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# Based on

*M. Baker, P. Marquard, A. Penin, J. Piclum and M. Steinhauser,*

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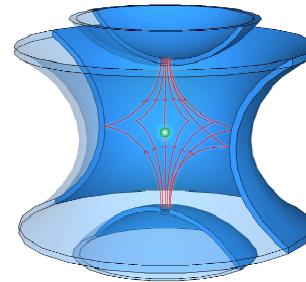
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# QED in a nutshell

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- *electron anomalous magnetic moment* ( $\bar{\mu} = \frac{g_e}{2m_e c} \bar{s}$ )

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- Why interesting?

- *$o\text{-Ps}$  mixes with an off-shell photon at Born level*
- *sensitive to exotic new physics*

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- Mixing of “normal” photon with “dark” or “mirror” photon

Glashow (1986)

- *kinetic mixing*     $\epsilon F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$
- *effect on HFS*     $\delta\Delta\nu \sim \epsilon\Delta\nu$

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# Orthopositronium life time measurements

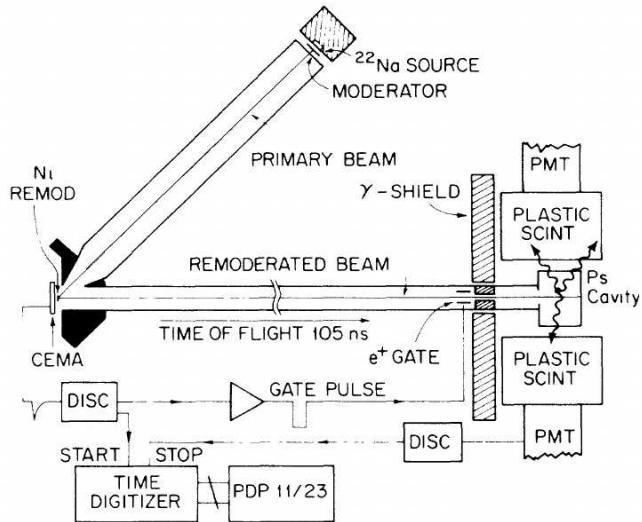
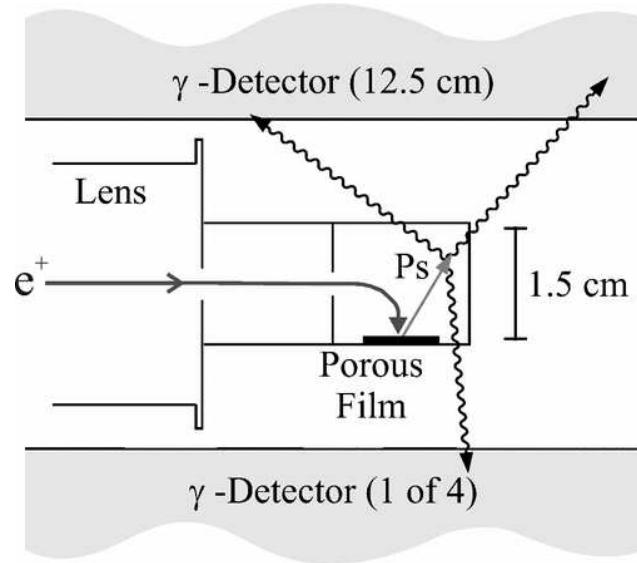


FIG. 1. Time-tagged and gated slow positron beam used to measure the orthopositronium decay rate.

