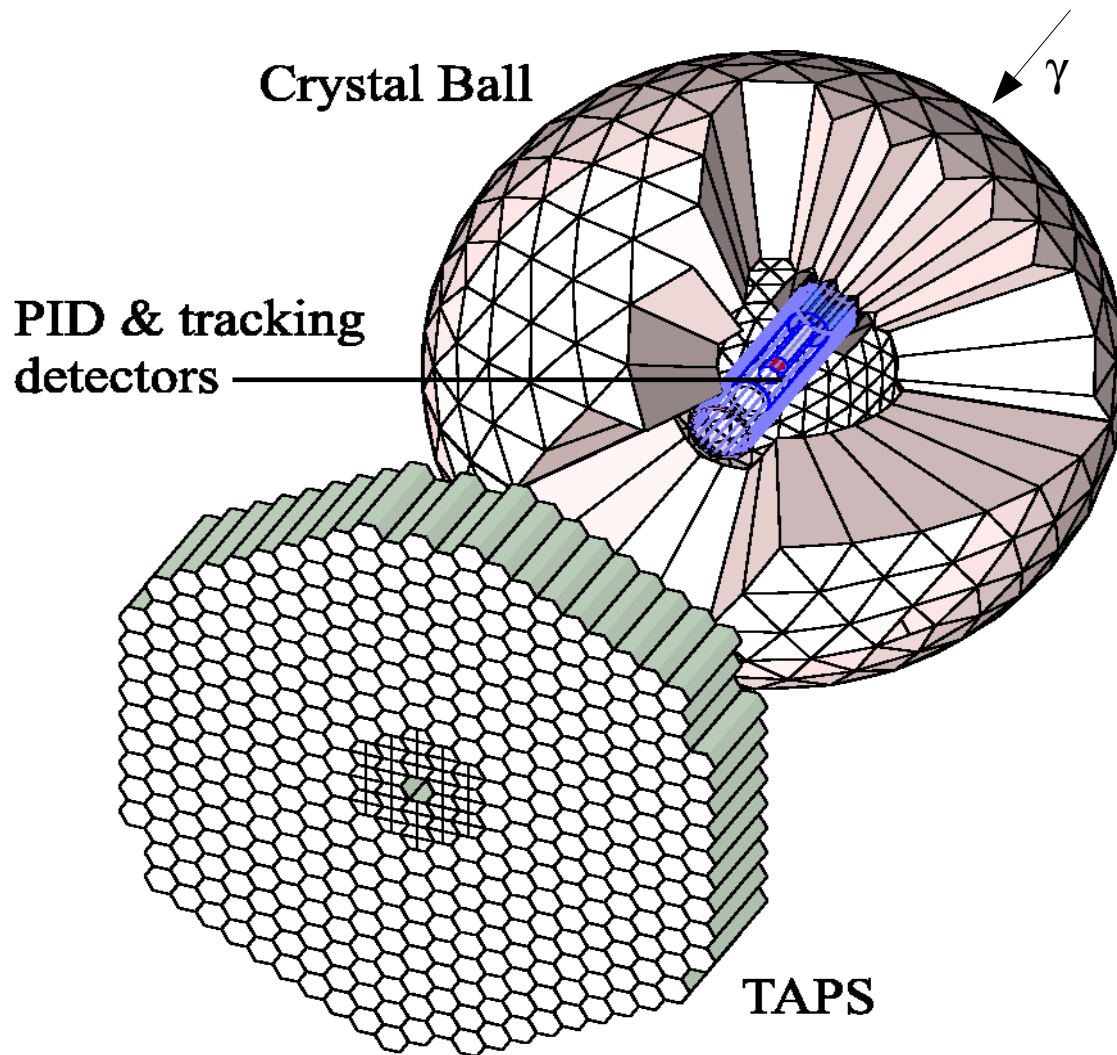
Tagging range: 5.1 to 93% of  $E_0$

Maximum energy tagged for  $E_0 = 1604 \text{ MeV}$  is 1491 MeV

→ New tagging device for  $\eta'$  experiments needed!



# 4 $\pi$ -Setup



## Crystal Ball:

672 NaI(Tl) crystals

93,3% of total solid angle

Each crystal equipped with PMT

$$\frac{\sigma}{E_y} = \frac{2\%}{(E_y/\text{GeV})^{0.25}}$$

$$\Delta t = 2.5 \text{ ns FWHM}$$

$$\sigma(\theta) = 2^\circ \dots 3^\circ$$

$$\sigma(\phi) = \frac{2^\circ \dots 3^\circ}{\sin(\theta)}$$

## TAPS:

Up to 510 BaF<sub>2</sub> crystals

Polar acceptance: 4-20°

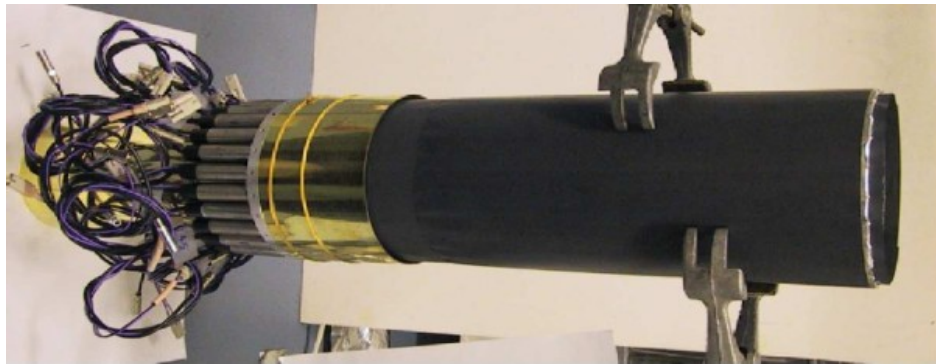
$$\Delta t = 0.5 \text{ ns FWHM}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{E_y} = \frac{0,79\%}{\sqrt{E_y/\text{GeV}}} + 1,8\%$$

