

Energy levels of multiscale bound states from QED energy-momentum trace

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Mass (energy levels) and energy-momentum tensor $T^{\mu\nu}(x)$

Hamiltonian & EMT trace

- $|\mathbf{p}\rangle$ – state (fundamental or bound) with momentum \mathbf{p}
- $H = \int d^3x T^{00}(x)$ – **Hamiltonian**
- $\implies \int d^3x \langle \mathbf{p} | T^{00}(x) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = E_p \langle \mathbf{p} | \mathbf{p} \rangle$
- **Translational invariance:** $\langle \mathbf{p} | T^{\mu\nu}(x) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{p} | T^{\mu\nu}(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle$
- $\implies \langle \mathbf{p} | T^{00}(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = E_p \frac{\langle \mathbf{p} | \mathbf{p} \rangle}{V}$
- **Covariant normalization:** $\langle \mathbf{p} | \mathbf{p} \rangle = 2E_p V$
- $\implies \langle \mathbf{p} | T^{00}(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = 2E_p^2$
- **Lorentz invariance:** $\langle \mathbf{p} | T^{\mu\nu}(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = 2p^\mu p^\nu$, $\langle \mathbf{p} | T^\mu{}_\mu(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = 2m^2$
- $\int d^3x \langle \mathbf{p} | T^\mu{}_\mu(x) | \mathbf{p} \rangle = 2m^2 V$
- **Rest frame** $\int d^3x \langle \mathbf{0} | T^\mu{}_\mu(x) | \mathbf{0} \rangle = m \langle \mathbf{0} | \mathbf{0} \rangle$

Hamiltonian & EMT trace

- **Rest frame & normalization independent expression**

$$E = \frac{\int d^3x \langle \mathbf{0} | T^{\mu}_{\mu}(x) | \mathbf{0} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{0} | \mathbf{0} \rangle}, \quad E = \frac{\int d^3x \langle \mathbf{0} | T^{00}(x) | \mathbf{0} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{0} | \mathbf{0} \rangle}$$

- **We will use nonrelativistic normalization in calculations**
- **Mass (energy levels) of fundamental bound states can be calculated as matrix elements of QFT EMT trace!**
- **These relationships hold both perturbatively and nonperturbatively**



Energy-momentum tensor

QED with two fermion flavors (electron and muon)

- Renormalized perturbation theory, dimensional regularization ($d = 4 - 2\epsilon$)

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{L} + \delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{0\mu\nu}F^{0\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{0e} + \mathcal{L}_{0\mu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{0e} = \bar{\psi}_{e0}(i\cancel{\partial} - m_{e0})\psi_{e0} - e_0\bar{\psi}_{e0}A_0\psi_{e0}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{0\mu} = \bar{\psi}_{\mu0}(i\cancel{\partial} - m_{\mu0})\psi_{\mu0} - e_0\bar{\psi}_{\mu0}A_0\psi_{\mu0}$$

- Symmetric EMT tensor ($D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha + ie_0A_{0\alpha}$, $\overleftarrow{D}_\alpha = \overleftarrow{\partial}_\alpha - ie_0A_{0\alpha}$)

$$T_0^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4}\bar{\psi}_{e0}\gamma^{\{\mu}\overleftarrow{D}^{\nu\}}\psi_{e0} + \frac{i}{4}\bar{\psi}_{\mu0}\gamma^{\{\mu}\overleftarrow{D}^{\nu\}}\psi_{\mu0} - F_0^{\mu\alpha}F_{0\alpha}^\nu + \frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\nu}F_0^2$$

- Conserved EMT tensor is not renormalized $T_0^{\mu\nu} = [T^{\mu\nu}]_R$



QED with two fermion flavors (electron and muon)

- **EMT trace in gauge theories (QED, QCD, etc.) is anomalous**

$$T_{0\ \mu}^{\mu} = [T^{\mu}_{\ \mu}]_R = (1 + \gamma_m^e)[\bar{\psi}_e m_e \psi_e]_R + (1 + \gamma_m^{\mu})[\bar{\psi}_{\mu} m_{\mu} \psi_{\mu}]_R + \frac{\beta(e)}{2e} [F^2]_R$$

