
The puzzles surrounding the muon anomalous magnetic moment

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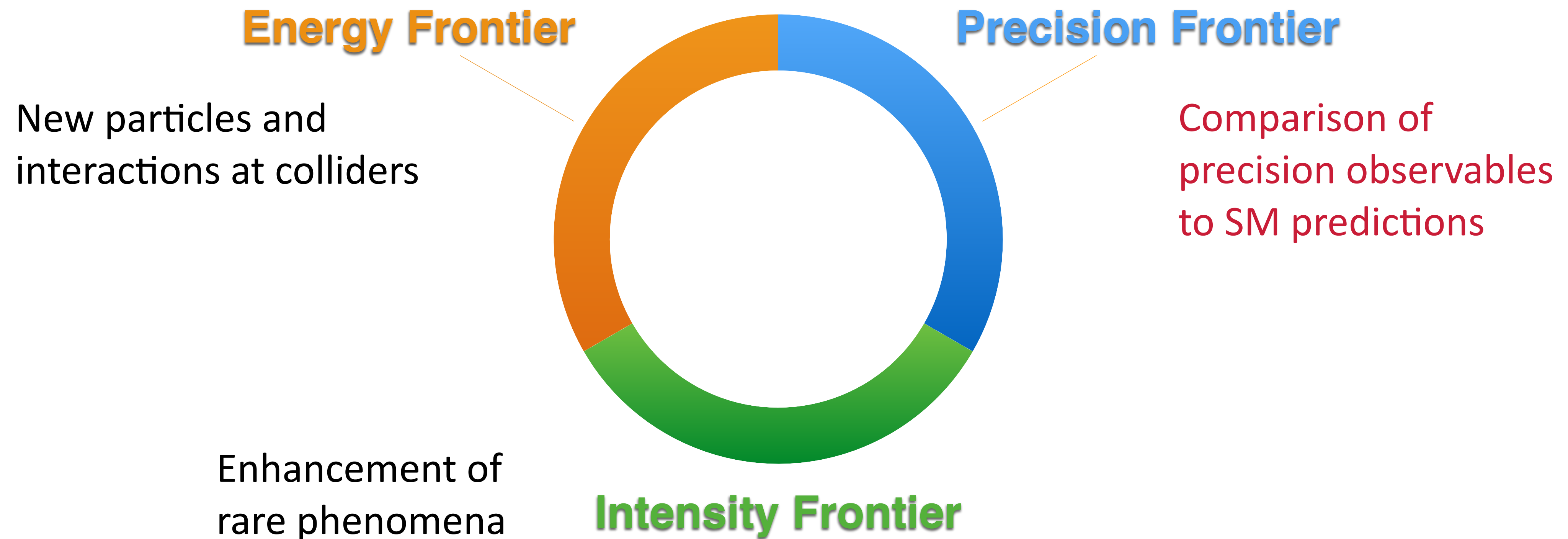
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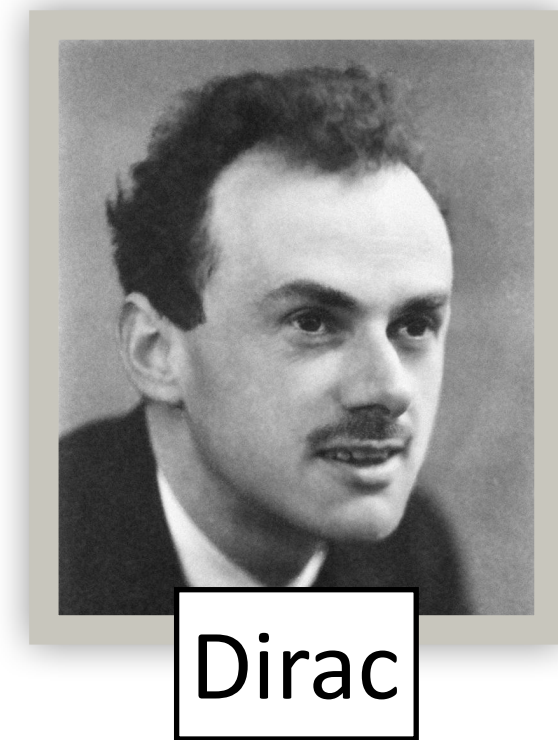
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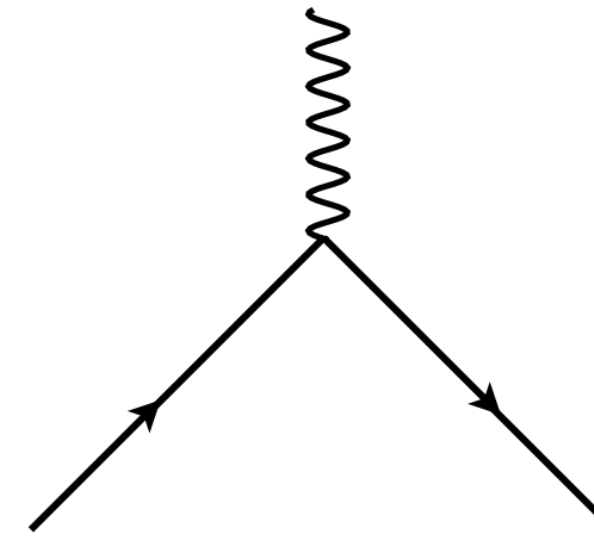
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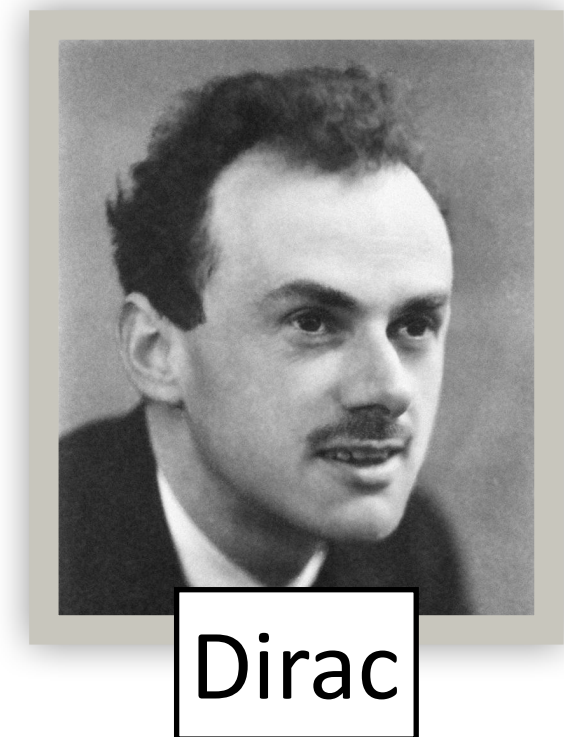
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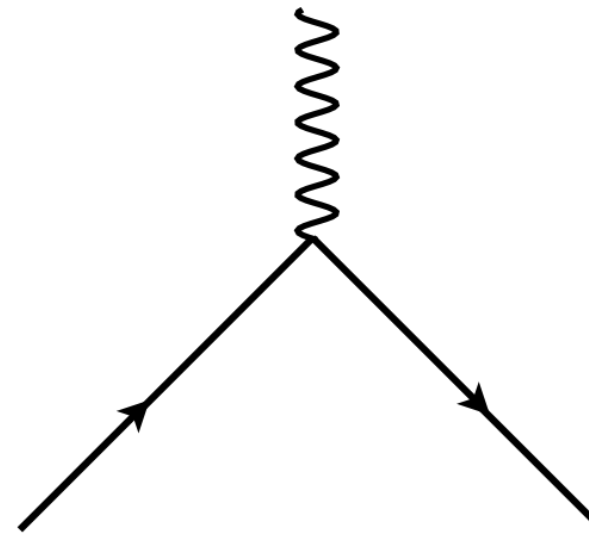
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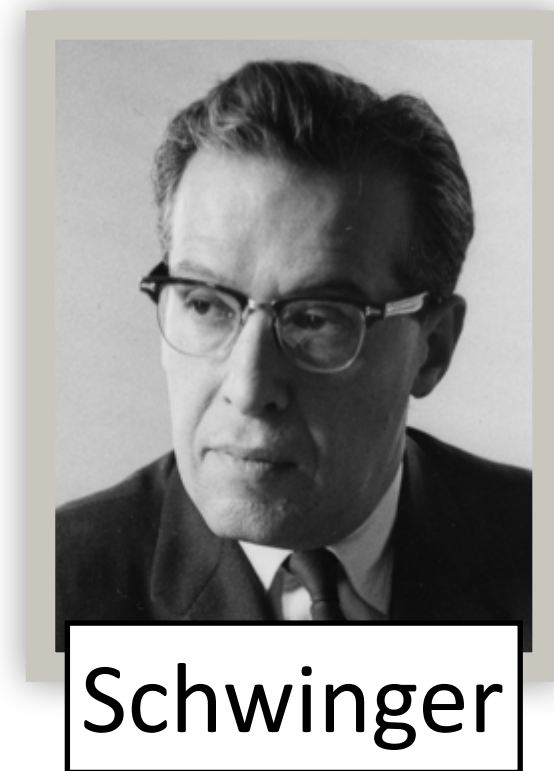
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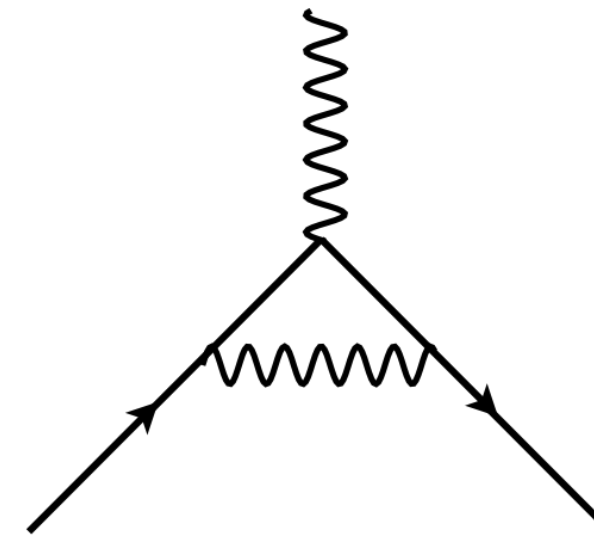
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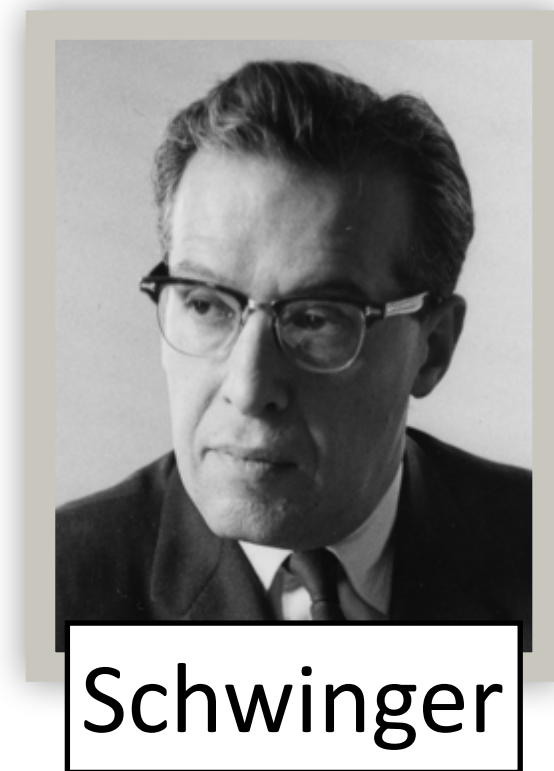
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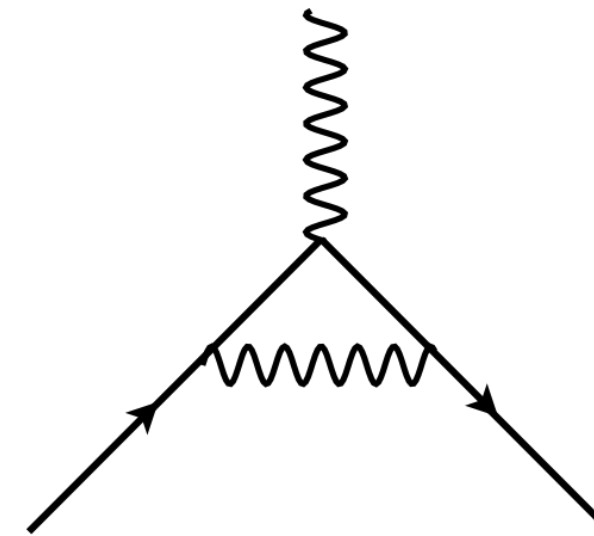
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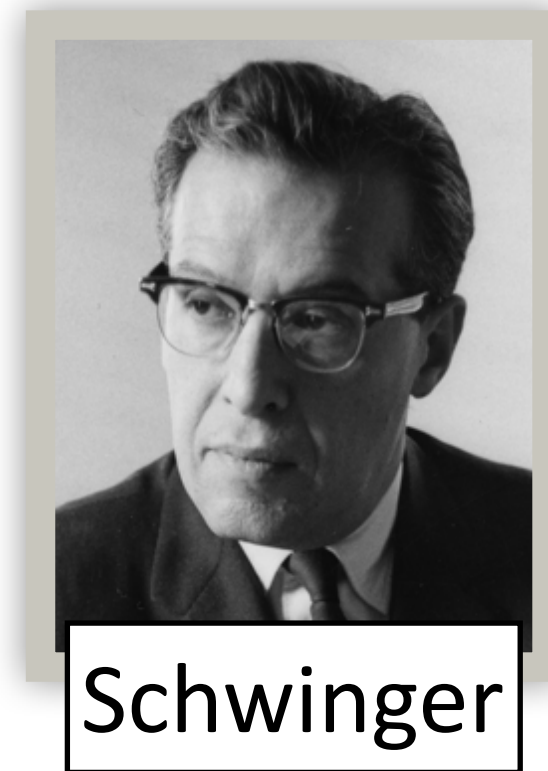
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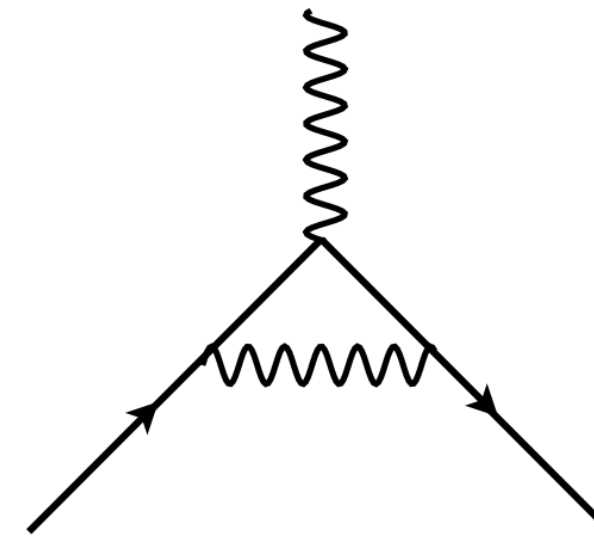
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Beyond leading order: distinct values of a_e , a_μ and a_τ

Muon $g - 2$ Theory Initiative

Founded in 2017

Agree on common SM prediction

Focus on hadronic contributions

White Paper published in 2020

Update foreseen in early 2025



Mainz 2018



Zoom 2020



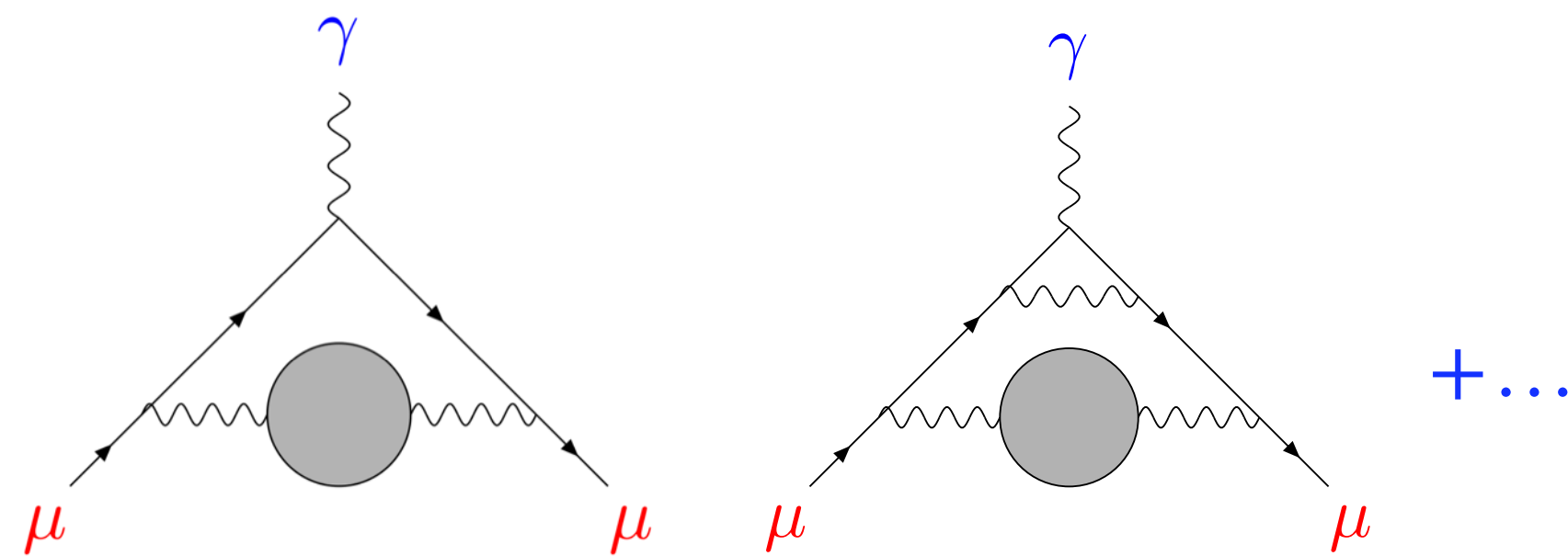
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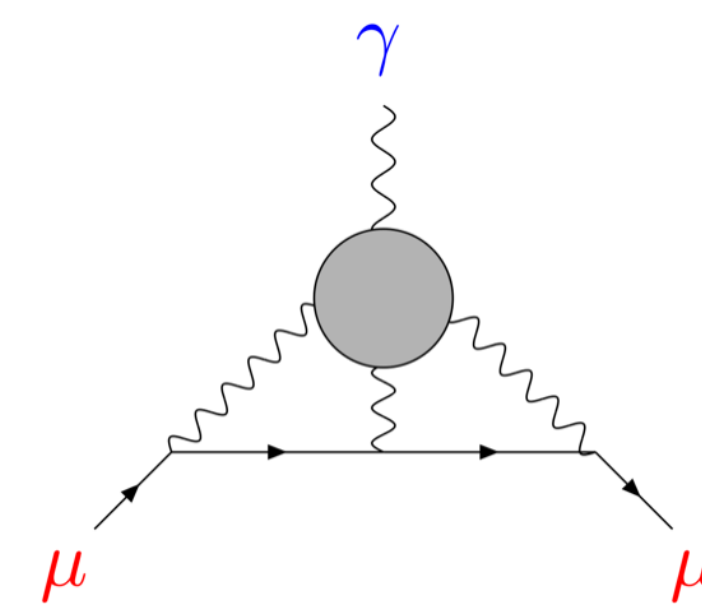
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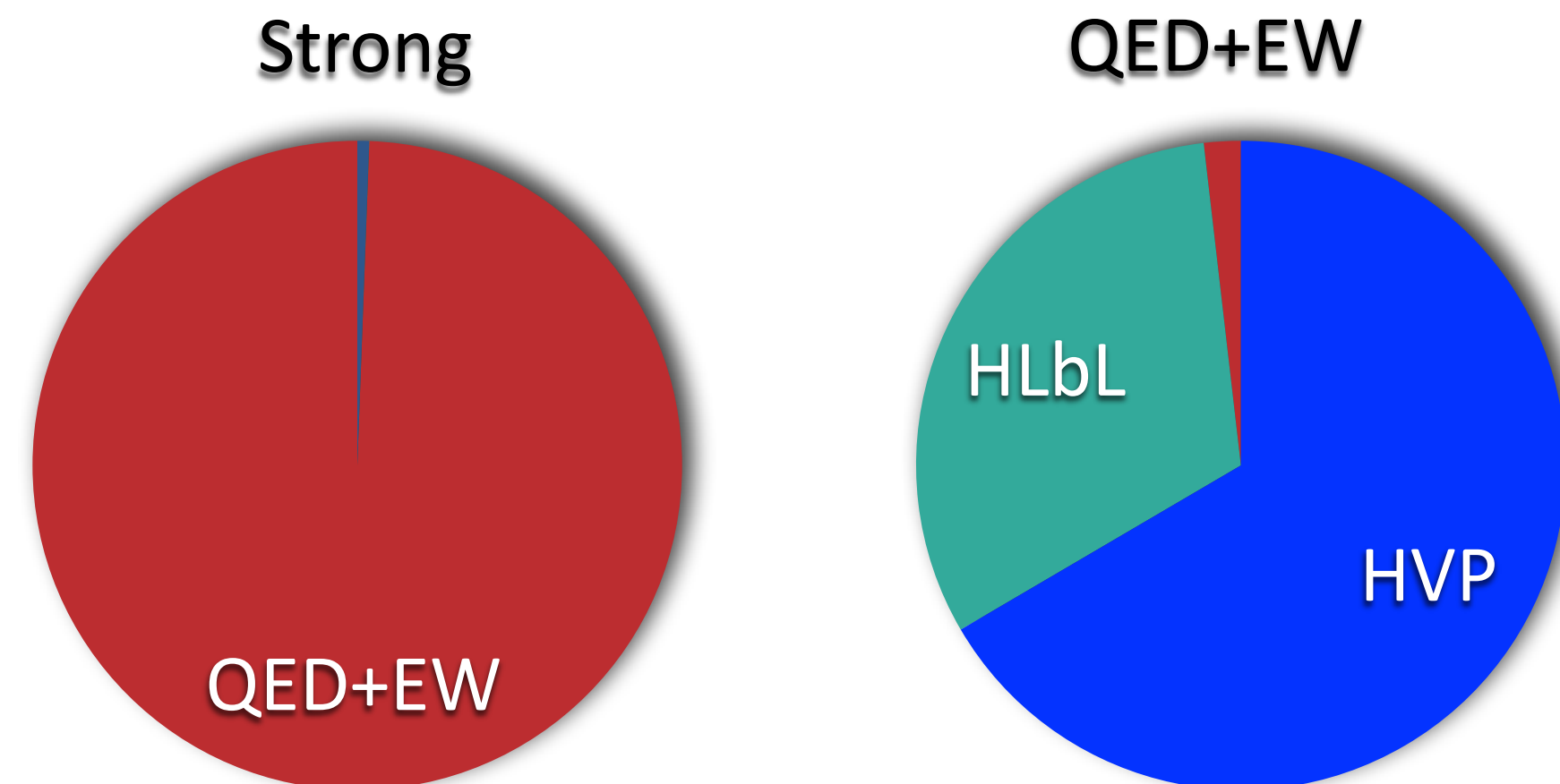
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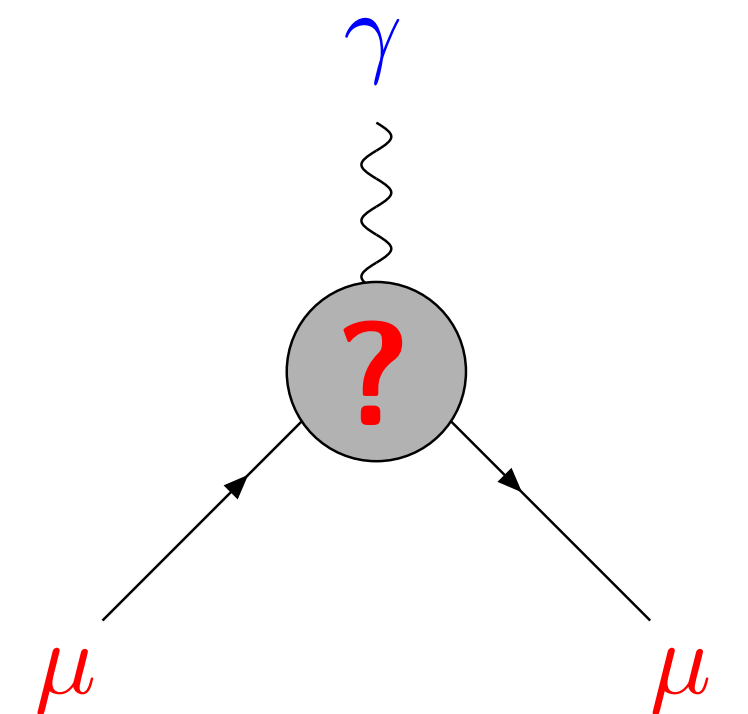
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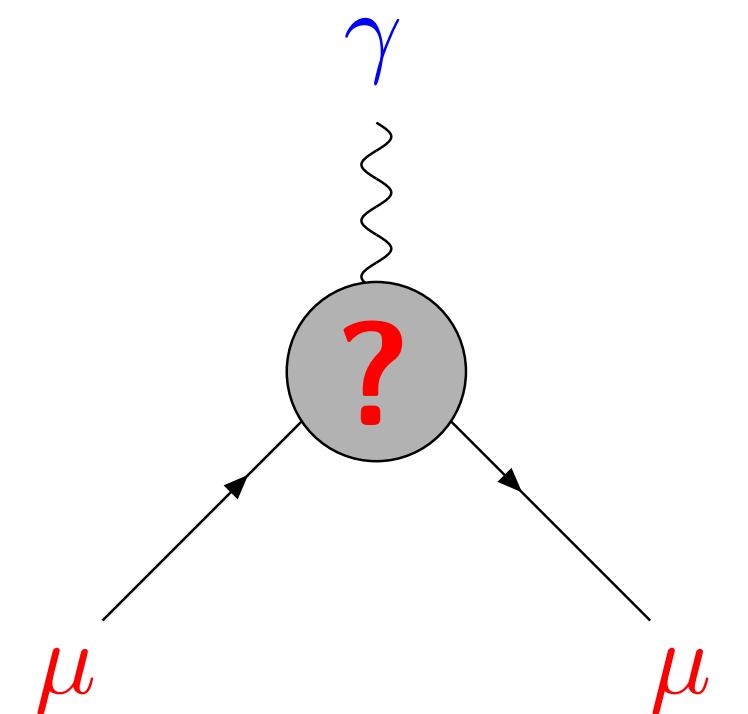
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Why the muon?

$$a_{\ell}^{\text{BSM}} \propto m_{\ell}^2 / M_{\text{BSM}}^2 \quad \ell = e, \mu, \tau$$

→ sensitivity of a_{μ} enhanced by $(m_{\mu}/m_e)^2 \approx 4.3 \times 10^4$ relative to a_e



