



## Transition Form Factors (experimental overview - 2)

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# Outline

## Motivation

WASA results



A2 results



BESIII results



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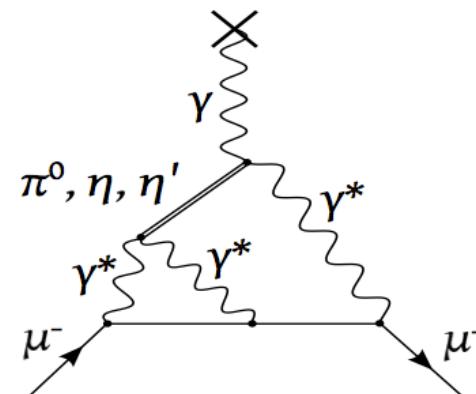
EM TFF allow us access to intrinsic structures of Pseudoscalar mesons (P)

Possible gluonic contribution to  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  can be studied

The leading hadronic contribution to anomalous magnetic moment given by exchange of light hadrons coupled to two photons

Light by light contribution expected to scale as  $m_{had}^{-2}$

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arXiv:1207.6556v2 [hep-ph]



e.g. Dalitz decay

$$P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$$

...but also other anomalous decays involving TFF.

# Motivation

Off-shell P form factors not accessible experimentally

Any aspiring model should be able to correctly describe the on-shell scenario

Lowest time like region studied in  
 $4m_P^2 < q^2 < m_P^2$

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$$P \rightarrow \gamma^{(*)} \gamma^{(*)}$$

Photons either real or virtual

# Motivation: $\pi^0$ Dalitz Decay

Observable: slope parameter  $a_\pi$

$$\text{FF} = (1 - a_\pi x)^{-1} \sim 1 + a_\pi x \text{ for small } a_\pi$$

## Theory

VMD	+0.031
ChPT 2 –loop	+0.029(5)
Kampf, Knecht, Novotný, EPJ C46 (2006) 191	

## Experiment

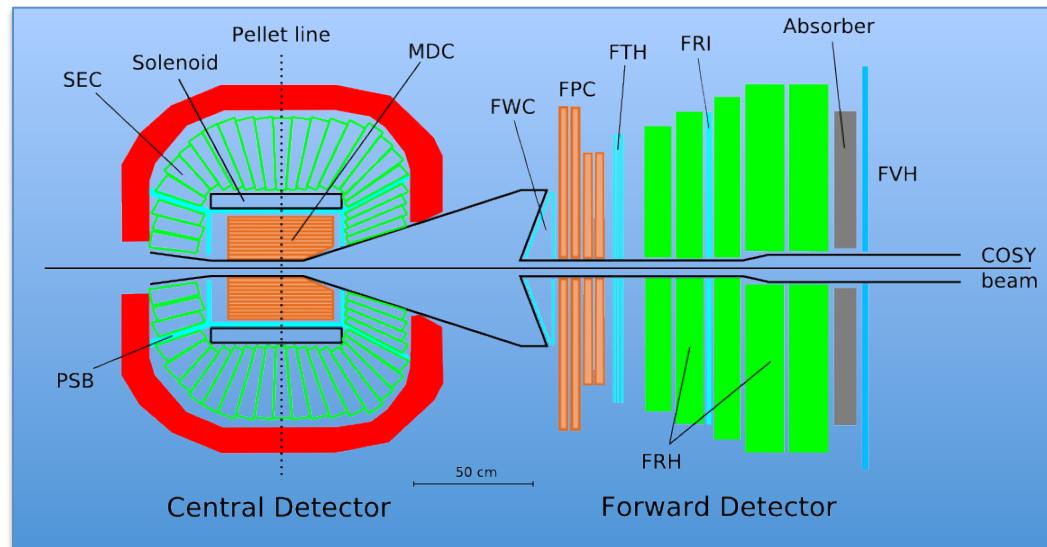
SINDRUM-I Coll.	+0.025(14) <sub>stat</sub> (26) <sub>syst</sub>	54k
Drees et al Phys.Rev.D 45 (1992) 1439		

"...we think that a precise measurement of  $a_\pi$  which would not rely on any kind of extrapolation remains an interesting issue."

Extrapolation from space-like region

CELLO	+0.0326(26)stat(26)syst
Behrend et al (CELLO)	Z. Phys.C 49 (1991) 401
CLEO	+0.0303(8)stat(9)syst(12)
Gronberg et al (CLEO)	Phys.Rev.D 57 (1998) 33

# WASA at COSY



$pp \rightarrow pp \pi^0$  550 MeV (2010)

$pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} \eta$  1 GeV (2008-2009)

## Central Detector:

- Superconducting Solenoid
- Plastic Barrel
- Wire Chamber
- Calorimeter

## Forward Detector:

- Plastic Scintillators
- Tracker

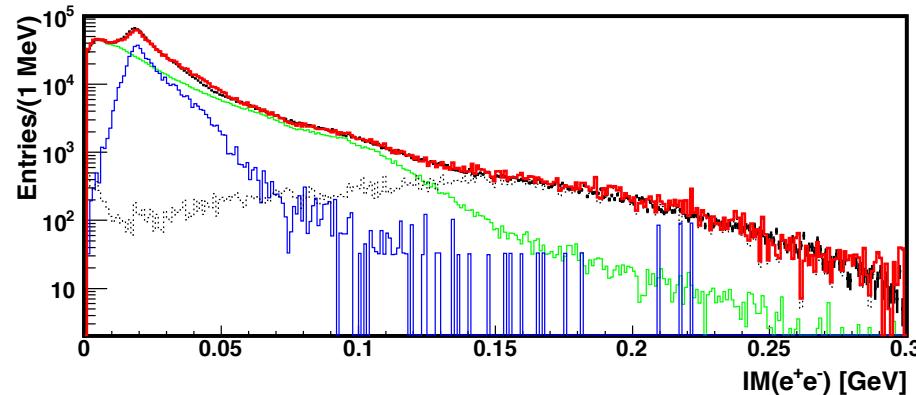


$\pi^0$  Dalitz Decay



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DATA    MC SUM  
 $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$   
 $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
coincidentals

In search of a dark photon in  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma U \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$

