

The muon $g-2$ in the SM

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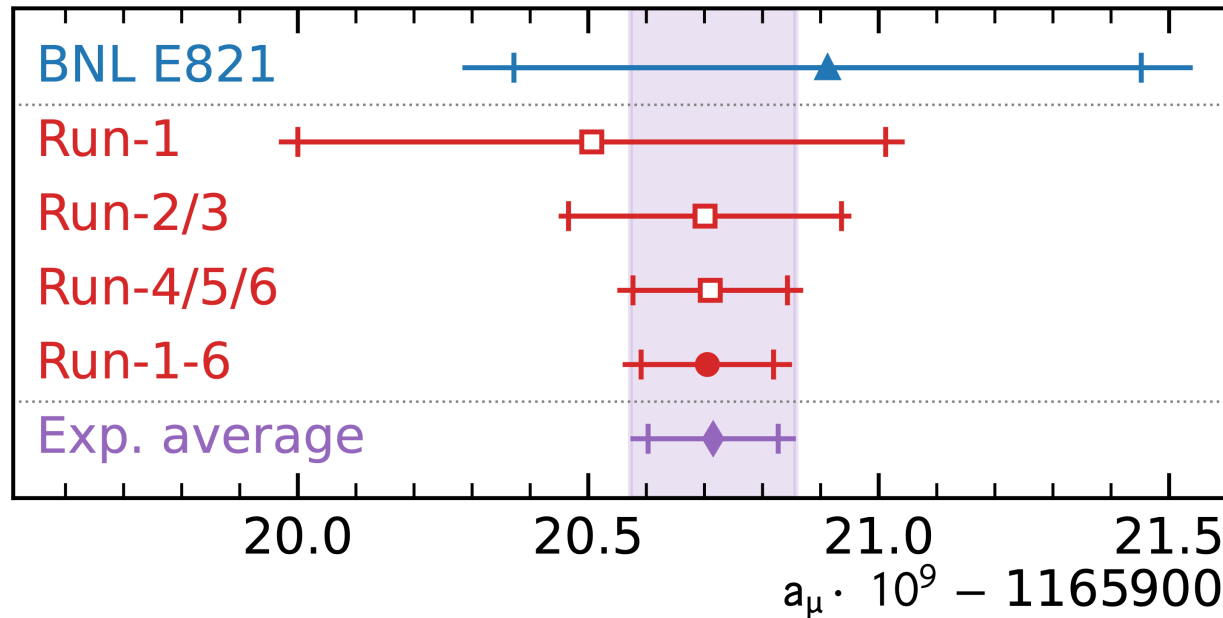
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$$a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} = (116592089 \pm 63) \times 10^{-11} [540\text{ppb}] \quad \text{BNL E821}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} = (116592070.5 \pm 14.8) \times 10^{-11} [127\text{ppb}] \quad \text{FNAL E989 (all runs)}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} = (116592071.5 \pm 14.5) \times 10^{-11} [124\text{ppb}] \quad \text{WA}$$

- **FNAL reached fantastic final precision of 127ppb! See Siew Yan Ho's talk**
- **Muon g-2 proposal at J-PARC: See Gerco Onderwater's talk**

Muon g-2: the Standard Model prediction

WP25 = Updated White Paper of the Muon g-2 Theory Initiative:

arXiv:2505.21476 

[WP20 = arXiv:2006.04822]

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = (1/2)(\alpha/\pi) \quad \text{Schwinger 1948}$$

$$+ 0.765857426 (16) (\alpha/\pi)^2$$

Sommerfield; Petermann; Suura&Wichmann '57; Elend '66; MP '04

$$+ 24.05050988 (28) (\alpha/\pi)^3$$

Remiddi, Barbieri, Laporta ... ; Czarnecki, Skrzypek '99; MP '04;
Friot, Greynat & de Rafael '05, Ananthanarayan, Friot, Ghosh 2020

$$+ 130.8780 (60) (\alpha/\pi)^4$$

Kinoshita & Lindquist '81, ... , Kinoshita & Nio '04, '05;
Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita & Nio, 2007, Kinoshita et al. 2012 & 2015;
Steinhauser et al. 2013, 2015 & 2016 (all electron & τ loops, analytic);
Laporta, PLB 2017 (mass independent term) **COMPLETED!**

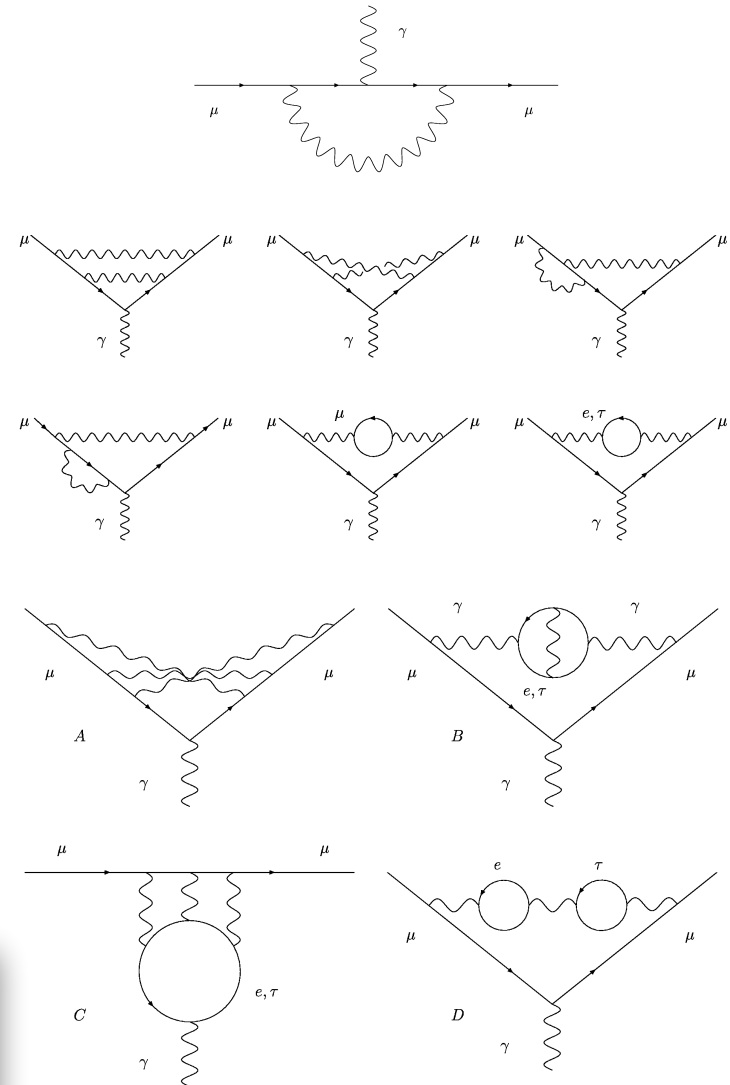
$$+ 750.15 (86) (\alpha/\pi)^5 \quad \text{COMPLETED!}$$

Kinoshita et al. '90, ... Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Nio 2012, 2015,
2017 & 2020. NB: Volkov 2404.00649 $A_1^{(10)}$ at variance with AHKN 2020,
 $\delta a_{\mu} \sim -0.6 \times 10^{-13}$. AHHN 2412.06473 result in agreement with Volkov.

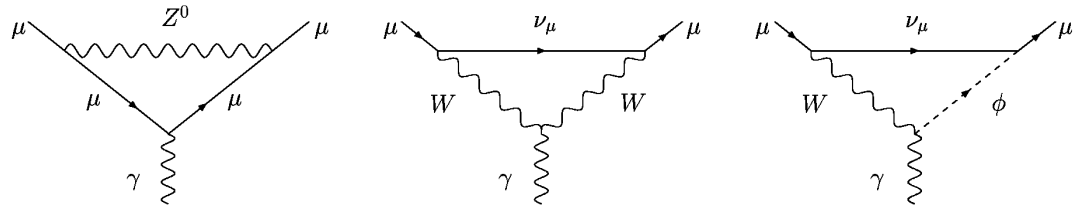
Adding up, we get:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = 116\,584\,718.8(2) \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{WP25 value}$$

The error encompasses the difference 0.137×10^{-11} between the a_{μ}^{QED} values obtained using $\alpha(\text{Cs})$ and $\alpha(\text{Rb})$, and is comparable to the estimated error due to the missing 12th-order term: 0.1×10^{-11} .



