

# $\eta$ and $\eta'$ physics

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## — What is special about the $\eta - \eta'$ system —

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**QCD symmetry breaking:**  $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_B [\times U(1)_A] \rightarrow SU(3)_V \times U(1)_B$

- $\eta(\eta')$  emerge as an octet (would-be singlet in large- $N_c$ ) Goldstone boson (GB)  $\eta_8, \eta_0$
- In real world,  $\frac{m_s - m_{u,d}}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \eta_8 - \eta_0$  mix into  $\eta - \eta'$
- Properties of chiral symmetry breaking, physics and  **$U(1)_A$  physics**

GBs play a central role in describing QCD dynamics at low energies

- Peculiarities of the  $\eta, \eta'$  and new physics:
  - $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi)$  isospin-breaking ( $m_d - m_u$ )  $\sim \Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma)$ ;  $\Gamma_\eta = 1.31(5)$  keV is small
  - $\Gamma(\eta' \rightarrow \eta 2\pi)$  phase-space,  $\Gamma(\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow 4\pi \sim \rho\rho)$  suppressed,  $\Gamma_{\eta'} = 188(6)$  keV is moderate
  - $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+ 0^{-+}$  and  $C, P, T$  eigenstate with negligible SM  $\mathcal{CP}$  contribution

**Sensitivity to weakly coupled New Physics and CP tests**

Channel	Expt. branching ratio	Discussion
$\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$	39.41(20)%	chiral anomaly, $\eta$ - $\eta'$ mixing
$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi'$	32.68(23)%	$m_u - m_d$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$	$2.56(22) \times 10^{-4}$	$\chi$ PT at $O(p^6)$ , leptophobic $B$ boson, light Higgs scalars
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$\chi$ PT, axion-like particles (ALPs)
$\eta \rightarrow 4\gamma$	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-11}$ [55]
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	22.92(28)%	$m_u - m_d$ , $C/CP$ violation, light Higgs scalars
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	4.22(8)%	chiral anomaly, theory input for singly-virtual TFF and $(g-2)_\mu$ , $P/CP$ violation
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma\gamma$	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$\chi$ PT, ALPs
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	$6.9(4) \times 10^{-3}$	theory input for $(g-2)_\mu$ , dark photon, protophobic $X$ boson
$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$	$3.1(4) \times 10^{-4}$	theory input for $(g-2)_\mu$ , dark photon
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$< 7 \times 10^{-7}$	theory input for $(g-2)_\mu$ , BSM weak decays
$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$5.8(8) \times 10^{-6}$	theory input for $(g-2)_\mu$ , BSM weak decays, $P/CP$ violation
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$		$C/CP$ violation, ALPs
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$	$2.68(11) \times 10^{-4}$	theory input for doubly-virtual TFF and $(g-2)_\mu$ , $P/CP$ violation, ALPs
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$< 3.6 \times 10^{-4}$	theory input for doubly-virtual TFF and $(g-2)_\mu$ , $P/CP$ violation, ALPs
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$	$2.40(22) \times 10^{-5}$	theory input for $(g-2)_\mu$
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-4}$	theory input for $(g-2)_\mu$
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$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma$	$< 5 \times 10^{-4}$	direct emission only
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_e$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$	second-class current
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-6}$ [56]	$P/CP$ violation
$\eta \rightarrow 2\pi^0$	$< 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$P/CP$ violation
$\eta \rightarrow 4\pi^0$	$< 6.9 \times 10^{-7}$	$P/CP$ violation

—  $\eta - \eta'$  topics in this talk —

- Many interesting physics: SM+BSM
- Left table from *Phys.Rept. 945 (2022) 1-105*, “Precision tests of fundamental physics with  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  mesons” by Gan, Kubis, Passemar & Tullin,
- I will focus on (i) SM/QCD physics for  $g-2$  and (ii) BSM physics: CP-violation
- Note that relevant progress in  $g-2$  context from  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^- \eta^{(\prime)}$  accessible at STCF.
- Lattice also making progress (2106.05398) and some puzzles with experiment (2305.04570)!
- See also S. Gozalez-Solis talk at 2024 Int'l workshop on future Tau Charm facilities for other channels

## — Past present and future of $\eta/\eta'$ factories

- Fixed target experiments (i.e.  $pd \rightarrow \eta^3\text{He}$  or  $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$ )

WASA  $\sim 5 \times 10^8 \eta$  (past) (EPJ Web Conf. 199)      MAMI  $\sim 10^8 \eta, 10^6 \eta'$  (past) (2007.00664)

