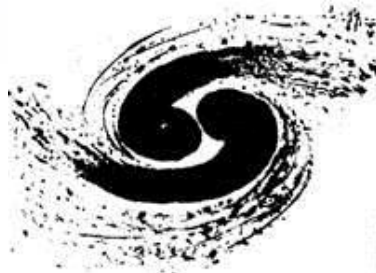


# $\eta$ and $\eta'$ physics at BESIII

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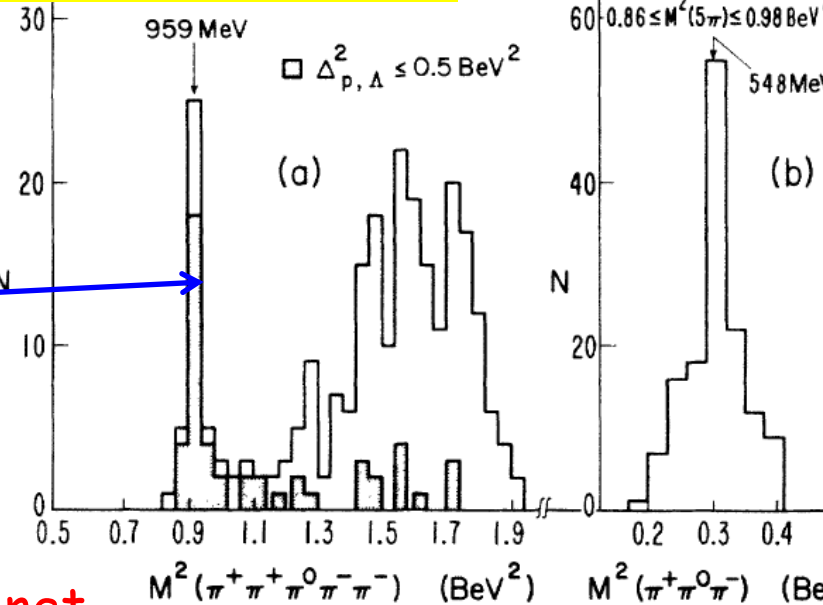
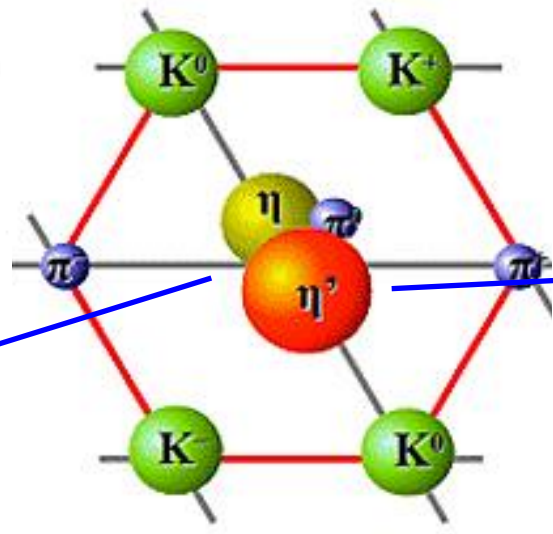
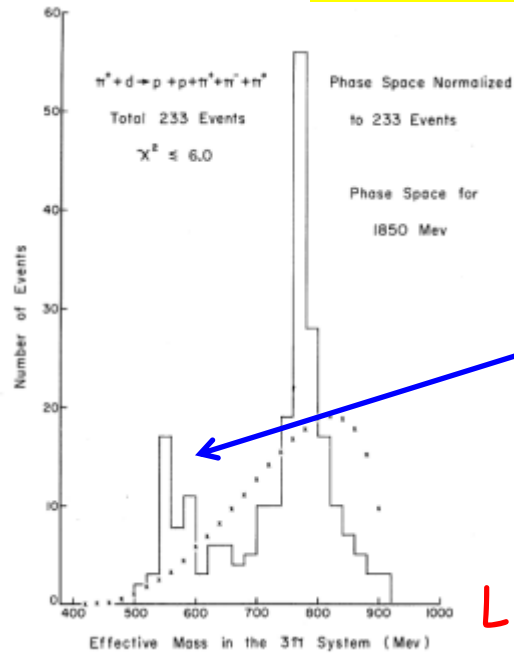
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- Summary

# Introduction

Phys. Rev. Lett. 7,421(1961)

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Discovered about 50 years ago



Lightest pseudoscalar nonet

● Dominant decay modes were observed

- $\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$  39.31%
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  22.74%
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$  32.57%
- $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$  4.60%

- $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$  44.6%
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\rho(\gamma\pi^+\pi^-)$  29.4%
- $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\eta$  20.7%
- $\eta' \rightarrow 2\gamma$  3.02%
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\omega$  2.10%

# Introdcution

- $\eta/\eta'$  : a rich physics field

- Unique place to test fundamental symmetries in QCD at low energy region
- Probe physics beyond the Standard Model (SM)

$$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow 2\gamma$$

chiral anomaly

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

quark masses

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

box anomaly

$$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi$$

CP violation

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

C violation

$$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \mu e$$

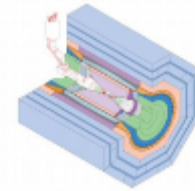
LF violation

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# Source of $n/\bar{n}$ events

VES

Gams(-4 $\pi$ )



