

*Selection Rules for  $J^P$   
Exotic Hybrid Meson  
Decay in Large- $N_c$*

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 $\rightarrow \eta\pi, \eta'\pi$

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$1^-$  hybrid c  
 $\rightarrow \eta\pi$

## Decay amplitudes in Large- $N_c$

$1^-$  hybrid  
 $\rightarrow \eta\pi, \eta'\pi,$   
 $\eta(1295)\pi,$   
 $\eta(1440)\pi$

Close ... PLB 1987  
Levinson ... NC 1964  
Lipkin Page PLB 1989  
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Amplitude =

$\pi^+ \mathbf{k}$

$\eta - \mathbf{k}$

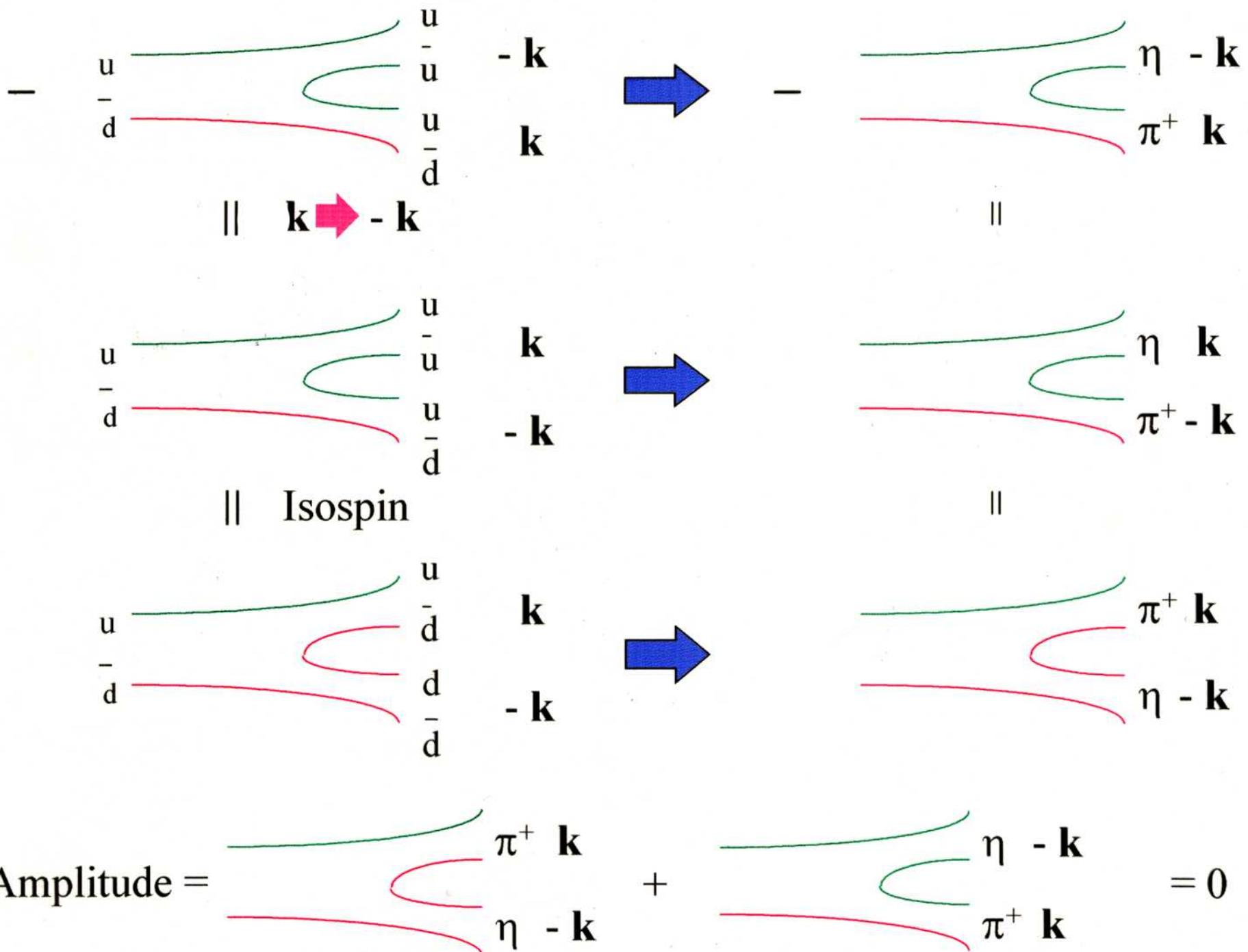
+

$\eta - \mathbf{k}$

$\pi^+ \mathbf{k}$

$1^{-+} \rightarrow \eta\pi$

H.J. Lipkin, Phys. Lett. B219 (1989) 99



## 1<sup>-+</sup> Current → $\eta\pi$ Currents

$$G_\mu(x, y, z) = \langle 0 | T( \pi^0(x) \eta(y) H_\mu(z) ) | 0 \rangle$$

at  $x_0 = t + \delta t$     $y_0 \equiv t$     $z_0 = -\infty$     $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$G_\mu(x, y, z) = G_\mu^S(x, y, z) + G_\mu^A(x, y, z)$$

$$G_\mu(\mathbf{p}, t) \equiv \int d^3x \, d^3y \, e^{i(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y})} G_\mu(x, y, z)$$

- $G_\mu(-\mathbf{p}, t) = \int d^3y \, d^3x \, e^{i(-\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x})} G_\mu(y, x, z)$   
 (under  $\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{y}$ )  $= \int d^3x \, d^3y \, e^{i(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y})}$   
 $\times \{G_\mu^S(x, y, z) - G_\mu^A(x, y, z)\} = G_\mu^S(\mathbf{p}, t) - G_\mu^A(\mathbf{p}, t)$

Need final states to be at the same time  $t$

- $G_\mu(-\mathbf{p}, t) = \int d^3(-x) d^3(-y) e^{i(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y})}$   
