

# Magnetic moment of the muon, the search for new fundamental physics and a lattice QCD calculation of hadronic vacuum polarization

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# Lepton magnetic moments and BSM physics

# Interaction with an external EM field: QM

Dirac eq. w/ minimal coupling (1928):

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left[ \vec{\alpha} \cdot \left( c \frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{\nabla} - e\ell \vec{A} \right) + \beta c^2 m_\ell + e\ell A_0 \right] \psi$$

nonrelativistic limit  $\downarrow$  (Pauli eq.)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{\nabla} - \frac{e\ell}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2}{2m_\ell} - \underbrace{\frac{e\ell \hbar}{2m_\ell} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}}_{\vec{\mu}_\ell \cdot \vec{B}} + e\ell A_0 \right] \phi$$

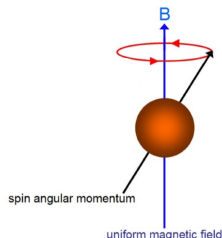
with

$$\vec{\mu}_\ell = g_\ell \left( \frac{e\ell}{2m_\ell} \right) \vec{S}, \quad \vec{S} = \hbar \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}$$

and

$$g_\ell |_{\text{Dirac}} = 2$$

*“That was really an unexpected bonus for me, completely unexpected.” (P.A.M. Dirac)*



# Interaction with an external EM field: QFT

Assuming Poincaré invariance and current conservation ( $q^\mu J_\mu = 0$  with  $q \equiv p' - p$ ):

$$\langle \ell(p') | J_\mu(0) | \ell(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma_\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i}{2m_\ell} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu F_2(q^2) - \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu F_3(q^2) + \gamma_5 (q^2 \gamma_\mu - 2m_\ell q_\mu) F_4(q^2) \right] u(p)$$

$F_1(q^2) \rightarrow$  Dirac form factor:  $F_1(0) = 1$

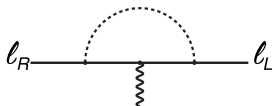
$F_2(q^2) \rightarrow$  Pauli form factor, magnetic dipole moment:  $F_2(0) = a_\ell = \frac{g_\ell - \overbrace{2}^{\text{Dirac}}}{2}$

$F_3(q^2) \rightarrow$   $\not{p}$ ,  $\not{T}$ , electric dipole moment:  $F_3(0) = d_\ell / e_\ell$

$F_4(q^2) \rightarrow$   $\not{p}$ , anapole moment:  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$

- $q^2$  dependence of  $F_1(q^2)$  and non-zero  $F_2(q^2)$  &  $F_{3,4}(q^2)$  come from **loops** but **UV finite** once charges and masses are renormalized (in a renormalizable theory)
- $a_\ell$  dimensionless &  $m_\gamma = 0$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  corrections including only  $\ell$  and  $\gamma$  are **mass independent**, i.e. **universal**
  - $\rightarrow$  contributions from particles w/  $M \gg m_\ell$  are  $\propto (m_\ell/M)^{2p} \times \ln^q(m_\ell^2/M^2)$
  - $\rightarrow$  contributions from pions w/  $m_\pi \ll m_\ell$  are e.g.  $\propto \ln(m_\ell^2/m_\pi^2)$

# Why are $a_\ell$ special?


$$\ell_R \text{---} \text{---} \ell_L \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{a_\ell}{2m_\ell} e F^{\mu\nu} [\bar{\ell}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} \ell_R]$$

- $a_{e,\mu}$  are parameter-free predictions of the SM that can be measured very precisely  $\Rightarrow$  excellent tests of SM
- **Loop induced**  $\Rightarrow$  sensitive to new dofs that may be too heavy or too weakly coupled to be produced directly
- **CP and flavor conserving, chirality flipping**  $\Rightarrow$  complementary to: EDMs,  $s$  and  $b$  decays, LHC direct searches, ...
- Chirality flipping  $\Rightarrow$  generic contribution of particle w/  $M \gg m_\ell$

$$a_\ell^M = C \left( \frac{\Delta_{LR}}{m_\ell} \right) \left( \frac{m_\ell}{M} \right)^2$$

- In EW theory,  $M = M_W$ , chirality flipping from Yukawa, i.e.

$$\Delta_{LR} = m_\ell \quad \text{and} \quad C \sim \frac{\alpha}{4\pi \sin^2 \theta_W}$$

- In BSM, can have chiral enhancement: e.g. SUSY  $M = M_{\text{SUSY}}$  and  $C \sim \alpha / (4\pi \sin^2 \theta_W)$  &  $\Delta_{LR} = (\mu/M_{\text{SUSY}}) \times \tan \beta \times m_\ell$ ; or radiative  $m_\ell$  model,  $\Delta_{LR} \simeq m_\ell$ ,  $C \sim 1$  and  $M = M_{\text{N}\Phi}$

# Why is $a_\mu$ special?

$$m_e : m_\mu : m_\tau = 0.0005 : 0.106 : 1.777 \text{ GeV} \quad \tau_e : \tau_\mu : \tau_\tau = \text{"}\infty\text{"} : 2 \cdot 10^{-6} : 3 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ s}$$

- $a_\mu$  is  $(m_\mu/m_e)^2 \sim 4 \cdot 10^4$  times more sensitive to new  $\Phi$  than  $a_e$
- $a_\tau$  is even more sensitive to new  $\Phi$ , but is too shortly lived
- $\tau_\mu$  small but manageable

→ measure & compute  $a_\mu$  in SM as precisely as possible

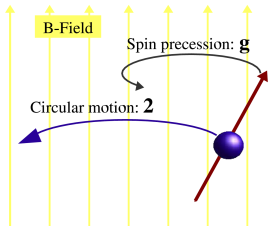
Big question:

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = a_\mu^{\text{SM}}?$$

If not, there must be new  $\Phi$

# Experimental measurement of $a_{\mu}$

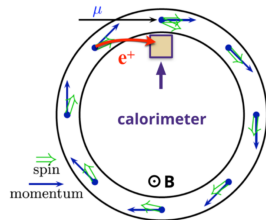
# Measurement principle for $a_\mu$



Precession determined by

$$\vec{\mu}_\mu = 2(1 + a_\mu) \frac{Qe}{2m_\mu} \vec{S}$$

$$\vec{d}_\mu = \eta_\mu \frac{Qe}{2m_\mu c} \vec{S}$$



$$\vec{\omega}_{a\eta} = \vec{\omega}_a + \vec{\omega}_\eta = -\frac{Qe}{m_\mu} \left[ a_\mu \vec{B} + \left( a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} \right] - \eta_\mu \frac{Qe}{2m_\mu} \left[ \frac{\vec{E}}{c} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B} \right]$$

- Experiment measures very precisely  $\vec{B}$  with  $|\vec{B}| \gg |\vec{E}|/c$  &

$$\Delta\omega \equiv \omega_S - \omega_C \simeq \sqrt{\omega_a^2 + \omega_\eta^2} \simeq \omega_a$$

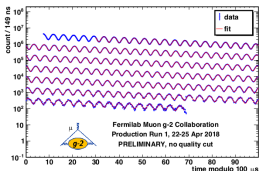
since  $d_\mu = 0.1(9) \times 10^{-19} e \cdot \text{cm}$  (Benett et al '09)

- Consider either magic  $\gamma = 29.3$  (CERN/BNL/Fermilab) or  $\vec{E} = 0$  (J-PARC)

$$\rightarrow \Delta\omega \simeq -a_\mu B \frac{Qe}{m_\mu}$$



# Fermilab E989 @ magic $\gamma$ : measurement (simplified)



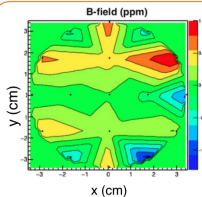
$\omega_a$

Extract from decay positron time spectra

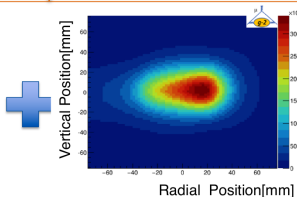
$$N(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau_p} [1 + A \cos(\omega_a t + \phi)]$$

$$a_\mu = \left( \frac{g_e}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_a}{\langle \omega_p \rangle} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_e} \right) \left( \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} \right)$$

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Map the magnetic field



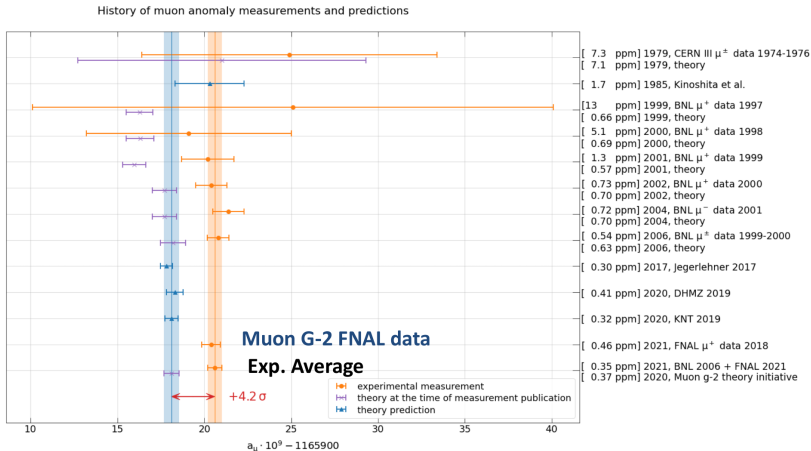
Obtain muon distribution in the storage ring

$$\langle \omega_p \rangle \approx \omega_p \otimes \rho(r)$$

Average magnetic field weighted by muon distribution

$\omega_p$ : free proton precession frequency  
Using proton NMR  $\hbar \omega_p = 2\mu_p B$

# $g_\mu - 2$ updated history (7 April 2021)



$$a_\mu(\text{AVG}) = 116\,592\,061(41) \times 10^{-11} \quad (0.35 \text{ ppm}).$$

G. Venanzoni, CERN Seminar, 8 April 2021

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Bathroom scale sensitive to the weight of a single eyelash !!!

Based on only 6% of expected FNAL data!  $\rightarrow$  aim  $\delta a_\mu = 0.14 \text{ ppm}$

# Standard model calculation of $a_\mu$

At needed precision: all three interactions and all SM particles

$$\begin{aligned}a_\mu^{\text{SM}} &= a_\mu^{\text{QED}} + a_\mu^{\text{had}} + a_\mu^{\text{EW}} \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_\mu}{M_\rho}\right)^2\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{e}{4\pi \sin \theta_W}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_\mu}{M_W}\right)^2\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) + \mathcal{O}(10^{-7}) + \mathcal{O}(10^{-9})\end{aligned}$$



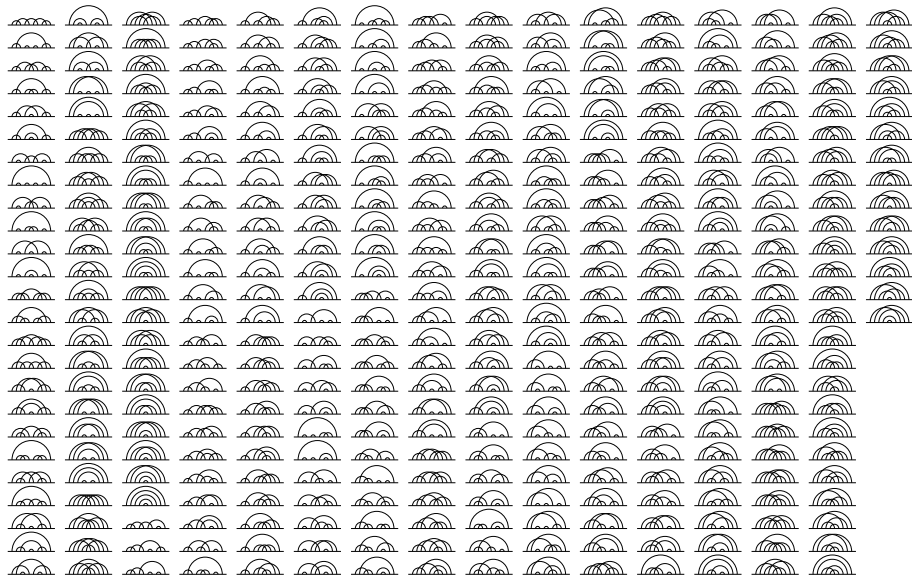
Loops with only photons and leptons

$$a_\ell^{\text{QED}} = C_\ell^{(2)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + C_\ell^{(4)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 + C_\ell^{(6)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + C_\ell^{(8)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^4 + C_\ell^{(10)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^5 + \dots$$

$$C_\ell^{(2n)} = A_1^{(2n)} + A_2^{(2n)}(m_\ell/m_{\ell'}) + A_3^{(2n)}(m_\ell/m_{\ell'}, m_\ell/m_{\ell''})$$

