

# BABAR studies for the data-driven predictions of $g-2$



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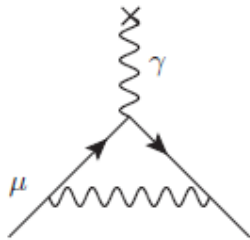
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# Outline

- Data-driven prediction for  $g-2$
- Cross section measurements at BABAR
- Study of high-order radiation by BABAR
- New landscape of prediction for  $g-2$

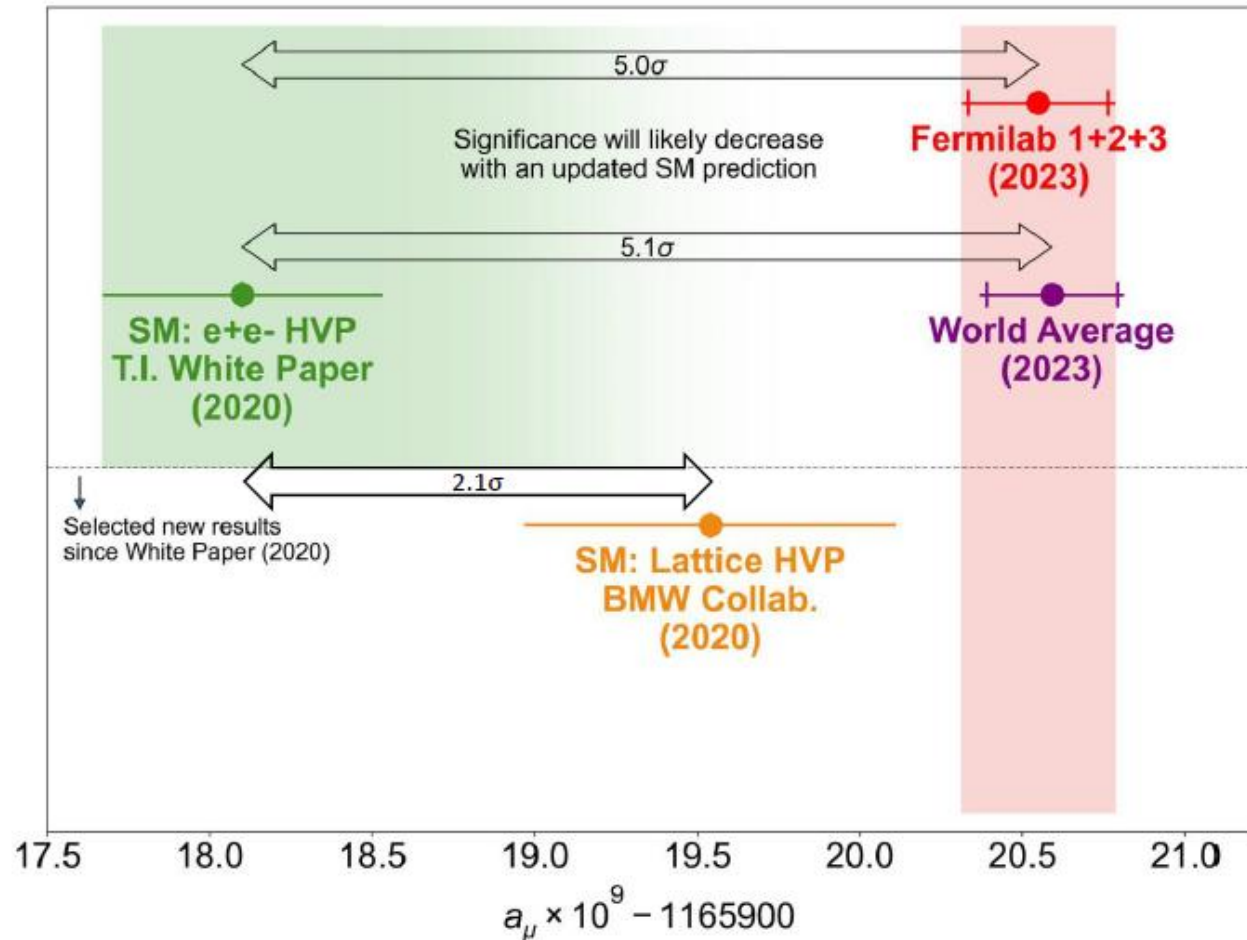
# Introduction to data-driven evaluations for $g-2$

# The g-2 puzzle



- Lepton anomalous magnetic moment:  

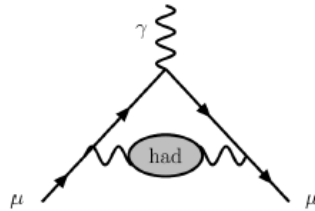
$$a_l = \frac{1}{2}(g - 2)_l$$
- Precise test of the Standard Model
- Long-standing discrepancy between theory and experiment for the muon (g-2)



# g-2 Calculation

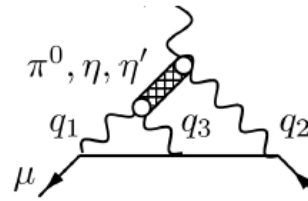
$$a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{QED}} + a_\mu^{\text{EW}} + a_\mu^{\text{hadronic}} + a_\mu^{\text{NP?}}$$

Hadronic Vacuum Polarisation  
(VP)

