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The hadronic vacuum polarization contribution to the muon $g - 2$ in the quark-resonance model

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Abstract

The hadronic vacuum polarization contribution to the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon is parametrized by using the quark-resonance model formulated in [1]. In this context a recent prediction obtained within the ENJL model [2] can be affected by two additional contributions: the next to leading corrections in the inverse cutoff expansion and the gluonic corrections. Motivated by the necessity of reaching a highly accurate theoretical prediction of the hadronic contribution to the muon $g - 2$, we study in detail both the effects.

Effective chiral Lagrangians à la Nambu-Jona Lasinio are a good theoretical framework to understand the hadronic vacuum polarization contribution to the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon, given by the diagram in Fig. 1.

Phenomenological estimates of $a^h_\mu = (g^h - 2)/2$ are obtained from the best fit of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons total cross section $\sigma^h(t)$ through the usual dispersion relation

$$a^h_\mu = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dt \, K(t) \, \sigma^h(t),$$

(1)

whith the QED function $K(t)$ given by

$$K(t) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^2(1-x)}{x^2 + (1-x)t/m^2_\mu}. \quad (2)$$

The most recent numerical estimates give the following values:

- $7.07(0.066)(0.17) \times 10^{-8}$ [3]
- $6.84(0.11) \times 10^{-8}$ [4]
- $7.100(0.105)(0.49) \times 10^{-8}$ [5],

Fig. 1. Hadronic vacuum polarization diagram to the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon.
where the first error is statistical and the second one is systematic. In what follows we give a theoretical picture to understand the above numerical values.

\[ a^h_\mu = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \left[ -e^2 \Pi_R^h \left( \frac{x^2}{1-x} m_\mu^2 \right) \right] \]  

(4)

\[ \Pi_R^h(Q^2) \] is given in terms of the vector two point function \( \Pi_V^h(Q^2) \) which has been extensively analyzed in Refs. [1,7]:

\[ \Pi_R^h(Q^2) = \sum_{i=u,d,s} Q_i^2 (\Pi_V^h(Q^2) - \Pi_V^h(0)) \]

(5)

where \( Q_i = (2/3, -1/3, -1/3) \) are the charges of the SU(3) flavour quarks u,d,s and the renormalized photon self-energy satisfies the constraint \( \Pi_R^h(0) = 0 \).

Because the typical momenta of the off-shell photons are of the order of the squared muon mass \( Q^2 \approx 0.01 \text{GeV}^2 \) the integral is dominated by the low energy contribution to \( \Pi_R^h(Q^2) \). By doing the Taylor expansion of \( \Pi_R^h(Q^2) \) at \( Q^2 = 0 \) and by imposing \( \Pi_R^h(0) = 0 \) one has

\[ \Pi_R^h(Q^2) = Q^2 \Pi'^h_R(Q^2) \]

(6)

Notice that \( \Pi'^h_R(Q^2) \) coincides with the first derivative only at \( Q^2 = 0 \). The second derivative contains one additive power of the ratios \( Q^2/A_x^2 \) and \( Q^2/M_Q^2 \), where \( A_x \approx 1 \text{GeV} \) is the ultraviolet low-energy cutoff and \( M_Q \approx 300 \text{MeV} \) is the infrared low-energy cutoff and are the natural dimensionful parameters of the long-distance expansion.

By first approximation \( \Pi_R^h(Q^2) \approx Q^2 \frac{d\Pi'^h_R}{dQ^2}(0) \) and the integral of Eq. (4) gives the value for \( a^h_\mu \)

\[ a^h_\mu = (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^2 m_\mu^2 (\frac{-2}{3} \frac{d\Pi_V^h}{dQ^2}(0)) \]

(7)

The calculation of \( a^h_\mu \) reduces then to the calculation of the first derivative of the vector two-point function at \( Q^2 = 0 \), as was already pointed out in Ref. [2]. In Ref. [7] the long-distance behaviour of the vector Green's function predicted by the ENJL model and enter in the determination of \( a^h_\mu \) through Eq. (4). Already in the first approximation of Eq. (7) the NPLL corrections proportional to \( Q^2 \), i.e. of the type \( Q^2/\Lambda_x^2 \ln(\Lambda_x^2/M_Q^2) \) give contribution to the derivative at \( Q^2 = 0 \); the derivative at \( Q^2 = 0 \) is sensitive to the behaviour at shorter distances.

