

Muon $g - 2$ from lattice QCD

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Introduction

- Standard Model : the muon is an elementary particle
- Same charge but 200 heavier than the electron
- Spin 1/2 particle
- The magnetic moment of the muon is proportional to the spin $\vec{\mu} = g \left(\frac{Qe}{2m} \right) \vec{s}$

$$a_{\mu} = \frac{g - 2}{2}$$

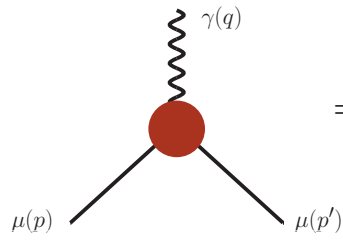
Why is this observable so interesting ?

- 1) can be measured very precisely : < 0.5 ppm !
- 2) can also be predicted very precisely in the SM
- 3) sensitive to new physics

Introduction

► Corrections to the vertex function : Dirac and Pauli form factors

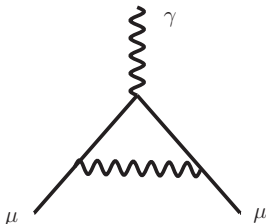
Assuming **Lorentz invariance** and **P and T symmetries**, the vertex function can be decomposed into 2 form factors



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -ie \bar{u}(p', \sigma') \Gamma_\mu(p', p) u(p, \sigma) \\
 &= -ie \bar{u}(p', \sigma') \left[\gamma_\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p, \sigma)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_1(0) = 1 \text{ (charge conservation)}$$

$$F_2(0) = a_\mu = \frac{g-2}{2}$$

► **Classical result** : $g = 2$ for elementary fermions (Dirac equation)

Quantum field theory : $a_\mu = \frac{g-2}{2} \neq 0$

↪ quantum effects

$$a_\mu^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \approx 0.00116 \quad [\text{Schwinger '48}]$$

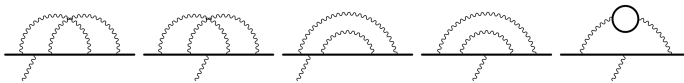
Standard model contributions : QED

- **QED accounts for more than 99.99% of the final result** [Aoyama et al. '12 '19]

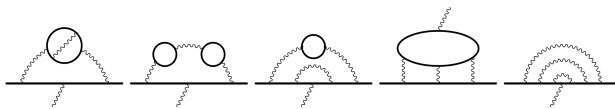
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) a_{\mu}^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 a_{\mu}^{(2)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 a_{\mu}^{(3)} + \dots$$

→ 5-loop contributions are known!

Order α^4 (7 diagrams)

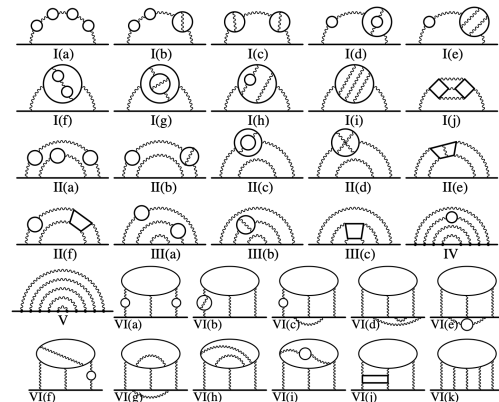


Order α^6 (72 diagrams)



Order α^8 (891 diagrams) ...

Order α^{10} (12 672 diagrams)



n	$a_{\mu}^{(1)} \times 10^{11}$	n	$a_{\mu}^{(1)} \times 10^{11}$
1	116 140 973.321(23)	4	381.004(17)
2	413 217.6258(70)	5	5.0783(59)
3	30 141.90233(33)		

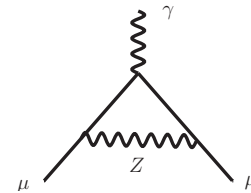
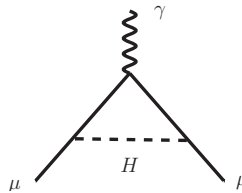
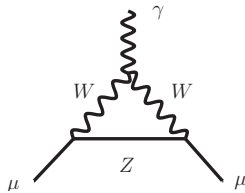
→ Uncertainty far below Δa_{μ} . **Strong test of QED.**

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = 116\,584\,718.931(104) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = 116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11}$$

Standard model contributions

- **Electroweak corrections** [Czarnecki '02] [Gnendiger '13]



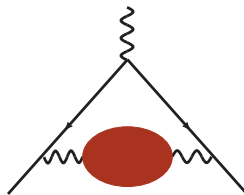
→ Two-loop contributions are known : $a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}} \times 10^{11} = 153.6(1.0)$

→ Contributes to only 1.5 ppm ($\sim 4 \times \text{exp. error}$) \Rightarrow **under control**

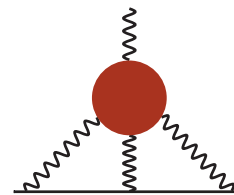
- **QCD corrections**

→ Quarks and gluons do not directly couple to the muon : contribution via loop diagrams

→ The two relevant contributions (to reduce the error) are



Hadronic Vacuum Polarisation (LO-HVP, α^2)



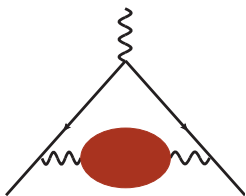
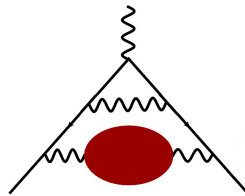
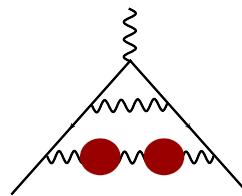
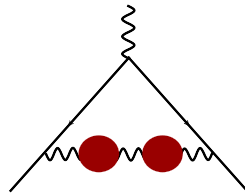
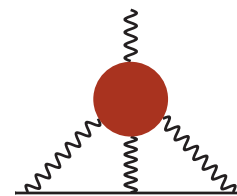
Hadronic Light-by-Light scattering (HLbL, α^3)

- **Contribution from unknown particles / interactions (?)**

$$a_{\ell}^{\text{NP}} = \mathcal{C} \frac{m_{\ell}^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

→ Talk tomorrow morning by Martin Hoferichter

Other hadronic contributions

LO HVP (α^2)NLO HVP (α^3)NNLO HVP (α^4)HLbL (α^3)

- **LO HVP** : includes photons in the QCD blob
→ strictly speaking, not an expansion in α , but consistent !
- **NLO HVP** and **NNLO HVP** differ by the QED kernel functions
→ NLO HVP : same order as HLbL (but negative contribution)
→ Not negligible, but error under control (the required relative precision is smaller)

Theory status just after the white-paper (2020)

The Muon $g - 2$ Theory Initiative :

- website : <https://muon-gm2-theory.illinois.edu/>
- White Paper posted 10 June 2020

