

Short Distance Constraints on the Hadronic Light-by-Light contribution to the muon $g - 2$

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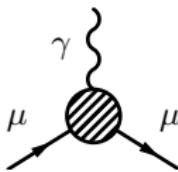
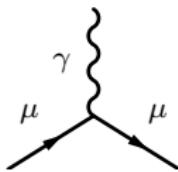
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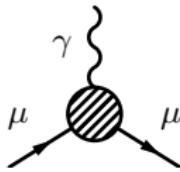
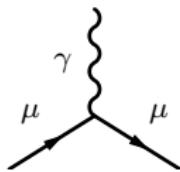


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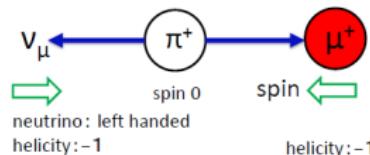
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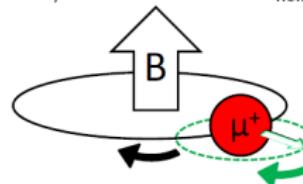
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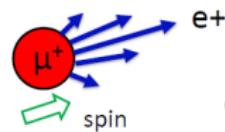


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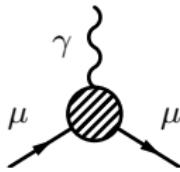
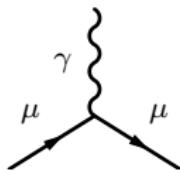


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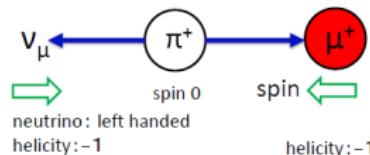
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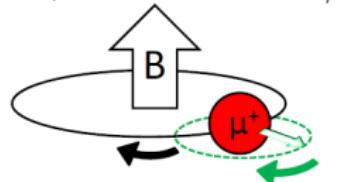
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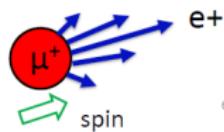


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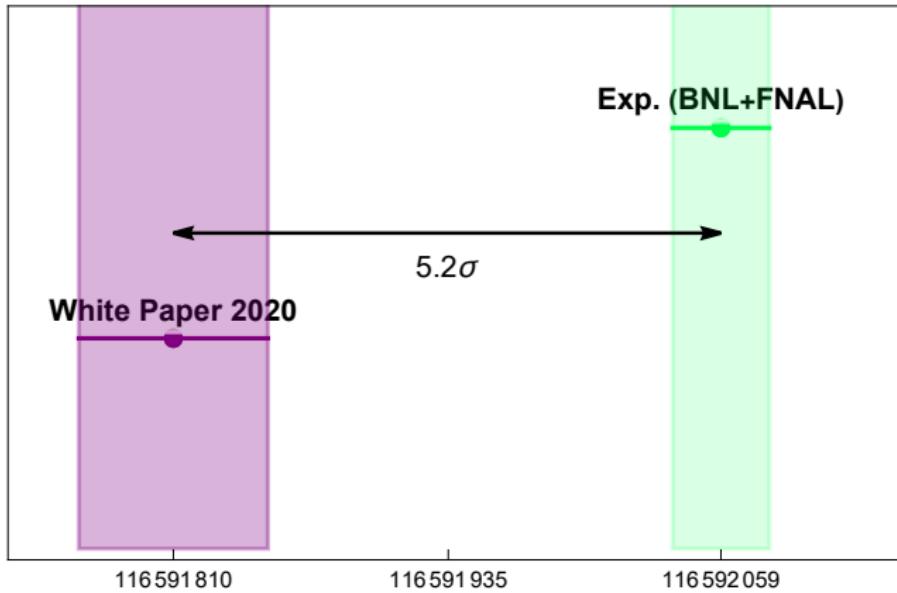


Quantum corrections produce an anomaly:

$$a_\mu = \frac{g - 2}{2}$$

Why is the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon relevant?

State of the art (2024):



$$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{WP}} = 249(48) \times 10^{-11} \text{ or } 5.2\sigma(?)$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 116\ 592\ 059(22) \times 10^{-11} \quad a_\mu^{\text{WP}} = 116\ 591\ 810(43) \times 10^{-11}$$

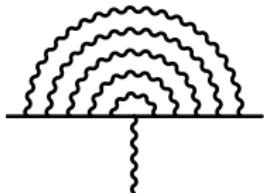
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Theoretical prediction must keep up with present and coming experimental uncertainty improvements.

