

Study of Meson Transition Form Factors at BESIII and A2

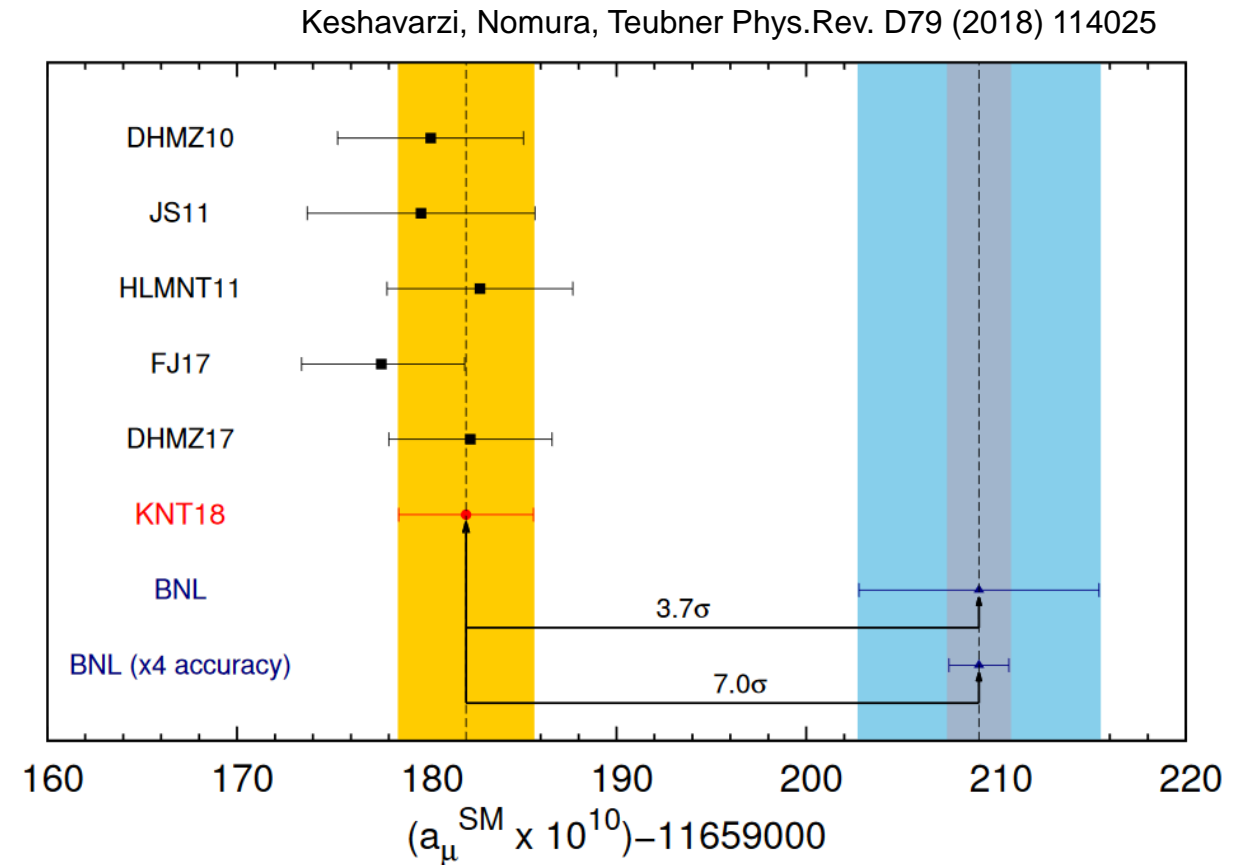
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Motivation – Muon Anomalous Magnetic Moment

- Anomalous magnetic Moment: $a_\mu = \frac{(g-2)_\mu}{2}$
- 0.5 ppm accuracy in experiment and theory
 - Theory: $(11659182.04 \pm 3.65) \times 10^{-10}$
(Phys. Rev. D79 (2018) 114025)
 - Exp. (BNL): $(11659208.9 \pm 6.3) \times 10^{-10}$
(Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 072003)
- Discrepancy between SM prediction and experiment observed
- New measurement at FermiLab and J-PARC
- **SM prediction needs to be improved**



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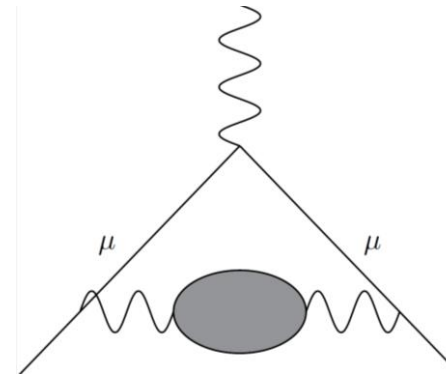
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{Strong}}$$

Hadronic contributions limit SM prediction!

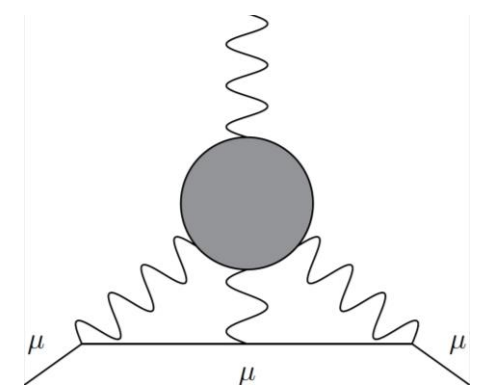
- **Fix parameters with experimental input**
- Hadronic Vacuum Polarization:
 - Related to hadronic R value
- Hadronic Light-by-Light scattering
 - Largest relative uncertainty
 - Depends on knowledge of hadrons coupling to photons

Standard model contribution	$a_{\mu} \times 10^{11}$
QED	116 584 718.971(0.075)
EW	153.6 (1.0)
Strong	
HVP - LO	6894.6 (32.5)
HLbL - LO	103.4 (28.8)

Hadronic Vacuum Polarization (HVP)



Hadronic Light-by-Light scattering (HLbL)



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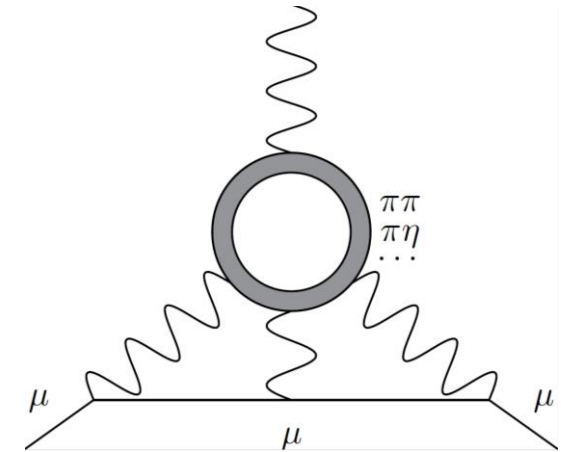
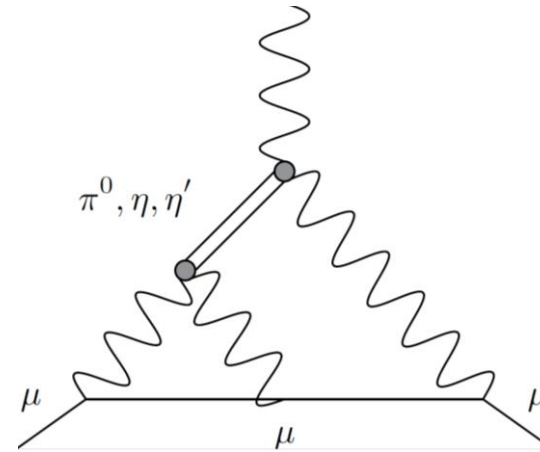
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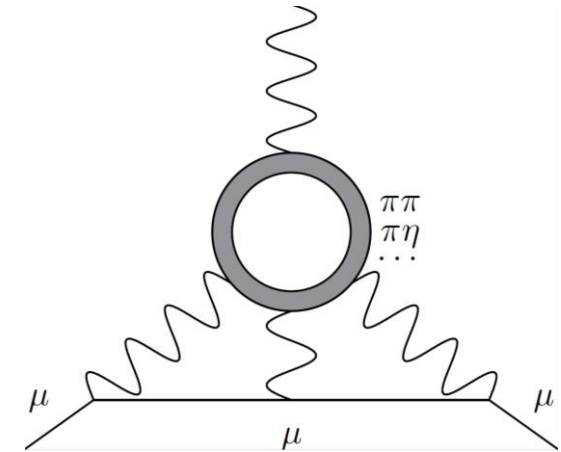
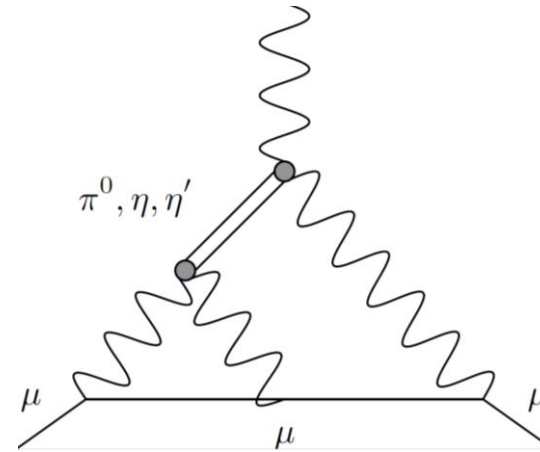
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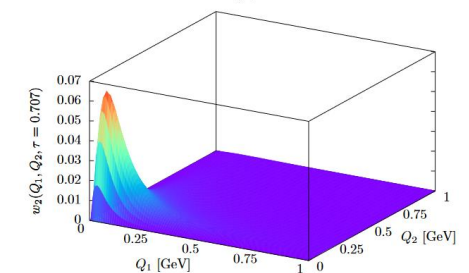
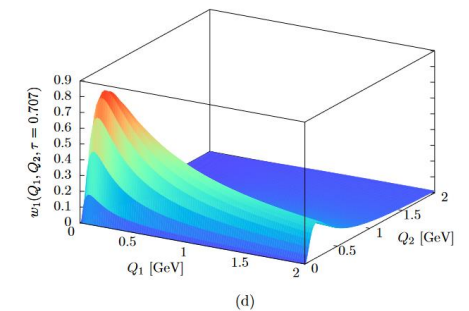


Contribution of neutral pion by 3D integral over Formfactor and weight functions:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL};\pi^0(1)} = \int_0^{\infty} dQ_1 \int_0^{\infty} dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau w_1(Q_1, Q_2, \tau) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_1^2, -(Q_1 + Q_2)^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_2^2, 0)$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL};\pi^0(2)} = \int_0^{\infty} dQ_1 \int_0^{\infty} dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau w_2(Q_1, Q_2, \tau) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_1^2, -Q_2^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-(Q_1 + Q_2)^2, 0)$$

**Relevant Energies:
0.25 GeV – 1.25 GeV**



Nyffeler, Phys.Rev.D94,053006, 2016

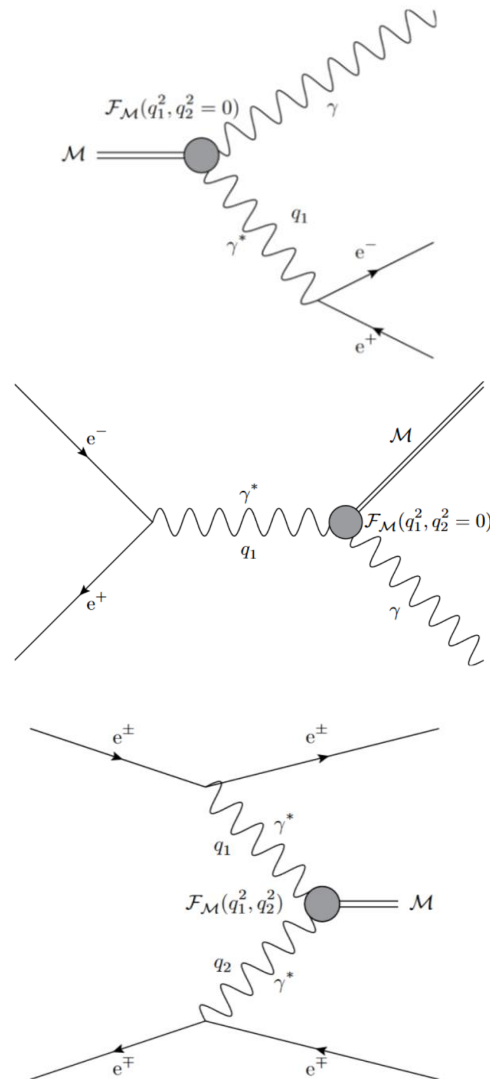
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- Dalitz decay:

$$q^2 = m(e^+e^-)^2 < M^2$$

- Radiative production:

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Space-like Transition Form Factors:

- Two-Photon scattering:

