

The hadronic contribution to $\Delta\alpha_{\text{QED}}$

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We parametrize the running of the QED coupling as

$$\alpha(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{1 - \Delta(Q^2)}$$

The **hadronic contribution** to Δ is

$$\Delta_{\text{had}}(Q^2) = 4 \bar{\Pi}(Q^2);$$

In the **time-momentum representation** (TMR) [Francis et al. 2013a; Bernecker and Meyer 2011],

$$\bar{\Pi}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx_0 G(x_0) \left[x_0^2 - \frac{4}{Q^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{Qx_0}{2} \right) \right];$$

with the **electromagnetic correlator** (b-quark contribution neglected)

$$G(x) = G^{33}(x) + \frac{1}{3} G^{88}(x) + \frac{4}{9} C^{c;c}(x);$$

$$G^{33}(x) = \frac{1}{2} C^{s;s}(x);$$

$$G^{88}(x) = \frac{1}{6} \left[C^{s;s}(x) + 2C^{s;s}(x) + 2D^{s;s;s}(x) \right]$$

In our study we use the same $N_f = 2 + 1$ set of CLS ensembles and similar techniques as in the g analysis. [A. Gerardin talk on Monday]

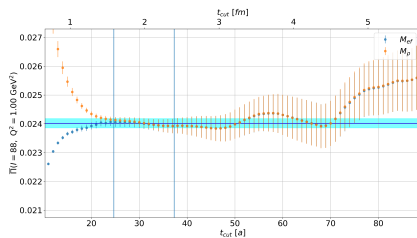
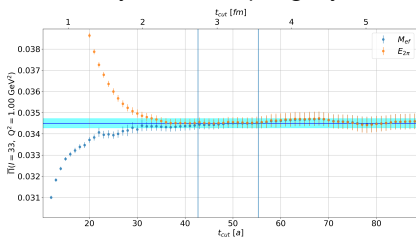
Error budget on ensemble E250 at 1 GeV²

Ensemble at the physical pion mass ($M_\pi = 130$ MeV) with $L = 6:2$ fm, $M/L = 4:1$ and 96^3 192 lattice sites:

The initial **statistical error** of the renormalized, $O(a)$ -improved [Gerardin, Harris, and Meyer 2019] correlators on ensemble E250 is:

- Isovector: 1%
- Isoscalar: 5%
- Charm: 0.05%

We apply the **bounding method** [Gérardin et al. 2019; Blum et al. 2018] to isovector and isoscalar only. Errors drop slightly below 1%.



Finite volume correction, Hansen-Patella method [Hansen and Patella 2020, 2019] and MLLGS-method [Francis et al. 2013b; Meyer 2011; Lellouch and Luscher 2001]

- Isovector: $+36 \times 10^{-5}$ (1%).

The size of the **discretization effects** is 5%

After chiral and continuum extrapolation, at the isospin symmetric physical point,

$Q^2[\text{GeV}^2]$	$\bar{\pi}^{33} \cdot 10^5$	$\bar{\pi}^{88} \cdot 10^5$	$\bar{\pi}^c \cdot 10^5$	$\Delta \cdot 10^6$	$\Delta_{\text{error}} \cdot 10^6$
1.00	3264 (18)(30)(6)	739 (5)(9)(0)	176.6 (0.8)(3.6)(0.2)	3832 (19)(39)(6)(28)	52 (1.4)
6.00	5815 (42)(30)(29)	1549 (14)(10)(8)	820.6 (2.7)(13.1)(0.9)	7506 (50)(49)(34)(34)	85 (1.1)

Statistical error

- a^3 lattice artifacts included for $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$.
- It grows with the energy.

Scale setting error

- Estimated using standard propagation of errors.

Extrapolation error

- Estimated excluding ensembles with $M > 400 \text{ MeV}$.
- Subleading.

Missing IB corrections error [A. Risch talk on Wednesday]

- Based on computation done on ensembles N200 and H102.

