

$$\frac{\partial L'}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \dot{x}^\nu - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\nu} \dot{x}^\nu = 0$$

$$= \partial_\nu \partial_\mu \dot{x}^\nu$$

$$(\partial_\mu \partial_\nu - \partial_\nu \partial_\mu) \dot{x}^\nu = 0 \quad (\text{theorem of Schwarz})$$

- Apart from obvious Lorentz invariance: reparametrisation invariance of trajectory - only parameter σ
- Transformation: $\sigma = \sigma(\sigma')$
- Reparametrisation invariance is guaranteed by demanding that L is a homogeneous function of velocities of first order:

$$L(x^\lambda; \dot{x}^\lambda) = \alpha L(x^\lambda; \dot{x}^\lambda)$$

• Proof:

$$A = \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma L(x^\lambda(\sigma); \dot{x}^\lambda(\sigma)) = \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma' L(x^\lambda(\sigma(\sigma')); \frac{d\sigma'}{d\sigma} \dot{x}^\lambda(\sigma(\sigma'))) \frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma'}$$

$$= \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma' L(x^\lambda(\sigma'); \dot{x}^\lambda(\sigma')) \frac{d\sigma'}{d\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\sigma'} = \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma' L(x^\lambda(\sigma'); \dot{x}^\lambda(\sigma'))$$

- Later on: two physical choices
 - proper time (time of a co-moving observer in rest frame of particle)
 - laboratory time

10.1.2 Free Particle:

- Minkowski metric $g_{\mu\nu}$: distance between two adjacent spacetime points, $x^\mu, x^\mu + dx^\mu$

$$dS = \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu} = \sqrt{c^2 dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2}$$

→ manifestly Lorentz invariance

- Momentary rest frame: $d\vec{x}'_R = \vec{0} \Rightarrow dS = c d\tau, d\tau = dt \sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$ proper time

- Length of trajectory:

$$\int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} dS = \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma \frac{dS}{d\sigma} = \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\sigma) \dot{x}^\nu(\sigma)}$$

- Lorentz invariant
- integrand is homogeneous in velocities of order one: reparametrisation invariance
- candidate for an action in relativistic mechanics

- Action for a relativistic particle of mass M :

$$A^{(0)} = -Mc \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\sigma) \dot{x}^\nu(\sigma)}$$

- Proof: correct non-relativistic limit trajectory parameter σ : laboratory time t

$$A^{(0)} = -Mc^2 \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}(t)^2}{c^2}} \quad \begin{matrix} c \rightarrow \infty \\ |\dot{\vec{x}}| \ll c \end{matrix} \quad -Mc^2 \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}(t)^2}{c^2} + \dots \right\}$$

$$= \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left\{ -Mc^2 + \frac{M}{2} \dot{\vec{x}}^2 + \dots \right\}$$

shift due to rest energy non-relativistic action

10.1.3 Charged Particle:

- Non-relativistic charged particle: $A^{(int)} = -q \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \varphi(\vec{x}(t), t)$

$$(\dot{x}^\mu(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ \dot{\vec{x}}(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A^\mu(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi(\vec{x}, t) \\ \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{(int)} = -q \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \dot{x}^\mu(t) A_\mu(\vec{x}(t), t)$$

- generalisation in a relativistic covariant way:

$$A^{(int)} = -q \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma \dot{x}^\mu(\sigma) A_\mu(x^\lambda(\sigma))$$

Lorentz invariant, reparametrisation invariant

- Adding both contributions: $A = A^{(0)} + A^{(int)} = \int_{\sigma_i}^{\sigma_f} d\sigma \left\{ -Mc \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\sigma) \dot{x}^\nu(\sigma)} - q \dot{x}^\mu(\sigma) A_\mu(x^\lambda(\sigma)) \right\}$

- gauge transformation: $A_\mu = A_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda, \Lambda$: gauge function

$$\Rightarrow \text{mechanical sense with } \boxed{X = -q \Lambda}$$

- Euler-Lagrange equation:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} = -q \partial_\mu A_\nu \dot{x}^\nu, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = -Mc \frac{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu}{\sqrt{g_{\alpha\beta} \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta}} - q A_\mu$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} = \frac{d}{d\sigma} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \dot{s}(\sigma) = \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\sigma) \dot{x}^\nu(\sigma)}$$

$$M \ddot{x}^\mu = \frac{q}{c} g^{\mu\nu} F_{\nu\lambda} \dot{x}^\lambda + M \frac{3}{5} \dot{x}^\mu$$

$$= \partial_\nu A_\lambda - \partial_\lambda A_\nu$$

$= F^{\mu\nu}$ electromagnetic field strength tensor

$=$ Lorentz force

- Reparametrization invariance in relativistic mechanics:

proper time τ : $\dot{z}(\tau) = c$ $\dot{z}(\tau) = 0$

$\Rightarrow m \ddot{x}^\mu = q F^{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu$ (Einstein eq. = relat. extens. of Newton eq.)

