

UPDATE FROM MAINZ ON a_μ^{hvp}

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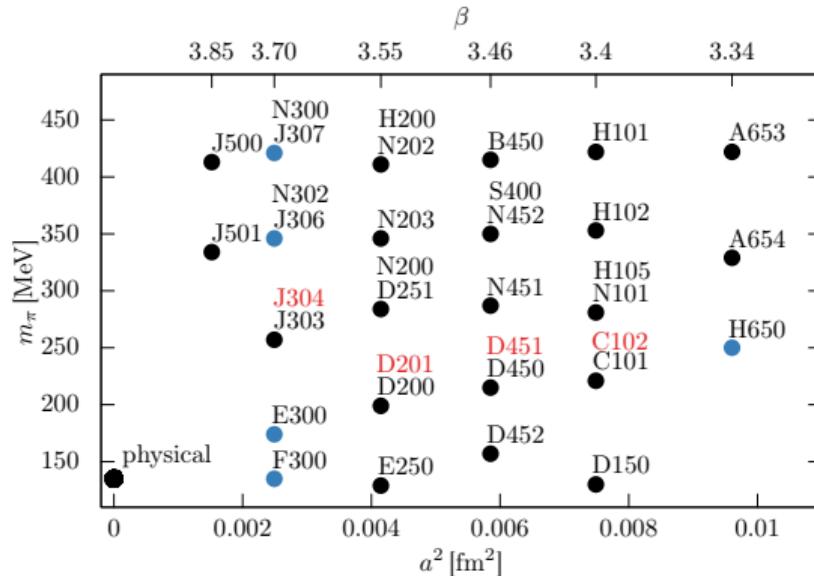
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2 + 1 FLAVOR CLS ENSEMBLES



- O(a) improved Wilson-clover fermions.
- Six values of $a \in [0.039, 0.099]$ fm.
- Open boundary conditions in the temporal direction.
- $a\text{Tr}[M_q] = 2am_l + am_s = \text{const.}$ and $m_s \approx m_s^{\text{phys}}$ to stabilize the strange-quark interpolation.

- New ensemble / improved statistics with respect to [\[Djukanovic et al., 2411.07969\]](#).
- Generating a third ensemble with $m_\pi \approx m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$
 - ▶ 256×128^3 lattice F300 at 0.05 fm
 - ▶ target: increase precision and further constrain $(am_\pi)^2$ effects.

COMPUTATIONAL SETUP

- Work in isospin decomposition of the electromagnetic current

$$j_\mu^{\text{em}} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3}\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d - \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}\gamma_\mu s + \frac{2}{3}\bar{c}\gamma_\mu c + \dots = j_\mu^{I=1} + j_\mu^{I=0} + \frac{2}{3}\bar{c}\gamma_\mu c + \dots ,$$

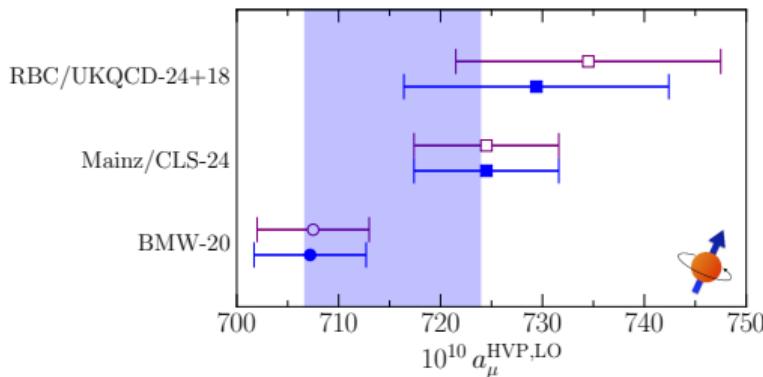
- $\mathcal{O}(a)$ improved correlation functions with

- ▶ local-local (*LL*) and local-conserved (*LC*) vector currents
- ▶ two different lines of constant physics for the $\mathcal{O}(a)$ improvement (set 1/ set 2).

- Scale setting:

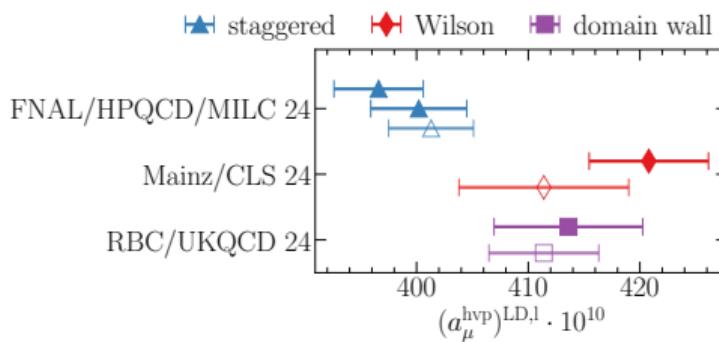
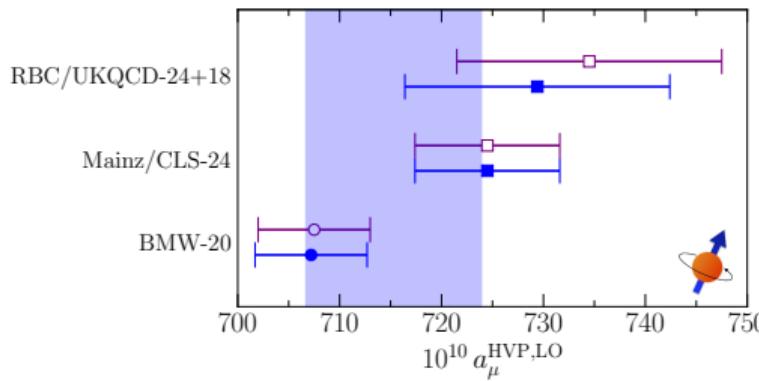
- ▶ Our current scheme is based on f_π to set the scale.
- ▶ f_π -rescaling reduces chiral dependence of the isovector contribution.
→ Less and less important because of precise data at m_π^{phys} .
- ▶ Use $\sqrt{t_0}$ as preferred intermediate theory scale otherwise.
- ▶ Evaluation of $(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}$ also done in the WP25 scheme, based on w_0 .

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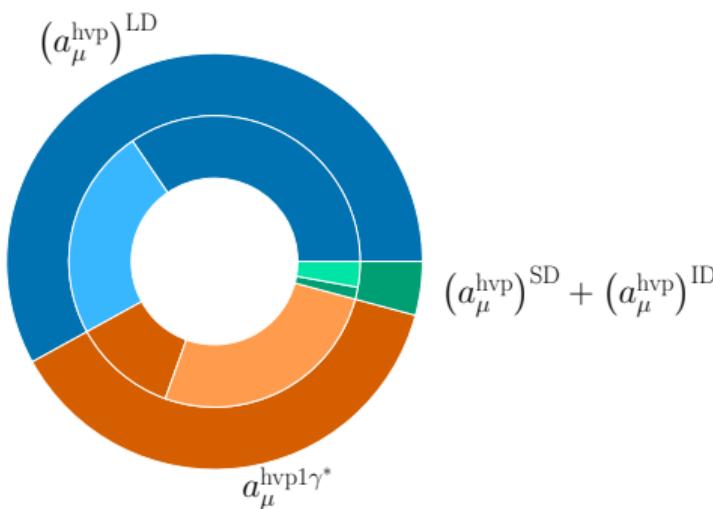
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- We observe a rather strong scheme dependence, Mainz- f_π vs. WP25, for $(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}$.
- Tensions in the long-distance regime need to be understood.
→ Conservative averaging procedure in the White Paper.

