

# High precision calculation of the hadronic vacuum polarisation contribution to the muon anomaly

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Dirac:  $g = 2$

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TAYLOR SERIES EXPANSION IS THE WORST.

$$\text{QED: } 2 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} + \dots$$

Three Generations of Matter (Fermions)

|         | I   | II  | III                                       |  |
|---------|---|---|---|--|
| mass    | 2.4 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>                    | 1.27 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>                   | 174.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>                  | 0  |
| charge  | 2/3                                       | 2/3                                       | 2/3                                       | 0  |
| spin    | 1/2                                       | 1/2                                       | 1/2                                       | 1  |
| name    | u<br>up                                   | c<br>charm                                | t<br>top                                  | $\gamma$<br>photon                                   |
| Quarks  | 4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>d<br>down       | 164 MeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>s<br>strange    | 4.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>b<br>bottom     | 0<br>g<br>gluon                                      |
| Leptons | 0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>e<br>electron | 105.7 MeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>$\mu$<br>muon | 1.777 GeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>$\tau$<br>tau | 0<br>Z <sup>0</sup><br>Z boson                       |
|         |   |   |   | 80.4 GeV/c <sup>2</sup><br>W <sup>±</sup><br>W boson |

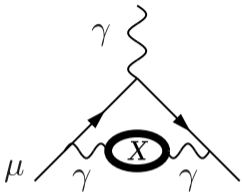
Gauge Bosons

SM:  $g = ???$

- Particle creation and annihilation effects by QFT
- Perturbative expansion  $\Rightarrow$  desired precision
- Standard Model effects
- Even more?

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_\mu &= \frac{g_\mu - 2}{2} \\
 &= a_\mu^{\text{qed}} + a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

# Beyond Standard Model?

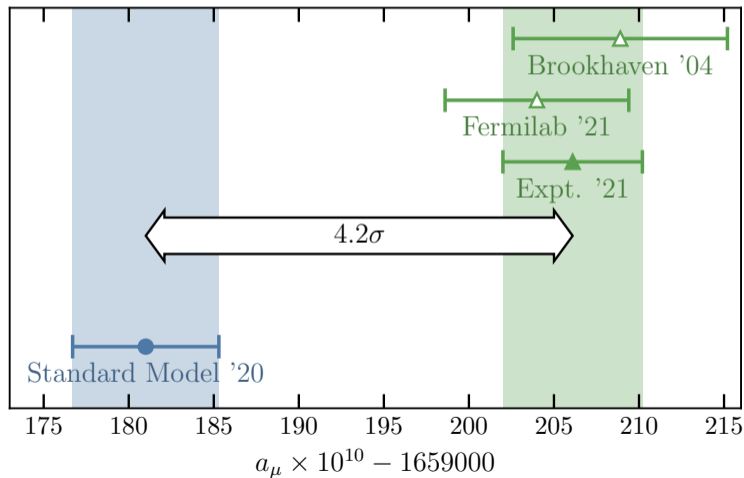


Corrections to  $a_\mu$  from  $X$ :

$$a_\mu^X = \frac{1}{45} \left( \frac{m_\mu}{m_X} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 + \dots$$

- If theory and experiment do not agree it is a hint for beyond Standard Model effects
- Muon 40,000 times more sensitive than electron

