

# Unfolding in the context of the muon $g - 2$

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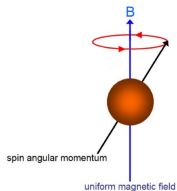


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# Introduction and motivation

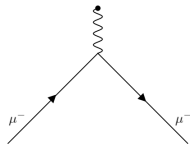
- Muon behaves like a tiny magnet with a magnetic dipole moment



$$\vec{\mu}_\mu = -g_\mu \frac{e}{2m_\mu} \vec{S}$$

Leading order SM :

$$g_\mu = 2$$

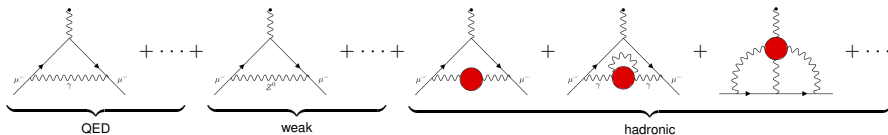


- Quantity of interest is the *anomalous* contribution

$$a_\mu = \frac{g_\mu - 2}{2}$$

→ given by quantum corrections (loops)

- $a_\mu$  can be measured very precisely
- $a_\mu$  can be computed “equally” precisely in the SM

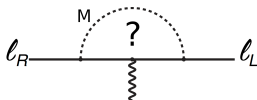


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Big question:

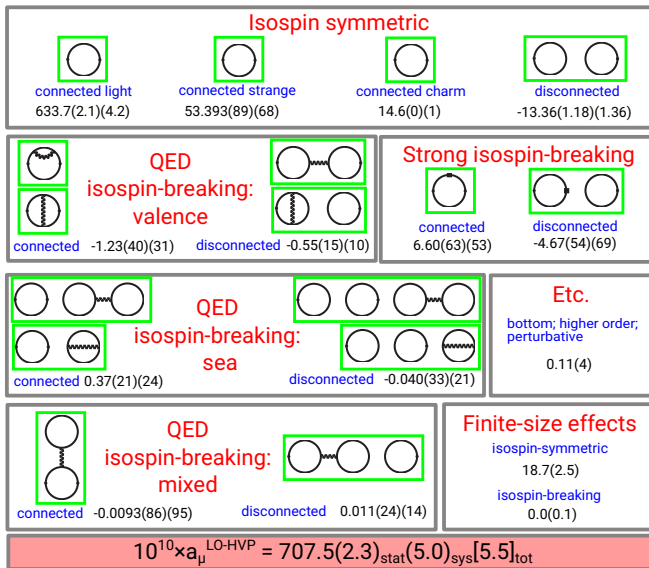
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{exp}} = a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}}?$$

- YES → another success for the SM (at given level of precision)
- NO → new fundamental physics must be contributing to  $a_{\mu}^{\text{exp}}$ , e.g.



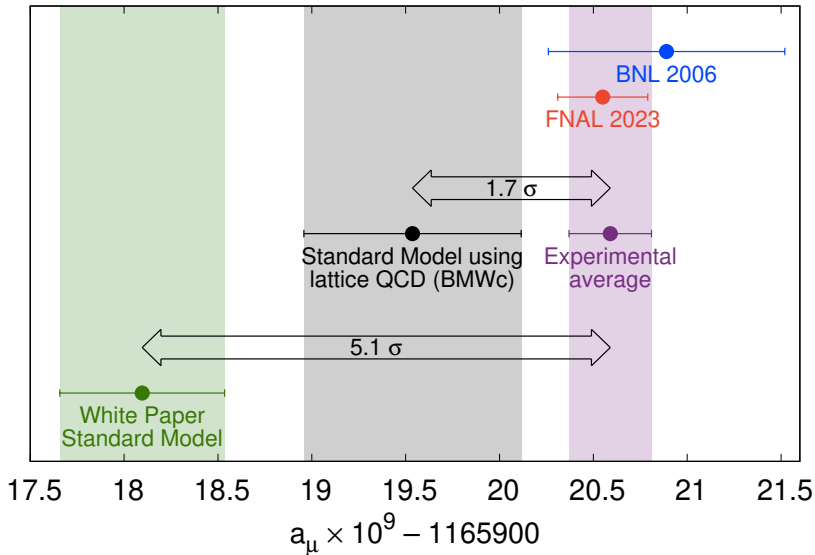
- Complementarity w/ *direct* searches (e.g. LHC): may be sensitive to dofs that are too massive or too weakly coupled to be produced or measured directly
- Complementarity w/ other *indirect* searches (FCNCs (e.g. in  $s$  and  $b$  decays), EDMs, ...)
  - $a_{\mu}$  is flavor & CP conserving and chirality flipping ( $L \leftrightarrow R$ )
  - ⇒ probes mass generating mechanism of the theory