CLEO



CLAS



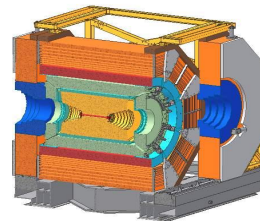
Crystal Ball



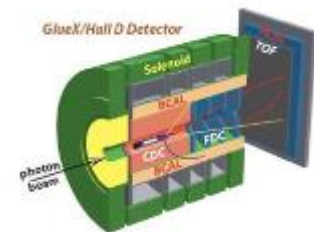
WASA-at-COSY



KLOE-2

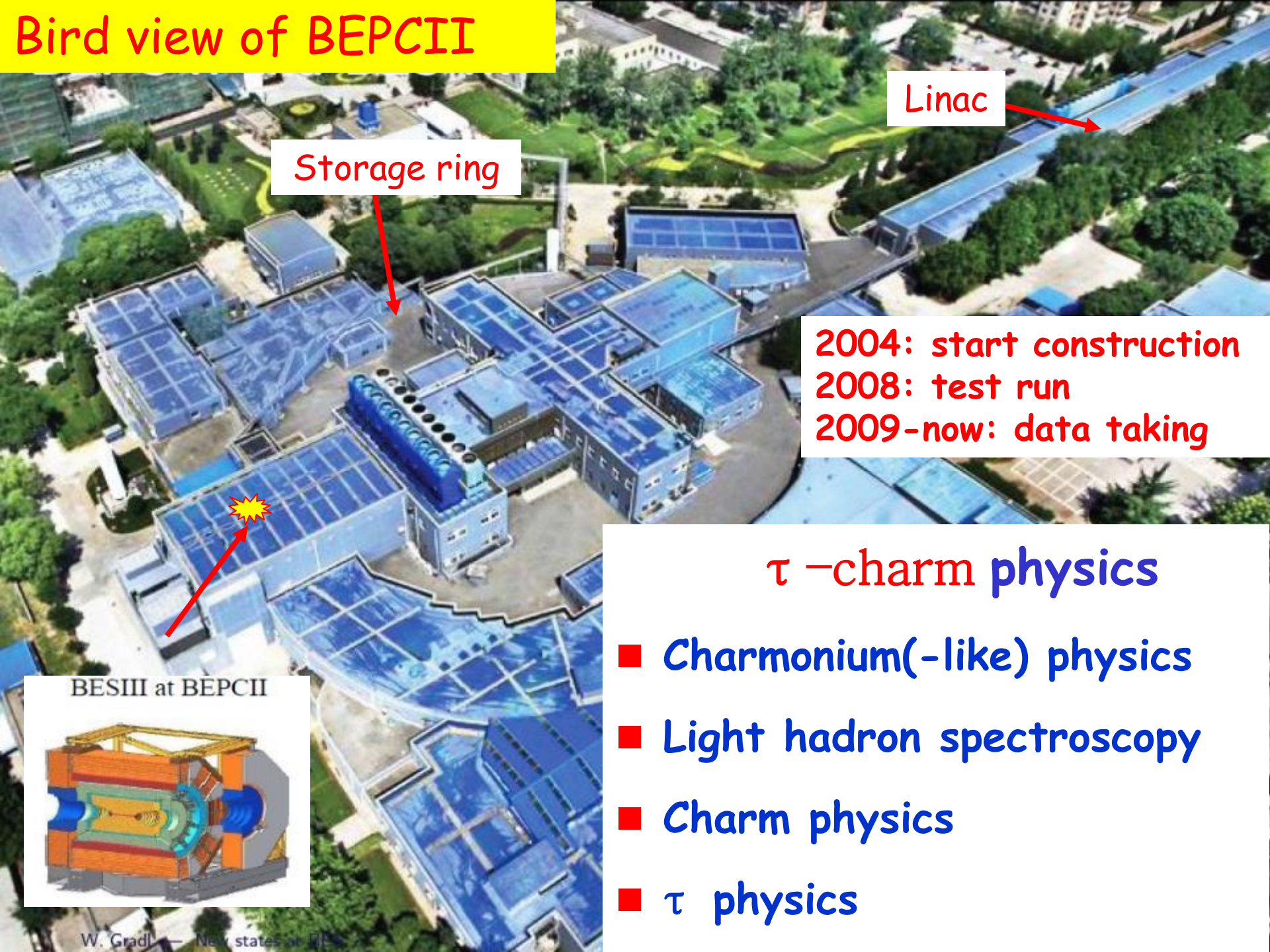


BESIII



GlueX

# Bird view of BEPCII



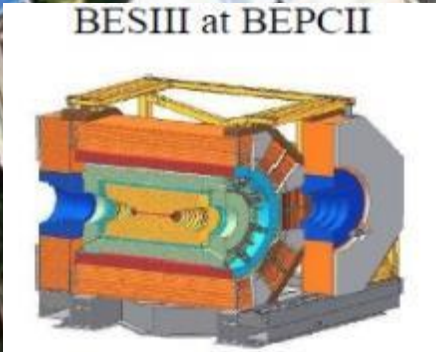
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Linac

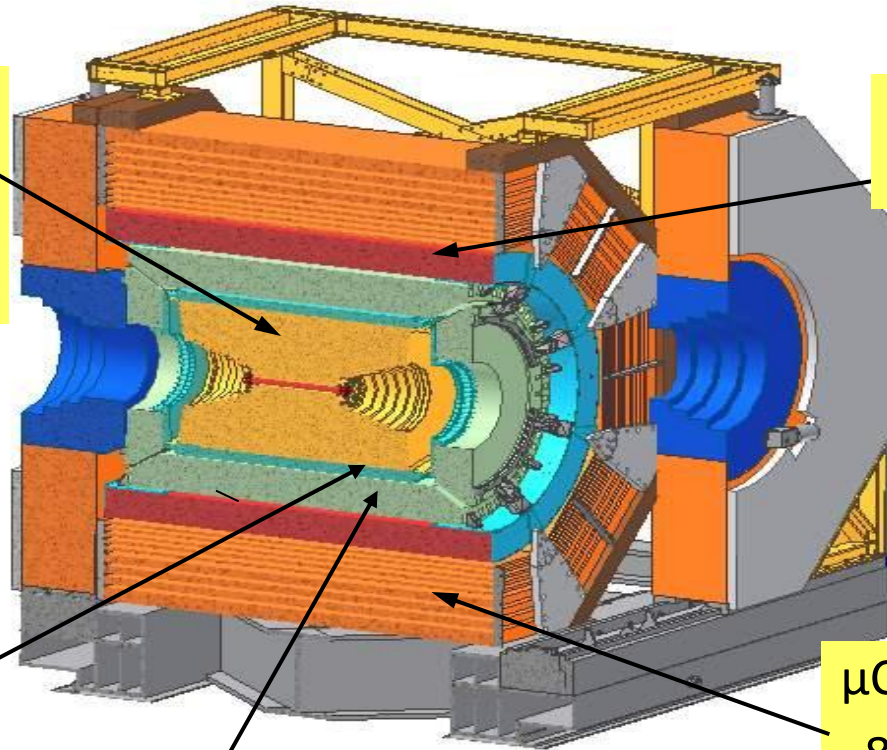
2004: start construction  
2008: test run  
2009-now: data taking

## $\tau$ -charm physics

- Charmonium(-like) physics
- Light hadron spectroscopy
- Charm physics
- $\tau$  physics



