

Theory of muon $g - 2$

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1. Introduction

- Definitions:

$$\mu = g \frac{e}{2m} \mathbf{s}, \quad a_\mu = \frac{g_\mu - 2}{2}.$$

$g = 2$ from the Dirac equation.

- $g_e \neq 2$ was first discovered in atomic experiments and then derived from QED.

Foley, Kusch, Schwinger

- What makes the muon so heavy?

Precision of 1961 CERN experiment: **2%** ;

Precision of 2001 BNL experiment **1 ppm** .

- Muons are good for the precise a_μ measurement because:

- pions decay to polarized muons;
- electron from $\mu \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\mu$ follows the muon's spin.

- $g_\mu - 2$ is a good observable in terms of precision/New Physics discovery potential:

$$\Delta a_\mu^{\text{NewPhysics}} \approx \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \frac{m_\mu^2}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2}.$$

Many New Physics models “predict”

$$\Delta a_\mu \sim \text{few} \cdot 10^{-9} :$$

- muon substructure;
- anomalous W boson magnetic moment;
- supersymmetry;
- two Higgs doublet models;
- extra dimensions;
- lepton mixing.

There is a chance that manifestation of the New Physics can be seen with E821 ultimate precision of about $(40 - 60) \cdot 10^{-11}$!

- Muon’s only competitor is the electron.

$$\Delta a_\mu^{\text{NewPhysics}} \sim \left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_e} \right)^2 \Delta a_e^{\text{NewPhysics}}.$$

$$\delta a_\mu \sim 100 \cdot 10^{-11}, \quad \delta a_e \sim 1 \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

- **Summary of the results:**

The new result for a_μ (E821, 2002) :

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 116\,592\,040(80) \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

The year 2001 result for a_μ :

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 116\,592\,020(150) \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

The updated SM prediction:

$$a_\mu^{\text{th}} = 116\,591\,672(113) \cdot 10^{-11},$$

$$[a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{th}}] \cdot 10^{11} = 368 \pm 80|_{\text{exp}} \pm 113|_{\text{th}};$$

- The $g_\mu - 2$ theory will be reviewed.

Diverse physics:

- precision QED and electroweak physics;
- fine details of QCD at low energies;
- τ physics.

Focus on the hadronic light-by-light scattering.

2. SM prediction for a_μ

$$a_\mu^{\text{th}} = a_\mu^{\text{QED}} + a_\mu^{\text{weak}} + a_\mu^{\text{hadr.}}$$

- QED:

$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = 116\,584\,721(3) \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

Major changes unlikely.

- The weak corrections:

$$a_\mu^{\text{weak}} \approx 150 \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

Small contribution; changes unlikely.

- The hadronic contribution:

$$a_\mu^{\text{hadr}} = \begin{cases} 7032(100) \\ 6774(100) \end{cases} \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

Large contribution, [extraordinary precision](#).

Has changed by $(200_{-185}^{+120}) \cdot 10^{-11}$ recently.

- Details of the QED contribution

Kinoshita, Nizic, Okamoto

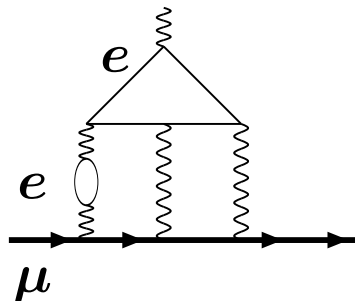
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$ computed (single calculation);

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^5)$ estimated (not yet relevant).

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{QED}} = 116\,584\,721(3) \cdot 10^{-11},$$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4) \sim 360 \cdot 10^{-11}$, 469 diagrams.

The largest contribution comes from:



$$= 337 \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Kinoshita
Chlouber, Samuel

The remainder fluctuates (numerics):

Kinoshita

$$70(17) \cdot 10^{-11} \rightarrow 31(1) \cdot 10^{-11} \rightarrow 46 \cdot 10^{-11}$$

It is a challenge for QED theorists to verify this result by an independent calculation.

- No sensitivity to last digits in α_{QED} .

