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# An upper limit on the anomalous magnetic moment of the  $\tau$  lepton

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Using radiative  $\Delta^* \to \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$  events collected with the OPAL detector at LEP at <sup>p</sup> s = True during the electromagnetic study of the electromagnetic current at the electromagnetic current at the  $\tau$   $\tau$  vertex has been performed in terms of the anomalous magnetic form factor  $F_2$  of the 7 fepton. The analysis is based on a data sample of 1429 e+e  $\;\rightarrow$  $\tau$  –  $\gamma$  -events which are examined for a deviation from the expectation with  $r_2 =$  0. From the non-observation of anomalous  $\tau$  +  $\tau$  -  $\gamma$  production a limit of

$$
-0.068 < F_2 < 0.065
$$

is obtained. This can also be interpreted as a limit on the electric dipole form factor  $F_3$  as

$$
-3.8 \times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm} < eF_3 < 3.6 \times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm} .
$$

The above ranges are valid at the 95% confidence level.

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#### Introduction

Measurements of the anomalous magnetic moment of the electron [1] and the muon [2] by spin precession methods are considered the most precise tests of Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) and are usually expressed in terms of a deviation of their respective *q*-factors from the value of two [3]

$$
a_e = \left(\frac{g_e - 2}{2}\right) = (1159.652193 \pm 0.000010) \times 10^{-6} \tag{1}
$$

$$
a_{\mu} = \left(\frac{g_{\mu} - 2}{2}\right) = (1165.9230 \pm 0.0084) \times 10^{-6} \tag{2}
$$

Due to the  $\tau$  lepton's short lifetime of  $(291.0\pm1.5) \times 10^{-15}$  s, its anomalous magnetic moment cannot in practice be measured by a spin precession method and no direct measurement of  $a_{\tau}$  exists so far. While the hadronic and weak contributions to  $a_e$  are very small, they are no longer negligible for  $a_\mu$  and  $a_\tau$ . A theoretical prediction for  $a_{\tau}$ , based purely on QED, is (1173.19  $\pm$  0.01)  $\times$  10  $^{-}$  [4]. Additional weak and strong contributions [4, 5] modify this to  $(1177.3 \pm 0.3) \times$  $10^{-7}$ . Using the total width of  $Z^+ \rightarrow 7^+7^-$ , ref. [6] indirectly derives an upper limit on  $a_{\tau}$  of  $|a_{\tau}| < 0.01$  at 95% confidence level.



In order to constrain  $a_{\tau}$  as suggested by Grifolz and Mendez [7], we have studied the process  $e^+e^- \to \tau^+\tau^-\gamma$  in which a linal-state photon is radiated from one of the tau leptons, as shown in the Feynman diagram above. The electromagnetic current of a fermion with mass m and charge  $e$  can be written using the general form factor decomposition

$$
j_{\rm em}^{\mu} = e\bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma^{\mu} F_1(q^2) + \frac{i}{2m} F_2(q^2) \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} + \gamma^5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} F_3(q^2) \right] u(p), \tag{3}
$$

with  $p'$ , p being the four-momenta of the  $\tau$  lepton before and after the emission of the photon with four-momentum q and  $q^2 \equiv (p-p)^2$ . At  $q^2 \equiv 0, r_1(0) \equiv 1$ 

while  $F_2(0) \equiv a_f$ , and  $e_{13}(0) \equiv a_{\tau}$  define the anomalous magnetic and electric dipole moment, respectively. Note that the Standard Model predicts  $F_3 = 0$ .

However, this ansatz is not directly applicable to the  $\tau$   $\;\rightarrow$   $\;\tau\gamma$  vertex in e  $e \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$  , since the  $\tau$  , which emits the photon, is on-shell. Instead, the pertinent part of the amplitude must be written as

$$
\frac{i(\rlap/v'+m)}{p'^2-m^2}ie\left[\gamma^\mu F_1(p'^2,q^2)+\frac{i}{2m}F_2(p'^2,q^2)\,\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_\nu+\gamma^5\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_\nu F_3(p'^2,q^2)\right]\epsilon(\kappa)u(p)\tag{4}
$$

The photon belongs to the final state, so it is real and therefore  $F_2(p_-,q_-)$  is measured at  $q^2 = 0$ , but averaged over a range of  $p^2$  from  $m_\tau^2$  to  $(M_Z - m_\tau)^2$ . In this analysis the minimum value of  $p$  –after the event selection is (13 GeV).