 $\times G_\mu((-\mathbf{x}, t), (-\mathbf{y}, t), z)$   
 $= -G_\mu(\mathbf{p}, t) = -G_\mu^S(\mathbf{p}, t) - G_\mu^A(\mathbf{p}, t)$

Parity:  $G_\mu((-\mathbf{x}, t), (-\mathbf{y}, t), (0, -\infty)) = -G_\mu(x, y, z)$

$$G_\mu^S(\mathbf{p}, t) - G_\mu^A(\mathbf{p}, t) = -G_\mu^S(\mathbf{p}, t) - G_\mu^A(\mathbf{p}, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow G_\mu^S(\mathbf{p}, t) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{p}, t$$

# Quantum Field Theoretic Study of

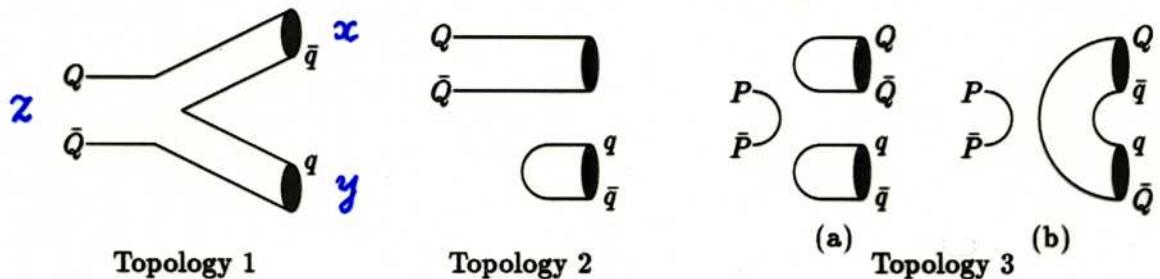
$1^{-+}$  current  $\rightarrow \eta\pi$

$$G_\mu(x, y, z) \sim \langle 0 | T(\bar{u}(x) \textcolor{red}{R}(x) u(x) \times \bar{u}(y) \textcolor{blue}{Q}(y) u(y) \bar{u}(z) \textcolor{green}{P}(z) u(z) ) | 0 \rangle$$

symmetric under  $x \leftrightarrow y$  if  $R(x) = Q(x)$

Examples:

$$R(x) = \gamma_5 \quad Q(y) = \gamma_5 \quad P(z) = F_{\mu\nu}^a(z) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma^\nu$$



Topology 1 symmetric if  $R(x) = Q(x)$

Field symmetrization selection rule

## Hybrid Current to $\eta\pi$ Amplitude

$$G_{\mu}^{nOZI}(\mathbf{p}, t) = G_{\mu}(\mathbf{p}, t) = \int d^3x \, d^3y \, e^{i(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y})} \\ \times \langle 0 | \pi^0(x) \, \eta(y) \, H_{\mu}(z) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, G_{\mu}^{nOZI}(\mathbf{p}, t) \, e^{iEt} \\ = \sum_n (2\pi)^4 \, \delta^3(\mathbf{p}_n) \, \delta(E_n - E) \\ \times \langle 0 | \left( \int d^3x \, e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \, \pi^0(\mathbf{x}, 0) \right) \eta(0) | n \rangle \, \langle n | H_{\mu}(z) | 0 \rangle$$

