Test Fundamental Symmetries via Precision Measurements of π^0, η, η' Decays

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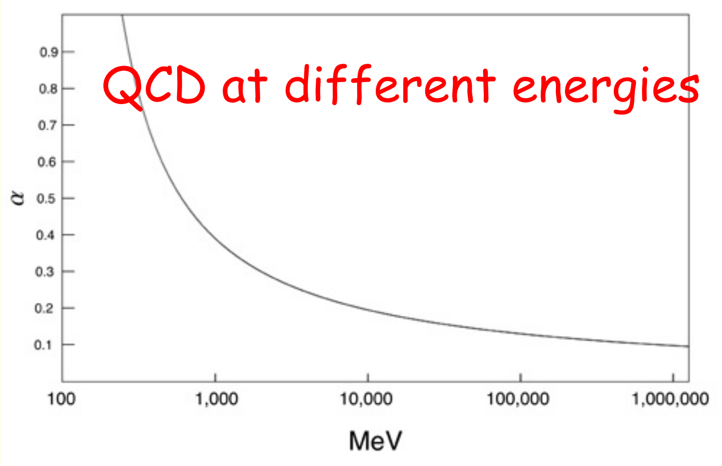
   → precision tests confinement QCD symmetries

3. Jlab Eta Factory (JEF) Program for SM forbidden or allowed η decays
   → search for BSM new physics and improve light quark mass ratio

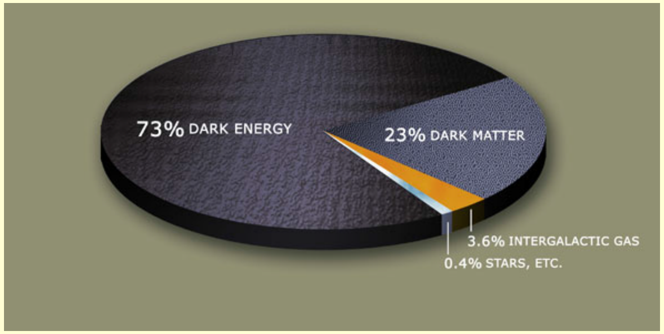
4. Summary

Challenges in Physics

- Confinement QCD
  - QCD confinement and its relationship to the dynamical chiral symmetry breaking



- New physics beyond the Standard Model (SM)
  - Dark matter and dark energy
  - New sources of CP violation



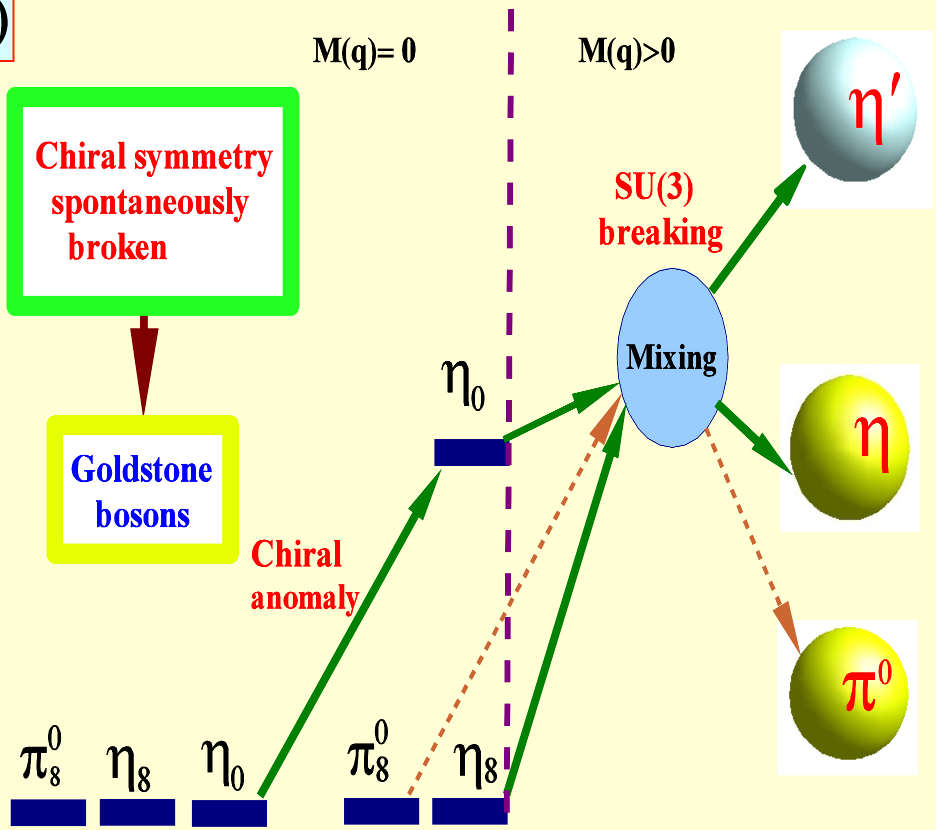
"As far as I see, all priori statements in physics have their origin in symmetry". By H. Weyl

QCD Symmetries and Light Mesons

- QCD Lagrangian in Chiral limit ($m_q \to 0$) is invariant under:

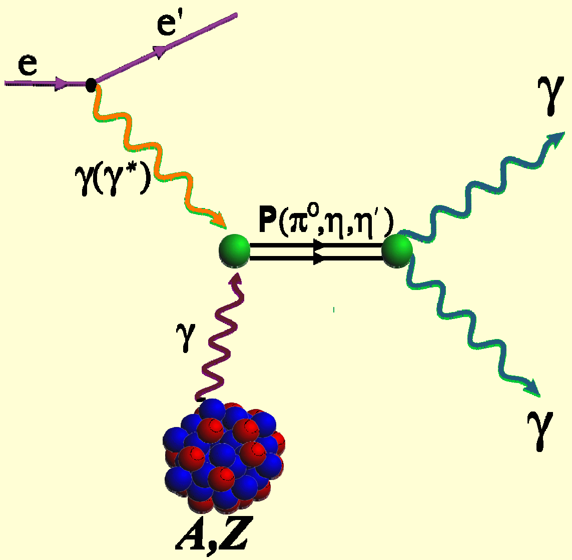
$$SU_L(3)\times SU_R(3)\times U_A(1)\times U_B(1)$$

- Chiral symmetry $SU_L(3)\times SU_R(3)$ spontaneously breaks to $SU(3)$
  - 8 Goldstone Bosons (GB)
- $U_A(1)$ is explicitly broken: (Chiral anomalies)
  - $\Gamma(\pi^0\to\gamma\gamma)$, $\Gamma(\eta\to\gamma\gamma)$, $\Gamma(\eta'\to\gamma\gamma)$
  - Mass of η_0
- $SU_L(3)\times SU_R(3)$ and $SU(3)$ are explicitly broken:
  - GB are massive
  - Mixing of π^0, η, η'



The π^0, η, η' system provides a rich laboratory to study the symmetry structure of QCD at low energies.

Primakoff Program at Jlab 6 & 12 GeV



Precision measurements of electromagnetic properties of π^0, η, η' via Primakoff effect.

a) Two-Photon Decay Widths:

1) $\Gamma(\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma)$ @ 6 GeV
2) $\Gamma(\eta \to \gamma\gamma)$
3) $\Gamma(\eta' \to \gamma\gamma)$

Input to Physics:

- precision tests of Chiral symmetry and anomalies
- determination of light quark mass ratio
- η-η' mixing angle

b) Transition Form Factors at low Q^2 (0.001-0.5 GeV^2/c^2):

$F(\gamma\gamma^* \to \pi^0)$, $F(\gamma\gamma^* \to \eta)$, $F(\gamma\gamma^* \to \eta')$

Input to Physics:

- π^0,η and η' electromagnetic interaction radii
- is the η' an approximate Goldstone boson?
- inputs to a_μ(HLbL) calculations

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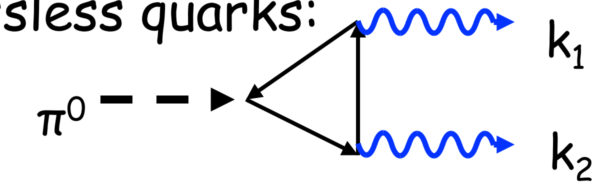

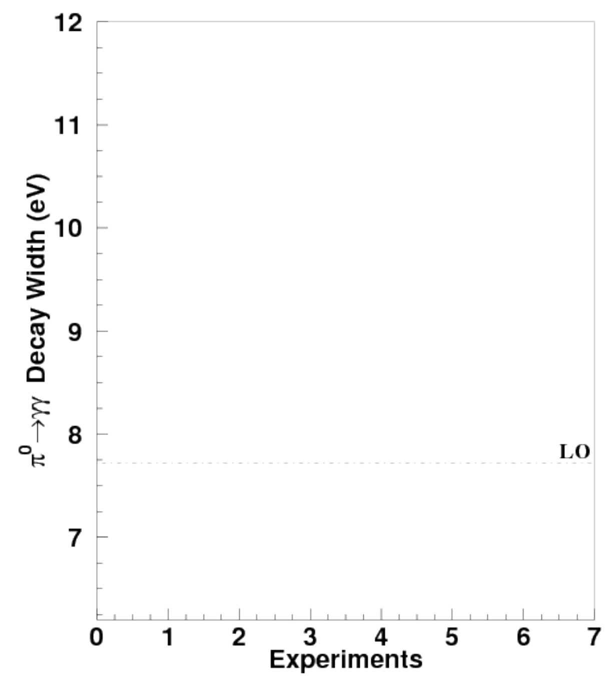

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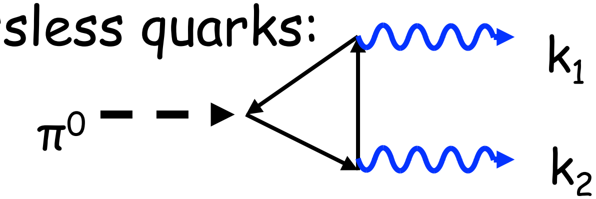

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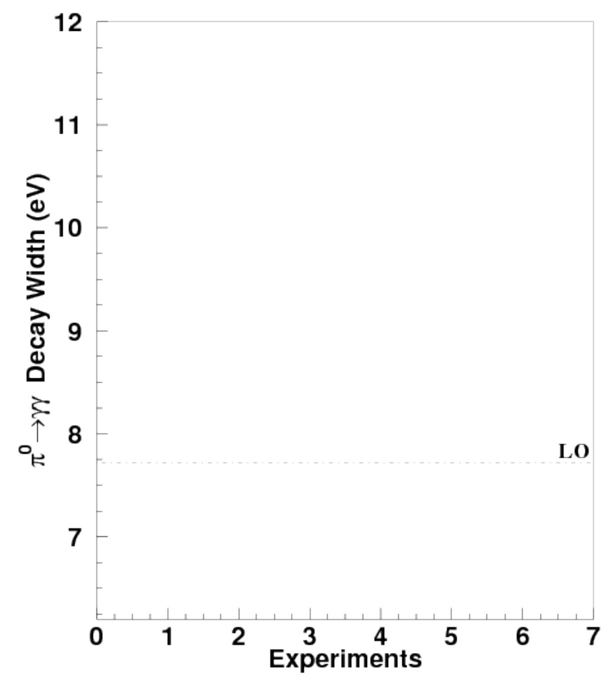

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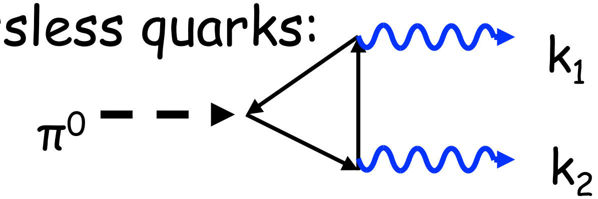

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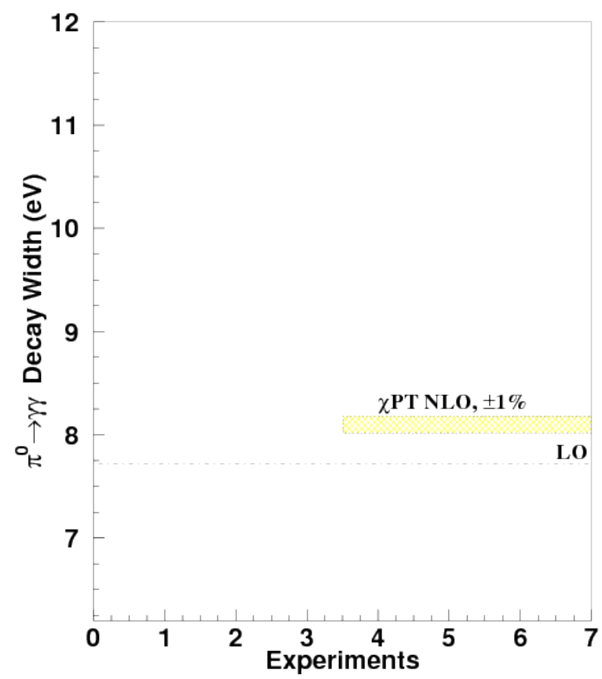

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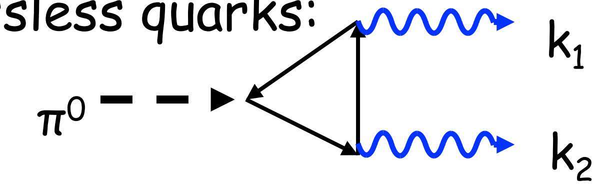

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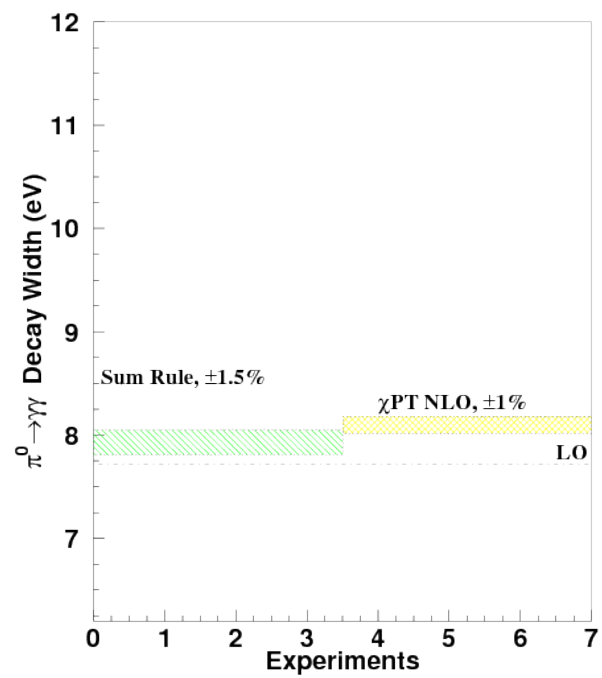

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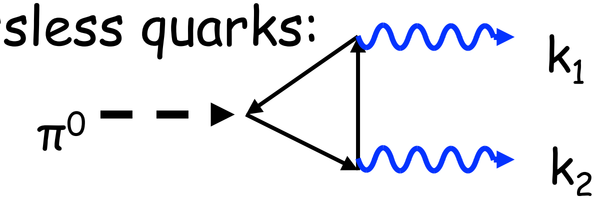

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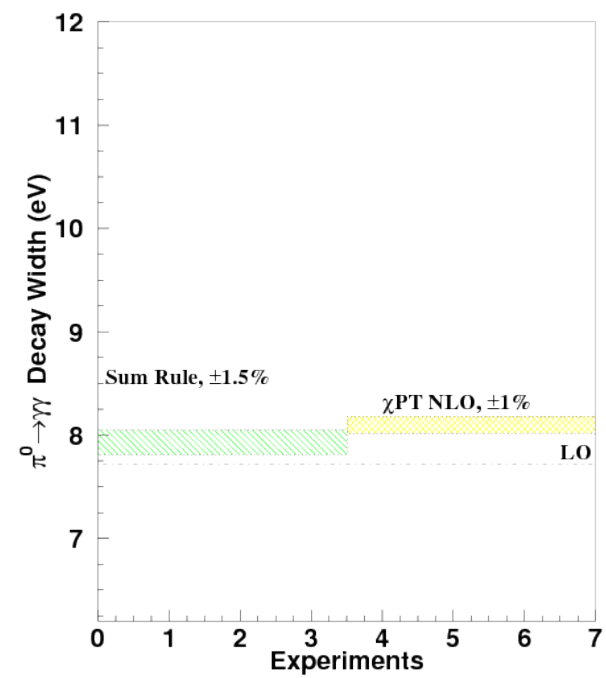

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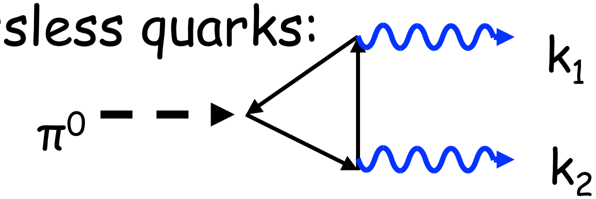

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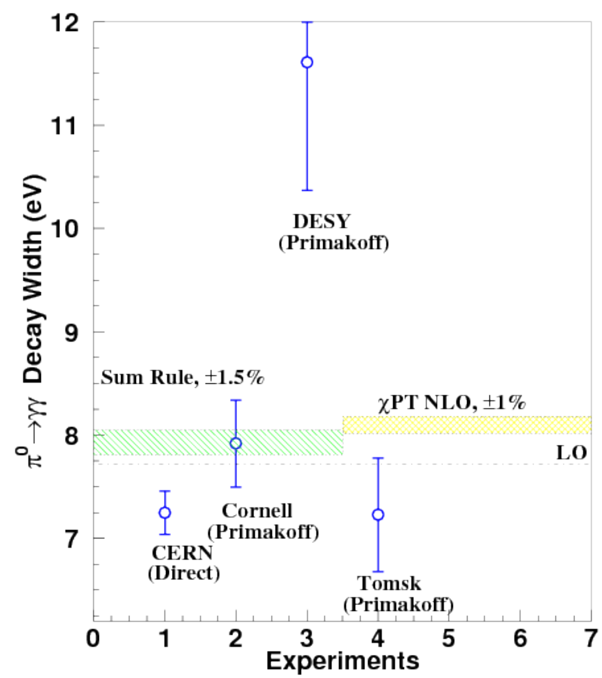

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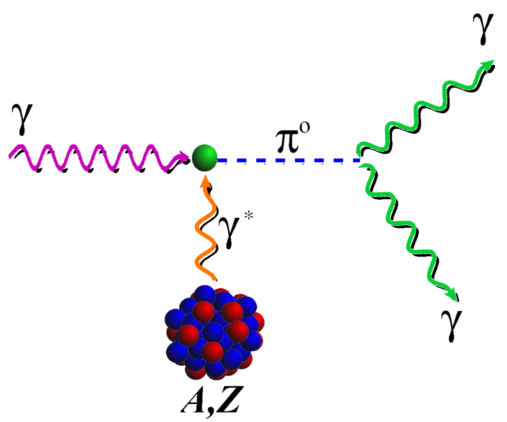

