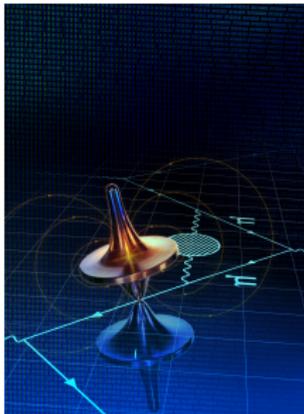


# The challenge of $g - 2$

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# Reference SM result vs experiment

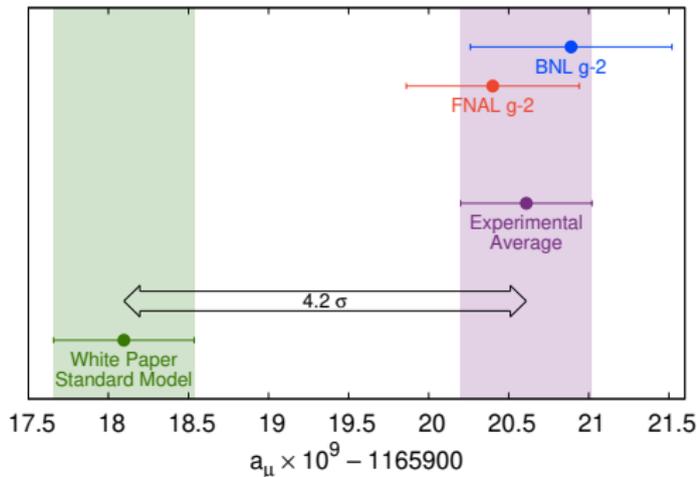
SM contribution	$a_\mu^{\text{contrib.}} \times 10^{10}$	rel. err.	Ref.
QED [5 loops]	$11658471.8931 \pm 0.0104$	[0.9 ppb]	[Aoyama '19, WP '20]
EW [2 loops]	$15.36 \pm 0.10$	[0.7%]	[Gnendiger '15, WP '20]
HVP Tot. (R-ratio)	$684.5 \pm 4.0$	[0.6%]	[WP '20]
HLbL Tot.	$9.2 \pm 1.8$	[20%]	[WP '20]
SM	$11659181.0 \pm 4.3$	[0.37 ppm]	[WP '20]

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_\mu|_{\text{exp.}} &= 0.00116592061(41) \\
 a_\mu|_{\text{ref.}} &= 0.00116591810(43) \\
 \text{diff.} &= 0.0000000251(59)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Comparable errors but  $4.2\sigma$  disagreement: probability  $\lesssim 1/40\,000$   
 $\Rightarrow$  evidence for BSM physics
- Particle physicists require probability  $\lesssim 1/2\,000\,000$  to claim discovery ( $5\sigma$ )

Important to check most uncertain contribution (HVP) w/ fully independent methods

$\rightarrow$  *ab initio* calculations of contribution using **lattice quantum chromodynamics (QCD)**



# Introduction to lattice QCD

# What is lattice QCD (LQCD)?

To describe low-energy, strong interaction phenomena w/ sub-% precision, QCD requires  $\geq 128$  numbers at every spacetime point

→  $\infty$  number of numbers in our continuous spacetime

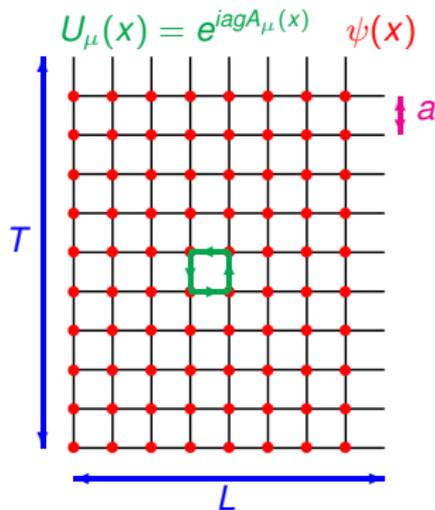
→ must temporarily “simplify” the theory to be able to calculate (*regularization*)

⇒ **Lattice gauge theory** → mathematically sound definition of **NP QCD**:

- **UV (& IR) cutoff** → well defined path integral in **Euclidean spacetime**:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle &= \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi e^{-S_G - \int \bar{\psi} D[M] \psi} O[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}] \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G} \det(D[M]) O[U]_{\text{Wick}}\end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G} \det(D[M]) \geq 0$  & finite # of dofs  
→ **evaluate numerically** using stochastic methods



**LQCD is QCD** when  $m_q \rightarrow m_q^{\text{ph}}$ ,  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{ph}}$ ,  $a \rightarrow 0$  (after renormalization),  $L \rightarrow \infty$  (and stats  $\rightarrow \infty$ )

**HUGE conceptual and numerical ( $O(10^{10})$  dofs) challenge**

# Our “accelerators”

Such computations require some of the world’s most powerful supercomputers



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- 1 year on supercomputer  
~ 100 000 years on laptop

- In Germany, those of the Forschungszentrum Jülich, the Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (Munich), and the High Performance Computing Center (Stuttgart); in France, Turing and Jean Zay at the Institute for Development and Resources in Intensive Scientific Computing (IDRIS) of the CNRS, and Joliot-Curie at the Very Large Computing Centre (TGCC) of the CEA, by way of the French Large-scale Computing Infrastructure (GENCI).

# Typical course of a LQCD calculation

Lattice QCD calculations generally proceed in 5 major steps:

- (1) Gluon configurations, including vacuum fluctuations into  $q = u, d$  and  $s$  (and  $c$ ) quarks, generated via HMC algorithm for variety of bare parameters and lattice sizes, chosen to allow (controlled) inter/extrapolation to physical point:  $L \rightarrow \infty$  &  $a \rightarrow 0$  while holding  $m_a$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  fixed to their physical values
    - each set of configurations is an “ensemble”
    - basic ingredients of lattice calculations
    - can be used to obtain many different physical quantities
  - (2) Primary observables typically gauge-invariant products of quark propagators computed on each gauge configuration and averaged over these for each ensemble → Green's functions
  - (3) If necessary, renormalization constants for these Green's functions are computed, preferably nonperturbatively
  - (4) Physical observables extracted from the “poles” and “residues” of these Green's functions
  - (5) Renormalized observables, as functions of simulation parameters (or stand-ins), undergo thorough analyses, to determine their values at physical point w/ full **stat.** and **sys.** uncertainties
- (1)-(3) require supercomputers for large lattices
- (4)&(5) can be done on clusters

# What is computed in LQCD and how?

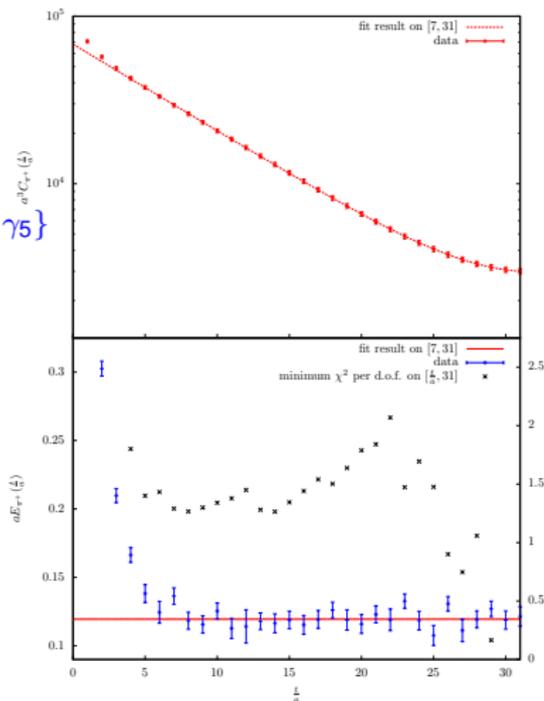
E.g.: compute & study time-dependence of an Euclidean 2-point function on a given ensemble

