

# Dispersive approach to the eta transition form factor

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# *PROLOGUE*

# SM results of anomalous magnetic moments $a = \frac{1}{2}(g-2)$

## 1 Electron: $a_e = a_e(\text{QED}) + a_e(\text{weak}) + a_e(\text{had.}) \simeq a_e(\text{QED})$

Experiment:  $0.00115965218073(28)$

Hanneke et al., PRL **110** ('08),

Theory:  $0.00115965218178(77)$

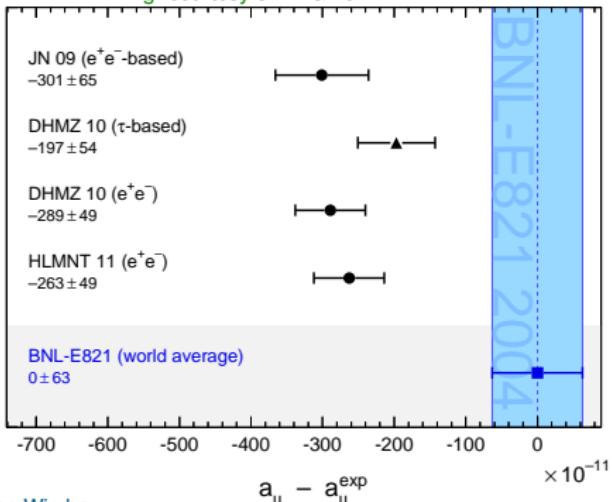
$\alpha/2\pi$  by Schwinger, PR **73** ('48),

11 digits!

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^5)$  by Aoyama et al., PRL **109** ('12).

## 2 Muon:

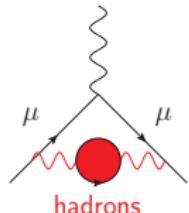
Fig. courtesy of PDG 2014



- visible deviation ( $3.5\sigma$ )
- " - " larger than  $a_\mu(\text{weak})$   
→ New Physics ?
- $a_\mu^{\text{PDG}}(\text{had.}) = (6930 \pm 50) \cdot 10^{-11}$   
dominates uncertainty

# Hadronic contribution to $a_\mu$

## 1 Hadronic vacuum polarization:

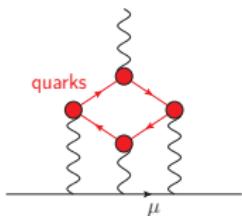
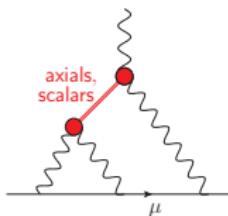
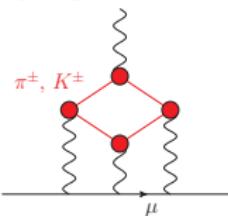
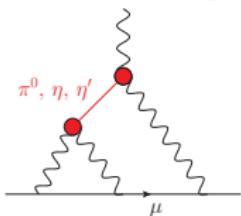


$$a_\mu^{\text{PDG}}(\text{had. LO}) = (6923 \pm 42) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Goal: < 0.3% uncertainty

→ to be fixed by experiment

## 2 Hadronic light-by-light:



$$a_\mu(\text{had. light-by-light}) = (105 \pm 26) \cdot 10^{-11} \quad (\text{solely from models!})$$

J. Prades et al., arXiv:0901.0306

Model indep.:  $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^0$  Hoferichter, Kubis, Leupold, Niecknig, Schneider;

$\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$  Colangelo, Hoferichter, Procura, Stoffer ('14);

$\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \eta$

this work.

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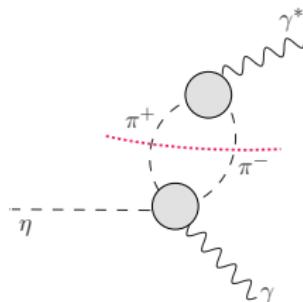
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## Ultimate goal: double off-shell form factor of $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$

- 1 Interim goal: the **transition form factor** of  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$



$\implies \eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$  transition amplitude

- ↪ FSI the same as in **pion vector form factor**  
 $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- ↪ Dispersion relation, **universal** and **reaction-specific** terms

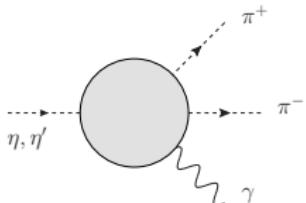
- 2 From the  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$  amplitude to the  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$  form factor
- 3 Results of slope and behavior of the transition form factor
- 4 Summary and **outlook to  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$**