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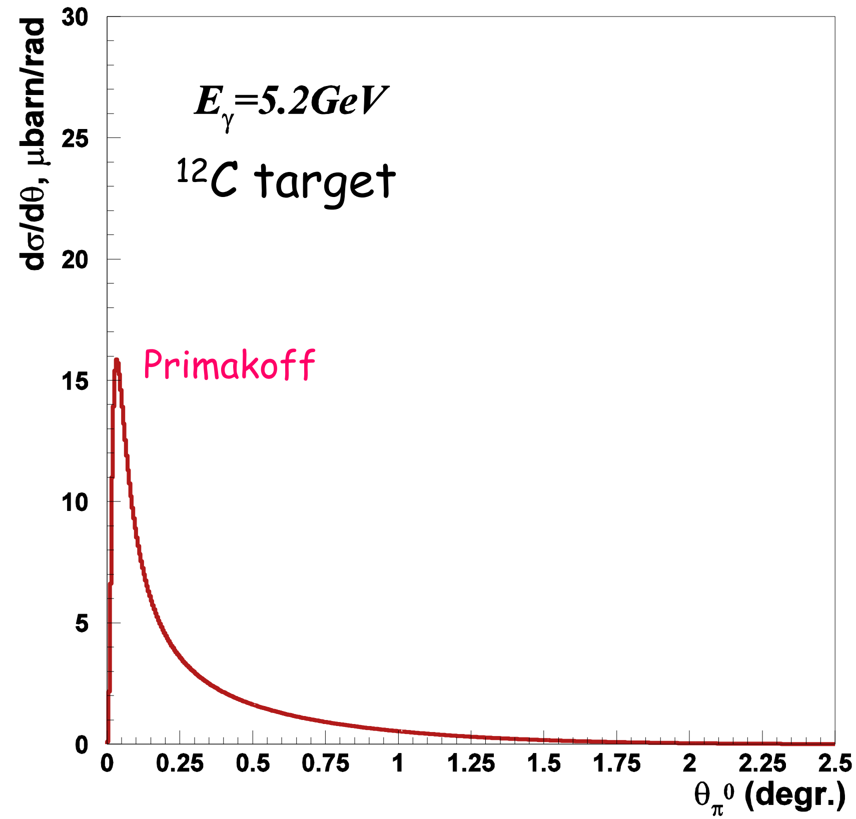

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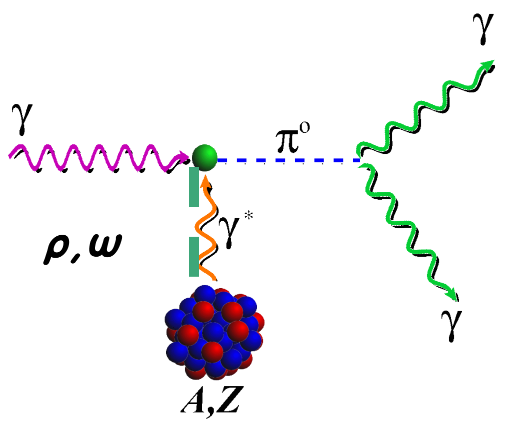

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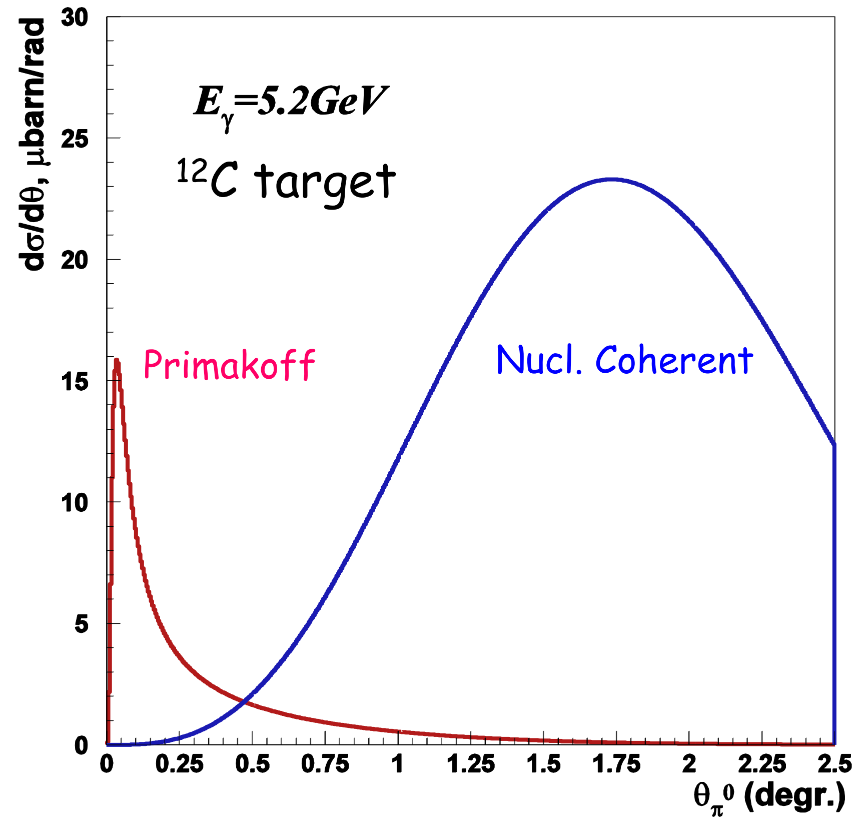

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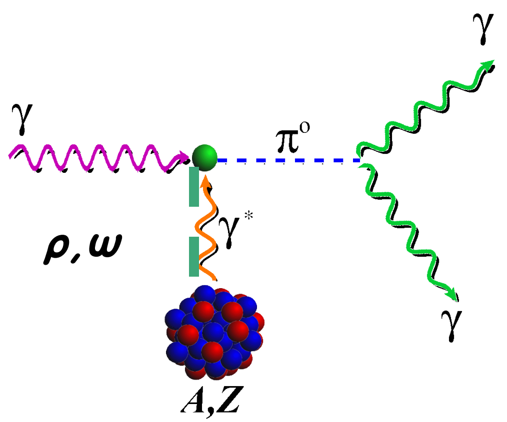

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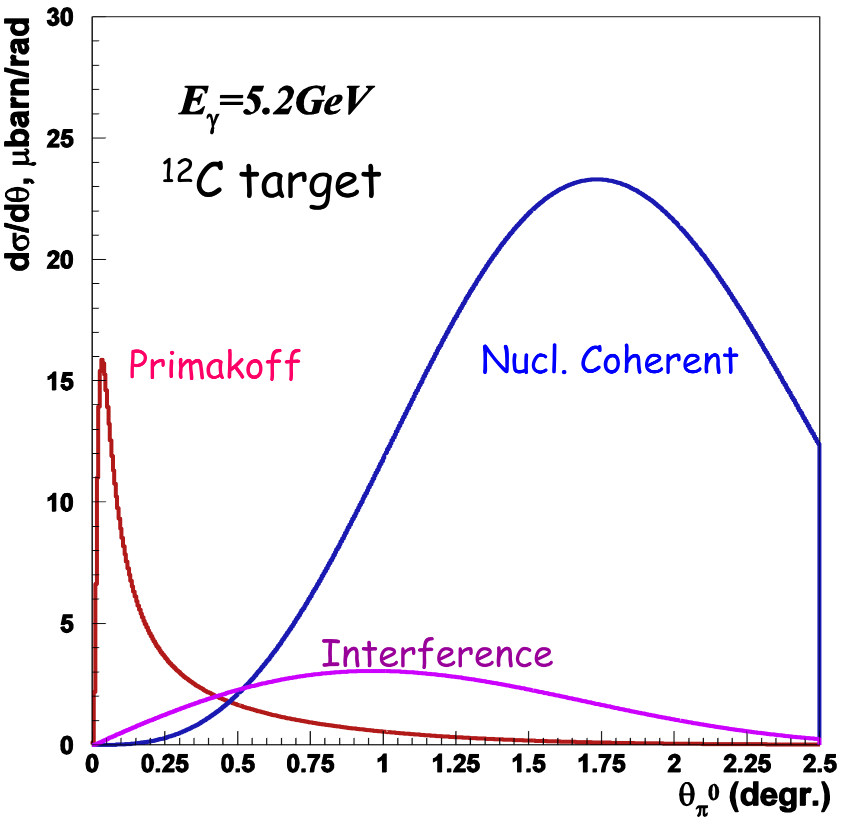

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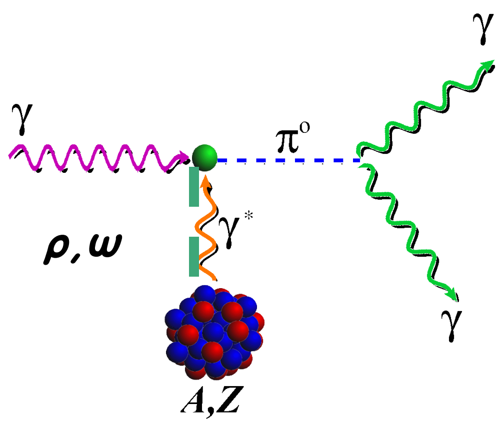

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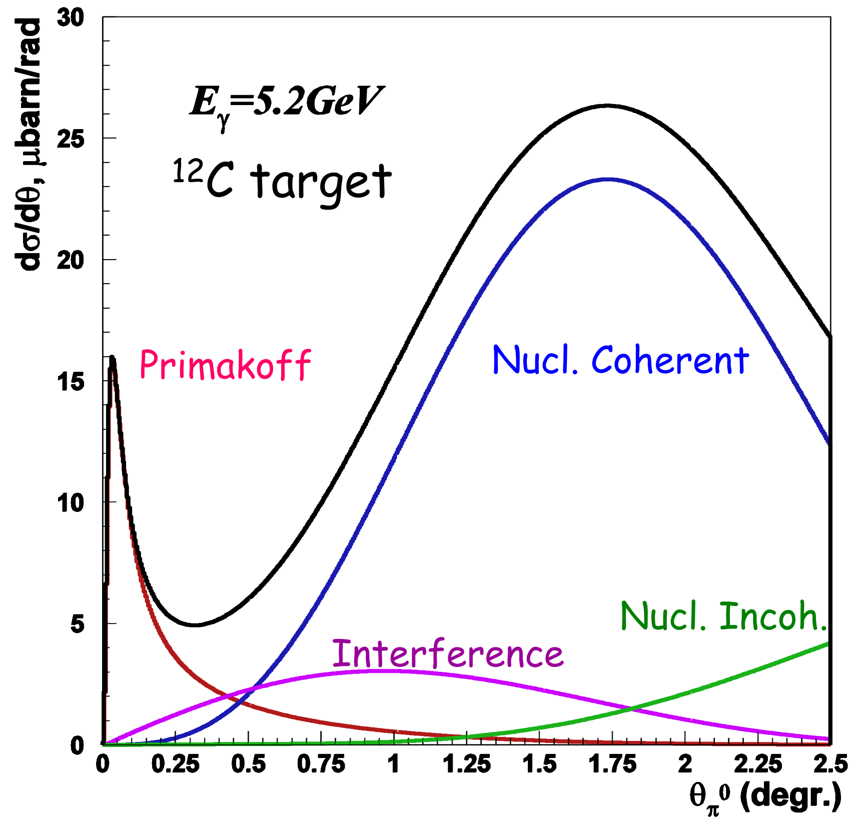

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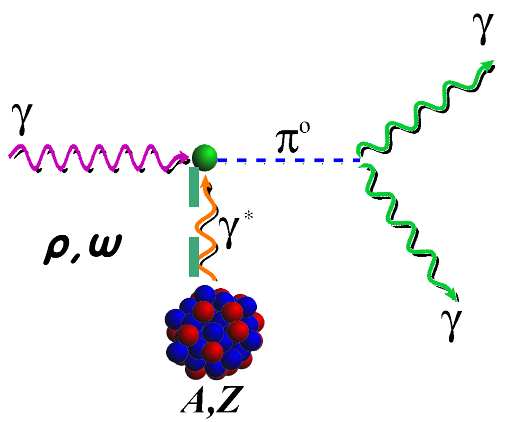

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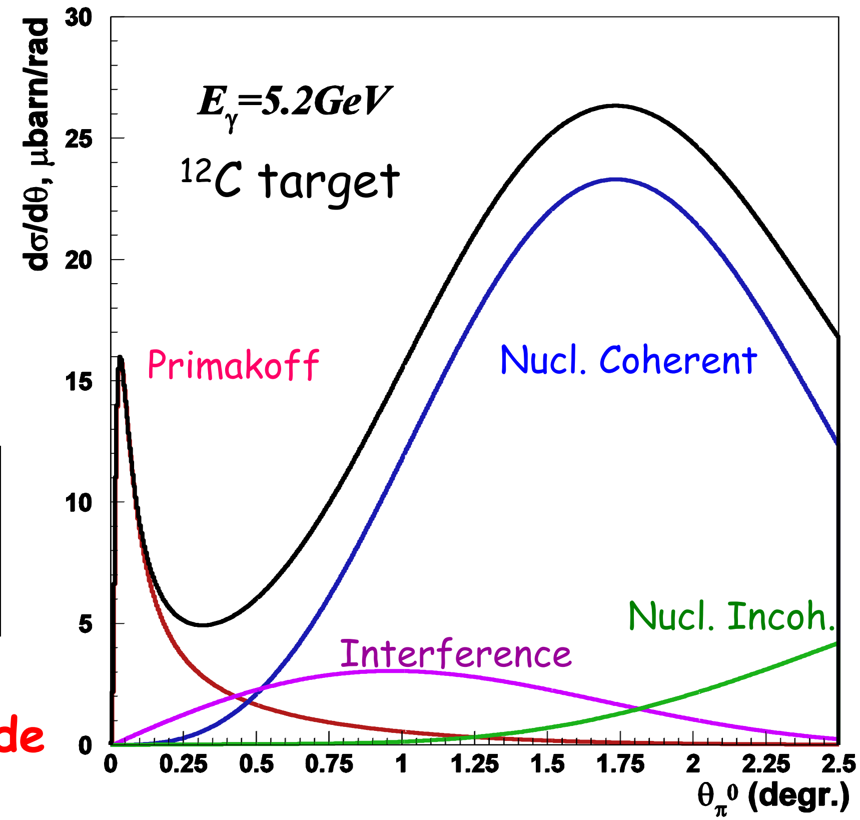

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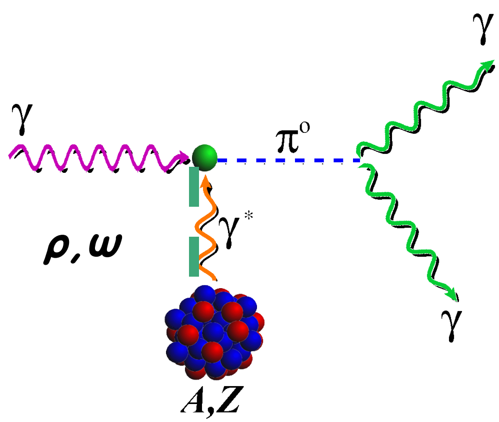

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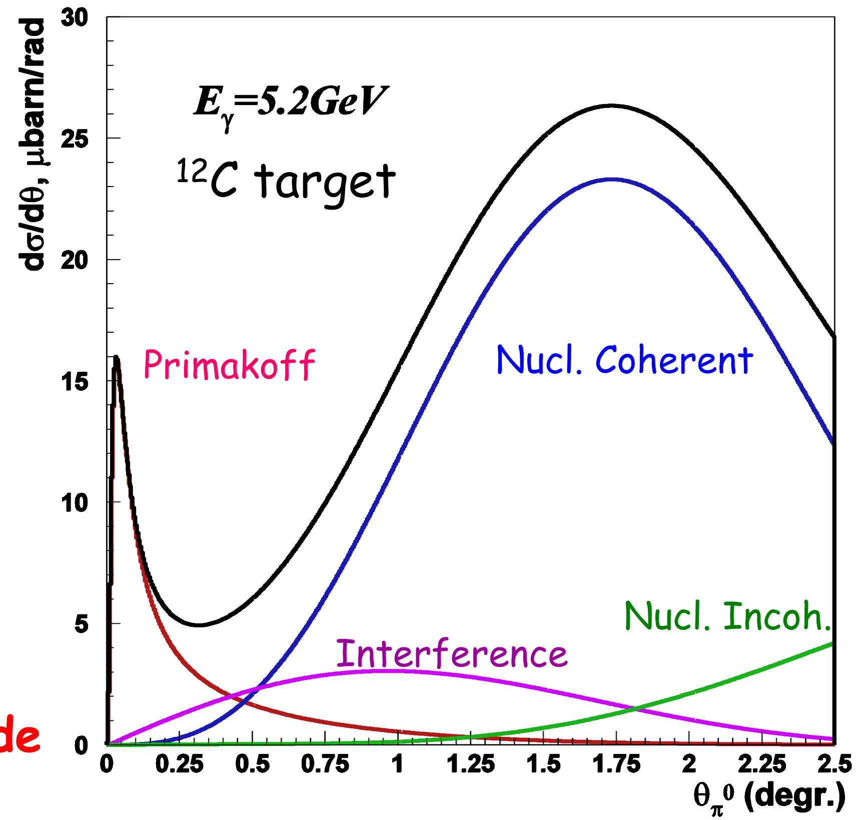

