

Precision tests of fundamental physics with light pseudoscalar mesons

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Why is it interesting to study η/η' physics?

- Quantum numbers $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+ 0^{--}$:
 - Eigenstates of the C, P, CP and G operators
 - Flavor conserving decays \Rightarrow laboratory for symmetry tests
 - All their strong and EM decays are forbidden at lowest order
 - The η is a pseudo-Goldstone boson
 - The η' is largely influenced by the $U(1)$ anomaly
- Large amount of data have been collected:
 - A2@MAMI, BESIII, CLAS, CrystalBall, GlueX, KLOE(-II), WASA
- More to come:
 - JEF (talk by B. Briscoe), REDTOP (talk by C. Gatto)

Why is it interesting to study η/η' physics?

- Unique opportunity to:
 - Test chiral dynamics at low energy
 - Extract fundamental parameters of the Standard Model (light quark masses, η - η' mixing)
 - Study of fundamental symmetries: $P\&CP$ and $P\&CP$ violation
 - Looking for BSM physics \Rightarrow Dark sector
- Theoretical methods:
 - ChPT and its extensions (large- N_c)
 - Vector-meson dominance
 - Dispersion theory

Selected η/η' decays

- High priority $\eta^{(\prime)}$ decays for experiment and theory
(L. Gan, B. Kubis, E. Passemar and S. Tulin, 2007.00664)

Decay channel	Standard Model	Discrete symmetries	BSM particles
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	light quark masses	C/CP violation	scalar bosons
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	η - η' mixing, width	—	—
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \gamma$	$(g - 2)_\mu$	—	Z' , dark photon
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ and $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \gamma\gamma$	higher-order χ PT, scalar dynamics	—	$U(1)_B$ boson, scalar boson
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$(g - 2)_\mu$, precision tests	CP violation	—
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$	—	C violation	scalar bosons
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \ell^+ \ell^-$	$(g - 2)_\mu$	—	ALP, dark photon
$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$	—	C violation	ALP

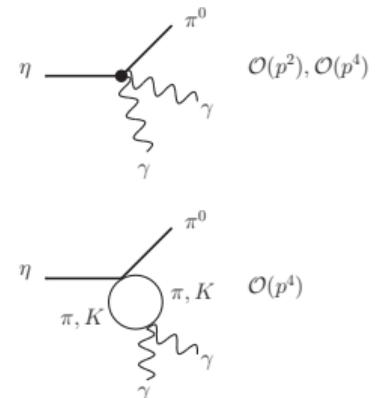
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$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ decays: Theoretical motivation

- SM motivation:

Reference	$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma)$ [eV]
$\mathcal{O}(p^2), \mathcal{O}(p^4)$ tree-level χ PT	0
$\pi + K$ loops at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$	1.87×10^{-3}
Experimental value (pdg)	0.34(3)



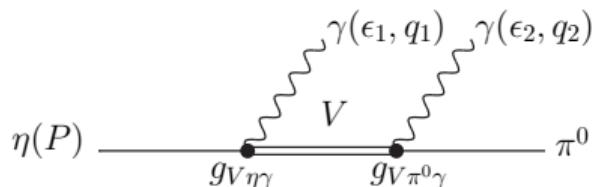
- 1st sizable contribution comes at $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$, but LEC's are not well known
- To test ChPT and a wide range of chiral models, *e. g.* VMD and L σ M



- BSM motivation: search for a B boson via $\eta \rightarrow B\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$

Vector meson exchange contributions

- Six diagrams corresponding to the exchange of $V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$



$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma}^{\text{VMD}} = \sum_{V=\rho^0, \omega, \phi} g_{V\eta\gamma} g_{V\pi^0\gamma} \left[\frac{(P \cdot q_2 - m_\eta^2)\{a\} - \{b\}}{D_V(t)} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_2 \leftrightarrow q_1 \\ t \leftrightarrow u \end{array} \right\} \right] ,$$

- Mandelstam variables and Lorentz structures given by:

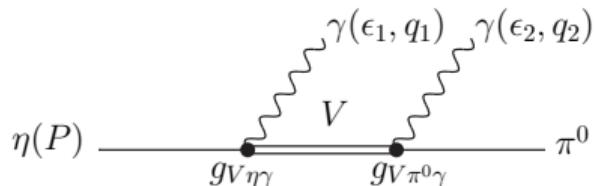
$$t, u = (P - q_{2,1})^2 = m_\eta^2 - 2P \cdot q_{2,1} ,$$

$$\{a\} = (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)(q_1 \cdot q_2) - (\epsilon_1 \cdot q_2)(\epsilon_2 \cdot q_1) ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{b\} = & (\epsilon_1 \cdot q_2)(\epsilon_2 \cdot P)(P \cdot q_1) + (\epsilon_2 \cdot q_1)(\epsilon_1 \cdot P)(P \cdot q_2) \\ & - (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)(P \cdot q_1)(P \cdot q_2) - (\epsilon_1 \cdot P)(\epsilon_2 \cdot P)(q_1 \cdot q_2) \end{aligned}$$

$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ decays: VMD calculation

- Six **diagrams** corresponding to the exchange of $V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$



$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma}^{\text{VMD}} = \sum_{V=\rho^0, \omega, \phi} g_{V\eta\gamma} g_{V\pi^0\gamma} \left[\frac{(P \cdot q_2 - m_\eta^2)\{a\} - \{b\}}{D_V(t)} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_2 \leftrightarrow q_1 \\ t \leftrightarrow u \end{array} \right\} \right] ,$$

- $g_{VP\gamma}$ **couplings:**

- Model-based:

$$\mathcal{L}_{VVP} = \frac{G}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \text{tr} [\partial_\mu V_\nu \partial_\alpha V_\beta P] , \quad \mathcal{L}_{V\gamma} = -2e g f_\pi^2 A^\mu \text{tr} [Q V_\mu] ,$$

- Empirical: measured $\Gamma_{V(P) \rightarrow P(V)\gamma}^{\text{exp}}$ widths

- The decays $\eta' \rightarrow \{\pi^0, \eta\}\gamma\gamma$ are formally identical: $g_{V\eta\gamma} g_{V\pi^0\gamma} \rightarrow g_{V\eta'\gamma} g_{V\{\pi^0, \eta\}\gamma}$

