

# Meson transition form factors and their applications

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THE LOW-ENERGY FRONTIER  
OF THE STANDARD MODEL



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# Outline

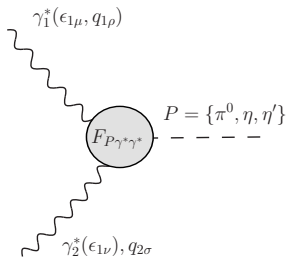
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1. Pseudoscalar transition form factors
2. Our proposal: Padé Approximants
3. Parameters extraction
4. Selected applications
  - $\eta$  Dalitz decay
  - $(g - 2)_\mu$ : Hadronic light-by-light
  - $P \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell$  decays
  - $\eta - \eta'$  mixing
5. Summary & outlook

## Section 1

# Pseudoscalar transition form factors

## The Transition Form Factor

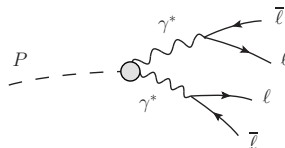
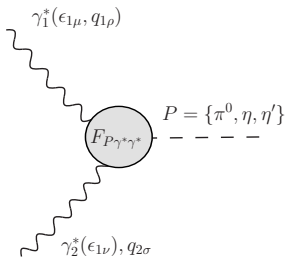


- Governs  $P\gamma^*\gamma^*$  interactions
- Vertex constrained by Bose symmetry and Lorentz and gauge invariance
- The TFF depends on  $\gamma$  virtualities,  $q_1^2, q_2^2$
- Bose symmetry  
 $\rightarrow F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_2^2, q_1^2)$

$$i\mathcal{M} = ie^2 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon_{1\mu} \epsilon_{2\nu} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma} F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

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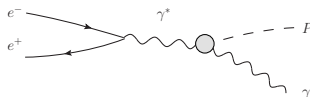
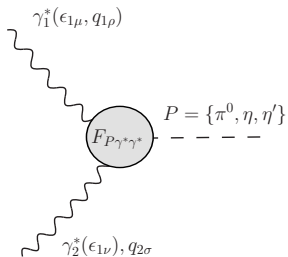
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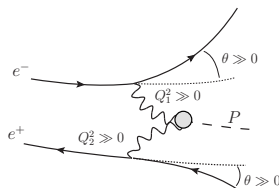
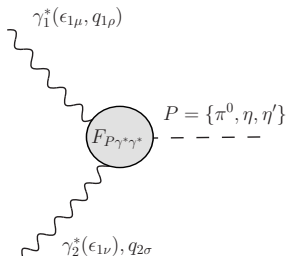


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For us, particularly relevant the space-like

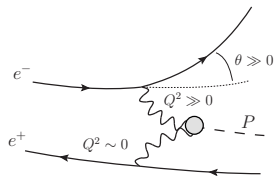
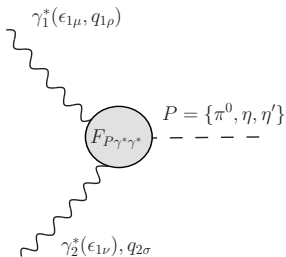


However, double-virtual not available

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Use single-virtual measurements instead



Focus on  $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2) \equiv F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(-q^2, 0)$

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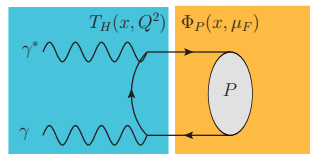
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### HIGH ENERGIES (pQCD)

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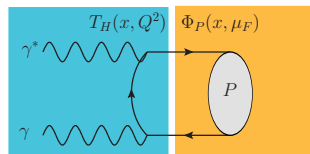
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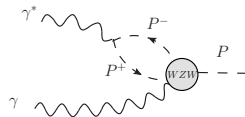


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### LOW ENERGIES ( $\chi$ PT)

- ABJ anomaly prediction  $F_{P\gamma\gamma}(0, 0)$
- Extensions for  $Q^2 \simeq 0$  poor (vectors)
- **MODEL** the vectors (i.e.:  $R\chi$ PT)



$$F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}(0, 0) = (4\pi^2 F_\pi)^{-1}$$

## How to do physics involving $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$ in between $\chi PT$ and $pQCD$ realms?

- Different models (assumptions)  $\rightarrow$  different values.
- Introduces uncontrolled model-dependency
- Big drawback when going for precision physics!

