
Progress on $(g - 2)_\mu$ from Lattice QCD

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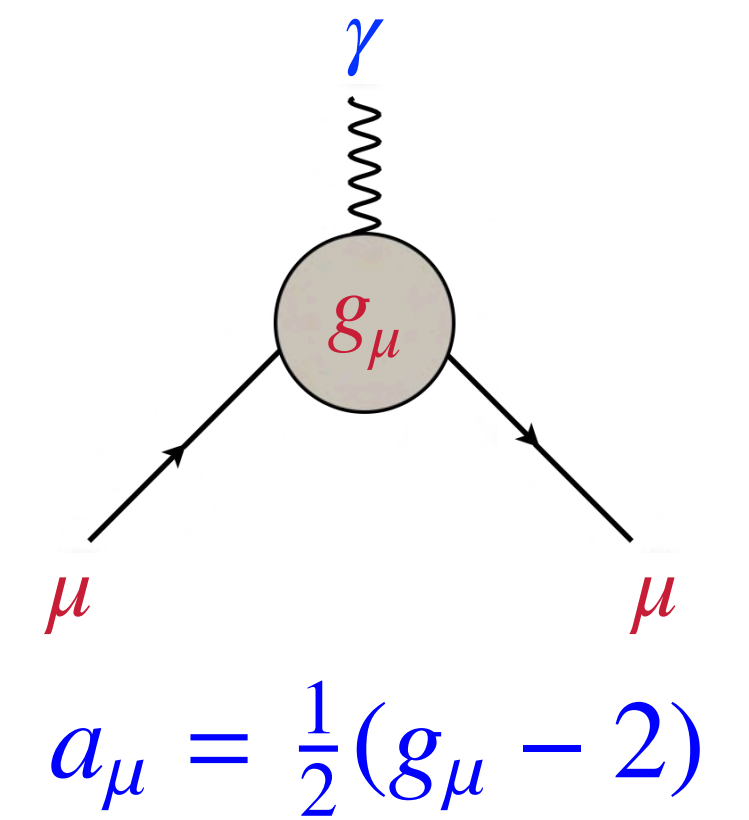
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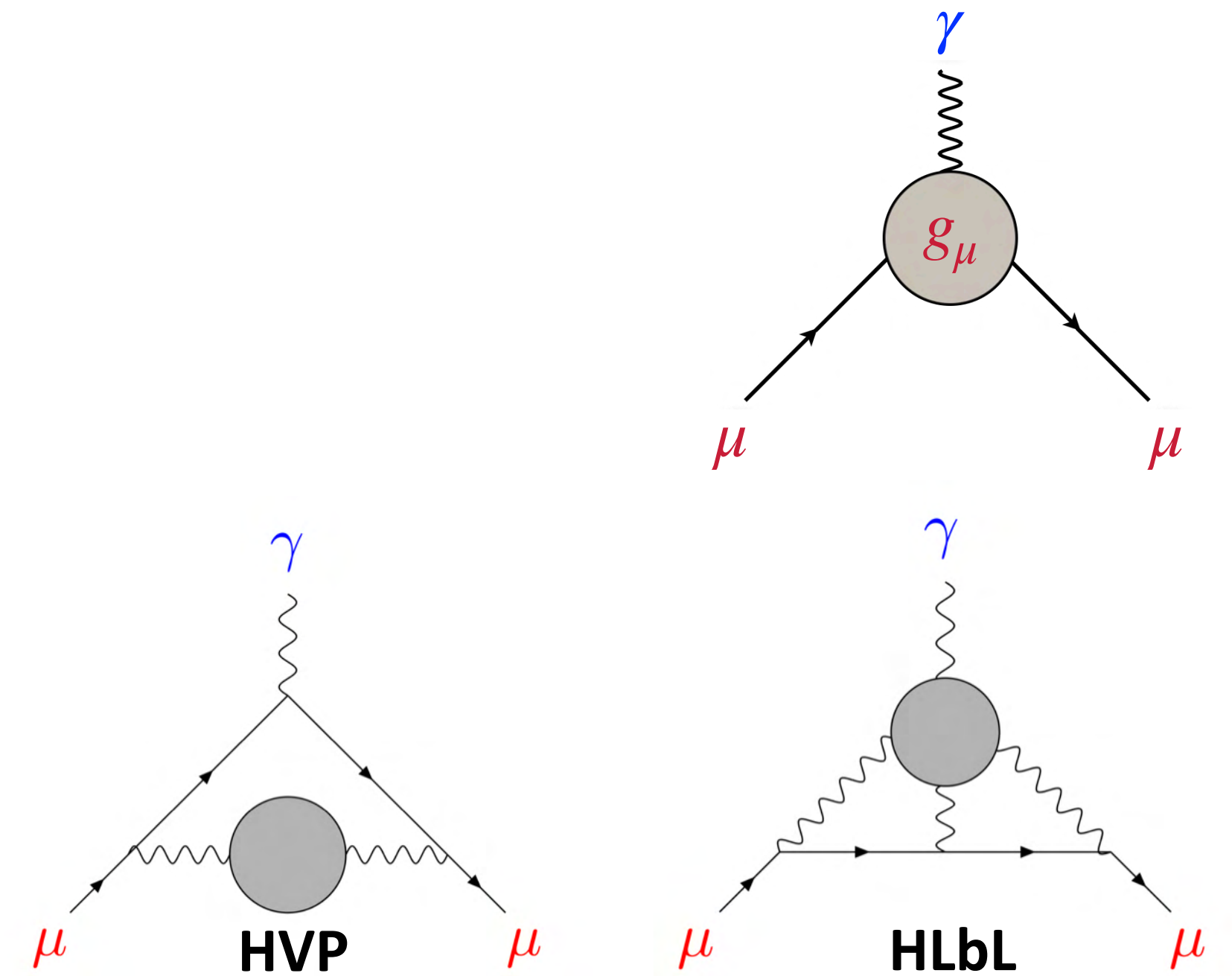
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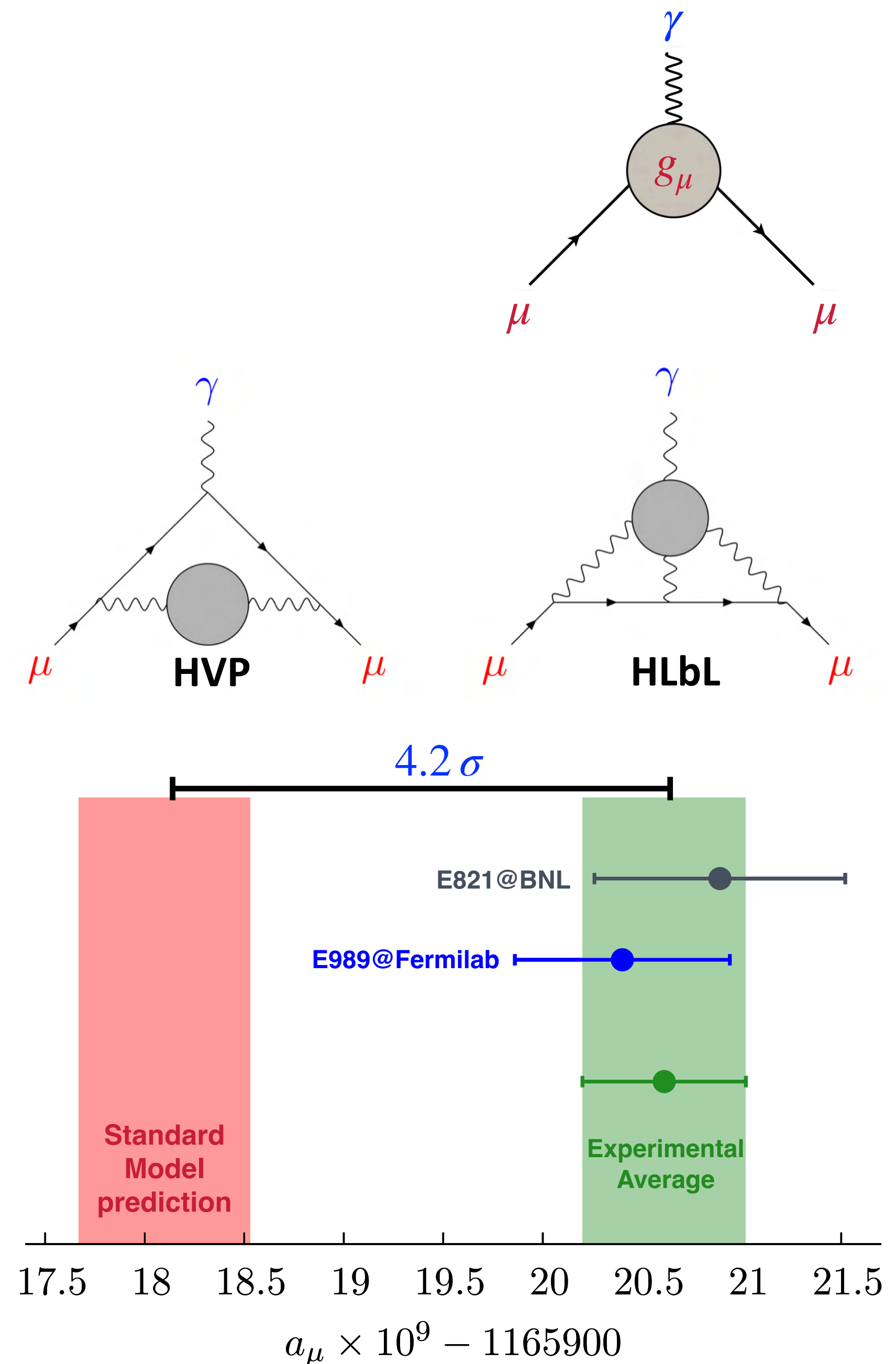
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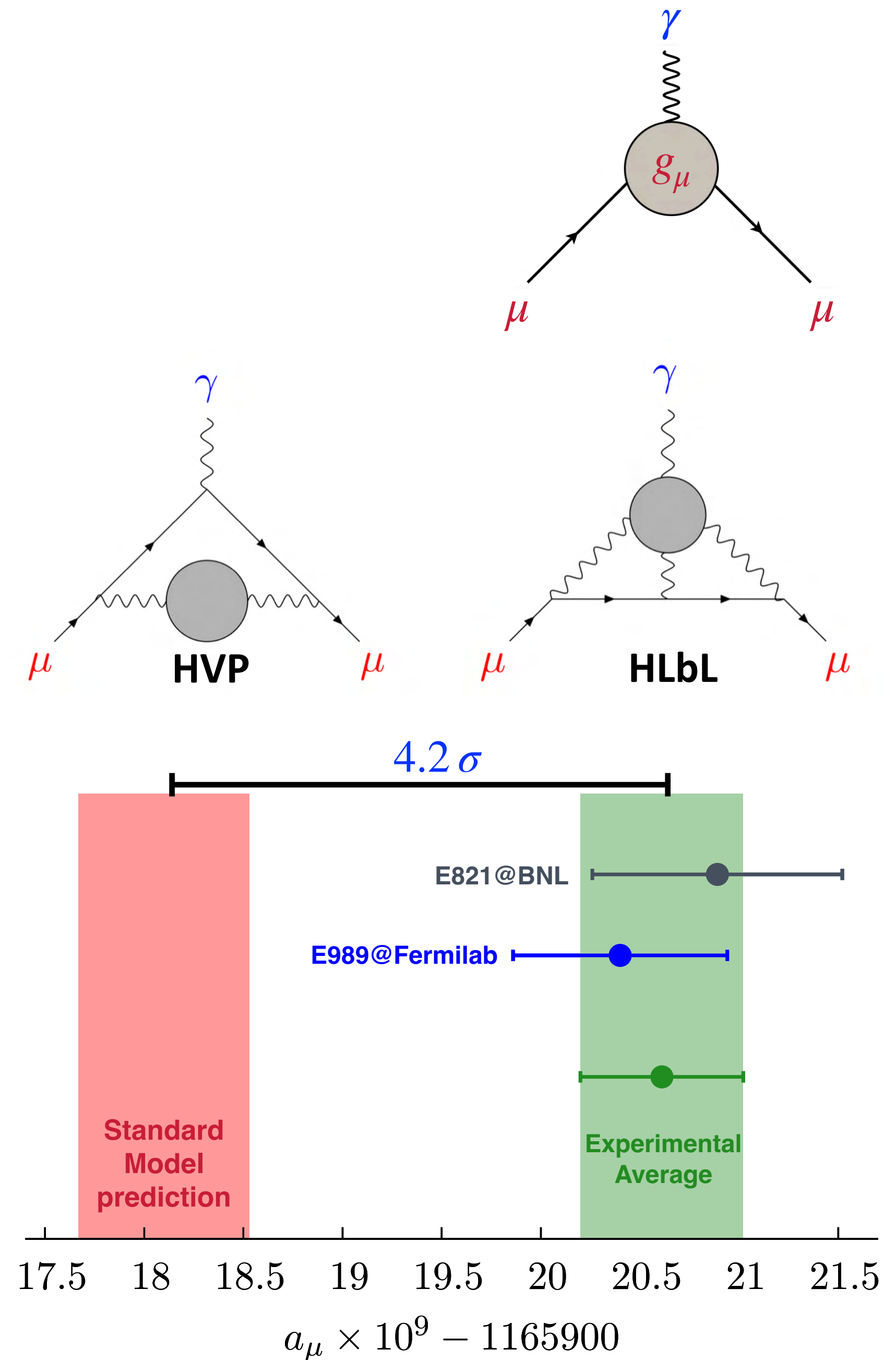
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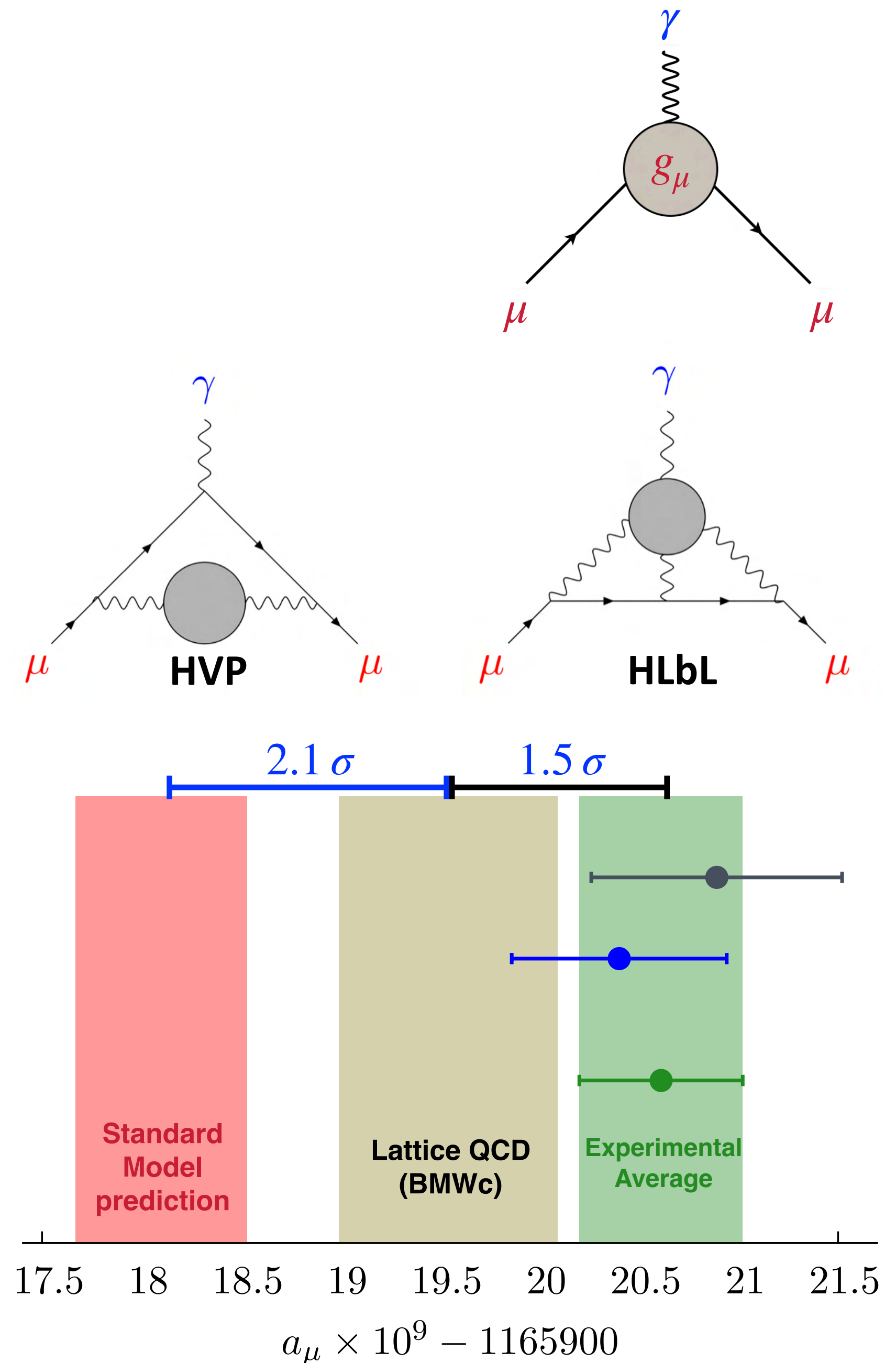
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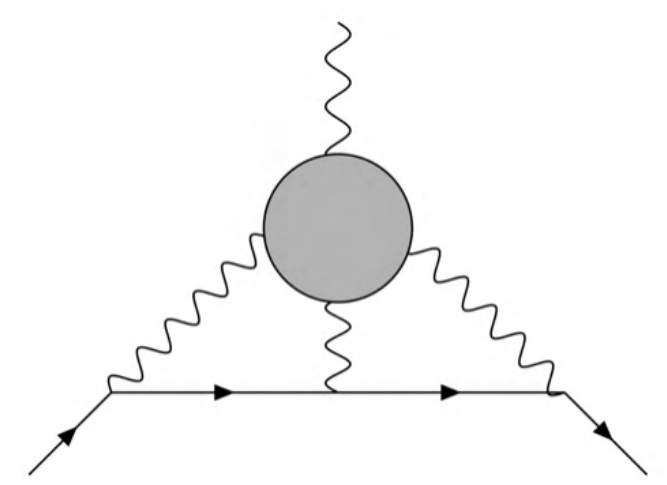
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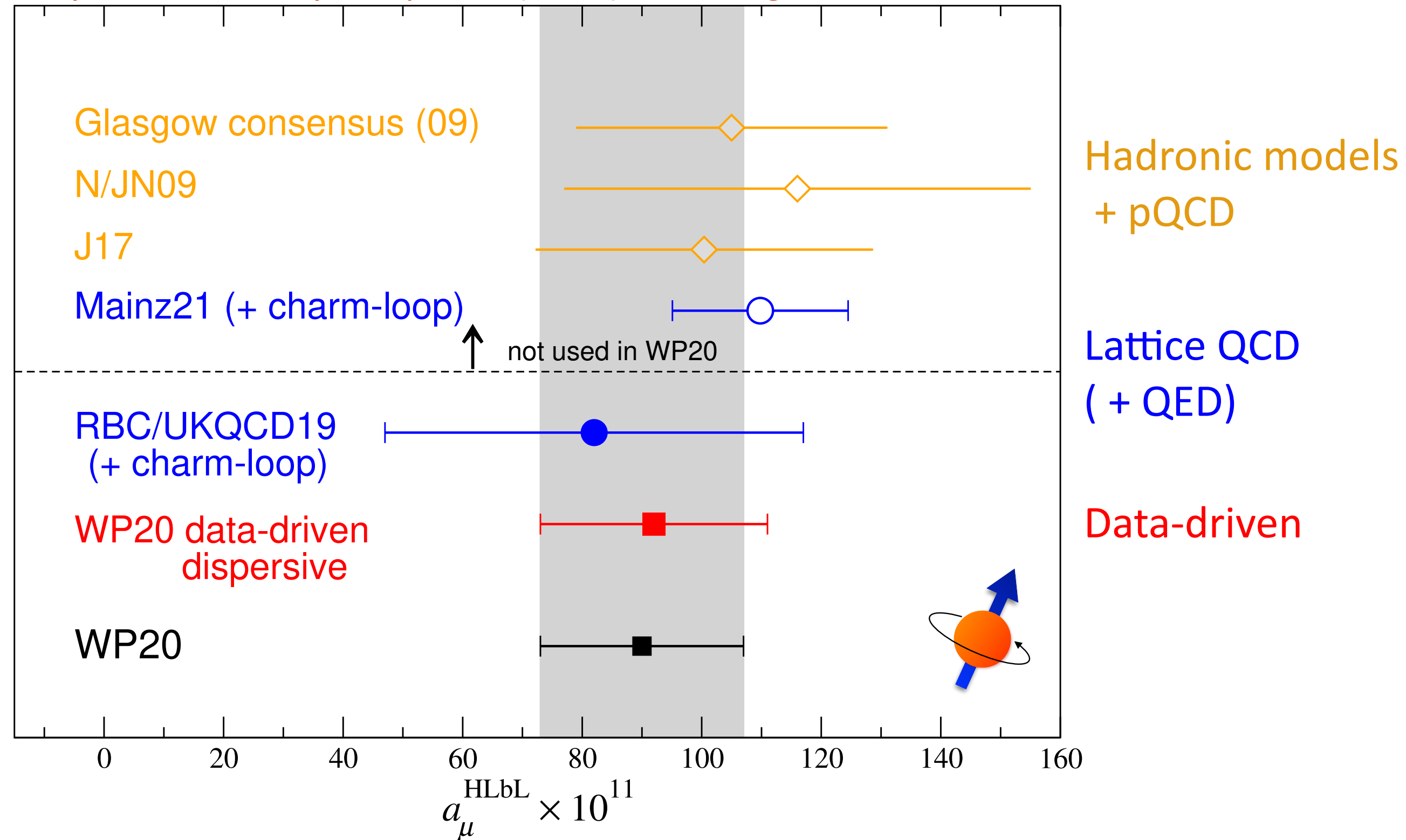
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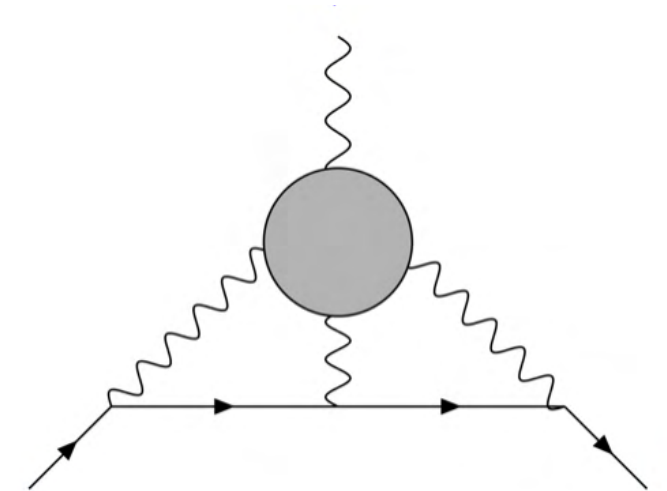
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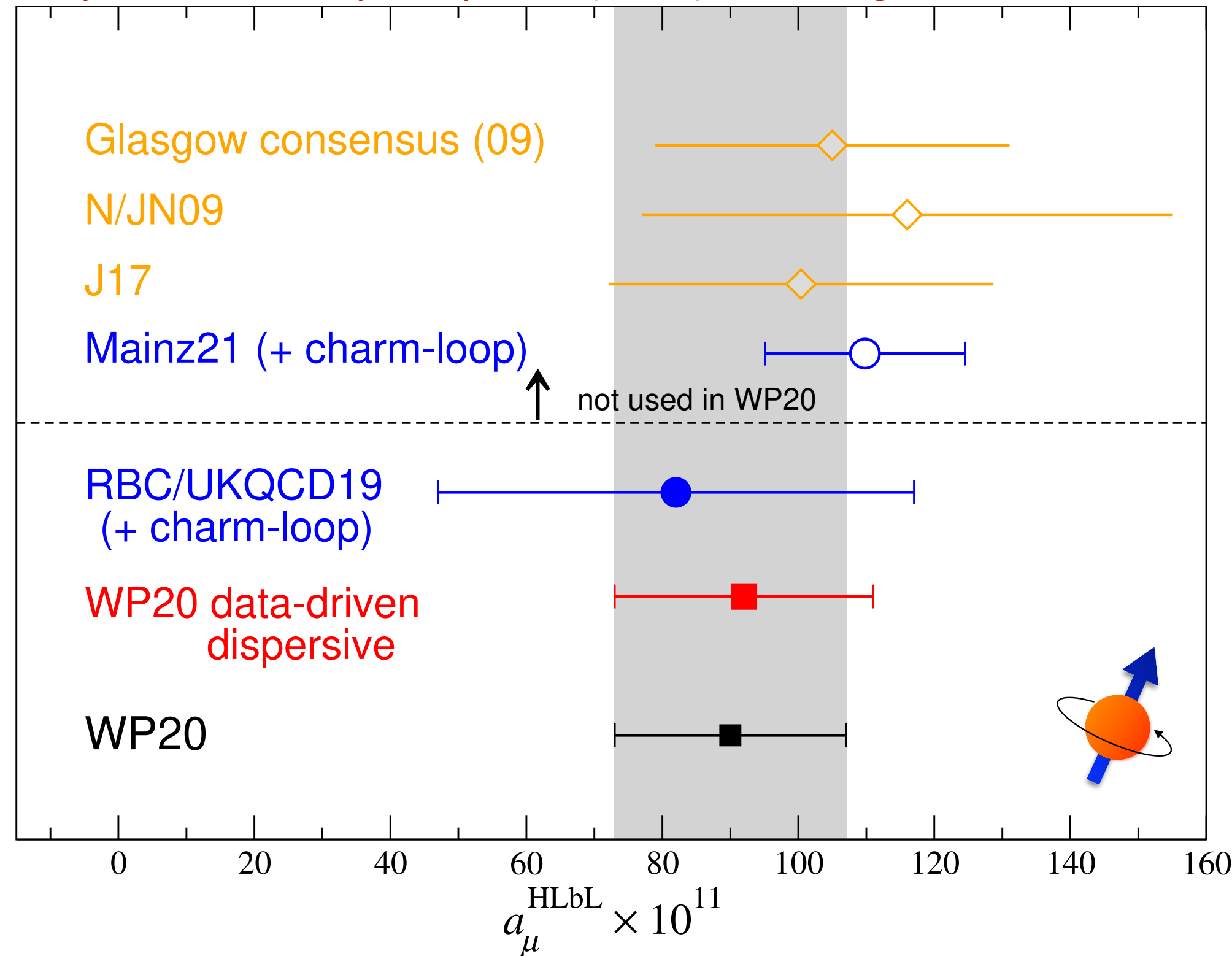
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Hadronic models + pQCD