Input for the $g_{VP\gamma}$ couplings

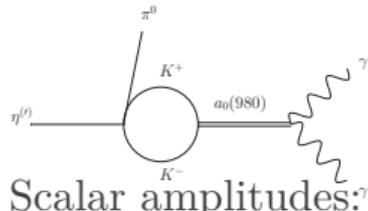
- $g_{VP\gamma}$ couplings fixed from the measured widths ($P = \pi^0, \eta, \eta'$)

$$\Gamma_{V \rightarrow P\gamma}^{\text{exp}} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{g_{VP\gamma}^2}{32\pi} \left(\frac{m_V^2 - m_P^2}{m_V} \right)^3, \quad \Gamma_{P \rightarrow V\gamma}^{\text{exp}} = \frac{g_{VP\gamma}^2}{32\pi} \left(\frac{m_P^2 - m_V^2}{m_P} \right)^3,$$

Decay	Branching ratio (pdg)	$ g_{VP\gamma} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	$(4.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}$	0.22(1)
$\rho^0 \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	$(3.00 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-4}$	0.48(2)
$\eta' \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma$	$(28.9 \pm 0.5)\%$	0.40(1)
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	$(8.40 \pm 0.22)\%$	0.70(1)
$\omega \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	$(4.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$	0.135(6)
$\eta' \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	$(2.62 \pm 0.13)\%$	0.127(4)
$\phi \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	$(1.30 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3}$	0.041(1)
$\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	$(1.303 \pm 0.025)\%$	0.2093(20)
$\phi \rightarrow \eta' \gamma$	$(6.22 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-5}$	0.216(4)

L σ M for the scalar resonance contributions

- χ PT loops complemented by the exchange of scalar resonances, $a_0(980)$, κ , σ , $f_0(980)$, e.g.:



$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma}^{\text{L}\sigma\text{M}} = \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{m_{K^+}^2} L(s_K)\{a\} \times \mathcal{A}_{K^+ K^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta^{(\prime)}}^{\text{L}\sigma\text{M}},$$

- Scalar amplitudes:

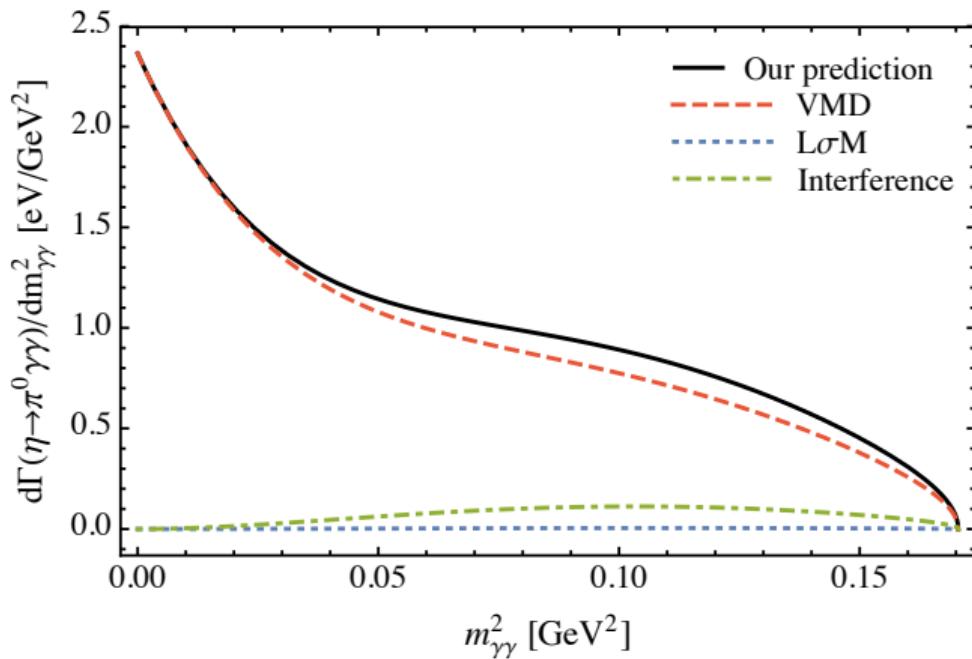
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{K^+ K^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta^{(\prime)}}^{\text{L}\sigma\text{M}} = & \frac{1}{2f_\pi f_K} \left\{ (s - m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2) \frac{m_K^2 - m_{a_0}^2}{D_{a_0}(s)} \cos \varphi_P + \frac{1}{6} \left[(5m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2 + m_\pi^2 - 3s) \cos \varphi_P \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \sqrt{2}(m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2 + 4m_K^2 + m_\pi^2 - 3s) \sin \varphi_P \right] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

- Complete one-loop propagator for the scalar resonances:

$$D_R(s) = s - m_R^2 + \text{Re}\Pi(s) - \text{Re}\Pi(m_R^2) + i\text{Im}\Pi(s),$$

$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ predictions

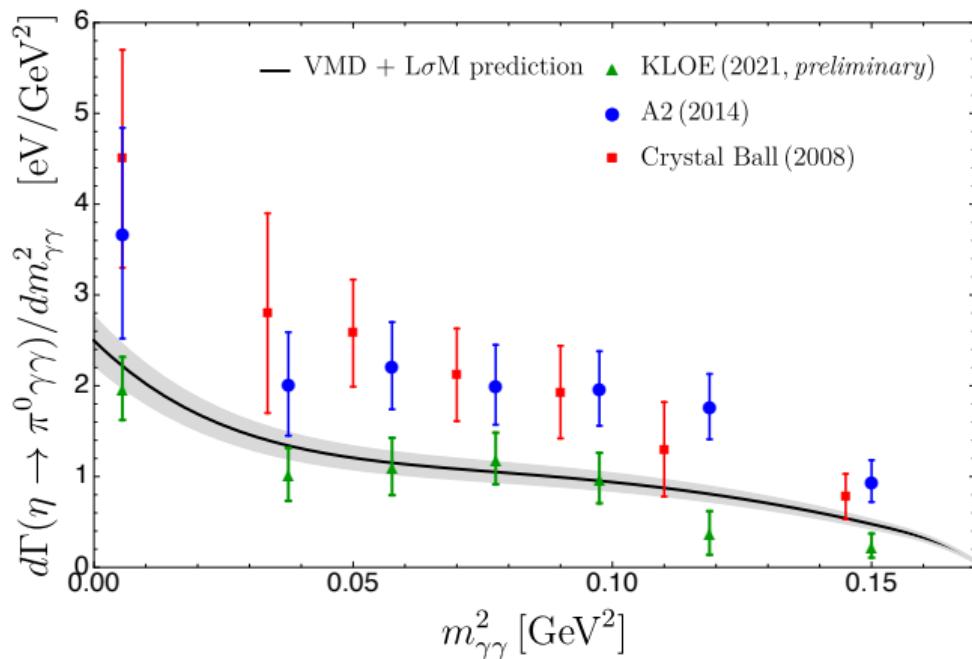
- Our theoretical prediction $BR = 1.35(8) \times 10^{-4}$ ([Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 \(2020\)](#))
 - VMD dominates:
 - ρ : 27% of the signal
 - ω : 21% of the signal
 - ϕ : 0% of the signal
 - interference between $\rho-\omega-\phi$: 52%
 - interference between scalar and vector mesons: 7%



