

# Studying the hadronic and semi-leptonic Decay Modes of the $\eta^{(\prime)}$ -Meson with GlueX-I

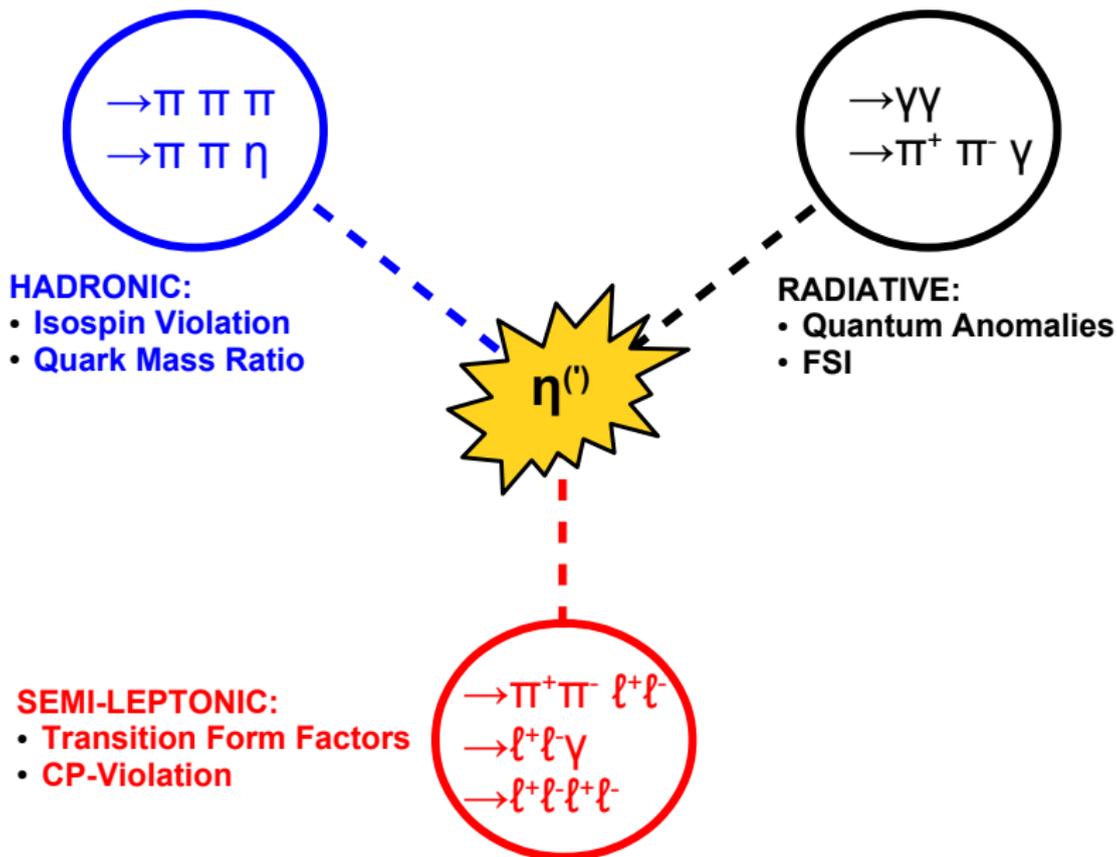
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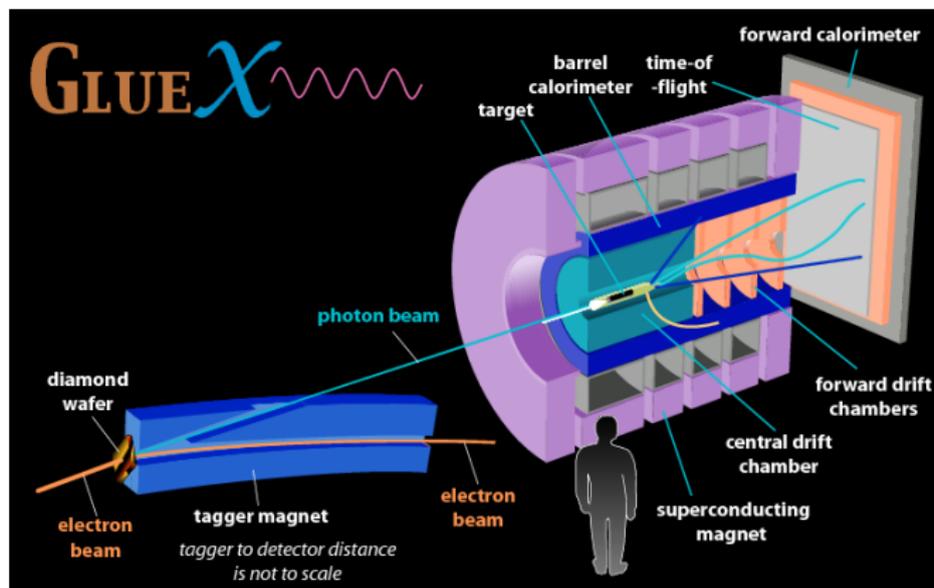
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# The $\eta^{(\prime)}$ -Trinity



