

# Muon $g - 2$ theory

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# Overview

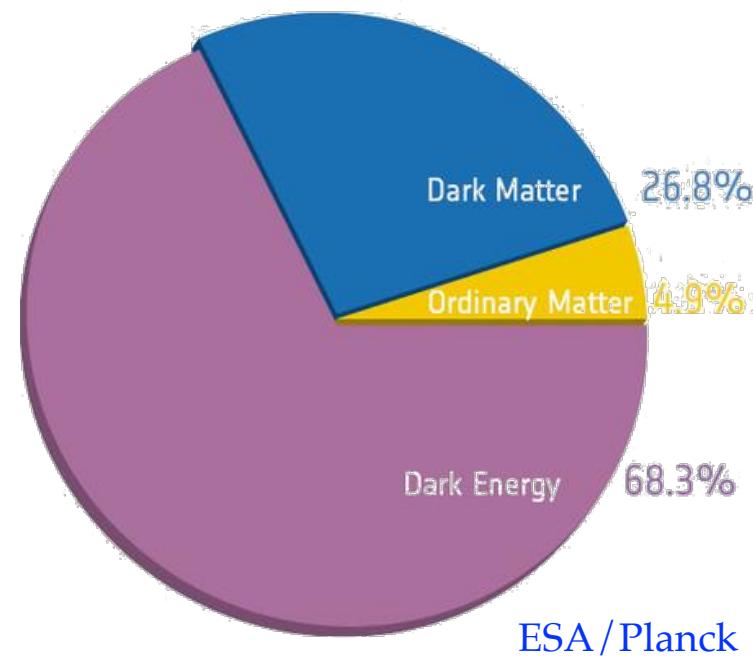
- $(g - 2)_\mu$  in the Standard Model
- hadronic vacuum polarisation (HVP)
- hadronic light-by-light (HLbL)
- conclusions and outlook

# Testing the Standard Model

SM describes electromagnetic, weak and strong interactions consistently in terms of renormalisable quantum field theory

While there are no ‘discovery’-level cracks in the SM there is ample phenomenological evidence of its limitations, e.g.

- dark matter and energy



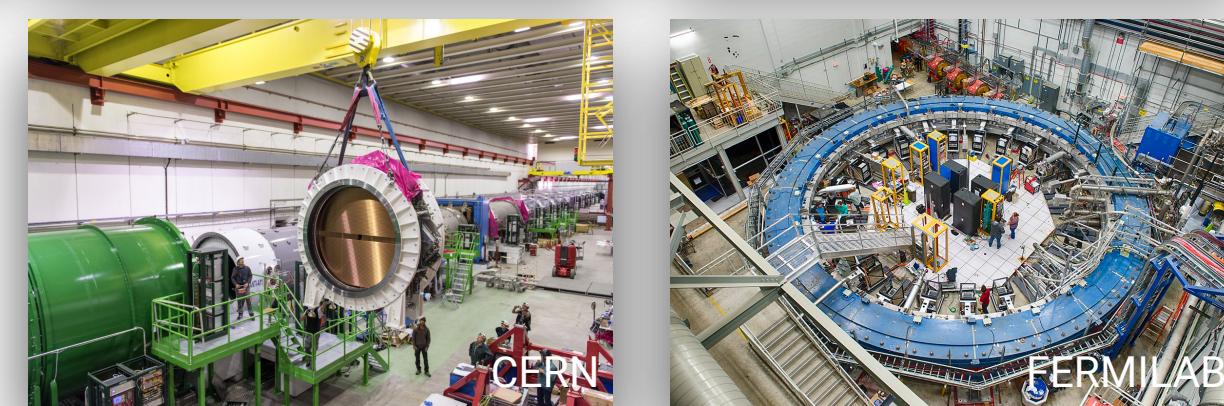
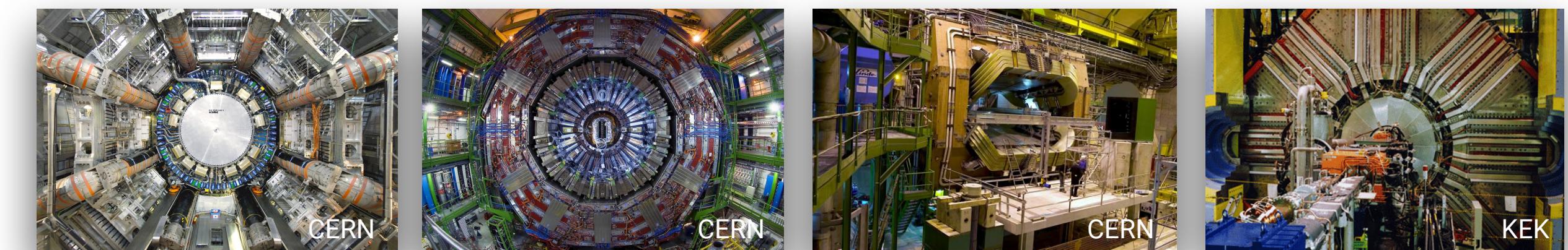
- matter-antimatter asymmetry



- particle hierarchy and couplings

We are frantically looking for signs of what could explain these:

- direct searches
- indirect searches



# Charged lepton magnetic moment

spin-1/2 particle

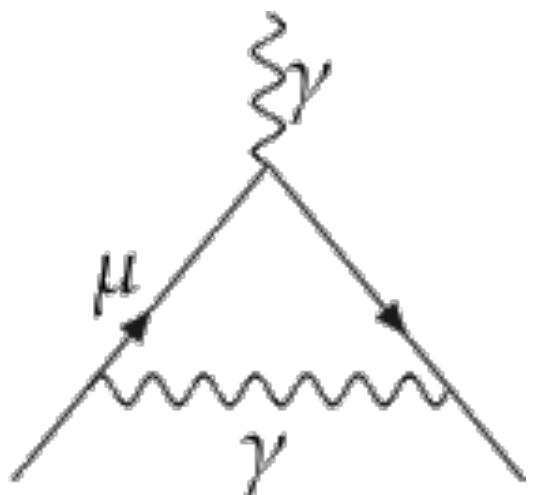
$$\vec{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2m_e} \vec{s} \quad g \approx 2$$



$$\langle l^-(p_2) | j_\mu^{\text{em}}(0) | l^-(p_1) \rangle = (-ie) \bar{u}(p_2) \Gamma^\mu(P, q) u(p_1)$$

$$\Gamma^\mu(P, q) = F_1(q^2) \gamma^\mu + F_2(q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m_l}$$

$$F_1(0) = 1 \quad F_2(0) = a_l = \frac{g - 2}{2}$$



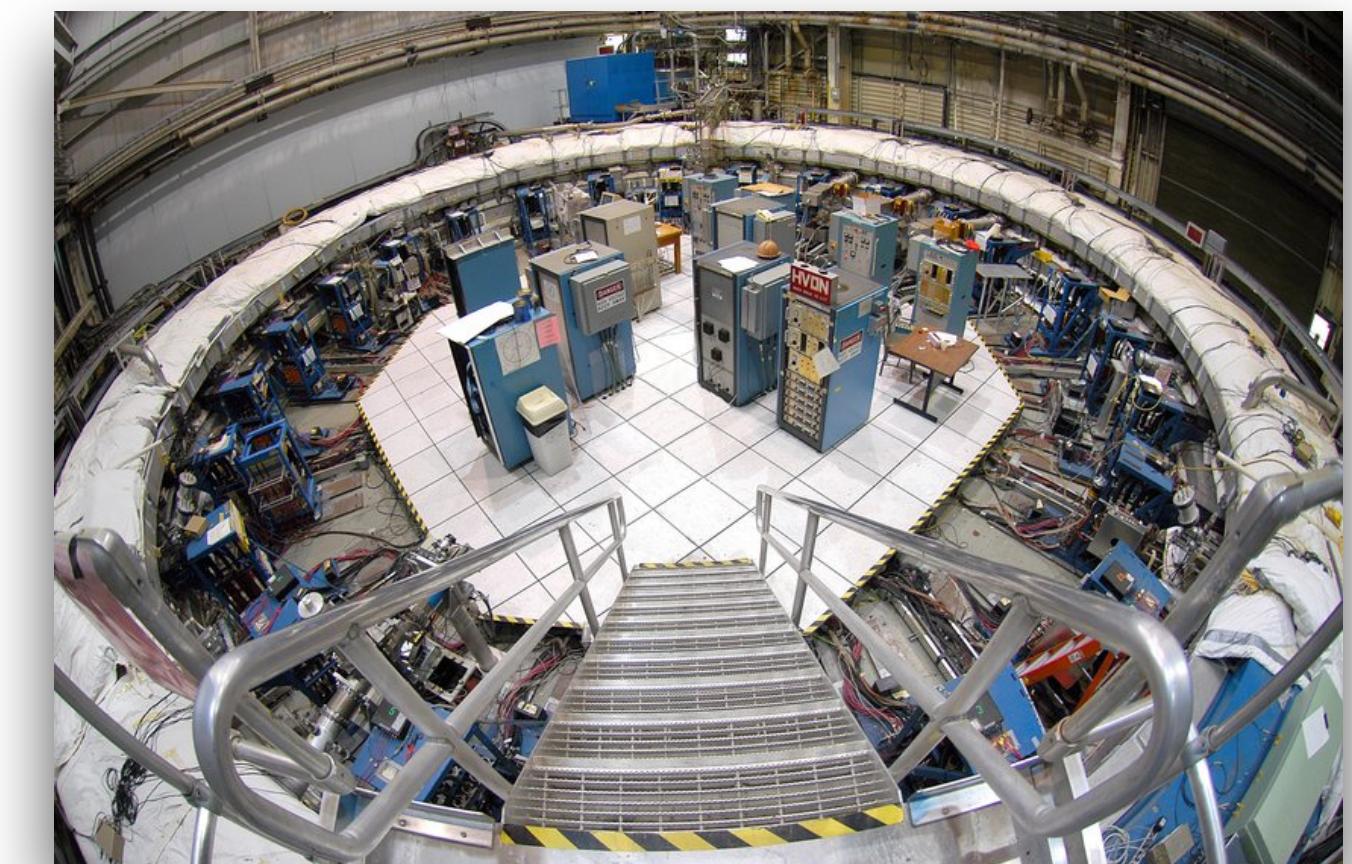
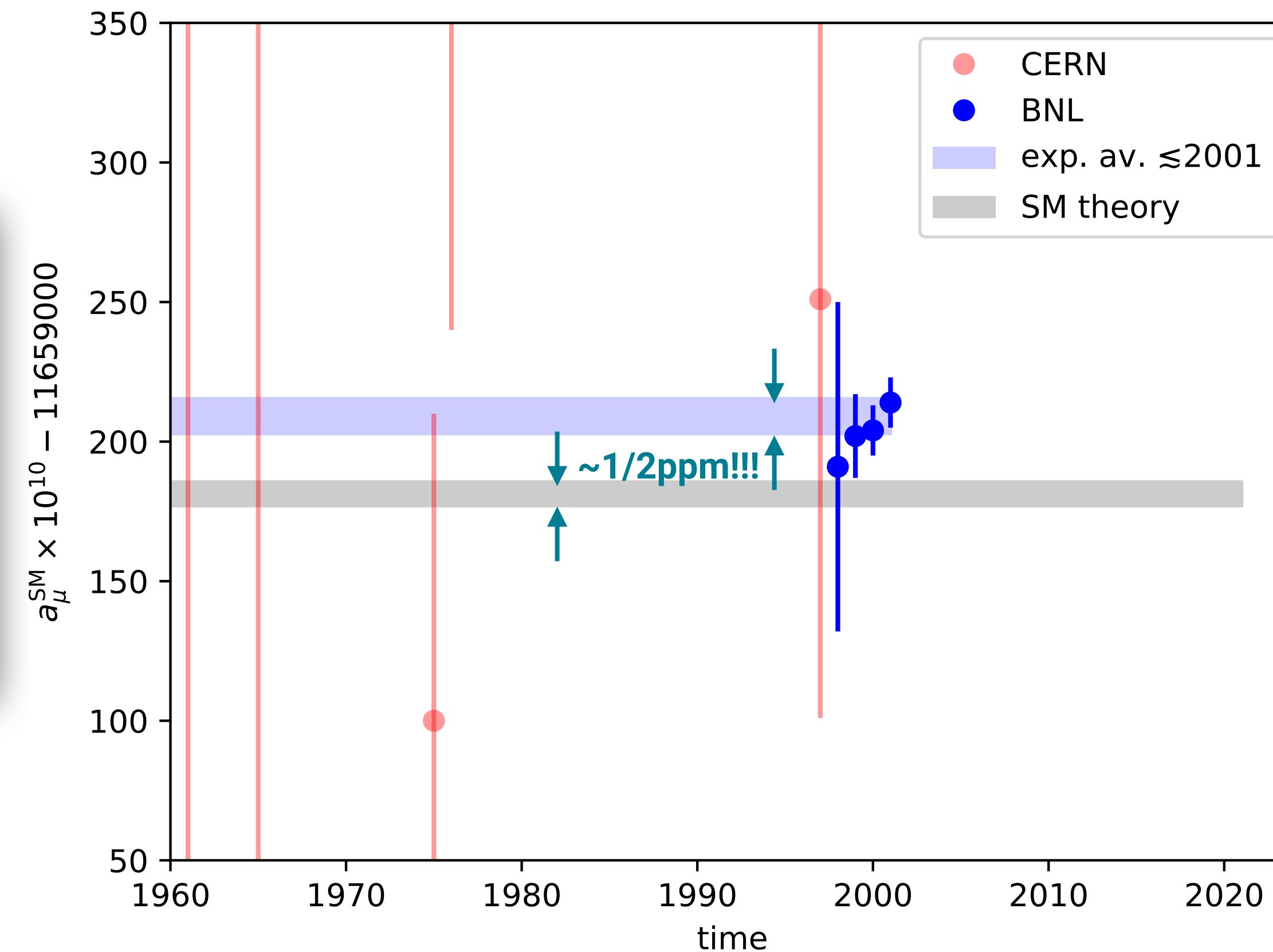
$$a_l = \frac{(g - 2)_l}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} = 0.0011614\dots \quad [\text{Schwinger (1948)}]$$

$a_l^{\text{NP}} \sim m_l^2/M_{\text{NP}}^2$  for  $l = e, \mu, \tau - \mu$  is sweet spot between sensitivity and feasibility

# Status – $a_\mu$ theory

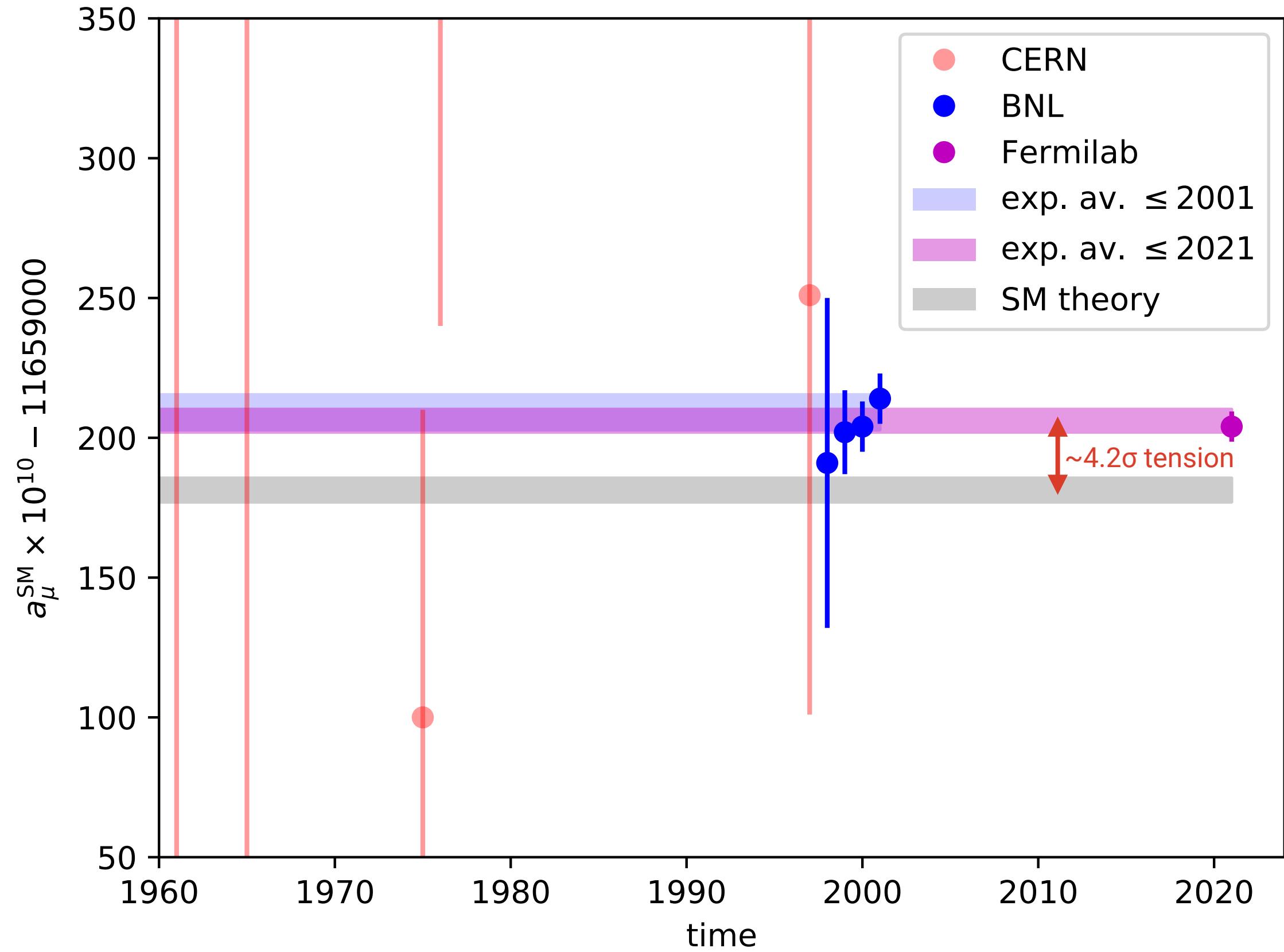
	$a_\mu \times 10^{10}$	$\delta a_\mu \times 10^{10}$	
QED 5-loops	11658471.893	0.10	[Aoyama et al. 12 Aoyama et al. 19]
EW 2-loops	15.4	0.1	[Gnendinger et al. 13]
QCD HVP	684.5	4.0	[g-2 Theory Initiative 20]
QCD LbL	9.2	1.8	[g-2 Theory Initiative 20]
SM TOTAL	11659181.0	4.3	[g-2 Theory Initiative 20]

