Status of Measurement of R Value at BESIII

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Abstract. The R value is important for muon magnetic moment a_μ and QED running coupling constant evaluated at Z pole, is useful to extract resonance parameters. BESIII experiment collected about 130 energy points between 2.0GeV and 4.6GeV for a precise measurement of R value. The status of R measurement at BESIII is reported in this paper.

1 Introduction

The muon magnetic moment $a_\mu = (g_\mu - 2)/2$ has very high level of precision (~ 0.5part per million) in experiment and theory, and provides a critical test of standard model (SM). a deviation of experimental measurement of SM prediction could be a hint for new physics. The SM prediction for a_μ is divided into three parts [1]

$$a_\mu^{SM} = a_\mu^{QED} + a_\mu^{EW} + a_\mu^{had} \tag{1}$$

The QED component a_μ^{QED} and electroweak component a_μ^{EW} are calculated with high precision, hadronic component a_μ^{had} is not calculable from first principle. The a_μ^{had} has lowest order (i.e., $O(\alpha^2)$) hadronic vacuum polarization contribution $a_\mu^{had,LO}$, higher order($O(\alpha^3)$) contribution $a_\mu^{had,HO}$ and hadronic "light-by-light" scattering contribution $a_\mu^{had,LBL}$. The main source of theory uncertainty to a_μ^{SM} is from $a_\mu^{had,LO}$ and $a_\mu^{had,LBL}$ [2].

The $a_\mu^{had,LO}$ is calculated via dispersion relation

$$a_\mu^{had,LO} = \frac{1}{3}(\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^2 \int_{m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{K(s)}{s} R(s) \tag{2}$$

where $K(s) \propto 1/s$ is QED kernel function, and $R(s)$ is defined as the lowest order cross section for $e^+e^- \to \gamma^\star \to$ hadrons in units of lowest order QED process $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-$, namely $R = \sigma(e^+e^- \to$ hadrons$)/\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)$, where $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-) = 4\pi\alpha^2(0)/3s$. Because of $1/s^2$ weight in Eq.2, contributions of R value from low energy $\sqrt{s}$ are enhanced, about 75% come from region $2m_\pi < \sqrt{s} < 1$GeV dominated by $\pi\pi$ channel [3]. The relevant energy scale in Eq.2 is too low for applying 4-loop pQCD calculation on R value, experimental R values for some energy region are used in Eq.2. The precise measurement of R value could reduce theory uncertainty of $a_\mu^{had,LO}$. As an example in Ref. [2], R values by sum of experimental exclusive cross sections are used up to 1.8GeV; R values in

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energy range 1.8-3.7GeV and above 5GeV are calculated with 4-loop pQCD calculation; experimental R values in open charm region 3.7-5GeV are used; contributions from narrow resonance J/ψ and $\psi(3686)$ are described by Breit-Wigner line shapes with currently best known parameters. The BESIII experiment is operated at Beijing Electron Positron Collider II (BEPCII) with beam energy $1.0 - 2.3$GeV, we could provide R values between 2.0GeV and 4.6GeV with energy scan method, and measure cross sections of exclusive processes for R values below 2.0GeV with initial state radiation method at BESIII, see Ref. [4] for more detail.

Unlike case of $a_\mu^{had,LO}$ and $a_\mu^{had,HO}$, there is no direct experimental input for the $a_\mu^{had,LBL}$ [5]. However, by using dispersion theory, the $a_\mu^{had,LBL}$ can be written as a convolution of integral kernels and two meson-photon transition form factor (TFF) [6]. The experimental data or theoretical models on TFF could be used for $a_\mu^{had,LBL}$. BESIII could measure space-like TFF of π^0, η and η' with two-photon process, see Ref. [7] for more detail.

