

Dispersive Treatment of $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $K_S \rightarrow \gamma l^+ l^-$

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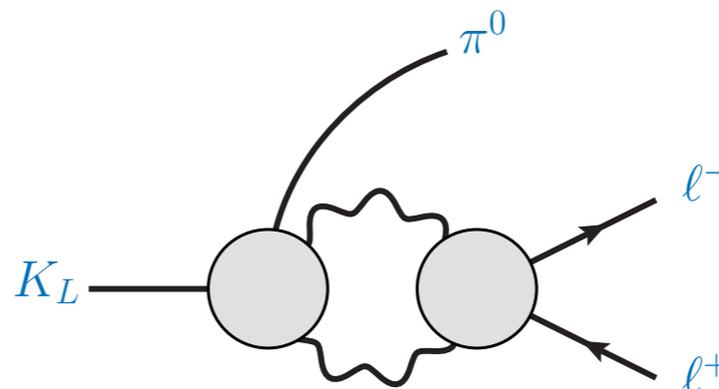
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The bad: CP-violating decays like $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ where short- and **long-distance (LD)** effects come in equal measure

$$\begin{aligned} A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-) \Big|_{\text{CPV-ind}} \\ = \epsilon A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-) \end{aligned}$$



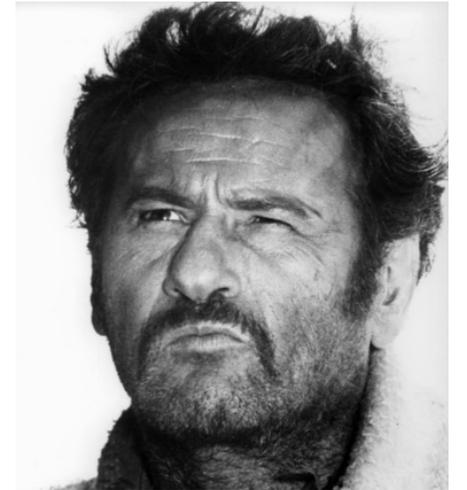
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In between the trio are decays where **separation of SD and LD effects** can be achieved with varying degree of success

A **systematic** analysis is possible within 3-flavour χ PT: [Status reviewed by Cirigliano et al. ([12](#))]

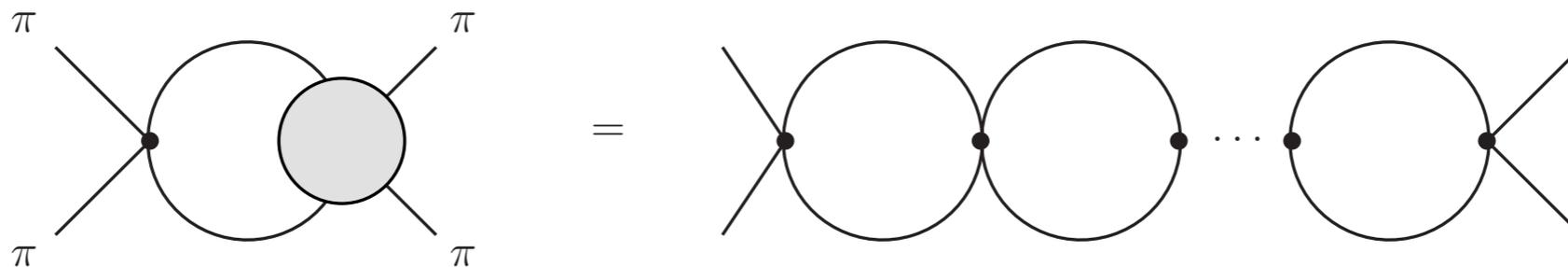
$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \mathcal{A}_{\text{LO}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{NLO}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots \right\}_{\chi\text{PT}_3}$$

Expansion in powers of $p = O(m_K)$ momentum and $m_{u,d,s} = O(m_K^2)$

1 | Chiral perturbation theory

Two features determine the **quality** of predictions arising from χPT_3 :

- 1 hadronic uncertainties \Leftrightarrow low-energy constants (**LECs**), e.g. F_π not fixed by chiral symmetry, so need data or lattice to pin down
 - leptonic and semi-leptonic kaon decays 😊 [See Peter Stoffer's [talk](#)]
 - non-leptonic and weak radiative decays 😞
- 2 chiral expansion **poorly convergent** above $\pi\pi$ threshold [Meißner (91)]
 - \Rightarrow final-state $\pi\pi$ interactions (**FSI**) important [Truong (84 & 88)]



chiral perturbative
methods

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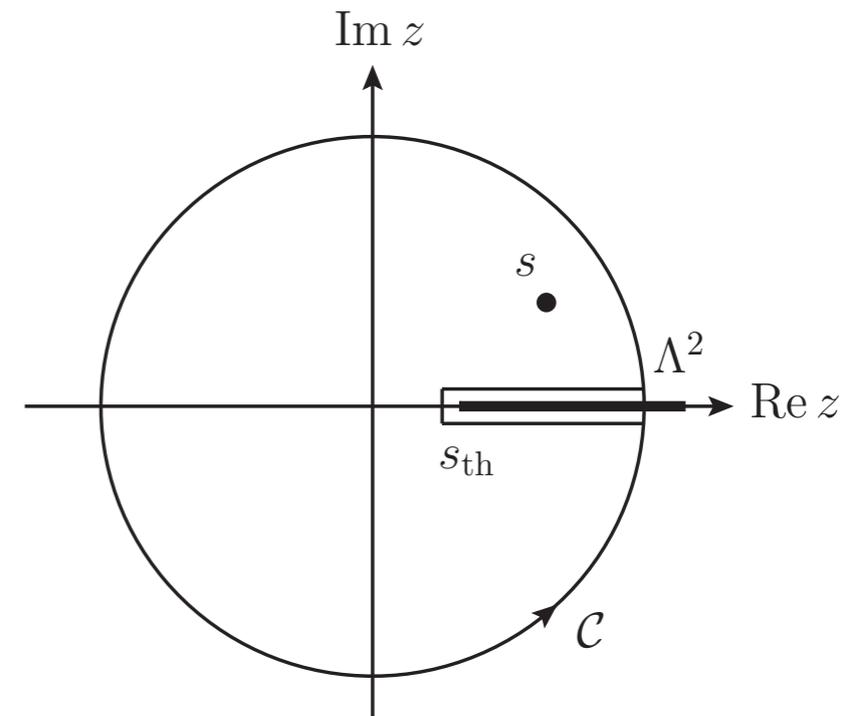
non-pert. methods based on **unitarity**,
analyticity, and **crossing symmetry**

2 | Dispersion relations demystified

Dispersion relations address **1** & **2** in **model-independent** framework

How? Consider e.g. some form factor

$$F(z) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{real } z < s_{\text{th}} \\ \text{branch cut } z > s_{\text{th}} \\ \text{analytic for complex } z \end{array} \right\}$$



Cauchy theorem then gives:

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{F(z)}{z-s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{\Lambda^2} dz \frac{\text{Im } F(z)}{z-s-i\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=\Lambda^2} dz \frac{F(z)}{z-s}$$

If boundary terms vanishes for $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ get **unsubtracted** dispersion rel.

