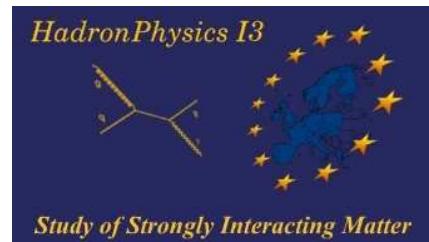




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## $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ at Two Loops

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# Chiral Perturbation Theory

Degrees of freedom: Goldstone Bosons from Chiral Symmetry Spontaneous Breakdown (without  $\eta'$ )

Power counting: Dimensional counting in momenta/masses

Expected breakdown scale: Resonances, so  $M_\rho$  or higher depending on the channel

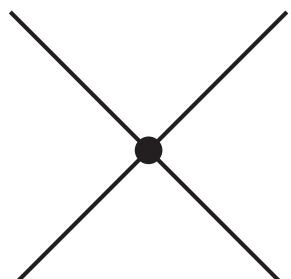
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Power counting in momenta: Meson loops

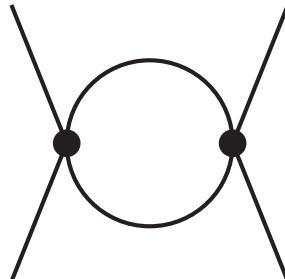


$$p^2$$

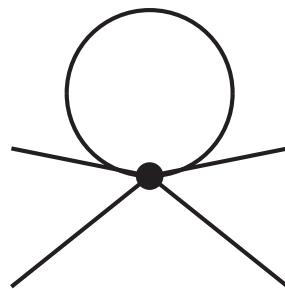
$$\int d^4p$$

$$1/p^2$$

$$p^4$$



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



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

# Lagrangians

$U(\phi) = \exp(i\sqrt{2}\Phi/F_0)$  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:  $s = \mathcal{M} + \dots$

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

# Lagrangians

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_4 = & L_1 \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U \rangle^2 + L_2 \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D_\nu U \rangle \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D^\nu U \rangle \\ & + L_3 \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D_\mu U D^\nu U^\dagger D_\nu U \rangle + L_4 \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D_\mu U \rangle \langle \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + L_5 \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D_\mu U (\chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \chi) \rangle + L_6 \langle \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \rangle^2 \\ & + L_7 \langle \chi^\dagger U - \chi U^\dagger \rangle^2 + L_8 \langle \chi^\dagger U \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \chi U^\dagger \rangle \\ & - i L_9 \langle F_{\mu\nu}^R D^\mu U D^\nu U^\dagger + F_{\mu\nu}^L D^\mu U^\dagger D^\nu U \rangle \\ & + L_{10} \langle U^\dagger F_{\mu\nu}^R U F^{L\mu\nu} \rangle + H_1 \langle F_{\mu\nu}^R F^{R\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu}^L F^{L\mu\nu} \rangle + H_2 \langle \chi^\dagger \chi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$L_i$ : Low-energy-constants (LECs)

$H_i$ : Values depend on definition of currents/densities

These absorb the divergences of loop diagrams:  $L_i \rightarrow L_i^r$

Renormalization: order by order in the powercounting

# Lagrangians

## Lagrangian Structure:

	2 flavour	3 flavour	3+3 PQChPT
$p^2$	$F, B$	2	$F_0, B_0$
$p^4$	$l_i^r, h_i^r$	7+3	$L_i^r, H_i^r$
$p^6$	$c_i^r$	52+4	$C_i^r$

$p^2$ : Weinberg 1966

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

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

- replica method  $\Rightarrow$  PQ obtained from  $N_F$  flavour
- All infinities known
- 3 flavour special case of 3+3 PQ:  $\hat{L}_i^r, K_i^r \rightarrow L_i^r, C_i^r$
- 53 → 52 arXiv:0705.0576 [hep-ph]

# Chiral Logarithms

The main predictions of ChPT:

- Relates processes with different numbers of pseudoscalars
- Chiral logarithms

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

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

$B \neq B_0, F \neq F_0$  (two versus three-flavour)

# LECs and $\mu$

$$l_3^r(\mu)$$

$$\bar{l}_i = \frac{32\pi^2}{\gamma_i} l_i^r(\mu) - \log \frac{M_\pi^2}{\mu^2}.$$

Independent of the scale  $\mu$ .

