

Lecture 4

Master Particle Physics I

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Lectures PP I

L0 : Introduction

L1 : Particles and Fields (historical overview)
L2 : Wave Equations and Antiparticles
L3 : The Electromagnetic Field
L4 : Perturbation Theory and Fermi's Golden Rule
L5 : Electromagnetic Scattering of Spinless Particles

QED of Spinless Particles:
Scattering Theory and
Cross Sections

L6 : The Dirac Equation
L7 : Solutions of the Dirac Equation
L8 : Spin 1/2 Electrodynamics

QED for
Fundamental Fermions

L9 : The Weak Interaction
(Fermi 4-point scattering: an analogy with QED)
L10: Local Gauge Invariance
(the role of symmetries in interactions)
L11: Electroweak Theory
L12: The Process: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma, Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

The Standard Model for
massless particles
 $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

Matter Waves and EM Field

Matter Waves

Non-relativistic:

$$E = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m}$$

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \frac{-1}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi$$

$$E \rightarrow i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad ; \quad \vec{p} \rightarrow -i \vec{\nabla}$$

Relativistic:

$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2$$

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi = -\nabla^2 \phi + m^2 \phi$$

Continuity: $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$

with:

$$j^\mu = i (\phi^* \partial^\mu \phi - \phi \partial^\mu \phi^*)$$

EM Field

Maxwell 1+4
→ continuity

Maxwell Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} &= \vec{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \\ \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} V \\ A^\mu &= (V, \vec{A}) \\ j^\nu &= \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu \partial_\mu A^\mu \end{aligned}$$

Gauge Invariance:

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A'^\mu = A^\mu + \partial^\mu \lambda$$

Lorentz Condition:

$$\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$$

Coulomb Condition:

$$A^0 = 0 \quad ; \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

Photon has 2-polarizations!

Bohm - Aharanov Experiment!

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Cross Section: $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

$$d\sigma = \frac{(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_A + p_B - p_C - p_D)}{4\sqrt{(p_A \cdot p_B)^2 - m_A^2 m_B^2}} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot \frac{d^3 p_C}{(2\pi)^3 2E_C} \frac{d^3 p_D}{(2\pi)^3 2E_D}$$

Decay Rate: $A \rightarrow B + C$

$$d\Gamma = \frac{(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_A - p_B - p_C)}{2E_A} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot \frac{d^3 p_B}{(2\pi)^3 2E_B} \frac{d^3 p_C}{(2\pi)^3 2E_C}$$