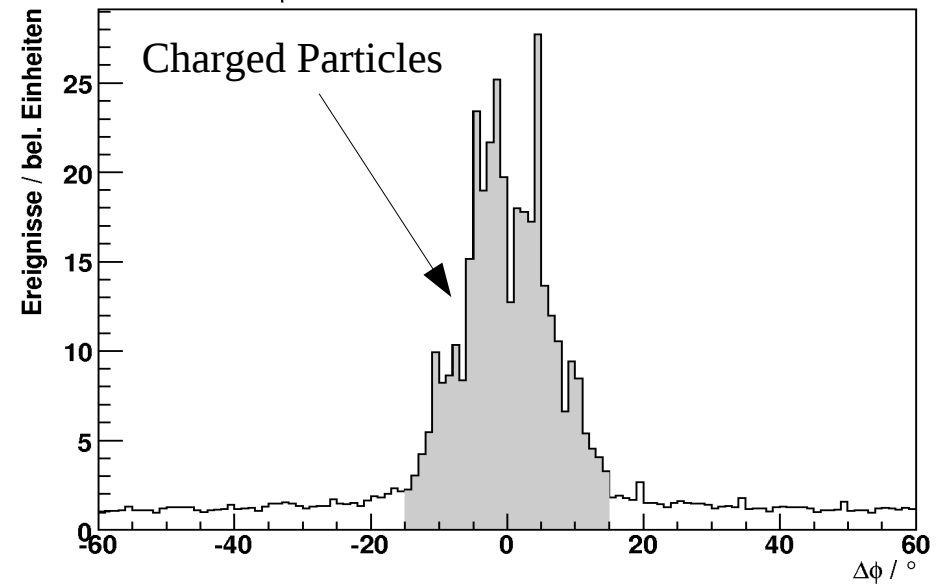
# CB PID

## *Particle Identification Detector (PID):*

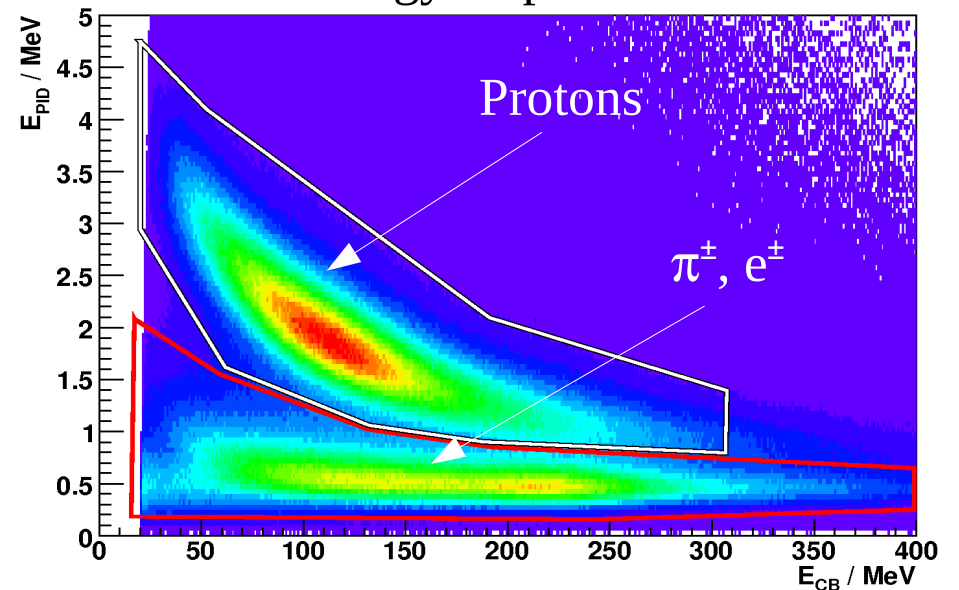
- Cylindrical Detector inside CB
- 24 scintillator strips
- PMT readout



### $\Delta\phi$ - between CB and PID

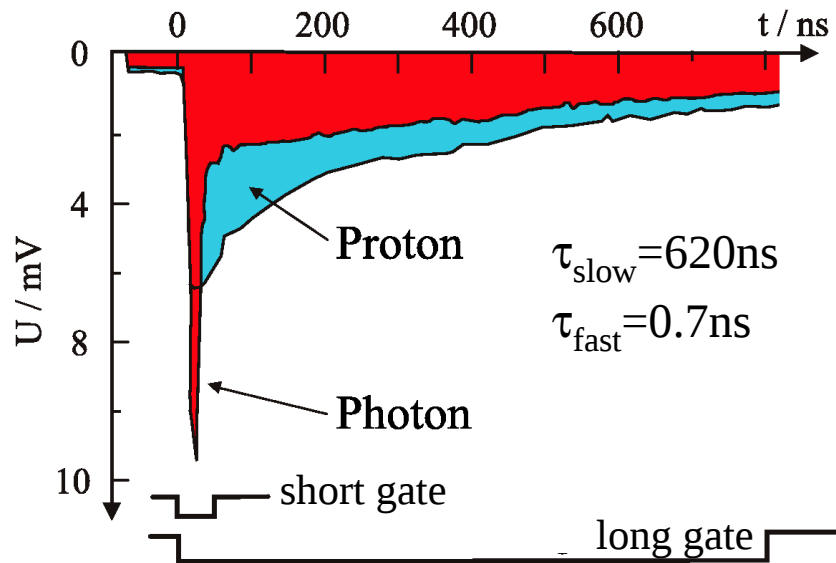
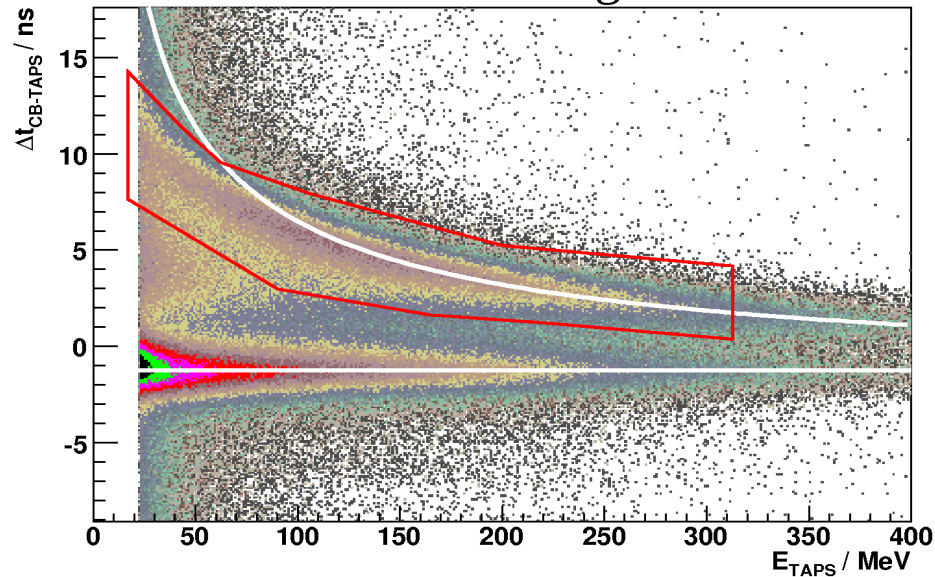


