

Hadronic light-by-light contribution to a_μ : dispersive approach

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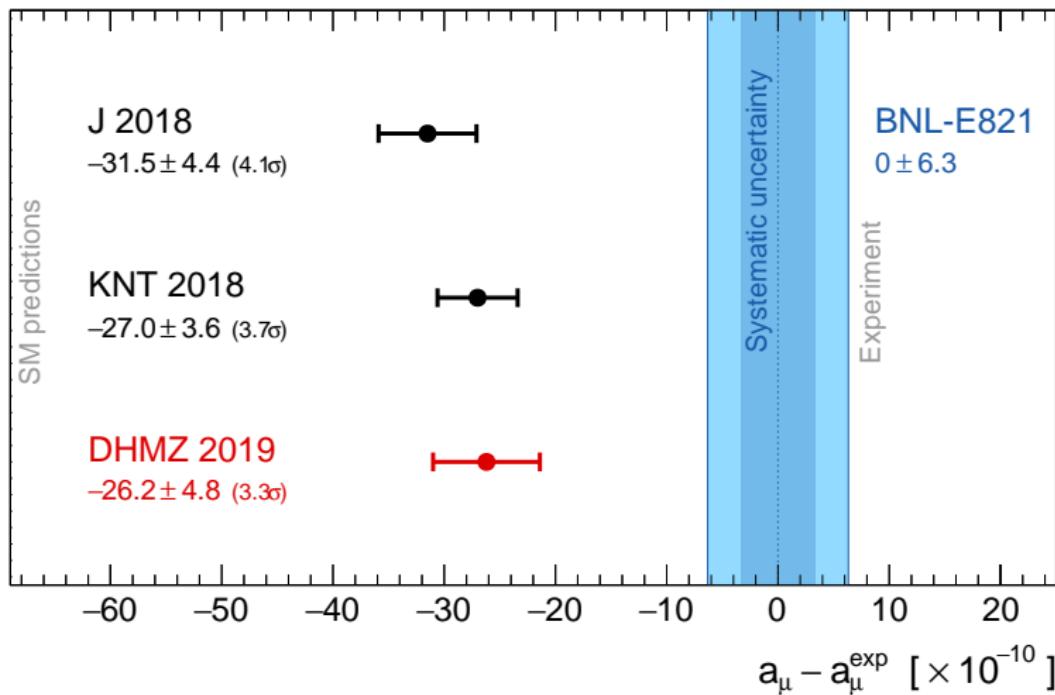
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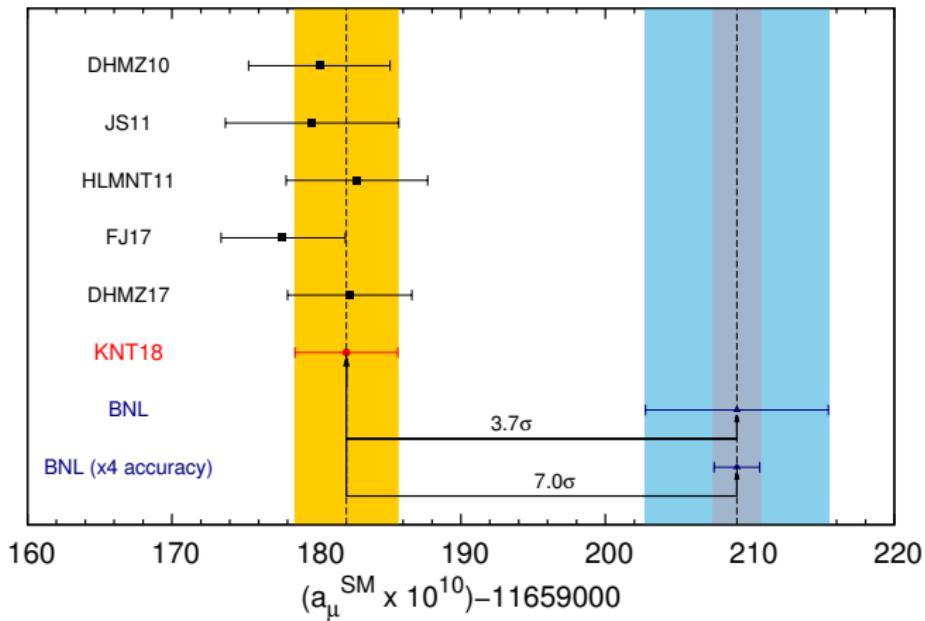
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Davier, Hoecker, Malaescu, Zhang 2019



