

# Hadronic Light-by-Light Scattering and the Muon $g - 2$

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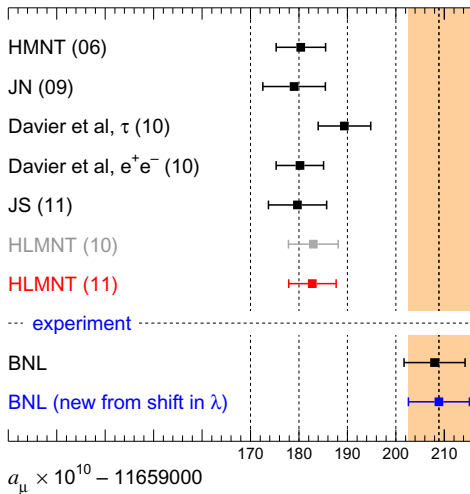
## Magnetic moment

- relation of spin and magnetic moment of a lepton:

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

$g_\ell$ : Landé factor, gyromagnetic ratio

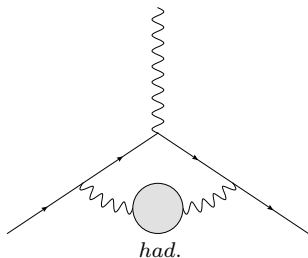
- Dirac's prediction:  $g_e = 2$
- anomalous magnetic moment:  $a_\ell = (g_\ell - 2)/2$
- helped to establish QED and QFT as the framework for elementary particle physics
- today: probing not only QED but entire SM

$a_\mu$ : comparison of theory and experiment

→ Hagiwara et al. 2012

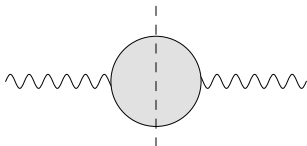
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## Leading hadronic contribution: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$



- 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

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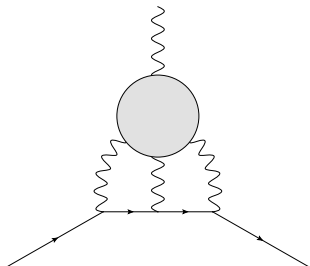


- basic principles: unitarity and analyticity
- direct relation to experiment: total hadronic cross section  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$
- at present: dominant theoretical uncertainty
- can be systematically improved: dedicated  $e^+e^-$  program (BaBar,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



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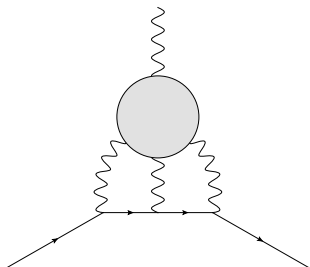
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- hadronic matrix element of four EM currents
- up to now, only model calculations
- lattice QCD not yet competitive

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- uncertainty estimate based rather on consensus than on a systematic method
- will dominate theory error in a few years
- "dispersive treatment impossible"

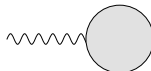
## $a_\mu$ : theory vs. experiment

- theory error completely dominated by hadronic effects
- discrepancy between Standard Model 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

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  - Dispersive Evaluation of HVP
  - Lorentz Structure of the HLbL Tensor
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Photon hadronic vacuum polarisation function:

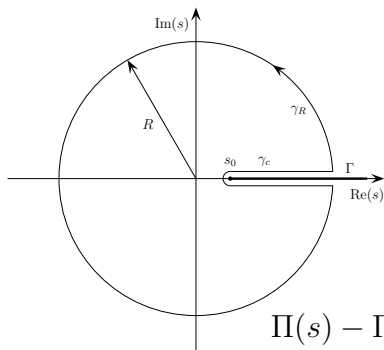

$$\text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{circle} \text{---} \text{wavy line} = -i(q^2 g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu) \Pi(q^2)$$

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:



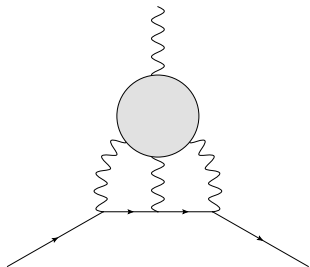
Cauchy integral formula:

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

Deform integration path:

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

## How to improve HLbL calculation?



- "dispersive treatment impossible": no!
- relate HLbL to experimentally accessible quantities
- make use of unitarity, analyticity, gauge invariance and crossing symmetry

## The HLbL tensor

- object in question:  $\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(q_1, q_2, q_3)$
- a priori 138 Lorentz structures
- gauge invariance: 95 linear relations  
 $\Rightarrow$  (off-shell) basis: 43 independent structures
- six dynamical variables, e.g. two Mandelstam variables

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

and the photon virtualities  $q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2, q_4^2$

- complicated analytic structure



## HLbL tensor: 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
- scalar functions  $\Pi_i$  free of kinematic singularities and zeros

## HLbL tensor: Lorentz decomposition

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

- apply gauge projectors to the 138 initial structures:

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

- remove poles taking appropriate linear combinations
- Tarrach: no kinematic-free basis of 43 elements exists
- extend basis by additional structures taking care of remaining kinematic singularities

## HLbL tensor: Lorentz decomposition

Solution for the Lorentz decomposition:

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

- Lorentz structures manifestly gauge invariant
- crossing symmetry manifest
- scalar functions  $\Pi_i$  free of kinematics  
 $\Rightarrow$  ideal quantities for a dispersive treatment

## 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
- $\hat{\Pi}_i$ : linear combinations of the scalar functions  $\Pi_i$
- five loop integrals can be performed with Gegenbauer polynomial techniques

## 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:

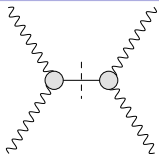
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one-pion intermediate state:

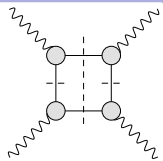


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two-pion intermediate state in both channels:

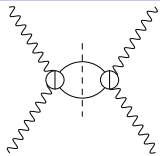


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two-pion intermediate state in first channel:





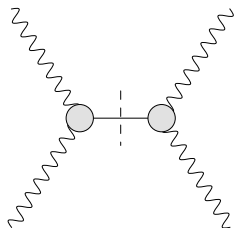
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neglected: higher intermediate states

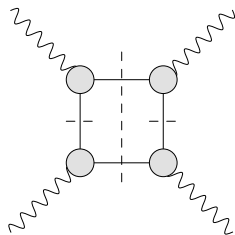
## Pion pole



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

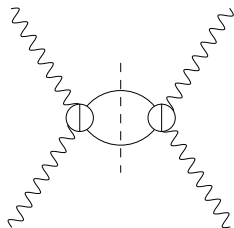
→ [Hoferichter et al., EPJC 74 \(2014\) 3180](#)

## Box contributions



- simultaneous two-pion cuts in two channels
- analytic properties correspond to sQED loop
- $q^2$ -dependence given by multiplication with pion vector form factor  $F_\pi^V(q^2)$  for each off-shell photon ( $\Rightarrow$  'FsQED')

## Rescattering contribution



- neglect left-hand cut due to multi-particle intermediate states in crossed channel
- two-pion cut in only one channel
- expansion into partial waves
- unitarity relates it to the helicity amplitudes of the subprocess

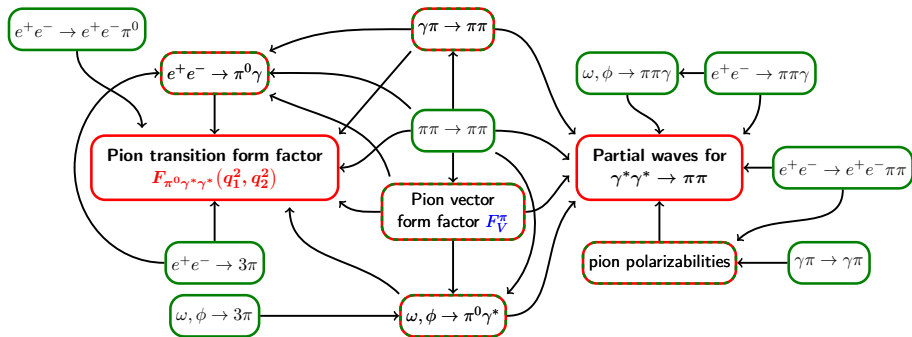
$$\gamma^* \gamma^{(*)} \rightarrow \pi\pi$$

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## 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:  
 $\pi^0$ -pole and  $\pi\pi$ -cuts
- relation to experimentally accessible (or again with data dispersively reconstructed) quantities
- a step towards a model-independent calculation of  $a_\mu$
- numerical evaluation is work in progress

## A roadmap for HLbL

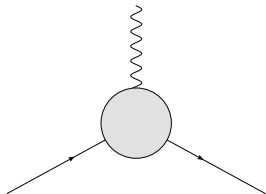


→ Flowchart by M. Hoferichter

# Backup



## Interaction of a muon with an external electromagnetic field



$$= (-ie) \langle \mu^-(p_2, s_2) | j_{\text{em}}^\mu(0) | \mu^-(p_1, s_1) \rangle$$

$$= (-ie) \bar{u}(p_2) \Gamma^\mu(p_1, p_2) u(p_1)$$

$\Gamma^\mu(p_1, p_2)$ : vertex function

## Form factors of the vertex function

Lorentz decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma^\mu(p_1, p_2) = & \gamma^\mu F_E(k^2) - i \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}{2m} F_M(k^2) \\ & - \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu}{2m} \gamma_5 F_D(k^2) + \left( \gamma^\mu + \frac{2m k^\mu}{k^2} \right) \gamma_5 F_A(k^2)\end{aligned}$$

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magnetic or Pauli form factor,  $F_M(0) = a_\mu$

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electric dipole form factor,  $F_D(0)$  gives the  $CP$ -violating EDM

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anapole form factor,  $P$ -violating

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BNL E821	116 592 091	63	→ PDG 2013
QED total	116 584 718.95	0.08	→ Kinoshita et al. 2012
EW	153.6	1.0	
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
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	$10^{11} \cdot a_\mu$	$10^{11} \cdot \Delta a_\mu$	
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QED $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$	116 140 973.32	0.08	
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	
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# Model calculations of HLbL

Table 13

Summary of the most recent results for the various contributions to  $a_\mu^{\text{LbL;had}} \times 10^{11}$ . The last column is our estimate based on our new evaluation for the pseudoscalars and some of the other results.

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

→ Jegerlehner, Nyffeler 2009

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