We proceed as follows. Using the first approximation of Eq. (7) we review the ENJL prediction already derived in [2]. Then we study the relevance of two sources of corrections: the NPLL contributions and the gluon contributions. Beyond the first approximation we analyze the sensitivity to both of them via the evaluation of the dispersive integral of Eq. (4) over the long-distance part of \( \Pi_R^h(Q^2) \).

The vector two-point function in the ENJL model and in the chiral limit can be parametrized in terms of the running photon-vector coupling \( f_V(Q^2) \) and the squared mass of the vector resonance \( M_V^2(Q^2) \) as follows:

\[ \Pi_V^h(Q^2) = \frac{2f_V^2(Q^2) M_V^2(Q^2)}{M_V^2(Q^2) + Q^2} \]

(8)

or equivalently in terms of the vector two-point function in the mean field approximation \( \Pi^1_V(Q^2) \) [7]

\[ \Pi^1_V(Q^2) = \frac{\Pi^1_V(Q^2)}{1 + Q^2 \frac{8m_G^4}{Nc \Lambda_x^2} \Pi^1_V(Q^2)} \]

(9)

where \( G_v(\Lambda_x) \) is the coefficient of the four-quark vector-like interaction in the ENJL Lagrangian. The \( Q^2 \) dependent parameters are given by
Fig. 2. (a) The vector two-point function in the ENJL model and leading in the $1/N_c$ expansion. It is given by the infinite resummation of linear chains of constituent quark bubbles; each four-quark vertex is the leading vertex of the ENJL model with coupling $G_V$. (b) Chiral loops corrections to the vector two-point function. They are of $O(1)$ (i.e. next-to-leading) in the $1/N_c$ expansion and in the ENJL model they are generated by the infinite resummation of loops of chains of constituent quark bubbles. (c) The vector two-point function in the QR model and leading in the $1/N_c$ expansion. It is given by the “local” diagram and the vector-exchange diagram with the renormalized vector meson propagator. The diagram of (a) is a part of the contribution to the renormalized vector meson propagator.

\[
\Pi_V^\perp(Q^2) = \frac{N_c}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 d\alpha \, \alpha(1-\alpha) \, \Gamma(0,\alpha Q)
\]

\[
f_V^\perp(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \Pi_V^\perp(Q^2)
\]

\[
M_V^2(Q^2) = \frac{N_c\Lambda^2}{8\pi^2 G_V} \left( \Pi_V^\perp(Q^2) \right)^{-1},
\]

with the incomplete Gamma function \( \Gamma(0,\alpha Q) = -\ln \alpha_Q - \gamma_E + O(\alpha_Q) \), \( \alpha_Q = (M_Q^2 + \alpha(1-\alpha)Q^2)/\Lambda^2 \) and \( \gamma_E = 0.5772 \ldots \) is the Euler's constant. Expressions (8) and (9) with the parameters (10) correspond to the diagram of Fig. 2a, which is the infinite resummation of linear chains of constituent quark bubbles with the insertion of the leading four-quark vector operator of the ENJL Lagrangian. Linear chains of quark bubbles are of order $N_c$, while loops of chains of quark bubbles are of order 1 in the $1/N_c$ expansion.