In this paper we search for an excess in the production of  $e^+e^-\to\tau^+\tau^-\gamma$ events due to a non-vanishing form factor  $F_2(p_-,0)$  as defined by eq. (4), assuming that  $F_3 = 0$ . Differential photon rates are compared to Monte Carlo predictions for the standard  $F_1$  and the anomalous  $F_2$  term. The extracted bound on the number of excess events from the  $F_2$  term is used to determine an upper limit on  $r_2$  averaged over  $p$  . Henceforth this interpretation of  $r_2$  is always implied. Conversely, assuming  $F_2 = 0$  a limit on  $F_3$  is obtained. Because the sensitivity of this analysis is not sufficient to measure a value of  $F_2$  as small as predicted [4] by the Standard Model (SM), the reported results mainly address new physics phenomena beyond the SM. Such phenomena may occur in the context of composite  $\tau$  leptons [8], leptoquark models [9], or in models in which the electroweak symmetry breaking is driven by the third quark and lepton generation such as top-condensation or top-colour models [10].

It should be noted that the ansatz of eq. (4) can parametrize modifications of only the  $\tau \rightarrow \tau \gamma$  vertex. Radiative corrections involving both inial-state taus, as well as the non-vanishing  $p$  -, therefore limit a direct interpretation of  $\mathit{F}_2$  in terms of the  $\tau$ -lepton's anomalous magnetic moment  $a_{\tau} = F_2(0,0)$ . For physics beyond the SM at an interaction scale  $\Lambda_{\text{new}} \gg M_Z$ , however, there is no such limitation in the above ansatz. In fact, as long as  $|p|-m_{\tau}|\ll \Lambda_{\rm new}$ , equating  $r_2$  with the  $a<sub>\tau</sub>$  pertaining to the new interaction is correct.

The calculation which is used here to predict the distribution of photons arising from the different contributions assumes no interference between the  $F_1$ and the  $F_2$  term. The interference term is suppressed by  $m_\tau/m_Z$ . No severe restriction is imposed by this assumption for the precision of the  $F_2$  measurement described below. Modifications of the results due to the interference term are treated at the end of the paper.

#### Monte Carlo simulation

The Monte Carlo simulation of the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- \gamma$  with  $F_2 = F_3 = 0$  is provided by the program  $KORALZ$  [11] including initial (ISR) and final (FSR) state photon radiation up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ . To the extent that the expectation for  $F_2$ within the SM is small compared to the sensitivity of this analysis, KORALZ is assumed to represent the SM expectation throughout this paper. The  $\tau$  decay is simulated by the TAUOLA [12] package which includes photon radiation from the leptonic decay products up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  and also from hadronic decay products using the program package PHOTOS [13]. According to studies using the KORALZ MC, the only source of photons contributing to the selected events studied in this analysis will be from ISR and FSR. Photons from  $\pi^0$  decays do not enter as background to this analysis after the event selection.

The contribution of  $\tau \rightarrow \gamma$  events coming from a non-vanishing form factor  $F_2$  is simulated using a calculation by Zeppenfeld [15] based on the  $F_2$  term in eq. (4), assuming  $m_{\tau} = 0$  and neglecting interference. The resulting differential cross section is given in the Appendix. In fact, the approximation of  $m<sub>\tau</sub> = 0$ implies a chirality (=helicity) flip in the amplitude for the  $F_2$  contribution, while the Standard Model radiation always conserves chirality. As a result, there is no interference between the Standard Model and the  $F_2$  contribution in the massless limit. Conversely, the size of the interference term then checks the validity of the  $m<sub>\tau</sub> = 0$  approximation. A very recent calculation [16] of radiative tau pair production through anomalous electromagnetic couplings including interference effects and a finite  $\tau$  mass confirms the validity of the assumptions  $(m_{\tau}=0,$ interference neglected) made here. Ref. [16] concludes that anomalous contributions from initial-state final-state interference,  $Z^0/\gamma$  interference and  $\gamma$  exchange can also be safely neglected.

