

# Theory overview on $P \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ decays

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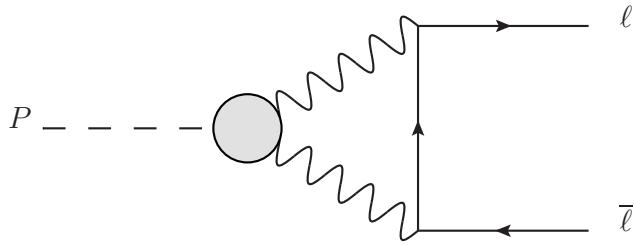
# Outline

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- Warm up: short walk through the  $3\sigma$  puzzle
  - Dissection of  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$  (unitary bound and transition form factor)
- Current situation from proper names
  - Dubna + Prague + Mainz(?)
- Relation to HLBL of  $g-2$
- Conclusions

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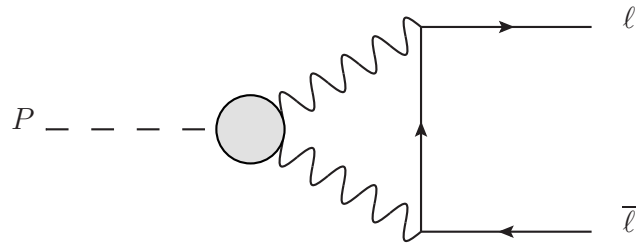
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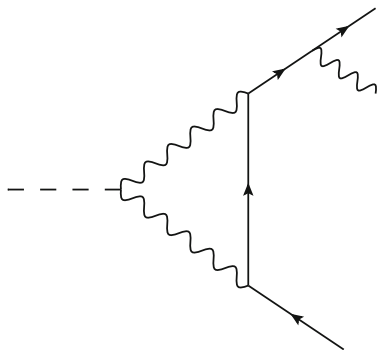
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$$x \equiv \frac{(p+q)^2}{M^2}$$

momentum of e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>, and so to extract BR we want x large, i.e., no photon

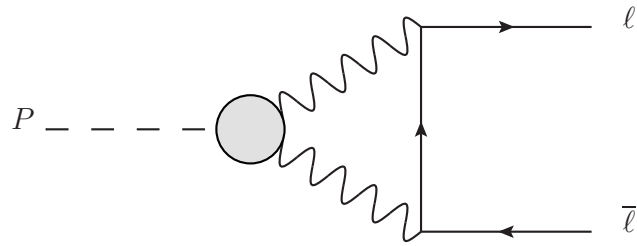


$x < 0.95$  but still is  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$



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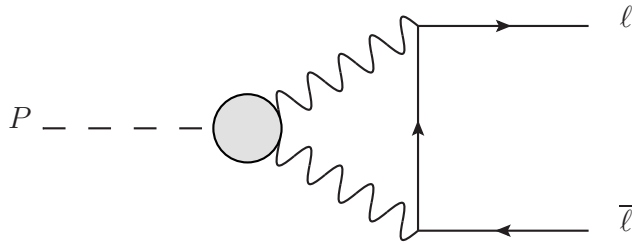
Extrapolation to  $x=1$  + radiative correction + Dalitz decay background

$$BR_{\text{KTeV}}^{w/o rad}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = (7.48 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-8}$$

(dominates de PDG)

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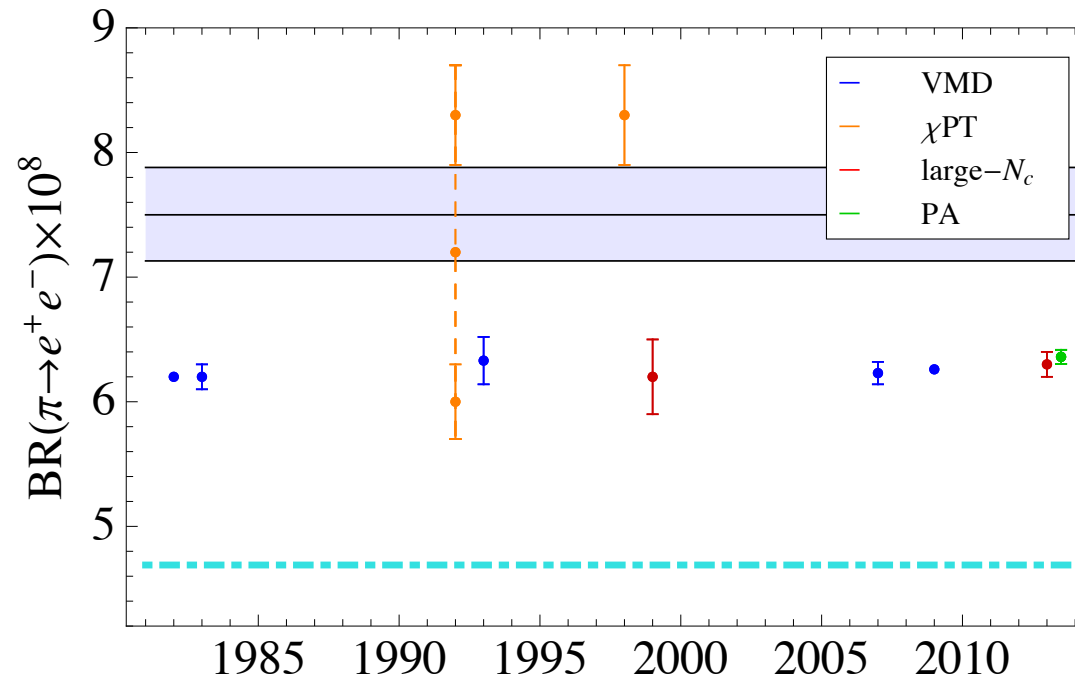
The only unknown  $\mathcal{A}(m_P^2)$  from loop calculation where the TFF enters.

$$\mathcal{A}(q^2) = \frac{2i}{\pi^2} \int d^4k \frac{q^2 k^2 - (k \cdot q)^2}{k^2 (k - q)^2 ((p - k) - m_\ell^2)} \frac{F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(k^2, (q - k)^2)}{F_{P\gamma\gamma}(0, 0)}$$

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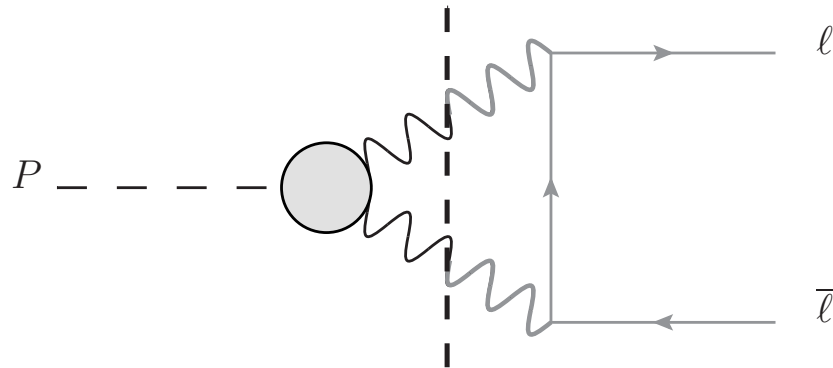
$$BR_{\text{SM}}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (6.23 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-8} \quad \text{Year}$$

⇒  $\sim 3\sigma$  !