### Energy Dependence



# TAPS PI

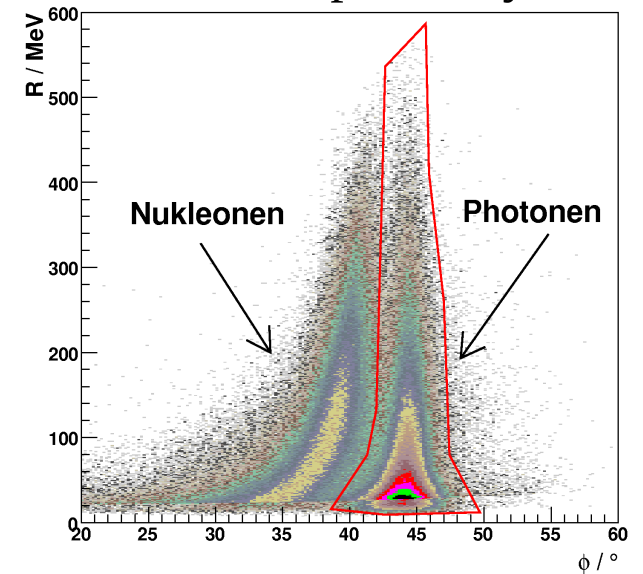
## Time-of-Flight



$$R = \sqrt{E_{\text{short}}^2 + E_{\text{long}}^2}$$

$$\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{E_{\text{short}}}{E_{\text{long}}}\right)$$

## Pulse-Shape-Analysis

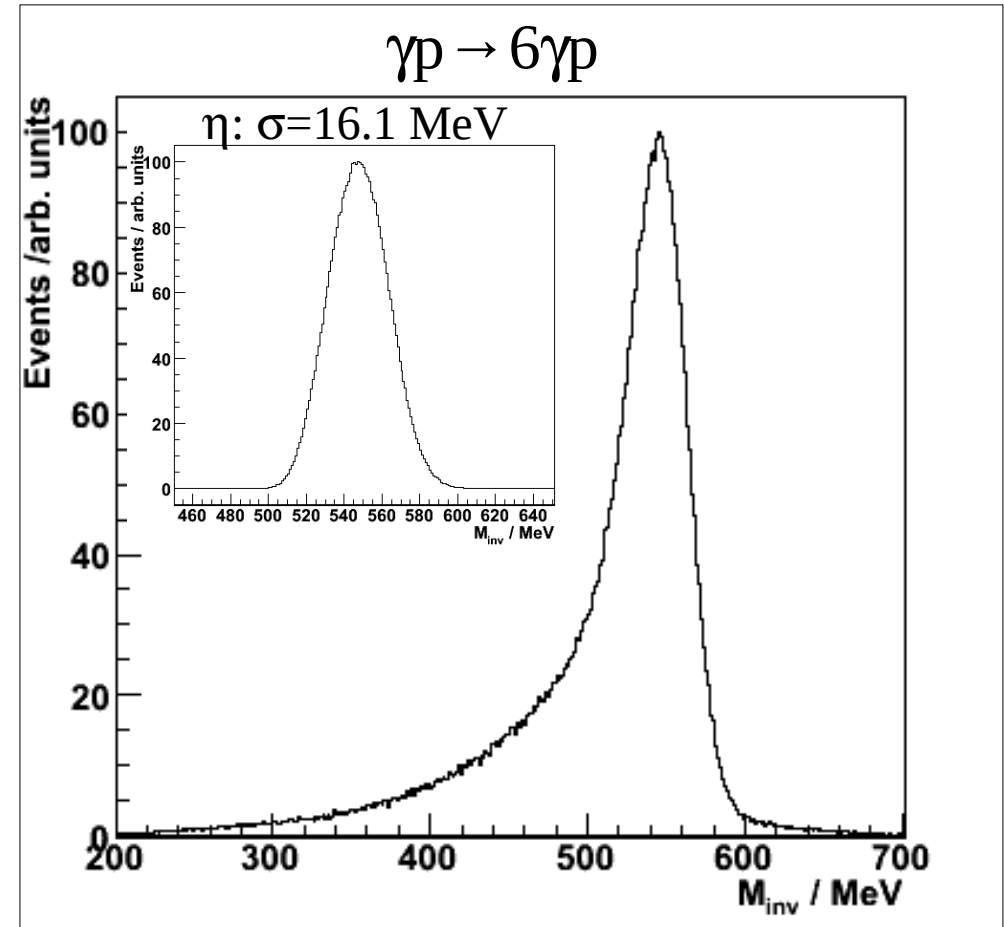
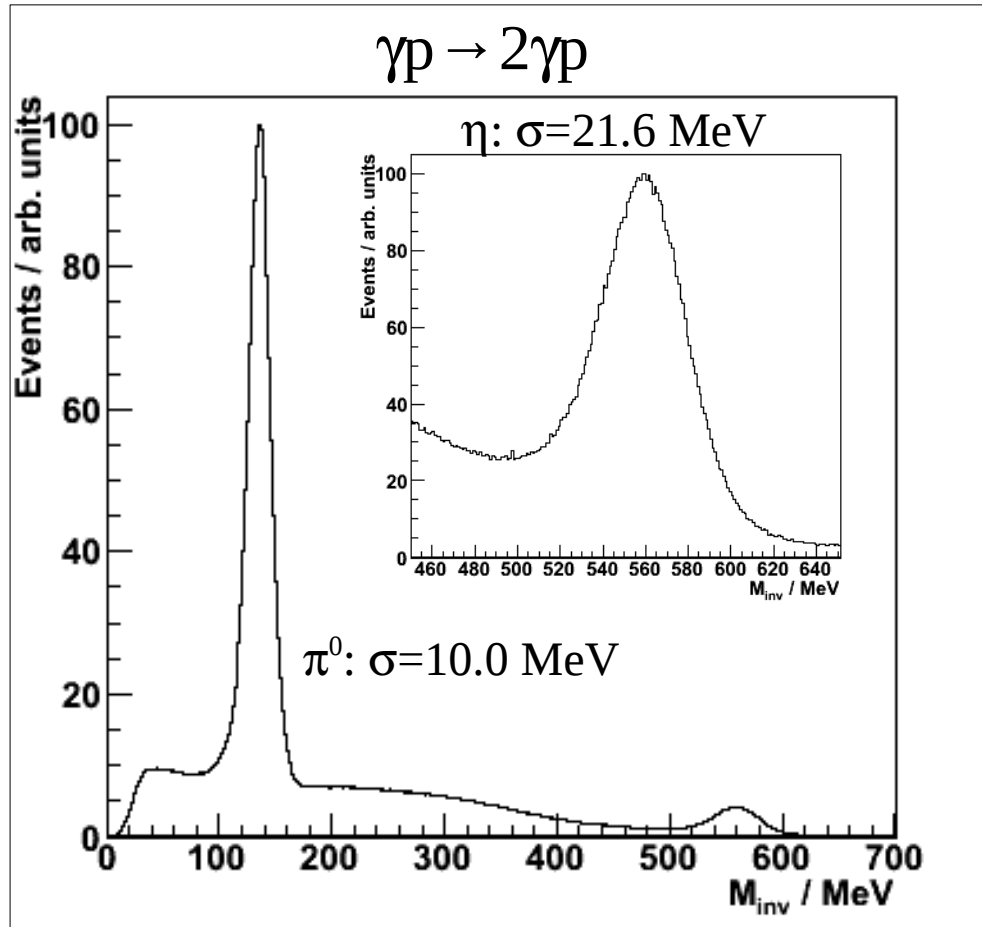