- **Anomalous terms:** $\frac{\beta(e)}{2e} [F^2]_R$ and $\gamma_m^e [\bar{\psi}_e m_e \psi_e]_R$ and $\gamma_m^{\mu} [\bar{\psi}_{\mu} m_{\mu} \psi_{\mu}]_R$
- **QED:**

- ▶ One-loop beta-function: $\beta(e) = \beta^e(e) + \beta^{\mu}(e)$

$$\frac{\beta^e(e)}{2e} = \frac{\beta^{\mu}(e)}{2e} = \frac{\alpha}{6\pi}$$

- ▶ One-loop mass anomalous dimension: $\gamma_m^e = \gamma_m^{\mu} = \frac{3\alpha}{2\pi}$

- **Aim: calculate one-loop Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen as matrix element of QED EMT trace**



- One-loop EMT trace muonic hydrogen matrix element**

$$T \equiv \langle \mu | \int d^3x T^\mu_\mu(x) | \mu \rangle$$

$$\approx \int d^3r \langle \mu | [m_e - \delta m_e + m\gamma_m^e(e) + m_e \delta Z_{2e}] \bar{\psi}_e(\mathbf{r}) \psi_e(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\beta^e(e)}{2e} F^2(\mathbf{r}) + [m_\mu - \delta m_\mu + m\gamma_m^\mu(e) + m_\mu \delta Z_{2\mu}] \bar{\psi}_\mu(\mathbf{r}) \psi_\mu(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\beta^\mu(e)}{2e} F^2(\mathbf{r}) | \mu \rangle$$

- Tree and one-loop diagrams EMT trace diagrams**

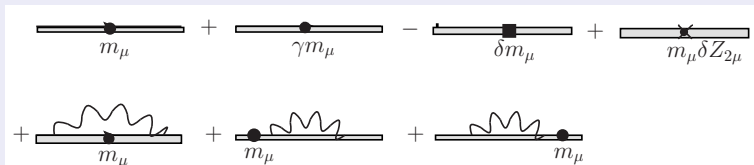


Figure: Self-energy type trace Lamb shift diagrams.

Tree and one-loop diagrams EMT trace diagrams

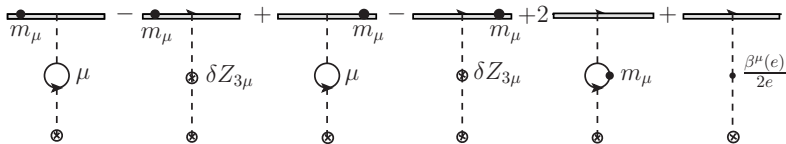


Figure: Muon vacuum polarization type trace Lamb shift diagrams.

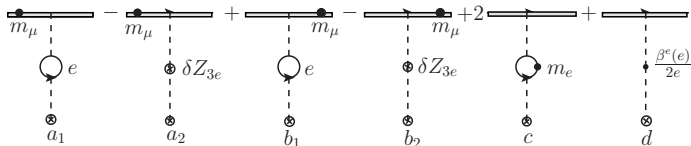


Figure: Electron vacuum polarization type trace Lamb shift diagrams.



Classic one-loop Lamb shift diagrams

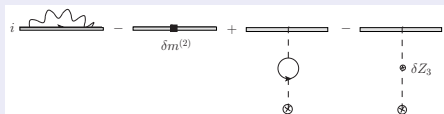


Figure: Classic one-loop Lamb shift diagrams in electronic and muonic hydrogen.

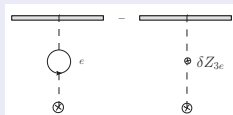


Figure: Classic electron polarization Lamb shift diagrams in muonic hydrogen.

Muonic hydrogen – classic

- **Diagrams with electron loop polarization dominate:**

$$\Delta E \sim \frac{\alpha(Z\alpha)^2}{n^3} m_r \sim 205 \text{ meV}$$

- **All other contributions are suppressed by α or $Z\alpha$, start with $\Delta E \sim 1 - 2 \text{ meV}$**

Muonic hydrogen goals

- Calculate sum of trace diagrams
- Find connection between two sets of diagrams
- Explain why sums of two different sets of diagrams coincide

One-loop EMT trace in electronic hydrogen (ME, 2024)

