

# Exact solution to equations generalizing the Witten-Veneziano relation<sup>★</sup>

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# Introduction and motivation

$U_A(1)$  symmetry is broken by the nonabelian ("gluon") axial anomaly: **even in the chiral limit** (ChLim, where  $m_q \rightarrow 0$ ),

$$\partial_\alpha \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\alpha \gamma_5 \frac{\lambda^0}{2} \psi(x) \propto F^a(x) \cdot \tilde{F}^a(x) \equiv \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) F_{\rho\sigma}^a(x) \neq 0.$$

This breaks the  $U_A(1)$  symmetry of QCD and precludes the  $9^{th}$  Goldstone pseudoscalar meson  $\Rightarrow$  very massive  $\eta'$ : **even in ChLim**, where  $M_\pi, M_K, M_\eta \rightarrow 0$ , **still ('ChLim WVR')**

$$0 \neq \Delta M_{\eta_0}^2 = \Delta M_{\eta'}^2 = \frac{(A = \text{qty. dim. mass})^4}{(“f_{\eta'}”)^2} = \frac{6 \chi_{\text{YM}}}{f_\pi^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{N_c}\right)$$

Out of ChLim :  $M_{\eta'}^2 + M_\eta^2 - 2 M_K^2 = \frac{2N_f}{f_\pi^2} \chi_{\text{YM}} \left( +O\left(\frac{1}{N_c}\right) \right)$

**Anomalous part of  $\eta_0$  mass:**  $\Delta M_{\eta_0}^2 = \chi_{\text{YM}} \frac{2N_f}{f_\pi^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{N_c}\right)$

**QCD chiral behavior** (reproduced by DS approach) **of the non-anomalous parts** of masses of light  $q\bar{q}'$  pseudoscalars (i.e., all parts except  $\Delta M_{\eta_0}$ ):  $M_{q\bar{q}'}^2 = \text{const} (m_q + m_{q'})$ , ( $q, q' = u, d, s$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  non-anomalous parts of the masses in WVR cancel:

$$M_{\eta'}^2 + M_\eta^2 - 2 M_K^2 \approx \Delta M_{\eta_0}^2, \quad \text{approx. as in ChLim WVR}$$

$$\chi = \int d^4x \langle 0|Q(x)Q(0)|0\rangle, \quad Q(x) = \frac{g^2}{64\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) F_{\rho\sigma}^a(x)$$

- $Q(x)$  = topological charge density operator
- In WV rel.,  $\chi$  is the pure-gluon, YM one,  $\chi_{\text{YM}} \leftrightarrow \chi_{\text{quench}}$ .

Lattice: good  $\chi_{\text{YM}}$ , subtleties with  $\chi$  of light-flavor QCD [Bernard et al.,

JHEP 1206 (2012) 051] where 
$$\chi = - \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0}{\sum_{q=u,d,s} \frac{1}{m_q}} + O(\text{higher } m).$$

# Good DS results; e.g., “non-anomalous”:

- E.g., **separable model parameters** reproducing experimental data:
- $\tilde{m}_{u,d} = 5.5 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\Lambda_0 = 758 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\Lambda_1 = 961 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $p_0 = 600 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $D_0\Lambda_0^2 = 219$ ,  $D_1\Lambda_1^4 = 40$  – fixed by fitting calculated quantities  $M_\pi$ ,  
 $f_\pi$ ,  $M_\rho$ ,  $g_{\rho\pi^+\pi^-}$ ,  $g_{\rho e^+e^-} \Rightarrow$  pertinent **predictions**  
 $a_{u,d} = 0.672$ ,  $b_{u,d} = 660 \text{ MeV}$ , i.e.,  $m_{u,d}(p^2)$ ,  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_0$
- $\tilde{m}_s = 115 \text{ MeV}$  – fixed by fitting  $M_K \Rightarrow$  **predictions**  $a_s = 0.657$ ,  
 $b_s = 998 \text{ MeV}$ , i.e.,  $m_s(p^2)$ ,  $M_{s\bar{s}}$ ,  $f_K$ ,  $f_{s\bar{s}}$
- Summary of results (all in GeV) for  $q = u, d, s$  and pseudoscalar mesons without the influence of gluon anomaly:

