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RADIATIVE DECAYS OF RADIALLY EXCITED PSEUDOSCALAR MESONS IN THE EXTENDED NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL

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In the extended NJL model the radiative decay widths of the radially excited states of the pseudoscalar π , η , and η' mesons are calculated. The predictions for the decay widths of the processes $\pi(1300) \rightarrow (\rho^0, \omega)\gamma$, $\eta(1295) \rightarrow (\rho^0, \omega, \phi)\gamma$, and $\eta(1475) \rightarrow (\rho^0, \omega, \phi)\gamma$ are given. Nowadays, there are no solid experimental data for these processes. The comparison of the results obtained in the framework of the standard and the extended NJL models for decays of the ground states of mesons is given. It is shown that these calculations correspond to each other and are also in satisfactory agreement with experimental data. This allows one to expect that the extended NJL model can give reliable predictions for the excited states of mesons.

В расширенной модели Намбу–Йона-Лазинио (НИЛ) вычислены ширины радиационных распадов радиально возбужденных состояний псевдоскалярных π -, η - и η' -мезонов. Даны предсказания для ширин распадов $\pi(1300) \rightarrow (\rho^0, \omega)\gamma$, $\eta(1295) \rightarrow (\rho^0, \omega, \phi)\gamma$, $\eta(1475) \rightarrow (\rho^0, \omega, \phi)\gamma$, для которых в настоящее время еще нет надежных экспериментальных данных. Дано сравнение результатов, полученных с использованием стандартной и расширенной НИЛ-моделей, для основных состояний мезонов, и показано, что они мало отличаются друг от друга. Эти результаты находятся также в удовлетворительном согласии с имеющимися экспериментальными данными, что позволяет надеяться на надежность предсказаний для ширин распадов возбужденных состояний мезонов.

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INTRODUCTION

Taking into account the excited states of mesons plays an important role in the description of hadronic interactions at low energies. Nowadays, the properties of the radially excited mesons are studied at different colliders like VEPP-2000 (Novosibirsk), BEPC-II (Beijing), etc.

However, we still do not have any solid experimental data in this domain. Therefore, the theoretical study of the excited states of mesons is of apparent interest. The present work is devoted to the solution of one of these problems.

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Let us note that for description of the low-energy interactions of mesons in the ground states the $U(3) \times U(3)$ standard Nambu–Jona-Lasinio (NJL) model can be successfully used [1–7]. On the other hand, for the description of the first radial excitations of mesons the extended NJL model was proposed [7–11]. In this model, the excited states are described with a form factor in the form $f_a(\mathbf{k}) = c_a(1 + d_a \mathbf{k}^2)$, where d_a is a slope parameter, \mathbf{k} is transversal quark momentum, and c_a is a constant defining the meson masses. As a result, the mass spectrum and strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions of mesons were described [10–17].

Let us emphasize that extra difficulties appear in the description of the η and η' mesons. Indeed, even considering only ground states one has to take into account the singlet-octet mixing caused by the gluon anomaly $(U_A(1)$ -problem). This problem is usually solved by adding the 't Hooft interaction [3,4,6].

However, considering radially excited states of the η and η' mesons, one has to take into account the mixing of the ground and excited states. In order to describe both mixings simultaneously, it is necessary to use the 4×4 matrix. This matrix was obtained in [18] and successfully applied to describe the masses of the η and η' mesons and the processes involving them [10, 14, 17]. In the present work, this matrix is used for the description of radiative decays of the radially excited η and η' mesons.

The article is organized as follows. In the next section we introduce the Lagrangians of the $U(3) \times U(3)$ standard and the extended NJL models describing the quark-meson interactions. In Sec. 2, the amplitudes and widths of the radiative decays of the processes considered in this paper are given. The comparison of calculations within the standard and the extended NJL models with experimental data is also shown. The predictions for the decay widths of the excited pseudoscalar mesons are made in Sec. 3. In Conclusion our results are briefly discussed. In Appendix the problem concerning pseudoscalar-axial-vector (P-A) transitions for η and η' is discussed. We give the alternative results for the processes considered here without taking into account P-A transitions.

1. LAGRANGIANS OF THE STANDARD AND THE EXTENDED NJL MODELS

The processes considered in this paper are shown in the Figure.