# 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)  
 $\sigma_T$ : 90 ps Barrel  
110 ps endcap

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

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

# $\eta/\eta'$ events at BESIII

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



# Recent results on $\eta/\eta'$ decays

- Hadronic decays

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

- Radiative decays

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

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

arXiv:1506.05360

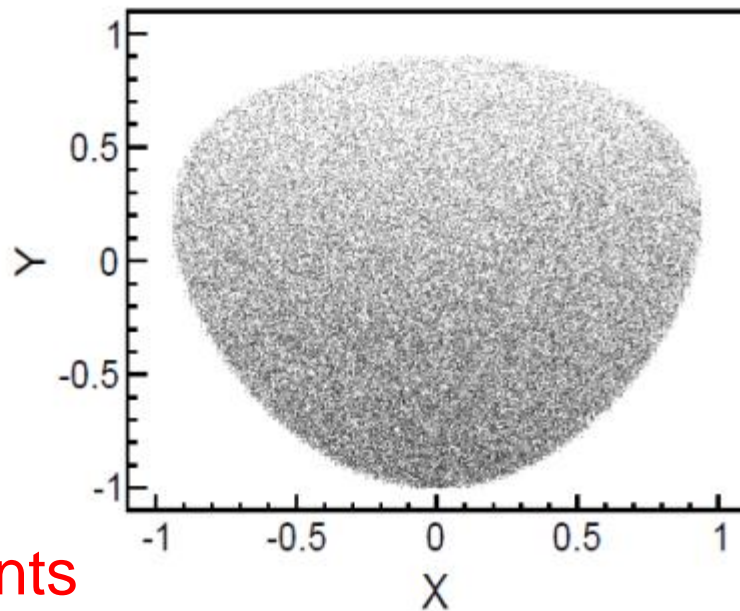
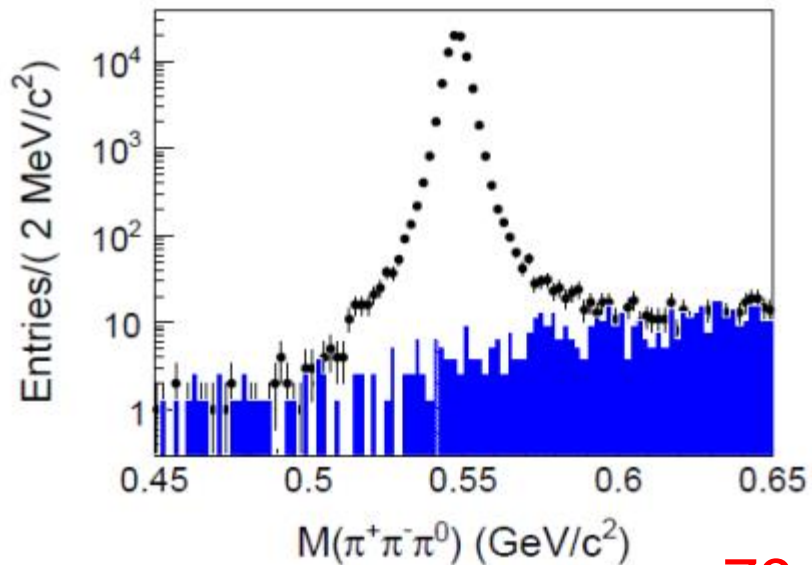
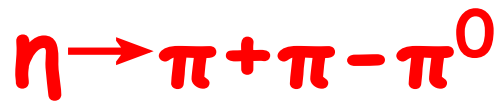
- Investigate the fundamental symmetries
- Measure the light quark masses difference
- Comparison to the theoretical calculations
- Previous measurements (KLOE, WASA-at-COSY ...)

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

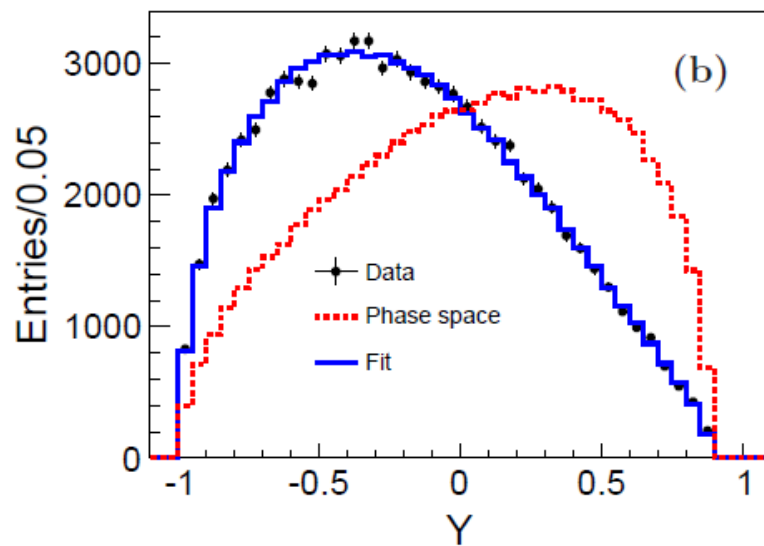
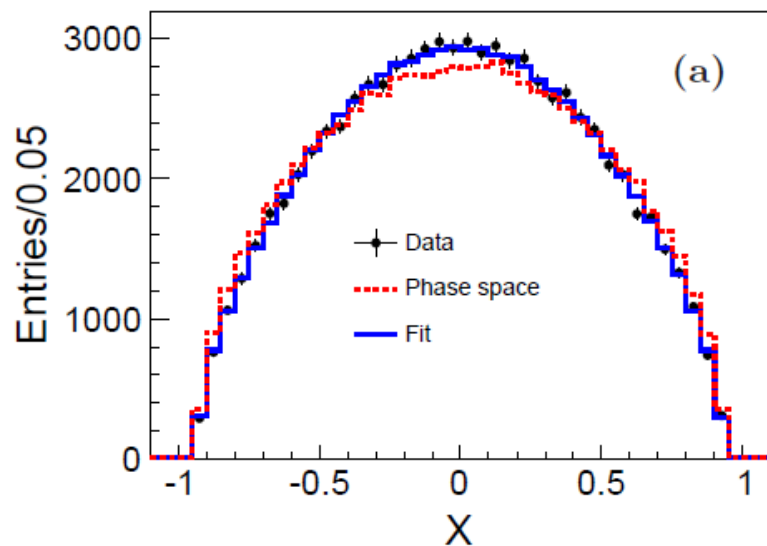
$T_\pi$  denotes the kinetic energy of a given pion in the  $\eta$  rest frame