# So what is the muon anomaly?

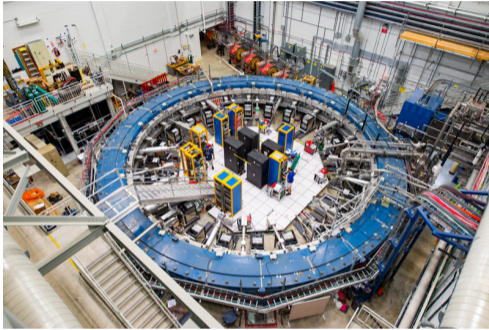




# $g - 2$ EXPERIMENT



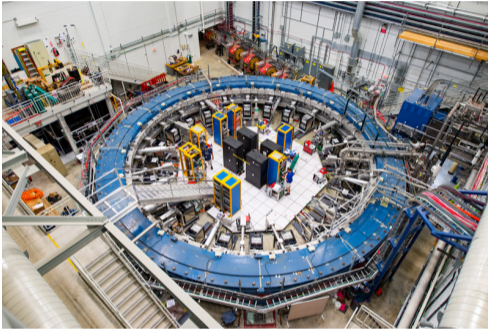
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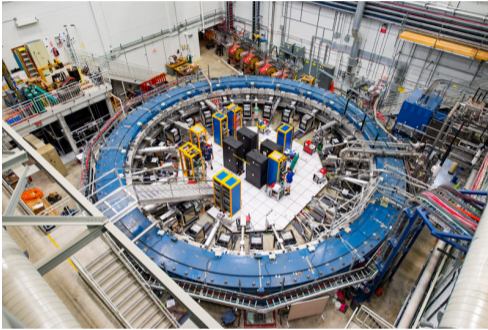
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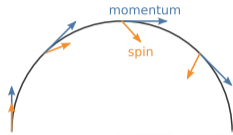
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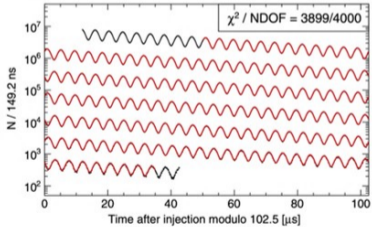
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- Finished in 2023
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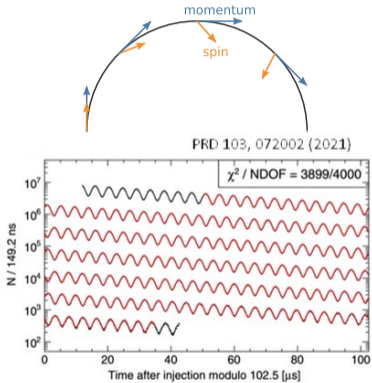


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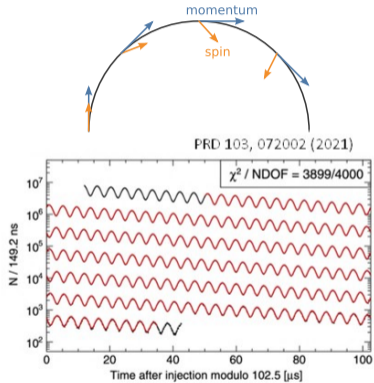
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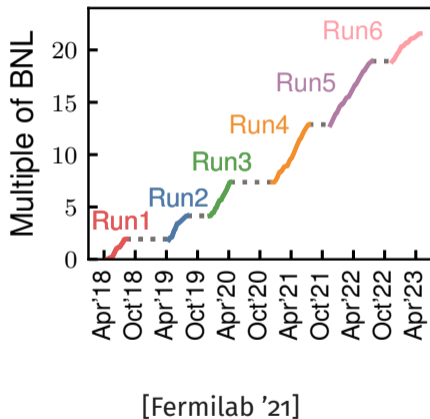
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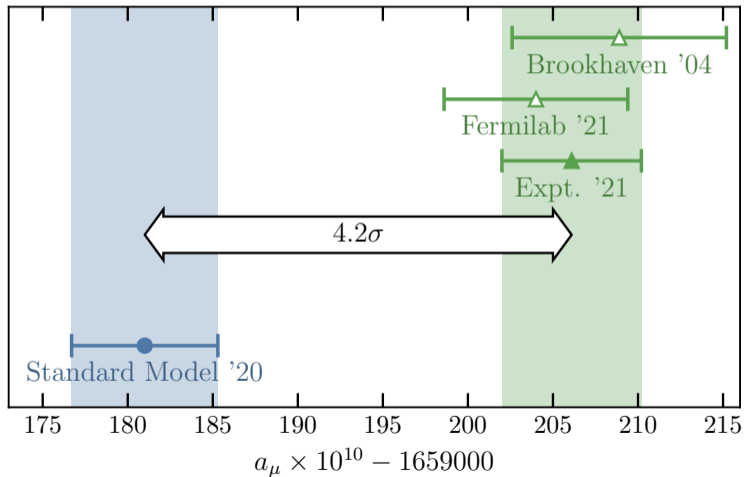
- All six runs done
- More than 20 times the statistics of BNL
- First three runs published
- Further reduction of error by a factor of two expected  
 ⇒ Goal for theorists