Events generated from both the  $F_1$  bremsstrahlung term (KORALZ) and the  $F_2$  contribution are processed through a full simulation of the OPAL detector [14]. For the purpose of the efficiency determination for the  $F_2$  contribution (signal), events have been generated by KORALZ and selected according to the 5-dimensional differential  $F_2$  cross section (see Appendix) employing a 'hit or miss' method.

Figure 1 shows comparisons of the anomalous contibution and the KORALZ prediction in simulated distributions of the energy of the radiated photon  $E_{\gamma}$  (a), the acollinearity angle  $\theta_{\text{acol}}$  between the  $\tau$  lepton directions (b), and the emission angle of the photon with respect to the beam direction cos  $\theta_{\gamma}$  (c). Note, that the anomalous part is arbitrarily normalized. The striking difference between the distributions suggests that these variables are useful discriminators for this analysis:  $F_2$  photons appear to be preferentially at high energies and are emitted



Figure 1: Comparison between the  $F_2$  signal and the Standard Model expectation represented by KORALZ. (a) the photon energy  $E_{\gamma}$ , (b) the acollinearity angle  $\theta_{\text{acol}}$  of the  $\tau$  leptons and (c) the photon angle cos  $\theta_{\gamma}$  w.r.t. the beam direction. The relative normalization of the distributions is arbitrary, no detector effects are included. The dashed lines in (a) and (c) indicate the acceptance cuts. (d) photon energy  $E_{\gamma}$  vs. acollinearity angle for the  $F_2$  signal prediction after full detector simulation.

at large angles to both  $\tau$ 's. However,  $E_{\gamma}$  and  $\theta_{\text{acol}}$  are strongly correlated (fig. 1 (d)), and the cos  $\theta_{\gamma}$  distribution is almost isotropic in an accepted  $\theta_{\gamma}$  range with reduced background ( $|\cos \theta_{\gamma}| < 0.78$ ). Consequently, the benefit obtained when using two-dimensional information in the above variables has been found to be marginal and also more sensitive to systematic effects. Therefore, in what follows only the photon energy distribution is used.

For the simulation of background processes the Monte Carlo generators [17] JEISEI 7.4 (QQ), RADDAD 2.0 (e+e-), NORALZ 4.0 ( $\mu^+\mu^-$ ) and VERMA-SEREN 1.01 ( $2\gamma$ ) have been used.

#### Event Selection

For this analysis events recorded with the OPAL detector during the years 1990 to 1995 at a centre of mass energy  $\sqrt{s} = M_{\rm Z}$ , corresponding to an integrated luminosity of about  $180 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ , have been used. 'Off-peak' data were not used to avoid deficiencies due to the lack of  $Z^0/\gamma$  interference effects in the signal MC. The number of produced  $\tau$  pairs is about 230 000. The OPAL detector and its performance have been described elsewhere [18]. Isolated final-state photons are detected in the lead glass electomagnetic calorimeter covering an angular range in the barrel region of  $|\cos \theta|$  < 0.81 with an energy resolution of  $\sigma_E/E \approx$  $12\%/\sqrt{E(\rm{GeV})}$ .