The QED running coupling constant, $\alpha(s) = \alpha(0)/(1 - \Delta\alpha_{lep}(s) - \Delta\alpha_{top}(s) - \Delta\alpha_{had}^5(s))$, at Z pole, is an important ingredient of SM fit to electroweak precision data [8]. similar to a_μ, uncertainty of $\alpha(M_Z^2)$ is dominated by hadronic vacuum polarisation in $\Delta\alpha_{had}^5(M_Z^2)$, which is calculated by

$$\Delta\alpha_{had}^5(M_Z^2) = -\frac{\alpha(0)M_Z^2}{3\pi}Re \int_{m_\pi^2}^\infty ds \frac{R(s)}{s(s - M_Z^2) - i\epsilon} \tag{3}$$

Contrary to $a_\mu^{had,LO}$, $\Delta\alpha_{had}^5(M_Z^2)$ is not dominated by uncertainty of R values at low-energy data, but by contributions from all energy regions [8]. The uncertainty of $\alpha(M_Z^2)$ could be improved with precise measurement of R values at BESIII.

Above open flavour thresholds where resonance structures show up, we could use R values to determine parameters of resonances with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$, e.g. $\psi(3770), \psi(4040), \psi(4160)$ and $\psi(4410)$. The are good agreement between data and pQCD calculation on τ data, a precise measurement of R values at BESIII energies could provide a test of 4-loop pQCD calculation on R value and determine strong coupling constant.

2 BESIII data

BESIII Collected data between 2.0GeV and 4.6GeV for R value and QCD studies. At 2012 run, BESIII collected data at $\sqrt{s} = 2.232$GeV, 2.400GeV, 2.800GeV and 3.400GeV with about total integrated luminosity 12 pb^{-1}. We use it to build up R analysis frame and methods for Monte Carlo (MC) tuning. There are 104 energy points between 3.85GeV and 4.59GeV with about integrated luminosity 800 pb^{-1} at 2013-2014 runs, and it is a fine R scan for R value, high mass charmonium lineshape and resonant parameters. There are 22 energy points between 2.0GeV and 3.08GeV with total integrated luminosity 500 pb^{-1} at 2015 run. It is for R value and QCD study.

3 Measurement of R value

In experiment, R value is determined by

$$R = \frac{N_{had} - N_{bkg}}{\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-) \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot \epsilon_{had} \cdot (1 + \delta)} \tag{4}$$

where N_{had} is number of observed hadronic events, N_{had} is number of background events, $\mathcal{L}$ is integrated luminosity, ϵ_{had} is hadronic event selection efficiency and determined by hadronic event MC sample, $(1 + \delta)$ is initial state radiation (ISR) correction factor, and $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-) = 4\pi\alpha^2(0)/3s$. The trigger efficiency for hadronic event at BESIII is very close to 100% [9], which is not included in Eq.4. The task of R measurement is to determine physics variables in Eq.4.

3.1 Measurement of integrated luminosity

The integrated luminosity is measured with large angle Bhabha process $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)e^+e^-$ and diphoton process $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)\gamma\gamma$ [10], which are well known in QED, and simulated by generator Babayaga v3.5 with precision 0.5%. The uncertainty of measured luminosity is about 0.8% and 1.1% for Bhabha process and diphoton process respectively. Fig. 1 shows ratio ratios of luminosity measured by $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)e^+e^-$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)\gamma\gamma$, the two methods give fully compatible results within quoted uncertainties.
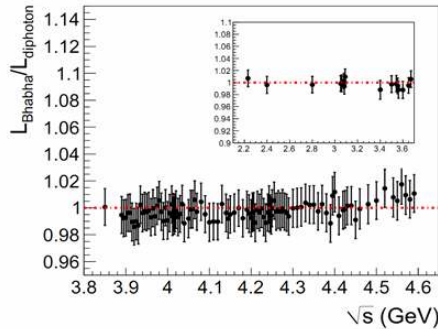

Figure 1. The ratio ratios of integrated luminosity measured by $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)e^+e^-$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)\gamma\gamma$

3.2 Radiative correction factor

The hadronic cross section directly measured in experiment is total cross section σ^{tot}, with contribution from tree level and higher order Feynman diagrams, however, R value only has contribution by tree level $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$, The radiative correction factor $(1 + \delta)$ is defined as $\sigma^{tot}/\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$. With help of ISR theory, the $(1 + \delta)$ could be calculated by Feynman diagram (FD) scheme and structure function (SF) scheme [11]. Fig. 2 compares $(1 + \delta)$ for FD scheme (marked as Crystalball) and SF scheme (marked as WU and Kureav & Fadin), which are consistent with 1.2% with same input of R values in PDG2016 [1].
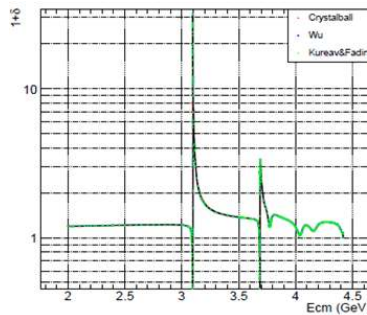

Figure 2. The ISR factors calculated by Crystalball scheme, Wu's scheme and Kureav & Fadin scheme.