# Summary of contributions to $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ [BMW'23]



Corresponds to a **0.78%** total uncertainty

# Experiment vs BMWc and WP

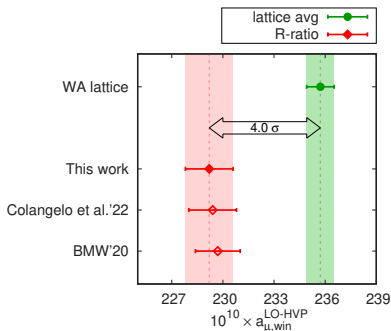
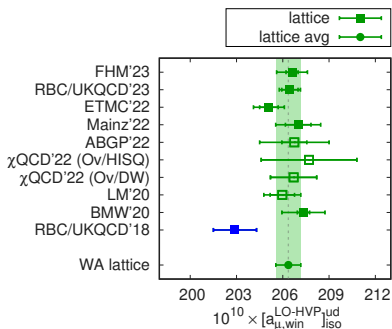


Has new fundamental physics really been uncovered?

# Motivation

Significant tensions between lattice and data-driven (DD) results for HVP

- $[\Delta a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}]_{\text{lat-DD}} \sim 2.1\sigma$  [BMW'20, WP'21]
- Simpler  $[\Delta a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}]_{\text{lat-DD}} \gtrsim 4\sigma$  [Observable proposed in RBC/UKQCD'18]



→ origin of tensions?

→ comparison not trivial

# Primary observables

- Lattice: compute with QCD simulations (spacelike)

$$C(t) = \frac{a^3}{3e^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle J_i(\vec{x}, t) J_i(0) \rangle$$



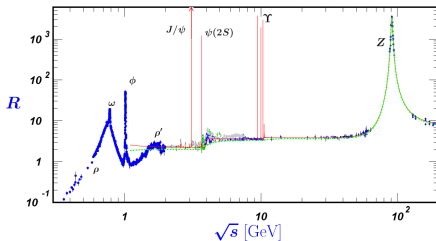
$$\text{w/ } \frac{J_\mu}{e} = \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3} \bar{c} \gamma_\mu c - \frac{1}{3} \bar{b} \gamma_\mu b + \frac{2}{3} \bar{t} \gamma_\mu t$$

$a_{\mu(\text{win})}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ ,  $\hat{\Pi}(Q^2)$ , ... are weighed sums of  $C(t)$  over imaginary time  $t$

- Data-driven: measure (timelike)

$$R(s) \equiv \frac{\sigma(e^+ e^- (s) \rightarrow \text{hadrons}(+\gamma))}{4\pi\alpha^2(s)/(3s)}$$

$a_{\mu(\text{win})}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ ,  $\hat{\Pi}(Q^2)$ , ... are weighed integrals of  $R(s)$  over  $s$



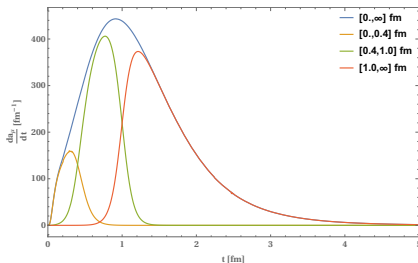
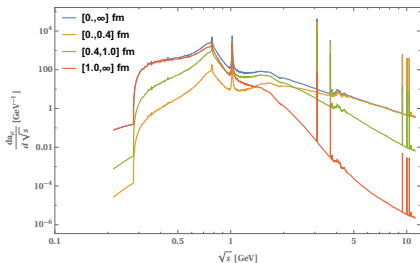
[PDG compilation]

# Lattice $\leftrightarrow$ R-ratio

$$C(t) = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \int_0^\infty ds \sqrt{s} R(s) e^{-|t|\sqrt{s}}$$

[Bernecker et al '11]

- R-ratio  $\rightarrow$  lattice: “straightforward”
  - $\rightarrow$  integrate R-ratio
- Lattice  $\rightarrow$  R-ratio: inverse Laplace transform
  - $\rightarrow$  ill-posed unfolding problem





