

Beyond one- and two-pion intermediate states

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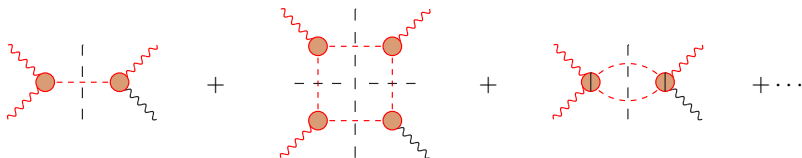
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G. Colangelo, MH, M. Procura, P. Stoffer, work in progress

Dispersive representation: overview



$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} + \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\pi\text{-box}} + \bar{\Pi}_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + \dots$$

- Organized in terms of **on-shell intermediate states**
- Numerical estimates for $a_{\mu}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}}$ Talk by B. Kubis and $a_{\mu}^{\pi\text{-box}}$, $a_{\mu, J=0}^{\pi\pi, \pi\text{-pole LHC}}$ Talk by P. Stoffer
- Other pseudoscalar (η, η') and two-meson states ($K\bar{K}, \pi\eta$) implied to be included
- Here: ideas how to treat the ellipsis

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = \frac{\alpha^3}{432\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} d\Sigma \Sigma^3 \int_0^1 dr r \sqrt{1-r^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sum_{i=1}^{12} T_i(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3) \bar{\Pi}_i(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)$$

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^{54} T_i^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \Pi_i \quad \bar{\Pi}_i \text{ linear combination of } \Pi_i \quad Q_i = Q_i(\Sigma, r, \phi)$$

- **Bardeen–Tung–Tarrach (BTT) decomposition**
- Π_i free of kinematic singularities and zeros
 \hookrightarrow dispersive treatment
- A lot of the complexity separated into kernel functions T_i
- Only 6 independent $\bar{\Pi}_i$ thanks to crossing symmetry
- How to constrain the Π_i beyond one- and two-pion intermediate states?

- 1 Asymptotic behavior and OPE constraints
- 2 Narrow resonances
- 3 A test case: the $f_2(1270)$
- 4 Conclusions/outlook

- **Pion pole**

$$\bar{\Pi}_1(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) = \frac{F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_3^2, 0)}{q_3^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2}$$

$$\bar{\Pi}_2(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) = \frac{F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_3^2) F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_2^2, 0)}{q_2^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2}$$

- **Pion loop**

$$\bar{\Pi}_i^{\pi\text{-box}}(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) = F_{\pi}^V(q_1^2) F_{\pi}^V(q_2^2) F_{\pi}^V(q_3^2) \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \bar{l}_i(x, y)$$

$$\bar{l}_1(x, y) = \frac{8xy(1-2x)(1-2y)}{\Delta_{123}\Delta_{23}} \quad \bar{l}_5(x, y) = -\frac{8xy(1-x-y)(1-2x)^2(1-2y)}{\Delta_{123}^3} \quad \dots$$

$$\Delta_{ijk} = M_{\pi}^2 - xyq_i^2 - x(1-x-y)q_j^2 - y(1-x-y)q_k^2 \quad \Delta_{ij} = M_{\pi}^2 - x(1-x)q_i^2 - y(1-y)q_j^2$$

- BTT decomposition **isolates the dynamical content**, separates the kinematics

↪ do the same for the fermion loop

- **Fermion loop**

$$\bar{\Pi}_i^{f\text{-loop}}(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) = N_c Q_f^4 \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \bar{T}_i(x, y)$$

$$\bar{T}_1(x, y) = -\frac{16x(1-x-y)}{\Delta_{132}^2} - \frac{16xy(1-2x)(1-2y)}{\Delta_{132}\Delta_{32}} \quad \bar{T}_5(x, y) = -\frac{64xy^2(1-x-y)(1-2x)(1-y)}{\Delta_{132}^3}$$

$$\Delta_{ijk} = m_f^2 - xyq_i^2 - x(1-x-y)q_j^2 - y(1-x-y)q_k^2 \quad \Delta_{ij} = m_f^2 - x(1-x)q_i^2 - y(1-y)q_j^2$$

- Should provide constraints on **asymptotic behavior** of the Π_i
- Numerical cross checks

f	e	μ	τ	c	b
$a_\mu^{f\text{-loop}} [10^{-11}]$	26257(3)	464.97(5)	2.686(3)	3.038(3)	0.018(3)
Jegerlehner, Nyffeler 2009	26253.5102(2)	464.971652	2.68556(86)		
Asymptotic expansion, Kühn et al. 2003				3.04	0.0182