How to Measure Transition Form Factors

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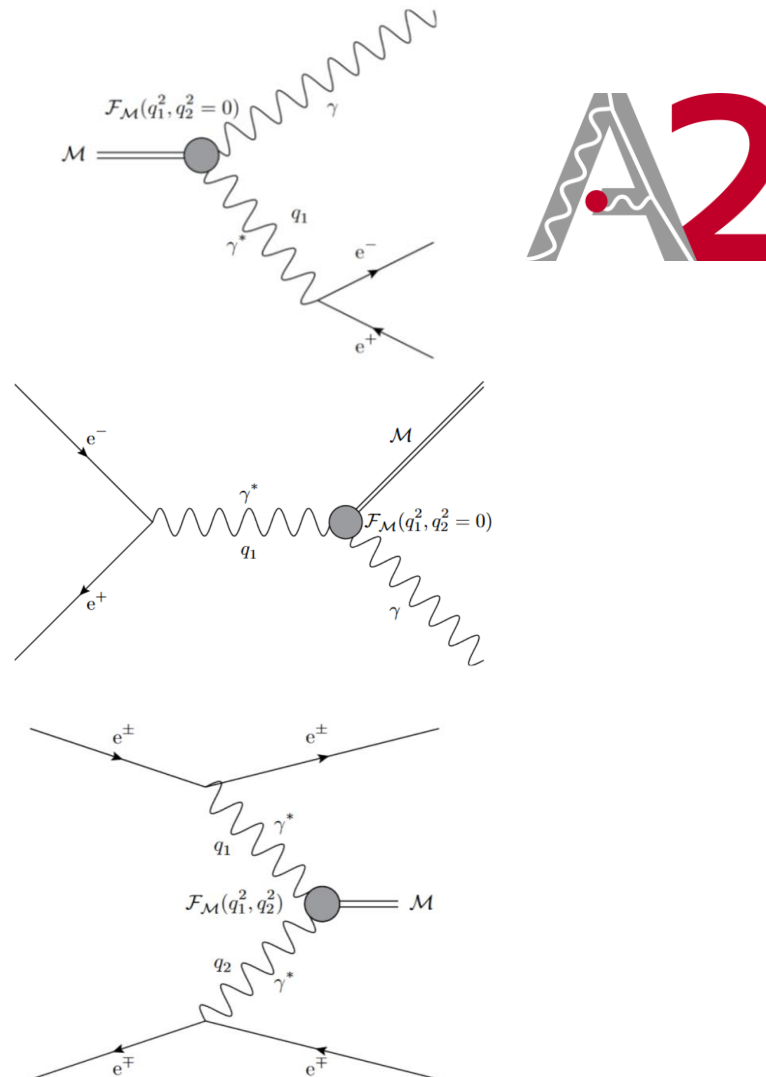
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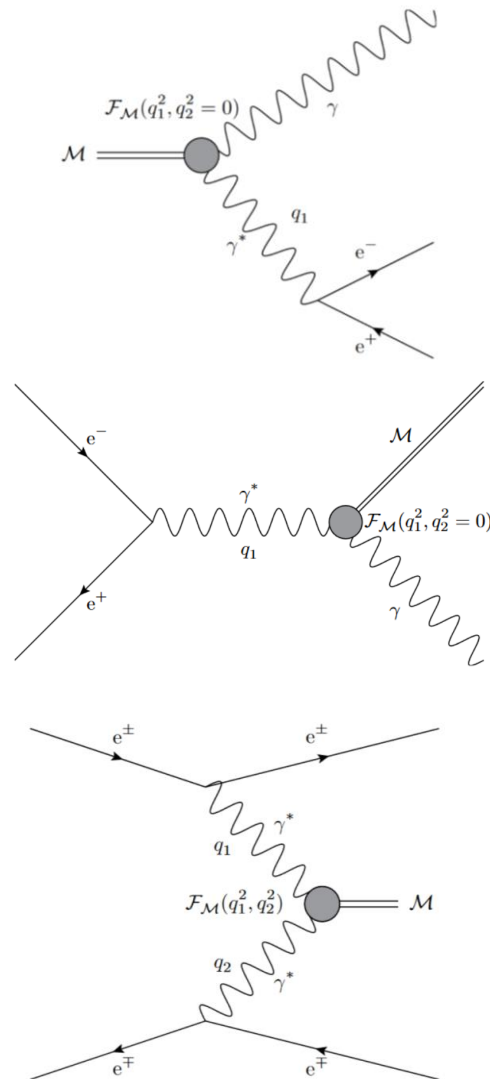
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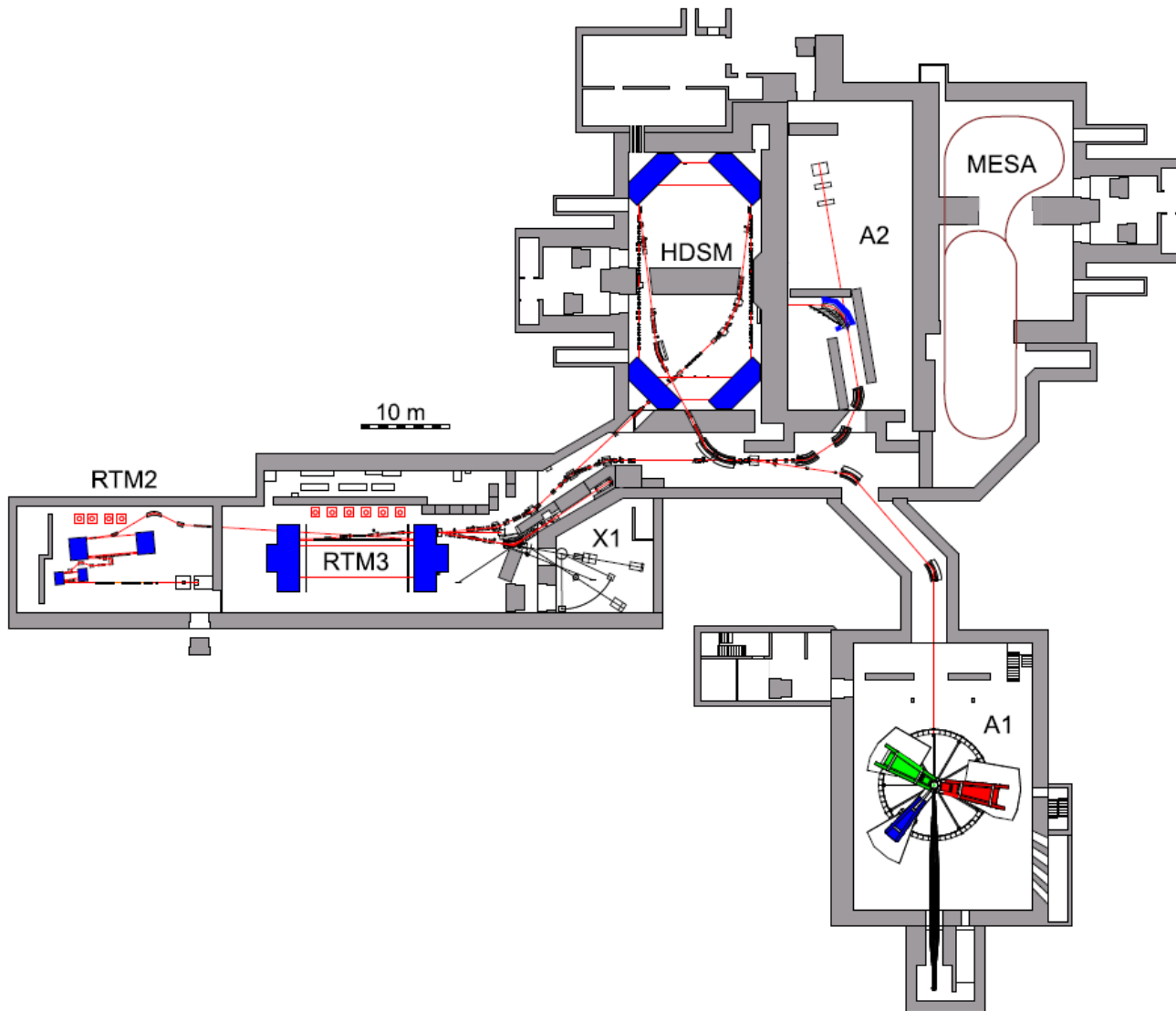
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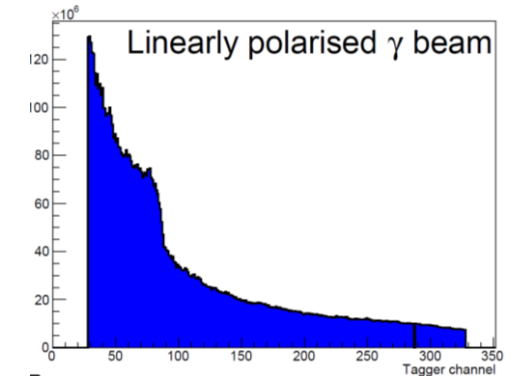
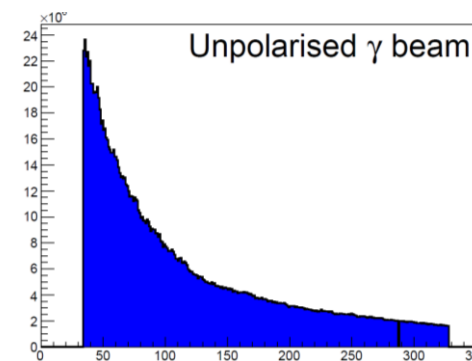
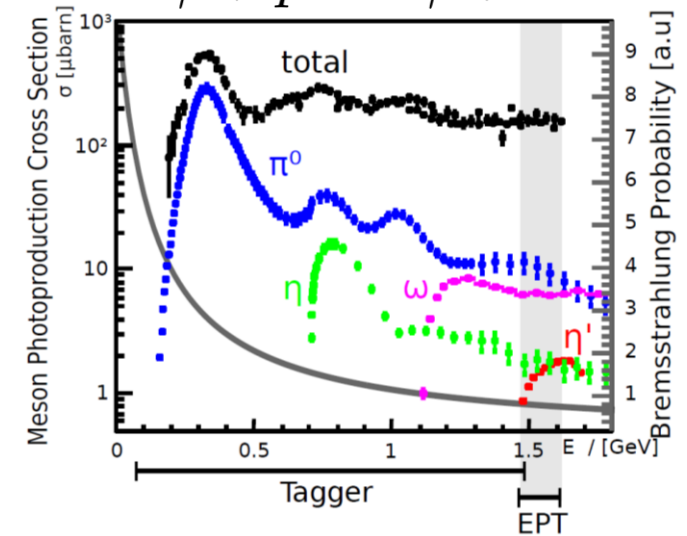
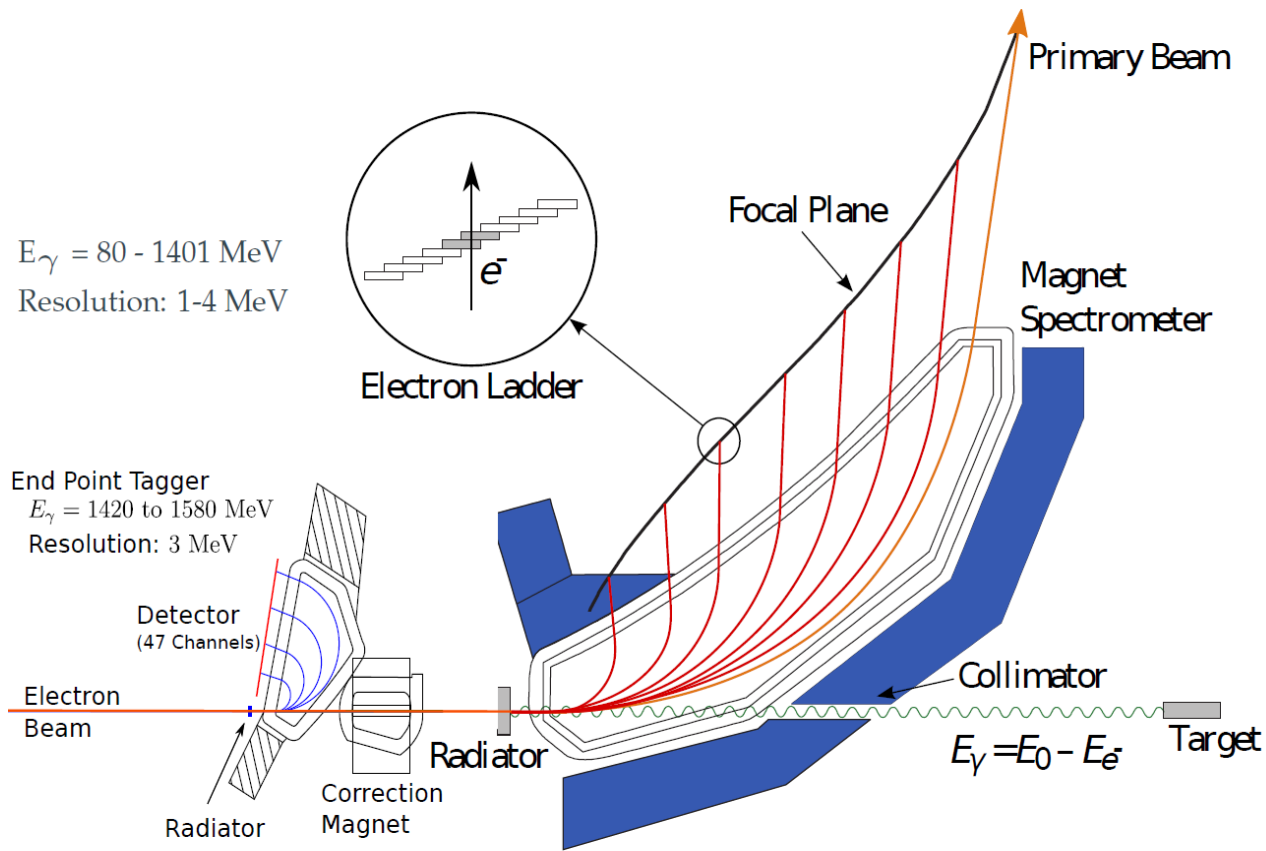
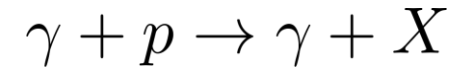
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BESIII

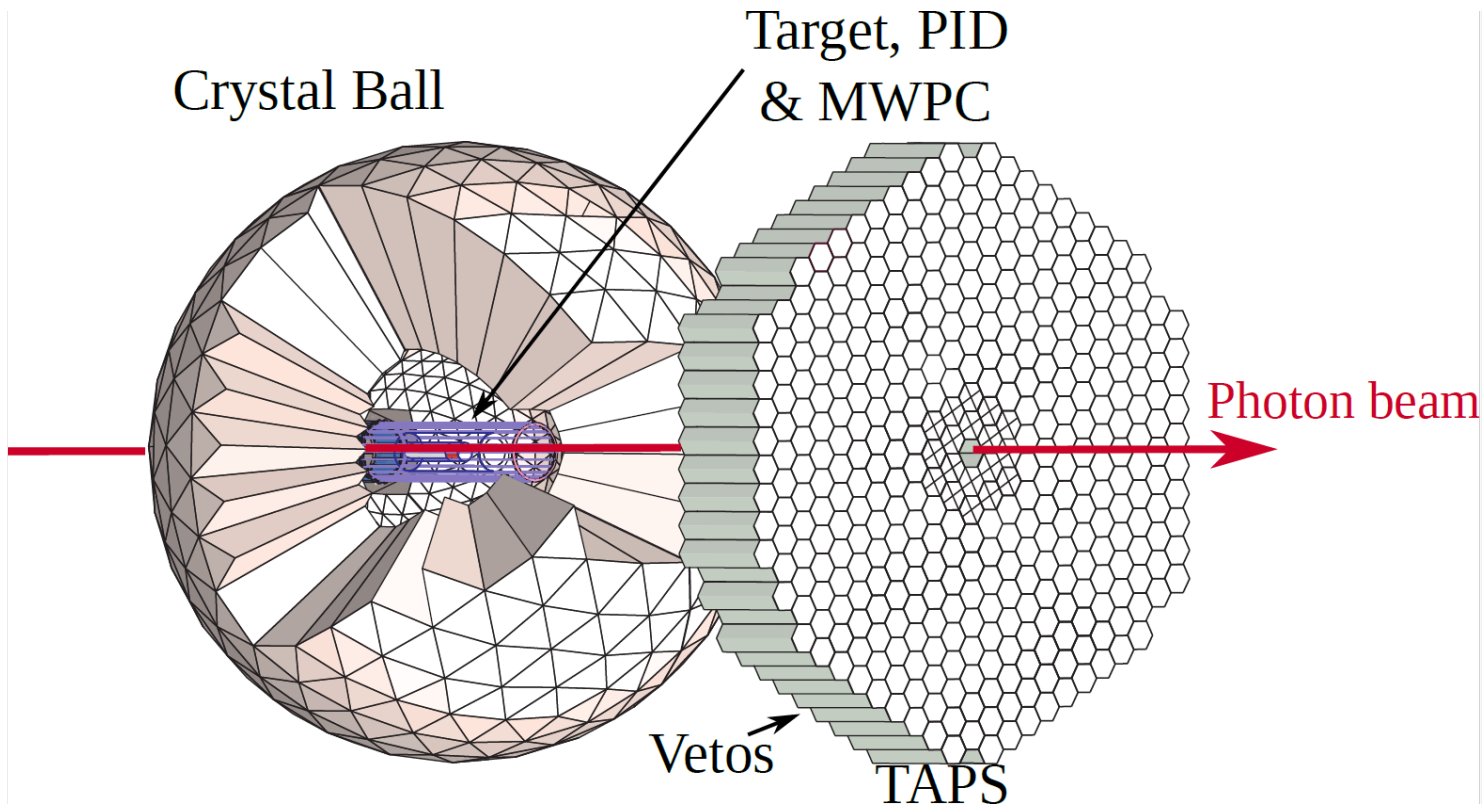


- **Mainzer Mikrotron**
- (Un)polarized electron beam
- Quasi continuous (100% duty factor) and very stable beam
- Linac and 3 RTMs → 885 MeV
- HDSM (MAMI C) → 1604 MeV