In selecting events containing  $\tau$  pairs with an additional radiated photon, background is expected from e+e  $, \mu^+ \mu^-$ , multimadron, and two-photon events with any final state. Lepton pair events are selected by standard cuts [19] against  $Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  (cut on track and cluster multiplicity), two-photon processes (cut on visible energy) and cosmic ray background. The cut on the acollinearity of the pair is of course omitted in the preselection since it would also reject most of the signal events. Then e+e and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  events are recognized and rejected by high detected energy in the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) or by high momentum tracks, low energy deposits in the calorimeters and  $\mu$  chamber hits, respectively. The observed  $\tau$  decay products are required to lie in a cone of half opening angle of 35 . We assume the ight direction to be identical with the cone axis, defined by the vector sum of the associated tracks and all neutral clusters. A  $\tau$   $\tau$   $\gamma$  candidate event is selected if a photon candidate of at least 5 GeV and less than 42 GeV energy deposit is found outside both cones. The high energy cut is imposed to avoid the energy region where the  $m<sub>\tau</sub> = 0$  assumption in the  $F_2$  MC has an impact on the  $E_{\gamma}$  distribution. To avoid losing  $\tau$  decay products inside the beam pipe,  $|\cos \theta_{\tau}| < 0.9$  has to be valid for both  $\tau$  cones. A sample of 3 435 events survive this preselection.

Background from non- $\tau$  events is further reduced by the following requirements:

- to suppress initial state radiation the photon has to be in the barrel region of the detector ( $|\cos \theta_{\gamma}| < 0.78$ ).
- $\bullet$  to reject e+e and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  events, the visible energy or visible momentum of the more energetic  $\tau$  candidate must be smaller than 35 GeV.
- the scalar sum of the momenta of the detected decay products of both tau candidates and the photon must be smaller than 75 GeV; furthermore events for which both  $\tau$  cones are identified as  $\tau \to \mu \nu \bar{\nu}$  decays are rejected. These cuts add to the suppression of  $\mu^+\mu^-$  events.
- only events with 2 or 4 charged tracks  $(1-1$  and  $1-3$  topologies) are retained.

The three-body final state of the signal process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow T^+T^- \gamma$  is completely determined by two independent variables, i.e. the acollinearity angle between the leptons can be calculated from the measured photon energy  $\mu$  and the measured  $\rho_{d}$   $\mu_{d}$  and the measured sured angle between the photon and the . The measured acollinearity angle is required to agree within  $\pm 50^{\circ}$  with the calculated angle. This cut greatly reduces multihadron background, two-photon events and incorrectly reconstructed events.

The above selection results in a total of 1429 e+e  $\rightarrow$  4+4  $\gamma$  candidate events. The contribution of background from  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and multinadron events to this sample is estimated to total  $(0.13 \pm 0.13)\%$ .

Figure 2 shows the observed distribution of the measured photon energy for the selected events. Superimposed are the expectation from the Standard Model (KORALZ), normalized to the number of data events (shaded) and the distribution of  $F_2$ -produced photons including full detector simulation (open histogram). In order to extract a limit on the  $F_2$  form factor the data distribution of fig. 2 is fitted to a sum of both MC contributions using a binned likelihood  $\mathcal L$  assuming a Poisson distribution of the data events. In this fit the sum of both contributions has been normalized to the number of observed data events for each assumed value of  $F_2$ . To test the method, we have performed fits to Monte Carlo event samples of the size of the data sample, using a 5% and a 10%  $F_2$  contribution, respectively. In both cases the input values were reproduced  $(0.045 \pm 0.010$  and  $0.096 \pm 0.007$ , respectively).



Figure 2: Photon energy spectra for data (points), KORALZ (shaded histogram, normalized to the data), and signal (open histogram, arbitrarily normalized). The dashed line shows the Monte Carlo prediction for  $F_2 = 0.064$ , also normalized to the data.

#### Fit Results

Figure 3(a) shows the dependence of the likelihood function on  $|F_2|$ . The most probable value is  $|F_2| = 0.037$  which is offset from, but consistent with zero within about one standard deviation (  $^{+0.028}_{-0.028}$  ) which is evident from the shallowness of the maximum of  $log\mathcal{L}$  in fig. 3(a). The 95% confidence level value is obtained from fig. 3(a) at the point where  $\log \mathcal{L}$  has dropped by 1.92 units from its maximum as

