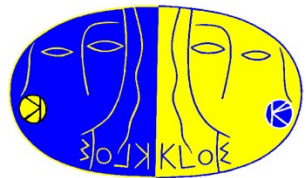


Measurement of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decay in KLOE experiment

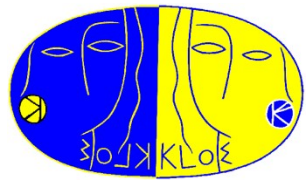
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Outline

- KLOE collaboration
- KLOE detector
- Past experiments and current theory
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ Branching Fraction measurement
- $d\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) / dM^2(\gamma \gamma)$ distribution
- Summary



KLOE@NCBJ

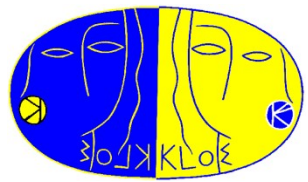


- KLOE collaboration consists of 58 members from more than 25 institutions

NCBJ:

- Wojciech Wiślicki (Institutional Board, Policy Board)
- Andrzej Kupść (Analysis Board, Policy Board)
- Marcin Berłowski (Technical Board)

- The presented results are based on my work for KLOE
- Moreover WW and AK are the internal collaboration referees for the analysis



DAFNE & KLOE



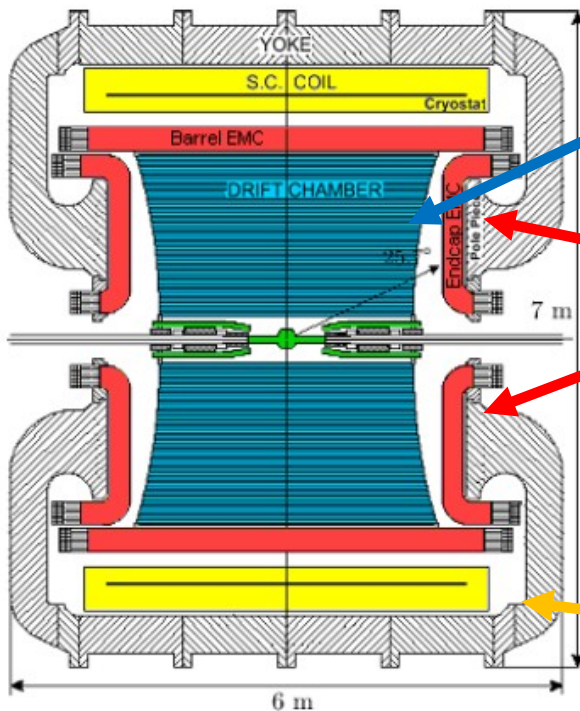
- DAFNE - e^+e^- collider @ $\sqrt{s}=M_\phi(1020 \text{ MeV})$ located in Frascati near Rome, Italy
- Two big data campaigns: 2001–06 and 2014-18 collecting $\sim 8\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 2.4 \cdot 10^{10} \phi$
- The $\text{BR}(\phi \rightarrow \eta\gamma) = 1.3\%$ which gives $>10^8 \eta$'s and the biggest in the world data sample of such decays collected at this energy in e^+e^- collider

Drift chamber:

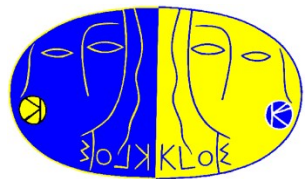
- Gas mixture: 90% He, 10% isobutane
- Resolutions: $\sigma_{xy} \sim 150\mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_z \sim 2\text{mm}$, $\sigma_{p_t}/p_t < 0.4\%$ ($45^\circ < \theta < 135^\circ$), $\sigma_v \sim 3\text{mm}$

Electromagnetic calorimeter:

- Made of lead/scintillating fibers
- Covers 98% of solid angle
- Resolutions: $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{5.7\%}{\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}}$,
 $\sigma_T = \frac{57 \text{ ps}}{\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 140 \text{ ps}$



Magnetic field $\sim 0.52 \text{ T}$



BR of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$



- BR discrepancy between experiments [1]:

- AGS/Crystal Ball ($K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \eta$) [2] (~500 ev):

