

HW # 3 Solutions

(A1) $\xrightarrow{p=200 \text{ GeV}} m \quad \vec{P}_T = \begin{pmatrix} E \\ p \end{pmatrix}^{\text{LAB}} + \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\text{LAB}} = \begin{pmatrix} E+m \\ p \end{pmatrix}^{\text{LAB}}$

where $E = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2} \quad \vec{P}_T = \begin{pmatrix} E^* \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\text{CM}}$

use invariant interval

$$(E+m)^2 - p^2 = (E^*)^2$$

$$E^{*2} = (E+m)^2 - p^2 = E^2 + 2Em + m^2 - p^2$$

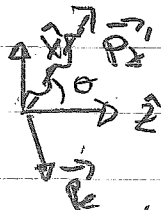
$$= 2Em + 2m^2 = 2m[\sqrt{p^2 + m^2} + m]$$

now $m = 0.94 \text{ GeV}$, $m \ll p$ so

$$E^* \approx \sqrt{2pm} = \sqrt{2(0.94)200} = 19.4 \text{ GeV}$$

(A2)

$\vec{P}_p = m \hat{z}$ m



before

after

For $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, conservation of momentum gives

$$\vec{P}_e = -P'_p \hat{x} + P_p \hat{z} \quad P_e^2 = P_x'^2 + P_z^2$$

Conservation of energy gives

$$P_p + m = P_x' + E_e$$

now $P_x = m$ so

$$P_e^2 = P_x'^2 + m^2$$

$$2m = P_x' + E_e$$

eliminate P_x'

$$E_e^2 - m^2$$

$$(P_x')^2 = (2m - E_e)^2 = P_e^2 - m^2 = E_e^2 - 2m^2$$

$$4m^2 - 4mE_e + E_e^2 = E_e^2 - 2m^2$$

$$6m^2 = 4mE_e$$

$$E_e = \frac{3}{2} m$$

③

$$\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \quad \longleftarrow \quad \longrightarrow \\ E_e, \vec{P}_e = P_e \hat{x} \quad \vec{P}_\gamma = -P_\gamma \hat{x} \end{array}$$

$$E_e = 10 \text{ GeV} = 10^{10} \text{ eV}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$$

$$P_\gamma = 10 \text{ eV}$$

important ratio is -

$$\frac{m^2}{P_e P_\gamma} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} 10^{12} (\text{eV})^2}{10^{11} (\text{eV})^2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Boost to zero momentum (cm) frame

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{cm} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -v \\ -v & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_e + P_\gamma \\ P_e - P_\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-v(P_e - P_\gamma) + E_e + P_\gamma = 0 \quad v = \frac{P_e - P_\gamma}{E_e + P_\gamma}$$

In cm frame before collision

$$P_\gamma^* = \gamma(1-v)(-P_\gamma)$$

after collision, backscattered photon momentum changes sign

$$P_\gamma^{*'} = \gamma(1-v)P_\gamma$$

Boost back to lab frame

$$P_\gamma' = \gamma(1-v)(1+v)P_\gamma = \left(\frac{1+v}{1-v} \right) P_\gamma$$

$$\frac{1+v}{1-v} = \left(\frac{E_e + P_\gamma + P_e - P_\gamma}{E_e + P_\gamma - P_e + P_\gamma} \right)$$

in denominator, Taylor expand $E_e = \sqrt{P_e^2 + m^2}$

$$= P_e \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{P_e^2} \right) = P_e + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{P_e}$$

$$\text{then } \left(\frac{1-v}{1+v} \right) = \frac{2P_c}{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m^2}{P_c} \right) + 2P_c}$$

$$= \frac{P_c}{P_c} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} \frac{m^2}{P_c} + 1} \right) = \frac{P_c}{P_c} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{5}{2} \right) + 1} \right) = \frac{P_c}{P_c} \left(\frac{8}{13} \right)$$

$$\text{then } \boxed{P_{c'} = \frac{8}{13} P_c}$$

From E, \vec{P} conservation in LAB frame.

