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# Pseudoscalar mesons transition form factors (TFF) New study of e⁺e⁻→e⁺e⁻η' in the double-tag mode at BABAR (based on arXiv:1808.08038)

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# Outline

Introduction

-The definition of transition form factor (TFF) -Theoretical aspects -Existing experimental data

- $\boldsymbol{\textbf{,}}$  Measurement of the TFF of  $\eta'$  meson with BaBar detector
- Comparison with theoretical predictions
- Summary
- Prospects for such investigations with VEPP-2000 and c/tau

#### M. Poppe, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 1, 545 (1986):

At present, a major interest of  $\gamma\gamma$  physics concerns the answer to the question "do the photons resolve the hadron's structure or not?" In other words: is particle production in  $\gamma\gamma$  interactions primarily the production of quark pairs or is the VDM interpretation correct that the photons turn into vector mesons before they interact? In the latter case, two-photon physics would be just a continuation of fixed target hadron scattering experiments, and we would not expect great news to appear.

<mark>A.V. Radyushkin, R. Ruskov, Nuclear Physics B 481 (1996) 625-680:</mark>		VMD	pQCD
$4\pi \int \varphi_{-}(x)$	$Q_1^2 \approx 0, Q_2^2 \rightarrow \infty$	$1/Q^2$	$1/Q^2$
$F_{\gamma^*\gamma^*\pi^0}^{LO}(q^2,Q^2) = \frac{\pi}{3} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\pi\pi(\alpha\gamma)}{xQ^2 + \bar{x}q^2} dx,$	$\mathbf{Q}_1^2,  \mathbf{Q}_2^2 \to \infty$	$1/Q^{4}$	$1/Q^2$

where  $\varphi_{\pi}(x)$  is the pion distribution amplitude and  $x, \bar{x} \equiv 1 - x$  are the fractions of the pion light-cone momentum carried by the quarks. In the region where both photon virtualities are large:  $q^2 \sim Q^2 \gtrsim 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, the pQCD predicts the overall  $1/Q^2$  fall-off of the form factor, which differs from the naive vector meson dominance expectation  $F_{\gamma^*\gamma^*\pi^0}(q^2,Q^2) \sim 1/q^2Q^2 \sim 1/Q^4$ . Thus, establishing the  $1/Q^2$  power law in this region is a crucial test of pQCD for this process. The study of  $F_{\gamma^*\gamma^*\pi^0}(q^2,Q^2)$  over a wide range of the ratio  $q^2/Q^2$  of two large photon virtualities can then provide non-trivial information about the shape of  $\varphi_{\pi}(x)$ .

# Examples of experimental setups for the measurement of TFF

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**P** — pseudoscalar meson  $e_{1,2}$  — photon polarization  $q_{1,2}$  — 4-momentum of photon **-Q<sup>2</sup>** =  $q^2$ 

#### The amplitude of the $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow P$ transition:

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{e}^{2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\nu}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\boldsymbol{\beta}} \boldsymbol{e}_{1}^{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \boldsymbol{e}_{2}^{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \boldsymbol{q}_{1}^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \boldsymbol{q}_{2}^{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{q}_{1}^{2}, \boldsymbol{q}_{2}^{2}),$$

• There are a lot of experimental study of pseudoscalar meson production via the fusion of real (**on-shell**) and virtual (**off-shell**) photons  $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow P: \pi^0, \eta, \eta', \eta_c$ 

• There are **no** measurements of the double **off-shell** transitions  $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow P$ 



• In double off-shell case at Q<sup>2</sup> > W<sub>V</sub>m<sub>V</sub>:  $F_{\eta'}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \frac{F_{\eta'}(0, 0)}{(1 + Q_1^2/\Lambda_P^2)(1 + Q_2^2/\Lambda_P^2)}$ where  $\Lambda_p$  — effective pole mass parameter