- $e^+e^-$  colliders through  $e^+e^- \rightarrow R (R = \phi, J/\psi) \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)} \gamma (+\eta^{(\prime)} \phi)$

	$N(J/\psi, \phi)$	$\times (\text{BR}_{\eta\gamma+\eta\phi})$	$\times (\text{BR}_{\eta'\gamma+\eta'\phi})$	Ref
STCF/year	$3.4 \times 10^{12}$	$(3.8 + 1.6) \times 10^9$	$(1.8 + 0.2) \times 10^{10}$	2303.15790
BESIII	$10^{10}$	$(1.1 + 0.5) \times 10^7$	$(5.2 + 0.7) \times 10^7$	1912.05983
KLOEII	$2.4 \times 10^{10}$	$(3.1 + 0) \times 10^8$	$(1.5 + 0) \times 10^6$	1904.12034

- BESIII is a driving force in  $\eta, \eta'$  (precision) physics  $\Rightarrow$  STCF  $\times 300$  stat.
- SCTF potential of  $10^{10} \eta, \eta'$  mesons (largest  $\eta'$  factory unless full REDTOP)
- Also future fixed-target experiments

JEF (approved)  $\sim 10^8 \eta, \eta'/200$  days (PR12-14-004)      REDTOP (proposal)  $\sim 10^{13(11)} \eta^{(\prime)}$  (2203.07651)

Also  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^- \eta^{(\prime)}$  (KLOE/BESIII/BaBar/Belle/STCF)

## Section 1

$\eta$  and  $\eta'$  transition form factors

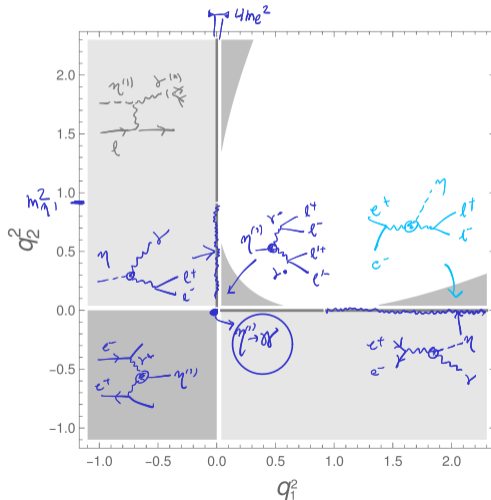
## — The $\eta^{(\prime)}$ transition form factors: introduction

- $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$  describe  $\gamma^*(q_1)\gamma^*(q_2) \rightarrow \eta$

$$i \int d^4x e^{iq_1 \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ j_\mu(x), j_\nu \} | \eta \rangle = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_{1\alpha} q_{2\beta} F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

- Relevant to  $\eta - \eta'$  mixing via  $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(0, 0)$
- Essential input for computing HLbL to muon g-2 (low spacelike region  $\sim Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
- Exclusive processes in pQCD (Brodsky-Lepage '80 10.1103/PhysRevD.22.2157); access to  $\phi_P$

$$F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_1^2, -Q_2^2) \rightarrow 2F_P \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^P) \int dx \frac{\phi_P(x)}{xQ_1^2 + \bar{x}Q_2^2}$$



## — The $\eta - \eta'$ mixing —

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- The  $\eta, \eta'$  are an octet-singlet admixture due to  $SU(3)_F$ -breaking ( $m_s - \hat{m} \neq 0$ )
- Defining mixing in terms of  $\eta_{8,0}$  requires Lagrangian with  $\eta_{8,0}$  fields (i.e. large- $N_c$   $\chi$ PT)
- In practice,  $\eta - \eta'$  mixing refers to their decay constants (physical defined without  $\mathcal{L}$ )

$$\langle 0 | A_\mu^a | P(q) \rangle = i q_\mu F_P^a, \quad A_\mu^a = \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 \frac{\lambda^a}{2} q$$

- Naive mixing suggests

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_\eta^8 & F_\eta^0 \\ F_{\eta'}^8 & F_{\eta'}^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_8 & 0 \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (3 pars) and } \begin{pmatrix} F_8 & 0 \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \langle 0 | A_\mu^a | \eta_{8,0} \rangle = F_{\eta_{8,0}}^a$$

- In real world, each  $F_P^a$  is independent
- $$\left| \begin{pmatrix} F_\eta^8 & F_\eta^0 \\ F_{\eta'}^8 & F_{\eta'}^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_8 \cos \theta_8 & -F_0 \sin \theta_0 \\ F_8^8 \sin \theta_8 & F_0 \cos \theta_0 \end{pmatrix} \right.$$