Lattice QCD (+ QED)

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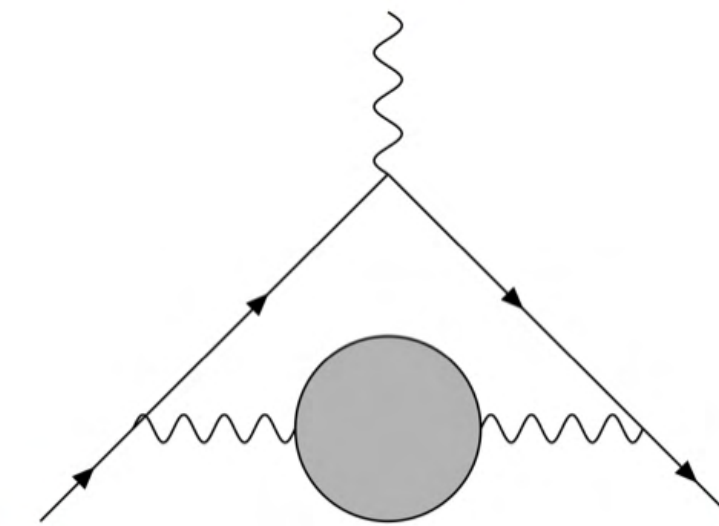
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a_μ^{HLbL} : **Uncontroversial** — contributes **0.15 ppm** to the total SM uncertainty of **0.37 ppm**

→ Focus on refinements and further reduction of uncertainty

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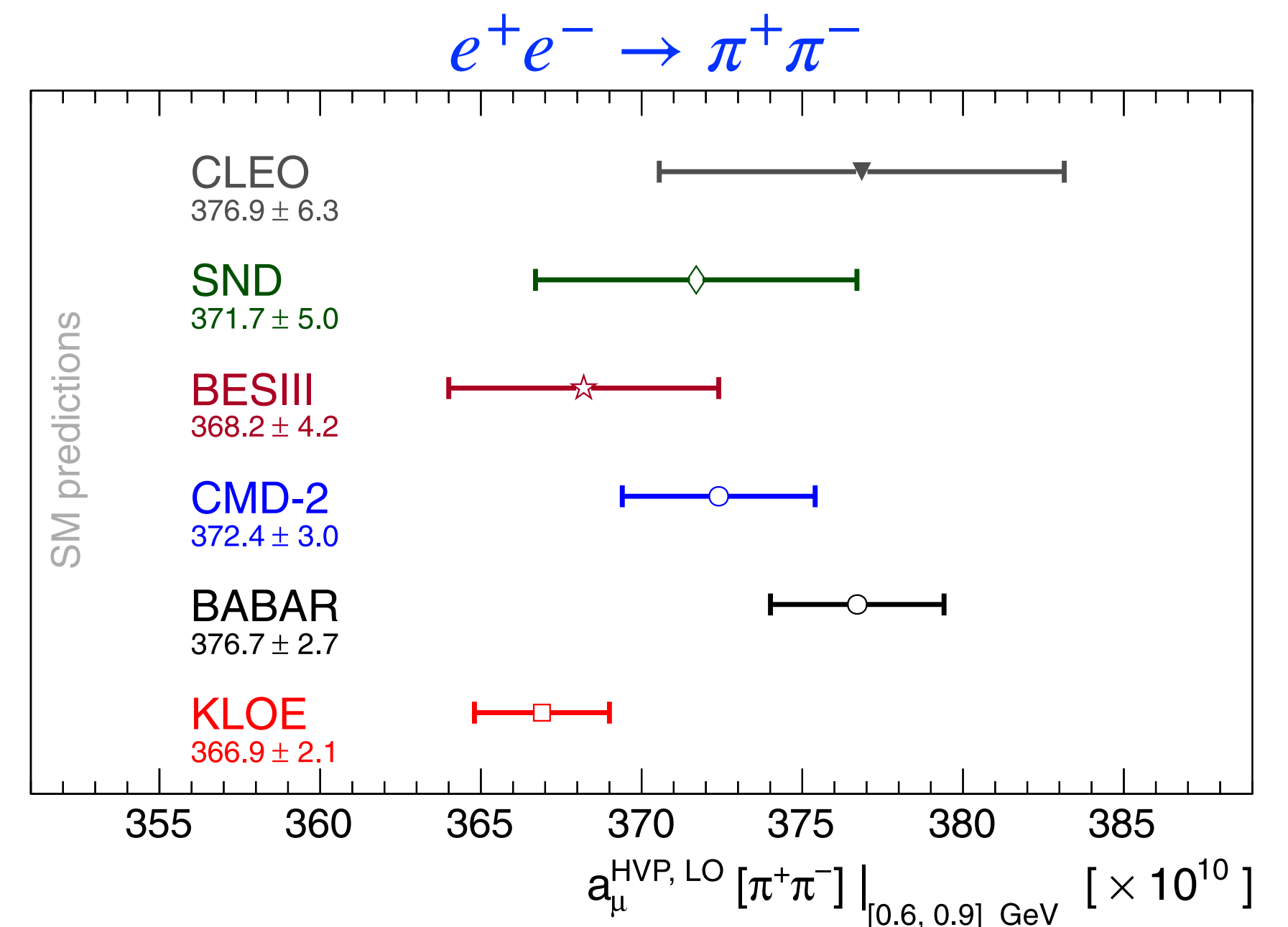
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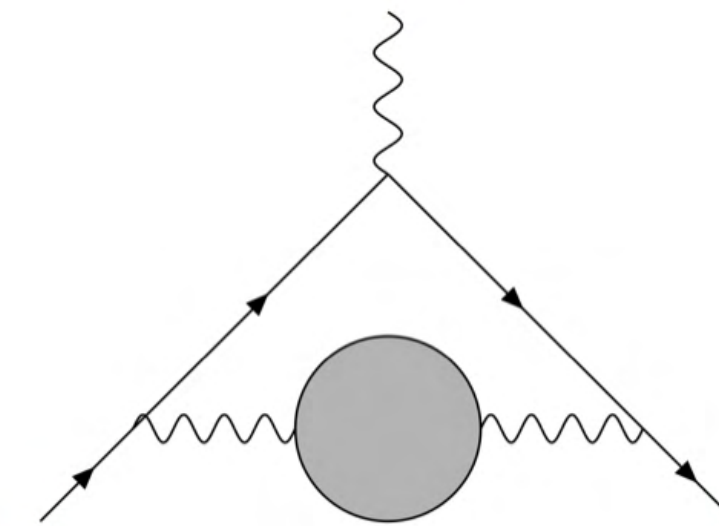
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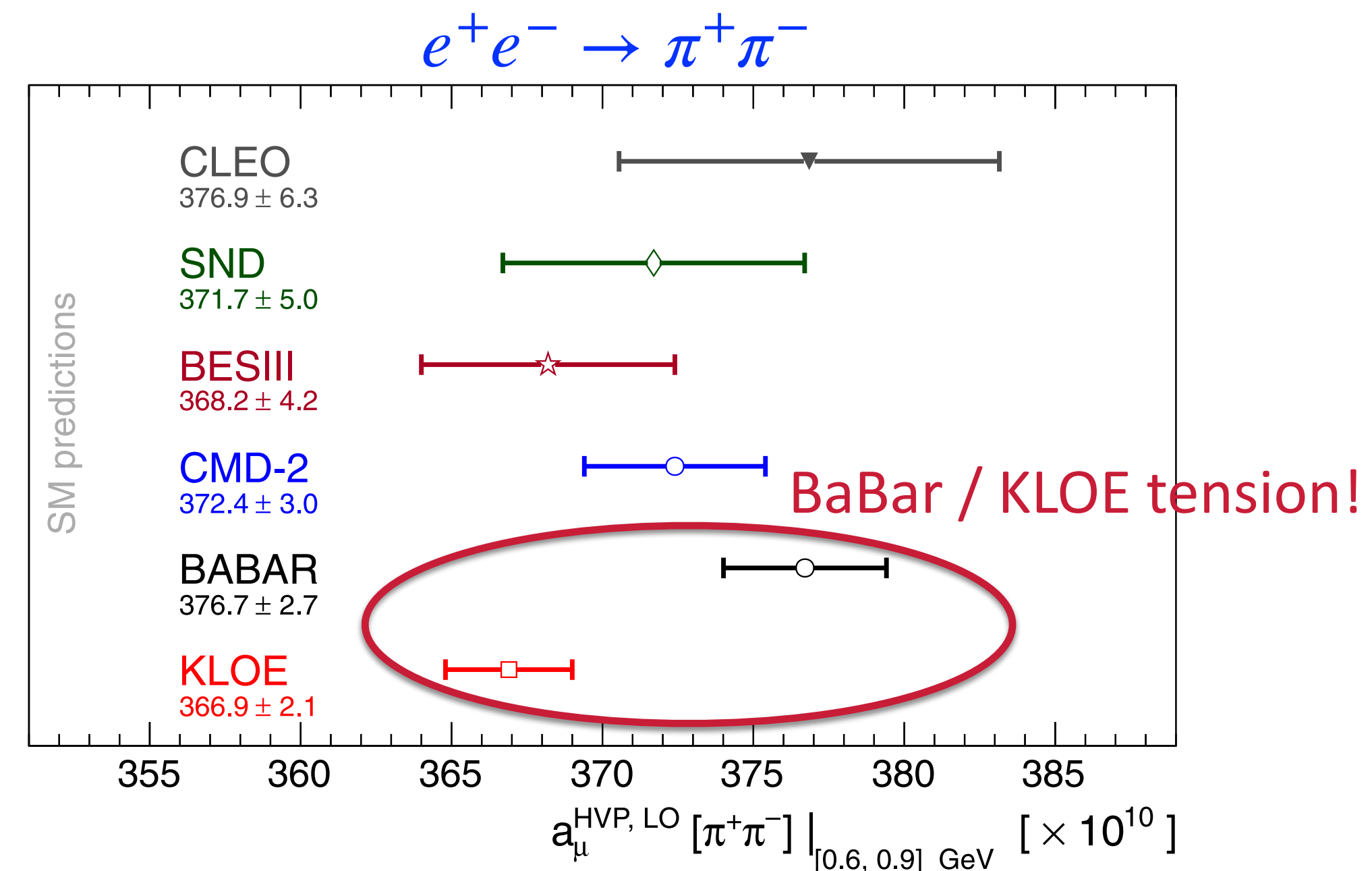
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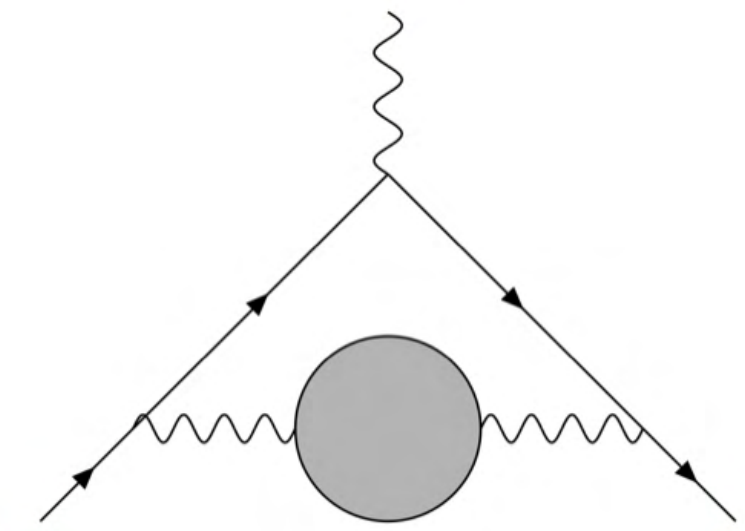
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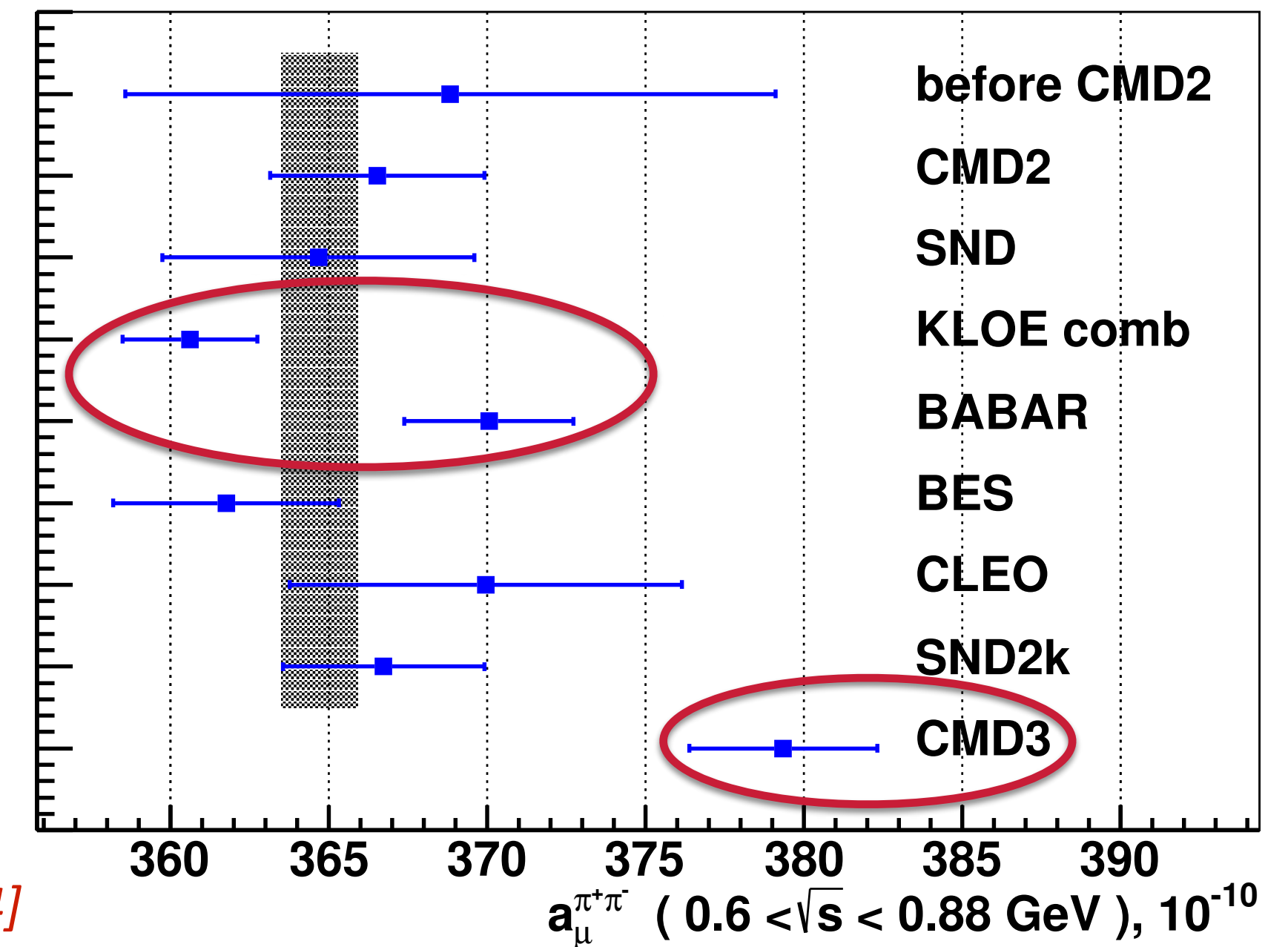
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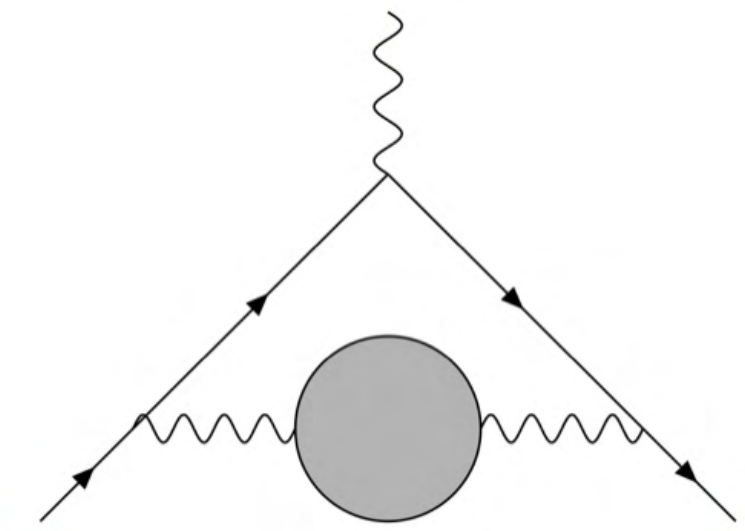
- Recent results in the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ channel by CMD-3:
 - further tension among $e^+ e^-$ data

[Ignatov et al. (CMD-3 Collab.), arXiv:2302.08834]



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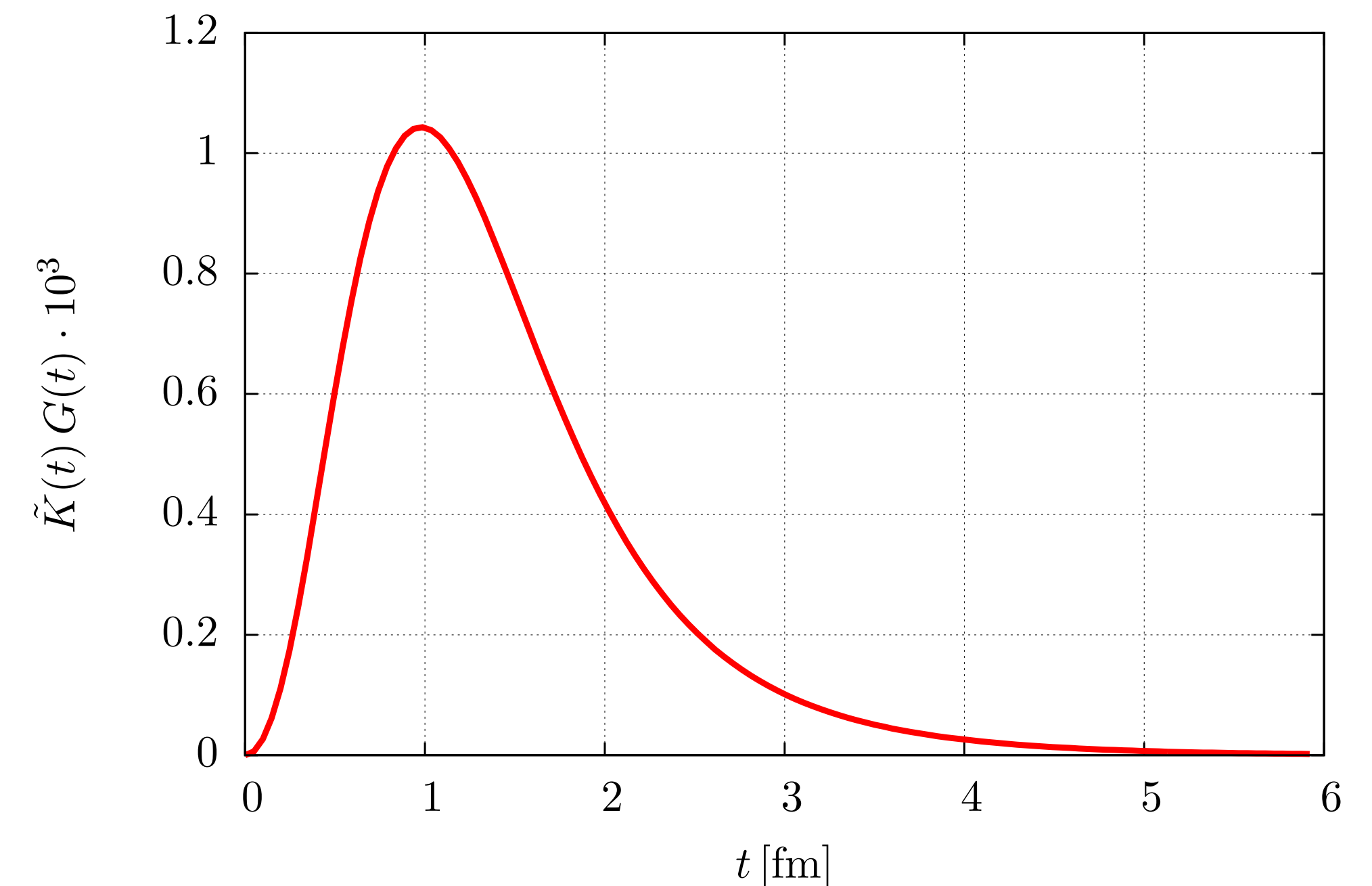


