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# Chiral Perturbation Theory

Exploring the consequences of  
the chiral symmetry of QCD  
and its spontaneous breaking  
using effective field theory techniques

Derivation from QCD:

H. Leutwyler,

*On The Foundations Of Chiral Perturbation Theory*,  
Ann. Phys. 235 (1994) 165 [[hep-ph/9311274](#)]

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For references to lectures see:

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- Relevant degrees of freedom
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# Chiral Symmetry

## Chiral Symmetry

QCD:  $N_f$  light quarks: equal mass: interchange:  $SU(N_f)_V$

But  $\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{q=u,d,s} [i\bar{q}_L \not{D} q_L + i\bar{q}_R \not{D} q_R - m_q (\bar{q}_R q_L + \bar{q}_L q_R)]$

So if  $m_q = 0$  then  $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$ .

## Spontaneous breakdown

- $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \langle \bar{q}_L q_R + \bar{q}_R q_L \rangle \neq 0$
- Mechanism: see talk by L. Giusti
- $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$  broken spontaneously to  $SU(3)_V$
- 8 generators broken  $\implies$  8 massless degrees of freedom  
**and** interaction vanishes at zero momentum

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# Goldstone Bosons



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Power counting in momenta: Meson loops, Weinberg powercounting

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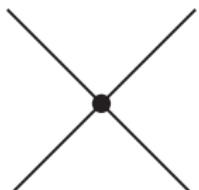
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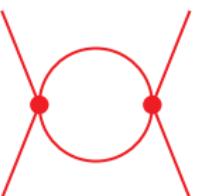
$$p^2$$

$$\int d^4 p$$

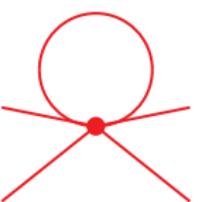
$$1/p^2$$

$$p^4$$

one loop example



$$(p^2)^2 (1/p^2)^2 p^4 = p^4$$



$$(p^2) (1/p^2) p^4 = p^4$$

# Lagrangians: Lowest order

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$U(\phi) = \exp(i\sqrt{2}\Phi/F_0)$  parametrizes Goldstone Bosons

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta_8}{\sqrt{6}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta_8}{\sqrt{6}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2\eta_8}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

LO Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{F_0^2}{4} \{ \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U \rangle + \langle \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \rangle \},$

$$D_\mu U = \partial_\mu U - ir_\mu U + iUl_\mu,$$

left and right external currents:  $r(l)_\mu = v_\mu + (-)a_\mu$

Scalar and pseudoscalar external densities:  $\chi = 2B_0(s + ip)$  quark masses via scalar density:  $s = \mathcal{M} + \dots$

$$\langle A \rangle = Tr_F(A)$$

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# Lagrangians: Lagrangian structure

	2 flavour	3 flavour	PQChPT/ $N_f$ flavour	
$p^2$	$F, B$	2	$F_0, B_0$	2
$p^4$	$L_i^r, h_i^r$	7+3	$L_i^r, H_i^r$	10+2
$p^6$	$c_i^r$	52+4	$C_i^r$	90+4
			$\hat{L}_i^r, \hat{H}_i^r$	11+2
			$K_i^r$	112+3

$p^2$ : Weinberg 1966

$p^4$ : Gasser, Leutwyler 84,85

$p^6$ : JB, Colangelo, Ecker 99,00

- $L_i$ : LEC = Low Energy Constants = ChPT parameters
- $H_i$ : contact terms: value depends on definition of currents/densities
- Finite volume: no new LECs
- Other effects: (many) new LECs

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# Chiral Logarithms

The main predictions of ChPT:

- Relates processes with different numbers of pseudoscalars
- Chiral logarithms
- includes Isospin and the eightfold way ( $SU(3)_V$ )
- Unitarity included perturbatively

$$m_\pi^2 = 2B\hat{m} + \left(\frac{2B\hat{m}}{F}\right)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \log \frac{(2B\hat{m})}{\mu^2} + 2l_3^r(\mu) \right] + \dots$$

$$M^2 = 2B\hat{m}$$

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# (Partial) History/References

- Original determination at  $p^4$ : Gasser, Leutwyler,  
*Annals Phys.* 158 (1984) 142, *Nucl. Phys.* B250 (1985) 465
- $p^6$  2 flavour: several papers (see later)
- $p^6$  3 flavour: Amorós, JB, Talavera,  
*Nucl. Phys.* B602 (2001) 87 [hep-ph/0101127]
- Review article two-loops:  
JB, *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 58 (2007) 521 [hep-ph/0604043]
- Update of fits + new input:  
JB, Jemao, *Nucl. Phys.* B 854 (2012) 631 [arXiv:1103.5945]
- Recent review with more  $p^6$  input: JB, Ecker,  
arXiv:1405.6488, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sc.* (in press)
- Review Kaon physics: Cirigliano, Ecker, Neufeld, Pich, Portoles,  
*Rev.Mod.Phys.* 84 (2012) 399 [arXiv:1107.6001]
- Lattice: FLAG reports:, Colangelo et al., *Eur.Phys.J.* C71 (2011)  
1695 [arXiv:1011.4408] Aoki et al., arXiv:1310.8555

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# Testing if ChPT works: relations

Yes: JB, Jemos, Eur.Phys.J. C64 (2009) 273-282 [arXiv:0906.3118]

Systematic search for relations between observables that do not depend on the  $C_i^r$

Included:

