

# STATUS OF THE MAINZ MUON $g - 2$ PROGRAMME

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## THE MUON $g - 2$ : A PROBE FOR NEW PHYSICS

- Magnetic moment of a particle with charge  $e$ , mass  $m$  and spin  $\vec{s}$ :

$$\vec{\mu} = g \cdot \frac{e}{2m} \cdot \vec{s}$$

- Quantum corrections lead to deviations from the classical value  $g = 2$  (Dirac) for elementary particles with  $s_z = \hbar/2$ , the anomalous magnetic moment

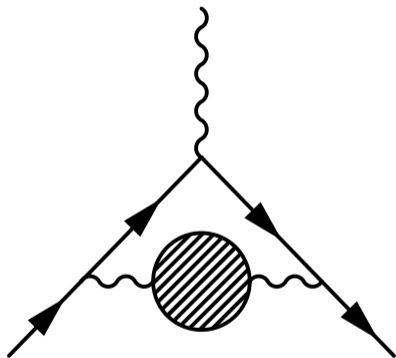
$$a = \frac{g - 2}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \quad (\text{Schwinger})$$



- Anomalous magnetic moments may be determined very precisely, for the electron one finds [\[2209.13084, Fan et al.\]](#):

$$a_e = 0.001\,159\,652\,180\,59(13).$$

*“The most precise prediction of the SM agrees with the most precise determination of a property of an elementary particle to about 1 part in  $10^{12}$ .”*



hadronic vacuum polarization

- SM prediction from QED, electroweak and hadronic contributions:

$$a_l^{\text{SM}} = a_l^{\text{QED}} + a_l^{\text{EW}} + a_l^{\text{had}}$$

where  $a_l^{\text{had}} = a_l^{\text{hvp}} + a_l^{\text{hlbl}}$ .

- Contributions from new physics at some scale  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$  enter  $a_l$  for  $l \in \{e, \mu, \tau\}$  via

$$a_l - a_l^{\text{SM}} \propto \frac{m_l^2}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2}$$

where  $a_\tau$  is inaccessible for experiment and  $m_\mu/m_e \approx 207$ .

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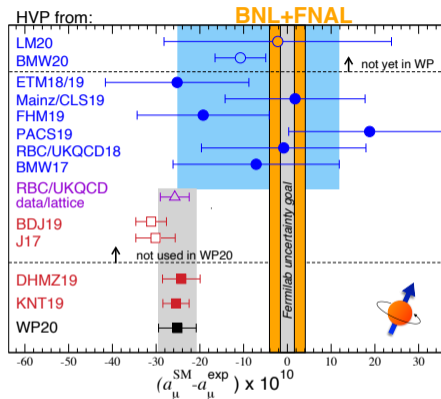
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- Lattice result  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp,LO}} = 7075(55) \cdot 10^{-11}$  [2002.12347, BMWc] not included in white paper average [2006.04822, Aoyama et al.]

# HADRONIC VACUUM POLARIZATION CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUON $g - 2$

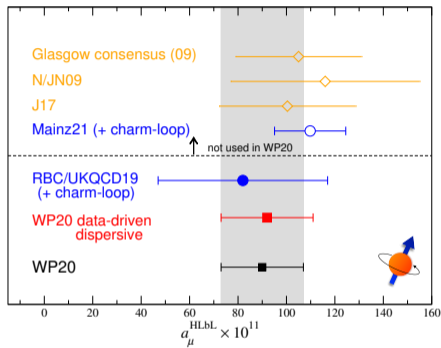


← Status for  $a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}}$  [2203.15810, Colangelo et al.]

- Prediction in [2002.12347, BMWc] deviates **significantly** from data-driven results.
- Recent data for  $e^{+}e^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{-}$  [2302.08834, CMD-3] favor shift of data-driven results towards experimental result.
- Additional precise lattice results needed!

- Short term: Focus on benchmark quantities to compare among collaborations. Time windows in the Time Momentum Representation [1801.07224, Blum et al.].
- Long term: Improve overall precision of  $a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}}$ .

# HADRONIC LIGHT-BY-LIGHT SCATTERING



← Status for  $a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}}$  [2203.15810, Colangelo et al.]

- White paper recommended value:

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

- Recent lattice calculation (Mainz21):

$$a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}} = (109.6 \pm 14.7) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

[2104.02632, 2204.08844, Chao et al.].

- Not shown here:  $a_\mu^{\text{hlbl}} = (124.7 \pm 14.9) \cdot 10^{-11}$  [2304.04423, RBC/UKQCD].

- Probably not the reason for tensions between SM and experiment.



$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}}$  **ON THE LATTICE**

- Relevant quantity on the lattice: The polarization tensor

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \int d^4x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x) j_\nu^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle = (Q_\mu Q_\nu - \delta_{\mu\nu} Q^2) \Pi(Q^2)$$

with the electromagnetic current  $j_\mu^{\text{em}} = \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3} \bar{c} \gamma_\mu c + \dots$

- Compute  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  from [Laurup et al.] [hep-lat/0212018, Blum]

$$a_\mu^{\text{hvp}} = \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 \int_0^\infty dQ^2 f(Q^2) \hat{\Pi}(Q^2), \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\Pi}(Q^2) = 4\pi^2 [\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0)]$$

and a known QED kernel function  $f(Q^2)$ .

- $\hat{\Pi}$  admits an integral representation in terms of the spatially summed (zero momentum) vector correlator  $G(t)$  [1107.4388, Bernecker and Meyer],

$$\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0) = \frac{1}{Q^2} \int_0^\infty dt G(t) \left[ Q^2 t^2 - 4 \sin^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} Q t \right) \right].$$

# EUCLIDEAN TIME WINDOWS IN THE TMR: ISOVECTOR CHANNEL

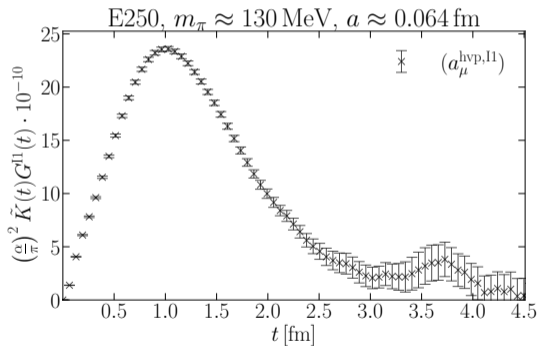
Time-momentum representation [1107.4388, Bernecker and Meyer]:

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where  $\tilde{K}(t)$  is the QED kernel function

■ Current-current correlator:

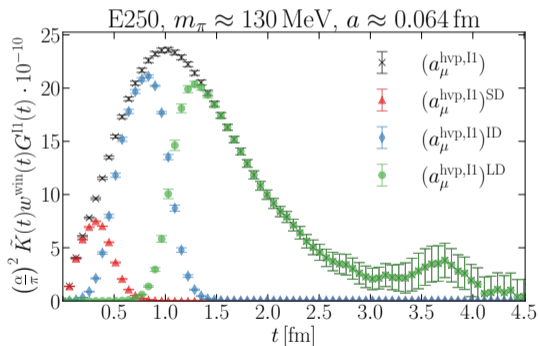
$$G(t) = -\frac{a^3}{3} \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle j_k^{\text{em}}(t, \vec{x}) j_k^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle$$



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■ Time windows [1801.07224, Blum et al.]:

$$W^{\text{SD}}(t; t_0; t_1) = [1 - \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta)]$$

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

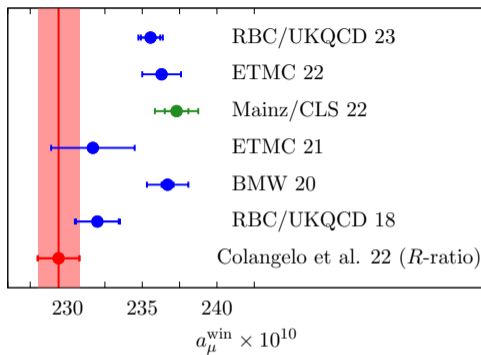
$$W^{\text{LD}}(t; t_0; t_1) = \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta)$$

where

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

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

# OVERVIEW OF RESULTS FOR $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$

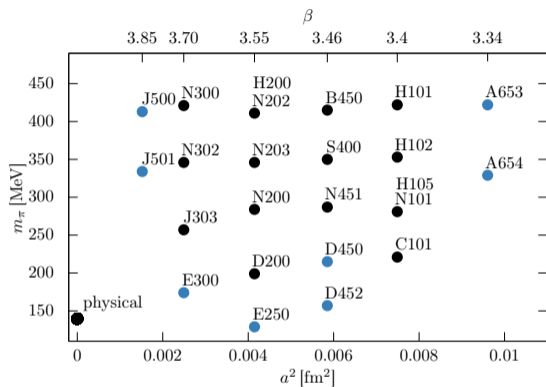


- $3.9\sigma$  tension with data-driven estimate in [2205.12963, Colangelo et al.].
- Genuine difference between lattice and data-driven results?
- Recent data-driven analysis of  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$  based on  $\tau$  data agrees with lattice results [2305.20005, Masjuan et al.].

# THE MAINZ/CLS SETUP

$a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  from 2 + 1 flavors of  $O(a)$  improved Wilson-clover fermions

# 2 + 1 FLAVOR CLS ENSEMBLES



- $O(a)$  improved Wilson-clover fermions.
- Six values of  $a \in [0.039, 0.099]$  fm, a factor of 6.4 in  $a^2$ .
- Open boundary conditions in temporal direction.
- $a\text{Tr}[M_q] = 2am_l + am_s = \text{const.}$
- New ensemble / improved statistics since 2019.

Scale: Either use  $\sqrt{t_0^{\text{phys}}} = 0.1443(15)$  fm [2112.06696, Straßberger et al.] or express dimensionfull quantities in terms of  $af_\pi$  [1103.4818, Xu et al.][1904.03120, Gérardin et al.]

→ new result [2211.03744, Bali et al.]:  $\sqrt{t_0^{\text{phys}}} = 0.1449_{(9)}^{(7)}$  fm may be used in the future.

- Work in isospin decomposition of the electromagnetic current

$$j_\mu^{\text{em}} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3}\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}\gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3}\bar{c}\gamma_\mu c + \dots = j_\mu^{I=1} + j_\mu^{I=0} + \frac{2}{3}\bar{c}\gamma_\mu c + \dots,$$

$$\text{Isovector: } j_\mu^{I=1} = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d), \quad \text{Isoscalar: } j_\mu^{I=0} = \frac{1}{6}(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u + \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d - 2\bar{s}\gamma_\mu s)$$

- Two discretizations of the vector current: local and conserved

$$J_\mu^{(\text{L}),a}(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(x),$$

$$J_\mu^{(\text{C}),a}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{\psi}(x + a\hat{\mu})(1 + \gamma_\mu)U_\mu^\dagger(x) \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(x) - \bar{\psi}(x)(1 - \gamma_\mu)U_\mu(x) \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(x + a\hat{\mu}) \right),$$



- Improved vector currents are given by

$$J_\mu^{(\alpha),a,I}(x) = J_\mu^{(\alpha),a}(x) + ac_V^{(\alpha)}(g_0) \tilde{\partial}_\nu \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^a(x), \quad \text{with } \alpha \in L, C$$

- Renormalization and mass-dependent improvement of local currents via

$$\begin{aligned} J_\mu^{(L),3,R}(x) &= Z_V \left[ 1 + 3\bar{b}_V a m_q^{\text{av}} + b_V a m_{q,l} \right] J_\mu^{(L),3,I}(x), \\ J_\mu^{(L),8,R}(x) &= Z_V \left[ 1 + 3\bar{b}_V a m_q^{\text{av}} + \frac{b_V}{3} a (m_{q,l} + 2m_{q,s}) \right] J_\mu^{(L),8,I}(x) \\ &\quad + Z_V \left( \frac{1}{3} b_V + f_V \right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} a (m_{q,l} - m_{q,s}) J_\mu^{(L),0,I}(x), \end{aligned}$$

- Two independent non-perturbative determinations of  $Z_V$ ,  $c_V^L$ ,  $c_V^C$ ,  $b_V$ ,  $\bar{b}_V$ :

Set 1: Large-volume, CLS ensembles [1811.08209, Gérardin et al.]

Set 2: Small volume, Schrödinger functional [2010.09539, ALPHA],[1805.07401, Fritzsche]

differ by higher order cutoff effects.  $f_V$  is of  $O(g_0^6)$  and unknown.

- Finite-size corrections applied to the isovector correlator.
- Correction for  $t^* < \frac{(m_\pi L/4)^2}{m_\pi}$ : Hansen-Patella method [1904.10010][2004.03935]
  - ▶ Expansion in the pion winding number.
  - ▶ Using monopole parametrization of the electromagnetic pion form factor.
- Large distances: MLL [1105.1892, Meyer] [hep-lat/0003023, Lellouch and Lüscher]:
  - ▶ Compute difference between finite and infinite-volume isovector correlator
  - ▶ Based on the time-like pion form factor.
  - ▶ Applied at large Euclidean distances  $t > t^*$ .
- This is the **only correction** applied to the lattice data!