How to extract them?  $\Rightarrow$  Phenomenology (next)

## — The $\eta - \eta'$ mixing —

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- $F_{P\gamma\gamma}(0,0)$  intimately related to the ABJ anomaly in the **chiral limit**

$$\partial^\rho \langle V_\mu V_\nu A_\rho^a \rangle \sim \frac{N_c \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^a)}{4\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \Rightarrow F_\eta^a F_{\eta\gamma^*\gamma^*}(0,0) + F_{\eta'}^a F_{\eta'\gamma^*\gamma^*}(0,0) = \frac{N_c \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^a)}{4\pi^2}$$

- Which implies the solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_{\eta\gamma\gamma} \\ F_{\eta'\gamma\gamma} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_\eta^8 & F_\eta^0 \\ F_{\eta'}^8 & F_{\eta'}^0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \frac{N_c}{4\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^8) \\ \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^0) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}(0,0) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{c_8 F_{\eta'}^0 - c_0 F_{\eta'}^8}{F_{\eta'}^0 F_\eta^8 - F_{\eta'}^8 F_\eta^0}$$

- In real world corrections [large- $N_c$   $\chi$ PT]:  $c_8 = \frac{1 + \frac{K_2}{3}(7M_\pi^2 - 4M_K^2)}{\sqrt{3}}$ ,  $c_0 = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} [1 + \Lambda_3 + \frac{K_2}{3}(2M_\pi^2 + M_K^2)]$

- On the opposite regime  $\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 F_{P\gamma\gamma} \rightarrow 2N_c [F_P^8 \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^8) + F_P^0 \text{tr}(Q^2 \lambda^0)]$

- Low+High regimes of  $F_{\eta^{(\prime)}\gamma^*\gamma^*}$  access to  $\eta - \eta'$  mixing! EMGS (1512.07520) (MeV units)

$$F_8 = 117(2), F_0 = 105(5), \theta_8 = -21(2)^\circ, \theta_0 = -7(2)^\circ$$

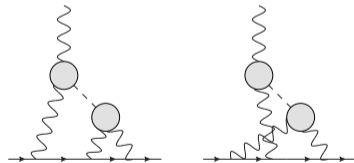
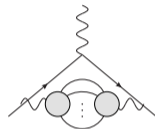
$$F_8 = 115(3), F_0 = 100(4), \theta_8 = -26(3)^\circ, \theta_0 = -8(2)^\circ \text{ Lattice (2106.05398)}$$



## — The HLbL contribution to the muon $g-2$ —

- $(g-2)_\mu$  probe of new physics<sup>a</sup>  
 $a_\mu^{\text{th}} = 116591810(43) \times 10^{-11}$      $a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 16592055(24) \times 10^{-11}$
- It's a  $5\sigma$  tension. Errors dominated by HVP ( $\sim 7000 \times 10^{-11}$ ); then, HLbL ( $\sim 100 \times 10^{-11}$ ); theory must improve error for future  $\pm 16$  ( $10^{-11}$  units) exp. uncertainty
- The leading HLbL contribution due to pseudoscalar poles and their TFFs (low spacelike region)
- Next, the 2 approaches in the WP to outline how and necessities

<sup>a</sup>Aoyama et al, Phys.Rept.887 (2020), Muon  $g-2$  Coll. Phys.Rev.Lett.131(2023)16



$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL};P} = \sum_i \int dQ_1 dQ_2 d\cos\theta \frac{T_i(Q_1^2, Q_2^2, \cos\theta)}{Q_{12}^2 + m_P^2} \times F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_{12}^2, 0)$$