# Requirements for comparison methodology

- 1 Very few HVP quantities computed on lattice w/
  - all contributions to  $C(t)$ : flavors, quark Wick contractions, QED and SIB corrections
  - all limits taken:  $a \rightarrow 0$ ,  $L \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $M_\pi \rightarrow M_\pi^\phi$ , ...
- 2 None w/ correlations among lattice observables (quantitative comparisons)
- 3 None w/ uncertainties on these correlations (checking stability of inverse problem)

→ Want approach that:

- provides useful information w/ limited lattice input
  - can be systematically improved w/ more lattice input
  - can incorporate theoretical constraints (e.g. Colangelo et al '20)
  - includes measure of agreement of lattice & data-driven results w/ comparison hypothesis
  - accounts for all correlations in lattice and data-driven observables ...
  - ... including uncertainties on these
- 4 Here use BMW'20:  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ ,  $a_{\mu,\text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  &  $\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha) \equiv \Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha(-1 \rightarrow -10 \text{ GeV}^2)$  (preliminary)

# Lattice covariances: method

- Uncertainties and correlations critical for quantitative comparisons
- Use extension of **BMW** error method with stat resampling and syst histogramming w/ flat and **AIC** weights [BMW '08, '15, '20, see also Neil et al '23, Pinto et al '23]

→ for  $N_{\mathcal{O}}$  observables  $\{a_j\} = \{a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}, a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}, \delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha), \dots\}$

$$H(\{a_j\}) = \sum_{\psi^{\text{corr}}, \{\psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}}\}} \mathcal{N}_{N_{\mathcal{O}}}[\{a_j\}, \{\bar{a}_j(\psi^{\text{corr}}, \psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}})\}, \mathbf{C}^{\text{stat}}(\psi^{\text{corr}}, \{\psi_j^{\text{flat}}, \psi_j^{\text{aic}}\})] \\ \times \prod_j \omega_j(\psi^{\text{corr}}, \psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}})$$

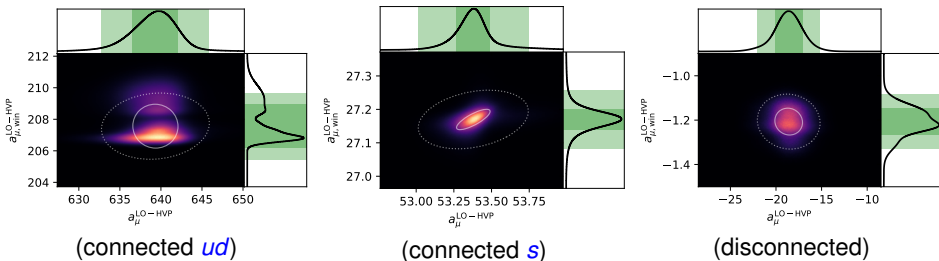
$$\omega_j(\psi^{\text{corr}}, \psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}}) = \frac{\text{aic}(\psi^{\text{corr}}, \psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}})}{\sum_{\psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}}} \text{aic}(\psi^{\text{corr}}, \psi_j^{\text{aic}}, \psi_j^{\text{flat}})}$$

- Build matrix from **1D** distributions for  $\{a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}, a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}, a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}} + a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}\}$
- Separate stat & syst by solving ( $\lambda = 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \mathbf{C}^{\text{stat}} + \mathbf{C}^{\text{syst}} \\ \mathbf{C}_{\lambda} &= \lambda \mathbf{C}^{\text{stat}} + \mathbf{C}^{\text{syst}} \end{aligned}$$

# Lattice covariances: results

- $\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha)$  largely uncorrelated w/ other two observables
- Uncertainties and correlations of  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  &  $a_{\mu,\text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  contributions (units of  $10^{-10}$ )



- Double peak  $\rightarrow$  consider  $1\sigma$  &  $2\sigma$  intervals

# Uncertainties on lattice covariances

- Uncertainties on covariance matrix can compromise the inverse problem
- Stat error estimated from bootstrap on only 48 reconstructed samples (sufficient for this study)
- Syst from:
  - For:  $ud$ ,  $s$ , QED, SIB connected, and disconnected
    - get uncertainties from 1 or  $2\sigma$  quantiles
    - 0 or 100% correlations in  $a \rightarrow 0$  uncertainties of  $T = a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  and  $W = a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ , w/  $C = T - W$

$$C_{TW} = C_{TW}^{\text{other}} + \left[ \begin{array}{cc} (dW)^2 + (dC)^2 & \{0, 1\} \times (dW)^2 \\ \{0, 1\} \times (dW)^2 & (dW)^2 \end{array} \right]_{\text{cont}}$$