Focus of paper was to set an upper limit on  $U-\gamma$  mixing parameter,  $\epsilon$ , 20-100 MeV

Data sample collected can be used to determine  $\pi^0$  TFF

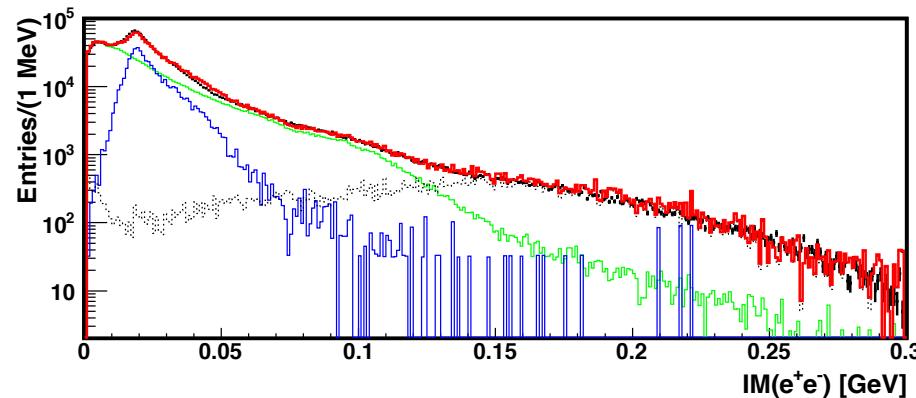


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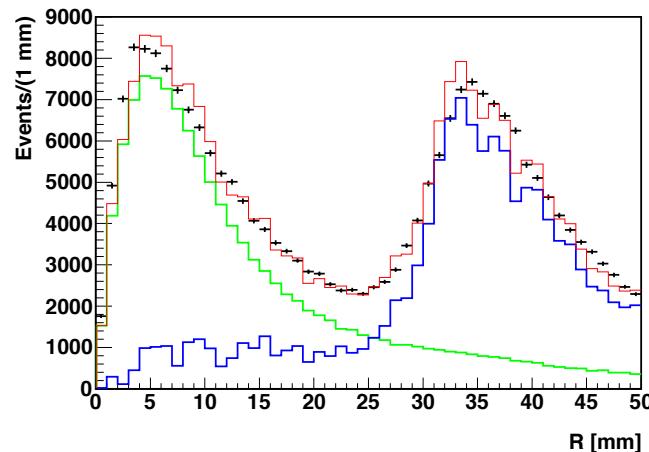
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Reconstructed vertex  
used to remove  
conversion decays

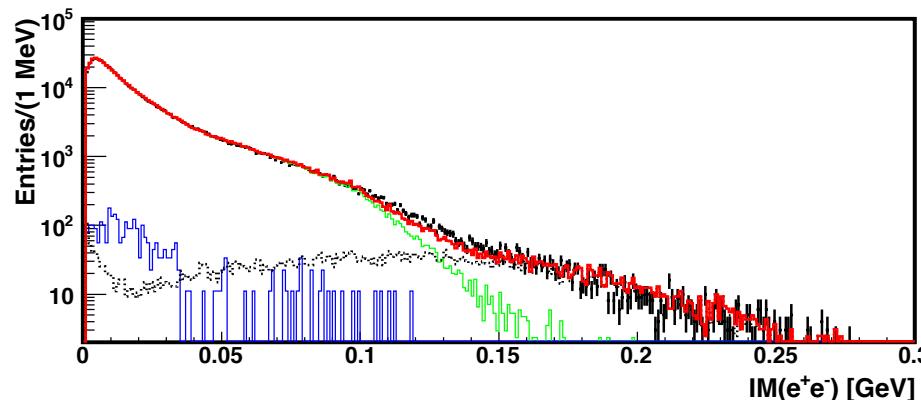
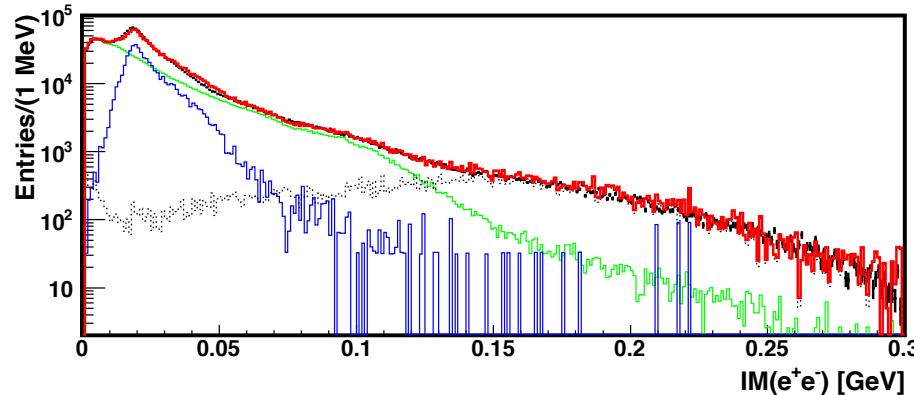


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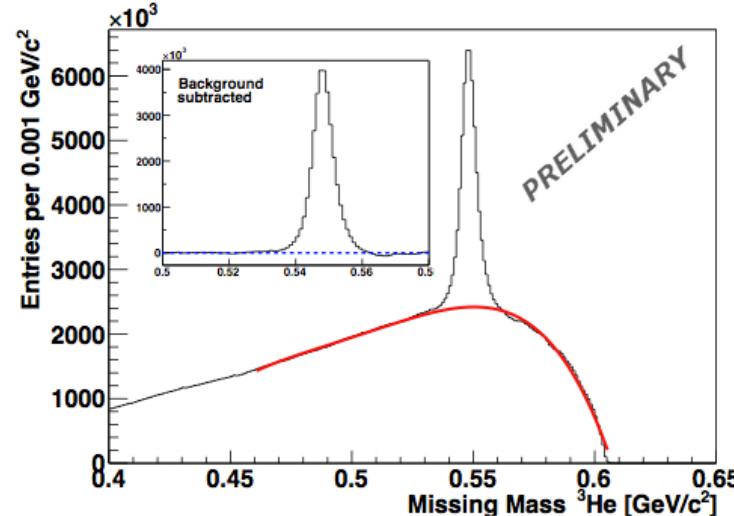
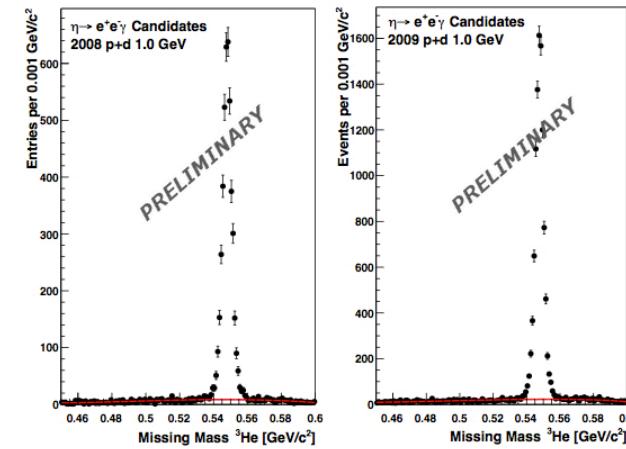


