

# $\pi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ decay and searches of New Physics

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# Outline

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- Shopping list at NA62
- Warm up: short walk through the  $3\sigma$  puzzle
  - Dissection of  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  (unitary bound and transition form factor)
- Current situation: Dubna + Prague + Mainz
  - Relation to HLBL of  $g-2$
  - Relation with  $K_L$  decays
- New Physics
- *Shopping list* and Conclusions

# Preliminary Shopping list

## NA62

At first, I would suggest

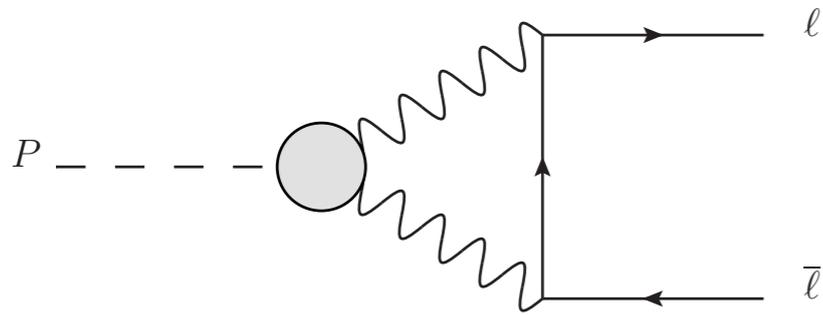
- $\pi^0$  Dalitz decays  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$  (Inv. mass distr.)
- $\pi^0$  Double Dalitz decay  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$  (BR)
- Rare decay  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  (BR)
- K Dalitz decay  $K_L \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  (BR)
- K double Dalitz decay  $K_L \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$  (Inv. mass distr.)
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During the talk, I'll try to convince you why

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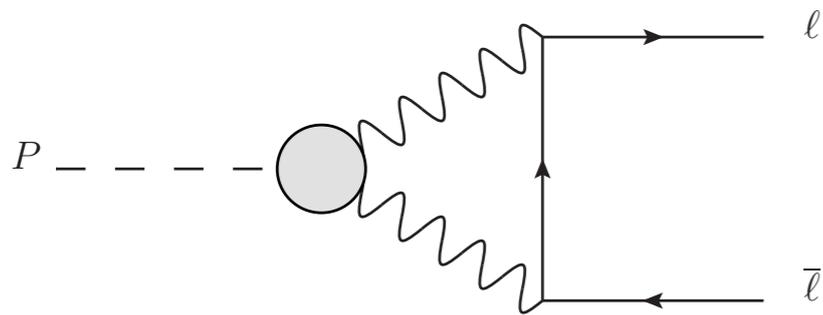


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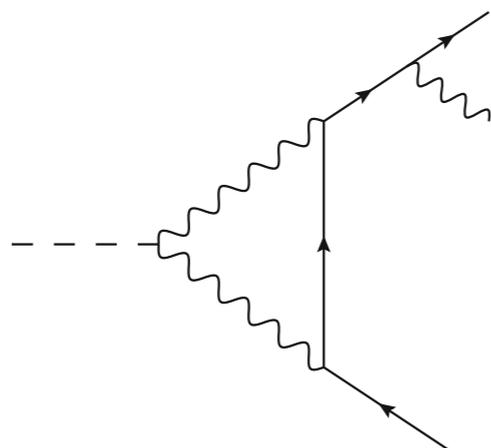
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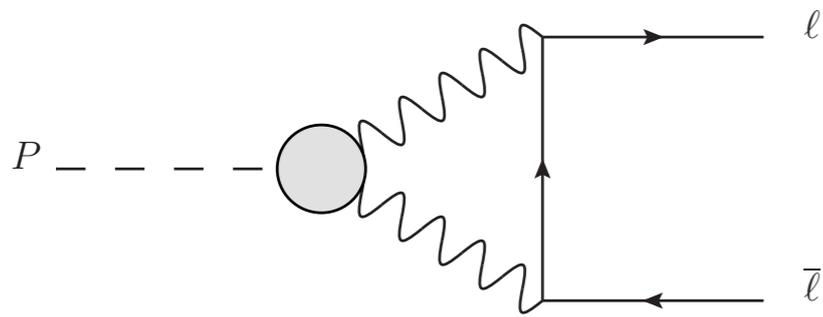
$$x \equiv \frac{(p+q)^2}{M^2} \quad \text{momentum of } e^+e^-, \text{ and so to extract BR we want } x \text{ large, i.e., no photon}$$



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

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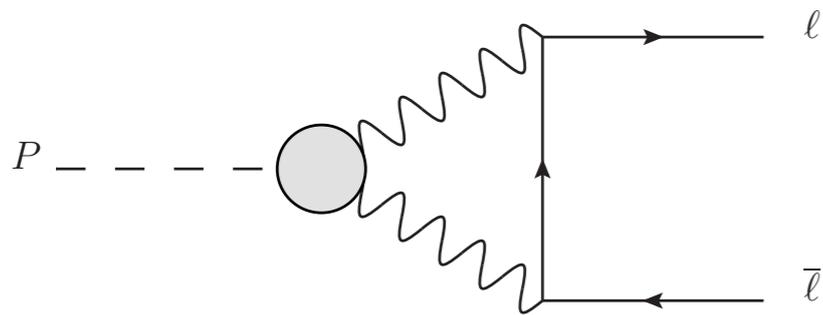
$$BR_{\text{KTeV}}^{w/o rad}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (7.48 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-8}$$

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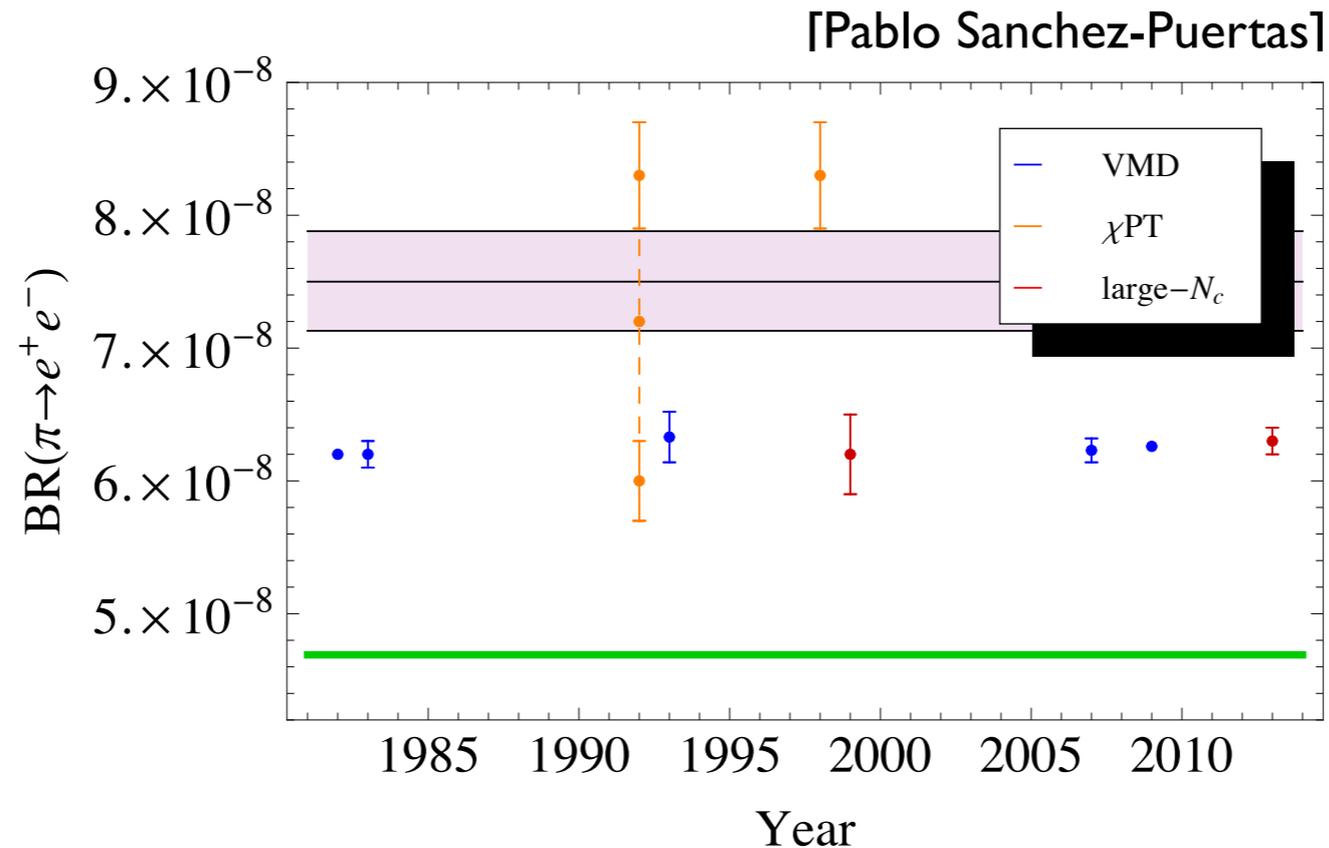
The only unknown  $\mathcal{A}(m_P^2)$  from loop calculation where the TFF enters.

