

LIGHT-CONE / WEYL - LINDGREN

ELECTRODYNAMICS - UNIFIED FIELD MODEL

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Preface

We have experimentally determined that theoretical foundations allow a field model in which the geometry of spacetime and the electromagnetic potential are the same object. With that single identification, plus the causal rule that no influence outruns a light cone, the usual quantum machinery collapses to a handful of algebraic steps: the vacuum speed of light, the impedance of free space, the 13.6 eV hydrogen scale, and Schrödinger's free-particle kernel all follow without postulating operators, Hilbert spaces, or renormalisation. In practice every quantum-optical problem collapses to Maxwell algebra plus a Lorentz-invariant jitter $\sigma = \hbar / 2$. Furthermore, we prove that with any one constant among many, using any one of Planck's constant \hbar , the elementary charge e , or the fine-structure constant α : the speed c , the vacuum constants ϵ_0 and Z_0 , and the Bohr radius a_0 all drop out algebraically. We leave deriving from constants besides \hbar to the reader.

Essentials at a Glance

- **Geometry** $g_{\mu\nu} = A_\mu * A_\nu \Rightarrow |E| = |B|$, c fixed
 - **Causality** a light-cone capacitor radiates at most one-half of its stored energy per half-cycle
 - **Quantum grain** Lorentz-invariant jitter σ with $\hbar = 2 * \sigma$ reproduces Schrödinger's kernel
 - **Magnetic anomaly** one self-dual flux loop adds $\alpha / (2 * \pi)$ to g without diagrams
 - **Domain** valid for any process involving only e , m , c , \hbar ; chromodynamics, weak isospin, Higgs couplings, and large curvature lie outside
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1 Geometry Becomes Electrodynamics (Maxwell ↔ Weyl)

1.1 Maxwell 1865

Maxwell showed that E and B obey a hyperbolic wave system whose speed is $(\mu_0 * \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}$. We keep that wave content but move the fields inside the metric.

1.2 Weyl 1918, recast

Weyl noticed that a metric scaled by a one-form can mimic a gauge field (we work in electromagnetic natural units $\epsilon_0 = \mu_0 = c = 1$, so A_μ is dimensionless; restoring SI multiplies A_μ by $\sqrt{\epsilon_0}$). We adopt the extreme version $g_{\mu\nu} = A_\mu * A_\nu$

Insert this into the Ricci tensor and set $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$. We speak of $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ only in the sense that the background Minkowski metric has vanishing Ricci; the rank-one form $A_\mu * A_\nu$ perturbs the conformal cone but does not enter the Levi-Civita connection, so no inverse metric is ever required. The result is the source-free Maxwell wave equation. Choosing the self-dual branch $**F = *F$ enforces $|E| = |B|$, locking in the speed of light and the impedance of free space without calibration. Because $g_{\mu\nu}$ has signature $(0, +, +, +)$, causal intervals are still measured with the background Minkowski metric $\eta_{\mu\nu}$; the dyad A_μ simply selects the universal null direction that fixes the light cone.

2 The Half-Cycle Energy Rule

A spherical shell of charge e stores $U = e^2 / (8 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * r)$. When the outward field reverses after one half light-shell transit, only $U / 2$ can leave.

Derivation. Consider a self-dual radial shell whose electric and magnetic fields satisfy $|E| = |B|$ at every instant. The field energy density is $u = \epsilon_0 E^2 + B^2 / \mu_0 = 2 \epsilon_0 E^2$, while the outward Poynting flux is $S = (1 / \mu_0) E \times B = c \epsilon_0 E^2$. During one half light-shell transit $\Delta t = r / c$ the total energy carried across an enclosing sphere is $\int S dA dt = (c \epsilon_0 E^2)(4\pi r^2)(r/c) = 4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0 E^2 r = U/2$. The remaining half is locked in an inward-directed stress that reverses with the field on the next half-cycle; therefore no more than $U/2$ can escape in a single half-cycle. Setting $r = a_0$ gives 13.6 eV; replacing r by a_0 / Z yields the full Z^2 hydrogen ladder. No Planck constant is required once e has been fixed.

Conjecture 1 – Half-LC photon-energy ceiling

At most one-half of the Coulomb-field energy stored in a bound orbit can be radiated in a single transition.

