

Short-distance constraints on the hadronic light-by-light

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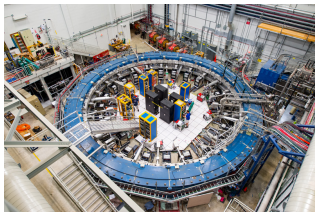
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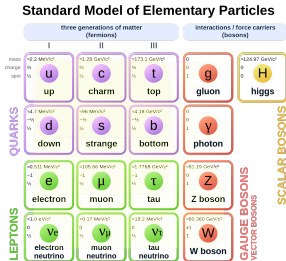
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Experiment Figure from Fermilab

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Theory prediction

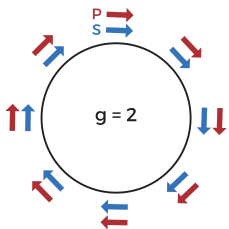
Search for new particles with low-energy precision calculations

- If real tension found, **search for new particles in direct detection**
- Need good control of theoretical/experimental uncertainties
- Flavour physics $|V_{us}|$ and $|V_{ud}|$ [RM123/S 2019; RBC/UKQCD 2023; Talk by MDC]
- **Today:** Muon anomalous magnetic moment

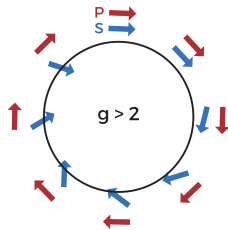
- Muon has spin **S** and magnetic moment

$$\vec{\mu} = g_{\mu} \frac{Q_{\mu} e}{2m_{\mu}} \vec{S}$$

- $g_{\mu} = 2$ is the Dirac value for gyromagnetic ratio
- Spin interacts with external magnetic field
- Let muon move circularly in homogeneous magnetic field



Not real life



Anomalous [Schwinger 1948]

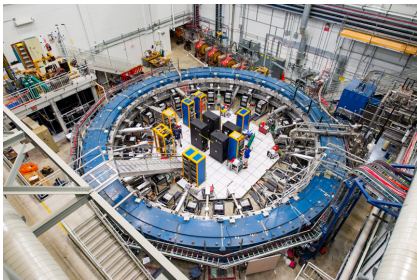


Figure from Fermilab

I. Muons injected into ring

II. Angular frequency of motion

$$\omega_c = \frac{e B}{m_\ell \gamma}$$

III. Spin Larmor precession frequency

$$\omega_s = \omega_c + \underbrace{\frac{(g_\ell - 2)}{2}}_{a_\mu} \frac{e B}{m_\ell}$$

IV. Detect electrons from muon decay

Fermilab experiment is done! Final data analysis now (early 2025)

- JPARC experiment will make independent **valuable** measurement

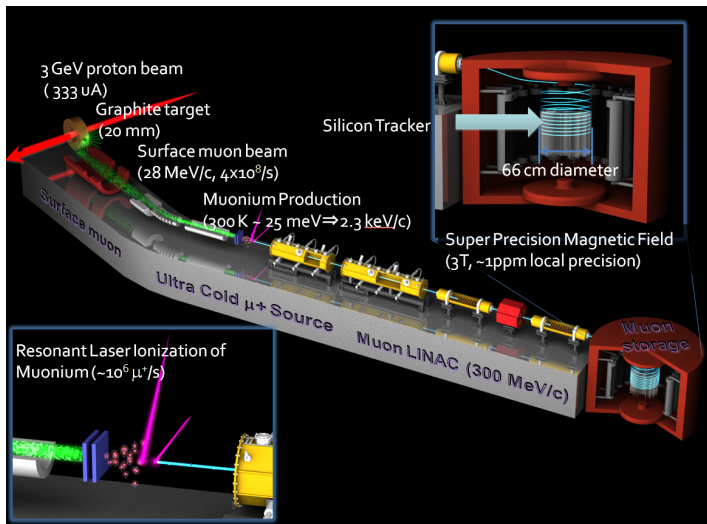
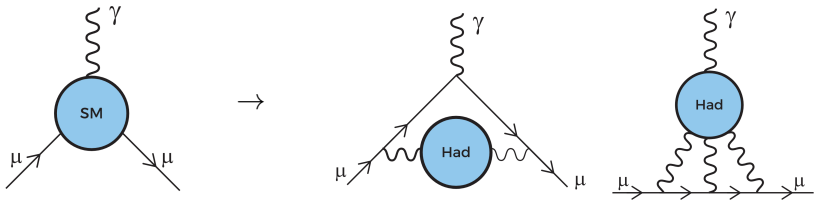


Figure from JPARC

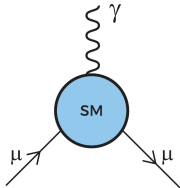
Why anomalous? Virtual corrections



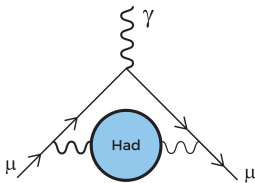
$\Rightarrow$ We can use the Standard Model for this

If tension: Sensitive to "light" new physics

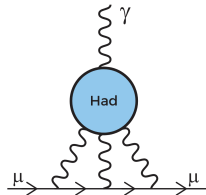
$$a_\mu = \frac{(g-2)_\mu}{2} \sim \frac{m_\mu^2}{M_{NP}^2}$$



Standard Model



Hadronic vacuum polarisation



Hadronic light-by-light

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}, 2020} = 116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11} \quad [\text{White Paper 20}]$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = \underbrace{116\,584\,718.931(104)}_{5 \text{ QED loops!}} \times 10^{-11} \quad [\text{Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Nio 12/19}]$$

- Compare: $a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = \alpha/(2\pi) \approx 1162 \dots \times 10^{-11}$ [Schwinger 48]
- Hadronic corrections biggest uncertainty
- Analytical methods, dispersion theory, Lattice QCD

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}} = 6\,931(40) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = 92(19) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Standard Model (SM) [White Paper, 2020] vs. Experimental value Brookhaven/Fermilab

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}, 2020} = 116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11},$$

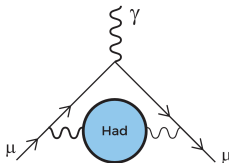
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{exp}} = 116\,592\,059(22) \times 10^{-11},$$

$$\Delta a_{\mu} = 249(48) \times 10^{-11}$$

- 5.2 σ deviation between experiment and theory [White Paper 2020; Fermilab 2023]

$\Delta a_{\mu} > 5\sigma$: Did we discover new physics!?