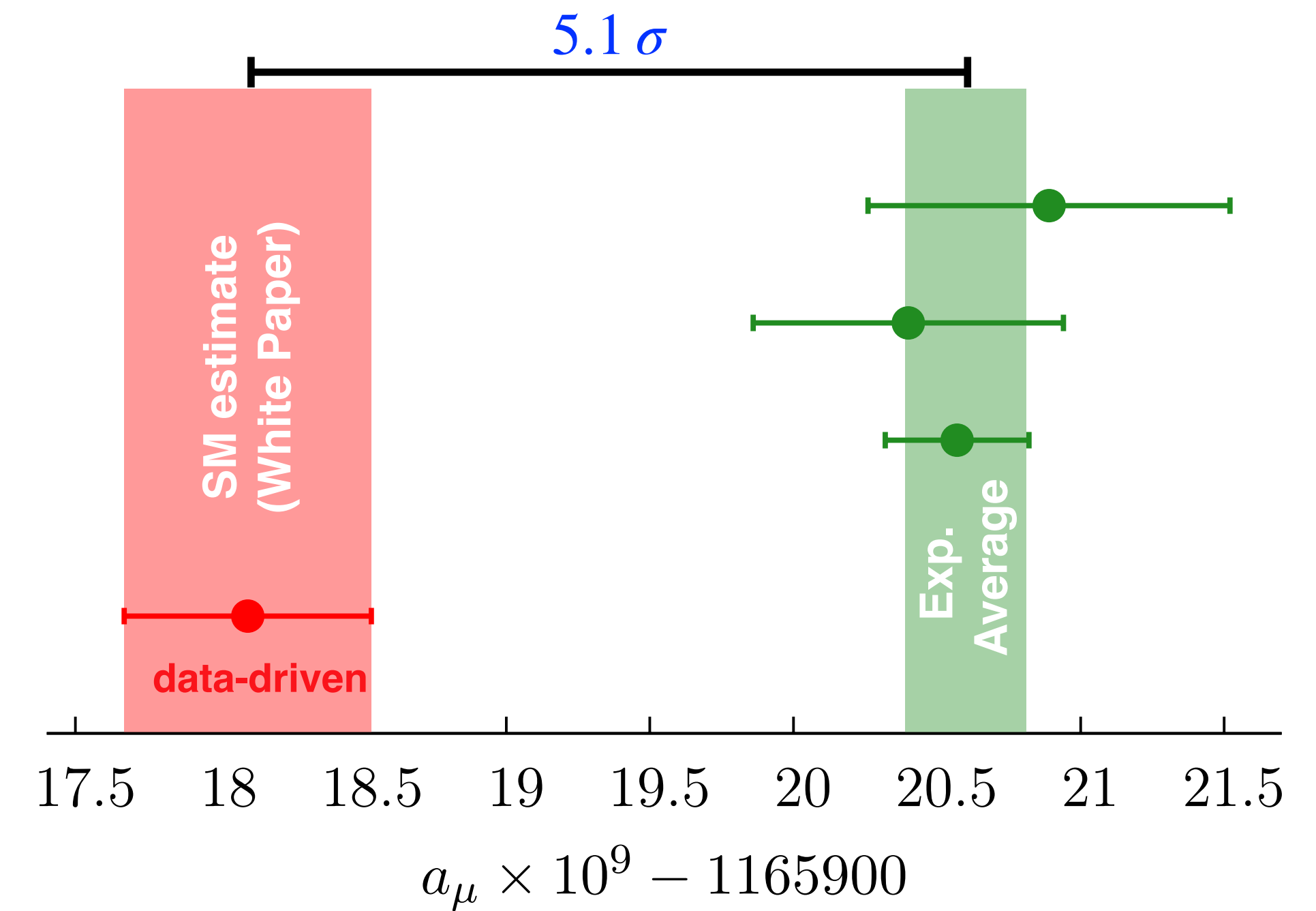
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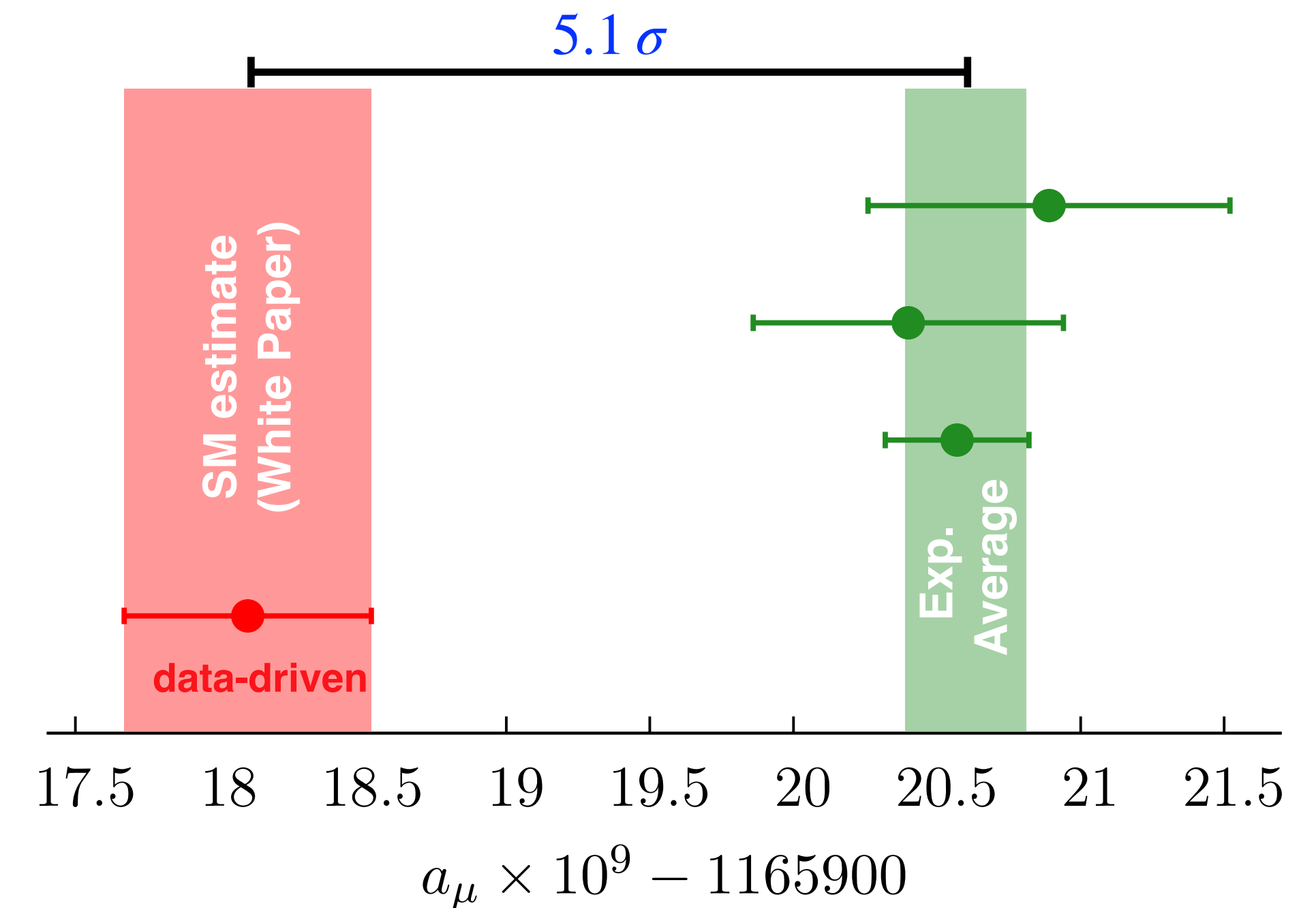
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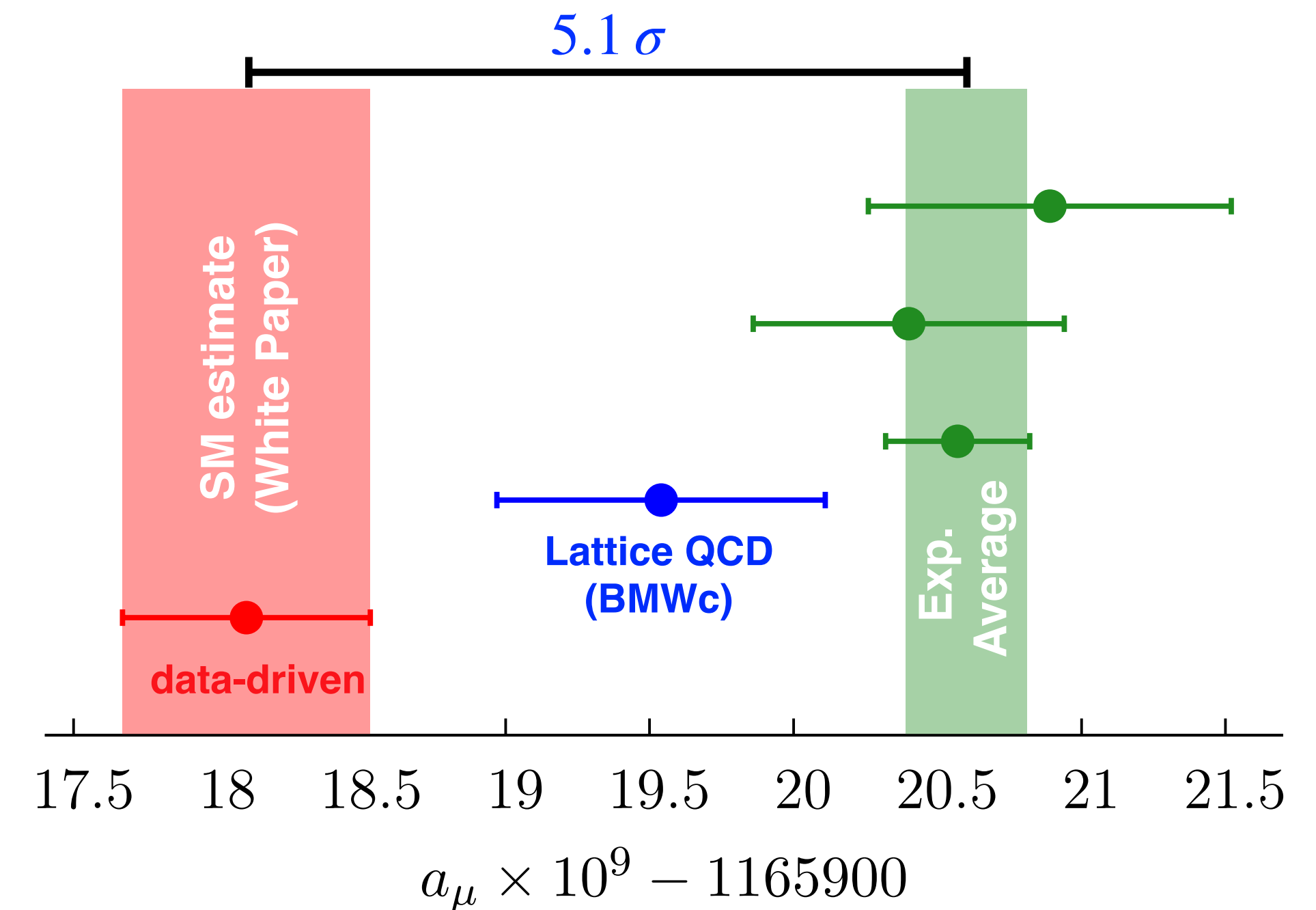
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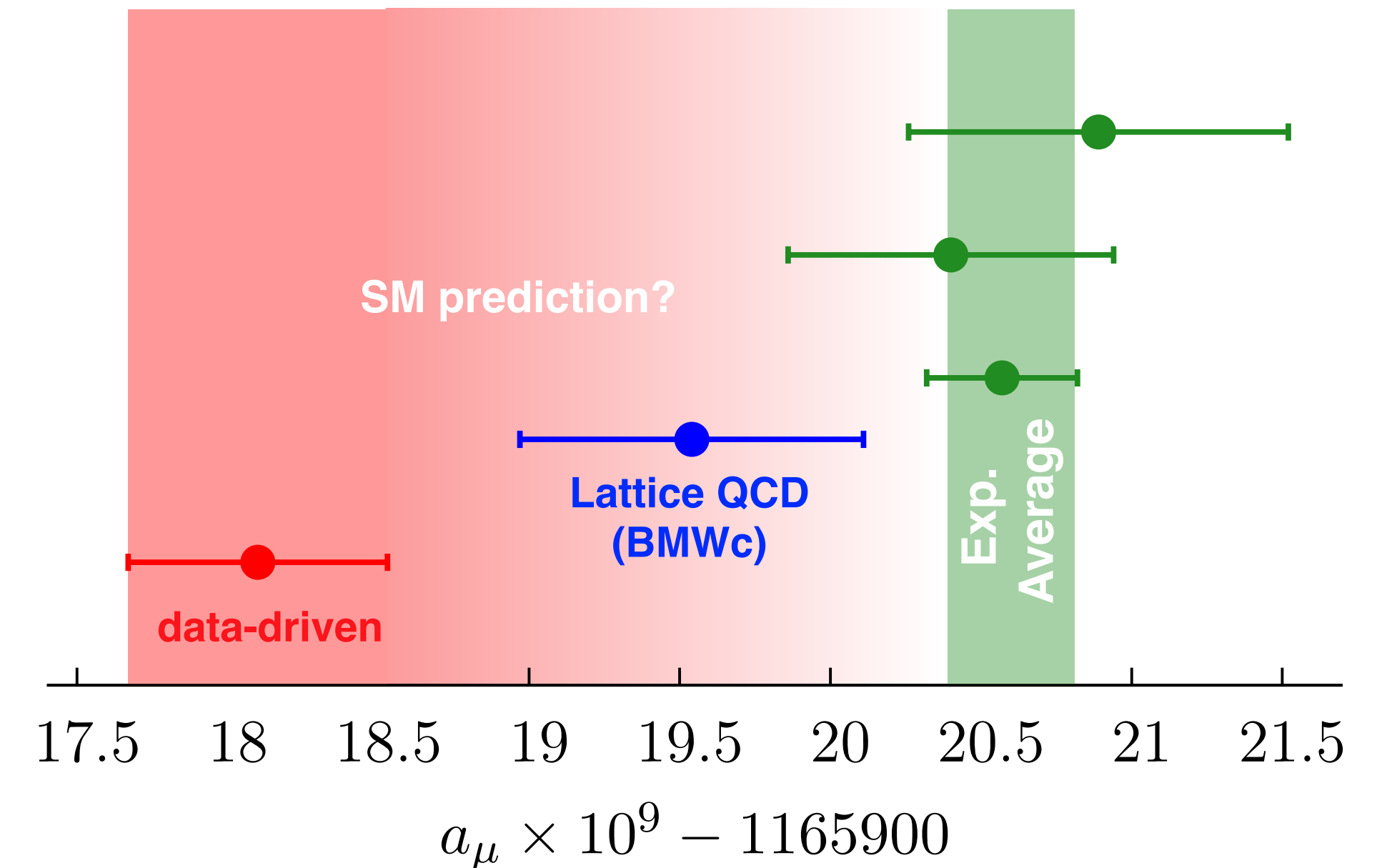
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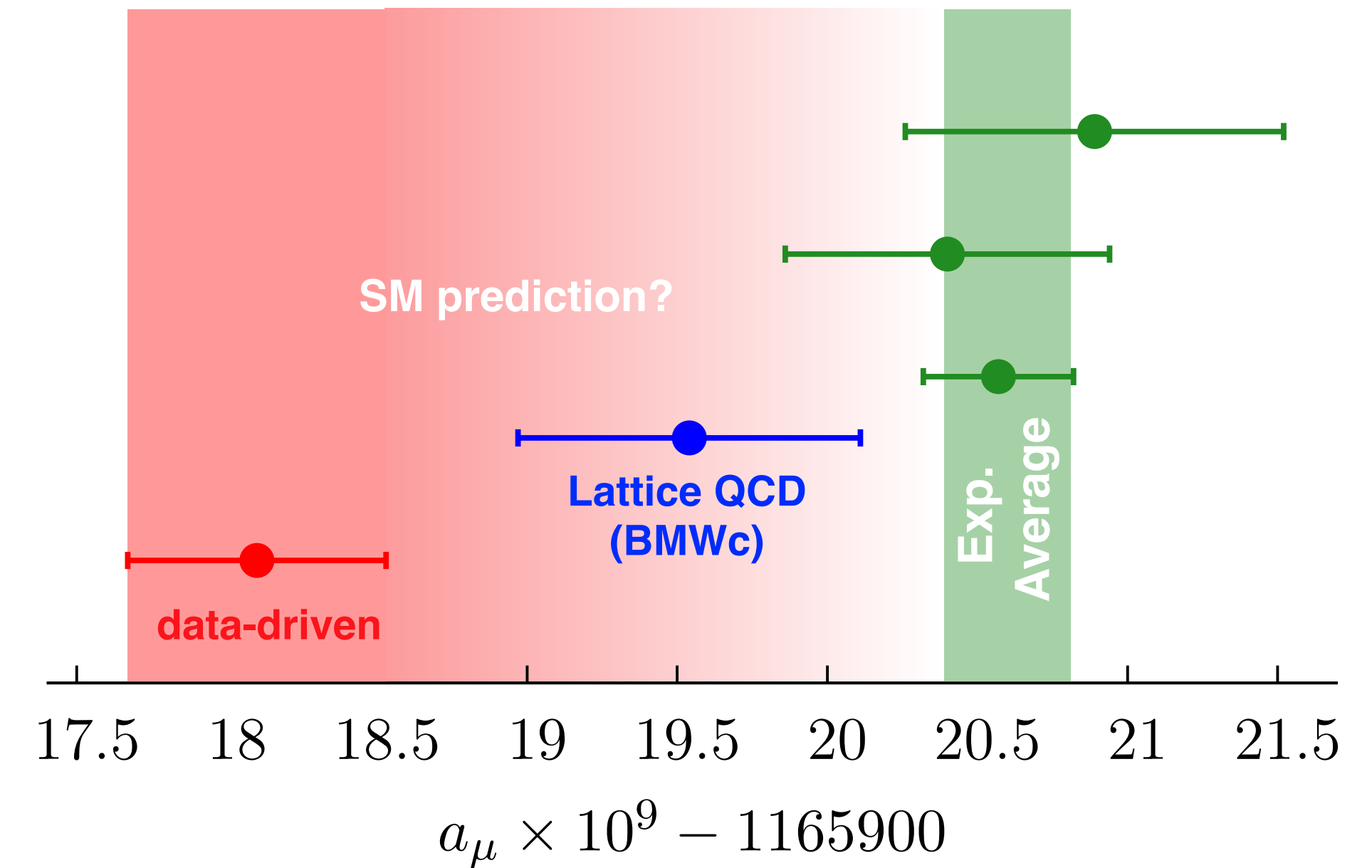
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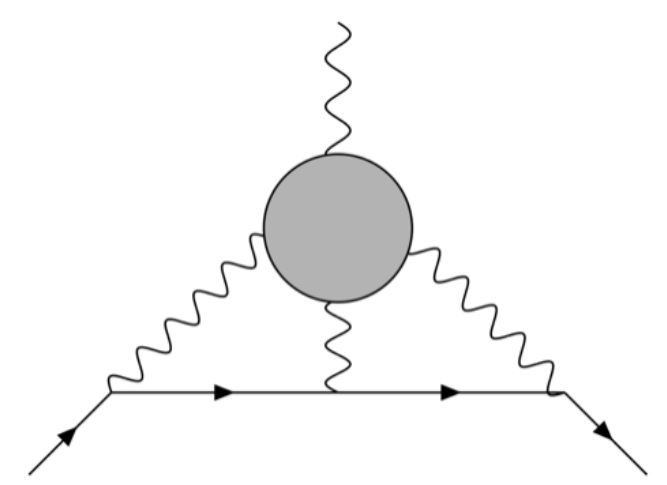
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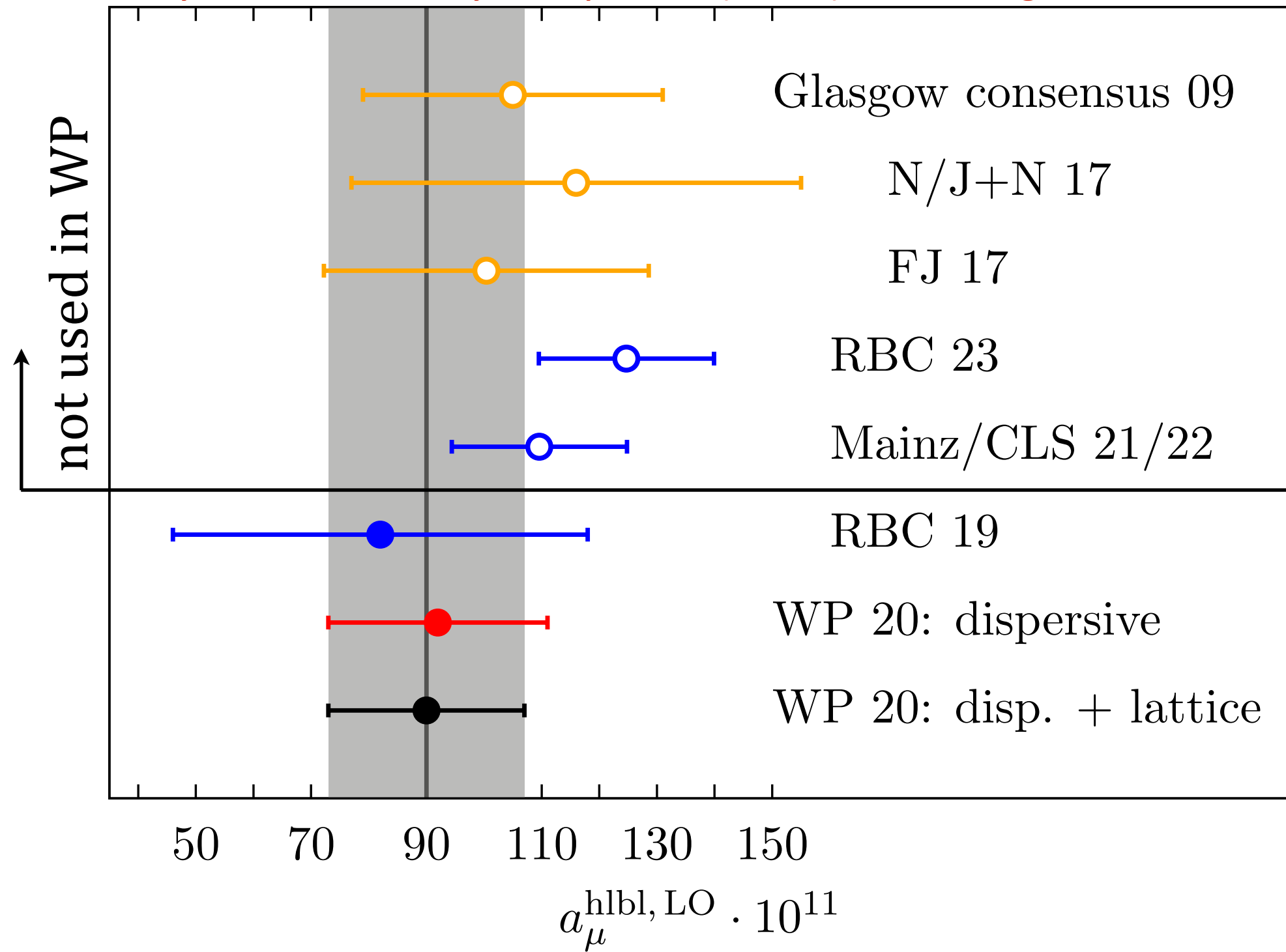
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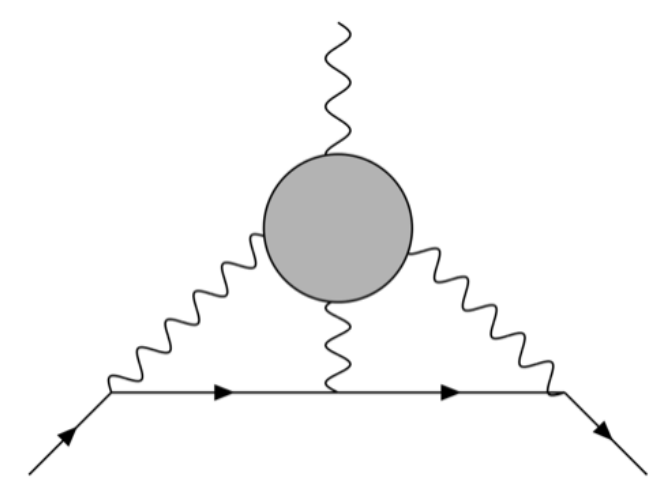
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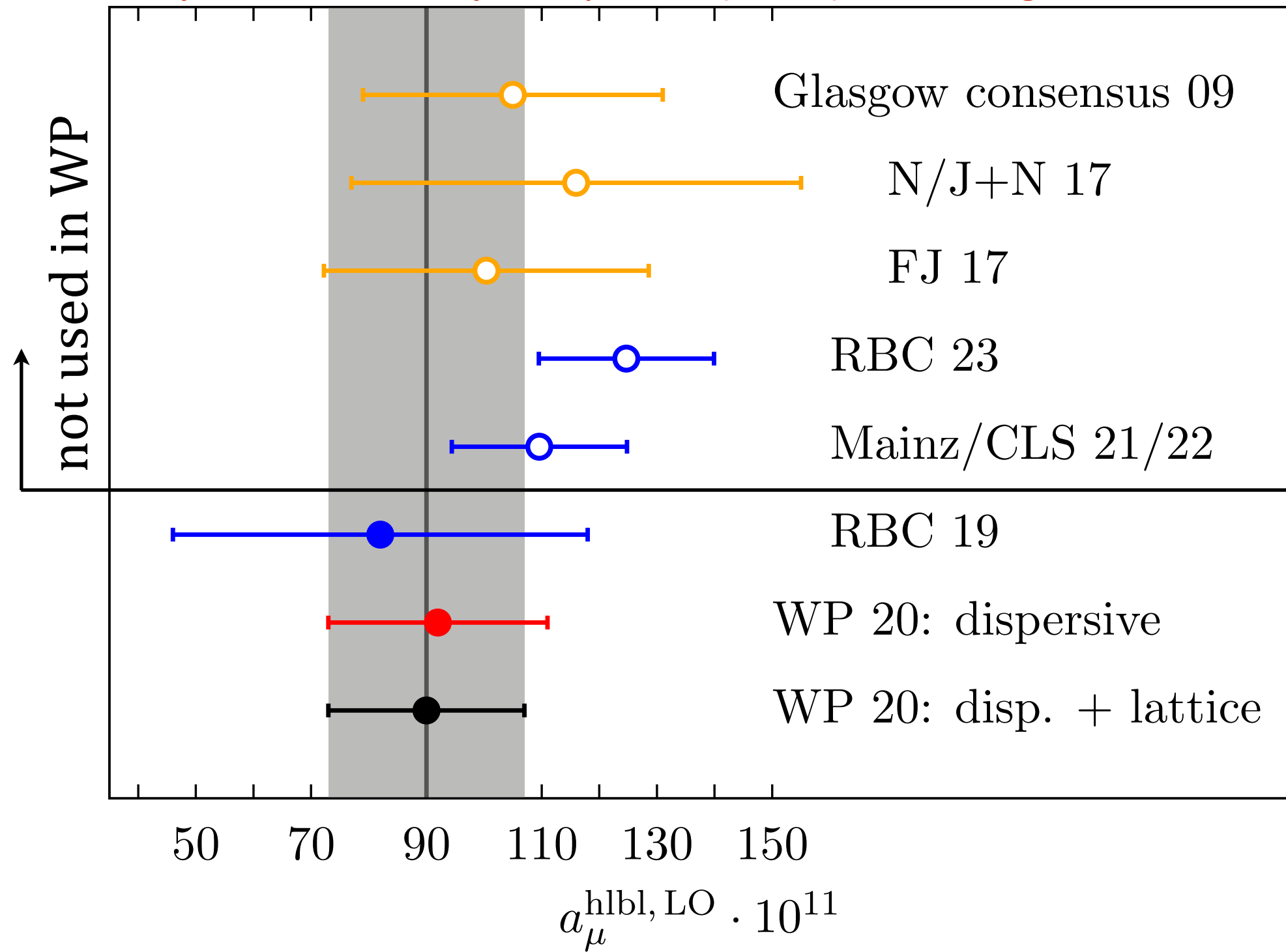
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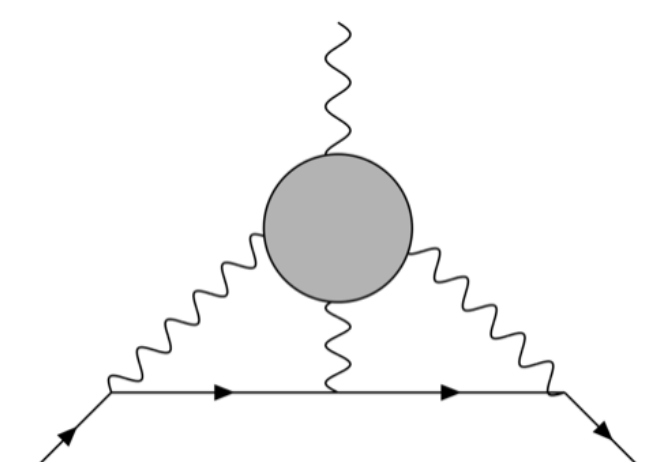
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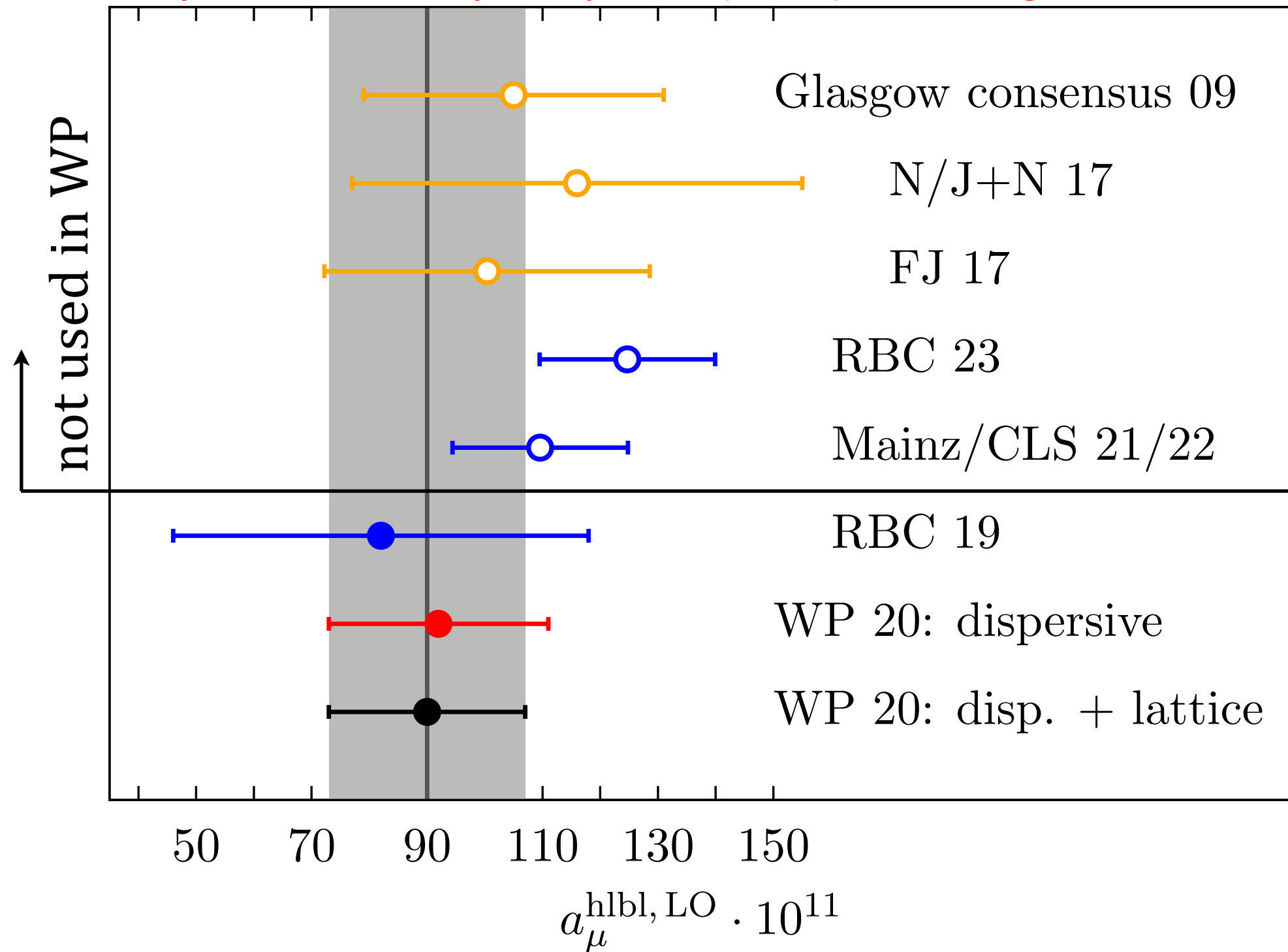
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a_μ^{hlbl} : **Uncontroversial** — contributes **0.15 ppm** to the total SM uncertainty of **0.37 ppm**