Where can this reduction come from?

- QED gives the largest contribution, but its uncertainty is under control:

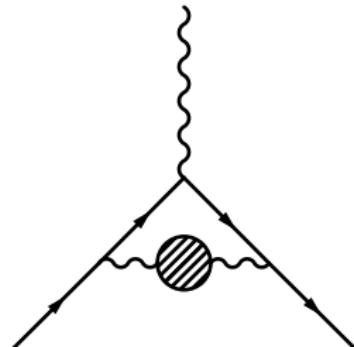
$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = 116\ 584\ 718.931\ (104) \times 10^{-11}$$
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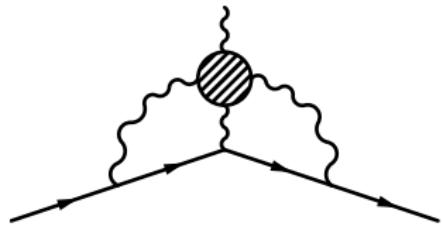
Three loops analytically
Five loops numerically.

Where does a_μ^{WP} come from?

Hadronic vacuum polarization
(HVP).



Hadronic Light-by-Light scattering
(HLbL).



Where does a_μ^{WP} come from?

- The hadronic part has the largest uncertainty:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} = 6\,845 \text{ (40)} \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{Disp., Lattice, CMD-3?}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = 92 \text{ (18)} \times 10^{-11}$$

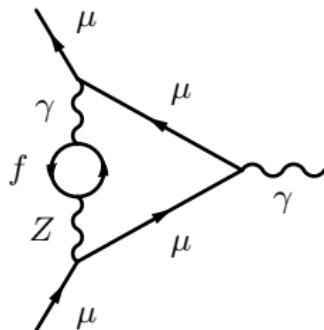
- HVP is the biggest uncertainty source.
- HLbL has the largest relative uncertainty of any of the main contributions!

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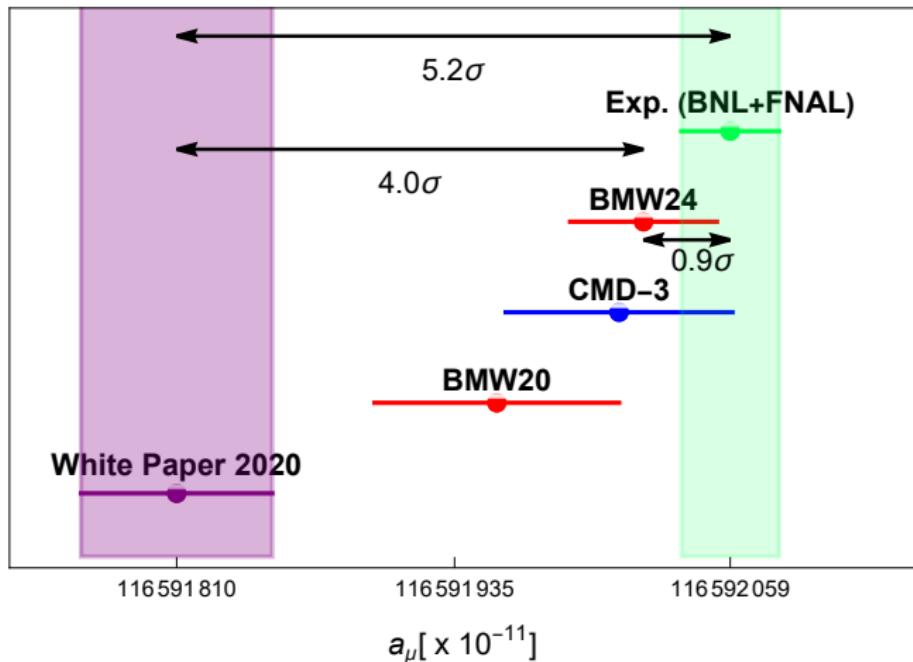
- Electroweak contributions are under control:

$$a_\mu^{\text{EW}} = 153.6(1.0) \times 10^{-11}$$

Up to two loops.



