

§ 4.2.2 Polarized case

In the high-energy limit of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ scattering, where $m_p \ll \sqrt{s}$, both e^\pm and μ^\pm can be regarded as massless particles.

Dirac spinor for $p^\mu = (E, \vec{p}) \simeq (E, 0, 0, E)$

$$u_s(\vec{p}) \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p_0 + \xi} \\ \sqrt{p_0 - \xi} \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} (0, \sqrt{2E}) \xi \\ (\frac{\sqrt{2E}}{2}, 0) \xi \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{simplifies.}$$

$$v_s(\vec{p}) \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p_0 + \xi} \\ -\sqrt{p_0 - \xi} \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} (0, \sqrt{2E}) \xi \\ (-\frac{\sqrt{2E}}{2}, 0) \xi \end{pmatrix} \quad (\gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^i \end{pmatrix}, \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tau^i \\ -\tau^i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ basis})$$

Then

$$\bar{u}_s(\vec{p}) \gamma^\nu u_{s'}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{2E_p} \left(0, \xi_{s'}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \bar{\xi}_r + \xi_{s'}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xi_r \right) \bar{\xi}_{s'} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xi_r,$$

$$\bar{u}_r(\vec{p}) \gamma^\mu v_s(-\vec{p}) = \sqrt{2E_p} \left(0, \xi_r^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \bar{\xi}_s + \xi_r^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xi_s \right) \bar{\xi}_s \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xi_s,$$

when $\vec{p} \parallel \hat{e}_z$. (z -axis positive direction).

$$\Rightarrow (iM) = \frac{i(Q_\mu Q_e e^2)}{S+i\varepsilon} S \times \text{Tr}_{2 \times 2} \left[\left(\vec{C} - \vec{n}_{in} (n_{in} \cdot \vec{C}) \right) (\xi_r \otimes \xi_{s'}^\dagger) \right] \times \text{Tr}_{2 \times 2} \left[\left(\vec{C} - \vec{n}_{out} (n_{out} \cdot \vec{C}) \right) (\xi_s \otimes \xi_r^\dagger) \right]$$

$\bar{e}_{r=1} e_{s=1}^+$	$\Rightarrow \text{Tr} \left[\left(\vec{C} - \hat{e}_z (e_z \cdot \vec{C}) \right) \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes (0, 1) \right) \right] = (1, 1, 0) \Leftarrow \boxed{\bar{\mu}_{r=1} \mu_{s=1}^+}$
$\bar{e}_{r=1} e_{s=1}^+$	$\Rightarrow \text{Tr} \left[\left(\vec{C} - \hat{e}_z (e_z \cdot \vec{C}) \right) \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes (1, 0) \right) \right] = (1, -1, 0) \Leftarrow \boxed{\bar{\mu}_{r=1} \mu_{s=1}^+}$
$\bar{e}_{r=1} e_{s=1}^+, \bar{e}_{r=1} e_{s=1}^+$	$\Rightarrow (0, 0, 0) \Leftarrow \boxed{\bar{\mu}_1 \mu_1^+} \quad \boxed{\bar{\mu}_2 \mu_2^+}$

When μ^\pm is moving out in the $(\sin\theta \cos\varphi, \sin\theta \sin\varphi, \cos\theta) = \vec{n}_{out}$ direction

multiply $\begin{bmatrix} \cos\varphi & -\sin\varphi & 0 \\ \sin\varphi & \cos\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\chi & -\sin\chi & 0 \\ \sin\chi & \cos\chi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ on $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mp i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

to obtain $(\cos\theta \cos\varphi \mp i\sin\varphi, \cos\theta \sin\varphi \mp i\cos\varphi, -\sin\theta) \times e^{i\chi}$.

$$\text{So, } \text{Tr}_{2 \times 2} \left[\quad \right] \times \text{Tr}_{2 \times 2} \left[\quad \right] = \begin{cases} e^{i\varphi} e^{i\chi} (\cos\theta + 1) \\ e^{i\varphi} e^{-i\chi} (\cos\theta - 1) \\ e^{-i\varphi} e^{i\chi} (\cos\theta - 1) \\ e^{-i\varphi} e^{-i\chi} (\cos\theta + 1) \end{cases} \begin{cases} e^{i(\varphi+\chi)} 2\cos^2(\theta/2) \\ e^{i(\varphi-\chi)} (-2)\sin^2(\theta/2) \\ e^{i(-\varphi+\chi)} (-2)\sin^2(\theta/2) \\ e^{i(-\varphi-\chi)} 2\cos^2(\theta/2) \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \downarrow \Rightarrow \uparrow \downarrow \\ \uparrow \downarrow \Rightarrow \downarrow \uparrow \\ \downarrow \uparrow \Rightarrow \uparrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \uparrow \Rightarrow \downarrow \uparrow \end{array}$$