For 3 and more flavours, some of the  $\gamma_i = 0$ :  $L_i^r(\mu)$

$\mu$  :

- $m_\pi, m_K$ : chiral logs vanish
- pick larger scale
- 1 GeV then  $L_5^r(\mu) \approx 0$  large  $N_c$  arguments????
- compromise:  $\mu = m_\rho = 0.77$  GeV

# Expand in what quantities?

- Expansion is in momenta and masses
- But is not unique: relations between masses (Gell-Mann–Okubo) exists
- Express orders in terms of physical masses and quantities ( $F_\pi$ ,  $F_K$ )?
- Express orders in terms of lowest order masses?
- E.g.  $s + t + u = 2m_\pi^2 + 2m_K^2$  in  $\pi K$  scattering
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- I prefer physical masses
- Thresholds correct
- Chiral logs are from physical particles propagating

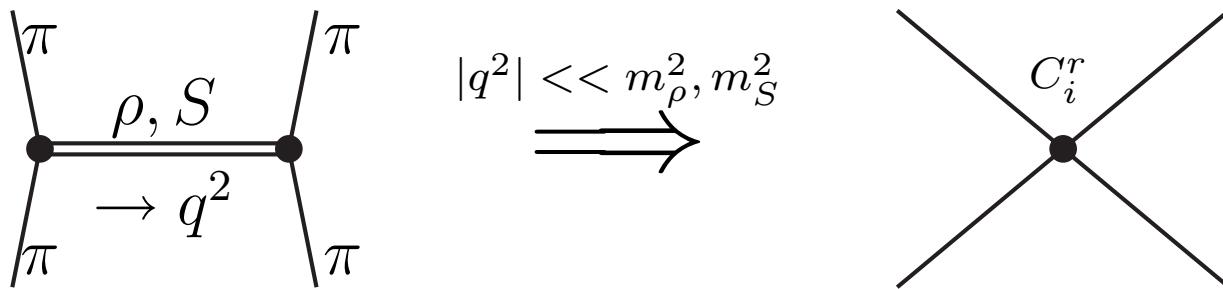
# LECs

Some combinations of order  $p^6$  LECs are known as well:  
curvature of the scalar and vector formfactor, two more  
combinations from  $\pi\pi$  scattering (implicit in  $b_5$  and  $b_6$ )

## General observation:

- Obtainable from kinematical dependences: known
- Only via quark-mass dependence: poorly known

Most analysis use:  
 $C_i^r$  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,...

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_V &= -\frac{1}{4}\langle V_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}m_V^2\langle V_\mu V^\mu \rangle - \frac{f_V}{2\sqrt{2}}\langle V_{\mu\nu}f_+^{\mu\nu} \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{ig_V}{2\sqrt{2}}\langle V_{\mu\nu}[u^\mu, u^\nu] \rangle + f_\chi\langle V_\mu[u^\mu, \chi_-] \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4}\langle A_{\mu\nu}A^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}m_A^2\langle A_\mu A^\mu \rangle - \frac{f_A}{2\sqrt{2}}\langle A_{\mu\nu}f_-^{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S = \frac{1}{2}\langle \nabla^\mu S \nabla_\mu S - M_S^2 S^2 \rangle + c_d\langle Su^\mu u_\mu \rangle + c_m\langle S\chi_+ \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\eta'} = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu P_1 \partial^\mu P_1 - \frac{1}{2}M_{\eta'}^2 P_1^2 + i\tilde{d}_m P_1 \langle \chi_- \rangle.$$

$$f_V = 0.20, \quad f_\chi = -0.025, \quad g_V = 0.09, \quad c_m = 42 \text{ MeV}, \quad c_d = 32 \text{ MeV}, \quad \tilde{d}_m = 20 \text{ MeV},$$

$$m_V = m_\rho = 0.77 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_A = m_{a_1} = 1.23 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_S = 0.98 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{P_1} = 0.958 \text{ GeV}$$

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

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

## 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

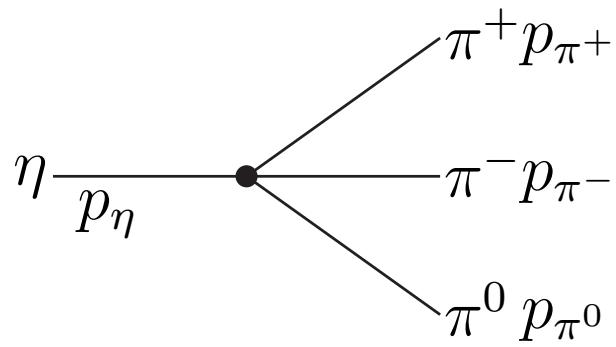
## What we do/did about it:

- 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

# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ : Lowest order (LO)

Pions are in  $I = 1$  state  $\Rightarrow A \sim (m_u - m_d)$  or  $\alpha_{em}$

- $\alpha_{em}$  effect is small (but large via  $m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^0}$ )
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma$  needs to be included directly

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$$A(s, t, u) = \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{m_K^2}{m_\pi^2} (m_\pi^2 - m_K^2) \frac{\mathcal{M}(s, t, u)}{3\sqrt{3}F_\pi^2},$$

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LO:  $\mathcal{M}(s, t, u) = \frac{3s - 4m_\pi^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_\pi^2}$

$$M(s, t, u) = \frac{1}{F_\pi^2} \left( \frac{4}{3}m_\pi^2 - s \right)$$

# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ beyond $p^4$ : $p^2$ and $p^4$

$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi) \propto |A|^2 \propto Q^{-4}$  allows a PRECISE measurement

$Q \approx 24$  gives lowest order  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) \approx 66 \text{ eV}$ .