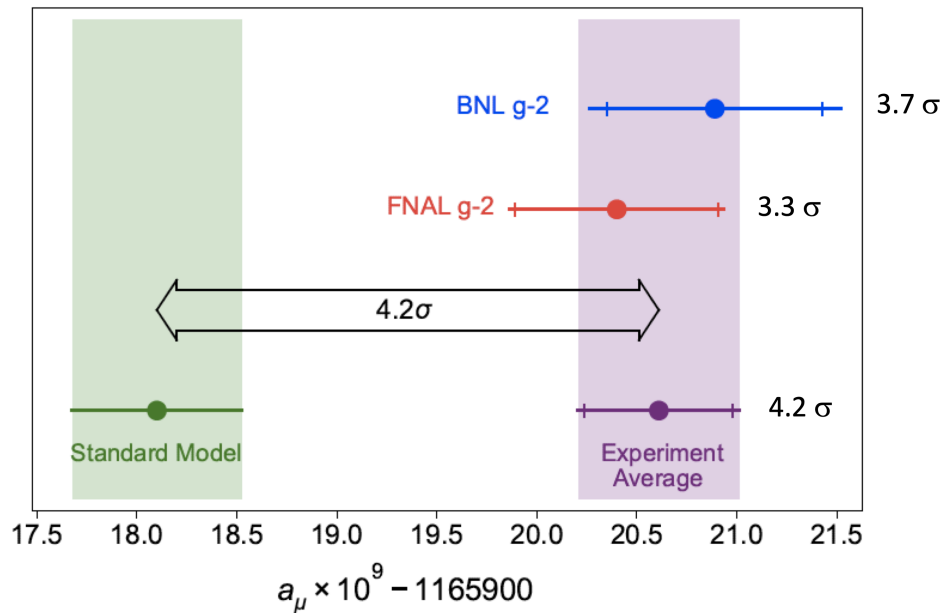
The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon in the Standard Model [Phys.Rept. 887 (2020) 1-166]

Contribution	$a_\mu \times 10^{11}$	
- QED (leptons, 10 th order)	$116\,584\,718.931 \pm 0.104$	[Aoyama et al. '12 '19]
- Electroweak	153.6 ± 1.0	[Gnendiger et al. '13]
- Strong contributions		
HVP (LO)	$6\,931 \pm 40$	[DHMZ '19, KNT '20]
HVP (NLO)	-98.3 ± 0.7	[Hagiwara et al. '11]
HVP (NNLO)	12.4 ± 0.1	[Kurtz et al. '14]
HLbL	92 ± 18	[See WP]
Total (theory)	$116\,591\,810 \pm 43$	

→ The error budget is totally dominated by hadronic contributions !

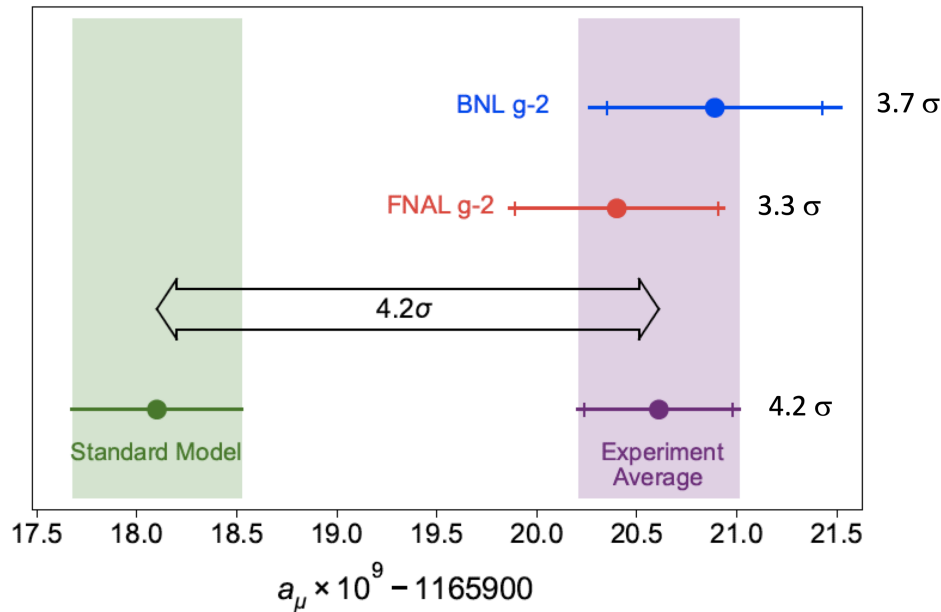
→ Lattice calculations can play a major role there.

Status after the first run of the E989 experiment at Fermilab



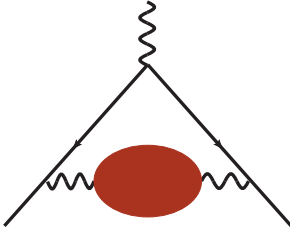
- Remarkable confirmation of the Brookhaven result (2004)
- Similar precision for both theory and experiment
- This is a large discrepancy ($2 \times$ electroweak contribution!)
- Theory error is dominated by hadronic contributions
 - reduction of the theory error by a factor of 3-4 needed to match upcoming experiments

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**BUT :**

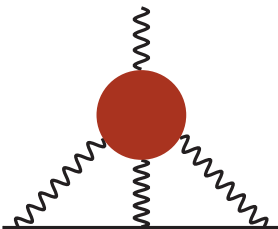
- does not include the most recent lattice results
 - complete lattice calculation of the HLbL contribution by Mainz [Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) 7, 651]
 - first sub-percent calculation of the HVP contribution by BMW [Nature 593 (2021) 7857]

Outline of the talk : hadronic contributions

► **Hadronic Vacuum Polarisation** (HVP, α^2)

- Blobs : all possible intermediate hadronic states ($\pi\pi, \dots$)
- Precision physics (Goal : precision $< 0.3\%$)

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \text{blob} = \int d^4x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle V_\mu(x) V_\nu(0) \rangle$$

► **Hadronic Light-by-Light scattering** (HLbL, α^3)

Hadronic light-by-light tensor $\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(p_1, p_2, p_3)$

- Small but **contributes to the total uncertainty!**
- 4-point correlation function
- More difficult, but 10% precision is enough

Standard model prediction of hadronic contributions

- ▶ Perturbative QCD not applicable : **we need non-perturbative methods**
- ▶ Two first-principle approaches :

The dispersive framework (data-driven)

- based on analyticity, unitarity ...
- ... but relies on experimental data
- several group have published results for the HVP [Davier et al. '19] [Keshavarzi et al. '20]
- more difficult for the Light-by-Light, but a lot of progress recently
(analytic structure of the 4-point function more difficult, exp. data sometimes missing)

Lattice QCD

- ab-initio calculations (it is not a model!)
 - need to control all sources of error (challenging at this level of precision)
 - many groups : so cross-checks are possible
- ▶ It provides **two completely independent determinations**

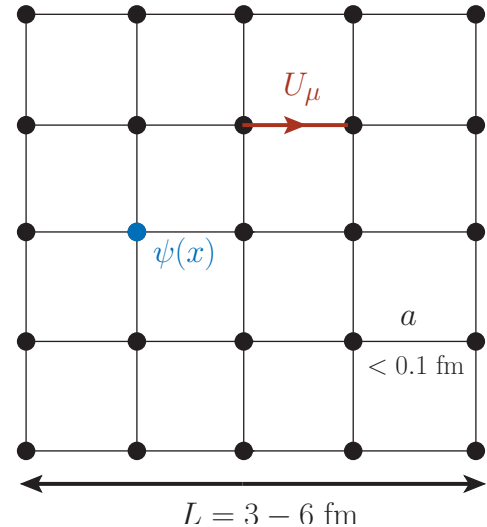
Lattice QCD

- ▶ Rigorous calculation : specific regularization of the path integral

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[U] \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}] \mathcal{D}[\psi] \mathcal{O}[\bar{\psi}, \psi, U] e^{-S_E[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi]}$$