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Keshavarzi, Nomura, Teubner, 2018 (KNT18)



Fermilab experiment's goal: error $\times 1/4$, should be matched by theory:
⇒ Muon “ $(g - 2)$ Theory Initiative” lead by A. El-Khadra and C. Lehner

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KNT 18

	$a_\mu [10^{-11}]$	$\Delta a_\mu [10^{-11}]$
experiment	116 592 089.	63.
QED $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$	116 140 973.21	0.03
QED $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$	413 217.63	0.01
QED $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$	30 141.90	0.00
QED $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$	381.01	0.02
QED $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^5)$	5.09	0.01
QED total	116 584 718.97	0.07
electroweak, total	153.6	1.0
HVP (LO) [KNT 18]	6 932.7	24.6
HVP (NLO) [KNT 18]	-98.2	0.4
HLbL [update of Glasgow consensus–KNT 18]	98.0	26.0
HVP (NNLO) [Kurz, Liu, Marquard, Steinhauser 14]	12.4	0.1
HLbL (NLO) [GC, Hoferichter, Nyffeler, Passera, Stoffer 14]	3.0	2.0
theory	116 591 820.5	35.6

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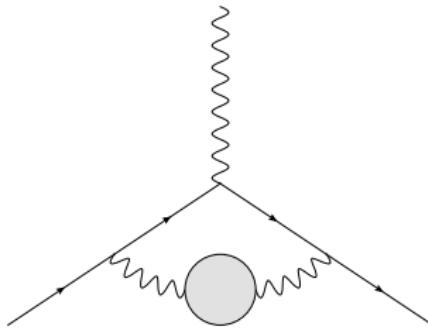
$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 268.5 \pm 72.4 \quad [3.7\sigma]$$

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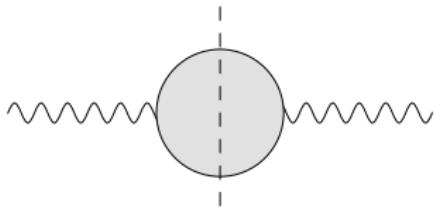
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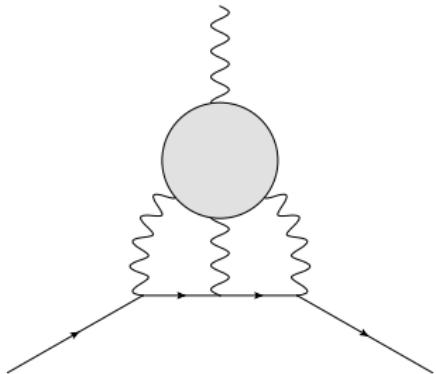


- ▶ basic principles: unitarity and analyticity
- ▶ direct relation to experiment: $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$
- ▶ dedicated e^+e^- program: BaBar, Belle, BESIII, CMD3, KLOE2, SND
- ▶ **alternative approach:** lattice
(ETMC, Mainz, HPQCD, BMW, RBC/UKQCD)

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- ▶ Hadronic light-by-light (HLbL) is more problematic:



- ▶ 4-point fct. of em currents in QCD
- ▶ “*it cannot be expressed in terms of measurable quantities*”
- ▶ until recently, only model calculations
- ▶ lattice QCD is making fast progress

→ talk by Gérardin

Muon $g - 2$ Theory Initiative

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Lee Roberts (Fermilab E989 experiment)

Thomas Teubner

Workshops:

- ▶ First plenary meeting, Q-Center (Fermilab), 3-6 June 2017
- ▶ HVP WG workshop, KEK (Japan), 12-14 February 2018
- ▶ HLbL WG workshop, U. of Connecticut, 12-14 March 2018
- ▶ Second plenary meeting, Mainz, 18-22 June 2018
- ▶ Third plenary meeting, Seattle, 9-13 September 2019

Different model-based evaluations of HLbL

Jegerlehner-Nyffeler 2009

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Advantages of the dispersive approach

- ▶ model independent
- ▶ unambiguous definition of the various contributions
- ▶ makes a data-driven evaluation possible
(in principle)
- ▶ First attempts:
 - GC, Hoferichter, Procura, Stoffer (14)
 - Pauk, Vanderhaeghen (14)
- ▶ similar philosophy, with a different implementation:
Schwinger sum rule
 - Hagelstein, Pascalutsa (17)
- ▶ why hasn't this been adopted before?