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Assuming  $|\mathcal{A}|^2 \geq (\text{Im}\mathcal{A})^2$

$$B(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) \geq B^{\text{unitary}}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = 4.69 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

(doesn't depend on TFF)

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$$\mathcal{O} \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\pi} \right)^2 + \text{subtraction contains all the information from TFF}$$

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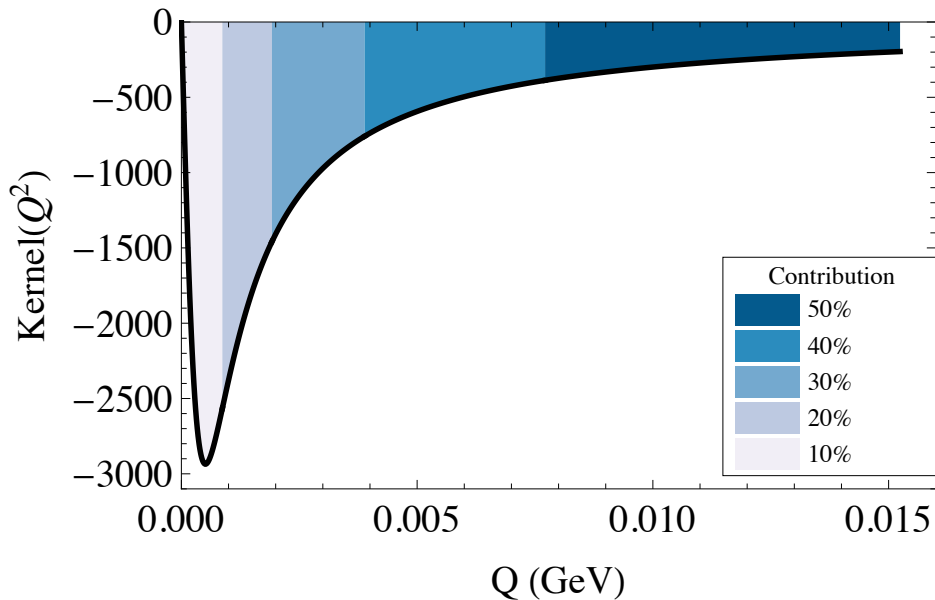
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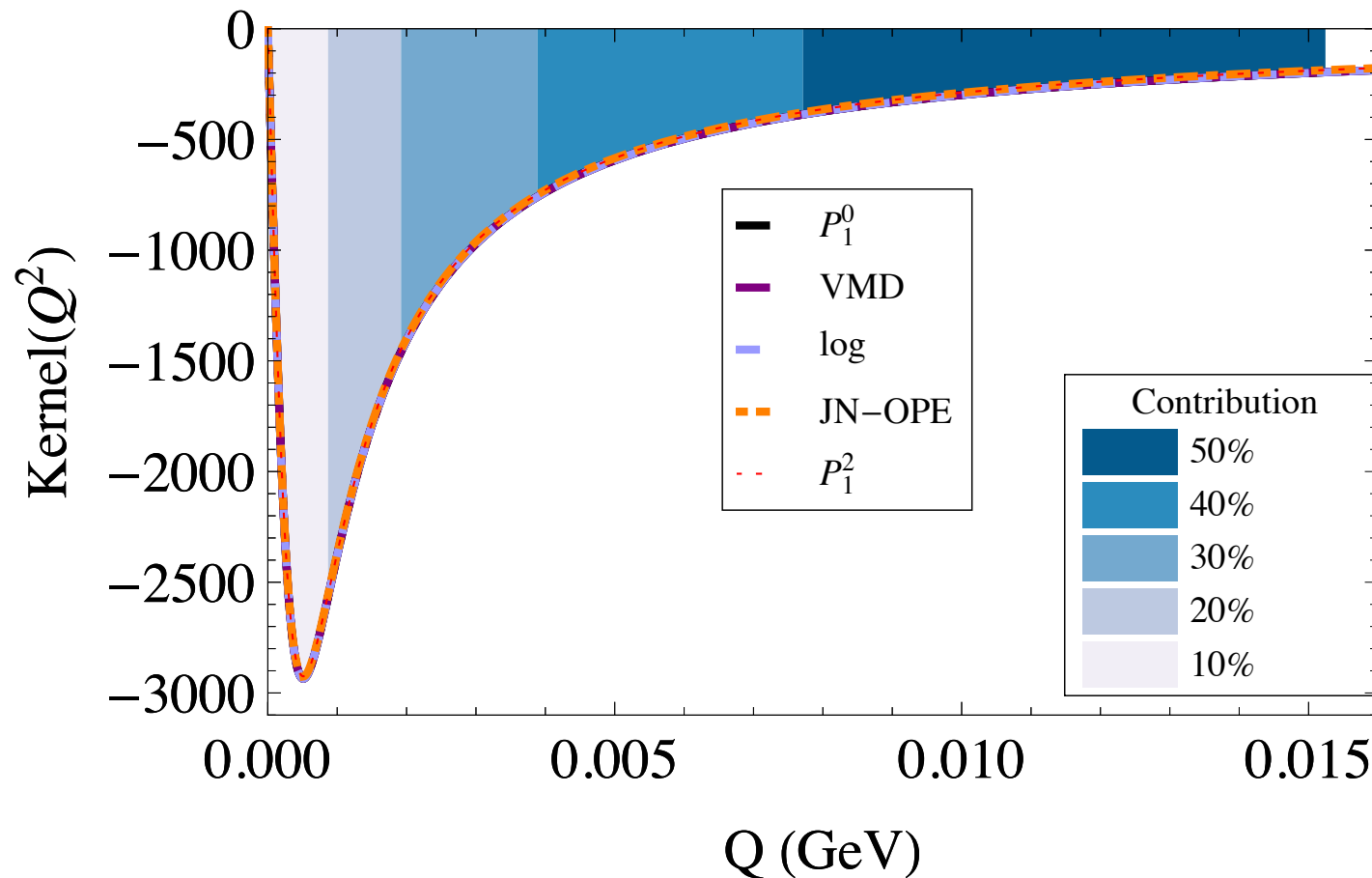
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- Its contribution is negative: lowers the BR.
- Peaks at  $\sim 2m_e$  and  $\langle Q \rangle = 0.09$  GeV.
- Low energies relevant only: slope is enough.

