

# Properties of the $\eta$ and $\eta'$ mesons from lattice QCD

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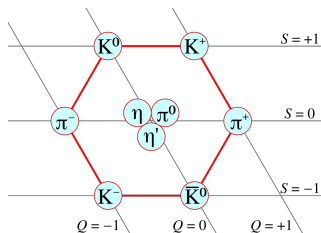
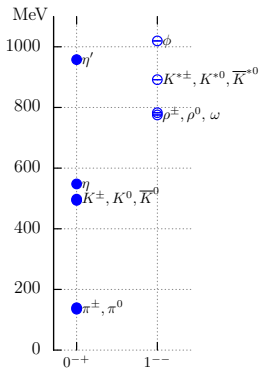


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# Outline

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- ★ Previous work on the lattice.
- ★ Simulation details: Extracting  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$  masses and decay constants.
- ★ Large- $N_c$  ChPT.
- ★ Results: continuum limit at physical quark masses, LECs.
- ★ Singlet axial Ward identity, gluonic decay constants.
- ★ Summary.

# Pseudoscalar meson nonet



If  $\exists$  SU(3) flavour symmetry ( $u, d, s$ ) then for  $\bar{q}q$  we have  $\bar{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{1}$ .

octet:  $\pi^0, \pi^\pm, K^\pm, K^0, \bar{K}^0, \eta$ ,

singlet:  $\eta'$ .

$$\eta = \eta_8 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} - 2s\bar{s}), \quad \eta' = \eta_0 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}).$$

# Pseudoscalar meson nonet

Classical global symmetries of  $\mathcal{L}_{QCD}$  for  $m_u = m_d = m_s = 0$ :

$$SU_A(3) \times SU_V(3) \times U_A(1) \times U_V(1) \longrightarrow SU_V(3) \times U_V(1)$$

$SU_A(3)$  chiral symmetry spontaneously broken at  $T < T_c$ ,

8 Nambu-Goldstone bosons:  $\pi^0, \pi^\pm, K^\pm, K^0, \bar{K}^0, \eta_8$ .

$U_A(1)$  symmetry broken due to quantum corrections (axial anomaly).

$\eta_0$  is heavier than octet mesons.

Physical ( $m_s > m_u \approx m_d > 0$ )  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  are no flavour eigenstates.

$\rightsquigarrow$  state mixing picture between  $\eta_8$  and  $\eta_0$  based on an effective Lagrangian.

## Axial-Ward Identity

$$m_q = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \hat{A}_\mu^8 = 0, \quad \partial_\mu \hat{A}_\mu^0 = \sqrt{6} \hat{\omega}.$$

Finite  $m_q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu \hat{A}_\mu^8 &= \frac{2}{3} (\hat{m}_\ell + 2\hat{m}_s) \hat{P}^8 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \delta\hat{m} \hat{P}^0, \\ \partial_\mu \hat{A}_\mu^0 &= \frac{2}{3} (2\hat{m}_\ell + \hat{m}_s) \hat{P}^0 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \delta\hat{m} \hat{P}^8 + \sqrt{6} \hat{\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

with e.g.  $\hat{A}^{8\mu} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 t^8 \psi$  and  $\hat{P}^8 = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 t^8 \psi$ ,  $\psi = (u, d, s)$  and topological charge density

$$\omega(x) = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \text{tr} \left[ F_{\mu\nu}(x) \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}(x) \right], \quad Q_t = \int d^4x \omega(x)$$

Witten and Veneziano relation (large  $N_c$  or t'Hooft limit):

$$\frac{F_\pi^2}{2N_f} (M_\eta^2 + M_{\eta'}^2 - 2M_K^2) = \chi_{\text{top}}, \quad \chi_{\text{top}} = \langle \hat{Q}_t^2 \rangle / V,$$

where  $\chi_{\text{top}}$  is the quenched chiral susceptibility.

# Axial decay constants

## Local axial-vector currents:

$$\langle 0 | \widehat{A}^{a\mu} | \mathcal{M} \rangle = i F_{\mathcal{M}}^a p^\mu, \quad \mathcal{M} = \eta, \eta'$$

Cf.  $\langle 0 | \widehat{A}^{3\mu} | \pi^0 \rangle = i F_\pi p^\mu$  (normalized so that  $F_\pi = 92$  MeV) where  $F_\pi$  appears in the decay rate for  $\pi \rightarrow \ell \nu$ .

## Four independent decay constants:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} F_\eta^8 & F_\eta^0 \\ F_{\eta'}^8 & F_{\eta'}^0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} F_8 \cos \theta_8 & -F^0 \sin \theta_0 \\ F^8 \sin \theta_8 & F^0 \cos \theta_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_8 & -\sin \theta_0 \\ \sin \theta_8 & \cos \theta_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^8 & 0 \\ 0 & F^0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \Xi(\theta_8, \theta_0) \text{diag}(F^8, F^0) \end{aligned}$$

**In SU(3) limit** ( $m_u = m_d = m_s$ ):  $\theta_8 = \theta_0 = 0$ ,  $F_\eta^0 = F_{\eta'}^8 = 0$ .

One may also use the “**flavour basis**”:  $\bar{\ell}\ell = (\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d)/\sqrt{2}$  and  $\bar{s}s$ :