# Setup Performance

Two main  $\eta$  decay modes:

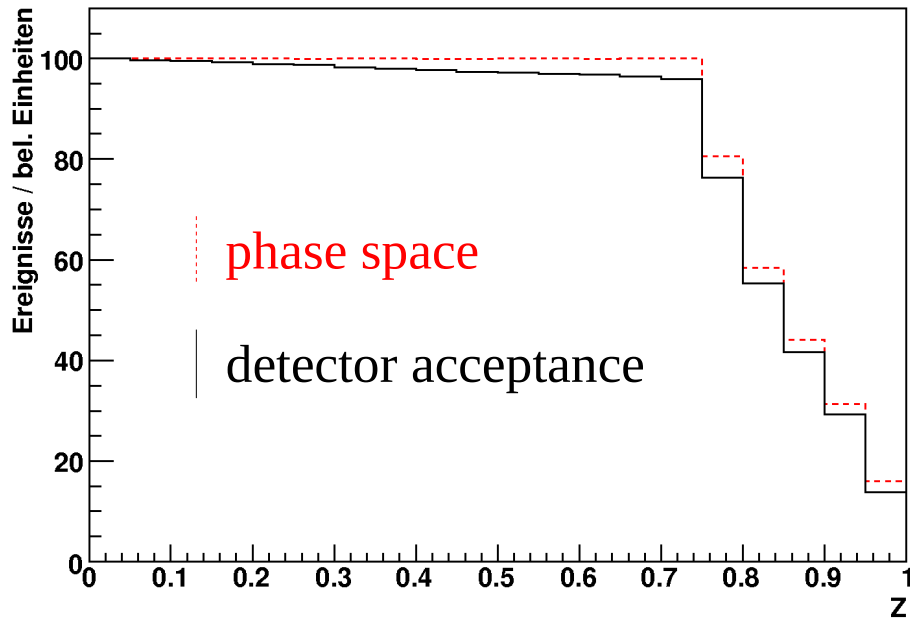
$$\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma) = 39.38\%$$

$$\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0) = 32.51\%$$

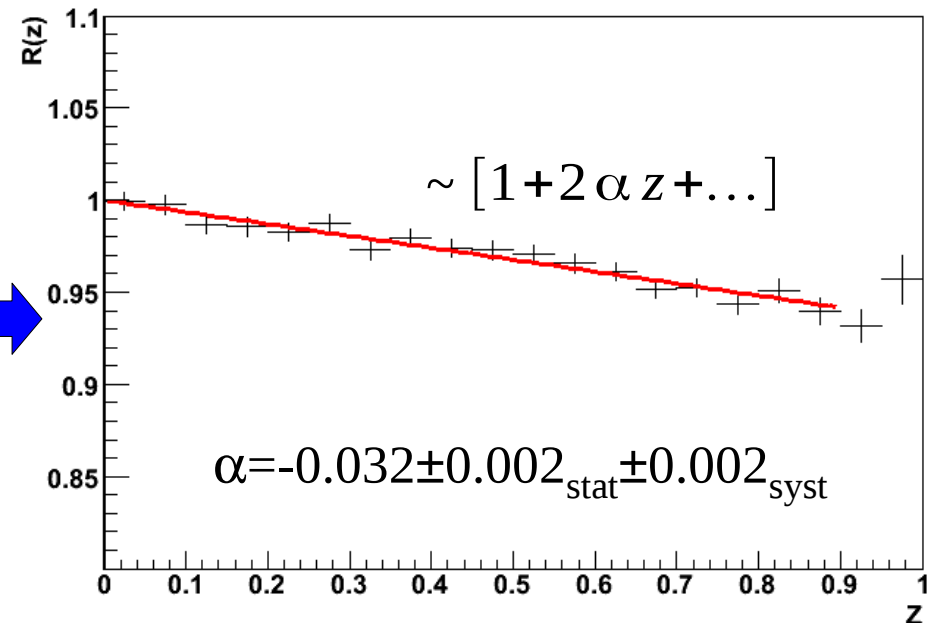
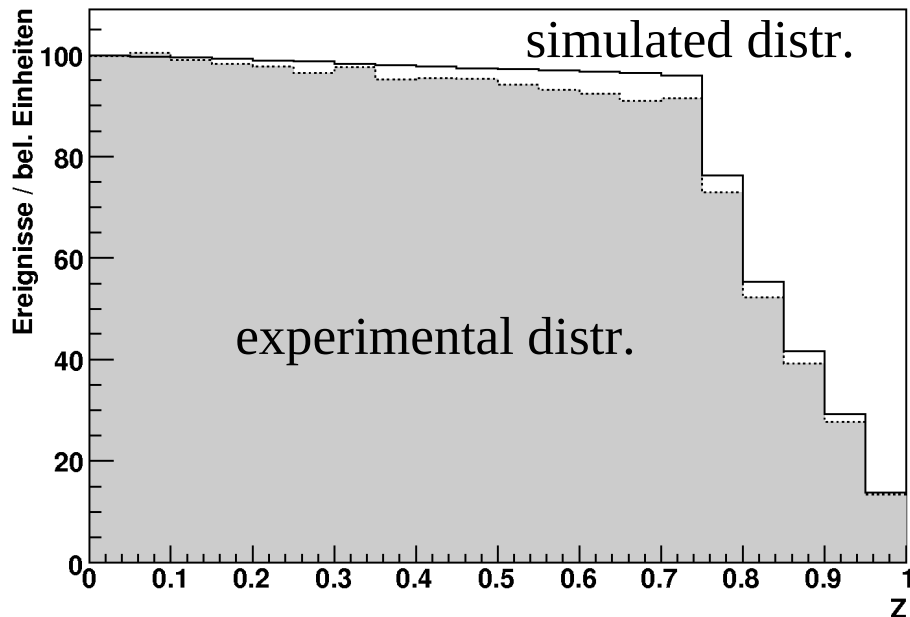


