

# Hadron and lepton properties from dispersion relations

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# Outline

## Part I: lepton properties

- anomalous magnetic moment of the muon
  - ▷ hadronic vacuum polarisation (HVP)
  - ▷ hadronic light-by-light scattering (HLbL)

→ A. Denig's talk

## Part II: hadron properties

- pion–pion (re)scattering and all that
- some illustrative examples

## Part III: application

- in-depth analysis:  $\pi^0$ -pole contribution to HLbL

## Summary / Outlook

# Part I:

lepton properties:  $(g - 2)_\mu$

# Hadronic contributions to $(g - 2)_\mu$

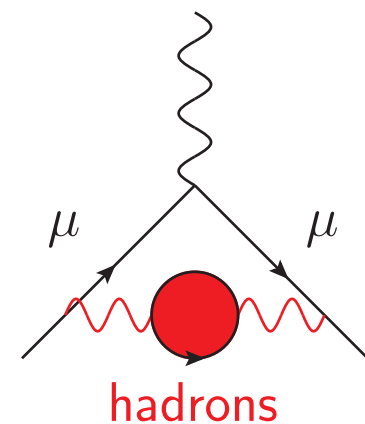
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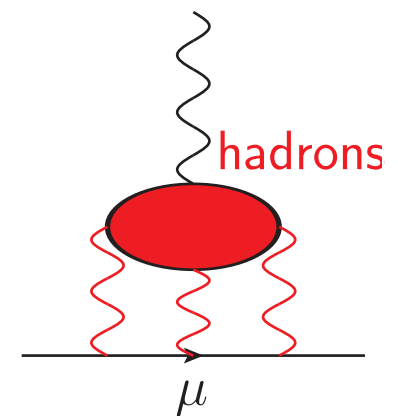
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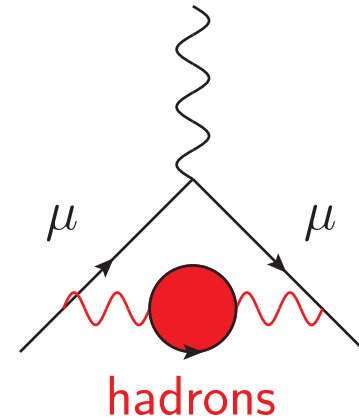
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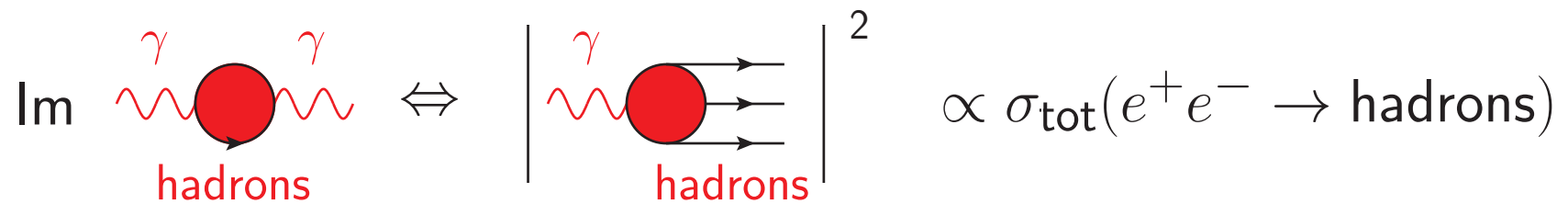
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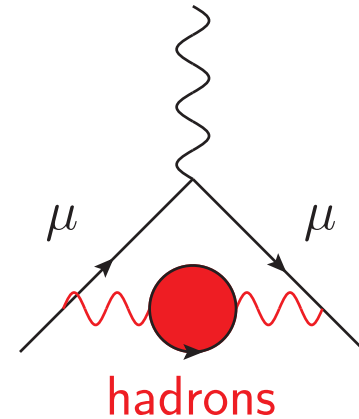


$$\text{Im} \left[ \text{hadrons} \right] \Leftrightarrow \left| \text{hadrons} \right|^2 \propto \sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$$


The diagrammatic part of the equation shows the imaginary part of a hadronic vacuum polarization loop (a red circle with two wavy photon lines) on the left, followed by an equivalence symbol  $\Leftrightarrow$ , and then the squared magnitude of a hadronic production process (a red circle with one wavy photon line and three outgoing hadron lines) on the right.

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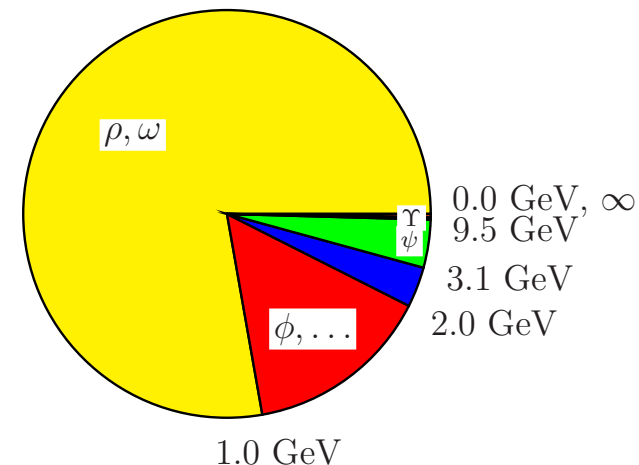
- $K(s)$ : kinematical function, for large  $s$ :  $K(s) \propto 1/s$ ,  
 $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) \propto 1/s$

- more than 75% of  $a_{\mu}^{\text{had VP}}$  given by  
energies  $s \leq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  **Jegerlehner, Nyffeler 2009**

- well (??) constrained by data

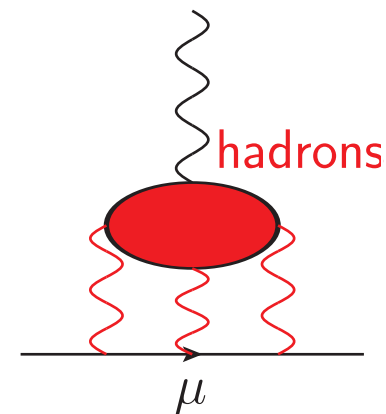
BaBar, BESIII, CMD, KLOE, SND, ...

→ *largely* an experimental task

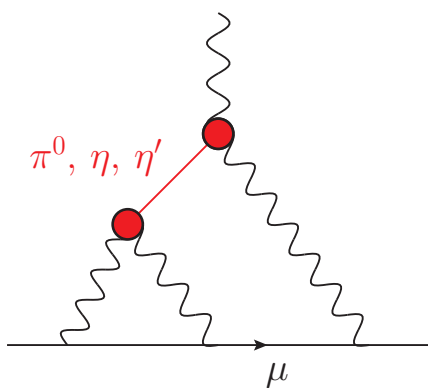


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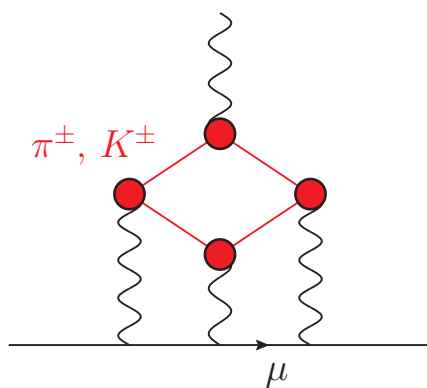
- hadronic light-by-light:
  - ▷ subleading in  $\alpha_{\text{QED}}$
  - ▷ large relative uncertainty



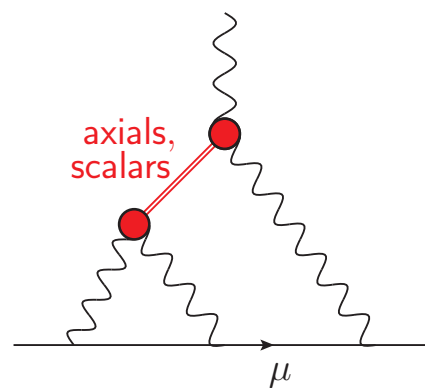
- different contributions calculated or estimated (in  $10^{-11}$ ):



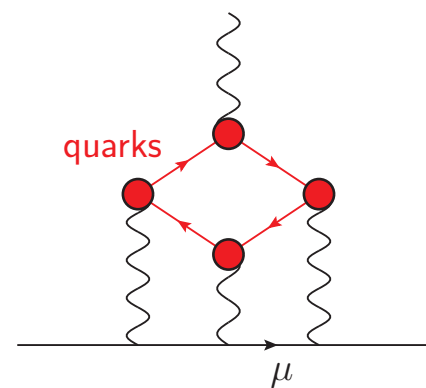
$94 \pm 4$



$-24 \pm 1$



$5 \pm 7$



$18 \pm 10$

→ increasing systematic control over HLbL using  
dispersion-theoretical approach

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# Hadronic vacuum polarisation — why so simple?

- photon two-point function:

$$\gamma(k, \mu) \sim \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{red oval} \text{---} \text{wavy line} \gamma(k, \nu)$$

$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k)$

- ▷ one single independent momentum  $k$
- ▷ symmetric rank-2 tensor: two structures  $g_{\mu\nu}, k_{\mu}k_{\nu}$
- ▷ scalar invariant can depend on one single invariant  $k^2$
- gauge invariance:  $k^{\mu}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k) = 0 = k^{\nu}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k)$

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k) = (k^2 g_{\mu\nu} - k_{\mu}k_{\nu})\Pi(k^2)$$

→ Lorentz + gauge invariance reduce HVP to one single function of a single variable!

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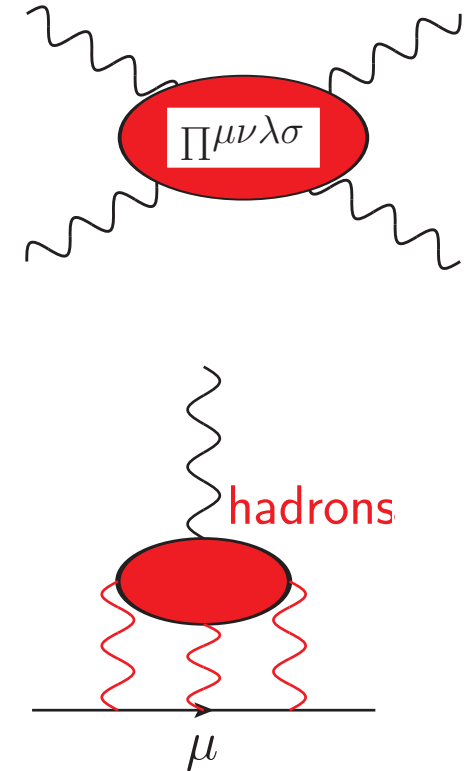
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- master formula:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = -e^6 \int \frac{d^4 q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 q_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{12} \hat{T}_i(q_1, q_2; p) \hat{\Pi}_i(q_1, q_2, -q_1 - q_2)}{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1 + q_2)^2 [(p + q_1)^2 - m_{\mu}^2] [(p - q_2)^2 - m_{\mu}^2]}$$

- $\hat{T}_i$ : known kernels
- $\hat{\Pi}_i$ : dispersively ↔ measurable form factors / scatt. amplitudes