Look for an alternative approach which represents a good (improvable) approximation of reality while avoiding any assumptions  $\rightarrow$  data-based

## Section 2

Our proposal: Padé Approximants

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$$P_1^1 = \frac{F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(0)Q^2}{1 - b_P Q^2} = Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(0)(1 + b_P Q^2 + \mathcal{O}(Q^4)) \checkmark$$

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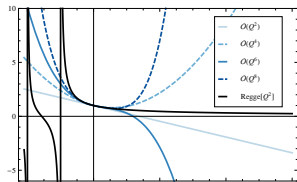
**Model independent** from convergence theorems

**Systematic** from error estimation ability

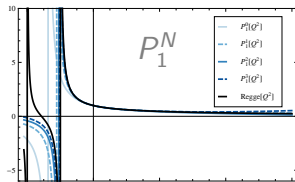
## Padé Approximants: Convergence properties

Convergence known for meromorphic (large- $N_c$ ) and Stieltjes (DR)  
for the last  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_{N+1}^N(x) \leq f(x) \leq P_N^N(x)$

$$- F_{P_{\gamma^* \gamma}}(Q^2) = \frac{F_{P_{\gamma^* \gamma}}(0)}{Q^2} \frac{a}{\psi(1)\left(\frac{M^2}{a}\right)} \left( \psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{M^2+Q^2}{a}\right) - \psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{M^2}{a}\right) \right) -$$

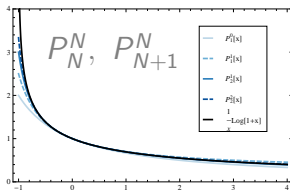
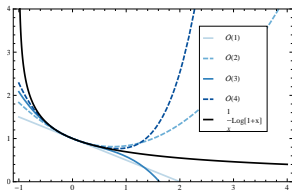


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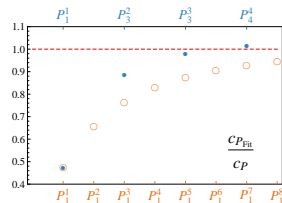
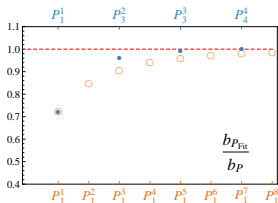
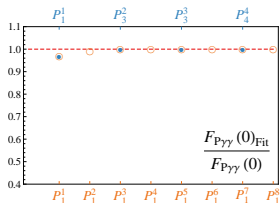
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{Log}(1+x)$$



## Padé Approximants: Convergence Properties

### Obtaining the coefficients? PAs as fitting functions

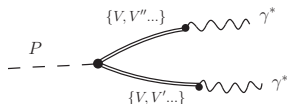
- Generate **space-like** pseudo-data from our toy model
- First pole-dominance  $\rightarrow P_1^N$  sequence: “easy fit”
- Asymptotics and analytic structure  $\rightarrow P_N^N$ : “hard fit”
- Obtain  $Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2) = Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(0) \left( 1 + b_P \frac{Q^2}{m_P^2} + c_P \frac{Q^4}{m_P^4} + \dots \right)$



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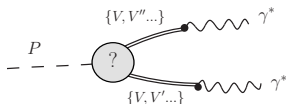
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YES! (Chisholm '73)

— The most simple approximant —

$$P_1^0(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \frac{a_0}{1 - \frac{a_1}{a_0}(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) + \frac{2a_1^2 - a_0 a_{1,1}}{a_0^2} Q_1^2 Q_2^2} = a_0 + a_1(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) + a_{1,1} Q_1^2 Q_2^2 + \dots$$

## What have we learned so far ?

Systematic easy approximation through PAs in space-like region

Based on well-established mathematical theory

Everything amounts to obtain the derivatives (single and double-virtual)

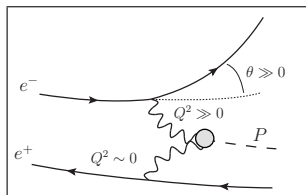
**Data driven:** forget about (model) prejudices, let data to judge on them

## Section 3

# Parameters Extraction: data-driven

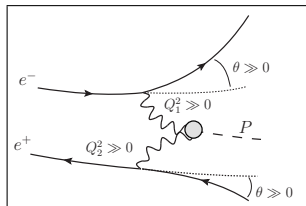
## The Transition Form Factor

Single-virtual  $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2)$



- Single-tag method: CELLO, CLEO, Belle, BaBar, BES-III\*
- Detected  $e^\pm \rightarrow$  space-like  $\gamma^*$
- $e^\pm$  along beam axis  $\rightarrow$  quasireal  $\gamma$