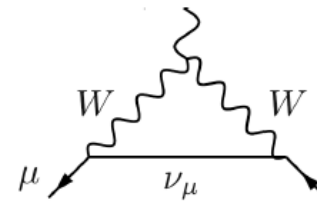


This talk

Hadronic light-by-light  
Scattering



Weak  
Interactions



**QED**

11 658 471.89

$\pm 0.01$

Leading hadronic vacuum polarization

693.1

$\pm 4.0$

Sub-leading hadronic vacuum polarization

-8.59

$\pm 0.07$

Hadronic light-by-light

9.2

$\pm 1.7$

Electroweak

15.36

$\pm 0.10$

Prediction

11 659 181.0

$\pm 4.3$

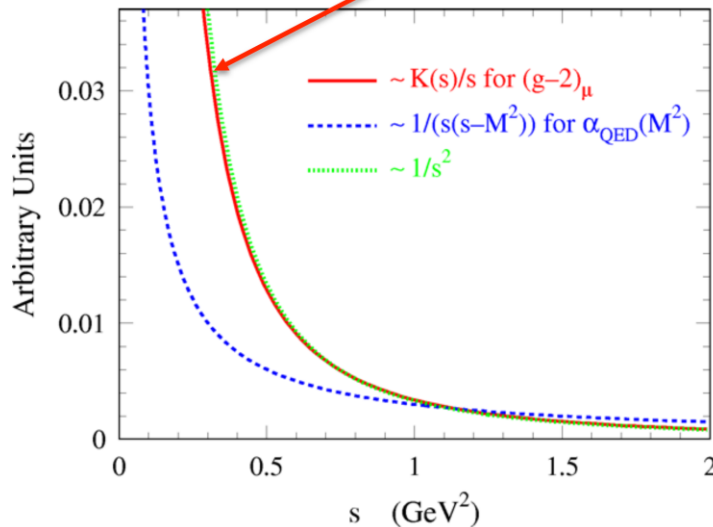
White Paper, Phys. Rep. 887 (2020)

units of  $10^{-10}$

# Dispersive approach

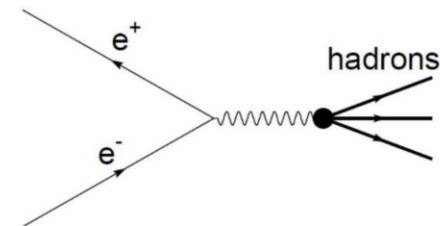
- Calculation of leading order **hadronic vacuum polarization**

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{had,LO}} = \frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^2} \int_{4m_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{K(s)}{s} R(s)$$



$$12\pi \text{Im}\Pi_{\gamma}(s) = \frac{\sigma^0 [e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons} (\gamma_{FSR})]}{\sigma_{pt}} \equiv R(s)$$

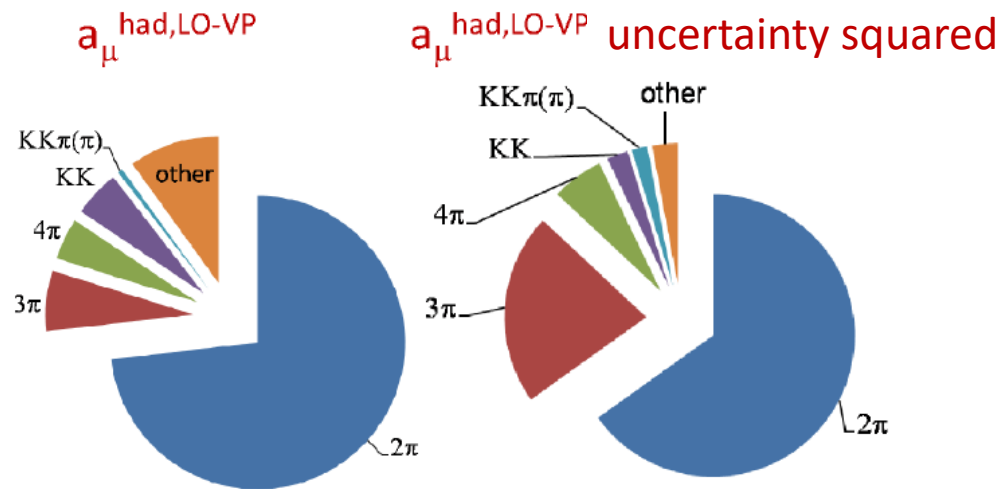
$\text{Im}[\text{Diagram}] \propto |\text{Diagram} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}|^2$



- Calculation needs **experimental inputs: hadronic cross sections**
- **Low energy data contribute most**

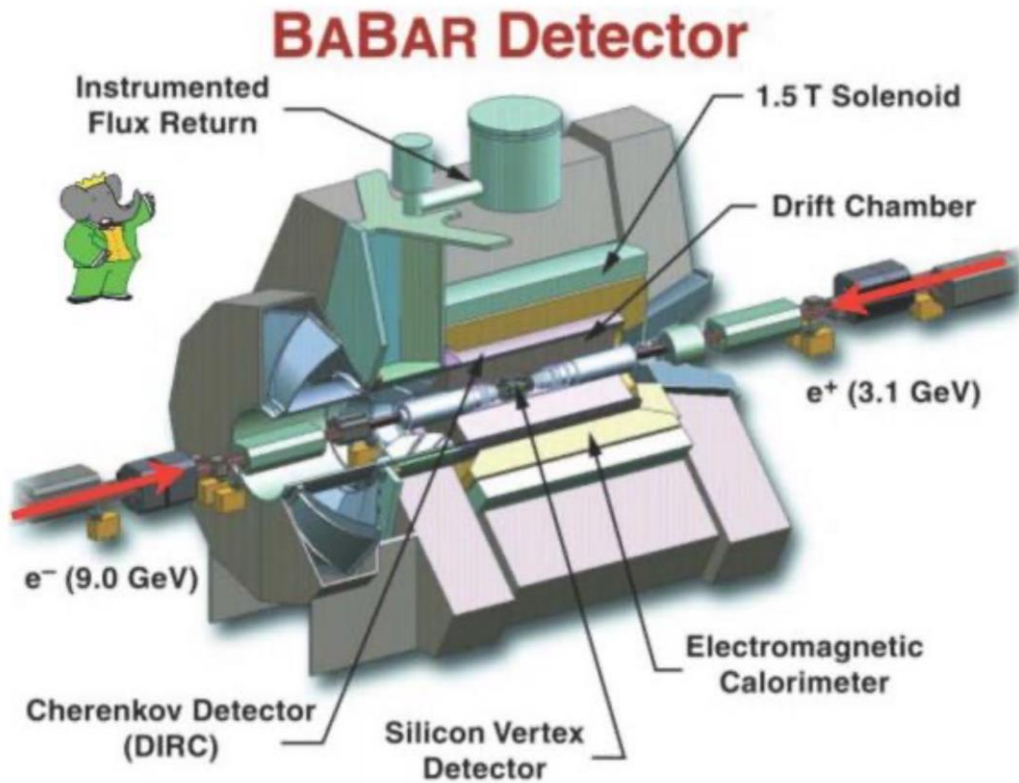
# Hadronic cross sections and g-2

- At low energy total hadronic cross section determined from finite sum of exclusive modes
- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- (\gamma)$  mode most important
  - Dominant contribution to the value (73%) of  $a_\mu^{\text{had, LO-VP}}$  and to its uncertainty squared (70%)
  - Discrepancy between various measurements

