

1 Kinematics

1.1 Fundamentals

$$\int d\Pi = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta((p^0)^2 - m^2 - \|\mathbf{p}\|^2) \Big|_{p^0 \geq 0}$$

Källén function

$$\lambda(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz - 2zx = (x - y - z)^2 - 4yz; \quad \lambda(s, m_1^2, m_2^2) = s^2 \lambda(1, m_1^2/s, m_2^2/s);$$

$$\lambda(1; \alpha_1^2, \alpha_2^2) = (1 - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^2)(1 - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2) = (1 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(1 + \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_1 + \alpha_2).$$

$$\lambda^{1/2} \left(1; \frac{m_1^2}{s}, \frac{m_2^2}{s} \right) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{s} + \frac{(m_1^2 - m_2^2)^2}{s^2}}; \quad m_1 = m_2 : \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{s}}, \quad m_2 = 0 : \frac{s - m_1^2}{s}. \quad (1.1)$$

Two-body kinematics $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$

In CM frame, $s = (E_1 + E_2)^2$ and $p = \sqrt{\frac{s}{4}} \lambda^{1/2} \left(1; \frac{m_1^2}{s}, \frac{m_2^2}{s} \right); \quad E_1 = \frac{s + m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s}}.$

For $m_1 = m_2$, $E = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}$ and $p = \sqrt{\frac{s}{4}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{s - 4m^2}}{2}; \quad v = \frac{p}{E} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{s}}.$

For $m_2 = 0$, $p = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m_1^2}{s} \right) = E_2$ and $E_1 = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \left(1 + \frac{m_1^2}{s} \right).$

Two-body phase space

$$\int d\Pi_1 d\Pi_2 (\text{Lorentz invariant}) = \int d\Pi_1 d\Pi_2 f(p_1, p_2, p_1^\mu p_{2\mu}) = \int d\Pi_1 d\Pi_2 f(p_1, p_2, \cos \theta_{12}).$$

Rewriting with $E_\pm = E_1 \pm E_2$ and $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2E_1 E_2 - 2\|\mathbf{p}_1\| \|\mathbf{p}_2\| \cos \theta_{12}$,

$$\int d\Pi_1 d\Pi_2 = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_1 2E_2} = \int \frac{(4\pi) dp_1 p_1^2 (2\pi) dp_2 p_2^2 d\cos \theta_{12}}{(2\pi)^3 (2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_1 2E_2} = \int \frac{dE_+ dE_- ds}{128\pi^4},$$

where the Jacobian is $\left| \frac{d(E_+, E_-, s)}{d(p_1, p_2, \cos \theta_{12})} \right| = \frac{4p_1^2 p_2^2}{E_1 E_2}$, or $\left| \frac{d(E_1, E_2, s)}{d(p_1, p_2, \cos \theta_{12})} \right| = \frac{2p_1^2 p_2^2}{E_1 E_2}.$

As $\cos \theta_{12} = \frac{E_+^2 - E_-^2 + 2(m_1^2 + m_2^2 - s)}{\sqrt{(E_+ + E_-)^2 - 4m_1^2} \sqrt{(E_+ - E_-)^2 - 4m_2^2}}$ is restricted as $[-1, 1]$, E_- is bounded as

$$\left| E_- - \frac{m_1^2 - m_2^2}{s} E_+ \right| \leq \sqrt{E_+^2 - s} \cdot \lambda^{1/2} \left(1; \frac{m_1^2}{s}, \frac{m_2^2}{s} \right) = 2p \sqrt{\frac{E_+^2 - s}{s}}; \text{ using these bounds,}$$

$$\int d\Pi_1 d\Pi_2 = \frac{1}{128\pi^4} \int_{(m_1+m_2)^2}^{\infty} ds \int_{\sqrt{s}}^{\infty} dE_+ \int_{\min}^{\max} dE_- \quad (1.2)$$

Two-body phase space with momentum conservation

$$\int d\Pi^{(2)} := \int d\Pi_1 d\Pi_2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P_0 - p_1 - p_2) = \int \frac{dp_1 d\Omega p_1^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{\delta(E_0 - \sqrt{m_1^2 + p_1^2} - \sqrt{m_2^2 + \|\mathbf{P}_0 - \mathbf{p}_1\|^2})}{E_1 E_2};$$

$$p_1 = \frac{(E_0^2 + m_1^2 - m_2^2 - P_0^2) P_0 \cos \theta_1 + E_0 \sqrt{\lambda(E_0^2, m_1^2, m_2^2) + P_0^4 - 2P_0^2(E_0^2 + m_1^2 - 2m_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_1 - m_2^2)}}{2(E_0^2 - P_0^2 \cos^2 \theta_1)}$$

and $\int d\Pi^{(2)} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d\cos \theta_1 \frac{p_1^2}{E_0 p_1 - P_0 E_1 \cos \theta_1};$

CM ($E_0 = \sqrt{s}$): $\int d\Pi^{(2)} = \int \frac{d\cos \theta_1}{8\pi} \frac{p}{\sqrt{s}}; \quad p = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \lambda^{1/2} \left(1; \frac{m_1^2}{s}, \frac{m_2^2}{s} \right), \quad E_1 = \frac{s + m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s}}. \quad (1.3)$

1.2 Decay rate and Cross section

Rate $dR = d\Pi^{(n)} |\mathcal{M}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_i - p_f)$ is Lorentz invariant; density is given by $\rho = 2E$.