$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ predictions

- Comparison with experimental data ([Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 \(2020\)](#))

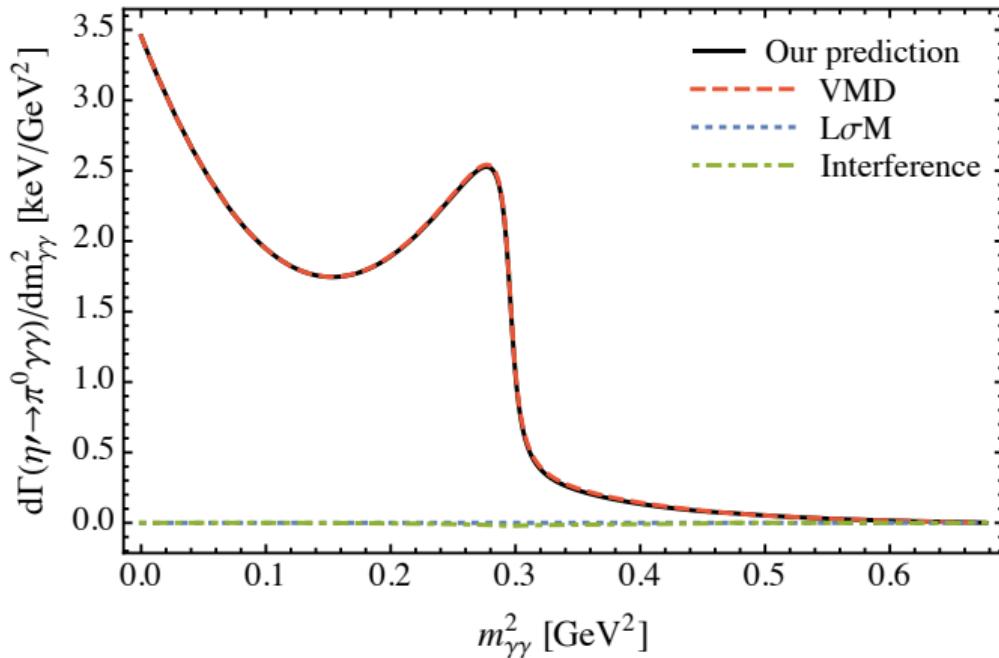
- Shape of the A2 and Crystal Ball spectra is captured well (normalization offset)
- Good agreement with (preliminary) KLOE data ([del Rio CD'21](#))
- KLOE: Last checks on systematics are ongoing ([Berlowski DNP'22](#))



$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ predictions

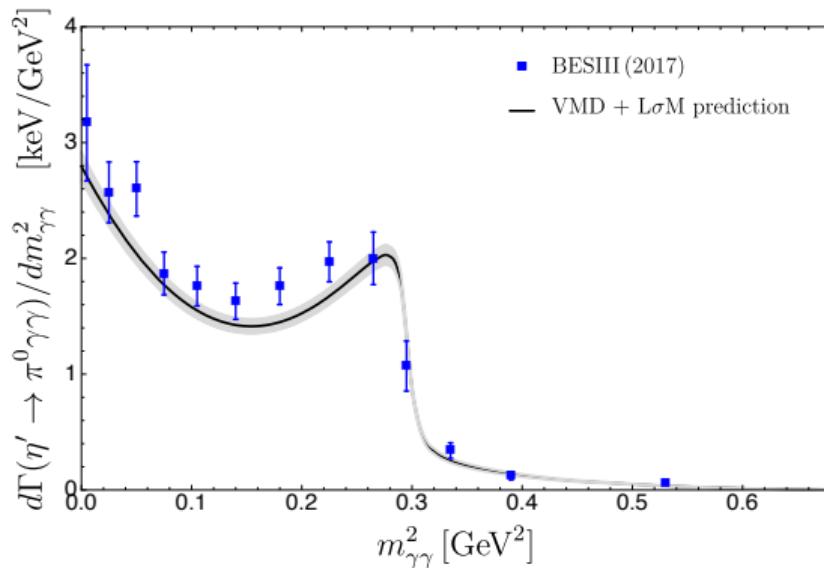
- Our theoretical prediction $BR = 2.91(21) \times 10^{-3}$ ([Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 \(2020\)](#))

- VMD completely dominates:
- ω : 78% of the signal
- ρ : 5% of the signal
- ϕ : 0% of the signal
- interference: 17%



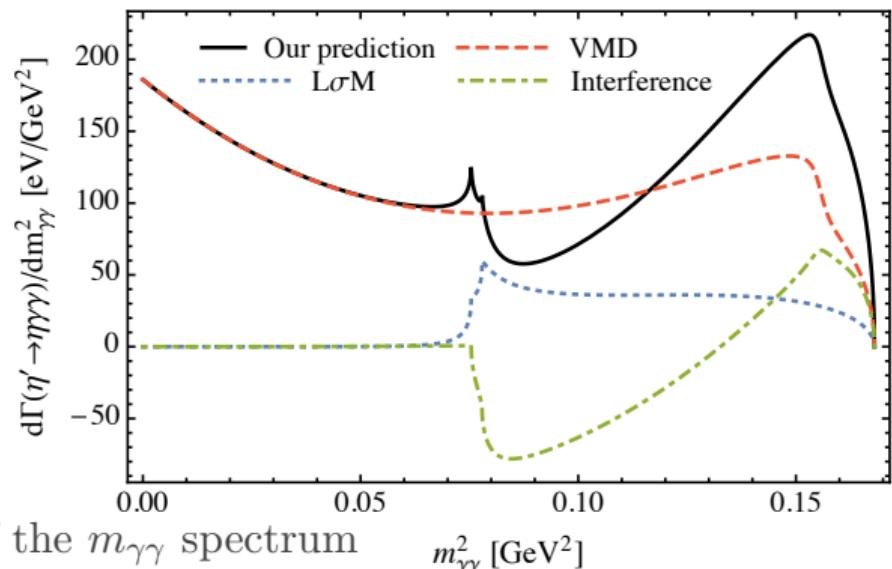
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ predictions

- Our theoretical prediction $BR = 2.91(21) \times 10^{-3}$ ([Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 \(2020\)](#))
- First time $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ invariant mass distribution by BESIII;
 $BR = 3.20(7)(23) \times 10^{-3}$ ([Ablikim *et. al.* Phys.Rev.D 96, 012005 \(2017\)](#))



