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# The puzzles surrounding the muon anomalous magnetic moment

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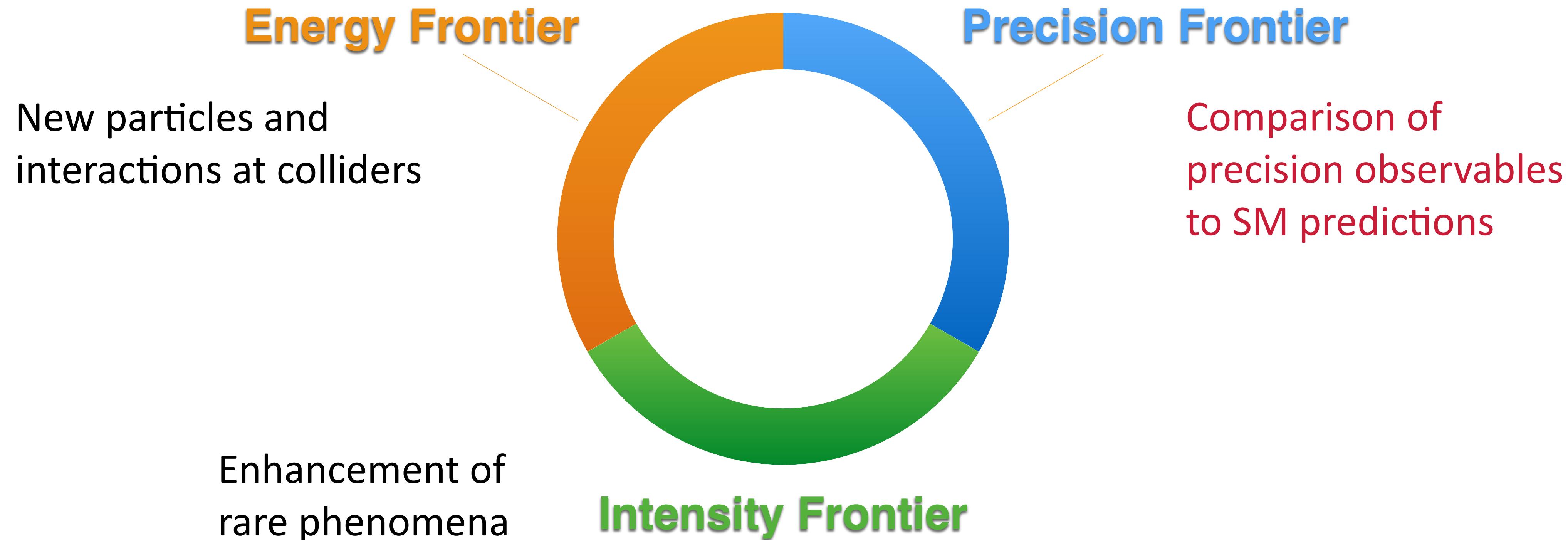


# The Quest for New Physics

No evidence for Beyond-Standard Model particles from collider experiments

Overwhelming evidence for dark sector from astrophysical observations

Standard Model does not provide a complete description of Nature

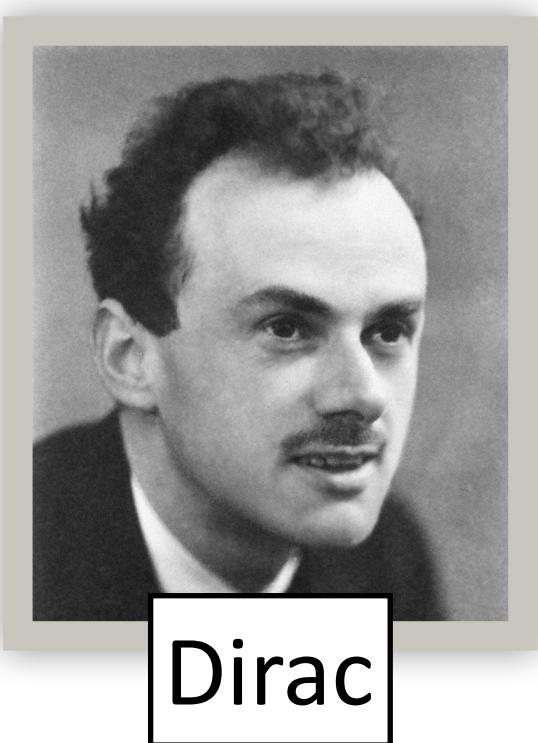


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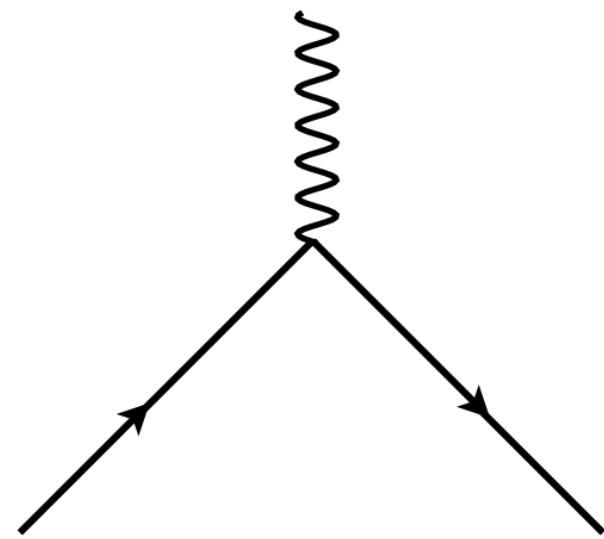
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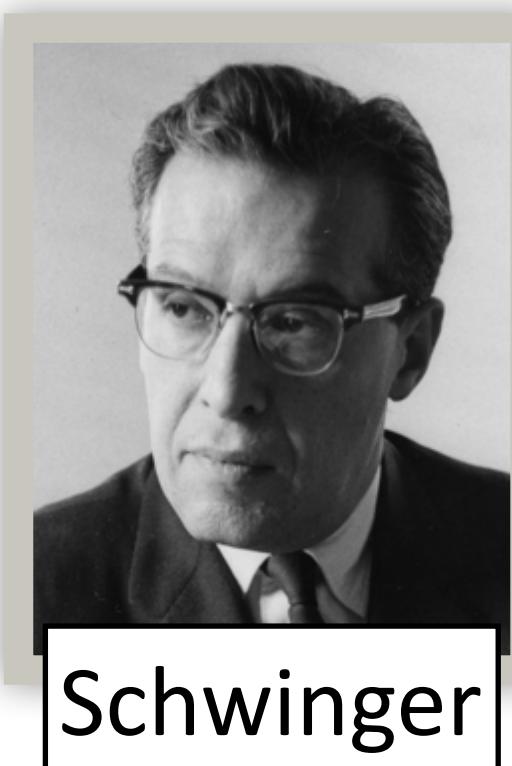
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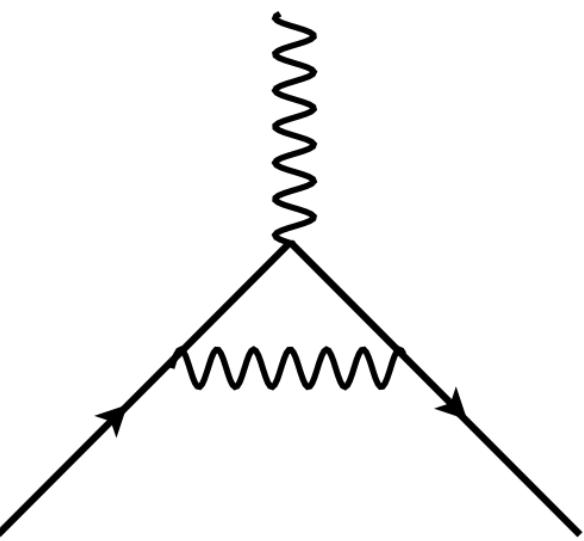
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Schwinger

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one-loop QED

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Electromagnetic, weak and strong interactions contribute to  $a$

Beyond leading order: distinct values of  $a_e$ ,  $a_\mu$  and  $a_\tau$

# Muon $g - 2$ Theory Initiative

Founded in 2017

Agree on common SM prediction

Focus on hadronic contributions

White Paper published in 2020

Update foreseen in early 2025



Mainz 2018



Zoom 2020



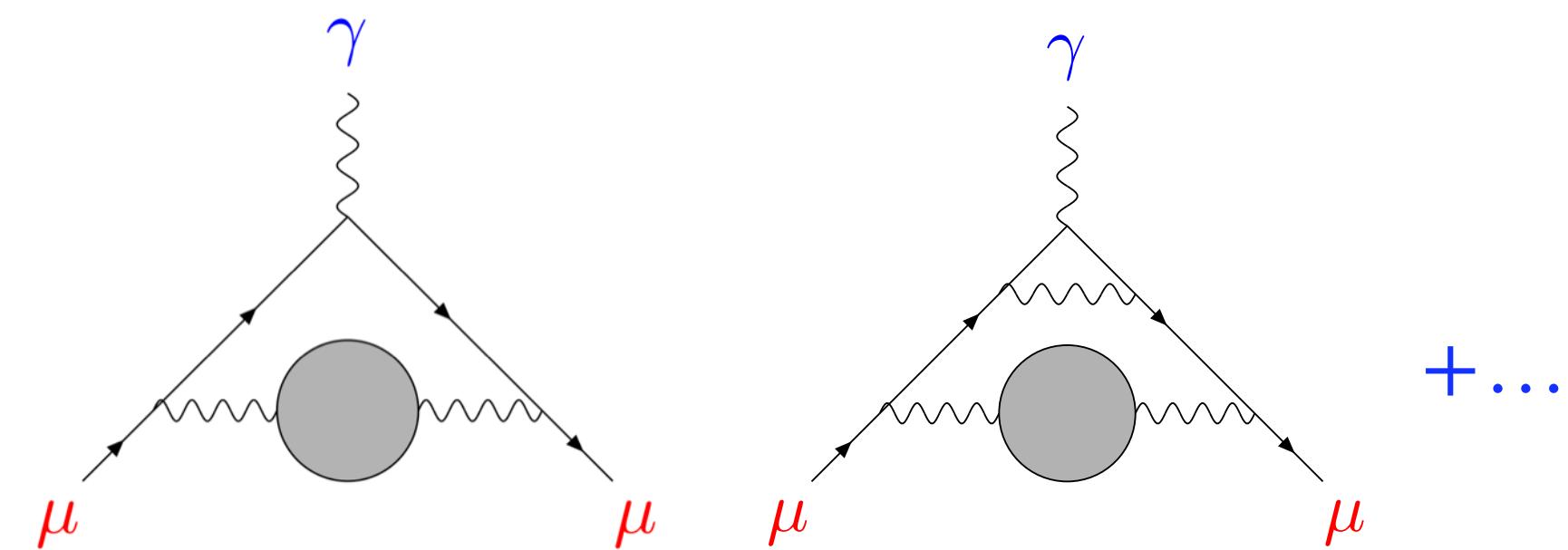
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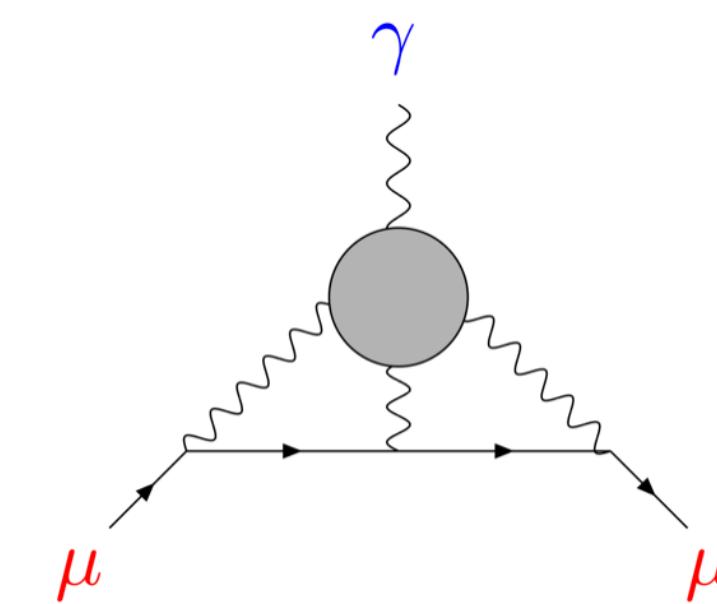
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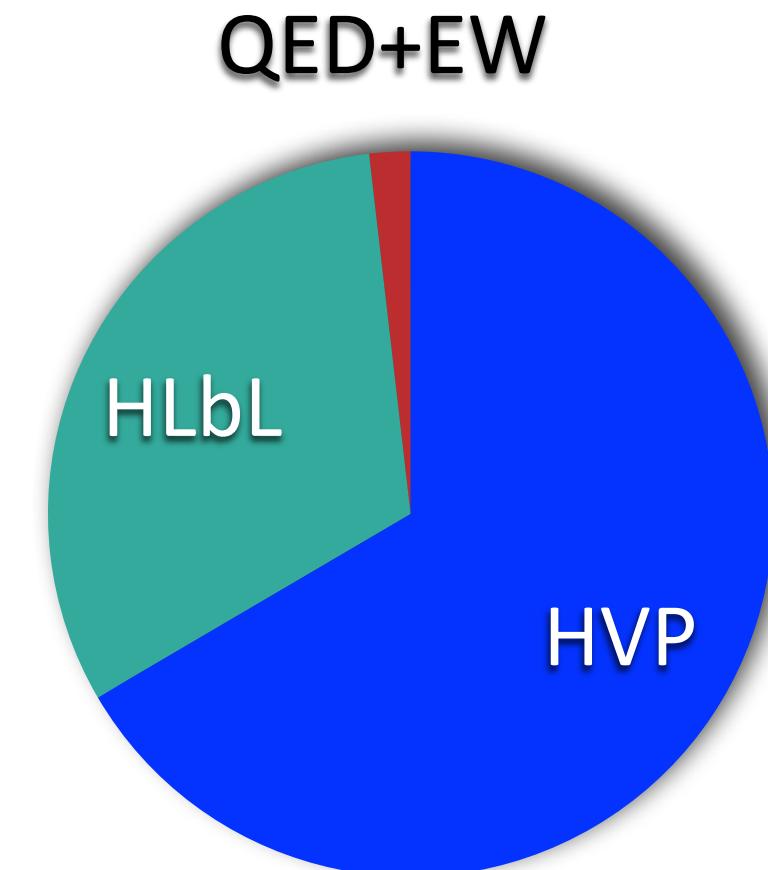
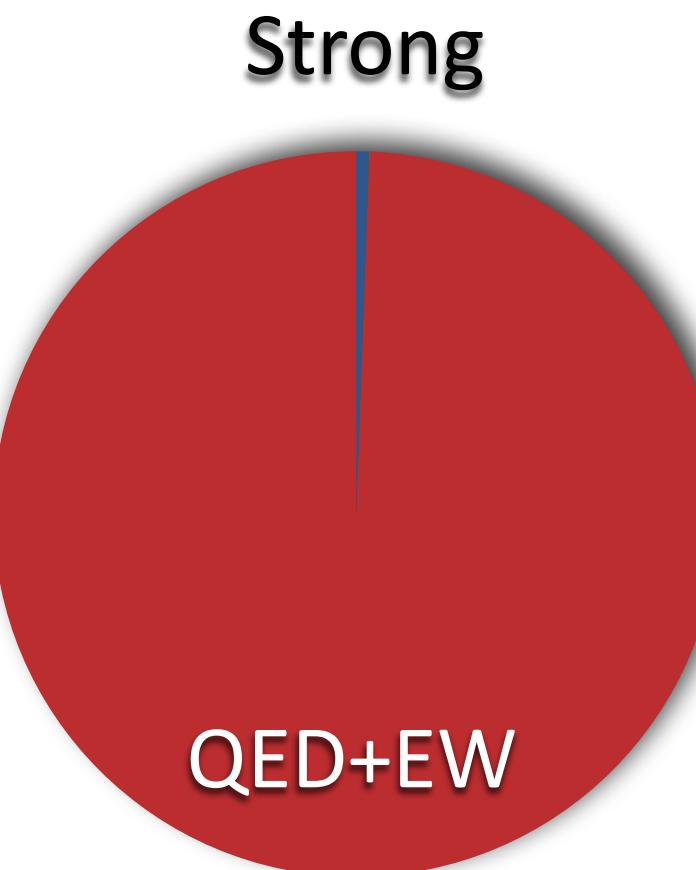
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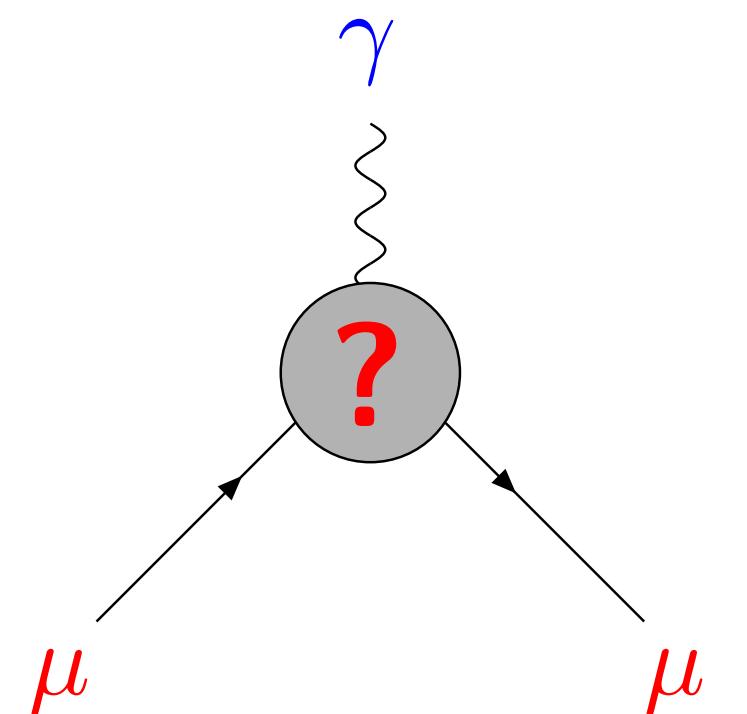
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**Why the muon?**