The derivative at $Q^2 = 0$ is given by

\[
\frac{d\Pi_V^\perp}{dQ^2}(0) = \frac{d\Pi_V^\perp}{dQ^2}(0) - \Pi_V^\perp(0)^{-1} \frac{8\pi^2 G_V}{N_c \Lambda^2} = 2 \frac{df_V^\perp}{dQ^2}(0) - 2 \frac{f_V^\perp(0)}{M_V^2(0)}.
\]

The ENJL model gives the following prediction:

\[
\frac{d\Pi_V^\perp}{dQ^2}(0) = -\frac{N_c}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{M_Q^2} \frac{4}{15} \times \left[ e^{-M_Q^2/\Lambda^2} + \frac{5}{6} \frac{1}{g_A} \Gamma(0, \frac{M_Q^2}{\Lambda^2}) \right],
\]

where $g_A$ is the mixing parameter between the axial-vector and the pseudoscalar mesons in the bosonized ENJL action and it is related to the vector meson mass and the vector coupling $G_V$ by the following relations [7]:

\[
1 - g_A = 4M_Q^2 G_V \Lambda^2 \Gamma(0, M_Q^2/\Lambda^2) = \frac{6M_Q^2}{M_V^2}.
\]

With the values of the best fit 1 of Ref. [8] $M_Q = 265$ MeV, $\Lambda = 1.165$ GeV and $g_A = 0.61$ we obtain for $a_\mu$ the value $a_\mu = 8.66 \cdot 10^{-8}$, which corresponds to the value $d\Pi_V^\perp(0) = -0.164$ of the first derivative. In formula (12) the incomplete Gamma function has been approximated to its leading logarithmically divergent part. This corresponds to the substitutions $\Gamma(0,\alpha Q) = -\ln \alpha_Q - \gamma_E$ and $\exp(-M_Q^2/\Lambda^2) = 1$, where $\exp(-M_Q^2/\Lambda^2)$ comes from the derivative of $\Gamma(0,\alpha Q)$ at $Q^2 = 0$.

Chiral loop corrections due to $\pi, K$ exchanges, are not included in the above value of $a_\mu$. They are given by the diagram in Fig. 2b and are next-to-leading (i.e. $O(1)$) in the $1/N_c$ expansion; in the ENJL framework they are generated by diagrams with loops of chains of quark bubbles. This contribution has been derived in [2] using ChPt with a value of $(0.71 \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{-8}$. The two summed contributions give

\[
a_\mu = a_\mu(\text{had}) = a_\mu(\text{Fig. 2a}) + a_\mu(\chi\text{loops}) = 9.37 \cdot 10^{-8},
\]

which is a rather high value compared to the phenomenological estimates in (3). Beyond the fact that the first derivative approximation can be not sufficiently accurate, we first analyze the effects of the two "extra" contributions we have mentioned.
The first source of "extra" corrections can be derived in the framework of the Quark-Resonance model formulated in [1].

The vector two-point function calculated with the inclusion of NTL vertices corresponds to the diagram of Fig. 2c: the vector resonance exchange diagram plus the "local" diagram. The infinite resummation of linear chains of quark bubbles of Fig. 2a is a part of the contributions to the renormalized vector resonance propagator.

The complete set of NTL corrections (i.e. \(1/\Lambda^2\)), includes two types of contributions [1]:

I. NTL genuine power corrections (NTLP) of the type: \(Q^2/\Lambda^2, M^2\).

II. NTL power corrections to the leading logs (NPLL) of the type: \(Q^2/\Lambda^2, \ln \alpha_Q, M^2/\Lambda^2, \ln \alpha_Q\).

Class I is generated by an infinite number of higher dimensional quark-resonance vertices, while class II is generated by a finite number of \(1/\Lambda^2\) vertices [1]. A best fit to the experimental \(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}\) in the intermediate \(Q^2\) region (500 MeV–900 MeV) has shown the numerical relevance of the new NPLL counterterms proportional to \(Q^2\) [1], while NPLL corrections proportional to the IR cutoff \(M_Q\) are negligible in this regime. They are not negligible when treating the very low energy behaviour (\(Q^2 \rightarrow 0\)) of the Green’s functions, as it happens in the present case.

The type of quark-resonance vertices we need at \(1/\Lambda^2\) order are listed below. We distinguish four sectors: the derivative one, the vector one, the scalar one and the scalar-vector one. NTL corrections proportional to \(Q^2\) get contributions from the derivative and the vector sets, while NTL corrections proportional to \(M_Q^2\) get contributions also from the scalar and scalar-vector sets when the scalar field assumes its VEV, \(\langle H \rangle = M_Q\), which plays the role of the IR cutoff of the effective theory.

