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The Muon Anomaly – An Intricate Landscape

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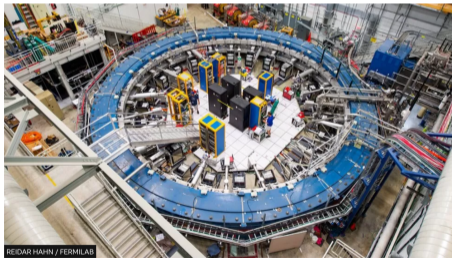
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Scientists at Fermilab close in on fifth force of nature

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The findings come from the US muon g-2 experiment

The BBC, 10.08.2023

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A new force of nature? Scientists close in on a fifth force as they discover a mysterious subatomic particle disobeying the laws of physics

- Physicists observed the 'peculiar wobble' of subatomic particle called a muon
- Modern understanding of physics may be missing an 'unknown particle or force'
- The new findings replicate [earlier results from 2021](#) but with four times the data

By [JONATHAN CHADWICK FOR MAILONLINE](#)

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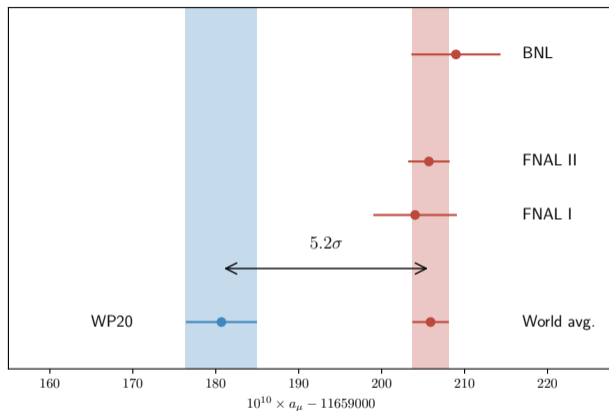
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- spoiler: **hadronic physics** at low energies is hard





it's messy, but let's start somewhere



- $a_\mu^{\text{exp;WA}} = 116\,592\,059(22) \cdot 10^{-11}$ [2402.15410, [World Average after BNL+FNAL1/2/3]]
- $a_\mu^{\text{WP}} = 116\,591\,810(43) \cdot 10^{-11}$ [2006.04822, [White Paper]]

- the muon has a spin S , coupling to a(n electro)magnetic field

$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu_\ell \cdot B - d_\ell \cdot E$$

$$\mu_\ell = -g_\ell \frac{e}{2m_\ell} S \quad \rightarrow \quad a_\ell = \frac{g_\ell - 2}{2}$$

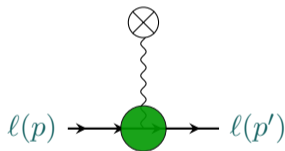
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- 1928: Dirac predicts $g_\ell = 2$
- 1934: Kinsler & Houston confirm the result with a large experimental error
- 1947: Kusch & Foley measure a 0.12% deviation from 2 (hence anomaly)
- 1948: Schwinger computes the first radiative correction to a_ℓ , i.e. $\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \sim 0.116\%$



- radiative corrections to

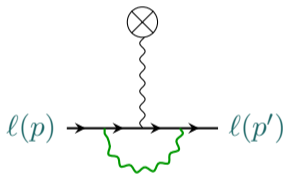
$$\bar{u}(p') \Gamma^\mu u(p) = \bar{u}(p') \left(F_1(q^2) \gamma^\mu + F_2(q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{2m_\ell} q_\nu \right) u(p) \quad q = p' - p$$



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 \rightarrow the first non-trivial order is Schwinger's result

- **QED contribution:** loops with photons and leptons
- can be computed **perturbatively**

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

- a sum of **mass-independent** and **mass-dependent terms**

$$C_{\mu}^{(2n)} = A_1^{(2n)} + A_2^{(2n)} \left(\frac{m_{\mu}}{m_e}\right) + A_2^{(2n)} \left(\frac{m_{\mu}}{m_{\tau}}\right) + A_2^{(2n)} \left(\frac{m_{\mu}}{m_e}, \frac{m_{\mu}}{m_{\tau}}\right)$$

- higher orders?

cp. $\Delta a_{\mu}^{\text{exp}} \sim 22 \cdot 10^{-11}$ with $(\alpha/\pi)^4 \sim 2.91 \cdot 10^{-11}$ and $(\alpha/\pi)^5 \sim 6.76 \cdot 10^{-14}$