$\eta' \rightarrow \eta\gamma\gamma$ predictions

- 1st BR measurement by BESIII, $BR = 8.25(3.41)(0.72) \times 10^{-5}$ or $BR < 1.33 \times 10^{-4}$ at 90% C.L. ([Ablikim *et. al.* Phys.Rev.D 100, 052015 \(2019\)](#))
- Our theoretical predictions $BR = 1.17(8) \times 10^{-4}$
([R. Escribano, S. G-S, R. Jora, E. Royo, Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 \(2020\)](#))
 - VMD predominates (91% of the signal)
 - Substantial scalar meson effects (16%)
 - Interference between scalar and vector mesons (7%)



- We look forward to the release of the $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectrum

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Leptophobic B boson model

- New boson arising from a new $U(1)_B$ gauge symmetry

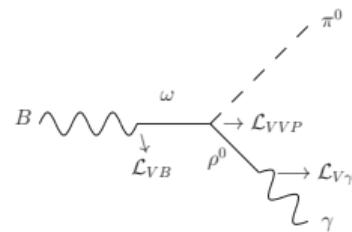
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \left(\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{g}_B + \varepsilon Q_q e \right) \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q B_\mu - \varepsilon e \bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell B_\mu ,$$

- Couples (predominantly) to quarks
- \mathbf{g}_B new gauge (universal?) coupling, $\alpha_B = \mathbf{g}_B^2 / 4\pi$
- Preserves QCD symmetries (C, P, T)
- B is a singlet under isospin:
 - $I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^-(1^{--}) \Rightarrow B$ is ω **meson** like
 - $\varepsilon = eg_B/(4\pi)^2$: (subleading) γ -like coupling to fermions
- Searches depend on the mass m_B and decay channels
- Searches on meson decays are gaining attention
 - $\phi \rightarrow \eta B \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \gamma$ (KLOE-II), $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ (JEF), $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ (Belle-II)

Calculation of hadronic processes

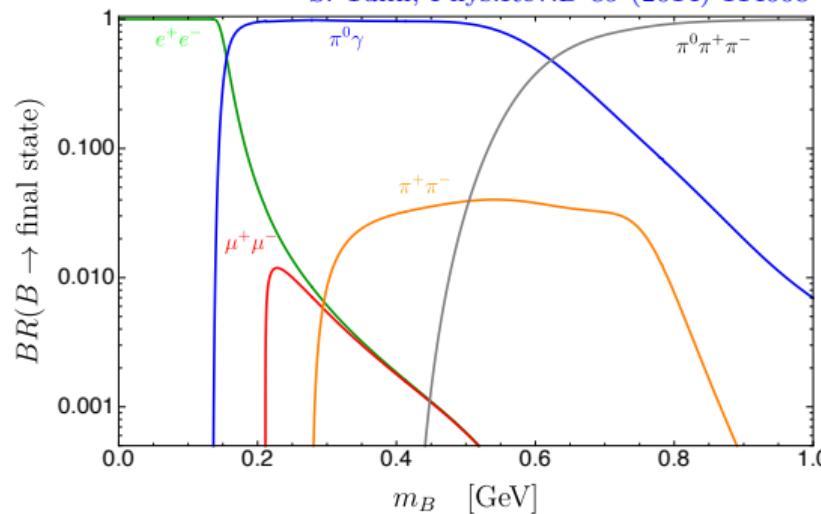
- Following the conventional **VMD picture**, $\mathcal{L}_{V\gamma} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{VB}$

— $A^\mu \rightarrow B^\mu$, $e \rightarrow g_B$ and $Q = 1/3$, $\mathcal{L}_{VB} = -2\frac{1}{3}\textcolor{violet}{g}_B g f_\pi^2 B^\mu \text{tr}[V^\mu]$,



$$\Gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma} = \frac{\alpha_B \alpha_{em} m_B^3}{96 \pi^3 f_\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_B^2}\right)^3 |F_\omega(m_B^2)|^2,$$

S. Tulin, Phys.Rev.D 89 (2014) 114008



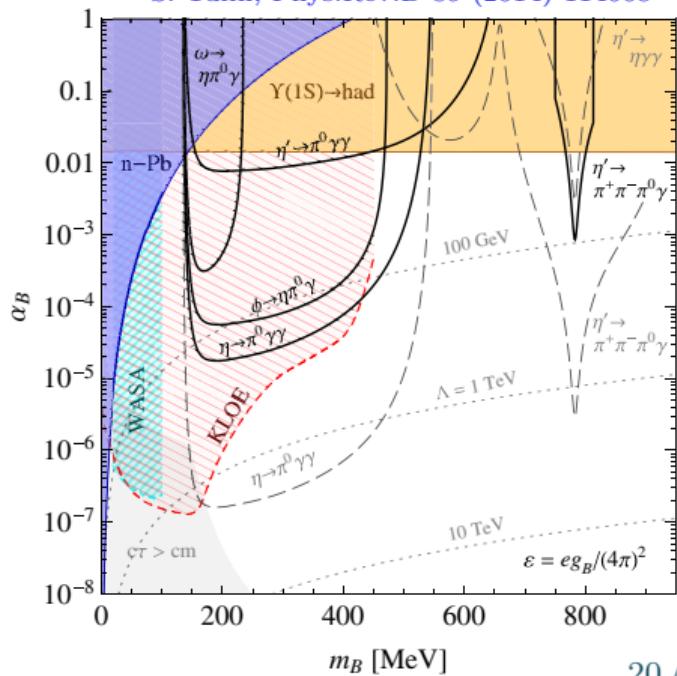
Previous limits on α_B and m_B

- Assuming the **Narrow-Width Approximation (NWA)**

$$BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = BR(\eta \rightarrow B\gamma) \times BR(B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma),$$

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- QCD contribution off
- $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) < BR_{\text{exp}}$ at 2σ
 - $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}} = 2.21(53) \times 10^{-4}$
 - $BR(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}} < 8 \times 10^{-4}$ (90% C.L.)
 - $BR(\eta' \rightarrow \eta \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}}$ no data