# The GlueX Experiment



- Completed data taking phase I in fall 2018:

Run Period	Luminosity [ $\text{pb}^{-1}$ ]
2016	10
2017	45
2018	150

- Continue data taking with DIRC upgrade and high intensity beam in fall 2019

# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ Decay Dynamics

System	Isospin State $ I, I_z\rangle$	C-Eigenvalue	G-Eigenvalue
$\eta$	$ 0, 0\rangle$	+1	+1
$(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)$	$ 0, 0\rangle$	-1	-1
$(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)$	$ 1, 0\rangle$	+1	-1

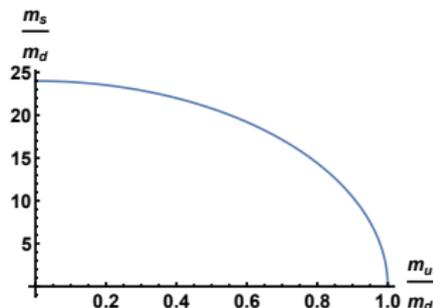
- Decay  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  is G-violating  $\Rightarrow$  Forbidden to first order
- Decay is driven by isospin breaking part of strong interaction  
 $\Rightarrow$  C is conserved
- Decay width:  $\Gamma \propto Q^{-4}$

with:  $Q^2 = \left(\frac{m_s}{m_d}\right)^2 \times \left[1 - \left(\frac{m_u}{m_d}\right)^2\right]^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow$  **Determine decay width  $\Gamma \Rightarrow$  Access to quark mass ratio**



- Measure  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)$ , e.g. via  $\frac{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)}{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)}$
- Dalitz Plot Analysis



# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ Dalitz Plot Analysis

- Parameterize decay width  $\Gamma$ :

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dXdY} \propto (1 + aY + bY^2 + cX + dX^2 + eXY + fY^3 + gX^2Y + \dots)$$

- With dimensionless variables:

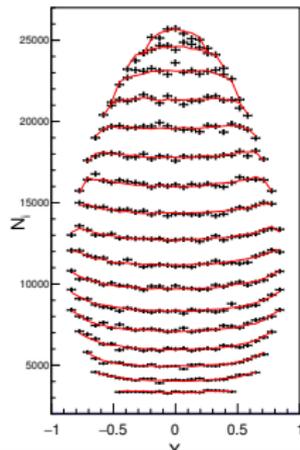
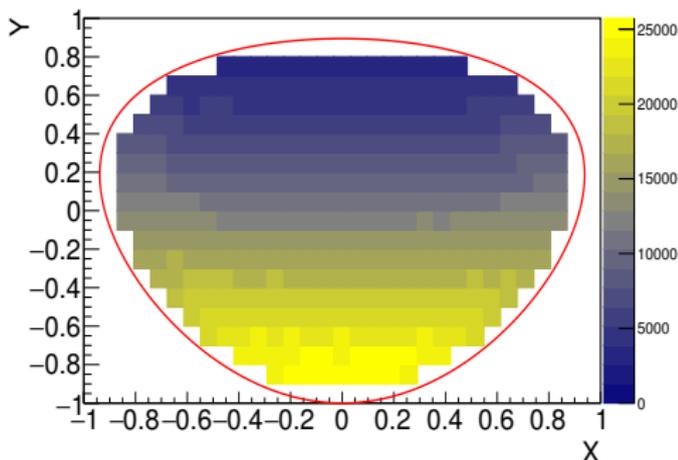
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ii)  $\approx 4.7 \text{ M } \eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  events