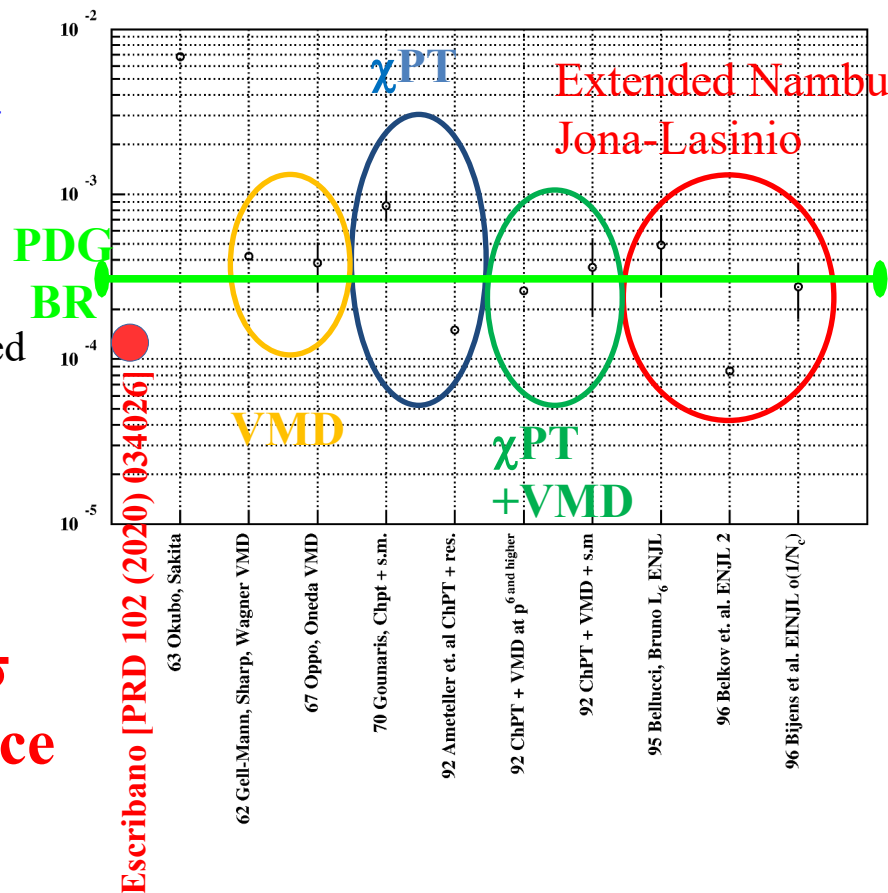
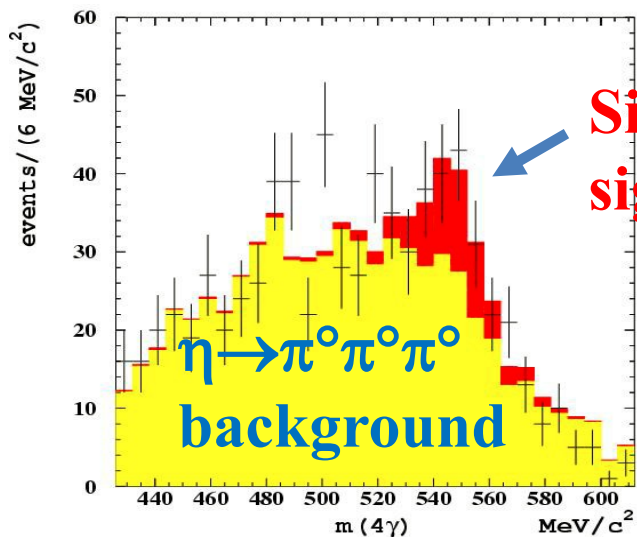
$$BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (2.21 \pm 0.24_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.38_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

- A2/Crystal Ball [3] (~1200 ev) calc. from Γ :

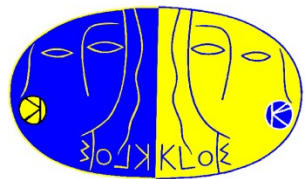
$$(2.56 \pm 0.24_{\text{tot}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

- KLOE ($\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma$) [4] (63 ± 28 ev), preliminary, based on $L_{\text{int}} = 450 \text{ pb}^{-1}$:

$$(0.84 \pm 0.27_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.14_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$$



[1] E. Oset et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 67 (2003) 073013
 [2] S. Prakhov et al., *Phys. Rev. C* 78 (2008) 015206
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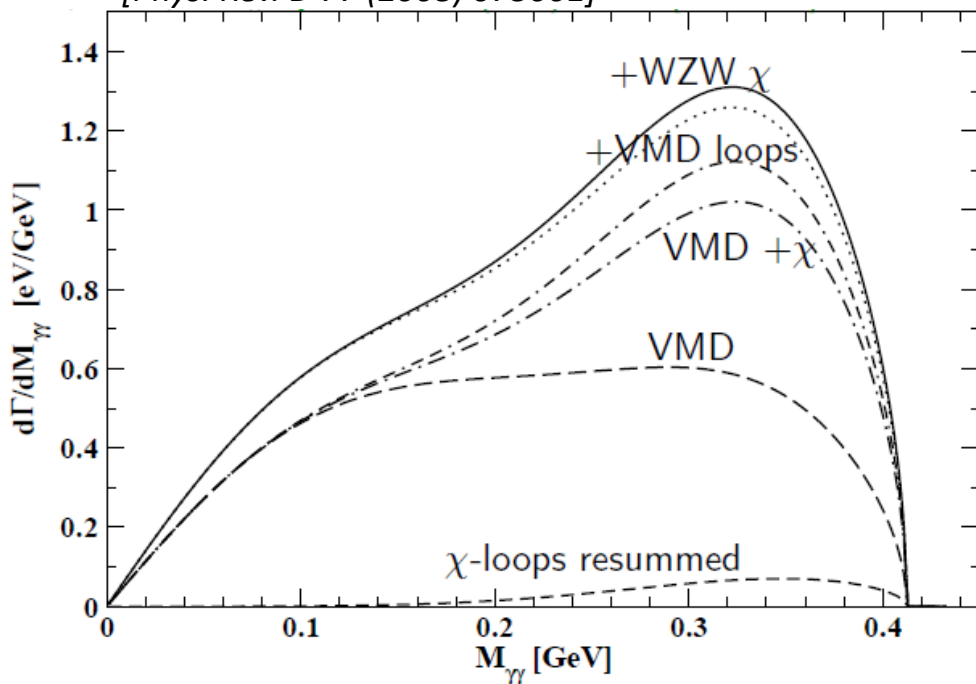
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ χ PT input



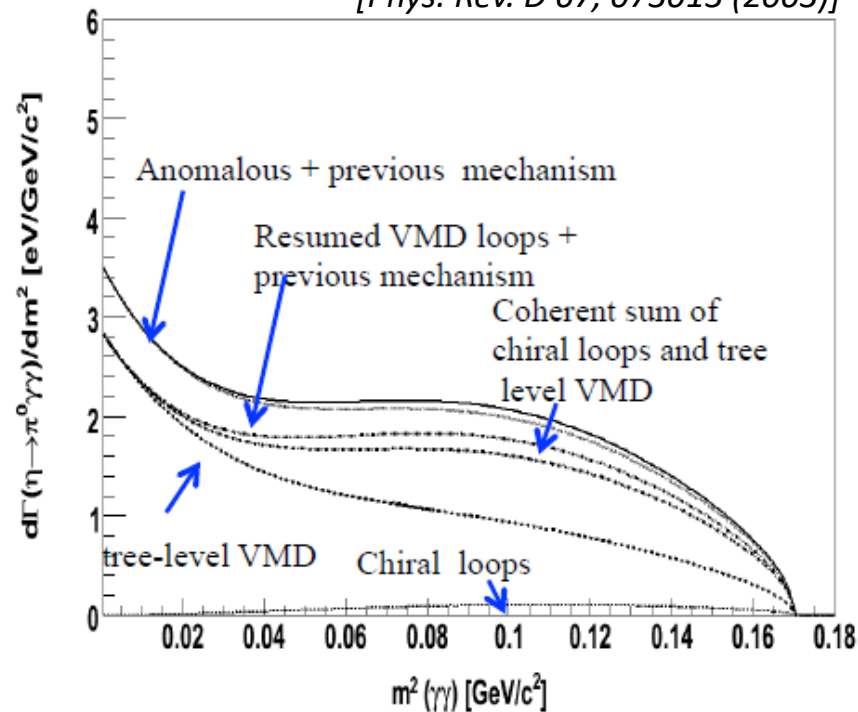
[Ll. Ametller et al. PLB 276(1) (1984)]