Double-virtual  $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$



- Experimentally challenging
- Not measured yet
- More comments later

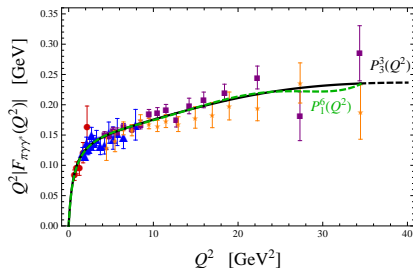
## Results for the $\pi^0$

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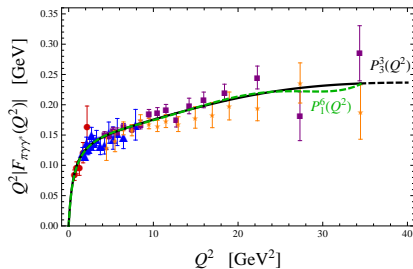
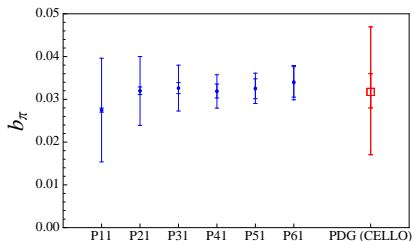
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  - $P_N^N + OPE$  reaches  $N=3$
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- $$c_\pi = 1.06(9)(25) \times 10^{-3}(m_\pi)^{-4}$$



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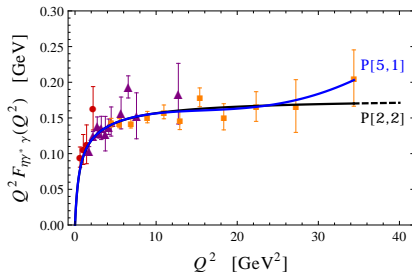
### OUR RESULTS

- $P_1^N$  reaches  $N=5$
- $P_N^N$  reaches  $N=2$
- We predict

$$b_\eta = 0.60(6)(3)(m_\eta)^{-2}$$

$$c_\eta = 0.37(10)(7)(m_\eta)^{-4}$$

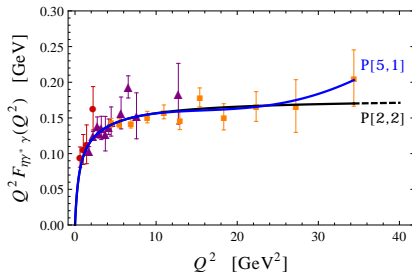
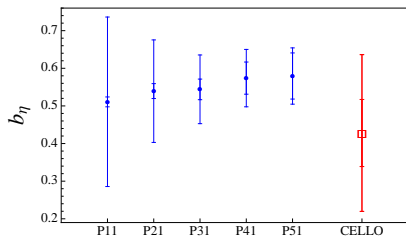
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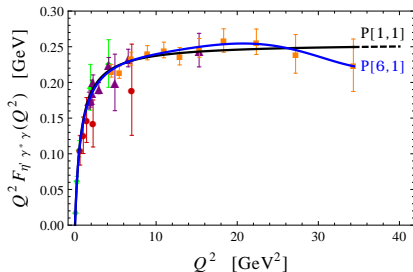
### OUR RESULTS

- $P_1^N$  reaches  $N=6$
- $P_N^N$  reaches  $N=1$
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$$b_{\eta'} = 1.30(15)(7)(m_{\eta'})^{-2}$$

$$c_{\eta'} = 1.72(47)(34)(m_{\eta'})^{-4}$$

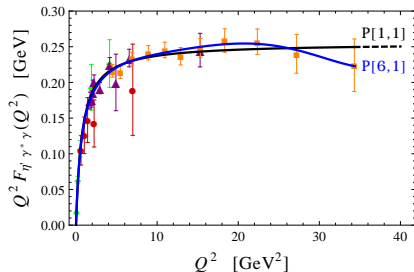
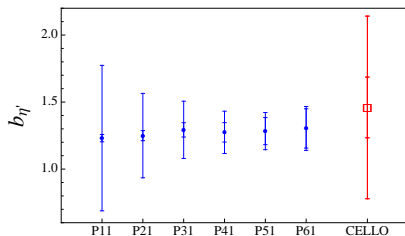
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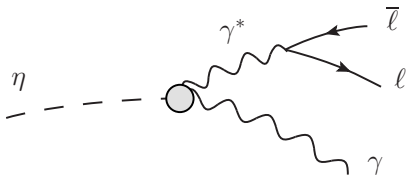
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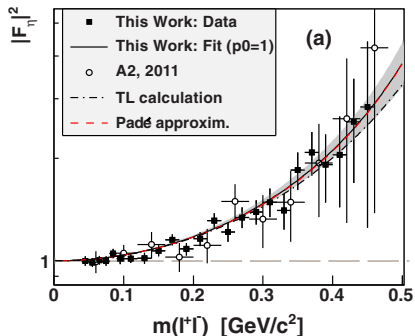


- TFF low energy parameters determined to a high precision ( $\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$ )
- Inputs ready for TFF reconstruction
- We are ready to do calculations/predictions

## Section 4

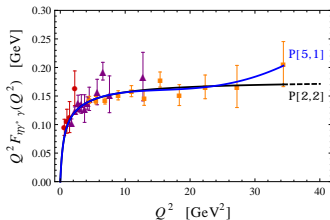
Predictiveness:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \bar{l} l$ 