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

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

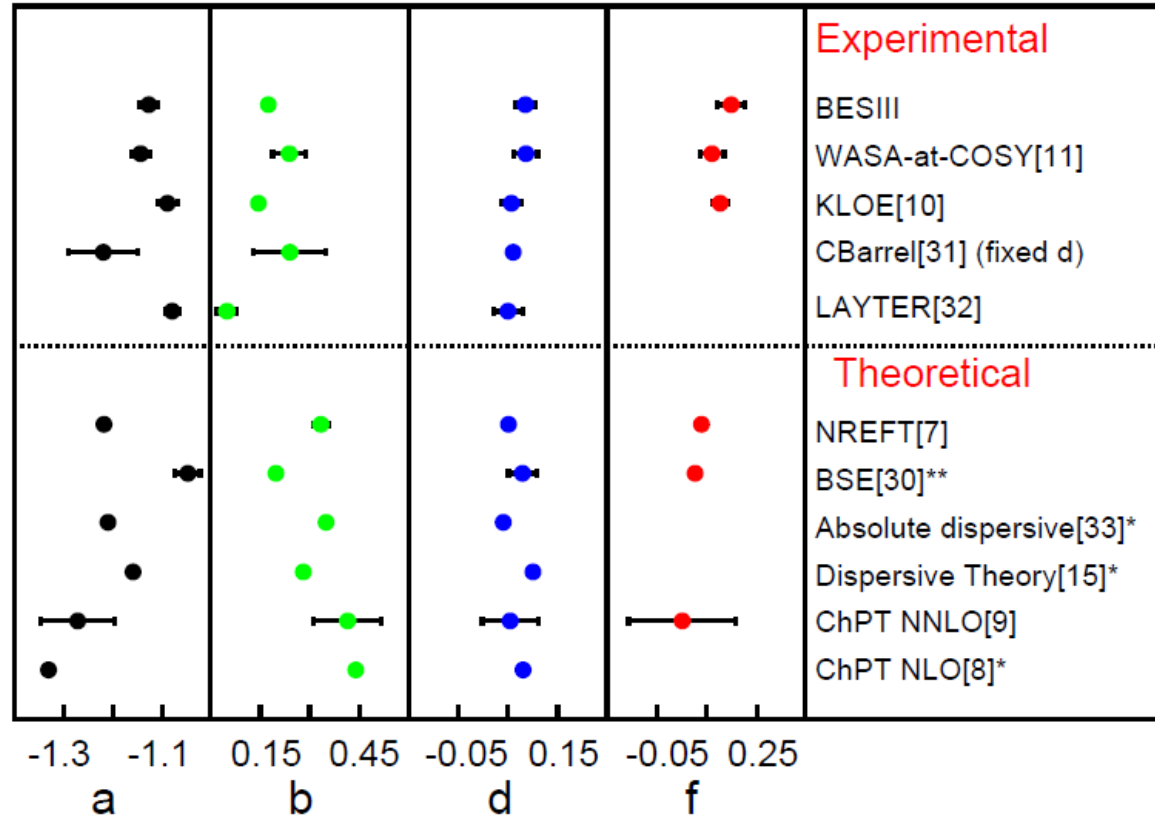


79,625 events



# Comparison to experimental and theoretical results

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

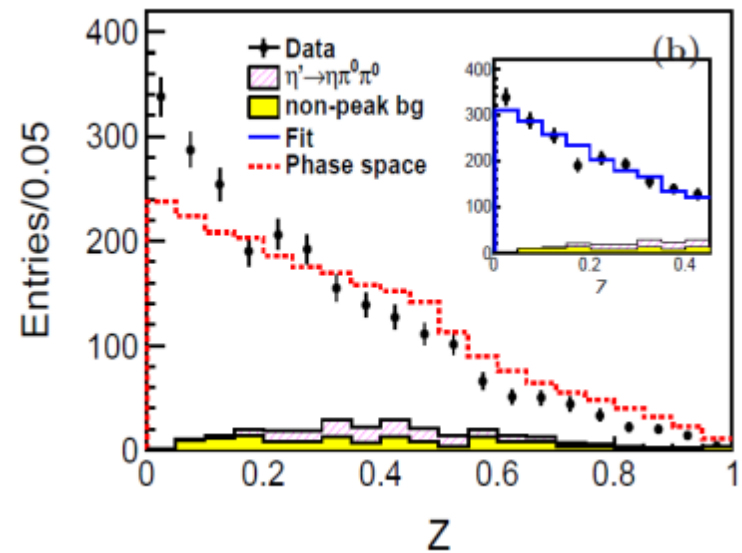
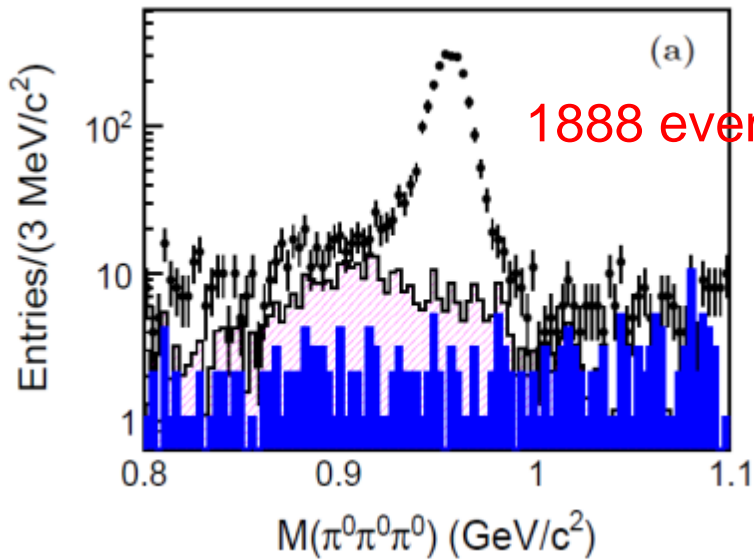
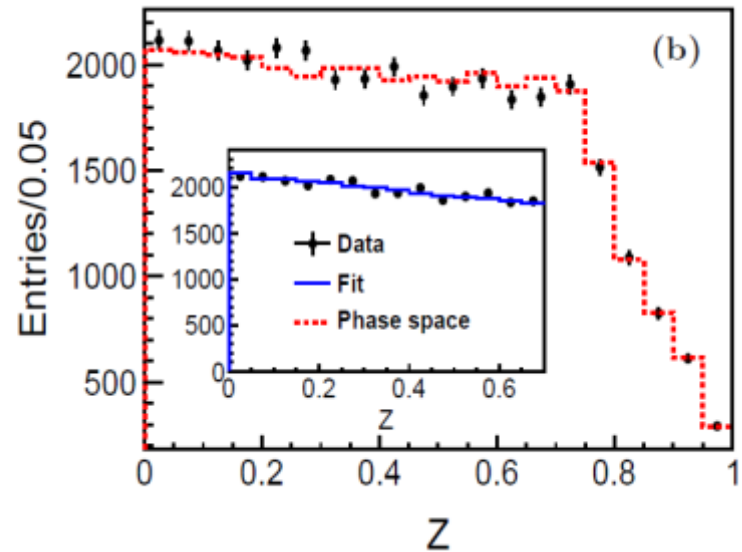
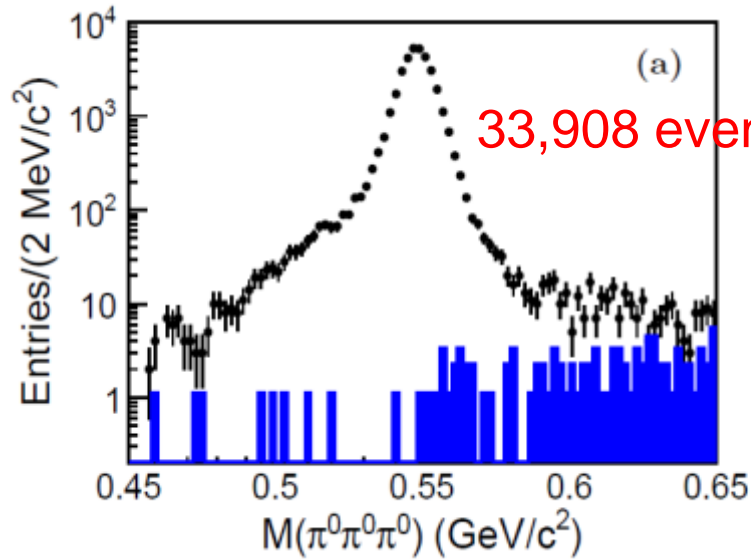


