



# Measurement of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ BR at KLOE.

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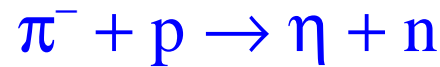


# Outline

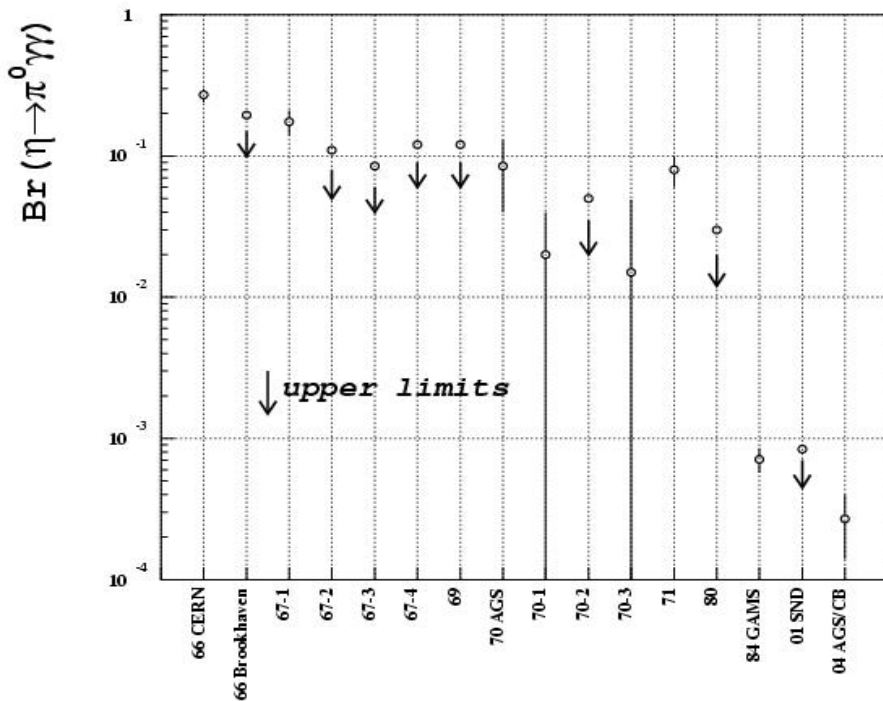
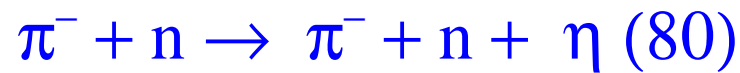
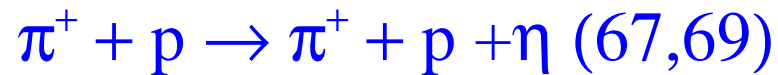
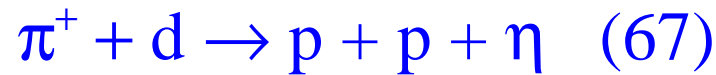
- ◆  $\eta$  production and  $Br$  measurements in past experiments;
- ◆  $\eta$  production mechanism @ KLOE;
- ◆  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$  analysis description;
- ◆ KLOE preliminary result compared with theoretical predictions.



# $\eta$ production and $Br(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma)$ measurements in past experiments



(CERN, Brookhaven, GAMS, Crystal Ball)



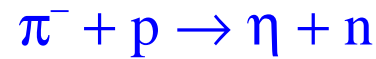


# Most recent measurements



## AGS/Crystal Ball

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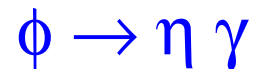
$$N_{\eta} = 3 \times 10^7$$

$$\text{Br}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)$$

$$(2.7 \pm 0.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.5_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-4}$$

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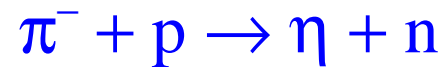


$$N_{\eta} = 2.6 \times 10^5$$

$$< 8.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

## GAMS2000

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$$N_{\eta} = 6 \times 10^5$$

$$(7.2 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-4}$$

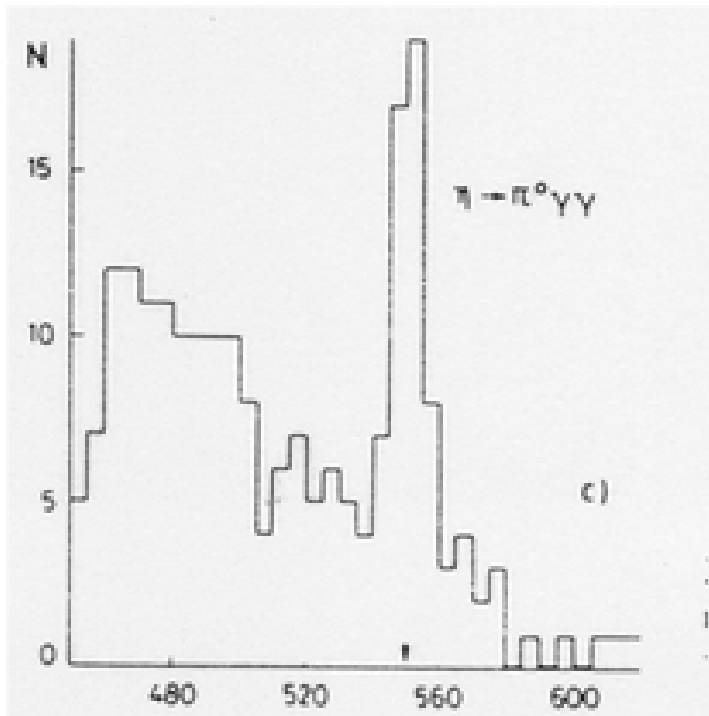


# GAMS - CB comparison

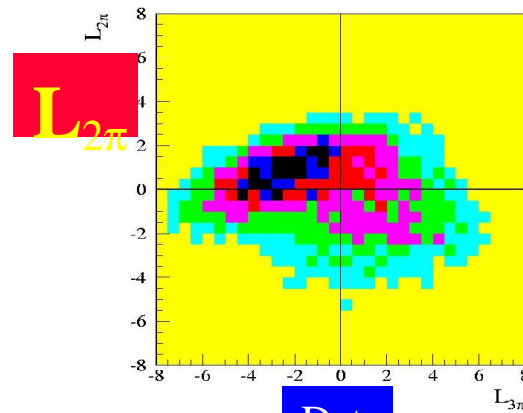


GAMS:  
evidence of the signal

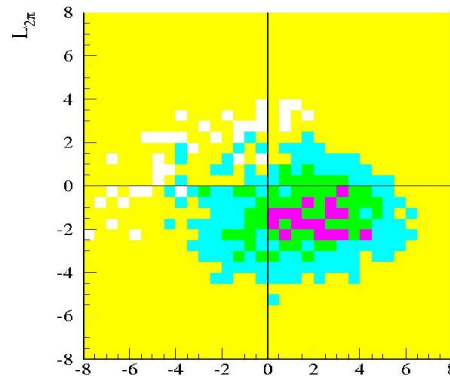
Crystal Ball:  
evidence of the signal



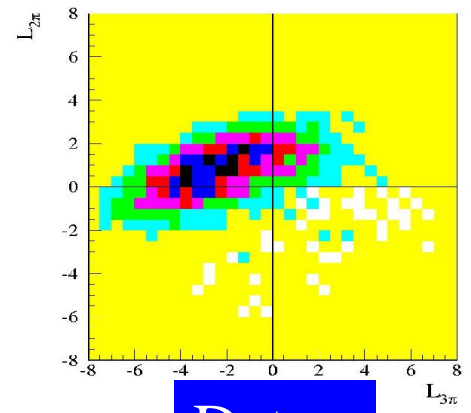
$M(\pi^0\gamma\gamma)$



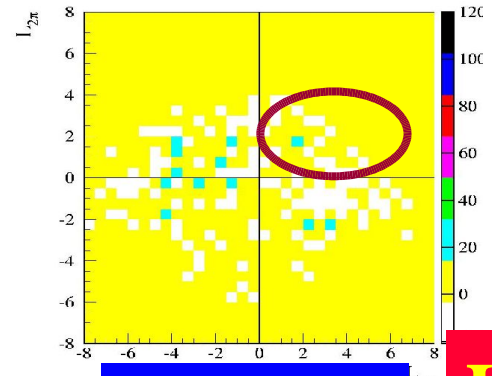
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Data -



Data



Data - 2π⁰





# Theoretical estimate



$L_2$  contributions  
at tree level:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \gamma \quad \pi^0 \\
 \diagdown \quad \diagup \\
 \gamma \quad \eta^8
 \end{array}
 = 0 \quad (Q = 0) \quad \mathbf{p}^2$$

Proportional to the charges,  
idem for  $L_4$  @ tree level.

1-loop contributions  
from  $L_2$  vertices,  
suppressed by G  
parity conservation  
and kaon mass  
suppression:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \gamma \quad \pi^0 \\
 \diagdown \quad \diagup \\
 \gamma \quad \eta^8
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \pi^+, K^+ \\
 \text{---} \\
 \pi^-, K^-
 \end{array}
 \mathbf{p}^4$$

$$\Gamma_{\pi\text{-loops}} = 0.84 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}, \quad \Gamma_{k\text{-loops}} = 2.45 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

$$\mathbf{Br} \sim 3.29 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV} / 1.18 \text{ keV} = 2.8 \times 10^{-6}$$

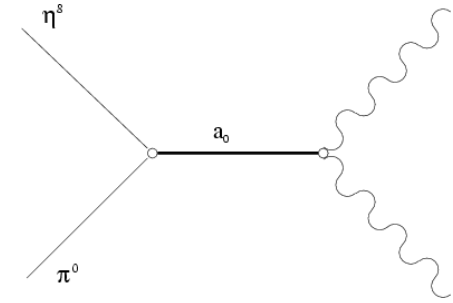
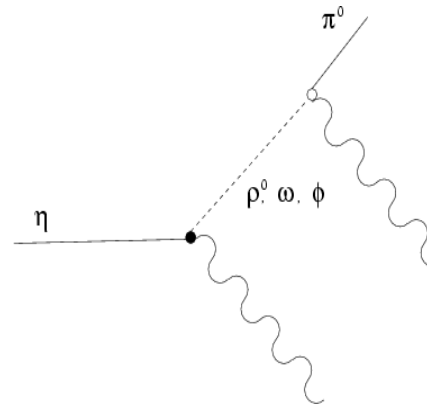


# Estimates of $P^6$ contributes



resonance saturation

$L_6$  coefficient  
determined by the  
meson propagator



$$\Gamma_{\text{VMD}}^6 = 0.18 \text{ eV} \quad \Gamma_{\text{VMD+sc}}^{\text{all}} = 0.42 \pm 0.20 \text{ eV}$$