- ▶ Use an hypercubic lattice to regularize the theory :

- **Lattice spacing** : UV regulator
- **Finite volume** : IR regulator
- **Different discretizations are possible**
 ⇒ Different properties, numerical costs
- Finite number of degrees of freedom
 ⇒ **numerical simulations**



- ▶ **Very large number of degrees of freedom** ⇒ Stochastic evaluation using Monte-Carlo
 → generate n gauge configurations $\{U_\mu^{(i)}\}$ with probability weight given by the action

$$\bar{\mathcal{O}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_F [U_\mu^{(i)}] = \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle + \delta \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{statistical error}$$

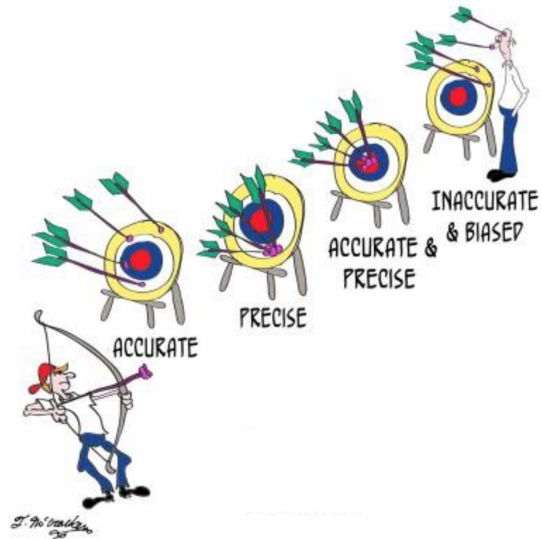
Lattice QCD : sources of errors

Statistical error

- ▶ Monte-Carlo algorithm : statistical error $\rightarrow \sim 1/\sqrt{N_{\text{meas}}}$

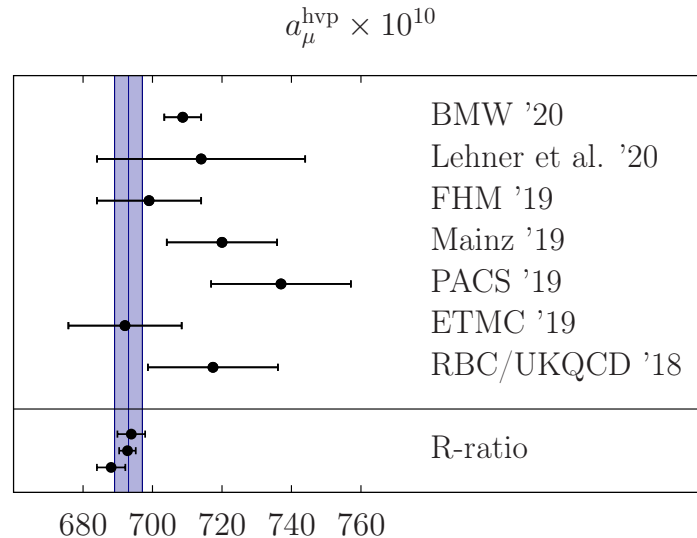
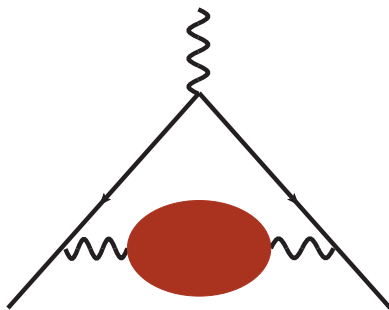
Systematic errors

- ▶ **Finite lattice spacing** : continuum extrapolation
- ▶ **Finite volume**
→ one should take the infinite volume limit
- ▶ **Isospin-breaking and QED corrections**
→ Need to be included at this level of precision

**Effective field theories are helpful**


- ▶ Symanzik Effective Field Theory : behavior of the continuum extrapolation
- ▶ Chiral perturbation theory : quark mass dependence, volume effects
- ▶ They are valuable guide to reach the physical point !

Hadronic vacuum polarization

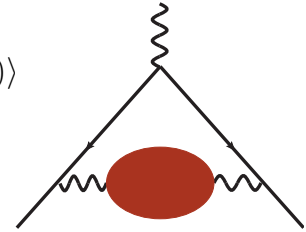


- Many lattice collaborations (with different systematic errors)
- Precision of about 2% for lattice, 0.6% for the data driven approach
- Recent lattice calculation below 1% by the Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal collaboration

Lattice QCD approach to the hadronic vacuum polarization (HVP)

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \text{Diagram} = (Q_\mu Q_\nu - \delta_{\mu\nu} Q^2) \Pi(Q^2) = \int d^4x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle V_\mu(x) V_\nu(0) \rangle$$


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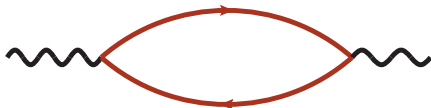
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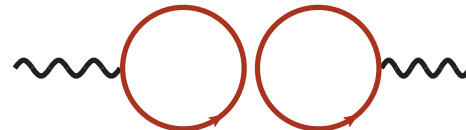
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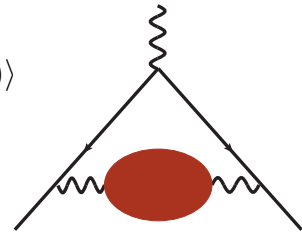


$O(1 - 2\%)$

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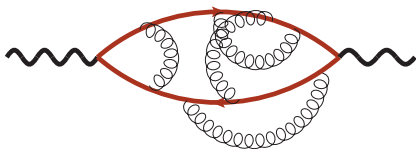
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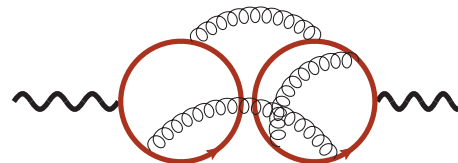
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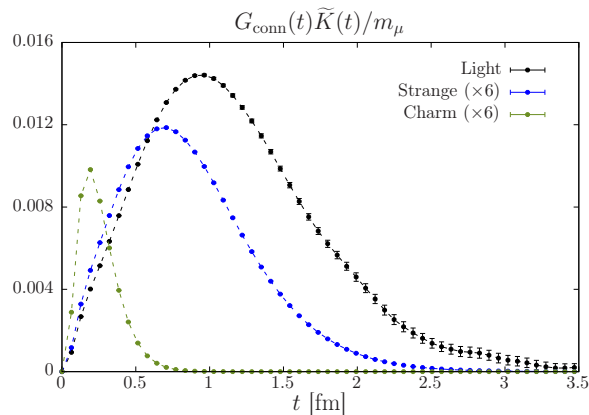
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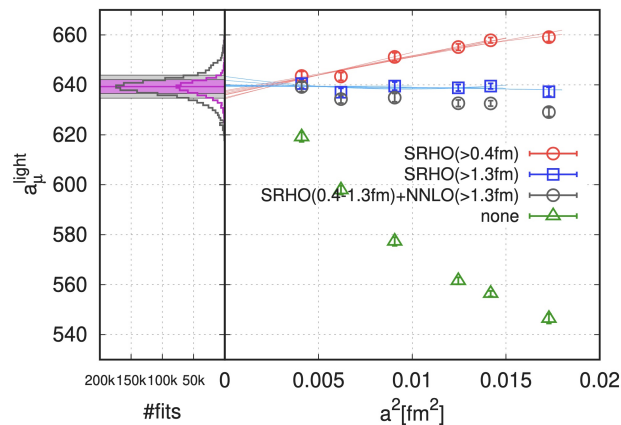
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Challenges for sub-percent precision