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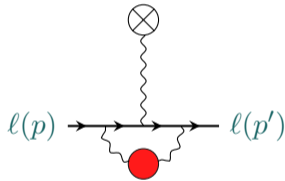
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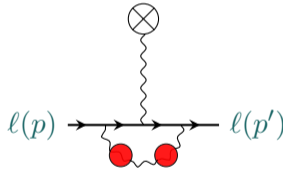
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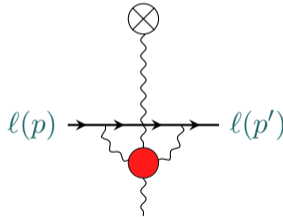
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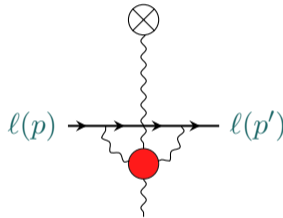
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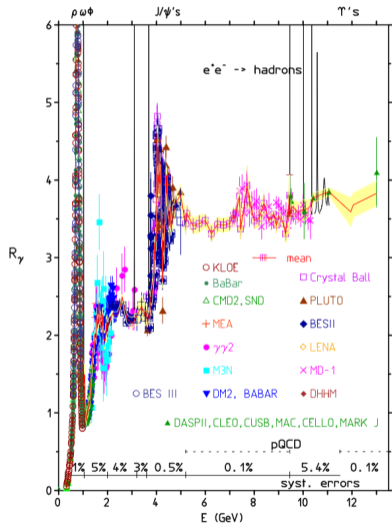
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- ◇ dispersive approaches: $92(19) \cdot 10^{-11}$
- ◇ lattice QCD: $79(31)(18) \cdot 10^{-11}$ or $107(15) \cdot 10^{-11}$
- ◇ $a_{\mu}^{\text{exp};\text{WA}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}}(\text{Cs18}) - a_{\mu}^{\text{EW};2\text{L}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{HLbL};\text{WP}} = 7095(29) \cdot 10^{-11}$



- gauge invariance:

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}(q^2) = -i(q^2 g^{\mu\nu} - q^\mu q^\nu) \Pi(q^2)$$

- analyticity:

$$\Pi_{\text{ren}} = \Pi(q^2) - \Pi(0) = \frac{q^2}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s)}{s(s-q^2)}$$

- unitarity (optical theorem):

$$\text{Im}\Pi(s) = -\frac{s}{4\pi\alpha} \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) = -\frac{\alpha}{3} R_\gamma(s)$$

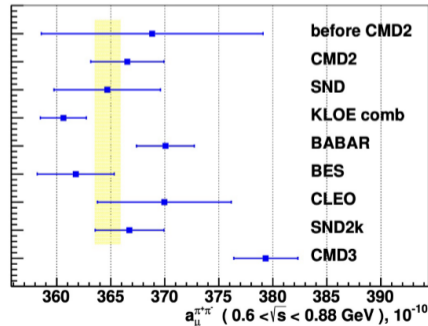
$$\Rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{HVP;LO}} = \frac{\alpha^2 m_\mu^2}{3\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s^2} K(s) R_\gamma(s)$$

- measure $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ for $s > 0$ at 1% or better
- use pQCD for $s \rightarrow \infty$

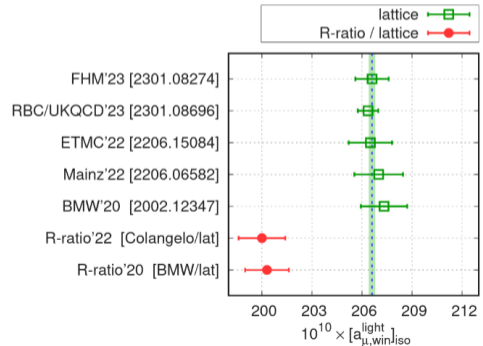
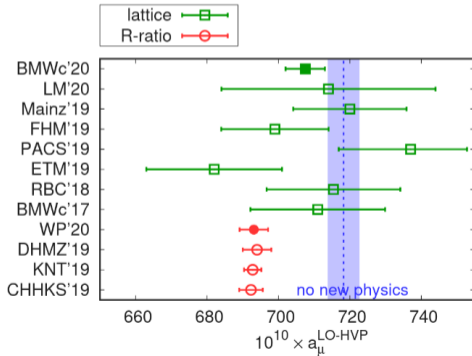
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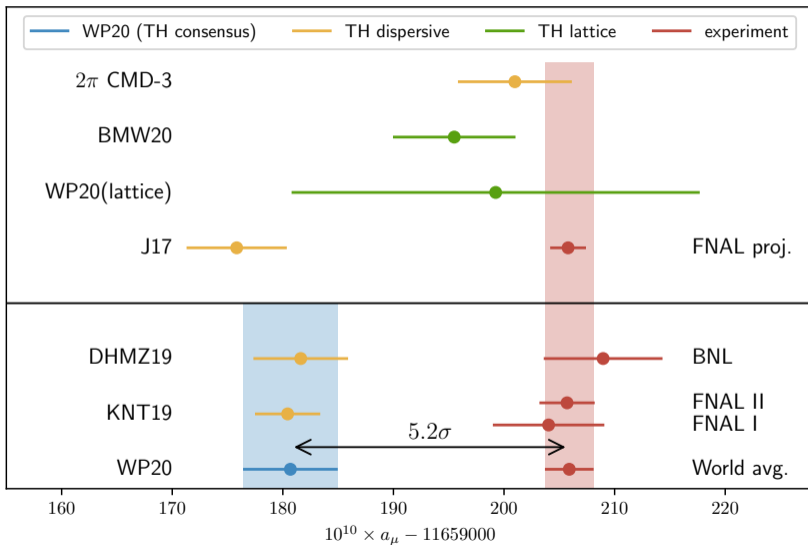
LO-HVP [J17]	6 881(41)
LO-HVP [DHMZ19]	6 939(40)
LO-HVP [KNT19]	6 927.8(24.2)
LO-HVP [WP20]	6 931(40)
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NLO-HVP [Kurz+14]	-98.7(0.9)
NNLO-HVP [Kurz+14]	12.4(0.1)

