

# Short-distance constraints in the Melnikov-Vainshtein limit

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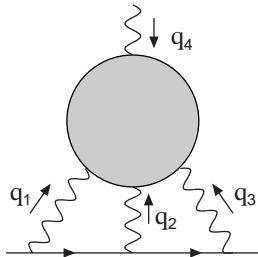
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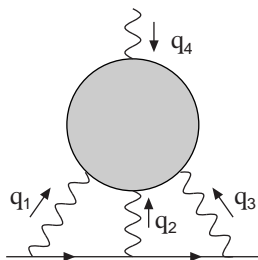


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- Problematic since several momentum scales involved in the diagram
- Four momenta  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$  and  $q_4$
- $q_4 \rightarrow 0$  (static limit) and  $q_{1,2,3}$  integrated over
- Loop integral has different regions ( $Q_i^2 = -q_i^2$ ):
  - $Q_i^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$  all large: short-distance region
  - $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ : Melnikov-Vainshtein limit
  - $Q_i^2 \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ : low-energy limit



- HLbL rigorously constrained by QCD: **Short-distance constraints**
- **Operator product expansion (OPE)** techniques in kinematical limits
- $Q_i^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$  all large: **short-distance region 3 currents close (SDC3)**
- $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ : **Melnikov-Vainshtein 2 currents close (SDC2)**
- Relevant for reducing uncertainty:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL, SDC}} = 15(10) \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{vs} \quad a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = 92(19) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Other SDCs [Brodsky-Lepage-Radyushkin; Light cone sum rules; ...]

## Motivation over the years:

- Want to make a systematic OPE to derive SDCs
- Reduce systematic uncertainties in the HLbL
- **3 currents close:** Perturbative QCD quark loop is first term in an OPE and sufficiently good
  - Which OPE is it?
  - What about the higher order terms in the OPE?
  - Paper I: [Bijnens, NHT, Rodríguez-Sánchez 19]  
Paper II: [Bijnens, NHT, Laub, Rodríguez-Sánchez 20]  
Paper III: [Bijnens, NHT, Laub, Rodríguez-Sánchez 21]
- **Two currents close:** Leading-order OPE known [Melnikov, Vainshtein 04]
  - What about higher-order corrections?
  - Paper IV: [Bijnens, NHT, Rodríguez-Sánchez 23]
  - In preparation: [Bijnens, NHT, Rodríguez-Sánchez]
- Today: Overview and recent developments

- Fundamental object: HLbL tensor [Bardeen, Tung 71; Tarrach 75; Colangelo et al. 15/17]

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}(q_1, q_2, q_3) &= -i \int \frac{d^4 q_4}{(2\pi)^4} \left( \prod_{i=1}^4 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ &\quad \times \langle 0 | T \left\{ J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3) J^{\mu_4}(x_4) \right\} | 0 \rangle \\ &\stackrel{\text{WI}}{=} q_{4\nu_4} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\nu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\mu_4}} \end{aligned}$$

- Need to obtain 54 scalar functions  $\hat{\Pi}_i$

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\nu_4}} = \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^{54} \frac{\partial \hat{T}_i^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_{4\nu_4}} \hat{\Pi}_i \quad \leftarrow \text{Projection}$$

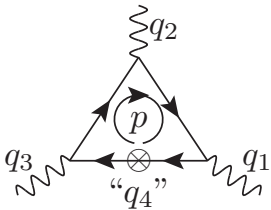
- $g - 2$ : Only 6 independent  $\hat{\Pi}_i$  contribute:  $i = 1, 4, 7, 17, 39, 54$
- Once you know  $\hat{\Pi}_i$  you can get the  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$

- SDC3:  $Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- Problem: soft photon for  $g - 2 \implies$  OPE in background field

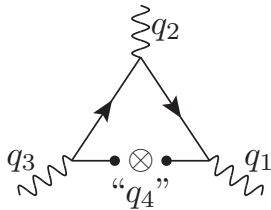
$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2) &= -\frac{1}{e} \int \frac{d^4 q_3}{(2\pi)^4} \left( \prod_{i=1}^3 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ &\quad \times \langle 0 | T (J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3)) | \gamma(q_4) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2) = i\epsilon_{\nu_4}(q_4) q_{4,\mu_4} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\nu_4}}.$$