F. Stollenwerk, C. Hanhart, A. Kupśc, U.-G. Meißner & A.W., PLB **707** (2012) 184  
 arXiv:1108.2419v3 [nucl-th]

C. Hanhart, A. Kupśc, U.-G. Meißner, F. Stollenwerk & A.W., EPJC **73** (2013) 2668  
 arXiv:1307.5654v2 [nucl-th]

*RADIATIVE  
TWO-PION DECAY  
OF  $\Xi$  & FSI*

## Basics of $\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$



- driven by chiral anomaly
- branching ratios  
 $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma : (4.22 \pm 0.08)\%$  [PDG](#)  
 $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma : (29.1 \pm 0.5)\%$  [PDG](#)

- $$\begin{array}{lll} C_{\eta, \eta'} & = & +1 \\ C_\gamma & = & -1 \end{array}$$
  $\longrightarrow$

$$C_{\pi^+ \pi^-} = -1$$

↓

$L_{\pi^+ \pi^-}$  odd



### Pion quantum numbers

- Assumption

partial waves  
 $L_{\pi^+ \pi^-} \geq 3$   
 negligible

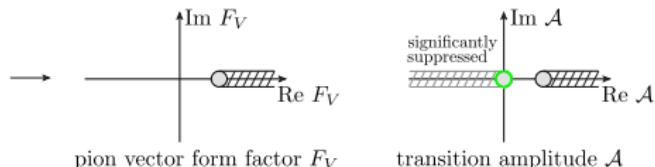


$J^P(\pi^+ \pi^-) = 1^-$ (vector)	$I(\pi^+ \pi^-) = 1$ (isovector)
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## Transition amplitude $\eta \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma$

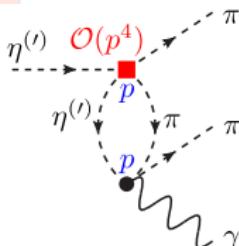
Same FSI & right-hand cut as pion vector FF  $F_V$  of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

Dispersion rel. fixes  $F_V$  &  $\mathcal{A}$  up to multiplicative analytic functions



Left-hand cut of  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$

suppressed  
**chirally** and  
**kinematically**  
 because  $\eta\pi$  in p-wave



~ ansatz:

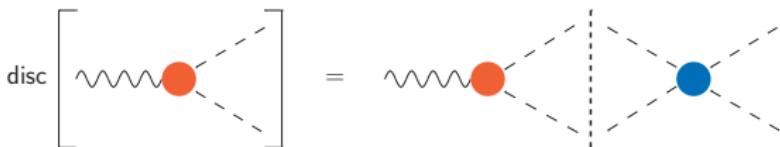
$$\mathcal{A}_{\pi\pi\gamma}^\eta = N P(s_{\pi\pi}) F_V(s_{\pi\pi})$$

with  $P(s_{\pi\pi})$  polynomial

Bernard et al. (1991); Kubis, Schneider (2009)

# Form factor constrained by analyticity and unitarity

for a single channel:



$$\text{Im } F_I(s) = \frac{1}{2i} \text{ disc } F_I(s) = F_I(s) \Theta(s - 4m_\pi^2) \sin \delta_I(s) e^{-i\delta_I(s)} \in \mathbb{R} (!)$$

↪ final-state theorem (Watson '54)

phase of  $F_I(s)$  is just  $\delta_I(s)$

$$\hookrightarrow \Omega_I(s) = \exp \left( \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\delta_I(s')}{s'(s' - s - i\epsilon)} \right)$$

Omnès function (Omnès '58)

– fixed in elastic regime –

such that for negligible left-hand cuts:

Data: B. Hyams et al., NPB 64 ('73) & 100 ('75)