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At order  $p^4$  Gasser-Leutwyler 1985: 
$$\frac{\int dLIPS |A_2 + A_4|^2}{\int dLIPS |A_2|^2} = 2.4,$$

( $LIPS$ =Lorentz invariant phase-space)

Major source: large  $S$ -wave final state rescattering

Experiment:  $295 \pm 17 \text{ eV}$  (PDG 2006)

# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ beyond $p^4$ : Dispersive

Try to resum the  $S$ -wave rescattering:

Anisovich-Leutwyler (AL), Kambor,Wiesendanger,Wyler (KWW)

Different method but similar approximations

Up to  $p^8$ : No absorptive parts from  $\ell \geq 2$

$$\implies M(s, t, u) =$$

$$M_0(s) + (s - u)M_1(t) + (s - t)M_1(t) + M_2(t) + M_2(u) - \frac{2}{3}M_2(s)$$

$M_I$ : “roughly” contributions with isospin 0,1,2

# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ beyond $p^4$ : Dispersive

3 body dispersive: difficult: keep only 2 body cuts

start from  $\pi\eta \rightarrow \pi\pi$  ( $m_\eta^2 < 3m_\pi^2$ ) standard dispersive analysis  
analytically continue to physical  $m_\eta^2$ .

$$M_I(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\text{Im}M_I(s')}{s' - s - i\varepsilon}$$

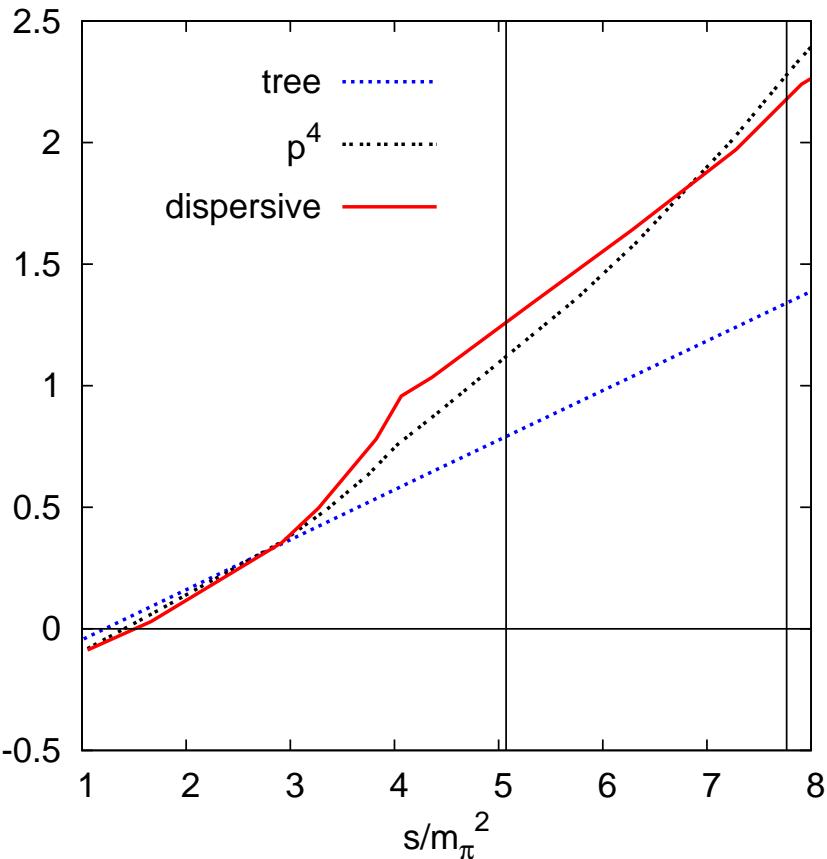
$$\text{Im}M_I(s') \longrightarrow \text{disc}M_I(s) = \frac{1}{2i} (M_I(s + i\varepsilon) - M_I(s - i\varepsilon))$$