- $A_1^{(2)}, A_1^{(4)}, A_1^{(6)}, A_2^{(4)}, A_2^{(6)}, A_3^{(6)}$  known analytically (Schwinger '48; Sommerfield '57, '58; Petermann '57; ...)
- $O((\alpha/\pi)^3)$ : 72 diagrams (Laporta et al '91, '93, '95, '96; Kinoshita '95)
- $O((\alpha/\pi)^4; (\alpha/\pi)^5)$ : 891;12,672 diagrams (Laporta '95; Aguilar et al '08; Aoyama, Kinoshita, Nio '96-'18)
  - Automated generation of diagrams
  - Numerical evaluation of loop integrals
  - Not all contributions are fully, independently checked

# 5-loop QED diagrams



(Aoyama et al '15)

# QED contribution to $a_\mu$

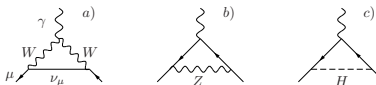
$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}}(Cs) = 1\,165\,847\,189.31(7)_{m_\tau(17)} \alpha^4(6)_{\alpha^5(100)} \alpha^6(23)_{\alpha(Cs)} \times 10^{-12} \text{ [0.9 ppb]}$$
$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}}(a_e) = 1\,165\,847\,188.42(7)_{m_\tau(17)} \alpha^4(6)_{\alpha^5(100)} \alpha^6(28)_{\alpha(a_e)} \times 10^{-12} \text{ [0.9 ppb]}$$

(Aoyama et al '12, '18, '19)

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = 734.2(4.1) \times 10^{-10}$$
$$\stackrel{?}{=} a_\mu^{\text{EW}} + a_\mu^{\text{had}}$$

# Electroweak contributions to $a_\mu$ : $Z$ , $W$ , $H$ , etc. loops

1-loop

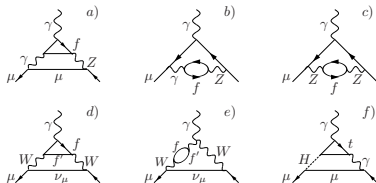


$$a_\mu^{\text{EW}(1)} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}G_F m_\mu^2}{16\pi^2}\right)$$

$$= 19.479(1) \times 10^{-10}$$

(Gnendiger et al '15, Aoyama et al '20 and refs therein)

2-loop



$$a_\mu^{\text{EW}(2)} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}G_F m_\mu^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)$$

$$= -4.12(10) \times 10^{-10}$$

(Gnendiger et al '15 and refs therein)

$$a_\mu^{\text{EW}} = 15.36(10) \times 10^{-10}$$

# Hadronic contributions to $a_\mu$ : quark and gluon loops

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{QED}} - a_\mu^{\text{EW}} = 718.9(4.1) \times 10^{-10} \stackrel{?}{=} a_\mu^{\text{had}}$$

Clearly right order of magnitude:

$$a_\mu^{\text{had}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_\mu}{M_\rho}\right)^2\right) = \mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$$

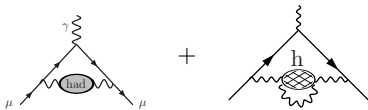
(already Gourdin & de Rafael '69 found  $a_\mu^{\text{had}} = 650(50) \times 10^{-10}$ )

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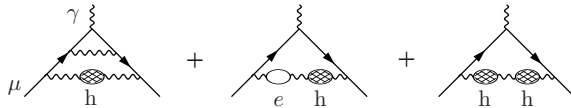
$$a_\mu^{\text{had}} = a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}} + a_\mu^{\text{HO-HVP}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLbyL}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^4\right)$$



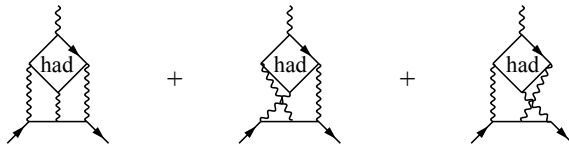
# Hadronic contributions to $a_\mu$ : diagrams



$$\rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2\right)$$

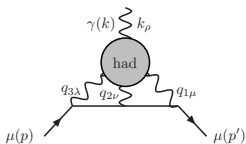


$$\rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{NLO-HVP}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3\right)$$



$$\rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3\right)$$

# Hadronic light-by-light

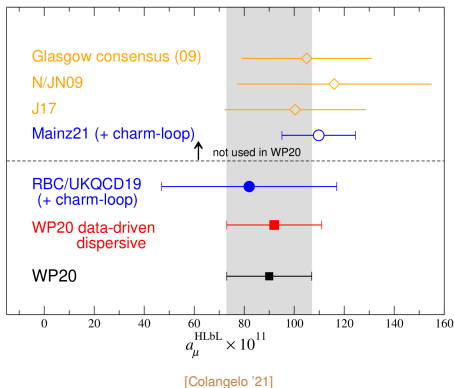


- HLbL much more complicated than HVP, but ultimate precision needed is  $\simeq 10\%$  instead of  $\simeq 0.2\%$
- For many years, only accessible to models of QCD w/ difficult to estimate systematics (Prades et al '09):  
 $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = 10.5(2.6) \times 10^{-10}$