OPE and triangle amplitude

- OPE for $q_1^2 \sim q_2^2 \gg q_3^2$ Melnikov, Vainshtein 2004

$$i \int d^4x d^4y e^{-iq_1 \cdot x - iq_2 \cdot y} T\{j_\mu(x), j_\nu(y)\} = \int d^4z e^{-i(q_1+q_2) \cdot z} \frac{2i}{\hat{q}^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \hat{q}^\lambda j_5^\sigma(z) + \dots$$
$$j^\mu = \bar{q} Q \gamma^\mu q \quad j_5^\mu = \bar{q} Q^2 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q \quad \hat{q} = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2} \quad Q = \frac{e}{3} \text{diag}(2, -1, -1)$$

- **Non-renormalization theorems** for VVA triangle (in chiral limit), c.f. a_μ^{EW}
Czarnecki, Marciano, Vainshtein 2003, Knecht, Peris, Perrottet, de Rafael 2002, 2004, Mondejar, Melnikov 2013
- Proposed interpolation between ABJ anomaly and asymptotic behavior

$$\bar{\Pi}_1^{\text{MV}}(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) = \frac{F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})}{q_3^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2} \quad \bar{\Pi}_2^{\text{MV}}(q_1^2, q_2^2, q_3^2) = \frac{F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_3^2) F_{\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})}{q_2^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2}$$

↔ **disturbs low-energy properties**, at what scale should $1/q^2$ behavior set in?

- Model constructed in Melnikov, Vainshtein 2004: frequent reference to asymptotics of pQCD quark loop

↔ make connection directly at the level of BTT functions!

- Separation into **hard scattering kernel** and **meson distribution amplitudes**

Brodsky, Lepage 1979, 1980, 1981

- Simplest case: pion transition form factor

$$F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{2e^2 F_\pi}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{\phi_\pi(x)}{xq_1^2 + (1-x)q_2^2}$$

- Relation to OPE [Manohar 1990](#): only strictly justified for $\omega = 2\frac{q_1^2 - q_2^2}{q_1^2 + q_2^2} < 1$
- **Brodsky–Lepage limit**

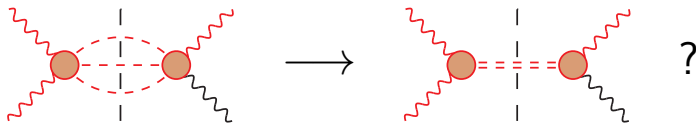
$$F_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(-Q^2, 0) = \frac{2e^2 F_\pi}{Q^2}$$

amounts to resummation of OPE

- Constraints on $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ [Brodsky, Lepage 1981](#) useful for asymptotic behavior?
- OPE for $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$ [Bijnens, Relefsors 2016](#)

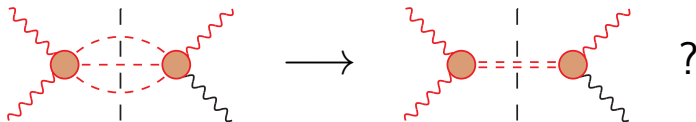
$$\lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} A(\gamma^*(q_1 = Q + k)\gamma^*(q_2 = -Q + k) \rightarrow \pi(p_1)\pi(p_2)) \sim \frac{1}{Q^2}$$

Narrow resonances as estimates for higher intermediate states



- Idea: 3π , 4π , ... probably dominated by resonant states
→ can one approximate these channels by **narrow resonances** $\delta(s - m_R^2)$?
- **Practical issues:**
 - Many resonances are not that narrow
 - Scarce data on required form factors, in particular doubly-virtual ones
- **Conceptual issues:**
 - Lagrangian-based formulation does not give the residue except for pseudoscalars
 - BTT ambiguities only absent for pseudoscalars

Narrow resonances as estimates for higher intermediate states



- **Dispersive approach:**

- Derived BTT form factor decomposition for scalar, axial, and tensor resonances
- Implemented HLbL contribution in terms of BTT form factors

- But: does not solve the practical issues

- **Perfect test case: $f_2(1270)$**

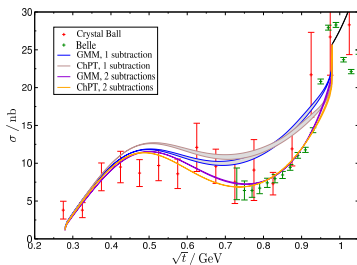
- Decays predominantly to $\pi\pi \Rightarrow$ captured by rescattering corrections
- Not too broad \Rightarrow narrow-width approximation not unreasonable

\leftrightarrow compare both descriptions

Roy–Steiner equations for $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$

Roy(–Steiner) equations = Dispersion relations + partial-wave expansion
+ crossing symmetry + unitarity + gauge invariance