## Part II:

hadron properties: form factors & (re)scattering

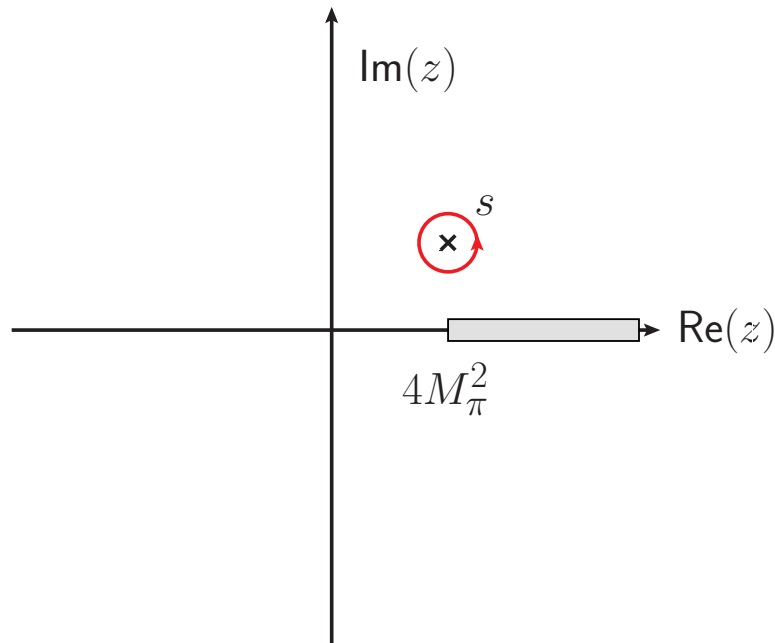
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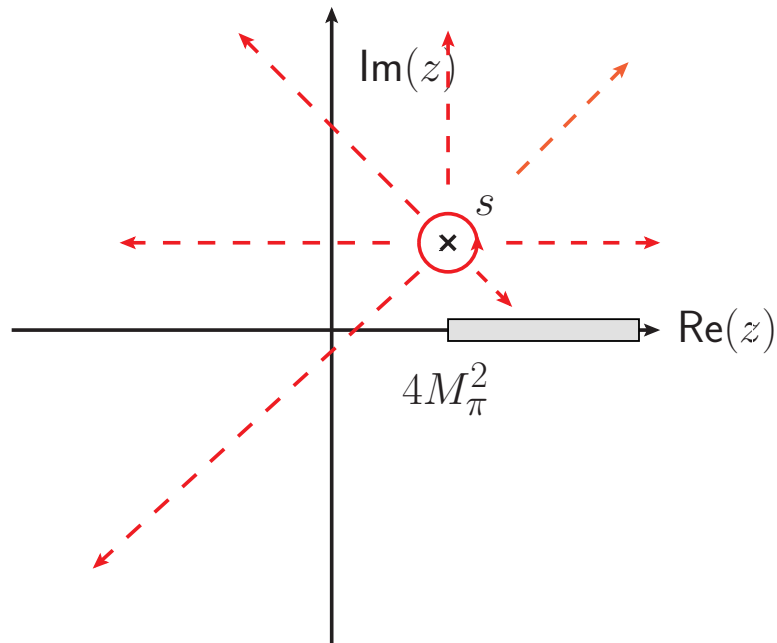
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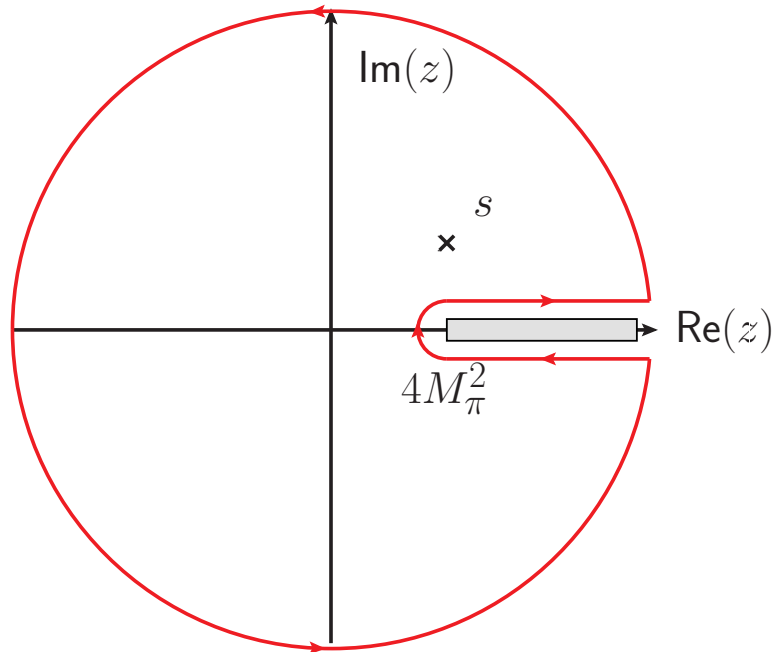
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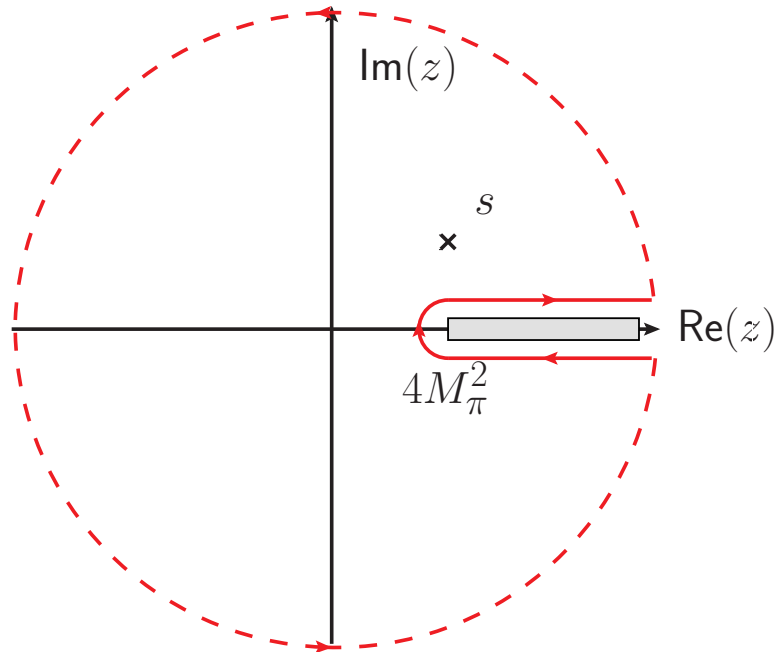
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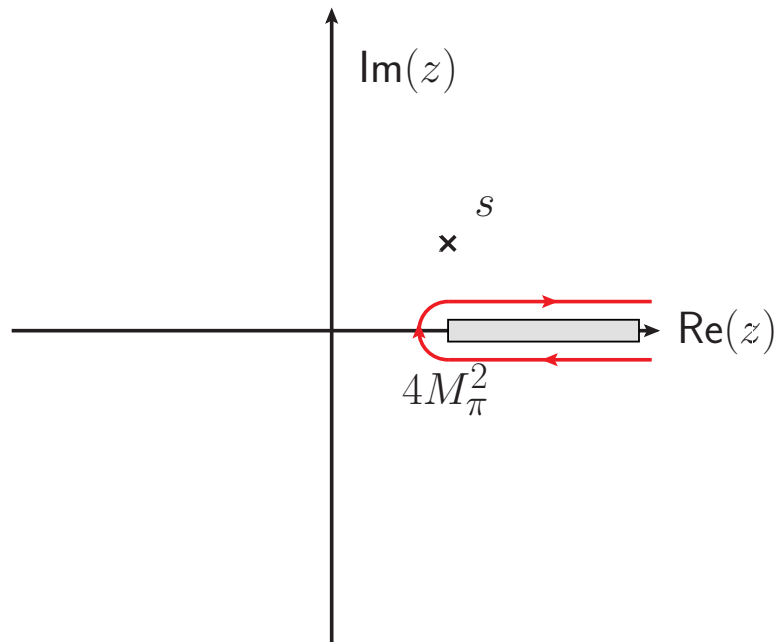
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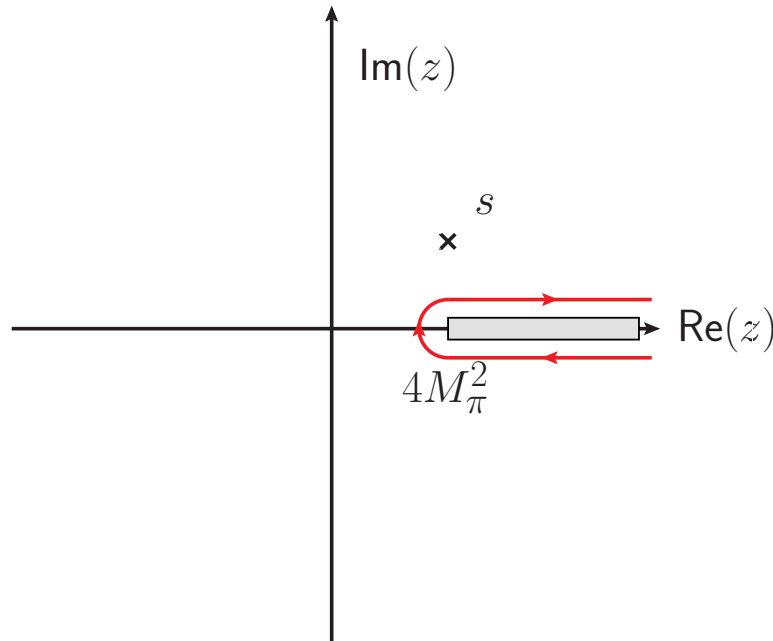
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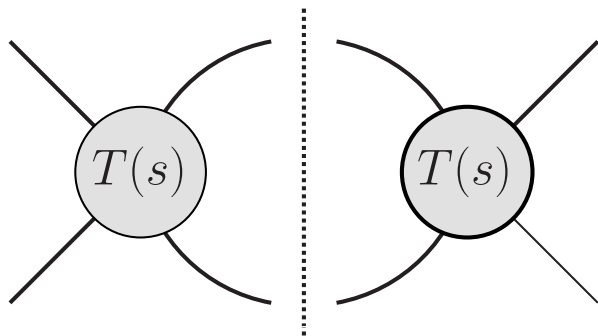
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e.g. if  $T(s)$  is a  $\pi\pi$  partial wave →

$$\frac{\text{disc } T(s)}{2i} = \text{Im } T(s) = \frac{2q_\pi}{\sqrt{s}} \theta(s - 4M_\pi^2) |T(s)|^2$$

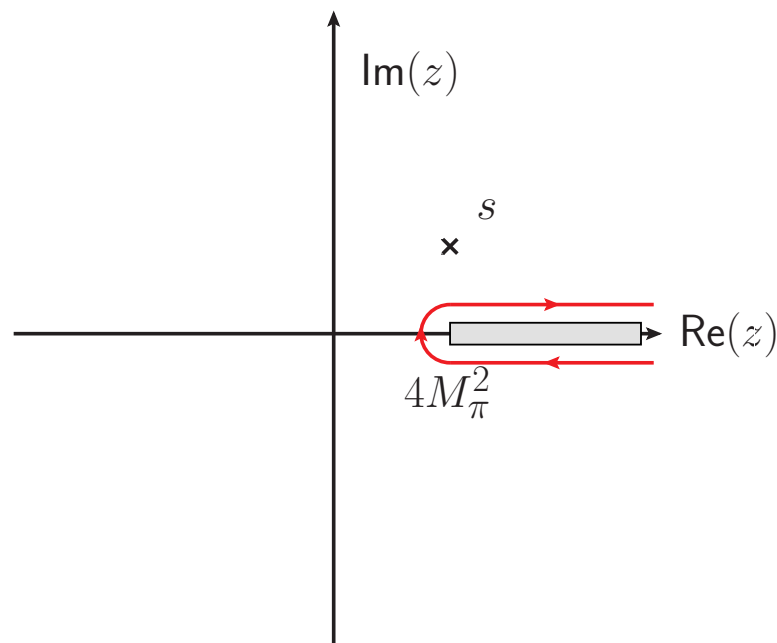
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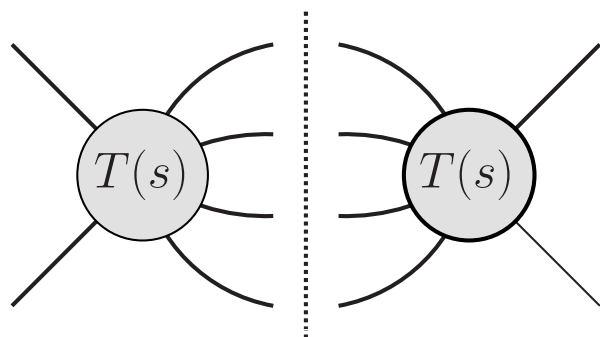
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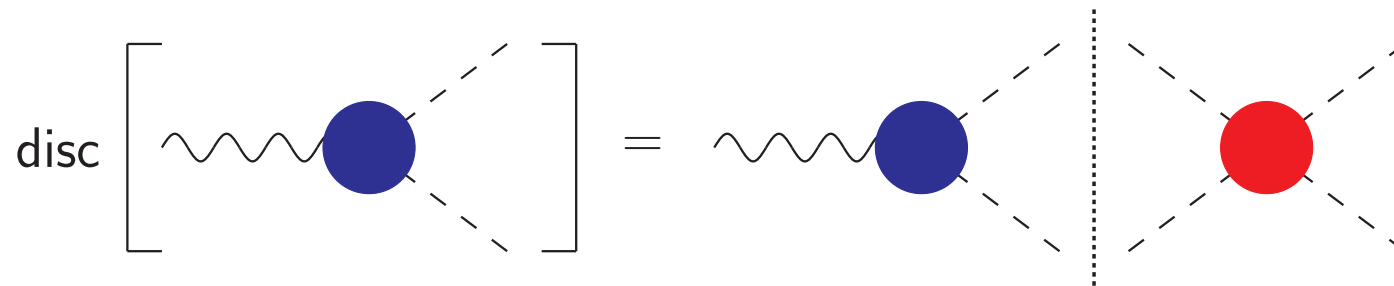


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inelastic intermediate states ( $K\bar{K}$ ,  $4\pi$ )  
 suppressed at low energies  
 → will often be neglected

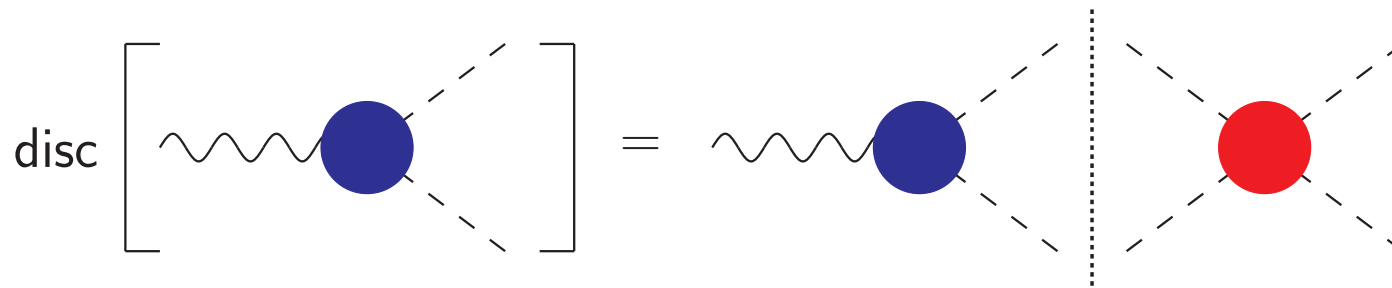
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- solution: → E. Passemar's talk; derivation → spares!

$$F_{\pi}^V(s) = P(s)\Omega(s), \quad \Omega(s) = \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4M_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\delta_1^1(s')}{s'(s' - s)} \right\}$$

$P(s)$  polynomial,  $\Omega(s)$  **Omnès function** Omnès 1958

▷  $\pi\pi$  phase shifts from Roy equations

Ananthanarayan et al. 2001, García-Martín et al. 2011

▷  $P(0) = 1$  from symmetries (gauge invariance)