*$3 \cdot 10^6 \eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$  analysed from  $\sim 6$  weeks  $\rightarrow 30M \eta$  produced*

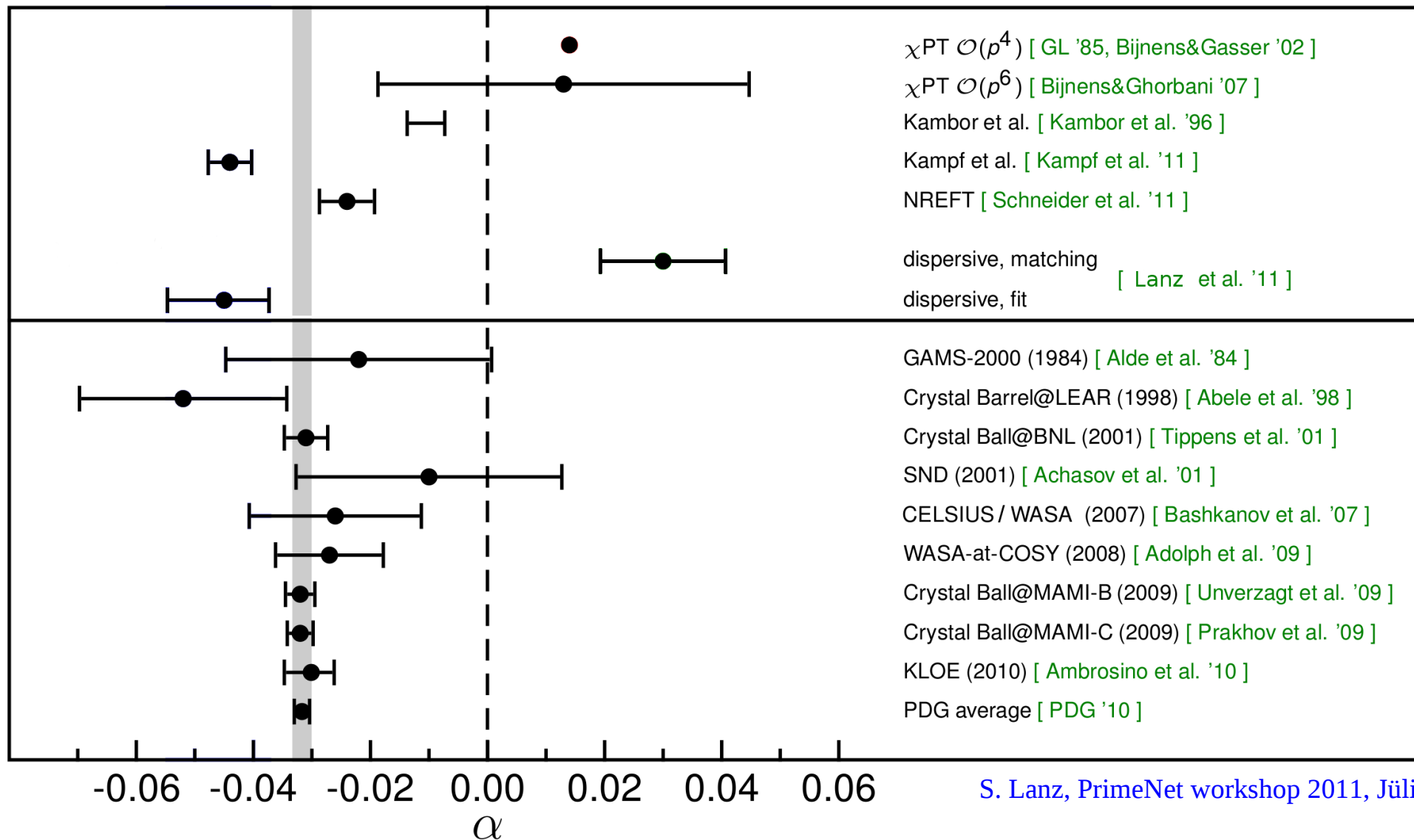
# Result for $\alpha$



- precise simulation required



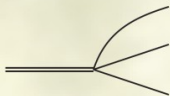
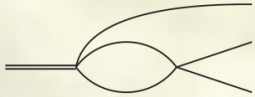
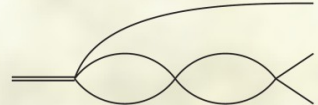


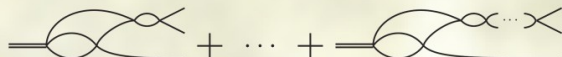
$$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$$



S. Lanz, PrimeNet workshop 2011, Jülich

Experiments reach precision where higher order effects (cusp-effect, second order term in expansion) become visible

## Understanding $\alpha$ : order-by-order decomposition

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
|   | $\alpha \times 10^{-3}$           |
|    | +11.3                             |
|    | +11.7                             |
|    | -43.5                             |
|    | +1.7                              |
|   | (-5.6)                            |
|  |                                   |
| isospin-breaking effects  | -0.6                              |
|   | <b><math>-22.2 \pm 5.0</math></b> |

- representation up to  $\mathcal{O}(a_{\pi\pi}^2 \epsilon^4)$ ,  
partial  $\mathcal{O}(a_{\pi\pi}^2 \epsilon^6)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(a_{\pi\pi}^2 \epsilon^8)$

error: (1)  $\pi\pi$  scattering

Ananthanarayan et al. 2001 vs. Kamiński et al. 2008

(2) estimate of higher orders ("bubble resummation")