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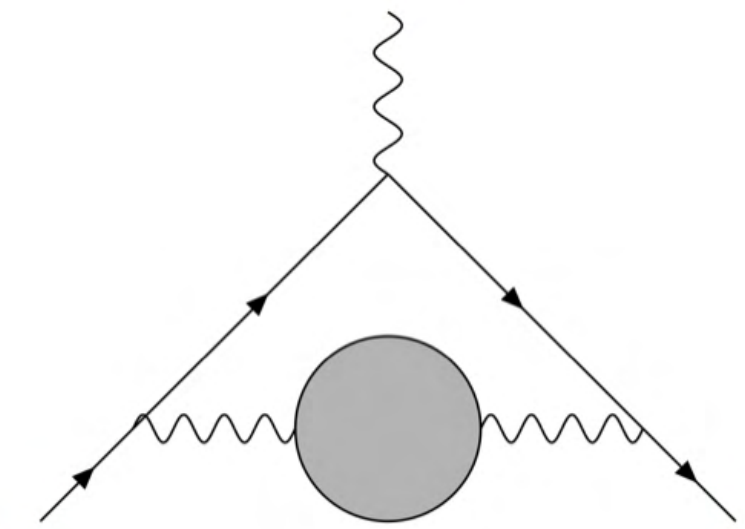
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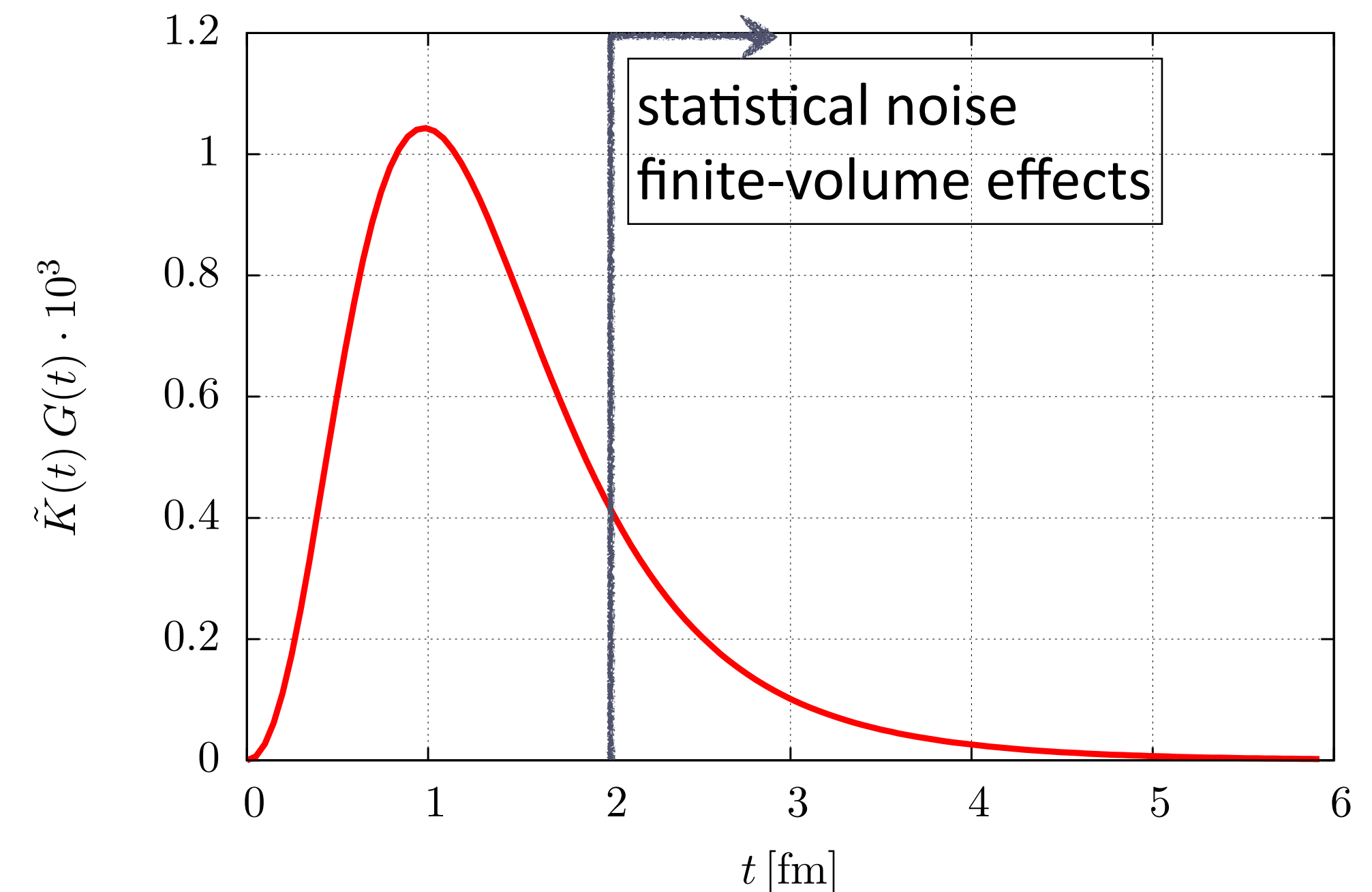
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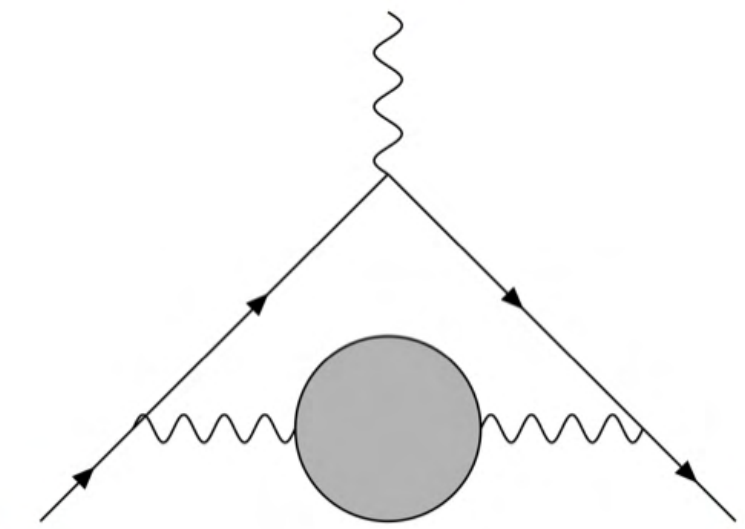
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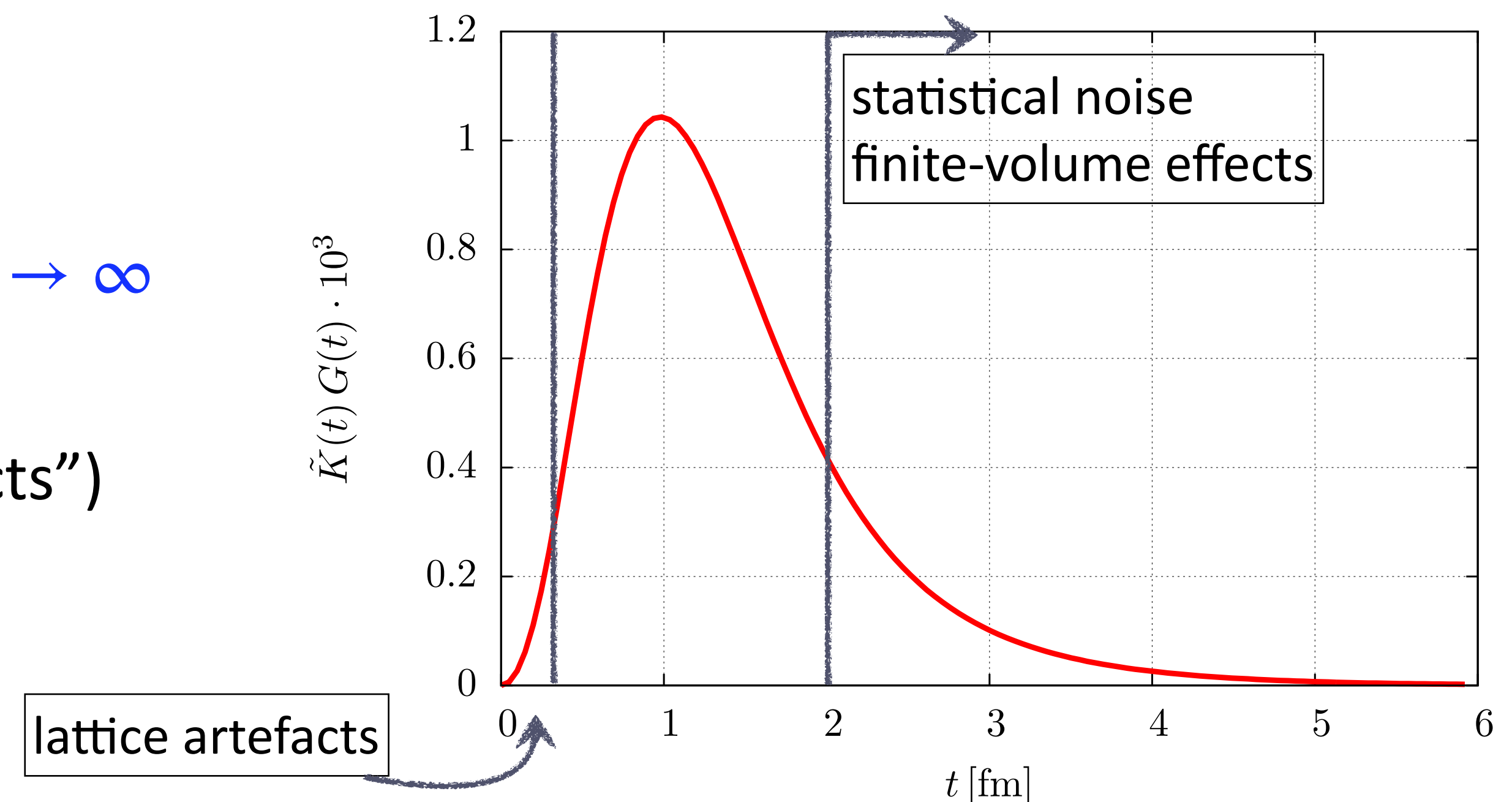
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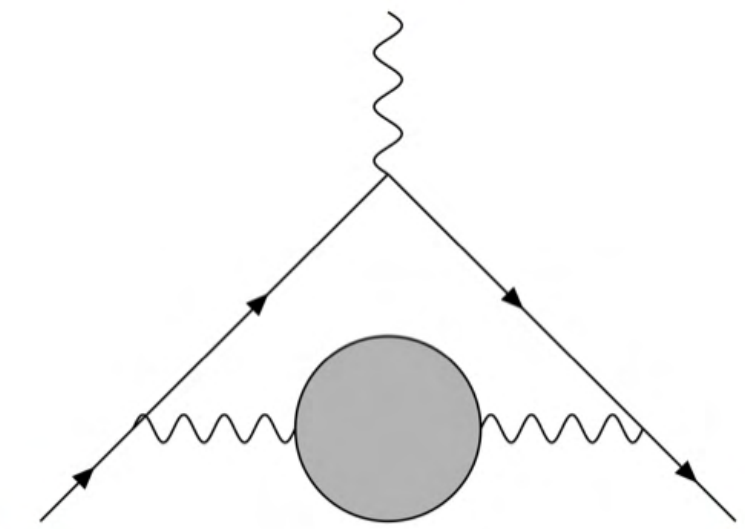
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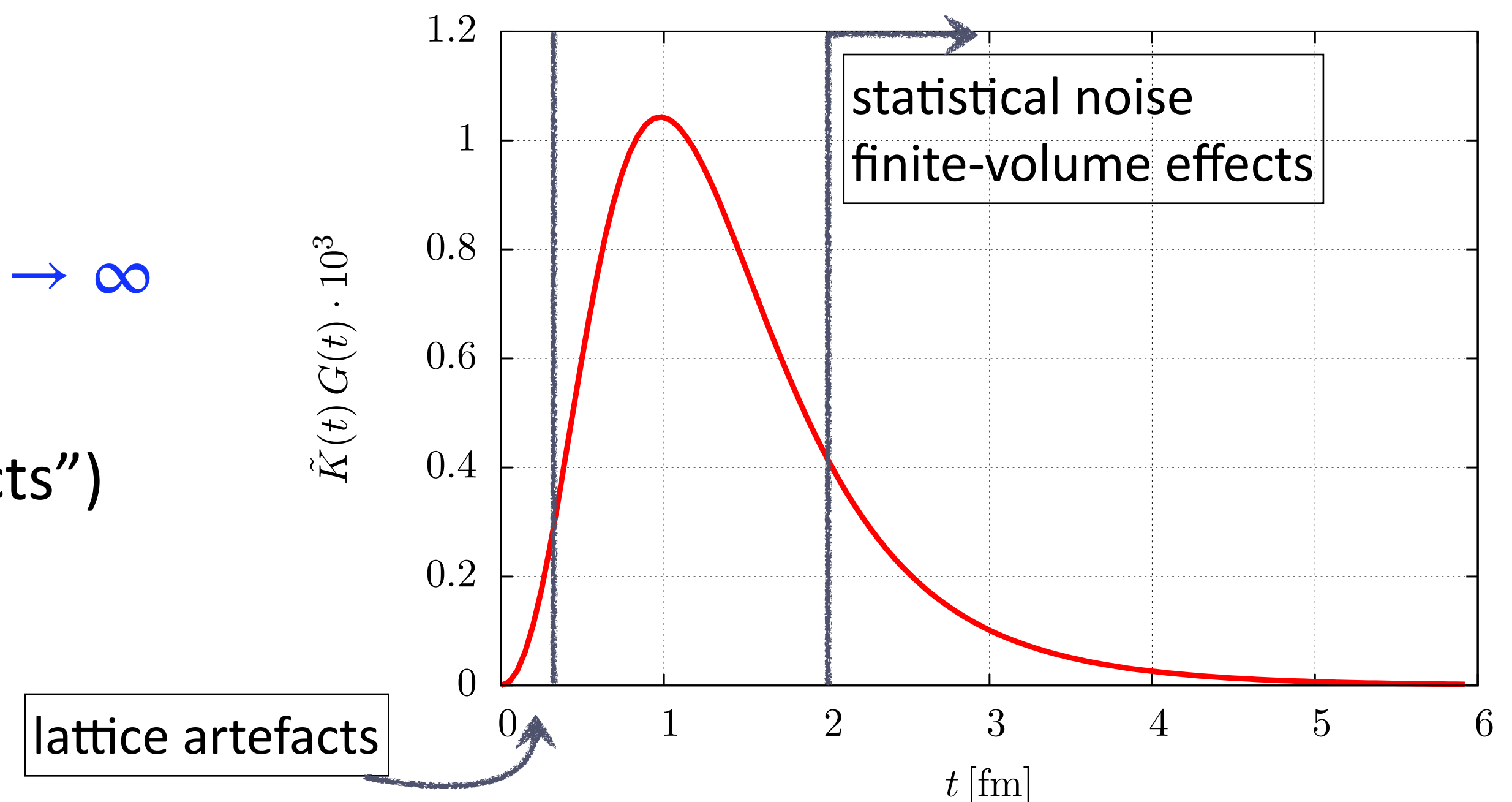
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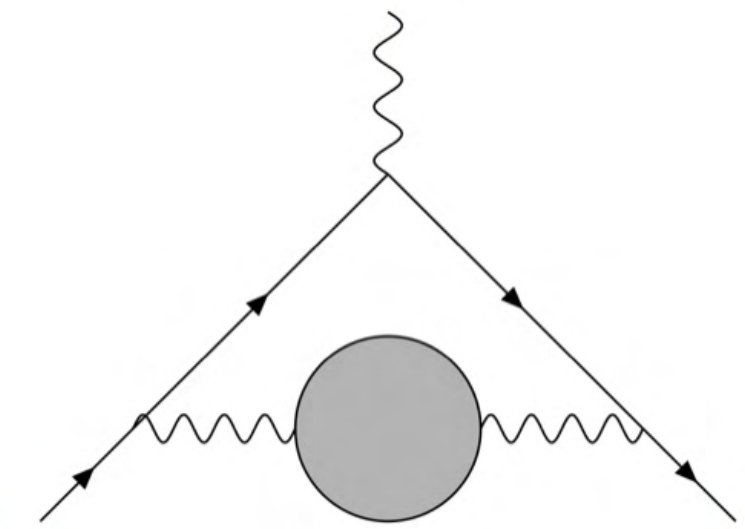
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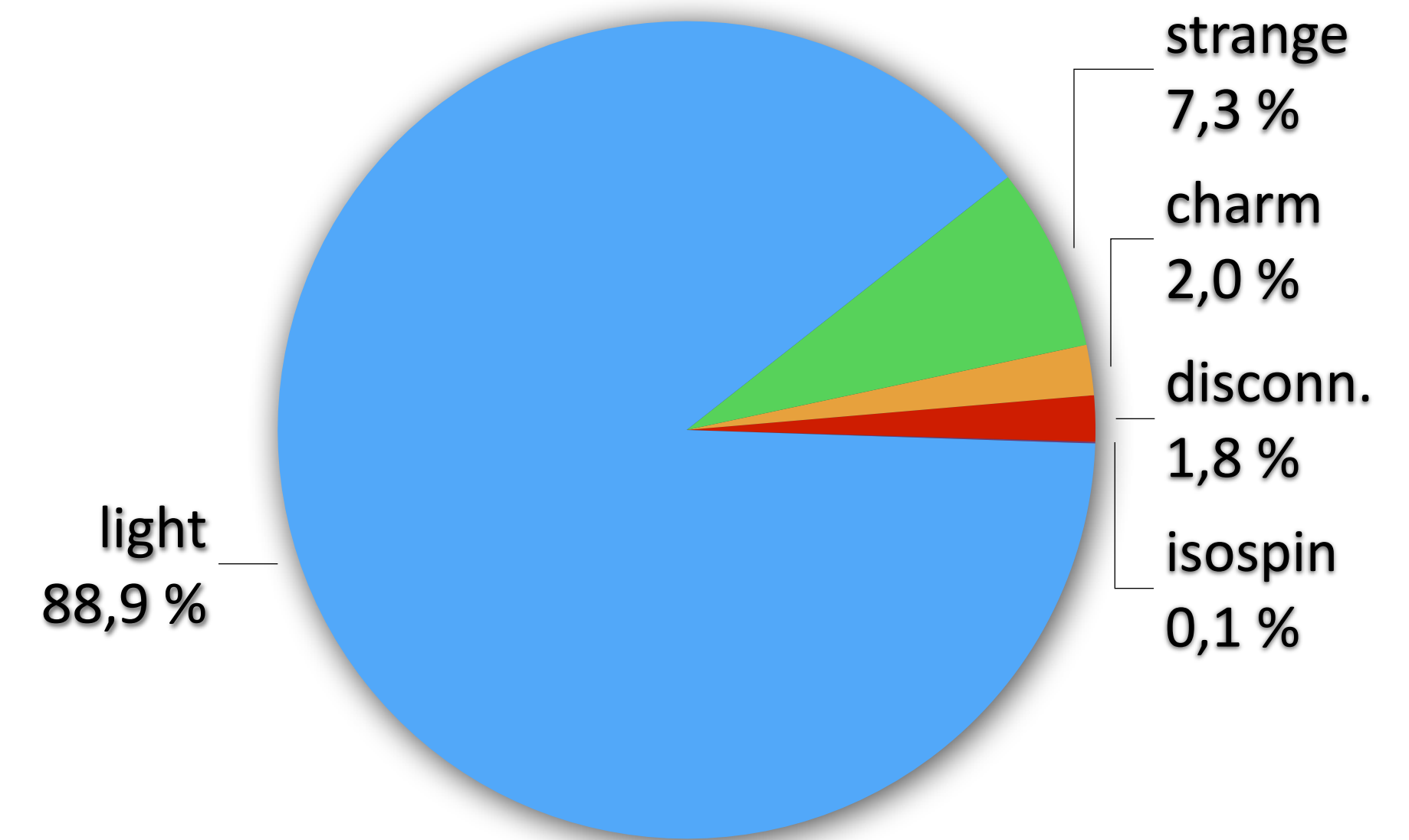
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Light-quark connected contribution dominates



Discretisations of the quark action

computational cost

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- correct analytically for taste-induced lattice artefacts
- used by:
BMW, Fermilab-HPQCD-MILC, ABGP,...

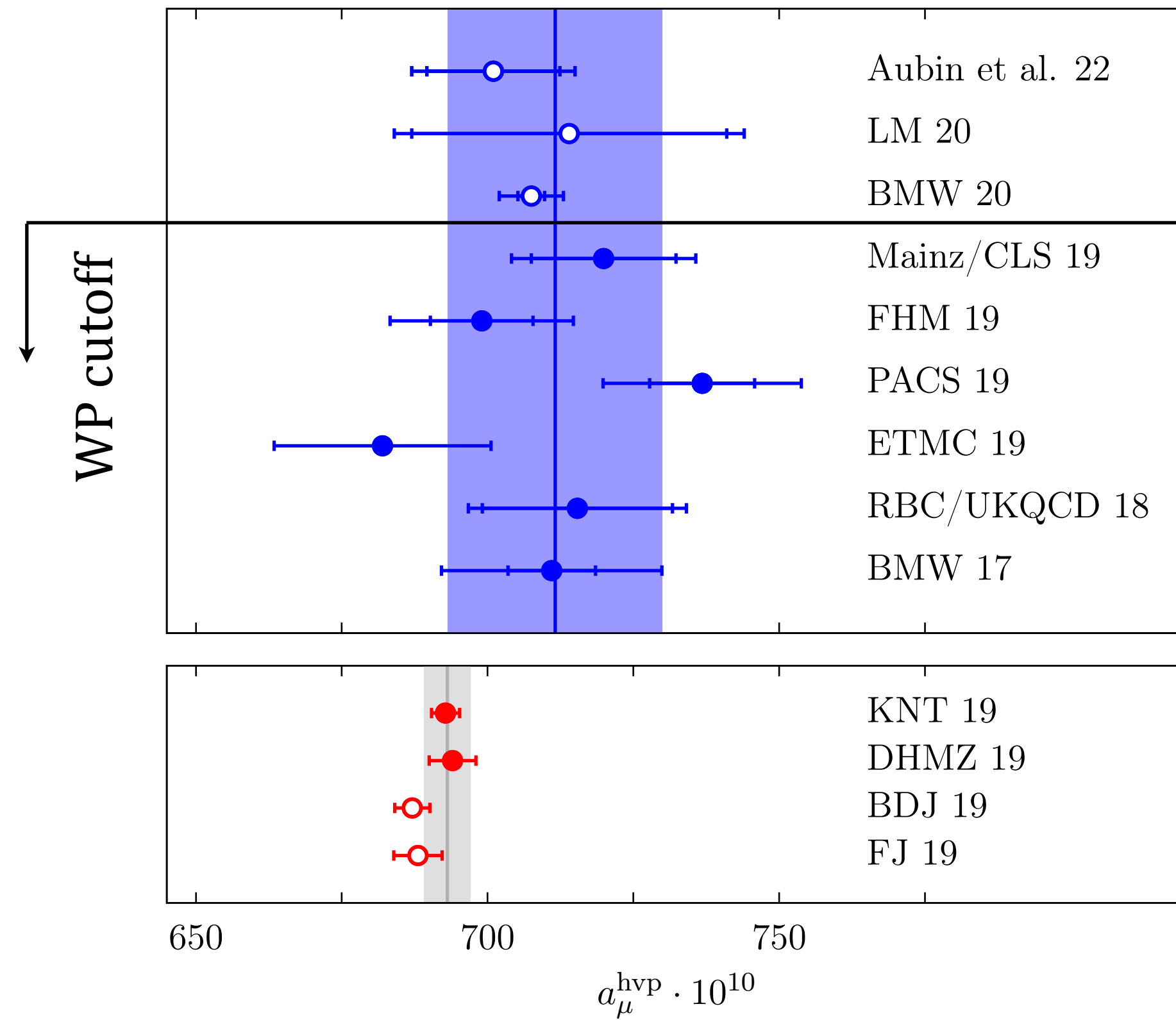
Wilson quarks:

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

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, χ QCD,...

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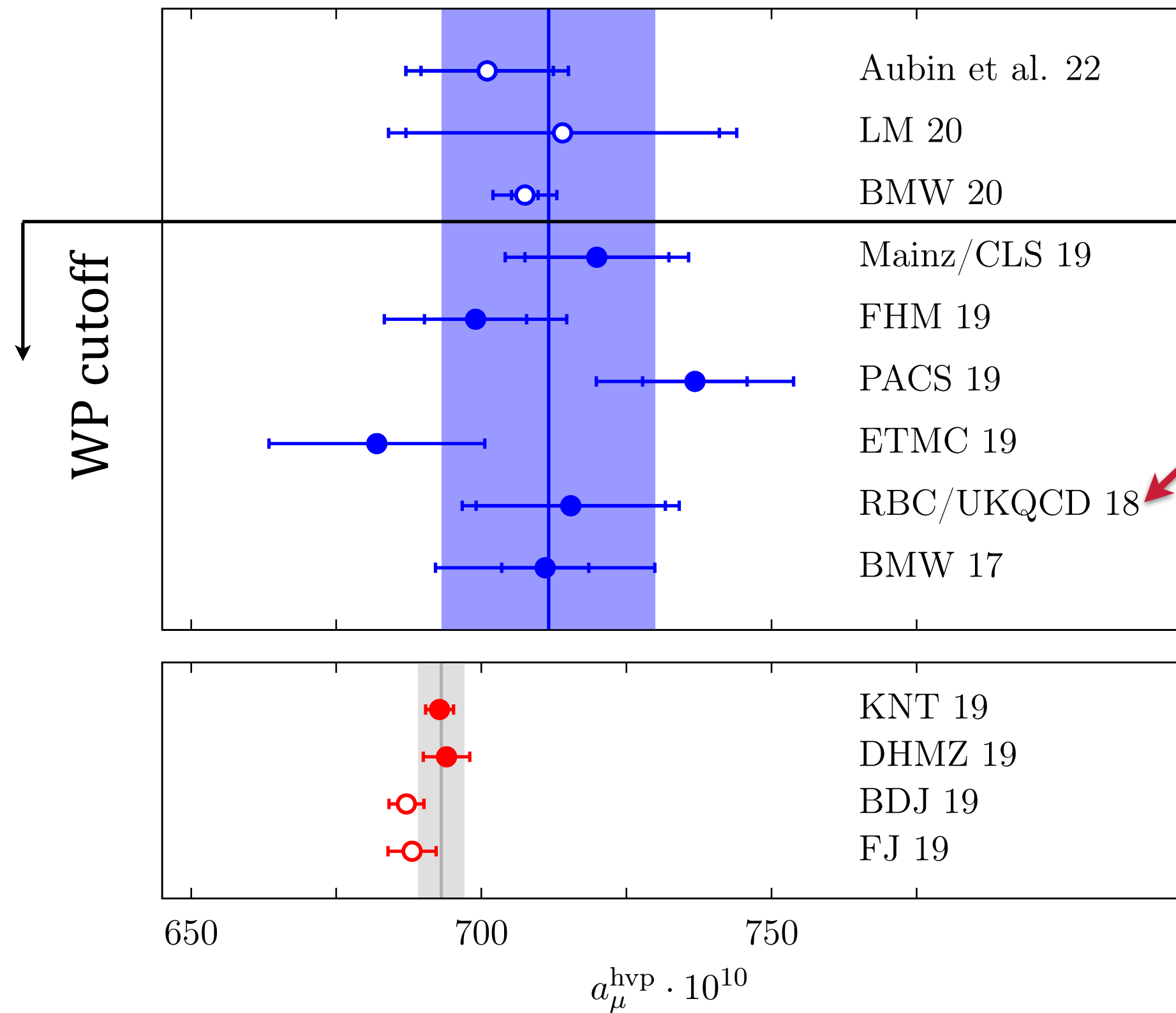


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RBC/UKQCD [Blum et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 022003]

