
Confronting e^+e^- data and lattice QCD

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Introductory remarks

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Reflections on the Adler function and the role of τ -decays

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Experimental status and considerations

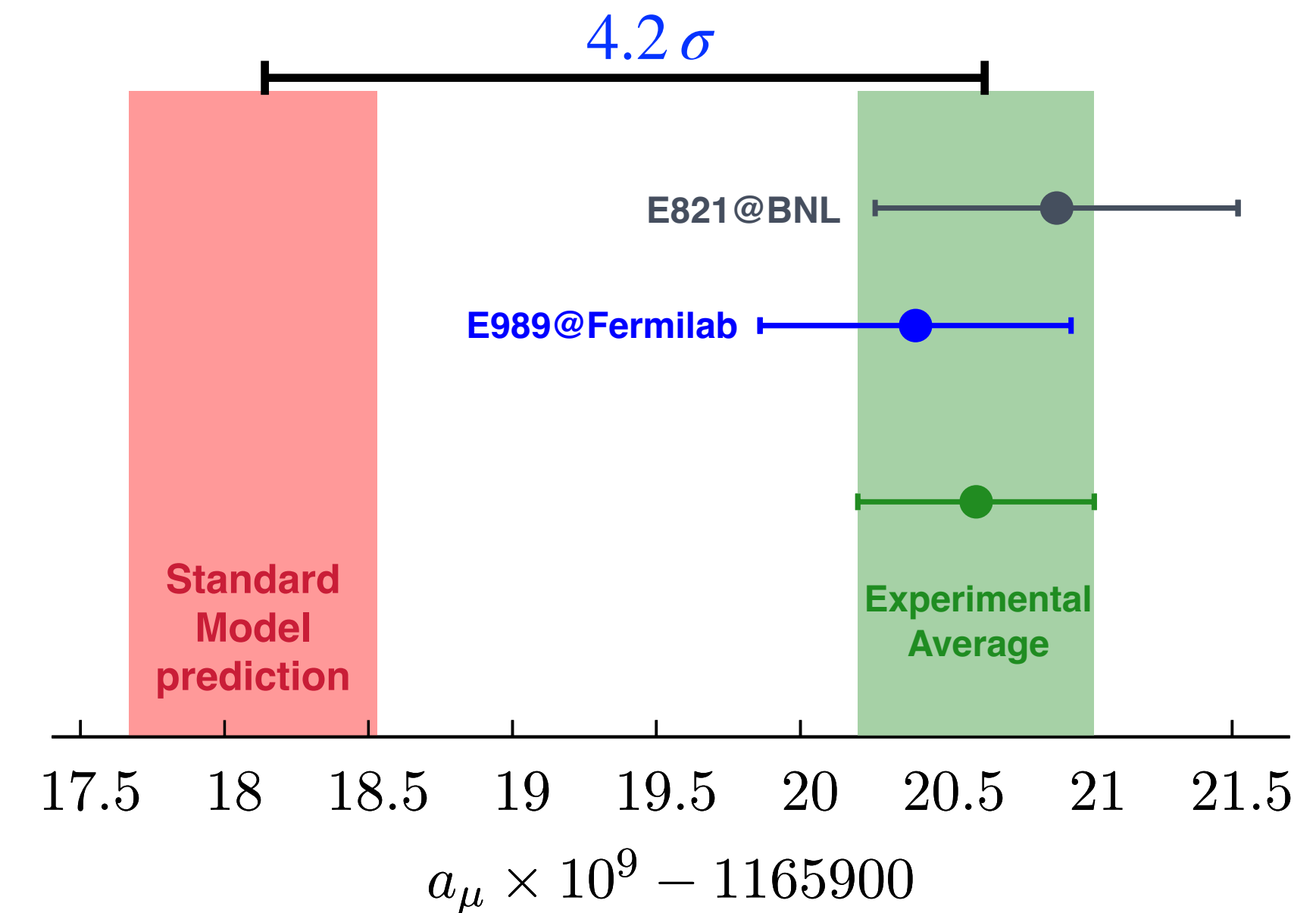
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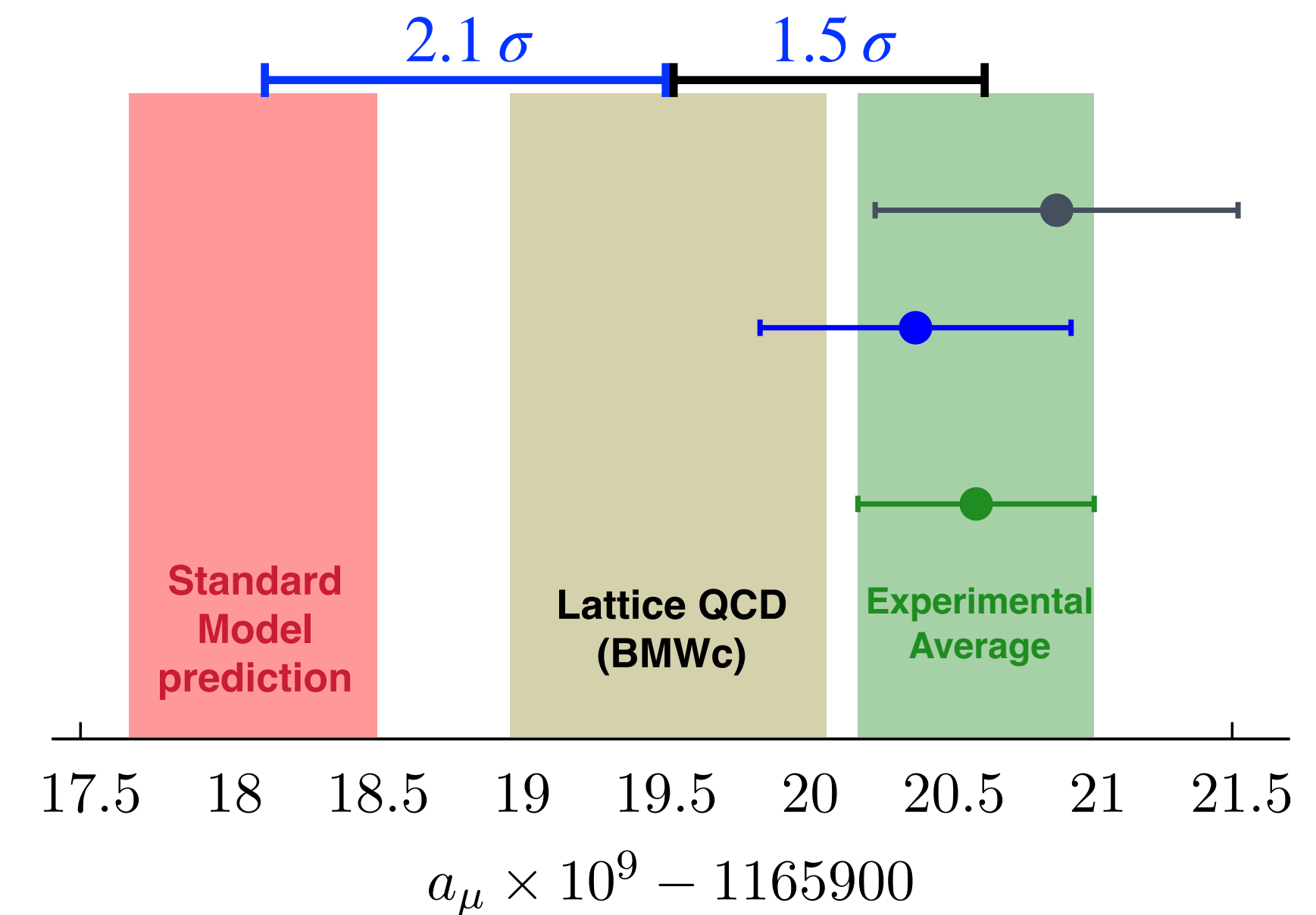
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[Borsányi et al. (BMW Collab.), Nature 593 (2021) 7857]

