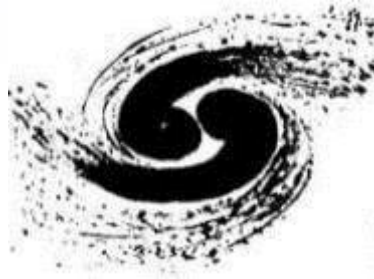


Light Meson Decays at BESIII

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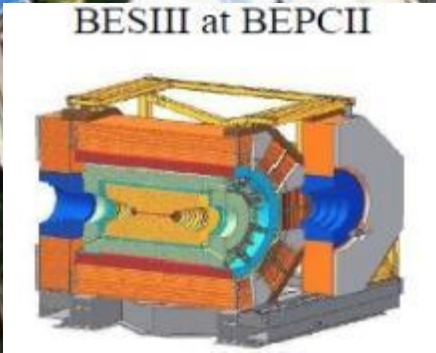
Bird view of BEPCII



Linac

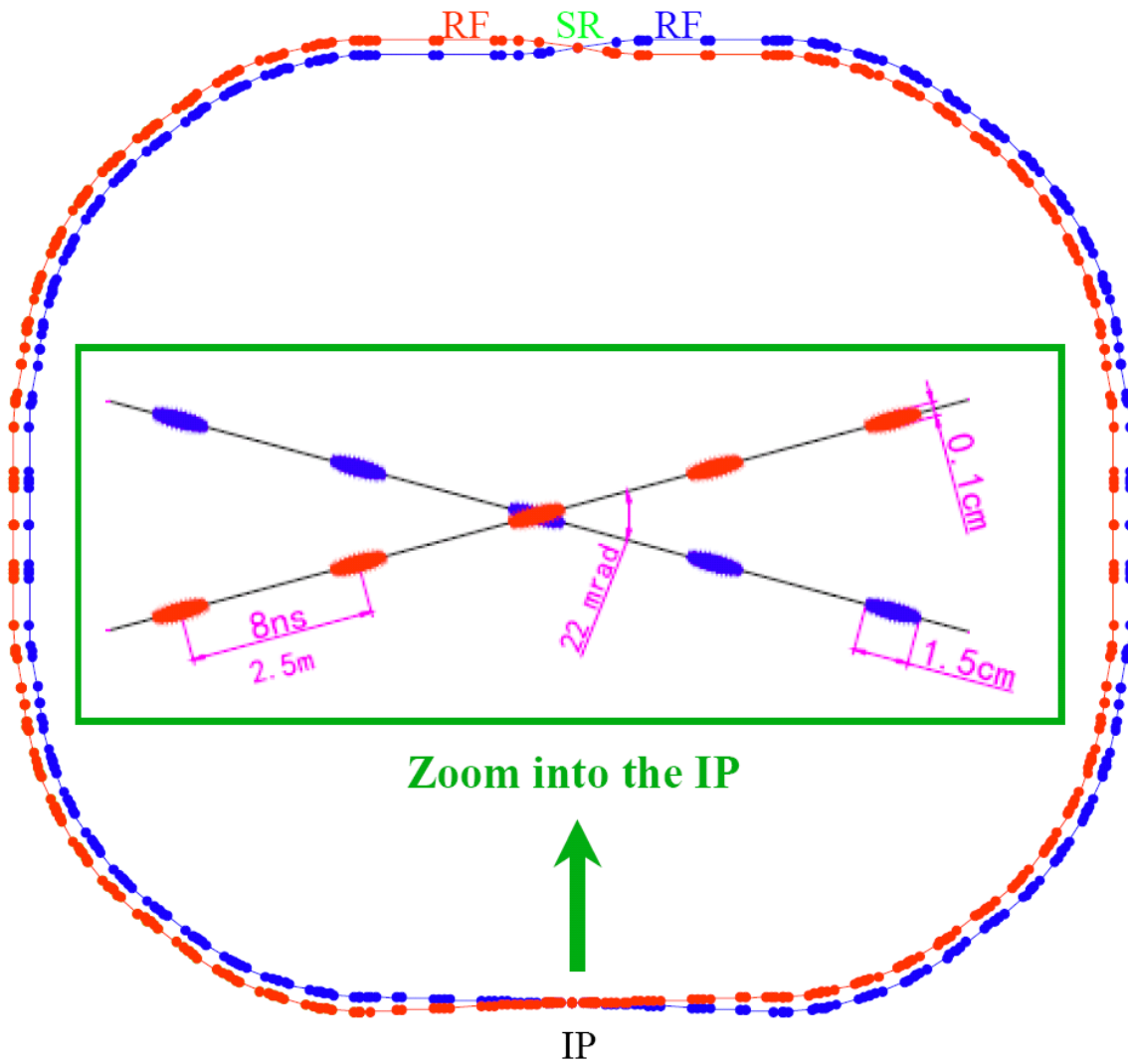
Storage ring

2004: start construction
2008: test run
2009-now: data taking



- ## BESIII physics
- Charmonium(-like) physics
 - Light hadron spectroscopy
 - Charm physics
 - τ physics

BEPCII storage rings



Beam energy:

1.0-2.3 GeV

Design Luminosity:

$1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

(achieved on 5th April, 2016)

Optimum energy:

1.89 GeV

Energy spread:

5.16×10^{-4}

No. of bunches:

93

Bunch length:

1.5 cm

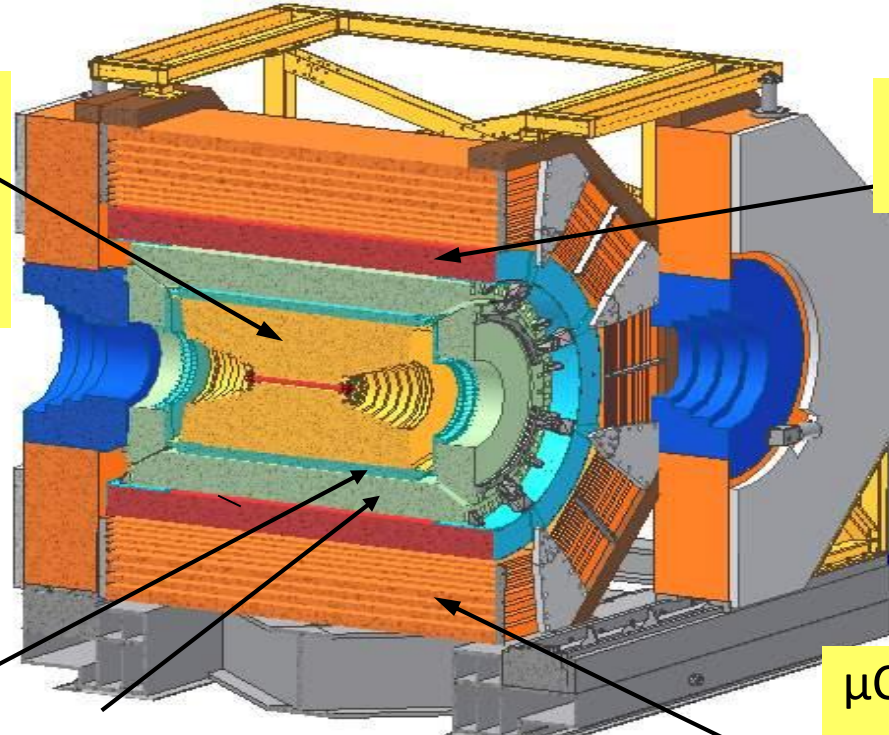
Total current:

0.91 A

Circumference:

237m

The BESIII Detector



Drift Chamber (MDC)
 $\sigma_{P/P} (\%) = 0.5\% (1\text{GeV})$
 $\sigma_{dE/dx} (\%) = 6\%$

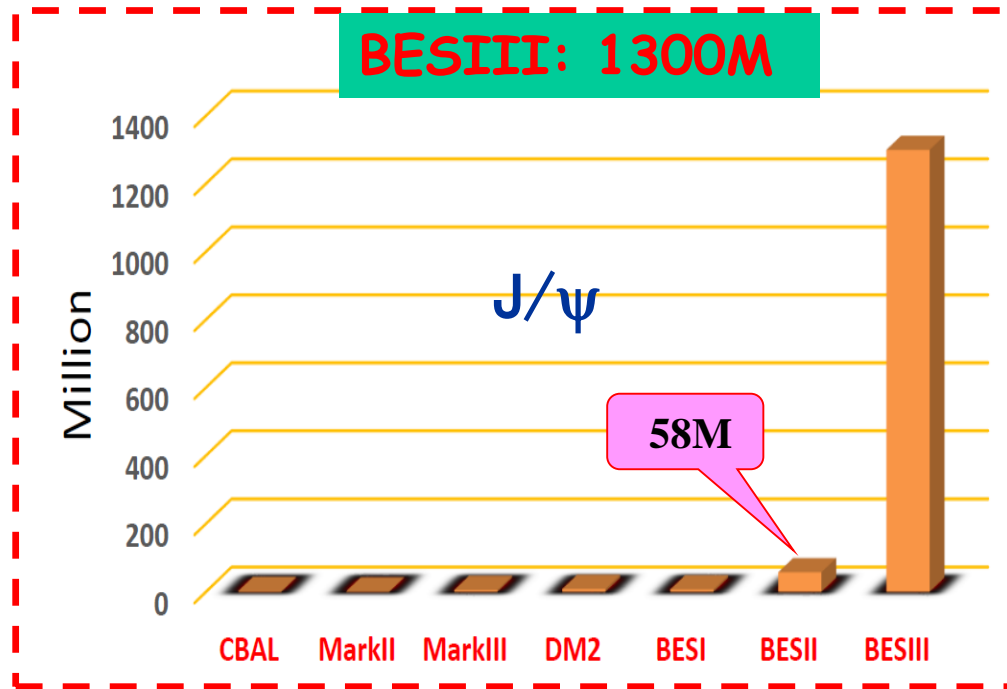
Super-conducting magnet (1.0 tesla)

Time Of Flight (TOF)
 σ_T : 90 ps Barrel
 110 ps endcap

EMC: $\sigma_{E/\sqrt{E}} (\%) = 2.5\% (1\text{ GeV})$
 (CsI) $\sigma_{z,\phi} (\text{cm}) = 0.5 - 0.7 \text{ cm}/\sqrt{E}$