Also prel. results  $\pi^0 - e^+e^-$  available

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$\sim 5.0 \times 10^5$   
events in final event sample  
Still to be analysed  
 $\sim 8.0 \times 10^6$   $\pi^0$  Dalitz decays

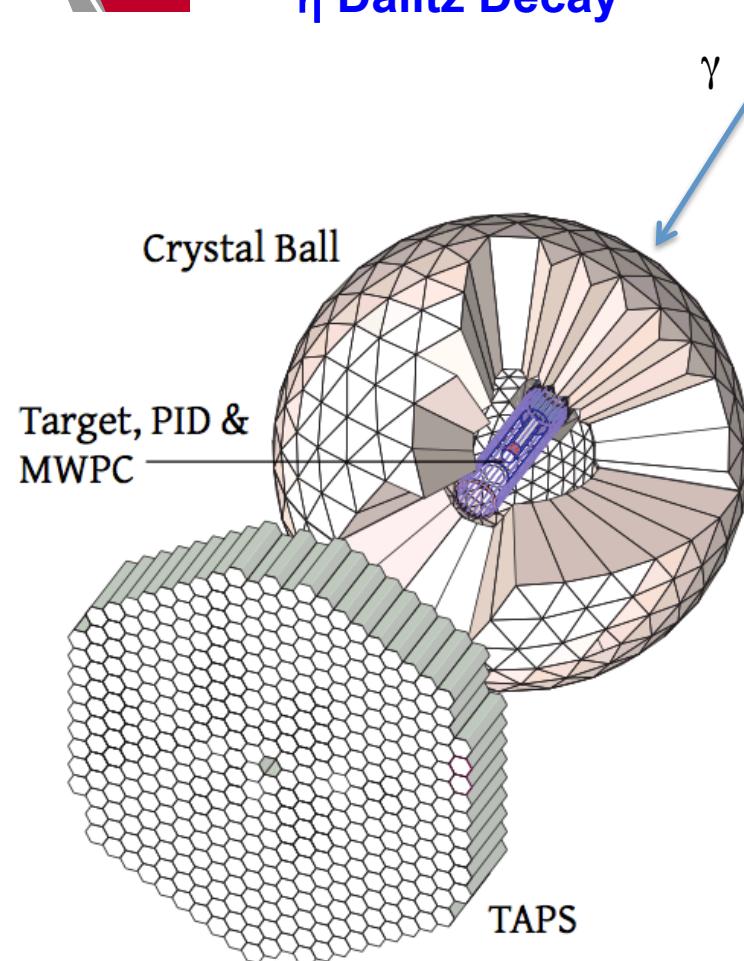
See also talk by  
Evgeni Goudzovski  
NA48/2 NA62  
(Mon Sep 29, 17.00)


 $3.0 \times 10^7 \eta \rightarrow \text{MM}({}^3\text{He})$ 

 $1.4 \times 10^4 \eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ 

Several anomalous  $\eta$  decay channels analysed with same analysis scheme  
Norm. to  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

## PRELIMINARY RESULTS BR

Channel	Branching Ratio
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$	$(4.68 \pm 0.07_{\text{stat}/\text{fit}} \pm 0.19_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-2}$
$\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$	$(6.75 \pm 0.06_{\text{stat}/\text{fit}} \pm 0.29_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-3}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$	$(2.7 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.1_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-4}$
$\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$	$(3.2 \pm 0.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-5}$



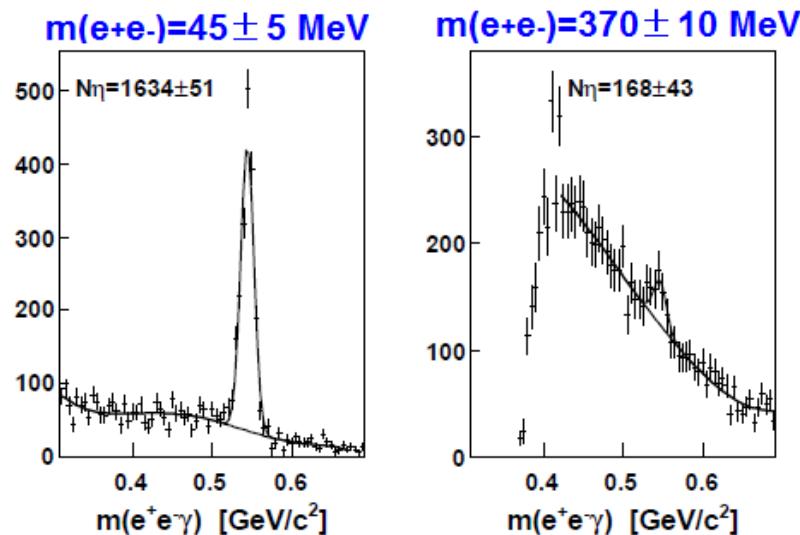
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|-------------|---------------------------|
| <b>CB</b>   | - NaI(Tl) crystals        |
| <b>TAPS</b> | - BaF <sub>2</sub>        |
| <b>PID</b>  | - discr. charged/neutrals |

