

Lattice QCD studies of the hadronic vacuum polarisation function

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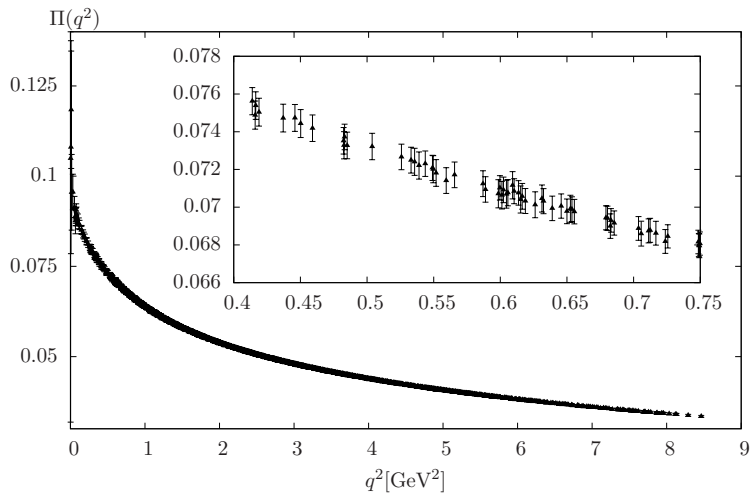
▶ Adler function $D(Q^2)$:

$$\frac{D(Q^2)}{Q^2} = 12\pi^2 \frac{d\Pi(q^2)}{dq^2}$$

$$= -\frac{3\pi}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dq^2} \Delta\alpha_{\text{GED}}^{\text{had}}(q^2)$$

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

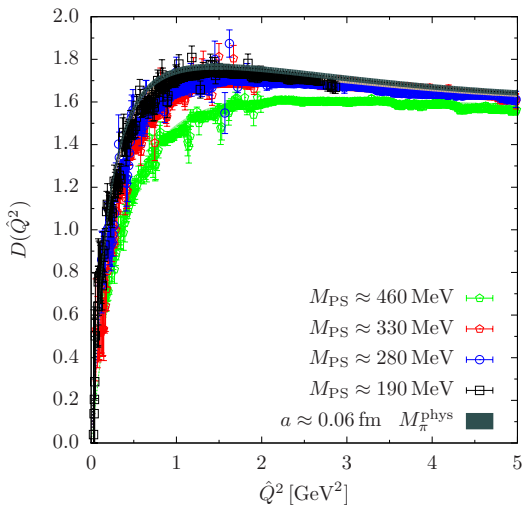
Vacuum polarization function



twisted boundary conditions

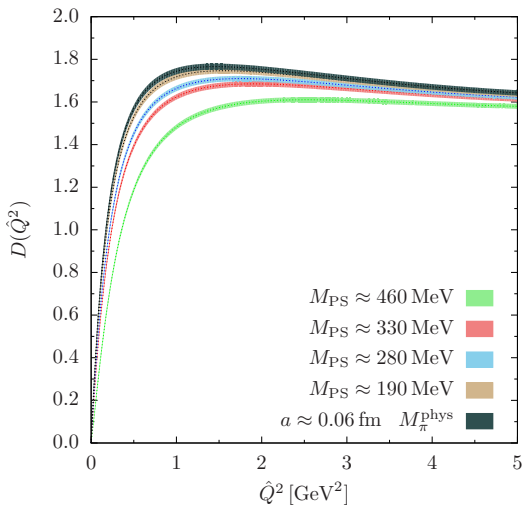
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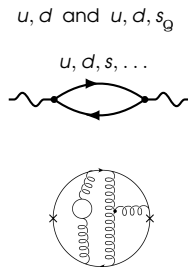
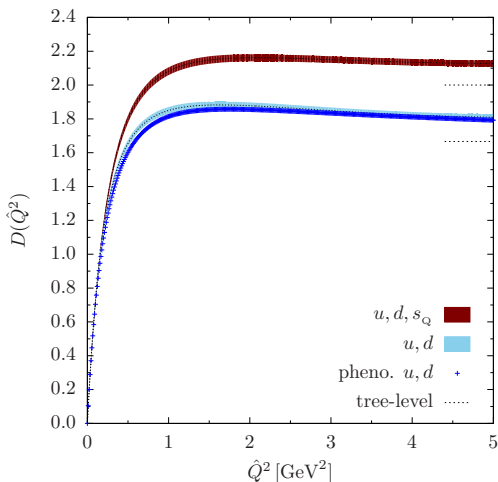
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Adler function : light-quark flavour contributions

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$a \rightarrow 0$
 M_π^{phys}



pheno. model

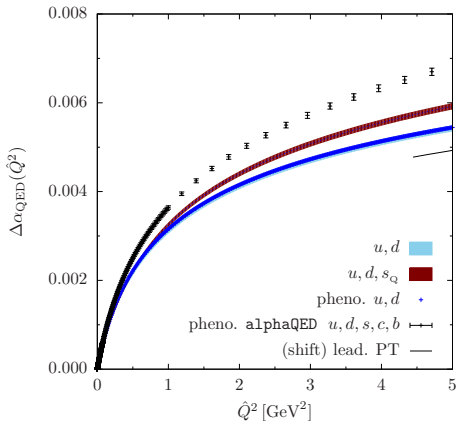
[D. Bernecker & H. Meyer, 1107.4388]