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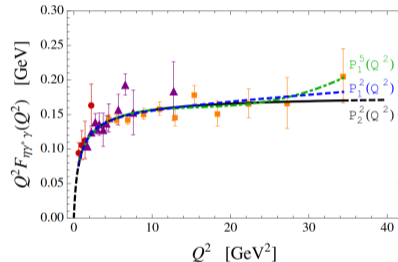
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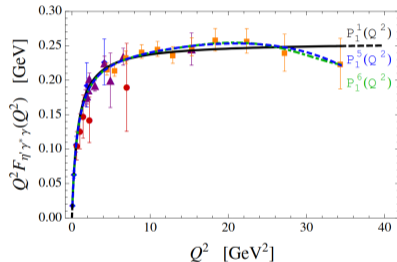
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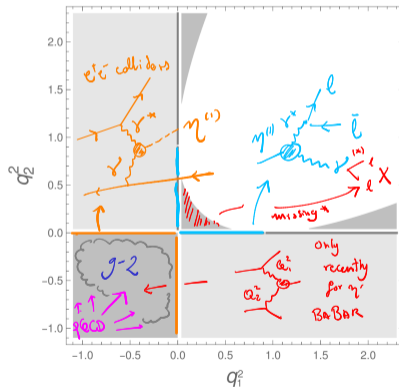
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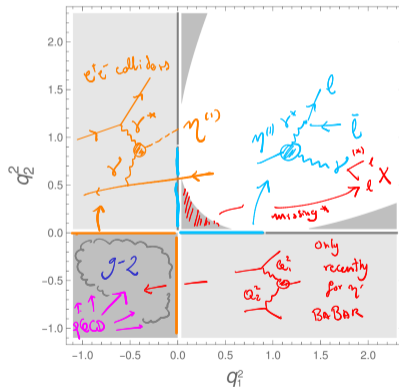
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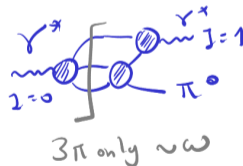
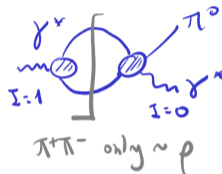
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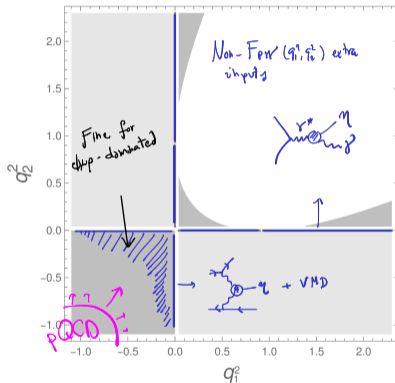
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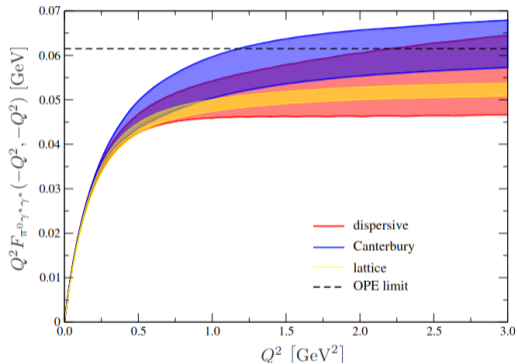
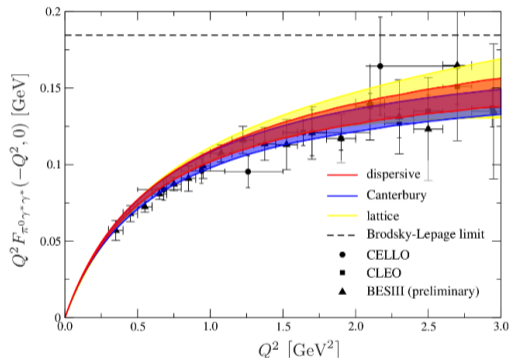
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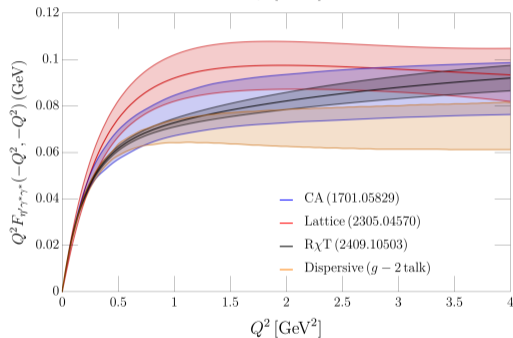
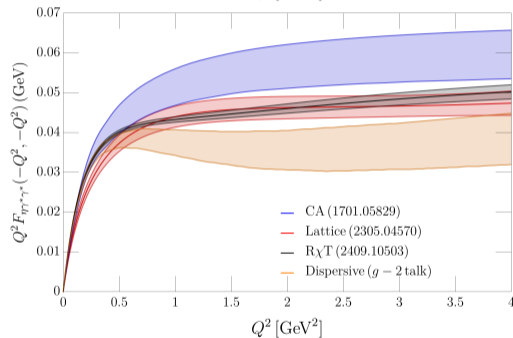
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$\pi^0$  Fig. from (2006.04822); Canterbury lacks full syst. in the plot

