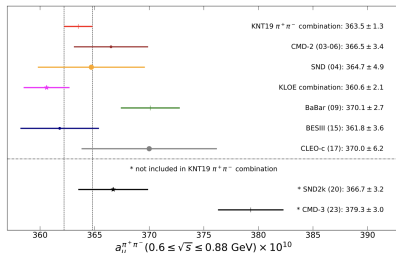
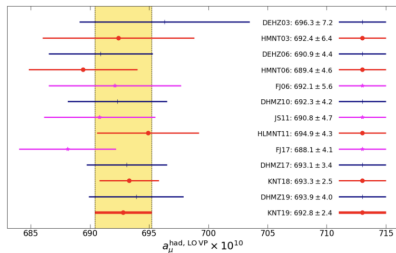


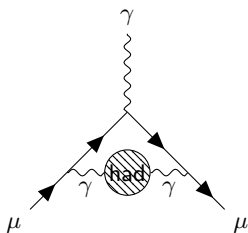
- Dispersive calculation has been used to provide the HVP input to a_μ calculation for > 20 years.
- Values stable despite BaBar-KLOE tension.
- Larger CMD-3 measurement confuses the picture.
- Goals:
 - 1 Understand the tensions between dispersive, lattice and experiment.
 - 2 Produce an accurate and meaningful prediction for a_μ^{HVP} .



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Dispersion Integral

- Problem: QCD is non-perturbative at low energies so HVP of photon cannot be calculated in a loop expansion.
- Solution: *dispersion integral* over the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ cross section.



$$\propto \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{\text{had.}}(q^2)$$

by definition

$$\propto \Pi^{\text{had.}}(q^2)$$

due to gauge invariance

$$\propto \int \frac{\text{Im} \{ \Pi^{\text{had.}}(s) \}}{s(s - q^2 - i\epsilon)} ds$$

by analyticity and Cauchy's theorem

$$\propto \int \frac{\sigma_{\text{had.}}^0(s)}{s - q^2 - i\epsilon} ds$$

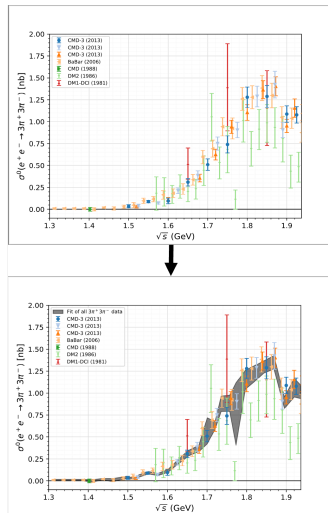
by unitarity \implies the Optical Theorem

$$\left(\text{Im} \left[\text{wavy } \gamma \text{ --- } \text{had} \text{ --- } \text{wavy } \gamma \right] \propto \left| \text{wavy } \gamma \text{ --- } \text{had} \text{ --- } \text{three lines} \right|^2 \right)$$

- For > 40 years, low energy $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ data have been collected.

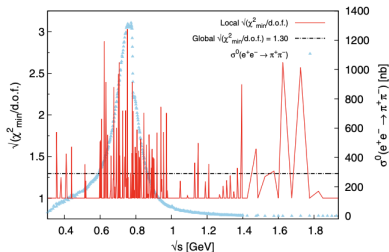
- Use all information (e.g. covariance matrices) provided by experiments.
- Assume complete correlation of *all* systematics where no further information is provided.
- Dynamically cluster data within channels to prevent over-fitting.
- Iterated covariance matrix fit procedure to remove d'Agostoni bias.

$$\Rightarrow a_{\mu}^{LO\ HVP} [KNT19] = (692.79 \pm 2.42) \times 10^{-10}$$

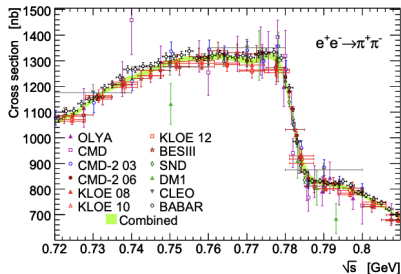


- Data interpolated on quadratic splines to set binning, finer on resonances.
- Uncertainties generated using pseudo-experiments.
- Correlations between datasets and channels simulated using local averaging regions.
- Use of PDG-style local χ^2 error inflation (also in KNTW) in tense bins.
- Closure test applied in 2π channel.