Decay rate: $R = \frac{N}{VT} =: \rho_1^{\text{rest}} \Gamma = 2m\Gamma$ (defined at the rest frame);

Cross section: $R = \frac{N}{VT} =: v_{\text{rel}} \rho_1 \rho_2 \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{E_1 E_2} \sigma =: v_{\text{Møl}} \rho_1 \rho_2 \sigma$ (defined as Lorentz invariant).

Note that ρ/E is Lorentz invariant; the factor is introduced as $(p_1 \cdot p_2)/E_1 E_2 = 1$ at $\mathbf{p}_1 = 0$ or $\mathbf{p}_2 = 0$.

$$\text{relative velocity: } v_{\text{rel}} = \frac{\sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2}}{p_1 \cdot p_2} = \frac{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2\|^2 - \|\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2\|^2}}{1 - \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)}{s - (m_1^2 + m_2^2)}, \quad (1.4)$$

$$\text{Møller parameter: } v_{\text{Møl}} := \frac{\sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2}}{E_1 E_2} \rightsquigarrow |v_1 - v_2| \text{ if } \mathbf{v}_1 \parallel \mathbf{v}_2; \quad (1.5)$$

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{2m_A} \left[\prod_f \frac{d^3 p_f}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_f} \right] |\mathcal{M}(m_A \rightarrow \{p_f\})|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(m_A - \{p_f\}), \quad [\text{mass dimension of } \mathcal{M} \text{ is } 4 - N_i - N_f] \quad (1.6)$$

$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2E_A 2E_B v_{\text{Møl}}} \left[\prod_f \frac{d^3 p_f}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_f} \right] |\mathcal{M}(p_A, p_B \rightarrow \{p_f\})|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_A + p_B - \{p_f\}). \quad (1.7)$$

Two-body kinematics in CM frame

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\Pi^{(2)} &:= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_1} \frac{1}{2E_2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\sqrt{s} - p_1 - p_2) \quad (\sqrt{s} = E_{\text{CM}} \text{ or } M_{\text{mother}}) \\ &= \frac{\|\mathbf{p}\|}{4\pi\sqrt{s}} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} = \frac{\|\mathbf{p}\|}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} \int d\cos\theta \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{p}\|}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} = \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \lambda^{1/2}\left(1; \frac{m_1^2}{s}, \frac{m_2^2}{s}\right) = \frac{1}{16\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{s} + \frac{(m_1^2 - m_2^2)^2}{s^2}} \quad (1.9)$$

$$E_1 = \frac{s + m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s}} \quad E_2 = \frac{s - m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2\sqrt{s}} \quad p_1 \cdot p_2 = \frac{s - (m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{2} \quad (1.10)$$

Mandelstam variables For $(k_1, k_2) \rightarrow (p_3, p_4)$ collision,

$$\begin{aligned} s &= (k_1 + k_2)^2 = (p_3 + p_4)^2, \quad t = (p_3 - k_1)^2 = (p_4 - k_2)^2, \quad u = (p_3 - k_2)^2 = (p_4 - k_1)^2; \\ s + t + u &= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2 + m_4^2 \end{aligned}$$

For same-mass collision, $s = (2E)^2 = E_{\text{CM}}^2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} t &= m_A^2 + m_B^2 - s/2 + 2kp \cos\theta & (k_1 - k_2)^2 &= 4m_A^2 - s \\ u &= m_A^2 + m_B^2 - s/2 - 2kp \cos\theta & (p_1 - p_2)^2 &= 4m_B^2 - s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{\sqrt{s - 4m_A^2}}{2} & k_1 \cdot k_2 &= \frac{s}{2} - m_A^2 & k_1 \cdot p_1 &= k_2 \cdot p_2 = \frac{m_A^2 + m_B^2 - t}{2} \\ p &= \frac{\sqrt{s - 4m_B^2}}{2} & p_1 \cdot p_2 &= \frac{s}{2} - m_B^2 & k_1 \cdot p_2 &= k_1 \cdot p_2 = \frac{m_A^2 + m_B^2 - u}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For collision with initial mass ignored,

$$\begin{aligned} t &= (m_1^2 + m_2^2 - s)/2 + p\sqrt{s} \cos\theta \\ u &= (m_1^2 + m_2^2 - s)/2 - p\sqrt{s} \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

