

ISOSPIN-BREAKING EFFECTS IN INCLUSIVE HADRONIC τ DATA FOR THE MUON $(g - 2)$

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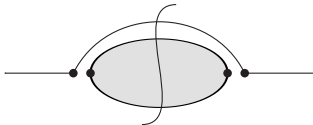
Hadronic τ decays for the HVP in the muon ($g - 2$) [Alemany et al '97]
shed light given current tensions in e^+e^- panorama
require isospin-breakin corrections
for a complete introduction [talks by Zhang, Holz]

This talk = a strategy for IB corrections in hadronic τ decays for $(g - 2)_\mu$
based on Lattice QCD(+QED) simulations
first-principle systematically-improvable approach
fully inclusive
taking care of short-distance renormalization
handling non-factorizable effects (aka G_{EM})

Hadronic τ decays. Short distance renormalization

$$\tau^-(P) \rightarrow \nu(q) \text{ had}_{\bar{V}}(p)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_f(P, q, p_1 \cdots p_{n_f}) = 2G_F V_{ud} \bar{u}(q) \gamma_\mu^L u(P) \langle \text{out}, p_1 \cdots p_{n_f} | \mathcal{J}_\mu^-(0) | 0 \rangle$$



$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{4m} d\Phi_q \sum_f d\Phi_f \sum_{\text{spin}} |\mathcal{M}_f|^2$$

$$\text{Isovector spectral density isospin limit} = \rho \quad \left[d\Phi_q = \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_q} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2 m_\tau^3}{8\pi} \kappa(\hat{s}) \rho(s), \quad \kappa(\hat{s}) = (1 + 2\hat{s})(1 - \hat{s})^2 \quad \hat{s} = \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}$$

$$\text{from experiment we get } \frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{ds} \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma_e} \frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{ds} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma}{ds}$$

$$\Gamma_e = \Gamma(\tau \rightarrow e \bar{\nu} \nu) = \frac{\mathcal{B}_e \Gamma}{\mathcal{B}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\tau^5}{192\pi^3}$$

At $O(\alpha)$ new divergences in EFT $\rightarrow$ need regulator, Z factors



W-regularization

[Sirlin '82][Marciano, Sirlin '88][Braaten, Li '90]

$$\frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{k^2 - m_W^2} - \frac{m_W^2}{k^2(k^2 - m_W^2)}$$

[Sirlin '78]

universal UV divergences re-absorbed in G_F , i.e. drop out in ratio
process-specific corrections in S_{EW} , like a Z factor

Effective Hamiltonian at $O(\alpha)$: $H_W \propto G_F S_{EW}^{1/2} \mathcal{O}(x)$

matching required as noted by [Carrasco et al '15][Di Carlo et al '19]

[Brod, Gorbahn '08][Gorbahn et al '23][Bigi et al '23][Cirigliano et al '23]

$$C^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu) = U(\mu, \mu_W) C^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu_W)$$

$$\text{initial conditions } C^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu_W) = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left[\log \left(\frac{m_Z^2}{\mu_W^2} \right) - \frac{11}{6} \right]$$

evolution operator $U(\mu, \mu_W)$, across quark thresholds

$$\gamma_W = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \gamma_W^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha\alpha_s}{(4\pi)^2} \gamma_W^{(1)} + \frac{\alpha\alpha_s^2}{(4\pi)^3} \gamma_W^{(2)} + O(\alpha\alpha_s^3, \alpha^2)$$

$\gamma_W^{(2)}$ not yet known but relevant in evolution at $O(\alpha\alpha_s)$

Dim.Reg. evidently not suitable for non-perturbative Lattice QCD

a different scheme is needed and a corresponding matching with $\overline{\text{MS}}$

Regularization Invariant Momentum schemes

[Martinelli et al '94]

suitable for Lattice QCD = off-shell (massless) quark states $p^2 < 0$
requires QCD gauge fixing (Landau)