$PS$	$M_{PS}$	$M_{PS}^{exp}$	$f_{PS}$	$f_{PS}^{exp}$	$m_q(0)$	$-\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_0^{1/3}$
$\pi$	0.140	0.1396	0.092	$0.0924 \pm 0.0003$	0.398	0.217
$K$	0.495	0.4937	0.110	$0.1130 \pm 0.0010$		
$s\bar{s}$	0.685		0.119		0.672	

# Anomaly and mixing in $\eta$ - $\eta'$ complex

- $q\bar{q}'$  bound-state approach yields mass<sup>2</sup> eigenvalues  
 $M_{u\bar{d}}^2 = M_{\pi^+}^2, M_{u\bar{s}}^2 = M_K^2, \dots, \hat{M}_{NA}^2 = \text{diag}(M_{u\bar{u}}^2, M_{d\bar{d}}^2, M_{s\bar{s}}^2)$
- $|u\bar{d}\rangle = |\pi^+\rangle, |u\bar{s}\rangle = |K^+\rangle, \dots$  **but  $|u\bar{u}\rangle, |d\bar{d}\rangle$  and  $|s\bar{s}\rangle$  do not correspond to any physical particles**, although in the isospin limit ( $m_u = m_d$ , adopted from now on)  
 $M_{u\bar{u}} = M_{d\bar{d}} = M_{u\bar{d}} = M_\pi$ .  **$I$  is a good quantum number!**
- $\Rightarrow$  **recouple into "more physical"  $I_3 = 0$  octet-singlet basis**

$$I = 1 \quad |\pi^0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle) ,$$

$$I = 0 \quad |\eta_8\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle - 2|s\bar{s}\rangle) ,$$

$$I = 0 \quad |\eta_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle + |s\bar{s}\rangle) .$$

# $NA$ -part of the $I_3 = 0$ mass matrix in the $\pi^0$ - $\eta_8$ - $\eta_0$ basis

- the “non-anomalous” (chiral-limit-vanishing!) part of the mass-squared matrix of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$ 's is (in  $\pi^0$ - $\eta_8$ - $\eta_0$  basis)

$$\hat{M}_{NA}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_\pi^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{88}^2 & M_{80}^2 \\ 0 & M_{08}^2 & M_{00}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

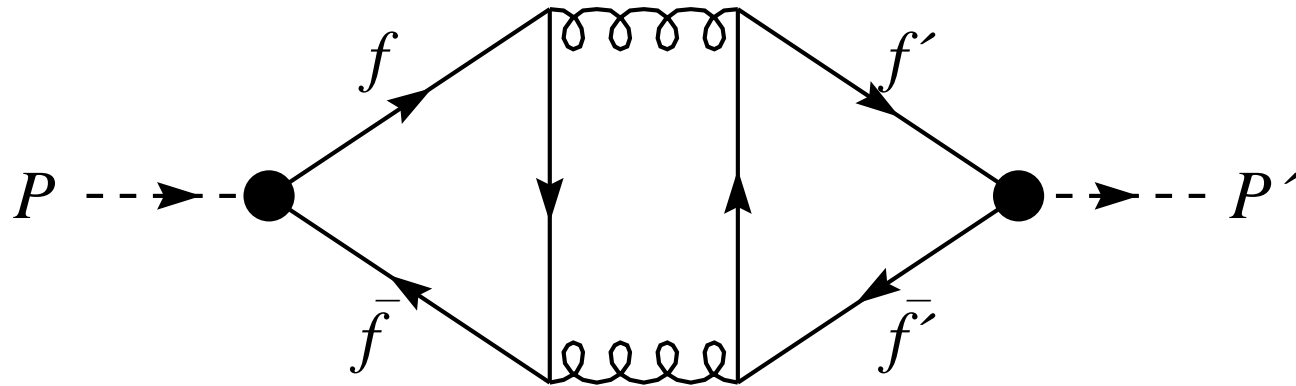
$$M_{88}^2 \equiv \langle \eta_8 | \hat{M}_{NA}^2 | \eta_8 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} (M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_\pi^2),$$

$$M_{80}^2 \equiv \langle \eta_8 | \hat{M}_{NA}^2 | \eta_0 \rangle = M_{08}^2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} (M_\pi^2 - M_{s\bar{s}}^2)$$

$$M_{00}^2 \equiv \langle \eta_0 | \hat{M}_{NA}^2 | \eta_0 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} (\frac{1}{2} M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + M_\pi^2),$$

- Not enough! In order to avoid the  $U_A(1)$  problem, one must break the  $U_A(1)$  symmetry (as it is destroyed by the gluon anomaly) at least at the level of the masses.