**Derivative**

\[
\beta^\Gamma_1 \bar{Q} \gamma_\nu d^\mu \Gamma_{\mu \nu} Q + \beta^\Gamma_2 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{d^\mu, d^\nu\} Q
\]

**Vector**

\[
\beta^V_1 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu d^2 W^+_{\mu} Q + \beta^V_2 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{W^+_{\mu}, d^\mu\} Q + \beta^V_3 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{d^\mu, d^\nu\} W^+_{\nu} Q + \beta^V_4 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{\Gamma_{\mu \nu}, W^+_{\nu}\} Q
\]

\[
\beta^V_5 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{d^\mu, \bar{d} \}, d^2 \} Q + \beta^V_6 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{d^\mu, \bar{d} \}, W^+_{\nu} \} Q + \beta^V_7 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{\Gamma_{\mu \nu}, W^+_{\nu}\} Q
\]

**Scalar**

\[
\beta^S_1 \bar{Q} H^2 Q + \beta^S_2 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{H^2, \bar{d} \} Q + \beta^S_3 \bar{Q} \{H, d^2\} Q
\]

**Scalar-vector**

\[
\beta^SV_1 \bar{Q} \{W^{+2}, H\} Q + \beta^SV_2 \bar{Q} W^+_{\mu} \bar{H} W^+_{\mu} Q + \beta^SV_3 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{H^2, W^+_{\mu}\} Q + \beta^SV_4 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{W^+_{\mu}, H\} Q + \beta^SV_5 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{W^+_{\mu}, d^\mu, d^\nu\} Q + \beta^SV_6 \bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \{W^+_{\mu}, d^\mu, d^\nu\} Q
\]

The covariant derivative of the vector field \(W^+_{\mu}\) and the scalar field \(H\) is defined as \(d_{\mu} Q = \partial_{\mu} Q + [\Gamma_{\mu}, Q]\), while the covariant derivative on the constituent quark field \(Q\) is defined as \(d_{\mu} Q = \partial_{\mu} Q + \Gamma_{\mu}\). The identity \(\Gamma_{\mu \nu} = 1/2(\xi_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \xi + \xi_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} \xi)\) is the vector current constructed with the square root of the pseudoscalar field \(U = \xi_{\mu} = \exp(i\phi/\pi)\). The identity \(\Gamma_{\mu \nu} - \frac{1}{2} f_{\mu \nu} + \frac{1}{2} [\xi_{\mu} \xi_{\nu}\}\) introduces the field strength of the electromagnetic field \(f_{\mu \nu} = \xi F_{\mu \nu}^{\xi_{\nu}} + \xi_{\nu} F_{\mu \nu}^{\xi_{\nu}}\) which generates the photon-vector interaction associated with the coupling \(f_{\nu}\).

The full running of the vector resonance parameters (\(Z_V = \text{vector wave function renormalization constant}, f_{\nu} = \text{vector-photon coupling and } M_V = \text{vector mass}\)) is parametrized as follows:

\[
Z_V(Q^2) = \frac{N_c}{16\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 d\alpha \Gamma(0, \alpha_Q) \left[ 6\alpha(1 - \alpha) + 12\alpha(1 - \alpha)\beta^V_1 Q^2 + \beta^V_2 M_Q^2 P_1(\alpha) \right] \right]
\]

\[
M^2_V(Q^2) = \frac{N_c}{16\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 d\alpha \Gamma(0, \alpha_Q) \left[ 1 + \beta^V_M M_Q^2 \right] P_2(\alpha) \right]
\]
The calculation of \( f_v \) and \( Z_v \) we have not included NTLP corrections. They give a correction which is almost 1% of the leading logarithmic term. Genuine power corrections can be generated by the quadratically or more divergent part of diagrams that contain higher dimensional vertices which are suppressed by inverse powers of the UV cutoff \( \Lambda_x \).

