

Theory of the g factor of few-electron ions

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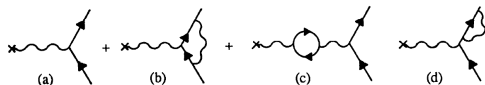
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The g factor of the free electron

Interaction energy of an electron with an external **magnetic field**



At the one-loop level, it is only corrected by the vertex diagram

$$\Delta E = -\langle \vec{\mu} \rangle \cdot \vec{B},$$

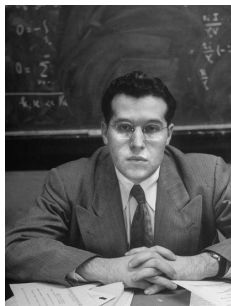
with the magnetic moment μ , the Bohr magneton $\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2mc}$

$$\langle \vec{\mu} \rangle = 2 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right) \mu_B \langle \vec{S} \rangle = g\mu_B \langle \vec{S} \rangle.$$

Thus the **g -factor of the free electron up to the one-loop order** is

$$g_{\text{free}} = 2 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \approx 2(1 + 0.00116141)$$

The α/π term is the Schwinger term (Schwinger, 1947)





Dirac and Feynman at the Relativity conference, Jabłonna Palace, 1962

$$2 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi}$$



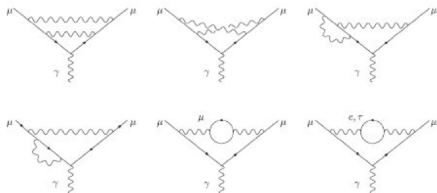
Dirac with his wife Margit Wigner and their children



Tagore promenade in Balatonfüred, with memorial trees planted by Dirac (1977), Feynman, Mandelbrot, Mössbauer, Pontecorvo, Prokhorov, Teller, etc.



Two-loop diagrams:



- A. Peterman, *Helv. Phys. Acta* **30**, 407 (1957);
C. M. Sommerfield, *Ann. Phys.* **5**, 26 (1958)

Three⁺-loop diagrams:

- S. Laporta, E. Remiddi, *Phys. Lett. B* **379**, 283 (1996) [3 loops, analytical]
T. Aoyama, M. Hayakawa, T. Kinoshita, M. Nio, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **109**, 111807 (2012) [numerical]
S. Laporta, *Phys. Lett. B* **772**, 232 (2017) [4 loops, semi-analytical, 1100 digits given]

Current best experimental value:

$$g_{\text{exp}} = 2.002\,319\,304\,361(6)$$

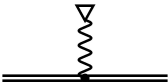
(rel. accuracy = $3 \cdot 10^{-12}$)

Accurate value for the
fine-structure constant: g_{exp} and
corresponding multi-loop
free-electron QED calculations

D. Hanneke, S. Fogwell, and G. Gabrielse,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 120801 (2008)

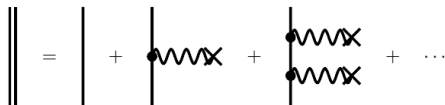
The bound-electron g factor

For a Coulomb potential, the Dirac g -factor for the $1s$ state (G. Breit, 1928):



$$g_D = \frac{2}{3} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{1 - (Z\alpha)^2} \right) = 2 - \frac{2}{3}(Z\alpha)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(Z\alpha)^4 + \dots$$

Double line: Coulomb-Dirac (wave function or) propagator:



$$\parallel = \left| + \begin{array}{c} | \\ \bullet \\ \text{wavy} \\ \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} | \\ \bullet \\ \text{wavy} \\ \bullet \\ \text{wavy} \\ \end{array} + \dots$$

with an arbitrary number of interactions with the (strong) Coulomb potential $V(r)$ of the nucleus (Furry picture). Solution of the Dirac eq.:

$$(E + i\alpha\nabla - m\gamma^0 - V(r)) G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, E) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

A number of corrections contribute to g_{th} :

$$g_{\text{th}} = g_{\text{D}} + \delta g_{1\text{L}} + \delta g_{2\text{L}} + \delta g_{\text{FS}} + \delta g_{\text{rec}} + \delta g_{\text{NP}},$$

$\delta g_{1\text{L}}$ – one-loop QED: self-energy (SE) and vacuum polarization (VP),