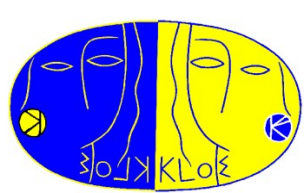
- χ PT “golden mode”: p^2 null, $p^4=0$ on the tree level $\Rightarrow p^6$ dominates
- Coefficient values @ $O(p^6)$ and their signs must be determined from models
- $\gamma\gamma$ invariant mass of photons that are not coming from π^0 in $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decay can be used as a test of theoretical models

[Phys. Rev. D 77 (2008) 073001]



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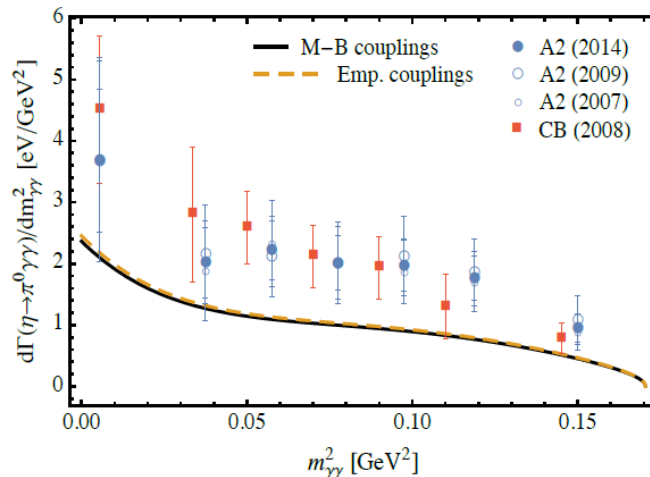




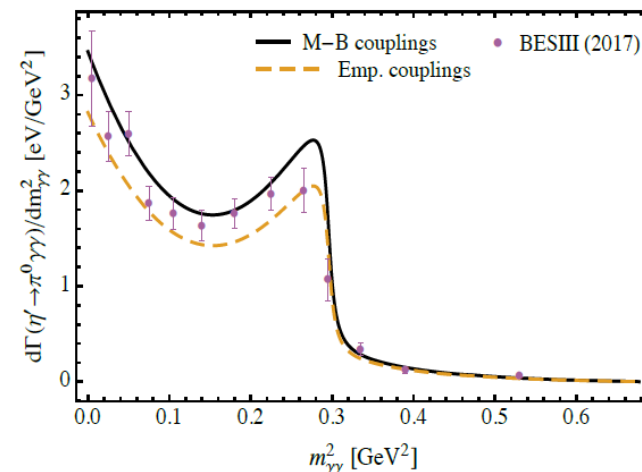
New $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ prediction



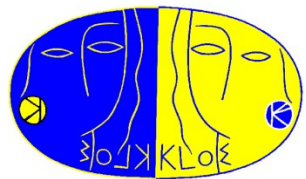
- Escribano et al. [*PRD* 102 (2020) 034026]
- The possible explanation for the discrepancy with other theory predictions is that previous calculations could be overestimated by a factor of two due to not taking into account the same non- π^0 two photons in the final state when relating decay amplitude to its width
- Why we should believe them? Their prediction for $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ well agrees with experimental data of BESIII [*PRD* 96 (2017) 012005]
- Predicts $\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = 1.30(8) \cdot 10^{-4}$



(a) $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decay.



(b) $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decay.



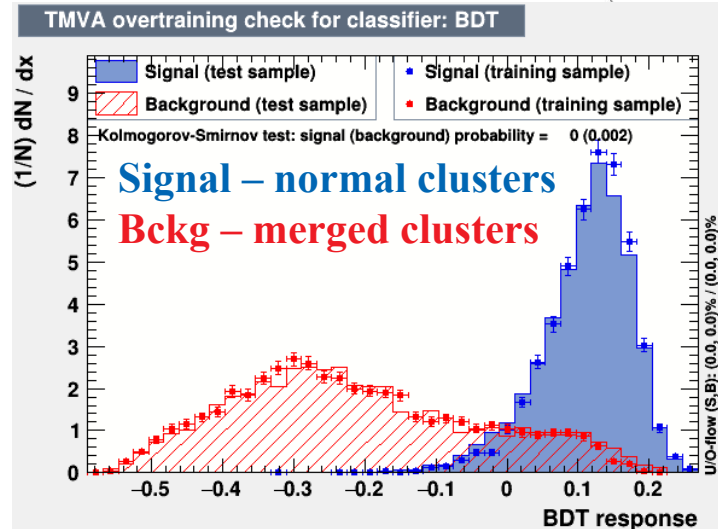
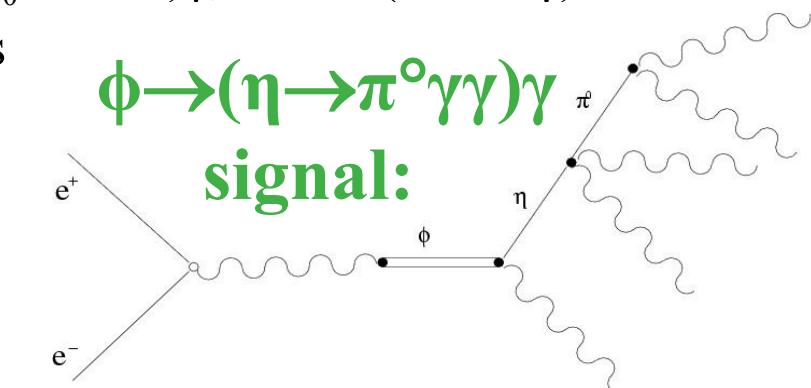
Data/MC sample