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

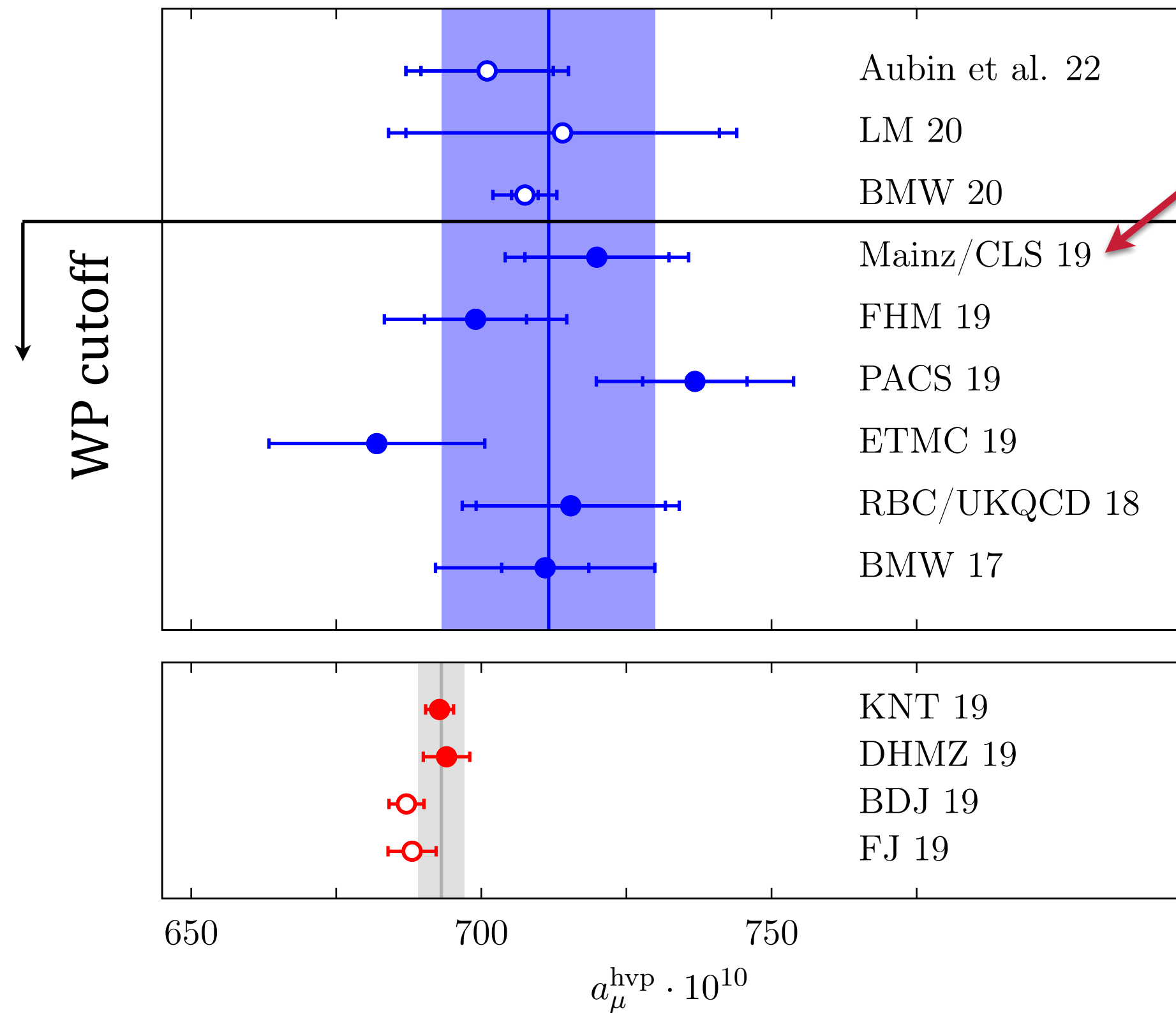
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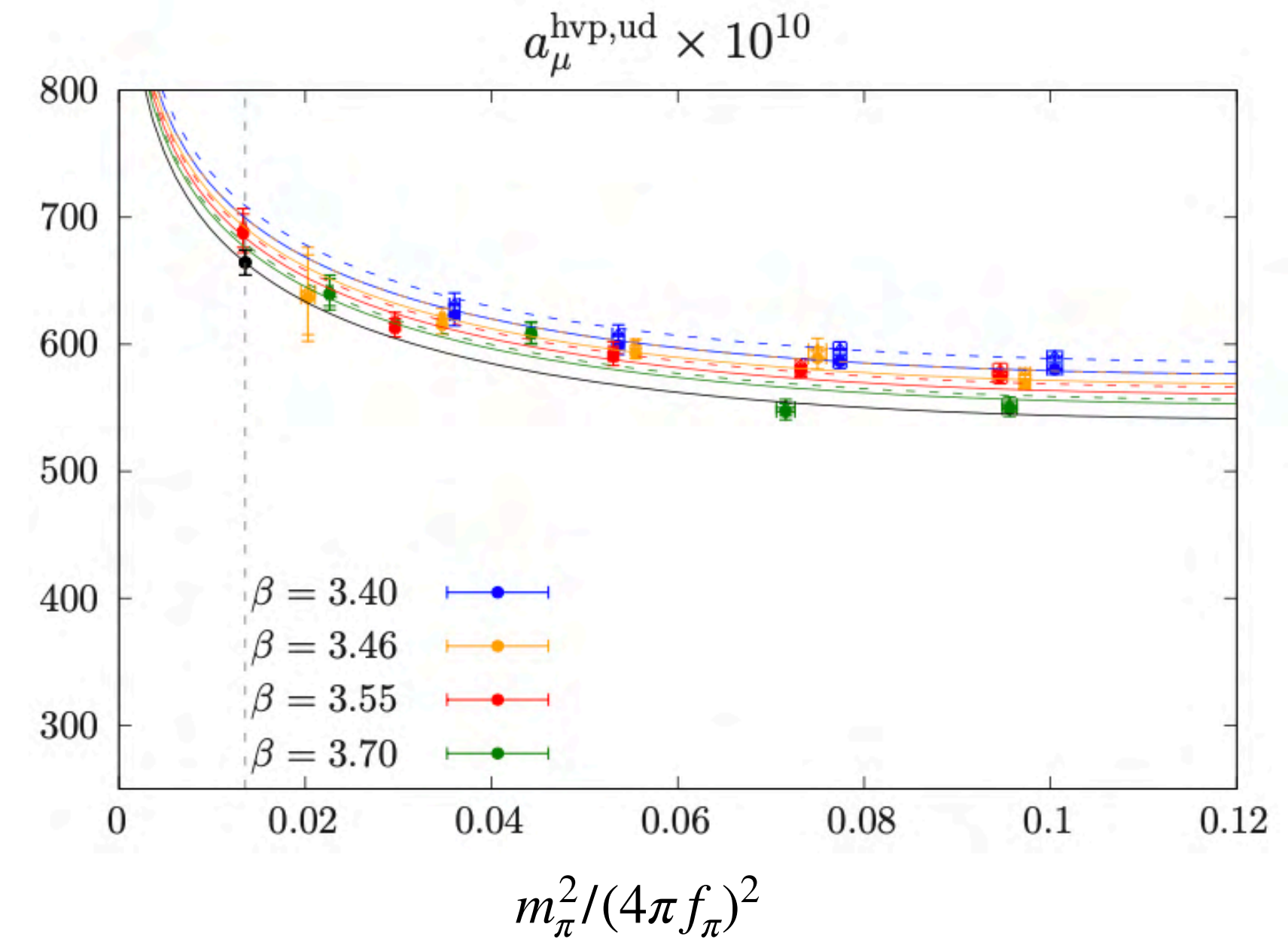
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Mainz/CLS

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

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



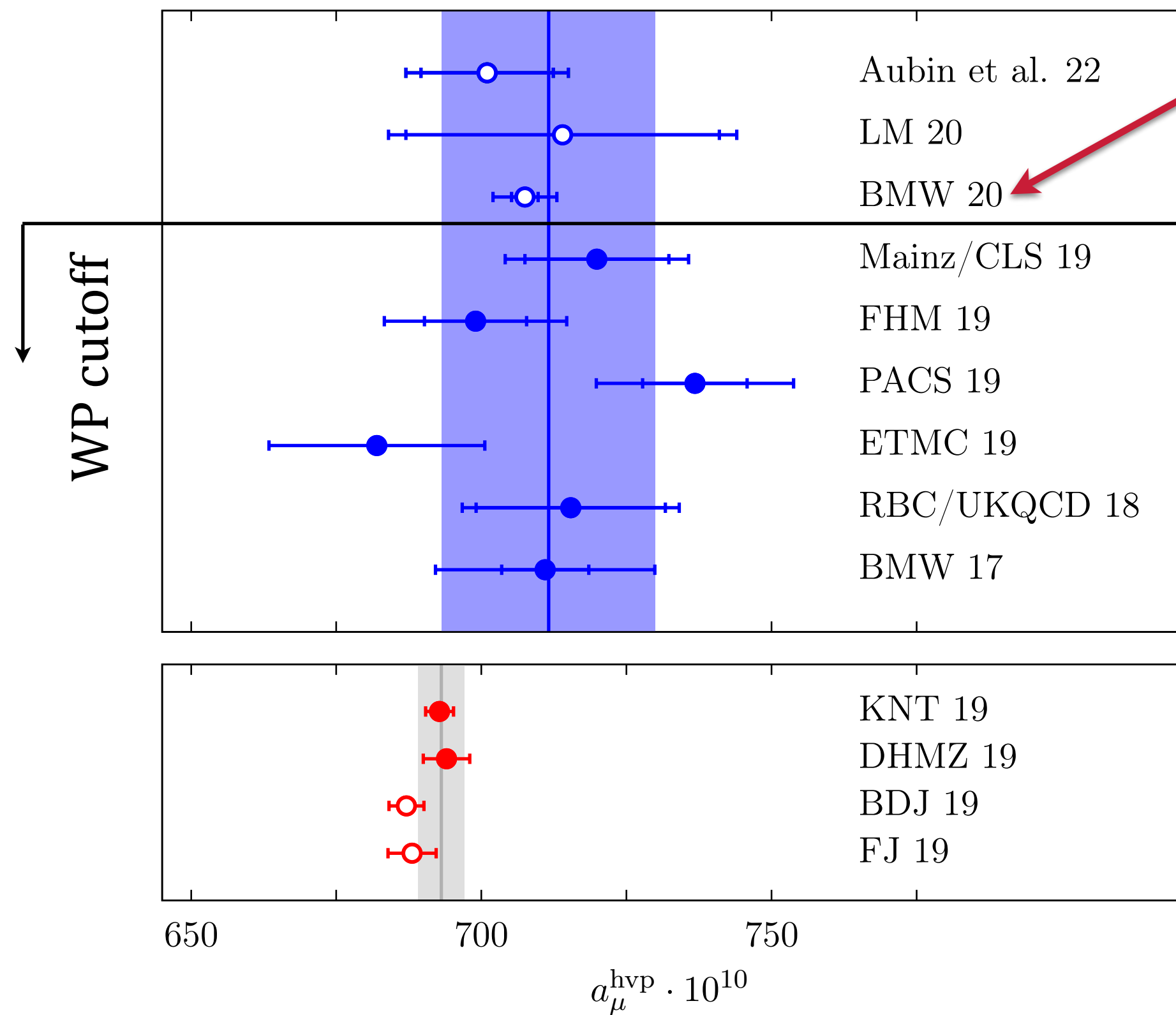
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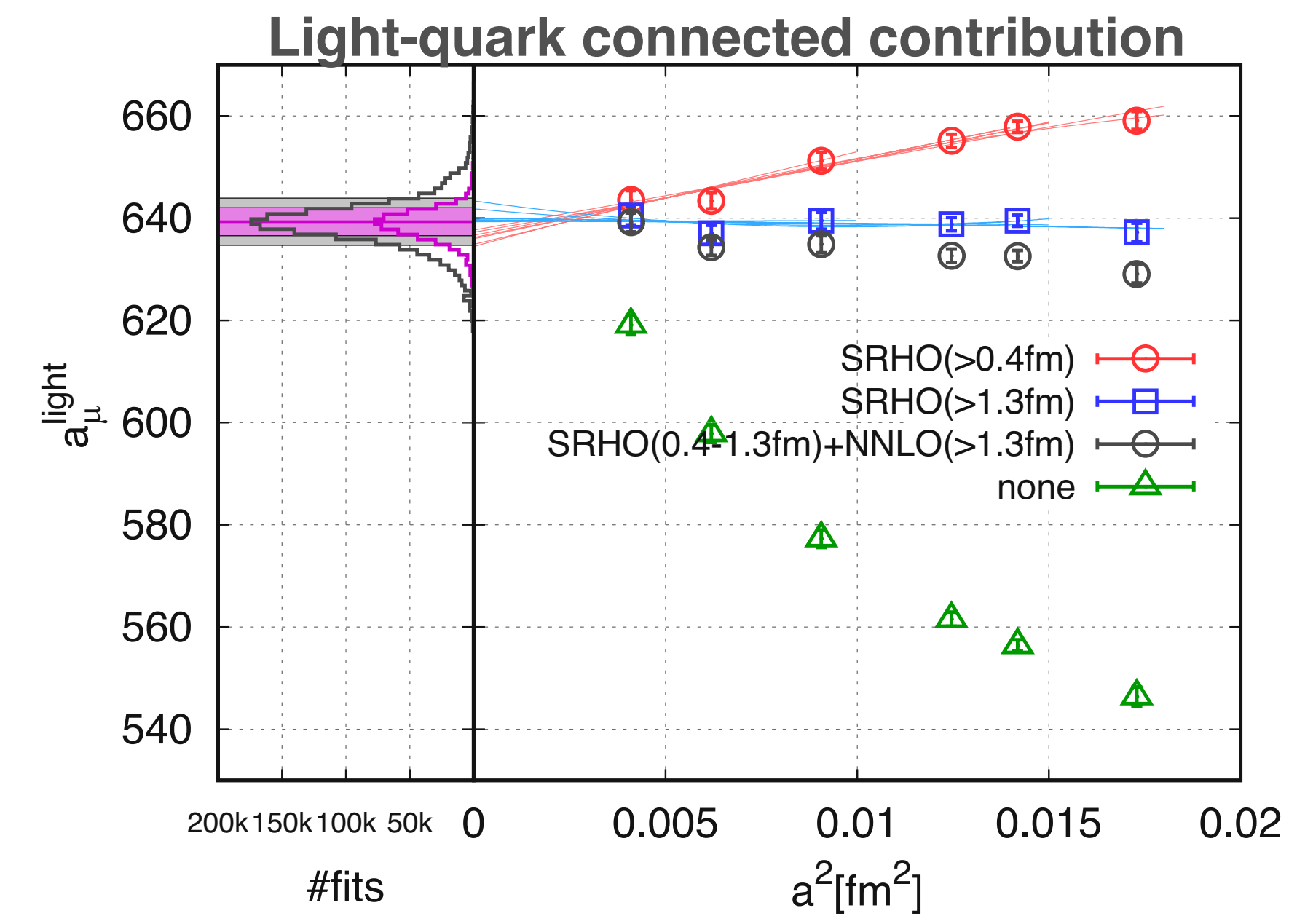
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BMWc

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

- Rooted staggered fermions
- Six lattice spacings: $a = 0.132 - 0.064$ fm
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- Correct for taste-breaking before continuum extrapol'n
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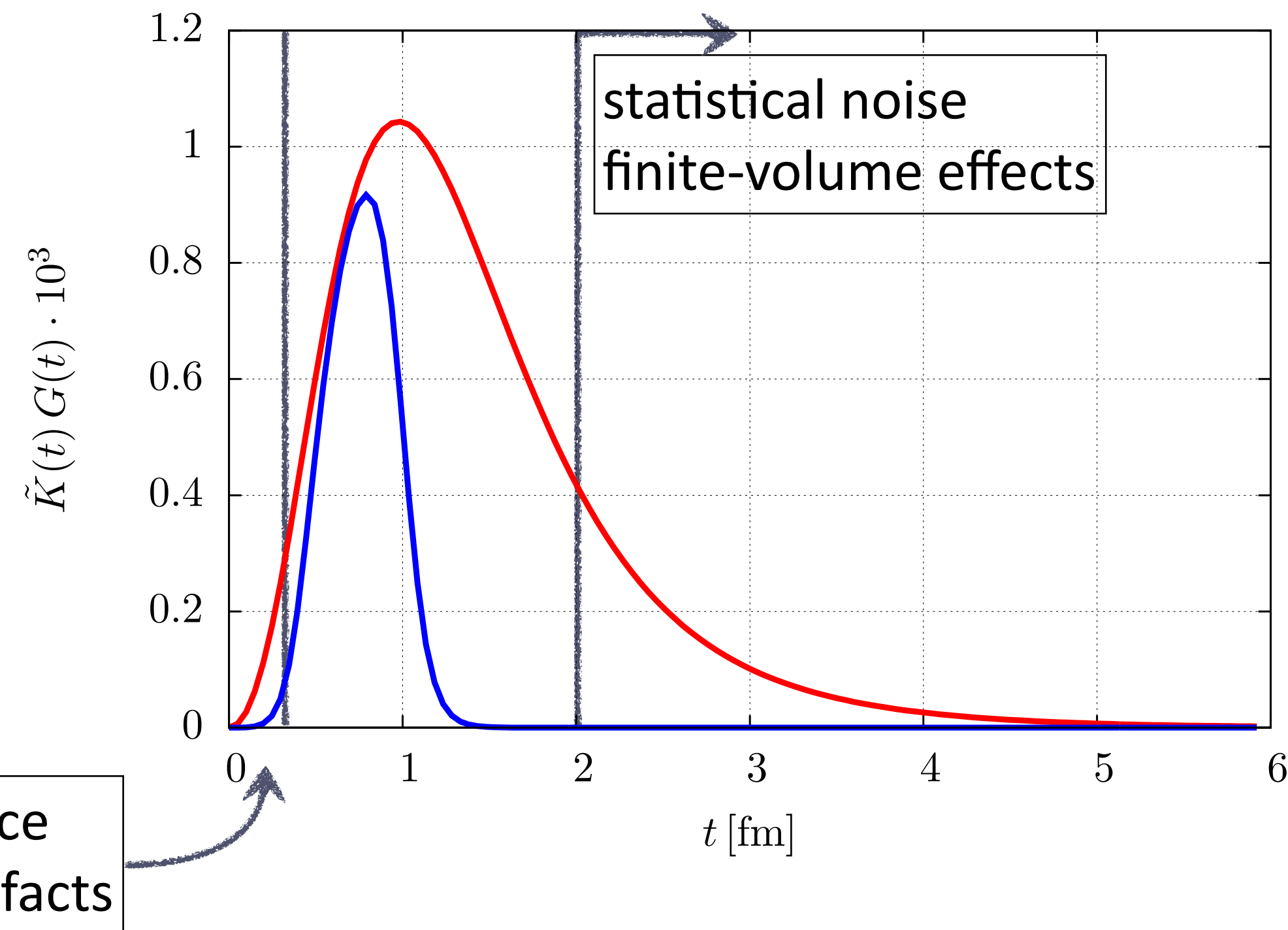
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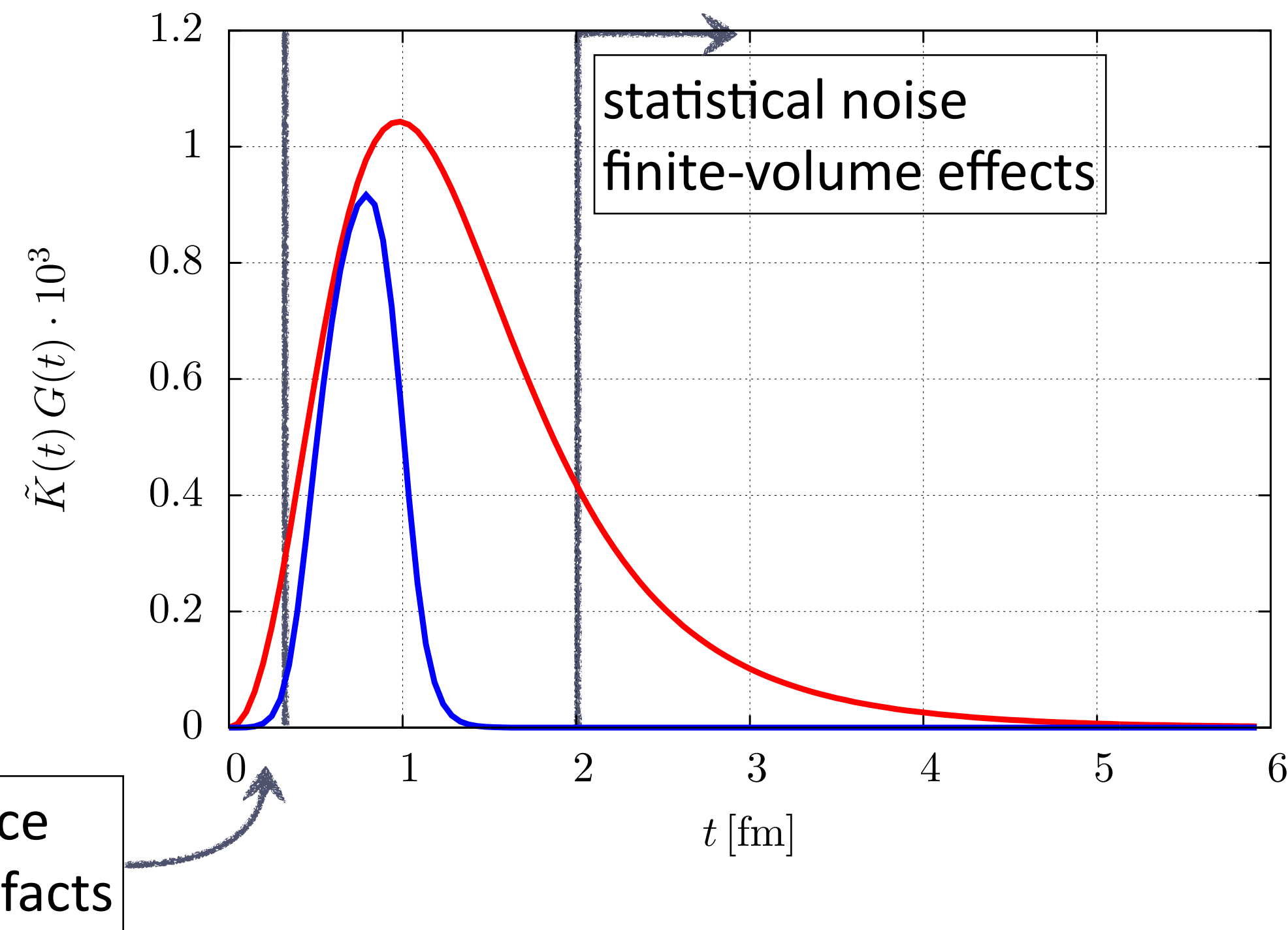
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[Blum et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 022003]

Idea: restrict integration to “unproblematic” regions

→ reduce statistical fluctuations and systematic effects

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

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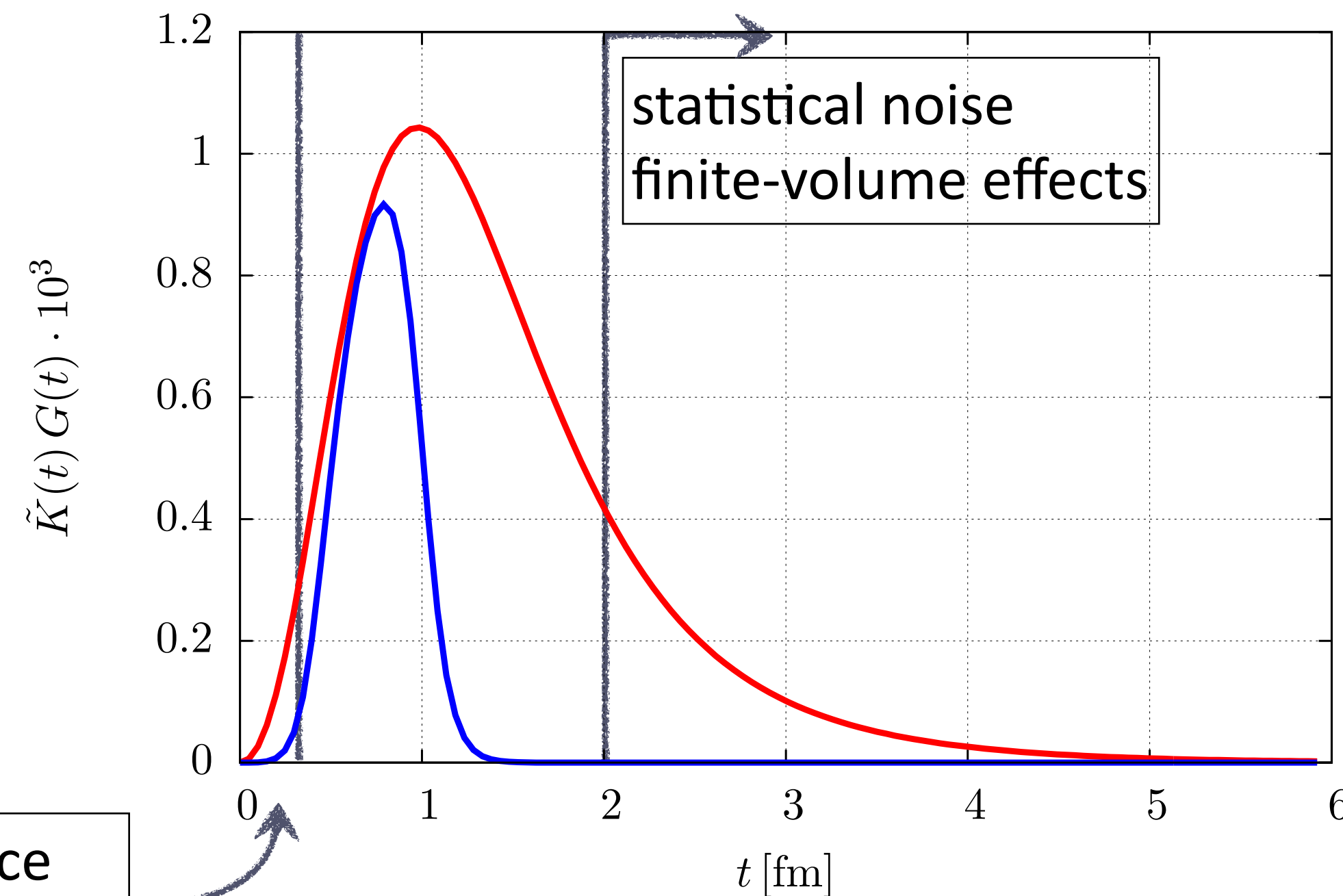
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$$\Theta(t, t', \Delta) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \tanh(t - t')/\Delta]$$