μ Counter
 8- 9 layers RPC
 $\delta R\Phi = 1.4 \text{ cm} \sim 1.7 \text{ cm}$

J/ ψ events at BESIII (2009+2012)



η/η' events at BESIII

- 1.3×10^9 J/ψ events (2009+2012)
- η/η' from J/ψ radiative decays
 - 1.4×10^6 η
 - 6.8×10^6 η'
- η/η' from J/ψ hadronic decays (e.g., $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi\eta$)
 - 5×10^5 η
 - 3×10^5 η'

Recent results on η/η' decays

- Hadronic decays

- $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$, $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$
- $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, $\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$

- Radiative decays

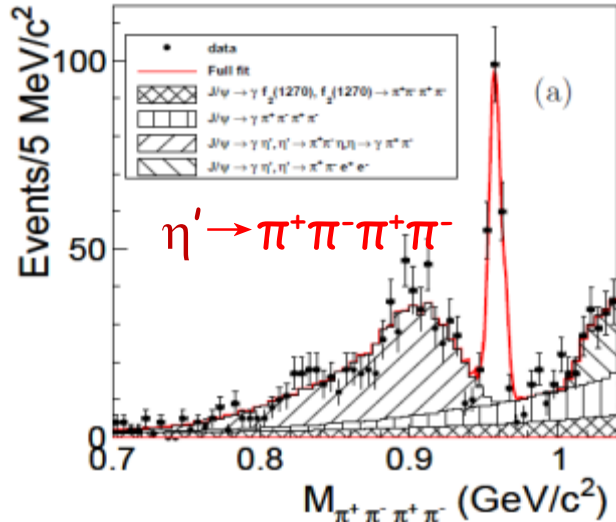
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$
- $\eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-\omega$
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0$ (Prel.)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ (Prel.)

- Rare decays

- $\eta' \rightarrow K\pi$

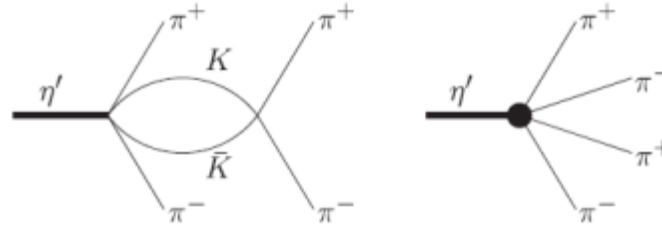
First observation of $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$, $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$

PRL112,251801(2014)



$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$

$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$

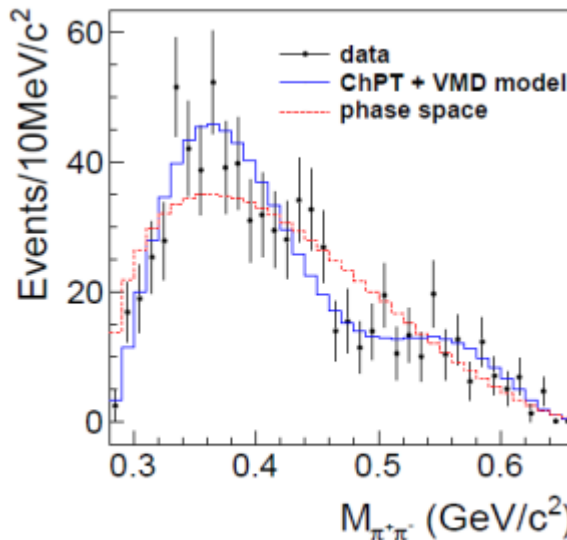
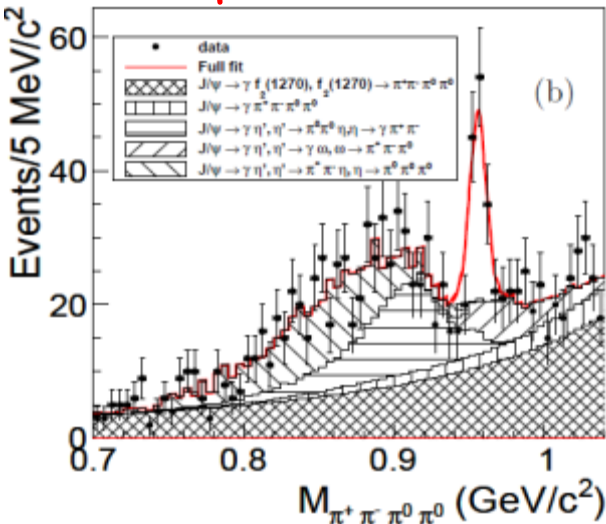


ChPT+VMD:
only occur at $O(p^6)$

ChPT+VMD : $B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-) = (1.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$
 $B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0) = (2.4 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-4}$

F.K. Guo, B. Kubis, A. Wirzba, Phys. Rev. D 85,014014 (2012)

$B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-) = (8.63 \pm 0.69 \pm 0.64) \times 10^{-5}$
 $B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0) = (1.82 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-4}$



Matrix Element for the Decays $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$

[arXiv:1506.05360](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.05360), [Phys.Rev. D92 \(2015\) 012014](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.92.012014)

- Investigate the fundamental symmetries
- Measure the light quark masses difference
- Comparison to the theoretical calculations
- Previous measurements (KLOE, WASA-at-COSY ...)

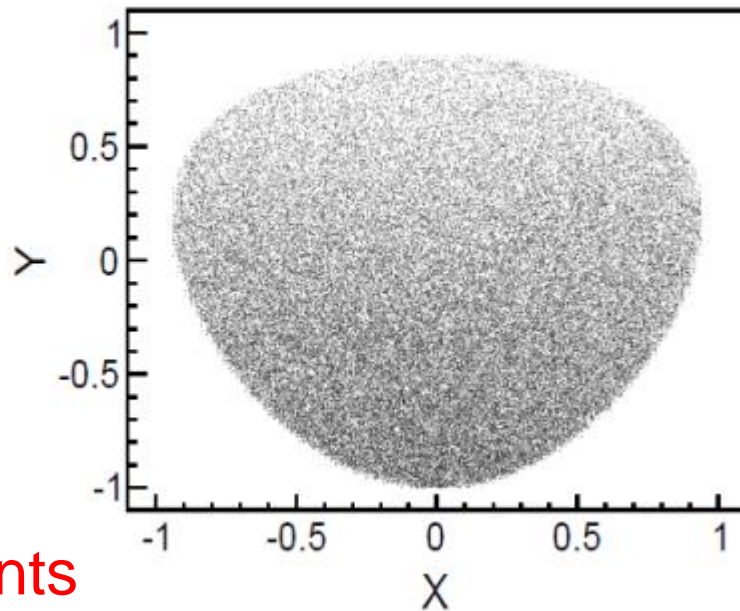
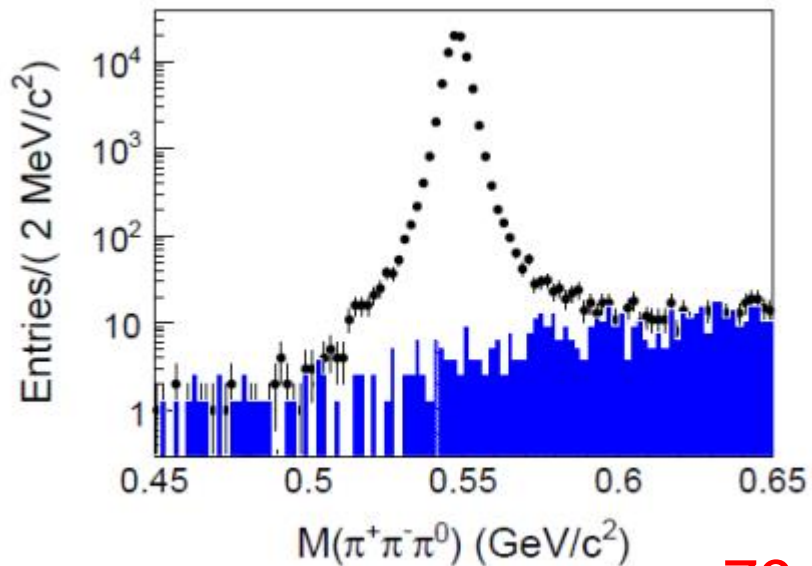
$$X = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{Q}(T_{\pi^+} - T_{\pi^-}) \quad Y = \frac{3T_{\pi^0}}{Q} - 1,$$

T_π denotes the kinetic energy of a given pion in the η rest frame

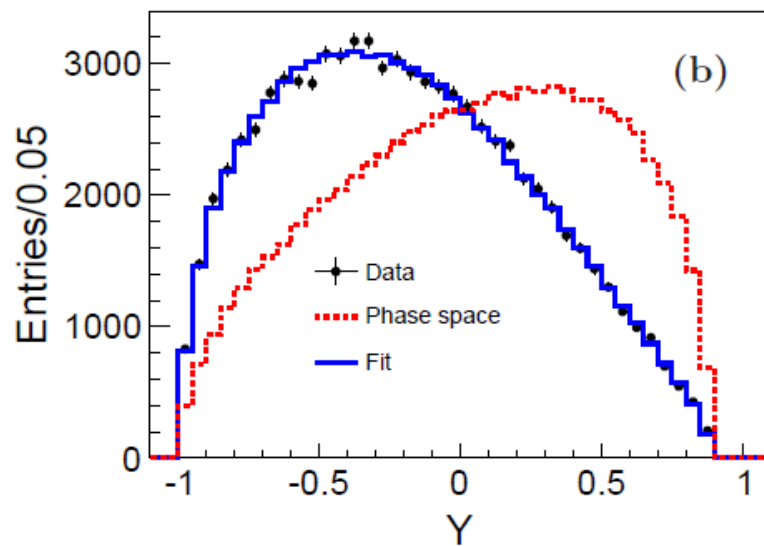
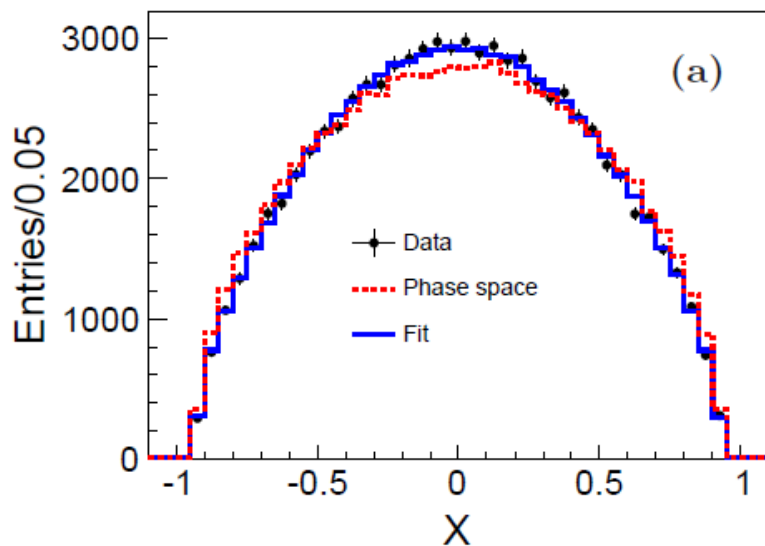
$$Q = m_\eta - m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^-} - m_{\pi^0}$$

