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Light-flavor tensor meson nonet
in chiral effective field theory



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Background

Low lying mesons of QCD

- light pseudoscalars (Goldstone): π , K , η (chiral perturbation theory: χ PT)

..... Mass Gap

- well established vectors: ρ , K^* , ω , ϕ

(VMD: vector meson dominance (VMD) in many situations)

- scalars with opaque nature: σ , κ , $f_0(980)$, $a_0(980)$
- less focused tensors: $f_2(1270)$, $f_2'(1525)$, $K_2^*(1430)$, $a_2(1320)$

(See also discussions via pp scattering: [Geng,Molina,Oset,PRD'08'09] [Du,Gulmez et al.,EPJC'17'18])

After integration of the heavy d.o.f (resonances), low energy constants (LECs) of χ PT can be predicted: [Ecker et al., NPB'88] [Cirigliano et al, NPB'06]

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = L_1 \langle u_\mu u^\mu \rangle^2 + L_2 \langle u_\mu u^\nu \rangle \langle u^\mu u_\nu \rangle + L_3 \langle u_\mu u^\mu u_\nu u^\nu \rangle + \dots$$

$$L_3 = -\frac{3G_V^2}{4M_V^2} + \frac{c_d^2}{2M_S^2} \quad \text{or} \quad L_3 = 4\pi f^4 \left(\frac{2\Gamma_S^{(0)}}{3M_S^{(0)5}} - \frac{9\Gamma_V^{(0)}}{M_V^{(0)5}} \right) \quad [\text{ZHG et al., JHEP'07}]$$

❑ Contributions from tensor resonances are still under debate !

- **Vectors:** ρ , K^* , ω , φ
- **Tensors:** f_2 , f_2' , K_2^* , a_2

Mixings: vectors V.S. tensors

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \psi_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} - 2s\bar{s}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f' = \psi_8 \cos \theta - \psi_1 \sin \theta \\
 \psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}) & & f = \psi_8 \sin \theta + \psi_1 \cos \theta
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Ideal mixing} \\
 \xrightarrow{\quad} \\
 \theta_{\text{id}} = 35.3^\circ
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{rcl}
 f' & = & -s\bar{s} \\
 f & = & \frac{u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}}{\sqrt{2}}
 \end{array}$$

➤ **Vector mixing angle (ω - φ mixing)**

$\theta_V \sim 36.5^\circ$: 3% away from θ_{id}

[PDG, 2022]

➤ **Tensor mixing angle (f_2 - f_2' mixing)**

$\theta_T \sim (28 \sim 30)^\circ$: (15~21)% away from θ_{id}

❑ **Implication:** 1/Nc correction (OZI rule violation) is sizable for the tensor resonances.

Quick view of the light-flavor tensor mesons

[PDG, 2022]

$f_2(1270)$		
$I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(2^{++})$		
Mass $m = 1275.5 \pm 0.8$ MeV		
Full width $\Gamma = 186.7^{+2.2}_{-2.5}$ MeV (S = 1.4)		
$f_2(1270)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	S _{Conf}
$\pi\pi$	(84.2 $^{+2.9}_{-0.9}$) %	
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	(7.7 $^{+1.1}_{-3.2}$) %	
$K\bar{K}$	(4.6 $^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$) %	
$2\pi^+2\pi^-$	(2.8 ± 0.4) %	
$\eta\eta$	(4.0 ± 0.8) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$4\pi^0$	(3.0 ± 1.0) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$\gamma\gamma$	(1.42 ± 0.24) $\times 10^{-5}$	
$\eta\pi\pi$	< 8 $\times 10^{-3}$	
$K^0K^-\pi^+ + \text{c.c.}$	< 3.4 $\times 10^{-3}$	
e^+e^-	< 6 $\times 10^{-10}$	

$a_2(1320)$		
$I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^-(2^{++})$		
Mass $m = 1318.2 \pm 0.6$ MeV (S = 1.2)		
Full width $\Gamma = 107 \pm 5$ MeV [1]		
$a_2(1320)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	S _{Conf}
3π	(70.1 ± 2.7) %	
$\eta\pi$	(14.5 ± 1.2) %	
$\omega\pi\pi$	(10.6 ± 3.2) %	
$K\bar{K}$	(4.9 ± 0.8) %	
$\eta'(958)\pi$	(5.5 ± 0.9) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$\pi^\pm\gamma$	(2.91 ± 0.27) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$\gamma\gamma$	(9.4 ± 0.7) $\times 10^{-6}$	
e^+e^-	< 5 $\times 10^{-9}$	