 $\mu^2$ 

 $F(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \int T(x, Q_1^2, Q_2^2) \phi(x, Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$ dx  $\boldsymbol{x}$  - is the fraction of the meson momentum carried by one of the quarks **T**(**x**,**Q**<sup>2</sup>,**Q**<sup>2</sup>,) - hard scattering amplitude for  $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow qqbar$ transition which is calculable in pQCD  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}^2, \mathbf{Q}^2)$  - nonperturbative meson distribution amplitude (DA) describing transition  $P \rightarrow qqbar$ 

$$T_H(x,Q_1^2,Q_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{xQ_1^2 + (1-x)Q_2^2} \cdot \left(1 + C_F \frac{\alpha_S(Q^2)}{2\pi} \cdot t(x,Q_1^2,Q_2^2)\right) + (x \to 1-x) + O(\alpha_s^2) + O(\Lambda_{QCD}^4/Q^4)$$

**NLO correction** [E. Braaten, Phys. Rev. D 28, 3 (1983)]

• The shape (x dependence) of meson DA  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}_1^2, \mathbf{Q}_2^2)$  is unknown, but its evolution with  $\mu^2 = Q_1^2 + Q_2^2$  is predicted by pQCD:

At the limit 
$$\mu \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{\mu^2} \phi(x,\mu) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \int_0^1 dy V(x,y) \phi(y,\mu)$$
$$\phi_P(x,\mu) = A_P 6x(1-x)(1+O(\Lambda_{OCD}^2/\mu^2))$$

[S. J. Brodsky and G. P. Lepage, Phys. Rev. D 24, 7 (1981)]

Introduction.  $F(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$  at <u>large</u>  $Q^2$ .



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FF is **less sensitive to a shape of the meson DA** in comparison to the single off-shell FF.



*The*  $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \eta$  *Transition Form Factor* 

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is the largest one. A way to reduce such uncertainty could be by taking into account data form doubly off-shell TFF such as that given by BaBar for the  $\eta'$ -TFF [35]. Considering all possible contributions to the error we get

$$a_{\mu}^{P,HLbL} = (8.47 \pm 0.16_{\text{sta}} \pm 0.09_{1/N_{c}} + 0.5_{-0} \text{ asym}) \cdot 10^{-10},$$
 (14)

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where the first error (sta) comes from the fit of the TFF, the second from possible  $1/N_C$  corrections and the last from the wrong asymptotic behavior estimated through the effects of heavier resonances in the TFF.



• A large number of systematic uncertainties were studied in our previous work where the number of signal events was significantly larger.

[1] [PRD 84, 052001]: P. del Amo Sanchez *et al. (BaBar collaboration),* Phys. Rev. D 84, 052001 (2011) — (126 citations).



#### **Technique**







- Polar angle distribution for tagged electrons (positrons)
- The decay chain  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-2\gamma$  is used
- A total integrated luminosity  $L = 469 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- GGResRc event generator is used [arXiv:1010.5969]. Initial and final state radiative corrections as well as vacuum polarization effects are included. The form factor is fixed to the constant value F(0,0).

The strategy:  $dN/dQ^2 \implies d\sigma/dQ^2 \implies |F(Q^2)|$ 



- We require the presense
- at least **two tracks** from GoodTrackLoose list passed LooseElectronMicroSecection
- at least **two tracks** from *GoodTrackLoose* list passed *TightKMPionMicroSelection*
- at least **two photons** from *GoodPhotonLoose* list  $-\varepsilon_v > 30 \text{ MeV}$

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-0.45 < m_{_{\rm VV}} < 0.65 \text{ GeV}/c^2
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- -The photon candidates are fitted with a  $\eta$  mass constraint.
- The  $\,\eta$  candidate and a pair of oppositely-charged pion candidates are fitted with a  $\eta'$  mass constraint.

#### Pions misedentification with TightKMPionMicroSelection:









• 10.3 <  $E_{c.m.}(e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-\eta)$  < 10.7 GeV



• Events that lie above and on the right of the lines (mostly, Bhabha scattering) are rejected.

The positron c.m. energy vs the electron c.m. energy



 $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  vs.  $m_{\pi+\pi-\eta}$ 

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• We require  $0.50 < m_{yy} < 0.58 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 



The π<sup>+</sup>π<sup>-</sup>η mass spectra for data events. The open histogram is the fit result. The dashed line represents fitted background.