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E_{\text{dep}}} = \frac{2\%}{(E[\text{GeV}])^{0.36}} \quad (\text{CB})$$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E_{\text{dep}}} = 1.8\% + \frac{0.8\%}{(E[\text{GeV}])^{0.5}} \quad (\text{TAPS})$$



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Matches NA60  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  result  
Better accuracy for low  $m(l^+l^-)$   
Assumes  $F_\eta = 1$  in fit

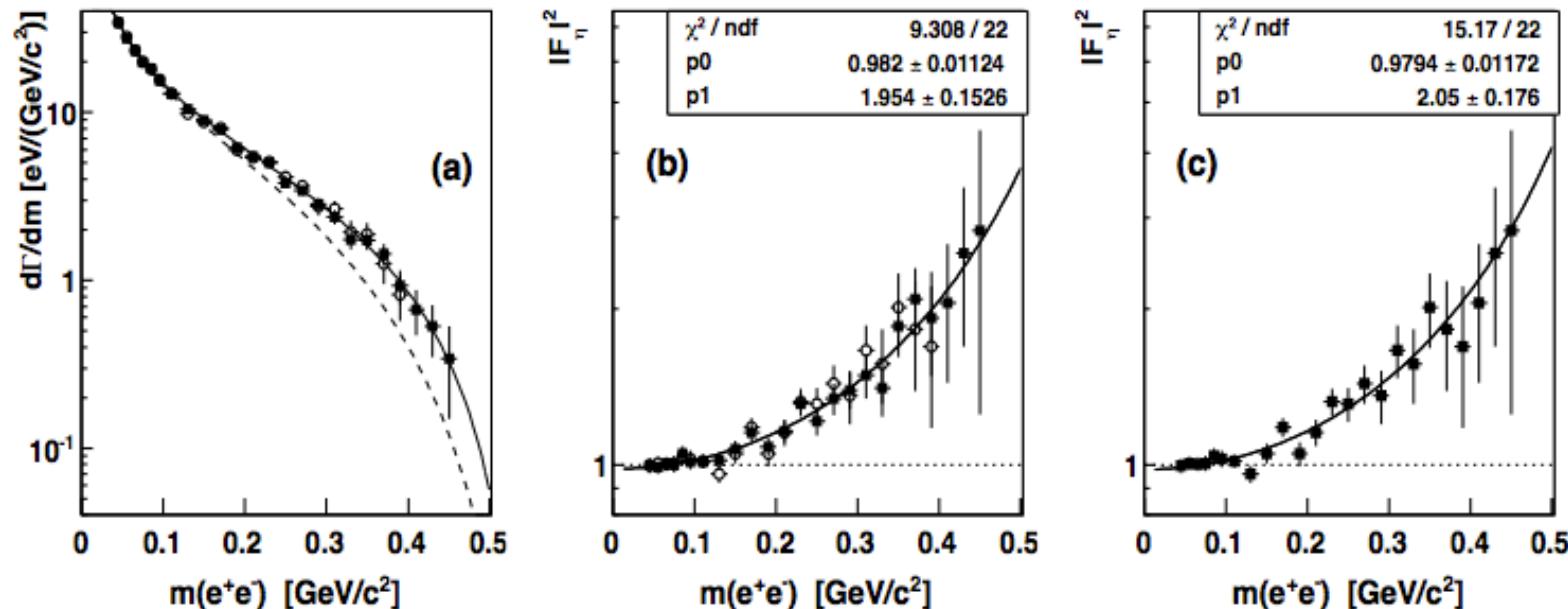
2.2  $\times 10^4$   $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ , (based on 3  $\times 10^7$   $\eta$  decays)

1.3  $\times 10^3$  in previous measurement A2  
Berghäuser et al. (A2-Collaboration) Phys. Rev. B 701 (2011) 562

New analysis based on kinematic fit  
3 x more data in final event sample

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Most precise measurement of  
 $\eta - e^+e^- \gamma$  to date

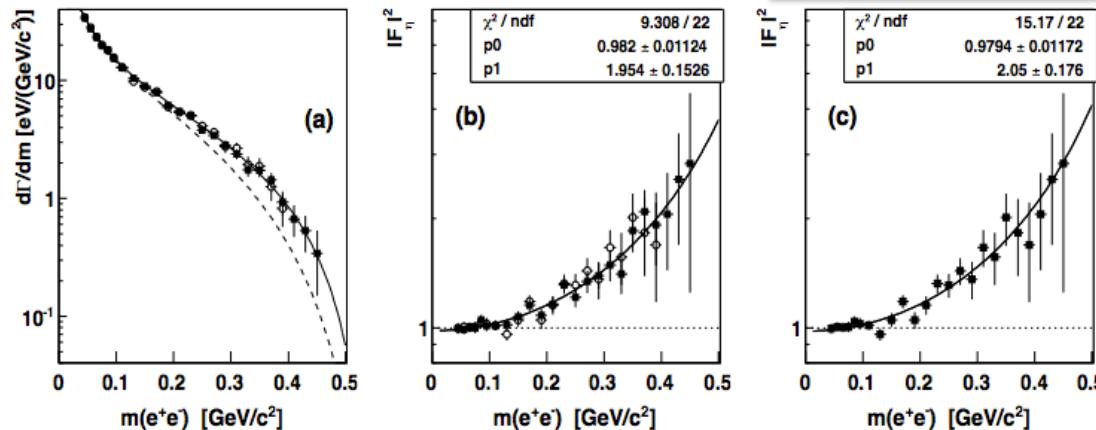


$$\Lambda^{-2} = 1.95 (15)_{\text{stat}} (10)_{\text{syst}} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad \text{Reflects FF slope at } m_{\parallel} = 0$$