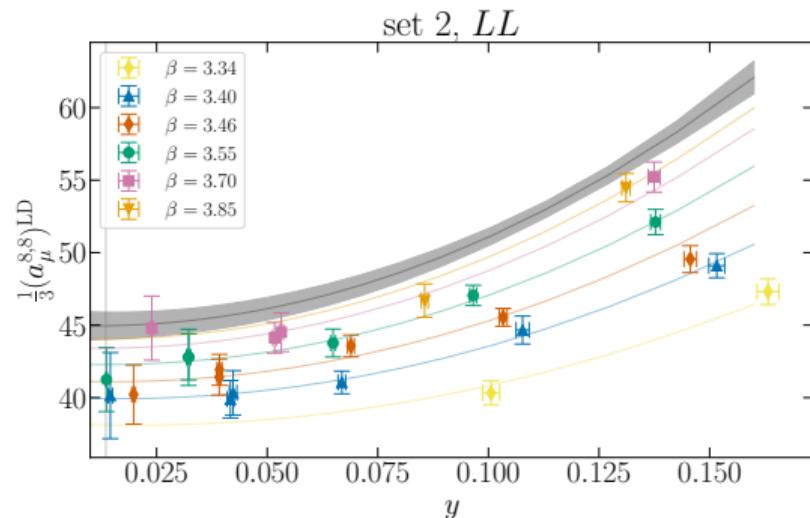
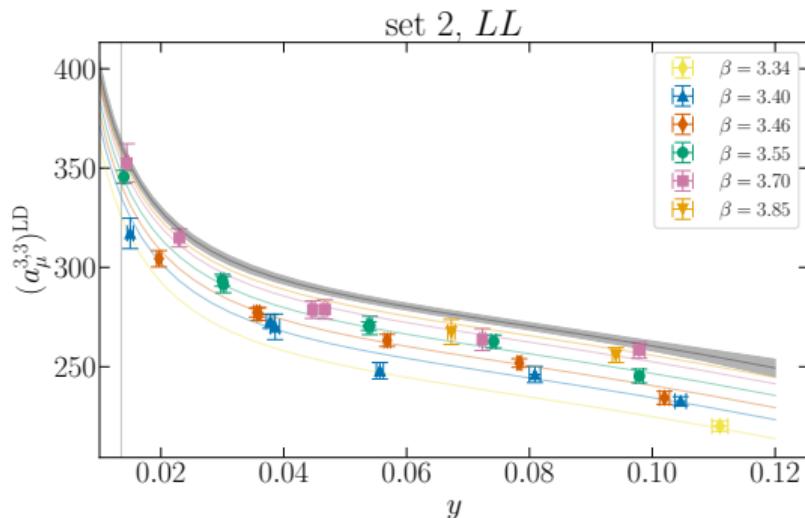
MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF a_μ^{hvp}



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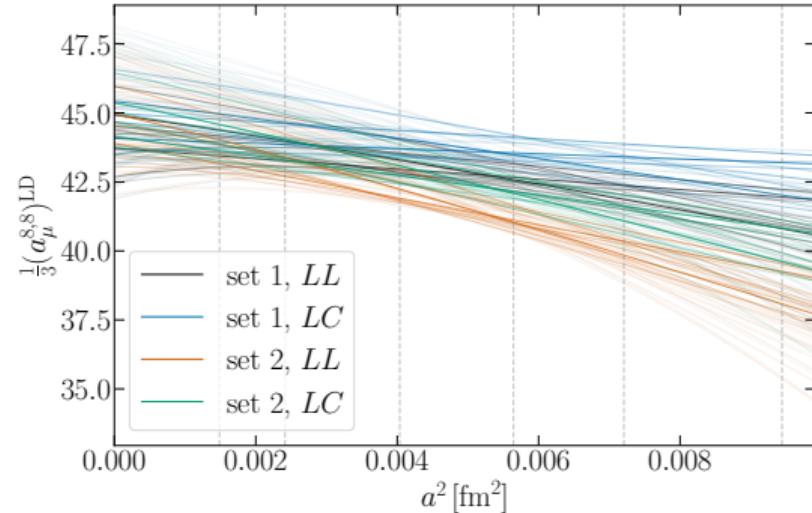
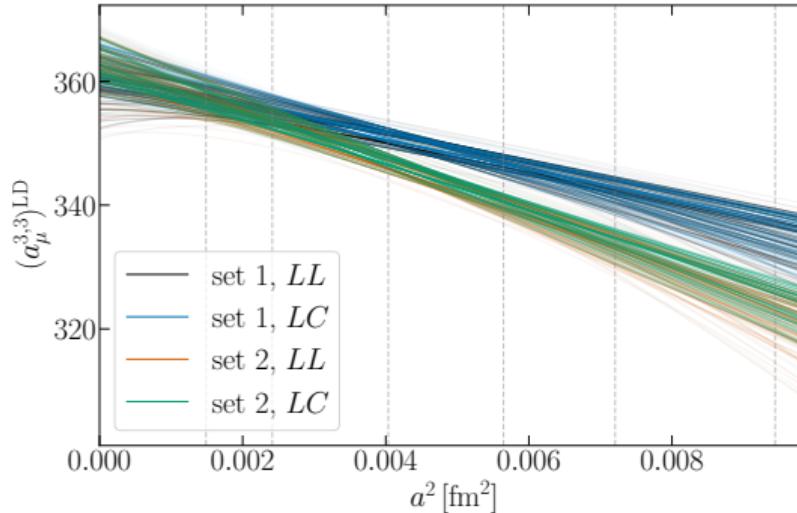
- LD: statistical uncertainty.
 - LD: continuum extrapolation.
 - LD: finite-volume correction.
 - Isospin-breaking effects.
- Work on all of them to improve significantly.

LD: STATISTICAL UNCERTAINTY



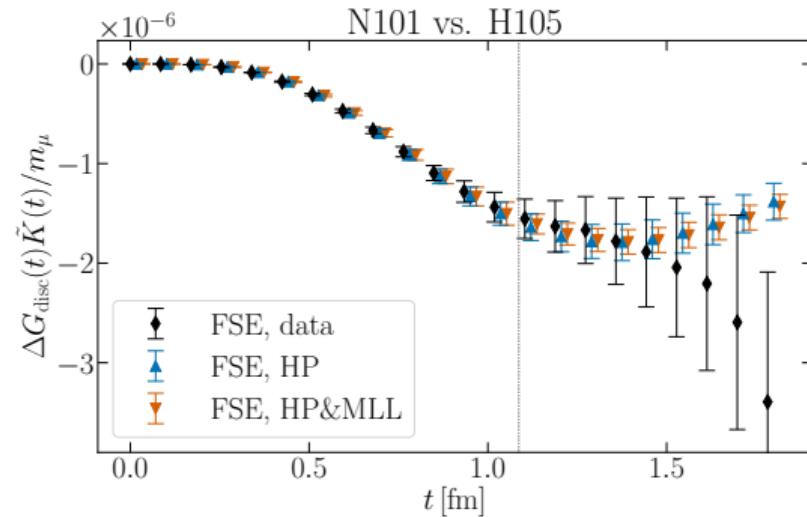
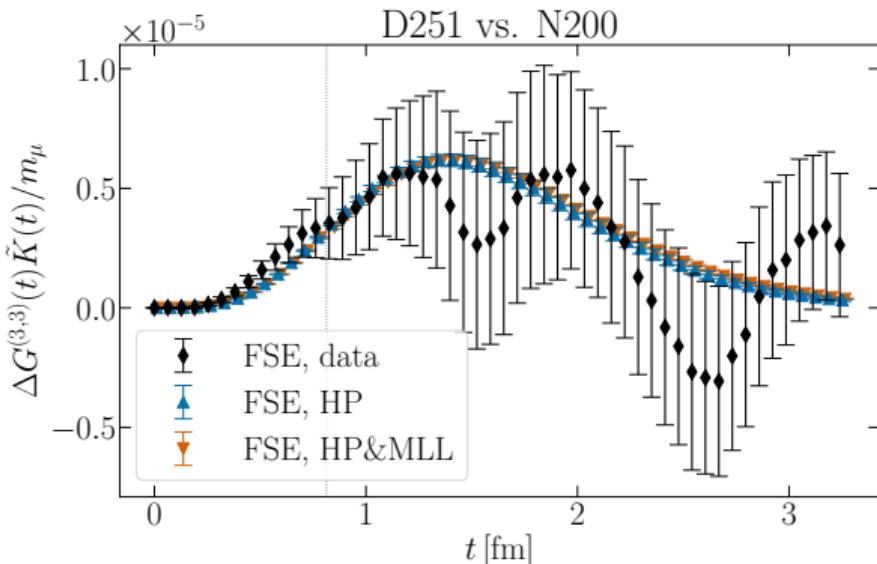
- Isovector contribution on new F300 ensemble still “imprecise”.
- Better precision at fine a requires longer MC chains.
- Quark-disconnected diagram in gauge noise on many ensembles.