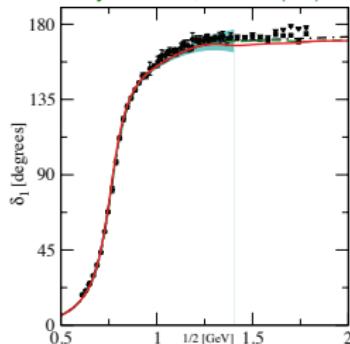
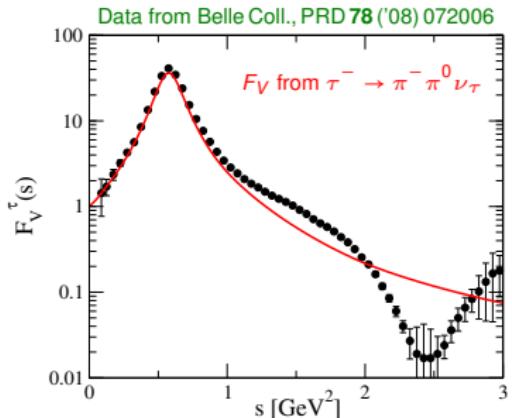


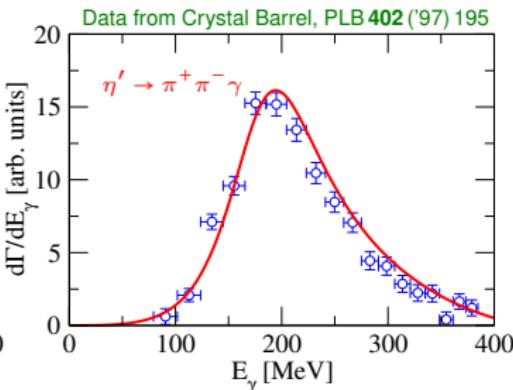
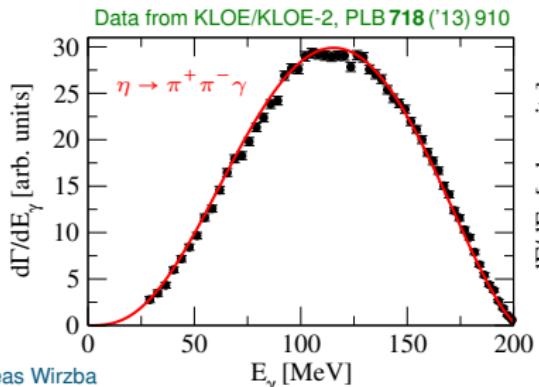
Fig. courtesy of C. Hanhart, arXiv:1203.6839

$$F_I(s) = P_I(s) \Omega_I(s)$$

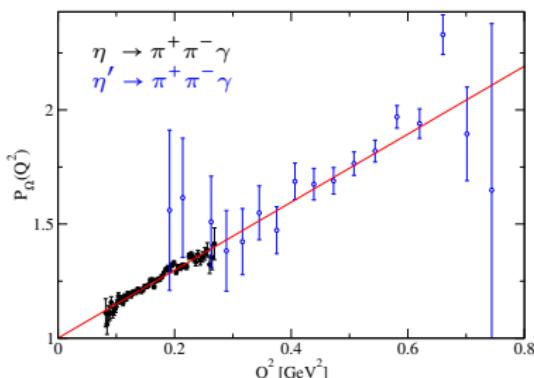
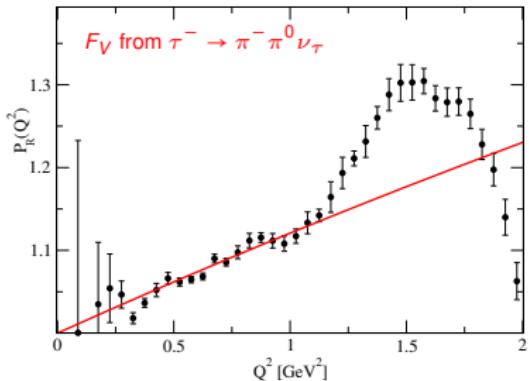
# Universality of FSI (in pion vector FF and $\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ spectra)



—  $F_V(s) \leftarrow \Omega(s)$  *p*-wave Omnès  
 or  $d\Gamma/dE_\gamma \propto |\Omega(s)|^2 \times$  kin. factors  
 ↳  $\Omega(s)$  is universal with  
 visible deviations above elastic reg.:  
 • higher thresholds  
 • inelastic resonances ( $\rho', \rho''$ )



## The residual $P$ remaining after division by the Omnès function



$$P_R(Q^2) \equiv F_V(Q^2)/\Omega(Q^2)$$

- $P_R(Q^2)$  linear for  $Q^2 < 1$  GeV $^2$ :  

$$P_R(Q^2) = 1 + \alpha_R Q^2$$
- remaining deviations from  $\rho'$  &  $\rho''$