The HLbL tensor

HLbL tensor:

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = i^3 \int dx \int dy \int dz e^{-i(x \cdot q_1 + y \cdot q_2 + z \cdot q_3)} \langle 0 | T \{ j^\mu(x) j^\nu(y) j^\lambda(z) j^\sigma(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$q_4 = k = q_1 + q_2 + q_3 \quad k^2 = 0$$

General Lorentz-invariant decomposition:

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = g^{\mu\nu} g^{\lambda\sigma} \Pi^1 + g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\sigma} \Pi^2 + g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\lambda} \Pi^3 + \sum_{i,j,k,l} q_i^\mu q_j^\nu q_k^\lambda q_l^\sigma \Pi_{ijkl}^4 + \dots$$

consists of 138 scalar functions $\{\Pi^1, \Pi^2, \dots\}$, but in $d = 4$ only 136 are linearly independent

Eichmann *et al.* (14)

Constraints due to gauge invariance? (see also Eichmann, Fischer, Heupel (2015))

⇒ Apply the Bardeen-Tung (68) method+Tarrach (75) addition

Gauge-invariant hadronic light-by-light tensor

Applying the Bardeen-Tung-Tarrach method to $\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$ one ends up with:

GC, Hoferichter, Procura, Stoffer (2015)

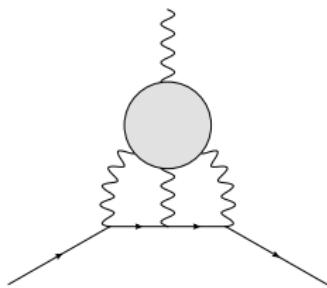
- ▶ 43 basis tensors (BT) in $d = 4$: 41=no. of helicity amplitudes
- ▶ 11 additional ones (T) to guarantee basis completeness everywhere
- ▶ of these 54 only 7 are distinct structures
- ▶ all remaining 47 can be obtained by crossing transformations of these 7: **manifest crossing symmetry**
- ▶ the dynamical calculation needed to fully determine the LbL tensor concerns these 7 scalar amplitudes

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^{54} T_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \Pi_i$$

Master Formula

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = -e^6 \int \frac{d^4 q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 q_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{12} \hat{T}_i(q_1, q_2; p) \hat{\Pi}_i(q_1, q_2, -q_1 - q_2)}{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1 + q_2)^2 [(p + q_1)^2 - m_\mu^2] [(p - q_2)^2 - m_\mu^2]}$$

- ▶ \hat{T}_i : known kernel functions
- ▶ $\hat{\Pi}_i$: linear combinations of the Π_i
- ▶ the Π_i are amenable to a dispersive treatment: their imaginary parts are related to measurable subprocesses
- ▶ 5 integrals can be performed with Gegenbauer polynomial techniques



Master Formula

After performing the 5 integrations:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = \frac{2\alpha^3}{48\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dQ_1^4 \int_0^\infty dQ_2^4 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau \sqrt{1 - \tau^2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} T_i(Q_1, Q_2, \tau) \bar{\Pi}_i(Q_1, Q_2, \tau)$$

where Q_i^μ are the **Wick-rotated** four-momenta and τ the four-dimensional angle between Euclidean momenta:

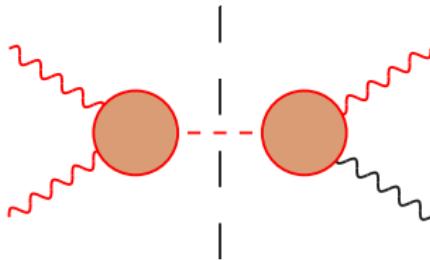
$$Q_1 \cdot Q_2 = |Q_1||Q_2|\tau$$

The integration variables $Q_1 := |Q_1|$, $Q_2 := |Q_2|$.