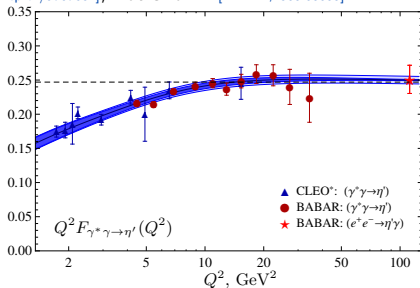
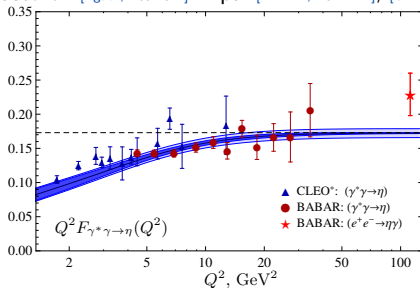
$$\begin{pmatrix} F_\eta^\ell & F_\eta^s \\ F_{\eta'}^\ell & F_{\eta'}^s \end{pmatrix} = \Xi(\theta_\ell, \theta_s) \text{diag}(F^\ell, F^s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} F_\eta^8 + \sqrt{2}F_\eta^0 & -\sqrt{2}F_\eta^8 + F_\eta^0 \\ \sqrt{2}F_{\eta'}^0 + F_{\eta'}^8 & F_{\eta'}^0 - \sqrt{2}F_{\eta'}^8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note:  $F^0, F^\ell, F^s, \phi_\ell, \phi_s$  depend on the renormalisation scale  $\mu$ , i.e.

$F^0 = F^0(\mu)$  etc.. Flavour basis, at low scales  $\phi_\ell \approx \phi_s$  replaced by single  $\phi$ .

# $\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow \eta/\eta'$ form factors

Based on [Agaev,1409.4311] Expt: [BABAR,1101.1142], [CLEO,hep-ex/9707031], not shown [BABAR,1808.08038].



For  $\mathcal{M} \in \{\eta, \eta'\}$ : **Collinear factorization at large  $Q^2$ .**

$$F_{\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{M}}(Q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}F_{\mathcal{M}}^8}{3\sqrt{6}} \int_0^1 dx \underbrace{T_H^8(x, \mu, Q^2)}_{\text{hard}} \underbrace{\phi_{\mathcal{M}}^8(x, \mu)}_{\text{soft}} +$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}F_{\mathcal{M}}^0}{3\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 dx T_H^0(x, \mu, Q^2) \phi_{\mathcal{M}}^0(x, \mu) + \frac{\sqrt{2}F_{\mathcal{M}}^0}{3\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 dx T_H^g(x, \mu, Q^2) \phi_{\mathcal{M}}^g(x, \mu).$$

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{M}}(Q^2) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ F_{\mathcal{M}}^8 + 2\sqrt{2}F_{\mathcal{M}}^0(\mu_0) \left( 1 - \frac{2N_f}{\pi\beta_0} \alpha_s(\mu_0) \right) \right].$$

# Gluonic matrix elements

$$\mathbf{a}_\eta(\boldsymbol{\mu}) := \langle \Omega | 2\widehat{\omega} | \eta \rangle \quad \mathbf{a}_{\eta'}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) := \langle \Omega | 2\widehat{\omega} | \eta' \rangle$$

Extract  $a_\eta(\boldsymbol{\mu})$  and  $a_{\eta'}(\boldsymbol{\mu})$  via the singlet axial-ward identity.

Relevant for  $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta(\eta')\gamma$  decays.

If assume  $c\bar{c} \rightarrow gg\gamma$  dominates the decay [Novikov et al.,1980], [Goldberg,1980].

$$R(J/\psi) = \frac{\Gamma[J/\psi \rightarrow \eta'\gamma]}{\Gamma[J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\gamma]} \approx \frac{a_{\eta'}^2}{a_\eta^2} \left( \frac{k_{\eta'}}{k_\eta} \right)^3$$

with  $k_n$ : momentum of the meson in the rest frame of  $J/\psi$ .

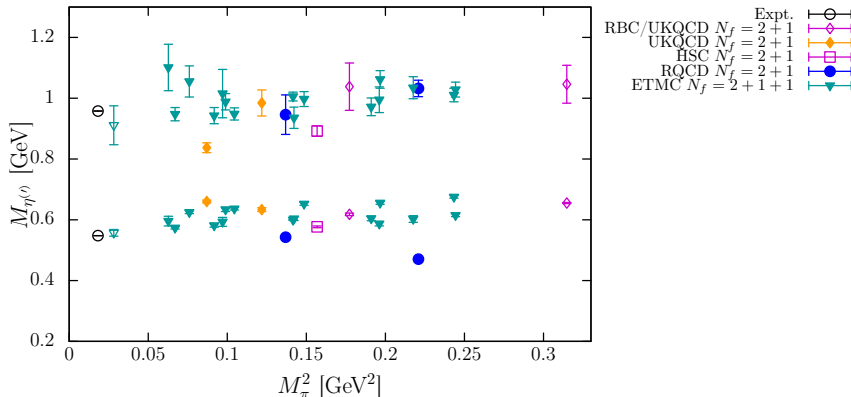
A mixing angle can also be defined: ( $a_\eta(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$  if  $m_s = m_\ell$ )

$$\theta_y = -\arctan \left( \frac{a_\eta}{a_{\eta'}} \right)$$



# Previous lattice work

## Masses:



[ETMC,1710.07986]: continuum, chiral extrapolation. Agreement with experiment.

