



Recent result on n/n' physics at BESIII

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- Light meson physics
- BESIII: a light meson factory
- Recent results on n/n' physics
 - Transition form factors
 - Dalitz plot analyses of $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$, $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$





Light mesons

- Important roles in particle physics,
 e.g. Quark Model, CP violation ...
- Rich physics
 - Test ChPT predictions
 - Test fundamental symmetries
 - Probe new physics beyond the SM
 - EM Form factors: HLbL contributions to (g 2)μ
- Experiments: A2, KLOE-2, GlueX, BESIII, LHCb, CMS..... JEF, REDTOP, STCF



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Bird view of BEPCII



World largest data sample directly collected in τ -charm region



2008-present: ~50 fb⁻¹ data in $E_{cm} = 2-4.95$ GeV

Light mesons at BESIII



 $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta \rightarrow 1 \times 10^7 \eta$ $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \rightarrow 5.2 \times 10^7 \eta'$ $J/\psi \rightarrow \omega \eta \rightarrow 1 \times 10^7 \omega$ $J/\psi \rightarrow \rho \pi \rightarrow 2 \times 10^8 \pi^0$

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A light meson factory !



TFFs as experimental input @ BESIII

HLbL contributions

Pseudoscalar TFFs are experimentally accessible in three different processes







Dalitz decays $0 < q^2 < M^2$

Annihilation process $q^2 = s > M^2$

Two photon process

Single Dalitz decays $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$



Consistent with the previous experimental works and theoretical predictions

TTFs in $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$



Comparisons



New parameterization ?

EPJC 82,434)2022) , see Simon's talk

$$\begin{split} F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(s,0) &= F_{P\gamma\gamma} + \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{\rho\omega}s}{M_{\omega}^2 - s - iM_{\omega}\Gamma_{\omega}} \right] \\ &\times \frac{s}{48\pi^2} \int_{4M_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\sigma_{\pi}^3(s')P(s')|F_{\pi}^V(s')|^2}{s' - s - i\epsilon} \\ &+ \frac{F_{P\gamma\gamma}w_{P\omega\gamma}s}{M_{\omega}^2 - s - iM_{\omega}\Gamma_{\omega}} \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon_{\rho\omega}s}{48\pi^2 g_{\omega\gamma}^2} \right] \\ &\times \int_{4M_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\sigma_{\pi}^3(s')|F_{\pi}^V(s')|^2}{s'(s' - s - i\epsilon)} \right] \\ &+ \frac{F_{P\gamma\gamma}w_{P\phi\gamma}s}{M_{\phi}^2 - s - iM_{\phi}\Gamma_{\phi}}, \end{split}$$



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We may have a fit to data soon

Observation of $\eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$



- Double virtual FFs?
- Statistics limited !

 $B(\eta' \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-)=(4.5\pm1.0\pm0.5)\times10^{-6}$

BESIII: PRD 105, 112010 (2022)

Rafel, Sergi, Chinese Physics C42 (2018) 023109

$$\begin{aligned} \eta' &\to e^+ e^- e^+ e^- & 2.10(45) \times 10^{-6} \\ \eta' &\to \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^- & 1.69(36) \times 10^{-8} \\ \eta' &\to e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^- & 6.39(91) \times 10^{-7} \end{aligned}$$



$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- l^+ l^-$



VMD

Box-anomaly

CP violation

60.	$\mathcal{B}(\eta' \to \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-)$	$\mathcal{B}(\eta' \to \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-)$
	(10^{-3})	(10^{-5})
Hidden gauge [*]	2.17 ± 0.21	2.20 ± 0.30
Unitary χPT^*	$2.13^{+0.17}_{-0.31}$	$1.57^{+0.96}_{-0.75}$
VMD^{\star}	2.27 ± 0.13	2.41 ± 0.25
BESIII $(2013)^{\diamond}$	$2.11 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.15$	< 2.9
BESIII $(2021)^{\diamond}$	$2.42 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.08$	$1.97 \pm 0.33 \pm 0.19$
CLEO ^{\$}	$2.50^{+1.2}_{-0.9} \pm 0.5$	< 24

A. Faessler, C. Fuchs, and M. I. Krivoruchenko, PRC 61, 035206 (2000). B. Borasoy and R. Nissler, EPJA 33, 95 (2007). T. Petri, arXiv:1010.2378

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BFs of $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- l^+ l^-$