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

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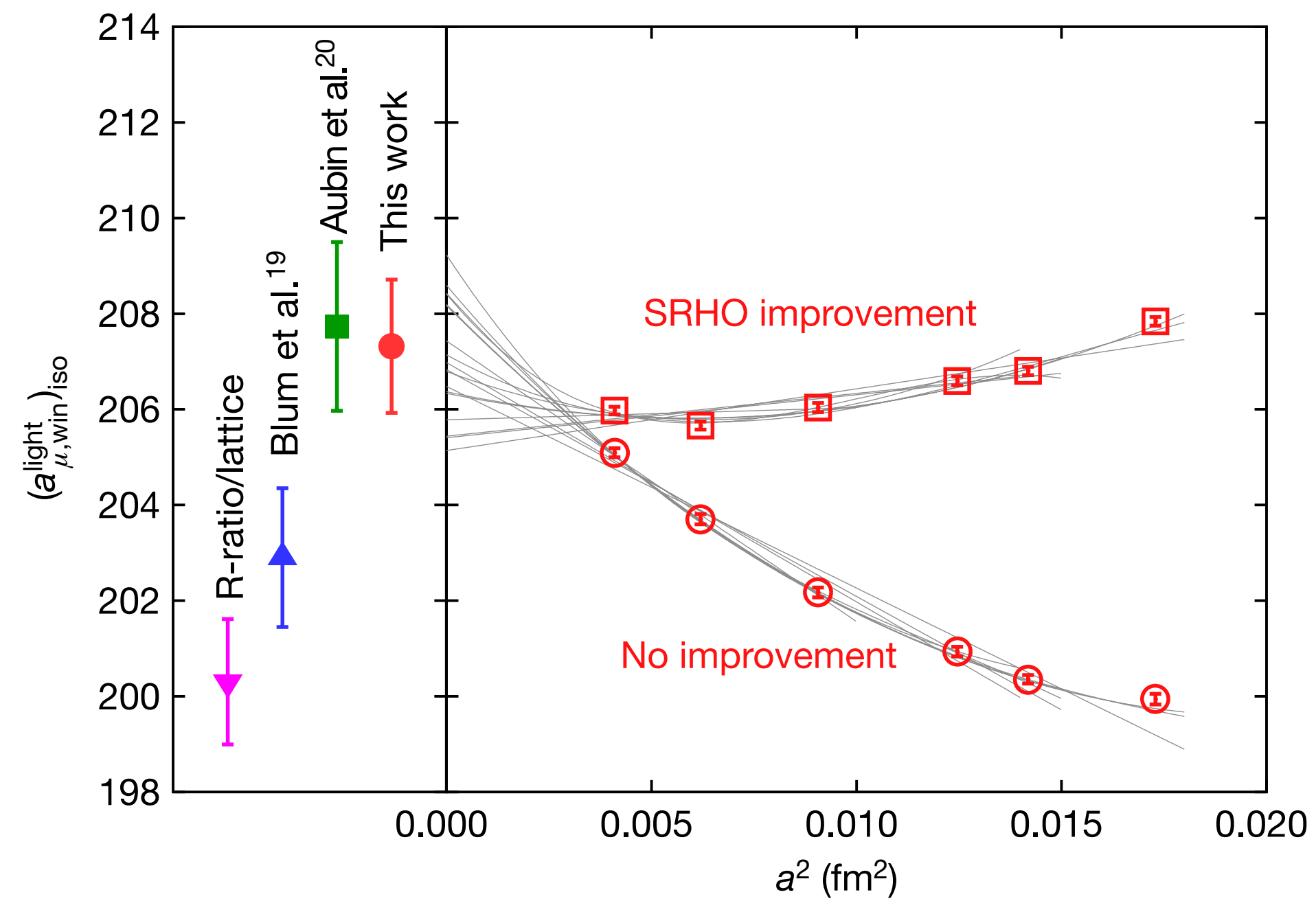


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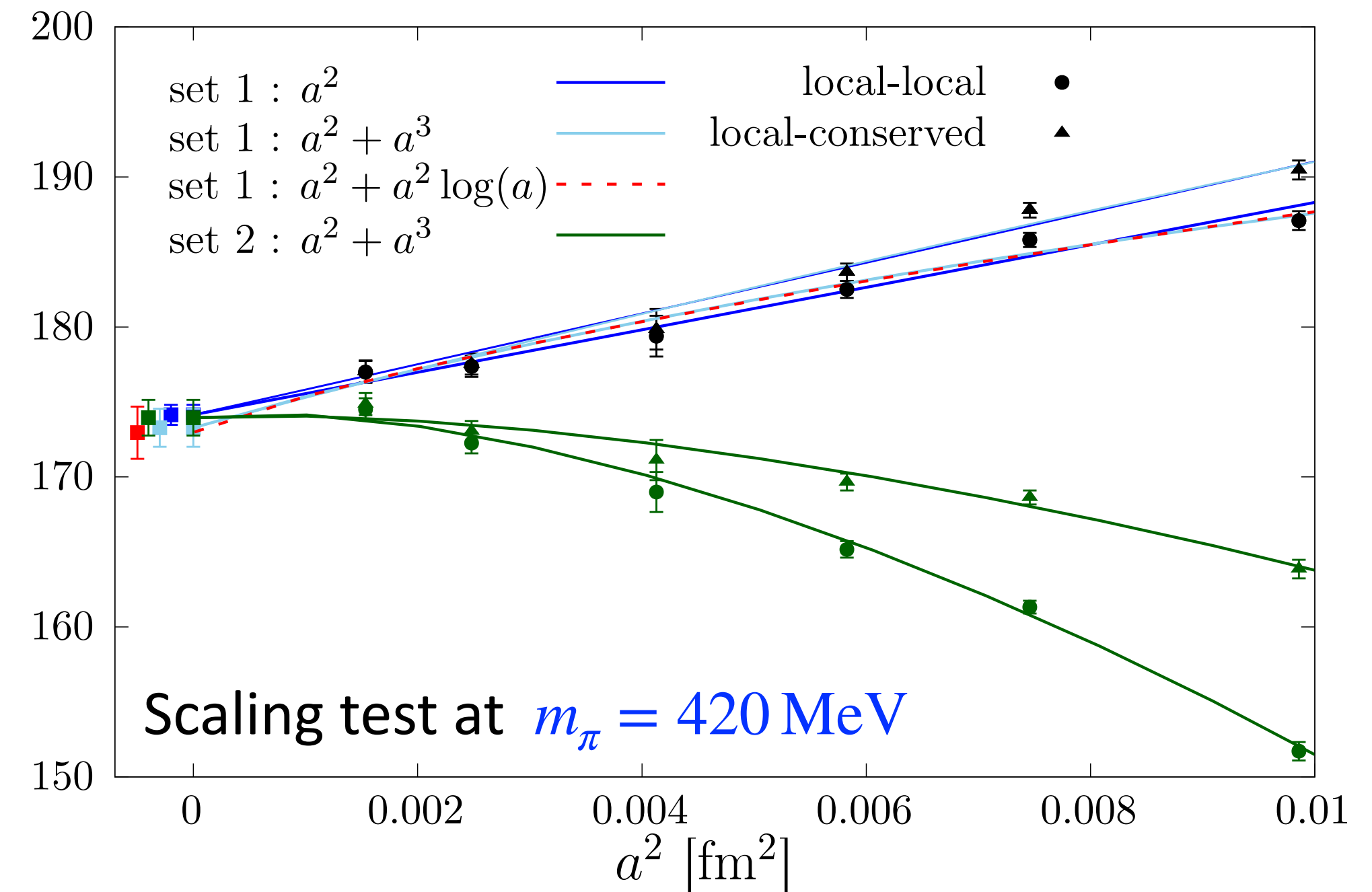
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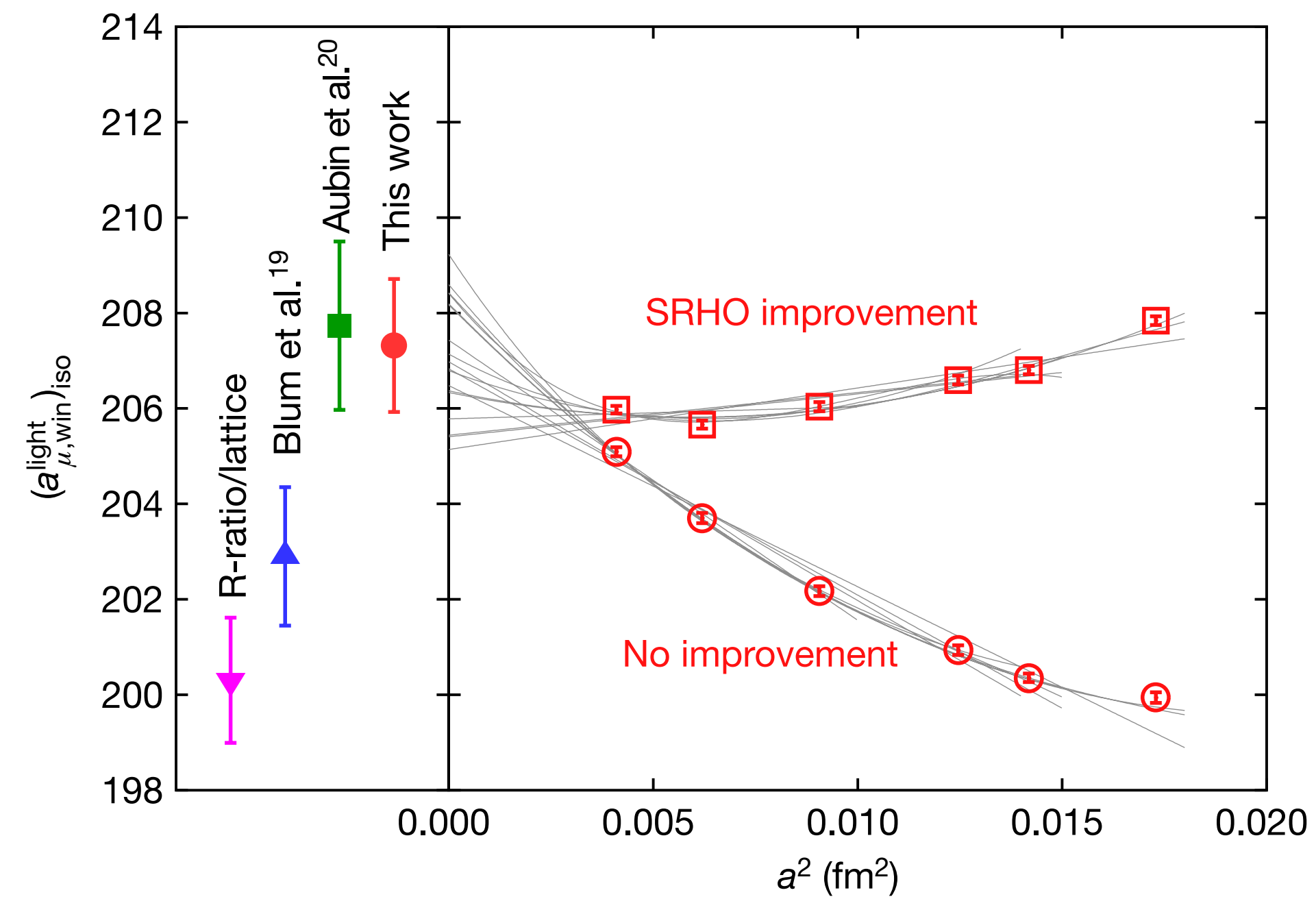
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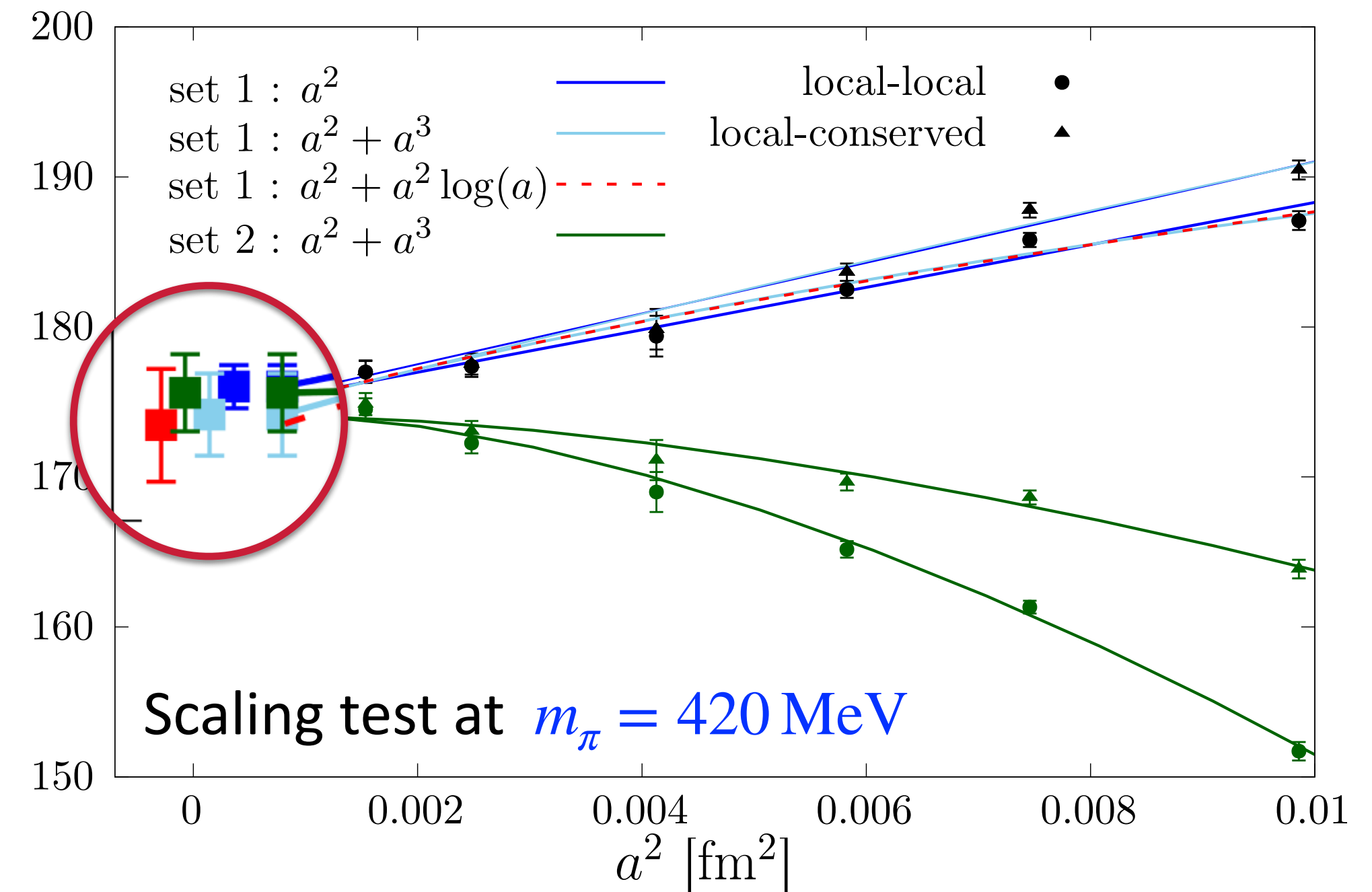
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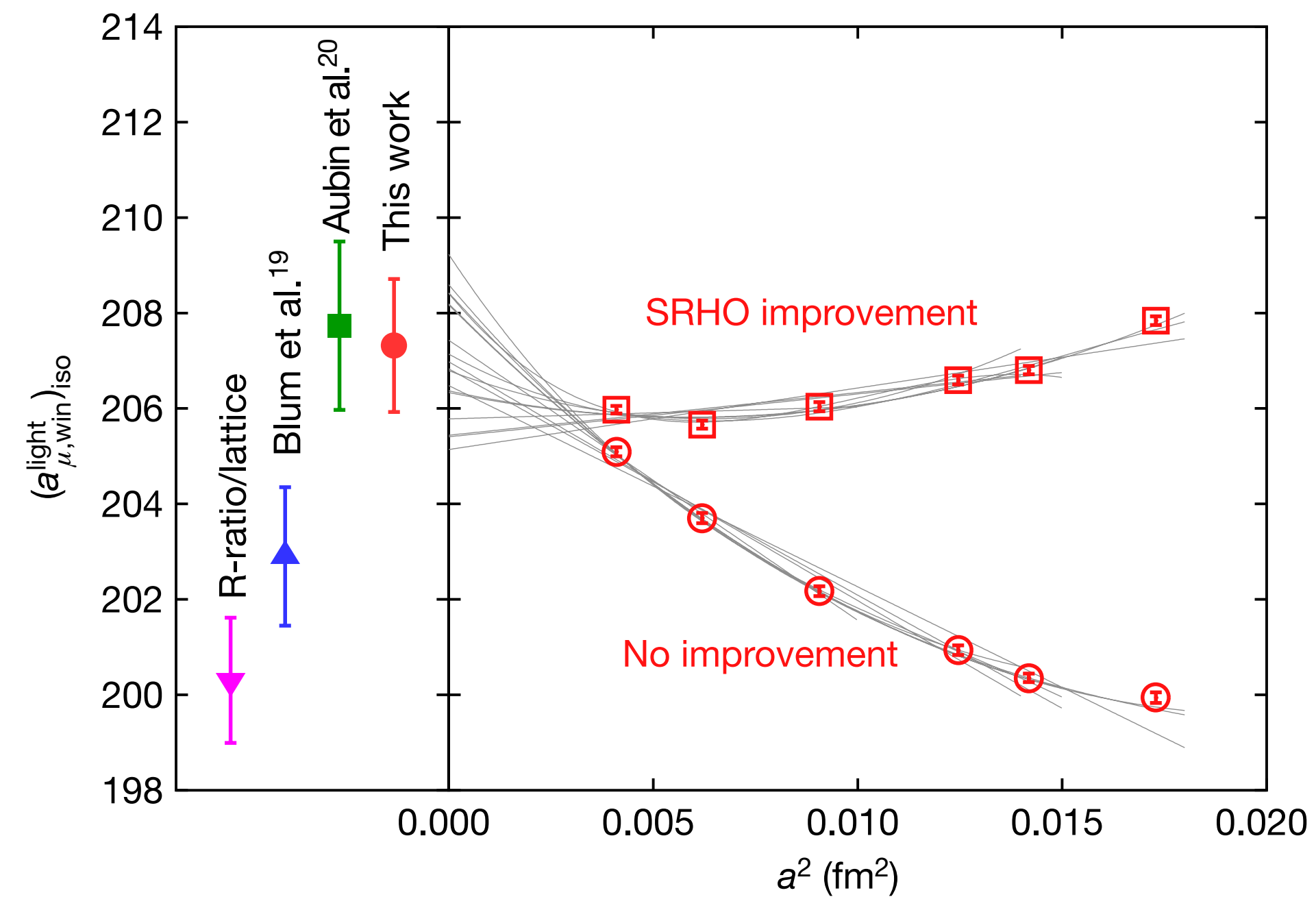
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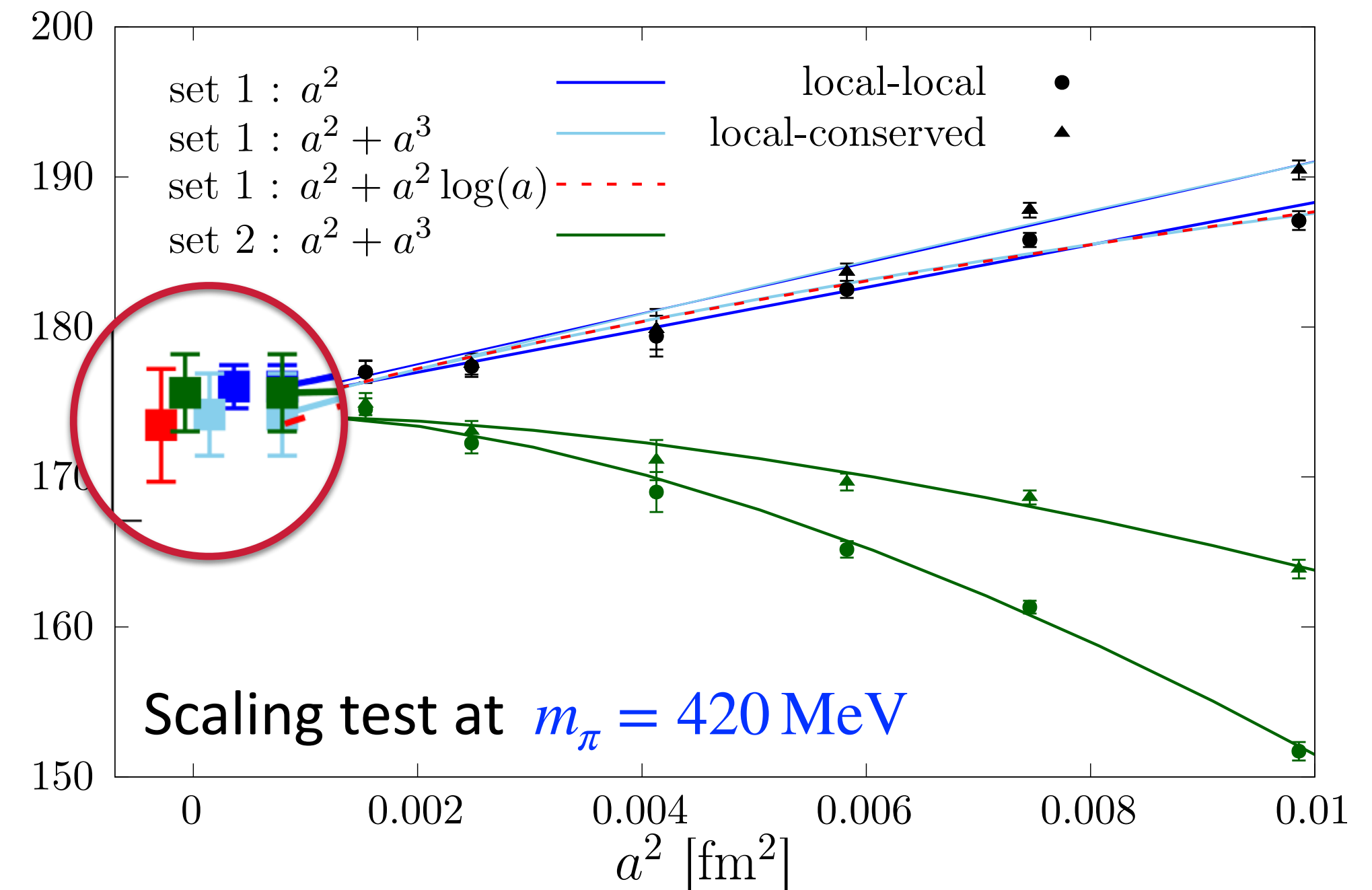
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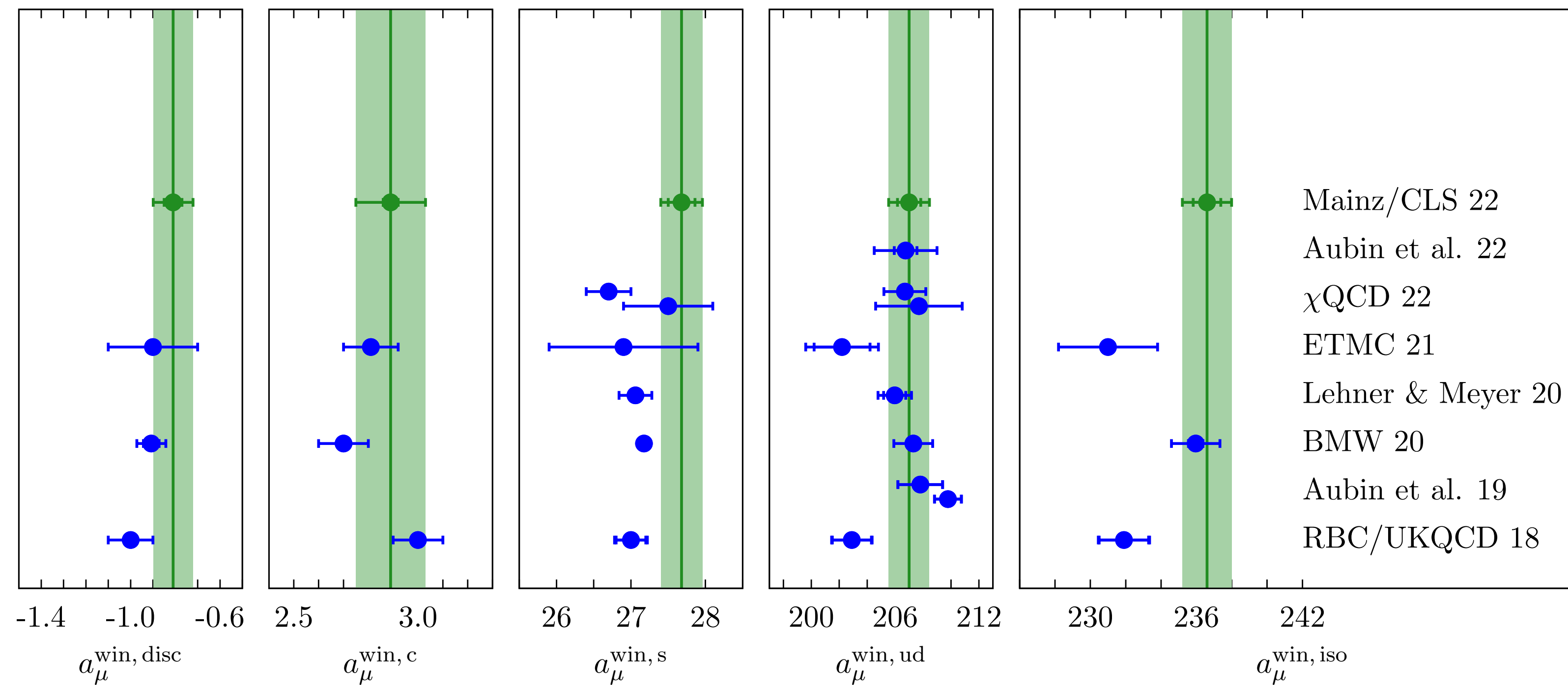