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} dz \frac{\text{Im } F(z)}{z-s}$$

\Rightarrow can reconstruct real part if
imaginary part known
(usually from unitarity)

3 | Dispersive framework for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

This talk: dispersive treatment of $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$ transitions

\Rightarrow determine impact of **FSI** on predictions from LO χPT_3

1 for both photons on-shell compare

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\chi\text{PT}_3} = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \quad [\text{D'Ambrosio \& Espriu (86); Goity (87)}]$$

vs.

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\text{expt}} = (2.63 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-6}$$

2 the chiral predictions for the leptonic modes [Ecker, Pich & de Rafael (88)]

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \gamma\ell^+\ell^-)}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \Big|_{\chi\text{PT}_3} = \begin{cases} 1.6 \times 10^{-2} & (\ell = e) \\ 3.8 \times 10^{-4} & (\ell = \mu) \end{cases}$$

have not yet been tested by experiment but may lie within the projected sensitivity $\text{BR}(K_S) \sim 10^{-9}$ of KLOE-2 (or LHCb?)

3 | Dispersive framework for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

Problem: kinematics **completely fixed** in two-body decay amplitudes

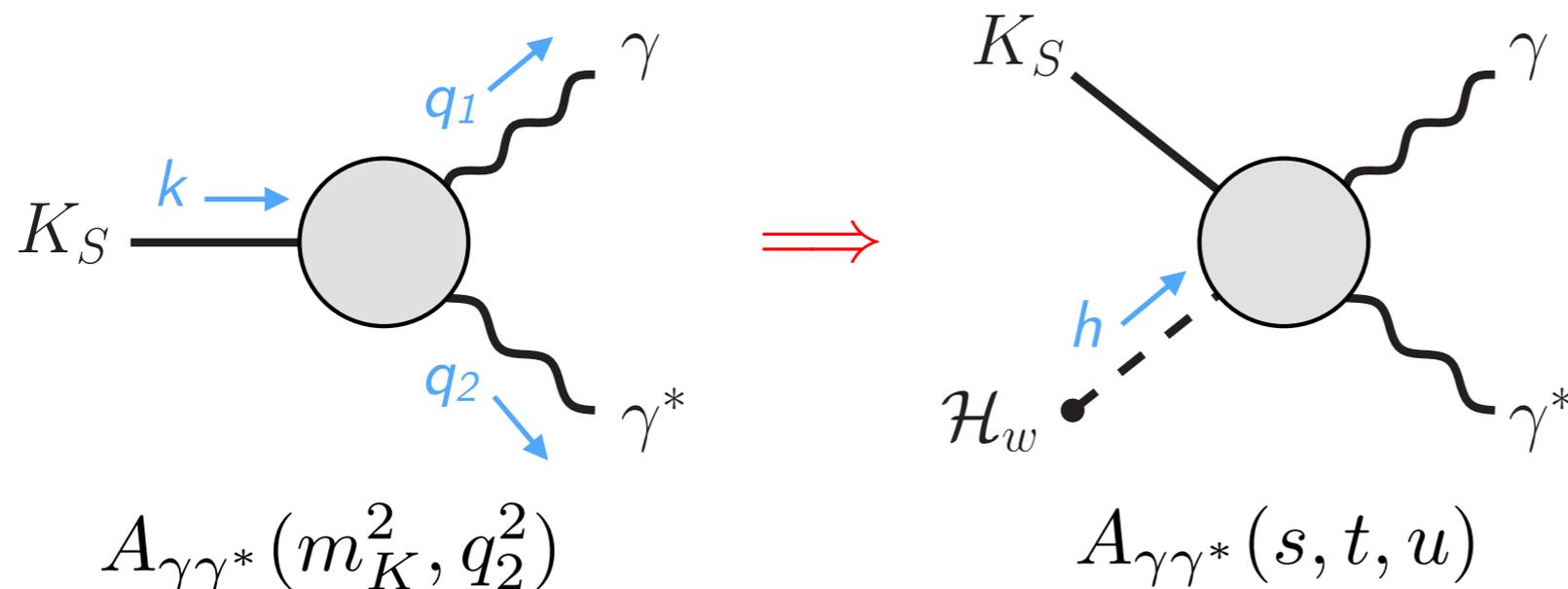
Promote $m_K^2 \rightarrow$ kinematic variable “s” and construct dispersion relation?

e.g.
$$A(K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi)|_{\chi\text{PT}_3} = \{\text{LECs}\} \times (s - m_\pi^2)$$

∞ \neq ways to go **off-shell** \Rightarrow ∞ arbitrariness [Büchler et al. (01)]

Key idea: let weak Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_w **inject momentum** in $\langle \gamma\gamma^* | \mathcal{H}_w | K_S \rangle$

[Büchler et al. (01)]



Mandelstam
variables

$$s = (q_1 + q_2)^2$$

$$t = (k - q_1)^2$$

$$u = (k - q_2)^2$$

NB. Physical decay amplitude recovered in limit $h \rightarrow 0$

3 | Dispersive framework for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

The cookbook

Several steps & ingredients needed to construct the dispersion relations:

- 1 tensor decomposition into basis free from kin. **zeros** and **singularities**

$$A_{\mu\nu}(k, q_1, q_2) = g_{\mu\nu} A_1 + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 q_{i\mu} q_{j\nu} A_2^{ij}$$

e'mag Ward identities + suitable linear combos [Bardeen & Tung (71); Tarrach (75); Colangelo et al. (14 & 15)]

$$\Rightarrow A_{\mu\nu}(k, q_1, q_2) = \sum_{i=1}^3 T_{\mu\nu}^i B_i(s, t, u, q_2^2)$$

free from kinematic
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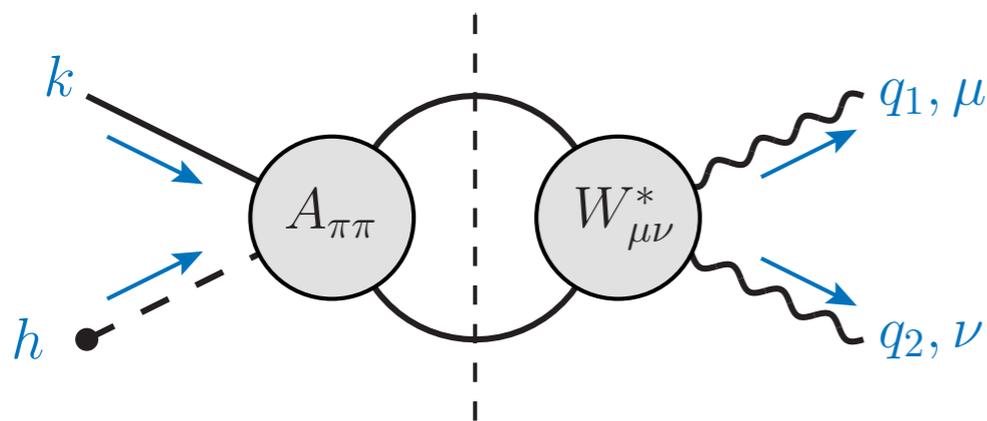
- \Rightarrow Determination of scalar functions B_i
completely fixes prediction for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