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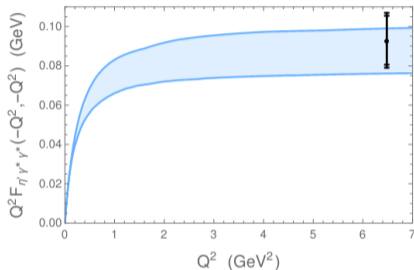
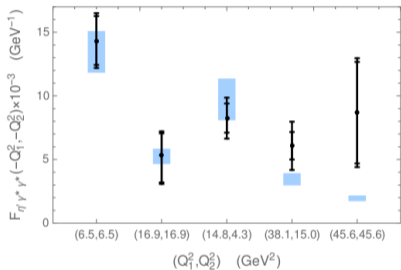


Figs. from S. Gonzalez-Solis (2409.10503); R $\chi$ T fit to data+lattice (DR: 7th  $g-2$  conference, S. Holz) CAs without full systematic. Recall lattice smaller  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma)$

Clearly exp. data necessary to improve our understanding!

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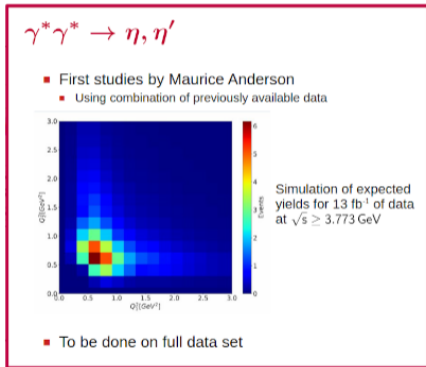


Note the exceptional BaBar  $\eta'$  data (1808.08038) too large  $Q^2$  to offer insight; fig from (2006.04822)

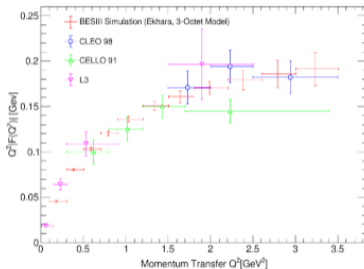
Could STCF help in this respect?

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## Simulations using full 20 fb<sup>-1</sup>



- Preliminary BESIII results (B. Liu, Y. Ji at QNP24) (also EPJWebConf.303(2024)01001)

Data in relevant region; STCF could perform better!!

## — The HLbL contribution to the muon $g-2$ —

Final numbers for  $\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$  poles ( $10^{-11}$  units)

### CAs

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi^0} = 63.6(1.3)(0.6)(2.3), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta} = 16.3(1.0)(0.5)(0.9), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta'} = 14.5(0.7)(0.4)(1.5)$$

### DRs

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi^0} = 62.6(3.0), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta} = 14.7(9), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta'} = 13.5(7)$$

### Lattice BMW (2305.04570)

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi^0} = 57.8(1.8)(0.9), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta^{(*)}} = 11.6(1.6)(0.5)(1.1), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta'} = 15.5(3.9)(1.1)(1.3)$$

(\*) note  $F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}^{\text{BMW,ETM}} = 0.22(3) \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  vs.  $F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}^{\text{PDG}} = 0.274(5) \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

### Lattice ETM (2308.12458,2212.06704)

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi^0} = 56.7(3.2), \quad a_{\mu}^{\eta^{(*)}} = 13.8(5.2)(1.5)$$

### Lattice Mainz (1903.09471)

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi^0} = 59.7(3.6) \Rightarrow a_{\mu}^{\pi^0 \text{latt+exp}2\gamma} = 62.3(2.3)$$

- We need DV measurements and  $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma)$  (tensions with lattice):

STCF can help in this respect

## Section 2

$CP$ -violation in  $\eta, \eta'$  decays

## Motivation

- $\eta, \eta'$  mesons are  $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+ 0^{-+}$   $C, P$  eigenstates  $\Rightarrow$  natural candidates for  $C, P$  tests. In addition, **almost SM background-free but price to pay**

$C$ -even,  $P$ -odd case **highly constrained** by electric dipole moments (EDMs)<sup>1</sup>

- Timely to assess how promising such cases *really* are to set priorities in experimental programmes (e.g. **necessary statistics to be competitive**).