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(t, \vec{p}) &\equiv a^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \langle [\bar{d}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u](x) [\bar{u}\gamma_5 d](0) \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{a^3}{N} \sum_{U_1, \dots, U_N} \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \text{tr}_{CD} \{ U[x, 0; U_i] \gamma_5 D[0, x; U_i] \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \} \\
 &\xrightarrow{(T-t) \rightarrow \infty} \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | [\bar{d}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u] | \pi_n(\vec{p}) \rangle \langle \pi_n(\vec{p}) | [\bar{u}\gamma_5 d] | 0 \rangle}{\langle \pi_n(\vec{p}) | \pi_n(\vec{p}) \rangle} e^{-E_n t} \\
 &\xrightarrow{t, (T-t) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle 0 | [\bar{d}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u] | \pi(\vec{p}) \rangle \langle \pi(\vec{p}) | [\bar{u}\gamma_5 d] | 0 \rangle}{\langle \pi(\vec{p}) | \pi(\vec{p}) \rangle} e^{-E_\pi t}
 \end{aligned}$$

From fits, extract  $E_\pi = \sqrt{M_\pi^2 + \vec{p}^2}$  and  $\langle 0 | [\bar{d}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u] | \pi(\vec{p}) \rangle = p_\mu f_\pi$  w/  $p_\mu = (E_\pi, \vec{p})$

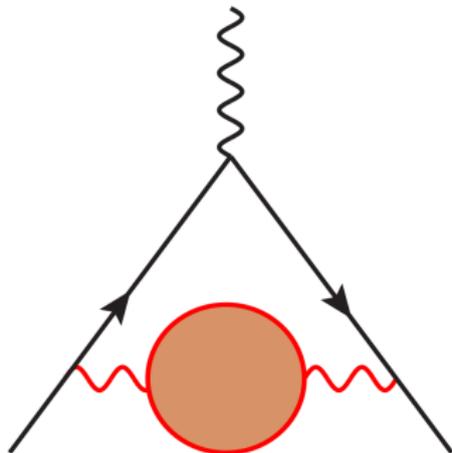
Repeat on different ensembles and take physical limit

Also 3 and 4-point functions, but statistical noise typically increases with number of points



$$aM_{\text{eff}}(t/a) \equiv \ln \frac{C(t+1)}{C(t)}$$

# Lattice QCD calculation of $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$



All quantities related to  $a_{\mu}$  will be given in units of  $10^{-10}$   
unless stated otherwise

# HVP from LQCD: introduction

Consider in Euclidean spacetime, i.e. spacelike  $q^2 = -Q^2 \leq 0$  [Blum '02]

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) &= \text{Diagram: } \gamma \text{ wavy line } \text{---} \text{circle with diagonal lines} \text{---} \gamma \text{ wavy line} \\ &= \int d^4x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \rangle \\ &= (Q_\mu Q_\nu - \delta_{\mu\nu} Q^2) \Pi(Q^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{w/ } J_\mu = \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3} \bar{c} \gamma_\mu c + \dots$$

Then [Lautrup et al '69, Blum '02]

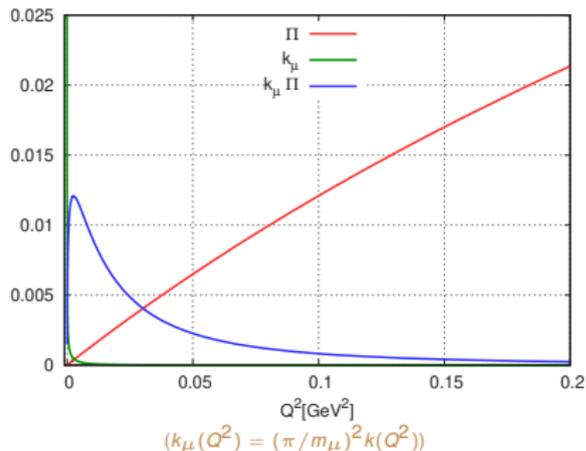
$$a_\ell^{\text{LO-HVP}} = \alpha^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{m_\ell^2} k(Q^2/m_\ell^2) \hat{\Pi}(Q^2)$$

w/  $\hat{\Pi}(Q^2) \equiv [\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0)]$  and

$$k(r) = \left[ r + 2 - \sqrt{r(r+4)} \right]^2 / \sqrt{r(r+4)}$$

Integrand peaked for  $Q \sim (m_\ell/2) \sim 50$  MeV for  $\mu$

$\Rightarrow$  clearly in QCD's nonperturbative regime



# Low- $Q^2$ challenges in finite volume (FV)

A. In  $L^4$ ,  $Q_\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q) = 0$  does not imply  $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q=0) = 0$

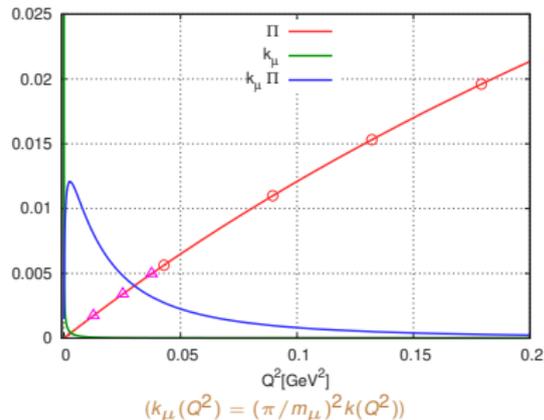
$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q=0) &= \int_{\Omega} d^4x \langle J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} d^4x \partial_\rho [x_\mu \langle J_\rho(x) J_\nu(0) \rangle] \\ &\int_{\partial\Omega} d^3x_\rho [x_\mu \langle J_\rho(x) J_\nu(0) \rangle] \propto L^4 \exp(-EL/2)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  as  $Q_\mu \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Pi(Q^2) = \Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q)/(Q_\mu Q_\nu - Q^2 \delta_{\mu\nu})$  receives  $1/Q^2$  enhanced FV effect

B. Particularly problematic, as need  $\Pi(0)$  for renormalization

C. Need  $\hat{\Pi}(Q^2)$  interpolation because in  $T \times L^3$ , w/ periodic BCs, have sparse momenta around  $\frac{m_\mu}{2} \sim 50$  MeV

- $Q = (\frac{2\pi}{T} n_0, \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n})$  w/  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^4$
- $|Q| \simeq (110, 205)$  MeV for  
 $(n_0, |\vec{n}|) = (1, 0)$  &  
 $(n_0, |\vec{n}|) = (0, 1)$   
w/  $(T, L) \simeq (11, 6)$  fm



# Dealing with low- $Q^2$ problems: ad A, B & C

- Compute on  $T \times L^3$  lattice in  $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$  QCD

$$C_{TL}^{\text{iso}}(t) = \frac{a^3}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle J_i(x) J_i(0) \rangle$$

- Decompose ( $C_{TL}^{l=1} = \frac{9}{10} C_{TL}^{ud}$ )

$$C_{TL}^{\text{iso}}(t) = C_{TL}^{ud}(t) + C_{TL}^s(t) + C_{TL}^c(t) + C_{TL}^{\text{disc}}(t) = C_{TL}^{l=1}(t) + C_{TL}^{l=0}(t)$$

- Define (Bernecker et al '11, BMWc '13, Lehner '14, ...) (ad A, B) [see also Charles et al '17]

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Pi}_{TL}^f(Q^2) &\equiv \Pi_{TL}^f(Q^2) - \Pi_{TL}^f(0) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\Pi_{ii,TL}^f(0) - \Pi_{ii,TL}^f(Q)}{Q^2} - \Pi_{TL}^f(0) \\ &= a \sum_{t=0}^{T-a} \text{Re} \left[ \frac{e^{iQt} - 1}{Q^2} + \frac{t^2}{2} \right] \text{Re} C_{TL}^f(t) \end{aligned}$$

- Consider also for  $Q \in \mathbb{R} \neq n \frac{2\pi}{T}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (RBC/UKQCD '15, ...) (ad C)  
→ gives  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  up to exponentially suppressed FV corrections