3 | Dispersive framework for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

A **complete** dispersive treatment of $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$ \Leftrightarrow analysis of **all** possible states $\pi\pi$, 4π , KK ,... in **all** three channels s, t, u

This is **hard** \Rightarrow simplify and neglect contributions to discontinuities coming from D-waves and higher

2 first intermediate state due to $\pi\pi$ \Rightarrow unitarity relation



$$\text{disc}_s A_{\mu\nu} = \int d\{\text{phase}\} \times A_{\pi\pi} \times W_{\mu\nu}^*$$

Dominant effect from FSI expected in S-wave \Rightarrow integration is **simple**:

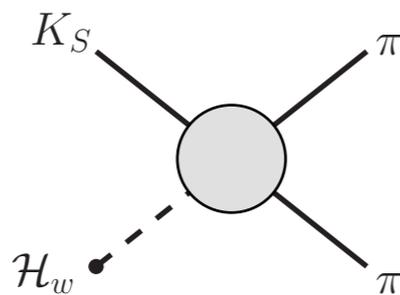
$$\text{disc}_s B_1(s, q_2^2) = \{\text{phase space}\} \times A_{\pi\pi}(s) \times \left(\frac{h_{++}^0(s, q_2^2)}{s - q_2^2} \right)^*$$

3 | Dispersive framework for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

- 3 need input for **subprocesses** $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$ and $\gamma\gamma^{(*)} \rightarrow \pi\pi$

$K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$

use dispersive representation of Büchler et al. (01)



$$A_{\pi\pi}(s, t', u') = \langle (\pi\pi)_{I=0} | \mathcal{H}_w | K_S \rangle$$

$$= M_0(s) + C(s, t', u')$$

angular dep.

- **FSI** fully accounted for in terms of Omnès factors such as

$$\Omega_\ell^I(s) = \exp \left(\frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} dz \frac{\delta_\ell^I(z)}{z(z-s-i\epsilon)} \right)$$

scattering
phase shift

- convergence \Rightarrow two subtraction constants $a_{\pi\pi}$ & $b_{\pi\pi}$ required

not fixed by data or lattice

3 | Dispersive framework for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$

- match to χPT_3 at soft-pion point $p_\pi \rightarrow 0$ to eliminate $b_{\pi\pi}$:

$$b_{\pi\pi} = \frac{3a_{\pi\pi}(1+X)}{m_K^2 - m_\pi^2(4+3X)} + O(m_K^4)$$

parametrises effects
from $O(p^6)$: $X = \pm 0.3$

$$\Rightarrow A_{\pi\pi}(s) \simeq a_{\pi\pi} \left[1 + E(X)s/m_K^2 \right] \Omega_0^0(s)$$

fix by matching to
physical $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ amp

$\gamma\gamma^{(*)} \rightarrow \pi\pi$

for helicity PW use data from two dispersive analyses

- $h_{++}^0(s)$ coupled-channel $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi \\ \gamma\gamma \rightarrow KK \end{array} \right\}$ [Garcia-Martin & Moussallam (10)]
- $h_{++}^0(s, q_2^2)$ single-channel [Moussallam (13)]

4 | Dispersion relations for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Putting everything together and defining $A_{\gamma\gamma}(s) \equiv e^2 B_1(s)$ gives **once-subtracted** dispersion relation:

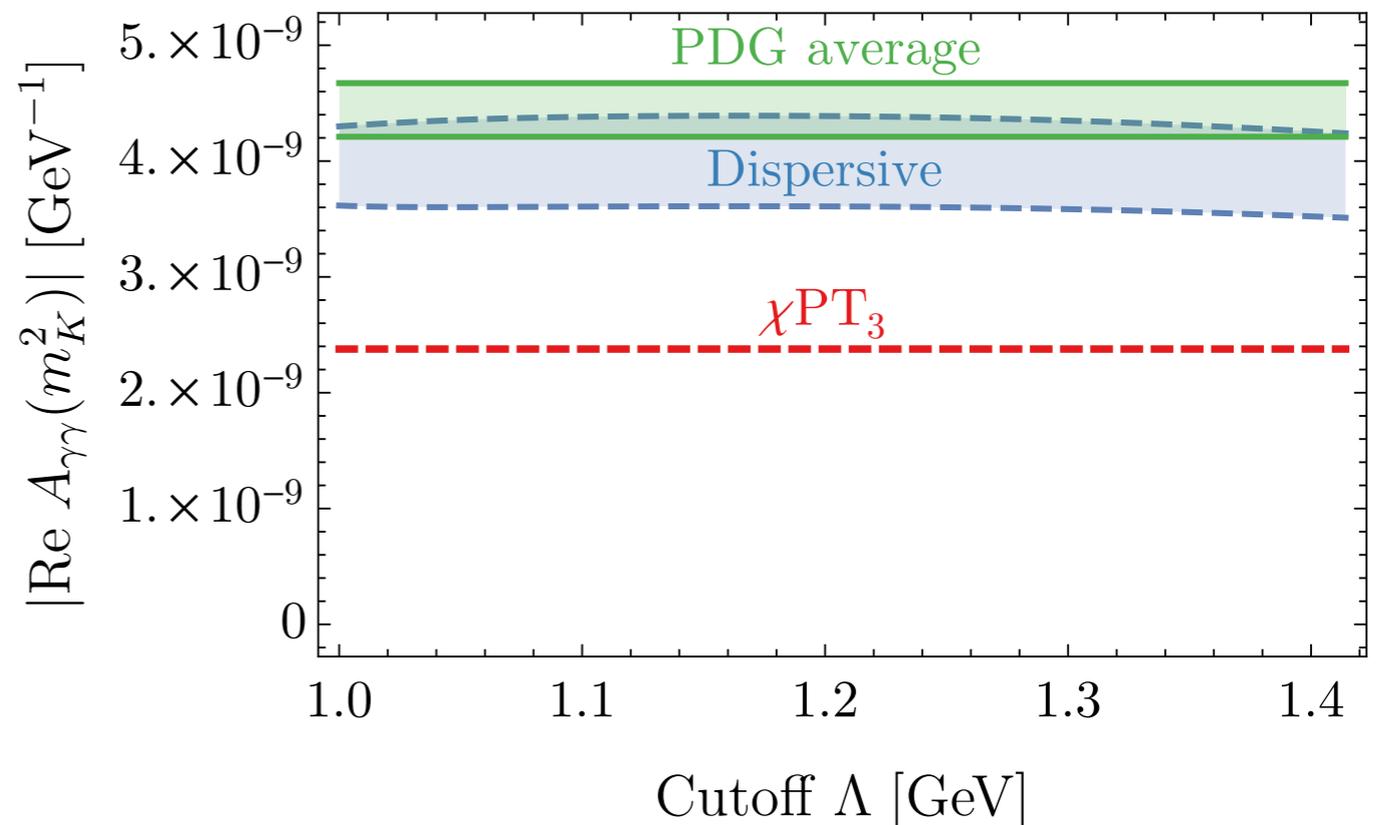
$$A_{\gamma\gamma}(s) = a_{\gamma\gamma} + \frac{s - s_0}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} dz \frac{\text{Im}_s A_{\gamma\gamma}(z)}{(z - s_0)(z - s - i\epsilon)}$$