# Status – $a_\mu$ experiment pre 2021



SM TOTAL	11659181.0	4.3	[g-2 Theory Initiative 20]
Experiment	11659209.1	6.3	[Muon g-2 collab 06]
th.-exp.	-28.1		0.54ppm
		$\sim 3.7\sigma$ tension	

# Status – Experiment

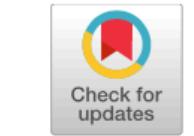


SM TOTAL	11659181.0	4.3	[g-2 Theory Initiative 20]	
Experiment	11659206.1	4.1	[historical average 21]	0.35ppm
th.-exp.	-25.1	5.9		$\sim 4.2\sigma$ tension

Fermilab's co-spokesperson Chris Polly:  
*"So far we have analysed less than 6% of the data that the experiment will eventually collect."*



## The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon in the Standard Model



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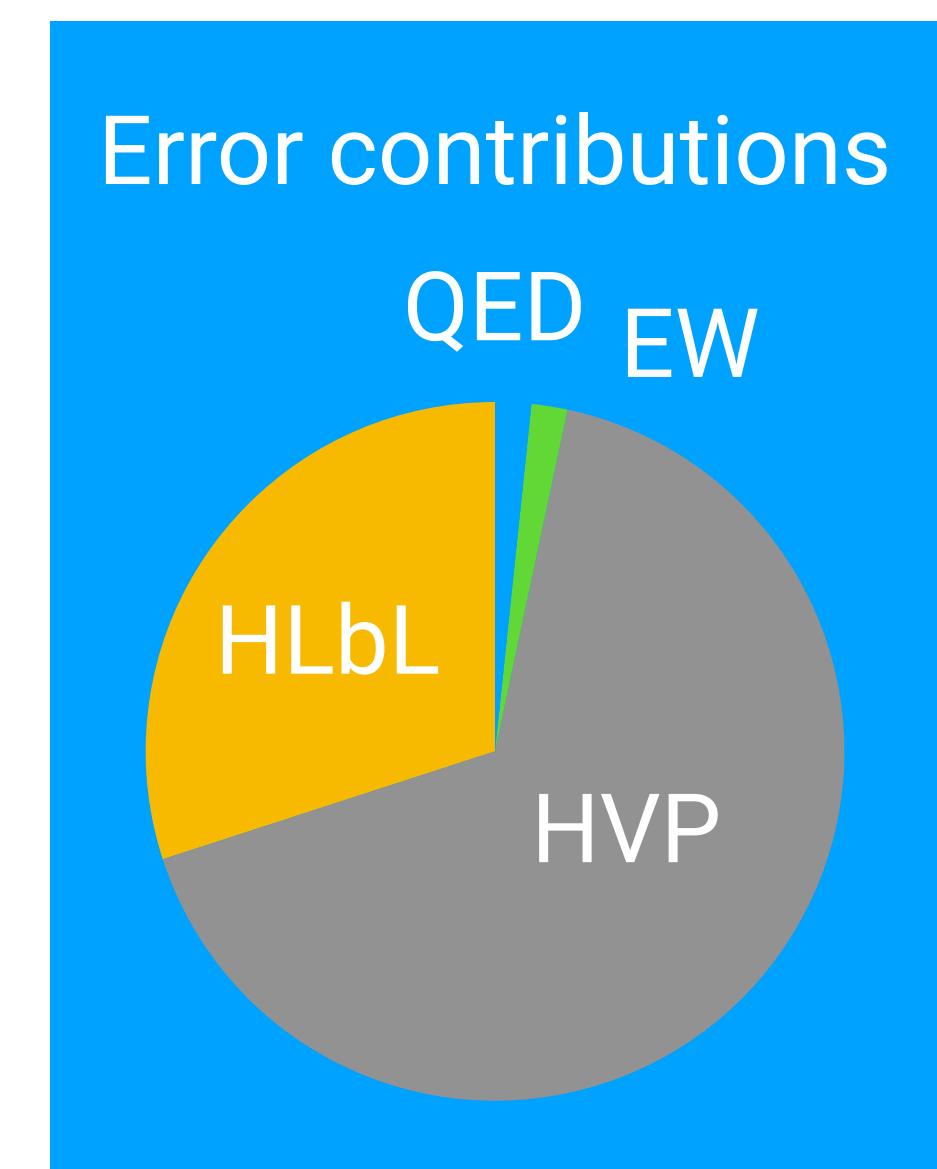
Contribution	Section	Equation	Value x 10 <sup>11</sup>	Citation Refs
Experimental average (E821+E989)		[updated]	116 592 061(41)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HVP LO ( $e^+e^-$ )	Sec. 2.3.7	Eq. (2.33)	6931(40)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HVP NLO ( $e^+e^-$ )	Sec. 2.3.8	Eq. (2.34)	-98.3(7)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HVP NNLO ( $e^+e^-$ )	Sec. 2.3.8	Eq. (2.35)	12.4(1)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HVP LO (lattice, <i>udsc</i> )	Sec. 3.5.1	Eq. (3.49)	7116(184)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HLbL (phenomenology)	Sec. 4.9.4	Eq. (4.92)	92(19)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HLbL NLO (phenomenology)	Sec. 4.8	Eq. (4.91)	2(1)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HLbL (lattice, <i>uds</i> )	Sec. 5.7	Eq. (5.49)	79(35)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HLbL (phenomenology + lattice)	Sec. 8	Eq. (8.10)	90(17)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
QED	Sec. 6.5	Eq. (6.30)	116 584 718.931(104)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
Electroweak	Sec. 7.4	Eq. (7.16)	153.6(1.0)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HVP ( $e^+e^-$ , LO + NLO + NNLO)	Sec. 8	Eq. (8.5)	6845(40)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
HLbL (phenomenology + lattice + NLO)	Sec. 8	Eq. (8.11)	92(18)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
Total SM Value	Sec. 8	Eq. (8.12)	116 591 810(43)	<a href="#">bib</a> , <a href="#">cite</a>
Difference: $\Delta a_\mu := a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}$	Sec. 8	[updated]	251(59)	

# Theory – dominant errors

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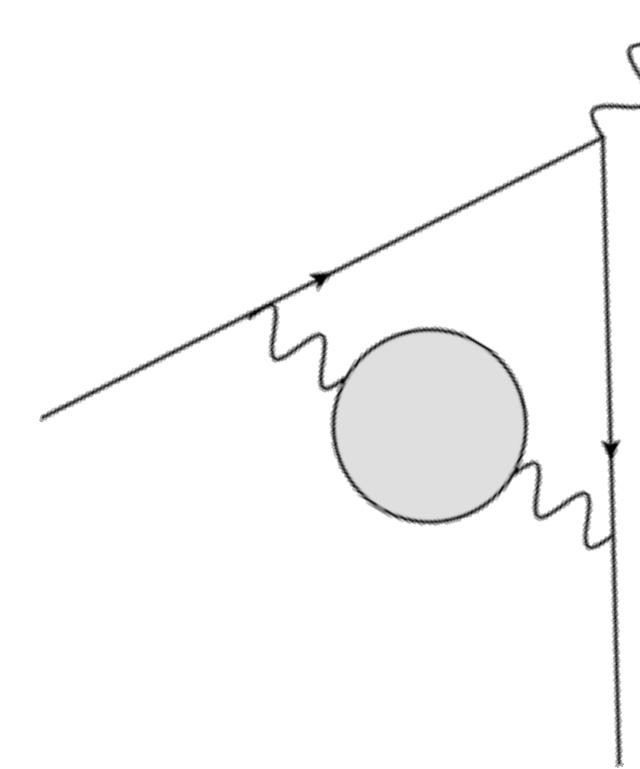
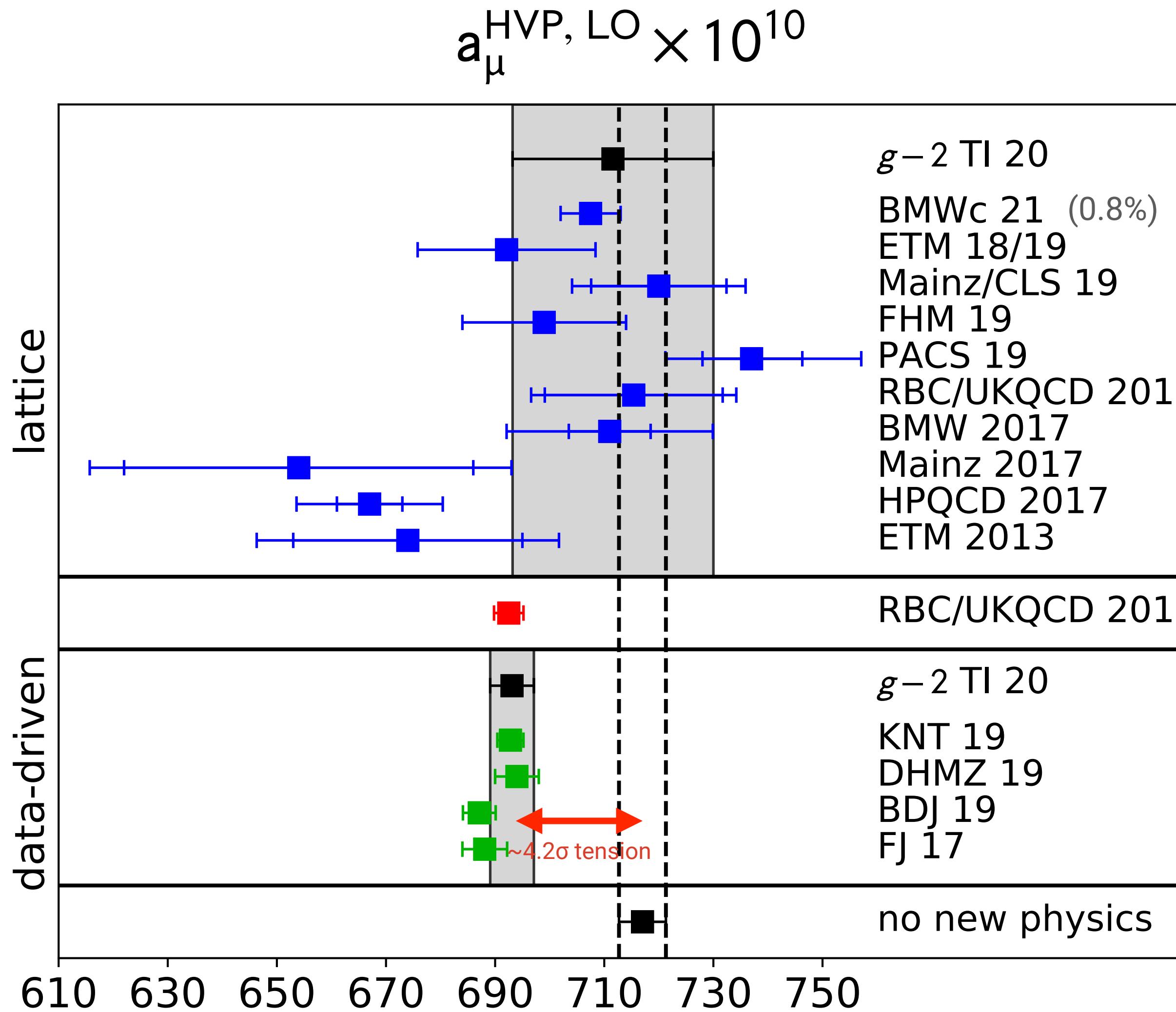
$O(\alpha^2)$ , known <1%, dominates total uncertainty

$O(\alpha^3)$ , known ~ 20 % 2nd largest uncertainty



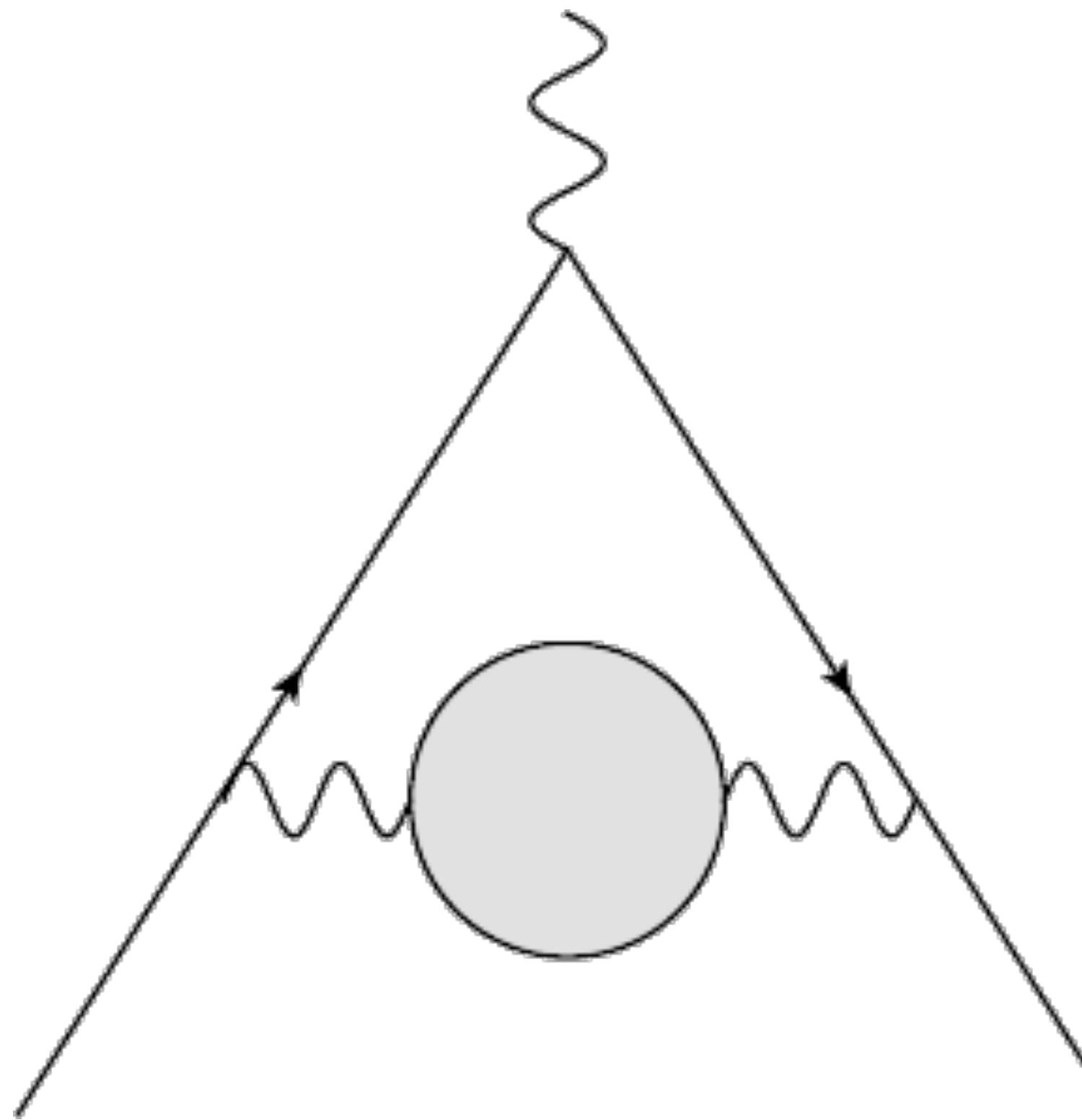
Theory needs to improve on hadronic contributions!