LD: CONTINUUM EXTRAPOLATION



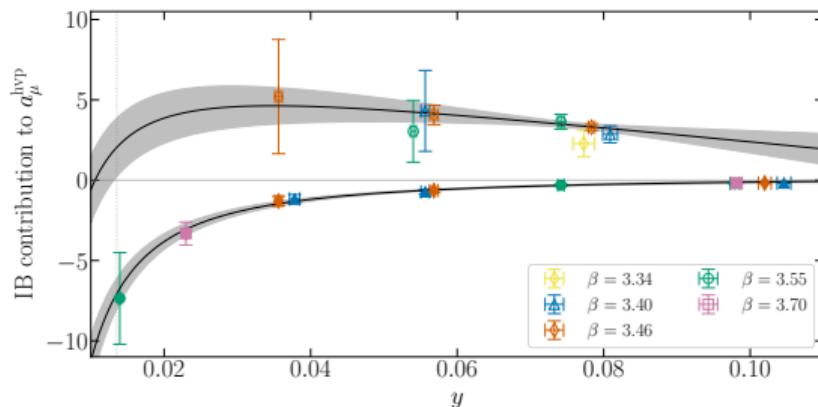
- Pure a^2 fits dominate, but we cannot exclude some curvature.
- Better precision at fine a requires longer MC chains.
- Cutoff effects strongly depend on the choice of the scale setting quantity, $af_\pi, \sqrt{t_0}/a, w_0/a, \dots$

LD: FINITE-VOLUME CORRECTION



- Correct to $(m_\pi L)^{\text{ref}} = (m_{\pi^0})_{\text{phys}} \cdot 6.272 \text{ fm} \approx 4.290$ at finite a .
- Estimate $(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}(L = \infty) - (a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}(L_{\text{ref}}) = 16.7(1.5)$ based on HP and MLL: vary the parameters, compare the models, estimate missing contributions.
- Smaller uncertainty requires data at large L .

ISOSPIN-BREAKING EFFECTS



Performed a combined fit of

- fully connected data
(open symbols, positive),
- disconnected QED correction
(closed symbols, negative)
[Parrino et al., 2501.03192],

estimating the missing pieces.

We are missing:

- More precise data at small pion mass.
- The quark-disconnected strong isospin-breaking correction.
- Diagrams beyond the electroquenched approximation.

- Isospin-breaking in scale setting.
→ dominated by systematic uncertainties.

See also:

- [Volodymyr Biloshytskyi, Wed 2:30]
- [Dominik Erb, Wed 2:45]

OUTLOOK

- Several sources of uncertainty have to be addressed to significantly improve our results.
- Another factor of two improvement for a_μ^{hvp} will take some time.
- In the meantime we exploit our data set for related observables:
 - ▶ The NLO HVP contribution [Arnau Beltran, Wed 2:55]
 - ▶ The hadronic contribution to the running of α and the electroweak mixing angle [Alessandro Conigli, now]

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Standard approach

- ▶ Experimental input
- ▶ Dispersion theory

Lattice determination

- ▶ First-principles calculation
- ▶ Exact flavour separation

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Time Momentum Representation (TMR) [Bernecker, Meyer 2011; Francis *et al.* 2013]

$$\Pi(-q^2) = \int_0^\infty dt G(t) K(t, q^2) \quad G(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d\vec{x} \sum_{k=1}^3 \langle j_k^{\gamma(Z)}(x) j_k^\gamma(0) \rangle$$

- In the $SU(3)$ -flavour basis $j_k^a = \bar{q}\gamma_k(\lambda_a/2)q$, $a = 3, 8, 0$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\gamma}(x) = G_{\mu\nu}^{33}(x) + \frac{1}{3}G_{\mu\nu}^{88}(x) + \frac{4}{9}G_{\mu\nu}^{cc}(x)$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{Z\gamma}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_W\right)G_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\gamma}(x) - \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}G_{\mu\nu}^{08}(x) - \frac{1}{18}G_{\mu\nu}^{cc}(x)$$

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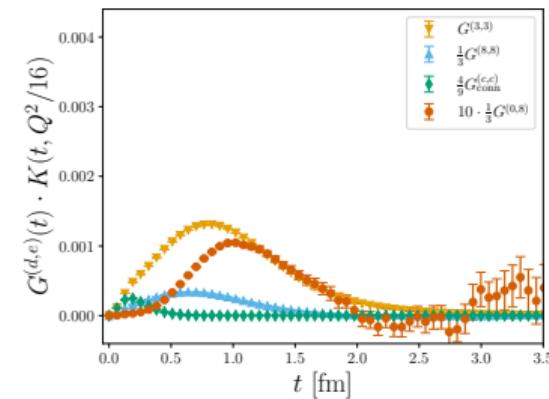
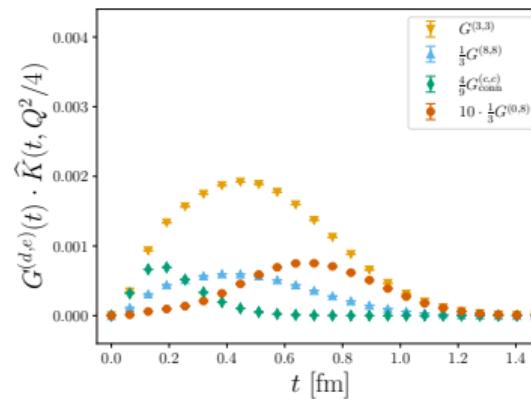
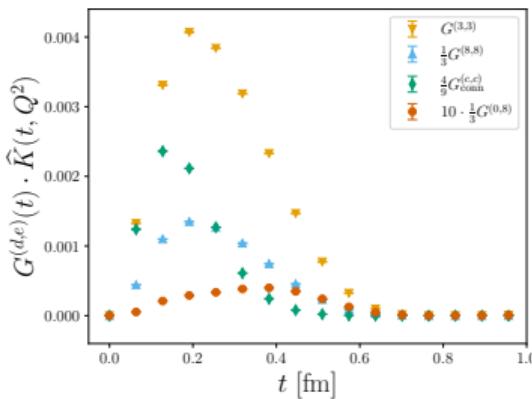
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where

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- ▶ Isoscalar contribution

$$\text{HV : } \hat{\Pi}^{(8,8)} = \hat{\Pi}^{(3,3)} + \hat{\Delta}_{\text{ls}}(Q^2), \quad \text{MV, LV : } \bar{\Pi}^{(8,8)} = \int_0^\infty dx_0 G^{(8,8)} K(x_0, Q^2)$$