fix by matching to χPT_3
at chiral zero $s_0 = -0.098 \text{ GeV}^2$

Cutoff dependence?

Range of validity on $h_{++}^0(s)$
for $s \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \Rightarrow$ UV cutoff

Dependence is **very mild** so
take $\Lambda = 1.2 \text{ GeV}$ as benchmark



4 | Dispersion relations for $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Results

At physical point $s = m_K^2$ the effects from FSI **distort** the amplitude

$\text{Re } A_{\gamma\gamma}$ **enhanced** [confirms obs. of Kambor & Holstein (94)]
 $\text{Im } A_{\gamma\gamma}$ **suppressed**

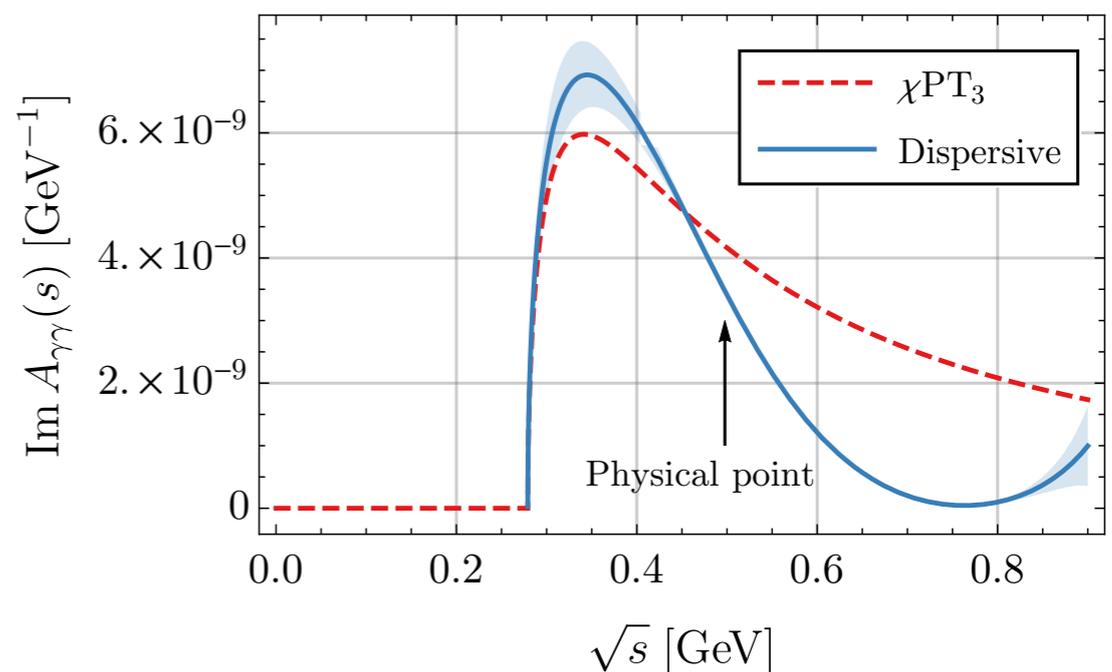
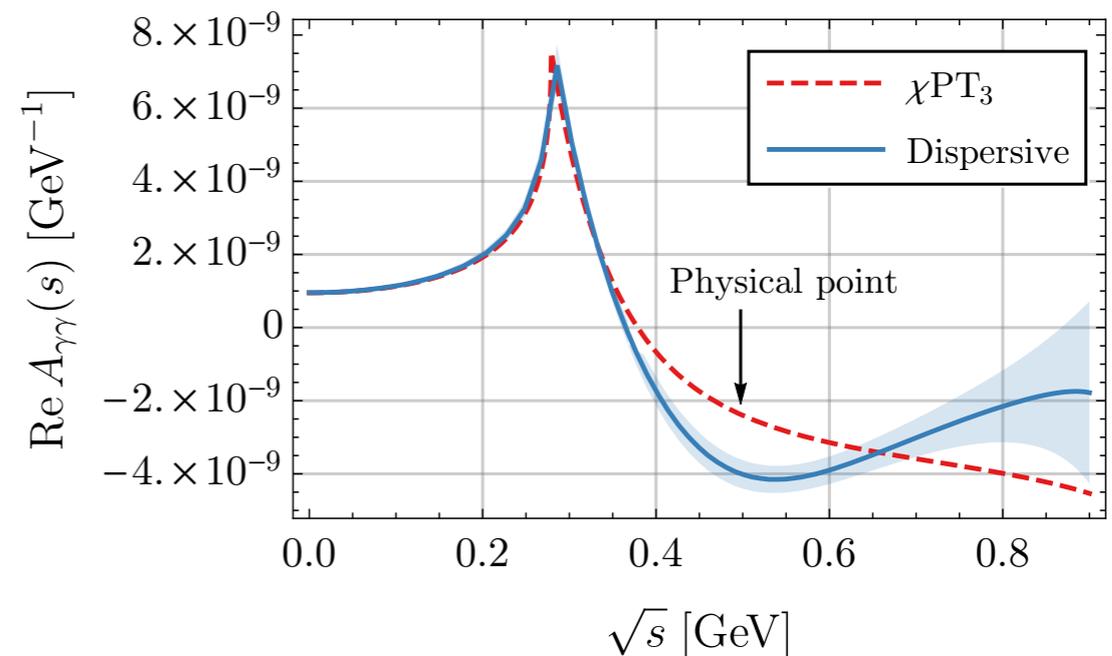
⇒ **enhanced** prediction for rate:

$$\text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{disp}} = (2.34 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-6}$$

uncertainty from $X=\pm 0.3$ & Omnès input

⇒ SM in much better agreement with experiment:

$$\text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{expt}} = (2.63 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-6}$$



