g-2 : anomalous magnetic moments of leptons



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Outline

- What is "g" in "g-2"?
- How does the muon's spin evolve and how can we observe it?
- What g-2 does the Standard Model predict?
- How does the measurement differ from SM?
- What other experiments can be done? (other muonic properties; g-factors of other things)

Magnetic moment

A loop with a current in a magnetic field:

torque acts along the axis



What happens when a charged particle rotates?

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Rotation of charges equivalent to currents;

Magnetic field exerts torque

Precession results



Production of muons

· Pions produced by p+p-> #+p+n

 $\pi^+ \longrightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_{\mu}$

. This is a TWO-BODY decay

. Pion decays in 26 hs

Su

from Steve Blundell

Pu

Muon's decay reveals its spin





Positron emission: asymmetric with respect to the muon's spin: parity violation (weak interaction)

from Steve Blundell

Magnetic moments

Spinning charged particle: magnetic dipole

$$\vec{\mu} = g \frac{q}{2m} \vec{s}$$

For elementary fermions (electron, muon), Dirac equation predicts g = 2

This is a special value; if g were exactly 2, spin and velocity would stay parallel.

If no spin, only orbital angular momentum: g = 1.

First measurement of g_e: Einstein-de Haas 1915



capacitor discharge \rightarrow current \rightarrow magnetisation of the rod

But the angular momentum of the rod stays zero \rightarrow

the rod rotates to compensate the spin flip

Einstein-de Haas 1915 result

They got g = 1 and were very proud :

Mag auch die Güte der Übereinstimmung auf Zufall beruhen, da wir unserer Bestimmung wohl etwa 10 Proz. Unsicherheit beilegen müssen; jedenfalls ist erwiesen, daß das am Anfang geschilderte Ergebnis der Theorie der kreisenden Elektronen auch quantitativ mindestens annähernd durch den Versuch bestätigt wird.

https://einsteinpapers.press.princeton.edu/vol6-doc/197

This agreement might be fortuitous, since we must ascribe an accuracy of about 10% to our measurements; nevertheless we have shown that the result of circular motion of the electrons described at the beginning of our article is quantitatively confirmed by experiment, at least approximately

translation by Frenkel, Sov. Phys. Usp. 22 (1979) 580

Precession of velocity and of spin

$$\frac{1}{v}\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{qB}{\gamma m} \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{s}\frac{\mathrm{d}s}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{qB}{m}\left(\frac{g}{2} - \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{s}\frac{\mathrm{d}s}{\mathrm{d}t} - \frac{1}{v}\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{qB}{m}\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1\right)$$
$$a = \frac{g}{2} - 1 = \frac{g-2}{2} \text{ anomalous magnetic moment}$$



Origin of radiative corrections: start with the Lamb shift



Note: we shall see that only S-states are affected. They get **less strongly** bound.

Qualitative explanation of radiative corrections: Lamb shift



THEODORE A. WELTON*

Interpretation of the Lamb shift (Welton)

Vacuum energy in one mode $\, E_k \exp i k r \,$

$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{2} = 2 \cdot V \cdot \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} E_k^2$$

Change of the potential energy due to fluctuations

$$\delta U = \langle U_c \left(\boldsymbol{r} + \boldsymbol{q}
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Note: the Dirac delta appears because the Coulomb potential is a "harmonic function"

Equation of motion of the electron, decomposed into modes:

$$q_k = \frac{e}{m\omega^2} E_k$$

Total disturbance, summed over modes:

$$\left\langle q^{2}
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ight)^{3}}E_{k}^{2}$$

$$\left< \delta U \right>_{2S} = \frac{1}{6\pi^2 \hbar} \alpha^5 \ln \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot mc^2 \sim 1000 \text{ MHz}.$$

Origin of the Dirac delta function

As the electron vibrates under the impact of vacuum fluctuations, it probes regions with a stronger and with a weaker potential.

The total change of its potential energy ~ difference between the average potential in the neighborhood and in the actual electron position.

This difference in turn ~ Laplacian of the potential.

But the Laplacian vanishes except if there is a charge density.

If the nucleus' size is neglected: charge density ~ Dirac delta!

How do fluctuations modify the g-factor?

We have found the change of the electron-nucleus interaction due to vacuum fluctuations.

How is the electron's spin interaction with an external B-field modified?

Easy to see that the sign will be wrong: g will be smaller, not larger than 2:



How can g be increased? By increasing (renormalizing) the mass m!

