

# the hadronic running of $\alpha$ from the lattice

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## the running of the electromagnetic coupling $\alpha$

the QED coupling  $\alpha = g^2/(4\pi)$  runs with energy

- in the Thomson limit ( $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ ), the fine-structure constant is known at 0.23 ppb  
 $\alpha^{-1} = \alpha(0)^{-1} = 137.035\,999\,139(31)$

[PDG 2018, CODATA 2014]

- at the  $Z$  pole,  $\hat{\alpha}^{(5)}(M_Z)^{-1} = 127.955(10)$  (in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme)

$$\alpha(q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \Delta\alpha(q^2)} \quad \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(q^2) = 4\pi\alpha \text{Re } \bar{\Pi}(q^2), \quad \bar{\Pi}(q^2) = \Pi(q^2) - \Pi(0)$$

main uncertainty in the  $Z$ -pole value: the **hadronic contribution** to the running, proportional to the subtracted **hadronic vacuum polarization** (HVP) function  $\bar{\Pi}(q^2)$

- extracted from the exp.  $R$ -ratio data via dispersive integral (data-driven method) [Erlar 1999; Davier *et al.* 2017; PDG 2018]

$$\text{Re } \bar{\Pi}(q^2) = \frac{q^2}{12\pi} P \int_{m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{R(s)}{s(s - q^2)} ds, \quad \text{Im } \bar{\Pi}(q^2) = \frac{R(q^2)}{12\pi}, \quad R(s) = \frac{\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}(s)}{4\pi\alpha^2/(3s)}$$

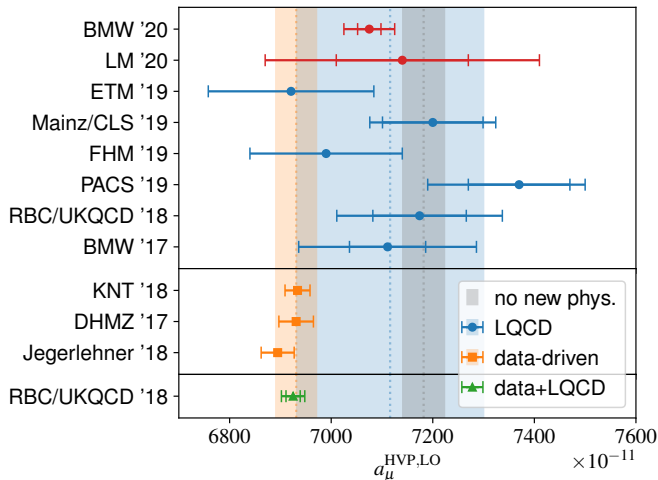
$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(3)}(4 \text{ GeV}^2) = 58.71(50) \times 10^{-4}, \quad \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = 0.027\,64(7), \quad (\text{on-shell scheme})$$

- or computed **on the lattice**

[Burger *et al.* 2015; Francis *et al.* Lattice 2015; Borsanyi *et al.* 2018; MC *et al.* Lattice 2019; MC *et al.* 2022]

$$\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d^4x e^{iQ \cdot x} \langle j_\mu^\gamma(x) j_\mu^\gamma(0) \rangle$$

## the leading-order HVP contribution to $a_\mu$



⇒ tension between lattice and data driven  
stronger evidence on the intermediate  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$  window

[Lehner (RBC/UKQCD) at 5th pl. workshop Edinburg 2022; Gottlieb (Fermilab/HPQCD/MILC) at Benasque 2022]

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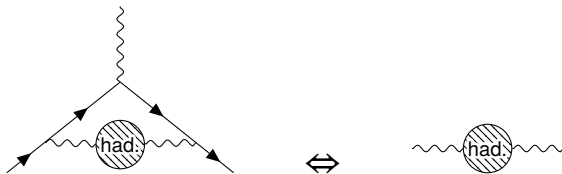
$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}} = 4\alpha^2 \int_0^{\infty} dQ^2 f(Q^2) \bar{\Pi}(-Q^2)$$

with  $f(Q^2) \geq 0$  a known QED kernel

[previous talks by G. Colangelo and D. Giusti]

[MC *et al.* (Mainz/CLS) 2022; Alexandrou *et al.* (ETMc) 2022]

## motivation – the HVP connection



if the lattice QCD confirms the **larger value** of  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$

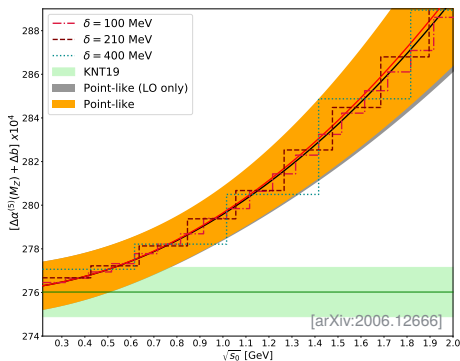
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with  $0.63 \lesssim \hat{K}(s) < 1 \Rightarrow R(s)$  is **larger** for some  $s$ ,  $\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2)$  is also larger!

