
The hadronic vacuum polarisation contribution to the muon $g - 2$ from Lattice QCD

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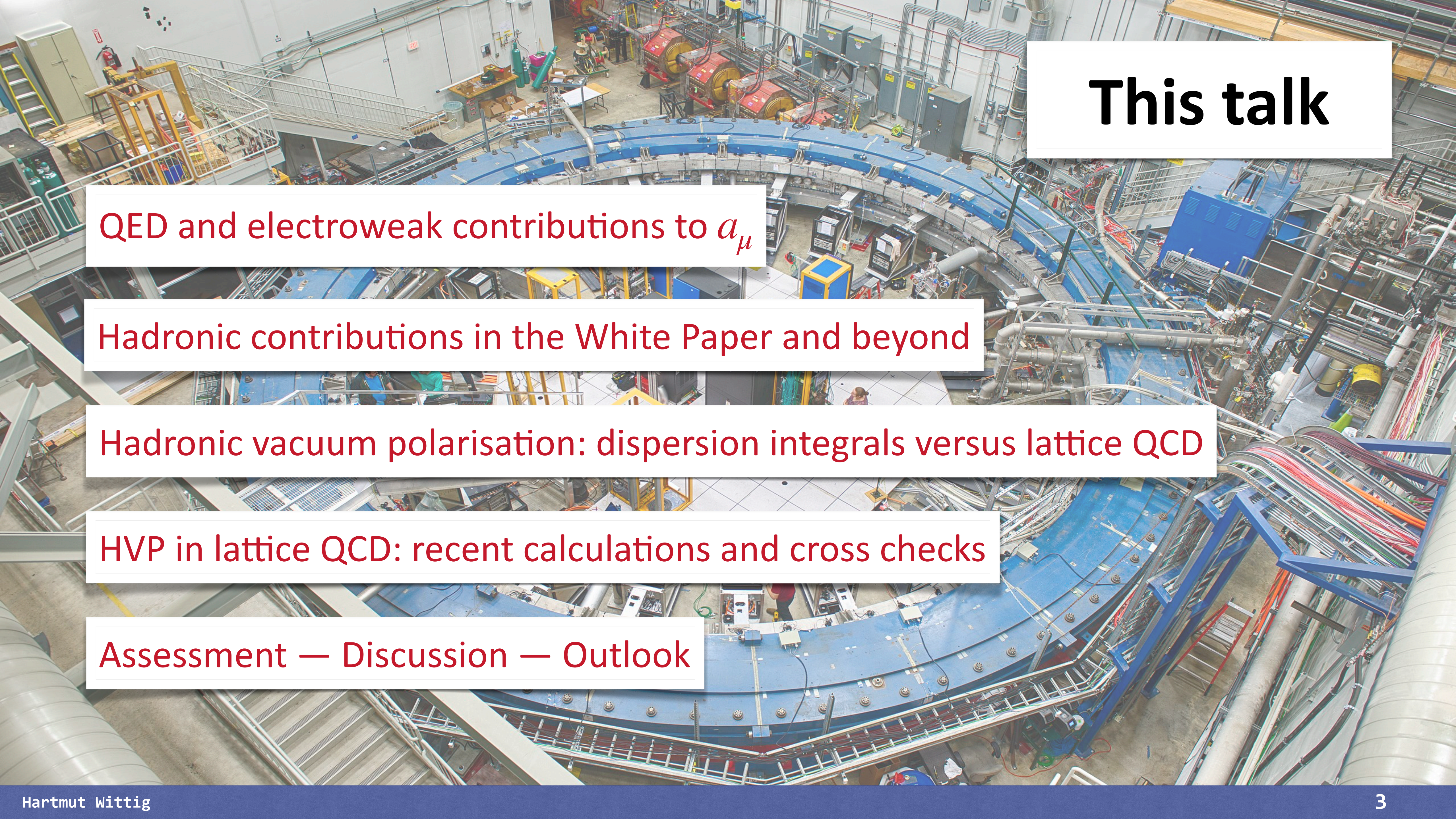


Standard Model prediction — White Paper estimate

Contributions to the muon $g - 2$ from electromagnetism, weak and strong interactions:

QED:	$116\,584\,718.9(1) \times 10^{-11}$	0.001 ppm	
Weak:	$153.6(1.0) \times 10^{-11}$	0.01 ppm	
Hadronic vacuum polarisation:	$6845(40) \times 10^{-11}$	0.34 ppm	[0.6%]
Hadronic light-by-light scattering:	$92(18) \times 10^{-11}$	0.15 ppm	[20%]
$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{weak}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} + a_{\mu}^{\text{hlbl}} = 116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11}$		0.37 ppm	

[Aoyama et al., Phys. Rep. 887 (2020) 1, arXiv:2006.04822]



This talk

QED and electroweak contributions to a_μ

Hadronic contributions in the White Paper and beyond

Hadronic vacuum polarisation: dispersion integrals versus lattice QCD

HVP in lattice QCD: recent calculations and cross checks

Assessment — Discussion — Outlook

QED contributions to a_μ

QED contribution has been worked out to in perturbation theory to 5-loop order:

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Complete Tenth-Order QED Contribution to the Muon $g - 2$

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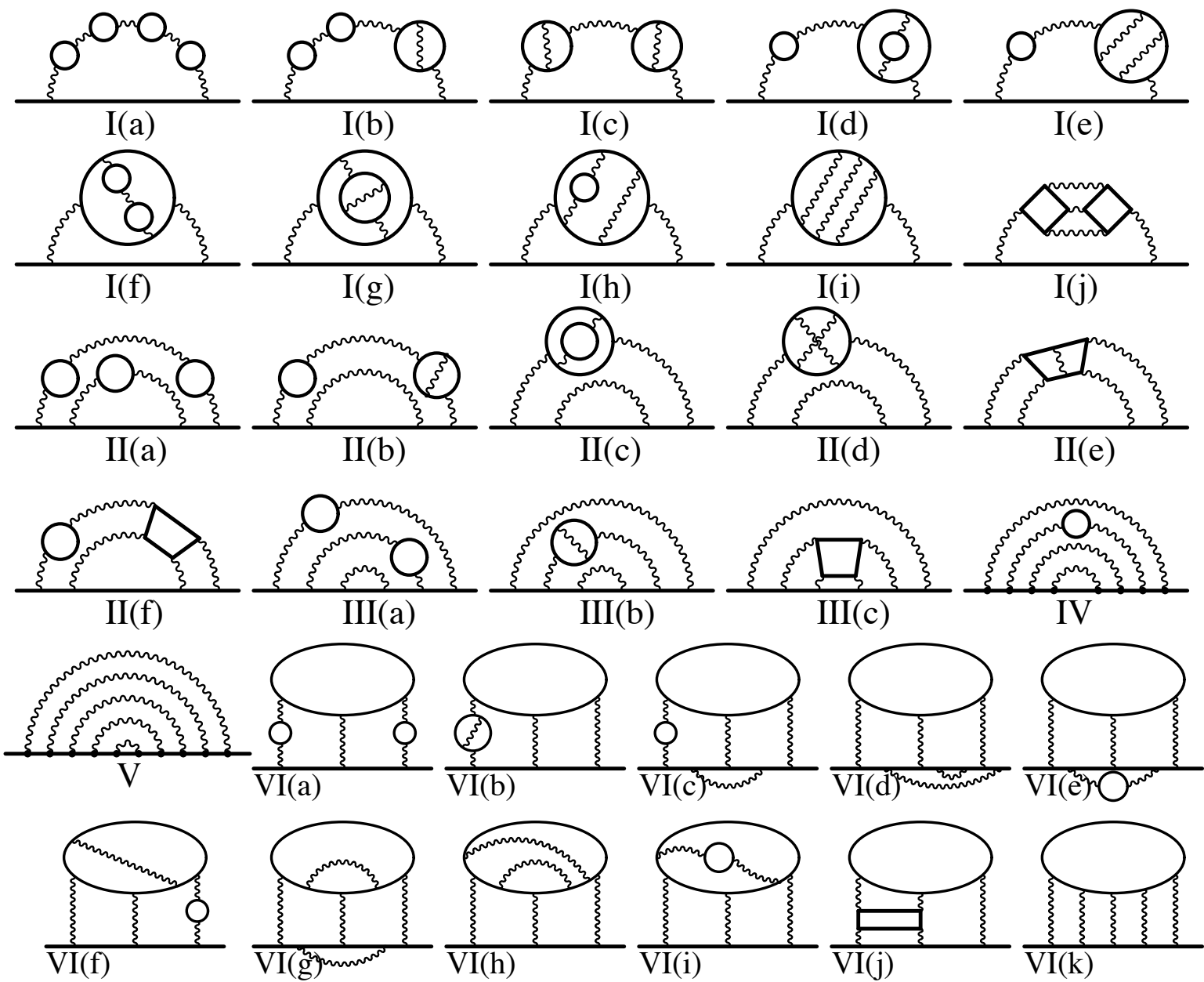
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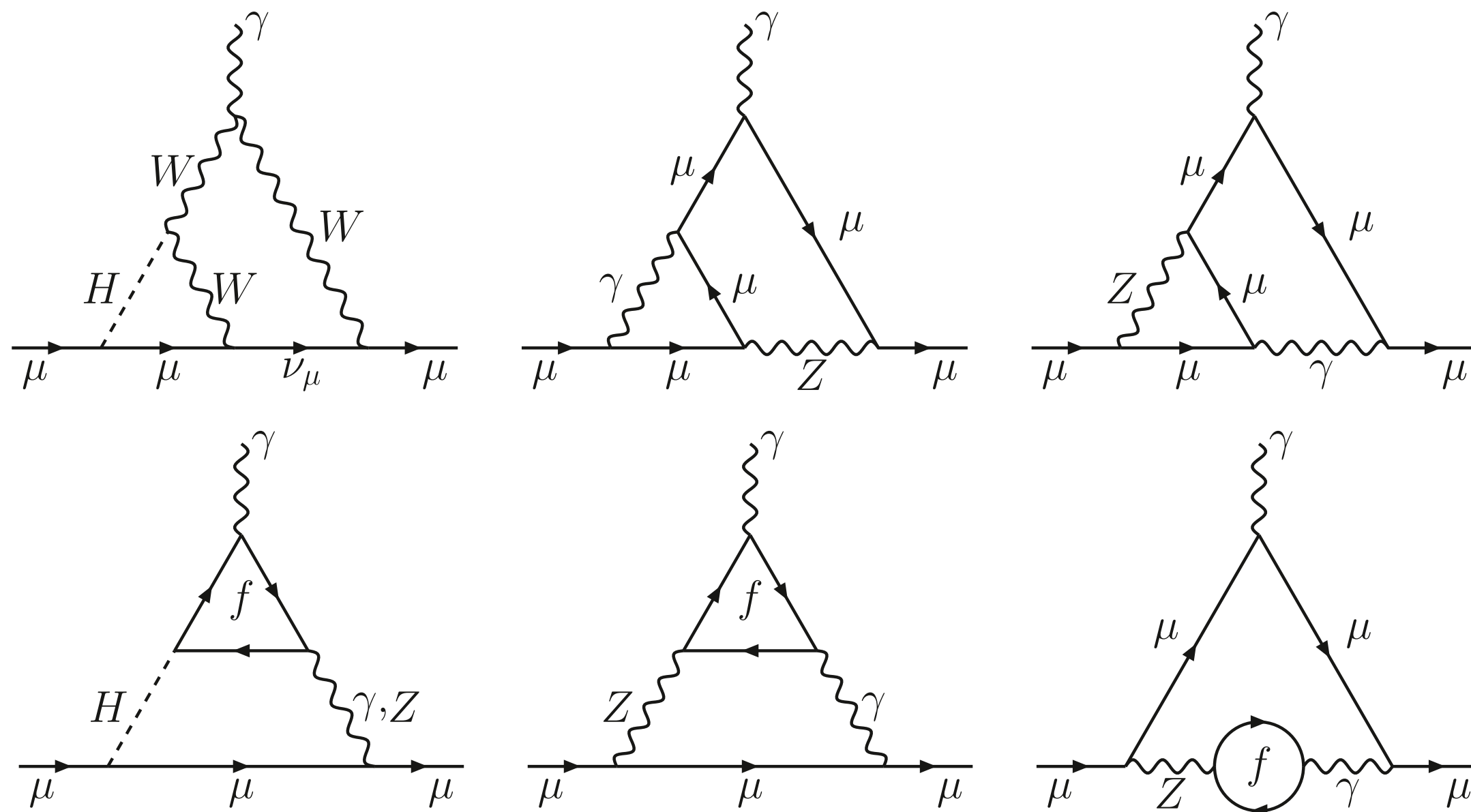
SM	116	591	810	100	%	#diagrams
QED(tot)	116	584	718.931	99,9939	%	
2	116	140	973.321	99,6133	%	1
4		413	217.626	0,3544	%	9
6		30	141.902	0,0259	%	72
8			381.004	0,0003	%	891
10			5.078	4 · 10 ⁻⁶	%	12672



Electroweak contributions to a_μ

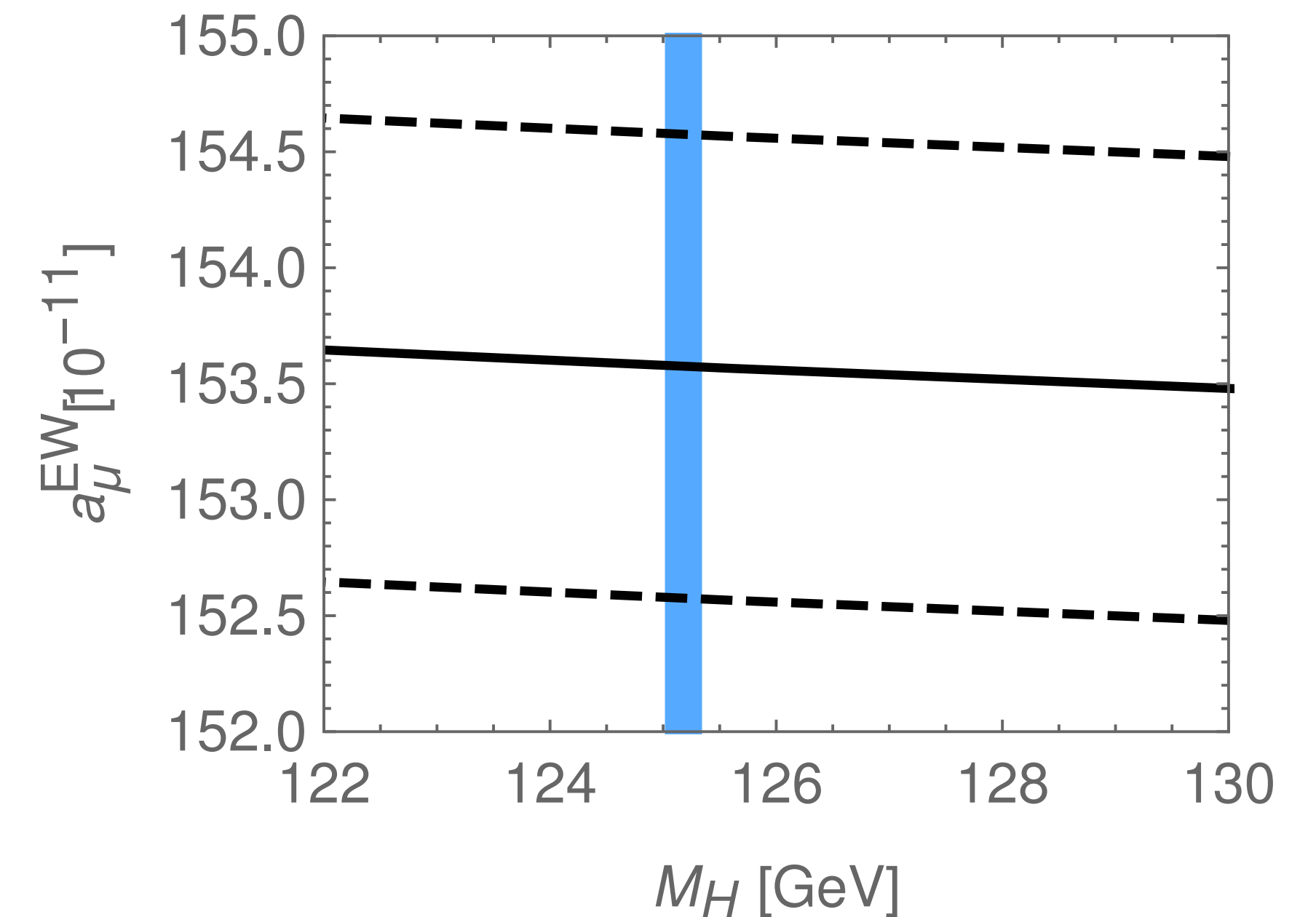
Weak contributions known to leading three-loop order

Sample two-loop diagrams:



$$a_\mu^{\text{weak}} = (153.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-11}$$

Dependence on the Higgs mass



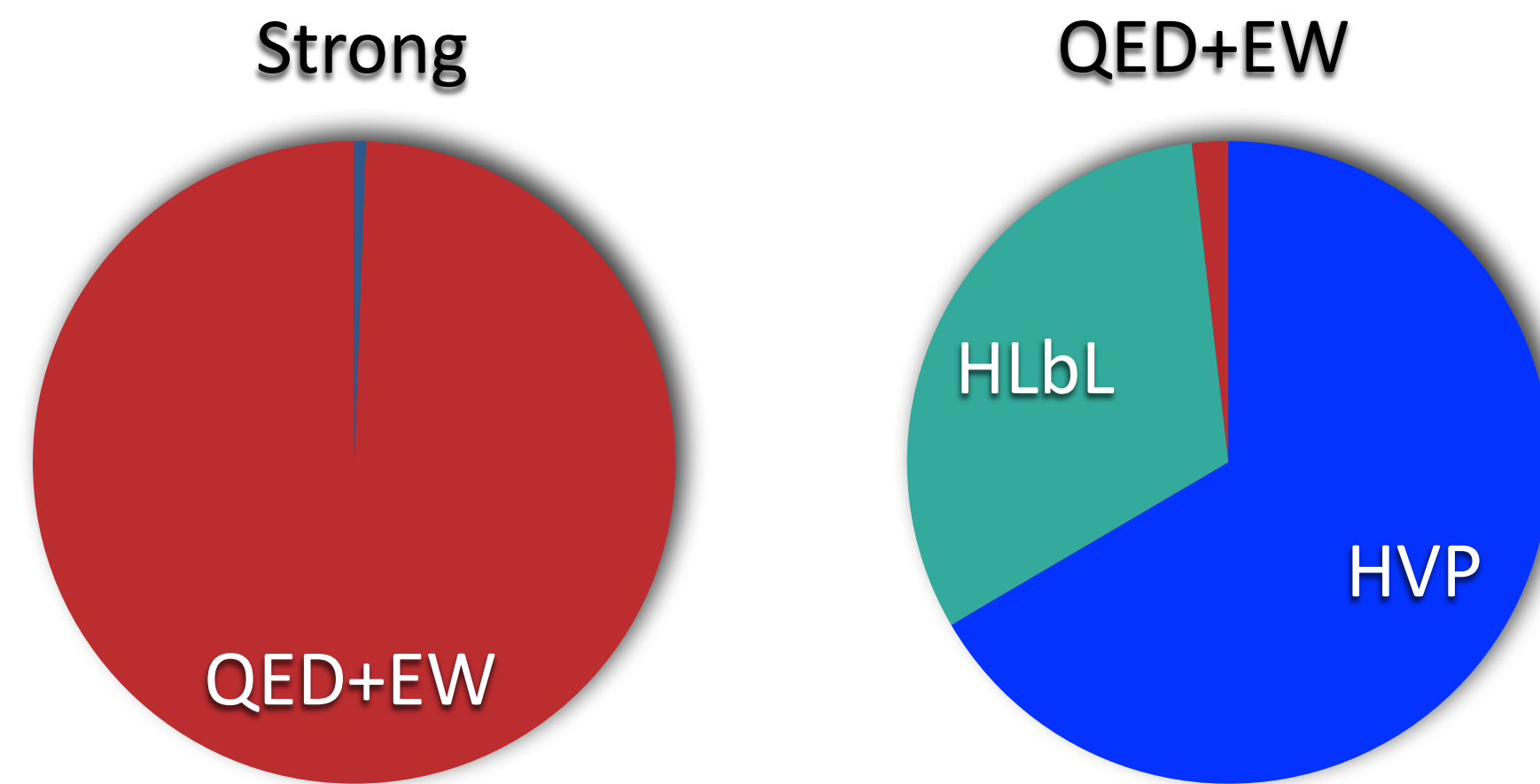
[Gnendiger et al., arXiv:1306.5546]

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Hadronic contributions to a_μ

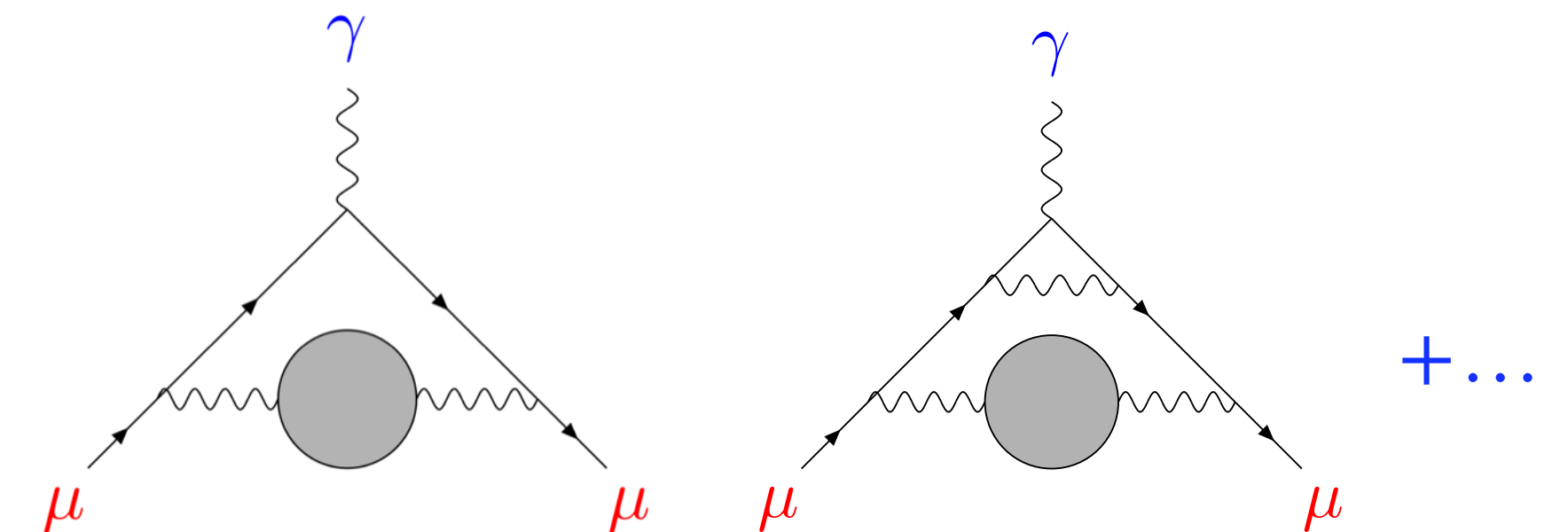
QED and electroweak contributions account for 99.994% of the SM prediction for a_μ

Error is dominated by strong interaction effects

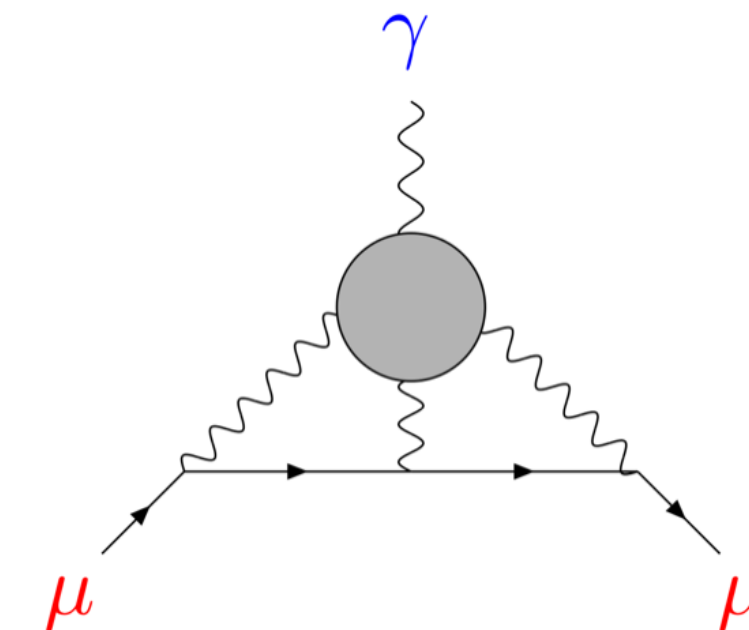


Two main approaches:

- Dispersion theory using experimentally determined cross sections (“data-driven”)
- Lattice QCD calculations (“ab initio”)

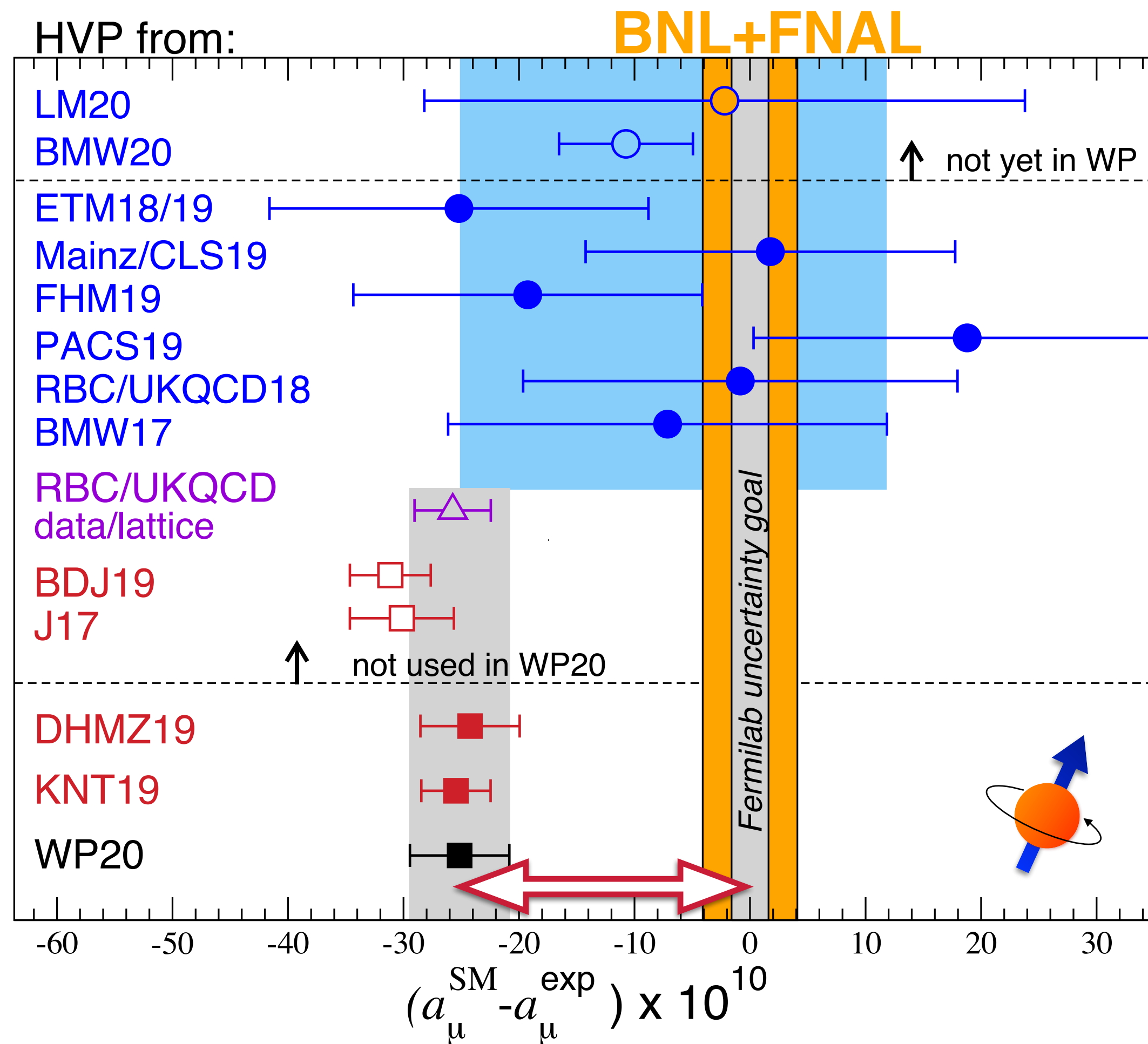


Hadronic vacuum polarisation (HVP)