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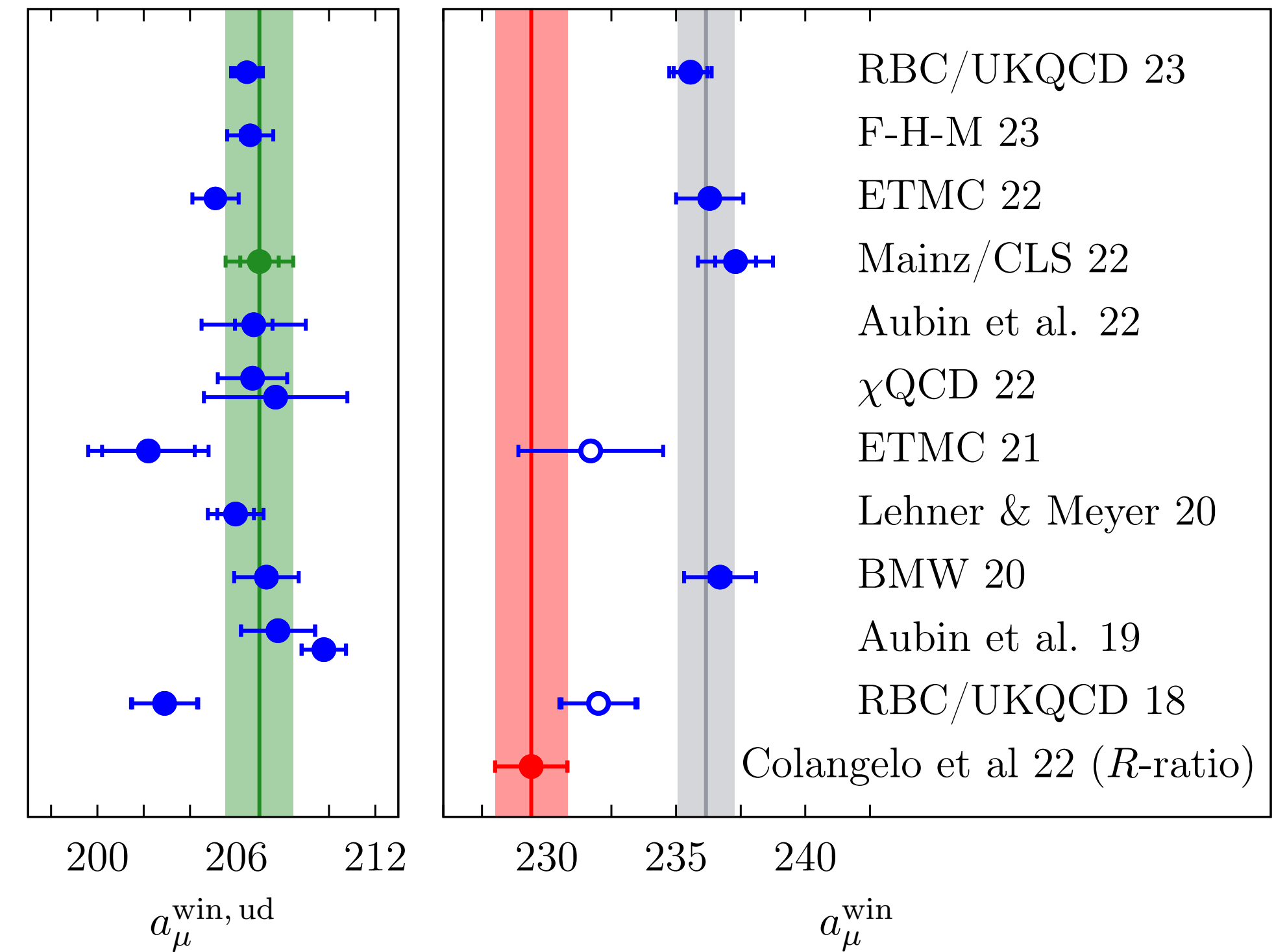
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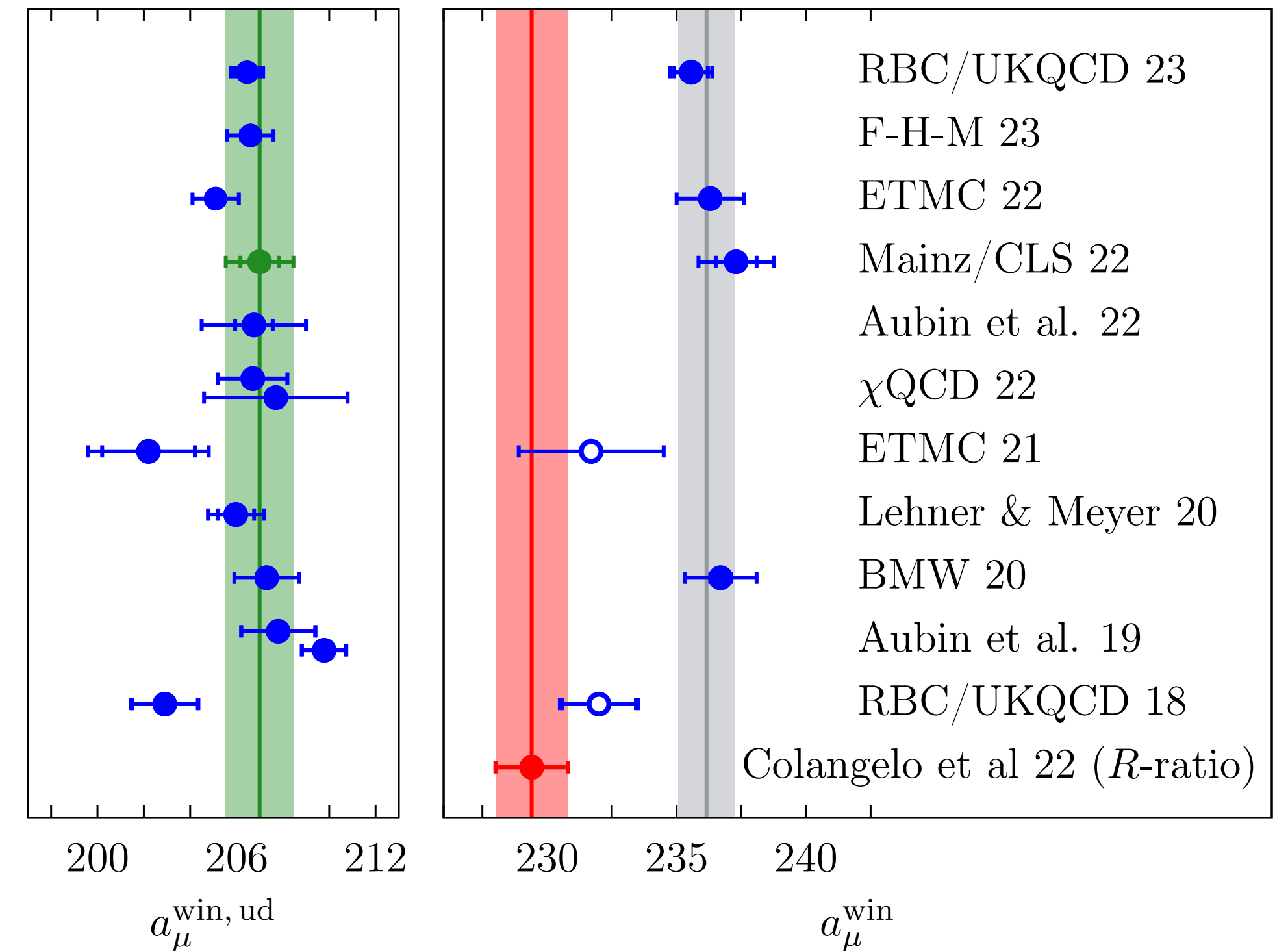
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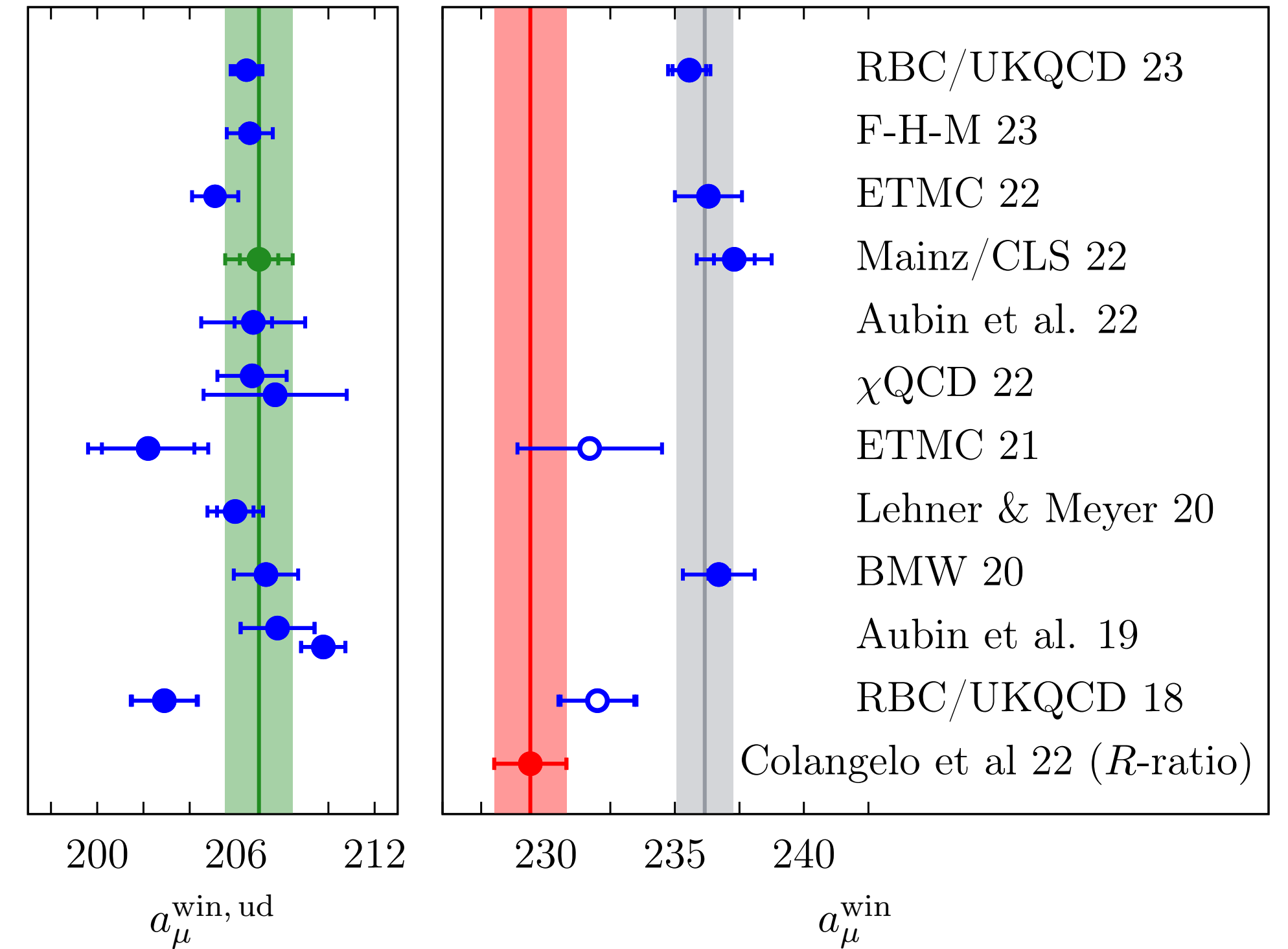
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WINDOW OBSERVABLE FOR THE HADRONIC VACUUM ...