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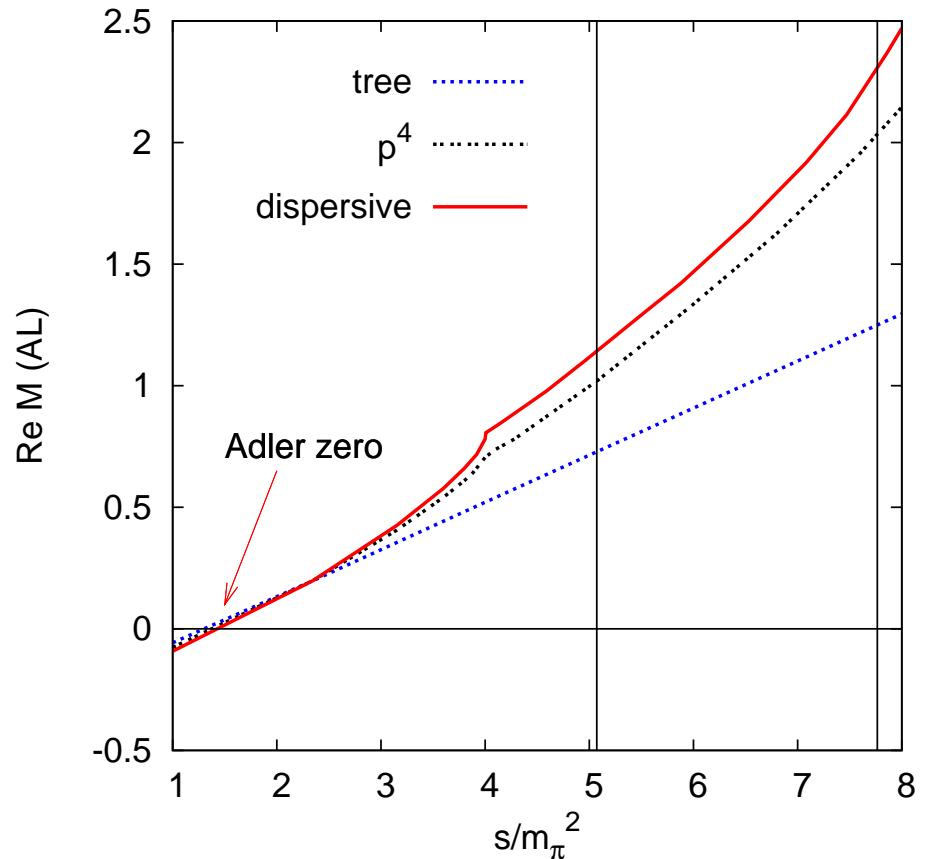
$$M_1(s) = a_1 + b_1 s + \frac{s^2}{\pi} \int \frac{ds'}{s'^2} \frac{\text{disc}M_1(s')}{s' - s - i\varepsilon},$$

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# $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ beyond $p^4$