The  $Q_{e^-}^2$  vs.  $Q_{e^+}^2$  for events with **0.945** <  $m_{2\pi\eta}^2$  < **0.972** GeV/ $c^2$ 

- New definition:  $Q_1^2 = \max(Q_{e^+}^2, Q_{e^-}^2), Q_2^2 = \min(Q_{e^+}^2, Q_{e^-}^2)$
- The average momentum transfers for each region are calculated using the data spectrum normalized to the detection efficiency:

$$\overline{Q_{1,2}^2} = \frac{\sum_i Q_{1,2}^2(i) / \varepsilon(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)}{\sum_i 1 / \varepsilon(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)}.$$

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• The total number of signal events  $N_{\text{signal}}^{\text{fit}} = 46.2^{+8.3}$ -7.0



The  $\pi^+\pi^-\eta$  mass spectra for data events for the five  $Q^2$  ranges. The open histograms are the fit results. The dashed lines represent background.

#### **Detection efficiency**

• The detector acceptance limits the  $e^-e^+$  detection efficiency at small  $Q^2$ . The minimum  $Q^2$  equals to 2 GeV<sup>2</sup>.



• R leads to the decrease of the detection efficiency by ~10 %.

• The maximum energy of the photon emitted from the initial state is restricted by the requirement  $E_v < 0.05\sqrt{s}$ , where  $\sqrt{s}$  is the e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> center-of-mass (c.m.) energy.

#### **Cross section and Form Factor**

• The differential cross section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta'$  is calculated as



- $B=B(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta) \times B(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma) = (0.3941 \pm 0.0020) \times (0.429 \pm 0.007) = 0.169 \pm 0.003$
- $\sigma_{e+e-\rightarrow e+e-\eta'}$  (2 <  $Q_1^2$ ,  $Q_2^2$  < 60 GeV<sup>2</sup>)= (11.4<sup>+2.8</sup>) fb

$\overline{Q_1^2},  \overline{Q_2^2},  { m GeV}^2$	$arepsilon_{ ext{true}}$	R	$N_{\mathrm{events}}$	$d^2\sigma/(dQ_1^2dQ_2^2)$	$F(\overline{Q_1^2},  \overline{Q_2^2})$
				$\times 10^4$ , fb/GeV <sup>4</sup>	$\times 10^3$ , GeV <sup>-1</sup>
6.48,  6.48	0.019	1.03	$14.7^{+4.3}_{-3.6}$	$1471.8^{+430.1}_{-362.9}$	$14.32^{+1.95}_{-1.89} \pm 0.83 \pm 0.14$
16.85,  16.85	0.282	1.10	$4.1^{+2.7}_{-2.7}$	$4.2^{+2.8}_{-2.8}$	$5.35^{+1.54}_{-1.54} \pm 0.31 \pm 0.42$
14.83,  4.27	0.145	1.07	$15.8^{+4.8}_{-4.0}$	$39.7^{+12.0}_{-10.2}$	$8.24^{+1.16}_{-1.13} \pm \ 0.48 \pm 0.65$
38.11, 14.95	0.226	1.11	$10.0^{+3.9}_{-3.2}$	$3.0^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$	$6.07^{+1.09}_{-1.07} \pm 0.35 \pm 1.21$
45.63,  45.63	0.293	1.22	$1.6^{+1.8}_{-1.1}$	$0.6\substack{+0.7\\-0.6}$	$8.71^{+3.96}_{-8.71} \pm 0.50 \pm 1.04$
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			Statistical		Systematic Model

The statistical uncertainty is dominant

#### Systematic uncertainty. Background subtraction.

•  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta'\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^-\pi^+\eta\pi^0$  - kinematically closest background for the process under study. Using the simulation of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-a_0(1450) \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta'\pi^0$  process we estimate the contribution  $N_{\eta'\pi^0} < 0.16$  at 90% C.L.