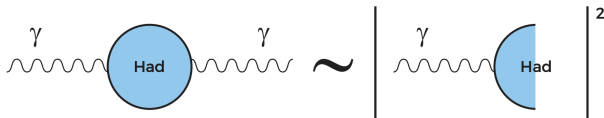
- Not really... Lattice QCD does not agree with dispersion theory [BMW 20/24]



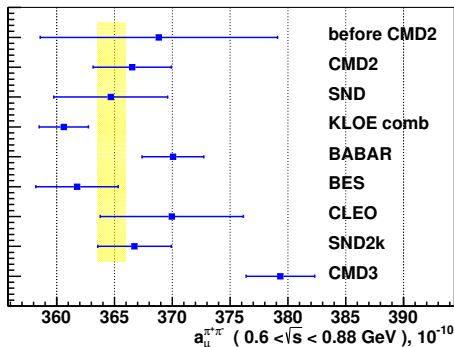
Hadronic vacuum polarisation

- Dispersion theory: HVP from experimental data:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$



- Inconsistent data for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$



→ Current status

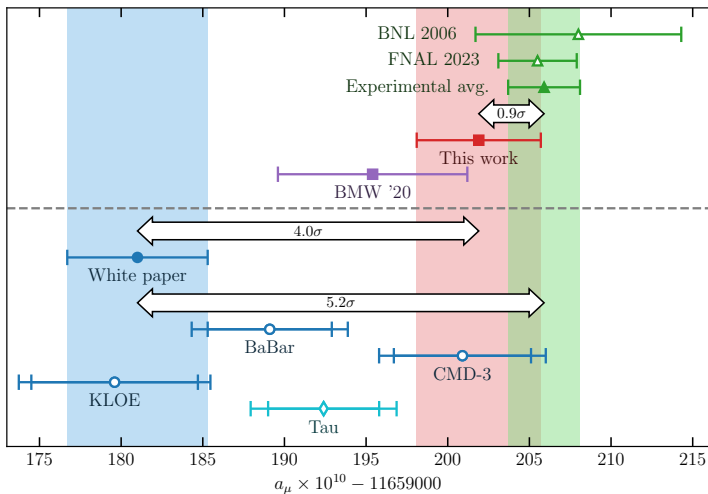
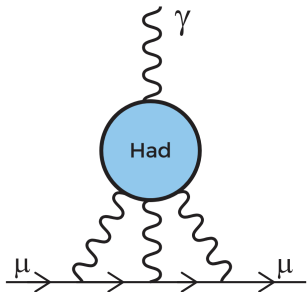


Figure from [BMW 24]

- Has to be better understood
- Lattice QCD: Parts of BMW calculation cross-checked
- Dispersion theory + experiments under scrutiny
- Should be settled in coming few years
- Still need to improve precision on **HLbL**: Today



- Hadronic light-by-light

- White paper value:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = 92(19) \times 10^{-11}$$

- $\approx 20\%$ relative uncertainty
- Precision goal is 10%

- Weighted average of dispersion theory and lattice QCD

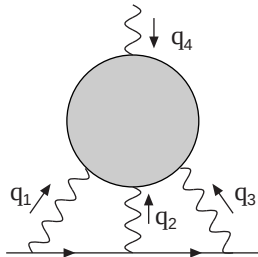
- New lattice results:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL, RBC/UKQCD 23}} = 124.7(14.9) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL, Mainz 21/22}} = 109.6(15.9) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL, BMW prel.}} = 126.8(13.0) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Today: Short-distance constraints from QCD on HLbL tensor
- Relevant for dispersive approach



- Problematic since several momentum scales involved in the diagram
- Four momenta q_1 , q_2 , q_3 and q_4
- $q_4 \rightarrow 0$ (static limit) and $q_{1,2,3}$ integrated over
- Loop integral has different regions ($Q_i^2 = -q_i^2$):
 - $Q_i^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ all large: short-distance region
 - $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$: Melnikov-Vainshtein limit
 - $Q_i^2 \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$: low-energy limit

- Dispersive approach: sum over intermediate states [Colangelo et al 15/17]
- States: π , K , η , η' , $\phi(1020)$, $h_1(1170)$, $b_1(1235)$, ...

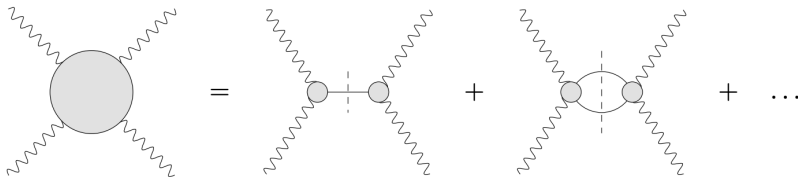


Figure from [Colangelo et al. 17]

- This is an infinite tower of states, ordered by masses
- Let us look how this enters the HLbL diagram

- Leading contribution is the π , η , η' pole:

$$a_{\mu, \pi, \eta, \eta'}^{\text{HLbL}} = 93.8(4.0) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Compare to $a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = 92(19) \times 10^{-11}$

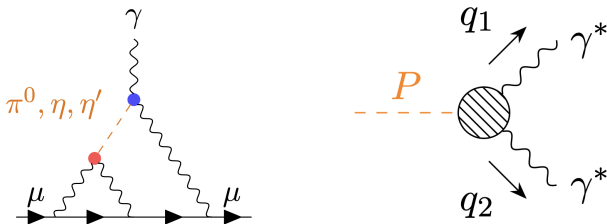
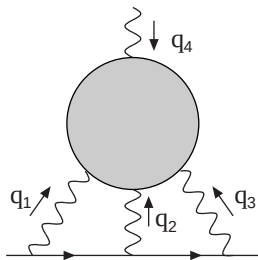


Figure from S. Holz @ Chiral Dynamics 2024

- Not Feynman diagrams, the meson is on-shell
- Transition form factors $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$ and $F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q_3^2, 0)$
- Need data to know these for all states in dispersive method