$\Rightarrow$  depending on the energy bin of the increase, also  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(M_Z^2)$  is affected

[Passera, Marciano, Sirlin 2008; Crivellin, Hoferichter, Manzari, Montull 2020; Keshavarzi, Passera, Marciano, Sirlin 2020; Colangelo, Hoferichter, Stoffer 2021]

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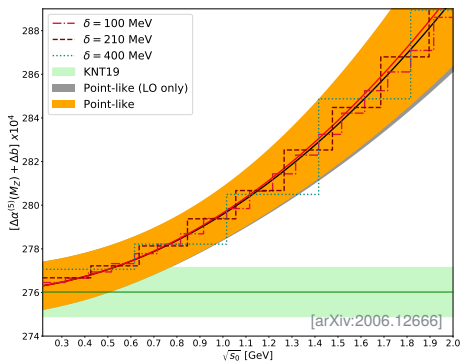
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## motivation – $t$ -channel scattering

the leading hadronic contribution to  $(g - 2)_\mu$  from the running of  $\alpha$

[Lautrup, Peterman, de Rafael 1972]

$$a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}(-Q^2), \quad Q^2 = \frac{x^2 m_\mu^2}{1-x},$$

with the integrand peaked at  $x \approx 0.914$ ,  $Q^2 \approx 0.108 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

[Carloni Calame *et al.* 2015]

the **MUonE experiment** @ CERN: measure the energy dependence of  $\alpha$  at **space-like**  $Q^2$

[Abbiendi *et al.* 2017]

- independent determination of  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$
- kinematic range  $0 < x < 0.932$ , corresponding to  $Q^2 \lesssim 0.14 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $0.932 < x < 1$  or  $Q^2 \gtrsim 0.14 \text{ GeV}^2$  accounts for 13 % of  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$

**lattice computation** in intermediate region  $Q^2 = 0.14 - 4 \text{ GeV}^2$  is **complementary to MUonE kinematics**

## the time-momentum representation (TMR) method

uses the zero-momentum-projected Euclidean-time correlator

$$G(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d^3x \sum_{k=1}^3 \langle j_k(x) j_k(0) \rangle,$$

and known kernel functions  $K(t, Q^2)$  and  $w(t)$

[Bernecker, Meyer 2011; Francis *et al.* 2013]

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Pi}(-Q^2) &= \int_0^\infty dt K(t, Q^2) G(t), & K(t, Q^2) &= t^2 - \frac{4}{Q^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{Qt}{2}\right), \\ a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}} &= \int_0^\infty dt w(t) G(t), & w(t) &= 4\pi^2 \int_0^\infty dQ^2 f(Q^2) K(t, Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

w.r.t. the traditional approach

- same statistical power
- better understanding of the systematics
  - finite-size effects correction
  - (improved) bounding method
- in principle,  $\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2)$  can be computed for **any**  $Q^2$

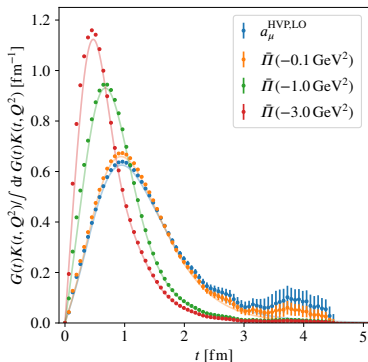
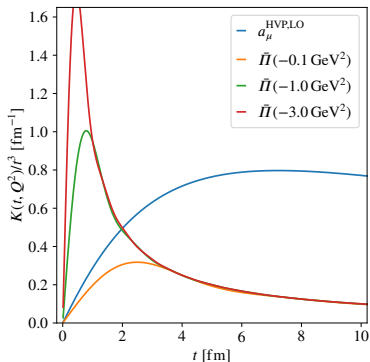
similar alternative approach: time moments

[Chakraborty 2014]



## the TMR method – the kernel

- the  $a_\mu^{\text{HVP,LO}}$  kernel is very long range
- the  $\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2)$  kernel has a shorter range depending on  $Q^2$



$$\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2): K(t, Q^2) = t^2 - \frac{4}{Q^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{Qt}{2}\right),$$

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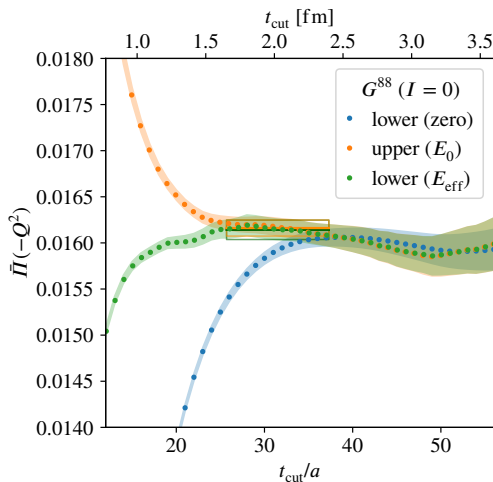
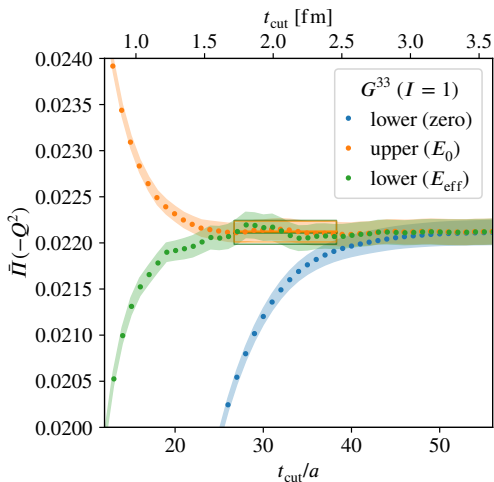
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## bounding method – example



$$0 \leq G(t_{\text{cut}})e^{-E_{\text{eff}}(t_{\text{cut}})(t-t_{\text{cut}})} \leq G(t) \leq G(t_{\text{cut}})e^{-E_0(t-t_{\text{cut}})}, \quad \text{for } t \geq t_{\text{cut}},$$

with  $aE_{\text{eff}}(t) = \log(G(t)/G(t+a))$  and  $E_0$  ground state in the channel

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## correction of finite-size effects

added to the  $I = 1$  correlator  $G^{33}(t)$ , with **two different strategies** and  $t_i = (m_\pi L/4)^2/m_\pi$  [Gérardin, MC *et al.* 2019]

$t < t_i$ : HP method with  $\vec{n}^2 \leq 3$ , with the size of the  $\vec{n}^2 = 3$  level included as a systematic error