$f'_2(1525)$		
$I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^+(2^{++})$		
Mass $m = 1517.4 \pm 2.5$ MeV (S = 2.8)		
Full width $\Gamma = 86 \pm 5$ MeV (S = 2.2)		
$f'_2(1525)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	S
$K\bar{K}$	(87.6 ± 2.2) %	
$\eta\eta$	(11.6 ± 2.2) %	
$\pi\pi$	(8.3 ± 1.6) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$\gamma\gamma$	(9.5 ± 1.1) $\times 10^{-7}$	

$K_2^*(1430)$		
$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(2^+)$		
$K_2^*(1430)^\pm$ mass $m = 1427.3 \pm 1.5$ MeV (S		
$K_2^*(1430)^0$ mass $m = 1432.4 \pm 1.3$ MeV		
$K_2^*(1430)^\pm$ full width $\Gamma = 100.0 \pm 2.1$ MeV		
$K_2^*(1430)^0$ full width $\Gamma = 109 \pm 5$ MeV (S =		

$K_2^*(1430)$ DECAY MODES		
Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)		
$K\pi$	(49.9 ± 1.2) %	
$K^*(892)\pi$	(24.7 ± 1.5) %	
$K^*(892)\pi\pi$	(13.4 ± 2.2) %	
$K\rho$	(8.7 ± 0.8) %	
$K\omega$	(2.9 ± 0.8) %	
$K^+\gamma$	(2.4 ± 0.5) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$K\eta$	(1.5 $^{+3.4}_{-1.0}$) $\times 10^{-3}$	
$K\omega\pi$	< 7.2 $\times 10^{-4}$	
$K^0\gamma$	< 9 $\times 10^{-4}$	

[Lattice:
HSC, PRD'18]

$m_\pi = 391$ MeV

f_2^a	1470(15)	$-\frac{i}{2} 160(18)$ MeV
τ_2	1505(5)	$-\frac{i}{2} 20(3)$ MeV
K_2^*	1577(7)	$-\frac{i}{2} 66(7)$ MeV
f_2^b	1602(10)	$-\frac{i}{2} 54(14)$ MeV,

$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	136.0 $\pm$ 22.0
$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	19.2 $\pm$ 7.8
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	4.3 $\pm$ 3.1
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	49.7 $\pm$ 20.1
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	7.1 $\pm$ 1.9
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow \pi\eta}$	13.1 $\pm$ 3.0
$\Gamma_{K_2^* \rightarrow \pi K}$	62 $\pm$ 12

□ Masses, $T \rightarrow PP'$, $T \rightarrow P\gamma$ will be focused in this talk.

Tensor mesons in Resonance Chiral Theory

Tensor meson with $J^P = 2^+$: symmetric rank-2 tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$

[Bellucci et al., NPB'94]

[Toublan, PRD'96]

The on-shell tensor is traceless, i.e. $T_\mu^\mu = 0$

[Ecker Zauner, EPJC'07]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = -\frac{1}{2} \langle T_{\mu\nu} D^{\mu\nu,\rho\sigma} T_{\rho\sigma} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^{\mu\nu,\rho\sigma} = & (\square + M_T^2) \left[\frac{1}{2} (g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\rho}) - g^{\mu\nu} g^{\rho\sigma} \right] \\ & + g^{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho \partial^\sigma + g^{\rho\sigma} \partial^\mu \partial^\nu \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (g^{\mu\sigma} \partial^\rho \partial^\nu + g^{\mu\rho} \partial^\nu \partial^\sigma + g^{\nu\sigma} \partial^\rho \partial^\mu + g^{\nu\rho} \partial^\mu \partial^\sigma) \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_m^{(0)} = -\frac{M_T^2}{2} \langle T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_\lambda \epsilon_{\mu\nu}(k; \lambda) \epsilon_{\rho\sigma}^*(k; \lambda) = & \frac{1}{2} (P_{\mu\rho} P_{\nu\sigma} + P_{\nu\rho} P_{\mu\sigma}) - \frac{1}{3} P_{\mu\nu} P_{\rho\sigma} \\ & \left(P_{\mu\nu} \equiv g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{M_T^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Interactions between resonances and pseudo Nambu-Goldstone bosons (pNGBs)

$$\langle R_1 R_2 \cdots R_j \chi^{(n)}(\Phi) \rangle$$

R_i : Resonance fields

chiral building blocks with
power counting index n

- **1/Nc counting rule: number of traces**

One additional trace brings one more 1/Nc suppression factor.