Quark triangle diagram describing radiative dacays of pseudoscalar (P) and vector (V) mesons. q = (u, d, s) are quark fields

The corresponding Lagrangian of the extended NJL reads [14, 17]:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q}(k') \left(L_f + L_\gamma + L_V(p) + L_P(p) \right) q(k), \tag{1}$$

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where p = k - k',

$$L_{f} = i\hat{\partial} - m, \quad L_{\gamma} = \frac{e}{2} \left(\lambda_{3} + \frac{\lambda_{8}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \hat{A},$$
$$L_{V}(p) = A_{\omega,\rho} \left(\lambda_{3}\hat{\rho}(p) + \lambda_{u}\hat{\omega}(p) \right) + A_{\phi}\lambda_{s}\hat{\phi}(p) - A_{\omega',\rho'} \left(\lambda_{3}\hat{\rho}'(p) + \lambda_{u}\hat{\omega}'(p) \right) - A_{\phi'}\lambda_{s}\hat{\phi}'(p),$$
$$L_{P}(p) = \left(i\gamma_{5} \sum_{q=u,s} \lambda_{q} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\eta}=\eta,\eta',\hat{\eta},\hat{\eta}'} A_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}^{q} \eta(p) \right) + A_{\pi}\lambda_{3}\gamma_{5}\pi^{0}(p) - A_{\pi'}\lambda_{3}\gamma_{5}\pi'(p).$$

Here $\bar{q} = (\bar{u}, \bar{d}, \bar{s})$ are quark fields; $m = \text{diag}(m_u, m_d, m_s)$, where $m_u = m_d = 280$ MeV, $m_s = 405$ MeV; \hat{A} is the photon field; $\rho(\rho')$, $\omega(\omega')$ and $\phi(\phi')$ are the vector meson fields and $\pi(\pi')$, $\eta(\hat{\eta})$ and $\eta'(\hat{\eta'})$ are the pseudoscalar meson fields in the ground and excited states, respectively; λ_3 and λ_8 are the Gell-Mann matrices, $\lambda_u = \text{diag}(1, 1, 0), \lambda_s = \text{diag}(0, 0, -\sqrt{2})$;

$$A_{\omega,\rho} = g_{\rho_1} \frac{\sin(\beta^u + \beta_0^u)}{\sin(2\beta_0^u)} + g_{\rho_2} f_u(k^{\perp 2}) \frac{\sin(\beta^u - \beta_0^u)}{\sin(2\beta_0^u)},$$

$$A_{\omega',\rho'} = g_{\rho_1} \frac{\cos(\beta^u + \beta_0^u)}{\sin(2\beta_0^u)} + g_{\rho_2} f_u(k^{\perp 2}) \frac{\cos(\beta^u - \beta_0^u)}{\sin(2\beta_0^u)},$$

$$A_{\phi} = g_{\phi_1} \frac{\sin(\beta^s + \beta_0^s)}{\sin(2\beta_0^s)} + g_{\phi_2} f_s(k^{\perp 2}) \frac{\sin(\beta^s - \beta_0^s)}{\sin(2\beta_0^s)},$$

$$A_{\phi'} = g_{\phi_1} \frac{\cos(\beta^s + \beta_0^s)}{\sin(2\beta_0^s)} + g_{\phi_2} f_s(k^{\perp 2}) \frac{\cos(\beta^s - \beta_0^s)}{\sin(2\beta_0^s)},$$

$$A_{\pi} = g_{\pi_1} \frac{\sin(\alpha + \alpha_0)}{\sin(2\alpha_0)} + g_{\pi_2} f_s(k^{\perp 2}) \frac{\sin(\alpha - \alpha_0)}{\sin(2\alpha_0)},$$

$$A_{\pi'} = g_{\pi_1} \frac{\cos(\alpha + \alpha_0)}{\sin(2\alpha_0)} + g_{\pi_2} f_s(k^{\perp 2}) \frac{\cos(\alpha - \alpha_0)}{\sin(2\alpha_0)},$$

the mixing angles are $\alpha_0 = 59.06^\circ$, $\alpha = 59.38^\circ$, $\beta_0^u = 61.44^\circ$, $\beta^u = 79.85^\circ$, $\beta_0^s = 57.11^\circ$, $\beta^s = 76.18^\circ$; the slope parameters in the form factors are $d_u = -1.78 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$, $d_s = -1.73 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$;

$$A^{q}_{\eta,\hat{\eta},\eta',\hat{\eta}'} = g_{q_{1}} b^{\varphi_{q,1}}_{\eta,\hat{\eta},\eta',\hat{\eta}'} + g_{q_{2}} b^{\varphi_{q,2}}_{\eta,\hat{\eta},\eta',\hat{\eta}'} f_{u}(k^{\perp^{2}}),$$
(3)

where q = u, s; the mixing coefficients $b_{\eta,\hat{\eta},\eta',\hat{\eta}'}^{\varphi_{q,i}}$ are given in Table 1.