$t > t_i$ : average of MLL-GS and HP methods, with the half-difference included as an extra systematic error

$\Rightarrow$  a model is used **only** for the small correction  $G^{33}(t, L) - G^{33}(t, \infty)$

explicit check of FSE with two pair of ensembles at different volume and otherwise identical simulation parameters

- H105 and N101 at  $m_\pi \approx 280$  MeV
- H200 and N202 at the SU(3)-symmetric point

we observe a **good agreement** between the MLL-GS and HP methods, especially for  $t \gtrsim 2$  fm,  
with the two methods relying on very different input  $\Rightarrow$  **robustness of the evaluation of finite size effects**

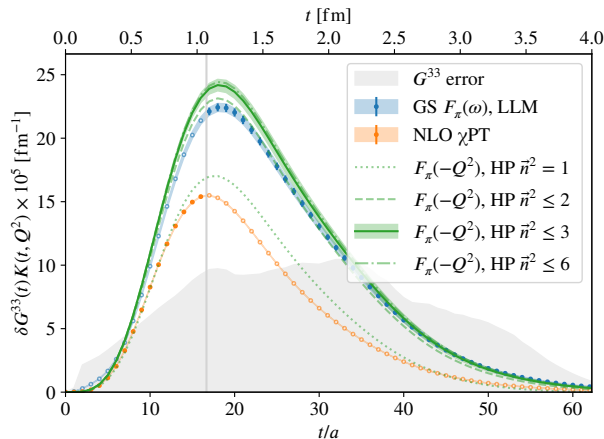
## correction of finite-size effects – Hansen-Patella (HP) method

series expansion in  $\exp\{-|\vec{n}|m_\pi L\}$ ,  $\vec{n}^2 = 1, 2, 3, 6, \dots$

[Hansen, Patella 2019; 2020]

- implementation by K. Miura
- neglects  $\exp\{-1.93m_\pi L\}$  contributions
- fast convergence at short and medium distances
- input: forward Compton amplitude,  $F_\pi(Q^2)$  monopole ansatz with  $M^2 = 0.517(23) \text{ GeV}^2 + 0.647(30)m_\pi^2$

[Brommel et al. 2007]



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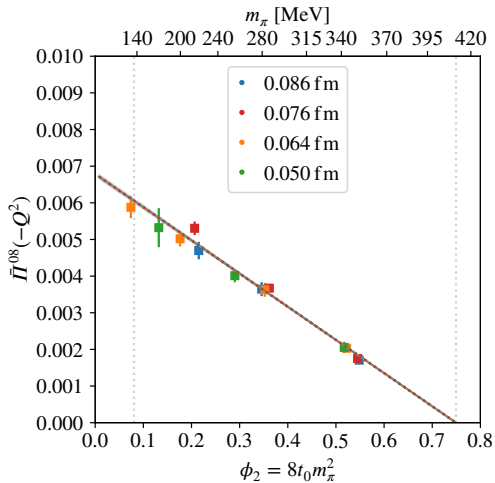
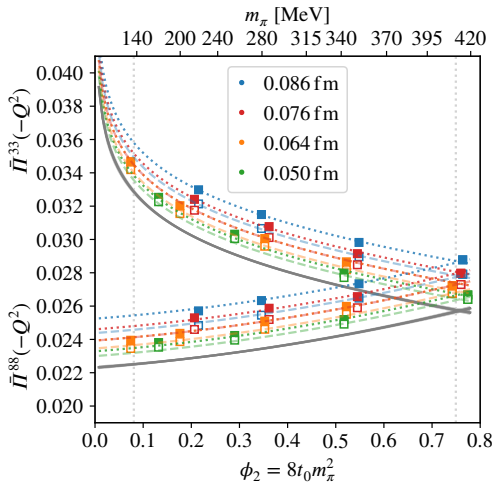
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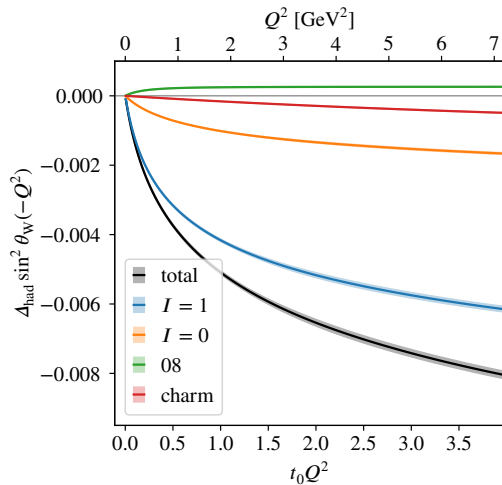
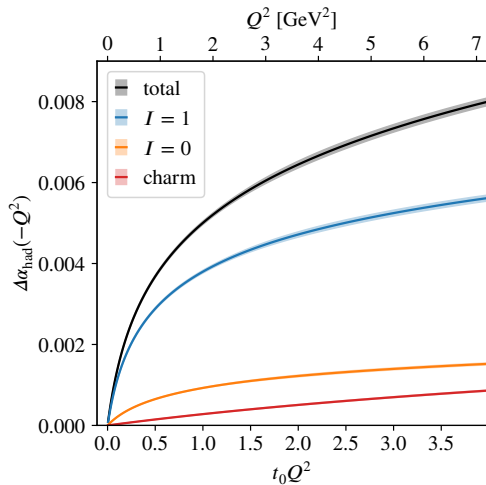
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the running is obtained varying  $Q^2$  in the TMR kernel  $\Rightarrow$  each  $Q^2$  choice is a different fit  
we present the results