- **Quark-mass corrections only enter via the operators themselves.**

Couplings are independent of m_q (crucial for chiral extrapolation).

- **Flavor assignment for light-flavor tensor nonet**

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a_2^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{f_2^8}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{f_2^0}{\sqrt{3}} & a_2^+ & K_2^{*+} \\ a_2^- & -\frac{a_2^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{f_2^8}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{f_2^0}{\sqrt{3}} & K_2^{*0} \\ K_2^{*-} & \bar{K}_2^{*0} & -\frac{2f_2^8}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{f_2^0}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}_{\mu\nu}$$

Relevant operators for the T masses

[Chen, Cheng, Yan, Duan, ZHG, PRD'23]

LO $\mathcal{L}_m^{(0)} = -\frac{M_T^2}{2} \langle T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$

NLO $\mathcal{L}_m^{(1)} = \lambda_T \langle T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \chi_+ \rangle + \lambda'_T \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$ $\mathcal{O}(\delta) \sim \mathcal{O}(p^2) \sim \mathcal{O}(1/N_c)$

$\boxed{\mathcal{O}(p^2, N_c^0)}$ $\quad$ $\boxed{\mathcal{O}(p^0, N_c^{-1})}$

NNLO $\langle T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \chi_+ \chi_+ \rangle, \quad \langle T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle, \quad \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle \langle T^{\mu\nu} \chi_+ \rangle$
(impossible to pin down their coefficients when only focusing masses)

Relevant operators for the $T \rightarrow PP'$ decays

$$\mathcal{L}_{TPP}^{(0)} = g_T \langle T_{\mu\nu} \{u^\mu, u^\nu\} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{TPP}^{(1)} = & f_T \langle T_{\mu\nu} \{ \{u^\mu, u^\nu\}, \chi_+ \} \rangle + f'_T \langle T_{\mu\nu} (u^\mu \chi_+ u^\nu + u^\nu \chi_+ u^\mu) \rangle \\ & + g'_T \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle \langle u^\mu u^\nu \rangle + g''_T (\langle T_{\mu\nu} u^\mu \rangle \langle u^\nu \rangle + \langle T_{\mu\nu} u^\nu \rangle \langle u^\mu \rangle), \end{aligned}$$

Operators for the $T \rightarrow P\gamma, \gamma\gamma$ decays

$$\mathcal{L}^{TP\gamma} = i \frac{c_{TP\gamma}}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \langle T^{\alpha\lambda} [f_+^{\mu\nu}, \partial^\beta u_\lambda] \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T\gamma\gamma}^{(0)} = c_{T\gamma\gamma} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \Theta_\gamma^{\mu\nu} \rangle, \quad \mathcal{L}_{T\gamma\gamma}^{(1)} = d_{T\gamma\gamma} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \Theta_\gamma^{\mu\nu} \chi_+ \rangle \quad \Theta_\gamma^{\mu\nu} = f_{+\alpha}^\mu f_+^{\alpha\nu} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} f_+^{\rho\sigma} f_{+\rho\sigma}$$

Phenomenologies

❖ Masses of tensor resonances

$$f_2^8 = \sin \theta_T f_2 + \cos \theta_T f_2', \quad f_2^0 = \cos \theta_T f_2 - \sin \theta_T f_2'$$

