



TOWARDS THE ELECTROMAGNETIC TRANSITION FORM FACTOR OF THE η' MESON WITH G12 AND CLAS12

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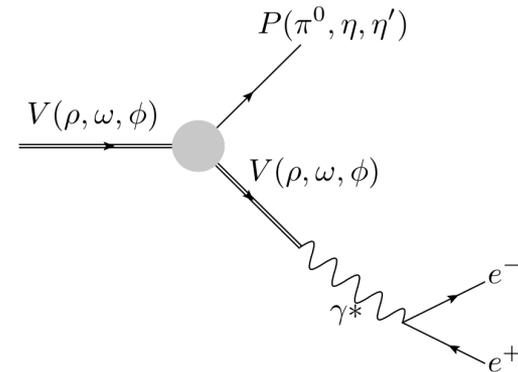
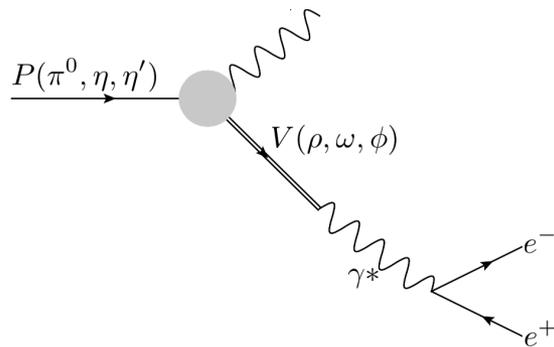
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Transition Form Factors

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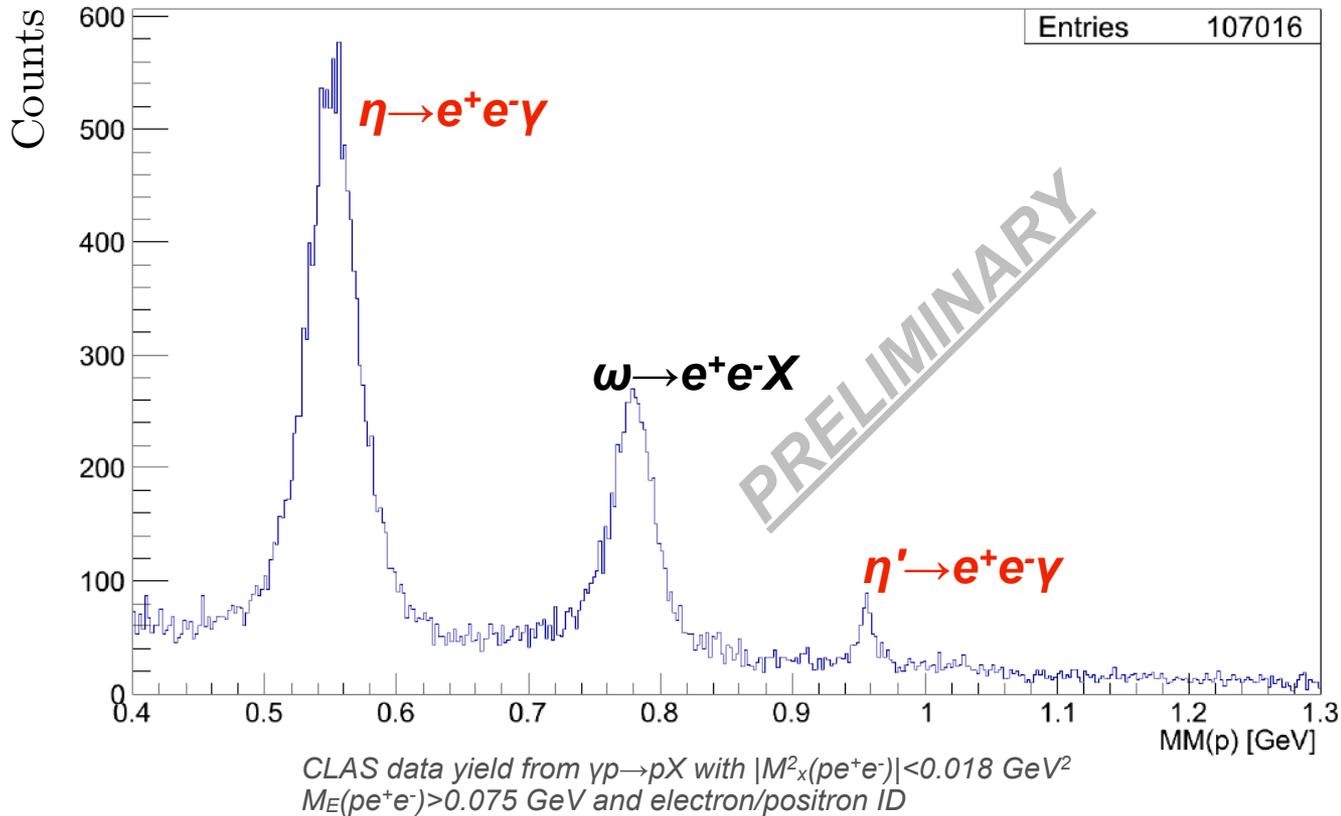
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Motivation:

- Transition form factors provides insight into the meson charge radius, $\langle r \rangle$.
- Ratio of η/η' form factors provides information on η/η' mixing angle.
- For ω there is a discrepancy between the measurement and the VMD model.
- The η form factor is needed to interpret the muon $g-2$ experiment.

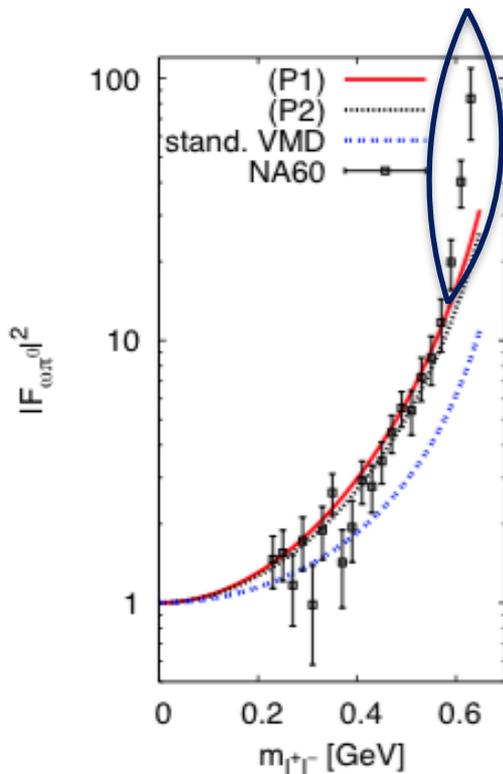
η , ω , η' Yield



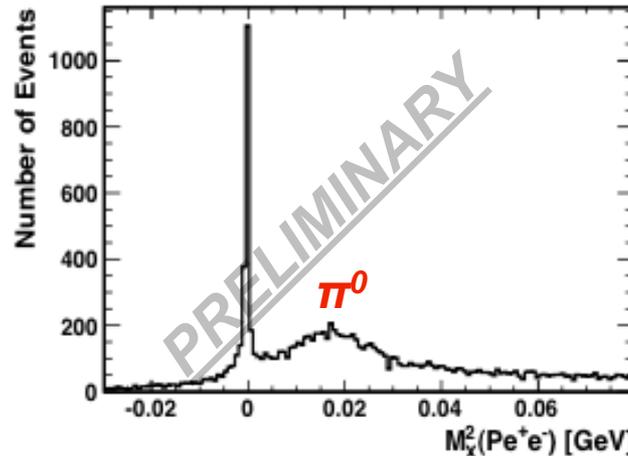
Goal: Measuring transition form factors

ω Transition Form Factor

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{\omega \rightarrow l^+ l^- \pi^0}}{dq^2 d\Gamma_{\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma}} = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi q^2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{q^2}{m_\omega^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \right)^2 - \frac{4m_\omega^2 q^2}{m_\omega^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_l^2}{q^2} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{2m_l^2}{q^2} \right) |Q.E.D$$