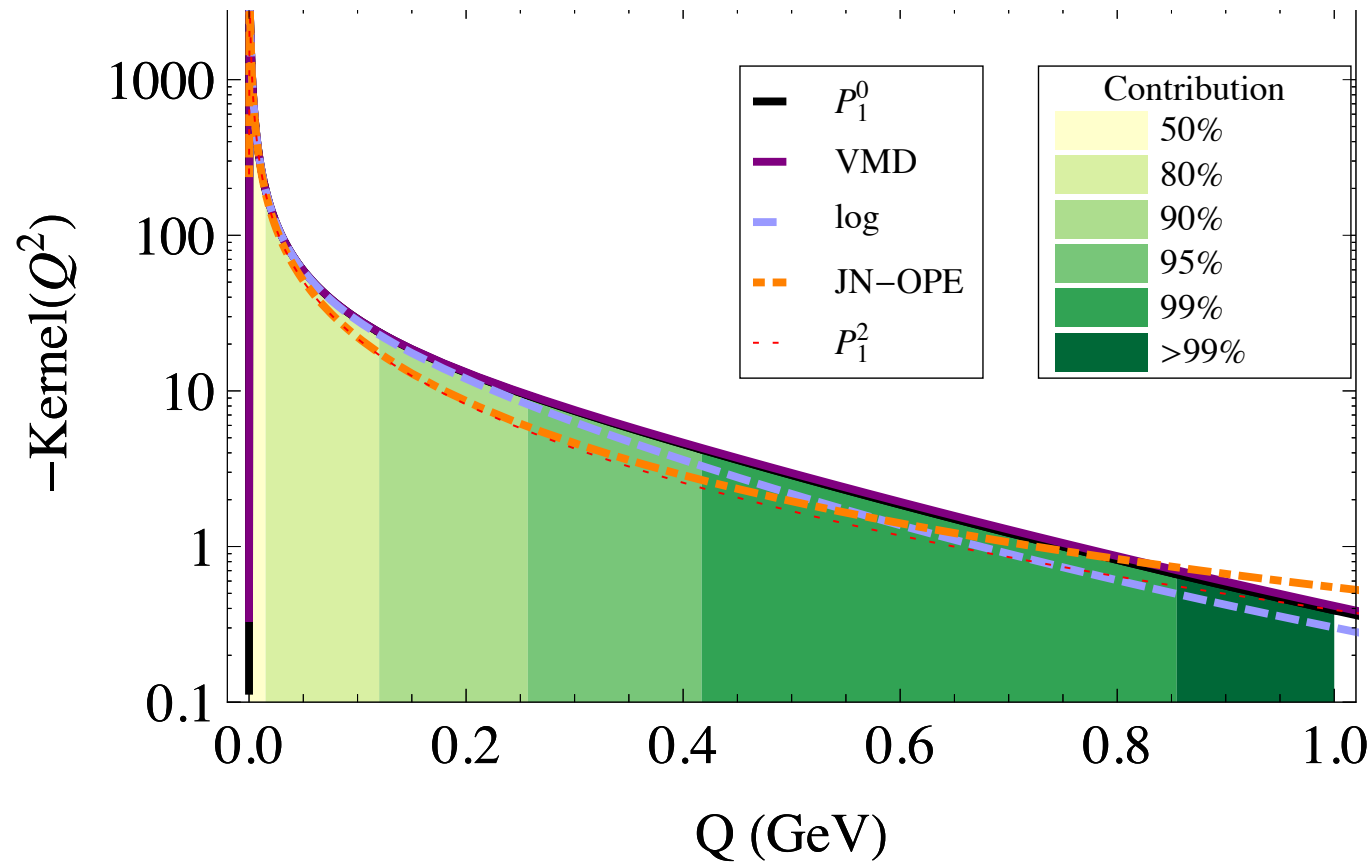
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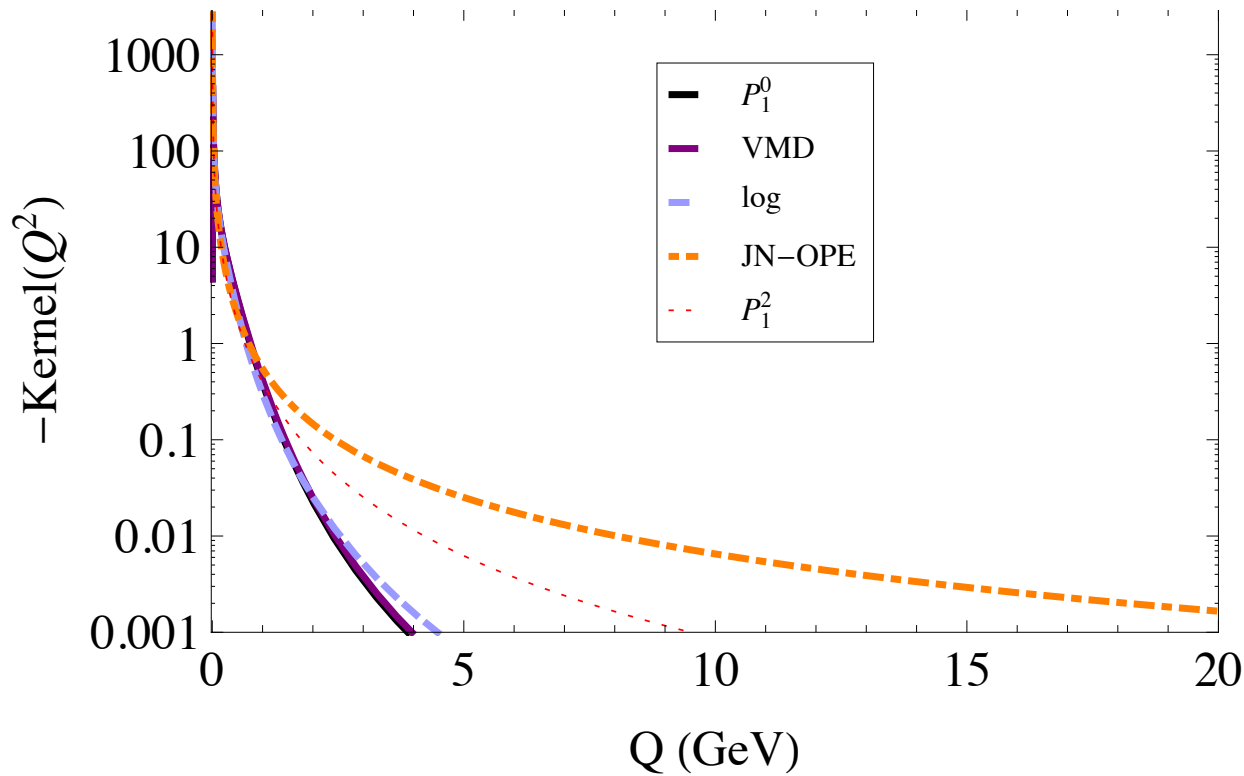
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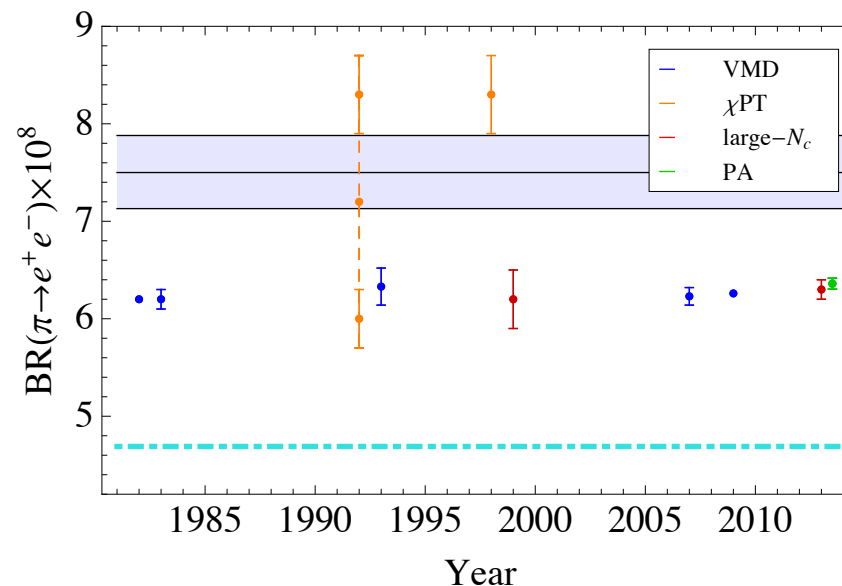