▶ Noise problem (light-quark contribution)



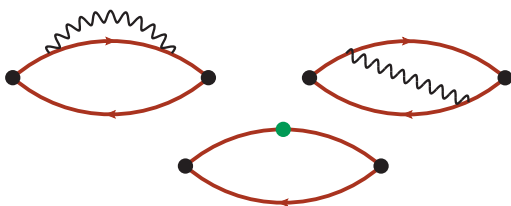
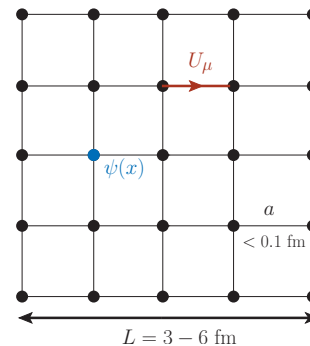
▶ Continuum extrapolation [BMW '20]



▶ QED / strong isospin breaking corrections

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$$Q_u \neq Q_d : \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{em}}) \approx 1/100$$

▶ Finite-volume effects $\mathcal{O}(3\%)$ 

Solution to the noise problem

Signal / noise problem

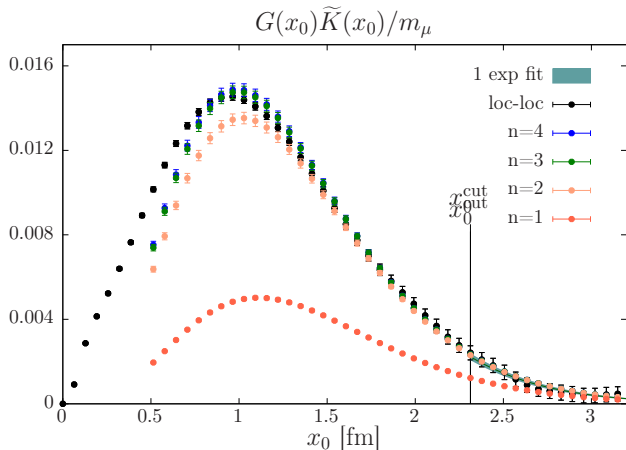
Solution to the noise problem

The vector correlators admits a spectral decomposition :

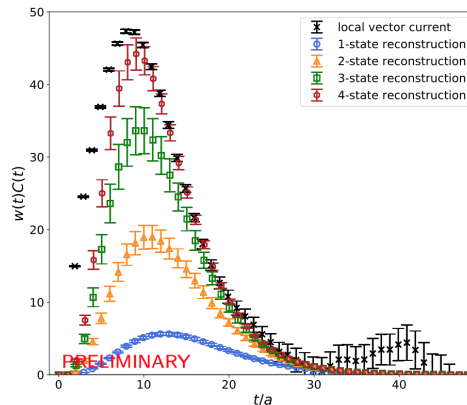
$$\langle V(x_0)V(0) \rangle = \sum_n \langle 0|V|n \rangle \frac{1}{2E_n} \langle n|V(0)|0 \rangle e^{-E_n x_0}$$

- $|n \rangle$ are the **eigenstates in finite volume**
- E_n and $\langle 0|V|n \rangle$ can be computed on the lattice using sophisticated spectroscopy methods

[Mainz and RBC/UKQCD Collaborations]



[A. Gerardin et al, Phys.Rev. D100 (2019), 014510]



[Plot by A. Meyer (RBC/UKQCD) @ Lattice 2019]

→ Only a few states are needed (but more states needed at the physical pion mass)

→ **Noise now grows linearly with x_0 (not exponentially)**

→ Can be combined with powerful algorithmic improvements.

Corrections for finite-size effects

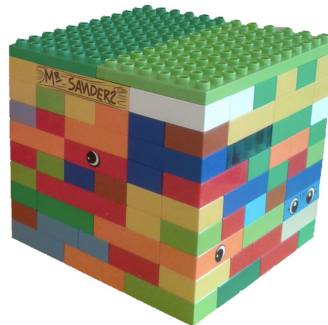


Finite volume effects

Corrections for finite-size effects

▶ **Direct lattice calculation** [Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal '21]

$$L_{\text{ref}} = 6.272 \text{ fm}$$



$$L_{\text{big}} = 10.752 \text{ fm}$$

→ Finite size effects correction : about 3% with $L = 6 \text{ fm}$

→ Very expensive calculation : volume effects are most important at large distances

▶ **Effective field theories can also be used**

→ **analytical results**

→ better understanding of the volume dependence

→ NNLO-ChiPT : [C. Aubin et al, arXiv :1905.09307], [J. Bijnens et al, JHEP 1712 (2017) 114]

→ Correction based on the time-like pion form factor [H. Meyer, Phys.Rev.Lett. 107 (2011)]

→ Hamiltonian approach in [M. Hansen, A. Patella, arXiv :1904.10010]

→ **In very good agreement with the direct lattice calculation**

Isospin-breaking corrections

QED + strong isospin-breaking effects

Isospin-breaking corrections

- Lattice simulations are usually performed with QCD only and assuming $m_u = m_d$

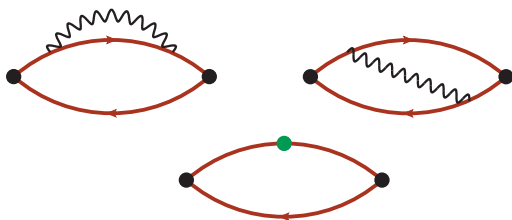
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Strong isospin breaking

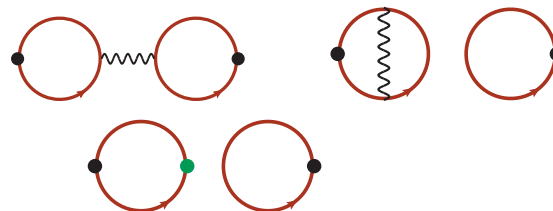
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Electromagnetic isospin breaking