$\bar{e}_r e_s^+ \mu_{s' \text{out}}^+$
 (\vec{n}_{in}) (\vec{n}_{out})

Therefore, the amplitudes for spin-polarized scatterings become

$$\left| \mathcal{M}(\bar{e}_1^{\downarrow} e_2^{\uparrow} \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_1^{\downarrow} \mu_2^{\uparrow}) \right|^2 = \begin{cases} \times \cos^4(\theta/2) \\ \times \sin^4(\theta/2) \\ \times \sin^4(\theta/2) \\ \times \cos^4(\theta/2) \end{cases} \times (e^2 Q(\mu) Q(e))^2.$$

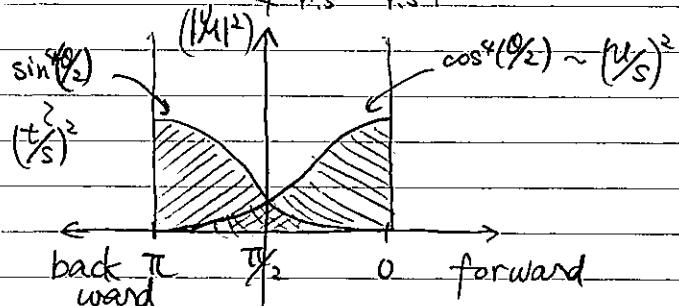
By summing up the spin in the final states,

$$\sum_{r,s} \left| \mathcal{M}(\bar{e}_1^{\downarrow} e_2^{\uparrow} \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_r^{\downarrow} \mu_s^{\uparrow}) \right|^2 = \begin{cases} 2(1+\cos^2\theta) \\ 0 \\ 2(1+\cos^2\theta) \\ 0 \end{cases} \times (e^2 Q(\mu) Q(e))^2.$$

By taking average over the spin in the initial states,

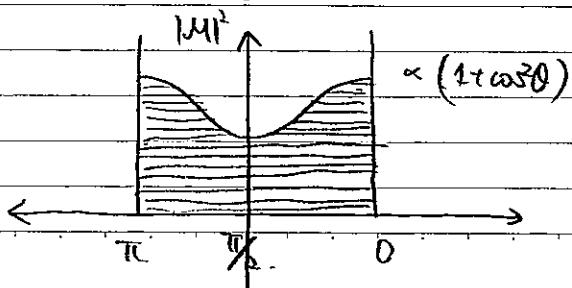
$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{r,s} \sum_{r,s} \left| \mathcal{M}(\bar{e}_1^{\downarrow} e_2^{\uparrow} \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_r^{\downarrow} \mu_s^{\uparrow}) \right|^2 = (1+\cos^2\theta) \times (e^2 Q(\mu) Q(e))^2$$

is reproduced.



$$\bar{e}_1^{\downarrow} e_2^{\uparrow} \Rightarrow (\gamma^* \text{ with } j_z=+1) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{\mu}_1^{\downarrow} \mu_2^{\uparrow}: j_B=+1 \\ \bar{\mu}_1^{\downarrow} \mu_2^{\uparrow}: j_B=-1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\bar{e}_1^{\downarrow} e_2^{\uparrow} \Rightarrow (\gamma^* \text{ with } j_z=-1) \quad \swarrow$$



cf. see homework D-1 and E-1.

for a much easier (and theoretically interesting) method to compute scattering amplitudes of polarized massless particles

§ 8.3 Crossing symmetry

Consider a scalar QED, based on the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (\partial_\mu \Phi_i)^* (\partial^\mu \Phi_i) - (M_i)^2 |\Phi_i|^2,$$

where Φ_i is a complex scalar field.