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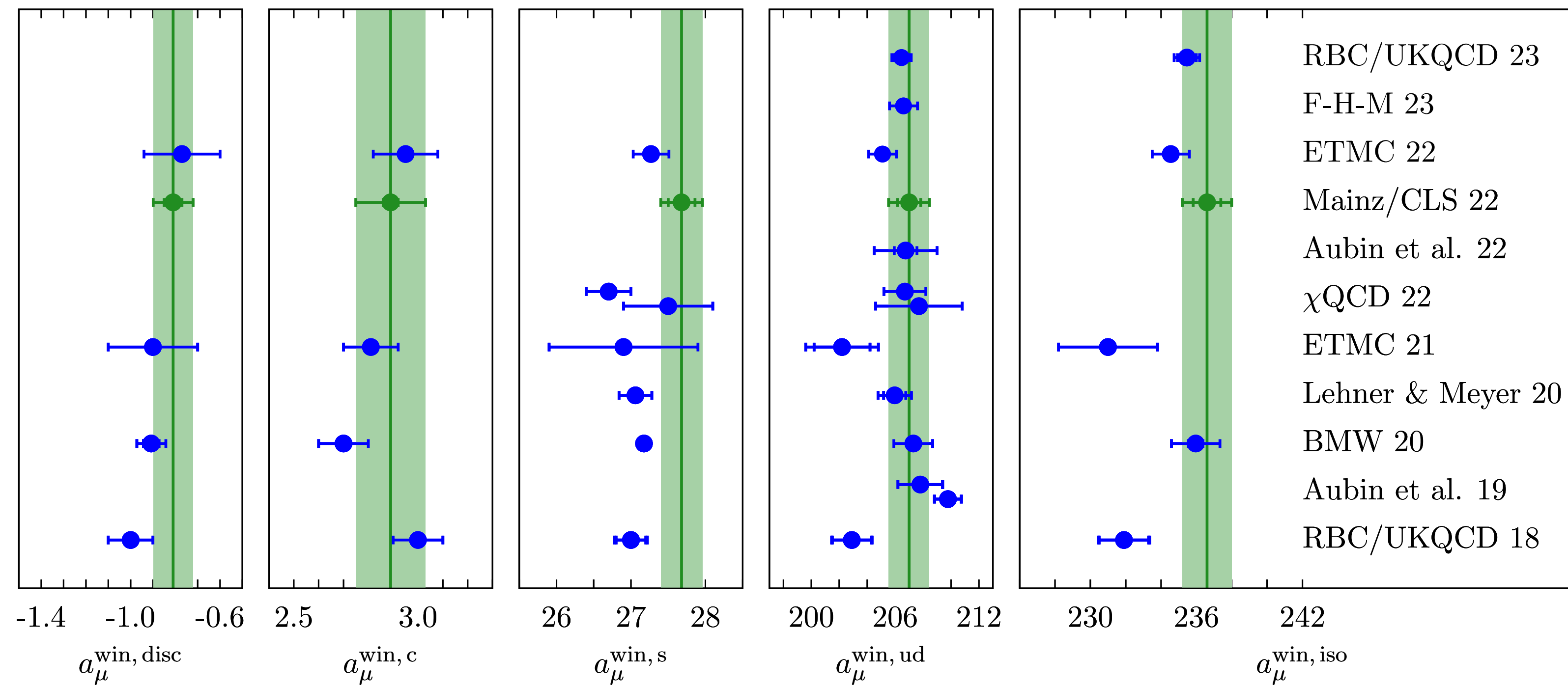
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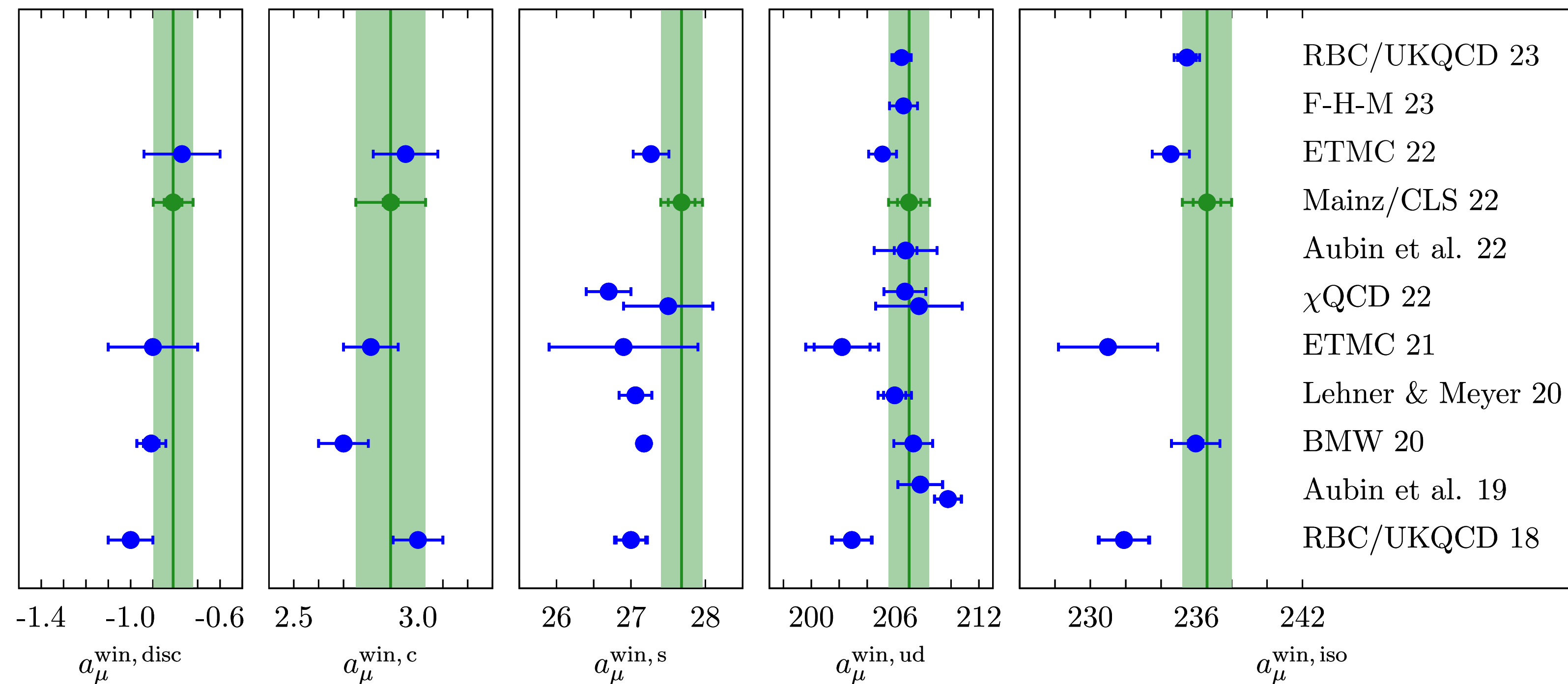
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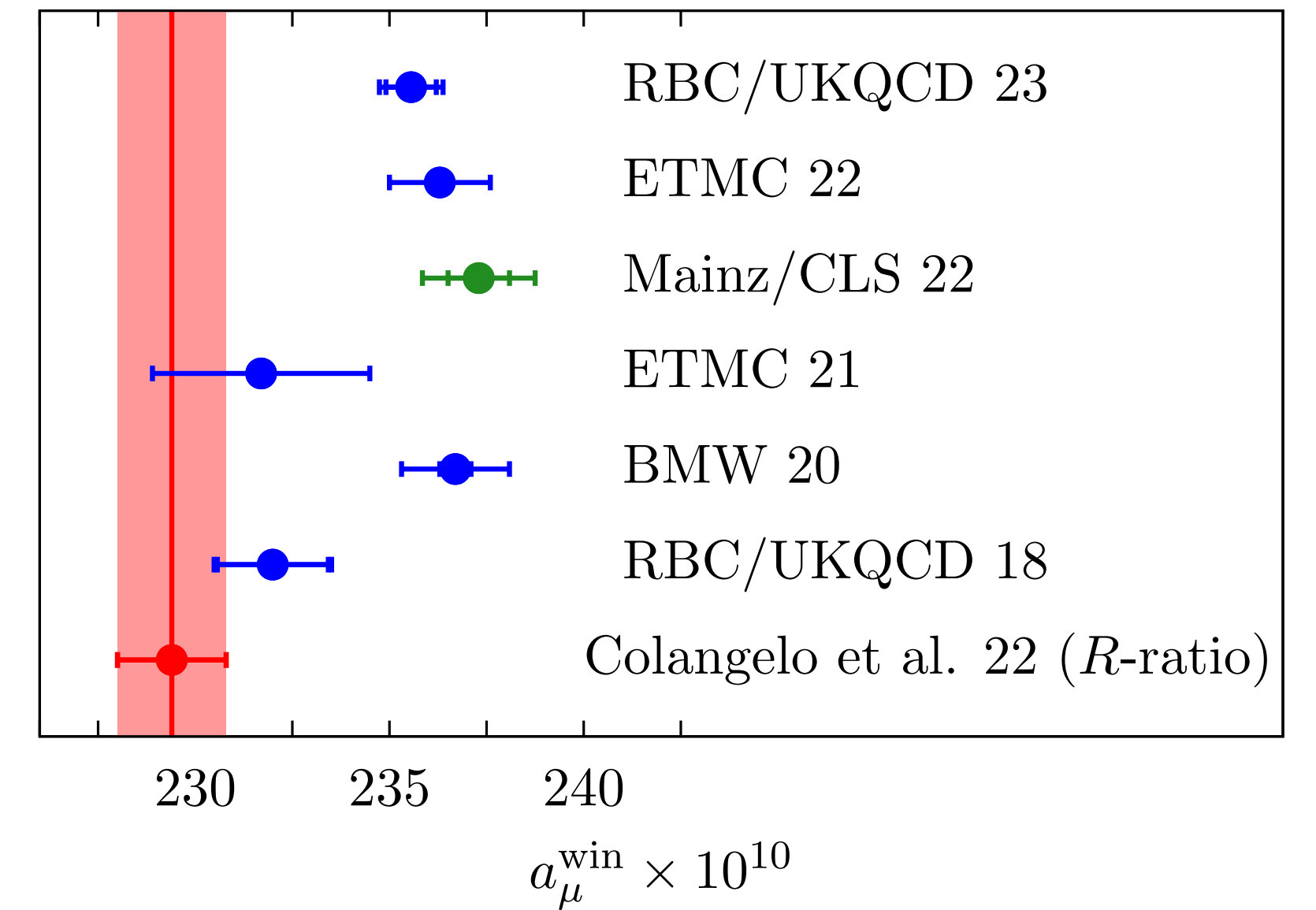
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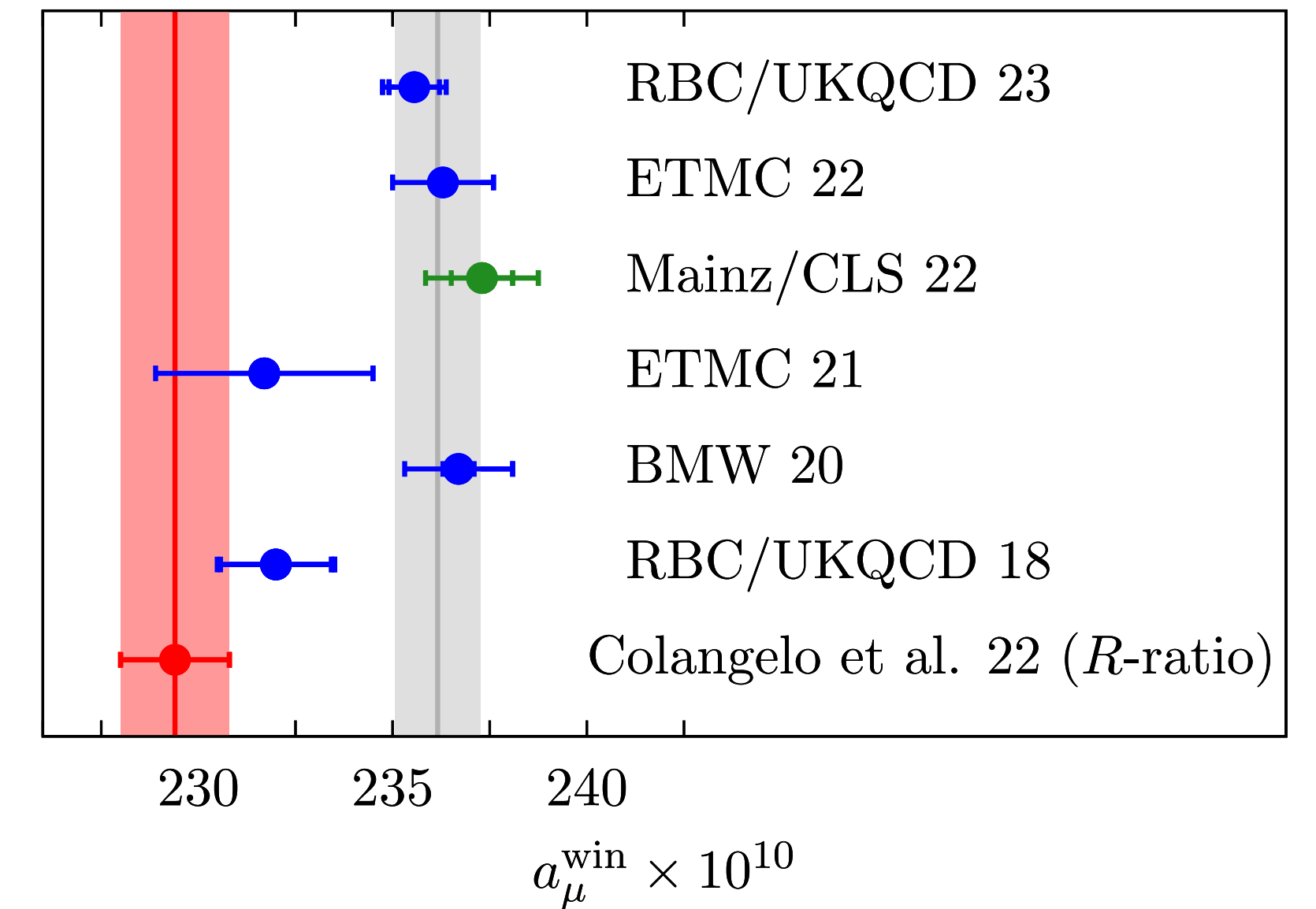
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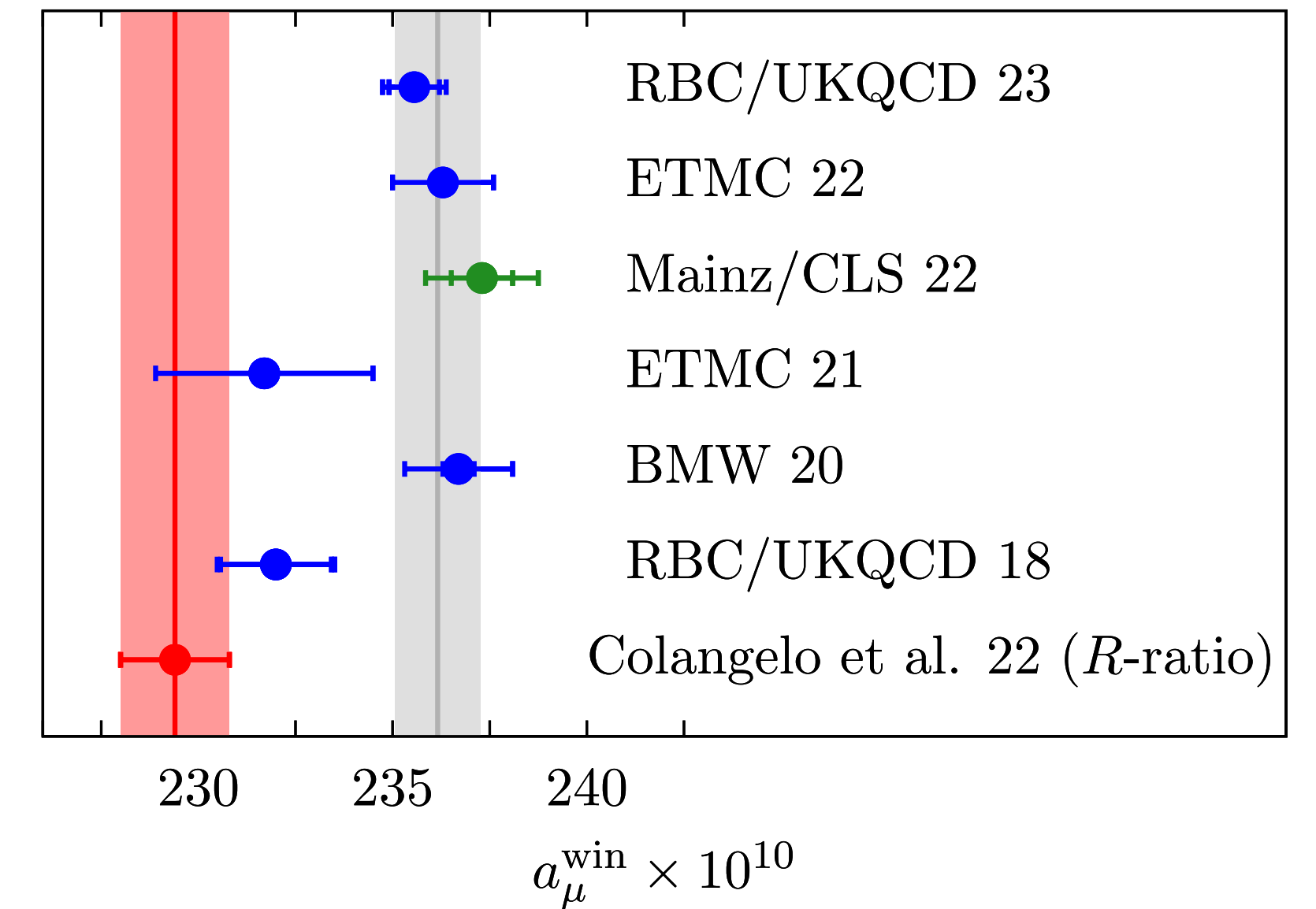
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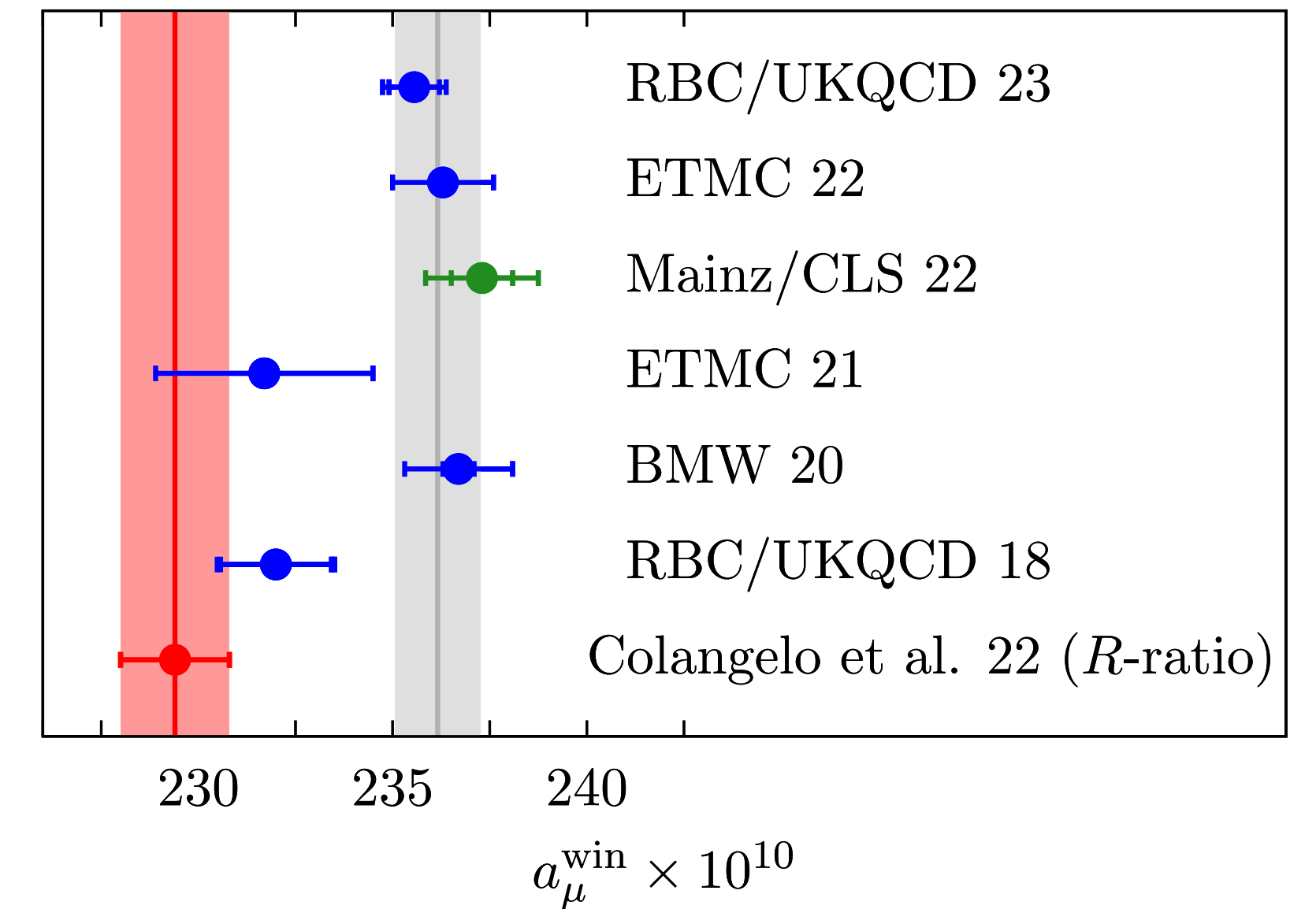
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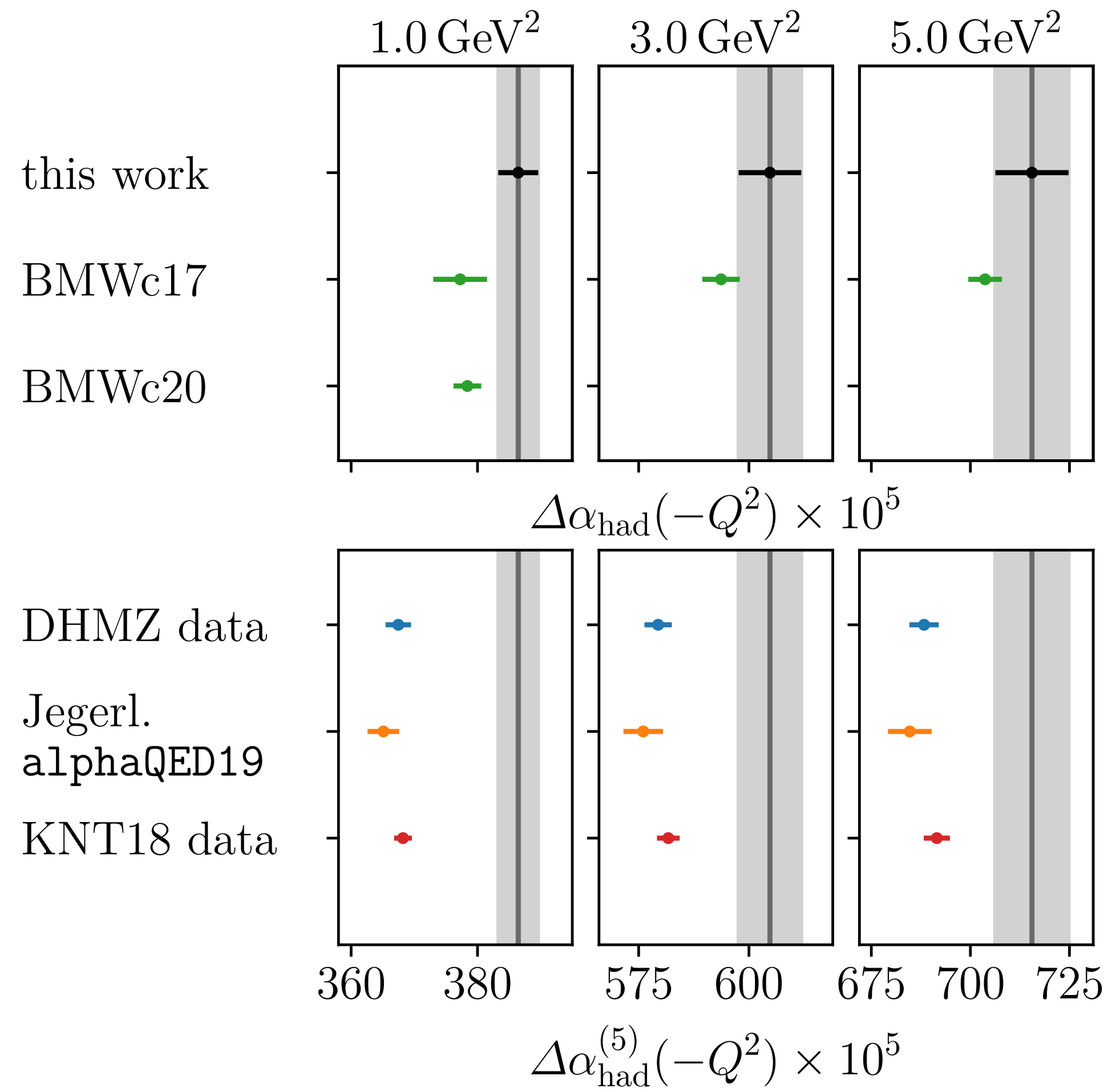


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$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}|_{\text{Lat-av.}}^{\text{win}} = (18.3 \pm 5.9) \cdot 10^{-10} \quad [3.1 \sigma]$$

- Intermediate window accounts for 50% of discrepancy between BMWc and 2020 WP estimate