————— This talk:  $C$ -even,  $P$ -odd  $\eta^{(\prime)}$  (semi)leptonic decays —————

How to link such decays to nEDM? Make use of the **SMEFT** (at LO  $D=6$ ,  $C$ -even  $P$ -odd)

Links  $\eta \rightarrow \{\mu^+ \mu^-, \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma, \mu^+ \mu^- \bar{\ell} \ell, \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-, \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-\}$  to nEDM

Most relevant effects in —essentially— **only 3 Wilson Coefficients!**

<sup>1</sup>See 2212.07794, 2111.02417, 2307.02533, 1903.11617 for  $C$ -odd  $P$ -even.

## — The SMEFT

- Warsaw basis (JHEP 10 (2010) 085); focus on QCD+QED kind, not EW

$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$Q_{\varphi WB}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi d}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

Table 2: Dimension-six operators other than the four-fermion ones.

Hadronic  $\cancel{CP}$

quark EDMs  $\cancel{CP}$

QED  $\cancel{CP}$



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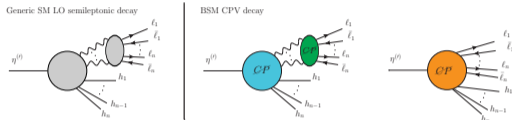
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$Q_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$Q_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{uu}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{lu}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu T^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{qe}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu T^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu T^I q_t)$	$Q_{ed}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
				$Q_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		<i>B</i> -violating			
$Q_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^k q_t^j)$	$Q_{duq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^k]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	$Q_{quu}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^j)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	$Q_{quq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jn} \varepsilon_{km} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^m)^T C l_t^n]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	$Q_{duu}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^j)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				

Hadronic  $\mathcal{CP}$

lepton-quark  $\mathcal{CP}$

## — The SMEFT —

- The SMEFT approach to  $\mathcal{CP}$  in  $\eta$  decays



### Part 1: $\mathcal{CP}$ in $\eta$ decays

- Compute the SM: EM matrix elements  $\langle h_1 \dots h_n | T \{ J_{EM}^{\mu_1} \dots J_{EM}^{\mu_n} \} | \eta \rangle$
- Compute contributions from SMEFT  $\mathcal{CP}$  operators (matrix elements!)

$$\mathcal{CP} \text{ interference } |M_{SM} + M_{BSM}^{\mathcal{CP}}|^2 = |M_{SM}|^2 + 2 \text{Re } M_{SM} M_{BSM}^{\mathcal{CP}} + \dots$$

Identify  $\mathcal{CP}$  observables and **estimate exp. sensitivity to WCs (statistics!)**

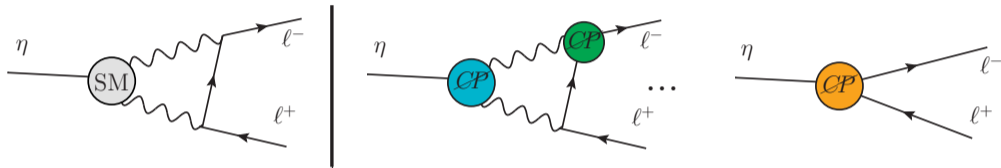
### Part 2: Bounds from other processes

- Compute EDM contribution from SMEFT  $\mathcal{CP}$  operators  $\Rightarrow$  **bounds!**

Wilson Coefficients:  $\mathcal{CP}$  in  $\eta$  vs. EDMs

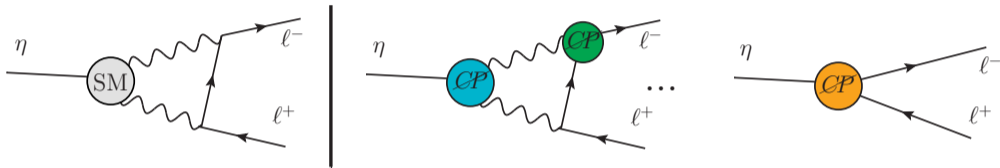
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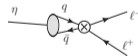


- Checked that  $\mathcal{CP}$  in QED highly suppressed by  $\mu$ EDM; hadronic ones:



$$F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}(\eta F\tilde{F}) + \epsilon_{\mathcal{CP}} F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}(\eta FF)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Looping yields } g_{SM} \bar{u} i \gamma^5 v + g_{\mathcal{CP}} \bar{u} v$$



$$\mathcal{O}_{\ell equ}^{(1)} \Rightarrow -\text{Im } c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\mu} \mu) (\bar{u} i \gamma^5 u)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\ell edq} \Rightarrow -\text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{22jj} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\mu} \mu) (\bar{d}_j i \gamma^5 d_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} c_i \langle 0 | \bar{q} i \gamma^5 v | \eta \rangle \bar{u} v \sim g_{\mathcal{CP}} \bar{u} v$$