$$|A(X, Y)|^2 = N(1 + aY + bY^2 + cX + dX^2 + eXY + fY^3 + \dots),$$

$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

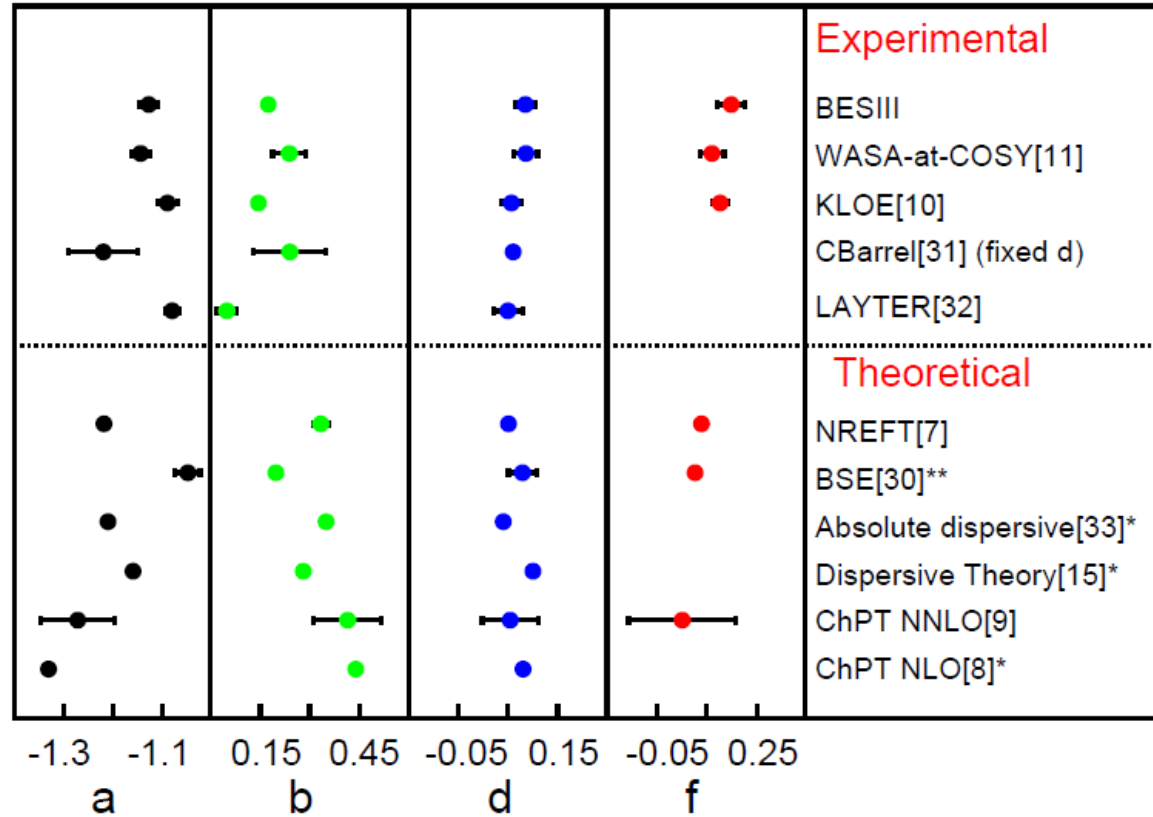


79,625 events



Comparison to experimental and theoretical results

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= -1.128 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.008 \\
 b &= 0.153 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.004 \\
 d &= 0.085 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.009 \\
 f &= 0.173 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.021
 \end{aligned}$$

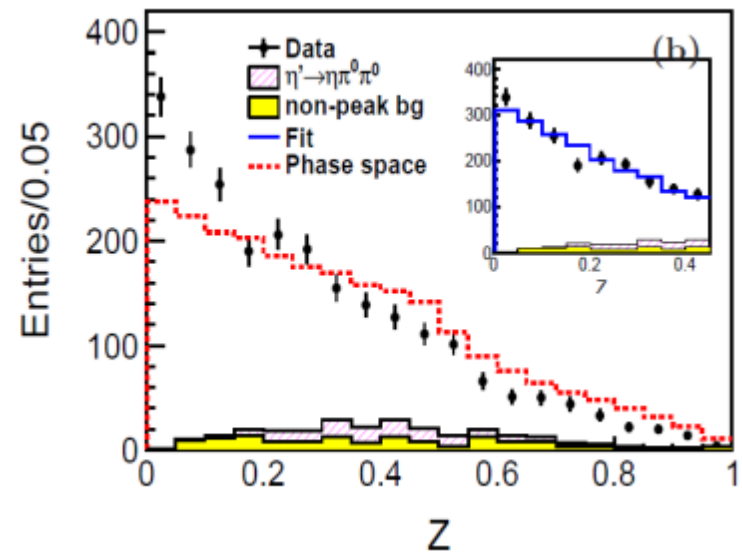
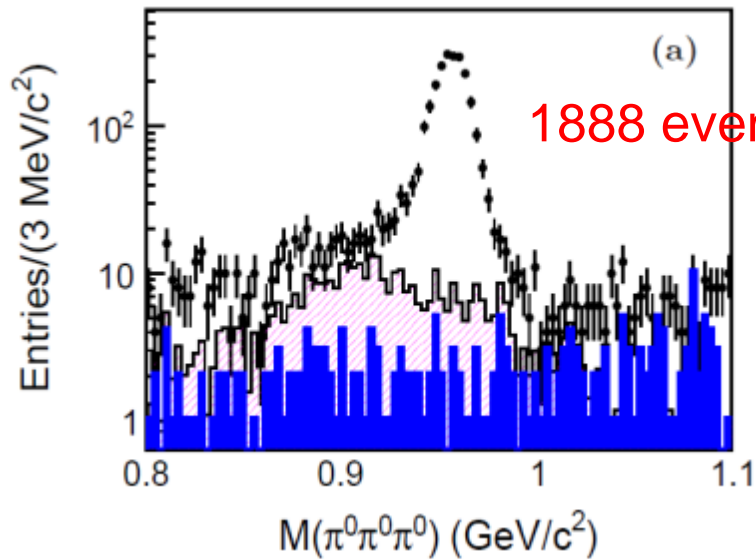
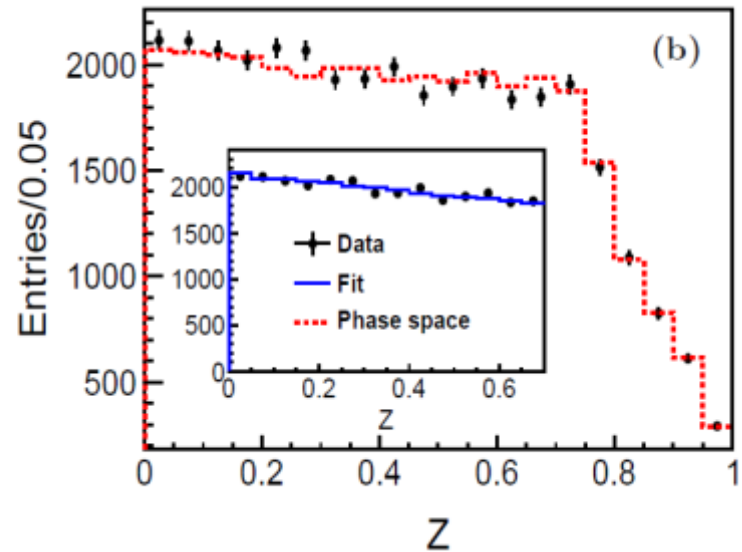
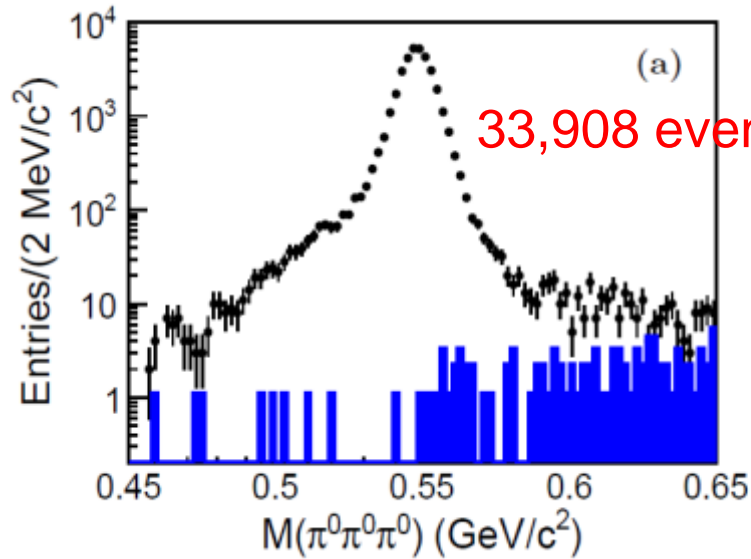


$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= -1.128 \pm 0.015, \\
 b &= 0.153 \pm 0.017, \\
 c &= (0.047 \pm 0.851) \times 10^{-2} \\
 d &= 0.085 \pm 0.016, \\
 e &= 0.017 \pm 0.019, \\
 f &= 0.173 \pm 0.028.
 \end{aligned}$$