$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= -1.128 \pm 0.015, \\
 b &= 0.153 \pm 0.017, \\
 c &= (0.047 \pm 0.851) \times 10^{-2} \\
 d &= 0.085 \pm 0.016, \\
 e &= 0.017 \pm 0.019, \\
 f &= 0.173 \pm 0.028.
 \end{aligned}$$

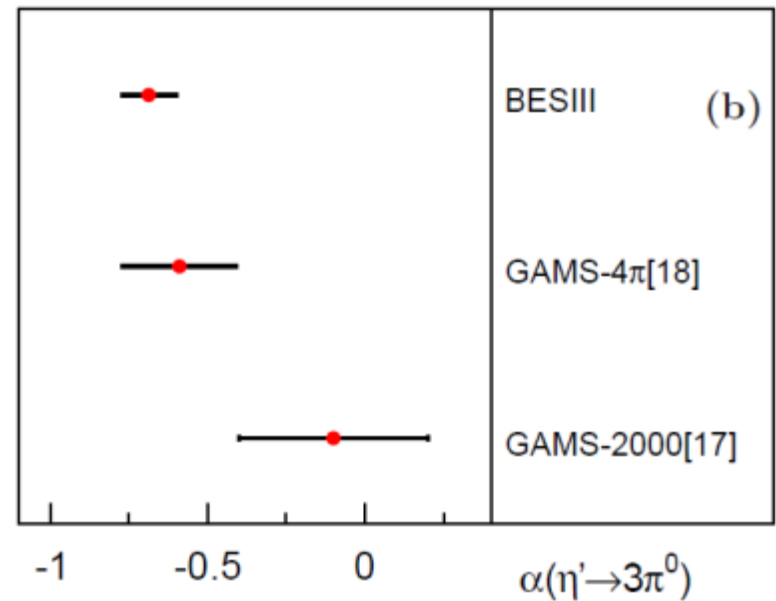
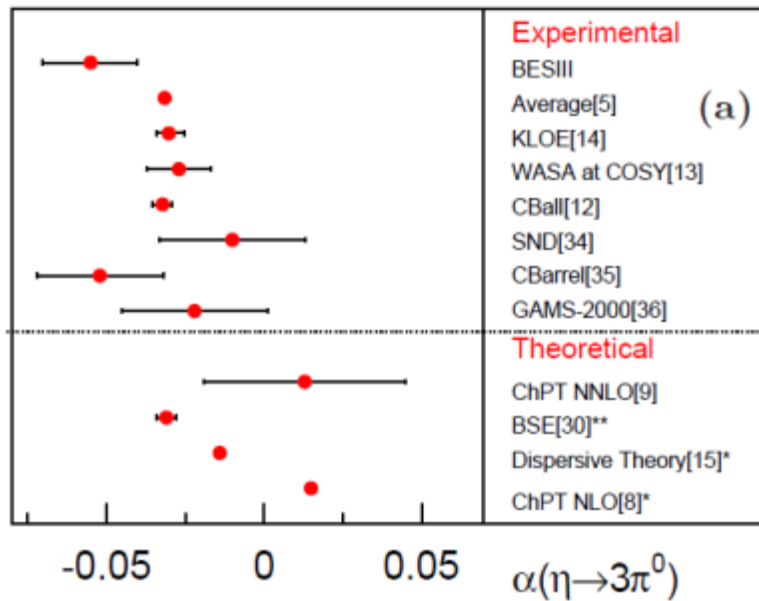
No charge conjugation violation is seen



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



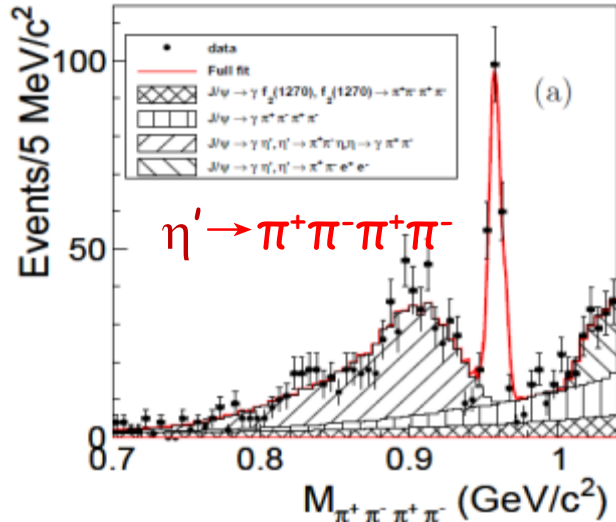
# Comparison to experimental and theoretical results



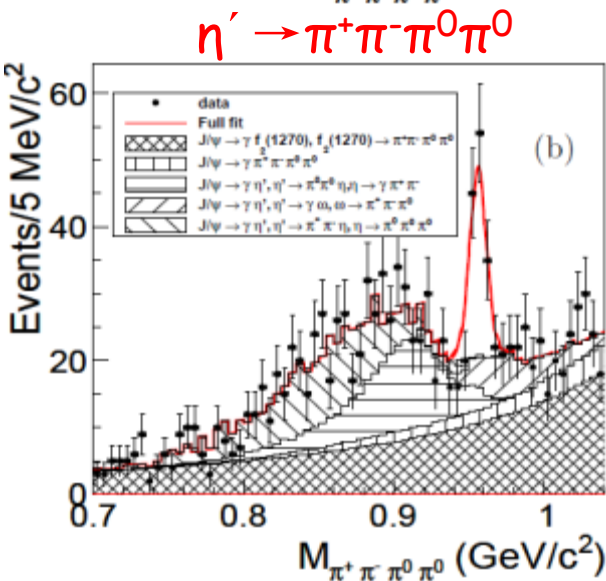
- In agreement with previous measurements
- $\alpha$  for  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$  significantly deviates from zero