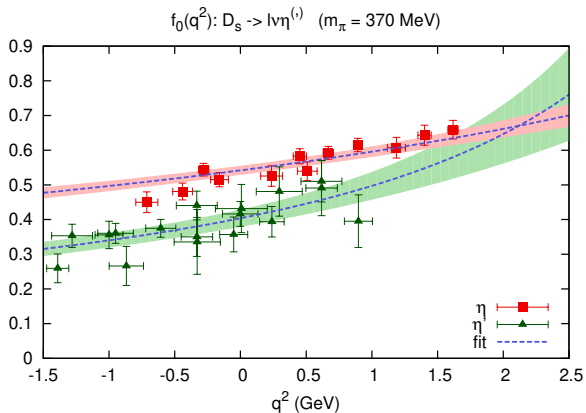
$$M_{\eta} = 557(11)_{\text{stat}}(03)_{\text{ChPT}} \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{\eta'} = 911(64)_{\text{stat}}(03)_{\text{ChPT}} \text{ MeV}$$

Also results for the **decay constants**: use the flavour basis and ChPT with Feldmann-Kroll-Stech scheme [hep-ph/9802409]. **Indirect determination** via pseudoscalar amplitudes [Feldmann,hep-ph/9907491].

# Previous lattice work: $D_s \rightarrow \eta/\eta' \ell \nu$

[Bali,1406.5449]



$$|f_0^{D_s \rightarrow \eta}| = 0.542(13)_{\text{stat}}, \quad |f_0^{D_s \rightarrow \eta'}| = 0.404(25)_{\text{stat}} \quad \text{at } M_\pi \approx 370 \text{ MeV}$$

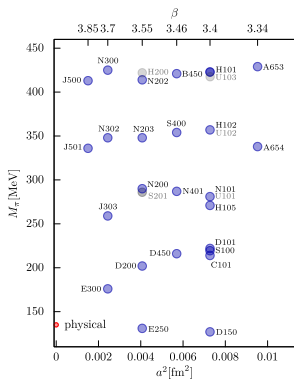
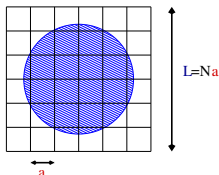
[BESIII,1901.02133]:  $f_+^\eta(0) = 0.458(7)$ ,  $f_+^{\eta'}(0) = 0.490(51)$

# Lattice QCD simulations

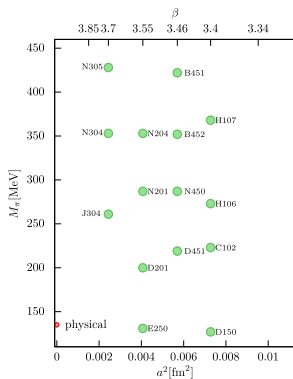
Simulate QCD in **Euclidean space** (imaginary time) on a 4-D lattice,

$$S^{cont} = \int d^4x \mathcal{L} \rightarrow S^{latt} = a^4 \sum_x \mathcal{L}^{latt}.$$

**Input:**  $\mathcal{L}^{latt} = \frac{1}{4g^2} FF + \bar{q}_f (\not{D} + m_f) q_f$



$$2m_\ell + m_s = \text{const.}$$



$$m_s = \text{const.}$$

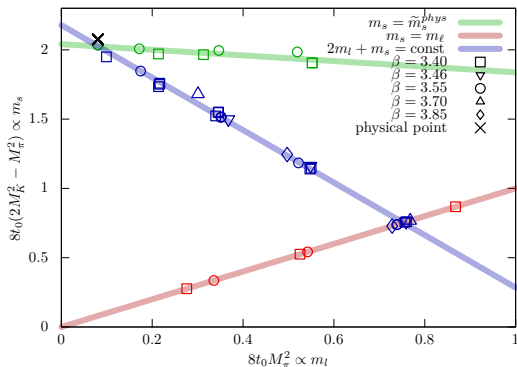
Explore systematics:

Finite lattice spacing  $a$ .

(Unphysical) quark mass dependence.

Finite Volume.

# CLS $N_f = 2 + 1$ ensembles: $m_\ell - m_s$ plane



Simulate in the isospin limit:  $m_u = m_d = m_\ell$ .

**Two trajectories:** good control over the quark mass dependence.

$2m_\ell + m_s = \text{const.}$ : investigate SU(3) flavour breaking (flavour average quantities roughly constant), approach to physical point involves  $m_\pi \downarrow$  and  $m_K \uparrow$ .

Ensembles on red trajectory ( $m_s = m_\ell$ ) not used here.

# Extracting the masses and decay constants

Construct two-point correlation functions:

$$C_{ij}(t) = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{t_i=0}^{N_t-1} \langle b_i(t+t_i) b_j^\dagger(t_i) \rangle \rightarrow$$

$$\langle \mathbf{0} | \mathbf{b}_i | \eta \rangle \langle \eta | \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger | 0 \rangle \frac{e^{-E_\eta t}}{2E_\eta V_3} + \langle \mathbf{0} | \mathbf{b}_i | \eta' \rangle \langle \eta' | \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger | 0 \rangle \frac{e^{-E_{\eta'} t}}{2E_{\eta'} V_3} + \dots$$

where the interpolators  $b_j$  are chosen to have the right QNs: e.g.