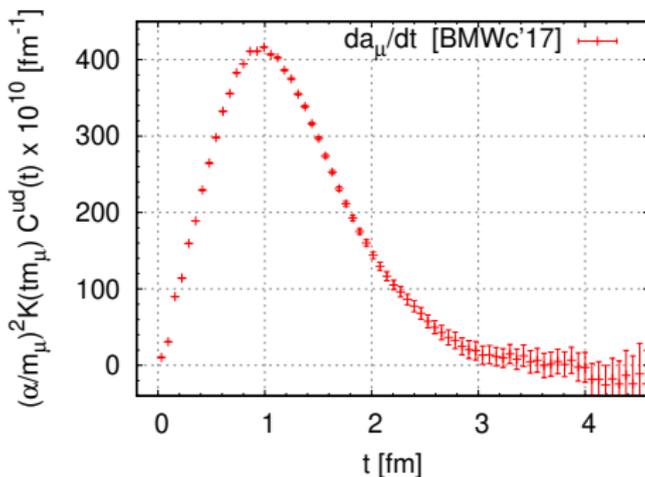
# Our lattice definition of $a_{\ell,f}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$

Combining everything, get  $a_{\ell,f}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  from  $C_{TL}^f(t)$  [Bernecker et al '11, BMWc '13, Feng et al '13, Lehner '14, ...]

$$a_{\ell,f}^{\text{LO-HVP}}(Q^2 \leq Q_{\text{max}}^2) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty, T \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^2 \left( \frac{a}{m_\ell^2} \right) \sum_{t=0}^{T/2'} K(tm_\ell, Q_{\text{max}}^2/m_\ell^2) \text{Re} C_{TL}^f(t)$$

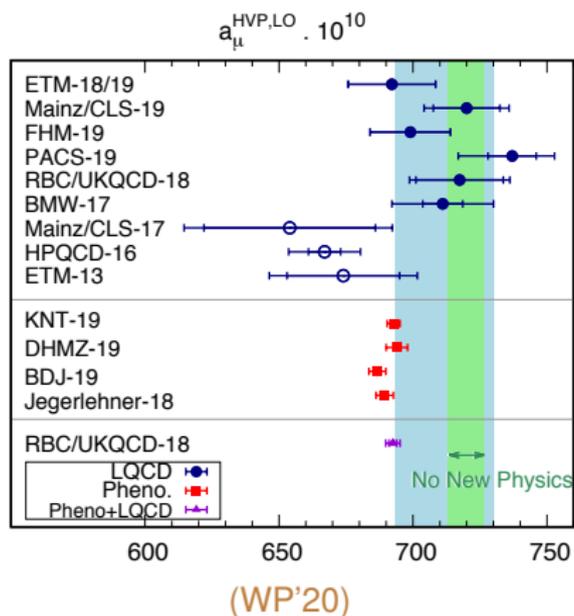
where

$$K(\tau, r_{\text{max}}) = \int_0^{r_{\text{max}}} dr k(r) \left( \tau^2 - \frac{4}{r} \sin^2 \frac{\tau\sqrt{r}}{2} \right)$$



$(144 \times 96^3, a \sim 0.064 \text{ fm}, M_\pi \sim 135 \text{ MeV})$

# Situation before BMWc'20



$$\text{R-ratio: } a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}} = (693.1 \pm 4.0) \times 10^{-10} \quad [0.6\%]$$

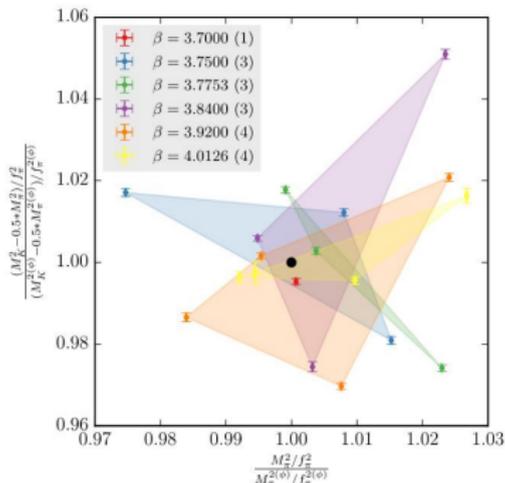
$$\text{BMWc'17: } a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}} = (711.1 \pm 18.9) \times 10^{-10} \quad [2.7\%]$$

⇒ to be competitive w/ R-ratio, must reduce total uncertainty on BMWc'17 by  $\sim 4$

# Simulation details

31 high-statistics simulations w/  $N_f=2+1+1$  flavors of 4-stout staggered quarks:

- 6  $a$ 's: 0.134  $\rightarrow$  0.064 fm
- Bracketing physical  $m_{ud}$ ,  $m_s$ ,  $m_c$
- $L = 6.1 \div 6.6$  fm,  $T = 8.6 \div 11.3$  fm
- Conserved EM current



+4 dedicated,  $N_f = 2+1$ , 4-HEX, FV simulations w/  $a = 0.112$  fm and  $L = 6.3$  and 10.7 fm bracketing physical  $m_{ud}$ ,  $m_s$

$\beta$	$a$ [fm]	$T \times L$	#conf
3.7000	0.1315	$64 \times 48$	904
3.7500	0.1191	$96 \times 56$	2072
3.7753	0.1116	$84 \times 56$	1907
3.8400	0.0952	$96 \times 64$	3139
3.9200	0.0787	$128 \times 80$	4296
4.0126	0.0640	$144 \times 96$	6980

For sea-quark QED corrections

$\beta$	$a$ [fm]	$T \times L$	#conf
3.7000	0.1315	$48 \times 24$ $64 \times 48$	716 300
3.7753	0.1116	$56 \times 28$	887
3.8400	0.0952	$64 \times 32$	4253

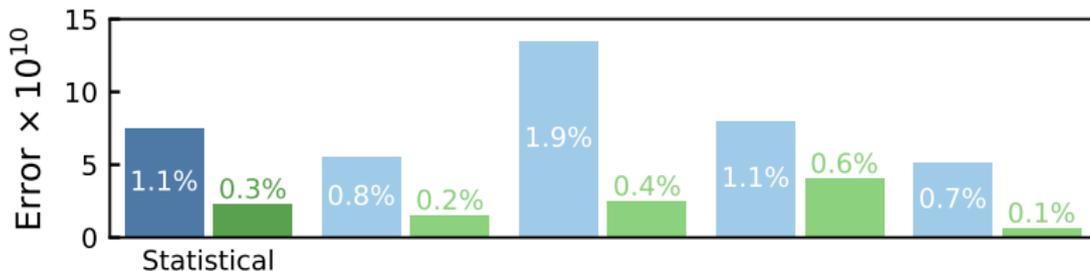
● State-of-the-art techniques:

- EigCG [Strathopoulos et al '08]
- Low mode averaging [Neff et al '01, Giusti et al '04, ...]
- All mode averaging [Blum et al '13]
- Solver truncation [Bali et al '09]

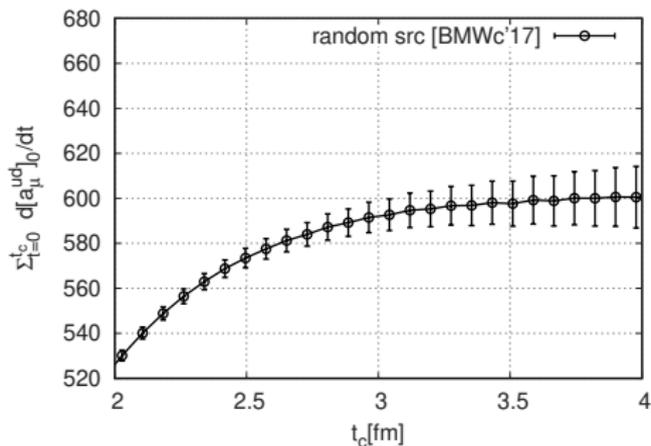
$\Rightarrow$  Over 25,000 gauge configurations