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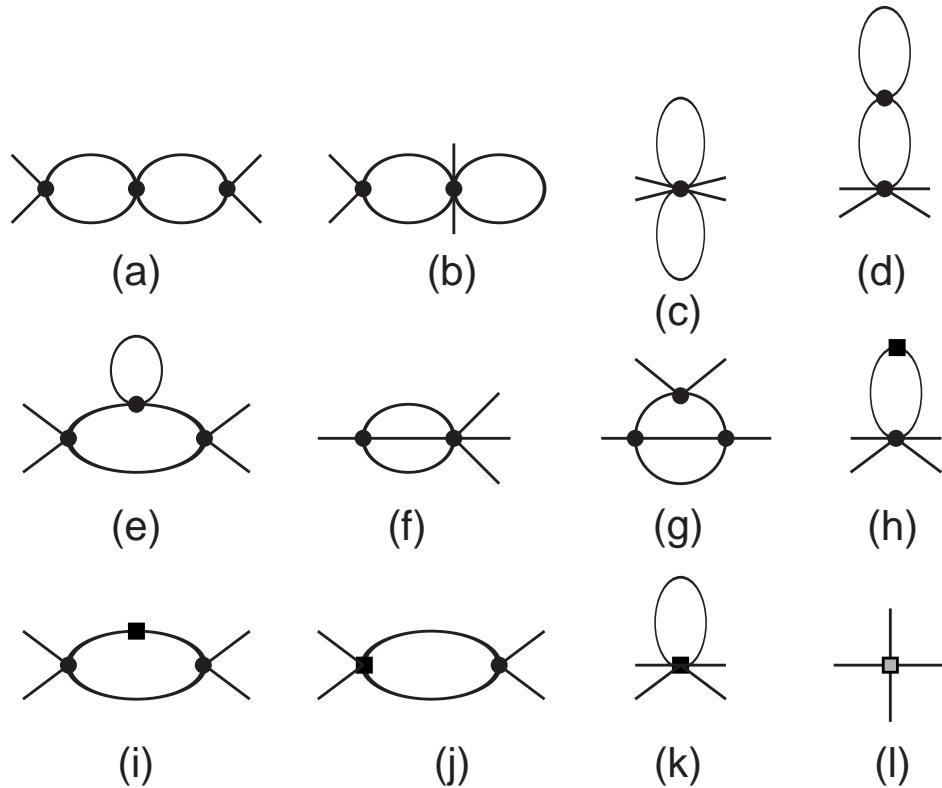
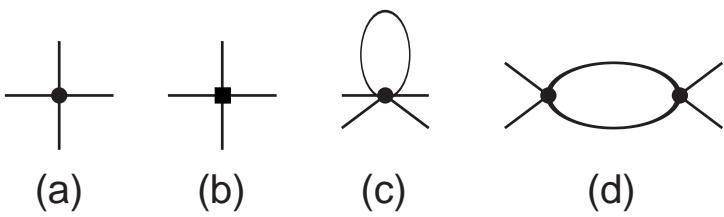
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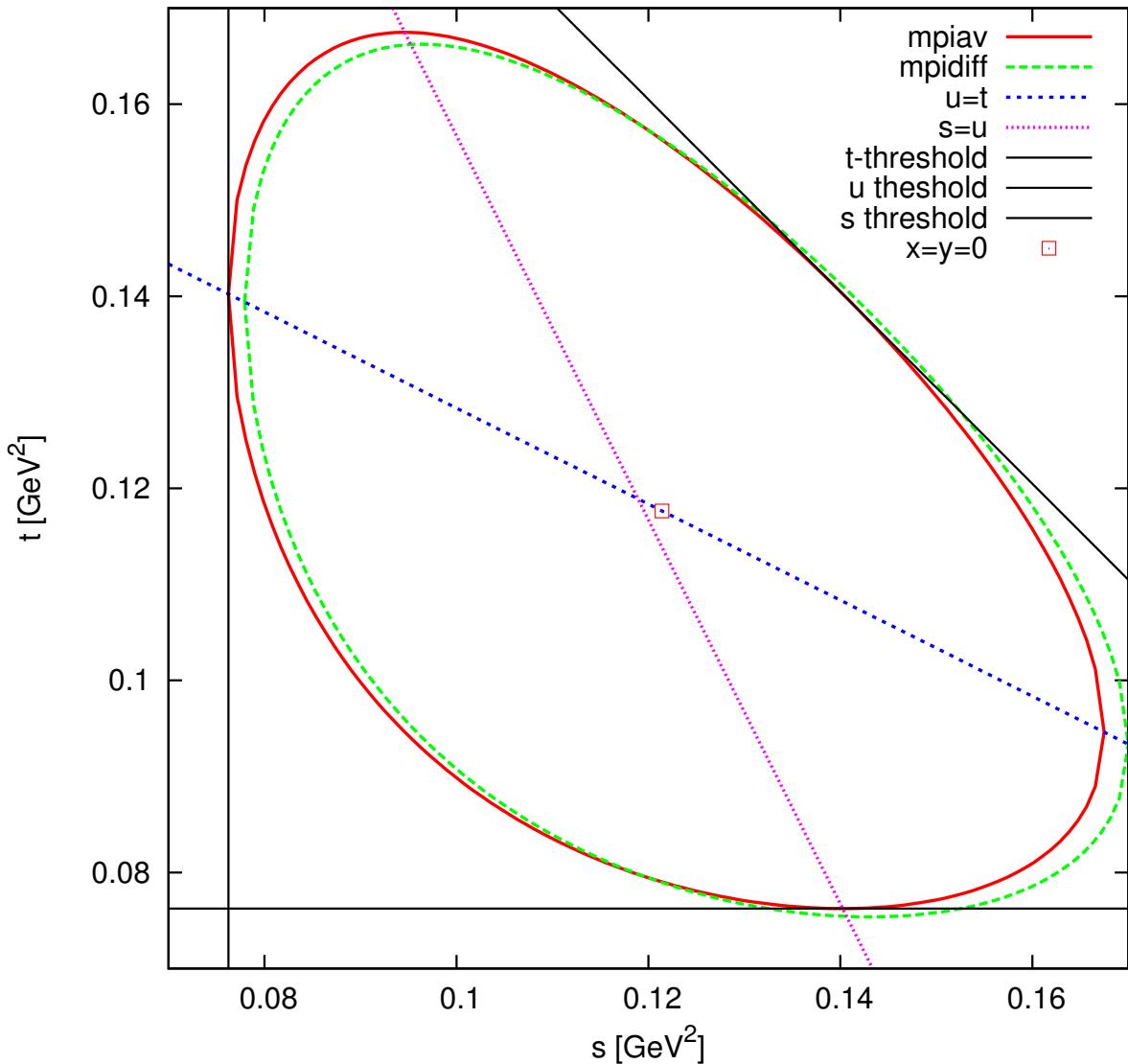
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# Diagrams



- Include mixing, renormalize, pull out factor  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4R}, \dots$
- Two independent calculations (comparison major amount of work)