## — $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays: basics —

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- After hadronization essentially

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = g_{SM} \eta \bar{l} i \gamma^5 l + g_{\cancel{CP}} \eta \bar{l} l$$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{\cancel{CP}}|^2 + 2 \text{Re} \mathcal{M}_{SM} \mathcal{M}_{\cancel{CP}}^*$$

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- The  $\mathcal{CP}$  violation in the interference term: vanishes if summing over spins ( $\mathbf{n}, \bar{\mathbf{n}}$ )!

$$2 \text{Re} \mathcal{M}_{SM} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{CP}}^* \Rightarrow \frac{m_\eta^2}{2} \left[ \text{Re}(g_{SM} g_{\mathcal{CP}}^*) (\bar{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{n}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_\ell + \text{Im}(g_{SM} g_{\mathcal{CP}}^*) \boldsymbol{\beta}_\ell \cdot (\mathbf{n} - \bar{\mathbf{n}}) \right]$$

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Solution  $\Rightarrow$  Account for spins: asymmetries (so far only REDTOP)

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How?  $\Rightarrow$   $\mu^\pm$  decay ( $e^\pm$  preferentially along(against)  $\mu^\pm$  spin)

$$A_L = \frac{\beta_\mu}{3} \frac{\text{Im} A \tilde{g}_{\mathcal{CP}}}{|A|^2}, \quad \tilde{g}_{\mathcal{CP}} = -\frac{g_{\mathcal{CP}}}{2m_\mu \alpha^2 F_{\eta\gamma\gamma}}, \quad A \sim \text{SM}$$

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$$A_L = 0.11 \epsilon_{\cancel{CP}} - \text{Im}[2.7(c_{\ell e q}^{(1)2211} + c_{\ell e d}^{(1)2211}) - 4.1 c_{\ell e d}^{(1)2222}] \times 10^{-2}$$

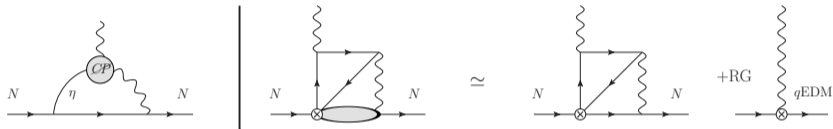
Sensitivities: assume SM gaussian noise. At REDTOP ( $2 \times 10^{12} \eta$ )

$$\Delta \epsilon_{\cancel{CP}} = 10^{-3}, \Delta \text{Im} c_{\ell e q}^{(1)2211} = \Delta \text{Im} c_{\ell e d}^{(1)2211} = 0.007, \Delta \text{Im} c_{\ell e d}^{(1)2222} = 0.005$$

Is it below nEDM/other bounds?

## $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays: nEDM bounds

- QCD vs Quark-Lepton means 1-loop vs 2-loops



- We find, in absolute values, (note  $\mathcal{CP}$  in QCD potentially more stringent!)

$$\epsilon_{\mathcal{CP}} < 2 \times 10^{-7}, \quad c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} < 0.001, \quad c_{\ell edq}^{(1)2211} < 0.002, \quad c_{\ell edq}^{(1)2222} < 0.02$$

- Recall previous section

$$\Delta \epsilon_{\mathcal{CP}} = 10^{-3}, \quad \Delta c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} = \Delta c_{\ell edq}^{(1)2211} = 0.007, \quad \Delta c_{\ell edq}^{(1)2222} = 0.005$$

The strange does overcome nEDM! (and constraints from  $D_s$  decays)

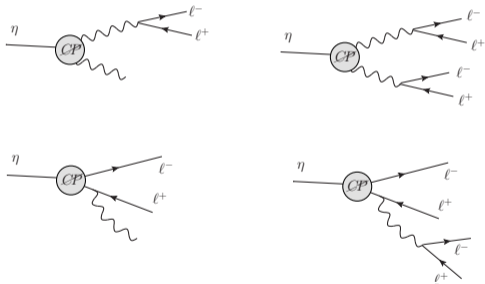
Note for  $\ell = e$ , yet stronger bounds from atomic physics

**Takeout message: quark-lepton “direct” and most promising**



## — Dalitz and Double-Dalitz decays —

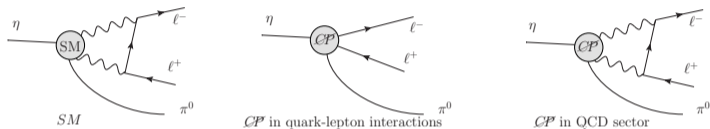
- Less promising since involve  $\alpha$  suppressions (Dalitz: polarization; double-Dalitz: triple-product)