- Experiments can measure some form factors (e.g. BESIII)
- Lattice QCD can be used to determine some: ETMC, Mainz, BMW
- Dispersive method requires control of **remaining contributions**
- Model calculations: axial vectors, tensors, scalars
[Bern group; Rebhan group; Capiello group]
- Models have to match QCD: **Short-distance constraints (SDCs)**
- Goal: Combine dispersive + models + **SDCs**
- Biggest part of uncertainty from short-distance:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL, SDC}} = 15(10) \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{vs} \quad a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = 92(19) \times 10^{-11}$$



- HLbL rigorously constrained by QCD: **SDCs**
- **Operator product expansion (OPE)** techniques in kinematical limits
- $Q_i^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ all large: short-distance region 1 soft photon (SDC1)
- $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$: Melnikov-Vainshtein 2 soft photons (SDC2)
- Separately: SDCs on form factors [Brodsky-Lepage-Radyushkin; Light cone sum rules; ...]

Motivation:

- Want to make a systematic OPE to derive SDCs
- Can reduce systematic uncertainties in the HLbL
- **One soft photon:** Always *assumed* that pQCD quark loop is first term in an OPE and sufficiently good
 - Which OPE is it?
 - What about the higher order terms in the OPE?
 - Paper I: [Bijnens, NHT, Rodríguez-Sánchez 19]
Paper II: [Bijnens, NHT, Laub, Rodríguez-Sánchez 20]
Paper III: [Bijnens, NHT, Laub, Rodríguez-Sánchez 21]
- **Two soft photons:** Leading-order OPE known [Melnikov, Vainshtein 04]
 - What about higher-order corrections?
 - Paper 4: [Bijnens, NHT, Rodríguez-Sánchez 23]
 - In preparation: [Bijnens, NHT, Rodríguez-Sánchez]
- Future: Where should we start relying on SDCs?
- Future: How to combine everything?

- Fundamental object: HLbL tensor [Bardeen, Tung 71; Tarrach 75; Colangelo et al. 15/17]

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}(q_1, q_2, q_3) &= -i \int \frac{d^4 q_4}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\prod_{i=1}^4 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ &\quad \times \langle 0 | T \left\{ J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3) J^{\mu_4}(x_4) \right\} | 0 \rangle \\ &\stackrel{\text{WI}}{=} q_{4\nu_4} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\nu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\mu_4}}\end{aligned}$$

- Need to obtain 54 scalar functions $\hat{\Pi}_i$

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\nu_4}} = \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^{54} \frac{\partial \hat{T}_i^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\nu_4}} \hat{\Pi}_i \quad \leftarrow \text{Projection}$$

- $g - 2$: Only 6 independent $\hat{\Pi}_i$ contribute: $i = 1, 4, 7, 17, 39, 54$
- Once you know $\hat{\Pi}_i$ you can get the HLbL $\leftarrow$ Projection

- We can get a_μ^{HLbL} in the SD regime by putting restrictions in the integration consistent with $\hat{\Pi}_i$ from an OPE

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} &= \frac{2\alpha^3}{3\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau \sqrt{1-\tau^2} Q_1^3 Q_2^3 \sum_{i=1}^{12} f_i(\{\hat{\Pi}_j\}) \\
 &\rightarrow \frac{2\alpha^3}{3\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau \sqrt{1-\tau^2} Q_1^3 Q_2^3 \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(Q_1, Q_2, \tau)}_{\text{kin. reg.}} \sum_{i=1}^{12} f_i(\{\hat{\Pi}_j\})
 \end{aligned}$$

- How can we get at the $\hat{\Pi}_i$ in SDC kinematics?
- Start with SDC1, then SDC2

- SDC1: $Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- Euclidean space: Short-distance $\leftrightarrow$ large Q_i^2
- Usual OPE: Expand for large Q_i^2
- **Problem:** $Q_4^2 \rightarrow 0 \implies$ problems in OPE of $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}(q_1, q_2, q_3)$

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = -i \int \frac{d^4 q_4}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\prod_{i=1}^4 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ \times \langle 0 | T \left\{ J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3) J^{\mu_4}(x_4) \right\} | 0 \rangle$$

- How to see this? Only leading perturbative term is finite
- Need to rethink the problem for a convenient approach **Paper I (2019)**

- Problem because of soft photon for $(g - 2)_\mu$:
Do an OPE in an external EM field

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2) = & -\frac{1}{e} \int \frac{d^4 q_3}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\prod_{i=1}^3 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ & \times \langle 0 | T (J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3)) | \gamma(q_4) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2) = i\epsilon_{\nu_4}(q_4)q_{4,\mu_4} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\nu_4}}.$$

- We can thus obtain a_μ^{HLbL} from $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}$
- Such an OPE introduced for baryon magnetic moment sum rules [Balitsky, Yung, 83], [Ioffe, Smilga, 84], and later for the EW $g - 2$ contributions as well [Czarnecki, Marciano, Vainshtein, 03]
- Different from vacuum OPE [Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov, 79]

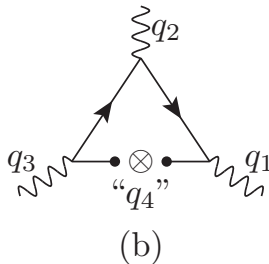
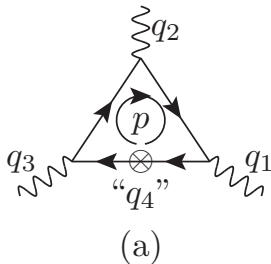
- Let us look at how to do it

$$J^{\mu_1}(x_1)J^{\mu_2}(x_2)J^{\mu_3}(x_3) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \bar{q}(x_i)\gamma^{\mu_i}q(x_i)$$

- Expand $q(x_i) = q(0) + x_i^\mu \partial_\mu q(0) + \dots$
- Radial gauge: $A_\mu(z) = \frac{1}{2}z^\nu F_{\nu\mu}(0)$
- Promote $\partial_\mu \leftrightarrow D_\mu$ [Pascual, Tarrach 84]

$$J^{\mu_1}(x_1)J^{\mu_2}(x_2)J^{\mu_3}(x_3) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \left[\bar{q}(0) + \bar{q}(0) \overleftarrow{D}_\mu x_i^\mu \right] \gamma^{\mu_i} \left[q(0) + x_i^\mu D_\mu q(0) \right]$$