Relation to the hadronic running of electromagnetic coupling



Dispersion integral:
$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(q^2) = -\frac{\alpha q^2}{3\pi} \oint_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R(s)}{s(s-q^2)}$$

Lattice QCD:

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

- Direct lattice calculation of $\Delta\alpha(-Q^2)$ on the same gauge ensembles used in Mainz/CLS 22
[Cè et al., JHEP 08 (2022) 220, arXiv:2203.08676]
- 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

Comparison with perturbative Adler function

Adler function: $D(-s) = \frac{3\pi}{\alpha} s \frac{d}{ds} \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(s)$ (Known in massive QCD perturbation theory at four loops)

Comparison of $D(Q^2)$ determined

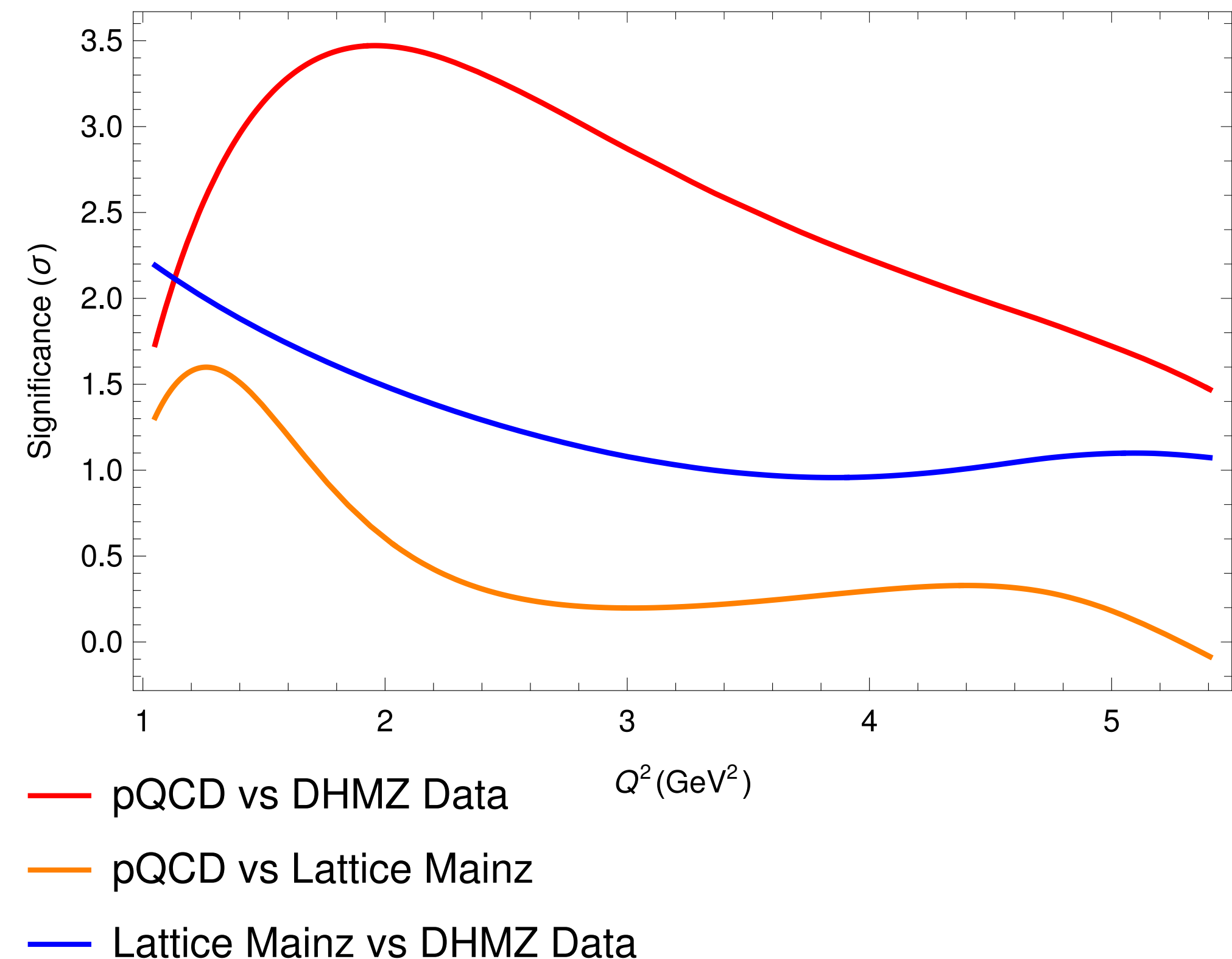
(a) in perturbative QCD

(b) via R -ratio (DHMZ analysis)

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[Davier, Díaz-Calderón, Malaescu, Pich, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Zhang, arXiv:2302.01359]

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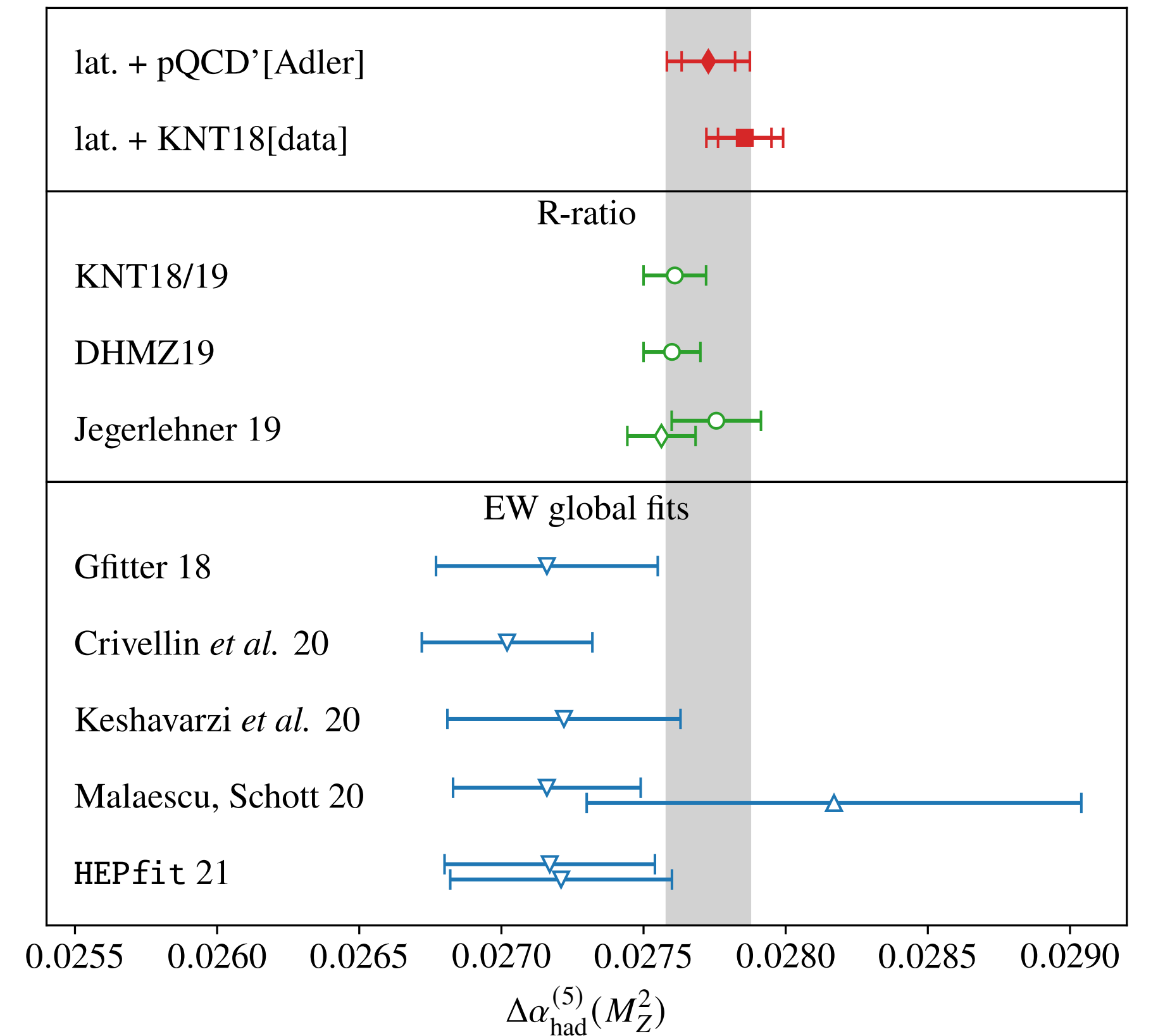
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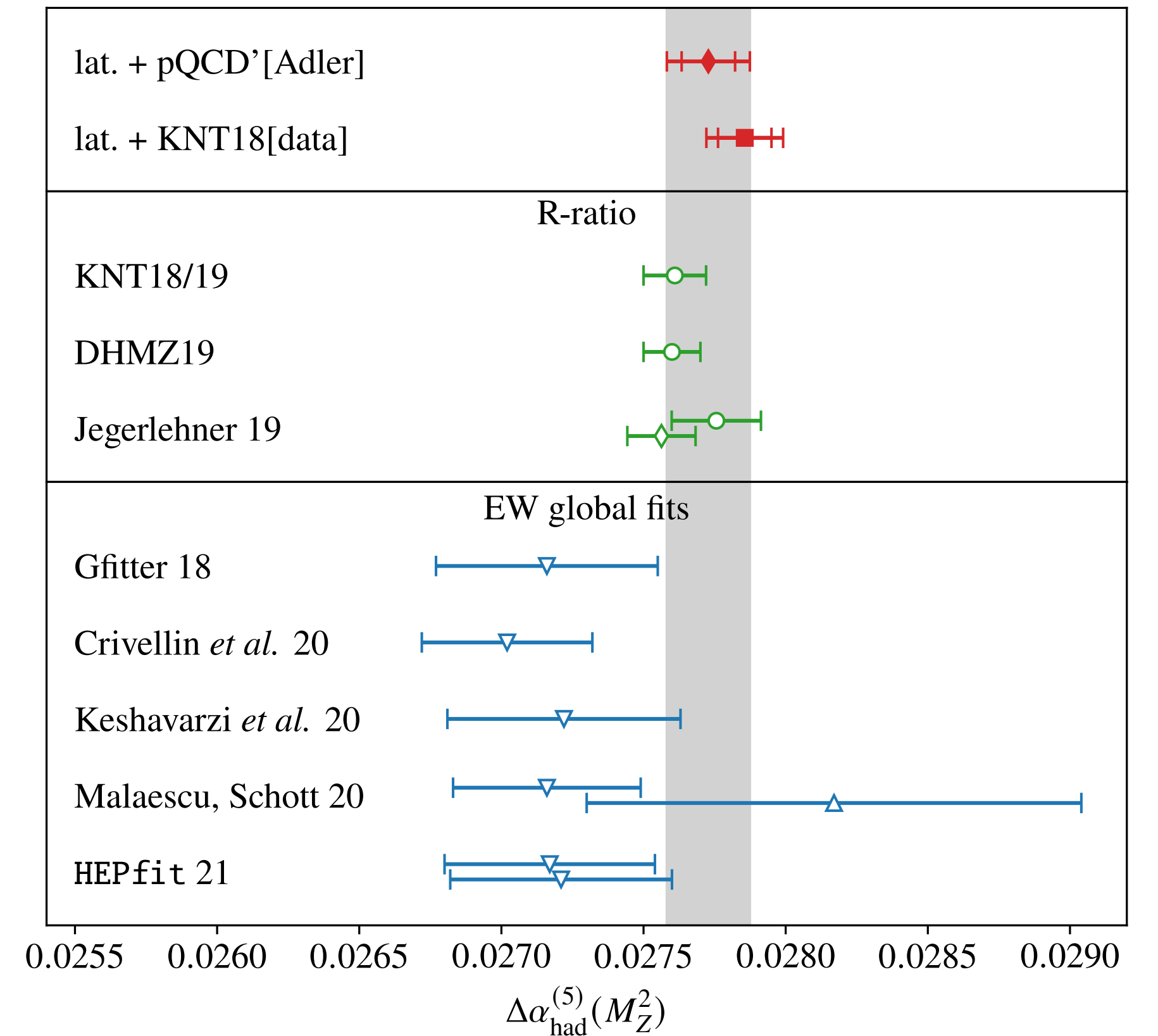
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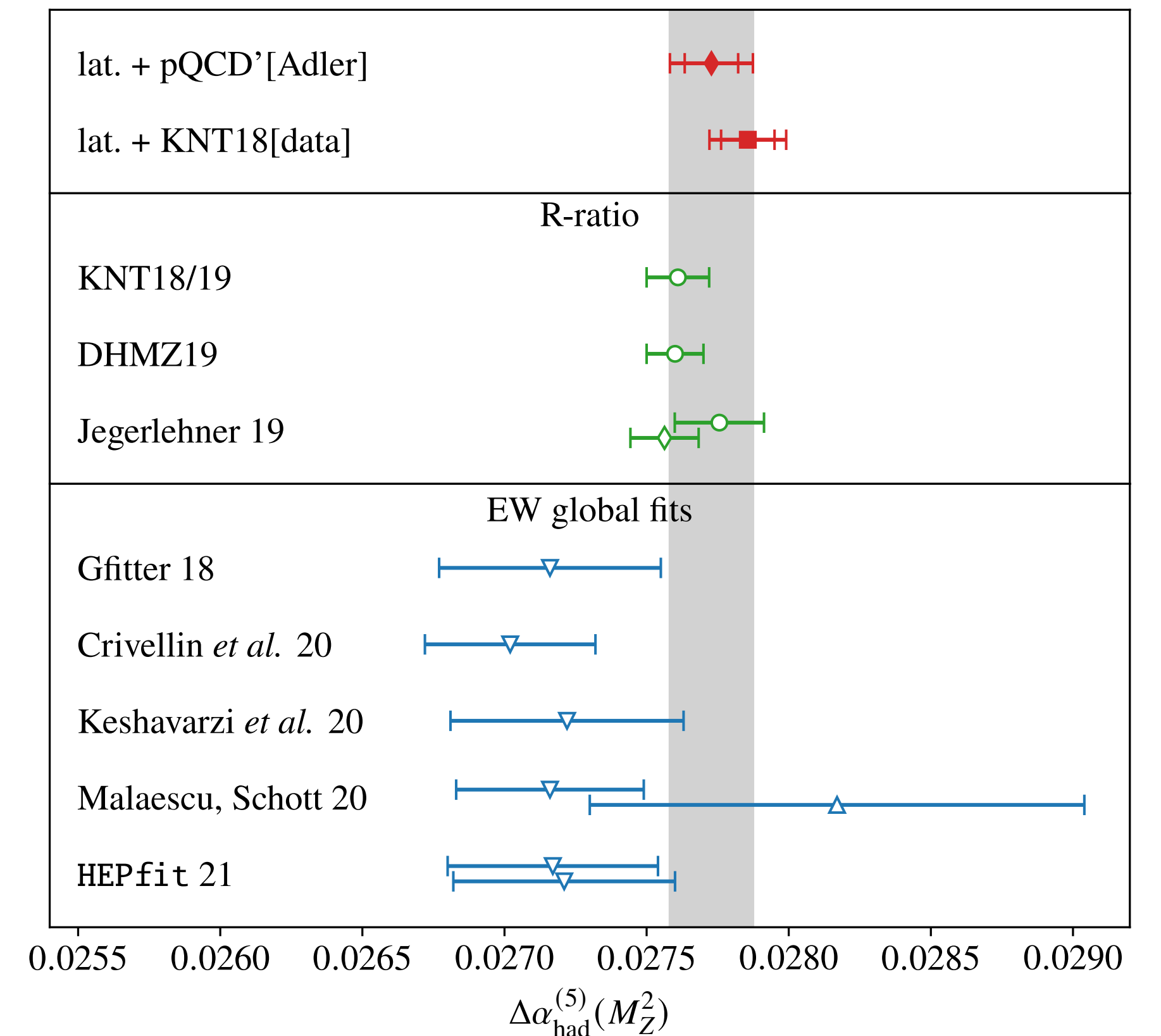
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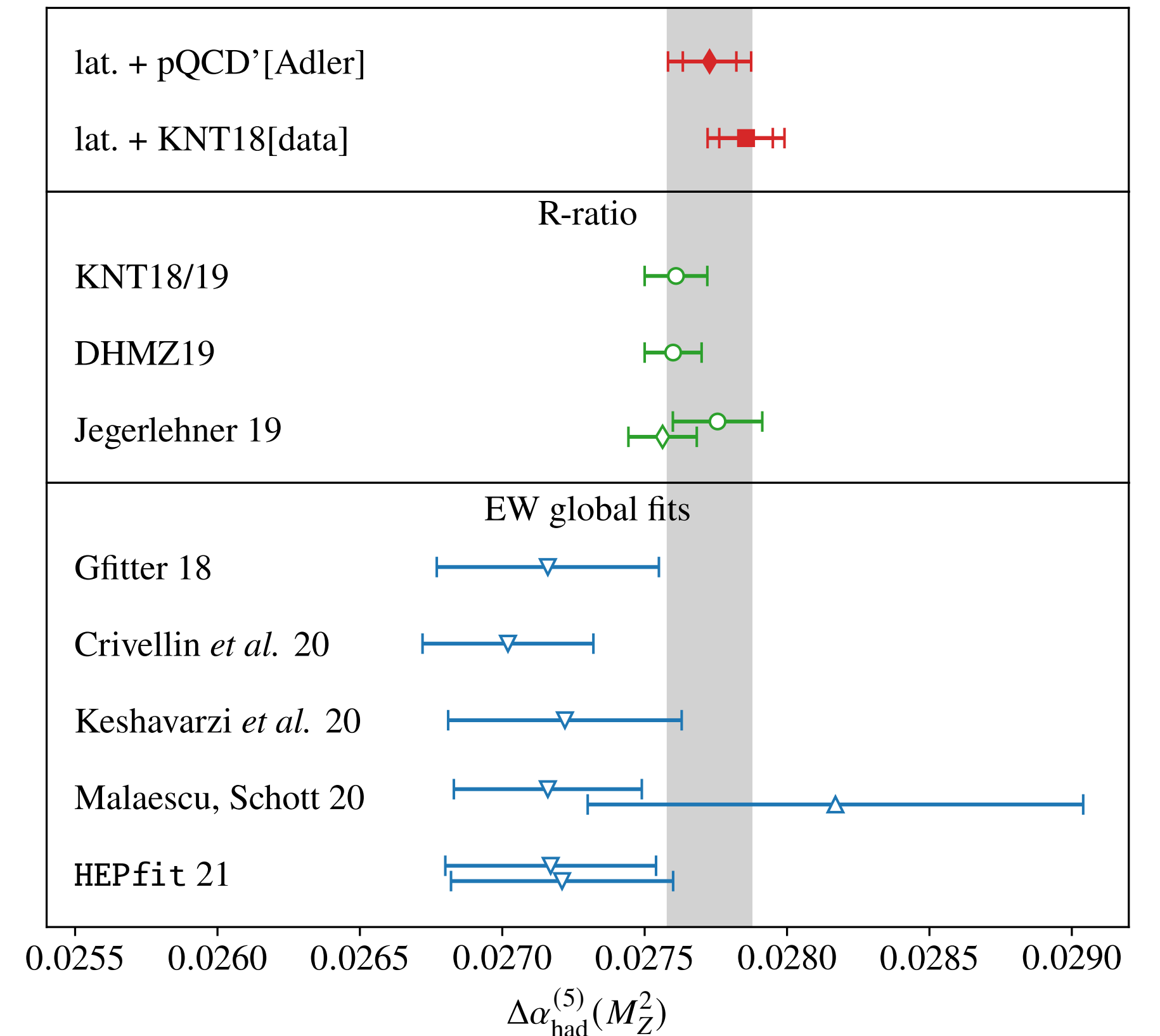
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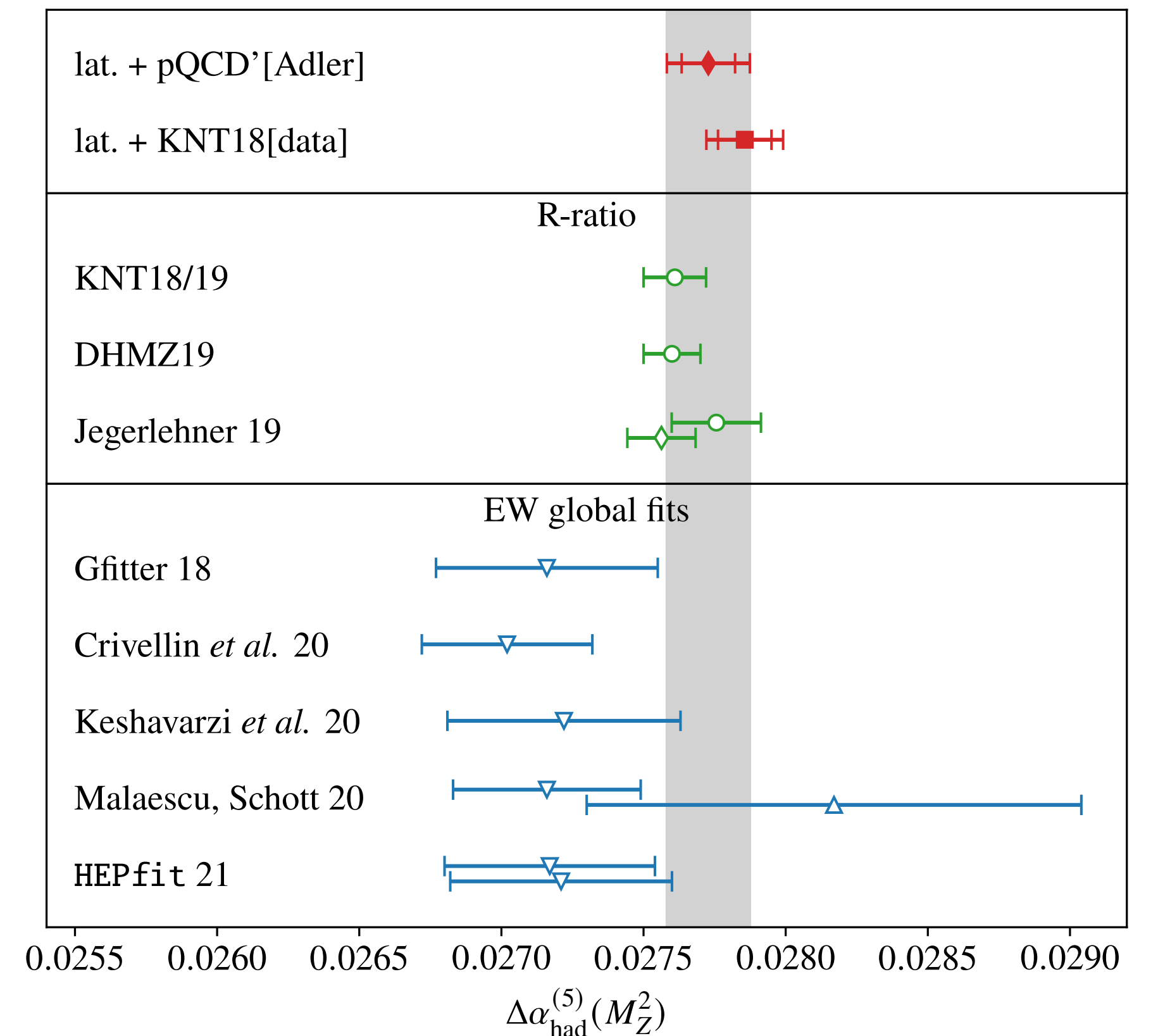
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Spares

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)

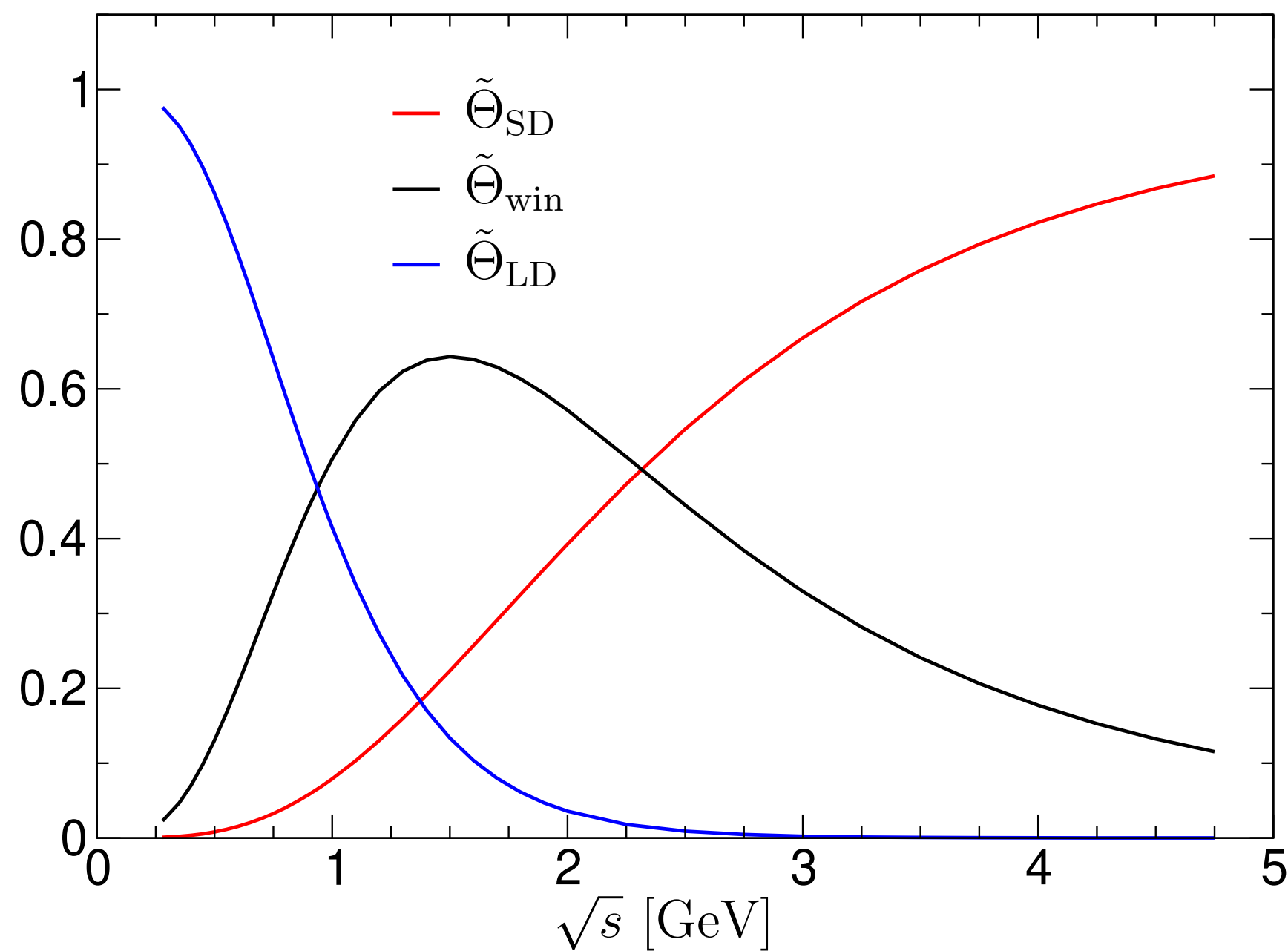
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Window observables: Comparison with R -ratio