## Understanding $\alpha$ : interpretation of the ChPT result

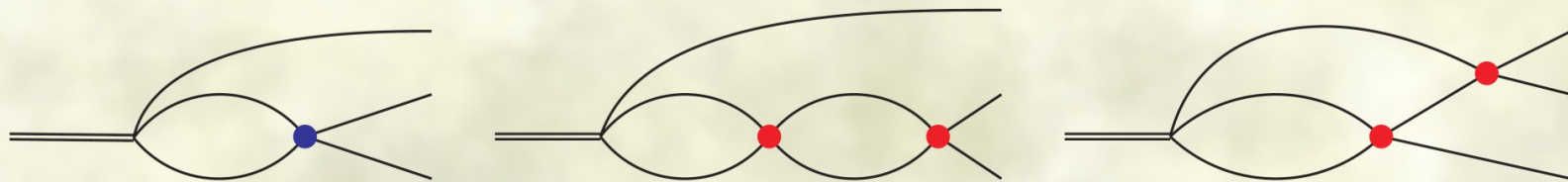
Remember: ChPT at  $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$

Bijnens, Ghorbani 2007

$$\alpha_{\text{ChPT}} = (13 \pm 32) \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \alpha_{\text{NREFT}} = (-22.2 \pm 5.0) \times 10^{-3}$$

- Why the difference?

Emulate ChPT  $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$  calculation:



- rescattering parameters at  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$  in one-loop graphs
- rescattering parameters at  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$  in two-loop graphs ( $a_0^0 = 0.16, \dots$ )

**Result:**

- we find  $\alpha = (-0.7 \times 10^{-3})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  “weaker” rescattering leads to completely different result!



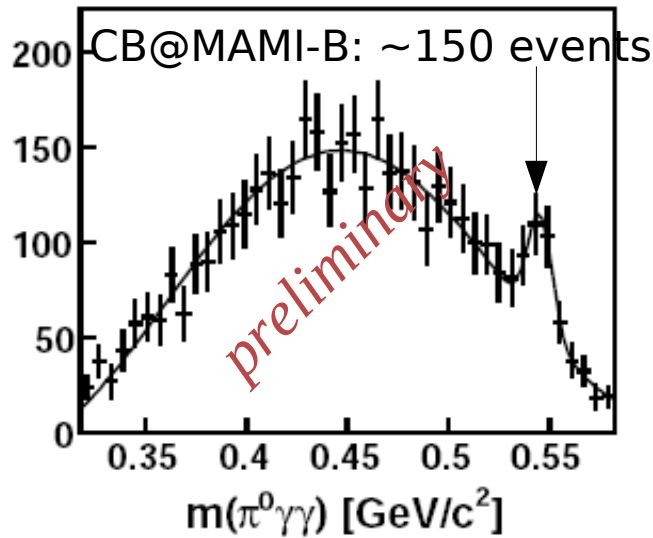
# Cusp-Effect

- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  contributes via  $\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$
- Cabibbo, Isidori and Bissegger *et al.* have developed framework to extract  $a_0 - a_2$  from  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  (NA48) and  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  invariant  $\pi^0 \pi^0$  mass spectra
- Cusp effect in  $\eta$  decay only at 1% level  $\rightarrow$  need high precision

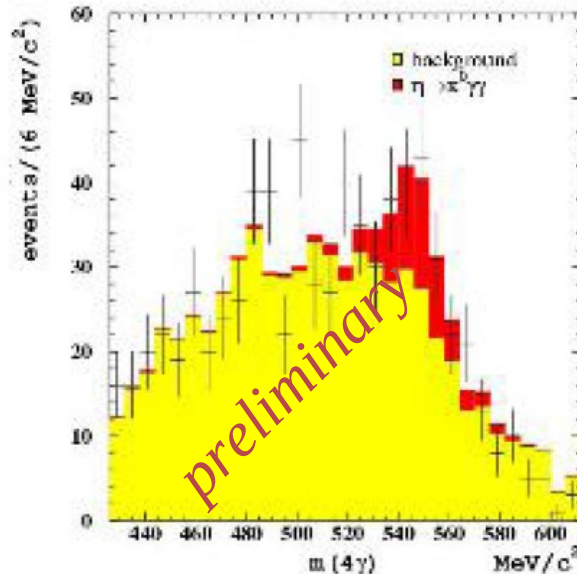
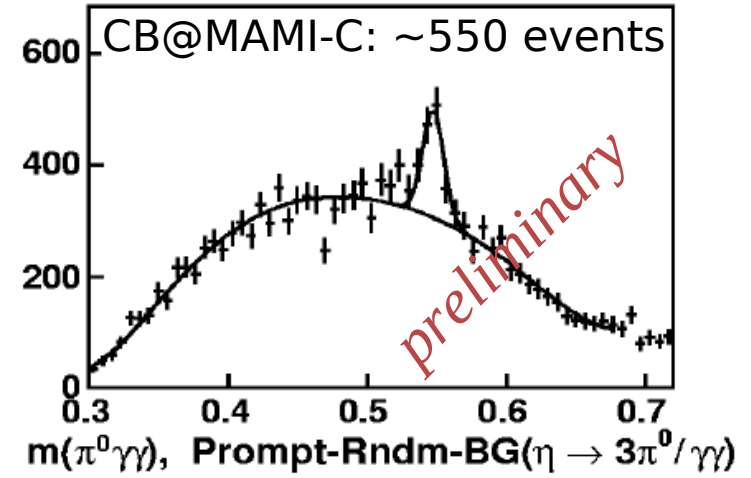
MAMI-C

Bissegger, Fuhrer, Gasser, Kubis, Rusetsky, Phys.Lett. B659, (2008), 576 (solid line)  
J. Belina, Diploma thesis, University Bern, Switzerland (dashed line).