$\Rightarrow$  10's of millions of measurements

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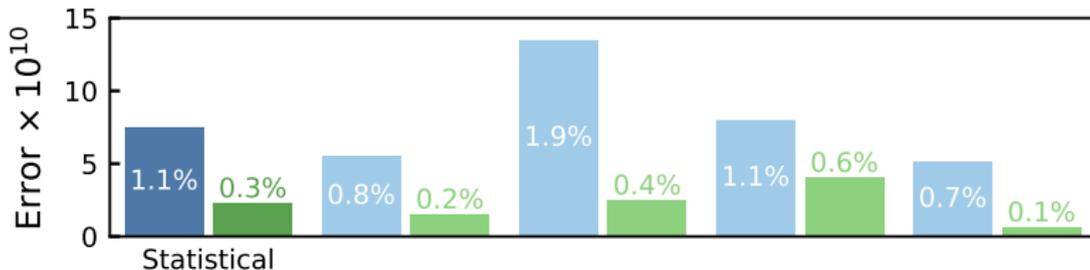
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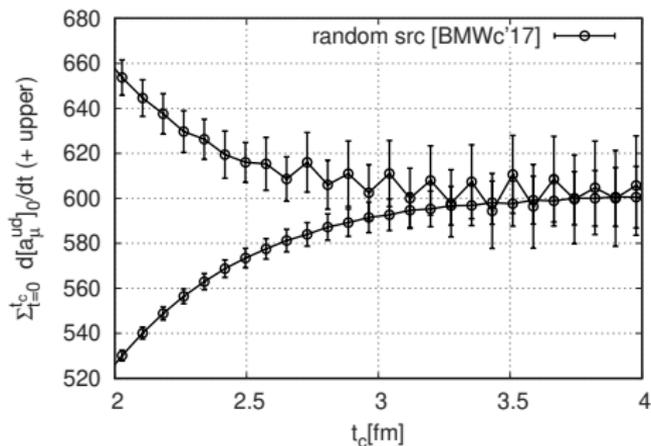
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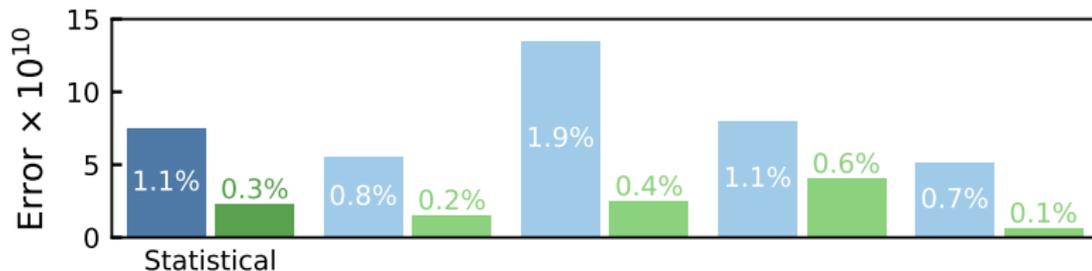
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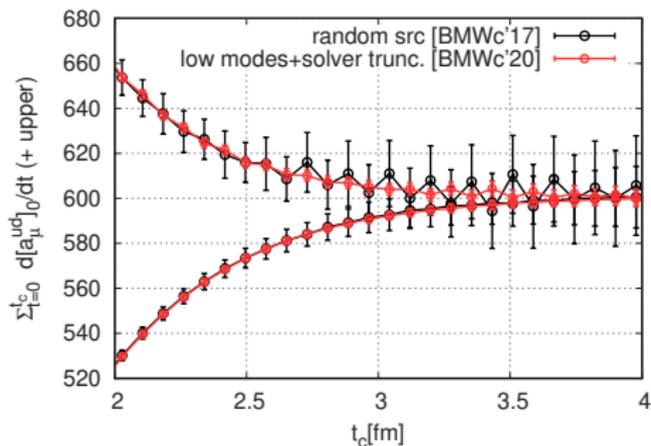
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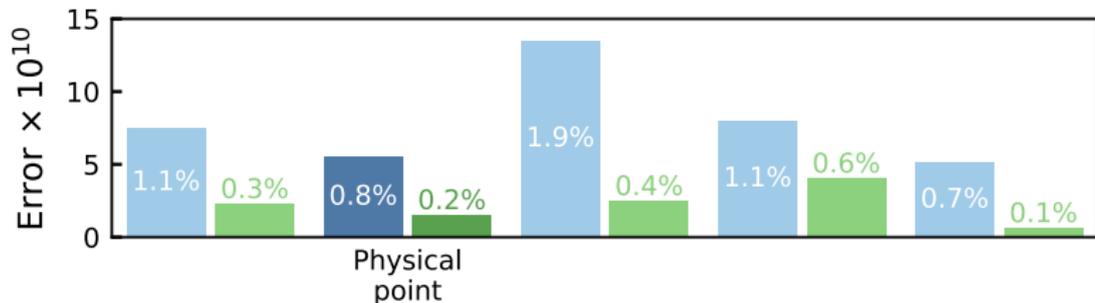
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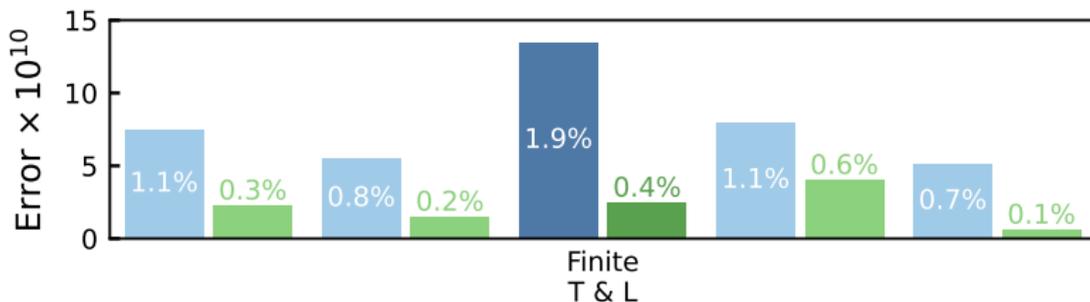


Must tune parameters of QCD very precisely:  $m_u$ ,  $m_d$ ,  $m_s$ ,  $m_c$  & overall mass scale

Solve w/:

- Permil determination of overall QCD scale: set w/  $\Omega^-$  baryon mass computed w/ 0.2% uncertainty
- Quark masses set using  $M_{\pi^0}^2$ ,  $M_{ss}^2 = M_{K^+}^2 + M_{K^0}^2 - M_{\pi^+}^2$ ,  $\Delta M_K^2 = M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2$ ,  $m_c/m_s = 11.85$  (Davies et al, '10) computed w/ commensurate precision

# Key improvements: remove finite spacetime distortions



Even on “large” lattices ( $L \gtrsim 6 \text{ fm}$ ,  $T \gtrsim 9 \text{ fm}$ ), early pen-and-paper estimate [Aubin et al '16] suggested that exponentially suppressed finite-volume distortions are still  $O(2\%)$

Solve by:

- Finding a way to perform dedicated supercomputer simulations to calculate effect between above and much larger  $L = T = 11 \text{ fm}$  volume directly in QCD, i.e. “big” – “ref”
- Computing remnant  $\sim 0.1\%$  effect of “big” volume w/ EFTs that correctly predict “big” – “ref”