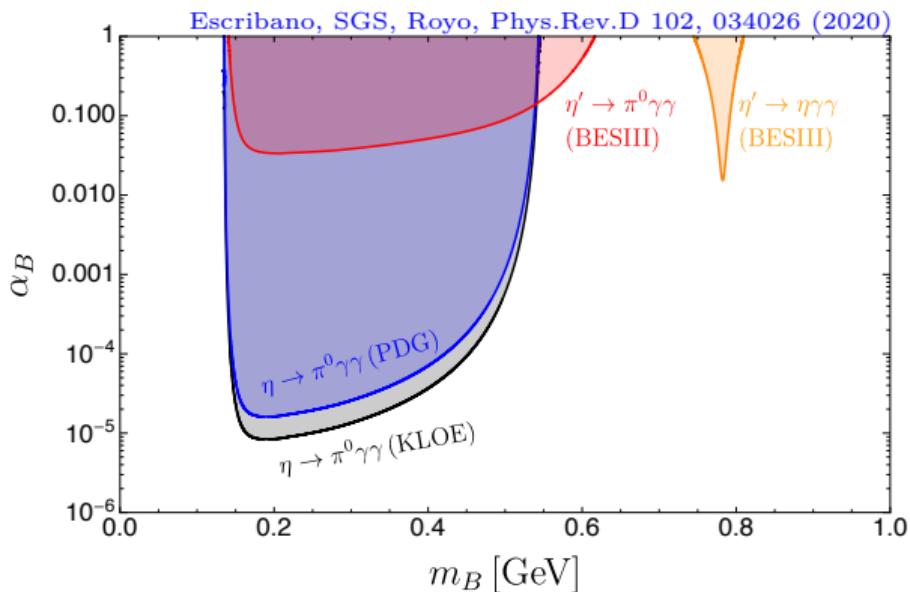
Present limits on α_B and m_B

- Assuming the **Narrow-Width** Approximation (NWA)

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- QCD contribution off
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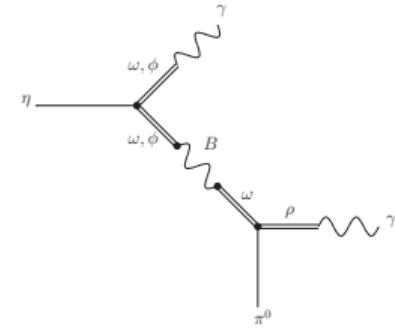
- $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma)_{\text{exp}}^{\text{pdg}} = 2.56(22) \times 10^{-4}$
- $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma)_{\text{exp}}^{\text{KLOE}} = 1.23(14) \times 10^{-4}$
B. Cao [KLOE], PoS EPS-HEP2021 (2022) 409
- $BR(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma)_{\text{exp}} = 3.20(7)(23) \times 10^{-3}$
M. Ablikim *et.al* [BESIII], Phys.Rev. D 96 (2017) 012005
- $BR(\eta' \rightarrow \eta \gamma\gamma)_{\text{exp}} = 8.25(3.41)(72) \times 10^{-5}$
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$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decays: *B* boson calculation

- Two diagrams corresponding to the exchange of a ***B* boson**

$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma}^{B \text{ boson}} = g_{B\eta\gamma}(t) g_{B\pi^0\gamma}(t) \left[\frac{(P \cdot q_2 - m_\eta^2)\{a\} - \{b\}}{m_B^2 - t - i\sqrt{t}\Gamma_B(t)} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_2 \leftrightarrow q_1 \\ t \leftrightarrow u \end{array} \right\} \right],$$

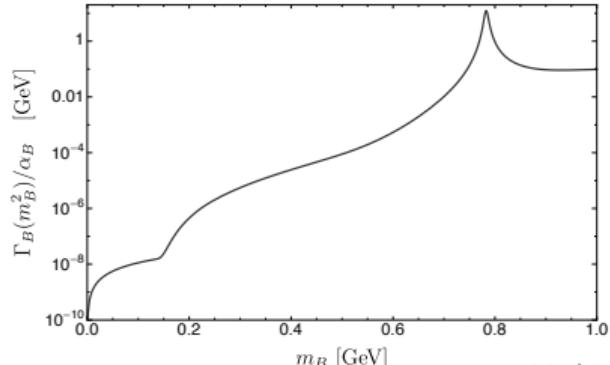


- $g_{BP\gamma}$ couplings:

$$g_{B\pi^0\gamma}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2}eg_B}{4\pi^2 f_\pi} F_\omega(t), \quad g_{B\eta\gamma}(t) = \frac{eg_B}{12\pi^2 f_\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [(c_\theta - \sqrt{2}s_\theta)F_\omega(t) + (2c_\theta + \sqrt{2}s_\theta)F_\phi(t)],$$

- Energy-dependent width

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_B(q^2) &= \frac{\gamma_{B \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}(q^2)}{\gamma_{B \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}(m_B^2)} \Gamma_{B \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-} \theta(q^2 - 4m_\ell^2) \\ &+ \frac{\gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma}(q^2)}{\gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma}(m_B^2)} \Gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma} \theta(q^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2) \\ &+ \frac{\gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi\pi}(q^2)}{\gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi\pi}(m_B^2)} \Gamma_{B \rightarrow \pi\pi} \theta(q^2 - 4m_\pi^2) \\ &+ \frac{\gamma_{B \rightarrow 3\pi}(q^2)}{\gamma_{B \rightarrow 3\pi}(m_B^2)} \Gamma_{B \rightarrow 3\pi} \theta(q^2 - 9m_\pi^2) \end{aligned}$$



