A lattice QCD calculation of the hadronic light-by-light contribution to the magnetic moment of the muon

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$(g-2)_\mu$: an early test of quantum electrodynamics

- in classical electromagnetism, the angular momentum $\boldsymbol{L}$ of a charged particle is associated with a magnetic moment $\boldsymbol{\mu} \propto \boldsymbol{L}$.
- the electron and its heavier cousin the muon carry an intrinsic angular momentum, $\boldsymbol{s}$ = spin, $s_z = \pm\hbar/2$.
- for the magnetic moment associated with the spin, one writes

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = g \cdot \frac{e}{2m} \cdot \boldsymbol{s}, \qquad\qquad (e = \text{charge}, \quad m = \text{mass})$$

- $g = 2$ in Dirac's theory (1928)
- $a_\mu \equiv (g-2)_\mu/2 = F_2(0) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} + O(\alpha^2) \simeq 0.00116$

  (Schwinger 1948; $a_\mu = a_e$ to this order).
- corrections to $(g-2)_{\text{lepton}}$ from new heavy particle $\propto (m^2_{\text{lepton}}/M^2_{\text{heavy}})$.

$(g-2)_\mu$: a history of testing the Standard Model

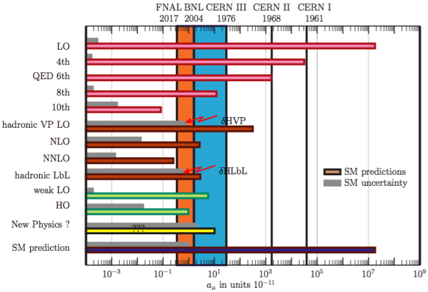


Fig. from Jegerlehner 1705.00263

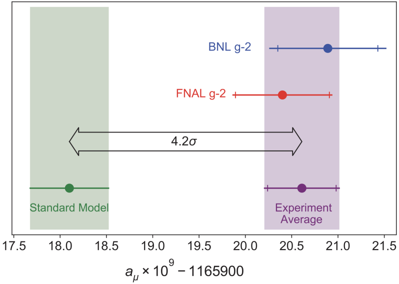
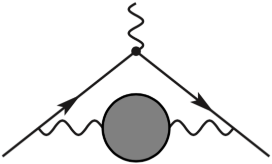


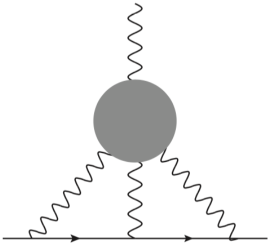
Fig. from Muon g-2 collab, PRL 126, 141801 (2021)

- After 2020 Theory White Paper and announcement by Fermilab Muon $(g-2)$ experiment (7 April 2021): $a_\mu^{\rm exp} - a_\mu^{\rm SM} = (251 \pm 59) \cdot 10^{-11}$
- 4.2σ, with practically equal contributions to the error from theory and experiment.

Source of dominant uncertainties in SM prediction for $(g-2)_\mu$



Hadronic vacuum polarisation



Hadronic light-by-light scattering

HVP: O(α^2), about $7000 \cdot 10^{-11}$

$\Rightarrow$ target accuracy: $\lesssim 0.5\%$

HLbL: O(α^3), about $100 \cdot 10^{-11}$

$\Rightarrow$ target accuracy: $\lesssim 15\%$.

Recall: $a_\mu^{\rm exp} - a_\mu^{\rm SM} = (251 \pm 59) \cdot 10^{-11}$.

Approaches to a_μ^{HLbL}

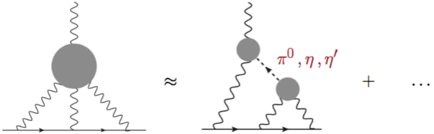
1. **Model calculations:** (the only approach until 2014)
   - based on pole- and loop-contributions of hadron resonances

2. **Dispersive representation:** the Bern approach has been worked out furthest.
   - identify and compute contributions of most important intermediate states
   - determine/constrain the required input (transition form factors, $\gamma^*\gamma^* \to \pi\pi$ amplitudes, ...) dispersively

3. **Experimental program:** provide input for model & dispersive approach, e.g. $(\pi^0, \eta, \eta') \to \gamma\gamma^*$ at virtualities $Q^2 \lesssim 3\,\mathrm{GeV}^2$; active program at BES-III.