## Dalitz decays: $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \bar{l} l$



Compare to A2 Coll. results in Mainz [Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 044608]

The results are excellent  $\rightarrow$  reasonable to use them in our fit

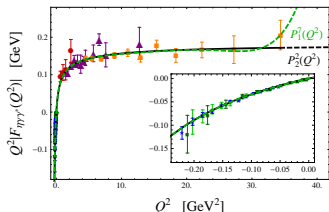
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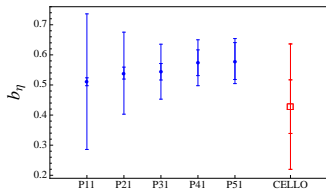
UPDATED RESULTS

$$b_\eta = 0.576(11)(1)(m_\eta)^{-2}$$

$$c_\eta = 0.339(15)(2)(m_\eta)^{-4}$$

$$d_\eta = 0.200(14)(10)(m_\eta)^{-6}$$

$$\text{Asymptotics} = 0.177(15) \text{ GeV}$$

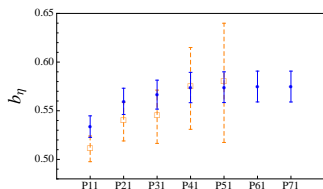
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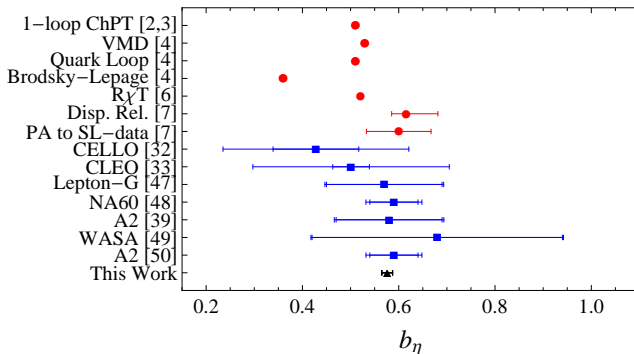
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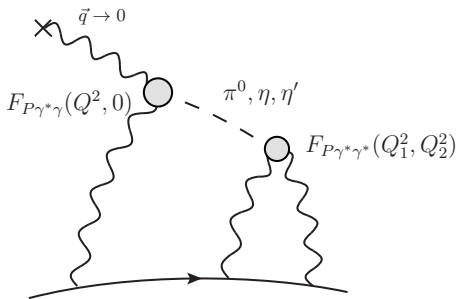
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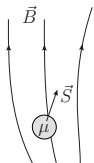
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## Section 5

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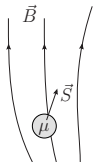
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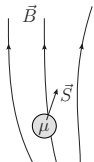
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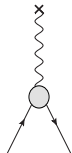


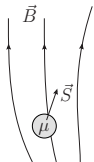

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- Radiative corrections change Dirac's value.
- Schwinger, QED @ NLO:  $a_f = \frac{(g - 2)_f}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$



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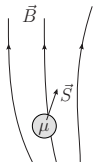
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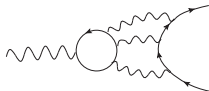
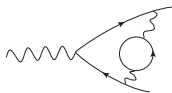
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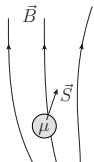
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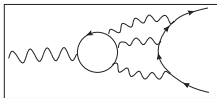
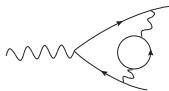
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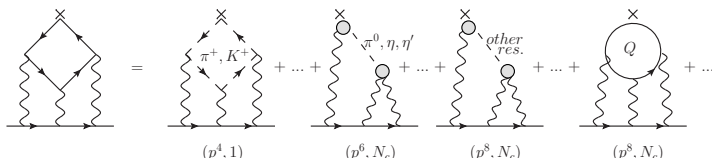
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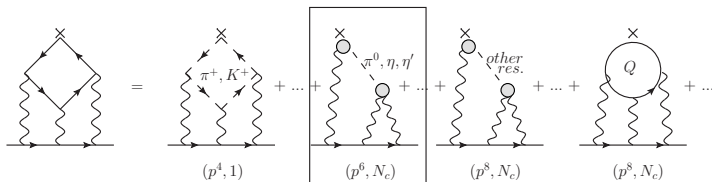
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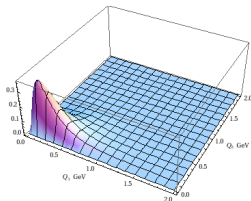
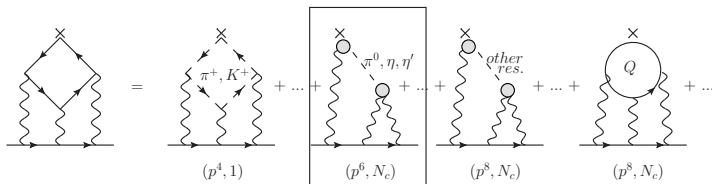
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## OUR RESULTS FROM BIVARIATE PADÉ APPROXIMANTS

