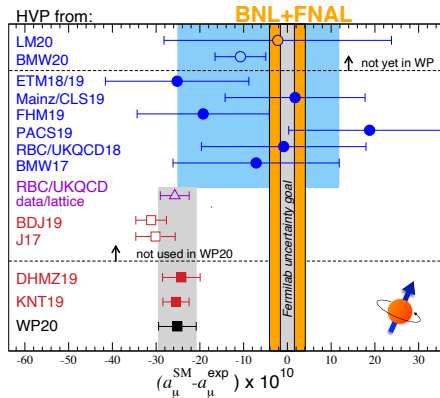


THE HADRONIC VACUUM POLARIZATION CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUON $g - 2$ FROM $O(a)$ IMPROVED WILSON QUARKS

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← Status for a_μ^{hvp} [2203.15810, Colangelo et al.]

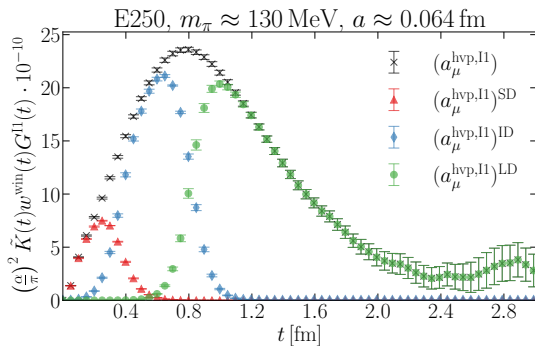
- Prediction in [2002.12347, BMWc] deviates **significantly** from data-driven results.
- High-precision lattice calculations needed. Major challenges:
 - ▶ Cutoff effects at short distances t
 - ▶ Exponential deterioration of signal-to-noise ratio at large t (with traditional Monte Carlo methods)

- *Short term*: Focus on benchmark quantities to compare among collaborations. Time windows in the Time Momentum Representation [1801.07224, Blum et al.]
- *Long term*: Improve overall precision of a_μ^{hvp} .

EUCLIDEAN TIME WINDOWS IN THE TMR: ISOVECTOR CHANNEL

Time-momentum representation [1107.4388, Bernecker and Meyer]:

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



■ Current-current correlator:

$$G(t) = -\frac{a^3}{3} \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle j_k^{\text{em}}(t, \vec{x}) j_k^{\text{em}}(0) \rangle$$

■ Time windows [1801.07224, Blum et al.]:

$$W^{\text{SD}}(t; t_0; t_1) = [1 - \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta)]$$

$$W^{\text{ID}}(t; t_0; t_1) = [\Theta(t, t_0, \Delta) - \Theta(t, t_1, \Delta)]$$

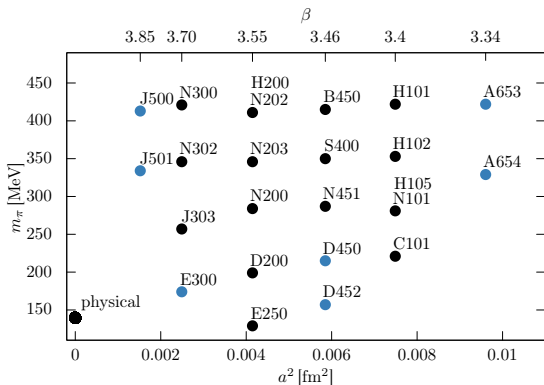
$$W^{\text{LD}}(t; t_0; t_1) = \Theta(t, t_0, \Delta)$$

where

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

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

2 + 1 FLAVOR CLS ENSEMBLES



- $O(a)$ improved Wilson-clover fermions.
- Six values of $a \in [0.039, 0.099]$ fm, a factor of 6.4 in a^2 .
- Open boundary conditions in temporal direction.
- $m_\pi \in [129, 422]$ MeV
- $a\text{Tr}[M_q] = 2am_l + am_s = \text{const.}$

Scale: Either use $\sqrt{t_0^{\text{phys}}} = 0.1443(15)$ fm [2112.06696, Straßberger et al.] or express dimensionfull quantities in terms of af_π [1103.4818, Xu et al.][1904.03120, Gérardin et al.]