Setting up the dispersive calculation

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Pion pole: imaginary parts = δ -functions

Projection on the BTT basis: easy ✓

Our master formula=explicit expressions in the literature ✓

Input: pion transition form factor

Hoferichter et al. (18)

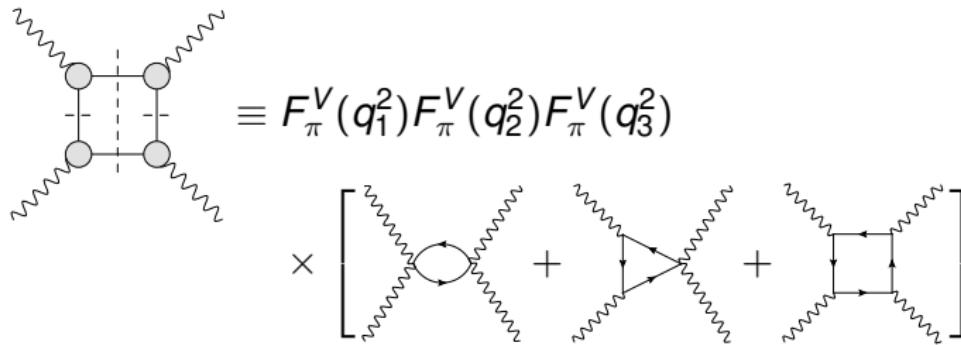
First results of direct lattice calculations

Gerardin, Meyer, Nyffeler (16,19)

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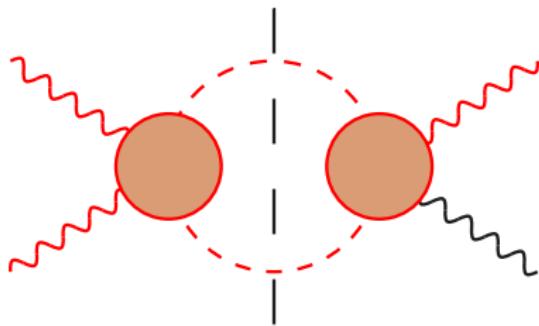
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The “rest” with 2π intermediate states has cuts only in one channel and will be calculated dispersively after partial-wave expansion

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Cuts with states $\neq \pi$ or 2π are neglected

η, η' or the K -loop contribution can be calculated analogously

Pion-pole contribution

Latest complete analyses:

- ▶ Dispersive calculation of the pion TFF

Hoferichter et al. (18)

$$a_\mu^{\pi^0} = 63.0_{-2.1}^{+2.7} \times 10^{-11}$$

- ▶ Padé-Canterbury approximants

Masjuan & Sanchez-Puertas (17)

$$a_\mu^{\pi^0} = 63.6(2.7) \times 10^{-11}$$

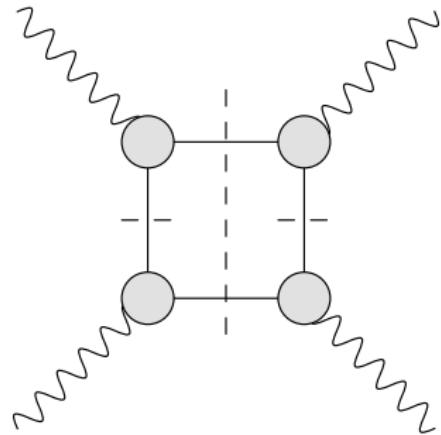
- ▶ Lattice

Gérardin, Meyer, Nyffeler (19)

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Pion-box contribution

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{FsQED}} + \bar{\Pi}_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + \dots$$



Pion-box contribution

The only ingredient needed for the pion-box contribution is the vector form factor

$$\hat{\Pi}_i^{\pi\text{-box}} = F_\pi^V(q_1^2)F_\pi^V(q_2^2)F_\pi^V(q_3^2) \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy I_i(x, y),$$

