

Lattice calculation of the HVP contribution to the anomalous magnetic moment of muon

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We report our (HPQCD) progress on the calculation of the Hadronic Vacuum Polarisation contribution to the anomalous magnetic moment of muon. In this article we discuss the calculations for the light (up/down) quark connected contribution using our method described in Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 11, 114501 and give an estimate for the disconnected contribution. Our calculation has been carried out on MILC Collaboration's $n_f = 2+1+1$ HISQ ensembles at multiple values of the lattice spacing, multiple volumes and multiple light sea quark masses (including physical pion mass configurations).

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1. Motivation

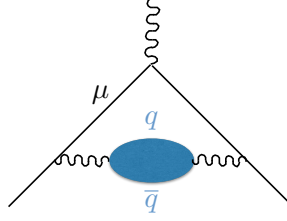


Figure 1: The hadronic vacuum polarization contribution to the muon anomalous magnetic moment is represented as a shaded blob inserted into the photon propagator (represented by a wavy line) that corrects the point-like photon-muon coupling at the top of the diagram.

The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon (a_μ), defined as the fractional difference of its gyromagnetic ratio from the naive value of 2, ($a_\mu = (g - 2)/2$), gives one of the most stringent tests of the Standard Model. This quantity is measured in experiment with impressive precision, 0.54 ppm [1] and shows a tantalizing discrepancy of 3σ with the Standard Model expectation: $a_\mu^{exp} - a_\mu^{SM} = 25(9) \times 10^{-10}$ [2, 3, 4, 5]. With the forthcoming experiments at Fermilab and J-PARC aiming to reduce the experimental uncertainty by a factor of 4, it is now vital to achieve a comparable precision from theory. The current theoretical uncertainty is dominated by that from the theoretical calculation of the lowest order “hadronic vacuum polarisation (HVP)” contribution, $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$. This contribution is currently determined most accurately using the dispersion relation and the experimental results on $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons or from τ decay to be of size 700×10^{-10} with $\sim 1\%$ error [3, 5]. Our goal is to achieve an uncertainty of less than 1% in $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ using a first principle lattice QCD calculation. We have developed a simple lattice QCD method [6] for calculating $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ which improves significantly on previous calculations and using that method we have achieved 1% uncertainty in the strange quark-line connected contributions to the HVP [6]. In this article we report on our progress with the calculation of the light quark connected piece using the same method and of the disconnected piece of the HVP contribution to $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ and quote our preliminary result for the total $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$.

2. Simulation Details

We calculate the light (up/down) quark propagators using the Highly Improved Staggered Quark (HISQ) [7] discretisation on HISQ gauge configurations generated by the MILC collaboration [8, 9] with light, strange and charm quarks in the sea. We have used three lattice ensembles with lattice spacings $a \approx 0.15$ fm (very coarse), 0.12 fm (coarse) and 0.09 fm (fine), determined [10] using the Wilson flow parameter w_0 [11]. At each lattice spacing we have three values of the average u/d quark mass: $m_s/5, m_s/10, m_s/27.5$ (physical). On $m_l = m_s/10$ and $a \sim 0.12$ fm we have three different volumes corresponding to a lattice length in units of the π meson mass of $M_\pi L = 3.2, 4.3$ and 5.4 to test for finite volume effects.

The light quark propagators are combined into a correlator with a local vector current at either end. The end point is summed over spatial sites on a timeslice to set the spatial momentum to zero.

We use a random colour wall source created from a set of U(1) random numbers over a timeslice for improved statistics. The local current is not the conserved vector current for the HISQ quark action and must be renormalised. We have calculated the local vector current renormalisation constant ($Z_{V,\bar{s}s}$) completely non-perturbatively with 0.1% uncertainty on the finest $m_l = m_s/5$ lattices[12] for the strange-strange currents. For the time being we are using the same renormalisation for the light-light local vector current.