- Expand Dyson series in $\langle 0 | T(J^{\mu_1}(x_1)J^{\mu_2}(x_2)J^{\mu_3}(x_3)) | \gamma(q_4) \rangle$
- Contract **and do not contract**
- Leads to a bunch of OPE terms. Tedious in position space
- Can do it in momentum space with Feynman diagrams instead



- (a) Confirms old perturbative quark loop expectation for LO OPE
- (b) **Leading non-perturbative term:** $\langle \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \rangle$ Magnetic susceptibility

- The OPE is an expansion in $1/Q_i$ and α_s
- Through a given order, we can thus extract

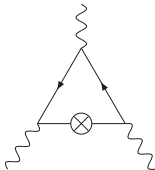
$$\hat{\Pi}_i = P^i_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\nu_4} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\nu_4}}$$

- Quark loop: $1/Q_i^2$ scaling
- With $\langle \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \rangle = e_q X_q F_{\mu\nu}$ the non-perturbative correction is

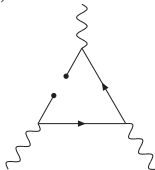
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Pi}_1 &= m_q X_q e_q^4 \frac{-4(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2 - Q_3^2)}{Q_1^2 Q_2^2 Q_3^4}, & \hat{\Pi}_7 &= 0, \\ \hat{\Pi}_4 &= m_q X_q e_q^4 \frac{8}{Q_1^2 Q_2^2 Q_3^2}, & \hat{\Pi}_{39} &= 0, \\ \hat{\Pi}_{17} &= m_q X_q e_q^4 \frac{8}{Q_1^2 Q_2^2 Q_3^4}, \\ \hat{\Pi}_{54} &= m_q X_q e_q^4 \frac{-4(Q_1^2 - Q_2^2)}{Q_1^4 Q_2^4 Q_3^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- **Papers I and II:** Perturbative: (a) quark loop $1/Q^2$
- Non-perturbative: $1/Q^4$, $1/Q^6$:
 (b₁) $\langle \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \rangle$, (b₂) $\langle \bar{q} q \rangle$, (c) $\langle \bar{q} \Gamma_1 q \bar{q} \Gamma_2 q \rangle$, (d) $\langle \alpha_s GG \rangle$

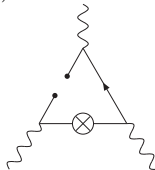
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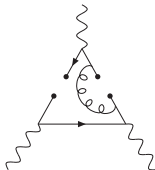
(b₁)



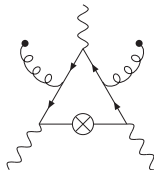
(b₂)



(c)



(d)



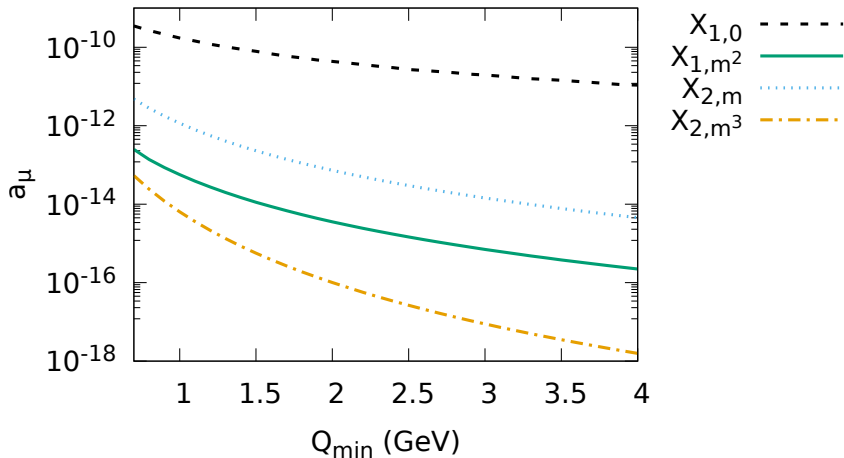
- In general can then write the OPE as

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = \underbrace{\vec{C}_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\nu_4}(q_1, q_2, \mu)}_{\text{pert. Wilson}} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{X}(\mu) \langle F_{\mu_4\nu_4} \rangle}_{\text{non-pert. ME}}$$

- Need to define matrix elements (ME) at renormalisation scale μ
- Can be calculated in lattice QCD, VMD, ...
- $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ [FLAG (JLQCD, ...)]; $\langle GG \rangle$ [Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov 78]; $\langle \bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q \rangle$ [Bali et al. 20]; ...
- How good is the quark loop?

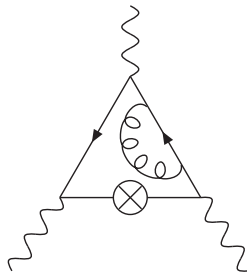
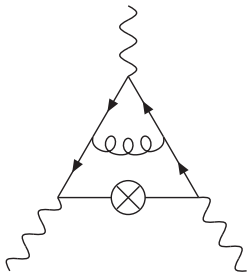
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = \frac{2\alpha^3}{3\pi^2} \int_{Q_{\min}}^{\infty} dQ_1 \int_{Q_{\min}}^{\infty} dQ_2 \int_{-\tau(Q_{\min})}^{\tau(Q_{\min})} d\tau \sqrt{1-\tau^2} Q_1^3 Q_2^3 \sum_{i=1}^{12} f_i(\{\hat{n}_j\})$$

- Numerically studied these as well, for $Q_i^2 > Q_{\min}^2$



- Non-perturbative condensates suppressed by two orders of magnitude in general in [SDC1](#)

- We thus see that non-perturbative corrections to the massless quark loop are very small
- **Paper III:** What about the massless perturbative $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ correction to the quark loop? **2 loops**