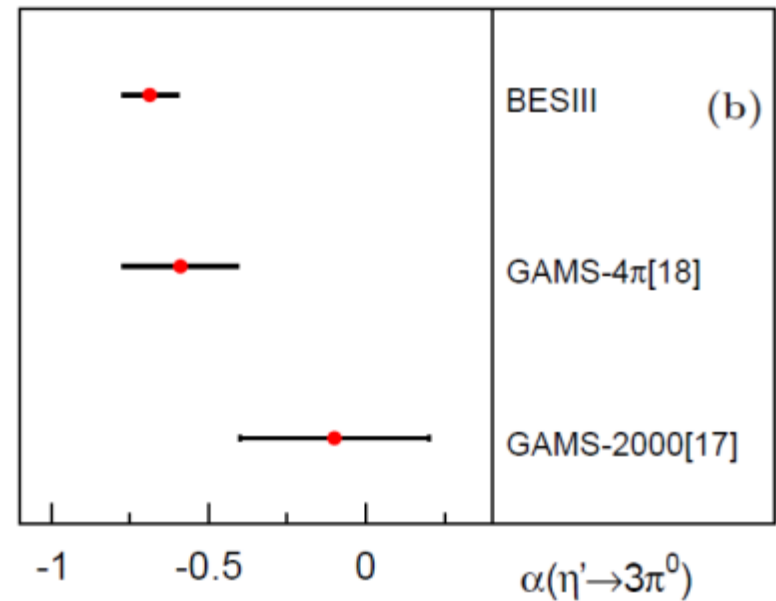
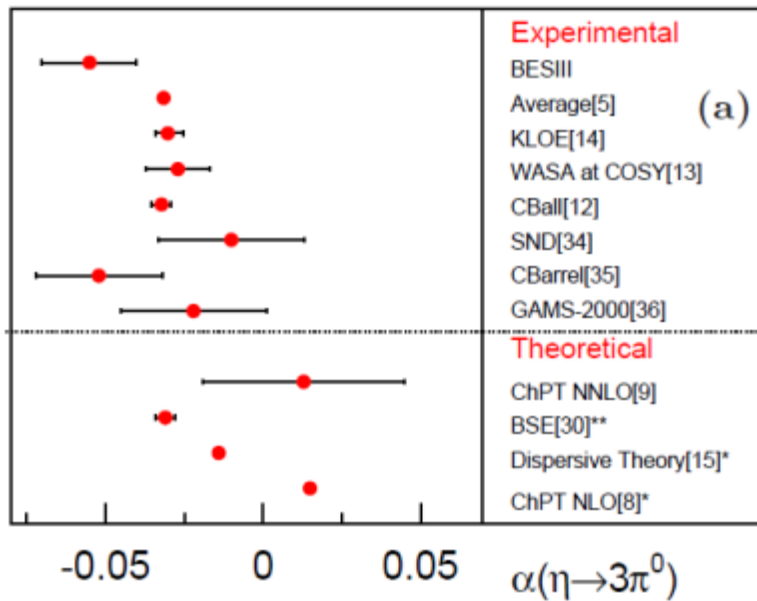
No charge-parity violation is seen



$$|A(Z)|^2 = N(1 + 2\alpha Z + \dots)$$



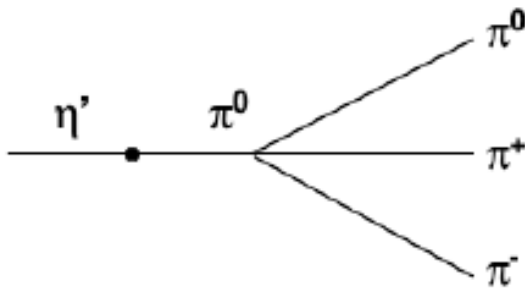
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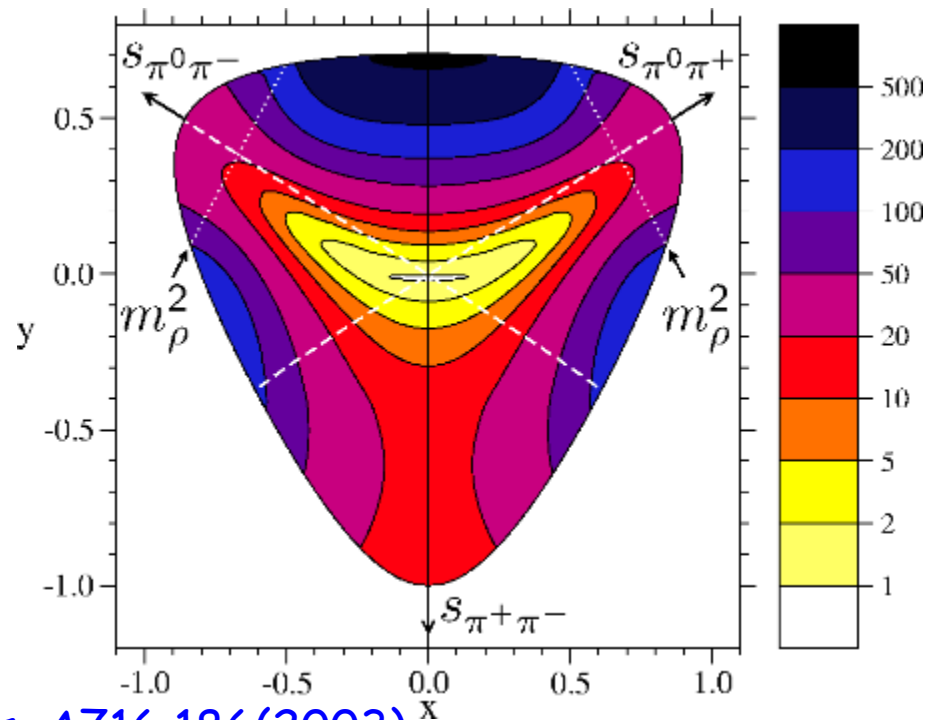
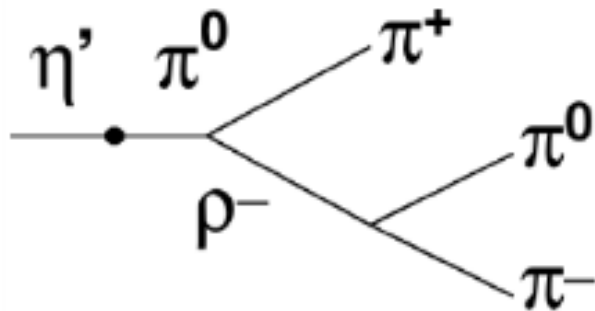
- In agreement with previous measurements
- α for $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$ significantly deviates from zero

Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow \rho^+ \pi^- + c.c.$

D. Gross et al., PRD19,2188(1979)



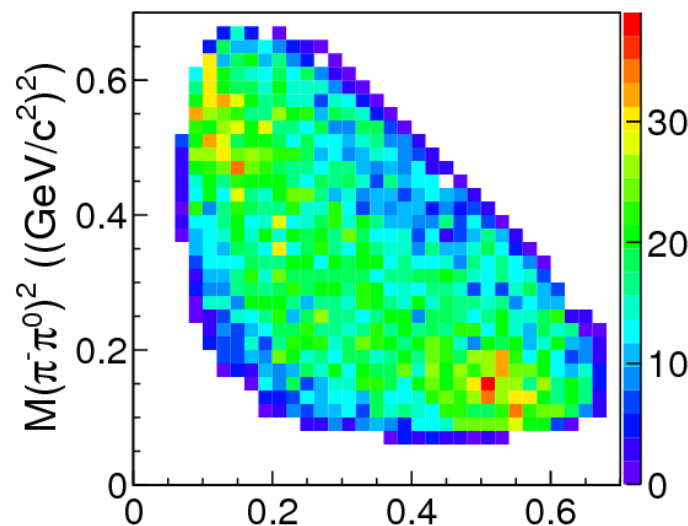
$$r = \frac{\Gamma_{\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0}}{\Gamma_{\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-}} \approx (16.8) \frac{3}{16} \left(\frac{m_d - m_u}{m_s} \right)^2$$



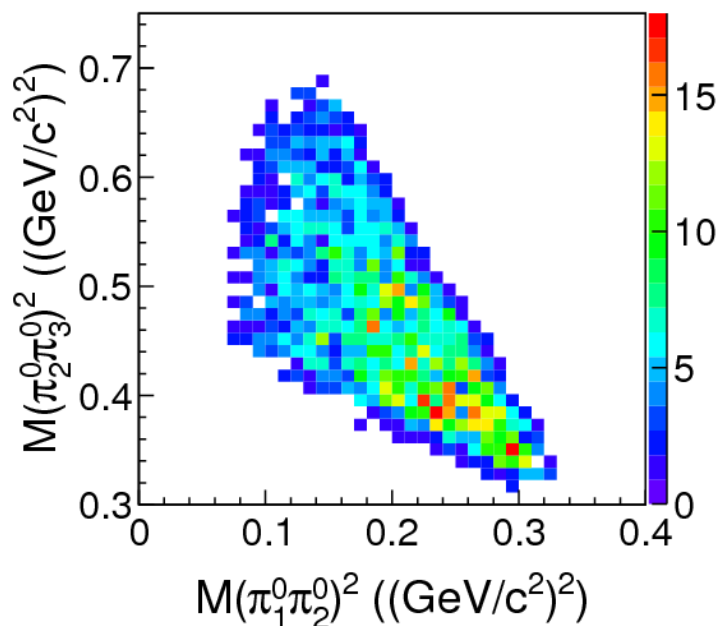
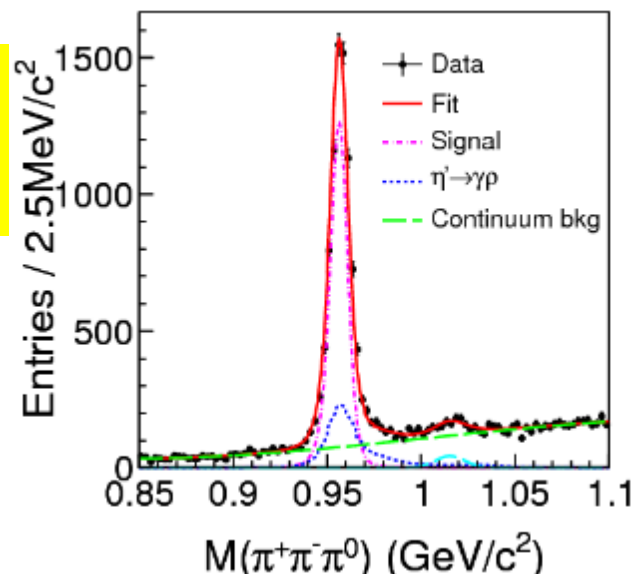
N. Beisert, B. Borasoy, Nucl. Phys. A716,186(2003)

Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow \rho^+ \pi^- + c.c.$

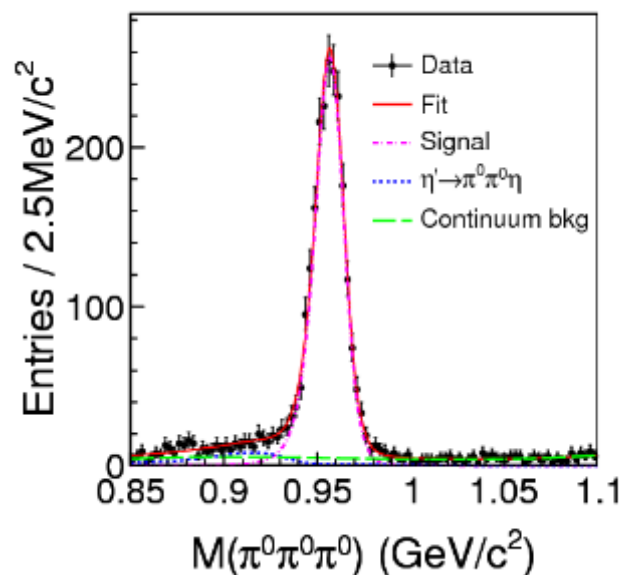
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$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
~8000 events



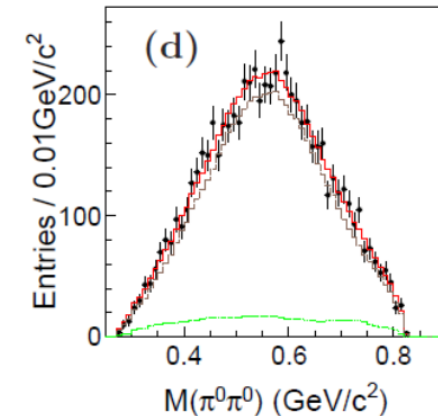
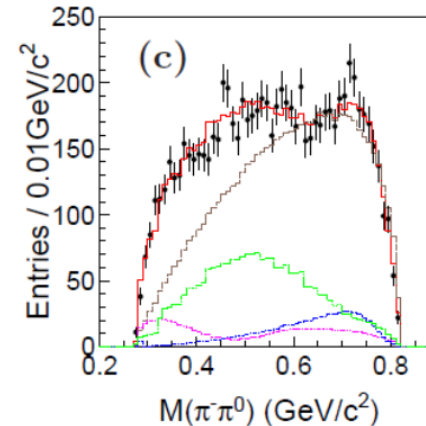
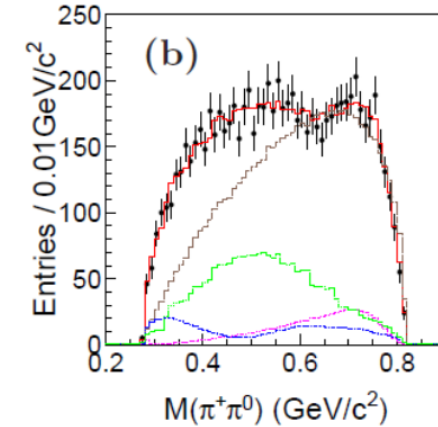
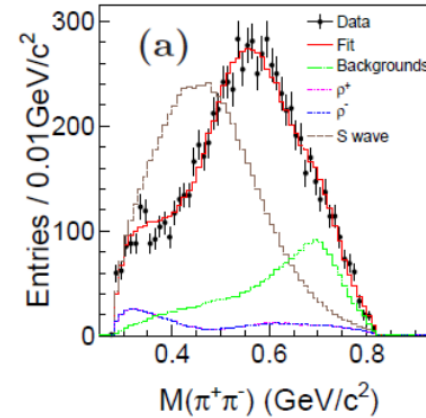
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$
~2000 events



Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow \rho^+ \pi^- + c.c.$

- Isobar model
- Amplitude analysis results

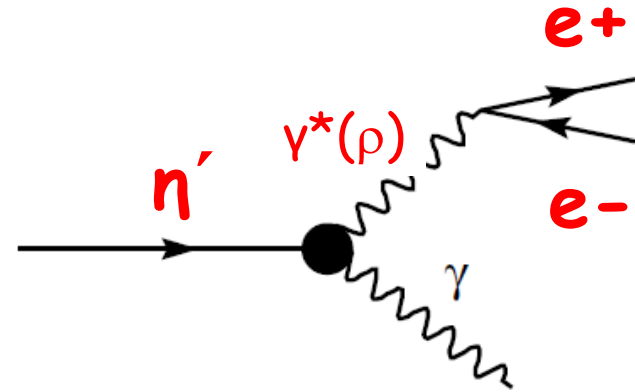
Decay Mode	$\mathcal{B} (\times 10^{-4})$
$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	$35.91 \pm 0.54 \pm 1.74$
$\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$	$35.22 \pm 0.82 \pm 2.60$
$\rho^+ \pi^-$	$3.72 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.92$
$\rho^- \pi^+$	$3.72 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.92$
$(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)_S$	$37.63 \pm 0.77 \pm 2.22 \pm 4.48$



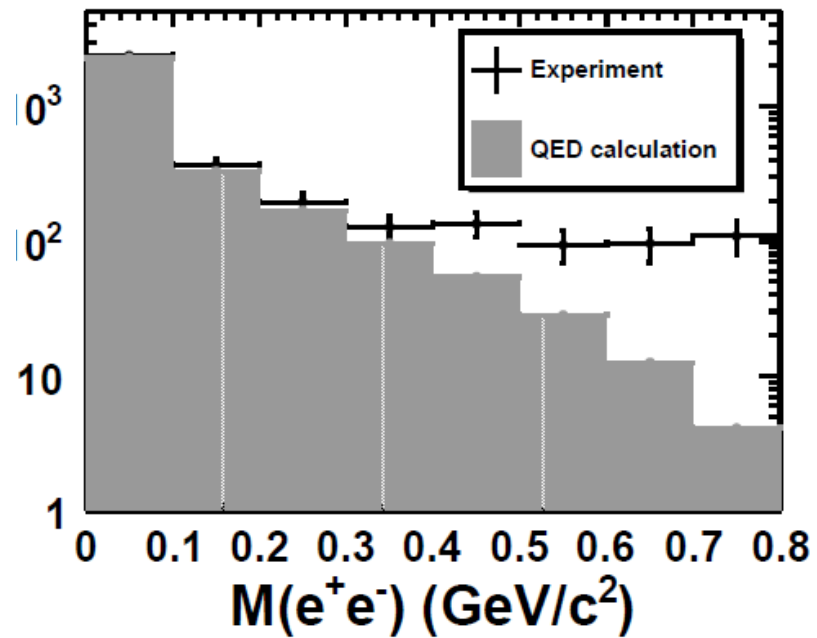
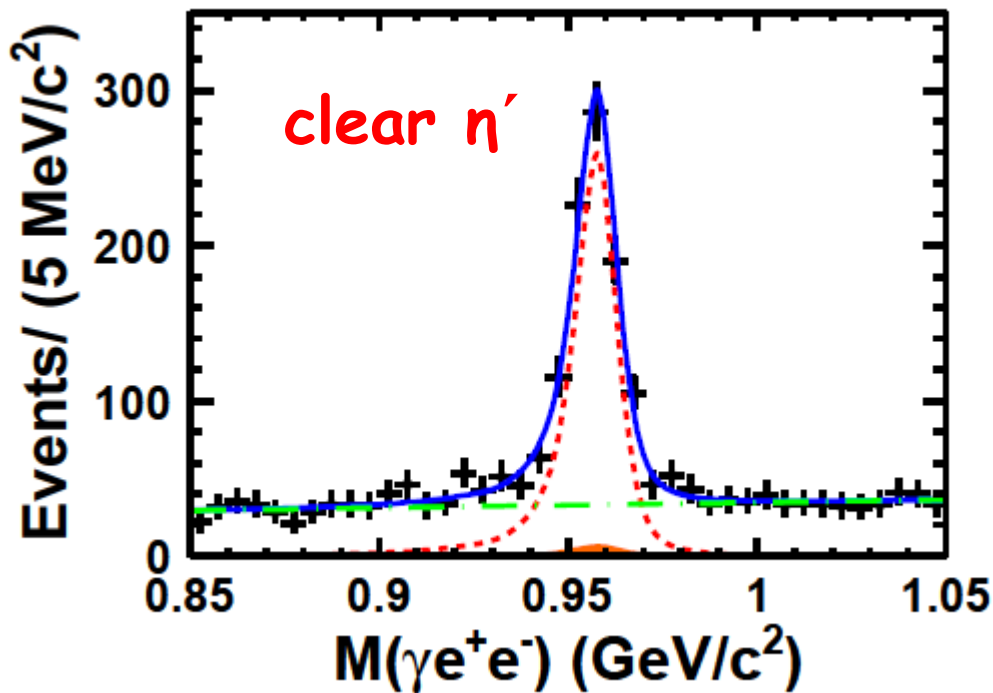
Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$

[Phys. Rev. D 92, 012001 \(2015\)](#)

