

ETMC calculation of a_μ^{HVP} in isospin-symmetric QCD

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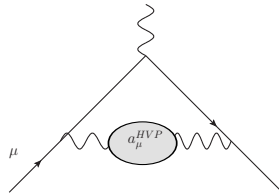


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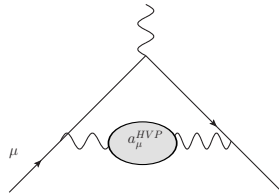
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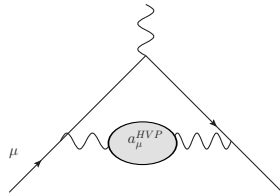
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- Mixed action setup: two regularizations of $a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}(I=1)$ with common continuum limit



ETMC $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ Wilson-clover twisted-mass Gauge ensembles

- 4 lattice spacings: $a \simeq 0.049 - 0.080$ fm
- Spatial volumes: $L \in [5.0, 7.7]$ fm
- $M_\pi \sim 135$ MeV
- FLAG and WP25 iso-QCD definitions

ensemble	V/a^4	a^{iso} [fm]	L [fm]
B64	$64^3 \times 128$	~ 0.080	~ 5.10
B96	$96^3 \times 192$	~ 0.080	~ 7.65
C80	$80^3 \times 160$	~ 0.068	~ 5.44
D96	$96^3 \times 192$	~ 0.057	~ 5.46
E112	$112^3 \times 224$	~ 0.049	~ 5.47

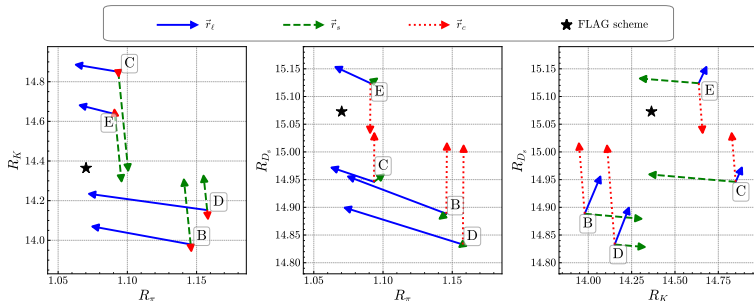
Scale Setting: FLAG

- FLAG iso QCD definition: $R_\pi^{\text{FLAG}} = \left[\frac{m_\pi^2}{f_\pi^2} \right]^{\text{FLAG}}$, $R_K^{\text{FLAG}} = \left[\frac{m_K^2}{f_\pi^2} \right]^{\text{FLAG}}$, $R_{D_s}^{\text{FLAG}} = \left[\frac{m_{D_s}}{f_\pi} \right]^{\text{FLAG}}$
- Solve for (m_ℓ, m_s, m_c, m_0)

$$\vec{R}^{\text{sim}} + (m_0 - m_0^{\text{sim}}) \frac{d\vec{R}}{dm_0} \Big|_{\text{sim}} + \sum_{f=\ell, s, c} (m_f - m_f^{\text{sim}}) \frac{d\vec{R}}{dm_f} \Big|_{\text{sim}} = \vec{R}^{\text{FLAG}},$$

$$m_{\text{PCAC}}^{\text{sim}} + (m_0 - m_0^{\text{sim}}) \frac{dm_{\text{PCAC}}}{dm_0} \Big|_{\text{sim}} = 0,$$

- $a^{\text{FLAG}} = af_\pi / f_\pi^{\text{FLAG}}$
- Results in the WP25 scheme are also provided



Blinding Procedure

- Additive blinding of the $I = 1$ data

$$C^{\text{reg}}(an) \rightarrow C^{\text{reg}}(an) + \frac{a^3}{(Z_V^{\text{reg}})^2} \sum_{k=1}^K A_k e^{-m_k \frac{T}{2}} \cosh \left(m_k \left(\frac{T}{2} - an \right) \right)$$

- large enough K (we chose $K > 12$) does not allow for unblinding data
- does not alter the cut-off effects $\longrightarrow$ removal of free-theory lattice artifacts possible;
- Finite Volume Effects (FVEs) not altered;

Low Mode Averaging (LMA)

