

1 Cross Sections

a) The differential cross-section for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ scattering can be described as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4s}(1 + \cos^2 \theta) \quad (1)$$

Using $d\Omega = d\varphi d(\cos \theta)$, we get the total cross-section

$$\sigma = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{4s} \int (1 + \cos^2 \theta) d(\cos \theta) \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{4s} \left(\cos \theta \Big|_{-1}^1 + \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 \theta \Big|_{-1}^1 \right) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{4s} \cdot \frac{8}{3} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} \quad (4)$$

The luminosity is $\mathcal{L} = 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$. Expressed in natural units, that is

$$\mathcal{L} = 10^4 \text{ fm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \cdot (\hbar c)^2 \quad (5)$$

$$= 10^4 \cdot 197^2 \text{ MeV}^2\text{s}^{-1} \quad (6)$$

With $\alpha = 1/137$, $s = (10^4 \text{ MeV})^2 = 10^8 \text{ MeV}^2$, and (4), we get the production rate

$$\eta = 10^4 \cdot 197^2 \frac{4\pi}{3 \cdot 137^2 \cdot 10^8} \text{ s}^{-1} = 0.87 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} = 74.8 \text{ d}^{-1} \quad (7)$$

b) Instead of integrating from -1 to 1 in (3), we integrate from $\cos(150^\circ) = -\sqrt{3}/2$ to $\cos(30^\circ) = \sqrt{3}/2$. That yields

$$\sigma = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{4s} \left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{\sqrt{3}^3}{8} \right) = \frac{5\sqrt{3}^3}{12} \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{4s} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}^3 \pi \alpha^2}{24s} \quad (8)$$

Multiplying with the efficiency $\varepsilon = 0.9$ the actual detection rate is

$$\eta' = 0.8 \cdot 10^4 \cdot 197^2 \frac{5\sqrt{3}^3 \pi}{24 \cdot 137^2 \cdot 10^8} \text{ s}^{-1} = 0.63 \cdot 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1} = 54.7 \text{ d}^{-1} \quad (9)$$

The actual detection efficiency is therefore 73%.