$$a_\ell^{\text{BSM}} \propto m_\ell^2/M_{\text{BSM}}^2 \quad \ell = e, \mu, \tau$$

→ sensitivity of  $a_\mu$  enhanced by  $(m_\mu/m_e)^2 \approx 4.3 \times 10^4$  relative to  $a_e$



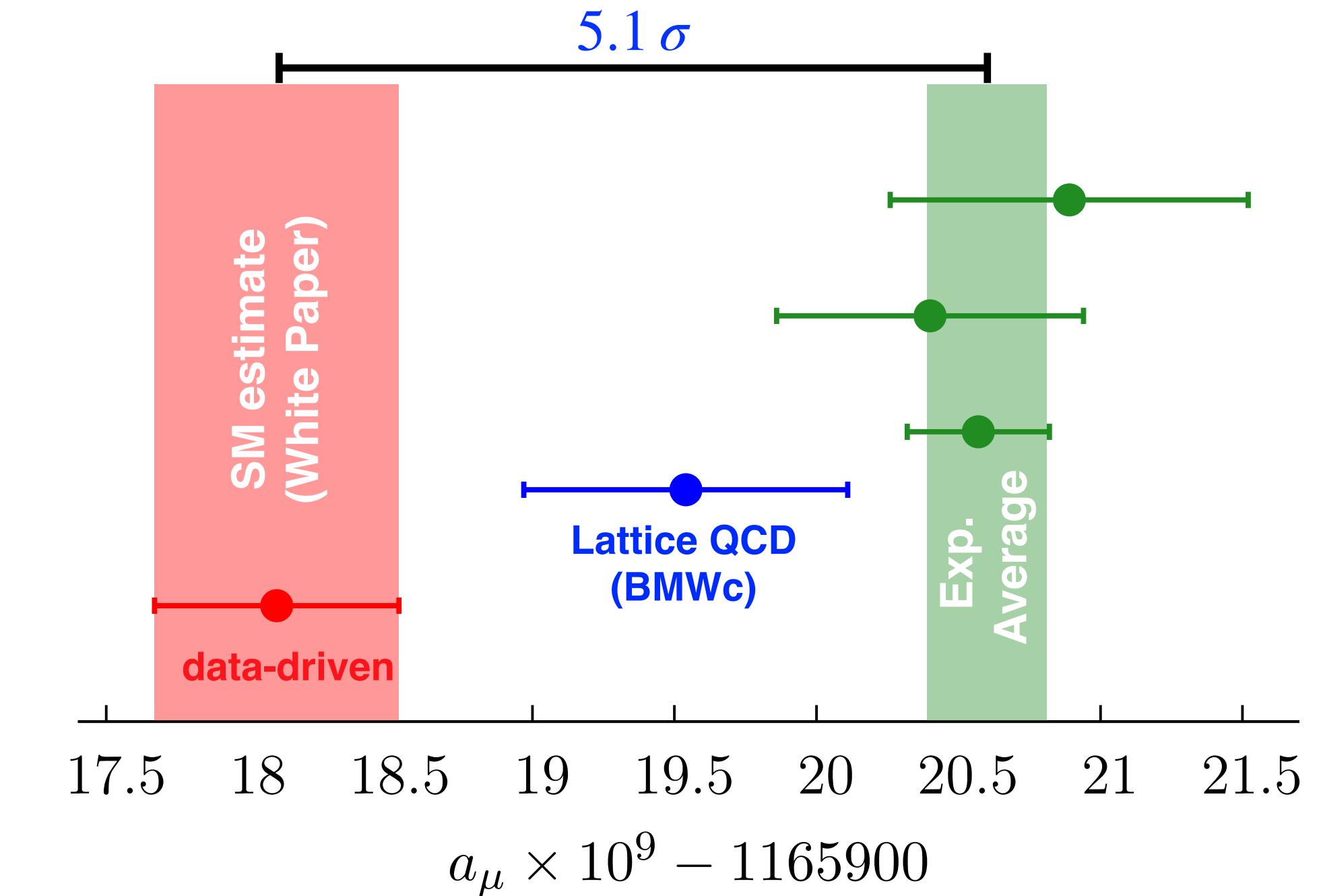
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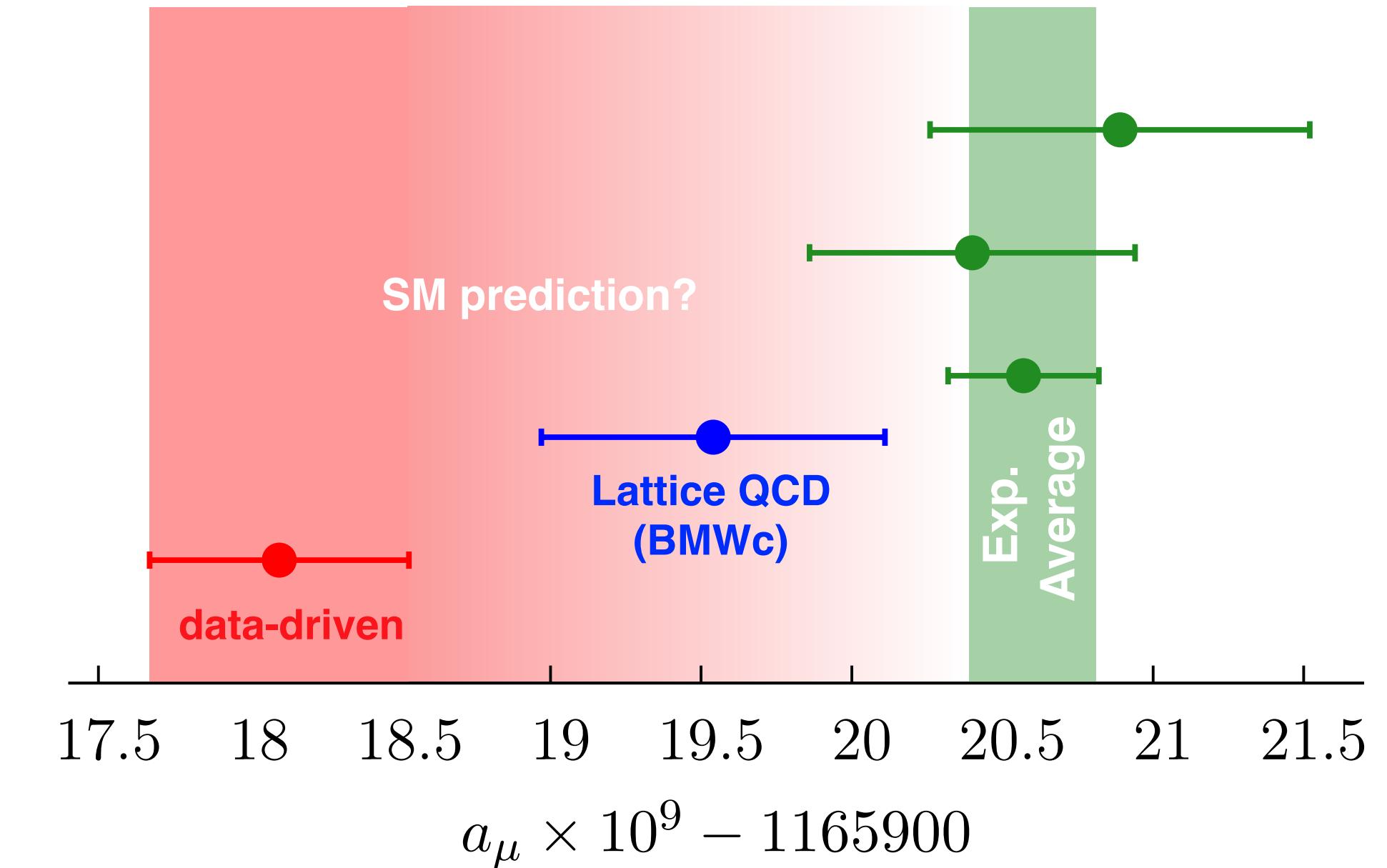
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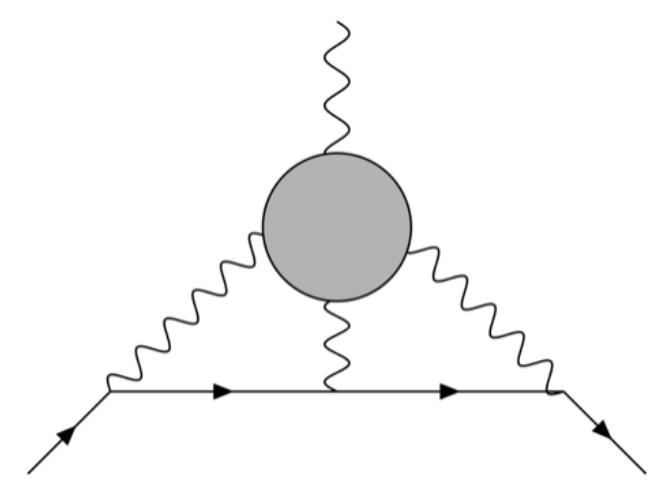
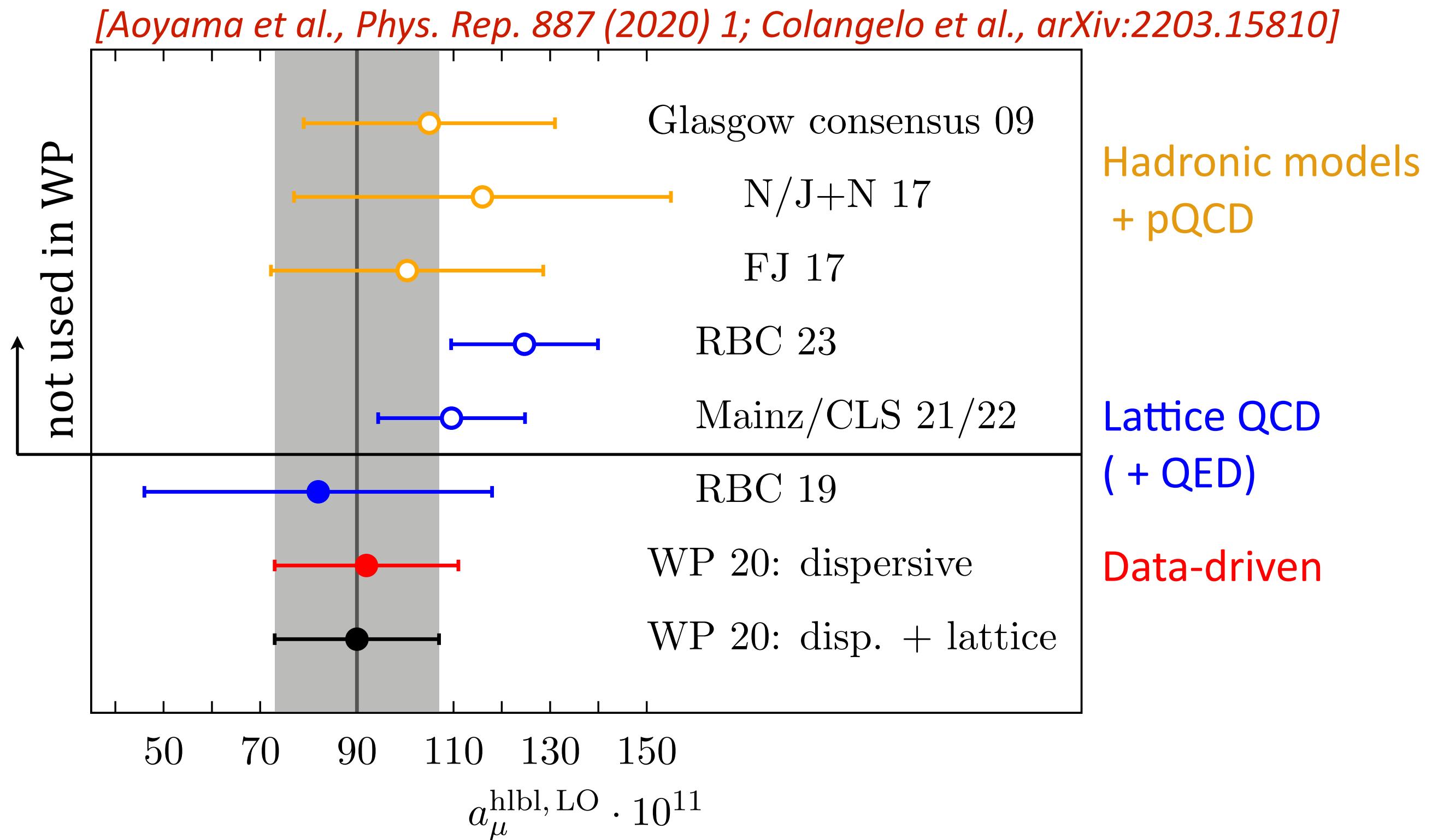
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Requires independent confirmation

# Hadronic light-by-light scattering



**Hadronic models + pQCD**  
**Lattice QCD (+ QED)**  
**Data-driven**

Hadronic models, data-driven method and Lattice QCD produce compatible results  
White paper recommended value:

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

Recent lattice calculations:

$$a_\mu^{\text{hlbl, LO}} = \begin{cases} (109.6 \pm 14.7) \cdot 10^{-11} & \text{Mainz/CLS} \\ (124.7 \pm 15.2) \cdot 10^{-11} & \text{RBC} \end{cases}$$

[Chao et al., EPJC 81 (2021) 651; EPJC 82 (2022) 664;  
Blum et al., arXiv:2304.04423]