Hadronic light-by-light scattering (HLbL)

Standard Model prediction versus experiment



SM prediction (White Paper):

$$a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11}$$

FNAL E989 (2021):

$$a_\mu^{\text{E989}} = 116\,592\,040(54) \times 10^{-11}$$

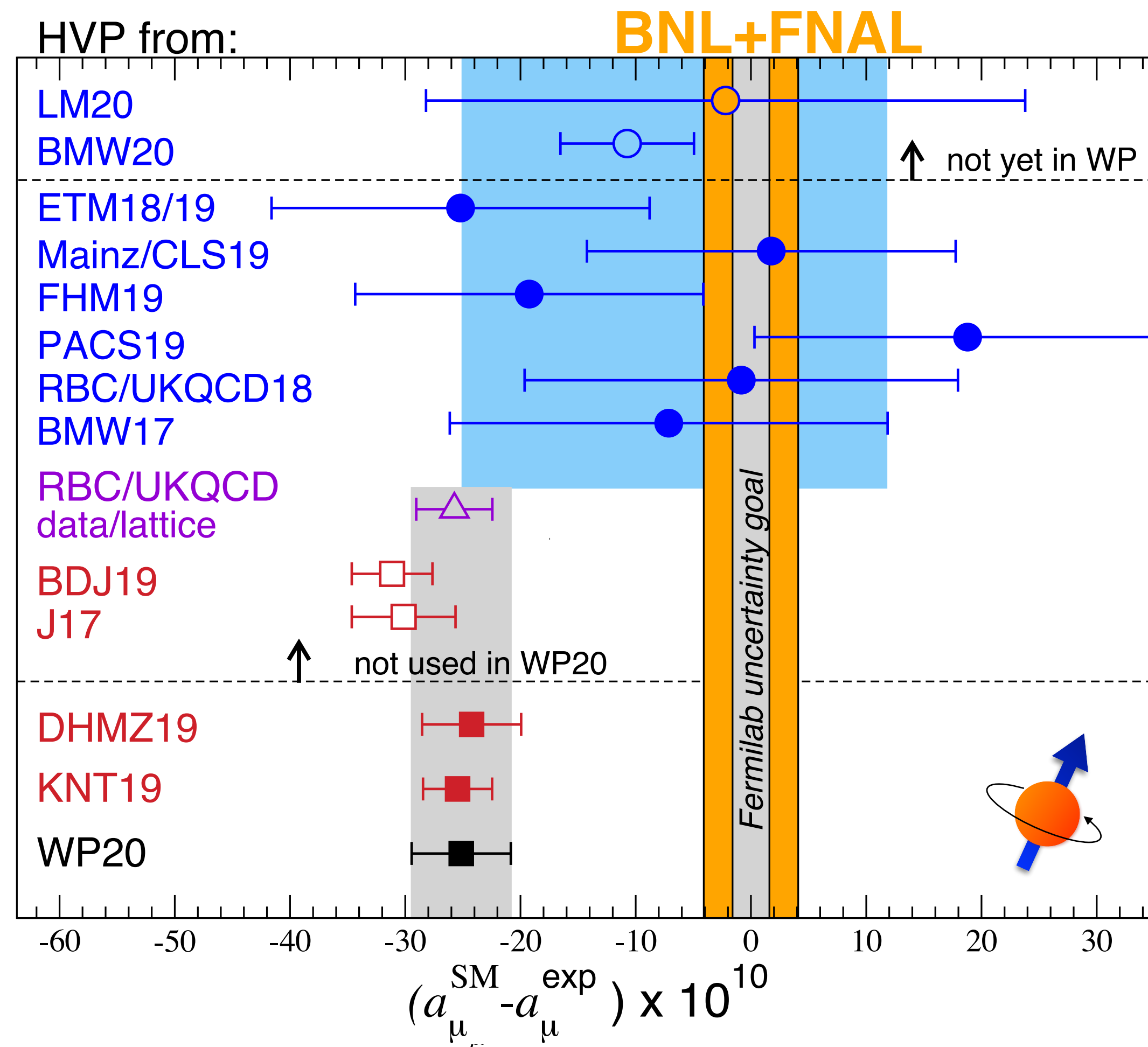
Combined with BNL E821 (2004):

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 116\,592\,061(41) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 251(59) \times 10^{-11} \quad (4.2\sigma)$$

[Aoyama et al., Phys. Rep. 887 (2020) 1; Colangelo et al., arXiv:2203.15810]

Hadronic vacuum polarisation: Data-driven approach versus lattice QCD



White Paper:

$$R\text{-ratio: } a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (693.1 \pm 4.0) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [0.6\%]$$

$$\text{LQCD: } a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (711.6 \pm 18.4) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [2.6\%]$$

Lattice QCD result by BMW Collab.:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (707.5 \pm 2.3 \pm 5.0) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [0.8\%]$$

[Borsányi et al., Nature 593 (2021) 7857, arXiv:2002.12347v3]

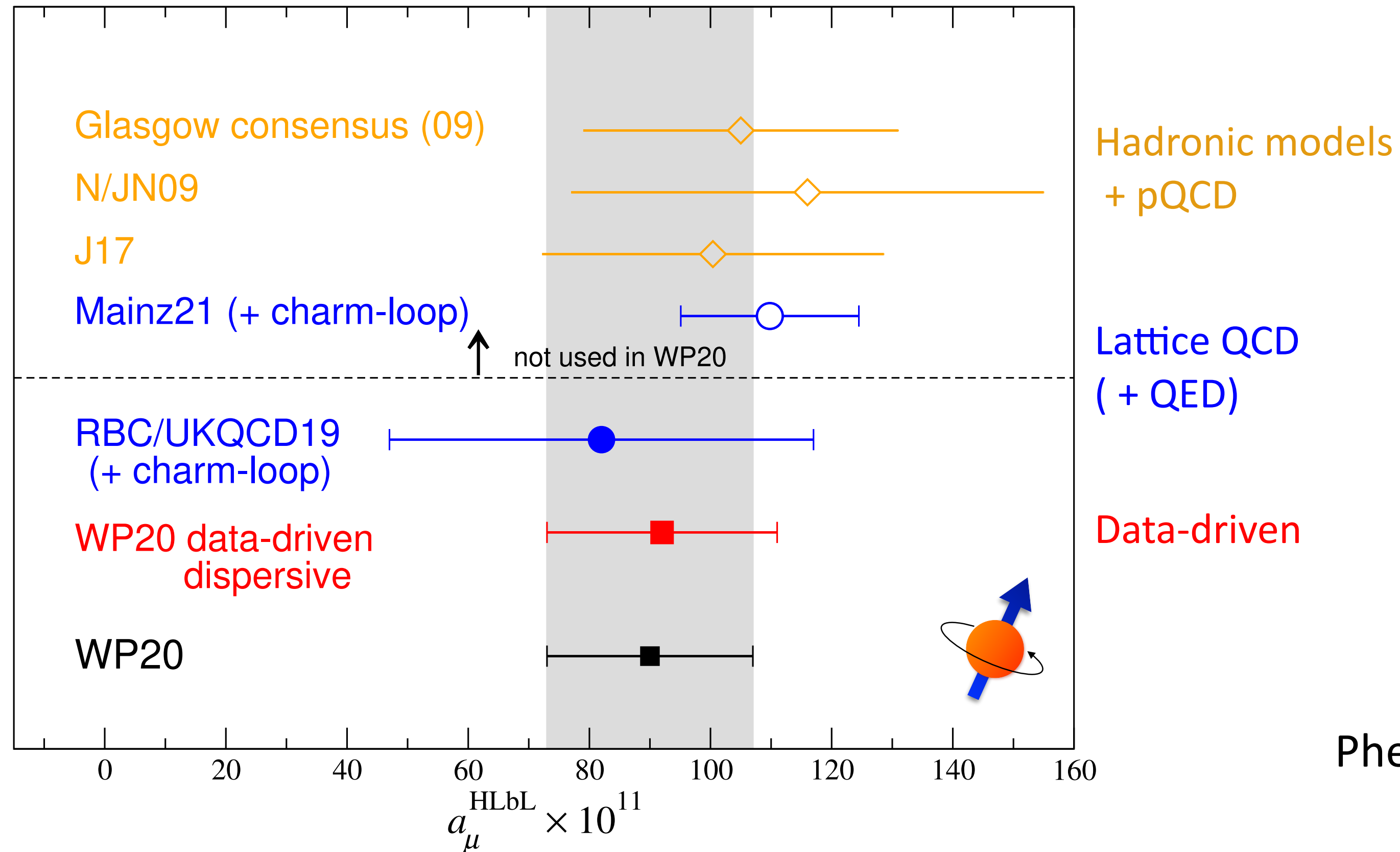
$$\Rightarrow a_{\mu}^{\text{exp}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}}|_{\text{BMWc}}^{\text{hvp, LO}} = 107(70) \times 10^{-11} \quad (1.5 \sigma)$$

(2.1 σ tension with R -ratio)

Requires independent confirmation

Hadronic light-by-light scattering

[Aoyama et al., Phys. Rep. 887 (2020) 1; Colangelo et al., arXiv:2203.15810]



White Paper:

$$a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}} = (92 \pm 18) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Direct lattice calculations (Mainz):

$$a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}} = (106.8 \pm 14.7) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

(excluding charm loop)

$$a_\mu^{\text{hlbl,c}} = (2.8 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

[Chao et al., Eur. Phys. J. C81 (2021) 7, 651; arXiv:2204.08844]

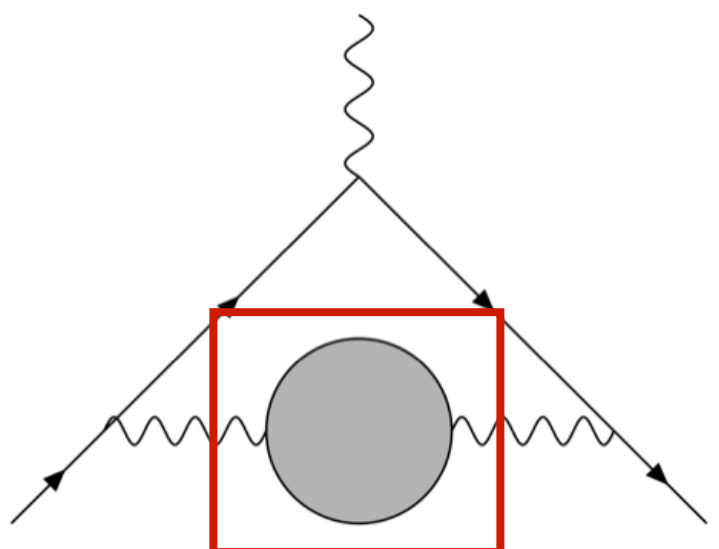
Phenomenological estimate: $a_\mu^{\text{hlbl,c}} = (3 \pm 1) \cdot 10^{-11}$

$$\Rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}|_{\text{Mainz}}^{\text{hlbl}} = 234(59) \times 10^{-11} \quad (4.0 \sigma)$$

Hadronic light-by-light scattering not the dominant source of uncertainty!

Hadronic vacuum polarisation from dispersion theory

Analyticity, unitarity & optical theorem imply:



A Feynman diagram showing a photon (wavy line) entering from the top, splitting into an electron-positron pair (solid lines), which then forms a hadronic vacuum polarization loop (a grey circle). The photon continues as a wavy line exiting to the right. A red square highlights the hadronic loop.

$$\text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{grey circle} \text{---} \text{wavy line} = \int \frac{ds}{\pi(s - q^2)} \text{Im} \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{grey circle} \text{---} \text{wavy line}$$

$$2 \text{Im} \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{grey circle} \text{---} \text{wavy line} = \sum_{\text{had}} \int d\Phi \left| \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{grey semi-circle} \right|^2$$

$\propto \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$

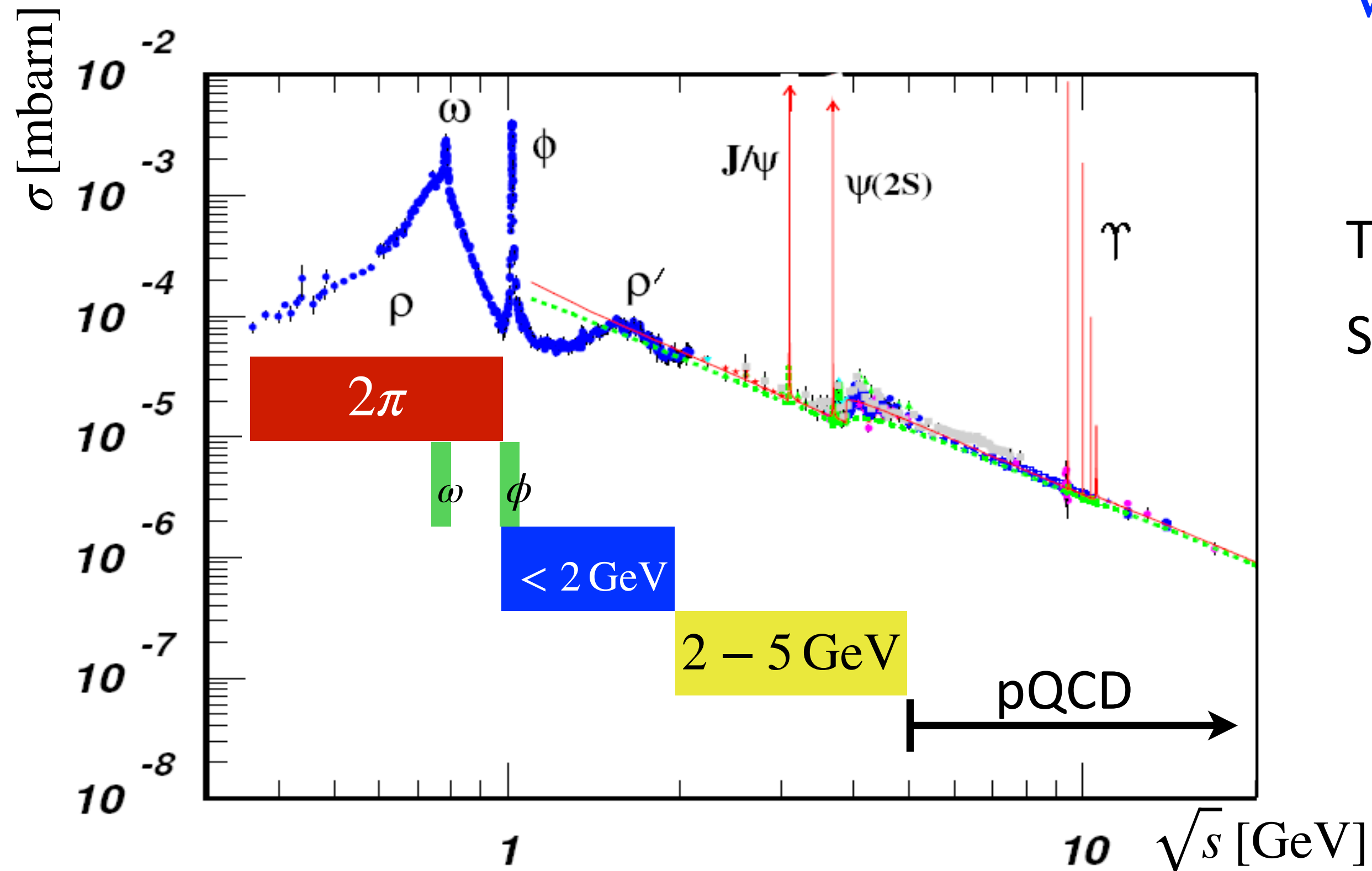
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} = \left(\frac{\alpha m_{\mu}}{3\pi} \right)^2 \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R_{\text{had}}(s) \hat{K}(s)}{s^2}, \quad R_{\text{had}}(s) = \frac{3s}{4\pi \alpha(s)} \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) \quad \text{“}R\text{-ratio”}$$

Hadronic effects cannot be treated in perturbation theory

- Use experimental data for $R_{\text{had}}(s)$ in the low-energy regime (“data-driven approach”)
- Standard Model prediction is subject to experimental uncertainties

Data-driven approach: Hadronic cross sections

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} = \left(\frac{\alpha m_{\mu}}{3\pi} \right)^2 \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R_{\text{had}}(s) \hat{K}(s)}{s^2}$$



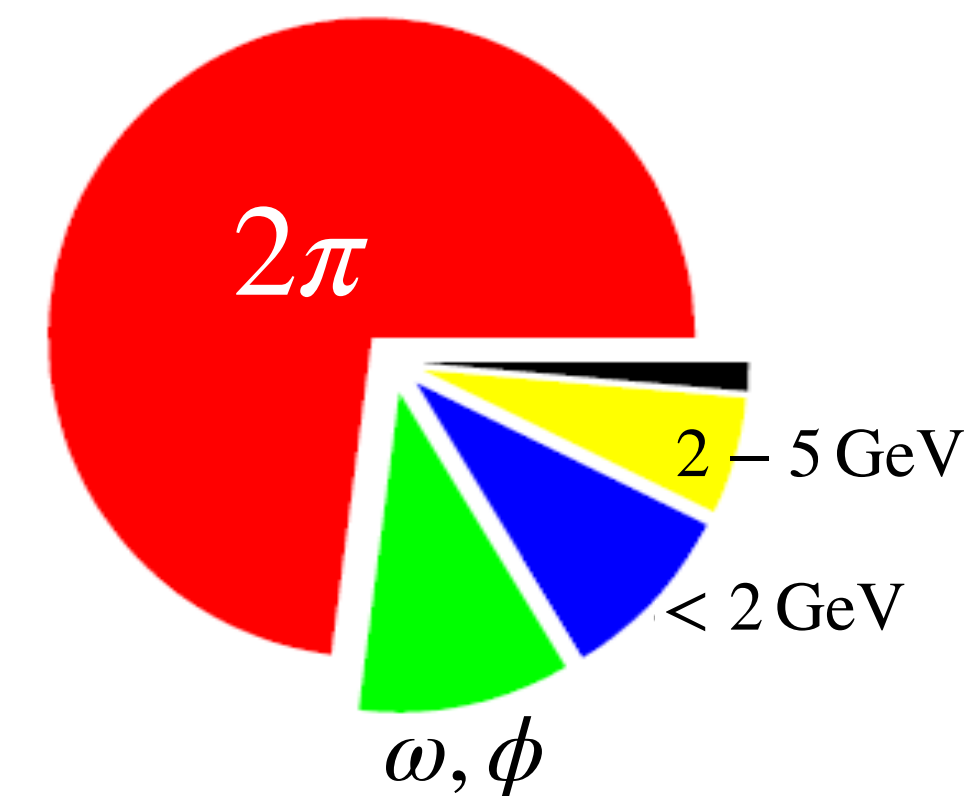
Decade-long effort to measure e^+e^- cross sections

$\sqrt{s} \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}$: sum of exclusive channels

$\sqrt{s} > 2 \text{ GeV}$: inclusive channels, narrow resonances, perturbative QCD