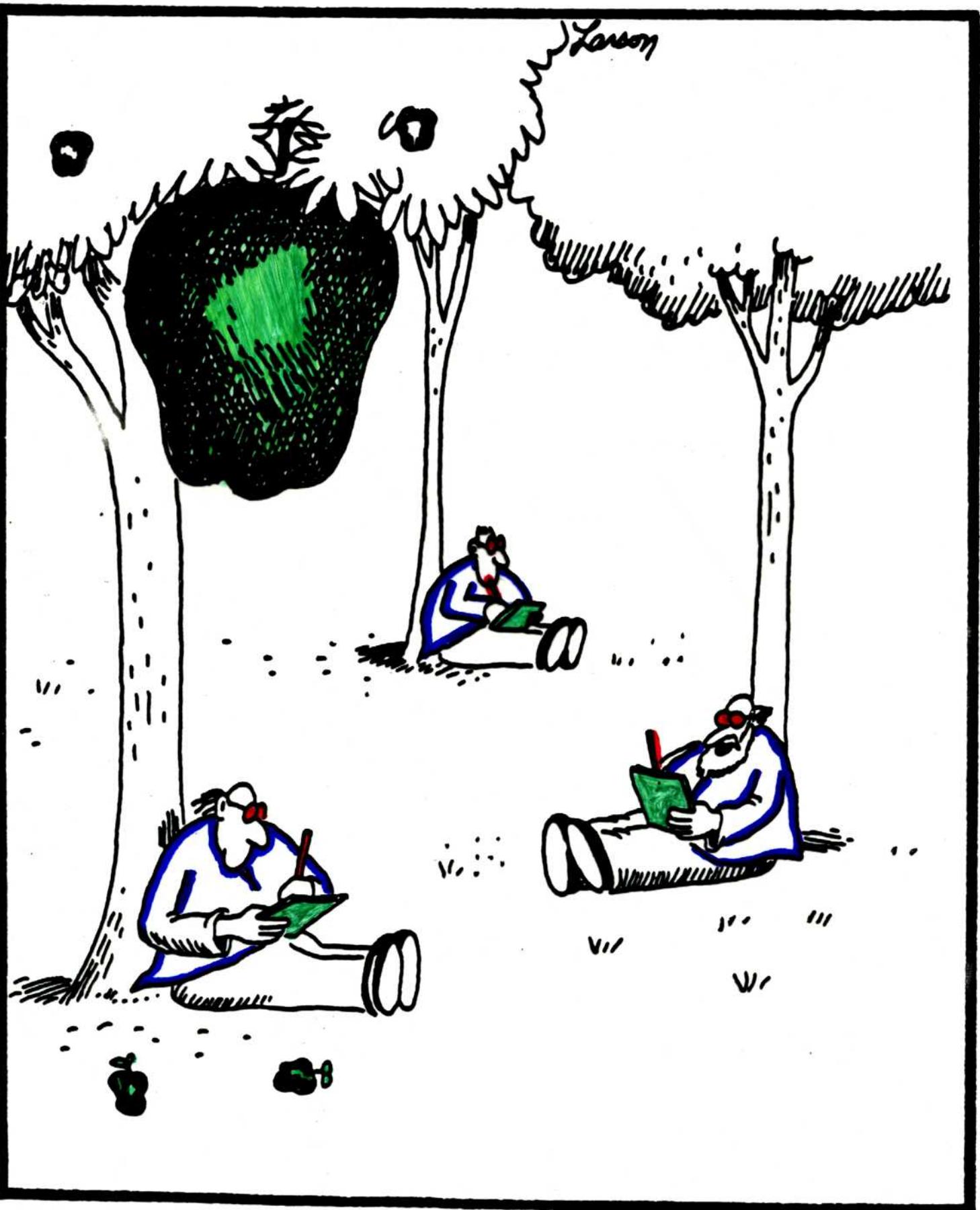
# Rigorous Quantum Field Theory Argument

P.R. Page, Phys. Rev. D64 (2001) 056009

If  $1^- +$  is a hybrid meson current, then the amplitude  $1^- + \rightarrow \eta\pi$  does not arise from OZI allowed contributions