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all in all, old the models give the same value

$$\int_0^\infty dQ^2 \text{Kernel}(Q^2) \sim -20 \rightarrow BR \sim 6.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$$



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$$\mathcal{O} \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\pi} \right)^2$$

Used VMD to confront KTeV measurement  
(also compare different models for TFF)

$$F_{\pi\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q^2, Q^2) = F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}(0, 0) \frac{1}{1 + Q^2/Q_0^2}$$

with  $Q_0$  from a monopole fit to CLEO+CELLO data

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Dorokhov, Ivanov and Kovalenko '09

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda}\right)^2 \quad \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_e}{m_\pi}\right)^2$$

$\Lambda$   
the cut-off  
or  
VMD “mass”

Resummation of power corrections using Mellin-Barnes techniques.  
Conclusion: corrections negligible!

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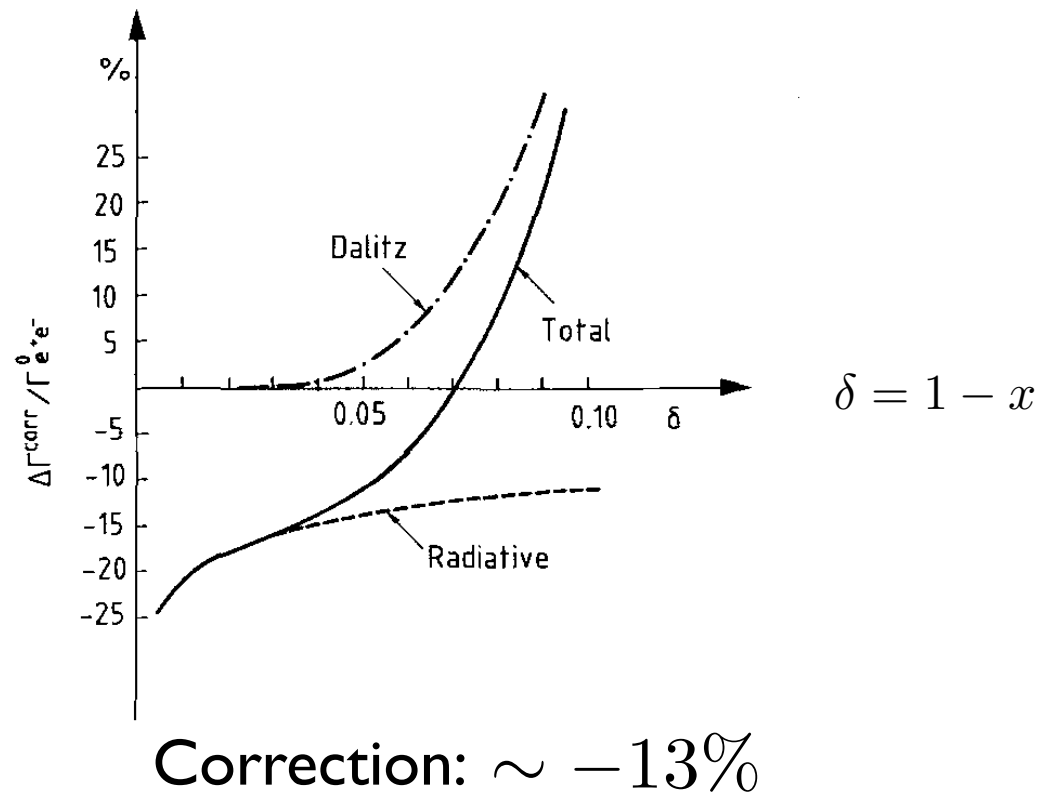
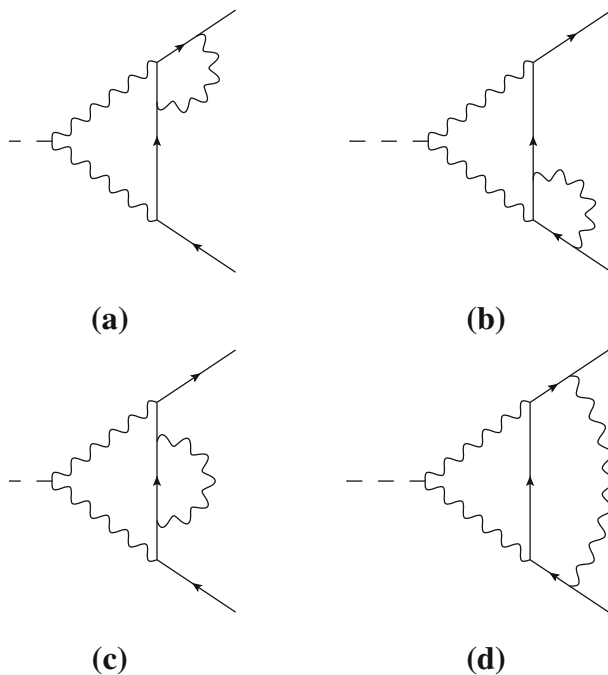
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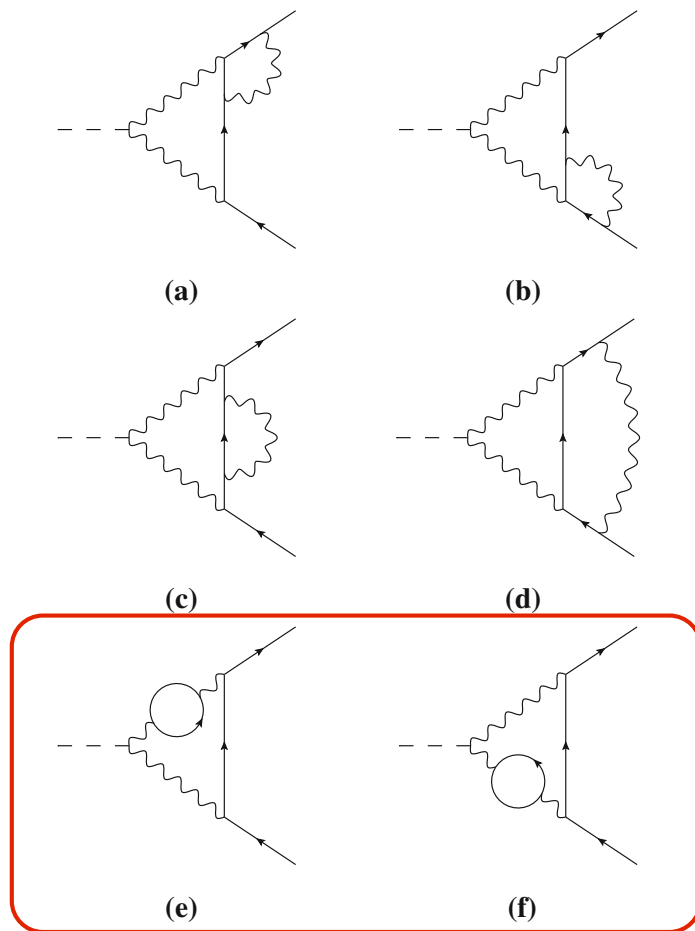
Bergstrom '83: approach (soft-photon+cut-off) to two-loop QED radiative correction + Dalitz decay interference