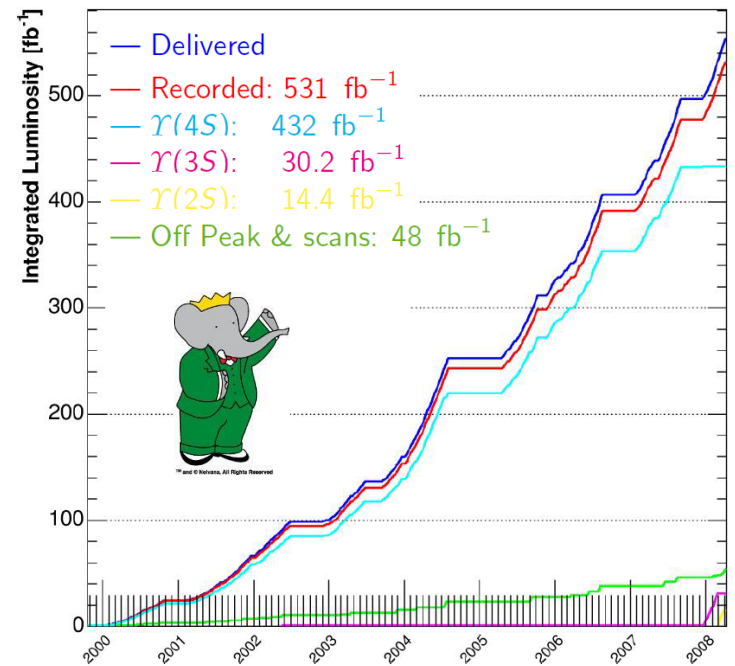


# Hadronic cross section measurements in BABAR

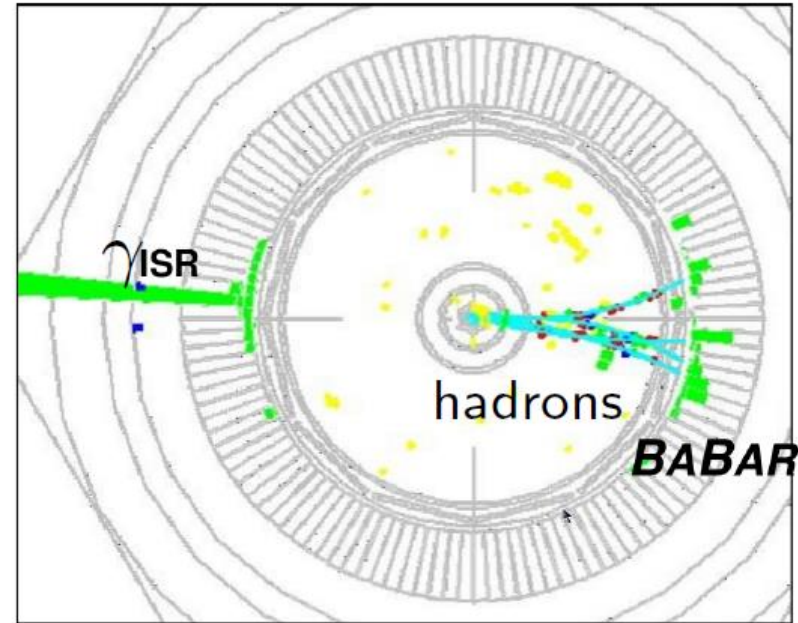
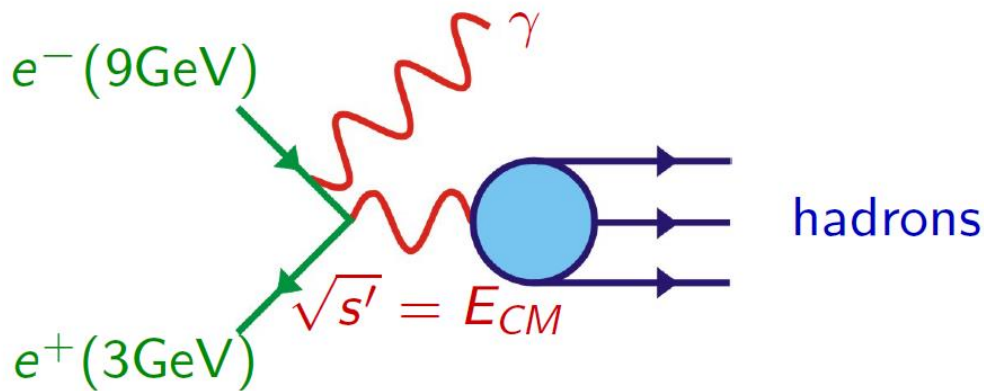
# Detector and data sample



0.5  $ab^{-1}$  over 10 years



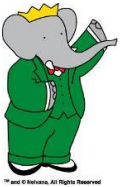
# ISR method



- Photon emitted from  $e^+$  or  $e^-$  as Initial State Radiation (ISR).
  - allows to measure cross sections at low energy.
- Hadronic system boosted and back to back with photon.
  - Good detection even at threshold.
  - In detector acceptance: fully reconstructed.