One-loop term:



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}}(1\text{-loop}) = \frac{5G_{\mu}m_{\mu}^2}{24\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{5} (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)^2 + O\left(\frac{m_{\mu}^2}{M_{Z,W,H}^2}\right) \right] \approx 195 \times 10^{-11}$$

1972: Jackiv, Weinberg; Bars, Yoshimura; Altarelli, Cabibbo, Maiani; Bardeen, Gastmans, Lautrup; Fujikawa, Lee, Sanda;
Studenikin et al. '80s

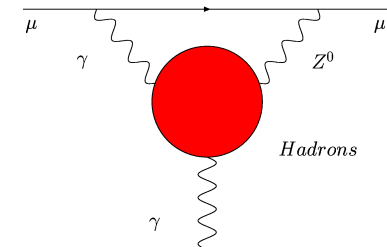
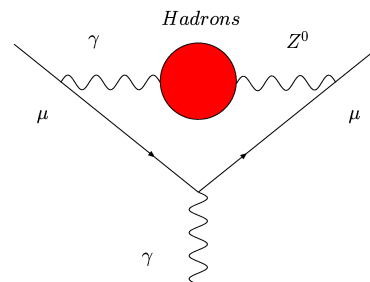
One-loop plus higher-order terms:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}} = 154.4 (4) \times 10^{-11}$$

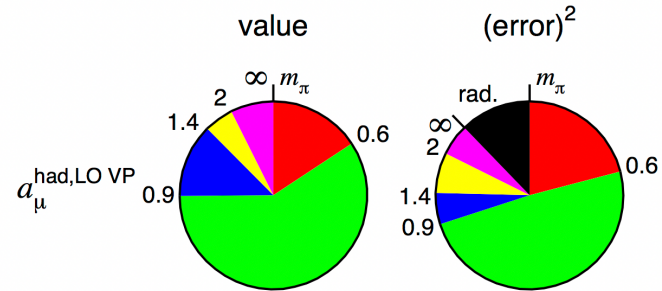
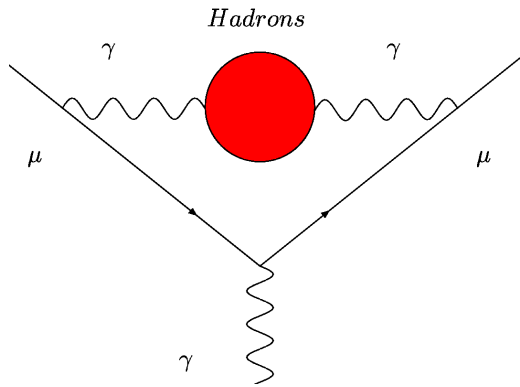
Kukhto et al. '92; Czarnecki, Krause, Marciano '95; Knecht, Peris, Perrottet, de Rafael '02; Czarnecki, Marciano and Vainshtein '02; Degrossi and Giudice '98; Heinemeyer, Stockinger, Weiglein '04; Gribouk and Czarnecki '05; Vainshtein '03; Gnendiger, Stockinger, Stockinger-Kim 2013; Ishikawa, Nakazawa, Yasui, 2019; Hoferichter, Lütke, Naterop, Procura, Stoffer 2025.

Hadronic loop uncertainties and 3-loop nonleading logs.

WP25 value

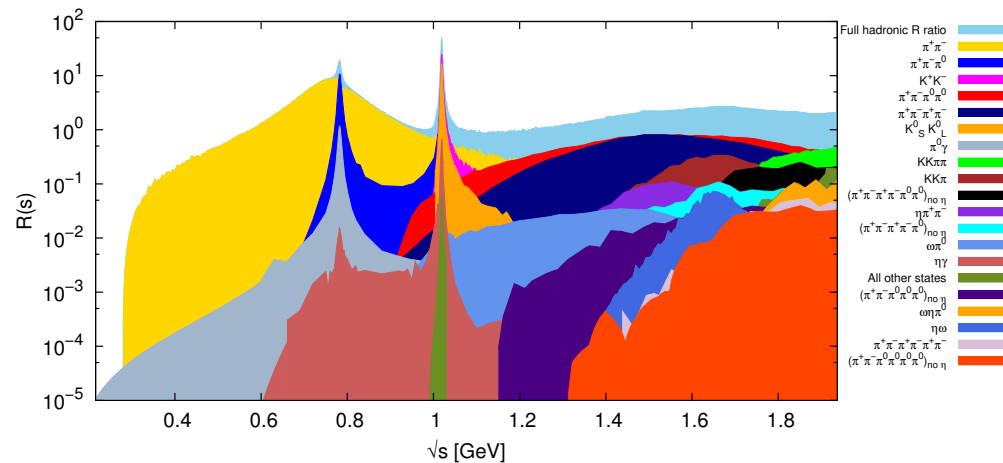


The hadronic LO contribution — dispersive approach



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLO}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} \int_{m_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds K(s) \sigma_{\text{had}}^{(0)}(s)$$

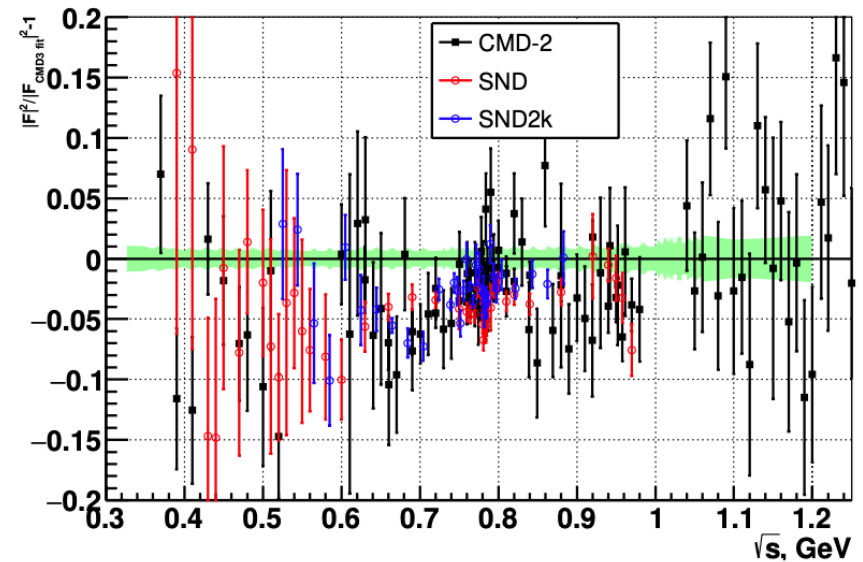
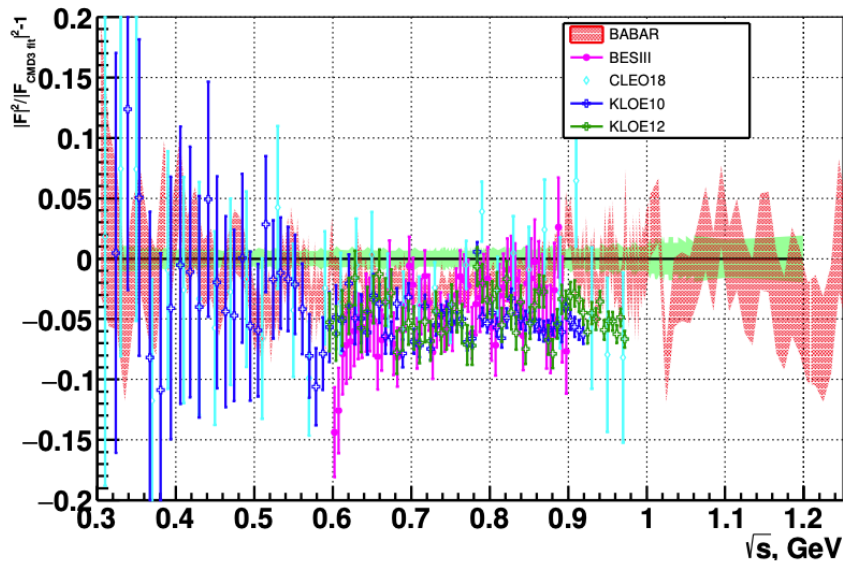
$$K(s) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^2 (1-x)}{x^2 + (1-x)(s/m_{\mu}^2)}$$



$$R(s) = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) / \frac{4\pi\alpha(s)^2}{3s}$$