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

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[Dorokhov et al. '09]

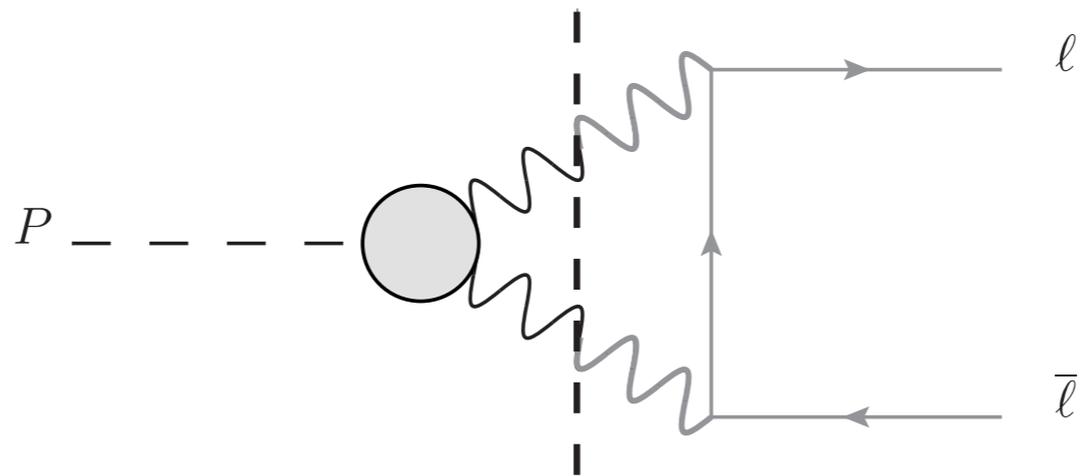
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Assuming  $|\mathcal{A}|^2 \geq (\text{Im}\mathcal{A})^2$

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

(doesn't depend on TFF)

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$$\mathcal{A}(0) = \chi_P(\mu) - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \ln(m_l^2/\mu^2)$$

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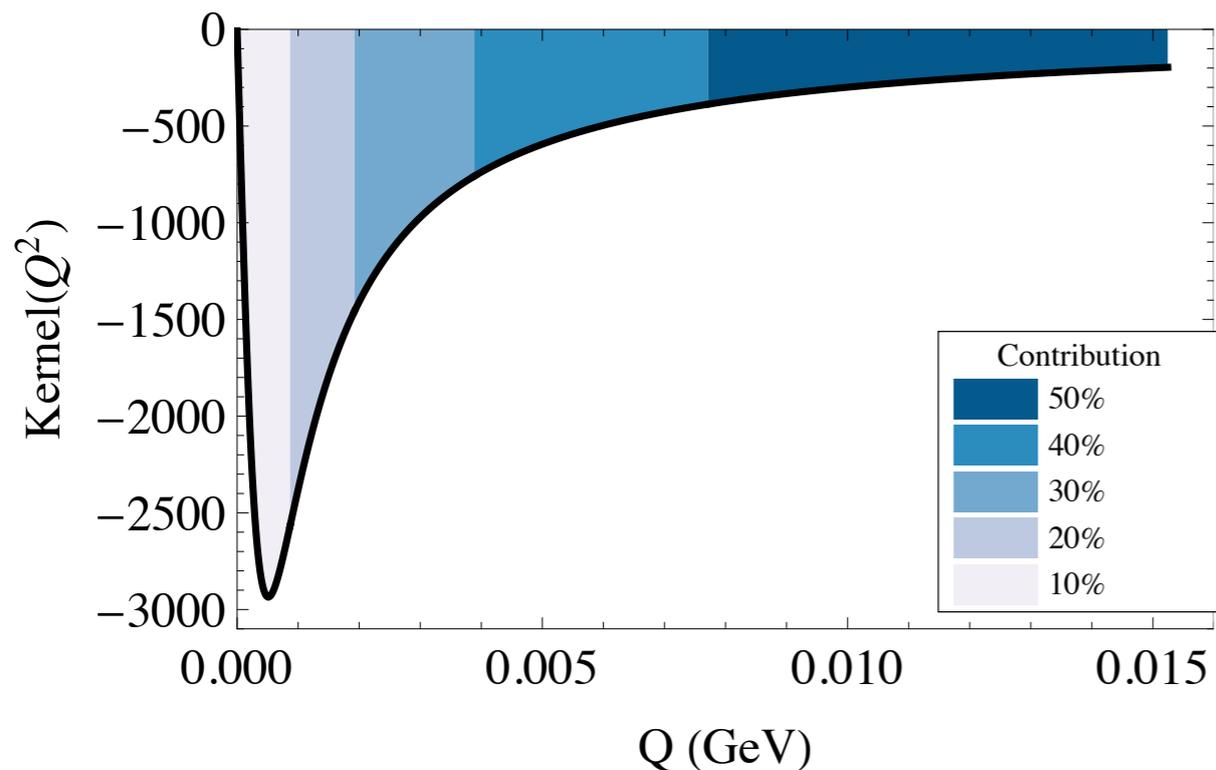
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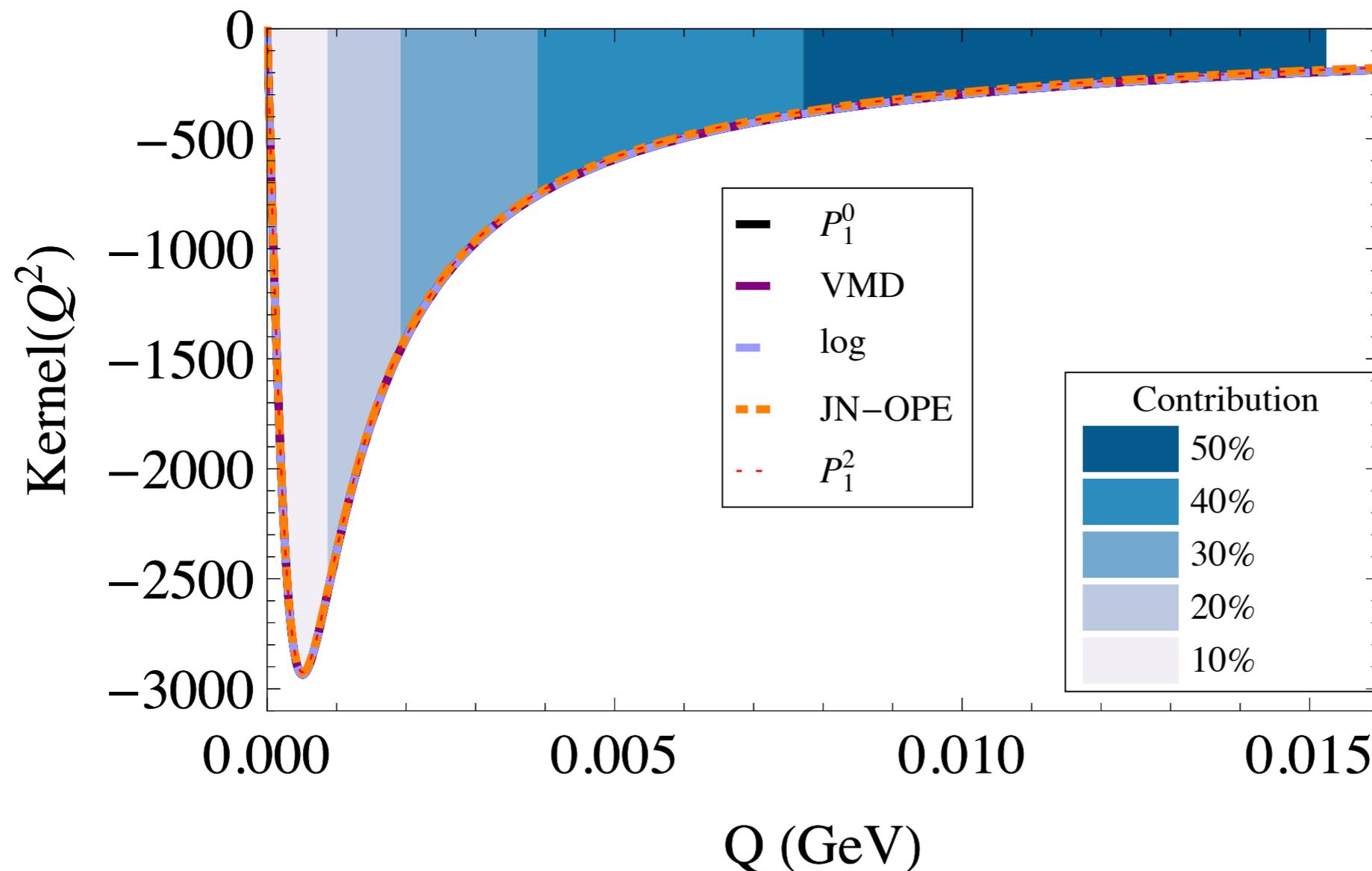
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- Its contribution is negative: lowers the BR.
- Peaks at  $\sim 2m_e$  and  $\langle Q \rangle = 0.09$  GeV.
- Low energies relevant only: slope is enough.

