

## Chapter 2

### "Relativistic Kinematics"

- 1) Lorentz transformations : implications
- 2) Four vector notation
- 3) Energy-momentum 4-vector
- 4) Examples

Griffiths chapter 3

# ① Lorentz transformation: implications

Relativity principle = same laws of physics apply in any inertial system (inertial = moving at constant velocity)  $\Rightarrow$  light (em wave) must travel at same speed in any inertial system

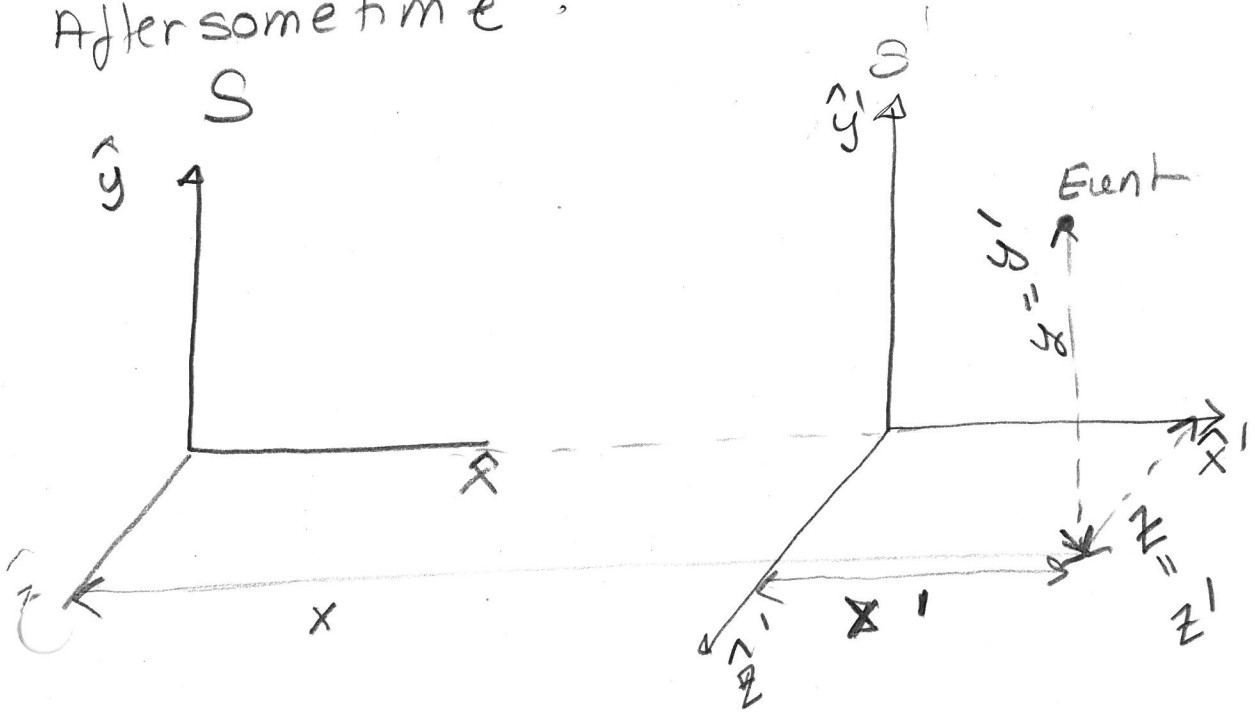
Take two systems of coordinates

- S with spatial coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  and time coordinate  $t$
- S' " " " "  $(x', y', z')$  " " " "  $t'$

S' is moving wrt S at velocity  $\vec{v} = v \hat{x}$

At  $t=t'=0 \Rightarrow x=x'=y=y'=z=z'=0$

After some time



an event occur  
at  $(x, y, z)$   
and time  $t$   
in S  
In S' is  
seen  
at  
 $(x', y', z')$   
at time  
 $t'$

with

$$x' = \gamma(x - vt) = \gamma(x - \beta ct)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{v}{c^2}x\right) = \gamma(t - \beta \frac{x}{c})$$