3. Connected light correlators

The light quark contribution in $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ is the most significant part, being 12 times larger than that for the strange quark, in part because of a factor of 5 from the electric charges. Though the extension of our method [6] to calculate a_μ^{light} is straightforward, poor signal-to-noise ratio in this case significantly increases the statistical uncertainties in the time moments [6]. We have overcome this issue by calculating the time moments from the reconstructed correlators using the best fit parameters for time slices larger than t^* (instead of using the original correlators). This constrains the errors in the correlators at larger times therefore giving a much better precision in the moments. We used a data-fit hybrid correlator as follows:

$$G(t) = \begin{cases} G_{data}(t) & \text{for } t \leq t^* \text{ from Monte Carlo,} \\ G_{fit}(t) & \text{for } t > t^* \text{ from multi-exponential fit.} \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

for $t^* = 1.5\text{fm} = 6/m_\rho$. Thus we get 70% of the result from G_{data} . We get the same results to within $\pm\sigma/4$ with $t^* = 0.75\text{fm}$. We also improved fitting uncertainties by using Gaussian smearings at source and sink and fitting a 2×2 matrix of correlators.

Our fits to the vector correlators give the decay constant and mass of the vector meson ρ . Our results for these are shown in Fig.2 and compared to previous lattice values. We see that our ρ mass and decay constant fall towards the experimental values as the pion mass is reduced to its physical value.

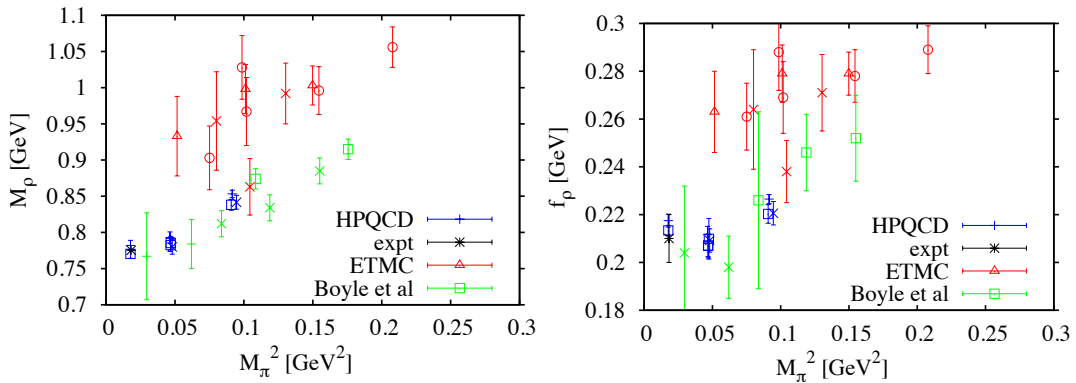


Figure 2: Comparison plots of masses and decay constants of the ρ meson against squared pion mass from calculations that have also been used to determine the HVP contribution to a_μ^{HVP} : Results include values at multiple lattice spacings and volumes - HPQCD ($a \sim 0.09$ - 0.15 fm, $L \sim 2.5$ - 5.8 fm), ETMC ($a \sim 0.06$ - 0.08 fm, $L \sim 2.5$ - 2.9 fm), Boyle et. al. ($a \sim 0.09$ - 0.14 fm, $L \sim 2.7$ - 4.6 fm). Our numbers (HPQCD) in Blue, ETMC results [13] in Red, results from Boyle et. al. in Green [14] and experimental results in Black

Our method determines the expansion in q^2 of the vacuum polarisation function from the time-moments. These are dominated by the contribution from the ground state ρ meson. Hence much of the light quark mass dependence comes from that of the ρ . We can remove this by rescaling the coefficients by appropriate powers of the ρ mass [13]. An important contribution which should not be rescaled in this way is that from the photon coupling to $\pi\pi$. Therefore, we first remove this $\pi\pi$ contribution on each lattice using one-loop, staggered quark, finite-volume chiral perturbation theory [15], and then restore it from one-loop continuum chiral perturbation theory, with the physical π mass. The scaling of $\hat{\Pi}_j^{latt}$ in this way gives:

$$\hat{\Pi}_j^{latt} \rightarrow (\hat{\Pi}_j^{latt} - \hat{\Pi}_j^{latt}(\pi\pi)) \left[\frac{m_\rho^{2j,latt}}{m_\rho^{2j,expt}} \right] + \hat{\Pi}_j^{cont}(\pi\pi) \quad (3.2)$$

3.1 Preliminary results

Our results for a_μ^{light} are shown in Fig.3. The rescaled values are independent of m_l/m_s , a^2 , finite volume, but the raw values also agree at the physical point. Fitting the corrected results as a function of a^2 and m_{sea} yields a preliminary result of $a_\mu^{light} = 598(11) \times 10^{-10}$ including 1% QED and 1% isospin uncertainties (quadrature).