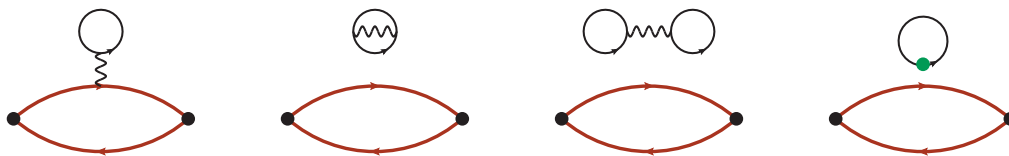
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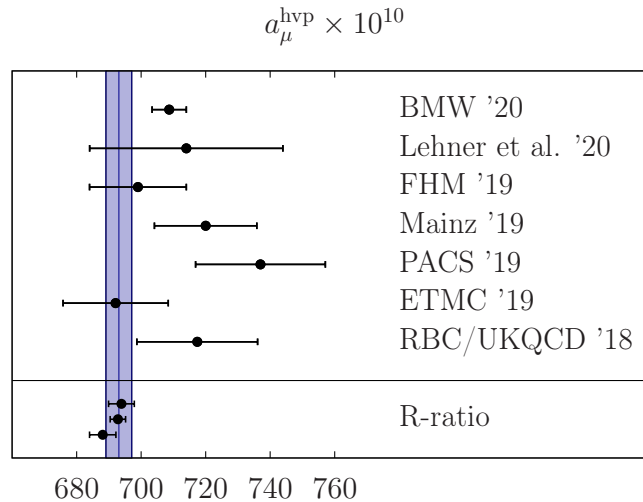


- **Challenging** : beyond the electro-quenched approximation (diagrams are $1/N_c$ suppressed)



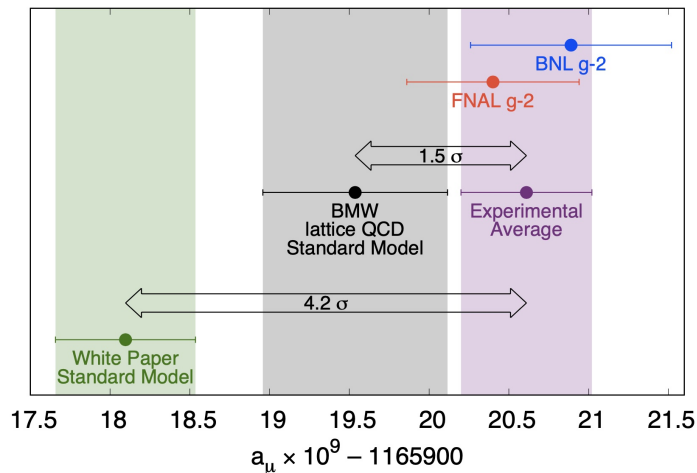
- BMW '21 : **first calculation that includes all diagrams**. About 1% of the full contribution.

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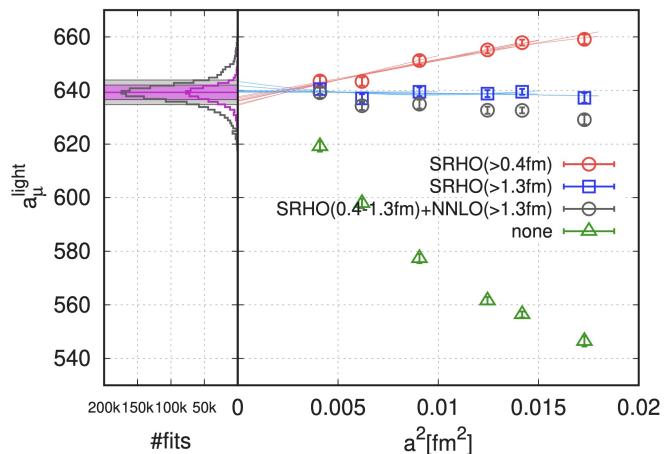
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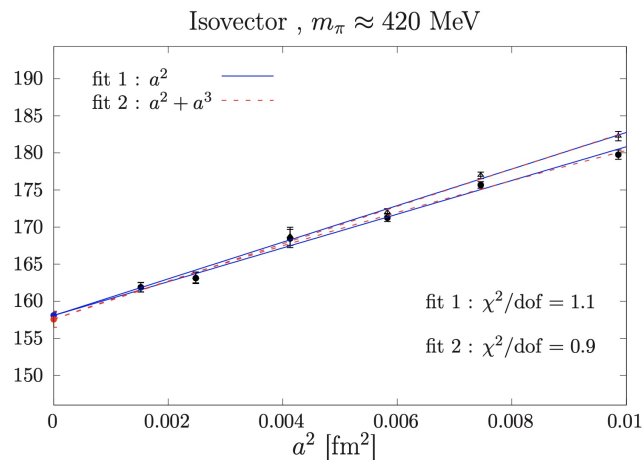
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What could go wrong on the lattice?

- Is the continuum extrapolation under control?
 - Based on Symanzik Effective Field Theory : one expects a^2 scaling ...
 - ... up to logarithms $a^2 / \log(a)^\Gamma$!
 - For pure Yang-Mills one has $\Gamma > 0$. Might also be true for QCD [Husung et al '19]
 - Often logarithms are neglected (2 reasons : Γ are not known + lack of data)



[BMW collaboration]



[Mainz group]

What could go wrong on the lattice ?

► What can be done ?

- comparison between different collaborations :
 - different discretization of the action (Wilson, Domain Wall, staggered)
 - with different approach to the continuum limit.
- it is extremely important to have many (small !) lattice spacings
 - Are we in the scaling regime ? Are logarithms under control ?

► Time momentum representation (TMR)

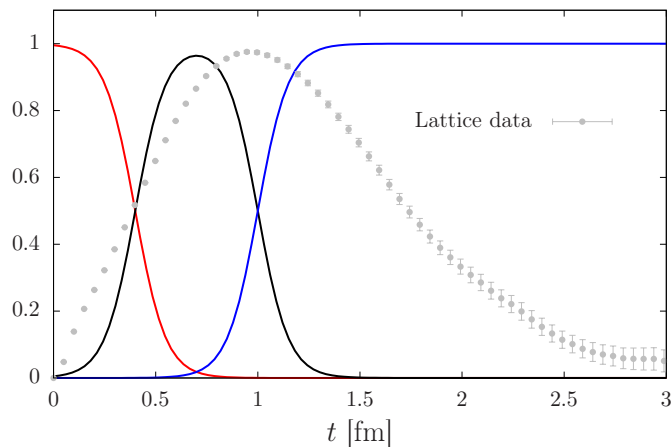
$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dx_0 K(x_0) G(x_0), \quad G(x_0) = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle V_k(x) V_k(0) \rangle$$

- most collaborations use the TMR method (time is treated differently)
- in principle it is perfectly fine, but we might miss a systematic error
- different approaches have been proposed [Meyer '18], not yet used in practice

► Cross check using a second observable :

- based on the same lattice data (vector correlator)
- easier to calculate

Window observables and cross-checks



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{win}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sum_t G(t) K(t) W(t; t_0, t_1)$$

→ Short distances (SD)

→ Intermediate distances (ID)

→ Long distances (LD)

- ▶ By construction, the sum over the 3 windows gives the full contribution

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}} = a_{\mu}^{\text{win,SD}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{win,ID}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{win,LD}}$$