Glasgow Photon Tagger + End Point Tagger: radiator + electron \rightarrow bremsstrahlung photons



- Crystal Ball –TAPS setup
- Photon Beam: Energies up to 1580 MeV



Targets:

- Cryogen: LH_2 , LD_2 , ^3He , ^4He
- Solid: C, Al, Pb, ...
- Polarized Targets Optional

Crystal Ball:

- 672 NaI Crystals
- 24 PID paddles
- 2 Multiwire proportional chambers

Two Arms Photon Spectrometer (TAPS):

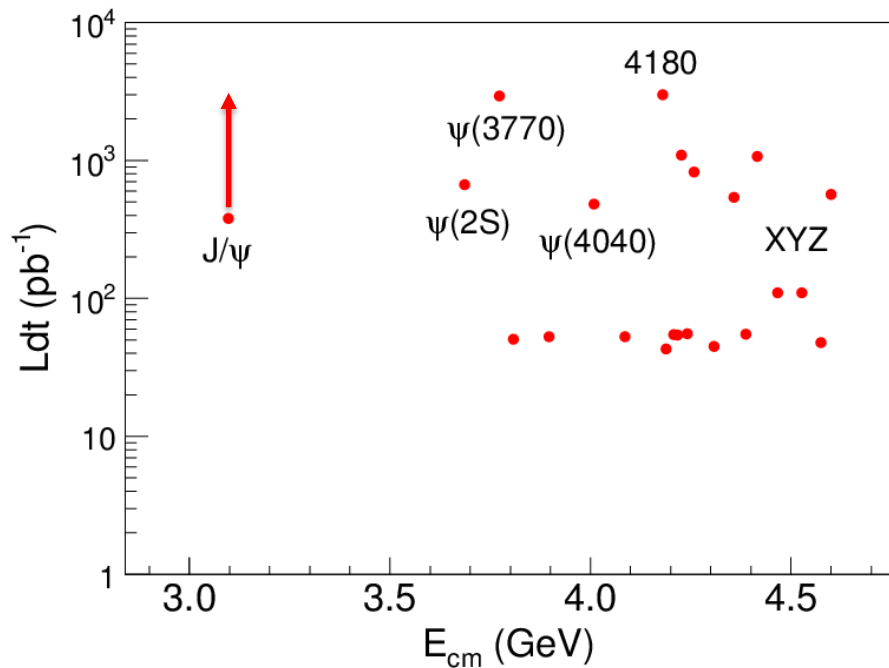
- 366 BaF_2 and 72 PbWO_4 crystals
- Veto Paddles

- Operated at BEPCII electron-positron collider:

$$2.0 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 4.6 \text{ GeV}$$

- Design luminosity achieved

$$\mathcal{L} = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 3.773 \text{ GeV}$$



Data taking for:

- Charmonium spectroscopy and charm physics
- Light hadron spectroscopy
- R - and τ -mass-scan

Muon Chambers:

- 8-9 layers of RPCs
- 1.4-1.7 cm resolution
- $P > 400$ MeV

Superconducting Solenoid:

- 1T magnetic field

Electromagnetic Calorimeter:

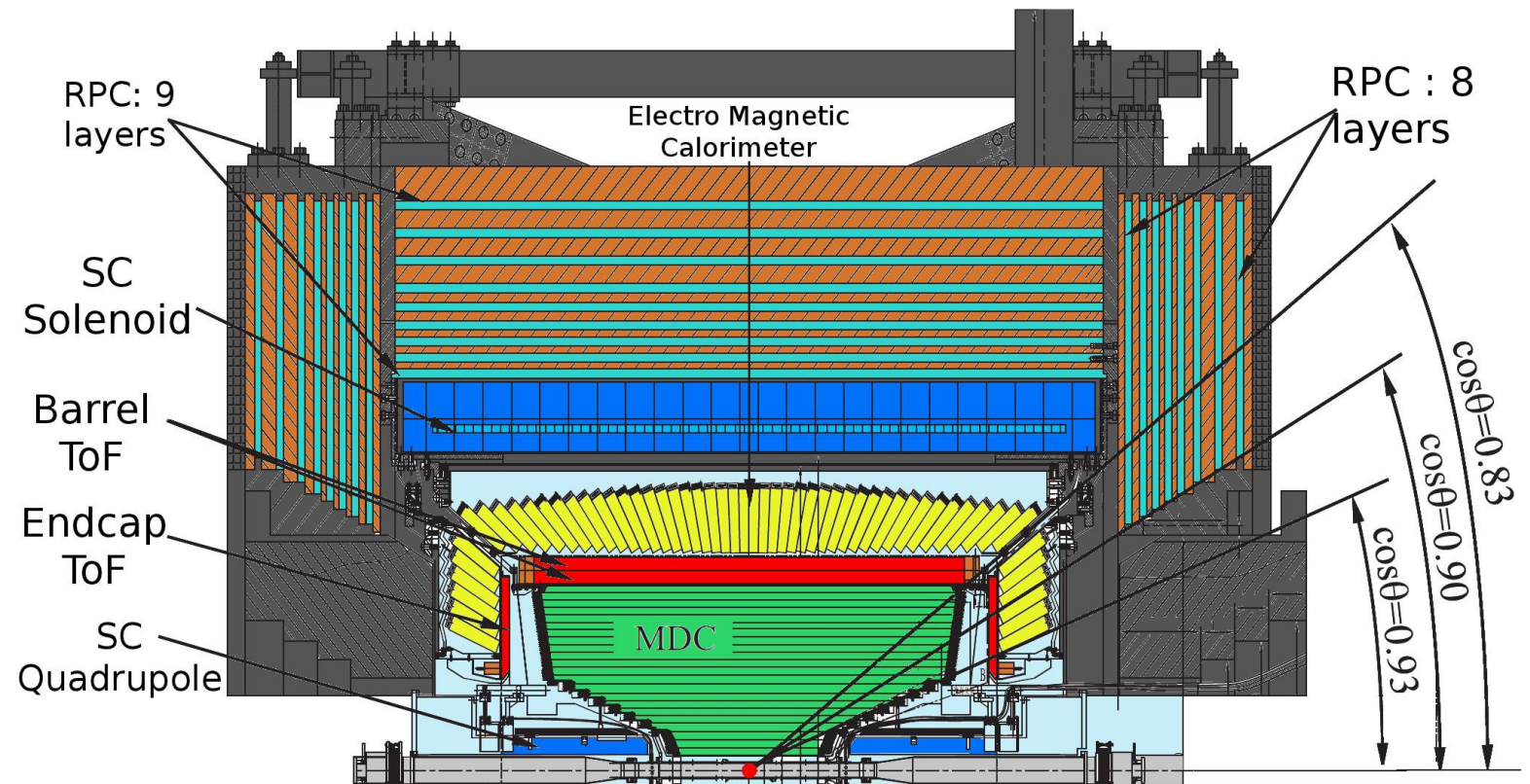
- 6240 CsI(Tl) crystals
- 2.5% energy resolution
- 0.5 – 0.7 cm spatial resolution

Time-of-Flight System:

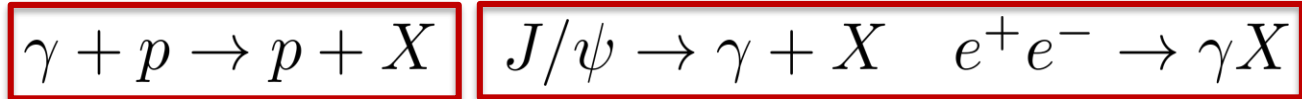
- 90 – 110 ps resolution

Drift Chamber:

- 0.5% momentum resolution
- 6% dE/dx resolution



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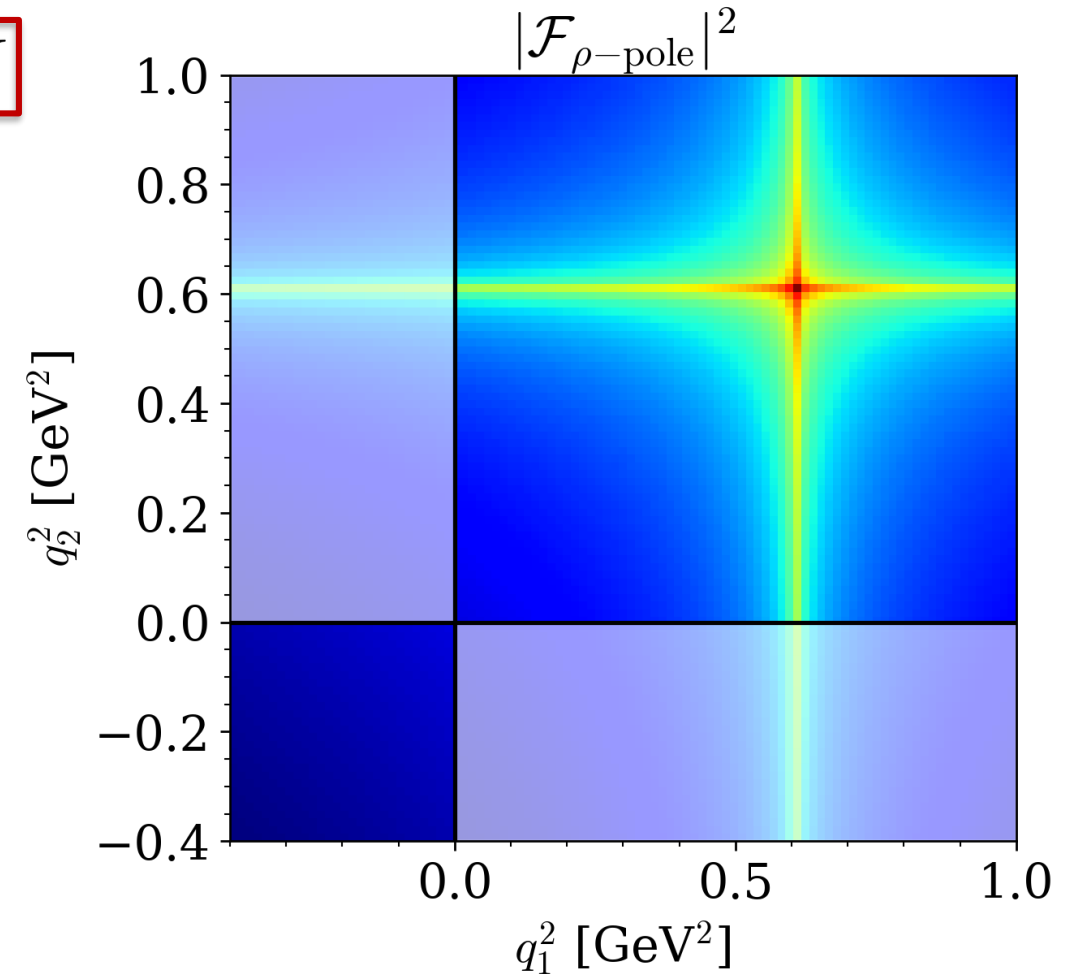


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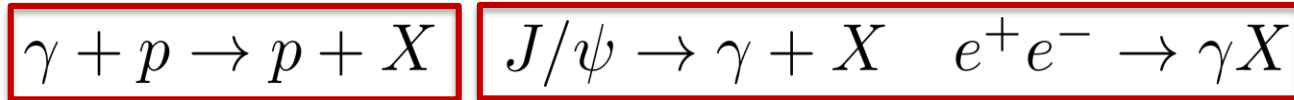
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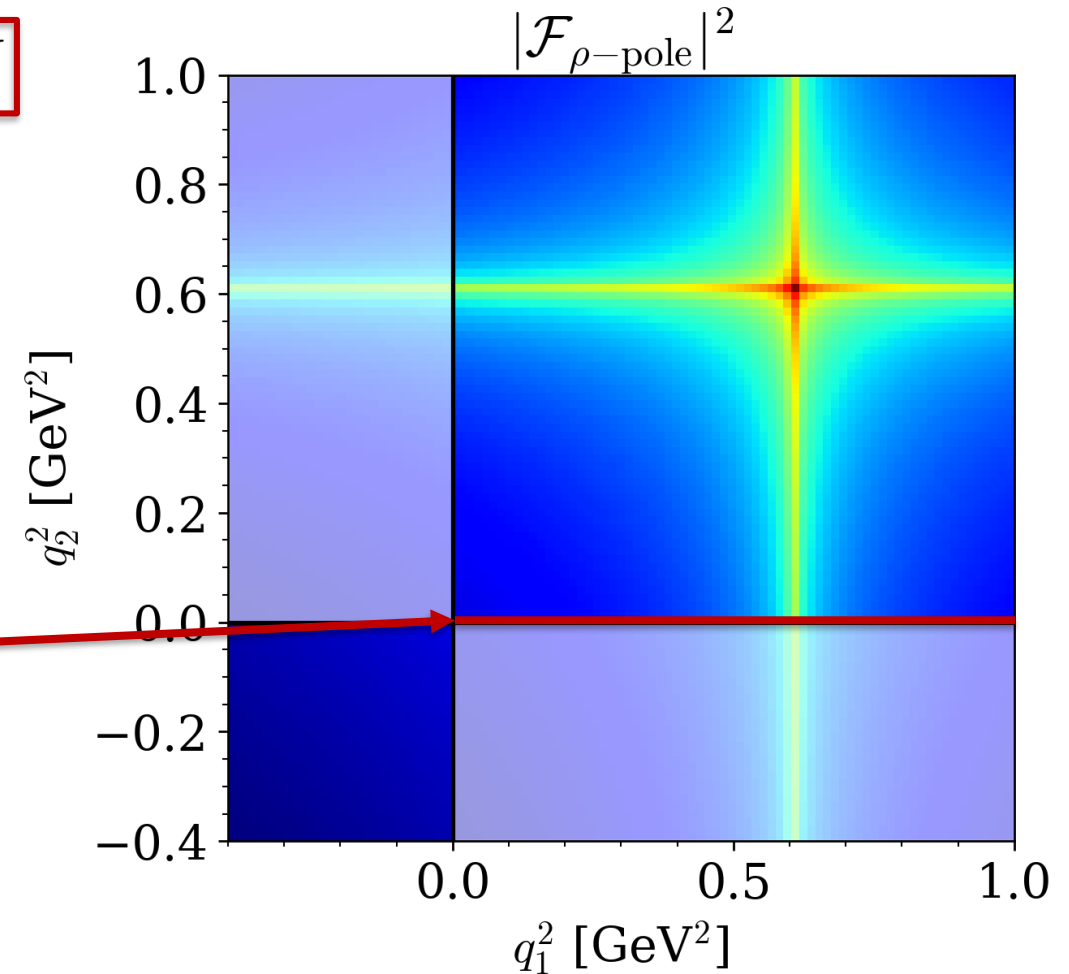