$$|F_\eta|^2 = 0.982(11) \rightarrow \text{compatible to 1 within } 2\sigma$$

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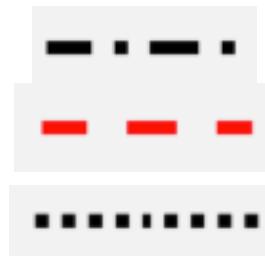
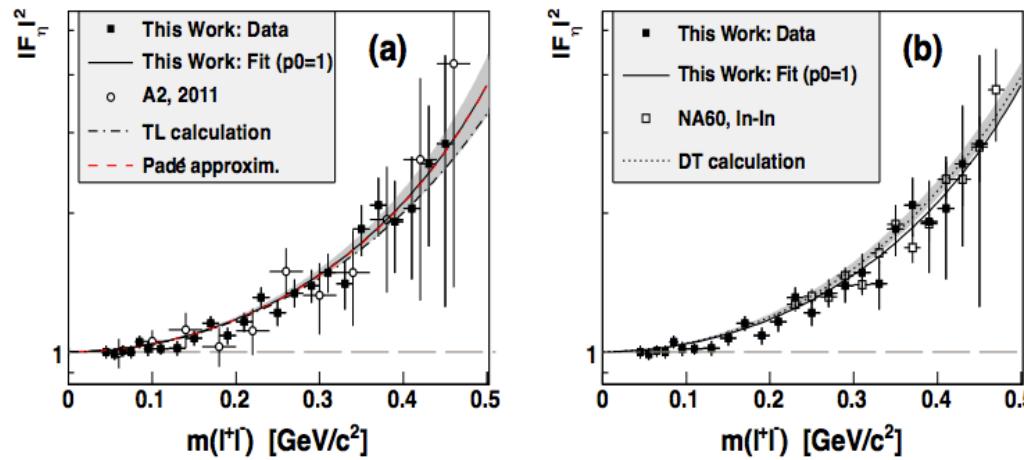


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Good agreement with NA60 result ( $I = \mu$ )  
 G.Usai (NA60 Coll.) Nucl. Phys. A 855, 189(2011)

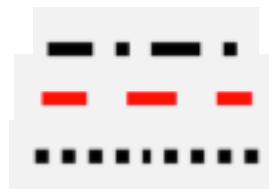
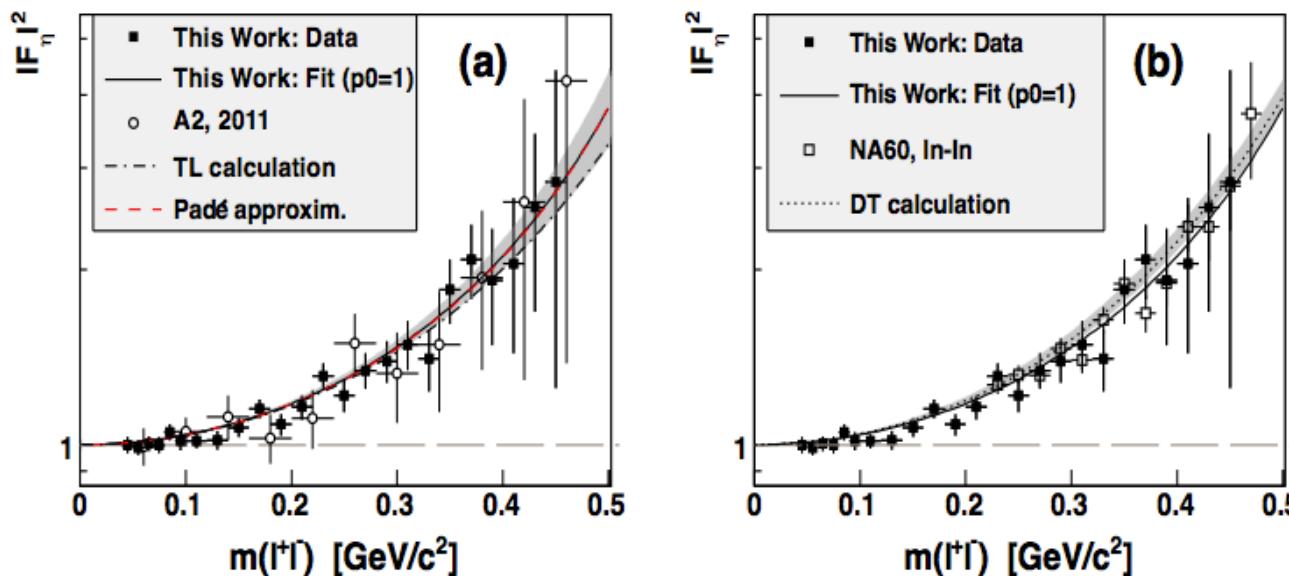
$$\Lambda^{-2} = 1.950(59)_{\text{stat}} (42)_{\text{syst}} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

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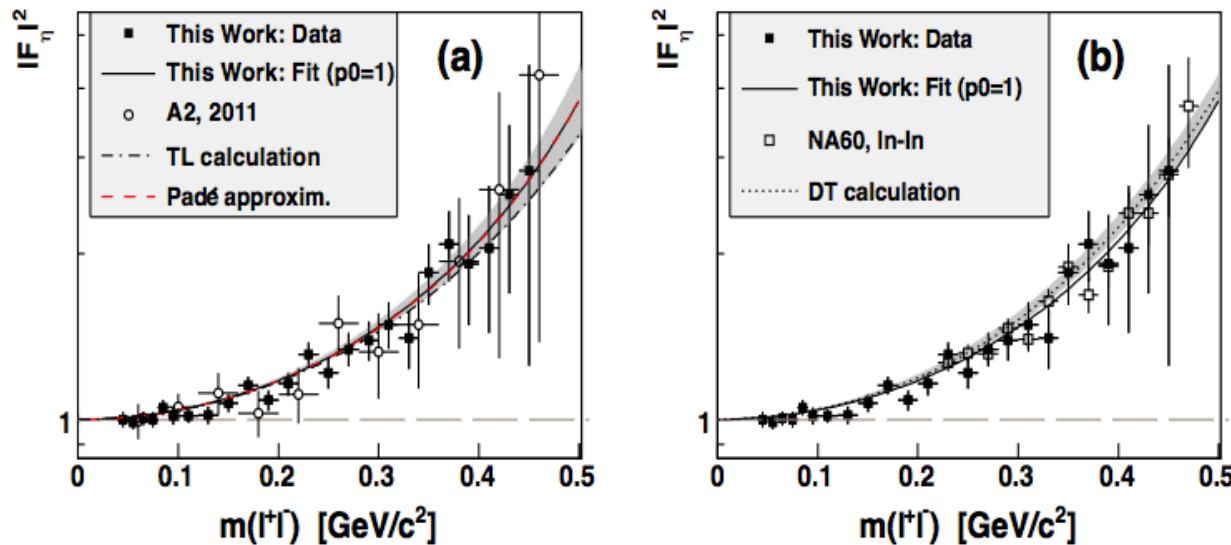
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**Result agrees best with Pade, all within statistical uncertainty**