- Electroweak contribution:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}} = \frac{5}{24} \frac{G_{\mu} m_{\mu}^2}{\sqrt{2} \pi^2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{5} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \right]$$

The two-loop calculation yields:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}} \cdot 10^{11} = (195 - 43(4)) = 152(4).$$

Czarnecki, Krause, Marciano
Kuhto, Kuraev, Silagadze, Schiller

The second order correction is large since

$$L_f = \ln \frac{M_z}{m_f} \approx 7 \gg 1.$$

$$\frac{\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}}}{a_{\mu}^{\text{EW}}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[-\frac{43}{3} L_{\mu} + \frac{36}{5} \sum_f N_f Q_f^2 T_f L_f \right],$$

The L_f -enhanced terms can be computed using RG techniques (similar to $b \rightarrow s\gamma$):

Degrassi, Giudice

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \sum C_f(\mu) \mathcal{O}_f(\mu),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_1 \approx \bar{\mu} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} \mu F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_i \approx \bar{\mu} \gamma_{\mu} (\gamma_5) \mu \bar{f} \gamma_{\mu} (\gamma_5) f.$$

Hadronic contributions:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{had}} = \begin{cases} 7032(100) \\ 6774(100) \end{cases} \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

Firmly establishing a_{μ}^{had} with the 1% precision is the key to the successful $g_{\mu} - 2$ physics program.

$$= 6924(62) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Davier, Hocker(1998)

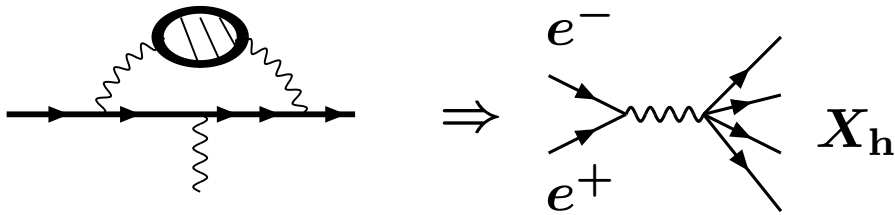
$$= -100(6) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Krause

$$= 85(30) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Knecht, Nyffeler
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LO hadronic vacuum polarization



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{VP}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} \int_{4m_{\pi}^2}^{\infty} ds K(s) \sigma_{\text{h}}(s),$$

$$K(s) \sim \frac{m_{\mu}^2}{s} \text{ for } s \gg m_{\mu}^2.$$

- a_{μ}^{VP} receives the major contribution from the lightest hadronic states:
 - a) 72% from $\pi^+ \pi^-$;
 - b) 92% from $\sqrt{s} < 2 \text{ GeV}$.

- Recent evaluations of a_{μ}^{VP} :

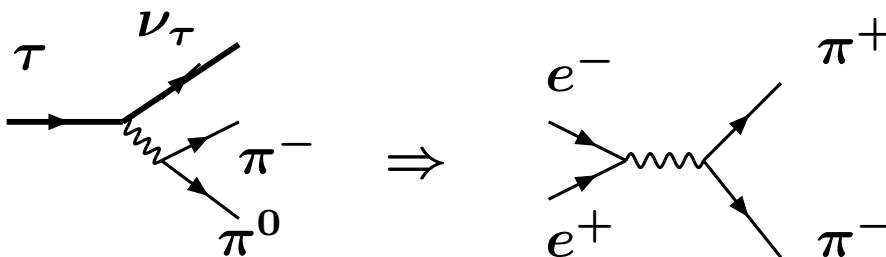
author	$a_{\mu}^{\text{VP}} \cdot 10^{11}$	year	method
Davier et al.	6924(62)	1998	τ
Davier et al.	7047(69)	2002	τ
Jegerlehner	6974(105)	2001	e^+e^-
Hagiwara et al.	6865(60)	2002	e^+e^-
Davier et al.	6789(70)	2002	e^+e^-

- Both the τ and the e^+e^- -data-based results have shifted significantly from their year 2001 values!
- Changes come from:
 - new e^+e^- -data (VEPP2-M, BEPC)
 - the re-analysis of the ALEPH data on τ
- New values unambiguously establish large differences between $\tau \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} \pi \pi_0$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$.

How does the τ data fit in?

- The isospin symmetry: $\text{up} \Leftrightarrow \text{down}$

$$\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^- \pi^0) \approx \sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-).$$



- Problem: isospin violations:

- $m_u \neq m_d$
- QED corrections

- The isospin violating effects in a_μ^{VP} can be

$$1\% \Rightarrow \pm 50 \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

- With the current precision, such corrections can not be neglected.

- Attempts to compute the isospin breaking corrections (empirical approach, χ PT).