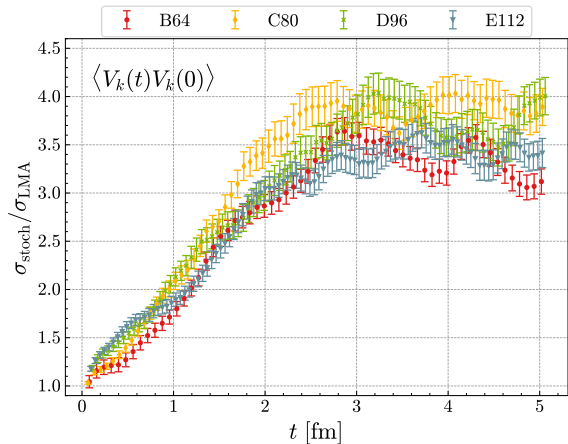
[H. Neff, et al. (2001)] [L. Giusti, et al. (2004)] [T. A. DeGrand, S Schaefer, (2004)]

- Exact treatment of lowest eigenvectors for $L \simeq 5.1 - 5.5$ fm

Ensemble	N_U	$N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{IR}}$	N_η
B64	1300	400	1024
C80	870	530	1600
D96	670	530	960
E112	680	530	1344

- Multigrid LMA for $L \simeq 7.6$ fm

Ensemble	N_U	N_η^{MG}	N_η
B96	490	11200	768



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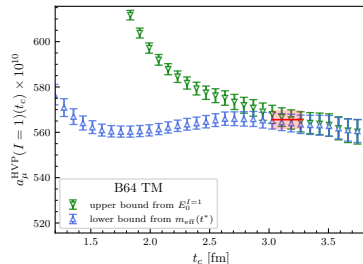
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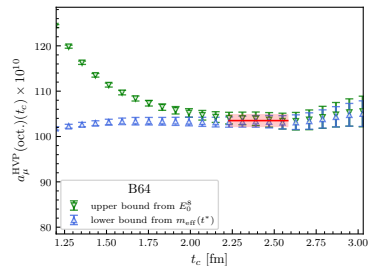
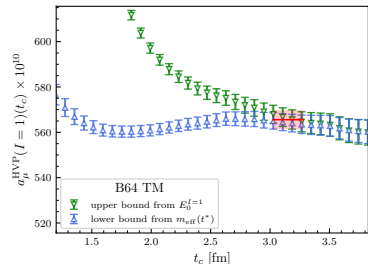
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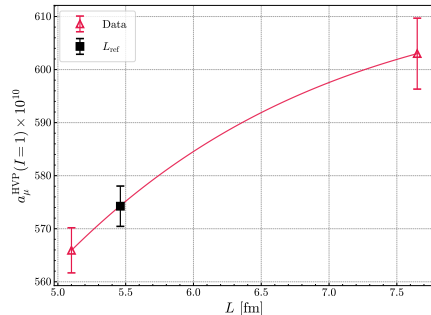
Finite-Volume Effects

- Continuum extrapolation done at $L_{\text{ref}} = 5.46\text{fm}$

- Fit the B64 $L = 5.1$ and B96 $L = 7.65$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}}(I=1; a_B, L) = c_0 + c_1 L e^{-m_{\pi} L}.$$

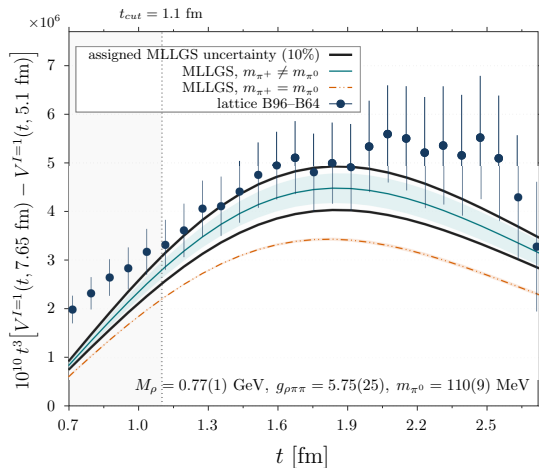
- The other ensembles have $L = 5.44, 5.46, 5.47$



