

Dispersion relation for hadronic light-by-light scattering

Peter Stoffer

Physics Department, UC San Diego

in collaboration with G. Colangelo, M. Hoferichter, and M. Procura

JHEP **04** (2017) 161, [arXiv:1702.07347 [hep-ph]]

Phys. Rev. Lett. **118** (2017) 232001, [arXiv:1701.06554 [hep-ph]]

JHEP **09** (2015) 074, [arXiv:1506.01386 [hep-ph]]

JHEP **09** (2014) 091, [arXiv:1402.7081 [hep-ph]]

and with G. Colangelo, M. Hoferichter, B. Kubis, and M. Procura

Phys. Lett. **B738** (2014) 6, [arXiv:1408.2517 [hep-ph]]

December 13, 2017

Jefferson Lab Theory Seminar, Newport News

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 5 Dispersive representation
- 6 Conclusion and outlook

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 5 Dispersive representation
- 6 Conclusion and outlook

Magnetic moment

- relation of spin and magnetic moment of a lepton:

$$\vec{\mu}_\ell = g_\ell \frac{e}{2m_\ell} \vec{s}$$

g_ℓ : Landé factor, gyromagnetic ratio

- Dirac's prediction: $g_e = 2$
- anomalous magnetic moment: $a_\ell = (g_\ell - 2)/2$
- helped to establish QED and QFT as the framework for elementary particle physics
- today: probing not only QED but entire SM

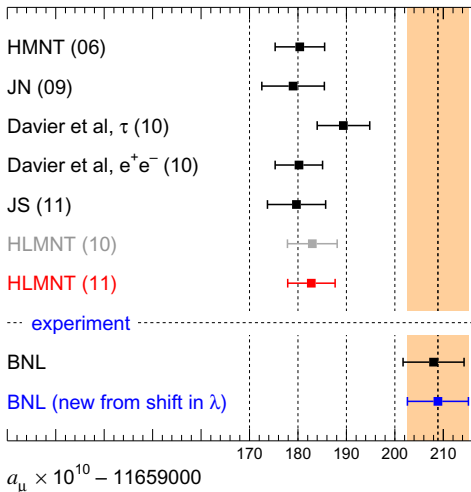
Electron vs. muon magnetic moments

- influence of heavier virtual particles of mass M scales as

$$\frac{\Delta a_\ell}{a_\ell} \propto \frac{m_\ell^2}{M^2}$$

- a_e used to determine α_{QED}
- $(m_\mu/m_e)^2 \approx 4 \times 10^4 \Rightarrow$ muon is much more sensitive to new physics, but also to EW and hadronic contributions
- a_τ experimentally not yet known precisely enough

$(g - 2)_\mu$: comparison of theory and experiment



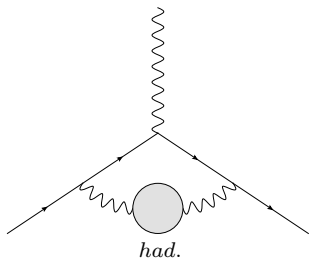
→ Hagiwara et al. 2012

$(g - 2)_\mu$: theory vs. experiment

- discrepancy between SM and experiment $\sim 3\sigma$
- hint to new physics?
- new experiments (FNAL, J-PARC) aim at reducing the experimental error by a factor of 4
- theory error completely dominated by hadronic effects

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$**
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 5 Dispersive representation
- 6 Conclusion and outlook

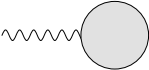
Hadronic vacuum polarisation: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$



- problem: QCD is non-perturbative at low energies
- first principle calculations (lattice QCD) may become competitive in the future
- current evaluations based on dispersion relations and data

Hadronic vacuum polarisation: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

Photon hadronic vacuum polarisation function:



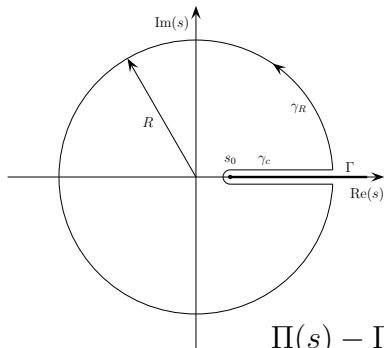
$$\text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{circle} \text{---} \text{wavy line} = -i(q^2 g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu) \Pi(q^2)$$

Unitarity of the S -matrix implies the optical theorem:

$$\text{Im}\Pi(s) = \frac{s}{e(s)^2} \sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$$

Dispersion relation

Causality implies analyticity:



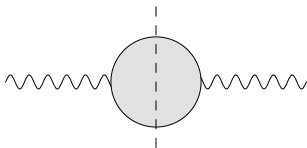
Cauchy integral formula:

$$\Pi(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\Pi(s')}{s' - s} ds'$$

Deform integration path:

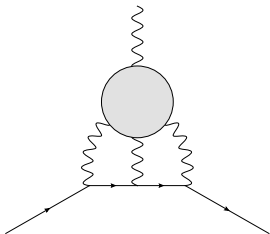
$$\Pi(s) - \Pi(0) = \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s')}{(s' - s - i\epsilon)s'} ds'$$

Hadronic vacuum polarisation: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$



- basic principles: unitarity and analyticity
- direct relation to experiment: total hadronic cross section $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$
- at present: dominant theoretical uncertainty
- can be systematically improved: dedicated e^+e^- program (BaBar, Belle, BESIII, CMD3, KLOE2, SND)

Hadronic light-by-light (HLbL) scattering



- up to now only model calculations
- uncertainty estimate based rather on consensus than on a systematic method
- with recent progress on vacuum polarisation, HLbL starts to dominate theory error

② Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$

SM contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$

	$10^{11} \times a_\mu$	$10^{11} \times \Delta a_\mu$	
BNL E821	116 592 089	63	→ PDG 2016
QED total	116 584 718.95	0.08	→ Kinoshita et al. 2012
EW	153.6	1.0	→ Gnendiger et al. 2013
LO HVP	6 949	43	→ Hagiwara et al. 2011
NLO HVP	-98	1	→ Hagiwara et al. 2011
NNLO HVP	12.4	0.1	→ Kurz et al. 2014
LO HLbL	116	40	→ Jegerlehner, Nyffeler 2009
NLO HLbL	3	2	→ Colangelo et al. 2014
Hadronic total	6982	59	
Theory total	116 591 855	59	

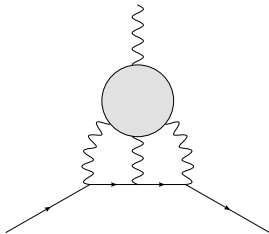
Model calculations of HLbL

Contribution	BPP	HKS	KN	MV	BP	PdRV	N/JN
π^0, η, η'	85 ± 13	82.7 ± 6.4	83 ± 12	114 ± 10	–	114 ± 13	99 ± 16
π, K loops	-19 ± 13	-4.5 ± 8.1	–	–	–	-19 ± 19	-19 ± 13
π, K loops + other subleading in N_c	–	–	–	0 ± 10	–	–	–
axial vectors	2.5 ± 1.0	1.7 ± 1.7	–	22 ± 5	–	15 ± 10	22 ± 5
scalars	-6.8 ± 2.0	–	–	–	–	-7 ± 7	-7 ± 2
quark loops	21 ± 3	9.7 ± 11.1	–	–	–	2.3	21 ± 3
total	83 ± 32	89.6 ± 15.4	80 ± 40	136 ± 25	110 ± 40	105 ± 26	116 ± 39

→ Jegerlehner, Nyffeler (2009)

- pseudoscalar pole contribution most important
- pion-loop second most important
- differences between models, large uncertainties

How to improve HLbL calculation?