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- **tensions** among datasets: e.g. KLOE vs BABAR, and $\pi\pi$ channel ($> 50\%$)



- non-perturbative, first-principle method based on a discretised space-time
- physical results: (1) chiral limit; (2) infinite-volume limit; (3) continuum limit
- $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO};\text{HVP}} = \alpha^2 \int_0^{\infty} dt K(t) \langle J_{\mu}(t) J_{\nu}(0) \rangle \rightarrow \text{BMWc: } 7075(2.3)(5.0) \cdot 10^{-11}$







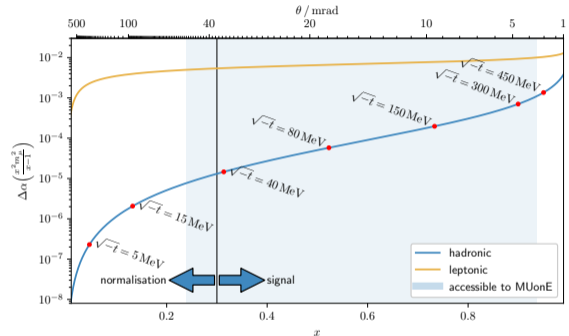
now what?

use space-like data at low energies

- collide muons against electrons
- measure scattering angles:
 θ_e and θ_μ
- reconstruct $\Delta\alpha^{\text{had}}(x < 0)$
- apply the **space-like** dispersive formula ($x \propto t$)

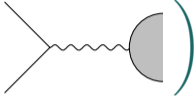
$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP};\text{LO}} \propto \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \Delta\alpha^{\text{had}}(x)$$

- realise the signal is $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
- competitive extraction at 10^{-2}

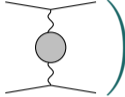


[Carlani Calame et al. 15; Abbiendi et al. 16]

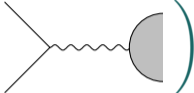
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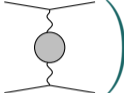
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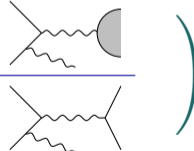
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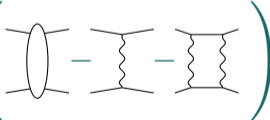
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in practice ...

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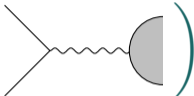
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loop-induced process

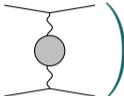
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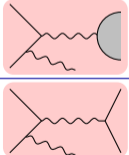
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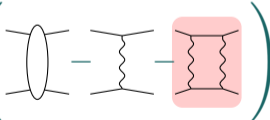
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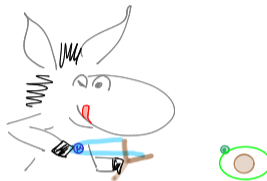
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- higher-order predictions and comparison with precision experiments
- focus on $2 \rightarrow 2$ low-energy QED+ scattering processes
- **input:** matrix elements by us or others (at NNLO + first visits at N3LO)
- **output:** physical cross section for any physical observable at fixed order
- at present an integrator, generator features under testing

McMULE

Monte Carlo for MUons and other LEptons
code \rightarrow <https://mule-tools.gitlab.io/>
docs \rightarrow <https://mcmule.readthedocs.io/>





McMuone

[arXiv:2212.06481]

[Broggio, Engel, Ferrogli, Mandal, Mastrolia, Ronca, Rocco, Signer, Torres Bobadilla, Ulrich, Zoller]