Up to NLO

$$M_{f_2}^2 = M_T^2 - 4\lambda_T m_K^2 - 3\lambda_T' - \sqrt{16\lambda_T^2(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)^2 - 8\lambda_T\lambda_T'(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2) + 9\lambda_T'^2}$$

$$M_{f_2'}^2 = M_T^2 - 4\lambda_T m_K^2 - 3\lambda_T' + \sqrt{16\lambda_T^2(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)^2 - 8\lambda_T\lambda_T'(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2) + 9\lambda_T'^2}$$

$$M_{a_2}^2 = M_T^2 - 4\lambda_T m_\pi^2$$

$$M_{K_2^*}^2 = M_T^2 - 4\lambda_T m_K^2$$

$$\tan 2\theta_T = \frac{8\sqrt{2}(m_\pi^2 - m_K^2)\lambda_T}{4(m_\pi^2 - m_K^2)\lambda_T + 9\lambda_T'}$$

Large N_c limit

 $\lambda_T' \rightarrow 0$

$$\theta_T = \arctan(2\sqrt{2})/2 = 35.3^\circ$$

(ideal mixing)

Case 1: Exp data only

Exp data

$$M_{f_2}^{\text{Exp}} = 1275.5 \pm 0.8, \quad M_{a_2}^{\text{Exp}} = 1318.2 \pm 0.6,$$
$$M_{K_2^*}^{\text{Exp}} = 1429.9 \pm 4.1, \quad M_{f_2'}^{\text{Exp}} = 1517.4 \pm 2.5,$$

Fitted parameters

$$M_T = (1308.5 \pm 1.2) \text{ MeV}, \quad \lambda_T = -0.336 \pm 0.008, \quad \lambda'_T = (25718 \pm 1054) \text{ MeV}^2$$

Prediction: $\theta_T^{\text{Phy}} = (29.1 \pm 0.1)^\circ$

Case 2: Lat data only

Lat data

$$M_{f_2}^{\text{Lat}} = 1470 \pm 15, \quad M_{a_2}^{\text{Lat}} = 1505 \pm 5,$$

($m_\pi=391 \text{ MeV}$, $m_K=550 \text{ MeV}$)

$$M_{K_2^*}^{\text{Lat}} = 1577 \pm 7, \quad M_{f_2'}^{\text{Lat}} = 1602 \pm 10,$$

Fitted parameters

$$M_T = (1444 \pm 18) \text{ MeV}, \quad \lambda_T = -0.307 \pm 0.052, \quad \lambda'_T = (27920 \pm 16526) \text{ MeV}^2,$$

Prediction: $\theta_T^{\text{Lat}} = (25.0^{+5.6}_{-4.4})^\circ$

An important lessson:

- Mass splitting parameters λ_T 、 λ_T' from Exp and Lat are compatible, while M_T from the two fits are different.

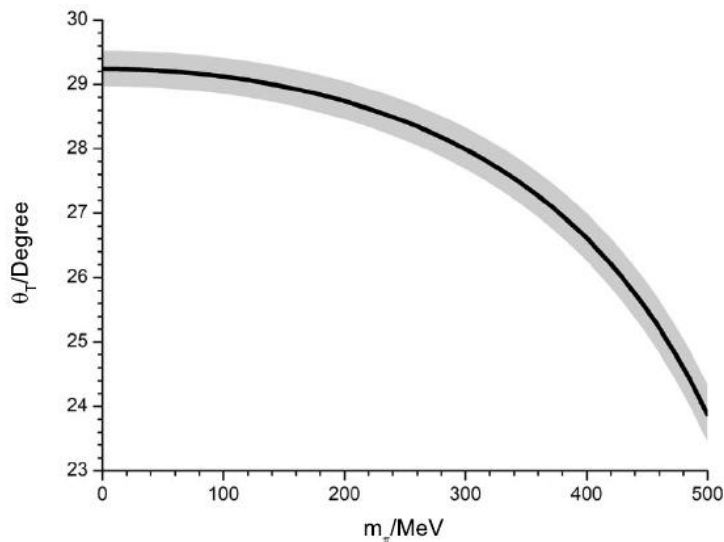
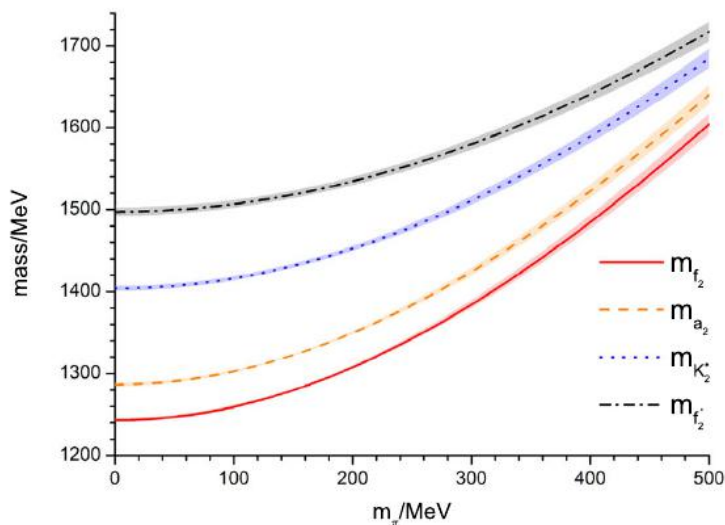
To reconcile M_T from Exp and Lat: $\lambda_T'' \langle T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle$ (NNLO)