- Separate extrapolations of isovector, isocalar and charm contributions.
- General fit ansatz, not possible to resolve all **parameters** at once:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\mu}^{\text{win,f}}(X_a, X_{\pi}, X_K) = & a_{\mu}^{\text{win,f}}(0, X_{\pi}^{\text{exp}}, X_K^{\text{exp}}) \\ & + \beta_2 X_a^2 + \beta_3 X_a^3 + \delta X_a^2 X_{\pi} + \epsilon X_a^2 \log X_a \\ & + \gamma_1 (X_{\pi} - X_{\pi}^{\text{exp}}) + \gamma_2 (f(X_{\pi}) - f(X_{\pi}^{\text{exp}})) \\ & + \gamma_0 (X_K - X_K^{\text{phys}}) \end{aligned}$$

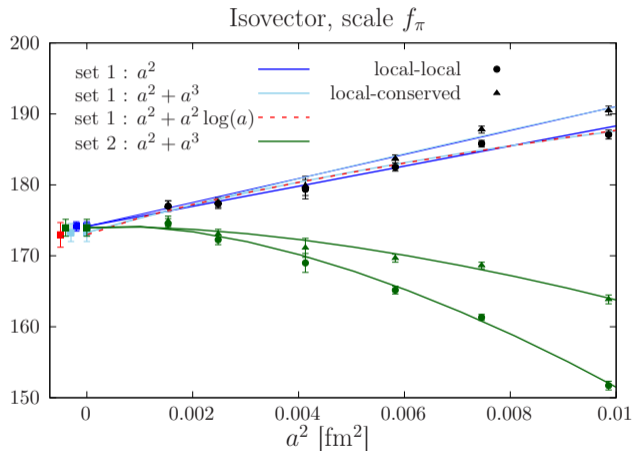
$$\text{where } X_a \sim a, \quad X_{\pi} \sim m_{\pi}^2, \quad X_K \sim m_K^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{\pi}^2$$

- Light quark mass effects:  $f(X_{\pi}) \in \{0; \log(X_{\pi}); X_{\pi}^2; 1/X_{\pi}; X_{\pi} \log(X_{\pi})\}$
- Final result and uncertainties from model average.

# CHIRAL-CONTINUUM EXTRAPOLATIONS: THE INTERMEDIATE-DISTANCE WINDOW

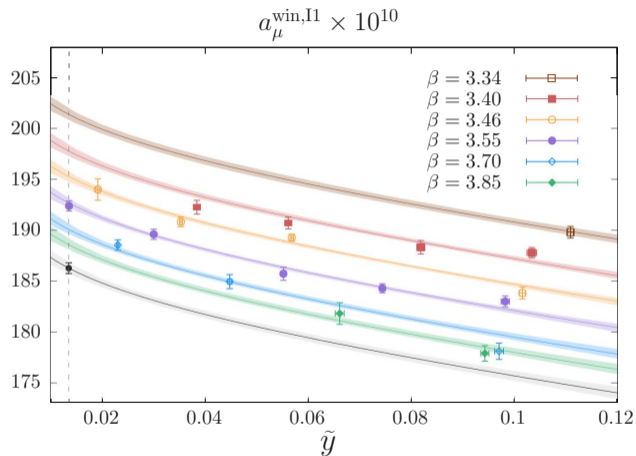
Compare high-precision lattice determinations - based on [2206.06582, Cè et al.]

# CONTINUUM EXTRAPOLATION AT $SU(3)_f$ SYMMETRIC POINT



- Two sets of equally valid improvement coefficients.
- No cutoff effects of  $O(a^3)$  resolved for Set 1.
- Independent extrapolations compatible in the continuum → strong cross-check of our extrapolations.
- No sign of modification  $a^2 \rightarrow (\alpha_s(1/a^2))^{\hat{\Gamma}} a^2$   
[1912.08498, Husung et al.]

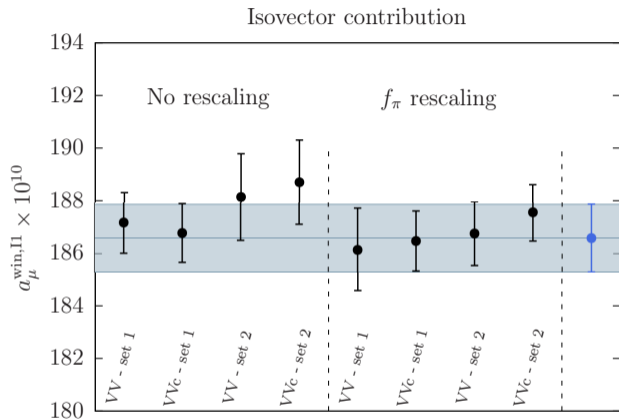
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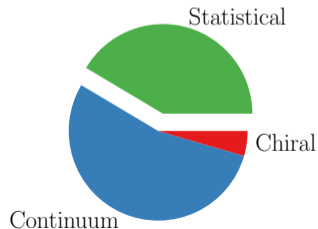
- $f_\pi$  rescaling, local-local current and Set 1.
- Curvature in  $\tilde{y} = \frac{m_\pi^2}{8\pi f_\pi^2}$  is needed to describe the data.
- Singular fit ansatz favored, also found in [2110.05493, Colangelo et al.]
- Variation in the chiral extrapolation does not change the result significantly.

$$a_\mu^{\text{win}}(\tilde{y}) = \gamma_1 (\tilde{y} - \tilde{y}^{\text{exp}}) + \gamma_2 (f(\tilde{y}) - f(\tilde{y}^{\text{exp}})) , \quad f(\tilde{y}) \in \{0; \log(\tilde{y}); \tilde{y}^2; 1/\tilde{y}; \tilde{y} \log(\tilde{y})\}$$

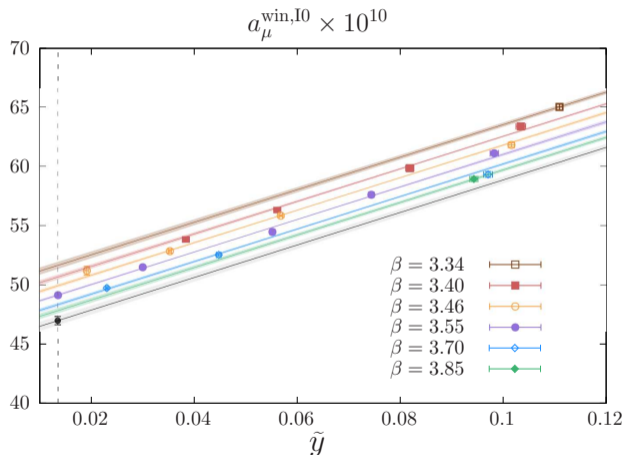
# MODEL AVERAGES: ISOVECTOR CONTRIBUTION



- Eight combinations of discretization and improvement procedures.
- Model averages in each category to determine systematic uncertainty from choice of fit model. [\[2008.01069, Jay and Neil\]](#)
- Final result by combining  $L$  and  $C$  of Set 1 with  $f_{\pi}$ -rescaling.