# Additional radiation



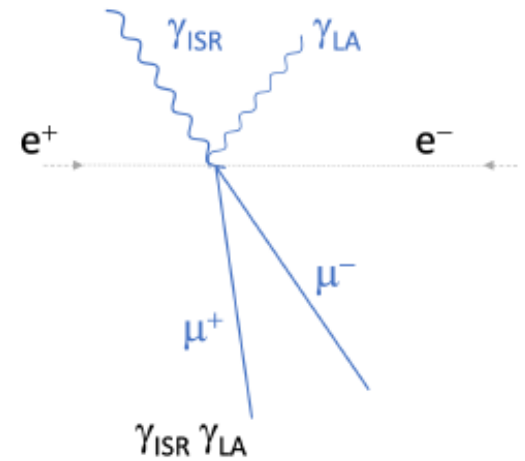
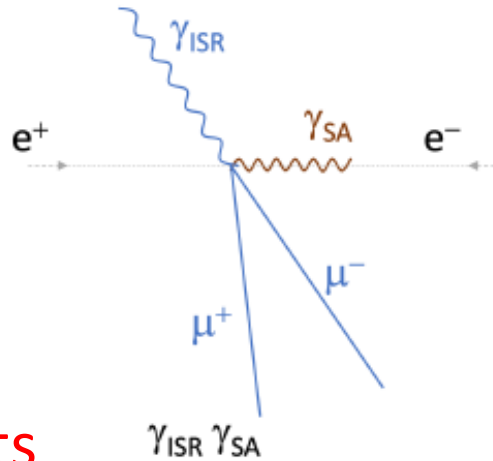
Measurement of additional radiation in the initial-state-radiation processes  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$  at BABAR, BABAR Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 108, L111103 (2023)

# Data samples

- Analysis on the **full BABAR dataset: 468 fb<sup>-1</sup>**
  - 424 fb<sup>-1</sup> on Y(4S) peak, 44 fb<sup>-1</sup> off peak
- **MC signal samples:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma(\gamma), \pi\pi\gamma(\gamma)$** 
  - **Phokhara9.1**: full NLO ISR (10 x data stat)
    - Including large angle ISR and ISR-FSR interference
  - **AfkQED**: NLO + NNLO ISR (1/2 x data stat)
    - Collinear approximation for ISR  $\gamma$
- **MC background samples**
  - Phokhara9.1/AfkQED :  $K K \gamma / \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma, \pi^+ \pi^- 2\pi^0 \gamma, \dots$
  - JETSET:  $q \bar{q}$
  - KK2f:  $\tau^+ \tau^-$

# 'NLO' fits

- Two tracks
  - Opposite charge
- ISR photon
  - Largest  $E_\gamma^* > 4$  GeV
  - $0.35 < \theta < 2.4$  rad



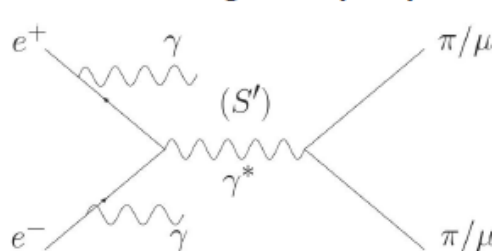
- Two 'NLO' kinematic fits
  - Small angle (SA):  $\gamma$  fitted assuming collinear approximation
  - Large angle (LA):  $\gamma$  detected,  $0.35 < \theta < 2.4$  rad
- Three categories
  - NLO SA sample:  $E_{\gamma_{SA}}^* > 200$  MeV,  $\chi^2_{SA} < \chi^2_{LA}$
  - NLO LA sample:  $E_{\gamma_{LA}} > 200$  MeV,  $\chi^2_{LA} < \chi^2_{SA}$
  - LO sample: other events with no  $\gamma$  above threshold

# 'NLO' LA fit results

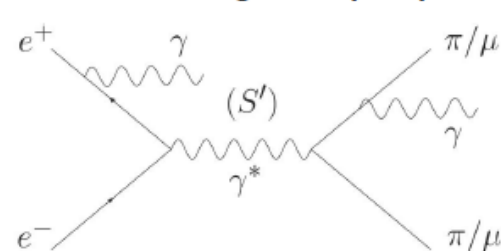
- LA ISR and FSR separation

- Using minimum angle between additional photon and tracks
- Separation at 20 deg.

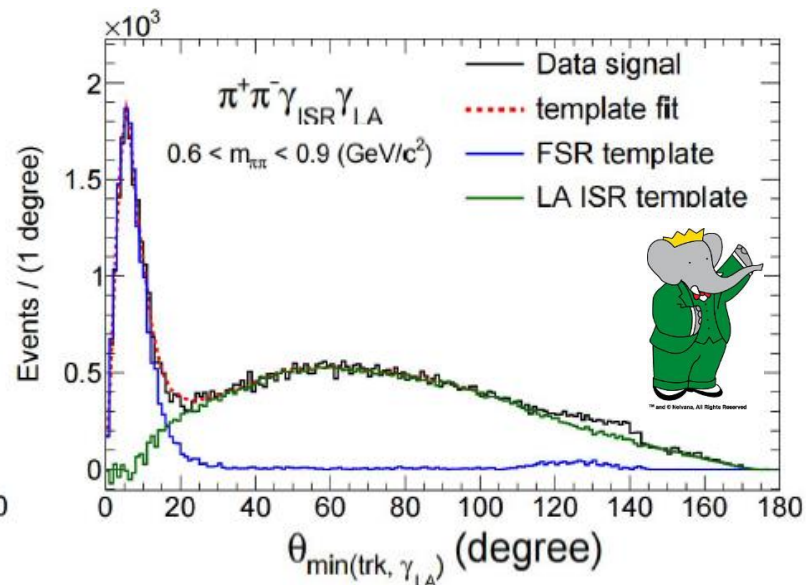
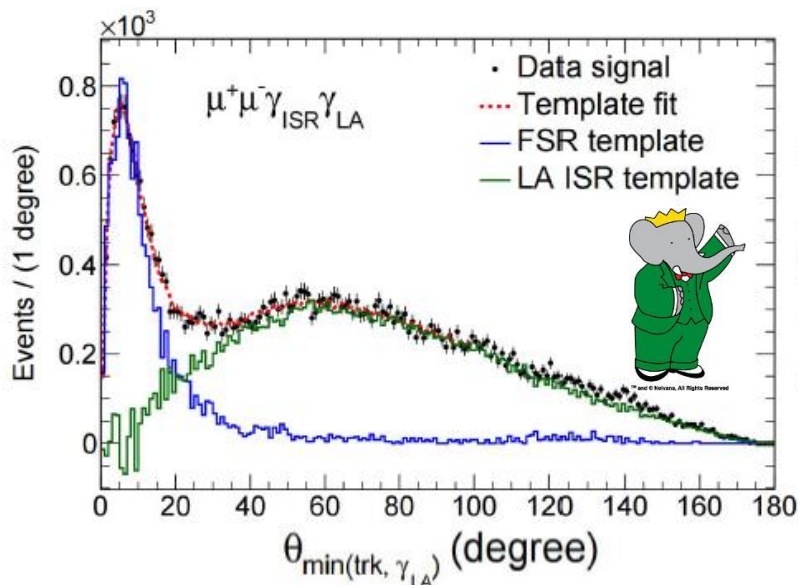
Next-to-leading-order (NLO) ISR



