

# Large- $N_C$ inspired approach to hadronic light-by-light scattering in the muon $g - 2$

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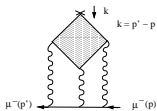
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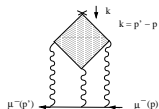
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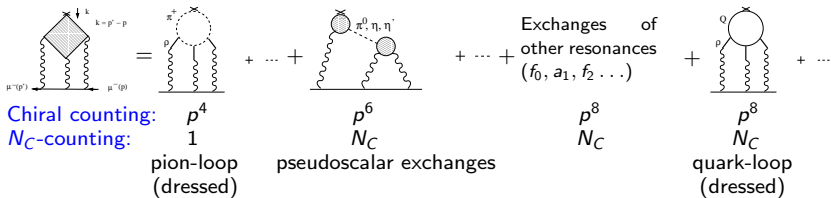
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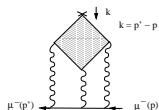
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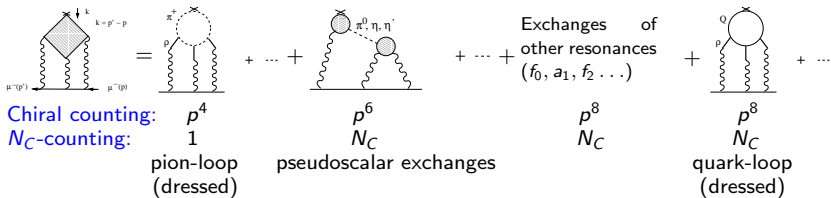
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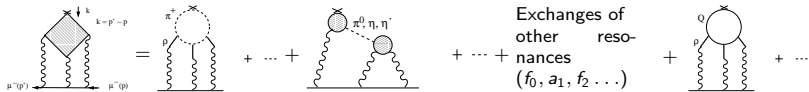
Relevant scales in HLbL ( $\langle VVVV \rangle$  with off-shell photons): 0 – 2 GeV, i.e. larger than  $m_\mu$  !

Constrain models using experimental data (form factors of hadrons with photons) and theory (ChPT at low energies; short-distance constraints from pQCD / OPE at high momenta).

Going beyond models: Dispersion relations or Lattice QCD.

Issue: on-shell versus off-shell form factors. For instance pion-pole versus pion-exchange: How do we define the pion-pole contribution ? Is there a form factor at external vertex ?

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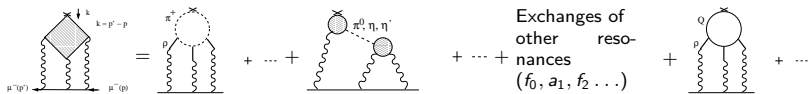


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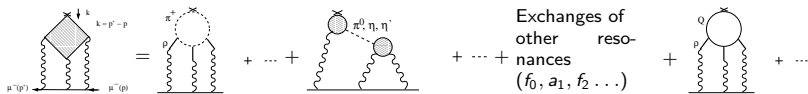
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**Questioned: size of quark-loop**  $(107(2) \times 10^{-11})$ : Goecke et al. '11-'13; Schwinger-Dyson equation) and **size of pion-loop**  $(-(11 - 71) \times 10^{-11})$ : Engel et al. '12, '13; pion-polarizabilities, effect of  $a_1$  meson)

Very recent new estimates:  $a_\mu(f_0, f_0', a_0) = [(-0.9 \pm 0.2) \text{ to } (-3.1 \pm 0.8)] \times 10^{-11}$ ,

$a_\mu(f_1, f_1') = (6.4 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-11}$  and  $a_\mu(f_2, f_2', a_2, a_2') = (1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-11}$  (Pauk, Vanderhaeghen '14).



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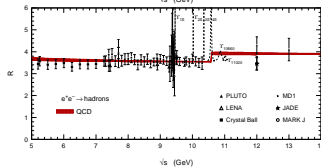
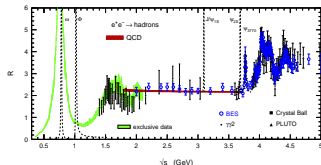
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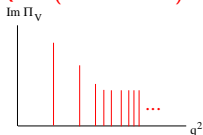
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**Example:** 2-point function  $\langle VV \rangle \rightarrow$  spectral function  $\text{Im}\Pi_V \sim \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$

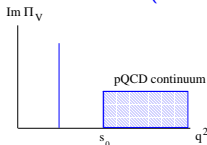
**Real world** (Davier et al., '03)



**Large- $N_C$  QCD** ('t Hooft '74)



**Minimal Hadronic Ansatz (MHA)**



Scale  $s_0$  fixed by the OPE

## Minimal Hadronic Ansatz for $\langle VV \rangle$ and HVP contribution to $g - 2$

Adapted from de Rafael

Consider Adler function  $\mathcal{A}(Q^2) \equiv -Q^2 \frac{\partial \Pi_V(Q^2)}{\partial Q^2}$

$$\mathcal{A}(Q^2) \Big|_{\text{MHA}} = \left( \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \right) e^2 \left\{ 2f_V^2 M_V^2 \frac{Q^2}{(Q^2 + M_V^2)^2} + \frac{N_C}{16\pi^2} \frac{4}{3} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + s_0} (1 + \dots) \right\}$$

Chiral loops (two-pion states) subleading in  $1/N_C$ .