→ new $N_f = 2 + 1$ result by RQCD: $\sqrt{t_0^{\text{phys}}} = 0.1449_{(9)}^{(7)}$ fm may be used in the future.

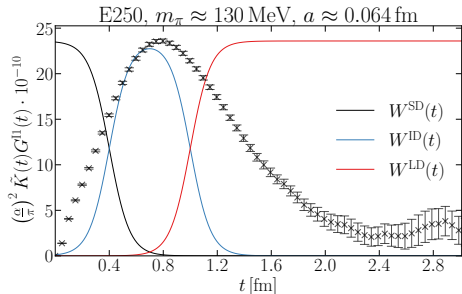
SCALE DEPENDENCIES

- We can determine the scale dependence via

$$\frac{\partial(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^i}{\partial\Lambda} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sum_0^\infty dt \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\Lambda} \tilde{K}(t)\right) W^i(t; t_0; t_1) + \tilde{K}(t) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\Lambda} W^i(t; t_0; t_1)\right) \right] G(t)$$

- Using a parametrization of the R-ratio, the Mainz group estimated

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- Computation via analytic formula or via $\partial(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^i/\partial\Lambda$ from the Γ -method.

- My estimates for $\frac{\Delta(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^i}{(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^i \Delta\Lambda}$ at m_π^{phys} (**no rigorous analysis!**):

$\delta a_\mu^{\text{hvp}}$	$\delta(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD}}$	$\delta(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{ID}}$	$\delta(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}$
1.8	0.0	0.5	2.7

- Work in isospin decomposition of the electromagnetic current

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

$$\text{Isovector: } j_\mu^{I=1} = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d), \quad \text{Isoscalar: } j_\mu^{I=0} = \frac{1}{6}(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u + \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d - 2\bar{s}\gamma_\mu s)$$

- Two discretizations of the vector current: local and conserved

$$J_\mu^{(\text{L}),a}(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(x),$$

$$J_\mu^{(\text{C}),a}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{\psi}(x + a\hat{\mu})(1 + \gamma_\mu)U_\mu^\dagger(x) \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(x) - \bar{\psi}(x)(1 - \gamma_\mu)U_\mu(x) \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(x + a\hat{\mu}) \right)$$

$O(a)$ IMPROVED VECTOR CURRENTS

- Improved vector currents are given by

$$J_\mu^{(\alpha),a,I}(x) = J_\mu^{(\alpha),a}(x) + ac_V^{(\alpha)}(g_0) \tilde{\partial}_\nu \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^a(x), \quad \text{with } \alpha \in L, C$$

- Renormalization and mass-dependent improvement of local currents via

$$J_\mu^{(L),3,R}(x) = Z_V [1 + 3\bar{b}_V am_q^{\text{av}} + b_V am_{q,l}] J_\mu^{(L),3,I}(x),$$
$$J_\mu^{(L),8,R}(x) = Z_V \left[1 + 3\bar{b}_V am_q^{\text{av}} + \frac{b_V}{3} a(m_{q,l} + 2m_{q,s}) \right] J_\mu^{(L),8,I}(x)$$
$$+ Z_V \left(\frac{1}{3} b_V + f_V \right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} a(m_{q,l} - m_{q,s}) J_\mu^{(L),0,I}(x),$$

- Two independent non-perturbative determinations of Z_V , c_V^L , c_V^C , b_V , \bar{b}_V :

Set 1: Large-volume, CLS ensembles [1811.08209, Gérardin et al.]

Set 2: Small volume, Schrödinger functional [2010.09539, ALPHA],[1805.07401, Fritzsche]

differ by higher order cutoff effects. f_V is of $O(g_0^6)$ and unknown.