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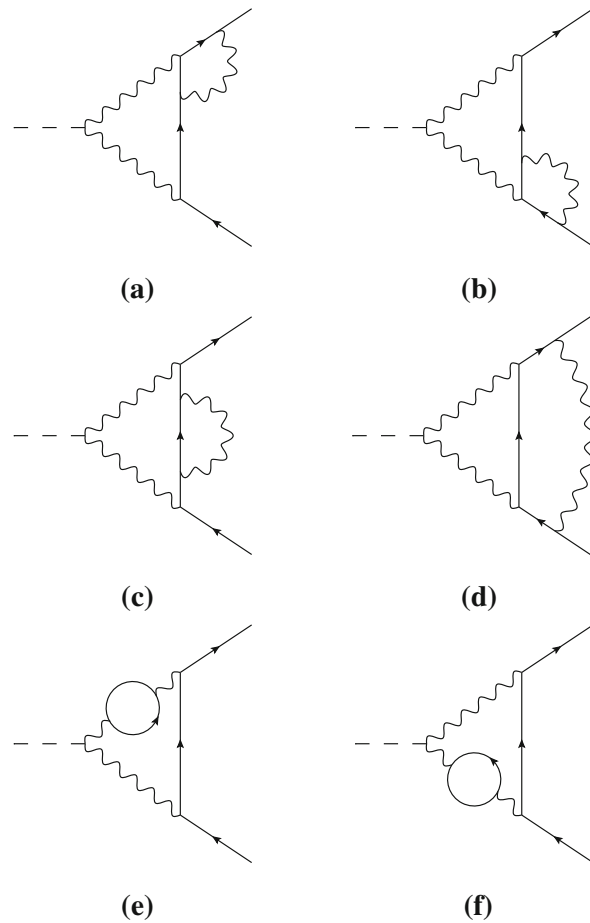


Include more diagrams which are subleading but numerically important

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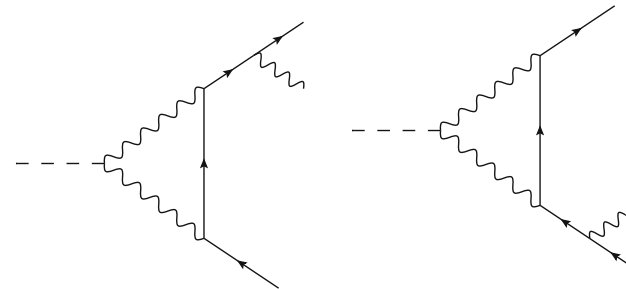