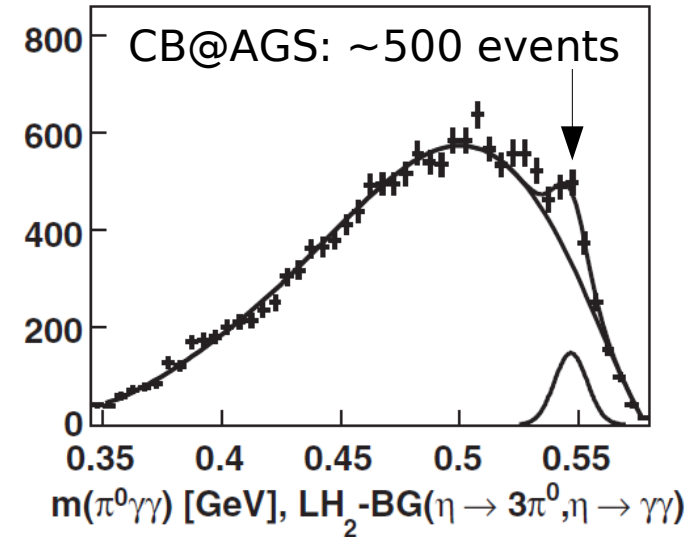
# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$



S. Prakhov (UCLA), private communication



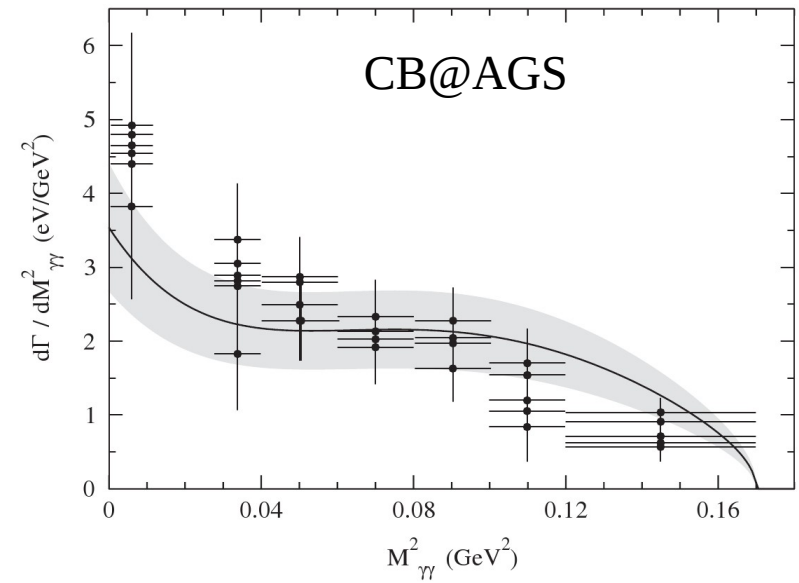
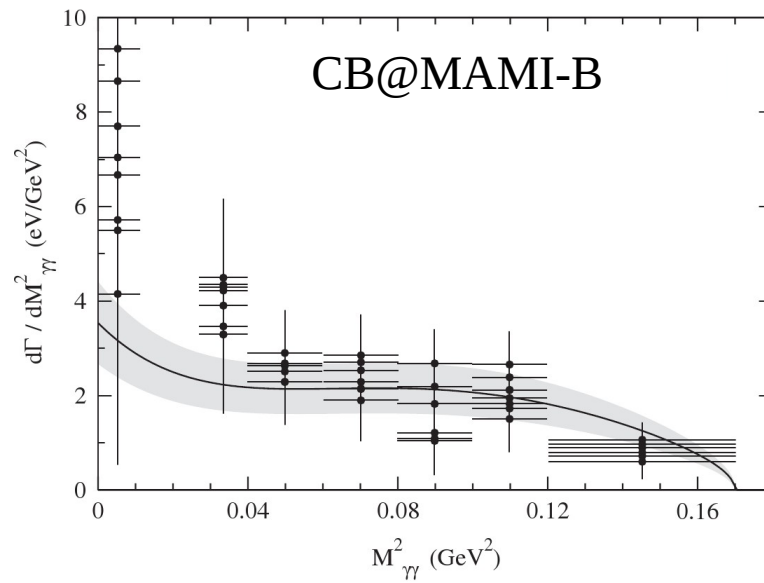
P. Gauzzi (KLOE), J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 349 (2012) 012002



S. Prakhov et al. (CB@AGS), Phys. Rev. C 78, 015206 (2008)

# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$

VMD (solid line):  
J.N. Ng, D.J. Peters,  
Phys. Rev. D 46 5034 (1992)



CB@MAMI-B:  $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (2.25 \pm 0.46_{stat} \pm 0.17_{syst}) \cdot 10^{-4}$  (preliminary)

CB@AGS:  $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (2.21 \pm 0.24_{stat} \pm 0.47_{syst}) \cdot 10^{-4}$