Table 1. The mixing coefficients $b^{\varphi_{q,i}}_{\eta,\hat{\eta},\eta',\hat{\eta}'}$ for the isoscalar pseudoscalar meson states

	η	$\hat{\eta}$	η'	$\hat{\eta}'$
$\varphi_{u,1}$	0.71	0.62	-0.32	0.56
$\varphi_{u,2}$	0.11	-0.87	-0.48	-0.54
$\varphi_{s,1}$	0.62	0.19	0.56	-0.67
$\varphi_{s,2}$	0.06	-0.66	0.30	0.82

The coupling constants $g_{\pi_i} = g_{u_i}$, g_{s_i} , g_{ρ_i} and g_{ϕ_i} , where i = 1 for the ground state and i = 2 for the first radial excitations, have the form

$$g_{q_1} = \left(4\frac{I_2(m_q)}{Z_q}\right)^{-1/2}, \qquad g_{q_2} = \left(4I_2^{f^2}(m_q)\right)^{-1/2},$$

$$g_{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{2}{3}I_2(m_u)\right)^{-1/2}, \qquad g_{\rho_2} = \left(\frac{2}{3}I_2^{f^2}(m_u)\right)^{-1/2},$$

$$g_{\phi_1} = \left(\frac{2}{3}I_2(m_s)\right)^{-1/2}, \qquad g_{\phi_2} = \left(\frac{2}{3}I_2^{f^2}(m_s)\right)^{-1/2},$$
(4)

the factor Z_q appears from P–A transitions, $Z_u \simeq Z_s = 1.2$ (see also Appendix),

$$I_m^{f^n}(m_q) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(f_q(k^{\perp 2}))^n}{(m_q^2 - k^2)^m} \Theta(\Lambda_3^2 - \mathbf{k}^2),$$
(5)

the cut-off parameter $\Lambda_3^2=1.03$ GeV.

In the framework of the standard NJL the Lagrangian has a simpler form [1, 14]:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q} \left(L_f + L_\gamma + L_V + L_P \right) q, \tag{6}$$

where

$$L_{f} = i\hat{\partial} - m, \quad L_{\gamma} = \frac{e}{2} \left(\lambda_{3} + \frac{\lambda_{8}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \hat{A},$$
$$L_{V} = \frac{g_{\rho_{1}}}{2} \left(\lambda_{3}\hat{\rho} + \lambda_{u}\hat{\omega}\right) + \frac{g_{\phi_{1}}}{2}\lambda_{s}\hat{\phi},$$
$$L_{P} = ig_{\pi}\gamma_{5}\lambda_{3}\pi^{0} + i\gamma_{5}\eta \left(\lambda_{u}g_{\pi}\sin\bar{\theta} + \lambda_{s}g_{s}\cos\bar{\theta}\right) + i\gamma_{5}\eta' \left(\lambda_{u}g_{\pi}\cos\bar{\theta} - \lambda_{s}g_{s}\sin\bar{\theta}\right),$$

where $\bar{\theta} = 54^{\circ}$, and the coupling constants are $g_{\pi} = m_u/F_{\pi}$, $g_s = m_s/F_s$, $F_{\pi} = 93$ MeV, $F_s = 1.28F_{\pi}$.