$a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}}$  : **Uncontroversial** — contributes 0.15 ppm to the total SM uncertainty of 0.37 ppm

→ Focus on refinements and further reduction of uncertainty

# Hadronic vacuum polarisation from dispersion theory

Analyticity, unitarity & optical theorem imply:

$$\text{---} \circlearrowleft = \int \frac{ds}{\pi(s - q^2)} \text{Im } \text{---} \circlearrowright$$

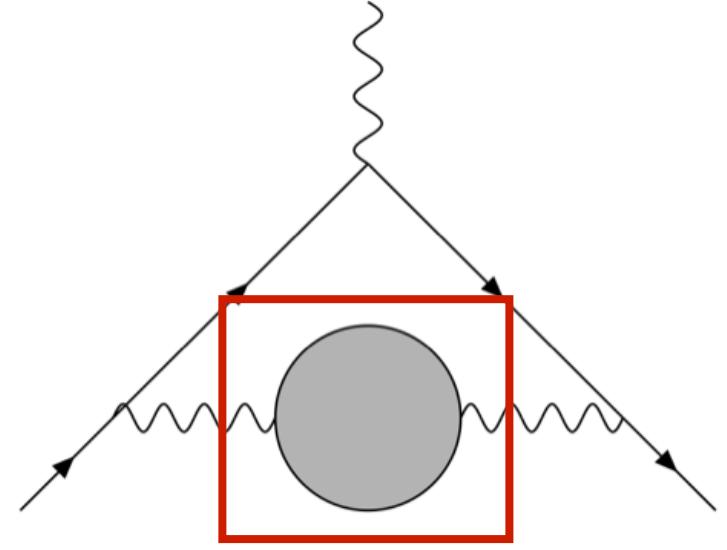
$$2 \text{Im } \text{---} \circlearrowleft = \sum_{\text{had}} \int d\Phi \left| \text{---} \circlearrowright \right|^2$$

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

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

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



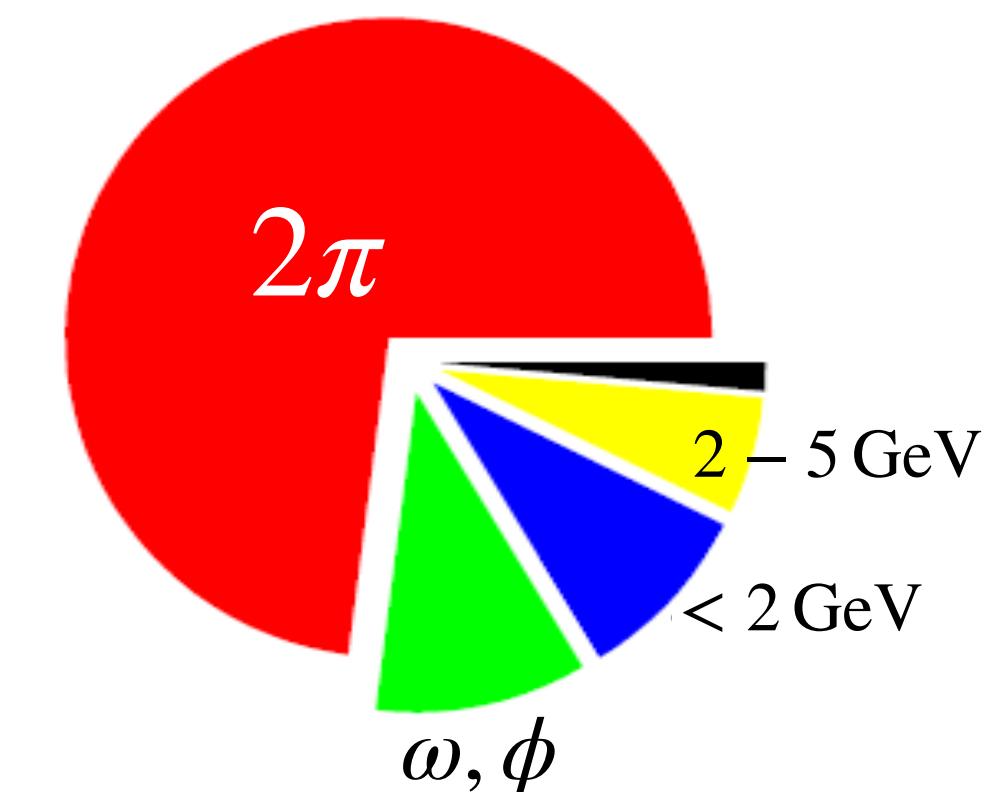
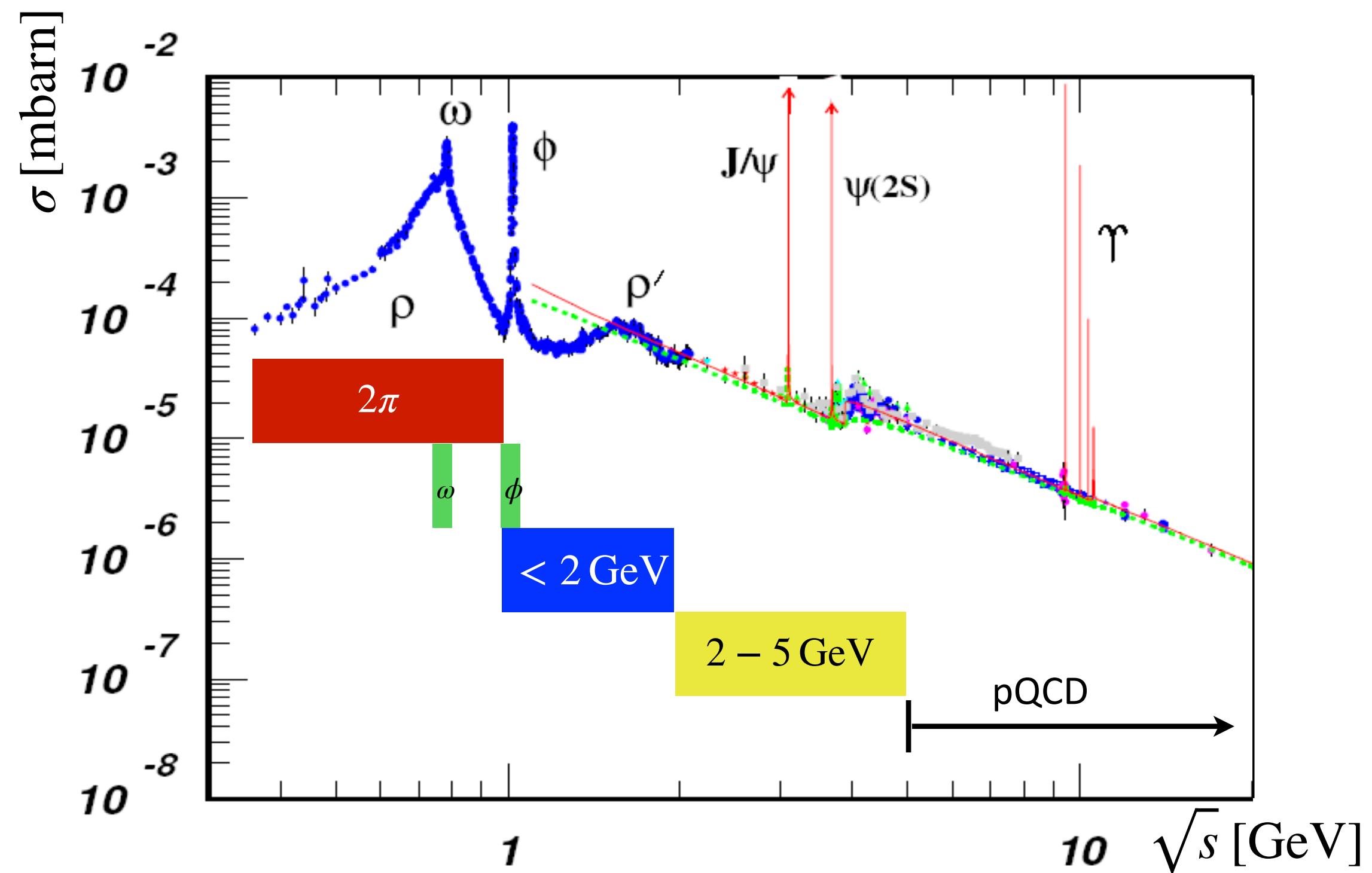
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Two-pion channel contributes  $\approx 70 \%$

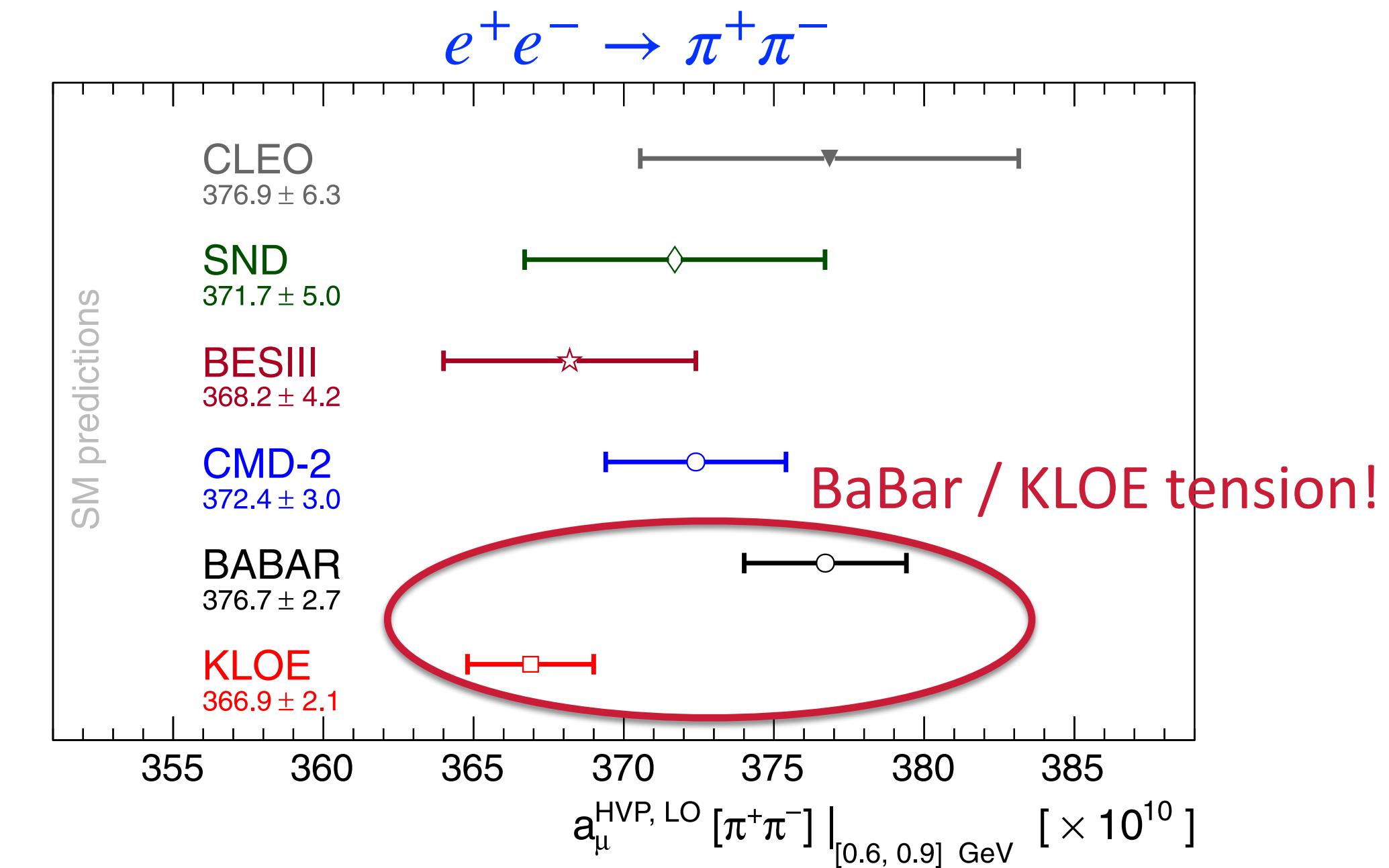
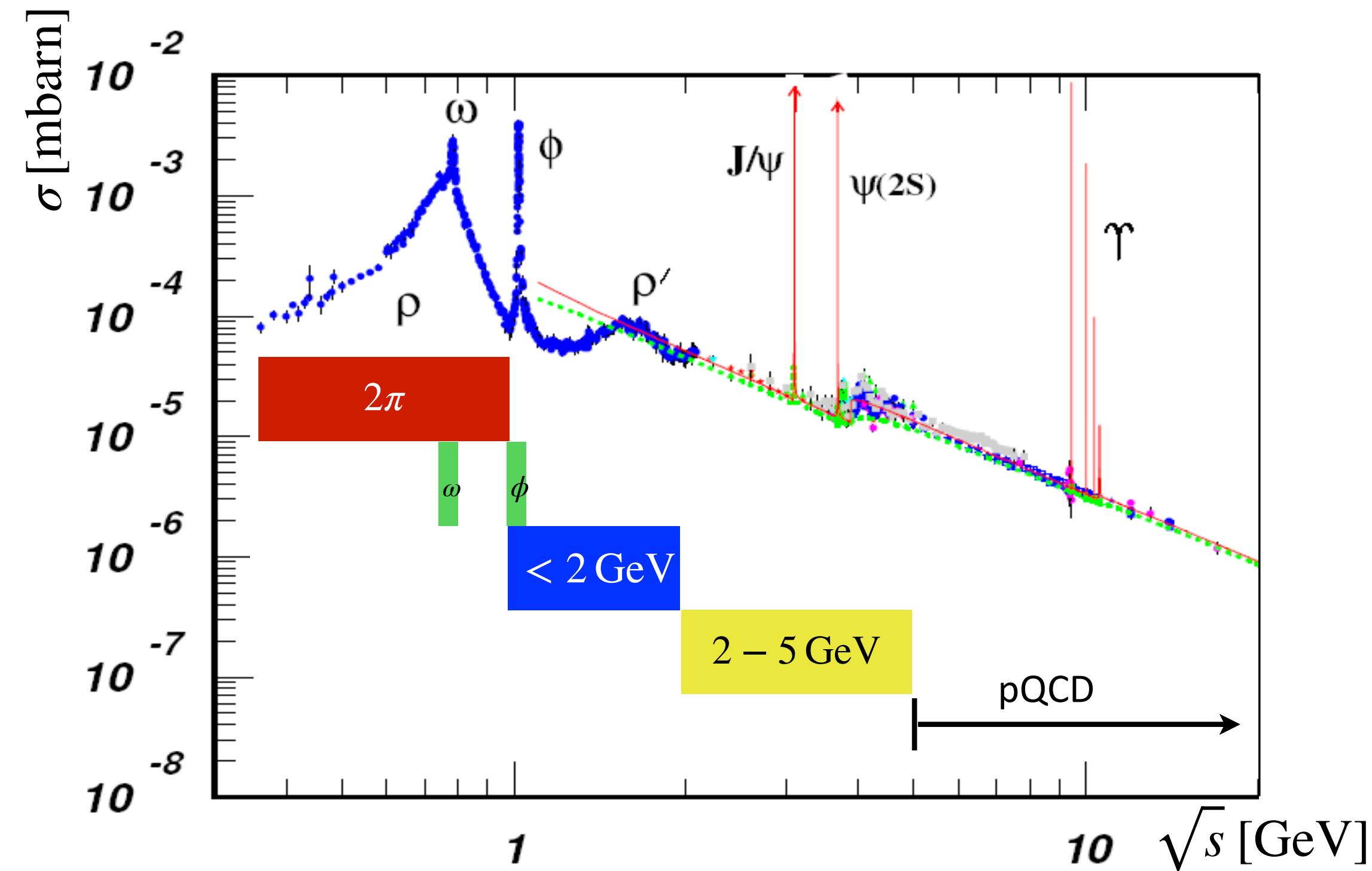
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	DHMZ19	KNT19	Difference
$\pi^+\pi^-$	507.85(0.83)(3.23)(0.55)	504.23(1.90)	3.62
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	46.21(0.40)(1.10)(0.86)	46.63(94)	-0.42
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	13.68(0.03)(0.27)(0.14)	13.99(19)	-0.31
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	18.03(0.06)(0.48)(0.26)	18.15(74)	-0.12
$K^+K^-$	23.08(0.20)(0.33)(0.21)	23.00(22)	0.08
$K_SK_L$	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, $\infty$ ] 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