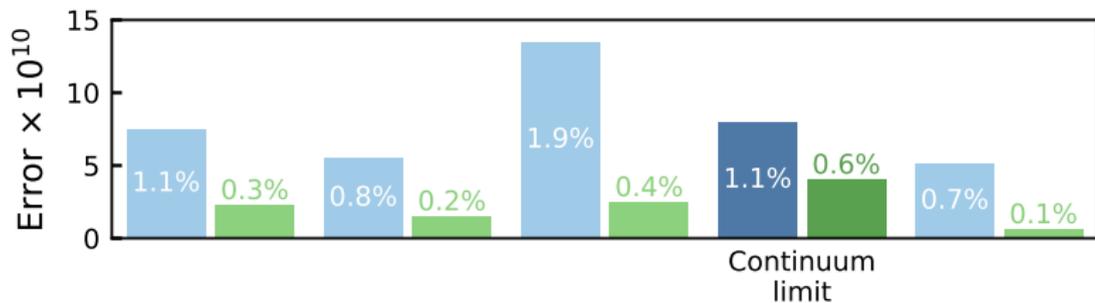
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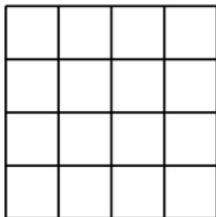
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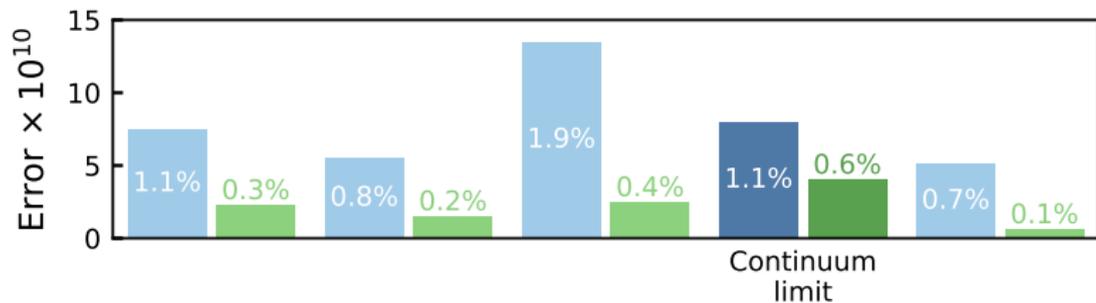
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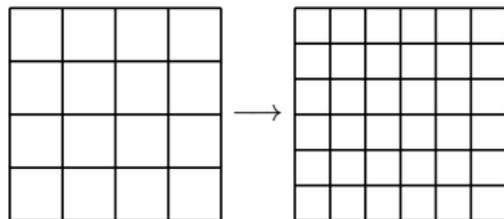
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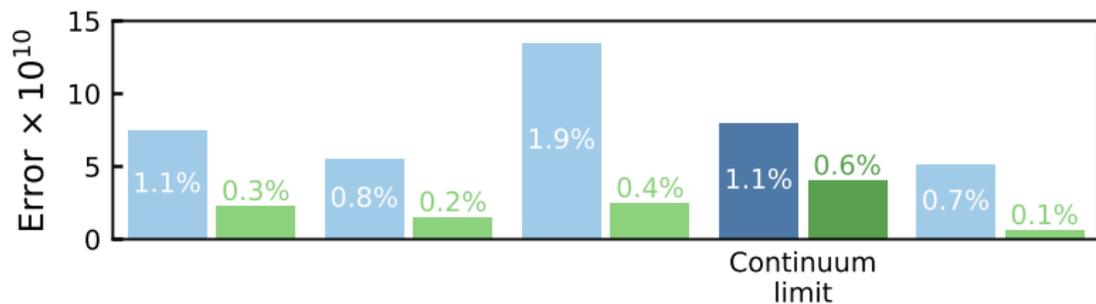
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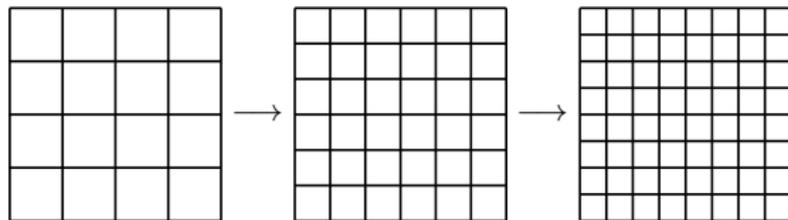
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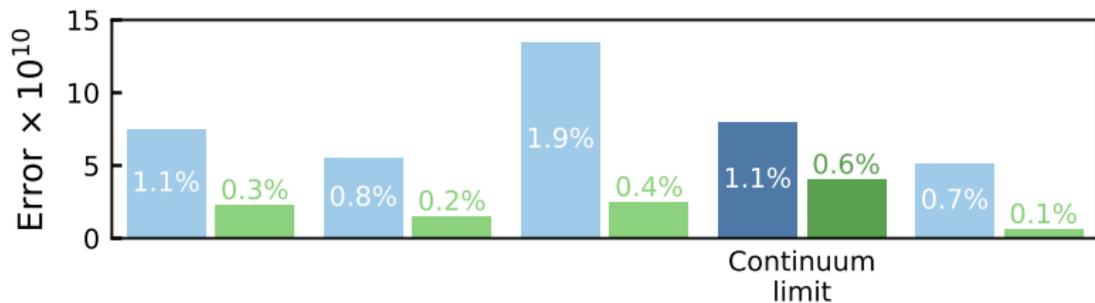
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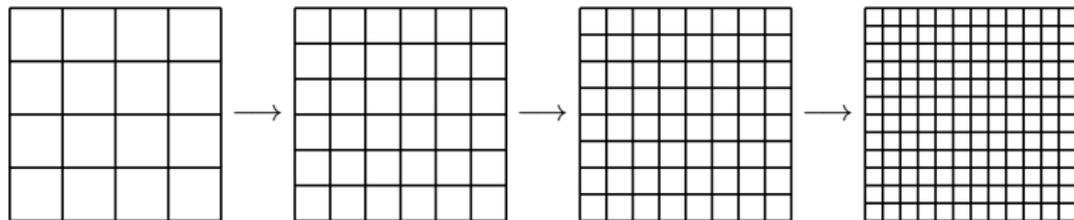
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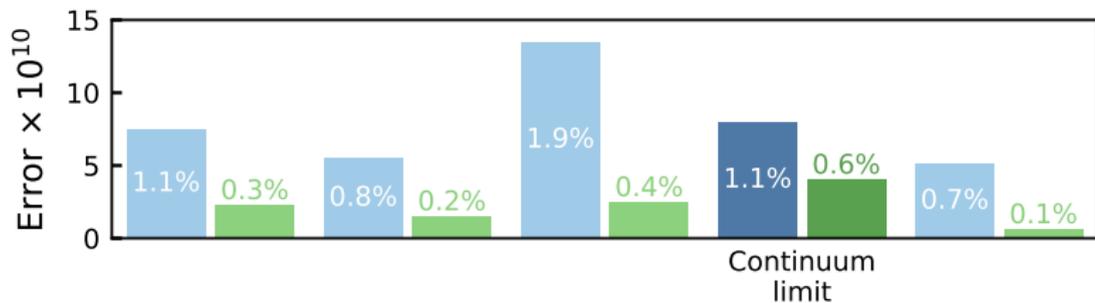
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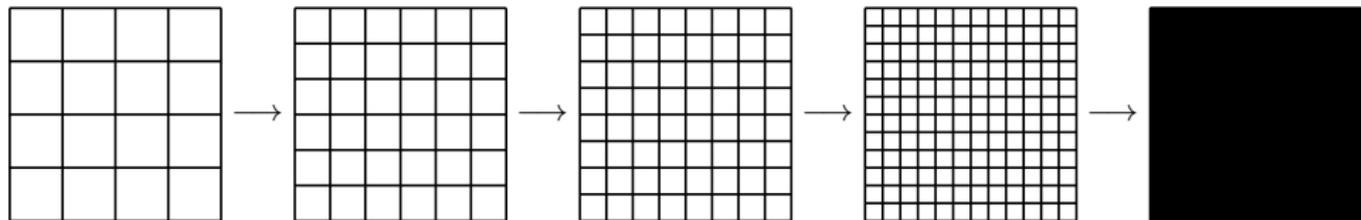
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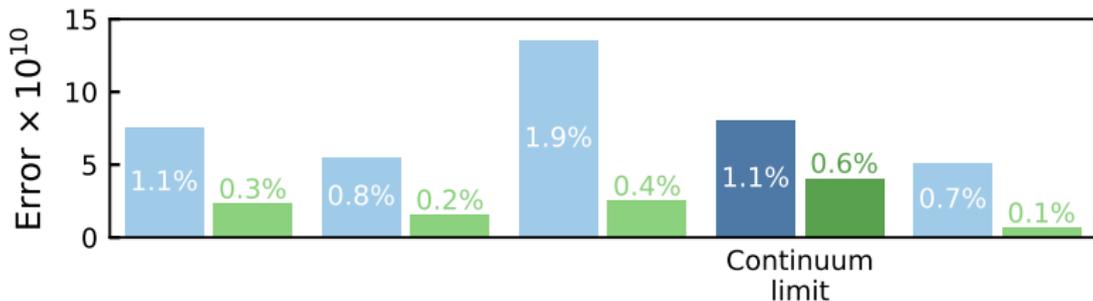
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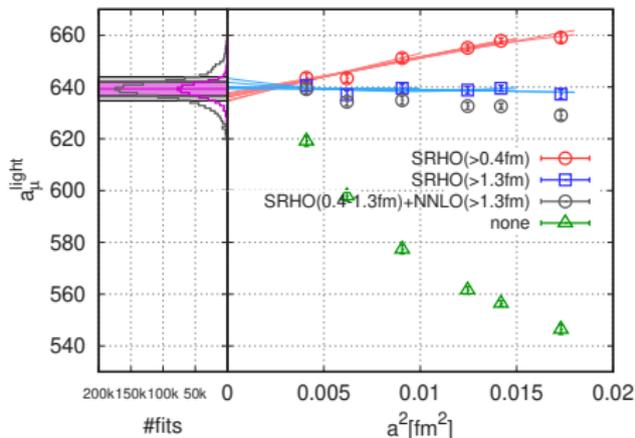
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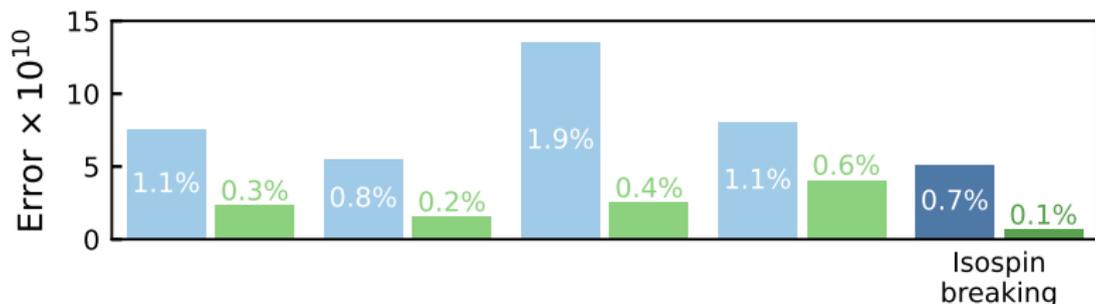
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Control  $a \rightarrow 0$  extrapolation of results by:

- Performing all calculations on lattices w/ 6 values of  $a$  in range  $0.134 \text{ fm} \rightarrow 0.064 \text{ fm}$
- Reducing statistical error at smallest  $a$  from 1.9% to 0.3% !
- Improving approach to continuum limit w/ pheno. models for QCD [Sakurai '60, Bijens et al '99, Jegerlehner et al '11, Chakraborty et al '17, BMWc '20] shown to reproduce distortions observed at  $a > 0$
- Extrapolate results to  $a=0$  using theory as guide



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# Including isospin breaking on the lattice

$$S_{\text{QCD+QED}} = S_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{iso}} + \frac{1}{4} \int F^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta m \int (\bar{d}d - \bar{u}u) + ie \int A_\mu J_\mu, \quad J_\mu = \bar{q} Q \gamma_\mu q, \quad \delta m = m_d - m_u$$

- Separation into isospin limit results and corrections requires an unambiguous definition of this limit (scheme and scale)
- Must be included not only in calculation of  $\langle J_\mu J_\nu \rangle$  correlator **BUT ALSO** of all quantities used to fix quark masses and QCD scale

## (1) operator insertion method [RM123 '12, '13, ...]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{QCD+QED}} &= \langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{Wick}} \rangle_{G_\mu}^{\text{iso}} - \frac{\delta m}{2} \langle [\mathcal{O} \int (\bar{d}d - \bar{u}u)]_{\text{Wick}} \rangle_{G_\mu}^{\text{iso}} - \frac{e^2}{2} \langle [\mathcal{O} \int_{xy} J_\mu(x) D_{\mu\nu}(x-y) J_\nu(y)]_{\text{Wick}} \rangle_{G_\mu}^{\text{iso}} \\ &+ e^2 \langle \left[ \mathcal{O} \partial_e \frac{\det D[G_\mu, eA_\mu]}{\det D[G_\mu, 0]} \Big|_{e=0} \int_x J_\mu(x) A_\mu(x) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{O} \partial_e^2 \frac{\det D[G_\mu, eA_\mu]}{\det D[G_\mu, 0]} \Big|_{e=0} \right]_{\text{Wick}} \rangle_{A_\mu}^{\text{iso}} \end{aligned}$$

## (2) direct method [Eichten et al '97, BMWc '14, ...]

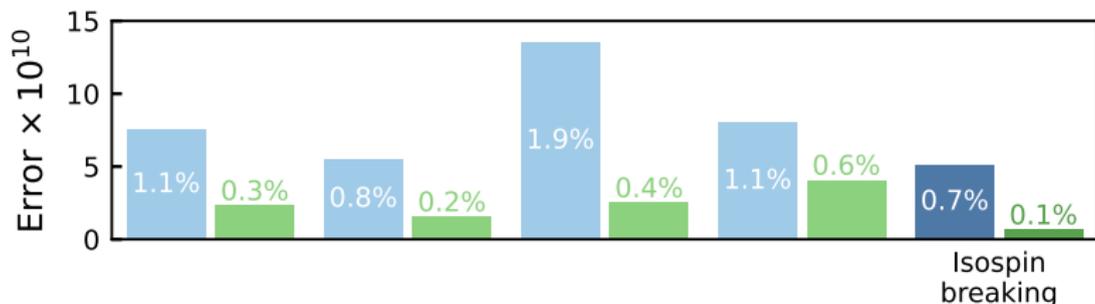
Include  $m_u \neq m_d$  and QED directly in calculation of observables and generation of gauge configurations

## (3) combinations of (1) & (2) [BMWc '20]

We include **ALL**  $O(e^2)$  and  $O(\delta m)$  effects

For valence  $e^2$  effects use easier (2), and for  $\delta m$  and  $e^2$  sea effects, (1)