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TABLE IV. Fractional contributions in percent from different regions in \sqrt{s} to a_μ^{hvp} and the partial quantities $(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD, ID, LD}}$, as well as the subtracted vacuum polarization at scale $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, according to the R -ratio model given in Ref. [49]. Note that this model includes neither the charm nor final states containing a photon, such as $\pi^0\gamma$.

\sqrt{s} interval	a_μ^{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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- If confirmed, it would imply that BMW's estimate might be too low....
(see discussion in Colangelo, Hoferichter, Stoffer, Phys. Lett. B814 (2021) 136073)

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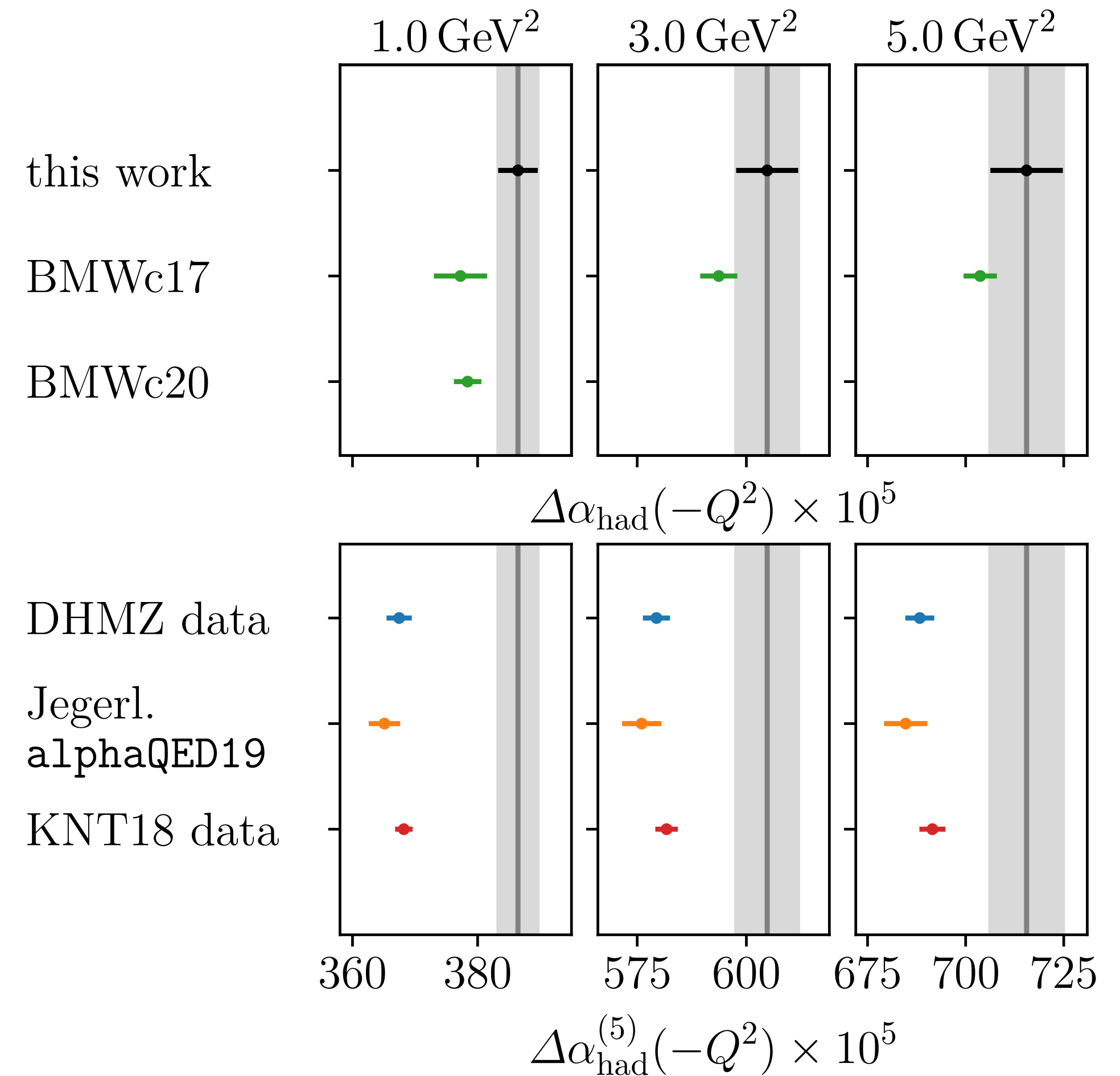
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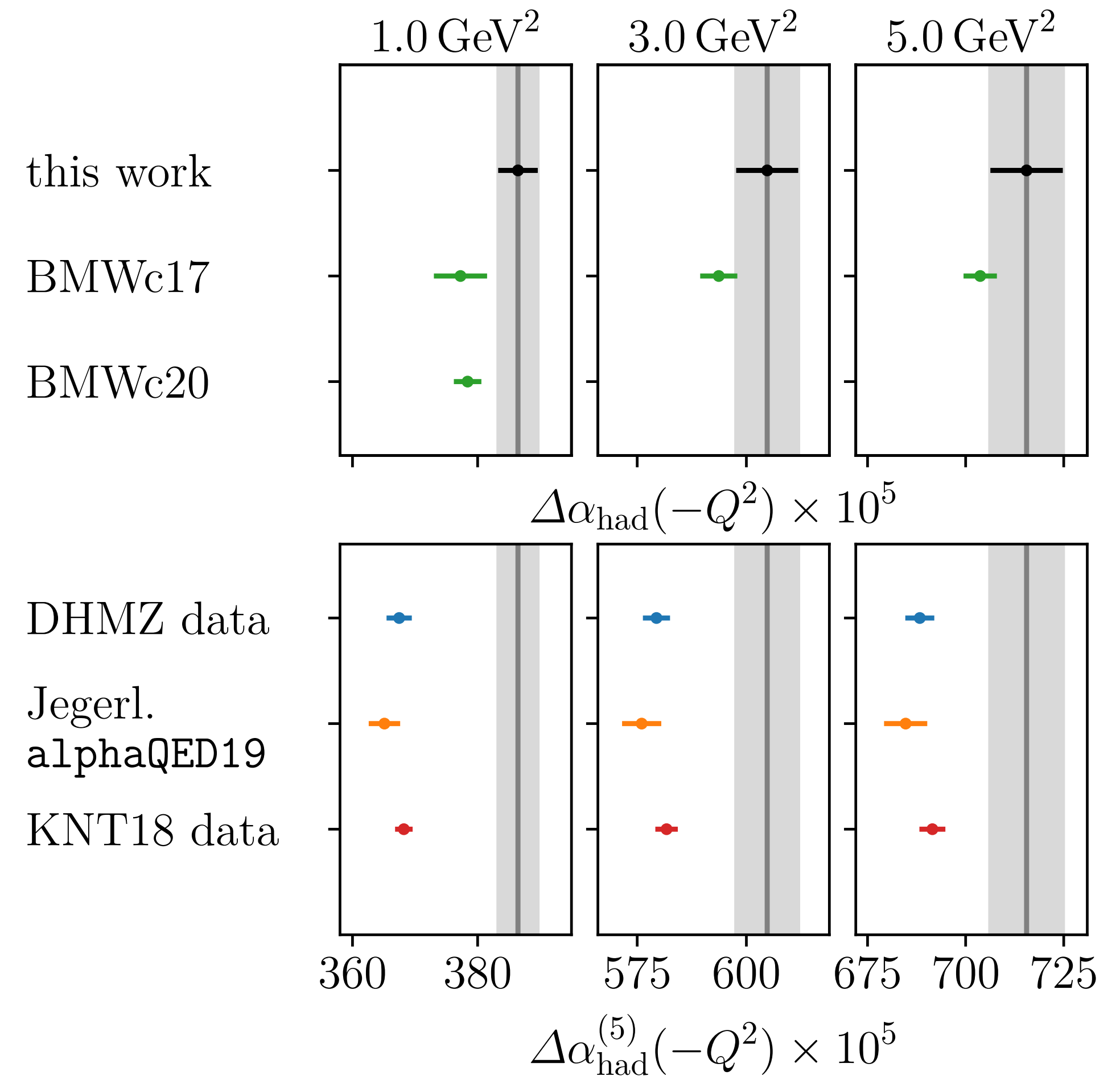
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- Tension of $\sim 3\sigma$ observed with data-driven evaluation of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(-Q^2)$ for $Q^2 \gtrsim 3 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - consistent with tension for window observable