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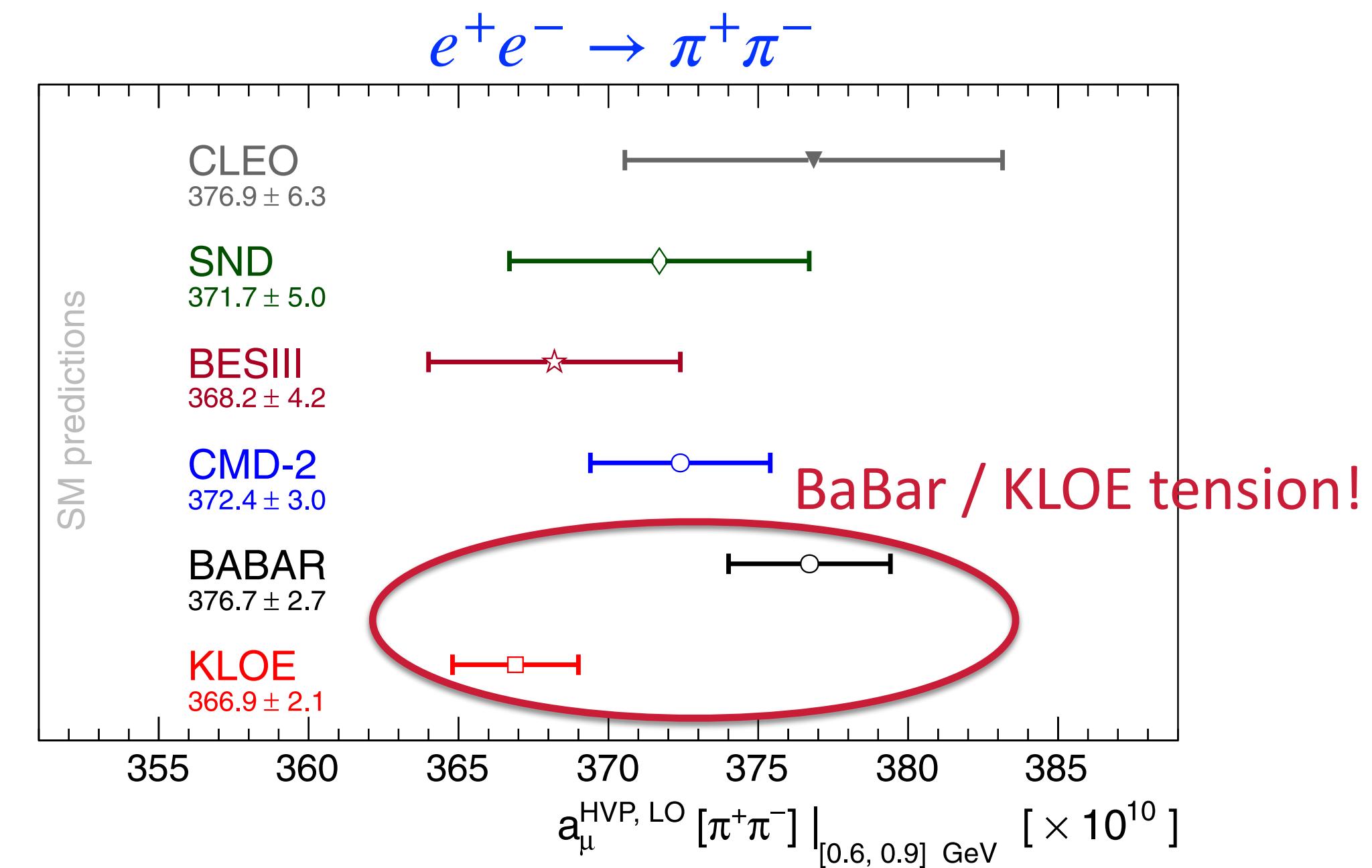
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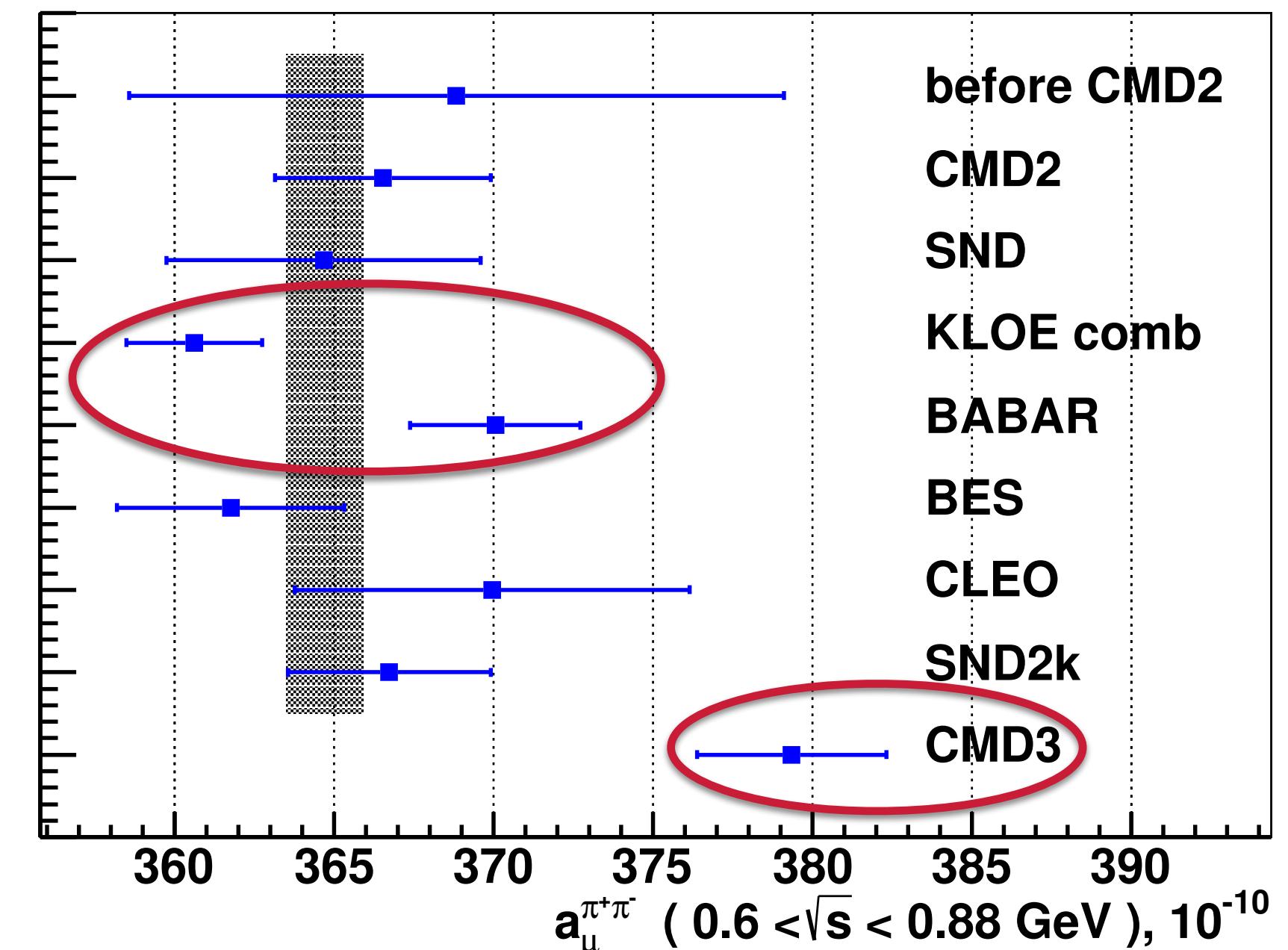
- Recent results in the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  channel by CMD-3:

→ further tension among  $e^+e^-$  data

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(my own estimate)

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[Ignatov et al. (CMD-3 Collab.), Phys. Rev. D109 (2024) 112002]

# Lattice QCD

*Non-perturbative treatment of strong interaction via regularised Euclidean path integrals*

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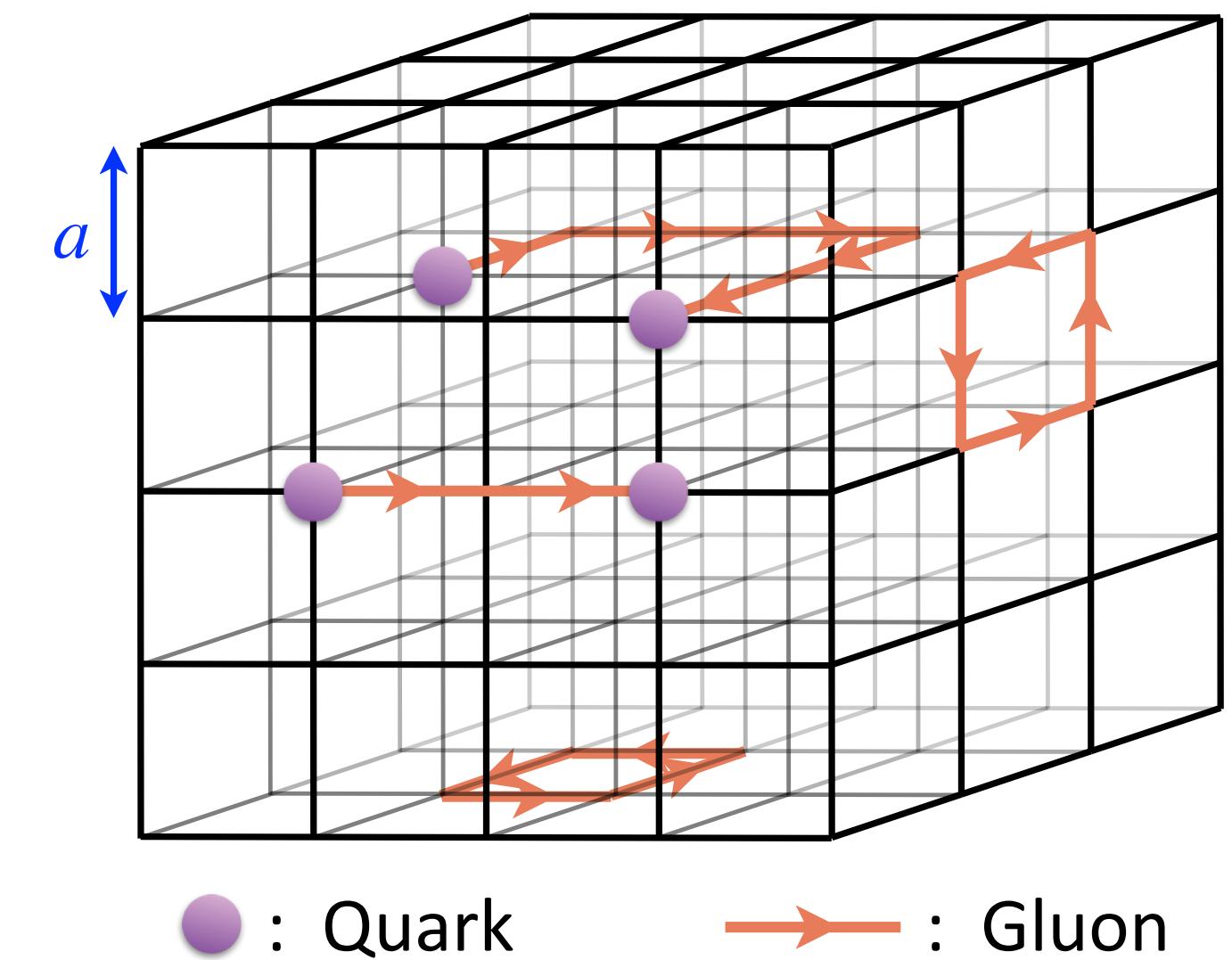
$$a, \quad x_\mu = n_\mu a, \quad a^{-1} = \Lambda_{\text{UV}}$$

Expectation value:

$$\langle \Omega \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod_{x, \mu} dU_\mu(x) \Omega e^{-S_G^{\text{eff}}[U]}$$

Procedure:

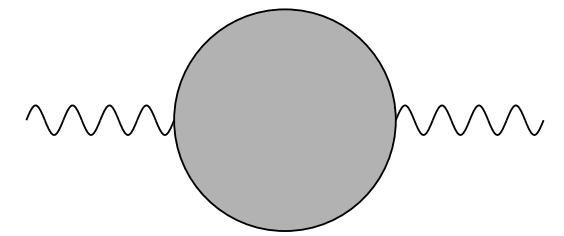
- Choose discretisation of QCD action
- Evaluate  $\langle \Omega \rangle$  via Monte Carlo Integration:  
generate ensembles of gauge configurations via a Markov chain
- Ensemble average:  $\langle \Omega \rangle \simeq \bar{\Omega}$       Statistical error:  $\sqrt{\bar{\Omega}^2 - \langle \Omega \rangle^2} \propto 1/N_{\text{cfg}}^{1/2}$
- Extrapolate observables to the continuum limit:  $a \rightarrow 0$  and tune quark masses to physical values