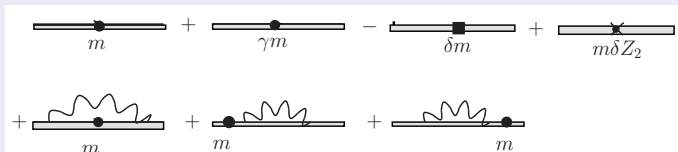
- One-loop matrix element

$$T \equiv \int d^3r \langle n\ell | T^\mu{}_\mu(r) | n\ell \rangle$$

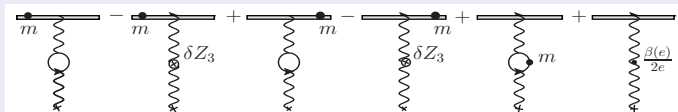
$$\approx \int d^3r \langle n\ell | [m - \delta m + m\gamma_m(e) + m\delta Z_2] \bar{\psi}(r)\psi(r) + \frac{\beta(e)}{2e} F^2(r) | n\ell \rangle$$

- One-loop perturbation theory diagrams for EMT trace

- ▶ Tree and self-energy type diagrams:



- ▶ Vacuum polarization type diagrams:

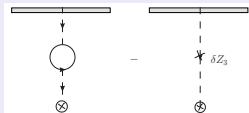
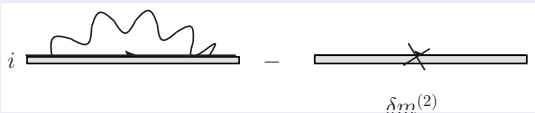


One-loop EMT trace in electronic hydrogen (ME, 2024)

- **Diagrams for trace are different from the textbook Lamb shift diagrams**
- **Two questions:**
 - ① **How these diagrams reproduce Lamb shift?**
 - ② **Why two different sets of diagrams produce the same result?**

Classic Lamb shift calculation

- **Furry picture: QED in external Coulomb field**
- Two sets of one-loop diagrams: self-energy and polarization



One-loop EMT trace in electronic hydrogen (ME, 2024)

- **Answers to questions above**

- ① Trace diagrams arise as logarithmic mass derivatives of the classic diagrams
- ② Subtlety: one needs to remember to differentiate the state vectors in the matrix elements!
- ③ Energy levels in the electronic hydrogen are linear in the electron mass \implies logarithmic mass derivative of an energy level (matrix element of the sum of the trace diagrams) coincides with the energy level itself!

Back to muonic hydrogen

- Classic self-energy diagrams coincide with the sum self-energy type trace diagrams
- Classic muon loop diagrams coincide with the sum of muon loop trace type diagrams
- Nothing new in comparison with electronic hydrogen
- **These diagrams in muonic hydrogen are strongly suppressed in comparison with the diagrams with the electron loops!**

Muonic hydrogen diagrams with electron loops

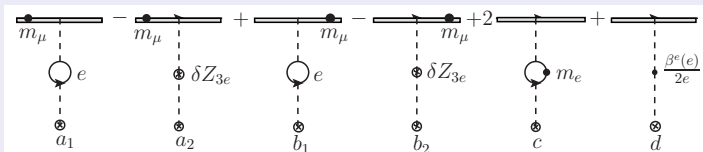


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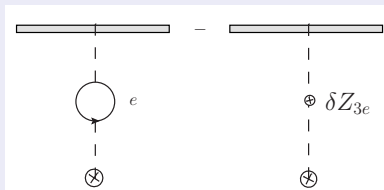


Figure: Classic electron polarization Lamb shift diagrams in muonic hydrogen.

- Why and how sums of these diagrams coincide?

Generic multiscale problem

- $E_n(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$ – energy level of a bound state with a few independent mass parameters m_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$
- $E_n(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$ – homogeneous function of the first degree (α - arbitrary parameter)

$$E_n(\alpha m_1, \alpha m_2, \dots, \alpha m_k) = \alpha E_n(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$$

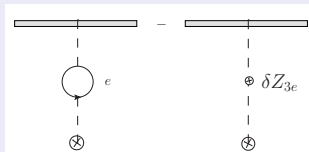
$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} E_n(\alpha m_1, \alpha m_2, \dots, \alpha m_k) = E_n(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$$

$$\& \frac{d}{d\alpha} E_n(\alpha m_1, \alpha m_2, \dots, \alpha m_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \frac{\partial E_n(\alpha m_1, \alpha m_2, \dots, \alpha m_k)}{\partial (\alpha m_i)} m_i$$

$$\implies E_n(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \frac{\partial E_n(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)}{\partial m_i} m_i$$