- Investigate the inner structure of the meson
- Transition form factor



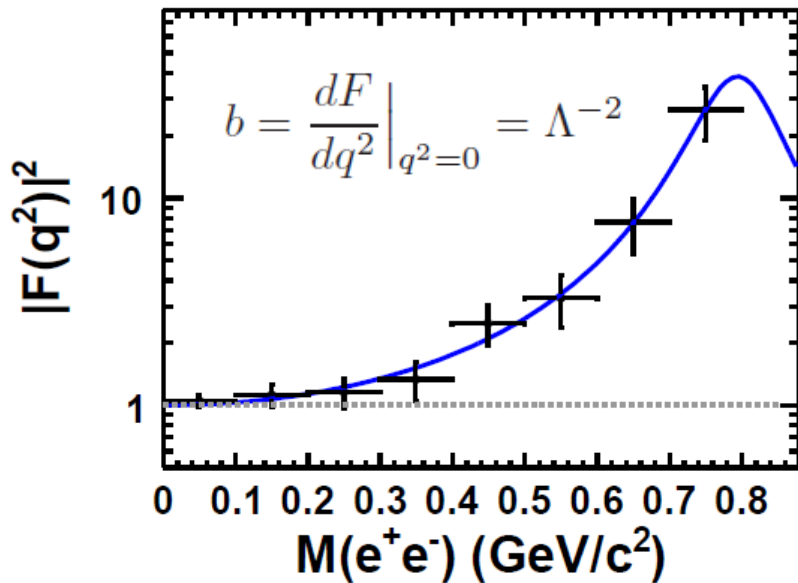
$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d\Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma l^+ l^-)}{dq^2 \Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \\ &= \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{q^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_l^2}{q^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_l^2}{q^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{m_{\eta'}^2}\right)^3 |F(q^2)|^2 \\ &= [\text{QED}(q^2)] \times |F(q^2)|^2, \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{\Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-)}{\Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = (2.13 \pm 0.09(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.07(\text{sys.})) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-) = (4.69 \pm 0.20(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.23(\text{sys.})) \times 10^{-4}$$

4.2×10^{-4} effective meson theory, PRC61,035206



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

$$\Lambda_{\eta'} = (0.79 \pm 0.04(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.02(\text{sys.})) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\gamma_{\eta'} = (0.13 \pm 0.06(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.03(\text{sys.}))$$

$$b_{\eta'} = (1.60 \pm 0.17(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.08(\text{sys.})) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

- In agreement with the results of $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\mu^+\mu^-$ from CELLO

$$b_{\eta'} = (1.7 \pm 0.4) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

- Theoretical predictions:

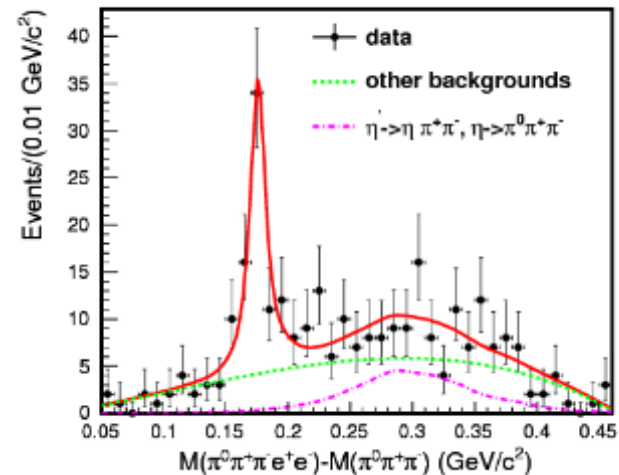
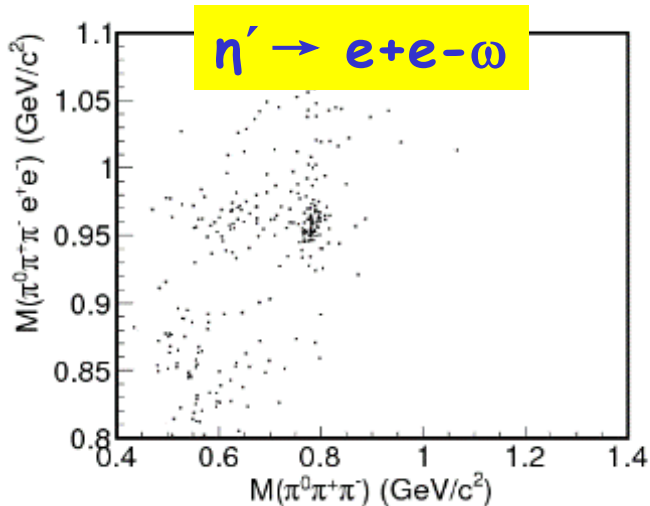
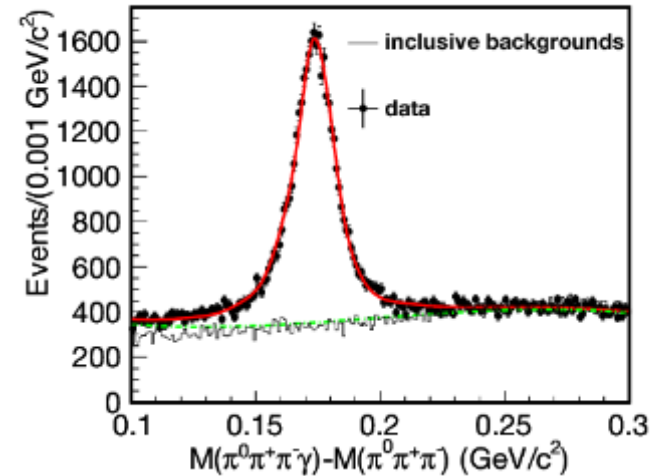
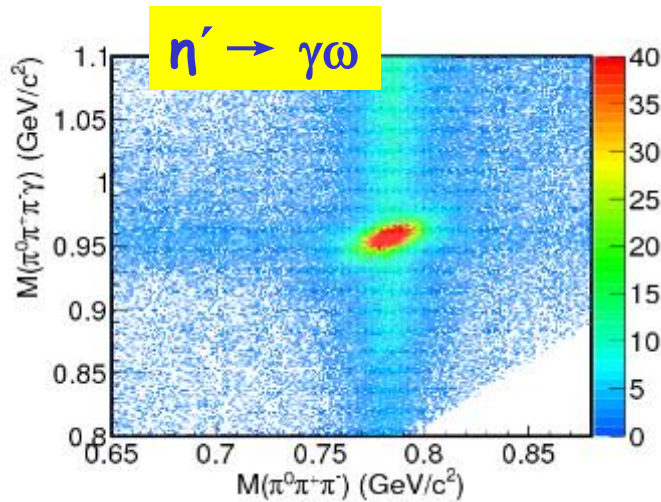
$$b_{\eta'} = 1.45 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad \text{VMD}$$

$$b_{\eta'} = 1.60 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad \text{ChPT}$$

$$b_{\eta'} = 1.53^{+0.15}_{-0.08} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad \text{Dispersion}$$

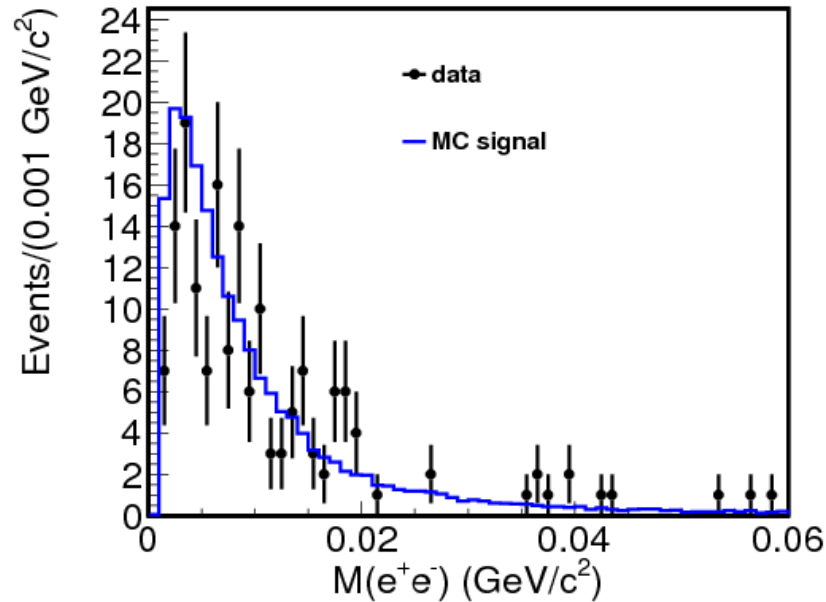
Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow e+e-\omega$

[Phys.Rev. D92 \(2015\) 051101](#)



Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow e+e-\omega$

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$$B=(1.94\pm 0.34\pm 0.17)\times 10^{-4}$$

Consistent with theoretical predictions:

$$B(\eta' \rightarrow e+e-\omega)\sim 2\times 10^{-4}$$

- A. Faessler et al, Phys. Rev. C 61, 035206(2000)
Y.L. Yang et al, Chin.Phys. C39, 023102(2015)

Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0$

- check the high order of ChPT
- no experimental evidence yet

ω excluded, ρ - ω mixing?