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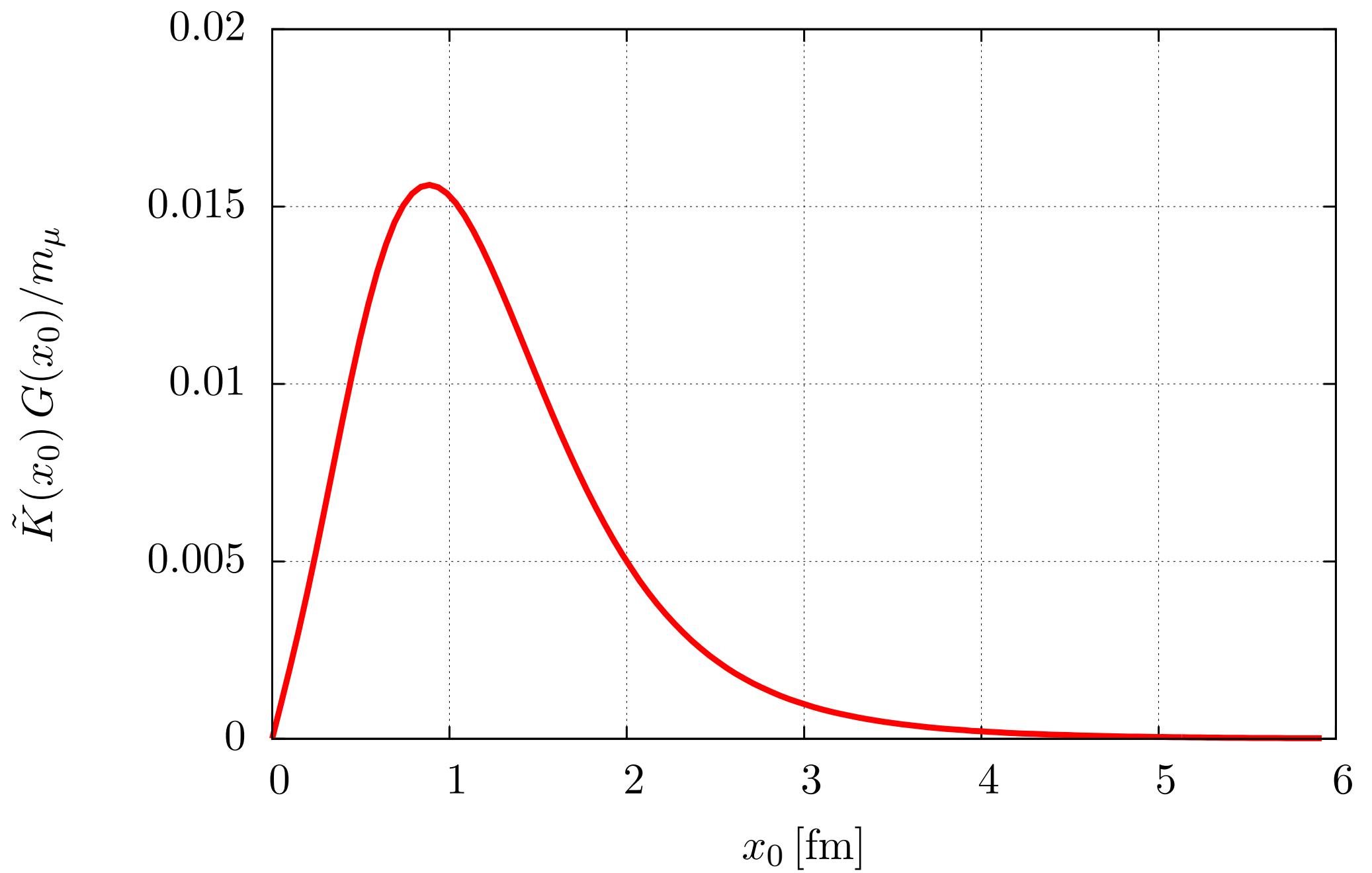
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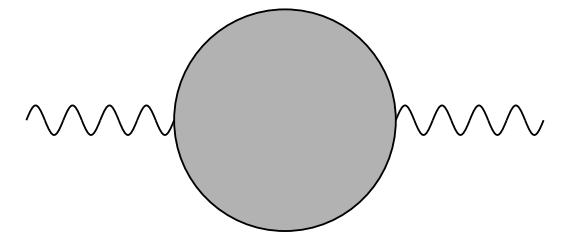
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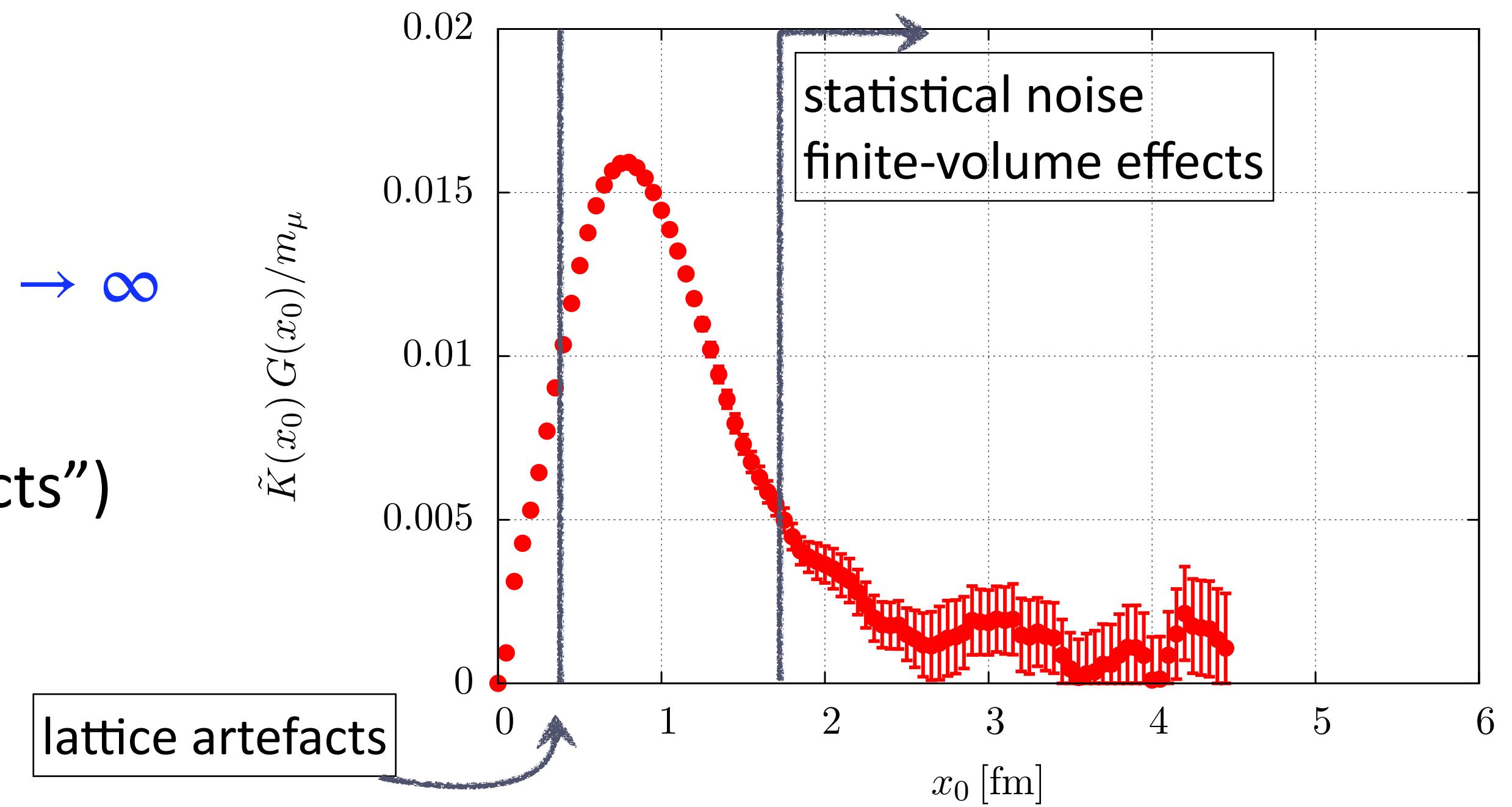
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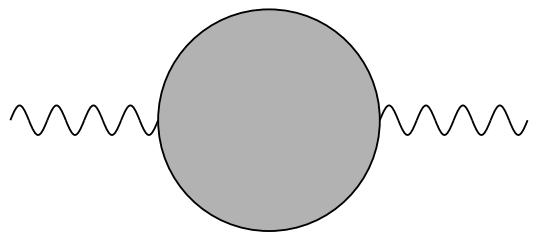
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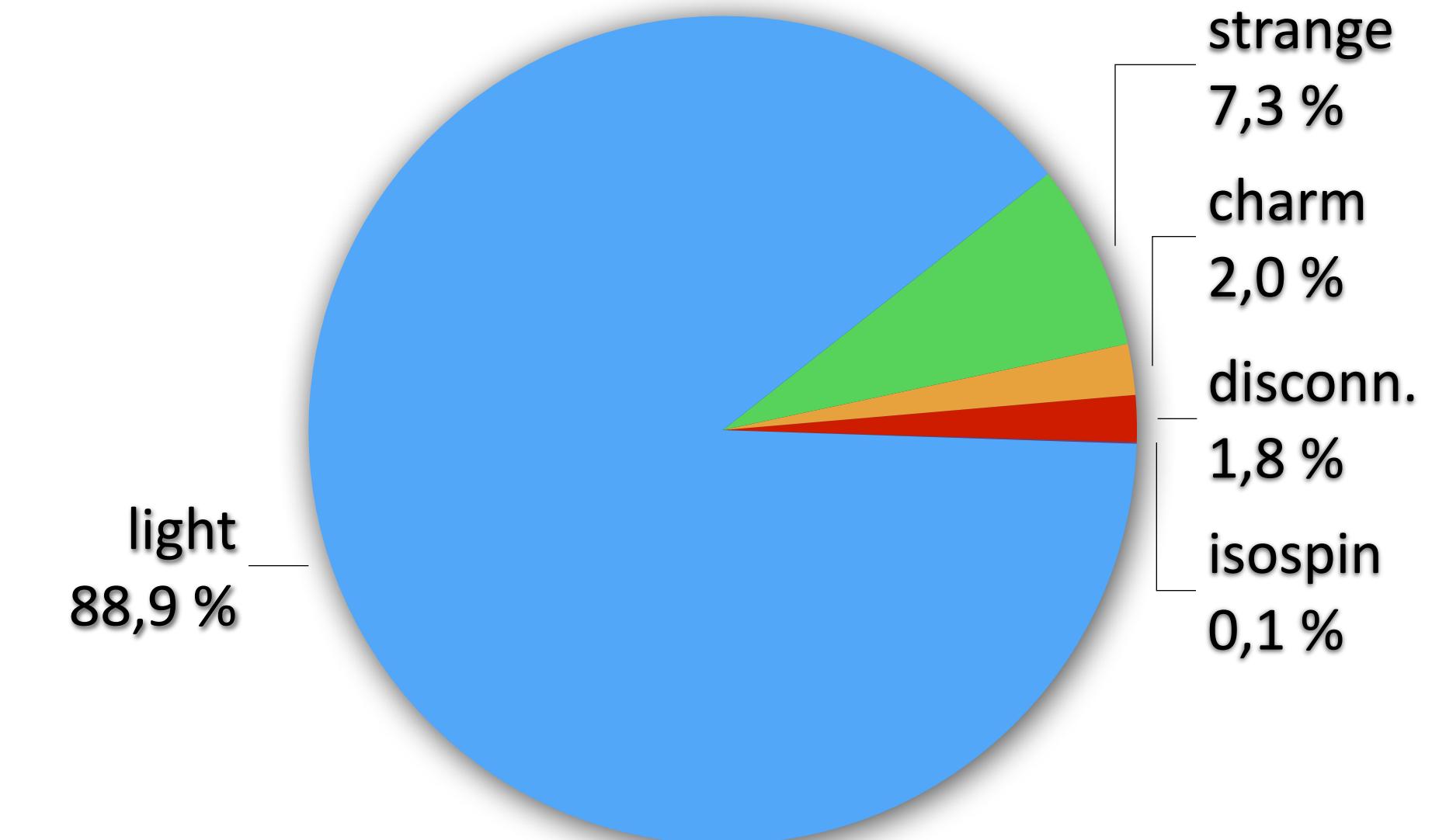
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**Light-quark connected contribution dominates**



# Common discretisations of the quark action

Computational cost depends significantly  
on the chosen discretisation

“Fermion doubling problem”

## Domain wall /overlap quarks:

- no doublers; chiral symmetry breaking exponentially small
- live in five dimensions (dwf)
- evaluate sign function of “conventional” action (ovlp)
- used by: RBC/UKQCD,  $\chi$ QCD, ...

## Rooted staggered quarks:

- remnant fermion doublers — “tastes”
- correct analytically for taste-induced lattice artefacts
- used by:  
BMW, Fermilab-HPQCD-MILC, ABGP, ...

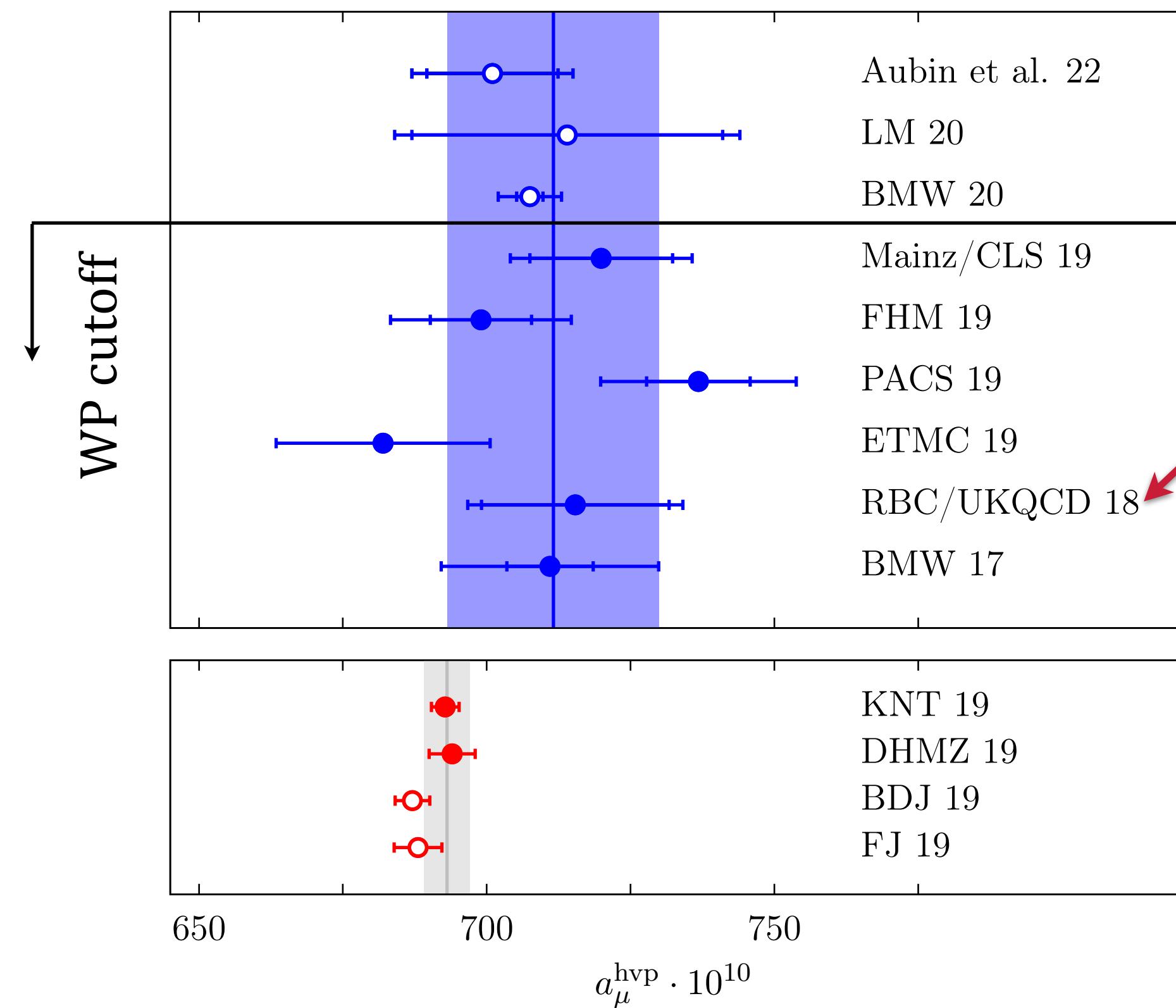
## Wilson quarks:

- no doublers; chiral symmetry broken explicitly
- “exceptional configurations”: negative eigenvalues of Wilson-Dirac operator
- used by: Mainz/CLS, ETM, PACS



computational cost

# HVP in Lattice QCD



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

- Domain wall fermions
- Two ensembles:  $a = 0.114, 0.084$  fm at  $m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$
- Leading isospin-breaking corrections included
- Naive continuum extrapol'n in  $a^2$  including estimated  $a^4$ -term

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (715.4 \pm 16.3 \pm 9.2) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [2.6\%]$$