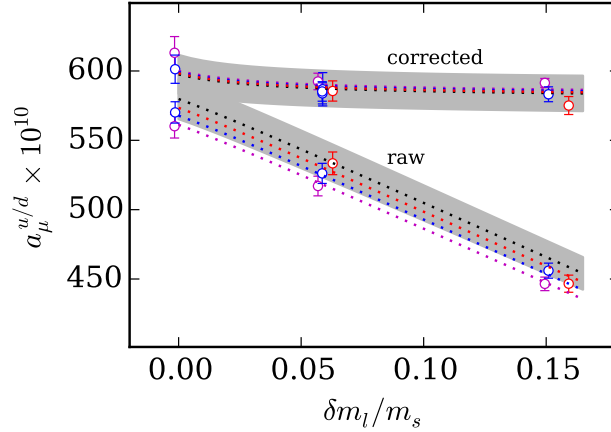


Figure 3: Preliminary lattice QCD results for the connected contribution to the muon anomaly a_μ from vacuum polarisation of u/d quarks, both uncorrected and rescaled (corrected), for three lattice spacings, and three light-quark masses. The dashed lines are the corresponding values from the fit function, using the best-fit parameters. The gray band for the corrected results shows our final result, $598(11) \times 10^{-10}$, after chiral-continuum extrapolation.

4. Disconnected correlators

The quark-line disconnected contributions to the HVP are expected to be small since they vanish when $m_u = m_d = m_s$ [16]. On the lattice the disconnected correlators are extremely noisy. We have used an all-to-all propagator method with 50 stochastic noise vectors on each configuration using a one-link spatial taste-singlet vector current at both source and sink. Using the same noise

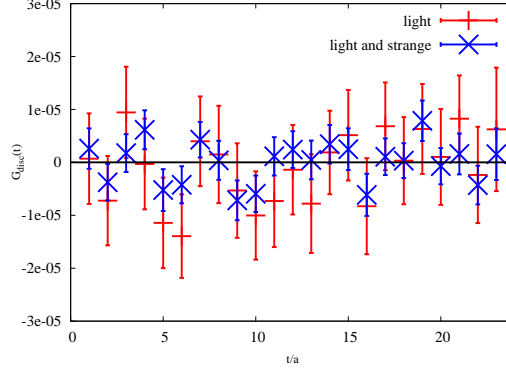


Figure 4: Comparing the disconnected correlators made from light/light and from l-s/l-s currents

for l and s currents as recommended in [17] we find a 40% reduction in uncertainty compared to the l quark case alone (see Fig.4).

4.1 Estimation of Disconnected contribution to g-2

Since we have no signal we use instead an estimate for the disconnected contribution from comparing isoscalar (ω) and isovector (ρ) correlators. At large time the disconnected light-light correlator is given by the difference between that of the ω and the ρ .

$$2D_{ll,gs} = -\frac{f_\rho^2 m_\rho}{2} e^{-m_\rho t} + \frac{f_\omega^2 m_\omega}{2} e^{-m_\omega t} \quad (4.1)$$

The contribution to the time-moments is then readily determined. The ratio for time-moment j between D_{ll} and the connected C_{ll} piece is then

$$R_j = \frac{\Pi_{j,d}}{\Pi_{j,c}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{m_\rho^{2+2j} f_\omega^2}{m_\omega^{2+2j} f_\rho^2} - 1 \right] \quad (4.2)$$

The contribution to a_μ from D_{ll} has a further factor of 1/5 from the relative electric charges. Using experimental values: $m_\rho = 0.775$ GeV, $f_\rho = 0.21(1)$ GeV, $m_\omega = 0.783$ GeV and $f_\omega = 0.20(1)$ GeV we obtain: $a_{\mu,disc}/a_{\mu,conn} \approx -1.5(1.5)\%$. Note that eq.4.2 trivially yields $-1/10$ for the ratio of disconnected to connected contributions to a_μ for the $\pi\pi$ piece, since the isoscalar channel contains no $\pi\pi$ contribution. However, the $\pi\pi$ contribution is handled using a complete calculation here, and not separated into connected and disconnected pieces.

