

and the dirac delta's effect causes

$$\Gamma = \frac{S * |M|^2 * \rho_0}{2 * (4\pi) * \hbar * m_1^2 * c}$$

where $\rho_0 = \frac{c}{2 * m_1} * \sqrt{m_1^4 + m_2^4 + m_3^4 - 2 m_1^2 m_2^2 - 2 m_1^2 m_3^2 - 2 m_2^2 m_3^2}$

value of $|p_2|$
when $E = m_1 c^2$

Scattering

■ Cross-Section Golden Rule

$$1 + 2 \rightarrow 3 + 4 + \dots + n$$

$$d\sigma = |M|^2 * \frac{S * \hbar^2}{4 \sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} * \left[\frac{c d^3 p_3}{(2 * \pi)^3 * 2 * E_3} \times \dots \times \frac{c d^3 p_n}{(2 * \pi)^3 * 2 * E_n} \right] * (2 * \pi)^4 * \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4 \dots - p_n)$$

- $d\sigma$ gives cross section where p_3 is in range $d^3 p_3$, p_4 is in range $d^3 p_4$, etc.

Typically look for angle at which particle 3 emerges. So integrate over all other final momenta and $|p_3|$

Find differential cross section $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for scattering of particle 3 in solid angle $d\Omega$

- p_i is 4-momentum $p_i = (E_i/c, \mathbf{p}_i)$
 $E_i^2 = |\mathbf{p}_i|^2 + (m_i * c)^2$

δ enforces conservation of E and p: $p_1 + p_2 = p_3 + \dots + p_n$

$$S = \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{j!} \right) \text{ for } j \text{ multiplicity of each particle.}$$

Generally M is a function of p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n so it stays in integrand.

■ Example of 2 body scattering in CM frame

■ 1+2→3+4

In CM: $\mathbf{p}_2 = -\mathbf{p}_1$

$m_2, m_3 \neq 0$

$M(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3)$

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = (E_1 / c, \mathbf{p}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = (E_2 / c, \mathbf{p}_2) = (E_2 / c, -\mathbf{p}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_3 = (E_3 / c, \mathbf{p}_3) = (\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2}, \mathbf{p}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_4 = (E_4 / c, \mathbf{p}_4) = (\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_4^2 + (m_4 * c)^2}, \mathbf{p}_4)$$

Observe that $\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 = E_1 * E_2 / c^2 + \mathbf{p}_1^2$ which implies that $\sqrt{(\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2)^2 + (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2} = (E_1 + E_2) * |\mathbf{p}_1| / c$

So

$$d\sigma = \left(\frac{\hbar c}{8\pi}\right)^2 * \frac{S * |M|^2 * c}{(E_1 + E_2) * |\mathbf{p}_1|} * \frac{1}{E_3 * E_4} * \delta^4(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4) d^3 \mathbf{p}_2 d^3 \mathbf{p}_3$$

$$\delta^4(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4) = \delta\left(\frac{E_1 + E_2 - E_3 - E_4}{c}\right) * \delta^3(-\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4)$$

Replacing δ^4 by new form and evaluating $d^3 \mathbf{p}_3$ where we substitute $\mathbf{p}_4 = -\mathbf{p}_3$

$$d\sigma = \left(\frac{\hbar}{8\pi}\right)^2 * \frac{S * |M|^2 * c}{(E_1 + E_2) * |\mathbf{p}_1|} * \frac{\delta\left(\frac{E_1 + E_2}{c} - \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_4 * c)^2} - \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2} * \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_4 * c)^2}} d^3 \mathbf{p}_3$$

In this case $|M|^2$ depends on direction of \mathbf{p}_3 (angles) as well as magnitude so cannot integrate over angles as before.

$$d^3 \mathbf{p}_3 = |\mathbf{p}_3|^2 * d|\mathbf{p}_3| * d\Omega$$

So

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\hbar}{8\pi}\right)^2 * \frac{S * c}{(E_1 + E_2) * |\mathbf{p}_1|} \int \frac{|M|^2 * \delta\left(\frac{E_1 + E_2}{c} - \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_4 * c)^2} - \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2} * \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_4 * c)^2}} * |\mathbf{p}_3|^2 * d^3 \mathbf{p}_3$$

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$$\text{Let } \rho = |\mathbf{p}_3| \text{ and } E = c * \left(\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_4 * c)^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{dE}{d\rho} = \frac{E * \rho}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_3 * c)^2} * \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_3^2 + (m_4 * c)^2}}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\hbar * c}{8 \pi} \right)^2 * \frac{S * |M|^2}{(E_1 + E_2)^2} * \frac{|\mathbf{p}_3|}{|\mathbf{p}_1|}$$

Units

lifetime \rightarrow seconds

Decay rates \rightarrow 1/seconds

Cross sections \rightarrow Area 1 barn = 10^{-28} cm²

$M \rightarrow$ depends on # of particles

$$\text{Dim of } M = (mc)^{4-n}$$