Adler function provides an alternative way to determine α_μ^{had}

running QED coupling: $\Delta\alpha_{\text{QED}}^{\text{had}}(Q^2)$

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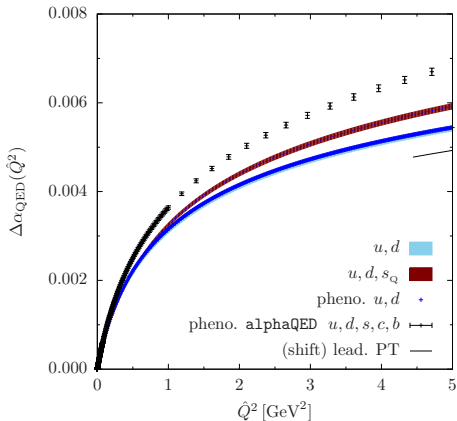
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[PRELIMINARY]



► $\Delta\alpha_{\text{QED}}^{\text{had}}(M_0 = 2.5 \text{ GeV})$ [10⁻³ units]

u, d : 5.62(06)(17)(02)(12) [19] [4%]

5.60(06) [1%]

Pheno. [D. Renner et al., 1206.3113]

► $\Delta\alpha_{\text{QED}}^{\text{had}}(1.0 \text{ GeV})$

u, d : 3.07(05)(07)(02)(05) [09] [3%]

u, d, s_Q : 3.29(05)(03)(11)(03) [12] [4%]

u, d, s, c, b : 3.64(04) [1%]

Pheno. [alphaQED package, F. Jegerlehner]

► difference $\Delta\alpha_{\text{QED}}^{\text{had}}(2\text{GeV}) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{QED}}^{\text{had}}(1.0\text{GeV})$

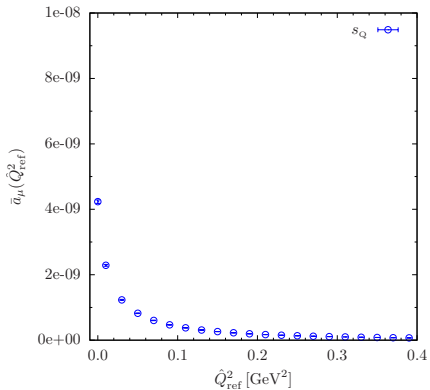
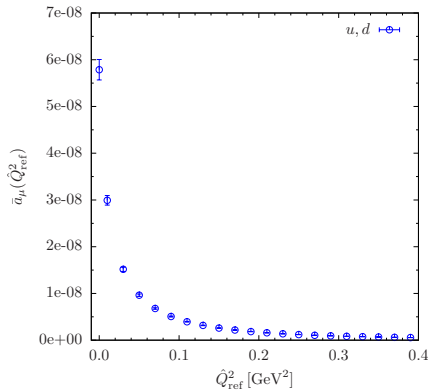
u, d : 1.99(02)(08)(01)(00) [08] [4%]

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$\Pi(Q^2)$ & $\bar{a}_\mu^{\text{HLO}}(Q_{\text{ref}}^2)$

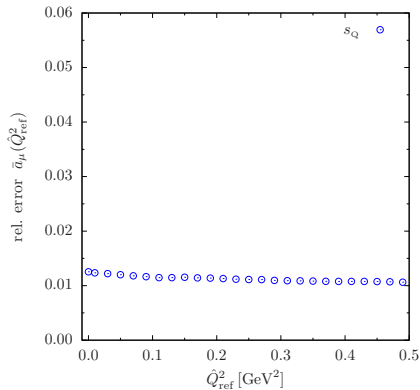
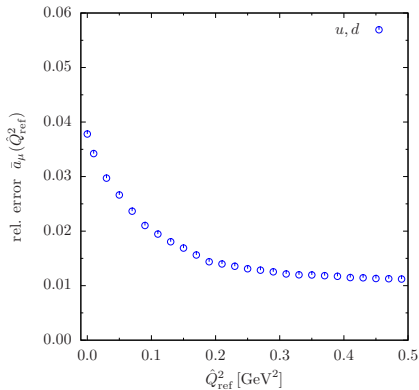


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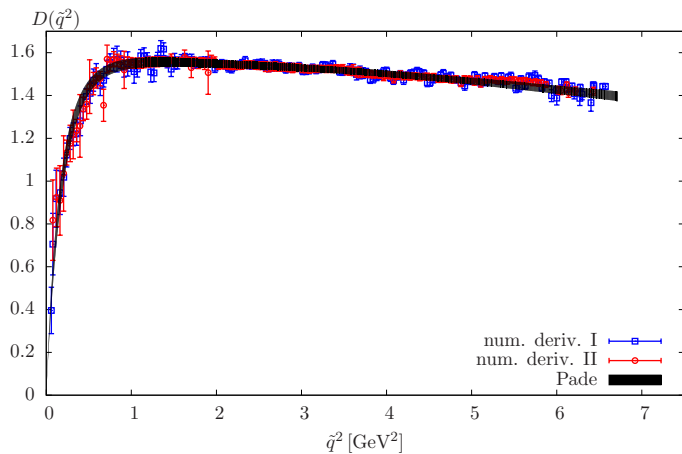
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Comparison of the different methods

$m_\pi = 330 \text{ MeV}, a = 0.050 \text{ fm}$



Adler function : combined fit

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► fit form :

$$D(Q^2) = \text{Padé}(Q^2) [1 + \text{discr.} + \text{mass}] ,$$

$$D(Q^2) = Q^2 \left(p_0 + \frac{p_1}{(p_2 + Q^2)^2} + \frac{p_3}{(p_4 + Q^2)^2} \right) \times \left[1 + (d_1 a^n + d_2 (aQ)^n) + \left(\frac{c_1}{c_2 + Q^2} \right) (M_{\text{PS}}^2 - M_\pi^2) \right] .$$

$$n = \{1, 2\}$$

- consider 10 ensembles with different a , M_{PS}
- consider VPF with u , d and s_{q} [i.e. partial quenching of s]

Light-quark mass dependence

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$$= c_1 + s(Q^2) M_{\text{PS}}^2$$