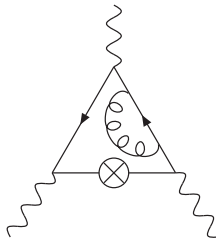
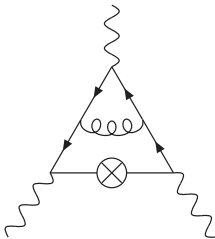
- We can thus obtain  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$  from  $\Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}$
- Introduced for baryon magnetic moments [Balitsky, Yung, 83; Ioffe, Smilga, 84], and later for the EW  $g - 2$  [Czarnecki, Marciano, Vainshtein, 03]
- Convenient radial gauge:  $A_\mu(z) = \frac{1}{2} z^\nu F_{\nu\mu}(0)$
- Different from vacuum OPE [Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov, 79]



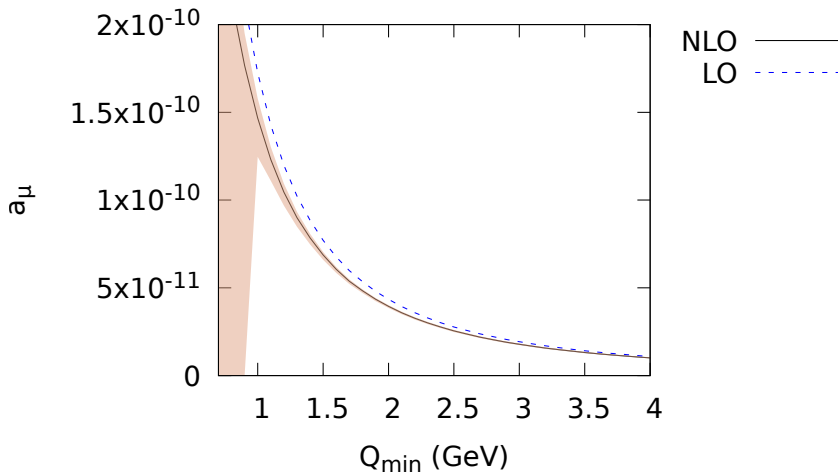
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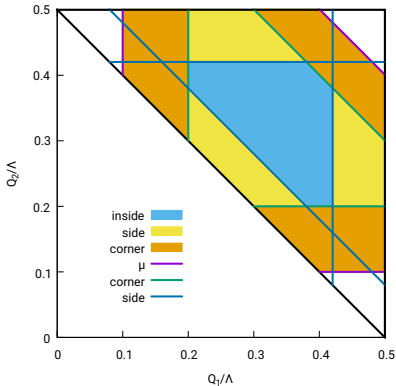
- **Papers I–II:** Perturbative quark loop (a) dominant by  $\sim 10^2 \times$  non-pert.
- **Paper III:** Gluonic corrections  $-10\%$



- Main uncertainty:  $\alpha_s(\mu)$
- In general see about  $-10\%$  of the quark loop (LO)
- Full control of SDC3: massless pQCD quark loop up to  $-10\%$



- Today: Focus more on Melnikov-Vainshtein limit
- $Q_i^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$  SDC3
- $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$  SDC2
- In SDC3 we have the case  $Q_i^2 \sim Q_j^2 \gg Q_k^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \in \text{SDC2}$
- We must find the same result in the **corner** limits (perturbative)



- Recall for **three current close** we study

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q_1, q_2) &\sim \int \frac{d^4 q_3}{(2\pi)^4} \left( \prod_{i=1}^3 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ &\times \langle 0 | T (J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2) J^{\mu_3}(x_3)) | \gamma(q_4) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$Q_{1,2,3} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ : Keep  $F_{\mu\nu}$ -like operators ( $\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q \sim F_{\mu\nu}$ )

- Melnikov-Vainshtein limit: For **two currents close** we instead consider

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu_1\mu_2}(q_1) &\sim \int \frac{d^4 q_3}{(2\pi)^4} \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 \int d^4 x_i e^{-iq_i x_i} \right) \\ &\times \langle 0 | T (J^{\mu_1}(x_1) J^{\mu_2}(x_2)) | \gamma(q_3)\gamma(q_4) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$Q_{1,2} \gg Q_3, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ : Keep operators with the right quantum numbers  
Can relate it to the HLbL as well

- Define new variables

$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{2} (q_1 - q_2), \quad q_{1,2} = \pm \hat{q} - \frac{1}{2} (q_3 + q_4)$$