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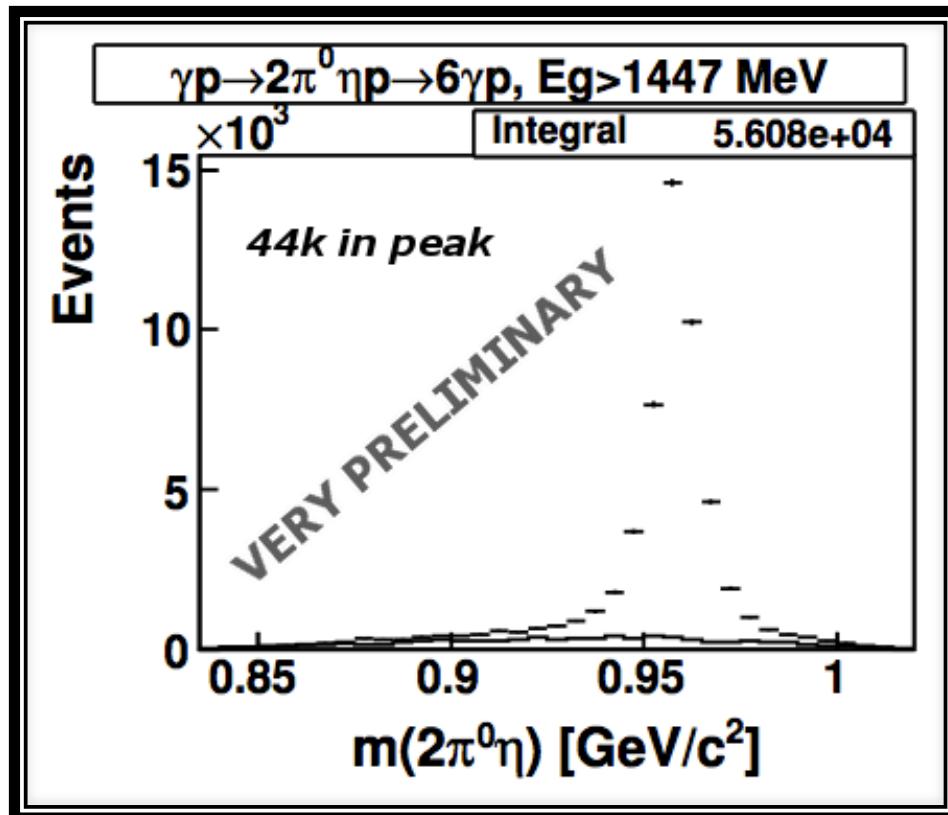


VMD models used to calculate hadr. LbL with  $\Lambda = 774(29)$  MeV

Result of this work  $\Lambda = 716(33)$  MeV

→ Smaller effective vector-meson masses ought to be used in VMD like models

## Outlook



$\eta'$  Dalitz decay with A2

$\eta'$  production run ends dec 2014.  
(2012)  $1.2 \times 10^6 \eta'$  on disk

(2014)  $3.3 \times 10^6$  (July-Aug) –improved DAQ

Projected nr of  $\eta'$  on disk  $\sim 8 \times 10^6$

Experience from  $\eta$  Dalitz decay

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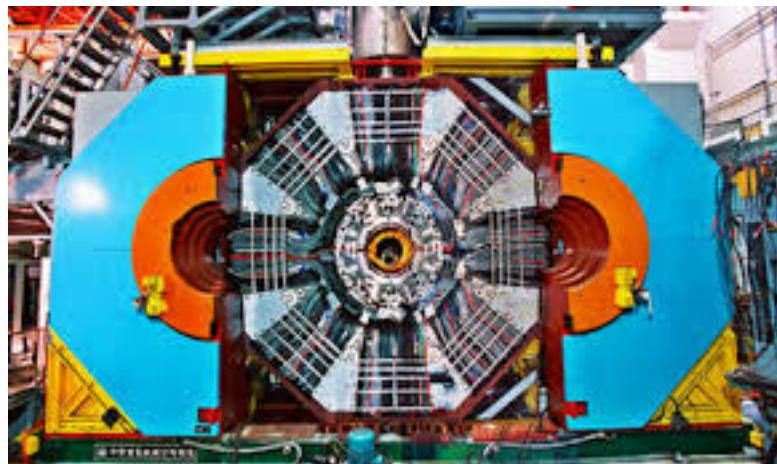
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# General information