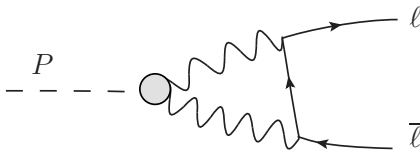
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Big uncertainty from double-virtual term often non-considered  
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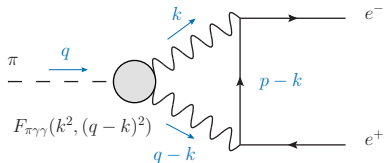
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## Section 6

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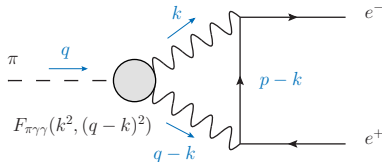
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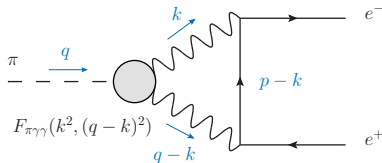
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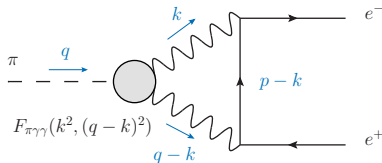
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With normalized  $F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}(0, 0) = 1$ . It diverges if  $F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \text{const.}$



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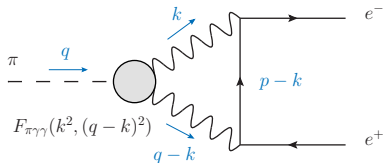
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Taking into account last radiative corrections results [hep-ph/1405.6927]

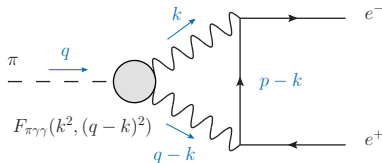
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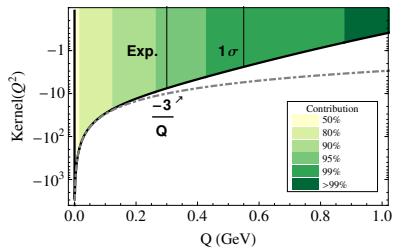
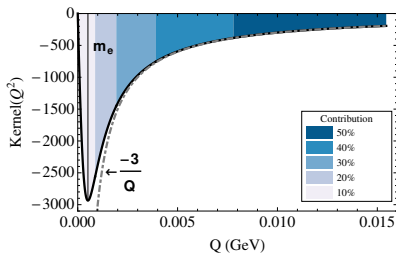
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**Could we help?**

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$$\mathcal{A}(m_\pi^2) \approx -17.52i + 30.7 + \int_0^\infty dQ \frac{3}{Q} \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_e^2 + Q^2} - F_{\pi\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q^2, Q^2) \right)$$



- Accurate prediction  $\rightarrow$  accurate low energy description  $\rightarrow$  PA
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FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IF DOUBLE-VIRTUAL DATA

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Measurement in (0 – 1)GeV range with interval 0.2GeV and 30% error

BES-III measurements

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We aimed for theory error around  $1.6 \times 10^{-10}$ , this is  $4 \times 10^{-10}$  ... !

## Section 7

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(only holds (to a good approximation) in flavor basis)

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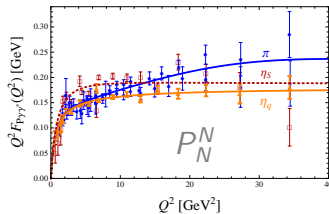
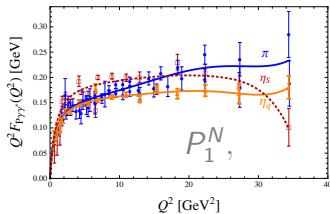
## $\eta - \eta'$ mixing: light-quarks TFF

From the mixing we can obtain  $F_{\eta_q \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2)$ ,  $F_{\eta_s \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2)$  TFFs

$$F_{\eta_q \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) = F_{\eta \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) \cos \phi + F_{\eta' \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) \sin \phi$$

$$F_{\eta_s \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) = -F_{\eta \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) \sin \phi + F_{\eta' \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) \cos \phi$$

We expect, up to a charge factor  $\hat{c}_q = 5/3$ ,  $F_{\eta_q \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) = F_{\pi \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2)$



Excellent agreement until 6 GeV

Asymptotic for light-quarks reached slower than  $s$ -quarks (VMD)

