

The $\tau g - 2$ measurement

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Question

“The anomalous magnetic dipole moment (AMDM) of the electron is one of the most precisely known numbers; and muon (g-2) is the focus of a present experiment at Fermilab.

According to PDG, the current experimental limits on tau lepton (g-2) come from DELPHI.

What can we do at current or planned facilities to improve on this result?”

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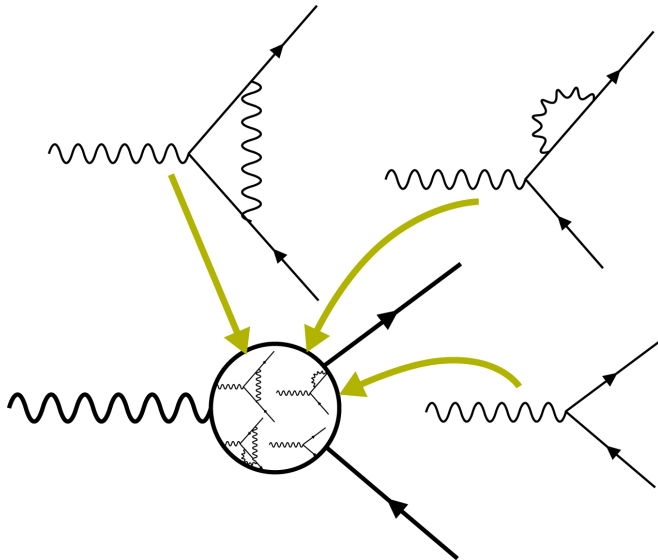
■ In theory, the magnetic moment of a particle f can be defined by the gyromagnetic ratio as:

$$\vec{\mu}_f = g_f \frac{e}{2m} \vec{s}. \quad (1)$$

■ For a spin $1/2$ particle, **Dirac's Equation** predicts $g_f = 2$, but from Quantum Corrections dominated by QED give corrections to the **AMDM** as

$$a_f = \frac{g_f - 2}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \approx 0.00116. \quad (2)$$

■ **e-AMDM** had a historical impact both in relativistic quantum mechanics and in quantum field theories, **μ -AMDM** is still an open issue. **But for τ -AMDM**, while the theoretical prediction is well known for the standard model & some new physics models ($O(10^{-9}-10^{-6})$), the data are very far of determining even its sign or the first figure (**Good candidate for new physics**).



■ The AMDM is sensible to new physics in the form of vertex corrections

$$-ie\Gamma^\mu(q) = -ie \left[F_1(q^2)\gamma^\mu + \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_\nu}{2m_\tau} (iF_2(q^2) + F_3(q^2)\gamma_5) \right], \quad (3)$$

where F_1 describes the distribution of electric charge, while F_2 and F_3 are the form factor related to the AMDM a_τ and the electric dipole moment d_τ :

$$a_\tau \equiv \frac{g_\tau - 2}{2} = F_2(0), \quad (4)$$

and

$$F_3(0) = \frac{2m_\tau d_\tau}{e_\tau}. \quad (5)$$

SM prediction:

$$\begin{aligned} 10^8 \times a_\tau^{\text{th}} &= 117\,324 \pm 2 && \text{QED} \\ &+ 47.4 \pm 0.5 && \text{EW} \\ &+ 337.5 \pm 3.7 && \text{hvp}^{\text{LO}} \\ &+ 7.6 \pm 0.2 && \text{hvp}^{\text{NLO}} \\ &+ 5 \pm 3 && \text{lbl} \\ &= 117\,721 \pm 5. \end{aligned}$$

■ The AMDM of the tau has an enhanced sensitivity to new physics relative to the other charged leptons due to its bigger mass. The electroweak contributions only a factor of seven smaller than the hadronic one, compared to a factor of 45 for the μ .

Past g-2 Searches

- The DELPHI collaboration studied the τ pair production in $\gamma\gamma$ collisions using data collected at LEP from 1997 to 2000.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\tau^+\tau^- \quad (6)$$

The collision energy \sqrt{s} was between 183 and 208 GeV.