$$\Rightarrow a_\mu^{LO\ HVP} [DHMZ19] = (694.0 \pm 4.0) \times 10^{-10}$$

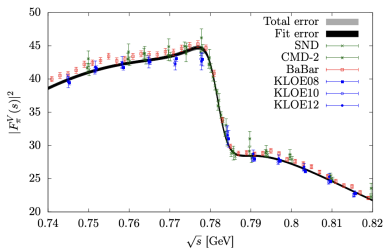


A. Keshavarzi et al, The muon $g - 2$ and $\alpha(M_Z^2)$: a new data-based analysis, Figure 7 (arXiv:1802.02995)

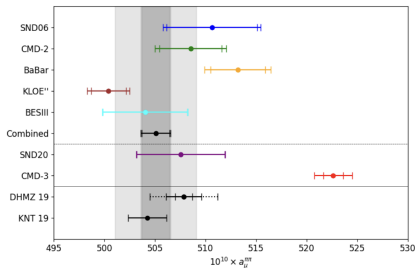


M. Davier et al, A new evaluation of the hadronic vacuum polarisation contributions to the muon anomalous magnetic moment and to $\alpha(M_Z^2)$, Figure 1 (arXiv:1908.00921)

- The shape of the pion vector form factor is constrained by unitarity and analyticity \implies a theory motivated fit for $a_\mu(\pi^+\pi^-)$.
- Some data in KLOE and BESIII cause massive tension in the fit so are removed.
- Theoretically motivated to have no zeros in pion VFF and the data are supportive.
- Leads to a result consistent with KNTW and DHMZ results despite greatly differing method.

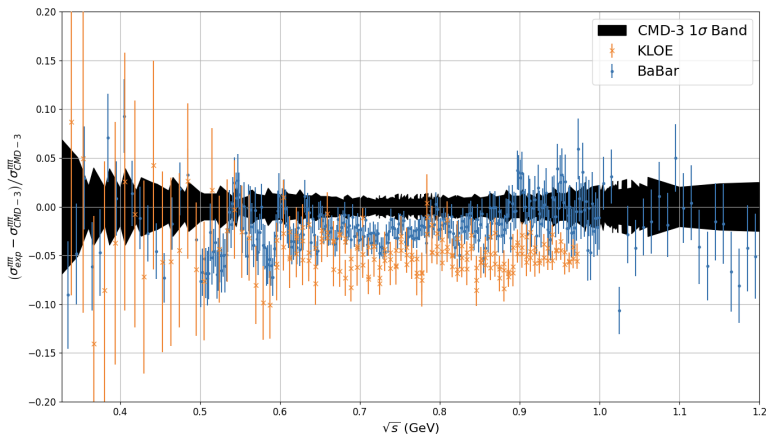


G. Colangelo et al, Two-pion contribution to hadronic vacuum polarization, Figure 10 (arXiv:1810.00007)



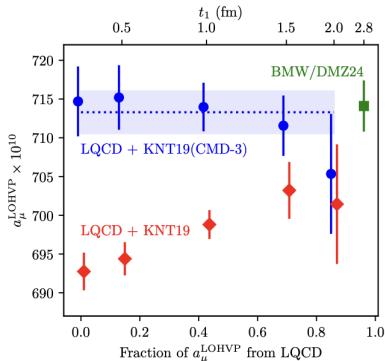
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- Particularly on the ρ , CMD-3 2π significantly in excess of all previous data.

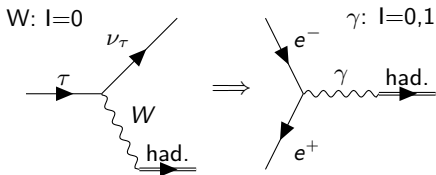


- A potential KLOE-CMD-3 systematic is too large for a_{μ}^{HVP} to be useable.
- Similarity at low energy used to motivate hybrid approaches...
- Belle-II see a similar excess on the 3π resonances but there are potential issues with the data.