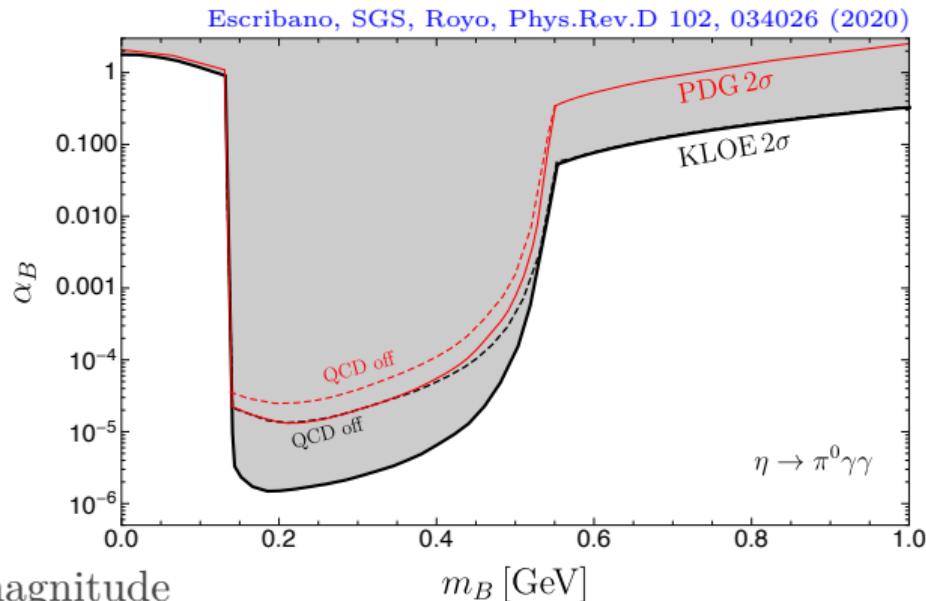
New limits on α_B and m_B

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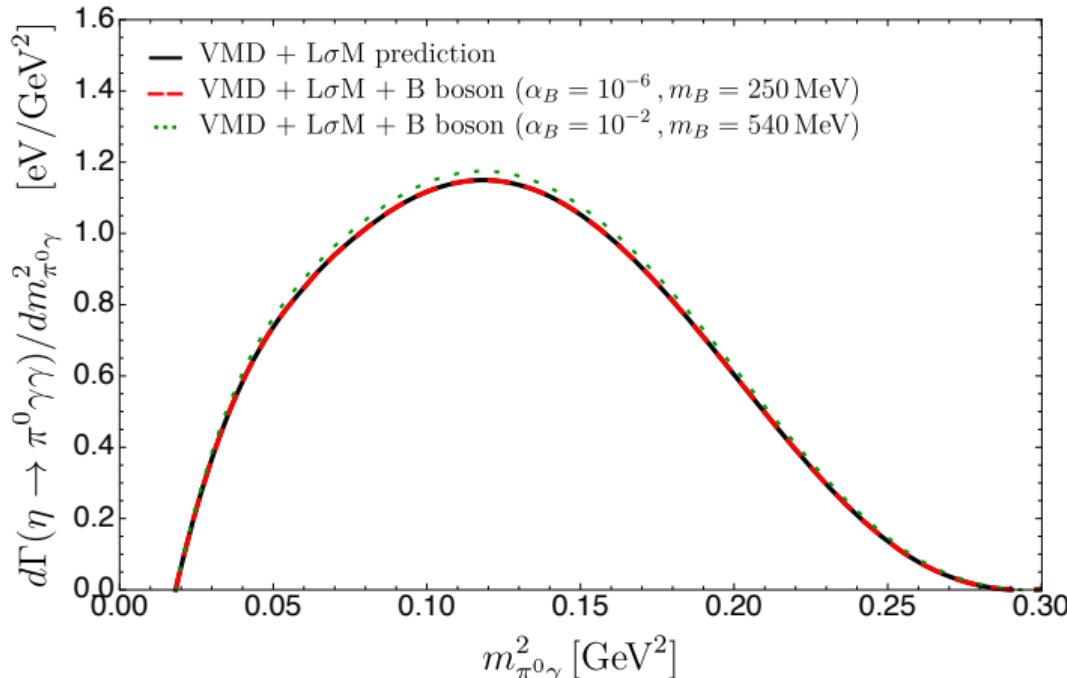
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- Limits **strengthened** by one order of magnitude

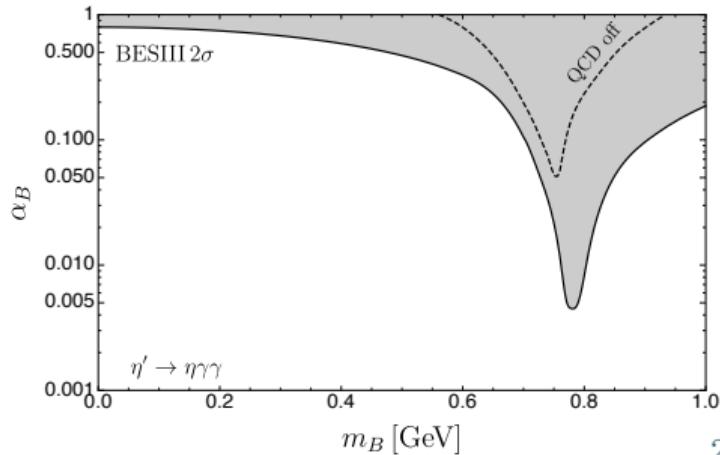
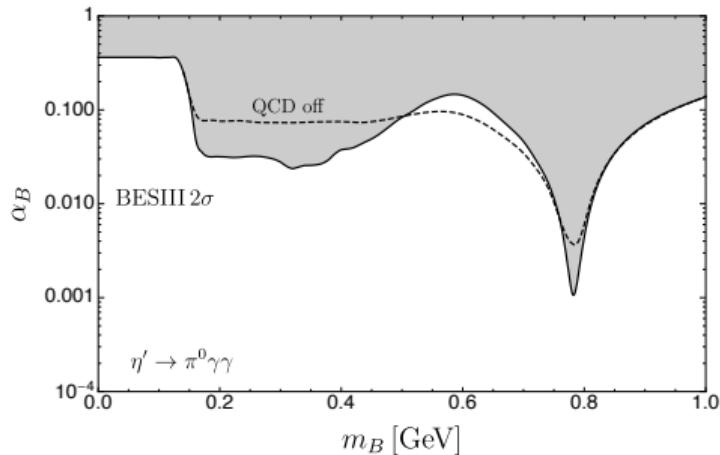
$\pi^0\gamma$ mass distribution

- These constraints would make a B boson signature suppressed
- $\pi^0\gamma$ distribution will be very welcome (JEF?)



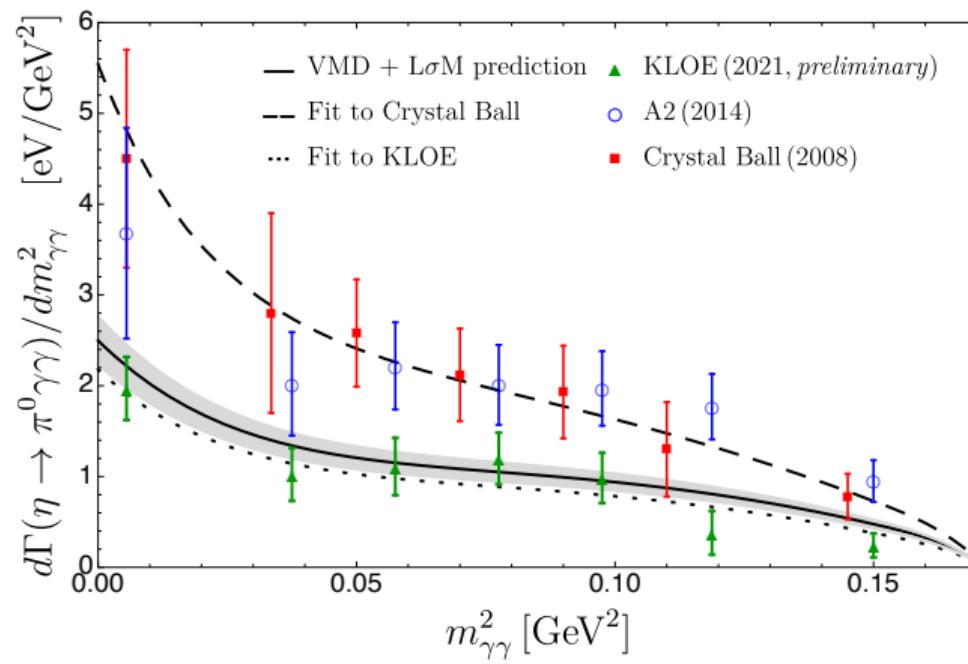
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- Sharp dip when $m_B \sim m_\omega$
- Bounds 4 orders of magnitude weaker than $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$