- tabulated for selected values of  $Q^2$  up to  $7 \text{ GeV}^2$
- with a rational approximation that interpolates to other values of  $Q^2$

$$\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2) \approx R_M^N(Q^2) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^M a_j Q^{2j}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^M b_k Q^{2k}}$$

with  $M = N = 3$  and  $a_0 = 0$ , by solving the over-constrained system via a least-squares fit for  $0.1 < x < 7$

$$\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2) \approx \frac{0.1094(23)x + 0.093(15)x^2 + 0.0039(6)x^3}{1 + 2.85(22)x + 1.03(19)x^2 + 0.0166(12)x^3}, \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{\text{GeV}^2}$$

- the correlation between coefficients is provided
- the rational approximations are provided also for the derivatives w.r.t. the meson masses

## running with energy – lepton-inspired two-parameter approximation

for  $Q^2 = -t > 0$ ,

$$\bar{\Pi}(-Q^2) \approx \frac{k}{4\pi\alpha} \left\{ -\frac{5}{9} + \frac{4M}{3Q^2} + \left( \frac{4M^2}{3Q^4} - \frac{3M}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4M/Q^2}} \log \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{1+4M/Q^2}}{1 + \sqrt{1+4M/Q^2}} \right| \right\}$$

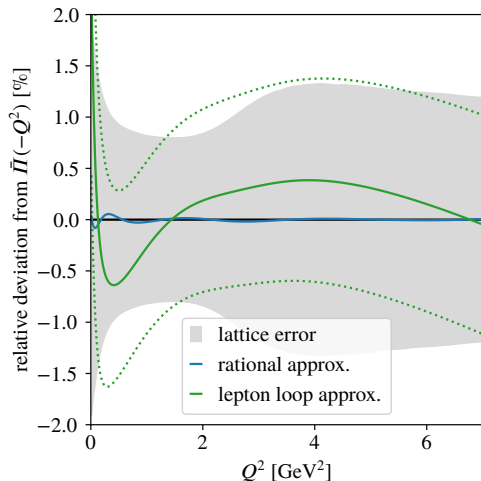
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uncorrelated fit describes the data within better than  $\pm 1\%$   
for  $0.1 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 7 \text{ GeV}^2$  with

$$k = 0.006\,96(12)$$

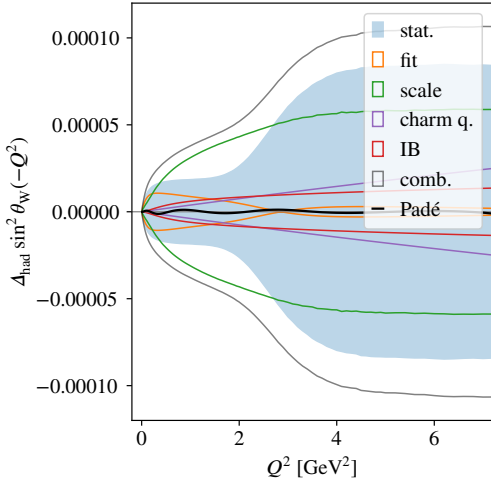
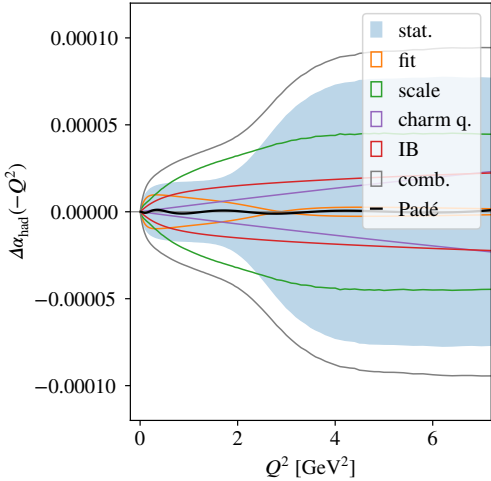
$$M = [0.212\,2(35) \text{ GeV}]^2$$

rational approximation with  $N = M = 3$  (six parameters)  
is more precise

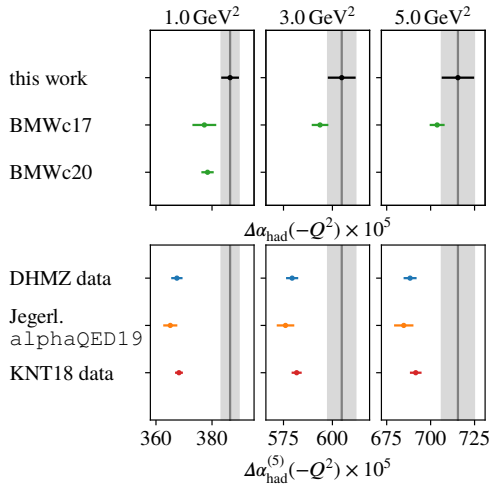
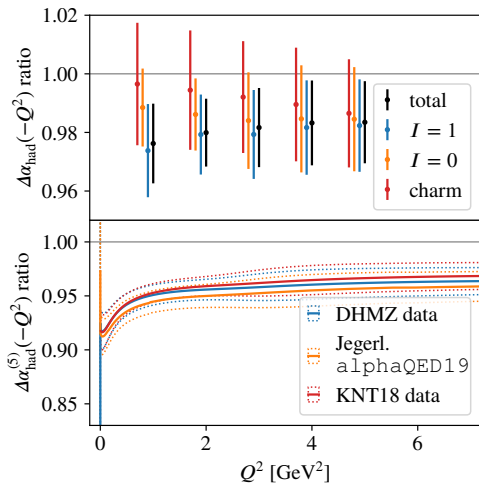