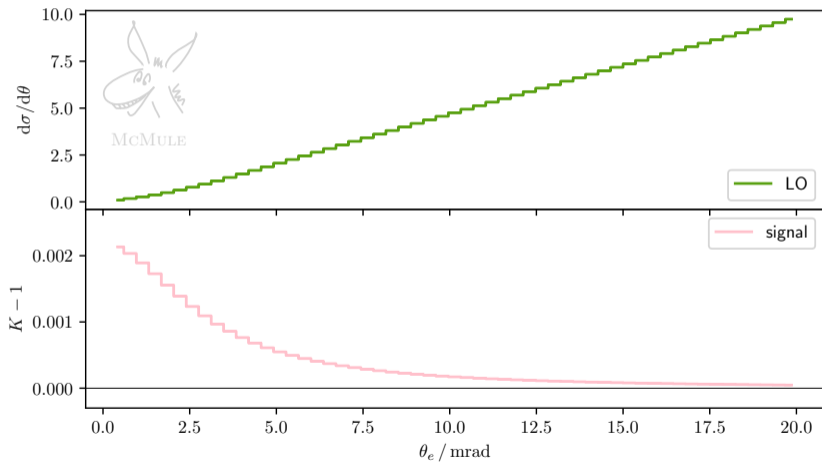
$$\mu e \rightarrow \mu e \quad @ \text{ NNLO}$$

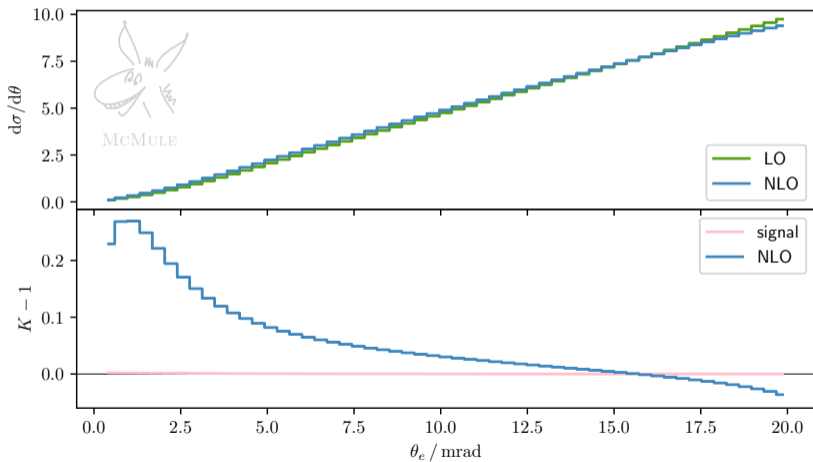
- kinematical setup mimics **MUonE**:

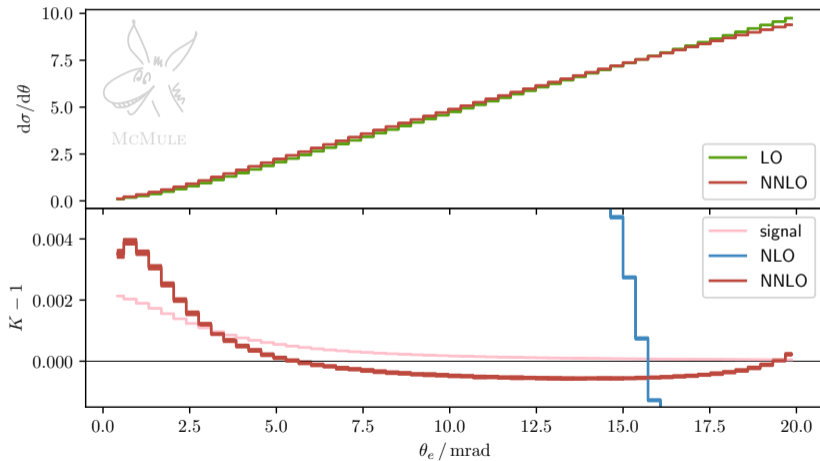
$$S1 \quad :: \quad E_{\mu,i} = 160 \text{ GeV} \quad E_{e,f} > 1 \text{ GeV} \quad \theta_{\mu,f} > 0.3 \text{ mrad}$$

- results for different kinematical scenarios and **any IR safe observable**
- first **NNLO** calculation with **two** different internal & external **masses**
- 11 authors, 12 institutes, 6 countries
- 5+ yr of work + run for 2.5 CPU yr
(290 kWh energy / 1300 kettles / 60 kgCO₂e / $\frac{1}{3}$ flight Milano–Bari)

more at mule-tools.gitlab.io/user-library/mu-e-scattering/muone-full-legacy









let's wrap it up

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