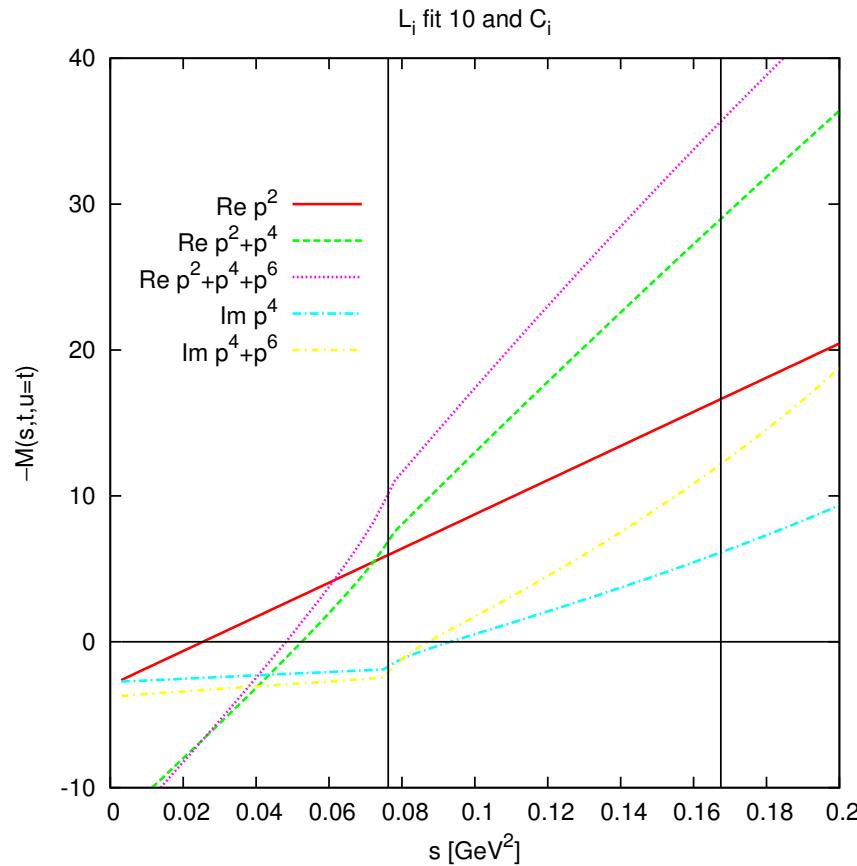
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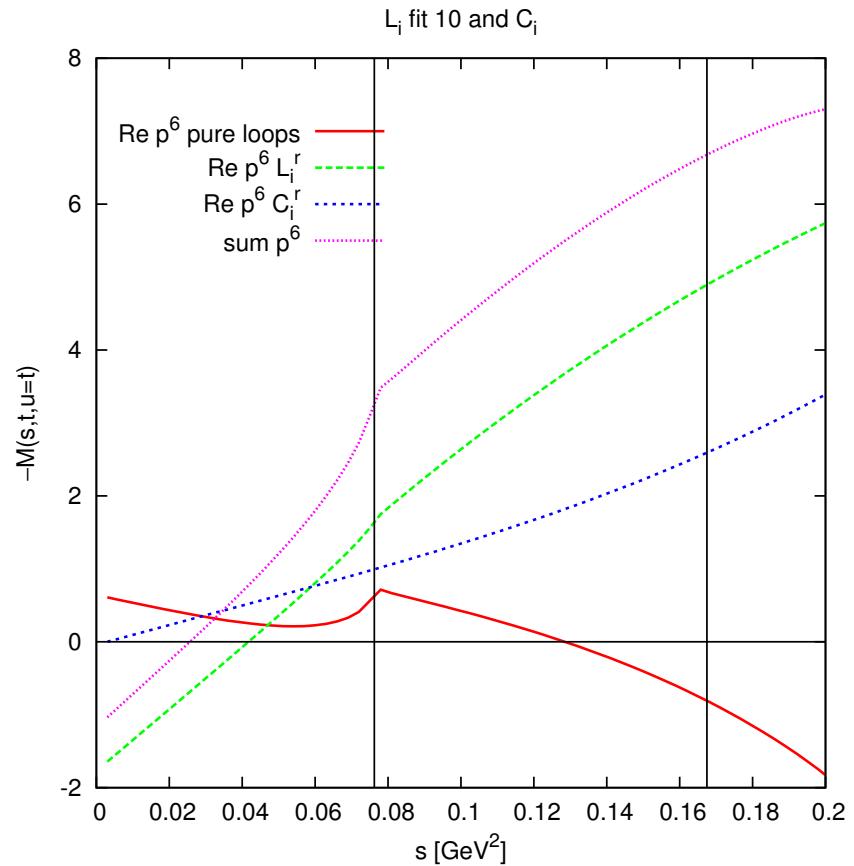
$x$  variation:  
vertical