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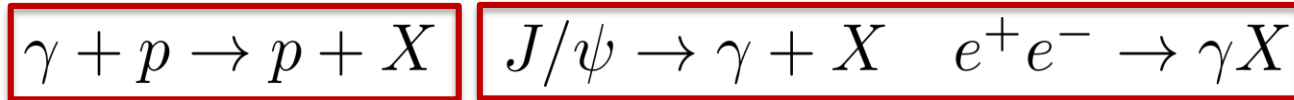
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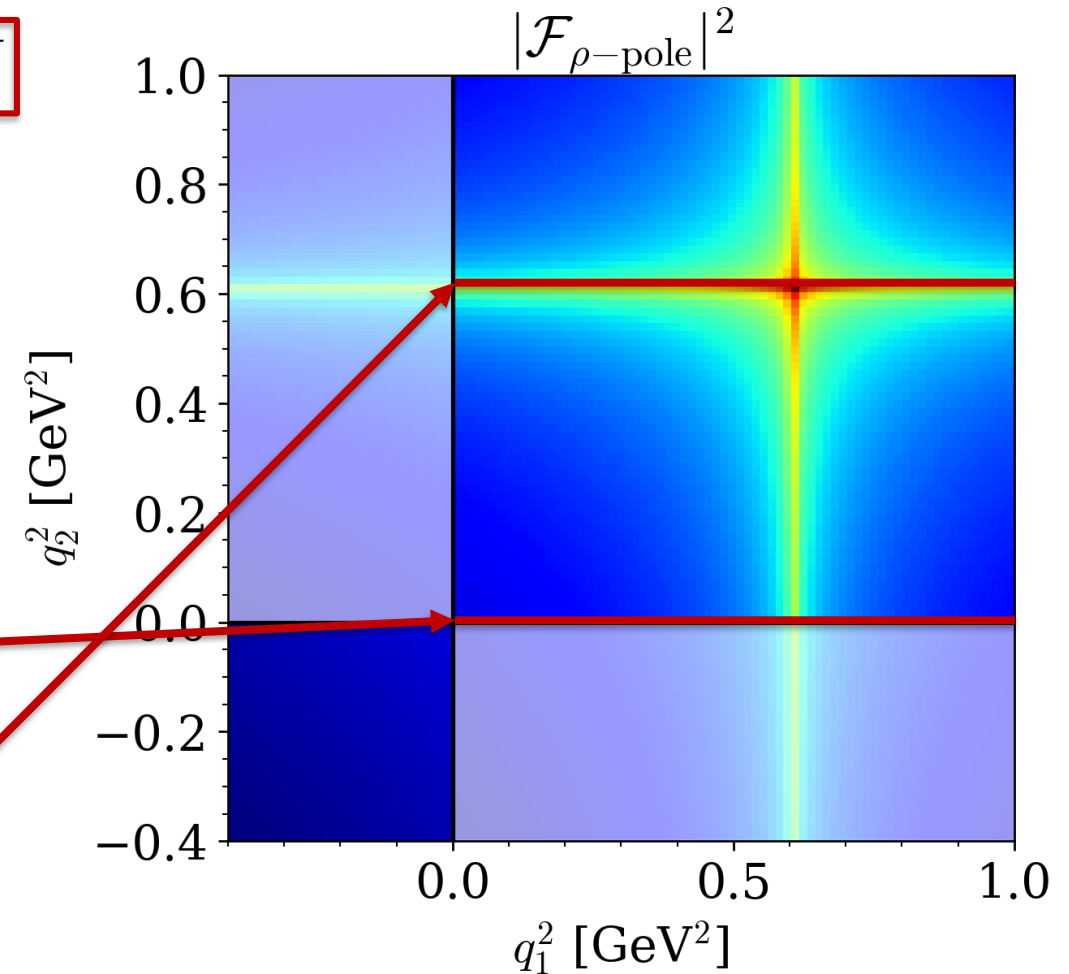


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Time-like TFFs at A2: $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$

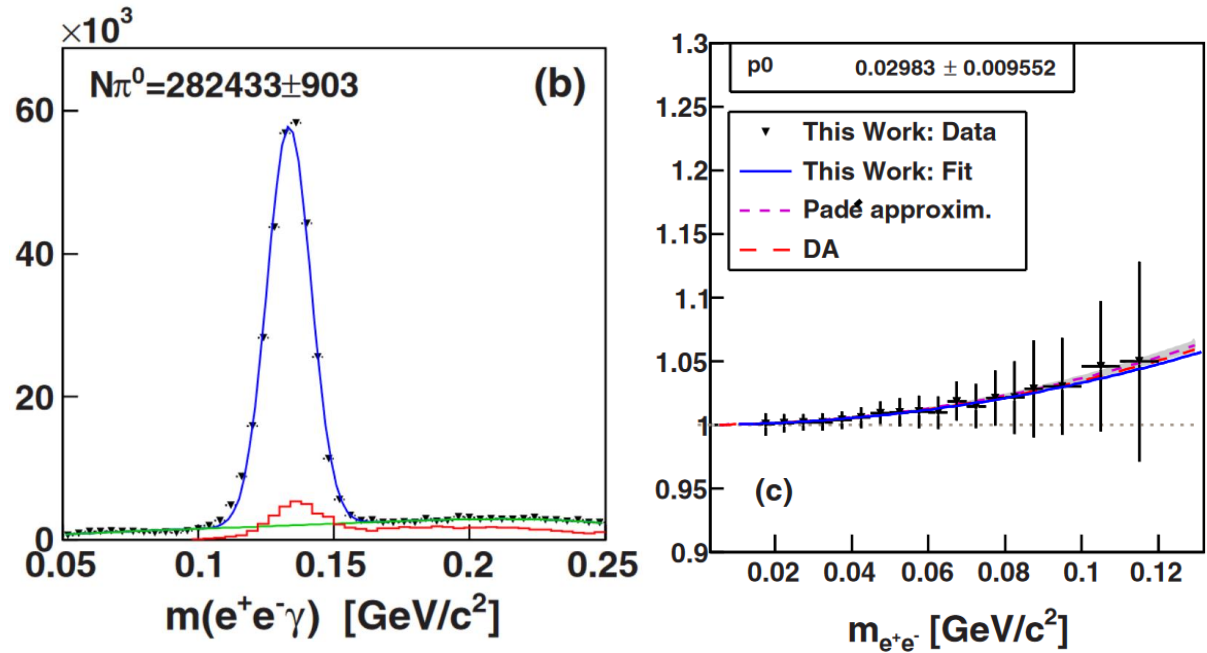
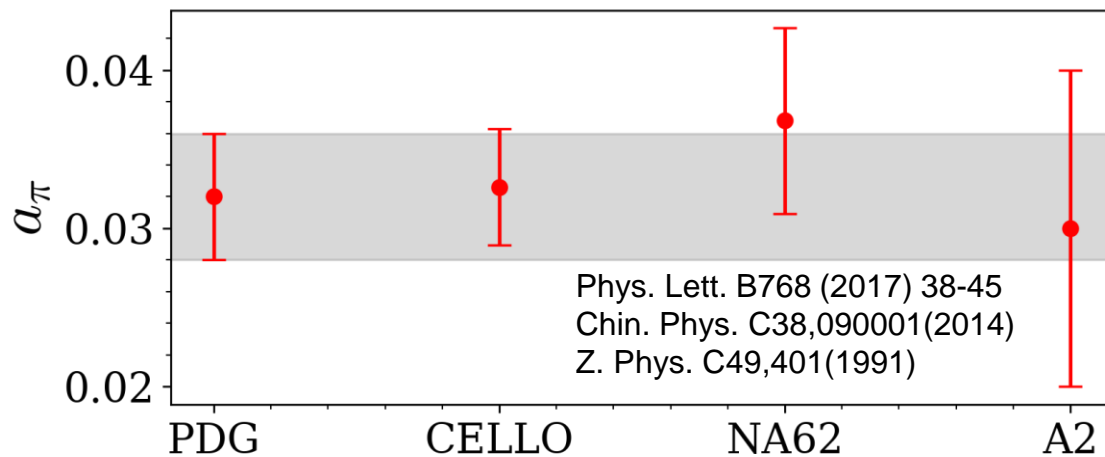


A2 publication: (Phys.Rev. C95 (2017) no.2, 025202)

- 4×10^5 signal events
- QED with radiative corrections
- VMD inspired approach for comparison:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{VMD}} = -\frac{\Lambda_V^2}{\Lambda_V^2 - q^2 - i\Gamma_V \Lambda_V} \approx 1 + \Lambda^{-2} q^2$$

- $a_\pi = \Lambda^{-2} \cdot m_{\pi^0}^2 = 0.03(1)$

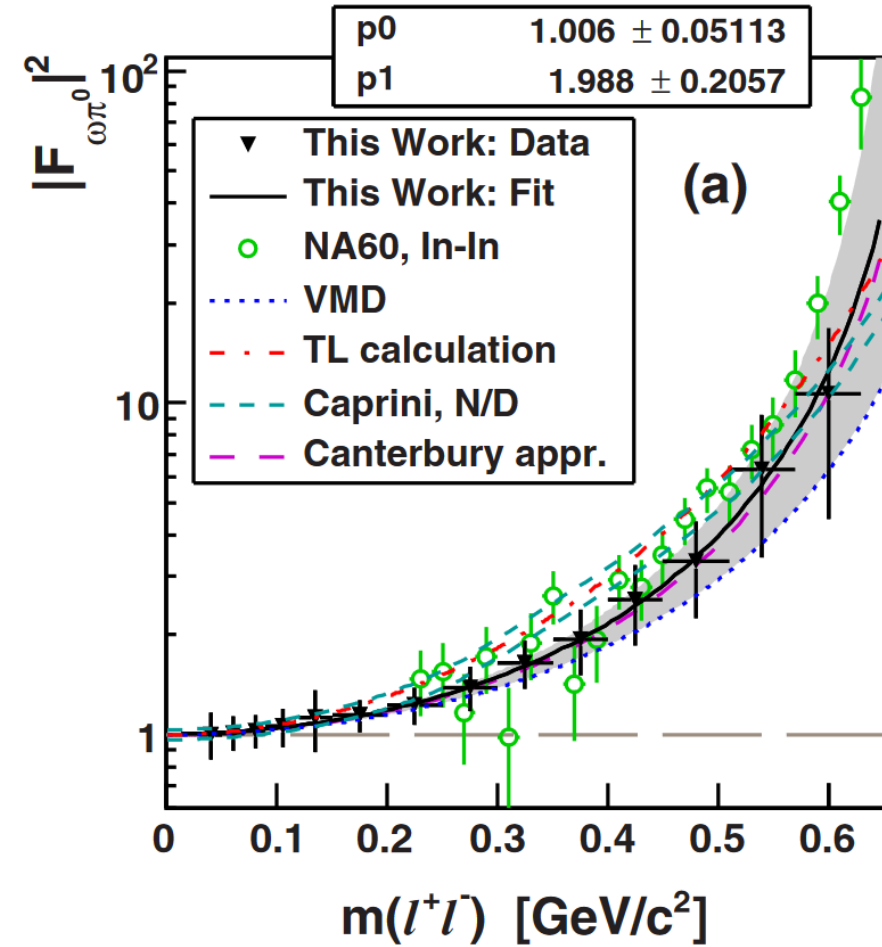
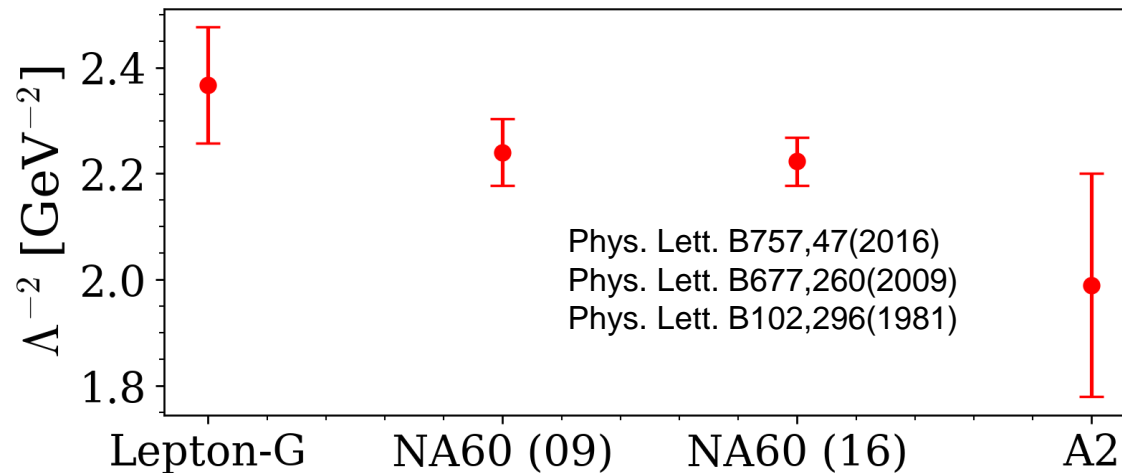