Extended Nambu Jona-Lasinio

$$\Gamma_{\text{ENJL}}^6 = 0.58 \pm 0.3 \text{ eV}$$

Nambu Jona-Lasinio

$$\Gamma_{\text{NJL}}^6 = 0.11 \text{ eV}$$

Chiral Unitary

$$\Gamma_{\text{Ch Unit}} = 0.47 \pm 0.10 \text{ eV}$$

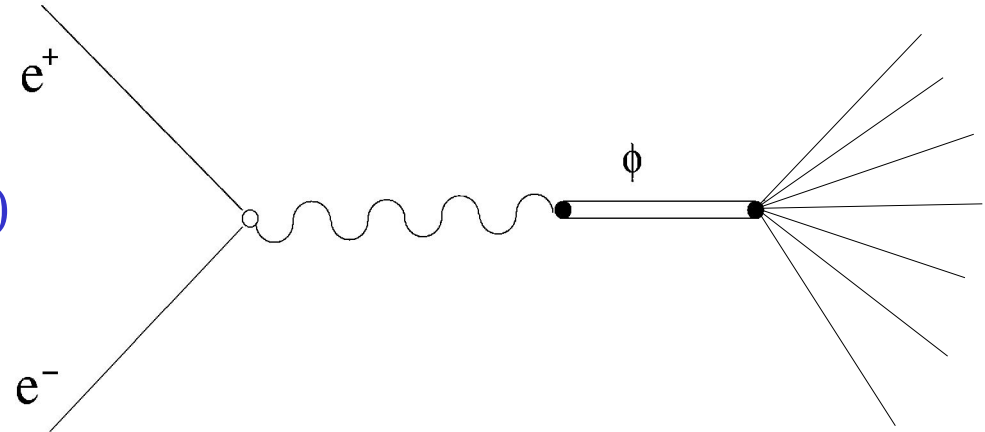


# The DAΦNE $\phi$ -factory

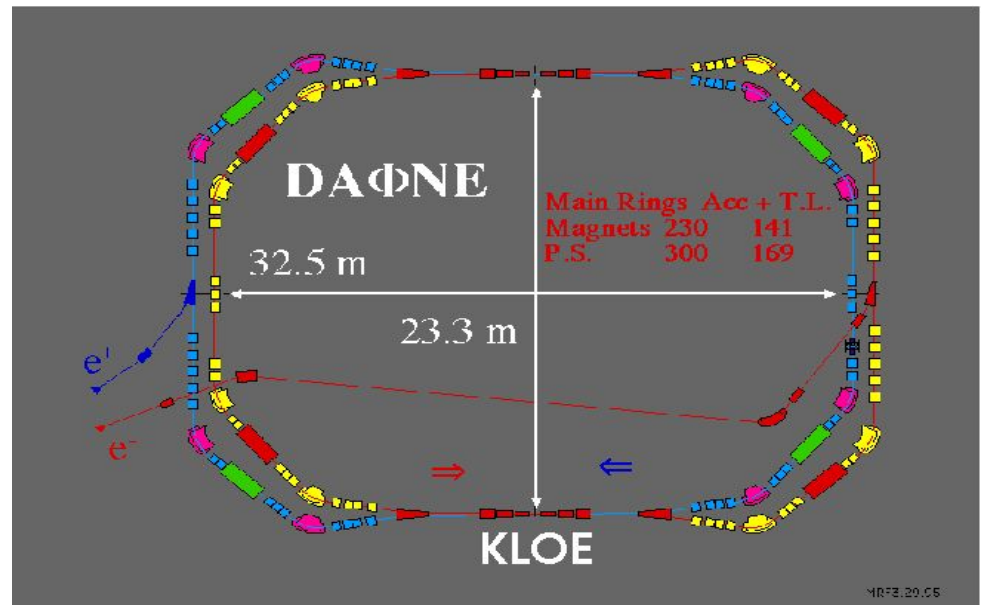
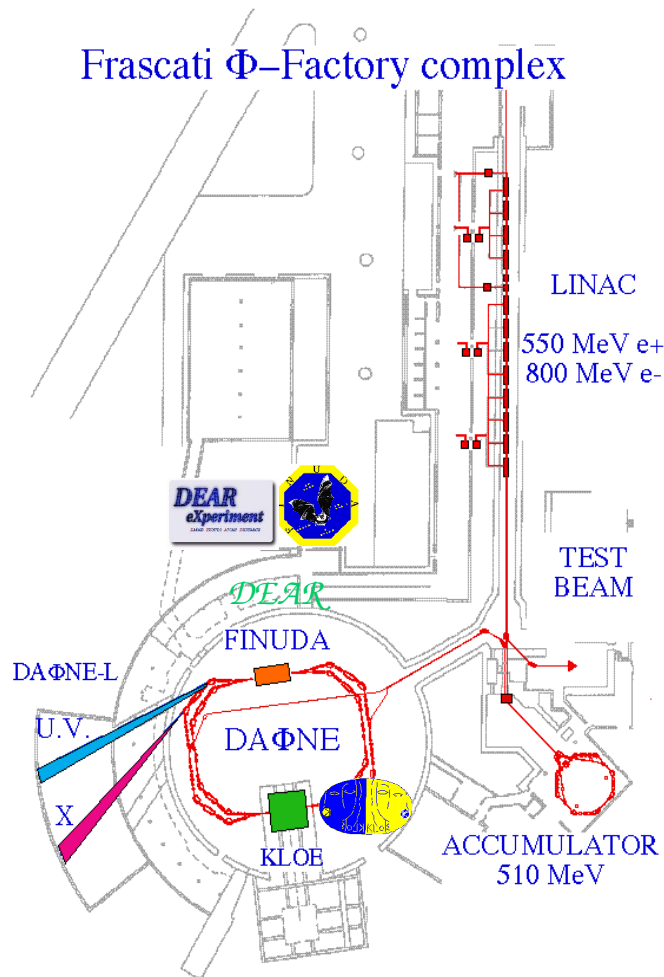
$$\sqrt{s} = M_{\phi} = 1.02 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma(\Phi) \approx 3.3 \mu\text{b}$$

$e^+e^-$  in two separate rings with crossing angle  $\sim 25\text{mrad}$  at IP  
(small  $\Phi$  momentum  $p_{\phi} \sim 13\text{MeV}$ )



Frascati  $\Phi$ -Factory complex







# The KLOE detector



## Electromagnetic Calorimeter (EMC)

Fine sampling Pb (0.5 mm thick) /  
Scifi (1 mm  $\phi$ )

Hermetical coverage

High efficiency for low energy  
photons

$$\sigma_E/E = 5.7\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$$

$$\sigma_t = 54\text{ps}/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$$

## Central drift chamber (DCH)

Large detection volume

Uniform tracking and vertexing in all  
volume

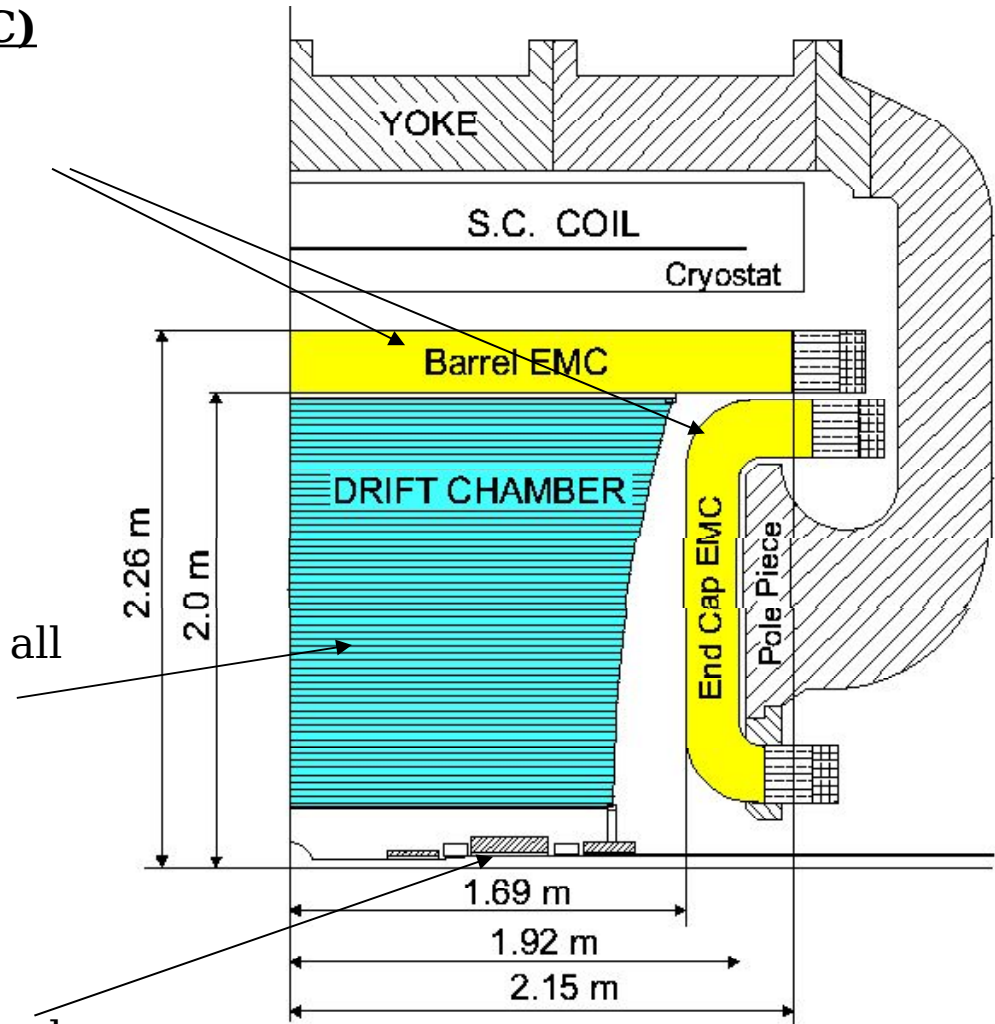
Helium based gas mixture

$$\sigma_v = 1 \text{ mm} \quad \sigma_{pt}/p_t = 0.5\%$$

$$\sigma_{r,\phi} = 200 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \sigma_z = 2 \text{ mm}$$

## Quadrupoles' calorimeter (QCAL)

Pb/Sci tile calorimeter covering quads  
inside KLOE





# ***KLOE collected luminosity***



| <b>Decay</b>                                    | <b>BR(%)</b> |
|---|--------------|
| $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$                      | 49.1         |
| $\phi \rightarrow K_S K_L$                      | 33.8         |
| $\phi \rightarrow \rho \pi / \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ | 15.6         |
| $\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma$                  | 1.26         |

2001+2002 integrated luminosity

$$L_{\text{int}} \sim 450 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

$$N_{\phi} \sim 1.5 \times 10^9$$

$$N_{\eta} \sim 1.9 \times 10^7$$

2004 collected luminosity

$$L_{\text{peak}} = 11 \times 10^{31}$$

$$L_{\text{average}} = 8.3 \times 10^{31}$$

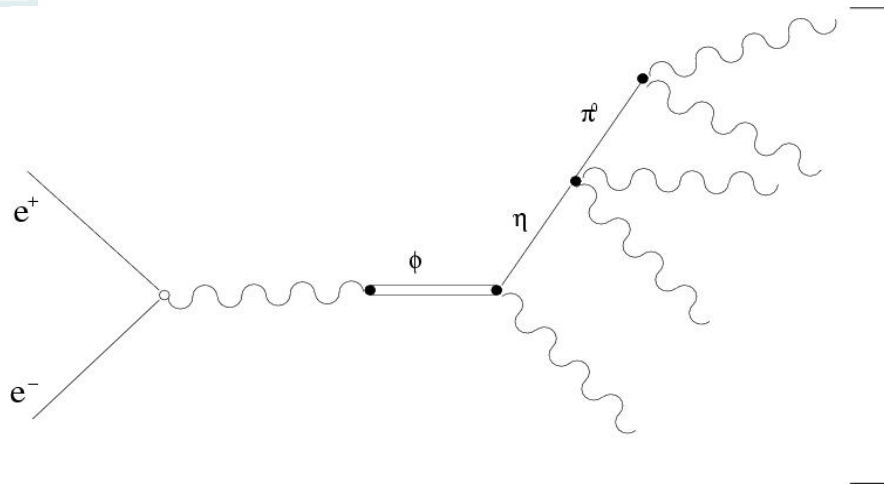
$$L_{\text{int}} = 750 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

2005 estimated luminosity (until July)

$$L_{\text{int}} > 750 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$



# $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ @KLOE



5 $\gamma$   
final state

## Background

< 5 $\gamma$  + accidental

5 $\gamma$

> 5 $\gamma$

$$\phi \rightarrow \eta (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma) \gamma$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \pi^0 (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma) \gamma$$

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- (\gamma), e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$

$$\phi \rightarrow f_0 (\rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) \gamma$$

$$\phi \rightarrow a_0 (\rightarrow \eta \pi^0) \gamma$$

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \omega (\rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma) \pi^0$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \rho^0 (\rightarrow \eta \gamma) \pi^0, \rho^0 (\rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma) \pi^0$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \eta (\rightarrow 3 \pi^0) \gamma$$