- $f_2(1270)$ strong D -wave resonance in $\pi\pi$ scattering
↔ similar to rescattering corrections in S -wave
- **On-shell case** $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ [García-Martín, Moussallam 2010, MH, Phillips, Schat 2011, partial-wave analysis Dai, Pennington 2014](#)
- **Singly-virtual** $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ [Moussallam 2013](#)
- **Doubly-virtual** $\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$: new technical challenges [Colangelo et al. 2013, 2015, 2017](#)
 - anomalous thresholds (only for time-like kinematics)
 - coupling of different partial waves important



Example from 1-loop ChPT

- At 1-loop only S-waves for $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$ (apart from Born terms)

$$h_{0,++}(s; q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{\bar{l}_6 - \bar{l}_5}{48\pi^2 F_\pi^2} (s - q_1^2 - q_2^2) \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} - \frac{1}{8\pi^2 F_\pi^2} \begin{Bmatrix} s/2 \\ s - M_\pi^2 \end{Bmatrix} \left\{ 1 + 2 \left(M_\pi^2 + \frac{sq_1^2 q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \right) C_0(s, q_1^2, q_2^2) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{s(q_1^2 + q_2^2) - (q_1^2 - q_2^2)^2}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \bar{J}(s) - \frac{q_1^2(s + q_2^2 - q_1^2)}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \bar{J}(q_1^2) - \frac{q_2^2(s + q_1^2 - q_2^2)}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \bar{J}(q_2^2) \right\}$$

$$\bar{h}_{0,00}(s; q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{\bar{l}_6 - \bar{l}_5}{24\pi^2 F_\pi^2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2 F_\pi^2 \lambda_{12}(s)} \begin{Bmatrix} s/2 \\ s - M_\pi^2 \end{Bmatrix} \left\{ (s^2 - (q_1^2 - q_2^2)^2) C_0(s, q_1^2, q_2^2) \right. \\ \left. + 4s\bar{J}(s) - 2(s + q_1^2 - q_2^2)\bar{J}(q_1^2) - 2(s - q_1^2 + q_2^2)\bar{J}(q_2^2) \right\}$$

- Fulfill dispersion relation

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{s' - s} - \frac{s' - q_1^2 - q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \right) \text{Im} h_{0,++}(s'; q_1^2, q_2^2) + \frac{2q_1^2 q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \text{Im} \bar{h}_{0,00}(s'; q_1^2, q_2^2) \right\} \\ = 1 + 2 \left(M_\pi^2 + \frac{sq_1^2 q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \right) C_0(s, q_1^2, q_2^2) + \frac{s(q_1^2 + q_2^2) - (q_1^2 - q_2^2)^2}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \bar{J}(s) - \frac{q_1^2(s + q_2^2 - q_1^2)}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \bar{J}(q_1^2) - \frac{q_2^2(s + q_1^2 - q_2^2)}{\lambda_{12}(s)} \bar{J}(q_2^2)$$

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- Off-diagonal contributions critical, related to avoidance of **kinematic singularities**
- How to find these kernel functions, in general?
 - ↪ start from **BTT decomposition** of $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi \pi$!

BTT decomposition of $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi \pi$

$$H_{++} = -\frac{1}{2}(s - q_1^2 - q_2^2)A_1 - q_1^2 q_2^2 A_2 + \frac{1}{2s}(s - 4M_\pi^2)\lambda_{12}(s)z^2(q_1^2 + q_2^2)A_3 \\ + \frac{1}{4}(s - 4M_\pi^2) \left((s - q_1^2 - q_2^2) + \left(\frac{(q_1^2 - q_2^2)^2}{s} - (q_1^2 + q_2^2) \right) z^2 \right) A_4 + \frac{1}{2}q_1^2 q_2^2 (s - 4M_\pi^2)(1 - z^2)A_5$$

$$H_{+-} = -\frac{1}{4}(s - 4M_\pi^2)(1 - z^2) \left((s - q_1^2 - q_2^2)A_4 + 2q_1^2 q_2^2 A_5 \right)$$

$$\bar{H}_{+0} = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{2}{s}}(s - 4M_\pi^2)z\sqrt{1 - z^2} \left(\lambda_{12}(s)A_3 - (s + q_1^2 - q_2^2)A_4 - q_1^2(s - q_1^2 + q_2^2)A_5 \right)$$

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$$\bar{H}_{00} = -A_1 - \frac{1}{2}(s - q_1^2 - q_2^2)A_2 - \frac{1}{s}(s - 4M_\pi^2)\lambda_{12}(s)z^2 A_3 + (s - 4M_\pi^2)z^2 A_4 + \frac{1}{4s}(s - 4M_\pi^2) \left(s^2 - (q_1^2 - q_2^2)^2 \right) z^2 A_5$$

- Decomposition of helicity amplitudes in terms of BTT scalar functions A_i
 \hookrightarrow the A_i fulfill simple dispersion relations, not the helicity partial waves!
- For S-waves: only A_1 and A_2 relevant Talk by P. Stoffer
- For $f_2(1270)$: main effect expected in H_{+-}
 \hookrightarrow need at least A_4 and $A_5 \Rightarrow$ induced S-waves

- Solution for **S-waves**

$$h_{0,++}(s) = \Delta_{0,++}(s) + \frac{\Omega_0(s)}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\sin \delta_0(s')}{|\Omega_0(s')|} \left[\left(\frac{1}{s' - s} - \frac{s' - q_1^2 - q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \right) \Delta_{0,++}(s') + \frac{2q_1^2 q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \Delta_{0,00}(s') \right]$$

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↪ note the same kernel functions as before!

