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chapter 6 Griffiths

Transition prob. per unit time

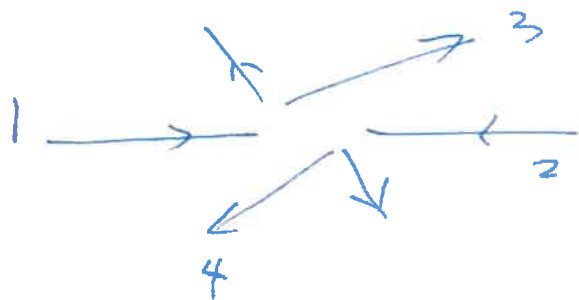
$$= \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \cdot |M|^2 \cdot \text{phase space factor}$$

Decay rate  $\Gamma$   $1 \rightarrow 2 + 3 + \dots + N$ 

Differential decay rate

$$d\Gamma = \frac{S}{2\hbar \cdot m_1} |M|^2 \cdot (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 - p_2 - \dots - p_N)$$

$$\frac{N}{4\pi} \frac{d^4 p_j}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta(p_j^2 - m^2 c^2) \Theta(p_j^0)$$

Differential cross section  $1 + 2 \rightarrow 3 + 4 + \dots + N$ 

$$d\sigma = \frac{S \hbar^2}{4 \cdot \sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} |M|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - \dots - p_N)$$

$$\frac{N}{4\pi} \frac{d^4 p_j}{(2\pi)^4} \Theta(p_j^0) (2\pi) \delta(p_j^2 - m_j^2 c^2) \quad \Theta(p_j^0) = \text{step function}$$

Consider 2-particle decays

$$1 \rightarrow 2 + 3$$

Assume particle 1 at rest and decays



The decay rate is given by (page (6a))

$$\Gamma = \frac{S}{2\hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\underline{P}_1 - \underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_3) \cdot$$

$$\cdot \prod_{j=2}^3 \left( \frac{1}{2P_j^0} \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_j}{(2\pi)^3} \right)$$

scattering amplitude  
 $\mathcal{M}$

$$= \mathcal{M}(\underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_2, \underline{P}_3 \dots)$$

$$= \frac{S}{8\pi^2 \hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta^{(4)}(\underline{P}_1 - \underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_3) \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_2}{2P_2^0} \cdot \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_3}{2P_3^0}$$

$$= \frac{S}{8\pi^2 \hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(P_1^0 - P_2^0 - P_3^0) \delta^{(3)}(\underline{P}_1 - \underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_3) \cdot \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_2}{2P_2^0} \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_3}{2P_3^0}$$

As the decaying particle 1 is at rest,

$$\underline{P}_1 = 0.$$

$\therefore$

$$\Gamma = \frac{S}{8\pi^2 \hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(P_1^0 - P_2^0 - P_3^0) \delta^{(3)}(\underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_3) \cdot \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_2}{2P_2^0} \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_3}{2P_3^0}$$

$\delta^{(3)}(\underline{P}_2 + \underline{P}_3) \quad \because \delta(-x) = \delta(x)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x-a) dx = f(a)$$

$$\int f(\underline{x}) \delta^{(3)}(\underline{x}-\underline{a}) d^3 \underline{x} = f(\underline{a})$$

$$= \frac{S}{8\pi^2 \hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(P_1^0 - P_2^0 - P_3^0) \frac{d^3 \underline{P}_2}{2P_2^0 \cdot 2P_3^0}$$

where  $\underline{P}_3 = -\underline{P}_2$

$$P_3^0 = \sqrt{\underline{P}_3^2 + m_3^2 c^2}$$

The volume differential  $d^3 \underline{P}_2$  can be written as

$$d^3 \underline{P}_2 = |\underline{P}_2|^2 \cdot d|\underline{P}_2| \cdot d\Omega_{\underline{P}_2} \quad \left( d^3 \underline{x} = r^2 dr d\Omega \right)$$