2 lost

1 lost – 1 merged

2 merged



# Signal and accidental background topologies



$$\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma_\phi$$

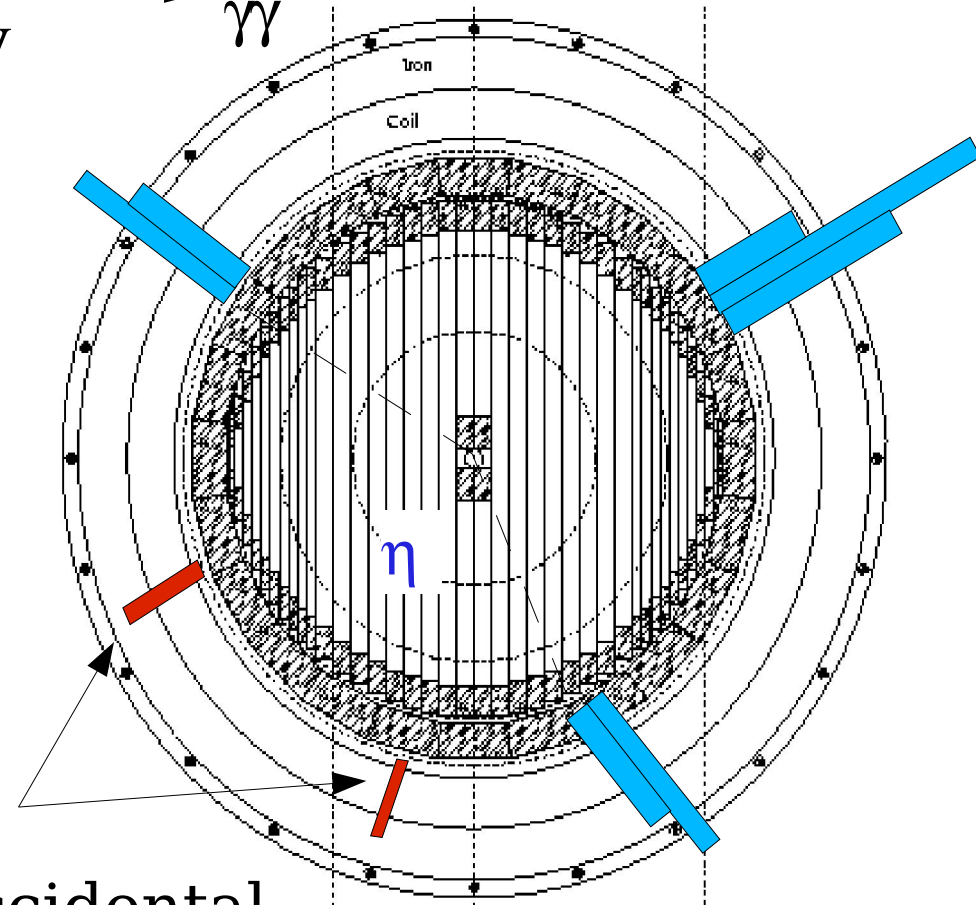
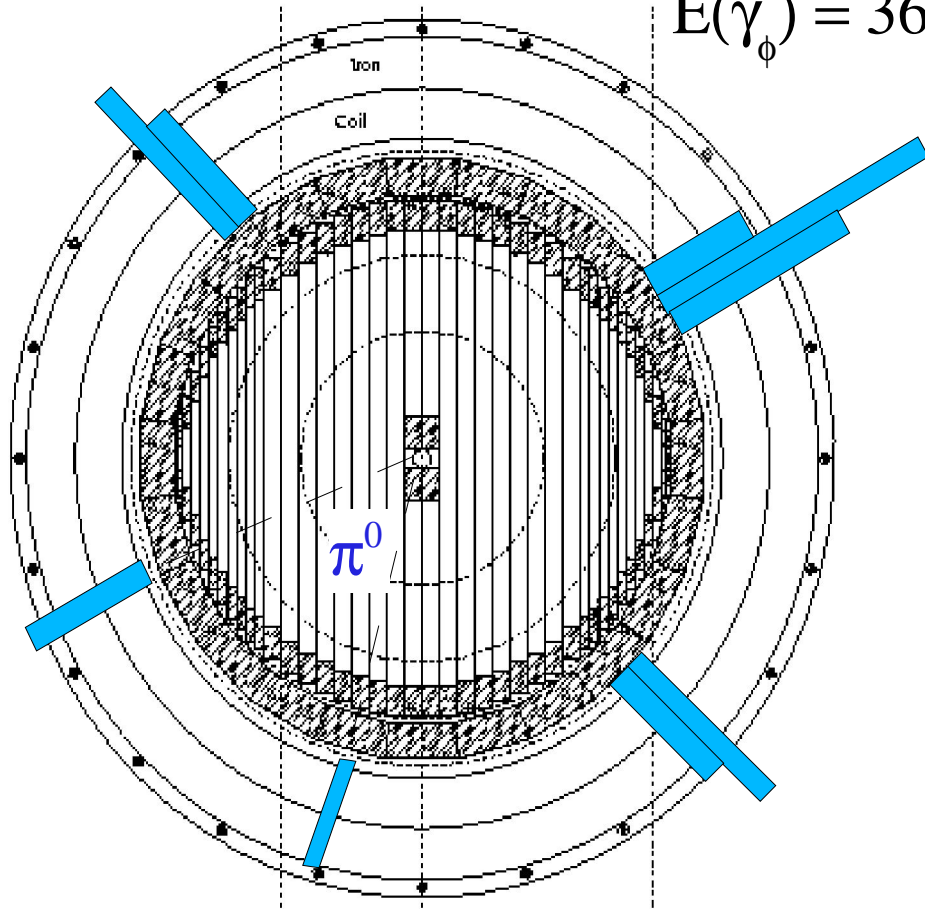
$$\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma_\phi$$

$$E(\gamma_\phi) = 363 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\pi^0 \gamma \gamma$$

$$E(\gamma_\phi) = 363 \text{ MeV}$$

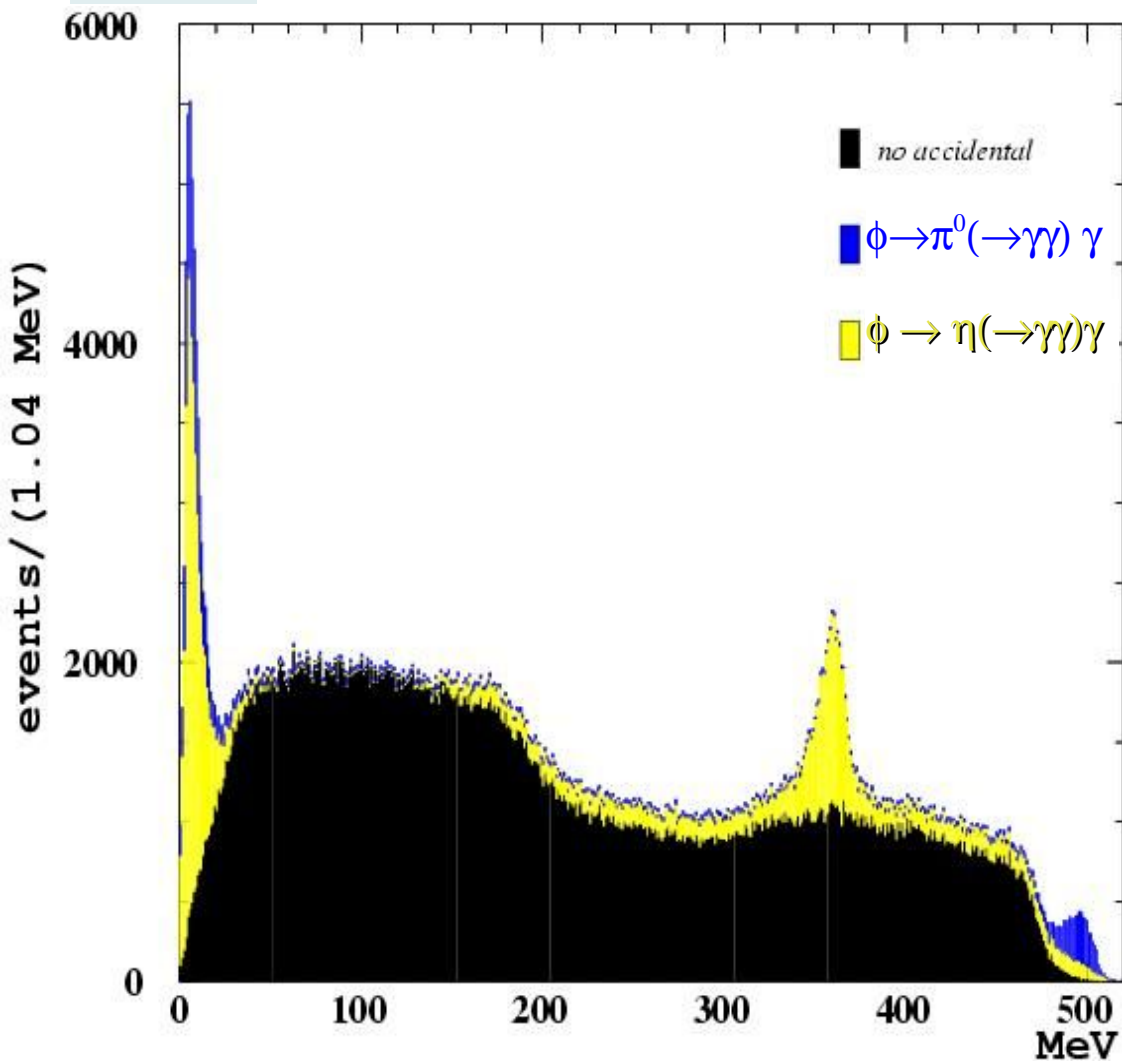
$$\gamma \gamma$$



accidental clusters



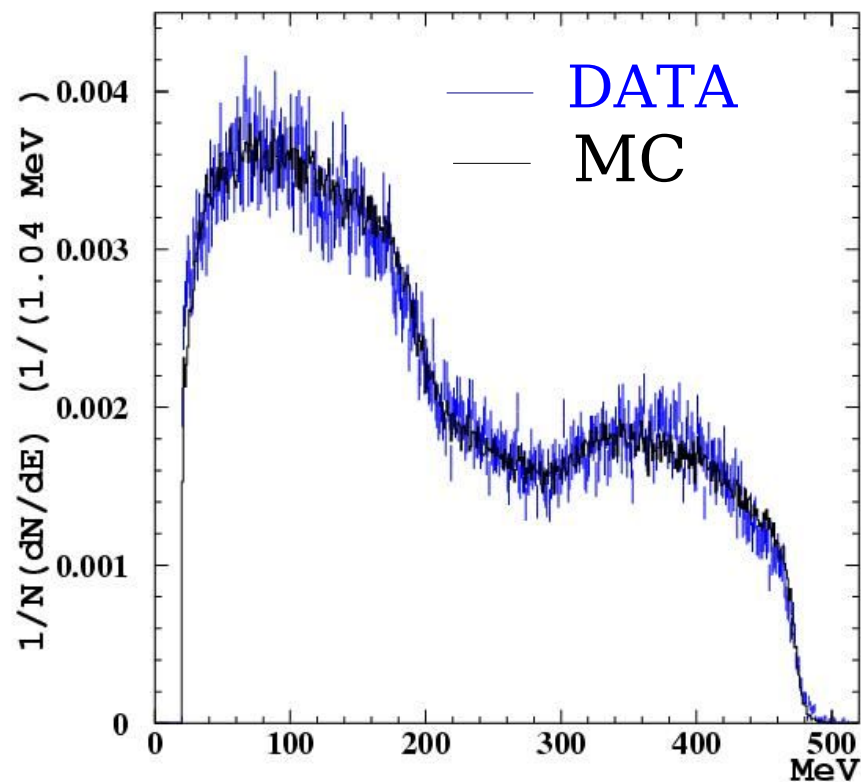
**< 5  $\gamma$  + accidental rejection**