In the continuum we extrapolate to infinite volume with the MLLGS model:

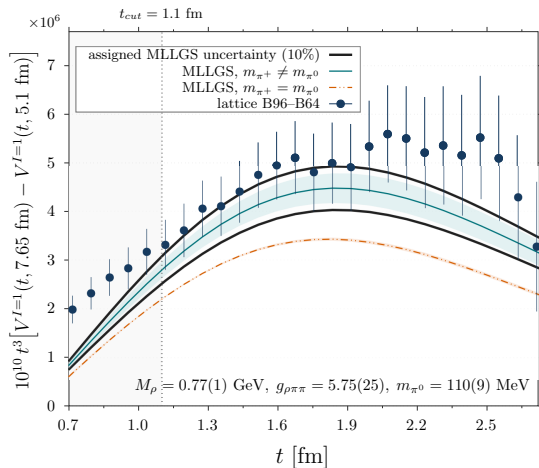
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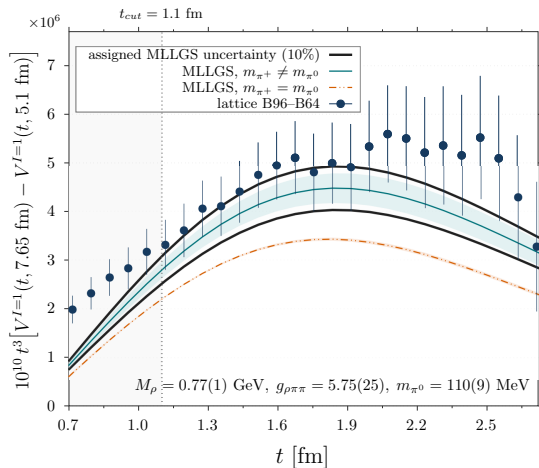
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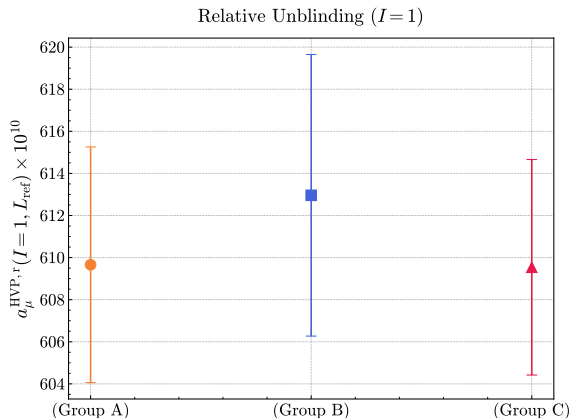


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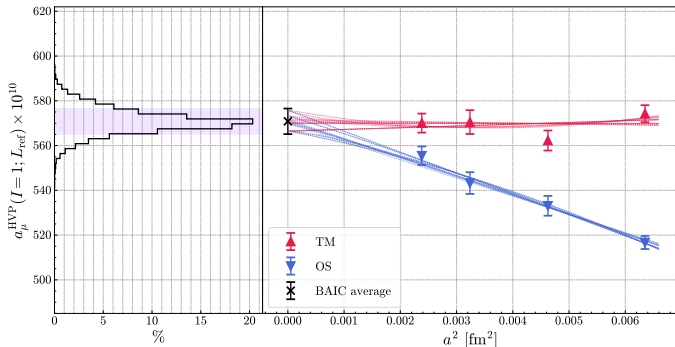