# running with energy – summary of systematics

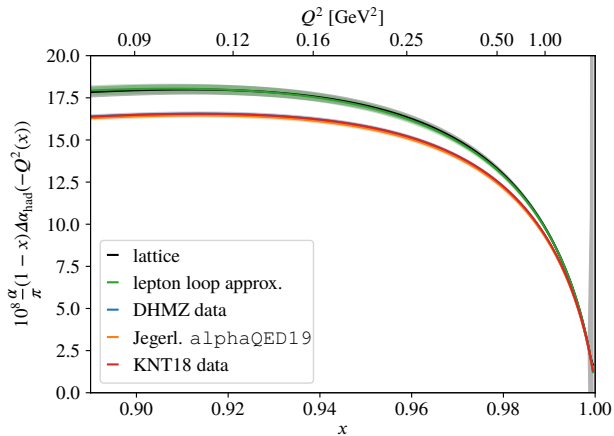


## running with energy – comparison



## running with energy – as function of $x$

where  $Q^2 = \frac{x^2 m_\mu^2}{1-x}$



## running to $M_Z$

we use the Euclidean split technique (or Adler function approach)

[Chetyrkin *et al.* 1996; Eidelman *et al.* 1999, Jegerlehner 2008]

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2) + \left[ \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2) \right] + \left[ \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) \right]_{\text{pQCD}}$$

- $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2)$  with  $Q_0^2$  between 3 and 7 GeV<sup>2</sup> is evaluated on the lattice

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-5 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.007\,16(9)$$

- $[\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-Q_0^2)]$  from either pQCD or  $R$ -ratio data (KNT18)

$$\left[ \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-5 \text{ GeV}^2) \right] = 0.020\,53(11) \quad \text{or} \quad 0.020\,66(9)$$

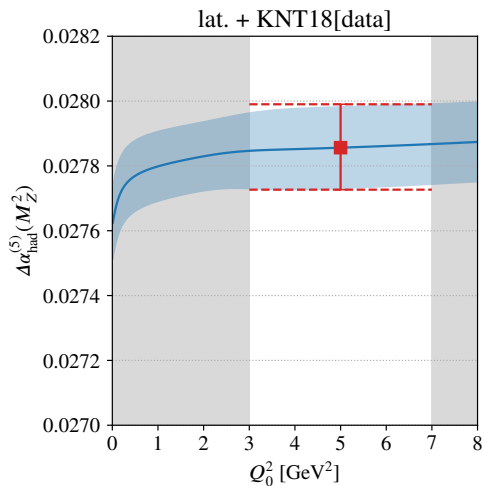
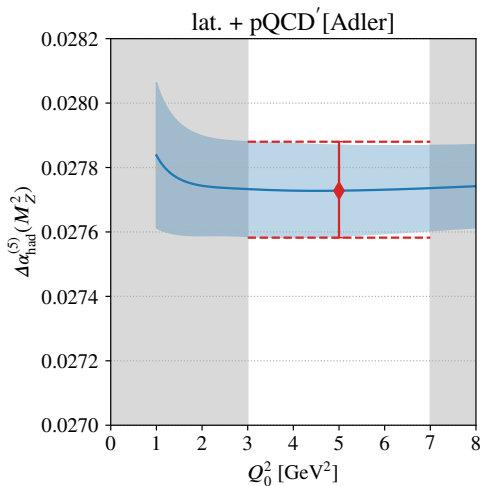
- $[\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) - \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-M_Z^2)]_{\text{pQCD}} = 0.000\,045(2)$  has a negligible error

[Jegerlehner 1986, 2020]

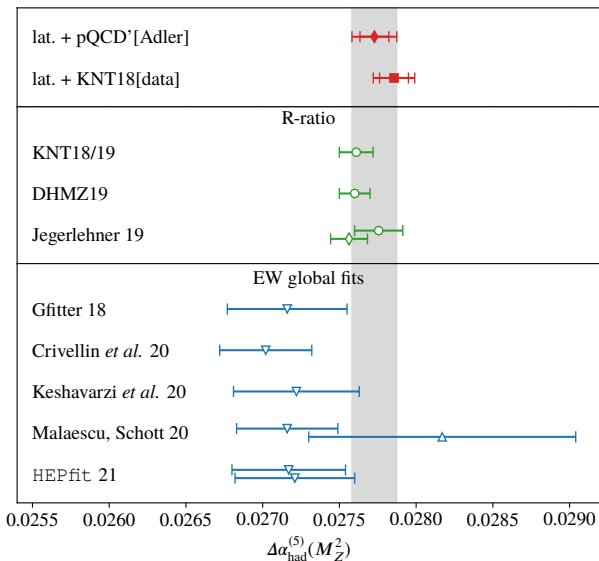
using pQCD  $\Rightarrow$  result independent from  $R$ -ratio input

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = 0.027\,73(15)$$

## running to $M_Z$ – results



# running to $M_Z$ – results and comparison



## conclusions

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[work in progress: Risch, Wittig Lattice 2019; Lattice 2021]

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## outlook

implement changes already used for the muon  $g - 2$  window result

[MC *et al.* (Mainz/CLS) 2022]

- mostly the same dataset
- two extra ensembles at the **finer lattice spacing** ( $a \approx 0.039$  fm)
- alternative set of renormalization and improvement coefficients
- variety of fits combined with the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

[Heitger, Joswig 2021; Fritzscht 2018]

and add full isospin breaking corrections,  
improve the scale setting

[work in progress: Risch, Wittig Lattice 2019; Lattice 2021]

[e.g. Bali *et al.* (RQCD) arXiv:2211.03744]

computing higher  $Q^2$  (up to  $M_Z^2$ ) directly on the lattice?

using the **discrete Adler function**  $\Delta_2(Q^2) = \Pi(-Q^2) - \Pi(-Q^2/4)$

[MC, Harris, Meyer, Toniato, Török 2021; Harris Lattice 2021]