- Similarly for  $c$

⇒ in units of  $10^{-20}$ :

$$C_{\text{lat}}^{1\sigma, 0\%} = \begin{bmatrix} 30.13(4.88) & -0.05(0.03) \\ -0.05(0.03) & 1.95(0.47) \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Testing lattice

- 1-by-1 comparisons

Observable	lattice [BMW '20]	data-driven	diff.	% diff.	$\sigma$	$p$ -value [%]
$a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}} \times 10^{10}$	707.5(5.5)	694.0(4.0)	13.5(6.8)	1.9(1.0)	2.0	4.7
$a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}} \times 10^{10}$	236.7(1.4)	229.2(1.4)	7.5(2.0)	3.2(0.8)	3.8	0.01
$\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)} \alpha) \times 10^4$	48.67(0.32)	48.02(0.32)	0.65(0.45)	1.3(0.9)	1.4	15

⇒ excess in  $C = a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}} - a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ :  $[\Delta C]_{\text{lat-DD}} \sim 6.0(7.9) \times 10^{-10}$

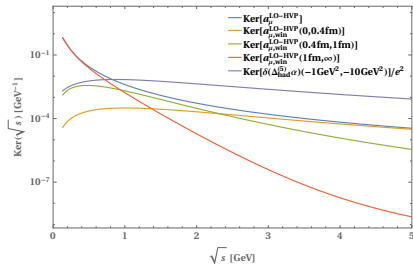
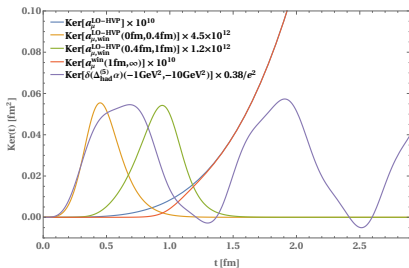
- Simultaneous comparisons w/ correlations

$$\chi^2(a_j) = \sum_{j,k} [a_j^{\text{lat}} - a_j] [C_{\text{lat}}^{-1}]_{jk} [a_k^{\text{lat}} - a_k] + \sum_{j,k} [a_j^{\text{R}} - a_j] [C_{\text{R}}^{-1}]_{jk} [a_k^{\text{R}} - a_k]$$

# observ.	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	$p$ -value [%]
2	14.4/2 – 18.8/2	0.008 – 0.07
3	14.4/3 – 18.8/3	0.03 – 0.23

- Some dilution compared to  $a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  alone, but still significant tensions

# Consequences for lattice $C(t)$



⇒ SD:ID:LD windows: [using KNT'18  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons compilation]

- 10%:33%:57% for  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$
- 70%:29%:1% for  $\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha)$

+ tensions and agreements above

⇒ excess in  $C(t)$  for  $t \sim [0.4, 1.5]$  fm

⇒ probably for  $t \gtrsim 1.5$  fm

⇒ possible suppression for  $t \lesssim 0.4$  fm (mainly based on preliminary  $\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha)$ )

# Testing R-ratio: methodology

- Chop  $a_j^R$  into contributions  $a_{jb}^R$  from same  $\sqrt{s}$ -intervals  $I_b$  for all  $j$

$$a_j^R = \sum_b a_{jb}^R$$

- To accommodate lattice results  $a_j^{\text{lat}}$ , allow common rescaling of  $a_{jb}^R$ , for all  $j$ , in certain  $I_b$

$$a_j^{\text{lat}} = \sum_b \gamma_b a_{jb}^R = \sum_b (1 + \delta_b) a_{jb}^R \quad (1)$$

→ can take some  $\gamma_b = 1$

→ simplest interpretation: R-ratio rescaled by  $\gamma_b$  in  $I_b$

→ however, constrains shape of R-ratio modification in limited way

→  $\Phi$  deformation may be allowed

- If  $N_j \geq N_\gamma$ , system (over-)constrained
- Here single  $\gamma_1$  in  $I_1$  w/  $a_1 = a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  &  $a_2 = a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  (2 observables) or w/ additional  $a_3 = \delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)} \alpha)$  (3 observables)