NTLP corrections to the squared vector mass and \( x \) proportional to \( M_Q \) can be reabsorbed in the renormalization of the vector coupling \( G_v \) as follows:

\[
\frac{\Lambda_x^2}{G_v} = \frac{\Lambda_x^2}{G_v} \left[ 1 + 8' \frac{M_Q^2}{\Lambda_x^2} \right].
\]

In Eq. (15) the dependence upon the Feynman parameter \( \alpha \) is always of the form \( \alpha(1-\alpha) \) for the \( Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2 \) corrections. The polynomials \( P_i(\alpha) \) are explicitly calculable for each NPLL counterterm. We will put them equal to the leading polynomial \( \alpha(1-\alpha) \) which is still a good approximation. With this assumption the three vector parameters \( Z_v, M_Q^2 \) and \( f_v^2 \) at \( Q^2 = 0 \) are given by

\[
Z_v(0) = \frac{N_c}{16 \pi^2} \Gamma(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) \left[ 1 + \beta_M^1 \frac{M_Q^2}{6 \Lambda_x^2} \right]
\]

\[
M_Q^2(0) = \frac{N_c}{16 \pi^2} \Gamma(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) \left[ 1 + \beta_M^2 \frac{M_Q^2}{6 \Lambda_x^2} \right]
\]

\[
f_v^2(0) = \frac{2}{9} \frac{N_c}{Z_v(0)} \left( \frac{N_c}{16 \pi^2} \right)^2 \Gamma^2(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) \left[ 1 + \beta_M^3 \frac{M_Q^2}{6 \Lambda_x^2} \right].
\]

The NPLL corrections proportional to \( M_Q^2 \) do modify the ENJL leading prediction of the parameters of the effective meson Lagrangian at zero energy. One way to estimate the new coefficients \( \beta_M^1 \) is to do the best fit of the whole set of the leading \( (M_Q, \Lambda_x, g_A) \) and NPLL parameters (with and without gluonic corrections) at \( Q^2 = 0 \) using as inputs the experimental values of the low energy meson parameters; although a sufficiently accurate determination of the \( \beta_M^1 \) is still not accessible with the present uncertainty on the very low energy experimental data.

The ratio \( f_v^2 / M_Q^2 \) and the derivative of the squared coupling at \( Q^2 = 0 \), which enter in Eq. (11), are given by the following expressions and retaining up to \( 1/\Lambda_x^2 \) terms:

\[
\frac{f_v^2(0)}{M_Q^2(0)} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{N_c}{16 \pi^2} \frac{1}{G_v(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2)} \Gamma(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) \left[ 1 + \beta_M^3 \frac{M_Q^2}{6 \Lambda_x^2} \right]
\]

\[
f_v^2(0) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{N_c}{16 \pi^2} \left[ \Gamma(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) \frac{2\beta_M^3}{\Lambda_x^2} - \frac{1}{5M_Q^2} \Gamma^2(0, M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) \right].
\]

Again the approximation \( \Gamma(0, M_Q^2) = -\ln M_Q^2 / \gamma_E + \exp(-M_Q^2 / \Lambda_x^2) = 1 \) is understood and we have used the relation of Eq. (13) which defines \( M_Q^2(0)^{ENJL} \).

We assume its numerical value given by the fit 1 of Ref. [8] which is \( (0.811)^2 \) GeV².

The size of the \( Q^2 \) corrections has been determined by the best fit of Ref. [1]:

\[
\beta_M^1 = -0.75 \pm 0.01, \quad \beta_M^2 = -0.79 \pm 0.01.
\]

The sign of \( \beta_M^1, \beta_M^2 \) is negative and increases the value of \( a_h^0 \). By including only \( Q^2 \) type corrections the value of \( a_h^0 \) increases to 1.22·10⁻⁷. Comparable values of the \( \beta_M^1 \) coefficients give as a maximum range of variation of \( a_h^0 \) 1.20·10⁻⁷-1.24·10⁻⁷. This proves that \( Q^2 \) dependent contributions give the bulk of the NPLL corrections to \( a_h^0 \) calculated within the first derivative approximation.