4. **Lattice calculations:**
   - RBC-UKQCD T. Blum, N. Christ, M. Hayakawa, T. Izubuchi, L. Jin, Ch. Lehner, ...
   - Mainz N. Asmussen, E.-H. Chao, A. Gérardin, J. Green, J. Hudspith, HM, A. Nyffeler, ...

Models for $a_\mu^{\rm HLbL}$



Contribution	BPP	HKS, HK	KN	MV	BP, MdRR	PdRV	N, JN
π^0, η, η'	85±13	82.7±6.4	83±12	114±10	–	114±13	99 ± 16
axial vectors	2.5±1.0	1.7±1.7	–	22±5	–	15 ± 10	22 ± 5
scalars	−6.8±2.0	–	–	–	–	−7±7	−7±2
π, K loops	−19±13	−4.5±8.1	–	–	–	−19±19	−19±13
π,K loops +subl. N_C	–	–	–	0±10	–	–	–
quark loops	21±3	9.7±11.1	–	–	–	2.3 (c-quark)	21±3
Total	83±32	89.6±15.4	80±40	136±25	110±40	105 ± 26	116 ± 39

BPP = Bijnens, Pallante, Prades '95, '96, '02; HKS = Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Sanda '95, '96; HK = Hayakawa, Kinoshita '98, '02; KN = Knecht, AN '02; MV = Melnikov, Vainshtein '04; BP = Bijnens, Prades '07; MdRR = Miller, de Rafael, Roberts '07; PdRV = Prades, de Rafael, Vainshtein '09; N = AN '09, JN = Jegerlehner, AN '09

Table from A. Nyffeler, PhiPsi 2017 conference

One further estimate: NB. much smaller axial-vector contribution

$$a_\mu^{\rm HLbL} = (103 \pm 29) \times 10^{-11}$$ Jegerlehner 1809.07413

Wisdom gained from model calculations Prades, de Rafael, Vainshtein 0901.0306

- heavy (charm) quark loop makes a small contribution

$$a_\mu^{\rm HLbL} = (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^3\, N_c \mathcal{Q}_c^4 c_4 \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_c^2} + \dots, \qquad c_4 \approx 0.62.$$

- Light-quarks: (A) charged pion loop is negative, proportional to m_π^{-2}:

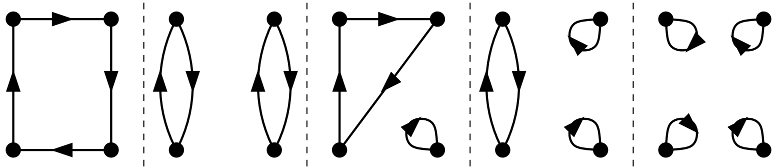
$$a_\mu^{\rm HLbL} = (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^3\, c_2 \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} + \dots, \qquad c_2 \approx -0.065.$$

(B) The neutral-pion exchange is positive, $\log^2(m_\pi^{-1})$ divergent:
Knecht, Nyffeler, Perrottet, de Rafael PRL88 (2002) 071802

$$a_\mu^{\rm HLbL} = (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^3\, N_c \frac{m_\mu^2}{48\pi^2(F_\pi^2/N_c)} \Big[\log^2 \frac{m_\rho}{m_\pi} + \mathrm{O}\Big(\log \frac{m_\rho}{m_\pi}\Big) + \mathrm{O}(1)\Big].$$

- For real-world quark masses: using form factors for the mesons is essential, and resonances up to 1.5 GeV can still be relevant ⇒ medium-energy QCD.

Wick-contraction topologies in HLbL amplitude $\langle 0|T\{j_x^\mu j_y^\nu j_z^\lambda j_0^\sigma\}|0\rangle$



First two classes of diagrams thought to be dominant, with a cancellation between them:

	Weight factor of:	fully connected	(2,2) topology
$\mathrm{SU(2)_f}$:	isovector-meson exchange	$34/9 \approx 3.78$	$-25/9 \approx -2.78$
$m_s = \infty$	isoscalar-meson exchange	0	1
	$\pi^\pm$ loop (-28/81 $\in$ (3,1) topol.)	34/81	75/81
$\mathrm{SU(3)_f}$:	octet-meson exchange	3	-2
$m_s = m_{ud}$	singlet-meson exchange	0	1

Large-N_c argument by J. Bijnens, 1608.01454; see also 1712.00421; Fig. by J. Green.