No  $1/Q^2$  term in the OPE  $\Rightarrow$  fixes  $s_0$ :  $2f_V^2 M_V^2 = \frac{N_C}{16\pi^2} \frac{4}{3} s_0 \left( 1 + \frac{3}{8} \frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi} + \dots \right)$

General relation:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} (1-x) \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right) \mathcal{A} \left( \frac{x^2}{1-x} m_\mu^2 \right)$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} \Big|_{\text{MHA}} = (5700 \pm 1900) \times 10^{-11} \quad (33\% \text{ systematic error from } 1/N_C)$$

Of course, this error for HVP cannot compete with evaluations based on data on  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$  with  $\pm 45 \times 10^{-11}$ . Imposing **further theoretical and experiment constraints on the MHA** for the relevant Green's functions can maybe bring down the error to **10-15%**. Would be almost enough for HLbL.

## MHA for pion-exchange contribution in HLbL

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## Off-shell pion form factor from $\langle VVP \rangle$

- Following Bijmans, Pallante, Prades '96; Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Sanda '96; Hayakawa, Kinoshita '98, **we can define off-shell form factor for  $\pi^0$** :

$$\int d^4x d^4y e^{i(q_1 \cdot x + q_2 \cdot y)} \langle 0 | T \{ j_\mu(x) j_\nu(y) P^3(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \frac{i \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle}{F_\pi} \frac{i}{(q_1 + q_2)^2 - m_\pi^2} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 * \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) + \dots$$

Up to small mixing effects of  $P^3$  with  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  and neglecting exchanges of heavier states like  $\pi^{0'}$ ,  $\pi^{0''}$ , ...

$$j_\mu(x) = (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q} \gamma_\mu \psi)(x), \quad \psi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{Q} = \text{diag}(2, -1, -1)/3$$

(light quark part of electromagnetic current)

$$P^3 = \bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \frac{\lambda^3}{2} \psi = (\bar{u} i \gamma_5 u - \bar{d} i \gamma_5 d) / 2, \quad \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle = \text{single flavor quark condensate}$$

$$\text{Bose symmetry: } \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 * \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) = \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 * \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_2^2, q_1^2)$$

- Note: **for off-shell pions**, instead of  $P^3(x)$ , we could use any other suitable interpolating field, like  $(\partial^\mu A_\mu^3)(x)$  or even an elementary pion field  $\pi^3(x)$  ! **Off-shell form factor is therefore model dependent and not a physical quantity !**

## On-shell form factor $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}$ and transition form factor $F(Q^2)$

- On-shell  $\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*$  form factor between an on-shell pion and two off-shell photons:

$$i \int d^4x e^{iq_1 \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ j_\mu(x) j_\nu(0) \} | \pi^0(q_1 + q_2) \rangle = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

Relation to off-shell form factor:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \equiv \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(m_\pi^2, q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

Form factor for real photons is related to  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay width:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2 = 0, q_2^2 = 0) = \frac{4}{\pi\alpha^2 m_\pi^3} \Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$$

Often normalization with chiral anomaly is used:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(0, 0) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2 F_\pi}$$

- Pion-photon transition form factor:

$$F(Q^2) \equiv \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q^2, q_2^2 = 0), \quad Q^2 \equiv -q_1^2$$

Note that  $q_2^2 = 0$ , but  $\vec{q}_2 \neq \vec{0}$  for on-shell photon !

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- Information on the  $\pi^0 - \gamma$  transition form factor with one on-shell and one off-shell photon from the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0$

Brodsky-Lepage '79-'81 predict the following behavior:

$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma}(m_\pi^2, -Q^2, 0) \sim -\frac{2F_\pi}{Q^2}$$

Maybe with slightly different prefactor !

Data from CELLO '90 and CLEO '08 fairly well confirm this behavior, although  $Q^2 \leq 9$  GeV<sup>2</sup> maybe not yet large enough. Data from BABAR '09 in range  $4$  GeV<sup>2</sup>  $\leq Q^2 \leq 40$  GeV<sup>2</sup> do not show this fall-off. But data from BELLE '12 in same range seem to fall off.



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$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_2^2, (\lambda q_1)^2, (q_2 - \lambda q_1)^2) = \frac{2F_0}{3} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{q_1^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^3}\right)$$

As pointed out in Melnikov, Vainshtein '04, **higher twist corrections** have been worked out in Shuryak, Vainshtein '82, Novikov et al. '84 (in chiral limit):

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(0, (\lambda q_1)^2, (\lambda q_1)^2) = \frac{2F_0}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda^2 q_1^2} + \frac{8}{9} \frac{\delta^2}{\lambda^4 q_1^4} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^6}\right) \right\}$$

$\delta^2$  parametrizes the relevant higher-twist matrix element.

The sum-rule estimate in Novikov et al. '84 yielded  $\delta^2 = (0.2 \pm 0.02) \text{ GeV}^2$

## Short-distance constraint on form factor at external vertex

- When the space-time argument of **one of the vector currents** approaches the argument of the **pseudoscalar density** in  $\langle VVP \rangle$  one obtains (Knecht, Nyffeler, EPJC '01):

$$\underbrace{\langle VVP \rangle}_{\text{OPE}} \rightarrow \langle VT \rangle \quad \text{Vector-Tensor two-point function}$$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}((\lambda q_1 + q_2)^2, (\lambda q_1)^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{F_0}{\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0} \Pi_{VT}(q_2^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)$$

The **vector-tensor two-point function**  $\Pi_{VT}$  is defined by:

$$\delta^{ab} (\Pi_{VT})_{\mu\rho\sigma}(p) = \int d^4x e^{ip \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ V_\mu^a(x) (\bar{\psi} \sigma_{\rho\sigma} \frac{\lambda^b}{2} \psi)(0) \} | 0 \rangle, \quad \sigma_{\rho\sigma} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma_\rho, \gamma_\sigma]$$

$$(\Pi_{VT})_{\mu\rho\sigma}(p) = (p_\rho \eta_{\mu\sigma} - p_\sigma \eta_{\mu\rho}) \Pi_{VT}(p^2), \quad \text{CVC, parity invariance}$$

At the **external vertex** in light-by-light scattering the following limit is relevant (**soft photon**  $q_2 \rightarrow 0$ )

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## Short-distance constraint at the external vertex (cont.)