Integrating  $d\Omega_{\underline{P}_2}$  and assuming  $|\mathcal{M}|^2$  does not depend on  $\Omega_{\underline{P}_2}$ , we have

$$\Gamma = \frac{S}{8\pi\hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(P_1^0 - P_2^0 - P_3^0) \cdot \frac{|\vec{P}_2|^2 \cdot d|\vec{P}_2|}{P_2^0 \cdot P_3^0}$$

where  $\vec{P}_3 = -\vec{P}_2$

changing the integration variable by defining

$$P^0 = P_2^0 + P_3^0$$

$$\therefore dp^0 = dP_2^0 + dP_3^0$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{P}_2| \cdot d|\vec{P}_2|}{P_2^0} + \frac{|\vec{P}_3| \cdot d|\vec{P}_3|}{P_3^0}$$

$$= \frac{P_2^0 + P_3^0}{P_2^0 \cdot P_3^0} \cdot |\vec{P}_2| \cdot d|\vec{P}_2|$$

$$P_i^{02} = \vec{P}_i^2 + m_i^2 c^2$$

$$\swarrow \quad i=2, 3$$

$$2P^0 dP^0$$

$$= 2 |\vec{P}| \cdot d|\vec{P}|$$

$$\therefore \vec{P}_3 = -\vec{P}_2$$

$$\therefore |\vec{P}_3| = |\vec{P}_2|$$

$$\therefore \frac{dP^0}{P^0} = \frac{|\vec{P}_2| \cdot d|\vec{P}_2|}{P_2^0 \cdot P_3^0}$$

Note: we have changed integration variable  $|\vec{P}|$  to  $P^0$

Thus

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$$P = \frac{S}{8\pi\hbar m_1} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(P_1^0 - P^0) \cdot \frac{|\vec{P}_2| \cdot dP^0}{P^0}$$

$$= \frac{S}{8\pi\hbar m_1} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \frac{|\vec{P}_2|}{P_1^0} \quad \text{where } \vec{P}_3 = -\vec{P}_2$$
$$P^0 = P_2^0 + P_3^0 = P_1^0$$

As particle 1 is at rest,  $P_1^0 = m_1 c$

$\therefore$

$$\Gamma = \frac{S}{8\pi\hbar m_1^2 c} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot |\vec{P}_2|$$

where  $\vec{P}_3 = -\vec{P}_2$

$$P_2^0 + P_3^0 = P_1^0 = m_1 c$$

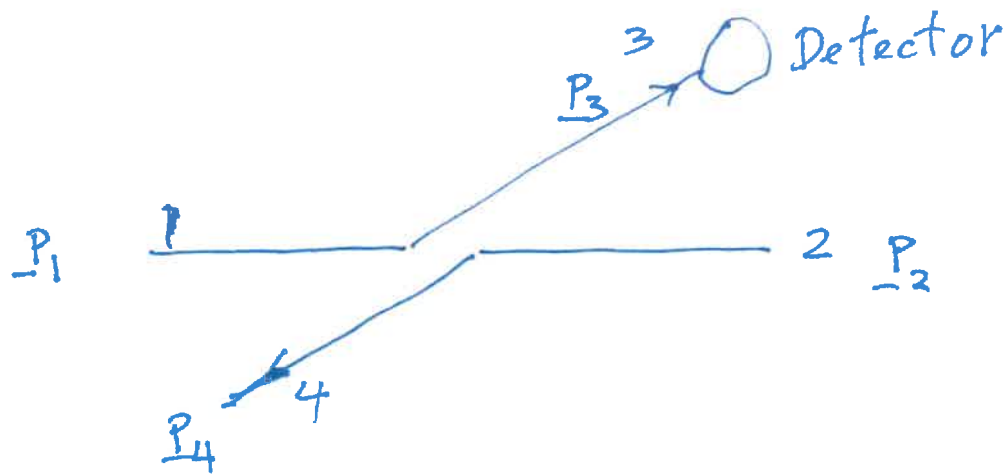
To find  $|\vec{P}_2|$ :

$$\text{As } P_1^0 = P_2^0 + P_3^0, \therefore$$

$$m_1 c = \sqrt{\vec{P}_2^2 + m_2^2 c^2} + \sqrt{\vec{P}_3^2 + m_3^2 c^2} \quad \because \vec{P}_3 = -\vec{P}_2$$

$$\therefore \vec{P}_2^2 = \frac{c^2}{4 m_1^2} \cdot \left[ (m_1^4 + m_2^4 + m_3^4) - 2(m_1^2 m_2^2 + m_2^2 m_3^2 + m_3^2 m_1^2) \right] \quad (\text{Hw})$$

Consider 2 particles to 2 particles scattering



Using the Fermi golden rule, the differential cross section can be written as <sup>→ previous lecture</sup> (page 7)

$\mathcal{M}$  = scattering amplitude

$$d\sigma = \frac{s \hbar^2}{4 \cdot \sqrt{(\underline{p}_1 \cdot \underline{p}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_3 - \underline{p}_4)$$

$$\prod_{j=3}^4 \frac{d^4 p_j}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta(p_j^2 - m_j^2 c^2) \cdot \theta(p_j^0)$$