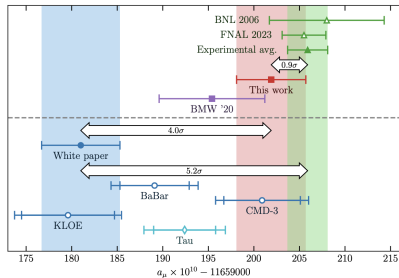
- Lattice “long distance windows” typically have a large uncertainty.
- Hybrid approach: at some Euclidean time t switch from lattice input to dispersive input.
- BMWc-DHMZ hybrid: KLOE + BaBar + CMD-3 + τ , $t_{\text{hybrid}} = 2.8$ fm.
- C.T.H. Davies et al (arXiv:2410.23832v1) investigate the effect of t_{hybrid} on a_{μ}^{HVP} .
- KNT19 data as input, with KNT19(CMD-3) replacing $\pi^+\pi^-$ data with only CMD-3 data.
- CMD-3 consistent with lattice; KLOE and BaBar only above 2 fm.
- Reinforces the need to understand why CMD-3 is discrepant.



C.T.H. Davies et al, Utility of a hybrid approach to the hadronic vacuum polarisation contribution to the muon anomalous magnetic moment, Figure 4. (arXiv:2410.23832)



“... at the required precision to match the e^+e^- data, the present understanding of the IB [isospin breaking] corrections to τ data is unfortunately not yet at a level allowing their use for the HVP dispersion integrals.” - TI White Paper, 2020

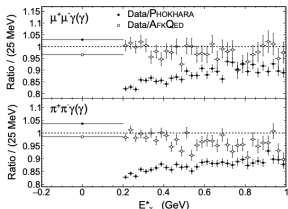


A. Boccaletti et al, High precision calculation of the hadronic vacuum polarisation contribution to the muon anomaly, Figure 3 (arXiv:2407.10913).

- Historically data from hadronic tau decays used to supplement lacking or low accuracy cross section data.
- Poor understanding of the scale of systematic uncertainties associated with IB corrections meant these data was no longer to be included.
- More accurate calculations of IB corrections are in process, supplemented by lattice QCD and ChPT.
- DHMZ argue for the re-inclusion of τ data due to the existence of greater discrepancies among the cross section datasets.

Radiative Corrections - Additional Radiation

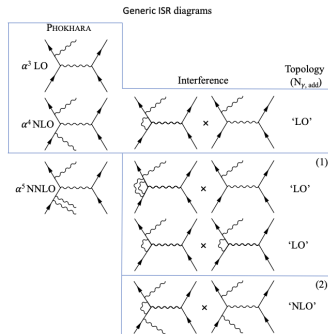
- BaBar study of additional radiation in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ finds a possible NLO excess in PHOKHARA and a potentially significant NNLO contribution.
- Raises concerns about the KLOE and BESIII radiative correction systematics.



J.P. Lees et al, Measurement of additional radiation in the initial-state-radiation processes $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ at BABAR, Figure 3(b) (arXiv:2308.05233).

- DHMZ define two scenarios; NNLO dominated by:

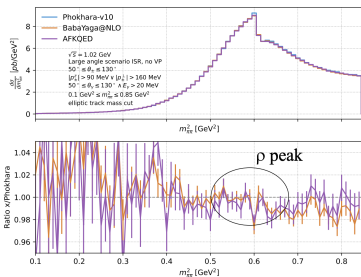
- 1 Diagrams “(1)” and the excess in PHOKHARA is a generator issue.
- 2 Diagrams “(2)” and the data deficit comes from virtual NNLO.