Keshavarzi, Nomura Teubner
PRD 2018

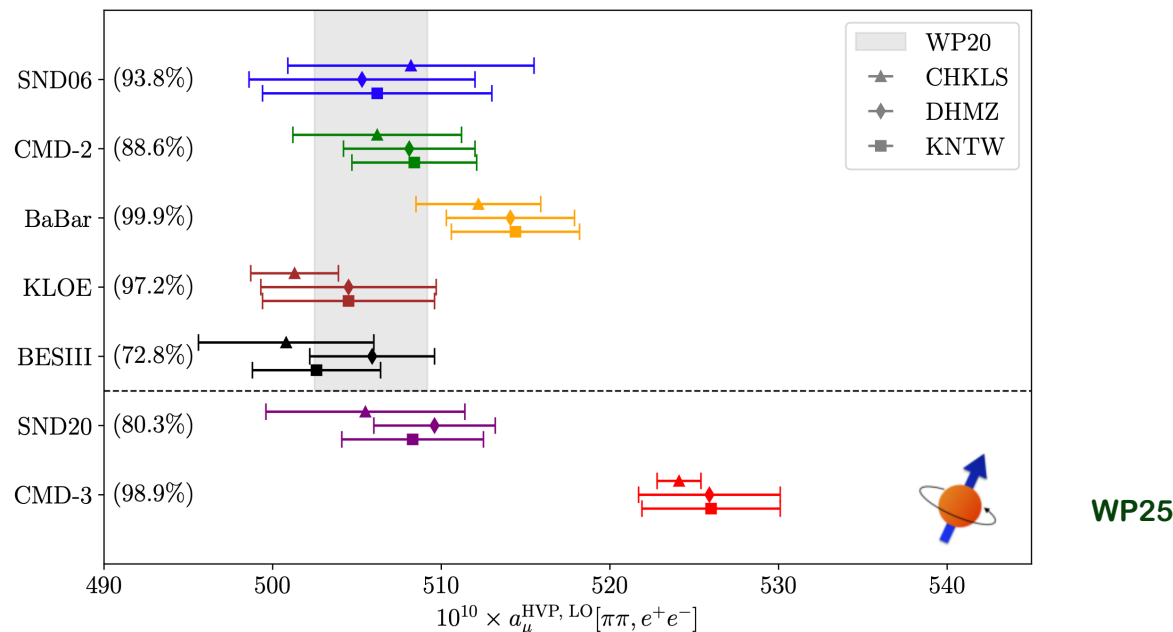
2023: CMD-3 released their $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$ measurement from 0.32 to 1.2 GeV. It is larger than all previous measurements!



CMD-3 Collaboration, 2302.08834

$$a_\mu(\text{exp}) - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}(\text{CMD-3 } 2\pi) = 49 (55) \times 10^{-11}$$

CMD-3 Collaboration, 2309.12910



Due to significant spread of results, no new WP25 average for $\pi^+\pi^-$ channel.

Radiative Corrections to $\sigma(s)$ are crucial and (still) under close scrutiny.

RadioMonteCarLow Working Group: S. Actis et al, Eur. Phys. J. C66 (2010) 585

Ongoing review of MC tools relevant for low-energy hadronic cross sections including detailed comparisons of MC codes for $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$, $\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$, $\pi^+\pi^-(\gamma)$ for scan & radiative-return experiments.

RadioMonteCarLow 2 Working Group: R. Aliberti et al, arXiv:2410.22882 [hep-ph]

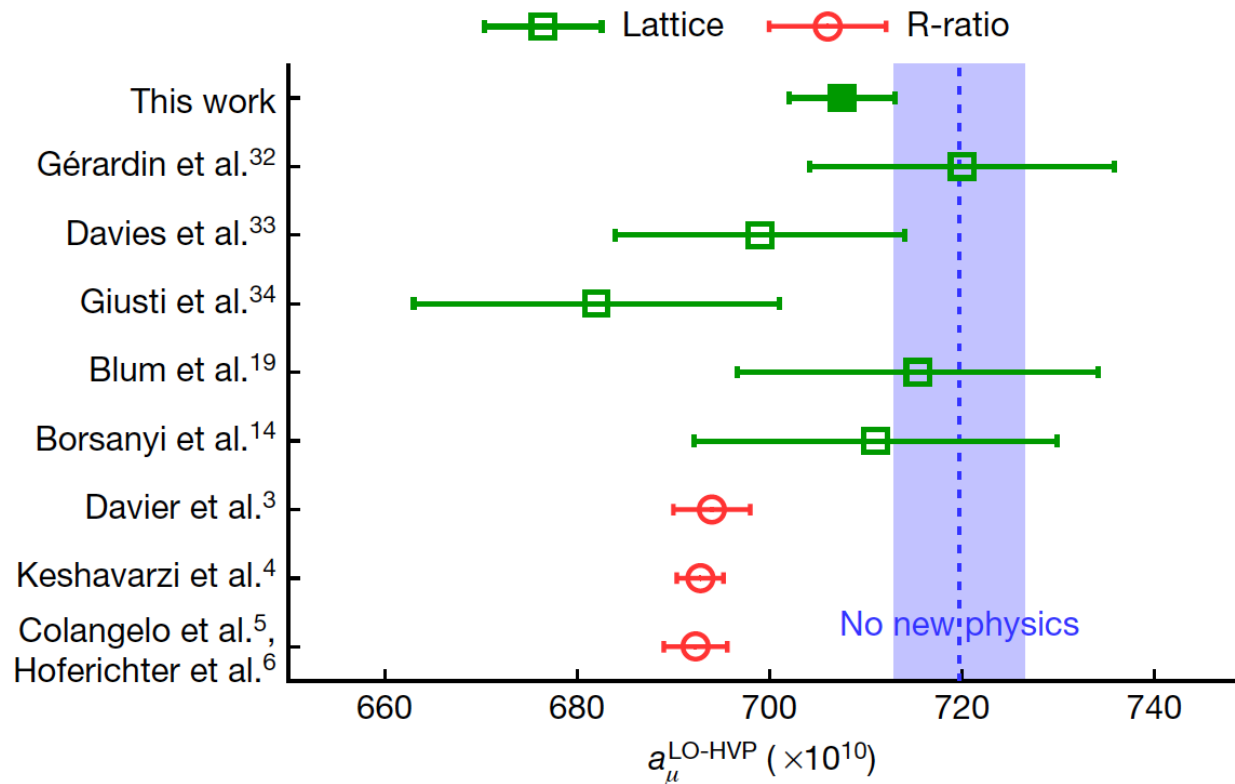
New precision measurements of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-(\gamma)$ are being prepared.



In 2020 the BMW collaboration reached a 0.8% precision with a 2–2.5 σ tension with the dispersive evaluations!