Ongoing A2 project to match PDG precision

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

A2 publication: (Phys. Rev. C95 (2017), 035208)

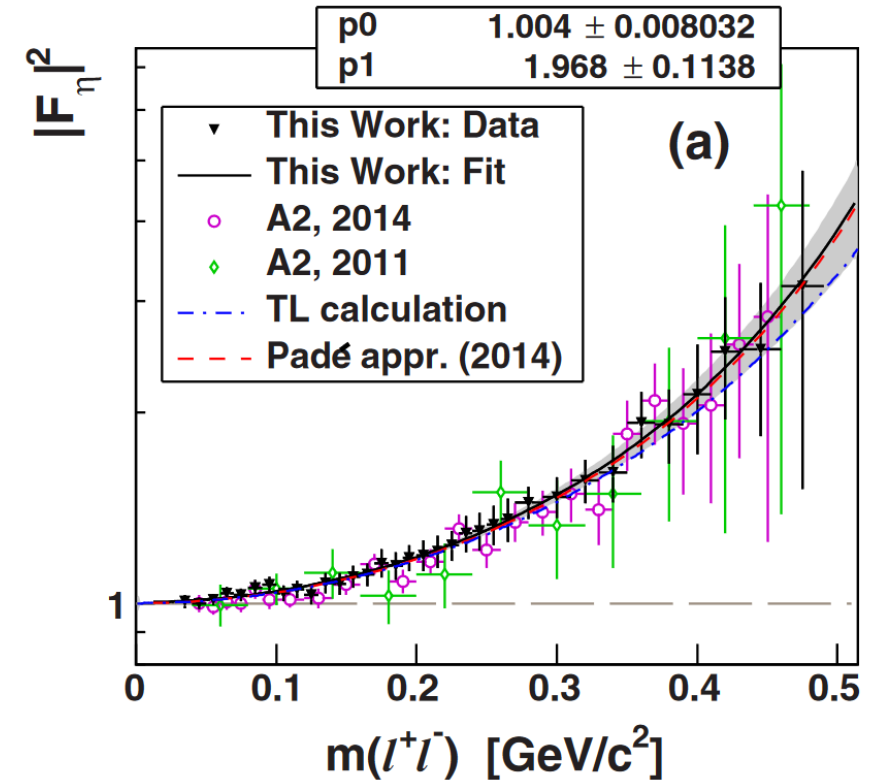
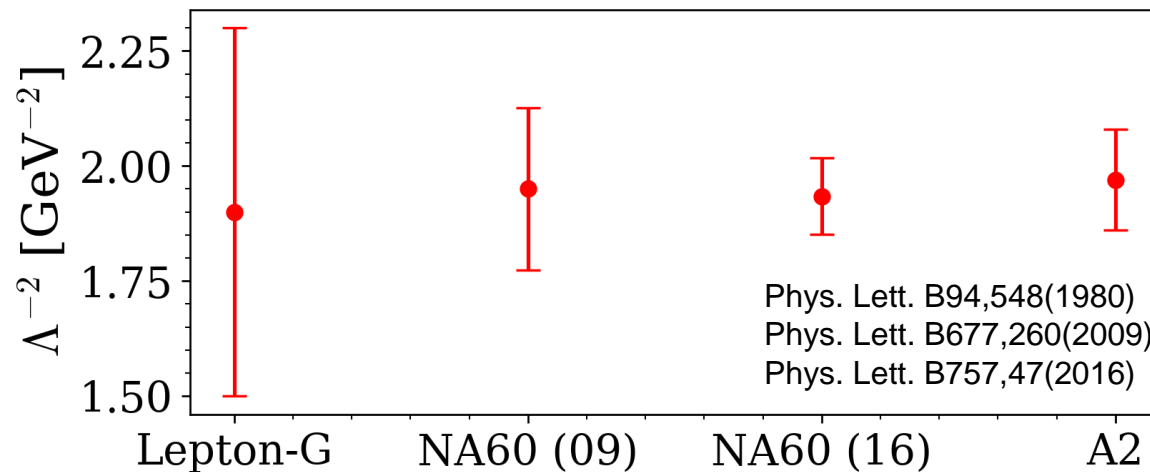
- Theory and experimental results disagree
- 1100 signal events extracted
- First measurement with electrons
- $\Lambda^{-2} = (1.99 \pm 0.21) \text{ GeV}^2$



$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$

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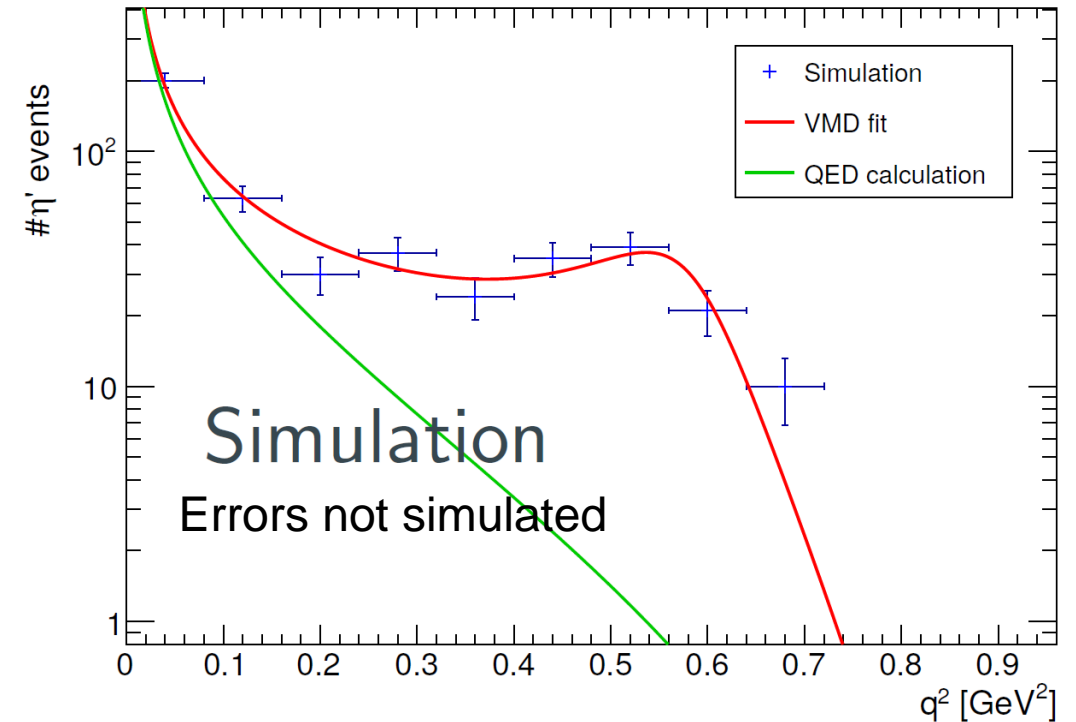
- 5.4×10^4 signal events
- Systematic uncertainty for individual data points
- $\Lambda^{-2} = (1.97 \pm 0.11) \text{ GeV}^2$



$$\eta' \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$$

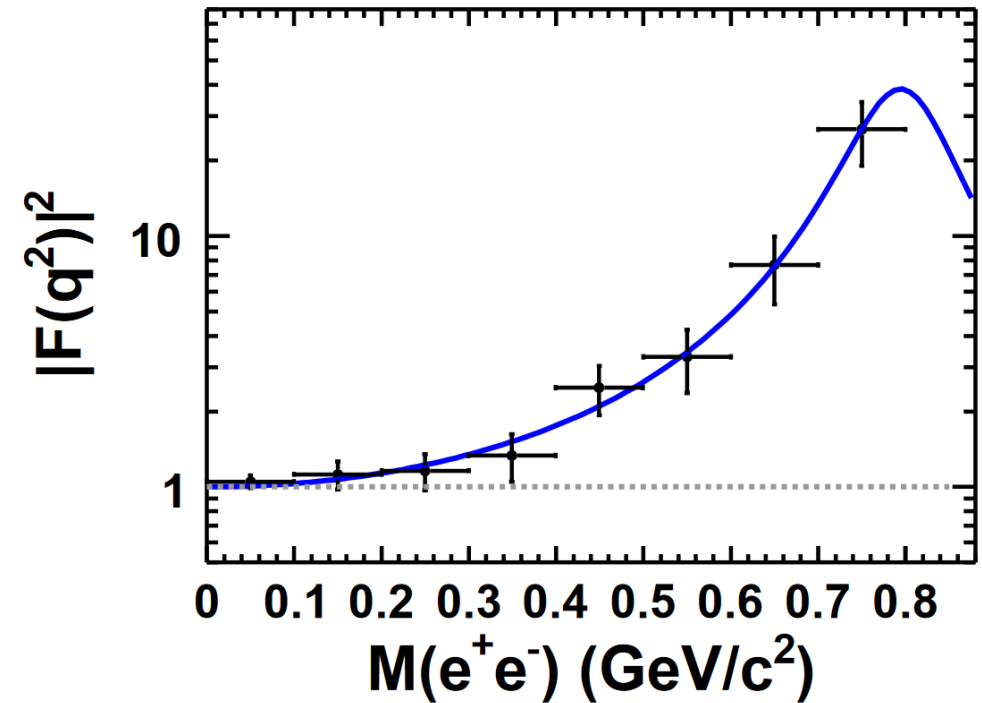
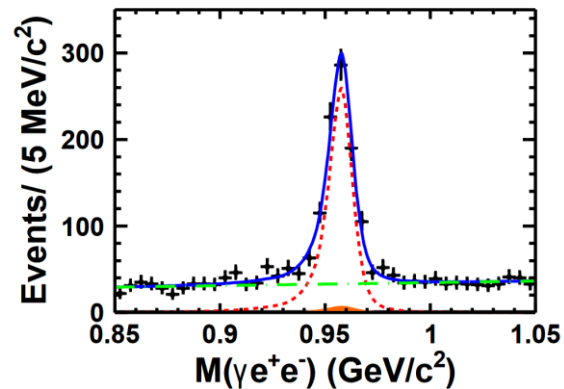
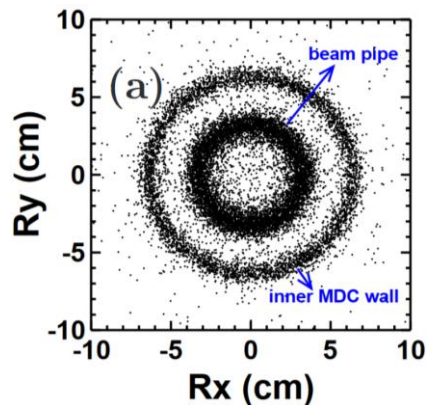
Ongoing A2 project:

- 10 weeks of beamtime with end-point tagger
- More than 6 million η' produced
- Covers momentum transfer up to 0.7 GeV^2
 - includes ρ pole
- Competitive with BESIII results



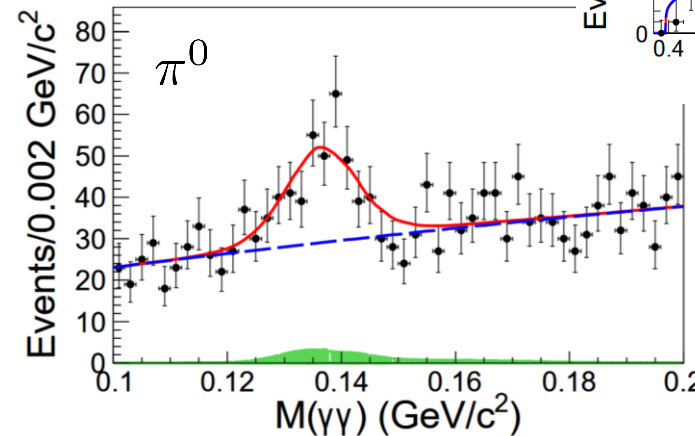
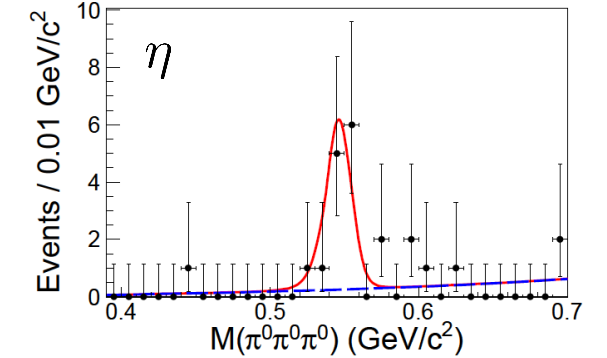
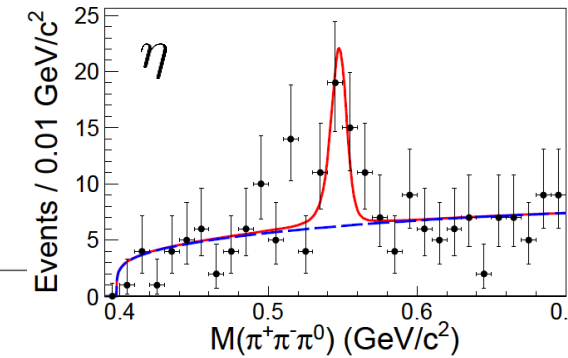
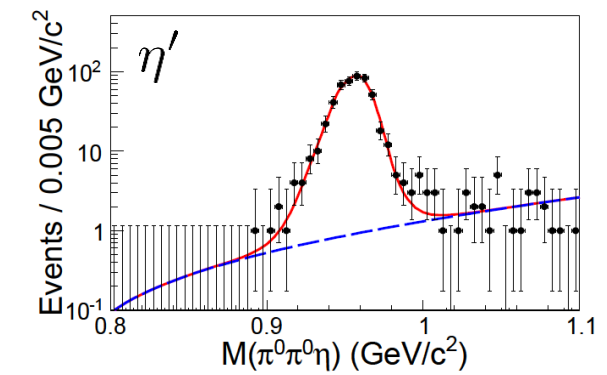
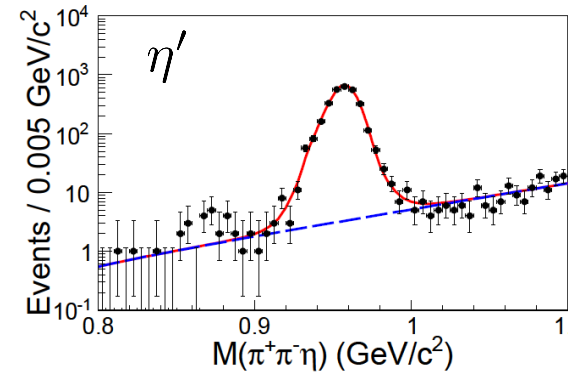
BESIII publication: Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) no.1, 012001