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

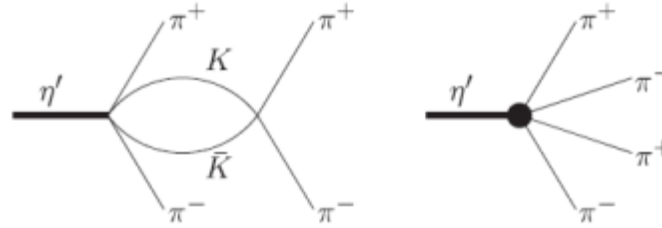
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$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$



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

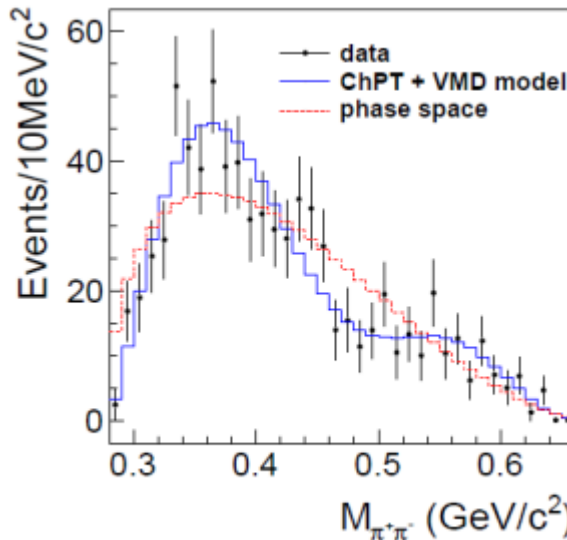


ChPT+VMD:  
only occur at  $O(p^6)$

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)

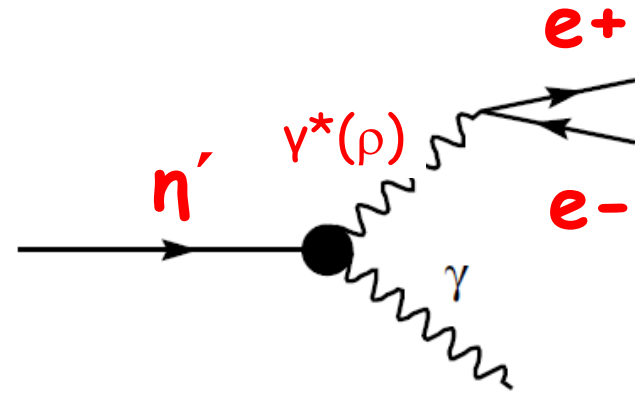
$B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-) = (8.63 \pm 0.69 \pm 0.64) \times 10^{-5}$   
 $B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0) = (1.82 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-4}$



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

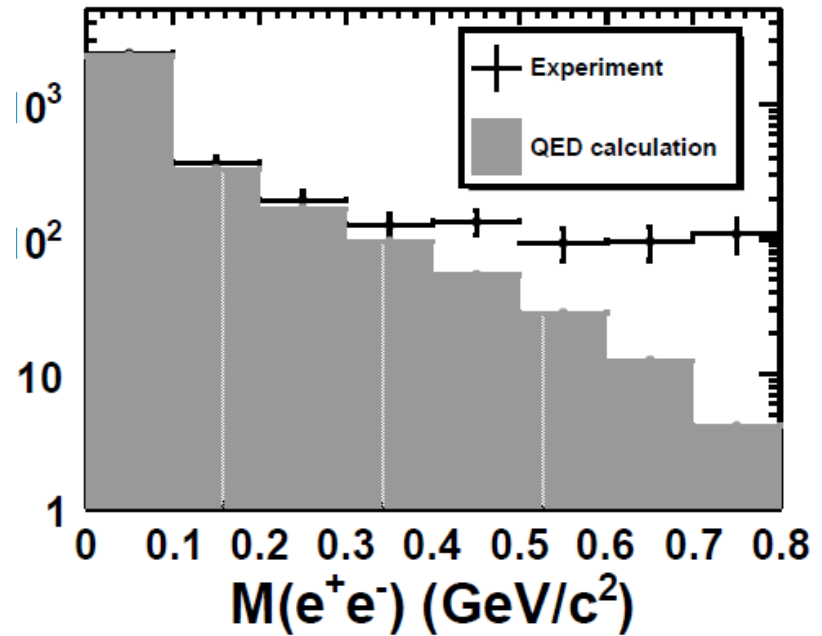
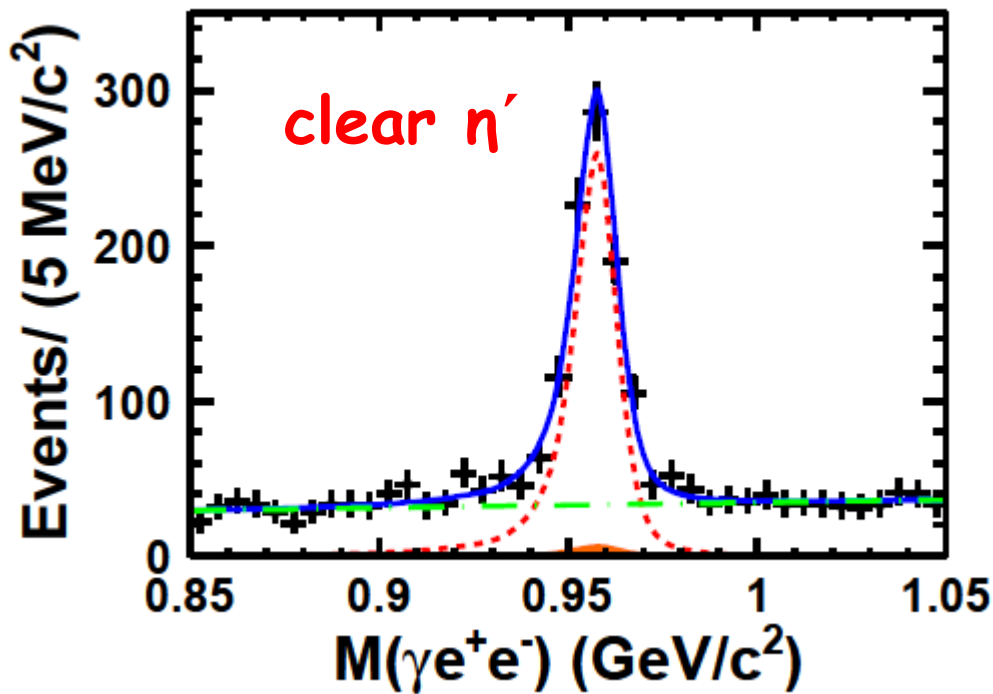
arXiv:1504.06016