# HVP status



- $a_\mu^{\text{SM}} \approx a_\mu^{\text{EW}} + a_\mu^{\text{QED}} + a_\mu^{\text{QCD}}$   
 $a_\mu^{\text{QCD}} = a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}} + a_\mu^{\text{HVP, NLO}} + \dots + a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} + \dots$
- “no new physics” – HVP value required to bring experiment an SM into agreement
- most precise determination data-driven (experimental data + dispersion theory)
- huge Lattice-QCD activity – catching up
- **precision goal 0.1%**

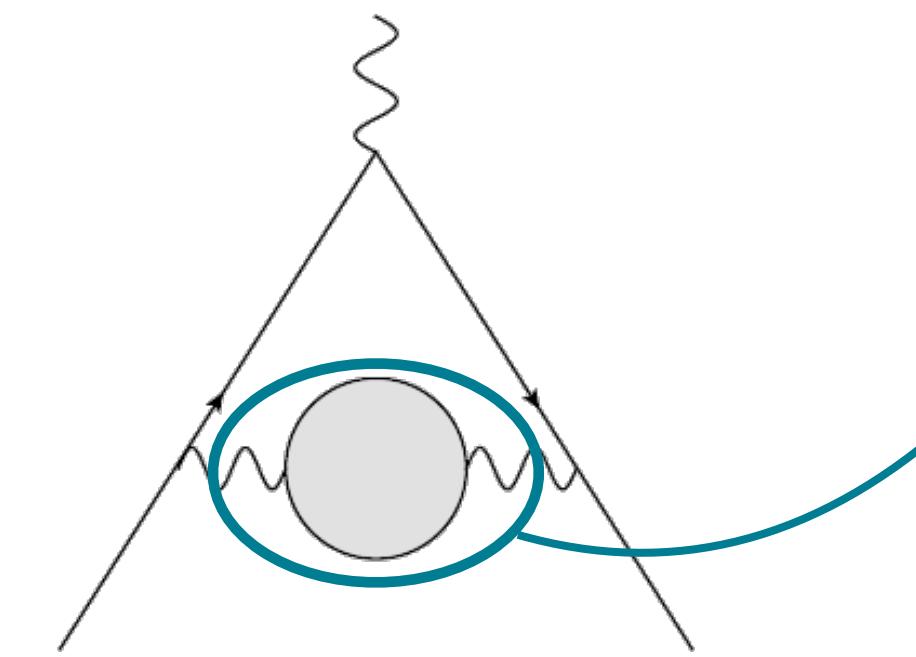
# LO HVP in the SM



**data-driven predictions**

# LO-HVP contribution

hadronic ‘blob’ given  
by vacuum-polarisation  
tensor



$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q^2) &= ie^2 \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x) j_\nu^{\text{em}}(0) | 0 \rangle \\ &= (q_\mu q_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} q^2) \Pi(q^2)\end{aligned}$$

analyticity

$$\Pi(q^2) - \Pi(0) = \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s)}{s(s - q^2 - i\epsilon)}$$

unitarity  
(optical theorem)

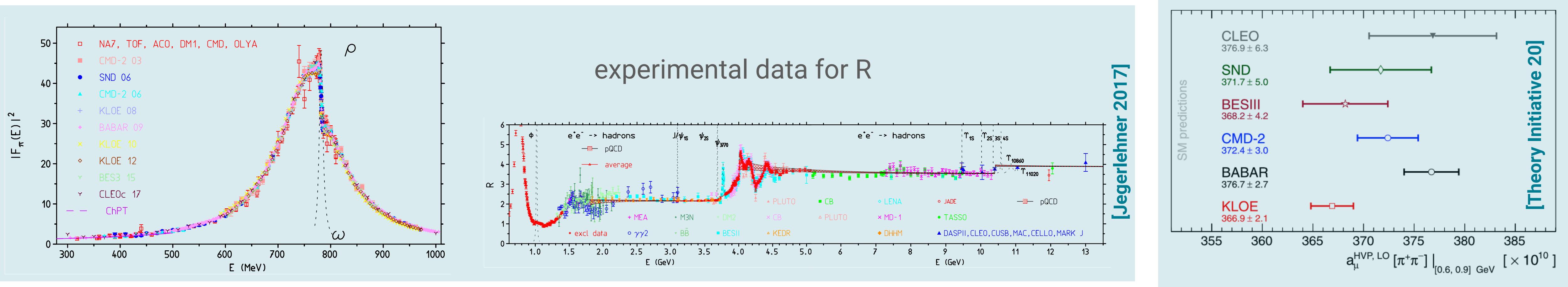
$$\text{Im}\Pi(s) = \frac{s}{4\pi\alpha(s)} \sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) = \frac{\alpha(s)}{3} R_{\text{had}}(s)$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}} = \left( \frac{am_\mu}{3\pi} \right)^2 \int_{4m_\pi^2}^\infty ds \frac{\hat{K}(s) R_{\text{had}}(s)}{s^2}$$

[Bouchiat, Michel 1961]  
[Durand 1962, 1963]  
[Gourdin, De Rafael 1969]

$$\begin{aligned}j_\mu^{\text{em}} &= \frac{2}{3}\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3}\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}\gamma_\mu s \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{3}\bar{c}\gamma_\mu c - \frac{1}{3}\bar{b}\gamma_\mu b\end{aligned}$$

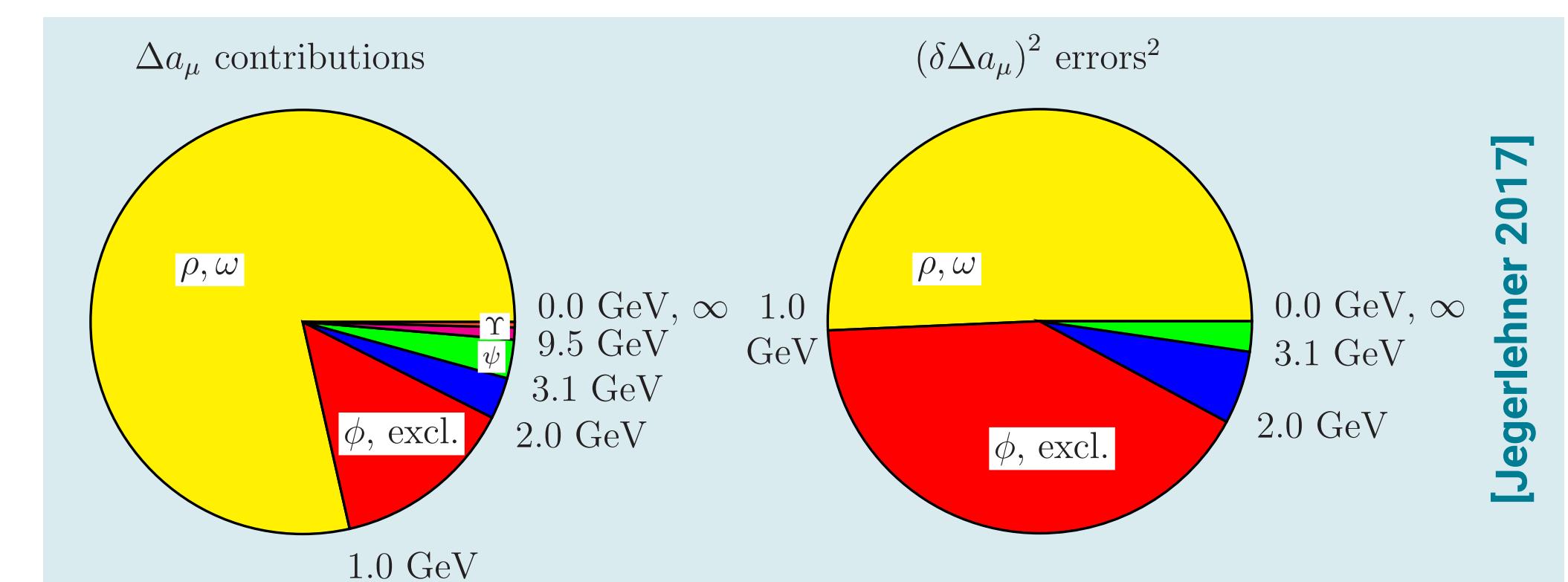
# LO-HVP contribution



- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ : BaBar, BESIII, CMD2/3, KLOE2, SND
- energy scan or radiative return
- loads of structure in  $R$
- dominated by  $\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow \rho$  peak ( $\sim 3/4$ , some tension in ISR data between KLOE and BABAR)
- different analysis techniques

$$a_\mu^{\text{LO HVP}} = \left( \frac{am_\mu}{3\pi} \right)^2 \left( \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{E_{\text{cut}}^2} ds \frac{\hat{K}(s) R_{\text{had}}^{\text{data}}(s)}{s^2} + \int_{E_{\text{cut}}^2}^\infty ds \frac{\hat{K}(s) R_{\text{had}}^{\text{pQCD}}(s)}{s^2} \right)$$

$\sqrt{s} \lesssim 2\text{GeV}$  exclusive channels  
 $\sqrt{s} > 2\text{GeV}$  inclusive channels, PT



# LO-HVP contribution

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$688.1(4.1) \cdot 10^{-10}$

[FJ 17]

$687.1(3.0) \cdot 10^{-10}$

[BDJ 19]

$694.0(4.0) \cdot 10^{-10}$

[DHMZ 19]

$692.8(2.4) \cdot 10^{-10}$

[KNT 19]

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[TI 20]

Mixture of

- fit to data/discrete integration
- MC or correlated fits for data combination
- help from EFT

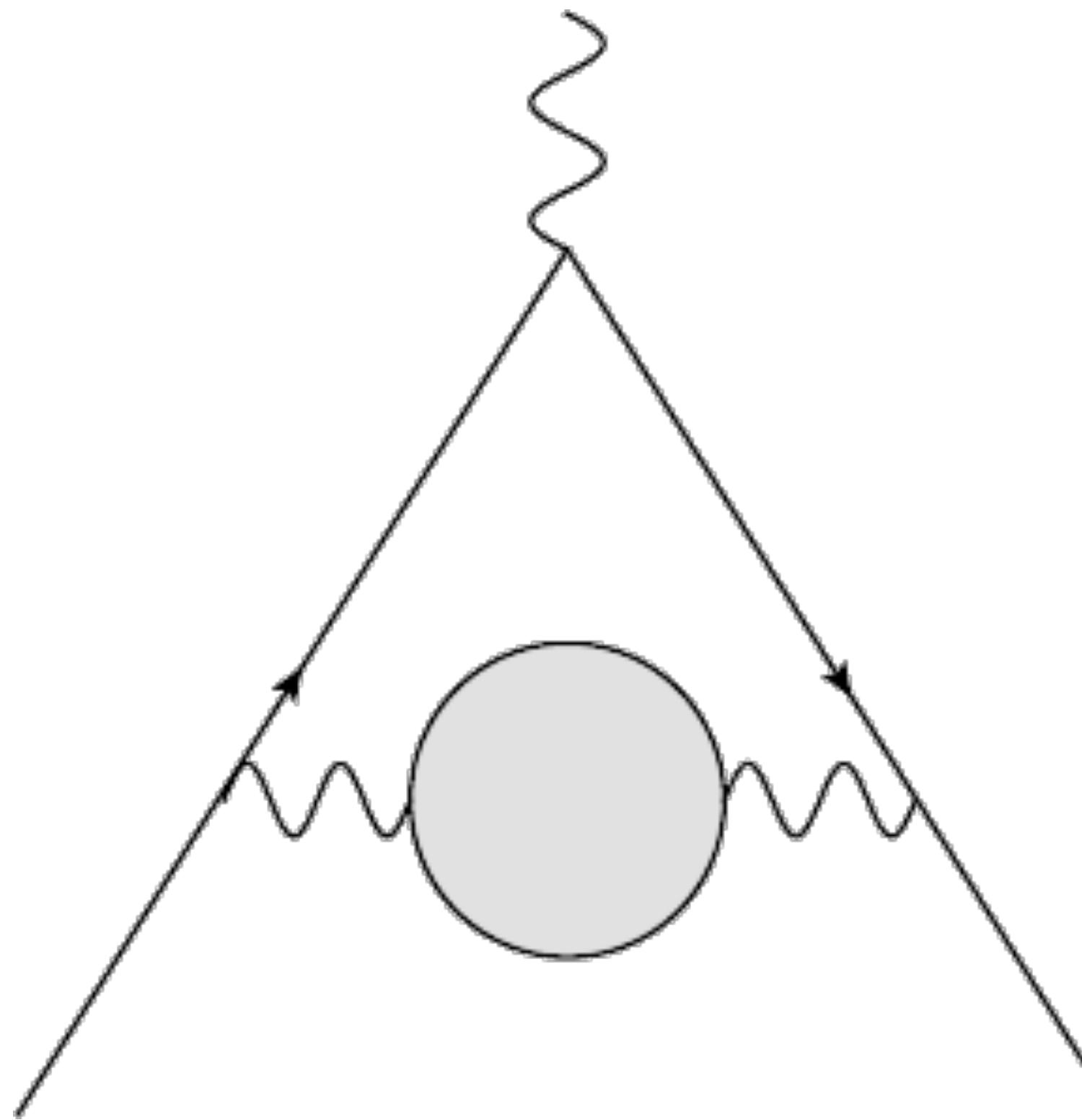
( $\sim 0.6\%$ )



TI result is ‘merged’ from DHMZ 19  
and KNT 19 plus analyticity and unitarity  
for  $2\pi$  and  $3\pi$

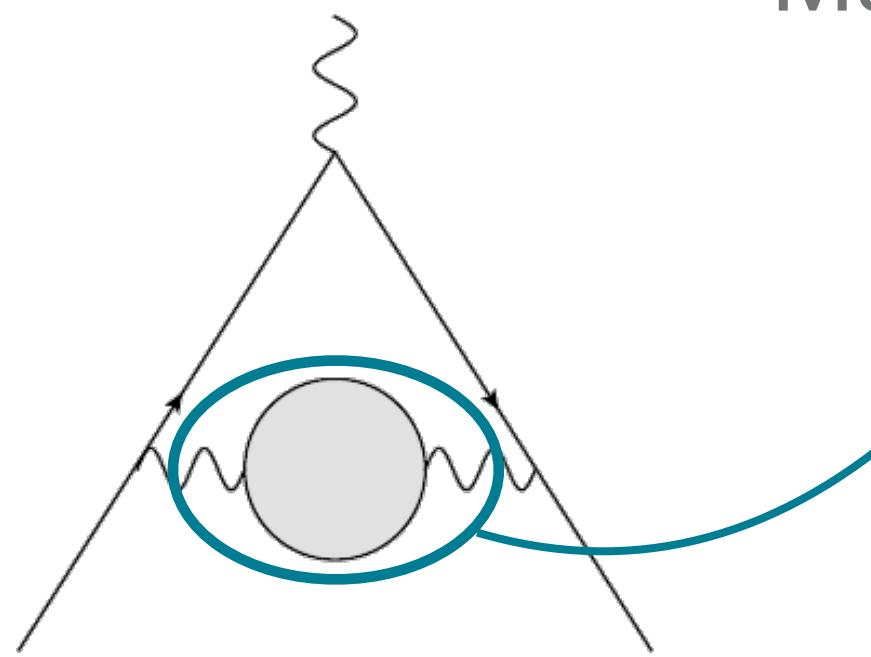
- different data analysis leads to different systematics / error estimates
- tensions in individual channels cancel in the sum
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$  current precision on LO HVP <1%
- Future prospects: MUonE, BABAR (new analysis), SND-3, CMD-3, BESIII, Belle II

# LO HVP in the SM



**lattice-QCD predictions**

# LO HVP on the lattice



Master equation:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) = a^4 \sum_x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x) j_\nu^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle = (\hat{Q}_\mu \hat{Q}_\nu - \delta_{\mu\nu} \hat{Q}^2) \Pi(Q^2) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} j_\mu^{\text{em}} = & \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s \\ & + \frac{2}{3} \bar{c} \gamma_\mu c - \frac{1}{3} \bar{b} \gamma_\mu b \end{aligned}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{LO HVP}} = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dQ^2 K_E(Q^2) [\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0)] \quad [\text{Blum 2003}]$$

Naively computing  $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q^2)$  is a text book exercise in lattice QCD – but doing it correctly and at the **sub-%-level precision for  $a_\mu$  is very hard**

# Lattice QCD

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_f) \psi_f$$

Free parameters:

- gauge coupling  $g \rightarrow a_s = g^2/4\pi$
- quark masses  $m_f = u, d, s, c, b, t$

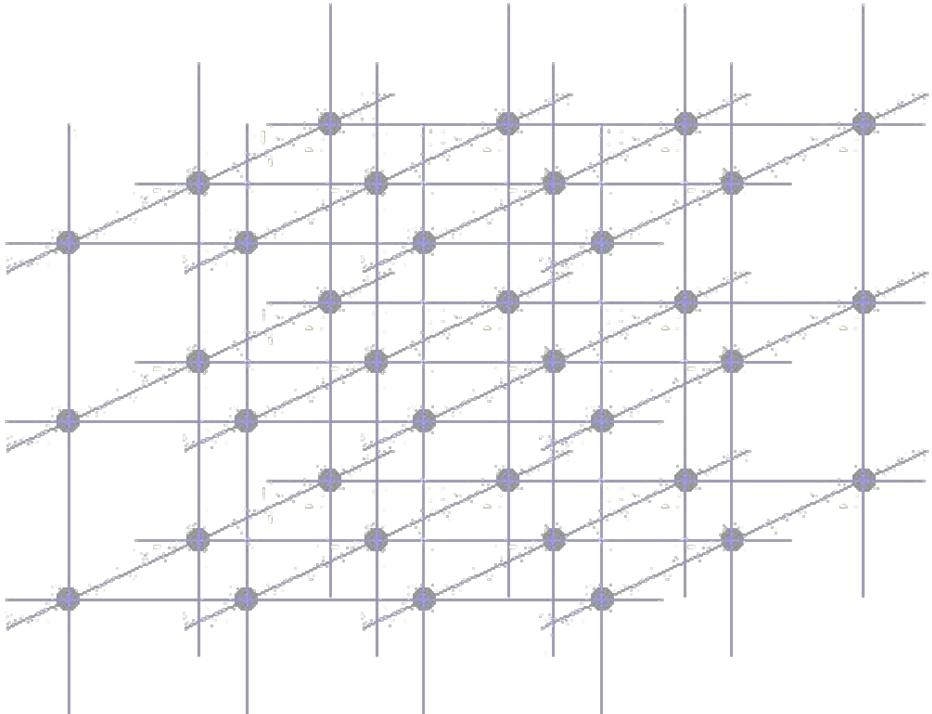
- Lagrangian of massless gluons and *almost massless quarks*
- What experiment sees are bound states, e.g.  $m_\pi, m_P \gg m_{u,d}$
- Underlying physics non-perturbative

Path integral quantisation:

$$\langle 0|O|0\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}] O e^{-iS_{\text{lat}}[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]}$$

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Euclidean space-time  
Boltzmann factor



finite volume, space-time grid (IR and UV regulators)

$$\propto L^{-1} \propto a^{-1}$$

- Well defined, finite dimensional Euclidean path integral
- From first principles, solve via MCMC

# Advertisement:

# Flavour Lattice Averaging Group

“What’s currently the best lattice value for a particular quantity?”