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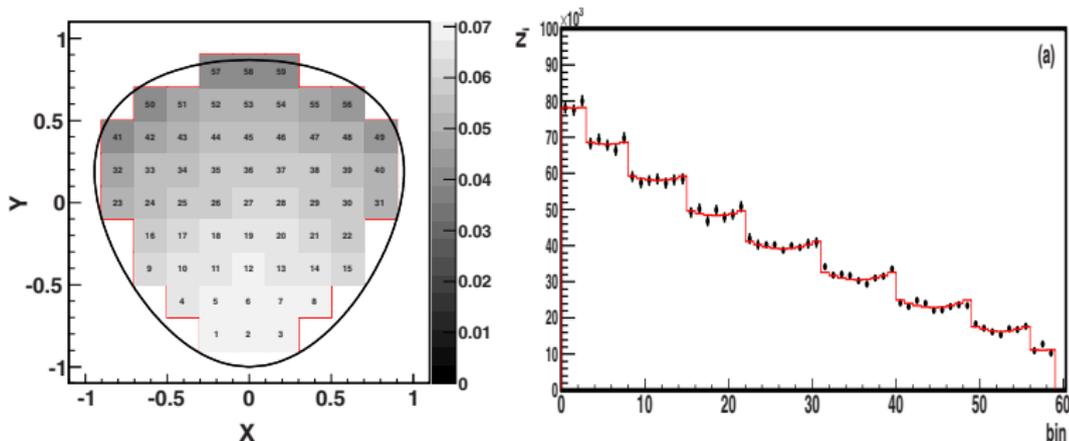
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- Results from WASA-at-COSY: WASA-at-COSY coll., *Phys. Rev.*, C90(045207), (2014)

i)  $\eta$ -Mesons produced via:  $pd \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}\eta$

ii)  $\approx 120 \text{ k } \eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  events



# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ Recent Results

Parameter:		- a	b	d	f
Exp.	KLOE(08) <sup>(a)</sup>	1.090(5)( $^{+8}_{-19}$ )	0.124(6)(10)	0.057(6)( $^{+7}_{-16}$ )	0.14(1)(2)
	WASA <sup>(d)</sup>	1.144(18)	0.219(19)(47)	0.086(18)(15)	0.115(37)
	KLOE(16) <sup>(f)</sup>	1.104(3)(2)	0.142(6)( $^5_{-4}$ )	0.073(3)( $^{+4}_{-3}$ )	0.154(6)( $^{+4}_{-5}$ )
Theo.	ChPT (NNLO) <sup>(b)</sup>	1.271(75)	0.394(102)	0.055(57)	0.025(160)
	NREFT <sup>(c)</sup>	1.213(14)	0.308(23)	0.050(3)	0.083(19)
	PWA <sup>(e)</sup>	1.116(32)	0.188(12)	0.063(4)	0.091(3)
	PWA <sup>(g)</sup>	1.077(29)	0.170(8)	0.060(2)	0.091(3)

(a) KLOE coll., *JHEP*, 05, (2008)

(b) J. Bijnens and K. Ghorbani., *JHEP*, 11, (2007)

(c) S- P. Schneider et al., *JHEP*, 028, (2011)

(d) WASA-at-COSY coll., *Phys. Rev.*, C90(045207), (2014)

(e) Peng Guo et al., *Phys. Rev.*, D92(05016), (2015)

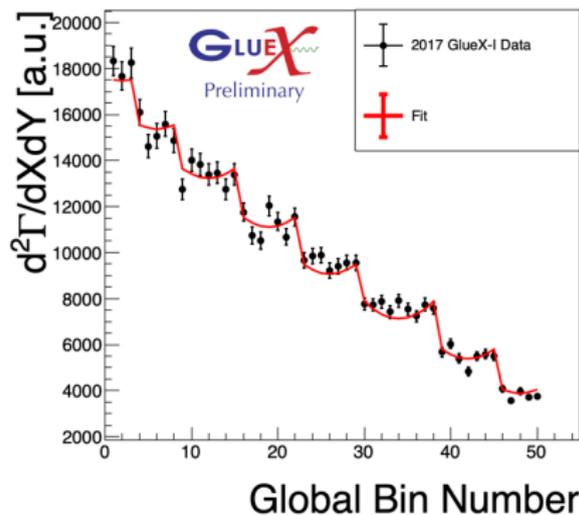
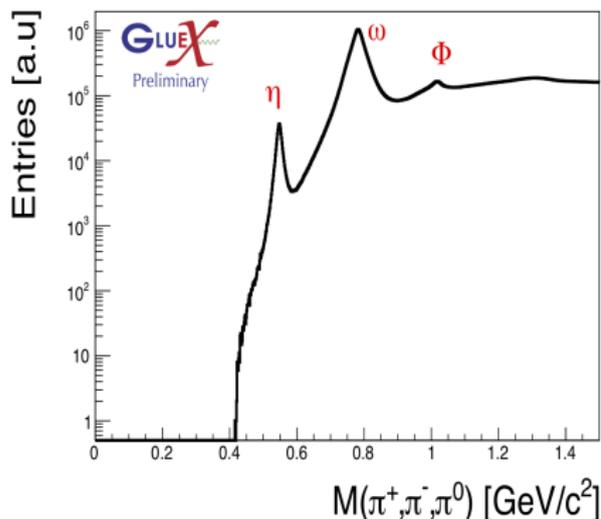
(f) KLOE coll., *JHEP*, 019, (2016)