10.1.4 Minimal Coupling:

- choose trajectory parameter to be laboratory time: $\sigma = t$

$A = A[\vec{x}(t)] = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt L(\vec{x}(t); \dot{\vec{x}}(t); t)$, $L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}^2}{c^2}} - q\phi(\vec{x}, t) + q\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$

- Canonical momentum:

$\vec{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} = \frac{m\dot{\vec{x}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}^2}{c^2}}} + q\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) \Rightarrow \vec{p}_{kin} = \vec{p} - q\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)$

Inverted relation: $\dot{\vec{x}} = \frac{c(\vec{p} - q\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t))}{\sqrt{(\vec{p} - q\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t))^2 + m^2 c^2}}$

- Legendre transformation:

$H = \dot{\vec{x}} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} - L = \dots = c \sqrt{(\vec{p} - q\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t))^2 + m^2 c^2} + q\phi(\vec{x}, t)$
total energy $= H_{kin}$ *pot. energy*

Remark: $c \rightarrow \infty$

$H = mc^2 + \frac{(\vec{p} - q\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t))^2}{2m} + q\phi(\vec{x}, t) + \dots$

- summary:

free theory ($q=0$) $\xrightarrow{\text{small}}$ interacting theory ($q \neq 0$)

$H \rightarrow H - q\phi$
 $\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p} - q\vec{A}$

- covariant formulation: minimal coupling

$(p^\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} H/c \\ \vec{p} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (p^\mu - qA^\mu), \quad (A^\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi/c \\ \vec{A} \end{pmatrix}$
 $p_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu - qA_\mu$

- Now: combine minimal coupling with Jordan rule $p_\mu \rightarrow \hat{p}_\mu = i\hbar \partial_\mu$, $\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$

10.2 QED Action:

- scalar QED: charged spin 0 particles (e.g. π^\pm) + photons

- spinor QED: charged spin 1/2 u (e.g. e^\pm) + photons

\Rightarrow derive interaction terms: strength depends on charge q as coupling constant

10.2.1 scalar QED:

- free Klein-Gordon theory: $A[\Psi(\cdot), \Psi^*(\cdot)] = \frac{1}{c} \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$

$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\Psi(x^\lambda), \partial_\mu \Psi(x^\lambda); \Psi^*(x^\lambda), \partial_\mu \Psi^*(x^\lambda))$
 $= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g_{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Psi^*(x^\lambda) \partial_\nu \Psi(x^\lambda) - \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi^*(x^\lambda) \Psi(x^\lambda)$

- Minimal coupling: $p_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu - qA_\mu$ } combination:
 Jordan rule $p_\mu \rightarrow i\hbar \partial_\mu$ $i\hbar \partial_\mu \rightarrow i\hbar \partial_\mu - qA_\mu$ | : $i\hbar$

$\partial_\mu \Psi \rightarrow (\partial_\mu + \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu) \Psi = \overset{\text{gauge covariant derivative}}{D_\mu} \Psi$

$\partial_\mu \Psi^* \rightarrow (\partial_\mu - \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu) \Psi^* = D_\mu^* \Psi^*$

- Application: interaction theory formally resembles a free theory

$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g_{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu^* \Psi^*(x^\lambda) \partial_\nu \Psi(x^\lambda) - \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi^*(x^\lambda) \Psi(x^\lambda)$
 $= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g_{\mu\nu} \left[\partial_\mu - \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu(x^\lambda) \right] \Psi^*(x^\lambda) \left[\partial_\nu + \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\nu(x^\lambda) \right] \Psi(x^\lambda) - \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi^*(x^\lambda) \Psi(x^\lambda)$

- Electromagnetic gauge transformation: gauge function

$A_\mu(x^\lambda) \rightarrow A'_\mu(x^\lambda) = A_\mu(x^\lambda) + \partial_\mu \Lambda(x^\lambda)$
 $\Psi(x^\lambda) \rightarrow \Psi'(x^\lambda) = e^{-\frac{iq}{\hbar} \Lambda(x^\lambda)} \Psi(x^\lambda)$

local phase dependence on gauge functions

$$\partial_\mu \Psi(x) = \left\{ \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar} A_\mu(x) \right\} \Psi(x) = \left\{ \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar} A_\mu(x) + \frac{ig}{\hbar} \partial_\mu \Lambda(x) \right\} e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x)} \Psi(x)$$

$$= e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x)} \left\{ \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar} A_\mu(x) \right\} \Psi(x) = e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x)} \partial_\mu \Psi(x)$$