- make use of fundamental principles:
 - gauge invariance, crossing symmetry
 - unitarity, analyticity
- relate HLbL to experimentally accessible quantities

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor**
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 5 Dispersive representation
- 6 Conclusion and outlook

The HLbL tensor: definitions

- hadronic four-point function:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(q_1, q_2, q_3) \\ &= -i \int dx dy dz e^{-i(q_1 \cdot x + q_2 \cdot y + q_3 \cdot z)} \langle 0 | T j_{\text{em}}^\mu(x) j_{\text{em}}^\nu(y) j_{\text{em}}^\lambda(z) j_{\text{em}}^\sigma(0) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- EM current:

$$j_{\text{em}}^\mu = \sum_{i=u,d,s} Q_i \bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu q_i$$

The HLbL tensor: definitions

- helicity amplitudes for the process

$$\gamma^*(q_1, \lambda_1)\gamma^*(q_2, \lambda_2) \rightarrow \gamma^*(-q_3, \lambda_3)\gamma(q_4, \lambda_4):$$

$$H_{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4} = \epsilon_\mu^{\lambda_1}\epsilon_\nu^{\lambda_2}\epsilon_\lambda^{\lambda_3*}\epsilon_\sigma^{\lambda_4*}\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

- Mandelstam variables:

$$s = (q_1 + q_2)^2, t = (q_1 + q_3)^2, u = (q_2 + q_3)^2$$

- for $(g - 2)_\mu$, the external photon is on shell:

$$q_4^2 = 0, \text{ where } q_4 = q_1 + q_2 + q_3$$

The HLbL tensor

- a priori 138 ‘naive’ Lorentz structures:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} &= g^{\mu\nu} g^{\lambda\sigma} \Pi^1 + g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\sigma} \Pi^2 + g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\lambda} \Pi^3 \\ &+ \sum_{i,k,l,m} q_i^\mu q_j^\nu q_k^\lambda q_l^\sigma \Pi_{ijkl}^4 \\ &+ \sum_{i,j} g^{\lambda\sigma} q_i^\mu q_j^\nu \Pi_{ij}^5 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- in 4 space-time dimensions: 2 linear relations among the 138 Lorentz structures → [Eichmann et al. \(2014\)](#)
- six dynamical variables, e.g. two Mandelstam variables s, t and the photon virtualities $q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2, q_4^2$

HLbL tensor: gauge invariance

- Ward identities

$$\{q_1^\mu, q_2^\nu, q_3^\lambda, q_4^\sigma\} \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = 0$$

imply 95 linear relations between scalar functions Π_i

- off-shell basis: $138 - 95 - 2 = 41$ structures
- corresponding to 41 helicity amplitudes
- relations between Π_i imply kinematic zeros

HLbL tensor: Lorentz decomposition

Solution for the Lorentz decomposition, following a recipe by Bardeen, Tung (1968) and Tarrach (1975):

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = \sum_{i=1}^{54} T_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \Pi_i(s, t, u; q_j^2)$$

- Lorentz structures manifestly gauge invariant
- crossing symmetry manifest: only 7 distinct structures, 47 follow from crossing
- scalar functions Π_i free of kinematic singularities
⇒ ideal quantities for a dispersive treatment

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$**
- 5 Dispersive representation
- 6 Conclusion and outlook

Master formula: contribution to $(g - 2)_\mu$

- from gauge invariance:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} = -q_4^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial q_4^\rho} \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

- for $(g - 2)_\mu$: afterwards take $q_4 \rightarrow 0$
- no kinematic singularities in scalar functions: perform these steps with the derived Lorentz decomposition
- only 12 linear combinations of the scalar functions Π_i contribute to $(g - 2)_\mu$

Master formula: contribution to $(g - 2)_\mu$

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

- \hat{T}_i : known integration kernel functions
- five loop integrals can be performed with Gegenbauer polynomial techniques
- Wick rotation possible even in the presence of anomalous thresholds

Master formula: contribution to $(g - 2)_\mu$

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

- T_i : known integration kernels
- $\bar{\Pi}_i$: linear combinations of the scalar functions Π_i
- Euclidean momenta: $Q_i^2 = -q_i^2$
- $Q_3^2 = Q_1^2 + Q_2^2 + 2Q_1Q_2\tau$