$$
|F_2| < 0.064 \qquad \text{at} \qquad 95\% \text{ C.L.} \tag{5}
$$

The analysis has also been performed by normalizing the KORALZ MC to the integrated luminosity of the data. In this case the luminosity has been inferred from the total number of  $\tau$ -pair events using the standard OPAL  $\tau$ -pair selection. While intuitively one might expect a tighter constraint on  $|F_2|$ , the necessity to know the detection efficiency introduces an additional uncertainty not present in the approach described above which is only sensitive to a difference in shape of the  $E_{\gamma}$  distribution between data and MC. Both effects have been tested (see section on systematic errors). When normalizing to the integrated luminosity the uncertainty of  $\pm 6\%$  in the knowledge of the detection efficiency yields a limit on  $|F_2|$  even slightly higher (0.065) than that obtained using the shape information only.



Figure 3: (a) Likelihood as a function of the fit parameter  $|F_2|$ . (b) Likelihood as a function of  $F_2$  taking into account the interference term as described in the corresponding section of the text.

## Systematic Errors

The systematic uncertainties due to the selection cuts, the photon detection ef ficiency, non- $\tau$  background, binning effects, Monte Carlo statistics and normalization, and the calibration uncertainty in the photon energy measurement have been studied. The omission of the interference term is discussed separately below.

Variations of the selection cuts indicate a systematic uncertainty on the limit on  $|F_2|$  of about 0.005, the largest influence coming from varying the visible energy cut for the  $\tau$  cone from 35 GeV to 32 GeV.

The effect of *binning* has been studied by varying the number of bins in the energy spectrum from 15 to 20 and by moving the bin boundaries by half a bin width. This leads to a maximum change in the limit on  $|F_2|$  of  $+0.002$ .

The *photon energy calibration* has been investigated as a source of systematic error. The agreement in the energy measurement of the electromagnetic calorimeter between data and MC is better than 0:9%, determined from a comparison of <sup>0</sup> invariant masses involving all photon energies. A systematic shift of the photon energy by this amount results in a systematic uncertainty on the limit on  $F_2$  smaller than 0.001.

The uncertainty in the *description of the photon detection efficiency* and its dependence on the energy can make an important contribution to the systematic error of this analysis. An imperfect description of the efficiency would distort the photon energy spectrum and could thus lead to a bias for the resulting  $F_2$ contribution. The quality of the efficiency simulation has been checked using the photon energy spectrum of radiative e<sup>+</sup> e events where a high energy electron  $(> 43 \text{ GeV})$  has been required to tag the event in comparison with corresponding MC events. The efficiency ratio between data and MC is constant as a function of  $E_{\gamma}$  and consistent with unity to  $\pm 6\%$ . The resulting effect on the limit amounts to less than  $\pm 0.0005$ .

Background from non- $\tau$  events has been estimated using the MC simulation considering all background reactions mentioned above and is found to be very small  $(0.15\%)$ . The total predicted background from e+e ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$  , and hadronic processes amounts to  $1.8 \pm 1.8$  events. The worst case assumption is that the background is distributed as the Standard Model expectation thereby articially improving the limit. The resulting upper limit on  $F_2$ , when the background is included, is however unchanged.

Because the MC event sample is about 4:5 times larger than the data we have neglected the *statistical error of the MC* in the fit. To check the validity of this assumption, the fit has also been performed using a method [20] which allows for the inclusion of both data and MC error in the likelihood. The resulting limit changes negligibly by 0.0003 with respect to that obtained without using the MC error.

Assuming the systematic errors to be independent, they have been added in quadrature. Then the total systematic uncertainty has been quadratically added to the statistical error in each bin of the  $E_{\gamma}$  distribution and a new limit has been derived  $<sup>1</sup>$  as</sup>

$$
|F_2| < 0.067 \qquad \text{at} \qquad 95\% \text{ C.L.} \tag{6}
$$

### Inclusion of the Interference Term

It has been shown [21] for the cross section of the process  $e^+e^-\to\tau^+\tau^-\gamma$  that the contribution of the interference between the standard part and the magnetic part of the electromagnetic current (see eq. (3)) can be important even if  $F_2$  is as large as several percent. The authors of  $[21]$  have computed the differential cross section in the photon variables  $E_{\gamma}$  and cos  $\sigma_{\gamma}$  for the e+e  $\rightarrow$  4+4  $\gamma$  process including the interference term. While this computation cannot serve for event simulation by means of 4-vector generation, it has been used to study the relative importance of both terms.