- **This is Euler's homogeneous function theorem**
- \implies in muonic hydrogen electron vacuum polarization type trace Lamb shift diagrams are logarithmic derivatives of classic electron polarization Lamb shift diagrams
- **But: now we need to differentiate with respect both to the electron and muon masses!**

Classic electron loop Lamb shift (muonic hydrogen)



- $H_{int}^e = \int d^3x \mathcal{H}_{int}^e = e \int d^3x \bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma_0 \psi_\mu A_{ext}^0(x)$ – field Hamiltonian
- **One-loop corrected static Coulomb field:**

$$A_{ext,e\ loop}^0(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{Ze}{4\pi r} \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \int_1^\infty d\zeta e^{-2\rho\beta\zeta} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\zeta^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{\zeta^2-1}}{\zeta^2}$$

$$\rho = m_r Z \alpha r, \quad m_r = m_\mu m_p / (m_\mu + m_p), \quad \beta = m_e / (m_r Z \alpha)$$

- **Schrödinger-Coulomb bound state wave functions:**

$$\psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) R_{nl}(r), \quad R_{nl}(r) = 2 \left(\frac{m_r Z \alpha}{n}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} f_{nl}(\rho_n)$$

$$f_{nl}(\rho_n) = \sqrt{\frac{(n-l-1)!}{n(n+l)!}} e^{-\rho_n} (2\rho_n)^l L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2\rho_n), \quad \rho_n = m_r Z \alpha r / n$$

Classic electron loop Lamb shift (muonic hydrogen)

$$\Delta E_{VP}^e(n, \ell) = \langle n\ell | H_{int}^e | n\ell \rangle$$

$$= -\frac{8\alpha(Z\alpha)^2 m_r}{3\pi n^3} \int_0^\infty \rho d\rho f_{n\ell}^2(\rho_n) \int_1^\infty d\zeta e^{-2\rho\beta\zeta} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\zeta^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{\zeta^2-1}}{\zeta^2}$$

- Numerically ($n = 2$)

$$\Delta E_{VP}^e(n = 2, \ell = 0) = -219.5839 \dots \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{VP}^e(n = 2, \ell = 1) = -14.5765 \dots \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{VP}^e(n = 2, \ell = 0) - \Delta E_{VP}^e(n = 2, \ell = 1) = -205.0073 \dots \text{ meV}$$

Trace diagrams

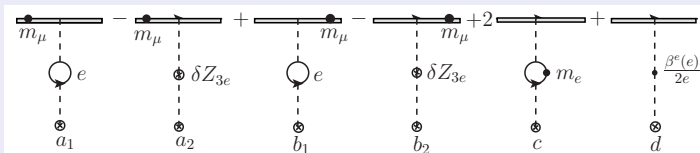
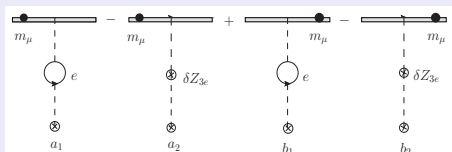


Figure: Electron vacuum polarization type trace Lamb shift diagrams.

Trace diagrams calculations

Scalar vertex $m_\mu \bar{\psi}_\mu \psi_\mu$ and sidewise polarization loop



$$\Delta E_a = \Delta E_b = e \int d^3 r d^3 r' \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) A_{\text{ext},e}^0 \text{loop}(\mathbf{r}) [-iG_r(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', E_n)] m \gamma_0 \psi_n(\mathbf{r}')$$

- **Reduced Dirac-Coulomb Green's function**

$$G_r(E, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \left\langle \mathbf{r} \left| \left(\frac{i}{E-H} \right)' \gamma_0 \right| \mathbf{r}' \right\rangle = \left\langle \mathbf{r} \left| \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{i|k\rangle \langle k|}{E-E_k} \gamma_0 \right| \mathbf{r}' \right\rangle$$