(g) Peng Guo et al., *Phys. Lett.*, B771(497-502), (2017)

- Partial wave analysis performed by JPAC:
  - WASA-at-COSY:  $Q = 21.4 \pm 1.1$ <sup>(e)</sup> ( $\sim 120$  k events)
  - KLOE:  $Q = 21.7 \pm 1.1$ <sup>(g)</sup> ( $\sim 4.7 \cdot 10^6$  events)
- CLAS6 Dalitz Plot analysis on g12 data ongoing
- Perform Dalitz Plot Analysis with GlueX-I Data
  - 1.)  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
  - 2.)  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta$

$$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$$

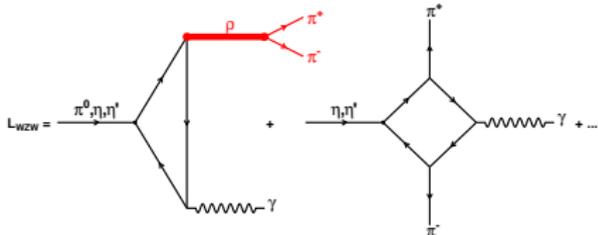
# Status GlueX-I Data Analysis



- $\approx 300$  k  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  events reconstructed in 2017 data set
- No asymmetry observed: c, e (and h) are consistent with 0
- Dalitz Plot analysis for GlueX-I 2018 data set ongoing

$$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$$

# Box Anomaly, FSI and CP-Violation



Underlying decay:  $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$

- Wess-Zumino-Witten-Lagrangian  
+  $\pi\pi$ -FSI
- CP-Conserving for  $M_1$  and  $E_2$  photon transitions

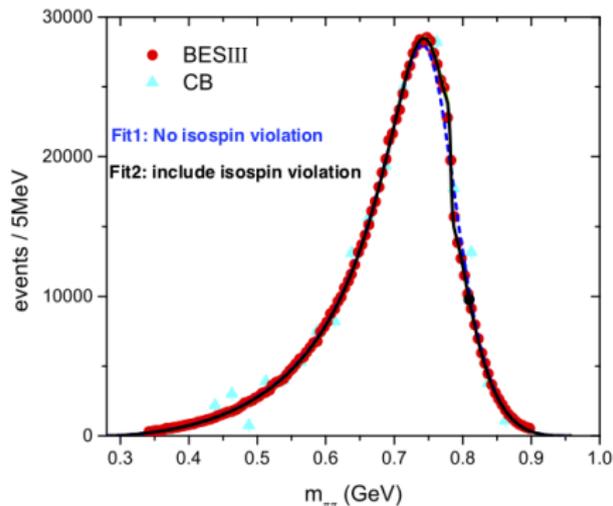
- Study  $M(\pi^+, \pi^-)$ -Distribution:

- Determine contributions from box anomaly term
- Insights into  $\pi\pi$ -FSI  
 $\Rightarrow$  mainly  $\rho$ -Resonance for  $\eta'$

- Amplitude analysis for decay:

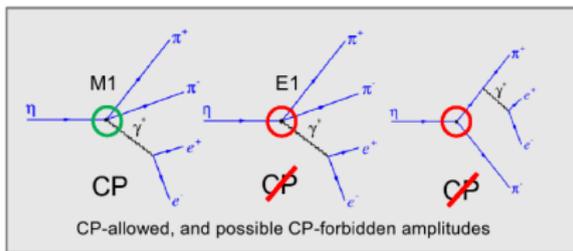
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Ling-Yun Dai et al., Phys. Rev. D97(036012),(2018)