**FLAG-1** ([Eur. Phys. J. C71 \(2011\) 1695](#))

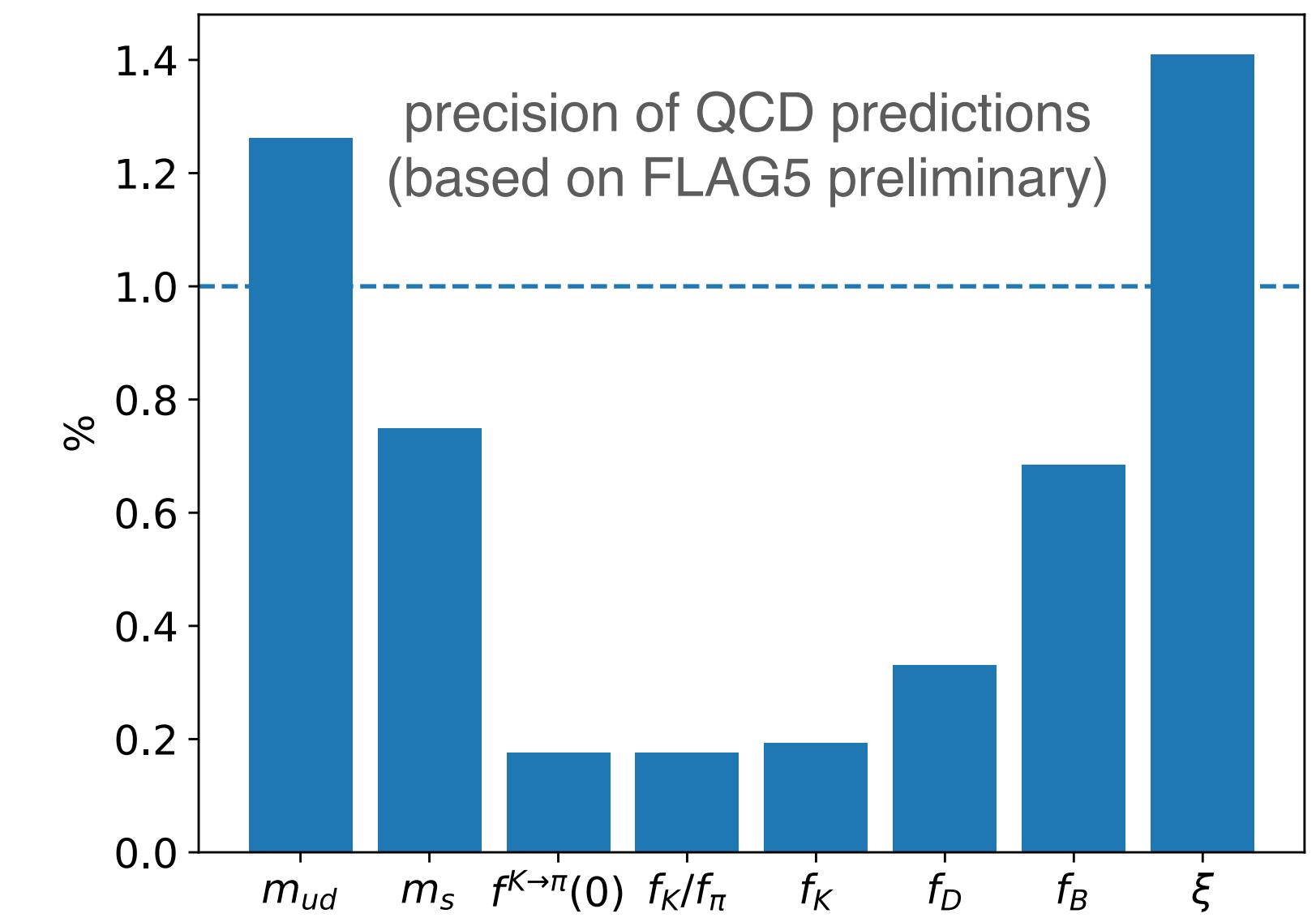
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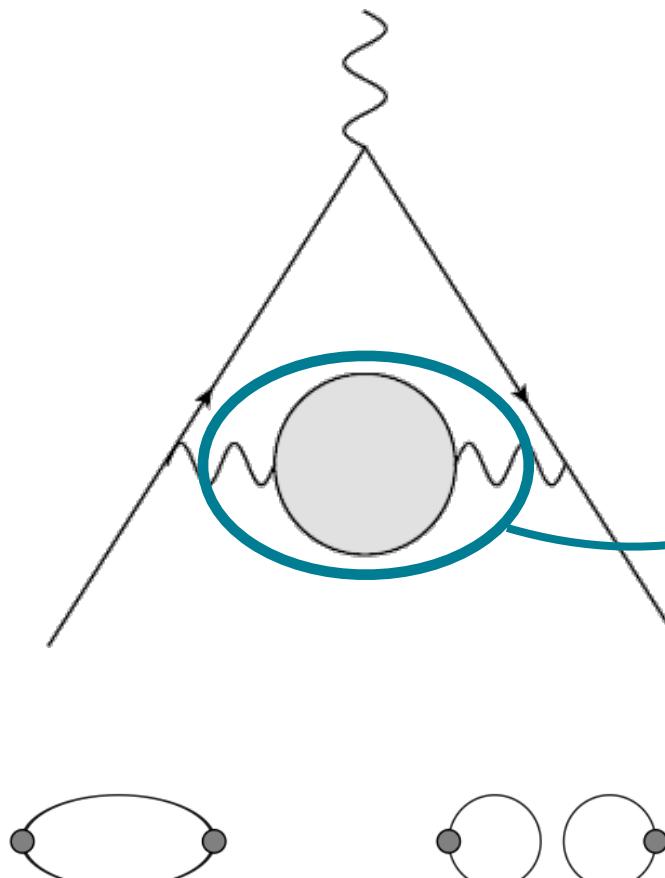
**FLAG-5** ([arXiv:2111.09849](#) , [http://itpwiki.unibe.ch/flag/](#) )

quark masses  
low-energy constants  
bottom hadron decay constants  
bottom hadron form factors  
bottom hadron mixing  
nucleon matrix elements  
strong coupling constant  
lattice scale setting  
kaon mixing  
hadronic kaon decay  
charm hadron decay constants  
charm hadron form factors  
pion-pion scattering  
pion-kaon scattering  
kaon-kaon scattering



- summary of results
  - evaluation according to FLAG quality criteria (colour coding)
  - averages of best values where possible
  - detailed summary of properties of individual simulations

# LO HVP on the lattice



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[Blum 2003]

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}(\alpha^2) = a_{\mu, \text{conn}}^{\text{HVP, LO}} + a_{\mu, \text{disc}}^{\text{HVP, LO}}$$

$$a_{\mu, \text{conn}}^{\text{HVP, LO}} = a_{\mu, \text{conn}}^{\text{HVP, LO}}(ud) + a_{\mu, \text{conn}}^{\text{HVP, LO}}(s) + a_{\mu, \text{conn}}^{\text{HVP, LO}}(c) + a_{\mu, \text{conn}}^{\text{HVP, LO}}(b)$$

QCD

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}} = a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}(\alpha^2) + \delta a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$$

QCD+QED+SIB

Modular calculation:

- different flavours – different systematics
- each component has individual continuum and infinite-volume limit → can be computed individually
- by far **dominant contribution**: *ud connected*



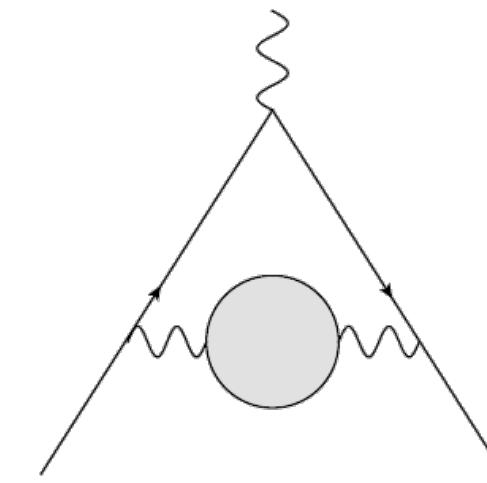
# HVP on the Lattice: Challenges

- noise reduction
- scale determination
- QED and strong IB effects
- infinite-volume & continuum extrapolation

# Signal-to-noise

Statistical noise from Markov-Chain Monte Carlo:

$$C(t) \equiv \Pi_{ii}(t, \vec{0}) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle j_i^{\text{em}}(\vec{x}, t) j_i^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle$$



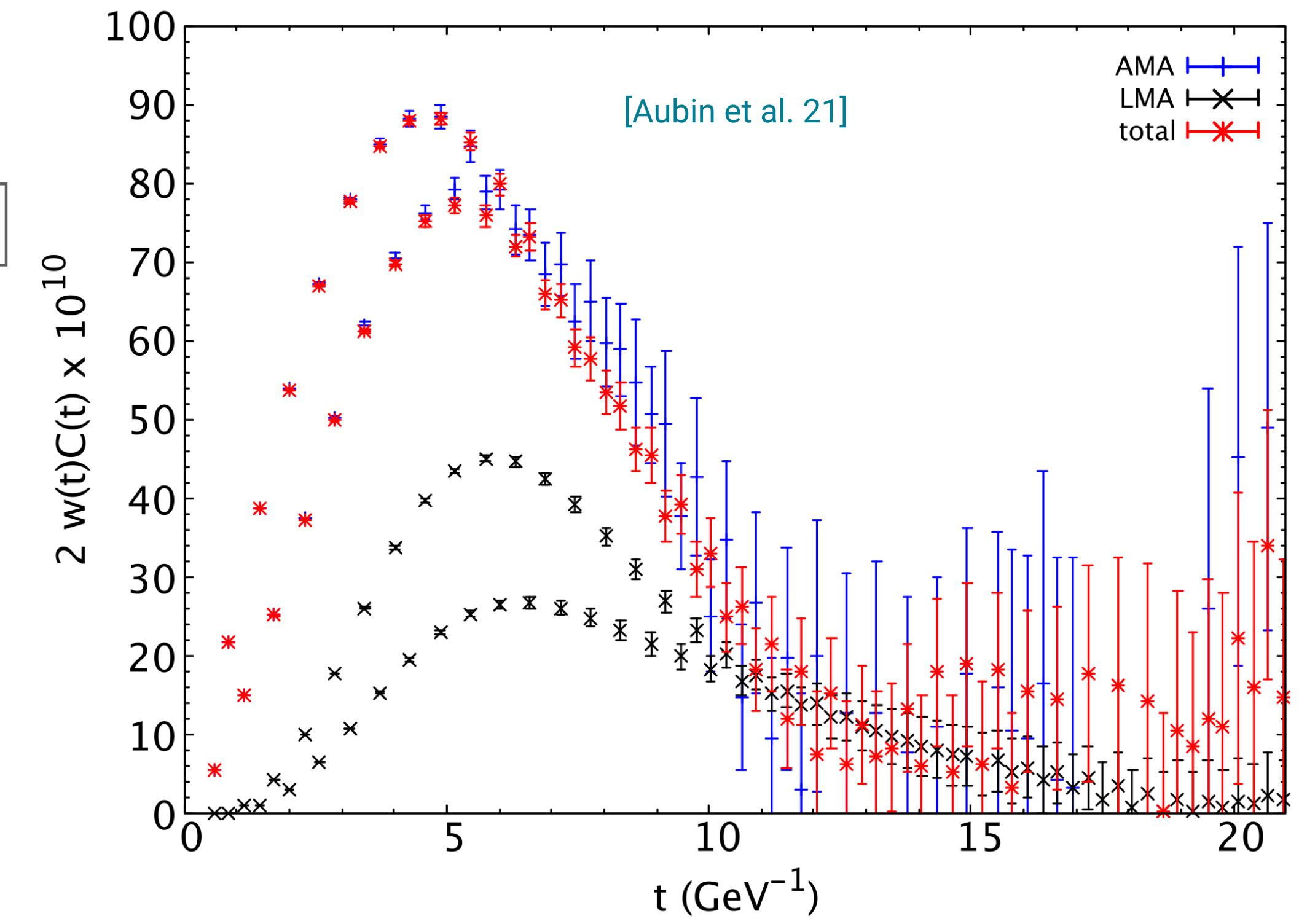
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$$= \sum_t w_t C(t) \quad [\text{Bernecker, Meyer 11}]$$