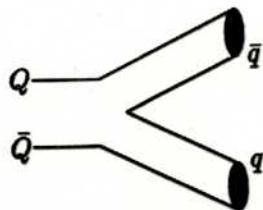
# Interim Summary

- Close & Lipkin's intuitive non-field theoretic argument for decay amplitudes generalized to rigorous quantum field theoretic argument for Green's functions
- From Green's functions rigorous results for decay to lowest two-body threshold  $\eta\pi$  follow

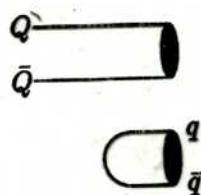


**"Nothing yet . . . How about you, Newton?"**

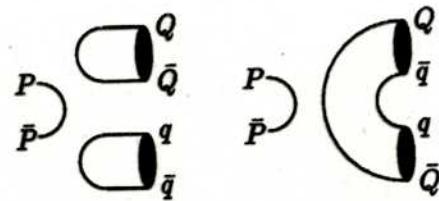
# HYBRID DECAYS



Topology 1



Topology 2



Topology 3

$N_c$

1

$\frac{1}{N_c}$

1

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, G_{\mu}^{nOZI}(\mathbf{p}, t) \, e^{iEt} \\
&= \sum_n (2\pi)^4 \delta^3(\mathbf{p}_n) \delta(E_n - E) \\
&\times \langle 0 | (\int d^3x \, e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \pi^0(\mathbf{x}, 0)) \eta(0) | n \rangle \langle n | H_{\mu}(z) | 0 \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Keep only leading contributions on R.H.S. :

	$\langle 0   \pi^0 \eta   n \rangle$	$\langle n   H_{\mu}   0 \rangle$
$n$ one-particle $\sigma$	$\sqrt{N_c}$	$\sqrt{N_c}$
$n$ two-particle $\sigma_1 \sigma_2$	$N_c$	1

$\sigma$   $1^{-+}$  hybrid meson,  $\sigma_i$   $0^{-+}$  (hybrid) meson

$$\langle 0 | \pi^0(\mathbf{x}, 0) \eta(0) | \sigma \mathbf{0} \rangle = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}\right)$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} | H_{\mu}(z) | 0 \rangle = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c}\right)$$

## Coupling of $1^{-+}$ to two $0^{-+}$ particles

$$\langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \ \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} \text{ out} | H_\mu(z) | 0 \rangle =$$

$$\sum_n \langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \ \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} \text{ out} | n \text{ in} \rangle \langle n \text{ in} | H_\mu(z) | 0 \rangle$$

Leading contributions ( $\sigma$   $1^{-+}$  hybrid meson)

	$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2   n \rangle$	$\langle n   H_\mu   0 \rangle$
$n$ one-particle $\sigma$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}$	$\sqrt{N_c}$
$n$ two-particle	1	1

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \ \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} \text{ out} | H_\mu(z) | 0 \rangle - \langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \ \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} \text{ in} | H_\mu(z) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\sigma} 2\pi i \delta(\dots) \langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \ \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} | T | \sigma \mathbf{0} \rangle \langle \sigma \mathbf{0} \text{ in} | H_\mu(z) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \mathbf{k} \ \sigma_2 - \mathbf{k} | T | \sigma \mathbf{0} \rangle = \mathcal{O}(1/N_c^{\frac{3}{2}})$$

# Large- $N_c$ Decay Phenomenology

P.R. Page, hep-ph/0303170

Large- $N_c$ : No four-quark  $\Rightarrow \pi_1$  hybrid mesons.

Decay amplitude of  $\{1, 3, 5 \dots\}^{-+}$  hybrid to  
 $\eta\pi^0, \eta'\pi^0, \eta'\eta, \eta(1295)\pi^0, \pi(1300)^0\pi^0, \eta(1440)\pi^0,$   
 $a_0(980)^0\sigma, f_0(980)\sigma$  (hybrid) mesons is  $\mathcal{O}(1/N_c^{3/2})$   
(usually  $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{N_c})$ ).

- Same suppression as OZI rule.
- Important if decay otherwise large.
- Results extended to charged states using isospin.

$\pi_1(1600) \rightarrow \eta\pi$  ✓,  $\eta'\pi$  ✗?,  $\eta(1295)\pi$  ✓?,  
 $\eta(1440)\pi, a_0(980)\sigma$  suppressed.