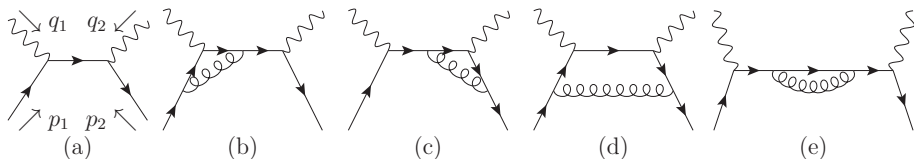
$$\underbrace{\overline{Q}_3}_{\text{large}} = Q_1 + Q_2, \quad \delta_{12} = Q_1 - Q_2$$

- OPE done in terms of  $\hat{Q}$  for tensor, then  $\overline{Q}_3$  for  $\hat{\Pi}_i$  and  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$
- Related through

$$\underbrace{\hat{Q}^2}_{\text{large}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \overline{Q}_3^2 + \delta_{12}^2 - Q_3^2 \right)$$

- For OPE, gauge invariance in  $\hat{q}$  only perturbative

- OPE between the two close currents (a)
- Leading order proportional to axial current  $J_A^\mu = \bar{q}\gamma_5\gamma^\mu q$ :  $1/\hat{Q}^2$   
 [Melnikov, Vainshtein 03]
- Can add gluonic corrections too (b)–(e)



- A set of operators:  $\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\mu_4} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{i,D}^{\alpha\beta} | \gamma(3) \gamma(4) \rangle$

$$D = 3: \quad \mathcal{O}_{1,D=3}^{\alpha\beta\rho} = \bar{q} \left[ \gamma^\alpha \gamma^\rho \gamma^\beta - \gamma^\beta \gamma^\rho \gamma^\alpha \right] q$$

$$D = 4: \quad \mathcal{O}_{1,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{q} \gamma^\beta \left[ \vec{D}^\alpha - \overleftarrow{D}^\alpha \right] q$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{2,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = F^{\alpha\gamma} F_\gamma^\beta$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{3,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = F^{\gamma\delta} F_{\gamma\delta} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{4,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = G^{\alpha\gamma} G_\gamma^\beta$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{5,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = G^{\gamma\delta} G_{\gamma\delta} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{6,D=4}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{q} \left[ \gamma^\alpha \gamma^\gamma \gamma^\beta + \gamma^\beta \gamma^\gamma \gamma^\alpha \right] \left[ \vec{D}^\gamma + \overleftarrow{D}^\gamma \right] q \quad \leftarrow \text{Redundant}$$

- Know all Wilson coefficients too:

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \nu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\mu_4}} = \underbrace{\vec{C}_{\text{MS}}^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \mu_4 \nu_4}(\hat{Q}, \mu)}_{\text{pert. Wilson}} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{X}_{\text{MS}}(Q_3, \mu)}_{\text{non-pert. ME}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \nu_4}}{\partial q_4^{\mu_4}} &= \sum_j \frac{e^2 q_j}{e^2} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle \bar{q} [\Gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2}(-\hat{q}) - \Gamma^{\mu_2 \mu_1}(-\hat{q})] q \right\rangle^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4} \\
&+ \sum_j \frac{ie^2 q_j}{e^2 \hat{q}^2} \left( g^{\mu_1 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_2} + g^{\mu_2 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_1} - g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} g_{\beta}^{\delta} \right) \left( g_{\alpha}^{\delta} - 2 \frac{\hat{q}^{\delta} \hat{q}_{\alpha}}{\hat{q}^2} \right) \\
&\quad \times \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{\nu_4}^{q_4} \left\langle \bar{q} (\vec{D}^{\alpha} - \overleftarrow{D}^{\alpha}) \gamma^{\beta} q \right\rangle_{\overline{\text{MS}}(\mu)}^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4} \\
&+ \sum_j \frac{ie^2 q_j}{e^2 \hat{q}^2} \left( g^{\mu_1 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_2} + g^{\mu_2 \delta} g_{\beta}^{\mu_1} - g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} g_{\beta}^{\delta} \right) \left( g_{\alpha}^{\delta} - 2 \frac{\hat{q}^{\delta} \hat{q}_{\alpha}}{\hat{q}^2} \right) \\
&\quad \times \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle Z_{DF}^j(\mu) \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} + d F^{\alpha\gamma} F_{\gamma}^{\beta}) \right. \\
&\quad \quad \left. + Z_{DG}^j(\mu) \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} (G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a g^{\alpha\beta} + d G_a^{\alpha\gamma} G_{\gamma}^{a, \beta}) \right\rangle^{j, \mu_3 \mu_4} \\
&+ \sum_j \frac{e^2 q_j}{8e^2} \lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \left[ \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle e^2 e^2 F_{\nu_3 \mu_3'} F_{\nu_4 \mu_4'} + \frac{1}{2N_c} g_s^2 G_{\nu_3 \mu_3'}^a G_{\nu_4 \mu_4'}^a \right\rangle^{j, \mu_3 \mu_4} \right] \\
&\quad \times \lim_{q_3, q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_3}^{\nu_3'} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4'} \Pi_{\text{ql}, j}^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3' \mu_4'}
\end{aligned}$$