$\delta g_{2\text{L}}$ – two-loop QED: SE-SE, VP-VP, SE-VP,

δg_{FS} – nuclear finite-size,

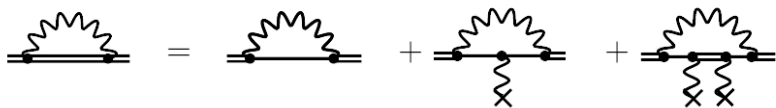
δg_{rec} – recoil,

δg_{NP} – nuclear polarizability,

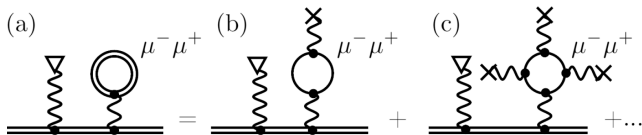
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Bound-state QED in the Furry picture: relate the diagrams to (known) free QED



self-energy function $\Sigma(p)$ momentum space vertex function $\Gamma_\mu(p, p')$ momentum space Coulomb-Dirac propagator $G^{2+}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, E)$ coordinate space



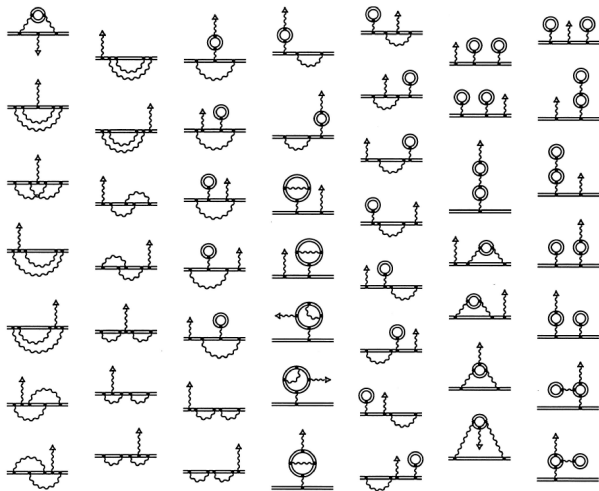
free-loop approximation virtual light-by-light scattering
polarization function $\Pi(q^2)$ \rightarrow Uehling potential $V_U(r)$

Results for $^{28}_{14}\text{Si}^{13+}$ (from 2011)

Theory		
Dirac value	1.993 023 571 6	Breit 1928
Finite nuclear size	0.000 000 020 5	Dirac eq. num. and Karshenboim 2000
One-loop QED	$(Z\alpha)^0$	$\frac{\alpha}{\pi}$, Schwinger 1948
	$(Z\alpha)^2$	$\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{(Z\alpha)^2}{6}$, Grotch 1970
	$(Z\alpha)^4$	Pachucki <i>et al.</i> 2004
	h.o. SE	Yerokhin, Indelicato, Shabaev 2004, & Jentschura
	VP WK	Beier 2000
Two-loop QED	VP magn.	Lee, Milstein, Terekhov, Karshenboim 2005
	$(Z\alpha)^0$	$\propto (\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^{2+}$, Sommerfield 1958, Kinoshita <i>et al.</i>
	$(Z\alpha)^2$	Grotch 1970
	$(Z\alpha)^4$	Pachucki, Czarnecki, Jentschura, Yerokhin 2005
	h.o.	<i>ditto</i>
Recoil	m/M	Shabaev, Yerokhin 2002
	rad-rec	Grotch 1970
	$(m/M)^{2+}$	Pachucki 2008
Total theory	1.995 348 958 0(17)	
Experiment (2011)	1.995 348 958 7(5)(3)(8) (stat)(syst)(m_e)	

- S. Sturm, A. Wagner, B. Schabinger *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **107**, 023002 (2011)
- Another application of H-like ions: determination of m_e , S. Sturm, F. Köhler, J. Zatorski *et al.*, Nature **506**, 467 (2014)
- Two-loop corrections of order $(Z\alpha)^5$ calculated: A. Czarnecki, M. Dowling, J. Piclum, R. Szafron, Phys. Rev. Lett. **120**, 043203 (2018), value: 1.995 348 958 109(584)