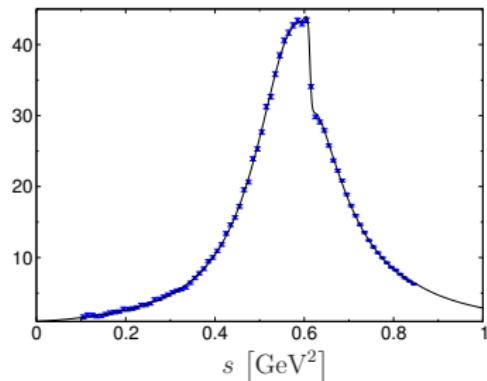
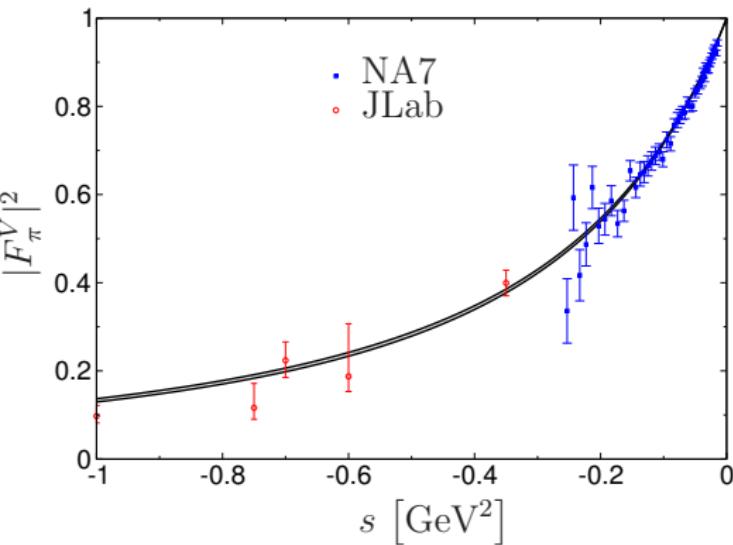
where

$$I_1(x, y) = \frac{8xy(1-2x)(1-2y)}{\Delta_{123}\Delta_{23}},$$

and analogous expressions for $I_{4,7,17,39,54}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{123} &= M_\pi^2 - xyq_1^2 - x(1-x-y)q_2^2 - y(1-x-y)q_3^2, \\ \Delta_{23} &= M_\pi^2 - x(1-x)q_2^2 - y(1-y)q_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

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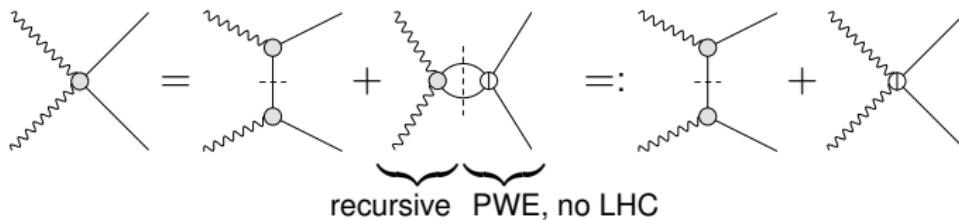


Uncertainties are negligibly small:

$$a_\mu^{\text{FsQED}} = -15.9(2) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

First evaluation of S - wave 2π -rescattering

Omnès solution for $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$ provides the following:

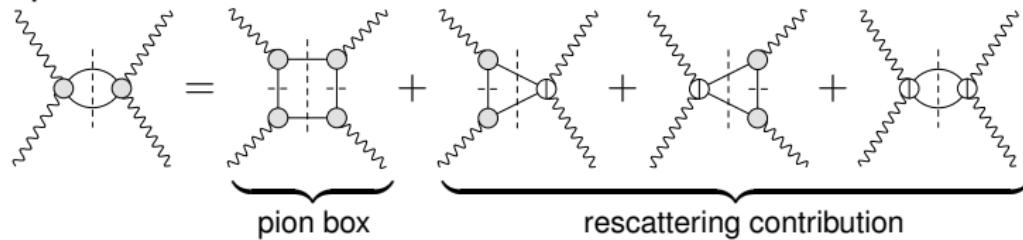


S-wave contribution below ~ 1 GeV:

$$a_{\mu, J=0}^{\pi\pi, \pi\text{-pole LHC}} = -8(1) \times 10^{-11}$$

Two-pion contribution to $(g - 2)_\mu$ from HLbL

Two-pion contributions to HLbL:



$$a_\mu^{\pi\text{-box}} + a_{\mu,J=0}^{\pi\pi,\pi\text{-pole LHC}} = -24(1) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Contributions from above 1 GeV and higher partial waves are
work in progress