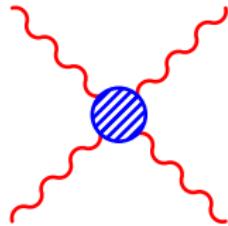
Brief interlude: the state of the HVP contribution



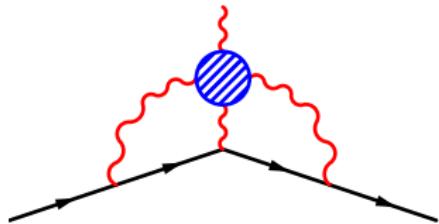
- Tension between dispersive and lattice estimates.
- Tension between experimental results for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
- Why is there tension between theoretical descriptions?

HLbL scattering: the basics

Basics of $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}$



$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} = & -i \int d^4x \int d^4y \int d^4z e^{-i(q_1x + q_2y + q_3z)} \\ & \times \langle \Omega | J^{\mu_1}(x) J^{\mu_2}(y) J^{\mu_3}(z) J^{\mu_4}(0) | \Omega \rangle\end{aligned}$$



→ Loops on q_1 and q_2 sweep very different kinematic regions. Alternate tools required above and below Λ_{QCD} .

Dispersive computation of $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}$

Analyticity: (Sugawara–Kanazawa + Mandelstam hypothesis)

$$g(z) = \sum_i \frac{R_i}{z - x_i} + \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_{c_1}^{\infty} + \int_{-\infty}^{-c_2} \right) \frac{\Delta_x g(x)}{x - z} dx + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \bar{g}(x)$$

$$\Delta_x g(x) = \frac{1}{2i} \{g(x + i\epsilon) - g(x - i\epsilon)\}$$

$$\bar{g}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \{g(x + i\epsilon) + g(x - i\epsilon)\}$$

Unitarity:

Schwarz: $\text{Im } g \rightarrow \Delta_x g$

$$2\text{Im} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a loop with two external lines labeled } k_1 \text{ and } k_2 \text{ entering from the left, and } p_1 \text{ and } p_2 \text{ exiting to the right.} \end{array} = \sum_f \int d\Pi_f \begin{pmatrix} k_2 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f \\ f \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a loop with two external lines labeled } p_2 \text{ exiting to the right, and } p_1 \text{ entering from the left.} \end{array}$$

Dispersive computation of $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}$

The “basis” of $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}$ free of kinematic singularities and zeros:

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} = \sum_i^{54} \Pi_i T_i^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \quad \text{Colangelo et al. (2017)}$$

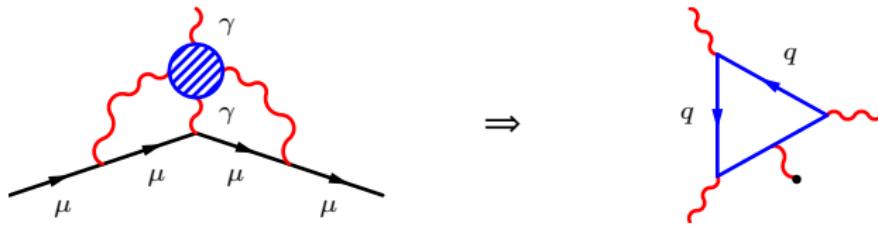
- ➡ From 138 to 43 independent tensors vs. 1 in HVP.
- ➡ To avoid kinematic zeros/singularities it is necessary to expand to 54 redundant Π_i . (Tarrach)
- ➡ Richer tensor structure made BTT basis much harder to find.

OPE for the HLbL amplitude in the symmetric case

The leading contribution: a quark loop

Bijnens et al. (2019)

$$Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$$



Wilson coefficient of $\langle F_{\mu\nu} \rangle$, proportional to:

$$\int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \partial^{\nu_4} \sum \gamma^{\mu_3} S^0(p + q_1 + q_2 + q_4) \gamma^{\mu_4} S^0(p + q_1 + q_2) \gamma^{\mu_1} S^0(p + q_2) \gamma^{\mu_2} S^0(p) \Big|_{q_4=0}$$

Due to operator mixing, only its massless part is the true LO of the OPE.