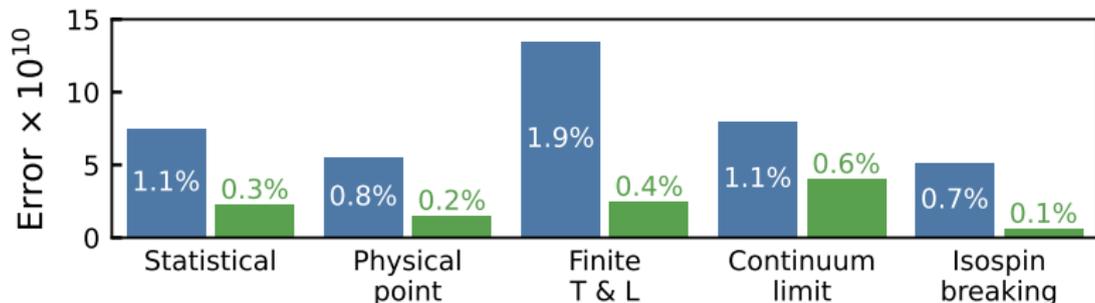
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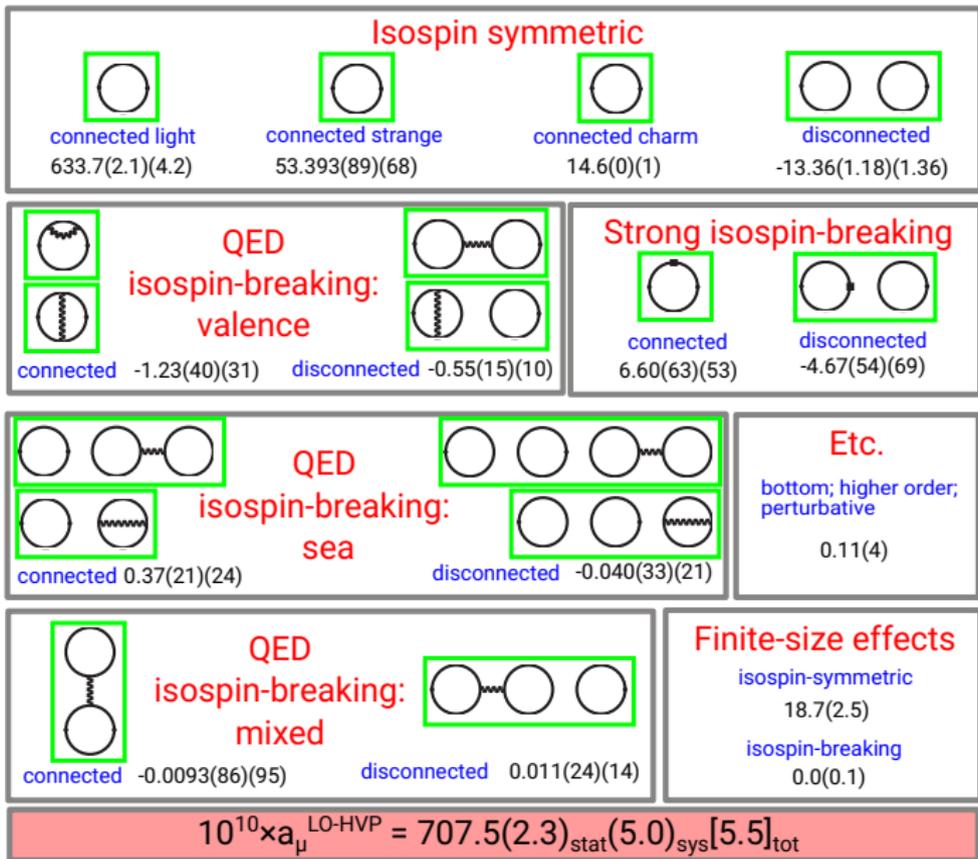


Thorough and robust determination of **statistical** and **systematic** uncertainties

- Stat. err.: resampling methods
- Syst. err.: extended frequentist approach [BMWc '08, '14]
  - Hundreds of thousands of different analyses of correlation functions
  - Weighted by AIC weight for physical point inter/extrapolation and flat for other variations
  - Use median of distribution for central values & 16 ÷ 84% confidence interval to get total error

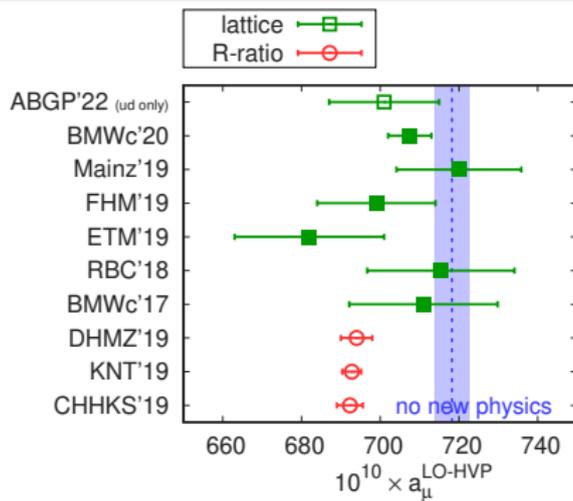
(Nature paper has 95 pp “Supplementary Information” detailing methods)

# Summary of contributions to $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$



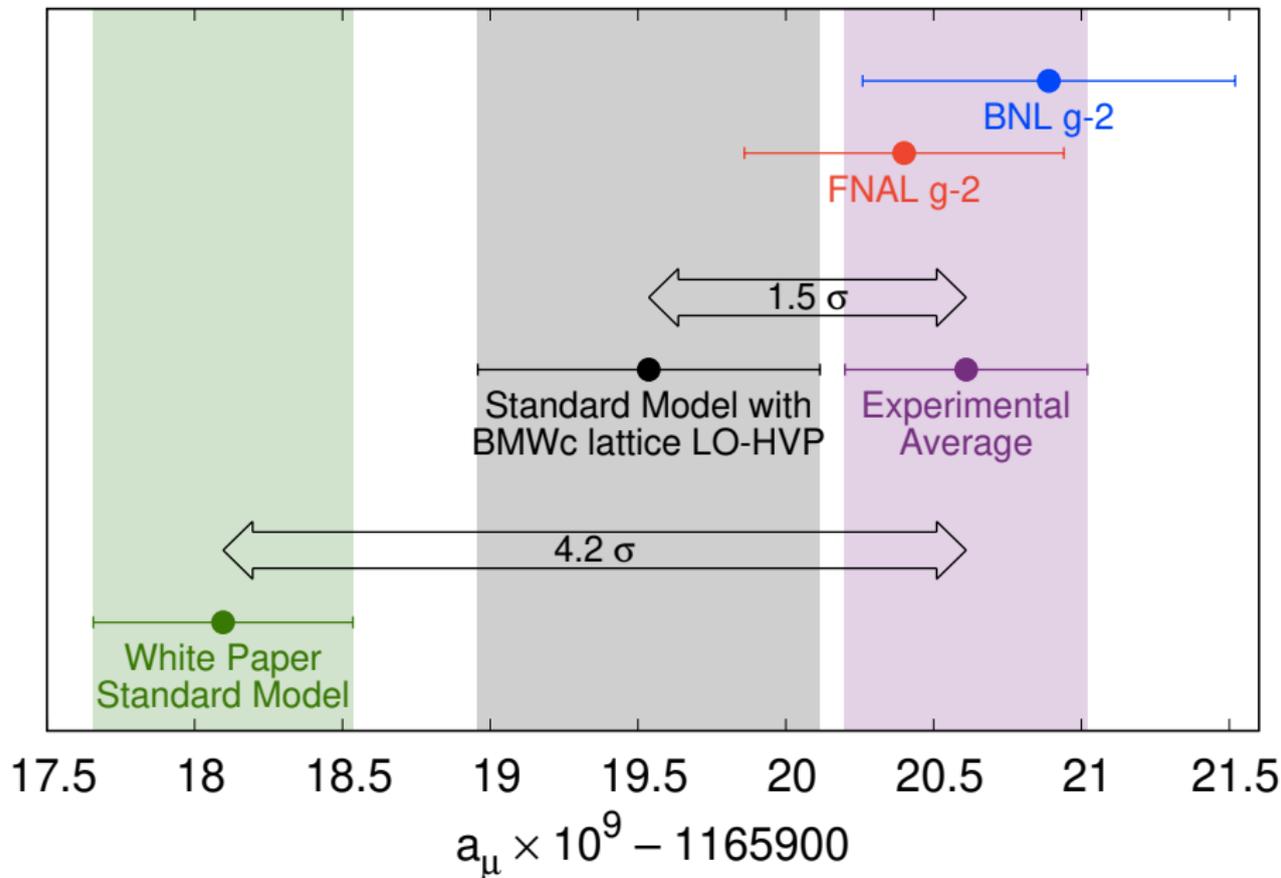
## Comparison and outlook

# Comparison



- Consistent with other lattice results
- Total uncertainty is divided by  $3 \div 4 \dots$
- ... and comparable to R-ratio and  $(g - 2)$  experiment
- $2.1\sigma$  larger than R-ratio average value [WP '20]
- Further confirmed by very recent ABGS'22 whose uncertainties, however, make it also consistent w/ R-ratio determination
- Consistent w/  $a_\mu$  measurement @  $1.5\sigma$  level (“no new physics” scenario) !