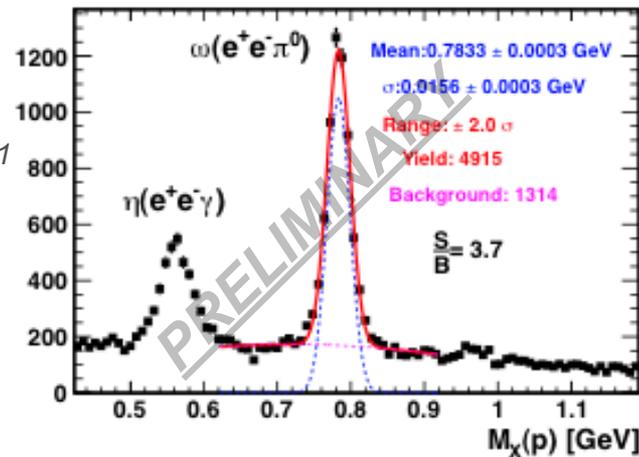


Recent results the ω transition form factor.
Image Source:
Conference
Proceedings



CLAS data yield from
 $\gamma p \rightarrow pe^+e^-X$ with
 $M_X(p) = M_\omega \pm 0.031$ GeV

CLAS data yield from
 $\gamma p \rightarrow pX$ with
 $M_X^2(pe^+e^-) = M_{\pi^0}^2 \pm 0.01$
GeV²



Status of η' charge radius

Current BESIII and CLAS data sets do not have enough statistics to determine which theoretical model fits the $\eta' \rightarrow$ charge radius

	$\langle r \rangle$	Number of events
BESIII ($\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$)	$1.60 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.08(\text{sys}) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ [1]	864
CELLO ($\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$)	$1.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ [2]	75
CLAS ($\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$)	TBD	89

Dispersion	$1.53^{+0.15}_{-0.08} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	
ChPT	1.6 GeV^{-2}	
VMD	1.45 GeV^{-2}	

Current statistical error cannot discern the correct theoretical model

[1] M. Ablikim et al., *Phys.Rev. D92* (2015) 012001

[2] R. I. Dzhelyadi et al., *Phys. Lett. B 88*, 379 (1979)

$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e e$: analysis

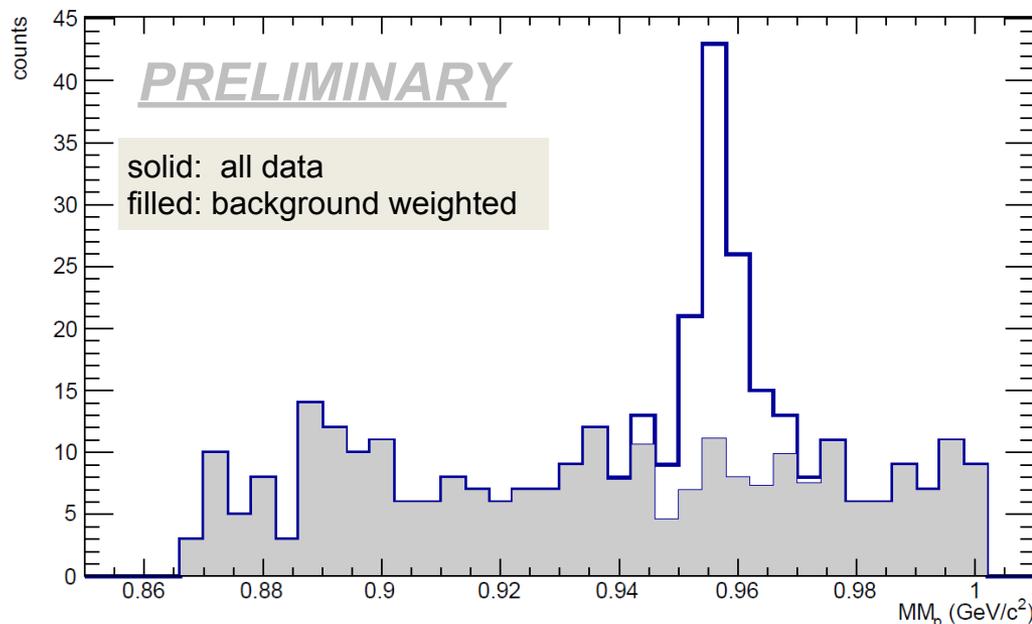
- lepton skim MK: IsLepG7_g12.root
- cuts:

(1)	<code>pip_IsLepG7==1 && pim_IsLepG7==1</code>	g7 leptons (CC&EC cut)
(2)	<code>NProt==1</code>	final state proton
(3)	<code>abs(pip_Beta -1.)<0.05 && abs(pim_Beta -1.)<0.05</code>	ToF electron candidates
(4)	<code>MM2P>=0.75 && MM2P<=1.</code>	MMp : eta' mass window
(5)	<code>MM2PEpEm<0.01 && MM2PEpEm>-0.01</code>	MMpee : massless or no missing particle
(6)	<code>MEPEpEm>0.2</code>	MEpee : missing particle (has energy)
(7)	<code>abs(pip_vx*pip_vx+pip_vy*pip_vy)<4.</code>	vertex cut for positron
(8)	<code>abs(pim_vx*pim_vx+pim_vy*pim_vy)<4.</code>	vertex cut for electron

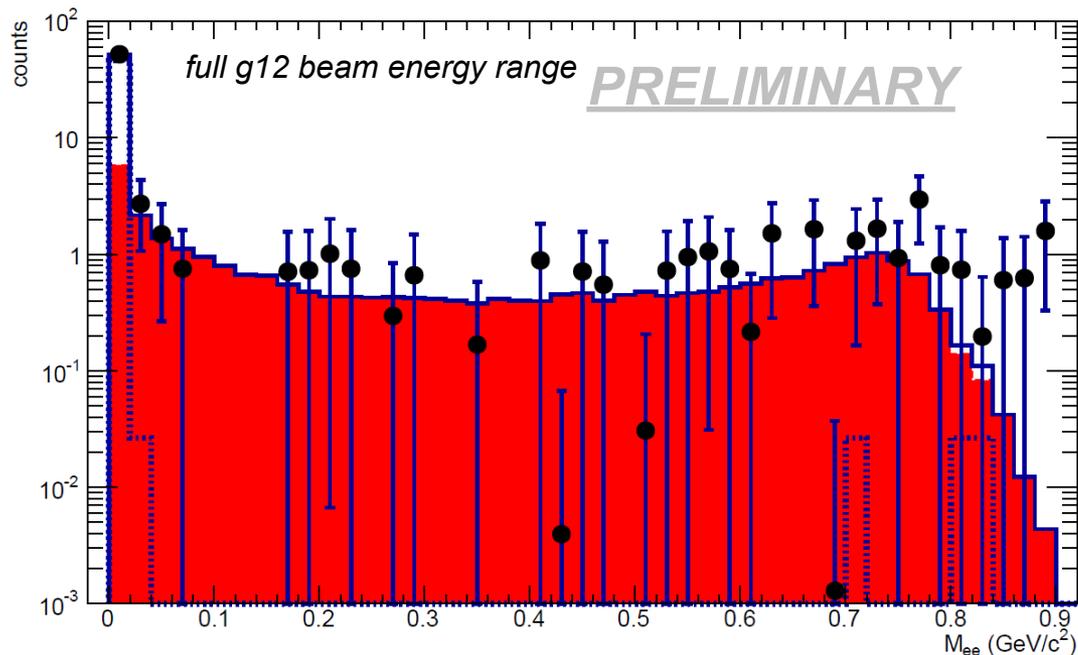
- g12 fiducial cuts
- event efficiency
- q-factor signal extraction

evaluate smooth background event-by-event

- 359 event candidates
 - **82 events (signal weight)**
- full g12 beam energy range