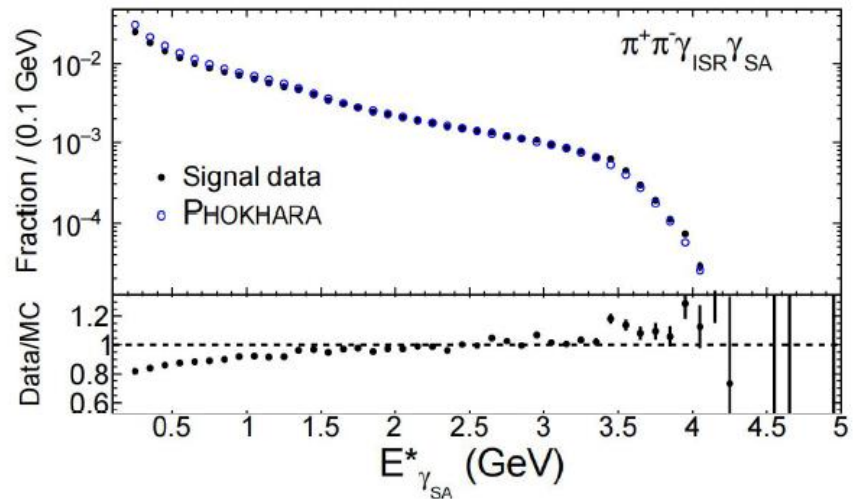
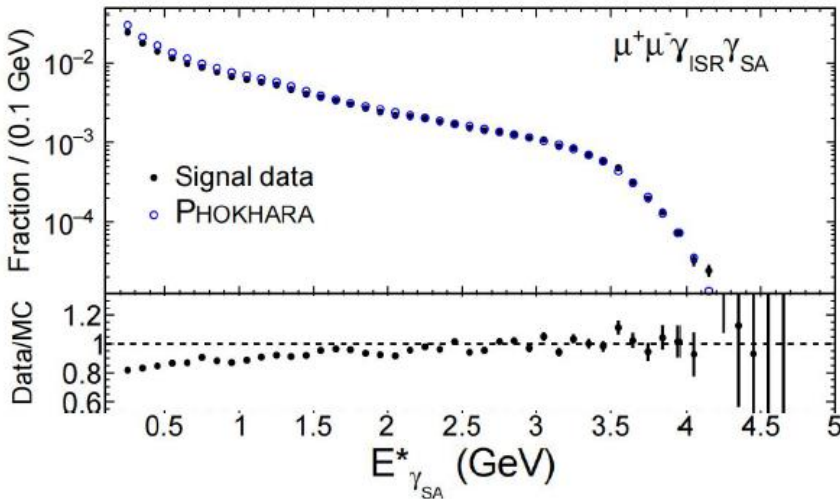
Next-to-leading-order (NLO) FSR



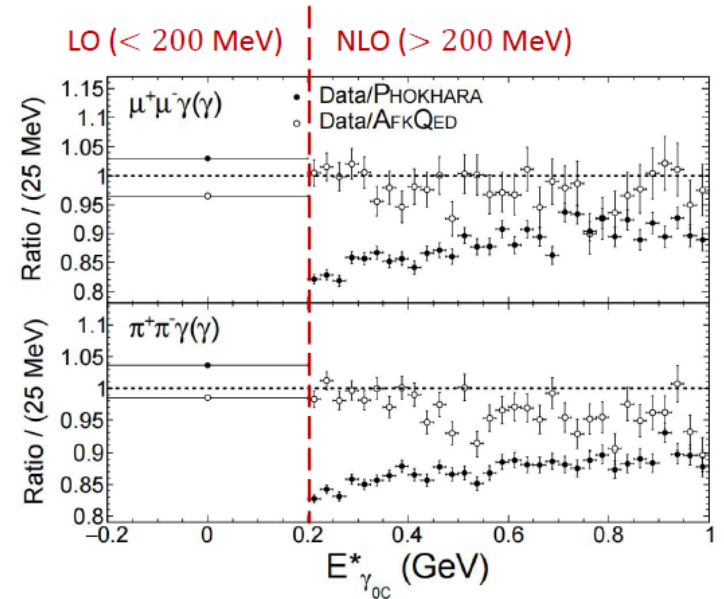
- Good agreement with MC



# 'NLO' SA fit results

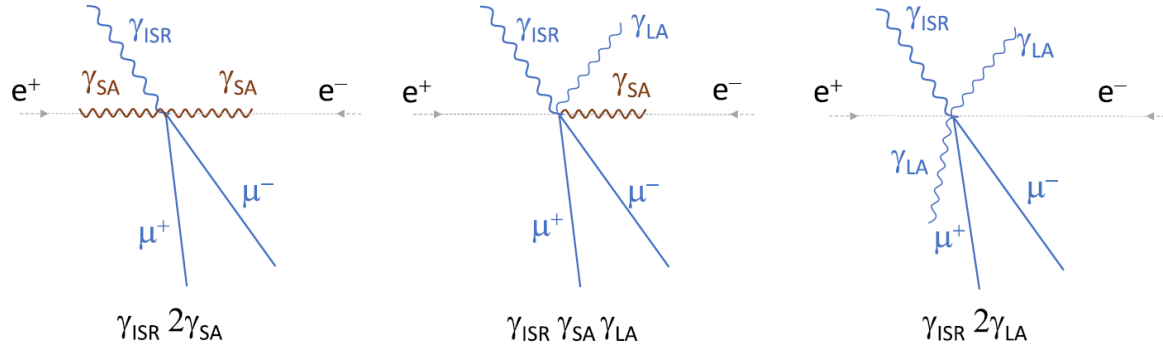


- Excess of SA events in Phokhara
  - Especially at lower energies
  - Even with zero-constraint (0C) (no collinear assumption)
- AfkQED consistent with data