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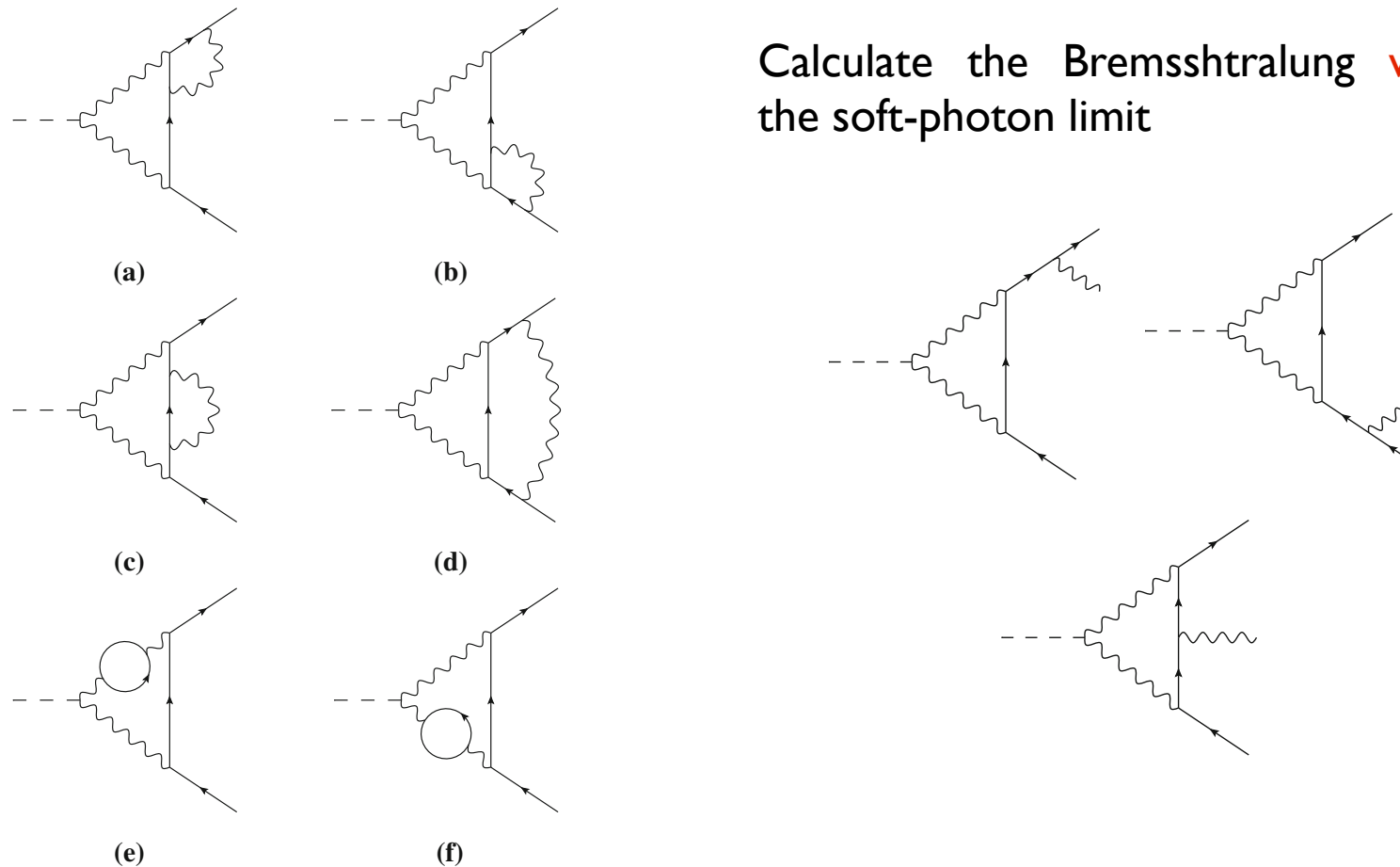


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$\Delta^{\text{BS}}(x^{\text{cut}}) \equiv \delta^{\text{BS}}(x^{\text{cut}}) - \delta_{\text{soft}}^{\text{BS}}(x^{\text{cut}})$  soft-photon correction

$\delta^D(0.95)$  Dalitz decay background (omitted in KTeV)

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$$\Delta^{\text{BS}}(0.95) = (0.30 \pm 0.01) \% \quad \delta^D(0.95) = \frac{1.75 \times 10^{-15}}{[\Gamma^{\text{LO}}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-)/\text{MeV}]}$$

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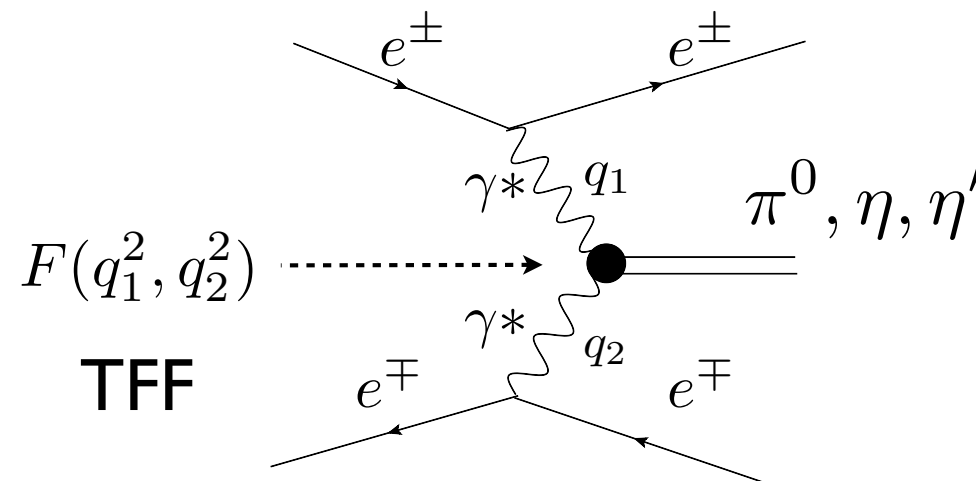
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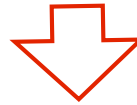
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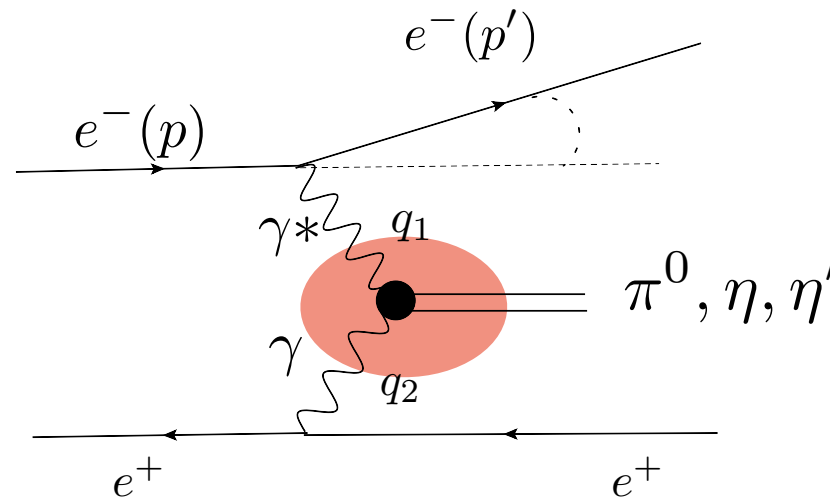
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How??