- The cross-section measurements that correspond to the collision of two virtual photons, was found to be 429 ± 17 pb compared to 447.7 pb expected from the Standard Model. This finding agrees with the QED prediction at the level of one standard deviation.

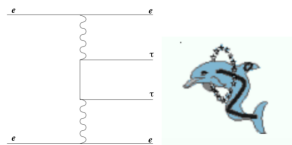


Figure 1: Dominant diagram for the reaction in equation (4)

■ The $\gamma\tau\tau$ vertex is sensitive to the anomalous electromagnetic coupling of the τ and, since this process as two of such vertices, the a_τ can be extracted by comparing the measured cross-section with the QED expectation. The limits on the anomalous magnetic moment of the τ with a 95% CL limits obtained are

$$\boxed{-0.052 < a_\tau < 0.013} \quad (7)$$

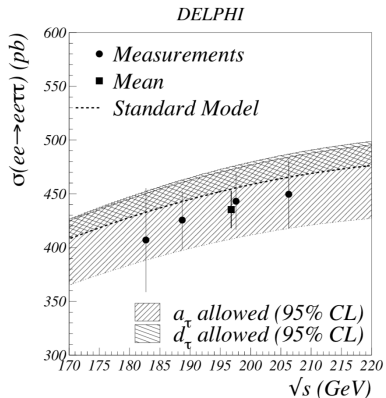


Figure 2: Measured σ , average LEP2 σ and SM expectation as a function of \sqrt{s}

Previous theoretical proposals

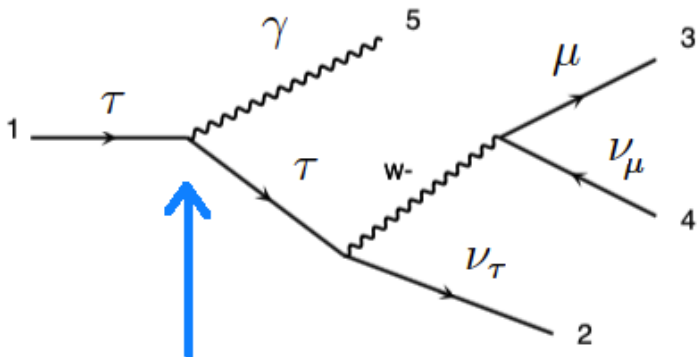
Table 1: Processes that will improve the measurement of a_τ

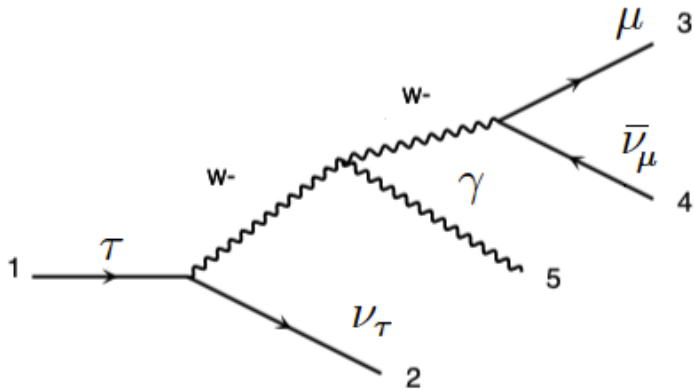
Process	SM Prediction
$\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau l^- \bar{\nu}_l \gamma$	0.0143 BR
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	1.1196 nb at 11 GeV \sqrt{s}

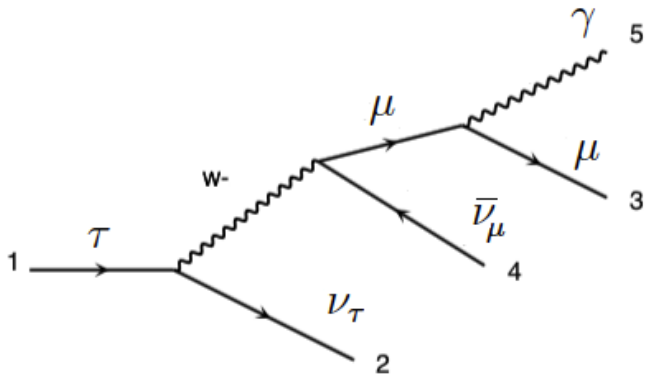
Process evaluated with MadGraph5

[<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nuclphysbps.2017.03.079>]