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- π^0 production angle resolution
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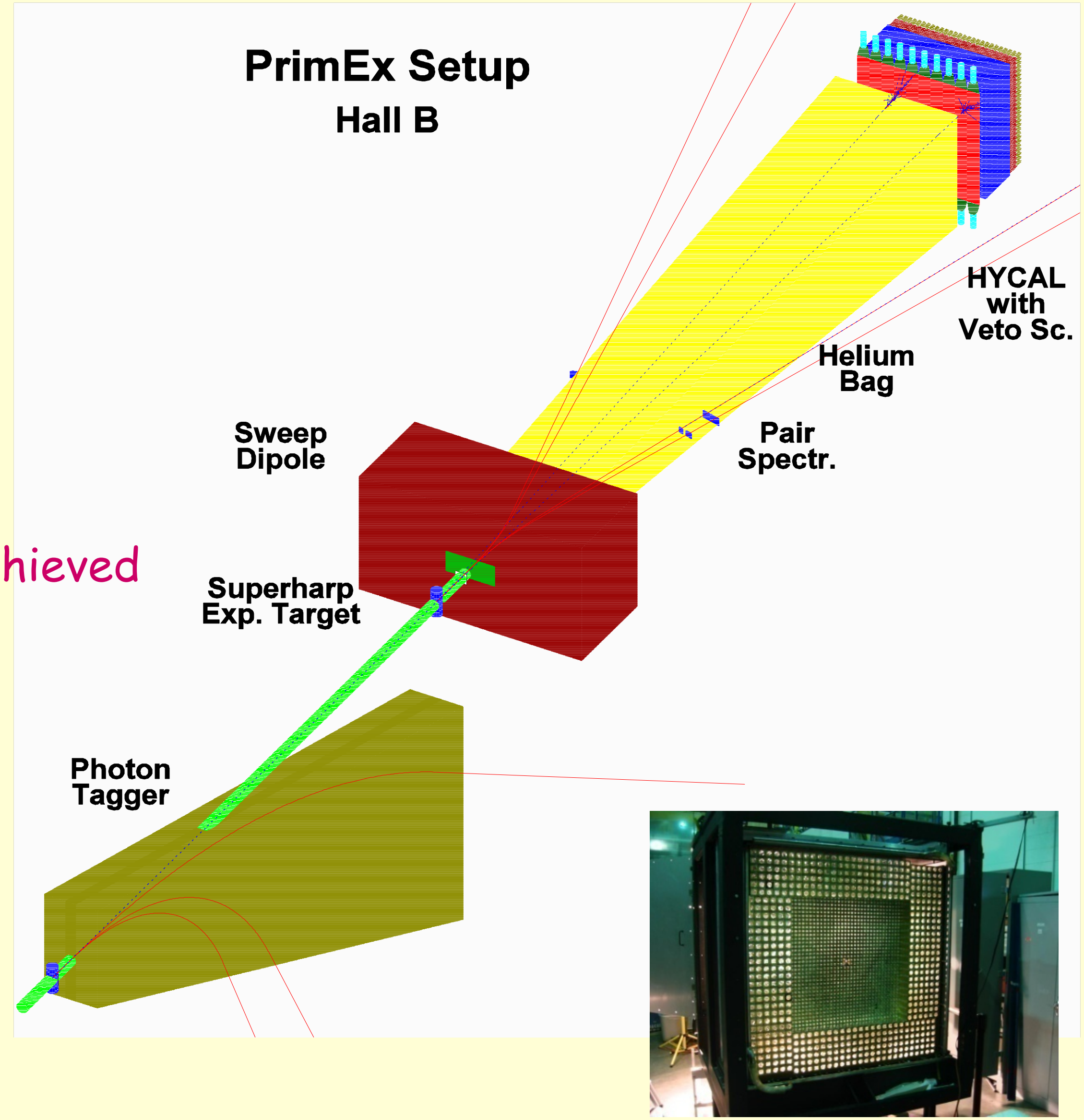
PrimEx Experimental Setup

- JLab Hall B high resolution, high intensity photon tagging facility

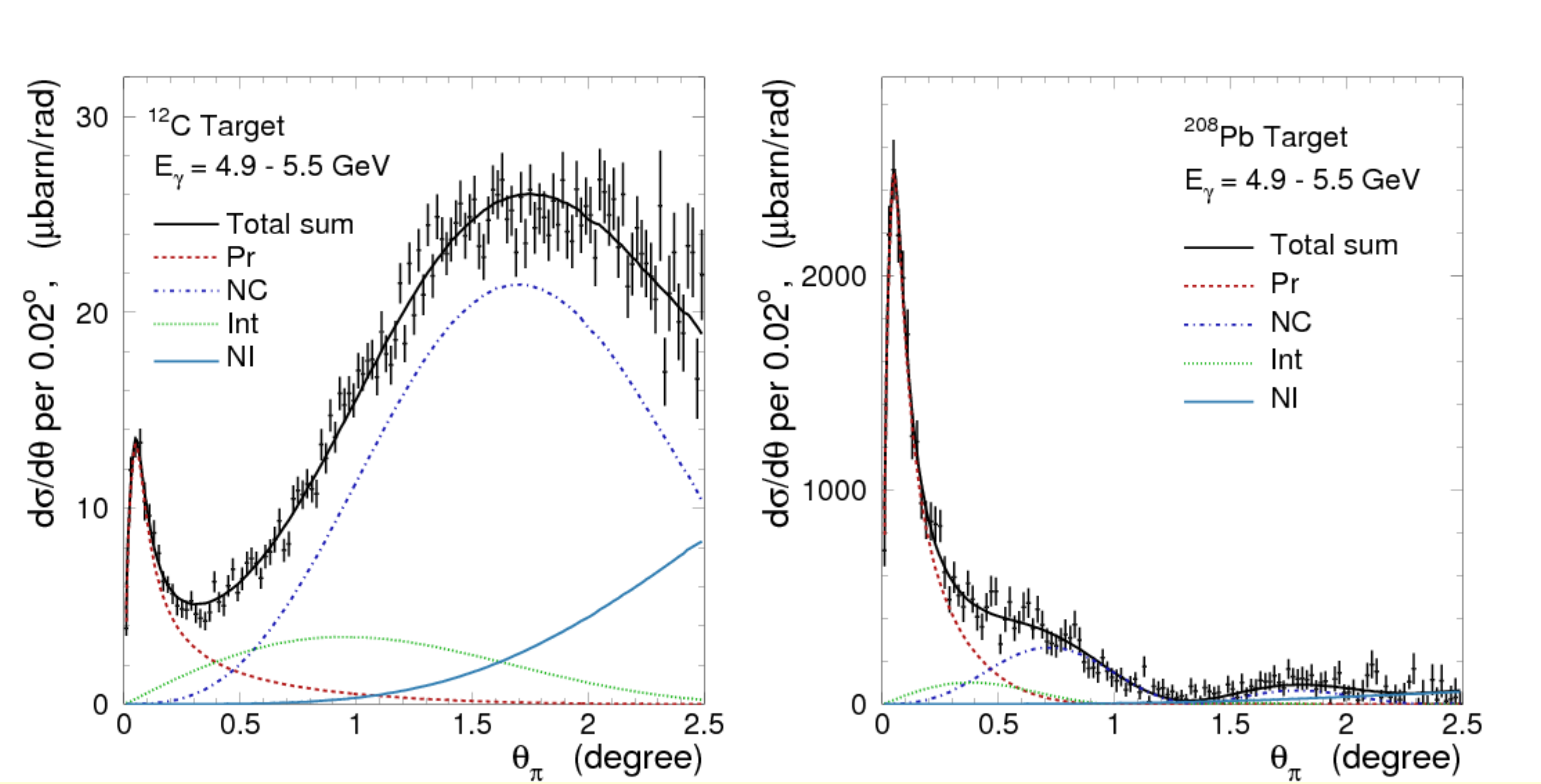
- New pair spectrometer for photon flux control at high beam intensities
  ➡ 1% accuracy has been achieved

- New high resolution hybrid multi-channel calorimeter (HyCal)



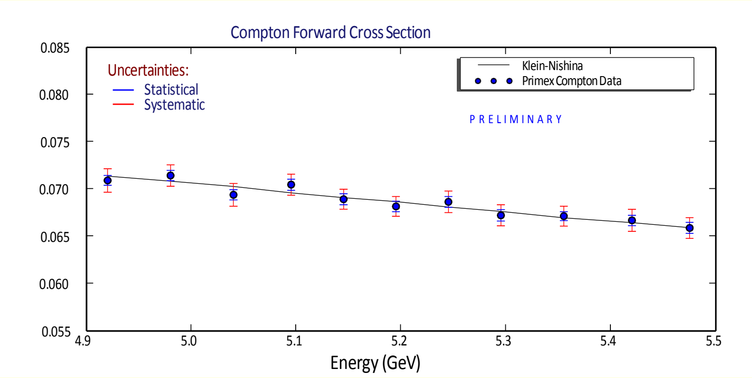
The First Experiment: PrimEx-I (2004)

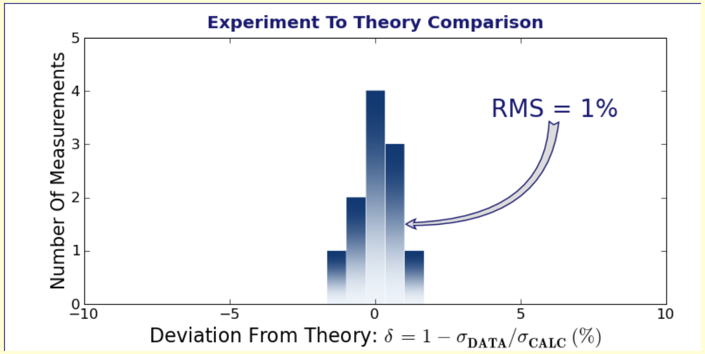
Theoretical angular distributions smeared with experimental resolutions are fit to the data on two nuclear targets to extract $\Gamma(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$



Verification of Overall Systematical Uncertainties

- $\gamma + e \rightarrow \gamma + e$ Compton cross section measurement





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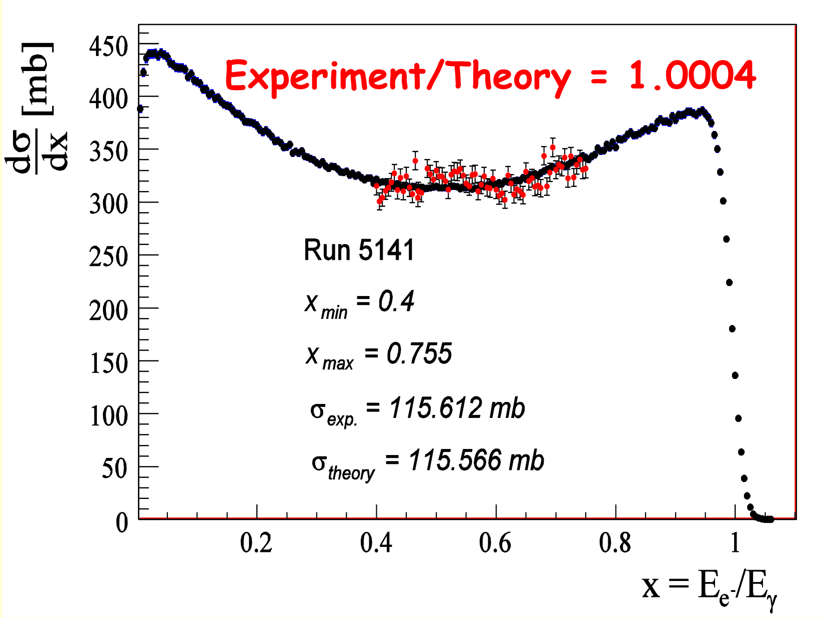
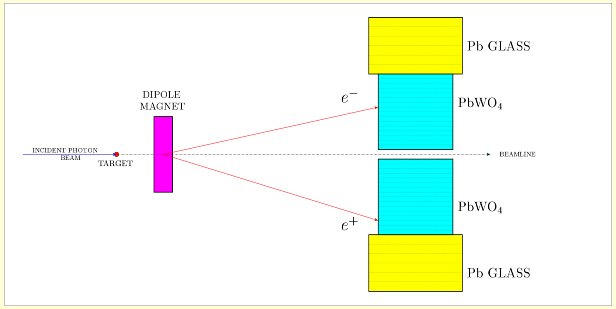
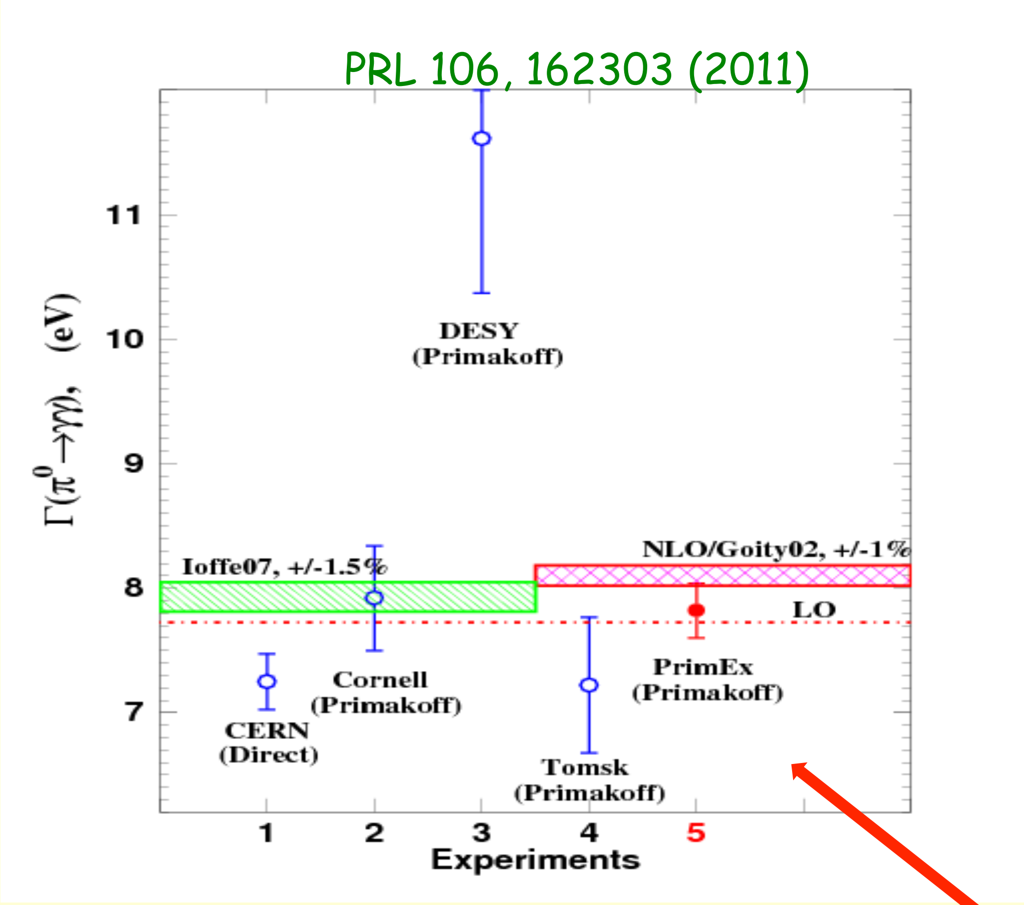




Systematic uncertainties on cross section are controlled under 1.3%

PrimEx-I Result



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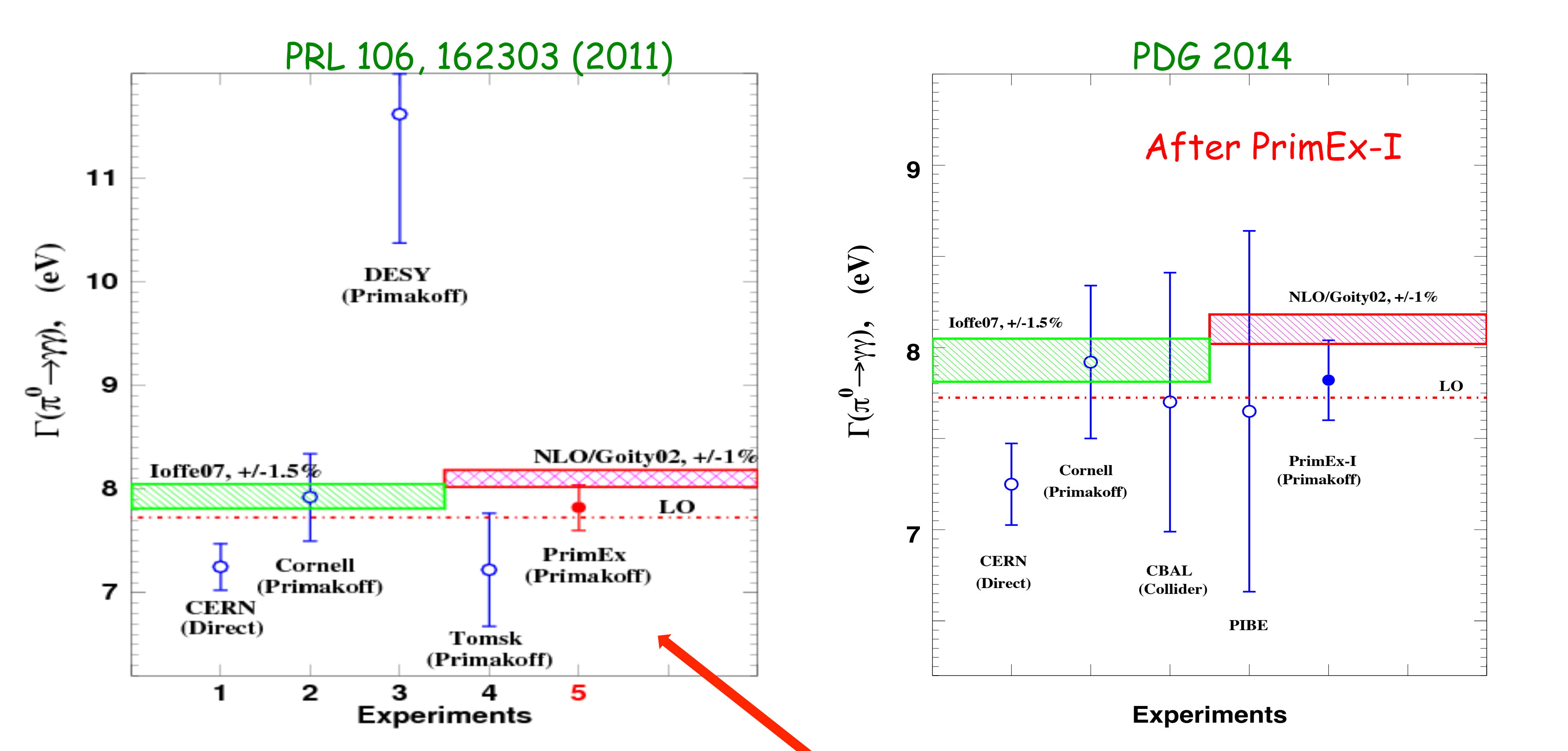