Ioffe, Smilga '84 defined the **quark condensate magnetic susceptibility**  $\chi$  of QCD in the presence of a constant external electromagnetic field

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q | 0 \rangle_F = e e_q \chi \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0 F_{\mu\nu}, \quad e_u = 2/3, \quad e_d = -1/3$$

Belyaev, Kogan '84 then showed that

$$\Pi_{VT}(0) = -\frac{\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0}{2} \chi$$

$\Rightarrow$  **Short-distance constraint** on **off-shell form factor** at external vertex (Nyffeler '09):

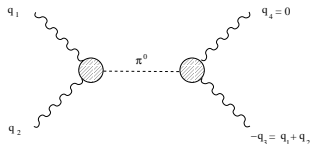
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- Note that there is **no falloff** in OPE in (\*), unless  $\chi$  vanishes !  
A constituent quark model for the form factor would lead to a  $1/q_1^2$  fall-off.
- Corrections of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  in OPE  $\Rightarrow \chi$  depends on renormalization scale  $\mu$ . Not obvious, what is the "correct" scale  $\mu$  in HLbL.
- **Unfortunately there is no agreement in the literature what the value of  $\chi(\mu)$  should be !**

Range of values from  $\chi(\mu \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV}) \approx -9 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  (Ioffe, Smilga '84; Vainshtein '03, ..., Narison '08) to  $\chi(\mu \sim 1 \text{ GeV}) \approx -3 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  (Balitsky, Yung '83; Ball et al. '03; ..., Ioffe '09). Running with  $\mu$  cannot explain such a difference. Recent result from Lattice QCD:  $\chi_u^{\overline{MS}}(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = -(2.08 \pm 0.08) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  (Bali et al. '12).

## QCD short-distance constraint on $\langle VVVV \rangle$ in $g - 2$

- Melnikov, Vainshtein '04 found **QCD short-distance constraint on whole 4-point function**:



$$\langle \underbrace{VV}_{\text{OPE}} V | \gamma \rangle \stackrel{q_1^2 \sim q_2^2 \gg (q_1 + q_2)^2}{\Rightarrow} \langle AV | \gamma \rangle$$

- From this they deduced for the LbyL scattering amplitude for finite  $q_1^2, q_2^2, -q_3 = q_1 + q_2$  (Eq. (18) in MV '04, using our normalization for form factor; Minkowski space notation):

$$\mathcal{A}_{\pi^0} = \frac{3}{2F_\pi} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)}{q_3^2 - m_\pi^2} (f_{2;\mu\nu} \tilde{f}_1^{\nu\mu})(\tilde{f}_{3\rho\sigma} f_3^{\sigma\rho}) + \text{permutations}$$

$$f_i^{\mu\nu} = q_i^\mu \epsilon_i^\nu - q_i^\nu \epsilon_i^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{f}_{i;\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} f_i^{\rho\sigma} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3. \quad \text{For external soft photon}$$

$$f^{\mu\nu} = q_4^\mu \epsilon_4^\nu - q_4^\nu \epsilon_4^\mu. \quad \text{Except in } \tilde{f}_{\rho\sigma}, \quad q_4 \rightarrow 0 \text{ is understood.}$$

- Expression with **on-shell form factor**  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \equiv \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(m_\pi^2, q_1^2, q_2^2)$ . **No form factor at external vertex**  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma}(q_3^2, 0)$ . Replaced by constant WZW form factor  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma \gamma}(m_\pi^2, 0) \approx \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma \gamma}(0, 0) ! \Rightarrow$  MV '04 consider the **pion-pole contribution** !
- If one then studies the behavior for **large**  $q_3^2$ , one obtains from the pion propagator an overall  $1/q_3^2$  behavior (apart from  $f_3^{\sigma\rho}$ ). **According to MV '04 this agrees exactly with behavior of quark-loop in perturbative QCD for large momenta.**
- From quark-hadron duality in large- $N_C$  QCD it follows that the sum of all resonance exchanges has to match with the quark-loop ! **But why should already the pion-pole contribution alone match with the quark-loop ?**

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Knecht, Nyffeler, EPJC '01; Nyffeler '09

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LMD form factors (off-shell, on-shell, transition form factor):

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\text{LMD}}(q_3^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 - c_V}{(q_1^2 - M_V^2)(q_2^2 - M_V^2)}, \quad q_3^2 = (q_1 + q_2)^2$$

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$$F^{\text{LMD}}(Q^2) = -\frac{F_\pi}{3M_V^2} \frac{Q^2 + \bar{c}_V}{Q^2 + M_V^2}$$

Note that the LMD transition form factor does not fall off like  $1/Q^2$  for large  $Q^2$ .