Short-distance constraints

Two different kinematic configurations for large Q_i^2 :

1. All momenta large

Melnikov-Vainshtein (04), Bijnens et al (19)

$$\lim_{Q \rightarrow \infty} Q^4 \bar{\Pi}_1(Q, Q, Q) = -\frac{4}{9\pi^2}.$$

2. $Q^2 \equiv Q_1^2 \sim Q_2^2 \gg Q_3^2$:

Melnikov-Vainshtein (04)

$$\lim_{Q_3 \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{Q \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 Q_3^2 \bar{\Pi}_1(Q, Q, Q_3) = -\frac{2}{3\pi^2}$$

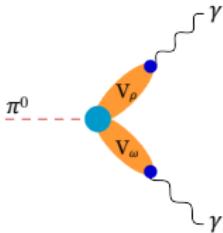
In fact, in the chiral (and large- N_c) limit

$$\lim_{Q \rightarrow \infty} Q^2 \bar{\Pi}_1(Q, Q, Q_3) = -\frac{2}{3\pi^2 Q_3^2}$$

the Q_3^2 dependence is known exactly

Contributions discussed so far do not satisfy these constraints

A Regge-like large- N_C inspired model



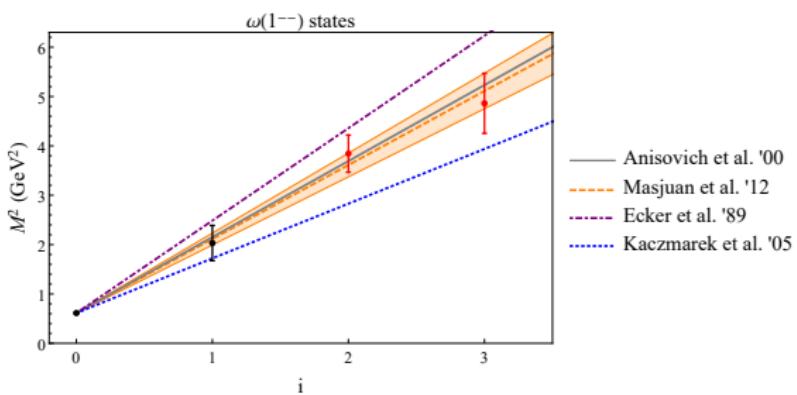
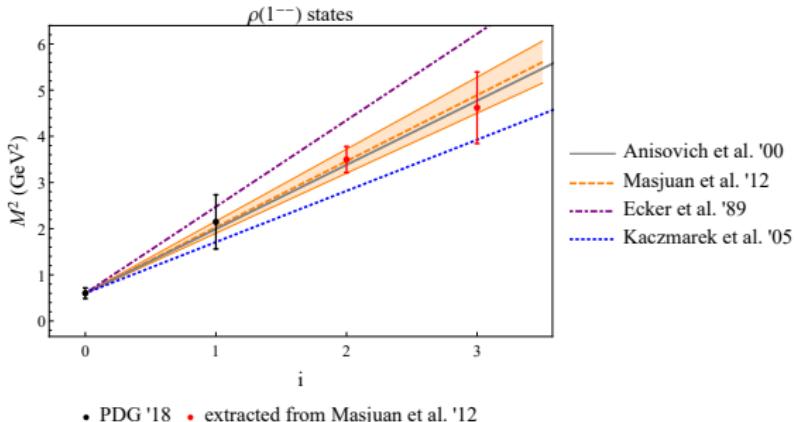
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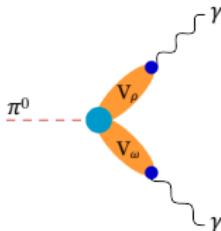
$$M_{V_{\rho,\omega}}^2 = M_{\rho,\omega}^2(i_{\rho,\omega}) = M_{\rho,\omega}^2(0) + i_{\rho,\omega} \sigma_{\rho,\omega}^2$$