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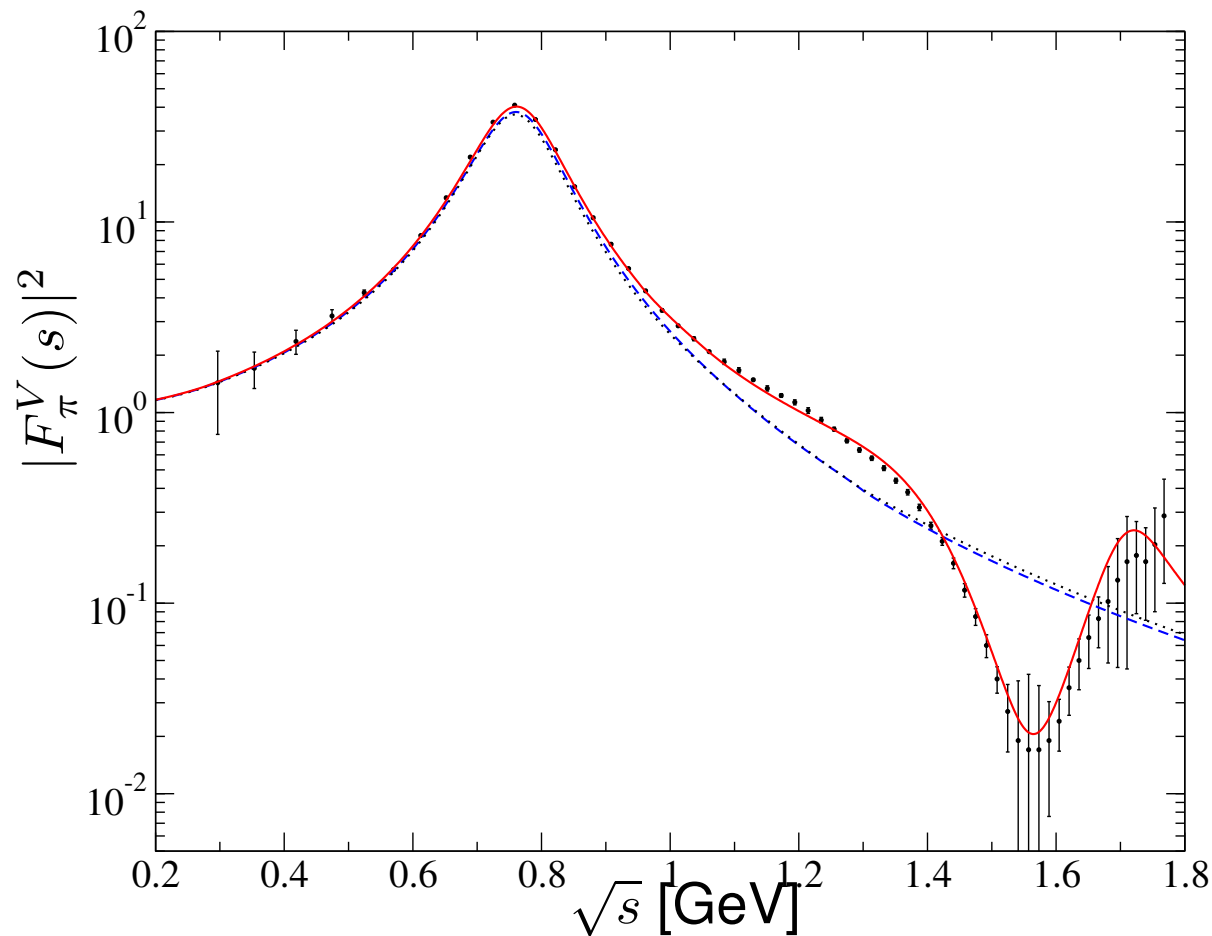
slope due to inelastic resonances  $\rho', \rho'' \dots$

Hanhart 2012

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$\pi\pi$  P-wave phase shift / effective form factor phase incl.  $\rho'$ ,  $\rho''$

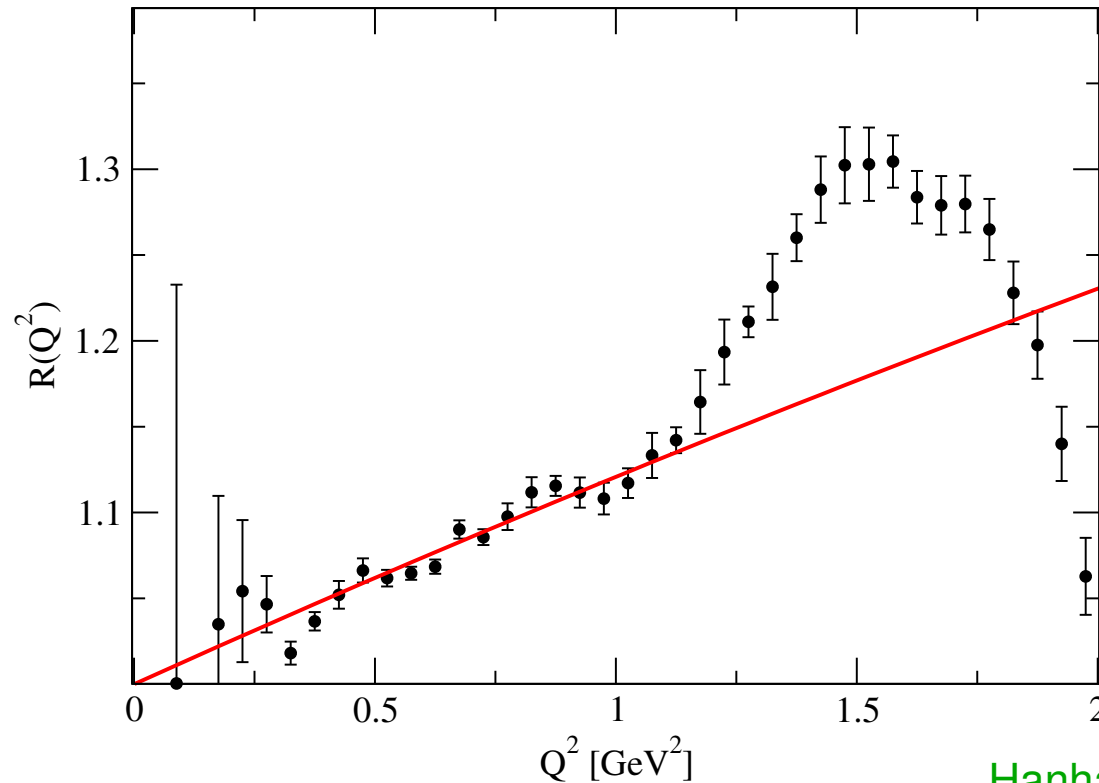
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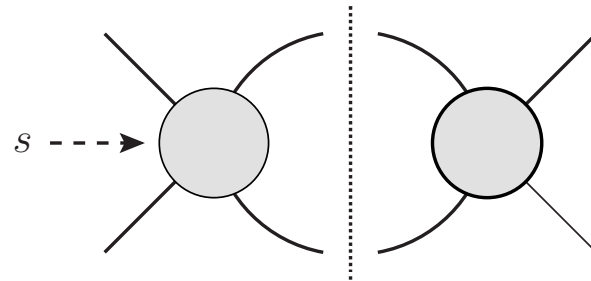
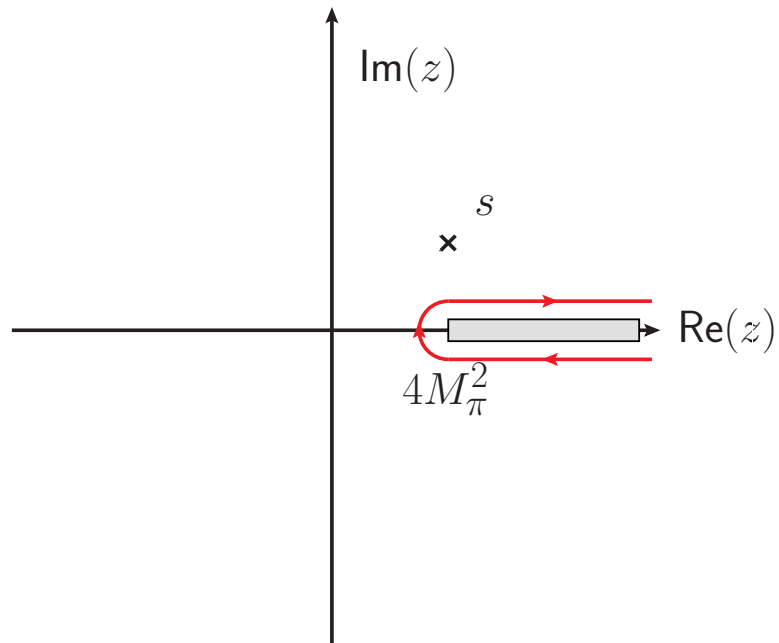
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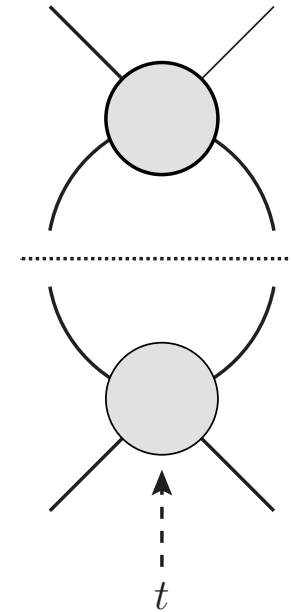
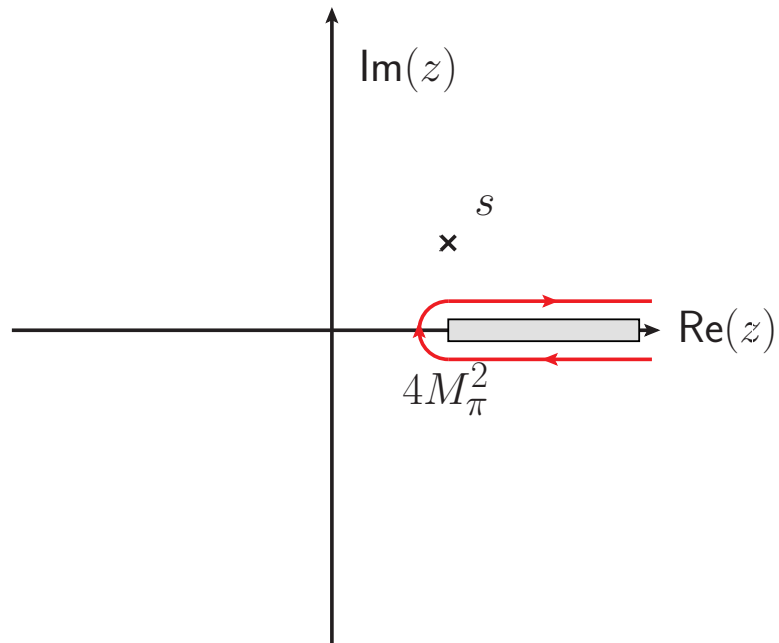


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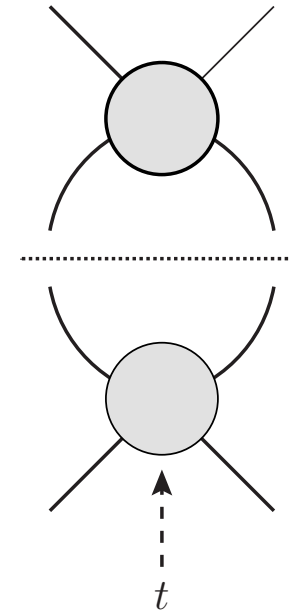
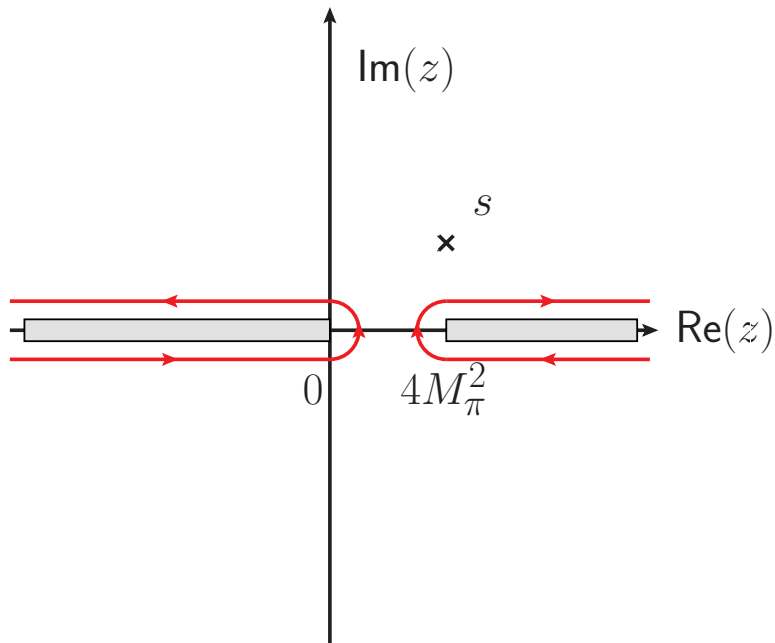
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- **partial-wave projection**:  $T(s, t) = 32\pi \sum_i T_i(s) P_i(\cos \theta)$

$$t(s, \cos \theta) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} (4M_\pi^2 - s)$$