$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma ee$: M_{ee} distribution



evaluate in-peak background via invariant mass distribution

sole background candidate: external conversion in the target

symbols: data (signal weight)
 filled: $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma ee$ simulation
 dotted: $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ simulation
 solid: summed simulations

fit to data, range (0.,0.1)
 FCN=0.298654 FROM MIGRAD STATUS=CONVERGED 34 CALLS
 35 TOTAL

EDM=3.39438e-020 STRATEGY= 1 ERROR MATRIX

ACCURATE

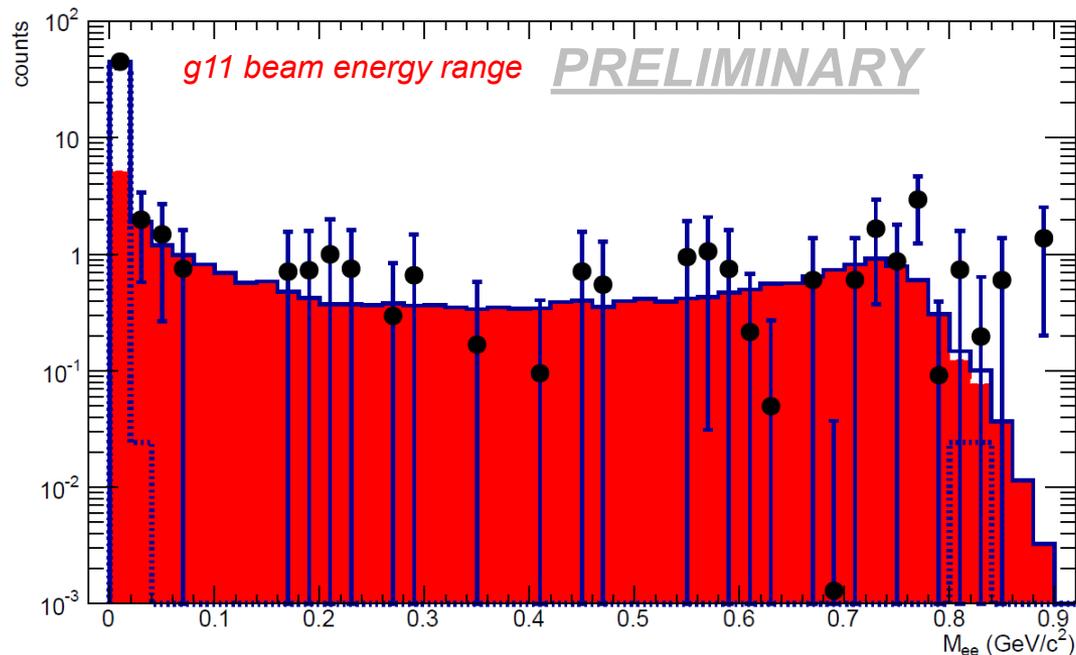
EXT	PARAMETER	STEP	FIRST
NO.	NAME	VALUE	ERROR
1	p0	9.90865e+003	4.62091e+003
2	p1	3.77484e+005	6.29736e+004

rel BR = $p_0/p_1 = 0.0262492 \pm 0.013001$ (fit errors)

BESIII (2.13 \pm 0.09(stat) \pm 0.07(sys)) $\times 1e-2$

next step: kinematic fit
 improved missing mass cuts
 will affect large-mass end

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fit to data, range (0.,0.1)
 FCN=0.130833 FROM MIGRAD STATUS=CONVERGED 34 CALLS
 35 TOTAL

EDM=7.68571e-019 STRATEGY= 1 ERROR MATRIX

ACCURATE

EXT	PARAMETER	STEP	FIRST
NO.	NAME	VALUE	ERROR
1	p0	9.24417e+003	4.60182e+003
2	p1	3.45819e+005	6.21834e+004

rel BR = p0/p1 = 0.0267312 +- 0.0141485 (fit errors)