Direct lattice calculation of HLbL in $(g-2)_\mu$

At first, this was thought of as a QED+QCD calculation
[pioneered in Hayakawa et al., hep-lat/0509016].

Today's viewpoint: the calculation is considered a QCD four-point Green's function, to be integrated over with a weighting kernel which contains all the QED parts.

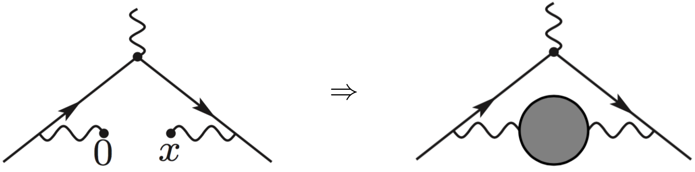
RBC-UKQCD: calculation of $a_\mu^{\rm HLbL}$ using coordinate-space method in muon rest-frame; photon+muon propagators:

- either on the $L \times L \times L$ torus (QED$_L$) (1510.07100–present)
- or in infinite volume (QED$_\infty$) (1705.01067–present).

Mainz:

- manifestly covariant QED$_\infty$ coordinate-space approach, averaging over muon momentum using the Gegenbauer polynomial technique (1510.08384–present).

Analogy: hadronic vacuum polarization in x-space HM 1706.01139



QED kernel $H_{\mu\nu}(x)$ $a_\mu^{\rm hvp}$

$$a_\mu^{\rm hvp} = \int d^4x\; H_{\mu\nu}(x)\,\Big\langle j_\mu(x) j_\nu(0)\Big\rangle_{\rm QCD},$$

$$j_\mu = \frac{2}{3}\bar u\gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3}\bar d\gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3}\bar s\gamma_\mu s + \dots; \qquad H_{\mu\nu}(x) = -\delta_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{H}_1(|x|) + \frac{x_\mu x_\nu}{x^2}\,\mathcal{H}_2(|x|)$$

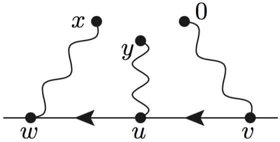
Kernel known in terms of Meijer's functions: $\mathcal{H}_i(|x|) = \frac{8\alpha^2}{3m_\mu^2} f_i(m_\mu|x|)$ with

$$f_2(z) = \frac{G^{2,2}_{2,4}\left(z^2\middle|\begin{matrix}\frac{7}{2},4\\4,5,1,1\end{matrix}\right) - G^{2,2}_{2,4}\left(z^2\middle|\begin{matrix}\frac{7}{2},4\\4,5,0,2\end{matrix}\right)}{8\sqrt{\pi}z^4},$$

$$f_1(z) = f_2(z) - \frac{3}{16\sqrt{\pi}}\cdot\left[G^{2,3}_{3,5}\left(z^2\middle|\begin{matrix}1,\frac{3}{2},2\\2,3,-2,0,0\end{matrix}\right) - G^{2,3}_{3,5}\left(z^2\middle|\begin{matrix}1,\frac{3}{2},2\\2,3,-1,-1,0\end{matrix}\right)\right].$$

Coordinate-space approach to a_μ^{HLbL}, Mainz version

QED kernel $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y)$



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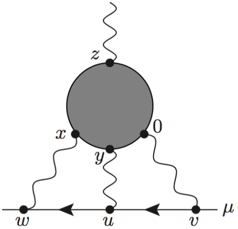