- **Perturbed wave function $\tilde{\psi}_n$**

$$\tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{r}) = \int d^3 r' [-iG_r(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', E_n)] m \gamma_0 \psi_n(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$\implies \Delta E_a = \Delta E_b = e \int d^3 r \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) A_{\text{ext},e}^0 \text{loop}(\mathbf{r}) \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{r})$$

Scalar vertex $m_\mu \bar{\psi}_\mu \psi_\mu$ and sidewise polarization loop

- Leading nonrelativistic approximation

$$\tilde{\psi}_{nl}(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{3}{2} + r \frac{d}{dr}\right) \psi_{nl}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\implies \tilde{f}_{nl}(\rho_n) = \left(\frac{3}{2} + r \frac{d}{dr}\right) f_{nl}(\rho_n)$$

- Energy shift

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_{a,b}(n, \ell) &= -\frac{8\alpha(Z\alpha)^2 m_r}{3\pi n^3} \int_0^\infty \rho d\rho f_{nl}(\rho_n) \tilde{f}_{nl}(\rho_n) \\ &\times \int_1^\infty d\zeta e^{-2\rho\beta\zeta} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\zeta^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{\zeta^2-1}}{\zeta^2} \end{aligned}$$

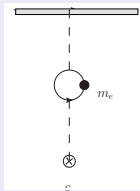
- Numerically ($n = 2$)

$$\Delta E_{a,b}(n = 2, \ell = 0) = -235.5288 \dots \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{a,b}(n = 2, \ell = 1) = -27.2887 \dots \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{a,b}(n = 2, \ell = 0) - \Delta E_{a,b}(n = 2, \ell = 1) = -208.2401 \dots \text{ meV}$$

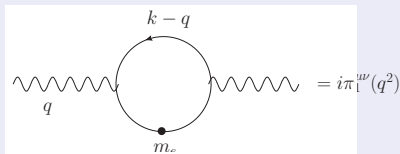
Scalar vertex $m_e \bar{\psi}_e \psi_e$ insertion in electron polarization loop



$$\Delta E_c(n, j, m) = 2e \int d^3 r \psi_{n,j,m}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{n,j,m}(\mathbf{r}) A_m^0(\mathbf{r})$$

- **First we calculate polarization loop with scalar vertex insertion:**

$$i\pi_1^{\mu\nu}(q) = i(g^{\mu\nu} q^2 - q^\mu q^\nu) \pi_1(q^2)$$



- Polarization loop**

$$\pi_1(q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} i + i \frac{e^2}{\pi^2} \left[m_e^2 \frac{1 - \frac{4m_e^2 \tanh^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4m_e^2 + q^2}}\right)}{\sqrt{q^2(4m_e^2 + q^2)}}}{2q^2} - \frac{1}{12} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} i + i \frac{e^2}{\pi^2} \tilde{\pi}_1(-q^2)$$

- Radiatively corrected Coulomb field**

$$A_m^0(\mathbf{r}) = Ze \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{i\pi_1(-q^2)}{q^2}$$

$$= -Ze \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{q^2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{3\pi} + \frac{e^2}{\pi^2} \tilde{\pi}_1(-q^2) \right)$$

$$= -\frac{Ze\alpha}{12\pi^2 r} - \frac{Ze^3}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{\tilde{\pi}_1(-q^2)}{q^2}$$

$$\equiv A_{m1}^0(\mathbf{r}) + A_{m2}^0(\mathbf{r})$$

Scalar vertex $m_e \bar{\psi}_e \psi_e$ insertion in electron polarization loop

- **Energy shift**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_c &= 2e \int d^3r \psi_{n,j,m}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{n,j,m}(\mathbf{r}) A_{m1}^0(\mathbf{r}) + 2e \int d^3r \psi_{nl}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{nl}(\mathbf{r}) A_{m2}^0(\mathbf{r}) \\ &\equiv \Delta E_{c1} + \Delta E_{c2}\end{aligned}$$