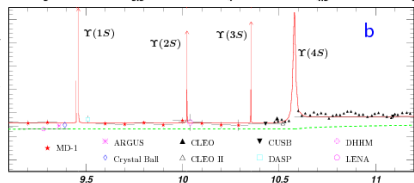
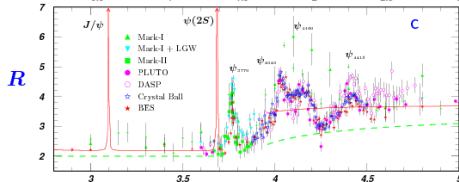
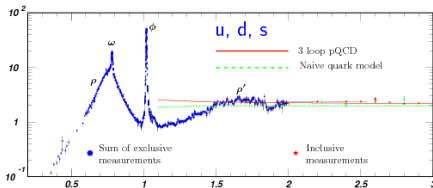
- Also, lattice QCD calculations were exploratory and incomplete
- Tremendous progress in past 5 years:
  - Phenomenology: rigorous data driven approach [Colangelo, Hoferichter, Kubis, Procura, Stoffer, ... '15-'20]
  - Lattice: first two solid lattice calculations

- All agree w/ older model results but error estimate much more solid and will improve
- Agreed upon average w/ NLO HLbL and conservative error estimates [WP '20]

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{QED}} - a_\mu^{\text{EW}} - a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = 709.7(4.5) \times 10^{-10} \stackrel{?}{=} a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}$$



# HVP from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had}$ (or $\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{had}$ )



$\sqrt{s}$  [GeV]

(PDG compilation)

Use [Bouchiat et al 61] optical theorem (unitarity)

$$\text{Im}[\text{Diagram}] \propto |\text{Diagram} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}|^2$$

$$\text{Im}\Pi(s) = -\frac{R(s)}{12\pi}, \quad R(s) \equiv \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$$

and a once subtracted dispersion relation (analyticity)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Pi}(Q^2) &= \int_0^\infty ds \frac{Q^2}{s(s+Q^2)} \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}\Pi(s) \\ &= \frac{Q^2}{12\pi^2} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{1}{s(s+Q^2)} R(s) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\Pi}(Q^2)$  &  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  from data: sum of exclusive  $\pi^+\pi^-$  etc. channels from CMD-2&3, SND, BES, KLOE '08,'10&'12, BABAR '09, etc.

$$a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}} = 694.0(1.0)(3.9) \times 10^{-10} \text{ [0.6\%]}$$

[DHMZ'19] (sys. domin.)

Can also use  $I(J^{PC}) = 1(1^{--})$  part of  $\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{had}$  and isospin symmetry + corrections

# Standard model prediction and comparison to experiment

# SM vs experiment: 7 April 2021, official version

SM contribution	$a_{\mu}^{\text{contrib.}} \times 10^{10}$	Ref.
HVP LO (R-ratio)	$692.8 \pm 2.4$	[KNT '19]
	$694.0 \pm 4.0$	[DHMZ '19]
	$692.3 \pm 3.3$	[CHHKS '19]
HVP LO (R-ratio, avg)	$693.1 \pm 4.0$	[WP '20]
HVP LO (lattice<2021)	$711.6 \pm 18.4$	[WP '20]
HVP NLO	$-9.83 \pm 0.07$	[Kurz et al '14, Jegerlehner '16, WP '20]
HVP NNLO	$1.24 \pm 0.01$	[Kurz '14, Jeger. '16]
HLbyL LO (pheno)	$9.2 \pm 1.9$	[WP '20]
HLbyL LO (lattice<2021)	$7.8 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.8$	[RBC '19]
HLbyL LO (lattice 2021)	$10.7 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.9$	[Mainz '21]
HLbyL LO (avg)	$9.0 \pm 1.7$	[WP '20]
HLbyL NLO (pheno)	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	[WP '20]
QED [5 loops]	$11658471.8931 \pm 0.0104$	[Aoyama '19, WP '20]
EW [2 loops]	$15.36 \pm 0.10$	[Gnendiger '15, WP '20]
HVP Tot. (R-ratio)	$684.5 \pm 4.0$	[WP '20]
HLbL Tot.	$9.2 \pm 1.8$	[WP '20]
SM [0.37 ppm]	$11659181.0 \pm 4.3$	[WP '20]
Exp [0.35 ppm]	$11659206.1 \pm 4.1$	[BNL '06 + FNAL '21]
Exp – SM	$25.1 \pm 5.9$ [4.2 $\sigma$ ]	

# SM vs experiment: 7 April 2021, alternative

SM contribution	$a_\mu^{\text{contrib.}} \times 10^{10}$	Ref.
HVP LO (R-ratio)	$692.8 \pm 2.4$	[KNT '19]
	$694.0 \pm 4.0$	[DHMZ '19]
	$692.3 \pm 3.3$	[CHHKS '19]
HVP LO (R-ratio, avg)	$693.1 \pm 4.0$	[WP '20]
HVP LO (lattice)	$707.5 \pm 5.5$	[BMWc '20]
HVP NLO	$-9.83 \pm 0.07$	[Kurz et al '14, Jegerlehner '16, WP '20]
HVP NNLO	$1.24 \pm 0.01$	[Kurz '14, Jeger. '16]
HLbyL LO (pheno)	$9.2 \pm 1.9$	[WP '20]
HLbyL LO (lattice <2021)	$7.8 \pm 3.1 \pm 1.8$	[RBC '19]
HLbyL LO (lattice 2021)	$10.7 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.9$	[Mainz '21]
HLbyL LO (avg)	$9.0 \pm 1.7$	[WP '20]
HLbyL NLO (pheno)	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	[WP '20]
QED [5 loops]	$11658471.8931 \pm 0.0104$	[Aoyama '19, WP '20]
EW [2 loops]	$15.36 \pm 0.10$	[Gnendiger '15, WP '20]
HVP Tot. (lat. + R-ratio)	$698.9 \pm 5.5$	[WP '20, BMWc '20]
HLbL Tot.	$9.2 \pm 1.8$	[WP '20]
SM [0.49 ppm]	$11659195.4 \pm 5.7$	[WP '20 + BMWc '20]
Exp [0.35 ppm]	$11659206.1 \pm 4.1$	[BNL '06 + FNAL '21]
Exp - SM	$10.7 \pm 7.0 [1.5\sigma]$	

