### From the matrix element to the measurement

Reminder of QED results for transition amplitudes

Particle Spinor u(p,s)Antiparticle Spinor v(p,s)

p, s: 4-momentum and spin



$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}|^2 &= \sum_{spin,color} e^4 Q_e^2 Q_q^2 \frac{1}{(k_1 + k_2)^4} (\overline{v_4} \gamma_\nu u_3) (\overline{u_3} \gamma_\mu v_4) (\overline{u_1} \gamma^\nu v_2) (\overline{v_2} \gamma^\mu u_1) \\ &= 32 e^4 Q_e^2 Q_q^2 N_c \frac{1}{(k_1 + k_2)^4} [(k_1 p_1) (k_2 p_2) + (k_2 p_2) (k_2 p_1)] \end{aligned}$$

#### What is the (differential) cross section for the reaction?

### How to measure a cross-section ?

$$\begin{array}{c} & \underset{\substack{k \in \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}{\longrightarrow}}{\bigwedge} & \underset{\substack{k \in \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}{\longrightarrow}}{\bigwedge} \\ & \underset{\substack{k \in \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}{\longrightarrow}}{\longrightarrow} & \underset{\substack{k \in \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}{\longrightarrow}}{\bigwedge} \\ & \underset{\substack{k \in \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}}{\longrightarrow}}{\bigwedge} & \underset{\substack{k \in \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{$$

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### production cross-section

typical unit for cross-section:  $barn = 10^{-28} m^2$ 

$$\dot{N} = \mathcal{L} \cdot \sigma$$
  
 $\mathcal{L}$ : luminosity [ $\frac{fb}{d}$ ]

integrated luminosity  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = \int \mathcal{L} dt$ 



Scattering operator S (≡ S matrix)

 $|f\rangle = \lim |t\rangle_{t\to \inf} = S|i\rangle$ 

Measurement selects specific final state |f>

 $< f|t> = < f|S|i> = S_{fi}$  Transition amplitude

$$S_{fi} = \delta_{fi} + i(2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) M_{fi}$$

Probability density:  $P_{fi} = |S_{fi}|^2 = (2\pi)^8 [\delta^4 (p_f - p_i)]^2 |M_{fi}|^2$ 

The calculation of the transition probability has to consider the number of possible states for each of the outgoing particles -> phase space

LI form of phase space: 
$$dN_f = \frac{d^3 p_C}{2E_C (2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_D}{2E_D (2\pi)^3}$$





# Definition of phase space element



position space normalisation of wave function to 1 particle per V = a<sup>3</sup> momentum space 1 state per  $(2\pi)^3/V = (2\pi/a)^3$  phase space element (V=1)  $dN = \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} = \frac{p^2 dp}{(2\pi)^3} * 4\pi$ 

## Lorentz Invariant Phase Space and Matrix Element



particle density increases with γ Thus LI normalisation needs to be proportional to E particles per volume.

Fix by choice of normalisation

$$\int d^3x \Psi^{\dagger} \Psi = 2E$$

$$|V_{fi}|^{2} \rightarrow |M_{fi}|^{2} = 2E_{A}2E_{B}2E_{C}2E_{D}|V_{fi}|^{2} \qquad dN_{f} = \frac{d^{3}p}{(2\pi)^{3}} \rightarrow dN_{f} = \frac{d^{3}p}{2E_{C}2E_{D}}$$

$$\underbrace{\prod_{fi} \neq \frac{(2\pi)^{4}}{2E_{A}2E_{D}} \int_{V} (M_{fi}|^{2}) (P_{A} + P_{B} - P_{C} - P_{D}) \underbrace{\frac{dp_{C}^{3}}{(2E_{C}(2\pi)^{3}} \frac{dp_{D}^{3}}{2E_{D}(2\pi)^{3}}}_{6}}_{fi}$$
transition rate (not LI) matrix element (LI) phase space (LI)

Differential cross section  

$$A+B \rightarrow C+D$$

$$p_B \qquad p_D$$

$$|i> \qquad |f>$$

$$d\sigma = \frac{|M_{fi}|^2}{4[(p_A p_B)^2 - m_A^2 m_B^2]^{1/2}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 (p_f - p_i) \frac{d^3 p_C}{2E_C (2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_D}{2E_D (2\pi)^3}$$

$$LIPS_2 \equiv \text{Lorentz invariant}$$

$$2\text{-body phase space}$$

$$LIPS \text{ for n particles}$$

$$dLIPS_n(p_i, p_1, p_2, ..., p_n) = (2\pi)^{2n} \delta^4 (p_i - (p_1 + p_2 + ... + p_n)) \prod \frac{dp_i^3}{(2\pi)^3 2E_f}$$

final state particle

product of final state particle

Differential cross section



In CMS:

$$\int dL IP S_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int \delta^3 (\vec{p_C} + \vec{p_D}) \delta(E_a + E_B - E_C - E_D) \frac{d^3}{2E_C} \frac{d^3}{2E_D}$$

$$= \int d\Omega_{c}^{*} \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \int \delta(E_{A} + E_{B} - E_{C} - E_{D}) \frac{|p_{C}|^{2} d|\vec{p}_{C}|}{E_{C} E_{D}}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} W = E_{C} + E_{D} = \sqrt{m_{C}^{2} + p_{C}^{2}} + \sqrt{m_{D}^{2} + p_{D}^{2}} \\ \frac{dW}{dp_{C}} = p_{C}(\frac{1}{E_{C}} + \frac{1}{E_{D}}) \rightarrow p_{c} dp_{c} = dW \frac{E_{C} E_{D}}{E_{C} + E_{D}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\int dL IP S_2 = \int d\Omega_C^* \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int (E_A + E_B - W) \frac{|\vec{p}_C|}{E_C + E_D} dW$$

$$= \int d\Omega_C^* \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{|p_C|}{E_C + E_D} = \int d\Omega_C^* \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{|p_C|}{\sqrt{s}}$$

## Differential cross section

In CMS:

$$d\sigma = \frac{|M_{fi}|^2}{4|p_i^*|\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |p_f^*| d\Omega^*$$
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{|p_f^*|}{|p_i^*|} \frac{|M_{fi}|^2}{s}$$

$$p_A$$
  $p_B$   $p_B$ 

$$|\vec{p}_A| = |\vec{p}_B| = |p_i|$$
  
 $|\vec{p}_C| = |\vec{p}_D| = |p_f|$ 

(the \* indicates that the coordinates are in the CMS)

Example:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ 



spin averaged matrix element

$$\overline{M_{fi}}|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{spin_i} \sum_{spin_f} |M_{fi}|^2$$
$$= 2e^4 Q_e^2 Q_q^2 N_c \frac{t^2 + u^2}{s^2}$$



Center-of-Mass Energy [GeV]

**Rapidity** 
$$y = 1/2 \ln(\frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z})$$

# **Pseudorapidity** $\eta = -\ln \tan \theta / 2 \sim y$



for highly relativisticparticles



 $\Delta y \text{ is LI!} \rightarrow d\sigma/dy \text{ is LI!}$