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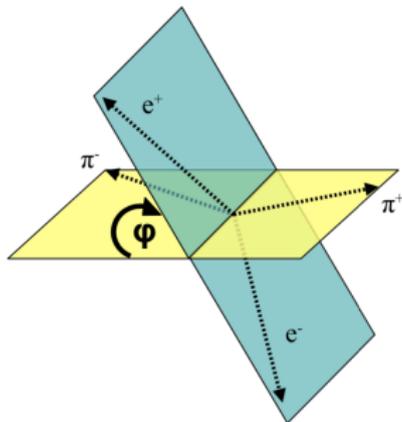
- Wess-Zumino-Witten-Lagrangian +  $\pi\pi$ -FSI
- CP-Conserving for  $M_1$  and  $E_2$  photon transitions
- Access to CP-violation  $\rightarrow$  Measure  $E_1$   $\gamma$  transition  $\rightarrow$  Need information about  $\gamma$  polarization

### Virtual case: $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma^*$

- Where:  $\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^-$   
 $\Rightarrow$  suppressed by  $\approx \alpha$
- Polarization encoded in  $(\pi^+ \pi^-)$ - $(e^+ e^-)$  decay planes

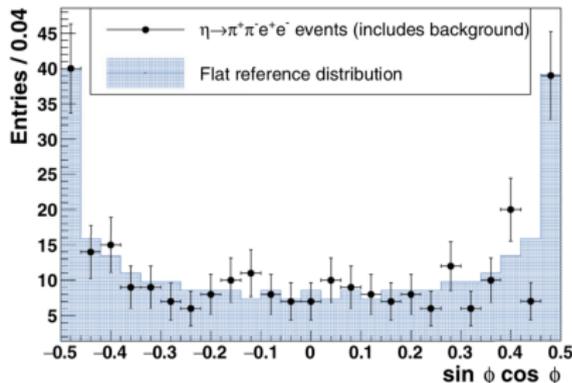
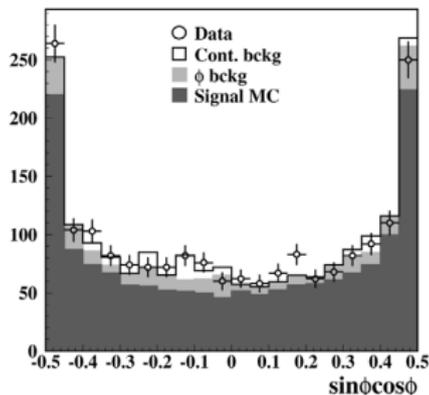
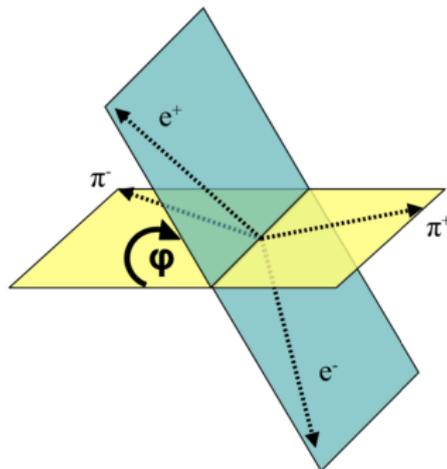
Illustration on the bottom right taken from:

WASA-at-COSY coll. *Phys. Rev.C*,94 ,065206 (2016)



# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$ Asymmetry

- $A_\phi = \frac{N(\sin[\Phi] \cos[\Phi] > 0) - N(\sin[\Phi] \cos[\Phi] < 0)}{N(\sin[\Phi] \cos[\Phi] > 0) + N(\sin[\Phi] \cos[\Phi] < 0)}$
- Measuring  $A_\phi$  reveals information about CP-violating transitions
- Upper limit predicted by theory<sup>(a)</sup>:  $\sim 1\%$   
(a) D. Gao. *Mod. Phys. Lett.*, A17:1583-1588,(2002)
- Measurements of  $A_\phi$  performed by:
  - i) KLOE (bottom left)
  - ii) WASA-at-COSY (bottom right)