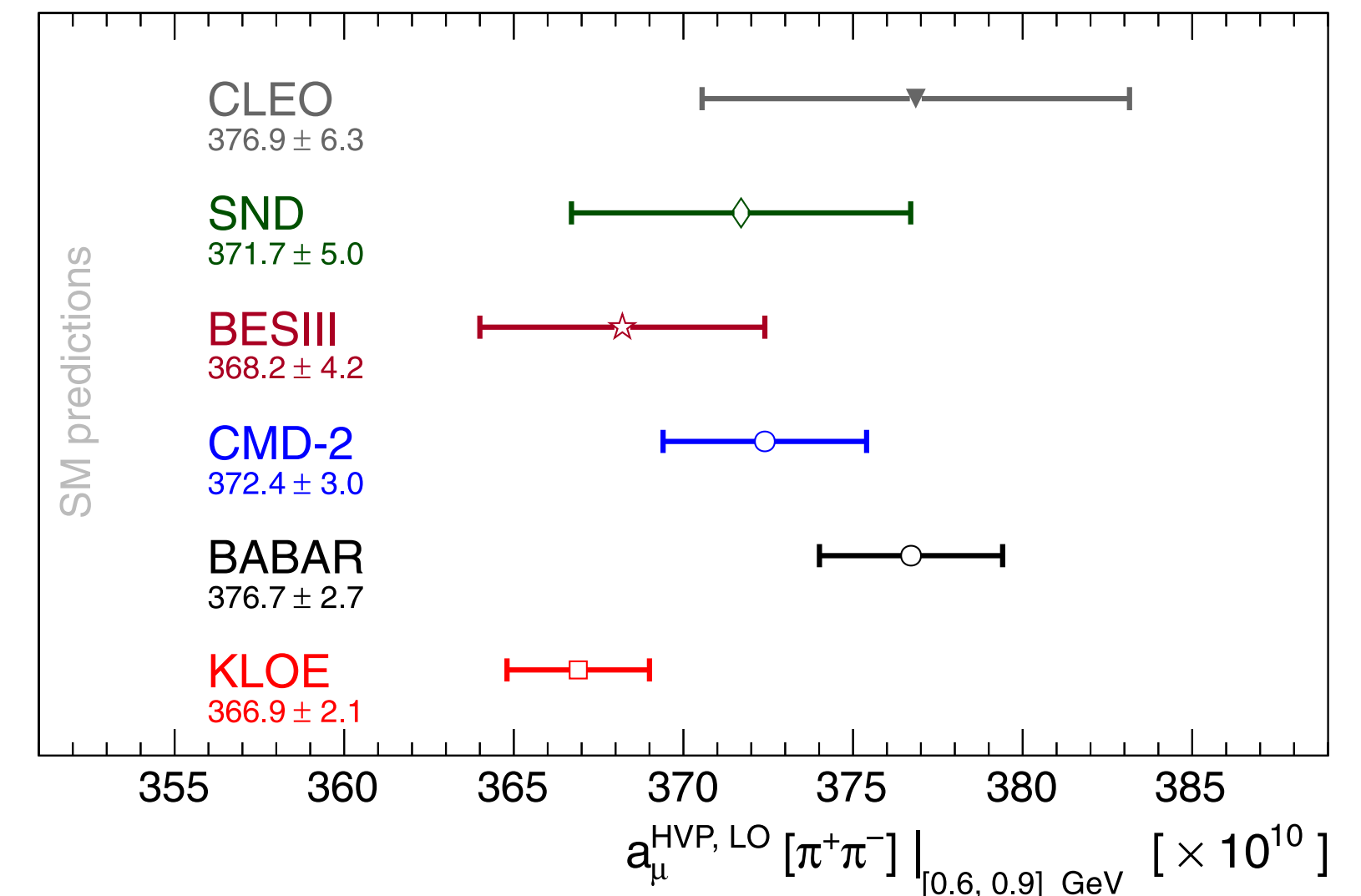
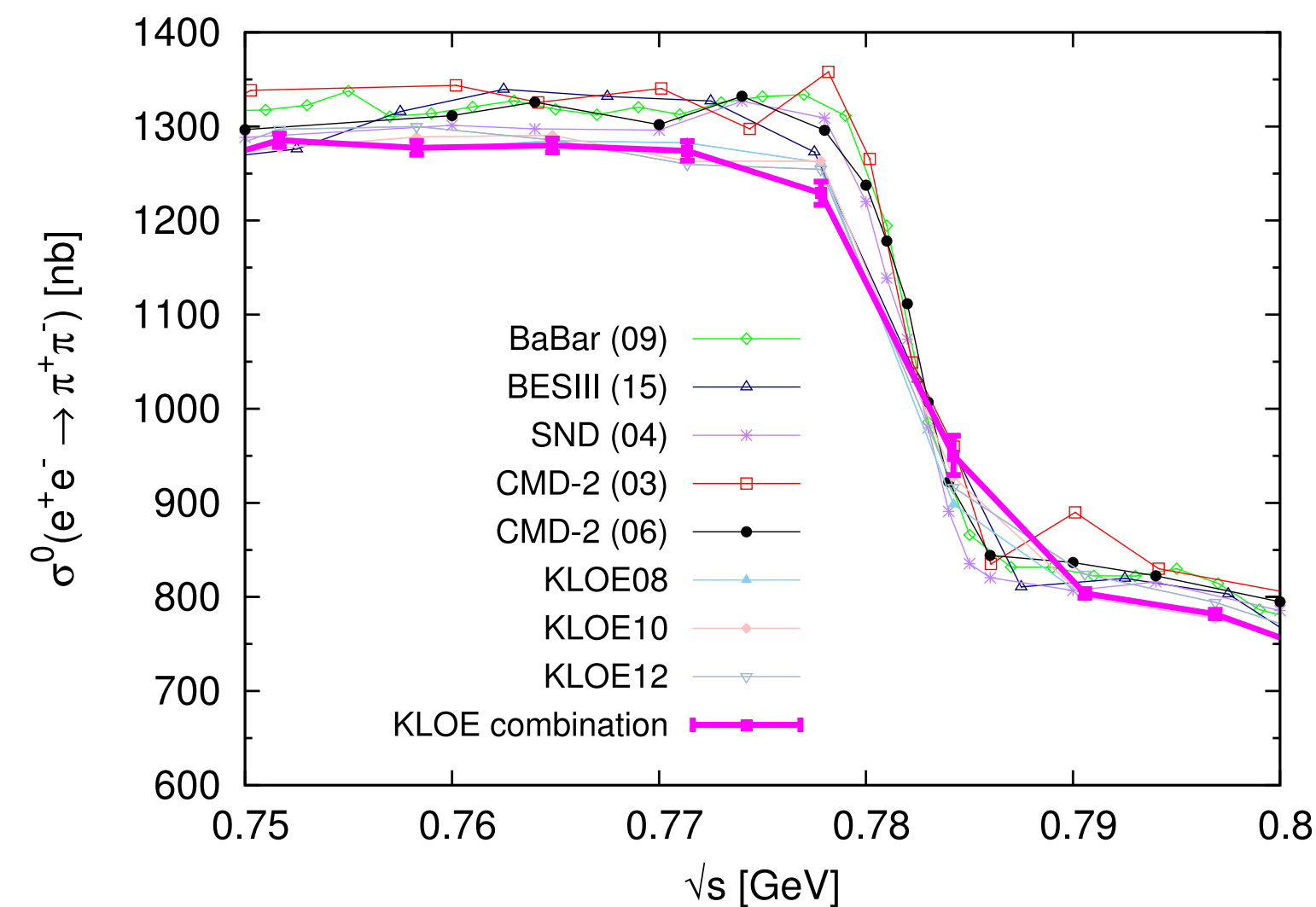
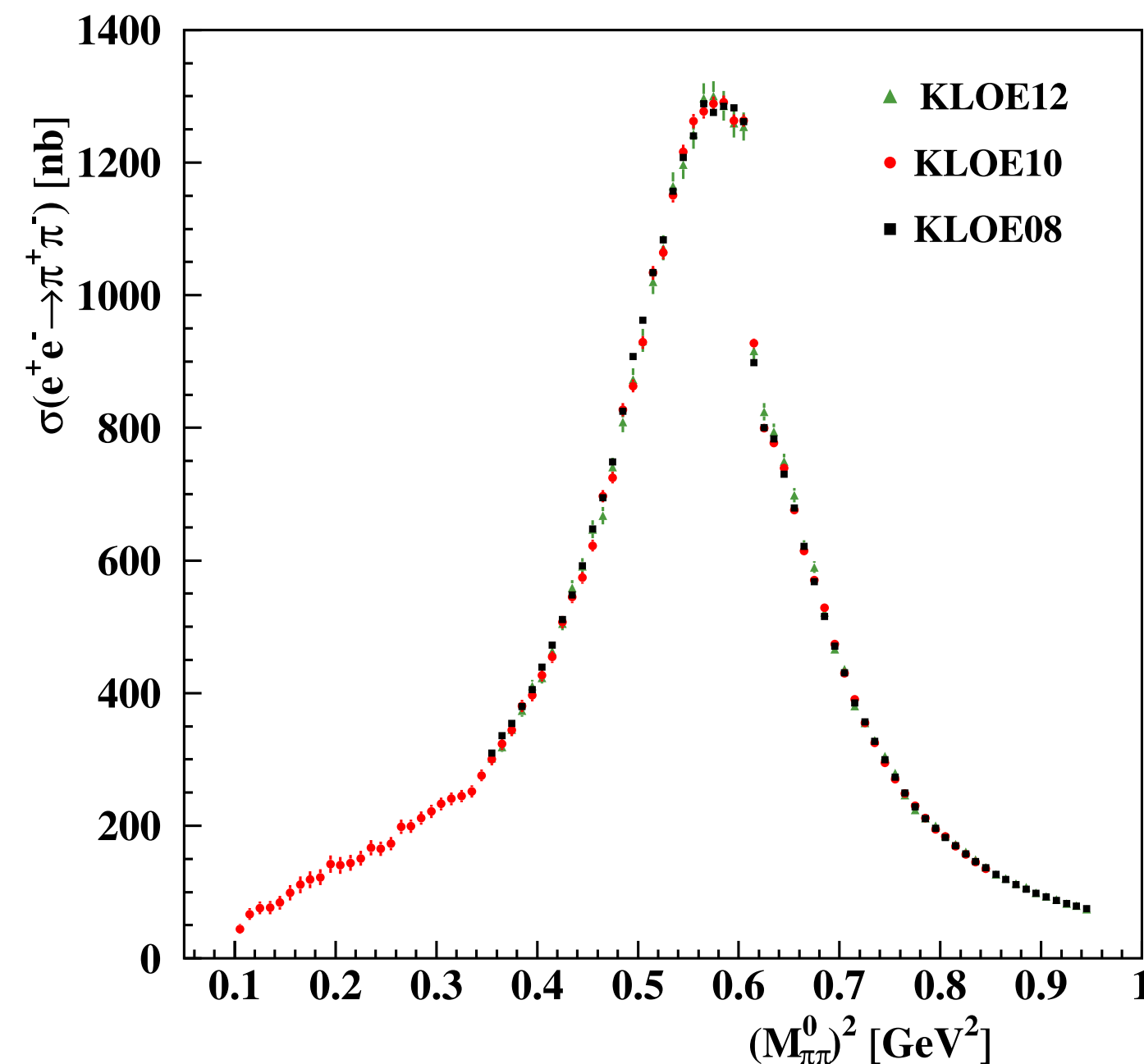
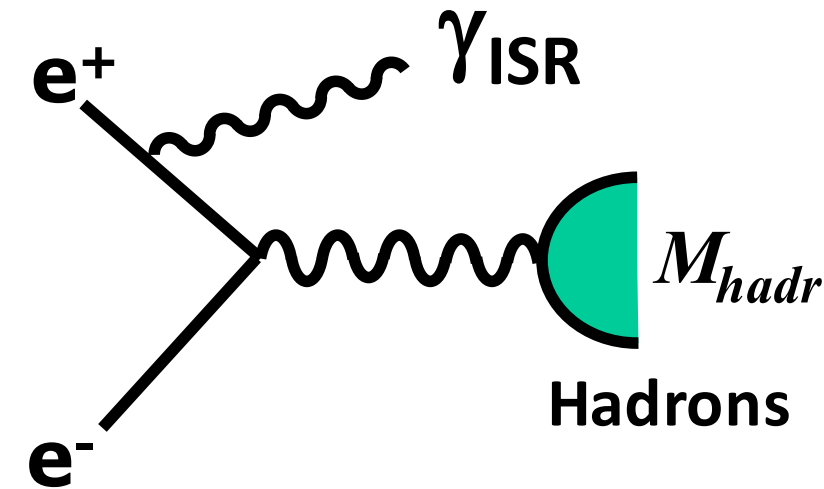
Two-pion channel accounts for $\approx 70\%$ of LO-HVP

Subleading channels: ω, ϕ decays, final states with 3 pions, 2 kaons, 4 pions,...



Two-pion channel

Initial State Radiation technique: energy scan at fixed collider energy (BaBar, KLOE, BESIII)



- Tension in the ISR data for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ between BaBar and KLOE
- Extended analysis of BaBar data in progress
- New data: SND-3 (published) and CMD-3 (expected)
- Future prospects at BESIII, Belle II

Evaluation of the dispersion integral

Many different groups and analyses (DHMZ, KNT, FJ, CHHKS, BHLS,...)

Disagreement for some exclusive channels

	DHMZ19	KNT19	Difference
$\pi^+\pi^-$	507.85(0.83)(3.23)(0.55)	504.23(1.90)	3.62
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	46.21(0.40)(1.10)(0.86)	46.63(94)	-0.42
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	13.68(0.03)(0.27)(0.14)	13.99(19)	-0.31
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	18.03(0.06)(0.48)(0.26)	18.15(74)	-0.12
K^+K^-	23.08(0.20)(0.33)(0.21)	23.00(22)	0.08
$K_S K_L$	12.82(0.06)(0.18)(0.15)	13.04(19)	-0.22
$\pi^0\gamma$	4.41(0.06)(0.04)(0.07)	4.58(10)	-0.17
Sum of the above	626.08(0.95)(3.48)(1.47)	623.62(2.27)	2.46
[1.8, 3.7] GeV (without $c\bar{c}$)	33.45(71)	34.45(56)	-1.00
$J/\psi, \psi(2S)$	7.76(12)	7.84(19)	-0.08
[3.7, ∞) GeV	17.15(31)	16.95(19)	0.20
Total $a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$	694.0(1.0)(3.5)(1.6)(0.1) $_{\psi}(0.7)_{\text{DV+QCD}}$	692.8(2.4)	1.2

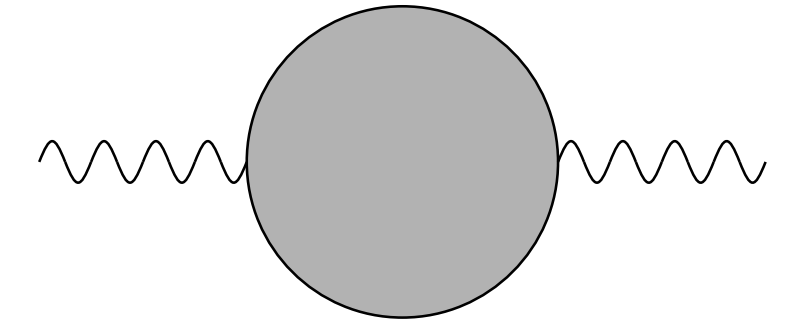
Merging procedure: average of individual results + theoretical constraints + conservative error estimate (reflecting tensions in the data, differences in procedures)

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = 693.1(2.8)_{\text{exp}}(2.8)_{\text{syst}}(0.7)_{\text{DV+QCD}} \times 10^{-10} = 693.1(4.0) \times 10^{-10} \quad [0.6\%]$$

Hadronic vacuum polarisation from Lattice QCD

Lattice QCD does **NOT** determine the R -ratio from first principles

Primary observable:
$$G(t) = -\frac{a^3}{3} \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} G_{kk}(\vec{x}, t), \quad G_{\mu\nu}(x) = \langle j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x) j_\nu^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle$$



Electromagnetic current:
$$j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x) = \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3} \bar{c} \gamma_\mu c + \dots$$

Vacuum polarisation function for Euclidean momenta:

$$\underbrace{4\pi^2 \{ \Pi(-q^2) - \Pi(0) \}}_{\hat{\Pi}(Q^2)} = \frac{Q^2}{3} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{R(s)}{s(s+Q^2)} = \frac{1}{Q^2} \int_0^\infty dt G(t) \left[Q^2 t^2 - 4 \sin^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} Q t \right) \right]$$

t : Euclidean time [Bernecker & Meyer 2011]

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 \int_0^\infty dQ^2 f(Q^2) \hat{\Pi}(Q^2) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 \int_0^\infty dt \textcolor{red}{G(t)} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dQ^2 f(Q^2) \left[t^2 - \frac{4}{Q^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} Q t \right) \right]}_{\tilde{K}(t)}$$

[Lautrup, Peterman & de Rafael 1972, Blum 2002]

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Time-momentum representation (TMR)

[Bernecker & Meyer 2011]

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, LO}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dt \tilde{K}(t) G(t), \quad G(t) = -\frac{a^3}{3} \sum_k \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle j_k^{\text{em}}(\vec{x}, t) j_k^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle$$

$\tilde{K}(t)$: analytically known kernel function

- No reliance on experimental data, except for simple hadronic quantities such as $m_{\text{nuc1}}, m_K, \dots \rightarrow$ scale setting, calibration
- **Not** sensitive to exclusive hadronic channels
- Can perform an explicit quark flavour separation of $a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, LO}}$

Why computing the HVP contribution is a challenge

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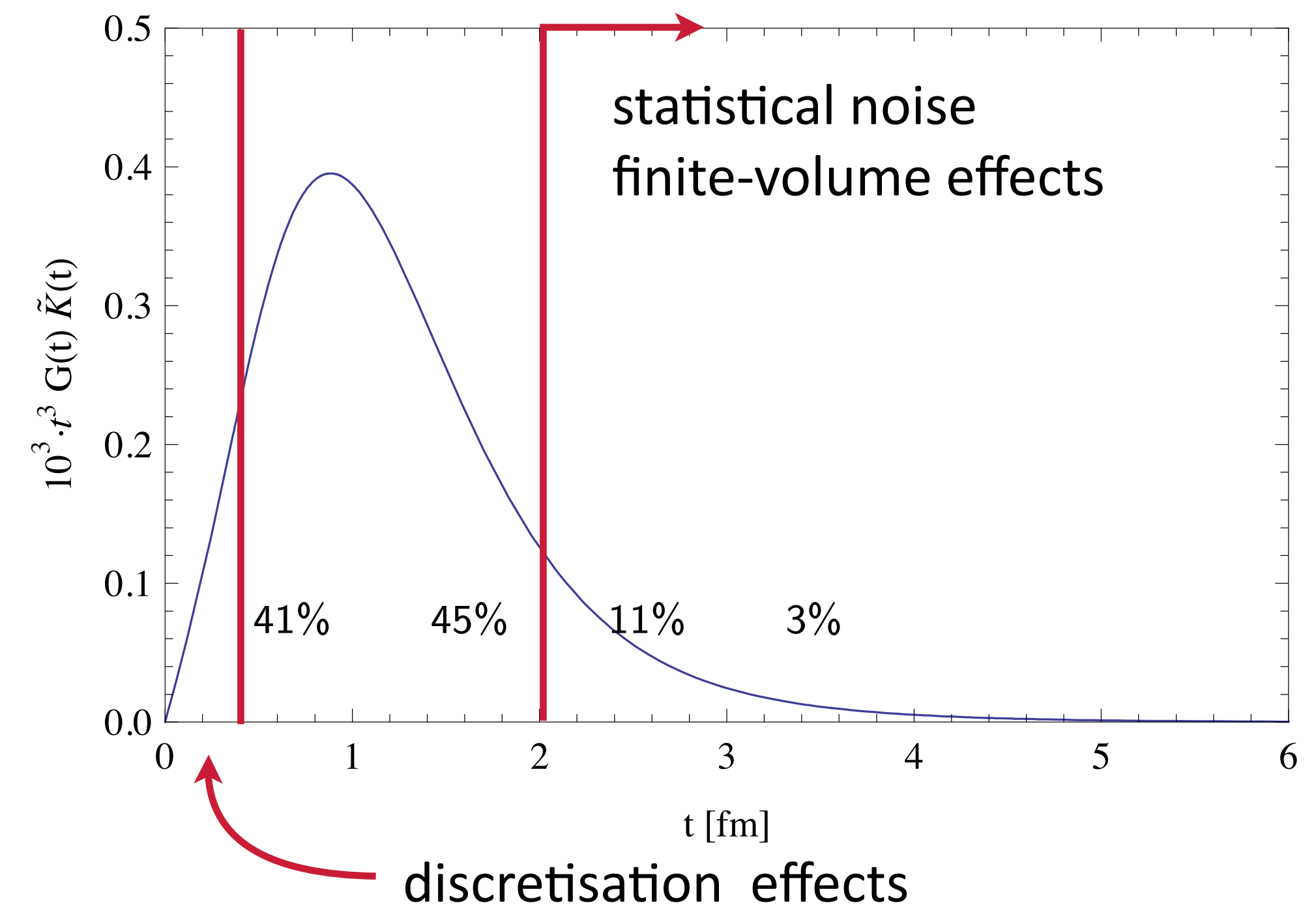
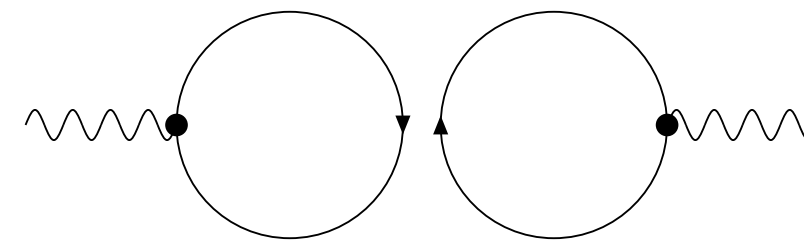
Sub-percent statistical precision;
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Control discretisation effects

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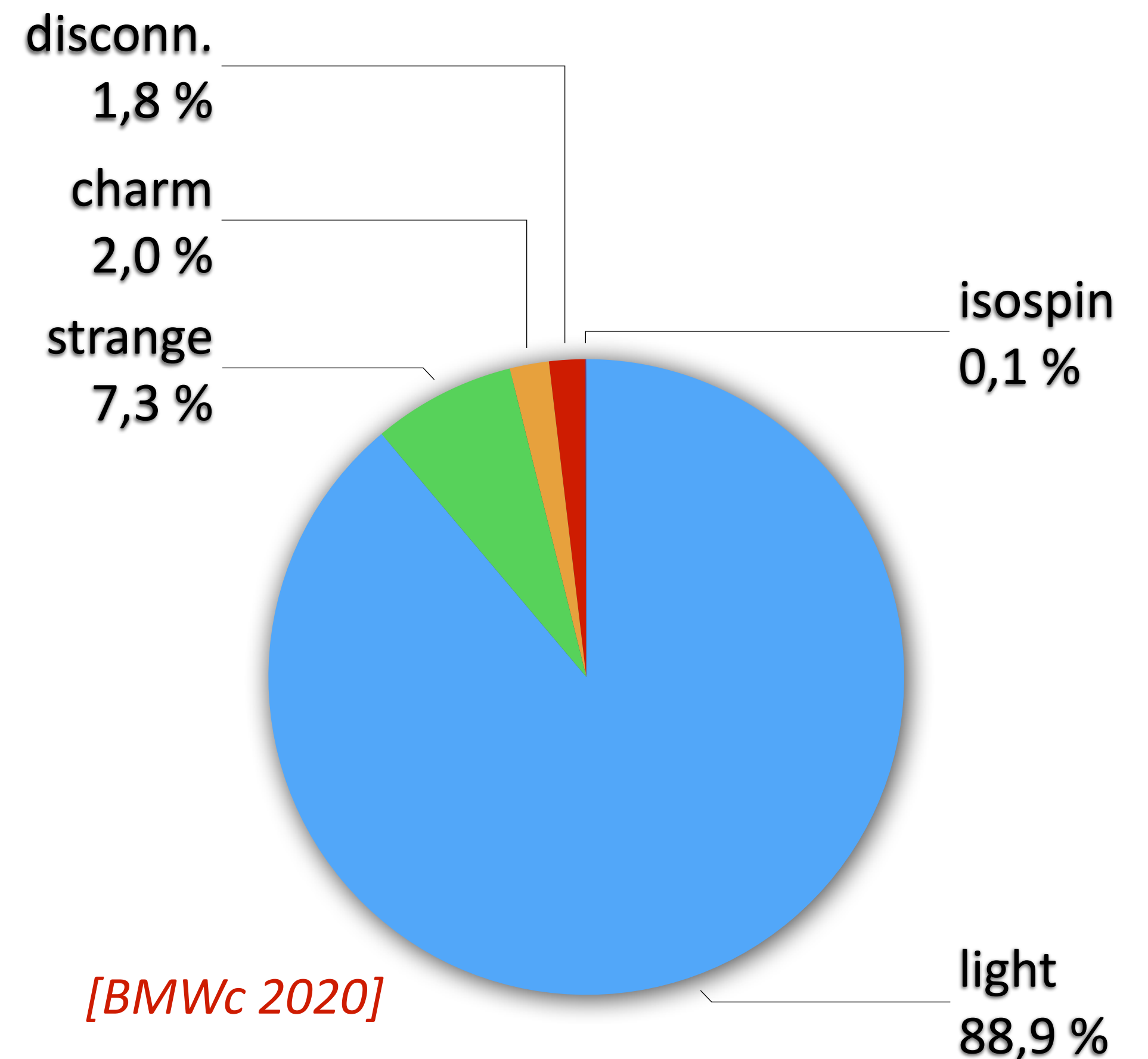
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Light-quark connected contribution dominates



Controlling the long-distance tail of $G(t)$

- Long-distance tail of the light quark contribution to $G(t)$: limiting factor for overall statistical precision
- Correlator dominated by isovector two-pion contribution

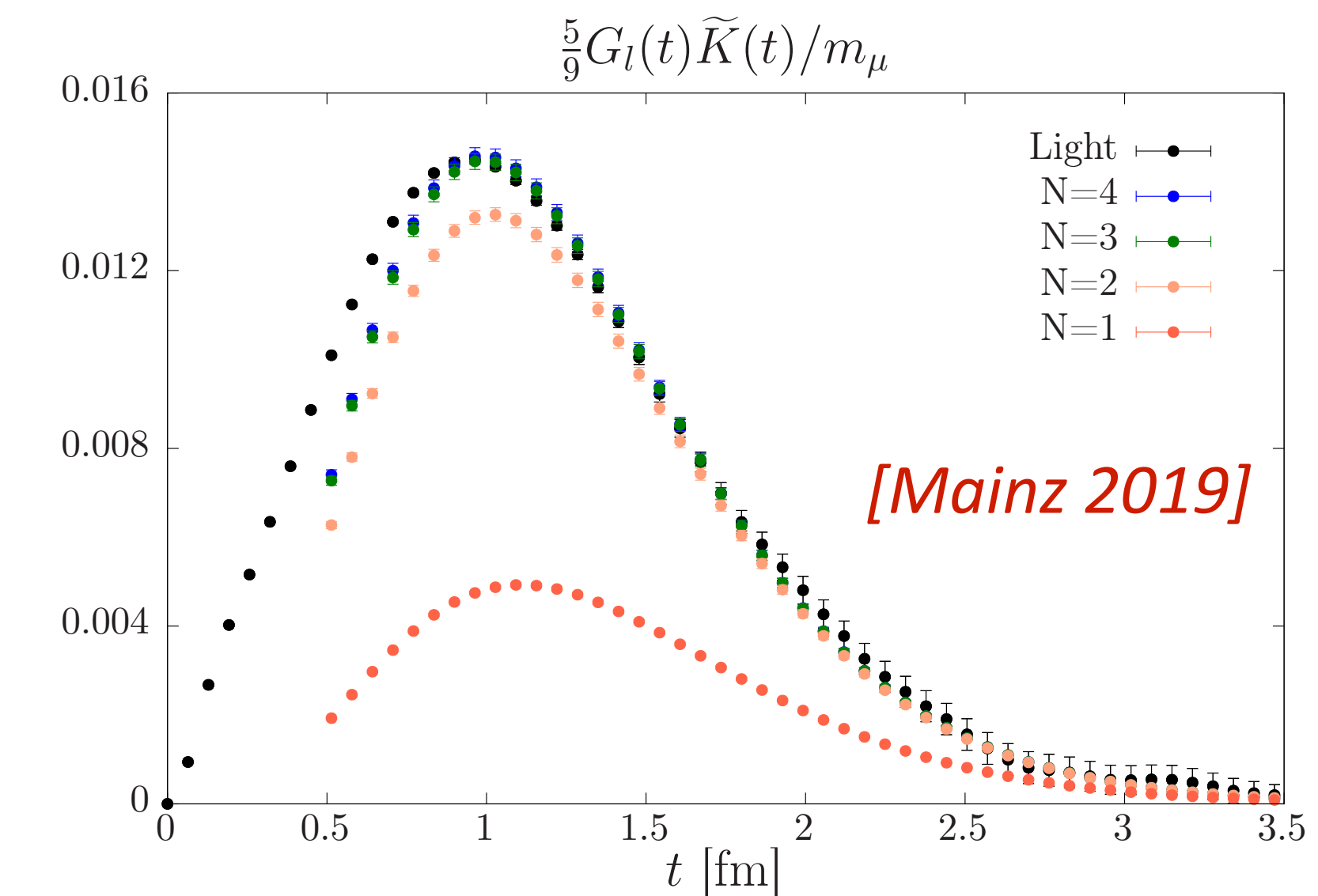
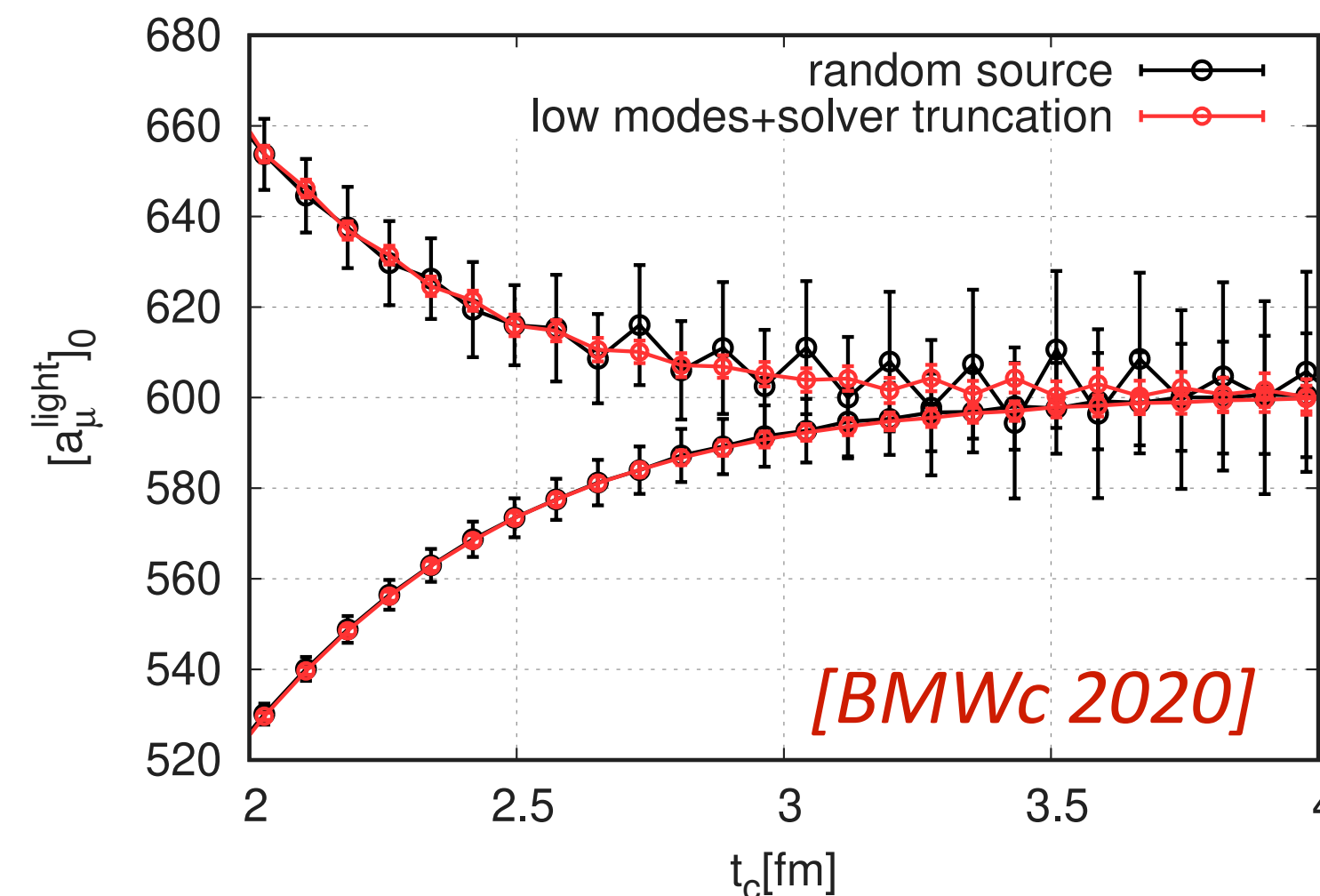
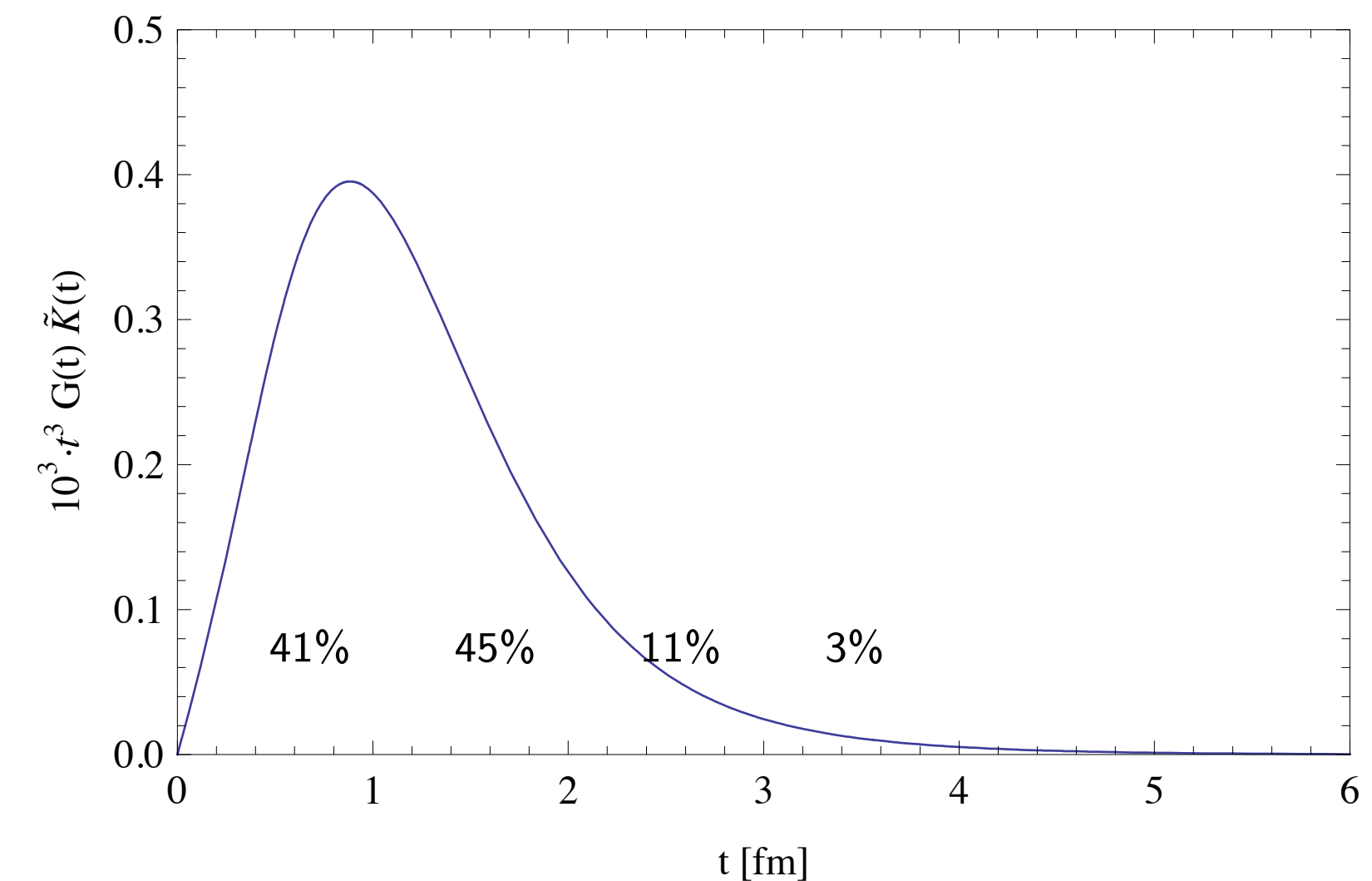
Strategies:

- Dedicated calculations of the spectrum in isovector channel and/or pion form factor $F_\pi(\omega)$

- “Bounding method”:

$$0 \leq G(t) \leq G(t_c) \frac{G^{\pi\pi}(t)}{G^{\pi\pi}(t_c)}$$

- Noise-reduction methods: AMA, LMA, truncated solver (can be combined)



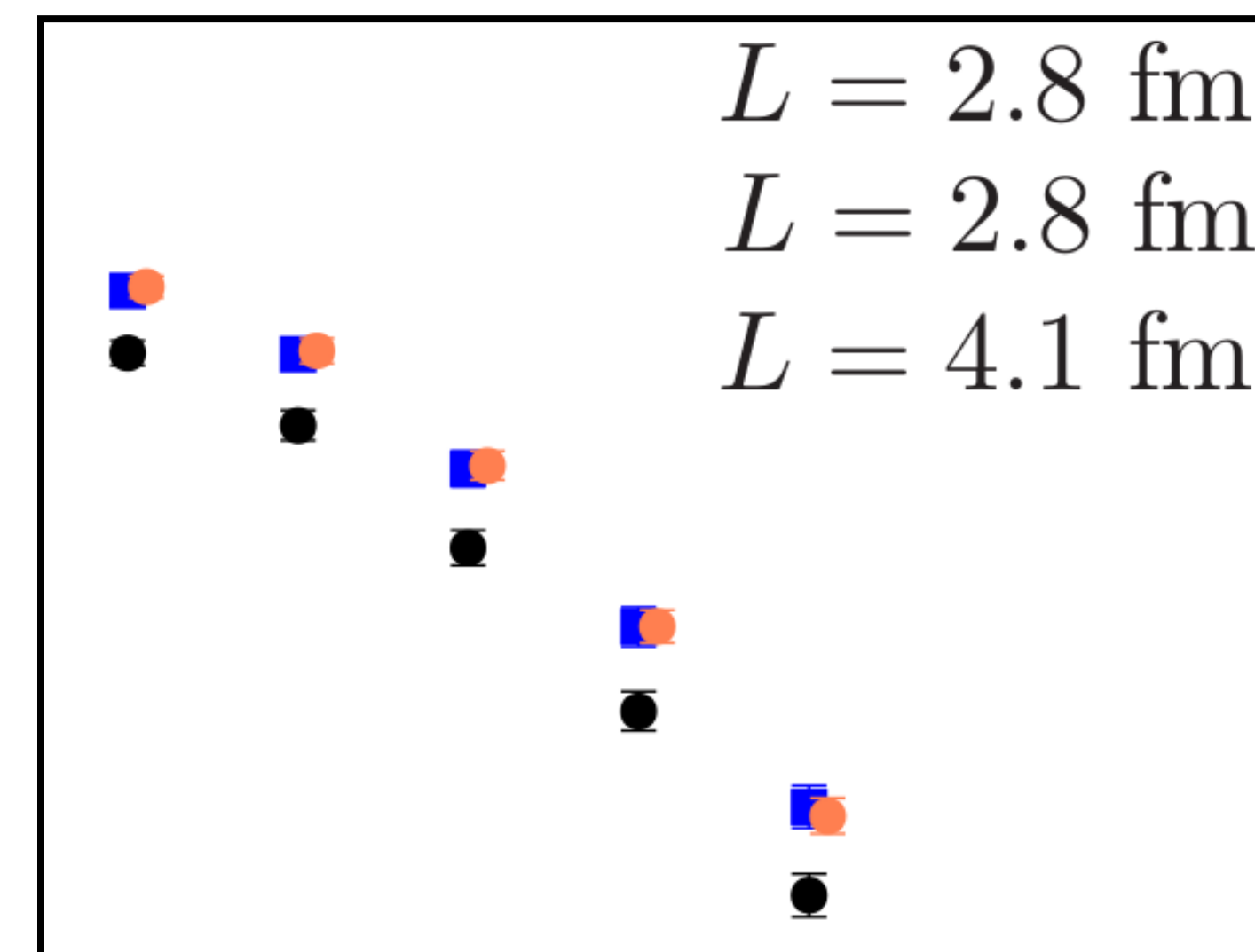
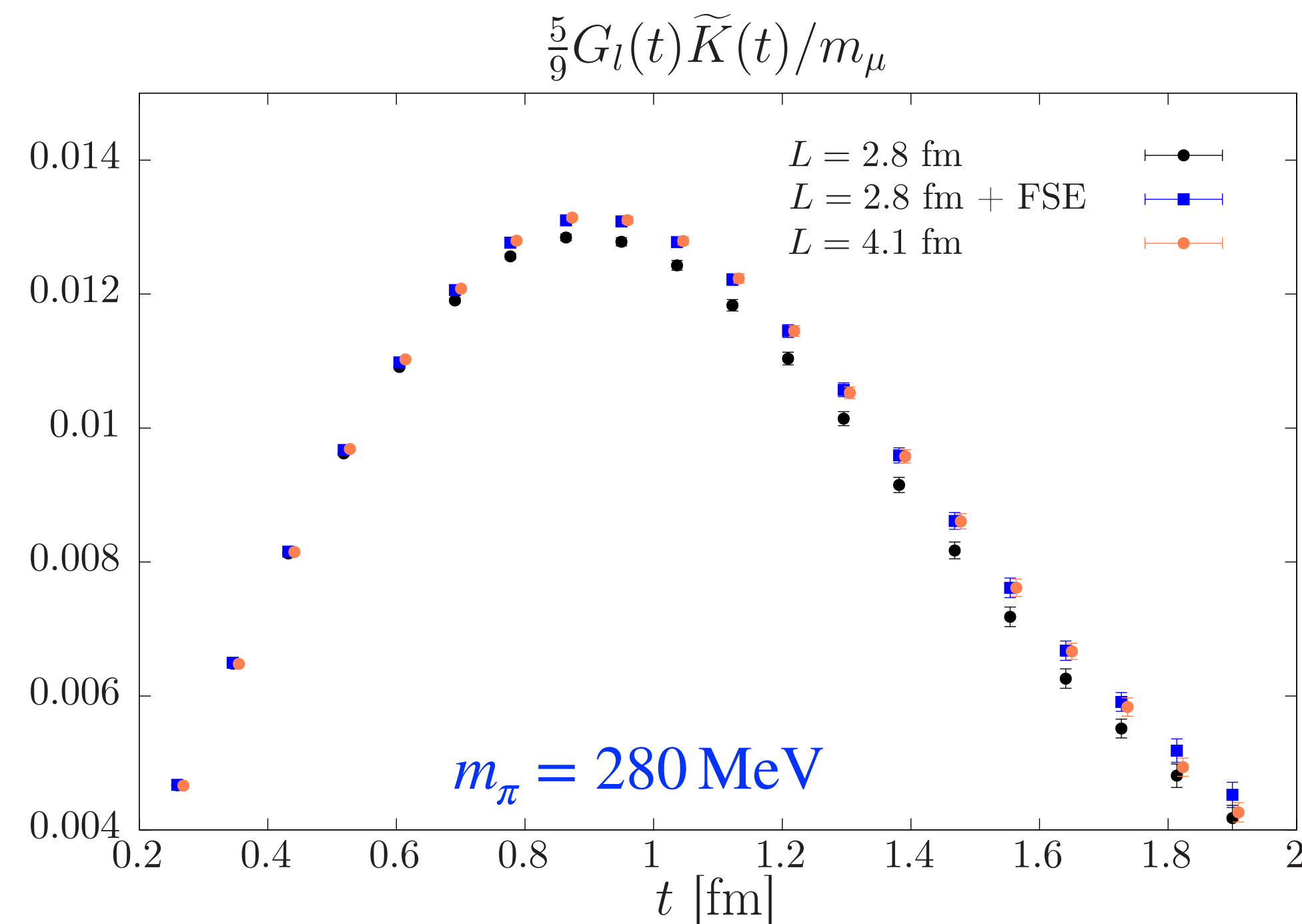
Finite-volume effects

Mainz method (aka MLL):

[Meyer 2011, Francis et al. 2013, Della Morte et al. 2017; Lellouch & Lüscher 2001]

$$G(t, L) \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{=} \sum_n |A_n|^2 e^{-\omega_n t} \quad G(t, \infty) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^2 \rho(\omega^2) e^{-\omega|t|}$$

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Other methods:

- Chiral Perturbation Theory [Aubin et al. 2015,...]
- Expansion in pion winding number [Hansen & Patella]

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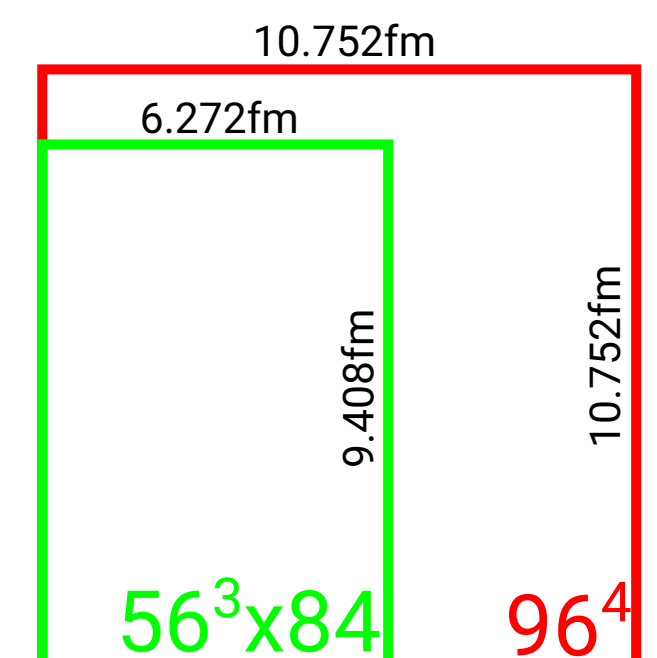
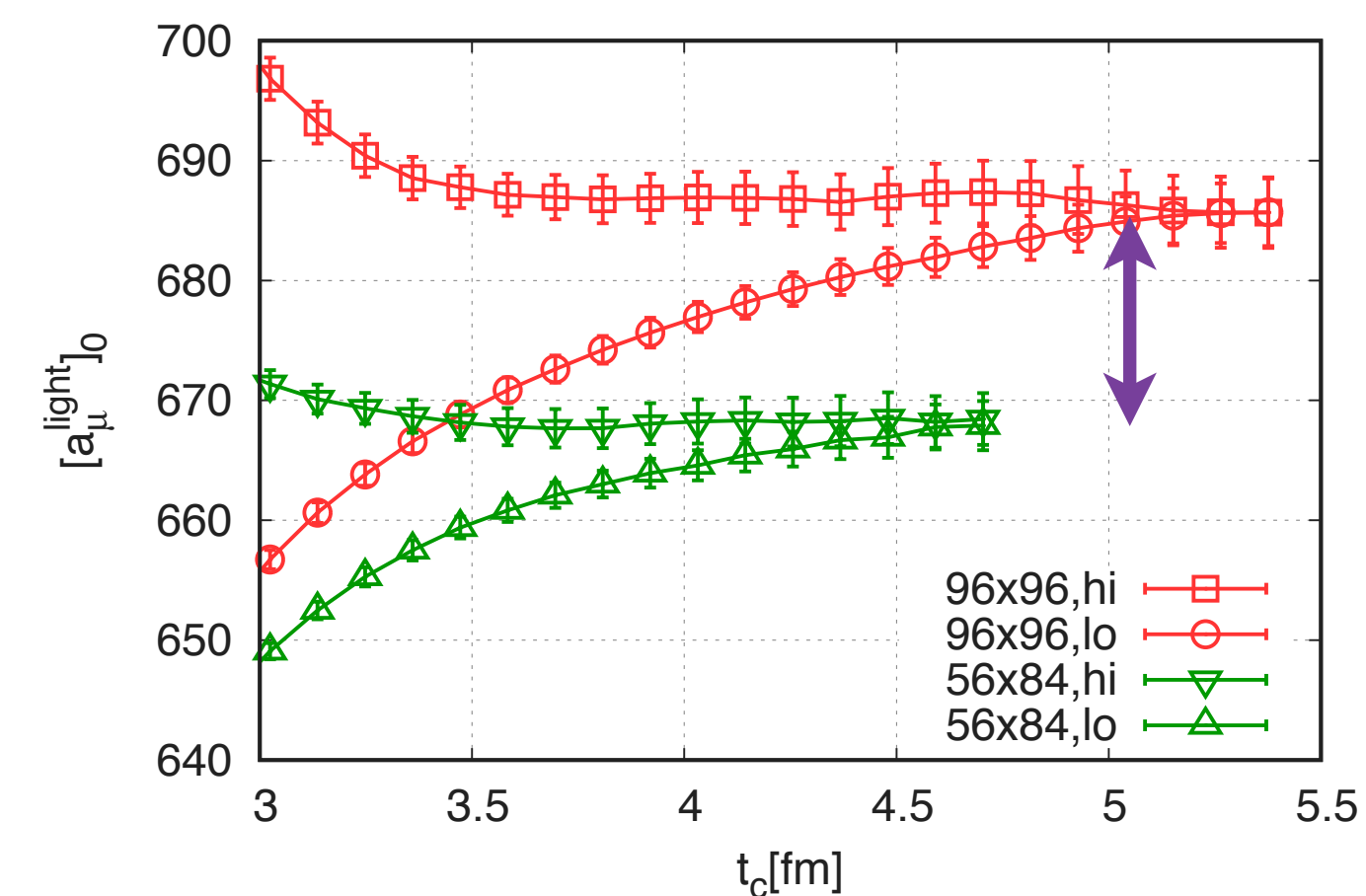
17.8 Gounaris-Sakurai model for $F_\pi(\omega)$

15.7 ChPT at NNLO

16.3 Expansion in pion winding number

18.1(2.4) Direct lattice calculation

Direct lattice calculation by BMWc:



Scale setting

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} \equiv a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}(M_\mu; M_u, M_d, M_s, \dots) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dt \tilde{K}(t) G(t), \quad M_\mu = m_\mu/\Lambda, \quad M_u = m_u/\Lambda, \dots$$

Λ : sets the lattice scale, e.g. $\Lambda = m_\Omega$

Kernel function $\tilde{K}(t)$ depends on dimensionless combination $(tm_\mu)^2$

*[Della Morte et al 2017,
Meyer & HW 2018]*

Uncertainty in $a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}$ arising from scale uncertainty $\Delta\Lambda$:

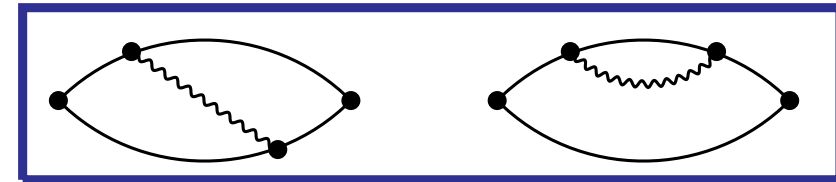
$$\frac{\Delta a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}}{a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}} = \underbrace{\left| \frac{M_\mu}{a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}} \frac{\partial a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}}{\partial M_\mu} \right|}_{1.8} + \underbrace{\left| \frac{M_\pi}{a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}} \frac{\partial a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}}{\partial M_\pi} + \dots \right|}_{-0.18(6)} \frac{\Delta\Lambda}{\Lambda}$$

Requires precision calculation of the lattice scale!

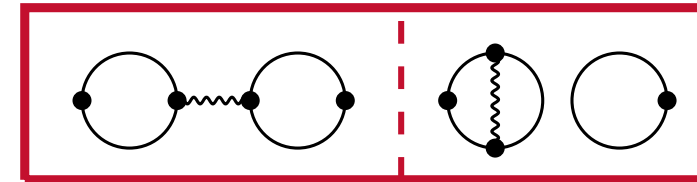
Must compute “bread-and-butter” quantities, such as hadron masses with $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ precision

Scale setting also affects definition of the physical point via “hadronic renormalisation scheme”

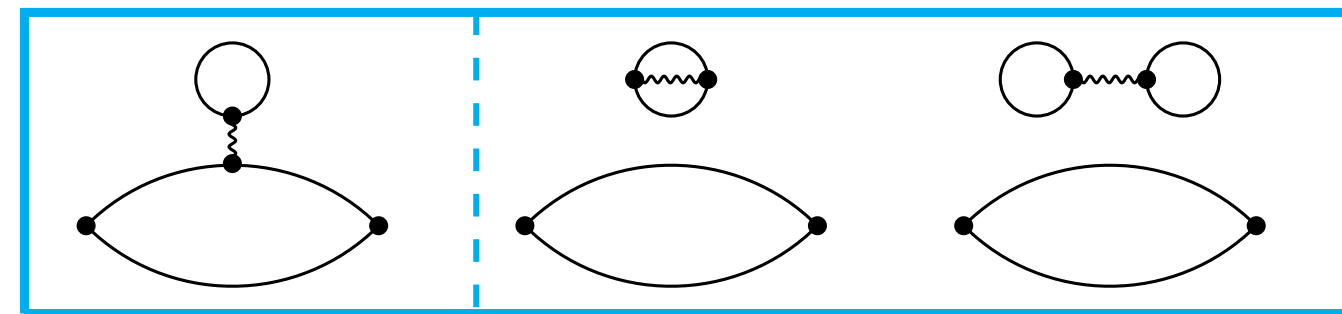
Isospin Breaking



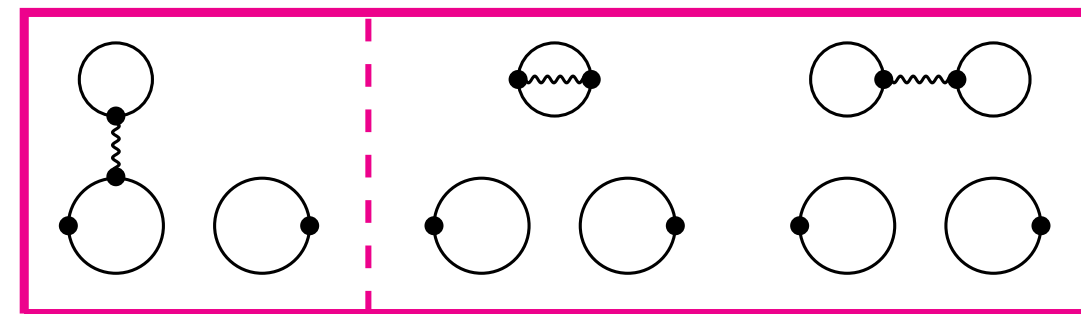
BMW $-1.27(40)(33)$
 RBC/UKQCD $5.9(5.7)(1.7)$
 ETM $1.1(1.0)$



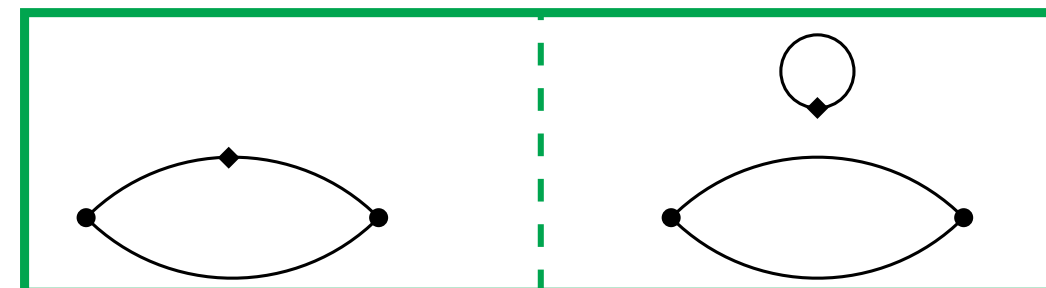
$-0.55(15)(11)$ BMW
 $-6.9(2.1)(2.0)$ RBC/UKQCD



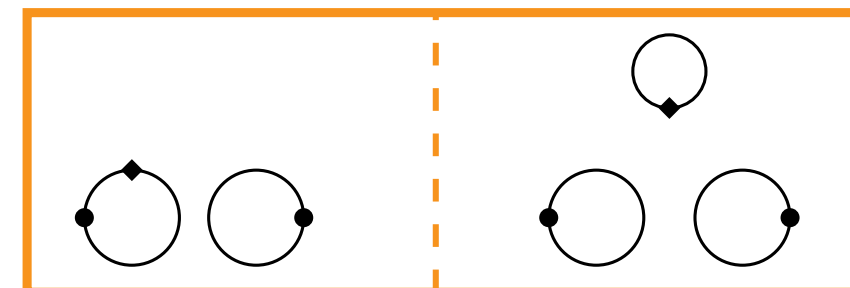
$-0.0095(86)(99)$ $0.42(20)(19)$ BMW



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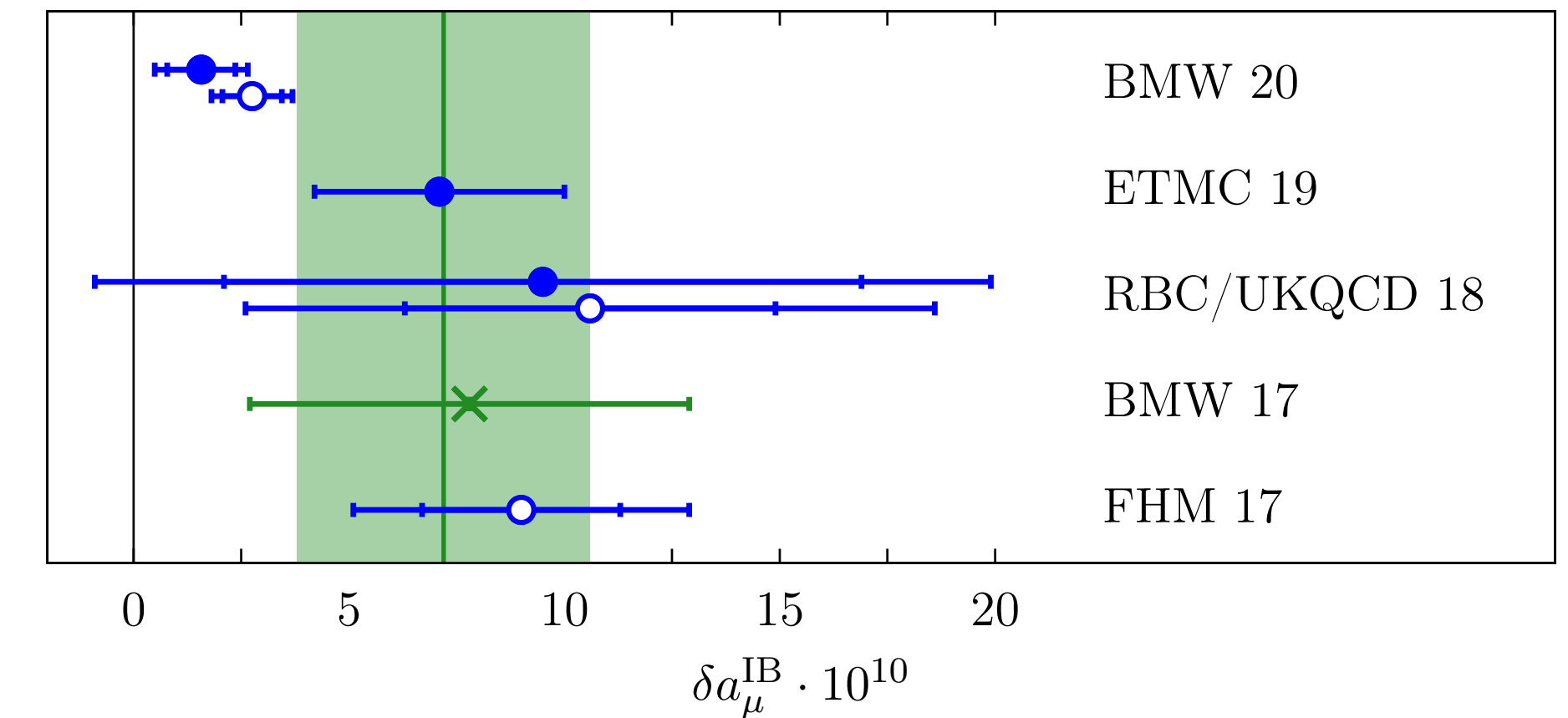
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BMW [arXiv:2002.12347]
 RBC/UKQCD [Phys.Rev.Lett. 121 (2018) 2, 022003]
 ETM [Phys. Rev. D 99, 114502 (2019)]
 FHM [Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018) 15, 152001]
 LM [Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 074515]