#### Systematic uncertainty. Background subtraction.

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- J/\psi(\phi) \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta'\gamma$  is negligible according to [**PRD 84**, **052001**].
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow X$ :



The cosine of angle between scattered and initial electron (positron) in c.m.f.



The fraction of the events in the bins.

It is reasonable to assume that the  $\cos(\alpha_{e^{\pm}})$  spectrums must be symmetric in [-1:1] region for **annihilation processes**, while signal scattered electron (positron) prefers to fly in the about the same direction.

#### The main source of systematic uncertainty of cross section

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Source	Uncertainty (%)	
$\pi^{\pm}$ identification	1.0	[PKD 84, 052001]
$e^{\pm}$ identification	1.0	
Other selection criteria		
Track reconstruction	0.9	
$\eta \to 2\gamma$ reconstruction	2	
Trigger, filters	1.3	<mark>5</mark>
Background subtraction	3.7	
Radiative correction	1.0	
Luminosity	1.0	/
Tetal	12%	

selection	$N_{signal}/\varepsilon_{true}$	deviation from standard criteria
standard selection criteria	$985\pm197$	
$P_{e^+e^-\eta'}$ is less than 1 GeV/c instead of 0.35 GeV/c	$1052\pm273$	6.8
$10.20 < E_{e^+e^-\eta'} < 10.75 \text{ GeV}$ instead of $10.3 < E_{e^+e^-\eta'} < 10.65 \text{ GeV}$	$942\pm235$	-4.3
without the restrictions on $E_{e^+}$ and $E_{e^-}$	$1061\pm280$	7.7
$0.48 < m_{2\gamma} < 0.60 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ instead of	$958 \pm 181$	-2.7
$0.50 < m_{2\gamma} < 0.58 \ \mathrm{GeV}/c^2$		
total		11

#### Model uncertainty

#### **(d<sup>2</sup>σ/(dQ<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub> dQ<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>))<sub>MC</sub> and ε<sub>true</sub> depends on model.</mark>**

Repeating the calculations with a constant TFF we estimate the model uncertainty. For the cross section - about 60% due to the strong dependence of  $\varepsilon_{true}$  on the input

#### model for TFF at small values of $Q_{1}^{2}$ and $Q_{2}^{2}$ .

The TFF is much less sensitive to the model.

TABLE V: $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ_1^2dQ_2^2}$	obtained	with	different	models	for	TFF
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	1	2	3	4	5
QCD	$1471.8^{+430.136}_{-362.91}$	$4.17^{+2.75}_{2.75}$	$39.72^{+11.98}_{-10.18}$	$2.98^{+1.17}_{-0.96}$	$0.62^{+0.69}_{-0.62}$
$\operatorname{const}$	$637.10\substack{+186.19\\-157.09}$	$4.15_{2.74}^{+2.74}$	$33.30^{+10.05}_{-8.54}$	$2.76^{+1.08}_{-0.89}$	$0.62^{+0.69}_{-0.62}$
deviation, $\%$	60	0.6	15	7	1.

TABLE VI: TFF obtained with different models for TFF

	1	2	3	4	5
QCD	$14.32^{+1.95}_{-1.89}$	$5.35^{+1.54}_{-1.54}$	$8.24^{+1.16}_{-1.13}$	$6.07^{+1.09}_{-1.07}$	$8.71^{+3.96}_{-8.71}$
$\operatorname{const}$	$14.61^{+1.99}_{-1.92}$	$5.62^{+1.62}_{-1.62}$	$7.24^{+1.02}_{-0.99}$	$7.24^{+1.30}_{-1.28}$	$10.02^{+4.55}_{-10.02}$
deviation $\%$	1	8	8	20	12



The comparison of the measured  $\eta'$  TFF with  $Q_{e+}^2 < Q_{e-}^2$ ,  $Q_{e+}^2 >= Q_{e-}^2$  and without the restriction.



 $F_{\eta'}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \frac{F_{\eta'}(0, 0)}{(1 + Q_1^2/\Lambda_P^2)(1 + Q_2^2/\Lambda_P^2)}$ The  $\Lambda_p$  is fixed at 849 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> from the approximation of  $F_{\eta'}(Q^2, 0)$ with one off-shell photon [Phys. Rev. D 85, 057501 (2012)].