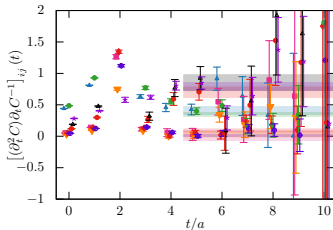
$$b_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(u\gamma_5\bar{u} + d\gamma_5\bar{d} - 2s\gamma_5\bar{s}), \quad b_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(u\gamma_5\bar{u} + d\gamma_5\bar{d} + s\gamma_5\bar{s})$$

and the axial vector equivalents. Note: could also use  $b^\ell \propto (u\gamma_5\bar{u} + d\gamma_5\bar{d})$  and  $b^s \propto s\gamma_5\bar{s}$ .

Signal for  $C_{ij}(t)$  rapidly falls below the noise as  $t$  increases due to disconnected quark line diagrams.

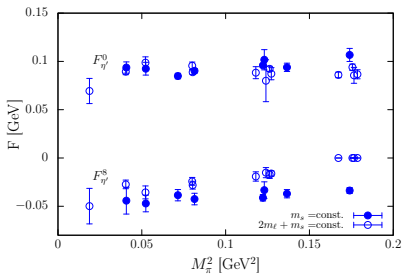
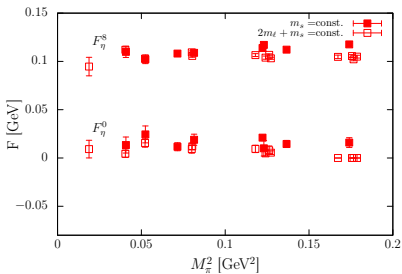
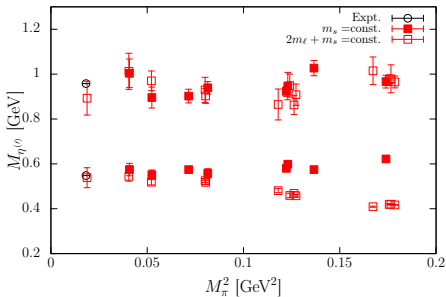


[RQCD,2106.05398]



# Mass spectrum and decay constants

22 ensembles,  $M_\pi = 420 - 135$  MeV,  $a = 0.086, 0.076, 0.064$  fm (and  $0.050$  fm),  $M_\pi L \gtrsim 4$



# Physical point extrapolation

Results depend on the quark masses (equivalently  $M_\pi$  and  $M_K$ ) and the lattice spacing.

Fit to the masses and decay constants

$$f_O(a, \overline{M}^2, \delta M^2) = f_O^{\text{cont}}(\overline{M}^2, \delta M^2) \quad \text{continuum}$$
$$\times h_O(a, am_\ell, am_s, a^2/t_0^*, a^2\overline{M}^2, a^2\delta M^2) \quad O(a), O(a^2)$$

where  $O \in \{M_\eta, M_{\eta'}, F_\eta^8, F_\eta^0, F_{\eta'}^8, F_{\eta'}^0\}$  and

$$\overline{M}^2 := \frac{1}{3}(2M_K^2 + M_\pi^2) \approx 2B_0\overline{m}, \quad \delta M^2 := 2(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2) \approx 2B_0\delta m,$$

where  $\overline{m}$  is the average quark mass,  $\delta m = m_s - m_\ell$  and  $B_0 = -\langle \bar{u}u \rangle / F^2 > 0$ .

- ▶ Parametrize quark mass dependence using large- $N_c$  ChPT.
- ▶ Same parameters (low energy constants) appear in large- $N_c$  ChPT expressions for the masses and decay constants  $\rightarrow$  perform a simultaneous fit.
- ▶ Test of large- $N_c$  ChPT.

## Large- $N_c$ ChPT

U(3) EFT,  $\eta'$  becomes a pseudo-Goldstone boson in the t'Hooft limit.

Expansion:  $p^2 = O(\delta)$ ,  $m = O(\delta)$ ,  $1/N_c = O(\delta)$ .

Known up to NNLO, e.g. [Guo,1503.02248] [Bickert,1612.05473], use NLO.

Contribution of the  $\eta_8/\eta_0$  sector to the leading order Large- $N_c$  ChPT Lagrangian ( $\eta^T = (\eta_8, \eta_0)$ ):

$$\mathcal{L} = \dots + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \eta^T \partial^\mu \eta - \frac{1}{2} \eta^T \mu^2 \eta, \quad \mu^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_8^2 & \mu_{80}^2 \\ \mu_{80}^2 & \mu_0^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$R \mu^2 R^T = \begin{pmatrix} M_\eta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{\eta'}^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

At leading order:

$$\mu_8^2 = 2B_0(m_\ell + 2m_s) = \overline{M}^2 + \frac{1}{3} \delta M^2, \quad \mu_0^2 = 2B_0(2m_\ell + m_s) + M_0^2 = \overline{M}^2 + M_0^2,$$

$$\mu_{80}^2 = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} B_0(m_s - m_\ell) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \delta M^2, \quad \tan(2\theta) = -2\sqrt{2} \frac{\delta M^2}{3M_0^2 - \delta M^2}.$$

and  $M_0^2 = 2N_f \chi_{\text{top}} / F_\pi^2$ .