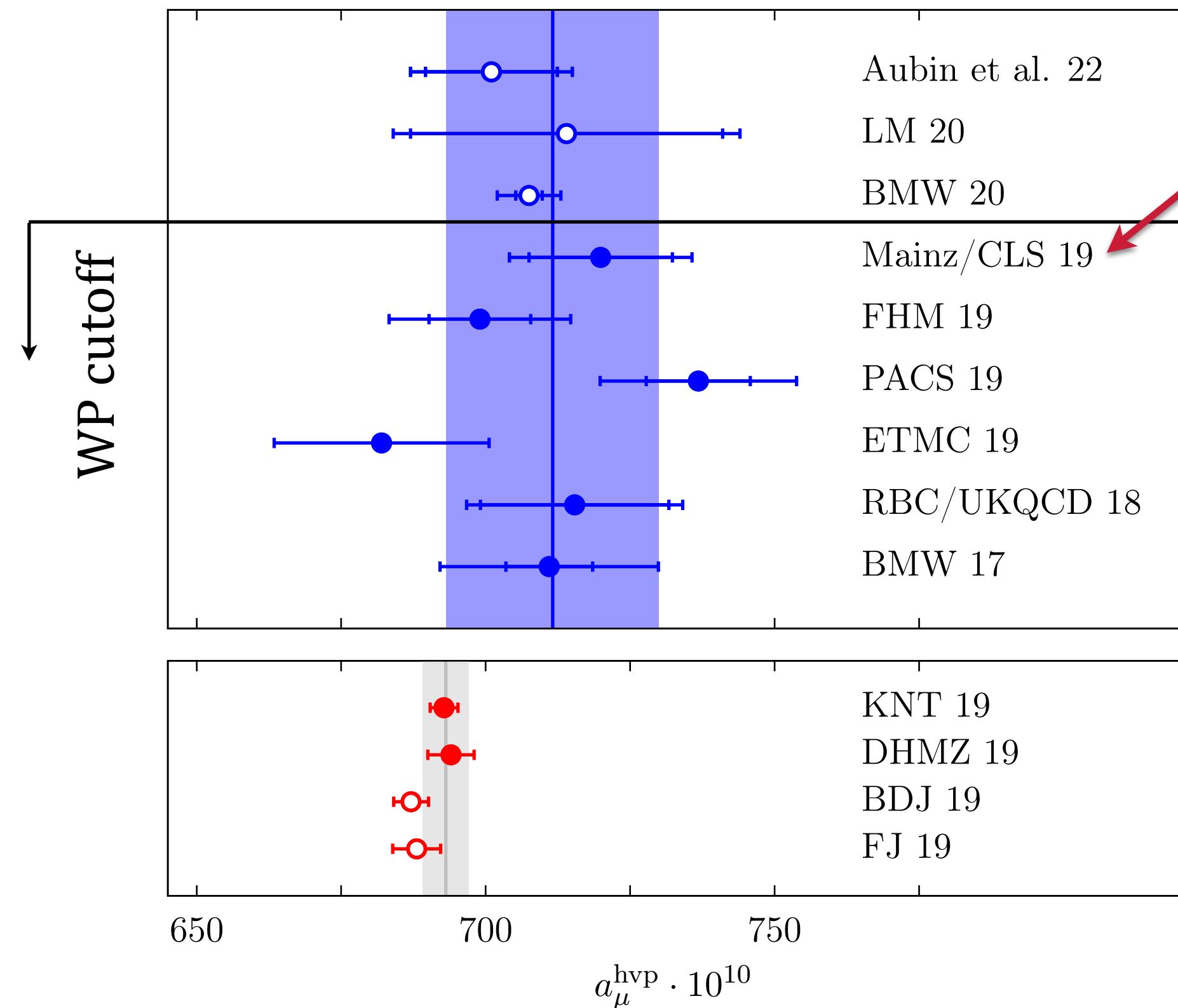
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[Gérardin et al., Phys. Rev. D 100 (2019) 014510]



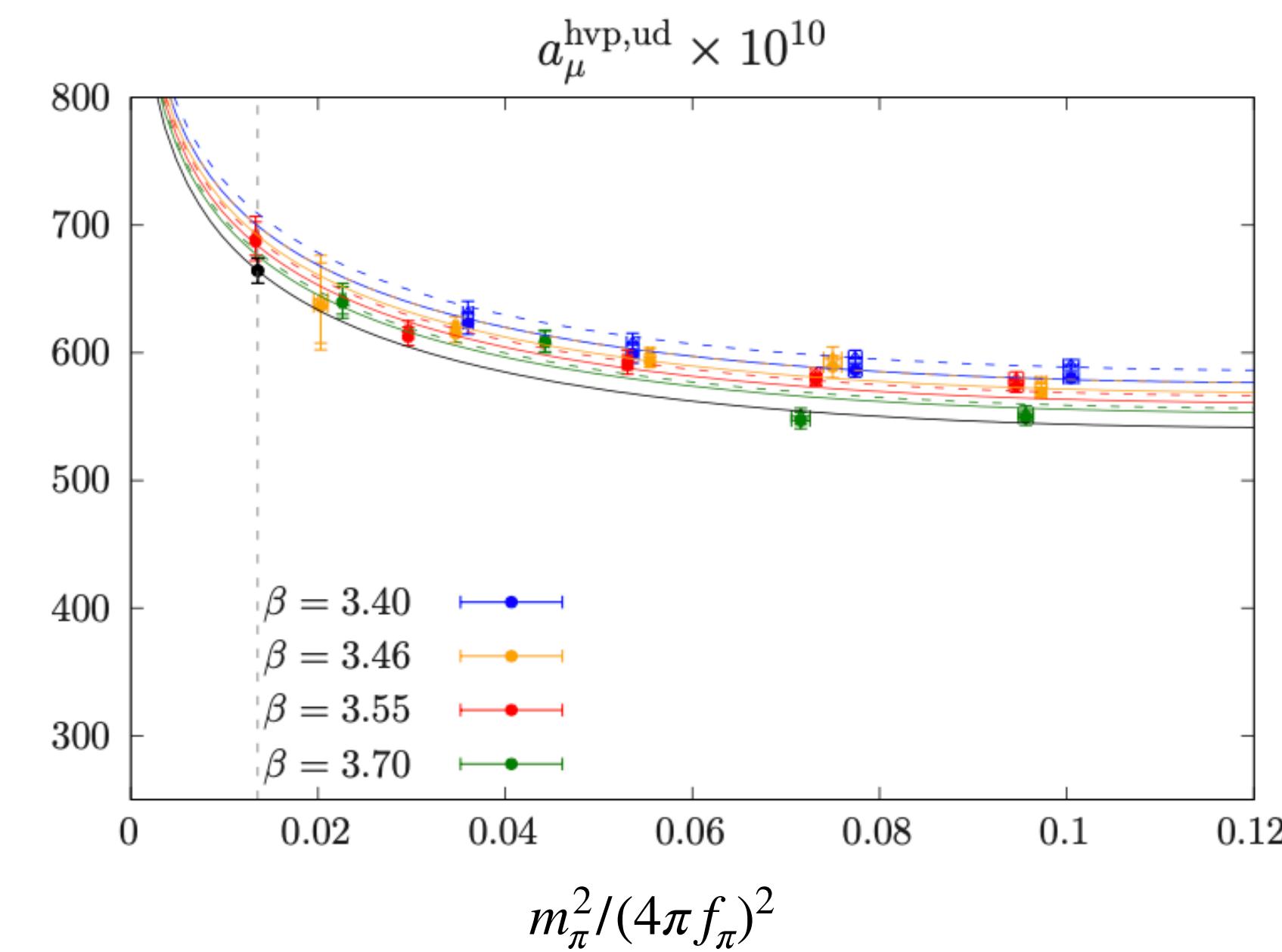
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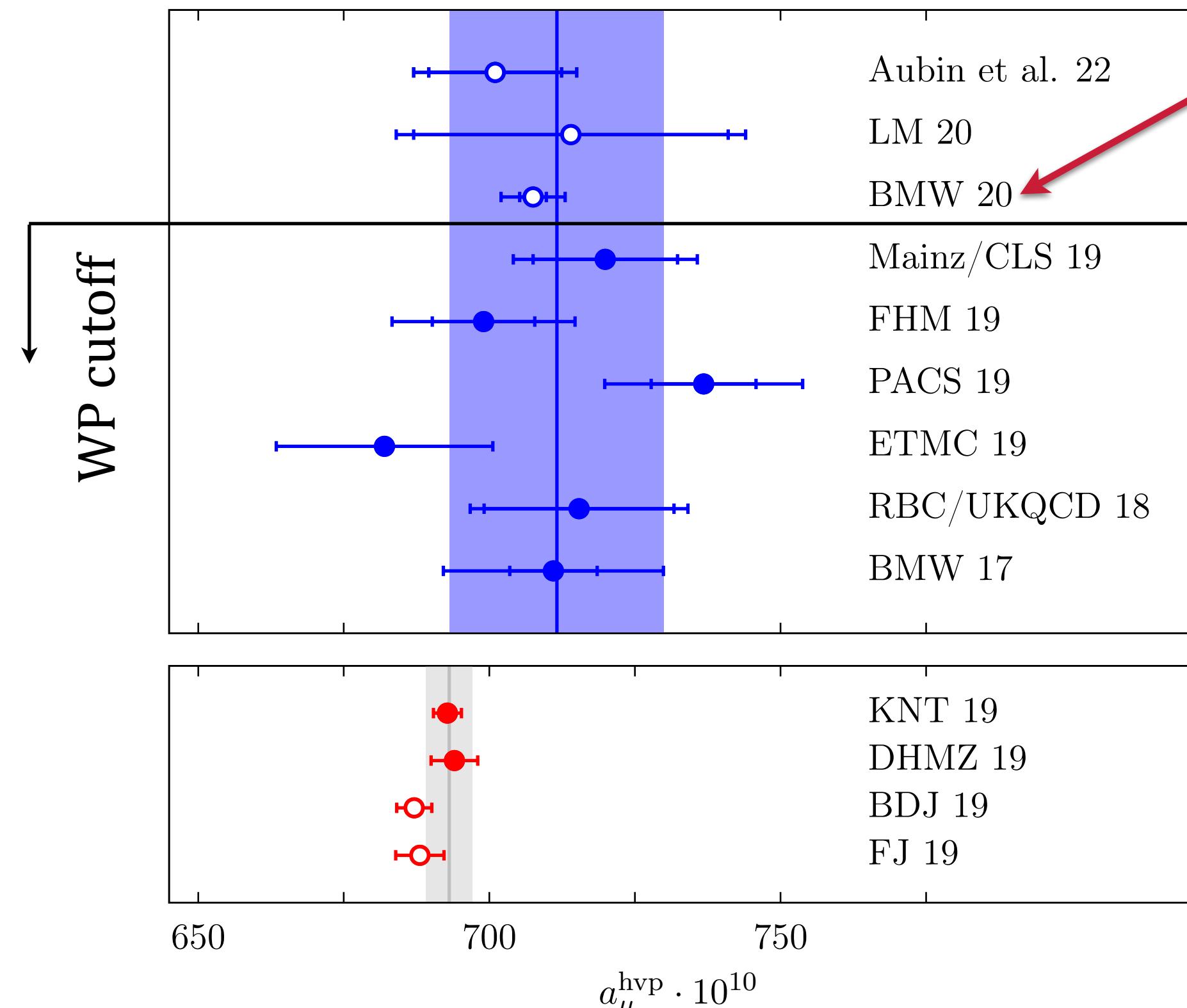
- $\mathcal{O}(a)$  improved Wilson fermions
- Four lattice spacings:  $a = 0.085 - 0.050 \text{ fm}$
- Pion masses  $m_\pi = 130 - 420 \text{ MeV}$
- Isospin-breaking correction by ETMC added to error
- Simultaneous chiral and continuum extrapolation



$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (720.0 \pm 12.6 \pm 9.9) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [2.2\%]$$

# HVP in Lattice QCD

[Borsányi et al., Nature 593 (2021) 7857]



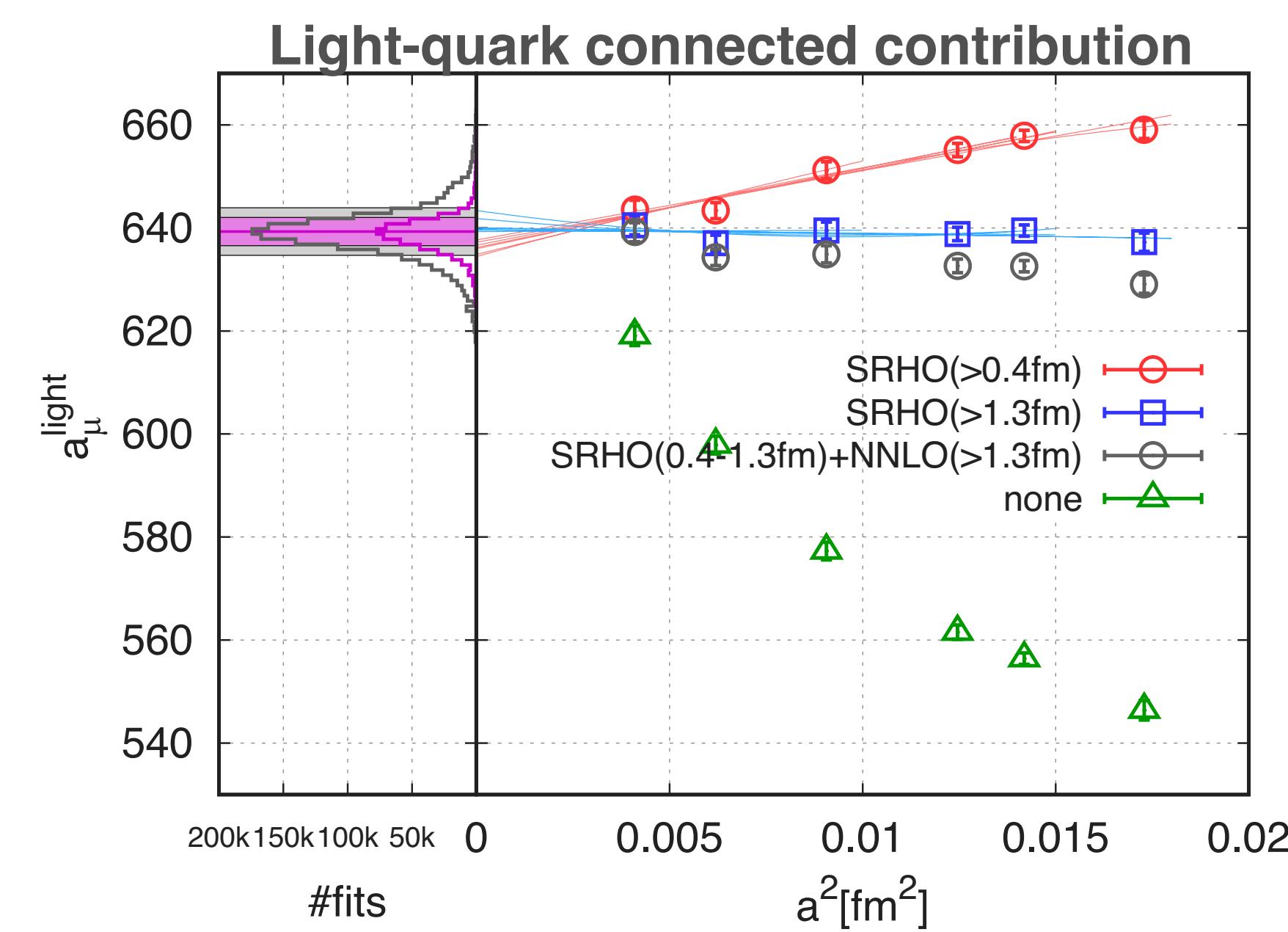
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BMWc

- Rooted staggered fermions
- Six lattice spacings:  $a = 0.132 - 0.064 \text{ fm}$
- Physical pion mass throughout
- Correct for taste-breaking before continuum extrapol'n
- Final result selected from distribution of different fits

