# HVP from Lattice QCD 

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## Status and impact of hadronic vacuum polarization contribution



Ab-initio lattice QCD (+QED) calculations are maturing

Difficult problem: scales from $2 m_{\pi}$ to several GeV enter; cross-checks needed at high precision

Hybrid window method restricts scales that enter from lattice/dispersive data

Dispersive, $e^{+} e^{-} \rightarrow$ hadrons (20+ years of experiments)

Now first published lattice result with sub-percent precision available (BMW20), cross-checks are crucial to establish or refute high-precision lattice methodology

Summary of HVP status:

- Decades of $e^{+} e^{-}$dispersive results suggest a strong tension (4.2 $\sigma$ )
- A first sub-percent precision lattice result (BMW20) suggests only minimal tension ( $1.5 \sigma$ )

Two main questions addressed in this talk:

- Consistency of BMW20 lattice result with other lattice results
- Consistency of lattice results with R-ratio


## Consistency of BMW20 lattice result with other lattice results

## Diagrams



(a) V

(b) S

(d) $\mathrm{T}_{d}$

(e) D1

(f) $\mathrm{D} 1_{d}$

(g) D2
(h) $\mathrm{D} 2_{d}$


(i) F

(j) D3

(a) M

(b) R

(c) $\mathrm{R}_{d}$

(d) O

Overview of individual contributions

Diagrams - Isospin limit


FIG. 1. Quark-connected (left) and quark-disconnected (right) diagram for the calculation of $a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{HVP}}{ }^{\mathrm{LO}}$. We do not draw gluons but consider each diagram to represent all orders in QCD.

Up, down; isospin symmetric limit; $m_{\pi}=m_{\pi}^{0}$

$a_{\mu, \text { ud, conn, isospin }} \times 10^{10}$

## Strange





## Diagrams - QED corrections



For diagram F we enforce exchange of gluons between the quark loops as otherwise a cut through a single photon line would be possible. This single-photon contribution is counted as part of the HVP NLO and not included for the HVP LO.




Attention needed

Diagrams - Strong isospin breaking


For the HVP R is negligible since $\Delta m_{u} \approx-\Delta m_{d}$ and O is $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ and $1 / N_{c}$ suppressed.

Lehner, Meyer 2020: NLO PQChPT: FV effects in connected and disconnected cancel but are each significant $O\left(4 \times 10^{-10}\right)$; PQChPT expects cancellation between connected and disconnected contribution $a_{\mu}^{\text {SIB, conn. }}=-a_{\mu}^{\text {SIB, disc. }}=6.9 \times 10^{-10}$




Attention on light-quark isospin-symmetric contribution and QED disconnected contribution

Lattice QCD - Time-Moment Representation

Starting from the vector current $J_{\mu}(x)=i \sum_{f} Q_{f} \bar{\Psi}_{f}(x) \gamma_{\mu} \Psi_{f}(x)$ we may write

$$
a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{HVP} \mathrm{LO}}=\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} w_{t} C(t)
$$

with

$$
C(t)=\frac{1}{3} \sum_{\vec{x}} \sum_{j=0,1,2}\left\langle J_{j}(\vec{x}, t) J_{j}(0)\right\rangle
$$

and $w_{t}$ capturing the photon and muon part of the HVP diagrams (Bernecker-Meyer 2011).

The correlator $C(t)$ is computed in lattice QCD+QED at physical pion mass with non-degenerate up and down quark masses including up, down, strange, and charm quark contributions. The missing bottom quark contributions are computed in pQCD.

Lattice QCD - Example of correlation function $C(t)$ (RBC/UKQCD18)


Large discretization errors at short distance, large finite-volume errors and statistical errors at large distance

Window method (introduced in RBC/UKQCD 2018)
We therefore also consider a window method. Following Meyer-Bernecker 2011 and smearing over $t$ to define the continuum limit we write

$$
a_{\mu}=a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{SD}}+a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{W}}+a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{LD}}
$$

with

$$
\begin{aligned}
a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{SD}} & =\sum_{t} C(t) w_{t}\left[1-\Theta\left(t, t_{0}, \Delta\right)\right], \\
a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{W}} & =\sum_{t} C(t) w_{t}\left[\Theta\left(t, t_{0}, \Delta\right)-\Theta\left(t, t_{1}, \Delta\right)\right] \\
a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{LD}} & =\sum_{t} C(t) w_{t} \Theta\left(t, t_{1}, \Delta\right), \\
\Theta\left(t, t^{\prime}, \Delta\right) & =\left[1+\tanh \left[\left(t-t^{\prime}\right) / \Delta\right]\right] / 2
\end{aligned}
$$

All contributions are well-defined individually and can be computed from lattice or R-ratio via $C(t)=\frac{1}{12 \pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} d(\sqrt{s}) R(s) s e^{-\sqrt{s t}}$ with $R(s)=\frac{3 s}{4 \pi \alpha^{2}} \sigma\left(s, e^{+} e^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{had}\right)$.
$a_{\mu}^{W}$ has small statistical and systematic errors on lattice!

Use these windows as a lattice internal cross-check


Isospin-symmetric light quark-connected contribution to $a_{\mu}^{W}$ for $t_{0}=0.4 \mathrm{fm}, t_{1}=1.0 \mathrm{fm}$; Note that the new RBC/UKQCD22 result was done in a fully blinded way with 5 independent analysis groups. It also uses 24 instead of 2 data points for the continuum extrapolation compared to the pioneering RBC/UKQCD18 result with which it is in $2.1 \sigma$ tension.