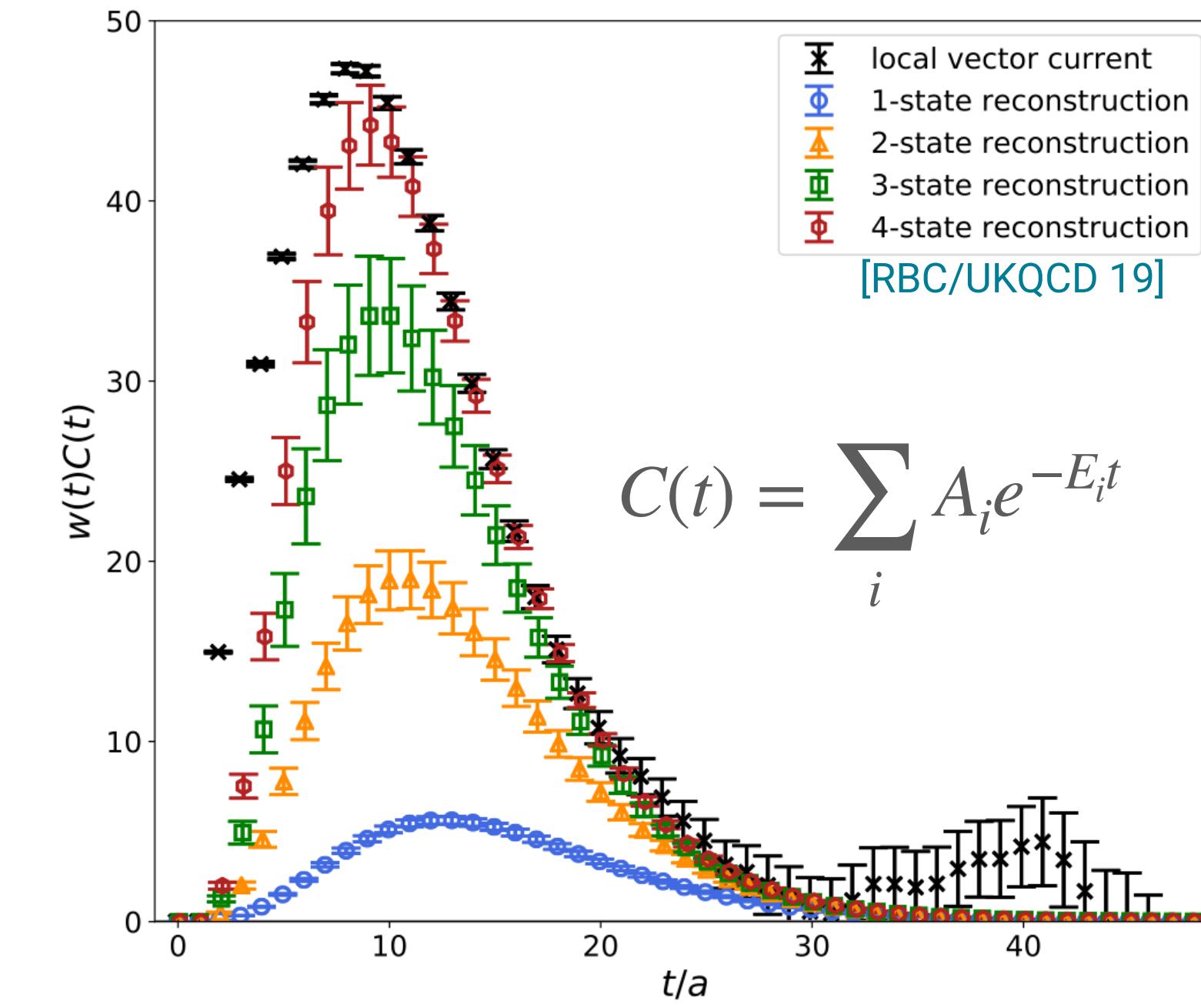
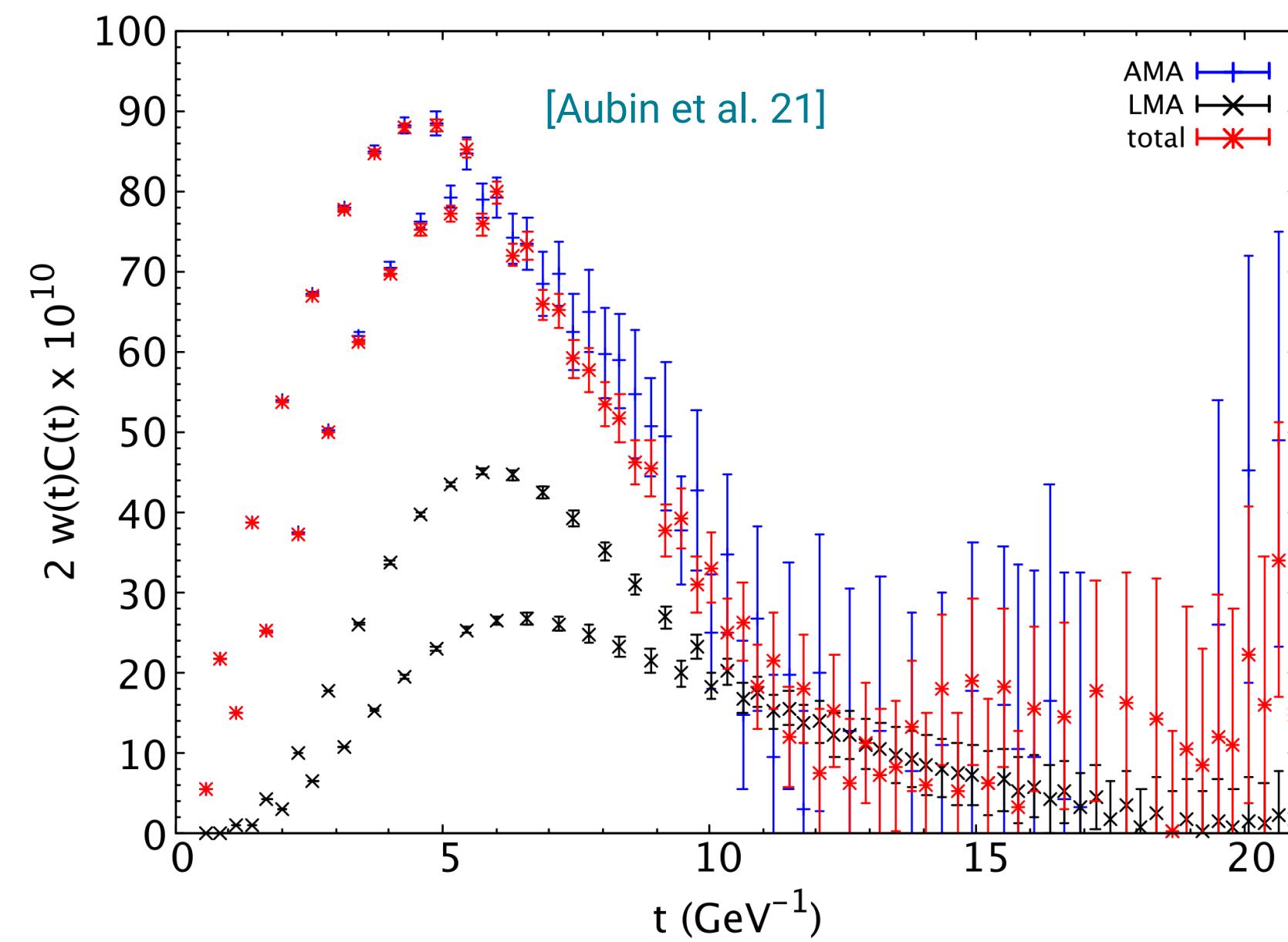
Signal-to-noise

$$\frac{C^2(t)}{\sigma^2(t)} = \frac{C^2(t)}{\langle (j_i^{\text{em}}(t) j_i^{\text{em}}(0))^2 \rangle - C(t)^2} \underset{\text{large } t}{\sim} e^{-2(m_\rho - m_\pi)t}$$

[Parisi 84, Lepage 89]



# Signal-to-noise ratio



- Statistical error  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$  is mostly from light quarks at  $t \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ fm}$
- More statistics
- Noise reduction techniques (low-mode averaging, multi-level, all-to-all, ...)
- Spectral reconstruction for  $t > t_c$

$$C(t) = \sum_i A_i e^{-E_i t}$$

# Scale determination

$a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$  itself dimensionless but lattice scale enters through  $m_\mu$  in kernel  $K_E$

$$a_\mu^{\text{LO HVP}} = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dQ^2 K_E(Q^2) [\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0)]$$

$$\frac{\delta a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}}{a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}} = \frac{1}{a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}} \left| \frac{da_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}}{da} \right| \frac{\delta a}{a}$$

[H. Wittig, TI  
Della Morte et al, Lattice 2017]  $\approx 1.8$

need lattice scale determination at per mil level

Lattice scale determined in terms of some dimensionful experimental input:  $a = \frac{aO_{\text{lat}}}{O_{\text{exp}}}$

e.g.  $O = m_\Omega = 1672.45(29)$  ( $\delta m_\Omega = 0.2\%$ )

[FLAG 2021]

Quantity	Sec.	$N_f = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$	Refs.	$N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$	Refs.	$N_f = 2 + 1$	Refs.	$N_f > 2 + 1$	Refs.
$\sqrt{t_0}[\text{fm}]$	11.5.2			0.14186(88)	[37, 111, 112]	0.14464(87)	[8, 113, 114]		
$w_0[\text{fm}]$	11.5.2	0.17236(70)	[115]	0.17128(107)	[37, 111, 112]	0.17355(92)	[8, 114, 116]	0.17177(67)	[37, 111, 112, 115]
$r_0[\text{fm}]$	11.5.2			0.474(14)	[7]	0.4701(36)	[24, 116–119]		
$r_1[\text{fm}]$	11.5.2			0.3112(30)	[37]	0.3127(30)	[41, 117–120]		

FLAG's scale-setting summary  
uncertainty ~0.6%

# QED & SIB

With a sub-percent precision goal  
strong IB and QED effects can't be ignored

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_0} \int \mathcal{D}[U] \mathcal{D}[A] \mathcal{D}[\Psi, \bar{\Psi}, U] O[\Psi, \bar{\Psi}, A, U] e^{-S_{F,0}[\Psi, \bar{\Psi}, U]} e^{-S_\gamma[A]} e^{-S_G[U]}$$

Perturbative expansions: [RM123 Collaboration (2013)]

QED  $\langle O \rangle = \langle O \rangle_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial e^2} \langle O \rangle|_{e=0} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

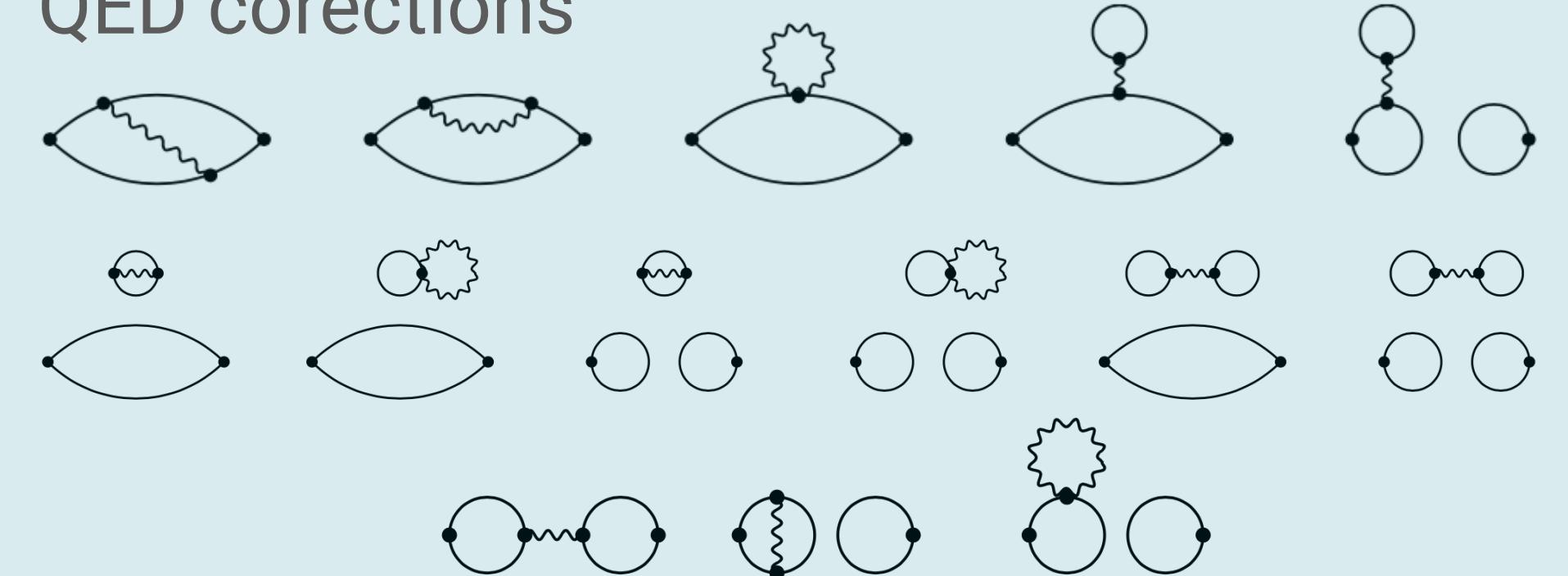
SIB  $\langle O \rangle_{m_f \neq \hat{m}_f} = \langle O \rangle_{m_f = \hat{m}_f} + \Delta m_f \frac{\partial}{\partial m_f} \langle O \rangle|_{m_f = \hat{m}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta m_f^2)$

alternative: include QED in ensembles with SIB

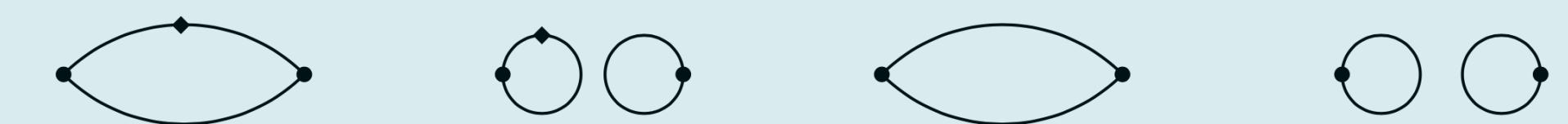
QED & SIB  $\sim 1\%$   $\rightarrow$  require less precision

$$\frac{m_u - m_d}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%) \quad \alpha \approx \frac{1}{137} \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$$

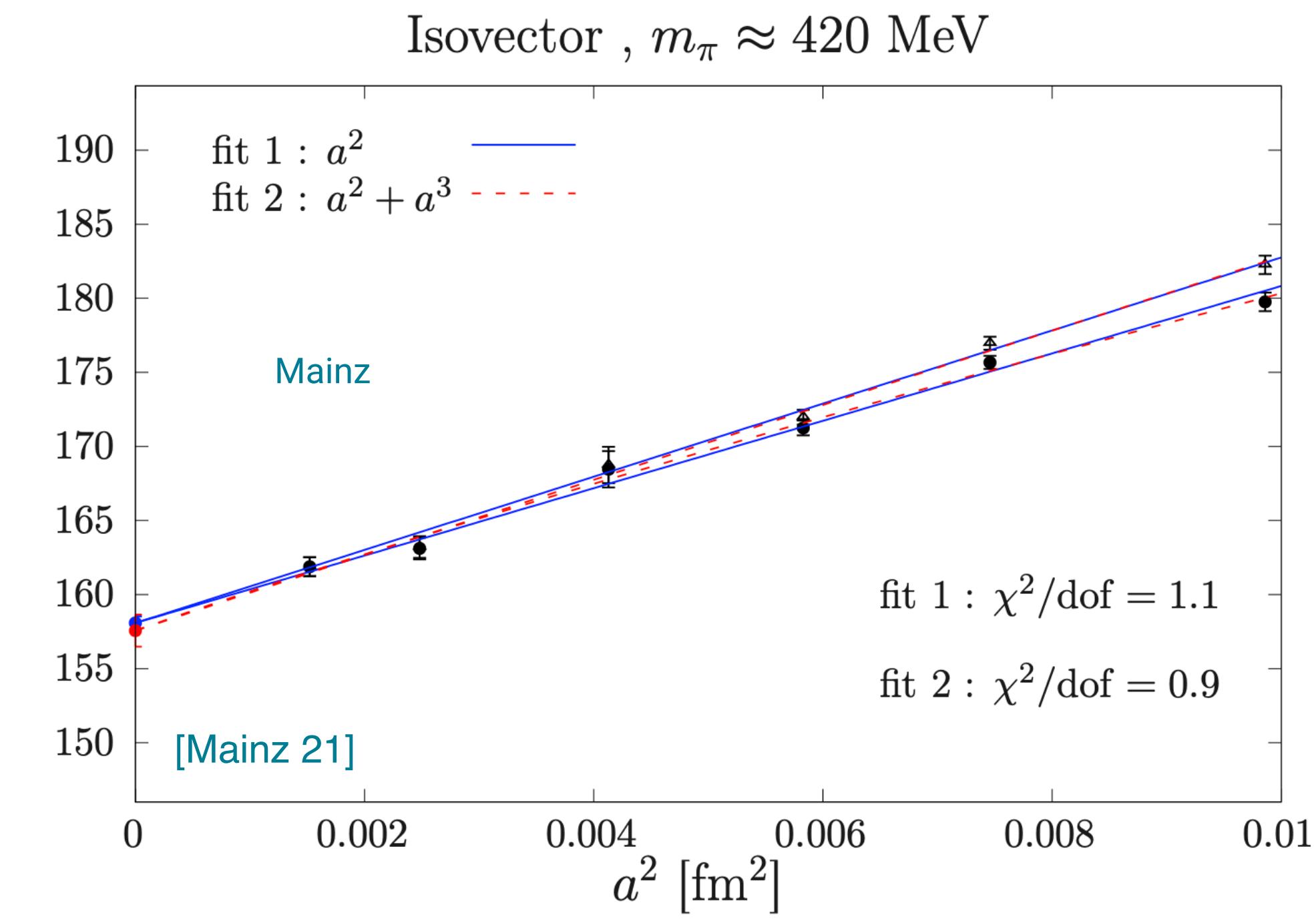
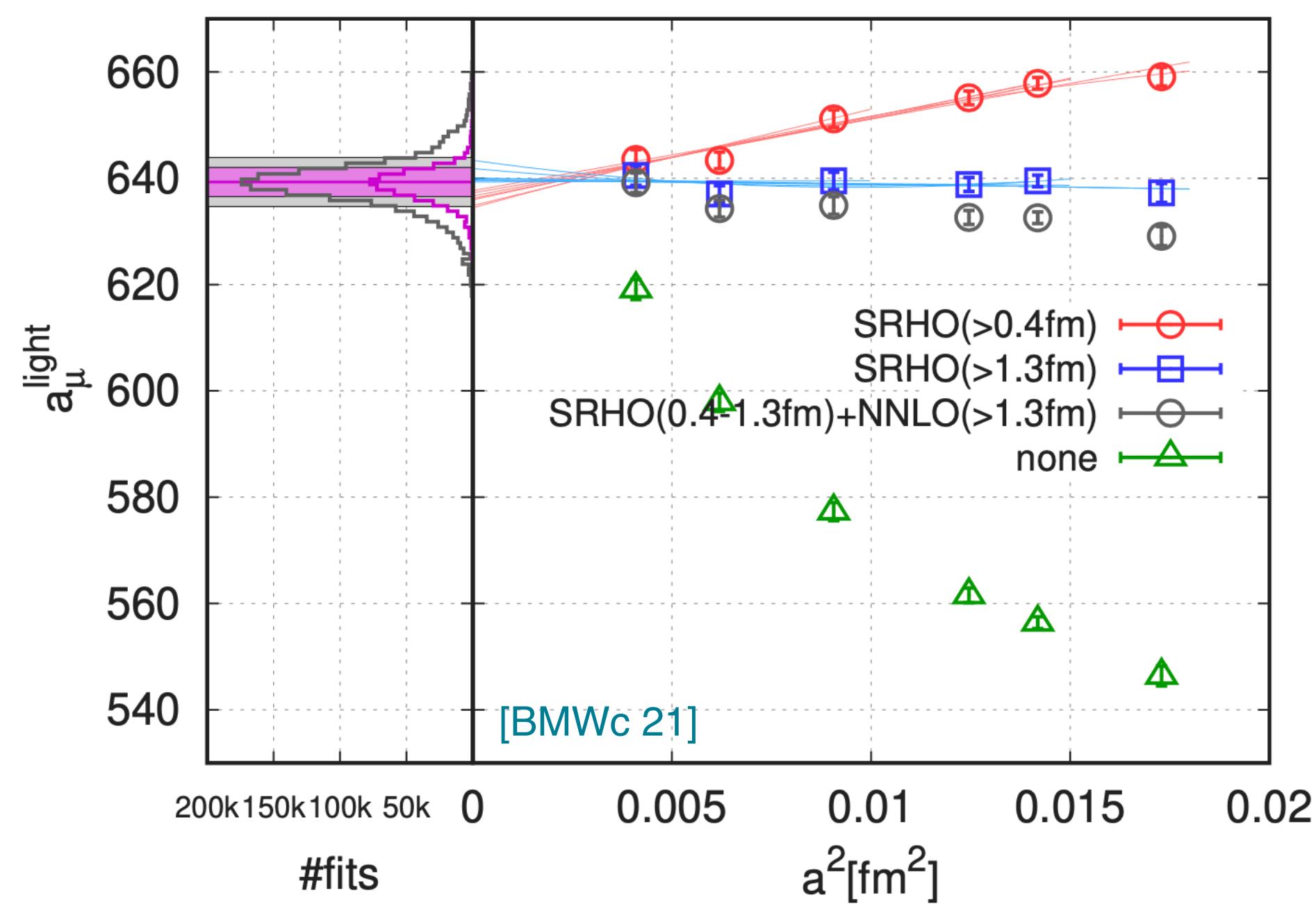
QED corrections