→ Focus on refinements and further reduction of uncertainty

Hadronic vacuum polarisation from dispersion theory

Analyticity, unitarity & optical theorem imply:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 1} &= \int \frac{ds}{\pi(s - q^2)} \text{Im} \text{Diagram 2} & 2 \text{Im} \text{Diagram 2} &= \sum_{\text{had}} \int d\Phi \left| \text{Diagram 3} \right|^2 \\
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Hadronic effects cannot be treated in perturbation theory

- Use experimental data for $R_{\text{had}}(s)$ in the low-energy regime (“data-driven approach”)
- Standard Model prediction is subject to experimental uncertainties

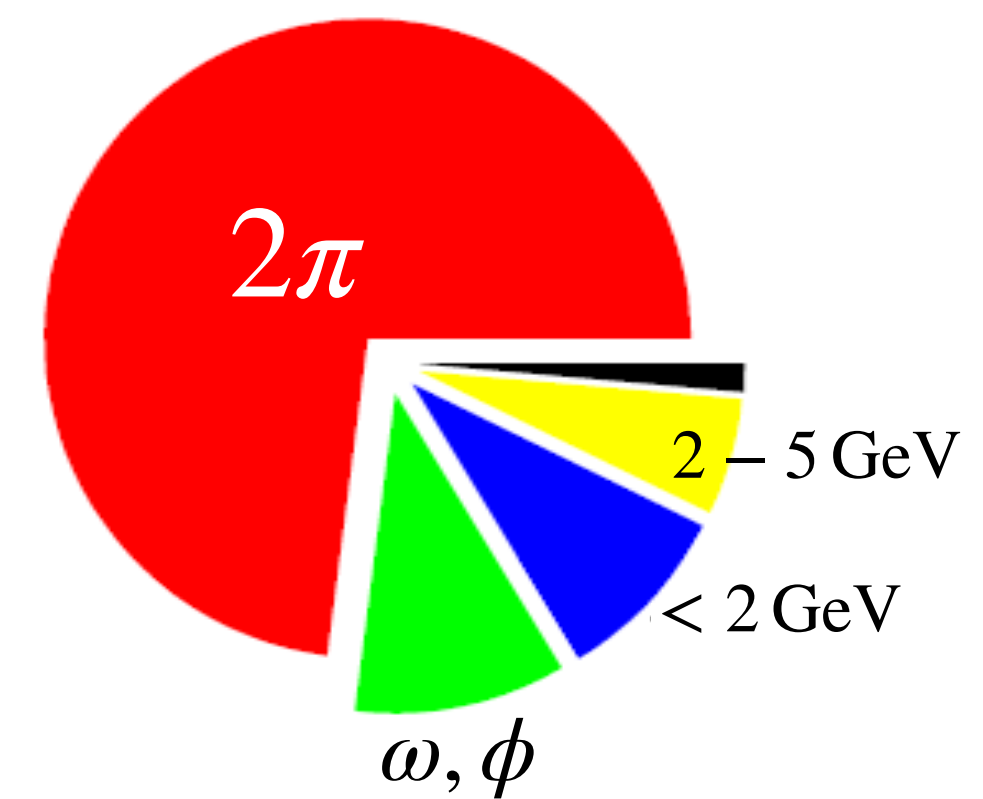
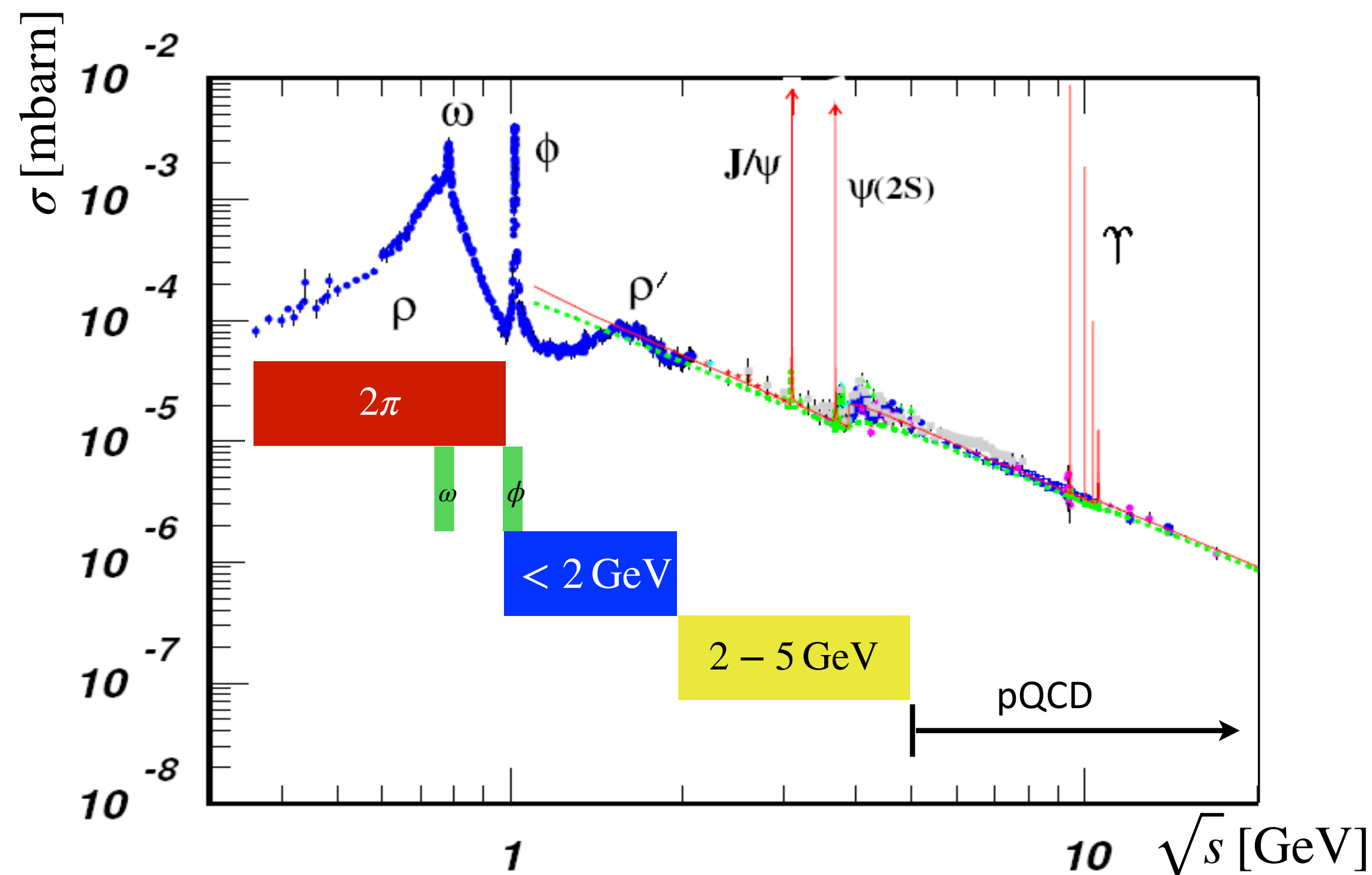
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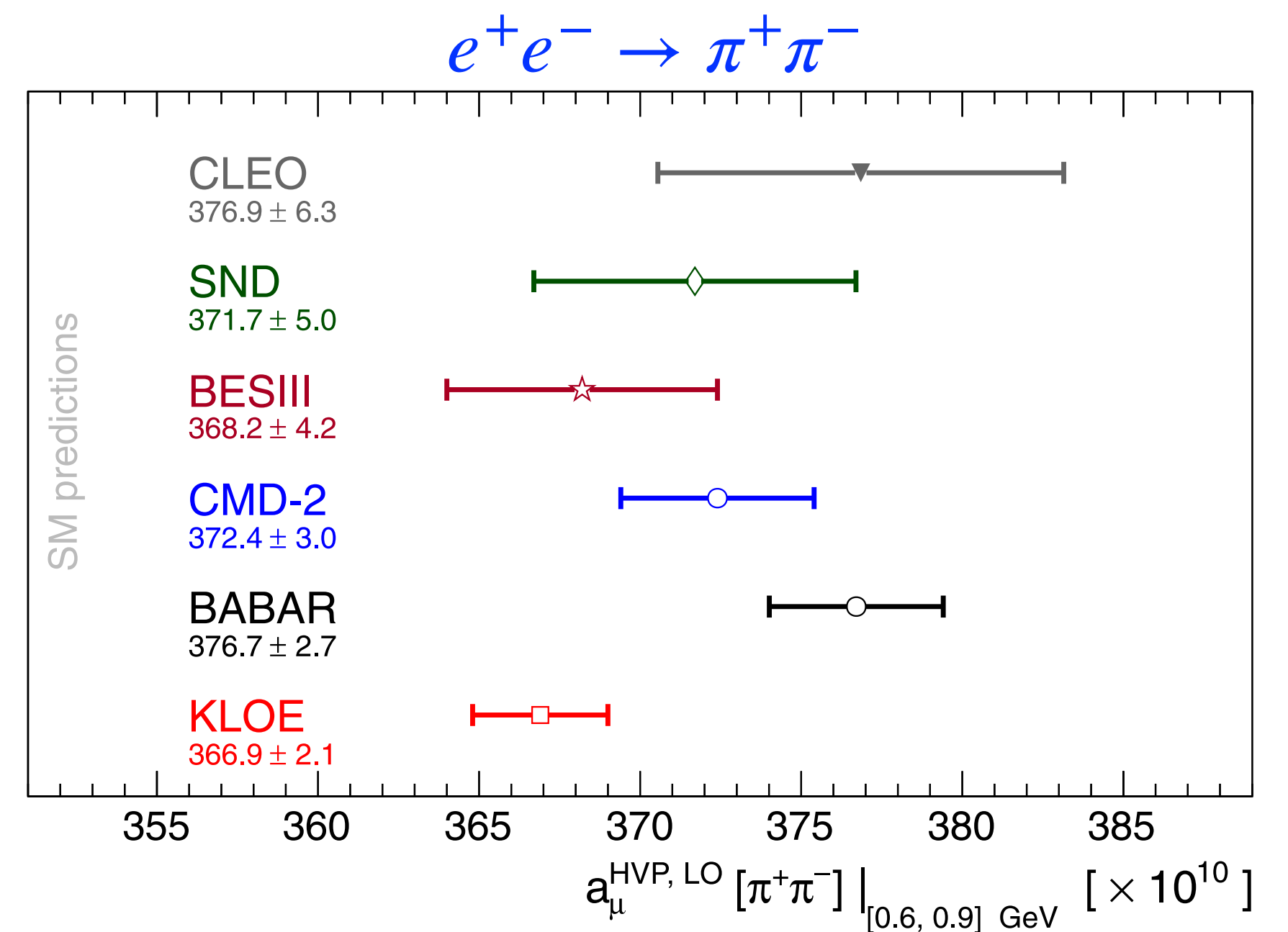
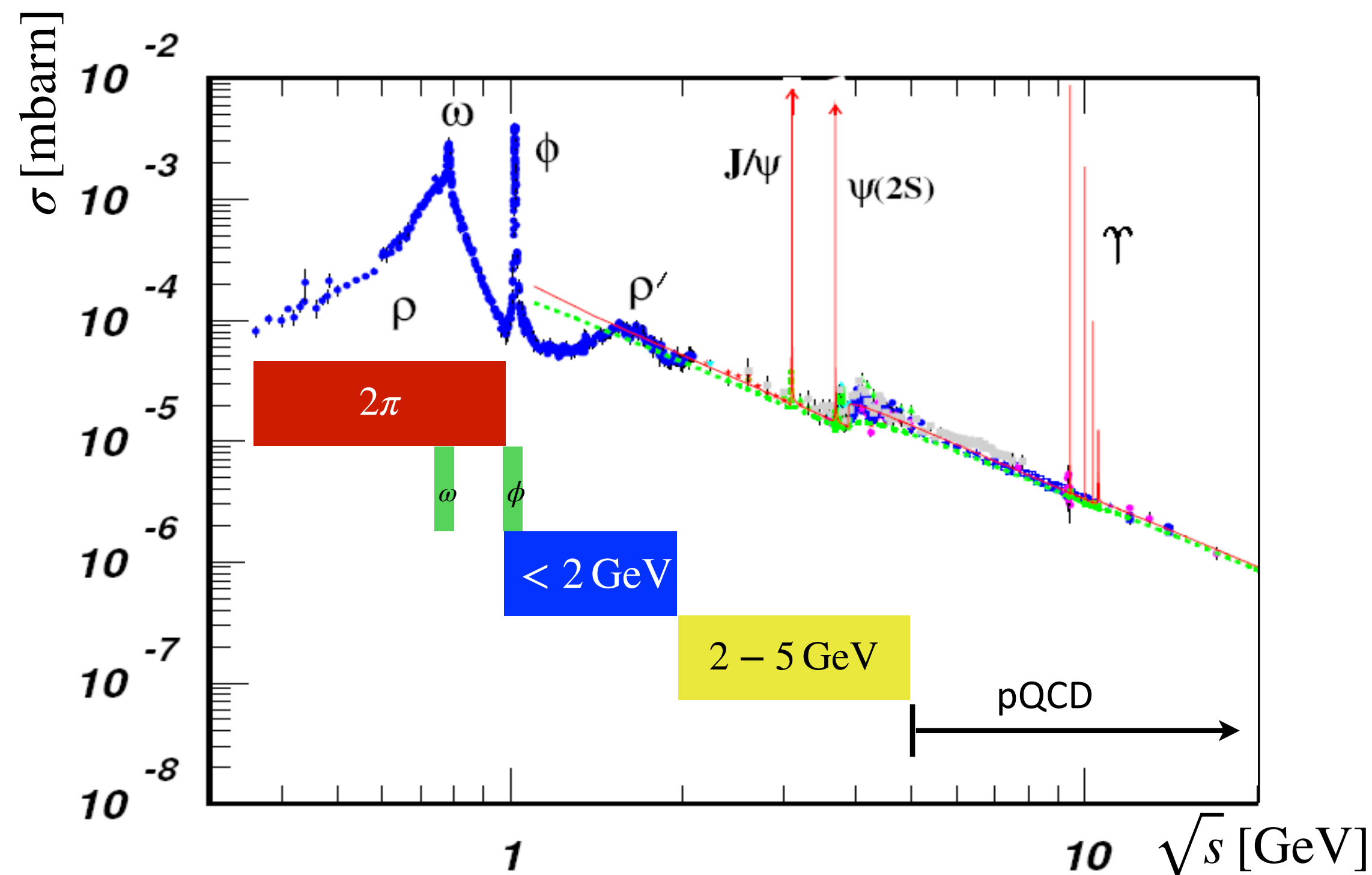
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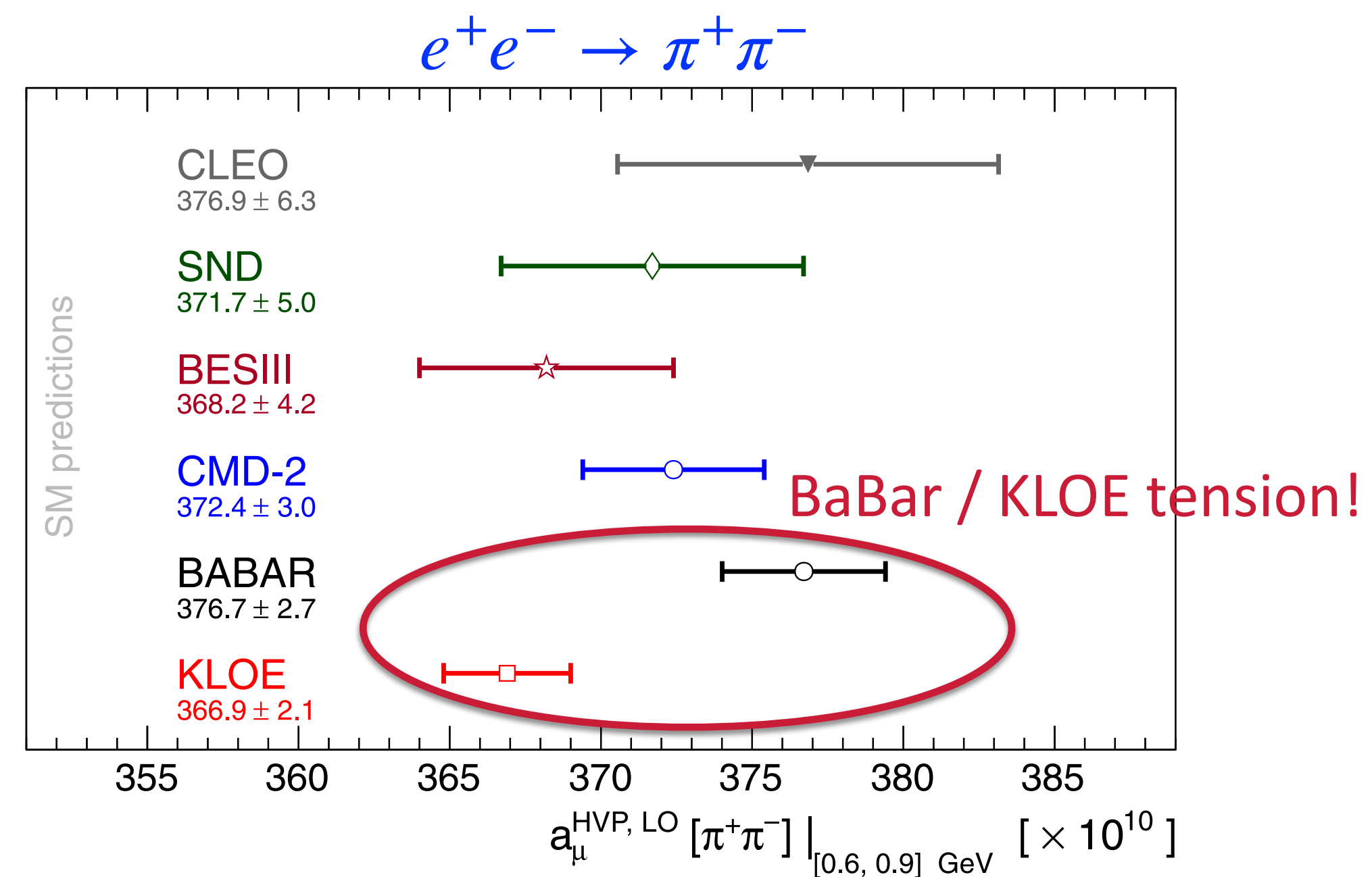
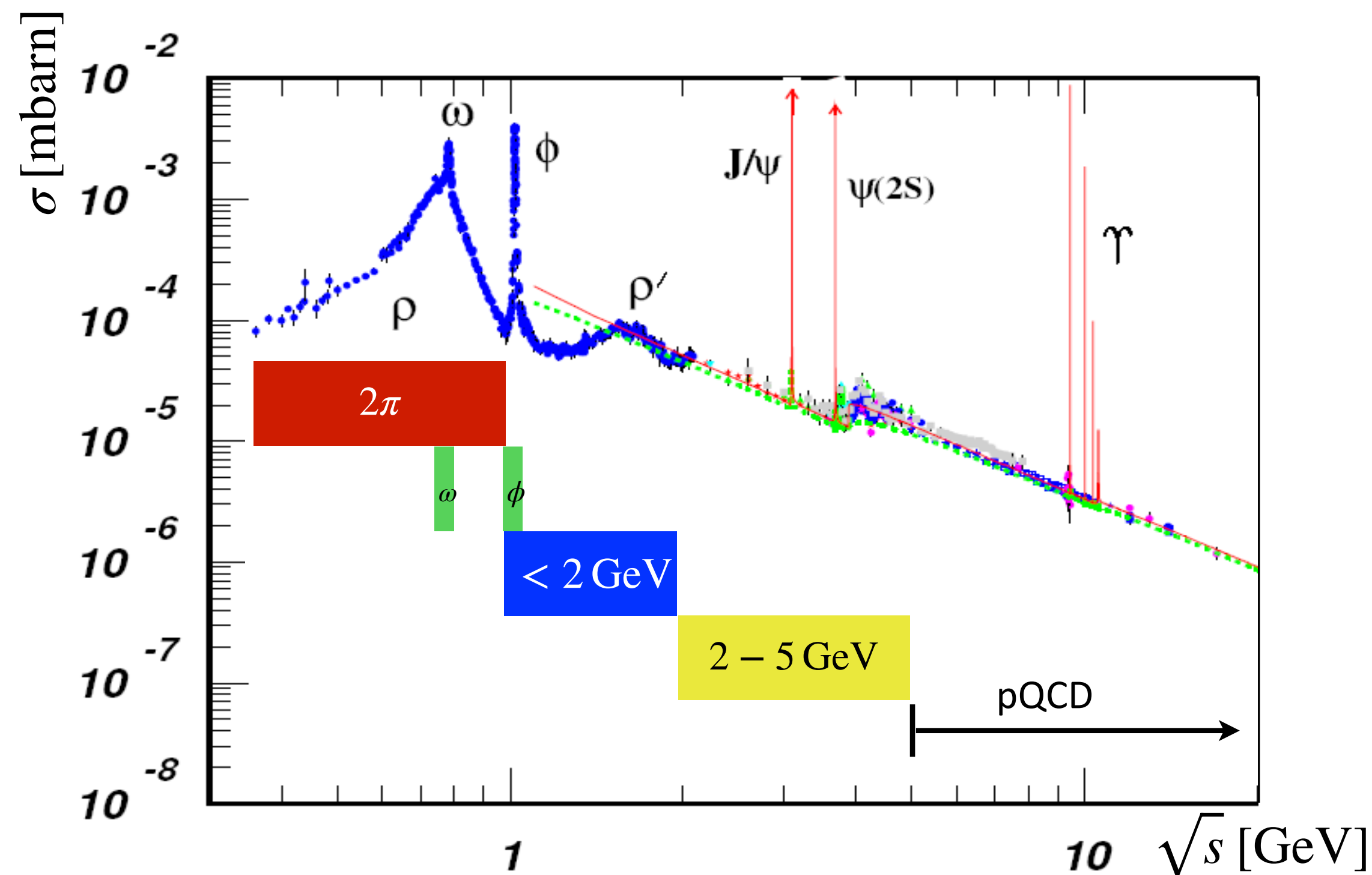
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$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	46.21(0.40)(1.10)(0.86)	46.63(94)	-0.42
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	13.68(0.03)(0.27)(0.14)	13.99(19)	-0.31
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	18.03(0.06)(0.48)(0.26)	18.15(74)	-0.12
K^+K^-	23.08(0.20)(0.33)(0.21)	23.00(22)	0.08
$K_S K_L$	12.82(0.06)(0.18)(0.15)	13.04(19)	-0.22
$\pi^0\gamma$	4.41(0.06)(0.04)(0.07)	4.58(10)	-0.17
Sum of the above	626.08(0.95)(3.48)(1.47)	623.62(2.27)	2.46
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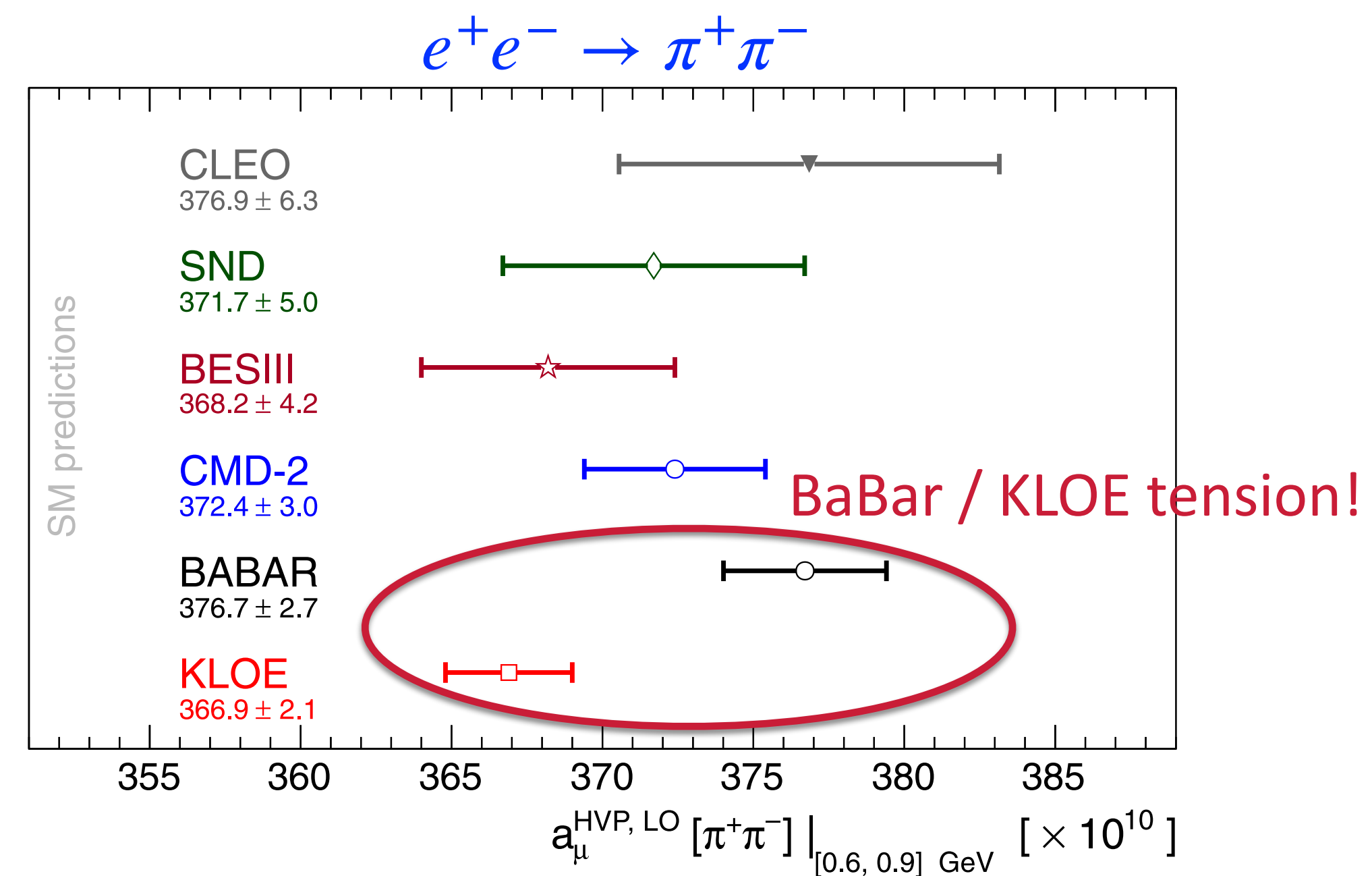
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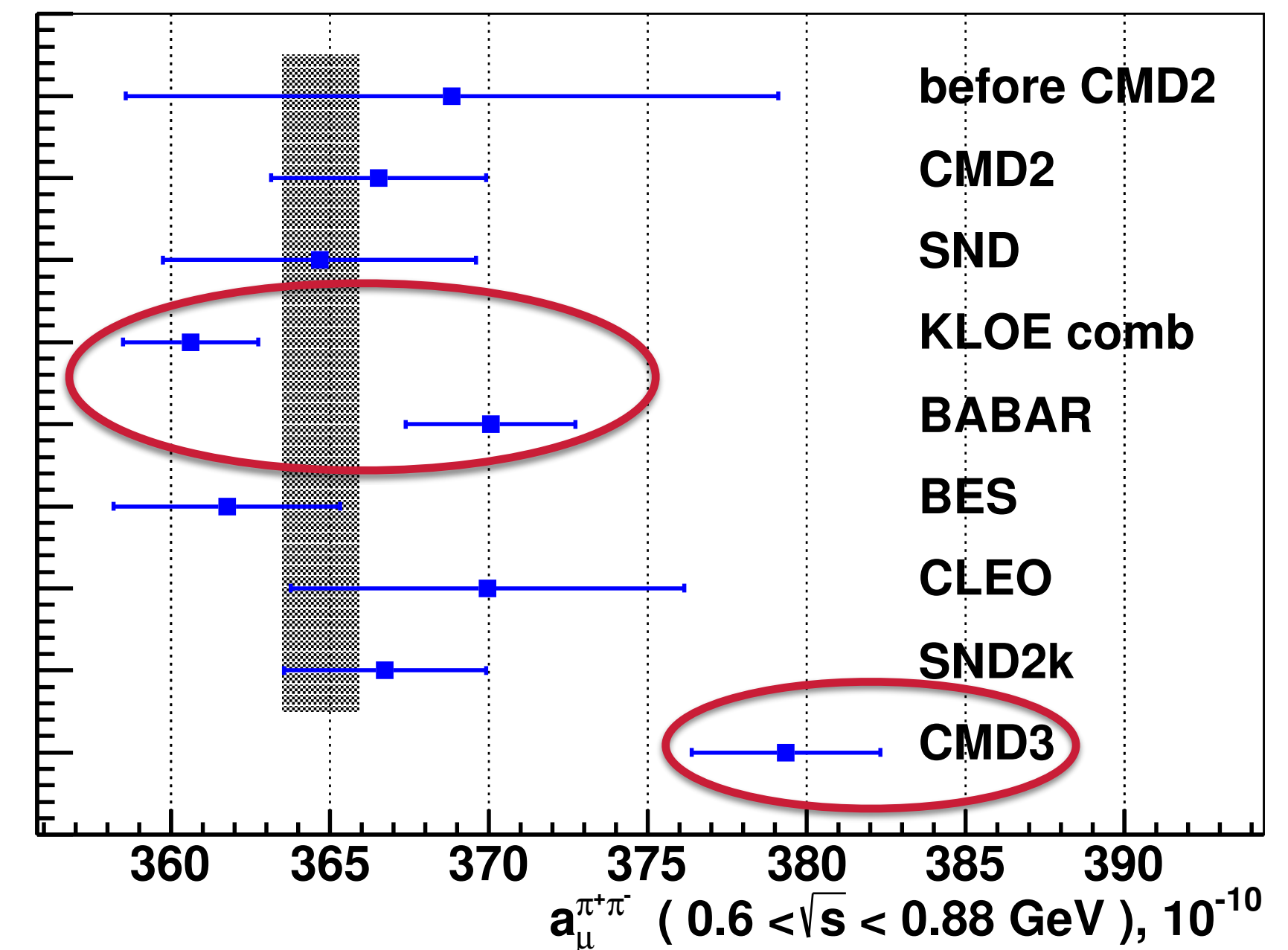
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(my own estimate)