# Testing R-ratio: methodology

- Solve 2 or 3 eqs in (1) for  $\gamma_1$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_j \equiv \frac{a_j^{\text{lat}} - a_{j1}^{\text{R}}}{a_{j1}^{\text{R}}}$$

w/  $j = 1, 2, 3$

- $\gamma_1$  weighted average from minimization of

$$\chi^2(\gamma_1) = \sum_{j,k} [\gamma_1 - \tilde{\gamma}_j] \left[ \left( C_{\text{lat}}^{\tilde{\gamma}} + C_{\text{R}}^{\tilde{\gamma}} \right)^{-1} \right]_{jk} [\gamma_1 - \tilde{\gamma}_k]$$

- Minimization w/ diagonal covariance to avoid possible biases

- $\delta\gamma_1$  and  $\chi^2(\gamma_1)_{\text{min}}$  w/ full covariance

- Alternative approach via

$$\chi^2(a_{jb}, \gamma_b) = \sum_{j,k} \left[ a_j^{\text{lat}} - \sum_b \gamma_b a_{jb} \right] \left[ C_{\text{lat}}^{-1} \right]_{jk} \left[ a_k^{\text{lat}} - \sum_c \gamma_c a_{kc} \right] + \sum_{(jb)(kc)} \left[ a_{jb}^{\text{R}} - a_{jb} \right] \left[ C_{\text{R}}^{-1} \right]_{(jb)(kc)} \left[ a_{kc}^{\text{R}} - a_{kc} \right]$$

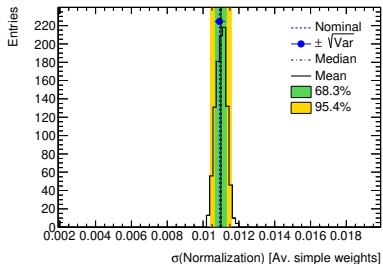
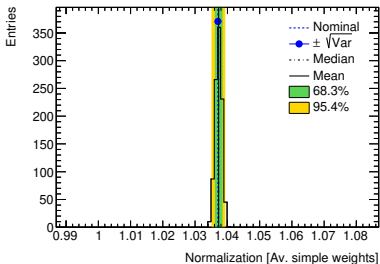
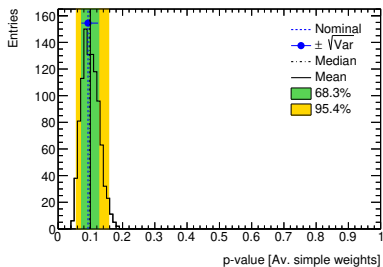
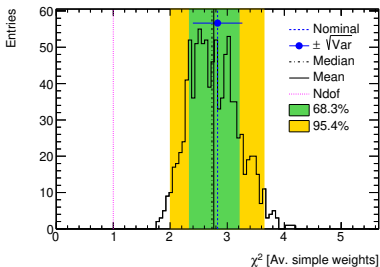
→ compatible results

- Solve for 1000 stat bootstrap samples and 4 syst variations of  $C_{\text{lat}}$



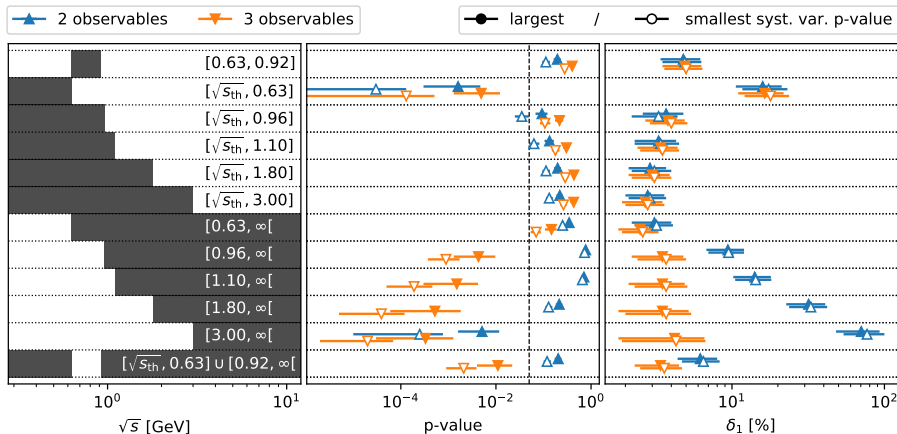
# Statistical distributions for rescaling in $[\sqrt{s_{\text{th}}}, 0.96 \text{ GeV}]$

From 1000 stat bootstrap variations of lattice  $C_0$  w/  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  and  $a_{\mu,\text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  constraints



# Testing R-ratio: results

Consider  $a_1 = a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ ,  $a_2 = a_{\mu,\text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  (2 obs.) w(/out)  $a_3 = \delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha)$  (3 obs.)