## The LMD+V form factor

Off-shell LMD+V form factor:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{\text{LMD+V}}(q_3^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) &= \frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2) + P_H^V(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2)}{(q_1^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_1^2 - M_{V_2}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_2}^2)} \\ P_H^V(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) &= h_1 (q_1^2 + q_2^2)^2 + h_2 q_1^2 q_2^2 + h_3 (q_1^2 + q_2^2) q_3^2 + h_4 q_3^4 \\ &\quad + h_5 (q_1^2 + q_2^2) + h_6 q_3^2 + h_7 \\ q_3^2 &= (q_1 + q_2)^2\end{aligned}$$

$F_\pi = 92.4$  MeV,  $M_{V_1} = M_\rho = 775.49$  MeV,  $M_{V_2} = M_{\rho'} = 1.465$  GeV, Free parameters:  $h_i$

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Transition form factor:

$$F^{\text{LMD+V}}(Q^2) = \frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{1}{M_{V_1}^2 M_{V_2}^2} \frac{h_1 Q^4 - \bar{h}_5 Q^2 + \bar{h}_7}{(Q^2 + M_{V_1}^2)(Q^2 + M_{V_2}^2)}$$

- $h_1 = 0$  in order to reproduce Brodsky-Lepage behavior.
- Can treat  $h_1$  as free parameter to fit the BABAR data, but the form factor does then not vanish for  $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , if  $h_1 \neq 0$ .



## Fixing the LMD+V model parameters $h_i$

$h_1, h_2, h_5, h_7$  are quite well known:

- $h_1 = 0 \text{ GeV}^2$  (Brodsky-Lepage behavior  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma}^{\text{LMD+V}}(m_\pi^2, -Q^2, 0) \sim 1/Q^2$ )
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$h_3, h_4, h_6$  are unknown / less constrained:

- **New short-distance constraint**  $\Rightarrow h_1 + h_3 + h_4 = M_{V_1}^2 M_{V_2}^2 \chi$  (\*)  
LMD ansatz for  $\langle VT \rangle \Rightarrow \chi^{\text{LMD}} = -2/M_V^2 = -3.3 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  (Balitsky, Yung '83)  
Close to  $\chi(\mu=1 \text{ GeV}) = -(3.15 \pm 0.30) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  (Ball et al. '03)  
Assume large- $N_C$  (LMD/LMD+V) framework is self-consistent  
 $\Rightarrow \chi = -(3.3 \pm 1.1) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  vary  $h_3 = (0 \pm 10) \text{ GeV}^2$  and determine  $h_4$  from relation (\*) and vice versa
- **Final result for  $a_{\mu\text{LbyL};\pi^0}^{\text{LbyL}}$  is very sensitive to  $h_6$**   
Assume that LMD/LMD+V estimates of low-energy constants from chiral Lagrangian of odd intrinsic parity at  $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$  are self-consistent. Assume 100% error on estimate for the relevant, presumably small low-energy constant  $\Rightarrow h_6 = (5 \pm 5) \text{ GeV}^4$

## Limitations of MHA approach

- Cannot fulfill all short-distance constraints on Green's functions (or form factors) with finite number of resonances (Bijnens et al. '03)  $\Rightarrow$  needs to choose among constraints and make compromises.
- Beyond LMD: many parameters in ansatz, not all of them can be fixed from experimental or short-distance constraints.
- Most of the work done in chiral limit, assuming octet symmetry.
- Difficult to treat terms subleading in  $N_C$ : width of resonances, loops with resonances (pion loop in HLbL).

## Generalization: Resonance Chiral Theory ( $R\chi T$ )

- Gasser, Leutwyler, '84; Donoghue et al. '89; Ecker et al. NPB '89: **use of resonance Lagrangian** with vector mesons, axial vector mesons, heavy scalars ( $f_0(980)$ ) and heavy pseudoscalars **to estimate low-energy constants (LEC) in ChPT** at order  $p^4$  when integrating out the resonances at tree level (explains success of vector meson dominance).
- Ecker et al. PLB '89: **Imposing short-distance constraints on resonance Lagrangian leads to unique estimates for LEC's at order  $p^4$** , at least for vector mesons in different representations (vector field, tensor field, gauged vector fields, massive vector fields).  
Note: **Imposing short-distance constraints on resonance Lagrangian does not uniquely determine LEC's at order  $p^6$**  (Moussallam, Stern '94; Knecht, Nyffeler '01).
- **Advantage of resonance Lagrangian: can easily identify in which Green's functions (processes) the parameters in Lagrangian enter.**  
**Problem: in general many terms in Lagrangian allowed by chiral symmetry, not all can be determined from short-distance constraints.**
- **$R\chi T$  Lagrangian for odd intrinsic parity sector which fulfills various QCD short-distance constraints** to fix parameters in the Lagrangian: Pallante, Petronzio '93; Prades '94; Ananthanarayan, Moussallam '02; Ruiz-Femenia, Pich, Portoles '03; Kampf, Moussallam '09; Kampf, Novotny '11; Roig, Sanz Cillero '13.  
 $R\chi T$  with two vector resonances: Mateu, Portoles '07; Czyz et al. '12.
- **Attempts to go beyond leading order in  $N_C$ :** Loops with resonances, including renormalization (Pich et al.).