$$D_\mu = (\partial_\mu + i e Q_i A_\mu). \quad (e > 0)$$

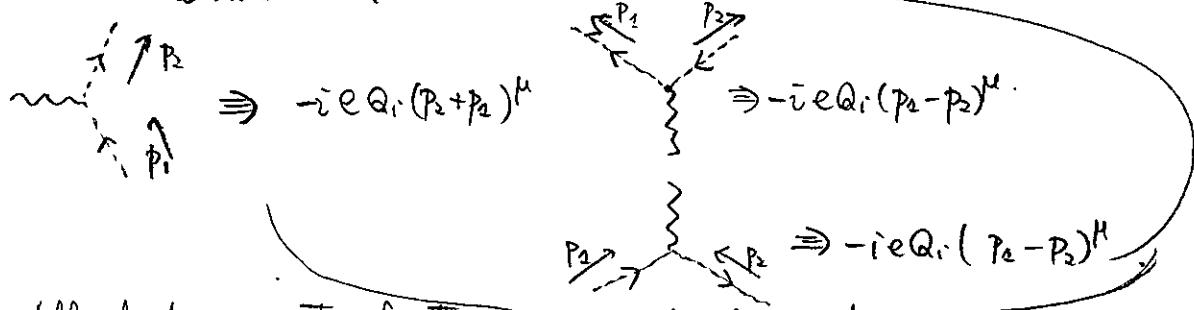
Then

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \sum_i e A_\mu \cdot Q_i [(+i \partial^\mu \Phi_i^*) \Phi_i - \Phi_i^* (i \partial^\mu \Phi_i)] + e^2 A_\mu A^\mu \sum_i [Q_i^2 \Phi_i^* \Phi_i].$$

Using the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_i(x) &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} (a_p e^{-ip\cdot x} + b_p^\dagger e^{ip\cdot x}) \\ \Phi_i^\dagger(x) &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} (a_p^\dagger e^{ip\cdot x} + b_p e^{-ip\cdot x}) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} p^\mu \text{ on the mass-shell} \\ (p^2 = M_i^2) \\ \text{with } p^{\mu=0} > 0. \end{array} \right\}$$

one can derive that



All of those vertex factors are in the form of

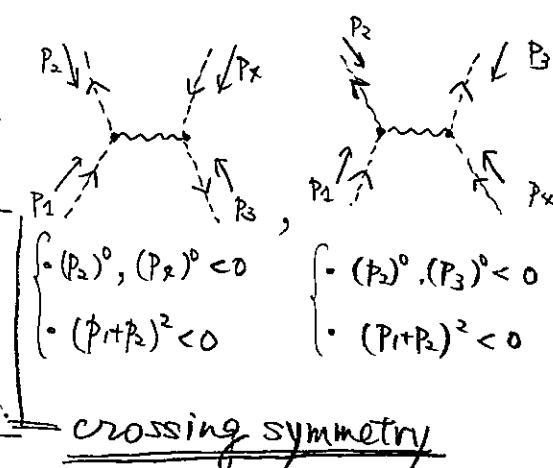
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nearrow \downarrow p_2 & & \nearrow \downarrow p_3 \\ \nwarrow \nearrow p_1 & \Rightarrow -ieQ_i(p_3-p_2)^\mu & \Rightarrow -ieQ_i(p_3-p_2)^\mu \\ & & \nearrow \downarrow p_2 \\ & & \nearrow \downarrow p_4 \Rightarrow -ieQ_i(p_4-p_1)^\mu \end{array} \quad \text{when all the momenta (not necessarily } p^0 > 0\text{) are defined to be flowing in to the vertex.}$$

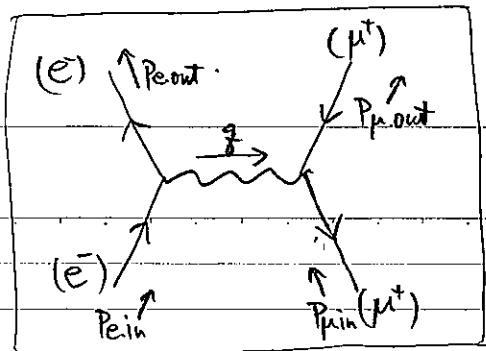
This means that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nearrow \downarrow p_3 & & \nearrow \downarrow p_4 \\ \nwarrow \nearrow p_1 & \Rightarrow i\mathcal{M} = \frac{i(eQ)^2 (p_3-p_2) \cdot (p_4-p_3)}{(p_1+p_2)^2 + i\epsilon} & \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (p_3)^0, (p_4)^0 < 0 \\ (p_1+p_2)^2 > 0 \end{array} \right.$$

this common amplitude is used via analytic continuation at different regions of the kinematical variables.