Inclusive  $\gamma$  energy  
after kinematic fit

$$E_{\gamma} > 20 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\theta_{\gamma} > 21^{\circ}$$



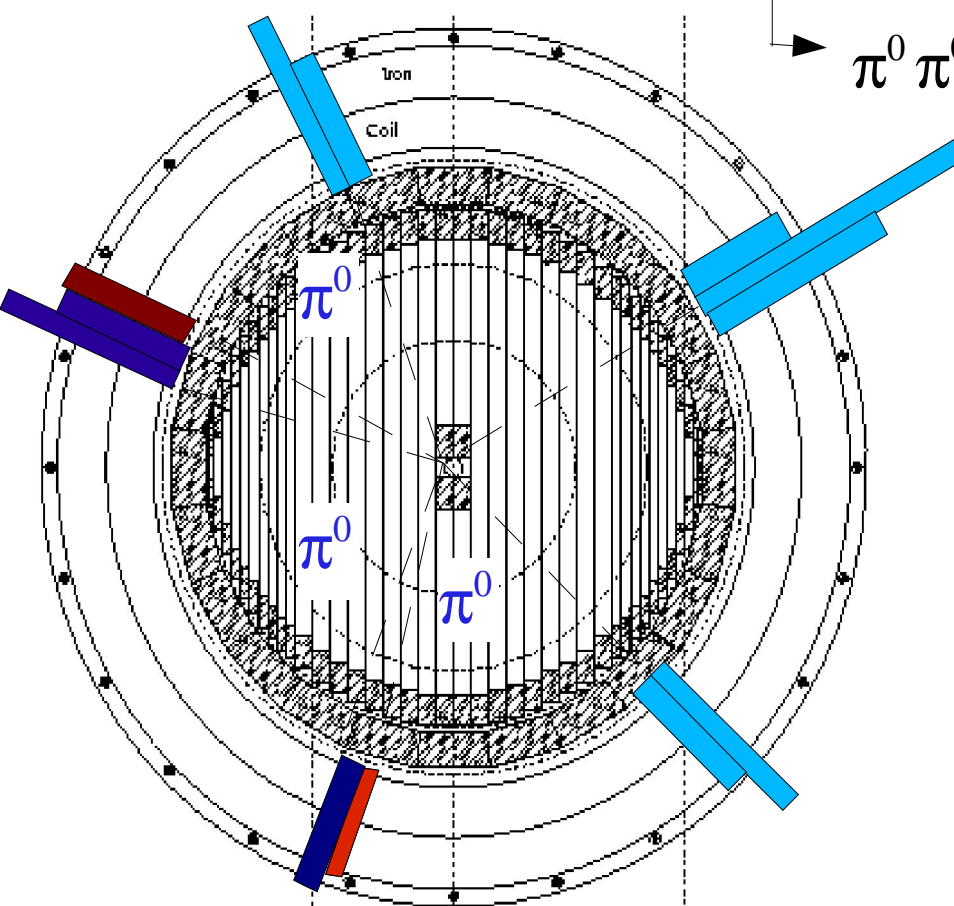


# Merged clusters background topology

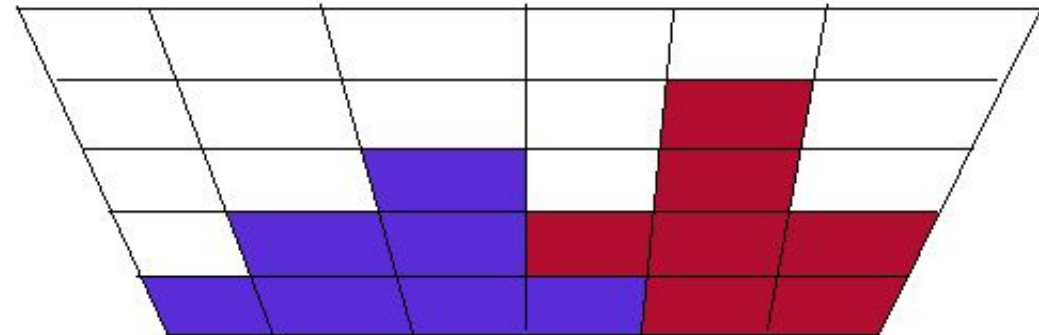


$$\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma_\phi$$

$$\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 \quad 7\gamma$$



Cluster shape variables  
are used to identify  
merged clusters





# Merged cluster identification



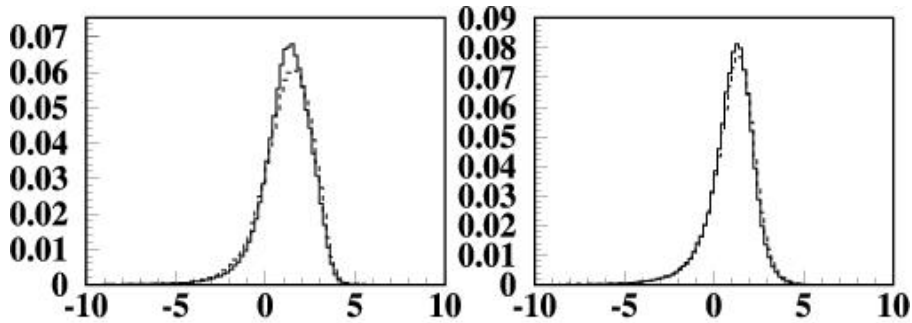
$$r = \log \left( \frac{L^{\text{good}}}{L^{\text{merged}}} \right)$$

good-merged  
discrimination

— good  
— merged

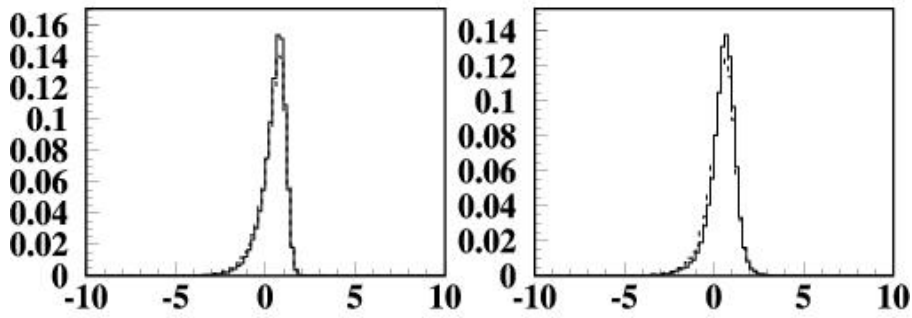
DATA-MC  
comparison

— DATA  
- - - MC



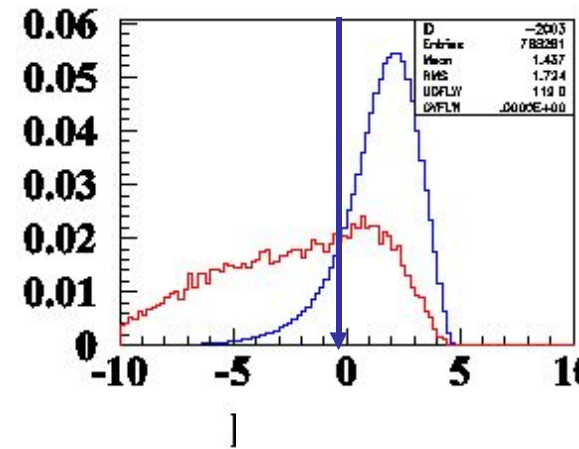
barrel > 3 hits

endcap > 3 hits

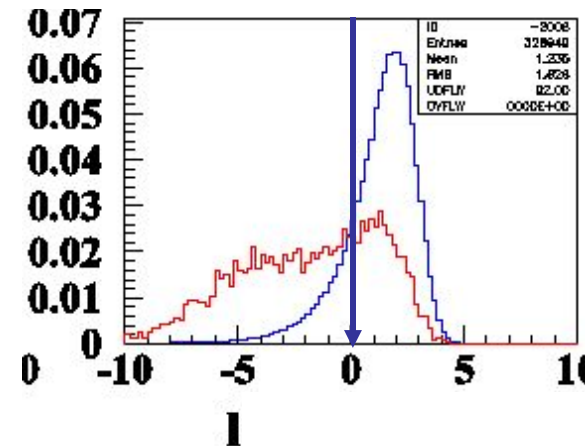


barrel 3 hits

endcap 3 hits



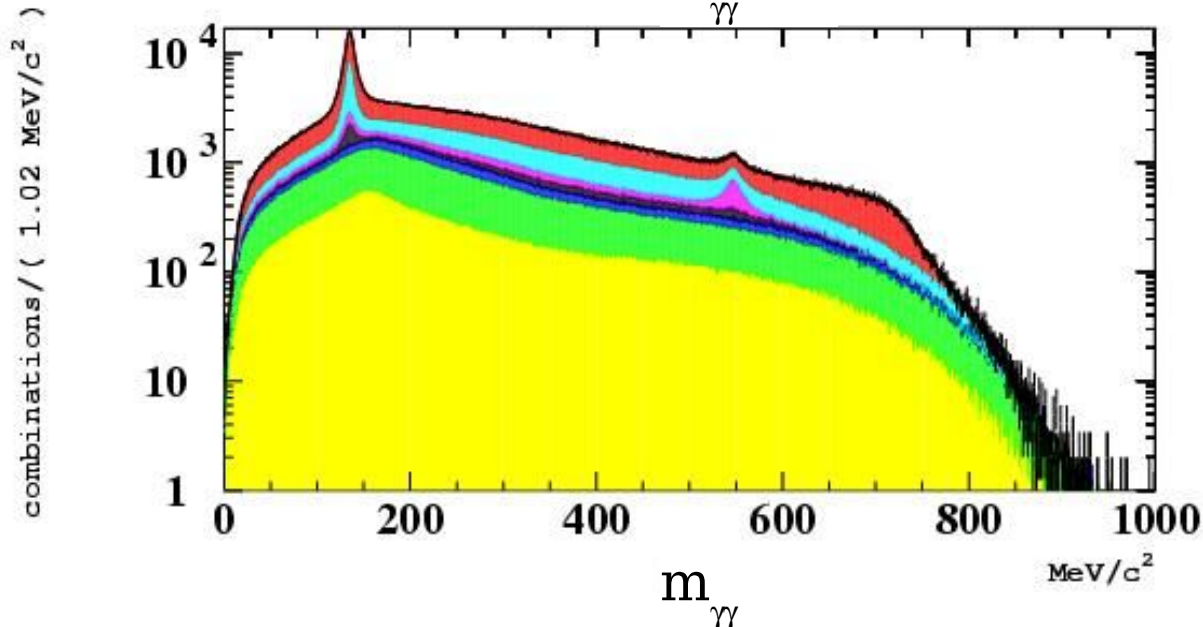
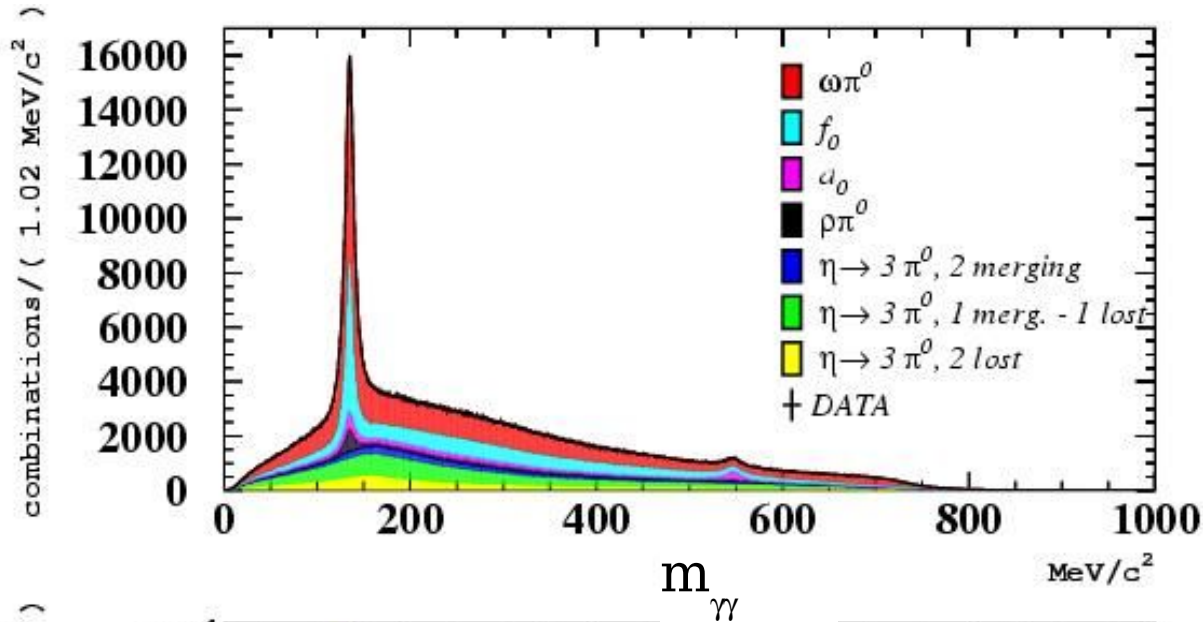
barrel



endcap



# Background composition



Background composition obtained by fitting  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution

## Correction factors

| Channel                | Correction factor |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| $\omega\pi^0$          | $0.704 \pm 0.008$ |
| $f_0$                  | $1.07 \pm 0.04$   |
| $a_0$                  | $0.68 \pm 0.04$   |
| $\rho\pi^0$            | $0.4 \pm 0.1$     |
| $\eta$ 2 merged        | $2.9 \pm 0.3$     |
| $\eta$ 1 lost 1 merged | $1.50 \pm 0.09$   |
| $\eta$ 2 lost          | $0.76 \pm 0.06$   |

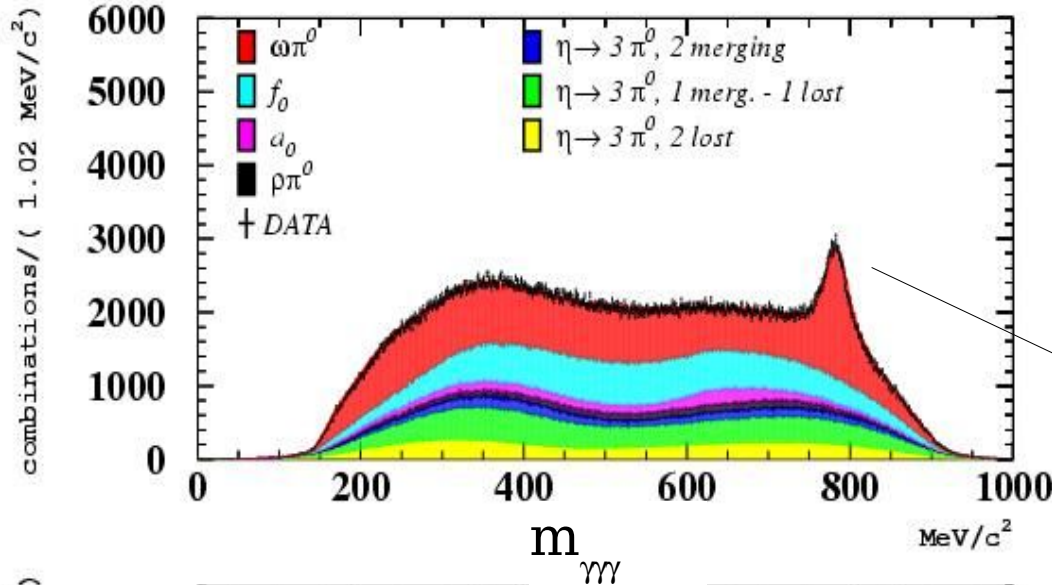
$\sim 900$  bins

$\chi^2 = 1.2$



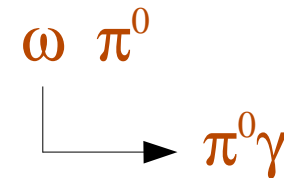
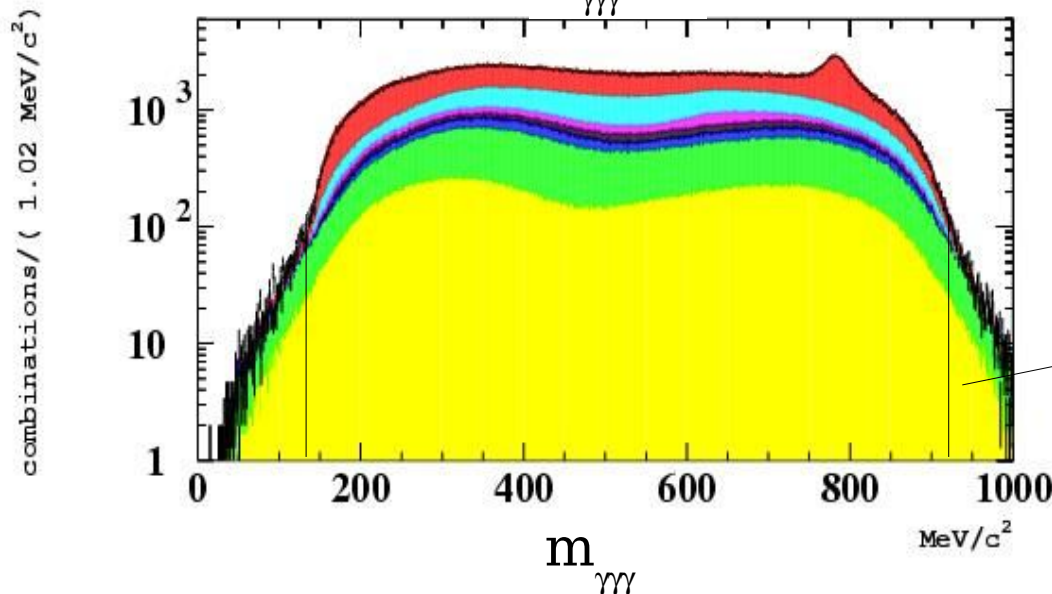


# Background composition checked on $m_{3\gamma}$ plots



Correction factors obtained by the previous fit

Very nice reproduction of the  $\omega$  peak



Completely given by the 2 lost and 1 merged-1 lost normalization



# 5 $\gamma$ rejection



$$\phi \rightarrow f_0(\rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) \gamma$$

$$\phi \rightarrow a_0(\rightarrow \eta \pi^0) \gamma$$

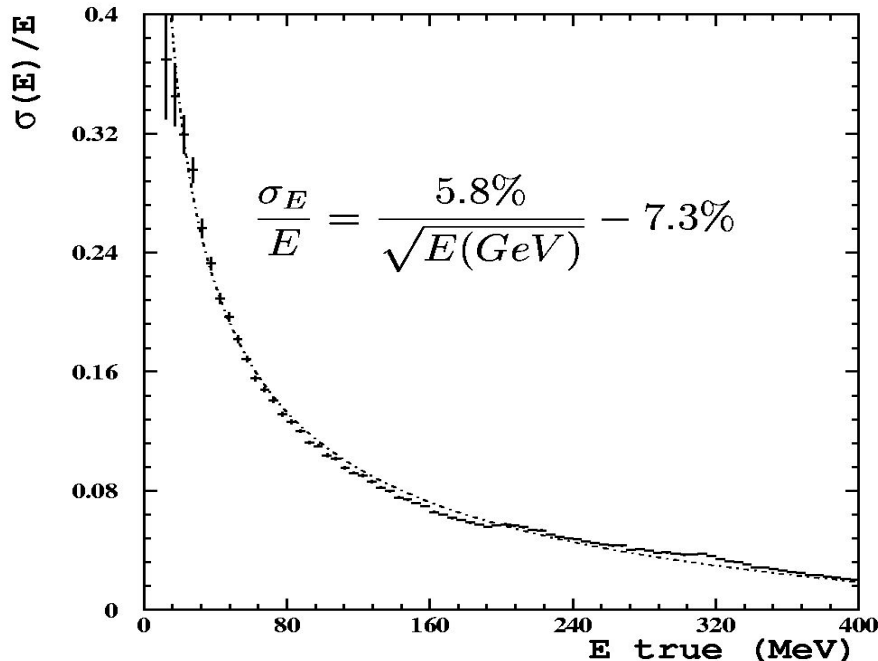
$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \omega(\rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma) \pi^0$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \rho^0(\rightarrow \eta \gamma) \pi^0, \rho^0(\rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma) \pi^0$$

$$S^2(2\pi^0) = \frac{(m(\gamma_1 \gamma_2) - m(\pi^0))^2}{\sigma_{m(\pi^0)}^2} + \frac{(m(\gamma_2 \gamma_3) - m(\pi^0))^2}{\sigma_{m(\pi^0)}^2}$$

$$S^2(\eta \pi^0) = \frac{(m(\gamma_1 \gamma_2) - m(\pi^0))^2}{\sigma_{m(\pi^0)}^2} + \frac{(m(\gamma_2 \gamma_3) - m(\eta))^2}{\sigma_{m(\eta)}^2}$$

$$S^2(\omega \pi^0) = \frac{(m(\gamma_1 \gamma_2) - m(\pi^0))^2}{\sigma_{m(\pi^0)}^2} + \frac{(m(\gamma_2 \gamma_3) - m(\pi^0))^2}{\sigma_{m(\pi^0)}^2} + \frac{(m(\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3) - m(\omega))^2}{\sigma_{m(\omega)}^2}$$



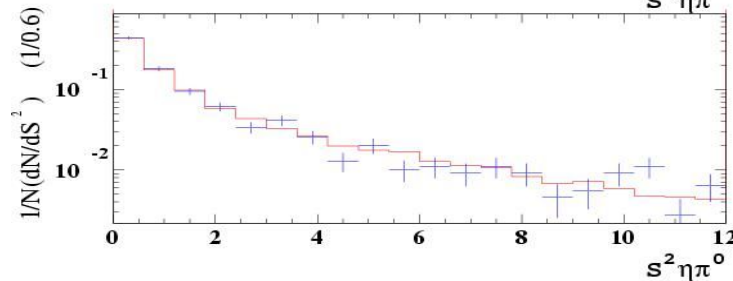
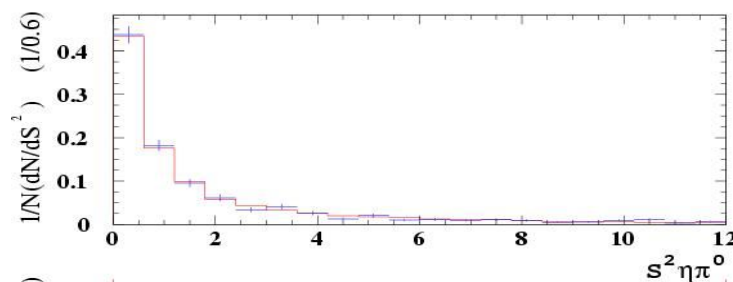
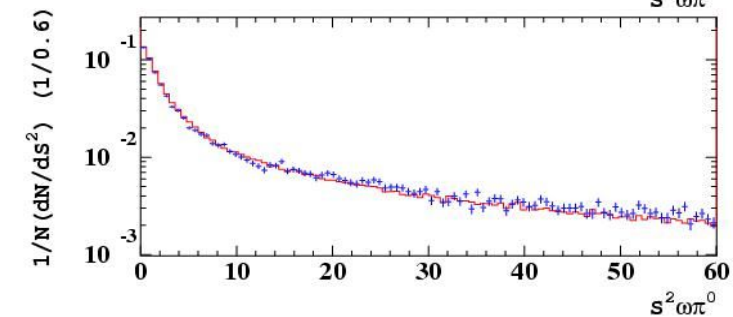
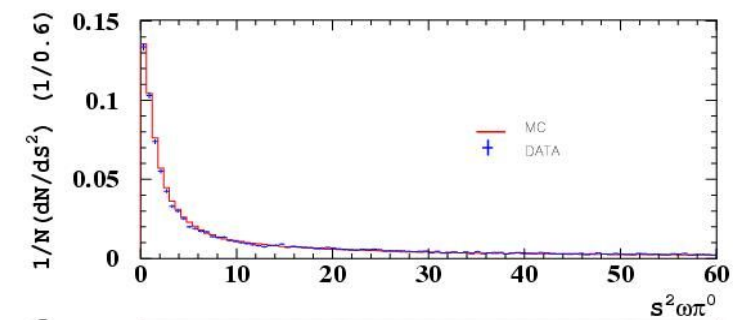
Rejected vetoing the  $\pi^0 \pi^0, \eta, \omega$  masses.