2. DECAY WIDTHS FOR THE GROUND STATES OF THE MESONS IN THE STANDARD AND THE EXTENDED NJL MODELS

The widths of the decays shown in the Figure in the framework of the standard NJL take the form

$$\Gamma_{\rm NJL}(V \to P\gamma) = \frac{\alpha \alpha_{\rho}}{6} \frac{C_{VP}^2}{F_P^2} \left(\frac{M_V^2 - M_P^2}{4\pi M_V}\right)^3,\tag{7}$$

$$\Gamma_{\rm NJL}(P \to V\gamma) = 3 \frac{\alpha \alpha_{\rho}}{6} \frac{C_{VP}^2}{F_P^2} \left(\frac{M_P^2 - M_V^2}{4\pi M_P}\right)^3,\tag{8}$$

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 $\eta' \to \rho \gamma$

 $\eta' \to \omega \gamma$

where $\alpha_{\rho} = g_{\rho}^2/4\pi$,

$$C_{\rho\pi} = 1, \quad C_{\omega\pi} = 3, \quad C_{\omega\eta} = \sin\bar{\theta}, \quad C_{\rho\eta} = 3\sin\bar{\theta}, \\ C_{\phi\eta} = 2\cos\bar{\theta}, \quad C_{\rho\eta'} = 3\cos\bar{\theta}, \quad C_{\omega\eta'} = \cos\bar{\theta}, \quad C_{\phi\eta'} = 2\sin\bar{\theta}.$$
(9)

In the extended NJL the decay widths take the form

$$\Gamma_{\rm ENJL}(V \to P\gamma) = \frac{6\alpha}{(16\pi^2 m_q)^2} V_{VP}^2 \left(\frac{M_V^2 - M_P^2}{M_V}\right)^3,$$
(10)

$$\Gamma_{\rm ENJL}(P \to V\gamma) = 3 \frac{6\alpha}{(16\pi^2 m_q)^2} V_{VP}^2 \left(\frac{M_P^2 - M_V^2}{M_P}\right)^3,\tag{11}$$

where

$$V_{V\pi} = g_{V_1} \left(\frac{\sin(\beta^u + \beta_0^u)}{\sin(2\beta_0^u)} g_{\rho_1} I_3(m_u) + \frac{\sin(\beta^u - \beta_0^u)}{\sin(2\beta_0^u)} g_{\rho_2} I_3(m_u) \right),$$
(12)

$$V_{V\eta_{i}} = \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} + \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\eta,\eta'}^{\varphi_{q,1}} g_{V_{1}} g_{q_{1}} I_{3}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} - \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\eta,\eta'}^{\varphi_{q,1}} g_{V_{2}} g_{q_{1}} I_{3}^{f}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} + \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\eta,\eta'}^{\varphi_{q,2}} g_{V_{1}} g_{q_{2}} I_{3}^{f}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} - \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\eta,\eta'}^{\varphi_{q,2}} g_{V_{2}} g_{q_{2}} I_{3}^{f^{2}}(m_{q}), \quad (13)$$

where V is ρ , ω , ϕ , and η_i are η, η' ; q = u for ρ and ω , and q = s for ϕ . Using these expressions we obtained the widths of the decays of the ground states of the mesons given in Table 2.

Standard NJL, keV Extended NJL, keV PDG, keV [19] Decay 81.7 89.4 $\rho \to \pi \gamma$ 89.8 703 $\omega \to \pi \gamma$ 832 756 72.9 63.4 44.7 $\rho \to \eta \gamma$ $\omega \to \eta \gamma$ 8.7 7.6 3.9 $\phi \to \eta \gamma$ 54.6 55.3 51.8 $\phi \to \eta' \gamma$ 0.47 0.35 0.27

69.9

7.05

 $Table\ 2.$ The decay widths of the ground states of the mesons within the standard and the extended NJL

Let us note that the values presented in the second column of Table 2 agree with the previous ones given in [5,6]. It is interesting to emphasize that the results obtained within the standard and the extended NJL models are close to each other and to the experiment. Thus, we suppose that the extended NJL model can give trustworthy predictions for the decay widths of the excited mesons.

82.3

8.2

57.7

5.5

3. THE DECAY WIDTHS OF RADIALLY EXCITED PSEUDOSCALAR MESONS

The coefficients V_{VP} for the amplitudes describing these decays read

$$V_{V\pi'} = -\left(\frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} + \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)}\frac{\cos\left(\alpha + \alpha_{0}\right)}{\sin\left(2\alpha_{0}\right)}g_{V_{1}}g_{q_{1}}I_{3}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} - \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)}\frac{\cos\left(\alpha + \alpha_{0}\right)}{\sin\left(2\alpha_{0}\right)}g_{V_{2}}g_{q_{1}}I_{3}^{f}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} + \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)}\frac{\cos\left(\alpha - \alpha_{0}\right)}{\sin\left(2\alpha_{0}\right)}g_{V_{1}}g_{q_{2}}I_{3}^{f}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} - \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)}\frac{\cos\left(\alpha - \alpha_{0}\right)}{\sin\left(2\alpha_{0}\right)}g_{V_{2}}g_{q_{2}}I_{3}^{f^{2}}(m_{q})\right), \quad (14)$$