$y$  variation:  
parallel to  $t = u$

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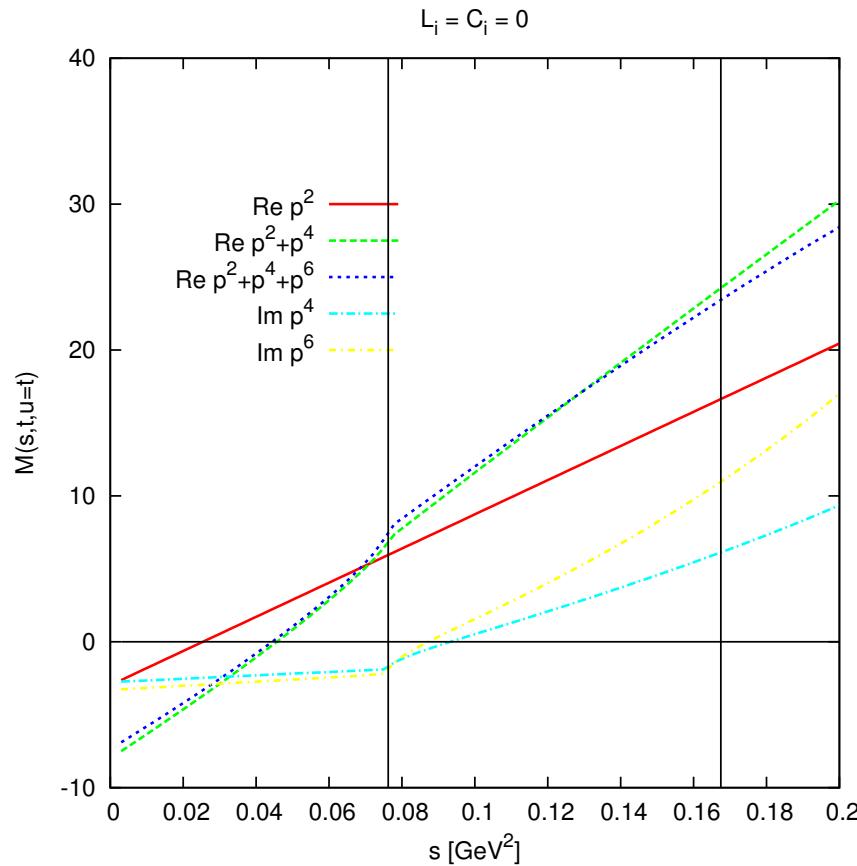


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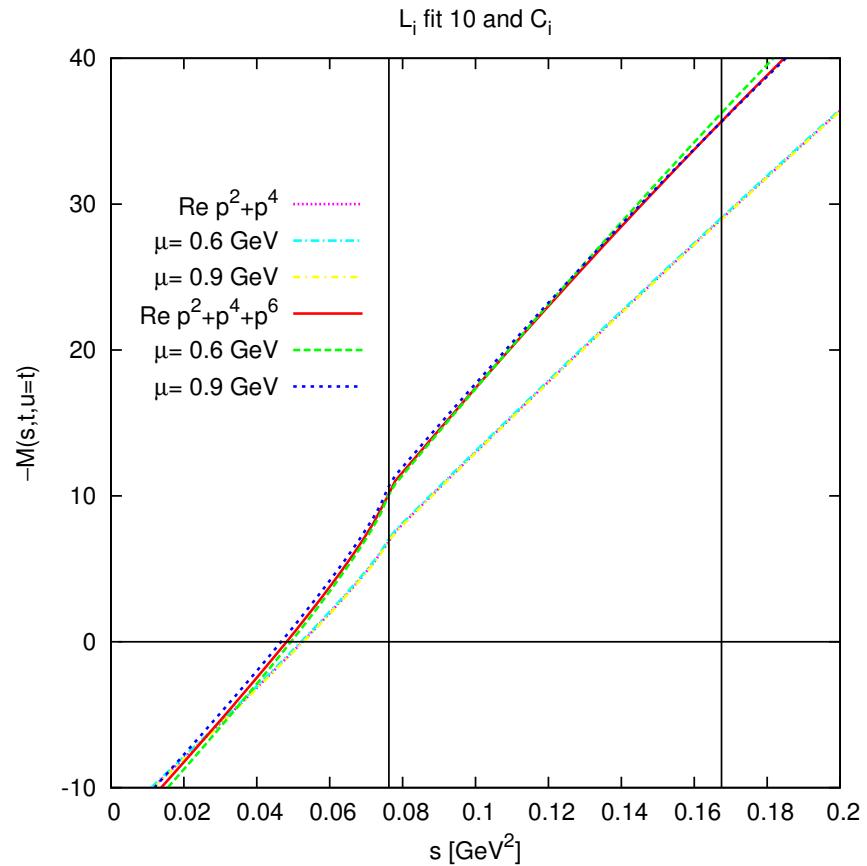