5. HPQCD Estimation for total $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$

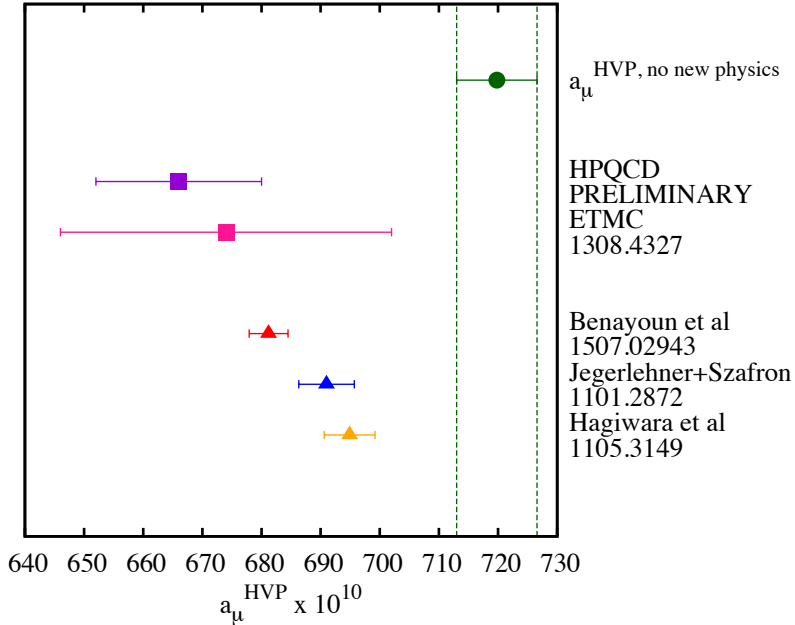
Table 1 shows the contributions to HVP coming from each of the connected quark pieces and disconnected pieces. Our preliminary estimate of the total HVP contribution to muon g-2: $a_\mu^{HVP,LO} = 666(14) \times 10^{-10}$ including all systematics (with 1% QED and 1% isospin uncertainties). Figure 5 shows that our result for $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ agrees well with other lattice (ETMC) results including u, d, s, c quarks and those using experimental cross-sections, but we have not yet achieved a level of precision comparable to that from phenomenology.

Table 1: This table lists our results for all the separate contributions to $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ and gives the total number (preliminary).

Contribution	Result ($\times 10^{-10}$)	
light, conn	598(11)	(preliminary including 1% QED + 1% isospin effects)
strange, conn	53.4 (6)	[6]
charm, conn	14.4(4)	[18, 19]
bottom, conn	0.27(4)	[20]
disconn. (estimate)	0(9)	take 1.5% as uncertainty; contribution likely to be negative
Total	666(14)	

6. Conclusion and Ongoing Work

The preliminary result of our calculation of connected light quark contributions to $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ using HISQ quarks gives a 1.8% uncertainty with 1% QED and 1% isospin uncertainties included. Our preliminary result for the total (u,d,s,c and b) $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ is then $666(14) \times 10^{-10}$. Our result includes calculations with multiple lattice spacings and multiple sea quark masses including physical light quarks for the first time. Further work (with the MILC collaboration) will include much larger ensemble sizes and finer lattices to reduce uncertainties further.

**Figure 5:** A comparison plot showing our (HPQCD) result for $a_\mu^{HVP,LO}$ agrees well with other lattice (ETMC) [13] and phenomenology results [21] [15] [3]. Our result is 3σ from the $a_\mu^{HVP,nonewphysics}$ value of $720(7) \times 10^{-10}$ obtained from the experimental result by subtracting QED, EW, HLBL and higher order HVP contributions.

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