§ 3.4

$$(e^- \mu^+ \rightarrow e^- \mu^+)$$

$P_{e.in}$ $P_{\mu.in}$ $P_{e.out}$ $P_{\mu.out}$

The time-ordered correlation func at $O(e^2)$ [fully connected contrib]

is given by

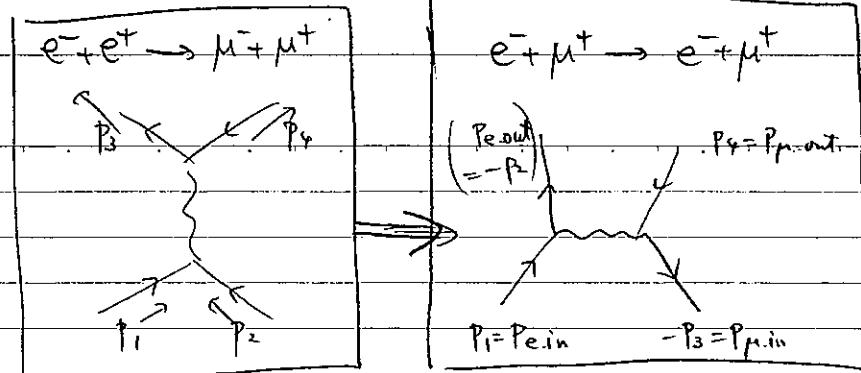
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{i(\vec{P}_{e.out} + m)}{(\vec{P}_{e.out}^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon)} (-i Q_e e \gamma^\mu) \frac{i(\vec{P}_{e.in} + m)}{(\vec{P}_{e.in}^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon)} \frac{-i \eta_{\mu\nu}}{(g^2 + i\varepsilon)} \\ \frac{i(-\vec{P}_{\mu.out} + M)}{(\vec{P}_{\mu.out}^2 - M^2 + i\varepsilon)} (i Q_\mu e \gamma^\nu) \frac{i(-\vec{P}_{\mu.in} + M)}{(\vec{P}_{\mu.in}^2 - M^2 + i\varepsilon)} \end{array} \right. \\ (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\vec{P}_{e.out} + g - \vec{P}_{e.in}) \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\vec{P}_{\mu.out} - g - \vec{P}_{\mu.in}) \frac{d^4 g}{(2\pi)^4}$$

By extracting the residue, we obtain the scattering amplitude

$$i\mathcal{M} = -i(Q_e Q_\mu e^2) [\bar{u}(\vec{P}_{e.out}) \gamma^\mu u(\vec{P}_{e.in})] [\bar{v}(\vec{P}_{\mu.in}) \gamma_\mu v(\vec{P}_{\mu.out})] \frac{1}{(\vec{P}_{e.out} - \vec{P}_{e.in})^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

After summing up the final state spins and averaging the initial state spins, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r's} \sum_{rs} |\mathcal{M}|^2 &= \frac{(Q_e Q_\mu e^2)^2}{4t^2} \text{Tr}_{4 \times 4} [\gamma^\mu (\vec{P}_{e.in} + m) \gamma^\nu (\vec{P}_{e.out} + m)] \\ &\quad \text{Tr}_{4 \times 4} [\gamma_\mu (\vec{P}_{\mu.out} - M) \gamma_\nu (\vec{P}_{\mu.in} - M)] \\ &= \frac{(Q_\mu Q_e e^2)^2}{t^2} \times \left\{ m^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - (\vec{P}_{e.in} \cdot \vec{P}_{e.out}) \eta^{\mu\nu} + (\overset{\mu}{P}_{e.in} \overset{\nu}{P}_{e.out} + \overset{\mu}{P}_{e.out} \overset{\nu}{P}_{e.in}) \right\} \\ &\quad \left\{ M^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - (\vec{P}_{\mu.in} \cdot \vec{P}_{\mu.out}) \eta^{\mu\nu} + (\overset{\mu}{P}_{\mu.out} \overset{\nu}{P}_{\mu.in} + \overset{\mu}{P}_{\mu.out} \overset{\nu}{P}_{\mu.in}) \right\} \\ &= \frac{(Q_\mu Q_e e^2)^2}{t^2} \times \left[t^2 + 2 \left\{ \left(\frac{-u + M^2 + m^2}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{s - M^2 - m^2}{2} \right)^2 \right\} \right] \\ &\quad + t \left(-\frac{t}{2} + M^2 \right) + t \left(-\frac{t}{2} + m^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{(Q_\mu Q_e e^2)^2}{t^2} \times \left[\frac{u^2 + s^2}{2} + (t - u - s)(m^2 + M^2) + (m^2 + M^2)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$