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:

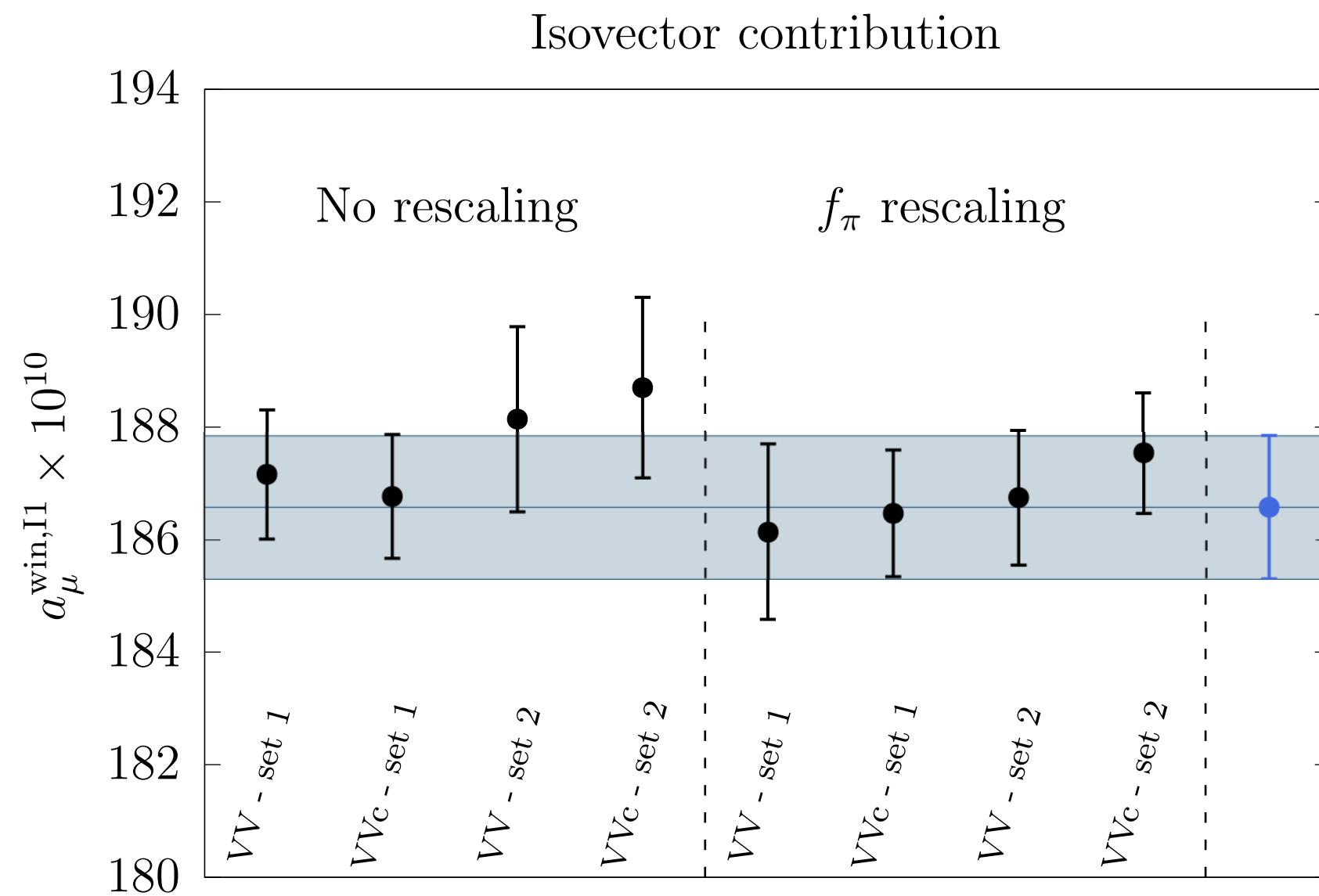
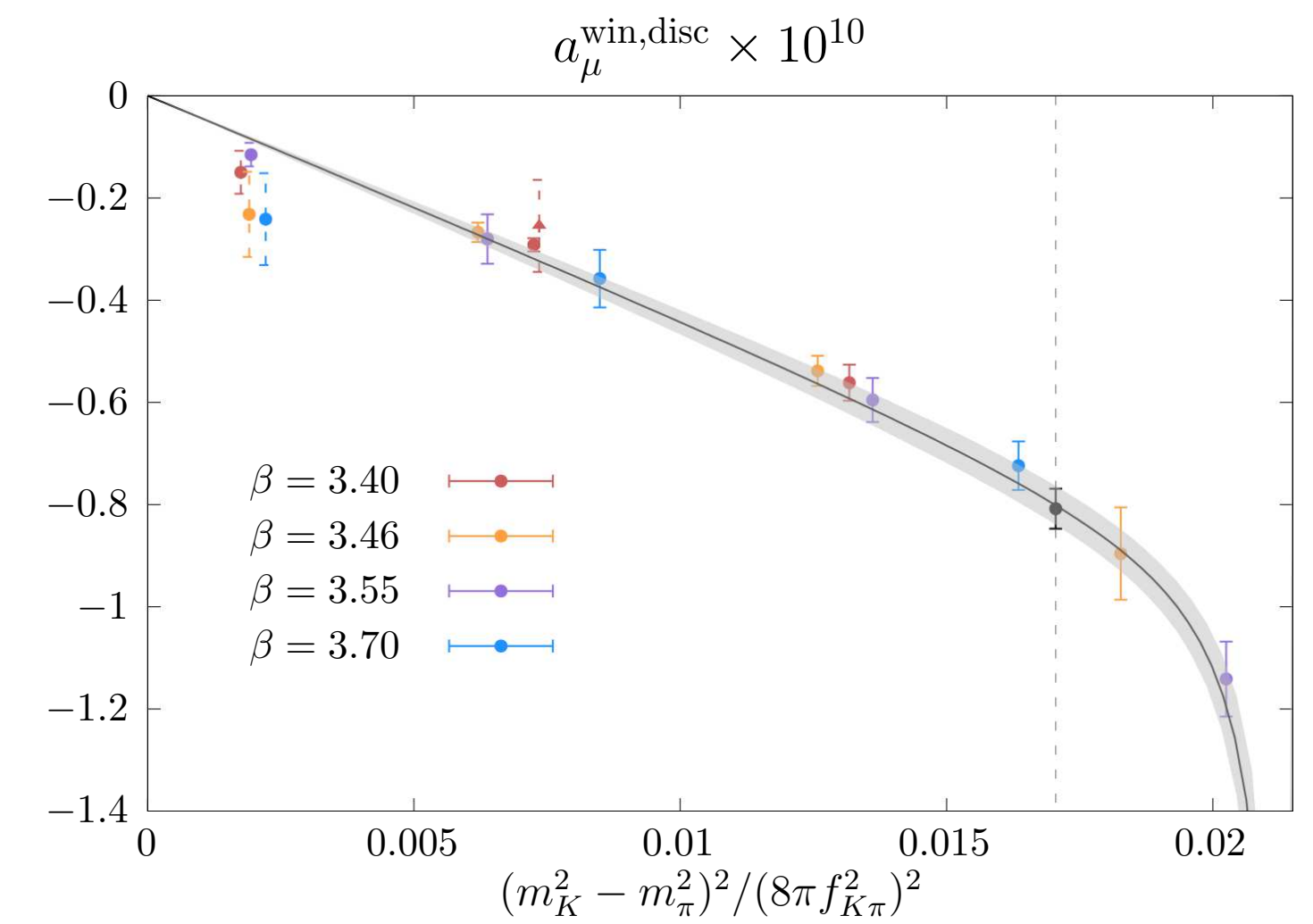
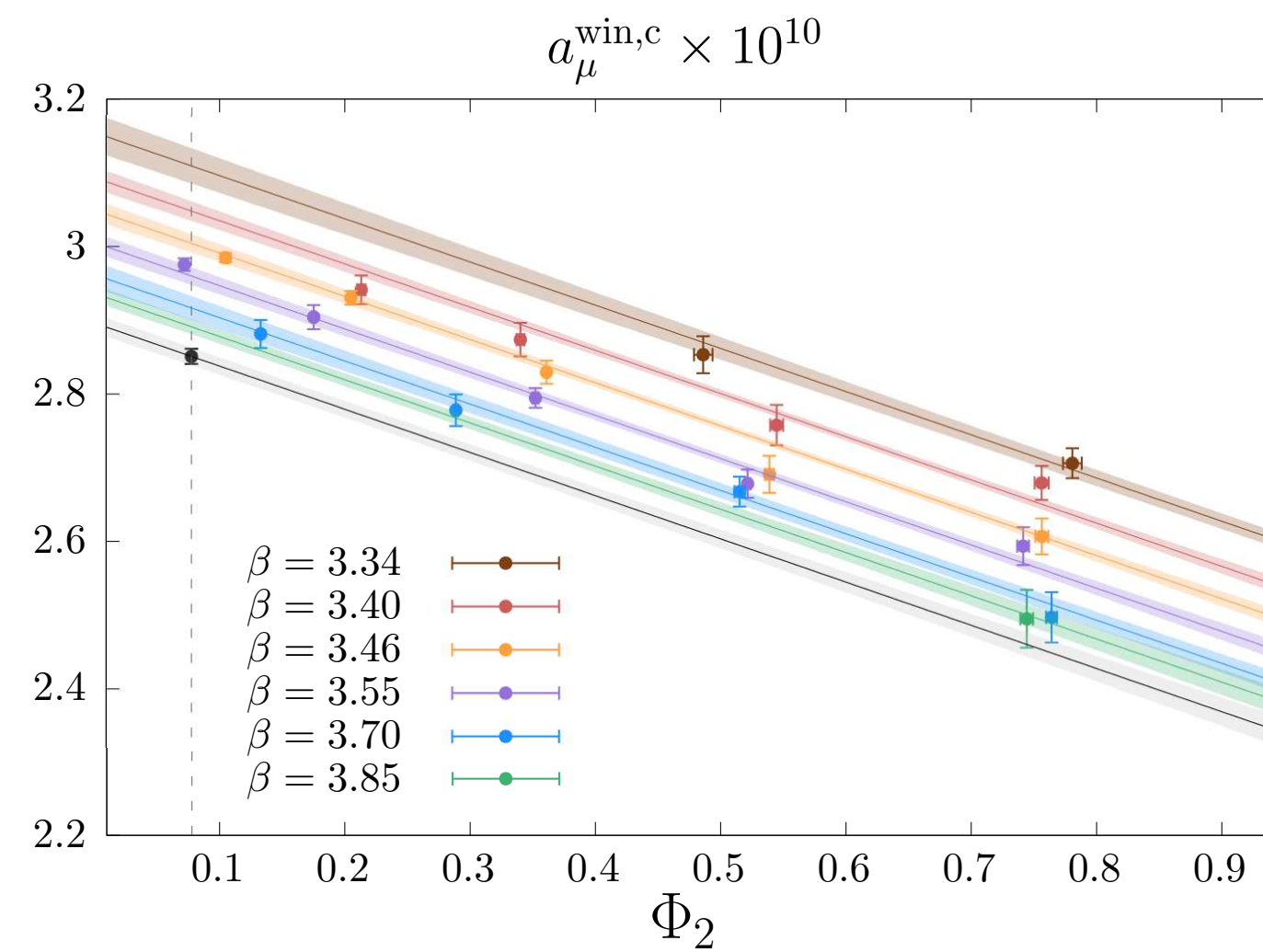
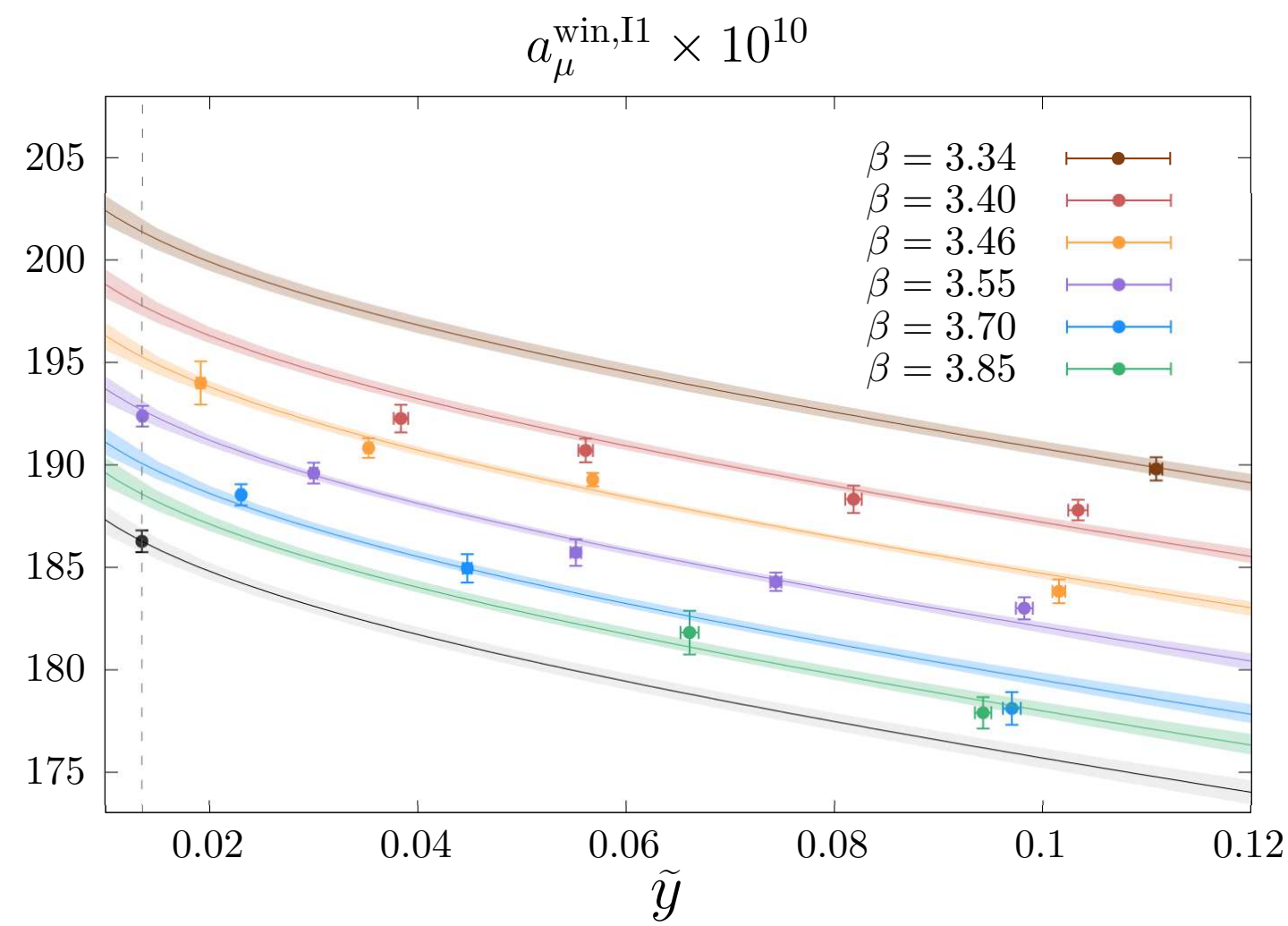
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Finer decomposition allows for more detailed studies of energy dependence

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Mainz/CLS: Results at the physical point

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

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

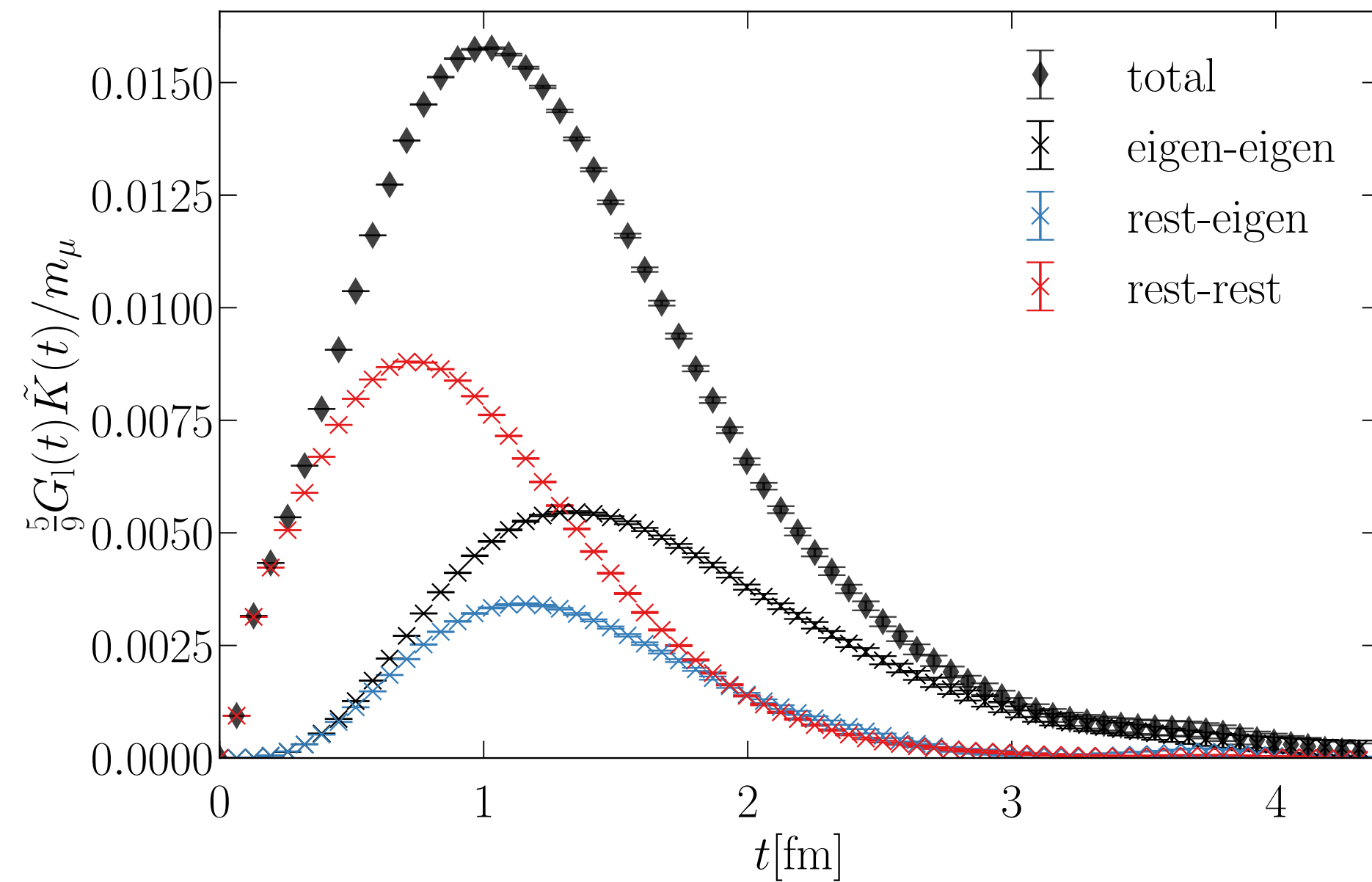
$$a_\mu^{\text{win,iso}} = a_\mu^{\text{win,I1}} + a_\mu^{\text{win,I0}} = (236.60 \pm 0.79_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.13_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.05_{\text{Q}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

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

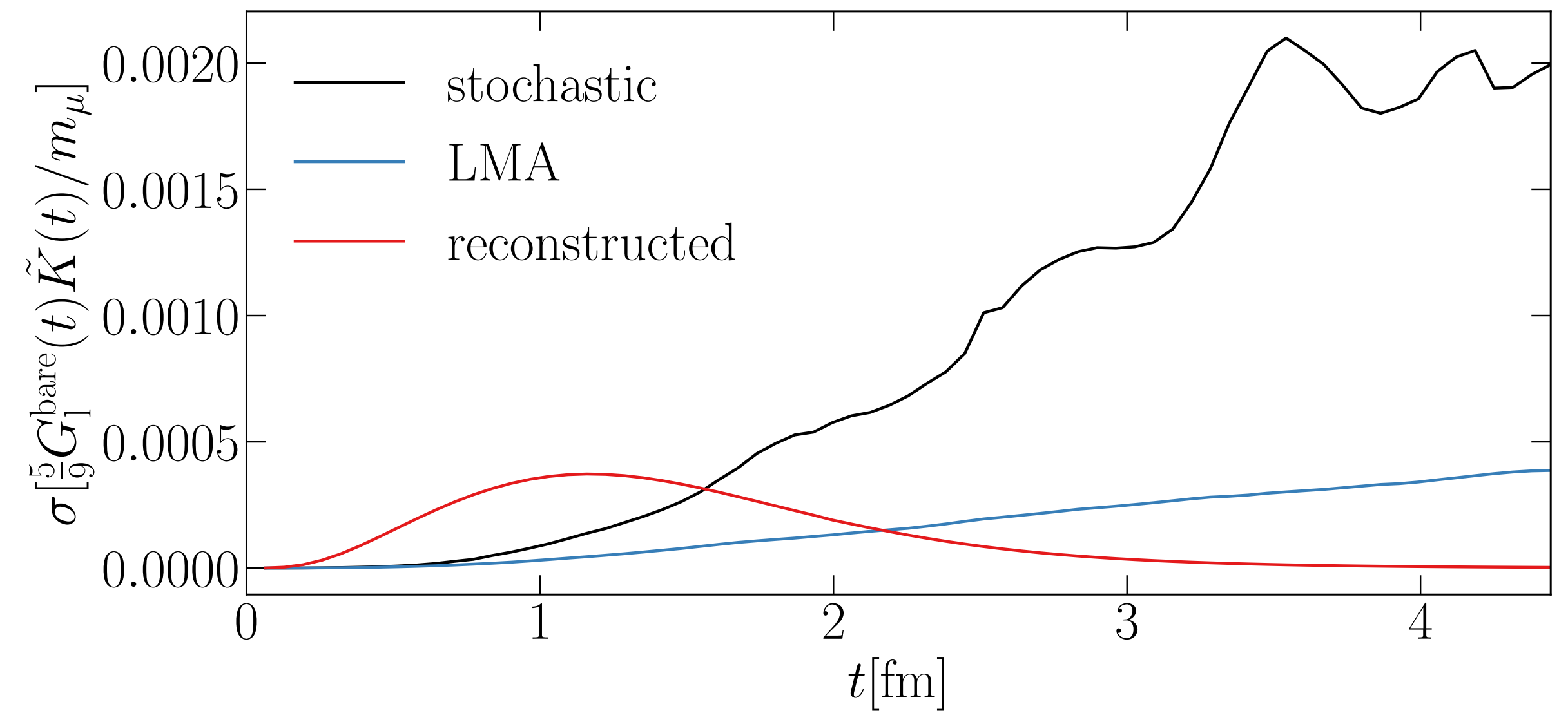
$$a_\mu^{\text{win}} = (237.30 \pm 0.79_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.13_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.05_{\text{Q}} \pm 0.47_{\text{IB}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

Mainz/CLS: Noise reduction and the HVP contribution

Deflation techniques: Low-mode averaging



Low-mode averaging vs. spectral reconstruction



$$m_\pi \approx 130 \text{ MeV at } a = 0.066 \text{ fm; } 96^3 \cdot 192$$

Euclidean split technique and the Adler function

Adler function:
$$D(-s) = \frac{3\pi}{\alpha} s \frac{d}{ds} \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(s)$$

$D(Q^2)$ known in massive QCD perturbation theory at three loops

$$\left[\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2) \right]_{\text{pQCD/Adler}} = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \int_{Q_0^2}^{M_Z^2} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} D(Q^2)$$

Relation of $D(Q^2)$ and R -ratio:
$$D(Q^2) = Q^2 \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R(s)}{(s + Q^2)^2}$$

Direct DR:
$$\left[\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2) \right]_{\text{DR}} = \frac{\alpha(M_Z^2 - Q_0^2)}{3\pi} \int_{m_{\pi^0}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R(s)}{(s + Q_0^2)(s + M_Z^2)}$$

Perturbation theory:
$$\left[\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) \right] = 0.000\,045(2) \quad [\text{Jegelehner, CERN Yellow Report, 2020}]$$

Euclidean split technique: relative contributions to $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$