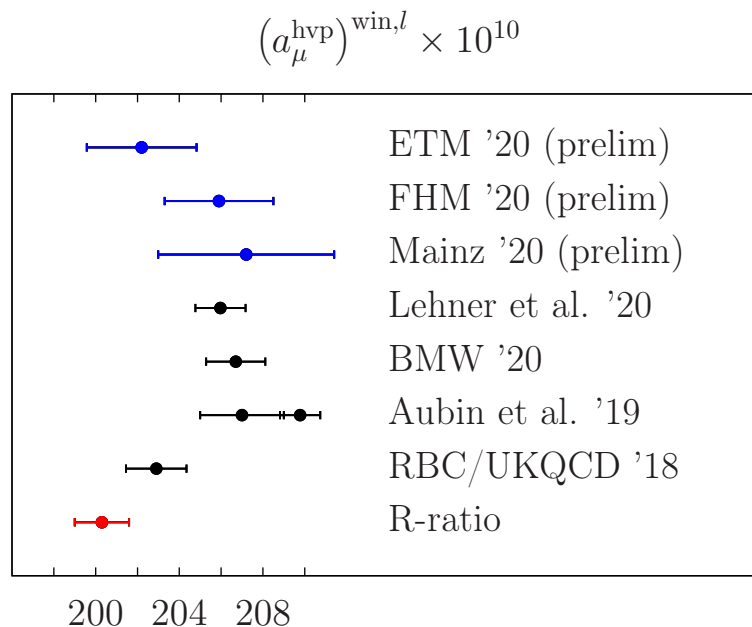
- ▶ Each window observable is subject to very different systematic errors

Short-distance	Intermediate-distance	Long-distance
stat. precise	stat. precise	noise problem
discretization effects	small finite volume effect	finite volume corrections
		large taste breaking (staggered)

Cross-checks : window quantities

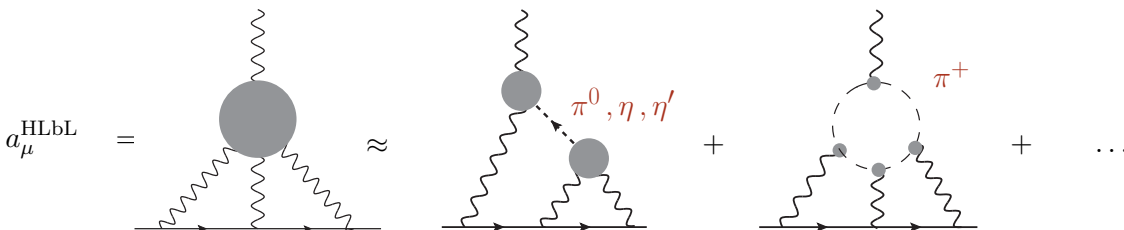
- ▶ workshop organized in November 2020 to discuss those issues

[<https://indico.cern.ch/event/956699/>]



- ▶ lattice results systematically above the R -ratio
- ▶ agreement between lattice calculations not yet satisfactory : need to be improved !

Hadronic light-by-light scattering contribution



Dispersive framework ('21) $a_\mu \times 10^{11}$

π^0, η, η'	93.8 ± 4
pion/kaon loops	-16.4 ± 0.2
S-wave $\pi\pi$	-8 ± 1
axial vector	6 ± 6
scalar + tensor	-1 ± 3
q-loops / short. dist. cstr	15 ± 10
charm + heavy q	3 ± 1
total HLbL	92 ± 19
LO HVP	6931 ± 40

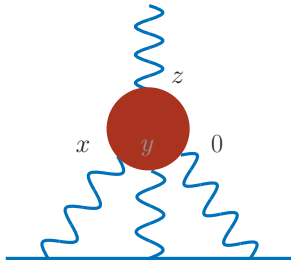
► results from [\[Phys. Rept. 887 \(2020\) 1-166\]](#)

► Enters at $O(a^3)$

► $\Delta a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 28 \times 10^{-10} \approx 3 \times a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}}$

Direct lattice calculation of the Hadronic light-by-light contribution

- Two collaborations : RBC/UKQCD and Mainz, both using position space approaches
- Mainz approach : position-space [Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021)] [Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020)3]



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}} = \frac{me^6}{3} \int d^4y \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y) i\widehat{\Pi}_{\rho,\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(x,y)$$

$$i\widehat{\Pi}_{\rho,\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(x,y) = - \int d^4z z_{\rho} \langle J_{\mu}(x) J_{\nu}(y) J_{\sigma}(z) J_{\lambda}(0) \rangle$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y)$ is the QED kernel, computed semi-analytically in infinite volume
- Avoid $1/L^2$ finite-volume effects from the massless photons $\Rightarrow \sim e^{-m_{\pi}L}$

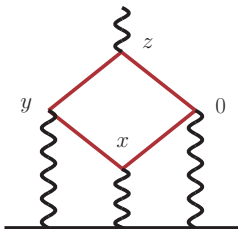
- RBC/UKQCD : [T. Blum et al, Phys.Rev. D93 (2016)] [arXiv :1911.08123]

→ Similar strategy

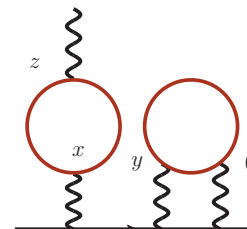
→ QED_L : photon in finite volume \Rightarrow power-law volume corrections

Wick contractions : 5 classes of diagrams

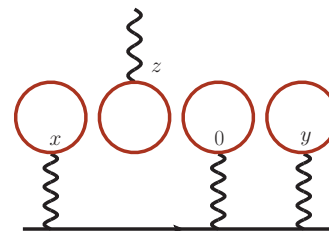
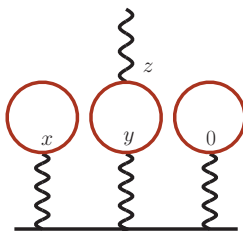
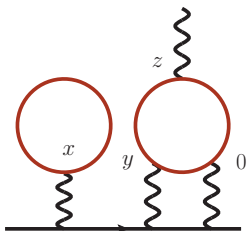
- Fully connected contribution



- Leading 2+2 (quark) disconnected contribution



- Sub-dominant disconnected contributions (3+1, 2+1+1, 1+1+1+1)



- Second set of diagrams vanish in the SU(3) limit (at least one quark loop which couple to a single photon)

→ Smaller contributions, have been shown to be irrelevant at the 10% level [Mainz '21 : 2104.02632]

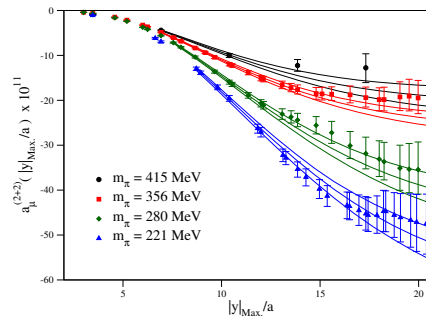
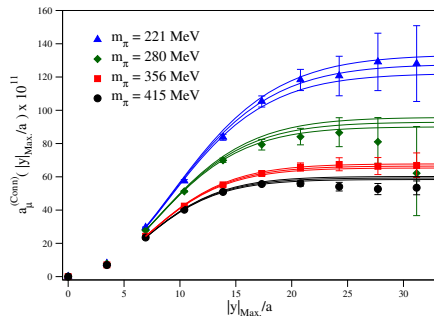
- 2+2 disconnected diagrams are not negligible!

→ Large- N_c prediction : 2+2 disc \approx - 50 % \times connected [Bijnens '16]

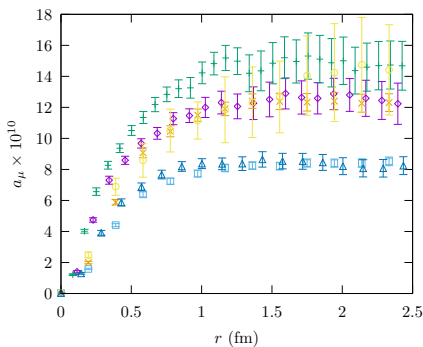
→ Cancellation \Rightarrow more difficult (correlations does not seems to help in practice ...)