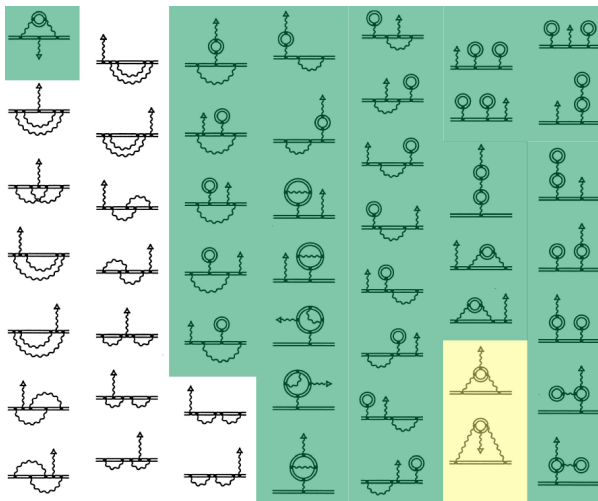
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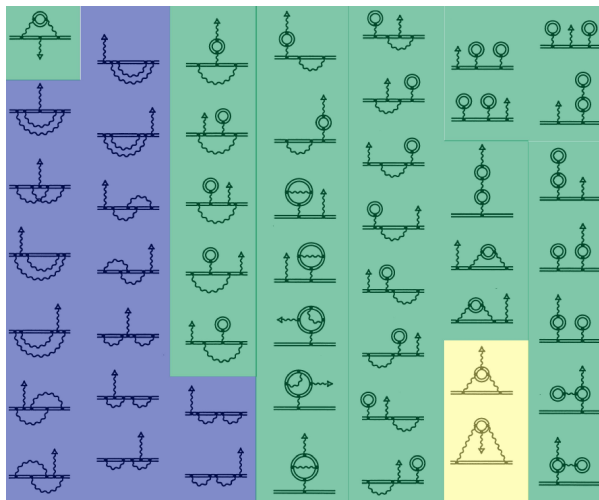


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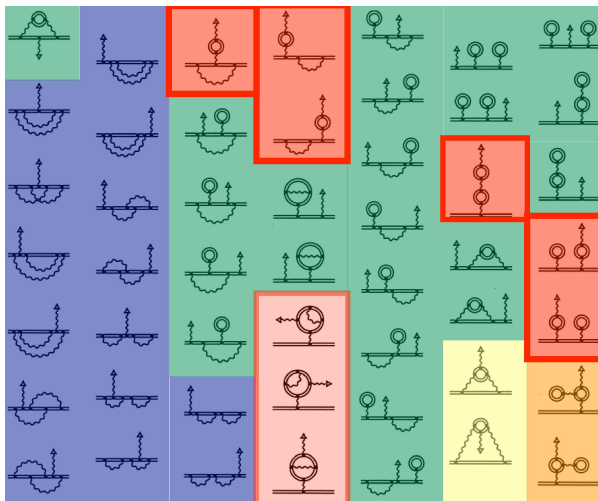
Diagrams with 2 self-energy loops → Calculation in progress

[B. Sikora, V. A. Yerokhin, N. S. Oreshkina *et al.*, arXiv:1804:05733]

See the POSTER of Bastian Sikora!

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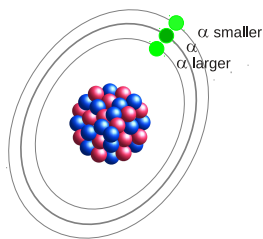
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Also in progress: **diagrams that vanished in the free VP loop approach** & calculate lowest nonvanishing contribution
See the POSTER of Vincent Debieerre!

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Towards the determination of the fine-structure constant from the bound-electron g -factor

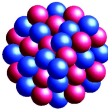
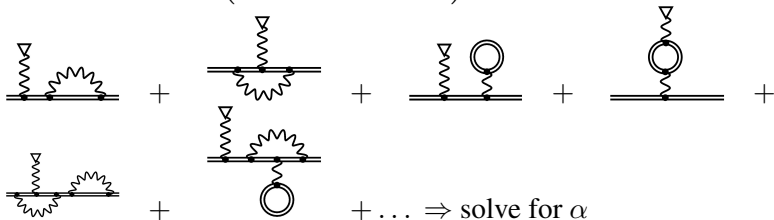


- In atoms/ions: Binding energies, wave functions and thus all properties depend on α – or, actually, $Z\alpha$
- Accurately determine the value α from atomic properties
e.g. from the bound-electron g -factor – can be measured to very high accuracy
- Leading (Dirac) g -factor:

$$g_D = \frac{2}{3} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{1 - (Z\alpha)^2} \right)$$

Determining α from the g -factor

Principle of determining α :

$$g_{\text{exp}} \stackrel{!}{=} g_{\text{theo}} = \frac{2}{3} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{1 - (Z\alpha)^2} \right) +$$

$$+$$

$$+ \dots \Rightarrow \text{solve for } \alpha$$

- **Different physics** to determine α than in the case of the *free-electron* g -factor: dominant dependence not from a radiative correction (α/π), but from the binding ($Z\alpha$)
- **Enhanced sensitivity** as compared to the *free-electron* g -factor