# NLO Large- $N_c$ ChPT

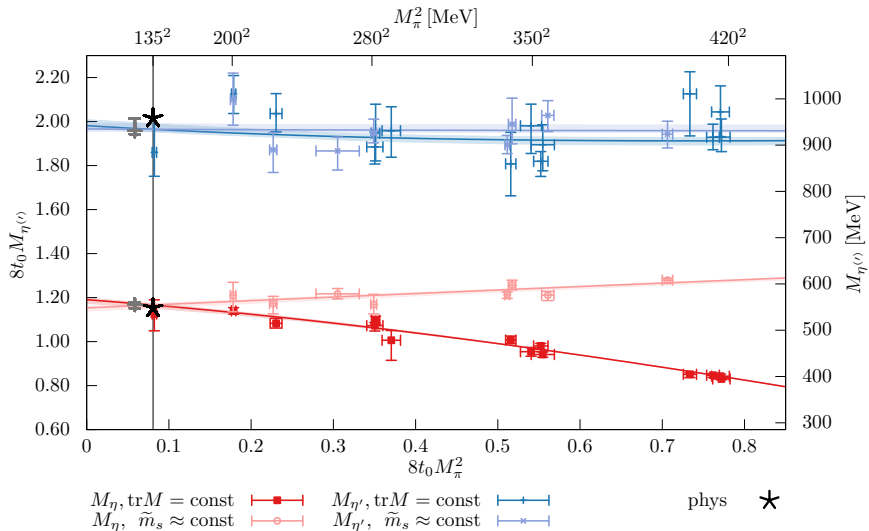
$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_8^{\text{NLO}})^2 &= \overline{M}^2 + \frac{1}{3}\delta M^2 + \frac{8}{3F^2} (2\mathbf{L}_8 - \mathbf{L}_5) \delta M^4, \\
 (\mu_0^{\text{NLO}})^2 &= \overline{M}^2 + M_0^2 + \frac{4}{3F^2} (2\mathbf{L}_8 - \mathbf{L}_5) \delta M^4 - \frac{8}{F^2} \mathbf{L}_5 \overline{M}^2 M_0^2 - \tilde{\Lambda} \overline{M}^2 - \Lambda_1 M_0^2, \\
 (\mu_{80}^{\text{NLO}})^2 &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\delta M^2 - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3F^2} (2\mathbf{L}_8 - \mathbf{L}_5) \delta M^4 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3F^2} \mathbf{L}_5 M_0^2 \delta M^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} \tilde{\Lambda} \delta M^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\Lambda} = \Lambda_1(\mu) - 2\Lambda_2(\mu)$  is scale-independent and  $M_0 = M_0(\mu)$ . No chiral logs/ChPT renormalization scale at this order!

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_\eta^8 &= F \left[ \cos \theta + \frac{4\mathbf{L}_5}{3F^2} (3 \cos \theta \overline{M}^2 + (\sqrt{2} \sin \theta + \cos \theta) \delta M^2) \right], \\
 F_{\eta'}^8 &= F \left[ \sin \theta + \frac{4\mathbf{L}_5}{3F^2} (3 \sin \theta \overline{M}^2 + (\sin \theta - \sqrt{2} \cos \theta) \delta M^2) \right], \\
 F_\eta^0 &= -F \left[ \sin \theta \left( 1 + \frac{\Lambda_1}{2} \right) + \frac{4\mathbf{L}_5}{3F^2} (3 \sin \theta \overline{M}^2 + \sqrt{2} \cos \theta \delta M^2) \right], \\
 F_{\eta'}^0 &= F \left[ \cos \theta \left( 1 + \frac{\Lambda_1}{2} \right) + \frac{4\mathbf{L}_5}{3F^2} (3 \cos \theta \overline{M}^2 - \sqrt{2} \sin \theta \delta M^2) \right].
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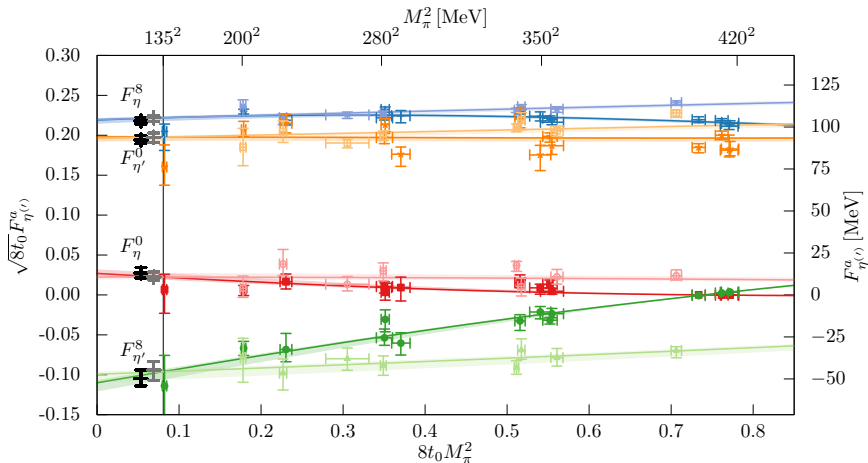
LECs common to masses and decay constants.