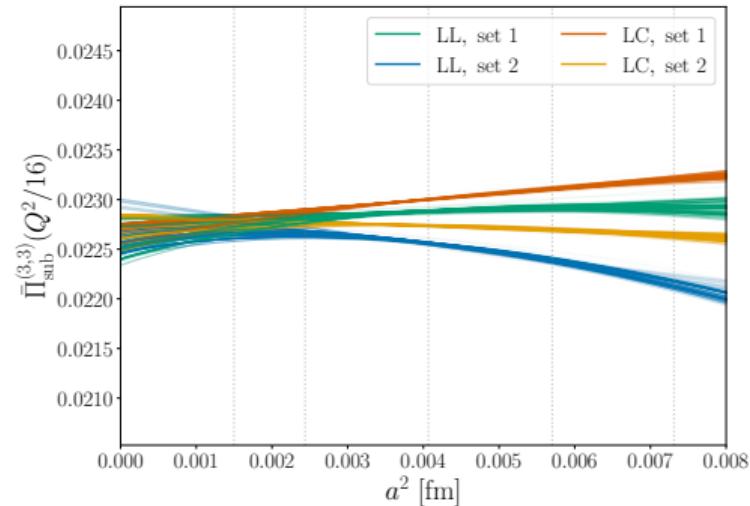
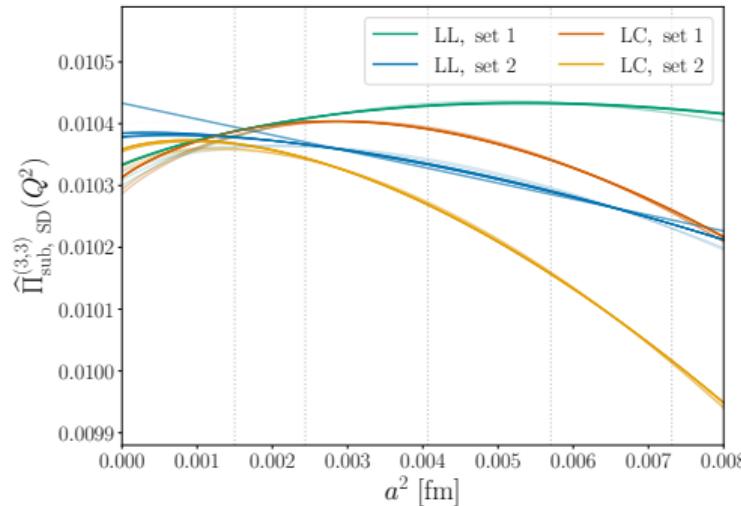
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$$\Delta_{\text{ls}}(Q^2) = G^{(8,8)} - G^{(3,3)} \propto \alpha_s(m_s^2 - m_l^2), \quad \hat{K}(x_0, Q^2) = \frac{16}{Q^2} \sin^4 \left(\frac{Qx_0}{4} \right), \quad K(x_0, Q^2) = x_0^2 - \frac{4}{Q^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{Qx_0}{2} \right)$$

The isovector channel: cutoff dependence

HV: $Q^2 = 9.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

LV: $Q^2/16 = 0.56 \text{ GeV}^2$

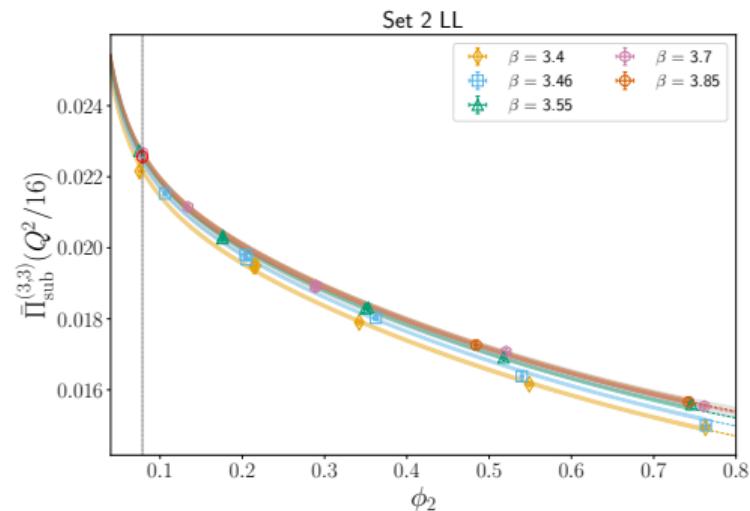
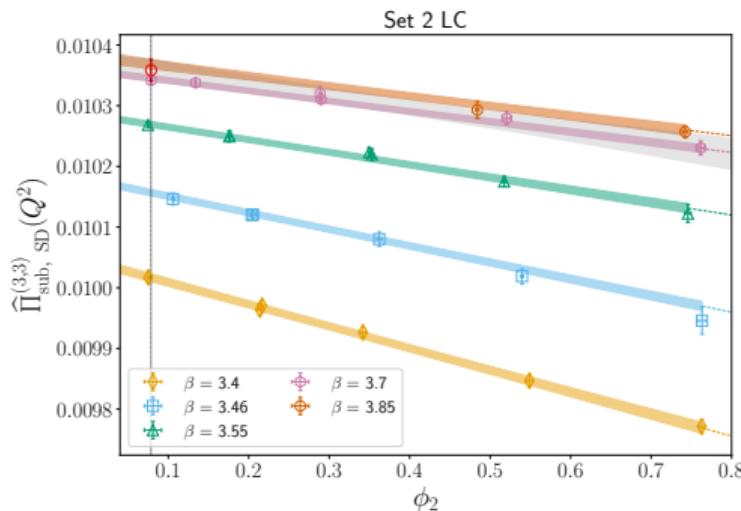


- Dependence of $\bar{\Pi}^{(3,3)}$ on a^2 at physical quark masses for HV and LV virtuality regions
- Each line represents a fit in the model average: four sets of data differ by $O(a^2)$
- $\sqrt{t_0}$ from a combination of f_π and f_K

The isovector channel: chiral dependence

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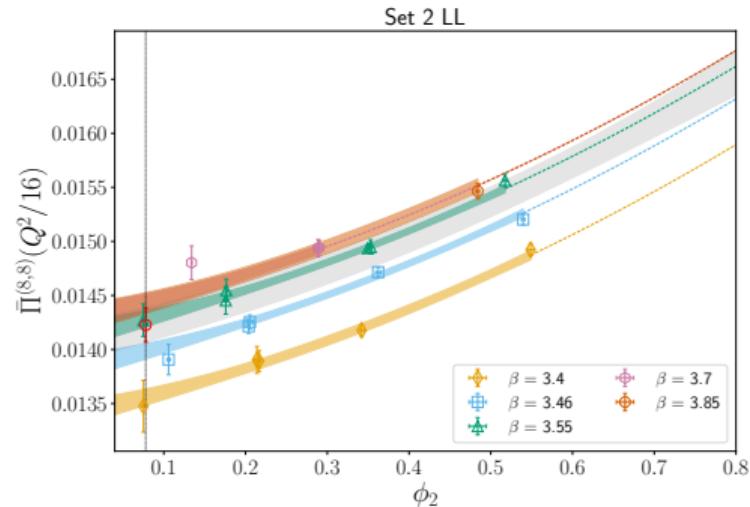
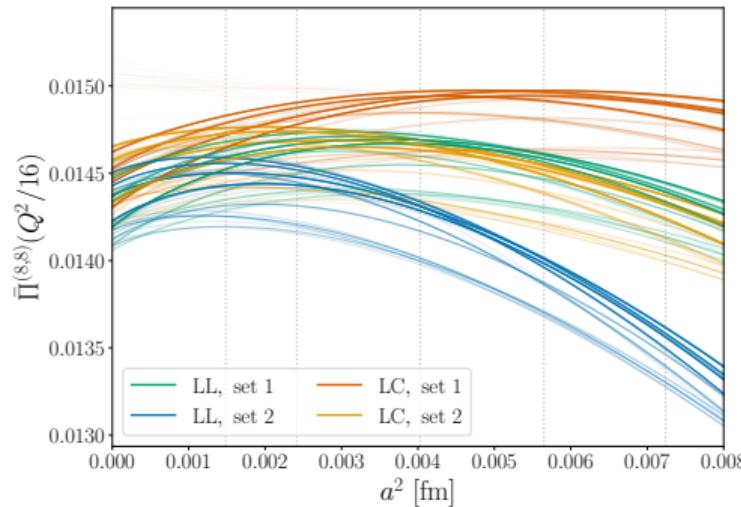
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- Dependence of $\bar{\Pi}^{(3,3)}$ on $\phi_2 = 8t_0 m_\pi^2$ for HV and LV virtuality regions
- Well constrained chiral dependence across the range of pion masses
- Fits with chirally divergent terms dominating the model average in LV region

The isoscalar channel

- Chiral-continuum dependence of $\bar{\Pi}^{(8,8)}$ in the LV region at $Q^2/16 = 0.56 \text{ GeV}^2$



- Divergent behaviour of light-connected and disconnected pieces is cancelled
- Bounding method in the LV region to mitigate noise at large Euclidean distances