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 5 Dispersive representation**
- 6 Conclusion and outlook

Analytic properties of scalar functions

- right- and left-hand cuts in each Mandelstam variable
- double-spectral regions (box topologies)
- anomalous thresholds for large photon virtualities

Mandelstam representation

- we limit ourselves to intermediate states of at most two pions
- writing down a double-spectral (Mandelstam) representation allows us to split up the HLbL tensor:

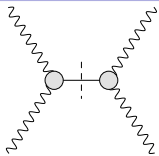
$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{box}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\pi} + \dots$$

Mandelstam representation

- we limit ourselves to intermediate states of at most two pions
- writing down a double-spectral (Mandelstam) representation allows us to split up the HLbL tensor:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{box}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\pi} + \dots$$

one-pion intermediate state:

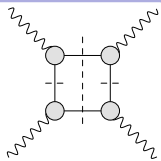


Mandelstam representation

- we limit ourselves to intermediate states of at most two pions
- writing down a double-spectral (Mandelstam) representation allows us to split up the HLbL tensor:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{box}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\pi} + \dots$$

two-pion intermediate state in both channels:

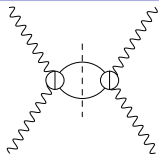


Mandelstam representation

- we limit ourselves to intermediate states of at most two pions
- writing down a double-spectral (Mandelstam) representation allows us to split up the HLbL tensor:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{box}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\pi} + \dots$$

two-pion intermediate state in first channel:



Mandelstam representation

- we limit ourselves to intermediate states of at most two pions
- writing down a double-spectral (Mandelstam) representation allows us to split up the HLbL tensor:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{box}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\pi} + \dots$$

future work: higher intermediate states

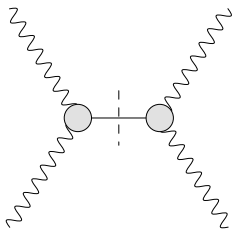
Mandelstam representation

- we limit ourselves to intermediate states of at most two pions
- writing down a double-spectral (Mandelstam) representation allows us to split up the HLbL tensor:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\text{box}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\pi} + \dots$$

- the limit $q_4 \rightarrow 0$ for $(g-2)_\mu$ is taken in the end

Pion pole



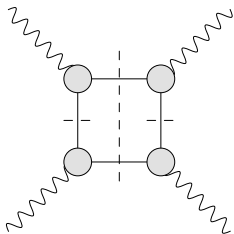
$$\Pi_1^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} = \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma}(q_3^2, 0)}{s - M_\pi^2}$$

$$\Pi_{2,3}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} \text{ via crossing symmetry}$$

- input: doubly-virtual and singly-virtual pion transition form factors $\mathcal{F}_{\gamma^*\gamma^*\pi^0}$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\gamma^*\gamma\pi^0}$
- pion is on shell
- dispersive analysis of transition form factor:

→ Hoferichter et al., EPJC **74** (2014) 3180

Box contributions



- simultaneous two-pion cuts in two channels
- Mandelstam representation explicitly constructed

$$\Pi_i^{\pi\text{-box}} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int ds' dt' \frac{\rho_i^{st}(s', t')}{(s' - s)(t' - t)} + (t \leftrightarrow u) + (s \leftrightarrow u)$$

- q^2 -dependence: pion vector form factors $F_\pi^V(q_i^2)$ for each off-shell photon factor out

Box contributions

- sQED loop projected on BTT basis fulfils the same Mandelstam representation
- only difference are factors of F_π^V
- \Rightarrow box topologies are identical to FsQED:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Box diagram} \equiv F_\pi^V(q_1^2) F_\pi^V(q_2^2) F_\pi^V(q_3^2) \\
 & \times \left[\text{Bubble} + \text{Triangle} + \text{Box} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- model-independent definition of pion loop

Box contributions

Very simple expressions for box contributions in terms of Feynman parameter integrals