Davier and Hocker
Ecker, Cirigliano, Neufeld

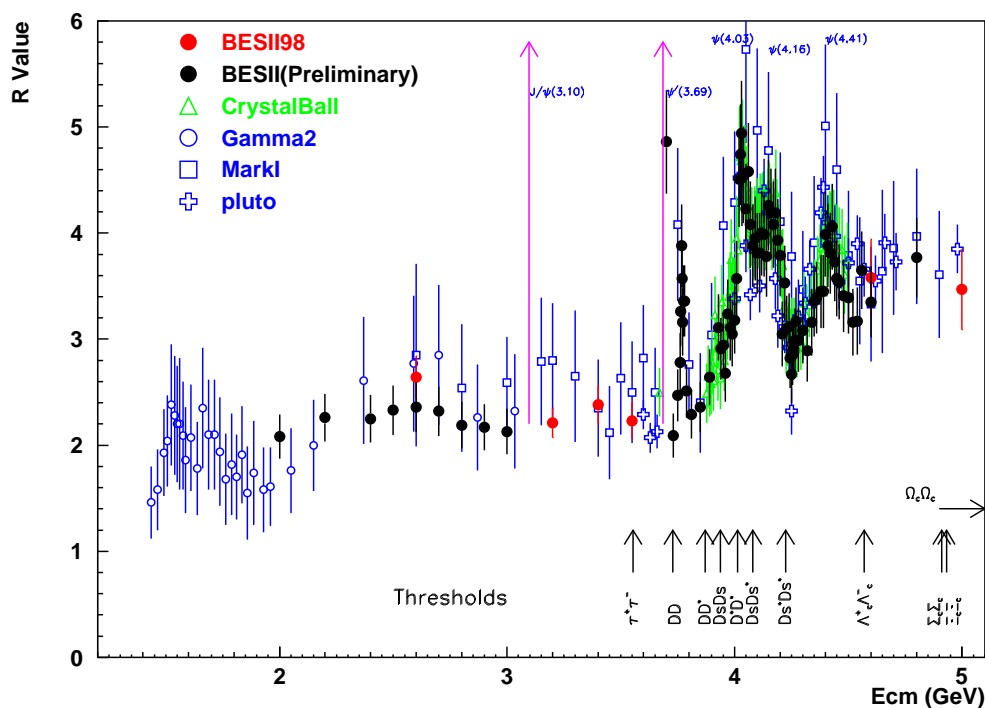
- What has been considered:
 - The QED Wilson coefficient for the four quark operator S_{ew} : $-97 \cdot 10^{-11}$
 - $m_{\pi}^{\pm} \neq m_{\pi}^0$: $-75 \cdot 10^{-11}$
 - the $\rho - \omega$ mixing: $40 \cdot 10^{-11}$
 - $\Gamma_{\rho}^0 \neq \Gamma_{\rho}^{\pm}$: $20 \cdot 10^{-11}$
 - Photon bremsstrahlung in $\tau \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} \pi^{-} \pi^0$ + virtual QED corrections in χ PT: $(-10 \div 16) \cdot 10^{-11}$
- An apparent problem:

Br	exp	CVC
$\tau \rightarrow 2\pi + \nu_{\tau}$	25.46 ± 0.12	$23.97 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.21$
$\tau \rightarrow 4\pi + \nu_{\tau}$	4.54 ± 0.13	$3.68 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.09$