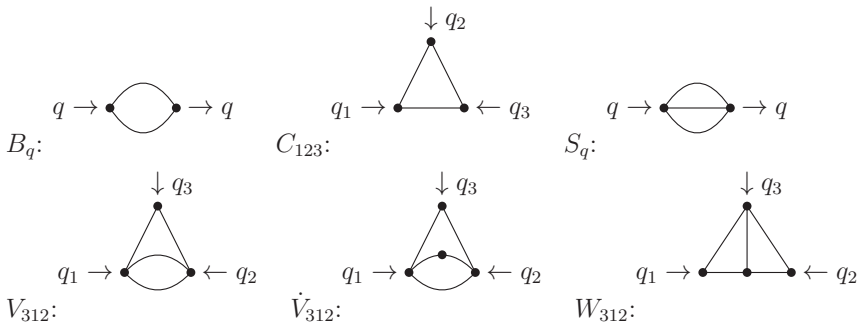
- Generate $\partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \mu_4}$ including two QCD vertices from the Dyson series

→ Project onto $\hat{\Pi}_i$

- Result: ~ 6000 scalar 2-loop integrals on the form ($d = 4 - 2\varepsilon$)

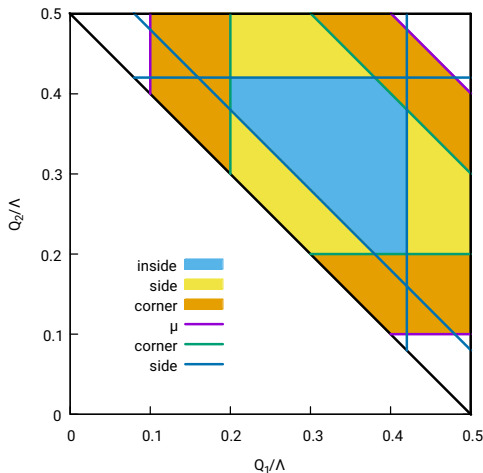
$$M(i_1, \dots, i_7) = \frac{1}{i^2} \int \frac{d^d p_1}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{d^d p_2}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{p_1^{2i_1} (p_1 - q_1)^{2i_2} (p_1 + q_2)^{2i_3} p_2^{2i_4} (p_2 - q_1)^{2i_5} (p_2 + q_2)^{2i_6} (p_1 - p_2)^{2i_7}}$$

- Use Kira to reduce these to a minimal set of 21 master integrals

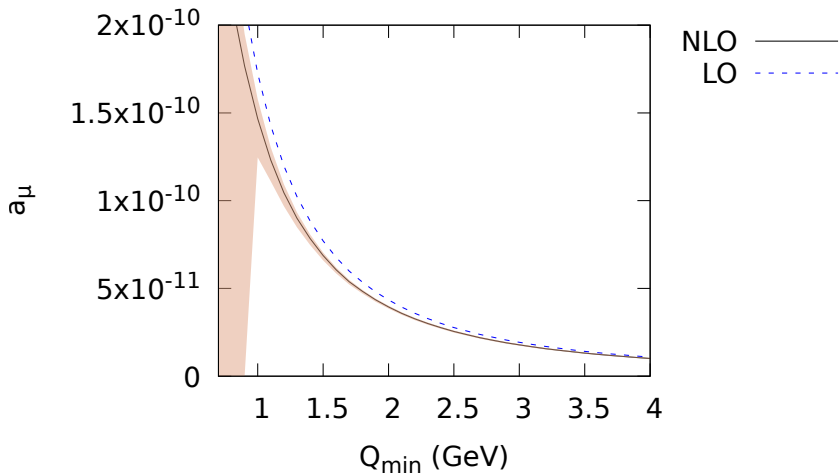


- Renormalisation not needed (first order in α , α_s , massless)
- Individual integrals divergent up to $1/\epsilon^3$
(expansions known [Birthwright et al., 2004; Chavez et al., 2012])
- The finiteness of $\hat{\Pi}_i$ is a strong check on our calculation

- Numerically difficult around e.g. $\lambda = (Q_1^2 + Q_2^2 - Q_3^2)^2 - 4Q_1^2 Q_2^2 \approx 0$
- We had to expand the analytical results in all different regions



- $\Lambda = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$, and we have up to $1/\lambda^4$ that cancel

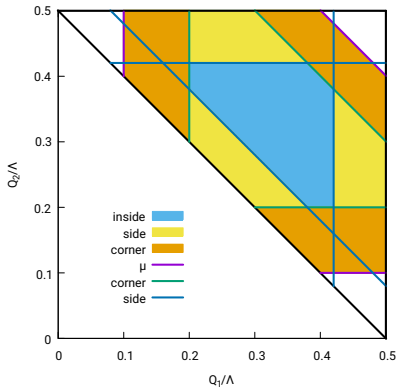


- Main uncertainty: $\alpha_s(\mu)$ where $\mu \in (Q_{\min}/\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}Q_{\min})$, run $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ with 5-loops to m_τ and μ
- In general see about -10% of the quark loop (LO)

Conclusions so far

- The massless quark-loop is the leading term in an OPE and a decent representation of the short-distance behaviour with $Q_1^2 \sim Q_2^2 \sim Q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- We have shown that higher-order terms in the OPE are numerically small (suppressed by m_q and small condensates)
- 2-loop correction is about -10% of the quark-loop
- This can now be used by the dispersive/model studies [Colangelo et al., 2020]
- Currently: SDC2 $Q_1^2 \sim Q_2^2 \gg Q_3^2$, Λ_{QCD}^2 very important to constrain models. Only leading order used in White Paper
- Higher order terms and α_s needed

- Caveat: Overlap regions
- $Q_i^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ SDC1
- $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ SDC2
- In SDC1 we have the case $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \in \text{SDC2}$
- We must find the same result in the **corner** limits (perturbative)



- Recall for **one soft photon** we study

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2) \sim \int \frac{d^4 q_3}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\prod_{i=1}^3 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ \times \langle 0 | T (J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3)) | \gamma(q_4) \rangle$$

$Q_{1,2,3} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$: Keep $F_{\mu\nu}$ -like operators ($\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q \sim F_{\mu\nu}$)

- Melnikov-Vainshtein limit: For **two soft photons** we instead consider

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2}(q_1) \sim \int \frac{d^4 q_3}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\prod_{i=1}^2 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ \times \langle 0 | T (J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2)) | \gamma(q_3)\gamma(q_4) \rangle$$