Gluonic corrections can be parametrized following Ref. [7]. The leading contribution in the \( 1/N_c \) expansion involves only one unknown parameter \( g \) which is related to the lowest dimensional gluon vacuum condensate:
Because \( \langle \alpha_s GG \rangle \) is \( O(N_c) \), \( g \) is \( O(1) \) and the leading gluonic correction to the two-point vector function is still \( O(N_c) \). The role of gluonic corrections in effective low energy fermion models is still an unsolved theoretical problem. What is clear is that the two gluon condensate of Eq. (20) is only the low energy \( \langle < \Lambda_x \rangle \) 'residue' of the standard two gluon condensate which is phenomenologically estimated through QCD sum rules. The latter suggest an \( O(1) \) parameter, while best fits of the ENJL parameters, using as inputs the experimental values of \( f_\pi \), \( L_i \) and the meson resonances' parameters \( \pi \), strongly favour a value of \( g \leq 0.5 \). The first phenomenological estimation, usually referred to as the "standard value", has been obtained by Shifman et al. (SVZ) \( \{9\} \) by studying the charmonium channel and using Operator Product Expansion: they obtain \( \langle \alpha_s GG \rangle = 0.012 \text{ GeV}^4 \) (i.e. \( g = 1.3 \)). A compatible value \( \langle \alpha_s GG \rangle = (3.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^4 \) has been obtained \( \{10\} \) from the \( e^+e^- \to \ell = 1 \) hadron cross section and using moment sum rules ratio. The most recent estimation via FESR (Finite Energy sum rules) \( \{11\} \) gives a significative higher value \( \langle \alpha_s GG \rangle = 0.044^{+0.015}_{-0.021} \text{ GeV}^4 \) (i.e. \( g \sim 4.8 \)), although the error in all cases has to be conservatively taken around 40%.

In what follows we will use three values of \( g \) which are acceptable in the ENJL model. The IR cutoff \( M_Q \), the UV cutoff \( \Lambda_x \) and the axial-pseudoscalar mixing parameter \( g_A \), extracted from the best fits of experimental data, vary as functions of \( g \) as follows \( \{8\} \): for \( g = 0 \), \( M_Q = 265 \text{ MeV} \), \( \Lambda_x = 1.165 \text{ GeV} \), \( g_A = 0.61 \), for \( g = 0.25 \), \( M_Q = 246 \text{ MeV} \), \( \Lambda_x = 1.062 \text{ GeV} \), \( g_A = 0.62 \), for \( g = 0.5 \), \( M_Q = 204 \text{ MeV} \), \( \Lambda_x = 1.090 \text{ GeV} \), \( g_A = 0.66 \). \( M_Q \) decreases sensitively by increasing \( g \).

Leading gluonic corrections can be expressed as an additive contribution to the function \( \Pi_V(Q^2) \) which is written for \( N_c = 3 \) as \( \{12\} \)

\[
\Pi_V^{1g}(Q^2) = \frac{3gM_Q^2}{2\pi^2Q^2}(-1 + 3I_2 - 2I_3),
\]

in terms of the \( Q^2 \) dependent functions

\[
I_N = \int_0^1 d\alpha \frac{\alpha}{[1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\mu_Q^2} \alpha(1 - \alpha)]^N}.
\]

Expanding at small \( Q^2 \) we obtain their values at \( Q^2 = 0 \):

\[
\Pi_V^{1g}(0) = -\frac{3g}{20\pi^2}, \quad \Pi_V^{1g}(0) = \frac{6g}{70\pi^2M_Q^2},
\]

which give the following expression for the derivative:

\[
\frac{d\Pi_V^1}{dQ^2}(0) = \frac{d\Pi_V^{1g=0}}{dQ^2}(0) + \Delta \xi
\]

\[
\Delta \xi = \frac{6g}{70\pi^2M_Q^2} - \left( \frac{3g}{20\pi^2} \right)^2 \frac{8\pi^2G_V}{N_c\Lambda_x^2} \left( 1 - \frac{40\pi^2}{3g} \Pi_V^{1g=0}(0) \right).
\]

Notice that \( \Pi_V^{1g=0}(0) = \Pi_V^{1g=0}(0) \); all the quantities with superscript \( g = 0 \) are the expressions valid at \( g = 0 \) with the parameters \( M_Q, \Lambda_x \) and \( g_A \) rescaled according to \( \{8\} \) for a given \( g \) in formula (24). In Table 1 we give the gluonic corrections to the derivative at \( Q^2 = 0 \) with \( g = 0.25, 0.5 \).