- $m_M^2$  and  $F_M$  for  $\pi, K, \eta$ .
- 11  $\pi\pi$  threshold parameters
- 14  $\pi K$  threshold parameters
- 6  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  decay parameters,
- 10 observables in  $K_{\ell 4}$
- 18 in the scalar formfactors
- 11 in the vectorformfactors
- Total: 76

We found 35 relations

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# Relations at NNLO: summary

- We did numerics for  $\pi\pi$  (7),  $\pi K$  (5) and  $K_{\ell 4}$  (1)  
13 relations
- $\pi\pi$ : similar quality in two and three flavour ChPT  
The two involving  $a_3^-$  significantly did not work well
- $\pi K$ : relation involving  $a_3^-$  not OK  
one more has very large NNLO corrections
- The relation with  $K_{\ell 4}$  also did not work: related to that ChPT has trouble with curvature in  $K_{\ell 4}$
- Conclusion: Three flavour ChPT “sort of” works

# Fits: inputs

Amorós, JB, Talavera, Nucl. Phys. B602 (2001) 87 [ hep-ph/0101127] (ABC01)

JB, Jemos, Nucl. Phys. B 854 (2012) 631 [arXiv:1103.5945] (BJ12)

JB, Ecker, arXiv:1405.6488, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sc.(in press) (BE14)

- $M_\pi, M_K, M_\eta, F_\pi, F_K/F_\pi$
- $\langle r^2 \rangle_S^\pi$ ,  $c_S^\pi$  slope and curvature of  $F_S$
- $\pi\pi$  and  $\pi K$  scattering lengths  $a_0^0, a_0^2, a_0^{1/2}$  and  $a_0^{3/2}$ .
- Value and slope of  $F$  and  $G$  in  $K_{\ell 4}$
- $\frac{m_s}{\hat{m}} = 27.5$  (lattice)
- $\bar{l}_1, \dots, \bar{l}_4$
- more variation with  $C_i^r$ , a penalty for a large  $p^6$  contribution to the masses
- 17+3 inputs and 8  $L_i^r + 34 C_i^r$  to fit

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# Main fit

	ABC01	BJ12	$L_4^r$ free	BE14
old data				
$10^3 L_1^r$	0.39(12)	0.88(09)	0.64(06)	0.53(06)
$10^3 L_2^r$	0.73(12)	0.61(20)	0.59(04)	0.81(04)
$10^3 L_3^r$	-2.34(37)	-3.04(43)	-2.80(20)	-3.07(20)
$10^3 L_4^r$	$\equiv 0$	0.75(75)	0.76(18)	$\equiv 0.3$
$10^3 L_5^r$	0.97(11)	0.58(13)	0.50(07)	1.01(06)
$10^3 L_6^r$	$\equiv 0$	0.29(8)	0.49(25)	0.14(05)
$10^3 L_7^r$	-0.30(15)	-0.11(15)	-0.19(08)	-0.34(09)
$10^3 L_8^r$	0.60(20)	0.18(18)	0.17(11)	0.47(10)
$\chi^2$	0.26	1.28	0.48	1.04
dof	1	4	?	?
$F_0$ [MeV]	87	65	64	71

$$? = (17 + 3) - (8 + 34)$$

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# Main fit: Comments

- All values of the  $C_i^r$  we settled on are “reasonable”
- Leaving  $L_4^r$  free ends up with  $L_4^r \approx 0.76$
- keeping  $L_4^r$  small: also  $L_6^r$  and  $2L_1^r - L_2^r$  small (large  $N_c$  relations)
- Compatible with lattice determinations
- Not too bad with resonance saturation both for  $L_i^r$  and  $C_i^r$
- decent convergence (but enforced for masses)
- Many prejudices went in: large  $N_c$ , resonance model, quark model estimates, . . .

# Some results of this fit

Mass:

$$m_\pi^2/m_{\pi phys}^2 = 1.055(p^2) - 0.005(p^4) - 0.050(p^6),$$

$$m_K^2/m_{K phys}^2 = 1.112(p^2) - 0.069(p^4) - 0.043(p^6),$$

$$m_\eta^2/m_{\eta phys}^2 = 1.197(p^2) - 0.214(p^4) + 0.017(p^6),$$

Decay constants:

$$F_\pi/F_0 = 1.000(p^2) + 0.208(p^4) + 0.088(p^6),$$

$$F_K/F_\pi = 1.000(p^2) + 0.176(p^4) + 0.023(p^6).$$

Scattering:

$$a_0^0 = 0.160(p^2) + 0.044(p^4) + 0.012(p^6),$$

$$a_0^{1/2} = 0.142(p^2) + 0.031(p^4) + 0.051(p^6).$$

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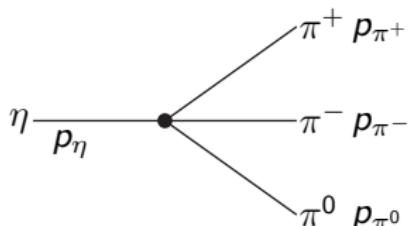
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# Definitions: $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$

Reviews: JB, Gasser, Phys.Scripta T99(2002)34 [hep-ph/0202242]