Mass renormalization: inertia of the E-field

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = g \frac{q}{2m} \boldsymbol{s} \longrightarrow g = \frac{2m}{q} \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\mu}\|}{\|\boldsymbol{J}\|}$$
$$g \longrightarrow g \left(1 + \frac{\delta m}{m}\right)$$

g increases if the mass change is positive; it is!

$$\delta m = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2c^2} \int \mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{r} \boldsymbol{E}_e^2 > 0$$

Principle of the g-2 experiment



The idea pioneered in CERN ~ 50 years ago, continued in Brookhaven, moved to Fermilab

Move to Fermilab









Experimental result

 $a(FNAL) = 116592040(54) \times 10^{-11} (0.46 \text{ ppm})$ (2021)

Together with 2006 Brookhaven,

a(FNAL+BNL) = 116 592 061(41) × 10⁻¹¹ (0.35 ppm)



Note: one lattice collaboration reports (2021) better agreement with their hadronic result.

Anomalous magnetic moment in the Standard Model



Large, universal two-loop electroweak correction



AC and Jankowski, hep-ph/0106237, PRD65 (2002) 113004

Other dipole moments



$$a_{\mu}^{\rm NP} = a_{\mu}^{\rm exp} - a_{\mu}^{\rm SM} = 251 \cdot 10^{-11}$$

This is rather large when compared with other bounds on New Physics:

Muon MDM
$$d_{\mu}\sim \frac{e}{2m_{\mu}}a_{\mu}^{\rm \scriptscriptstyle NP}\sim 3\cdot 10^{-22}\,e\cdot{\rm cm}$$

Muon-electron transition moment $|d_{\mu \to e}| < 4 \cdot 10^{-27} \, e \cdot \mathrm{cm}$ MEG 2013

Electron EDM $|d_e| < 1.1 \cdot 10^{-29} e \cdot cm$ ACME 2018

How can g_{μ} -2 be checked?

More data expected from Fermilab; current 0.46 ppm \rightarrow 0.14 ppm

New experimental concept at J-PARC \rightarrow 0.07 ppm?

 g_e -2, other muonic observables?

New approach to g_{μ} -2 at J-PARC

Slower muons 300 MeV (instead of the "magic" 3.1 GeV)

Ultracold muons; no electric focusing!

Smaller ring r = 33 cm (instead of 7 m)

 $r [\text{in meters}] \simeq \frac{\gamma}{3B [\text{in Tesla}]}$

Strong, very precisely controlled magnetic field.

~ 10 times more muons than at Fermilab (compensates shorter lifetime).

	Brookhaven	Fermilab	J-PARC
Muon momentum	3.09 GeV/c		0.3 GeV/c
gamma	29.3		3
Storage field	B=1.45 T		3.0 T
Focusing field	Electric quad		None
# of detected μ+ decays	5.0E9	1.8E11	1.5E12
# of detected μ- decays	3.6E9	-	-
Precision (stat)	0.46 ppm	0.1 ppm	0.1 ppm

g-2 in Japan (2025?)



Magnetic moment of the electron



How to use g_e -2 to check g_{μ} -2?

If the muon anomaly is due to New Physics, the expected effect for the electron is likely smaller by $\frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \sim \frac{1}{43000}$

$$\Delta a_{\mu} \sim 250 \cdot 10^{-11} \Rightarrow \Delta a_{e} \sim 7 \cdot 10^{-14}$$

This means relative uncertainty $\frac{\Delta a_e}{a_e} \sim 7 \cdot 10^{-11}$

and requires a factor of 4 improvement of the latest measurement.

In addition, an independent determination of the fine structure constant is needed, with matching precision.

Muon vs electron: comments

Precision achieved in the studies of magnetic dipole moments

Sensitivity to new physics scales (in general) like the lepton mass squared,

$$a_f^{\rm \scriptscriptstyle NP} \sim \frac{m_f^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

So muon is a more sensitive probe but the electron is becoming relevant,

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\mu}}{\Lambda_{e}} \sim \frac{m_{\mu}}{m_{e}} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta a_{e}}{\Delta a_{\mu}}} \sim 6$$

How to use g_e -2 to check g_{μ} -2?



Bound-electron g-2: theory needed for u/m_e



Lepton flavor violation

and the muon decay in orbit

Muon-electron conversion: probes various types of interactions

Non-dipole interactions are not (directly) probed by processes with external photons, by gauge invariance requirements.

New process: muon-electron conversion (as well as mu --> eee)



Variety of mechanisms:



Muon-electron conversion plans (The Next Big Thing)



starts 2016; aims for 1e-13 (graphite target), followed by 1e-14 (SiC target)

7e-15

2.6e-17

Mu2e Fermilab



2e-17

Summary

Discrepancy in the muon g-2 at present 4.2 sigma.

Probes energy scales ... - 100 MeV – 100 GeV - ...

At least a factor of 3 improvement expected on the experimental side

An independent experiment in Japan will be the ultimate test (the first new experimental concept in 50 years)

Several other experiments with muons:

- muon-electron conversion (Fermilab, J-Parc)
- rare muon decays (PSI)
- hadronic decays into muons (LHCb Run 3, Belle II)