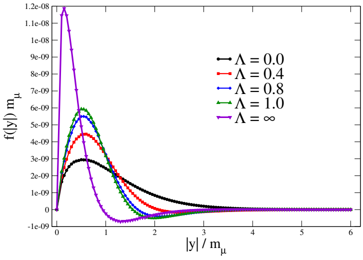
$$a_\mu^{\mathrm{HLbL}} = \frac{me^6}{3} \underbrace{\int d^4y}_{=2\pi^2|y|^3 d|y|} \left[\int d^4x \, \underbrace{\bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y)}_{\mathrm{QED}} \; \underbrace{i\widehat{\Pi}_{\rho;\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(x,y)}_{=\mathrm{QCD\ blob}} \right].$$

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

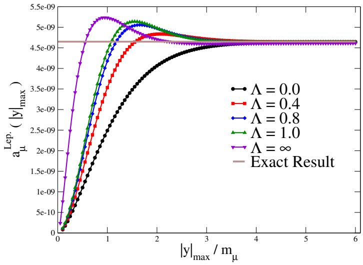
- $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y)$ computed in the continuum & infinite-volume
- no power-law finite-volume effects & only a 1d integral to sample the integrand in $|y|$.

[Asmussen, Gérardin, Green, HM, Nyffeler 1510.08384, 1609.08454]

Tests of the framework and adjustments to the kernel



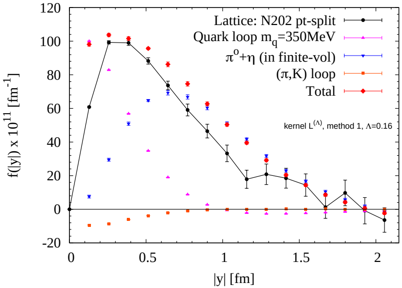
Integrands (Lepton loop, method 2)

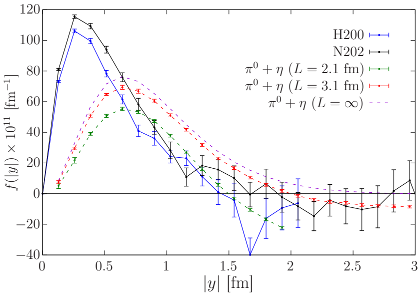


Correspondings integrals

- The QED kernel $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y)$ is parametrized by six 'weight' functions of the variables $(x^2, x\cdot y, y^2)$.
- $$\bar{\mathcal{L}}^{(\Lambda)}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y) = \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\nu\lambda}(x,y) - \partial^{(x)}_\mu (x_\alpha e^{-\Lambda m_\mu^2 x^2/2}) \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\alpha\nu\lambda}(0,y) - \partial^{(y)}_\nu (y_\alpha e^{-\Lambda m_\mu^2 y^2/2}) \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho,\sigma];\mu\alpha\lambda}(x,0),$$
- Using this kernel, we have reproduced (at the 1% level) known results for a range of masses for:
  1. the lepton loop (spinor QED, shown in the two plots);
  2. the charged pion loop (scalar QED);
  3. the π^0 exchange with a VMD-parametrized transition form factor.

Integrand at $m_\pi = m_K \simeq 415$ MeV



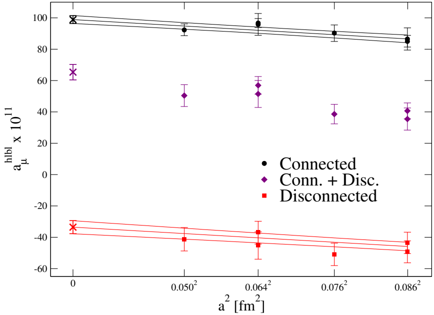


- Partial success in understanding the integrand in terms of familiar hadronic contributions.
- Reasonable understanding of magnitude of finite-size effects. ($L_{\rm H200} = 2.1$ fm, $L_{\rm N202} = 3.1$ fm)

2006.16224 Chao et al. (EPJC)

$a_\mu^{\rm HLbL}$ at $m_\pi = m_K \simeq 415$ MeV

[Chao, Gérardin, Green, Hudspith, HM 2006.16224 (EPJC)]



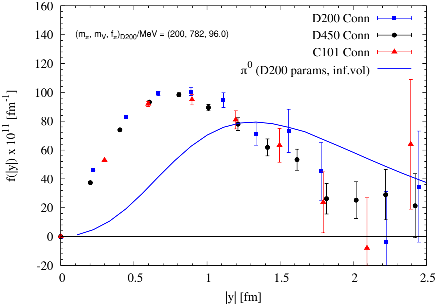
$$a_\mu^{\rm hlbl, SU(3)_f} = (65.4 \pm 4.9 \pm 6.6) \times 10^{-11}.$$

