

Meson Transition Form Factors

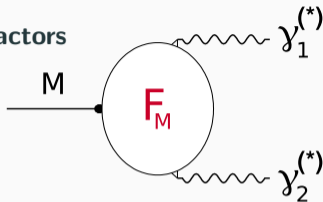
an experimental overview

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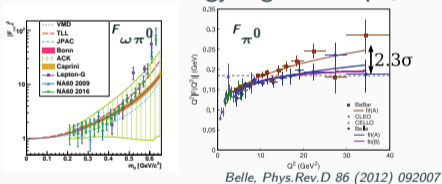
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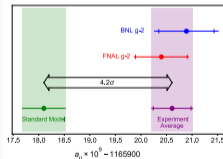
$$\mathcal{A}(M \leftrightarrow \gamma^{(*)} \gamma^{(*)}) \sim \mathcal{F}_M(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$



- Benchmark and input to phenomenological models in low-energy region and pQCD



- Precise knowledge needed for calculations of the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon



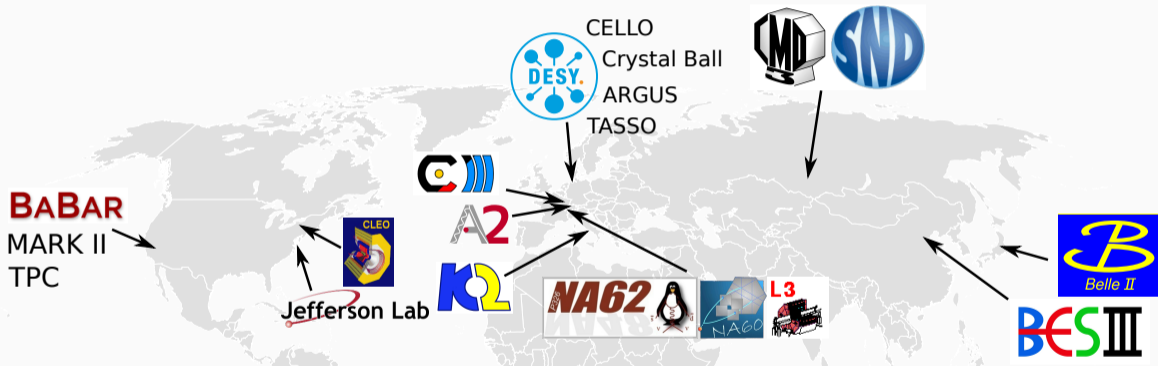
Talks on Thursday:

- *Dinko Pocanic*
- *Bastian Kubis*
- *Achim Denig*

- Important for in-medium studies of hadrons in heavy-ion collisions
- *See next talk by Witold Przygoda!*

Introduction

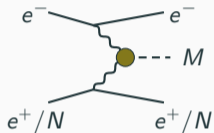
World-wide effort



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Introduction

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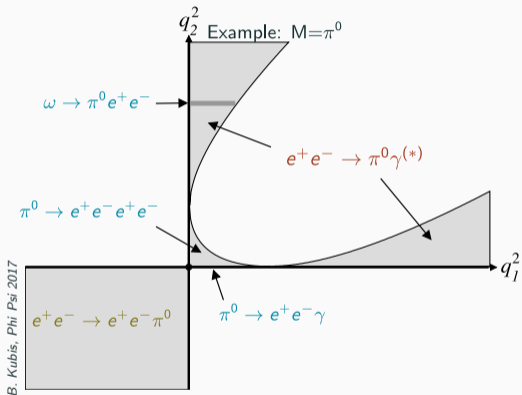
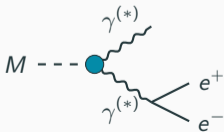
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- Primakoff production on fixed targets