Davier, Eidelman and Hocker

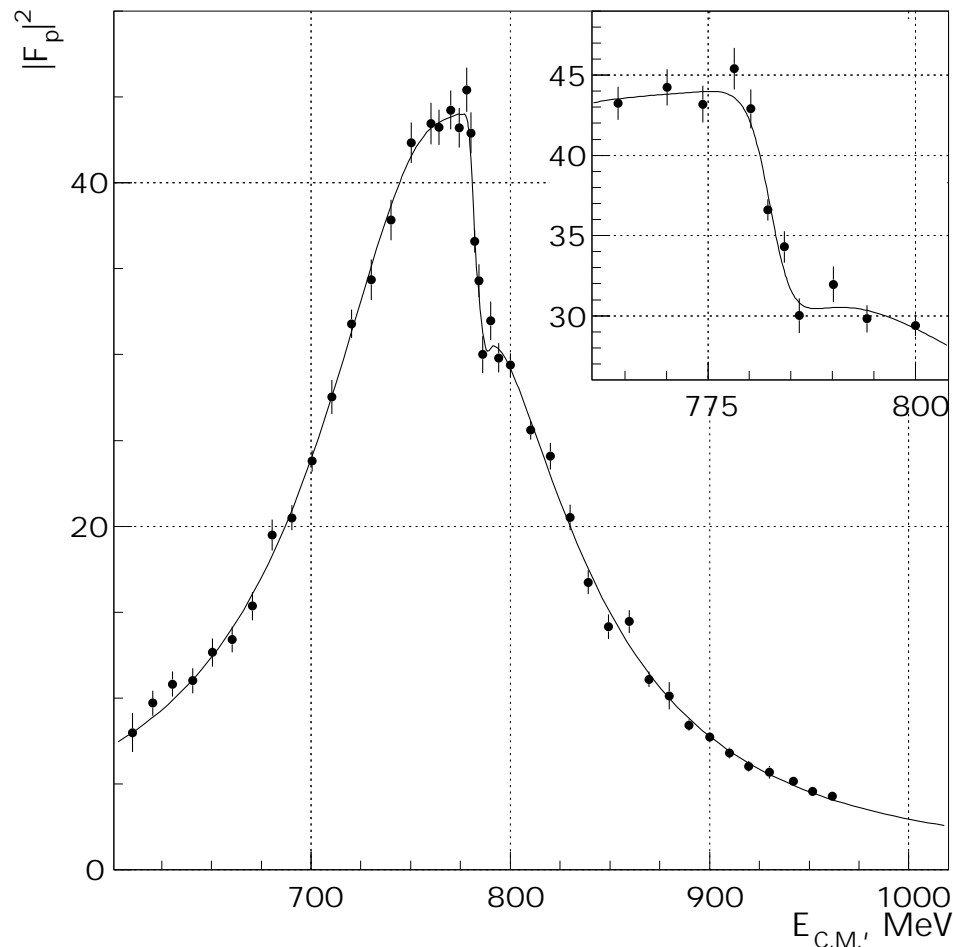
Progress in low-energy e^+e^- annihilation experiments makes the use of the τ data unnecessary (but still useful for cross-checks at the few per cent level).

- BEPC data: $2 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 3 \text{ GeV}$.



- Data somewhat (but not too significantly) higher than pQCD.

- VEPP-2M data: ρ meson region.



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{VP}}|_{\rho} = (3748 \pm 41 \pm 85) \cdot 10^{-11} \quad [\text{old}],$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{VP}}|_{\rho} = (3681 \pm 26 \pm 22) \cdot 10^{-11} \quad [\text{new}].$$

The precision 0.6% is outstanding.

Systematic error is dominated by the radiative corrections.

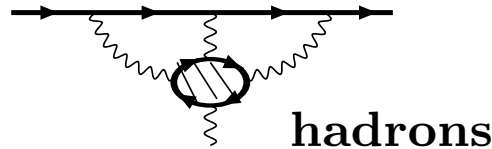
- **Important issue:** how to “prove” that this measurement is correct?

- To make a convincing case for the 1 per cent measurement of $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$ it is important to:
 - Separate the notion of $F_\pi(s)$ and $\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$.
 - Remove all the QED corrections, specific to the ISR and the vacuum polarization from $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$.
 - Measure separately, or include in some approximation, the part of $\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ that is affected by cuts.
 - Measure forward-backward asymmetry in $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ to test the point-like pion approximation (Novosibirsk, 1991; DAPHNE).

To reiterate:

- the 1% uncertainty on a_{μ}^{VP} is crucial for the required precision on $g_{\mu} - 2$;
- The use of the τ decay data can bring in uncontrollable effects due to the isospin violation;
- the e^+e^- data has become a viable alternative because of Novosibirsk and Beijing results.
- a_{μ}^{VP} from τ decays and a_{μ}^{VP} from e^+e^- are not consistent (3σ or 4%).
- Compared to the year 2000 values,
 - the τ result has shifted up, by 1.98σ (re-analysis);
 - the e^+e^- result has shifted down, by 1.8σ (new data).
- The 4% difference due to an unaccounted isospin is hard to believe in – very likely either the e^+e^- or the τ data is wrong.

Hadronic light-by-light



The current world average estimate:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{lbl}} = 85(30) \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

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- pQCD is not applicable;
- No information on $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma \gamma^*$;
- No simple dispersion representation for $\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma \gamma^*$;
- Models are used; the precision is uncertain.

Interesting history; recent change of the sign:

The sign error was of arithmetic origin.

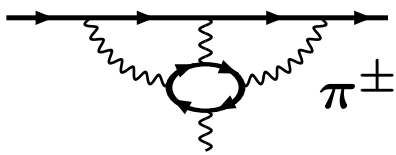
The sign issue is not to be confused with the question if the physics beyond that results is sound!