Collection of published results:



- Small overall value result of cancellations
- Large statistical uncertainties:

$$a_\mu^{\text{IB}} \lesssim 1\%, \quad \delta a_\mu^{\text{IB}} \lesssim 100\%$$
- More precise calculations required

(Compilation by Vera Gülpers, Lattice-HVP Workshop Nov 2020)

Window observables

Restrict integration over Euclidean time to sub-intervals
→ reduce/enhance sensitivity to systematic effects

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, win}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dt \tilde{K}(t) G(t) W(t; t_0, t_1)$$

Short distance: $W^{\text{SD}}(t; t_0) = 1 - \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta)$

$$\Theta(t, t', \Delta) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \tanh(t - t')/\Delta]$$

Intermediate distance: $W^{\text{ID}}(t; t_0, t_1) = \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta) - \Theta(t, t_1, \Delta)$

[RBC/UKQCD 2018]

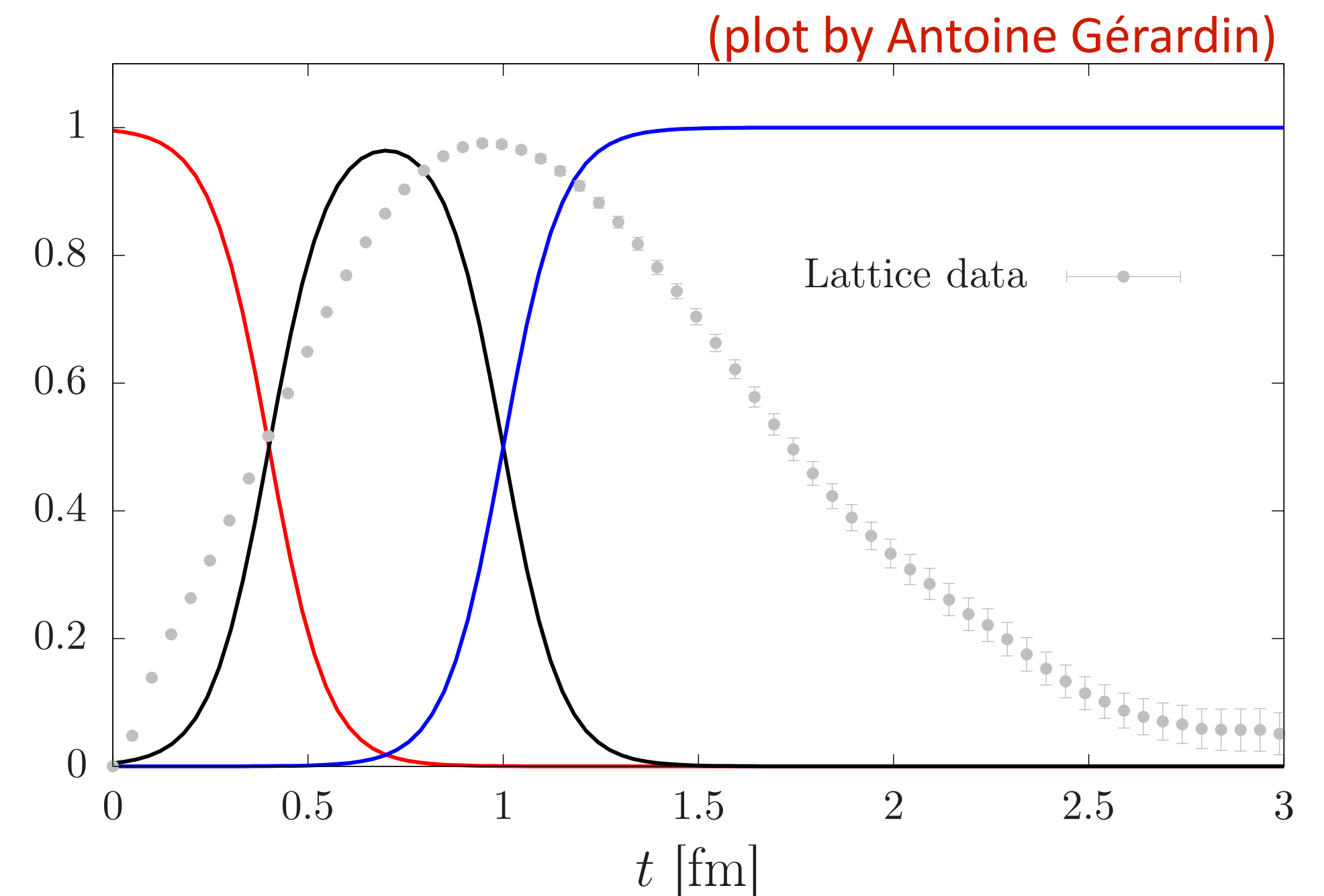
Long distance: $W^{\text{LD}}(t; t_1) = \Theta(t, t_1, \Delta)$

“Standard” choice:

$$t_0 = 0.4 \text{ fm}, t_1 = 1.0 \text{ fm}, \Delta = 0.15 \text{ fm}$$

Intermediate window:

- Finite-volume correction reduced from 3% to 0.25%
 - Uncertainty dominated by statistics
- ⇒ Precision test of different lattice calculations
- ⇒ Comparison with corresponding R -ratio estimate

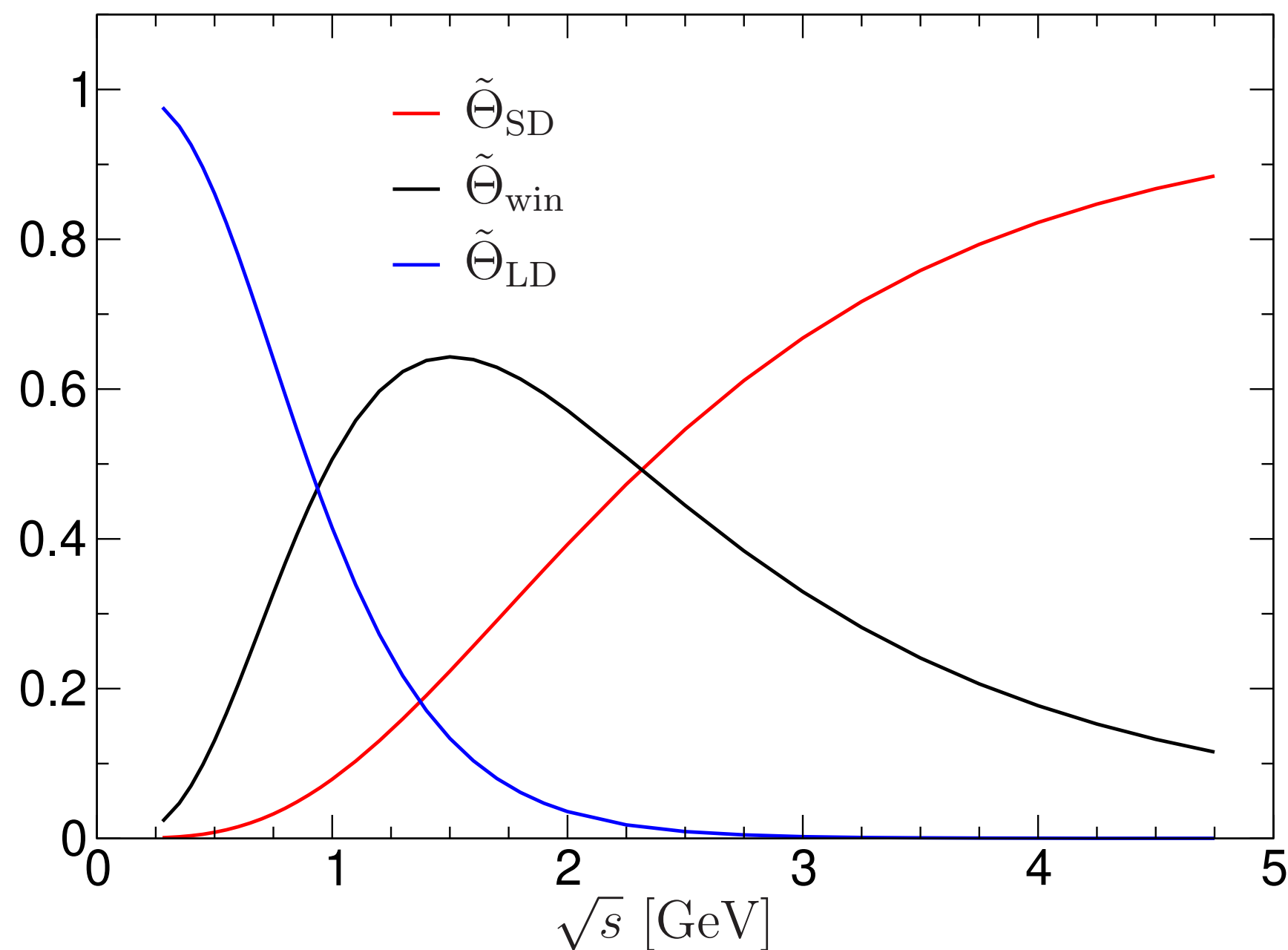


Window observables: Comparison with R -ratio

Starting point: $G(t) = \frac{1}{12\pi^2} \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} d(\sqrt{s}) R(s) s e^{-\sqrt{s}t}$ [RBC/UKQCD 2018]

Insert $G(t)$ into expression for time-momentum representation:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, ID}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} d(\sqrt{s}) R(s) \frac{1}{12\pi^2} s \int_0^{\infty} dt \tilde{K}(t) W^{\text{ID}}(t; t_0, t_1) e^{\sqrt{s}t}$$



Intermediate window from R -ratio following procedure for WP estimate:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp, ID}} \equiv a_{\mu}^{\text{win}} = (229.4 \pm 1.4) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

Finer decomposition allows for more detailed studies of energy dependence

[Colangelo et al., arXiv:2205.12963]

Hadronic running of $\alpha_{\text{e.m.}}$

Correlation between a_μ and the hadronic running of α :

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = \frac{\alpha M_Z^2}{3\pi} \text{P} \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R_{\text{had}}(s)}{s(M_Z^2 - s)} \quad \rightarrow \text{Input quantity for global electroweak fit}$$

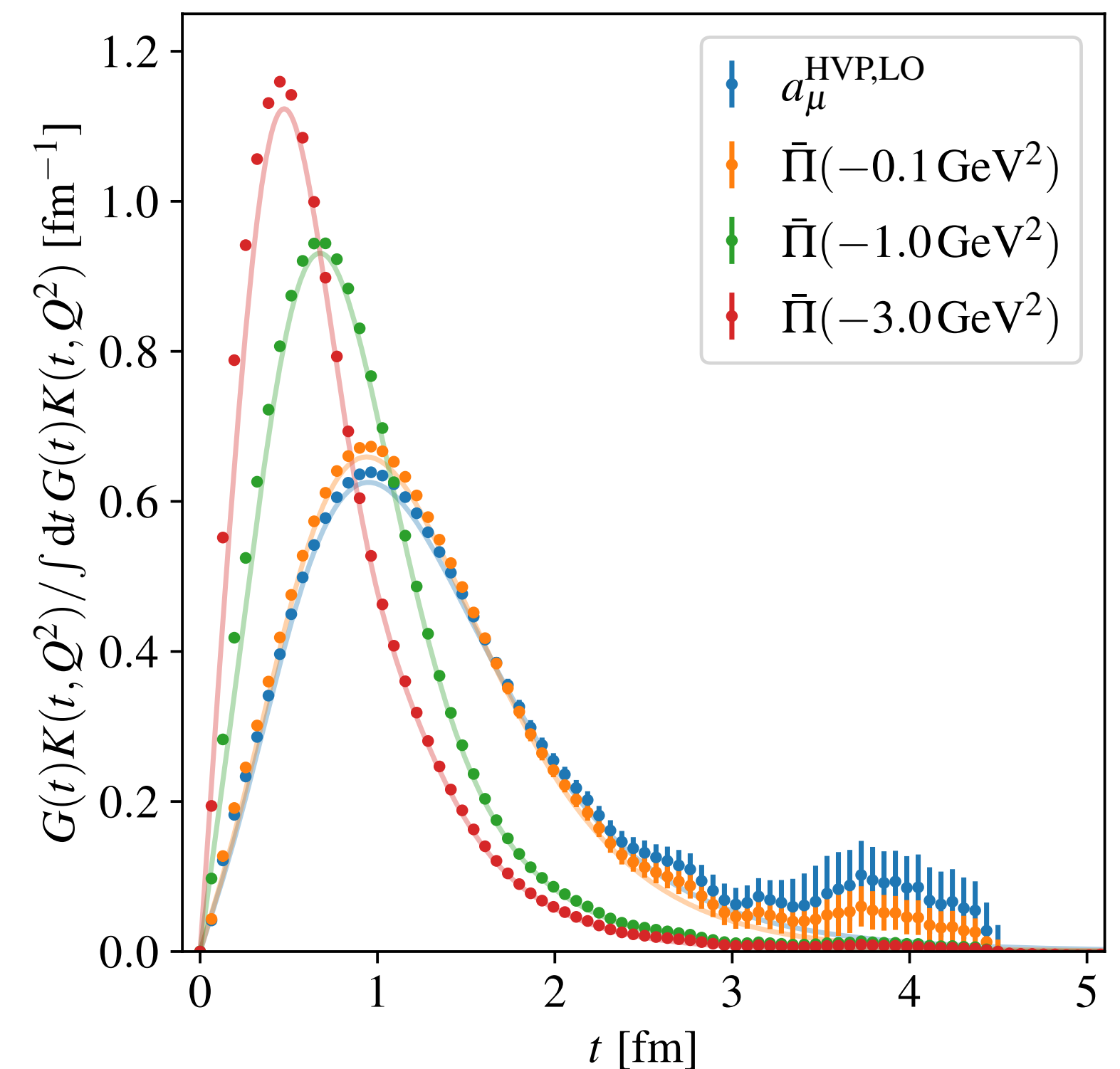
Larger estimate for $a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}}$ implies an increase in $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$

High-energy regime of R -ratio weighted more strongly

Lattice calculation of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(-Q^2)$ based on the same correlator $G(t)$ with a different kernel function:

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(-Q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{Q^2} \int_0^\infty dt G(t) \left[Q^2 t^2 - 4 \sin^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} Q^2 t^2 \right) \right]$$

Profile of the integrand of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(-1 \text{ GeV}^2)$ resembles that of $a_\mu^{\text{hvp, ID}}$



Discretisations of the quark action

Rooted staggered quarks:

- remnant fermion doublers — “tastes”
- correct analytically for taste-induced lattice artefacts
- low computational cost
- used by BMWc, FHM, Lehner & Meyer, Aubin et al., χ QCD

Wilson quarks:

- no doublers; chiral symmetry broken explicitly
- leading lattice artefacts of $O(a^2)$ after Symanzik improvement, twisted-mass formalism
- moderate computational cost
- used by ETMC, Mainz/CLS, PACS

Domain wall /overlap quarks (Ginsparg-Wilson quarks):

- no doublers; chiral symmetry breaking exponentially small
- live in five dimensions (dwf); evaluate sign function of “conventional” discretisation (ovlp)
- leading lattice artefacts of $O(a^2)$
- high computational cost
- used by RBC/UKQCD, BMWc (Ovlp valence), χ QCD (DWF sea, Ovlp valence)

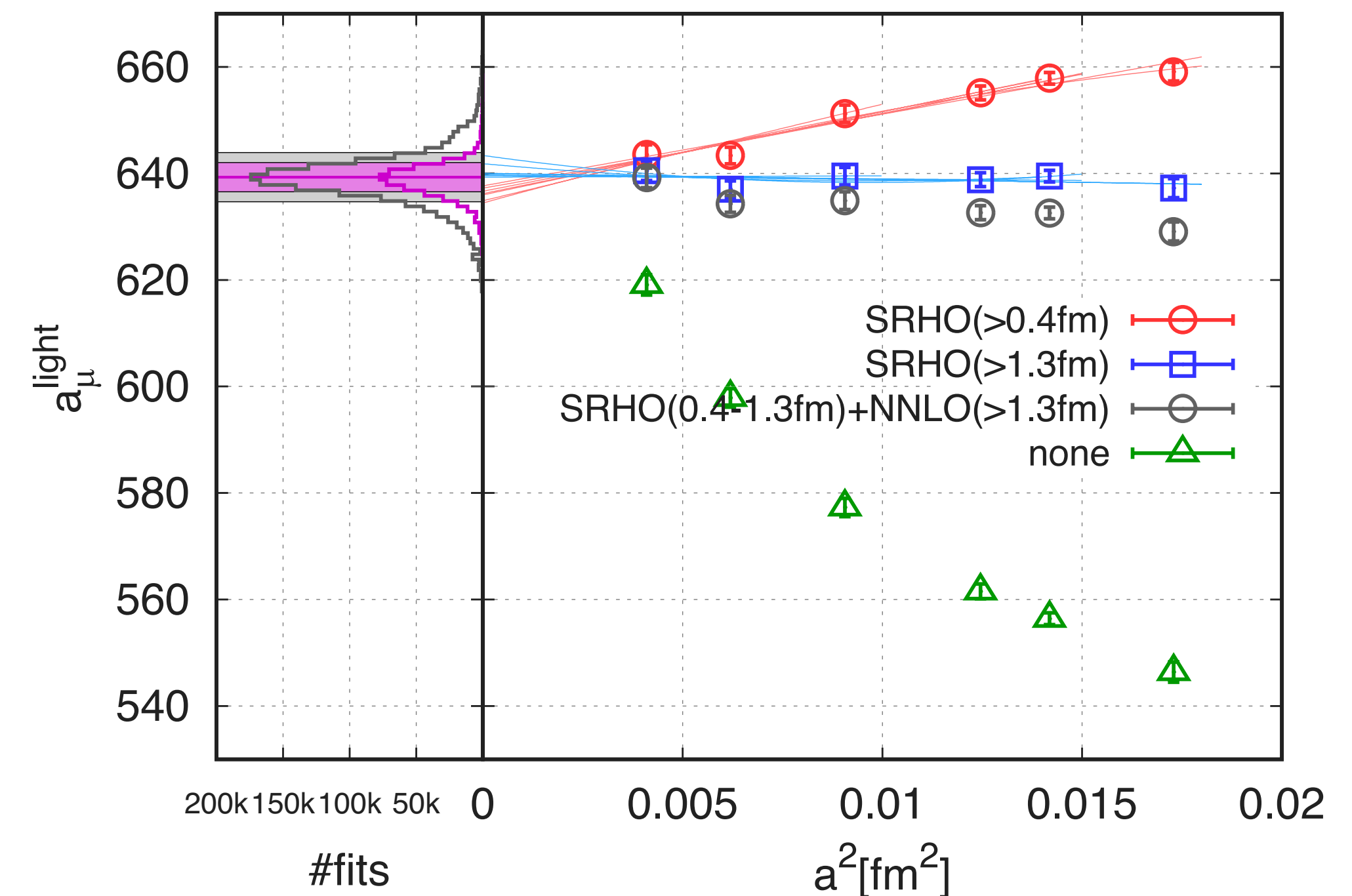
Staggered fermions

Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal Collaboration

[Borsányi et al., Nature 593 (2021) 7857, arXiv:2002.12347v3]

- $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ flavours; one-link staggered fermion action with four steps of stout smearing; six lattice spacings: $a = 0.132 - 0.064$ fm, physical pion mass
- Correct for taste-breaking effects using the SRHO model, combined with SChPT
- Comprehensive study of finite-volume and isospin-breaking corrections
- Final result selected from distribution of different fits
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$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (707.5 \pm 2.3 \pm 5.0) \cdot 10^{-10}$$