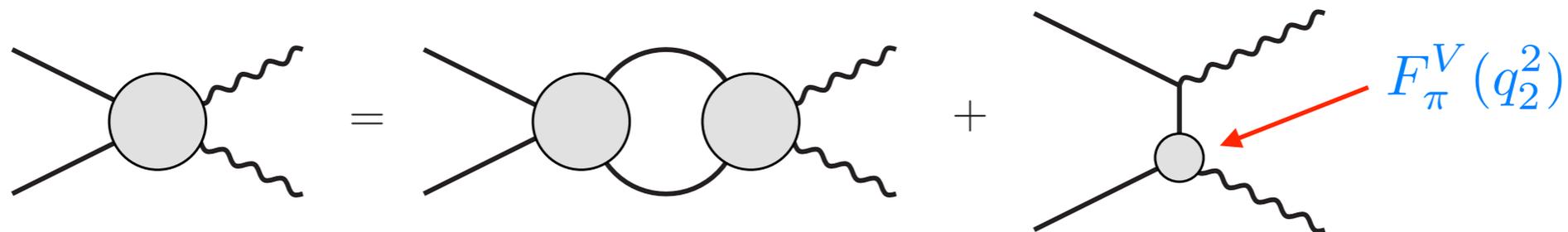
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Now allow one γ to be off-shell. Define $A_{\gamma\gamma^*}(s, q_2^2) \equiv e^2 B_1(s, q_2^2)$ and consider once-subtracted dispersion relation at $s_0=0$:

$$A_{\gamma\gamma^*}(s, q_2^2) = a_{\gamma\gamma^*}(q_2^2) + \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} dz \frac{\text{disc}_s A_{\gamma\gamma^*}(z, q_2^2)}{z(z-s-i\epsilon)}$$

fix by matching to χPT_3 at $s_0=0$

New feature: in addition to FSI get effects from pion vector form factor

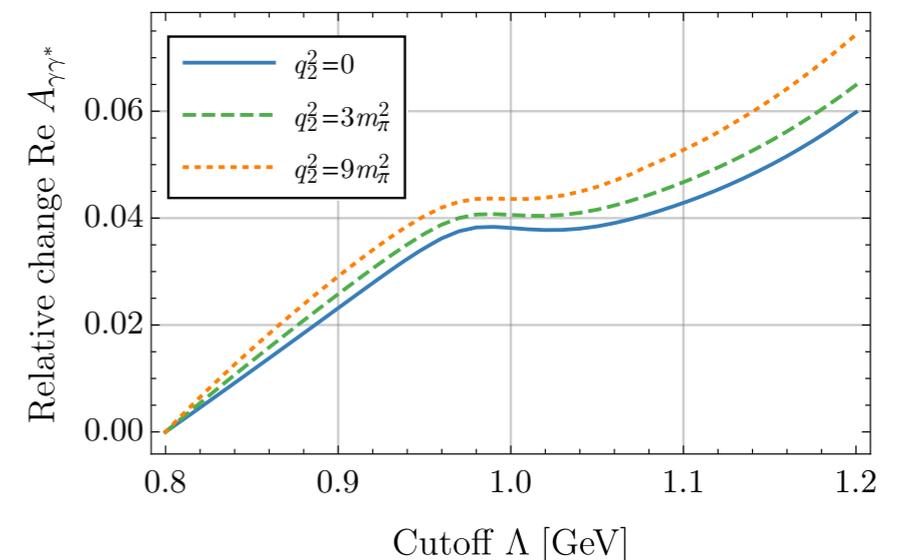


Cutoff dependence?

Comparison of $h_{++}^0(s)$ and $h_{++}^0(s, q_2^2 = 0)$

\Rightarrow range of validity $s \lesssim 0.8 \text{ GeV}^2$

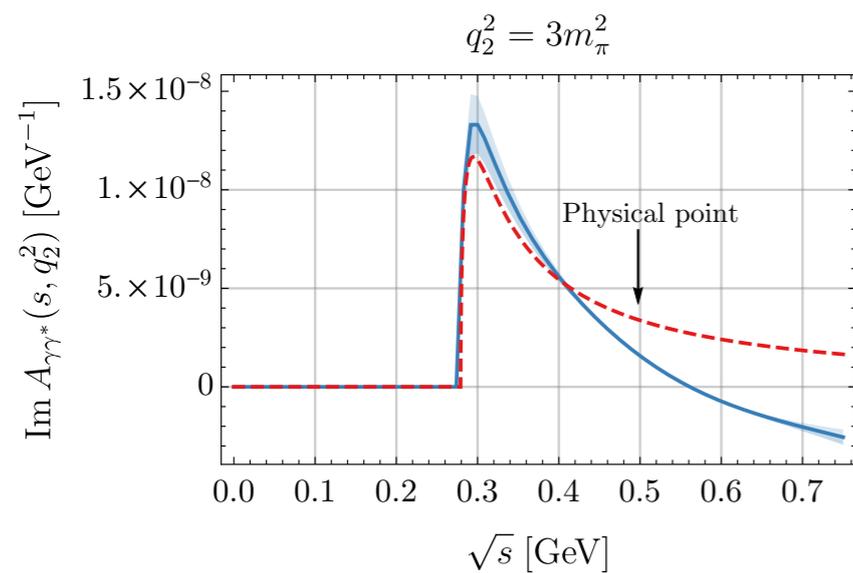
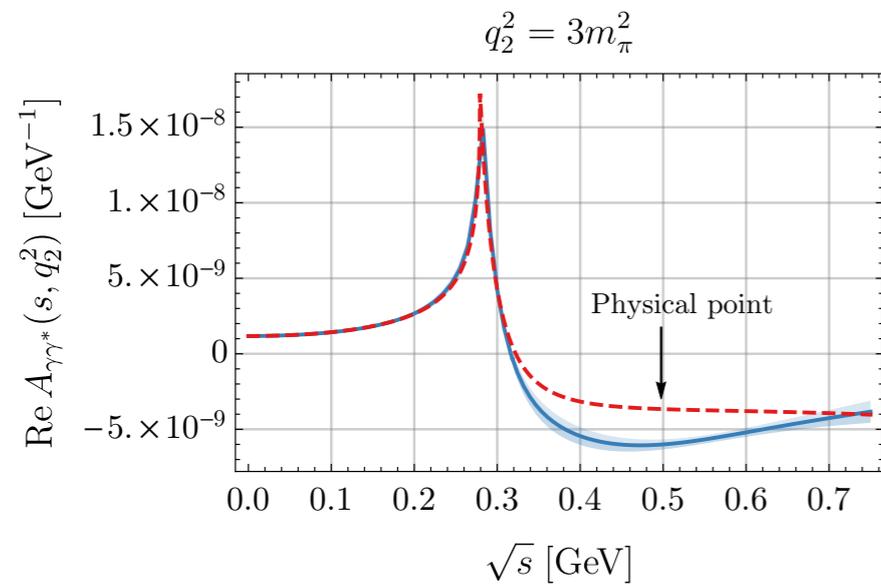
Taking $\Lambda=1.2 \text{ GeV}$ only leads to $\approx 7\%$ shift