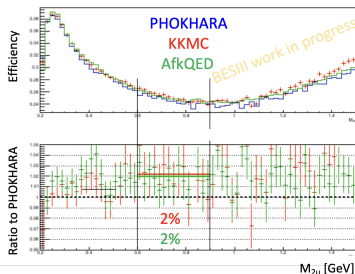
M. Davier et al, Tensions in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- (\gamma)$ measurements: the new landscape of data-driven hadronic vacuum polarization predictions for the muon $g - 2$, Figure 6 (arXiv:2312.02053).

Radiative Corrections - Experimental Impact

- This has potential consequences:
 - ① KLOE08,10 over -1% on the ρ ; BESIII -3.2% .
 - ② KLOE08 -0.8% on the ρ ; BESIII unbiased.
- KLOE investigation: strong agreement of PHOKHARA with KKMC, McMule; difference with AFKQED $< 1\%$ on the ρ .
- BESIII investigation: inclusive of higher order radiation and results consistent. Agreement at $\sim 1\%$ on the ρ .
- Both strongly disfavour DHMZ scenario 1 (hence not a full explanation).
- Both still work in progress; detector effects.



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- Already noted profound differences between combination procedures; leading to not insignificant differences between results.
- Choices to be made:
 - Rebinning of data.
 - Additional constraints.
 - Use of correlations.
 - Interpolation and integration.

	DHMZ19	KNT19	Difference
$\pi^+\pi^-$	507.85(0.83)(3.23)(0.55)	504.23(1.90)	3.62
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	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
[1.8, 3.7] GeV (without $c\bar{c}$)	33.45(71)	34.45(56)	-1.00
$J/\psi, \psi(2S)$	7.76(12)	7.84(19)	-0.08
[3.7, ∞] GeV	17.15(31)	16.95(19)	0.20
Total $a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}}$	694.0(1.0)(3.5)(1.6)(0.1) $_{\psi(0.7)_{\text{DV+QCD}}}$	692.8(2.4)	1.2

T. Aoyama et al, The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon in the Standard Model, Table 5 (arXiv:2006.04822)

- This analysis needs to be accurate \implies unbiased \implies blind.

- Blinding requirements:
 - Cannot introduce biases to the data.
 - Cannot blind publicly available data.
 - Cannot infer blinding offsets from results.
 - Cannot interfere with combination and fit.
- Therefore:
 - Blind scale but blind shape only with a weakly varying kernel.
 - Blind only the outputs: integrals ($X = 0$) and plots ($X = 1$).
 - Blind integrals and plots with different kernels.

A. Keshavarzi et al, Muon $g - 2$: blinding for data-driven hadronic vacuum polarization, arXiv:2409.02827. Accepted into PRD.

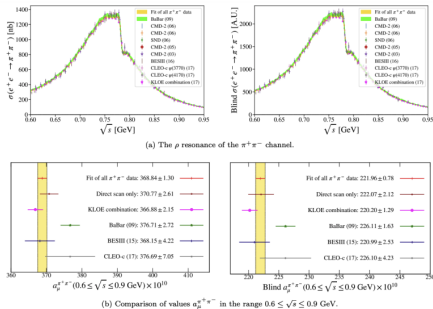
$$\sigma_{had,(i,X)}^{blind}(s) = a_i b_{(i,X)} (s + s_{0,(i,X)})^{c_{(i,X)}} \sigma_{had,i-m}(s)$$

- At the first stage of blinding, channel numbers will be mapped by a random offset m (modulo 100) and different seeds generated for each channel.
- At the *relative unblinding* stage, all channel numbers will be known and the seeds will be common to all channels.

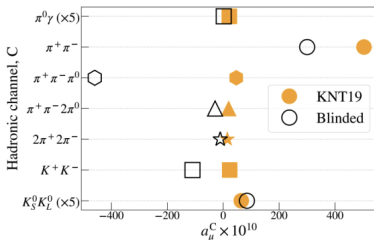
Seed	a_i	$b_{(i,X)}$	$c_{(i,X)}$	$s_{0,(i,X)}$
Value	$a = \pm 1$	$0.1 \leq b \leq 0.9$ $1.1 \leq b \leq 10$	$0.01 \leq c \leq 0.05$	$-0.01 \leq s_0 \leq 1$
Comment	Integral only	Avoid no scaling	Avoid no distortion	Avoid knowledge at $s = 1$ GeV

- Seeds stored in a compiled Python script and known by an external blinder (Mark Lancaster).
- Must be correctly input to produce unblinded results.