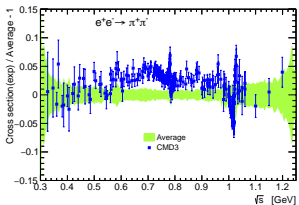
- Stat and syst uncertainties on lattice covariance matrices do not change overall picture

# Situation evolving fast

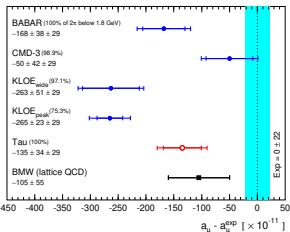
- February 2023: new measurement of  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$  [CMD-3, 2302.08834] gives data-driven  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ :

- $\sim 3\sigma$  larger than WA data-driven  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  !
- compatible w/ BMWc'20 lattice  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  !
- many questions were asked, but no significant problem found

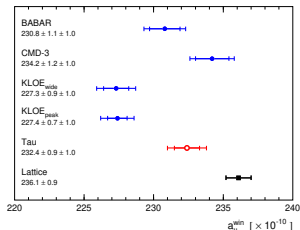
- December 2023: taking data-driven approach apart [Davier et al, 2312.02053]



CMD-3 R-ratio is  $\sim 5\%$  than previous WA around  $\rho$ -peak !



W/out KLOE, data-driven  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  agrees with lattice & tension of former w/ Fermilab  $a_\mu$  measurement much reduced !



W/out KLOE, tension between data-driven and lattice  $a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  reduced to  $\sim 1 - 3\sigma$  !

Problems w/ NLO QED effects in KLOE (& BES III) not covered by systematic uncertainties ? [BaBar '23]

# Conclusions

- Presented flexible method for comparing lattice QCD and data-driven HVP results
- Find that discrepancies/agreements between lattice and data-driven results for  $a_{\mu}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$ ,  $a_{\mu, \text{win}}^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  and  $\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha)$ :

On lattice side, result, from:

- a  $C(t)$  that is enhanced in  $t \sim [0.4, 1.5]$  fm
- also probably for  $t \gtrsim 1.5$  fm
- w/ possible suppression for  $t \lesssim 0.4$  fm (mainly based on preliminary  $\delta(\Delta_{\text{had}}^{(5)}\alpha)$ )

On data-driven side, could be explained by:

- enhancing measured R-ratio around  $\rho$ -peak
- or in any larger interval including  $\rho$ -peak
- Lattice and measured R-ratio correlations critical for drawing such conclusions
- Conclusions limited by uncertainties and correlations on lattice and data-driven results

# Conclusions

- Important to check that uncertainties on uncertainties and correlations do not spoil picture, especially for inverse problem
  - checked here for lattice stat and syst uncertainties
  - must do so for measured R-ratio uncertainties
- Also important not to share results between 2 approaches before they are final (mutual blinding)
- W/ more HVP observables, many generalizations possible, also including  $\Phi$  constraints (e.g. Colangelo et al '20)
- However, limit on independent HVP observables in data-driven and lattice approaches (not shown)
- Same methods can be used to combine determinations of lattice and data-driven results for HVP observables, once differences are understood
- No problems w/ EWPO fits in case of 3-observable comparisons (not shown)

# Some references to related work on HVP

- Windows proposed in [RBC/UKQCD arXiv:1801.07224](#) ...
- ... discussed in context of future detailed comparisons in [Colangelo et al arXiv:2205.12963](#)
- Consequences of rescaling of measured R-ratio studied in [Crivellin et al arXiv:2003.04886](#), [Keshavarzi et al arXiv:2006.12666](#), [de Rafael arXiv:2006.13880](#), [Malaescu et al arXiv:2008.08107](#)
- Consequences of lattice  $a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}}$  on  $\pi^+\pi^-$  contributions to R-ratio w/  $\phi$  constraints in [Colangelo et al arXiv:2010.07943](#)
- Use of Backus-Gilbert method for reconstructing smeared R-ratio from lattice  $C(t)$  in [Hansen et al arXiv:1903.06476](#), [Alexandrou et al arXiv:2212.08467](#)
- Proposal for comparing measured R-ratio and lattice  $C(t)$  via spectral-width sumrules in [Boito et al arXiv:2210.13677](#)
- ... (many other references for reconstructing spectral functions from lattice correlators)