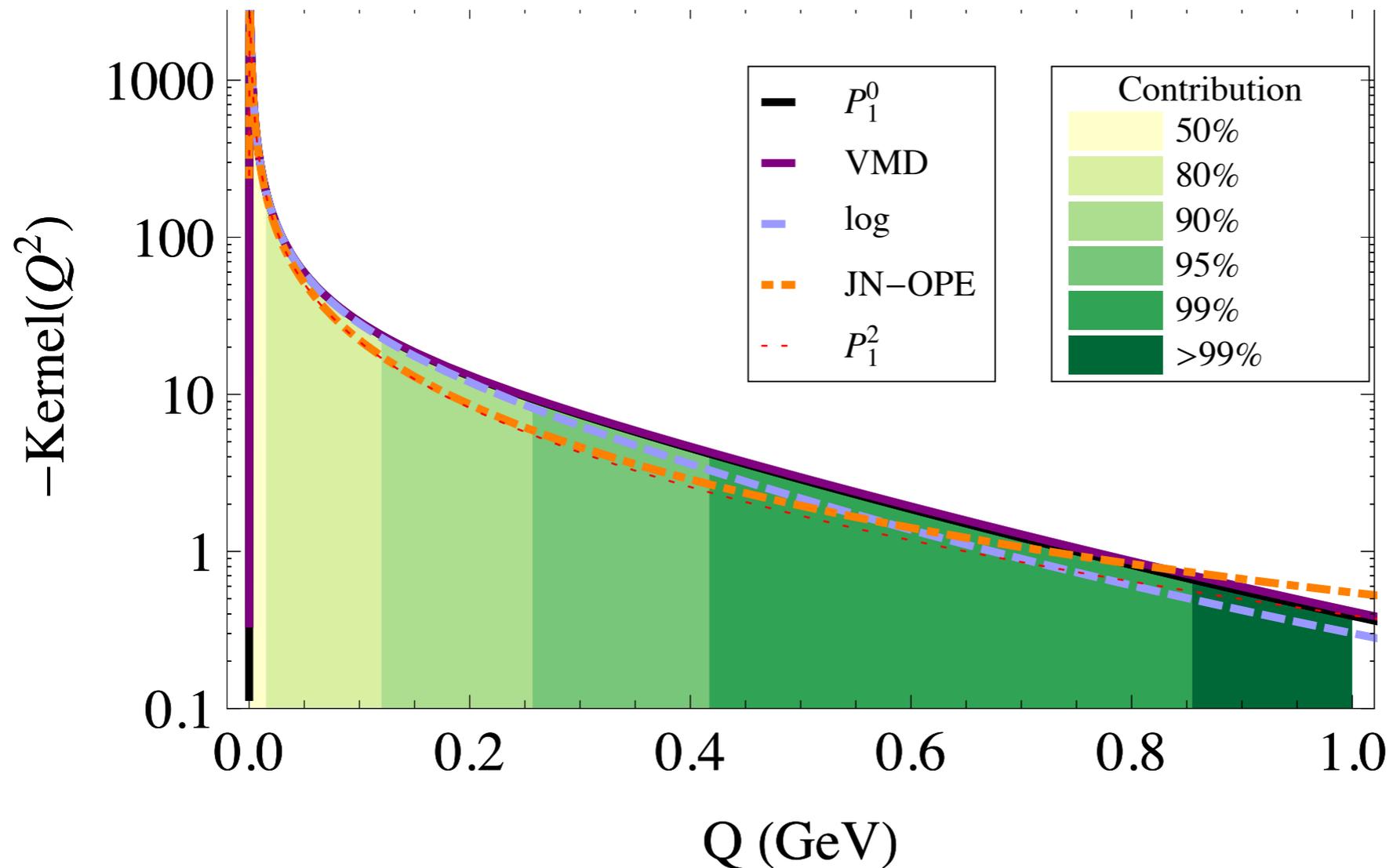
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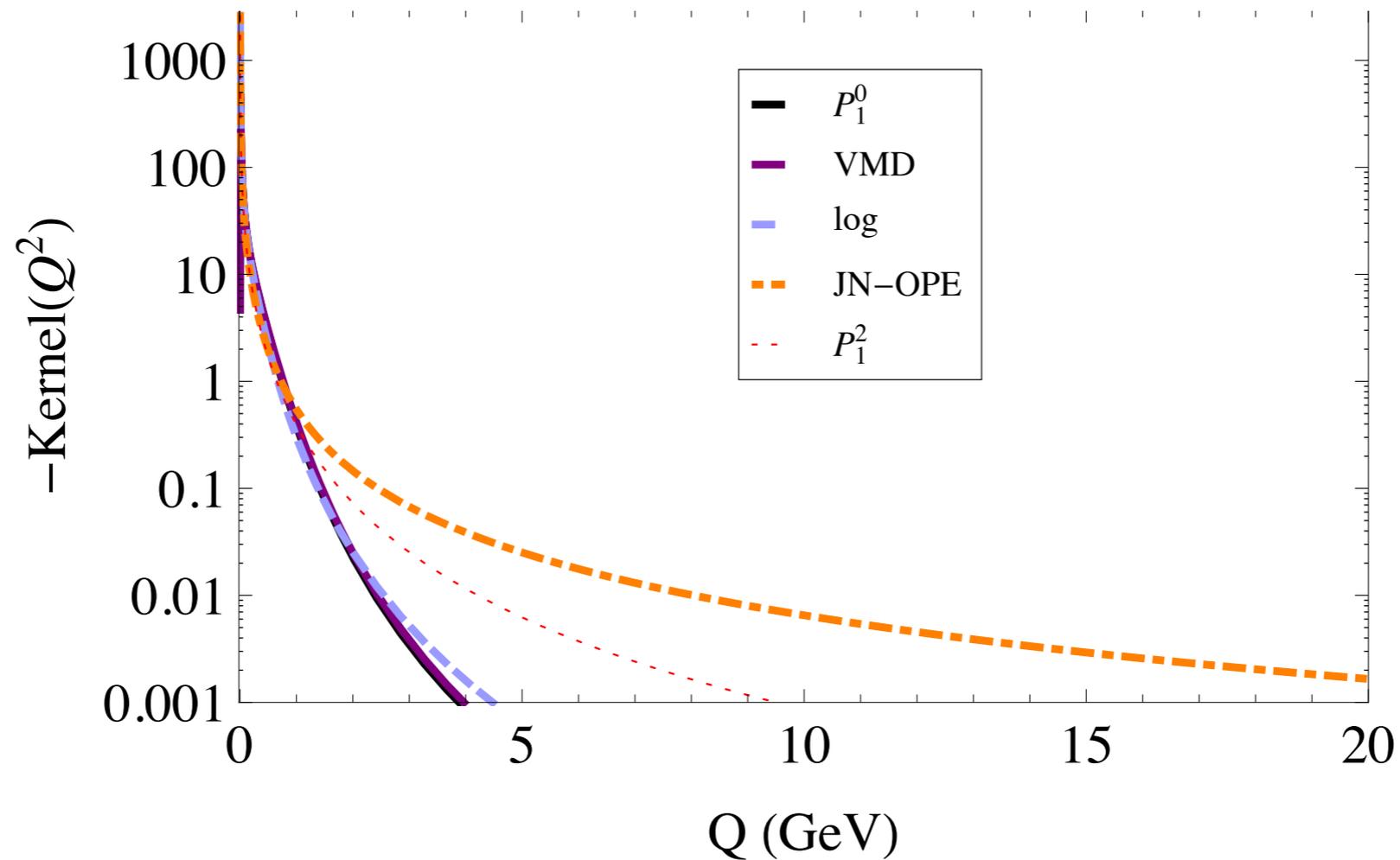
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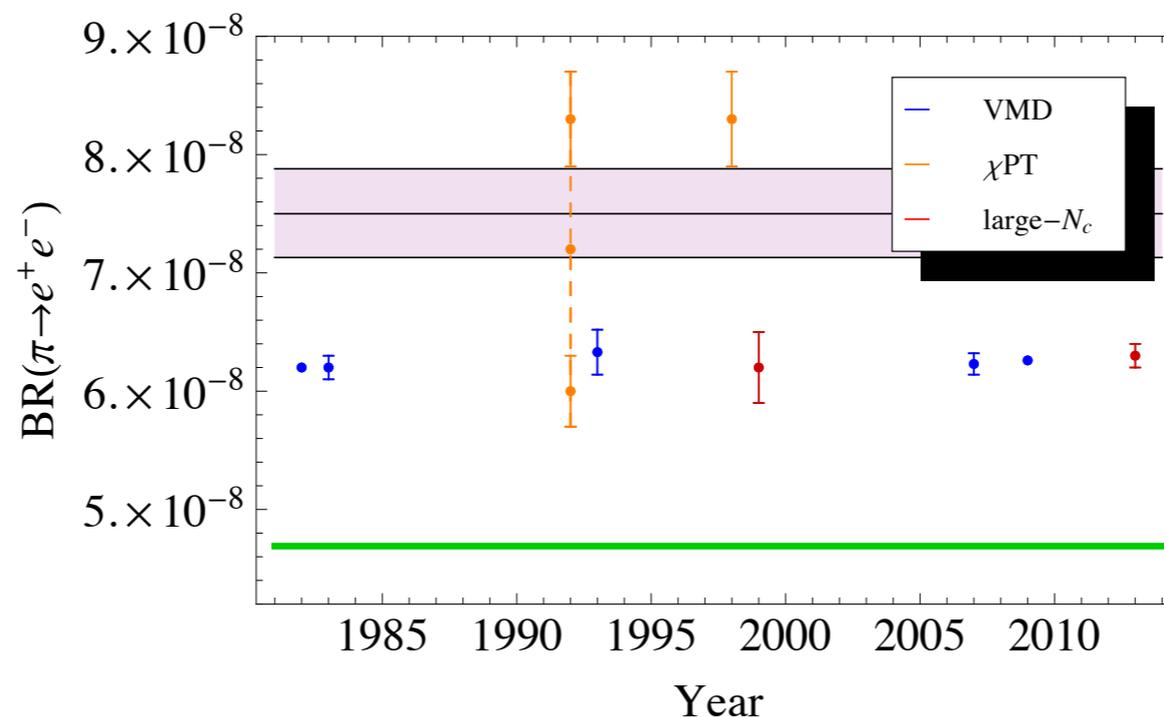


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all in all, old the models give the same value

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



- [Babu and Ma, '82]
- [Bergstrom *et al*, '83]
- [Savage *et al*, '92]
- [Ametller *et al*, '93]
- [Gomez Dumm and Pich, '98]
- [Knecht *et al*, '99]
- [Dorokhov *et al*, '07'09]
- [PM, Sanchez-Puertas '15]