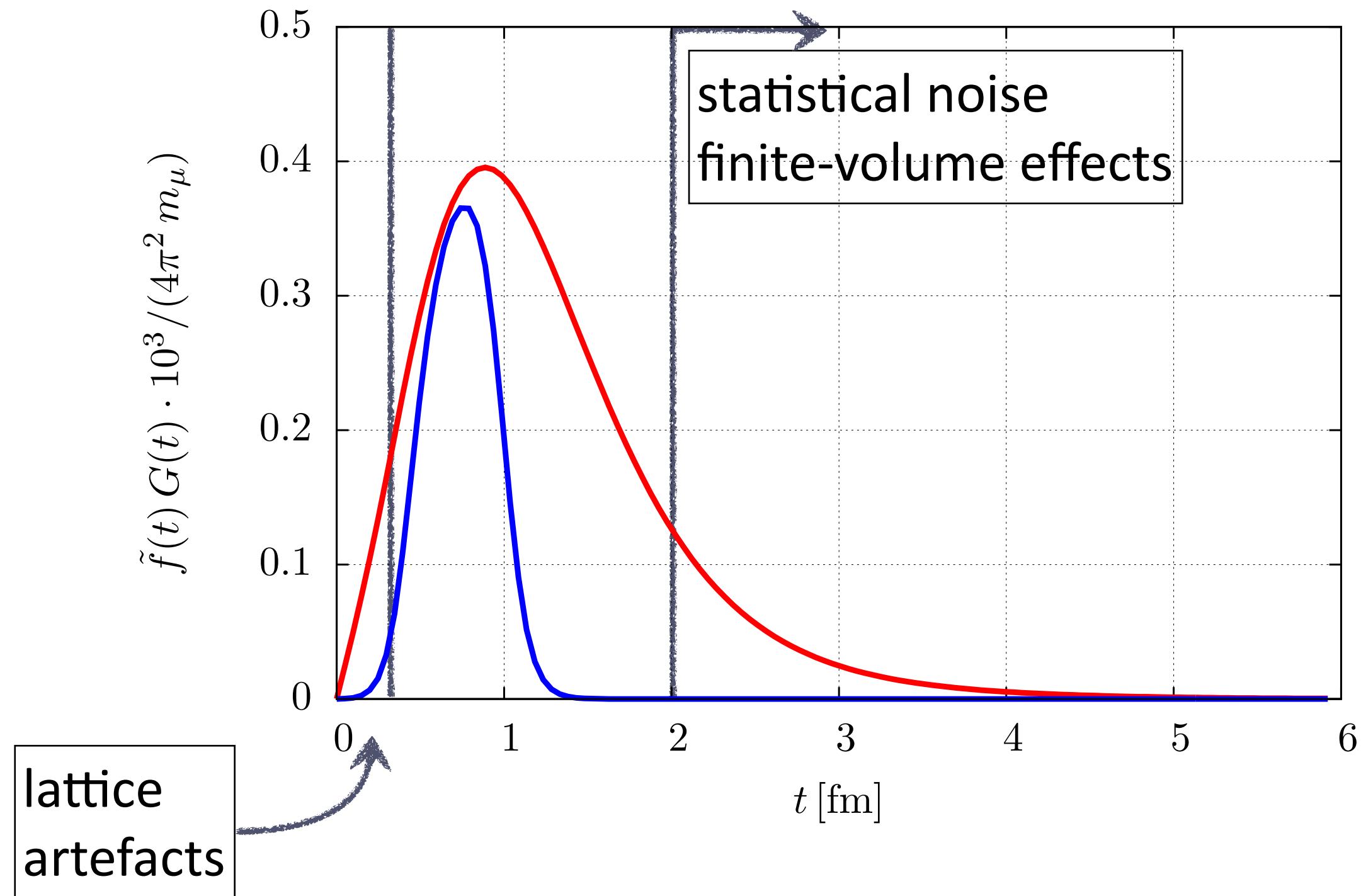


$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (707.5 \pm 2.3 \pm 5.0) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [0.8\%]$$

# Window observables

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

Idea: restrict integration to “unproblematic” regions  
→ reduce statistical fluctuations and systematic effects



Data-driven approach:  $a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (229.4 \pm 1.4) \cdot 10^{-10}$

[Colangelo et al., Phys Lett B833 (2022) 137313]

(Excluding the 2023 CMD-3 result for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ )

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

Intermediate-distance window:

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

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

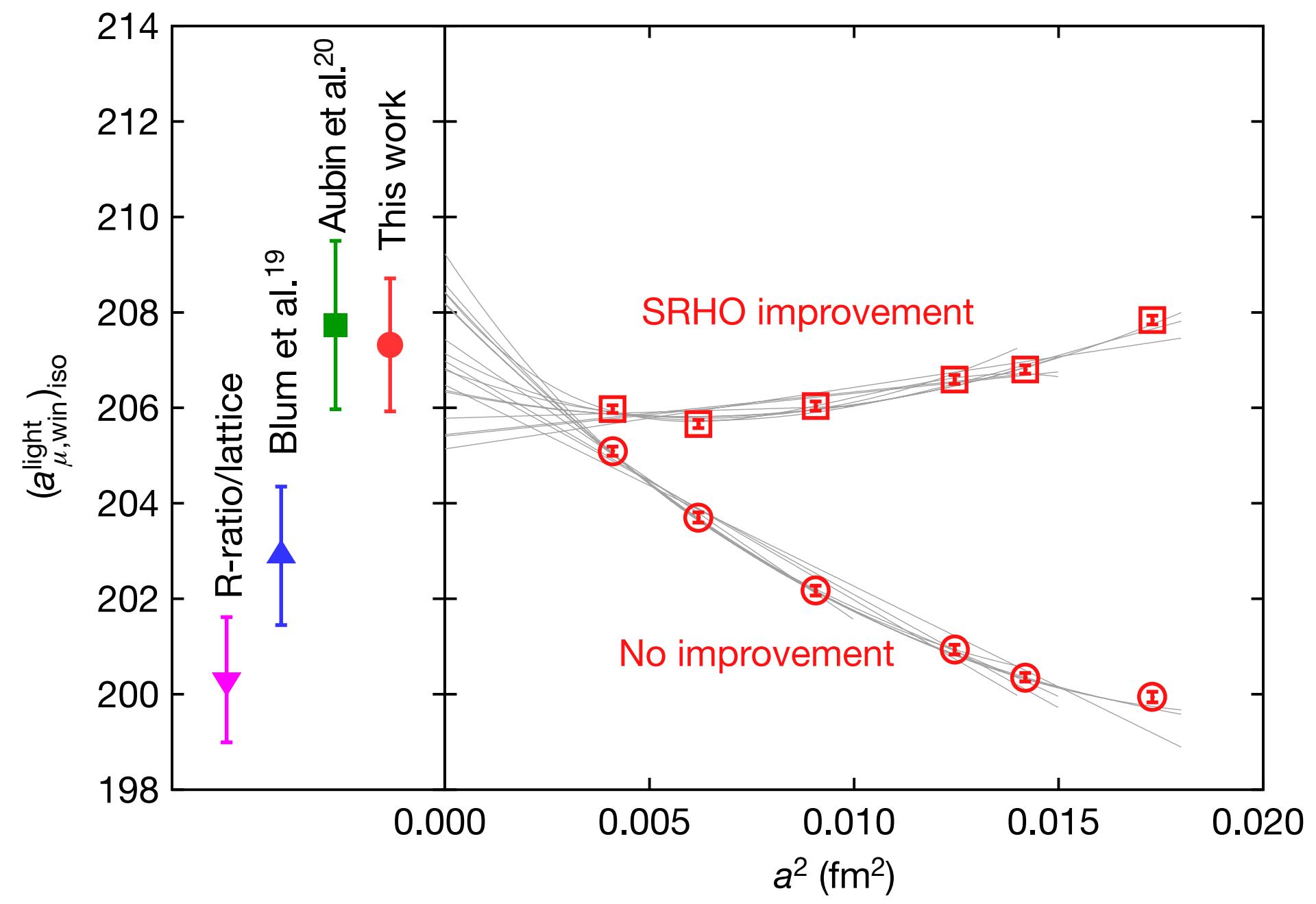
$$t_0 = 0.4 \text{ fm}, t_1 = 1.0 \text{ fm}, \Delta = 0.15 \text{ fm}$$

- Finite-volume correction reduced to 0.25%
- Uncertainty dominated by statistics

→ Benchmark quantity for sub-contribution of HVP

# Intermediate window observable in Lattice QCD

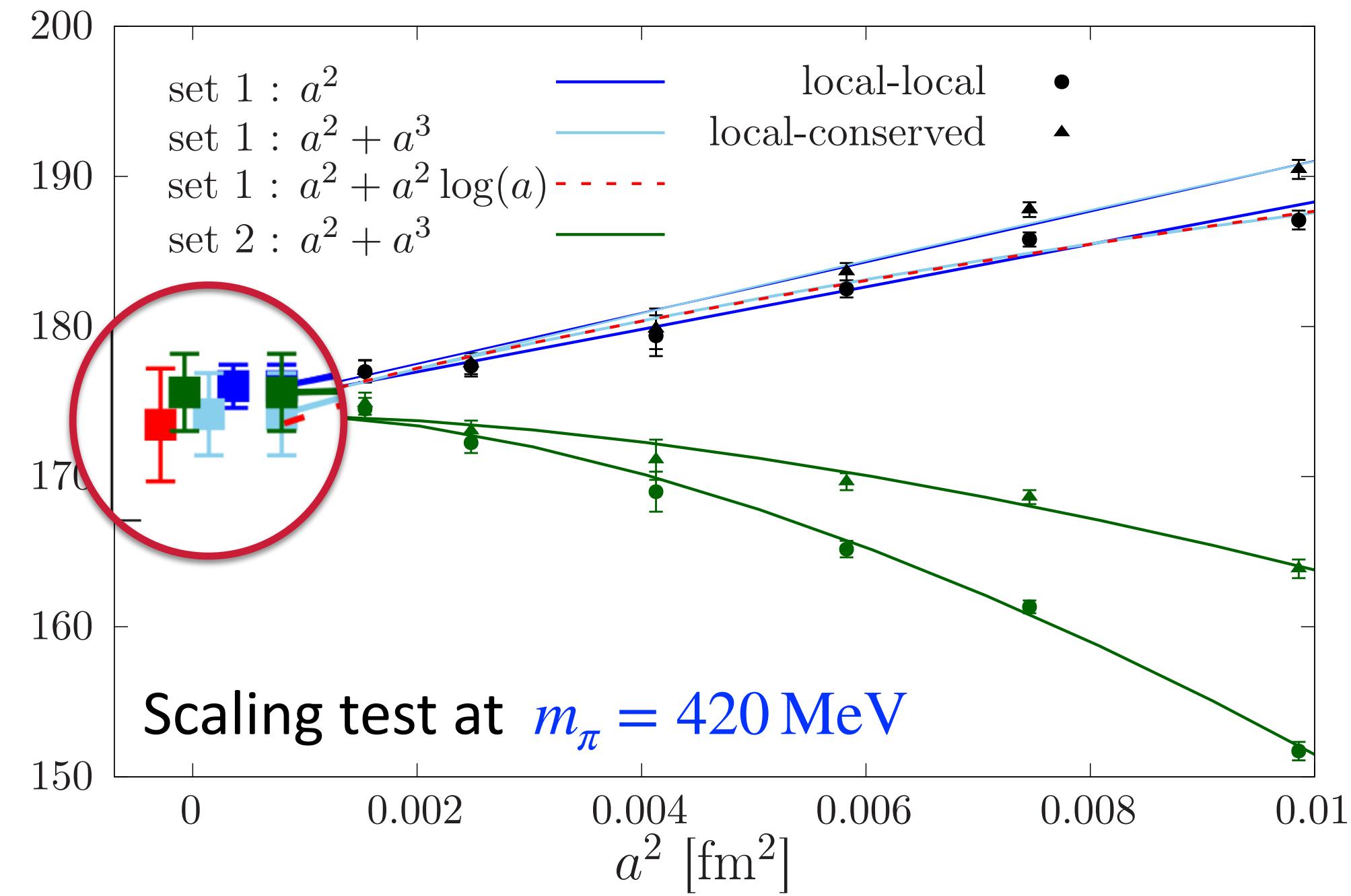
BMWc: Rooted staggered quarks



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{win,ud}} = (207.3 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.3) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

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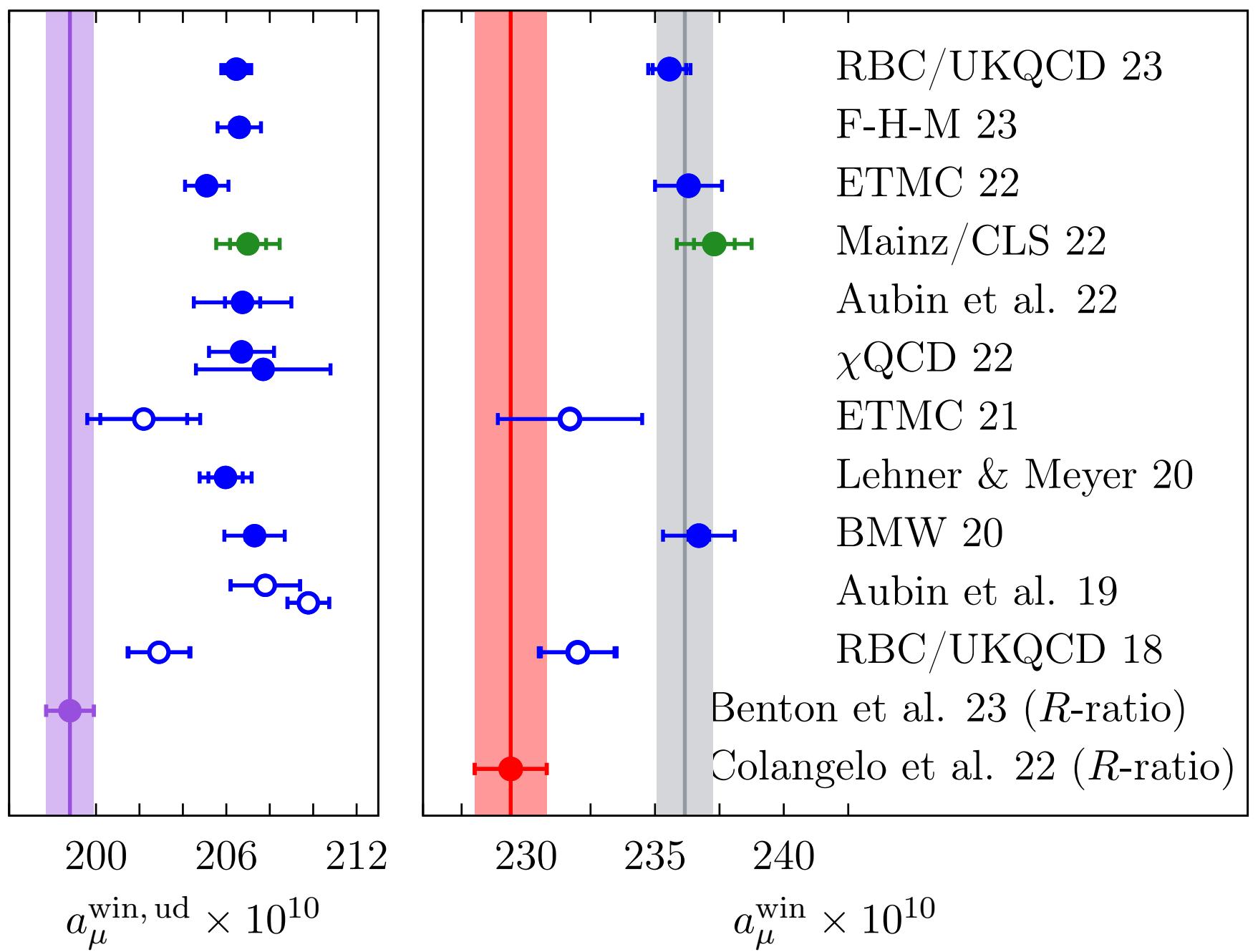
Mainz/CLS:  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  improved Wilson quarks



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{win,ud}} = (207.0 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.2) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

[Cè et al., Phys Rev D106 (2022) 114502]

# Window observable: Lattice QCD vs. $R$ -ratio



- Dominant light-quark contribution confirmed for wide range of discretisation with sub-percent precision
- Significant tension with results based on the  $R$ -ratio\*