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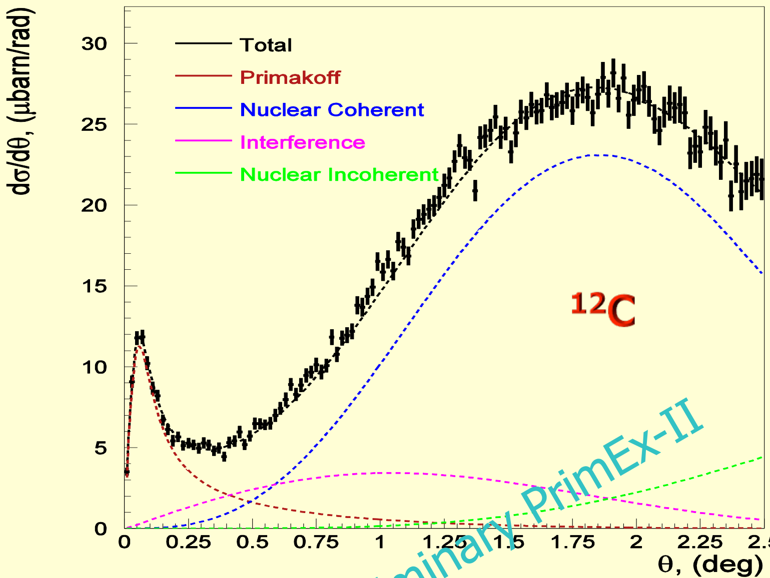
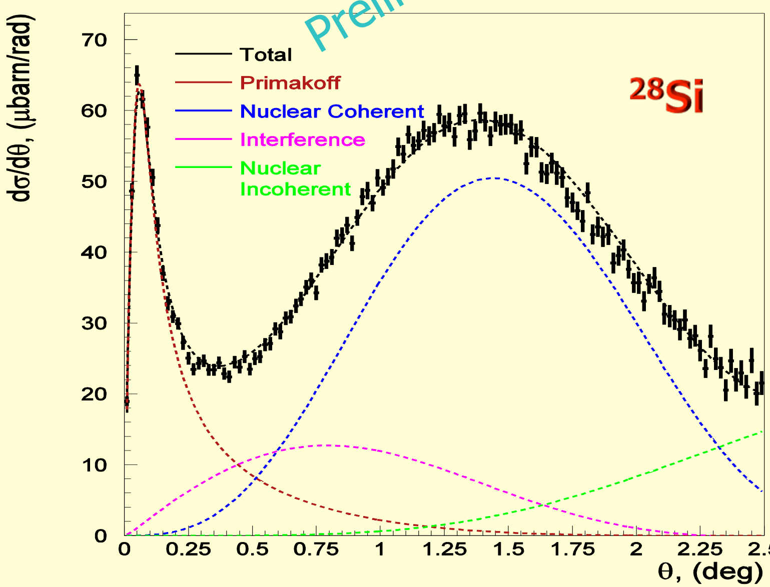
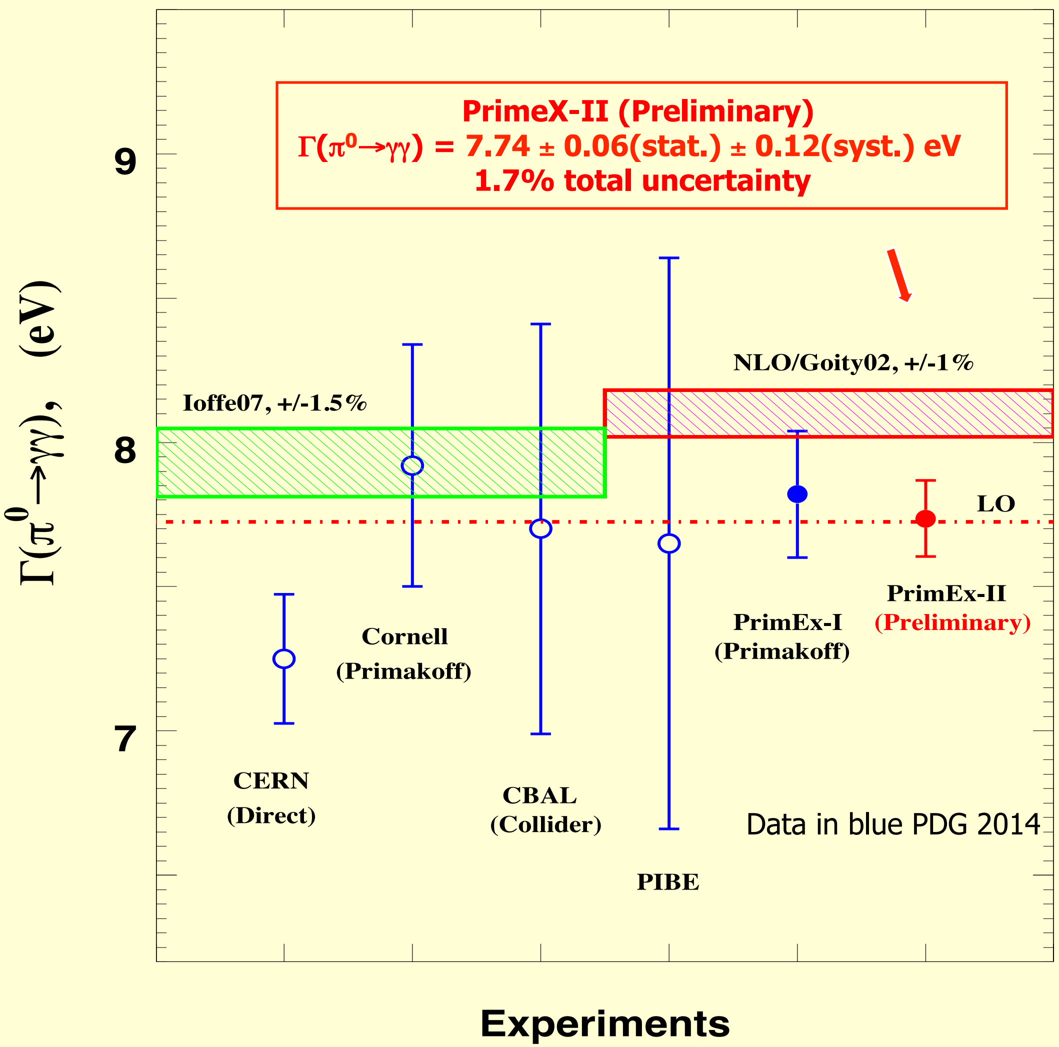
Preliminary PrimEx-II Results from Analysis #1
(L. Ma and I. Larin)







Preliminary PrimEx-II Results from Analysis #2 (Y. Zhang and I. Larin)

✓ The second analysis group finished the preliminary results for the ^{28}Si target:

a) differential cross section have been extracted (left plot below);

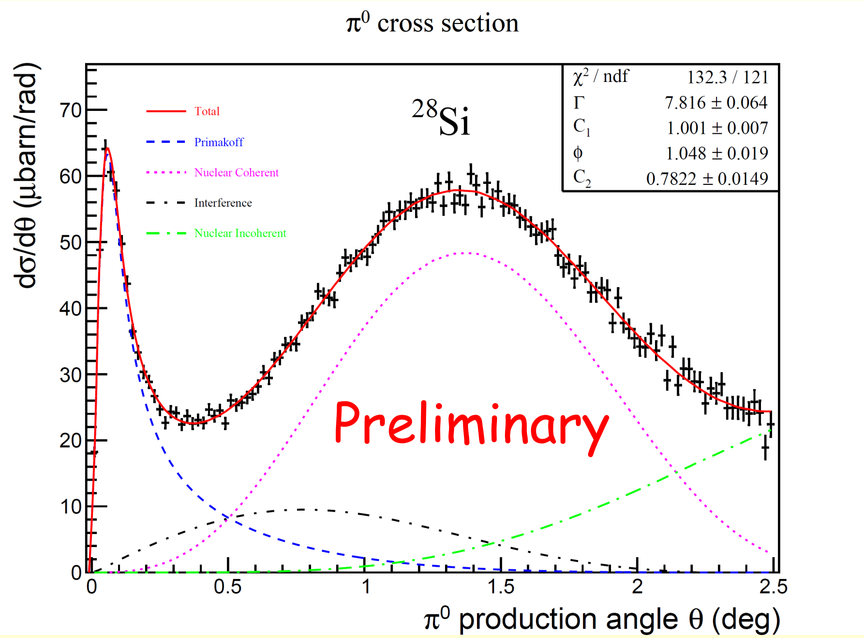
b) the π^0 decay width is extracted (left plot below):

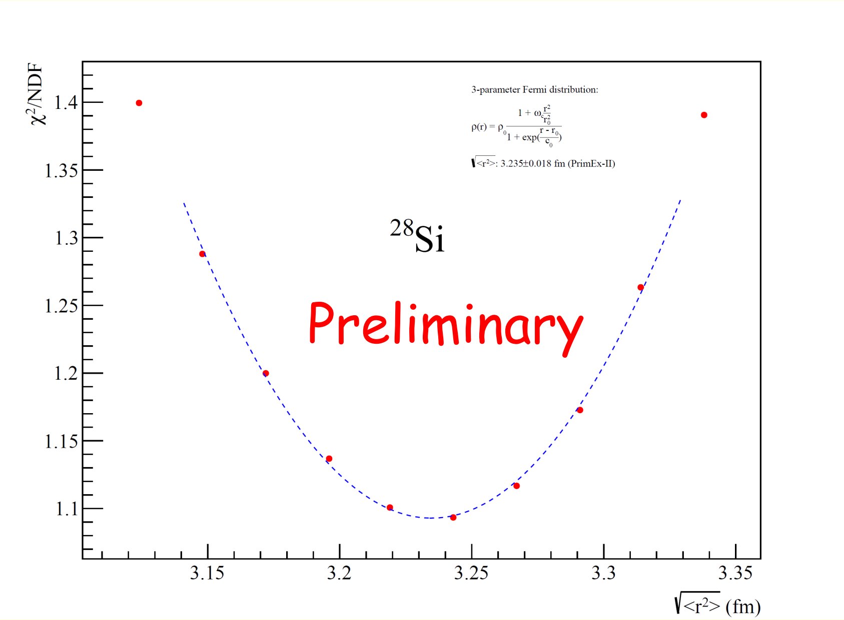
7.82 ± 0.06 (stat.) ± 0.13 (sys.) eV, with 1.6% total uncertainty

a) the ^{28}Si radius has been extracted from the measured nuclear coherent process (right plot below):

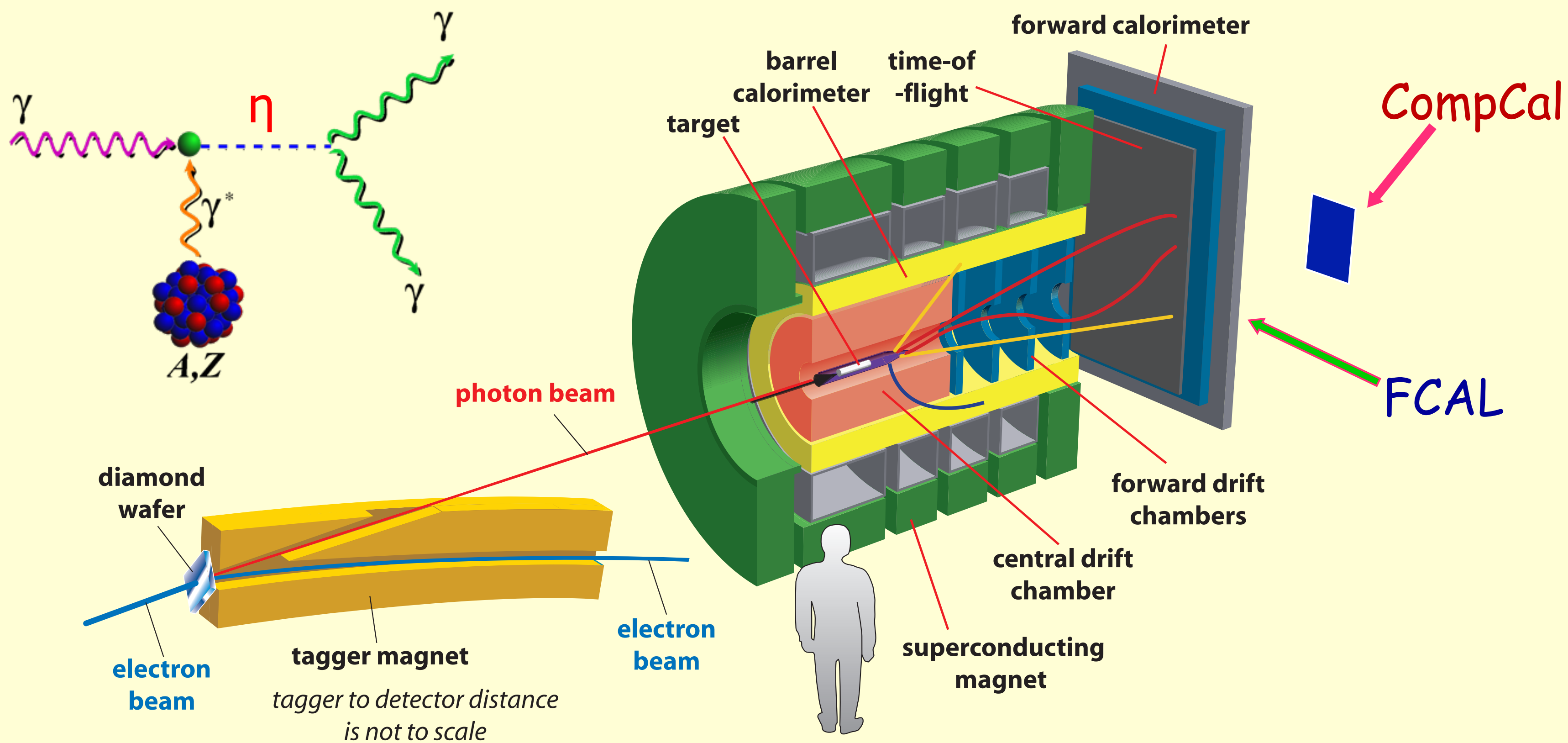
$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ = 3.24 ± 0.02 fm

✓ Results for the ^{12}C target will be finalized by the end of this year.





Measurement of $\Gamma(\eta\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)$ in Hall D at 12 GeV



- Incoherent tagged photon beam (~10.5-11.5 GeV)
- Pair spectrometer and a TAC detector for the photon flux control
- 30 cm liquid Hydrogen and ^{4}He targets (~3.6% r.l.)
- Forward Calorimeter (FCAL) for $\eta\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ decay photons
- CompCal and FCAL to measure well-known Compton scattering for control of overall systematic uncertainties.
- Solenoid detectors and forward tracking detectors (for background rejection)

Challenges in the $\eta \to \gamma\gamma$ Primakoff Experiment

Compared to π^0:

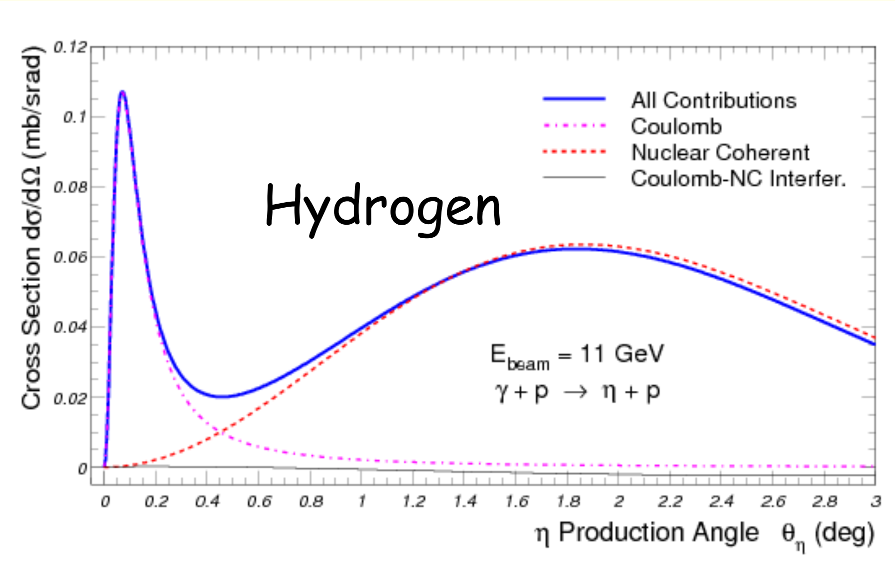
- η mass is a factor of 4 larger than π^0 and has a smaller cross section

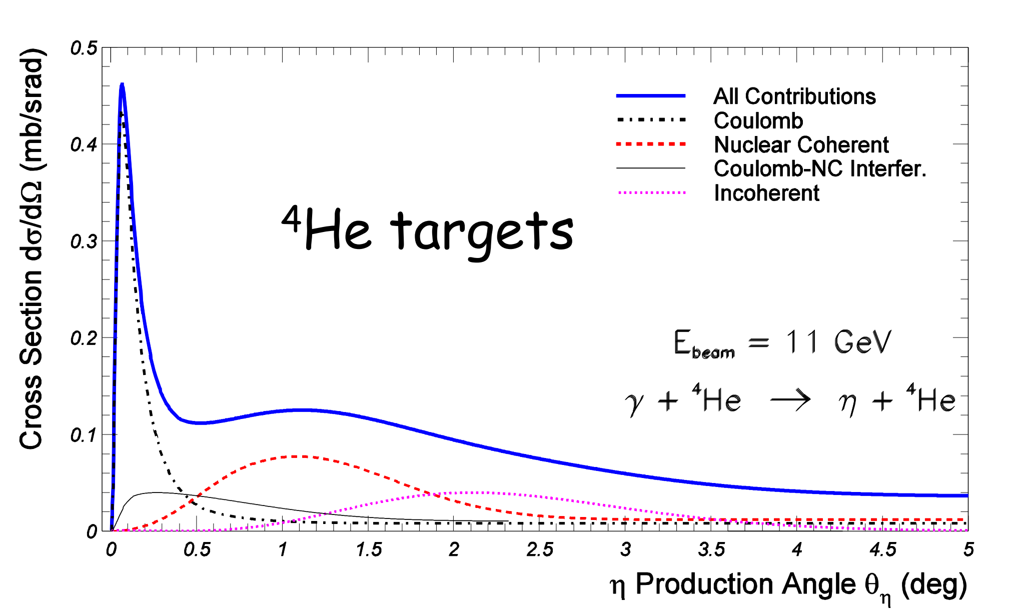
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{\mathrm{Pr}}}{d\Omega}\right)_{\mathrm{peak}} \propto \frac{E^4}{m^3}$$

- larger overlap between Primakoff and hadronic processes;

$$\langle \theta_{\mathrm{Pr}} \rangle_{peak} \propto \frac{m^2}{2E^2} \qquad \theta_{NC} \propto \frac{2}{E \bullet A^{1/3}}$$

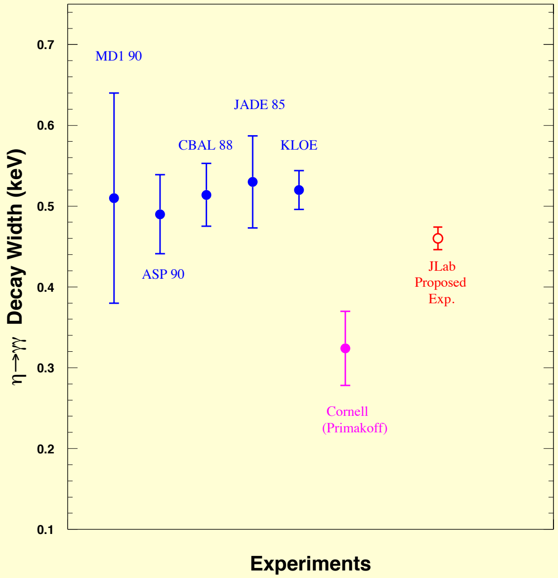
- larger momentum transfer (coherency, form factors, FSI,…)



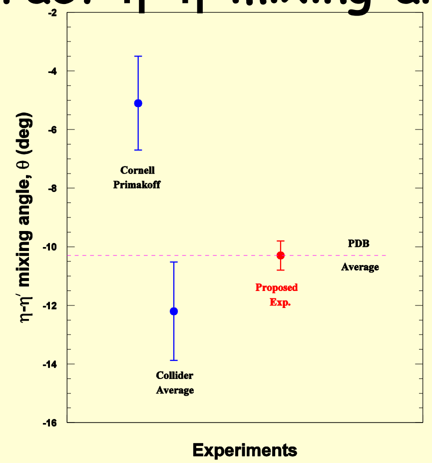


$\Gamma(\eta\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)$ Experiment @ 12 GeV