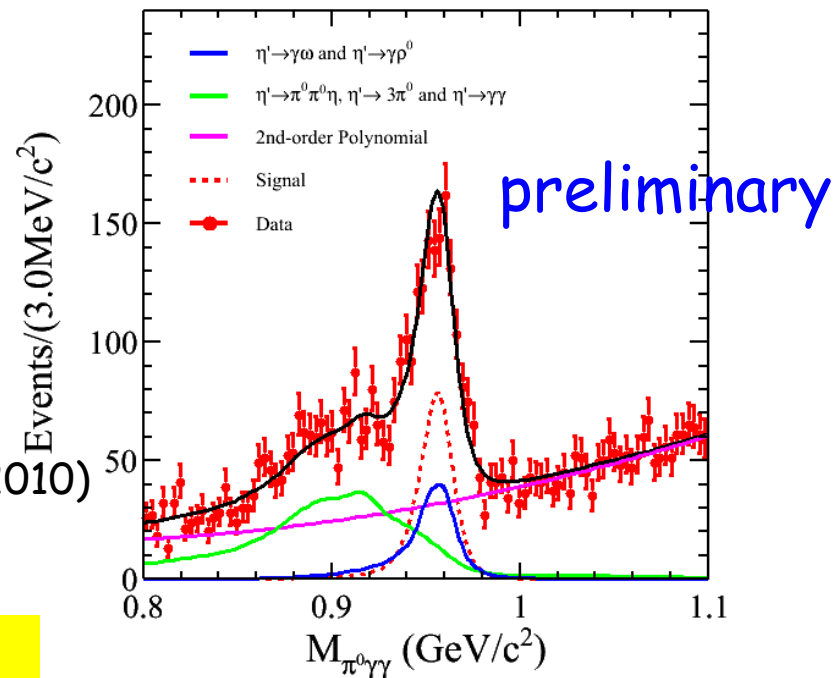
$$B = [6.91 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.20 (\text{PDG})] \times 10^{-4}$$

Consistent with theoretical predictions:

$$B(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0): \sim 6 \times 10^{-4}$$

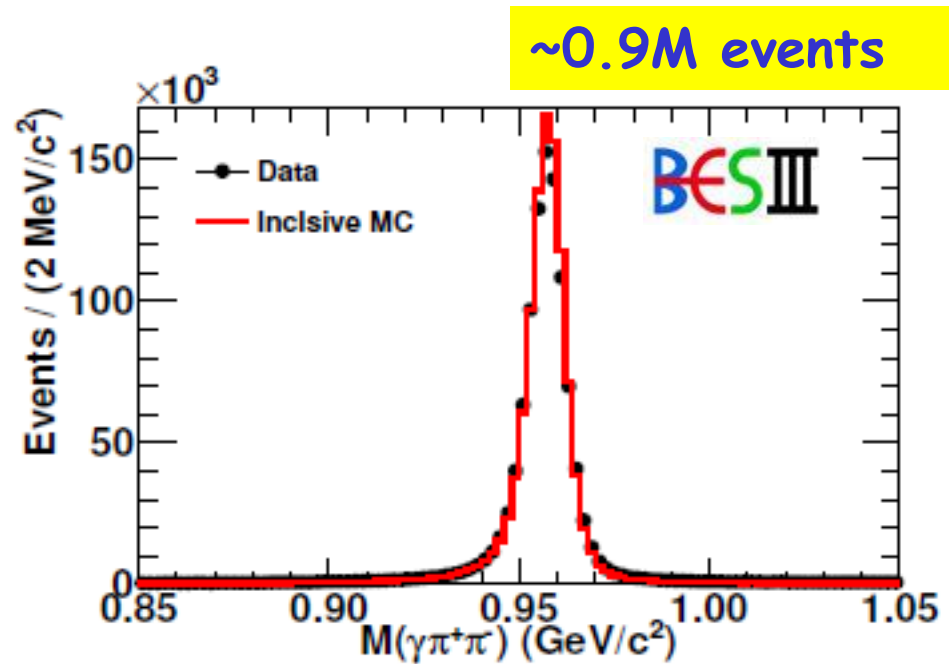
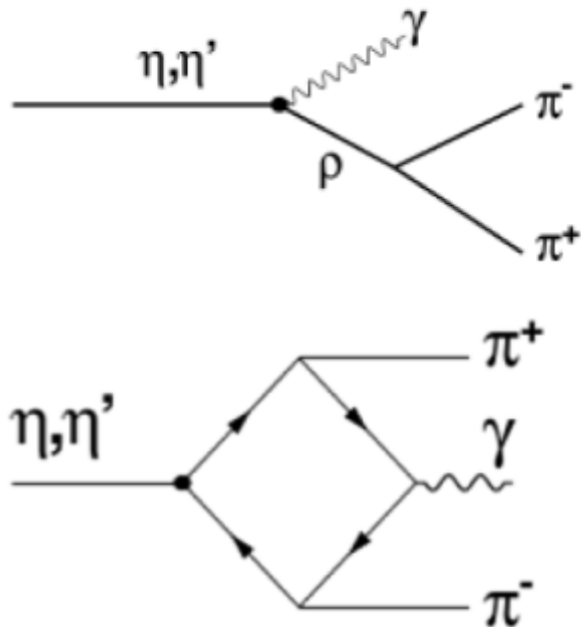
P. Jora, Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 207-208, 224 (2010)
R. Escribano, PoS QNP 2012, 079 (2012)

Linear σ model & VMD



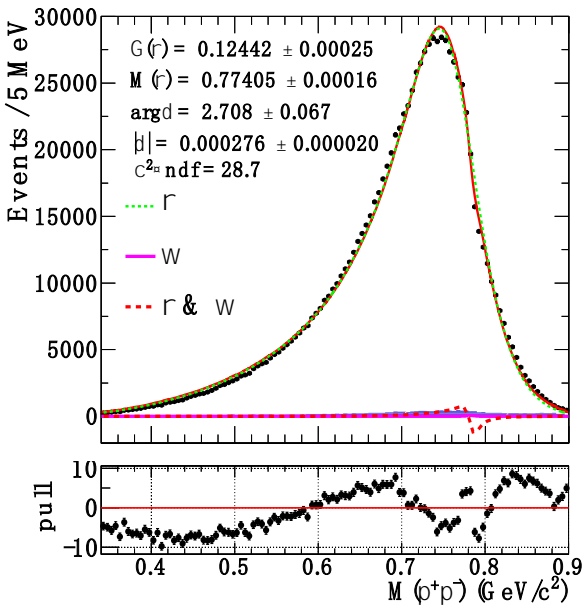
$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay dynamics

- high term of WZW ChPT \rightarrow box anomaly
- studied by many experiments (CB, L3 ...)
- no consistent picture due to limited statistics
 - ρ mass shift or not ?
 - box anomaly or not ?

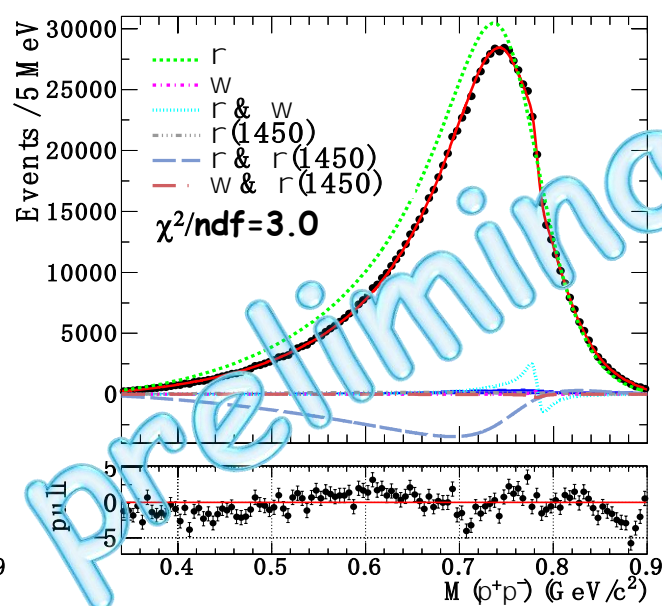


Model-dependent fit

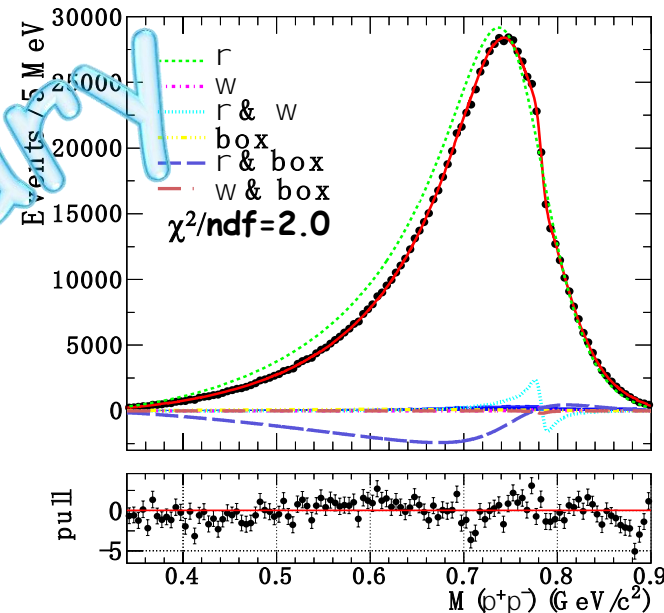
1). fit with $\rho(770)$ - ω



2). fit with $\rho(770)$ - ω - $\rho(1450)$



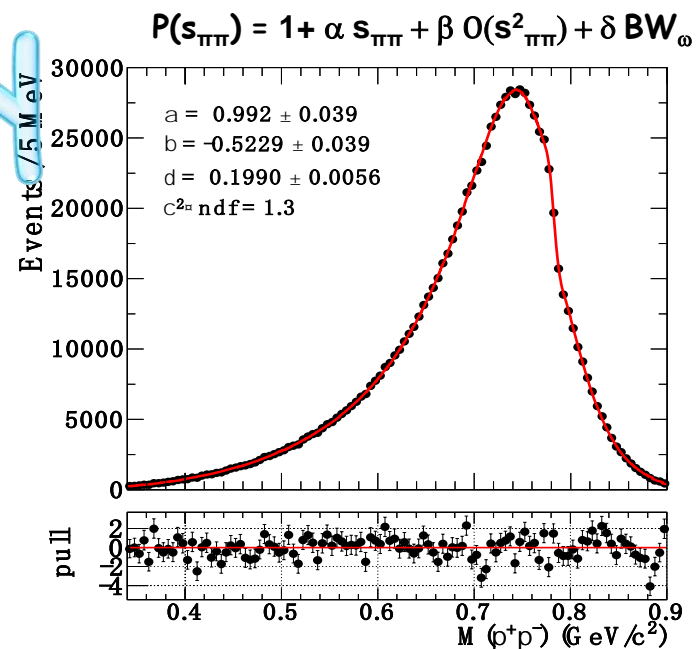
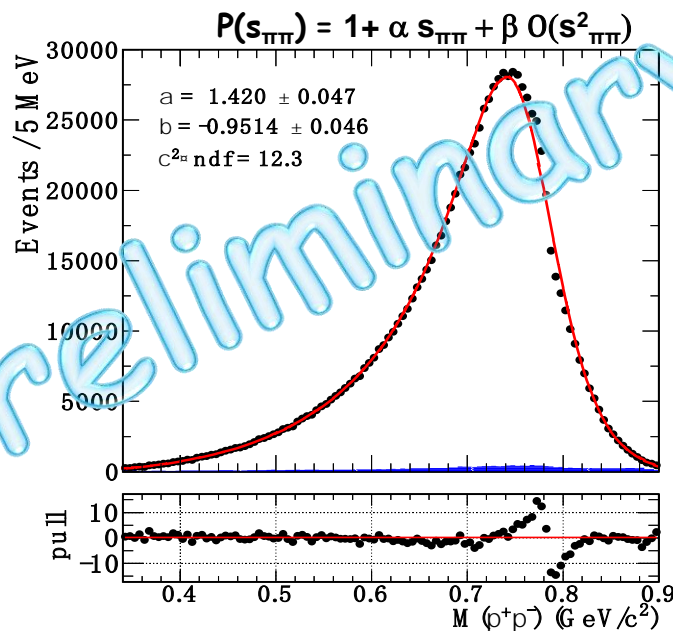
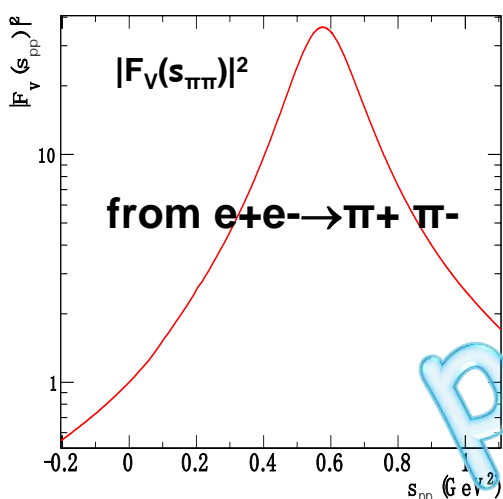
3). fit with $\rho(770)$ - ω -box anomaly