Nice synergy between experiment and theory

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$$Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) = a_0 Q^2 + a_1 Q^4 + a_2 Q^6 + \dots$$

$$P_M^N(Q^2) = \frac{T_N(Q^2)}{R_M(Q^2)} = a_0 Q^2 + a_1 Q^4 + a_2 Q^6 + \dots + \mathcal{O}((Q^2)^{N+M+1})$$

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$$Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0) = a_0 Q^2 + a_1 Q^4 + a_2 Q^6 + \dots$$

$$P_1^1(Q^2) = \frac{a_0 Q^2}{1 - a_1 Q^2} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} P_1^N(Q^2) &= P_1^1(Q^2), P_1^2(Q^2), P_1^3(Q^2), \dots \\ P_N^N(Q^2) &= P_1^1(Q^2), P_2^2(Q^2), P_3^3(Q^2), \dots \end{aligned}$$

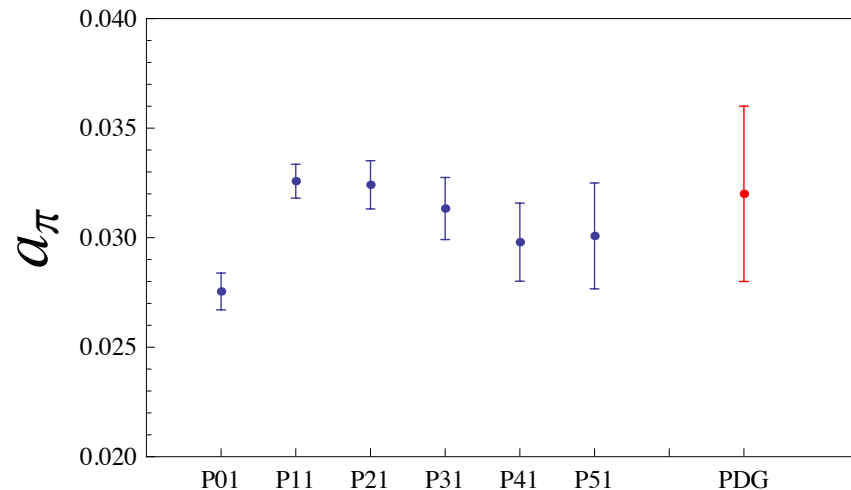
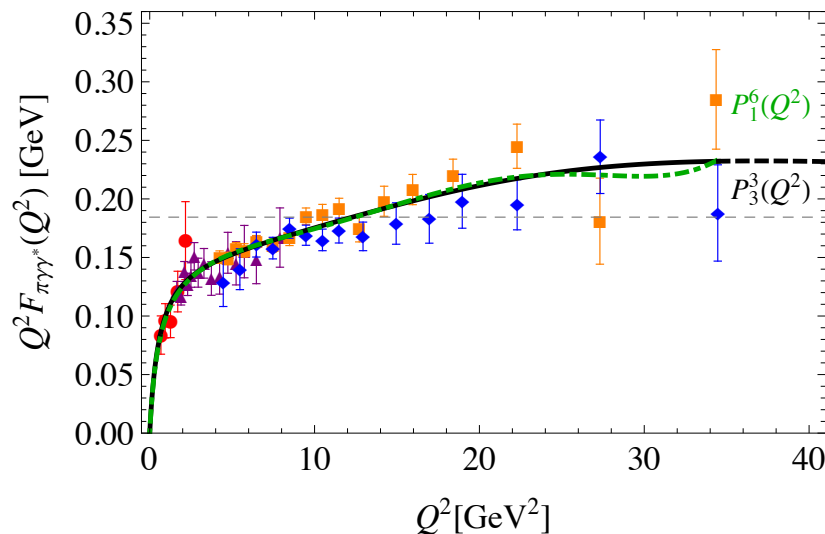
sequence of approximations, i.e., theoretical error

# Our proposal: use Padé Approximants

[P.M.'12; R. Escribano, P.M., P. Sanchez-Puertas, '13]

Fit to Space-like data: CELLO'91, CLEO'98, BABAR'09 and Belle'12

$$P_1^N(Q^2) \quad \text{up to } N=5 \quad [\text{P.M.}, '12]$$



$$P_N^N(Q^2) \quad \text{up to } N=3$$

Accurate description of the low-energy region making full use of available experimental data

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

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[P.M., P. Sanchez-Puertas, in preparation]

For  $BR_{SM}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$  we need  $F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(Q^2, Q^2)$

Proposal: bivariate PA

Chisholm '73

$$P_M^N(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \frac{T_N(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)}{R_M(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)} = a_0 + a_1(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) + a_{1,1}Q_1^2Q_2^2 + a_2(Q_1^4 + Q_2^4) + \dots$$

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OPE indicates:  $\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} P_1^0(Q^2, Q^2) \sim Q^{-2}$  i.e.,  $a_{1,1} = 2a_1^2$



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$$0 \leq a_{1,1} \leq 2a_1^2$$

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statistics+theoretical error



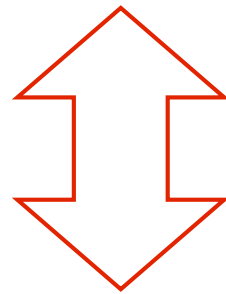
method checked for different models

+ to shrink the window: data (data-driven approach) -- see appendix

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

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$$BR_{\text{KTeV}}^{w/o rad}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = (6.87 \pm 0.36) \times 10^{-8}$$



$$\sim (2.6 - 1.4)\sigma$$

$$BR_{SM}^{PA}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = (6.22 - 6.36)(4) \times 10^{-8}$$

# Naive New Physics contributions

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$$\frac{\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-)}{\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 2 \left( \frac{\alpha m_e}{\pi m_\pi} \right)^2 \beta_e \left| \mathcal{A}(q^2) + \frac{\sqrt{2} F_\pi G_F}{4\alpha^2 F_{\pi\gamma\gamma}} \left( \frac{4m_W}{m_{A(P)}} \right)^2 \times f^{A(P)} \right|^2$$

$$f^A = c_e^A (c_u^A - c_d^A) \quad f^P = \frac{1}{4} c_e^P (c_u^P - c_d^P) \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_P^2} \quad c \sim \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{g}{g_{SU(2)_L}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-)}{\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \text{SM} (1 + \epsilon_{Z, NP} \times 5\%)$$