Ann Arbor experiment 1990



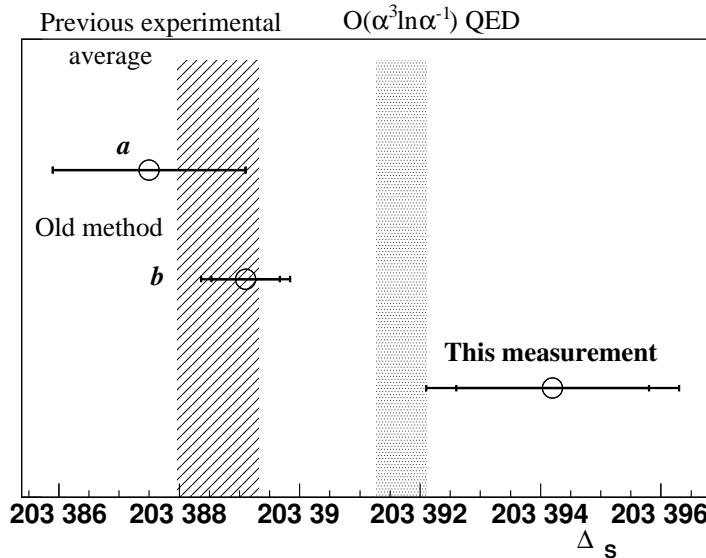
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# Positronium HFS



## Experiment

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A. P. Mills, Jr., *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **34**, 246 (1975)

$$\Delta\nu^{\text{exp}} = 203.38910(74) \text{ GHz}$$

M. W. Ritter, *et al.* Phys. Rev. A **30**, 1331 (1984).

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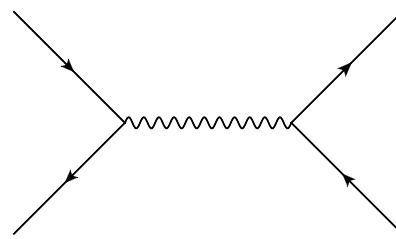
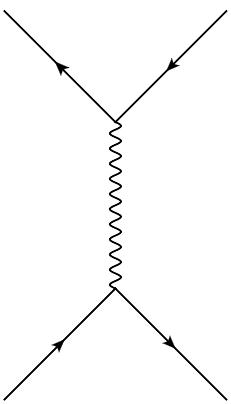
A. Ishida, *et al.* arXiv:1310.6923 [hep-ex].

## Theory

$$\Delta\nu^{\text{th}} = 203.39169(41) \text{ GHz} \quad \text{B. A. Kniehl and A. A. Penin, Phys. Rev. Lett. } \mathbf{85}, 5094 \text{ (2000).}$$

# Basic theory

- Born/Breit spin-dependent interaction



$$\delta_{hfs} \mathcal{H} = \left( \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right]_{sct} + [1]_{ann} \right) \frac{\pi \alpha}{m_e^2} \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{S}^2 ,$$

- Leading order HFS

$$\Delta\nu^{LO} = \left( \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right]_{sct} + \left[ \frac{1}{4} \right]_{ann} \right) \alpha^4 m_e$$

# QED corrections

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# QED corrections

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\nu^{\text{th}} = & \Delta\nu^{LO} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( \frac{32}{21} + \frac{6}{7} \ln 2 \right) - \right. \\ & + \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 \left[ -\frac{5}{14} \pi^2 \ln \alpha + \frac{1367}{378} - \frac{5197}{2016} \pi^2 + \left( \frac{6}{7} + \frac{221}{84} \pi^2 \right) \ln 2 - \frac{159}{56} \zeta(3) \right] \\ & \left. + \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \pi^2 \ln^2 \alpha + \left( -\frac{62}{15} + \frac{68}{7} \ln 2 \right) \pi^2 \ln \alpha + \textcolor{red}{D} \right] \right\},\end{aligned}$$

- Anatomy of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$  nonlogarithmic term

- 47% *scattering contribution*
- 32% *one-photon annihilation contribution*

- This work

- *one-photon annihilation contribution to  $D$*

# Formula of success

$$\text{pNRQED} + \text{Dim.Reg.} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha^7 m_e)$$

# Nonrelativistic effective theory

- Multiscale problem:
  - *hard*  $m_e$
  - *soft*  $v m_e$
  - *ultrasoft*  $v^2 m_e$
- Coulombic bound state
  - Schrödinger equation
- How to derive Schrödinger equation from QED?
  - pNRQED