- ✓ Besides $\rho(770)$, the ω is needed
- ✓ $\rho(770)$ - ω cannot describe data well
- ✓ Extra contribution (maybe $\rho(1450)$ or box-anomaly, maybe both of them) is also necessary to provide a good description of data

Model-independent fit

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds_{\pi\pi}} = |AP(s_{\pi\pi})F_V(s_{\pi\pi})|^2 \Gamma_0(s_{\pi\pi})$$



Crystal barrel: $\alpha = (1.80 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.04) \text{GeV}^{-2}$

$\beta = (0.04 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.03) \text{GeV}^{-4}$

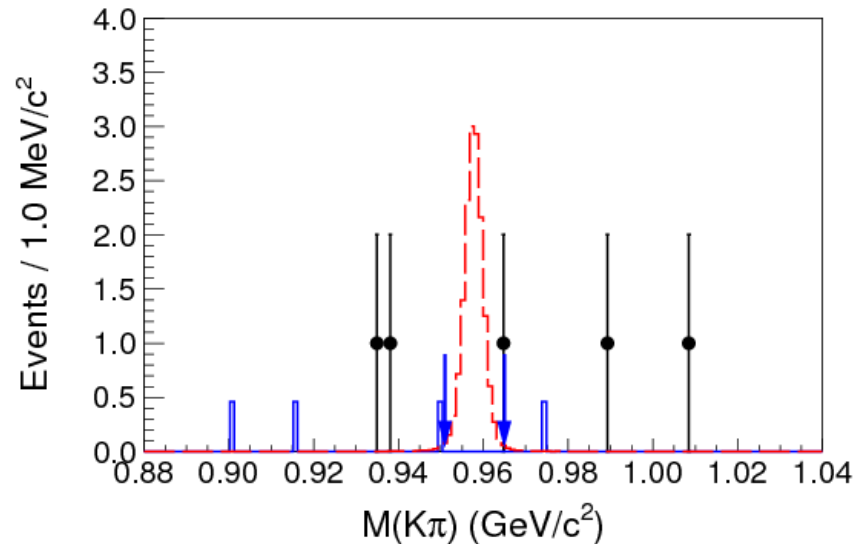
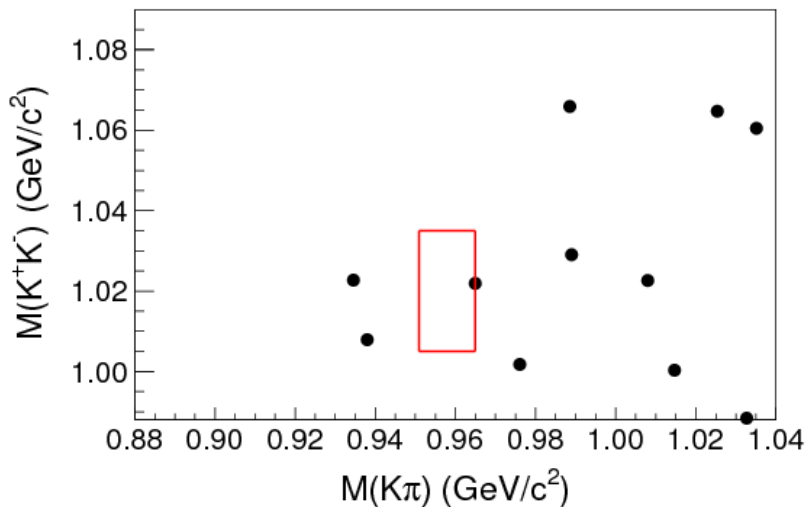
GAMS-2000: $\alpha = (2.7 \pm 1.0) \text{GeV}^{-2}$

- ω is necessary
- Linear polynomial is insufficient

Search for $\eta' \rightarrow K\pi$

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- First attempt to search for the weak decays with $\Delta s=1/2$
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \phi \eta'$



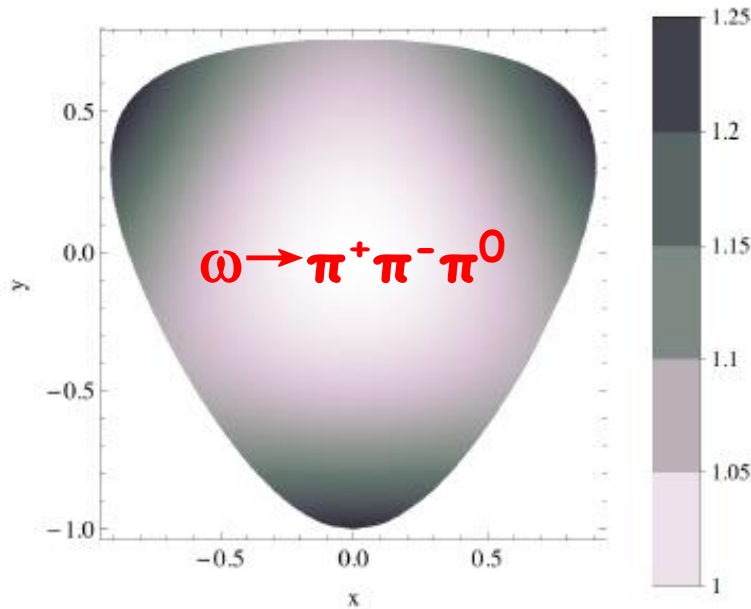
$B(\eta' \rightarrow K\pi) < 3.8 \times 10^{-5}$ @ 90% CL

BESIII publications on η/η' decays

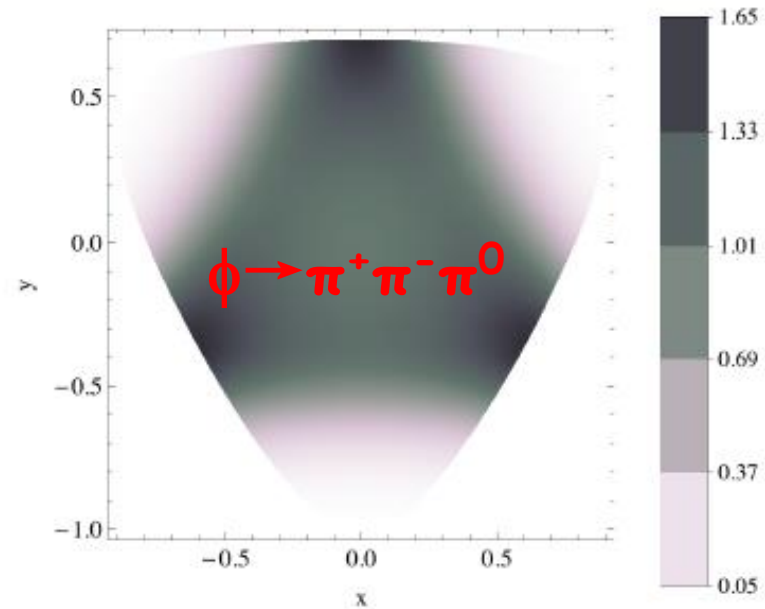
- $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$ PRD83, 012003(2011)
- $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^0\pi^0$ PRD83, 032006(2011)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$ PRL108, 182001(2012)
- $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow$ invisible PRD87,012009(2013)
- $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+e\nu$ PRD87,032006(2013)
- $\eta' \rightarrow 3(\pi^+\pi^-)$ PRD88,091502(2013)
- $\eta' \rightarrow 2(\pi^+\pi^-), \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ PRL112,251801(2014)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$ PRD92,012001(2015)
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, \eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$ PRD92,012014(2015)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \rho\pi$ arXiv:1606.03847, accepted by PRL
- $\eta' \rightarrow \omega e^+e^-$ PRD92,051101(2015)
- $\eta' \rightarrow K\pi$ PRD93, 072008 (2016)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0$ (preliminary) waiting for SP's approval
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$ (preliminary) waiting for SP's approval

ω events at BESIII

- ω from J/ψ hadronic decays (e.g., $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\eta$, $\omega\pi$)
 $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\eta) \sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$, $B(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 0.4 \rightarrow 1 \times 10^6 \omega$
 $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \omega\pi) \sim 4.5 \times 10^{-4}$, $B(\pi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 1 \rightarrow 6 \times 10^5 \omega$
- Clean sample for DP analysis of $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ (in progress)
- **WASA-at-COSY**: $4 \times 10^4 \omega$ decays, [arXiv:1610.02187](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.02187)



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Summary

- Recent results on Light Mesons from BESIII are presented
- BESIII: unique place for light mesons, η/η' and ω decays
- more results are expected to come soon
 - Dalitz plot of $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta, \pi^0\pi^0\eta$
 - Dalitz plot of $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$
 - Rare or forbidden decays
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Many thanks for your attention !