# Gluon anomaly is not accessible to ladder approximation!



- **Diamond graph:** just the simplest example of a transition  $|q\bar{q}\rangle \rightarrow |q'\bar{q}'\rangle$  ( $q, q' = u, d, s[\dots]$ ). Such transitions add off-diagonal terms to  $\hat{M}_{NA}^2 = \text{diag}(M_{u\bar{u}}^2, M_{d\bar{d}}^2, M_{s\bar{s}}^2)$ , i.e., contribute to the anomalous masses in  $\hat{M}_A^2$  of the  $\eta$ - $\eta'$  complex. But, such transitions are not included in the interaction kernel in the ladder approximation.

# Anomalous part of the mass matrix in the $\pi^0$ - $\eta_8$ - $\eta_0$ basis

- All masses in  $\hat{M}_{NA}^2$  are calculated in the ladder approx., which cannot include the gluon anomaly contributions.
- Large  $N_c$ : the gluon anomaly suppressed as  $1/N_c!$  → Include its effect just at the level of masses: break the  $U_A(1)$  symmetry and avoid the  $U_A(1)$  problem by shifting the  $\eta_0$  (squared) mass by anomalous contribution  $3\beta$ .
- complete mass matrix is then  $\hat{M}^2 = \hat{M}_{NA}^2 + \hat{M}_A^2$  where

$$\hat{M}_A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\beta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{does not vanish in the chiral limit.}$$

$3\beta = \Delta M_{\eta_0}^2$  = the anomalous mass<sup>2</sup> of  $\eta_0$  [in SU(3) limit incl. ChLim] is **related to the YM topological susceptibility**. Fixed by phenomenology or (here) **taken from the lattice**.



# SU(3)-flavor breaking in the $A$ -part of the mass matrix

- we can also rewrite  $\hat{M}_A^2$  in the  $q\bar{q}$  basis  $|u\bar{u}\rangle, |d\bar{d}\rangle, |s\bar{s}\rangle$

$$\hat{M}_A^2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{breaking}]{\text{flavor}} \hat{M}_A^2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & X \\ 1 & 1 & X \\ X & X & X^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We introduced the **effects of the flavor breaking** on the anomaly-induced transitions  $|q\bar{q}\rangle \rightarrow |q'\bar{q}'\rangle$  ( $q, q' = u, d, s$ ).  $s\bar{s}$  transition suppression estimated by  $X \approx f_\pi/f_{s\bar{s}}$ .
- Then,  $\hat{M}_A^2$  in the octet-singlet basis is modified to

$$\hat{M}_A^2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3}(1-X)^2 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}(2-X-X^2) \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}(2-X-X^2) & \frac{1}{3}(2+X)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **In the isospin limit**, one can always restrict to  $2 \times 2$  submatrix of etas ( $I=0$ ), as  $\pi^0$  ( $I=1$ ) **is decoupled then.**

# Anomaly and mixing in $\eta$ - $\eta'$ complex

- nonstrange ( $NS$ ) – strange ( $S$ ) basis

$$|\eta_{NS}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|u\bar{u}\rangle + |d\bar{d}\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|\eta_8\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|\eta_0\rangle ,$$
$$|\eta_S\rangle = |s\bar{s}\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|\eta_8\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|\eta_0\rangle .$$

- the  $\eta$ - $\eta'$  matrix in this basis is

$$\hat{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 & M_{\eta_S\eta_{NS}}^2 \\ M_{\eta_{NS}\eta_S}^2 & M_{\eta_S}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{u\bar{u}}^2 + 2\beta & \sqrt{2}\beta X \\ \sqrt{2}\beta X & M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \beta X^2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\phi} \begin{pmatrix} m_\eta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\eta'}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $NS$ - $S$  mixing relations

$$|\eta\rangle = \cos\phi|\eta_{NS}\rangle - \sin\phi|\eta_S\rangle , \quad |\eta'\rangle = \sin\phi|\eta_{NS}\rangle + \cos\phi|\eta_S\rangle .$$