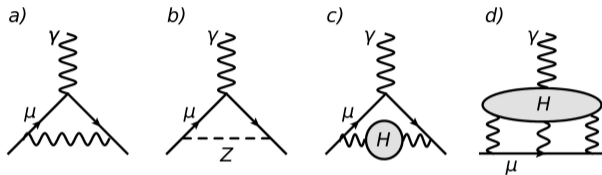


# DATA-DRIVEN THEORY PREDICTION (R-RATIO)

# Muon anomaly



# Contributions to $a_\mu$



[2104.03281]

|    |                               |               |       |        |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| a) | $a_\mu^{QED} \times 10^{10}$  | 11658471.8931 | $\pm$ | 0.0104 |
| b) | $a_\mu^{EW} \times 10^{10}$   | 15.36         | $\pm$ | 0.1    |
| c) | $a_\mu^{HVP} \times 10^{10}$  | 684.6         | $\pm$ | 4.0    |
| d) | $a_\mu^{HLbL} \times 10^{10}$ | 9.2           | $\pm$ | 1.8    |

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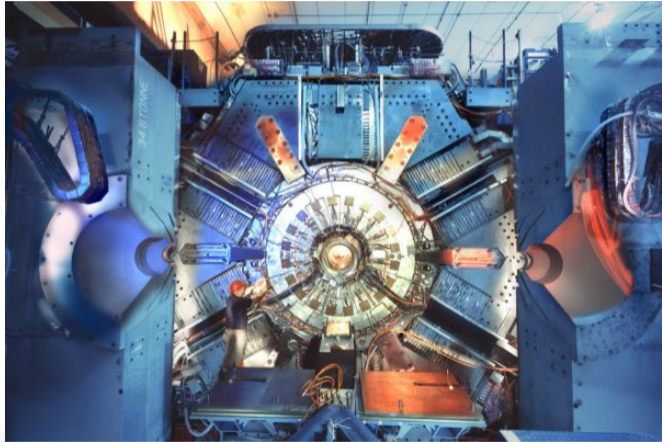
$$\text{Im} \left[ \text{Diagram: wavy line} \rightarrow \text{circle with diagonal lines} \rightarrow \text{wavy line} \right] \sim \left| \text{Diagram: wavy line} \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \text{ hadrons} \right|^2 \sim R(s)$$

- $a_\mu$  from R-Ratio:

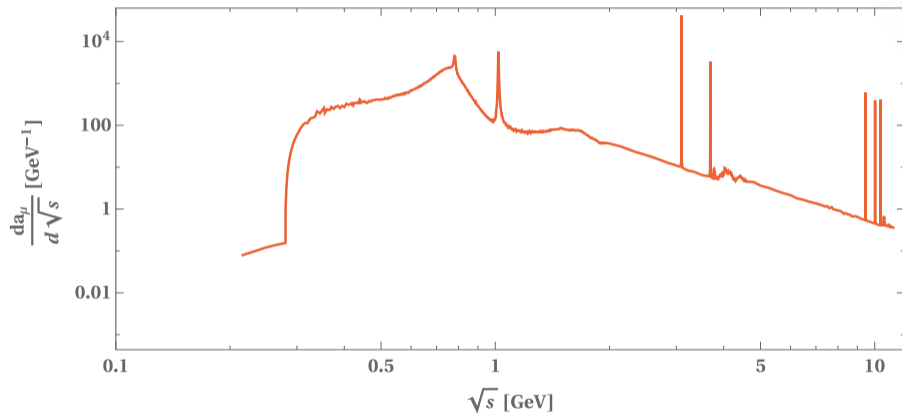
$$a_\mu^{HVP} = \left( \frac{\alpha m_\mu}{3\pi} \right)^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s^2} \underbrace{\hat{K}(s)}_{\text{th.}} \underbrace{R(s)}_{\text{exp.}}$$