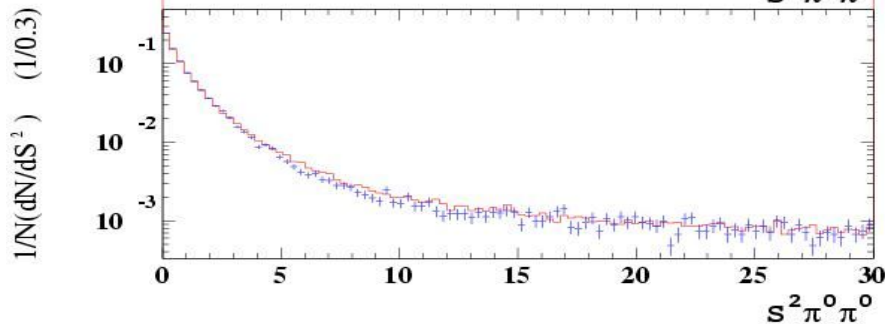
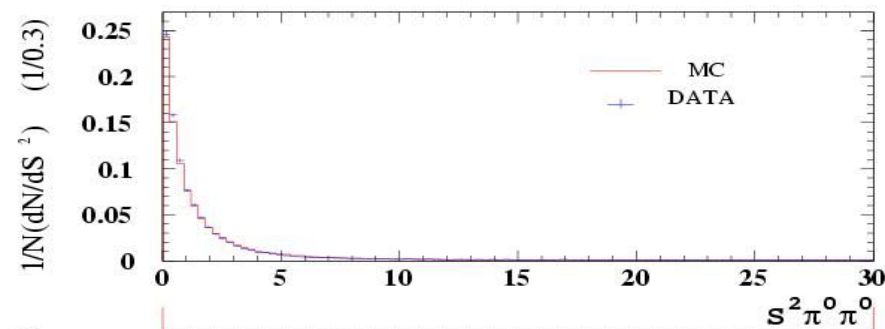
# DATA-MC comparison of the $S^2$ variables



Good DATA-MC agreement



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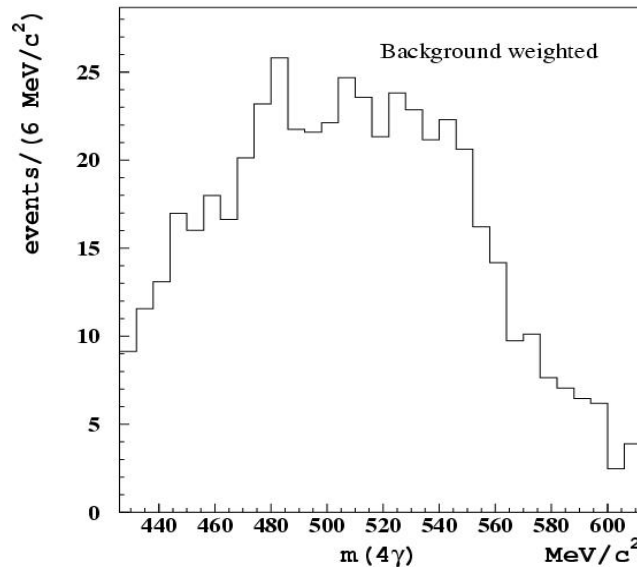


# $m_{4\gamma}$ distribution for signal and background

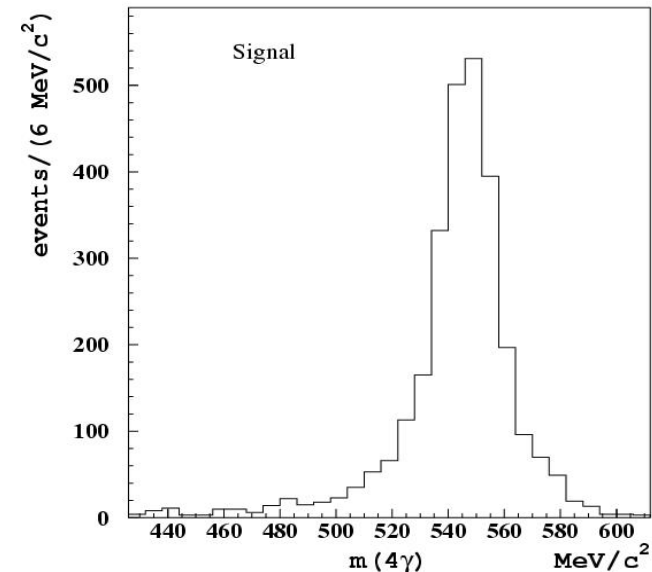


The signal content is evaluated by fitting the  $m_{4\gamma}$  distribution of the less energetic photons. A binned likelihood approach is used, taking into account the finite size of MC statistic.

$m_{4\gamma}$  distribution of the background, obtained by the MC simulation.

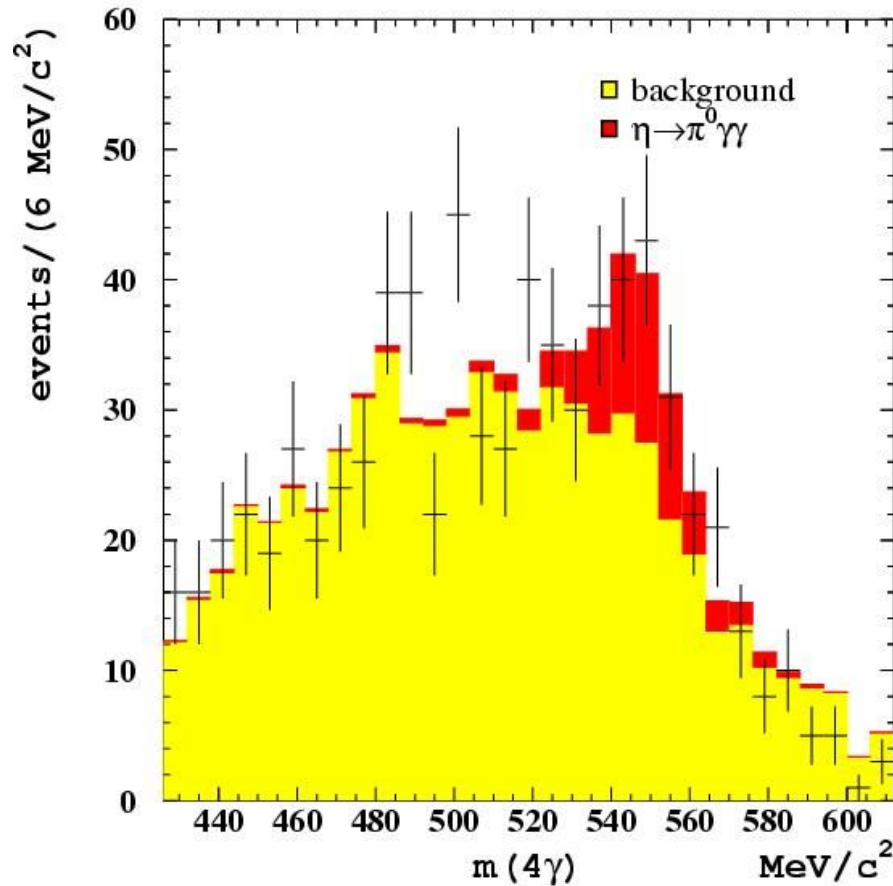


$m_{4\gamma}$  distribution of the signal, obtained by the MC simulation.





# Preliminary fit result



The shape of background + signal after fit well reproduce the DATA.

$$P_{\text{bkg}} = 0.907 \pm 0.049$$

$$P_{\text{sig}} = 0.093 \pm 0.031$$

$$N_{\text{DATA}} = 735$$

$$N_{\text{bkg}} = 667 \pm 36 \quad N_{\text{sig}} = 68 \pm 23$$

$$\epsilon(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = 4.63 \pm 0.09 \text{ (only stat)}$$

$$N(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0) = 2288882$$

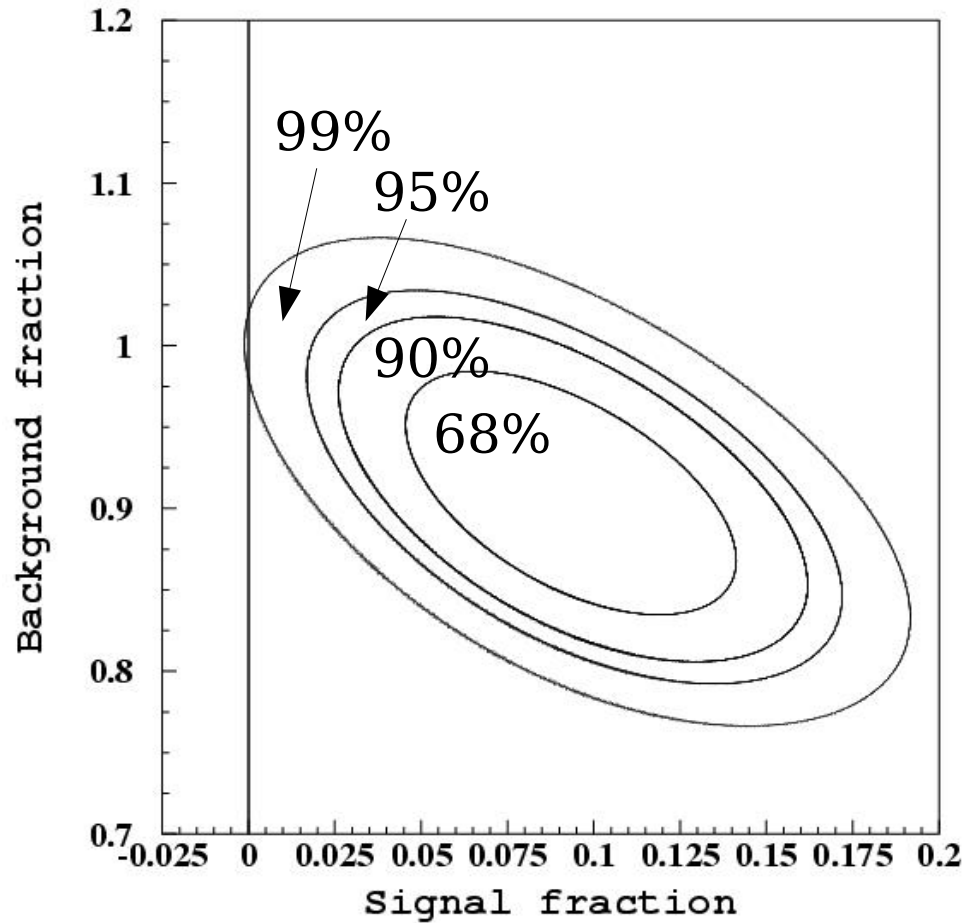
$$\epsilon(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0) = 0.378 \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.01_{\text{stat}}$$

$$\frac{Br(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)}{Br(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0)} = \frac{N(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) \cdot \epsilon(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0)}{N(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0) \cdot \epsilon(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)} = (2.43 \pm 0.82) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$Br(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (8.0 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-5}$$