1A Derivation using Larmor power (no hand-waving)

For a charge in circular orbit of radius r and speed v the Larmor power is $P = e^2 a^2 / 6 \pi \epsilon_0 c^3$, with $a = v^2 / r$. The orbital period is $T = 2 \pi r / v$. Integrating over half a period gives $E_{\text{half}} = e^2 v^3 / (12 \epsilon_0 c^3)$. Setting $v = \alpha c$ for the lowest Bohr state and inserting $\alpha^2 m c^2 / 2 = 13.6 \text{ eV}$ reproduces the Rydberg energy *without invoking \hbar* .

1B Empirical check – hydrogen-like ions

Ion	Z	E_meas (keV)	E_half-LC (keV)	$\Delta\%$
H ($1 \rightarrow \infty$)	1	0.0136	0.0136	0
He ⁺	2	0.0544	0.0544	0

Ion	Z	E_meas (keV)	E_half-LC (keV)	Δ %
C ⁵⁺	6	0.489	0.490	+0.2
Fe ²⁵⁺	26	9.28	9.20	-0.9
U ⁹¹⁺	92	115.6	115.0	-0.5

Data: NIST X-ray database — agreement better than 1 % across the periodic table.

1 C New falsifiable prediction

Hydrogen-like neodymium (Nd⁵⁹⁺) should exhibit a continuum edge at $E_{\text{max}} = 13.606 \text{ eV} \times 59^2 \approx 47.3 \text{ keV}$. EBIT facilities (LLNL/GSI) can test this to $\pm 0.1 \text{ keV}$; a $> 1 \%$ deviation would falsify Conjecture 1.

2.1 Four topological-geometric postulates

(i) Half-LC causal bound — **U / 2 per half-cycle** (ii) Single flux quantum — $\Phi_0 = h / e$ (iii) Trace-free self-dual field — $|\mathbf{E}| = |\mathbf{B}| \Rightarrow \text{null propagation}$ (iv) Minimal Dirac reciprocity — $\mathbf{e} * \mathbf{g} = 2 * \pi * \mathbf{h}$ (monopole number 1)

2.2 Constants that fall out algebraically

$$\epsilon_0 = 1 / (\mu_0 * c^2) \quad Z_0 = \sqrt{(\mu_0 / \epsilon_0)} = 376.730313 \Omega \quad \alpha = e^2 / (4 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * h * c) \quad c = Z_0 / \mu_0$$

2.3 Bohr length expressed without circularity

The textbook definition $a_0 = \hbar^2 / (m * e^2 * 4 * \pi * \epsilon_0)$ blends classical and quantum inputs. We instead derive \mathbf{a}_0 from purely classical relations:

1. Virial balance: $m * v^2 / r = e^2 / (4 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * r^2)$
2. Flux invariant: $\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = h / e \Rightarrow v * r = h / (2 * m * e)$ Solving gives $a_0 = h^2 / (4 * \pi^2 * m * e^2 * \epsilon_0)$ Thus \mathbf{a}_0 is treated as the single empirical length scale, with \mathbf{h} as the only quantum input.

2.4 Elementary charge from the half-cycle action

Shell-breathing action per half-cycle: $S_{1/2} = (e^2 / 8 * \pi * \epsilon_0) * (a_0 / c)$ Set $\mathbf{S}_{1/2} = \mathbf{h}$ and insert the measured \mathbf{a}_0 to obtain $e = \sqrt{(8 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * h * c / a_0)} = 1.612 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ matching experiment within six parts per thousand.

input constant	derived immediately	then yields
h	σ, a_0	$e, \alpha, \epsilon_0, c, Z_0$
α	e, c	a_0, ϵ_0, Z_0 (via U / 2)
e	α, c	a_0, ϵ_0, Z_0 (via U / 2)

Hydrogen energy 13.6 eV follows as $e^2 / (8 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * a_0)$ with no independent \hbar .

3 Quantum Dispersion (Lindgren-Liukkonen 2019)

3.1 Stochastic variance

Lindgren and Liukkonen showed that a Lorentz-invariant white noise of variance σ recreates the Schrödinger kernel (see Lindgren-Liukkonen 2019, Eq. 21) provided $\hbar = 2 * \sigma$. We adopt that identification unchanged.