- **Problem:** nuclear parameters (e.g. $\langle r^2 \rangle$) are not known accurately
- **Solution:** weighted difference of H- and Li-like ions (same Z):

$$\delta_{\Xi}g = g(2s) - \Xi g(1s),$$

with the weight Ξ theoretically chosen to suppress nuclear size effects

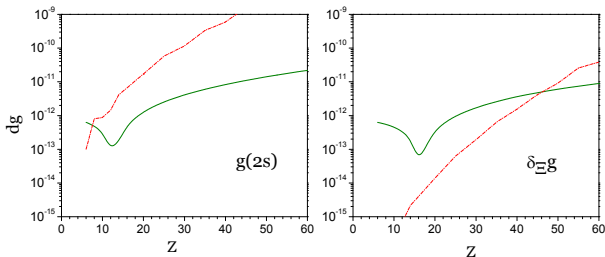
- Simplest approximation: $\Xi = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125$ – because: $|\psi_{ns}(r=0)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{n^3}$
- Accurate formula (incl. relativity, QED and $e^- - e^-$ interaction):

$$\Xi = 2^{-2\gamma-1} \left[1 + \frac{3}{16}(Z\alpha)^2 \right] \left(1 - \frac{2851}{1000} \frac{1}{Z} + \frac{107}{100} \frac{1}{Z^2} \right),$$

where $\gamma = \sqrt{1 - (Z\alpha)^2}$

error due to $\delta\langle r^2 \rangle + \text{distr.} \rightarrow$

error due to present $\delta\alpha \rightarrow$



$\Rightarrow \alpha$ can be significantly improved

Earlier idea: weighted difference of **heavy** H- and B-like ions

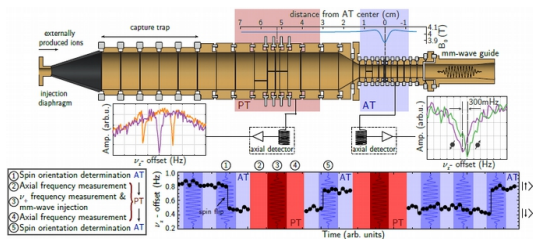
V. M. Shabaev, D. A. Glazov, N. S. Oreshkina *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 253002 (2006)

- V. A. Yerokhin, E. Berseneva, Z. H., I. I. Tupitsyn, C. H. Keitel, Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 100801 (2016); Phys. Rev. A **94**, 022502 (2016)
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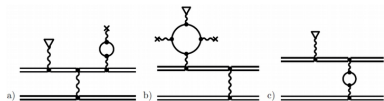
Recent progress: the g factor of boronlike ${}^{40}_{18}\text{Ar}^{13+}$

Boronlike ground state: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 P_{1/2}$

The recently constructed ALPHATRAP Penning-trap setup:



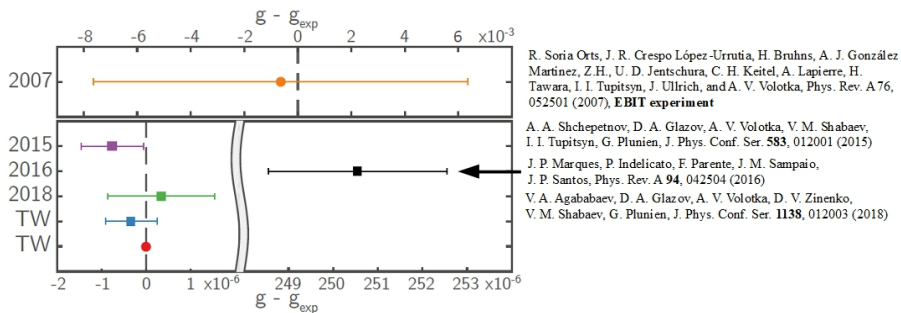
Challenge for theory: exchange photons, i.e. electron correlation and QED screening