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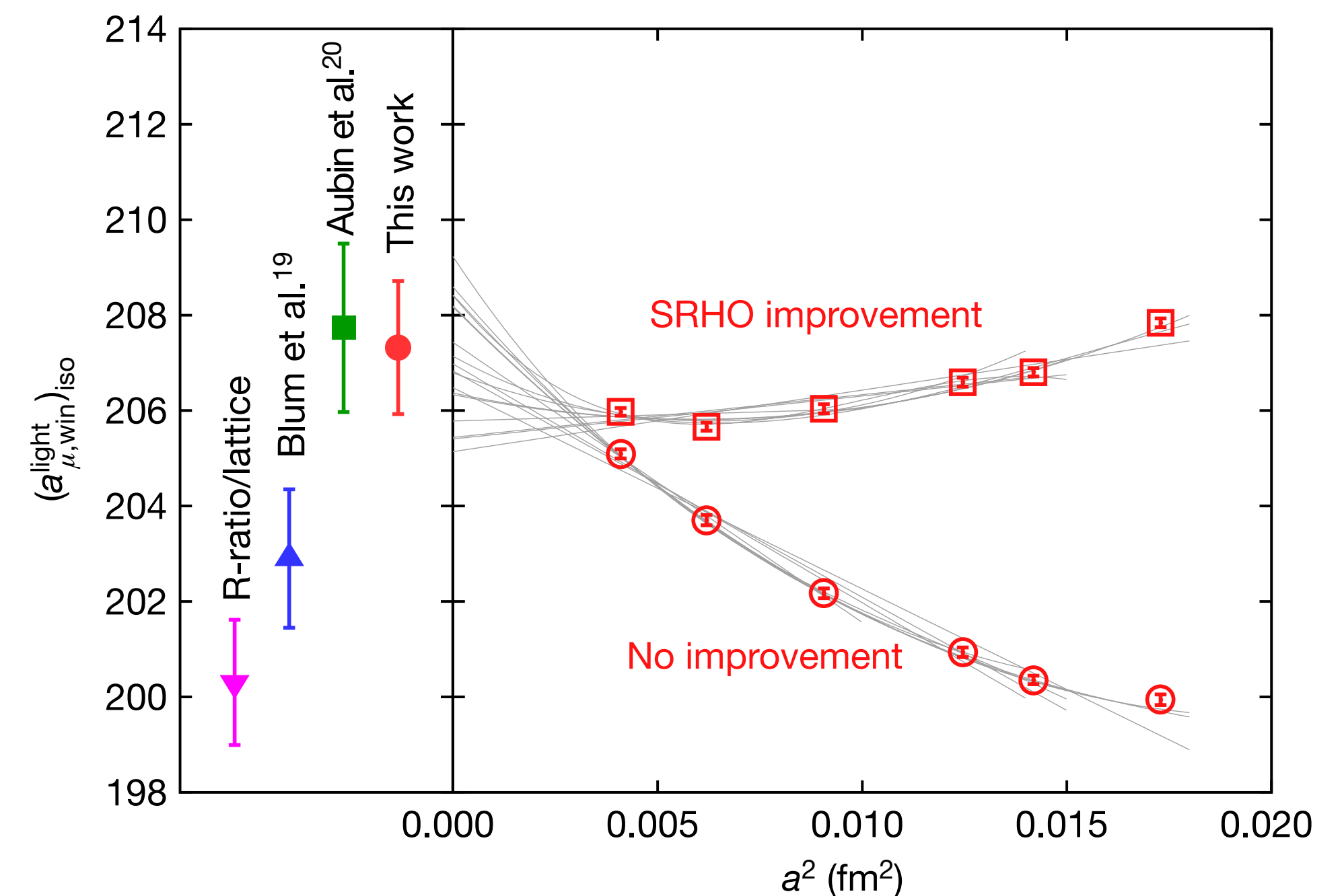
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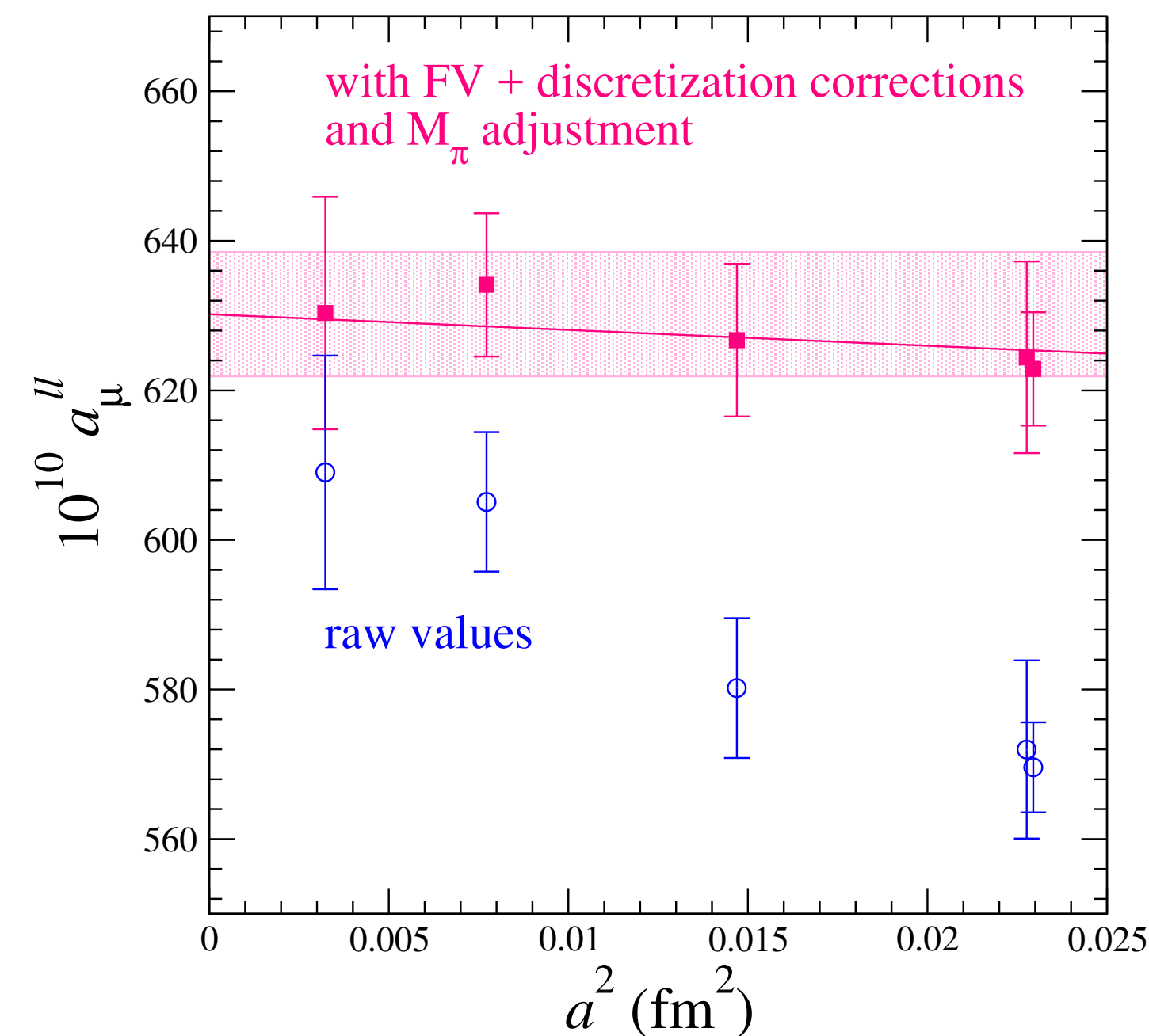
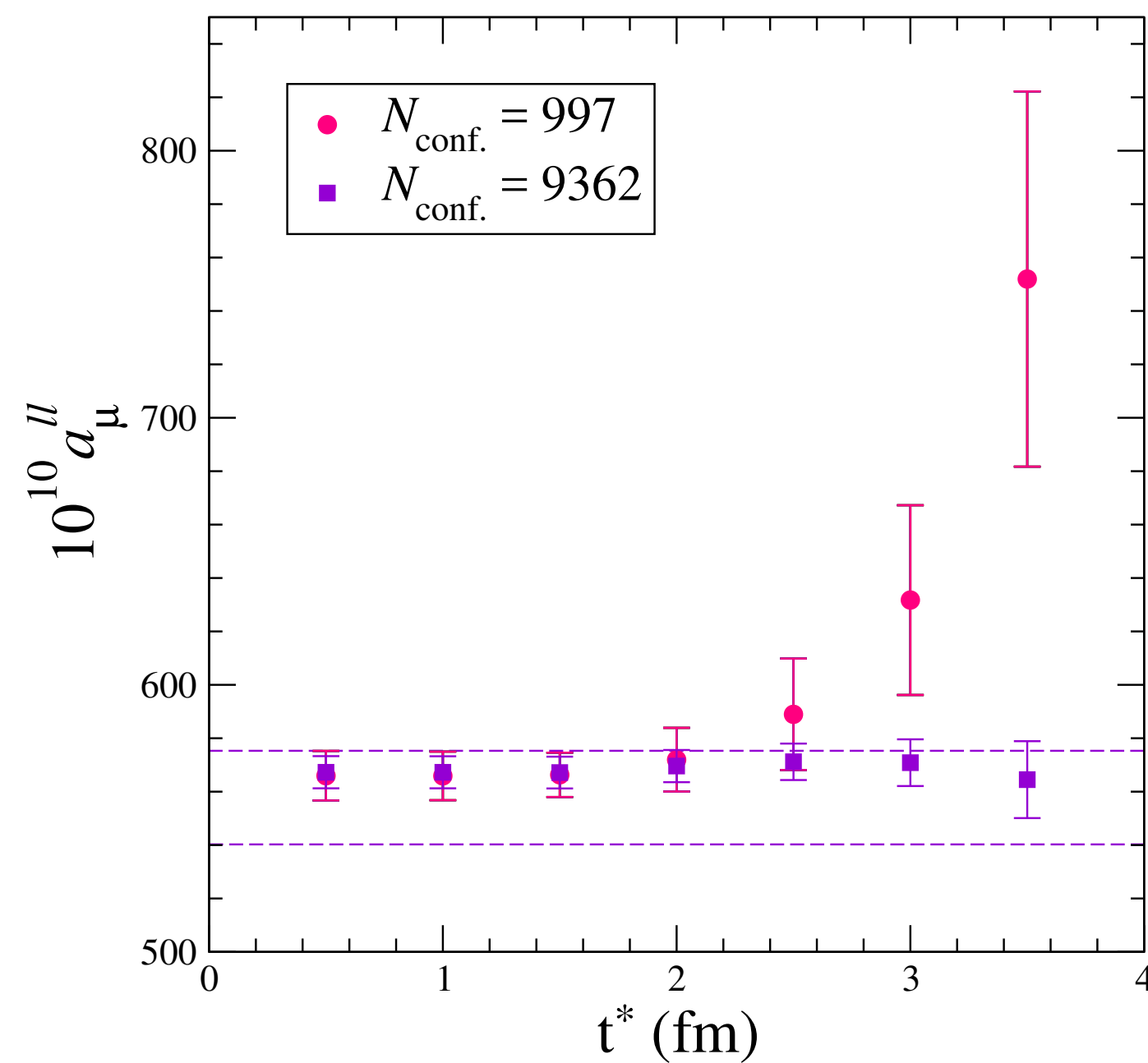
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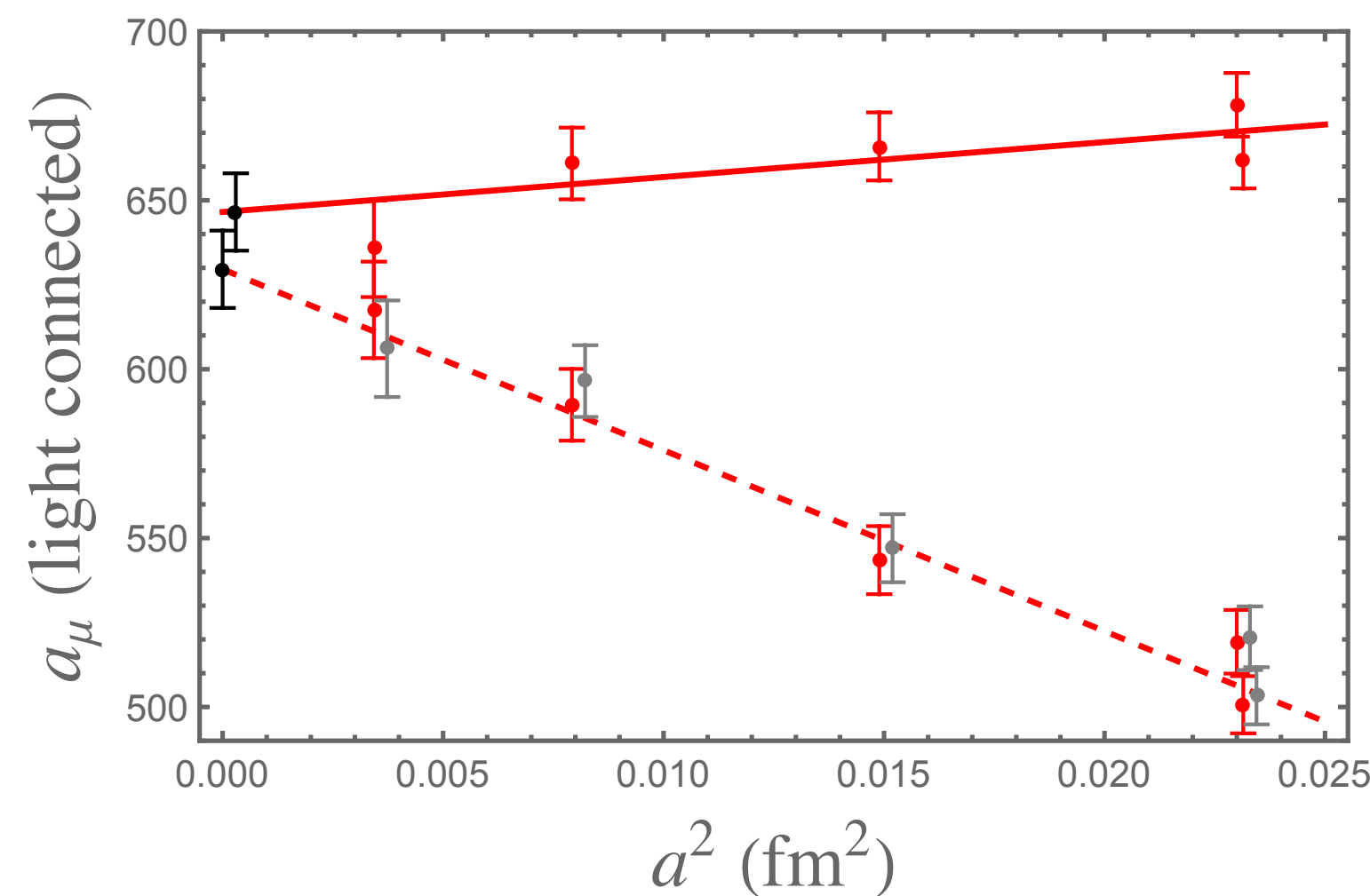
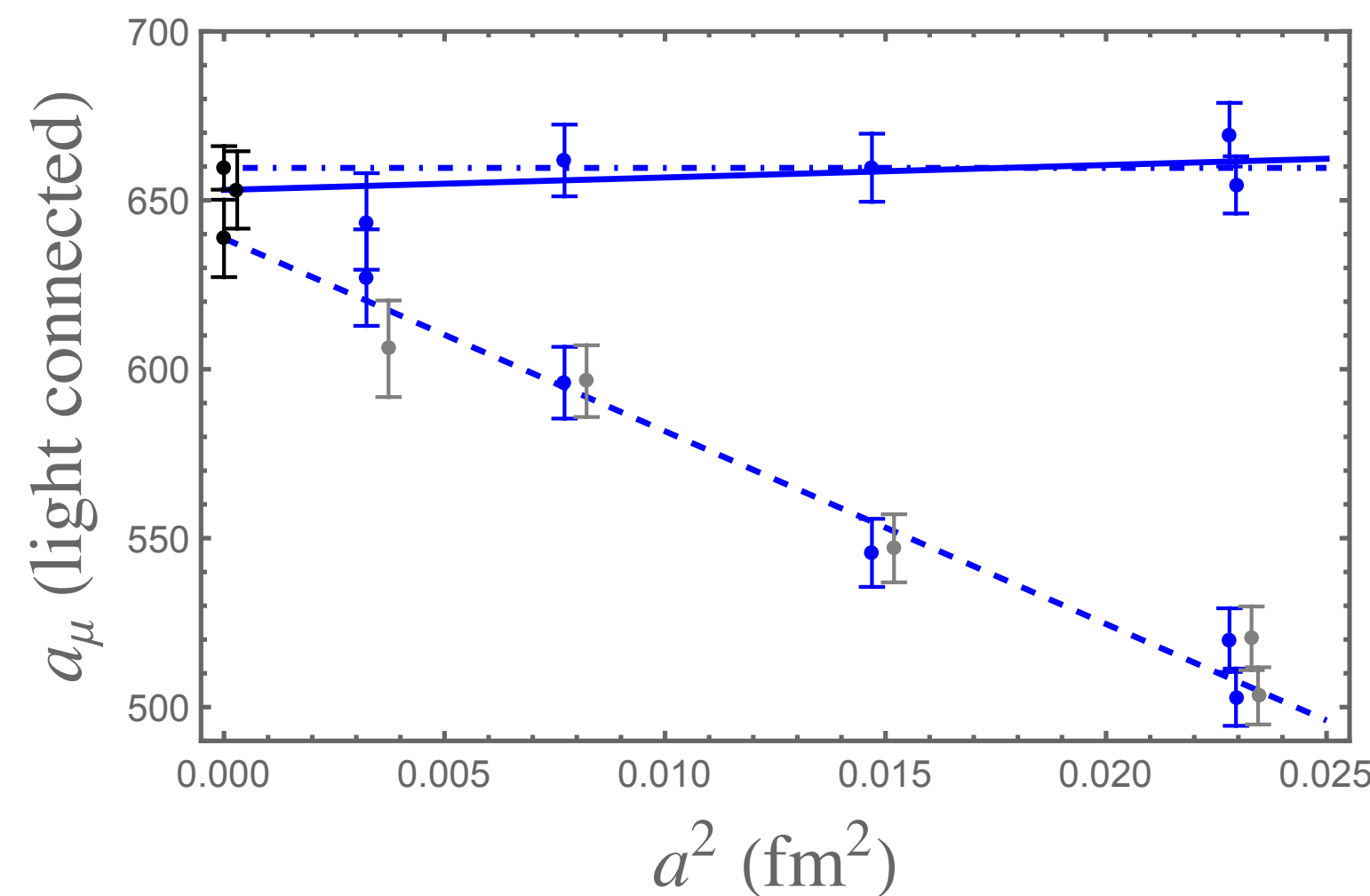


- $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ flavours; highly-improved staggered quark (HISQ) action;
four lattice spacings: $a = 0.15 - 0.06$ fm, physical pion mass
- Correct for taste-breaking and finite-volume effects using the SRHO model
- Simulations with $N_f = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$ to determine isospin-breaking corrections
- Multi-state fits to isolate long-distance behaviour of $G(t)$; comparison with bounding method



$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (699 \pm 15) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

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four lattice spacings: $a = 0.15 - 0.06$ fm, physical pion mass
- Compute finite-volume and taste-breaking corrections using SChPT at NNLO; compare with SRHO
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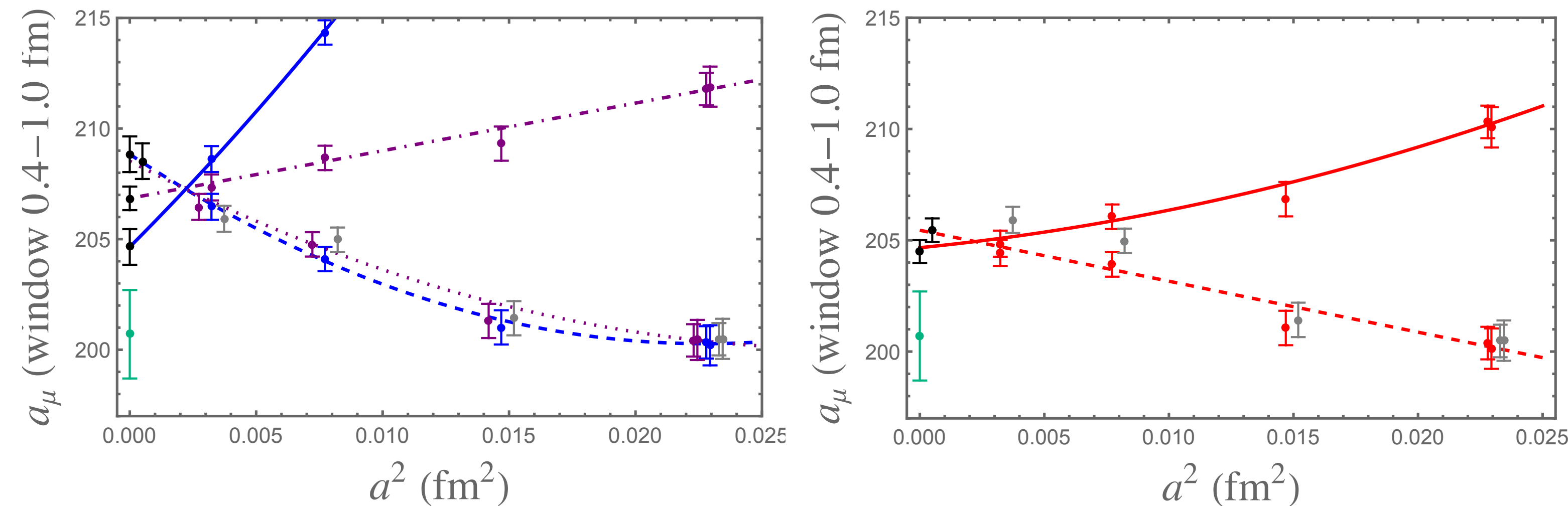


$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, ud}} = (646 \pm 14) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

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“Taste-breaking effects appear to be the largest effect hindering a straightforward extrapolation to the continuum limit” → include smaller lattice spacings

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Domain wall fermions

RBC/UKQCD Collaboration

[Blum et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 022003]

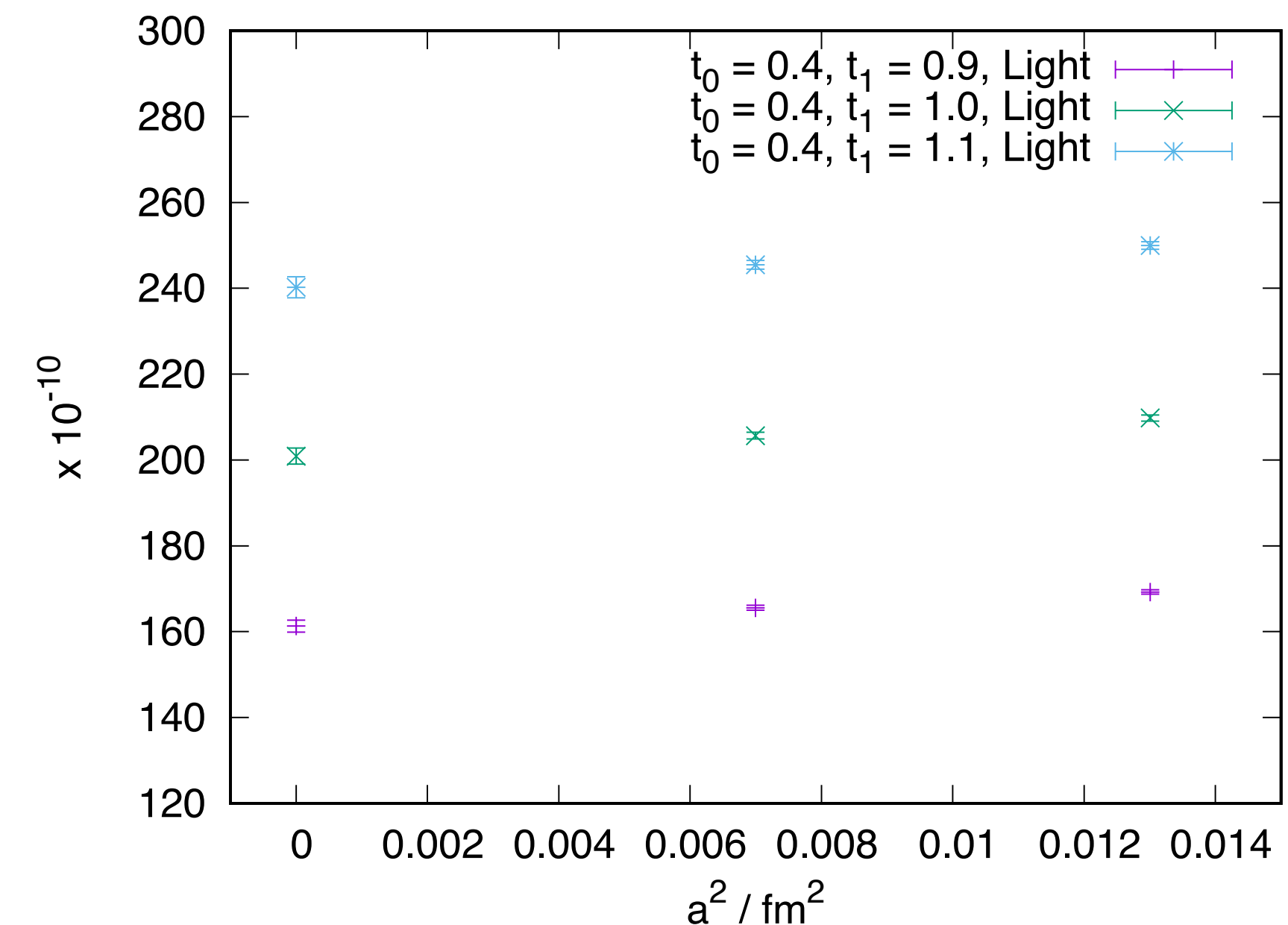
- $N_f = 2 + 1$ flavours; domain wall action; two ensembles at $a = 0.114, 0.084$ fm, physical pion mass
- Finite-volume corrections computed in ChPT
- Strong and QED isospin-breaking corrections computed, excluding disconnected diagrams
- Definition of the “window observables”
- Approach to continuum limit consistent with a^2 -behaviour plus small a^4 -term estimated by power-counting arguments

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, ud}} = (649.7 \pm 14.2 \pm 4.9) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (715.4 \pm 16.3 \pm 9.2) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win, ud}} = (202.9 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

- Third lattice spacing at $a \approx 0.07$ fm in preparation



Mixed action calculations

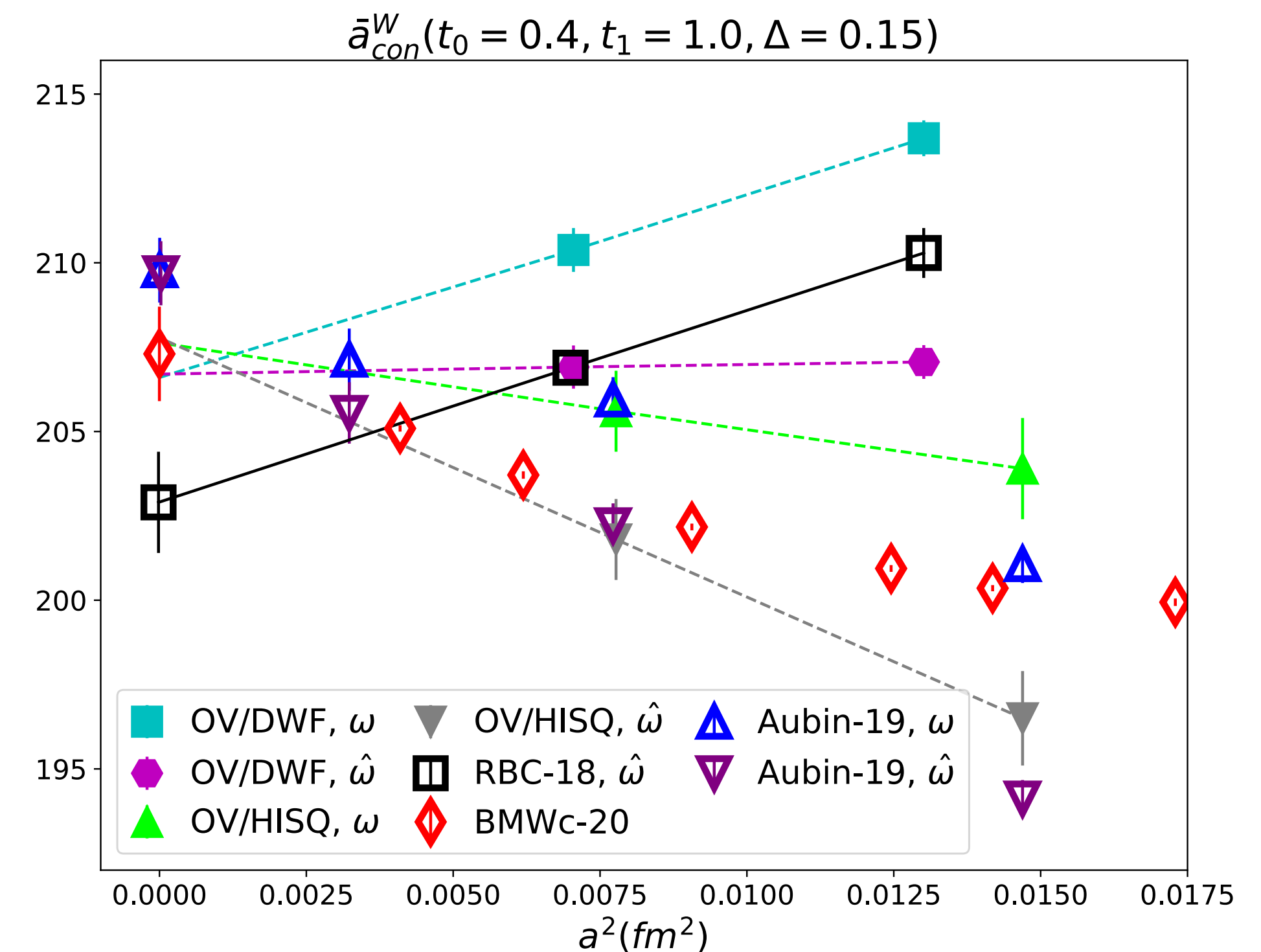
χ QCD Collaboration

[Wang et al., arXiv:2204.01280]

- Overlap valence quarks on HISQ ($N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$) and Domain-wall ($N_f = 2 + 1$) gauge ensembles
- Lattice spacings: $a = 0.114, 0.084$ fm (DWFs) and $a = 0.12, 0.09$ fm (HISQ) — physical pion mass
- Scaling test at $m_\pi = 320$ MeV using four HISQ ensembles with $a = 0.12 - 0.04$ fm
- Focus on intermediate window observable
- Linear extrapolations in a^2 produce consistent results in both mixed-action setups

$$a_\mu^{\text{win, ud}} = (206.7 \pm 1.5) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad (\text{Ovlp/DWF})$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win, ud}} = (207.7 \pm 3.1) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad (\text{Ovlp/HISQ})$$