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Final IB-effects estimate
at $Q^2 = 9$ GeV²

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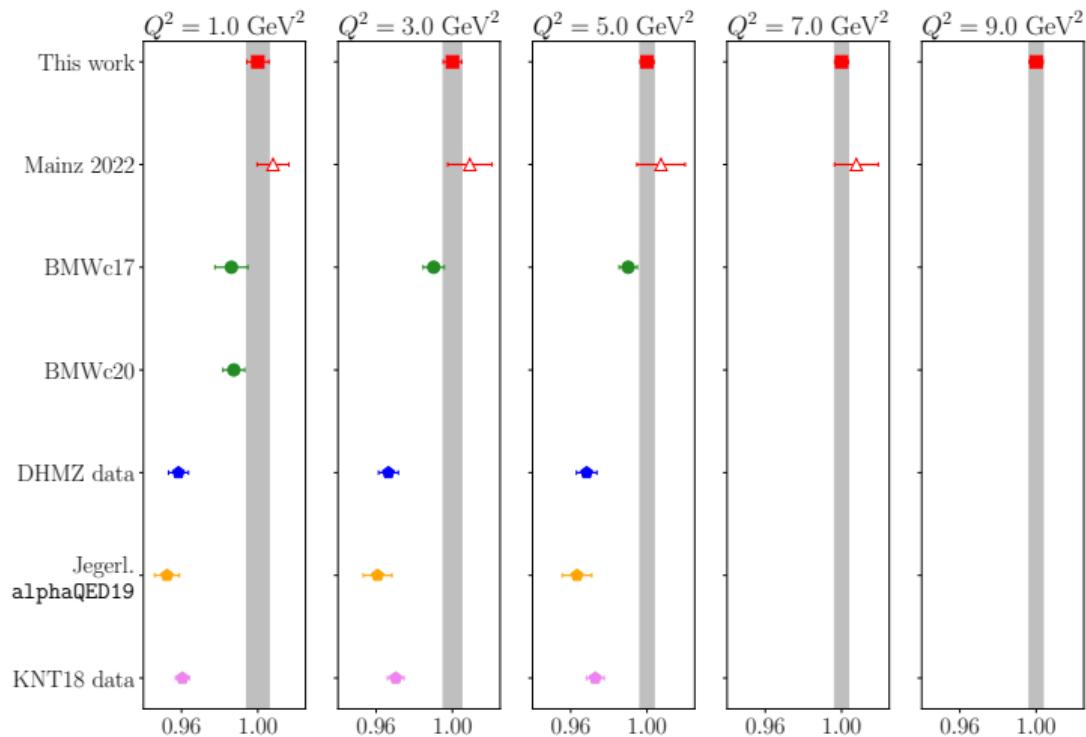
Quoted uncertainty corresponds to

- 1 Size of the dominant contribution (strong IB)
- 2 Size of lattice purely-connected results

Comparison with other determinations at space-like momenta

Ratio of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ divided by our results for different Q^2

- ▶ Agreement with Mainz 2022
[M. Cè et al., 2021]
- ▶ 1-2 σ disagreement between this work and [Borsanyi et al., 2018; Borsanyi et al., 2021]
- ▶ 3-6 σ tension between this work and [Keshavarzi, Nomura, and Teubner 2020; Davier et al. 2020; Jegerlehner 2020]



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Determination of $D(Q^2)$

- ▶ [AdlerPy](#) [R. F. Hernández, 2311.04849; J. Erler et al., 2308.05740]
- ▶ Jegerlehner's software package [pQCDAdler](#)

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- ▶ Perturbation theory: $[\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_z^2)] = 0.000\ 045(2)$ [Jegerlehner, CERN Yellow Report, 2020]

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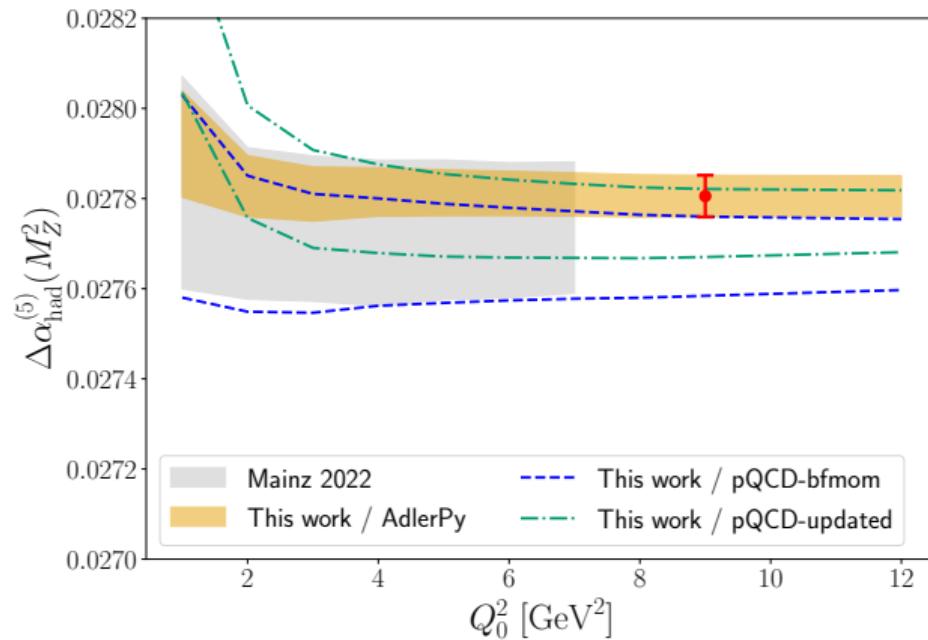
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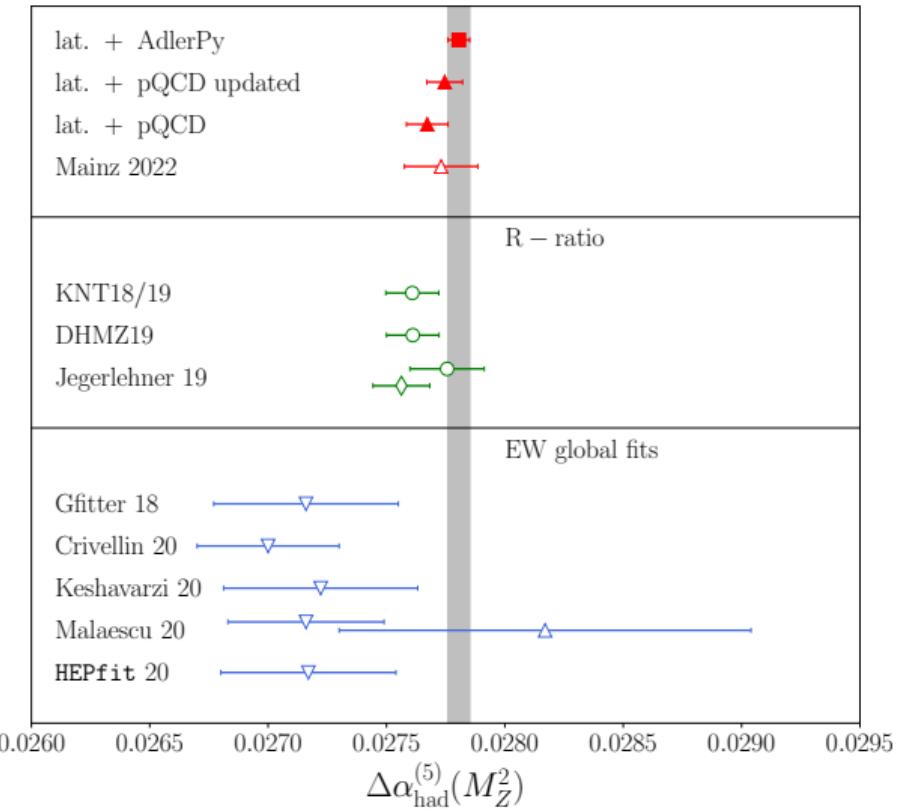
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- **Threshold energy:** $Q_0^2 = 9 \text{ GeV}^2$