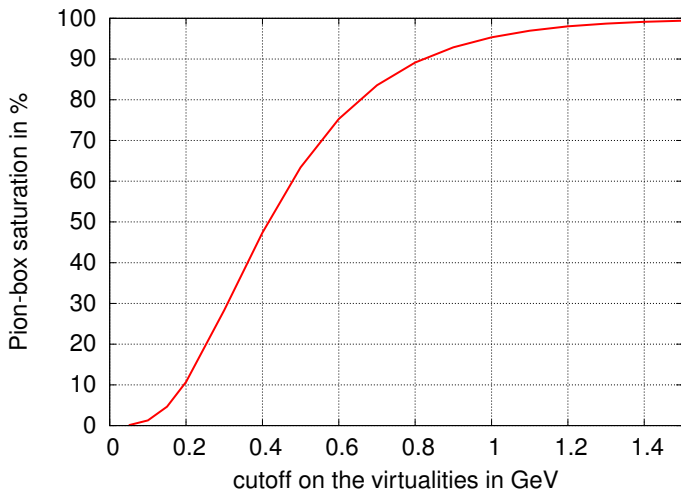
$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_i^{\pi\text{-box}}(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) &= F_\pi^V(q_1^2) F_\pi^V(q_2^2) F_\pi^V(q_3^2) \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy I_i(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

with e.g.

$$I_7(x, y) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{(1-2x)^2(1-2y)^2y(1-y)}{\Delta_{123}^3},$$

$$\Delta_{ijk} = M_\pi^2 - xyq_i^2 - x(1-x-y)q_j^2 - y(1-x-y)q_k^2.$$

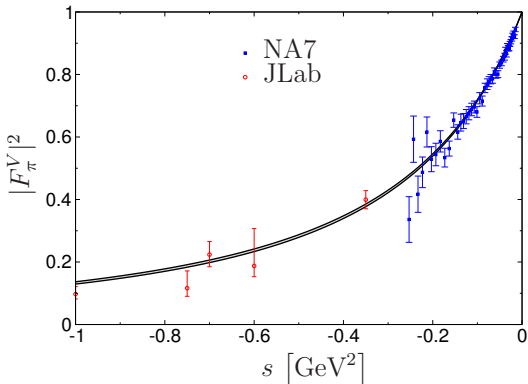
Pion-box saturation with photon virtualities



Box contributions

F_π^V : fit of dispersive representation to time- and space-like data

Result: $a_\mu^{\pi\text{-box}} = -15.9(2) \times 10^{-11}$



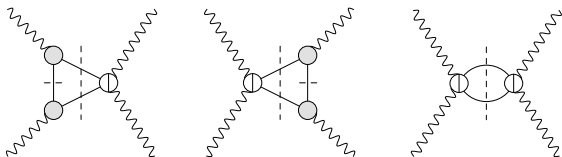
Helicity formalism and sum rules

- construction of singly-on-shell basis: unphysical helicity amplitudes drop out, 27 elements remain
- uniform asymptotic behaviour of the full tensor together with BTT tensor decomposition leads to 15 HLbL sum rules:

$$0 = \int ds' \text{Im} \check{\Pi}_i(s') \Big|_{t=q_2^2, q_4^2=0}$$

- can be expressed in terms of helicity amplitudes

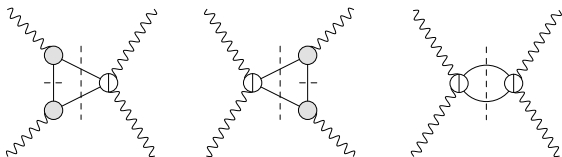
Rescattering contribution



- neglect left-hand cut due to multi-particle intermediate states in crossed channel
- two-pion cut in only one channel:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_i^{\pi\pi} = & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt' \frac{\text{Im}\Pi_i^{\pi\pi}(s, t', u')}{t' - t} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} du' \frac{\text{Im}\Pi_i^{\pi\pi}(s, t', u')}{u' - u} \right. \\ & + \text{fixed-}t \\ & \left. + \text{fixed-}u \right) \end{aligned}$$