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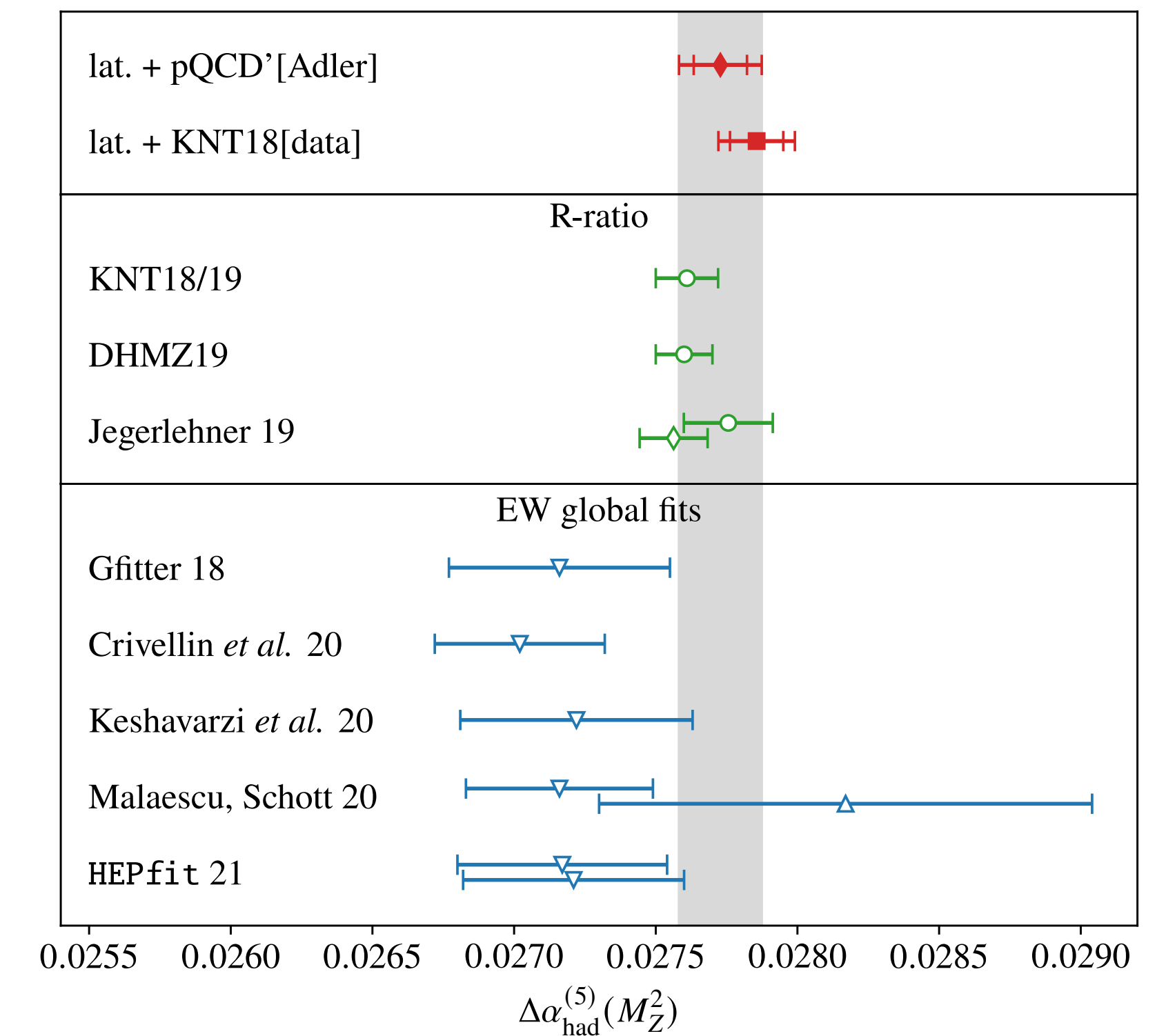
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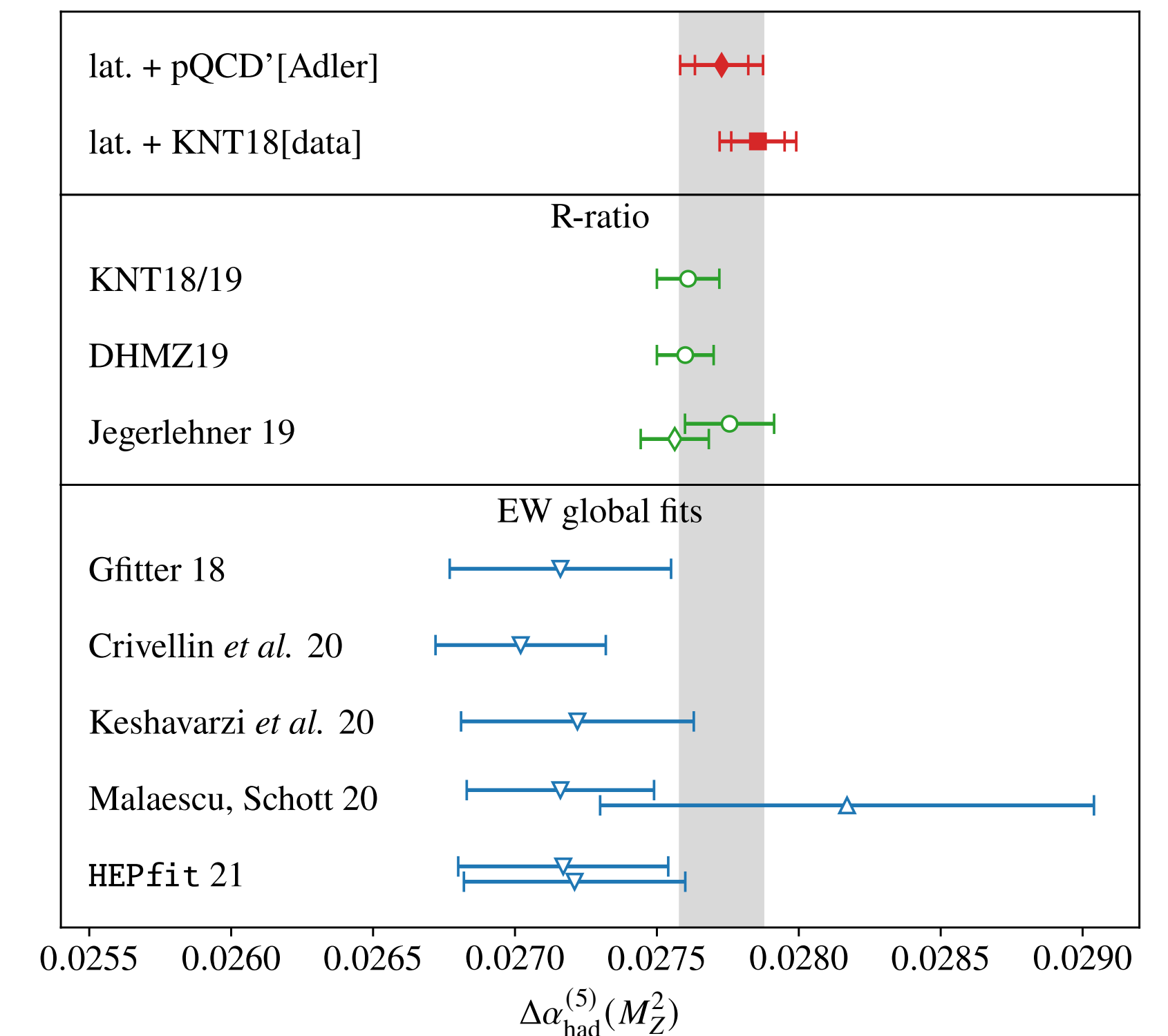
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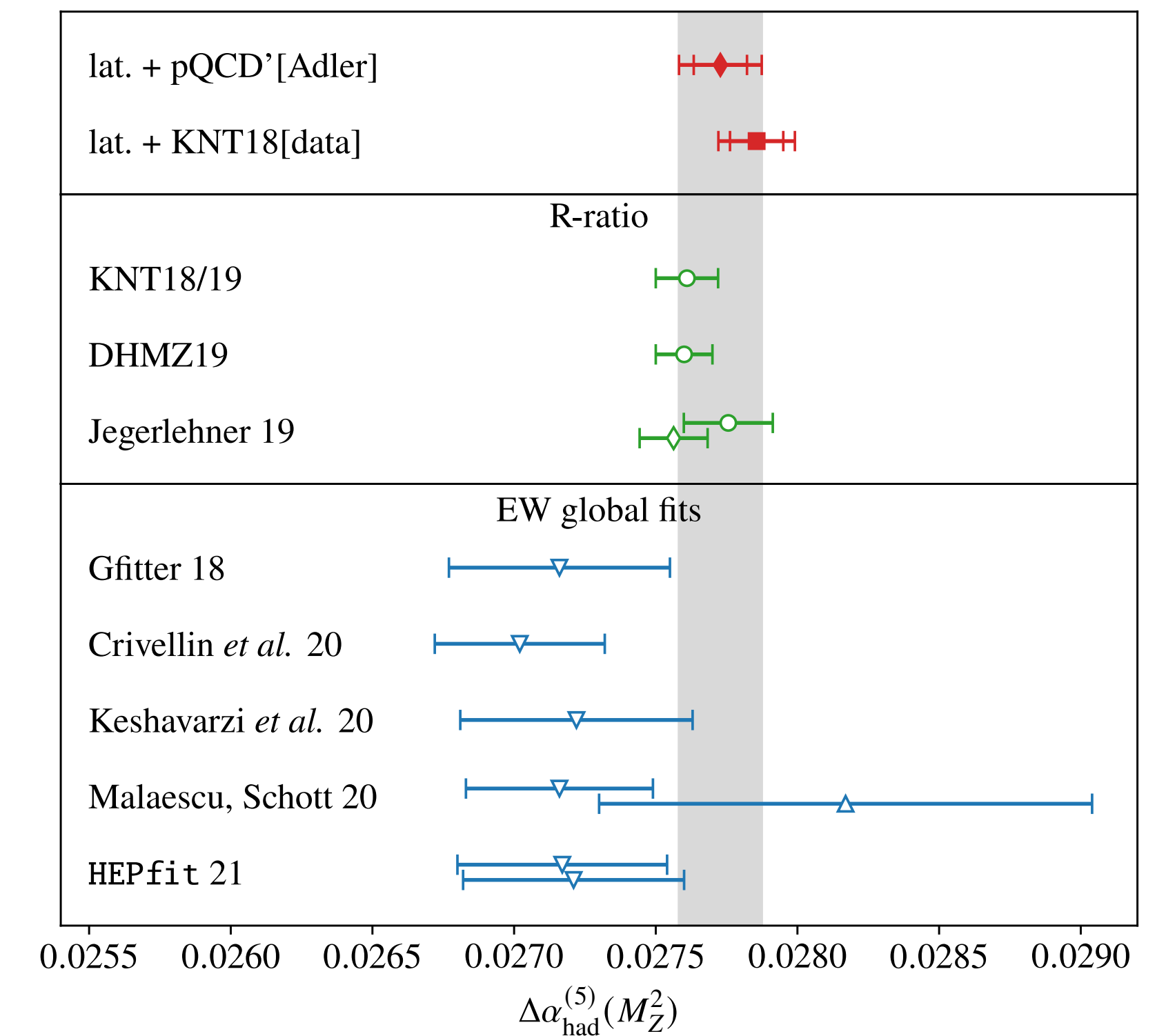
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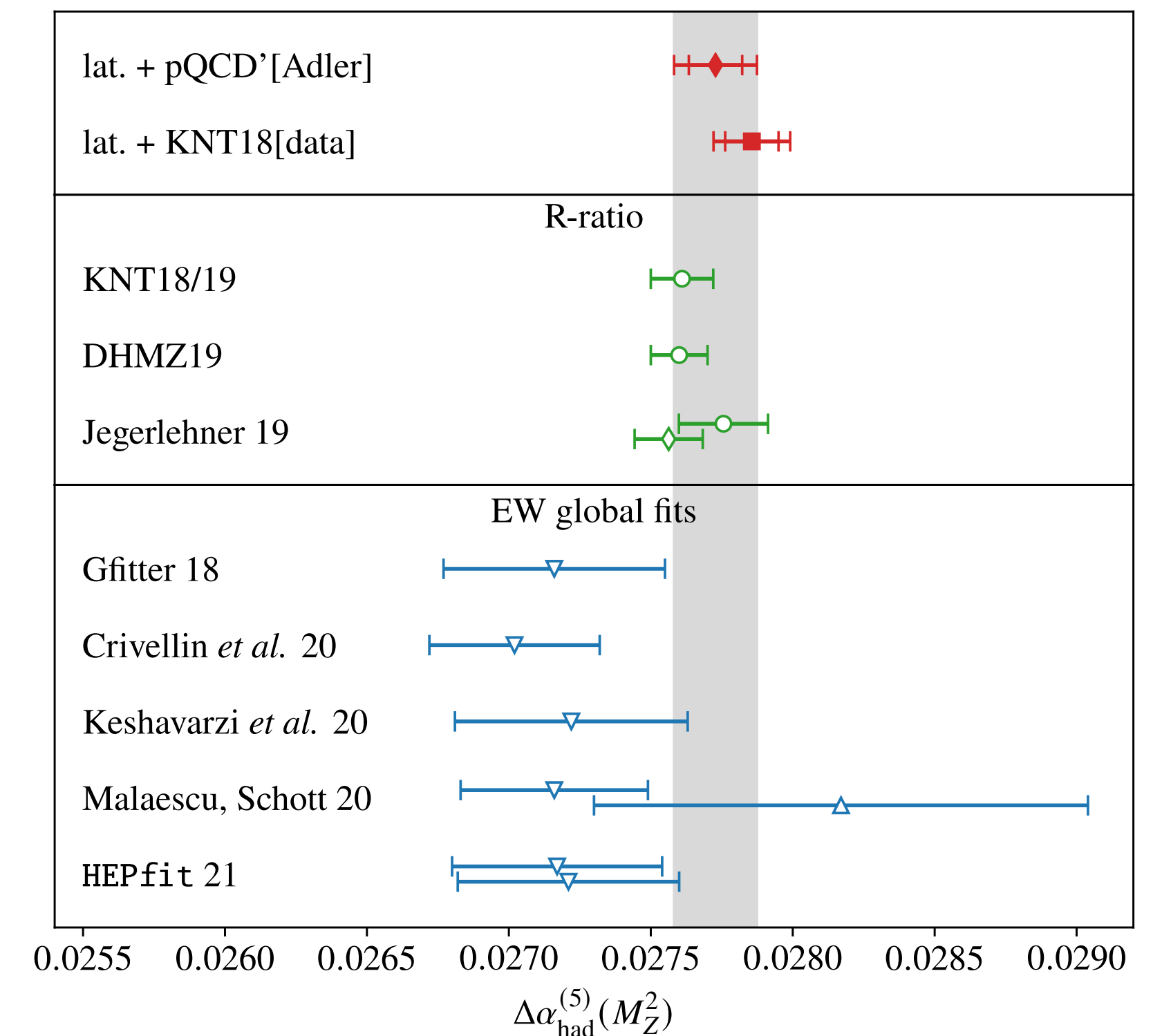
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Comparison with perturbative Adler function