3.3 Background event

The background of hadronic event has two sources, Beam-associated backgrounds and QED processes. The Beam-associated backgrounds, such as beam-gas and beam-wall events, are non-collision backgrounds in hadronic events, and are estimated by sideband method with average event vertex in Z direction. The possible background from QED processes are Bhabha event, diphoton event, $e^+e^- \to (\gamma)\mu^+\mu^-$, $e^+e^- \to (\gamma)\tau^+\tau^-$ and two-photon process $e^+e^- \to e^+e^- + X$ (X = leptons or hadrons), their contributions to hadronic event are determined with MC samples, which is scaled with luminosity of experimental data.

The Bhabha and diphoton are simulated with Babayaga v3.5 and BabayagaNLO, The generator Babayaga v3.5 and Phokhara9.1 are used for $e^+e^- \to (\gamma)\mu^+\mu^-$. The $e^+e^- \to (\gamma)\tau^+\tau^-$ is simulated by generator KKMC. The contribution two-photon process is underestimated by BESTwoGam generator. According to reference [12] and number of good track selection criteria for hadronic event, we use dedicated generator for dominant exclusive processes $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-e^+e^-$, $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$, $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-$, $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-K^+K^-$, $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\eta$ and $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\eta'$, these generators are tested by two-photon study at BESIII [7]. The cross section of exclusive decays in two-photon process is tiny [12], and negligible.

3.4 Hadronic event generator

The hadronic event selection efficiency is determined by hadronic event MC sample, which should describe experimental data well. We developed two generators LUARLW [13] and ConExc [14] for R measurement.

The well-known generator JETSET is not built to describe few-body states (in particular at few GeV level), the generator LUARLW based on the Lund area law is proposed to simulates hadronic event productions in e^+e^- annihilation and decays of continuous and resonant hadronic states from $2m_\pi$ up to 5 GeV [13]. After we compare distribution of BESIII experimental data and LUARLW generator, parameters in LUARLW are determined by MC tuning process. The tuned LUARLW generator should describe experimental data for most of distributions, especially for those distributions, which are sensitive to hadronic event selection, e.g. multiplicity, polar angle $\cos\theta$ of charged track. As an example, Fig. 3 displays comparison between experimental data and LUARLW on multiplicity (left) and $\cos\theta$ of charged track (right) for selected hadronic events. The LUARLW generator could describe experimental data well.

Many exclusive modes have been measured in the e^+e^- collision experiments. We use published Born cross sections in paper, and show sum of these cross sections in Fig. 4. We could take into account these known processes in generator for hadronic event, and use following strategy for ConExc generator [14]. (1) Phokhara9.1 is applied for 11 exclusive processes with know cross section and structures, (2) For processes with only known cross section, phase space model is used for multi-body decays. angular distributions are implemented only for two-body decays. (3) For unmeasured processes are simulated by LUARLW. The parameters LUARLW generator are optimized with parameterized response function method. The optimal values are obtained by simultaneously fitting this function to experimental data distributions [14]. Fig. 5 shows comparison between experimental data and ConExc generators. The ConExc generator could describe experimental data well.

