

1. As a warm-up exercise, consider an electrically charged heavy scalar field Φ interacting with a lighter ($m < M$) neutral scalar field φ according to

$$\mathcal{L} = [D_\mu \Phi^* D^\mu \Phi - M^2 \Phi^* \Phi] + [\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2 \varphi^2] - \frac{1}{2}\lambda \Phi^* \Phi \varphi^2. \quad (1)$$

Due to Coulomb forces, the charged particles Φ and antiparticles $\bar{\Phi}$ form hydrogen-like bound states; thanks to $\alpha \ll 1$, such bound states are essentially non-relativistic.

Consider the ground $1S$ state of the $\Phi\bar{\Phi}$ bound system and calculate its lifetime against decay into two neutral scalars, $[\Phi\bar{\Phi}]_{1S} \rightarrow \varphi\varphi$. Ignore all the electromagnetic effects except for forming the bound state in the first place.

2. Consider the theory of photons (γ) interacting with electrons (e^\mp) and with charged scalar particles (S^\mp) according to

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}(i\not{D} - m)\Psi + D_\mu \Phi^* D^\mu \Phi - M^2 \Phi^* \Phi. \quad (2)$$

The Feynman rules of this theory are as follows:

Photonic propagator: $A^\mu \xrightarrow{q} A^\nu = \frac{-ig^{\mu\nu}}{q^2 + i0}, \quad (F.1)$

Incoming photon: $\xrightarrow{\bullet} = e_\mu(k, \lambda), \quad (F.2)$

Outgoing photon: $\bullet \xrightarrow{} = e_\mu^*(k, \lambda), \quad (F.3)$

Electron propagator: $\Psi \xrightarrow{q} \bar{\Psi} = \frac{i}{\not{q} - m + i0}, \quad (F.4)$

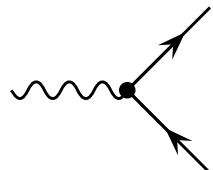
Incoming e^- or outgoing e^+ : $\xrightarrow{\bullet} = u(p, s) \text{ or } v(p, s), \quad (F.5)$

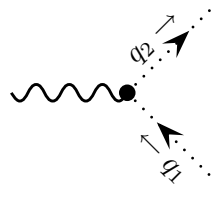
Outgoing e^- or incoming e^+ : $\bullet \xrightarrow{} = \bar{u}(p, s) \text{ or } \bar{v}(p, s), \quad (F.6)$

Scalar propagator: $\Phi \xrightarrow{q} \Phi^* = \frac{i}{q^2 - M^2 + i0}, \quad (F.7)$

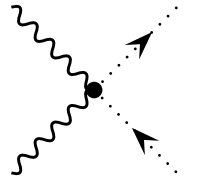
Incoming S^- or outgoing S^+ : $\xrightarrow{\bullet} = 1, \quad (F.8)$

Outgoing S^- or incoming S^+ : $\bullet \xrightarrow{} = 1, \quad (F.9)$

QED vertex $ee\gamma$:  $= +ie\gamma^\mu, \quad (F.10)$

Scalar QED vertex $SS\gamma$:  $= +ie(q_1 + q_2)^\mu$ (F.11)

(mind the signs of q_1 and q_2),

Seagull vertex $SS\gamma\gamma$:  $= +2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu}$. (F.12)

- The QED Feynman rules (F.1–6) and (F.10) were derived in class. Derive the remaining rules (F.7–9) and (F.11–12).
- Given the above Feynman rules, calculate the tree-level matrix element for the scalar pair-production $e^-e^+ \rightarrow S^-S^+$. Hint: Mind the arrow directions on the scalar's dotted lines.
- Calculate the partial cross-section for the scalar pair production and compare its angular dependence with that of the $e^-e^+ \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+$ process. Also, calculate the total cross-section $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^-e^+ \rightarrow S^-S^+)$ and compare its energy dependence to that of $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(e^-e^+ \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+)$. For simplicity, neglect the electron's mass m .

3. Finally, consider a heavy *neutral* scalar particle S^0 with a Yukawa coupling to electrons — which in turn couple to the photons according to the usual QED rules, thus

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}(i\mathcal{D} - m)\Psi + \left[\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\varphi\partial^\mu\varphi - \frac{1}{2}M^2\varphi^2\right] + g\bar{\Psi}\varphi\Psi. \quad (3)$$

In this theory, an electron and a positron colliding with energy $E_{\text{c.m.}} > M$ may annihilate into one photon and one scalar particle, $e^-e^+ \rightarrow \gamma S^0$.

- Draw tree diagrams for the $e^-e^+ \rightarrow \gamma S^0$ process and write down the tree-level matrix element $\mathcal{M}(e^-e^+ \rightarrow \gamma S^0)$.
- Sum $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ over the photon's polarizations, average over the fermion's spins, and calculate the partial cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma(e^-e^+ \rightarrow \gamma S^0)}{d\Omega_{\text{c.m.}}}.$$

For simplicity, neglect the electron's mass.