# 'NNLO' fits

- Three 'NNLO' fits
  - 2SA, SA+LA, 2 LA
  - Events assigned to a category if  $\chi^2$  smaller than any other category



- Significant NNLO signal observed

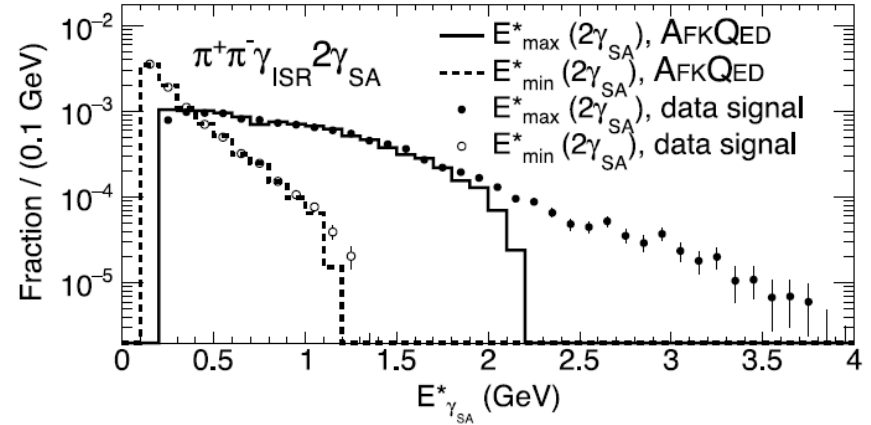
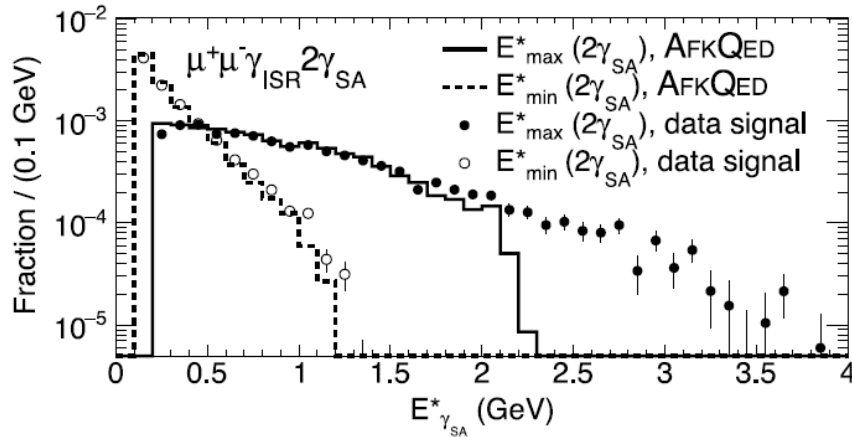
- With a fraction of about 3.5%
- 2SA category dominant

Category	$\mu\mu$ $m_{\pi\pi} < 1.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\pi\pi$ $0.6 < m_{\pi\pi} < 0.9 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
LO	0.7716(4)(14)	0.7839(5)(12)
NLO SA-ISR	0.1469(3)(36)	0.1401(2)(16)
NLO LA-ISR	0.0340(2)(9)	0.0338(2)(9)
NLO ISR	0.1809(4)(35)	0.1739(3)(20)
NLO FSR	0.0137(2)(7)	0.0100(1)(16)
NNLO ISR <sup>a</sup>	0.0309(2)(38)	0.0310(2)(39)
NNLO FSR <sup>b</sup>	0.00275(6)(9)	0.00194(12)(50)
NNLO 2LA <sup>c</sup>	0.00103(3)(1)	0.00066(4)(4)