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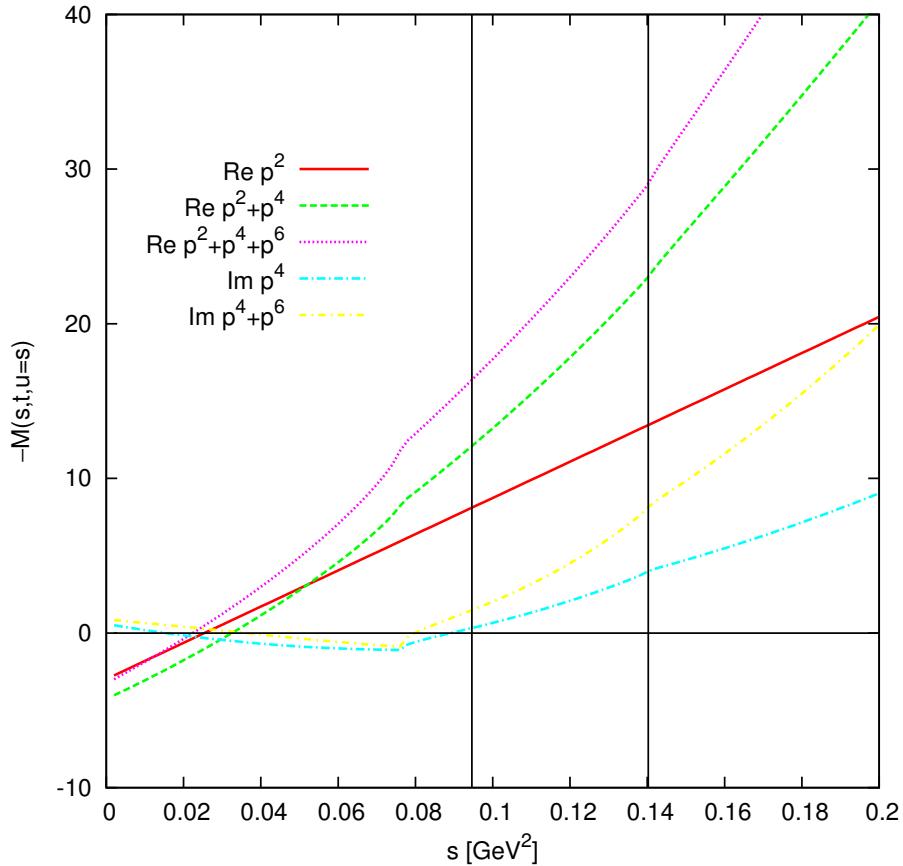


Along  $t = u$   
 $L_i^r = C_i^r = 0$



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

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



Along  $s = u$

Shape agrees with AL  
Correction larger:  
20-30% in amplitude

# 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  $\pi^i$

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

$$|M|^2 = A_0^2 (1 + ay + by^2 + dx^2 + fy^3 + gx^2y + \dots)$$

$$|\overline{M}|^2 = \overline{A}_0^2 (1 + 2\alpha z + \dots)$$

# Experiment: charged

Exp.	a	b	d
KLOE	$-1.090 \pm 0.005^{+0.008}_{-0.019}$	$0.124 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.010$	$0.057 \pm 0.006^{+0.007}_{-0.016}$
Crystal Barrel	$-1.22 \pm 0.07$	$0.22 \pm 0.11$	$0.06 \pm 0.04$ (input)
Layter et al.	$-1.08 \pm 0.014$	$0.034 \pm 0.027$	$0.046 \pm 0.031$
Gormley et al.	$-1.17 \pm 0.02$	$0.21 \pm 0.03$	$0.06 \pm 0.04$

KLOE has:  $f = 0.14 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.02$ .

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

# Theory: charged

	$A_0^2$	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
dispersive (KWW)	—	-1.33	0.26	0.10	—
tree dispersive	—	-1.10	0.33	0.001	—
absolute dispersive	—	-1.21	0.33	0.04	—
error	18	0.075	0.102	0.057	0.160

NLO to  
NNLO:  
Little  
change

Error on  
 $|M(s, t, u)|^2$ :

$$|M^{(6)} M(s, t, u)|$$

# Experiment: neutral

Exp.	$\alpha$
KLOE 2007	$-0.027 \pm 0.004^{+0.004}_{-0.006}$
KLOE (prel)	$-0.014 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.004$
Crystal Ball	$-0.031 \pm 0.004$
WASA/CELSIUS	$-0.026 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.010$
Crystal Barrel	$-0.052 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.010$
GAMS2000	$-0.022 \pm 0.023$
SND	$-0.010 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.010$

	$\overline{A}_0^2$	$\alpha$
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

Note: NNLO ChPT gets  $a_0^0$  in  $\pi\pi$  correct

# $\alpha$ is difficult

Expand amplitudes and isospin:

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

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

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

Large cancellation in  $\alpha$ , overestimate of  $b$  likely the problem

# *r* and decay rates

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

$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) =$	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 0.572 \text{ MeV}$	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 ,
	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 3.94 \text{ MeV}$	NNLO ,
	$\sin^2 \epsilon \cdot 3.40 \text{ MeV}$	NNLO $C_i^r = 0$ .

# *r* and decay rates

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

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

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

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

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

PDG 2006

$$r = 1.49 \pm 0.06 \quad \text{our average}.$$

$$r = 1.43 \pm 0.04 \quad \text{our fit ,}$$

Good agreement

# R and Q

	LO	NLO	NNLO	NNLO ( $C_i^r = 0$ )
$R (\eta)$	19.1	31.8	42.2	38.7
$R$ (Dashen)	44	44	37	—
$R$ (Dashen-violation)	36	37	32	—
$Q (\eta)$	15.6	20.1	23.2	22.2
$Q$ (Dashen)	24	24	22	—
$Q$ (Dashen-violation)	22	22	20	—

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

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

$$Q^2 = \frac{m_s + \hat{m}}{2\hat{m}} R = 12.7R \quad (m_s/\hat{m} = 24.4)$$

# Conclusions

- Precision physics:  $Q$  or  $R$
- $NNLO$ -calculation of  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$  performed
- Some puzzling differences vs NLO+dispersive
- $R$  from meson masses vs from  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$