C. Hanhart et al., EPJC **73** ('13) 2668

$$P_\Omega(Q^2) \equiv |\mathcal{A}_{\eta,\eta'}(Q^2)|/N_{\eta^{(\prime)}} \Omega(Q^2)$$

- $P_\Omega(Q^2)$  linear in both cases, at least for  $Q^2 \lesssim (m_{\eta,\eta'} - 2m_\pi)^2$ :  

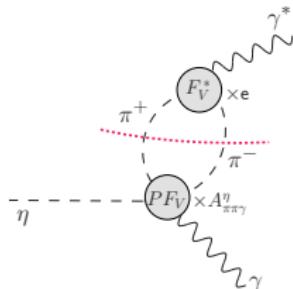
$$P_\Omega(Q^2) = (1 + \alpha_{\eta,\eta'} Q^2)$$
- $\alpha_\eta$ ,  $\alpha_{\eta'}$  and normalizations  $N_\eta$ ,  $N_{\eta'}$  reaction specific
- $\alpha_{\eta'} \simeq \alpha_\eta$  (1-loop ChPT & large  $N_c$ )

F. Stollenwerk et al., PLB **707** ('12) 184

# *TRANSITION FORM FACTOR*

## From $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ to $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$

Parameter-free prediction of the **isovector** part of the transition FF



$$F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) \equiv 1 + \Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=1)}(Q^2, 0) + \Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=0)}(Q^2, 0)$$

$$\Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=1)} = \left( \frac{\kappa_\eta Q^2}{96\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \right) \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty ds' \sigma_\pi(s')^3 P(s') \frac{|F_V(s')|^2}{s' - Q^2 - i\epsilon}$$

$\Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=0)}$  (**isoscalar** part) needs to be modeled

Thus

- $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$  and  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$  are closely connected:
- FSI ( $\Omega(Q^2)$  part of  $F_V(Q^2)$ ) universal, driven by  $\rho$  pole and residue
- $P(Q^2)$  and  $\kappa_\eta$  are reaction-dependent and modify  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$

C. Hanhart et al., EPJC 73 ('13) 2668, arXiv:1307.5654v2

## The isoscalar contribution of the transition form factor

Modeled à la VMD (okay because of narrow  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  resonances)

$$\Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=0)}(Q^2, 0) = \frac{w_{\omega\gamma}^\eta Q^2}{m_\omega^2 - Q^2 - im_\omega\Gamma_\omega} + \frac{w_{\phi\gamma}^\eta Q^2}{m_\phi^2 - Q^2 - im_\phi\Gamma_\phi}$$

from 'data' (isoscalar contribution isolated in exp. analysis) via

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta\gamma)|_{s=m_V^2}^{\text{isoscalar}} = \frac{12\pi \text{BR}(V \rightarrow \eta\gamma) \text{BR}(V \rightarrow e^+e^-)}{m_V^2}, \quad V = \omega, \phi$$

with the weight factors (residua)

$$w_{\omega\gamma}^\eta \approx (0.78 \pm 0.04) \times 1/8 \quad \text{and} \quad w_{\phi\gamma}^\eta \approx (0.75 \pm 0.03) \times (-2/8)$$

where  $1/8$  and  $-2/8$  are the standard VMD values

see, e.g., L.G. Landsberg, Phys. Rep. **128** ('85) 301

→ The **isoscalar** contribution is **small** for the  $\eta$  ( $\sim 2\%$ )!

**Input for**  $\Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=1)} = \left( \frac{\kappa_\eta Q^2}{96\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \right) \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty ds' \sigma_\pi(s')^3 P(s') \frac{|F_V(s')|^2}{s' - Q^2 - i\epsilon}$

1  $P(s') = (1 + \alpha s')$  with  $\alpha = (1.32 \pm 0.13) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  from KLOE/-2

D. Babusci et al., PLB 718 ('13) 910

2  $\kappa_\eta \equiv e f_\pi^2 A_{\pi\pi\gamma}^\eta / A_{\gamma\gamma}^\eta$  from data (tabulated branching ratios)

Review of Particle Properties (**PDG**)

3  $F_V(s')$  (indeed only its modulus) from recent parametrization

C. Hanhart, PLB 715 ('12) 170

(4) the upper cutoff  $\Lambda^2$  of the  $s'$  integration (see next slide)

+ the ca. 2% correction from  $\Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=0)}(Q^2, 0)$  with

(5) the poles  $m_\rho, m_\phi$  and the widths  $\Gamma_\rho, \Gamma_\phi$  directly from **PDG** and

(6) the residua  $w_{\omega\gamma}^\eta$  and  $w_{\phi\gamma}^\eta$  of the modified VMD expression from the tabulated  $\text{BR}(\omega, \phi \rightarrow \eta\gamma)$  and  $\text{BR}(\omega, \phi \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$ .