strong IB



# Continuum extrapolation

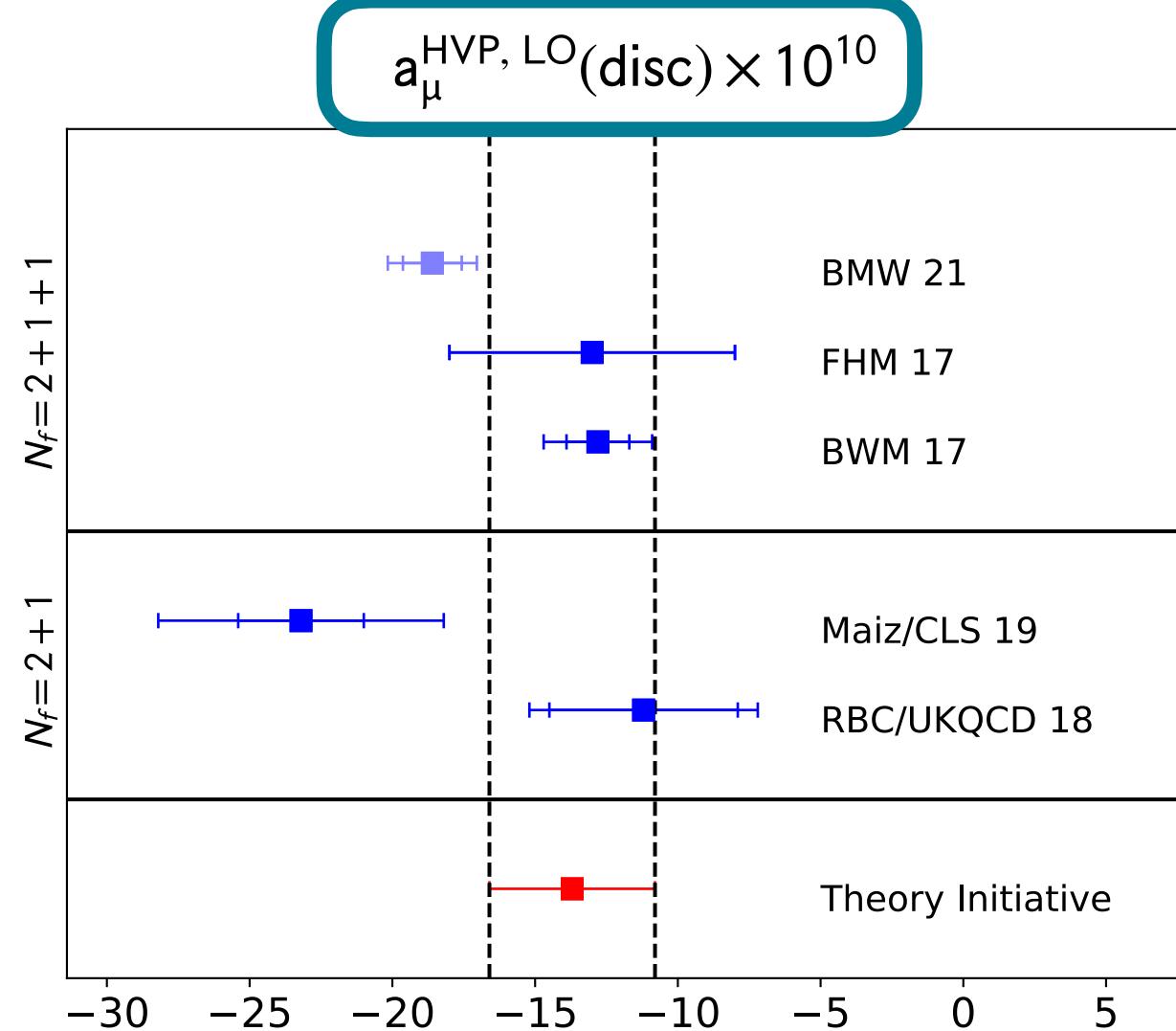
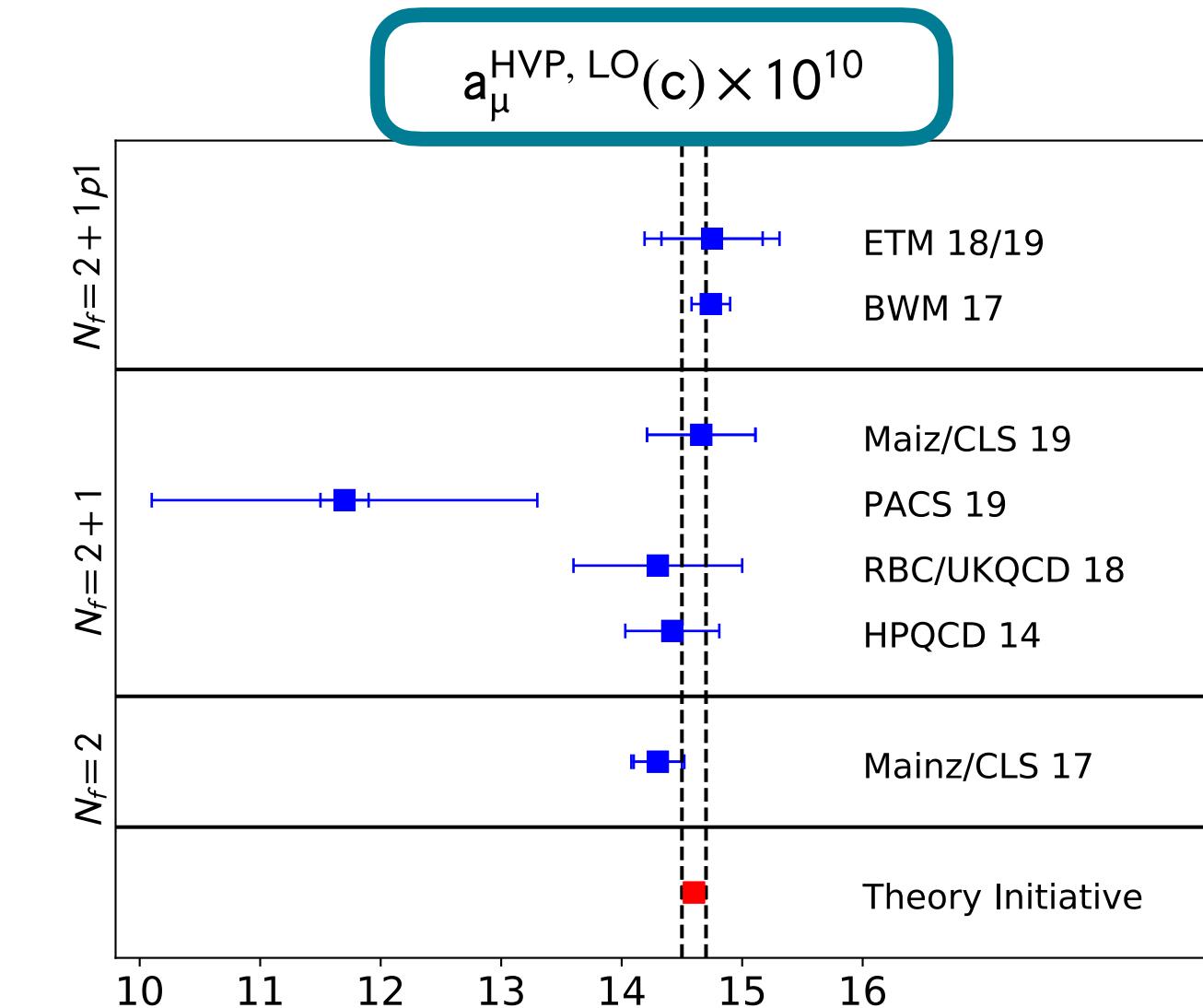
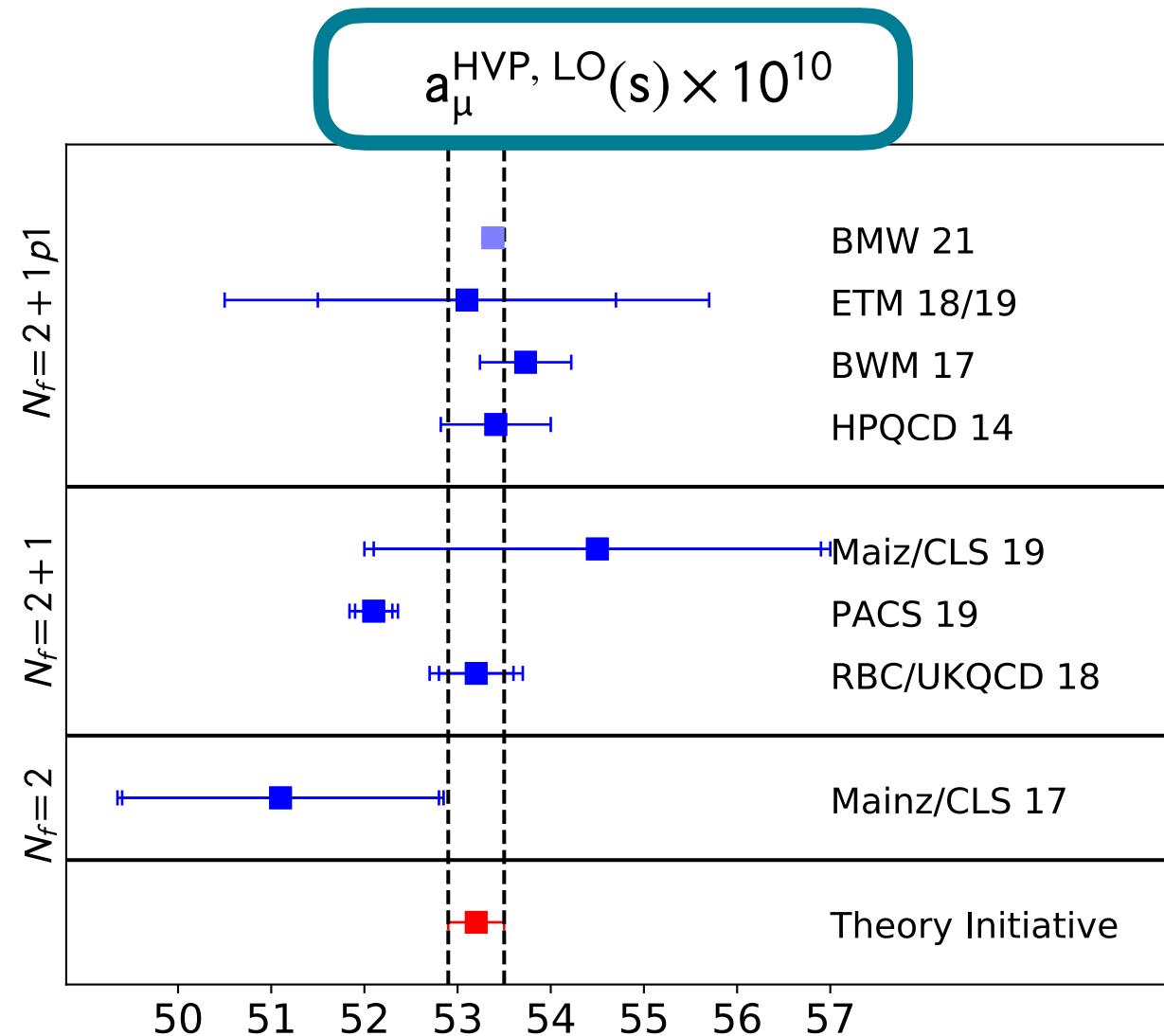
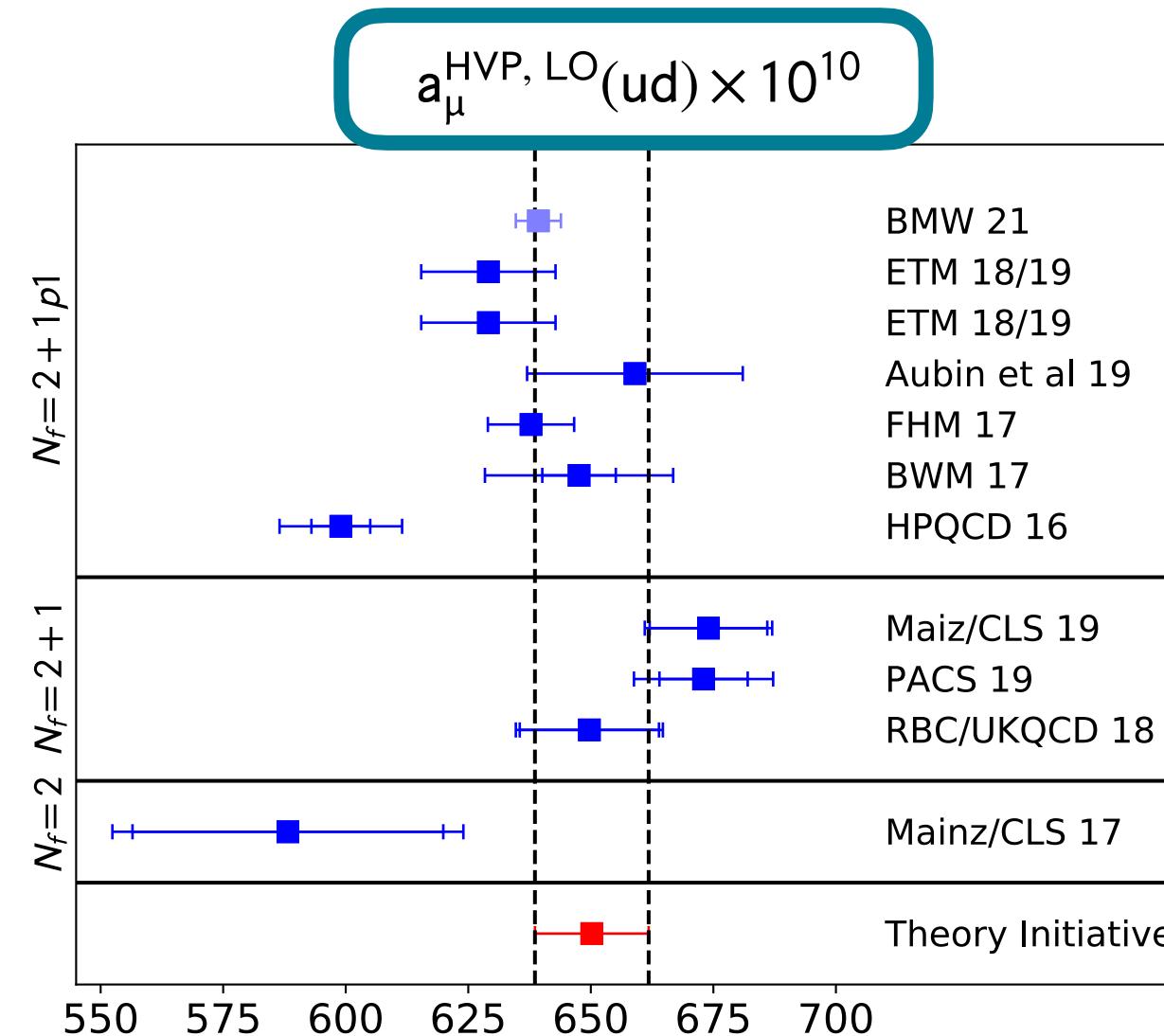


Size of correction towards continuum limit depends on discretisation, quark mass, ...