- Non-perturbative dimension  $D = 3$  operator:

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \nu_4}}{\partial q_{4, \mu_4}} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{q_3^2}{\hat{q}^2} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \hat{q} \delta} \left( \epsilon_{\mu_3 \mu_4 \nu_4 \delta} \omega_T(q_3^2) - \frac{1}{q_3^2} \epsilon_{q_3 \mu_4 \nu_4 \delta} q_{3\mu_3} \omega_T(q_3^2) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{q_3^2} \epsilon_{\mu_3 \mu_4 \nu_4 q_3} q_{3\delta} [\omega_L(q_3^2) - \omega_T(q_3^2)] \right)$$

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = \frac{2}{\pi^2 Q_3^2} \omega_L(q_3^2)$$

- Perturbative limit  $Q_3^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ :  $\omega_L = 2\omega_T = -2/Q_3^2$  [Melnikov, Vainshtein 2003]
- If we push to higher orders we get collinear divergences  $Q_3^2 - \delta_{12}^2 \rightarrow 0$
- Only cancel when adding other operators at  $D = 4$

- Lorentz decompose  $D = 4$ :

$$\lim_{q_4 \rightarrow 0} \partial_{q_4}^{\nu_4} \left\langle \bar{q}(0) \left[ \vec{D}^\alpha - \overleftarrow{D}^\alpha \right] \gamma^\beta q(0) \right\rangle_{\overline{\text{MS}}(\mu), (8)}^{j, \mu_3, \mu_4} = \sum_{i=1}^6 \omega_{(8)}^{D,i} L_i^{\alpha\beta\mu_3\mu_4\nu_4}$$

- Cancellation of collinear singularities: **Non-trivial relations**

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{(8)}^{D,2} &= -2\omega_{(8)}^{D,1} + \omega_{(8)}^{D,5} - \frac{\omega_{(8)}^{D,6}}{2} - \frac{\omega_{T,(8)} Q_i^2}{8\pi^2} \\ \omega_{(8)}^{D,3} &= -2\omega_{(8)}^{D,1} + \omega_{(8)}^{D,5} - \frac{\omega_{(8)}^{D,6}}{2} + \frac{\omega_{T,(8)} Q_i^2}{8\pi^2} \\ \omega_{(8)}^{D,4} &= \omega_{(8)}^{D,5} \end{aligned}$$

- In the end only  $\omega_{(8)}^{D,1}$ ,  $\omega_{(8)}^{D,5}$  and  $\omega_{(8)}^{D,6}$  contribute
- $\hat{\Pi}_i$  in **Paper IV**
- Agree with corner expansion of **SDC3**



- Divide Lorentz decomposition into symmetric and anti-symmetric

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O} | \gamma(q_3) \gamma(q_4) \rangle_{(8)} = \sum_{i=1}^6 \omega_{(8)}^{D,i} L_i^{\alpha\beta\mu_3\mu_4\nu_4}$$

$$\omega_{(8)}^1 = \omega_{(8),S}^1$$

$$\omega_{(8)}^2 = \omega_{(8),S}^2 - \frac{Q_3^2 \omega_T^{(8)}}{8\pi^2}$$

$$\omega_{(8)}^3 = \omega_{(8),S}^2 + \frac{Q_3^2 \omega_T^{(8)}}{8\pi^2}$$

$$\omega_{(8)}^4 = \omega_{(8),S}^4$$

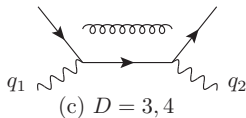
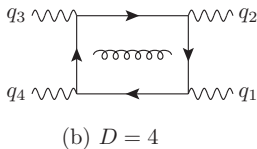
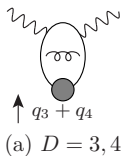
$$\omega_{(8)}^5 = \omega_{(8),S}^4$$

$$\omega_{(8)}^6 = -d \omega_{(8),S}^1 - 2\omega_{(8),S}^2 + 2\omega_{(8),S}^4$$

- Anti-symmetric part (related to total derivative of axial current) fully given in terms of  $\omega_T^{(8)}$