1. Resolve long standing discrepancy between collider and Primakoff measurements:

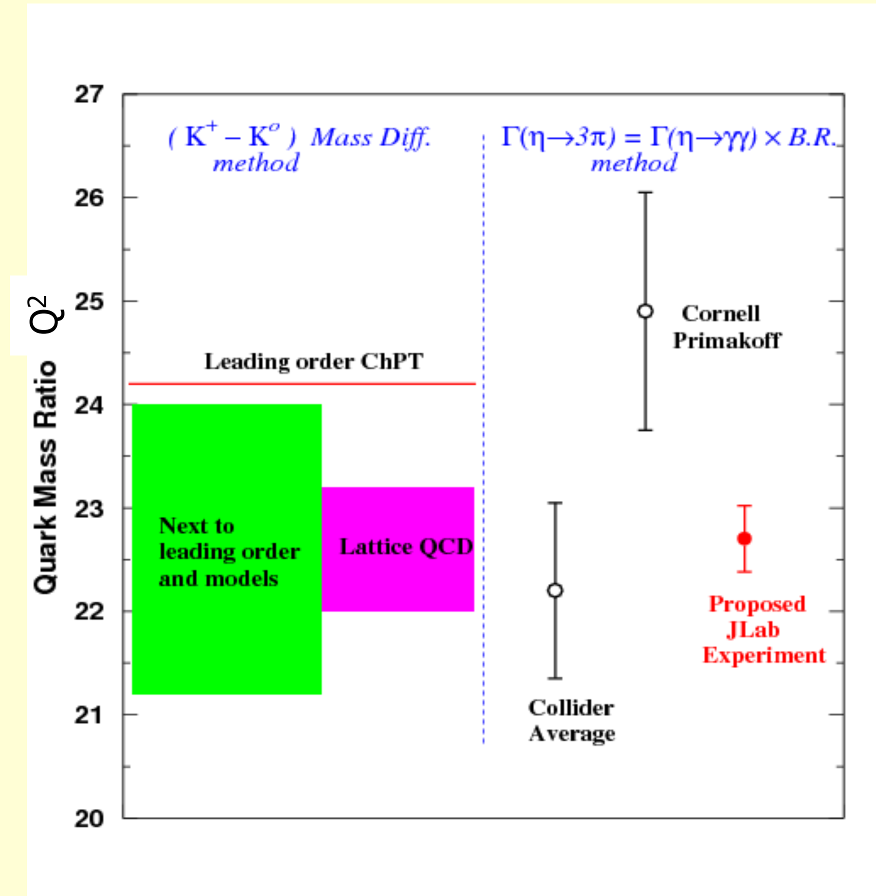


2. Extract η-η' mixing angle:



3. Determine Light quark mass ratio:

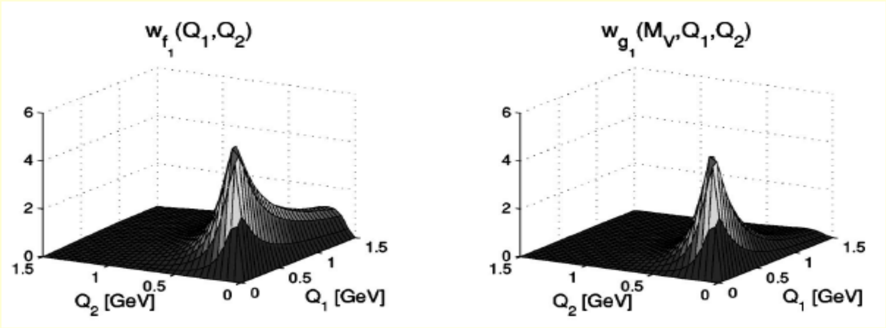
$$Q^2 = \frac{m_s^2 - \hat{m}^2}{m_d^2 - m_u^2}, \qquad \text{where } \hat{m} = \frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d)$$



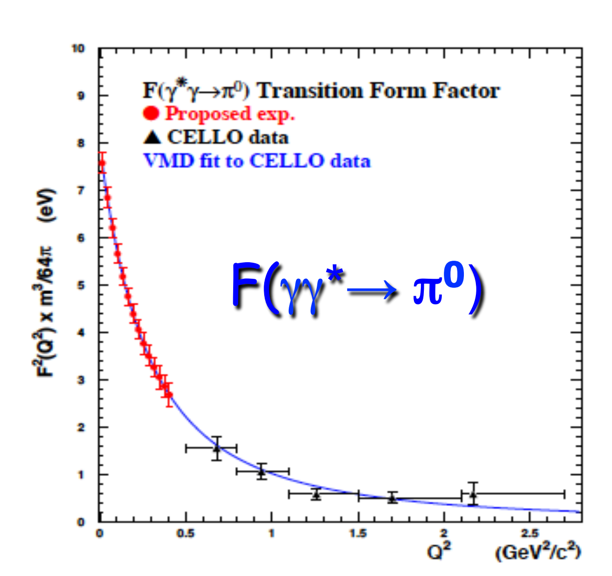
H. Leutwyler Phys. Lett., B378, 313 (1996)

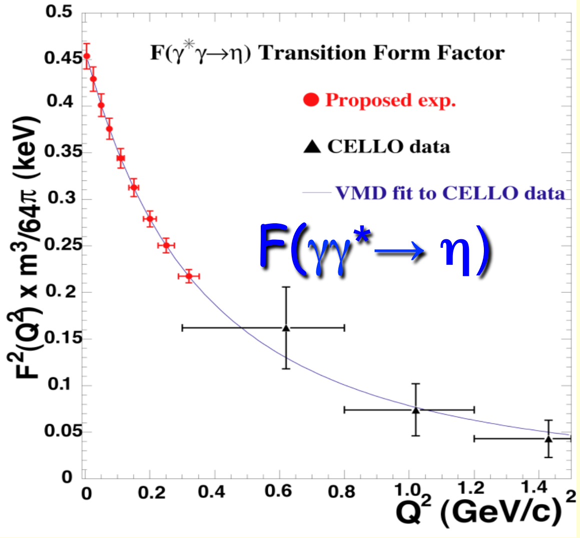
Transition Form Factors F(γγ*→P)
(at low Q^2 : 0.001-0.5 GeV^2/c^2)

- **Direct measurement of slopes**
  - Interaction radii: $F_{\gamma\gamma^* P}(Q^2) \approx 1 - 1/6 \cdot \langle r^2 \rangle_P Q^2$
  - ChPT for large N_c predicts relation between the three slopes. Extraction of $O(p^6)$ low-energy constant in the chiral Lagrangian
- **Input for hadronic light-by-light calculations in muon (g-2)**

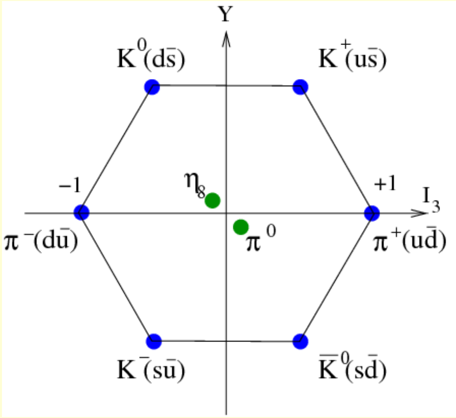


M. Knecht and A. Nyffeler, Phys.Rev.D65,073034





η is a unique probe for fundamental symmetries



- The most massive member in the octet of pseudoscalar Goldstone mesons (547.9 MeV/c2)
  - ➡ Many open decay channels
  - ➡ Sensitive to symmetry breakings

- η decay width Γ_η =1.3KeV is narrow (relative to Γ_ω=8.5 MeV)
  - ➡ The lowest orders of η decays are filtered out, enhancing the contributions from higher orders (by a factor of ~7000 compared to ω decays).

- Eigenstate of P, C, CP, and G: $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+ 0^{-+}$
  - ➡ Study violations of discrete symmetries

- The η decays are flavor-conserving reactions effectively free of SM backgrounds for new physics search.

Overview of the Jlab Eta Factory (JEF) Project

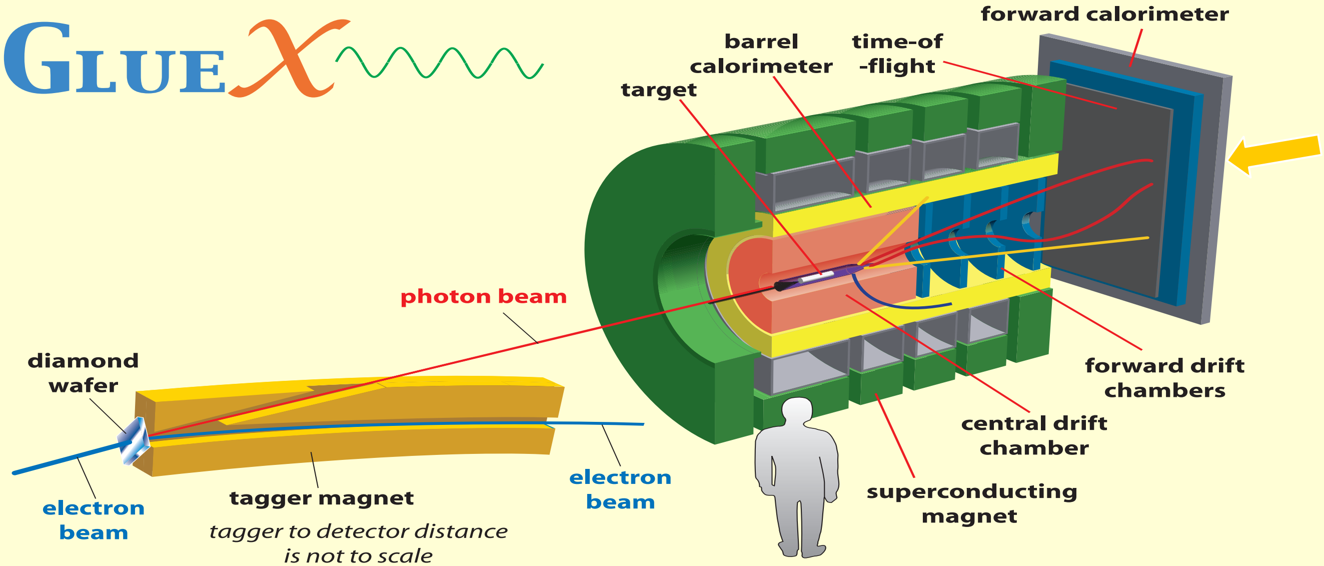
Mode	Branching Ratio	Physics Highlight	Photons
priority:			
$\pi^0 2\gamma$	$(2.7 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$	χPTh at $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$	4
$\gamma + B$	beyond SM	leptophobic dark boson	4
$3\pi^0$	$(32.6 \pm 0.2)\%$	$m_u - m_d$	6
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$(22.7 \pm 0.3)\%$	$m_u - m_d$, CV	2
3γ	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$	CV, CPV	3
ancillary:			
4γ	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-11}$[112]	4
$2\pi^0$	$< 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	CPV, PV	4
$2\pi^0\gamma$	$< 5 \times 10^{-4}$	CV, CPV	5
$3\pi^0\gamma$	$< 6 \times 10^{-5}$	CV, CPV	6
$4\pi^0$	$< 6.9 \times 10^{-7}$	CPV, PV	8
$\pi^0\gamma$	$< 9 \times 10^{-5}$	CV, Ang. Mom. viol.	3
normalization:			
2γ	$(39.3 \pm 0.2)\%$	anomaly, η-η' mixing PR12-10-011	2

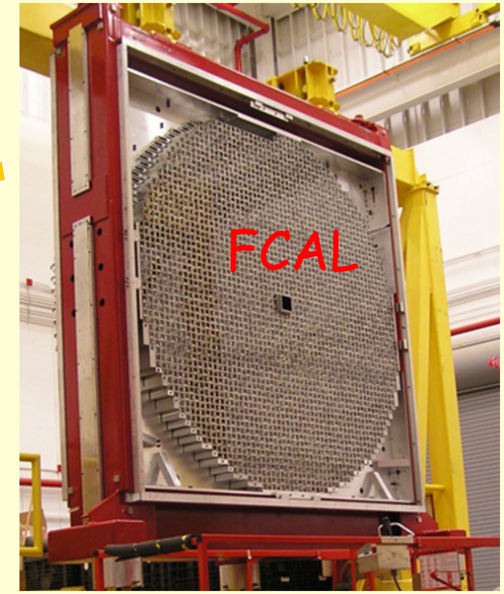
Main physics goals:

1. Search for a leptophobic dark boson (B).
2. Directly constrain CVPC new physics
3. Improve the light quark mass ratio
4. Probe interplay of VMD & scalar resonances in ChPT.

FCAL-II is required for the rare decays

Jlab Eta Factory (JEF) Experiment





Simultaneously measure η decays: $\eta \to \pi^0\gamma\gamma$, $\eta \to 3\gamma$, and …

- η produced on LH_2 target with **9-11.7 GeV tagged photon beam:**

  $\gamma + p \to \eta + p$

- Reduce non-coplanar backgrounds by **detecting recoil p's** with GlueX detector ($\varepsilon \sim 75\%$)

- Upgraded Forward Calorimeter with **High resolution, high granularity $PbWO_4$** insertion (**FCAL-II**) to detect multi-photons from rare η decays

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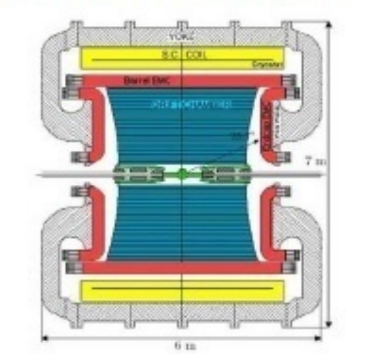
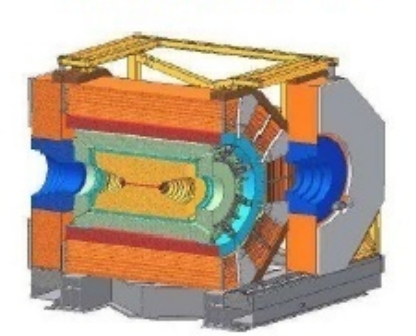
World competition in η decays

e+e-
Collider

KLOE-2 at DAΦNE

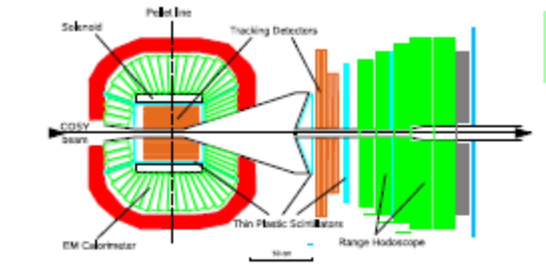


BESIII at BEPCII



Fixed-target

WASA at COSY



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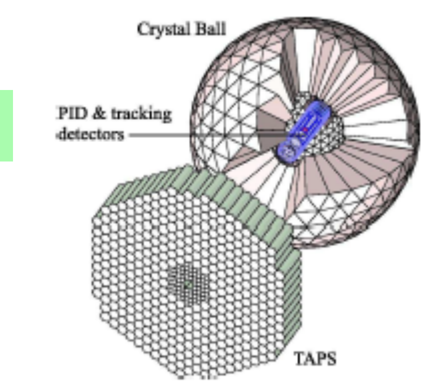
Crystall Ball at MAMI



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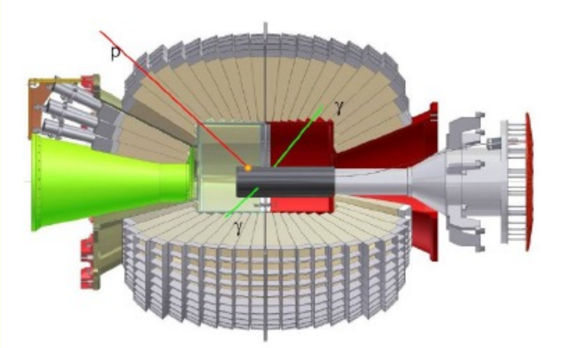

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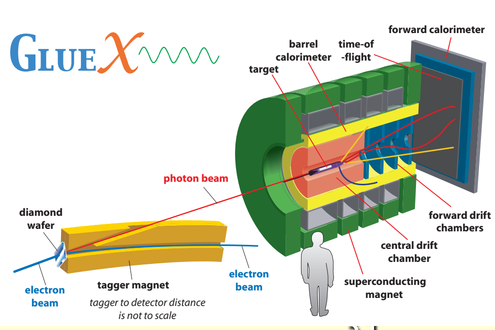

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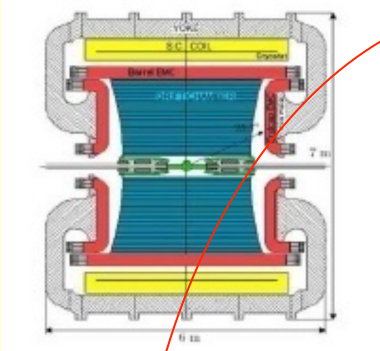

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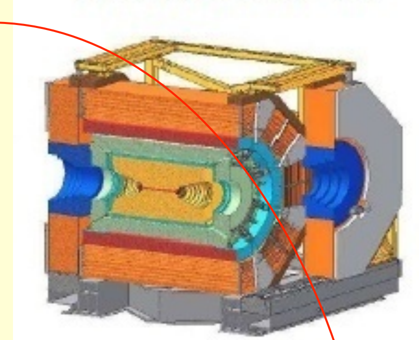

Low energy η-facilities

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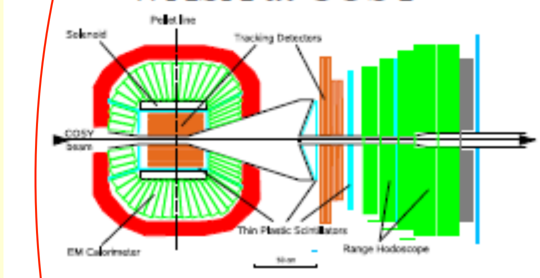

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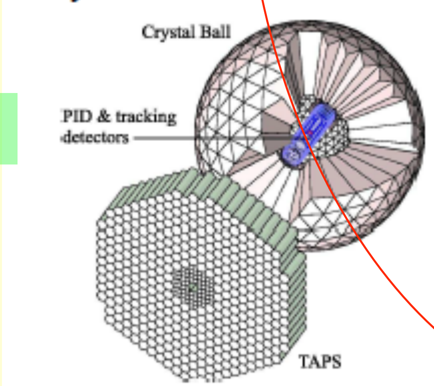

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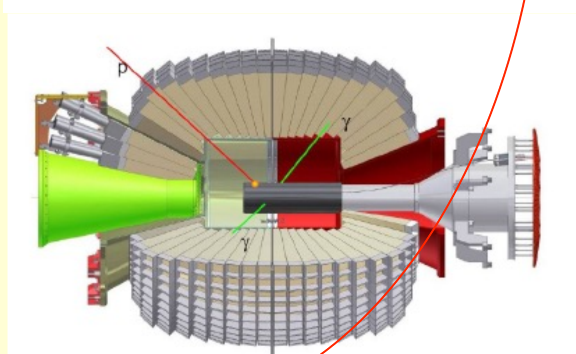