# Physical point results: masses



Data points are shifted to remove discretisation effects.

# Physical point results: decay constants

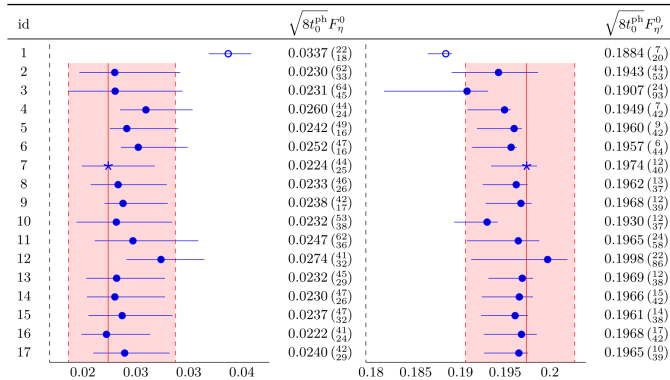


$F_\eta^8, \text{tr}M = \text{const}$     $F_{\eta'}^0, \text{tr}M = \text{const}$     $F_\eta^8, \text{tr}M = \text{const}$     $F_{\eta'}^0, \text{tr}M = \text{const}$   
 $F_\eta^8, \tilde{m}_s \approx \text{const}$     $F_{\eta'}^0, \tilde{m}_s \approx \text{const}$     $F_\eta^8, \tilde{m}_s \approx \text{const}$     $F_{\eta'}^0, \tilde{m}_s \approx \text{const}$

Combined, fully correlated fit gives  $\chi^2/N_{\text{df}} \approx 179/122 \approx 1.47$

# Systematics

- ▶ Volume: only large volumes:  $L_s^3 > (2.2 \text{ fm})^3 \gg R_\eta^3 \approx R_\pi^3$  [Bernstein,1511.03242] and typically  $L_s M_\pi > 4$ .
- ▶ Lattice spacing: vary parametrization of discretization effects.
- ▶ NLO Large- $N_c$  ChPT: impose cutoffs on the average (non-singlet) pseudoscalar mass:  $\bar{M}^2 \leq \bar{M}_{\text{max}}^2$ ,  $12t_0 \bar{M}_{\text{max}}^2 \in \{1.2, 1.4, 1.6\}$ .
- ▶ Renormalization: matching to PT done at  $\mu \in \{a^{-1}/2, a^{-1}, 2a^{-1}\}$ .



# Physical point results

ref		$F^8/\text{MeV}$		$F^0/\text{MeV}$
Benayoun et al. [101]		125.2(9)		121.5(2.8)
Escribano and Frere [102]		139.0(4.6)		118.8(3.7)
Escribano et al. [103]		---		---
Chen et al. [104]		133.5(3.7)		117.8(5.5)
Escribano et al. [105]		112.4(9.2)		105.9(5.5)
Escribano et al. [98]		117.0(1.8)		105.0(4.6)
Leutwyler [6]		118		---
Feldmann [97]		116.0(3.7)		107.8(2.8)
Guo et al. [81] NLO-A		113.2(4.4)		104.9(2.9)
Guo et al. [81] NNLO-B		126(12)		109.1(6.0)
Bickert et al. [42] NLO-I		116.0(9)		---
[42] NNLO w/o Ci ( $\mu_{\text{EFT}} = 1\text{GeV}$ )		117.9(1.8)		---
[42] NNLO w/ Ci ( $\mu_{\text{EFT}} = 1\text{GeV}$ )		109(7)		---
Ding et al. [106]		123.4		116.0
ETMC [19]		---		---
Gu et al. [107] NNLO-A9p( $F_\pi$ )		113.1(2.1)		106.0(4.4)
eq. (7.16)		115.2(1.2)		---
this work ( $\mu = 1\text{GeV}$ )		115.0(2.8)		106.0(3.2)
this work ( $\mu = 2\text{GeV}$ )		115.0(2.8)		100.1(3.0)
this work ( $\mu = \infty$ )		115.0(2.8)		93.1(2.7)

$$F^8 = \sqrt{(F_\eta^8)^2 + (F_{\eta'}^8)^2}, \quad F^0 = \sqrt{(F_\eta^0)^2 + (F_{\eta'}^0)^2}$$

# Physical point results

ref	$\theta_8$	$\theta_0$
Benayoun et al. [101]		
Escribano and Frere [102]		
Escribano et al. [103]	—	
Chen et al. [104]		
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[42] NNLO w/o Ci ( $\mu_{\text{EFT}} = 1\text{GeV}$ )		
[42] NNLO w/ Ci ( $\mu_{\text{EFT}} = 1\text{GeV}$ )		
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ETMC [19]	—	—
Gu et al. [107] NNLO-A9p( $F_\pi$ )		
eq. (7.16)	—	—
this work ( $\mu = 1\text{GeV}$ )		
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this work ( $\mu = \infty$ )		

$$\tan \theta_8 = F_{\eta'}^8 / F_{\eta}^8, \quad \tan \theta_0 = -F_{\eta}^0 / F_{\eta'}^8.$$