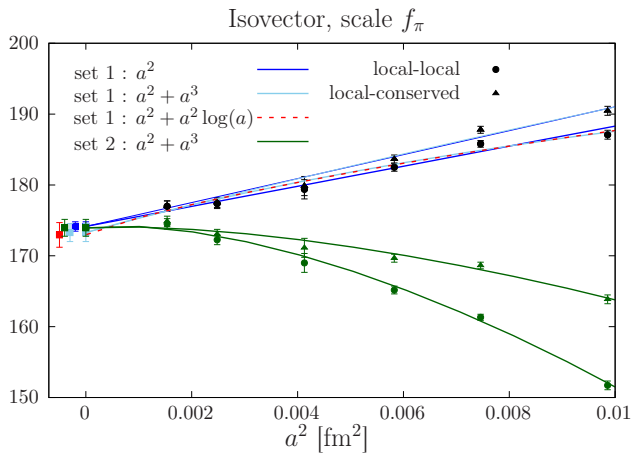
FINITE-SIZE EFFECTS

- Finite-size corrections applied to the isovector correlator.
- Correction for $t < \frac{(m_\pi L/4)^2}{m_\pi}$: Hansen-Patella method [1904.10010][2004.03935]
 - ▶ Expansion in the pion winding number.
 - ▶ Using monopole parametrization of the electromagnetic pion form factor.
- Large distances: MLL [1105.1892, Meyer] [hep-lat/0003023, Lellouch and Lüscher]:
 - ▶ Compute difference between finite and infinite-volume isovector correlator
 - ▶ Based on the time-like pion form factor.
 - ▶ Applied at large Euclidean distances \rightarrow less relevant for short and intermediate distance windows.
- This is the **only correction** applied to the lattice data!
Of similar size as statistical uncertainty for $a_\mu^{\text{win}} \equiv (a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{ID}}$.

THE INTERMEDIATE-DISTANCE WINDOW

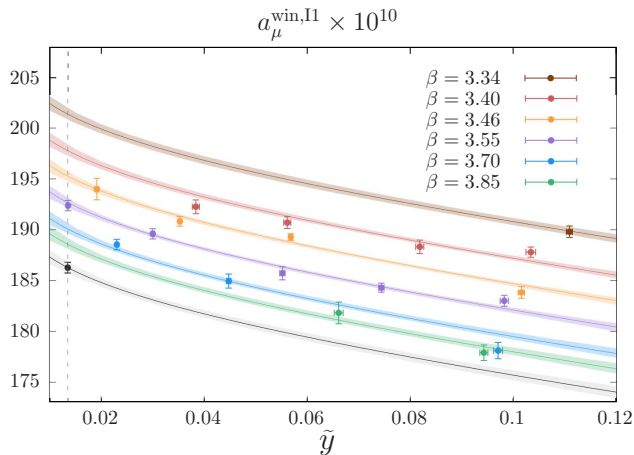
[2206.06582, Cè et al.]

CONTINUUM EXTRAPOLATION AT $SU(3)_f$ SYMMETRIC POINT



- Two sets of equally valid improvement coefficients.
- No cutoff effects of $O(a^3)$ resolved for Set 1.
- Independent extrapolations compatible in the continuum \rightarrow strong cross-check of our extrapolations.
- No sign of modification $a^2 \rightarrow (\alpha_s(1/a^2))^{\hat{\Gamma}} a^2$
[1912.08498, Husung et al.]

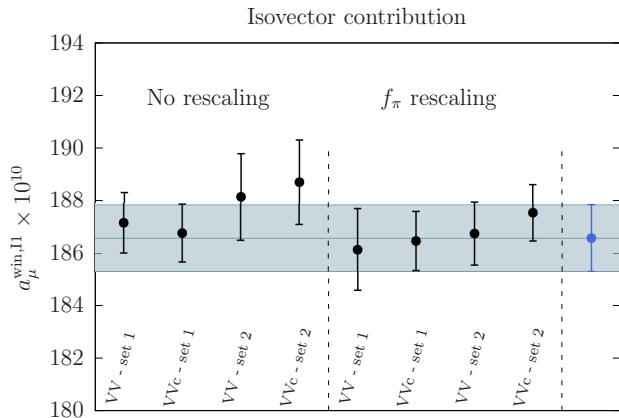
CHIRAL EXTRAPOLATION OF ISOVECTOR CONTRIBUTION



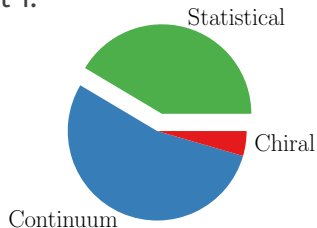
- f_π rescaling, local-local current and Set 1.
- Curvature in $\tilde{y} = \frac{m_\pi^2}{8\pi f_\pi^2}$ is needed to describe the data.
- Singular fit ansatz favored, also found in [2110.05493, Colangelo et al.]
- Variation in the chiral extrapolation does not change the result significantly.