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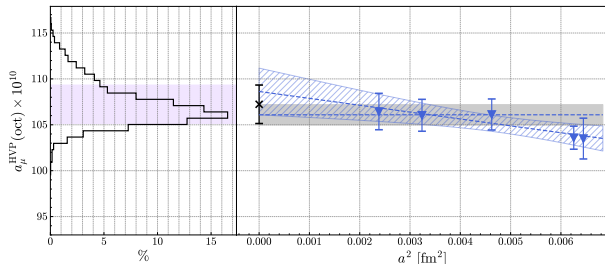
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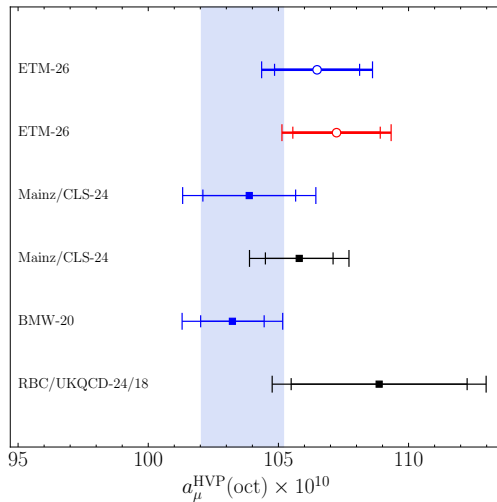
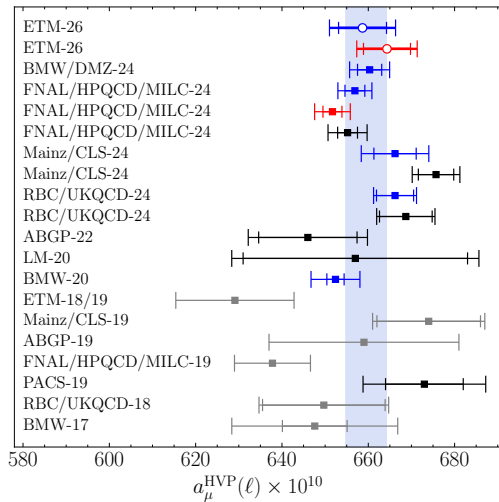
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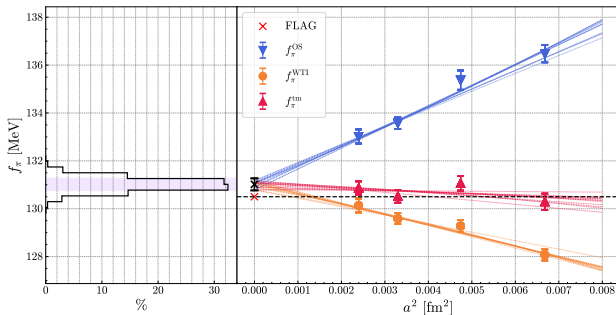
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WP25 scheme

- WP25 iso QCD definition $P_\pi^{\text{WP25}} = [m_\pi^2 w_0^2]^{\text{WP25}}$, $P_K^{\text{WP25}} = [m_K^2 w_0^2]^{\text{WP25}}$, $P_{D_s}^{\text{WP25}} = [m_{D_s} w_0]^{\text{WP25}}$
- $O(a^2)$ modification to reduce charm mistuning $P_{D_s}^{\text{WP25}'} = [m_{D_s} w_0]^{\text{WP25}} + C a^2$
- Solve

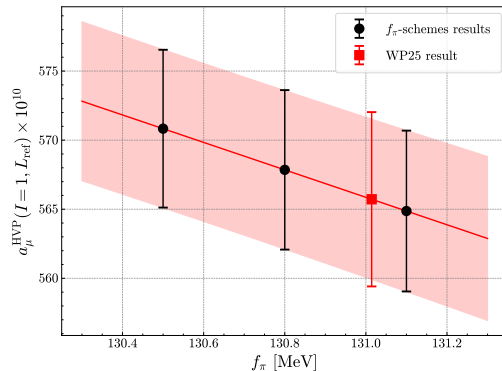
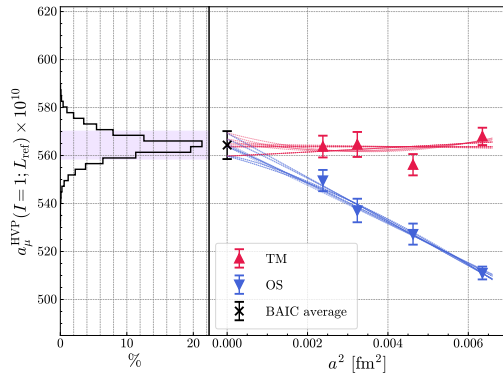
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- Compute f_π from conserved current and local current tm and OS



WP25 scheme

- Define few iso QCD schemes for some f_π
- Interpolate to f_π^{WP25}



Pion mass splitting