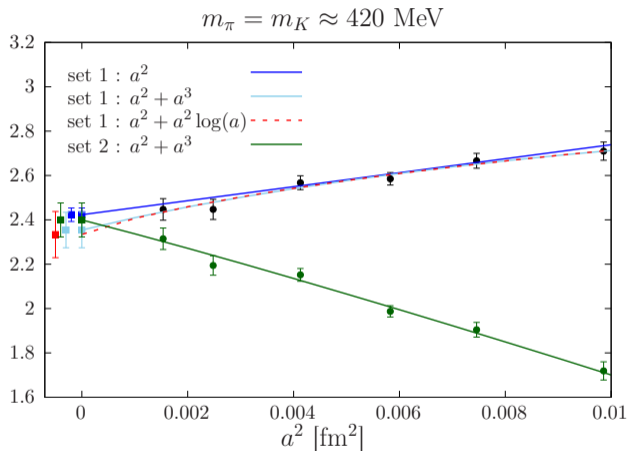
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- Choose non-singular fit ansatz,  $f(X_\pi) \in \{0; X_\pi^2; X_\pi \log(X_\pi)\}$
- Includes disconnected contribution: Driven to gauge noise [2203.08676, Cè et al.].
- Charm contribution not included at this stage.



# CONTINUUM EXTRAPOLATION AT $SU(3)_f$ SYMMETRIC POINT: CHARM



- Charm quark included in partially-quenched setup.
- Mass-dependent renormalization scheme.
- Effect of missing charm loops estimated to be  $< 0.02\%$  for  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$  and at the per-mil level for  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  [2206.06582, Cè et al.].
- Explicit, non-perturbative test is complicated with Wilson quarks (additive renormalization,  $am_c$  effects in the sea).

# ISOSPIN BREAKING CORRECTIONS

- QED<sub>L</sub>-action [0804.2044, Hayakawa and Uno] for IR regularisation, Coulomb gauge
- Reweighting based on perturbative expansion [1303.4896, de Divitiis et al.] in  $\Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon - \varepsilon^{(0)} = (\Delta m_u, \Delta m_d, \Delta m_s, \Delta\beta = 0, e^2)$ :

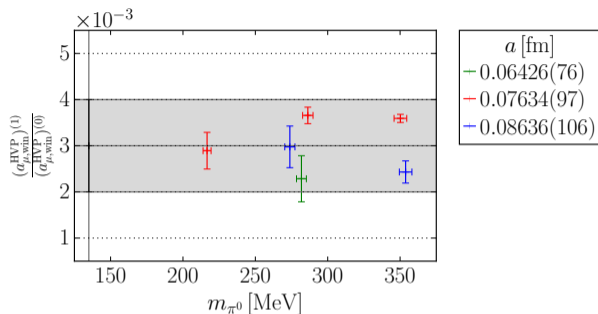
$$C = C^{(0)} + \sum_{f=u,d,s} \Delta m_f C_{\Delta m_f}^{(1)} + e^2 C_{e^2}^{(1)} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

- Mesonic two-point functions  $C = \langle \mathcal{M}_2 \mathcal{M}_1 \rangle$ :  
(quark-connected contribution, IB effects in valence quarks)

$$C^{(0)} = \langle \text{Diagram 1} \rangle_{\text{eff}}^{(0)} \quad C_{\Delta m_f}^{(1)} = \langle \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \rangle_{\text{eff}}^{(0)}$$

$$C_{e^2}^{(1)} = \langle \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} + \text{Diagram 7} + \text{Diagram 8} + \text{Diagram 9} + \text{Diagram 10} + \text{Diagram 11} + \text{Diagram 12} \rangle_{\text{eff}}^{(0)}$$

# ISOSPIN BREAKING EFFECTS IN $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$



To be considered in the future:

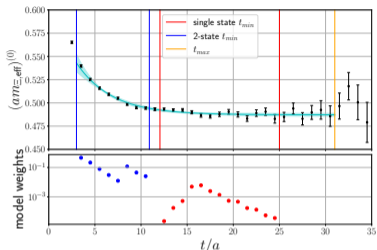
- QED finite-volume effects.
- Quark-disconnected and sea-quark contributions.
- IB in scale setting  
[2212.07176, Segner et al.]

- Ongoing effort [2112.00878, Risch and Wittig]:

Uncertainty on relative correction  $0.3(1)\%$  doubled in final result for  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$ .

- Up-to-date overview in [Andreas Risch's talk](#) at the workshop *Converging on QCD+QED prescriptions* at Higgs Centre Edinburgh.

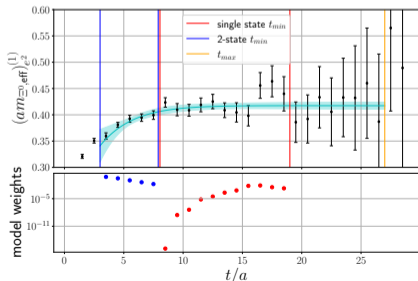
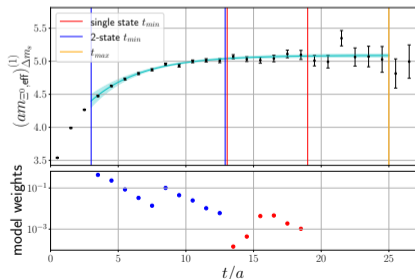
- Complementary approach [2209.02149, Biloshytskyi et al] employs coordinate space methods, similar to the HLbL contribution.



- Scale setting from the baryon spectrum. Currently most precise candidate: The  $\Xi$  (as in pure QCD in [2211.03744, Bali et al.]).

← Isosymmetric contribution at  $m_{\pi} = 215$  MeV and  $a \approx 0.076$  MeV.