$$a_\mu^{\text{win}}(\tilde{y}) = \gamma_1 (\tilde{y} - \tilde{y}^{\text{exp}}) + \gamma_2 (f(\tilde{y}) - f(\tilde{y}^{\text{exp}})) , \quad f(\tilde{y}) \in \{0; \log(\tilde{y}); \tilde{y}^2; 1/\tilde{y}; \tilde{y} \log(\tilde{y})\}$$

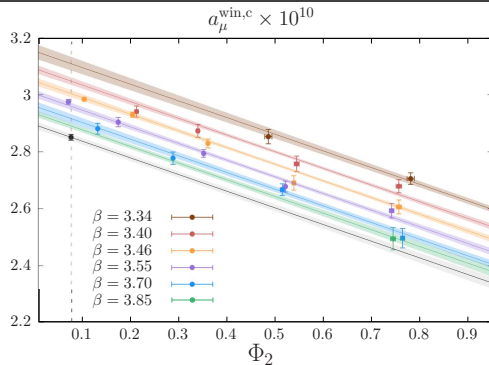
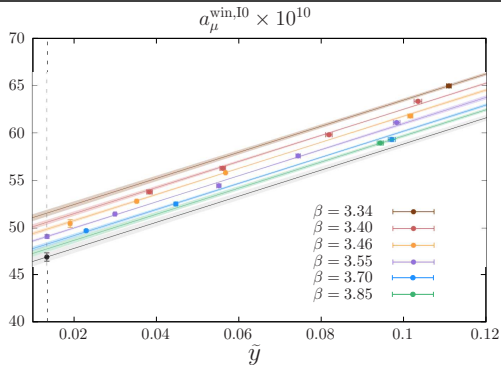
MODEL AVERAGES: ISOVECTOR CONTRIBUTION



- Eight combinations of discretization and improvement procedures.
- Model averages in each category to determine systematic uncertainty from choice of fit model. [\[2008.01069, Jay and Neil\]](#)
- Final result by combining L and C of Set 1.

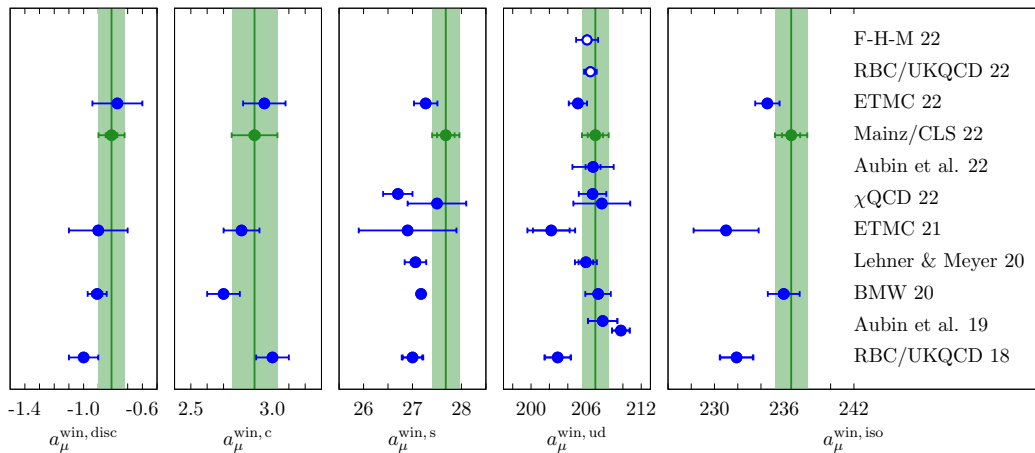


ISOCALAR AND CHARM CONTRIBUTION



- Isoscalar contribution: Non-singular fit ansatz, $f(\tilde{y}) \in \{0; \tilde{y}^2; \tilde{y} \log(\tilde{y})\}$.
- Charm contribution:
 - ▶ Included in partially-quenched setup.
 - ▶ Effect of missing charm loops estimated to be $< 0.02\%$ for a_{μ}^{win} .
 - ▶ Mass-dependent renormalization scheme.