Guesstimating the result at physical quark masses: correct for π^0 exchange

$$a_\mu^{\rm hlbl, SU(3)_f} - a_\mu^{\rm hlbl, \pi^0, SU(3)_f} + a_\mu^{\rm hlbl, \pi^0, phys} = (104.1 \pm 9.1) \times 10^{-11}.$$

Estimate based on lattice QCD calculation of $\pi^0 \to \gamma^*\gamma^*$ transition form factor [Gérardin, HM, Nyffeler 1903.09471 (PRD)].

Integrand of connected contribution at $m_\pi \approx 200$ MeV



- using four local vector currents
- based on 'Method 2'.

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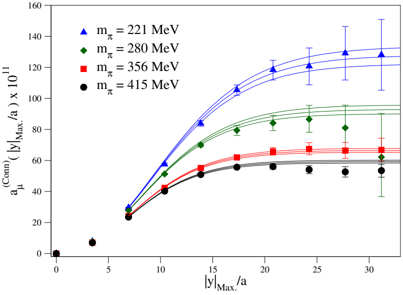
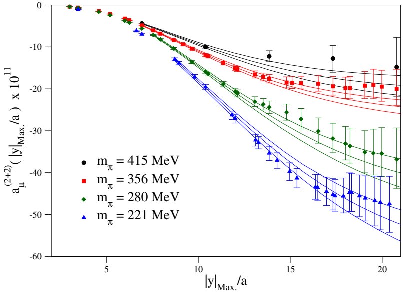
Truncated integral for a_μ^{HLbL}

Connected



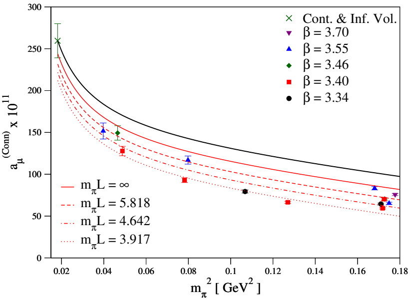
(2+2) Disconnected



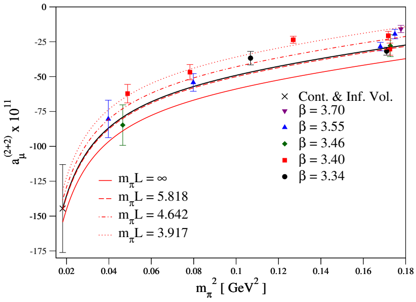
- Extend reach of the signal by two-param. fit $f(y) = A|y|^3 \exp(-M|y|)$;
- provides an excellent description of the π^0 exchange contribution in infinite volume.
- We see a clear increase of the magnitude of both connected and disconnected contributions.

Chiral, continuum, volume extrapolation

Connected contribution

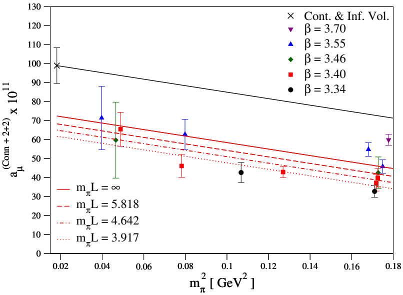


disconnected contribution

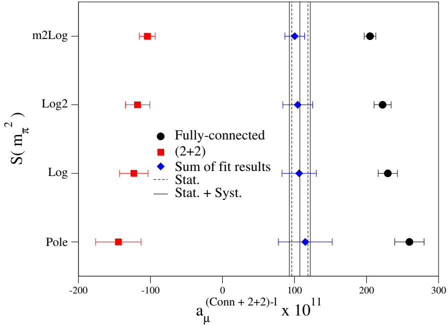


Total light-quark contribution:

- vol. dependence: $\propto \exp(-m_\pi L/2)$
- pion-mass dependence fairly mild (!)