- Preliminary: For  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$  strong cancellations
- $\omega_T$  and  $\omega_L$  may determine leading term (also for  $\omega_{(1)}^{D,i}$ )
- Arises only when adding all corners integrated with the  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$  kernels
- Otherwise: Approaches to estimate them
- Can build chiral  $p^4$  Lagrangian to estimate  $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_S | \gamma(q_3) \gamma(q_4) \rangle$
- We get low-energy constants
- Can write the  $\omega_{(8)}^{D,i}$  in terms of them and study impact

- For the gluonic corrections we assemble



- $D = 3$ : Reproduce known result [Lütke, Procura 20]

$$\Pi_{D=3, \text{NLO}}^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \approx -\frac{e_q^2}{e^2} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \langle \bar{q} [\Gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2}(-\hat{q}) - \Gamma^{\mu_2 \mu_1}(-\hat{q})] q \mid \gamma(q_3) \gamma(q_4) \rangle$$

- $D = 4$ : Reproduce our corner expansion in [SDC3](#) in [Paper III](#)

# Conclusions and outlook

- OPEs to derive short-distance constraints for the HLbL

Three currents close limit

Two currents close limit

- For  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :

Quark loop is the leading term

Non-perturbative corrections small

Gluon corrections:  $-10\%$  on the quark loop

- For  $Q_1, Q_2 \gg Q_3, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :

Limit  $Q_3 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ : Agreement with  $\hat{\Pi}_i$  through  $D = 4$  and  $\alpha_s$

$Q_3 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ : Non-perturbative extrapolations

Studying impact on  $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$

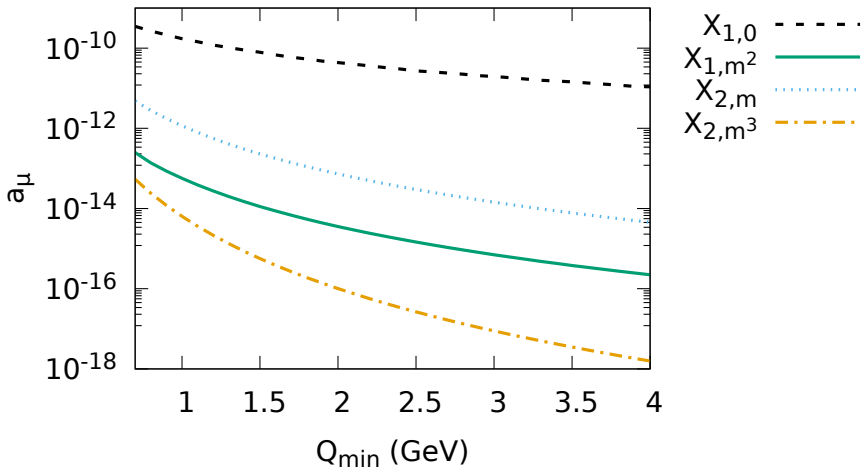
- We aim to be ready before the White Paper deadline
- Need to find onset of asymptotic domain

# Backup slides

- $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}}$  by putting restrictions in the integration from the OPE

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} &= \frac{2\alpha^3}{3\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau \sqrt{1-\tau^2} Q_1^3 Q_2^3 \sum_{i=1}^{12} f_i(\{\hat{\Pi}_j\}) \\
 &\rightarrow \frac{2\alpha^3}{3\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\tau \sqrt{1-\tau^2} Q_1^3 Q_2^3 \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(Q_1, Q_2, \tau)}_{\text{kin. reg.}} \sum_{i=1}^{12} f_i(\{\hat{\Pi}_j\})
 \end{aligned}$$

- Need to get at the  $\hat{\Pi}_i$  in SDC kinematics



- Perturbative case for  $D = 4$

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = -\frac{4}{\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^2} \quad \hat{\Pi}_4 = -\frac{16}{3\pi^2 \overline{Q}_3^4}, \quad \hat{\Pi}_7 = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\overline{Q}_3^6}\right),$$

$$\hat{\Pi}_{17} = \frac{16}{3\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^4}, \quad \hat{\Pi}_{39} = \frac{16}{3\pi^2 Q_3^2 \overline{Q}_3^4}, \quad \hat{\Pi}_{54} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\overline{Q}_3^5}\right).$$

- Agree with corner expansion of [SDC3](#)
- Similar expressions for  $q_1$  and  $q_2$
- Need to estimate non perturbative part too