**Uncertainties of  $\Delta F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}^{(I=1)}$**  =  $\left(\frac{\kappa_\eta Q^2}{96\pi^2 f_\pi^2}\right) \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\Lambda^2} ds' \sigma_\pi(s')^3 P(s') \frac{|F_V(s')|^2}{s' - Q^2 - i\epsilon}$

- 1 Uncertainties in the **input**: especially for  $\alpha$  in  $P(s') = 1 + \alpha s'$
- 2 **isoscalar piece**: here we needed the VMD model (especially for the phases of the  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  contribution)
- 3 Large  $s'$  behavior of  $P(s')$  and  $F_V(s')$ :

FSI in  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  and  $\gamma\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  different in inelastic regime (e.g. different couplings of  $\rho'$  and  $\rho''$  in both reactions):

→  $\Lambda = m_\eta \dots 2 \text{ GeV}$

**cross check à la**

S.P. Schneider et al., PRD **86** ('12) 054013; M. Hoferichter et al., PRD **86** ('12) 116009:

$$A_{\gamma\gamma}^{\eta(I=1)} = \frac{e A_{\pi\pi\gamma}^\eta}{96\pi^2} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\Lambda^2} ds' \sigma_\pi(s')^3 P(s') |F_V(s')|^2$$

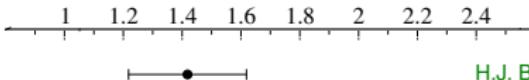
overestimates the experimental value by  $(7 \pm 5)\%$  for  $\Lambda = 1 \text{ GeV}$ .

# RESULTS

# Results: slope parameter $b_\eta \equiv \frac{d}{dQ^2} F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$

## Recent experiments

$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta$  (CELLO)



H.J. Behrend et al., ZPC **49** ('91) 401

$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  (NA60)



G. Usai et al., NPA **855** ('11) 189

$\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  (A2)



P. Aguilar-Bartolome et al., PRC **89** ('14) 044608

## Theory

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R. Escribano et al., PRD **89** ('14) 034014

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L. Ametller et al., PRD **45** ('92) 986