# R-Ratio/Experimental input

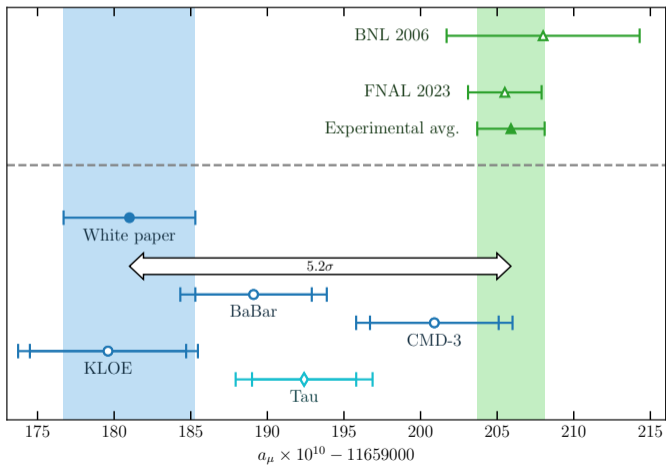
- Input from from electron-positron scattering
- $R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$
- BaBar (picture) and KLOE for 2020 value
- Tau and CMD-3



# R-Ratio (integrand)



# Results





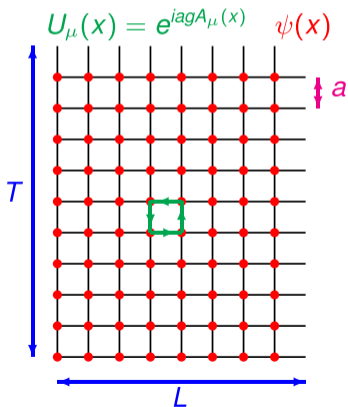
# LATTICE COMPUTATION

# Lattice QCD

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- Ab-initio calculations
- Simulate Path-Integral of QCD
- Replace space-time by a finite lattice
- Solve integral with Monte-Carlo methods

# Lattice computing



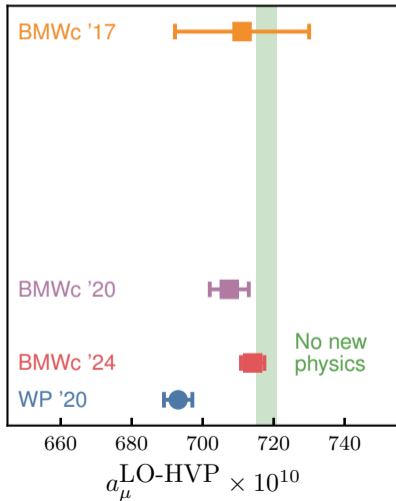
HAWK at HPCC Stuttgart

$10^{10}$ -dimensional integrals

100,000 years on a laptop corresponds to 1 year on a supercomputer

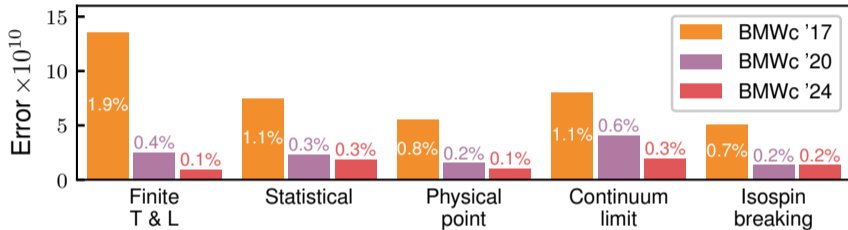


# Seven years of progress



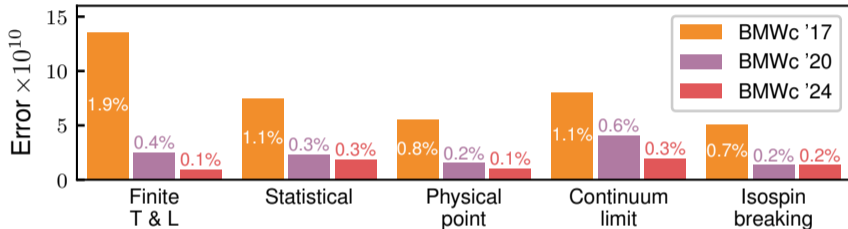
- 2020: 3.4× increase in precision compared to 2017
- 2024: 1.7× increase in precision compared to 2020
- Many improvements needed to attain this precision
- Made possible thanks to the work of many groups around the world