# Physical point results

ref	$\phi_\ell$	$\phi_s$
Benayoun et al. [101]	—	—
Escribano and Frere [102]		
Escribano et al. [103]		
Chen et al. [104]		
Escribano et al. [105]		
Escribano et al. [98]		
Leutwyler [6]	—	—
Feldmann [97]		
Guo et al. [81] NLO-A		
Guo et al. [81] NNLO-B		
Bickert et al. [42] NLO-I	—	—
[42] NNLO w/o Ci ( $\mu_{\text{EFT}} = 1\text{GeV}$ )	—	—
[42] NNLO w/ Ci ( $\mu_{\text{EFT}} = 1\text{GeV}$ )	—	—
Ding et al. [106]		
ETMC [19]		
Gu et al. [107] NNLO-A9p( $F_\pi$ )		
this work ( $\mu = 1\text{GeV}$ )		
this work ( $\mu = 2\text{GeV}$ )		
this work ( $\mu = \infty$ )		

$$\tan \theta_\ell = F_{\eta'}^\ell / F_\eta^\ell, \quad \tan \theta_s = -F_\eta^s / F_{\eta'}^s.$$

At low scales  $\theta_\ell \approx \theta_s$ . Agreement with ETMC results also for  $F^{\ell,s}$ .

## Large- $N_c$ ChPT LECs

Our LECs in the continuum limit, all errors added in quadrature:

$$\begin{aligned}M_0(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) &= 818(27) \text{ MeV}, & F &= 87.7(2.8) \text{ MeV}, \\ \Lambda_1(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) &= -0.13(5), & L_5 &= 1.66(23) \cdot 10^{-3}, \\ \Lambda_2(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.19(10), & L_8 &= 1.08(13) \cdot 10^{-3}.\end{aligned}$$

Scale-independent combinations:

$$M_0/\sqrt{1 + \Lambda_1} = 877(22) \text{ MeV}, \quad \tilde{\Lambda} = \Lambda_1 - 2\Lambda_2 = -0.46(19).$$

Scale-independent:  $F^8$ ,  $\theta_8$ ,  $\theta_0$ . Scale-dependent:  $F^0$ ,  $F^\ell$ ,  $F^s$ ,  $\phi_\ell$ ,  $\phi_s$ .

In the Feldmann-Kroll-Stech model [[Feldmann, hep-ph/9907491](#)], NLO LEC  $\Lambda_1(\mu) = 0$  and any scale dependence is neglected. Then  $\phi = \phi_\ell = \phi_s$  and

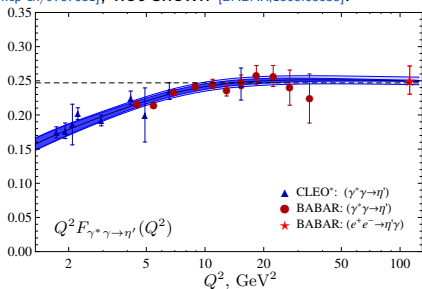
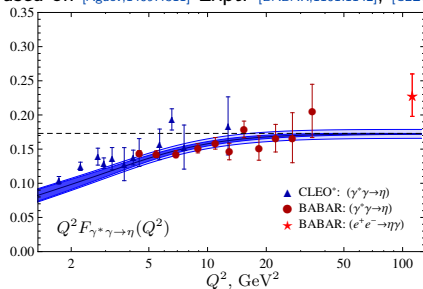
$$\sin^2 \phi = \frac{(M_{\eta'}^2 - (2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2))(M_\eta^2 - M_\pi^2)}{2(M_{\eta'}^2 - M_\eta^2)(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)}, \quad F^\ell = F_\pi, \quad F^s = \sqrt{2F_K^2 - F_\pi^2}.$$

We find:  $F^\ell(\mu = 2\text{GeV}) = 88(\frac{5}{3}) \text{ MeV}$  cf.  $F_\pi = 92.1 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $F^s(\mu = 2\text{GeV}) = 124(\frac{4}{5}) \text{ MeV}$  cf.  $\sqrt{2F_K^2 - F_\pi^2} \sim 125 \text{ MeV}$ .



# $\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow \eta/\eta'$ form factors

Based on [Agaev,1409.4311] Expt: [BABAR,1101.1142], [CLEO,hep-ex/9707031], not shown [BABAR,1808.08038].



Use  $F_{\eta, \eta'}^{0,8}$  to obtain dashed lines:

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow \eta}(Q^2) = 160.5(10.0) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow \eta'}(Q^2) = 230.5(10.1) \text{ MeV}.$$

## Gluonic matrix elements from fermions

All factors needed to renormalise  $\hat{\omega}$  are not known  $\rightarrow$  obtain renormalized gluonic matrix elements through the singlet AWI.