Figure 4 shows the contribution of the interference term to the cross section assuming  $|F_2| = 0.064$  for two different cuts on the event topology: without any requirement on the angular separation between the photon and the  $\tau$  leptons (thin curves), and requiring a minimum angular separation of  $35^{\circ}$  (thick curves) as in this analysis. In each case, the central (solid) curve shows the cross section assuming an  $|F_2|^2$  contribution only, while the upper/lower (dashed) curves are obtained by including the interference term with a positive/negative sign. It is evident that the effect of the interference term is much reduced by requiring a minimum angular separation between the photon and the  $\tau$  leptons. Nevertheless, the effect of the interference term can be taken into account to obtain a limit on  $F_2$  respecting its sign.

A correction of the signal spectrum is obtained by reweighting the signal  $E_{\gamma}$ spectrum according to fig. 4 using different weighting factors for each value of  $F_2$ . Obviously, adding the interference term with a positive sign leads to a shift of the photon energy spectrum towards higher energies leading to an even better distinction between the SM and the  $F_2$  spectrum, while for the negative sign the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Because the Poisson-based likelihood method does not have an explicit error term,  $\chi^2$  has been used for this estimation.



Figure 4: Influence of the interference term; the thin lines show the cross-section without any additional cuts applied (solid for the  $\vert {\bf \scriptstyle F}_2\vert^2$  term alone and dashed with interference term included). The thick lines (solid and dashed, respectively) show the result when a minimum angle of  $35^{\circ}$  between the photon and the  $\tau$ -cone axis is required.

opposite is true. This treatment assumes equal efficiencies for events due to the interference term and to the quadratic term, an assumption which is not entirely correct. However, as long as the efficiency for the interference term is not larger than that of the quadratic term, this assumption is conservative and is, in fact, supported by the angular distributions shown in fig.  $1(c)$ . The interference term distribution must lie in between KORALZ and the  $|F_2|^2$  spectrum and due to the angular cuts its acceptance is smaller acceptance than that of the  $|F_2|^2$  term. One then obtains the following  $95\%$  C.L. limit using the likelihood curve of fig. 3(b) and including systematic errors

$$
-0.068 < F_2 < 0.065 \tag{7}
$$

#### Discussion and Conclusions

We have studied the reaction  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 1+7+ \gamma$  to search for a contribution from the anomalous magnetic form factor  $F_2$  that is related to the anomalous magnetic moment  $a_{\tau}$  of the  $\tau$  lepton. The contribution of the  $F_2$  form factor changes the distributions of the kinematic variables of the final state, most notably the photon energy spectrum. No signicant contribution in addition to the Standard Model prediction is needed to describe the data. Comparing the data to the Standard Model prediction, a 95% condence level limit on the magnitude of the magnetic form factor  $F_2$  of

$$
|F_2| < 0.067 \tag{8}
$$

has been placed. Taking into account the effect of the interference term between the Standard Model amplitude and the  $F_2$  amplitude the 95% CL boundary on  $F_2$  is

$$
-0.068 < F_2 < 0.065 \tag{9}
$$

Substituting  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$  $2m_{\tau}$  e  $-3.1$  $e$  the bounds on F2 translate to limits on F3, the electric dipole form factor of the  $\tau$  lepton, for which one obtains<sup>2</sup>

$$
-3.8 \times 10^{-16} e \, \text{cm} \, < eF_3 \, < 3.6 \times 10^{-16} e \, \text{cm} \qquad , \tag{10}
$$

with the same interpretation restrictions as mentioned for  $F_2$  in the introduction and neglecting a possible influence of the  $\tau$  polarization on the term linear in  $F_3$ .