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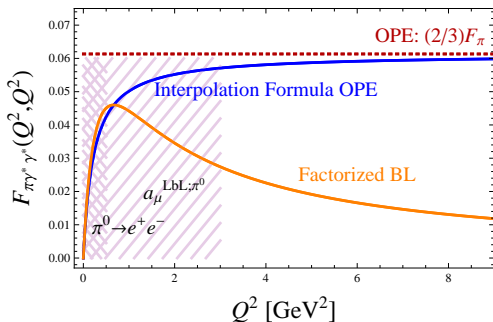
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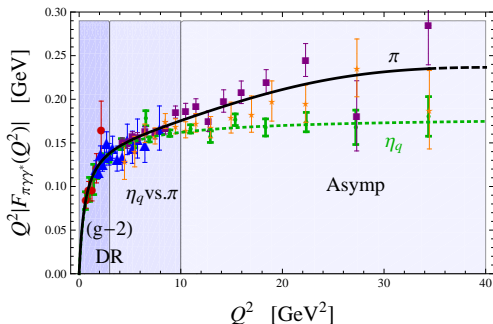


### WHY IS IMPORTANT?

- Theory predictions but no exp. results
- Relevant for  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $a_\mu^{LbL;\pi^0}$  (30%)
- What about  $\eta, \eta'(\eta_q, \eta_s)$  ?

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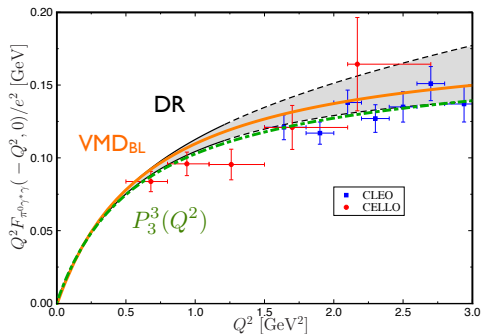


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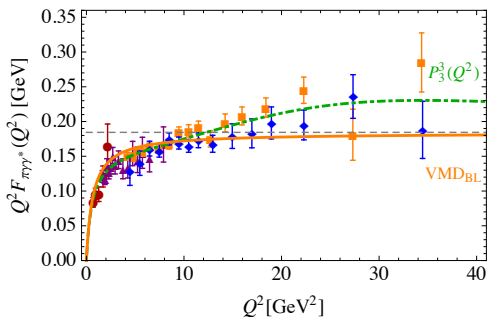


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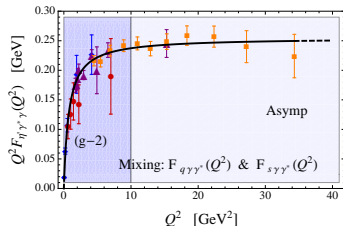
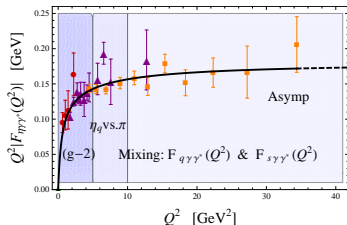


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- High- $Q^2$ : Asymptotics (4%)
- Mixing:  $F_{q\gamma^*\gamma}, F_{s\gamma^*\gamma}$
- Test of QCD running



## Shopping-list: experiment-oriented summary

### $\eta'$ DALITZ DECAY

- Check our prediction at low TL energies
- Sensible to the resonance region ( $\rho, \omega$ ); relevant for its  $\eta' \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell$  decays

### $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$

- Persistent discrepancy; great impact in  $(g - 2)_\mu^{LbL; \pi^0}$  (10%)

### $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-(e^+e^-)$

- Minor discrepancy  $BR \sim (4.51 \div 4.70) \times 10^{-6}$  vs.  $5.8(8) \times 10^{-6}$  Exp.
- ( $e^+e^-$ ) Never been measured  $BR \sim (5.32 \div 5.45) \times 10^{-9}$  vs.  $< 5.6 \times 10^{-6}$

### $\eta' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- Never measured, no bounds; estimated  $BR \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$

### DOUBLE DALITZ DECAYS

- Double virtuality (investigation with S. Gonzalez-Solis and R. Escribano)  
i.e.  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 4e$  at (1%)

## Conclusions & Outlook

- TFFs lack a genuine QCD description
- Padé Approximants as a model-independent approximation
- Is data driven: better data, better description; easy to apply
- Many physics involved in this work (shopping-list)
- But not restricted mesons, would be applied to nucleon FFs
- Not time: continuum @ charmonium energies productions
- Improve PAs  $\eta'$  description (go TL) for  $\bar{\ell}\ell$  decays
- Deeper study of mixing: large- $N_c$   $\chi^{PT}$  and OZI-violating pars

**Thanks for your attention**

## Section 9

Backup

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- $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$  RC and NP
- Syst error for  $(g - 2)$  or  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- Obtaining  $V\gamma P$  FFs as Chisholm Residues
- Mixing: degeneracy Eqn. & pQCD & OZI-violation
- $c\bar{c}$  continuum production ?
- $g_{VP\gamma}$  couplings
- QCD matching?
- DPuble Dalitz? Sergi?