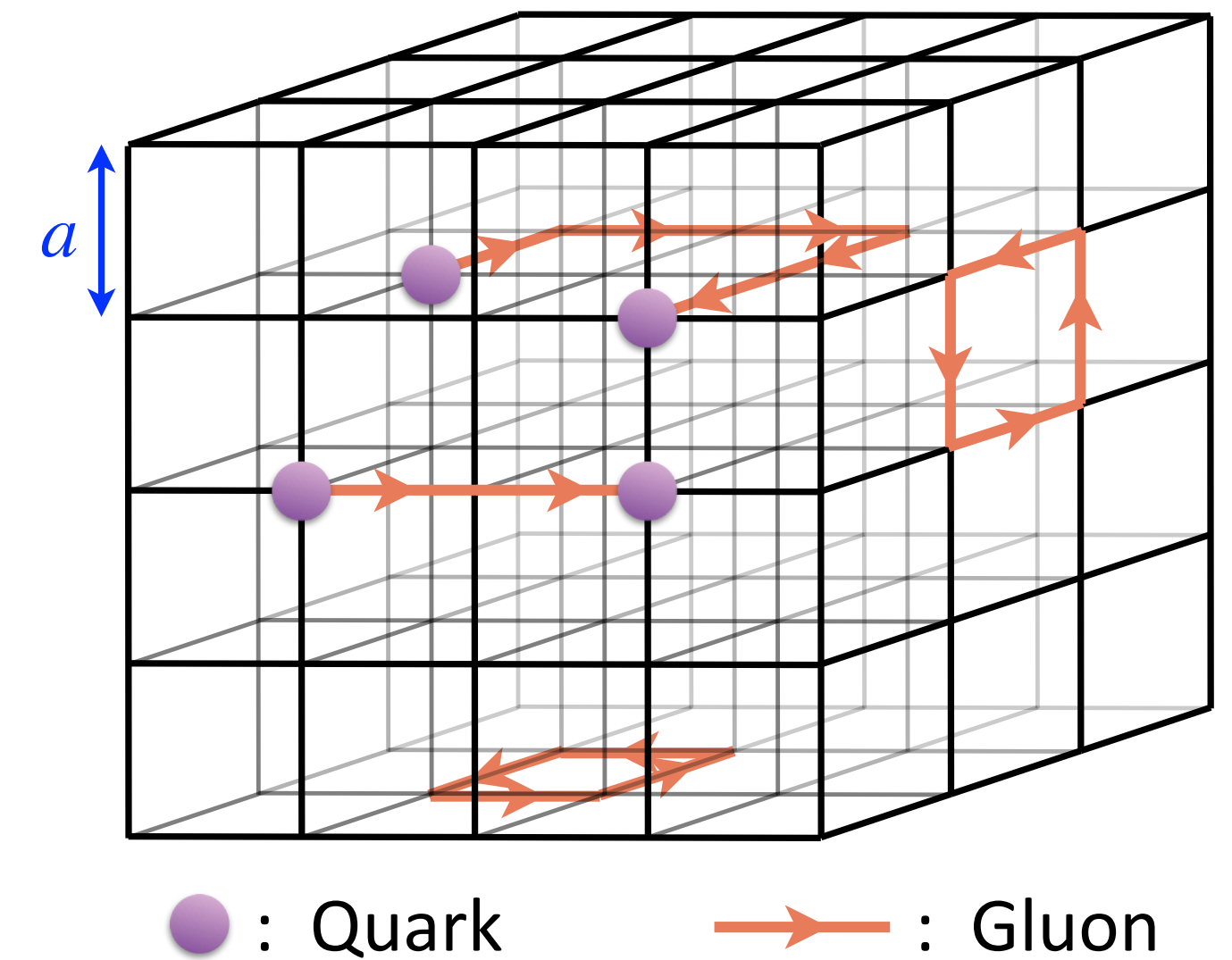
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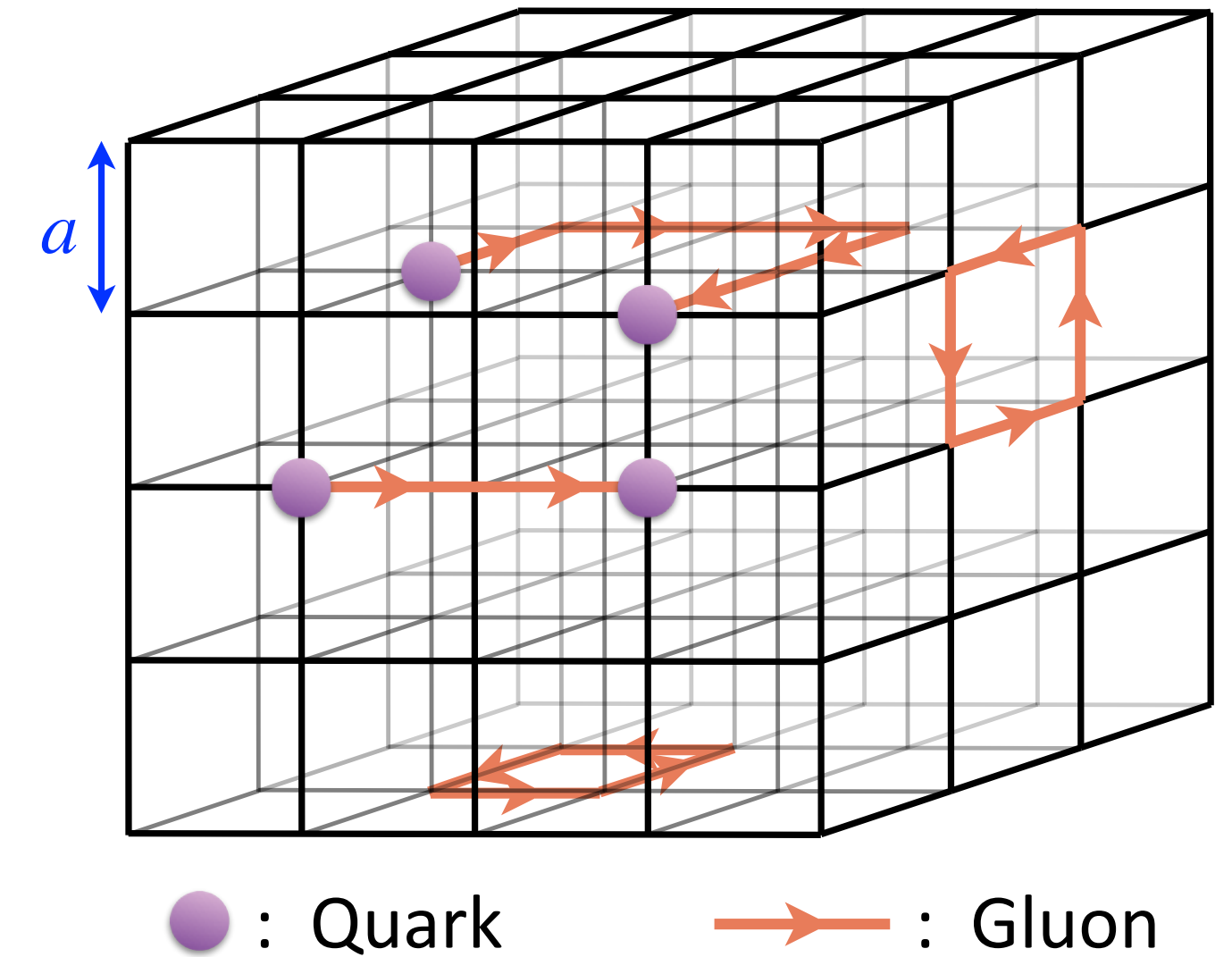
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generate **ensembles** of gauge configurations via a **Markov chain**
- **Ensemble average**: $\langle \Omega \rangle \simeq \bar{\Omega}$ Statistical error: $\sqrt{\bar{\Omega}^2 - \bar{\Omega}^2} \propto 1/N_{\text{cfg}}^{1/2}$
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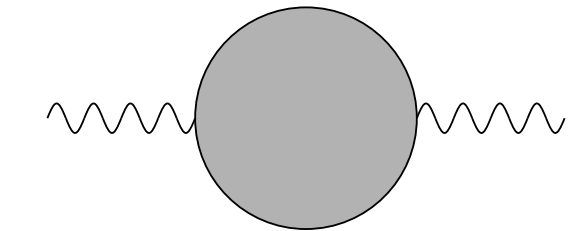


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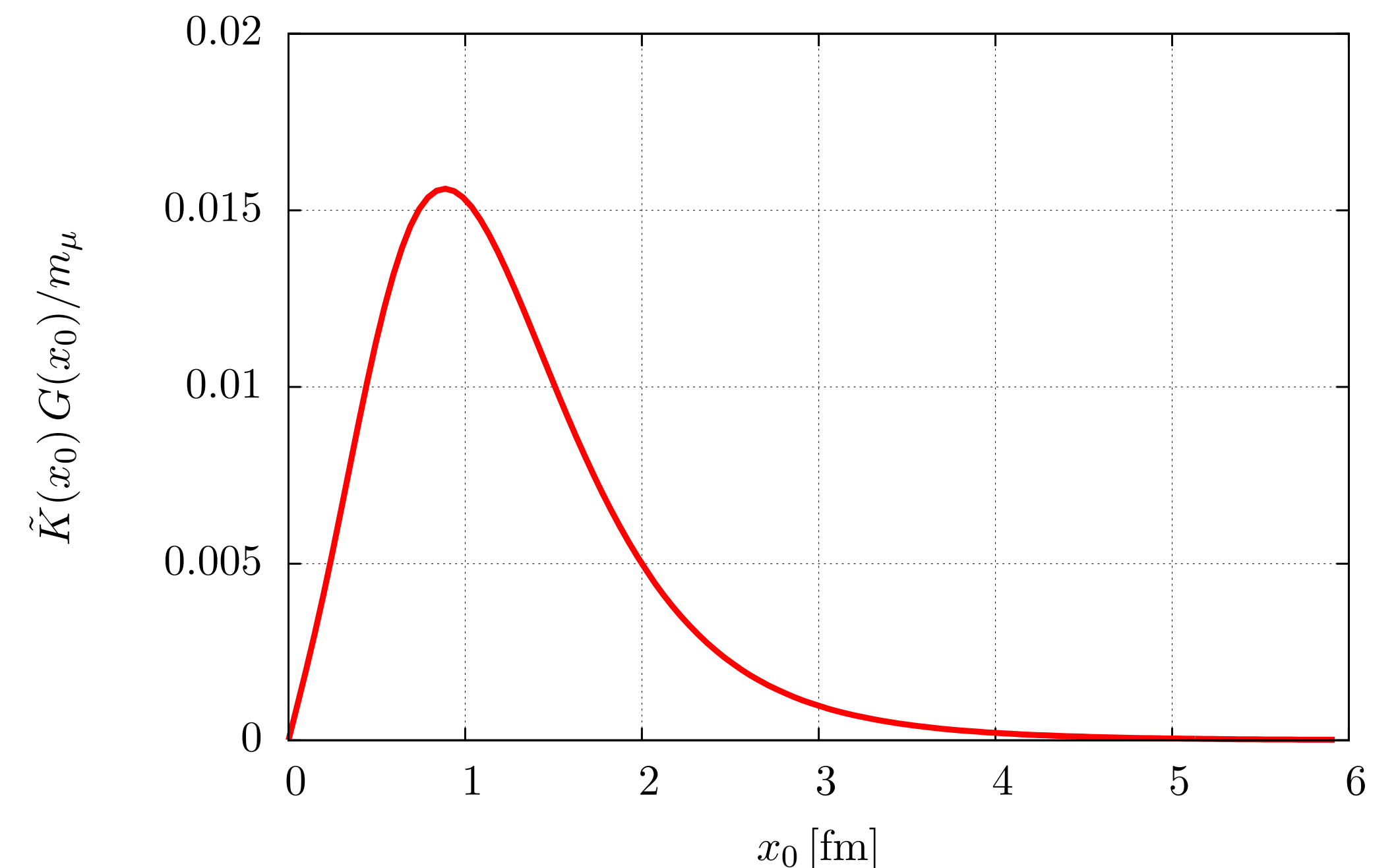
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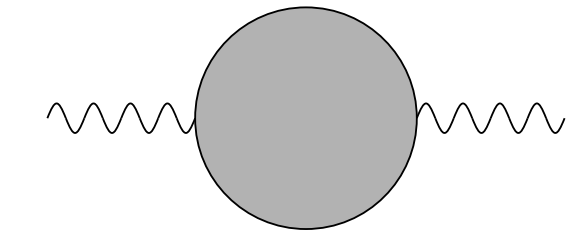
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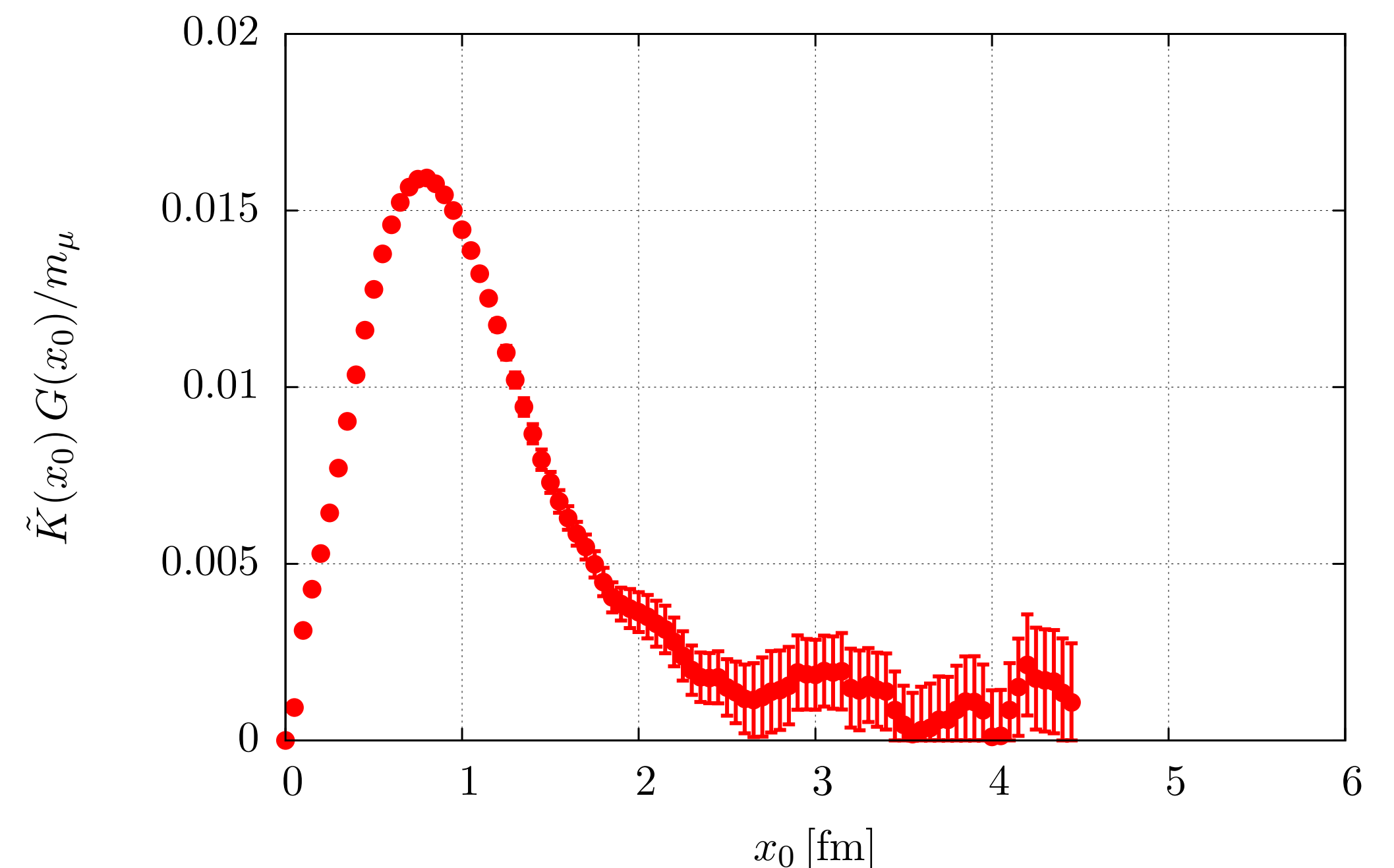
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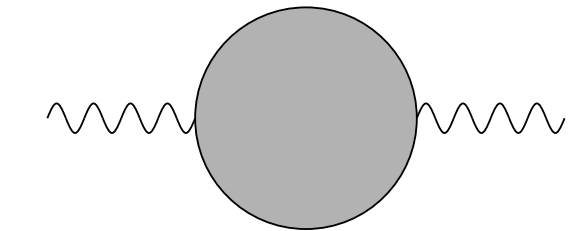


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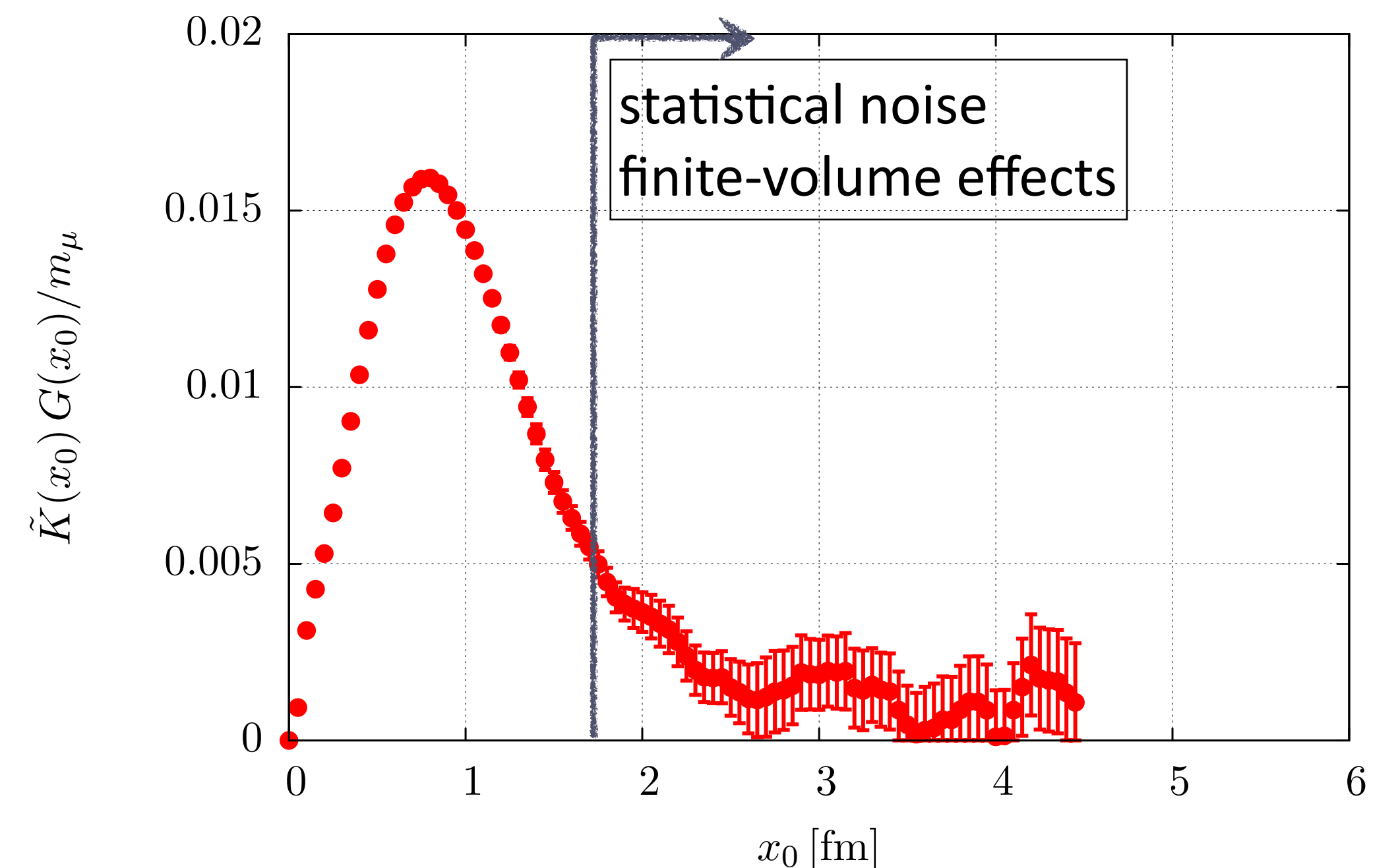


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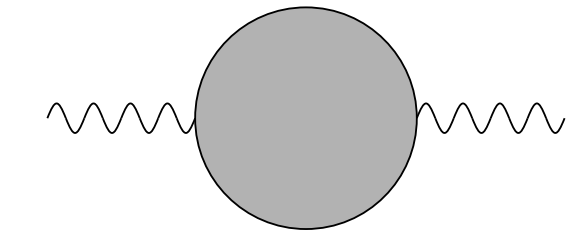


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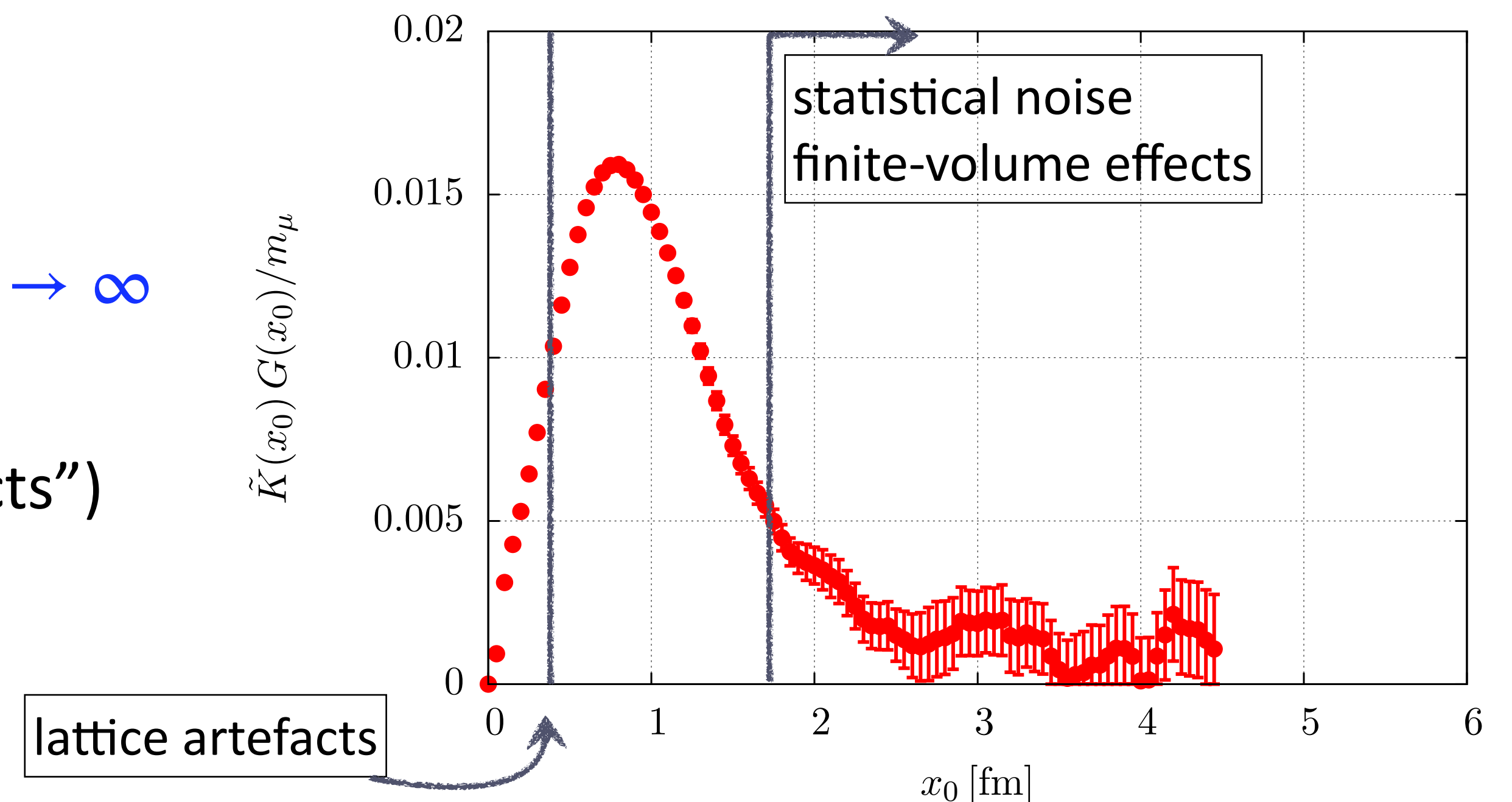


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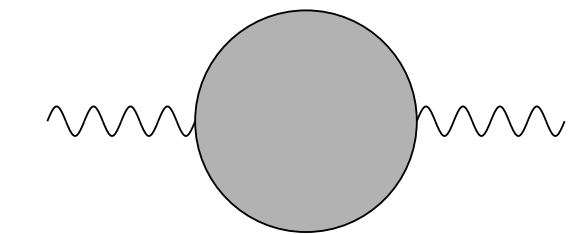