# Fermilab plot, BMWc version



# Useful window

Window functions:

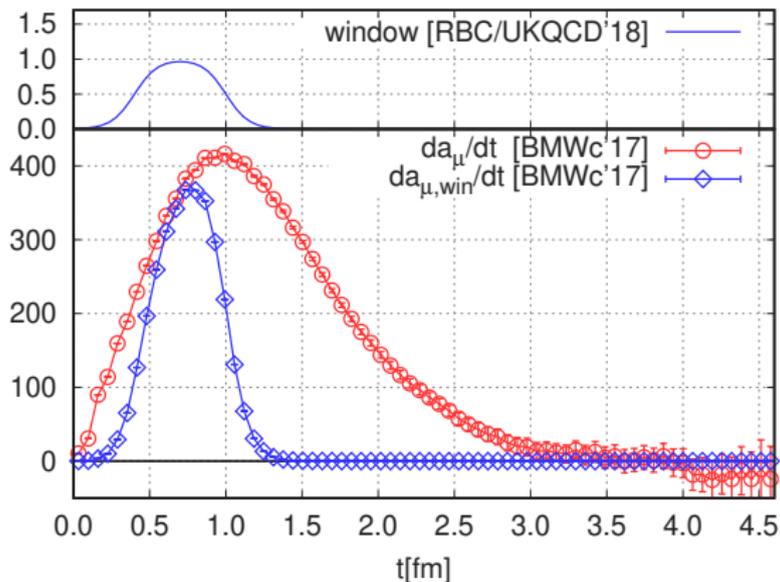
$$\Theta(t; t_0, \Delta) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \tanh \left( \frac{t - t_0}{\Delta} \right) \right]$$

$$W(t; t_0, t_1, \Delta) \equiv \Theta(t; t_0, \Delta) - \Theta(t; t_1, \Delta)$$

$$W_{\text{slide}}(t; t_0, \Delta) \equiv W(t; t_0, t_0 + 0.5 \text{ fm}, \Delta)$$

Particularly clean:

$$W(t; 0.4 \text{ fm}, 1.0 \text{ fm}, 0.15 \text{ fm})$$



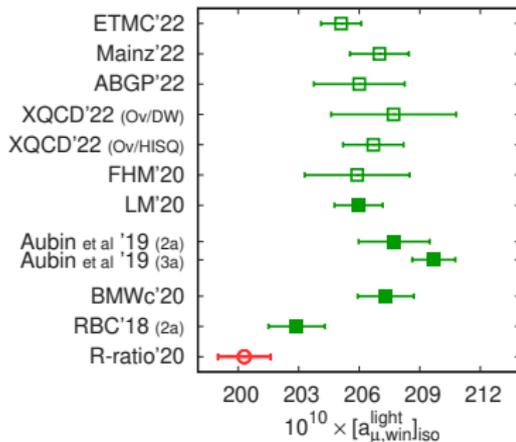
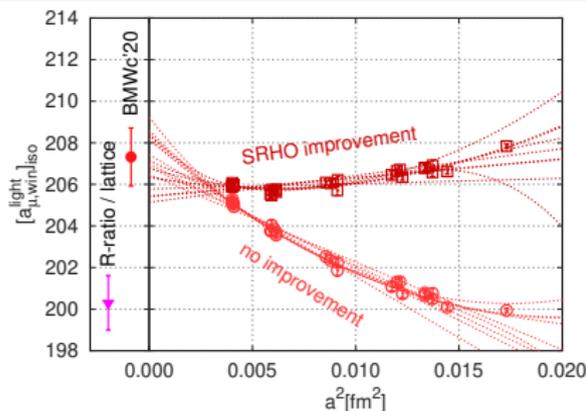
( $144 \times 96^3$ ,  $a \sim 0.064 \text{ fm}$ ,  $M_{\pi} \sim 135 \text{ MeV}$ )

# Window results

- Less challenging than full  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ 
  - much better signal/noise  
→ stat. err.  $\leq 0.2\%$
  - much smaller FV effects  $\lesssim 0.3\%$
  - much smaller discretization effects (long & short distance)  $\lesssim 2.7\%$  for  $a \leq 0.1$  fm  
→ include  $a \rightarrow 0$  w/ and w/out taste improvement  
→ very conservative systematics
  - tot. err.  $\sim 0.7\%$  of which 88% comes from  $a \rightarrow 0$

→ other LQCD groups have comparable errors

- $3.7\sigma$  tension w/ R-ratio
- 7.0 out of 14.4 lattice vs R-ratio excess in  $10^{10} \times a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$
- Schwinger Fest, 14-17/6/22: Mainz'22 & ETMC confirm BMWc'20 result for  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  using different fermion discretization (Wilson) and fine lattices

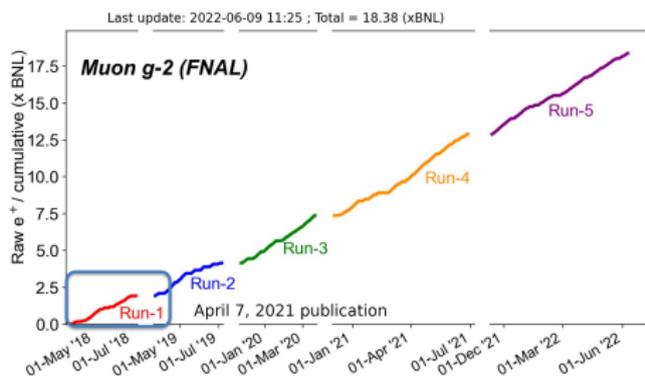


# Conclusions and outlook

- $a_\mu$  is measured to 0.35 ppm and predicted in SM to 0.37 ppm
- BMWc'20's lattice QCD calculation of  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  reaches precision comparable to reference  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$  approach for first time
- While reference SM prediction [WP'20] gives  $a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 25.1(5.9) \times 10^{-10}$ , i.e. a  $4.2\sigma$  indication of new physics, ...
- ... lattice QCD calculation reduces this difference to  $1.5\sigma$ ,  
 $a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 10.7(1.7) \times 10^{-10}$  ...
- ... at expense of  $2.1\sigma$  tension w/  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  &  $3.7\sigma$  tension w/  $a_{\mu,\text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$
- **News:** confirmation of  $a_{\mu,\text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  tension at Schwinger Fest '22
- Still awaiting results from RBC/UKQCD & FNAL/HPQCD/MILC
- Nevertheless likely that this  $> 3\sigma$  tension w/ R-ratio remains
- Of course, need confirmation of high lattice value for much more challenging  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$

# Conclusions and outlook

- Upcoming experimental progress:
  - Results of **Run 2/3** expected early **2023** w/  $\delta_{\text{tot}} a_\mu \sim 0.23$  ppm including significantly reduced **0.10 ppm** systematics
  - Ongoing **Run 5** should allow to reach **BNL  $\times 19$**
  - **Run 6** w/  $\mu^-$  in '22-'23
- WA experimental error reduced by **1.5** in '23 and **2.5** around '26
- Must reduce error on HLbL by  **$1.5 \div 2$**  ...
- ... & lattice HVP error by  **$\sim 4!$**
- Must also reduce share of *systematic* error on HVP
- The whole picture can still change!

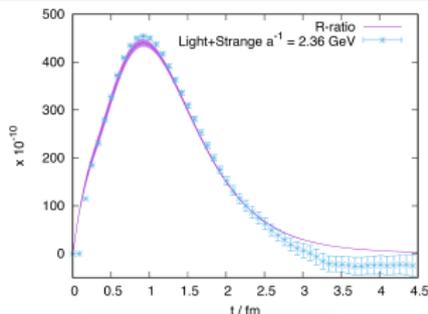


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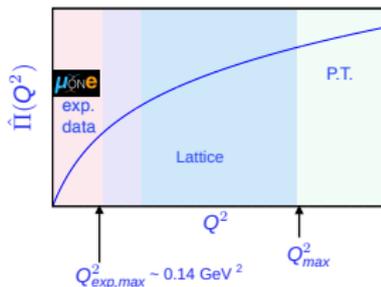
- If lattice HVP fully confirmed by other groups, must understand source of disagreement with R-ratio approach
- If disagreement can be fixed, combine LQCD and phenomenology to improve overall uncertainty

[RBC/UKQCD '18]

- Important to pursue  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$  measurements [BaBar, CMD-3, BES III, Belle II, ...]
- $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e$  experiment MUonE very important for experimental crosscheck and complementarity w/ LQCD
- Important to pursue J-PARC  $g_\mu - 2$  and pursue  $a_e$  experiments



[RBC/UKQCD '18]



[Marinkovic et al '19]



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