## Pseudoscalar pole / exchange in large- $N_C$ QCD

Model for $\mathcal{F}_{P^{(*)}\gamma^*\gamma^*}$	$a_\mu(\pi^0) \times 10^{11}$	$a_\mu(\pi^0, \eta, \eta') \times 10^{11}$
VMD	57	83
LMD (on-shell) [KN]	73	—
LMD+V (on-shell, $h_2 = 0$ ) [KN]	58(10)	83(12)
LMD+V (on-shell, $h_2 = -10 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) [KN]	63(10)	88(12)
LMD+V (on-shell, constant 2nd FF) [MV]	77(7)	114(10)
LMD+V (off-shell) [N]	72(12)	99(16)
LMD+P (off-shell) [KaNo]	65.8(1.2)	—
LMD+P (off-shell) [RGL]	66.5(1.9)	104.3(5.2)
LMD+P (on-shell) [RGL]	57.5(0.5)	82.7(2.8)

KN = Knecht, Nyffeler '02

MV = Melnikov, Vainshtein '04

N = Nyffeler '09

KaNo = Kampf, Novotny '11 ( $R_\chi T$ )

RGL = Roig, Guevara, Lopez Castro '14 ( $R_\chi T$ )

Note: KN, MV, N use VMD FF for  $\eta, \eta'$

## Conclusions

- HLbL in muon  $g - 2$ : can always perform Wick rotation to Euclidean momenta  $\Rightarrow$  MHA in large  $N_C$  QCD should be a good approximation for the exchange of narrow resonances, if we have good matching with pQCD.
- Problem: terms subleading in  $N_C$ , like pion-loop, or broad resonances like  $\sigma$ -meson (double counting with pion-loop ?).
- Needed: more short-distance constraints ! Will also be useful for other approaches using resonances Lagrangians or dispersion relations.
- Short-distance analysis of full 4-point  $\langle VVVV \rangle$  (Knecht, Nyffeler, work in progress).
- Needed: more experimental constraints from resonance decays, form factors, cross-sections, e.g.  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ ,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$  to get doubly off-shell transition form factor,  $a_1 \rightarrow \pi\gamma$ ,  $\rho\pi$  to construct Lagrangian with axial vectors.
- Resonance Chiral Theory framework: relations between various processes with resonances to fix (some of) the parameters.
- Study relevant momentum regions in HLbL (as model independent as possible) (Knecht, Nyffeler, work in progress).

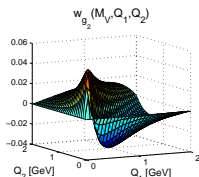
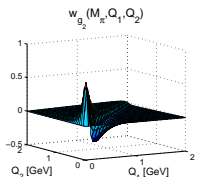
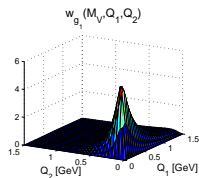
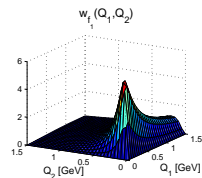
## Relevant momentum regions in $a_\mu^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$

- In Knecht, Nyffeler '02, a 2-dimensional integral representation was derived for a certain class (VMD-like) of form factors (schematically):

$$a_\mu^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} = \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \sum_i w_i(Q_1, Q_2) f_i(Q_1, Q_2)$$

with universal weight functions  $w_i$ . Dependence on form factors resides in the  $f_i$ .

- Expressions with on-shell form factors are maybe not valid as they stand. Maybe one needs to set form factor at external vertex to a constant to obtain pion-pole contribution (Melnikov, Vainshtein '04). Expressions valid for WZW and off-shell VMD form factors.
- Plot of weight functions  $w_i$  from Knecht, Nyffeler '02:



- Relevant momentum regions around 0.25 – 1.25 GeV. As long as form factors in different models lead to damping, expect comparable results for  $a_\mu^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$ , at level of 20%.
- Jegerlehner, Nyffeler '09 derived 3-dimensional integral representation for general (off-shell) form factors (hyperspherical approach). Integration over  $Q_1^2, Q_2^2, \cos\theta$ , where  $Q_1 \cdot Q_2 = |Q_1||Q_2|\cos\theta$ .
- Idea taken up by Dorokhov et al. '12 (for scalars) and Bijmans, Zahiri Abyaneh '12, '13 (for all contributions, work in progress). See also: Pauk, Vanderhaeghen '14 (for axial vectors).

Backup



# Our estimate for pseudoscalar-exchange contribution

Nyffeler '09; Jegerlehner, Nyffeler '09

- $\pi^0$

- Estimate with off-shell form factor  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\text{LMD+V}}$  which obeys new short-distance constraint at external vertex:

$$a_{\mu; \text{LMD+V}}^{\text{LbyL}; \pi^0} = (72 \pm 12) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Largest uncertainty from  $h_6 = (5 \pm 5) \text{ GeV}^4 \Rightarrow \pm 6.4 \times 10^{-11}$  in  $a_{\mu; \text{LMD+V}}^{\text{LbyL}; \pi^0}$

If we would vary  $h_6 = (0 \pm 10) \text{ GeV}^4 \Rightarrow \pm 12 \times 10^{-11}$  !

- Varying  $\chi = -(3.3 \pm 1.1) \text{ GeV}^{-2} \Rightarrow \pm 2.1 \times 10^{-11}$

Value of  $\chi$  not so important, but range does not include Vainshtein's estimate  $\chi = -N_C / (4\pi^2 F_\pi^2) = -8.9 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

- Varying  $h_3 = (0 \pm 10) \text{ GeV}^2 \Rightarrow \pm 2.5 \times 10^{-11}$  ( $h_4$  via  $h_3 + h_4 = M_{V_1}^2 M_{V_2}^2 \chi$ )

- With  $h_1, h_5$  from fit to BABAR data:  $a_{\mu; \text{LMD+V}}^{\text{LbyL}; \pi^0} = 71.8 \times 10^{-11} \rightarrow$  result unchanged !