# Very brief introduction to lattice QCD

# What is lattice QCD (LQCD)?

To describe matter w/ sub-% precision, QCD requires  $\geq 104$  numbers at every spacetime point

→  $\infty$  number of numbers in our continuous spacetime

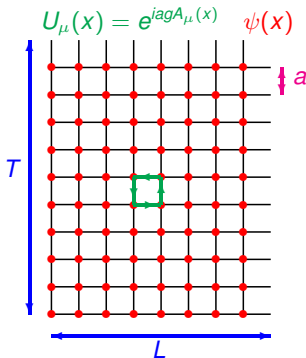
→ must temporarily “simplify” the theory to be able to calculate (*regularization*)

⇒ Lattice gauge theory → mathematically sound definition of **NP QCD**:

- **UV (& IR) cutoff** → well defined path integral in **Euclidean spacetime**:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle &= \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi e^{-S_G - \int \bar{\psi} D[M] \psi} O[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}] \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G} \det(D[M]) O[U]_{\text{Wick}}\end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G} \det(D[M]) \geq 0$  & finite # of dofs  
→ **evaluate numerically** using stochastic methods



LQCD is QCD when  $m_q \rightarrow m_q^{\text{ph}}$ ,  $a \rightarrow 0$  (after renormalization),  $L \rightarrow \infty$  (and stats  $\rightarrow \infty$ )

**HUGE conceptual and numerical ( $O(10^9)$  dofs) challenge**



# Our “accelerators”

Such computations require some of the world’s most powerful supercomputers

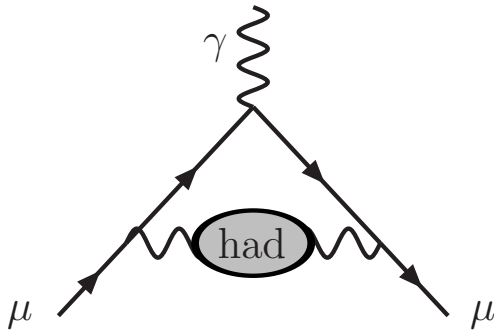


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- 1 year on supercomputer  
~ 100 000 years on laptop

- In Germany, those of the Forschungszentrum Jülich, the Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (Munich), and the High Performance Computing Center (Stuttgart); in France, Turing and Jean Zay at the Institute for Development and Resources in Intensive Scientific Computing (IDRIS) of the CNRS, and Joliot-Curie at the Very Large Computing Centre (TGCC) of the CEA, by way of the French Large-scale Computing Infrastructure (GENCI).

# Lattice QCD calculation of $a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}$



All quantities related to  $a_\mu$  will be given in units of  $10^{-10}$

# HVP from LQCD: introduction

Consider in Euclidean spacetime, i.e. spacelike  $q^2 = -Q^2 \leq 0$  [Blum '02]

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) &= \text{Diagram: } \gamma \text{ wavy line } \overset{q}{\circlearrowleft} \text{ shaded circle } \overset{q}{\circlearrowright} \text{ wavy line } \gamma \\ &= \int d^4x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \rangle \\ &= (Q_\mu Q_\nu - \delta_{\mu\nu} Q^2) \Pi(Q^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{w/ } J_\mu = \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3} \bar{c} \gamma_\mu c + \dots$$

Then [Lautrup et al '69, Blum '02]

$$a_\ell^{\text{LO-HVP}} = \alpha^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{m_\ell^2} k(Q^2/m_\ell^2) \hat{\Pi}(Q^2)$$

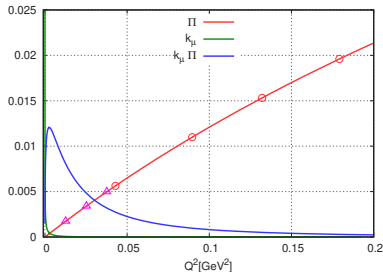
$$\text{w/ } \hat{\Pi}(Q^2) \equiv [\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0)]$$

Huge challenge: important long-distance contributions and sub-% precision needed

→ physically light  $u$  &  $d$  quarks, very large volumes, accurate  $Q^2 = 0$  subtraction, many contributions, very high statistics, ...

Contributions of  $ud, s, c \dots$  have very different systematics (and statistical errors) on lattice

→ study each one individually



$$(k_\mu(Q^2) = (\pi/m_\mu)^2 k(Q^2))$$

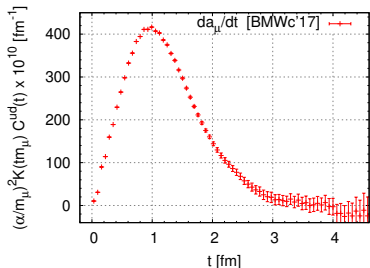
# Our lattice definition of $a_{\ell,f}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$

Combining everything, get  $a_{\ell,f}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  from  $C_{TL}^f(t)$  [Bernecker et al '11, BMWc '13, Feng et al '13, Lehner '14, ...]

$$a_{\ell,f}^{\text{LO-HVP}}(Q^2 \leq Q_{\text{max}}^2) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty, T \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^2 \left( \frac{a}{m_\ell^2} \right) \sum_{t=0}^{T/2'} K(tm_\ell, Q_{\text{max}}^2/m_\ell^2) \text{Re} C_{TL}^f(t)$$

where

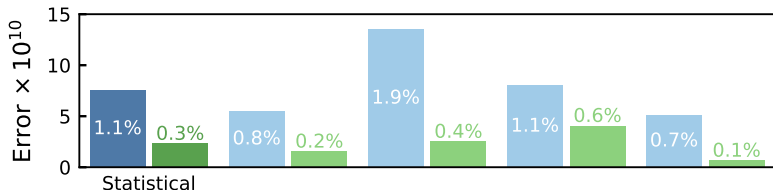
$$K(\tau, r_{\text{max}}) = \int_0^{r_{\text{max}}} dr k(r) \left( \tau^2 - \frac{4}{r} \sin^2 \frac{\tau\sqrt{r}}{2} \right)$$