[Gorbahn et al '23]

$$C^{\overline{\text{MS}} \rightarrow \text{RI}}(\mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} C_0^{\overline{\text{MS}} \rightarrow \text{RI}} + \frac{\alpha\alpha_s(\mu)}{(4\pi)^2} C_1^{\overline{\text{MS}} \rightarrow \text{RI}} + O(\alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha^2)$$

available for generic QED and QCD gauges

and several kinematic configurations (RI-MOM, RI-SMOM)

$$C^{\text{RI}}(\mu) = C^{\overline{\text{MS}} \rightarrow \text{RI}}(\mu) U(\mu, \mu_W) C^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu_W)$$

Physical effective Hamiltonian $H_W \propto C^{\text{RI}}(\mu) Z^{\text{RI}}(\mu, a) \mathcal{O}^{\text{latt}}(a)$

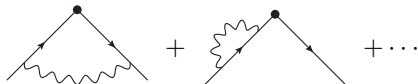
→ scheme + scale + gauge dependence cancels $C^{\text{RI}} \leftrightarrow Z^{\text{RI}}$

→ errors $O(\alpha\alpha_s^2)$ from **pert. truncation**

RENORMALIZATION AT $O(\alpha)$

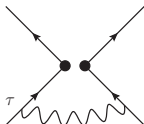
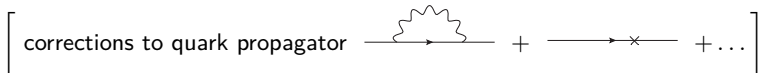
$$Z_O^{\text{RI}}(\mu) = \sqrt{Z_\tau(\mu)} \times Z_\Delta^{\text{RI}}(\mu) \times Z_{\text{ud}}^{\text{RI}}(\mu)$$

$$Z_{\text{ud}}^{\text{RI}}(\mu) = \text{QCD factorized radiative corrections}$$



Λ_μ = quark bilinear amputated GF

four-fermion operator $\Lambda_\mu \otimes \gamma_\mu^L$



$$Z_\Delta^{\text{RI}}(\mu) = \text{triangle short-distance radiative corrections}$$

Uncertainties at $O(\alpha\alpha_s^2)$ can be improved w/ Lattice QCD, if needed

[ALPHA '15]

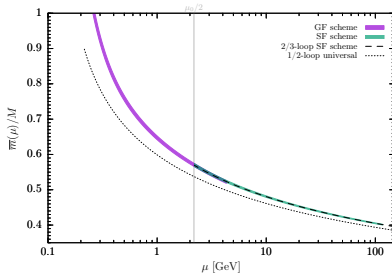
1. step-scaling on the lattice

[Lüscher et al '91,'94 ...]

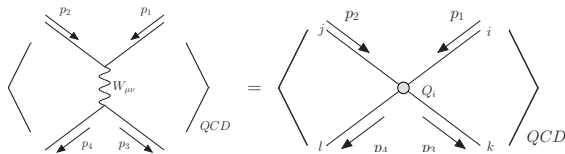
[Arthur, Boyle '10 ..]

2. matching across thresholds

[Della Morte et al' 07 ...][Tomii et al '19]



3. matching initial conditions [MB, Lehner, Soni '17]



What are inverse problems and why do they matter here?

INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The problem to solve

Lattice correlator

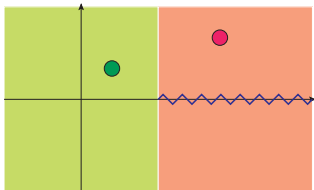
$$\langle \tilde{J}(t) \tilde{J}(0) \rangle = \int d\omega e^{-\omega t} \rho(\omega)$$

versus

Physical observable

$$\rho_\kappa = \int d\omega \kappa(\omega) \rho(\omega)$$

Can we find $f(t)$ such that $\rho_\kappa = \int dt f(t) C(t)$?