The comparison of obtained form-factor with theoretical predictions. Error bars - statistical uncertainties. Shaded rectangles - quadratic sum of the systematic and model uncertainties.

$$F_{\eta'}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \left(\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{9}f_n \sin\phi + \frac{2}{9}f_s \cos\phi\right) \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{2} \frac{6x(1-x)}{xQ_1^2 + (1-x)Q_2^2} \left(1 + C_F \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \cdot t(x, Q_1^2, Q_2^2)\right) + (x \to 1-x),$$

- pQCD calculation is in good agreement with data ( $\chi^2/n.d.f. = 6.2/5$ , Prob = 28%)
- VMD model exhibits a clear disagreement with the experiment.

#### BABAR

- About 46 events of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta'$  were observed in the double tagged mode for the first time.
- The  $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow \eta'$  transition form factor F(Q<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub>, Q<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>) have been measured for Q<sup>2</sup> range from 2 to 60 GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- The form factor is in reasonable agreement with the pQCD prediction.
- We propose a measurement of this quantity at BELLE II.

The estimation of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta^{\gamma}\gamma$  cross section based on the contribution of  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$  mesons.



We need 10 pb<sup>-1</sup>/point with VEPP-2000 at least for measurement of the cross section above φ meson.

Let us consider the e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collisions at  $E_{c.m.} = 5$  GeV. The obtained TFF allows us to predict  $\sigma_{e+e-\rightarrow e+e-n'} (\mathbf{g_1^2}, \mathbf{g_2^2} > 2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>)=3.06+/- 0.01 fb



The measurement of double off-shell TFF is a <mark>challenge</mark> and can be performed only at experiments with super high luminosity.

## Thank you for your attention

## Back up slides



The data-MC comparison of  $\pi\pi\eta$  invariant mass distribution. The MC histogram is normalized to central bin of data distribution.

The expected number of signal  $N_{signal}^{side} = 55 - 18/2 = 46$ 



The  $Q_{e^-}^2$  vs.  $Q_{e^+}^2$  for events from control side-band regions

## If (d<sup>2</sup>σ/(dQ<sup>2</sup>1 dQ<sup>2</sup>2))<sub>MC</sub> and ε<sub>true</sub> is made using VMD TFF:



The comparison of obtained form-factor with theoretical predictions. The Error bars - statistical uncertainties. Shaded rectangles - quadratic sum of the systematic and model uncertainties.

$$\begin{aligned} |\eta' > &= \sin\phi \ |n > +\cos\phi \ |s > & |n > &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\bar{u}u > +|\bar{d}d >) \\ F_{\eta'} &= \sin\phi \ F_n + \cos\phi \ F_s & |s > &= |\bar{s}s > \\ & \lim_{Q^2 \to \infty} F_n(Q^2) = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3Q^2} f_n; \lim_{Q^2 \to \infty} F_s(Q^2) = \frac{2}{3Q^2} f_s; & |\eta' > &= \sin\phi |n > +\cos\phi |s > \\ & & \mathbf{Master formula} \\ \bullet \ F_{\eta'}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) &= (\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{9} \cdot f_n \cdot \sin\phi + \frac{2}{9} \cdot f_s \cdot \cos\phi) \cdot \int_0^1 dx \frac{3x(1-x)}{xQ_1^2 + (1-x)Q_2^2} (1 + C_F \frac{Q^2}{2\pi} \cdot t(x, Q_1^2, Q_2^2)) \\ & + (x \to 1-x) \end{aligned}$$

- at which scale of  $Q^2$  the asymptotic pQCD perdiction starts to be valid?
- In the case of  $\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow P$ :

$$F_{\eta'}(Q^2) = F_{\eta'}(Q^2, 0) = \frac{\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{9} \cdot f_n \cdot \sin\phi + \frac{2}{9} \cdot f_s \cdot \cos\phi}{Q^2} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{5}{2}C_F\frac{\alpha_S(Q^2)}{2\pi}\right)$$