- naively,  $\Lambda \ll |Q| \ll a^{-1}$
- thermal effects are  $\sim (\pi T/Q)^4 \Rightarrow$  using **finite-temperature ensembles** at  $T = Q/8\pi$
- such that only  $T \ll |Q| \ll a^{-1}$  needs to be satisfied
- different from step scaling with a finite-volume scheme  $\Rightarrow$  the volume is parametrically large, e.g.  $L \approx 4/T$
- similar proposal from BMWc

[Frech Lattice 2021; Lattice 2022]

thanks  
for your attention!



questions?

backup slides

## the running of the electroweak mixing angle

the electroweak mixing (Weinberg) angle  $\theta_W$  parametrizes the mixing between the  $SU(2)_L$  and  $U(1)_Y$  sectors of the Standard Model. At tree level,

$$\sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W = \frac{g'^2}{g^2 + g'^2}, \quad \text{or} \quad \sin^2 \theta_W = 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2},$$

where  $g$  and  $g'$  are the  $SU(2)_L$  and  $U(1)_Y$  coupling respectively

- $Z$  vector coupling  $v_f = T_f - 2Q_f \sin^2 \theta_f^{\text{eff}}$
- weak charge of the proton  $Q_W(p) \sim 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W(0)$

like the couplings, the mixing angle is renormalization scheme and **energy dependent**

$$\sin^2 \theta_W(Q) = \sin^2 \theta_W(0) [1 + \Delta \sin^2 \theta_W(Q^2)],$$

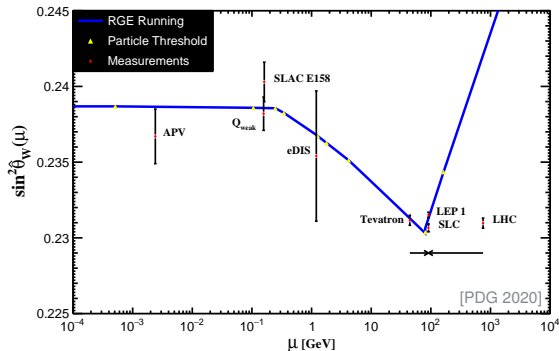
and the leading **hadronic contribution** to the running

[Jegerlehner 1986; 2011]

$$\Delta_{\text{had}} \sin^2 \theta_W(Q^2) = -\frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \bar{\Pi}^{Z\gamma}(Q^2), \quad \bar{\Pi}^{Z\gamma}(Q^2) = \Pi^{Z\gamma}(Q^2) - \Pi^{Z\gamma}(0),$$

is proportional to the subtracted  **$Z\gamma$ -mixing HVP function**

## the running of the electroweak mixing angle



experimental values measured at colliders enter  
global SM fits

[PDG 2022]

$$\sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W(M_Z) = 0.231\,22(4)$$

upcoming experiments at low  $Q^2$

- P2 @ MESA, Mainz [Becker *et al.* 2018]  
0.13 % target precision at  $Q^2 = 0.005 \text{ GeV}^2$
- MOLLER @ JLab [Benesch *et al.* 2014]

the running to the Thomson limit is affected by **non-perturbative QCD physics** that

- can be extracted from hadronic cross-section data

[Erler, Ferro-Hernández 2017]

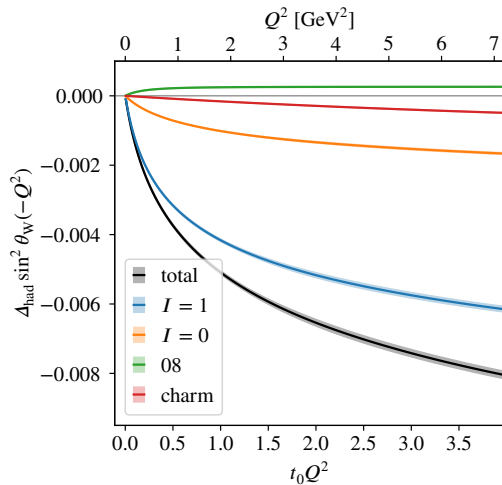
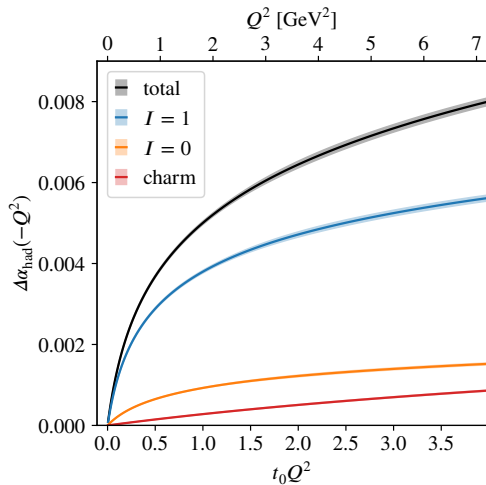
$$\sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W(0) = 0.238\,68(5)(2), \quad (\overline{\text{MS}} \text{ scheme})$$

with additional input for **flavor separation**

- or can be computed **on the lattice**  
⇒ lattice easily provides flavour separation

[Burger *et al.* 2015; Francis *et al.* 2015; Gülpers *et al.* 2015]

## the running of the electroweak mixing angle – results



## the running of the electroweak mixing angle – conclusions

we present a result for the  $Z\gamma$ -mixing HVP contribution to the running of  $\sin^2 \theta_W$

$$\bar{\Pi}^{08}(-Q^2) = \frac{0.021\,7(11)x + 0.015\,1(12)x^2}{1 + 2.93(8)x + 2.15(12)x^2}, \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{\text{GeV}^2}$$

that has a finite limit for large  $Q^2$

$$\bar{\Pi}^{08}(-Q^2) = 0.007\,04(17) \quad \text{for } Q^2 \gtrsim 7 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- using flavor separation on the lattice
- most precise determination to date