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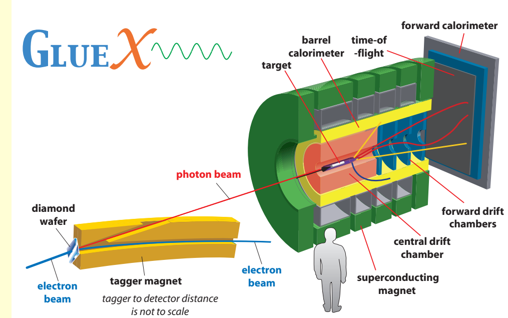

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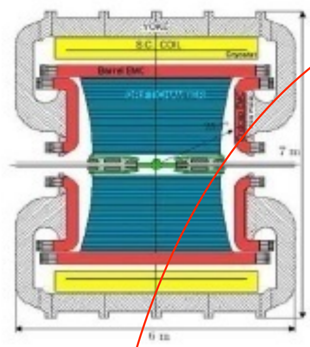

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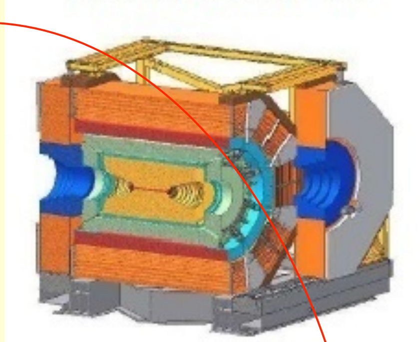

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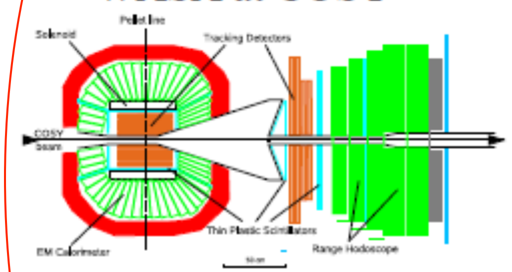

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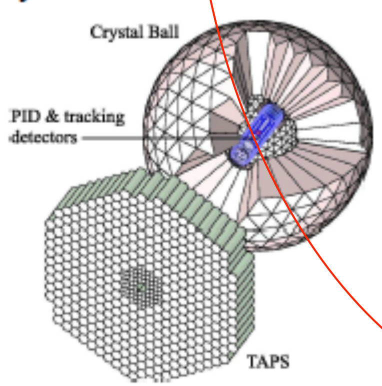

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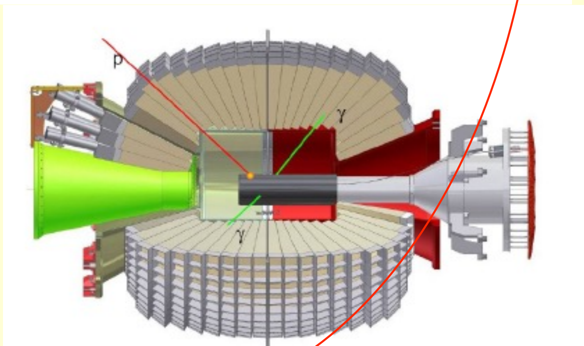

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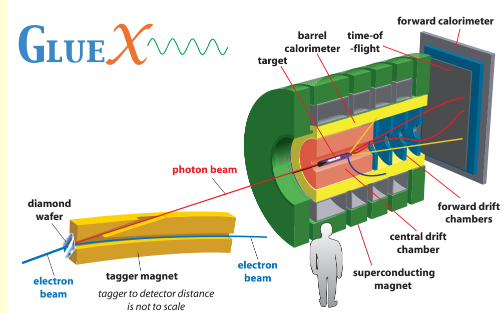

Filter Background with η Energy Boost ($\eta \to \pi^0\gamma\gamma$)

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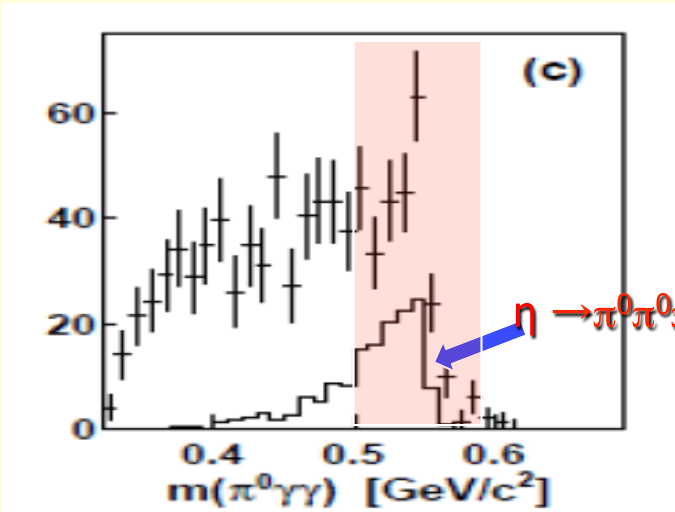
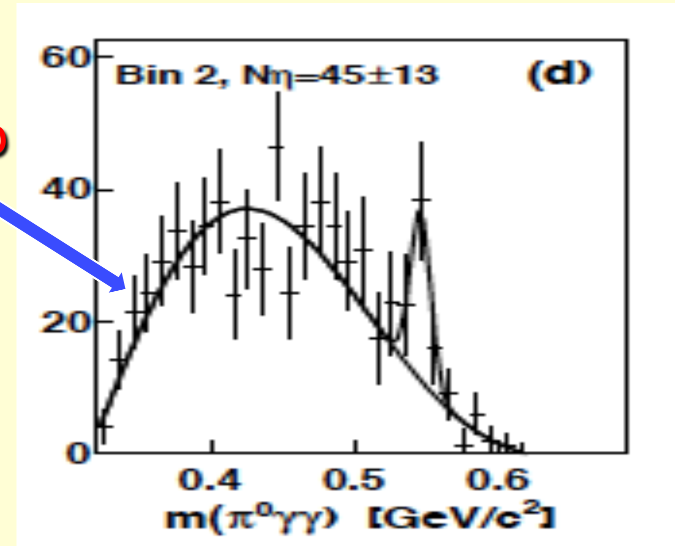


$\eta \to \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$

$\gamma p \to \pi^0\pi^0 + p$



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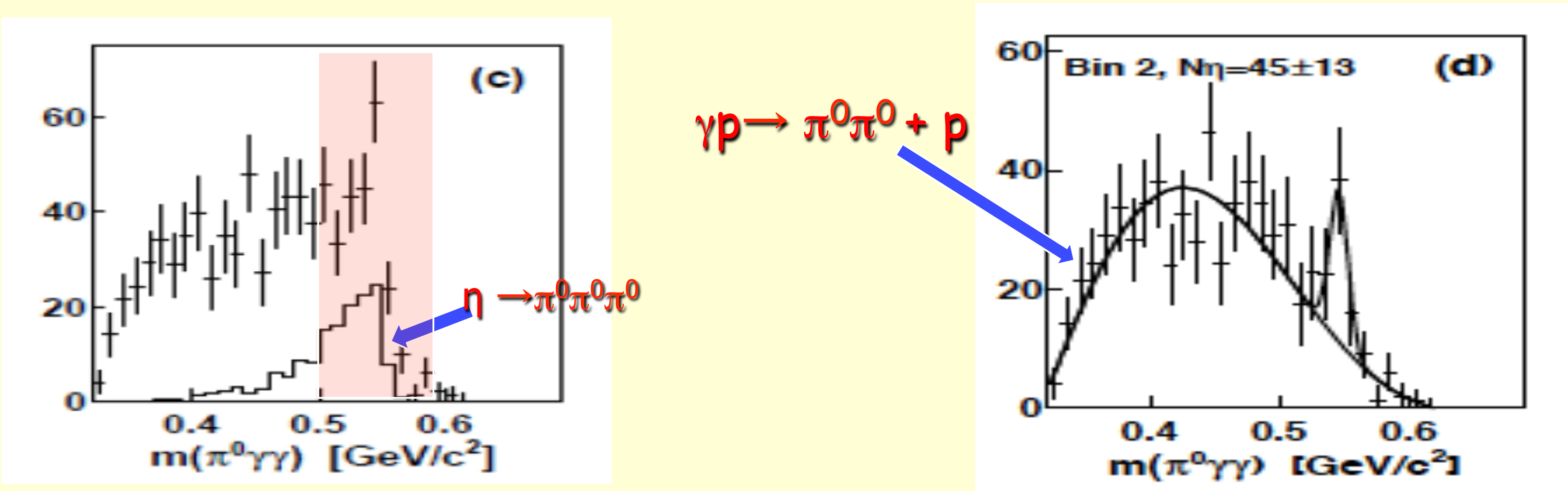
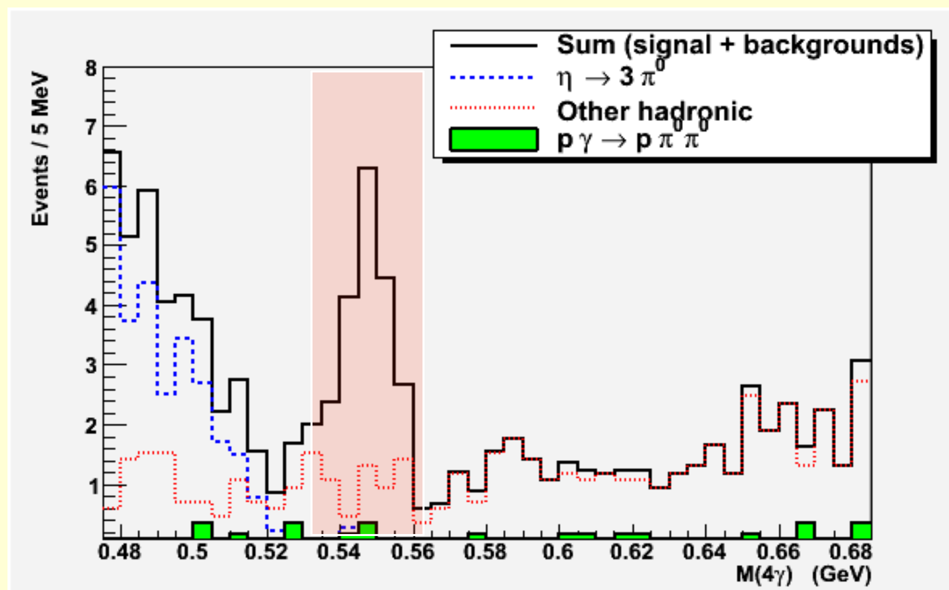
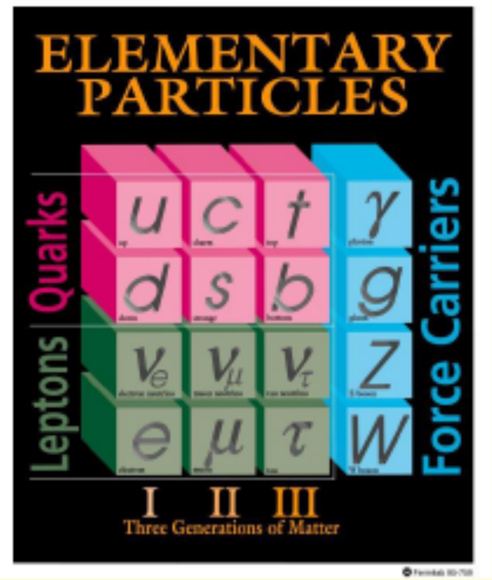


Jlab:

$\gamma p \to \eta p$ ($E\gamma$ = 9-11.7 GeV)



Search for Dark Forces

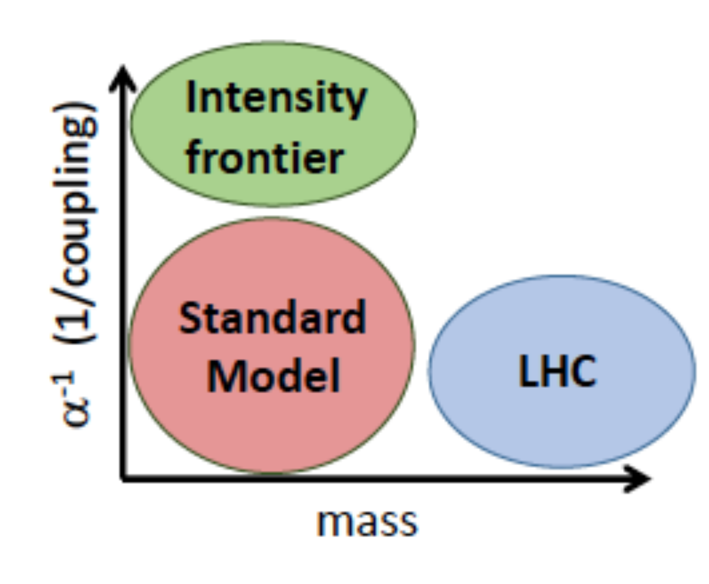


SM based on $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetry. Are there any additional gauge symmetries? Look for new gauge bosons.

Motivations:

1. **Grand unified theories:** Generically have additional gauge bosons, but typically very heavy (10^{16} GeV).
2. **Dark matter:** Stability of dark matter related to new gauge symmetry?

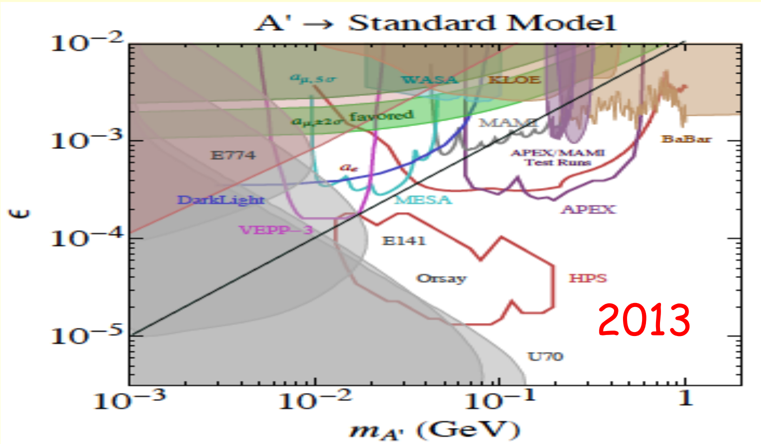
   Can also give the right relic density.

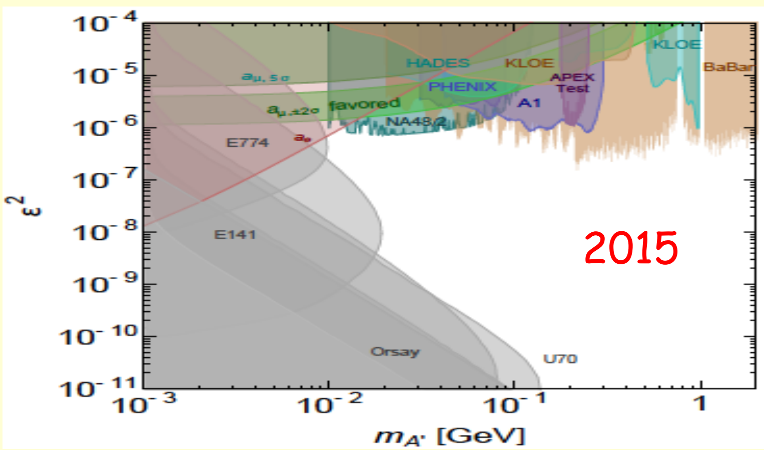


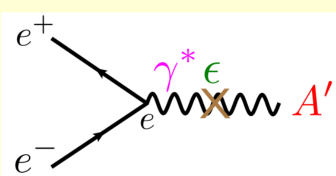
"Vector Portal" to Dark Sector

1. Dark photon A′

$-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon F^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu}$ Kinetic mixing and U(1)′







Most A′ searches look for $A' \to l^+ l^-$, relying on the leptonic coupling of new force

2. Dark leptophobic B-boson (dark ω, γ_B, or Z′):

$$\frac{1}{3} g_B \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q B_\mu$$

Gauged baryon symmetry $U(1)_B$

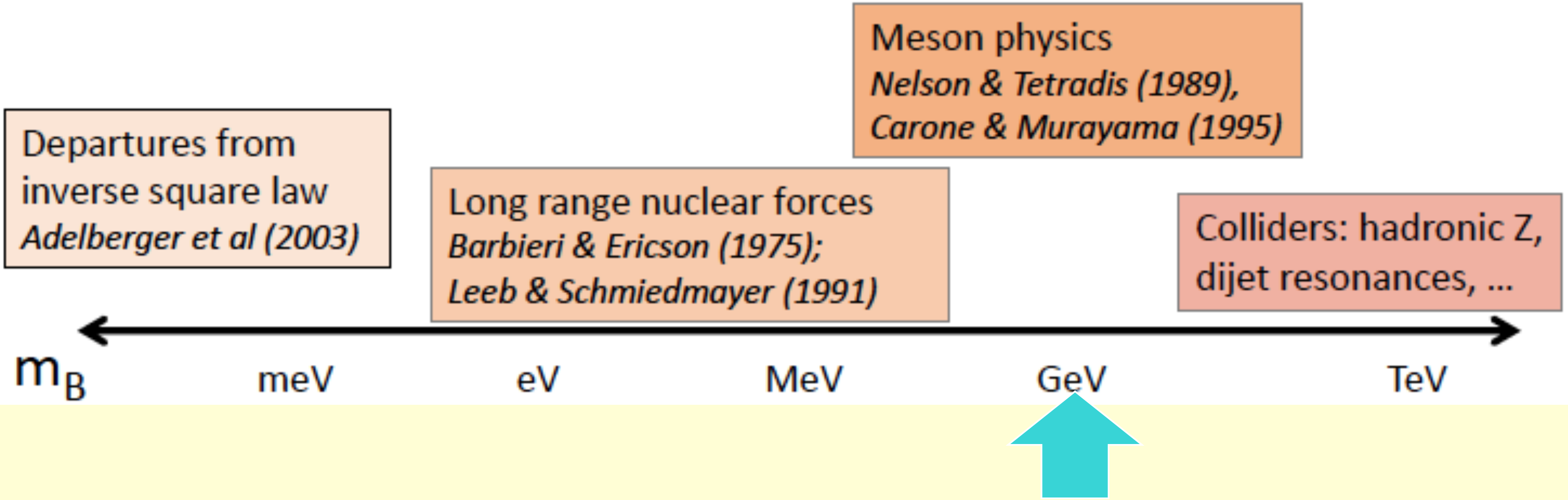
T.D. Lee and C.N. Yang, Phys.Rev.,98, 1501 (1955)

- the stability of baryonic and dark matter
- a unified genesis of baryonic and dark matter M.Graesser, I. Shoemaker and L. Vecchi, arXiv:1107.2666
- a natural framework for resolving "Strong CP problem" in QCD

Experimental Probes for B-boson

Discovery signals depend on the B mass:

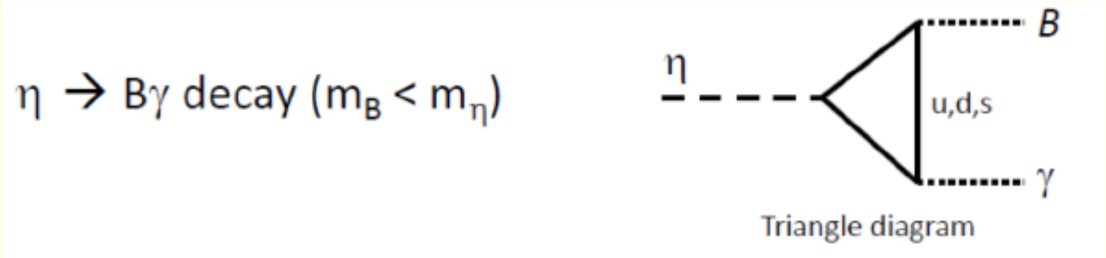
- the $m_B < m_\pi$ region is strongly constrained by long-range forces search and nuclear scattering experiments.
- the $m_B > 50 GeV$ region has been investigated by the collider experiments.
- GeV-scale domain is nearly untouched.