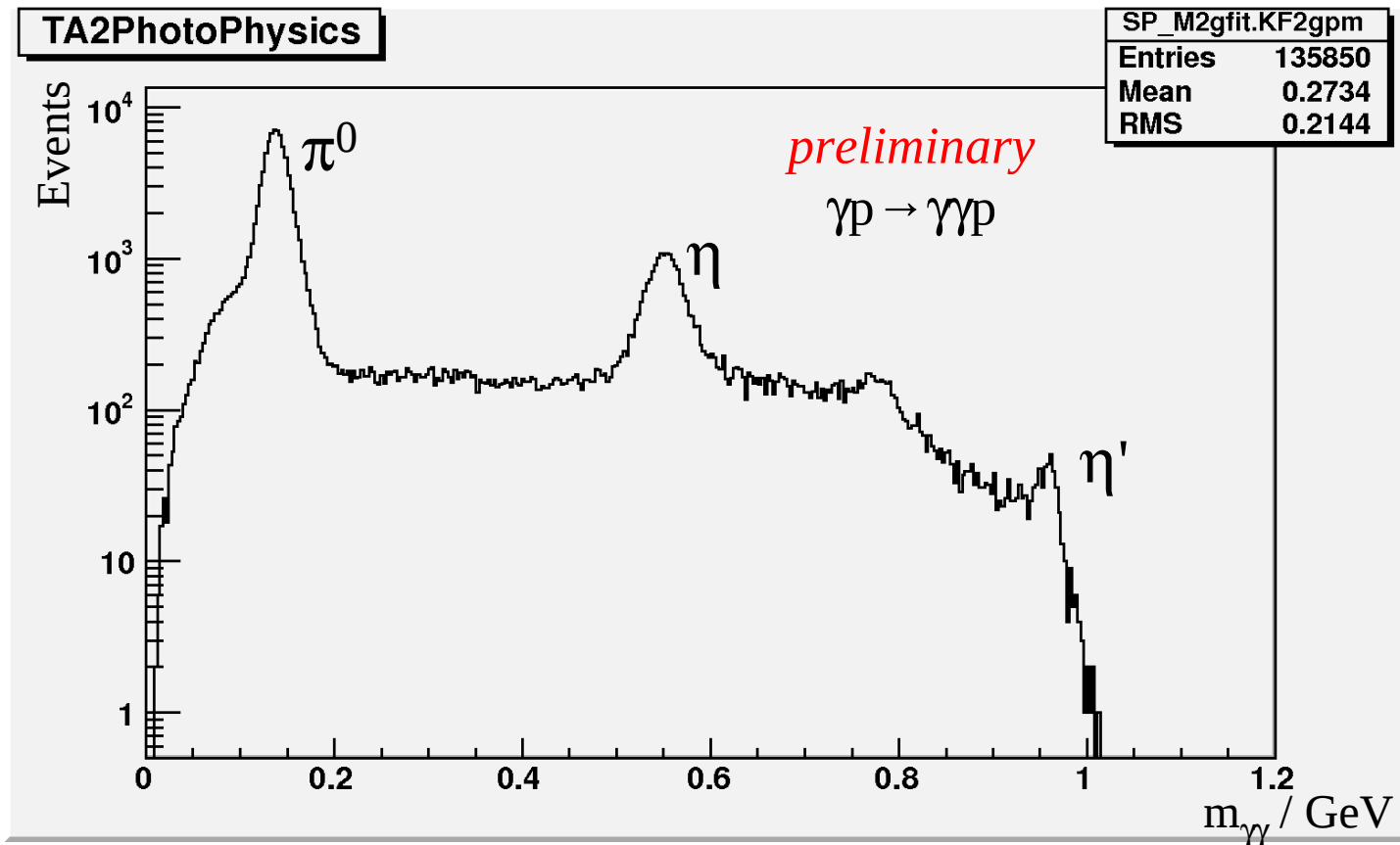
**Contradiction**

KLOE:  $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (0.84 \pm 0.27_{stat} \pm 0.14_{syst}) \cdot 10^{-4}$  (preliminary)

Both, the Branching ratio and the Dalitz plot required to fully understand o

# $\eta'$ Production

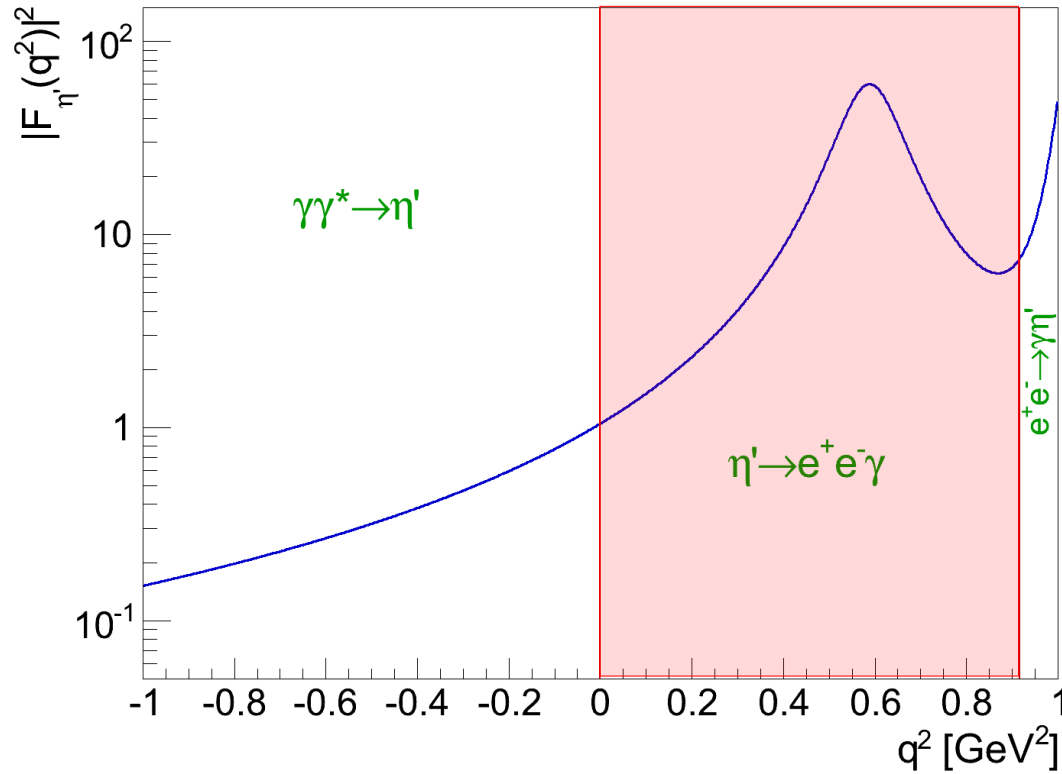
- Installation EPT fall 2011
- First test run December 2011
- **First test/production measurement successful in March 2012!**
- $\eta'$  production runs (each 2,5 weeks) successful May/August 2012!



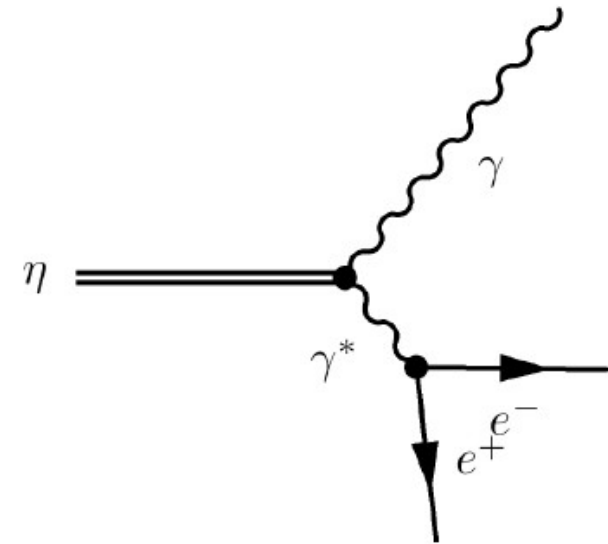
Only small part of available statistics

S. Prakhov (UCLA)

# Time-like TFF at MAMI



$q^2 = (\Delta E/c)^2 - \Delta p^2 = m_1^2$   
 momentum transfer carried  
 by virtual photon



## Time-like momentum transfer (meson decays):

- $(2m_1)^2 < q^2 < M^2$
- Crystal Ball, WASA, KLOE, Crystal Barrel, BESIII, CLAS

$$\frac{d\Gamma(P \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)}{dm \Gamma(P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{4\alpha}{3\pi m} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{m^2}\right) \left[1 - \frac{m^2}{m_P^2}\right]^3 |F(q^2)|^2$$

- Also  $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  decays possible: NA60