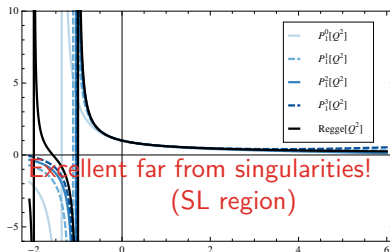
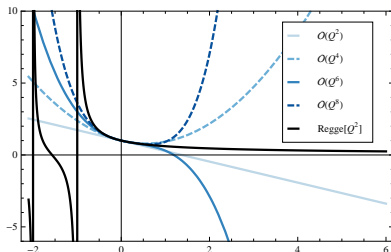
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- Given a meromorphic function  $f(x)$  with  $M$  poles,  $P_M^N(x)$  converges on the complex-plane  $\mathbb{C}$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (Montessus th.)
- In general  $P_L^N(x)$  converges up to the  $(L+1)$ -th pole

Large- $N_c$  Regge model

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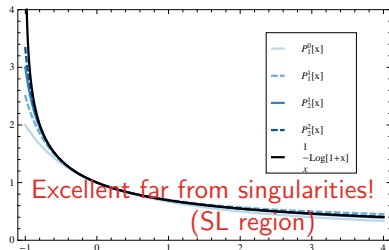
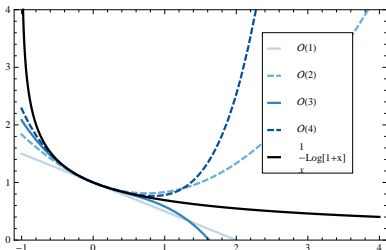


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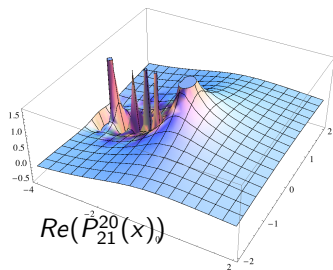
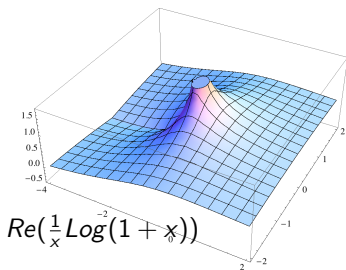


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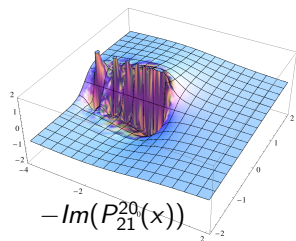
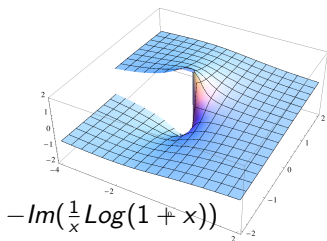


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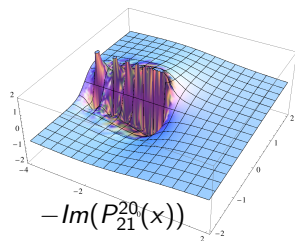
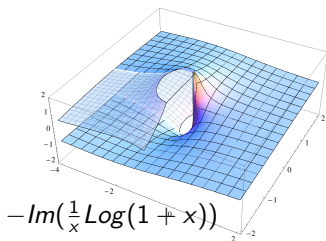


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**Cannot open further Riemann Sheets: No resonance hunting!**



## Padé Approximants: Convergence Properties

### III. Multipoint Padé Approximants

Previous results generalize to N-point expansions, of particular interest:

#### **2-point Padé Approximants**

- Well suited if low (i.e. chiral) and asymptotic (i.e. pQCD) expansions are known  $\rightarrow$  matching

#### **N-point Padé Approximants**

- This implies Padé Approximants as fitting functions converge!
- Particularly their derivatives at some point converge too!
- This is our method to extract information, let's check convergence

## Our proposal: Bivariate Padé Approximants

Use bivariate Padé Approximants (Chisholm '73)

$$P_M^N(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i,j}^N a_{i,j} x^i y^j}{\sum_{k,l}^M b_{k,l} x^k y^l} \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_i^N a_i x^i}{\sum_k^M b_k x^k} (P_M^N(x)) \quad a(b)_{i,j} = a(b)_{j,i}$$

Again, coefficients from matching the Taylor series

$$P_M^N(x, y) = \frac{T_N(x, y)}{R_M(x, y)} = a_0 + a_1(x + y) + a_{1,1}xy + \dots + \mathcal{O}(x^\gamma y^{n+m-\gamma+1(+)})$$