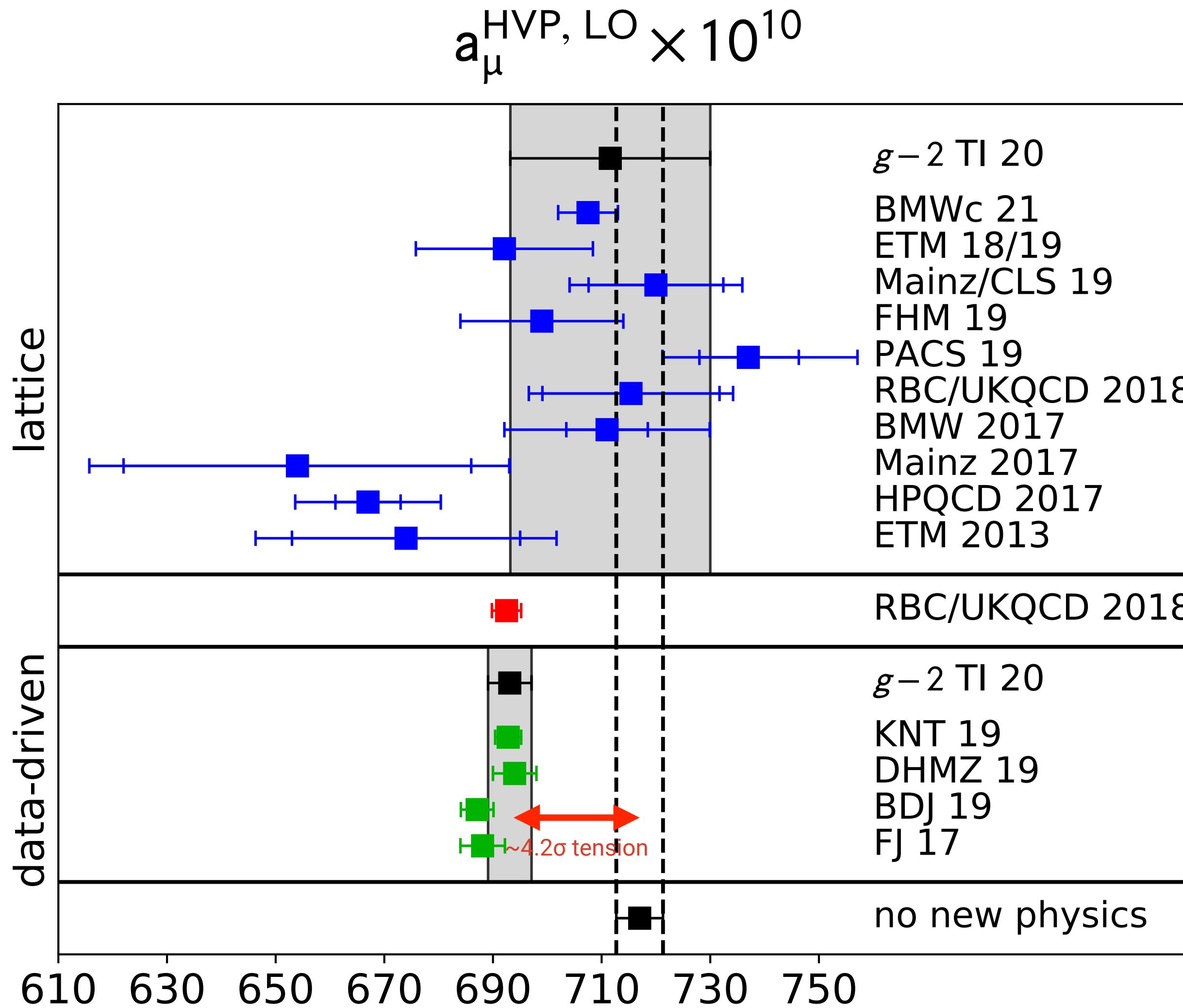
EFT used to *improve* continuum limit [BMWc 21]

EFT used to correct for finite volume effects or estimate from simulations of various volumes

# Individual contributions



# What next?

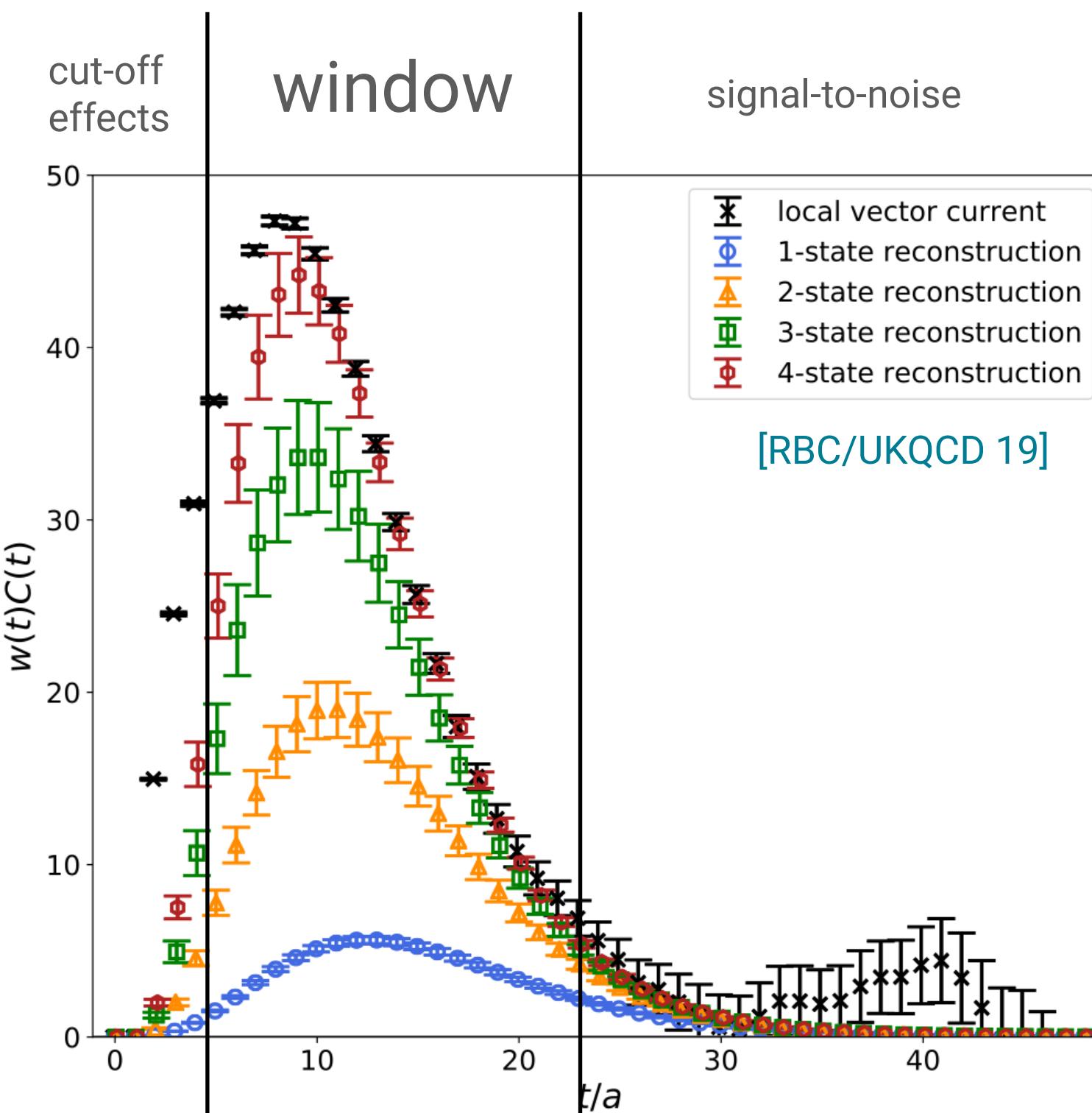


- Data-driven methods still slightly ahead of lattice QCD
- but tensions in data-driven analysis
- BMW result closer to ‘no-new-physics scenario’
- while huge efforts under way to improve on lattice result for full  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$  consider alternative observables to further scrutinise HVP results

# Window method

there are regions in phase space where either lattice/experiment do better/worse

→ choose range where discretisation effects, finite-volume effects and signal-to-noise issue are small



→ allows for high-precision tests and comparisons

$$a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{SD}} + a_\mu^W + a_\mu^{\text{LD}}$$

$$a_\mu^{\text{SD}} = \sum_t C(t) w_t [1 - \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta)]$$

$$a_\mu^W = \sum_t C(t) w_t [\Theta(t, t_0, \Delta) - \Theta(t, t_1, \Delta)]$$

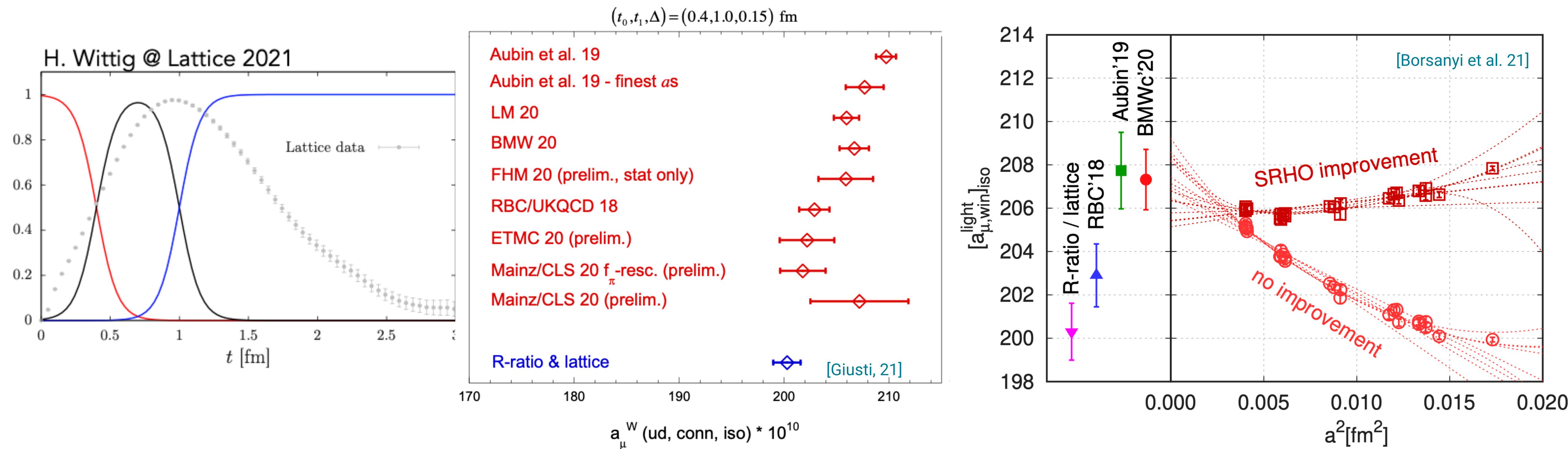
$$a_\mu^{\text{LD}} = \sum_t C(t) w_t \Theta(t, t_1, \Delta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_0 &= 0.4 \text{ fm} \\ t_1 &= 1.0 \text{ fm} \end{aligned}$$

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

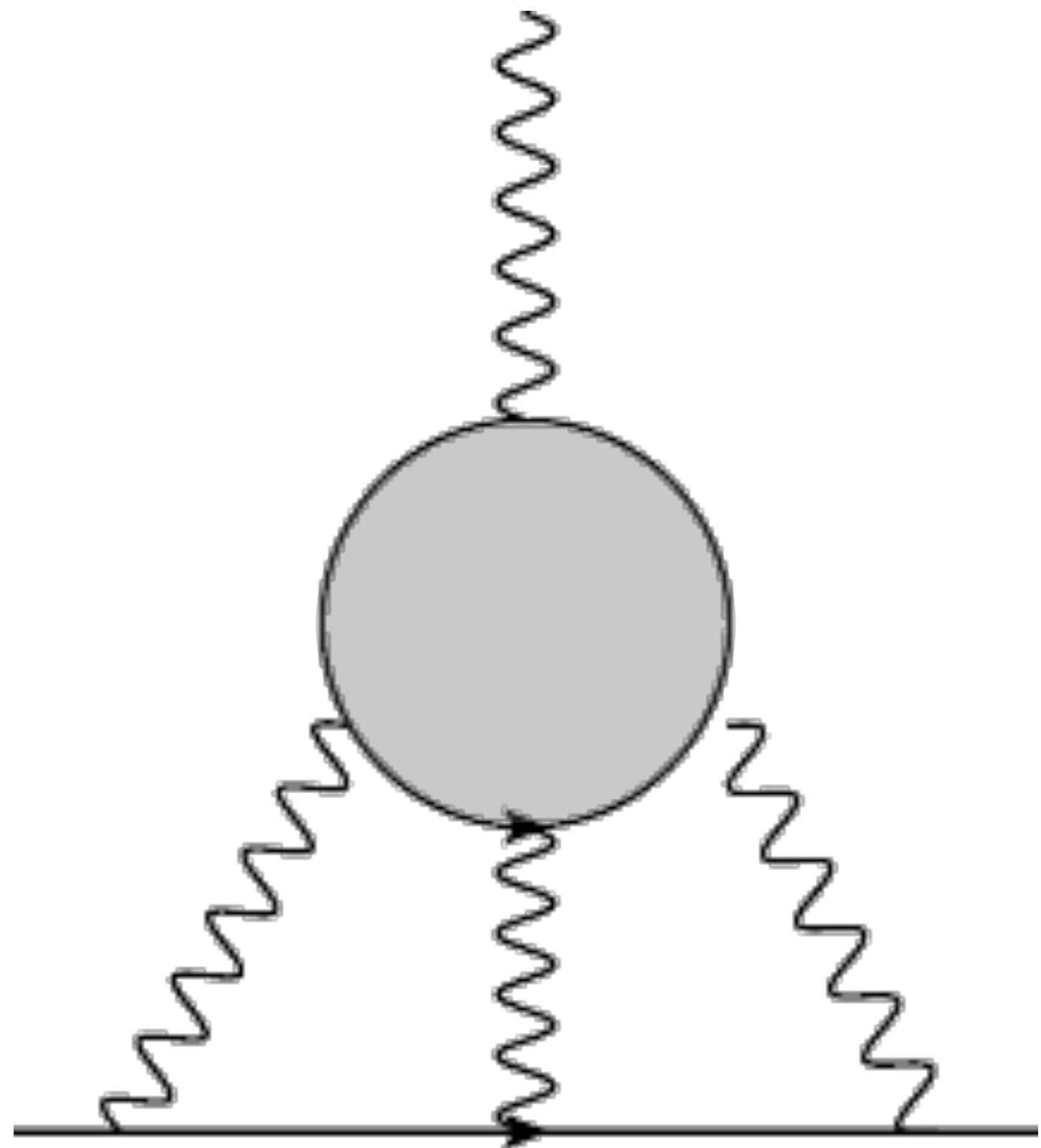
- apply window to  $R(e^+e^-)$  as well as lattice data
- compare windows rather than results for  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$

# Window method



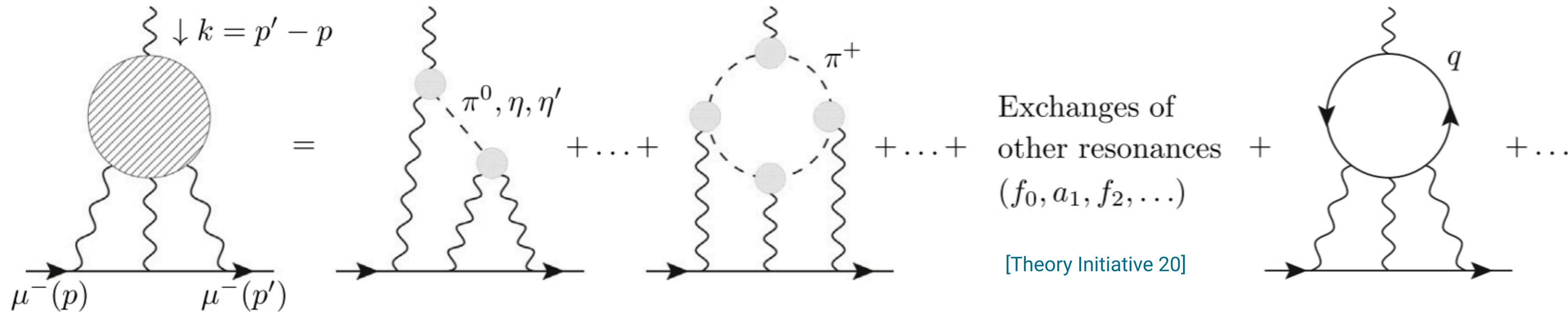
- reduced continuum-limit and finite-volume systematics, better signal-to-noise
- tension ( $\sim 3.7\sigma$ ?) between lattice and  $R(e^+e^-)$  ?
- collaborations are using the *window* as a high-precision probe