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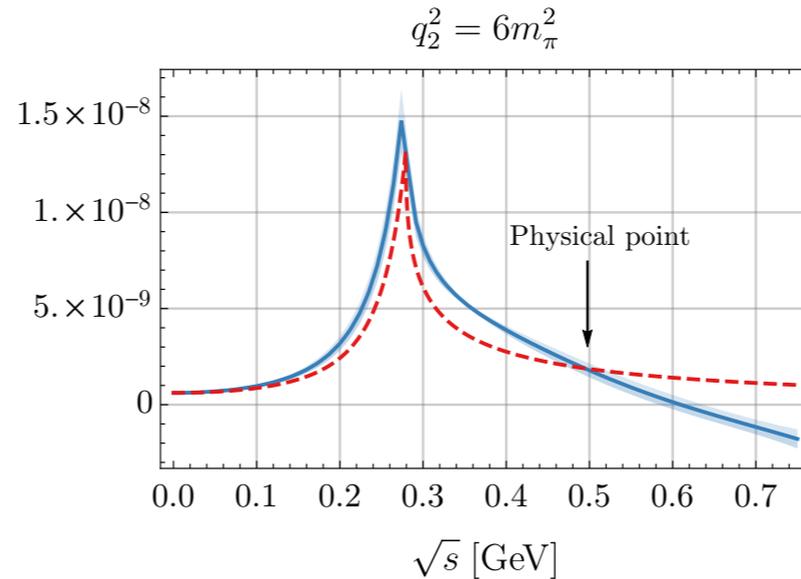
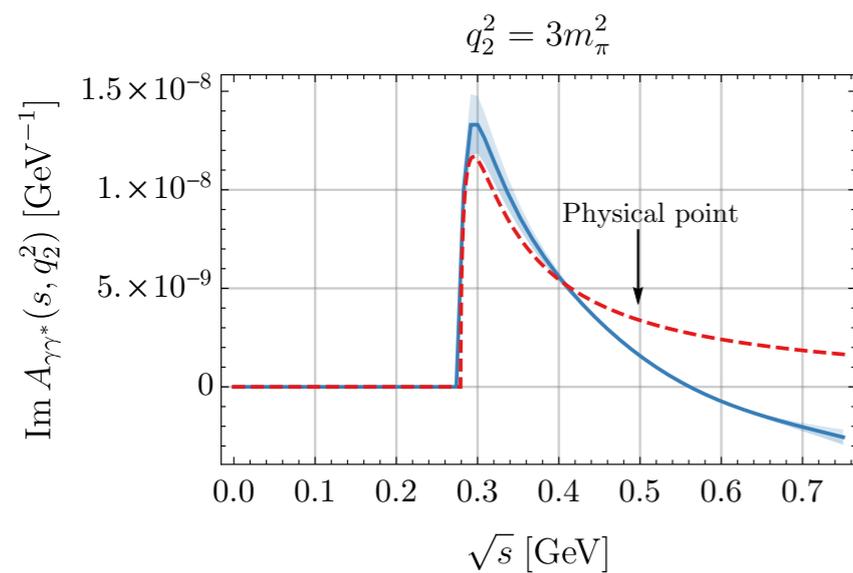
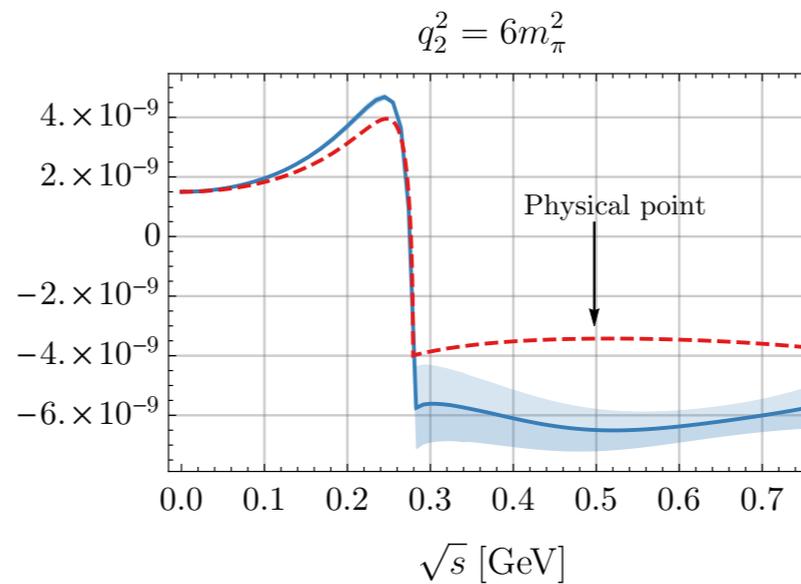
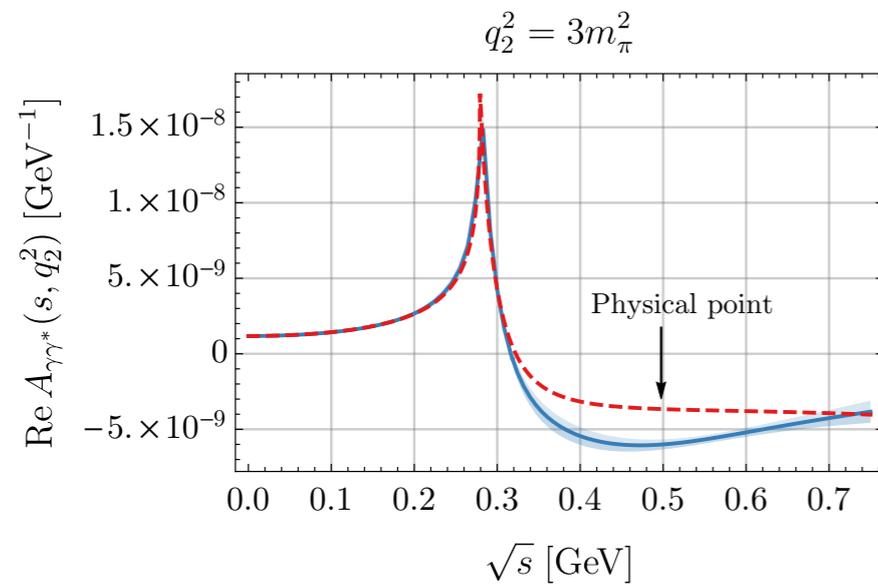
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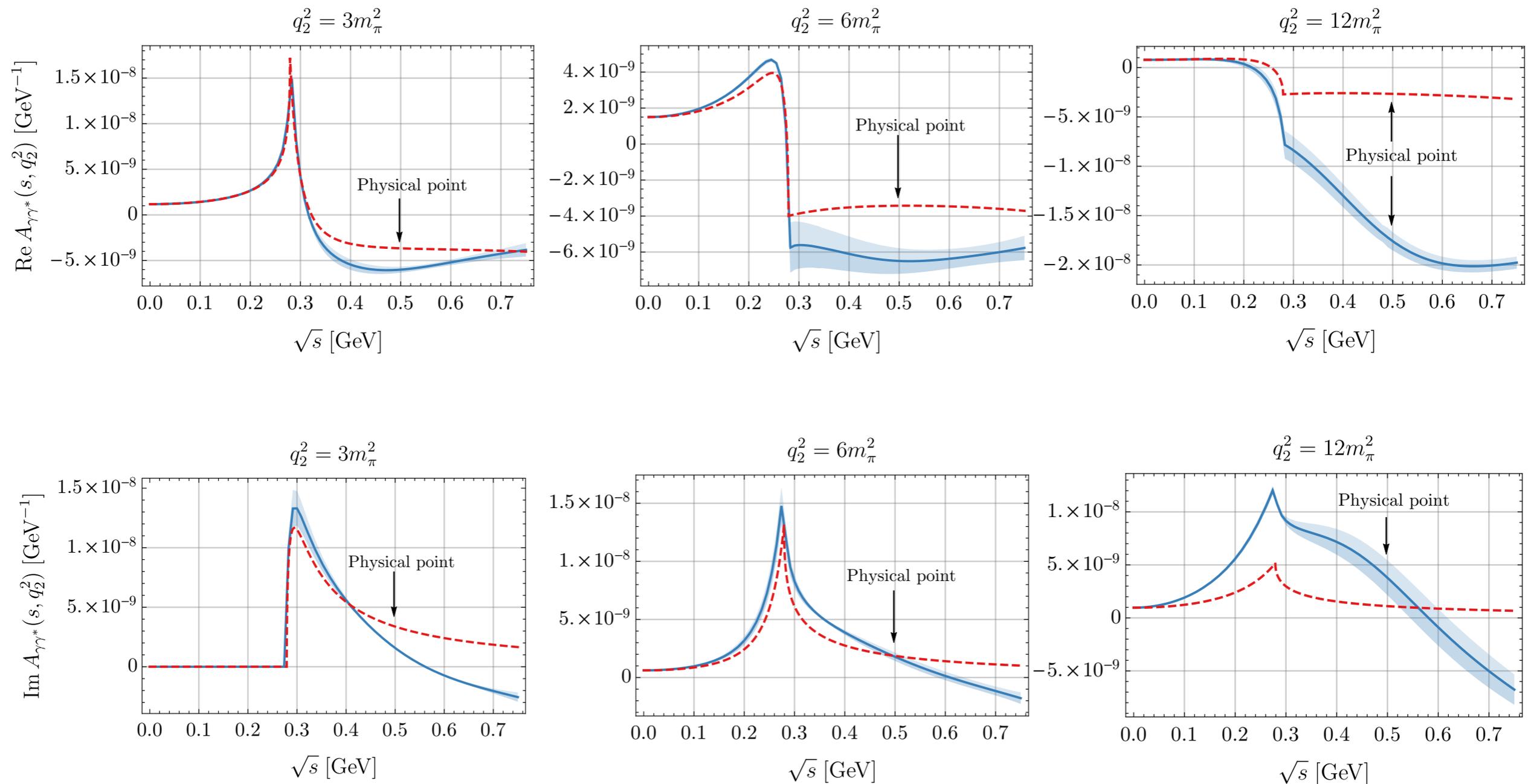