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLO}} = 7075(23)_{\text{stat}}(50)_{\text{syst}} [55]_{\text{tot}} \times 10^{-11}$$

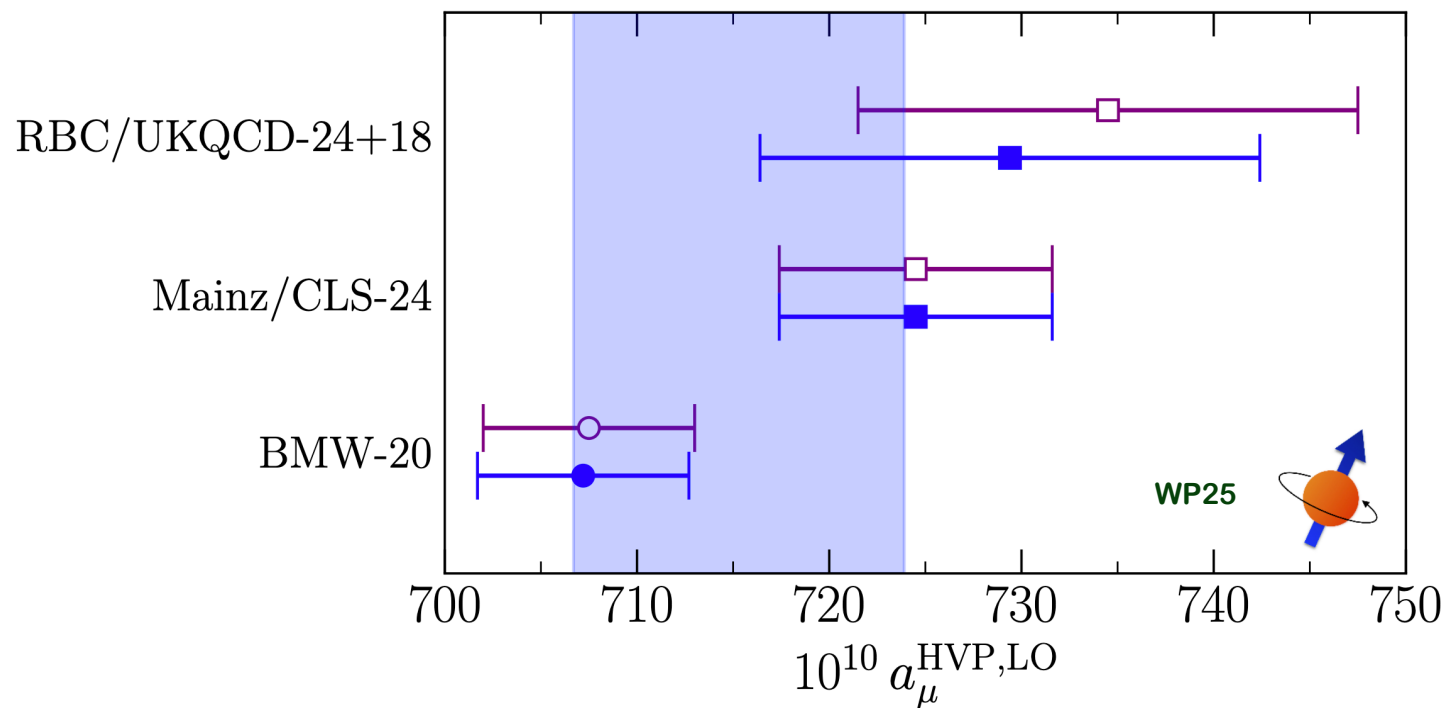
BMW 20



Borsanyi et al (BMW), Nature 2021



Since then, several results for the “window contributions” and two more full results:



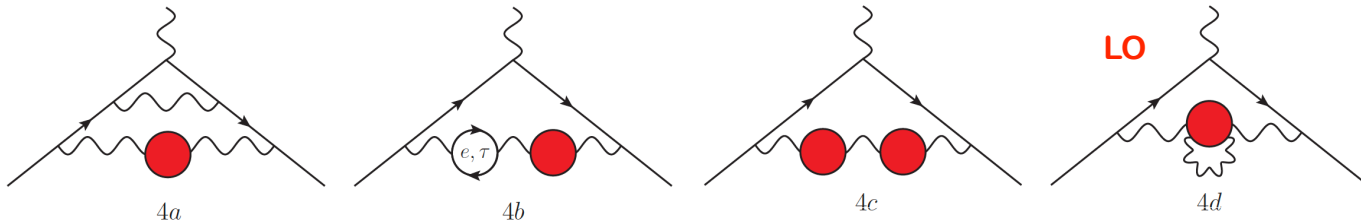
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLO}} = 7132(61) \times 10^{-11}$$

WP25

- NLO HVP contribution:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP(NLO)}} = -99.6(1.3) \times 10^{-11}$$

Krause '96; Keshavarzi, Nomura, Teubner 2019;
Di Luzio, Keshavarzi, Masiero, Paradisi 2025; WP25



Normally incorporated in $a_\mu^{\text{HVP(LO)}}$.
MUonE will naturally include it!

- The exact NLO space-like kernel is now known for lattice QCD & MUonE:

$$a_\mu^{(4a)} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^1 dx \kappa^{(4)}(x) \Delta\alpha_h(t(x)), \quad \kappa^{(4)}(x) = \frac{2-x}{x(x-1)} 2F^{(4)}(x-1)$$

$$F^{(4)}(u) = R_1(u) + R_2(u) \ln(-u) + R_3(u) \ln(1+u) + R_4(u) \ln(1-u) + \\ + R_5(u) [4\text{Li}_2(u) + 2\text{Li}_2(-u) + \ln(-u) \ln((1-u)^2(1+u))]$$

$R_i(u)$ are known rational functions

Nesterenko 2112.05009. Balzani, Laporta, MP 2112.05704

- The time-momentum representation of the NLO space-like kernel, used in lattice QCD determinations, has been computed recently.

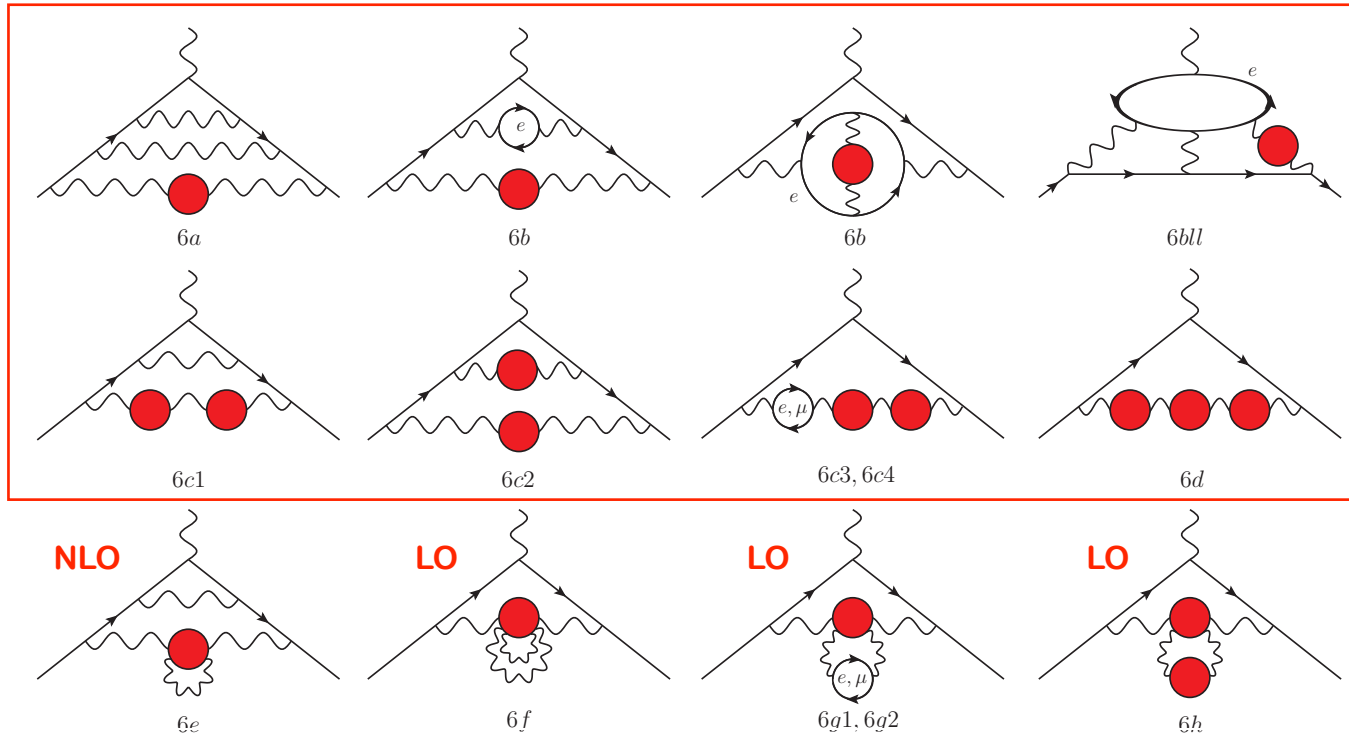
Balzani, Laporta, MP 2406.17940

- NNLO HVP contribution:

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP(NNLO)}} = 12.4 (1) \times 10^{-11}$$

Kurz, Liu, Marquard, Steinhauser 2014; WP25

Central value similar to present Fermilab's uncertainty

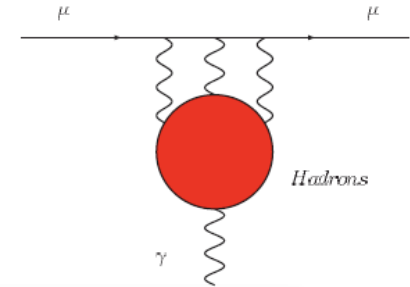


- Also the NNLO space-like kernels are now known.

They can be employed in lattice QCD calculations and at MUonE.

- Hadronic light-by-light at $O(\alpha^3)$

 This term had a very troubled life! But nowadays:



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}}(\text{LO}) = 112.6 (9.6) \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{WP25 (pheno+lattice)}$$

 Significant improvements due to data-driven dispersive approach

Colangelo, Hoferichter, Kubis, Procura, Stoffer, 2014–17; Pauk, Vanderhaeghen 2014.

and holographic QCD approach

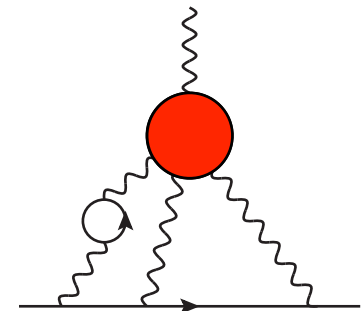
Cappiello, Cataà, D'Ambrosio 2011, ...

 Great improvement of lattice results, in agreement with dispersive ones

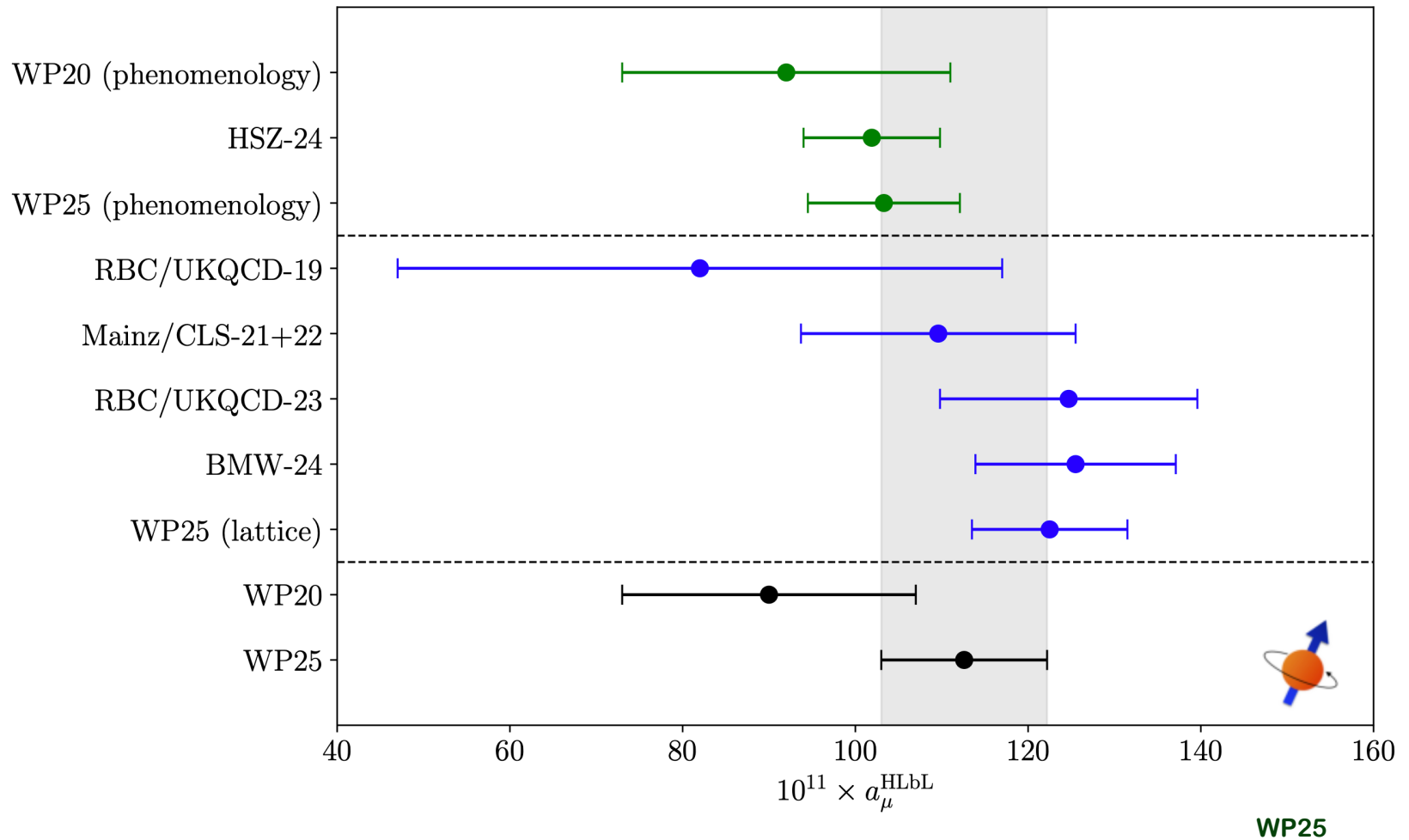
- Hadronic light-by-light at $O(\alpha^4)$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL}}(\text{NLO}) = 2.6 (6) \times 10^{-11}$$

Colangelo, Hoferichter, Nyffeler, MP, Stoffer 2014; WP25



The hadronic LbL contribution (2)



- Comparing the SM WP25 result with the measured muon g-2:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EXP}} = 116592071.5 (14.5) \times 10^{-11}$$

EXP WA

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = 116592033 (62) \times 10^{-11}$$