JB, Acta Phys. Slov. 56(2005)305 [hep-ph/0511076]



$$\begin{aligned}s &= (p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^-})^2 = (p_\eta - p_{\pi^0})^2 \\t &= (p_{\pi^-} + p_{\pi^0})^2 = (p_\eta - p_{\pi^+})^2 \\u &= (p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^0})^2 = (p_\eta - p_{\pi^-})^2\end{aligned}$$

$$s + t + u = m_\eta^2 + 2m_{\pi^+}^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2 \equiv 3s_0.$$

$$\langle \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \text{out} | \eta \rangle = i (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 (p_\eta - p_{\pi^+} - p_{\pi^-} - p_{\pi^0}) A(s, t, u).$$

$$\langle \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 \text{out} | \eta \rangle = i (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 (p_\eta - p_1 - p_2 - p_3) \bar{A}(s_1, s_2, s_3)$$

$$\bar{A}(s_1, s_2, s_3) = A(s_1, s_2, s_3) + A(s_2, s_3, s_1) + A(s_3, s_1, s_2)$$

Observables:  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)$  and  $r = \frac{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0)}{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)}$

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# Definitions: Dalitz plot

$$x = \sqrt{3} \frac{T_+ - T_-}{Q_\eta} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2m_\eta Q_\eta} (u - t)$$

$$y = \frac{3T_0}{Q_\eta} - 1 = \frac{3((m_\eta - m_{\pi^0})^2 - s)}{2m_\eta Q_\eta} - 1 \stackrel{\text{iso}}{=} \frac{3}{2m_\eta Q_\eta} (s_0 - s)$$

$$Q_\eta = m_\eta - 2m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^0}$$

$T^i$  is the kinetic energy of pion  $\pi^i$

$$z = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{i=1,3} \left( \frac{3E_i - m_\eta}{m_\eta - 3m_{\pi^0}} \right)^2 \quad E_i \text{ is the energy of pion } \pi^i$$

$$\begin{aligned} |M|^2 &= A_0^2 (1 + ay + by^2 + dx^2 + fy^3 + gx^2y + \dots) \\ |\overline{M}|^2 &= \overline{A}_0^2 (1 + 2\alpha z + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Note: neutral, next order:  $x$  and  $y$  appear separately

# Relations

Expand amplitudes and use isospin: JB, Ghorbani, arXiv:0709.0230

$$M(s, t, u) = A \left( 1 + \tilde{a}(s - s_0) + \tilde{b}(s - s_0)^2 + \tilde{d}(u - t)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\overline{M}(s, t, u) = A \left( 3 + (\tilde{b} + 3\tilde{d}) \left( (s - s_0)^2 + (t - s_0)^2 + (u - s_0)^2 \right) \right)$$

Gives relations ( $R_\eta = (2m_\eta Q_\eta)/3$ )

$$a = -2R_\eta \operatorname{Re}(\tilde{a}), \quad b = R_\eta^2 \left( |\tilde{a}|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\tilde{b}) \right), \quad d = 6R_\eta^2 \operatorname{Re}(\tilde{d}).$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}R_\eta^2 \operatorname{Re} \left( \tilde{b} + 3\tilde{d} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( d + b - R_\eta^2 |\tilde{a}|^2 \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( d + b - \frac{1}{4}a^2 \right)$$

equality if  $\operatorname{Im}(\tilde{a}) = 0$

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Consequences:

- Relations between the charged and neutral decay
- Relations between  $r$  and Dalitz plot  
(see also Gasser, Leutwyler, Nucl. Phys. B 250 (1985) 539)
- If you can calculate  $\text{Im}(\tilde{\alpha})$  then relation:  
nonrelativistic pion EFT

Schneider, Kubis and Ditsche, JHEP 1102 (2011) 028 [1010.3946].

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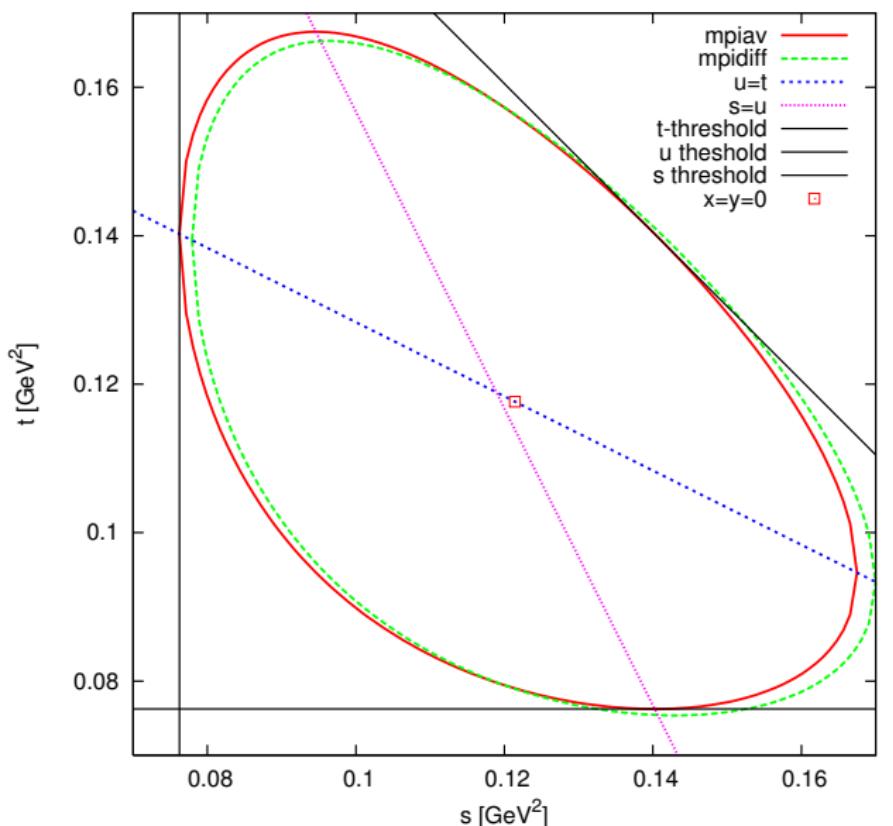
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*x variation:*  
vertical  
*y variation:*  
parallel to  
 $t = u$