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with

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} < 1$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \gg 1$$

when  $\beta \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \infty$

or equivalently the inverse

$$x = \gamma(x' + \beta ct')$$

$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

$$t = \gamma(t' + \beta \frac{x'}{c})$$

check:

$$x = \gamma(\gamma(x - \beta ct) + \beta(\gamma t - \beta x))$$

$$= x$$

Most ubiquitous consequences in particle physics

- time dilatation: if at rest ( $S'$ ) a particle has a lifetime  $\tau \equiv (t'_2 - t'_1)$ , in a system in which is moving with velocity  $\beta$  ( $S$ ) it lives

$$t_2 - t_1 = \Delta t = \gamma[\tau + \beta \underbrace{(x'_2 - x'_1)}_{0 \text{ (at rest in } S')}}] = \gamma\tau > \tau$$

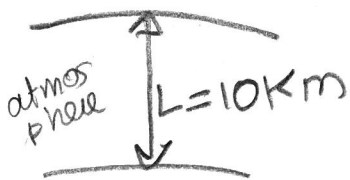
For ultrarelativistic particle  $\beta \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \gamma \gg 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \Delta t \gg \tau$

So in  $S$  the particle travels

$d = \beta \Delta t = \beta \gamma \tau \gg \beta \tau \leftarrow$  naive non-relativistic estimate.

Example muon  $\mu^-$  was discovered at Earth surface when it was produced on top of atmosphere by collision of cosmic rays.

So it had to cross the atmosphere before decaying



At least its lifetime  $\tau = 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$

$\Rightarrow$  "naively" ( $\equiv$  non relativistic) one

would estimate that it can travel at most

$d = v \cdot \tau < c \cdot \tau = 660 \text{ m} \ll 10 \text{ km}$

But in the Earth system  $(S)$  the muon is travelling

at speed  $v \Rightarrow$  thus a time  $\Delta t = \gamma \tau$

$\Rightarrow$  it can travel a distance

$L = v \Delta t = \gamma v \tau = \frac{v}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \tau \gg 660 \text{ m}$   
 if  $\frac{v}{c} \rightarrow 1$

i.e.  $v = (1 - 10^{-7}) c \Rightarrow \gamma \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (1 - 10^{-7})^2}} \approx 2240$

$\Rightarrow$  in Earth frame  $\mu^-$  lives  $\Delta t = 2240 \times 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s} = 4.9 \text{ ms}$

$\Rightarrow$  can travel  $L = v \Delta t = \gamma v \tau = 2240 \times 660 \text{ m} = 1500 \text{ km}$  before decaying

- Length contraction : an object that at rest

measures  $L_{rest}$  (say  $S \Rightarrow L_{rest} = x_2 - x_1$ ) sign is not important here

In a system  $S'$  w.r.t is moving at speed  $\vec{v} = (v, 0, 0)$

is seen with length  $L'$  ("seen"  $\Rightarrow t'_1 = t'_2$ )

$L' = x'_2 - x'_1$  with  $x_2 = \gamma(x'_2 + \beta t'_2)$   $x_1 = \gamma(x'_1 + \beta t'_1)$

$\Rightarrow L_{rest} = x_2 - x_1 = \gamma(x'_2 - x'_1) + \gamma\beta(t'_2 - t'_1) = \gamma L'$

$\Rightarrow L' = \frac{L_{rest}}{\gamma} \ll L_{rest} \Rightarrow$  contracted

Back to muon in  $S'$  (muon at rest system) muon lives

$\tau = 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$

the atmosphere at rest ( $S$ ) is 10 km thick but for the muon the atmosphere is moving toward it at  $v = (1 - 10^{-7})c \Rightarrow \gamma = 2240 \Rightarrow L'_{atm} = 4.5 \text{ m}$

$L'_{atm} = 4.5 \text{ m} < v \cdot \tau = 660 \text{ m}$

$\Rightarrow$  the muon can see the whole atmosphere passing before decaying.