$$S = (p_1 + p_2)^2 \Rightarrow (p_{e.in} - p_{e.out})^2 = t$$

$$t = (p_3 - p_1)^2 \Rightarrow (p_{\mu.in} + p_{\mu.out})^2 = u$$

$$U = (p_4 - p_1)^2 \Rightarrow (p_{e.out} - p_{e.in})^2 = U$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum [M]^2 / \left[(Q_e Q_\mu e^2)^2 / 4 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{S^2} \left[\frac{u^2 + t^2}{2} + (S - U - t)(m^2 + M^2) + (m^2 + M^2) \right] \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{t^2} \left[\frac{u^2 + S^2}{2} + (t - U - S)(m^2 + M^2) + (m^2 + M^2) \right]$$

for $e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \mu^- + \mu^+$

$e^- + \mu^+ \rightarrow e^- + \mu^+$

CROSSING SYMMETRY

Consider the non-relativistic limit of the current in a scattering.

$$[\bar{u}_r(\vec{p}') \gamma^\mu u_s(\vec{p})]$$

where the 4-momenta

$$p^\mu = (E_p, \vec{p}) \text{ and } p'^\mu = (E_{p'}, \vec{p}') \text{ are both non-relativistic.}$$

$$\text{Now, in the basis where } \gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0^M \\ \sigma^\mu \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma^\mu = (1, \vec{\tau})$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_s(\vec{p}) &= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p \cdot \sigma} \xi_s \\ \sqrt{p \cdot \sigma} \xi_s \end{pmatrix} \cong \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(1 + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2M} - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau})} \xi_s \\ \sqrt{(M + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2M} + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau})} \xi_s \end{pmatrix} \\ &\cong \sqrt{M} \begin{pmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \frac{(\vec{p})^2}{\delta M^2}\right) \xi_s \\ \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \frac{(\vec{p})^2}{\delta M^2}\right) \xi_s \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{u}_r(\vec{p}') \gamma^\mu u_r(\vec{p})] &\cong M \times \left(\xi_r^+ \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \frac{(\vec{p}')^2}{\delta M^2}\right) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{2 \times 2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \frac{(\vec{p})^2}{\delta M^2}\right) \xi_s \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \xi_r^+ \left(1 - \frac{\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \frac{(\vec{p}')^2}{\delta M^2}\right) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{2 \times 2} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \frac{(\vec{p})^2}{\delta M^2}\right) \xi_s \right) \\ &\cong 2M \left\{ \xi_r^+ \xi_s \left(1 + \frac{(\vec{p}')^2 + (\vec{p})^2}{\delta M^2}\right) + \xi_r^+ \frac{(\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{\tau})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau})}{\delta M^2} \xi_s \right\} + \mathcal{O}(|\vec{p}|^3) \\ &= 2M \left\{ \xi_r^+ \xi_s \left(1 + \frac{(\vec{p}_{av})^2}{2M^2}\right) + \frac{i(\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{p})^2 (\vec{p}_{av})^2}{2M^2} \left(\xi_r^+ \frac{\vec{\tau}^k}{2} \xi_s \right) \right\} \quad \vec{p}_{av} := \frac{\vec{p} + \vec{p}'}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{u}_r(\vec{p}') \gamma^\mu u_s(\vec{p})] &\cong M \left\{ \xi_r^+ \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \dots\right) \cdot \vec{\tau}^i \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \dots\right) \xi_s \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \xi_r^+ \left(1 - \frac{\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \dots\right) \cdot \vec{\tau}^i \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{2M} + \dots\right) \xi_s \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cong 2M \xi_r^+ \frac{(\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{\tau}) \vec{\tau}^i + (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\tau})}{2M} \xi_s \quad (\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{p})$$

$$= 2M \left\{ (\xi_r^+ \xi_s) \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_{av}^2}{M} - i e^{ik} \frac{(\Delta p)^j}{M} \left[\xi_r^+ \left(\frac{\vec{\tau}^k}{2} \right) \xi_s \right] \right\}$$

\Rightarrow In a t -channel scattering, a non-rela particle rarely changes its spin.