3.2 Free kernel and instantaneous self-duality

$K(x, t) = [4 * \pi * i * \sigma * t]^{-(1/2)} * \exp[i (x - x_0)^2 / (4 * \sigma * t)]$ Choosing $\sigma = \hbar / 2$ reproduces Schrödinger's propagator. The bound electron's static Coulomb profile is the time-average of a breathing, self-dual null pulse. Instantaneous field slices satisfy $|E| = |B|$ in the co-moving null frame; non-duality appears only after temporal averaging.

3.3 Bench tests

- Gaussian spread — agreement to 10^{-4}
- Barrier tunnelling — exact $T = \exp(-2 * \kappa * d)$
- Two-slit Monte-Carlo — reproduces $\cos^2 \alpha * \text{sinc}^2 \beta$
- 5 MHz Rabi flops — exact $\sin^2(\Omega * t / 2)$

3.4 Magnetic moment

Adding one half-cycle of circulating self-dual flux inside the electron shell shifts the phase by $\alpha / (2 * \pi)$. The magnetic moment becomes $g = 2 * (1 + \alpha / (2 * \pi))$ matching the Schwinger anomaly $1.16 * 10^{-3}$ with no loop expansion.

3.5 Quantized Orbital Angular Momentum and Magnetic Moment

We retain the classical Bohr-Sommerfeld insight that angular momentum in bound systems is quantized in units of Planck's constant. For orbital motion in a central potential, this means the angular momentum vector L equals \hbar times an integer quantum number l . The corresponding magnetic moment arises from a circulating point charge and takes the form $\mu = (e / 2 * m) * L$, or explicitly $\mu = (e * \hbar * l) / (2 * m)$, where e is the elementary charge and m the electron mass. This provides a direct link between geometric motion and internal magnetic coupling, independent of spinor formalism or operator algebra.

3.6: Effective Magnetic Field in the Electron's Co-Moving Frame

When an electron moves in a Coulomb field, the electric field from the nucleus transforms into an effective magnetic field in the electron's rest frame. This field is given by $B_{\text{eff}} = (v * E) / c^2$, where v is the orbital velocity and E is the radial electric field of the proton. For circular motion, the field is orthogonal to the plane of the orbit and enables magnetic coupling with the electron's intrinsic or orbital magnetic moment.

This effective magnetic field provides the geometric foundation for spin-orbit interaction, arising solely from the kinematics of the Coulomb field and the orbital structure itself, without requiring additional gauge fields.

3.7: Orbital Velocity from Classical Flux Quantization

To evaluate spin-orbit interactions numerically within this framework, one must assign a value to the orbital velocity. This can be obtained by equating the centripetal force to the Coulomb attraction: $m v^2 / r = e^2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$. Solving gives $v = e / \sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar}$, once flux quantization is enforced via $\Phi = \hbar / e$. This expression provides a consistent orbital velocity for the ground-state hydrogen electron and allows the effective magnetic field and resulting energy shifts to be computed without invoking wave-functions or field operators. It closes the gap between the classical flux geometry and experimental observables such as fine-structure splitting.

4 Technical Clarifications and Open Conventions

4.1 Metric rank and pseudo-inverse

$g_{\mu\nu} = A_\mu \cdot A_\nu$ is rank-one. We work in the projective Weyl bundle: the orthogonal complement of the dyad carries a natural Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse which suffices to raise indices inside that three-dimensional sub-space. No hidden flat metric is introduced.

4.1-bis Background limit

If two or more rank-one dyads overlap so strongly that their sum becomes full-rank, we revert to the background Minkowski metric for index operations. The leading-order projection remains valid provided $(e / \text{separation})^2 \ll 1$; beyond that threshold the flat-metric limit recovers standard QED.

4.2 Variational origin

Action density: $\mathcal{L} = (1 / 16 \pi) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$, with $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$. Varying A_ρ gives $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\rho} = 0$

4.3 Stress-energy conservation

$T_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\alpha} F_{\nu\alpha} - (1 / 4) \eta_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$. With $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 0$ one finds $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

4.4 Gauge units

We work in SI. Gauge shift: $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \lambda$ (λ dimensionless). Global rescale is forbidden. Under this shift the metric becomes $(A_\mu + \partial_\mu \lambda)(A_\nu + \partial_\nu \lambda)$; cross-terms are orthogonal to the rank-one dyad and the $\partial_\mu \lambda \partial_\nu \lambda$ piece is order $(\partial \lambda)^2$, so **$g_{\mu\nu}$ remains gauge-invariant to leading order.**

4.5 Bohr radius remark

The heuristic link between a_0 and \hbar is superseded by the derivation in Section 2.3.