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Dorokhov and Ivanov, '07

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

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 and Ivanov, '08

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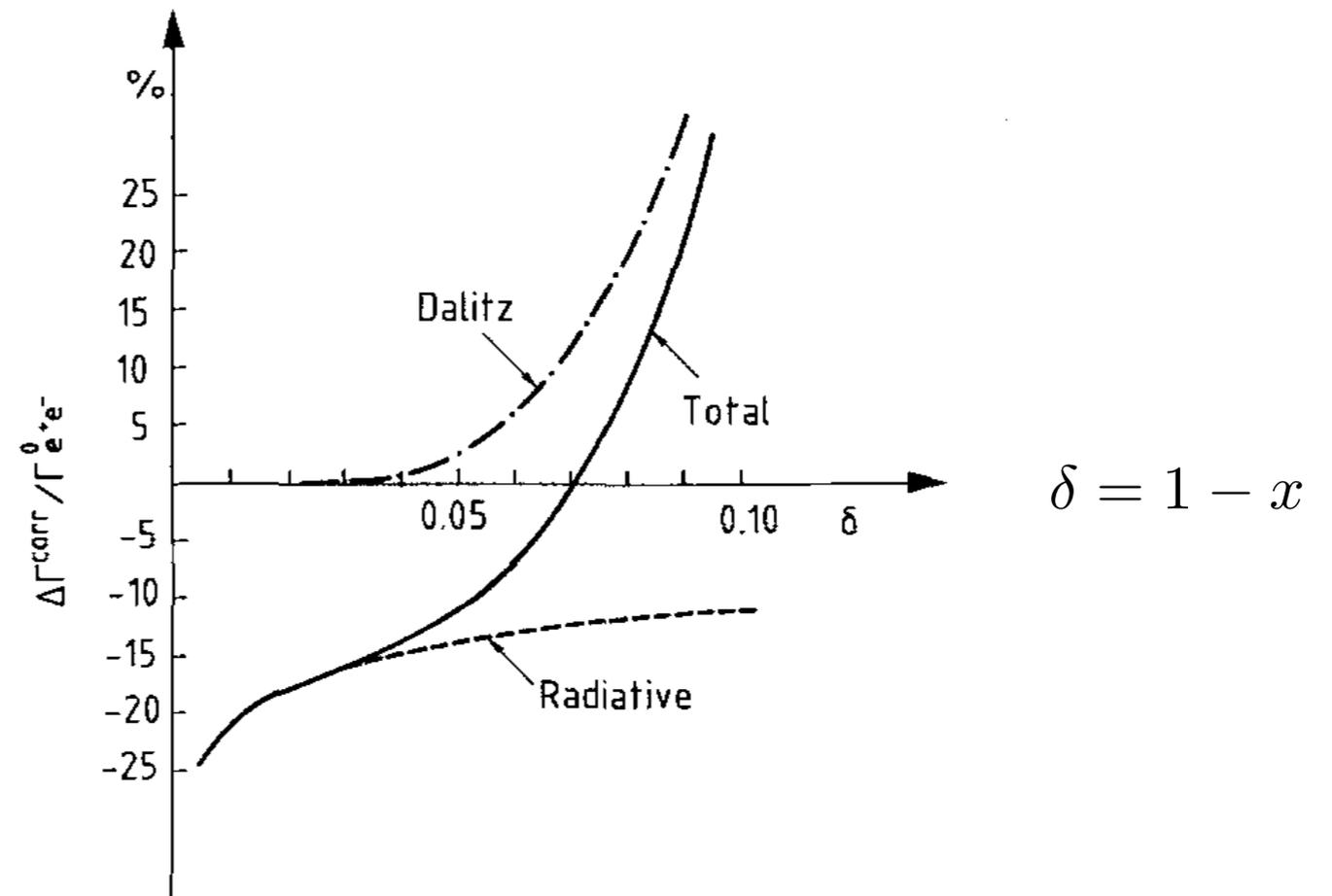
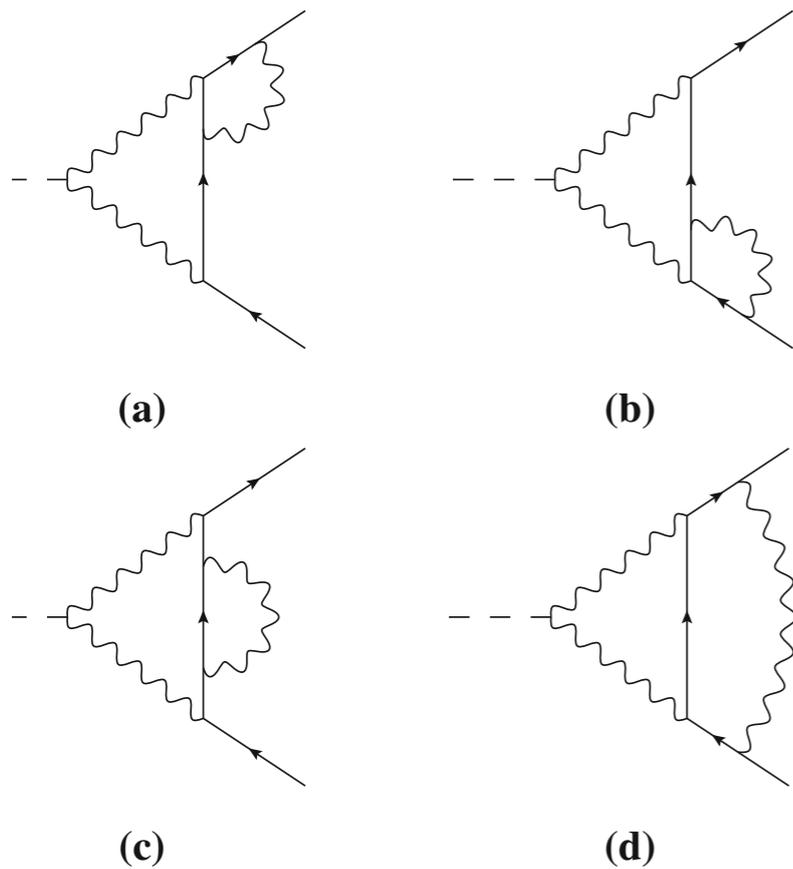
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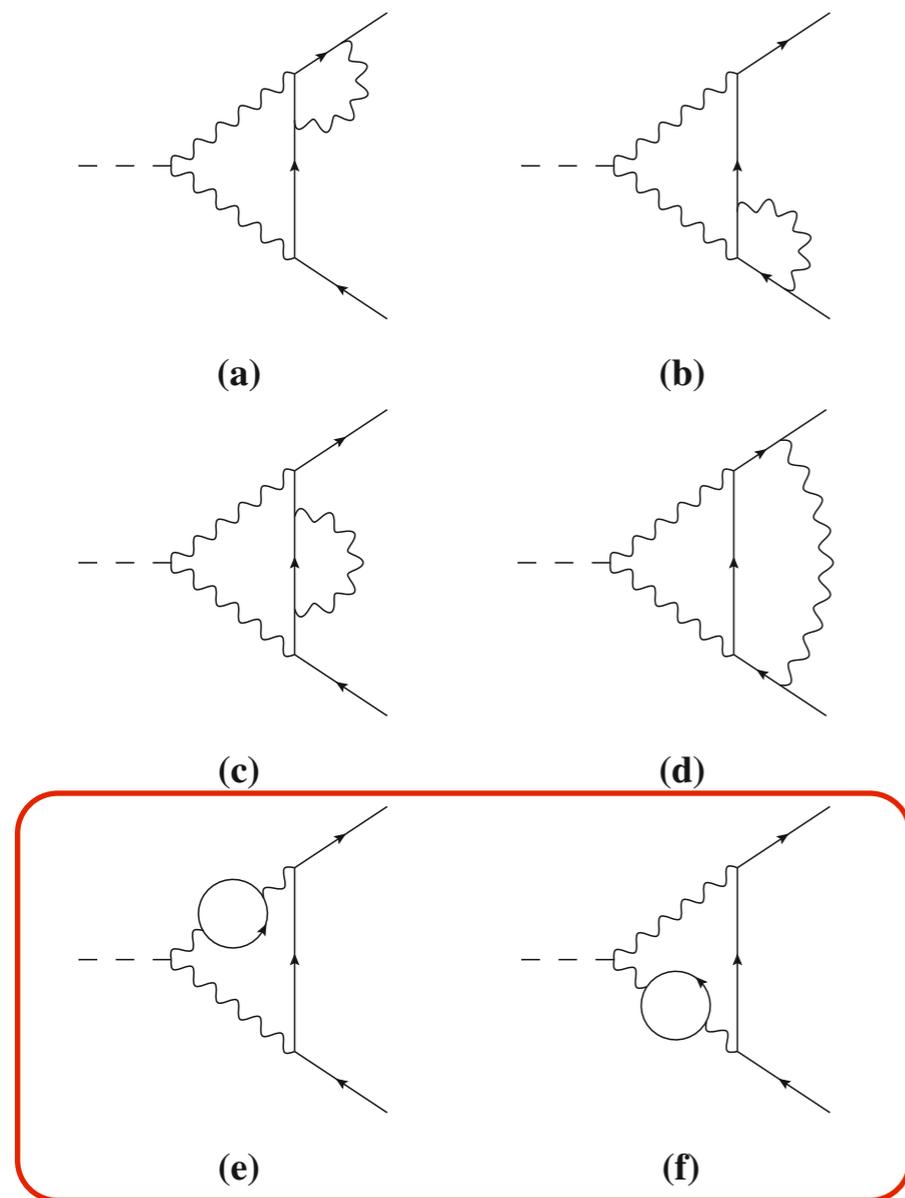
Bergstrom '83: approach (soft-photon+cut-off) to two-loop QED radiative correction + Dalitz decay interference



Correction:  $\sim -13\%$

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Include more diagrams which are subleading but numerically important