# Error improvement



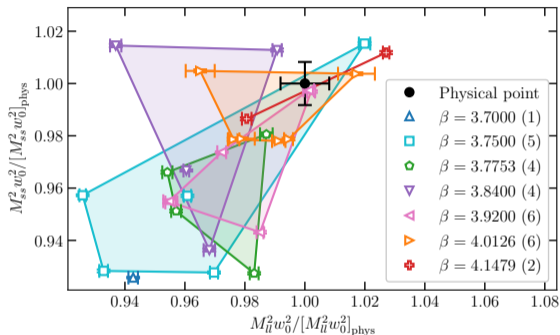
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- Finite volume/spacing
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- Adding larger volumes and finer lattices
- Algorithmic improvements
- Separation of window contributions
- Use perturbation theory and data-driven methods

# Lattice Setup



| $\beta$ | $a$      |
|---------|----------|
| 3.7000  | 0.134 fm |
| 3.7500  | 0.118 fm |
| 3.7753  | 0.111 fm |
| 3.8400  | 0.095 fm |
| 3.9200  | 0.078 fm |
| 4.1206  | 0.064 fm |
| 4.1479  | 0.048 fm |

- 28 ensembles with 7 different lattice spacings
- Meson masses from lattice are matched to those from experiment
- Physical volume is fixed to  $L^3 \times T = 6^3 \times 9 \text{ fm}^4$

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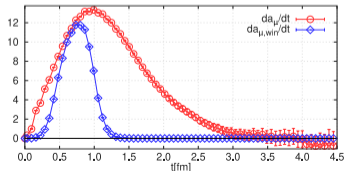
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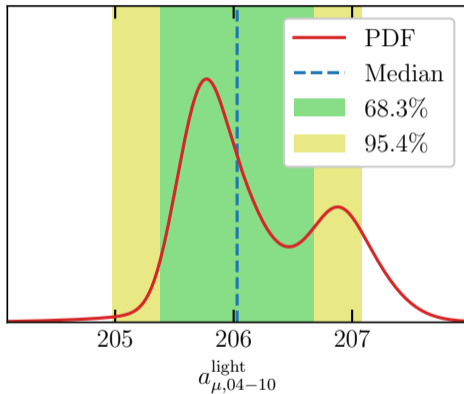
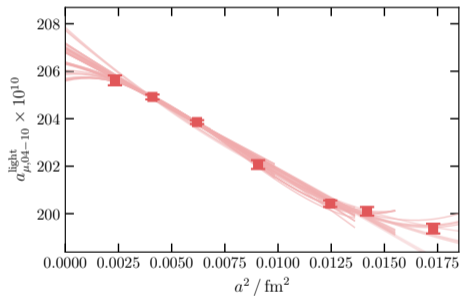
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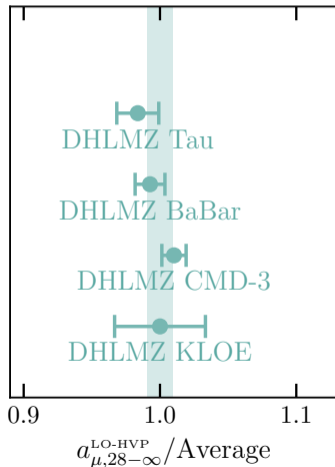
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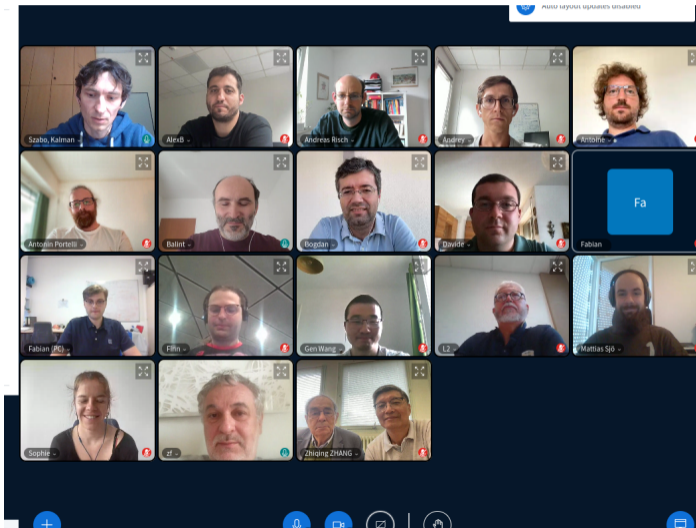
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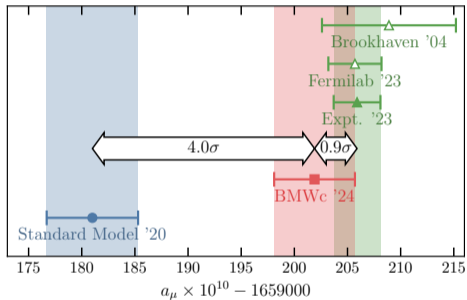