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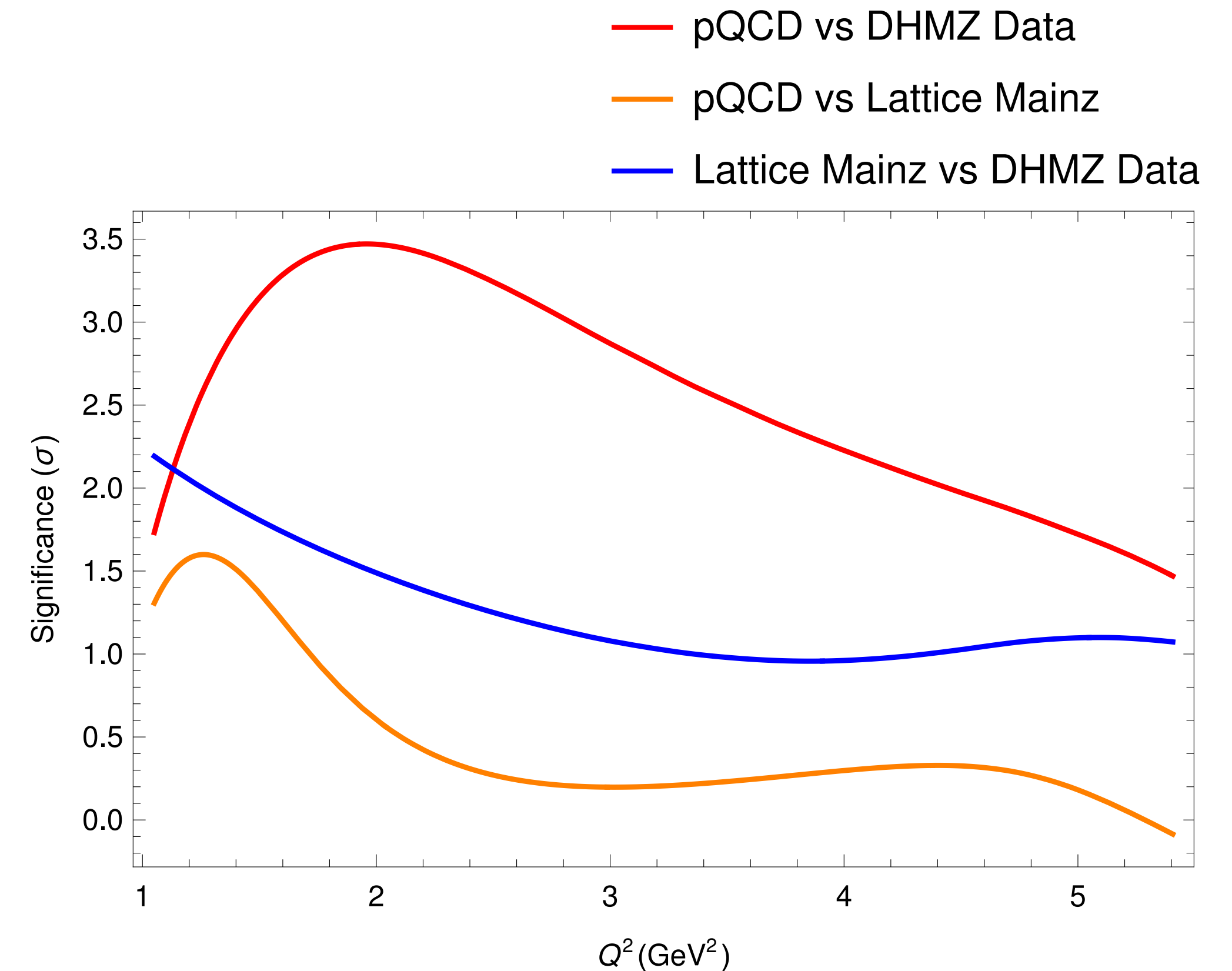
- Known in massive QCD perturbation theory at four loops
- Data-driven evaluation of $D(Q^2)$ via R -ratio:

$$D(Q^2) = Q^2 \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R(s)}{(s + Q^2)^2}$$

- Determine $D(Q^2)$ from lattice calculation of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(Q^2)$

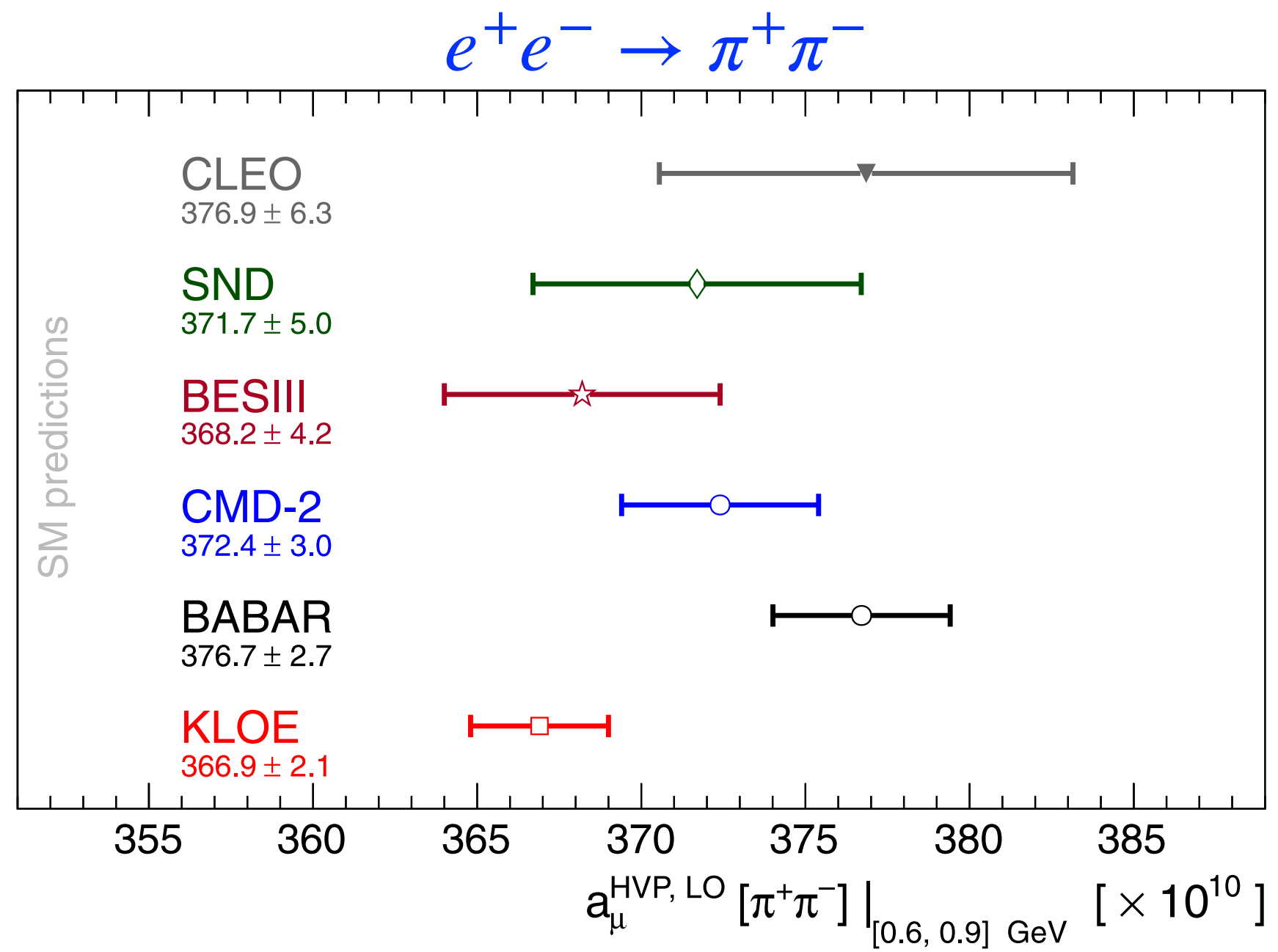
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Slight tension of $1-2\sigma$ between data-driven evaluation and QCD