$$\theta = \phi - \arctan\sqrt{2}$$

# The empirical $\eta$ - $\eta'$ mass matrix

- Let lowercase  $m_M$ 's denote the empirical mass of meson  $M$ . From our calculated, model mass matrix in  $NS$ - $S$  basis, we form its empirical counterpart  $\hat{m}_{\text{exp}}^2$  by
- *i)* obvious substitutions  $M_{u\bar{u}} \equiv M_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi$ ,  $M_{s\bar{s}} \rightarrow m_{s\bar{s}}$
- *ii)* by noting that  $m_{s\bar{s}}$ , the "empirical" mass of the unphysical  $s\bar{s}$  pseudoscalar bound state, is given in terms of masses of physical particles as

$$m_{s\bar{s}}^2 \approx 2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2. \quad \text{Then,}$$

$$\hat{m}_{\text{exp}}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} m_\pi^2 + 2\beta & \sqrt{2}\beta X \\ \sqrt{2}\beta X & 2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2 + \beta X^2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\phi_{\text{exp}}} \begin{bmatrix} m_\eta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\eta'}^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Finally, fix anomalous contribution to $\eta$ - $\eta'$ :

- the trace of the empirical  $\hat{m}_{\text{exp}}^2$  demands the 1<sup>st</sup> equality in

$$\beta(2+X^2) = m_\eta^2 + m_{\eta'}^2 - 2m_K^2 = \frac{2N_f}{f_\pi^2} \chi_{\text{YM}} \quad (2^{\text{nd}} \text{equality} = \text{WV relation})$$

- requiring that the experimental trace  $(m_\eta^2 + m_{\eta'}^2)_{\text{exp}} \approx 1.22$

GeV<sup>2</sup> be reproduced by the theoretical  $\hat{M}^2$ , yields

$$\beta_{\text{fit}} = \frac{1}{2+X^2} [(m_\eta^2 + m_{\eta'}^2)_{\text{exp}} - (M_{u\bar{u}}^2 + M_{s\bar{s}}^2)]$$

- Or, get  $\beta$  from lattice  $\chi_{\text{YM}}$  ! Then no free parameters!
- then, can calculate the  $NS$ - $S$  mixing angle  $\phi$

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{2 M_{\eta_S \eta_{NS}}^2}{M_{\eta_S}^2 - M_{\eta_{NS}}^2} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\beta X}{M_{\eta_S}^2 - M_{\eta_{NS}}^2} \quad \text{and}$$

$$M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 = M_{u\bar{u}}^2 + 2\beta = M_\pi^2 + 2\beta, \quad M_{\eta_S}^2 = M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \beta X^2 = M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \beta \frac{f_\pi^2}{f_{s\bar{s}}^2}$$

# Anomaly and mixing in $\eta$ - $\eta'$ complex

- The diagonalization of the  $NS$ - $S$  mass matrix then finally gives us the *calculated*  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  masses:

$$M_{\eta}^2 = \cos^2 \phi M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 - \sqrt{2}\beta X \sin 2\phi + \sin^2 \phi M_{\eta_S}^2$$

$$M_{\eta'}^2 = \sin^2 \phi M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 + \sqrt{2}\beta X \sin 2\phi + \cos^2 \phi M_{\eta_S}^2$$

- Equivalently, from the secular determinant,

$$M_{\eta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 + M_{\eta_S}^2 - \sqrt{(M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 - M_{\eta_S}^2)^2 + 4M_{\eta_S\eta_{NS}}^4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_{\pi}^2 + M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \beta(2+X^2) - \sqrt{(M_{\pi}^2 + 2\beta - M_{s\bar{s}}^2 - \beta X^2)^2 + 8\beta^2 X^2} \right]$$

$$M_{\eta'}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 + M_{\eta_S}^2 + \sqrt{(M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 - M_{\eta_S}^2)^2 + 4M_{\eta_S\eta_{NS}}^4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_{\pi}^2 + M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \beta(2+X^2) + \sqrt{(M_{\pi}^2 + 2\beta - M_{s\bar{s}}^2 - \beta X^2)^2 + 8\beta^2 X^2} \right]$$

# E.g., separable model results on $\eta$ and $\eta'$ mesons (at $T = 0$ )

	$\beta_{\text{fit}}$	$\beta_{\text{latt.}}$	Exp.
$\theta$	$-12.22^\circ$	$-13.92^\circ$	
$M_\eta$	548.9	543.1	547.75
$M_{\eta'}$	958.5	932.5	957.78
$X$	0.772	0.772	
$3\beta$	0.845	0.781	

- masses are in units of MeV,  $3\beta$  in units of  $\text{GeV}^2$  and the mixing angles are dimensionless.
- $\beta_{\text{latt.}}$  was obtained from  $\chi_{\text{YM}}(T = 0) = (175.7 \text{ MeV})^4$
- $X = f_\pi / f_{s\bar{s}}$  as well as the whole  $\hat{M}_{NA}^2$  (consisting of  $M_\pi$  and  $M_{s\bar{s}}$ ) are calculated model quantities.