→ cut for  $t \geq 4M_\pi^2$  becomes cut for  $s \leq 0$  in partial wave

# $\pi\pi$ scattering constrained by analyticity and unitarity

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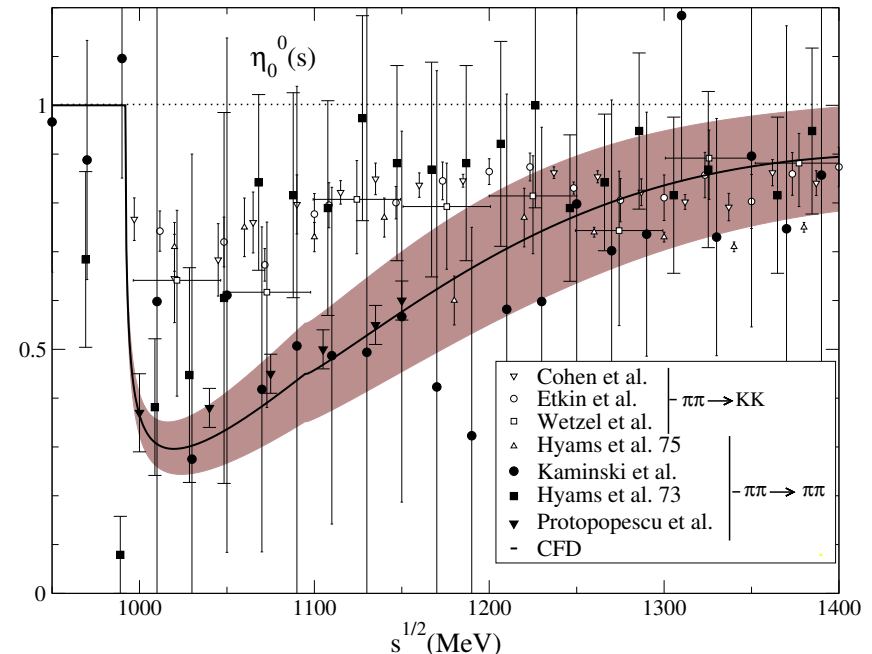
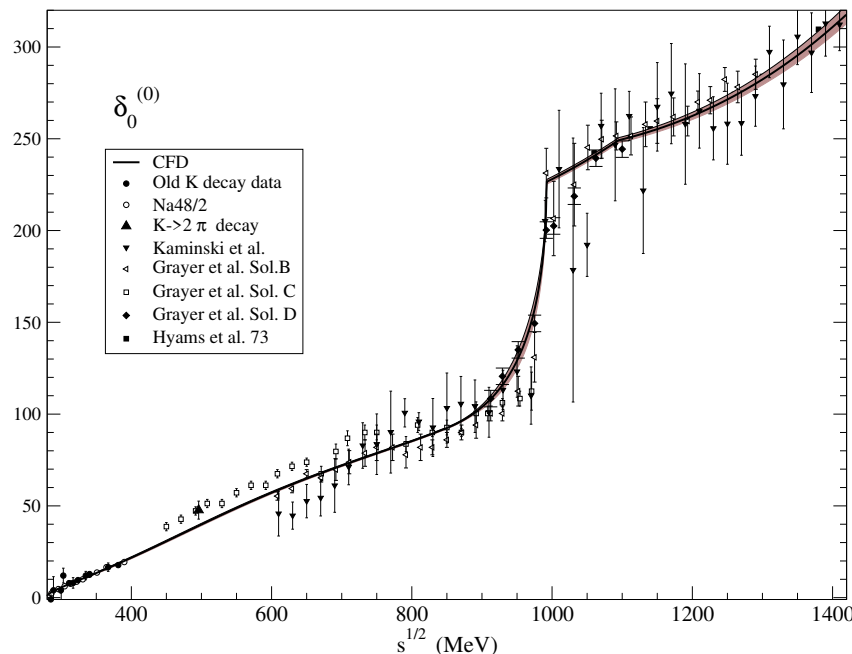
$$t_J^I(s) = k_J^I(s) + \sum_{I'=0}^2 \sum_{J'=0}^{\infty} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' K_{JJ'}^{II'}(s, s') \text{Im}t_{J'}^{I'}(s')$$

Roy 1971

- subtraction polynomial  $k_J^I(s)$ :  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths  
can be matched to chiral perturbation theory Colangelo et al. 2001
- kernel functions  $K_{JJ'}^{II'}(s, s')$  known analytically

# $\pi\pi$ scattering constrained by analyticity and unitarity

- elastic unitarity  $\longrightarrow$  coupled integral equations for **phase shifts**
- modern precision analyses:
  - ▷  $\pi\pi$  scattering Ananthanarayan et al. 2001, García-Martín et al. 2011
  - ▷  $\pi K$  scattering Büttiker et al. 2004, Peláez, Rodas 2020
- example:  $\pi\pi$   $I = 0$  S-wave phase shift & inelasticity



García-Martín et al. 2011

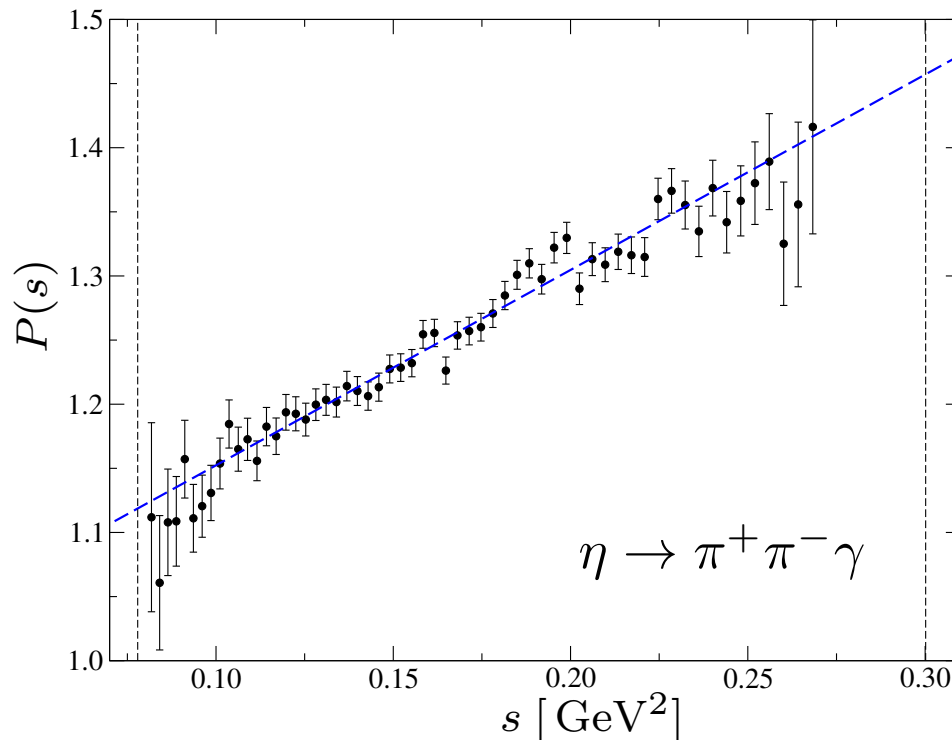
- strong constraints on data from analyticity and unitarity!

# Final-state universality: $\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$

- $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$  driven by the **chiral anomaly**,  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  in P-wave  
→ final-state interactions **the same** as for vector form factor

- ansatz:  $\mathcal{F}_{\pi\pi\gamma}^{\eta^{(\prime)}} = A \times P(s) \times \Omega(s)$ ,  $P(s) = 1 + \alpha^{(\prime)} s$ ,  $s = M_{\pi\pi}^2$

- divide data by pion form factor →  $P(s)$  Stollenwerk et al. 2012

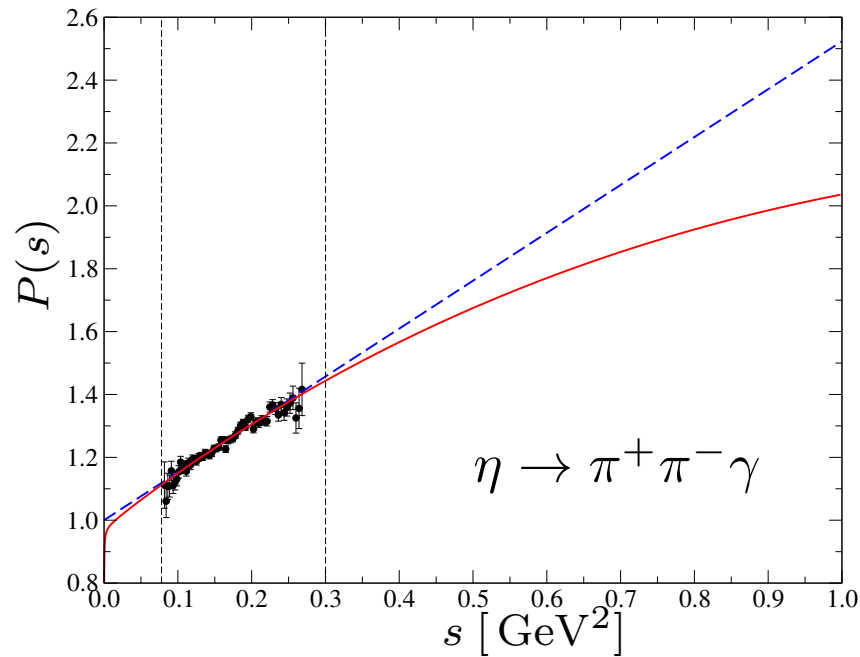
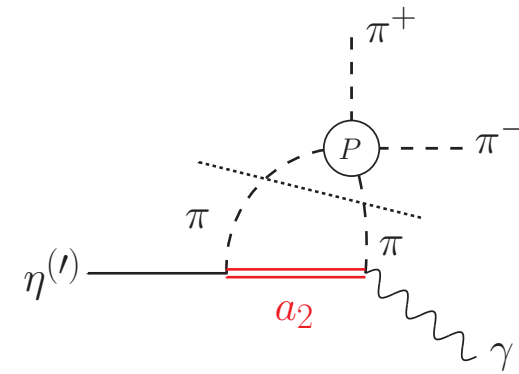
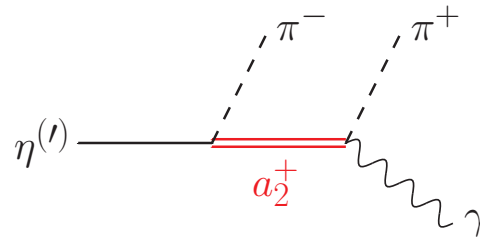
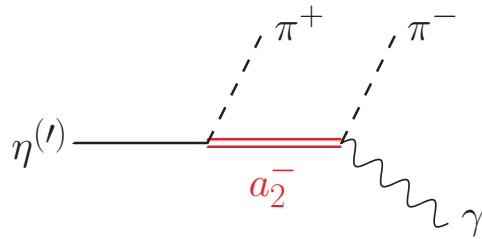


→ exp.:  $\alpha_{\text{KLOE}} = (1.52 \pm 0.06) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

cf. KLOE 2013

# $\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ with left-hand cuts

- include  $a_2$ : leading resonance in  $\pi\eta^{(\prime)}$

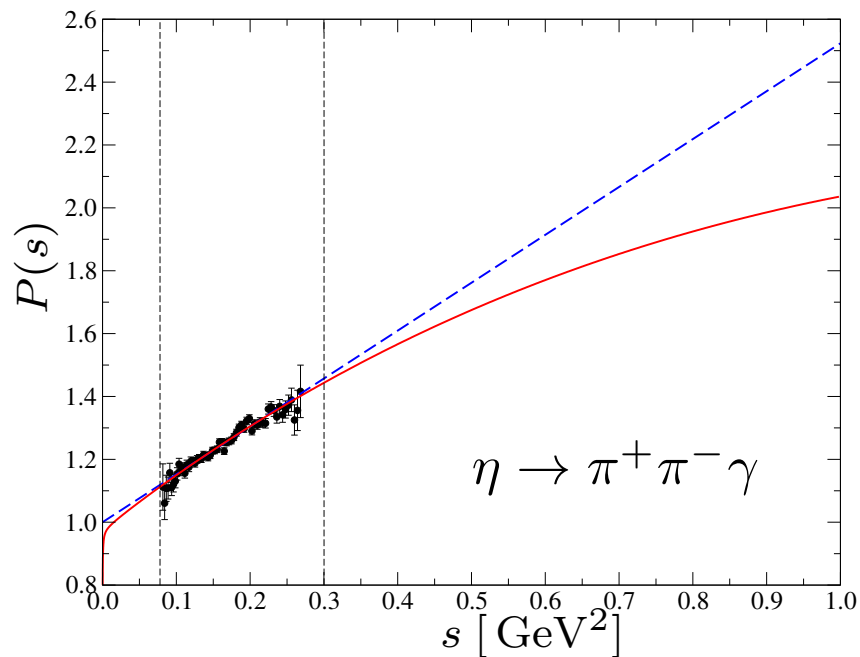
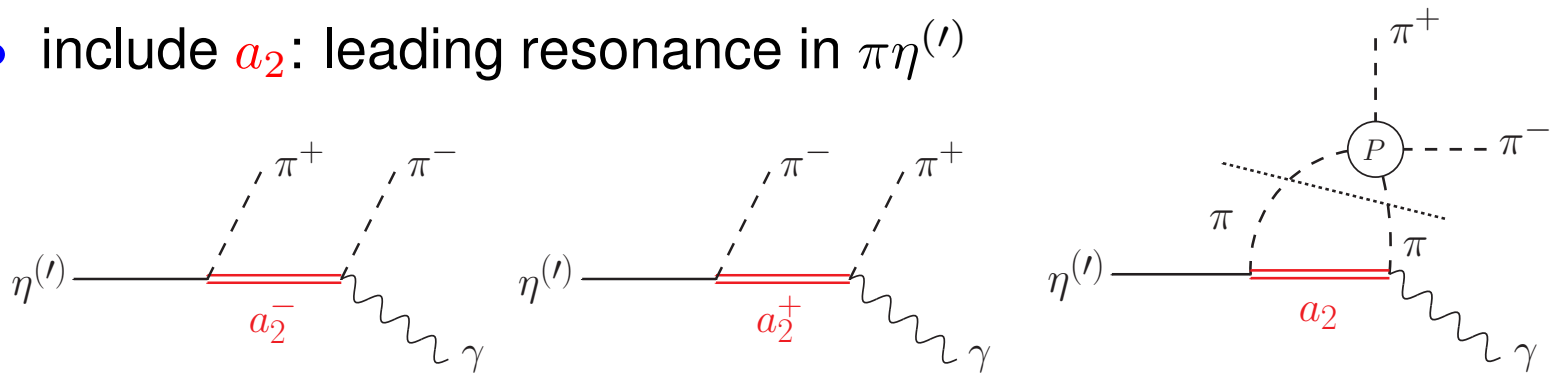