Wilson fermions

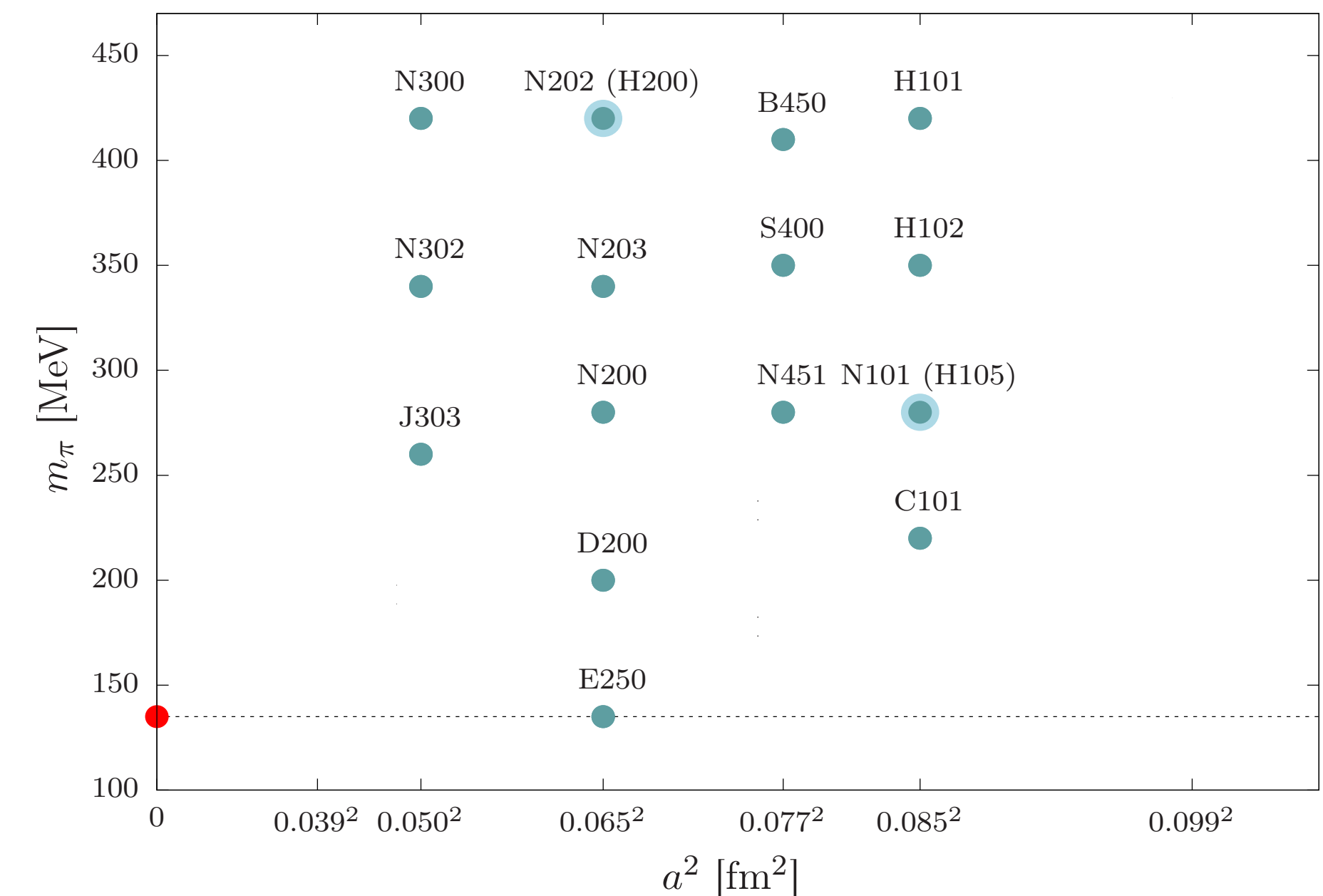
Mainz/CLS

[Gérardin et al., Phys. Rev. D 100 (2019) 014510, Cè et al., arXiv:2206.06582]

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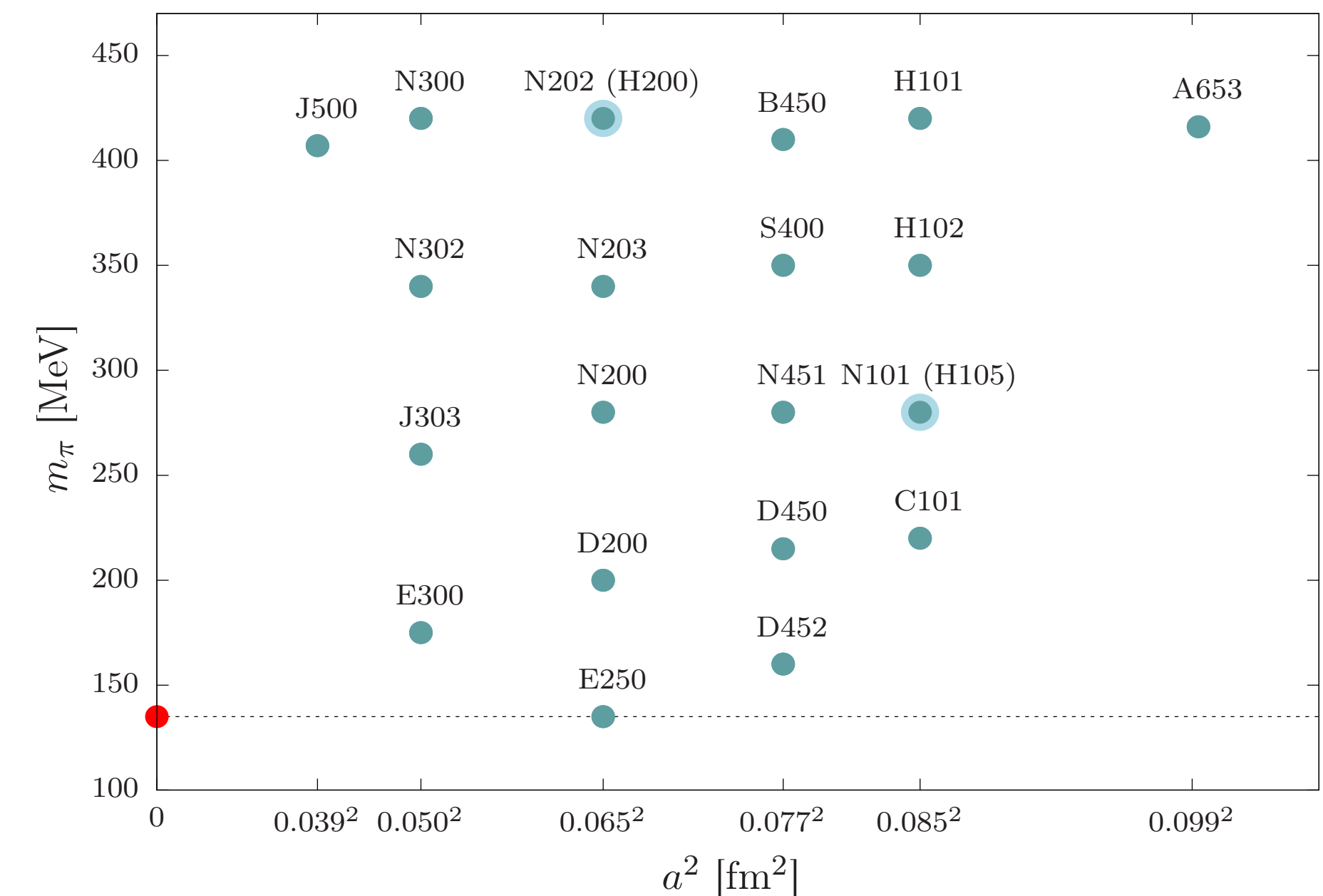
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- Extension to six lattice spacings: $a = 0.099 - 0.039$ fm; additional ensembles with $m_\pi \gtrsim m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win, ud}} = (207.00 \pm 0.83 \pm 1.20) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (237.30 \pm 0.79 \pm 1.22) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

(Isospin-breaking corrections computed and included)

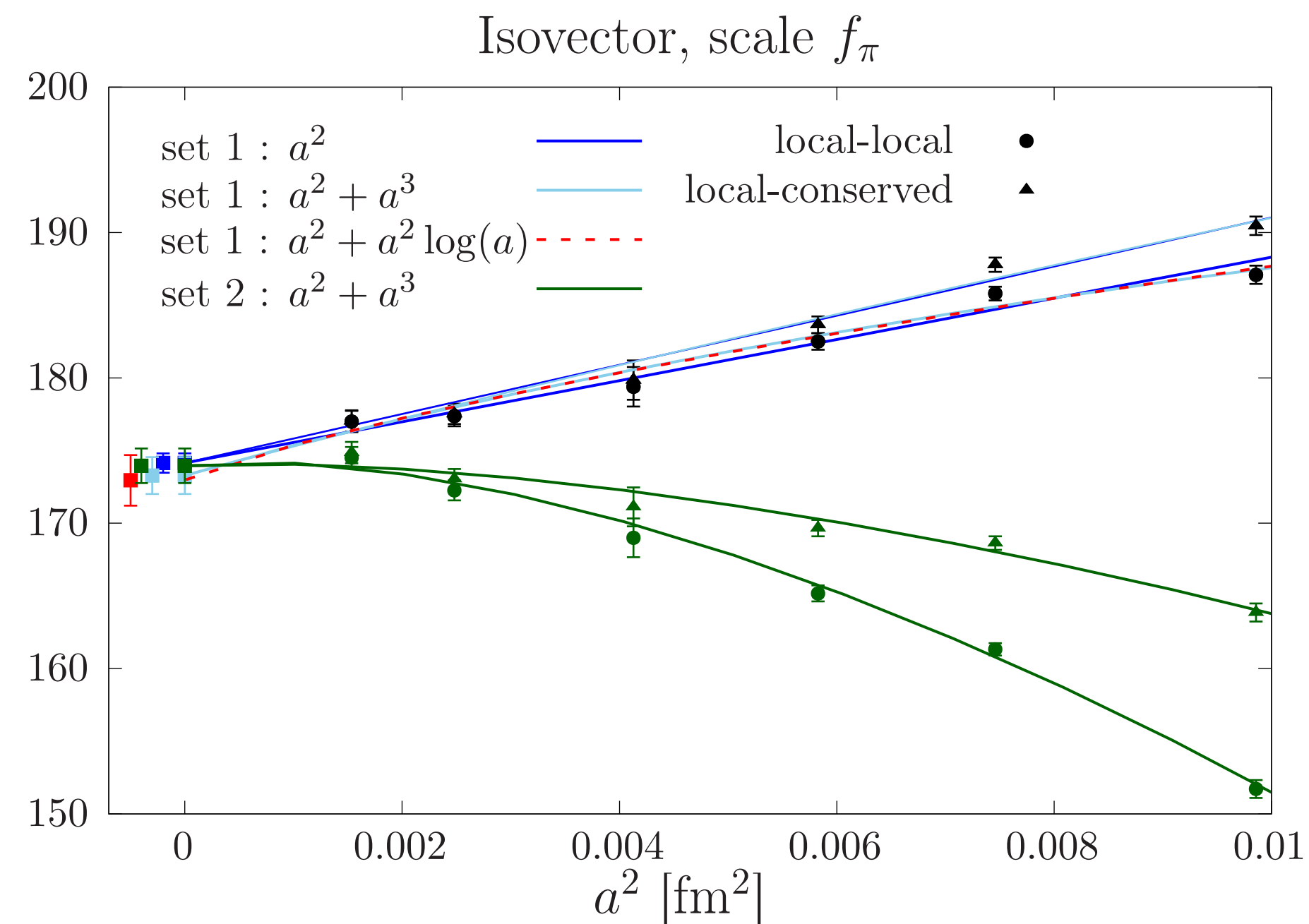


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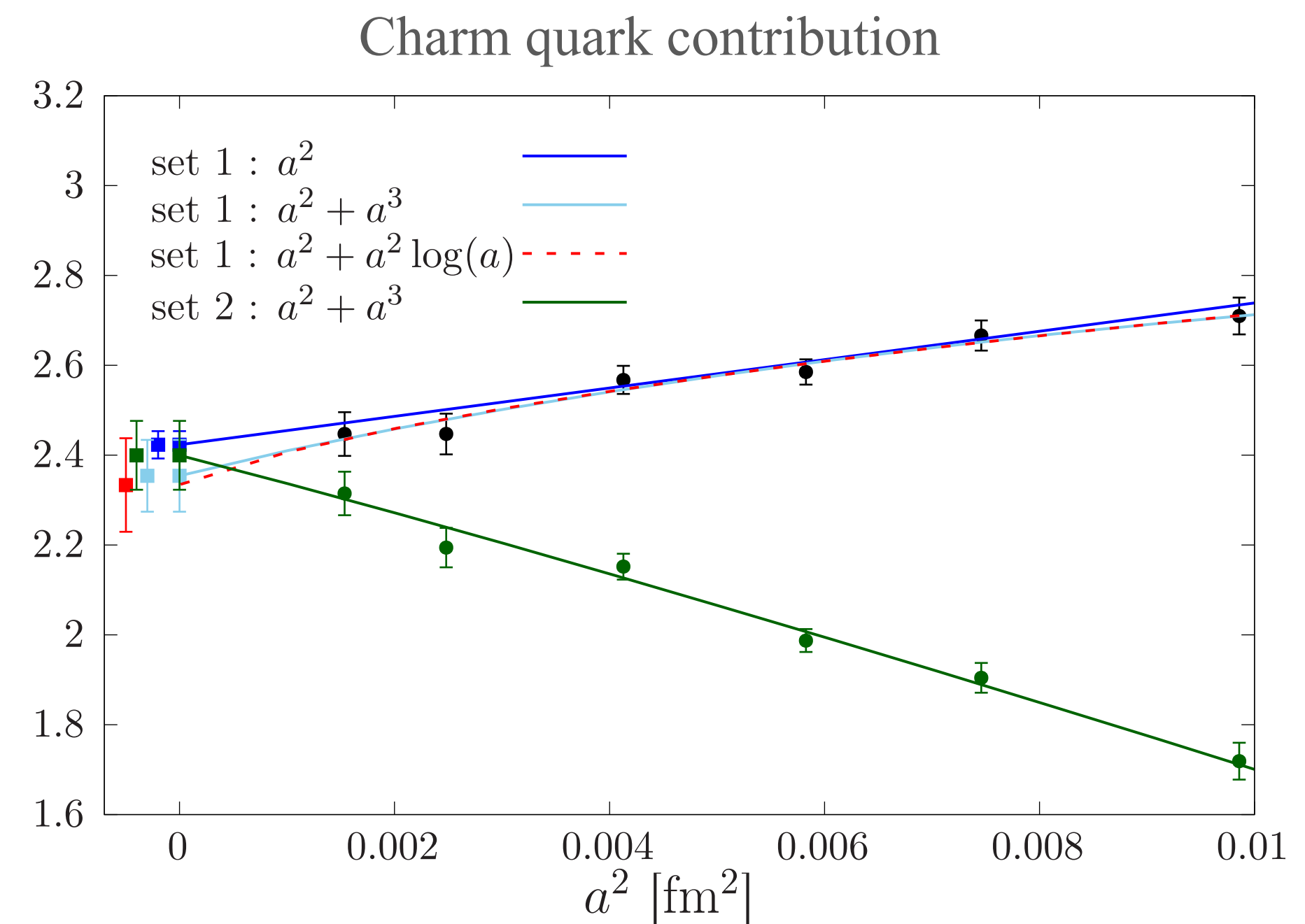
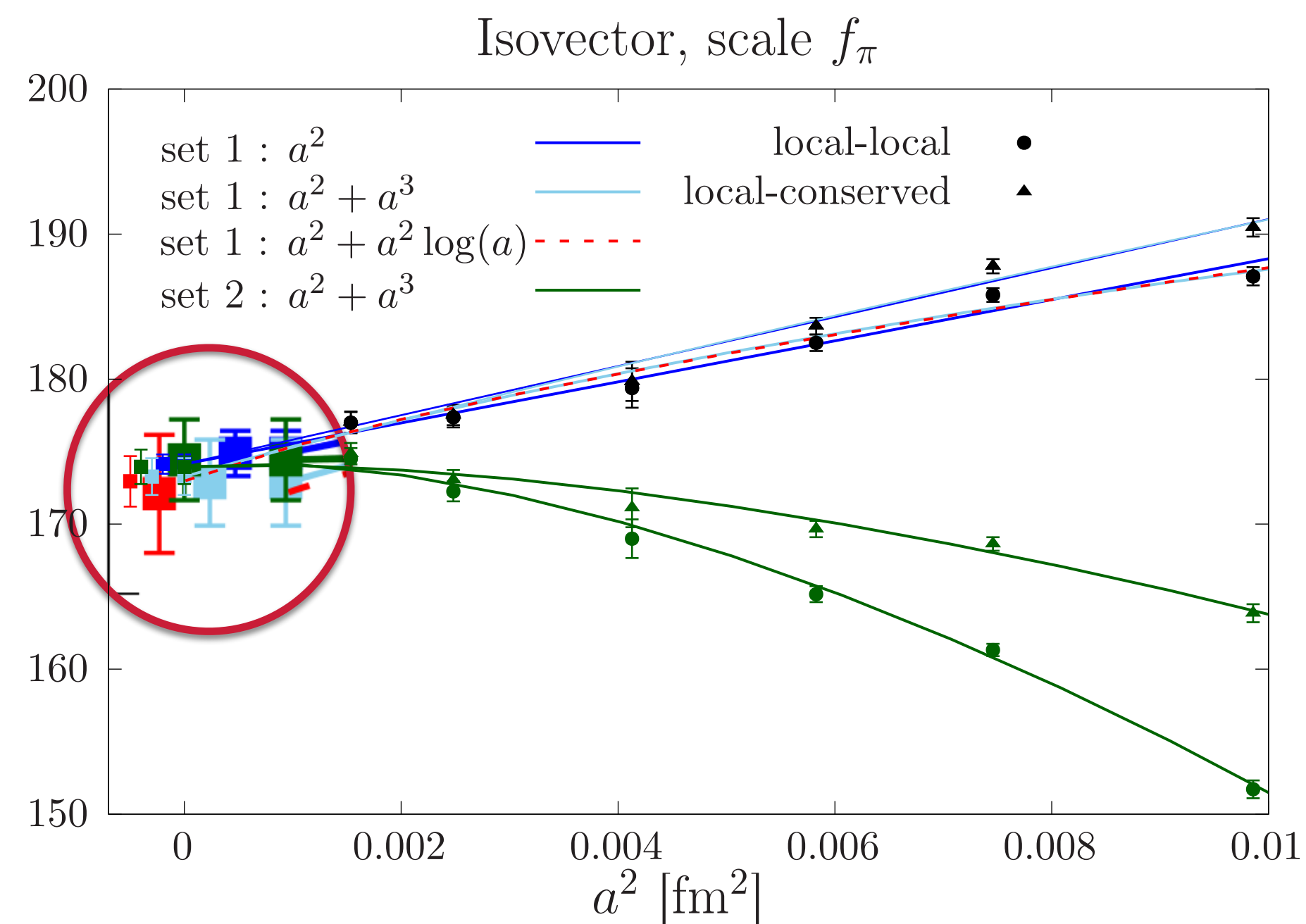


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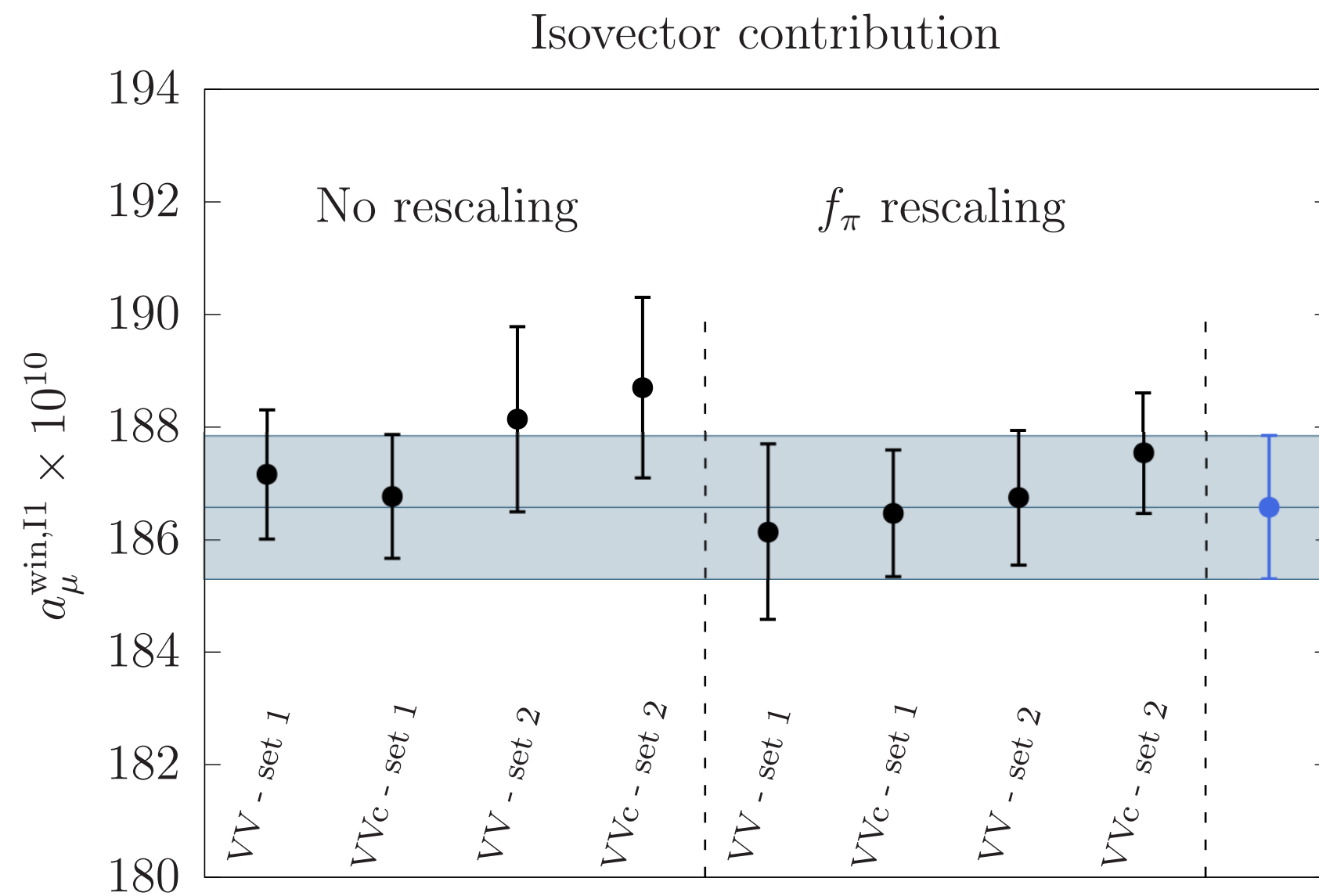
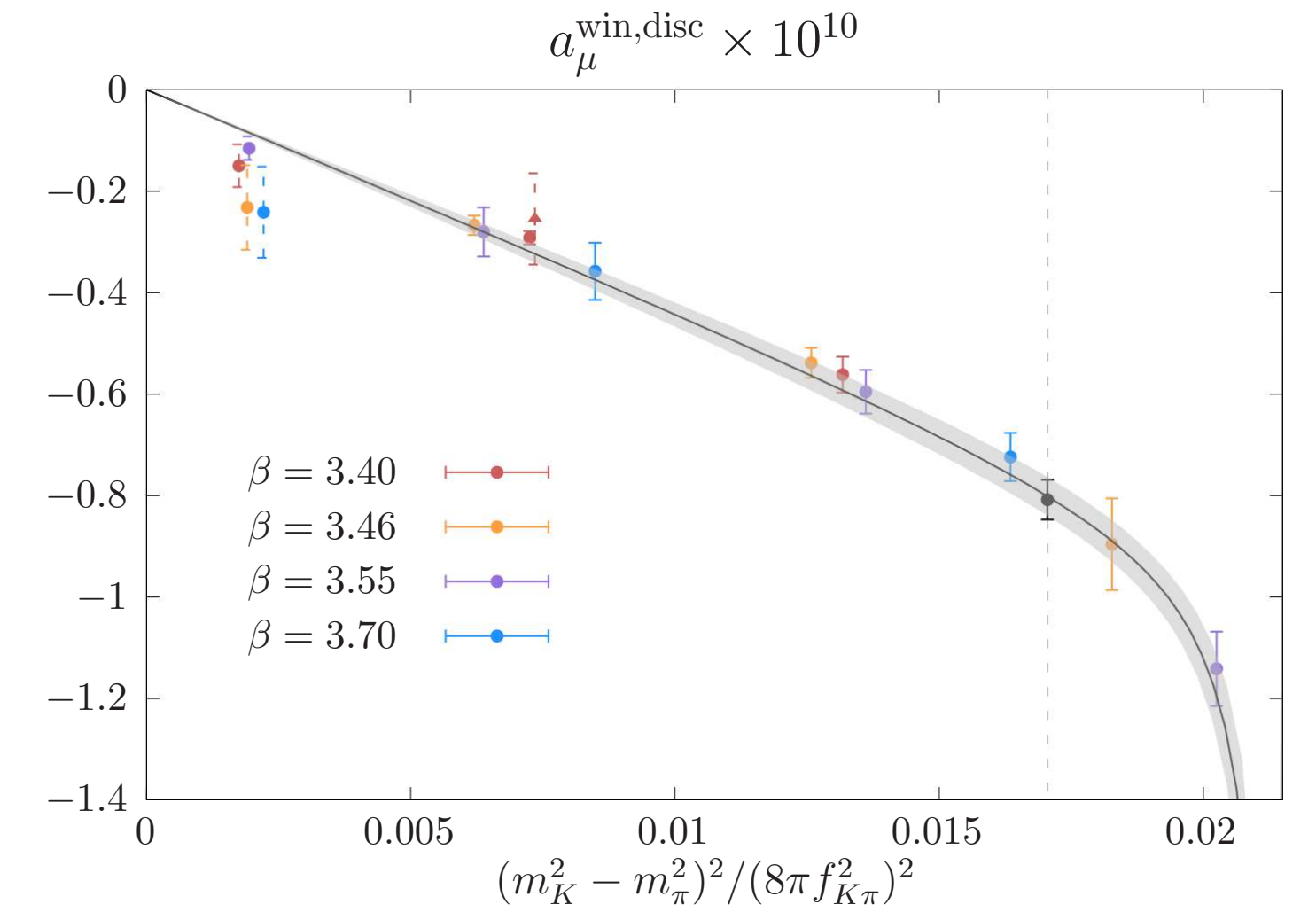
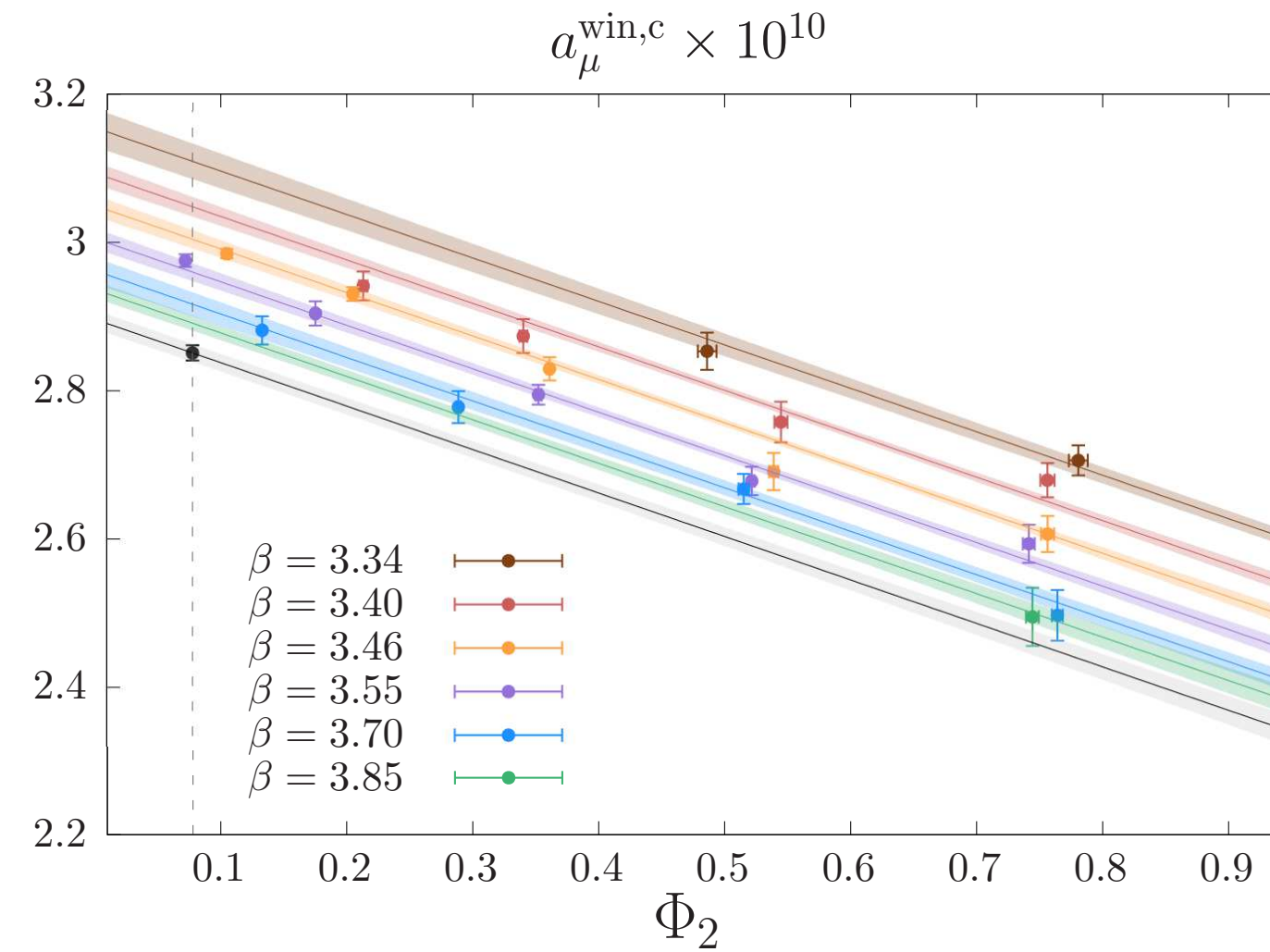
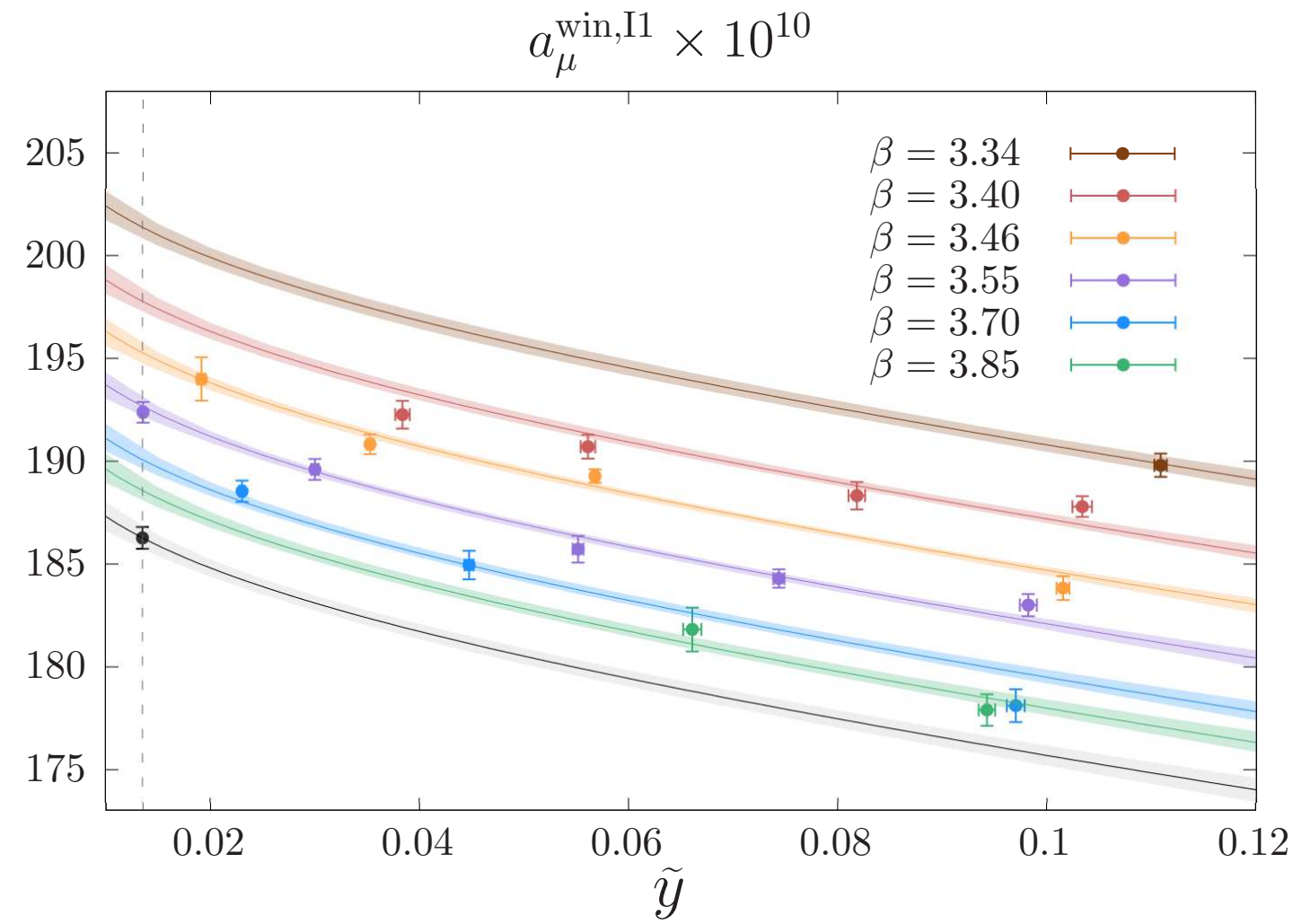
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Mainz/CLS: Results at the physical point