Gluonic contributions decrease \( a_h^a \) towards a better agreement with the phenomenological estimates (3). The evaluation of the full dispersive integral (4) requires the knowledge of the long distance (ld) plus the short distance (sd) behaviour of \( \Pi_{K}^{1g}(Q^2) \). We can do our best performing the matching between the ld prediction coming from the effective theory and the sd prediction coming from perturbative QCD. In Ref. \( \{2\} \) a value of \( a_h^a \) (Fig. 2a) = \( 6.7 \times 10^{-8} \) has been obtained in the ENJL framework with a best fitted matching point \( \hat{\phi} \simeq 0.91 \) which corresponds to an euclidean \( Q^2 = \hat{x}^2/(1 - \hat{x})m_h^2 \approx (320)^2 \text{ MeV}^2 \). The value obtained for \( a_h^a \) is quite better than the first approximation value 8.66 \( \times 10^{-8} \).
To see how "extra" corrections modify the ENJL prediction is sufficient to study the integral (4) over the \( Q^2 \) part in the range \( \tilde{Q}^2 \) for different values of \( \tilde{Q}^2 \) corresponding to an equivalent value of \( \hat{Q}^2 = (0.3)^2, (0.5)^2, (0.8)^2 \) GeV\(^2\).

N PLL corrections proportional to \( Q^2 \) in the QR model lead to a vector two-point function which decreases faster in \( Q^2 \) than the ENJL prediction. The dispersive integral gives for \( a_h^\mu \) in the ENJL approximation the values \( 6.8 \times 10^{-8} \) with \( \hat{Q}^2 = (0.5)^2 \) GeV\(^2\) and \( 7.1 \times 10^{-8} \) with \( \hat{Q}^2 = (0.8)^2 \) GeV\(^2\), while in the QR model gives \( 6.9 \times 10^{-8} \) and \( 7.3 \times 10^{-8} \) respectively.

The correction induced by higher order terms proportional to \( Q^2 \) and which are relevant in the intermediate \( Q^2 \) region does not exceed three percent. This proves that \( a_h^\mu \) is practically only sensitive to perturbative corrections which modify the very low \( Q^2 \) region, i.e. \( Q^2 \leq (500 \text{ MeV})^2 \).

Glucion corrections modify the ENJL vector two-point function for all \( Q^2 \) as shown in Fig. 3. They modify the ENJL prediction of \( a_h^\mu \) as summarized in Table (2). The corrections are 10% for \( g = 0.5 \) and 15% for \( g = 0.25 \). They decrease \( a_h^\mu \). A better determination of non-glucionic contributions to \( a_h^\mu \) can be used to constrain the value of the \( g \) parameter in low energy effective fermion models.

We conclude that the ENJL prediction is reliable within 30%. Both gluconic corrections and next-to-leading higher dimensional quark-resonance interactions have to be taken into account if one wants to reach an accuracy better than 30%. The first derivative approximation is not sufficiently accurate to estimate the hadronic vacuum polarization contribution to \( a_h^\mu \), although the quantity is sensitive only to "extra" corrections in the low \( Q^2 \) region (\( Q < 500 \text{ MeV} \)). N PLLL corrections proportional to \( Q^2 \) do not affect \( a_h^\mu \). N PLLL corrections proportional to \( M_S^2 \) and glucion corrections are relevant in the low \( Q^2 \) region. Their inclusion can explain the full agreement of the ENJL prediction with the phenomenological estimates (3) of \( a_h^\mu \).

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