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1-loop ChPT



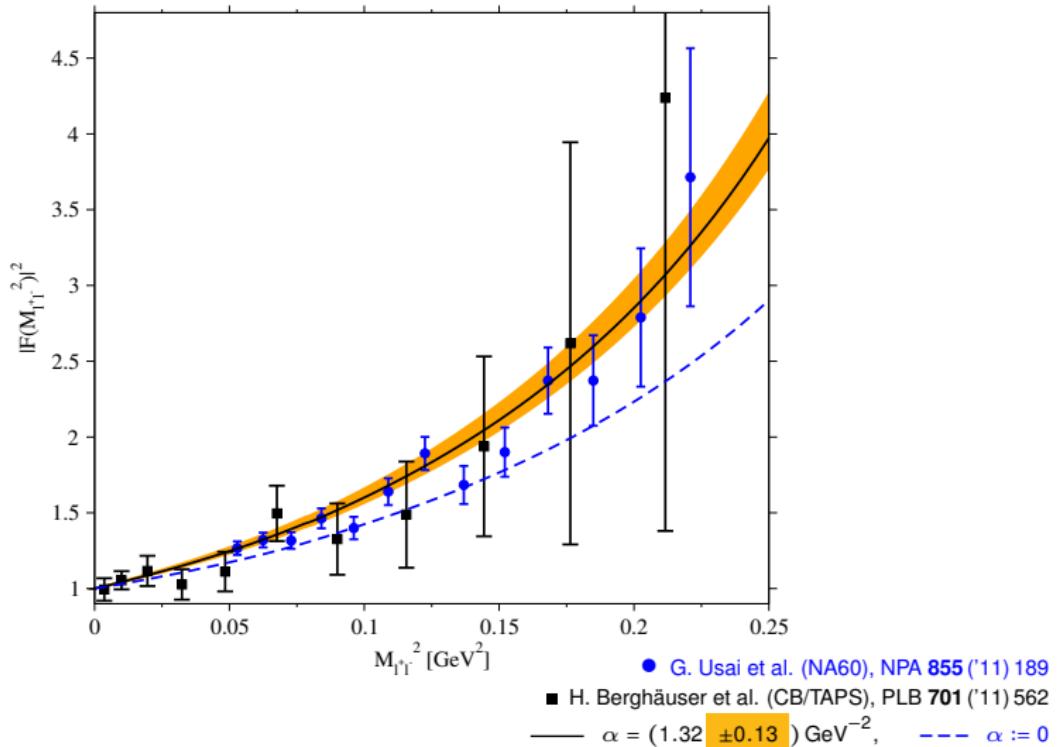
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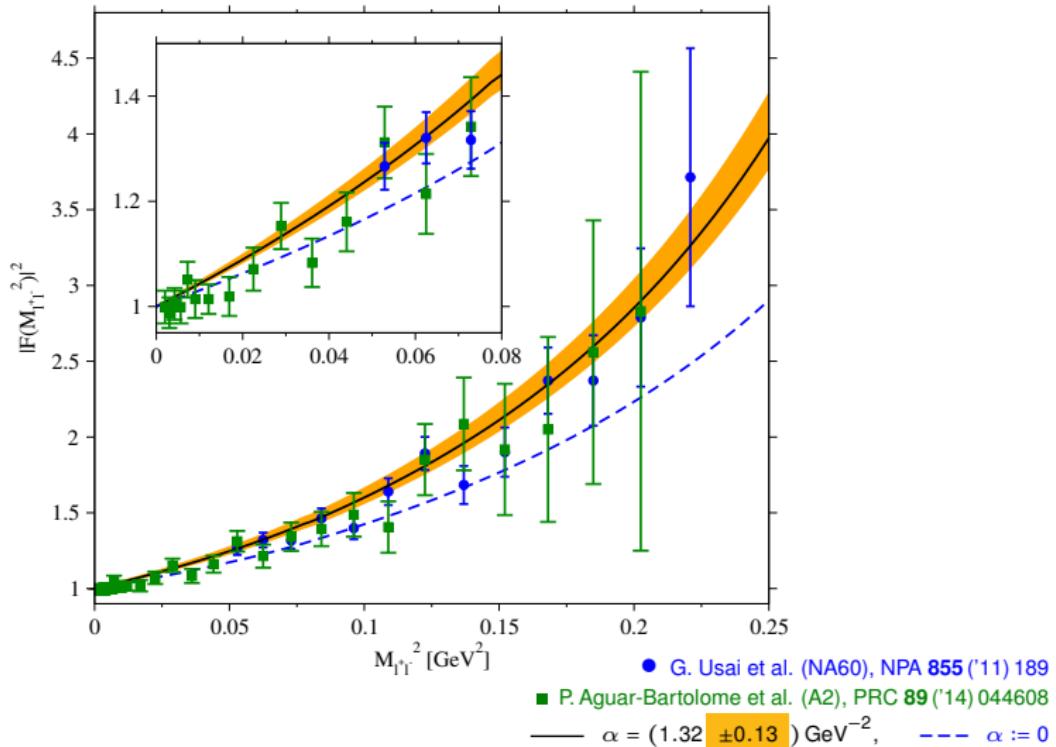


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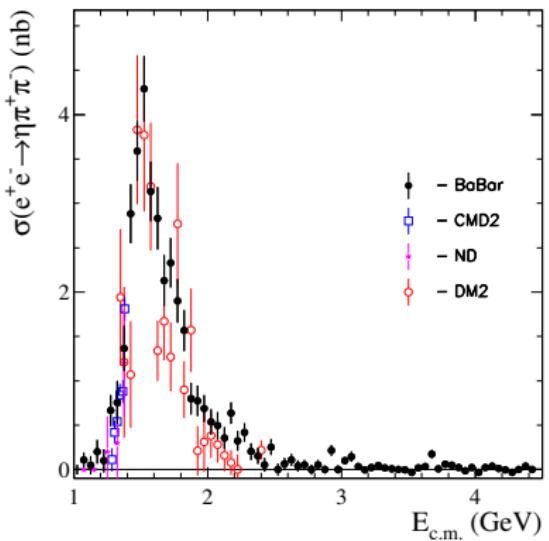
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- Proposal to measure  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$  both as function of  **$s$**  and  **$s_{\pi\pi}$** 
  - ↪ allows extraction of the isovector piece of  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$ 
    - first step: ‘energy-averaged’ BaBar data from 2007 ↵