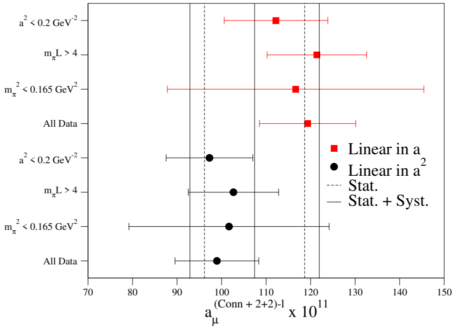
Separate extrapolation of conn. & disconn.



$$\text{Ansatz}: \quad Ae^{-m_\pi L/2} + Ba^2 + CS(m_\pi^2) + D + Em_\pi^2$$

- chirally singular behaviour cancels in sum of connected and disconnected.

Extrapolation to the sum of conn. & disconn.



$$\text{Ansatz}: \quad Ae^{-m_\pi L/2} + Ba^2 + D + Em_\pi^2$$

- results very stable with respects to cuts in a, m_π or $m_\pi L$.
- largest systematic comes from choice of continuum limit ansatz.
- final result: central value from fitting these results with a constant; systematic error set to $\sqrt{(1/N)\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i - \bar{y})^2}$ as a measure of the spread of the results.

Overview table

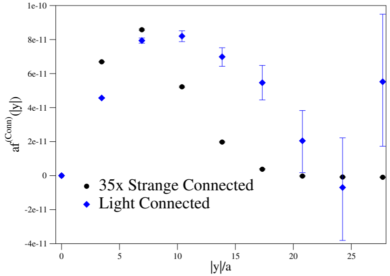
Contribution	Value$\times 10^{11}$
Light-quark fully-connected and $(2+2)$	107.4(11.3)(9.2)
Strange-quark fully-connected and $(2+2)$	$-0.6(2.0)$
$(3+1)$	0.0(0.6)
$(2+1+1)$	0.0(0.3)
$(1+1+1+1)$	0.0(0.1)
Total	106.8(14.7)

- error dominated by the statistical error and the continuum limit.
- all subleading contributions have been tightly constrained and shown to be negligible.

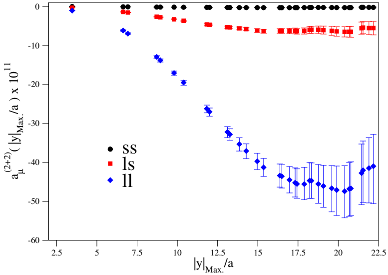
[Chao et al, 2104.02632]

Strange contribution

Ensemble C101 ($48^3 \times 96$, $a = 0.086\,\text{fm}$, $m_\pi = 220\,\text{MeV}$)

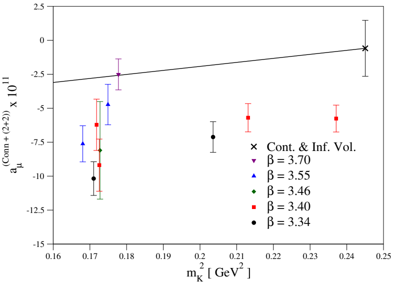


NB. Strange integrand has a factor 17 suppression due to charge factor.



(2,2) disconnected contributions.

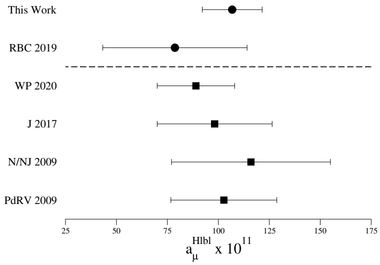
Extrapolation of strange contributions



Sum of connected-strange + (2,2) topology with ss and sl quark-line content.

Final strange contribution is very small as a result of cancellations.

Conclusion on $a_\mu^{\rm HLbL}$



[Fig. from 2104.02632]

- Results from the Bern dispersive framework and from two independent lattice QCD calculations are in good agreement and have comparable uncertainties.
- It is now practically excluded that $a_\mu^{\rm HLbL}$ can by itself explain the tension between the SM prediction and the experimental value of a_μ.
- Epilogue: $a_\mu^{\rm HLbL}$ is a tale of many cancellations, both between the exchange of different mesons and also between Wick-contraction topologies in lattice QCD.