⇓ First-order contributions  $am_{eff,a\Delta m_s}^{(1)}$  and  $am_{eff,e^2}^{(1)}$



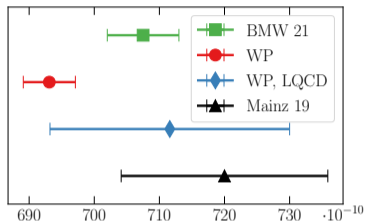
# BLINDING

- The community agreed on blinded analyses for  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  to reduce biases.
- We have published results for  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  and  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$  on a large number of ensembles: Could not prevent deliberate unblinding.
- We decided to introduce blinding at the stage of the analysis by modification of the QED kernel function  $\tilde{K}(t)$  in the integrand of the TMR:
  - ▶ Artificial cutoff effects (one kernel for each value of  $\beta$ ).
  - ▶ Multiplicative offset.
  - ▶ ...? I don't know any details.
- Use five different sets modified of kernels.

- Unblinding strategy:
  1. Cross-check results between different analyses.
  2. Agree on final analysis. Freeze setup.
  3. Relative unblinding between the five sets of kernels in the continuum.
  4. Absolute unblinding of kernels / full analysis with true kernel.
- We tested this using mock data and another set of kernels.
- Our analysis is now blinded.



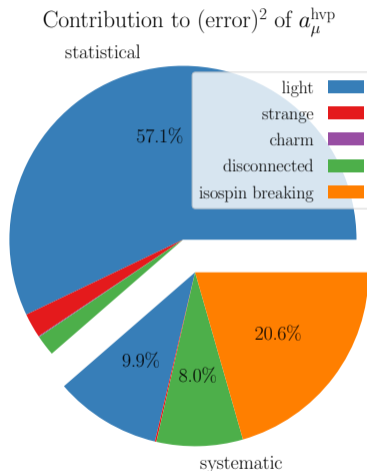
# **NOISE REDUCTION IN THE LONG-DISTANCE TAIL**



- 2.2% uncertainty: Dominated by statistical uncertainties of light quark contribution:

$$\frac{\Delta G^{\text{I1}}(t)}{G^{\text{I1}}(t)} \propto \exp[(m_V - m_\pi)t]$$

- Variance reduction is needed to reach sub-percent precision.



# VARIANCE REDUCTION: LOW MODE AVERAGING

- Employ Low Mode Averaging (LMA) [[hep-lat/0106016](#), Neff et al.][[hep-lat/0402002](#), Giusti et al.][[hep-lat/0401011](#), DeGrand et al.][...] to reduce the variance of the isovector contribution.

- Split up the quark propagator ( $Q = \gamma_5 D_W$ )

$$Q^{-1} = Q^{-1}(\mathbf{P}_L + \mathbf{P}_H) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} \frac{1}{\lambda_i} v_i v_i^\dagger + Q^{-1} \mathbf{P}_H$$

in low and high mode contributions using the projectors

$$\mathbf{P}_L = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} v_i v_i^\dagger, \quad \mathbf{P}_H = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{P}_L$$

with the eigenmodes  $v_i$  and the (real) eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $Q$ .

- Even-odd preconditioning reduces memory by factor 2 [[1004.2661](#), Blossier et al.].

- The connected two-point function contains two quark propagators

$$C_{AB}(x_0, y_0) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \langle \text{Tr} [\gamma_5 \Gamma_A Q^{-1}(x, y) \gamma_5 \Gamma_B Q^{-1}(y, x)] \rangle$$

with  $\gamma_5$  insertions because we use  $Q$ .

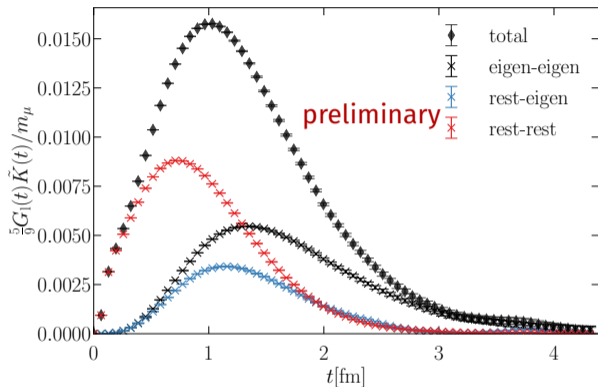
- We get four terms contributing to  $C_{AB}$ , with  $t \equiv x_0 - y_0$ ,

$$C(t) = C^{ll}(t) + C^{hl}(t) + C^{lh}(t) + C^{hh}(t),$$

each can be defined and computed separately:

- ▶ Evaluate  $C^{ll}(t)$  with **full volume average**.
  - ▶ Evaluate  $C^{hl}(t) + C^{lh}(t)$  by inversion on eigenmodes (alternative: stochastic).
  - ▶ Evaluate  $C^{hh}$  stochastically.
- Use Truncated Solver Method [[0910.3970](#), [Bali et al.](#)] to reduce cost of inversions.

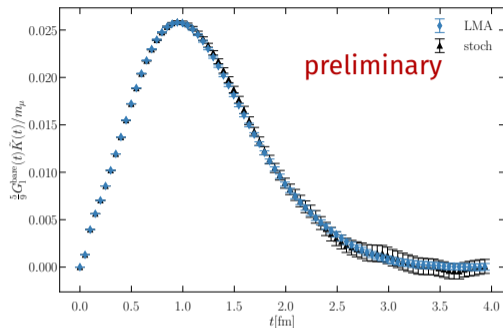
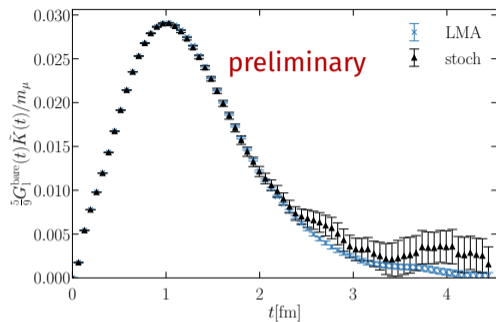
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- Light-connected contribution to  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  for  $m_\pi \approx 129$  MeV in a  $12.4 \text{ fm} \times (6.2 \text{ fm})^3$  box at  $a = 0.064$  fm.
- 800 eigenmodes of the even-odd preconditioned Dirac-Wilson operator  $\gamma_5 \hat{D}$ .

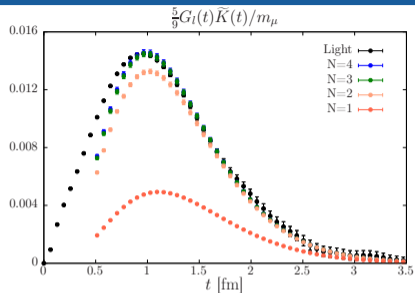
- All-to-all evaluation of low eigenmodes dominates correlator and its variance for  $t > 1.5$  fm.