# Unblinding





# Lattice results



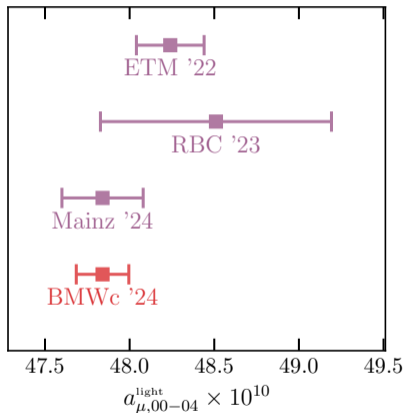
- QED, EW and QCD combined with a remarkably precision
- Reached a Standard Model prediction of 0.32 ppm
- Found agreement within  $1\sigma$  between theory and experiment

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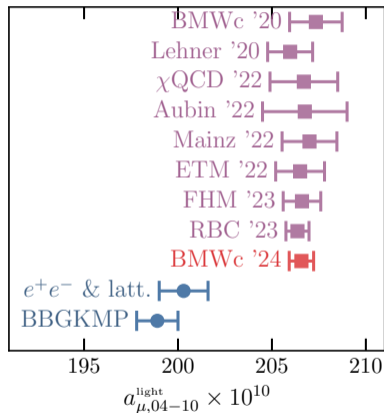


ANY QUESTIONS?

# Window results

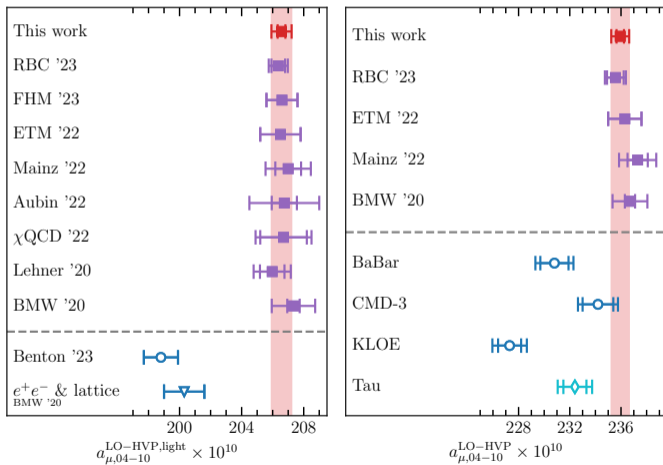


Short distance results

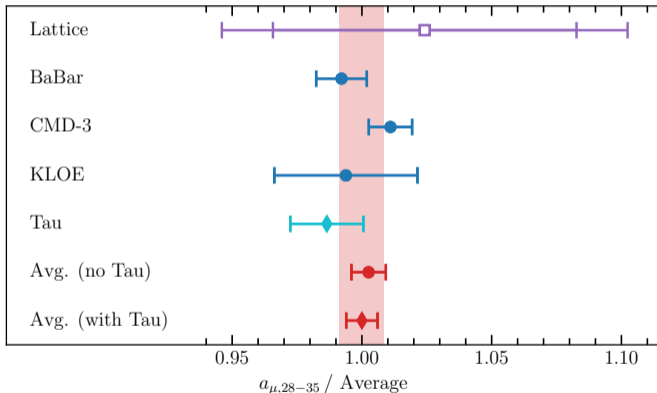


Intermediate distance results

# Comparison of intermediate window



# Comparison of tail



# Lattice strategy

Free parameters:

$$T/a, L/a, \beta, \{am_f\}_{f \in l, s, c, \dots}$$

- $\beta$  : different spacings
- $m_f$ : scatter around the physical point
- $T, L = \text{const.}$

$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$  configurations per ensemble

- measure observable on every configuration and ensemble
- estimate mean value and standard deviation for every ensemble
- extrapolate to physical masses and  $a = 0$

# Continuum extrapolations (short distance)