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^- \gamma$
- 850 events extracted
- $\Lambda^{-2} = (1.60 \pm 0.17_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.08_{\text{sys.}}) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
- Based on ~ 1.3 billion J/ψ
 - new 10 billion J/ψ data set available!
- Photon conversion background suppressed by vertex fit



$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^0, \eta, \eta')$

- Study radiative charmonium transitions
- Measurement of branching ratios
- Clear signal of $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^0, \eta, \eta')$
- Statistical significance:
 - π^0 : 6.7σ
 - η : 7.3σ
 - η' : $> 10 \sigma$

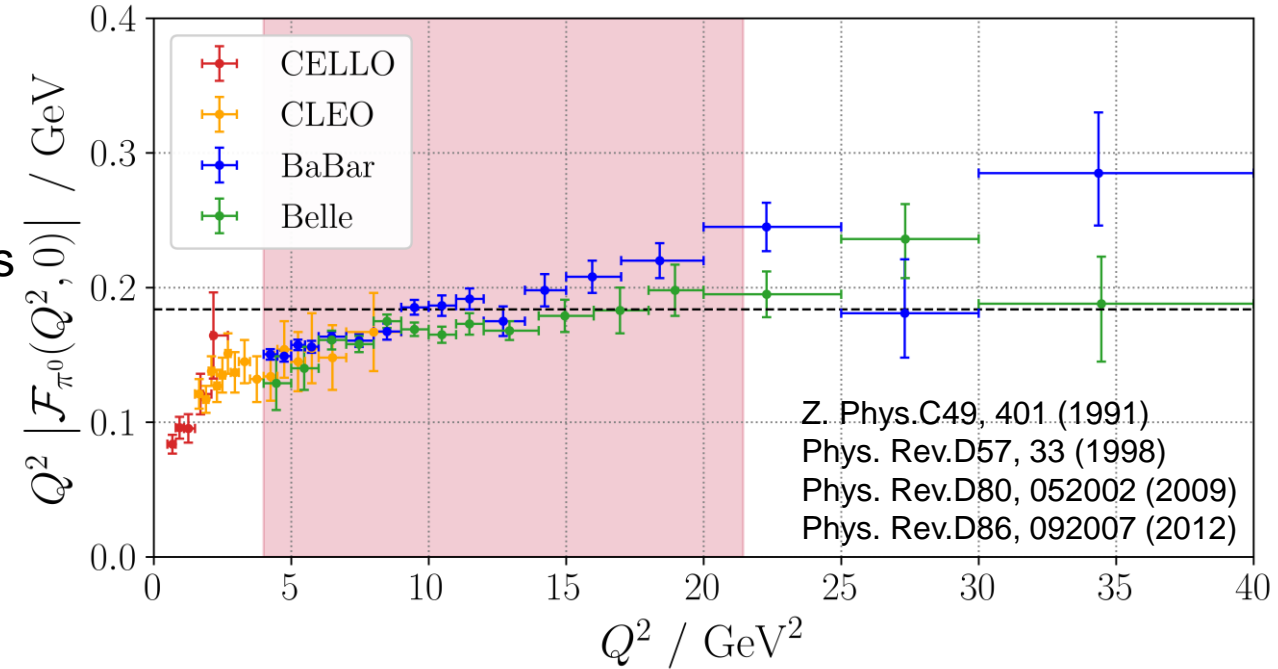
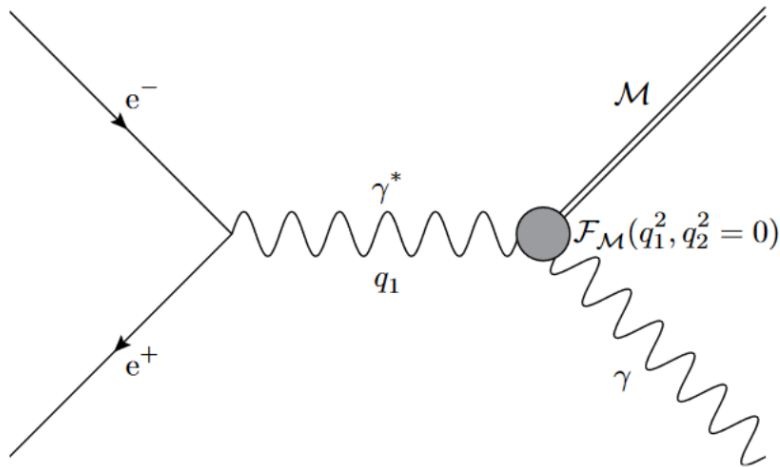


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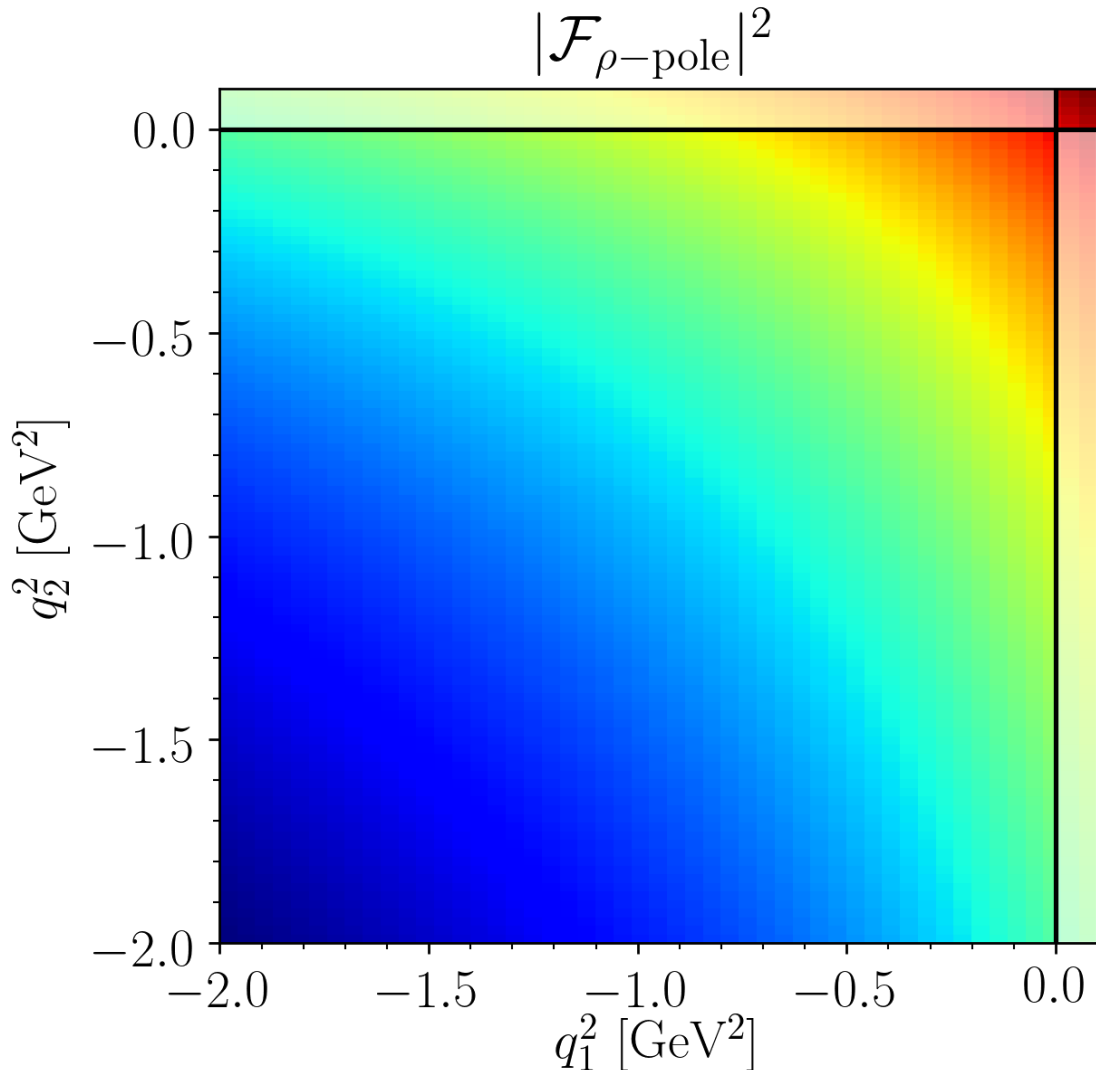
$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^0, \eta, \eta')$$

BESIII ongoing project:

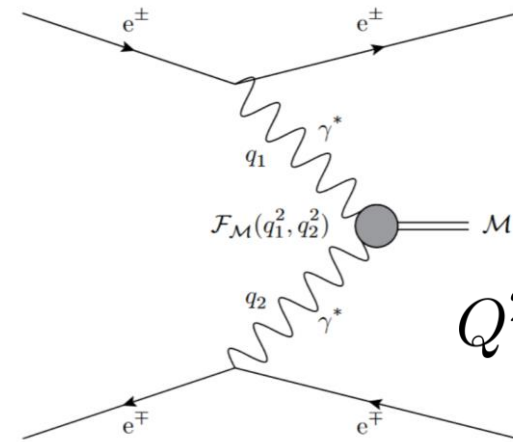
- Measurement at high virtualities
- Time- and Space-like TFF equal at large virtualities
- Check Brodsky-Lepage-Limit (pQCD)
- Shed light on BaBar-Belle puzzle



- Photon signature mimicked by photo conversion inside wire chamber
- First measurement of time-like TFF of the neutral pion in this momentum transfer region



Two-Photon scattering process:



$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(p - p')^2$$

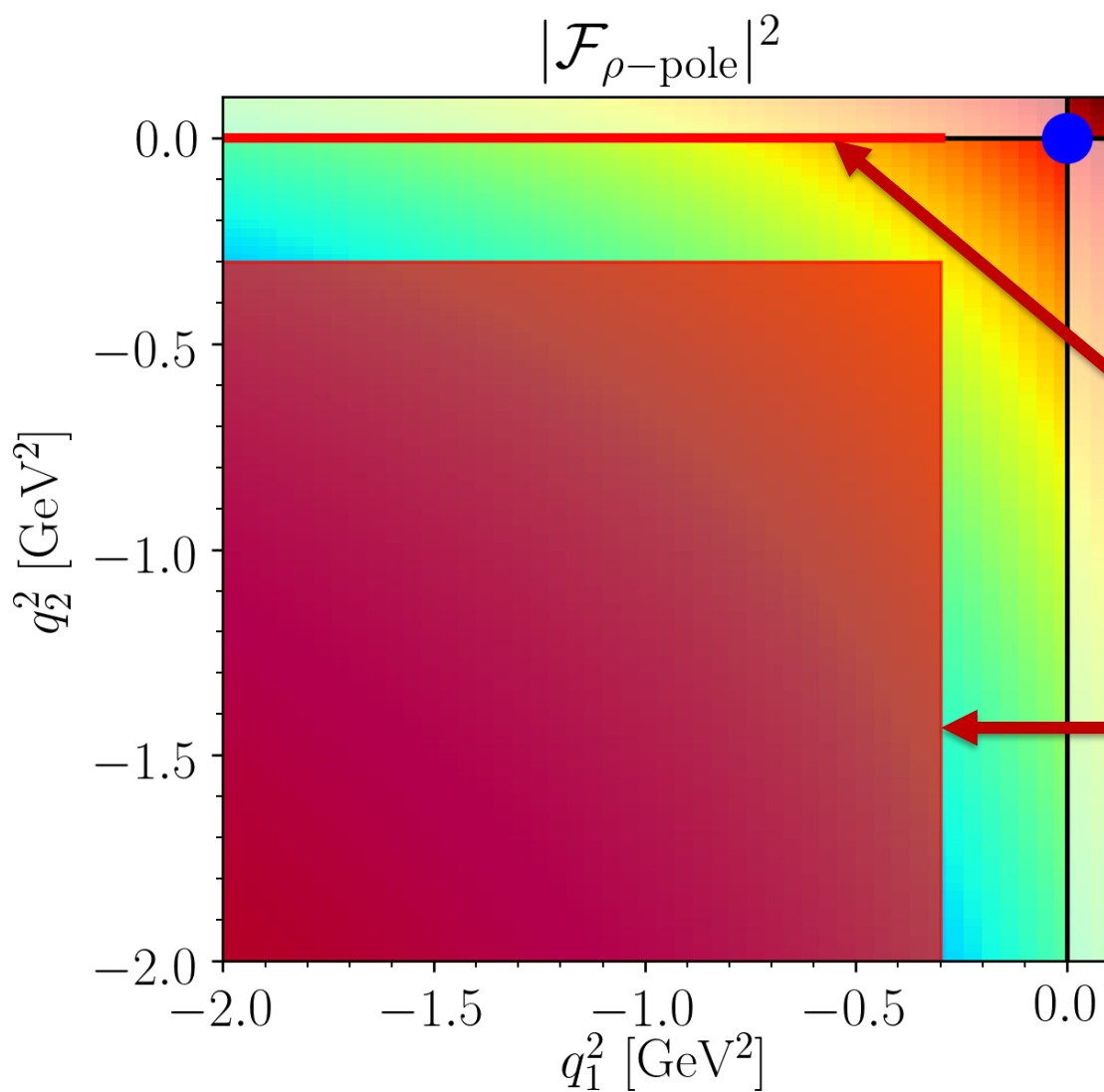
Divide by point like cross section to obtain TFF:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ_1^2 dQ_2^2} = \left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ_1^2 dQ_2^2} \right)_{\text{QED}} \cdot |\mathcal{F}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)|^2$$

Traditional form of presentation (Brodsky-Lepage):

$$(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) \cdot |\mathcal{F}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)| \rightarrow \text{const.}$$

Space-like Transition Form Factors



Three different kinematics: $Q^2 \approx 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$

1. Un-Tagged Measurement:

- Both Leptons scatter at small angles
- $Q_1^2 = Q_2^2 = 0$
- Spectroscopy purposes

2. Single-Tagged Measurement:

- One lepton scatters at a small angle
- Study TFF dependence on one virtuality
- $Q_1^2 = -(p - p')^2$ $Q_2^2 = 0$