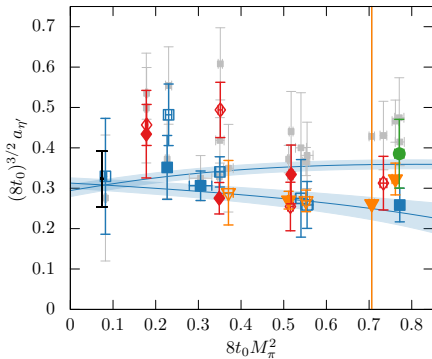
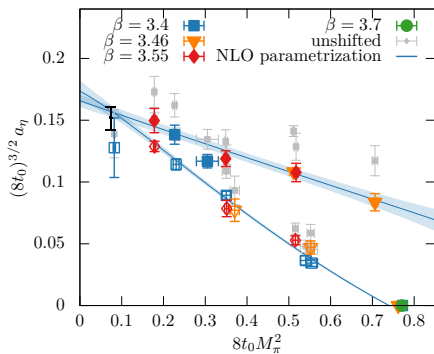
$$\partial_\mu \hat{A}_\mu^0 = \frac{2}{3} (2\hat{m}_\ell + \hat{m}_s) \hat{P}^0 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \delta\hat{m} \hat{P}^8 + \sqrt{6} \hat{\omega}.$$

$\delta\hat{m} = \hat{m}_s - \hat{m}_\ell$ . Use the singlet decay constants  $F_n^0$  ( $n \in \{\eta, \eta'\}$ ) and pseudoscalar matrix elements  $H_n^0$  and  $H_n^8$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n(\mu) &:= \langle \Omega | 2\hat{\omega} | n \rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} M_n^2 F_n^0(\mu) + \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \delta\hat{m} H_n^8 - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} (2\hat{m}_\ell + \hat{m}_s) H_n^0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\hat{m}H_n^8 = Z_A \tilde{m} \langle \Omega | P^8 | n \rangle$ ,  $\hat{m}H_n^0 = Z_A r_P \tilde{m} \langle \Omega | P^0 | n \rangle$ ,  $r_P = 1 + \mathcal{O}(g^6)$ .

# Gluonic matrix elements from the singlet AWI



Parametrization is NLO U(3) Large- $N_c$  ChPT. 6 LECs (with priors from analysis of decay constants) plus 3 parameters to account for  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  effects.  $\chi^2/N_{\text{df}} \approx 34/31$ . Shown:  $\mu = \infty$ .

$$a_{\eta}(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.01700 \left( {}_{69}^{40} \right)_{\text{stat}} \left( 48 \right)_{\text{sys}} \left( 66 \right)_{t_0} \text{ GeV}^3,$$

$$a_{\eta'}(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.0381 \left( {}_{17}^{18} \right)_{\text{stat}} \left( 80 \right)_{\text{sys}} \left( 17 \right)_{t_0} \text{ GeV}^3.$$

Systematic error due to difference with prediction obtained using NLO Large- $N_c$  ChPT LECs. Also  $\theta_y = -\arctan a_{\eta}/a_{\eta'} = -24.0(3.3)^{\circ}$ .

# Comparison with the literature

ref	$a_\eta/\text{GeV}^3$	$a_{\eta'}/\text{GeV}^3$
Novikov et al. [116]	• 0.021	• 0.035
Feldmann [97]	• 0.023	• 0.058
Beneke and Neubert [9]	• 0.022(2)	• 0.057(2)
Cheng et al. [118]	—• 0.026(28)	—• 0.054(57)
Singh [117]	—• 0.0220(50)	—• 0.037(10)
Qin et al. [119]	• 0.016	• 0.051
Ding et al. [106]	• 0.024	• 0.051
this work at $\mu = 1\text{GeV}$	* 0.0172(10)	—* 0.0424(84)
this work at $\mu = 2\text{GeV}$	* 0.0170(10)	—* 0.0381(84)
this work at $\mu = \infty$	* 0.0168(10)	—* 0.0330(83)

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Systematics from parametrization, renormalization and scale setting included.

If anomaly dominates [Novikov et al., NPB165(80)55]:

$$R(J/\psi) = \frac{\Gamma[J/\psi \rightarrow \eta'\gamma]}{\Gamma[J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\gamma]} \approx \frac{a_{\eta'}^2}{a_\eta^2} \left( \frac{k_{\eta'}}{k_\eta} \right)^3$$

with  $k_n$ : momentum of the meson in the rest frame of  $J/\psi$ . From this:

$$R(J/\psi, \mu = 2\text{GeV}) = 5.03 \left( \frac{19}{45} \right)_{\text{stat}} (1.94)_{\text{sys}}, \quad \text{PDG: } R(J/\psi) = 4.74(13).$$

# Summary

- ▶ Lattice studies of the  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  mesons are challenging. Enormous progress has been made and results are now extracted at the physical point in the continuum limit.
- ▶ Meson masses determined with 1.7% error on  $M_\eta$  and 2.3% error on  $M_{\eta'}$ . Agreement with the experimental masses.
- ▶ First direct lattice determination of the  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  decay constants.
- ▶ Determination of gluonic matrix elements via the singlet axial Ward identity.
- ▶ NLO Large- $N_c$  ChPT describes all data (two meson masses, four decay constants, two gluonic matrix elements) reasonably well with just six LECs, but there are some tensions. NNLO?
- ▶ The Feldmann-Kroll-Stech model works OK where  $\Lambda_1(\mu)$  is small ( $\mu \in [0.8, 1.5]$  GeV).
- ▶ Other properties will be computed in the future.