KNT19 Example



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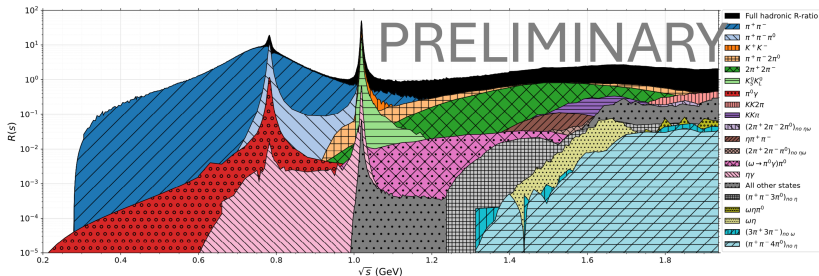


- New cross section data could prove crucial to understanding the discrepancy in the 2π channel.
- Measurements of high multiplicity channels important to improve large uncertainties or replace estimated channels.

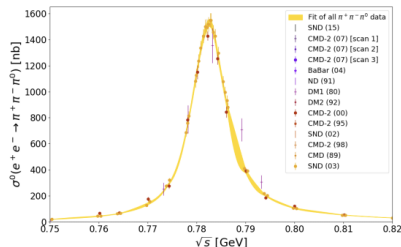
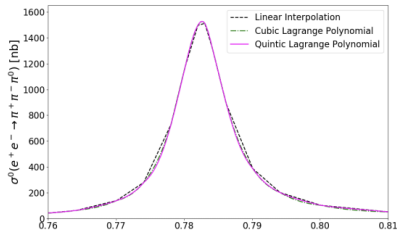
Experiment	Projected Precision	Current Precision	Timeline	Comments
BaBar	< 0.5%	0.5%	2025	Dataset luminosity doubled + new analysis method.
Belle-II	< 0.5%	N/A	Late 2025/26	All 427 fb^{-1} of run-1 data.
BESIII	0.7%(0.5%)	0.9%	2025(28)	Also aiming to measure important 4π and $2K$ channels.
CMD-3 (> 1 GeV)	1 – 2%	N/A	Unclear	New measurement < 1 GeV planned along with $n\pi$.
KLOE	0.4%	0.8% (KLOE12)	2026	-
SND	0.6 – 0.7%	0.8%	2025/26	-

- Future measurements of $g - 2$ (J-PARC, MUonE) will increase the precision of the experimental result.

- Conversion of FORTRAN to Python is nearly complete:
 - Text files replaced by relational database.
 - Approaching end of conversion: new analysis can begin soon.
 - Blinding built in from the start.
- Interactive plotting software introduced for easy visualisation.
- All data inputs (~ 280 datasets) cross checked from papers and (minor) corrections made where necessary.



- KNTW to begin a new analysis for inclusion in **White Paper III** (no dispersive in WP11).
- Planning to:
 - Examine and modernise the VP routine.
 - Refine FSR treatments and extend to more channels.
 - Investigate alternatives to the clustering procedure (i.e. spline interpolation).
 - Investigate the effects of varying which systematics we correlate and the correlation coefficients.
- Creation of a new interface to view, integrate and plot the data in our database.



A. Keshavarzi et al, The $g - 2$ of charged leptons, $\alpha(M_Z^2)$ and the hyperfine splitting of muonium, Figure 4 (arXiv:1911.00367)

- Not presently at a point in our analysis where we could provide a number we think is representative of the situation.
- Dispersive method retains value, but has puzzles to solve.
- A number of outstanding questions need value before a “safe” dispersive calculation of $a_{\mu}^{LO\ HVP}$ can be provided.
- A lot depends on ongoing analyses and unpublished data.
- Of paramount importance: no jumping to conclusions about muon $g - 2$.