$\Rightarrow [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u]$ in the quantum scattering amplitude is approximately the classical

$$2M \times u^\mu = 2 \cdot \vec{p}_{av}^\mu \quad \text{apart from spin-dep. corrections suppressed by } \left(\frac{\Delta p}{M}\right).$$

PLUS

Let us take the target (μ^+ now) mass M to be much larger than the incoming electron energy. (in the CM frame).

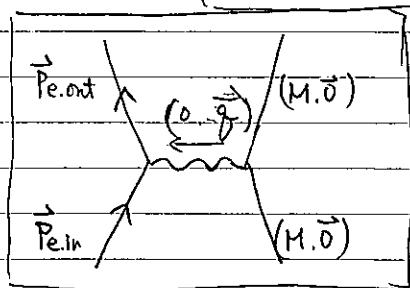
Then $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\bar{u}_r(\vec{p}_{\mu\text{out}})\gamma^\mu u_r(\vec{p}_{\mu\text{in}})] \text{ target } \mu^- \\ [\bar{u}_r(\vec{p}_{\mu\text{in}})\gamma^\mu u_r(\vec{p}_{\mu\text{out}})] \text{ target } \mu^+ \end{array} \right\}$ is approximated by $2M_\mu \times (1.0.0.0)$,

and the photon propagator in the Feynman gauge

$$\left(\frac{-i\gamma_{\mu\nu}}{t} = \frac{-i\gamma_{\mu\nu}}{|\vec{q}|^2} \right),$$

coupled with the current $\propto Q_\mu \cdot e \cdot (1. \vec{0})$

gives rise to the Fourier transform of the Coulomb potential
(as we are familiar with in Quantum Mechanics).



If we sum over the spin of the final state e^- , and average over the spin of the initial state e^- ,

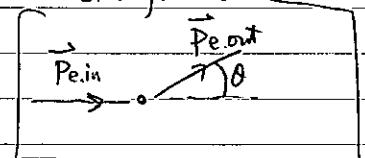
then

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{S.S.}} |\mathcal{M}(e\bar{\mu}^+ \rightarrow e\bar{\mu}^+)|^2 \approx \frac{(Q_\mu Q_e e^2)^2}{(4\vec{q}^2)^2} \frac{(2M_\mu)^2}{2} \text{Tr}_{q\bar{q}q} [\gamma^0(p_{e\text{in}} + m_e) \gamma^0(p_{e\text{out}} + m_e)]$$

$$\approx \frac{e^4}{|\vec{q}|^4} (2M_\mu)^2 2 \left[p_{e\text{in}} \cdot p_{e\text{out}} + \vec{p}_{e\text{in}} \cdot \vec{p}_{e\text{out}} + M_e^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^4}{|\vec{p}_{e\text{in}}|^4} \frac{(2M_\mu)^2}{(2\sin(\theta/2))^4} \times [E_e^2 - |\vec{p}_{e\text{in}}|^2 \sin^2(\theta/2)]$$

CM frame



The final state phase space is

$$\frac{1}{2M \cdot 2E_e \cdot (p_e/E_e - 1)} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{e\text{out}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_e \cdot 2M_\mu} (2\pi) \delta(E_{e\text{out}} - E_{e\text{in}})$$

(recoil of the target)
negligible

$$\approx \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{4M_\mu^2}.$$

e non rela (Rutherford scattering)

$$\boxed{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha_e^2}{4|\vec{p}_{e\text{in}}|^4 \sin^4(\theta/2)} [E_e^2 - \vec{p}_{e\text{in}}^2 \sin^2(\theta/2)]} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\sigma}{\Omega} = \frac{\alpha_e^2 M_e^2}{4|\vec{p}_{e\text{in}}|^4 \sin^4(\theta/2)}}$$