# For three DS models: summary of $T = 0$ results from WV

from Ref.	J-M&WV	$A^2$ &WV	separab&WV	orig. Shore	Experiment
$M_\pi$	137.3	135.0	140.0		(138.0) <sup><i>isospin</i></sup> <sub><i>average</i></sub>
$M_K$	495.7	494.9	495.0		(495.7) <sup><i>isospin</i></sup> <sub><i>average</i></sub>
$M_{s\bar{s}}$	700.7	722.1	684.8		
$f_\pi$	93.1	92.9	92.0		$92.4 \pm 0.3$
$f_K$	113.4	111.5	110.1		$113.0 \pm 1.0$
$f_{s\bar{s}}$	135.0	132.9	119.1		
$M_\eta$	568.2	577.1	542.3		$547.75 \pm 0.12$
$M_{\eta'}$	920.4	932.0	932.6		$957.78 \pm 0.14$
$\phi$	$41.42^\circ$	$39.56^\circ$	$40.75^\circ$	$38.24^\circ$	
$\theta$	$-13.32^\circ$	$-15.18^\circ$	$-13.98^\circ$	$-16.5^\circ$	
$\theta_0$	$-2.86^\circ$	$-5.12^\circ$	$-6.80^\circ$	$-12.3^\circ$	
$\theta_8$	$-22.59^\circ$	$-24.14^\circ$	$-20.58^\circ$	$-20.1^\circ$	
$f_0$	108.8	107.9	101.8	106.6	
$f_8$	122.6	121.1	110.7	104.8	
$f_\eta^0$	5.4	9.6	12.1	22.8	
$f_{\eta'}^0$	108.7	107.5	101.1	104.2	
$f_\eta^8$	113.2	110.5	103.7	98.4	
$f_{\eta'}^8$	-47.1	-49.5	-38.9	-36.1	

# Shore's generalization of WV valid to all orders in $1/N_c$

- WV rel. – lowest order in  $1/N_c$  – improved like this:

$$(f_{\eta'}^0)^2 M_{\eta'}^2 + (f_{\eta}^0)^2 M_{\eta}^2 = \frac{1}{3} (f_{\pi}^2 M_{\pi}^2 + 2f_K^2 M_K^2) + 6A \quad (1)$$

$$f_{\eta'}^0 f_{\eta'}^8 M_{\eta'}^2 + f_{\eta}^0 f_{\eta}^8 M_{\eta}^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} (f_{\pi}^2 M_{\pi}^2 - f_K^2 M_K^2) \quad (2)$$

$$(f_{\eta'}^8)^2 M_{\eta'}^2 + (f_{\eta}^8)^2 M_{\eta}^2 = -\frac{1}{3} (f_{\pi}^2 M_{\pi}^2 - 4f_K^2 M_K^2) \quad (3)$$

$A$  is the full QCD topological charge,

$$A = \frac{\chi}{1 + \chi \left( \frac{1}{\langle \bar{u}u \rangle m_u} + \frac{1}{\langle \bar{d}d \rangle m_d} + \frac{1}{\langle \bar{s}s \rangle m_s} \right)} \quad (4)$$

= hard to calculate on lattice ...

However, it is known that  $A = \chi_{\text{YM}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c}\right)$



# Reduction to the standard WV relation (= large $N_c$ result)

Replacement 3 different condensates  $\rightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0$  reduces the full QCD topological charge  $A$  (4) to the combination  $\tilde{\chi}$  on the RHS of Leutwyler-Smilga relation (lowest  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{N_c})$ ):

$$\chi_{\text{YM}} = \frac{\chi}{1 + \frac{\chi}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \frac{1}{m_q}} \longrightarrow \tilde{\chi}(T, \mu) \approx \frac{\langle \bar{q}q(T, \mu) \rangle_0}{\sum_{q=u,d,s} \frac{1}{m_q}} + \text{corr}'s$$

Previously, we only conjectured  $\chi_{\text{YM}}(T) \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}(T)$  [Benić et al, Phys. Rev. D84 (2011) 016006], to explain increased  $\eta'$  multiplicity at RHIC noted by Csörgő et al.

