

# Status of the hadronic corrections to the muon $g - 2$ : HLbL

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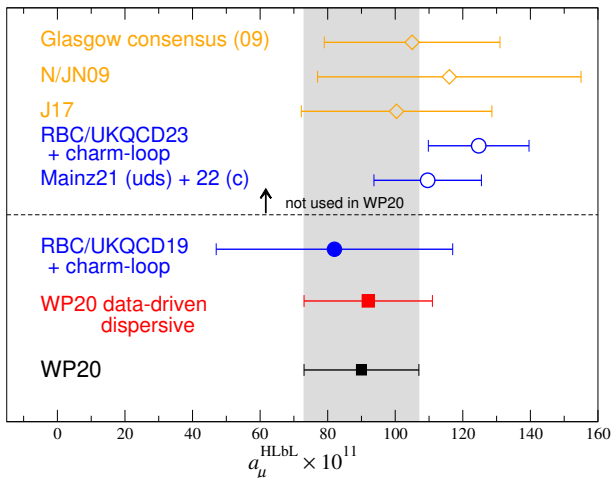
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MUnE Experiment and Recent Developments in Low Energy  $e^+e^-$  Data

Mainz, Germany

# HLbL scattering: status



## Lattice QCD

- Mainz 2021, 2022:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}[\text{uds}] = 107(16) \times 10^{-11}$$

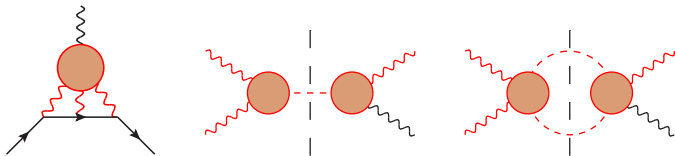
$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}[c] = 2.8(5) \times 10^{-11}$$

- RBC/UKQCD 2023:

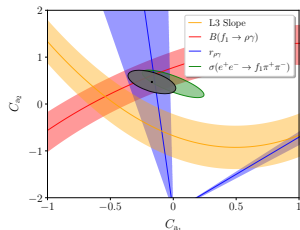
$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}[\text{uds}] = 122(15) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Good agreement between lattice QCD and phenomenology at  $\simeq 20 \times 10^{-11}$
- Need another factor of 2 for final Fermilab precision [see talk by M. Knecht](#)

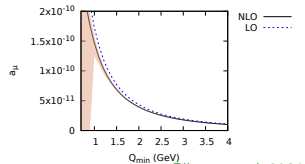
# HLbL scattering: data-driven, dispersive evaluations



- Organized in terms of **hadronic intermediate states**, in close analogy to HVP [Colangelo et al. 2014, ...](#)
- Leading channels implemented with **data input for  $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$** , e.g.,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$
- Uncertainty dominated by subleading channels  
 $\leftrightarrow$  **axial-vector mesons**  $f_1(1285)$ ,  $f_1(1420)$ ,  $a_1(1260)$
- Optimized HLbL basis [MH, Stoffer, Zillinger 2024](#)
- Matching to short-distance constraints



MH, Kubis, Zanke 2023

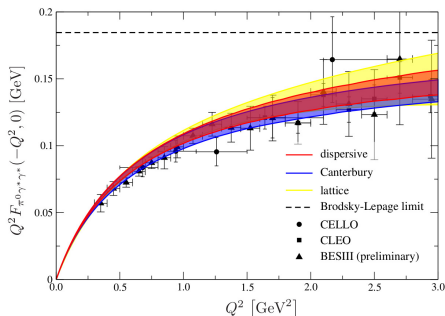


Bijnens et al. 2021

# HLbL scattering: white paper details

Contribution	PdRV(09)	N/JN(09)	J(17)	Our estimate
$\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$ -poles	114(13)	99(16)	95.45(12.40)	93.8(4.0)
$\pi, K$ -loops/boxes	-19(19)	-19(13)	-20(5)	-16.4(2)
$S$ -wave $\pi\pi$ rescattering	-7(7)	-7(2)	-5.98(1.20)	-8(1)
subtotal	88(24)	73(21)	69.5(13.4)	69.4(4.1)
scalars	-	-	-	} - 1(3)
tensors	-	-	1.1(1)	
axial vectors	15(10)	22(5)	7.55(2.71)	6(6)
$u, d, s$ -loops / short-distance	-	21(3)	20(4)	15(10)
$c$ -loop	2.3	-	2.3(2)	3(1)
total	105(26)	116(39)	100.4(28.2)	92(19)