Quark loop computation

Bijnens et al. (2020) uses the standard approach:

- Project $\bar{\Pi}_i$ out of the quark loop.
- Expand to $O(m^2)$.
- Use Integration By Parts (IBP) to arrive at a small number of master integrals.

Quark loop computation

We tensor decompose the quark loop amplitude following Davydychev et al. (1991), for instance

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mu_1 \mu_2}^{(2)}(d; \nu_1, \nu_2) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} g_{\mu_1 \mu_2} I^{(2)}(d+2; \{\nu_i\}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi^2} q_{1\mu_1} q_{1\mu_2} \nu_1 (\nu_1 + 1) I^{(2)}(d+4; \nu_1 + 2, \nu_2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi^2} q_{2\mu_1} q_{2\mu_2} \nu_2 (\nu_2 + 1) I^{(2)}(d+4; \nu_1, \nu_2 + 2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi^2} (q_{1\mu_1} q_{2\mu_2} + q_{1\mu_2} q_{2\mu_1}) \nu_1 \nu_2 I^{(2)}(d+4; \nu_1 + 2, \nu_2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

It does not introduce **kinematic singularities**, but at the cost of **shifting dimensions**.

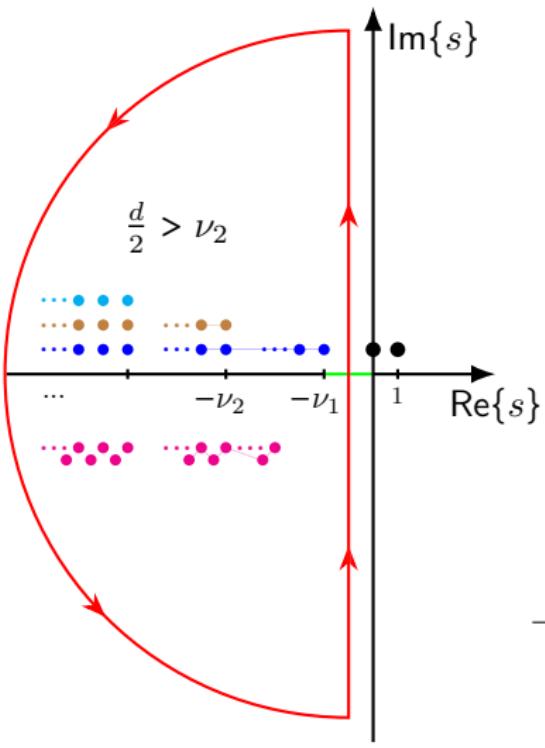
Scalar integrals in shifted dimensions

We find 133 different scalar loop integrals in shifted dimensions.

Davydychev (1991) gives Mellin–Barnes (MB) representation for arbitrary scalar integrals:

$$I^{(2)}(d; \nu_1, \nu_2) = \int_{s_1} \left(-\frac{q_1^2}{m^2} \right)^{s_1} \Gamma(-s_1) \frac{\Gamma(s_1 + \nu_1)\Gamma(s_1 + \nu_2)}{\Gamma(2s_1 + \nu_1 + \nu_2)} \\ \times \Gamma\left(s_1 + \nu_1 + \nu_2 - \frac{d}{2}\right)$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma(s + \nu_1 + \nu_2 - \frac{d}{2})}{\Gamma(2s + \nu_1 + \nu_2)} \left| \begin{array}{c} \Gamma(s + \nu_2) \\ \Gamma(s + \nu_1) \end{array} \right| \Gamma(-s)$$

Scalar integrals in shifted dimensions

Nested MB integrals require multivariate residues (*MBConicHulls (B. Ananthanarayan et al, 2021)*, *Multivariate residues (Larsen, 2017)*)

- There are several different triple hypergeometric series representation for one integral.
- Convergence of hypergeometric series studied with Horn's theorem.
- Too many integrals with too many representations: We wrote a script to check the convergence region of series representations.