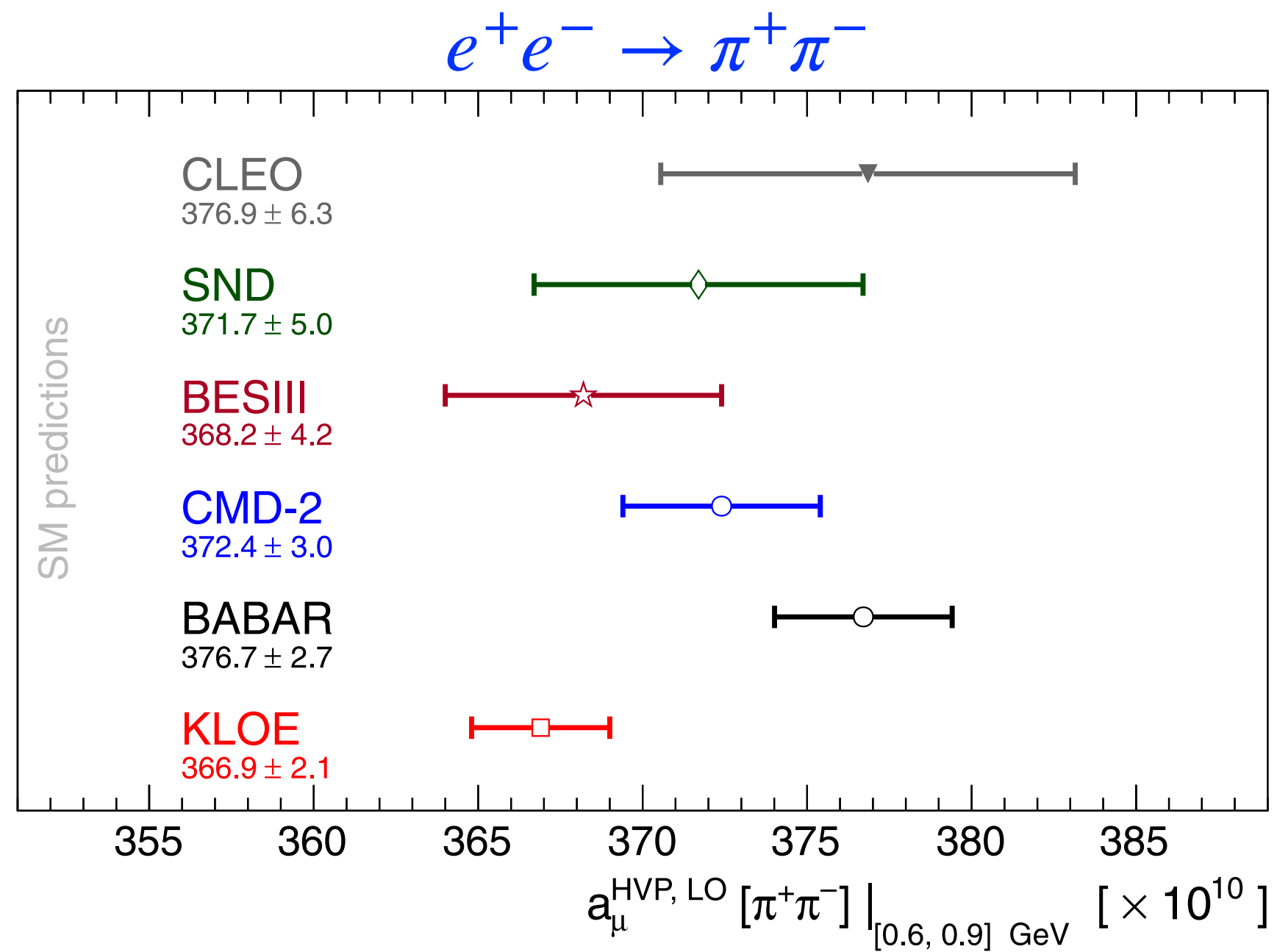
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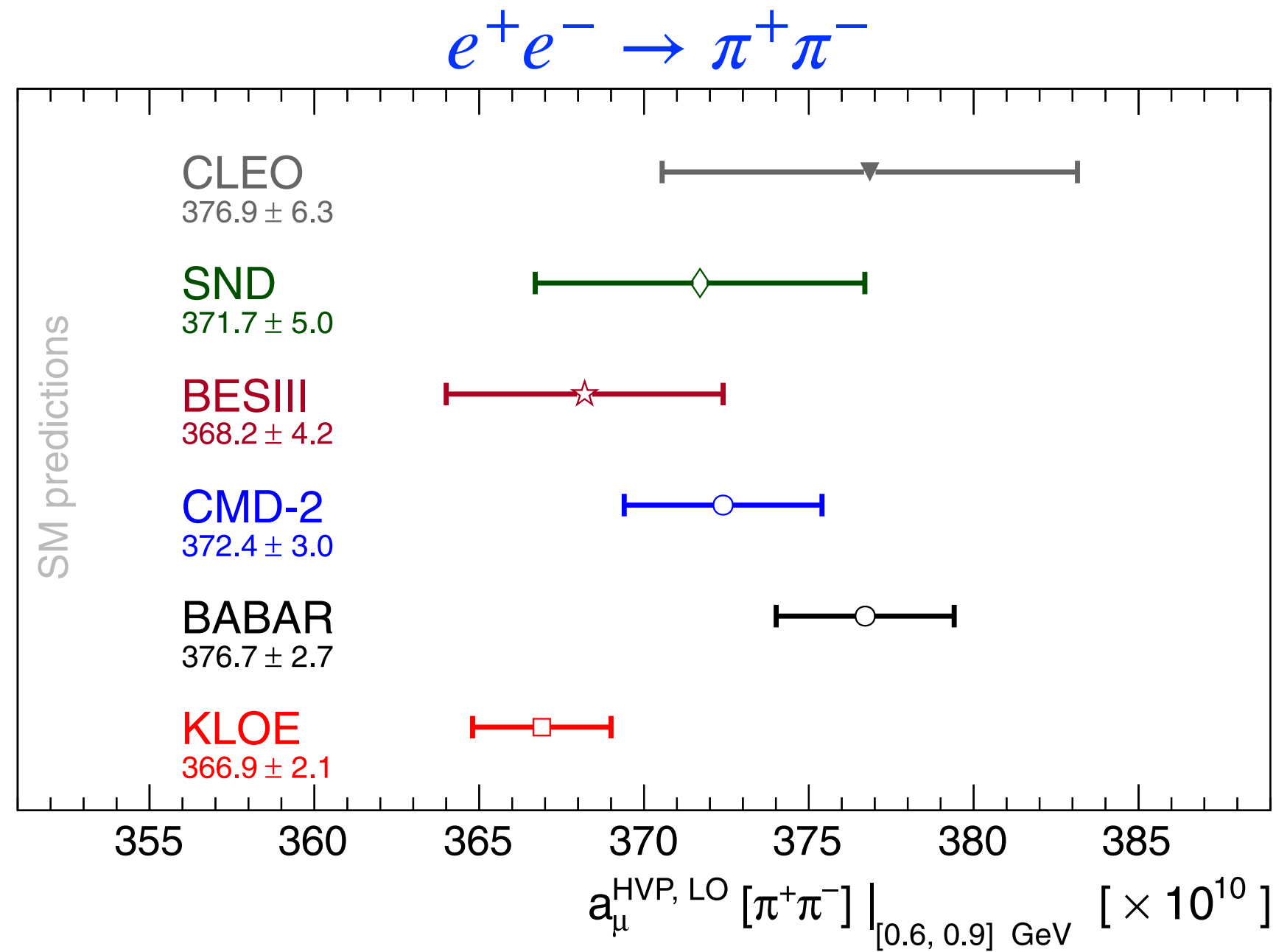


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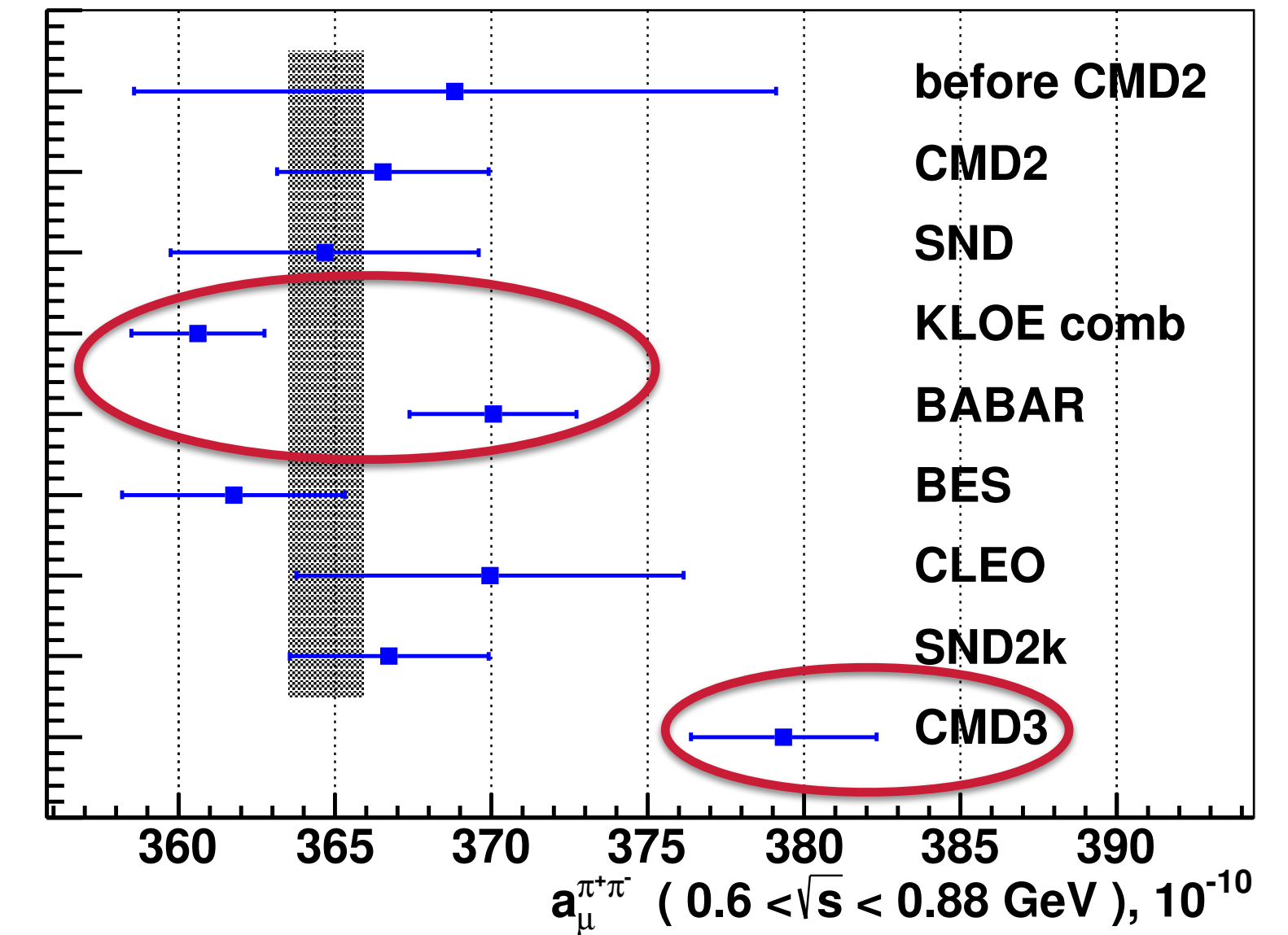