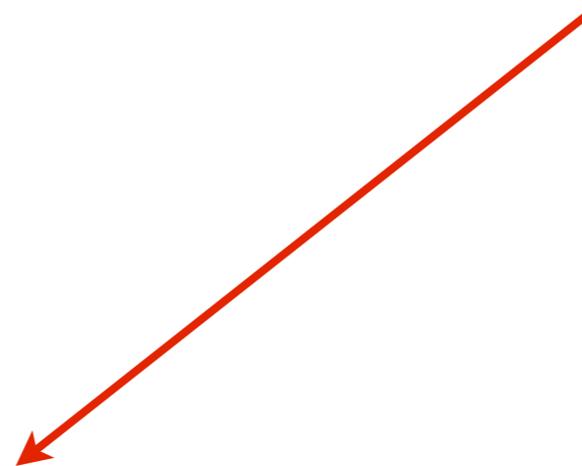


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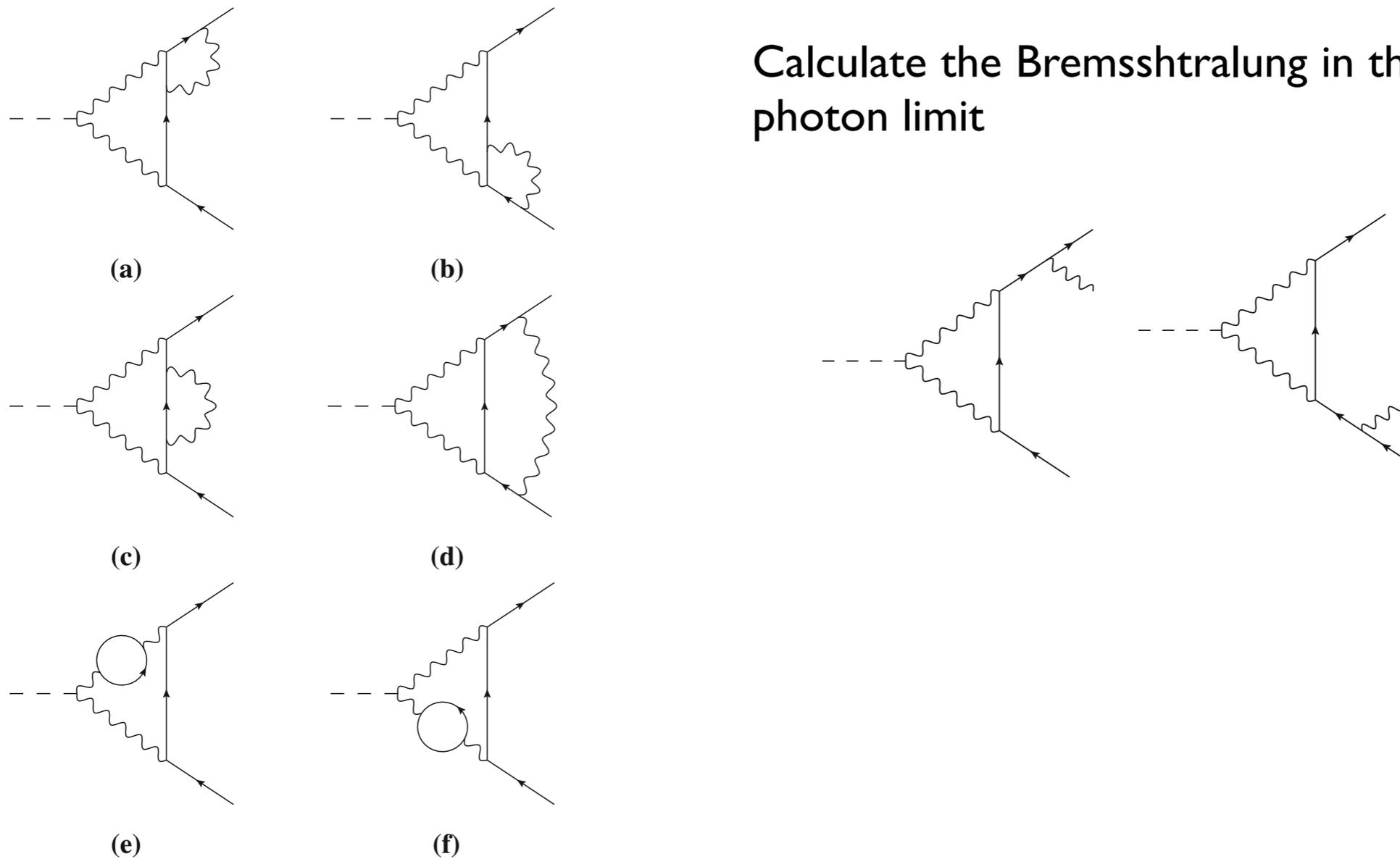


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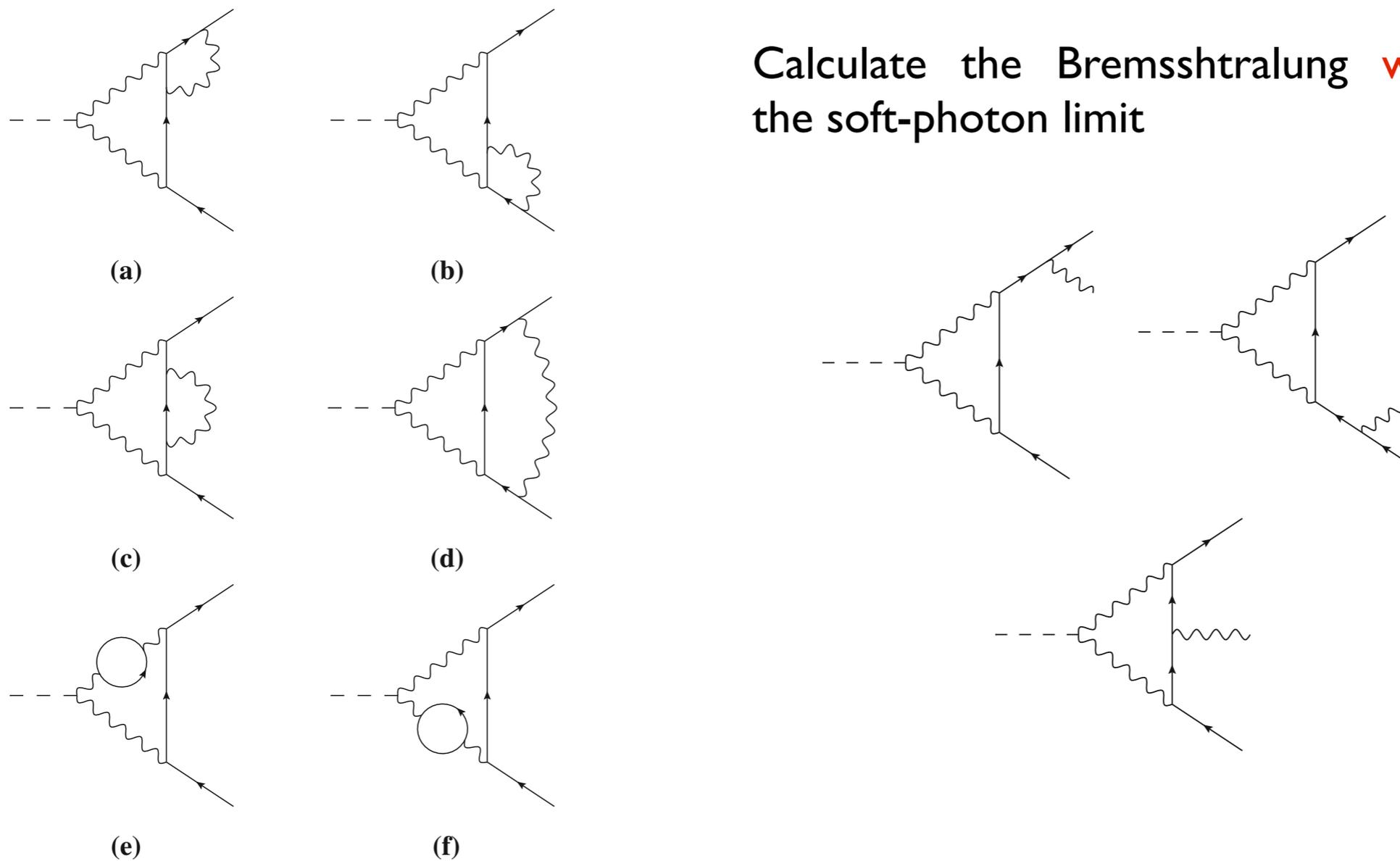


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$\delta^{(2)}(0.95) \equiv \delta^{\text{virt.}} + \delta_{\text{soft}}^{\text{BS}}(0.95)$  complete QED two-loop corr. including soft-photon BS