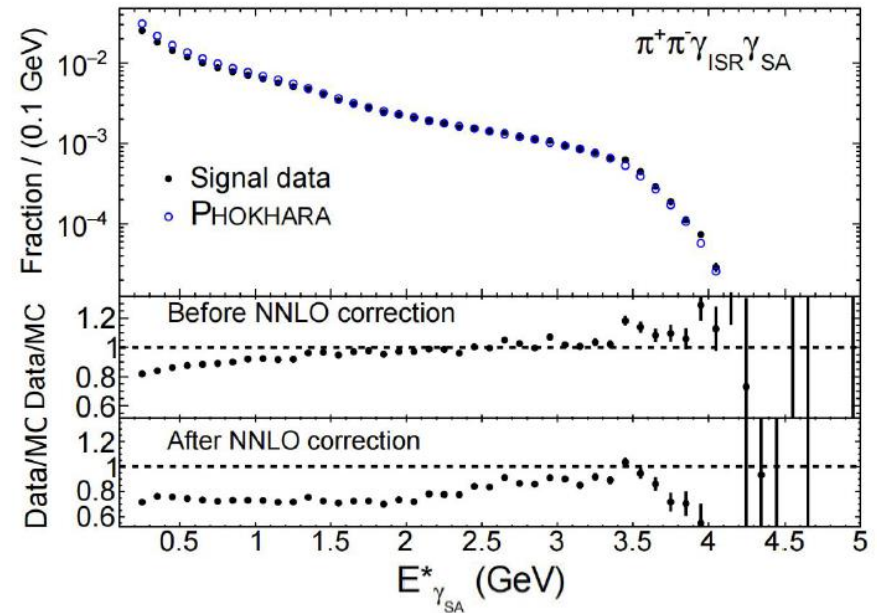
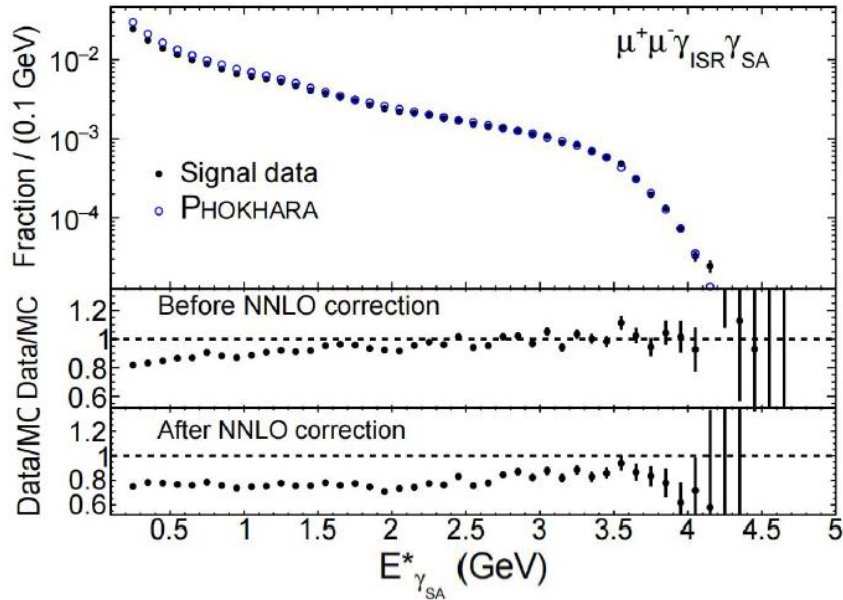
<sup>a</sup> NNLO ISR = 2SA-ISR or SA-ISR + LA-ISR  
<sup>b</sup> NNLO FSR = SA-ISR + LA-FSR  
<sup>c</sup> NNLO 2LA = 2LA-ISR, LA-ISR + LA-FSR or 2LA-FSR

# 'NNLO' 2 SA fit results



- Higher  $E^*_\gamma > 200$  MeV, lower  $E^*_\gamma > 100$  MeV
- Good agreement in  $E^*_\gamma$  shape with AfkQED up to 2.3 GeV

# NNLO correction to 'NLO' SA results



- Correct for migration between categories
  - NNLO 2 SA from same beam not distinguishable from NLO SA
- Better agreement in shape but still excess of 25% in Phokhara

# Consequences

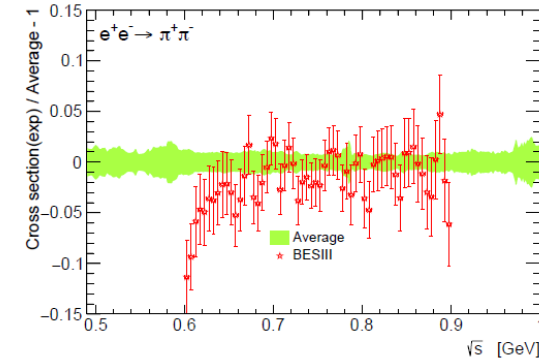
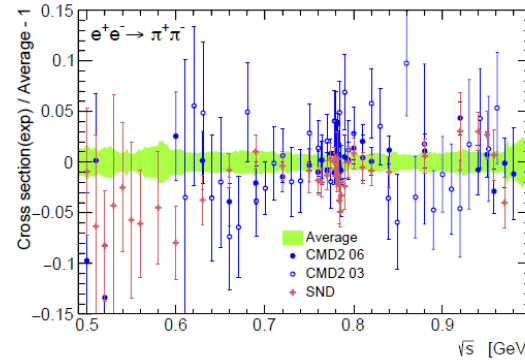
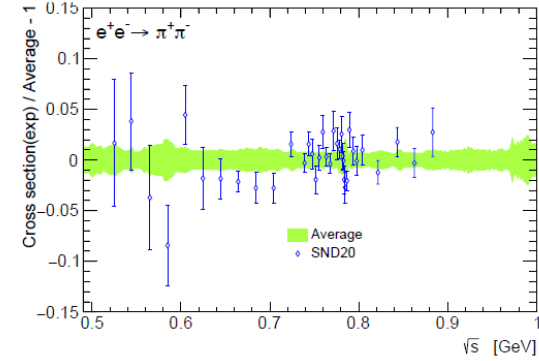
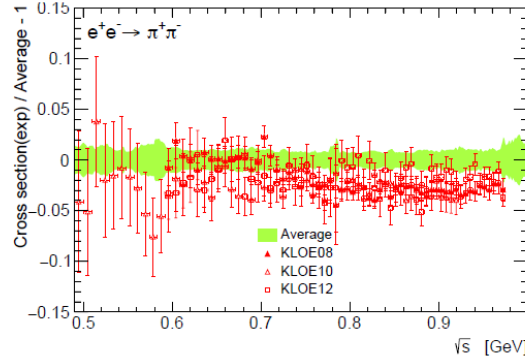
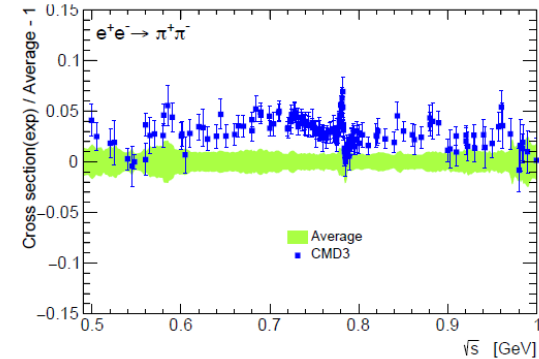
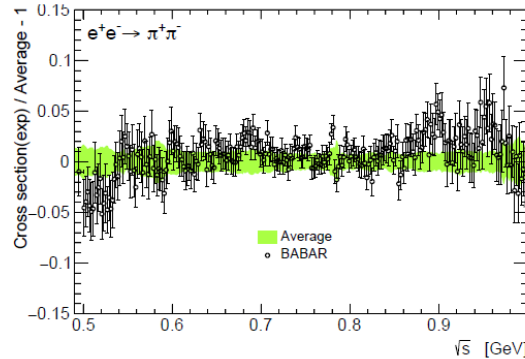
- How does this affect current  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-(\gamma)$  cross sections measurements?
- **BABAR analysis essentially unaffected**
  - Performed with loose selection
  - Using  $\pi\pi/\mu\mu$  ratio
  - Efficiencies obtained with data
  - The effect of Phokhara excess on acceptance is  $(0.03 \pm 0.01)\%$  well below the quoted systematic uncertainty of 0.5%
- Other ISR results relying on Phokhara might be affected
  - Larger systematics?