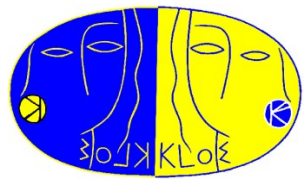


- New analysis of KLOE data, using 4x larger independent data sample (1.7 fb^{-1})
- Looking for 5 prompt photons in the final state
- MC simulation of radiative ϕ decays with 10x larger luminosity
- Main backgrounds from: $\phi \rightarrow (a_0 \rightarrow \eta \pi^0) \gamma$, $\phi \rightarrow (f_0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) \gamma$, $e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma) \pi^0$ and $\phi \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow 3 \pi^0) \gamma$ with lost or/and merged photons

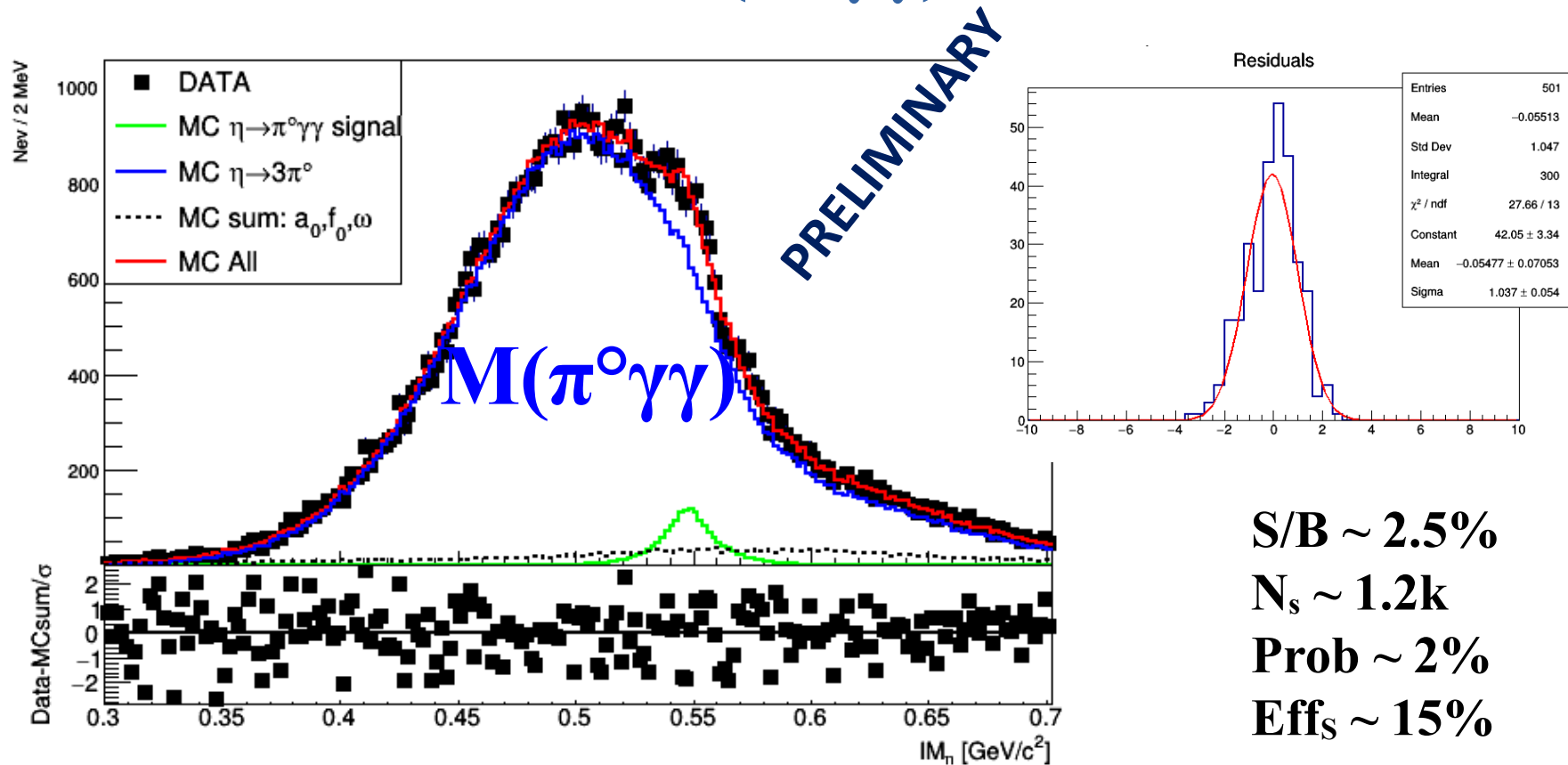
- **A few analysis features:**

- Photons of $>20 \text{ MeV}$ in 25° - 155° cone
- Identifying recoil photon originating from $\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma$ decay by its energy (363 MeV)
- Resolution improved with kinematic fit with TOF of 5γ 's and E & p conservation
- Removing a_0 , f_0 and ω with kinematic fits using mass constrains (either on $\pi^0 \pi^0$ or $\eta \pi^0$)
- Dedicated Multivariate Data Analysis using Boosted Decision Trees for merged clusters based on their shape, trained with MC