# Experiment: Decay rates

Width: determined from  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  and Branching ratios  
Using the PDG12 partial update 2013 numbers

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) = 300 \pm 12 \text{ eV} \text{ (in JB,Ghorbani } 295 \pm 17 \text{ eV)}$$

$r$ :  $1.426 \pm 0.026$  (our fit)  
 $1.48 \pm 0.05$  (our average)

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# Experiment: charged

Exp.	a	b	d	f
WASA (prel)	-1.104(3)	0.144(3)	0.073(3)	0.153(6)
KLOE (prel)	-1.074(23)(3)	0.179(27)(8)	0.059(25)(10)	0.089(58)
KLOE	-1.090(5)( <sup>+8</sup> <sub>-19</sub> )	0.124(6)(10)	0.057(6)( <sup>+7</sup> <sub>-16</sub> )	0.14(1)(2)
Crystal Barrel	-1.22(7)	0.22(11)	0.06(4) (input)	
Layter et al.	-1.08(14)	0.034(27)	0.046(31)	
Gormley et al.	-1.17(2)(21)	0.21(3)	0.06(4)	

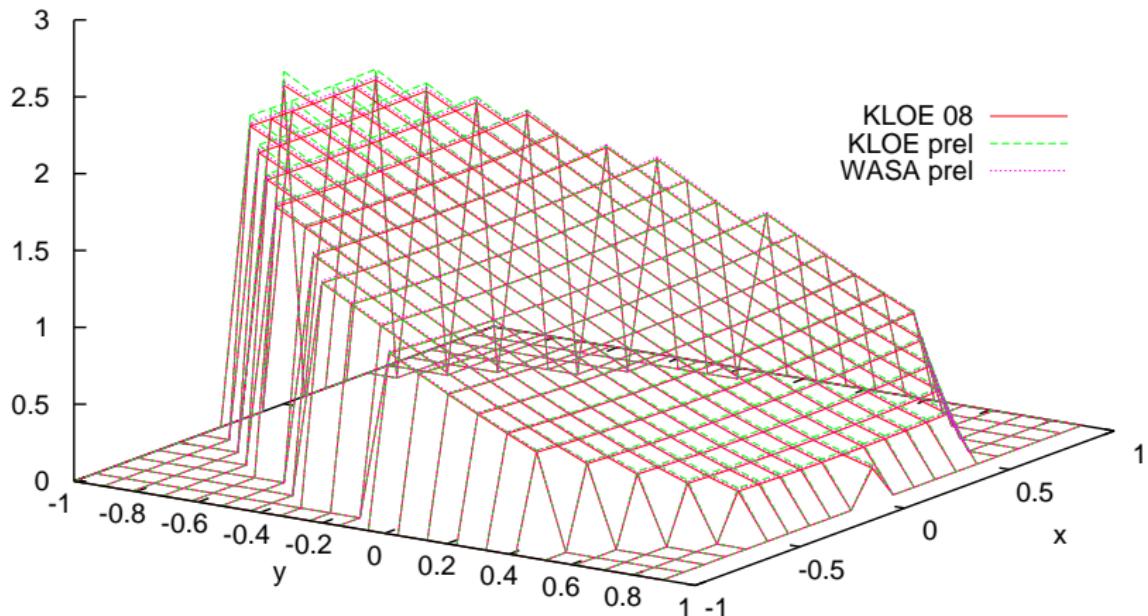
Crystal Barrel:  $d$  input, but  $a$  and  $b$  insensitive to  $d$

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>a</i>	1	-0.226	-0.405	-0.795
<i>b</i>		1	0.358	0.261
<i>d</i>			1	0.113
<i>f</i>				1

Large correlations: KLOE:

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But very good agreement:



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Exp.	$\alpha$
GAMS2000	$-0.022 \pm 0.023$
SND	$-0.010 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.010$
Crystal Barrel	$-0.052 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.010$
Crystal Ball (BNL)	$-0.031 \pm 0.004$
WASA/CELSIUS	$-0.026 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.010$
KLOE	$-0.0301 \pm 0.0035^{+0.0022}_{-0.0035}$
WASA@COSY	$-0.027 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.005$
Crystal Ball (MAMI-B)	$-0.032 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.002$
Crystal Ball (MAMI-C)	$-0.032 \pm 0.003$

All experiments in good agreement

# Why is $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ interesting?

- Pions are in  $I = 1$  state  $\implies A \sim (m_u - m_d)$  or  $\alpha_{em}$
- $\alpha_{em}$  effect is small
  - but is there via  $(m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^0})$  in kinematics
  - Lowest order vanishes (current algebra)
  - $\alpha \hat{m}$  and  $\alpha m_s$  small
    - Baur, Kambor, Wyler, Nucl. Phys. B **460** (1996) 127
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma$  needs to be included directly
  - Ditsche, Kubis, Meissner, Eur. Phys. J. C **60** (2009) 83 [0812.0344]
    - Estimates the corrections of  $\alpha(m_u - m_d)$  as well
  - Conclusion: at the precision I will discuss not relevant
  - Exception: Cusps and Coulomb at  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  thresholds
- So  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  gives a handle on  $m_u - m_d$