BESIII (2.13 +- 0.09(stat) +- 0.07(sys)) x 1e-2

next step: kinematic fit
improved missing mass cuts
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cross check: angular distribution

signal events \rightarrow cross section $d\sigma/d\cos\theta_{cm}$
in limited beam energy range
compare to g11

.... not yet

CLAS12 e^+e^- pair physics



Electromagnetic structure of mesons and baryons.
Currently we are benchmarking the $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$ decay
Here is a list of initial physics to be studied

Meson	Baryon
$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$	$(\Delta \rightarrow N e^+e^-)$
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+e^-$	$\Lambda \rightarrow n e^+e^-$ $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda e^+e^-$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+e^-$	$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+e^-$ $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p e^+e^-$

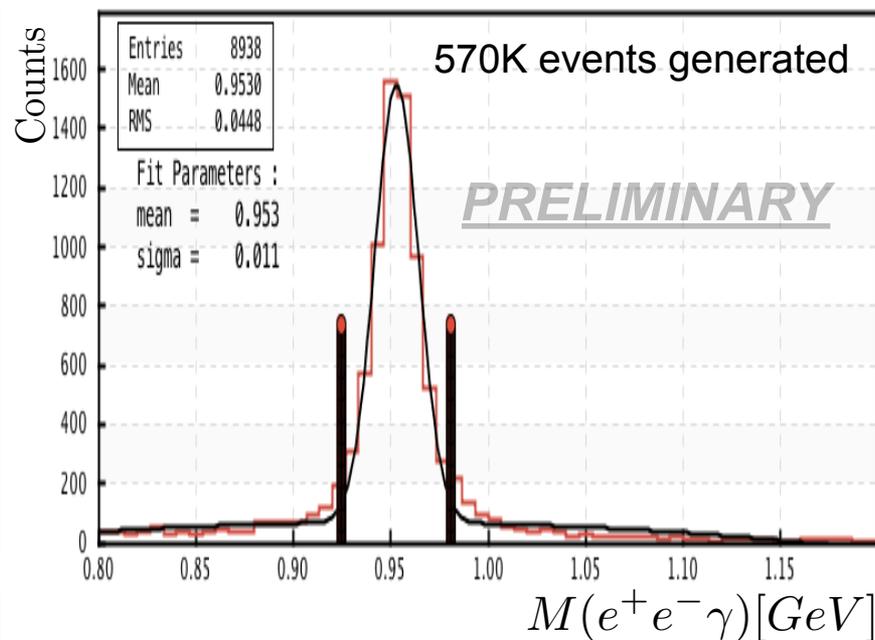
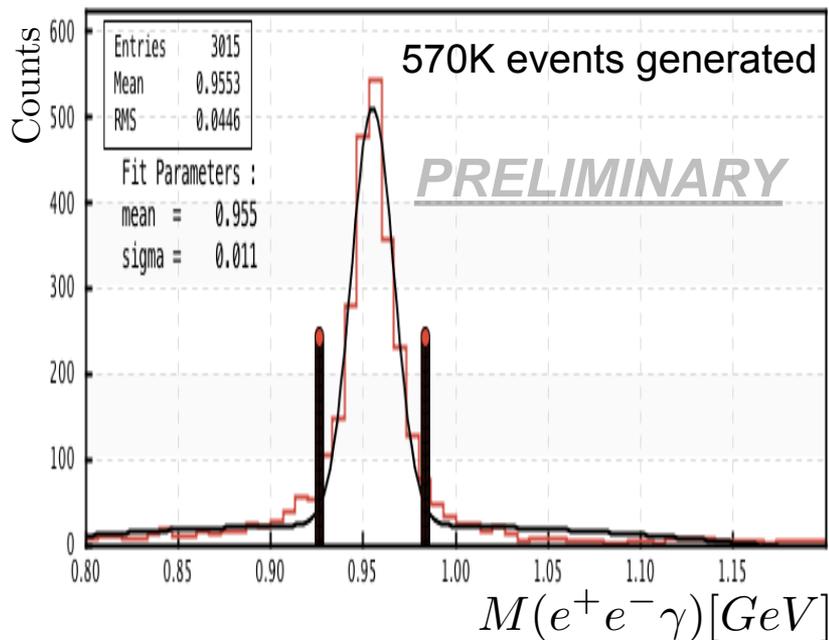
CLAS $\xi(e^+e^-)/\xi(\pi^+\pi^-)$ can be range $10^5 - 10^{11}$