Result: gauge covariant derivative transforms like the wave function

Note: $\Psi(x) \rightarrow \Psi'(x) = e^{+\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x)} \Psi(x)$
 $D_\mu \Psi(x) \rightarrow D'_\mu \Psi'(x) = e^{+\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x)} D_\mu \Psi(x)$

- Lagrangian density manifestly gauge invariant:
 $\mathcal{L} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Psi^* \partial_\nu \Psi - \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi^* \Psi - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$
 - Four-vector potential not given by dynamics: add free Maxwell theory

$$A = \mathcal{A}[\Psi(\cdot); \Psi^*(\cdot); A_\nu(\cdot)] = \frac{1}{4} \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Psi^* \partial_\nu \Psi - \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi^* \Psi - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{L}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}^{(int)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Psi^* \partial_\nu \Psi - \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi^* \Psi - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(int)} = - \int j^\mu A_\mu$$

free current density:
 $j^\mu = \frac{iq\hbar}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \left\{ \Psi^*(x) \partial_\nu \Psi(x) - \Psi(x) \partial_\nu \Psi^*(x) \right\}$
 interacting: $j^\mu = \frac{iq\hbar}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \left\{ \Psi^*(x) D_\nu \Psi(x) - \Psi(x) D_\nu^* \Psi^*(x) \right\}$

$$j^\mu = \frac{iq\hbar}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \left\{ \Psi^*(x) \partial_\nu \Psi(x) - \Psi(x) \partial_\nu \Psi^*(x) \right\} - \frac{q^2}{m} g^{\mu\nu} A_\nu(x) A_\mu(x) \Psi^*(x) \Psi(x)$$

- Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \mu_0 j^\nu$$

see above

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Psi^*} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \Psi^*)} = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \Psi + \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \Psi}_{\text{gauge covariant Laplace}} = 0$$

10.2.2 Spinor QED:

- starting point: Lagrangian of free Dirac theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(x) (i\hbar c \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - mc^2) \psi(x)$$

- global U(1) phase transformation invariance:

$$\psi'(x) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \Lambda q} \psi(x), \quad \bar{\psi}'(x) = e^{+\frac{i}{\hbar} \Lambda q} \bar{\psi}(x)$$

Noether theorem: continuity equation for charge conservation, see for practice

- local gauge invariance?

$$\psi'(x) = e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x) q} \psi(x), \quad \bar{\psi}'(x) = e^{+\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x) q} \bar{\psi}(x)$$

Lagrangian is no longer invariant
 $\partial_\mu \psi'(x) = e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x) q} \left\{ \partial_\mu \psi(x) - \frac{ig}{\hbar} (\partial_\mu \Lambda(x)) \psi(x) \right\}$

- In order to establish local gauge invariance additional fields have to be introduced such that the additional derivative of gauge function is compensated
 \Rightarrow Lorentz vector $A_\mu(x)$ as gauge field to compensate for $\partial_\mu \Lambda(x)$

$$\partial_\mu \psi(x) \rightarrow D_\mu \psi(x) = \left\{ \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar} A_\mu(x) \right\} \psi(x)$$

- determine transformation property of gauge field demanding that gauge covariant derivative transforms like spinor

$$D'_\mu \psi'(x) \stackrel{!}{=} e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x) q} D_\mu \psi(x)$$

$$\left\{ \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar} A'_\mu(x) \right\} e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x) q} \psi(x) \stackrel{!}{=} e^{-\frac{ig}{\hbar} \Lambda(x) q} \left\{ \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar} A_\mu(x) \right\} \psi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \partial_\mu \Lambda(x) \text{ transforms like a four-vector potential}$$

→ minimal coupling of Dirac field to Maxwell field

Note: $\partial_\mu^* \bar{\psi}(x) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} q A(x)} \partial_\mu^* \bar{\psi}(x)$

- Application:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(x) \{ i\hbar c \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - mc^2 \} \psi(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \{ i\hbar c \gamma^\mu [\partial_\mu + \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu(x)] - mc^2 \} \psi(x)$$

- Add free Maxwell theory:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \{ i\hbar c \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu) - mc^2 \} \psi - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{L}^{(D)} + \mathcal{L}^{(EM)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(D)} = \bar{\psi}(x) (i\hbar c \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - mc^2) \psi(x) - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \vec{E}^2 - \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \vec{B}^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(EM)} = - \underbrace{j^\mu \cdot A_\mu}_{\text{non-current density}} \quad \vec{E} = -\nabla\phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

- Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \quad \text{see above}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \psi} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \psi)} = 0 \Rightarrow i\hbar \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - \frac{mc}{\hbar} \psi = 0$$

$$= \partial_\mu^* \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu(x)$$

10.3 QED Hamiltonian:

- Lagrange density of minor QED in terms of vector potential:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(\vec{x},t) (i\hbar c \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - mc^2) \psi(\vec{x},t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} (\nabla\phi(\vec{x},t))^2 + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \epsilon_0 \nabla\phi(\vec{x},t) \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\mu_0} (\nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{x},t))^2 - qc \bar{\psi}(\vec{x},t) \gamma^\mu \psi(\vec{x},t) A_\mu(\vec{x},t)$$

- Coulomb gauge: $\text{div } \vec{A}(\vec{x},t) = 0$

Caution $\psi(\vec{x},t)$ is no longer a dynamical degree of freedom

$$\phi(\vec{x},t) = \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(\vec{x}',t)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = \int d^3x' \frac{q \psi^\dagger(\vec{x}',t) \psi(\vec{x}',t)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

- Canonical momenta:

$$\pi(\vec{x},t) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t})} = i\hbar \bar{\psi}(\vec{x},t) \gamma^0 \psi(\vec{x},t) \quad (\gamma^0)^2 = 1 \quad i\hbar \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t)$$

$$\bar{\pi}(\vec{x},t) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial t})} = 0$$

$$\vec{\pi}(\vec{x},t) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t})} = \epsilon_0 \left\{ \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} + \nabla\phi(\vec{x},t) \right\}$$

additional term as charge is non-zero

- Legendre transform:

$$\mathcal{H} = \pi(\vec{x},t) \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} + \bar{\pi}(\vec{x},t) \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} + \vec{\pi}(\vec{x},t) \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} - \mathcal{L}$$

$$= i\hbar \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} + \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \cdot \nabla\phi(\vec{x},t)$$

$$- i\hbar c \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) \vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi(\vec{x},t) + \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) (-i\hbar c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + mc^2 \beta) \psi(\vec{x},t)$$

$$- \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} (\nabla\phi(\vec{x},t))^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \cdot \nabla\phi(\vec{x},t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} [\nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)]^2$$

$$+ qc \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) \vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi(\vec{x},t) - qc \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) \vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi(\vec{x},t) \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) (-i\hbar c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + mc^2 \beta) \psi(\vec{x},t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} (\nabla\phi(\vec{x},t))^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} [\nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)]^2$$

- Hamiltonian function (partial interpretation + Coulomb gauge, see Chapter 8):

$$H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \left\{ \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) (-i\hbar c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + mc^2 \beta) \psi(\vec{x},t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x},t)}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} (\nabla\phi(\vec{x},t))^2 \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{x},t) \cdot \nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{x},t) + qc \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) \vec{A}(\vec{x},t) \psi(\vec{x},t) - qc \psi^\dagger(\vec{x},t) \vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi(\vec{x},t) \vec{A}(\vec{x},t) \right\}$$

- Auxiliary calculation:

$$\Delta \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \Rightarrow \Delta \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = -4\pi \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

$$\int d^3x = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} (\nabla \varphi(\vec{x}, t))^2 = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int d^3x \varphi(\vec{x}, t) \Delta \varphi(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int d^3x \int d^3x' \varphi(\vec{x}, t) \frac{q \varphi(\vec{x}', t) - q \varphi(\vec{x}, t)}{4\pi \epsilon_0 |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

$$\bullet \Delta \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = -\frac{q}{2} \int d^3x \varphi(\vec{x}, t) \psi(\vec{x}, t) \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

- Hamilton function of QED: $H = H^{(0)} + H^{(int)}$

$$H^{(0)} = \int d^3x \left\{ \psi^\dagger(\vec{x}, t) (-i\hbar c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + mc^2 \beta) \psi(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \partial_\mu \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) \right\}$$

$$H^{(int)} = -q \int d^3x \bar{\psi}(\vec{x}, t) \vec{\gamma} \psi(\vec{x}, t) \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) \rightarrow \text{stems from free Dirac Hamiltonian by minimal coupling } \vec{\nabla} \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} - \frac{iq}{\hbar} \vec{A}$$

$$+ \frac{q^2}{8\pi \epsilon_0} \int d^3x \int d^3x' \frac{\bar{\psi}(\vec{x}, t) \gamma^0 \psi(\vec{x}, t) \bar{\psi}(\vec{x}', t) \gamma^0 \psi(\vec{x}', t)}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

instantaneous Coulomb self-interaction; does not contradict special relativity; is cancelled in a covariant calculation for cross section by a corresponding term in Maxwell propagator