Time-like

- Radiative meson production

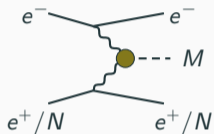


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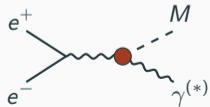
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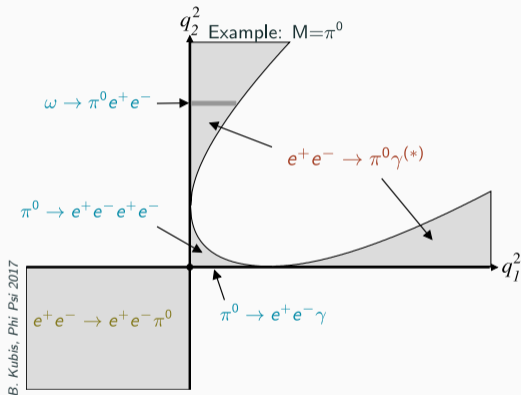
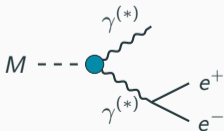
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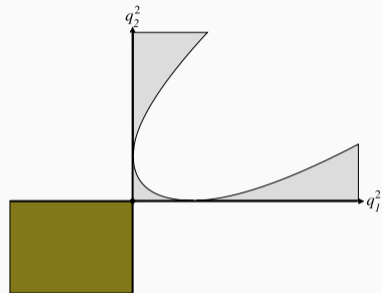
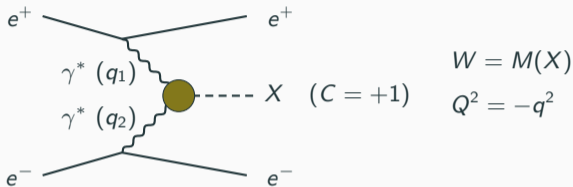
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TFF studies from $\gamma\gamma$ fusion at e^+e^- colliders

$\gamma\gamma$ fusion at e^+e^- colliders

Space-like TFF measurements



Low Q^2 : Study resonance properties and TFFs

High Q^2 : Verify pQCD predictions

$$X = \pi^0, \eta, \eta', \dots$$

Direct access to meson TFFs

$$\frac{\sigma(\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow X)}{dQ_1^2 dQ_2^2} \sim |F(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)|^2$$

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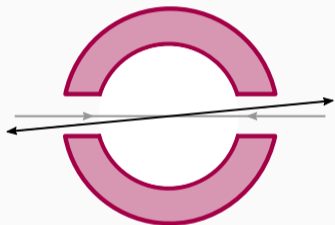
Study scalar and tensor mesons

PWA studies of $\frac{\sigma(\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow X)}{dW dQ_1^2 dQ_2^2}$

$\gamma\gamma$ fusion at e^+e^- colliders

Leptons are dominantly scattered at small angles

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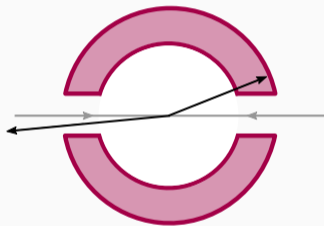


$$Q_1^2 \approx Q_2^2 \approx 0$$

High-statistics

$\Gamma_{X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$ via $\frac{d\sigma}{dW}$ studies

Single-tagged

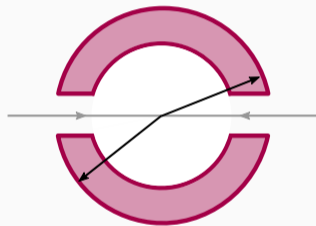


$$Q_1^2 \geq 0, Q_2^2 \approx 0$$

Single-virtual TFF studies

$$F(Q_1^2, 0) = F(Q^2)$$

Double-tagged



$$Q_1^2 \geq 0, Q_2^2 \geq 0$$

Very low statistics

Double-virtual TFF studies

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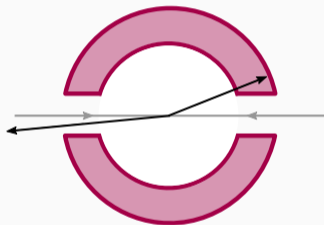


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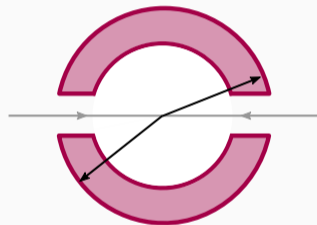


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Only result from BABAR
See talk by Evgeny Kozyrev
on Wednesday!