Large cancellation between the two leading contributions

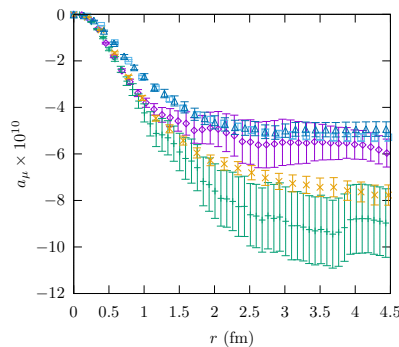
- Connected and disconnected contributions from Mainz ($m_\pi = 200$ MeV)



- Connected and disconnected contribution from RBC/UKQCD at the physical pion mass



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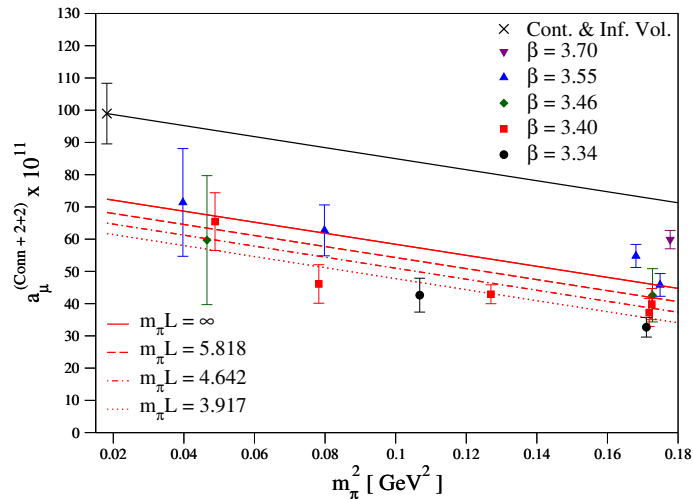


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- signal/noise problem even more difficult than HVP

Which errors are relevant

Mainz group [2104.02632]

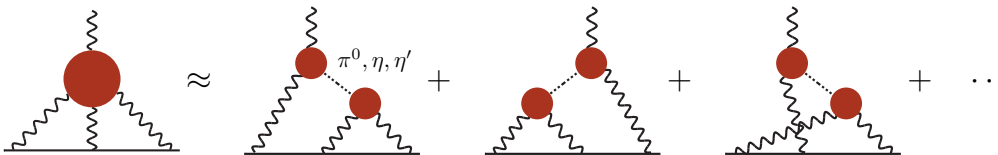


- Statistical noise at long distances
- Finite-volume effects are large
- Continuum extrapolation

→ Chiral extrapolation milder than expected (based on π^0 -pole contribution)

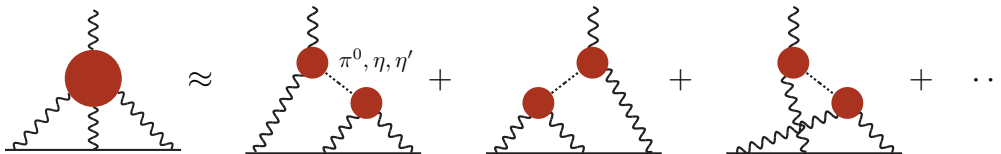
→ Isospin-breaking corrections are not relevant here

- Both long-range contribution and finite-volume effects are well describe by π^0 -exchange :

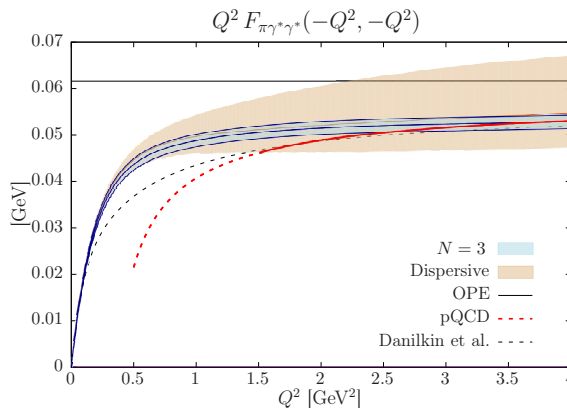
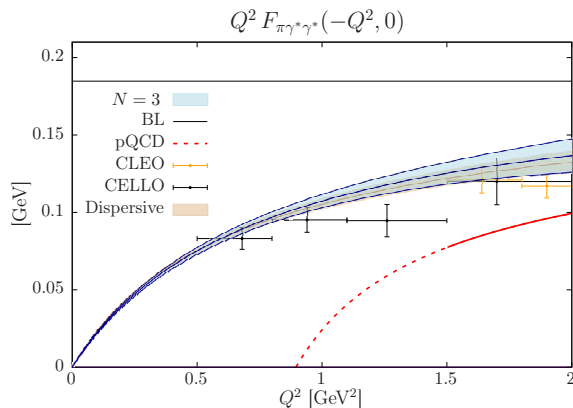


→ the key ingredient is the pion transition form factor $\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma\gamma}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2)$

Lattice inputs for the dispersive framework : the pion-pole contribution



- Pion transition form factor



- Fully model independent

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL};\pi^0} = (59.9 \pm 3.6) \times 10^{-11}$$

→ Compatible with the dispersive result

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL};\pi^0} = 62.6_{-2.5}^{+3.0} \times 10^{-11}$$

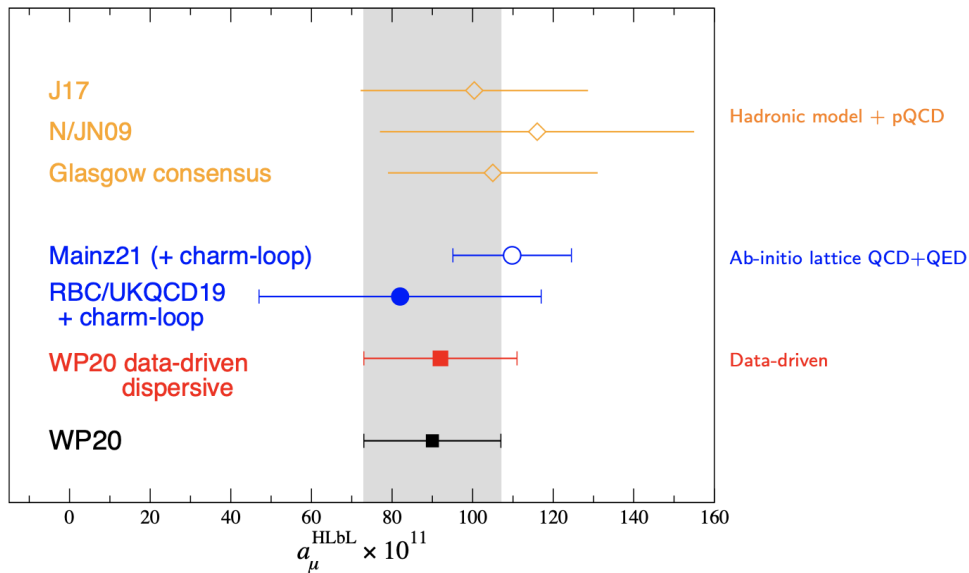
[Hoferichter et al. '18]