# VARIANCE REDUCTION: LOW MODE AVERAGING



- Illustration of increase in precision on ensembles close to the physical point.
- **Left:**  $m_\pi \approx 129$  MeV,  $a = 0.064$  fm.    **Right:**  $m_\pi \approx 174$  MeV,  $a = 0.050$  fm.
- Currently limited by autocorrelation on finer ensemble.

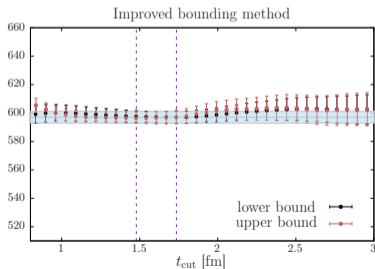
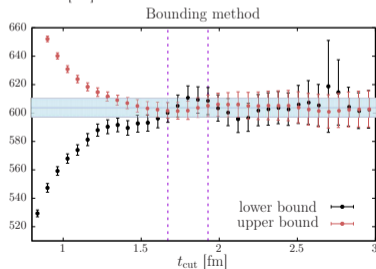
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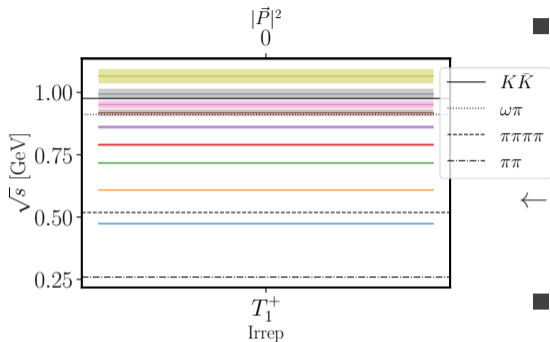
- Spectral decomposition of the vector correlator:

$$G_l(t) = \sum_n |A_n|^2 e^{-E_n t}, \quad E_n = 2\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + k^2}$$

- Dedicated spectroscopy computation to determine  $A_n$  and  $E_n$  at 200 MeV [1808.05007, Andersen et al.] [1904.03120, Gérardin et al.].  
Impose bound on long-distance tail.



# VARIANCE REDUCTION: SPECTROSCOPY



- Extend the spectroscopy computation to close-to-physical masses: E250 with  $m_\pi \approx 129$  MeV at  $a = 0.064$  fm [2112.07385, Paul et al.].

← Two-pion, zero-momentum energy levels on E250.

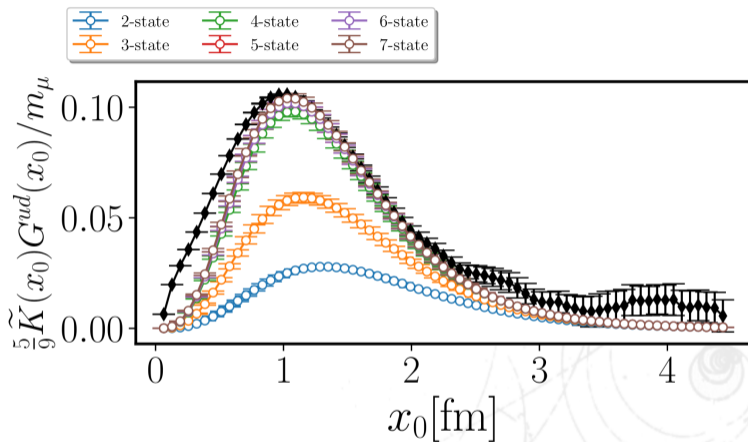
- Expect more states to contribute significantly compared to  $m_\pi = 200$  MeV.

- Reconstruction in progress, not yet combined with  $G(t)$ .

- Same data will be used for the computation of the pion transition form factor to correct for finite-size effects with less model dependence.

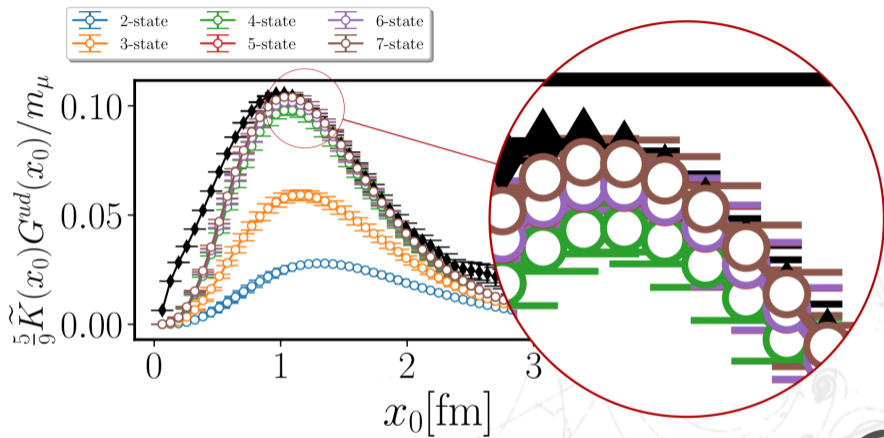


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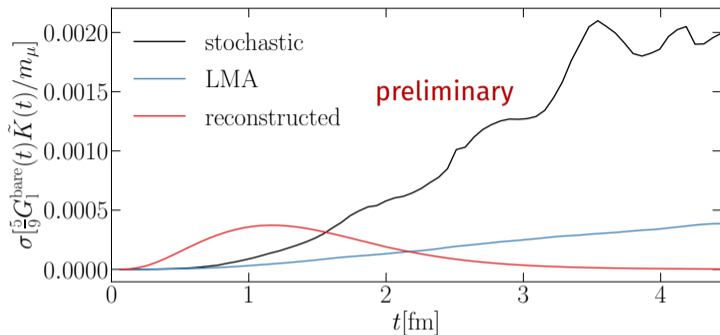
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# VARIANCE REDUCTION: COMPARISON



- Comparison of statistical uncertainties of the TMR correlator based on stochastic evaluation, reconstruction and LMA at  $m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$ .
- Significantly less noise in LMA correlator.
- Noise in reconstructed correlator grows only **linearly**.

# STRANGE QUARK MASS MISTUNING

- We keep  $2am_l + am_s = \text{const}$  on our ensembles.