Scalar integrals in shifted dimensions

Two-point example for $|q^2| > 4m^2$:

$$\begin{aligned} I^{(2)}(6; \nu, \nu + 1) &= \frac{-i}{(4\pi)^{5/2}} \frac{(m^4)^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)\Gamma(\nu+1)} \\ &\times \left\{ \left(-\frac{4m^2}{q^2} \right)^\nu \sum_{k=0}^{\nu-3} \left(\frac{4m^2}{q^2} \right)^k \frac{\Gamma(\nu+k)}{\Gamma(-k+\frac{1}{2})} \frac{\Gamma(-k+\nu-2)}{\Gamma(k+1)} \right. \\ &- \left. \left(-\frac{16m^4}{q^4} \right)^{\nu-1} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{4m^2}{q^2} \right)^l \frac{\Gamma(-2+2\nu+l)}{\Gamma(-\nu-l+\frac{5}{2})} \frac{1}{\Gamma(l+1)\Gamma(l+\nu-1)} \right. \\ &\times \left. \left[\ln \left\{ -\frac{q^2}{4m^2} \right\} - \psi^{(0)}(-2+2\nu+l) - \psi^{(0)}(-\nu-l+\frac{5}{2}) - 3\psi^{(0)}(l+1) \right] + \dots \right. \end{aligned}$$

Large logs and mass corrections

Check of BTT tensor decomposition of $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\mu_5}} \right|_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} = \sum_i^{19} \Pi_i \left. \partial^{\mu_5} T_i^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \right|_{q_4 \rightarrow 0}$$

- All form factors receive contributions from the quark loop? (Weak)

$$\Pi_i \neq 0$$

- Are there contributions to tensor structures not considered in BTT? (Strong)

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\mu_5}} \right|_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} - \sum_i^{19} \Pi_i \left. \partial^{\mu_5} T_i^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \right|_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} = 0$$

Conclusions

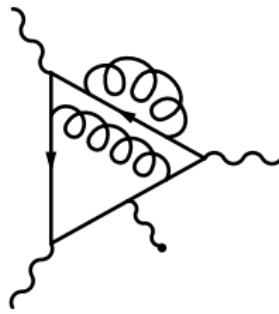
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Main results:

- Independent check for the quark loop computation.
- Check of the complete span of the dispersive tensor basis for the quark loop amplitude.
- Closed expression for all-order mass expansion.

Perspective:

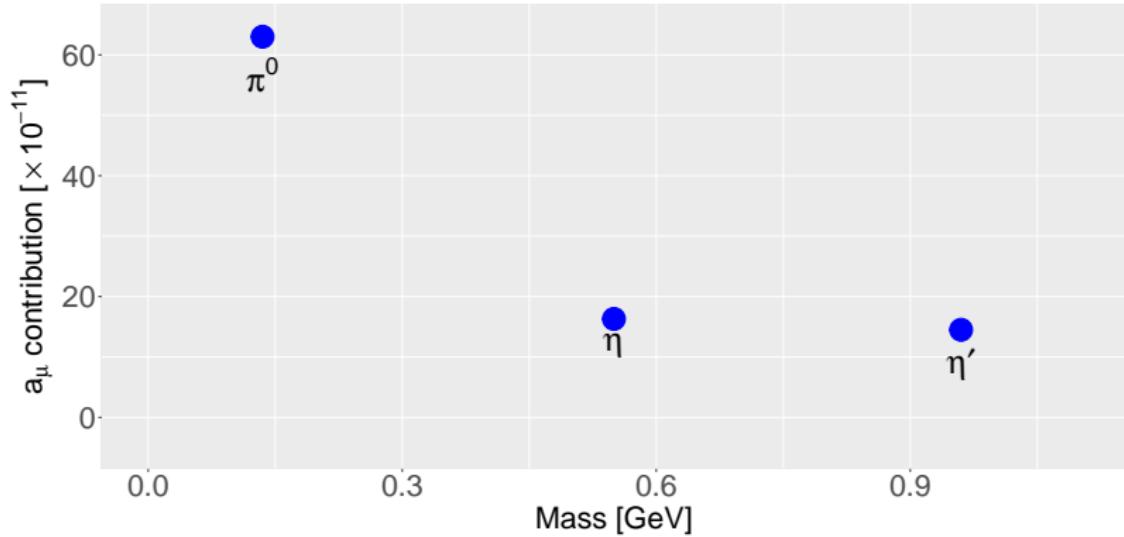
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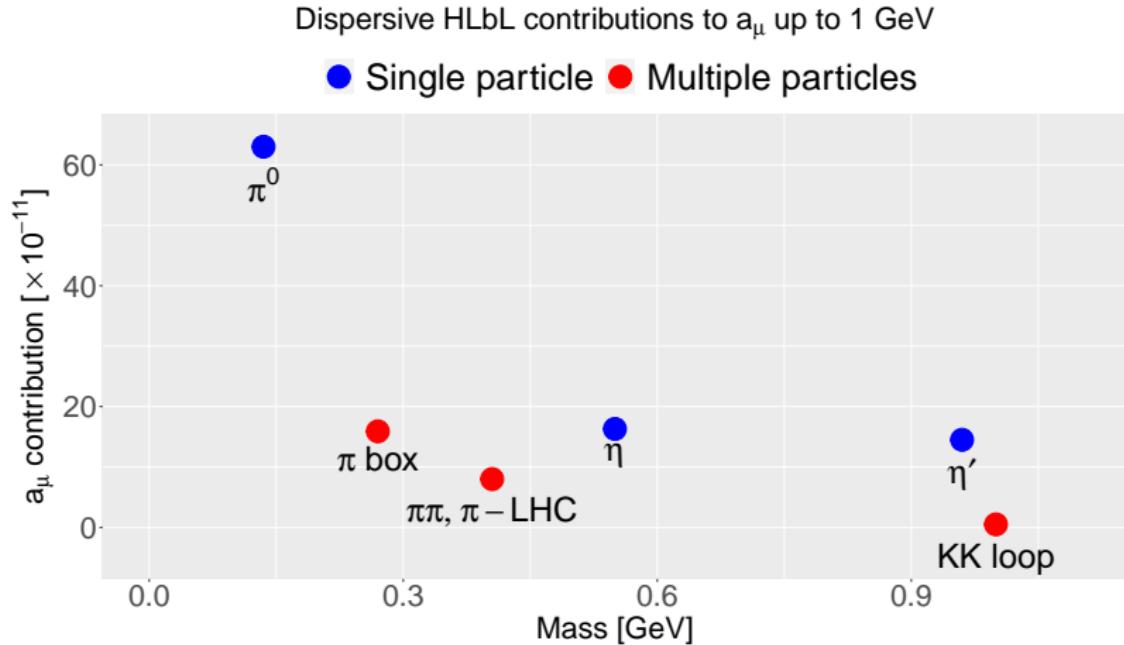
Low energy, data–driven a_μ^{HLbL}

Dispersive HLbL contributions to a_μ up to 1 GeV

● Single particle



Low energy, data–driven a_μ^{HLbL}



Estimation of a_μ^{HLbL} in 1 GeV – 2 GeV

Hurdles for dispersive computation in the medium–energy region:

- Lack of data for: known form factors at high energy. and new unknown form factors.
- Increasing complexity of unitarity diagrams.
- Double counting issues.

The expected small size of contributions motivates narrow width approximation, which results in:

$$a_\mu^{\text{scalars+tensor}} = -1(3) \times 10^{-11}$$
$$a_\mu^{\text{axial vectors}} = 6(6) \times 10^{-11}$$

a_μ^{HLbL} at high energy and SDC

SDC = asymptotic behaviour of amplitudes.

Useful for:

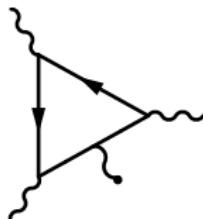
- High energy contributions from light intermediate states. (Form factors)
- Full contributions from heavy intermediate states. (HLbL amplitude)

We focus in the latter case!

Two high virtualities regimes:

$$|q_1^2| \sim |q_2^2| \sim |q_3^2| \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \quad |q_1^2| \sim |q_2^2| \gg |q_3^2|, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$$

The quark loop



$$S_{1,\mu\nu} \rightarrow \Delta a_\mu^{HLbL} = 1.7 \times 10^{-10}$$
$$S_{2,\mu\nu} \rightarrow \Delta a_\mu^{HLbL} = -1.2 \times 10^{-12}$$

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Wilson coefficient of $\langle F_{\mu\nu} \rangle$, proportional to:

$$i \frac{N_c}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{4\nu_4}} \sum_{\sigma(1,2,4)} \left\{ \gamma^{\mu_3} S^0(p + q_1 + q_2 + q_4) \gamma^{\mu_4} \right.$$
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