3. Double-Tagged Measurement

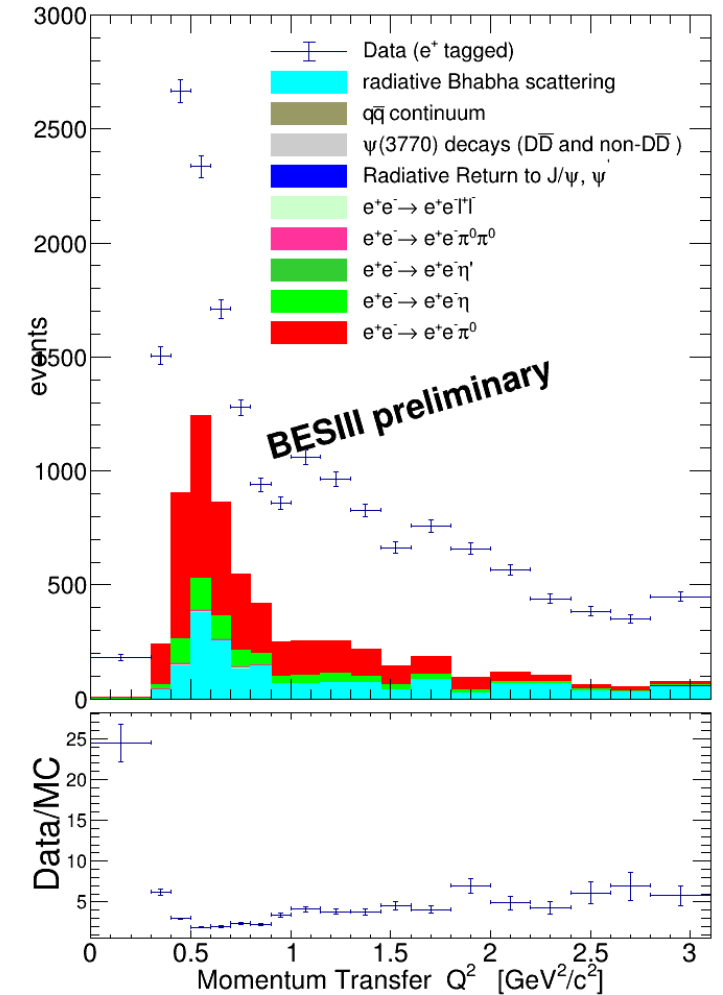
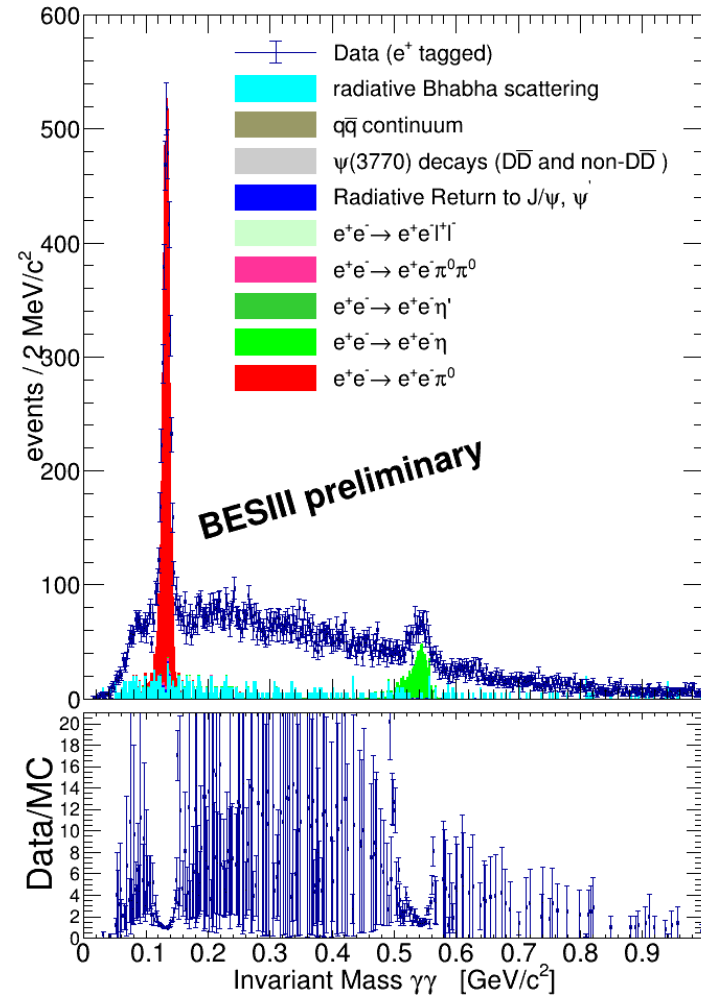
- Both leptons scatter into active detector material
- Study full momentum dependence of TFF
- Tiny cross section

Space-like π^0 Transition Form Factor

- Single-Tag measurement
 - One charged track, two photons
 - Cut on missing polar angle
 - Constraint on photon helicity angle
 - Reduction of radiative effects:

$$R_\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{s} - E_{e^\pm \pi^0}^{\text{CMS}} - p_{e^\pm \pi^0}^{\text{CMS}}}{\sqrt{s}} < 0.05$$

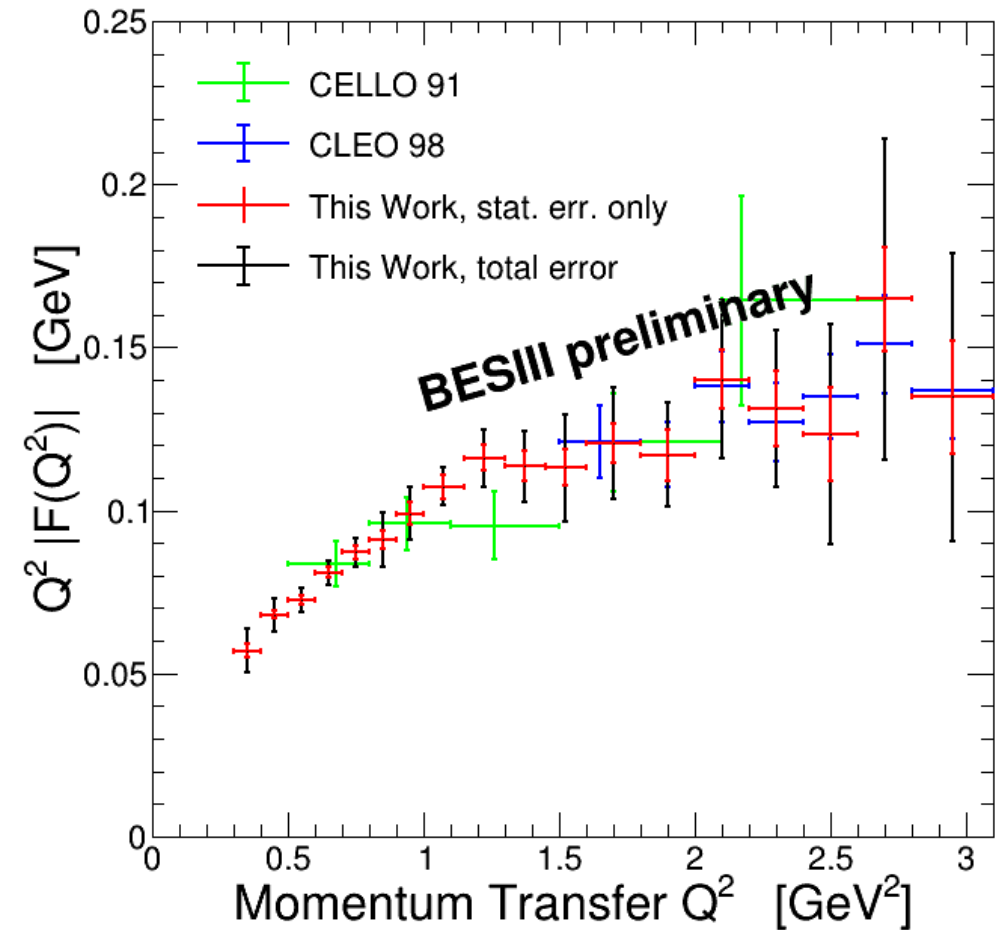
- Clear signals for π and η
- Q^2 from 0.3 GeV^2 to 3.1 GeV^2
- Data driven background subtraction



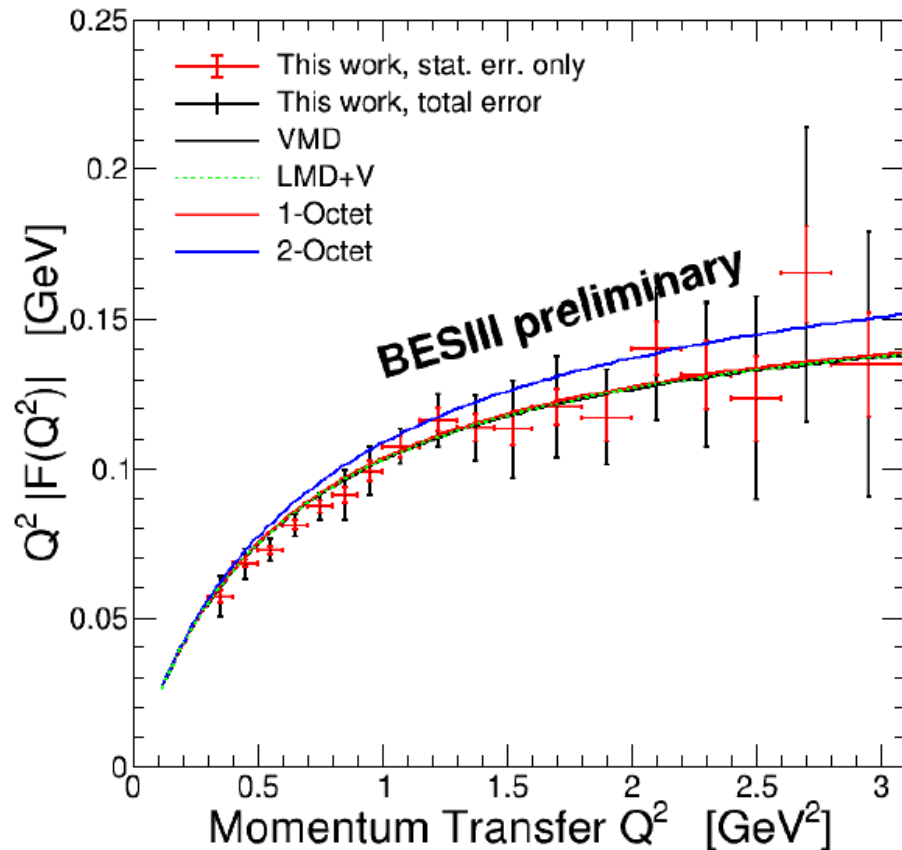
Space-like π^0 Transition Form Factor

Comparison to previous measurements

- Systematic uncertainty 3.9% to 30%
 - Dominated by background subtraction
- Good agreement to previous measurements
- First measurement below 0.5 GeV²
- Unprecedented accuracy below 1.5 GeV²
- Competitive above 1.5 GeV²



Space-like π^0 Transition Form Factor



$$F_{\text{VMD}}(Q^2) = -\frac{N_c}{12\pi^2 F_\pi} \frac{M_V^2}{M_V^2 + Q^2}$$

$$F_{\text{LMD+V}}(Q^2) = -\frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{h_1 Q^4 - h_5 Q^2 + h_7}{(M_{V1}^2 + Q^2)(M_{V1}^2 + Q^2)M_{V1}^2 M_{V2}^2}$$

Knecht, Nyffeler Phys. Rev. D65 (2002) 0730:

$$F_{\text{n-Octet}}(Q^2) = -\frac{N_c}{12\pi^2 F_\pi} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4\sqrt{2}h_{Vi}f_{Vi}}{3F_\pi} Q^2 (D_{\rho_i} - D_{\omega_i})$$

Czyz et al. Phys. Rev. D55 (2012) 094010

- Parameters fixed according to publications
- Agreement with result:

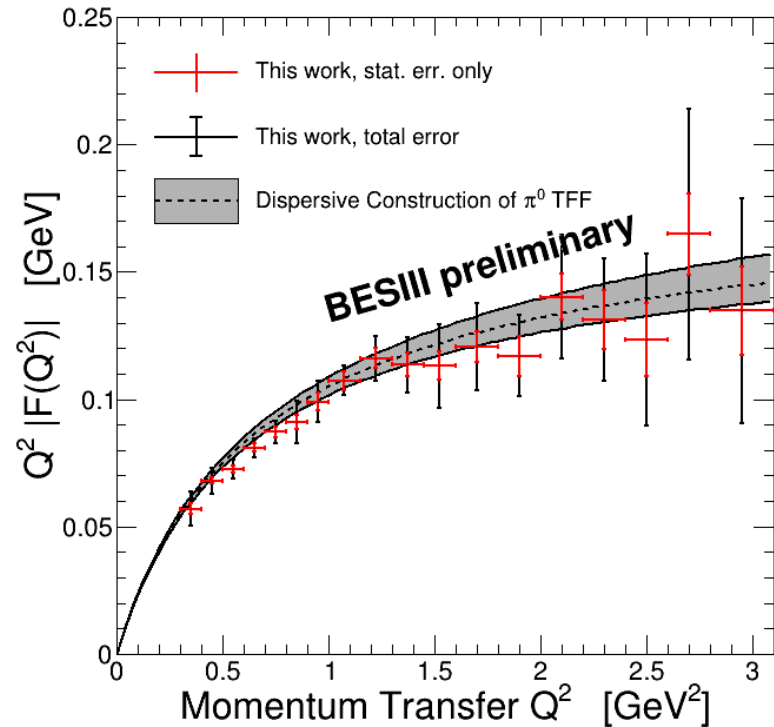
$$\chi_{\text{VMD}}^2 = 8.48$$

$$\chi_{\text{LMD+V}}^2 = 8.62$$

$$\chi_{\text{1-Octet}}^2 = 9.54$$

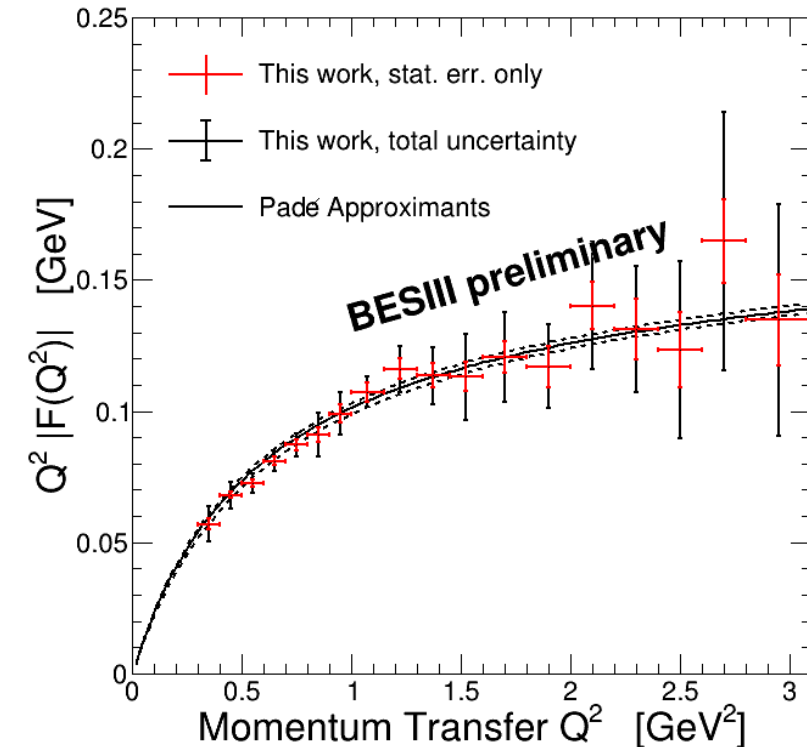
$$\chi_{\text{2-Octet}}^2 = 24.14$$

Comparison to data driven theory



- Construct spacelike TFF using time-like results in dispersive calculations

Hoferichter et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 112002 (2018)