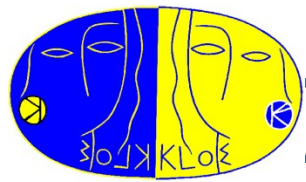


3 component fit to final $M(\pi^0\gamma\gamma)$ distribution

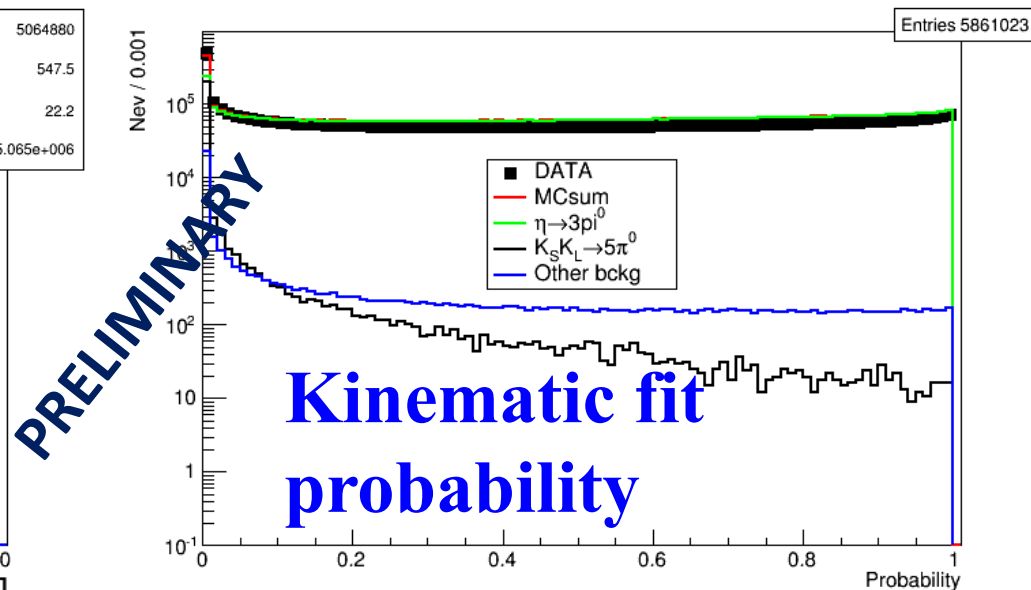
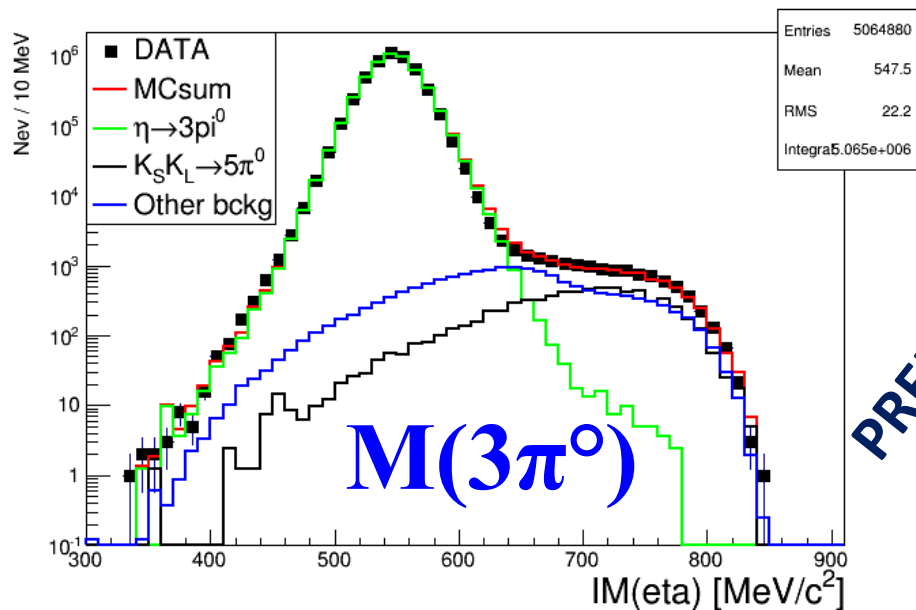


S/B ~ 2.5%
 $N_s \sim 1.2\text{k}$
Prob ~ 2%
Eff_s ~ 15%

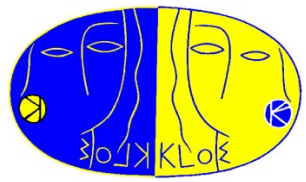
- MC contributions fitted to data points



Normalization to $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$



- Similar analysis as for $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ channel, but this time 7γ ($6-8\gamma$) in the final state (BR $\sim 33\%$)
- Kinematic fit used in order to improve resolution
- Very pure channel, backgrounds well below 1%
- When used as a normalization channel, can reduce part of systematic effects



BR($\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$) value



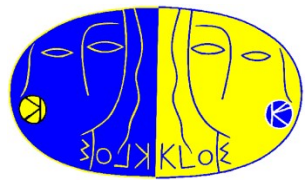
- Using normalization to $\phi \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0) \gamma \rightarrow 7\gamma$
$$\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (1.21 \pm 0.13_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.25_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$$
- The main sources for systematic uncertainty come from 5 prompt photon selection, analysis cuts and normalization
- Last checks on systematics are ongoing
- Escribano et al. [*PRD 102 (2020) 034026*] paper predicts $\text{BR} = 1.30(8) \cdot 10^{-4}$

Old KLOE prelim (68±23 ev):