Also note (1)+(3)  $\Rightarrow$

$$(f_{\eta'}^0)^2 M_{\eta'}^2 + (f_{\eta}^0)^2 M_{\eta}^2 + (f_{\eta}^8)^2 M_{\eta}^2 + (f_{\eta'}^8)^2 M_{\eta'}^2 - 2f_K^2 M_K^2 = 6A$$

- Then, large  $N_c$  limit and 'off-diagonal'  $f_{\eta}^0, f_{\eta'}^8 \rightarrow 0$ , as well as  $f_{\eta'}^0, f_{\eta}^8, f_K \rightarrow f_{\pi}$ , recovers the **standard WV**.

# $\eta'$ and $\eta$ have 4 independent decay constants

$$f_{\eta'}^0, f_{\eta}^8, f_{\eta}^0, f_{\eta'}^8 : \quad \langle 0 | A^{a\mu}(x) | P(p) \rangle = i f_P^a p^\mu e^{-ip \cdot x}, \quad a = 8, 0; \quad P = \eta, \eta'$$

- Equivalently, one has 4 related but different constants  $f_{\eta'}^{NS}, f_{\eta}^{NS}, f_{\eta'}^S, f_{\eta}^S$  if instead of octet and singlet axial currents ( $a = 8, 0$ ) one takes this matrix element of the nonstrange-strange axial currents ( $a = NS, S$ )

$$A_{NS}^\mu(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} A^{8\mu}(x) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} A^{0\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{u}(x) \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u(x) + \bar{d}(x) \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d(x)) ,$$

$$A_S^\mu(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} A^{8\mu}(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} A^{0\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{s}(x) \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 s(x) ,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{\eta}^{NS} & f_{\eta}^S \\ f_{\eta'}^{NS} & f_{\eta'}^S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{\eta}^8 & f_{\eta}^0 \\ f_{\eta'}^8 & f_{\eta'}^0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} ,$$

$$a, P = NS, S : \quad \langle 0 | A_{NS}^\mu(x) | \eta_{NS}(p) \rangle = i f_{NS} p^\mu e^{-ip \cdot x} , \quad \langle 0 | A_{NS}^\mu(x) | \eta_S(p) \rangle = 0 ,$$

$$a, P = NS, S : \quad \langle 0 | A_S^\mu(x) | \eta_S(p) \rangle = i f_S p^\mu e^{-ip \cdot x} , \quad \langle 0 | A_S^\mu(x) | \eta_{NS}(p) \rangle = 0 ,$$

- Note: in a DS approach,  $f_{NS} = f_{u\bar{u}} = f_{d\bar{d}} = f_{\pi}$ ,  $f_S = f_{s\bar{s}}$  are calculated quantities

# Two Mixing Angles and FKS one-angle scheme

- Any 4  $\eta$ - $\eta'$  decay constants conveniently parametrized in terms of two decay constants and two angles:

$$f_{\eta}^8 = \cos \theta_8 f_8, \quad f_{\eta}^0 = -\sin \theta_0 f_0,$$

$$f_{\eta'}^8 = \sin \theta_8 f_8, \quad f_{\eta'}^0 = \cos \theta_0 f_0,$$

$$f_{\eta}^{NS} = \cos \phi_{NS} f_{NS}, \quad f_{\eta}^S = -\sin \phi_S f_S,$$

$$f_{\eta'}^{NS} = \sin \phi_{NS} f_{NS}, \quad f_{\eta'}^S = \cos \phi_S f_S$$

- Big **practical** difference between 0-8 and  $NS$ - $S$  schemes:
- while  $\theta_8$  and  $\theta_0$  differ a lot from each other and from  $\theta \approx (\theta_8 + \theta_0)/2$ , FKS showed that  $\phi_{NS} \approx \phi_S \approx \phi$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{\eta}^{NS} & f_{\eta}^S \\ f_{\eta'}^{NS} & f_{\eta'}^S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{NS} & 0 \\ 0 & f_S \end{bmatrix}.$$