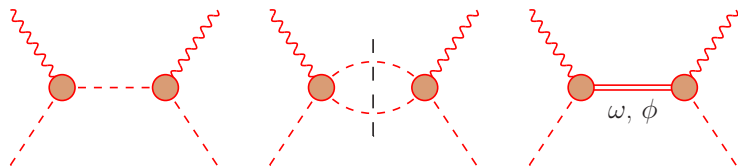
- $\pi\pi$ S-wave phase shift $\delta_0(s)$ defines Omnès factor $\Omega_0(s) = \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_0(s')}{s'(s'-s)} \right\}$
- Left-hand cut included in $\Delta_{0,++}(s)$, $\Delta_{0,00}(s)$
- Amazingly, a very similar system emerges if only A_4 and A_5 are kept!

$$h_{2,+}(s) = \Delta_{2,+}(s) + \frac{\Omega_2(s)}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{s - 4M_\pi^2}{s' - 4M_\pi^2} \frac{\sin \delta_2(s')}{|\Omega_2(s')|} \left[\left(\frac{1}{s' - s} - \frac{s' - q_1^2 - q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \right) \Delta_{2,+}(s') + \frac{2q_1^2 q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \bar{\Delta}_{2,+0}(s') \right]$$

$$\bar{h}_{2,+0}(s) = \bar{\Delta}_{2,+0}(s) + \frac{\Omega_2(s)}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{s - 4M_\pi^2}{s' - 4M_\pi^2} \frac{\sin \delta_2(s')}{|\Omega_2(s')|} \left[\left(\frac{1}{s' - s} - \frac{s' - q_1^2 - q_2^2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \right) \bar{\Delta}_{2,+0}(s') + \frac{2}{\lambda_{12}(s')} \Delta_{2,+}(s') \right]$$

where $\bar{h}_{2,+0}(s) = -\frac{\sqrt{2s}}{q_1^2 - q_2^2} (h_{2,+0}(s) - h_{2,+0}(s))$

- Next: how to determine the left-hand cut



- **Pion pole**: coupling determined by pion vector form factor $F_{\pi}^V(s)$
 \hookrightarrow dominant effect for S -waves
- **Multi-pion intermediate states**: approximate in terms of **resonances**
 - $2\pi \sim \rho$: can even be done **exactly** using $\gamma^* \rightarrow 3\pi$ amplitude Talk by B. Kubis
 - $3\pi \sim \omega, \phi$: narrow-width approximation clearly justified
 \hookrightarrow **transition form factors** for $\omega, \phi \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma^*$ Schneider, Kubis, Niecknig 2012
- Cannot reproduce the $f_2(1270)$ in $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ without the **vector resonances**
García-Martín, Moussallam 2010

- **Low-energy expansion**

$$h_{2,+-(s)} = h_{2,+-(s)}^{\text{Born}} + \frac{s(s - 4M_\pi^2)}{10\sqrt{6}M_\pi\alpha} (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) + \dots$$

↔ sum rule for the **pion polarizability** $\alpha_1 + \beta_1$

- Compare **photon couplings**

$$\frac{\Gamma_\omega \text{Br}[\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma]}{\Gamma_\rho \text{Br}[\rho^{\pm,0} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm,0} \gamma]} \sim 10$$

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- Indeed:

- **Two-loop ChPT** Gasser, Ivanov, Sainio 2005, 2006

$$(\alpha_1 + \beta_1)^{\pi^0} = 1.1(3) \times 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3 \quad (\alpha_1 + \beta_1)^{\pi^\pm} = 0.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3$$

- In agreement with fit to $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ cross section García-Martín, Moussallam 2010

- Status of the $f_2(1270)$: preliminary results indicate that the induced S -waves may actually be numerically dominant for a_μ^{HLbL}

- **Asymptotic behavior:**

- pQCD quark loop in BTT basis
- additional constraints from VVA non-renormalization theorems?
- more to be learned from OPE of the HLbL tensor?

- **Multi-particle intermediate states beyond two mesons**

- narrow resonances might give reasonable estimates
- needs to be formulated dispersively to be consistent

- **$f_2(1270)$ as test case**

- requires extended input for $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$ partial waves
- numerical analysis in progress