- One finds for SD/DD:  $\Delta\epsilon_{CP} = 10^{-2}/10^{-3}$ ,  $\Delta \text{Im } c_O^{22st} = 1/40$

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

- Proceed following previous section (JHEP 05 (2022) 147)

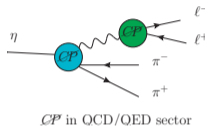
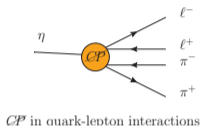
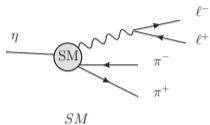


- Focus on SMEFT Quark-Lepton operators (same operators appear)
- Again, with 3 particles in final state,  $\mu$  polarimetry required
- Hadronize corresponding  $\langle \pi^0 | \bar{q}q | \eta \rangle$  matrix elements ( $\bar{s}s$  isospin suppressed)

Process	Asymmetry	$\text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2222}$	$\text{Im } c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211}$	$\text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2211}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	$A_L$	0.7	0.07	0.07
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	$A_L$	11	2.4	2.5
$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \mu^+ \mu^-$	$A_L$	5	68	79
$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$A_T$	0.005	0.007	0.007

$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays

- Proceed as previously (tensor quark-lepton operators EDM at 1 loop)



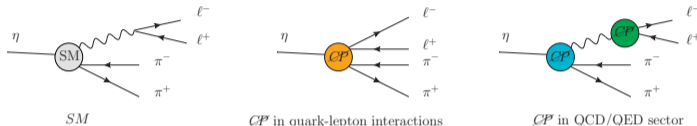
- CP in QCD irrelevant from nEDM [Gan,Kubis,Passemar,Tulin '22]
- NO polarimetry:  $A_\phi$  ( $\pi^+ \pi^- - \mu^+ \mu^-$  plane angle)

$$\text{Re } \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^* \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}e^2 m_\mu G_F}{s_\ell} \epsilon_{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3 \rho_4} \text{Re} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^* \langle \pi^+ \pi^- | \frac{1}{2} \text{Im} (c_{\ell e q}^{(1)2211} + c_{\ell e d q}^{2211}) P^q + \text{Im} c_{\ell e d q}^{2222} P^s | \eta^{(\prime)} \rangle \right]$$

We find  $A_\phi \propto \sin \phi$  vs.  $A_\phi \propto \sin 2\phi$  from CP in QCD  
**Experiments should include this!**

$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays

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- NO polarimetry:  $A_\phi$  ( $\pi^+ \pi^- - \mu^+ \mu^-$  plane angle)
- Relevant outcome for expt. (REDTOP:  $N_\eta = 5 \times 10^{12}$ ,  $N_{\eta'} = 4 \times 10^8$ )

$$A_\phi^\eta = 47(14) \times 10^{-5} (\text{Im } c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} + \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2211}) - 0.4(2.2) \times 10^{-5} \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2222},$$

$$A_\phi^{\eta'} = 2.9(5) \times 10^{-5} (\text{Im } c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} + \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2211}) - 1.4(5) \times 10^{-5} \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2222},$$

$$(\eta/\eta') \Delta \text{Im } c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} = \Delta \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2211} = 12/36 \quad \Delta \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2222} = 1584/77$$

- Unfortunately, well above nEDM bounds

<sup>1</sup>M. Zillinger, B. Kubis, PSP, 2210.14925

## — Outlook and summary —

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- STCF is a huge “ $\eta, \eta'$  factory”
- $\eta, \eta'$  physics unique in different aspects: SM (QCD) and BSM
- Unique access to the  $U(1)_A$  QCD sector,  $m_d - m_u$ , chiral symm. breaking,  $\eta - \eta'$  mixing
- One key point are transition form factors
  - Key ingredient for  $(g - 2)_\mu \Rightarrow$  doubly-virtual and  $\Gamma(\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow 2\gamma)$  (tensions with lattice!)
  - Also relevant for  $\eta - \eta'$  mixing (also relevant for  $(g - 2)_\mu$ )
  - Accessed via  $\eta \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \gamma$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-$  and  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- \eta^{(\prime)}$  (colliders only!)
- Another interesting point is CP-violation (focused on C-even, P-odd)
  - If heavy physics, only through  $\mu$  polarimetry in  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - Novel triple product asymmetries in  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  (yet discarded from SMEFT)