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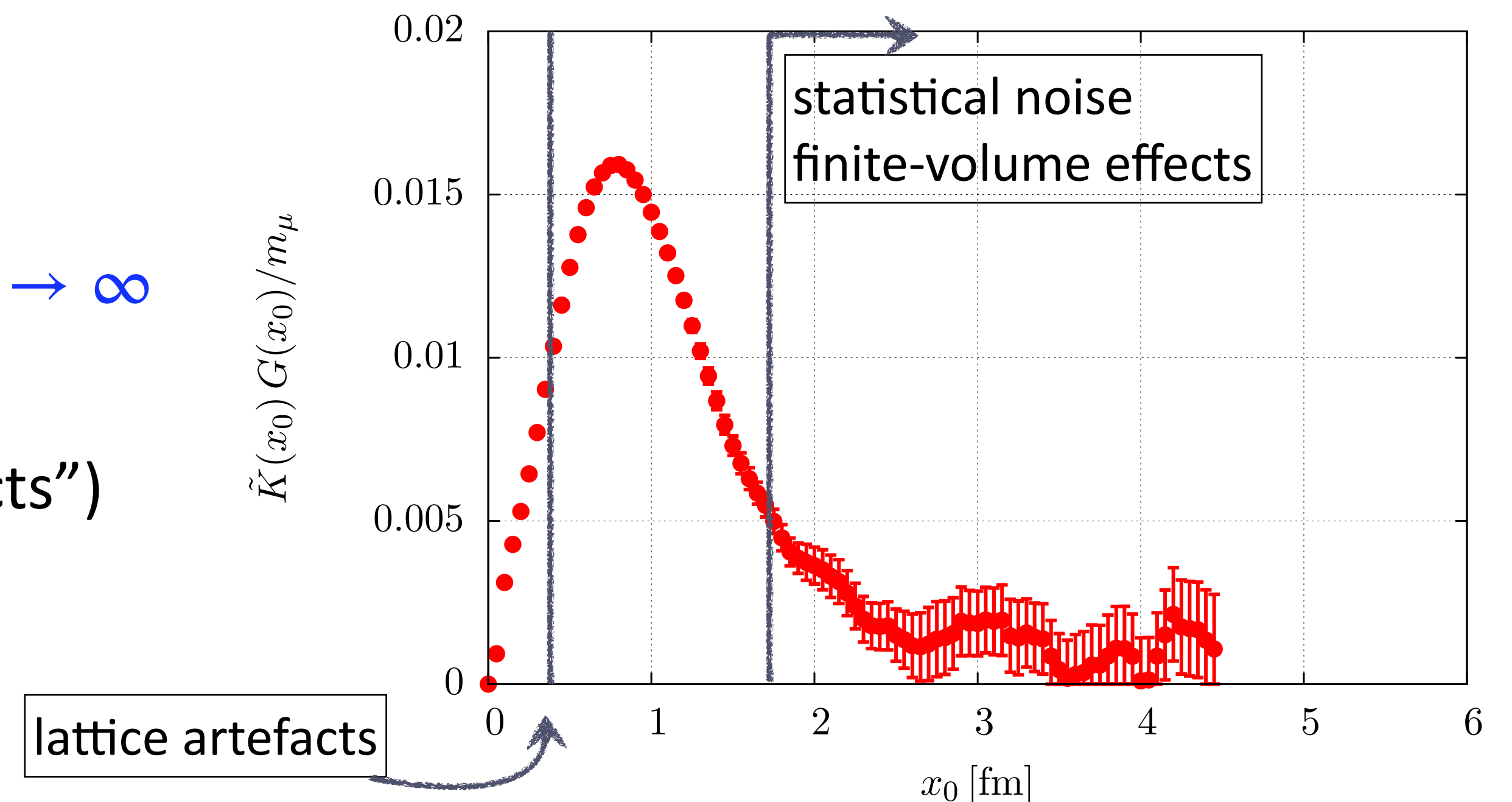


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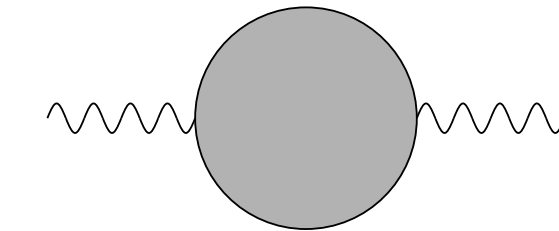


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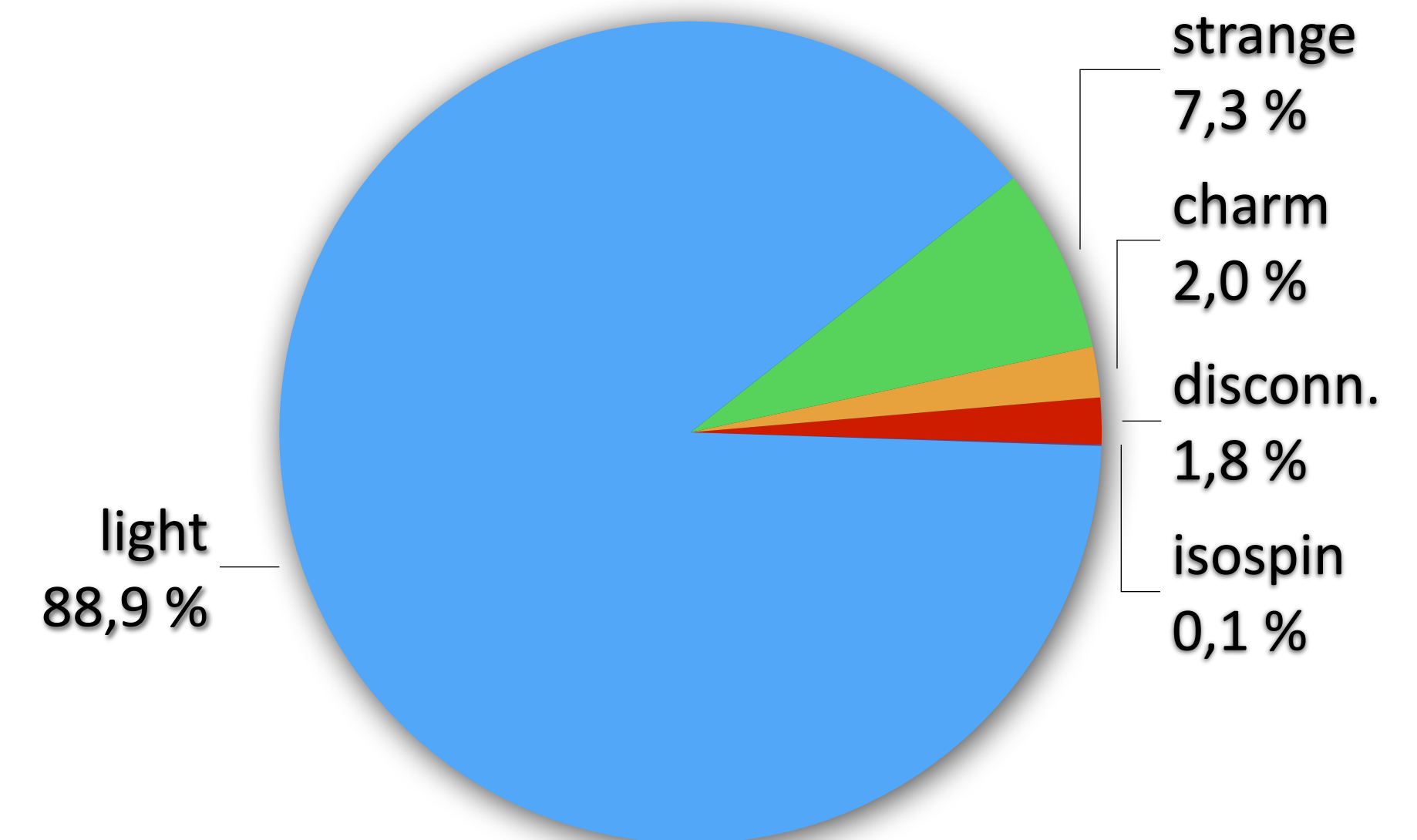
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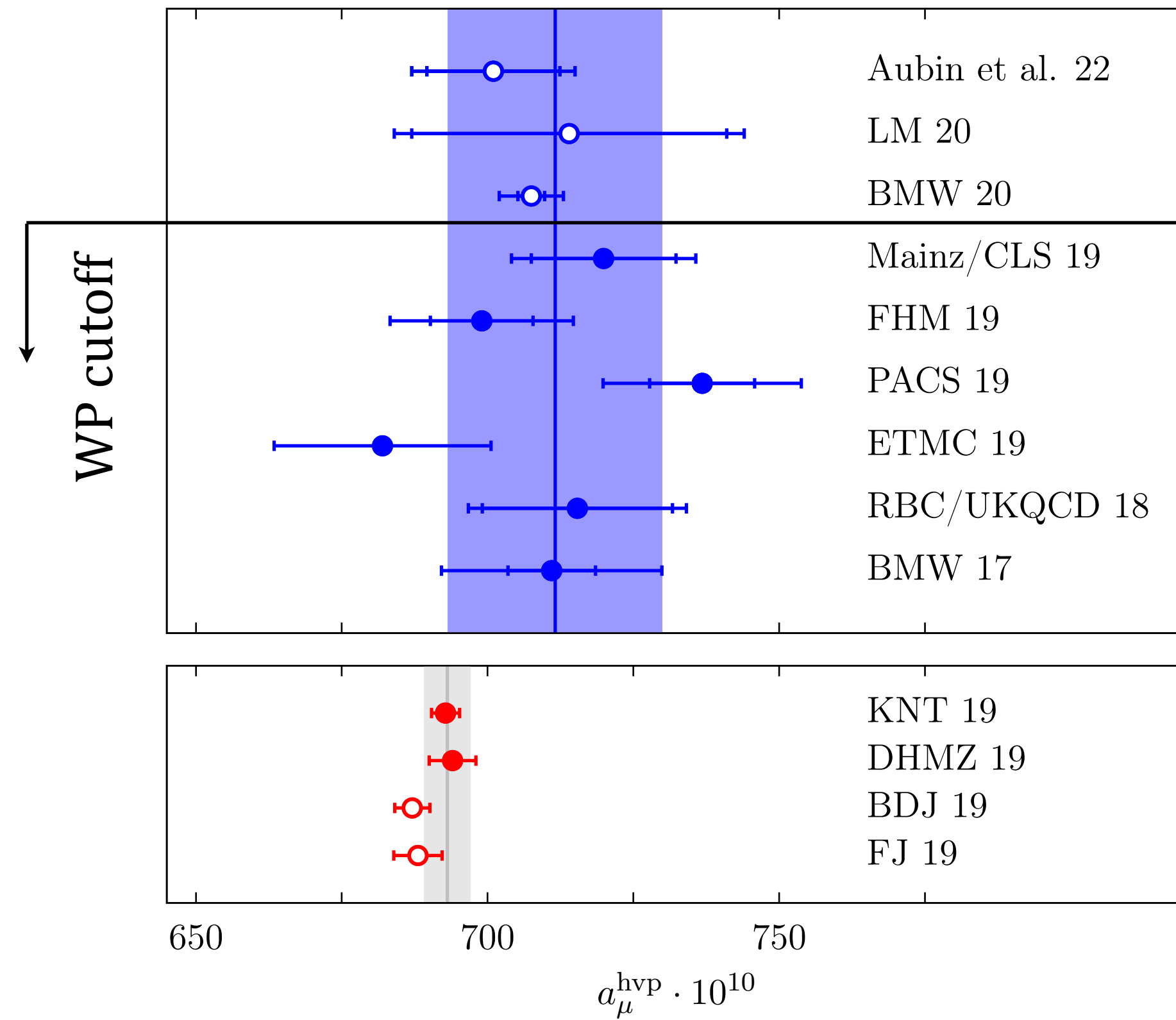
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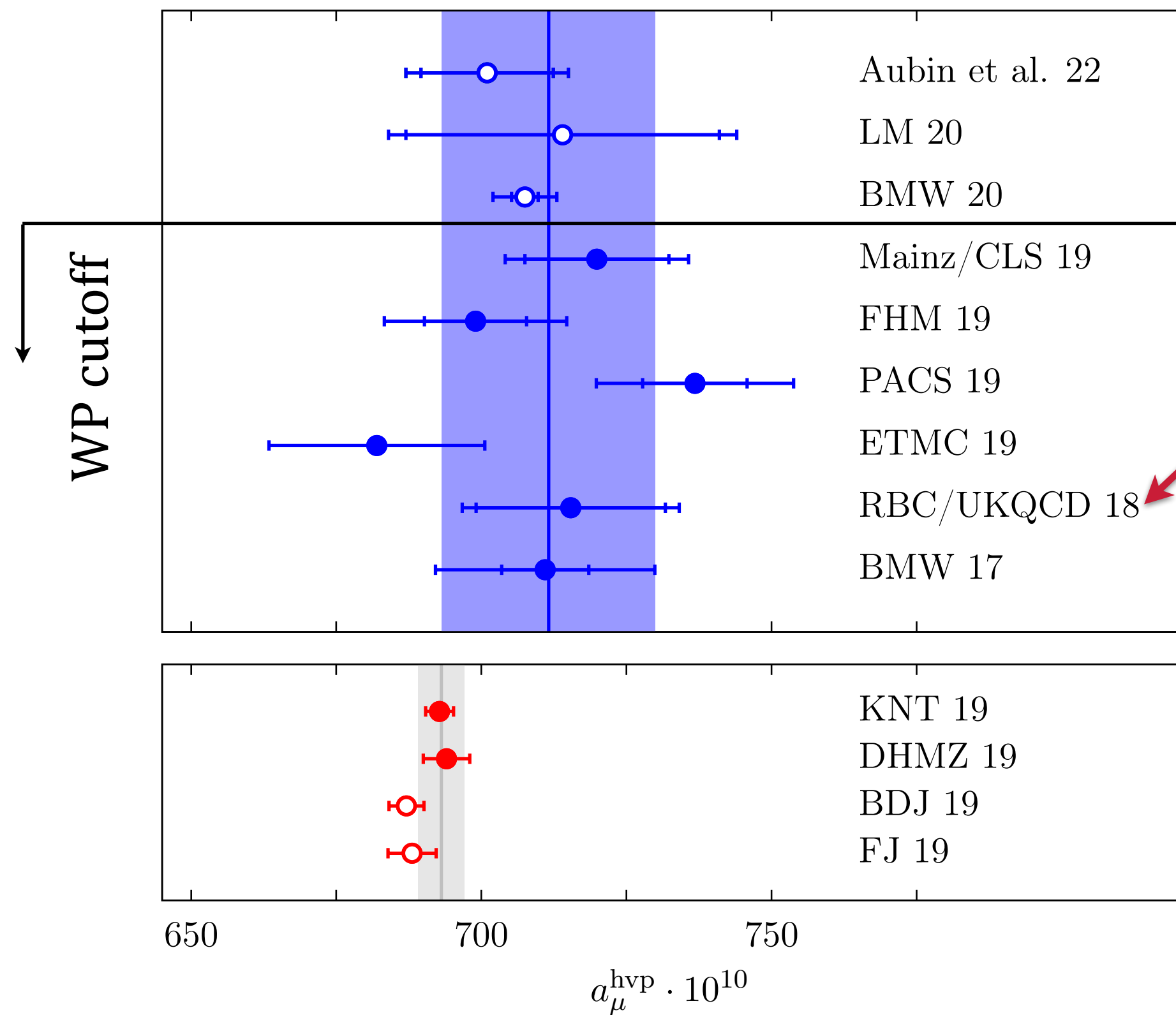


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RBC/UKQCD [Blum et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 022003]

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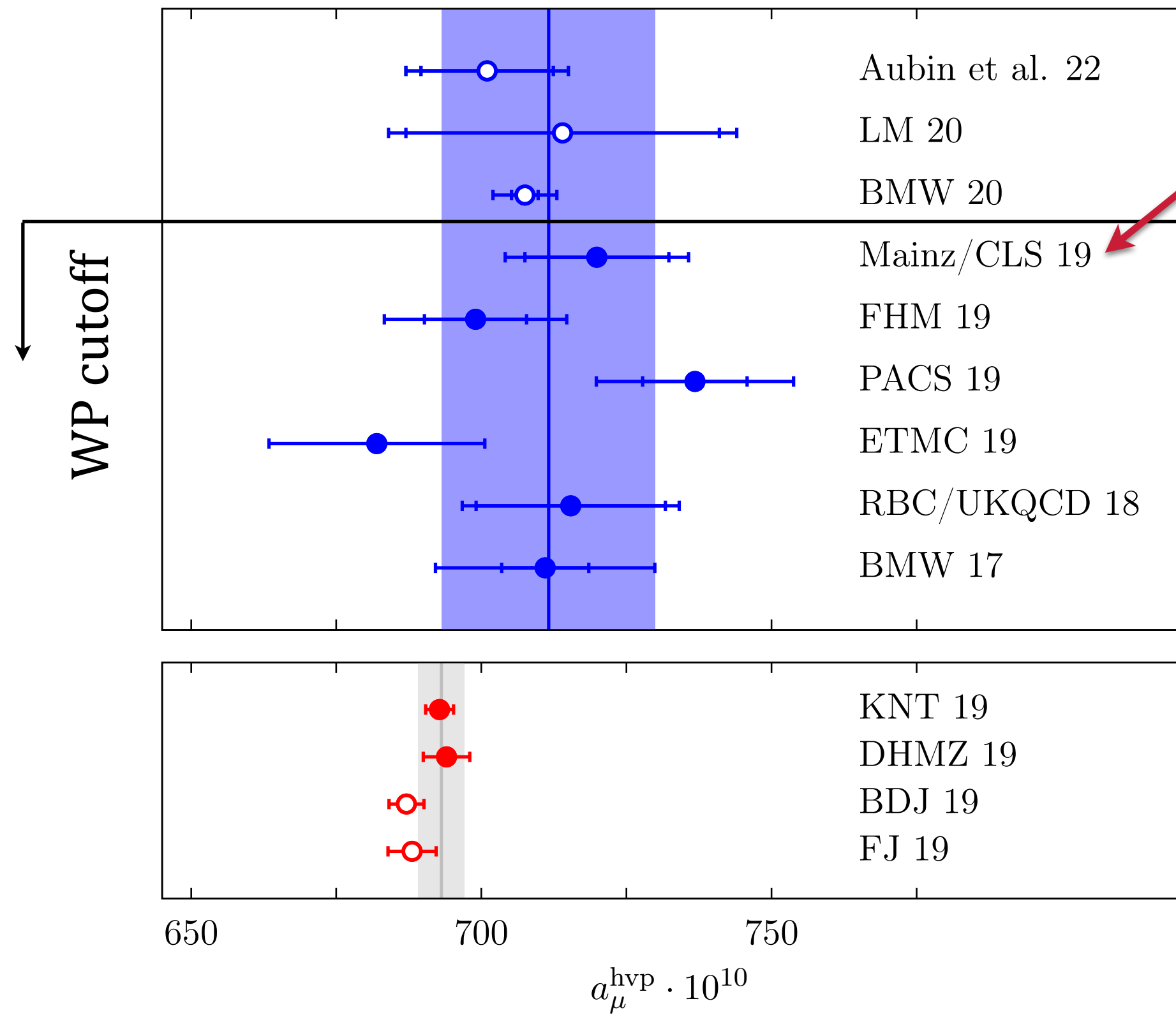
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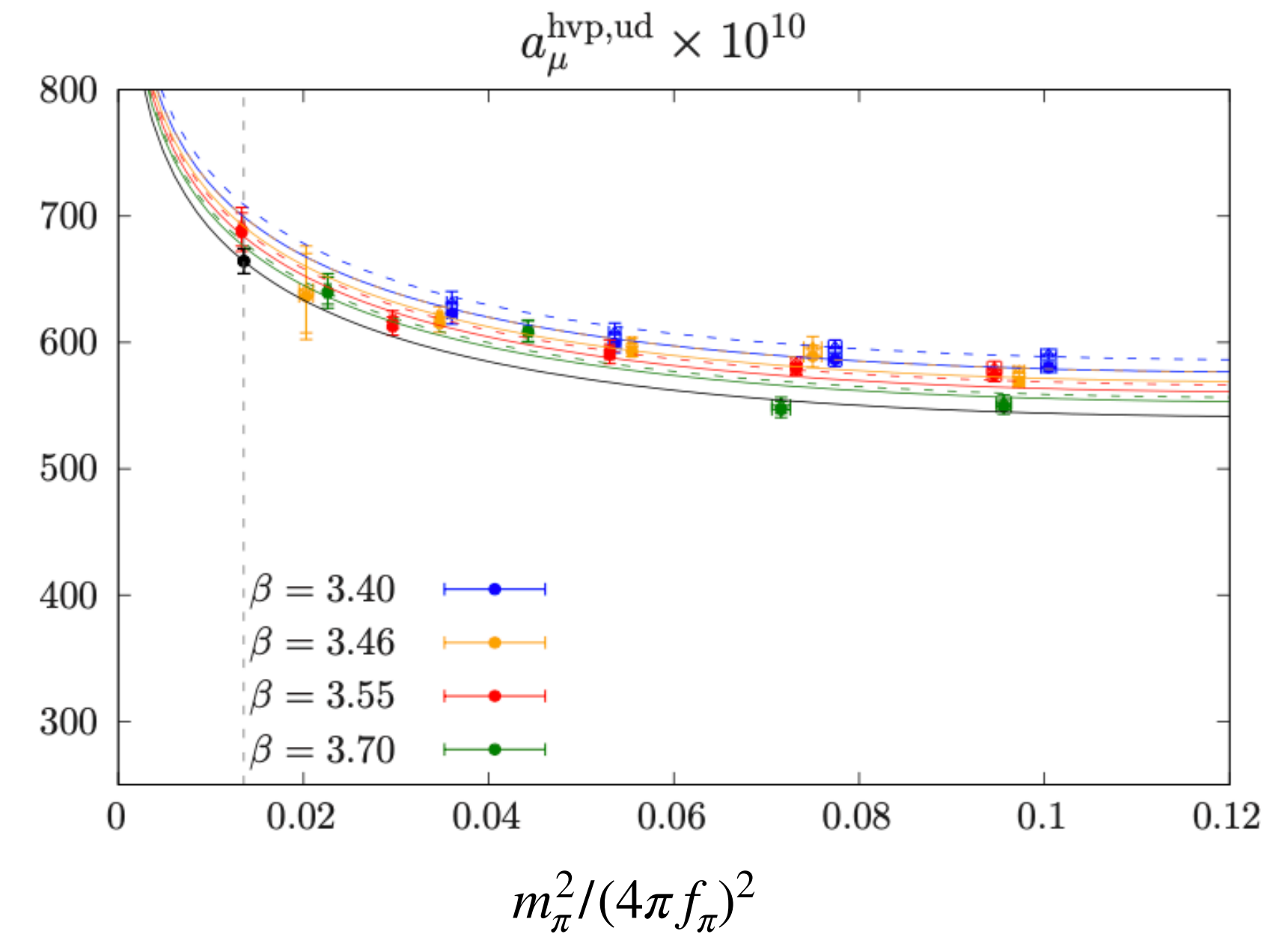
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Mainz/CLS

[Gérardin et al., Phys. Rev. D 100 (2019) 014510]

- $O(a)$ improved Wilson fermions
- Four lattice spacings: $a = 0.085 - 0.050$ fm
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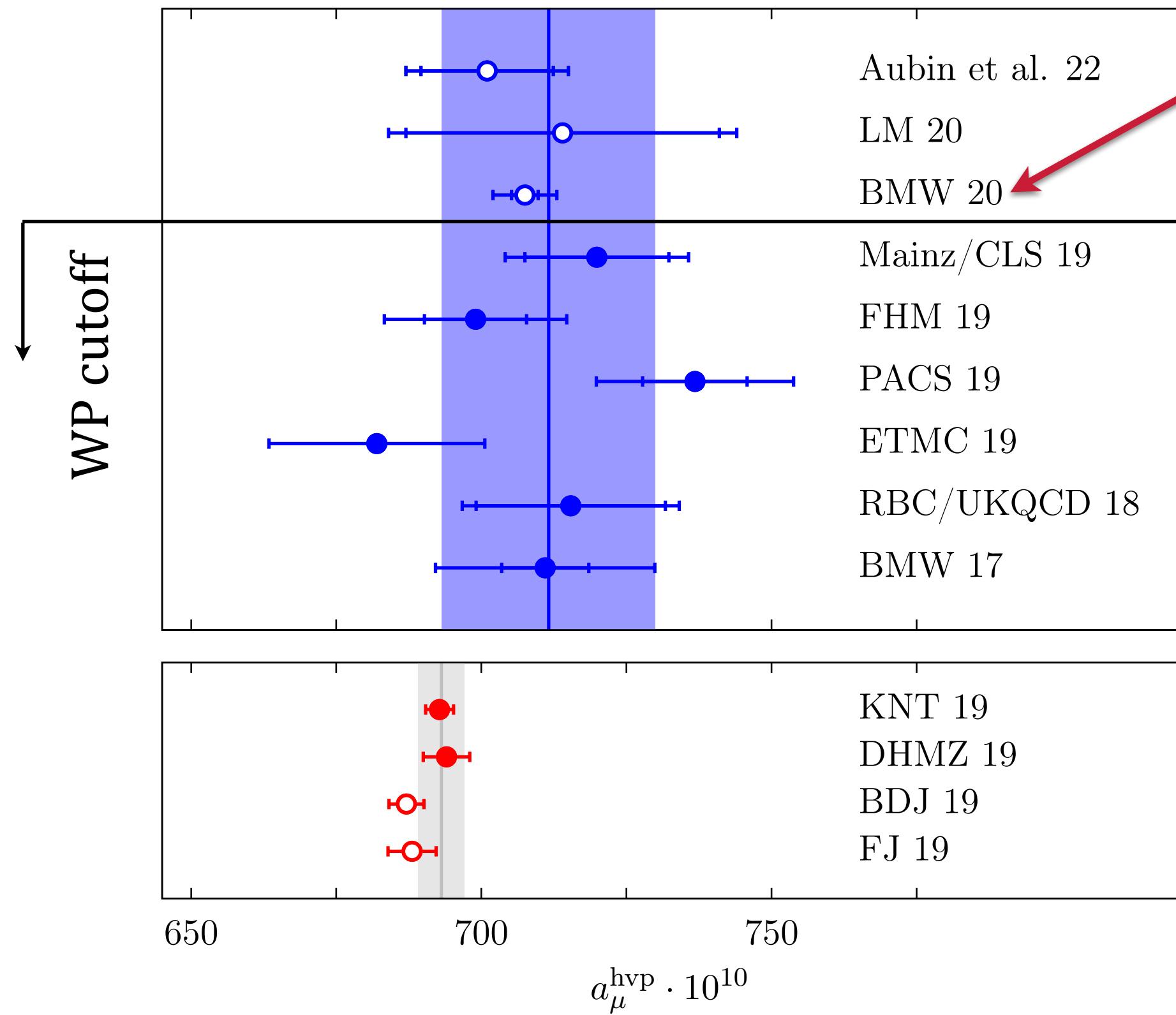
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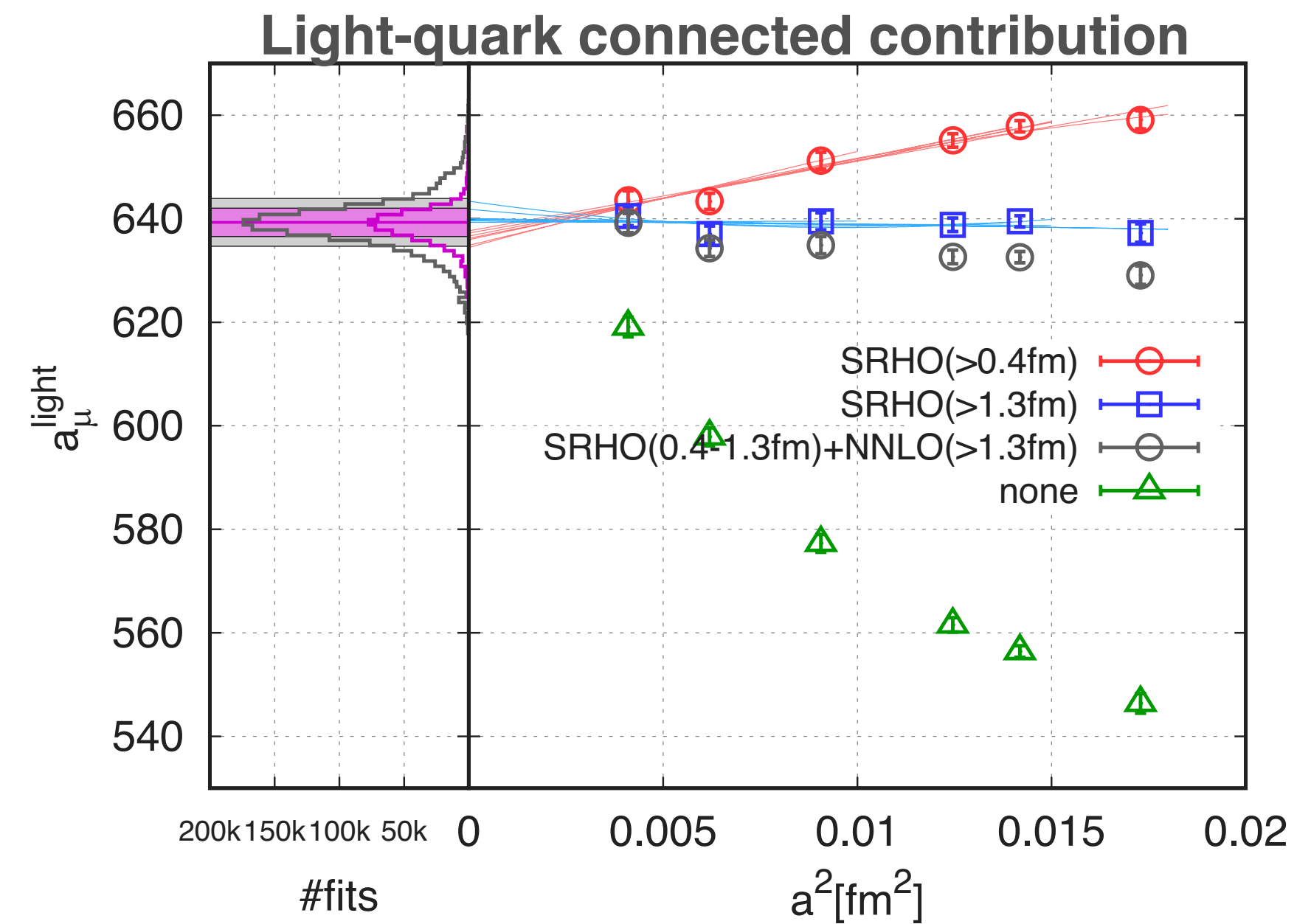
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BMWc