Comparison with phenomenology and electroweak fits

- ▶ Evidence of a small tension with R -ratio determinations and electroweak global fits
- ▶ Running from $-Q_0^2$ to $-M_Z^2$ is correlated
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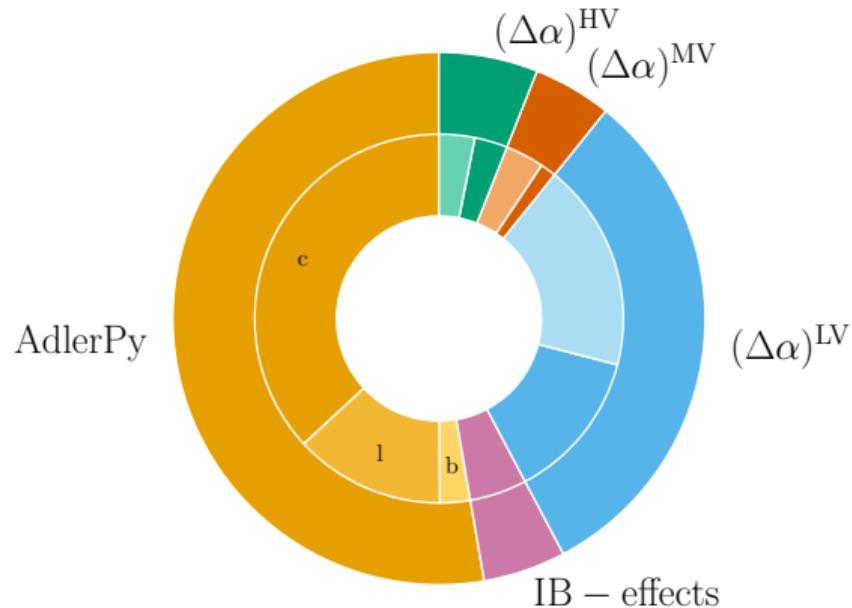


Main contribution to the variance of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$

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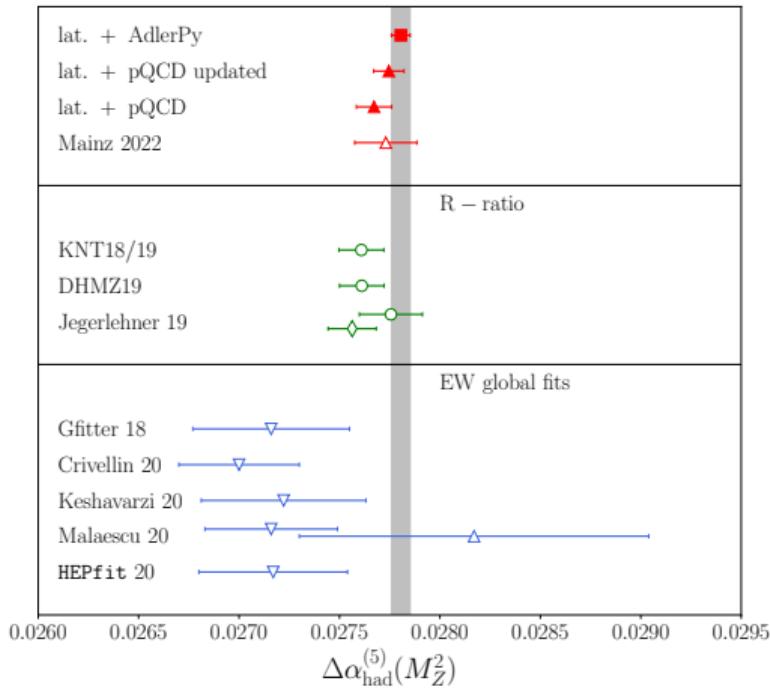
- ▶ **AdlerPy:** charm contribution to $D(Q^2)$
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- ▶ **IB-effects:** by far subleading



Conclusions

Summary

- ▶ Computation of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ and $(\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{had}}$ in the space-like interval $0 \leq Q_0^2 \leq 12 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Factor 3 increased precision w.r.t Mainz 2022
[M. Cè et al. 2022]
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Thank You!

Related works of the Mainz group:

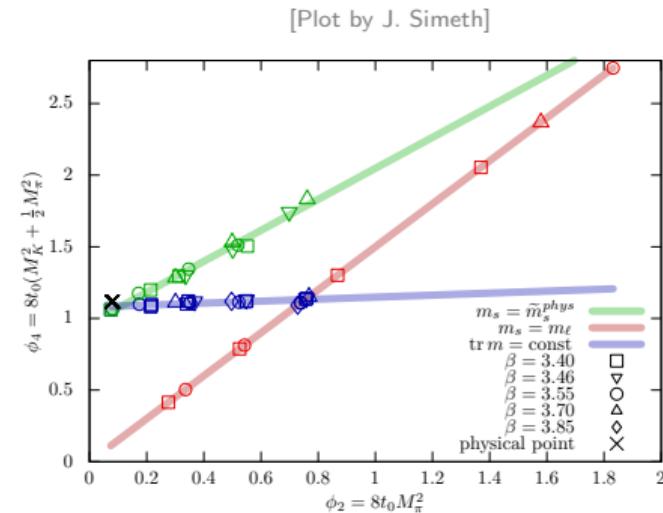
- ▶ IB with CSS [D. Erb, Wed 14:45]
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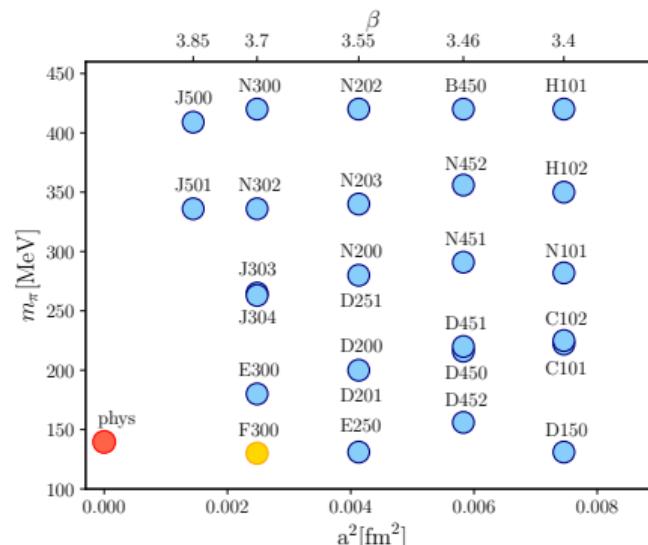
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- ▶ $I = 1$ contribution: $G_{\mu\nu}^{33}(x) = \frac{1}{2}C_{\mu\nu}^{\ell\ell}(x)$
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- ▶ $Z\gamma$ mixing: $G_{\mu\nu}^{08}(x) = [C_{\mu\nu}^{\ell\ell}(x) - C_{\mu\nu}^{ss}(x) + D_{\mu\nu}^{2\ell+s, \ell-s}(x)]$

where the **connected** and **disconnected** Wick's contractions read

$$C_{\mu\nu}^{f_1, f_2} = - \left\langle \gamma_\mu \begin{array}{c} \nearrow f_1 \\ \searrow f_2 \end{array} \gamma_\nu \right\rangle, \quad D_{\mu\nu}^{f_1, f_2} = \left\langle \begin{array}{cc} f_1 & f_2 \\ \circlearrowleft & \circlearrowright \\ \gamma_\mu & \gamma_\nu \end{array} \right\rangle$$

The relevant correlators are therefore given by

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\gamma}(x) = G_{\mu\nu}^{33}(x) + \frac{1}{3}G_{\mu\nu}^{88}(x) + \frac{4}{9}G_{\mu\nu}^{cc}(x)$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{Z\gamma}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_W\right) G_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\gamma}(x) - \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}G_{\mu\nu}^{08}(x) - \frac{1}{18}G_{\mu\nu}^{cc}(x)$$