## Velocities do not add linearly

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An object moves with velocity  $\vec{u}' = u' \hat{x}$  in  $S'$

$\Rightarrow$  in  $\Delta t'$  it moves a distance  $\Delta x' = u' \Delta t'$

$\Rightarrow$  in  $S$  ( $S'$  is moving wrt  $S$  with  $\vec{v} = v \hat{x}$ )

it has moved a distance

$$\Delta x = \gamma (\Delta x' + v \Delta t')$$

$$\Delta t = \gamma (\Delta t' + \frac{v}{c^2} \Delta x')$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{its velocity in } S : u = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta x' + v \Delta t'}{\Delta t' + \frac{v}{c^2} \Delta x'}$$

$$u = \frac{u' + v}{1 + \frac{v u'}{c^2}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  if moving at speed of light in  $S'$  ( $u' = c$ )

$$u = \frac{c + v}{1 + \frac{v}{c}} = c \Rightarrow \text{it moves at speed of light in } S \text{ as it should.}$$

## ② Four-vector notation

We have seen that for systems with  $v \ll c$  time and spatial coordinates mix when changing reference frame.

To simplify notation we introduce 4-vector.

The contravariant position-time 4-vector has coordinates

$X^\mu$  ← upper Lorentz index  
 $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

notation in class for 3 letters

$$X \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x^0 = ct = t \\ x^1 = x \\ x^2 = y \\ x^3 = z \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ \vec{x} \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

So in this notation a Lorentz transform can be written in matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'^0 \\ x'^1 \\ x'^2 \\ x'^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$4 \times 4$  matrix  $\Lambda_{\text{boost}}$

which can be written

$$x'^\mu = \sum_{\nu=0}^3 (\Lambda_{\text{boost}})^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu \equiv (\Lambda_{\text{boost}})^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$$

Einstein's convention  $\equiv$  repeated upper and lower indexes ( $\equiv$  contracted) are summed from 0 to 3

We define the covariant position-time 4-vector <sup>(3)</sup>

$$X_\mu = \sum_{\nu=0}^3 g_{\mu\nu} X^\nu \equiv g_{\mu\nu} X^\nu$$

$\uparrow$  covariant  $\Rightarrow$  lower Lorentz index  
 $\uparrow$  metric tensor  
 In matrix form

$$g \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

but most time want  $\downarrow$   $\vec{x}$

$$\Rightarrow (X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3) = (X^0, -X^1, -X^2, -X^3) = (X^0, -\vec{x})$$

We define the 4-norm of the spacetime vector

$$(X)^2 \equiv X^0{}^2 - (X^1)^2 - (X^2)^2 - (X^3)^2 = c^2 t^2 - |\vec{x}|^2 \equiv X^\mu X_\mu \equiv X_\mu X^\mu$$

$$\equiv X^\mu g_{\mu\nu} X^\nu$$

It has all Lorentz index character = take same value in any inertial systems.

It is the relativistic generalization of the norm of a 3-vector which is invariant under rotations

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Lorentz group is the group of transformation which leave the 4-norm invariant. It includes

- boost of velocity  $\vec{\beta}$
- rotations in 3 dimension  $\vec{x}' = R_{3 \times 3} \vec{x} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{rot} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$
- Parity:  $\vec{x}' = -\vec{x}$   $\Lambda_P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
- time reversal  $t' = -t$   $\Lambda_T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

We define a contravariant Lorentz 4-vector a 4 dimensional

column object  $\begin{pmatrix} a^0 \\ a^1 \\ a^2 \\ a^3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a^0 \\ \vec{a} \end{pmatrix}$

which under any transformation of the Lorentz group transforms as

$$a'^{\mu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} a^{\nu}$$

and the corresponding covariant 4-vector

$$a_{\mu} = g_{\mu\nu} a^{\nu} = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3) = (a^0, -a^1, -a^2, -a^3) \equiv (a^0, -\vec{a})$$

And the scalar product of 2 4-vectors

$$a \cdot b \equiv a^{\mu} b_{\mu} \equiv a_{\mu} b^{\mu} = a^0 b_0 + a^1 b_1 + a^2 b_2 + a^3 b_3 = a^0 b^0 - a^1 b^1 - a^2 b^2 - a^3 b^3 = a^0 b^0 - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

The scalar product of 2 four vectors is also Lorentz invariant ( $\equiv$  same value in any inertial reference frame).