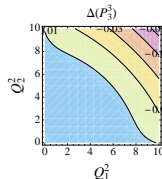
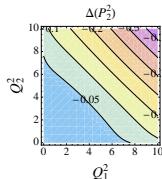
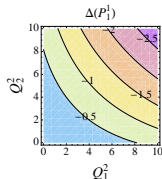
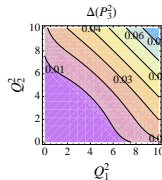
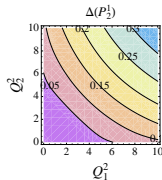
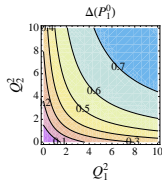
$$P_1^0(x, y) = \frac{a_0}{1 - \frac{a_1}{a_0}(c + y) + \frac{2a_1^2 - a_0 a_{1,1}}{a_0^2} xy} = a_0 + a_1(x + y) + a_{1,1}xy + \dots$$

Convergence to meromorphic (Stieltjes?) functions (large- $N_c$  limit) is guaranteed

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Lets revisit the Regge Model

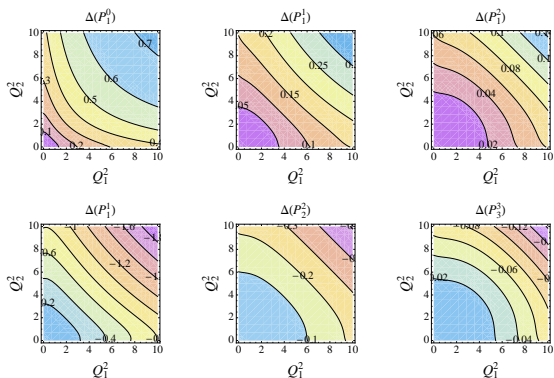
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A bigger challenge: cuts  $F_{P_{\gamma^* \gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)} = F_{P_{\gamma \gamma}(0, 0)} \frac{M^2}{Q_1^2 - Q_2^2} \ln \left( \frac{M^2 + Q_1^2}{M^2 + Q_2^2} \right)$



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## $\eta - \eta'$ -mixing: Results

We used  $F_P^0$  QCD anomaly-driven running; Without it

$$F_q = 1.07(1)F_\pi, \quad F_s = 1.39(14)F_\pi \quad \phi = 39.3(1.3)^\circ$$

Then  $\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\eta' \gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) = 0.321(12)\text{GeV}$  (compare to  $0.255(4)\text{GeV}$ )

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Implying the modified equations ( $F_0(\infty) = F_0(1\text{GeV})(1 + \Delta)$ )

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## $\eta - \eta'$ -mixing: Results

The degeneracy equation read

$$F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}\eta_\infty + F_{\eta'\gamma\gamma}\eta'_\infty = \frac{1}{6\pi^2} (9 + 8\Delta)$$

Where  $F_{P\gamma\gamma} = F_{P\gamma\gamma}(0,0)$  and  $P_\infty = \lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2)$   
 Data:  $0.9(3) \frac{9}{6\pi^2}$  vs. Running:  $0.85 \frac{9}{6\pi^2} \rightarrow \text{OZI?}$

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## $\eta - \eta'$ -mixing: Results

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Neglecting  $q^2$  corrections and assuming asymptotic behavior + duality,

$$\lim_{q^2 \rightarrow 112 \text{ GeV}^2} q^2 |F_{\eta(\eta')\gamma^*\gamma}(q^2)| = \lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 |F_{\eta(\eta')\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2)|$$

This way, BaBar obtains

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 |F_{\eta[\eta']\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2)| = 0.229(30)(8) [0.251(19)(8)] \text{ GeV}$$

To be compared with our extractions

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 |F_{\eta[\eta']\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2)| = 0.177(15) [0.255(4)] \text{ GeV}$$

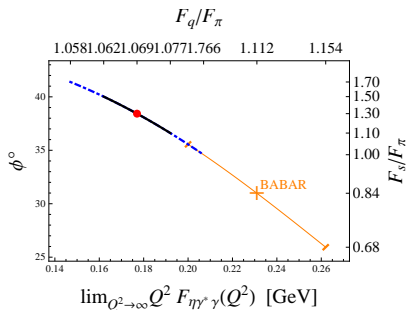
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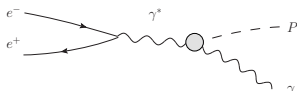
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## $c\bar{c}$ continuum production



- The TL TFF enters this process
- As  $q^2 \rightarrow \infty$   $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(q^2) \equiv F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(-Q^2)$
- If holds at large but finite but large  $q^2$ , use our parametrization
- Test duality ideas

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow P\gamma) = \frac{2\pi^2\alpha^3}{3} (F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(s, 0))^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_P^2}{s}\right)$$

Dominates respect to  $J/\psi \rightarrow P\gamma$