3.5 R value at BESIII

The analysis frame of R value is build, the R values are measured at 14 energy points in continuum region between 2.232GeV and 3.671GeV, and are reviewed by BESIII Collaboration. The MC tuning
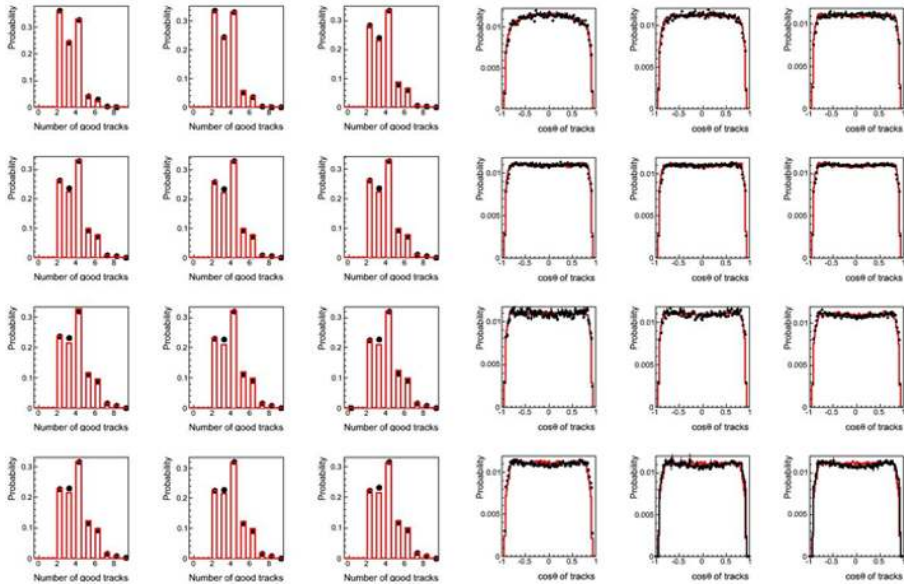
Figure 3. The distributions for multiplicity (left) and cosθ of charged track (right), the black points are distribution of experimental data, where contribution from background events are already subtracted, the red histogram are obtained by LUARLW generator.
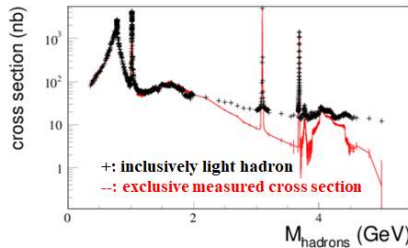

Figure 4. The cross section for light hadron production, where black points with errors are total hadronic cross section [1], and histogram is sum of measured cross sections for exclusive processes

for R scan between 3.85GeV and 4.6GeV is performed, and a set of reasonable MC parameters is obtained.

4 Summary

BESIII collected about 130 energy points between 2.0GeV and 4.6GeV for precise measurement of R value and QCD studies. The uncertainty on luminosity, $1 + \delta$ and background contribution to hadronic event is well studied and under control. We also developed LUARLW and ConExc generators, which could describe BESIII experimental data well. The R values at 14 energy points in continuum region between 2.232GeV and 3.671GeV, are reviewed by BESIII Collaboration.
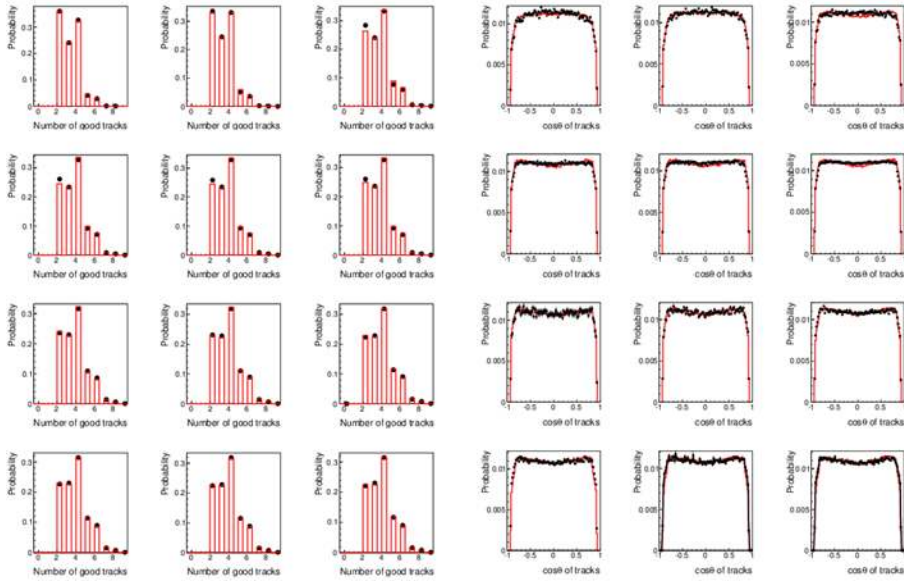
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