[A. G et al, Phys.Rev. D100 (2019)]

- The BMW and ETM collaborations have presented preliminary results for the η and η'

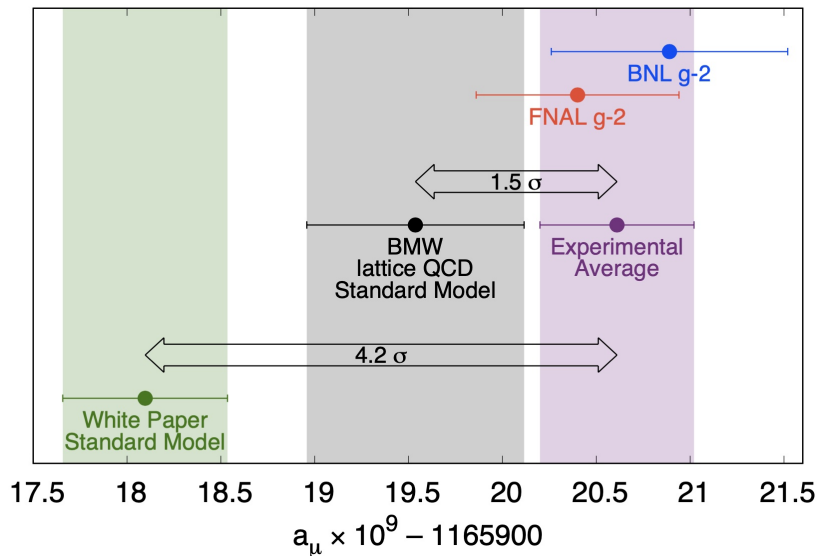
Conclusion HLbL : Summary of lattice results

Status of hadronic light-by-light contribution



- ▶ **First lattice QCD results are now published**
 - In good agreement with the dispersive framework
 - But systematic errors are sizeable, cross-checks would be welcome
- ▶ **Lattice can also provide valuable inputs to the dispersive framework**
 - pseudoscalar-pole contribution (π^0, η, η')
- ▶ **Close, but not yet at the target precision ($< 10\%$)**

Conclusion



► First run $\approx 1/20$ of the expected total statistics

→ are we close to NP discovery?

→ non-perturbative hadronic contributions dominate the error

→ the recent BMW lattice result **reduces the tension with the measurement!**

→ ... but there is now a tension with the dispersive framework : need confirmation!

► Rapid progress on the lattice

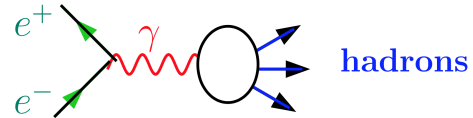
→ first sub-percent lattice calculation by BMW, but in tension with R-ratio estimates

→ first complete calculation by Mainz : confirm the size of the HLbL contribution

Hadronic vacuum polarization : dispersive framework

- Use analyticity + optical theorem

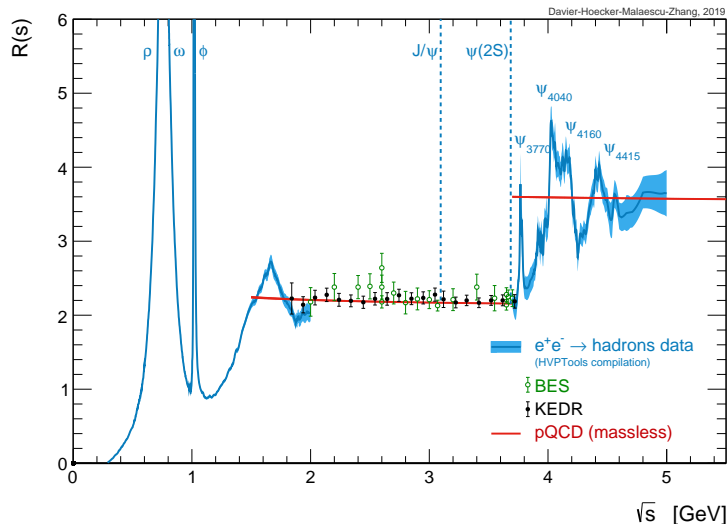
$$R_{\text{had}}(s) = \frac{\sigma^0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{(4\pi\alpha^2/3s)}$$



- $\widehat{K}(s)$ is a known kernel function

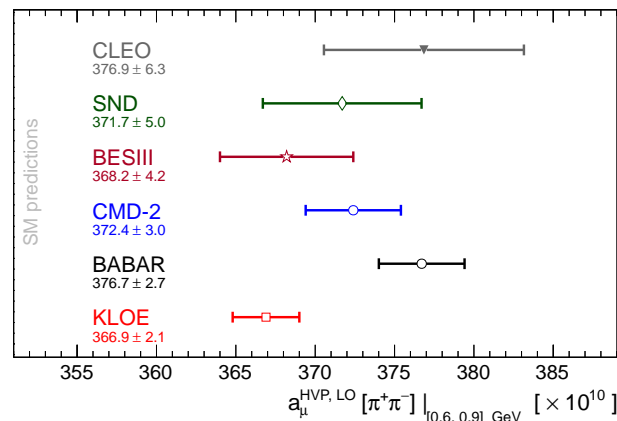
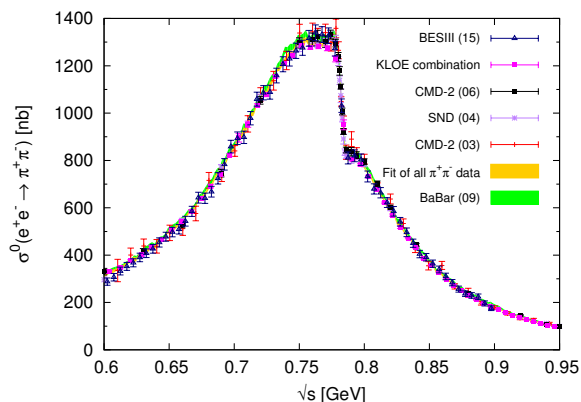
$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} = \left(\frac{\alpha m_\mu}{3\pi}\right)^2 \left\{ \int_{m_\pi^2}^{E_{\text{cut}}^2} ds \frac{R_{\text{had}}^{\text{data}}(s) \widehat{K}(s)}{s^2} + \int_{E_{\text{cut}}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R_{\text{had}}^{\text{pQCD}}(s) \widehat{K}(s)}{s^2} \right\}$$

- Compilation of experimental data from many experiments



Hadronic vacuum polarization and dispersive theory

- Subject to experimental uncertainties : careful propagation of experimental uncertainties
 - Groups with \neq methodologies are in good agreement [Davier et al. '19] [Keshavarzi et al. '20]
 - **But local discrepancies** (tensions already there in the experimental data)!
 - Problematic for the dominant $\pi\pi$ channel



Difference between BABAR and KLOE : $\Delta a_\mu = 9.8(3.4) \times 10^{-10}$

Difference pheno / exp for the $g - 2$: $\Delta a_\mu = 28(8) \times 10^{-10}$

- White paper average for the dispersive approach

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp}} = 693.1(2.8)_{\text{stat}}(0.7)_{\text{DV+QCD}}(2.8)_{\text{KLOE/BABAR}} \times 10^{-10} \quad [0.58\%]$$