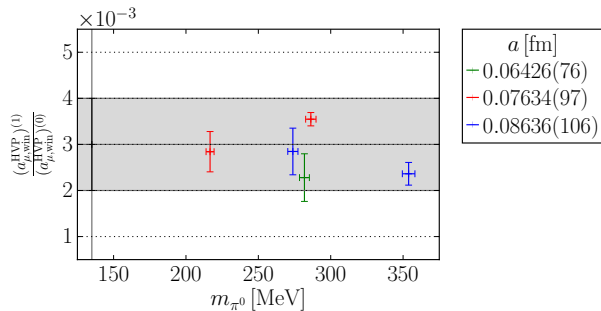
COMPARISON WITH LATTICE RESULTS FOR $a_\mu^{\text{win,iso}}$



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

■ Tensions within lattice results seem to be resolved.

ISOSPIN BREAKING EFFECTS IN a_μ^{win}



- QED_L-action [0804.2044, Hayakawa and Uno] for IR regularisation, Coulomb gauge.

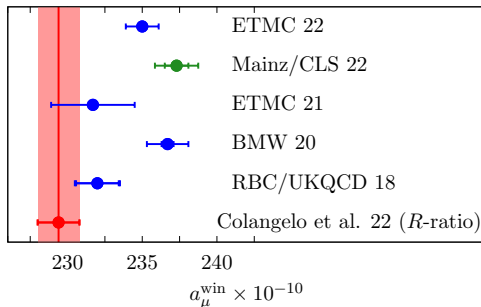
- Reweighting based on perturbative expansion [1303.4896, de Divitiis et al.] in $\Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon - \varepsilon^{(0)} = (\Delta m_u, \Delta m_d, \Delta m_s, \Delta\beta = 0, e^2)$

- Work in progress: [Andreas Risch's contribution](#) at the 2022 workshop of the TI.
- IB in scale setting [2112.08262, Segner et al.] and QED-FV effects to be considered.
- Uncertainty on relative correction 0.3(1)% doubled in final result for a_μ^{win} .

COMPARISON WITH RESULTS FOR a_μ^{win}

- Isospin-breaking correction $+(0.70 \pm 0.47) \times 10^{-10}$ included:

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



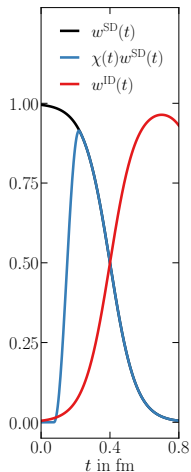
- 3.9σ tension with data-driven estimate in [2205.12963, Colangelo et al.].
- Genuine difference between lattice and data-driven results?

THE SHORT-DISTANCE WINDOW

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- Short-distance cutoff effects are dominant source of uncertainty in $(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD}}$.
 - Log-enhanced cutoff effects are present at very short distances of the TMR integral [0807.1120, Della Morte et al.][2106.15293, Cè et al.] [Rainer Sommer's talk at Lattice22] → also present in a_μ^{hvp} !
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- Tree-level improvement may help to reduce cutoff effects, as used for $(a_\mu^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD}}$ in [2206.15084, Alexandrou et al.].
 - Use of perturbation theory at $O(\alpha_s^4)$ at very short distances (already suggested in [1107.4388, Bernecker and Meyer]) removes logarithmic contribution.

THE REGULATED SHORT-DISTANCE WINDOW



- Regulate the short distance part [Rainer Sommer's talk at Lattice22]:

$$\int_0^\infty dt F(t) = \int_0^\infty dt [1 - \chi(t)] F(t) + \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} a \sum_0^\infty \chi(t) F(t).$$

Combine **perturbation theory at short distances** with the **continuum lattice result**.