Example:

ρ has **branch cut** starting at multi-particle thresholds E_{thr}

Kernel κ simple **pole** s_0 in complex plane

if $\text{Re } s_0 \leq E_{\text{thr}}$ $\rightarrow \forall t \exists M > 0 \mid f(t)C(t) < e^{-Mt}$

e.g. HVP contribution to $(g-2)_\mu$ [Blum '02][Bernecker-Meyer '11]

if $\text{Re } s_0 > E_{\text{thr}}$ $\rightarrow$ inverse problem, no “direct” analytic continuation

INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The problem to solve

Increasingly high attention from the community on the subject
formal and theoretical developments

[Backus, Gilbert '68][Hansen, Meyer, Robaina '17][Hansen, Lupo, Tantalo '19]

[Bailas et al '20][Del Debbio et al '24][Barone et al '24]

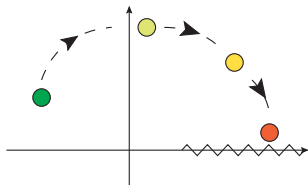
[Jay et al '24]

[MB, Giusti, Saccardi '25]

analytic continuation via num approaches [ETMC '23][ETMC '24 ...]

direct solution via exclusive reconstruction [RBC/UKQCD '24][Mainz '24]

[FNAL/HPQCD/MILC '24]



inverse problem solvable w/ modern tech
but closer to the cut more challenging
→ noise, finite-volume effects ...

Hadronic τ decays. Long distance contributions

RADIATIVE CORRECTIONS

Three IR safe classes, each w/ separate UV counterterms

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} + \dots + (Z_{\tau}^{\text{RI}}(\mu) - 1) \quad \equiv \quad \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{init}}}{ds}(\mu)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} + \dots + 2(Z_{\Delta}^{\text{RI}}(\mu) - 1) \quad \equiv \quad \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{nonf}}}{ds}(\mu)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 5} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 6} \end{array} + \dots + 2(Z_{\text{ud}}^{\text{RI}}(\mu) - 1) \quad \equiv \quad \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{fin}}}{ds}(\mu)$$

NON-FACTORIZABLE CORRECTIONS

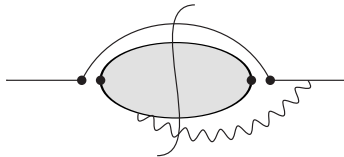
aka GEM

1. ampl $\mathcal{M}_f^{\text{real, had}}$ from time-ordered prod

$$\int_x e^{ikx} \langle V | T \{ \mathcal{J}_\alpha^\gamma(x) \mathcal{J}_\mu^{L,-}(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

2. interference $\mathcal{M}_f^{\text{real, had}} \left[\mathcal{M}_f^{\text{real, } \tau} \right]^\dagger$

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3. hadronic phase-space + sum over all vector states

$$\int_x e^{ikx} \langle 0 | \mathcal{J}_\mu^+(0) \delta(\hat{H} - \sqrt{s}) T \{ \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\alpha^\gamma(x) \mathcal{J}_\nu^{L,-}(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

4. calculable from Euclidean correlator $\langle j_\mu^+(t, \mathbf{0}) \tilde{j}_\alpha^\gamma(\tau, \mathbf{k}) j_\nu^{L,-}(0) \rangle$?
 there is δ -function $\rightarrow$ first inverse problem?
 there is T product $\rightarrow$ second inverse problem?

Notation: $\mathcal{J}^{L,-}$ charged weak, $\mathcal{J}^+$ charged vector, $\mathcal{J}$: Minkowski
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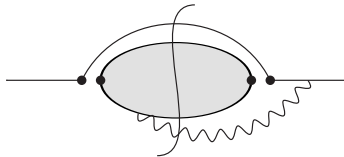
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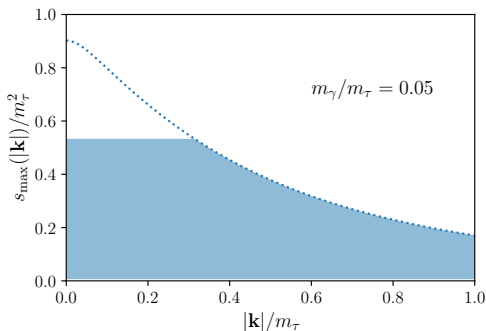
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NON-FACTORIZABLE CORRECTIONS

Time orderings - Preliminary

$$\int_s \int_{\mathbf{k}} \text{kernel}(\sqrt{s}, \mathbf{k}, m_\gamma) \langle 0 | \mathcal{J}_\mu^+(0) \delta(\hat{H} - \sqrt{s}) \times \int_{x_0 < 0} \mathcal{J}_\nu^{L,-}(0) \tilde{J}_\alpha^\gamma(x_0, \mathbf{k}) | 0 \rangle$$



