

# Muon $g - 2$ HVP contribution from the lattice

## Round table discussion about standard model anomalies at ConfXV

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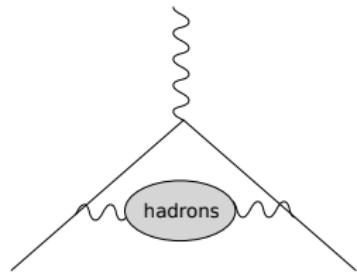
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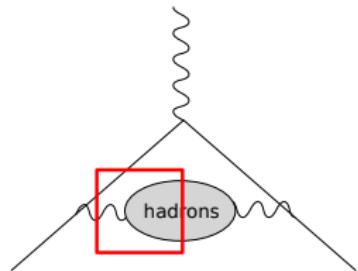
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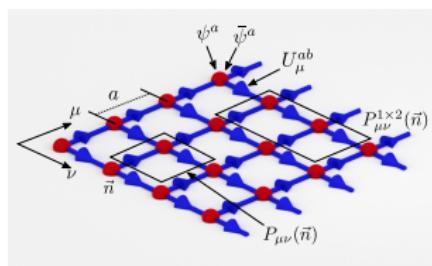
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Data driven approaches rely on dispersion theory:

Express the HVP contribution in terms of the hadronic  $R$ -ratio.



# Lattice approach



In lattice QCD, euclidean space time is discretized and quark and gluon fields are put on the sites and links of a space-time lattice.

Use powerfull computers to solve the path integral numerically.

Leading HVP contribution can be written as

$$a_\mu^{\text{LO-HVP}} = \alpha^2 \int_0^\infty dt K(t) G(t)$$

where  $K(t)$  is a known kernel and

$$G(t) = \frac{1}{3e^2} \sum_{\vec{x}, \mu=1, \dots, 3} \langle J_{\mu, t, \vec{x}} J_{\mu, 0} \rangle$$

Divide HVP contribution into parts:

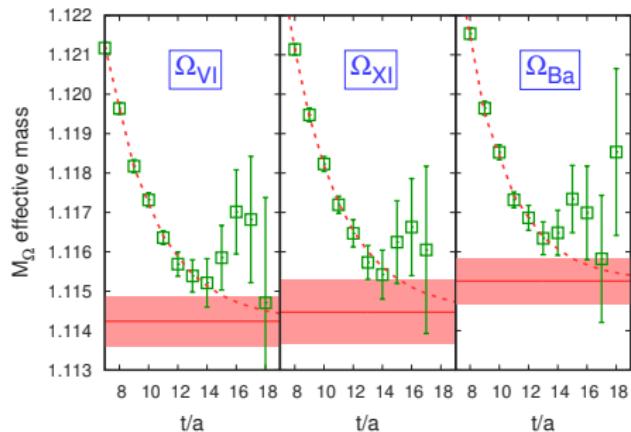
$$a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{light}} + a_\mu^{\text{strange}} + a_\mu^{\text{charm}} + a_\mu^{\text{disc}} + a_\mu^{\text{pert}}$$

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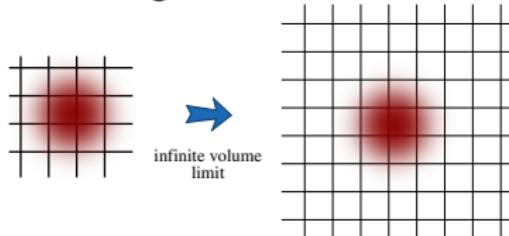


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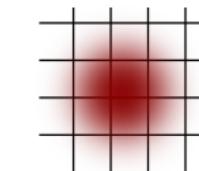
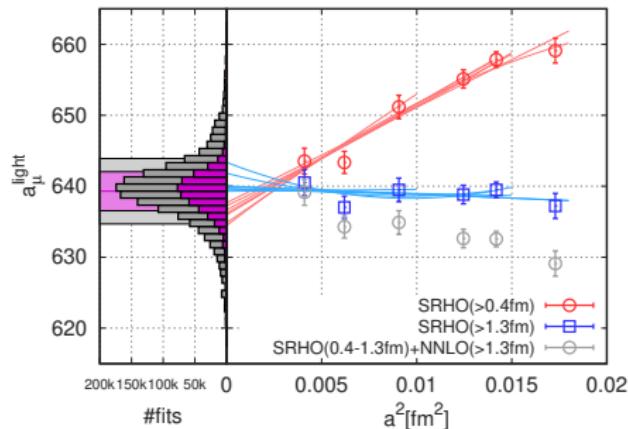


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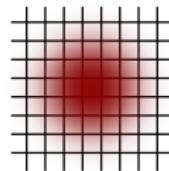
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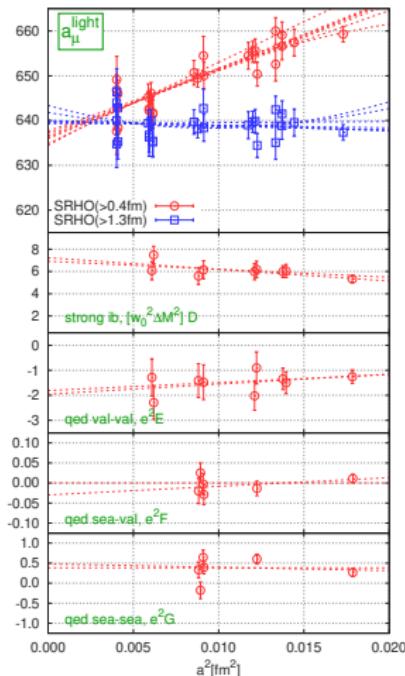