## BESIII four main components



### MDC

Resolution @1 GeV/c	0.5%
$\sigma_{dE/dx}$	6%

### EMC

E Resolution Barrel	2.5%
E Resolution End Cap	5%

### TOF

Barrel	80 ps
End caps	110 ps

### Muon chambers

Position resolution	~ 2 cm
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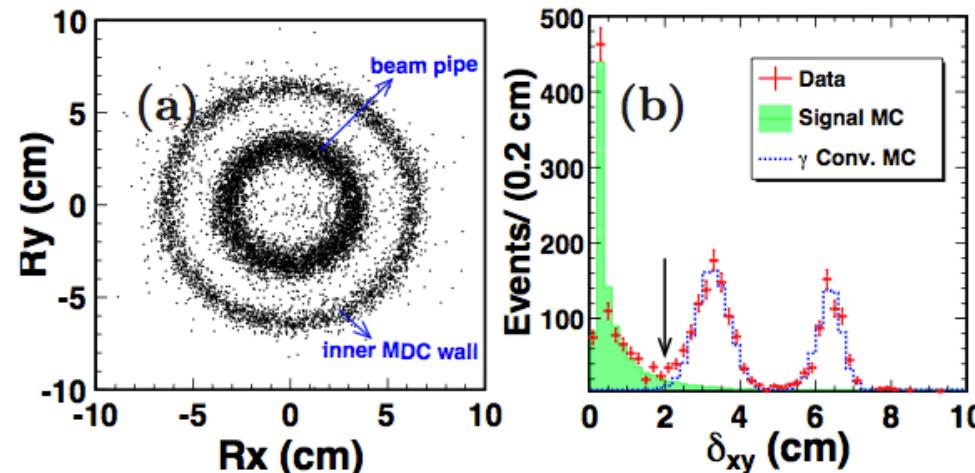
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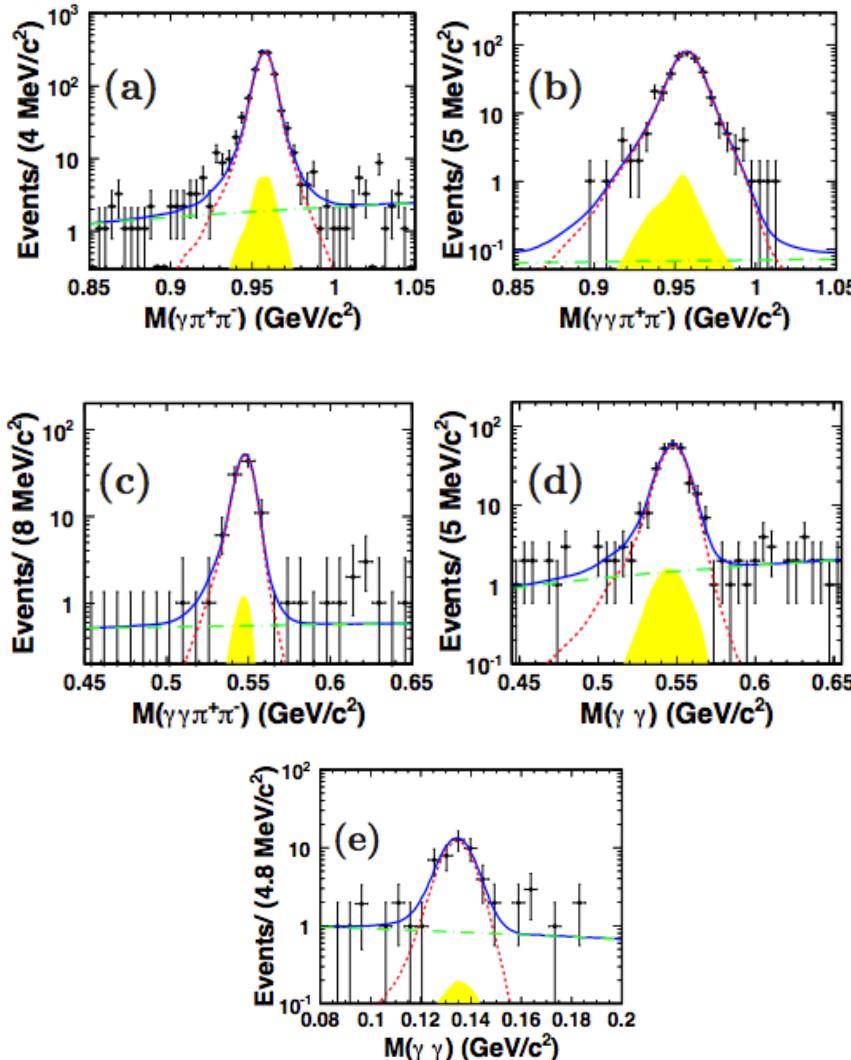
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MC BKG:  $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta' \gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma\gamma$



**Internal conversion main source of background-  
cut on radius removes 98% of background and 20% of signal.**

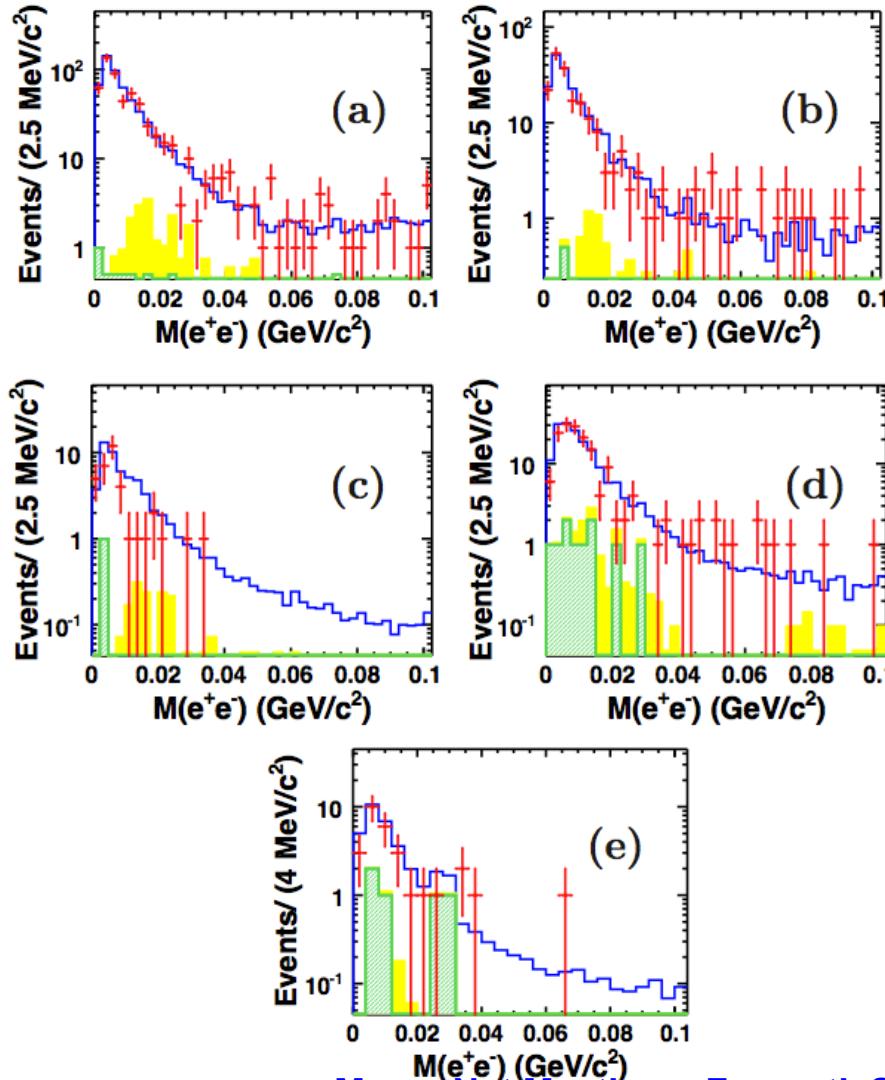
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$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow Pe^+e^-) = \frac{N_S}{N_{J/\psi} \cdot \mathcal{B}(P \rightarrow F) \cdot \epsilon}$$