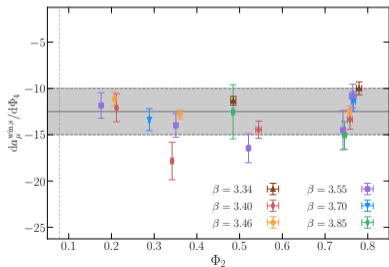
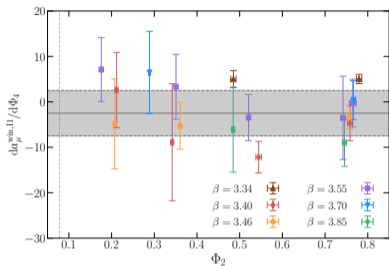
- This implies (with  $f_{K\pi} = \frac{2}{3}(f_K + \frac{1}{2}f_\pi)$ )

$$X_K \in \{\Phi_4, y_{K\pi}\} \sim \text{const} \quad \text{where} \quad \Phi_4 = 8t_0(m_K^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_\pi^2), \quad y_{K\pi} = \frac{m_K^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_\pi^2}{8\pi f_{K\pi}^2}$$

up to  $O(a)$  and NLO  $\chi$ PT effects.

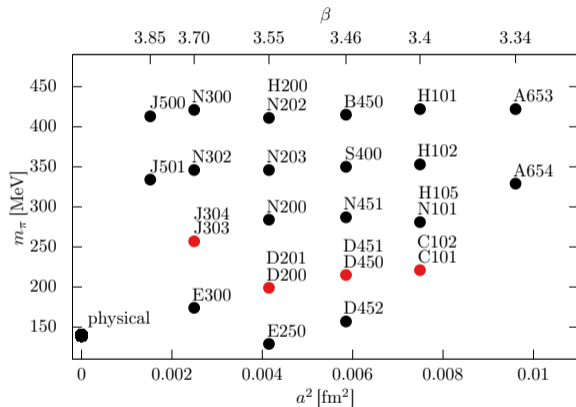
- We correct for the small deviation  $\Delta X_K = X_K^{\text{phys}} - X_K$  in the global fit.
- No independent variation of the Kaon mass: fit parameter  $\gamma_0$  not stable.

# CORRECTING THE MISTUNING OF THE CHIRAL TRAJECTORY



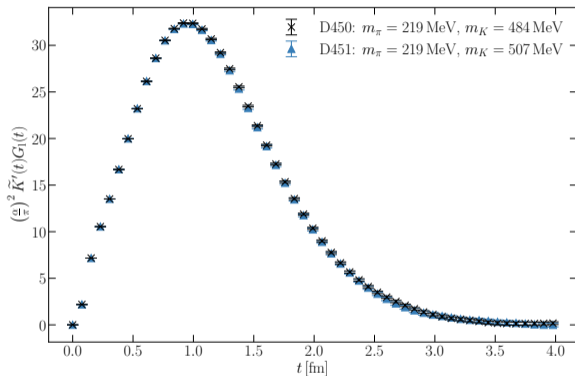
- Explicit computation of  $\frac{d\langle a_\mu^{\text{win}} \rangle}{dX_K}$ .
- Based on mass-derivatives  $\frac{d\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle}{dm_{q,i}}$  and a first-order Taylor expansion [1608.08900, Bruno et al.].
- Results confirmed by pheno estimates.
- Use results as priors for fit parameter  $\gamma_0$ .
  - ▶ No significant strange quark mass dependence for  $a_\mu^{\text{win,I1}}$ .
  - ▶ Negative contribution for  $a_\mu^{\text{win,s}}$ .
- Large uncertainties for  $\frac{d\langle a_\mu^{\text{hvp,I1}} \rangle}{dX_K}$ .

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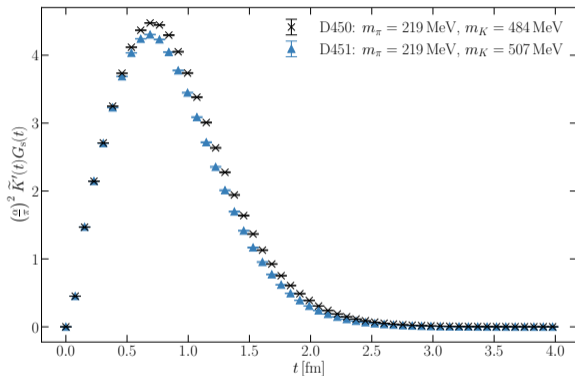
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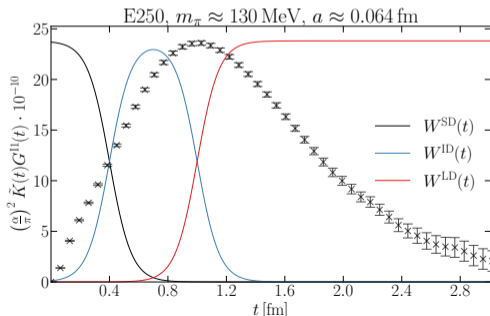
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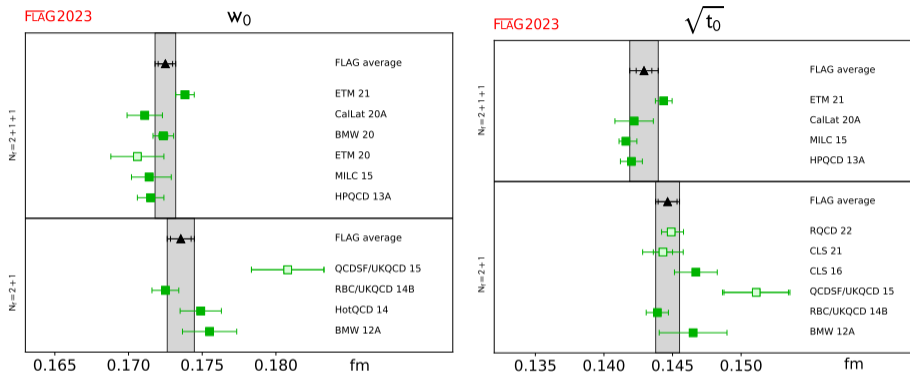
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- My rough estimates for  $\frac{\Delta (a_\mu^{\text{hvp}, \Lambda})^i \Lambda}{(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^i \Delta \Lambda}$  at  $m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$ :

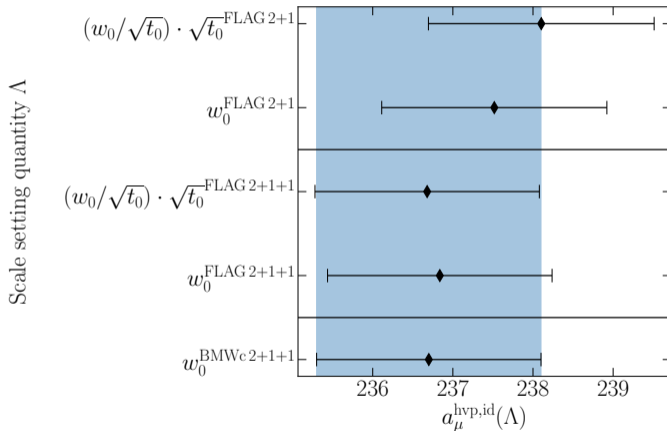
$\delta a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$	$\delta (a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD}}$	$\delta (a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{ID}}$	$\delta (a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}$
1.8	0.0	0.5	2.7

- Need a highly precise scale setting for precision in  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$ .