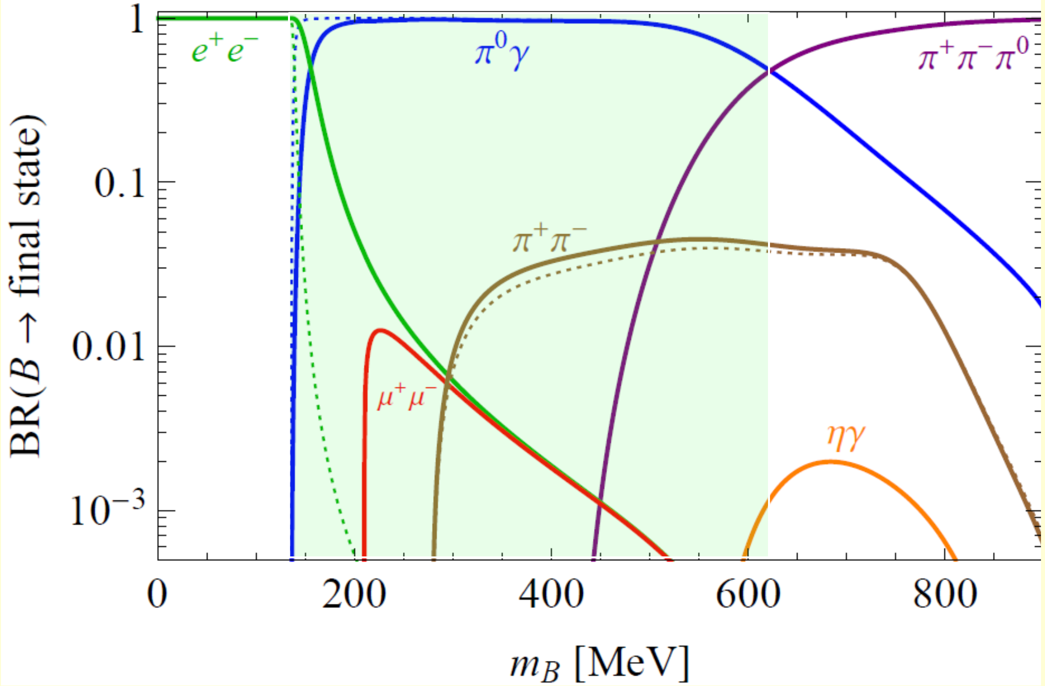
a discovery opportunity hiding in nonperturbative QCD regime!

Striking Signature for B-boson in $\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$

- B production: A.E. Nelson, N. Tetradis, Phys. Lett., B221, 80 (1989)



- B decays: $B \to \pi^0 \gamma$ in 140-620 MeV mass range



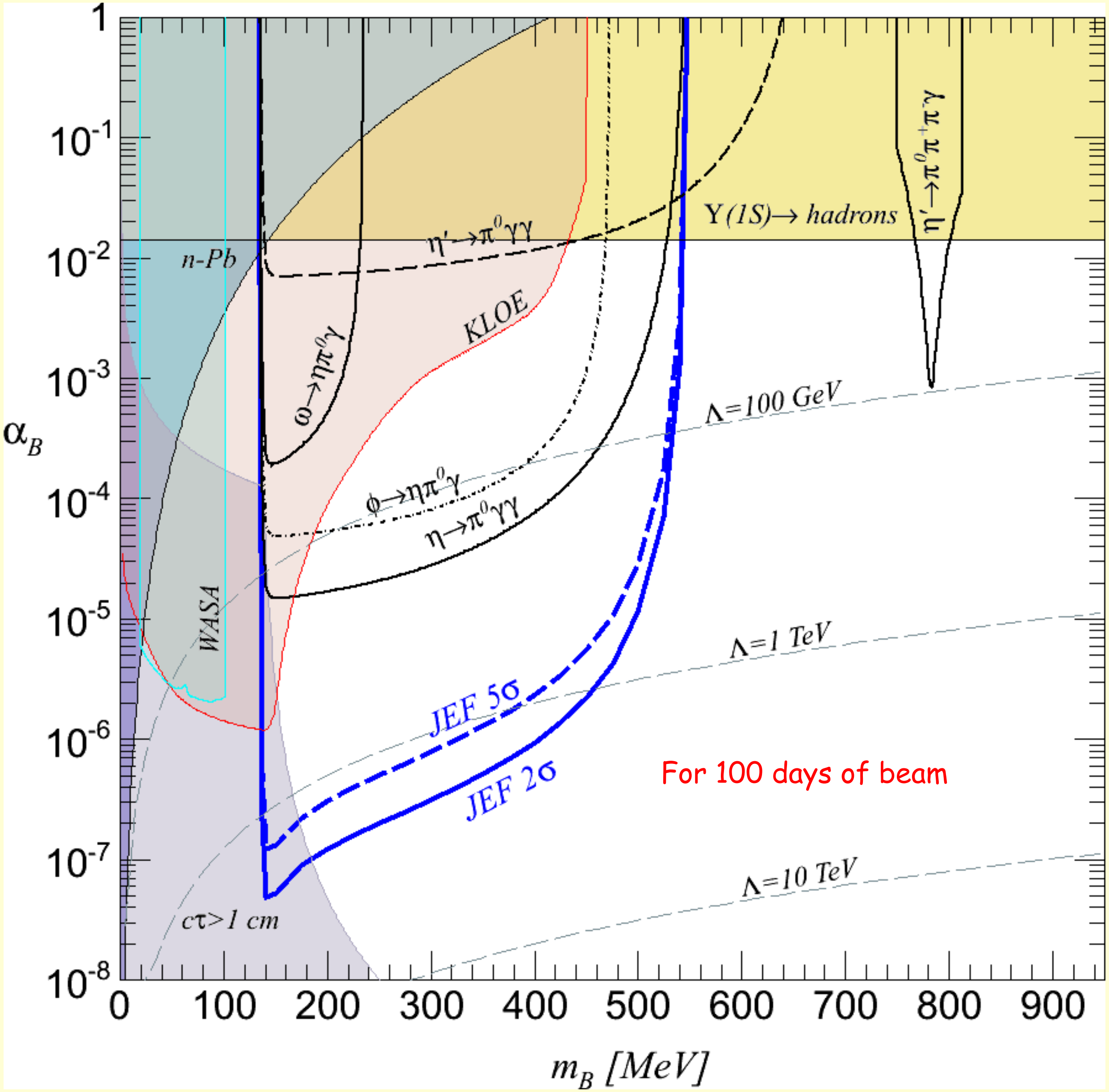
$\eta \to \gamma B \to \gamma + \pi^0 \gamma$

Search for a resonance peak of $\pi^0\gamma$ for m_B ~140-550 MeV

S. Tulin, Phys.Rev., D89, 14008 (2014)

- $\Gamma(\eta \to \pi^0 \gamma\gamma) \sim 0.3eV$ → highly suppressed SM background

JEF Experimental Reach ($\eta \to B\gamma \to \pi^0\gamma\gamma$)



- A stringent constraint on the leptophobic B-boson in 140-550 MeV range.
- A positive signal of B in JEF will **imply a new fermion with a mass up to a few TeV due to electro-weak anomaly cancellation.**
- Future η' experiment will extend the experimental reach up to 1 GeV

Constraints from A' search (KLOE and WASA) assumed:

$$\varepsilon \sim 0.1 \times e g_B / (4\pi)^2$$

The Four Classes of C, P, and T Violations Assuming CPT Invariance

B. Nefkens and J. Price, Phys. Scrip., T99, 114 (2002)

Class	Violated	Valid
1	C, P, CT, PT	T, CP
2	C, P, T, CP, CT, PT	
3	P, T, CP, CT	C, PT
4	C, T, CP, PT	P, CT

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Experimental tests

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For class 4:

- a few tests available
- not well tested experimentally in EM and strong interactions
- less constrained by nEDM and parity-violating experiments.
- offer a golden opportunity for new physics search.

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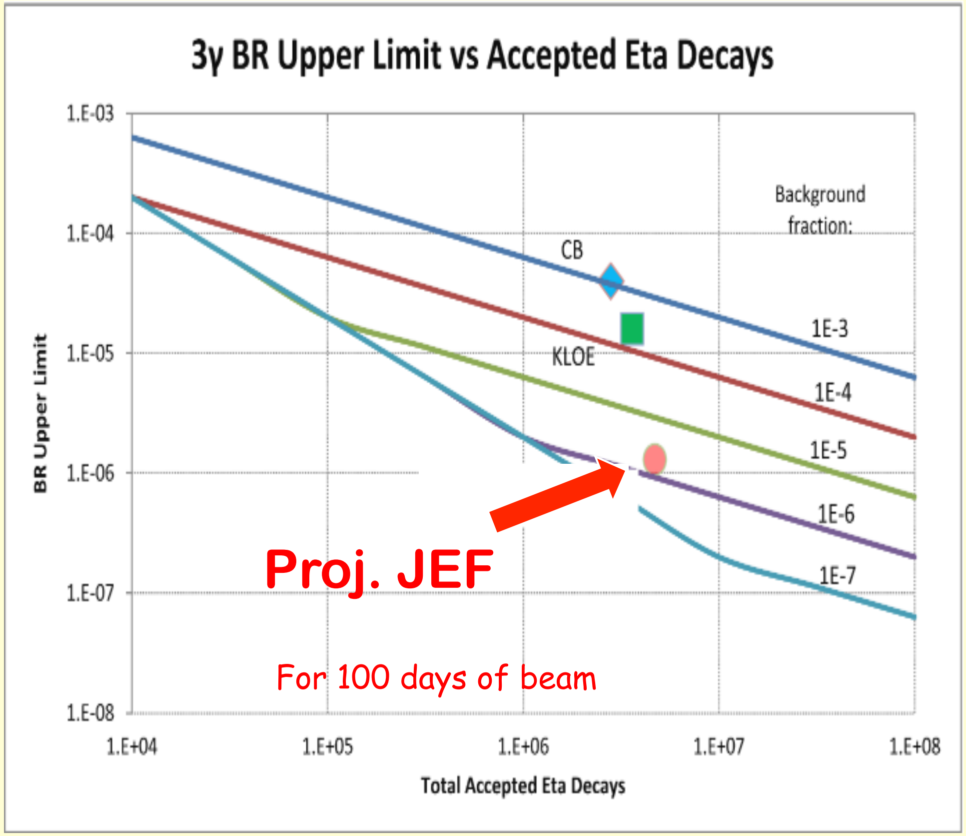
Experimental Improvementon in $\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma$

- SM contribution: $BR(\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma) < 10^{-19}$ via P-violating weak interaction.

- A new C- and T-violating, and P-conserving interaction was proposed by Bernstein, Feinberg and Lee Phys. Rev.,139, B1965 (1965)

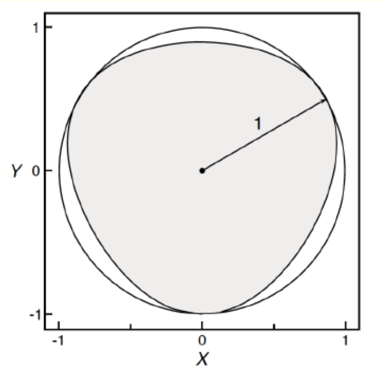
- A calculation due to such new physics by Tarasov suggests: $BR(\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma) < 10^{-2}$ Sov.J.Nucl.Phys.,5,445 (1967)



- A new investigation by M. Ramsey-Musolf and two Ph.D. students is in progress

Improve BR upper limit by one order of magnitude to directly tighten the constraint on CVPC new physics

Experimental Measurements of $\eta\rightarrow 3\pi$



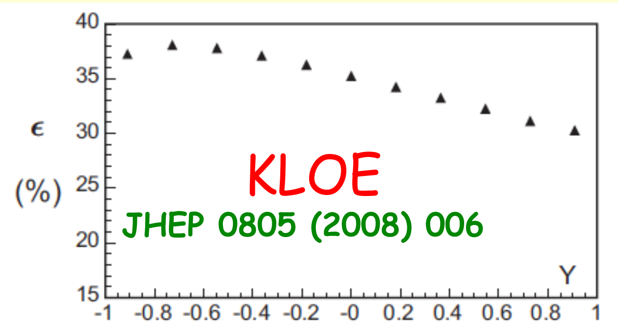
$$X = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2M_\eta Q_c}(u-t)$$

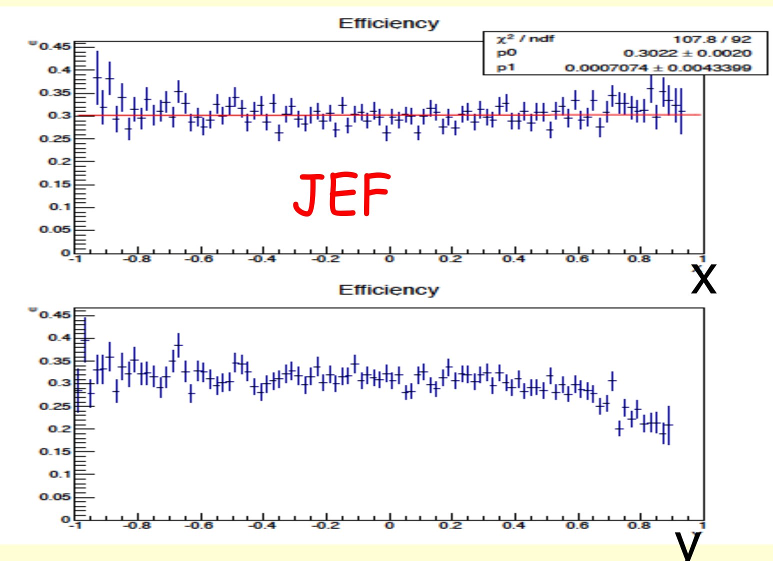
$$Y = \frac{3}{2M_\eta Q_c}\left(\left(M_\eta - M_{\pi^0}\right)^2 - s\right) - 1$$

$$Z = X^2 + Y^2$$

$$Q_c \equiv M_\eta - 2M_{\pi^+} - M_{\pi^0}$$

Exp.	$3\pi^0$ Events (10^6)	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ Events (10^6)
Total world data (include prel. WASA and prel. KLOE)	6.5	6.0
GlueX+PrimEx-η +JEF	20	19.6





- Existing data from the low energy facilities are sensitive to the detection threshold effects
- JEF at high energy has uniform detection efficiency over Dalitz phase space
- JEF will offer large statistics and improved systematics

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- **A clean probe for quark mass ratio:** $Q^2 = \dfrac{m_s^2 - \hat{m}^2}{m_d^2 - m_u^2}$ $\quad \hat{m} = \dfrac{m_u + m_d}{2}$
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  - α_{em} is small
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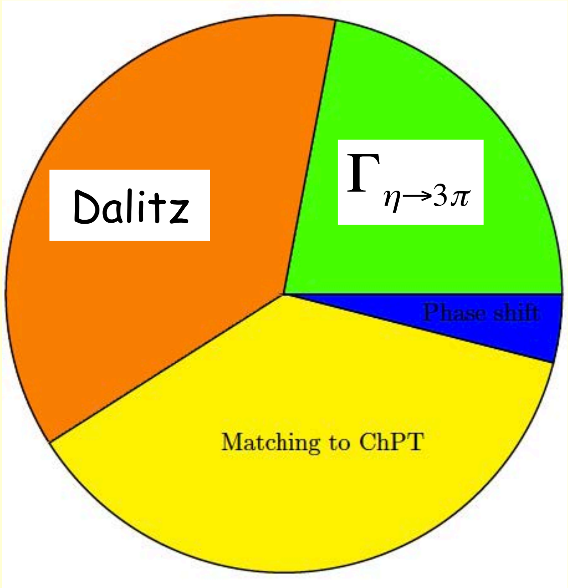