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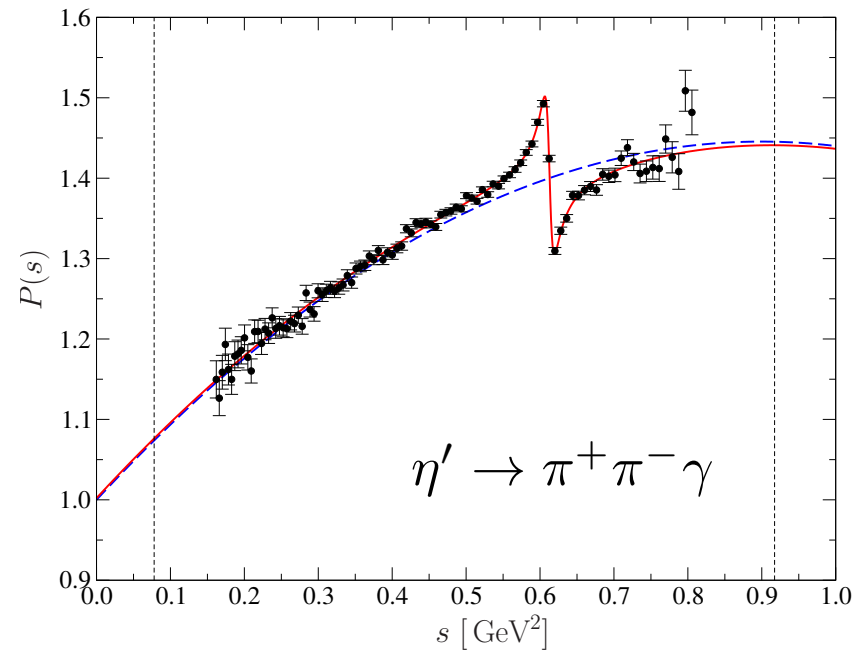
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BESIII 2017; Hanhart et al. 2017

- curvature**, plus  $\rho$ - $\omega$  mixing



## Part III:

$\pi^0$ -pole contribution

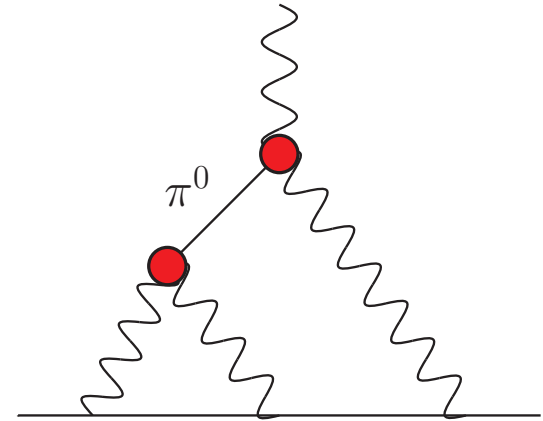
# Hadronic light-by-light: the $\pi^0$ pole

- largest individual HLbL contribution:

$\pi^0$ -pole term

singly / doubly virtual transition  
form factors (TFFs)

$$F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q^2, 0) \text{ and } F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$



- **normalisation** fixed by Wess–Zumino–Witten (WZW) anomaly  
(= full leading-order ChPT prediction):

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

→ measured at 0.75% ( $F_\pi$ : pion decay constant)

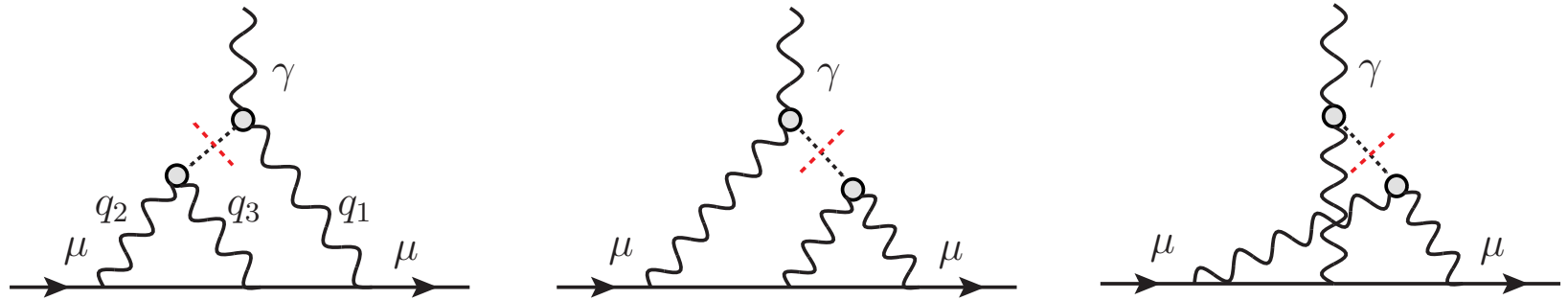
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- two-loop integral with **constant form factors** does not converge  
→ no full prediction from e.g. chiral perturbation theory  
→ **sensible high-energy behaviour required!**

# Pion-pole contribution to $a_\mu$

- 3-dimensional integral representation:

Jegerlehner, Nyffeler 2009



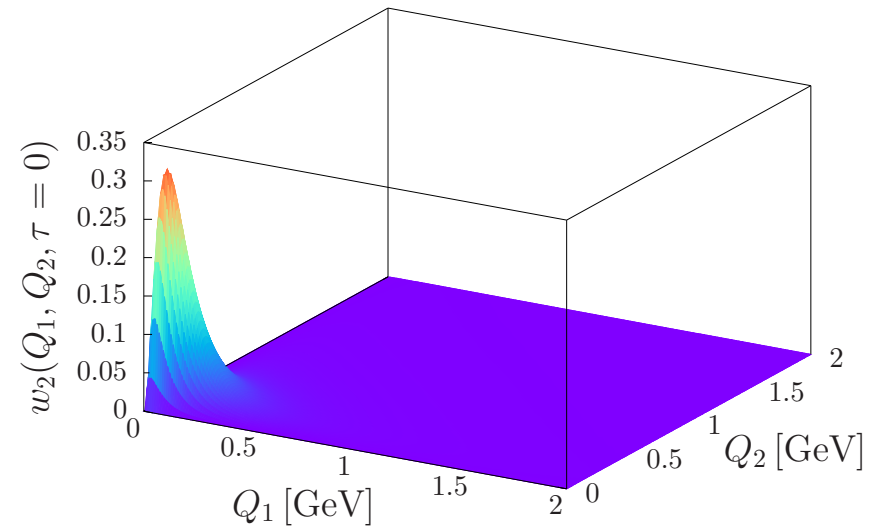
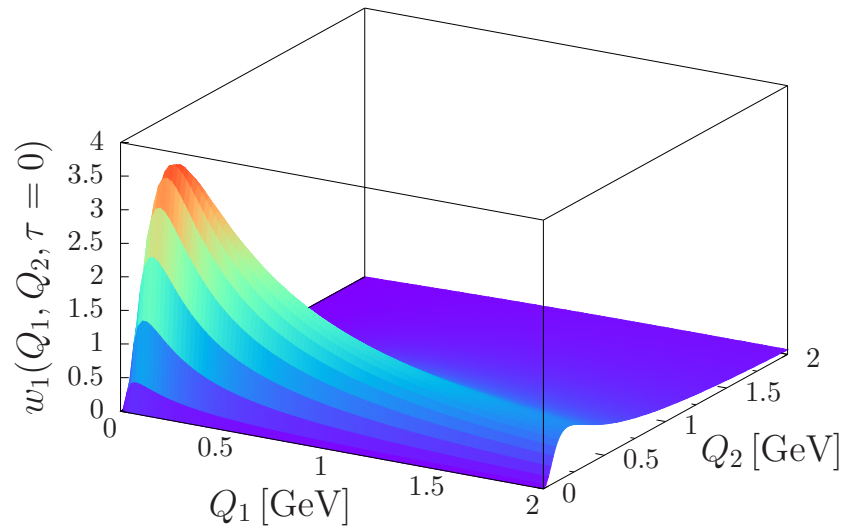
$$\begin{aligned}
 a_\mu^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau \\
 &\times \left[ w_1(Q_1, Q_2, \tau) F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_1^2, -Q_3^2) F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_2^2, 0) \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- $w_{1/2}(Q_1, Q_2, \tau)$ : kinematical weight functions,  $\tau = \cos \theta$
- $F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q_1^2, -Q_2^2)$ : **space-like on-shell**  $\pi^0$  TFF

# Pion-pole contribution to $a_\mu$

- weight functions  $w_{1/2}(Q_1, Q_2, \tau = 0)$ :

Nyffeler 2016



- concentrated for  $Q_i \leq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - pion-pole contribution dominantly from **low-energy** region
  - pion transition form factor can be determined **model-independently** and **with high precision** using **dispersion relations**

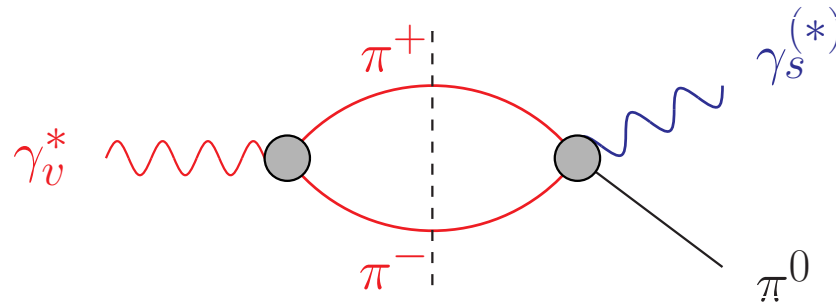
# Dispersive analysis of $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$

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$$F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = F_{v_s}(q_1^2, q_2^2) + F_{v_s}(q_2^2, q_1^2)$$

- analyse the leading hadronic intermediate states:

Hoferichter et al. 2014



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∝ pion vector form factor

well known from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

×  $\gamma^* \rightarrow 3\pi$  P-wave amplitude

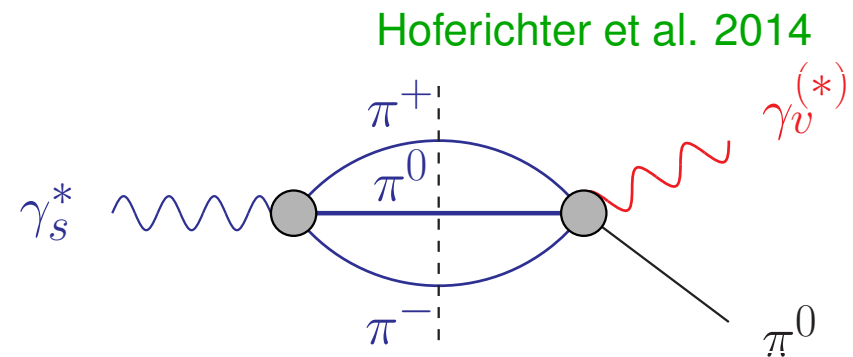
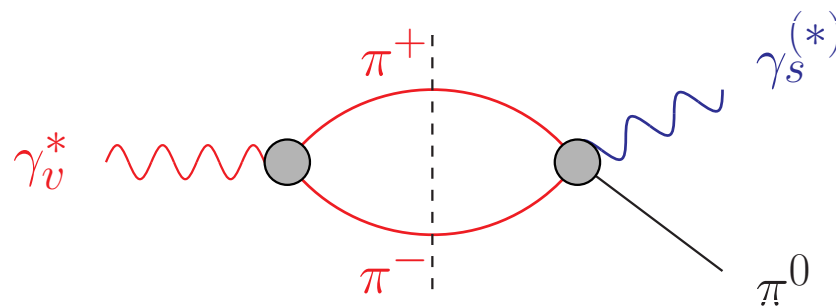
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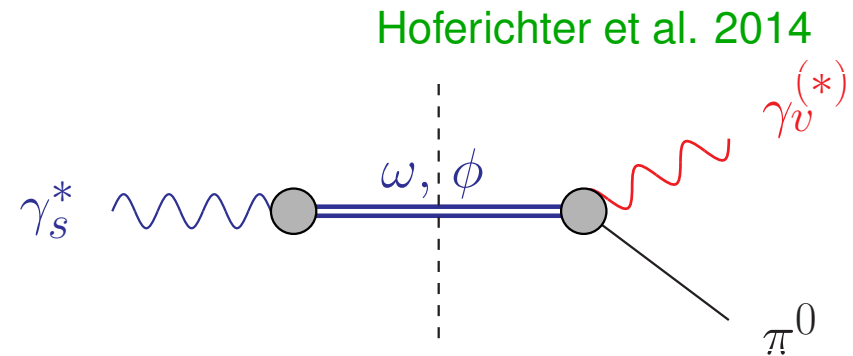
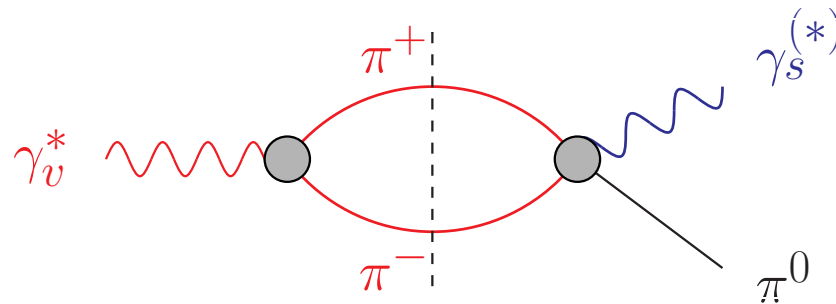
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dominated by narrow resonances  $\omega, \phi$

# Khuri–Treiman representation $\gamma^* \rightarrow 3\pi$

- $\gamma^*(q) \rightarrow \pi^+(p_+)\pi^-(p_-)\pi^0(p_0)$  amplitude:

$$\langle 0 | j_\mu(0) | \pi^+(p_+)\pi^-(p_-)\pi^0(p_0) \rangle = -\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_+^\nu p_-^\rho p_0^\sigma \mathcal{F}(s, t, u; q^2)$$

$s, t, u$ : pion–pion invariant masses,  $s + t + u = q^2 + 3M_\pi^2$

- “reconstruction theorem”: neglect discontinuities in F-waves...  
→ decomposition into crossing-symmetric **isobars**

$$\mathcal{F}(s, t, u; q^2) = \mathcal{F}(s, q^2) + \mathcal{F}(t, q^2) + \mathcal{F}(u, q^2)$$