# $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$ Asymmetry and Branching Fraction

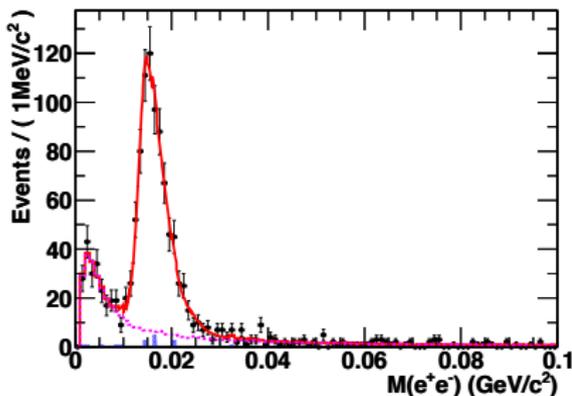
Experiment	$X$	$\frac{\Gamma(X \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-)}{\Gamma_X}$ [ $10^{-3}$ ]	$A_\Phi$ [ $10^{-2}$ ]	#Events [ $k$ ]
WASA <sup>(b)</sup>	$\eta$	$1.2 \pm 0.1_{stat} \pm 0.1_{sys}$	$-1.1 \pm 6.6_{stat} \pm 0.2_{sys}$	0.215
KLOE <sup>(c)</sup>	$\eta$	$2.68 \pm 0.09_{stat} \pm 0.07_{sys}$	$-0.6 \pm 2.5_{stat} \pm 1.8_{sys}$	1.6
BESIII <sup>(d)</sup>	$\eta'$	$2.11 \pm 0.12_{stat} \pm 0.15_{sys}$	n/a	0.429

(b) WASA-at-COSY coll. *Phys. Rev.C*,94 ,065206 (2016)

(c) KLOE coll. *Phys. Lett.B*,675 ,283-288 (2009)

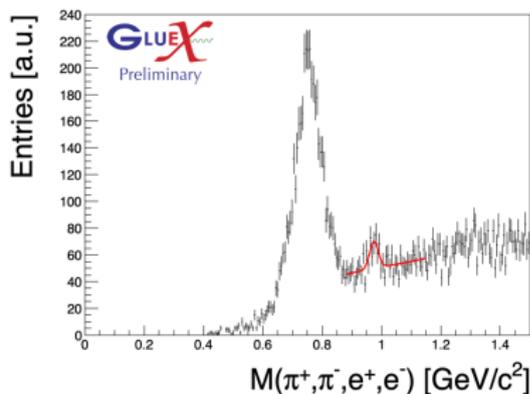
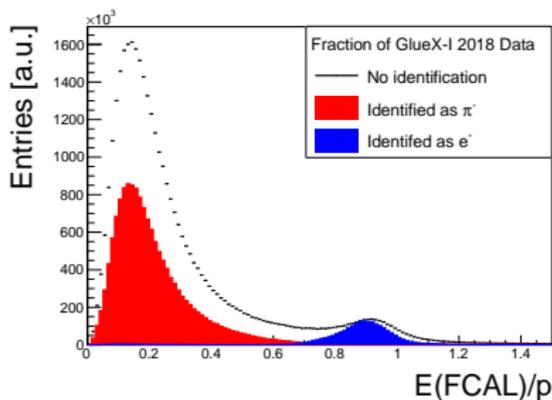
(d) BESIII coll. *Chinese Phys. C* 42, 04202 (2108)

- Shown on the right:  
BESIII<sup>(d)</sup> analysis of  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$
- Main background contribution:  
 $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$  at  $M(e^+, e^-) \approx 0.015$  GeV



# $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$ Plans and Analysis Strategy for GlueX-I

- Physics Observables:
  - i) Branching fraction
  - ii)  $M(\pi^+, \pi^-)$  and  $M(e^+, e^-)$
  - iii)  $A_\Phi$
- PID is crucial part of analysis:
  - ▶ Utilize machine learning to identify particles within detector
  - ▶ Combine information into Bayesian probability
- Analyzed 5% of the GlueX-I 2018 data so far:
  - ▶ Reconstructed  $\sim 120 \eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$  event candidates
  - ▶ Main background contributions from:  $\rho^0$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $K_S$  and  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$



# Summary and Outlook

## 1. Dalitz Plot Analysis for $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ :

- ▶ Reconstructed  $\sim 300$  k events in GlueX-I 2017 data
- ▶ Dalitz Plot distribution shows no C-violating asymmetries  
 $\Rightarrow$  Uniform reconstruction efficiency
- ▶ Analysis of GlueX-I 2018 data ongoing
- ▶ Systematic studies and parameter extraction on the way
- ▶ Expected statistics after analyzing total GlueX-I data comparable with KLOE

## 2. Anomalous Decay $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$ :

- ▶ Reconstructed  $\sim 120$   $\eta'$  event candidates in 5% of GlueX-I 2018 data
- ▶ Electron identification crucial for analysis:
  - i) Suppression of  $\pi^\pm$  background
  - ii) Calculation of asymmetry  $A_\phi$
- ▶ Analysis of remaining data set is ongoing
- ▶ Expected to have at least statistics as current BESIII result

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