- $\eta, \eta'$

- Short-distance analysis of LMD+V form factor performed in **chiral limit** and assuming **octet symmetry**  $\Rightarrow$  **not valid anymore for  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  !**
- Simplified approach: **VMD** normalized to decay width  $\Gamma(\text{PS} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ .

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PS}^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\text{VMD}}(q_3^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{N_C}{12\pi^2 F_{\text{PS}}} \frac{M_V^2}{(q_1^2 - M_V^2)} \frac{M_V^2}{(q_2^2 - M_V^2)}, \quad \text{PS} = \eta, \eta'$$

- $\Rightarrow a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL}; \eta} = 14.5 \times 10^{-11}$  and  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL}; \eta'} = 12.5 \times 10^{-11}$

Not taking pole-approximation as done in Melnikov, Vainshtein '04 !

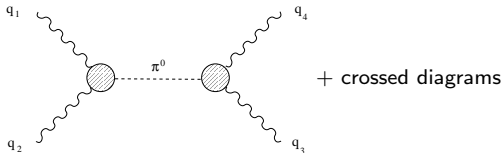
Note: VMD form factor has too strong damping at large momenta  $\rightarrow$  values might be a bit too small !

- Estimate for sum of all light pseudoscalars:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL}; \text{PS}} = (99 \pm 16) \times 10^{-11}$$

## Pion-pole in $\langle VVVV \rangle$ versus pion-exchange in $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$

- To uniquely identify contribution of exchanged neutral pion  $\pi^0$  in Green's function  $\langle VVVV \rangle$ , we need to pick out pion-pole:



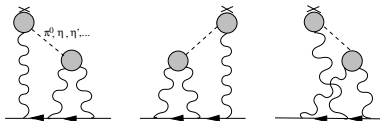
$$\lim_{(q_1+q_2)^2 \rightarrow m_{\pi}^2} ((q_1 + q_2)^2 - m_{\pi}^2) \langle VVVV \rangle$$

Residue of pole: on-shell vertex function  $\langle 0|VV|\pi \rangle \rightarrow$  on-shell form factor

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

- But in contribution to muon  $g - 2$ , we evaluate Feynman diagrams, integrating over photon momenta with exchanged off-shell pions.

For all the pseudoscalars:



Shaded blobs represent off-shell form factor  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PS}^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2)$  where  $\text{PS} = \pi^0, \eta, \eta', \pi^{0'}, \dots$

Off-shell form factors are either inserted "by hand" starting from constant, pointlike Wess-Zumino-Witten (WZW) form factor or using e.g. some resonance Lagrangian.

- Similar statements apply for exchanges (or loops) of other resonances.

## Integral representation for pion-exchange contribution

### Projection onto the muon $g - 2$

(Knecht, Nyffeler '02 (pion-pole with two on-shell form factors); adapted in Jegerlehner '07, '08; Nyffeler '09; Jegerlehner, Nyffeler '09)

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} = -e^6 \int \frac{d^4 q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 q_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1 + q_2)^2 [(p + q_1)^2 - m_{\mu}^2][(p - q_2)^2 - m_{\mu}^2]}$$
$$\times \left[ \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_2^2, q_1^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2)}{q_2^2 - m_{\pi}^2} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0^* \gamma^* \gamma}(q_2^2, q_2^2, 0) T_1(q_1, q_2; p) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2)}{(q_1 + q_2)^2 - m_{\pi}^2} \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0^* \gamma^* \gamma}((q_1 + q_2)^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, 0) T_2(q_1, q_2; p) \right]$$

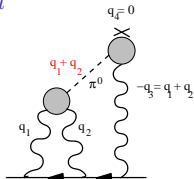
$$T_1(q_1, q_2; p) = \frac{16}{3} (p \cdot q_1) (p \cdot q_2) (q_1 \cdot q_2) - \frac{16}{3} (p \cdot q_2)^2 q_1^2 - \frac{8}{3} (p \cdot q_1) (q_1 \cdot q_2) q_2^2 \\ + 8(p \cdot q_2) q_1^2 q_2^2 - \frac{16}{3} (p \cdot q_2) (q_1 \cdot q_2)^2 + \frac{16}{3} m_{\mu}^2 q_1^2 q_2^2 - \frac{16}{3} m_{\mu}^2 (q_1 \cdot q_2)^2$$

$$T_2(q_1, q_2; p) = \frac{16}{3} (p \cdot q_1) (p \cdot q_2) (q_1 \cdot q_2) - \frac{16}{3} (p \cdot q_1)^2 q_2^2 + \frac{8}{3} (p \cdot q_1) (q_1 \cdot q_2) q_2^2 \\ + \frac{8}{3} (p \cdot q_1) q_1^2 q_2^2 + \frac{8}{3} m_{\mu}^2 q_1^2 q_2^2 - \frac{8}{3} m_{\mu}^2 (q_1 \cdot q_2)^2$$

where  $p^2 = m_{\mu}^2$  and the external photon has now zero four-momentum (soft photon).

## Pion-exchange versus pion-pole contribution to $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$

- **Off-shell form factors** have been used to evaluate the pion-exchange contribution in Bijnens, Pallante, Prades '96 and Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Sanda '96, '98. "Rediscovered" by Jegerlehner in '07, '08. Consider diagram:



$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) \times \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma}((q_1 + q_2)^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, 0)$$

- On the other hand, Knecht, Nyffeler '02 used **on-shell form factors**:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(m_\pi^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) \times \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma}(m_\pi^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, 0)$$

- But **form factor at external vertex**  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma}(m_\pi^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, 0)$  for  $(q_1 + q_2)^2 \neq m_\pi^2$  **violates momentum conservation**, since momentum of external soft photon vanishes !