[Borsányi et al., Nature 593 (2021) 7857]

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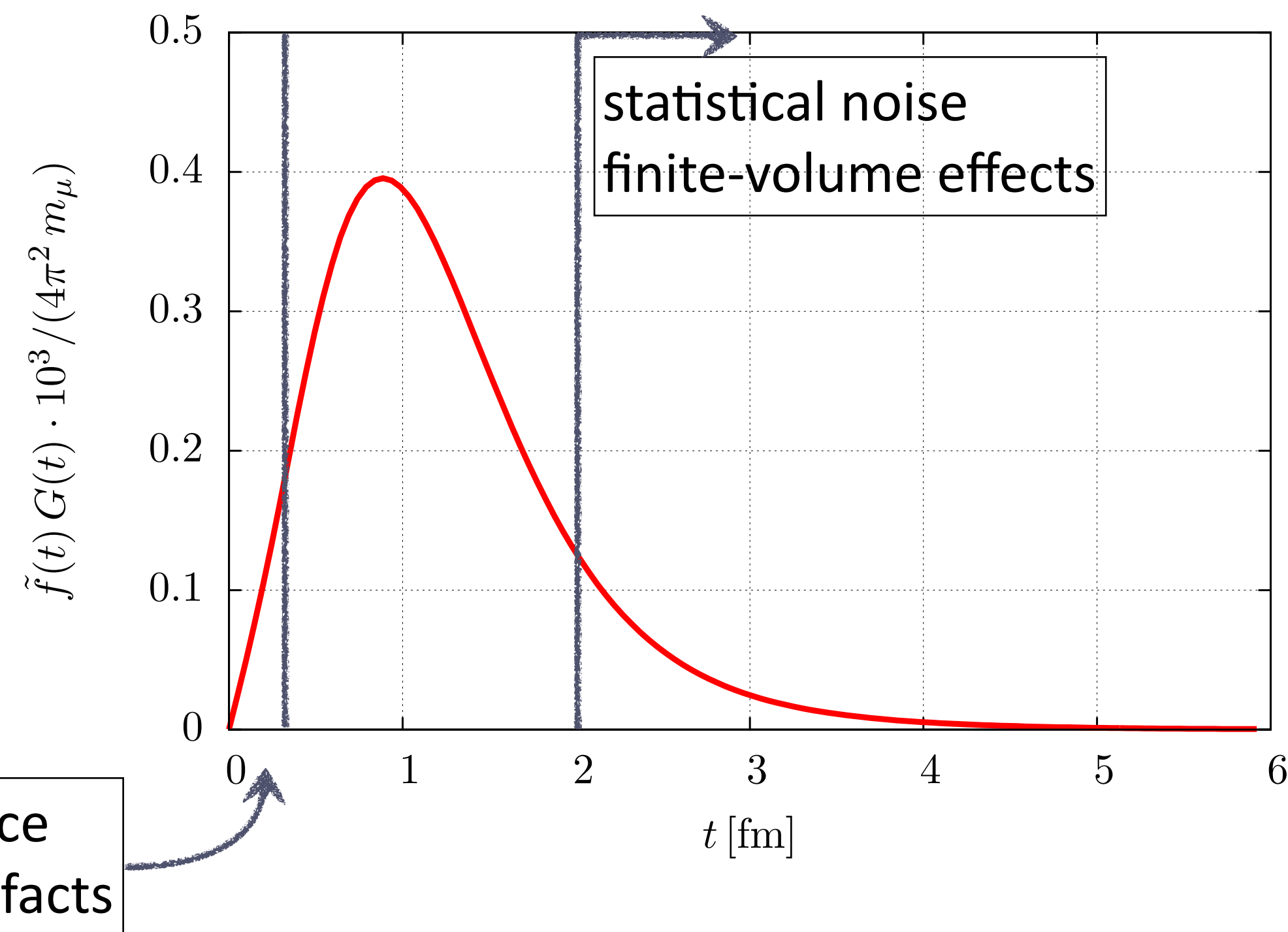
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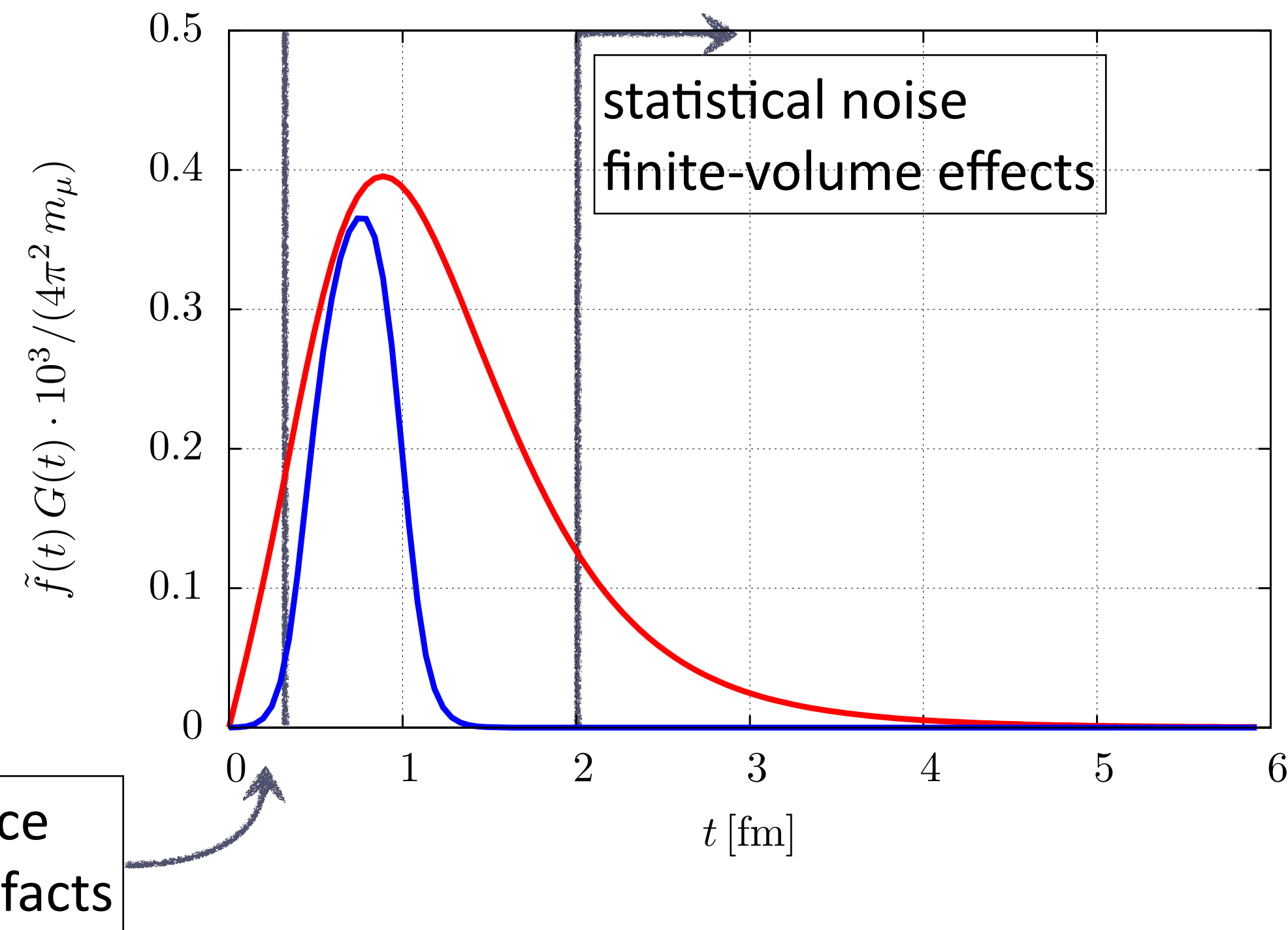
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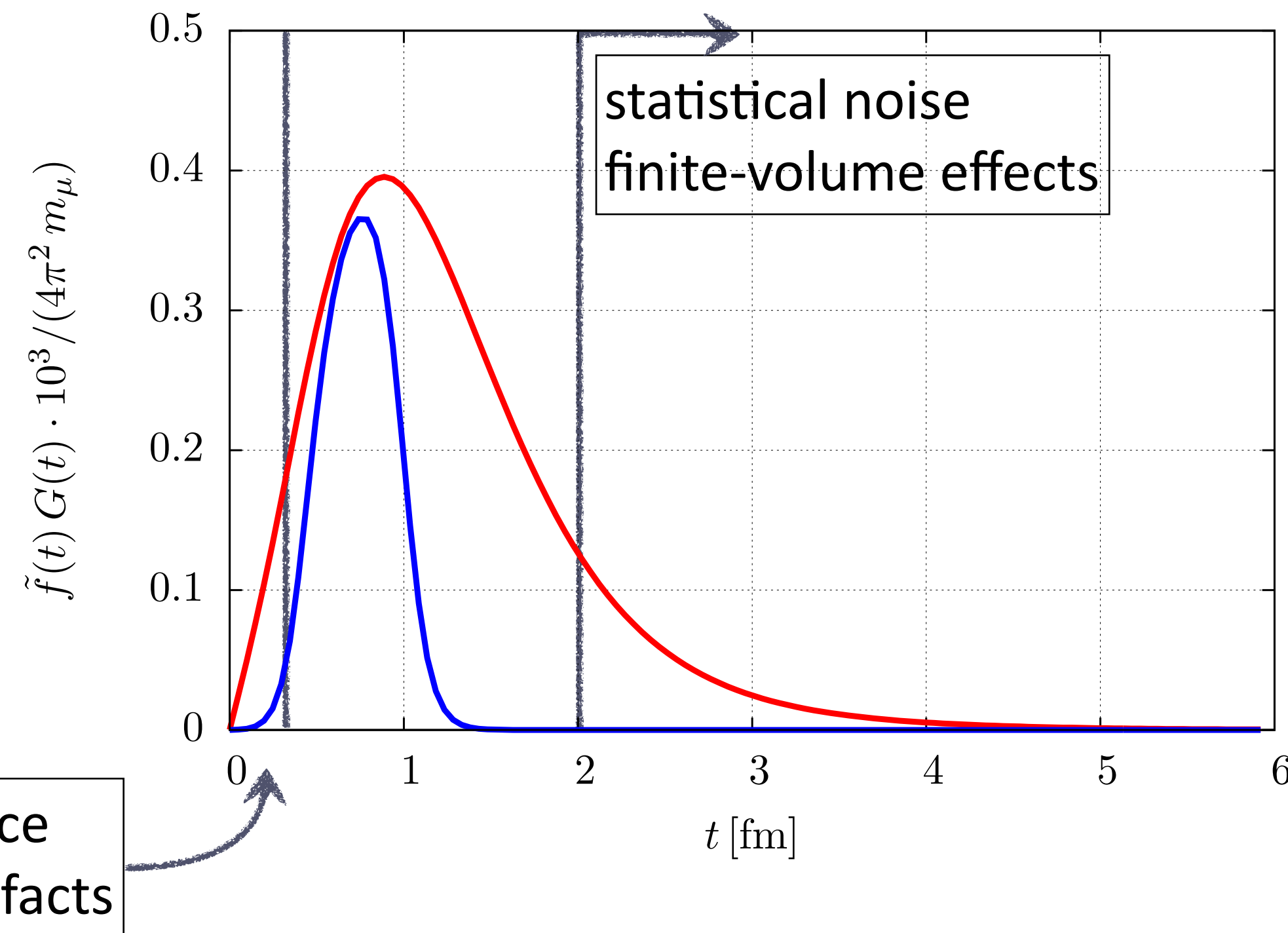
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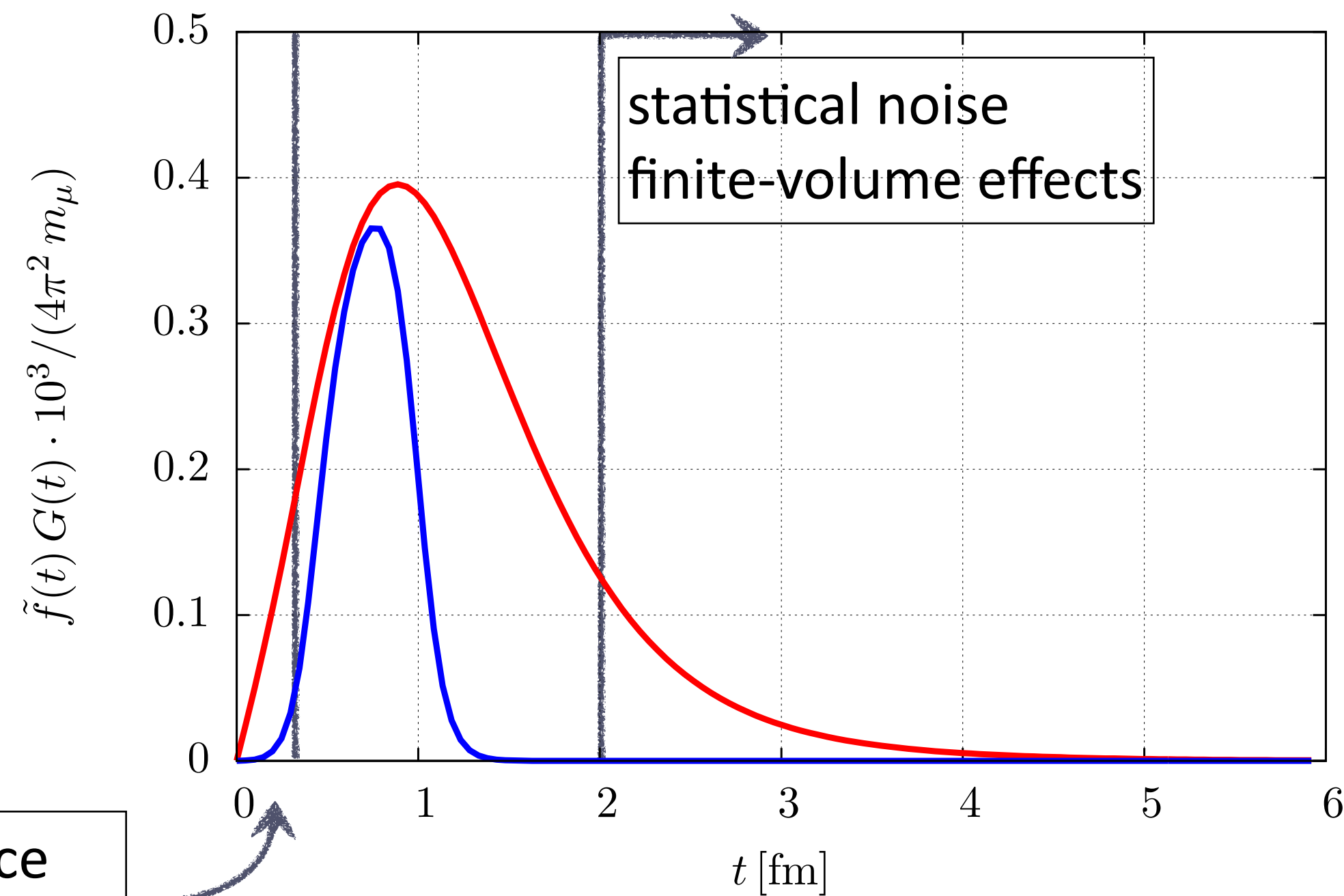
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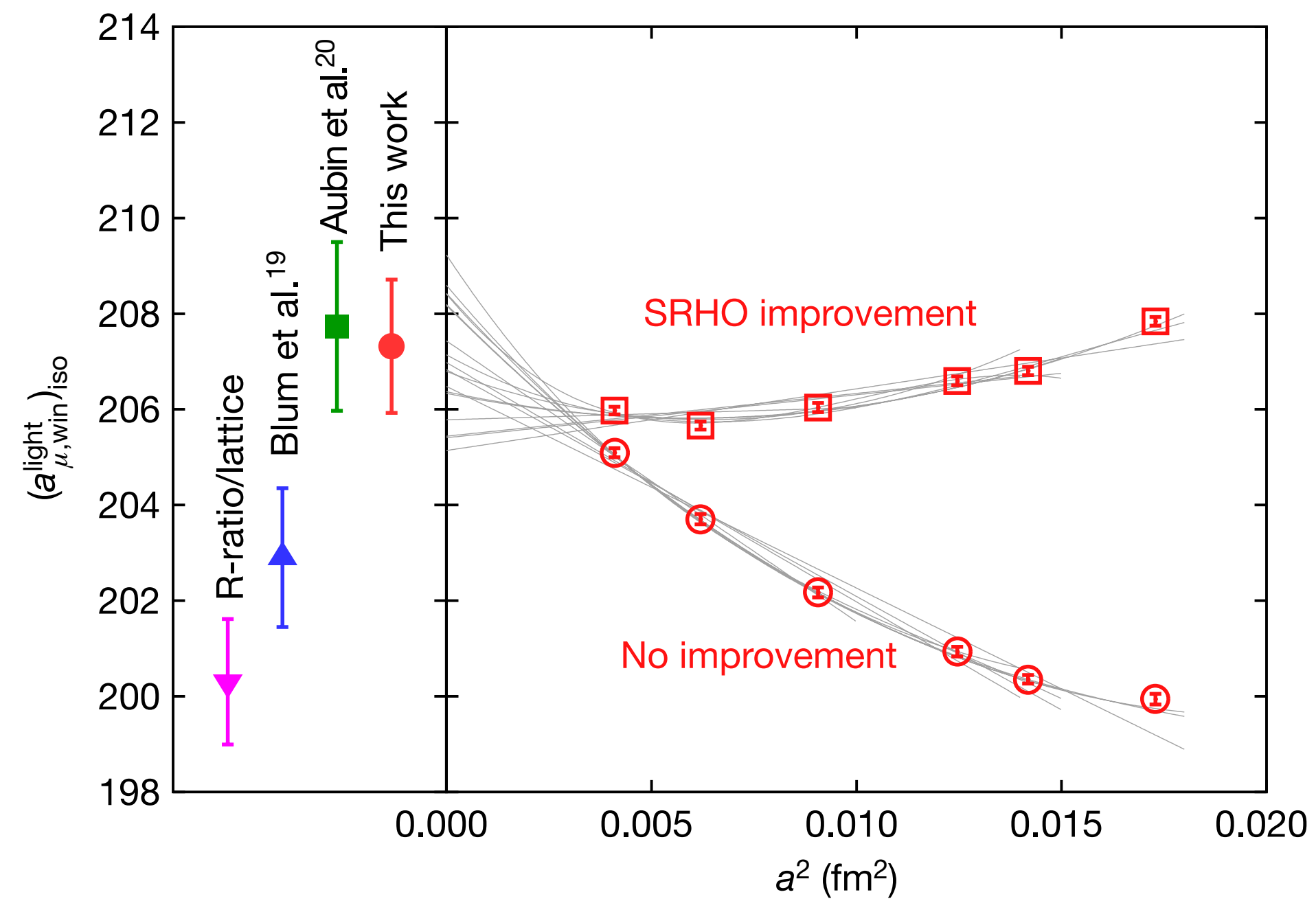
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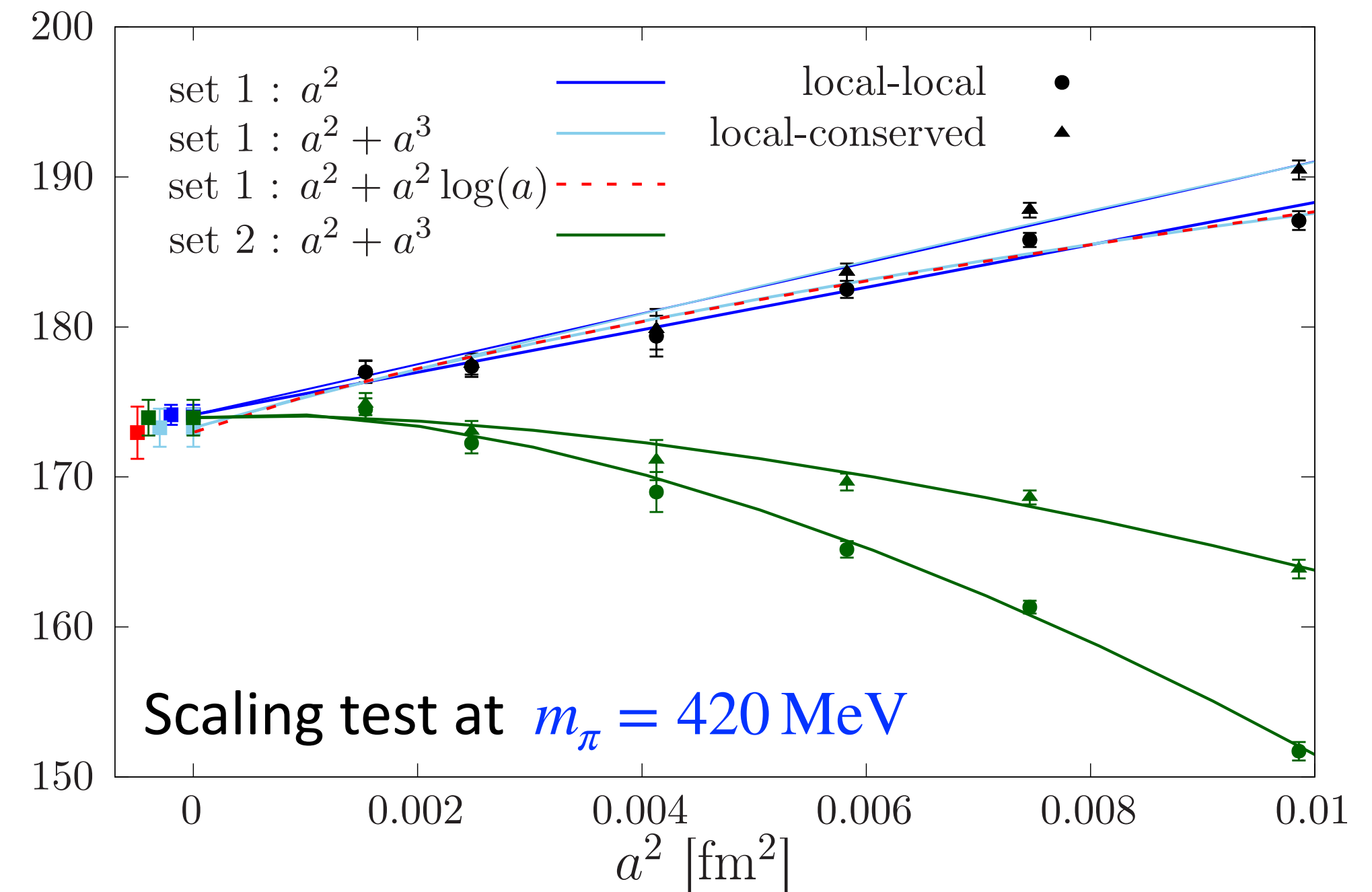
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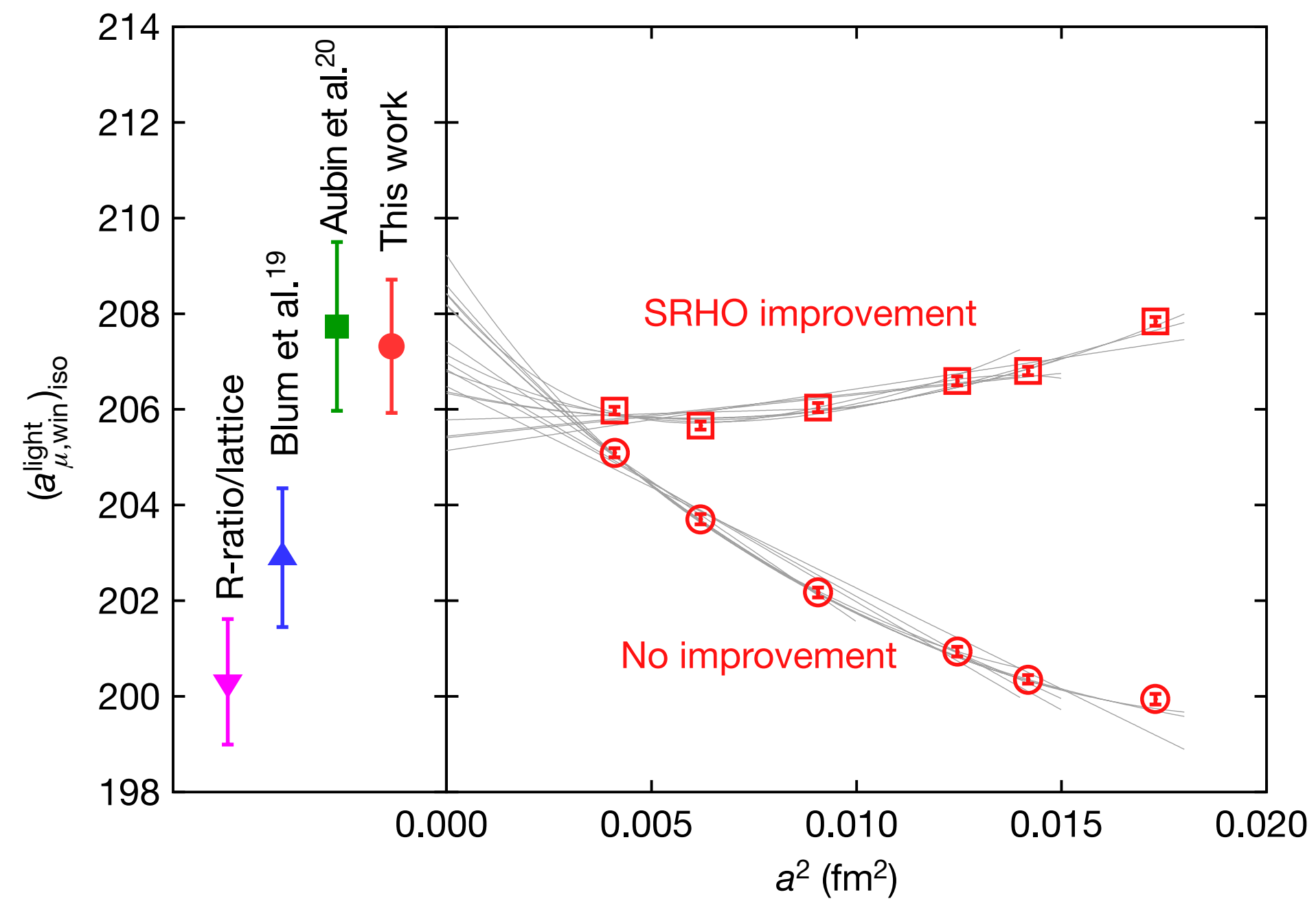
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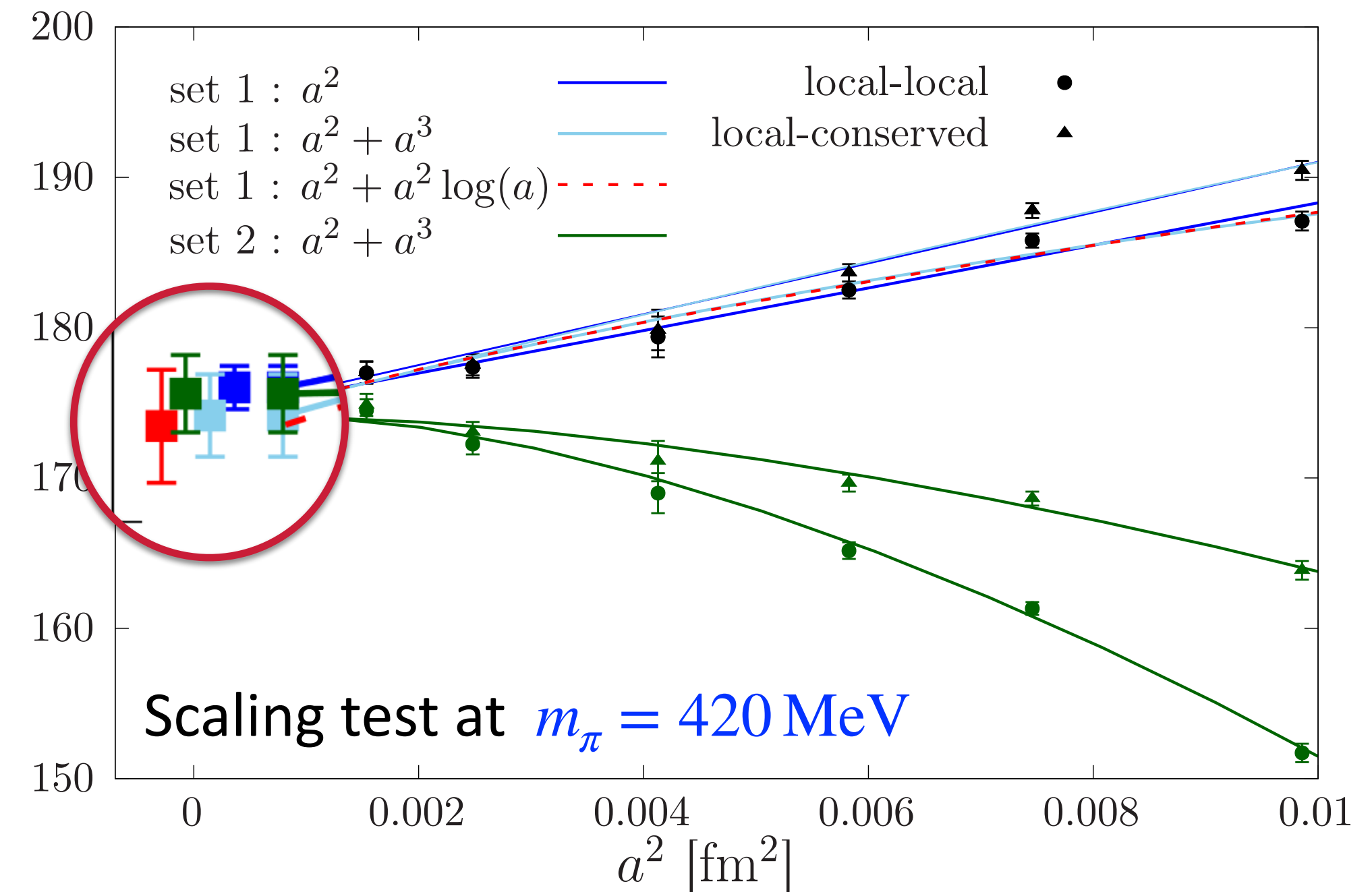