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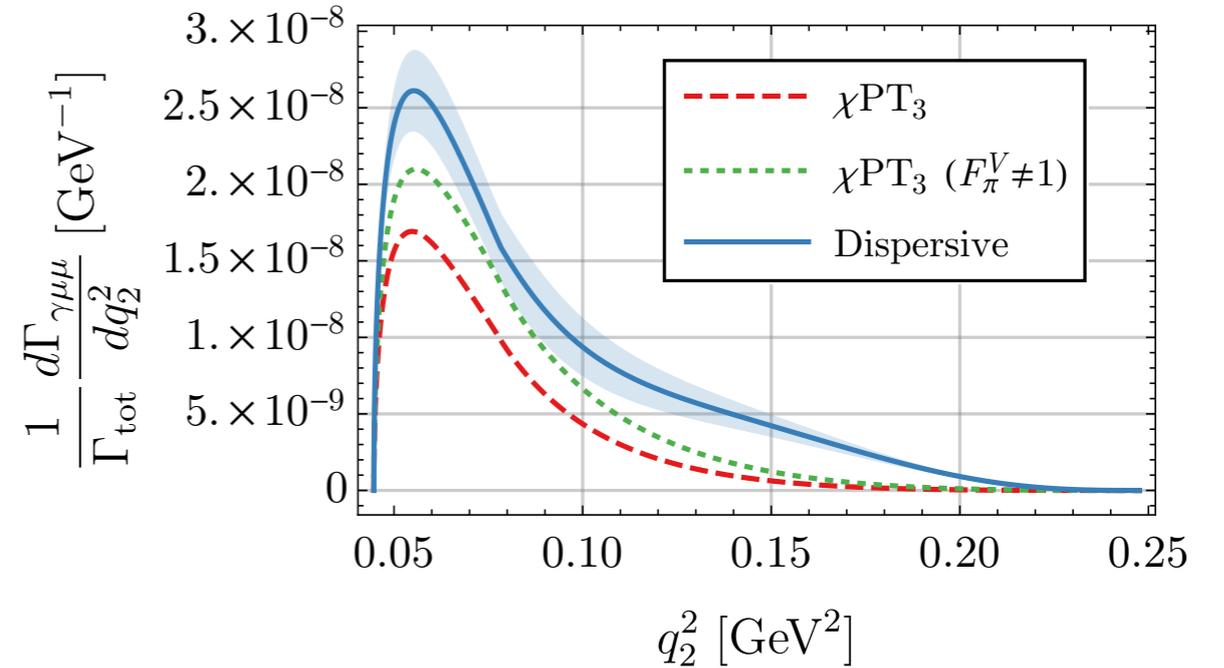
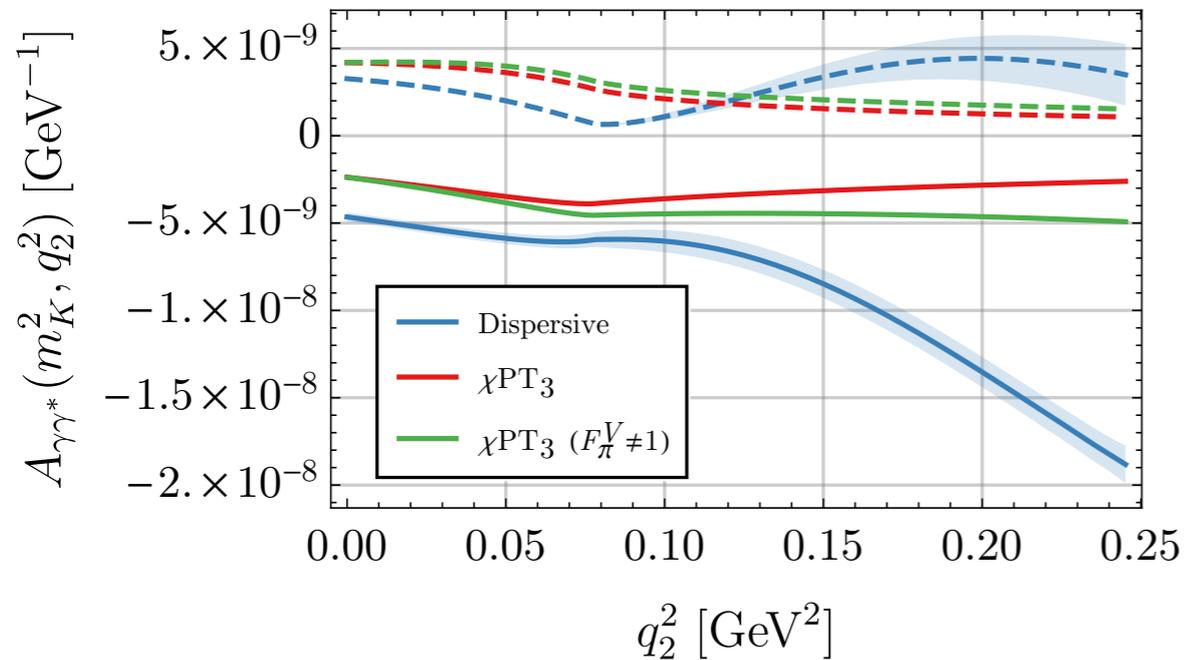
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Now fix $s = m_K^2$ and vary γ momentum: FF effects **large** for $q_2^2 > 4m_\pi^2$