Rescattering contribution



- unitarity gives imaginary parts in terms of helicity amplitudes for $\gamma^* \gamma^{(*)} \rightarrow \pi\pi$
- basis change to helicity amplitudes calculated
- expansion into partial waves
- framework valid for arbitrary partial waves
- resummation of PW expansion reproduces full result: checked for pion box

Convergence of partial-wave expansion

Relative deviation from full result: $1 - \frac{a_{\mu, J_{\max}}^{\pi\text{-box, PW}}}{a_{\mu}^{\pi\text{-box}}}$

J_{\max}	fixed- s	fixed- t	fixed- u	average
0	100.0%	-6.2%	-6.2%	29.2%
2	26.1%	-2.3%	7.3%	10.4%
4	10.8%	-1.5%	3.6%	4.3%
6	5.7%	-0.7%	2.1%	2.4%
8	3.5%	-0.4%	1.3%	1.5%
10	2.3%	-0.2%	0.9%	1.0%
12	1.7%	-0.1%	0.7%	0.7%
14	1.3%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.6%
16	1.0%	-0.0%	0.4%	0.4%

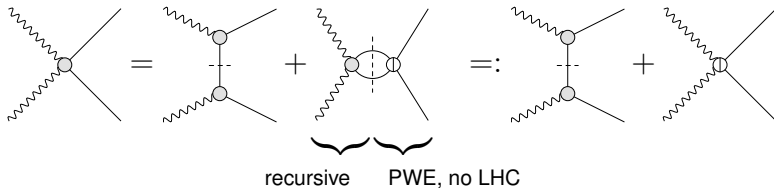
The subprocess

Helicity amplitudes for $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$: dispersive solution of the S -wave unitarity relation with Omnès methods

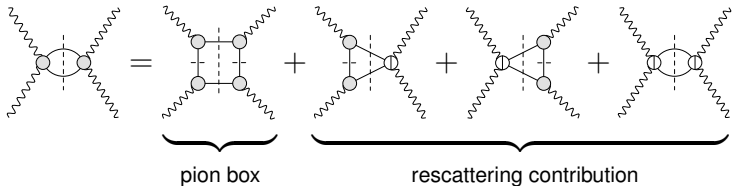
- pion-pole approximation to left-hand cut
 $\Rightarrow q^2$ -dependence again given by F_π^V
- phase shifts based on modified inverse-amplitude method
- low-energy properties accurately reproduced, including $f_0(500)$ parameters
- fully consistent with π^\pm polarisabilities
- result for S -waves: $a_{\mu, J=0}^{\pi\pi, \pi\text{-pole LHC}} = -8(1) \times 10^{-11}$

Topologies in the rescattering contribution

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



Two-pion contributions to HLbL:



- 1 Introduction
- 2 Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 3 Lorentz structure of the HLbL tensor
- 4 Master formula for $(g - 2)_\mu$
- 5 Dispersive representation
- 6 Conclusion and outlook**

Results for two-pion contributions

Pion-box contribution:

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi\text{-box}} = -15.9(2) \times 10^{-11}$$

S-wave rescattering contribution:

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

Summary

- our dispersive approach to HLbL scattering is based on fundamental principles:
 - gauge invariance, crossing symmetry
 - unitarity, analyticity
- we take into account the lowest intermediate states:
 π^0 -pole and $\pi\pi$ -cuts
- relation to experimentally accessible (or again with data dispersively reconstructed) quantities
- precise numerical evaluation of two-pion contributions
- a step towards a model-independent calculation of a_μ

Outlook

- higher pseudoscalar poles can be included directly
- two-particle intermediate states:
 - include kaons in a coupled-channel system
 - numerics for D -waves
 - generalisation to heavier left-hand cuts
- higher intermediate states in direct channel
 - framework needs to be extended
 - e.g. $3\pi \Rightarrow$ axials
- match the total to OPE/pQCD constraints