$$V_{V\hat{\eta}_{i}} = \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} + \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\hat{\eta},\hat{\eta}'}^{\varphi_{q,1}} g_{V_{1}} g_{q_{1}} I_{3}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} - \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\hat{\eta},\hat{\eta}'}^{\varphi_{q,1}} g_{V_{2}} g_{q_{1}} I_{3}^{f}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} + \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\hat{\eta},\hat{\eta}'}^{\varphi_{q,2}} g_{V_{2}} g_{q_{2}} I_{3}^{f}(m_{q}) + \frac{\sin\left(\beta^{q} - \beta_{0}^{q}\right)}{\sin\left(2\beta_{0}^{q}\right)} b_{\hat{\eta},\hat{\eta}'}^{\varphi_{q,2}} g_{V_{2}} g_{q_{2}} I_{3}^{f^{2}}(m_{q}), \quad (15)$$

where $\hat{\eta}_i$ are $\hat{\eta}, \hat{\eta'}$. The corresponding results are shown in Table 3.

Decay	Extended NJL, keV	
$\pi(1300) \rightarrow \rho\gamma$	26.2	
$\pi(1300) \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	229	
$\eta(1295) \rightarrow \rho \gamma$	0.057	
$\eta(1295) \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	0.006	
$\eta(1295) \rightarrow \phi \gamma$	6.6	
$\eta(1475) \rightarrow \rho \gamma$	61.4	
$\eta(1475) \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	6.7	
$\eta(1475) \rightarrow \phi \gamma$	2.6	

CONCLUSION

Our calculations for the ground states of mesons show that the results obtained within the standard and the extended NJL models correspond to each other. One can see that the agreement between the theoretical and experimental results for η and η' is not as good as for pions. It can be explained by the fact that in the case of pions the chiral symmetry breaking is connected only with small nonzero current quark mass, and in the case of the η and η' mesons there is also heavier *s*-quark and singlet-octet mixing. Therefore, in this case we have stronger chiral symmetry breaking.

Unfortunately, there are no any reliable experimental data to test our calculations for the excited mesons. However, we hope that our predictions will be verified soon.

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Appendix

PROBLEMS CONCERNING P-A TRANSITIONS

Let us remind that taking P–A transition into account noticeably changes the coupling constants of the pseudoscalar mesons [1, 6]. However, the case of pions and kaons differs from that of the η and η' mesons. Indeed, pions and kaons have the direct axial-vector partners. This leads to transition of the form $\pi \leftrightarrow a_1$, $K \leftrightarrow K_1$. However, for the η and η' mesons the corresponding partners among the isoscalar axial-vector mesons do not exist. Therefore, in the case of the η and η' mesons additional renormalization is possibly absent or has a more complicated form. Here we present the results without taking P–A transitions into account. In this case, we simply neglect the factor Z in Eq. (4).

The corresponding decay widths for the processes involving isoscalar pseudoscalar mesons are given in Table 4.

Decay	Standard NJL, keV	Extended NJL, keV	PDG, keV [19]
$ ho o \eta \gamma$	52.1	45.5	44.7
$\omega ightarrow \eta \gamma$	6.2	5.5	3.9
$\phi ightarrow \eta \gamma$	30.9	32.01	55.3
$\phi ightarrow \eta' \gamma$	0.267	0.257	0.27
$\eta' ightarrow ho \gamma$	49.9	69.4	57.7
$\eta' ightarrow \omega \gamma$	5.03	6.9	5.5
$\eta(1295) \rightarrow \rho \gamma$	—	12.6	—
$\eta(1295) \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	—	1.4	—
$\eta(1295) \rightarrow \phi \gamma$	—	7.6	—
$\eta(1475) \rightarrow \rho \gamma$	—	11.9	—
$\eta(1475) \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	_	2.9	—
$\eta(1475) \rightarrow \phi \gamma$	_	8.1	

Table 4. The decay widths without taking into account P-A transitions

One can see that in this case there is better agreement with experiment. Therefore, the corresponding predictions for the processes with excited states can be more reliable.

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