Use these windows as a lattice internal cross-check


Isospin-symmetric light quark-connected contribution to $a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{SD}}$ for $t_{0}=\mathrm{fm}$; consistent with pQCD (RBC/UKQCD 2022)

Use these windows as a lattice internal cross-check


Multiple complete lattice QCD results for $a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{W}}$ for $t_{0}=0.4 \mathrm{fm}, t_{1}=1.0$ fm now also exist that exhibit a tension with the R -ratio of approximately $3.6 \sigma$.

## Summary of current status

- Short distance window (up to $t_{0}=0.4 \mathrm{fm}$ ) dominated by pQCD, no sign of tension between data-driven (+pQCD) and LQCD
- Intermediate window ( $t_{0}=0.4 \mathrm{fm}, t_{1}=1.0 \mathrm{fm}$ ), we have now established a $3.6 \sigma$ tension of

$$
a_{\mathrm{W}}^{\text {Lattice }}-a_{\mathrm{W}}^{\text {Data-Driven }}=6.2(1.7) \times 10^{-10}
$$

- The long-distance window is at this point not yet independently checked!
- The total $a_{\mu}$ BMW20 result lies approximately $15 \times 10^{-10}$ above data-driven results.

Consistency of lattice result with R-ratio

$R(s)=\frac{3 s}{4 \pi \alpha^{2}} \sigma\left(s, e^{+} e^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{had}\right), \quad C(t)=\frac{1}{12 \pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} d(\sqrt{s}) R(s) s e^{-\sqrt{s} t}$

Tensions in input data, however, already taken into account in WP20 merger of KNT19 and DHMZ19:


What does tension in windows mean for R-ratio?

If there is a shift in R-ratio, it crucially depends on which energy to understand what the impact on $\Delta \alpha$ and EW precision physics is.

Express Euclidean Windows in time-like region:

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{\mu}=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s R(s) K(s) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and window

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{W}}=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s R(s) K(s) P(s) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

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Below black line, we can use Lellouche-Lüscher-Meyer formalism to get $R(s)$ from lattice directly! Programs for this by Mainz and RBC/UKQCD.

First results for more windows already available - Lehner \& Meyer 2020


Here: $t_{0}=t, t_{1}=t+0.1 \mathrm{fm}$
No results for QED, SIB, and charm contribution yet available.

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| $t_{0} / \mathrm{fm}$ | $t_{1} / \mathrm{fm}$ | $\Delta / \mathrm{fm}$ | $a_{\mu}^{\text {ud,conn.,isospin }} 10^{10}$ | $a_{\mu}^{\mathrm{s}, \text { conn., isospin }} 10^{10}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total |  |  | $657(26)(12)$ | $52.83(22)(65)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 3.60 (00)(59) | 0.81(00)(12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.15 | $8.649(03)(73)$ | $1.666(01)(12)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.15 | $14.27(01)(82)$ | $2.57(00)(16)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.15 | 18.67(02)(35) | $3.448(05)(65)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.15 | $24.617(35)(63)$ | $4.170(07)(20)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.15 | 29.47 (06)(29) | $4.666(10)(59)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.15 | $33.85(10)(37)$ | $4.866(13)(74)$ | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.15 | $12.25(00)(52)$ | $2.48(00)(11)$ |
| 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.15 | 37.71 (14)(15) | $4.799(16)(39)$ | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.15 | $32.95(03)(48)$ | $6.02(01)(10)$ |
| 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.15 | $39.55(20)(21)$ | $4.505(17)(44)$ | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.15 | $54.08(10)(29)$ | $8.837(18)(74)$ |
| 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.15 | $40.77(27)(31)$ | $4.058(19)(65)$ | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.15 | $71.55(24)(38)$ | $9.666(29)(91)$ |
| 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.15 | 40.86(44)(41) | 3.527(19)(76) | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.15 | 80.33(47)(44) | $8.56(04)(10)$ |
| 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.15 | 39.81 (54)(42) | 2.973(19)(75) | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.15 | 224.6 (0.8)(1.1) | 30.51 (08)(25) |
| 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.15 | $38.10(65)(51)$ | 2.441 (18)(77) | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.15 | $343.1(2.6)(2.0)$ | 39.45 (13)(35) |
| 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.15 | $35.54(77)(53)$ | $1.955(17)(67)$ | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.15 | 441.0(5.1)(3.4) | 44.12(17)(49) |
| 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.15 | $32.70(88)(56)$ | $1.534(15)(60)$ | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.15 | $205.97(79)(90)$ | 27.06 (08)(21) |
| 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.15 | $29.50(100)(58)$ | $1.181(13)(52)$ | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.15 | $324.6(2.6)(1.9)$ | 36.01 (13)(36) |
| 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.15 | 25.51(81)(66) | 0.894(12)(44) | 0.4 | 1.6 | 0.15 | 422.4(5.1)(3.5) | 40.68(17)(51) |
| 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.15 | $22.20(85)(66)$ | 0.667(10)(37) | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.05 | 216.5(0.8)(6.2) | $27.9(0.1)(1.1)$ |
| 1.8 | 1.9 | 0.15 | 19.18(86)(67) | 0.491 (08)(30) | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 209.80(77)(79) | $27.70(08)(21)$ |
| 1.9 | 2.0 | 0.15 | $16.59(89)(75)$ | $0.357(07)(24)$ | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 202.10(82)(91) | 26.24(08)(21) |

More results expected by other collaborations soon! See also one-sided windows computed in FHM2022a.

- In the intermediate window a $3.6 \sigma$ tension between data-driven and lattice QCD is now established. This accounts for a shift of $O\left(6 \times 10^{-10}\right)$.
- The difference between the total BMW 20 and the data-driven result is $O\left(15 \times 10^{-10}\right)$.
- The study of multiple window quantities may give insight into the energy region driving such a tension.
- Over the next year, we may expect at least one additional complete LQCD calculation at the sub-percent level.