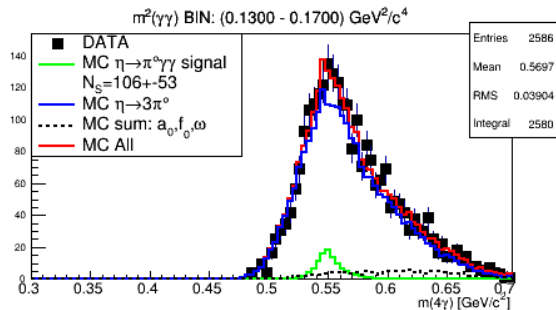
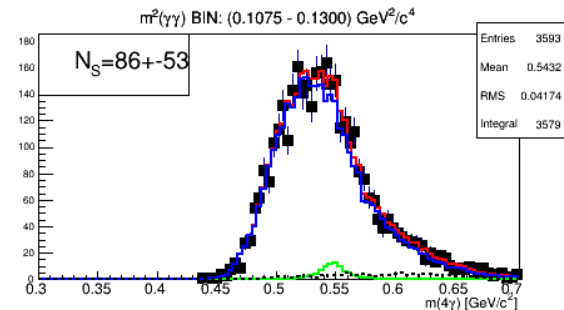
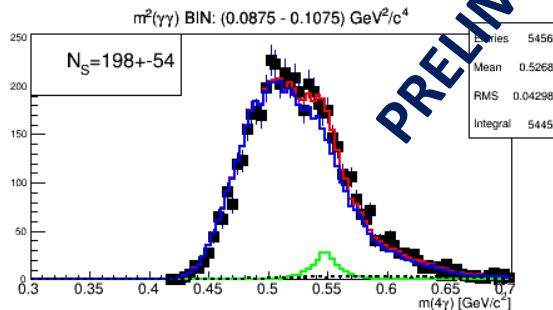
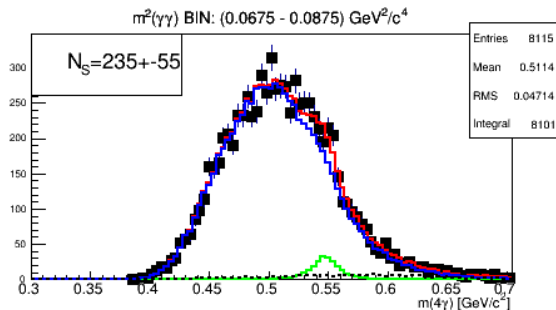
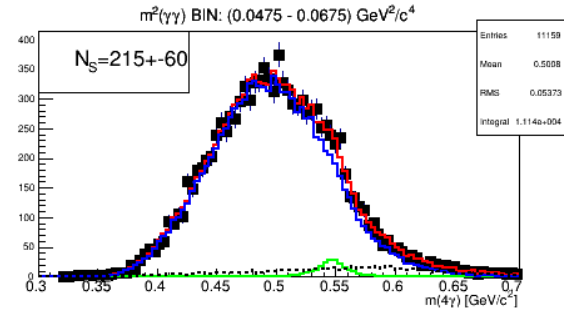
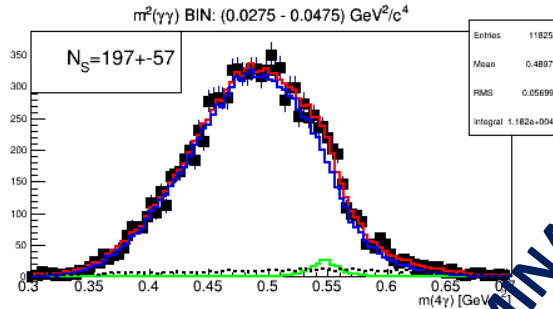
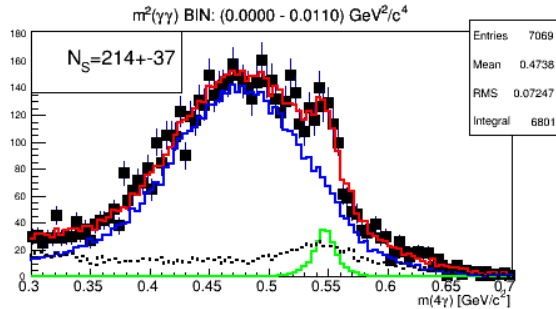
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PDG (AGS08, ~1.5k ev):

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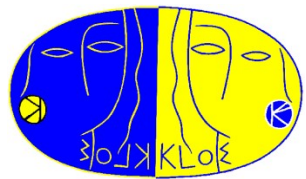


$\pi^0\gamma\gamma$ fits in $M^2(\gamma\gamma)$ slices

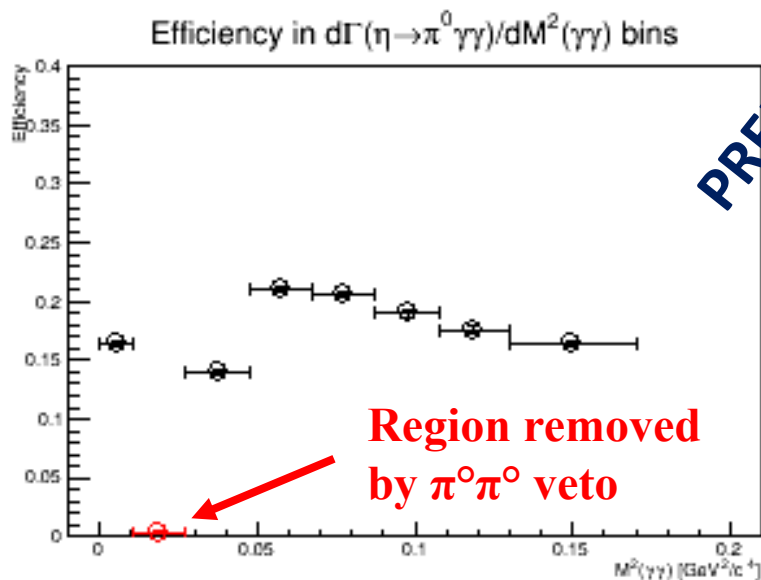
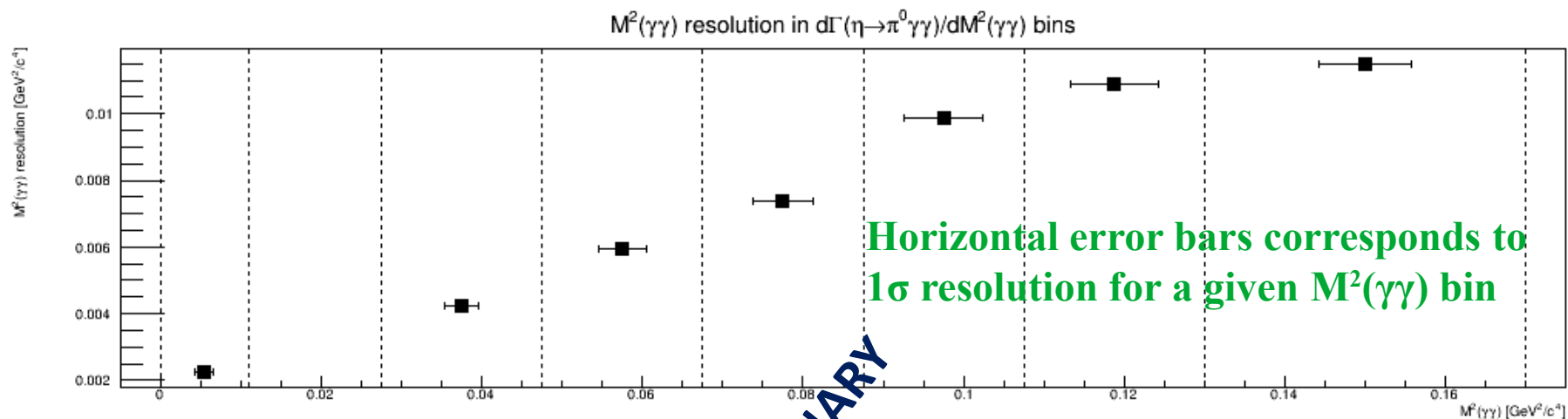