Fits to the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ decays

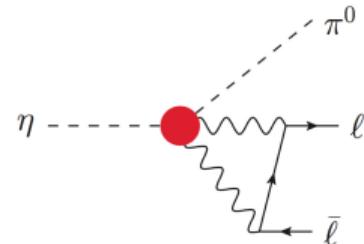
- Crystal Ball: $\alpha_B = 0.40^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$, $m_B = 583^{+32}_{-20}$ MeV, $\chi^2_{\text{dof}} = 0.4/5 = 0.1$
- KLOE: $\alpha_B = 0.049^{+40}_{-27}$, $m_B = 135^{+1}_{-135}$ MeV, $\chi^2_{\text{dof}} = 4.5/5 = 0.9$
- signatures outside $m_{\pi^0} \lesssim m_B \lesssim m_\eta$ may be visible



$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \{\pi^0, \eta\} \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays ($\ell = e, \mu$)

- In the SM:

- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ forbidden by C and CP
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ proceed via C -conserving two-photon intermediate state



Decay channel	BR_{th} (Escribano&Royo 2007.12467)	BR_{exp} (pdg)
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	$2.1(1)(2) \times 10^{-9}$	$< 7.5 \times 10^{-6}$ (CL=90%)
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	$1.2(1)(1) \times 10^{-9}$	$< 5 \times 10^{-6}$ (CL=90%)
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	$4.6(3)(7) \times 10^{-9}$	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ (CL=90%)
$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	$1.8(1)(2) \times 10^{-9}$	$< 6.0 \times 10^{-5}$ (CL=90%)
$\eta' \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-$	$3.9(3)(4) \times 10^{-10}$	$< 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ (CL=90%)
$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \mu^+ \mu^-$	$1.6(1)(2) \times 10^{-10}$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ (CL=90%)

- Background for BSM searches, *e.g.* C -violating virtual photon exchange or new scalar mediators
- REDTOP can improve the experimental state

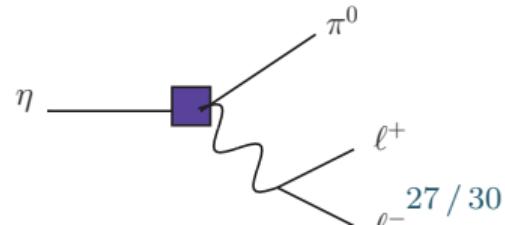


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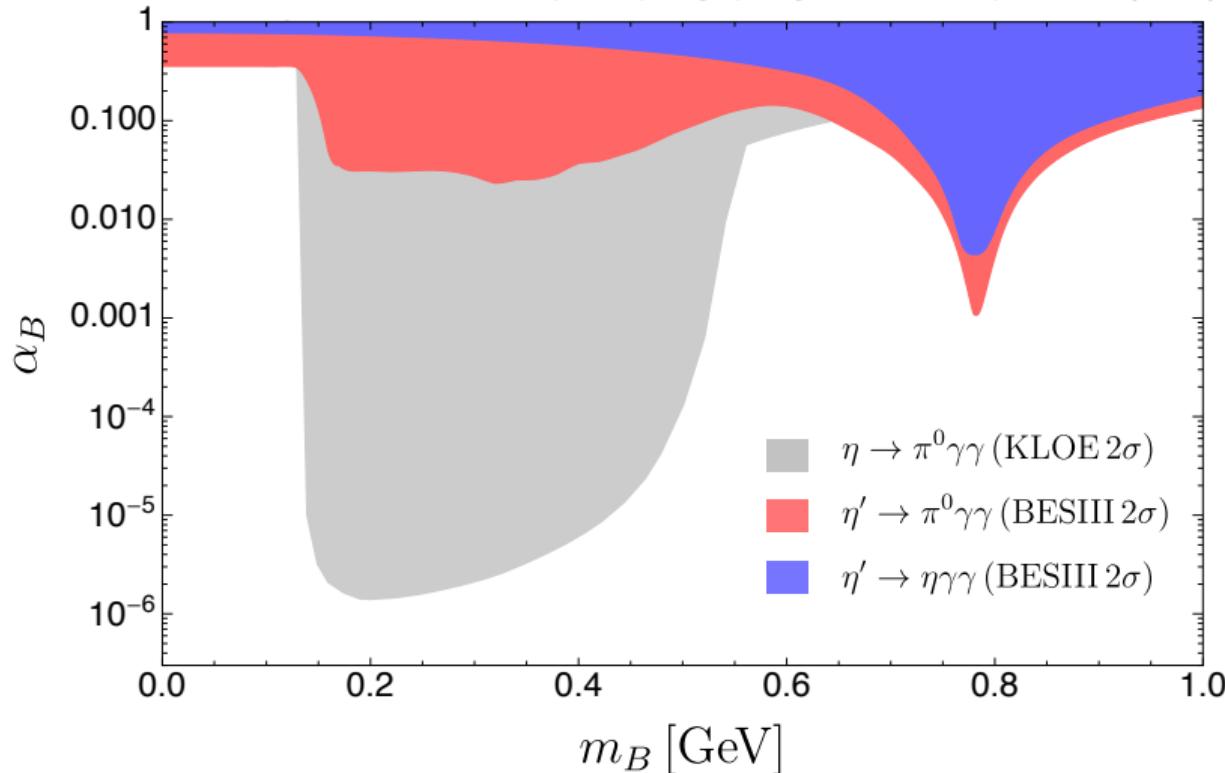
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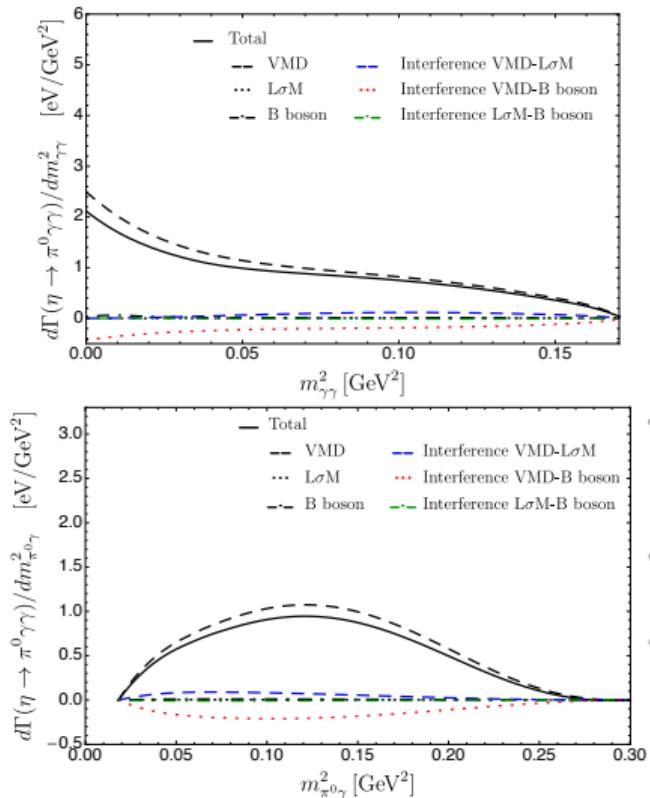
- Within the VMD and L σ M frameworks we have described
 - $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$: the situation is **not conclusive**
$$BR = 1.35(8) \times 10^{-4} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sim 1/2 \text{ of } BR = 2.54(27) \times 10^{-4} & (\text{A2, 2014}) \\ \sim 1.6\sigma \text{ from } BR = 2.21(24)(47) \times 10^{-4} & (\text{CB, 2008}) \\ \text{agrees with } BR = 1.23(14) \times 10^{-4} & (\text{KLOE prel., 2022}) \end{array} \right.$$
 - $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$: **in fair agreement** with BESIII data
 - $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \gamma\gamma$: **in line** with BESIII data
- **Sensitivity** to B boson has been analyzed
- **Constraints** on α_B, m_B have been strengthened by one order of magnitude from $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$
- The contribution of **new experiments** (JEF, REDTOP), will be very welcome!