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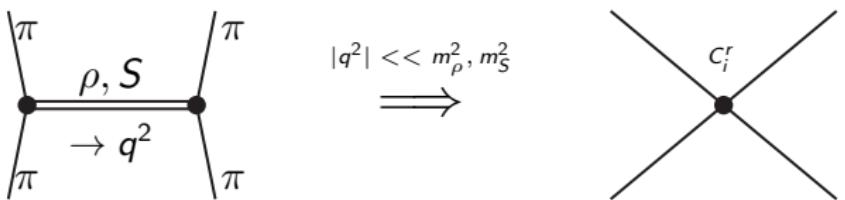
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$C_i^r$ 

Most analysis use (i.e. almost all of mine):  
 $C_i^r$  from (single) resonance approximation



Motivated by large  $N_c$ : large effort goes in this

Ananthanarayan, JB, Cirigliano, Donoghue, Ecker, Gamiz, Golterman, Kaiser,  
 Knecht, Peris, Pich, Prades, Portoles, de Rafael,...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_V &= -\frac{1}{4}\langle V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}m_V^2 \langle V_\mu V^\mu \rangle - \frac{f_V}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle V_{\mu\nu} f_+^{\mu\nu} \rangle \\
 &\quad - \frac{ig_V}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle V_{\mu\nu} [u^\mu, u^\nu] \rangle + f_\chi \langle V_\mu [u^\mu, \chi_-] \rangle \\
 \mathcal{L}_A &= -\frac{1}{4}\langle A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}m_A^2 \langle A_\mu A^\mu \rangle - \frac{f_A}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle A_{\mu\nu} f_-^{\mu\nu} \rangle \\
 \mathcal{L}_S &= \frac{1}{2}\langle \nabla^\mu S \nabla_\mu S - M_S^2 S^2 \rangle + c_d \langle S u^\mu u_\mu \rangle + c_m \langle S \chi_+ \rangle \\
 \mathcal{L}_{\eta'} &= \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu P_1 \partial^\mu P_1 - \frac{1}{2}M_{\eta'}^2 P_1^2 + i\tilde{d}_m P_1 \langle \chi_- \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_V &= 0.20, \quad f_\chi = -0.025, \quad g_V = 0.09, \quad c_m = 42 \text{ MeV}, \quad c_d = 32 \text{ MeV}, \\
 \tilde{d}_m &= 20 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_V = m_\rho = 0.77 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_A = m_{a_1} = 1.23 \text{ GeV}, \\
 m_S &= 0.98 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{P_1} = 0.958 \text{ GeV}
 \end{aligned}$$

$f_V, g_V, f_\chi, f_A$ : experiment

$c_m$  and  $c_d$  from resonance saturation at  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$

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## Problems:

- Weakest point in the numerics
- However not all results presented depend on this
- Unknown so far:  $C_i^r$  in the masses/decay constants and how these effects correlate into the rest
- No  $\mu$  dependence: obviously only estimate

## What we do/did about it:

- Vary resonance estimate by factor of two
- Vary the scale  $\mu$  at which it applies: 600-900 MeV
- Check the estimates for the measured ones
- Again: kinematic can be had, quark-mass dependence difficult

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# $L_i^r$ and $C_i^r$

## Full NNLO fits of the $L_i^r$

- Amorós, JB, Talavera, 2000, 2001 (fit 10)  
simple  $C_i^r$
- JB, Jemos, 2011 (BJ12)  
simple  $C_i^r$
- JB, Ecker, 2014, (BE14)  
Continuum fit with more input for  $C_i^r$
- Numerics presented for  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  is mostly with fit 10  
JB, Ghorbani, 2007

# Lowest order

ChPT: Cronin 67:  $A(s, t, u) = \frac{B_0(m_u - m_d)}{3\sqrt{3}F_\pi^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{3(s - s_0)}{m_\eta^2 - m_\pi^2} \right\}$

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- IN Gasser,Leutwyler, 1985 ( $\sqrt{2.4} = 1.55$ ):  
about half:  $\pi\pi$ -rescattering  
other half: everything else
- $\pi\pi$ -rescattering important Roiesnel, Truong, 1981
- Dispersive approach (talks: Passemar, Knecht, Szczepaniak): resum all  $\pi\pi$
- assume rescattering + rest separable:

↑ Other effects

...	...	...	...
NNLO	...	...	...
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- Squared: 1 → 2.6 → 3.5
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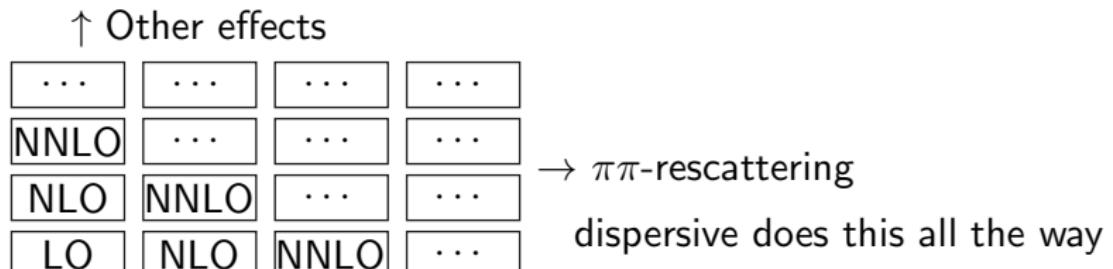
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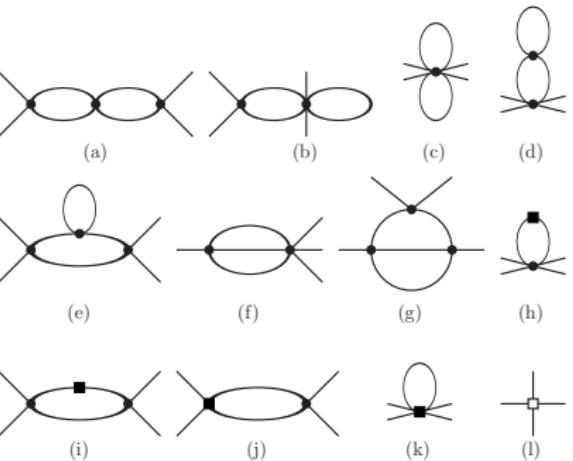
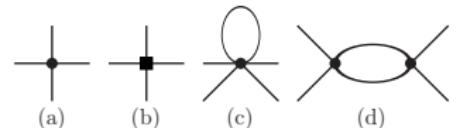
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- Include mixing, renormalize, pull out factor  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4R}, \dots$
- Two independent calculations (comparison lots of work)
- You have to carefully define which LO ( $\mathcal{M}$  or  $M$ )
- You have to carefully define which NLO
- Integrals only in numerical form: (g) is the hardest one