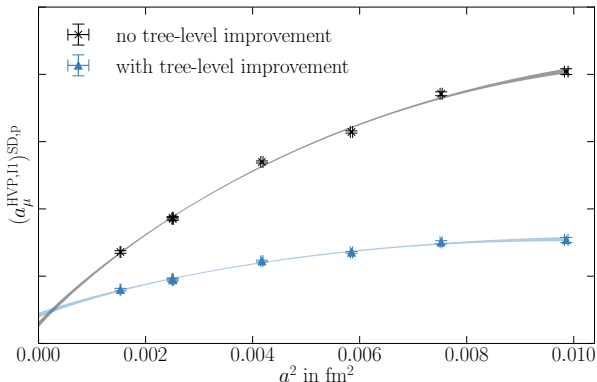
- Choose sufficiently smooth and short ranged regulator, e.g.,

$$\chi(t) = \theta(t - u_0) \left(1 - \cos \left[\frac{(t - u_0)\pi}{(2\delta)} \right]^2 \theta(u_0 + \delta - t) \right)$$

with the Heaviside step function $\theta(t)$ and $u_0 = \delta = 0.075$ fm.

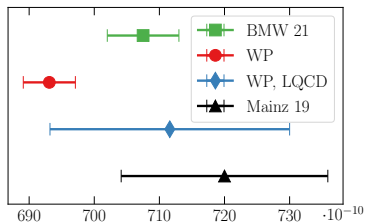
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- Test regulators, improvement schemes and discretization prescriptions.
- Continuum extrapolation of regulated short-distance window $(a_\mu^{\text{HVP,II}})^{\text{SD,P}}$ at the $\text{SU}(3)_f$ -symmetric point.

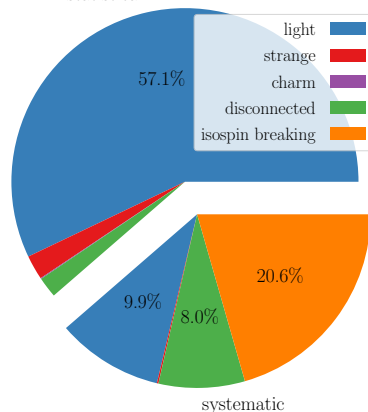


- No log-enhanced cutoff effects expected.
- Tree-level improvement:
 - ▶ Based on massless, free theory.
 - ▶ Reduces cutoff effects at $a = 0.1$ fm from 18% to 6%.
- Different data sets offer insight in systematic uncertainties.

NOISE REDUCTION IN THE LONG-DISTANCE TAIL



- 2.2% uncertainty: Dominated by statistical uncertainties of light quark contribution.
- Variance reduction is needed to reach sub-percent precision (2.2% statistical uncertainty on physical mass ensemble).

Contribution to $(\text{error})^2$ of a_μ^{hvp} 

VARIANCE REDUCTION: LOW MODE AVERAGING

- Employ Low Mode Averaging (LMA) [[hep-lat/0106016](#), [Neff et al.](#)][[hep-lat/0402002](#), [Giusti et al.](#)][[hep-lat/0401011](#), [DeGrand et al.](#)][...] to reduce the variance of the isovector contribution.

- Split up the quark propagator ($Q = \gamma_5 D_W$)

$$Q^{-1} = Q^{-1}(\mathbf{P}_L + \mathbf{P}_H) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} \frac{1}{\lambda_i} v_i v_i^\dagger + Q^{-1} \mathbf{P}_H$$

in low and high mode contributions using the projectors

$$\mathbf{P}_L = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} v_i v_i^\dagger, \quad \mathbf{P}_H = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{P}_L$$

with the eigenmodes v_i and the (real) eigenvalues λ_i of Q .

- Even-odd preconditioning reduces memory by factor 2 [[1004.2661](#), [Blossier et al.](#)].

LOW MODE AVERAGING: CONNECTED TWO-POINT FUNCTION

- The connected two-point function contains two quark propagators

$$C_{AB}(x_0, y_0) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \langle \text{Tr} [\gamma_5 \Gamma_A Q^{-1}(x, y) \gamma_5 \Gamma_B Q^{-1}(y, x)] \rangle$$

with γ_5 insertions because we use Q .