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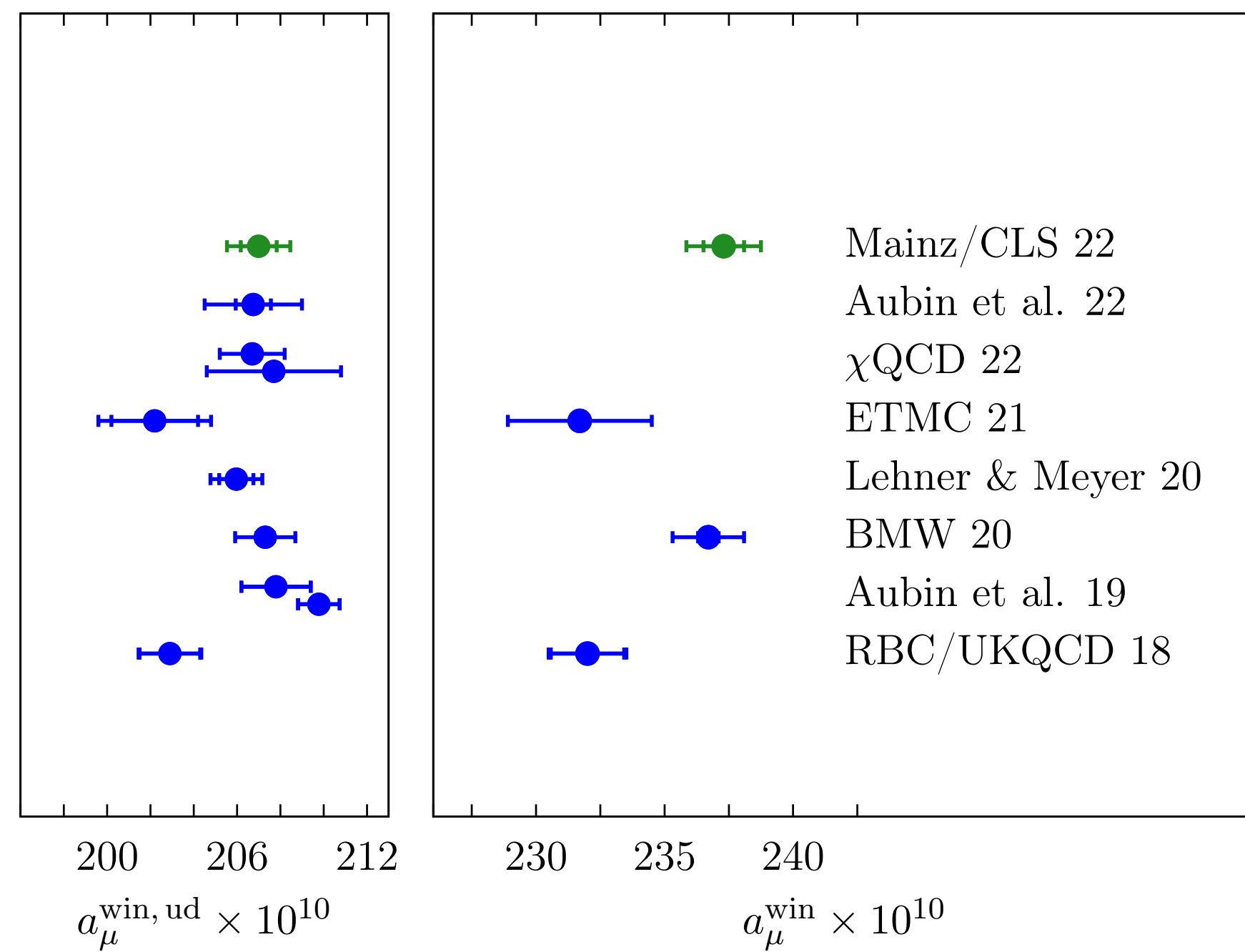
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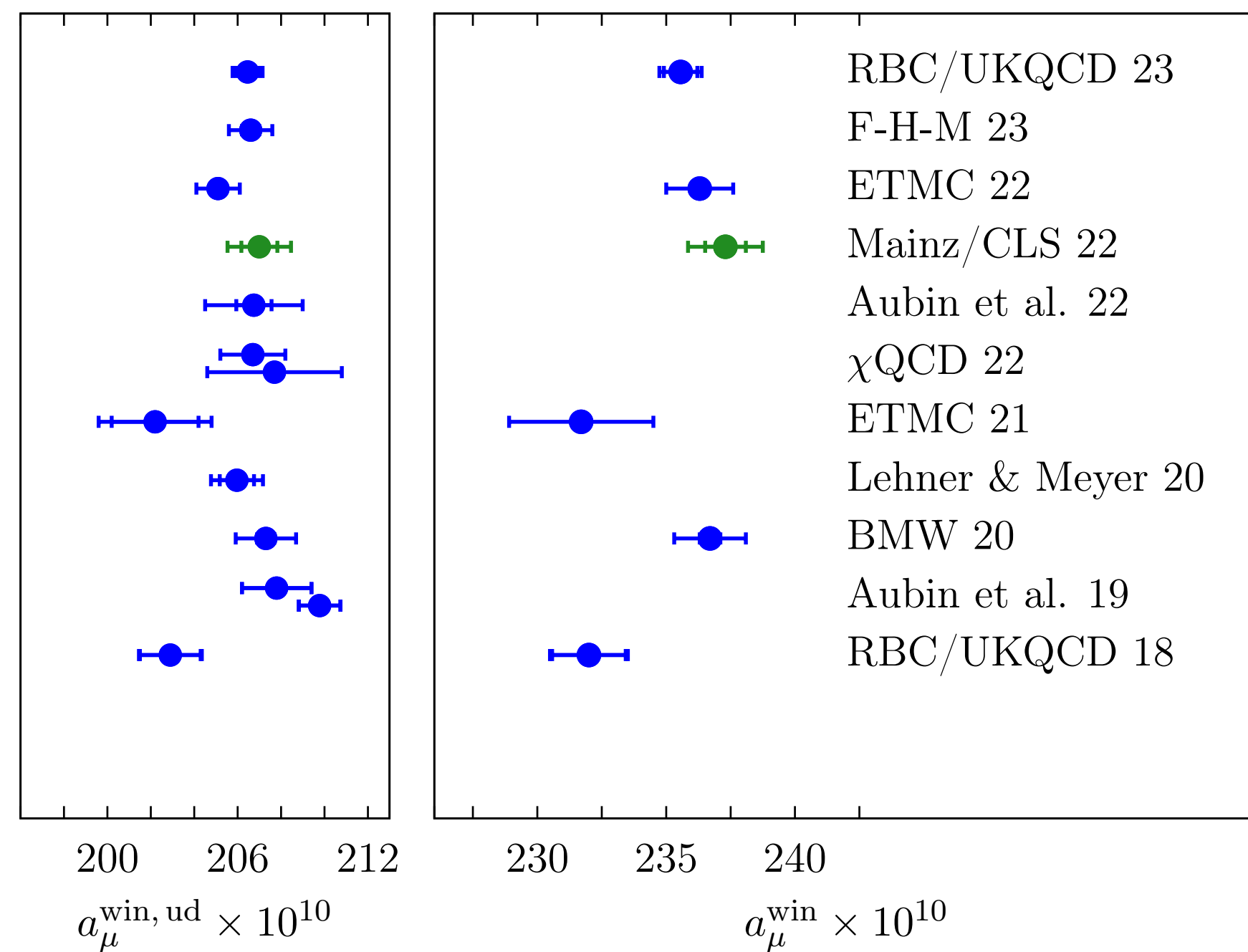
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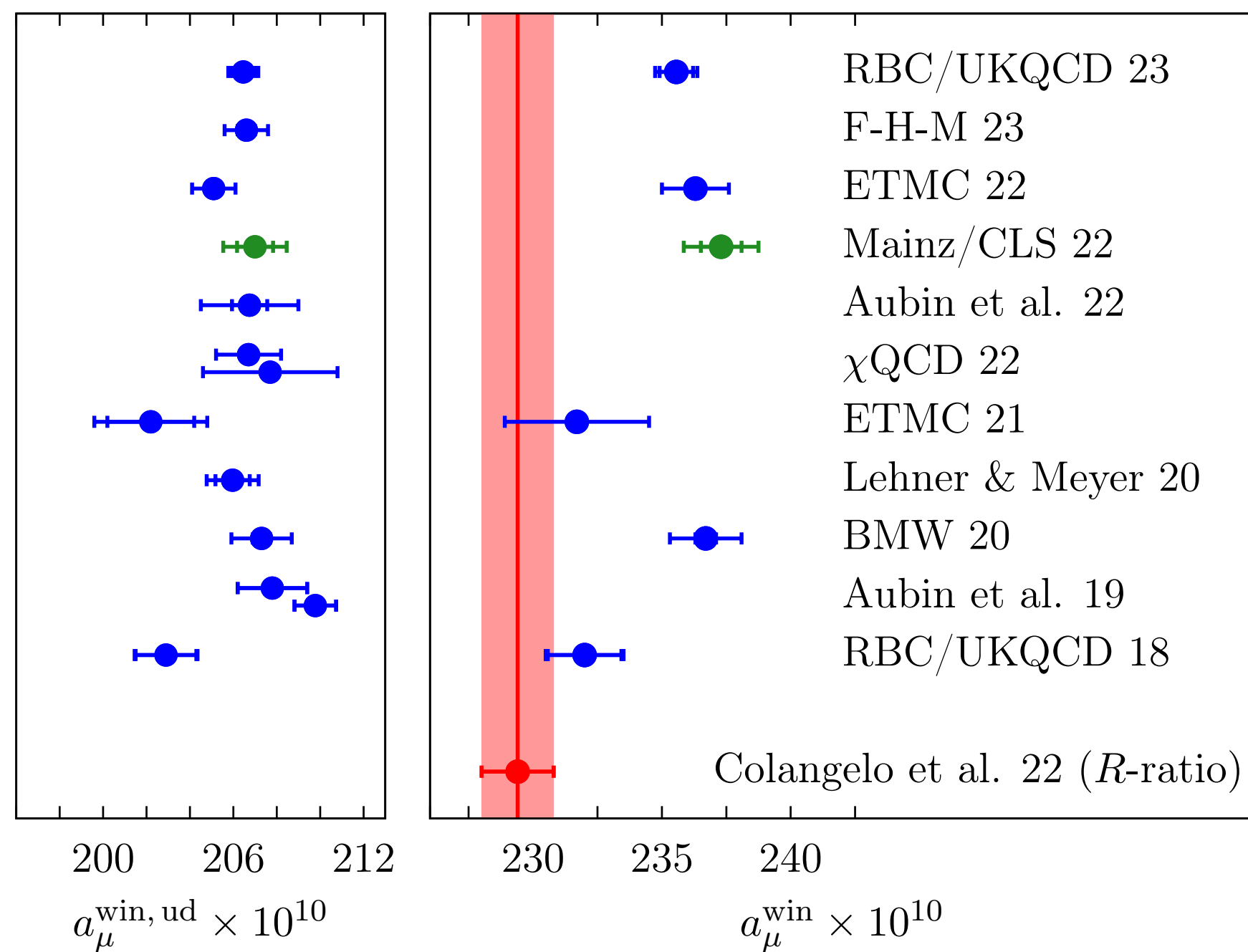
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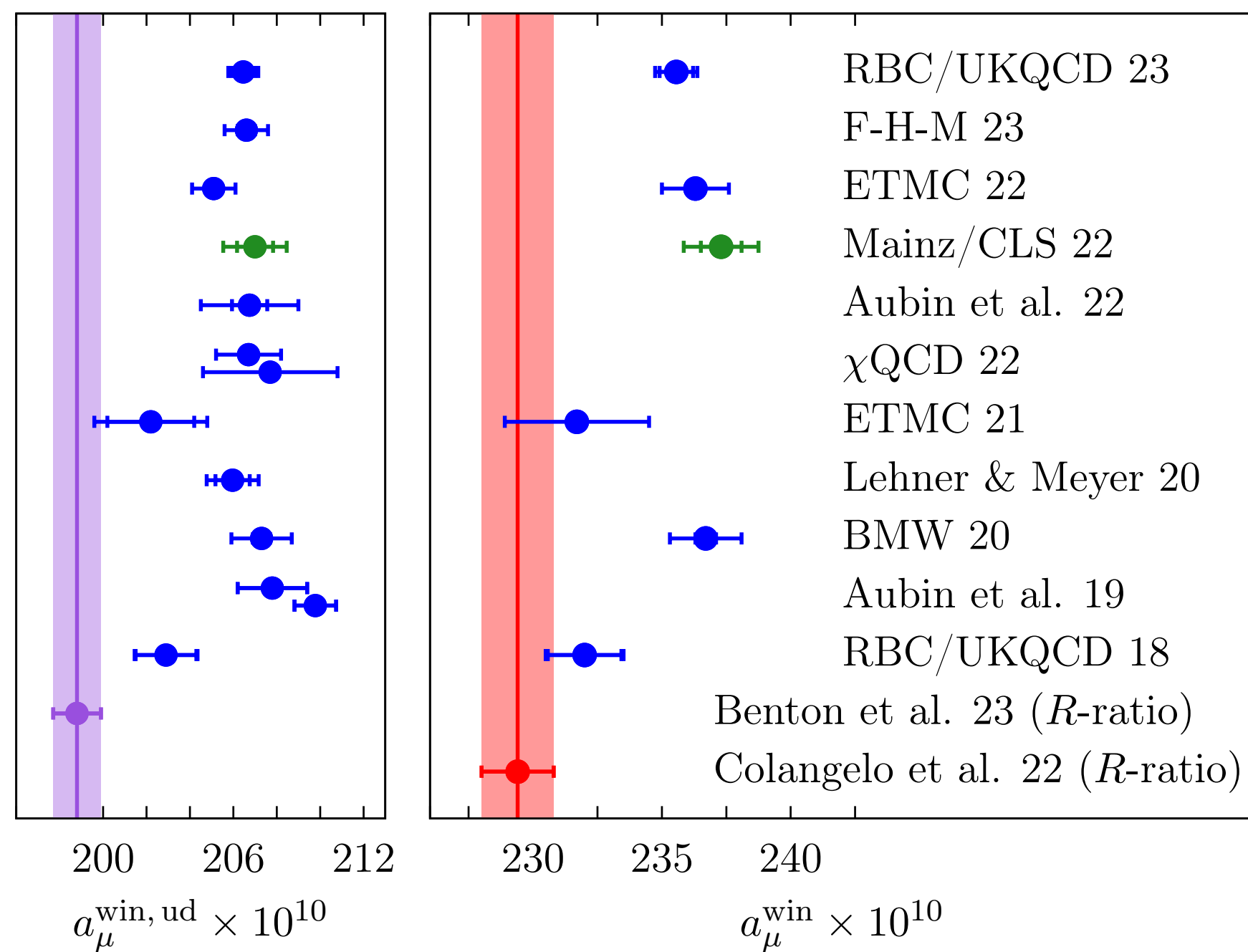
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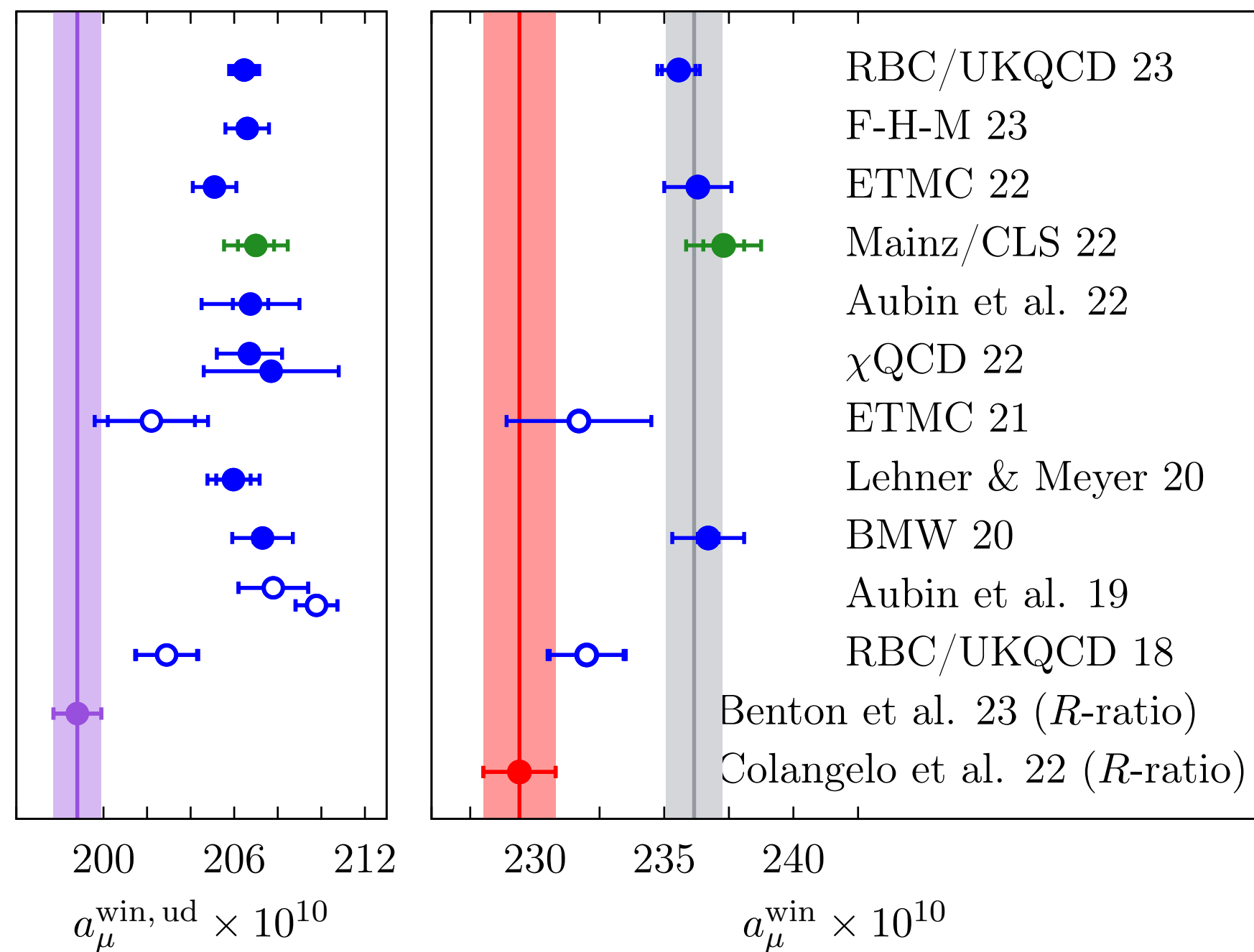
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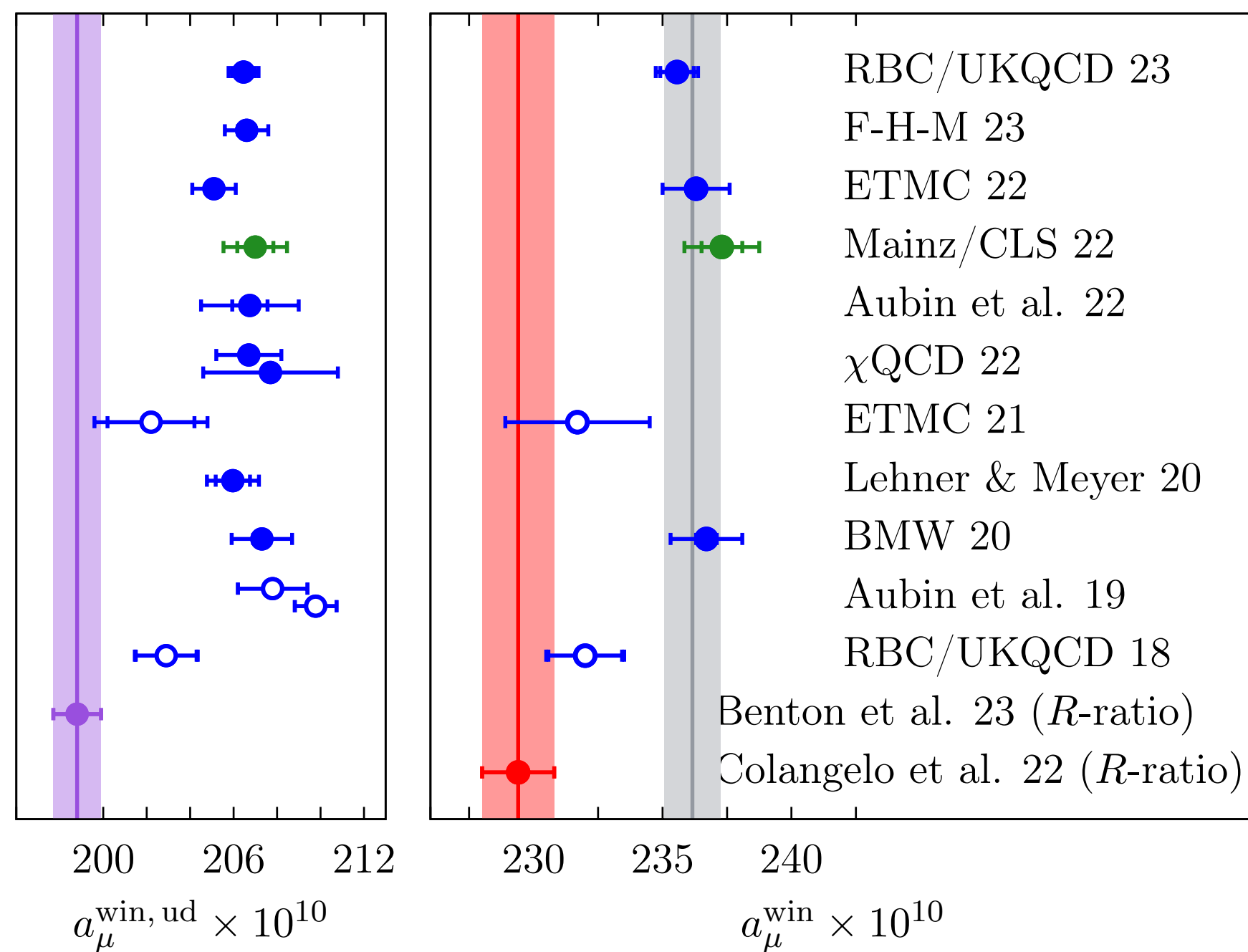
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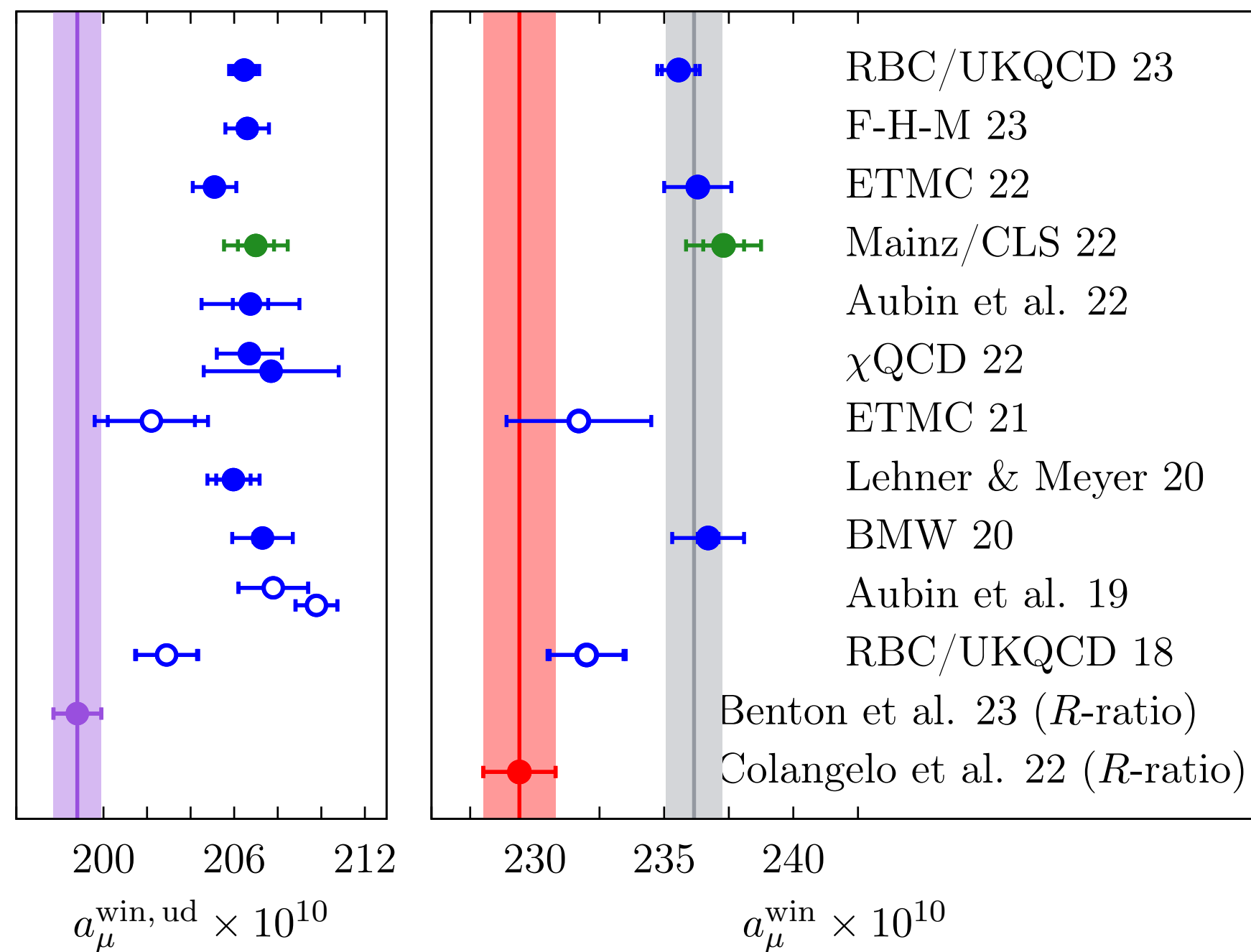
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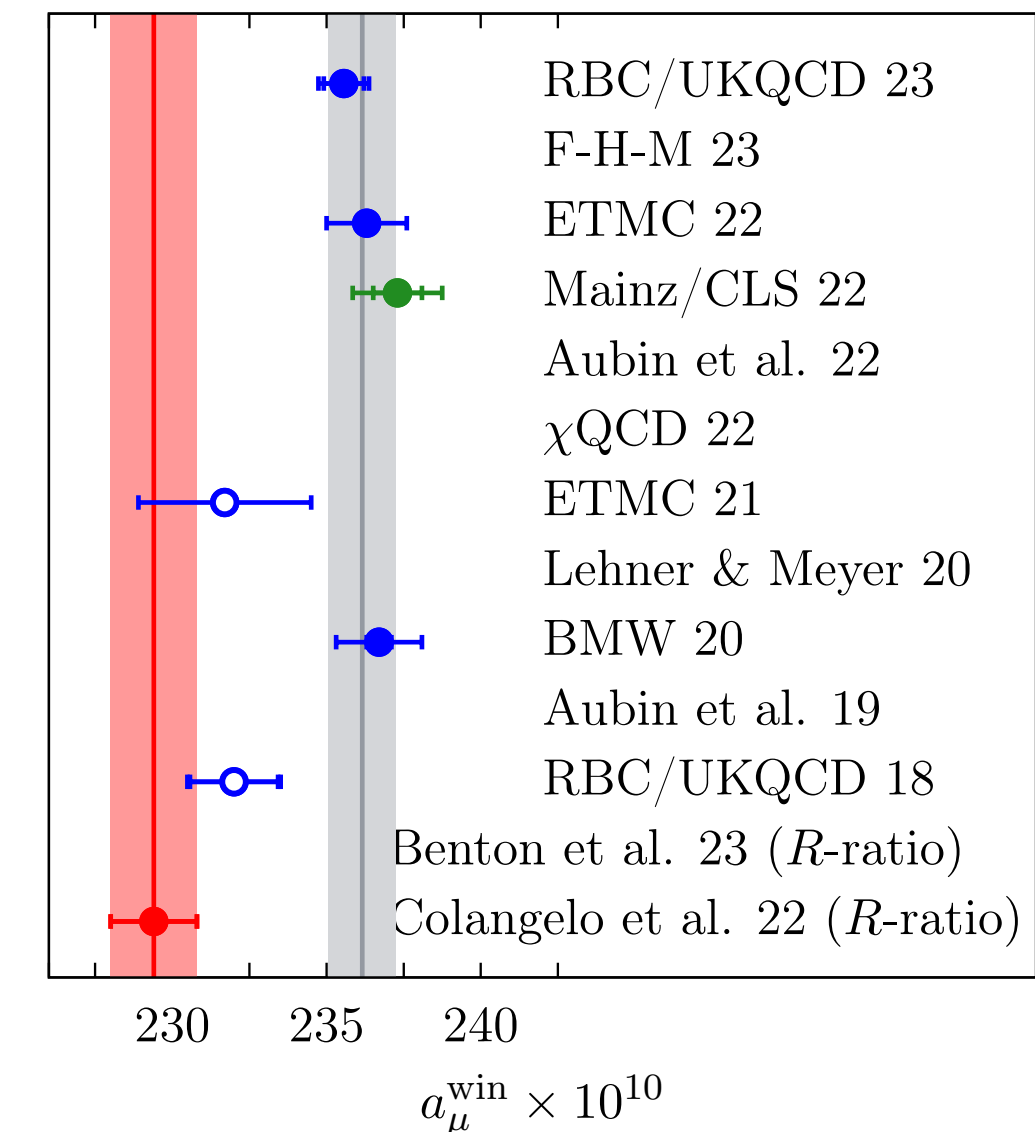