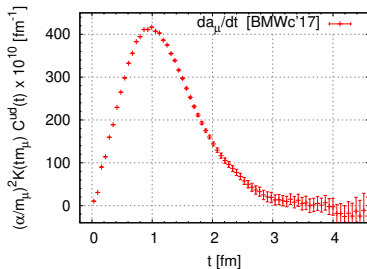
$(144 \times 96^3, a \sim 0.064 \text{ fm}, M_\pi \sim 135 \text{ MeV})$

To be competitive w/ R-ratio, had to reduce total uncertainty  $19 \times 10^{-10}$  of BMWc '17 by factor  $\sim 4$

# Key improvements: statistical noise reduction

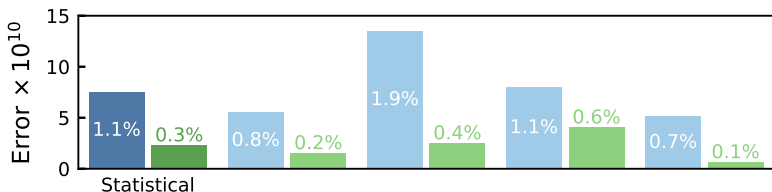


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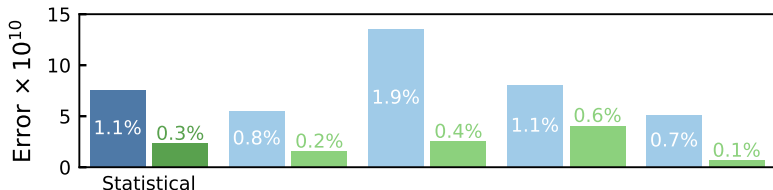


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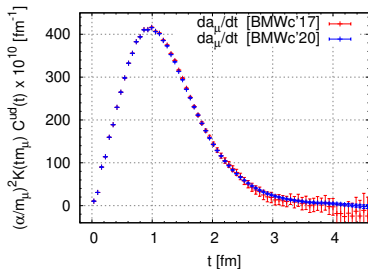
Solve w/:

- Algorithmic improvements (EigCG, solver truncation [Bali et al '09], all mode averaging [Blum et al '13]) to generate more statistics: > 25,000 gauge configurations & tens of millions of measurements
- Exact treatment of long-distance modes to reduce long-distance noise (low mode averaging [Neff et al '01, Giusti et al '04, ...])
- Rigorous upper/lower bounds on long-distance contribution [Lehner '16, BMWc '17]

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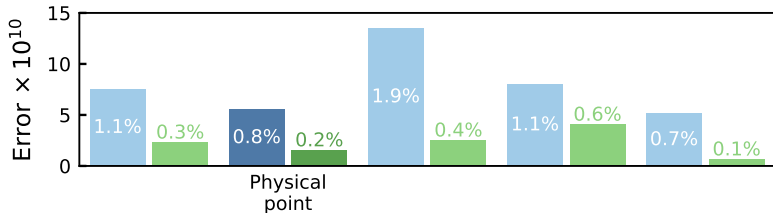


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# Key improvements: tuning of QCD parameters



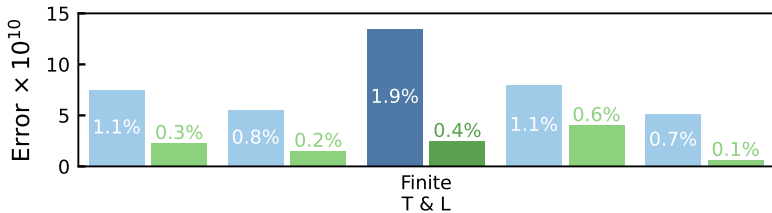
Must tune parameters of QCD very precisely:  $m_u$ ,  $m_d$ ,  $m_s$ ,  $m_c$  & overall mass scale

Solve w/:

- Permil determination of overall QCD scale
- Set w/  $\Omega^-$  baryon mass computed w/ 0.2% uncertainty
- Use Wilson flow scale [Lüscher '10, BMWc '12] to separate out electromagnetic corrections



# Key improvements: remove finite spacetime distortions



Even on “large” lattices ( $L \gtrsim 6 \text{ fm}$ ,  $T \gtrsim 9 \text{ fm}$ ), early pen-and-paper estimate [Aubin et al '16] suggested that exponentially suppressed finite-volume distortions are still  $O(2\%)$

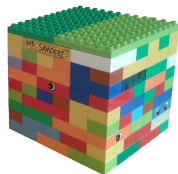
Solve by:

- Finding a way to perform dedicated supercomputer simulations to calculate effect between above and much larger  $L = T = 11 \text{ fm}$  volume directly in QCD, i.e. “big” – “ref”
- Computing remnant  $\sim 0.1\%$  effect of “big” volume w/ pheno. models of QCD that correctly predict “big” – “ref”

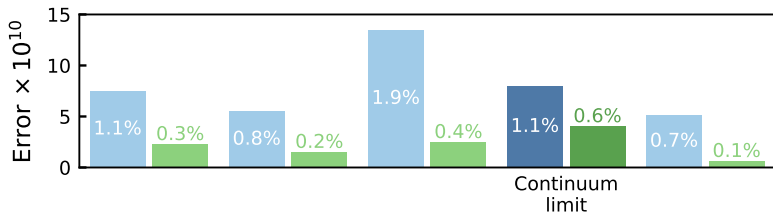
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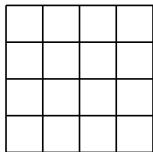
← “big”