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- ( $s$ -channel) P-wave projection:  $f_1(s, q^2) = \mathcal{F}(s, q^2) + \hat{\mathcal{F}}(s, q^2)$   
 $\hat{\mathcal{F}}(s, q^2)$ : contribution from crossed channels  $\mathcal{F}(t/u, q^2)$



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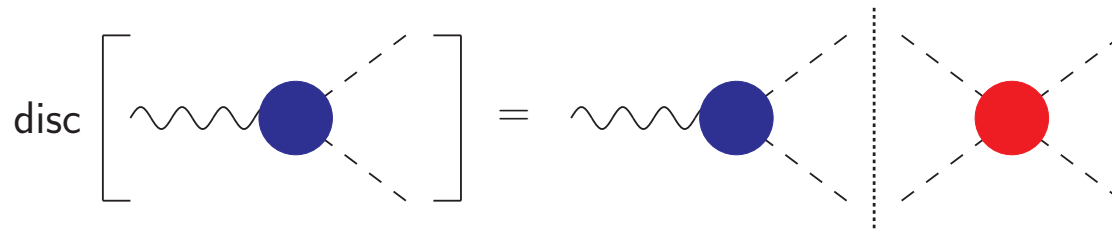
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- right-hand cut only  $\rightarrow$  **Omnès problem**

$$\mathcal{F}(s, q^2) = \Omega(s) a(q^2), \quad \Omega(s) = \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds'}{s'} \frac{\delta_1^1(s')}{s' - s} \right\}$$

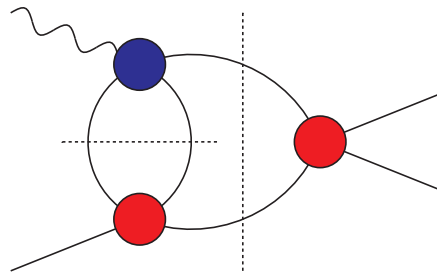
$\rightarrow$  amplitude given in terms of pion vector form factor

$$\mathcal{F}(s, t, u; q^2) = \begin{array}{c} \pi^+ \pi^- \\ \parallel \\ \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{blue circle} \\ \parallel \\ \pi^0 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \pi^+ \\ \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{blue circle} \\ \parallel \\ \pi^- \pi^0 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \pi^- \\ \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{blue circle} \\ \parallel \\ \pi^+ \pi^0 \end{array}$$

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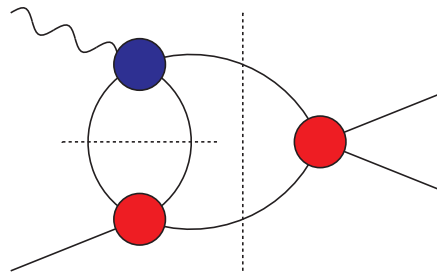
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# Dispersive representation $\gamma^* \rightarrow 3\pi$

- parameterisation of **subtraction function**  $a(q^2)$   
 $\rightarrow$  to be fitted to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\pi$  cross section data:

$$a(q^2) = \frac{F_{3\pi}}{3} + \frac{q^2}{\pi} \int_{\text{thr}}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\text{Im } \mathcal{A}(s')}{s'(s' - q^2)} + C_n(q^2)$$

- $\mathcal{A}(q^2)$  includes resonance poles:

$$\mathcal{A}(q^2) = \sum_V \frac{c_V}{M_V^2 - q^2 - i\sqrt{q^2}\Gamma_V(q^2)} \quad V = \omega, \phi, \omega', \omega''$$

$c_V$  real

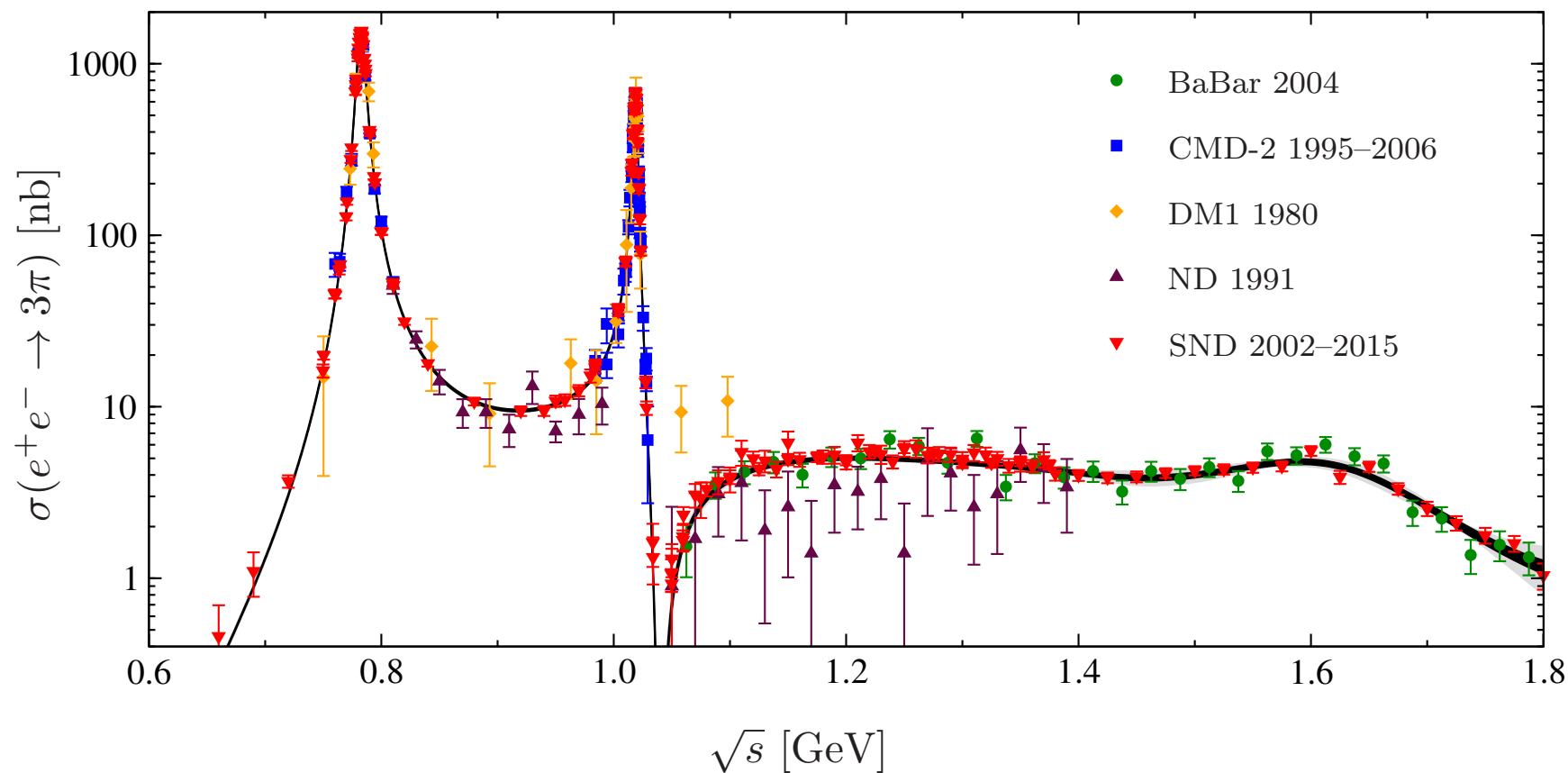
- conformal polynomial (**inelasticities**)

$$C_n(q^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( z(q^2)^i - z(0)^i \right), \quad z(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{s_{\text{inel}} - s_1} - \sqrt{s_{\text{inel}} - q^2}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{inel}} - s_1} + \sqrt{s_{\text{inel}} - q^2}}$$

- exact** implementation of  $\gamma^* \rightarrow 3\pi$  anomaly:

$$\frac{F_{3\pi}}{3} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\text{Im } a(s')}{s'}$$

# Fit results $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\pi$ data up to 1.8 GeV

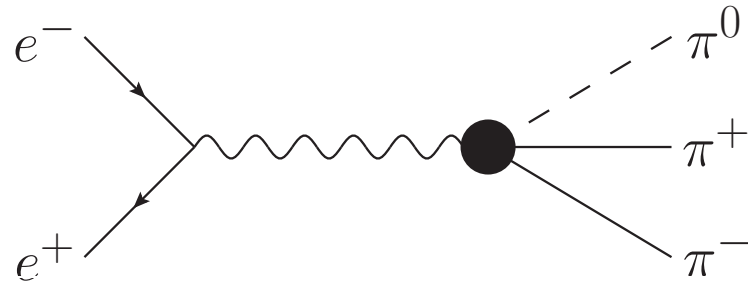


Hoferichter, Hoid, BK 2019

→ updated in Hoferichter, Hoid, BK, Schuh 2023 to include isospin breaking

- black / gray bands represent fit and total uncertainties
- vacuum polarisation removed from the cross section

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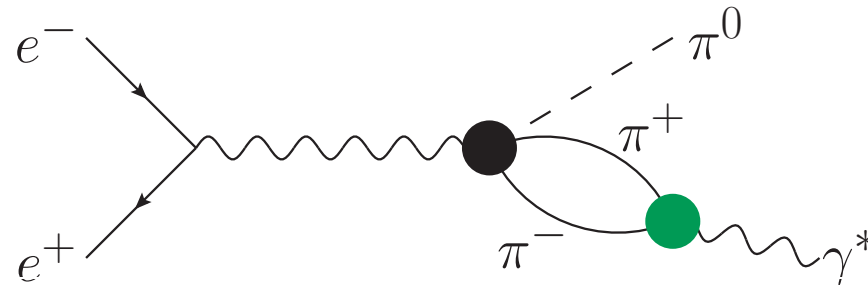


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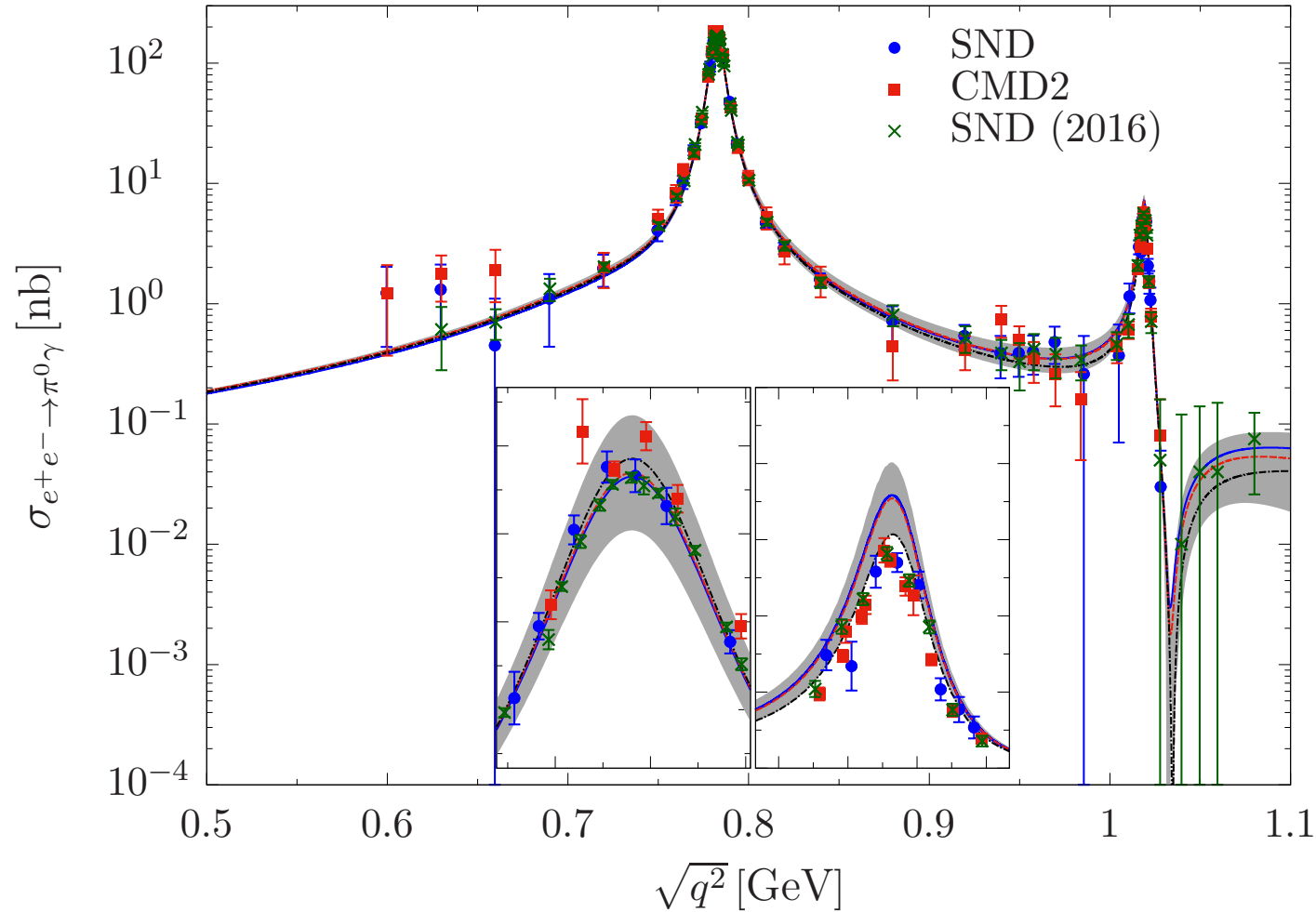
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- fit to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\pi$  data  
 combine with  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  form factor  
 → prediction for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma^*$



# Comparison to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma$ data



Hoferichter, Hoid, BK, Leupold, Schneider 2018

- “prediction”—no further parameters adjusted
- timelike  $\pi^0$  transition form factor data very well reproduced

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- asymptotically: **pion wave function**  $\phi_\pi(x) = 6x(1 - x) + \dots$

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implies asymptotically

Brodsky, Lepage 1979–1981

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→ rewrite this as double-spectral representation  $\rho^{\text{pQCD}}(x, y)$

Khodjamirian 1999; Hoferichter et al. 2018

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- anomaly and Brodsky–Lepage:  $\rho^{\text{disp}}(x, y)$  fulfils two sum rules