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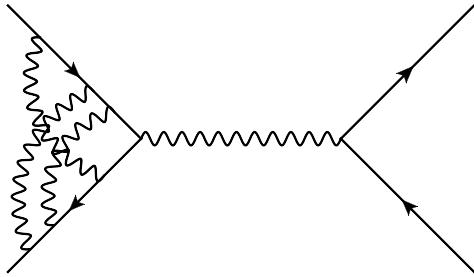
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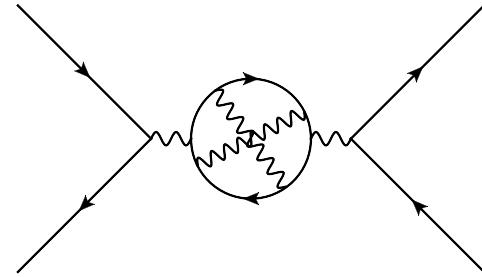
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- Effective theory in dimensional regularization
  - (Pineda, Soto; Czarnecki, Melnikov, Yelkhovsky; Beneke, Signer, Smirnov; Kniehl, Penin, Smirnov, Steinhauser)
  - *no new scales*
  - *gauge, lorenz invariance*
  - *“build-in” matching*

# Structure of the corrections to HFS



*irreducible*



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## • Master formula

$$\Delta_{ann}^{1-\gamma} \nu = \frac{\alpha^4 m_e}{4} \frac{R_o}{1 + P_o}.$$

# Irreducible contribution

- Vacuum polarization at the bound state pole

$$\lim_{E \rightarrow E_o} \Pi(q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{R_o}{E/E_o - 1 - i\varepsilon},$$

- Effective theory decomposition

$$R_o = \left( c_v - \frac{E_o}{m_e} \frac{d_v}{6} + \dots \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{E_o}{2m_e} \right)^{-2} \frac{|\psi_o(0)|^2}{|\psi^C(0)|^2}$$

- Positronium wave function

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{m_e} - \frac{\alpha}{|\mathbf{r}|} + \delta\mathcal{H} - E \right) \psi_o(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

- *subject to ultrasoft corrections*

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- Similar to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  corrections to  $\Gamma(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow e^+e^-)$

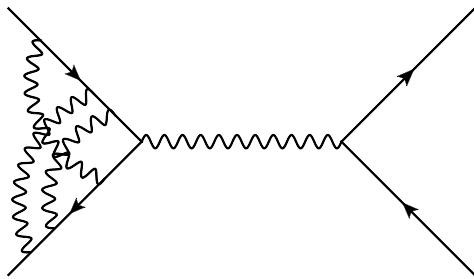
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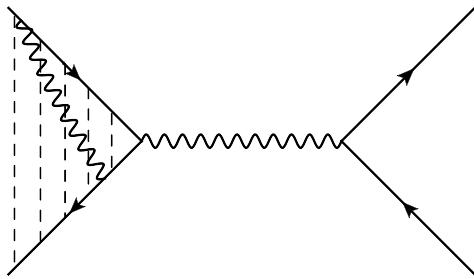
- *three-loop hard vertex correction*

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- *ultrasoft corrections*

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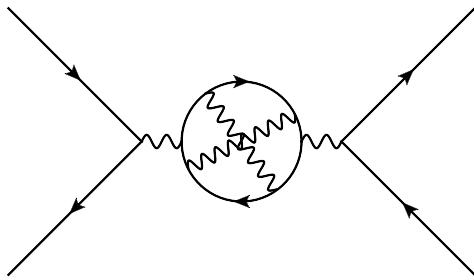
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# Results

- Irreducible contribution  $R_o = 1 + \sum_{n=1} (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^n r^{(n)}$

$$\begin{aligned} r^{(3)} &= -\frac{383}{18} + \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \ln^2 \alpha + \left( -\frac{7}{90} + 8 \ln 2 \right) \ln \alpha \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1019}{180} - 4 \ln 2 + \delta_o^{us} \right] \pi^2 + 2\zeta(3) - \frac{109}{864} \pi^4 + 2c_v^{(3)} 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Reducible contribution  $P_o = \sum_{n=1} (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^n p^{(n)}$