- **Consider first ($q = m_r Z \alpha \tilde{q}$)**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_{c2}(nl) &= -32\alpha(Z\alpha) \int d^3r \psi_{nl}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{nl}(\mathbf{r}) \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{\tilde{\pi}_1(-q^2)}{q^2} \\ &= -\frac{64\alpha(Z\alpha)^2 m_r}{\pi^2 n^3} \int d\rho \rho f_{nl}^2(\rho_n) \int_0^\infty d\tilde{q} \frac{\sin(\tilde{q}\rho)}{\tilde{q}} \left[\beta^2 \frac{1 - \frac{4\beta^2 \tanh^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\tilde{q}^2}{4\beta^2 + \tilde{q}^2}}\right)}{\sqrt{\tilde{q}^2(4\beta^2 + \tilde{q}^2)}}}{2\tilde{q}^2} - \frac{1}{12} \right]\end{aligned}$$



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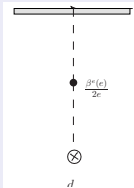
- Numerically ($n = 2$)

$$\Delta E_{c2}(n = 2, \ell = 0) = 251.4737 \dots \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{c2}(n = 2, \ell = 1) = 40.0008 \dots \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{c2}(n = 2, \ell = 0) - \Delta E_{c2}^e(n = 2, \ell = 1) = 211.4729 \dots \text{ meV}$$

Anomalous term $\frac{\beta_e(e)}{2e} F^2$ in the Coulomb line



- $\frac{\beta_e(e)}{2e} F^2 \implies$ two-prong vertex $4 \frac{\beta_e}{2e} (g_{\mu\nu} q^2 - q_\mu q_\nu)$ in momentum space \implies insertion $4 \frac{\beta_e}{2e} = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi}$ in the Coulomb line

Anomalous term $\frac{\beta_e(e)}{2e} F^2$ in the Coulomb line

$$\begin{aligned}\implies \Delta E_d &= \frac{\beta_e(e)}{2e} (\pi Z \alpha) \int d^3 r \psi_{njm}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \frac{1}{r} \psi_{njm}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \frac{2\alpha(Z\alpha)}{3} \int d^3 r \psi_{njm}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \frac{1}{r} \psi_{njm}(\mathbf{r})\end{aligned}$$

- Recall ΔE_{c1} – matrix element of the leading term in low-momentum expansion of $\pi_1(q^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_{c1} &= -\frac{2\alpha(Z\alpha)}{3} \int d^3 r \psi_{njm}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \frac{1}{r} \psi_{njm}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= -\frac{\beta_e(e)}{2e} (\pi Z \alpha) \int d^3 r \psi_{njm}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \frac{1}{r} \psi_{njm}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &\implies \Delta E_d = -\Delta E_{c1}\end{aligned}$$

Anomalous term cancels exactly!

- Cancellation is not by chance:** $\delta Z_3 = \Pi_{reg}^{(2)}(0)$ and $\pi_1(q^2)$ – logarithmic mass derivative of $\Pi_{reg}^{(2)}(q^2)$. But

$$m \frac{d\delta Z_3}{dm} = -\mu \frac{d\delta Z_3}{d\mu} = \frac{2\beta(e)}{e} \approx \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi}$$

\implies **cancellation of anomalous contribution ΔE_d**

Sum of trace type diagrams

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E(n=2, \ell=0) &= 2\Delta E_{a,b}(n=2, \ell=0) + \Delta E_{c2}(n=2, \ell=0) \\ &= -219.5839 \dots \text{ meV}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E(n=2, \ell=1) &= 2\Delta E_{a,b}(n=2, \ell=1) + \Delta E_{c2}^e(n=2, \ell=1) \\ &= -14.5765 \dots \text{ meV}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta E(n=2, \ell=0) - \Delta E(n=2, \ell=1) = -205.0073 \dots \text{ meV}$$

- **Coincides with the classic result**

$$\Delta E_{VP}^e(n=2, \ell=0) - \Delta E_{VP}^e(n=2, \ell=1) = -205.0073 \dots \text{ meV}$$



Summary

- Multiscale bound state energy levels can be calculated as a matrix element of the EMT trace
- Perturbation theory diagrams for the trace do not coincide with the classic perturbation theory diagrams
- Equality of contributions of two type of diagrams was expected from the trace anomaly and Lorentz invariance
- Trace diagrams arise as logarithmic mass derivatives (with respect to all masses in the problem) of the classic perturbation theory diagrams
- Technically equality of contributions of two different sets of diagrams arises because energy levels are homogeneous functions of the first degree in masses

Thank you!