- What are the degrees of freedom to be used in the calculation?
 - **Quark and gluons**: this does not quite work since $m_\mu \leq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$.
 - **Hadrons**: this is hopeless, if no small parameter can be found.
- Since $m_\mu \ll m_\rho$, can it play a role of a small parameter?
- If momentum scales are small, we expect that:
 - heavy hadrons are not important;
 - the interactions between pions are small.
- **This makes the problem manageable.**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = |D_\mu \pi|^2 - m_\pi^2 \pi^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_\pi}{4\pi f_\pi}\right)$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieA_\mu$$

- Neglecting the power-suppressed terms, perform the three loop calculation in scalar QED:



plus 7 other diagrams

- For $m_\mu = m_\pi$, we obtain

$$\delta a_\mu^{\pi\text{-box}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 \left[-\frac{11}{72} - \frac{16}{3}a_4 - \frac{\zeta_3}{6} + \frac{11\pi^2}{36}\zeta_3 - \frac{5\zeta_5}{4} + \frac{31\pi^4}{540} + \frac{2\pi^2}{9}\ln^2 2 - \frac{1925\pi^2}{216} + 12\pi^2 \ln 2 - \frac{2}{9}\ln^4 2 \right].$$

- For $m_\mu \neq m_\pi$, we derive:

$$\delta a_\mu^{\pi\text{-box}} = -0.035 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 \approx -43.5 \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

- How natural is this value?

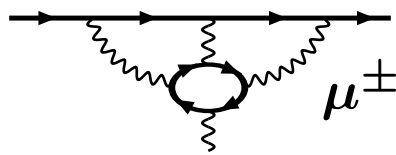
- What is “natural”? The intermediate state of the mass M should contribute:

$$\delta a_\mu \approx \frac{m_\mu^2}{M^2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3$$

For $M \sim 2m_\pi \sim 2m_\mu$, one expects:

$$\delta a_\mu \approx 0.25 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3$$

- The muon contribution confirms that this is a reasonable estimate:



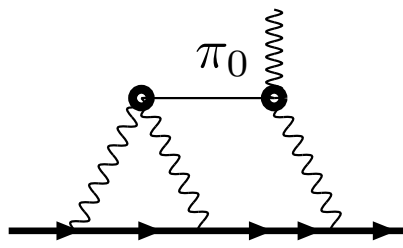
$$a_\mu^{\mu\text{-box}} = 0.37 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3$$

- The π -box contribution is one tenth of its “natural” value. This makes the subleading terms important.

- Can the subleading contribution be computed?
- Consider one of the $\mathcal{O}(m_\pi/m_\rho)$ suppressed terms in the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}} = \frac{\alpha N_c}{12\pi f_\pi} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \pi_0$$

- The corresponding contribution is:



$$\sim \frac{\alpha^3 m^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \int_{m_\pi}^{\Lambda} \frac{dk}{k} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{k}.$$

- The infinity is removed by adding the counter-term to the effective Lagrangian:

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = C \bar{\psi} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} \psi F^{\alpha\beta}.$$

- But, this operator is the anomalous magnetic moment itself!

- Since the counter-term in EFT is the anomalous magnetic moment itself, the predictive power of the model-independent approach is very limited.
- The other possibility is to resort to a model.
- The model:
 - Scalar QED with power-suppressed corrections through the pion form-factor;
 - Large N_c approximation to reduce the number of power-suppressed operators – only WZW term remains;
 - Quark model to estimate the counter-term.
- Hardly consistent...

- The pion form factor is introduced through:

$$\text{wavy line } \gamma \text{ --- } \rho = \frac{-i}{q^2} \frac{M^2}{M^2 - q^2}, \quad M \approx 770 \text{ MeV}.$$

- The $\pi^2 A_\mu^2$ vertex is modified:

$$\text{wavy line } \pi^2 \text{ --- } A_\mu^2 = \delta_{\mu\nu} \left(1 - \frac{p_1^2 p_2^2}{M^4} \right).$$