[Cè et al., arXiv:2206.06582]



$$a_\mu^{\text{win,I1}} = (186.30 \pm 0.75_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.08_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-10},$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win,I0}} = a_\mu^{\text{win,I0},\ell} + a_\mu^{\text{win,c}} = (50.30 \pm 0.23_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.32_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-10},$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win,iso}} = a_\mu^{\text{win,I1}} + a_\mu^{\text{win,I0}} = (236.60 \pm 0.79_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.13_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.05_{\text{Q}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

Include shift of $+(0.70 \pm 0.47) \cdot 10^{-10}$ due to isospin-breaking:

$$a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (237.30 \pm 0.79_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.13_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.05_{\text{Q}} \pm 0.47_{\text{IB}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

Wilson / twisted mass fermions

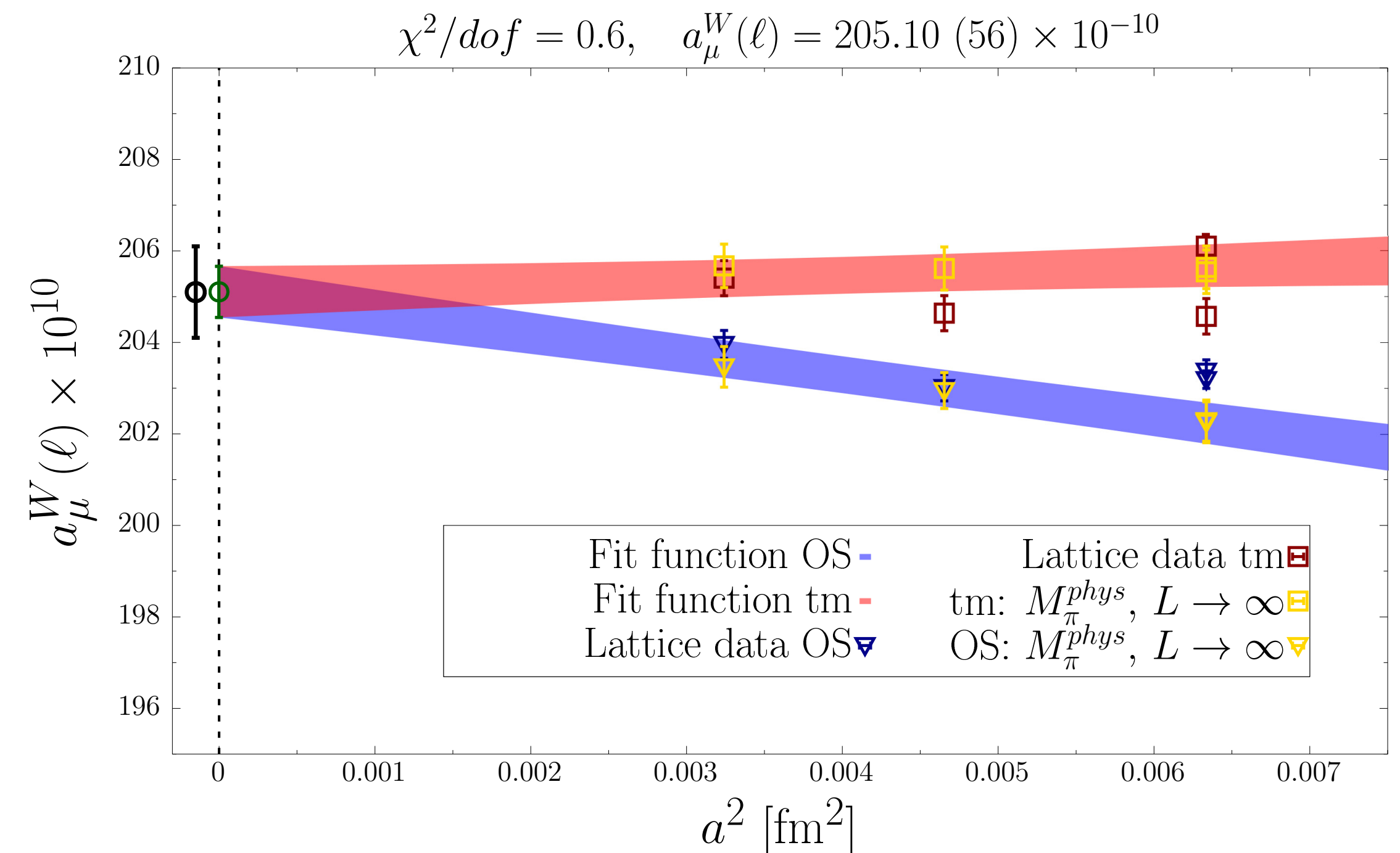
ETM Collaboration

[Alexandrou et al., arXiv:2206.15084]

- $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ flavour ensembles with twisted mass term: automatic $O(a)$ improvement
- Three lattice spacings: $a = 0.080, 0.068, 0.057$ fm; physical pion mass
- Two discretisations of the vector current: “Osterwalder-Seiler” vs. “twisted mass”
- Results for short, intermediate and long-distance window observables in isosymmetric QCD
- Isospin-breaking corrections taken from BMW; add s, c , disconnected contributions

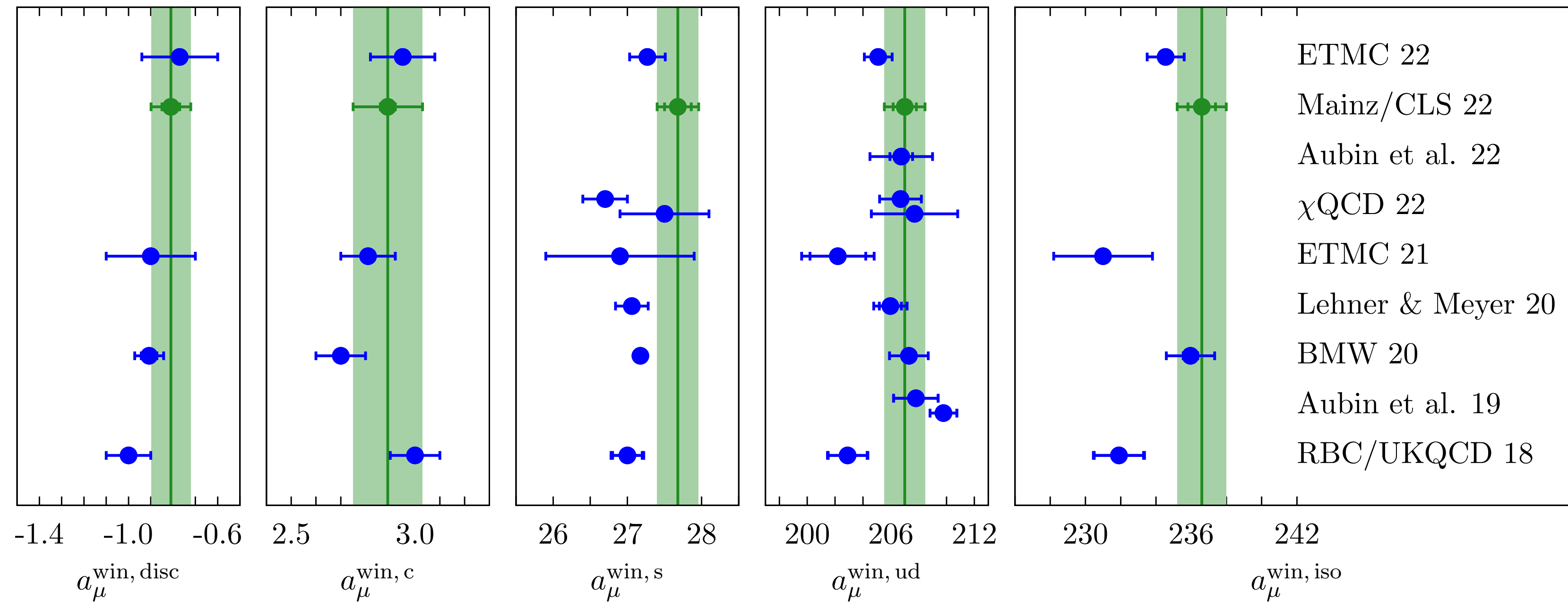
$$a_\mu^{\text{win, ud}} = (205.1 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

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Intermediate window observable in lattice QCD

Isosymmetric QCD:



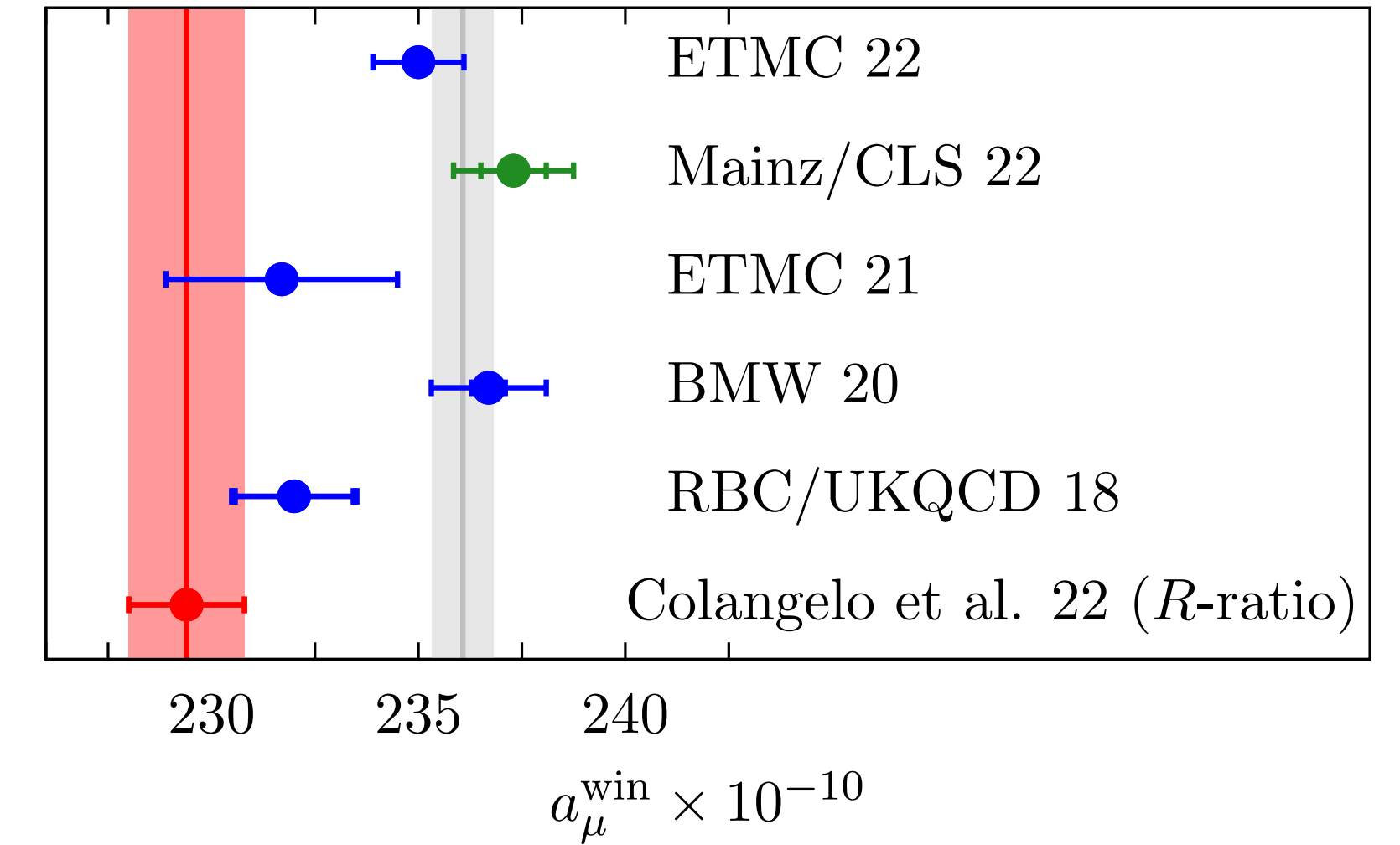
- Broad agreement among most lattice calculations; exceptions: RBC/UKQCD 18 and ETMC 21
- ETMC 22, Mainz/CLS 21 and BMW 20 use different discretisations

Intermediate window observable: Comparison with R -ratio

R -ratio estimate: $a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (229.4 \pm 1.4) \cdot 10^{-10}$

Mainz/CLS 22: $a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (237.30 \pm 1.46) \cdot 10^{-10}$

Lattice average: $a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (236.08 \pm 0.74) \cdot 10^{-10}$
(ETMC 22, Mainz/CLS 22, BMW 20)



$$\Rightarrow a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{\text{Mainz}} - a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{R\text{-ratio}} = (7.9 \pm 2.0) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [3.9 \sigma]$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{\text{Lat-av.}} - a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{R\text{-ratio}} = (6.7 \pm 1.6) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [4.2 \sigma]$$

Subtract R -ratio prediction for a_μ^{win} from White Paper estimate and replace by lattice average:

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}|_{\text{Lat-av.}}^{\text{win}} = (18.4 \pm 5.8) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [3.2 \sigma]$$

Cross check: Hadronic running of α

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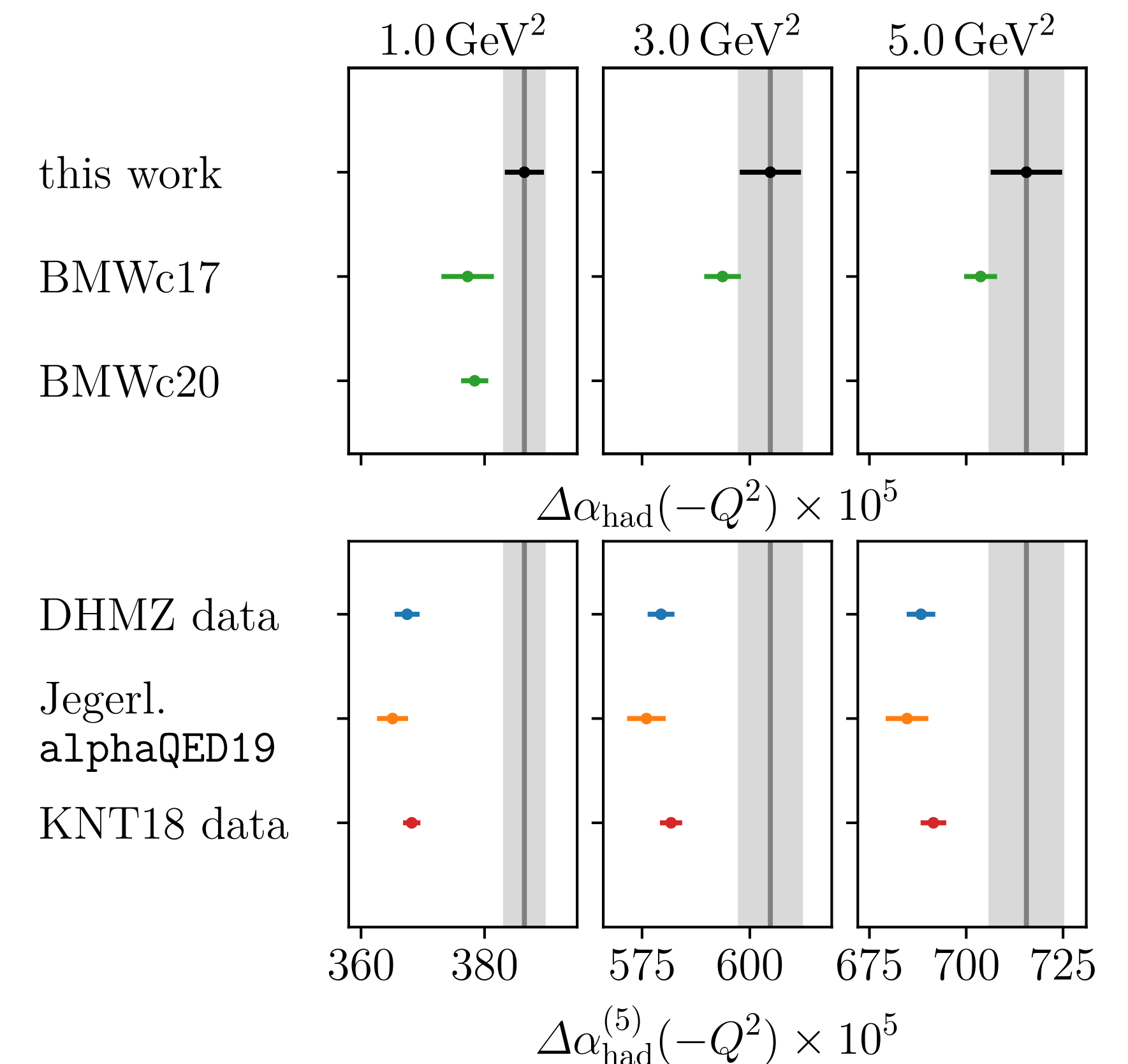
[Crivellin et al., 2020; Keshavarzi et al., 2020; Malaescu & Schott, 2020; Colangelo, Hoferichter, Stoffer 2020; BMW 2020/21]

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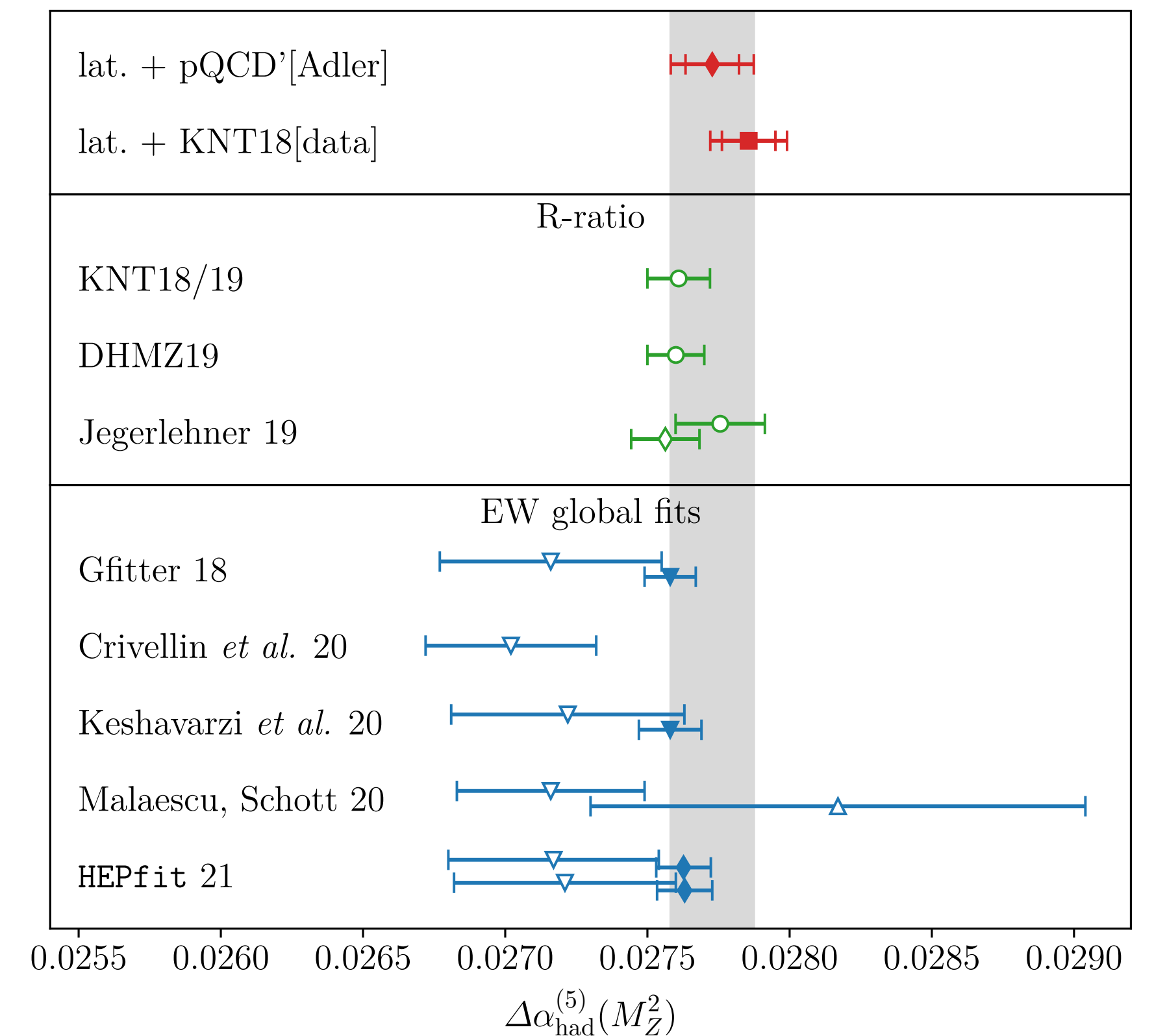
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$$\Rightarrow \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = 0.027\,73(15)$$



[Cè *et al.*, arXiv:2203.08676]

Outlook

- * Lattice calculations of the HVP contribution have reached precision level of $\lesssim 1\%$
 - * Accumulating evidence for tension between measured R -ratio and the corresponding spectral function computed on the lattice
 - * Different discretisations of QCD action yield results for the intermediate window that reduce the tension between SM prediction and experiment
 - * Window observables: benchmark quantities with reduced dependence on systematics; more finely grained intervals allow detailed cross check between lattice QCD and phenomenology
 - * Deviation of order $100 \cdot 10^{-11}$ between SM and experiment is a large one!
- ⇒ Precision must be increased further

Results from future runs at E989 and J-PARC E34 will be decisive!