CLAS e^+e^- efficiency (ϵ) range $1 - 10^{-2}$

CLAS12 η' Measurement



Using CLAS12 simulation and reconstruction software
(GEMC & coatjava-1.0)



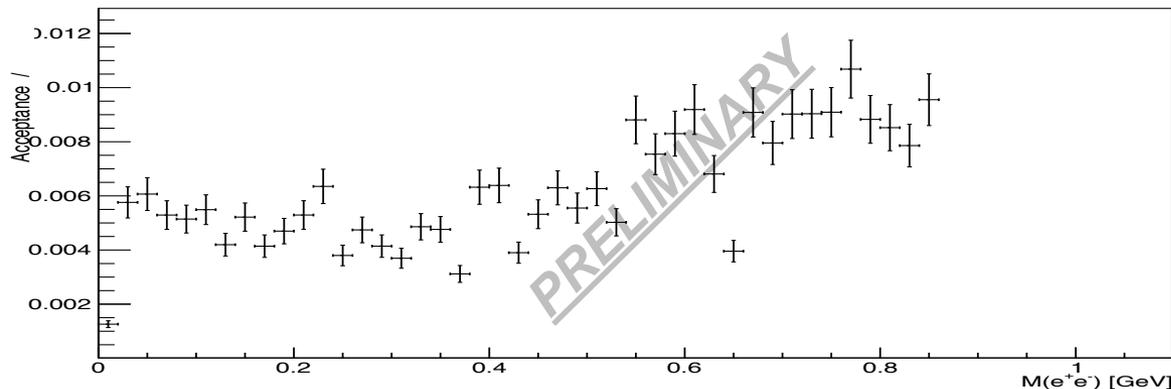
Fully Exclusive
 $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta' p \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^- p$

Inclusive
 $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta'(p) \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^- (p)$