# HLbL in the SM



**data-driven**

# HLbL – data driven

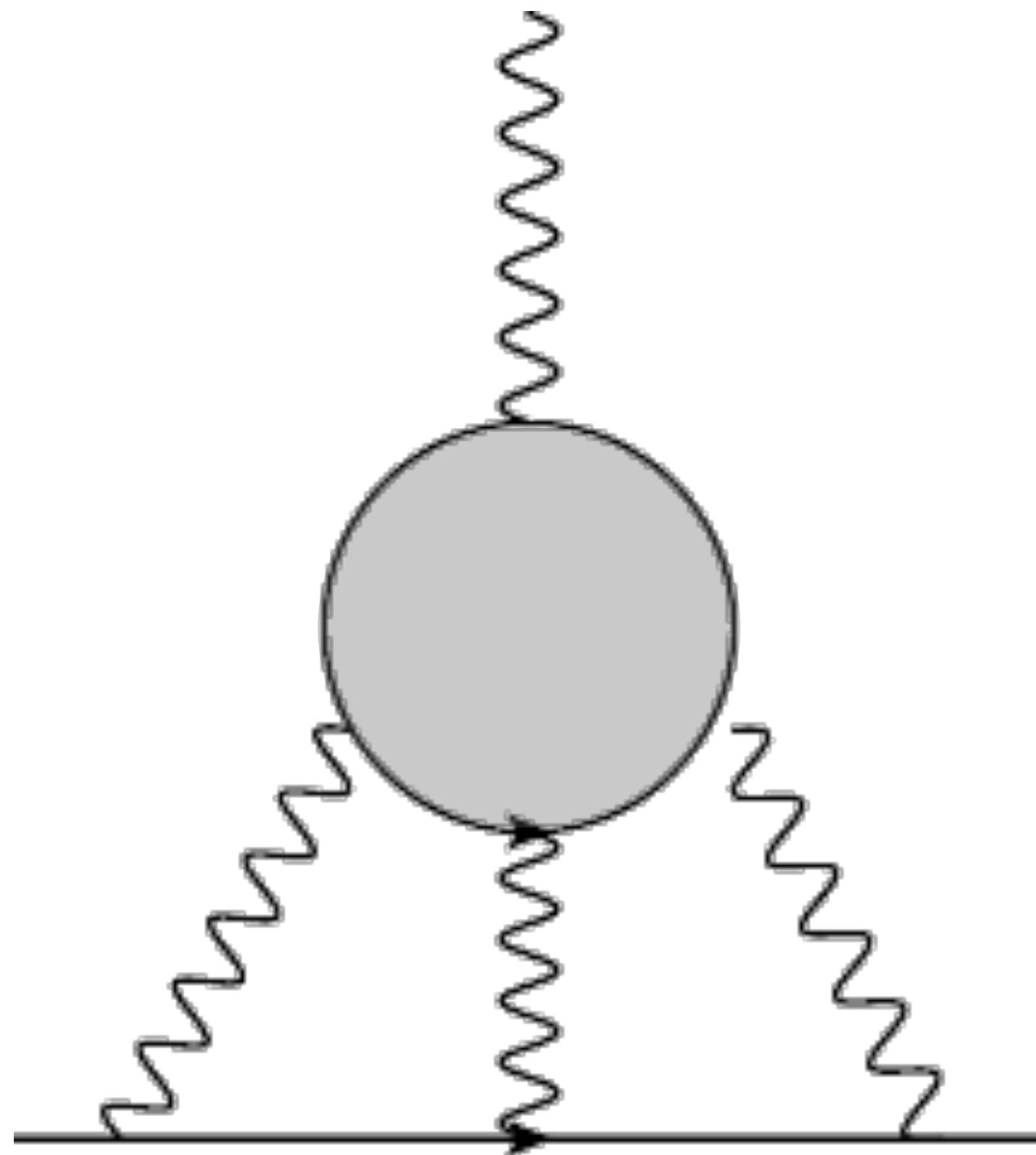


- More complex analytical structure than HVP makes data-driven analysis more involved
- Representation in terms of dispersion integrals only recently  
[Colangelo, Hoferichter, Procura, Stoffer 2014]
- Dominant contributions from  $\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$  and  $\pi$  and  $K$  loops

Contribution	TI 21
$\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$ -poles	93.8(4.0)
$\pi, K$ -loops/boxes	-16.4(2)
$S$ -wave $\pi\pi$ rescattering	-8(1)
subtotal	69.4(4.1)
scalars	} - 1(3)
tensors	
axial vectors	6(6)
$u, d, s$ -loops / short-distance	15(10)
$c$ -loop	3(1)
total	92(19)

[Theory Initiative 20]

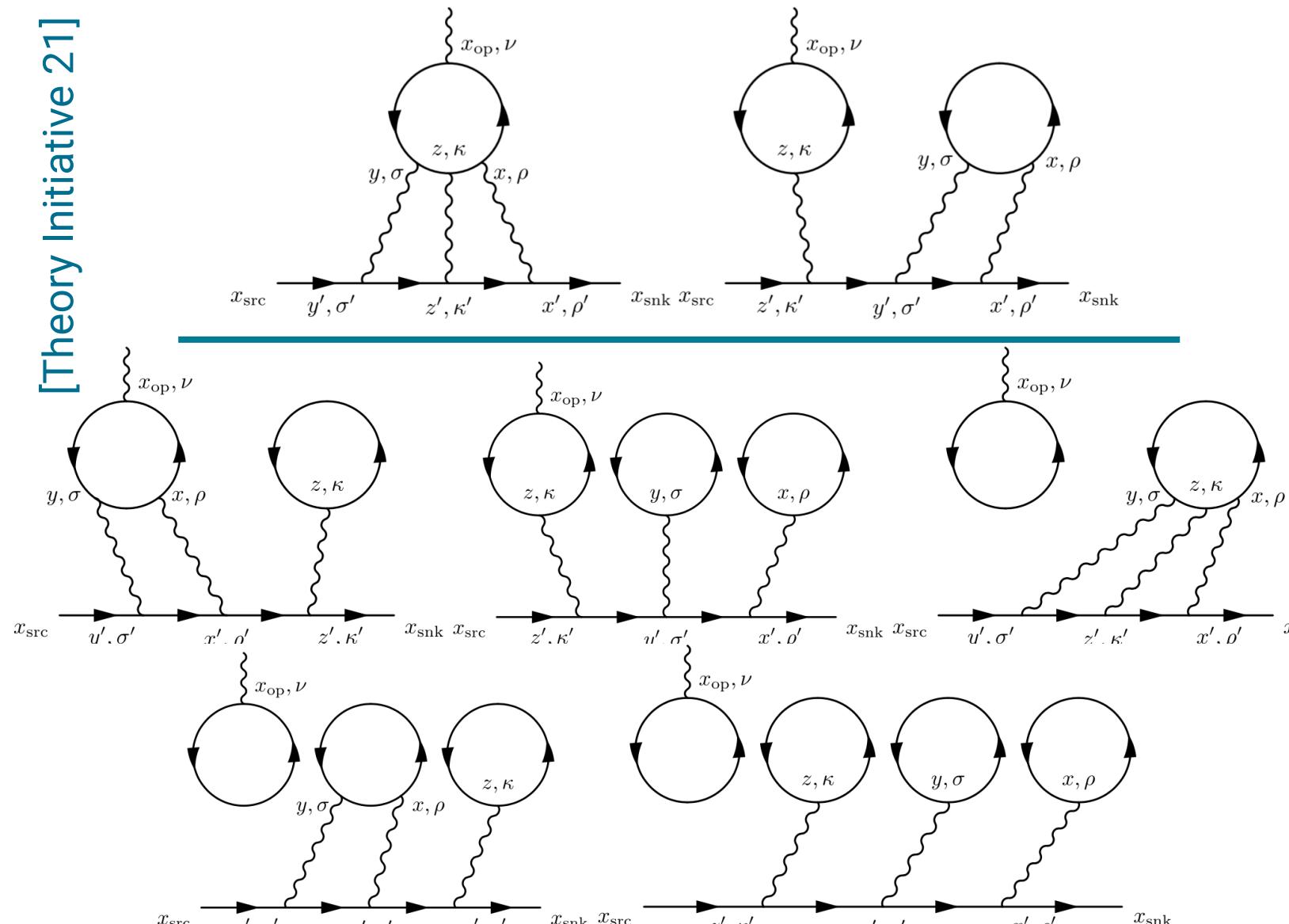
# HLbL in the SM



**lattice QCD**

# HLbL — lattice

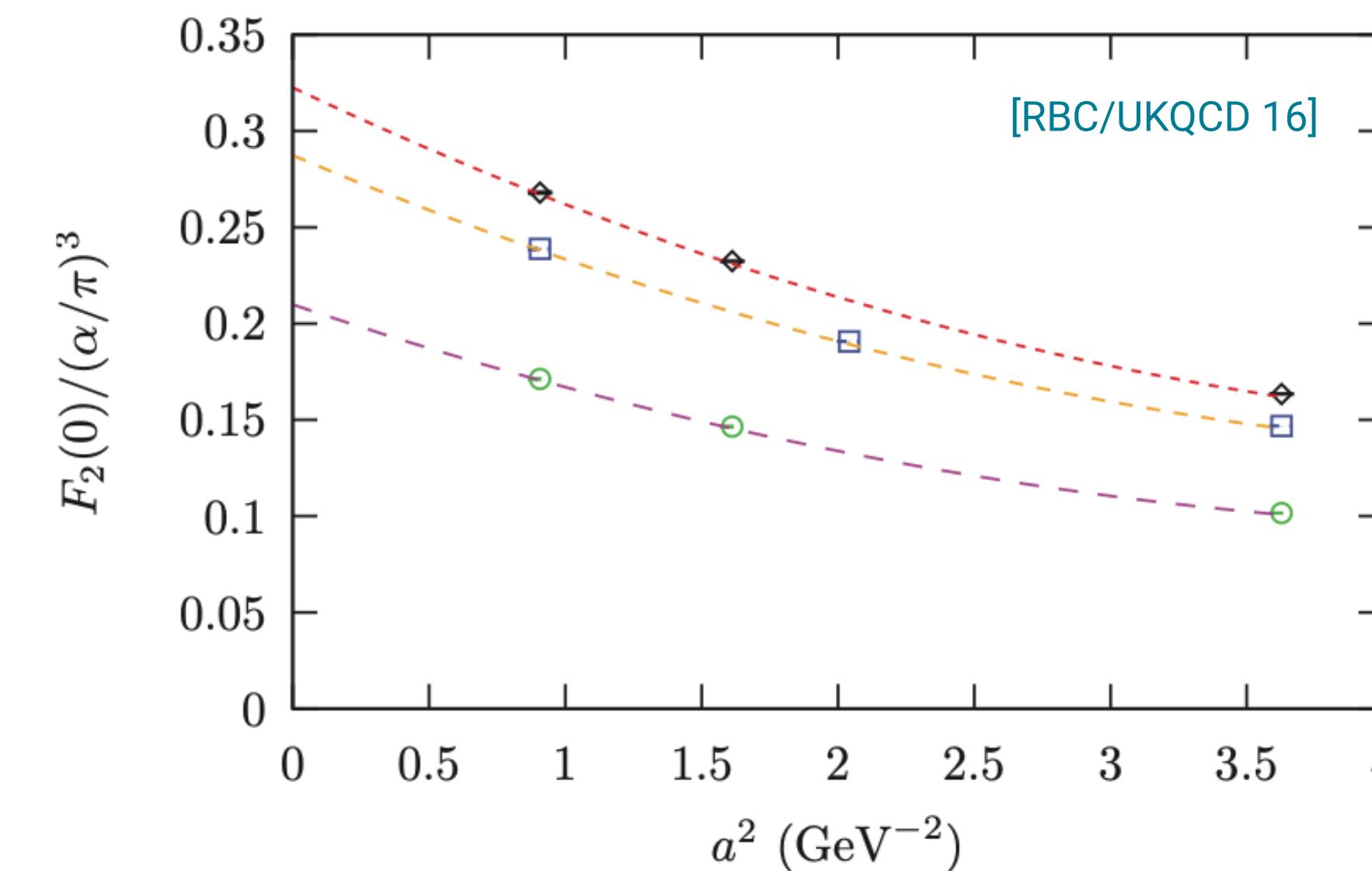
[Theory Initiative 21]



- Many new conceptual and computational techniques
- *Infinite-volume-QED* method:  
QED part: semi-analytical infinite-volume continuum pQED  
QCD part: lattice QCD

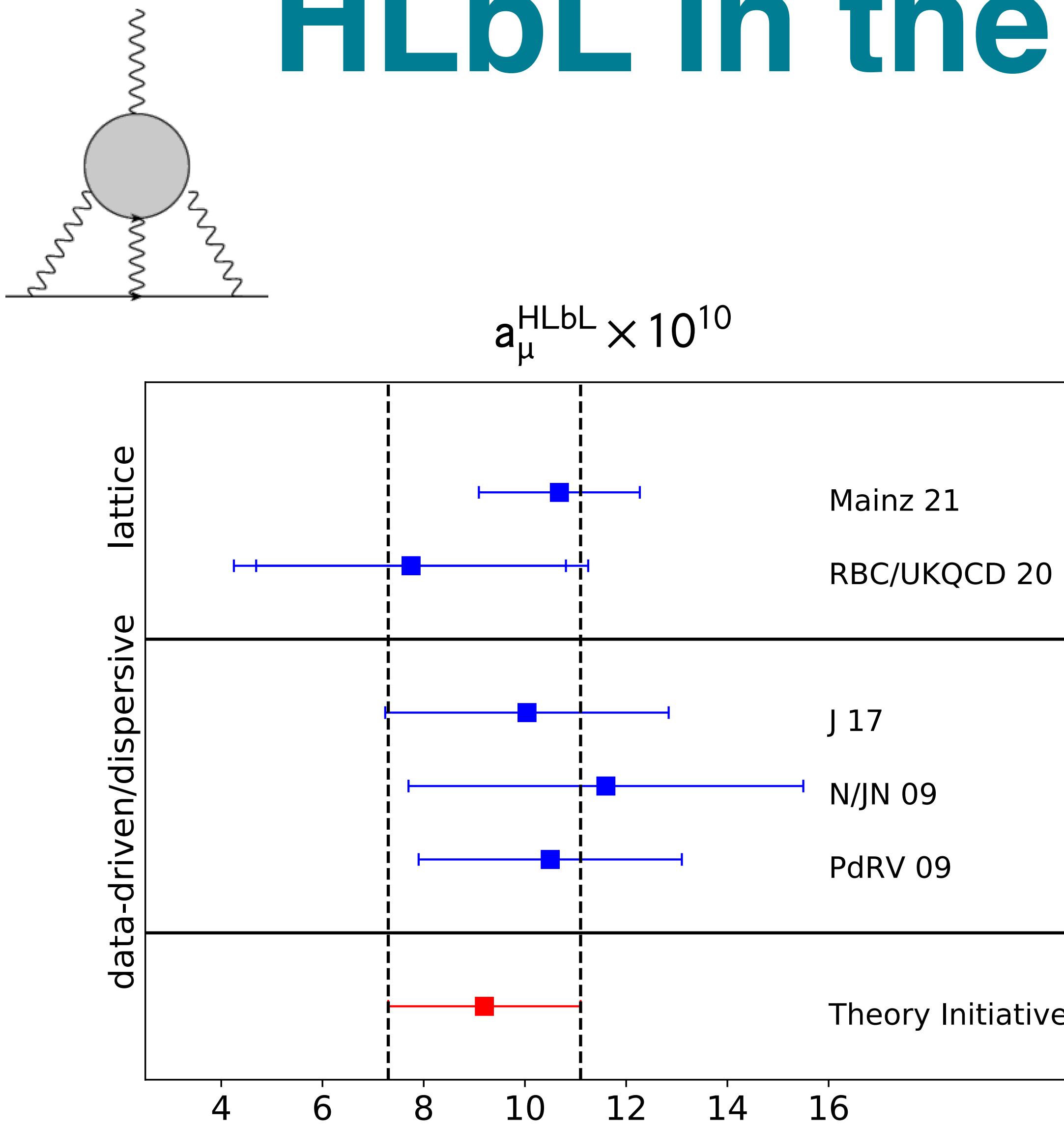
$$a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = F_2(0) = \frac{m_\mu e^6}{3} \int_y \int_x \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{[\rho, \sigma]; \mu\nu\lambda}(x, y) i\hat{\Pi}_{\rho; \mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(x, y)$$

[Mainz 16,21, RBC/UKQCD 17]



Test: muon leptonic LbL  
analytical result: 0.371

# HLbL in the SM – summary



- Consistent results from variety of approaches
- increased stats. and improved methods make %-level precision feasible on lattice
- “It now appears conclusive that the hadronic light-by-light contribution cannot explain the current tension between theory and experiment for the muon  $g - 2$ .” [Mainz 21]

# Summary

## QED and EW

contributions are known

## QCD

- **for data-driven HVP** there is a new consensus (Theory Initiative 20)  
but an underlying tension in the data needs to be understood
- **for HVP from the lattice** – a lot of activity and novel developments mainly on

- statistical error
- scale setting
- QED
- infinite-volume and continuum extrapolations

expect improved precision and new ideas

- **window method** allows high-precision test lattice vs. dispersion relation vs. experiment
- novel ideas impacting other lattice computations

## HVP

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- **for data-driven HLbL** there is a new combined result (Theory Initiative 20)

## HLbL

- **for HLbL on the lattice** there are new results
- SM predictions for HLbL in good agreement – expect improved precision and new ideas  
but likely not solely responsible for explaining tension