$\Delta^{\text{BS}}(x^{\text{cut}}) \equiv \delta^{\text{BS}}(x^{\text{cut}}) - \delta_{\text{soft}}^{\text{BS}}(x^{\text{cut}})$  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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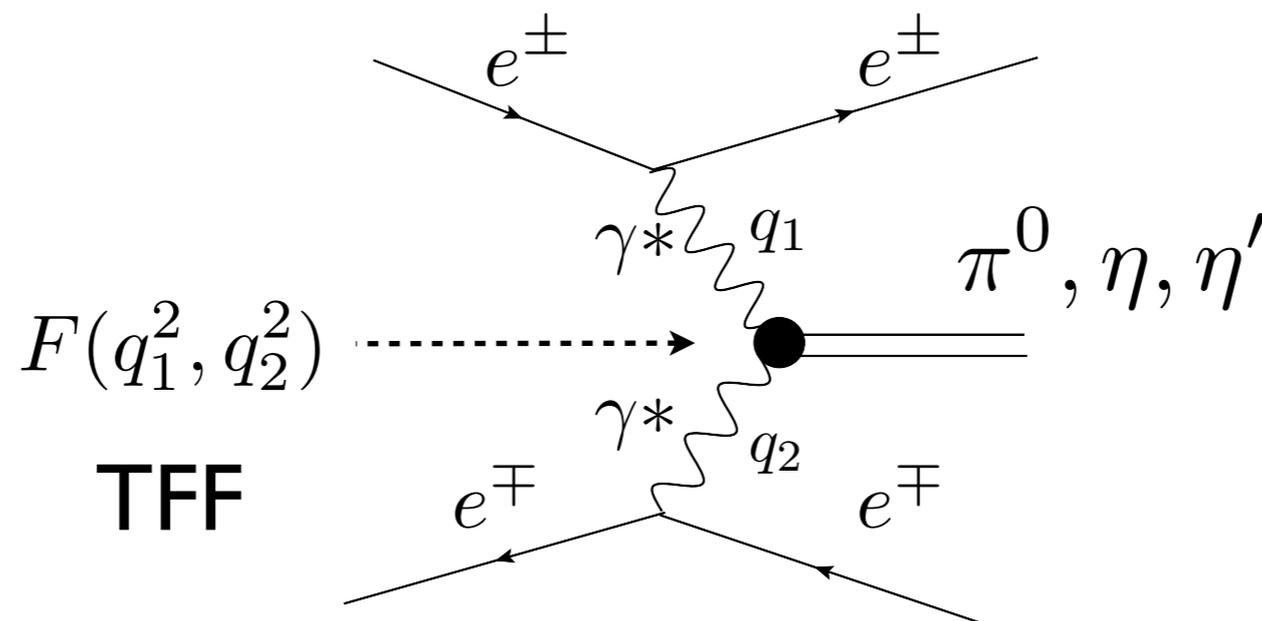
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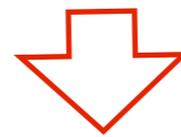
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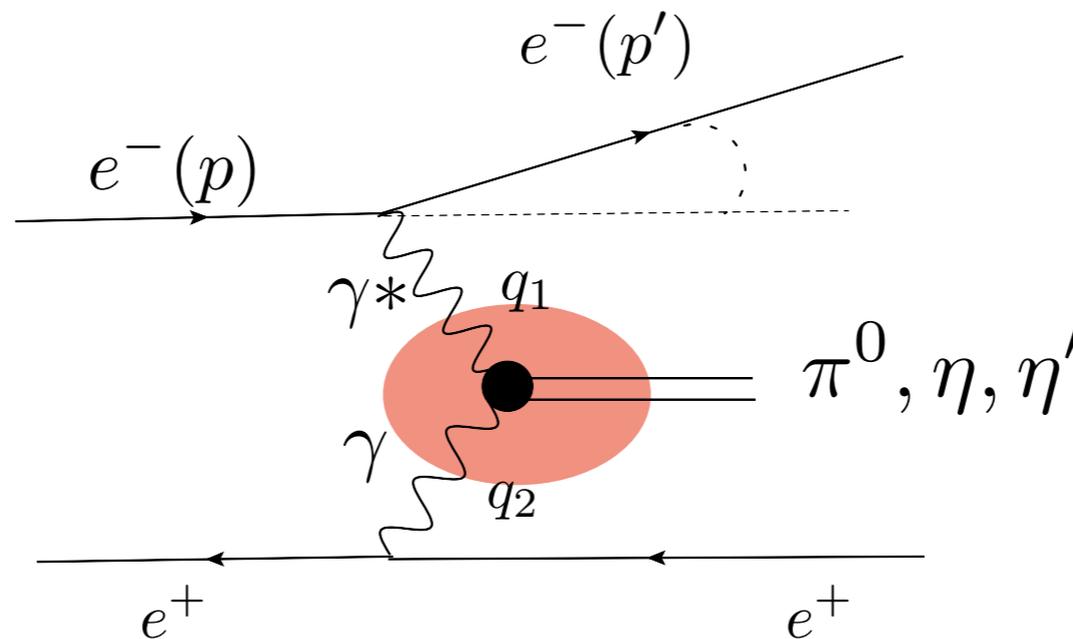
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Use data from the Transition Form Factor to constrain your hadronic model

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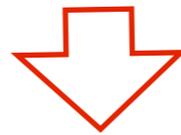
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How??

Nice synergy between experiment and theory

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

[P.M., P. Sanchez-Puertas, '15]

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

Proposal: bivariate PA

Chisholm '73

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[convergence pattern]

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

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[Bijnens, Kampf, Lanz '12]

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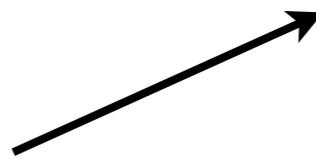
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[PM.'12]

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

$$BR_{SM}^{PA}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (6.22 - 6.43)(4) \times 10^{-8}$$

statistics+theoretical error 

$$BR_{SM}^Z(\pi^0 \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow e^+e^-) = -0.02 \times 10^{-8}$$

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$a_1, b_1, b_2$  from accurate study of space-like data [PM.'12]

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$a_{1,1}$  free (condition: no poles in space like)  $1.92a_1^2 \leq a_{1,1} \leq 2a_1^2$

$$BR_{SM}^{P_2^1}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (6.23 - 6.24)(4) \times 10^{-8}$$

statistics+theoretical error

(Z included)

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

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Chisholm '73

Proposal: bivariate PA

Systematic error  $P_1^0(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$  vs  $P_2^1(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$

$$BR_{SM}^{P_2^1}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = 6.23(4)(2) \times 10^{-8}$$

statistics+theoretical error

(Z included)

method checked for different models

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

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

Proposal: bivariate PA

Chisholm '73

New SM prediction:

statistics+theoretical error

$$BR_{SM}^{P_2^1}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = 6.23(4)(2) \times 10^{-8}$$

(Z included)

- More precise (50% error reduction)
- Data driven
- Systematic error
- Improved loop integral

$$\chi(\mu) = 2.5(2)$$

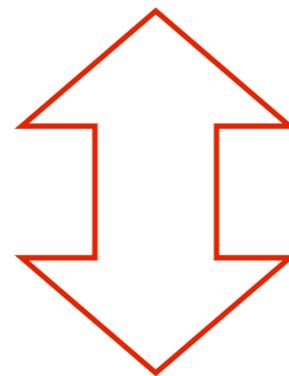
[Dorokhov et al. '09]

$$BR_{SM}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = (6.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$$

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

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



$\sim 2\sigma$

$$BR_{SM}^{P_2^1}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = 6.23(4)(2) \times 10^{-8}$$

(with published KTeV  $\sim 3.2\sigma$ )

# Doubly virtual $\pi^0$ -TFF

Can we still match the KTeV value?

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$a_{1,1}$  free to fix KTeV (condition: no poles in space like)

$$BR_{SM}^{P_2^1}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) \equiv 7.48(38) \times 10^{-8} \rightarrow \delta^2 \sim 20\text{GeV}^2$$

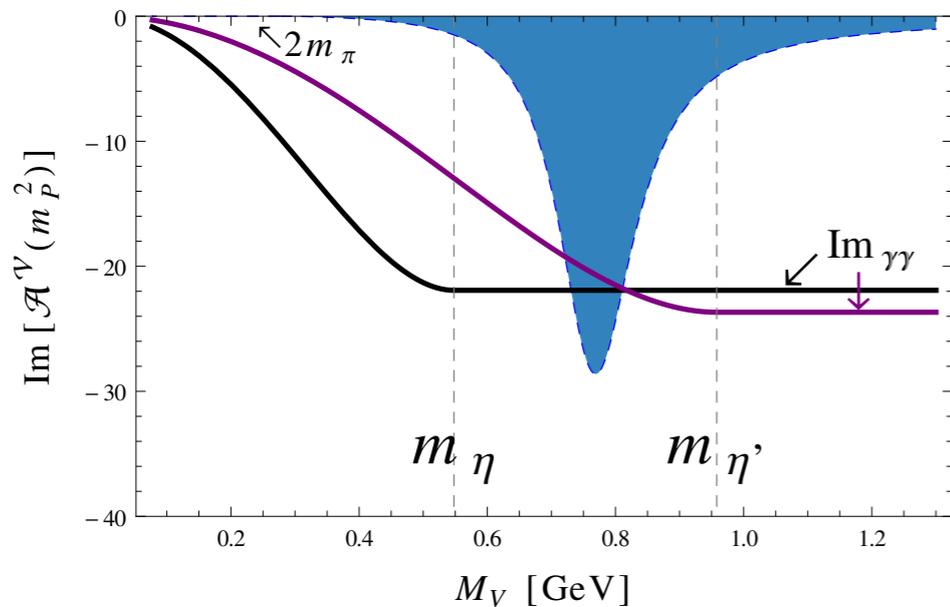
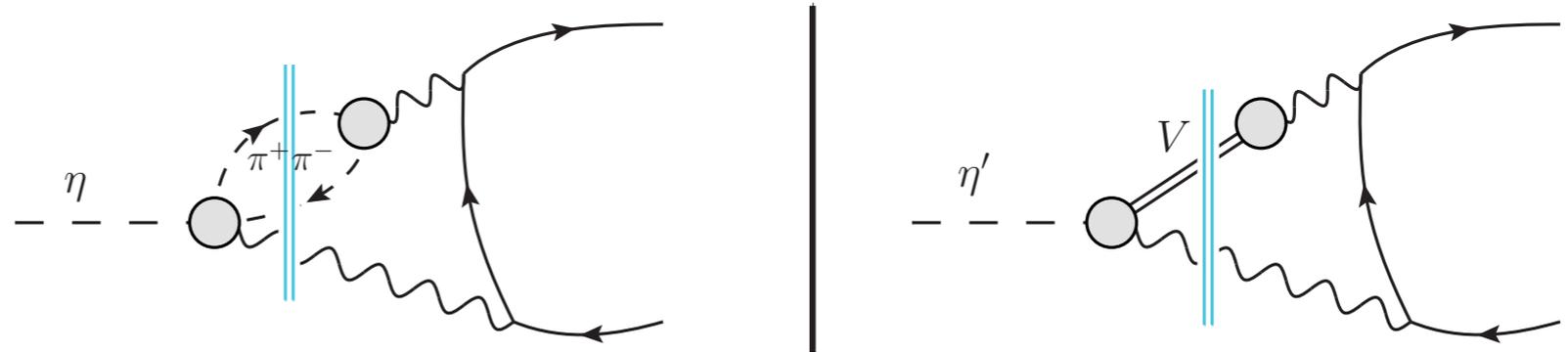
**KTeV = very slowly converging OPE**

$$\delta^2 = 0.2\text{GeV}^2 \quad [\text{Novikov et al '84}]$$

# Doubly virtual $\eta, \eta'$ -TFF

[PM, P. Sanchez-Puertas '15]

$$\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$$



## Our predictions

Process	BR
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$(5.31 \div 5.44)(3)(2)(1) \times 10^{-9}$
$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$(4.72 \div 4.52)(2)(3)(4) \times 10^{-6}$
$\eta' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$(1.82 \div 1.87)(7)(2)(16) \times 10^{-10}$
$\eta' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$(1.36 \div 1.49)(5)(3)(25) \times 10^{-7}$