⇒ See the talk of [Alex Egl](#) (Heidelberg) on the experiment in this session

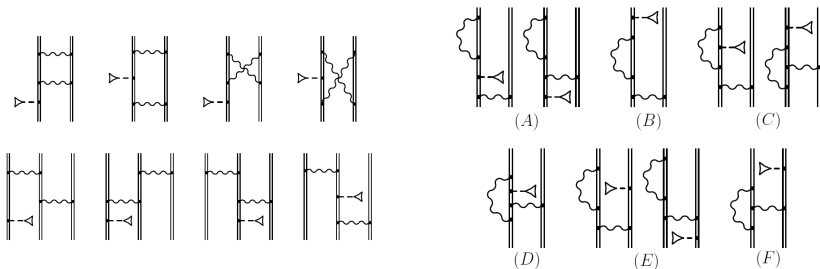
Contribution	Value	Ref.
Dirac value	0.663 777 45	Zapryagaev, 1979; Karshenboim <i>et al.</i> , 2005
Electron correlation:		
one-photon exchange, $(1/Z)^1$		following V. M. Shabaev <i>et al.</i> , 2002
Coulomb	0.000 737 61	
Breit	-0.000 078 42	
frequency dependence	-0.000 001 67	
higher orders, $(1/Z)^{2+}$		
CI w/neg. continuum	-0.000 007 5(4)	A. A. Shchepetnov <i>et al.</i> , 2015
Mass shift	-0.000 009 09(19)	D. A. Glazov <i>et al.</i> , 2018
One-loop QED:		
self-energy, $(1/Z)^0$	-0.000 768 372 3(3)	
$(1/Z)^{1+}$	-0.000 000 98(15)	
vacuum polarization		
electric loop, $(1/Z)^0$	-4.187×10^{-10}	
$(1/Z)^1$	$6.531(2) \times 10^{-9}$	
magnetic loop, $(1/Z)^0$	4.131×10^{-10}	
$(1/Z)^1$	-1.341×10^{-10}	
Two-loop QED, $(Z\alpha)^0$	0.000 001 2(1)	H. Grotch and R. Kashuba, 1973
Total theory	0.663 648 2(5)	
	0.663 648 08(58)*	St. Petersburg, SPBU
Experiment	0.663 648 455 32(93)	

⇒ See also the talk of [Daniel Maison](#) (St. Petersburg)
on many-body calculations later in this session



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- **Further improvement of the theory possible:**
 two-photon exchange and SE screening diagrams:



Done in Li-like ions:

- A. Wagner, S. Sturm, F. Köhler, D. A. Glazov, A. V. Volotka, G. Plunien, W. Quint, G. Werth, V. M. Shabaev, K. Blaum *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **110**, 033003 (2013)
- A. V. Volotka, D. A. Glazov, V. M. Shabaev *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **103**, 033005 (2009)

Summary

- Accurate **test of QED** in strong fields
- Determining the **electron mass** with an order-of-magnitude improvement via the g -factor of C^{5+}
- New independent scheme for the improved determination of the **fine-structure constant** α in (near?) future from the g -factors of **light** or intermediate- Z **H- and Li-like** or **heavy H-and B-like** ions
- Evaluation of **two-loop corrections** to all orders in $Z\alpha$ is in progress
- Improvement of the accuracy of **electron correlation** and **QED screening** is needed – probably achievable with the combination of NRQED ($Z\alpha$ expansion, all-order in $1/Z$) and Furry-picture ($1/Z$ expansion, all-order in $Z\alpha$) methods?

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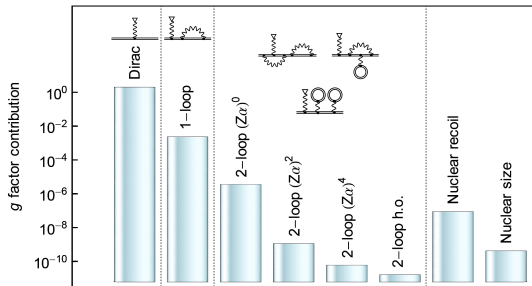
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High-precision determination of the electron mass

The mass of the electron can be expressed by the mass and charge of the $^{12}\text{C}^{5+}$ ion, the experimentally measured cyclotron and Larmor frequencies, and the theoretical g -factor as

$$m_e = \frac{g}{2} \frac{e}{Q} \frac{\nu_c}{\nu_L} m_{\text{ion}}$$

- $e/Q = 1/6$;
- m_{ion} is known very well ($m_{^{12}\text{C atom}} \equiv 12 \text{ u}$);
- ν_c/ν_L is measured very precisely;
- the g -factor is taken from theory



The resulting value $m_e = 0.000\,548\,579\,909\,069\,4(128)_{\text{stat}}(86)_{\text{sys}}(13)_{\text{theo}}$ u surpasses the earlier CODATA value by more than an order of magnitude and largely defines the new CODATA value

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