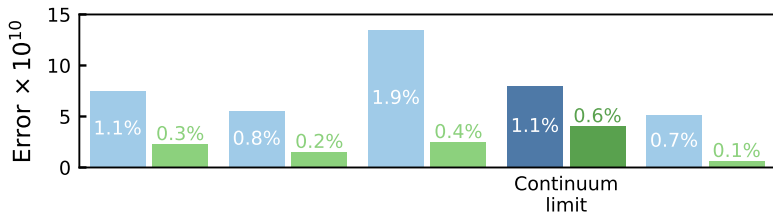
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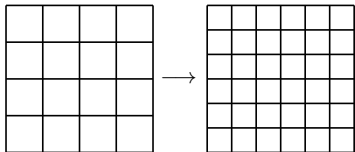
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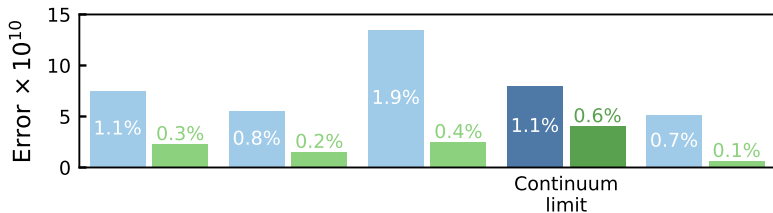
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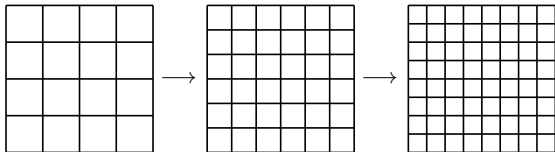
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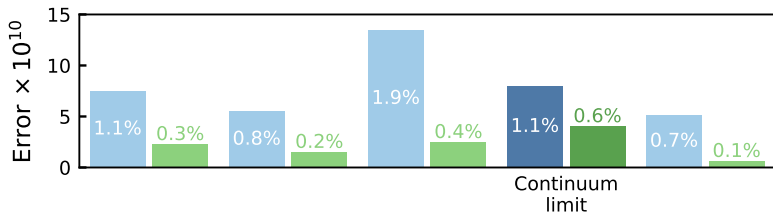
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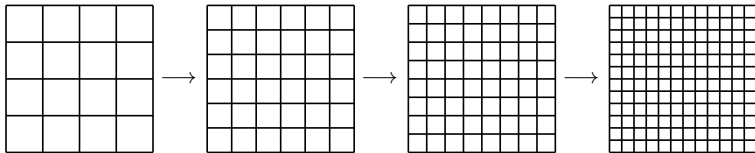
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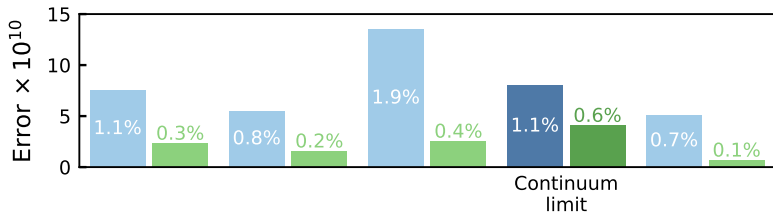
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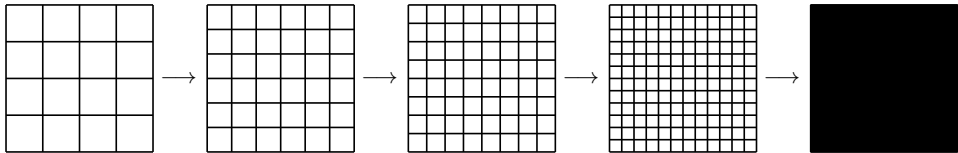
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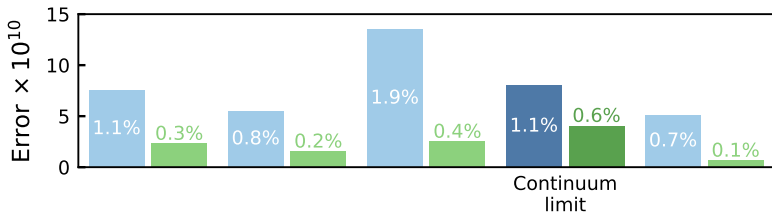
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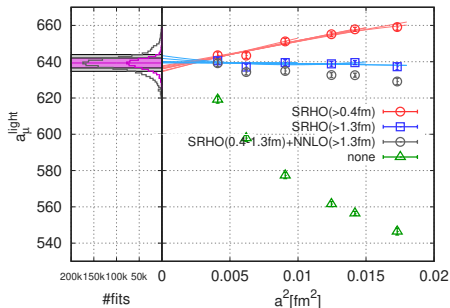
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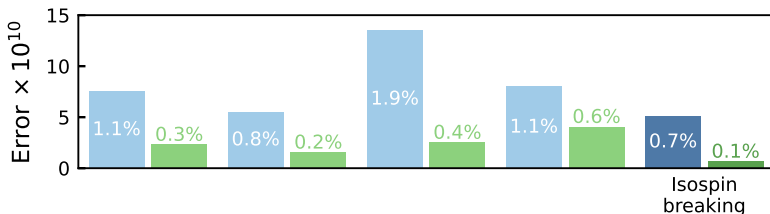
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Control  $a \rightarrow 0$  extrapolation of results by:

- Performing all calculations on lattices w/ 6 values of  $a$  in range  $0.134 \text{ fm} \rightarrow 0.064 \text{ fm}$
- Reducing statistical error at smallest  $a$  from 1.9% to 0.3% !
- Improving approach to continuum limit w/ pheno. models for QCD [Sakurai '60, Bijens et al '99, Jegerlehner et al '11, Chakraborty et al '17, BMWc '20] shown to reproduce distortions observed at  $a > 0$
- Extrapolate results to  $a=0$  using theory as guide



# Key improvements: QED and $m_u \neq m_d$ corrections

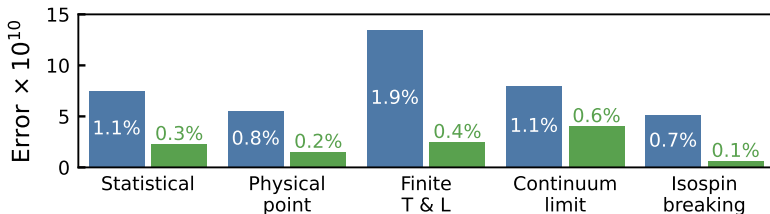


For subpercent accuracy, must include small effects from electromagnetism and due to fact that masses of  $u$  and  $d$  quarks are not quite equal