Parameters from joint fit

$$M_T = (998.7 \pm 26.4) \text{ MeV}, \quad \lambda_T = -0.335 \pm 0.009,$$

$$\lambda_T' = (25732 \pm 1216) \text{ MeV}^2, \quad \lambda_T'' = -0.350 \pm 0.026,$$

	Experimental	Theoretical	Lattice	Theoretical
M_{f_2} (MeV)	1275.5 ± 0.8	1275.5 ± 1.7	1470 ± 15	1466 ± 8
M_{a_2} (MeV)	1318.2 ± 0.6	1318.2 ± 1.3	1505 ± 5	1505 ± 8
$M_{K_2^*}$ (MeV)	1429.9 ± 4.1	1428.8 ± 2.8	1577 ± 7	1570 ± 8
$M_{f_2'}$ (MeV)	1517.4 ± 2.5	1517.2 ± 5.1	1602 ± 10	1620 ± 8
$\theta_T(^{\circ})$	...	29.0 ± 0.4	...	26.4 ± 0.3



❖ $T \rightarrow P P'$ decays ($P=\pi, K, \eta, \eta'$)

Two-mixing-angle
formalism for η - η'

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \eta' \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{F} \begin{pmatrix} F_8 \cos \theta_8 & -F_0 \sin \theta_0 \\ F_8 \sin \theta_8 & F_0 \cos \theta_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_8 \\ \eta_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Examples of decay width formulas

$$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi} = \left[\frac{4 \cos \theta_T + 2\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_T}{F_\pi^2} g_T + \frac{(16 \cos \theta_T + 8\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_T) m_\pi^2}{F_\pi^2} f_T + \frac{6 \cos \theta_T}{F_\pi^2} g'_T + \frac{(8 \cos \theta_T + 4\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_T) m_\pi^2}{F_\pi^2} f'_T \right]^2 \frac{p^5(m_{f_2}, m_\pi, m_\pi)}{30\pi m_{f_2}^2},$$

$$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta} = \left\{ \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}F_0^2F_8^2\cos^2(\theta_0 - \theta_8)} \left\{ -\sin \theta_T [\sqrt{2}F_0^2[3g_T + 2(2f_T + f'_T)(8m_K^2 - 5m_\pi^2)]\cos^2\theta_0 + 2F_0F_8[6g_T + 8f_T(4m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)]\cos \theta_0 \sin \theta_8 + 8\sqrt{2}F_8^2(2f_T + f'_T)(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)\sin^2\theta_8] + \cos \theta_T [F_0^2[6g_T + 8f_T(4m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)]\cos^2\theta_0 + 16\sqrt{2}F_0F_8(2f_T + f'_T)(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)\cos \theta_0 \sin \theta_8 + F_8^2(6g_T + 9g'_T + 16f_Tm_K^2 + 8f'_Tm_K^2 + 8f_Tm_\pi^2 + 4f'_Tm_\pi^2)\sin^2\theta_8] \right\} \right\}^2 \frac{p^5(m_{f_2}, m_\eta, m_\eta)}{30\pi m_{f_2}^2},$$

For others channels, see

[Chen, Cheng, Yan, Duan, ZHG, PRD'23]

Fit I: One-mixing-angle description for η - η' ($F_8=F_0=F$, $\theta_8=\theta_0=\theta$)

Parameters from the joint fit to the widths from Exp and Lat

$$\begin{aligned} g_T &= (16.6 \pm 1.1) \text{ MeV}, & f_T &= (3.9 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-6} \text{ MeV}^{-1}, \\ g'_T &= (4.8 \pm 0.6) \text{ MeV}, & f'_T &= (-3.1 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-6} \text{ MeV}^{-1}, & \theta^{\text{Phy}} &= (-9.0 \pm 5.5)^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

Important: $F_\pi=F_K=F$ must be taken to obtain reasonable fit, which is consistent with the one-mixing-angle description.