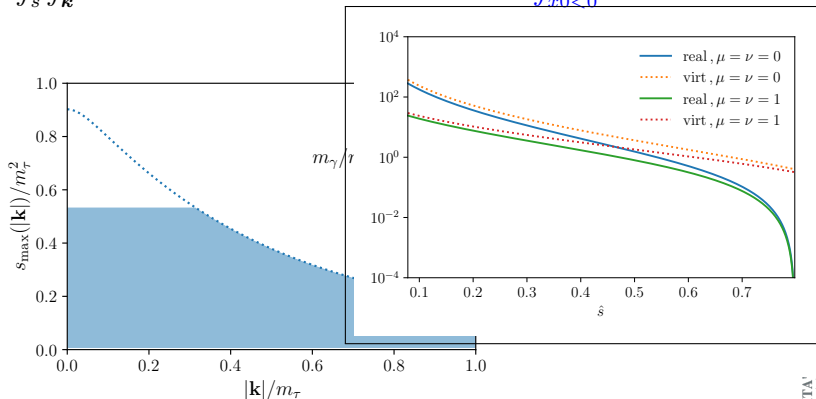
integral $x_0 < 0$
→ **directly calculable** from
Lattice QCD

integral ds
→ calculable via **exact**
reconstruction tail

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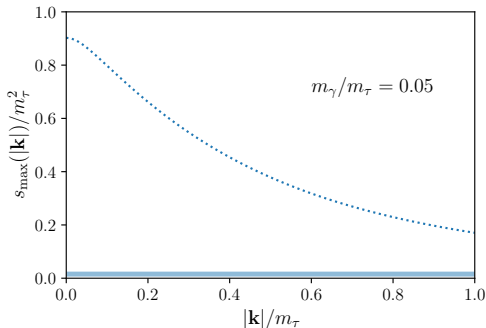
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integral over $x_0 > 0$ and ds

→ $\mathbf{k} = 0$ calculable via
extract reconstruction tail

→ $|\mathbf{k}| > 0$ double inverse
problem

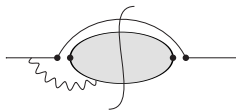
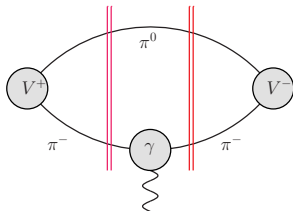
NON-FACTORIZABLE CORRECTIONS

An approximation

$$x_0 > 0 \quad \langle 0 | \mathcal{J}_\mu^+(0) \delta(\hat{H} - \sqrt{s}) \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\alpha^\gamma(0, \mathbf{k}) \frac{-i}{\hat{H} - \sqrt{s} - k_0 - i\varepsilon} \mathcal{J}_\nu^{L,-}(0) | 0 \rangle$$

direct analytic continuation not possible
 $\rightarrow$ inverse problem or ...

Restriction to 2π : need a representation of
 two-pion FF $\rightarrow$ a possible synergy with
 pheno/dispersive approach



once calculated, hadronic tensor must be integrated
 in loop integral $\rightarrow$ UV counter-term from $Z_\Delta^{\text{RI}}(\mu)$

other schemes may be preferable

$$\frac{Z_\Delta^{\text{RI}}(\mu)}{Z_\Delta^{\text{s}}(\mu)} \text{ from Lattice QCD}$$

A strategy for the HVP prediction from τ decays

Charged vector current $j_\mu^-(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(x) \gamma_\mu d(x)$

$$G^W(t, \mu) = [Z_{\text{ud}}^{\text{RI}}(\mu)]^2 \langle j^+(t, \mathbf{0}) j^-(0) \rangle_{\text{QCD}(1+O(\alpha))}$$