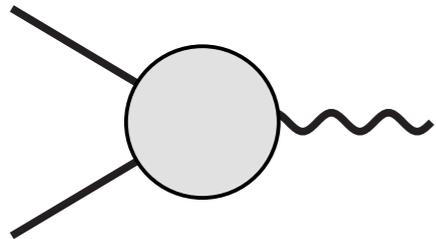
Corrections from FSI and FF \Rightarrow **sizeable enhancements** in the rates

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$O(50\%)$ $O(100\%)$

6 | Summary and future prospects

$$K_S \rightarrow \gamma \ell^+ \ell^-$$



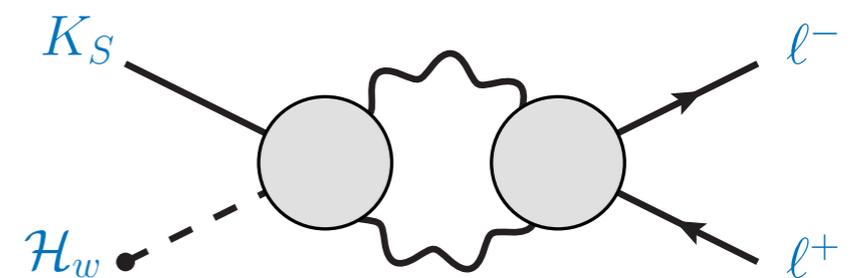
- pion vector form factor \Rightarrow additional source of enhancement over LO χPT_3

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- effect **largest** in $\mu\mu$ mode ... within reach of KLOE-2?

In progress: extend dispersive framework to $K_S \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$

- dominant **long-distance** contribution to $K_S \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$
- can we expect large corrections to χPT_3 ?



$$\text{BR}_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^{\chi\text{PT}_3} = 5.1 \times 10^{-12} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \text{BR}_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^{\text{LHCb}} < 6.9(5.8) \times 10^{-9} \quad [\text{See talk by Ramos Pernas}]$$

- disentangle New Physics at $\text{BR}_{\mu\mu}^{\text{NP}} \gtrsim 10^{-11}$? [\[Isidori & Unterdorfer \(03\)\]](#)

Back up slides

B1 | What happened to the weak mass term?

In principle, chiral and CPS symmetry permits an **octet operator** Q_{mw} to be present in the effective theory; e.g. at $O(p^2)$ one has [Bernard et al. (85)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{weak}}^{\chi\text{PT}_3} \supset \text{Tr} \lambda_{6-i7} (g_M M U^\dagger + \bar{g}_M U M^\dagger)$$

Tadpole cancellation \Rightarrow Q_{mw} **completely removed** by chiral rotation

$$U \rightarrow \tilde{U} = R U L^\dagger, \quad \langle \tilde{U} \rangle_{\text{vac}} = I \quad [\text{Crewther (86)}]$$

- vacuum alignment can be extended to $O(p^4)$ [Kambor et al. (90)]
- remains valid when \mathcal{H}_w carries momentum (chiral symmetry **local**)

Conclude that Q_{mw} has **no effect** on chiral low-energy theorems, esp.

$$b_{\pi\pi} = \frac{3a_{\pi\pi}(1+X)}{m_K^2 - m_\pi^2(4+3X)} + O(m_K^4)$$

B2 | Omnès factors and inelasticities

Phases of Ω_0^0 and h_{++}^0 have to match in order for $\text{Im } A_{\gamma\gamma} \in \mathbb{R}$

True in elastic region (Watson thm) but how does phase behave at $s > 4m_K^2$?

Define phase with “**dip**” behaviour:

$$\phi_0^0(s) = \begin{cases} \delta_0^0(s), & s \leq s_\pi \\ \delta_0^0(s) - \pi, & s > s_\pi \end{cases}$$

Comparison against “**non-dip**” phase

$$\psi_0^0(s) = \arg h_{0,++}^0(s)$$

then estimates systematic uncertainty