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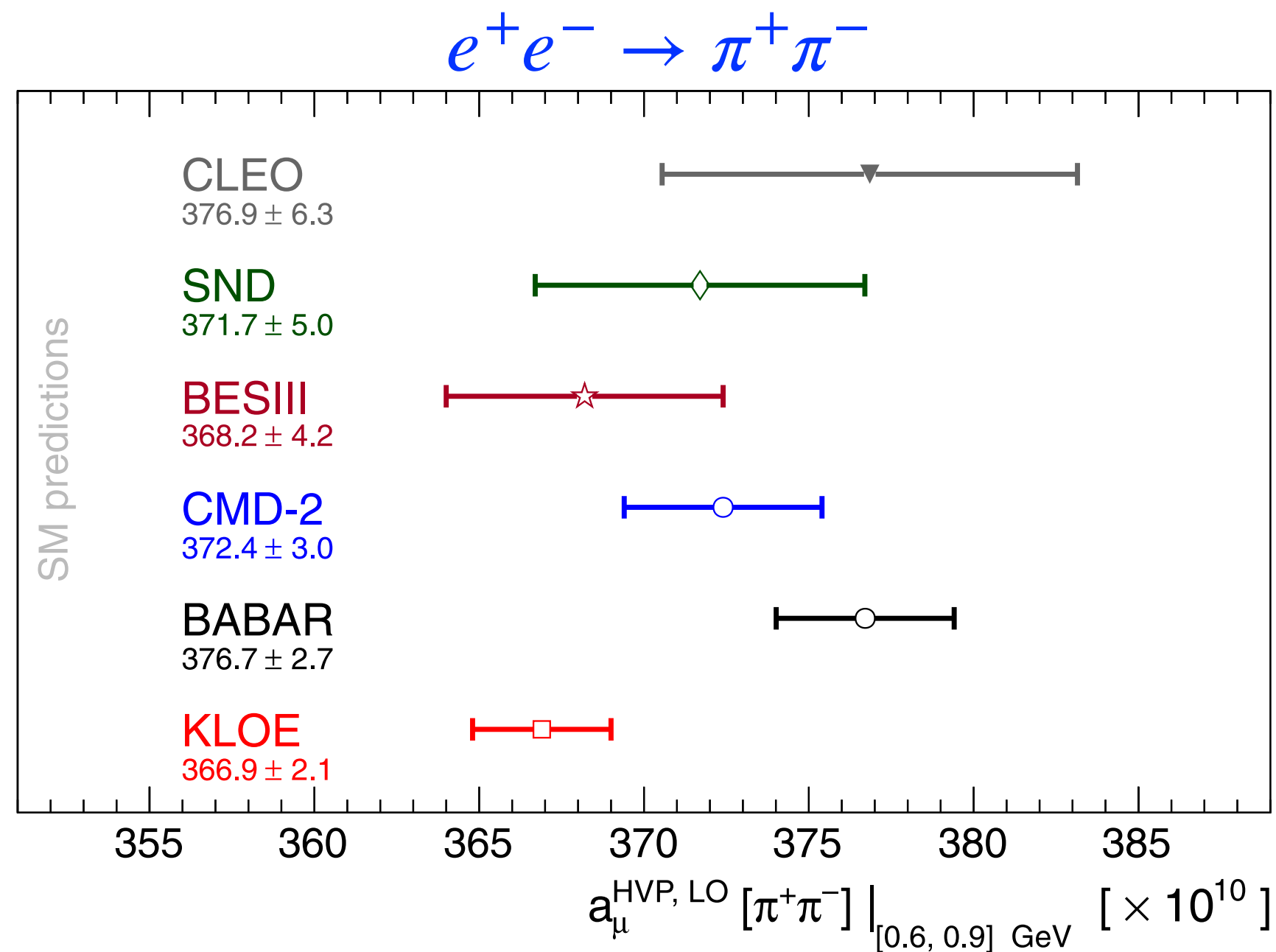
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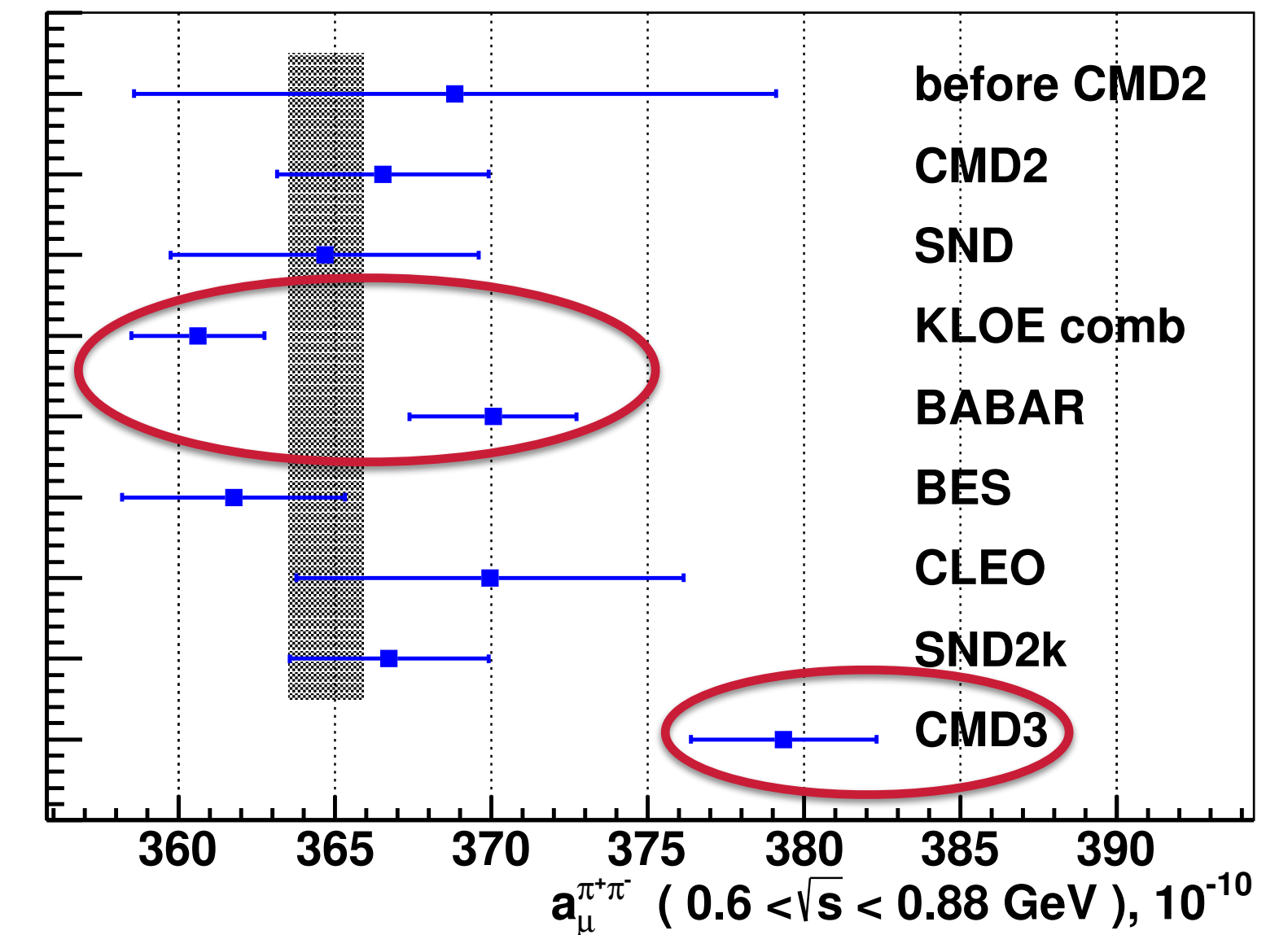


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(my own estimate)

Issues

Badly needed next steps

- Independent check of the HVP result by BMWc with comparable precision
 - in preparation
- Sort out the tension among e^+e^- cross section data
 - new analysis of BaBar data in progress; CMD-3 result is being scrutinised
- Clarify the role of τ -decay data as alternative to e^+e^-

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