Fit II: Two-mixing-angle description for η - η'

$$\begin{aligned} g_T &= (19.9 \pm 1.5) \text{ MeV}, & f_T &= (1.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5} \text{ MeV}^{-1}, \\ g'_T &= (6.3 \pm 0.7) \text{ MeV}, & f'_T &= (7.5 \pm 5.3) \times 10^{-6} \text{ MeV}^{-1}, & \theta_8^{\text{Phy}} &= (-17.3 \pm 6.3)^\circ, \end{aligned}$$

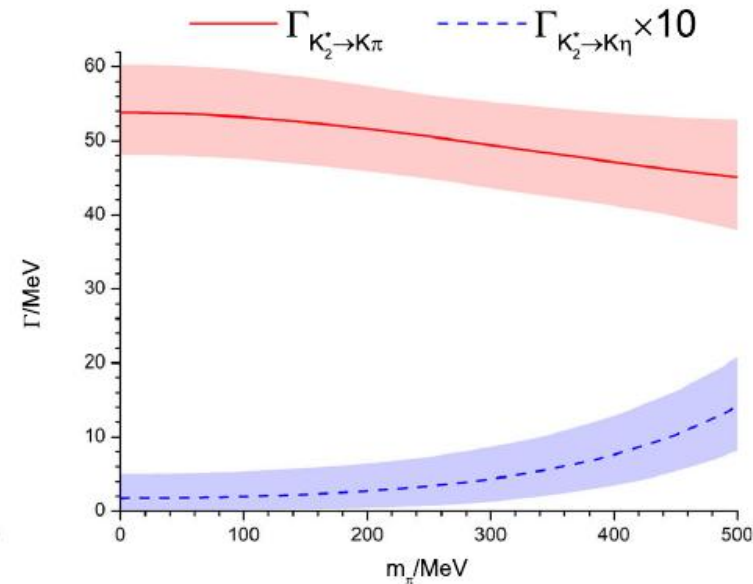
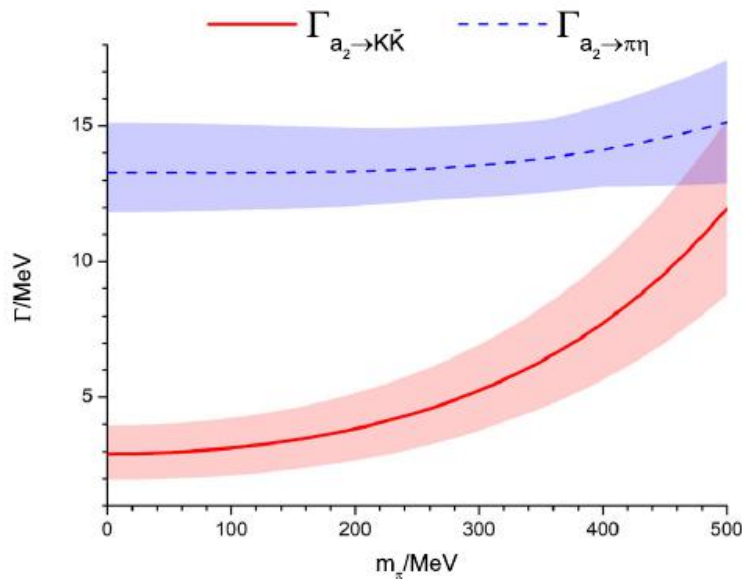
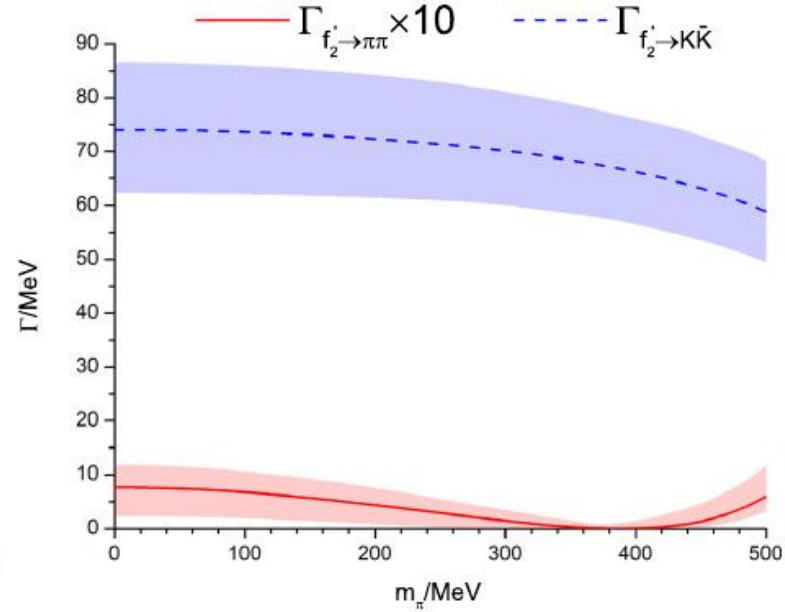
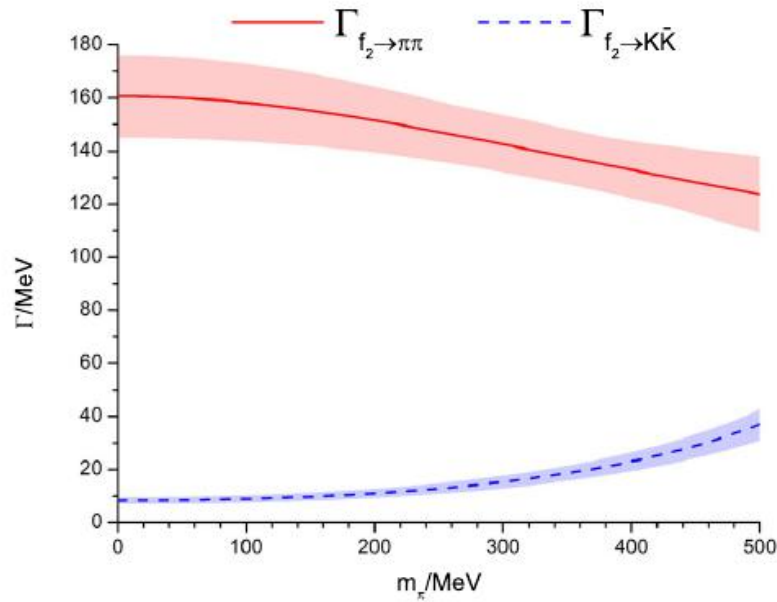
Important: we need to distinguish F_π 、 F_K in the decay widths, which is consistent with the two-mixing-angle description that receives from higher order chiral corrections.