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau | \bar{\nu} | \gamma$$

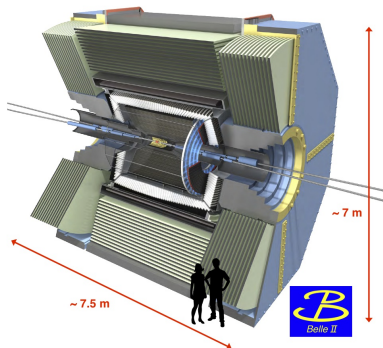
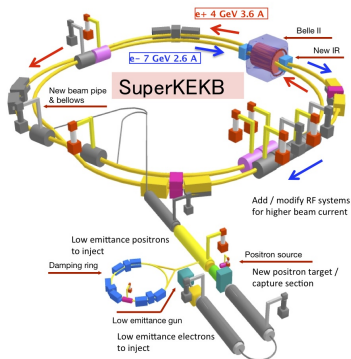






Belle II

Belle II is B-meson factory as well as a τ factory



Our proposal: five-body leptonic decay

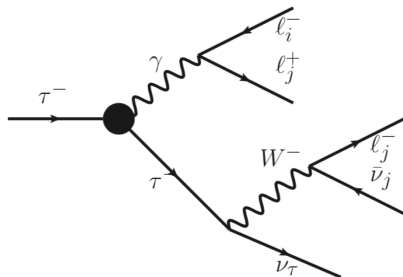


Figure 3: The black circle represents the QED contribution including the AMDM term. [M.A.Arroyo-Urena, E.Diaz, O.Meza-Aldama and G.Tavares-Velasco, arXiv:1711.01393 (2017)].

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Table 2: Assuming that vertex only has electric contributions contributions, i.e., $F_2 = F_3 = 0$,

Branching Ratio	Ref[1] ¹	Our Results
$\frac{BR(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)}{10^{-5}}$	4.21 ± 0.01	4.22 ± 0.02
$\frac{BR(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)}{10^{-7}}$	1.247 ± 0.001	1.246 ± 0.002
$\frac{BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)}{10^{-5}}$	1.984 ± 0.004	1.987 ± 0.003
$\frac{BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)}{10^{-7}}$	1.183 ± 0.001	1.184 ± 0.001

¹Flores-Tlalpa, G. Lopez Castro and P. Roig, J. High Energy Phys. 1604, 185 (2016), doi:10.1007/JHEP04(2016)185, arXiv:1508.01822 [hep-ph].

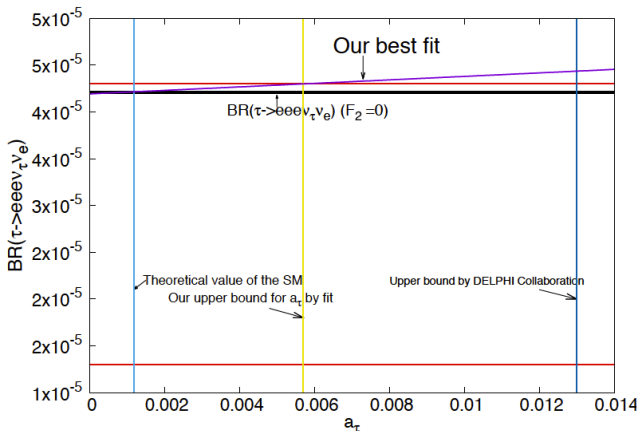


Figure 4: The horizontal red lines are the 95% C.L. limits on the experimental measurement of the five-body decay with a central value is 2.7×10^{-5} whereas the horizontal black line is the tree-level SM prediction ($F_2 = 0$). On the other hand, the vertical lines are the SM prediction of a (blue line), our bound (yellow line) and the upper DELPHI bound (dark blue line).

Thank You