→ add **effective pole**:  $\rho^{\text{eff}} = \frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{4\pi^2 F_\pi} \pi^2 M_{\text{eff}}^4 \delta(x - M_{\text{eff}}^2) \delta(y - M_{\text{eff}}^2)$

find  $g_{\text{eff}} \sim 10\%$  (small),  $M_{\text{eff}} \sim 1.5 \dots 2.0 \text{ GeV}$  (reasonable)

# Uncertainties in the $\pi^0$ -pole contribution

## Normalisation

- uncertainty on  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \pm 1.5\%$

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## Dispersive input

- different  $\pi\pi$  phase shift inputs:
  - ▷ Bern vs. Madrid Colangelo et al. 2011, García-Martín et al. 2011
  - ▷ effective form factor phase (incl.  $\rho'$ ,  $\rho''$ ) Schneider et al. 2012
- cutoff in Khuri–Treiman integrals 1.8 ... 2.5 GeV

## Brodsky–Lepage limit uncertainty

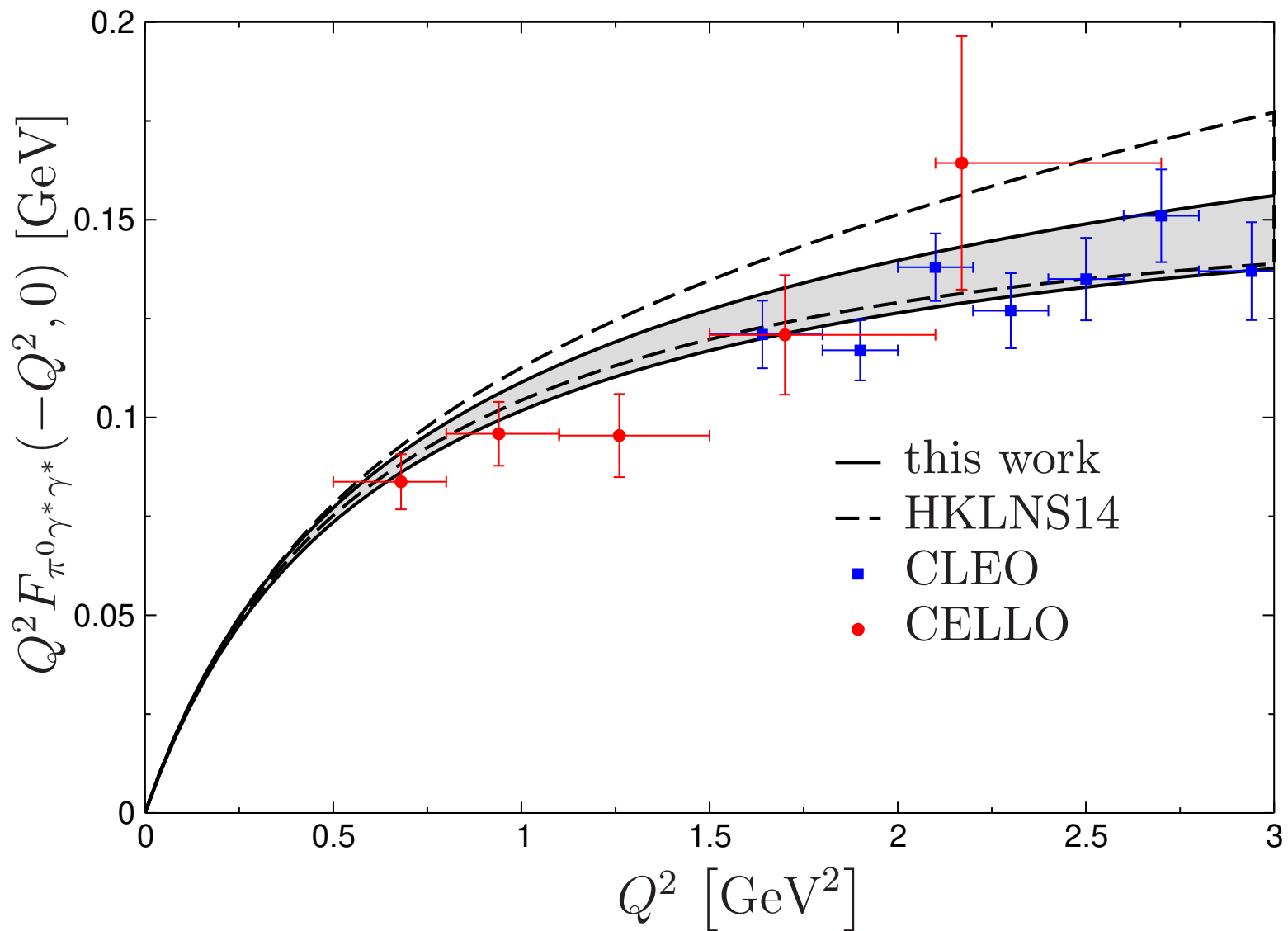
- allow for  $\begin{matrix} +20\% \\ -10\% \end{matrix}$ ,  $3\sigma$  band around data

BaBar 2009, Belle 2012

## Onset of pQCD asymptotics

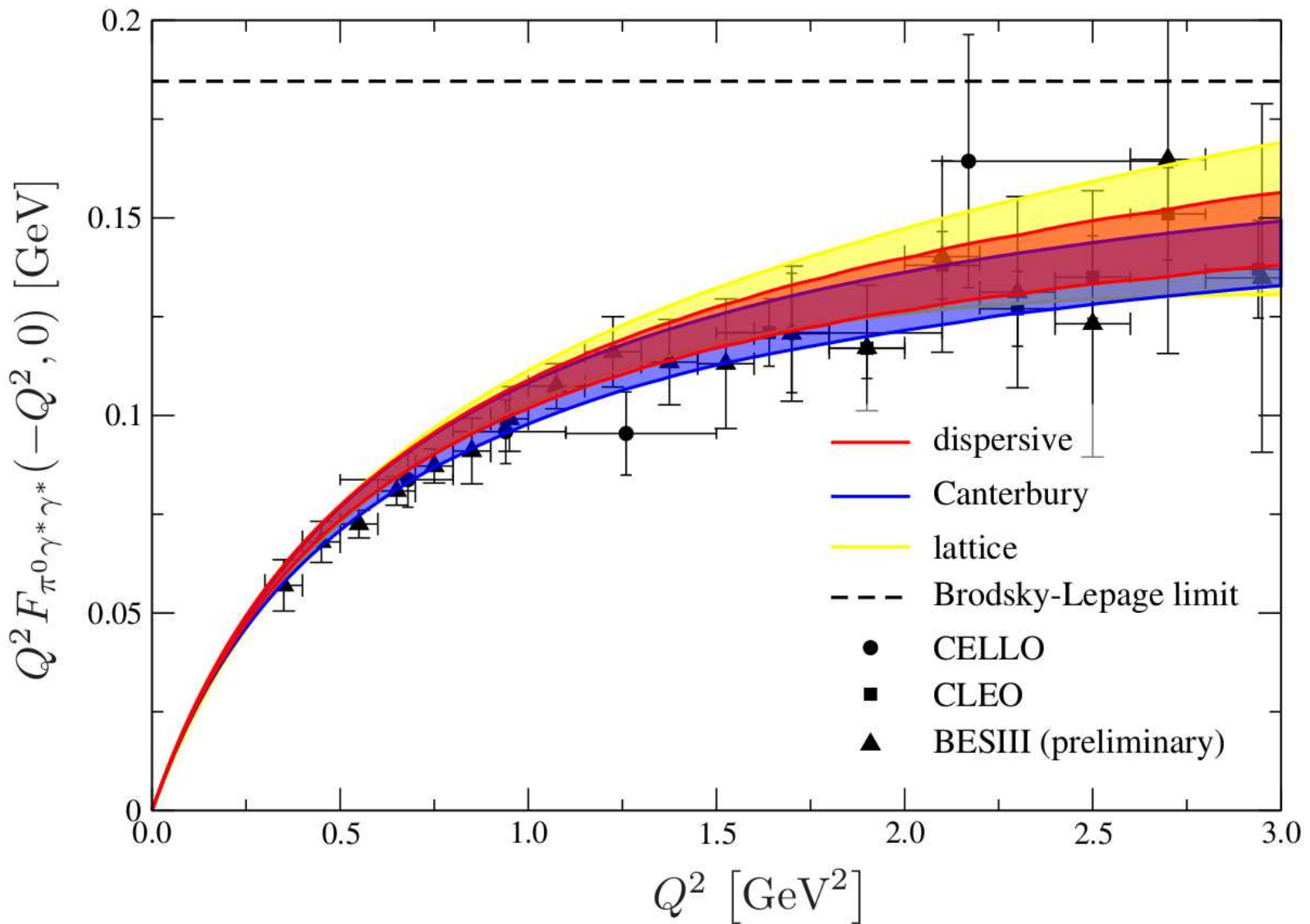
- vary  $s_m = 1.7(3)\text{GeV}^2$

# Results: singly-virtual



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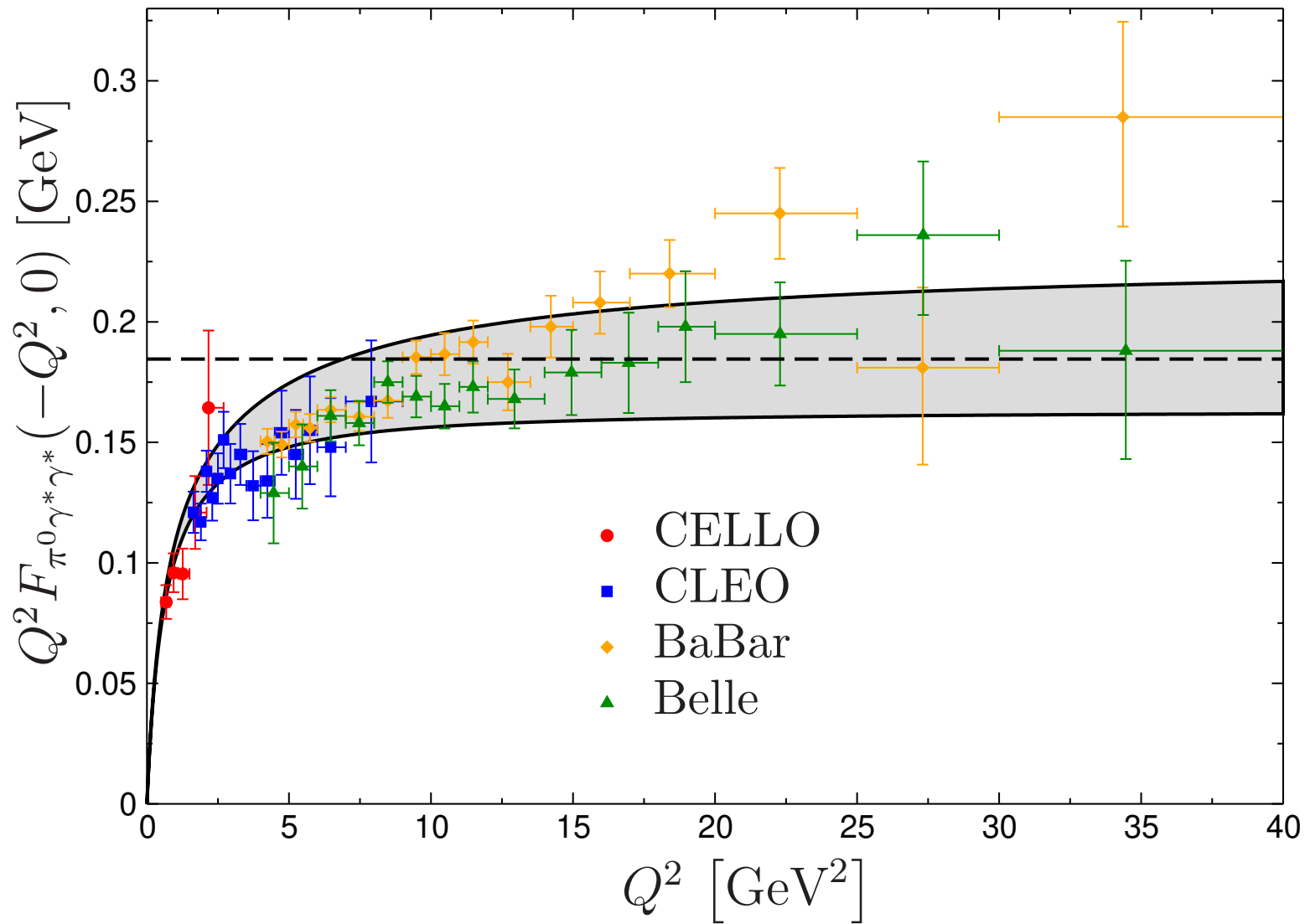
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# Result: $(g - 2)_\mu$ from $\pi^0$ pole

Final result for the  $\pi^0$ -pole contribution [ $10^{-11}$ ]

$$63.0 \pm 0.9$$

chiral anomaly /  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\pm 1.1$$

dispersive input

$$\begin{array}{l} + 2.2 \\ - 1.4 \end{array}$$

Brodsky–Lepage

$$\pm 0.6$$

onset of pQCD contribution  $s_m$

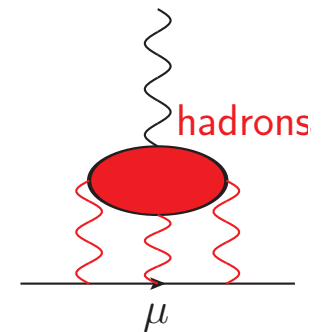
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Hoferichter, Hoid, BK, Leupold, Schneider 2018