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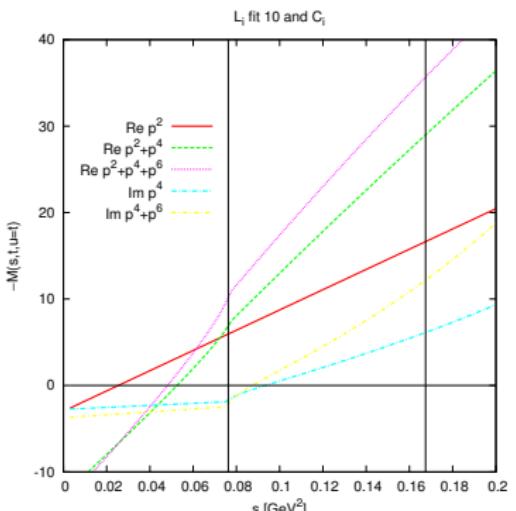
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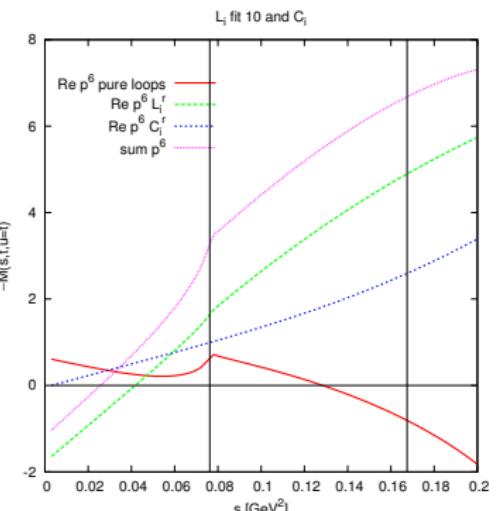
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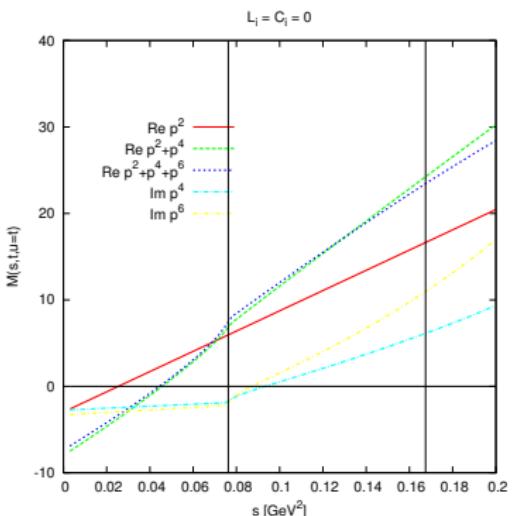


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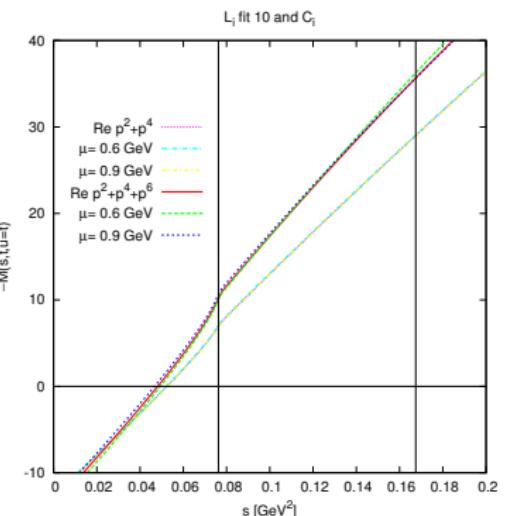


Along  $t = u$  parts

# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ : $M(s, t = u)$



Along  $t = u$   
 $L_i^r = C_i^r = 0$



Along  $t = u$ :  $\mu$  dependence  
 i.e. where  $C_i^r(\mu)$  estimated

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# Neutral decay

	$\bar{A}_0^2$	$\alpha$
LO	1090	0.000
NLO	2810	0.013
NLO ( $L_i^r = 0$ )	2100	0.016
NNLO	4790	0.013
NNLOq	4790	0.014
NNLO ( $C_i^r = 0$ )	4140	0.011
NNLO ( $L_i^r = C_i^r = 0$ )	2220	0.016
dispersive (KWW)	—	-(0.007—0.014)
tree dispersive	—	-0.0065
absolute dispersive	—	-0.007
Borasoy	—	-0.031
error	160	0.032

- experiment:  $\alpha = -0.032$  with small error
- NNLO ChPT gets  $a_0^0$  in  $\pi\pi$  correct