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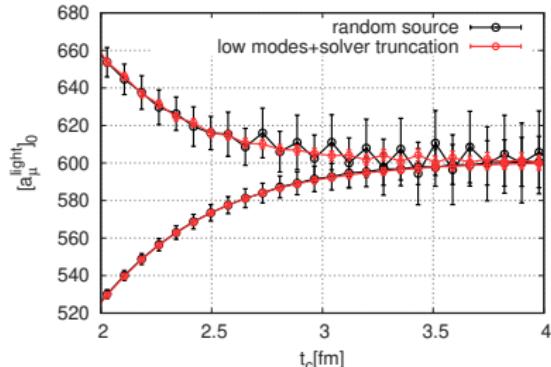


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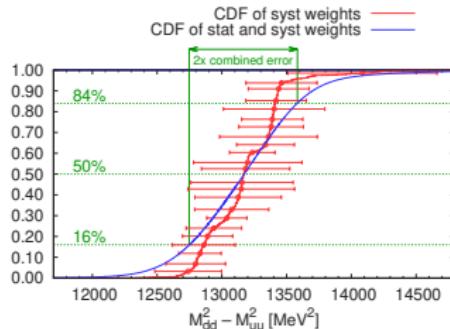


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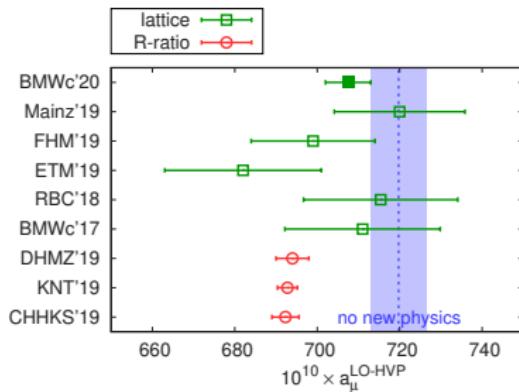
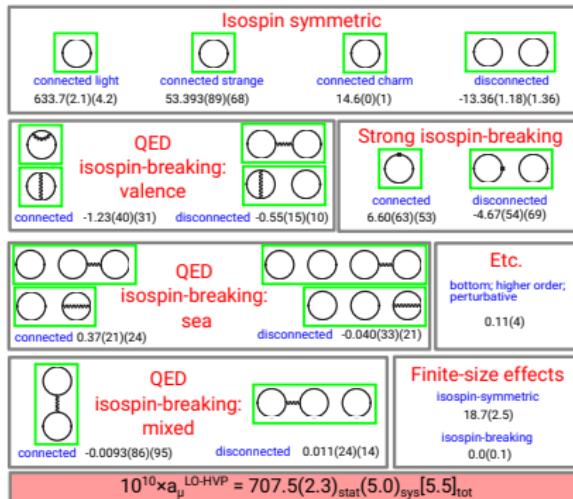
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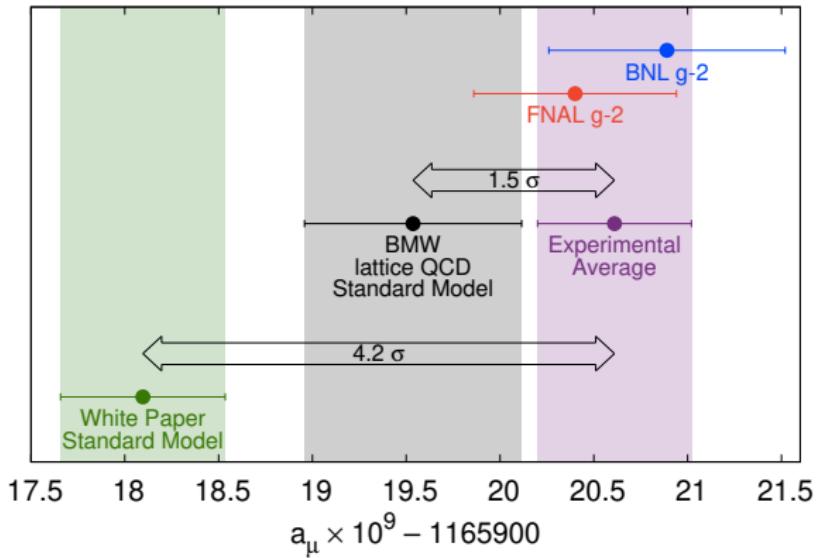
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- ... many more ...

# Lattice results for $a_\mu$



# Comparison of Results



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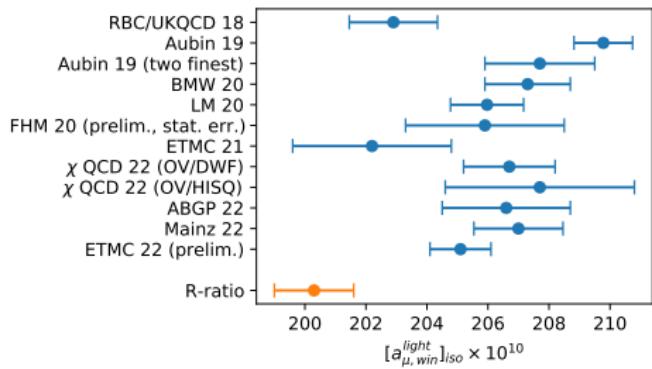
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# Window observable

One can define a window observable where the lattice correlation function is multiplied by a window function

$$W(t; t_1, t_2) = \Theta(t; t_1, \Delta) - \theta(t, t_2, \Delta) \quad \text{with} \quad \theta(t; t', \Delta) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \tanh \left[ \frac{t - t'}{\Delta} \right]$$

$$(t_1, t_2, \Delta) = (0.4, 1.0, 0.15) \text{ fm}$$



The light, isospin symmetric part of the window quantity is much easier to calculate on the lattice and is a good consistency check.

Many lattice collaborations have calculated that value.

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