- model-independent, data-driven determination  
with all physical low- and high-energy constraints implemented
- perfectly consistent with
  - ▷ Padé approxim.  $63.6(2.7) \times 10^{-11}$  Masjuan, Sánchez-Puertas 2017
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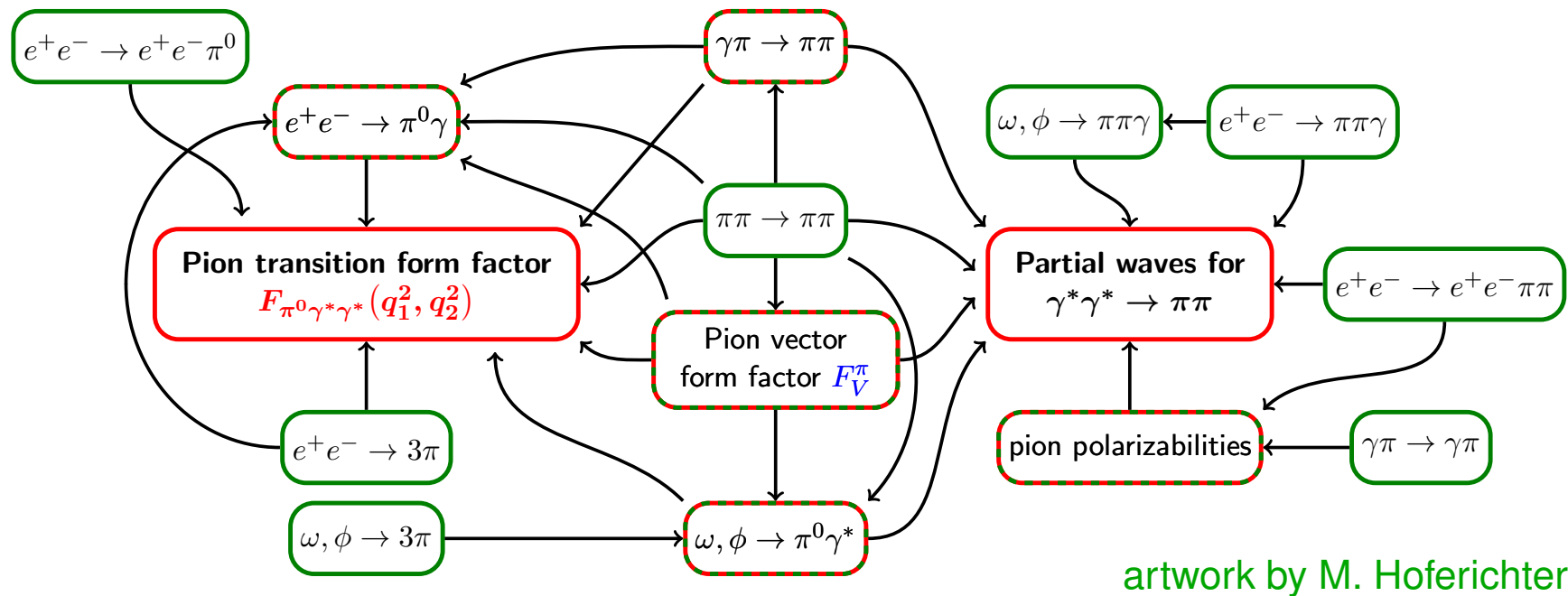
# “White Paper” summary HLbL

hadronic state	$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} [10^{-11}]$	
pseudoscalar poles	$93.8^{+4.0}_{-3.6}$	$\eta, \eta'$ : Masjuan, Sánchez-Puertas 2017
pion box	$-15.9(2)$	Colangelo et al. 2017
S-wave $\pi\pi$ rescatt.	$-8(1)$	Colangelo et al. 2017
kaon box	$-0.5(1)$	
scalars+tensors $\gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$	$\sim -1(3)$	
axial vectors	$\sim 6(6)$	
short distance	$\sim 15(10)$	
heavy quarks	$\sim 3(1)$	
total	$92(19)$	Aoyama et al. 2020



→ further **need for improvement** to reach 10% accuracy for  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$

# Summary: dispersion relations for HLbL



## Dispersive analyses of $\pi^0$ , $\eta^{(\prime)}$ transition form factors:

- QCD constraints + high-precision data on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-(\pi^0)$  var. /  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$  KLOE /  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$  BESIII allow for high-precision dispersive predictions of  $\pi^0, \eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma^{(*)}$

## Main challenges for HLbL at 10% accuracy:

- matching low and high energies various

Spares

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$$\Omega(s) = \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\delta(s')}{s'(s' - s)} \right\}$$

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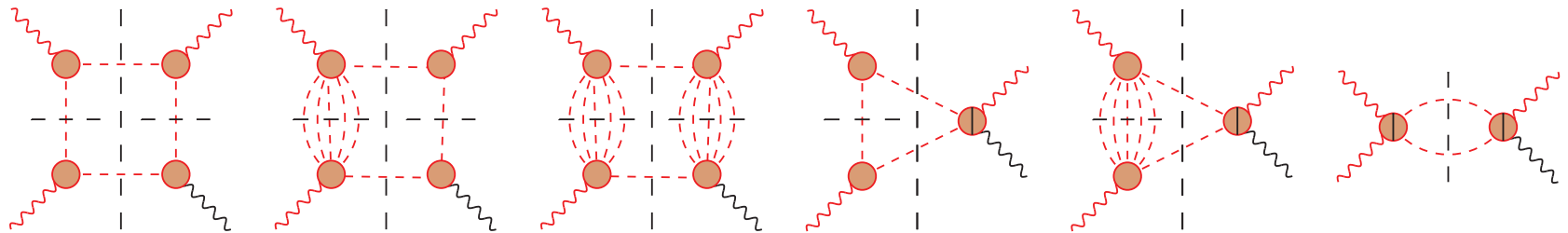
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organised according to left-hand-cut structure

$$\text{S-wave rescattering} \rightarrow a_{\mu}^{\pi\pi, S\text{-wave}} = -8(1) \times 10^{-11}$$

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- contains automatically

▷ **polarisability** effects

Engel, Patel, Ramsey-Musolf 2012

▷  **$\pi\pi$  resonances**:  $f_0(500)$  [ $f_2(1270)$ ]

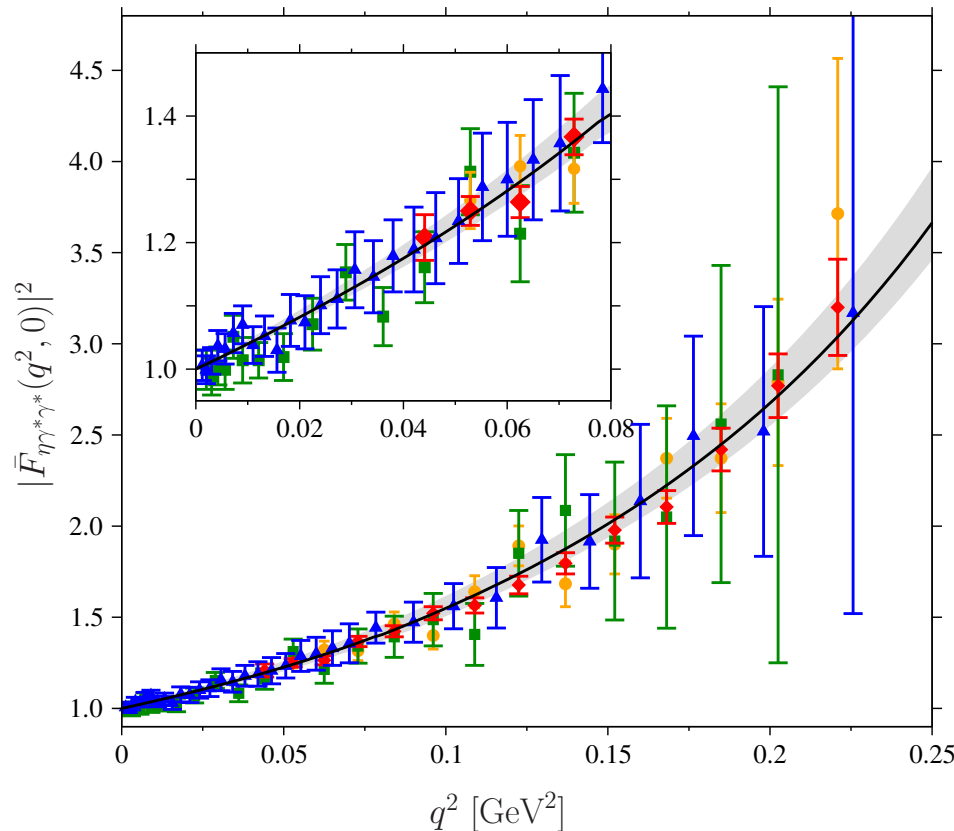
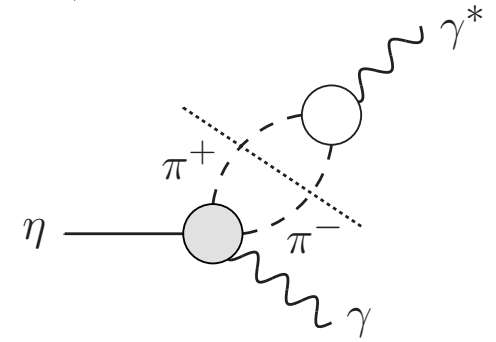
▷ can be extended to  $K\bar{K}$  ( $\longrightarrow f_0(980)$ )

Danilkin, Deineka, Vanderhaeghen 2019; Danilkin, Hoferichter, Stoffer 2021

# Transition form factor $\eta \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$

Hanhart et al. 2013, BK, Plenter 2015

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→ statistical advantage of  
**hadronic**  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$   
 over direct  $\eta \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$   
 (rate suppressed  $\propto \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2$ )

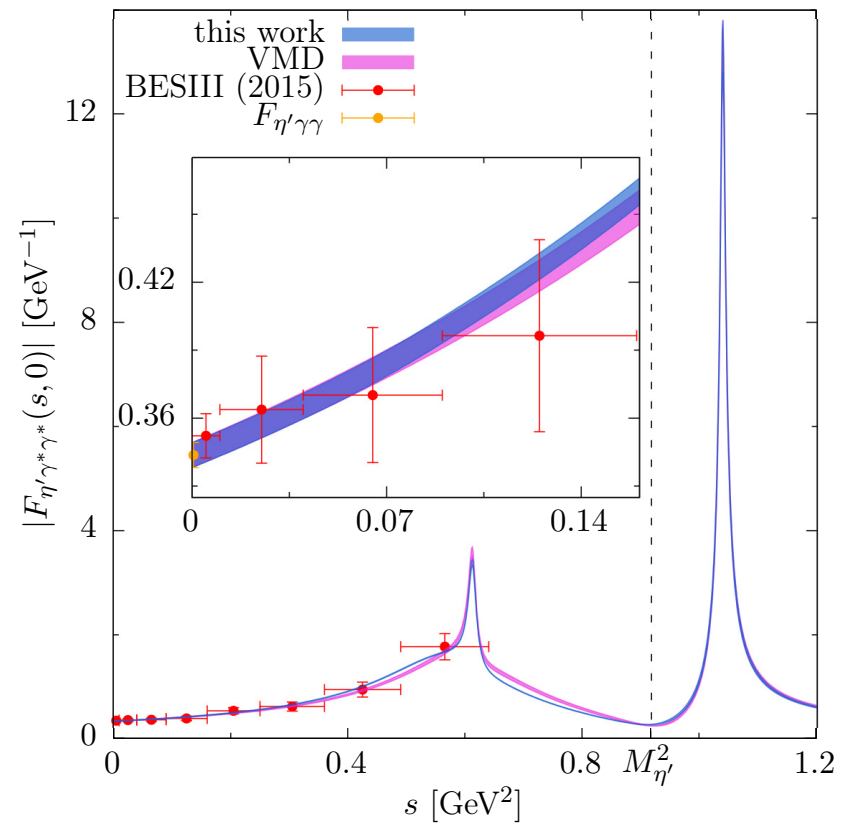
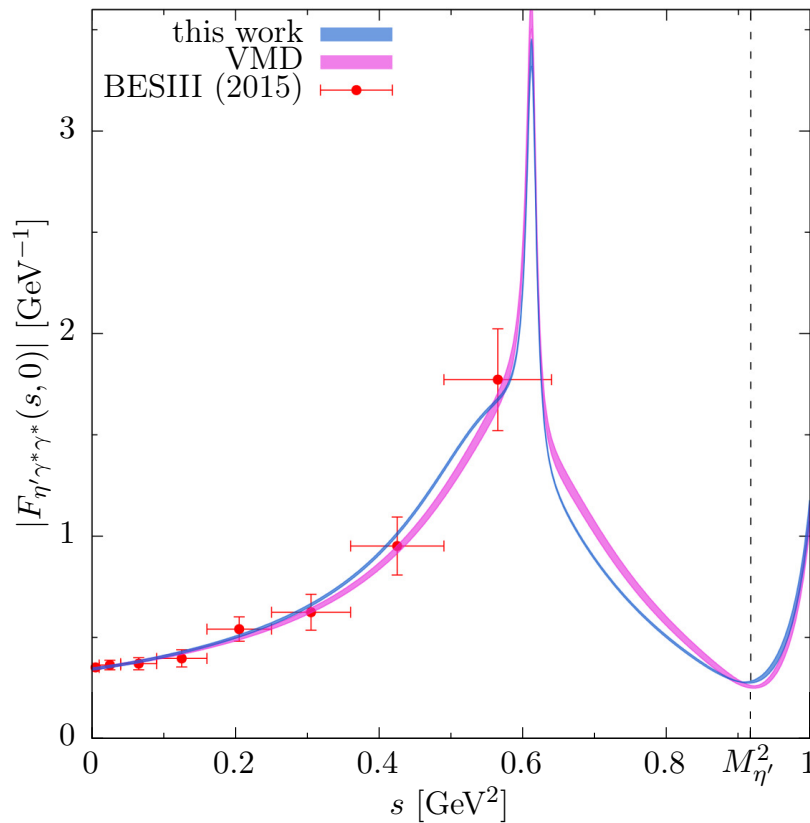
data: NA60 2009, 2016

A2 2014, 2017

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$$+ \Delta F_{\eta' \gamma^* \gamma}^{I=0}(q^2, 0) \text{ [VMD]} + \text{[consistent isospin breaking]}$$



Holz, Hanhart, Hoferichter, BK 2022; data: BESIII 2015