Backup

HLbL tensor: BTT Lorentz decomposition

Problem: find a decomposition

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = \sum_i T_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \Pi_i(s, t, u; q_j^2)$$

with the following properties:

- Lorentz structures $T_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$ manifestly gauge invariant:

$$\{q_1^\mu, q_2^\nu, q_3^\lambda, q_4^\sigma\} T_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^i = 0$$

- scalar functions Π_i free of kinematic singularities and zeros

HLbL tensor: BTT Lorentz decomposition

Recipe by Bardeen, Tung (1968) and Tarrach (1975):

- construct gauge projectors:

$$I_{12}^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_2^\mu q_1^\nu}{q_1 \cdot q_2}, \quad I_{34}^{\lambda\sigma} = g^{\lambda\sigma} - \frac{q_4^\lambda q_3^\sigma}{q_3 \cdot q_4}$$

- gauge invariant themselves, e.g.

$$q_1^\mu I_{\mu\nu}^{12} = 0$$

- leave HLbL tensor invariant, e.g.

$$I_{12}^{\mu\mu'} \Pi_{\mu'\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi^\mu{}_{\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

HLbL tensor: BTT Lorentz decomposition

Following Bardeen, Tung (1968):

- apply gauge projectors to the 138 initial structures:
95 immediately project to 0
- remove $1/q_1 \cdot q_2$ and $1/q_3 \cdot q_4$ poles by taking appropriate linear combinations
- BT basis: degenerate in the limits

$$q_1 \cdot q_2 \rightarrow 0, q_3 \cdot q_4 \rightarrow 0$$

HLbL tensor: BTT Lorentz decomposition

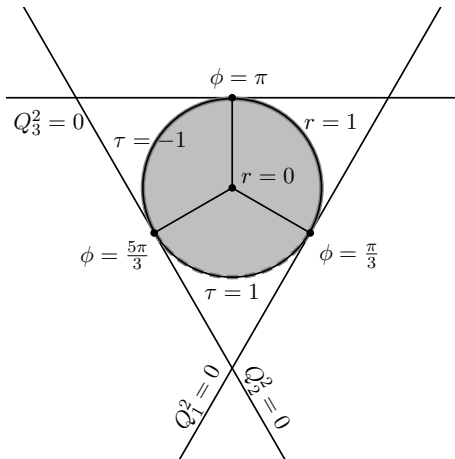
According to Tarrach (1975):

- degeneracies in the limits $q_1 \cdot q_2 \rightarrow 0$, $q_3 \cdot q_4 \rightarrow 0$:

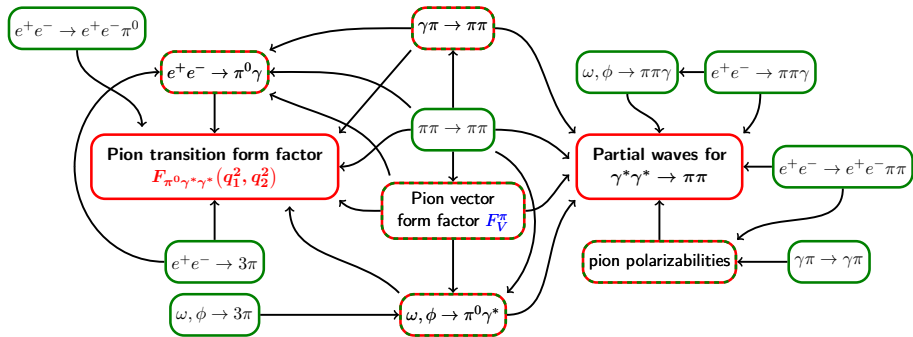
$$\sum_k c_k^i T_k^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = q_1 \cdot q_2 X_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + q_3 \cdot q_4 Y_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

- extend basis by additional structures $X_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$, $Y_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$
taking care of remaining kinematic singularities
- equivalent: implementing crossing symmetry

$(g - 2)_\mu$ integration region in polar coordinates



A roadmap for HLbL



→ flowchart by M. Hoferichter