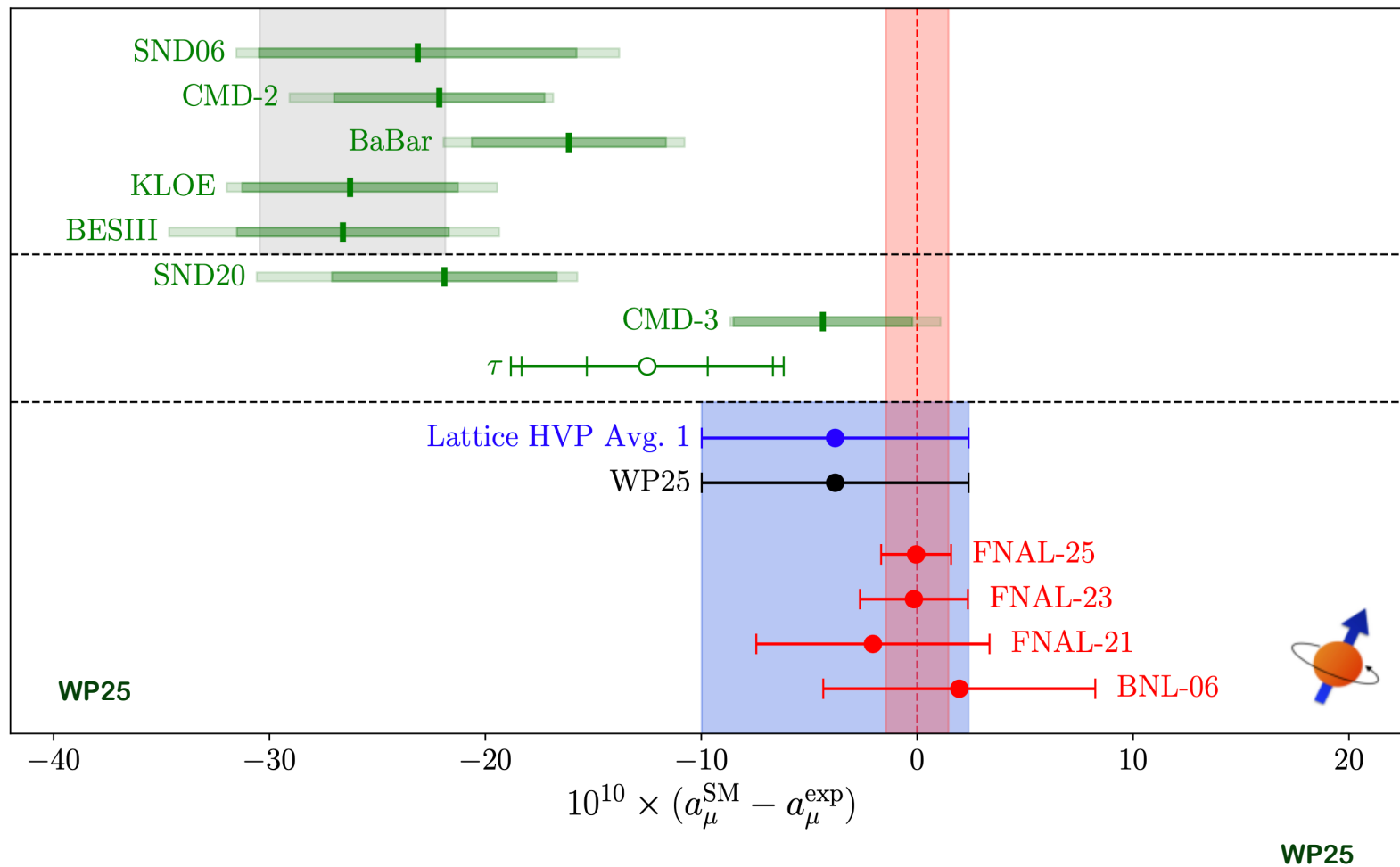
WP25

$$\Delta a_{\mu} = a_{\mu}^{\text{EXP}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = 38 (63) \times 10^{-11}$$

Perfect agreement!

If instead of the WP25 **lattice QCD** value of the HLO contribution we use the **dispersive** ones, we have a range of discrepancies.

Muon g-2: EXP vs SM (2)



Missed contributions in the hadronic cross section?

- 2008: could Δa_μ be due to **missing contributions** in the hadronic $\sigma(s)$?
- An upward shift of $\sigma(s)$ also induces an increase of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z)$.
- Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} &\rightarrow a = \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{s_u} ds f(s) \sigma(s), & f(s) &= \frac{K(s)}{4\pi^3}, \quad s_u < M_Z^2, \\ \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)} &\rightarrow b = \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{s_u} ds g(s) \sigma(s), & g(s) &= \frac{M_Z^2}{(M_Z^2 - s)(4\alpha\pi^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

and the increase

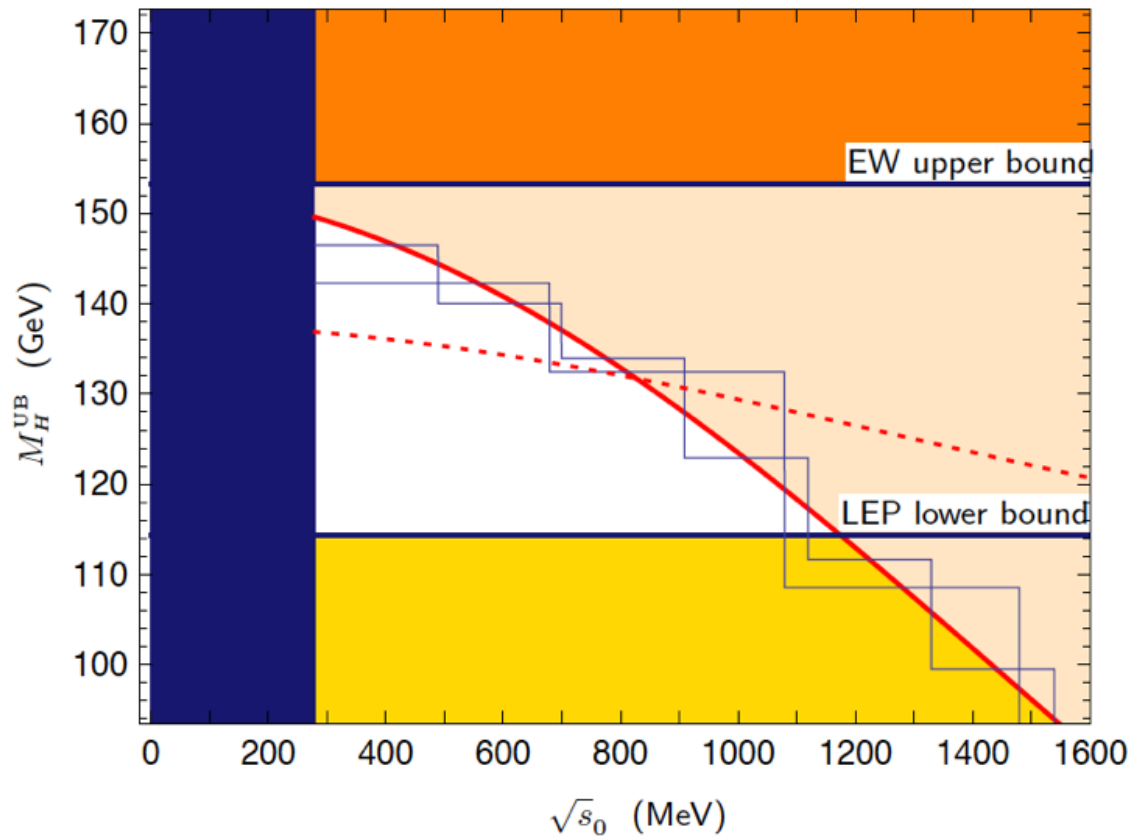
$$\Delta\sigma(s) = \epsilon\sigma(s)$$

$\epsilon > 0$, in the range:

$$\sqrt{s} \in [\sqrt{s_0} - \delta/2, \sqrt{s_0} + \delta/2] \quad \longrightarrow$$