$$p^{(3)} = (2 \ln \alpha - 3) \pi^2 + p_h^{(3)} 0,$$

- Cross-check of  $\mathcal{O}(m_e \alpha^6)$  one-photon annihilation

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# Final result

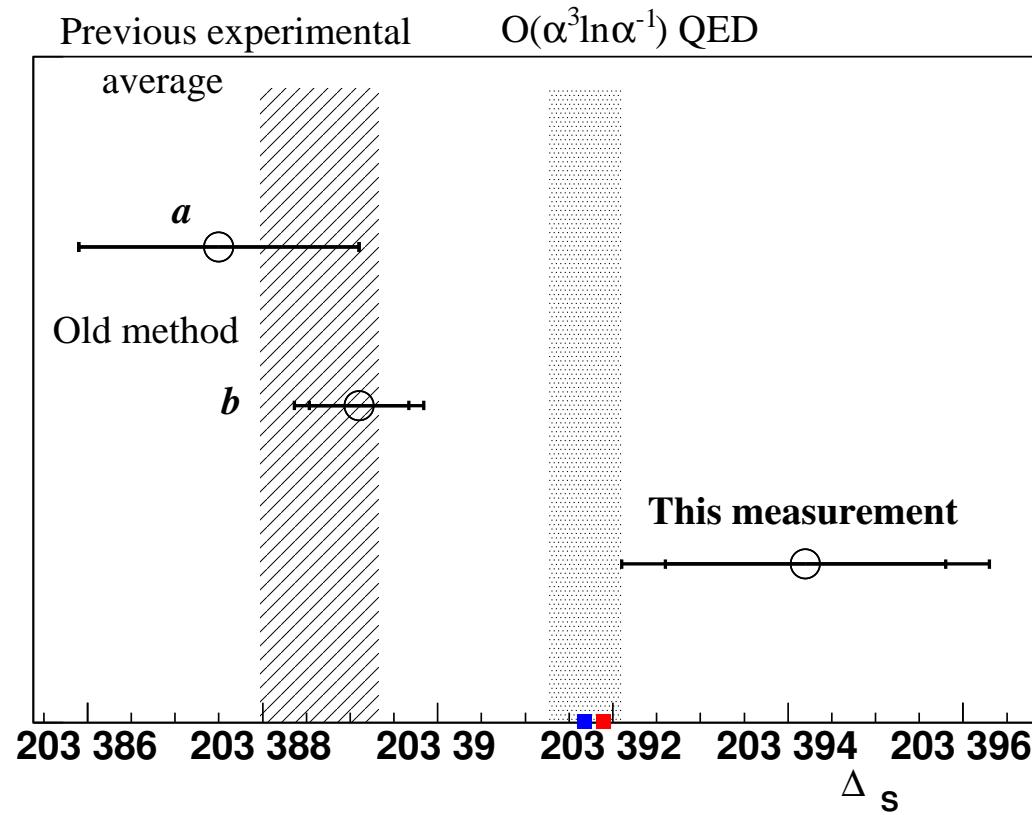
$$\begin{aligned} D_{ann}^{1-\gamma} = & \frac{3}{7} \left[ -\frac{49309}{1458} + \left( \frac{16573}{3240} - \frac{65}{9} \ln 2 + \delta_o^{us} \right) \pi^2 - \frac{221}{18} \zeta(3) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{109}{864} \pi^4 + 2c_v^{(3)} - p_h^{(3)} \right] = 84.8 \pm 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

- Structure of the corrections  $\mathcal{O}(m_e \alpha^7)$

- Bethe logarithm  $\delta_o^{us}$  gives  $D_{ann}^{1-\gamma} \approx 80$
- scattering contribution estimate  $D_{sct} \approx \frac{4\pi^2}{7} \delta_o^{us} \approx 106$
- relativistic contributions (electron  $g - 2$ , electron loops):  $D \sim 1$

G. Adkins, R. Fell; M. Eides, V. Shelyuto

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$$\Delta_{ann}^{1-\gamma} \nu = 217 \pm 1 \text{ kHz}$$

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