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



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

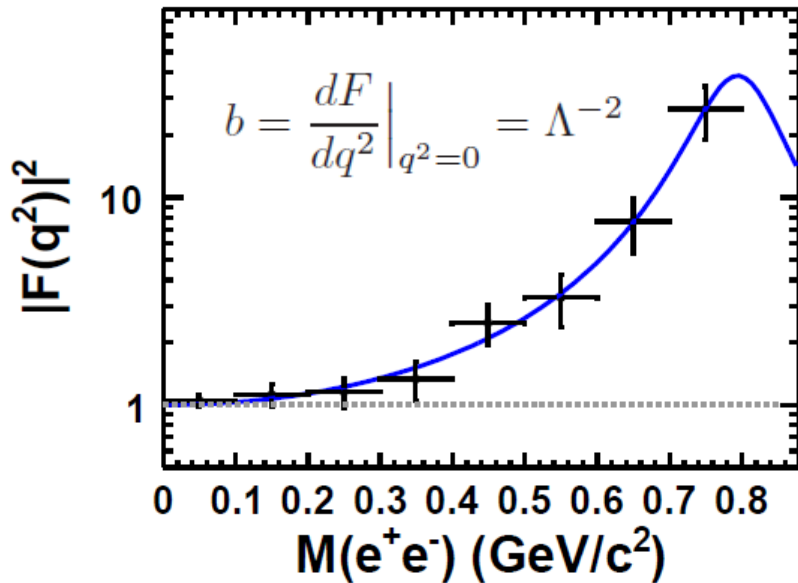




$$\frac{\Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-)}{\Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = (2.13 \pm 0.09(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.07(\text{sys.})) \times 10^{-2}$$

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

$4.2 \times 10^{-4}$  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 $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0$

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

$\omega$  excluded,  $\rho$ - $\omega$  mixing?

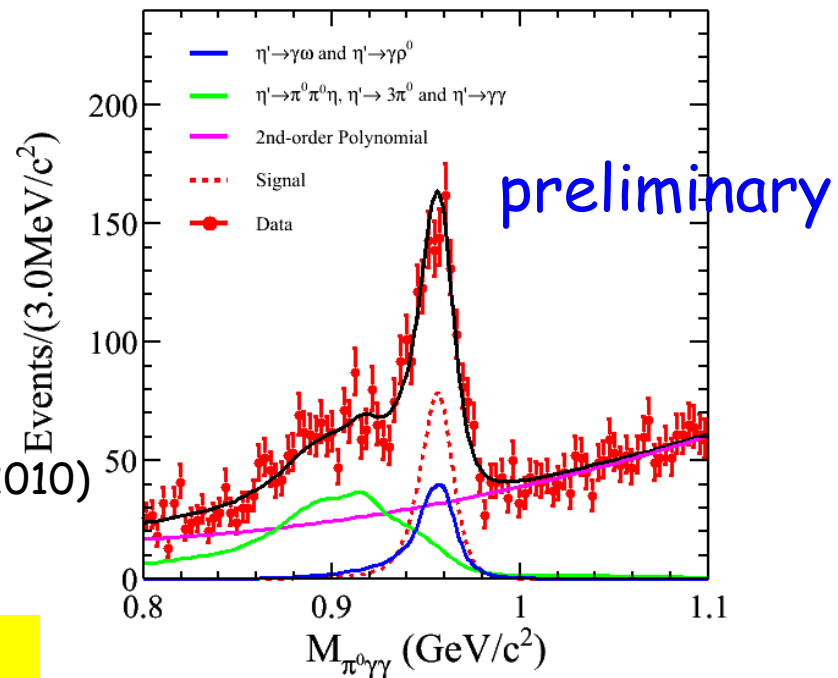
$$B = [6.91 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.20(\text{PDG})] \times 10^{-4}$$

Consistent with theoretical predictions:

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

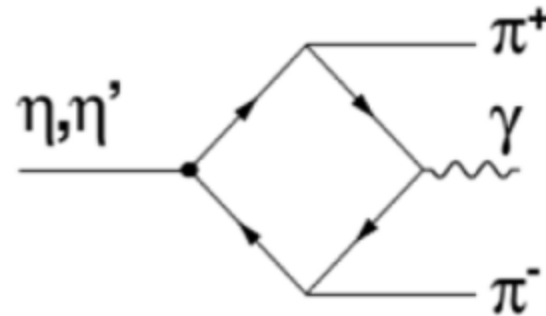
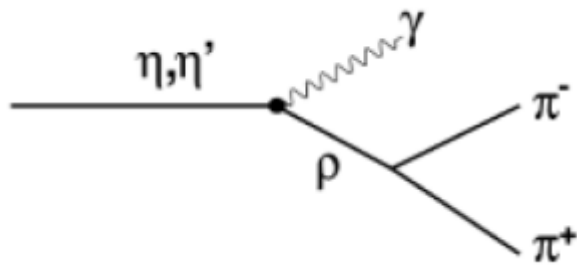
P. Jora, Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 207-208, 224 (2010)  
R. Escribano, PoS QNP 2012, 079 (2012)

Linear  $\sigma$  model & VMD



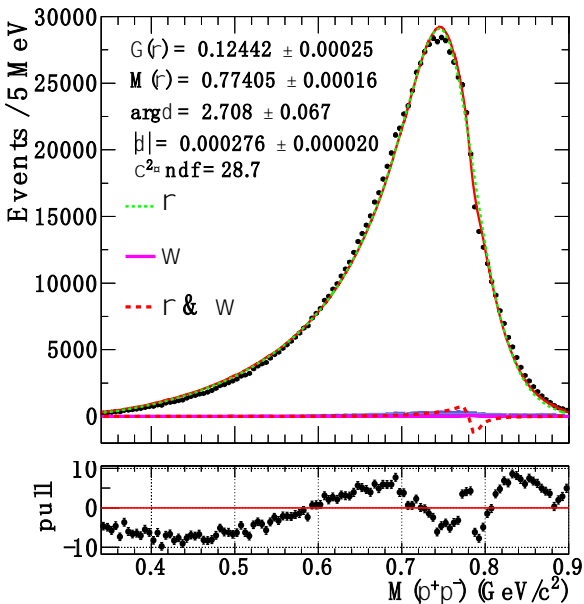
# $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay dynamics