Decay Mode	N _{sig}	$\varepsilon(\%)$	Branching fraction
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$	22725 <u>+</u> 155	17.49 <u>+</u> 0.04	$(2.45 \pm 0.02(stat)) \times 10^{-3}$
$\eta' \to \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	434 <u>+</u> 25	37.95 <u>+</u> 0.07	$(2.16 \pm 0.12(stat)) \times 10^{-5}$

Decay Amplitude

T. Petri, arXiv:1010.2378

✓ Decay amplitude

 $\overline{\left|\mathcal{A}_{\eta'\to\pi^+\pi^-l^+l^-}\right|^2}(s_{\pi\pi},s_{ll},\theta_{\pi},\theta_1,\varphi) = \frac{e^2}{8k^2}|M(s_{\pi\pi},s_{ll})|^2 \times \lambda\left(m_{\eta'}^2,s_{\pi\pi},s_{ll}\right) \times \left[1-\beta_1^2\sin^2\theta_1\sin^2\varphi\right]s_{\pi\pi}\beta_{\pi}^2\sin^2\theta_{\pi}$

 $\checkmark M(s_{\pi\pi}, s_{ll})$ contains the information of the decaying particle and the VMD input ,

$$M(s_{\pi\pi}, s_{ll}) = \frac{e}{8\pi^2 f_{\pi}^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{f_{\pi}}{f_8} \sin\theta_{mix} + 2\sqrt{2} \frac{f_{\pi}}{f_0} \cos\theta_{mix}\right) \times VMD(s_{\pi\pi}, s_{ll})$$

constant

✓ Form Factor:

$$VMD(s_{\pi\pi}, s_{ll}) = \left[1 - \frac{3}{4}(c_1 - c_2 + c_3) + \frac{3}{4}(c_1 - c_2 - c_3)\frac{m_V^2}{m_V^2 - s_{ll} - im_V\Gamma(s_{ll})} + \frac{3}{2}c_3\frac{m_V^2}{m_V^2 - s_{ll} - im_V\Gamma(s_{ll})}\frac{m_{V,\pi}^2}{m_{V,\pi}^2 - s_{\pi\pi} - im_{V,\pi}\Gamma(s_{\pi\pi})}\right]$$

Box anomaly VMD contribution

VMD contribution

\checkmark VMD models:

- Hidden gauge model (Model I): $c_1 c_2 = c_3 = 1$
- Full VMD model (Model II): $c_1 c_2 = 1/3$, $c_3 = 1$
- Modified VMD model (Model III): $c_1 c_2 \neq c_3$

✓ ρ^0 only can not describe data ✓ $ω → π^+π^-$ decay is necessary !

$$\frac{m_{V,\pi}^2}{m_{V,\pi}^2 - s_{\pi\pi} - im_{V,\pi}\Gamma(s_{\pi\pi})} + \beta e^{i\theta} \frac{m_{\omega}^2}{m_{\omega}^2 - s_{\pi\pi} - im_{\omega}\Gamma_{\omega}}$$



box-anomaly?

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box-anomaly? $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$, see Andrzej's talk BESIII:PRL120,242003(2018)



Amplitude analysis results

$\eta' \to \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$	Model I	Model II	Model III
	$c_1 - c_2 = c_3 = 1$	$c_1 - c_2 = 1/3, c_3 = 1$	$c_1 - c_2 \neq c_3$
$m_V ({ m MeV}/c^2)$	954.26 ± 82.53	857.37 ± 74.31	787.53 ± 137.90
$m_{V,\pi}({ m MeV}/c^2)$	765.32 ± 1.12	765.35 ± 1.12	764.75 ± 1.25
$m_{\omega}({ m MeV}/c^2)$	778.69 ± 1.26	778.70 ± 1.26	778.70 ± 1.36
$eta(10^{-3})$	8.53 ± 1.40	8.52 ± 1.40	8.11 ± 1.43
heta	1.43 ± 0.31	1.43 ± 0.31	1.44 ± 0.35
$c_1 - c_2$	1	1/3	-0.03 ± 0.87
<i>c</i> ₃	1	1	1.03 ± 0.02

 \checkmark All the above cases provide good description of data

- \checkmark Limited statistics at the high e^+e^- mass region
 - → Large statistical uncertainty
- ✓ A test with $c_1 c_2 = c_3$ gives $c_1 c_2 = c_3 = 1.03 \pm 0.02$, which is consistent with Model I.