Z contribution (Arnelllos, Marciano, Parsa '82)

$$\epsilon_Z \sim 0.3\%$$

Our estimate based on existing exp. constrains:

$$\epsilon_{NP} \sim 0.3\%$$

**negligible!**

# Impact of $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ on HLBL

|                              | Model | Published model                                 |                                     | Modified model                                  |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|                              |       | $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$<br>( $\times 10^8$ ) | <i>HLBL</i><br>( $\times 10^{10}$ ) | $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$<br>( $\times 10^8$ ) | <i>HLBL</i><br>( $\times 10^{10}$ ) |
| Jegerlehner and Nyffeler '09 | LMD+V | 6.33  | 6.29                                | 6.47  | 5.22                                |
| Dorokhov et al '09           | VMD   | 6.34  | 5.64                                | 6.87  | 2.44                                |
| Our proposal '14             | PA    | 6.36  | 5.53                                | 6.87  | 2.85                                |

$$\Delta a_\mu^{SM} \sim 6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\Delta a_\mu^{HLBL} \sim 4 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\Delta a_\mu^{HLBL; \pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-} \sim (2 - 3) \times 10^{-10}$$

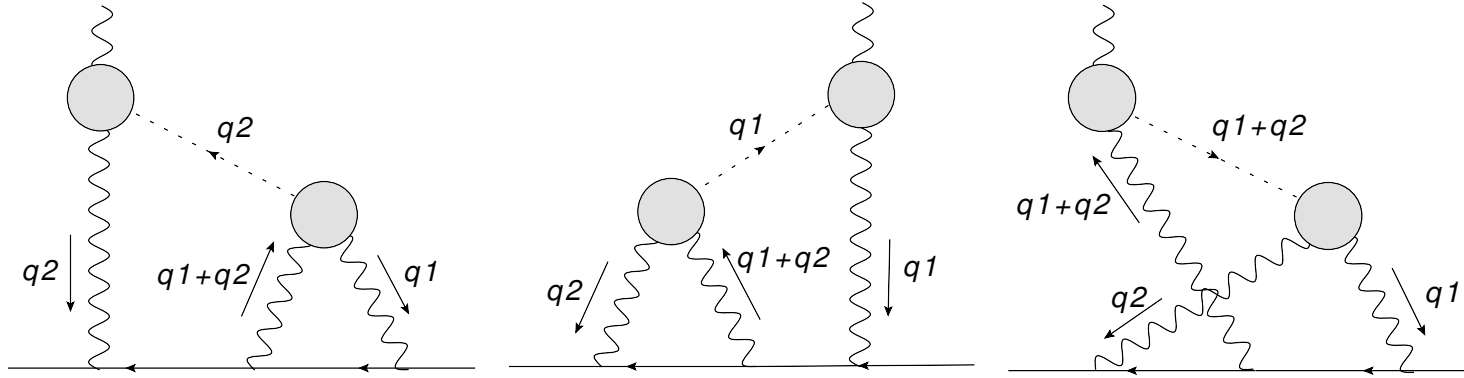
+ similar effect for the  $\eta$  decay!

# Conclusions

- $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$  is an interesting process
  - hadronic effects are important at all energies
  - but the scale is at the electron mass
- Standard approaches fail to reproduce the KTeV experimental measurement
  - something to be understood: corrections known, radiative known, TFF-data driven, no NP, ...?
- Its impact in the HLBL cannot be forgotten, it might be one of the largest uncertainties if the puzzle persists

back-up

# Dissection of the HLBL contribution



$$a_{\mu}^{LbL;P} = -e^6 \int \frac{d^4 q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4 q_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1 + q_2)^2 [(p + q_1)^2 - m^2] [(p - q_2)^2 - m^2]}$$

$$\times \left( \frac{F_{P^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_2^2, q_1^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2) F_{P^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_2^2, q_2^2, 0)}{q_2^2 - M_P^2} T_1(q_1, q_2; p) \right.$$

Use data from  
the Transition Form Factor

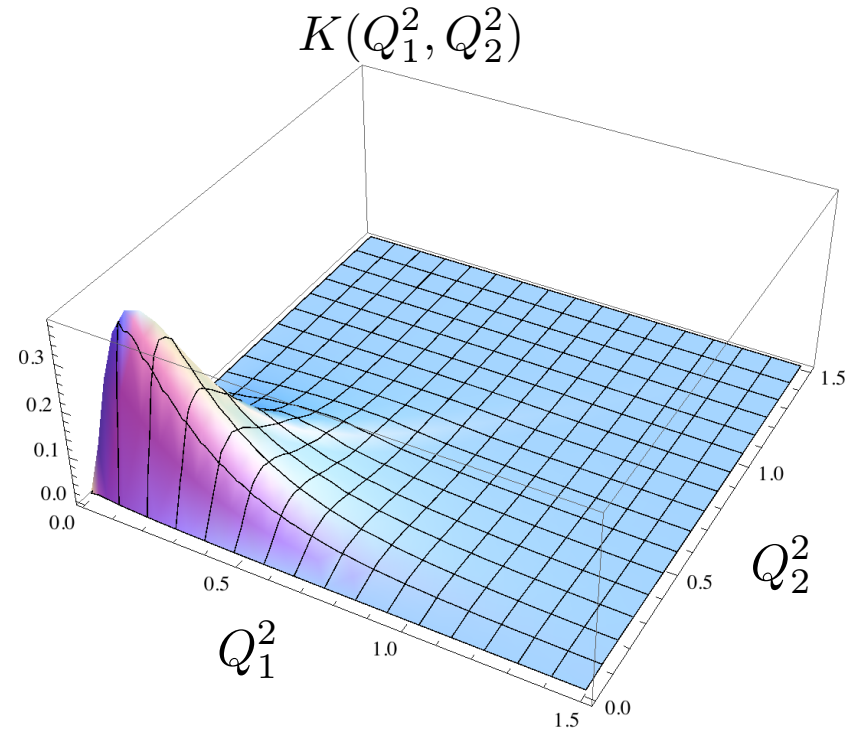
$$+ \frac{F_{P^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) F_{P^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, 0)}{(q_1 + q_2)^2 - M_P^2} T_2(q_1, q_2; p) \Bigg)$$

# Dissection of the HLBL contribution

- Extraction of meson TFF and HLBL
  - Using CLEO, CELLO, BaBar and Belle to obtain the TFF Low-energy Constants, constrain hadronic model and estimation of  $\pi^0$ -HLBL

$$a_{\mu}^{LbyL;\pi^0} = e^6 \int \frac{d^4 Q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4 Q_2}{(2\pi)^4} K(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$$

Using  $F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) \sim P_1^0(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$   
(main energy range from 0 to 1 GeV<sup>2</sup>)





# The role of doubly virtual TFF data