- Fit previous measurements with Padé approximants
 - Model independent
 - Estimate of systematic uncertainties

Masjuan et al., Phys. Rev. D86, 094021

- **Un-Tagged Measurements**

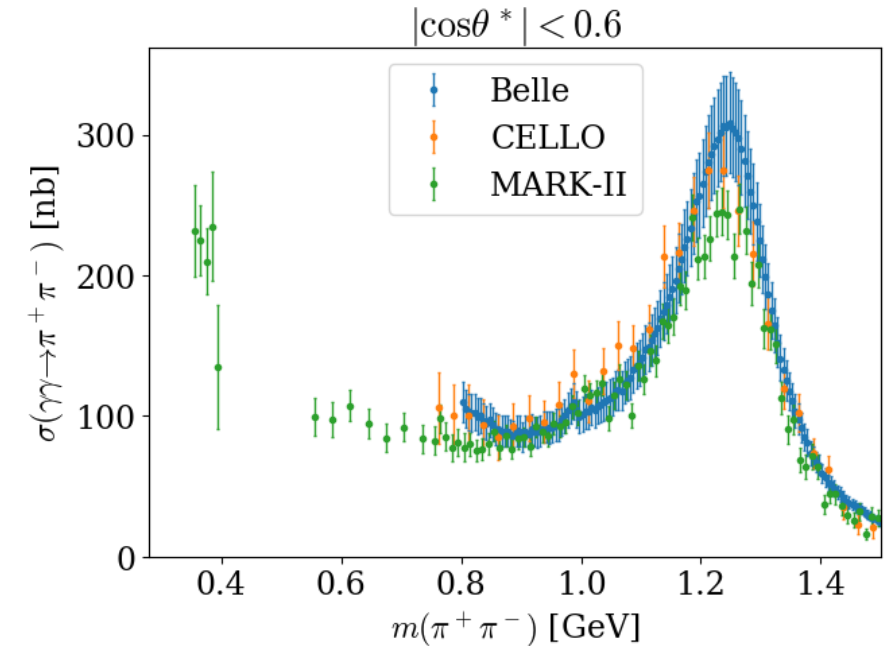
- Determination of radiative width

- **Single-Tagged Measurements**

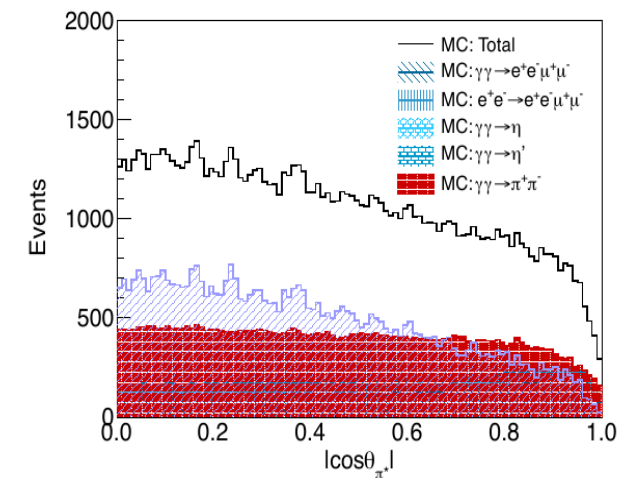
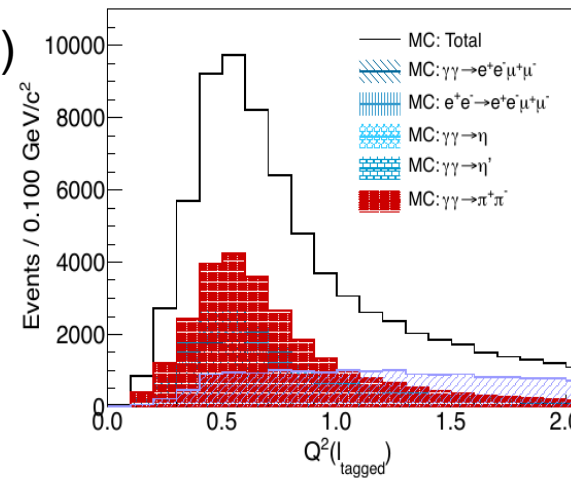
- Complete TFF study of single mesons states (η, η')
 - First single-tagged measurement of $\pi^+\pi^-$
 - Full helicity angle coverage
 - Mass coverage from two-pion threshold to 2 GeV
 - Two-Meson studies in neutral channels ($\pi\pi, \pi\eta, \eta\eta$)
 - Investigation of higher multiplicity states ($3\pi, 4\pi \dots$)

- **Double-Tagged Measurements**

- Single mesons (π^0, η, η') studies for $Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}$
 - ~100 events expected for π^0
 - Smaller Q^2 region as BaBar η' TFF measurement



Belle: J.Phys.Soc.Jap. 76 (2007) 074102
 CELLO: ZP C56,381
 MARK-II: PR D42,1350

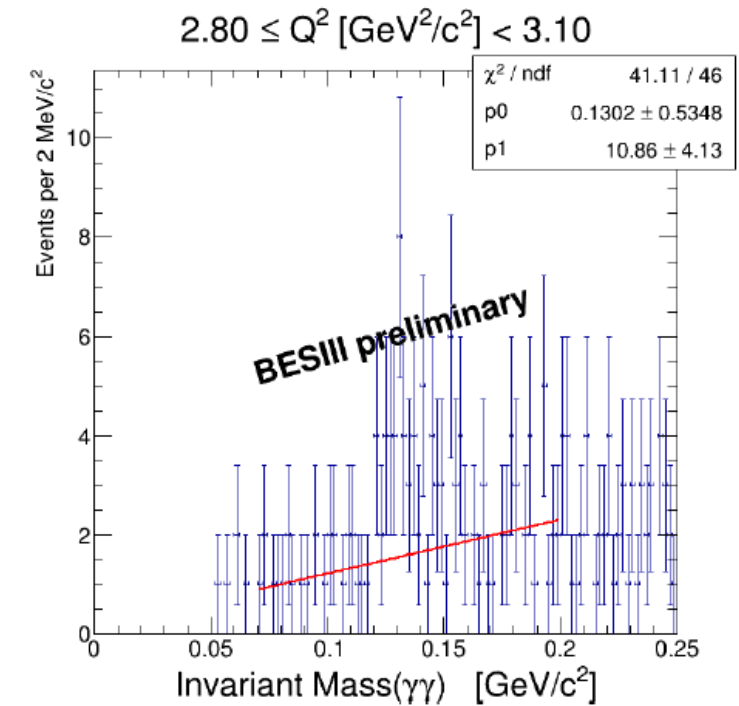
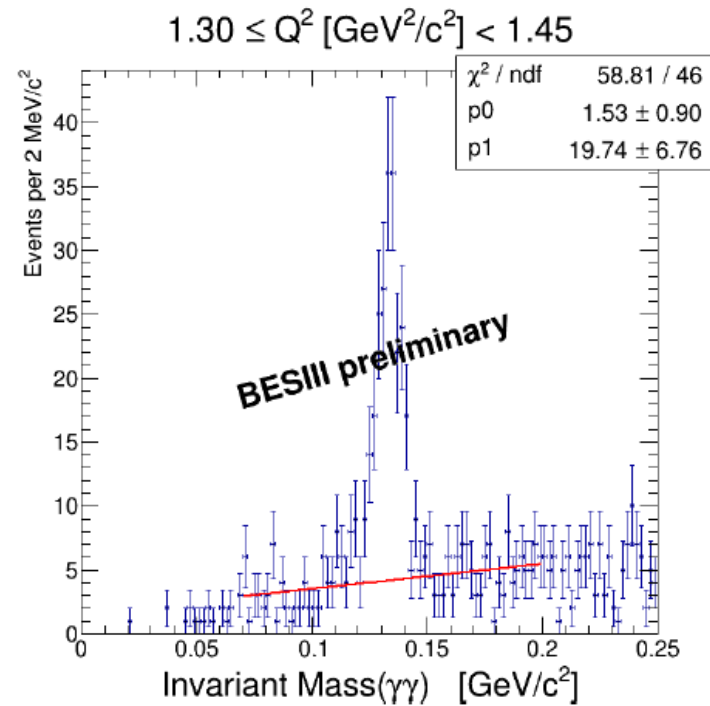
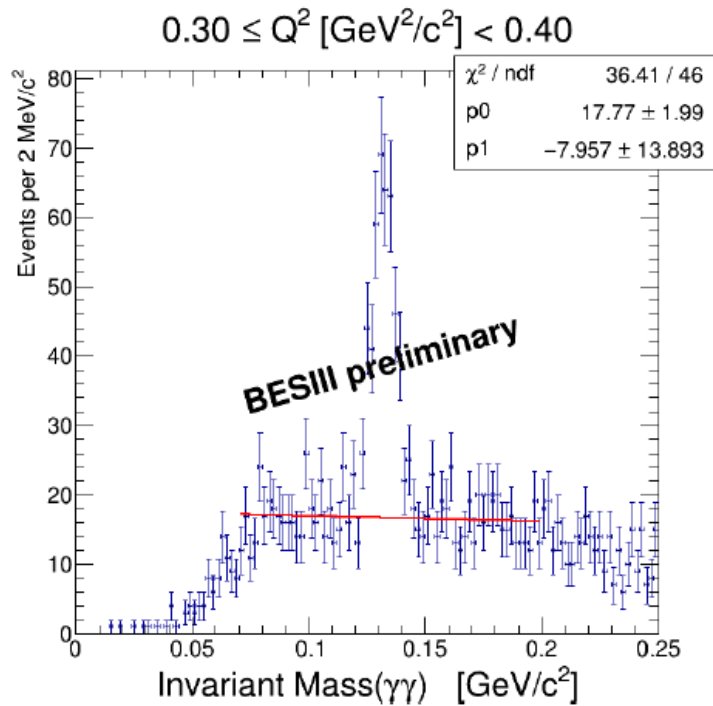


A2 and BESIII ...

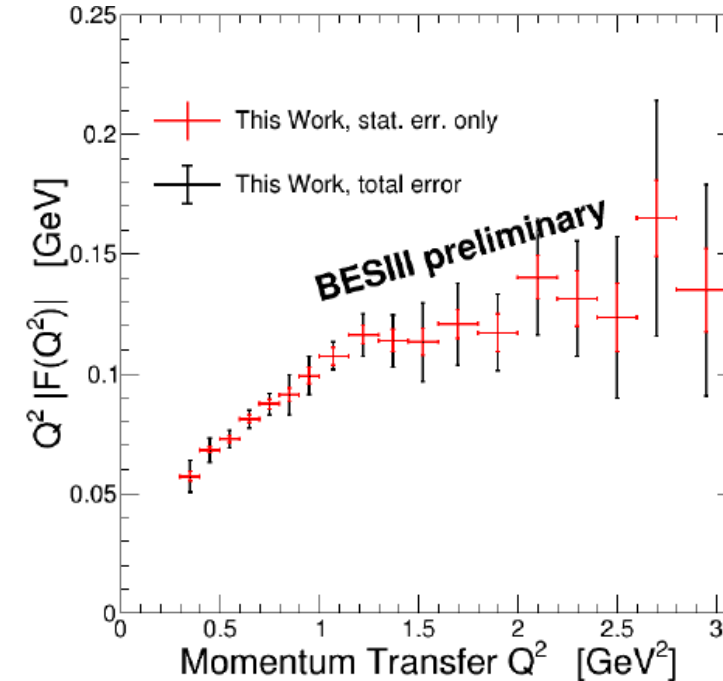
- ... are great facilities to the properties of light mesons at high precision
- A2 is able to deliver high quality measurements of time-like TFFs of light mesons
 - Time-like TFF measurement for π^0 , η available
 - Ongoing efforts to measure η' TFF and improve π^0 TFF measurement
- BESIII is suitable for measurements of singly virtual space-like TFFs of the lightest mesons in the relevant Q^2 range for a_μ with unprecedented accuracy
 - Most accurate measurement of space-like π^0 TFF
 - First results of single-tagged measurements of meson pairs expected soon
 - Double-Tagged measurements of space-like TFFs started
- **Both experiments contribute significantly to the SM prediction of a_μ !**

谢谢 for your attention!

- MC distribution do not describe data
 - Use data-driven, sideband-like background subtraction method
- Fit invariant mass distribution for each Q^2 bin in $0.07 \leq IM_{\gamma\gamma} [\text{GeV}/c^2] \leq 0.2$
 - Exclude peak region from fit ($0.115 \leq IM_{\gamma\gamma} [\text{GeV}/c^2] \leq 0.151$)
 - Count number of events in peak region above fitted background



	Source	Contribution
External	Tracking efficiency	0.25%
	Photon detection efficiency	1%
	Luminosity	0.25%
Analysis	$q_{\text{tag}} \cdot \cos \theta_{\text{miss}} < -0.99$	0.1% – 3.1%
	$\cos \theta_{\text{H}} < 0.8$	0.2% – 4.5%
	$ \Delta \phi_{\gamma\gamma} < \frac{\pi}{2}$	negligible
	$ \Delta \theta_{\gamma\gamma} - 0.01 q_{\text{tag}} > 0.02$	0.3% – 9.8%
	$R_{\gamma} < 0.05$	1.0% – 7.7%
	Reconstruction efficiency	1.6% – 17.2%
Background subtraction	Signal shape	0.1% – 1.9%
	Event counting	0.1% – 11.1%
	Background shape	0.2% – 21.0%
Total		3.9% – 30.0%



- Contributions added in quadrature
- Full correlation between contributions of analysis conditions and background subtraction assumed

Error estimate does not consider radiative effects

- To be evaluated with recently released Ekhara 3.0 (arXiv:1805.07756)