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

**Lattice average:**  $a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (236.16 \pm 1.09) \cdot 10^{-10}$

(RBC/UKQCD 23, ETMC 22, Mainz/CLS 22, BMW 20)

[HW, arXiv:2306.04165]

- Tension of  $3.8\sigma$  in the window observable evaluated from  $e^+e^-$  data\* and four lattice calculations

$$a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{\langle \text{lat} \rangle} - a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{e^+e^-} = (6.8 \pm 1.8) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [3.8\sigma]$$

- Subtract  $R$ -ratio result  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{e^+e^-}$  from WP estimate and replace by lattice average  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{\langle \text{lat} \rangle}$ :

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}|_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \langle \text{lat} \rangle}^{\text{win}} = (18.1 \pm 4.8) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [3.8\sigma]$$

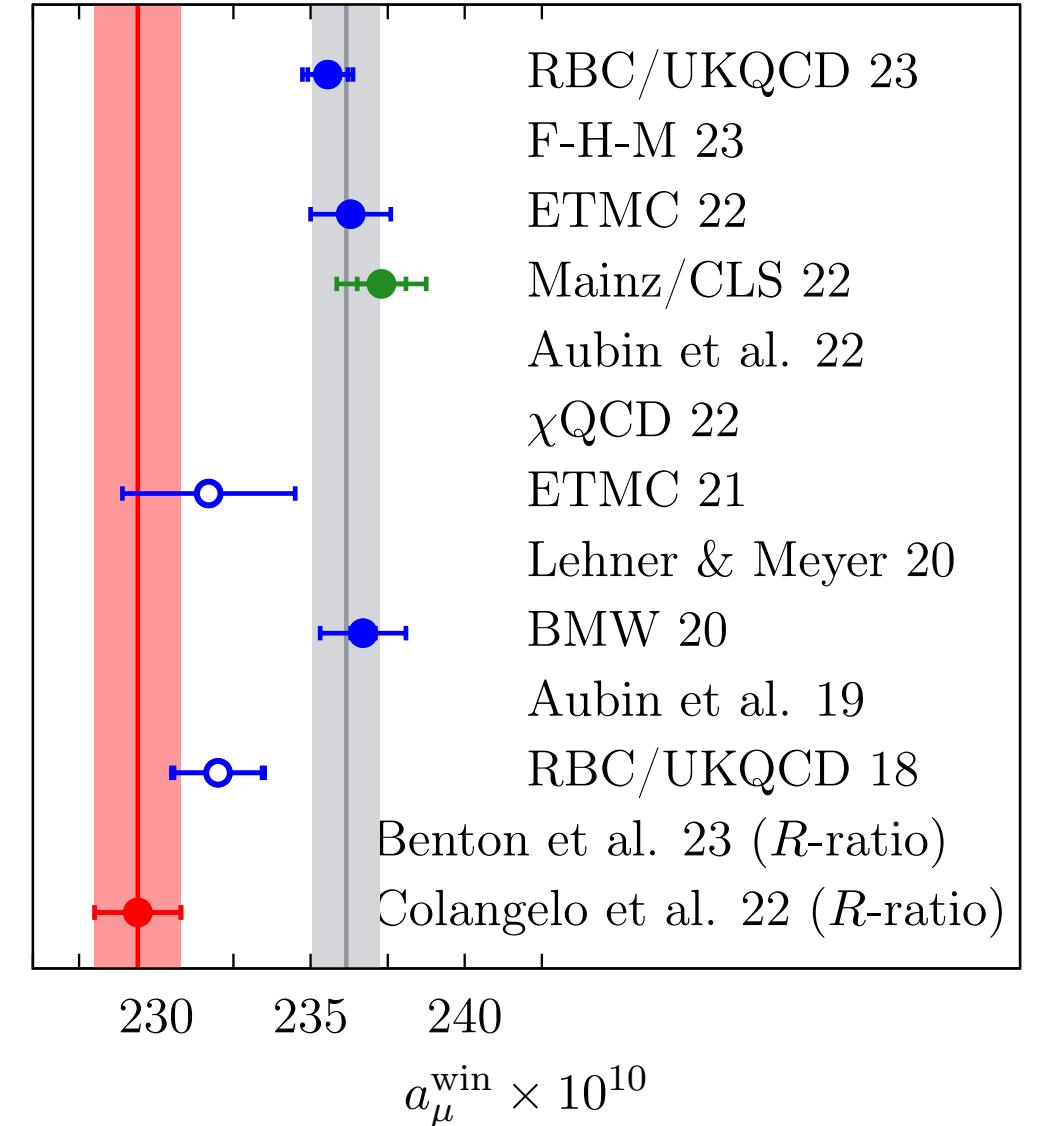
\*excluding the CMD-3 result

# What can we learn from $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$ ?

Primary observable in lattice calculations: vector correlator  $G(t)$

$$G(t) \equiv -\frac{a^3}{3} \sum_k \sum_{\vec{x}} \left\langle j_k^{\text{em}}(\vec{x}, t) j_k^{\text{em}}(0) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{12\pi^2} \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} d(\sqrt{s}) R(s)^{\text{lat}} s e^{-\sqrt{st}}$$

$a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{\text{lat}} > a_\mu^{\text{win}}|_{e^+e^-}$  implies that  $R(s)^{\text{lat}} > R(s)^{e^+e^-}$  in some interval of  $\sqrt{s}$



Energy interval  $600 \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 900 \text{ MeV}$  contributes the same fraction to  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  and  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$

$\sqrt{s}$ interval	$a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$	$(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD}}$	$(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{ID}}$	$(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}$	$\bar{\Pi}(1 \text{ GeV}^2)$
Below 0.6 GeV	15.5	1.5	5.5	23.5	8.2
0.6 to 0.9 GeV	58.3	23.1	54.9	65.4	52.6
Above 0.9 GeV	26.2	75.4	39.6	11.1	39.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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# What can we learn from $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$ ?

- Phenomenological model for  $R$ -ratio predicts [Mainz/CLS, Cè et al., Phys Rev D 106 (2022) 114502]

$$\sqrt{s} = 600 - 900 \text{ MeV}: \quad \frac{R(s)^{\text{lat}}}{R(s)^{e^+e^-}} = 1 + \epsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{lat}}}{(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{e^+e^-}} \approx \frac{(a_\mu^{\text{win}})^{\text{lat}}}{(a_\mu^{\text{win}})^{e^+e^-}} = 1 + 0.6\epsilon$$

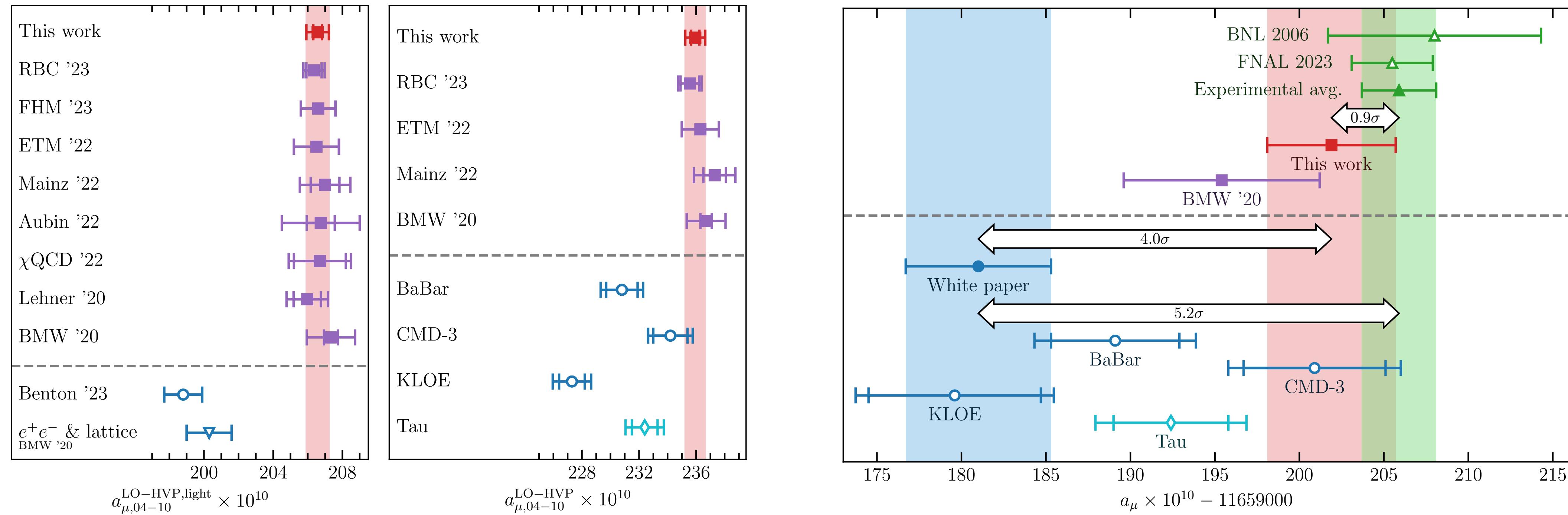
- Lattice average vs.  $R$ -ratio:  $(a_\mu^{\text{win}})^{\text{lat}}/(a_\mu^{\text{win}})^{e^+e^-} = 1.030(8)$   
⇒  $R(s)^{\text{lat}}$  is enhanced by 5% relative to  $R(s)^{e^+e^-}$  for  $\sqrt{s} = 600 - 900 \text{ MeV}$
- If confirmed, it would imply that BMW's estimate might be too low....

## Similar conclusions

- Dispersive treatment of pion form factor [Colangelo, Hoferichter, Stoffer, PLB 814 (2021) 136073]
- “Energy-smeared”  $R$ -ratio from lattice data [ETMC, Alexandrou et al., PRL 130 (2023) 241901]

# Update by BMW Collaboration

- More statistics, added lattice spacing ( $a = 0.048 \text{ fm}$ )



$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp, LO}} = (707.5 \pm 2.3 \pm 5.0) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [0.8\%] \quad \Rightarrow \quad (714.5 \pm 2.2 \pm 2.5) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [0.5\%]$$

[Boccaletti et al., 2407.10913]

# Hadronic running of electromagnetic coupling

Electromagnetic coupling is energy-dependent:

$$\alpha^{-1} = 137.035\,999\dots$$

$$\alpha(q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \Delta\alpha(q^2)}$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(M_Z^2) = 127.951 \pm 0.009$$

Correlation between  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  and the hadronic running of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ :

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(q^2) = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{3\pi} \oint_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^\infty ds \frac{R(s)}{s(s-q^2)},$$

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

Euclidean momenta

$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(-Q^2)$  accessible in lattice QCD via the same correlator  $G(t)$  with a different kernel function:

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

Hadronic running at Z-pole:  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) \rightarrow$  key quantity in global electroweak fit

# Evaluation of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$ and comparison with EW precision data

Adler function approach, aka. “Euclidean split technique”

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2) \quad \leftarrow \text{ lattice QCD}$$

$$+ [\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2)] \quad \leftarrow \text{ perturbative Adler function}$$

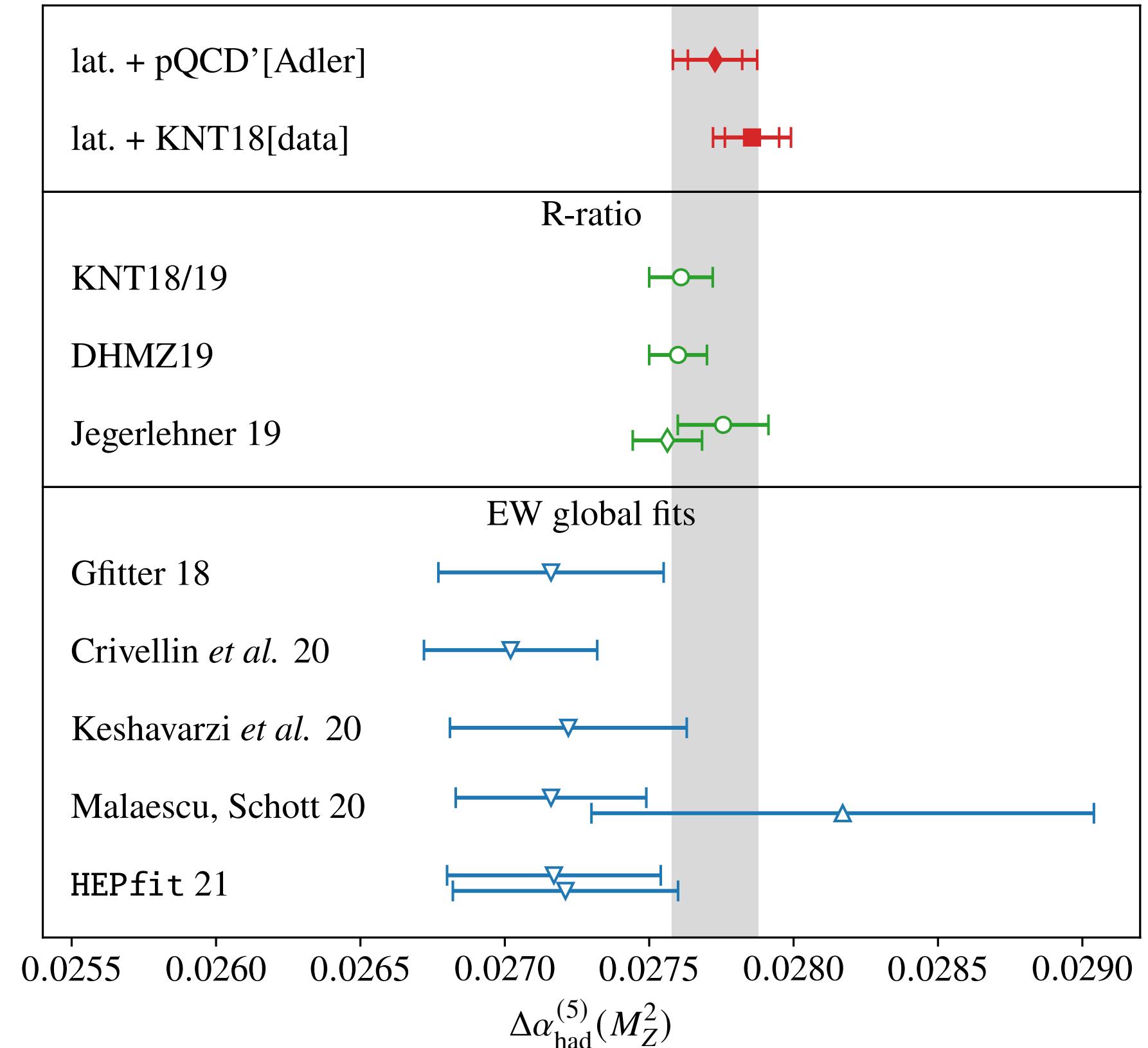
$$+ [\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2)] \quad \leftarrow \text{ pQCD}$$

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[Mainz/CLS, Cè et al., JHEP 08 (2022) 220, arXiv:2203.08676]



- No inconsistency with global electroweak fit!

Standard Model can accommodate a larger value for  $a_\mu$  without contradicting electroweak precision data

## Summary and outlook

No straightforward theoretical interpretation of the Fermilab E989 experiment

Discrepant determinations of the HVP contribution:

- Tensions between lattice QCD and  $e^+e^-$  hadronic cross sections\*
- Tension in  $\pi^+\pi^-$  channel between BaBar vs. KLOE and CMD-3 vs. all other results

Analyses / re-analyses of  $e^+e^-$  data in progress: BaBar, BESIII, CMD-3, KLOE

Lattice QCD to produce more results for HVP contribution with sub-percent precision

Experimental measurement of the HVP contribution by MUonE experiment

Fermilab E989 prepares to release result including data from Runs 4–6

Update of White Paper expected by  $\approx$  Dec 2024, including new lattice results(?)

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\*pre-2023

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