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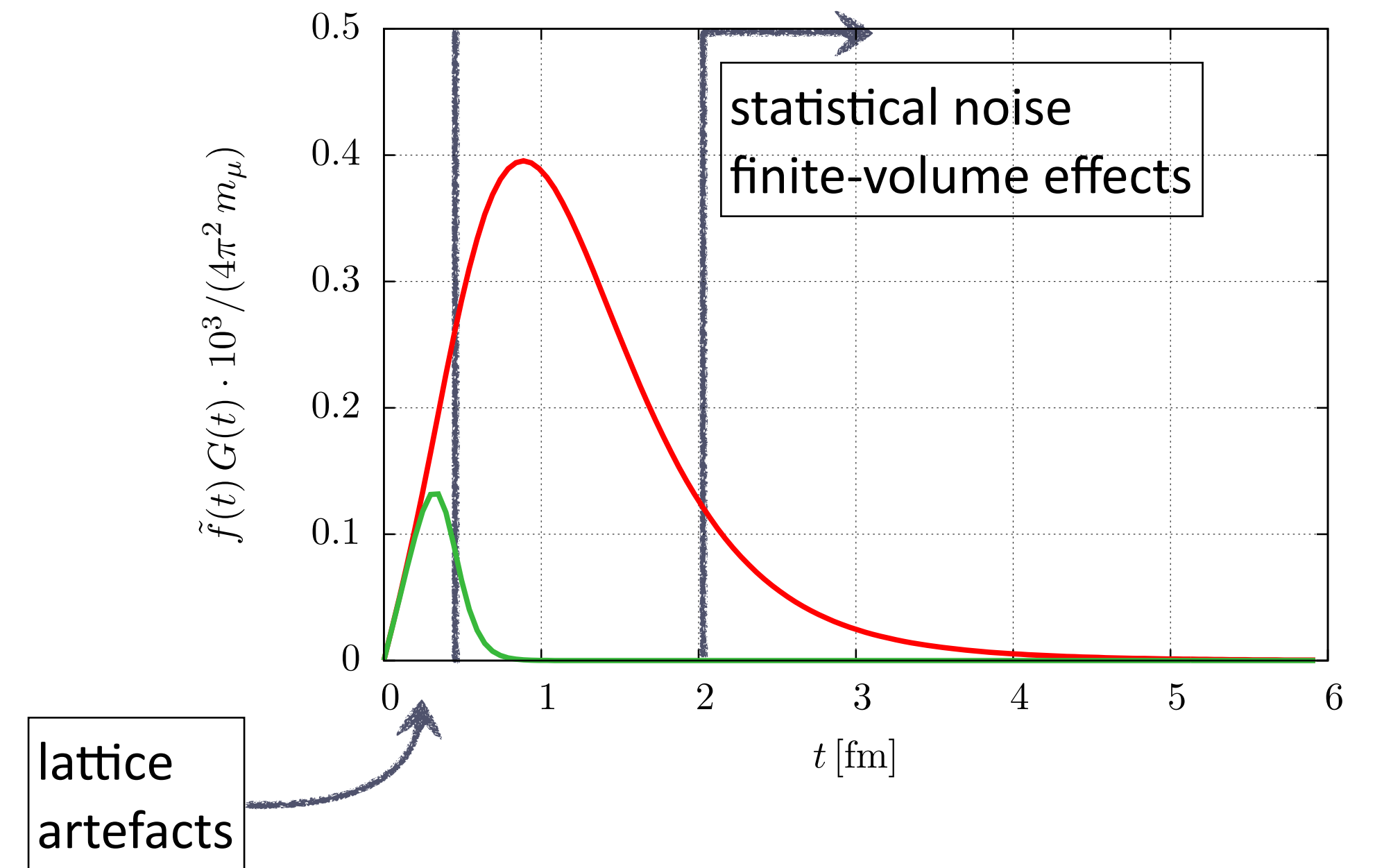
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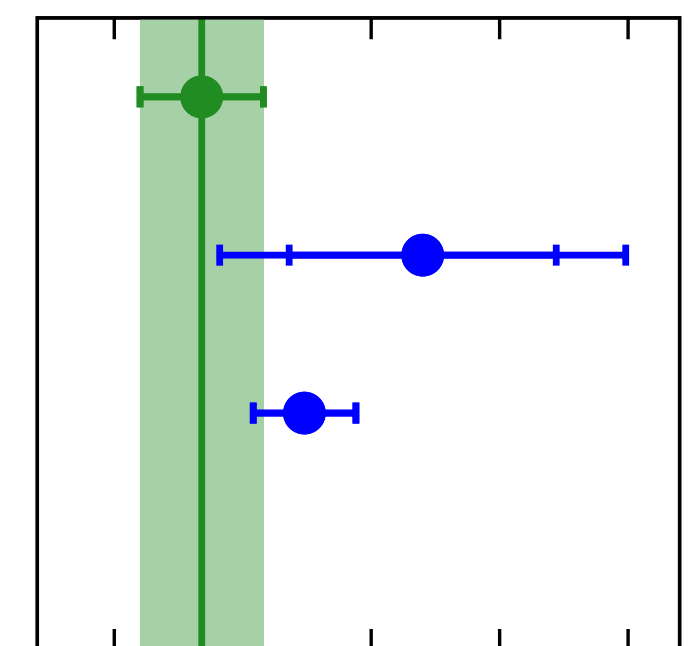
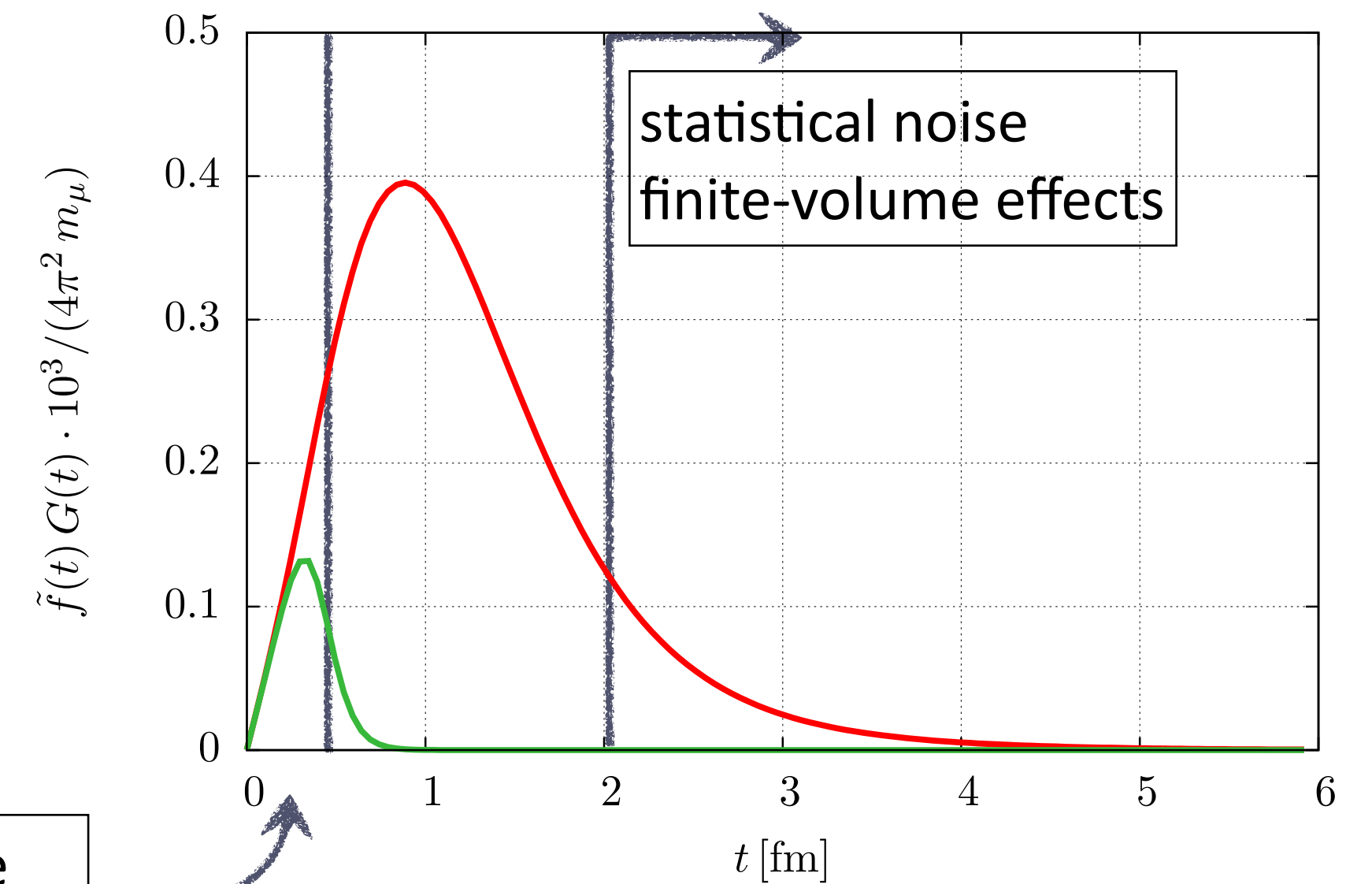
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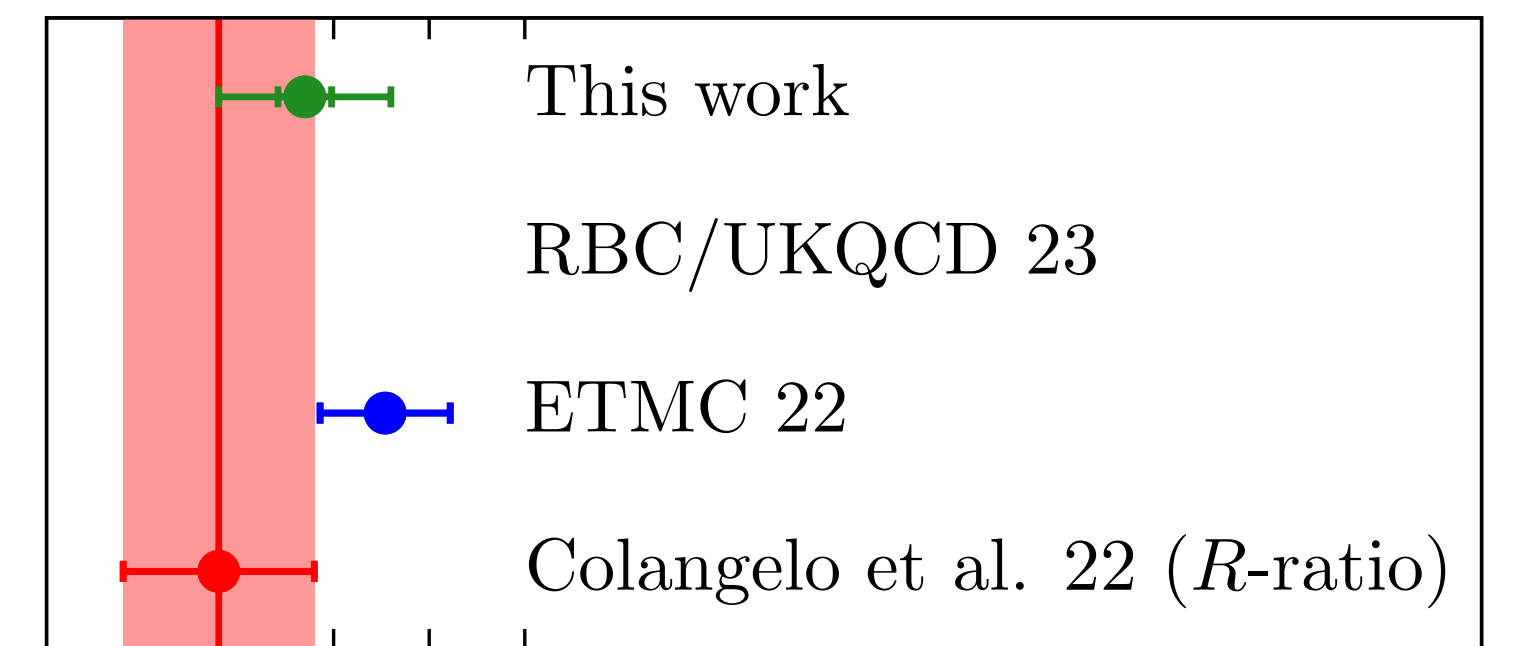
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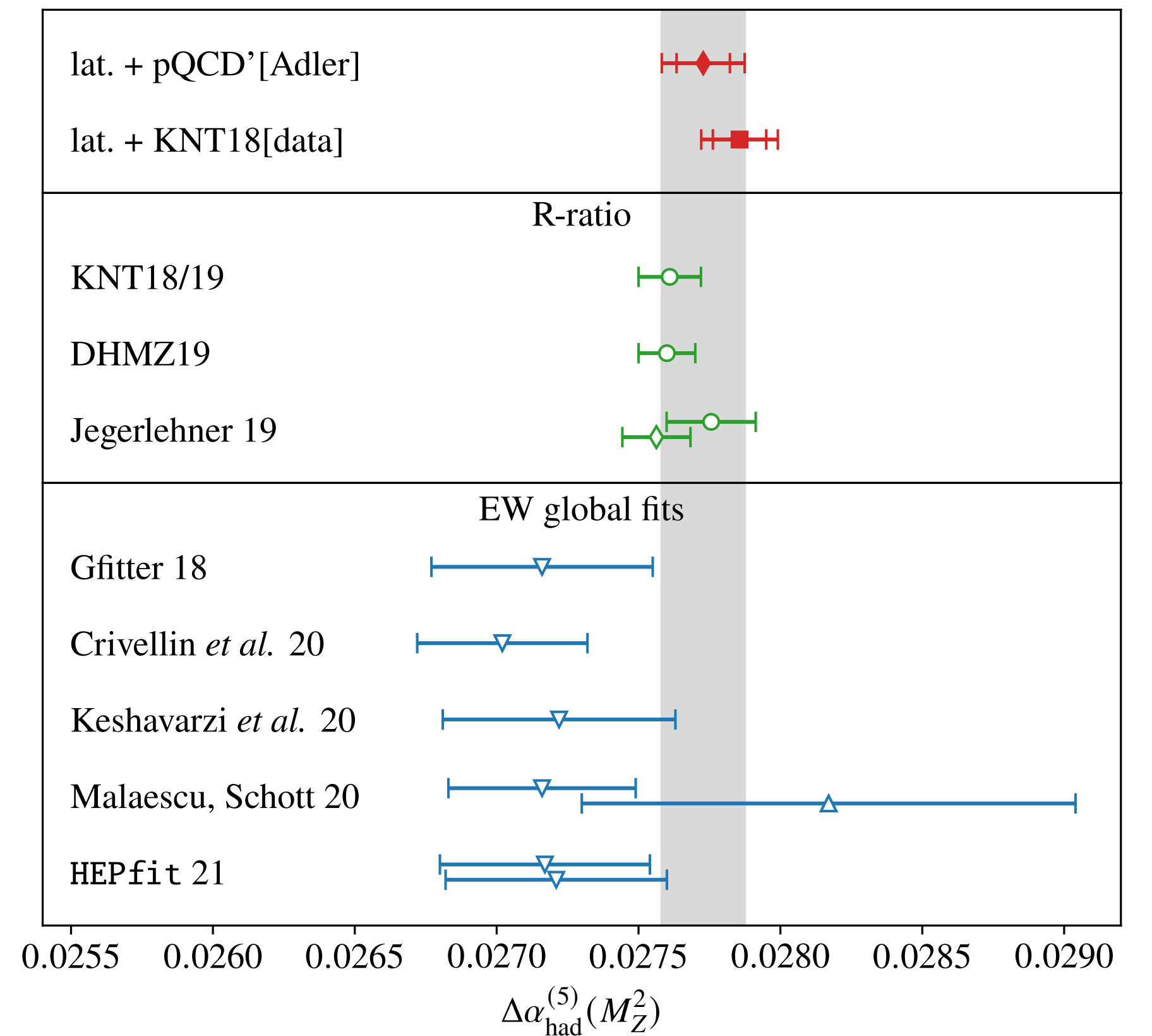
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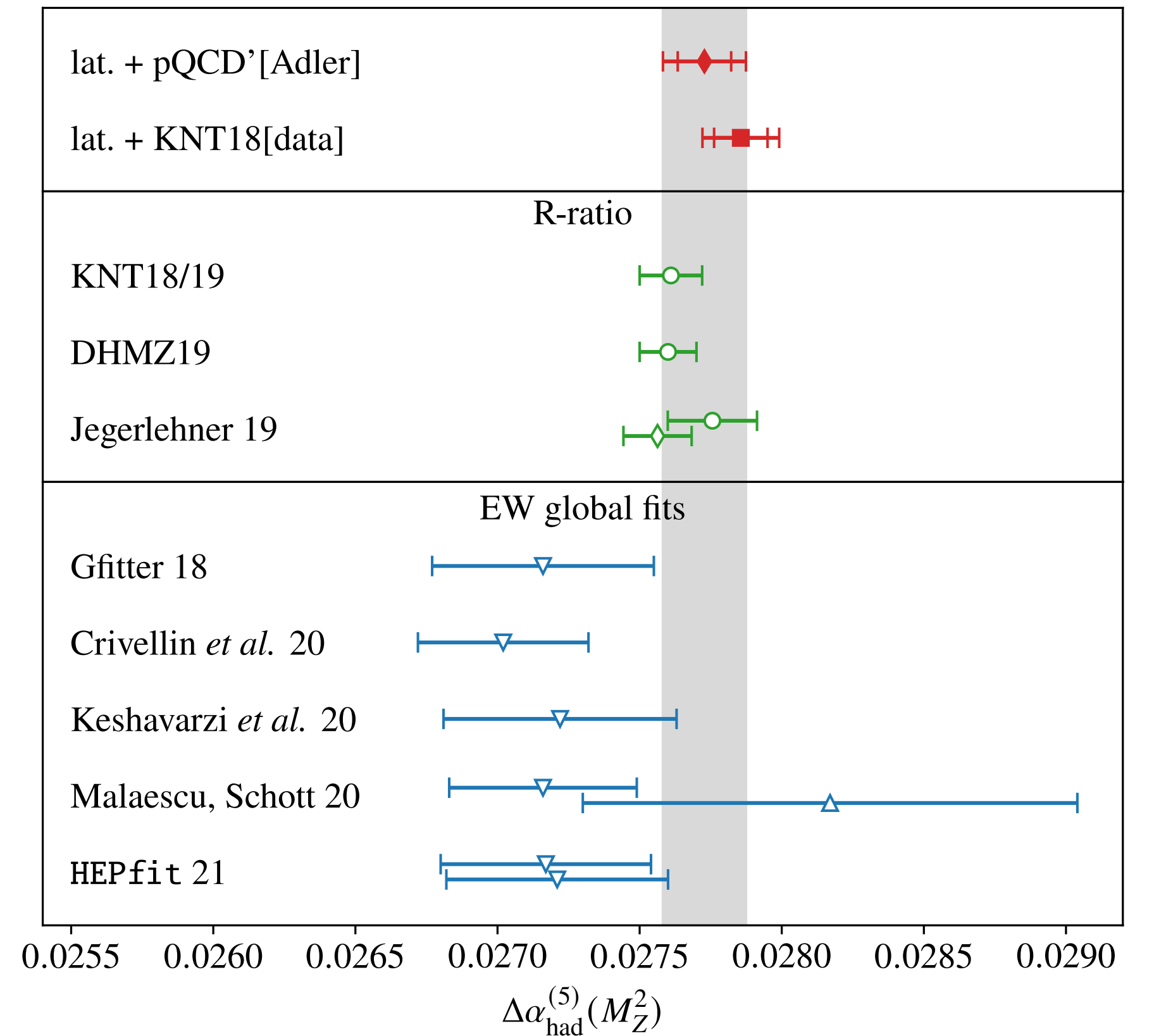
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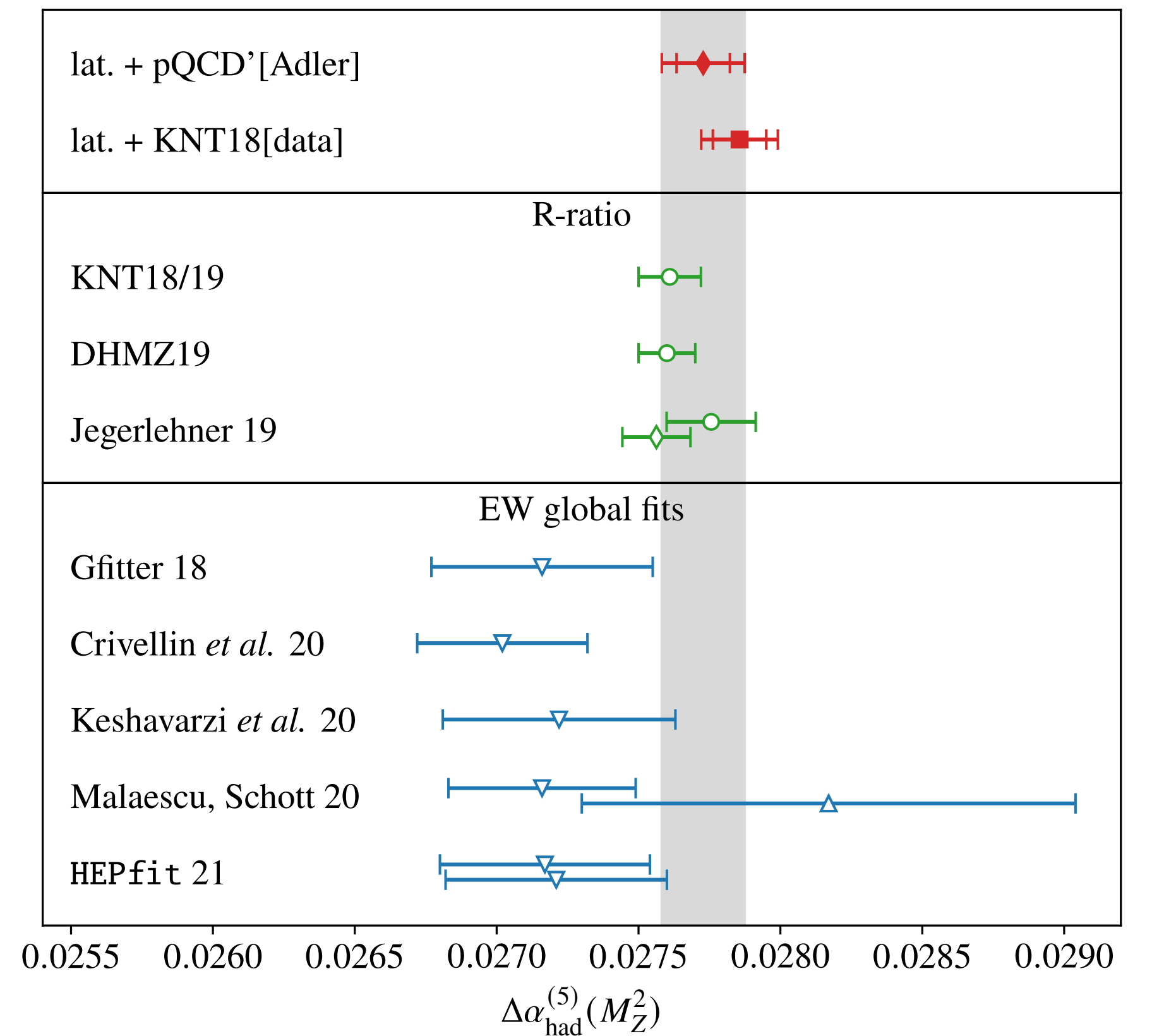
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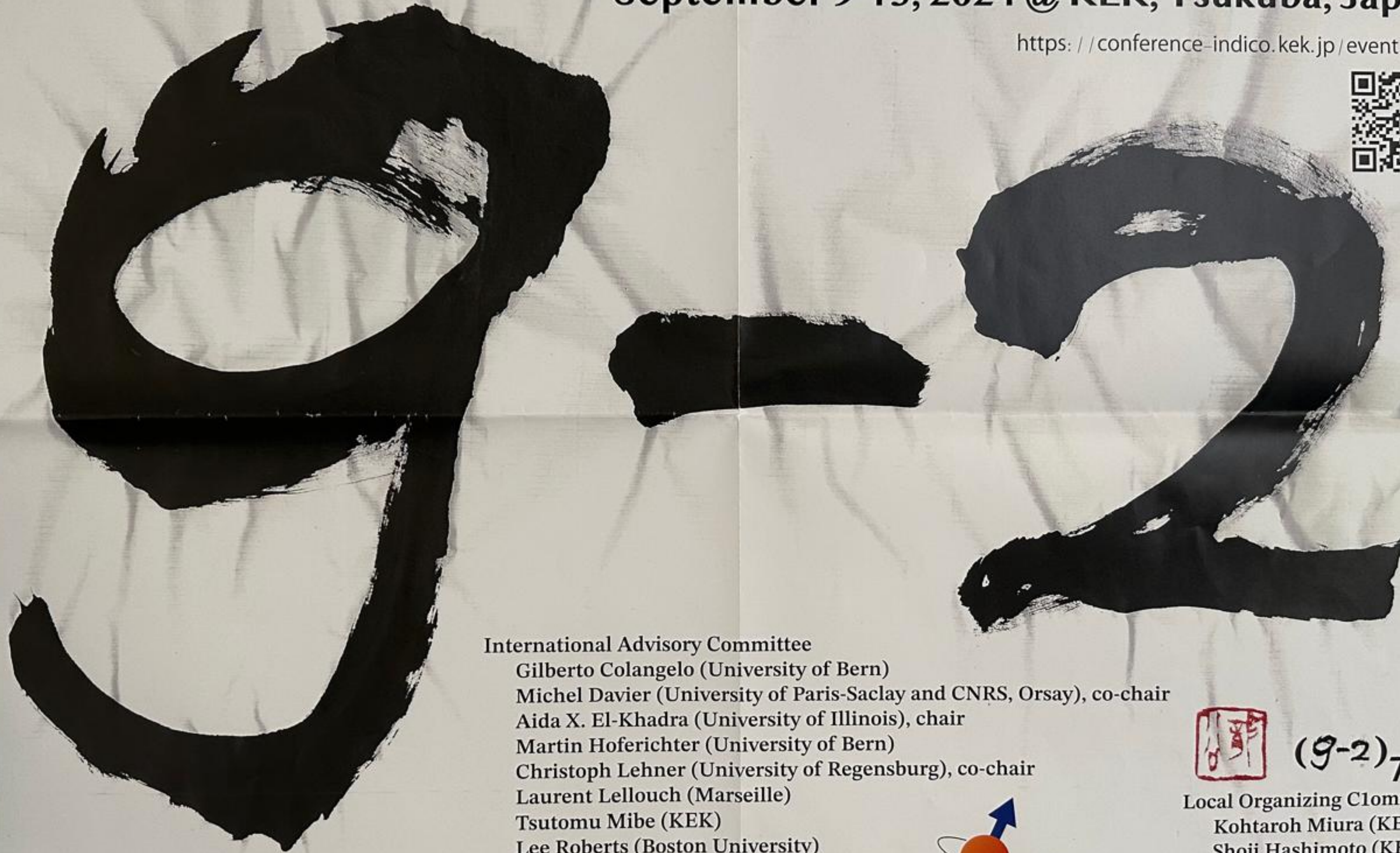
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