Often the following misleading notation was used:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}((q_1 + q_2)^2, 0) \equiv \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(m_\pi^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, 0)$$

**At external vertex identification with transition form factor was made (wrongly !).**

- Melnikov, Vainshtein '04 had observed this inconsistency and proposed to use

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(m_\pi^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) \times \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma\gamma}(m_\pi^2, m_\pi^2, 0)$$

i.e. a **constant form factor at the external vertex** given by the WZW term.

- However, this **prescription will only yield the so-called pion-pole contribution and not the full pion-exchange contribution !**
- **The pion-exchange contribution with off-shell pions is model dependent. Only the sum of all contributions in a given model is relevant.**

## Relevant momentum regions in $a_\mu^{\text{LbyL;PS}}$

Result for pseudoscalar exchange contribution  $a_\mu^{\text{LbyL;PS}} \times 10^{11}$  for off-shell LMD+V and VMD form factors obtained with momentum cutoff  $\Lambda$  in 3-dimensional integral representation of Jegerlehner, Nyffeler '09 (integration over square). In brackets, relative contribution of the total obtained with  $\Lambda = 20$  GeV.

$\Lambda$ [GeV]	LMD+V ( $h_3 = 0$ )	$\pi^0$ LMD+V ( $h_4 = 0$ )	VMD	$\eta$ VMD	$\eta'$ VMD
0.25	14.8 (20.6%)	14.8 (20.3%)	14.4 (25.2%)	1.76 (12.1%)	0.99 (7.9%)
0.5	38.6 (53.8%)	38.8 (53.2%)	36.6 (64.2%)	6.90 (47.5%)	4.52 (36.1%)
0.75	51.9 (72.2%)	52.2 (71.7%)	47.7 (83.8%)	10.7 (73.4%)	7.83 (62.5%)
1.0	58.7 (81.7%)	59.2 (81.4%)	52.6 (92.3%)	12.6 (86.6%)	9.90 (79.1%)
1.5	64.9 (90.2%)	65.6 (90.1%)	55.8 (97.8%)	14.0 (96.1%)	11.7 (93.2%)
2.0	67.5 (93.9%)	68.3 (93.8%)	56.5 (99.2%)	14.3 (98.6%)	12.2 (97.4%)
5.0	71.0 (98.8%)	71.9 (98.8%)	56.9 (99.9%)	14.5 (99.9%)	12.5 (99.9%)
20.0	71.9 (100%)	72.8 (100%)	57.0 (100%)	14.5 (100%)	12.5 (100%)

$\pi^0$ :

- Although weight functions plotted earlier are not applicable to off-shell LMD+V form factor, region below  $\Lambda = 1$  GeV gives the bulk of the result: 82% for LMD+V, 92% for VMD.
- No damping from off-shell LMD+V form factor at external vertex since  $\chi \neq 0$  (new short-distance constraint). Note: VMD falls off too fast, compared to OPE.

$\eta, \eta'$ :

- Mass of intermediate pseudoscalar is higher than pion mass  $\rightarrow$  expect a stronger suppression from propagator.
- Peak of relevant weight functions shifted to higher values of  $Q_i$ . For  $\eta'$ , vector meson mass is also higher  $M_V = 859$  MeV. Saturation effect and the suppression from the VMD form factor only fully set in around  $\Lambda = 1.5$  GeV: 96% of total for  $\eta$ , 93% for  $\eta'$ .

### 3-dimensional integral representation for $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$

Integral representation for general off-shell form factors (Jegerlehner, Nyffeler '09):

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{LbL};\pi^0} = -\frac{2\alpha^3}{3\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} dQ_1 dQ_2 \int_{-1}^{+1} dt \sqrt{1-t^2} Q_1^3 Q_2^3$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0*\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_2^2, -Q_1^2, -Q_3^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0*\gamma^*\gamma}(-Q_2^2, -Q_2^2, 0)}{(Q_2^2 + m_{\pi}^2)} I_1(Q_1, Q_2, t) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0*\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_3^2, -Q_1^2, -Q_2^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0*\gamma^*\gamma}(-Q_3^2, -Q_3^2, 0)}{(Q_3^2 + m_{\pi}^2)} I_2(Q_1, Q_2, t) \right]$$

where  $Q_3^2 = (Q_1 + Q_2)^2$ ,  $Q_1 \cdot Q_2 = Q_1 Q_2 \cos \theta$ ,  $t = \cos \theta$

$$I_1(Q_1, Q_2, t) = X(Q_1, Q_2, t) \left( 8 P_1 P_2 (Q_1 \cdot Q_2) - 2 P_1 P_3 (Q_2^4/m_{\mu}^2 - 2 Q_2^2) - 2 P_1 (2 - Q_2^2/m_{\mu}^2 + 2(Q_1 \cdot Q_2)/m_{\mu}^2) \right.$$

$$\left. + 4 P_2 P_3 Q_1^2 - 4 P_2 - 2 P_3 (4 + Q_1^2/m_{\mu}^2 - 2 Q_2^2/m_{\mu}^2) + 2/m_{\mu}^2 \right)$$

$$- 2 P_1 P_2 (1 + (1 - R_{m1})(Q_1 \cdot Q_2)/m_{\mu}^2) + P_1 P_3 (2 - (1 - R_{m1}) Q_2^2/m_{\mu}^2) + P_1 (1 - R_{m1})/m_{\mu}^2$$