# HLbL scattering: pseudoscalar poles



- Pion pole from data [MH et al. 2018](#), [Masjuan, Sánchez-Puertas 2017](#) and lattice [Gérardin et al. 2019](#)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{\mu}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} \Big|_{\text{dispersive}} &= 63.0^{+2.7}_{-2.1} \times 10^{-11} & a_{\mu}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} \Big|_{\text{Canterbury}} &= 63.6(2.7) \times 10^{-11} \\
 a_{\mu}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} \Big|_{\text{lattice+PrimEx}} &= 62.3(2.3) \times 10^{-11} & a_{\mu}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} \Big|_{\text{lattice}} &= 59.7(3.6) \times 10^{-11}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Singly-virtual results agree well with BESIII measurement
- Same program in progress for  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$  poles
- New lattice results indicate some tension in  $\gamma\gamma$  width

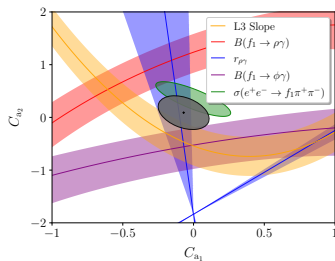
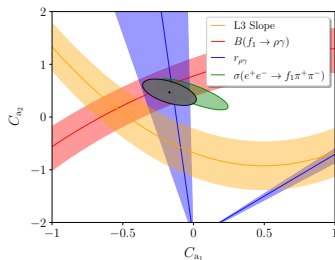
# Determination of axial-vector TFFs

- Three independent TFFs, accessible in

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-f_1$  (space-like)
- $f_1 \rightarrow \rho\gamma, f_1 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$
- $f_1 \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow f_1\pi^+\pi^-$

↪ global analysis in VMD parameterizations

- Constraint from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow f_1\pi^+\pi^-$  for the first time allows for unambiguous solutions
- Most information available for  $f_1$   
↪  $f_1'$  and  $a_1$  from  $U(3)$  symmetry
- Analysis of consequences for HLbL in progress



MH, Kubis, Zanke 2023

# Short-distance contributions

## Higher-order short-distance constraints

- Two-loop  $\alpha_S$  corrections
- Higher-order OPE corrections
- Higher-order terms in Melnikov–Vainshtein limit

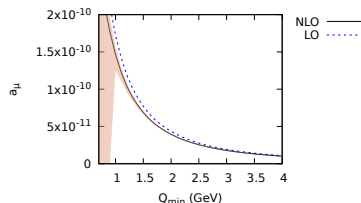
## Implementation of SDCs

- Large- $N_c$  Regge models Colangelo . . .
- Holographic QCD Leutgeb, Rebhan, Capiello, . . .
- Interpolants Lüdtke, Procura

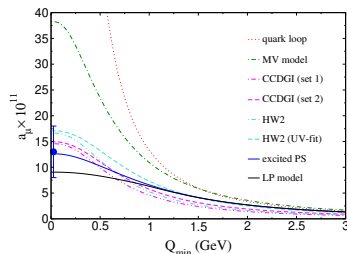
↔ reasonable agreement on longitudinal component

## Transverse component/axial-vectors

- SDCs MH, Stoffer 2020
- Implementation of axial-vectors, new HLbL basis, new dispersive formalism