# ensembles

from the CLS initiative

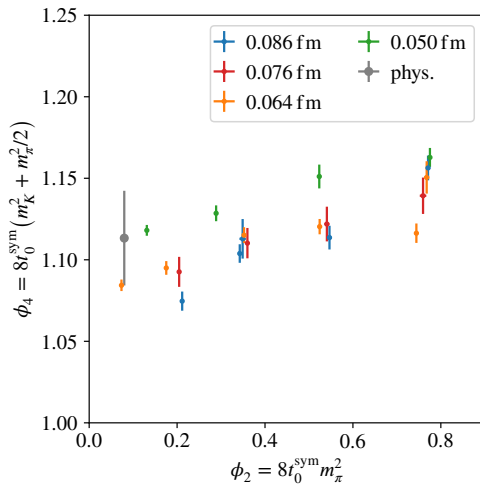
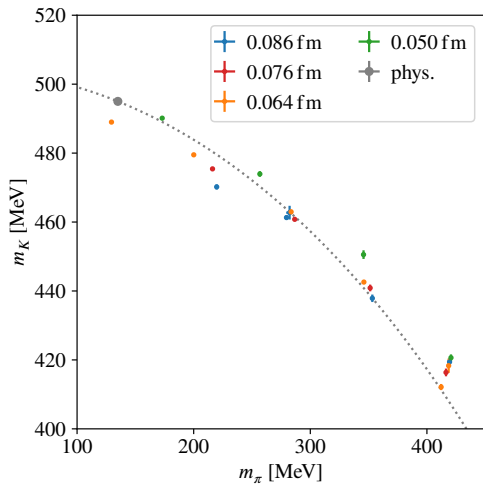
[Bruno *et al.* 2015, Bruno, Korzec, Schaefer 2017]

tree-level Lüscher-Weisz gauge action, non-perturbatively  $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improved Wilson fermions,  
open BCs in time, except B450, N451, D450, and E250 that have periodic BCs in time,

	$T/a$	$L/a$	$t_0^{\text{sym}}/a^2$	$a$ [fm]	$L$ [fm]	$m_\pi, m_K$ [MeV]	$m_\pi L$	#cnfg (con., dis.)		
H101	96	32	2.860	0.086	2.8	415	5.8	2000 -		
H102	96	32			2.8	355 440	5.0	1900 1900		
H105	96	32			2.8	280 460	3.9	1000 1000		
N101	128	48			4.1	280 460	5.8	1155 1155		
C101	96	48			4.1	220 470	4.6	2000 2000		
B450	64	32	3.659	0.076	2.4	415	5.1	1600 -		
S400	128	32			2.4	350 440	4.3	1720 1720		
N451	128	48			3.7	285 460	5.3	1000 1000		
D450	128	64			4.9	215 475	5.3	500 500		
H200	96	32	5.164	0.064	2.1	420	4.4	1980 -		
N202	128	48			3.1	410	6.4	875 -		
N203	128	48			3.1	345 440	5.4	1500 1500		
N200	128	48			3.1	285 465	4.4	1695 1695		
D200	128	64			4.1	200 480	4.2	2000 1000		
E250	192	96			6.2	130 490	4.1	485 485		
N300	128	48			8.595	0.050	2.4	420	5.1	1680 -
N302	128	48					2.4	345 460	4.2	2190 2190
J303	192	64	3.2	260 475			4.2	1040 1040		
E300	192	96	4.8	175 490			4.3	600 600		



# ensemble landscape



## lattice correlators

on  $N_f = 2 + 1$  ensembles from the CLS initiative

[Bruno et al. 2015, Bruno, Korzec, Schaefer 2017]

with  $SU(3)_F$  notation, in the isospin-symmetric limit (light quark  $\ell$ : either  $u$  or  $d$ ):

$$I = 1 \text{ contribution:} \quad G_{\mu\nu}^{33}(x) = \frac{1}{2} C_{\mu\nu}^{\ell,\ell}(x),$$

$$I = 0 \text{ contribution:} \quad G_{\mu\nu}^{88}(x) = \frac{1}{6} \left[ C_{\mu\nu}^{\ell,\ell}(x) + 2C_{\mu\nu}^{s,s}(x) + 2D_{\mu\nu}^{\ell-s,\ell-s}(x) \right],$$

$$Z\text{-}\gamma \text{ mixing:} \quad G_{\mu\nu}^{08}(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left[ C_{\mu\nu}^{\ell,\ell}(x) - C_{\mu\nu}^{s,s}(x) + D_{\mu\nu}^{2\ell+s,\ell-s}(x) \right],$$

where the connected and disconnected Wick's contractions are

$$C_{\mu\nu}^{f_1, f_2} = - \left\langle \gamma_\mu \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_1} \\ \xleftarrow{f_2} \end{array} \gamma_\nu \right\rangle, \quad D_{\mu\nu}^{f_1, f_2} = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \gamma_\mu \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowleft^{f_1} \\ \circlearrowright^{f_2} \end{array} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

and the relevant correlators are given by

(note:  $G_{\text{con}}^\ell = 2G^{33}$  and  $G_{\text{con}}^s = 3G_{\text{con}}^{88} - G^{33}$ )

$$G^{\gamma\gamma} = G^{33} + \frac{1}{3}G^{88} + \frac{4}{9}C^{c,c},$$

$$G^{Z\gamma} = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_W \right) G^{\gamma\gamma} - \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}G^{08} + \frac{4}{9} \left( \frac{3}{8} - \sin^2 \theta_W \right) C^{c,c}.$$