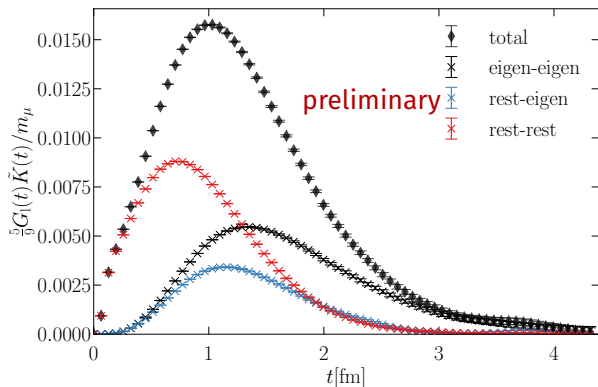
- We get four different terms ($t \equiv x_0 - y_0$),

$$C(t) = C^{ll}(t) + C^{hl}(t) + C^{lh}(t) + C^{hh}(t),$$

each can be defined and computed separately:

- ▶ Evaluate $C^{ll}(t)$ with full volume average.
 - ▶ Evaluate $C^{hl}(t) + C^{lh}(t)$ by inversion on eigenmodes (alternative: stochastic).
 - ▶ Evaluate C^{hh} stochastically.
- Use Truncated Solver Method [[0910.3970](#), [Bali et al.](#)] to reduce cost of inversions.
 - Exact deflation does not reduce the cost with Lüscher's deflated solver.

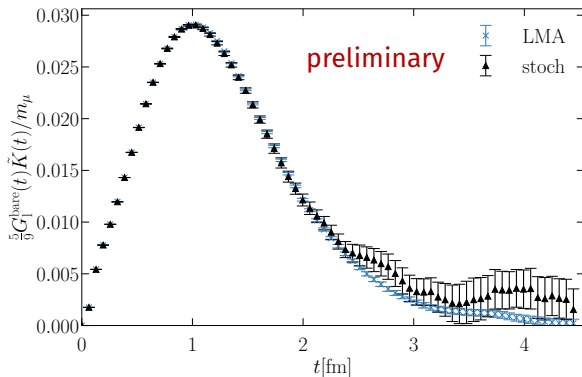
VARIANCE REDUCTION: LOW MODE AVERAGING



- Light-connected contribution to a_μ^{hvp} for $m_\pi \approx 129$ MeV in a $12.4 \text{ fm} \times (6.2 \text{ fm})^3$ box at $a = 0.064$ fm.
- 800 eigenmodes of the even-odd preconditioned Dirac-Wilson operator $\gamma_5 \hat{D}$.

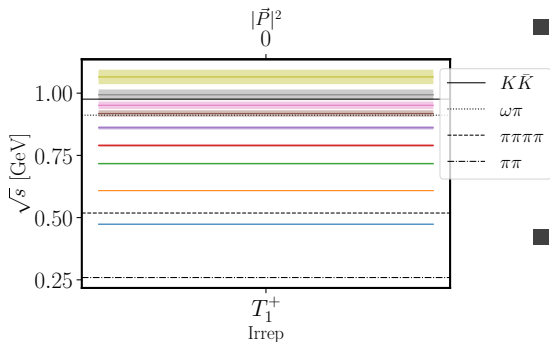
- All-to-all evaluation of low eigenmodes dominates correlator and its variance for $t > 1.5$ fm.

VARIANCE REDUCTION: LOW MODE AVERAGING



- Comparison of stochastic evaluation and LMA at similar statistics.
- Ongoing calculation: Sub-percent precision reached.
- LMA also applied on less challenging ensembles.

VARIANCE REDUCTION: SPECTROSCOPY



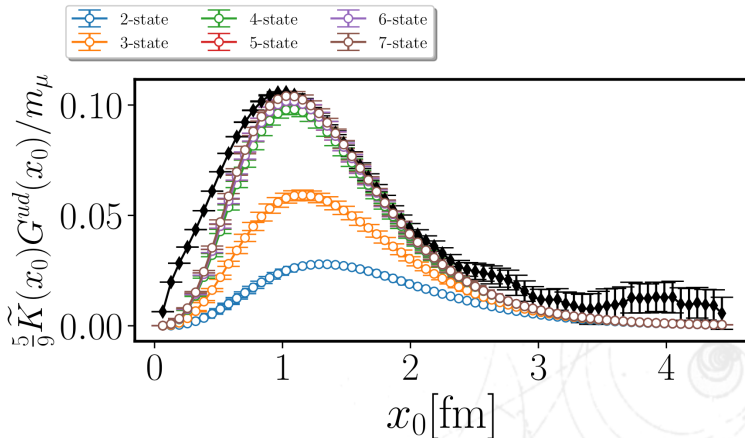
- Dedicated spectroscopy analysis of finite-volume energies and amplitudes to reconstruct the tail of the isovector correlation function [1808.05007, Andersen et al.][1904.03120, Gérardin et al.].
- Analysis at close-to-physical masses ongoing [2112.07385, Paul et al.], up to 9 energy levels resolved.