B(η'→π⁺π⁻π⁺π⁻)=(1.0±0.3) ×10⁻⁴ B(η'→π⁺π⁻π⁰π⁰)=(2.4±0.7) ×10⁻⁴

F.K. Guo et al ,PRD 85,014014 (2012)

see Simon's talk

Mode	N _{sig}	ε(%)	B(×10⁻₅)
$\eta' \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	1650±48	36.4	8.56±0.25 (<i>stat</i>)
$\eta' \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0$	865±49	7.8	2.12±0.12(<i>stat</i>)

Amplitude analysis results



By assuming $c_1-c_2=1$, the fit yields $c_3 = 1.22 \pm 0.29$, which is consistent with the

theoretical expectation of $c_3=1$

Space-like π^0 TFF (preliminary results only)







- ~16fb⁻¹ @3.773 GeV is available
- 5 times larger than that for "preliminary"

Evidence of the cusp effect in $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$

• Investigation on $\pi\pi$ and $\pi\eta$ final interactions

• The cusp effect is sizeable in this decay

B. Kubis and S. P. Schneider, EPJC 62, 511 (2009)

S. Gonzalez-Solls, E. Passemar EPJC78, 758 (2018)





Non-relativistic effective field theory

B. Kubis and S. P. Schneider, EPJC 62, 511 (2009)

Fits at different cases

- Evidence of the cusp effect @ 3.5σ
- $\eta \pi$ interaction not included!

Parameters	Fit I	Fit II	Fit III	Fit IV
a	$-0.075 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001$	-0.207 ± 0.013	-0.143 ± 0.010	$-0.077 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001$
b	$-0.073 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.001$	-0.051 ± 0.014	-0.038 ± 0.006	$-0.066 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.001$
d	$-0.066 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001$	-0.068 ± 0.004	-0.067 ± 0.003	$-0.068 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.001$
$a_0 - a_2$	-	0.174 ± 0.066	0.225 ± 0.062	$0.226 \pm 0.060 \pm 0.012$
a_0	-	0.497 ± 0.094	-	-
a_2	-	0.322 ± 0.129	-	-
Statistical Significance	-	3.4σ	3.7σ	3.6σ





Updated results on $\eta \rightarrow \pi + \pi - \pi^0$, $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$



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

 $|A(X,Y)|^2 \propto 1 + aY + bY^2 + cX + dX^2 + eXY + fY^3 + gX^2Y + \cdots$



Comparison to experimental and theoretical results



 $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$



$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$



Deviations from A2: 2.8σ

No evident cusp effect

Summary and Prospects

- BESIII: a light meson factory
 - Many progresses achieved on n/n' decays
- With 10 billion J/ψ events
 - Allow to study light meson decays with high precision

e.g., ~7 million $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ events, ~2 million $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$ events

- New source of η : $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$ (arXiv:2306.02810)
- Space-like TFFs for π^0 , η/η'
 - 20fb⁻¹@3.773 GeV expected by 2023 → space-like TFFs !

Many thanks!

$$\mathsf{a}_{\mu} = rac{\mathsf{g}_{\mu}-2}{2} = \mathsf{a}_{\mu}^{\mathsf{QED}} + \mathsf{a}_{\mu}^{\mathsf{weak}} + \mathsf{a}_{\mu}^{\mathsf{hadr}}$$





Prediction completely limited by hadronic contributions!

HVP

HLbL

Use experimental input to improve theory!

$n' \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay dynamics



high term of $ChPT \rightarrow box$ anomaly

PRL120,242003(2018)

Model-(in)dependent fit



✓ ρ (770)- ω cannot describe data well

 \checkmark Extra contribution (maybe $\rho(1450)$ or box-anomaly) is also necessary

New approaches

Absolute Measurement of BFs of η' decay modesPRL122, 142002(2019)Novel approach to investigate η decaysin progress

γ conversion: n/n' inclusive decays

- A novel way to measure the absolute BFs of η/η' decays
- Excellent momentum resolution for electrons @MDC



First Measurement of Absolute BFs of η' / η decays



B(J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta'$) = (5.27±0.03±0.05)×10⁻³

B(J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta$) = (1.067±0.005±0.023)×10⁻³ 39

New approach to investigate η decays with $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$

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Production rate lower than **n**'

Background from QED and
$$J/\psi$$
 decays

One more η' constraint to suppress the background events !

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta'$$
, η' $\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta$

• Help distinguish muons from pions

Background level is low