$$+ P_2 P_3 (2 + (1 - R_{m1})^2 (Q_1 \cdot Q_2)/m_{\mu}^2) + 3 P_3 (1 - R_{m1})/m_{\mu}^2$$

$$I_2(Q_1, Q_2, t) = X(Q_1, Q_2, t) \left( 4 P_1 P_2 (Q_1 \cdot Q_2) + 2 P_1 P_3 Q_2^2 - 2 P_1 + 2 P_2 P_3 Q_1^2 - 2 P_2 - 4 P_3 - 4/m_{\mu}^2 \right)$$

$$- 2 P_1 P_2 - 3 P_1 (1 - R_{m2})/(2m_{\mu}^2) - 3 P_2 (1 - R_{m1})/(2m_{\mu}^2) - P_3 (2 - R_{m1} - R_{m2})/(2m_{\mu}^2)$$

$$+ P_1 P_3 (2 + 3(1 - R_{m2}) Q_2^2/(2m_{\mu}^2) + (1 - R_{m2})^2 (Q_1 \cdot Q_2)/(2m_{\mu}^2))$$

$$+ P_2 P_3 (2 + 3(1 - R_{m1}) Q_1^2/(2m_{\mu}^2) + (1 - R_{m1})^2 (Q_1 \cdot Q_2)/(2m_{\mu}^2))$$

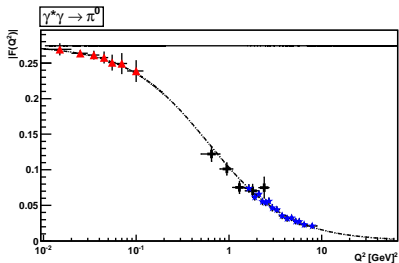
where  $P_1^2 = 1/Q_1^2$ ,  $P_2^2 = 1/Q_2^2$ ,  $P_3^2 = 1/Q_3^2$ ,  $X(Q_1, Q_2, t) = \frac{1}{Q_1 Q_2 x} \arctan \left( \frac{zx}{1-zt} \right)$ ,

$x = \sqrt{1-t^2}$ ,  $z = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4m_{\mu}^2} (1 - R_{m1}) (1 - R_{m2})$ ,  $R_{mi} = \sqrt{1 + 4m_{\mu}^2/Q_i^2}$

## Impact of form factor measurements: example KLOE-2

On the possibility to measure the  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay width and the  $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0$  transition form factor with the KLOE-2 experiment

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Simulation of KLOE-2 measurement of  $F(Q^2)$  (red triangles). MC program EKHARA 2.0 (Czyż, Ivashyn '11) and detailed detector simulation.

Solid line:  $F(0)$  given by chiral anomaly (WZW).

Dashed line: form factor according to on-shell LMD+V model (Knecht, Nyffeler '01).

CELLO (black crosses) and CLEO (blue stars) data at higher  $Q^2$ .

Within 1 year of data taking, collecting  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , KLOE-2 will be able to measure:

- $\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$  to 1% statistical precision.
- $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0$  transition form factor  $F(Q^2)$  in the region of very low, space-like momenta  $0.01 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q^2 \leq 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$  with a statistical precision of less than 6% in each bin.

KLOE-2 can (almost) directly measure slope of form factor at origin (note: logarithmic scale in  $Q^2$  in plot!).

## Impact of form factor measurements: example KLOE-2 (continued)

- **Error in  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$**  related to the model parameters determined by  $\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$  (normalization of form factor; not taken into account in most papers) and  $F(Q^2)$  will be **reduced** as follows:
  - $\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} \approx 4 \times 10^{-11}$  (with current data for  $F(Q^2) + \Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{PDG}}$ )
  - $\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} \approx 2 \times 10^{-11}$  (+  $\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}^{\text{PrimEx}}$ )
  - $\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} \approx (0.7 - 1.1) \times 10^{-11}$  (+ KLOE-2 data)

- **Note that this error does not account for other potential uncertainties in  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$ , e.g. related to the off-shellness of the pion or the choice of model.**
- **Simple models** with few parameters, like **VMD** (two parameters:  $F_{\pi}, M_V$ ), which are completely determined by the data on  $\Gamma_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$  and  $F(Q^2)$ , can lead to very **small errors** in  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0}$ . For illustration:

$$a_{\mu;\text{VMD}}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} = (57.3 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$a_{\mu;\text{LMD+V}}^{\text{LbyL};\pi^0} = (72 \pm 12) \times 10^{-11} \text{ (off-shell LMD+V form factor, including all errors)}$$

**But this might be misleading ! Results differ by about 20% !** VMD form factor has wrong high-energy behavior  $\Rightarrow$  too strong damping.



# The VMD form factor

Vector Meson Dominance:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\text{VMD}}((q_1 + q_2)^2, q_1^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{N_C}{12\pi^2 F_\pi} \frac{M_V^2}{q_1^2 - M_V^2} \frac{M_V^2}{q_2^2 - M_V^2}$$

on-shell = off-shell form factor !

Only **two model parameters** even for off-shell form factor:  $F_\pi$  and  $M_V$

**Note:**  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\text{VMD}}(q^2, q^2) \sim 1/q^4$ , for large  $q^2$ , i.e. **falls off too fast** compared to OPE prediction  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\text{OPE}}(q^2, q^2) \sim 1/q^2$ .

**Transition form factor:**

$$F^{\text{VMD}}(Q^2) = -\frac{N_C}{12\pi^2 F_\pi} \frac{M_V^2}{Q^2 + M_V^2}$$