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	$A_0^2$	a	b	d	f
LO	120	-1.039	0.270	0.000	0.000
NLO	314	-1.371	0.452	0.053	0.027
NLO ( $L_i^r = 0$ )	235	-1.263	0.407	0.050	0.015
NNLO	538	-1.271	0.394	0.055	0.025
NNLOp ( $y$ from $T^0$ )	574	-1.229	0.366	0.052	0.023
NNLOq (incl $(x, y)^4$ )	535	-1.257	0.397	0.076	0.004
NNLO ( $\mu = 0.6$ GeV)	543	-1.300	0.415	0.055	0.024
NNLO ( $\mu = 0.9$ GeV)	548	-1.241	0.374	0.054	0.025
NNLO ( $C_i^r = 0$ )	465	-1.297	0.404	0.058	0.032
NNLO ( $L_i^r = C_i^r = 0$ )	251	-1.241	0.424	0.050	0.007
BJ12	451	-1.303	0.406	0.060	0.031
BE14	614	-1.356	0.430	0.063	0.038
BE14free	552	-1.339	0.421	0.062	0.036
error	18	0.075	0.102	0.057	0.160
KLOE 08		-1.090	0.124	0.057	0.14

- NLO to NNLO changes, but no large ones
- Error:  $\Delta|M(s, t, u)|^2 = |M^{(6)} M(s, t, u)|$