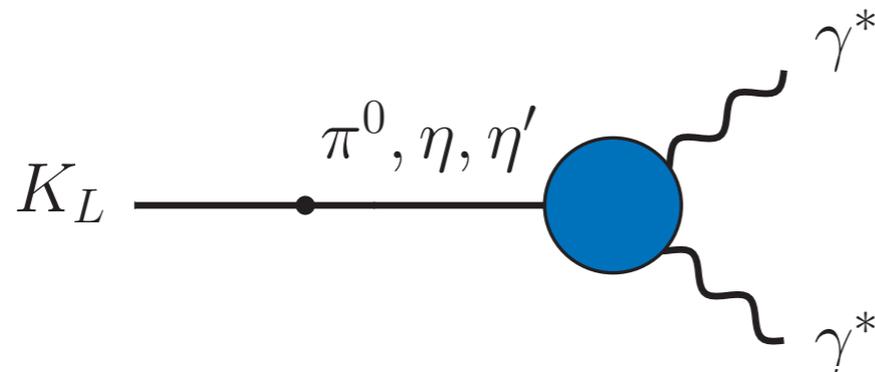
## Experimental measurements or bounds

$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\eta' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$\eta' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
$\leq 2.3 \times 10^{-6}$ [16]	$5.8(8) \times 10^{-6}$ [17]	$\leq 5.6 \times 10^{-9}$ [18, 19]	—

# Doubly virtual $K_L$ -TFF

Prediction for  $K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

(see talk by L. Tunstall)



[Gomez Dumm and Pich, '98]

[Knecht *et al.*, '99]

[Isidori, Unterdorfer '03]

Normalized to  $K_L \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}(q^2)) = \mathcal{A}(0) + \frac{1}{\beta_I(q^2)} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \ln^2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta_I(q^2)}{1 + \beta_I(q^2)} \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1 - \beta_I(q^2)}{1 + \beta_I(q^2)} \right) \right)$$

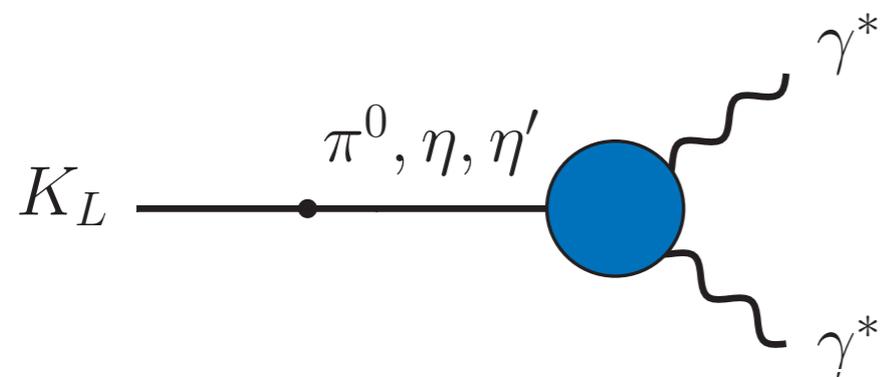
$$\mathcal{A}(0) = \chi_P(\mu) - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \ln(m_l^2 / \mu^2)$$

all hadronic information (TFF,  $m_p$ ...)

# Doubly virtual $K_L$ -TFF

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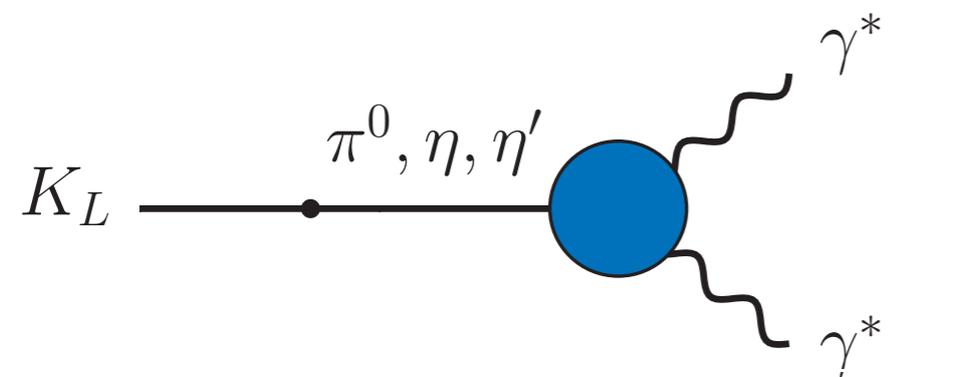
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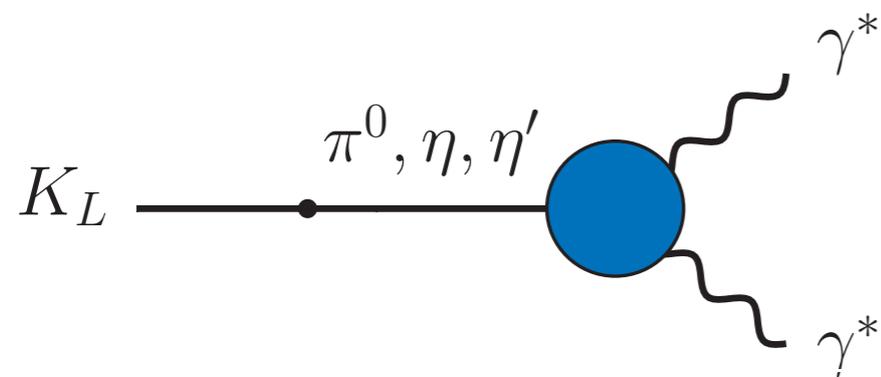
• Even better,  $\chi_K^\ell(\mu)$  and then  $\chi_K^\mu(\mu) - \chi_K^e(\mu)$

$$\Lambda_P \neq \Lambda_{P'}$$

$$\chi_P^\mu(\mu) - \chi_P^e(\mu) \simeq \frac{m_P^2}{3\Lambda^2} \left( 1 + \frac{m_P^2}{4\Lambda^2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_e^2} \right) + \frac{10m_\mu^2}{3\Lambda^2} \ln \left( \frac{m_\mu^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \chi_P^\mu(\mu) - \chi_P^e(\mu) \sim 2 - 3 \quad \forall P$$

# Naive New Physics contributions

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General Lagrangian (after Fierz)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g}{4m_W} \sum_f m_A c_f^A (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu A^\mu \gamma_5 f) + 2m_f c_f^P (\bar{f} i \gamma_5 f) \mathcal{P}$$

$$i\mathcal{M} = \frac{igc_\ell^A m_A}{4m_W} [\bar{u}_{p,s} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 v_{p',s'}] \frac{-i \left( g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{m_A^2} \right)}{m_P^2 - m_A^2} \frac{igm_A}{4m_W} \overbrace{\sum_q \langle 0 | c_q^A \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q | P(q) \rangle}^{\langle 0 | J_{\mu 5}^{\text{NP}} | P(q) \rangle},$$

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

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

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

Z contribution (Arnellos, Marciano, Parsa '82)  $c_u^Z = -c_{d,e}^Z = 1$   $\epsilon_Z \sim 0.3\%$

Our estimate based on existing exp. constrains:  
 [Marciano et al. '12, '14; Kahn et al '08]  $\epsilon_{NP} \sim 0.3\%$

**negligible!**

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

	Model	Published model		Modified model	
		$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ( $\times 10^8$ )	<i>HLBL</i> ( $\times 10^{10}$ )	$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ( $\times 10^8$ )	<i>HLBL</i> ( $\times 10^{10}$ )
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!