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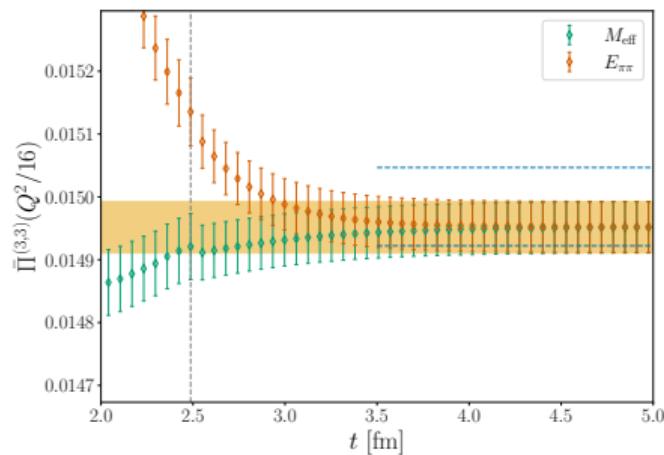
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[Djukanovic et al., 2411.07696][Nolan Miller @ Lattice24]

- ▶ $N_{\pi\pi} = 4$ states used to reconstruct the correlator
- ▶ Solves signal-to-noise problem beyond $t = 2.5$ fm
- ▶ Increase the precision by a factor of 2 on physical point ensemble E250: 0.2% for $\bar{\Pi}^{(3,3)}$



Isovector channel: tree-level improvement

- ▶ Reduction of cutoff effects in the short Euclidean distance

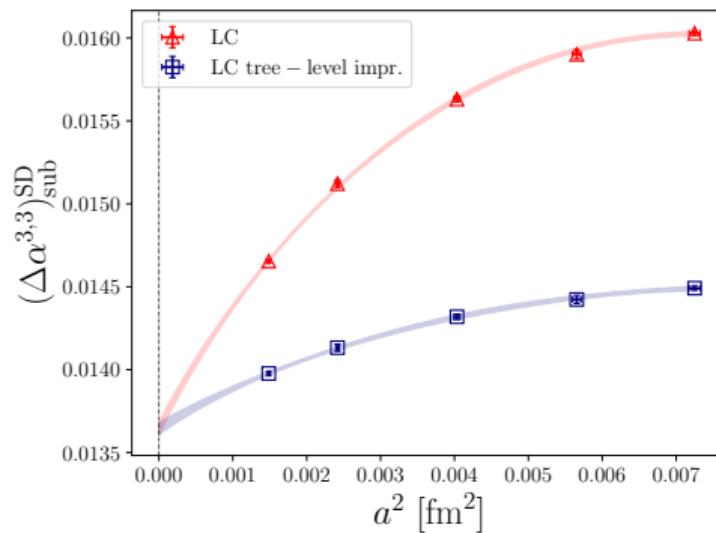
[ETM 2022; M. Cè *et al.* 2021; S. Kuberski *et al.* 2024]

- ▶ Continuum extrapolation of $(\Delta\alpha^{3,3})_{\text{sub}}^{\text{SD}}$ at the $SU(3)$ -symmetric point
 $M_\pi = M_K \approx 415$ MeV

- ▶ Tree-level improvement based on massless perturbation theory

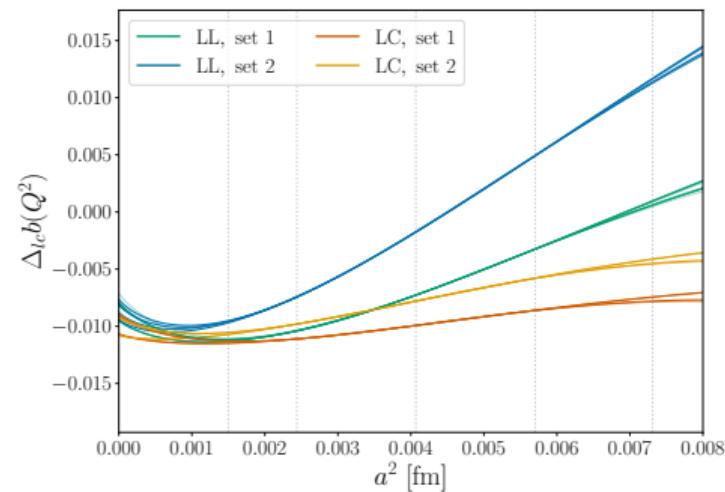
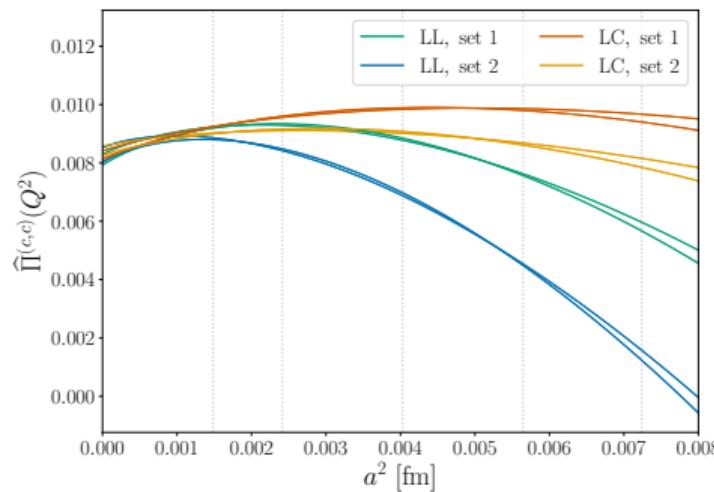
$$\mathcal{O}(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(a) \frac{\mathcal{O}^{\text{tl}}(0)}{\mathcal{O}^{\text{tl}}(a)}$$

- ▶ Cutoff effects at $a = 0.087$ fm reduced from 19% to 7%



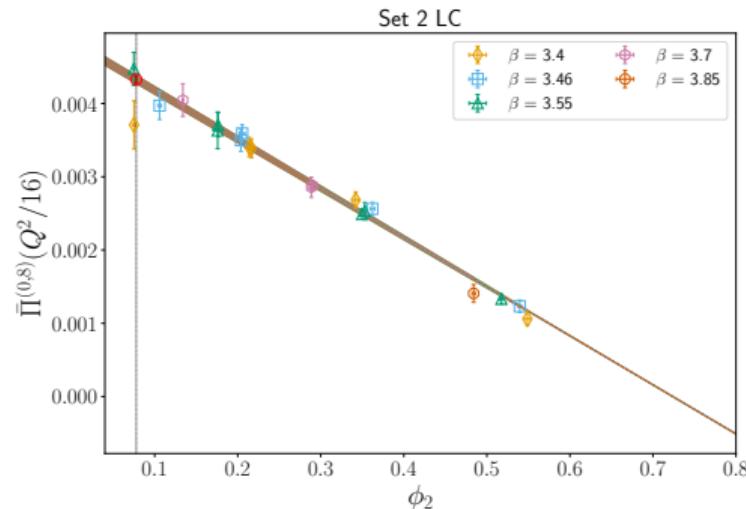
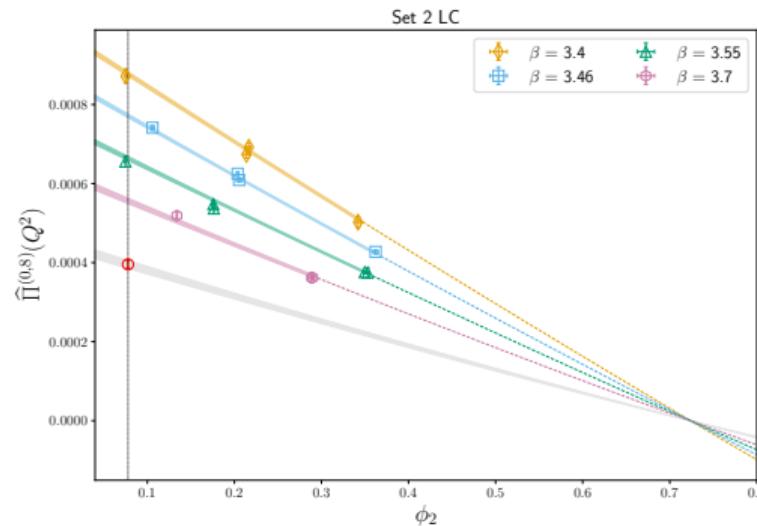
Charm connected contribution - HV region