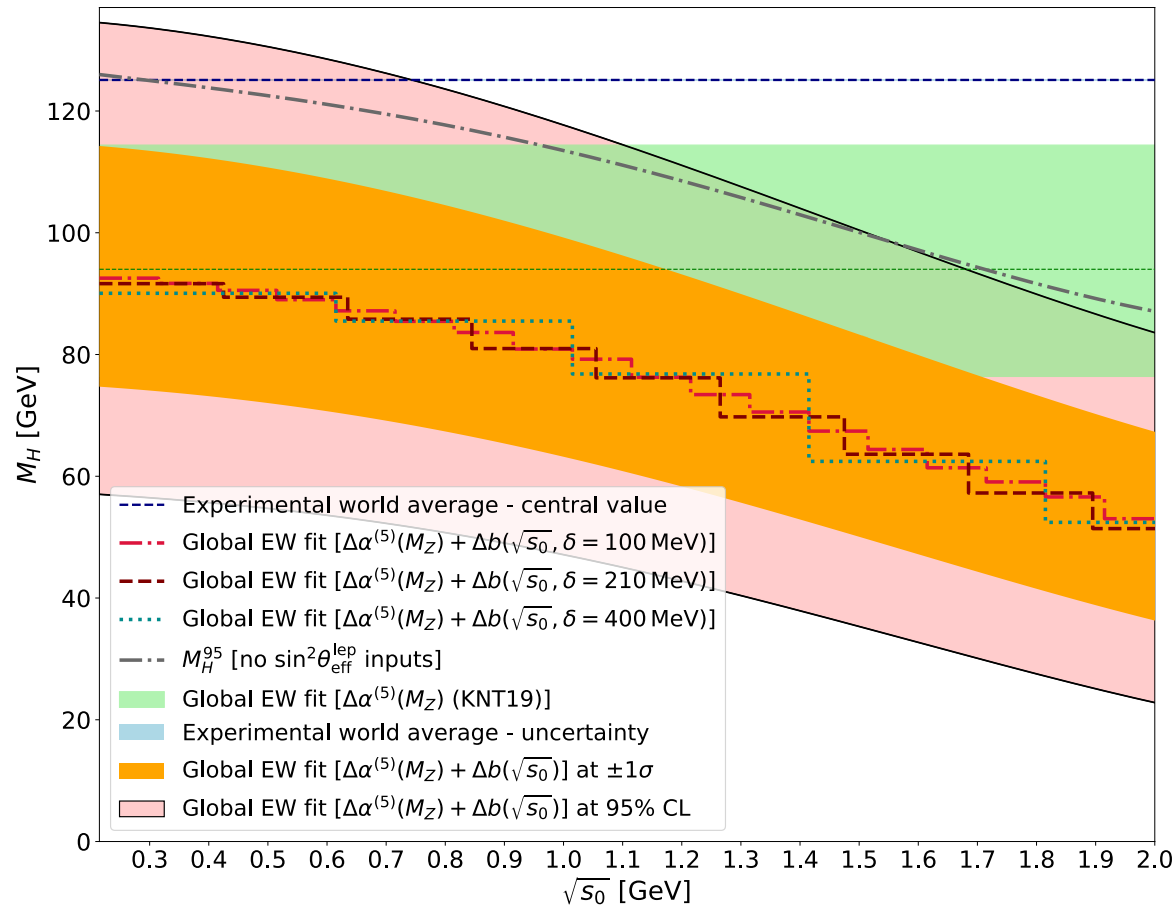
Marciano, MP, Sirlin, PRD 2008

How much does the M_H upper bound from the EW fit change when we shift up $\sigma(s)$ by $\Delta\sigma(s)$ [and thus $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z)$] to fix Δa_μ ?



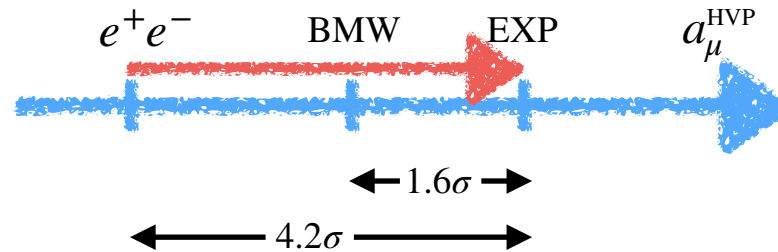
Marciano, MP, Sirlin, PRD 2008

Muon g-2: connection with the SM Higgs mass (2020)

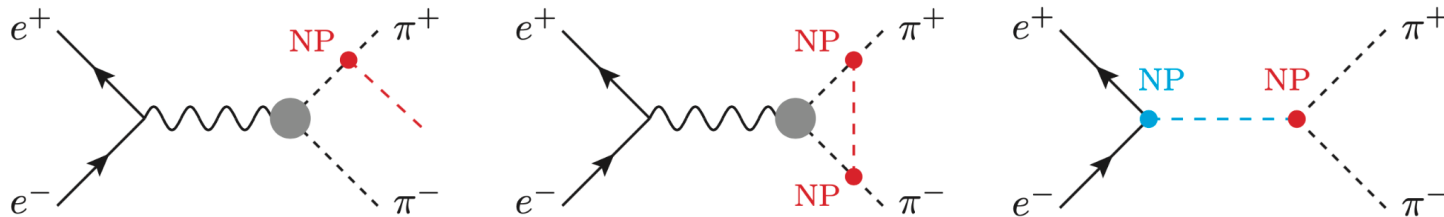


Shifts $\Delta\sigma(s)$ to fix Δa_μ are possible,
but conflict with the EW fit if they occur above ~ 1 GeV

Can NP solve the a_μ^{HLO} dispersive vs lattice puzzle?



- Can this puzzle be solved by NP in the hadronic cross section $\sigma_h(s)$?
NP may couple only to hadrons (small effects) or both to hadrons & electrons:



If NP enters $\sigma_h(s)$ at tree-level, then σ_h in the HVP dispersive integral should be replaced by $\sigma_h - \Delta\sigma_h^{\text{NP}}$, with $\Delta\sigma_h^{\text{NP}} < 0$ needed to increase a_μ^{HVP} .

This sizeable negative NP interference with the SM is excluded by a number of experimental constraints.

Di Luzio, Masiero, Paradisi, MP, 2112.08312
Crivellin, Hoferichter, 2211.1251

- NP in e^+e^- & $\mu^+\mu^-$ final states scatterings?

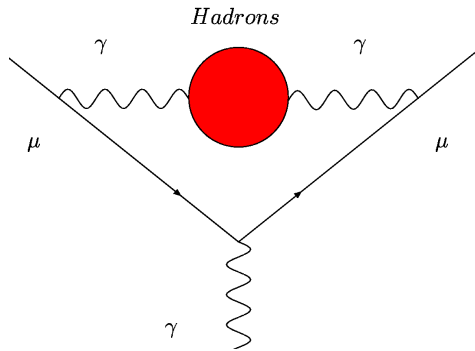
Darmé, Grilli di Cortona, Nardi, 2112.09139

The MUonE experiment



The spacelike method for a_μ^{HLO}

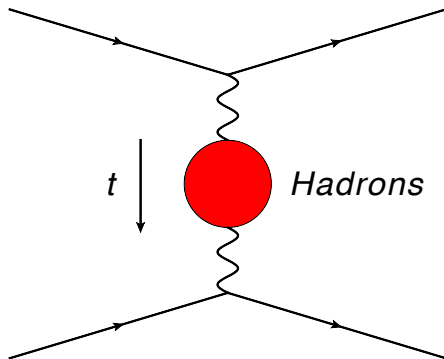
- Leading hadronic contribution computed via the usual dispersive (timelike) formula:



$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} \int_{m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds K(s) \sigma_{\text{had}}^{(0)}(s)$$

$$K(s) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^2 (1-x)}{x^2 + (1-x) (s/m_\mu^2)}$$

- Alternatively, simply exchanging the x and s integrations:



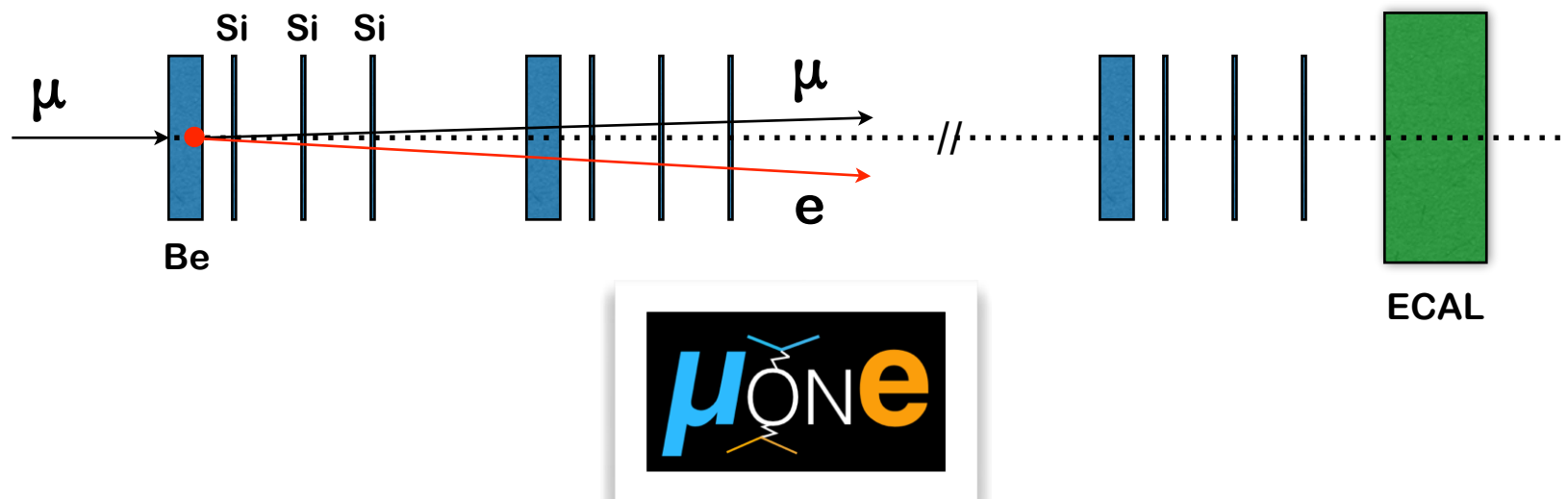
$$a_\mu^{\text{HLO}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}[t(x)]$$

$$t(x) = \frac{x^2 m_\mu^2}{x-1} < 0$$

Lautrup, Peterman, de Rafael, 1972

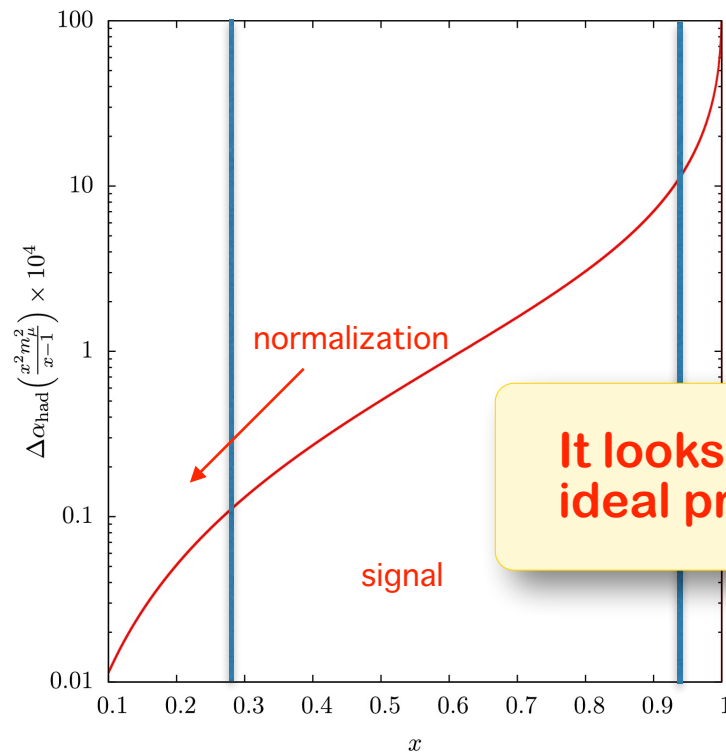
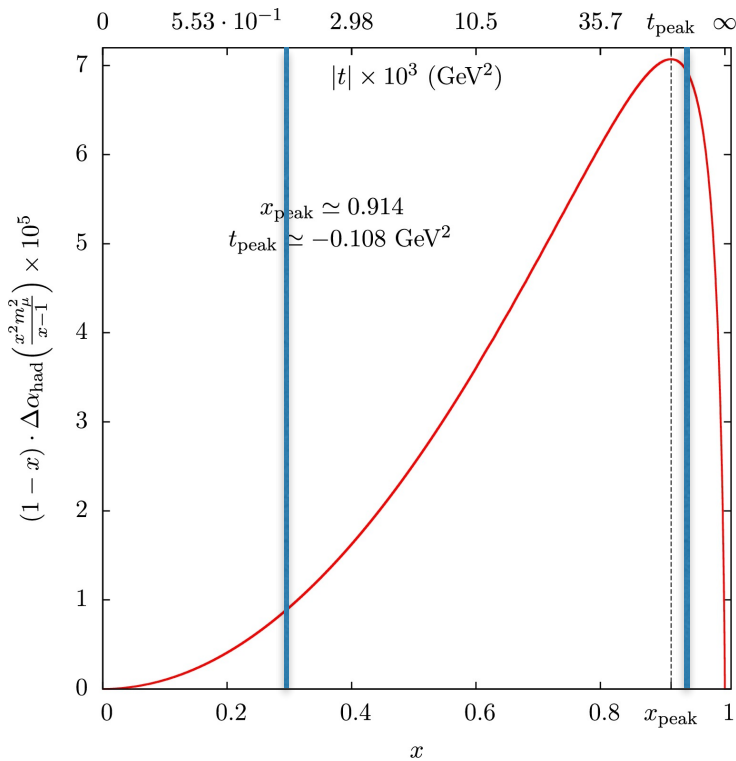
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$ is the hadronic contribution to the space-like running of α : **proposal to measure a_μ^{HLO} via scattering data!**

- $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$ can be measured via the **elastic scattering** $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e$.
- We propose to scatter a 160 GeV muon beam, available at CERN's North Area, on a fixed electron target (Be or C). Modular apparatus: each station has one layer of Be/C (target) followed by several thin Silicon strip detectors.



Abbiendi, Carloni Calame, Marconi, Matteuzzi, Montagna,
Nicosini, MP, Piccinini, Tenchini, Trentadue, Venanzoni
EPJC 2017 - arXiv:1609.08987

- For a 150 GeV muon beam ($\sqrt{s} \sim 400$ MeV), MUonE's scan region extends up to $x=0.932$, ie beyond the $x=0.914$ peak!



- **Statistics:** With CERN's 160 GeV muon beam M2 ($1.3 \times 10^7 \mu/s$), incident on 40 15mm Be targets (total Be thickness: 60cm) and 3 years of data taking $\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \sim 1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ nb}^{-1}$.
 - With this $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ we estimate that measuring the shape of $d\sigma/dt$ we can reach a statistical sensitivity of **$\sim 0.3\%$ on a_μ^{HLO}** , ie $\sim 20 \times 10^{-11}$.
 - **Systematic** effects must be known at $\lesssim 10\text{ppm!}$
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- 2017, 2018, 2022: Test beams performed at CERN arXiv:1905.11677, 2102.11111
 - 2023: Test run performed on M2 beam line.
 - **2024: Phase 1 proposal approved by CERN SPSC.** Small scale version of the final experiment, June-July running time in 2025 at the M2 beam line. 3 tracking stations, calorimeter, μ ID, and beam momentum spectrometer.
 - **2025 goals:** study signal and background under realistic conditions with a possible sensitivity to $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(t)$. **(Main) data taking at CERN just completed!**
 - Full experiment expected after CERN's LS3 (2027-2029).





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Muon-electron scattering: Theory kickoff workshop

4-5 September 2017

Padova

Europe/Rome timezone

Overview

Venue

Timetable

Logistic

Map

 Support



MUonE theory workshops:

Padova 2017

MITP Mainz 2018

Zurich 2019

MITP Mainz 2022

MITP Mainz 2024

Conclusions

- The measurement of the muon $g-2$ agrees with the SM prediction quoted by the new WP25 of the Muon $g-2$ Theory Initiative.
- However, puzzling tensions exist between dispersive and lattice QCD determinations of the leading hadronic contribution to a_μ .
- The MUonE experiment at CERN will measure directly the leading hadronic contribution to a_μ in a new, alternative, & independent way!