Integrating away the energy  $p_j^0$

We get

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$$d\sigma = \frac{s \hbar^2}{4 \sqrt{(\underline{p}_1 \cdot \underline{p}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2.$$

$$(2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_3 - \underline{p}_4) \cdot \prod_{j=3}^4 \frac{d^3 \underline{p}_j}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2 p_j^0}$$

$$= \frac{s \hbar^2}{4 \cdot \sqrt{(\underline{p}_1 \cdot \underline{p}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_3 - \underline{p}_4)$$

$$\frac{d^3 \underline{p}_3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \underline{p}_4}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2 p_3^0} \cdot \frac{1}{2 p_4^0}$$

Integrating away  $\int d^3 \underline{p}_4$  by using the Dirac delta function  $\delta^{(3)}(\underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_3 - \underline{p}_4)$ ,

$$d\sigma = \frac{s \hbar^2}{4 \cdot \sqrt{(\underline{p}_1 \cdot \underline{p}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2.$$

$$\delta(p_1^0 + p_2^0 - p_3^0 - p_4^0) \cdot \frac{d^3 \underline{p}_3}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4 p_3^0 \cdot p_4^0}$$

where

$$\underline{P}_4 = \underline{P}_1 + \underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_3$$

We assume the detector is detecting particle 3  
So

$$d^3 \underline{P}_3 = |\underline{P}_3|^2 \cdot d|\underline{P}_3| \cdot d\Omega_{\underline{P}_3}$$

and compute  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\underline{P}_3}}$ .

We write

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\underline{P}_3}} = \frac{s \hbar^2}{4 \sqrt{(\underline{P}_1 \cdot \underline{P}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} \cdot$$

$$\int \frac{|\underline{P}_3|^2 \cdot d|\underline{P}_3|}{(4\pi)^2 \underline{P}_3^0 \underline{P}_4^0} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot \delta(\underline{P}_1^0 + \underline{P}_2^0 - \underline{P}_3^0 - \underline{P}_4^0)$$

$$\underline{P}_4 = \underline{P}_1 + \underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_3$$

$$= -\underline{P}_3 \quad (\text{CM frame})$$

changing the integrating variable  $|\underline{P}_3|$  by defining

$$P^0 = \underline{P}_3^0 + \underline{P}_4^0,$$



$$dp^0 = dp_3^0 + dp_4^0$$

$$= \frac{|\underline{p}_3| \cdot d|\underline{p}_3|}{p_3^0} + \frac{|\underline{p}_3| \cdot d|\underline{p}_3|}{p_4^0}$$

$$\therefore p_3^0 = \sqrt{\underline{p}_3^2 + m_3^2 c^2}$$

$$\underline{p}_4 = -\underline{p}_3$$

$$= \frac{p^0}{p_3^0 - p_4^0} \cdot |\underline{p}_3| \cdot d|\underline{p}_3|$$

$$\therefore \frac{dp^0}{p^0} = \frac{|\underline{p}_3| \cdot d|\underline{p}_3|}{p_3^0 \cdot p_4^0}$$

We get

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{s \hbar^2}{4 \cdot \sqrt{(\underline{p}_1 \cdot \underline{p}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$

$$\int |\underline{p}_3| \cdot \frac{dp^0}{p^0} \cdot |\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot \delta(p_1^0 + p_2^0 - p^0)$$

Integrating  $\int dp^0$ ,

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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{s \hbar^2}{(8\pi)^2 \sqrt{(\underline{P}_1 \cdot \underline{P}_2)^2 - (m_1 m_2 c^2)^2}} \cdot \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2 \cdot |\underline{P}_3|}{(P_1^0 + P_2^0)}$$

$$\underline{P}_3 = -\underline{P}_4 \quad (\text{CM frame})$$

$$P^0 = P_3^0 + P_4^0 = P_1^0 + P_2^0$$

Only unknown is  $|\underline{P}_3|$

We can find  $|\underline{P}_3|$  by using

$$P_1^0 + P_2^0 = P_3^0 + P_4^0$$

$$= \sqrt{\underline{P}_3^2 + m_3^2 c^2} + \sqrt{\underline{P}_3^2 + m_4^2 c^2}$$

As  $(P_1^0 + P_2^0)$  is fixed and known, so

can get  $|\underline{P}_3|$  from the above relation

$$\underline{P}_3^2 = \frac{(K^2 + (m_4^2 - m_3^2) c^2)^2}{4 K^2} - m_4^2 c^2$$

$$K \equiv P_1^0 + P_2^0$$