- Spectral decomposition of the vector correlator:

$$G_l(t) = \sum_n |A_n|^2 e^{-E_n t}, \quad E_n = 2\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + k^2}$$

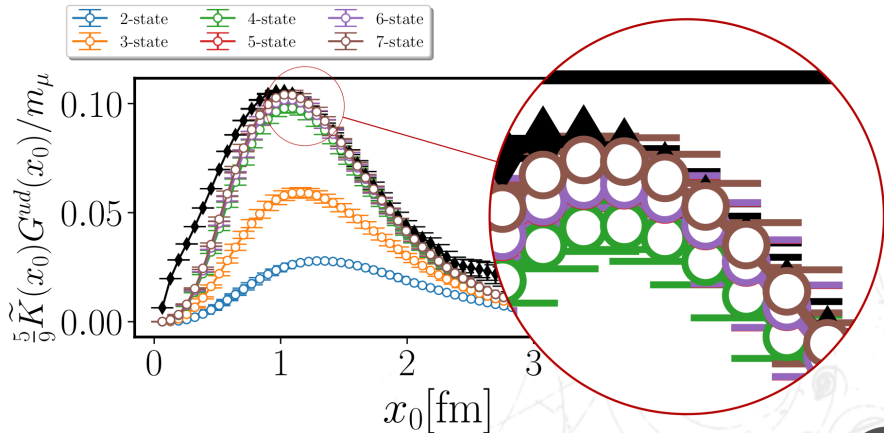
- Computation of the pion transition form factor to correct for finite-size effects with less model dependence ongoing.

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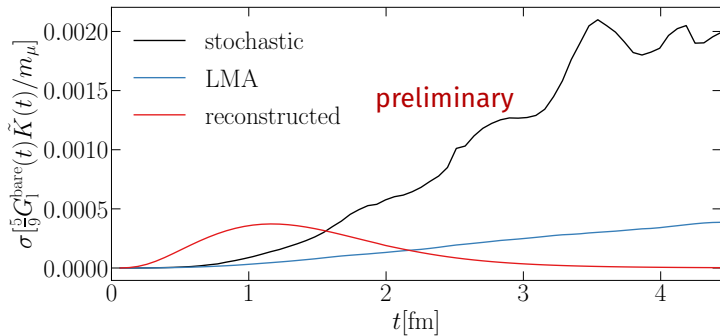
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VARIANCE REDUCTION: COMPARISON



- Comparison of statistical uncertainties of the TMR correlator based on stochastic evaluation, reconstruction and LMA.
- Significantly less noise in LMA correlator.
- Exponential noise reduction in reconstructed correlator.

Intermediate window

- We observe tension with data-driven estimates for a_μ^{win} .
- Systematic effects from continuum extrapolation seem to be under control:
 - ▶ Non-perturbative $O(a)$ improvement
 - ▶ 6 resolutions < 0.1 fm with $a_{\text{max}}^2/a_{\text{min}}^2 > 6$.
 - ▶ Two discretizations of the vector current, two sets of improvement procedures.
 - ▶ So-far no sign of logarithmic corrections to a^2 scaling.
- Uncertainties from chiral extrapolation and finite-volume correction are subleading.

- Similar tension found for $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(Q^2)$ at low Q^2 [2203.08676, Cè et al.].
- Investigation of other windows might help to clarify the situation.
- Short-distance window:
 - ▶ Cutoff effects from short-distance singularities need proper treatment [0807.1120, Della Morte et al.][2106.15293, Cè et al.] [Rainer Sommer's talk].
 - ▶ Systematic uncertainties will dominate and need to be properly estimated.
- Sub-percent precision on a_μ^{hvp} needs reduction of our statistical uncertainties.
- Spectroscopy and variance reduction techniques will help to improve our calculation significantly close to physical pion mass.