$Q_{1,2} \gg Q_3, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$: Keep operators with the right quantum numbers
Can relate it to the HLbL as well

- Define new variables

$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{2} (q_1 - q_2) , \quad q_{1,2} = \pm \hat{q} - \frac{1}{2} (q_3 + q_4)$$

$$\underbrace{\overline{Q}_3}_{\text{large}} = Q_1 + Q_2 , \quad \underbrace{\delta_{12}}_{\text{small}} = Q_1 - Q_2$$

- Related through

$$\underbrace{\hat{Q}^2}_{\text{large}} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\overline{Q}_3^2 + \delta_{12}^2 - Q_3^2 \right)$$

- Rewrite $\hat{Q}^2$ in terms of δ_{12}^2 , $\overline{Q}_3^2$ and Q_3^2 for $\hat{\Pi}_i$
- Needed to do expansions in corners of [SDC 1](#)

- Our object is now

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} &= \sum_j \frac{ie_{q_j}^2}{e^2} \int \frac{d^4q_4}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4x_1 \int d^4x_2 e^{-i(q_1x_1+q_2x_2)} \\ &\quad \times \langle 0 | T(J_j^{\mu_1}(x_1)J_j^{\mu_2}(x_2)) | \gamma^{\mu_3}(q_3)\gamma^{\mu_4}(q_4) \rangle \\ &\equiv \sum_j \frac{ie_{q_j}^2}{e^2} \left\langle e^{-i(q_1x_1+q_2x_2)} \bar{q}(x_1)\gamma^{\mu_1}q(x_1) \bar{q}(x_2)\gamma^{\mu_2}q(x_2) \right\rangle_{q_4, x_1, x_2}^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4}\end{aligned}$$

- Leading order must be proportional to axial current $J_A^\mu = \bar{q}\gamma_5\gamma^\mu q$
[Melnikov, Vainshtein 03]
- Leading behaviour: $1/\hat{Q}^2$
- Want to derive perturbative and non-perturbative corrections to this

- A bunch of operators: $\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\mu_4} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{i,D}^{\alpha\beta} | \gamma(3) \gamma(4) \rangle$

$$D = 3: \quad \mathcal{O}_{1,D=3}^{\alpha\beta\rho} = \bar{q} \left[\gamma^\alpha \gamma^\rho \gamma^\beta - \gamma^\beta \gamma^\rho \gamma^\alpha \right] q$$

$$D = 4: \quad \mathcal{O}_{1,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{q} \gamma^\beta \left[\vec{D}^\alpha - \overleftarrow{D}^\alpha \right] q$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{2,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = F^{\alpha\gamma} F_\gamma^\beta$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{3,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = F^{\gamma\delta} F_{\gamma\delta} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{4,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = G^{\alpha\gamma} G_\gamma^\beta$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{5,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = G^{\gamma\delta} G_{\gamma\delta} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{6,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{q} \left[\gamma^\alpha \gamma^\gamma \gamma^\beta + \gamma^\beta \gamma^\gamma \gamma^\alpha \right] \left[\vec{D}^\gamma + \overleftarrow{D}^\gamma \right] q$$

- Can do all of the OPE terms here:

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \nu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\mu_4}} = \sum \text{Wilson}(\hat{Q}, \mu) \times \text{ME}(Q_3, \mu)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \nu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\mu_4}} &= \sum_j \frac{e_{qj}^2}{e^2} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle \bar{q} [\Gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2}(-\hat{q}) - \Gamma^{\mu_2 \mu_1}(-\hat{q})] q \right\rangle^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4} \\
&+ \sum_j \frac{ie_{qj}^2}{e^2 \hat{q}^2} \left(g^{\mu_1 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_2} + g^{\mu_2 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_1} - g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} g_{\beta}^{\delta} \right) \left(g_{\alpha}^{\delta} - 2 \frac{\hat{q}^{\delta} \hat{q}_{\alpha}}{\hat{q}^2} \right) \\
&\quad \times \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{\nu_4}^{q_4} \left\langle \bar{q} (\vec{D}^{\alpha} - \overleftarrow{D}^{\alpha}) \gamma^{\beta} q \right\rangle_{\overline{\text{MS}}(\mu)}^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4} \\
&+ \sum_j \frac{ie_{qj}^2}{e^2 \hat{q}^2} \left(g^{\mu_1 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_2} + g^{\mu_2 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_1} - g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} g_{\beta}^{\delta} \right) \left(g_{\alpha}^{\delta} - 2 \frac{\hat{q}^{\delta} \hat{q}_{\alpha}}{\hat{q}^2} \right) \\
&\quad \times \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle Z_{DF}^j(\mu) \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} + d F^{\alpha\gamma} F_{\gamma}^{\beta}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + Z_{DG}^j(\mu) \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} (G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a g^{\alpha\beta} + d G_a^{\alpha\gamma} G_{\gamma}^{a, \beta}) \right\rangle^{j, \mu_3 \mu_4} \\
&+ \sum_j \frac{e_{qj}^2}{8e^2} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \left[\partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle e^2 e_{qj}^2 F_{\nu_3' \mu_3'} F_{\nu_4' \mu_4'} + \frac{1}{2N_c} g_s^2 G_{\nu_3' \mu_3'}^a G_{\nu_4' \mu_4'}^a \right\rangle^{j, \mu_3 \mu_4} \right] \\
&\quad \times \lim_{q_3, q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_3}^{\nu_3'} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4'} \Pi_{\text{ql}, j}^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3' \mu_4'}
\end{aligned}$$

- Here we need to calculate $\hat{\Pi}_i$ from the OPE
- Question is what the matrix elements are
- Case 1: $Q_1^2 \sim Q_2^2 \gg Q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ **SDC1** Perturbative regime
- Case 2: $Q_1^2 \sim Q_2^2 \gg Q_3^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ Non-perturbative regime

- Perturbative dimension $D = 3$:

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = -\frac{4N_c \sum_j e_{q,j}^4}{\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^2}$$

- Non-perturbative dimension $D = 3$:

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \nu_4}}{\partial q_{4, \mu_4}} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{q_3^2}{\hat{q}^2} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \hat{q} \delta} \left(\epsilon_{\mu_3 \mu_4 \nu_4 \delta} \omega_T(q_3^2) - \frac{1}{q_3^2} \epsilon_{q_3 \mu_4 \nu_4 \delta} q_{3\mu_3} \omega_T(q_3^2) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{q_3^2} \epsilon_{\mu_3 \mu_4 \nu_4 q_3} q_{3\delta} [\omega_L(q_3^2) - \omega_T(q_3^2)] \right)$$

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = \frac{2}{\pi^2 \overline{Q}_3^2} \omega_L(q_3^2)$$

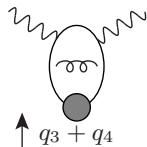
- Perturbative case for $D = 4$

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = -\frac{4}{\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^2} \quad \hat{\Pi}_4 = -\frac{16}{3\pi^2 \overline{Q}_3^4}, \quad \hat{\Pi}_7 = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\overline{Q}_3^6}\right),$$

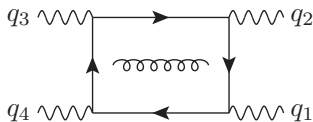
$$\hat{\Pi}_{17} = \frac{16}{3\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^4}, \quad \hat{\Pi}_{39} = \frac{16}{3\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^4}, \quad \hat{\Pi}_{54} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\overline{Q}_3^5}\right).$$

- Agree with corner expansion of [SDC1](#)
- Non-perturbative dimension $D = 4$ depends on new form factors such as $\omega_{(8)}^{D,1}$, $\omega_{(8)}^{D,5}$ and $\omega_{(8)}^{D,6}$, but also $\omega_{T,L}(q_3^2)$
- Preliminary estimates: Chiral model + resonance saturation
- Not big corrections but work in progress

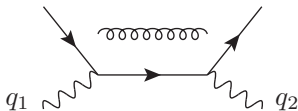
- We still have to consider gluonic



(a) $D = 3, 4$



(b) $D = 4$



(c) $D = 3, 4$

- $D = 3$: Reproduce known result [Lüdtke, Procura 20]

$$\Pi_{D=3, \text{NLO}}^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \approx -\frac{e_q^2}{e^2} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \left\langle \bar{q} [\Gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2}(-\hat{q}) - \Gamma^{\mu_2 \mu_1}(-\hat{q})] q \right\rangle^{3,4}$$

- $D = 4$: Reproduce our corner expansion in [SDC1](#) in [Paper III](#)

Conclusions and outlook

- OPEs to derive short-distance constraints for the HLbL

One soft photon limit

Two soft photons limit

- For $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$:

Quark loop is the leading term

Non-perturbative corrections small

Gluon corrections: -10% on the quark loop

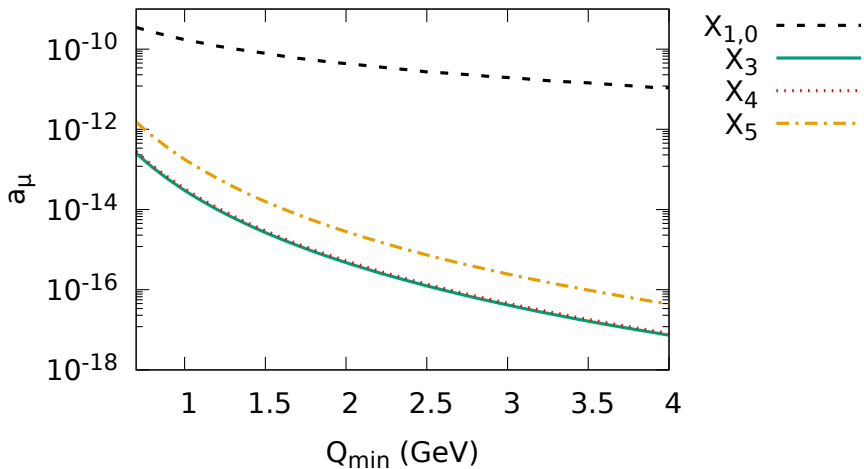
- For $Q_1, Q_2 \gg Q_3, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$:

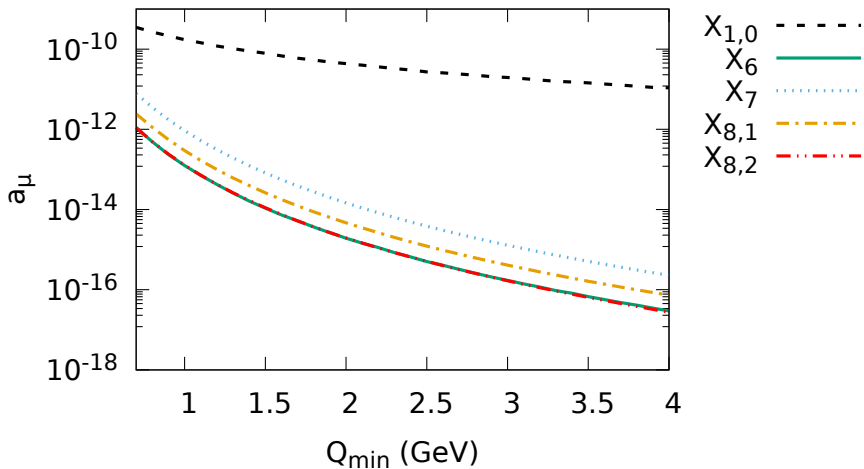
Limit $Q_3 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$: Agreement with the quark loop $\tilde{\Pi}_i$ through $D = 4$

Need also $Q_3 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$: Non-perturbative extrapolations

Impact of the short-distance constraints?