Masjuan, Broniowski, Ruiz Arriola (12)

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similarly for “excited pions”, described by a Regge-like model:

$$m_\pi^2(n) = \begin{cases} m_{\pi^0}^2 & n = 0, \\ m_0^2 + n \sigma_\pi^2 & n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

Satisfying short-distance constraints

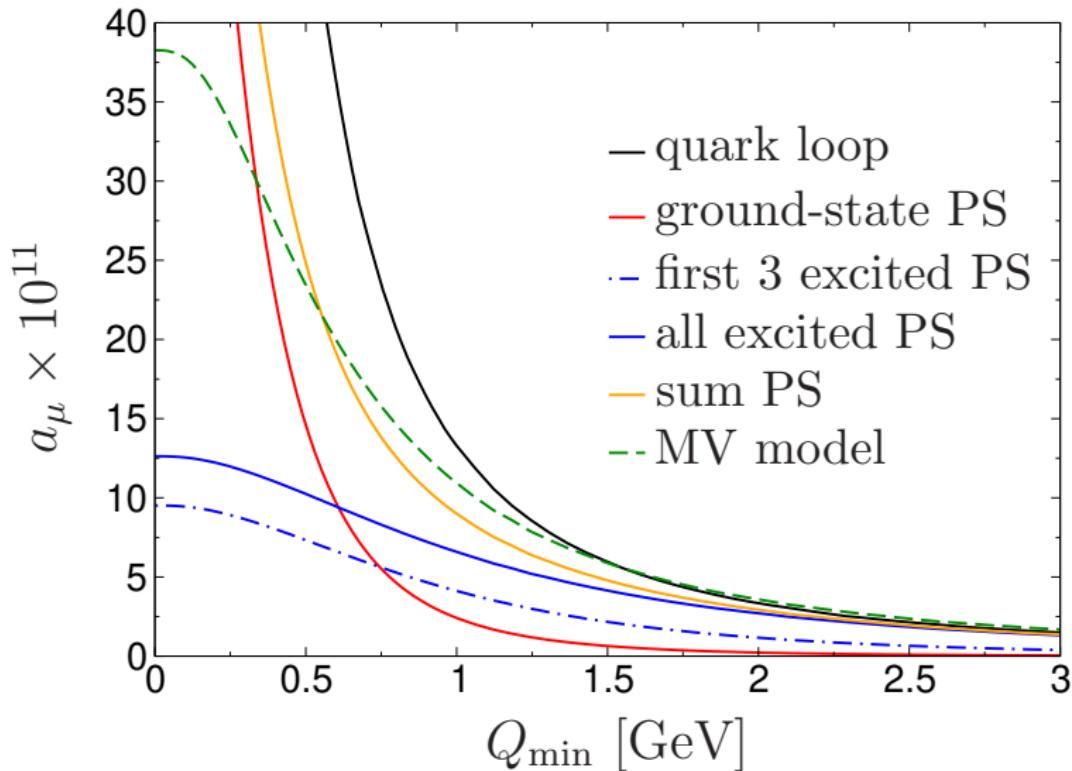
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{Q_3 \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\tilde{Q} \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{F_{\pi^{(n)}\gamma^*\gamma^*}(\tilde{Q}^2, \tilde{Q}^2) F_{\pi^{(n)}\gamma\gamma^*}(Q_3^2)}{Q_3^2 + m_{\pi^{(n)}}^2} = \\ = \frac{1}{6\pi^2} \frac{1}{\tilde{Q}^2} \frac{1}{Q_3^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\tilde{Q}^{-2} Q_3^{-4}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where $F_{\pi^{(n)}\gamma^*\gamma^*}$ is the TFF of the n -th radially-excited pion

The infinite sum over excited pions changes the large- Q_3^2 behaviour from Q_3^{-4} (single pion pole) to Q_3^{-2}

The model only works away from the chiral limit

Matching to the quark loop



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Final result:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta a_\mu^{\text{LSDC}} &= [8.7(5.5)_{\text{PS-poles}} + 4.6(9)_{\text{pQCD}}] \times 10^{-11} \\ &= 13(6) \times 10^{-11}\end{aligned}$$

Significantly smaller than estimated by Melnikov-Vainshtein :

$$\bar{\Pi}_1(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3) = \frac{F_{\pi\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}}{Q_3^2 + M_\pi^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta a_\mu^{\text{MV}} &= 24 \times 10^{-11} && \text{(using 2004 TFF)} \\ &\rightarrow 38 \times 10^{-11} && \text{(using today's TFF)}\end{aligned}$$

White Paper Summary of HLbL (preliminary!)