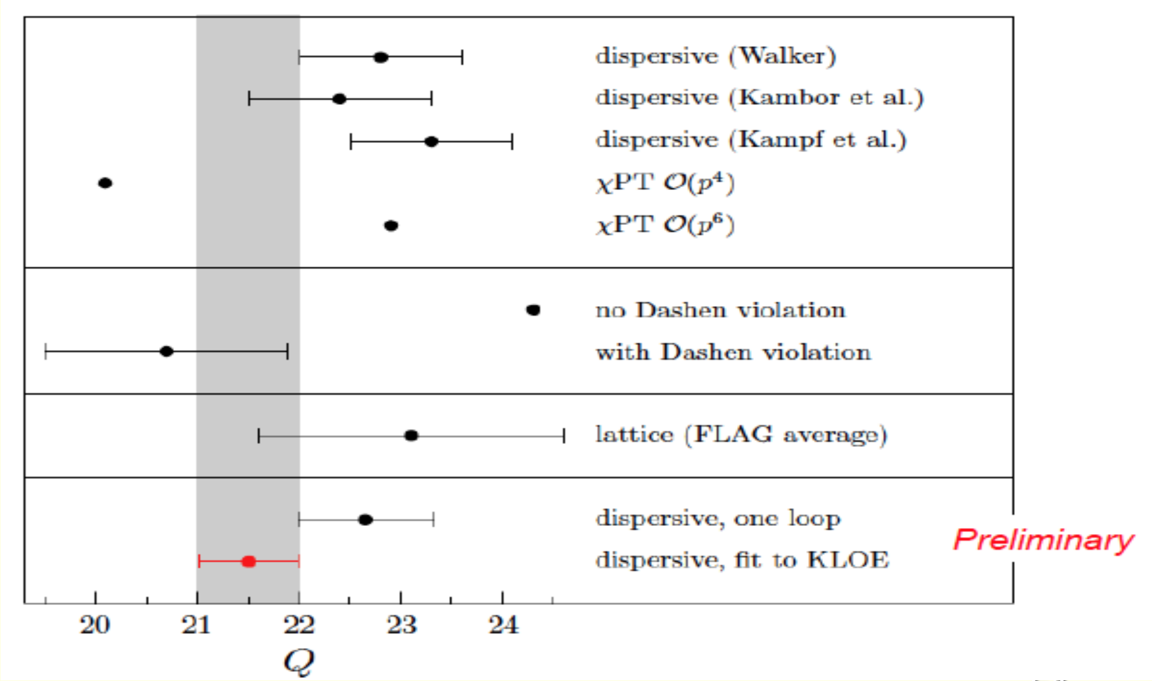

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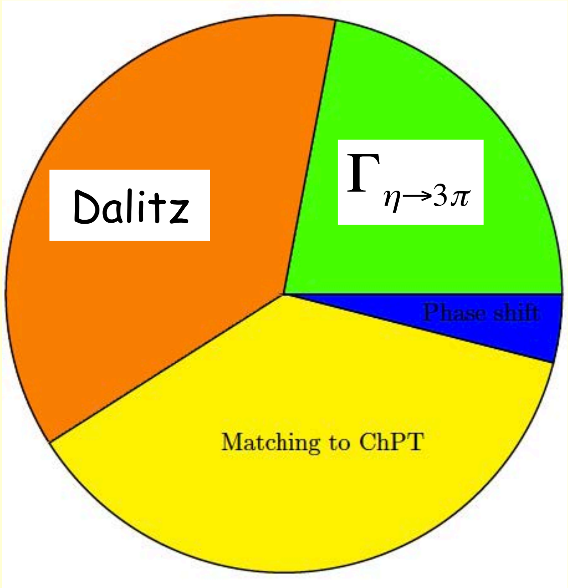
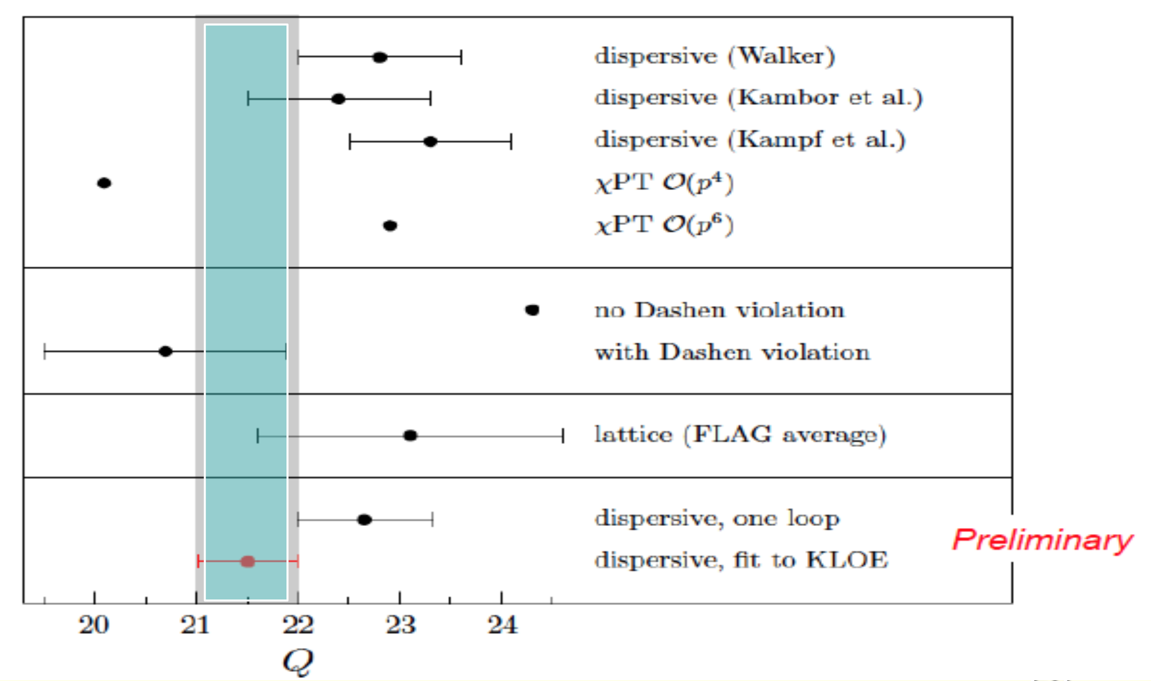




Anatomy of CP Violation in $\Gamma(M_{C=+} \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$

C-odd, P-even

This can be generated by $s-p$ interference of $\left|[\pi^+(\boldsymbol{p})\,\pi^-(-\boldsymbol{p})]_l\,\pi^0(\boldsymbol{p}')_l\right\rangle$ final states of 0^- meson decay.
It is linear in a CP-violating parameter.
This contribution **cannot** be generated by $\bar{\theta}_{\mathrm{QCD}}$!
"C violation" [Lee and Wolfenstein, 1965; Lee, 1965, Nauenberg, 1965; Bernstein, Feinberg, and Lee, 1965]

C-even, P-odd

This can be generated by the interference of amplitudes which distinguish $\left|[\pi^-(\boldsymbol{p})\,\pi^0(-\boldsymbol{p})]_l\,\pi^+(\boldsymbol{p}')_l\right\rangle$ from $\left|[\pi^+(\boldsymbol{p})\,\pi^0(-\boldsymbol{p})]_l\,\pi^-(\boldsymbol{p}')_l\right\rangle$ as in, e.g., $B \to \rho^+\pi^-$ vs. $B \to \rho^-\pi^+$. "CP-enantiomers" [SG, 2003]
This possibility is not accessible in $\eta \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ decay (but in η' decay, yes). Thus a "left-right" asymmetry in $\eta \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ decay tests C-invariance, too.

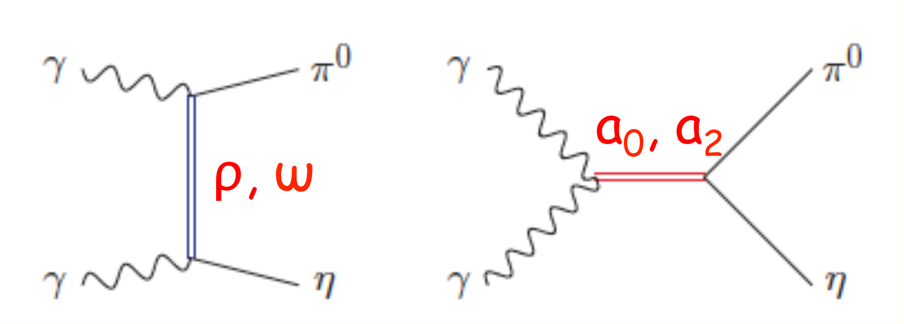
SM Allowed $\eta\to\pi^0\gamma\gamma$

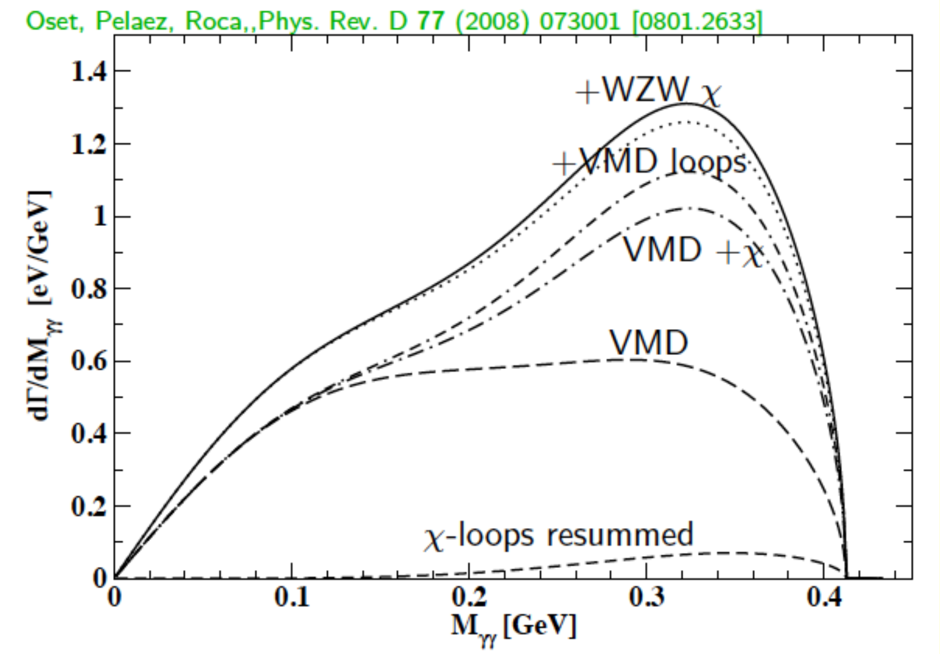
A rare window to probe interplay of VMD & scalar resonances in ChPT to calculate $O(p^6)$ LEC's in the chiral Lagrangian
(J. Bijnens, talk at AFCI workshop)

- The major contributions to $\eta\to\pi^0\gamma\gamma$ are two $O(p^6)$ counter-terms in the chiral Lagrangian ⟹ an unique probe for the high order ChPT.
  L. Ametller, J, Bijnens, and F. Cornet, Phys. Lett., B276, 185 (1992)

- Shape of Dalitz distribution is sensitive to the role of scalar resonances.

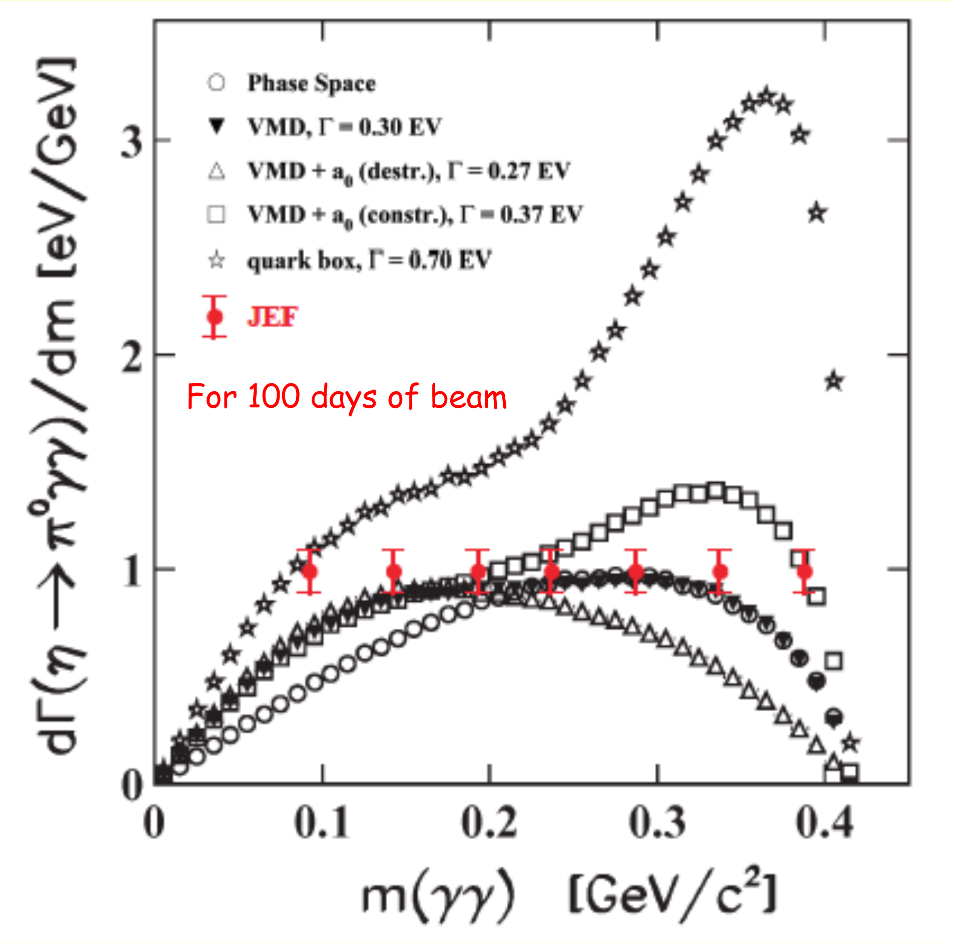
LEC's are dominated by meson resonances
Gasser, Leutwyler 84; Ecler, Gasser, Pich, de Rafael 1989; Donoghue, Ramirez, Valencia 1989

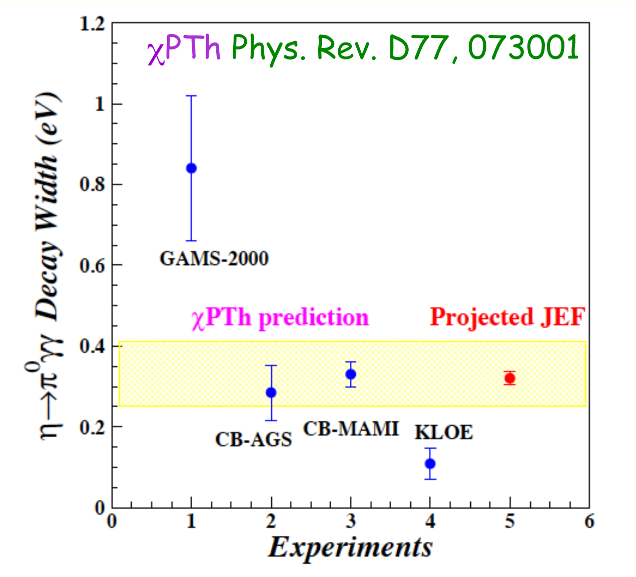


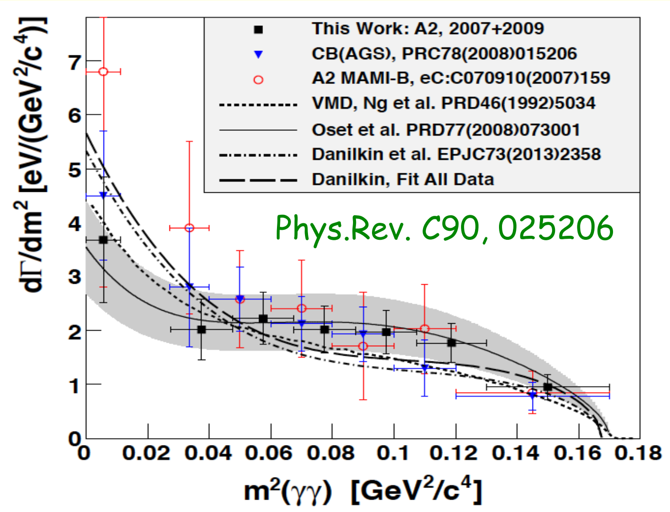


Projected JEF Results on $\eta \to \pi^0\gamma\gamma$

J.N. Ng and D.J. Peters, Phys. Rev. D47, 4939







We measure both BR and Dalitz distribution

- model-independent determination of two LEC's of the $O(p^6)$ counter- terms
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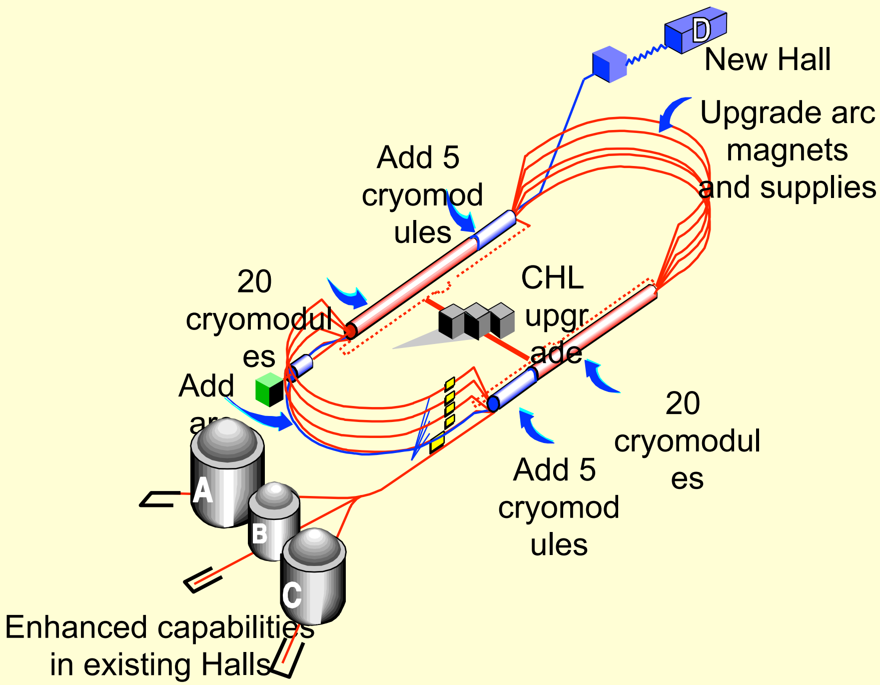
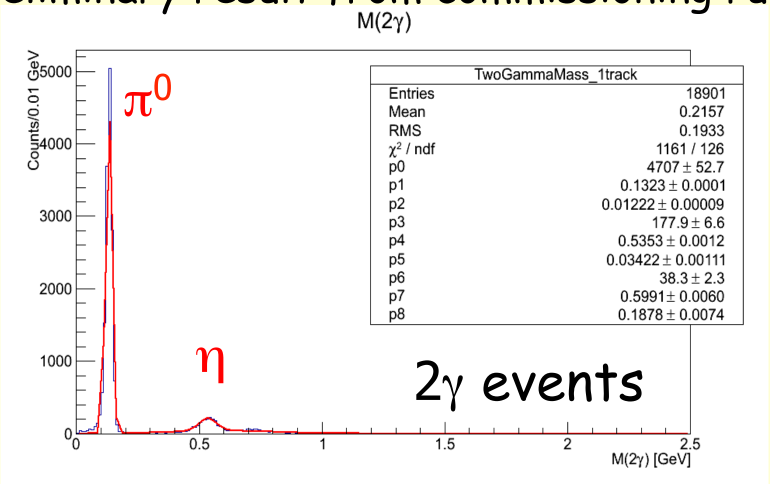
12 GeV Jlab and GlueX



Preliminary result from commissioning runs



Summary

- **A comprehensive Primakoff program has been developed at Jlab to measure $\Gamma(P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ and $F(\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow P)$ of π^0, η and η'. These results will provide rich data sets to test the fundamental symmetries of QCD at low energy.**
  - tests of chiral symmetry and anomalies
  - light quark mass ratio
  - η-η' mixing angle
  - π^0,η and η' electromagnetic interaction radii
  - inputs for a_μ(HLbL) calculations

- **12 GeV tagged photon beam with GlueX setup offers a unique η facility with two orders of magnitude in background reduction in the neutral rare η decays compared to other facilities in the world.**
  - Probe a leptophobic dark B-boson in 140-550 MeV range via $\eta \rightarrow B\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma\gamma$
  - Directly constrain CVPC new physics via $\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma$ and other C-violating channels
  - A clean determination of the light quark mass ratio via $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$
  - Test the role of scalar dynamics in ChPT through $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma\gamma$

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