# For four decay constants, can use FKS one-angle scheme!

- $\phi$  relates  $\{f_\eta^8, f_{\eta'}^8, f_\eta^0, f_{\eta'}^0\}$  with  $\{f_{NS}, f_S\} = \{f_\pi, f_{s\bar{s}}\}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_\eta^8 & f_\eta^0 \\ f_{\eta'}^8 & f_{\eta'}^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{NS} & 0 \\ 0 & f_S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Some other useful relations between quantities of  $NS$ - $S$  (FKS) and  $0$ - $8$  schemes:

$$f_8 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}f_{NS}^2 + \frac{2}{3}f_S^2}, \quad \theta_8 = \phi - \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}f_S}{f_{NS}}\right),$$

$$f_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}f_{NS}^2 + \frac{1}{3}f_S^2}, \quad \theta_0 = \phi - \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}f_{NS}}{f_S}\right).$$

# Solve numerically Shore's Eqs. (1)-(3) for $M_{\eta'}$ , $M_{\eta}$ , and $\phi$ :

Inputs:	$M_{\pi}, M_K, f_{\pi} = f_{NS}, f_{s\bar{s}} = f_S$ and $f_K$ , calculated in 3 different DS models					
$\chi_{YM}$	$191^4$	$175.7^4$	$191^4$	$175.7^4$	$191^4$	$175.7^4$
$M_{\eta}$	499.8	485.7	496.7	482.8	526.2	507.0
$M_{\eta'}$	931.4	815.8	934.9	818.4	983.2	868.7
$\phi$	$52.01^{\circ}$	$46.11^{\circ}$	$51.85^{\circ}$	$46.07^{\circ}$	$47.23^{\circ}$	$40.86^{\circ}$
$\theta$	$-2.72^{\circ}$	$-8.62^{\circ}$	$-2.89^{\circ}$	$-8.67^{\circ}$	$-7.51^{\circ}$	$-13.87^{\circ}$
$\theta_0$	$7.74^{\circ}$	$1.84^{\circ}$	$7.17^{\circ}$	$1.39^{\circ}$	$-0.33^{\circ}$	$-6.69^{\circ}$
$\theta_8$	$-12.00^{\circ}$	$-17.90^{\circ}$	$-11.85^{\circ}$	$-17.6^{\circ}$	$-14.12^{\circ}$	$-20.47^{\circ}$
$f_0$	108.8	108.8	107.9	107.9	101.8	101.8
$f_8$	122.6	122.6	121.1	121.1	110.7	110.7
$f_{\eta}^0$	-14.7	-3.5	-13.5	-2.6	0.6	11.9
$f_{\eta'}^0$	107.9	108.8	107.1	107.9	101.8	101.1
$f_{\eta}^8$	119.9	116.7	118.5	115.4	107.4	103.7
$f_{\eta'}^8$	-25.5	-37.7	-2.49	-37.6	-27.0	-38.7

(in D. Horvatić et al., Eur. Phys. J. A **38** (2008) 257.)  $M_{\eta,\eta'}$  and  $f$ 's in MeV,  
 $\chi_{YM}$  is in  $\text{MeV}^4$ .

## The same is now reproduced **analytically**:

- Eqs. (1)-(3)  $\Rightarrow$  four **closed-form solutions** for  $M_\eta$ ,  $M_{\eta'}$  and  $\tan \phi$  in terms of  $f_\pi$ ,  $f_{s\bar{s}}$ ,  $M_\pi$ ,  $M_K$  and  $A$ .

The set reproducing the previous numerical results is:

$$\tan \phi = \frac{-2A f_\pi^2 + 4A f_{s\bar{s}}^2 - 2f_K^2 f_\pi^2 M_K^2 + f_\pi^4 M_\pi^2 + f_\pi^2 f_{s\bar{s}}^2 M_\pi^2 + \Delta}{4\sqrt{2} A f_\pi f_{s\bar{s}}}$$

$$M_{\eta,\eta'}^2 = \frac{2A f_\pi^2 + 4A f_{s\bar{s}}^2 + 2f_K^2 f_\pi^2 M_K^2 - f_\pi^4 M_\pi^2 + f_\pi^2 f_{s\bar{s}}^2 M_\pi^2 \mp \Delta}{2f_\pi^2 f_{s\bar{s}}^2}$$

where  $\Delta^2 =$

$$\frac{64A^2 f_\pi^2 f_{s\bar{s}}^2 + 2 \left[ -2A(f_\pi^2 - 2f_{s\bar{s}}^2) + f_\pi^2(-2f_K^2 M_K^2 + (f_\pi^2 + f_{s\bar{s}}^2)M_\pi^2) \right]^2}{2}$$