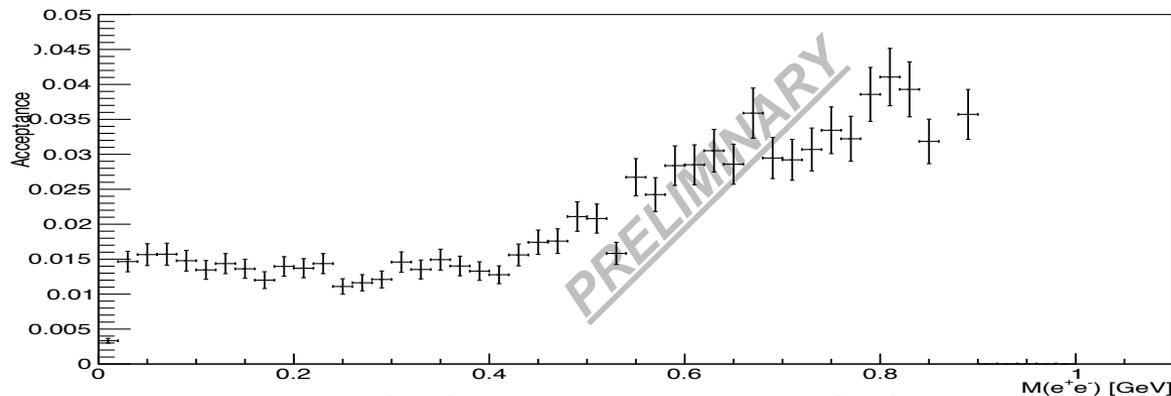
CLAS12 η' Acceptance

e^+e^- Acceptance

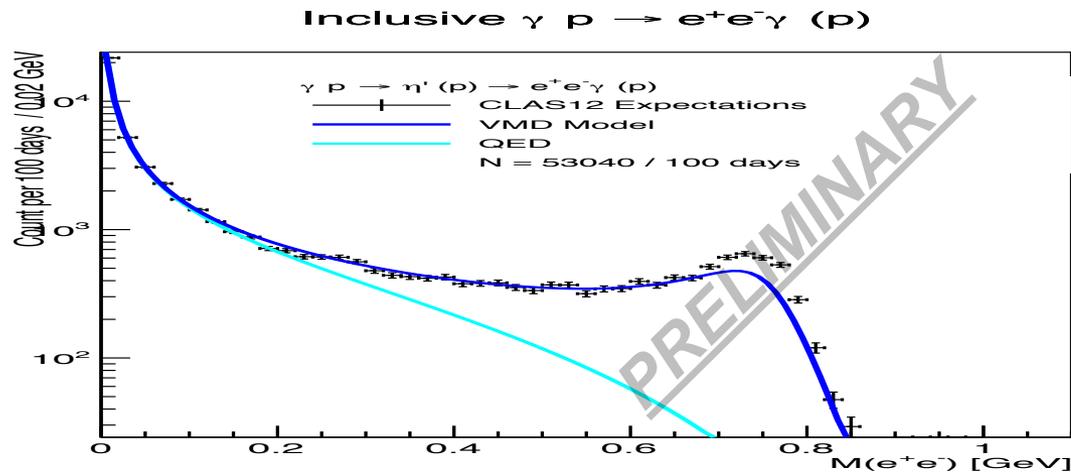
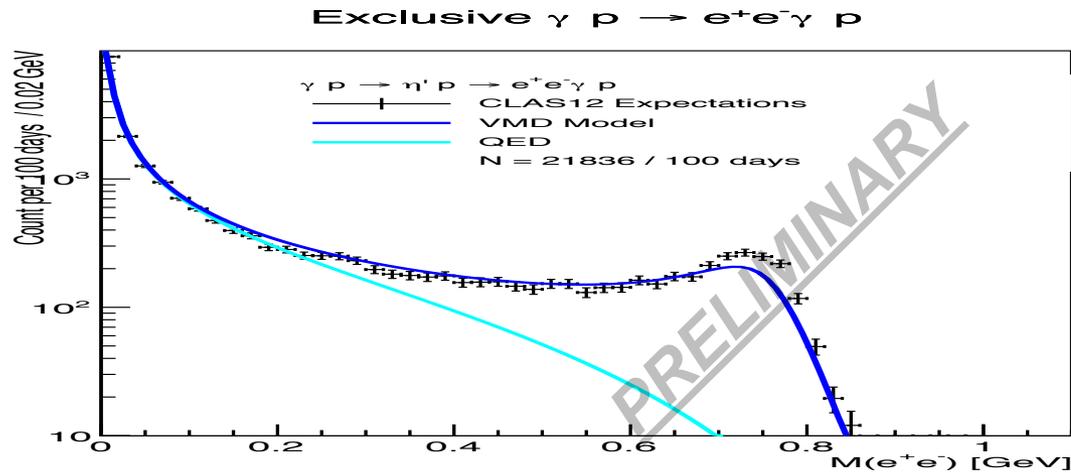
Exclusive $\gamma p \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma p$



Inclusive $\gamma p \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma (p)$



CLAS12 η' Rates



Within 100 days of beam-time CLAS12 can measure the η' transition form factor with a statistical uncertainty $\sim 1\%$

Summary



- Current statistics of CLAS data enables measurements of transition form factor for ω but not η'
- The η' branching ratio measurement is consistent with recent BESIII result
 - Cross check of angular distribution underway
- Future CLAS12 data:
 - Hadron transition form factors.
 - Branching ratios of meson conversion decays.
 - Fundamental properties of hadrons
- Currently seeking applicant for PhD for η transition form factor measurement

END

$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma ee$: MM_p distribution

solid line: data signal

filled histo: simu par(0)*gee+par(1)*gg