# Statistical significance





# *Br dependence by the bin width for $m_{4\gamma}$*



**Bin width variation:**

**2 – 9 MeV**

**chosen bin width:**

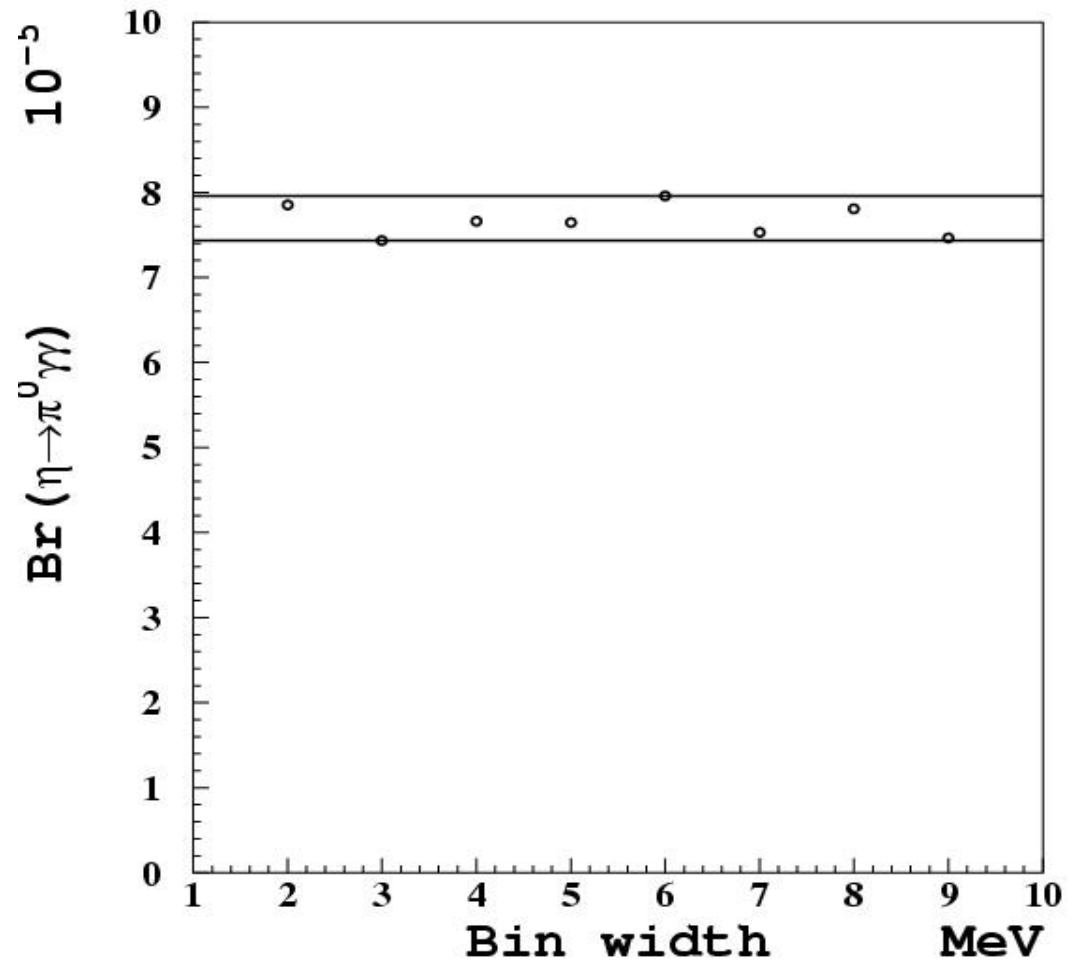
**6 MeV**

**correction:**

**$-0.26 \times 10^{-5}$**

**error:**

**$0.26 \times 10^{-5}$**





# *Br dependence by the lower cut on $m_{4\gamma}$*



**cut variation:**

**378 – 478 MeV**

**chosen cut:**

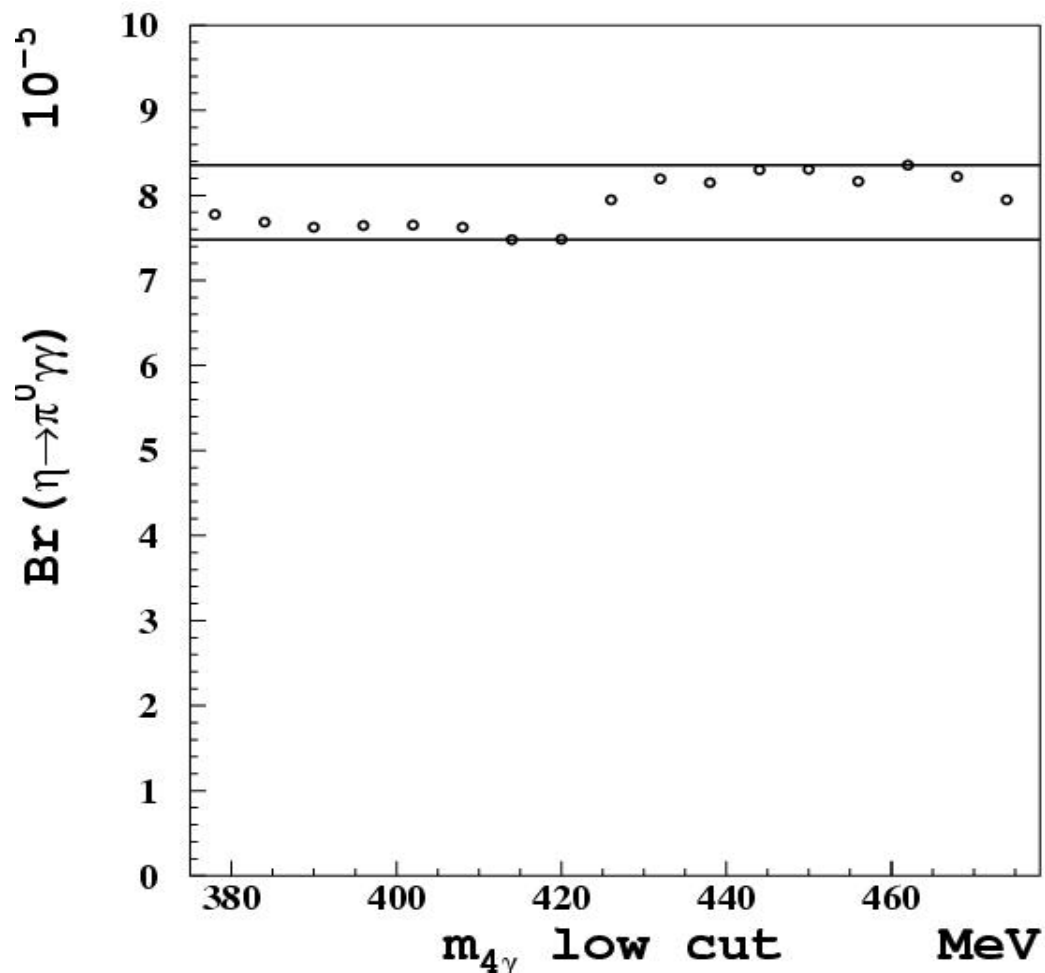
**426 MeV**

**correction:**

**0.**

**error:**

**$0.44 \times 10^{-5}$**







# *Br dependence by the higher cut on $m_{4\gamma}$*



**cut variation:**

**570 – 720 MeV**

**chosen cut:**

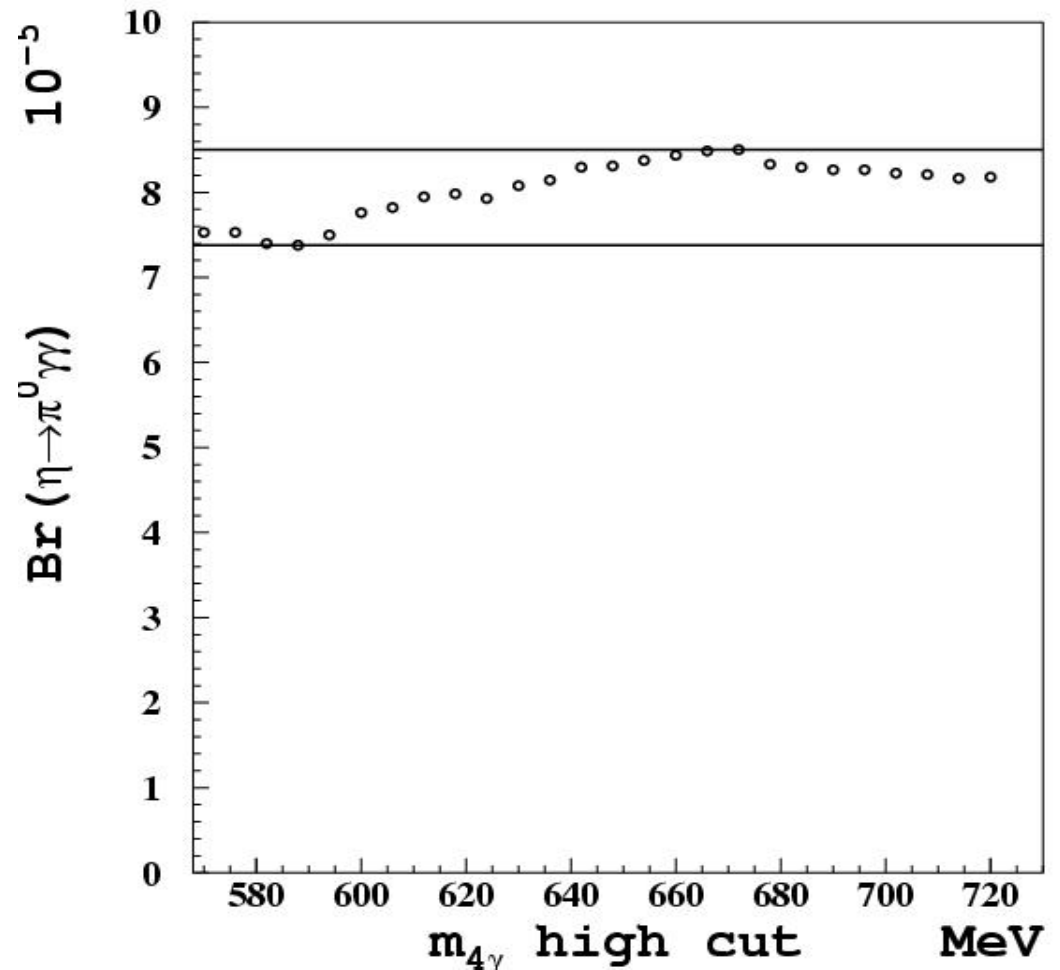
**612 MeV**

**correction:**

**0.**

**error:**

**$0.56 \times 10^{-5}$**





# Preliminary result



## Preliminary systematic error

bin width  $0.26 \times 10^{-5}$

low energy cut  $0.44 \times 10^{-5}$

high energy cut  $0.56 \times 10^{-5}$

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Overall  $0.8 \times 10^{-5}$

## correction

Fit result  $8.0 \times 10^{-5}$

bin width correction  $-0.26 \times 10^{-5}$

Result  $7.7 \times 10^{-5}$

## Result

$$\text{Br}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = (7.7 \pm 2.7 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-5}$$