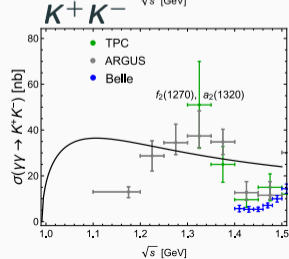
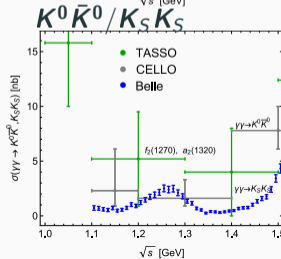
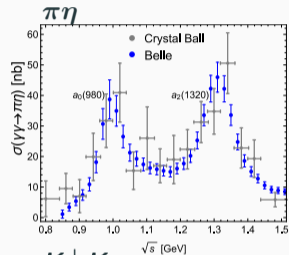
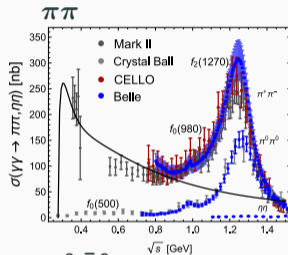
$\gamma\gamma$ fusion at e^+e^- colliders: untagged measurements

Studies of $X = \pi\pi, \pi\eta, KK$ – access scalar and tensor mesons ($J^{PC} = 0^{\pm\pm}, 2^{\pm\pm}$)

- Strict cut on $\left| \sum_X \vec{p}_t^* \right|$ to ensure quasi-real $\gamma\gamma$
- $\sigma_{ee} = \int \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(W) \frac{dL_{\gamma\gamma}}{dW} dW$

Fits of PWA to $\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}{4\pi d\cos(\theta^*)}$ to study resonances

Extract, masses, widths and $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} BR(MM)$



$\gamma\gamma$ fusion at e^+e^- colliders: single-tagged measurements

Studies of singly-virtual space-like TFF for $X = \pi^0, \eta, \eta'$

- Ensure $Q_2^2 \approx 0$ with requirement on small θ_{eX}

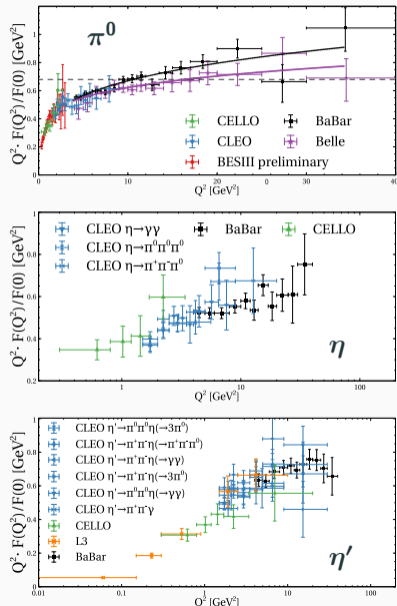
- $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \sim F^2(Q_1^2) \rightarrow F^2(Q^2) = \frac{(d\sigma/dQ^2)_{data}}{(d\sigma/dQ^2)_{MC}} F_{MC}$

pQCD LO prediction: $Q^2 F_\pi(Q^2) \xrightarrow{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} f_\pi$

→ Belle-BaBar puzzle

Studies of $X = \pi\pi, \pi\eta, KK$

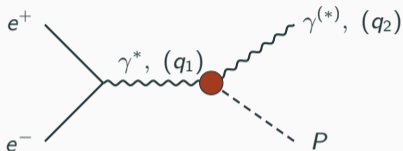
One measurement by Belle of single-tagged $X = \pi^0\pi^0$