PRELIMINARY

- Separate fits of $M(\pi^0\gamma\gamma)$ in bins of $M^2(\gamma\gamma)$, number of signal events extracted from the fit presented in legend
- Bin 0.011-0.0275 GeV^2/c^4 missing due to $\pi^0\pi^0$ veto (for events $\phi \rightarrow f_0(980)\gamma$, with $f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega\pi^0$ with $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma$)

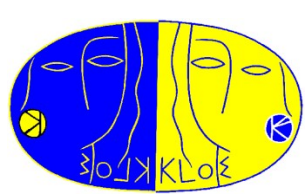


$M^2(\gamma\gamma)$ resolution and signal efficiency

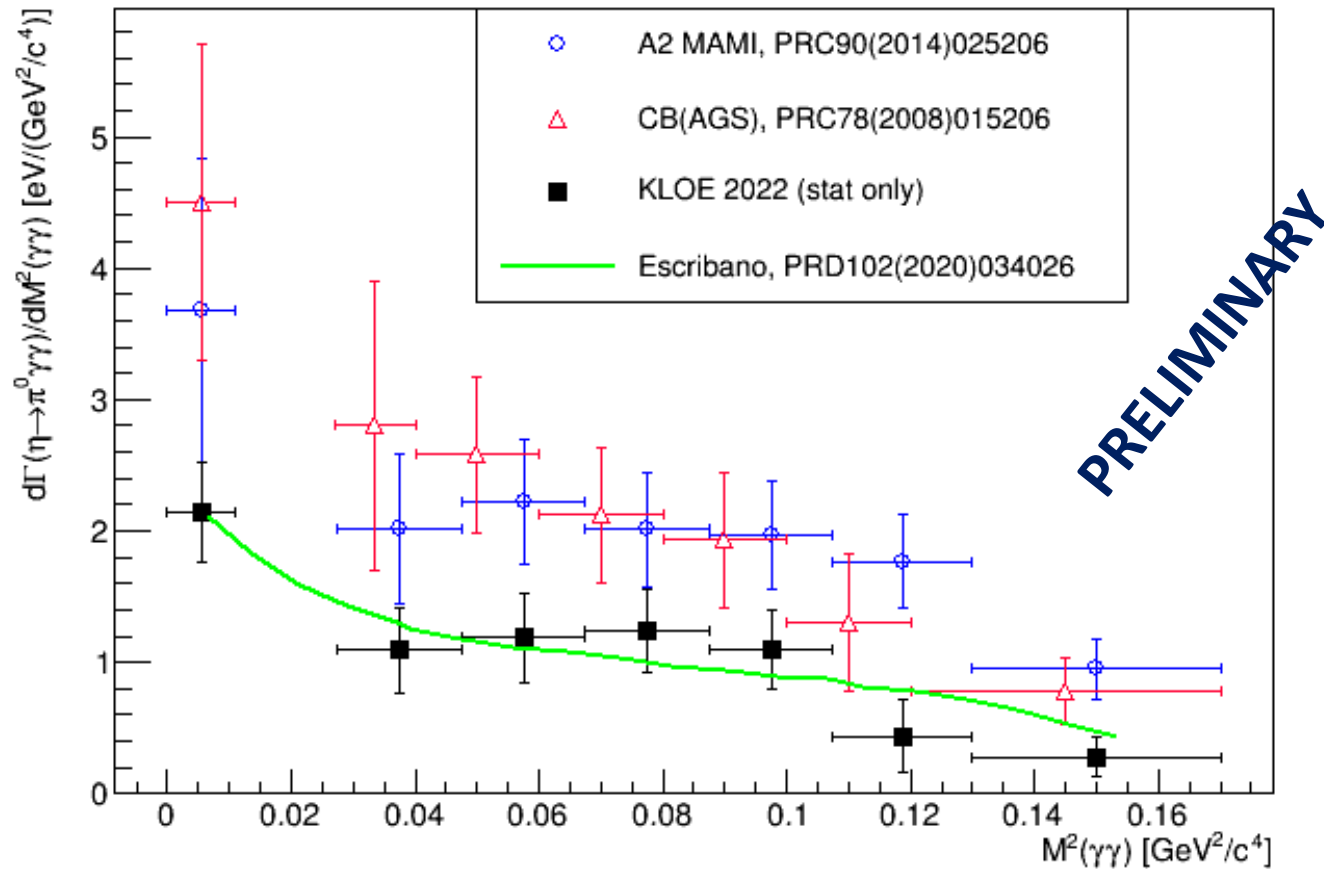


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- Resolution and signal efficiency for $M^2(\gamma\gamma)$ bins based on MC studies