#### Appendix

The formulae for the differential cross section [15] for e+e  $\rightarrow$   $\tau$ +  $\tau$   $\rightarrow$  are given below using the  $F_1$  (SM) and the  $F_2$  terms in the amplitude of eq. (4), but no interference.

$$
\begin{array}{l}\np_1 = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} (1,0,0,1) \\
p_2 = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} (1,0,0,-1)\n\end{array}\n\right\} \Rightarrow p_{\text{tot}} = p_1 + p_2 = \sqrt{s} (1,0,0,0)
$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A compilation of recent bounds on electric and weak dipole moments of the  $\tau$  lepton can be found in [3, 22].

$$
q = E_{\gamma} (1, \sin \theta_{\gamma} \cos \phi_{\gamma}, \sin \theta_{\gamma} \sin \phi_{\gamma}, \cos \theta_{\gamma})
$$
  
\n
$$
k_1 = E_{\tau^-} (1, \hat{x} \sin \theta_{\tau^- \gamma} \cos \phi_{\tau^-} + \hat{y} \sin \theta_{\tau^- \gamma} \sin \phi_{\tau^-} + \hat{z} \cos \theta_{\tau^- \gamma})
$$
  
\n
$$
k_2 = p_{\text{tot}} - q - k_1
$$
  
\n
$$
Q^{\mu} = (k_1 \cdot q) k_2^{\mu} - (k_1 \cdot k_2) q^{\mu} + (k_2 \cdot q) k_1^{\mu}
$$

$$
\hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos\theta_{\gamma}\cos\phi_{\gamma} \\ -\cos\theta_{\gamma}\sin\phi_{\gamma} \\ \sin\theta_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\phi_{\gamma} \\ -\cos\phi_{\gamma} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{z} = \hat{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\theta_{\gamma}\cos\phi_{\gamma} \\ \sin\theta_{\gamma}\sin\phi_{\gamma} \\ \cos\theta_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix}
$$

$$
\frac{d\sigma (e^+e^- \to \tau^+\tau^- \gamma)}{dE_{\tau} - dE_{\gamma}d\cos\theta_{\gamma}d\phi_{\tau} - d\phi_{\gamma}} = \frac{\alpha^3}{2\pi^2 \sin^4\theta_W \cos^4\theta_W} \cdot \frac{1}{(s - M_{Z} \sigma^2)^2 + (M_{Z} \sigma \Gamma_{Z} \sigma)^2}
$$
\n
$$
\left\{ (c_v^2 + c_a^2)^2 \left[ \frac{2}{(k_1 q)(k_2 q)} [(k_1 k_2)(p_1 p_2) - (k_1 p_1)(k_1 p_2) - (k_2 p_1)(k_2 p_2)] + \frac{(k_1 q)}{(k_2 q)} + \frac{(k_2 q)}{(k_1 q)} \right] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ 4 c_v^2 c_a^2 \left[ 2 \frac{(k_1 p_2)(k_2 p_1) - (k_1 p_1)(k_2 p_2)}{(k_1 q)(k_2 q)} + q (p_2 - p_1) \left( \frac{1}{(k_1 q)} - \frac{1}{(k_2 q)} \right) \right] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ \mathbf{F}_2^2 \cdot \frac{\alpha^3}{\pi^2 m_{\tau}^2 \sin^4\theta_W \cos^4\theta_W} \cdot \frac{1}{s \left[ (s - M_{Z} \sigma^2)^2 + (M_{Z} \sigma \Gamma_{Z} \sigma)^2 \right]}
$$
\n
$$
\left\{ (c_a^4 - c_v^4) \left( \frac{(p_1 Q)(p_2 Q)}{(k_1 q)(k_2 q)} + (k_1 k_2)(p_1 p_2) \right) \right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ 2 c_v^2 (c_v^2 + c_a^2)^2 [(k_1 p_2)(k_2 p_1) - (k_1 p_1)(k_2 p_2)] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ 4 c_v^2 c_a^2 [(k_1 p_2)(k_2 p_1) - (k_1 p_1)(k_2 p_2)] \tag{11}
$$

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