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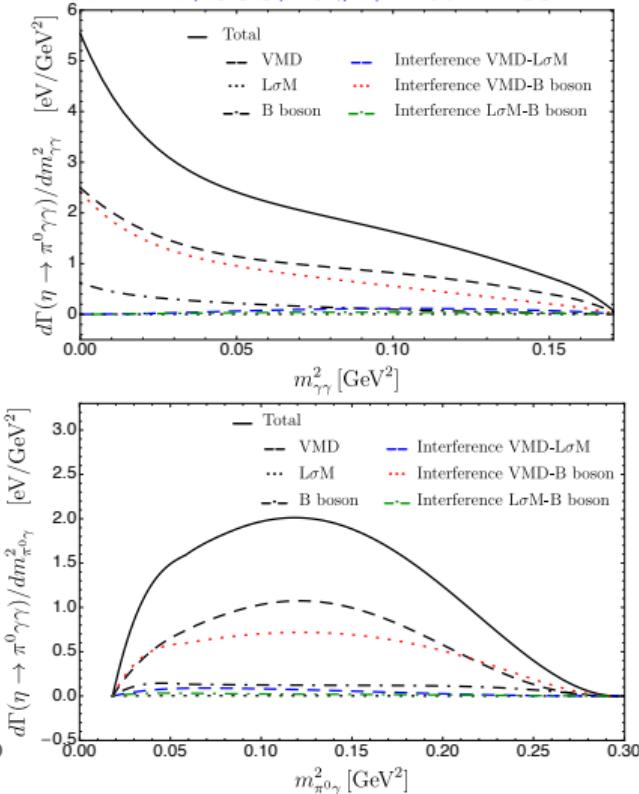
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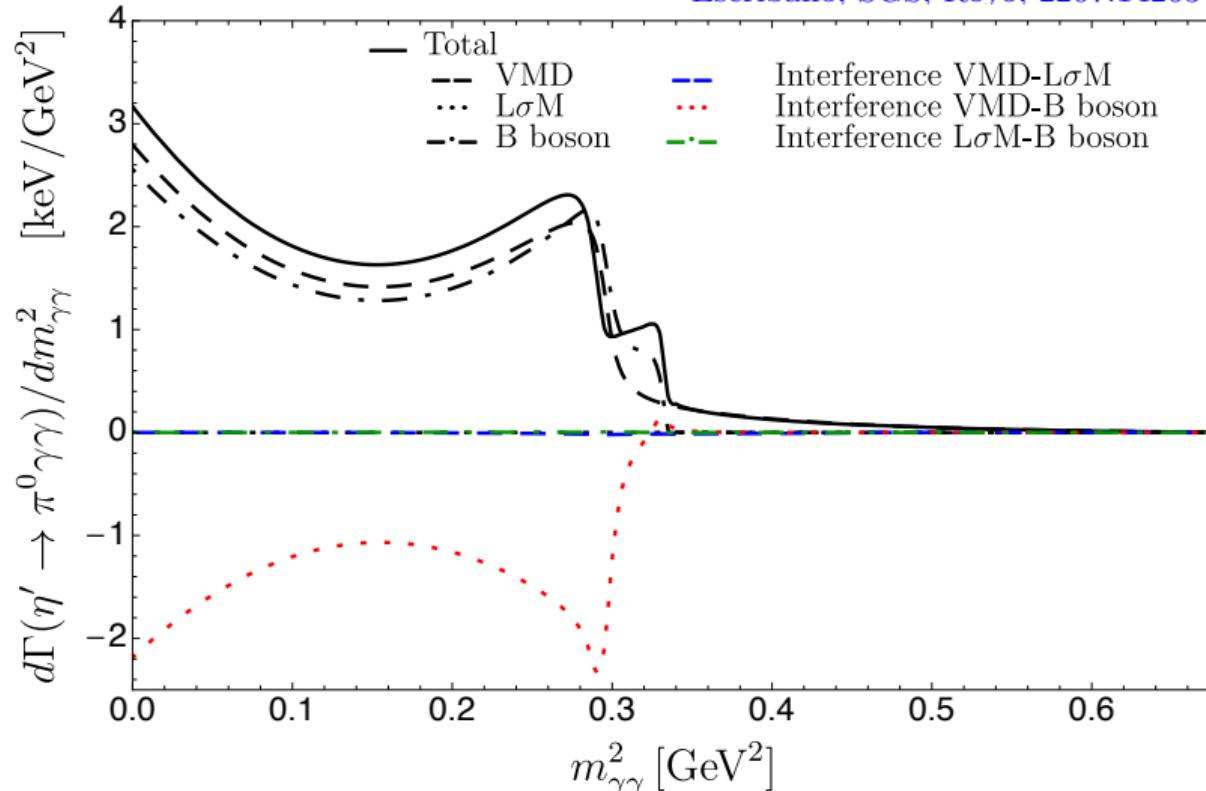


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Interference phase between VMD and L σ M