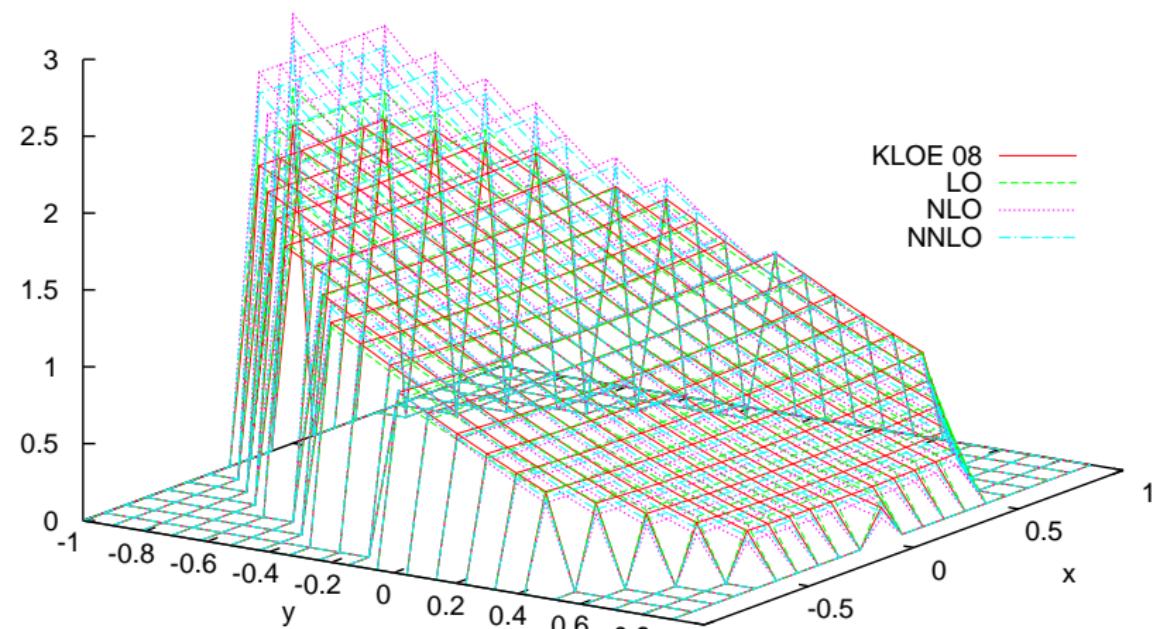
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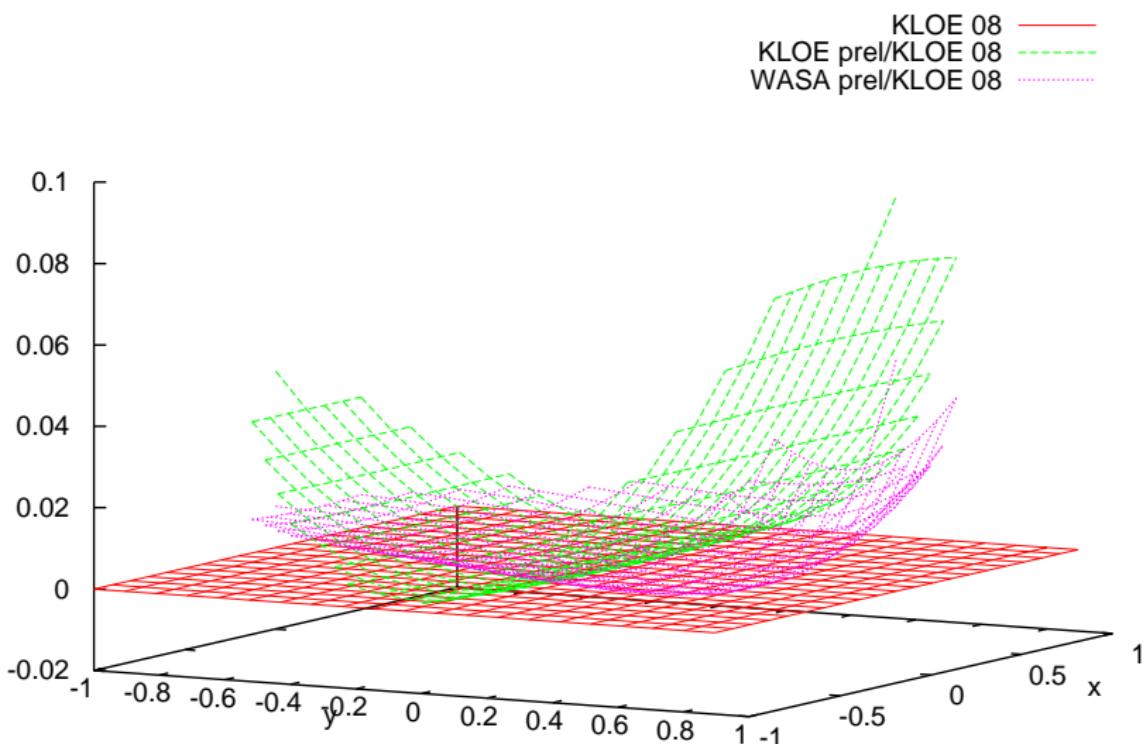
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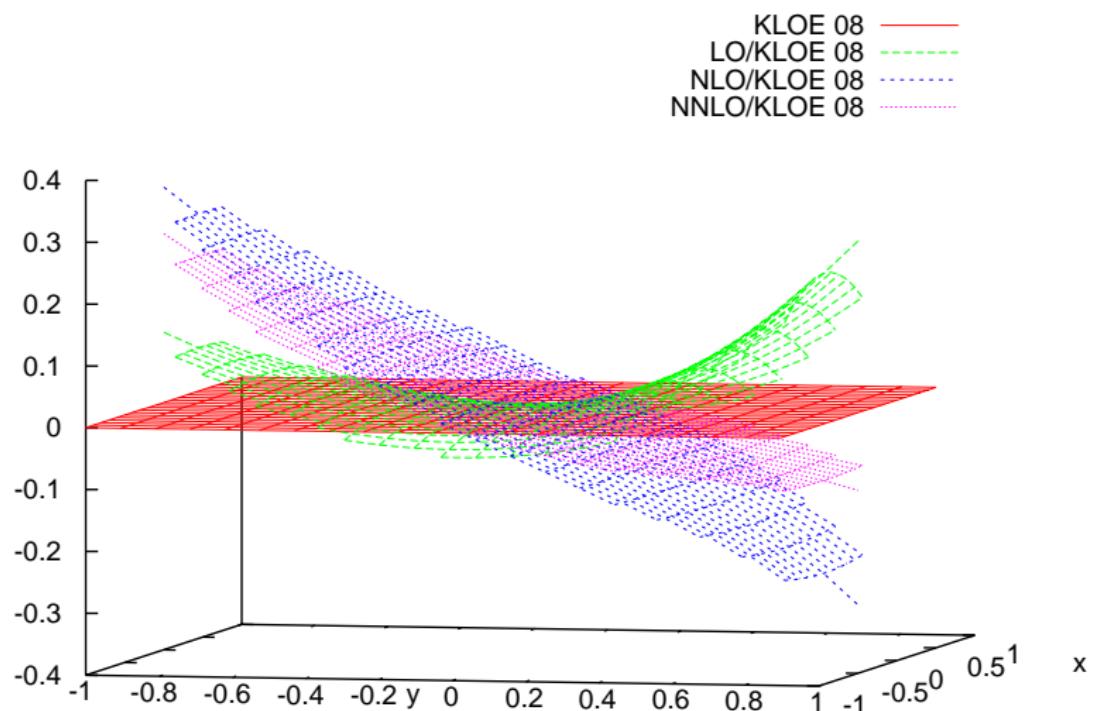
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$$\sin \epsilon = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4R} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) =$	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 0.572 \text{ MeV}$	LO ,
	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 1.59 \text{ MeV}$	NLO ,
	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 2.68 \text{ MeV}$	NNLO ,
	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 2.33 \text{ MeV}$	NNLO $C_i^r = 0$ ,
$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0) =$	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 0.884 \text{ MeV}$	LO ,
	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 2.31 \text{ MeV}$	NLO ,
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# $r$ and decay rates

$$r \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0)}{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)}$$

$$r_{\text{LO}} = 1.54$$

$$r_{\text{NLO}} = 1.46$$

$$r_{\text{NNLO}} = 1.47$$

$$r_{\text{NNLO } C_i^r=0} = 1.46$$

PDG 2013

$$r = 1.48 \pm 0.05 \quad \text{our average.}$$

$$r = 1.426 \pm 0.026 \quad \text{our fit,}$$

Reasonable agreement

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# $R$ and $Q$ from $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$

	LO	NLO	NNLO	NNLO ( $C_i^r = 0$ )
$R (\eta)$	18.9	31.5	40.9	38.2
$R$ (Dashen)	44	44	37	—
$R$ (Dashen-violation)	36	37	32	—
$Q (\eta)$	16.5	21.3	24.3	23.4
$Q$ (Dashen)	24	24	22	—
$Q$ (Dashen-violation)	22	22	20	—

$$\text{LO from } R = \frac{m_{K^0}^2 + m_{K^+}^2 - 2m_{\pi^0}^2}{2(m_{K^0}^2 - m_{K^+}^2)} \text{ (QCD part only)}$$

NLO and NNLO from masses: Amorós, JB, Talavera 2001

$$Q^2 = \frac{m_s + \hat{m}}{2\hat{m}} R = 14.4R$$

$(m_s/\hat{m} = 27.8$  used for  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi)$



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