**Find matrix elem's in  $NS$ - $S$  basis from these  $M_\eta, M_{\eta'}, \phi$ :**

$$M_{\eta_{NS}}^2 \equiv M_{NS}^2 = \cos^2 \phi M_\eta^2 + \sin^2 \phi M_{\eta'}^2,$$

$$M_{\eta_S}^2 \equiv M_S^2 = \sin^2 \phi M_\eta^2 + \cos^2 \phi M_{\eta'}^2,$$

$$M_{\eta_{NS}\eta_S}^2 \equiv M_{NSS}^2 = \sin \phi \cos \phi (M_\eta^2 - M_{\eta'}^2)$$

to use 
$$M_{\eta,\eta'}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_{NS}^2 + M_S^2 \mp \sqrt{(M_{NS}^2 - M_S^2)^2 + 4M_{NSS}^4} \right]$$

*Mathematica* leads to surprisingly simple results:

$$M_{NS}^2 = M_\pi^2 + \frac{4A}{f_\pi^2}, \quad M_{NSS}^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}A}{f_\pi f_{s\bar{s}}}$$

$$M_S^2 = \frac{1}{f_{s\bar{s}}^2} [2 f_K^2 M_K^2 - f_\pi^2 M_\pi^2] + \frac{2A}{f_{s\bar{s}}^2} = M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \frac{2A}{f_{s\bar{s}}^2}$$

since in the isospin limit,  $f_\pi^2 M_\pi^2 = -(m_u \langle u\bar{u} \rangle + m_d \langle d\bar{d} \rangle)$  and

$$f_K^2 M_K^2 = -(m_u \langle u\bar{u} \rangle + m_s \langle s\bar{s} \rangle) \Rightarrow 2 f_K^2 M_K^2 - f_\pi^2 M_\pi^2 = f_{s\bar{s}}^2 M_{s\bar{s}}^2$$

# Compare $M_{NS}$ , $M_{NSS}$ and $M_S$ with NS-S mass matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{NS}^2 & M_{NSS}^2 \\ M_{NSS}^2 & M_S^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_\pi^2 + 2\beta & \sqrt{2}\beta X \\ \sqrt{2}\beta X & M_{s\bar{s}}^2 + \beta X^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ Very similar formulas in WV case and "Shore case":

$$1.) \quad \beta_{WV} = \frac{6\chi_{YM}}{f_\pi^2(2 + X^2)}, \quad \beta_{Shore} = \frac{2A}{f_\pi^2} \approx \frac{2\chi_{YM}}{f_\pi^2}$$

Explains why Shore's scheme needs higher values of  $\chi_{YM}$  than WV, to approach empirical masses.

$$2.) \quad X = \frac{f_\pi}{f_{ss}} \quad \text{the SAME in the both WV and Shore cases ...}$$

... but in the "Shore case", it follows from equations! Before, incl. WV, it was an input – estimate, educated guess.



# Summary

- The results of the approach through Witten-Veneziano relation and Shore's approach were shown to be similar numerically.
- The results for Shore's approach (with FKS 1-angle scheme) are also available as analytic, closed-form expressions, and they explain both the similarities and differences in the results on the  $\eta$ - $\eta'$  complex.
- The full QCD topological charge  $A$  (to which  $\chi_{YM}$  appears only as a numerical approximation at  $T = 0 = \mu$ ) is not a pure-gauge quantity, but a full QCD quantity, and Leutwyler-Smilga quantity  $\tilde{\chi}$  is its approximation  $\langle u\bar{u} \rangle, \langle d\bar{d} \rangle, \langle s\bar{s} \rangle \rightarrow \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_0$ .

This fact gives support to our explanation of the data on  $\eta'$  enhanced multiplicity in RHIC experiments at  $T > 0$ , where we replace the  $T$ -dependence of  $\chi_{YM}$  by that of the chiral condensate as in Leutwyler-Smilga quantity  $\tilde{\chi}(T)$ .

It also motivates additionally our work on extending the same approach to  $\mu > 0$  for NICA and GSI and ...

- $\Rightarrow$  Increased motivation for lattice to calculate  $A$  and  $\chi$  of full QCD