$$E = E_c + P_c = E_{c'} + P_{c'}$$

$$P_c - P_c = P_{c'} + P_{c'}$$

$$(E_c - P_{c'} + P_c)^2 = E_c^2 = P_c'^2 + m^2$$

$$(P_c - P_{c'} - P_c)^2 = P_c'^2$$

$$E_c \approx P_c + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{P_c} = P_c + P_c \left(\frac{5}{4} \right)$$

$$\left(P_c - P_{c'} + \frac{9}{4} P_c \right)^2 = P_c'^2 + m^2$$

$$(P_c - P_{c'} - P_c)^2 = P_c'^2$$

Subtract. neglect $P_c'^2$ compared to m^2

$$2(P_c - P_{c'}) \frac{9}{4} P_c + 2(P_c - P_{c'}) P_c = m^2$$

$$(P_c - P_{c'}) \frac{13}{2} P_c = m^2$$

$$P_{c'} = P_c - \frac{2}{13} \frac{m^2}{P_c} = P_c \left(1 - \frac{2}{13} \frac{m^2}{P_c^2} \right)$$

$$P_{c'} = P_c \left(1 - \frac{2}{13} \left(\frac{5}{2} \right) \right) = \frac{8}{13} P_c$$

#4

$$\gamma + e^- \rightarrow e^- + e^- + e^+$$

The minimum momentum in CM frame is $3m_e$.
Use invariance of interval

$$(E_\gamma + m)^2 - E_\gamma^2 = (3m)^2$$

$$2E_\gamma m + m^2 = 9m^2$$

$$E_\gamma = 4m$$

#5

$$\gamma + e^- \rightarrow e^-$$

$$\text{total } \vec{P}_T = \begin{pmatrix} P_x + m_e \\ P_x \end{pmatrix} = \vec{P}'_T = \begin{pmatrix} E_e \\ P_e \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{P}'_T \cdot \vec{P}'_T = m_e^2$$

after

invariant interval

$$(P_x + m_e)^2 - P_x^2 = m_e^2$$

$$2P_x m_e = 0 \Rightarrow P_x = 0$$

#6

In π^0 rest frame, photons have equal and opposite momentum $P_x^* = \frac{m_{\pi^0}}{2}$

$$\vec{P}_1^{CM} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x^* \\ P_x^* \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{P}_2^{CM} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x^* \\ -P_x^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Boost ($-x$ direction) to lab frame.

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#6

$\vec{p}_\pi \rightarrow \text{decay} \rightarrow E'_\gamma + E_\gamma$

$p_\pi = E_\gamma - E'_\gamma$

if we wanted speed, $E = mv = E_\gamma + E'_\gamma$
 $p = mv = E_\gamma - E'_\gamma$

$v = \frac{E_\gamma - E'_\gamma}{E_\gamma + E'_\gamma}$ should have asked for speed.

The P^0 (energy) components are

$$P_{x1} = \gamma(1+\beta)P_x^* \quad P_{x2} = \gamma(1-\beta)P_x^*$$

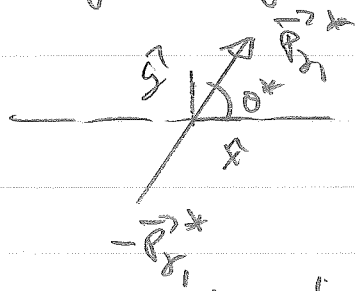
$$\frac{P_{x2}}{P_{x1}} = \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \quad \text{solve for } \beta$$

$$\beta = \frac{1 - P_{x2}/P_{x1}}{1 + P_{x2}/P_{x1}}$$

with corresponding γ ,

$$P_{\pi 0} = \gamma \beta m_{\pi}$$

(#7) In rest frame of π^0



$$\vec{P}_x = \frac{m_{\pi}}{2} (\cos \theta^* \hat{x} + \sin \theta^* \hat{y})$$

Boost to lab in $-x$ direction

$$\gamma = \frac{E_{\pi}}{m_{\pi}} = \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{0.135 \text{ GeV}} = 7.4$$

$$\beta \cong 1$$

In the Lab ($C \equiv \cos \theta^*$ $S \equiv \sin \theta^*$)

$$\vec{P}_{x_1} = \frac{m\gamma}{2} (r(1+C)x^1 + Sy^1)$$

$$\vec{P}_{x_2} = \frac{m\gamma}{2} (r(1-C)x^1 - Sy^1)$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{P}_{x_1} \cdot \vec{P}_{x_2}}{|\vec{P}_{x_1}| |\vec{P}_{x_2}|} = \frac{r^2(1-C^2) - S^2}{[(r^2(1+C)^2 + S^2)(r^2(1-C)^2 + S^2)]^{1/2}}$$

$$\gamma=1 \cos = 0$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow \infty \cos = 1$$