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1. $\left[\frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma}{ds} \right]^{\text{exp}} - \frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{init}}}{ds}(\mu) - \frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{nonf}}}{ds}(\mu)$
 2. Laplace transform result of point 1. w/ operator $\mathfrak{L}(t)$
 3. multiply by $\frac{1 + \delta\Gamma_e}{[C^{\text{RI}}(\mu)]^2}$

$$G^{W,\text{exp}}(t, \mu) \equiv \frac{1 + \delta\Gamma_e}{[C^{\text{RI}}(\mu)]^2} \mathfrak{L}(t) \cdot \left(\left[\frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma}{ds} \right]^{\text{exp}} - \frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{init}}}{ds}(\mu) - \frac{1}{\Gamma_e} \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{nonf}}}{ds}(\mu) \right)$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}} = \int dt w(t, m_{\mu}) G^{\gamma}(t)$$

$$G^{\gamma}(t) \equiv -\frac{1}{3} \sum_k \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \langle j_k^{\gamma}(t, \mathbf{x}) j_k^{\gamma}(0) \rangle$$

$$\text{Isospin decomposition } G^{\gamma}(t) \equiv G_{00}^{\gamma}(t) + 2G_{01}^{\gamma}(t) + G_{11}^{\gamma}(t)$$

Ward identity protects renormalization of G^{γ} and $G_{II'}^{\gamma}$ at $O(\alpha)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G^{\gamma}(t) = & G_{00}^{\gamma}(t) + 2G_{01}^{\gamma}(t) && \text{Lattice QCD+QED} \\
 & + G_{11}^{\gamma}(t) - G^W(t, \mu) &= \delta G_{11}(t, \mu) && \text{Lattice QCD+QED} \\
 & + G^W(t, \mu) - G^{W, \text{exp}}(t, \mu) &= G^{W, >}(t, \mu) && \text{Exp. data or theory} \\
 & + G^{W, \text{exp}}(t, \mu) && \text{Exp. data and theory}
 \end{aligned}$$

Calculate a_{μ} , windows etc... of any of the above

$G^{W, >}(t, \mu) \neq 0$ due to spectrum above τ mass

if taken from e^+e^- data risk of double counting IB effects

NEUTRAL VS CHARGED CORRELATORS

$$\delta G_{11}(t, \mu) = G_{11}^{\gamma}(t) - G^W(t, \mu)$$

calculable in Euclidean space from Lattice QCD

isosymmetric limit $\delta G_{11} = 0$

requires only  and 

renormalized only by (amputated)



scheme + scale + gauge dependent

fully inclusive both in channels and energy
(expected to be) dominated by 2π

Strategy is now complete, paper towards finalization

- short-distance in RI-SMOM scheme

 - renormalization of charged current (beginning data production)

- initial-state corrections analytic

- final-state in Euclidean space

 - [talks by Julian, Christoph on progress w/ data generation]

- non-factorizable partly w/o inverse problem

 - partly w/ severe inverse problem

Thanks for your attention

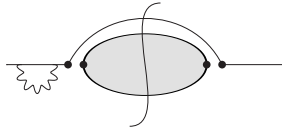
INITIAL STATE RADIATION

Wave-function renormalization

$$Z_\tau = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left[\log \frac{m_\tau}{\mu} + 2 \log \frac{m_\gamma}{m_\tau} + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds} \simeq 2 \times \frac{1}{2} [Z_\tau - 1] |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

$$\delta Z_\tau \equiv \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \log(m_W/m_\tau) \quad [\text{Sirlin '82}]$$



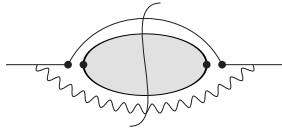
τ Bremsstrahlung

[Cirigliano et al '00, '01][MB et al, in prep]

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} [B_{\log}(s, m_\gamma) + \dots]$$

$$B_{\log}(s, m_\gamma) = \log \frac{m_\gamma}{m_\tau} + \dots$$

$$\delta\kappa(s) \equiv B_{\log}(s, m_\tau) + B_1(s) \log(s) + B_2(s)$$



$$G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2 \frac{m_\tau^3}{8\pi} \kappa(s) \rho(s) [\delta Z_\tau + \delta\kappa(s)]$$