Bijens, Hermansson-Truedsson, Laub,  
Rodríguez-Sánchez 2021



Colangelo, Hagelstein, MH, Laub, Stoffer 2021

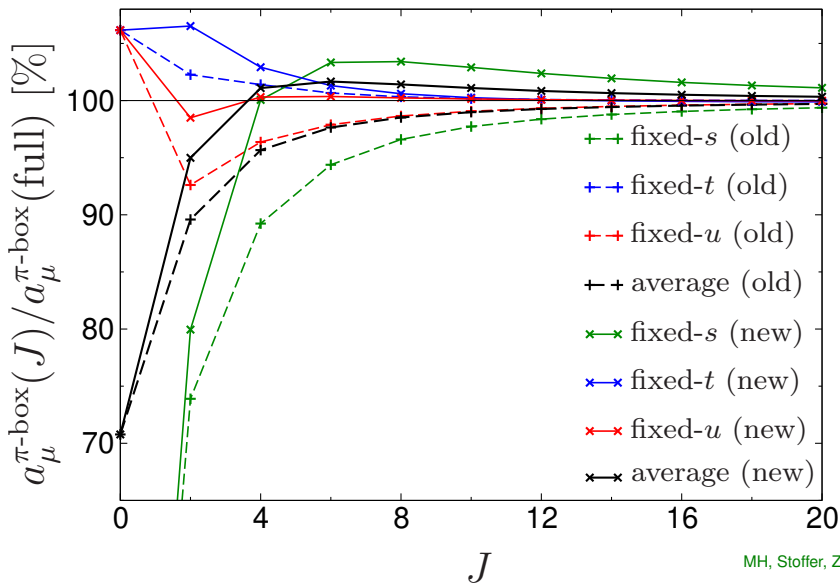
- Recall discussions with MV about the **definition of the pion pole**

$$\frac{F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_3^2, 0)}{q_3^2 - M_\pi^2} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \frac{F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(M_\pi^2, 0)}{q_3^2 - M_\pi^2}$$

- Comparison in [Colangelo, Hagelstein, MH, Laub, Stoffer 2019](#):
    - First variant: dispersion relation in four-point kinematics
    - Second variant: dispersion relation in  $g - 2$  (“triangle”) kinematics
  - Triangle variant looks attractive because of SDCs, but very complicated in low-energy region due to missing  $2\pi, \dots$  cuts
  - Kinematic singularities**
    - Disappear in four-point kinematics only for the entire HLbL tensor due to sum rules  
↪ higher partial waves, axial-vectors, tensors
    - For axial-vectors: can find a basis manifestly free of kinematic singularities  
↪ ideal for axial-vectors, also good for pion box; not possible for tensors
- ↪ complementary information from triangle kinematics [Lüdtke, Procura, Stoffer 2023](#)



# Saturation of the pion box in new basis



MH, Stoffer, Zillinger 2024

# HLbL dispersion relation in triangle vs. four-point kinematics

triangle-DR	DR in four-point kinematics					
	$\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$	$2\pi$	$S$	$A$	$T$	...
$\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$		×	×	×	×	×
$2\pi$	×		×	×	×	×
$V$						
$S$	×	×		×	×	×
$A$	×	×	×		×	×
$T$	×	×	×	×		×
...						...

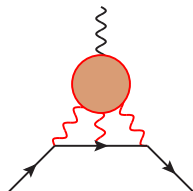
Lüdtke, Procura, Stoffer 2023

## ● Hadronic light-by-light scattering (lattice):

- Two complete calculations (RBC/UKQCD, Mainz), ETMC, BMWc working on it
- Lattice calculations for  $P = \pi^0, \eta, \eta'$  TFFs  
↪ long-distance tail

## ● Hadronic light-by-light scattering (phenomenology):

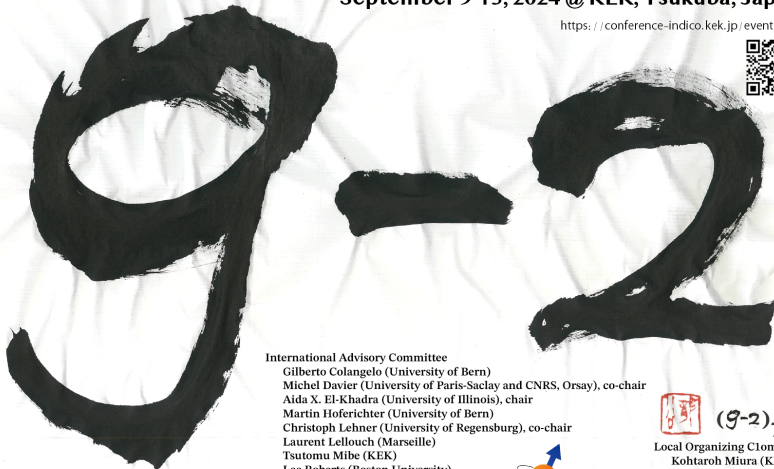
- Dominant intermediate states largely done, dispersive results for  $\eta, \eta'$  poles to come
- Axial-vector states in new optimized basis
- Matching to short-distance constraints
- Tensor states in alternative dispersive approach in triangle kinematics



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