# Preliminary Shopping list

## NA62

At first, I would suggest

- $\pi^0$  Dalitz decays  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$  (Inv. mass distr.)
- $\pi^0$  Double Dalitz decay  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$  (BR)
- Rare decay  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  (BR)
- K Dalitz decay  $K_L \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  (BR)
- K double Dalitz decay  $K_L \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$  (Inv. mass distr.)
- Rare decay  $K_L \rightarrow l^+ l^- l^+ l^-$  (BR)

During the talk, I'll try to convince you why

# 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**

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$\Gamma_{P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$       slope      curvature

We have published space-like data for  $Q^2 F_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2, 0)$

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

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

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

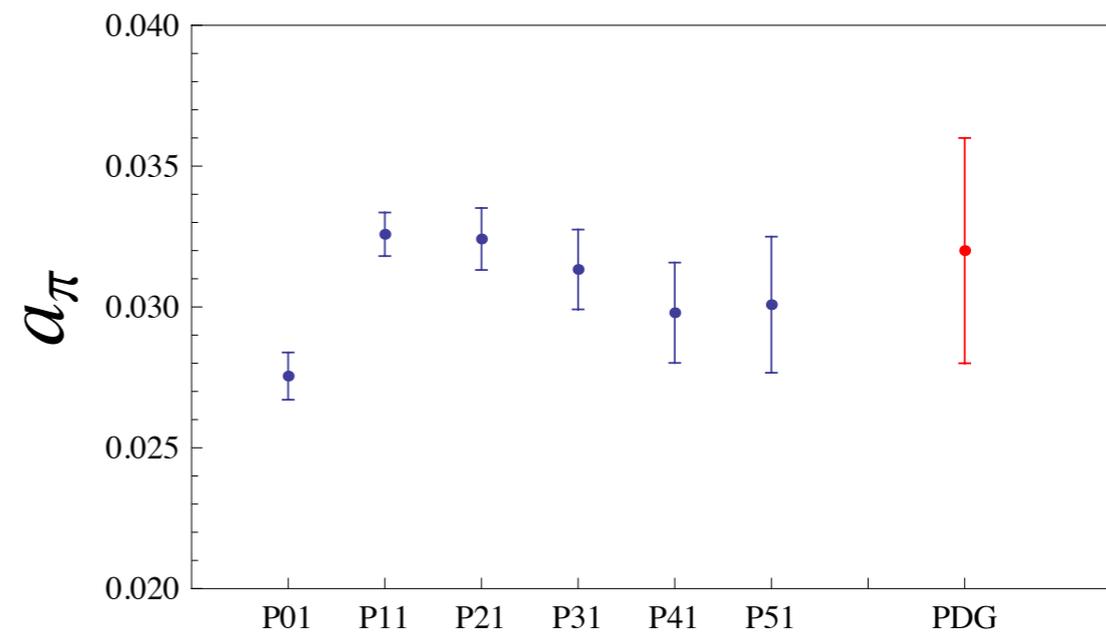
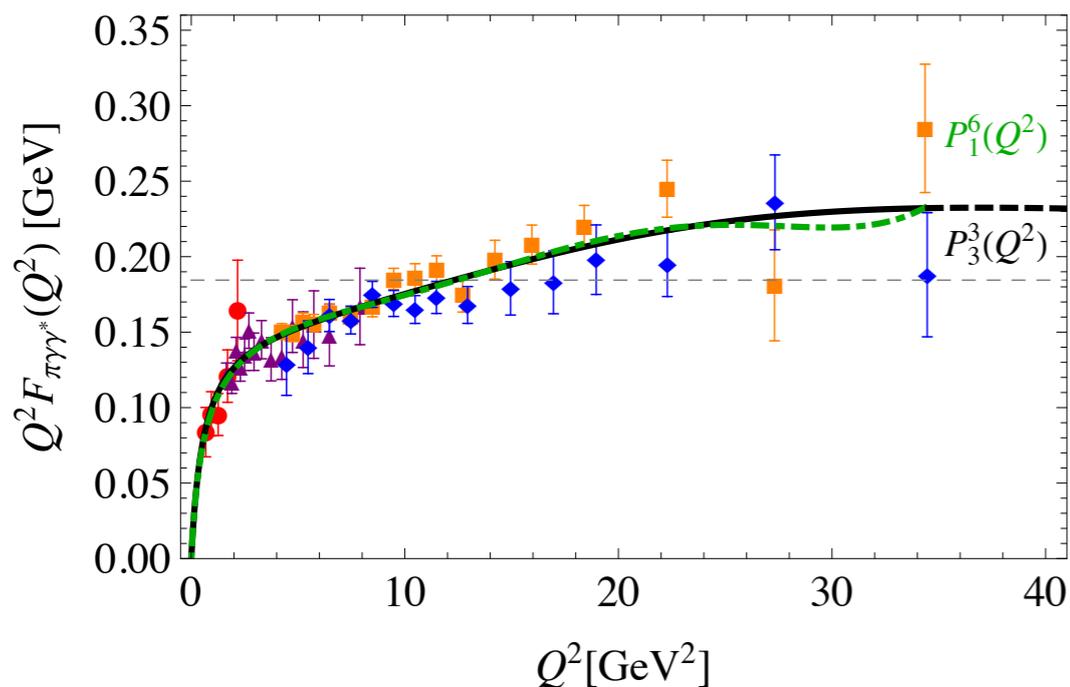
sequence of approximations, i.e., theoretical error

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

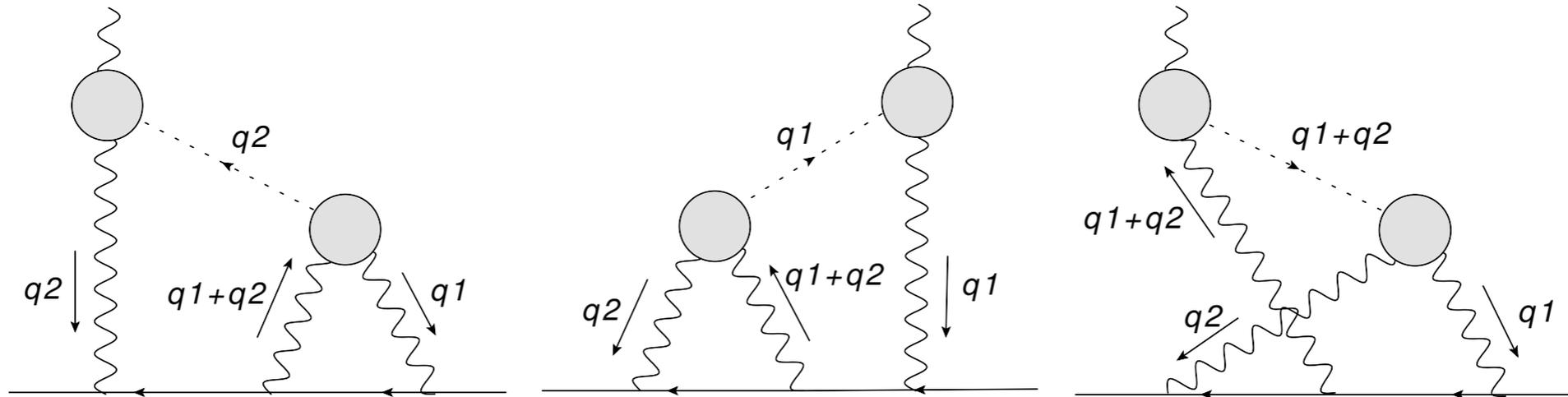
$$P_1^N(Q^2) \quad \text{up to } N=5 \quad [\text{P.M.}, '12]$$



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

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

# 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

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

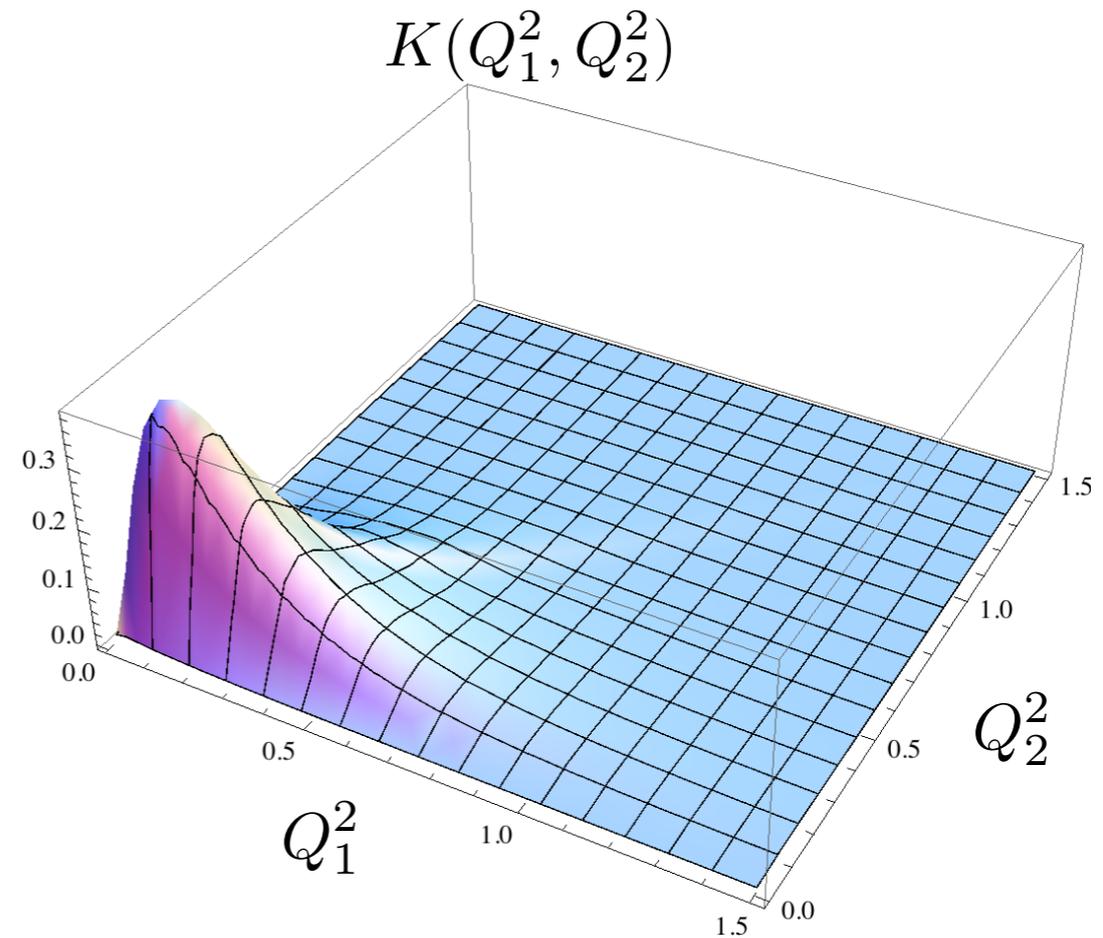
# Dissection of the HLBL contribution

- 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

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

$$\text{Using } F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) \sim P_1^0(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$$

(main energy range from 0 to 1 GeV<sup>2</sup>)



# The role of doubly virtual TFF data