Mode	Branching fraction	Combined Result	Theoretical prediction
$J/\psi \rightarrow \eta' e^+ e^- (\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-)$	$(6.01 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-5}$		
$J/\psi \rightarrow \eta' e^+ e^- (\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta)$	$(5.51 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-5}$	$(5.81 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{-5}$	$(5.66 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-5}$
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Good agreement between theory and experiment for  $P = \eta, \eta'$   
 2.5  $\sigma$  cf. theory and experiment when  $P = \pi^0$

$\Lambda_{\text{fit}} = 3.0(1.0)$  GeV ( from  $P = \eta'$  ) used for BR uncertainty

Result based on 1/5 of full statistics

# Summary TFF from decays



$\pi^0$  Dalitz decay large statistics available  
*Outlook:* BR of anomalous  $\eta$  decays, paper in progress  
Large  $p_T \eta$  data sample available ( $5 \times 10^8 \eta$  tagged)



New improved result of  $\eta$  Dalitz decay ( $I = e$ )  
*Outlook:*  $\eta'$



First results on BR  $J/\psi \rightarrow P e^+e^-$   
*Outlook:* More  $J/\psi$  available,  $\eta'$  Dalitz decay



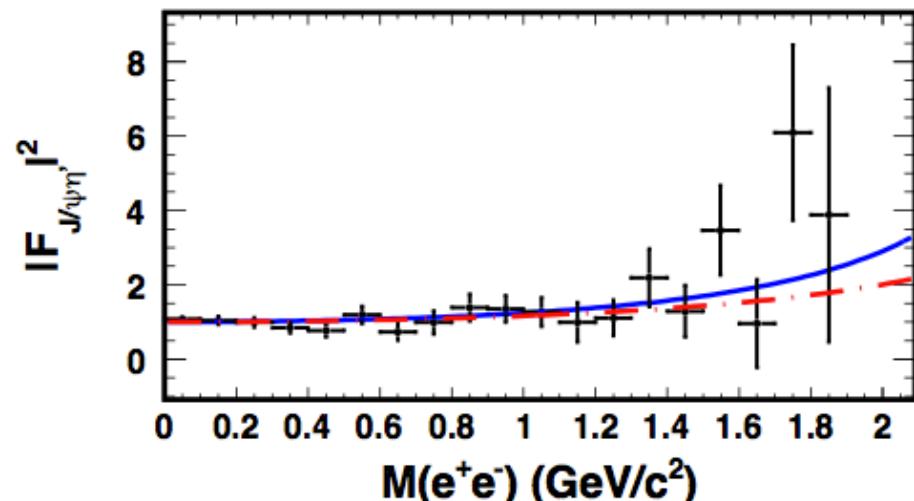
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$$\Lambda_{\text{MC}} = 3.686 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{fit}} = 3.1 (1.0) \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

Test on  $\Lambda$  included in  
systematical uncertainty of BR



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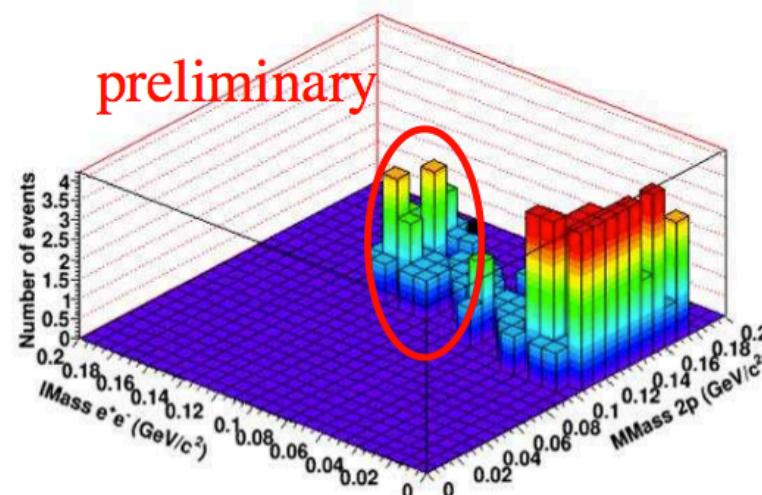


$\pi^0$  - e+e-

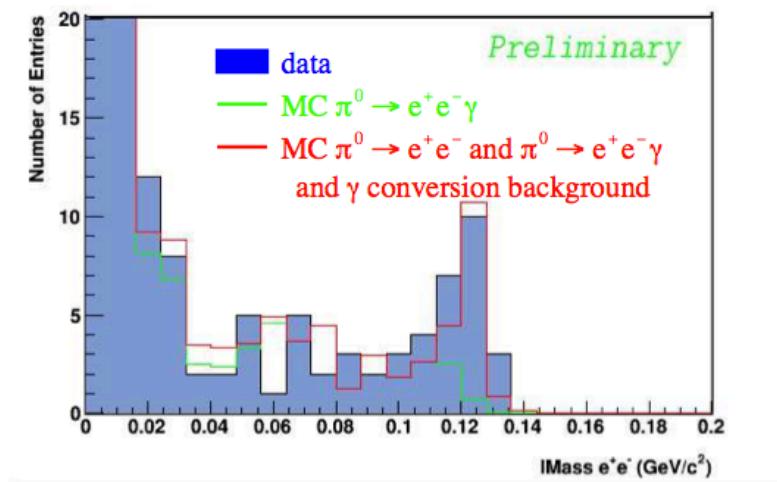


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inv mass ( $e^+e^-$ ) vs miss mass (pp)



projection on inv mass ( $e^+e^-$ )



15 event candidates in 4 day data taking. 8 more weeks available