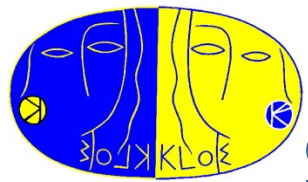


$d\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma)/dM^2(\gamma\gamma)$ comparison



- Here KLOE with stat error only, other experiments with total error
- From integration of $d\Gamma/dM^2$ (missing bin lineary interpolated):

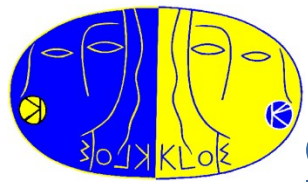
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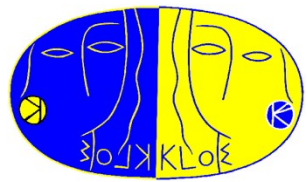
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BACKUP



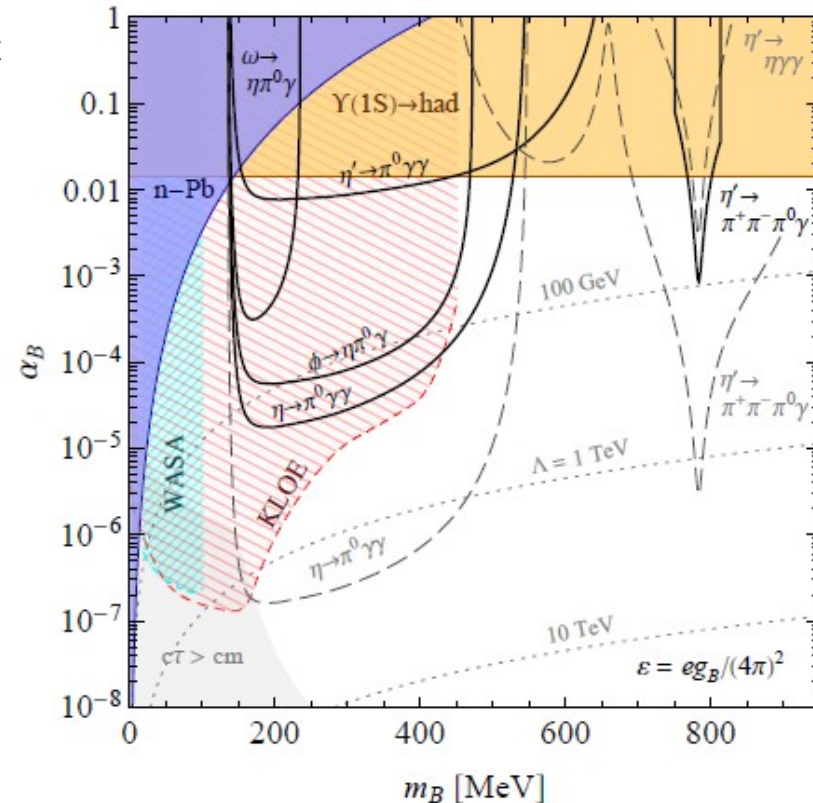
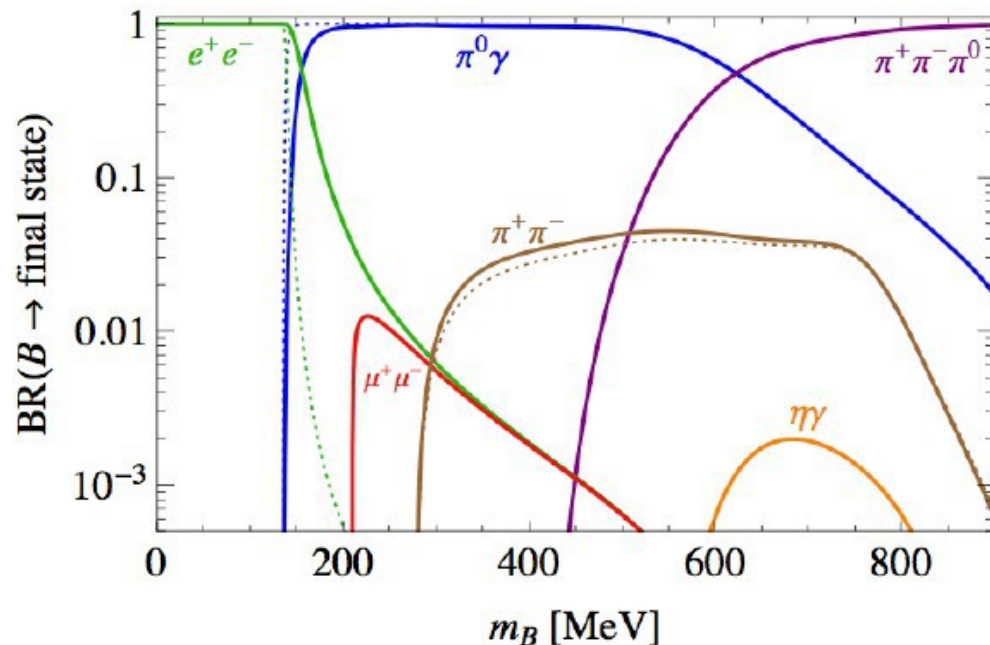
Dark matter searches



- Search for a new physics - possible analog of the U boson, but B boson (leptophobic DM mediator) couples mostly to quarks, in the most basic model to baryon number via kinetic mixing term ε
- U boson searches don't exclude the existence of the B boson above m_{π^0} and this can still have an impact on the $g-2$ anomaly
- We can look for a B signature in the $M(\pi^0\gamma)$ produced in either $\phi \rightarrow B\eta$ or $\eta \rightarrow B\gamma$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{g_B}{3} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q B_\mu$$

$$\alpha_B = \frac{g_B^2}{4\pi}$$



S. Tulin *Phys. Rev. D* 89, 114008 (2014), *arXiv:1404.4370*