TFF studies from radiative meson production

Radiative meson production in colliders

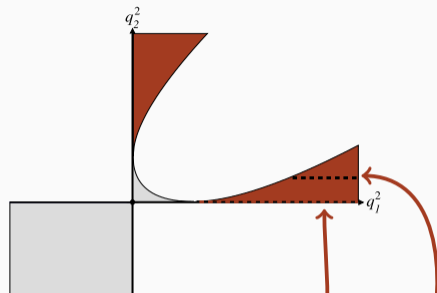
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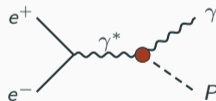
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow P\gamma^{(*)}) \sim |F_P(q^2)|^2$$

$$q_1^2 = s$$

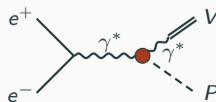
- Energy scans
- Initial state radiation



- Singly virtual TFF ($q_2^2 = 0$):



- Doubly-virtual TFF ($q_2^2 = m_V^2$):



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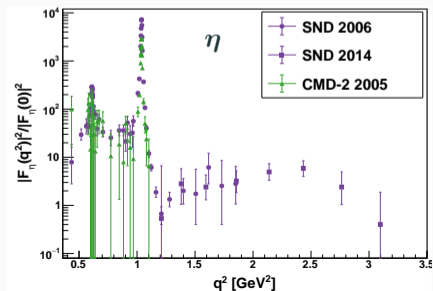
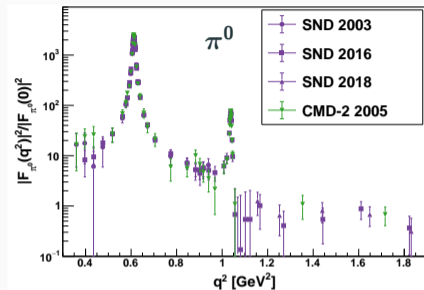
Singly-virtual time-like TFF of $P = \pi^0, \eta, \eta'$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow P\gamma) = \frac{2\pi^2\alpha^3}{3} |F_P(q^2)|^2$$

Low q^2 : Studies of excited vector meson states

High q^2 : pQCD tests on η, η' by

- BABAR: $q^2 = 112 \text{ GeV}^2$
- CLEO : $q^2 = 14 \text{ GeV}^2$



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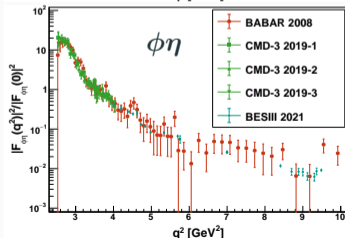
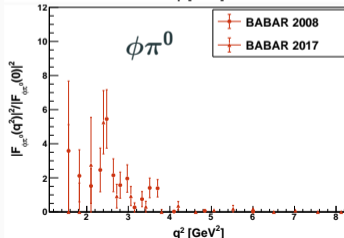
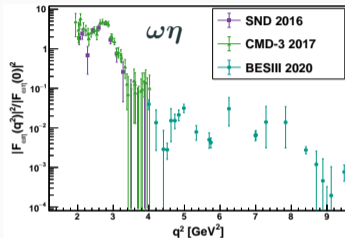
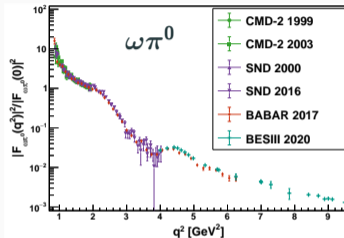
Doubly-virtual time-like TFF of $P = \pi^0, \eta, \eta'$ $V = \omega, \phi$

$$F_P(q_1^2, m_V^2) \sim F_{VP}(q_1^2)$$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow PV) = \frac{4\pi^2\alpha^3}{3s^{3/2}} |F_{VP}(q_1^2)|^2 P_f(s)$$

- Studies of excited vector meson states
- From OZI rule: ϕP channels
 \rightarrow investigations of ϕ resonances