## renormalization and $\mathcal{O}(a)$ improvement

for the local current

[Bhattacharya *et al.* 2006, [...], Gérardin, Harris, Meyer 2018]

$$V_{\mu,R}^3 = Z_V(1 + 3\bar{b}_V am_q^{av} + b_V am_{q,\ell}) V_{\mu}^{3,I} = Z_3 V_{\mu}^{3,I},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{\mu}^8 \\ V_{\mu}^0 \end{pmatrix}_R = Z_V \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 3\bar{b}_V am_q^{av} + b_V \frac{a(m_{q,\ell} + 2m_{q,s})}{3} & \left(\frac{b_V}{3} + f_V\right) \frac{2a(m_{q,\ell} - m_{q,s})}{\sqrt{3}} \\ r_V d_V \frac{a(m_{q,\ell} - m_{q,s})}{\sqrt{3}} & r_V 1 + (3\bar{d}_V + d_V) am_q^{av} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_{\mu}^8 \\ V_{\mu}^0 \end{pmatrix}^I = \begin{pmatrix} Z_8 & Z_{80} \\ Z_{08} & Z_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_{\mu}^8 \\ V_{\mu}^0 \end{pmatrix}^I$$

where

$$V_{\mu}^{a,I} = V_{\mu}^a + ac_V \partial_0 T_{0\mu}^a, \quad V_{\mu}^{0,I} = V_{\mu}^0 + a\bar{c}_V \partial_0 T_{0\mu}^0.$$

while for the conserved current

$$V_{\mu,R}^a = V_{\mu}^a + ac_V^{cs} \partial_0 T_{0\mu}^a, \quad V_{\mu,R}^0 = V_{\mu}^0 + a\bar{c}_V^{cs} \partial_0 T_{0\mu}^0.$$

⇒ we use only the conserved vector current for the flavor-singlet component, and we set

$$f_V = 0, \quad \bar{c}_V = c_V \quad \bar{c}_V^{cs} = c_V^{cs}.$$

## bounding method

$$G(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{Z_n^2}{2E_n} e^{-E_n t}$$

for a correlator with positive spectral decomposition, and  $t > t_c$

$$0 \leq G(t_c) e^{-E_{\text{eff}}(t_c)(t-t_c)} \leq G(t) \leq G(t_c) e^{-E_0(t-t_c)},$$

where  $E_{\text{eff}}(t) = -(1/a) \log G(t+a)/G(t)$  is the effective mass

and  $E_0$  is the ground state in the given channel, depending on the volume  $L^3$  and on  $m_\pi$

• for  $I = 1$ ,  $E_0 = m_\rho$  or  $E_{2\pi}$ , • for  $I = 0$ ,  $E_0 = m_\omega \approx m_\rho$  or  $E_{3\pi}$

improved bounding method:

[Lehner LGT2016; Gérardin, MC *et al.* 2019]

if  $E_0, \dots, E_N$  and  $Z_0, \dots, Z_{N-1}$  are available, one can bound the subtracted correlator

$$\tilde{G}(t) = G(t) - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{Z_n^2}{2E_n} e^{-E_n t},$$

that approaches zero faster  $\Rightarrow$  dedicated spectroscopy effort

## extrapolation to the physical point

a combined fit of  $\bar{\Pi}^{33}$ ,  $\bar{\Pi}^{88}$  and  $\bar{\Pi}^{08}$ , with two discretization each (one discr. for  $\bar{\Pi}^{08}$ ) is used

$$\bar{\Pi}^{33,X}(a^2/t_0^{\text{sym}}, \phi_2, \phi_4) = \bar{\Pi}^{\text{sym}} + \delta_2^X a^2/t_0^{\text{sym}} + \gamma_1^{33}(\phi_2 - \phi_2^{\text{sym}}) + \gamma_{\log}^{33} \log \phi_2/\phi_2^{\text{sym}} + \eta_1(\phi_4 - \phi_4^{\text{sym}}),$$

$$\bar{\Pi}^{88,X}(a^2/t_0^{\text{sym}}, \phi_2, \phi_4) = \bar{\Pi}^{\text{sym}} + \delta_2^X a^2/t_0^{\text{sym}} + \gamma_1^{88}(\phi_2 - \phi_2^{\text{sym}}) + \gamma_2^{88}(\phi_2 - \phi_2^{\text{sym}})^2 + \eta_1(\phi_4 - \phi_4^{\text{sym}}),$$

$$\bar{\Pi}^{08,\text{CL}}(a^2/t_0^{\text{sym}}, \phi_2, \phi_4) = \lambda_1(\phi_4 - 3/2\phi_2),$$

where  $X = \text{CL}$  or  $\text{LL}$ ,  $\phi_2 = 8t_0 m_\pi^2$ ,  $\phi_4 = 8t_0(m_K^2 + m_\pi^2/2)$ .

- we add also a  $\delta_3^X a^3/(t_0^{\text{sym}})^{3/2} \Rightarrow$  better fit at large  $Q^2 \Rightarrow$  smooth transition around  $Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $\sim a^2 \log a$  term? [MC, Harris, Meyer, Toniato, Török 2021]  
 $\Rightarrow$  assuming free theory coefficient, up to 0.4 % downward shift, within the statistical error
- extrapolation of the charm contribution done separately

## definition of the isosymmetric QCD world

we set the scale with

[Bruno, Korzec, Schaefer 2015]

$$\sqrt{8t_0} = 0.415(4)(2) \text{ fm}$$

and we define the isospin symmetric point as

[discussion at the 4th Muon  $g - 2$  workshop at KEK (virtual), 2021]

$$m_\pi = m_{\pi^0} = 134.9768 \text{ MeV}$$
$$m_K^2 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{2} = \frac{m_{K^\pm}^2 + m_{K^0}^2 - m_{\pi^\pm}^2}{2} \Rightarrow m_K = 495.011 \text{ MeV}$$

and the valence charm quark mass is tuned to reproduce the physical  $D_s$  meson mass

[Gérardin *et al.* 2019]

we also publish the derivatives w.r.t.  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_4 \Rightarrow m_\pi, m_K$