Preliminary



# Comparison with theoretical predictions



■  $p^6$  calculation seems enough

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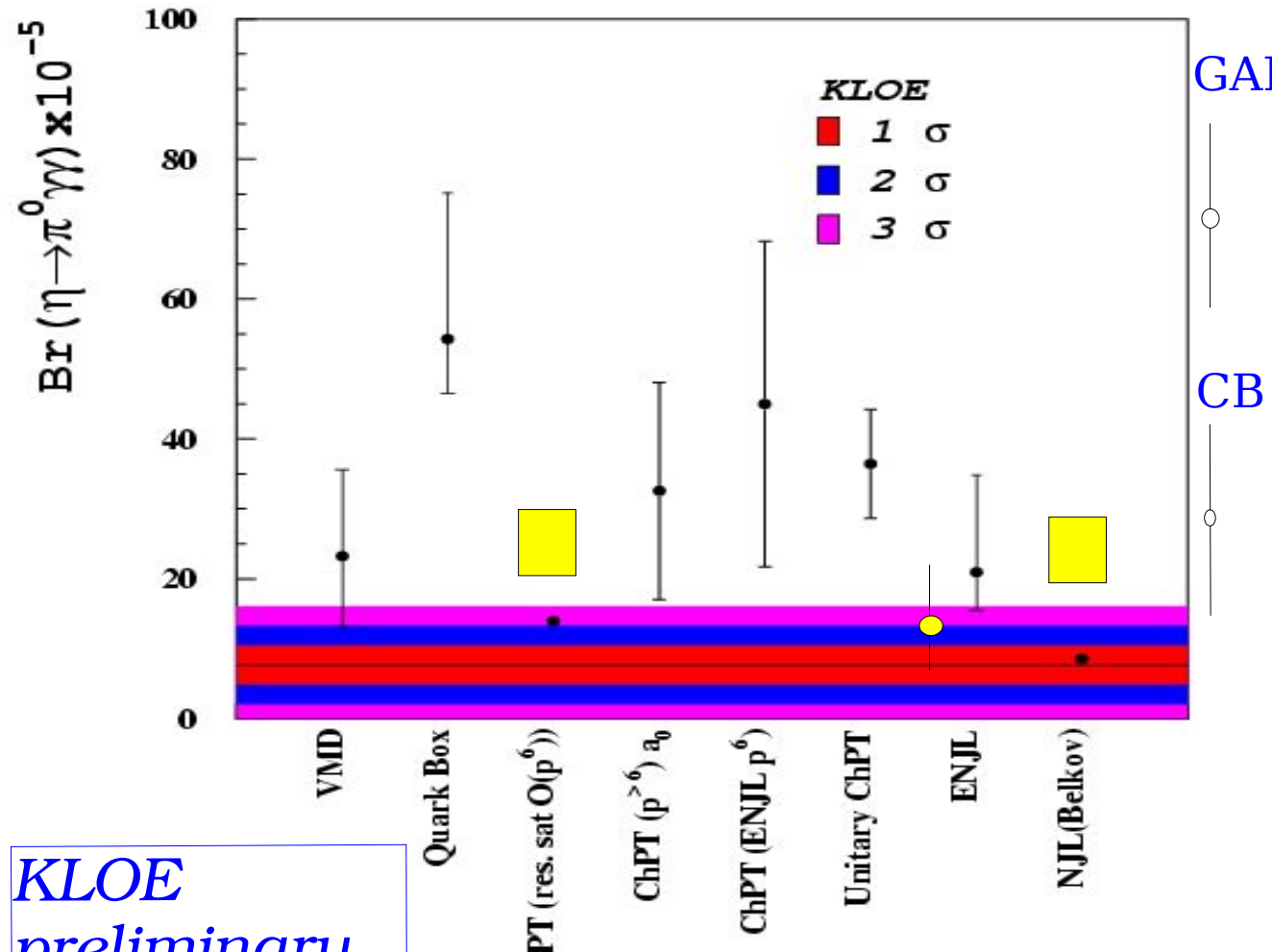
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GAMS

CB

KLOE preliminary



# Conclusions

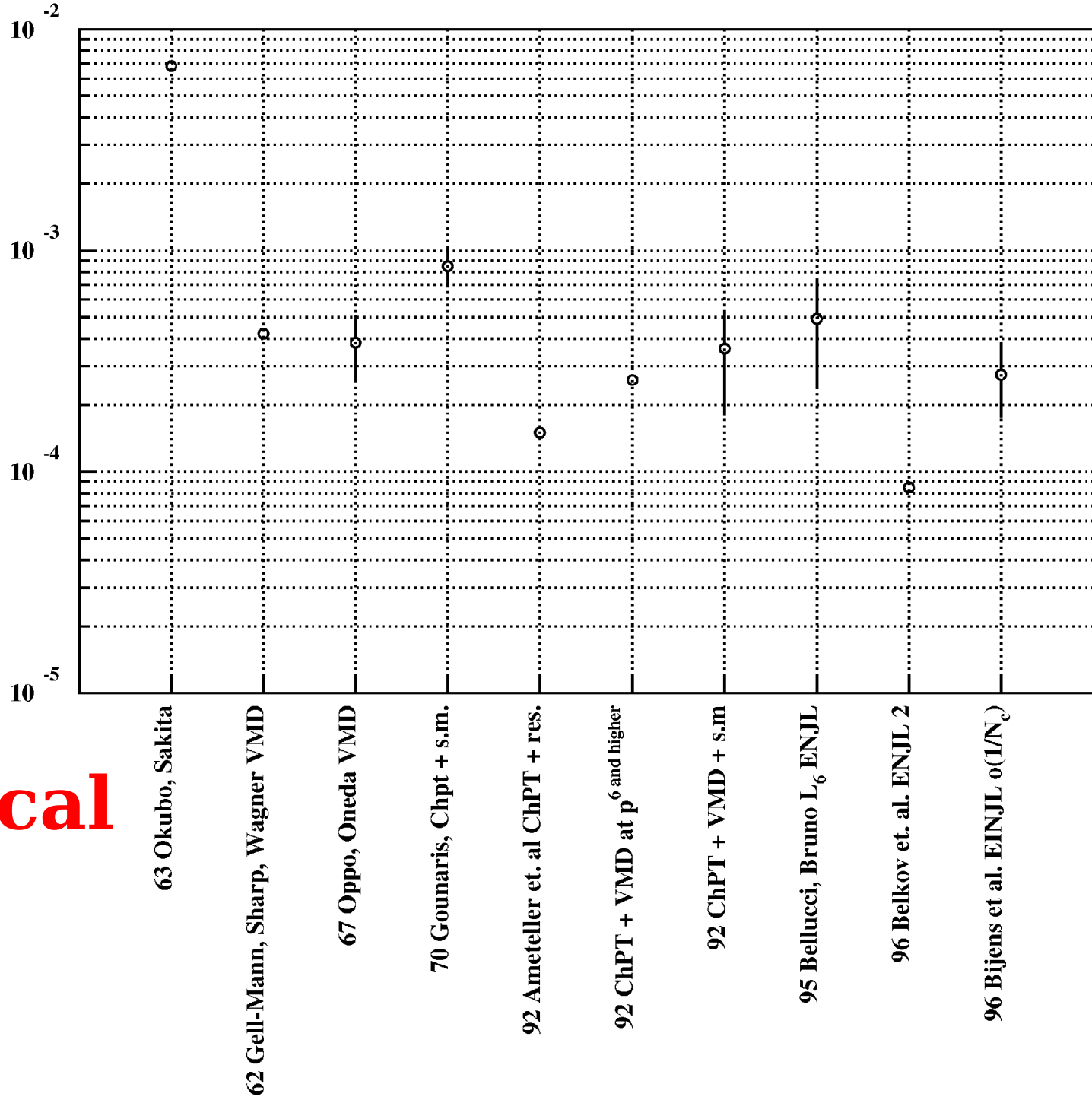


- ◆ KLOE and CB measurements are in disagreement with the GAMS observation;
- ◆ The confirmation of KLOE result will indicate a successfully explanation of the decay rate by the  $P^6$  ChPT ;
- ◆ With 2004+2005 KLOE DATA the statistical error on the measurement can go down to 10% level.



# Theoretical history

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# Merged clusters identification



Shower shape variables are used to identify merged clusters :

mean

$$x, y, z, t_{\text{mean}} = \frac{\sum_i^{\text{n. cells}} x_i \cdot E_i}{\sum_i^{\text{n. cells}} E_i}$$

rms

$$x, y, z, t_{\text{rms}} = \frac{\sum_i^{\text{n. cells}} E_i \cdot (x_i - x_{\text{mean}})^2}{\sum_i^{\text{n. cells}} E_i}$$

skewness

$$x, y, z, t_{\text{skew}} = \frac{\sum_i^{\text{n. cells}} (x_i - x_{\text{mean}})^3}{\sum_i^{\text{n. cells}} E_i}$$

We find the distribution of this variables ( $\xi_k$ ) for good clusters and for merged ones, then we build the likelihood:

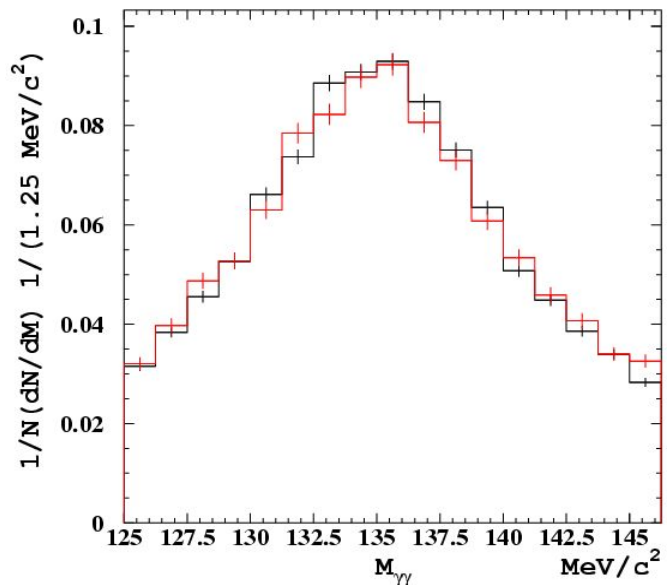
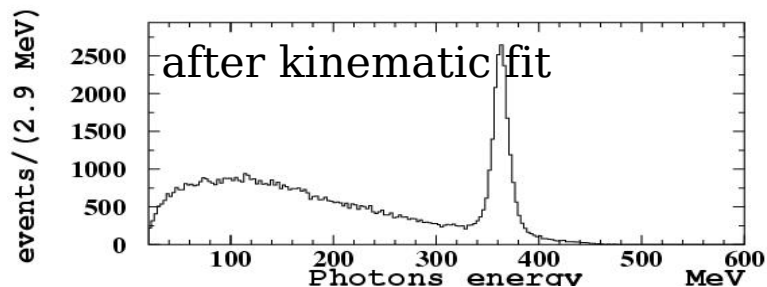
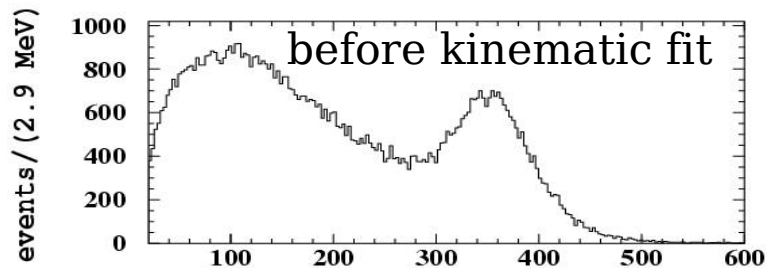
$$L^{\text{good, merged}} = \prod f_k^{\text{good, merged}}(\xi_k)$$

and we use the ratio as a discriminating variable:

$$r = \log \left( \frac{L^{\text{good}}}{L^{\text{merged}}} \right)$$



# DATA-MC comparison of energy distribution



The most energetic photon is, in the main part of cases, the recoil photon of the  $\phi \rightarrow \eta\gamma$  decay (363 MeV)

We build the invariant mass  $m_{4\gamma}$  of the 4 less energetic photons to search for the signal.

## DATA – MC comparison

— DATA  
— MC

the  $\pi^0$  peak is well reproduced

$$m_{\pi}(\text{MC}) = 134.93 \pm 0.04 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_{\pi}(\text{DATA}) = 135.08 \pm 0.07 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



# Expected background



| Background channel     | N. events | N. events corrected |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| $\omega\pi^0$          | 142       | 99.83               |
| $f_0$                  | 53        | 56.71               |
| $a_0$                  | 72        | 49.46               |
| $\rho\pi^0$            | 41        | 18.27               |
| $\eta$ 2 merged        | 24        | 70.21               |
| $\eta$ 1 lost 1 merged | 125       | 187.2               |
| $\eta$ 2 lost          | 213       | 160.82              |
| Total                  | 669       | 642                 |