Contributions to $10^{11} \cdot a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$

- ▶ Pseudoscalar poles $= 93.8^{+4.0}_{-3.6}$
- ▶ pion box (kaon box ~ -0.5) $= -15.9(2)$
- ▶ S-wave $\pi\pi$ rescattering $= -8(1)$

Partial total: 69.9 ± 4.1

- ▶ scalars and tensors with $M_R > 1$ GeV $\sim -2(3)$
- ▶ axial vectors $\sim 6(5)$
- ▶ short-distance contribution $\sim 15(10)$
- ▶ c-quark loop $\sim 3(1)$

Final result: 91 ± 18

Uncertainties added in quadrature: $\longrightarrow 12$

Improvements obtained with the dispersive approach

Contribution	PdRV(09)	N/JN(09)	J(17)	Our estimate
π^0, η, η' -poles	114 ± 13	99 ± 16	95.45 ± 12.40	93.8 ± 4.0
π, K -loop/box	-19 ± 19	-19 ± 13	-20 ± 5	-16.4 ± 0.2
S-wave $\pi\pi$	-7 ± 7	-7 ± 2	-5.98 ± 1.20	-8 ± 1
subtotal	88 ± 24	73 ± 21	69.5 ± 13.4	69.4 ± 4.1
scalars	—	—	—	-2 ± 3
tensors	—	—	1.1 ± 0.1	
axial vectors	15 ± 10	22 ± 5	7.55 ± 2.71	6 ± 5
q -loops / SD	—	21 ± 3	20 ± 4	15 ± 10
c -loop	2.3	—	2.3 ± 0.2	3 ± 1
total	105 ± 26	116 ± 39	100.4 ± 28.2	91 ± 18

HLbL in units of 10^{-11} .

PdRV = Prades, de Rafael, Vainshtein (“Glasgow consensus”);
 N = Nyffeler; J = Jegerlehner

Conclusions

- ▶ The HLbL contribution to $(g - 2)_\mu$ can be expressed in terms of measurable quantities in a dispersive approach
- ▶ master formula: HLbL contribution to a_μ as triple-integral over scalar functions which satisfy dispersion relations
- ▶ relevant observable depends on the intermediate state:
 - ▶ single-pion contribution: pion transition form factor
 - ▶ pion-box contribution: pion vector form factor
 - ▶ 2-pion rescattering: $\gamma^* \gamma^{(*)} \rightarrow \pi\pi$ helicity amplitudesthese have been calculated with very small uncertainties
- ▶ short-distance constraints can be satisfied (impact: $\sim 15\%$)
- ▶ The goal of matching the experimental reduction of the uncertainty with a similar reduction on the theory side is being achieved (work in progress...)

Backup Slides

The Melnikov-Vainshtein model at low q^2

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Asymptotic limit, $q_1^2 = q_2^2 = \hat{q}^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ exact in q_3^2 :

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 \Big|_{m_q=0} = -\frac{1}{6\pi^2} \frac{1}{\hat{q}^2 q_3^2} + \mathcal{O}(\hat{q}^{-3})$$

implies

$$G(\hat{q}^2, \hat{q}^2, q_3^2) \Big|_{m_q=0} = \frac{2F_\pi}{3\hat{q}^2} \frac{F_{\pi\gamma\gamma^*}(q_3^2) - F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}}{q_3^2} \Big|_{m_q=0} + \mathcal{O}(\hat{q}^{-3}) .$$

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which implies the assumption

$$G(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) \Big|_{m_q=0} = -F_{\pi\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \frac{F_{\pi\gamma\gamma^*}(q_3^2) - F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}}{q_3^2} \Big|_{m_q=0}.$$

for which there is no justification whatsoever