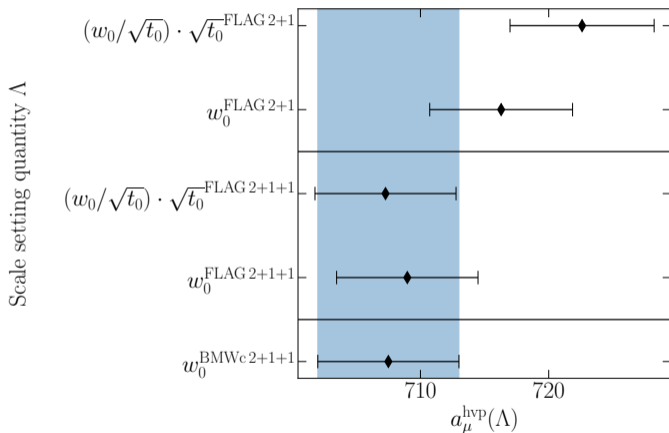
- Flow scales are not in good agreement within each set of  $2 + 1$  and  $2 + 1 + 1$ .
- Differences between  $2 + 1$  and  $2 + 1 + 1$  larger than expected.
- This can have a significant influence on  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$ .

# SCALE DEPENDENCE OF $a_\mu^{\text{hvp,id}}$



- Shift the result of [2002.12347, BMWc] based on estimated scale dependence.
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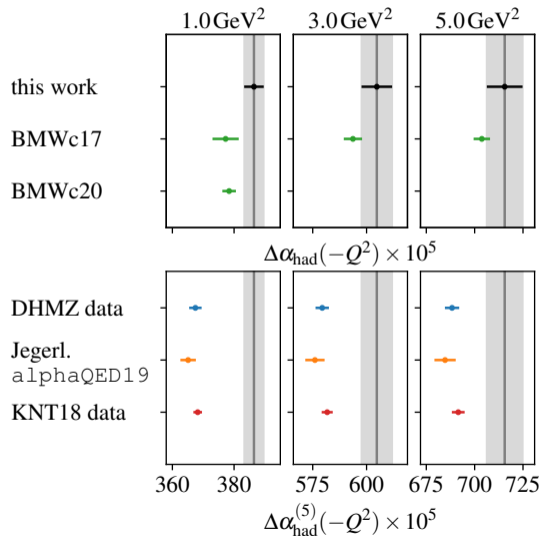


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**WORK THAT I DID NOT TALK ABOUT**

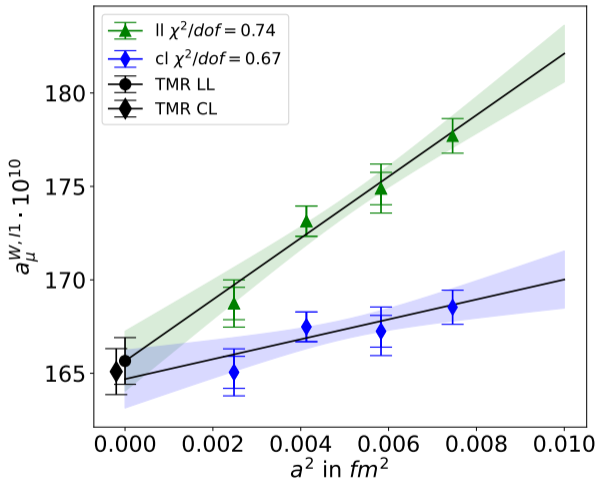


# THE HADRONIC RUNNING OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC COUPLING



- Running of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$  computed in [2203.08676, Cè et al.].
- Significant tension with data-driven estimates at low  $Q^2$ .
- A future update would profit from all improvements for  $a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}}$ .

# COORDINATE-SPACE CALCULATION OF THE WINDOW OBSERVABLE

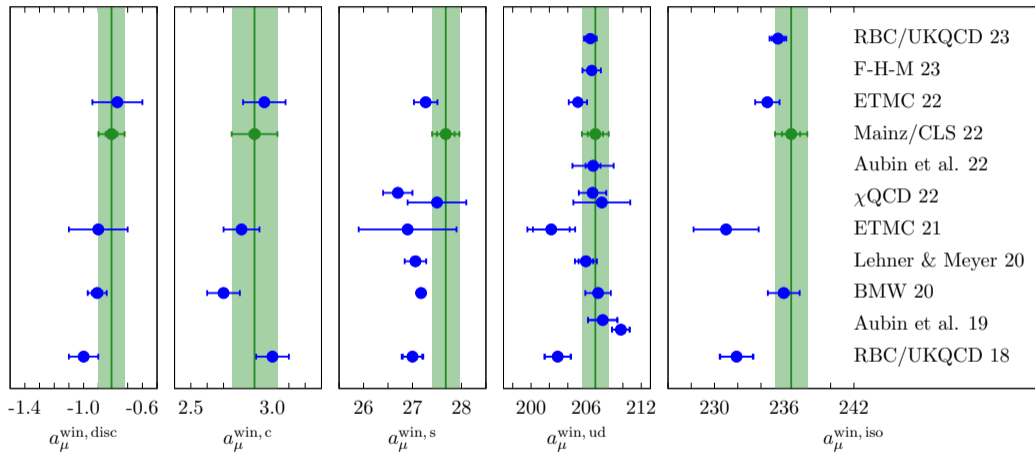


- The covariant-coordinate space (CCS) method [1706.01139, Meyer] offers an alternative to the TMR to compute  $a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$  and  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$ .
- Computation of  $a_\mu^{\text{win}}$  at 350 MeV pion mass in [2211.15581, Chao, Meyer, Parrino].
- Good agreement with TMR.

- We are performing a blinded analysis.
- Reduction of statistical uncertainties underway.
- Spectroscopy and variance reduction techniques help to significantly improve our precision at physical pion mass.
- We started investigating sub-leading systematic effects, such as strange quark mistuning.
- Scale setting limits our attainable precision.
- Investigation of isospin breaking effects ongoing.

**BACKUP**

# COMPARISON WITH LATTICE RESULTS FOR $a_\mu^{\text{win,iso}}$



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