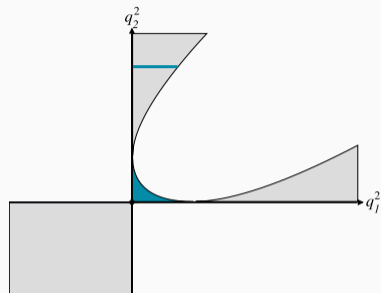
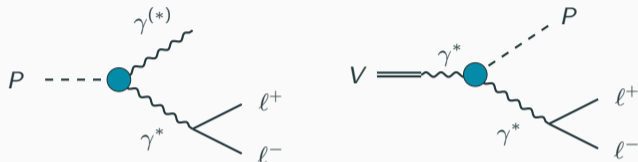
Also $\phi\eta'$ results from BESIII 2020



Decay studies at meson factories

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Time-like TFF measurements



Accessing the TFF from the decay rate

$$\frac{d\Gamma(A \rightarrow B l^+ l^-)}{dq^2 \Gamma(A \rightarrow B \gamma)} = [\text{QED}] \left| \frac{\mathcal{F}_{AB}(q^2)}{\mathcal{F}_{AB}(0)} \right|^2 = [\text{QED}] |F_{AB}(q^2)|^2$$

Slope parameter close to $q^2 = 0$:

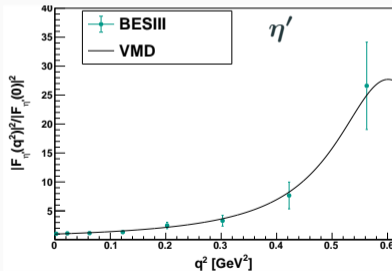
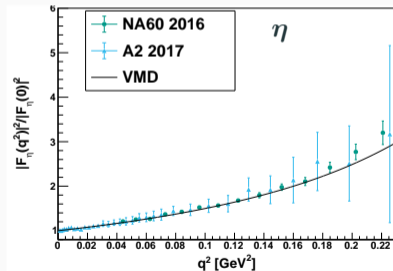
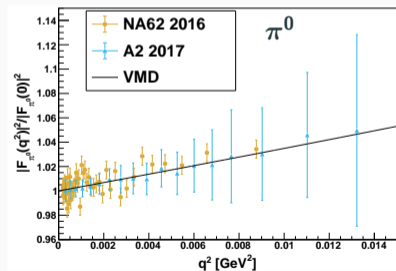
$$b_P = \left. \frac{dF_{AB}(q^2)}{dq^2} \right|_{q^2=0}$$

Decay studies at meson factories

Singly-virtual time-like TFF, $P = \pi^0, \eta, \eta'$

Very close to $q^2 = 0$:

- EM radius of P
- Extrapolations from space-like TFF
- Good theory agreement
- NLO QED corrections only used for π^0

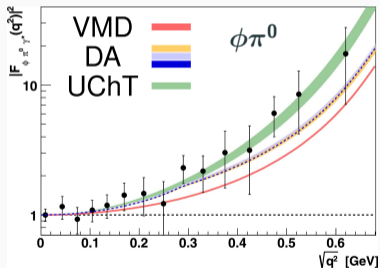
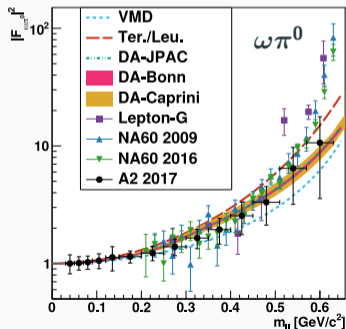


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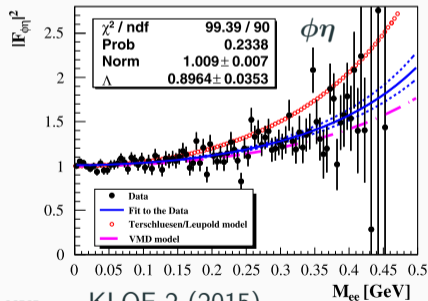
$$F_P(q_1^2, m_V^2) \sim F_{VP}(q^2)$$

Puzzling theory-experiment differences!



KLOE-2 (2016)

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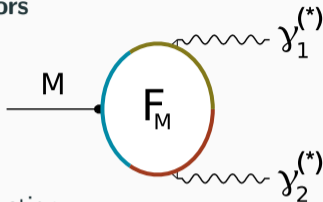
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