	[PDG, 2022]	Fit I	Fit II
$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	157.2 ± 7.3	156.9 ± 14.3	157.2 ± 15.5
$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	8.6 ± 1.1	9.4 ± 1.5	8.6 ± 1.6
$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta}$	0.7 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.3
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	0.7 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.5	0.7 ± 0.4
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	75.3 ± 6.3	74.1 ± 12.4	70.2 ± 12.3
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow \eta\eta}$	10.0 ± 2.6	9.7 ± 3.5	7.5 ± 2.9
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	5.2 ± 1.1	3.3 ± 1.2	4.0 ± 1.3
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow \pi\eta}$	15.5 ± 2.1	13.3 ± 2.9	13.2 ± 3.4
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow \pi\eta'}$	0.6 ± 0.1	0.6 ± 0.1	0.6 ± 0.1
$\Gamma_{K_2^* \rightarrow \eta K}$	$0.2^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	$0.2^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	$0.1^{+0.4}_{-0.1}$
$\Gamma_{K_2^* \rightarrow \pi K}$	52.1 ± 6.1	53.5 ± 6.4	59.9 ± 7.1

	[HSC, PRD'15 '18]	Fit I	Fit II
$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	136.0 ± 22.0	132.0 ± 10.8	117.0 ± 10.2
$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	19.2 ± 7.8	24.4 ± 3.7	20.9 ± 3.3
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	4.3 ± 3.1	$(1.2^{+16.5}_{-1.2}) \times 10^{-2}$	0.2 ± 0.2
$\Gamma_{f'_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	49.7 ± 20.1	59.7 ± 9.2	53.4 ± 7.8
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow K\bar{K}}$	7.1 ± 1.9	8.0 ± 2.3	9.2 ± 2.2
$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow \pi\eta}$	13.1 ± 3.0	13.8 ± 2.5	17.9 ± 2.0
$\Gamma_{K_2^* \rightarrow \pi K}$	62 ± 12	47.4 ± 6.3	48.4 ± 6.4

Predictions to the trajectories of decay widths by varying m_π

[Chen, Cheng, Yan, Duan, ZHG, PRD'23]



❖ $T \rightarrow P \gamma$

$$\mathcal{L}^{TP\gamma} = i \frac{c_{TP\gamma}}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \langle T^{\alpha\lambda} [f_+^{\mu\nu}, \partial^\beta u_\lambda] \rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{a_2^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma}^{\text{Exp}} = (0.31 \pm 0.04) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma_{K_2^{*\pm} \rightarrow K^\pm \gamma}^{\text{Exp}} = (0.24 \pm 0.06) \text{ MeV},$$



$$c_{TP\gamma} = (5.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5} \text{ MeV}^{-1}$$

$$\Gamma_{a_2^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma}^{\text{Theo}} = (0.30 \pm 0.04) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma_{K_2^{*\pm} \rightarrow K^\pm \gamma}^{\text{Theo}} = (0.25 \pm 0.03) \text{ MeV},$$

Lesson: the LO $c_{TP\gamma}$ is already enough to describe the available $T \rightarrow P \gamma$ data.

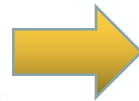
$T \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays $\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{Exp}} = 2.7 \pm 0.5, \quad \Gamma_{f_2' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{Exp}} = 0.082 \pm 0.015, \quad \Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{Exp}} = 1.0 \pm 0.1$

Case 1: only take LO $\mathcal{L}_{T\gamma\gamma}^{(0)} = c_{T\gamma\gamma} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \Theta_\gamma^{\mu\nu} \rangle$

- Fix $\theta_T = 29.0^\circ$ from the mass determination, an overall description to all the three channels can not be satisfactorily achieved.
- To free θ_T , one would obtain $\theta_T = 27.2 \pm 1^\circ$, which disagrees with $\theta_T = 29.0 \pm 0.4^\circ$ from the mass determination.

Case 2: LO + NLO $\mathcal{L}_{T\gamma\gamma}^{(0)} = c_{T\gamma\gamma} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \Theta_\gamma^{\mu\nu} \rangle \quad \mathcal{L}_{T\gamma\gamma}^{(1)} = d_{T\gamma\gamma} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \Theta_\gamma^{\mu\nu} \chi_+ \rangle$

Fix $\theta_T = 29.0^\circ$, $c_{T\gamma\gamma} = (2.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4} \text{ MeV}^{-1}$,
the fit gives $d_{T\gamma\gamma} = (-3.2 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-11} \text{ MeV}^{-3}$,



$$\Gamma_{f_2 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{Theo}} = 2.6 \pm 0.2,$$

$$\Gamma_{f_2' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{Theo}} = 0.082 \pm 0.015,$$

$$\Gamma_{a_2 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{Theo}} = 1.0 \pm 0.1,$$

Summary

- Quark-mass and $1/N_c$ corrections are systematically incorporated for the tensor mesons within Resonance Chiral Theory.
- Tensor masses and $T \rightarrow P P'$ decay widths from Exp and Lat are well described. The f_2 - f_2' mixing angle and the pion-mass dependence of tensor masses and decay widths are predicted.
- Satisfactory descriptions of two types of radiative decays: $T \rightarrow P\gamma$ & $T \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, are obtained.
- This work provides useful inputs to the future study of the tensor contributions to the $P P' \rightarrow P P'$ and $P\gamma \rightarrow P'\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ processes.

谢谢大家！