# New landscape of data-driven HVP predictions for $g-2$

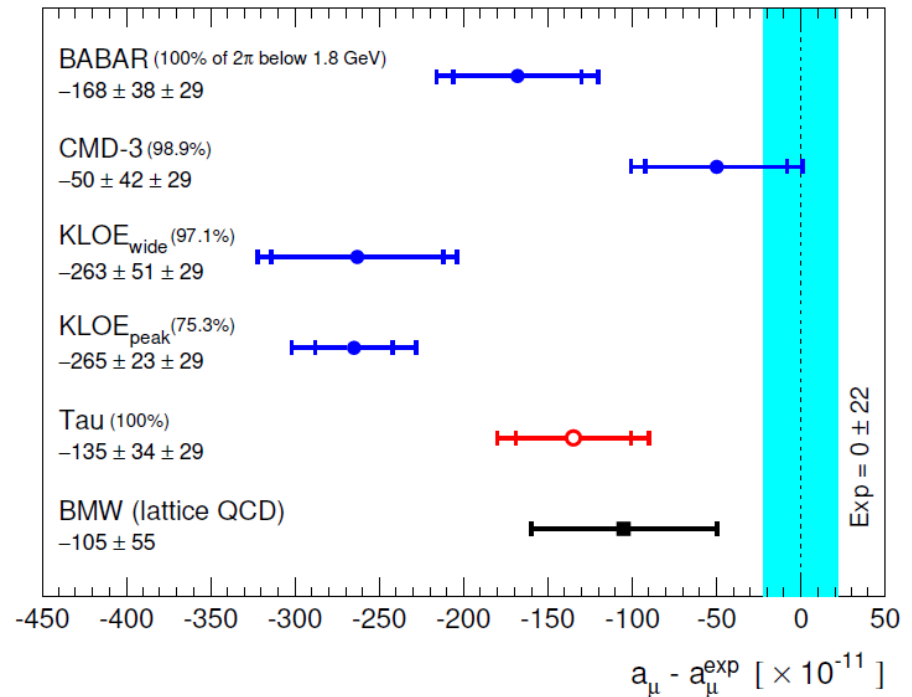
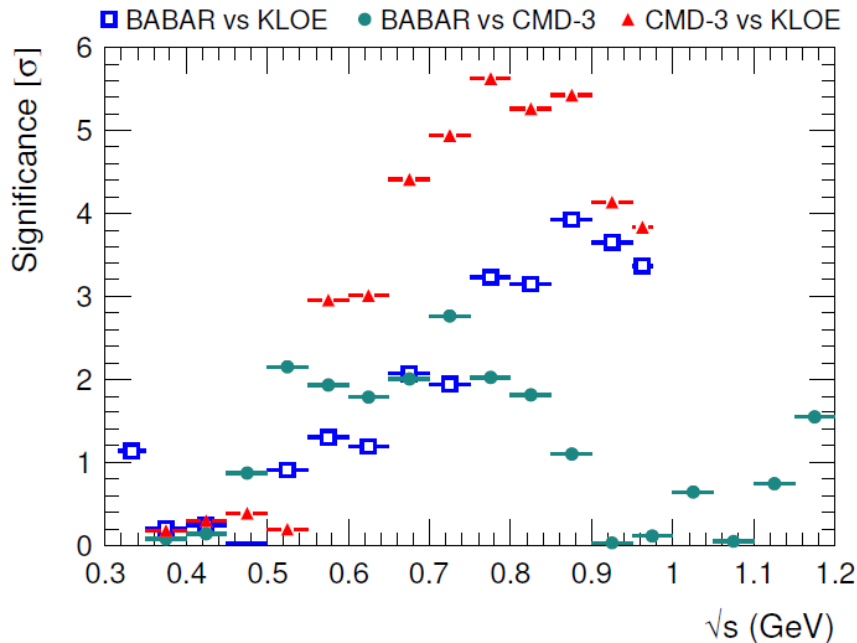
Tensions in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- (\gamma)$  measurements: the new landscape of data-driven hadronic vacuum polarization predictions for the muon  $g-2$ ,  
M. Davier, A. Hoecker, A.M. Lutz, B. Malaescu, and Z. Zhang,  
arXiv:2312.02053 (2023)

# $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ cross sections

- Dominant channel for  $g-2$  prediction (value and uncertainty)
- Long-standing tension between KLOE and BABAR
- Recent CMD3 results



# Tensions in $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi \pi$ cross sections and impact on $g-2$ prediction



Significance of differences between BABAR, KLOE and CMD3

- BABAR + CMD3 +  $\tau$ 
  - 2.5  $\sigma$  below experiment
  - compatible with BMW

# Upcoming $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ analyses

- New results expected in the near future from many experiments: SND, CMD3, KLOE, BESSIII, BABAR and Belle II
- In BABAR, new analysis will
  - Increase data sample:  $232 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 468 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Replace PID requirement (and associated momentum cut) with new technique based on angular distributions
    - Larger statistics : effective gain by a factor 7
    - Smaller systematics

# Summary

- Recent progress on  $g-2$  in all directions
  - Direct measurement
  - Lattice calculation
  - Data-driven prediction
    - Cross section measurements
    - Study of high-order radiation
    - Study of impact of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  inputs
- May lead to a reduced discrepancy between experiment and theory for the muon  $g-2$
- Expect new measurements by next year