# *EPILOGUE*

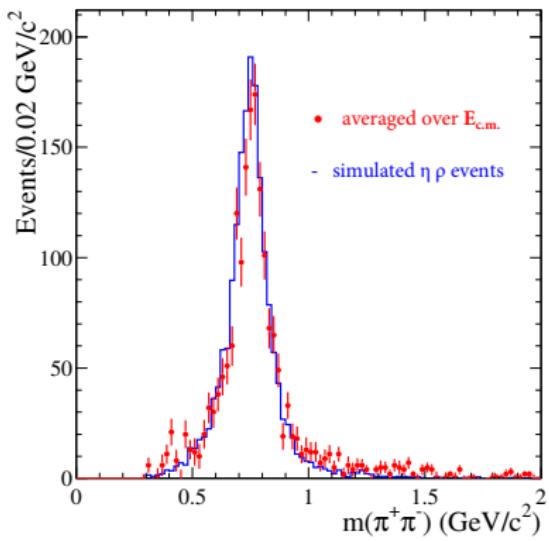
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B. Aubert et al. (**BaBar**), PRD **76** ('07) 092005

Figs. courtesy of B. Aubert et al. (**BaBar**), arXiv:0708.2461v2 [hep-ex]



→  $\rho'$  (and  $\rho''$ ?) dominance  
in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \rho'$

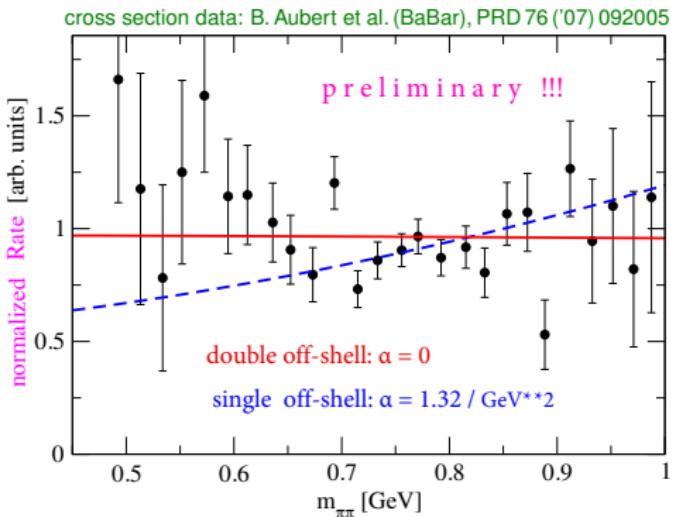


→  $\rho$  dominance in FSI  
of  $\eta\rho \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$

# Outlook: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$

unfolding the BaBar cross section – on the route to the double-off-shell TFF

$$\text{Rate} \equiv \int ds \frac{d\sigma}{dm_{\pi\pi}} = \mathcal{N}^{\frac{3}{2}}(s_{\pi\pi}) P(s_{\pi\pi})^2 |F_V(s_{\pi\pi})|^2 \int_{(\sqrt{s_{\pi\pi}} + m_\eta)^2}^{(4.5 \text{ GeV})^2} ds s^{-3/2} |\mathbf{p}_\eta^*|^3 |G_{\rho'}^{\text{BW}}(s)|^2$$



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# RESUME'

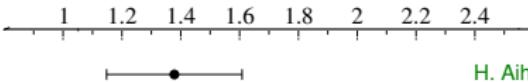
- First indication of  $\alpha(s)$  dependence in  $P = (1 + \alpha(s)s_{\pi\pi})$
- First indication for non-factorization, already below 2 GeV, of the two legs of the  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$  (double-off-shell) form factor
- New  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$  data with *both*  $s$  and  $s_{\pi\pi}$  dependence urgently needed

# *BACKUP SLIDES*

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H. Aihara et al., PRL **64** ('90) 172

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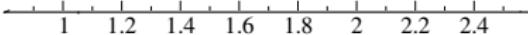


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**Cross check:** unsubtracted dispersion integral with  $\Lambda = 1$  GeV underestimates the experimental value of  $A_{\gamma\gamma}^{\eta'}$  by  $(-2 \pm 7)\%$