- Effects are proportional to powers of  $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \sim 0.01$  and  $\frac{m_d - m_u}{(M_p/3)} \sim 0.01$
- ⇒ for SM calculation at **permil** accuracy sufficient to take into account contributions proportional to only first power of  $\alpha$  or  $\frac{m_d - m_u}{(M_p/3)}$
- We include *all* such contributions for *all* calculated quantities needed in calculation



# Robust determination of uncertainties

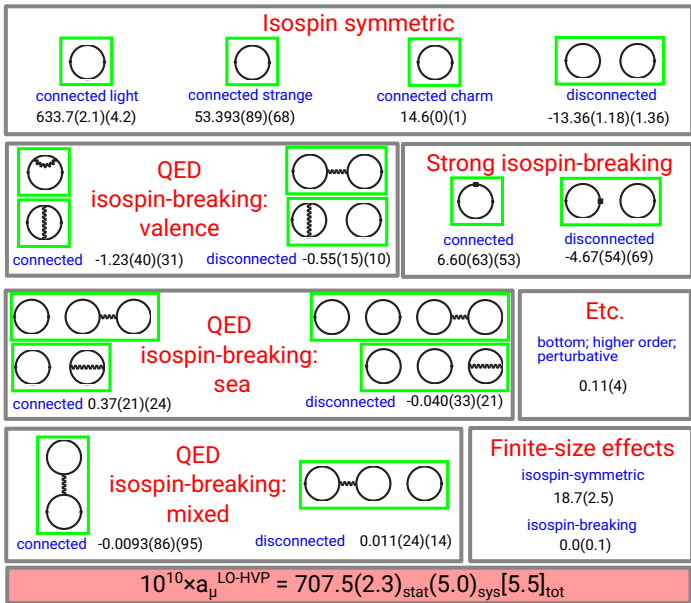


Thorough and robust determination of **statistical** and **systematic** uncertainties

- Stat. err.: resampling methods
- Syst. err.: extended frequentist approach [BMWc '08, '14]
  - Hundreds of thousands of different analyses of correlation functions
  - Weighted by AIC weight
  - Use median of distribution for central values & 16 ÷ 84% confidence interval to get total error

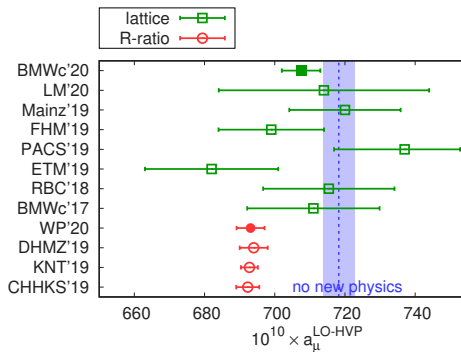
(Nature paper has 95 pp. Supplementary information detailing methods)

# Summary of contributions to $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$



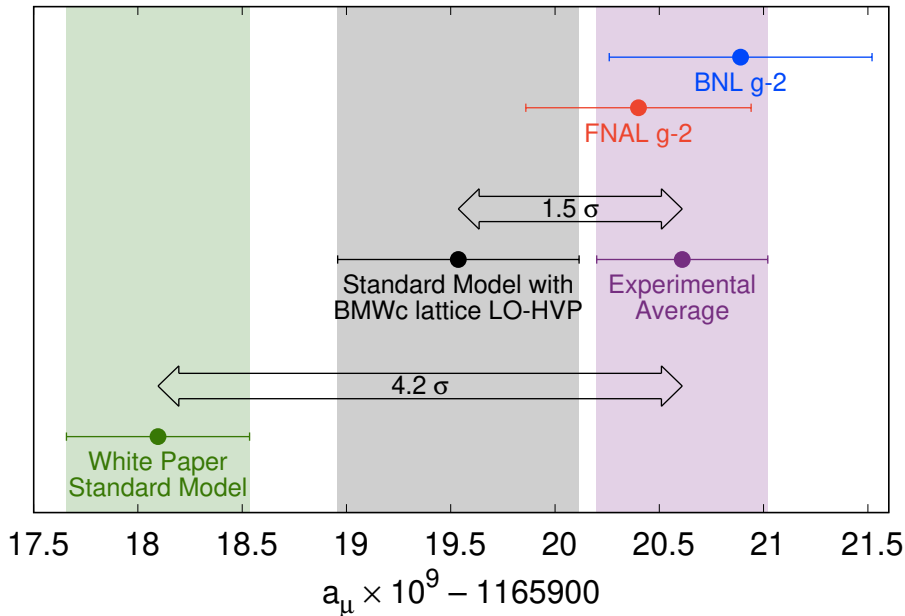
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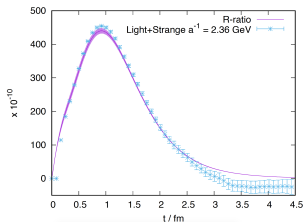
- Consistent with other lattice results
- Total uncertainty is divided by  $3 \div 4 \dots$
- ... and comparable to R-ratio and experiment
- Consistent w/ experiment @  $1.5\sigma$  (“no new physics” scenario) !
- $2.1\sigma$  larger than R-ratio average value [WP '20]

# Fermilab plot, April 7 2021, BMWc version

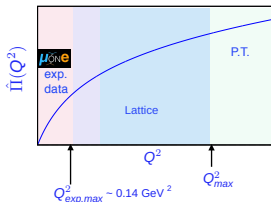


# What next?

- **FNAL** to reduce its error by factor of  $\sim 4$  in coming years
- HLbL error must be reduced by factor of  $1.5 \div 2$
- Must reduce ours by factor of  $4$  !
- And must reduce proportion of *systematics* in theory error
- Will experiment still agree with our prediction ?
- Must be confirmed by other lattice groups
- If confirmed, must understand why lattice doesn't agree with R-ratio
- If disagreement can be fixed, combine LQCD and phenomenology to improve overall uncertainty [RBC/UKQCD '18]
- Important to pursue  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons measurements [BaBar, CMD-3, BES III, Belle II, ...]
- $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e$  experiment **MUonE** very important for experimental crosscheck and complementarity w/ LQCD
- Important to build **J-PARC**  $g_\mu - 2$  and pursue  $a_e$  experiments



[RBC/UKQCD '18]



[Marinkovic et al '19]