THE CHALLENGE = $\langle \pi\pi | j^\gamma | 0 \rangle$

[Maiani-Testa '90][MB-Hansen '20]

Starting point: **euclidean correlator** $\langle \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_1}(t_1) \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_2}(t_2) j^{\gamma,1}(0) \rangle$

$\tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}}$ pion interpolating operator projected to $\mathbf{q}$

$\omega_{\mathbf{q}_i} = \sqrt{M_\pi^2 + \mathbf{q}_i^2}$ pion energy

0. Limit of large t_1

$$\langle \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_1}(t_1) \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_2}(t_2) j^{\gamma,1}(0) \rangle \stackrel{t_1 \rightarrow \infty}{\simeq} [2\omega_{\mathbf{q}_1}]^{-1} \sqrt{Z_\pi} e^{-\omega_{\mathbf{q}_1} t_1} \underbrace{\langle \pi, \mathbf{q}_1 | \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_2}(t_2) j^{\gamma,1}(0) | 0 \rangle}$$

1. Use physical Hamiltonian $\hat{H}$ to remove t_2 dependence

$$e^{\omega_{\mathbf{q}_2} t_2} \times \langle \pi, \mathbf{q}_1 | \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_2}(t_2) j^{\gamma,1}(0) | 0 \rangle = \langle \pi, \mathbf{q}_1 | e^{+\hat{H} t_2} \tilde{\pi}_{\mathbf{q}_2}(0) e^{-\hat{H} t_2} \times e^{\omega_{\mathbf{q}_2} t_2} j^{\gamma,1}(0) | 0 \rangle$$

2. set $\mathbf{q}_1 = -\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \langle \pi, \mathbf{q} | \tilde{\pi}_{-\mathbf{q}}(0) e^{-(\hat{H} - 2\omega_{\mathbf{q}}) t_2} j^{\gamma,1}(0) | 0 \rangle$
limit $t_2 \gg 0$ does not converge

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1. Inverse problem formally defined by

[Hansen-Bulava '19]

$$\int dt_2 g(t_2 | \varepsilon) e^{-xt_2} = \frac{1}{x + i\varepsilon}$$

LSZ = amplitude from residue in limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$2. e^{-(\hat{H} - 2\omega_{\mathbf{q}})t_2} \rightarrow \Theta(\hat{H} - 2\omega_{\mathbf{q}}) e^{-(\hat{H} - 2\omega_{\mathbf{q}})t_2}$$

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amplitude (real and imaginary) from large t_2 limit

Discussion session on isospin-breaking for τ

NEUTRAL VS CHARGED CORRELATORS

$$\delta G_{11}(t, \mu) = G_{11}^{\gamma}(t) - G^W(t, \mu) \rightarrow$$


The diagram shows four Feynman diagrams. The first is a circle with a wavy line (photon) and two external points. The second is a circle with a wavy line (W boson) and two external points. The third is a circle with a wavy line (W boson) and two external points. The fourth is a triangle with a wavy line (W boson) and two external points.

Pheno analysis of $\delta G_{11}(t, \mu)$: what's inside it?

fully inclusive therefore 2π and 4π , and more ...

intermediate/long distance windows preferable quantities

→ suppression 4π , ..

NEUTRAL VS CHARGED CORRELATORS

Pheno analysis of $\delta G_{11}(t, \mu)$: now focus on two pion channel

$$\int_E \int_{\text{ph.sp.}} |\langle 0 | j^{\gamma,1} | \pi^+ \pi^- (\gamma) \rangle|^2 e^{-E_{\pi^+ \pi^- (\gamma)} t} - |\langle 0 | j^-(\mu) | \pi^0 \pi^- (\gamma) \rangle|^2 e^{-E_{\pi^0 \pi^- (\gamma)} t}$$

1. difference of 2π form factors
the charged FF is prescription dependent!
 2. difference of phase space due to $m_{\pi^-} - m_{\pi^0}$
 3. difference in final-state radiation
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How to compare/mix/match Lattice and dispersive/pheno analysis?

1. dispersive adopts counter-terms from Lattice, i.e. RI-SMOM
 2. lattice uses same prescription as disp
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Same discussion applies to non-factorizable effects as well