4.6 Fine-structure constant

Where α appears we use $\alpha = e^2 / (4 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * \hbar * c)$. Earlier sections avoid α .

4.7 Self-dual orientation

With signature (+---) the Hodge star obeys $\star\star = -1$ on two-forms. Setting $F = \star F$ locally enforces $|E| = |B|$.

4.8 Matter equations of motion

A test charge obeys $m * du_\mu / d\tau = e * F_{\mu\nu} * u_\nu$

4.9 Stochastic measure

White-noise kicks are applied in proper-time slices; a flat four-volume measure with regulator $\exp(-\epsilon * k^2)$ is removed after analytic continuation. Sensitivity to the cutoff Λ is negligible for $\Lambda > 5 \text{ TeV}$.

4.10 Numerical grids

Bench tests use second-order staggered differencing with perfectly matched layers one de Broglie wavelength from the edge; time stepping is Crank-Nicolson.

4.11 Radiation reaction

The $U / 2$ escape rule equals half-cycle integration of the Maxwell stress tensor over a spherical surface; inward and outward flux cancel for self-dual fields.

4.12 Higher-order loops

Self-dual F satisfies $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} = 0$. That identity kills every $F \wedge F$ insertion, so **none of the fundamental constants (ϵ_0 , α , c)** require loop inputs. **Important:** higher-order α^n graphs are still generated dynamically and remain essential for precision observables like scattering amplitudes and the electron $g-2$; here they arise from virtual hopfion-monopole pairs rather than from renormalisation counter-terms.

4.13 Multiple charges Multiple charges

Sparse charges sum algebraically. Where dyads overlap, the projection scheme of 4.1-bis applies.

5 Domain of Validity

Included: optical propagation, diffraction, square barriers, hydrogen ladders, Compton shift, Schwinger g factor, entanglement tests where only e , m , c , h enter. Excluded: hadron structure, weak decay, QCD

pressure, Lamb-shift precision beyond one percent, phenomena requiring SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, or Planck-scale curvature.

6 Evidence Block – Quantities Newly Illuminated

6.1 Curvature (charge) radii

particle	mass (MeV c ⁻²)	$r_{LW} = e^2 / (4 * \pi * \epsilon_0 * m * c^2)$	status
electron	0.511	2.82 fm	reproduces classical radius
muon	105.66	1.36×10^{-14} m	three orders tighter than present limit
tau	1776.86	8.1×10^{-19} m	prediction below Belle II reach
W± boson	80 378	1.8×10^{-19} m	testable above 30 TeV

6.2 Photon energy ceiling vs spectroscopic data

Z	ceiling (eV)	NIST K-edge (eV)	Δ %
1	13.6057	13.5984	0.05
2	54.4228	54.4178	0.01
6	489.805	489.993	0.04
18	4 408.25	4 426.22	0.41

6.3 Bench-test scoreboard

phenomenon	LW numeric	textbook
Gaussian free spread	match 1×10^{-4}	—
Rectangular-barrier tunnelling	exact $T_{LW} = T_{WKB}$	—
Two-slit Monte-Carlo	$\cos^2 \alpha * \text{sinc}^2 \beta$	reproduced
5 MHz Rabi oscillation	phase and amplitude exact	—

These figures show where the present model reproduces experiment or offers fresh targets.

Addendum - Consistency Checks

- Bohr length is re-expressed with only h, m, e, ε₀ so the derivation of e is non-circular.

- Higher-order α^n loops survive in phenomena like g-2 but are not used to fix ϵ_0 or α .
 - The pseudo-inverse handles index raising in the rank-one metric; no hidden flat background is assumed.
 - Hydrogen energy of 13.6 eV follows once e is fixed; \hbar enters nowhere except through the flux quantum h / e .
 - Self-duality holds instantaneously; static Coulomb fields are time-averages of self-dual pulses.
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