Backup slides





Values of the condensates

- $X_{5,6,7}$ related to the quark and gluon condensates: Known in literature
- X_2 is the magnetic susceptibility $\langle \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \rangle$: Known from the lattice
- X_8 are four-quark condensates: We do leading order in large N_c

$$\overline{X}_{8,1}^{N_c \rightarrow \infty} = \overline{X}_{8,2}^{N_c \rightarrow \infty} = -2 \frac{\pi \alpha_s}{9} X_2 \langle \bar{q} q \rangle$$

- $X_{2,3,4}$: Do vacuum OPE of 2-point functions and match to large N_c form

$$X_2 = \frac{2}{M_\rho^2} \langle \bar{q} q \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{Agrees well with LQCD}$$

$$X_3 = -\frac{m_0^2}{6M_\rho^2} \langle \bar{q} q \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{New}$$

$$X_4 = -\frac{m_0^2}{6M_\rho^2} \langle \bar{q} q \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{New}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2}(\bar{q}_i \lambda_1 q_j \bar{q}_k \lambda_2 q_l - \bar{q}_i \lambda_2 q_j \bar{q}_k \lambda_1 q_l) &= \frac{1}{64} \left(\gamma_{ji}^\mu \gamma_{lk}^\nu - \gamma_{ji}^\nu \gamma_{lk}^\mu \right) \left[\bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma_\mu q \bar{q} \lambda_2 \gamma_\nu q - \bar{q} \lambda_2 \gamma_\mu q \bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma_\nu q \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{64} \left((\gamma^\mu \gamma_5)_{ji} (\gamma^\nu \gamma_5)_{lk} - (\gamma^\nu \gamma_5)_{ji} (\gamma^\mu \gamma_5)_{lk} \right) \left[\bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \lambda_2 \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 q - \bar{q} \lambda_2 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 q \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{64} g_{\lambda\alpha} \left(\sigma_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} \sigma_{lk}^{\alpha\nu} - \sigma_{ji}^{\nu\lambda} \sigma_{lk}^{\alpha\mu} \right) \times \frac{1}{2} g^{\rho\beta} \left[\bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\rho} \lambda_1 q \bar{q} \sigma_{\beta\nu} \lambda_2 q - \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\rho} \lambda_2 q \bar{q} \sigma_{\beta\nu} \lambda_1 q \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{q}_i \lambda_1 q_j \bar{q}_k \lambda_1 q_l &= \frac{1}{32} \left(\sigma_{ji}^{\mu\nu} \delta_{lk} + \delta_{ji} \sigma_{lk}^{\mu\nu} \right) \left[\bar{q} \lambda_1 q \bar{q} \lambda_1 \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{64} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} \epsilon_{\mu_1\nu_1\mu_2\nu_2} \left((\gamma_\mu \gamma_5)_{ji} (\gamma_\nu)_{lk} - (\gamma_\mu)_{ji} (\gamma_\nu \gamma_5)_{lk} \right) \left[\bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma^{\mu_2} \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma^{\nu_2} q \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{32} \left(\sigma_{ji}^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \delta_{lk} + \gamma_5 \delta_{ji} \sigma_{lk}^{\mu\nu} \right) \left[\bar{q} \lambda_1 \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \bar{q} \lambda_1 \gamma_5 q \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{q}_i \lambda_8 q_j \bar{q}_k \lambda_8 q_l \pm \bar{q}_i q_j \bar{q}_k \lambda_8 q_l &= \frac{1}{32} \left(\sigma_{ji}^{\mu\nu} \delta_{lk} \pm \delta_{ji} \sigma_{lk}^{\mu\nu} \right) \left[\bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \lambda_8 q \bar{q} q \pm \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \bar{q} \lambda_8 q \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{64} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} \epsilon_{\mu_1\nu_1\mu_2\nu_2} \left((\gamma_\mu \gamma_5)_{ji} (\gamma_\nu)_{lk} \mp (\gamma_\mu)_{ji} (\gamma_\nu \gamma_5)_{lk} \right) \\
&\times \left[\bar{q} \lambda_8 \gamma^{\mu_2} \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \gamma^{\nu_2} q \pm \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu_2} \gamma_5 q \bar{q} \lambda_8 \gamma^{\nu_2} q \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{32} \left(\sigma_{ji}^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \delta_{lk} \pm \gamma_5 \delta_{ji} \sigma_{lk}^{\mu\nu} \right) \left[\bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda_8 q \bar{q} \gamma_5 q \pm \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q \bar{q} \lambda_8 \gamma_5 q \right].
\end{aligned}$$

This reduces the original set of 1679616 matrix elements to a basis of 12 non-zero ones.

Analytical form of 2-loop result

- Analytical form (finite master integral coefficients and logarithms)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Pi}_m = & f_{m,ijk}^{pqr} F_{ijk}(2) Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} + w_{m,ijk}^{pqr} W_{ijk}(0) Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} \\ & + c_{m,ijk}^{pqr} C_{ijk}(0) Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} \\ & + n_{m,1}^{pqr} Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} \log \frac{Q_1^2}{Q_3^2} + n_{m,2}^{pqr} Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} C_{ijk}(0) \log \frac{Q_2^2}{Q_3^2} \\ & + l_{m,ijk1}^{pqr} Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} C_{ijk}(0) \log \frac{Q_1^2}{Q_3^2} + l_{m,ijk2}^{pqr} Q_1^{2p} Q_2^{2q} Q_3^{2r} C_{ijk}(0) \log \frac{Q_2^2}{Q_3^2}\end{aligned}$$

- $\tilde{\Pi}_m$ related to our $\hat{\Pi}_i$
- Again we can evaluate a_μ^{HLbL} in SDC1 kinematics

Examples of technical details

- **Example:** Renormalisation of $\mathcal{O}_{1,D=4,j}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{q} \left[\vec{D}^\alpha - \overleftarrow{D}^\alpha \right] \gamma^\beta q$

$$\mathcal{O}_{1,D=4,j}^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{O}_j^{\alpha\beta}(\mu) + Z_{DF}^j(\mu) \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left(F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} + d F^{\alpha\gamma} F_\gamma^\beta \right) + \dots$$

$$Z_{DF}^j(\mu) = -i \frac{2}{3} N_c e_{q,j}^2 \frac{\mu^{-2\epsilon}}{\hat{\epsilon}}$$

- **Example:** Form-factor decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{i \sum_j \left(e_{q_j}^2 - \sum_k \frac{e_{q,k}^2}{3} \right)}{e^2 \hat{q}^2} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle \bar{q} \left[\vec{D}^\alpha - \overleftarrow{D}^\alpha \right] \gamma^\beta q \right\rangle_{\overline{\text{MS}}(\mu)}^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^6 \omega_{(8)}^{D,i} L_i^{\alpha\beta\mu_3\mu_4\nu_4} \end{aligned}$$