- $\widehat{\Pi}^{(c,c)} = (\widehat{\Pi}^{(c,c)})_{\text{sub}} + b^{(c,c)}$ chiral-continuum extrapolation at $Q^2 = 9 \text{ GeV}^2$
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- Very good agreement despite significantly different cutoff effects



$\bar{\Pi}^{08}$ contribution

- $(\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W)^{0,8}$ chiral-continuum extrapolation at $Q^2 = 9$ GeV
- Results for MV (left) and LV (right) virtuality regions
- $SU(3)_f$ breaking \rightarrow parametrically suppressed at short distance



Chiral-continuum extrapolations

Functional forms for **isovector** and **charm connected** contributions

- Our general ansatz for the chiral dependence reads

$$\mathcal{O}(\phi_2) = \mathcal{O}(\phi_2^{\text{phys}}) + \gamma_1(\phi_2 - \phi_2^{\text{phys}}) + \gamma_2(f_{\chi,1}(\phi_2) - f_{\chi,1}(\phi_2^{\text{phys}})) + \gamma_3(f_{\chi,2}(\phi_2) - f_{\chi,2}(\phi_2^{\text{phys}}))$$

where

$$f_{\chi,1} \in \{1/\phi_2, \phi_2 \log(\phi_2), \phi_2^2\}, \quad f_{\chi,2} \in \{1/\phi_2, \phi_2^2\}$$

- To account for a small mistuning from m_s^{phys}

$$\mathcal{O}(\phi_4) = \mathcal{O}(\phi_4^{\text{phys}}) + \gamma_0(\phi_4 - \phi_4^{\text{phys}}).$$

- Cutoff effects are described by the general form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}(a) &= \beta_2 \frac{a^2}{8t_0} + \beta_3 \left(\frac{a^2}{8t_0} \right)^{3/2} + \beta_4 \left(\frac{a^2}{8t_0} \right)^2 + \delta_2 \frac{a^2}{8t_0} (\phi_2 - \phi_2^{\text{phys}}) \\ &\quad + \delta_3 \left(\frac{a^2}{8t_0} \right)^{3/2} (\phi_2 - \phi_2^{\text{phys}}) + \epsilon_2 \frac{a^2}{8t_0} (\phi_4 - \phi_4^{\text{phys}}) \end{aligned}$$

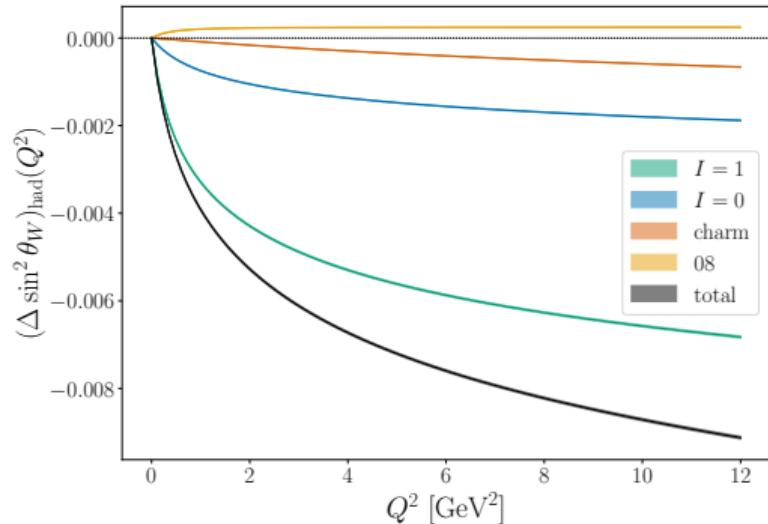
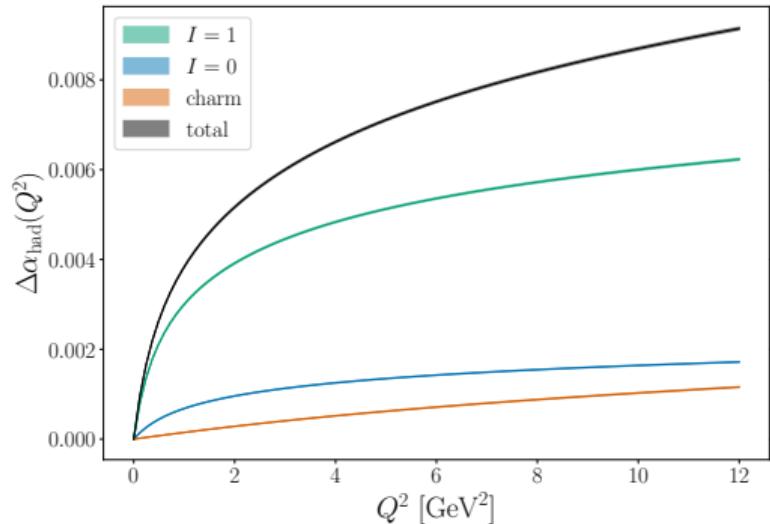
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Running of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ and $(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{had}}$



- Total HVP contribution to $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ and $(\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{had}}$
- Results in the range $0 \leq Q^2 \leq 12 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Rational approximation of the running through a multi-points Padé Ansatz

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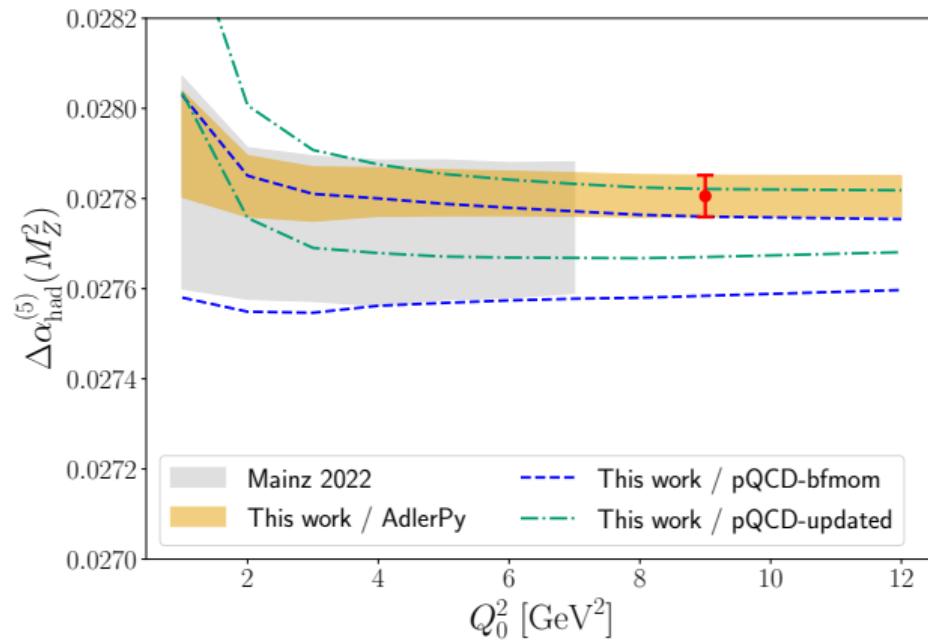
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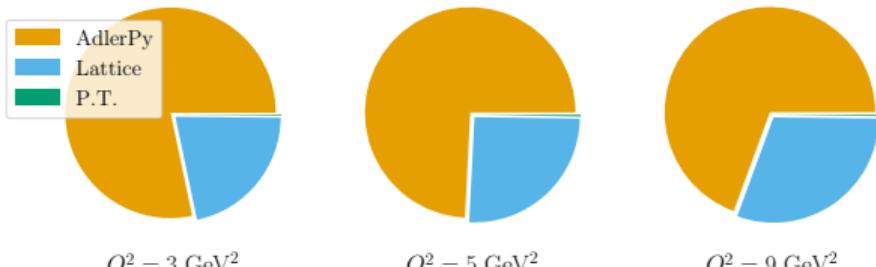
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