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

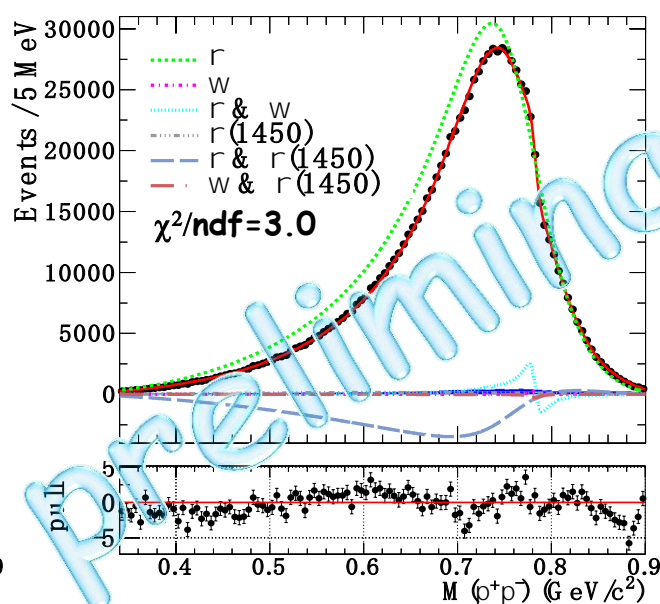


# Model-dependent fit

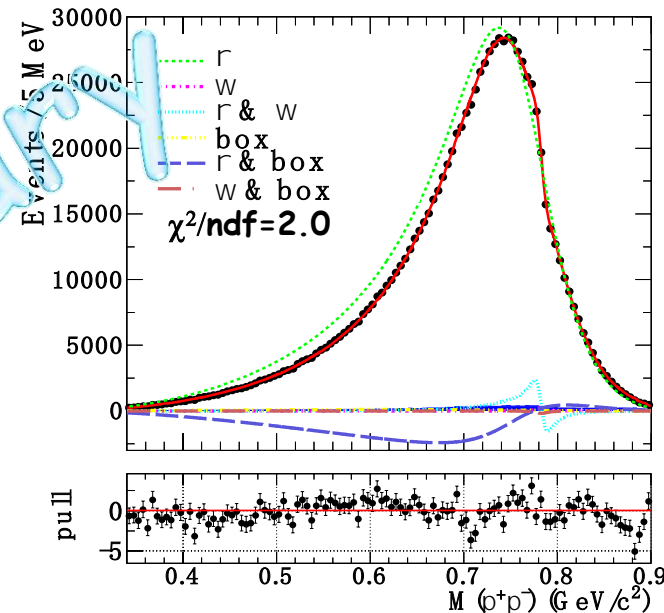
1). fit with  $\rho(770)$ - $\omega$



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



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

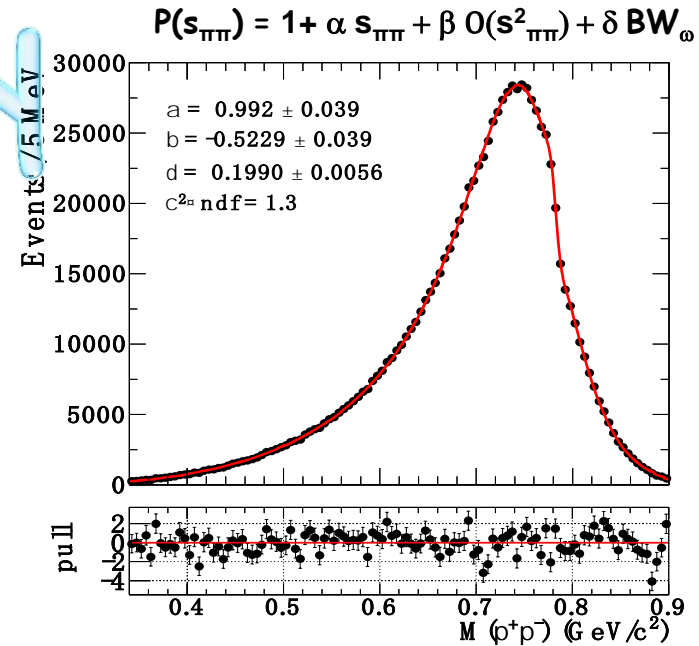
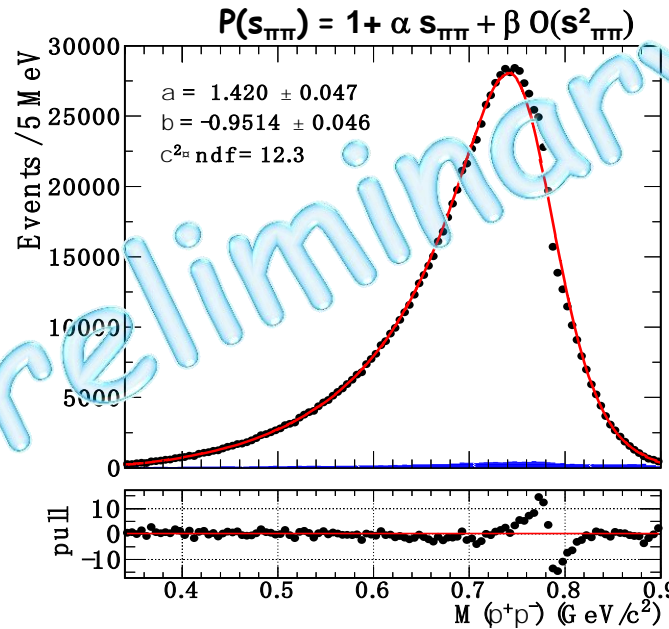
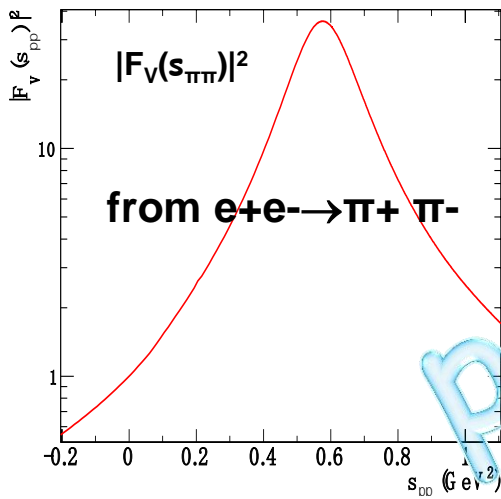


- ✓ Besides  $\rho(770)$ , the  $\omega$  is needed
- ✓  $\rho(770)$ - $\omega$  cannot describe data well
- ✓ Extra contribution (maybe  $\rho(1450)$  or box-anomaly, maybe both of them) is also necessary to provide a good description of data

# Model-independent fit

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

\* Physics Letters B 707 (2012) 184-190



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

- $w$  is necessary
- Linear polynomial is insufficient

# BESIII status on $\eta/\eta'$ 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)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$  arXiv:1504.06016, accepted by PRD
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, \eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$  arXiv:1506.05360, submitted to PRD
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0$  (preliminary)
- $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$  (Preliminary)

# Summary

- $\eta/\eta'$  decays: a rich physics field
- Recent results from BESIII are presented
  - $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, \eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$
  - $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-, \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$
  - $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$
  - $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-$
  - $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^0$
- BESIII:  $\eta/\eta'$  factory
- more results are expected to come soon  
( $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, \omega e^+e^-, \dots$ )



**Thanks for you attention**