- The calculation of the π -box contribution involves three different scales. Can be done as an expansion in

$$m_\pi - m_\mu \ll m_\pi \ll M.$$

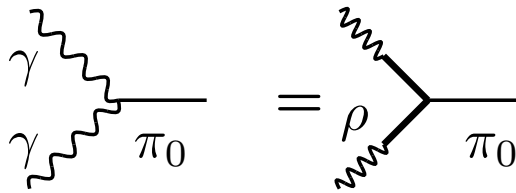
$$\delta a_\mu^{\pi\text{-box}} = \frac{m^2}{M^2} \left[\frac{3}{2} L^2 + \left(\frac{13}{4} - \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \right) L + \dots \right]$$

$$\text{where } L = \ln M/m \approx 1.7.$$

- The final result is:

$$a_\mu^{\pi\text{-box}} = -0.003 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 = -4.4 \cdot 10^{-11}$$

- The contribution of the WZW term is computed by introducing the pion transition form factor through VMD:



$$\sim \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 \frac{m_\mu^2}{(\pi f_\pi)^2} \left[\frac{3}{16} \ln^2 \frac{M}{m_\mu} \right]$$

- The full result is then:

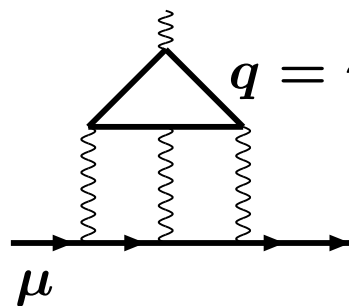
$$a_\mu^{\pi_0} = 56 \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

- The large N_c argument does not seem to work well.
- Heavy pseudoscalar mesons η, η' are not included on purpose.

- The counter-term:

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = C\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\psi F^{\alpha\beta}.$$

- Use the quark model for the estimate. The quark mass is a free parameter.



$$= \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 \frac{m_\mu^2}{M_Q^2} \left(\zeta_3 - \frac{19}{24}\right)$$

- As a “reasonable estimate” for the quark masses, take the range

$$M_Q = 250 \div 400 \text{ MeV}.$$

- Then:

$$a_\mu^{\text{quark}} = (35 \div 90) \cdot 10^{-11}.$$

- Hadronic light-by-light summary:

Contribution	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2/M^2)$
π^\pm loop	-43.4	39
π_0	0	56
counterterm	0	35 – 90

- “Duality”: the result is stable if M_Q and M_ρ are increased(decreased) simultaneously.
- The final result is the sum of all the entries in the table:

$$a_\mu^{\text{lbl}} = 110(30) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

- The uncertainty of this contribution is **entirely subjective**.
- How to match the quark model for the counterterm and the hadronic calculations for the matrix elements in a more rigorous way.

3. Conclusions and prospects

- The final estimate for a_μ :

contr.	old	new	change
QED	116 584 706(3)	116 584 721(3)	numerics
l.o. vp	6924(62)	6789(70)	e^+e^-
nlo. vp	-100(6)	-100(6)	
had. lbl.	-85(25)	110(30)	error
EW	152(4)	152(4)	
result	116 591 597(67)	116 591 672(110)	

- Using the e^+e^- data:

$$\left[a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{th}} \right] \cdot 10^{11} = 368 \pm 80|_{\text{exp}} \pm 113|_{\text{th}},$$

- Few standard deviations; any definite conclusion is difficult but the situation is uncomfortable.
- For comparison: using the τ data:

$$\left[a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{th}} \right] \cdot 10^{11} = 110 \pm 80|_{\text{exp}} \pm 113|_{\text{th}},$$

- In the future, $80|_{\text{exp}} \rightarrow 40|_{\text{exp}}$. Are we able make use out of it?
- It seems, we are at the bottom line of the possible confusion...
- There is a clear disagreement between the e^+e^- and the τ data; it is unlikely that the current difference between the two will be accommodated by the isospin violation effects.
- To resolve the situation, new measurements are needed.
- Additional studies at e^+e^- machines:
 - a) further data analysis (VEPP2-M, BEPC);
 - b) Radiative return measurements at existing facilities (DAPHNE, BaBar, CESR).
- Further checks on various contributions to a_{μ}^{SM} .
- The major conceptual problem is the hadronic light-by-light where we are bound to rely on the theoretical models.

An exciting year for $g - 2$:

- “We are now 99 percent sure that the present Standard Model calculations cannot describe our data” (2001)
- “There are three possibilities for the interpretation of this result. Firstly, new physics beyond the Standard Model... Thirdly, **although unlikely**,... there is always the possibility of mistakes in experiments and theories” (2001)
- “The observed change in frequency **fits supersymmetry like a glove**” (2001)
- “We are telling them (*theorists*), “ **Look, you guys, get the damn number on the table**” (2002)
- “**Obviously, this is all work in progress**” (2002)