The norm of a 4-vector

$$a^2 = a^0{}^2 - |\vec{a}|^2$$

unlike the norm of a 3-vector

$$|\vec{a}|^2 = (a^1)^2 + (a^2)^2 + (a^3)^2 > 0$$

- $a^2 > 0 \Rightarrow a^0 > |\vec{a}| \Rightarrow$  time-like 4-vecs
- $a^2 < 0 \Rightarrow a^0 < |\vec{a}| \Rightarrow$  space-like 4-vecs
- $a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a^0 = |\vec{a}| \Rightarrow$  light-like 4-vecs

### (3) Energy-momentum 4-vector

In special relativity motion of a particle of mass  $m$  and velocity  $\vec{\beta} \equiv \frac{d\vec{x}}{dx^0}$  is characterized by

- its 3-momentum  $\vec{p} = m\gamma\vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta}E$

- its energy  $E = m\gamma$

do not forget

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \Rightarrow \beta^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{p}|^2 = m^2\gamma^2\beta^2 = m^2\gamma^2 - m^2 = E^2 - m^2 \Rightarrow E^2 = |\vec{p}|^2 + m^2$$

Since  $\begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ \vec{x} \end{pmatrix}$  is a 4-vector  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma = E \\ \gamma m\vec{\beta} = m\frac{d\vec{x}}{dx^0} = \vec{p} \end{pmatrix}$  is a 4-vector

we call it the energy-momentum 4-vector  $P$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P^0 = E = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2} \\ \vec{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

Its 4-norm

$$P^2 = P^0^2 - |\vec{p}|^2 = |\vec{p}|^2 + m^2 - |\vec{p}|^2 = m^2 \quad (\odot)$$

$\Rightarrow$  mass is invariant under Lorentz transformations

$\Rightarrow$  same mass in any inertial system

So a particle with  $m=0 \Rightarrow E=|\vec{p}| \equiv \beta E \Rightarrow \beta=1$

$\Rightarrow$  moves at speed of light

Invariance under translations  $\Rightarrow$  in any physical process the total Energy-momentum 4-vector is conserved

So any process:

$N$  initial particles

$M$  final particles

each with 4-momentum

each with 4-momenta

$$P_i^{int} = \begin{pmatrix} E_i^{int} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_i^{int}|^2 + m_i^2} \\ \vec{p}_i^{int} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_d^{fn} = \begin{pmatrix} E_d^{fn} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_d^{fn}|^2 + m_d^2} \\ \vec{p}_d^{fn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$i=1 \dots N$

$$P_{TOT}^{int} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N E_i^{int} \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{p}_i^{int} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= P_{TOT}^{fn} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{d=1}^M E_d^{fn} \\ \sum_{d=1}^M \vec{p}_d^{fn} \end{pmatrix}$$

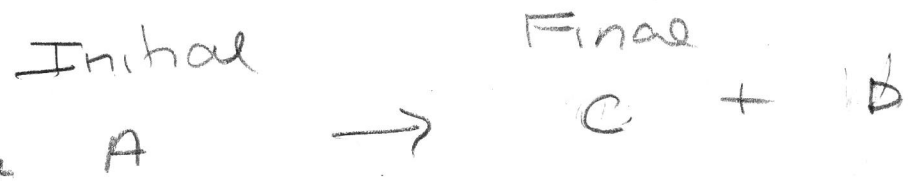
So knowing the energy-momentum of all initial particles  $\Rightarrow$  relations among energy and 3-momenta

(i.e. the directions) of final particles  $\equiv$  kinematic constraints

# ④ Examples

1) Two body decay:  $A \rightarrow B C$

Lets start with A at rest (R system)



4-momenta

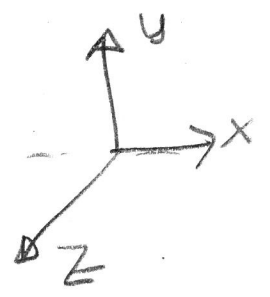
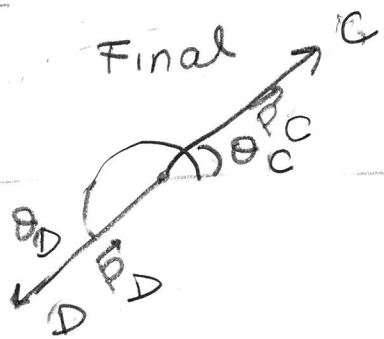
$$P_A^R = \begin{pmatrix} E_A = M_A \\ \vec{P}_A = 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_C^R = \begin{pmatrix} E_C = \sqrt{m_C^2 + |\vec{P}_C|^2} \\ \vec{P}_C \end{pmatrix}; P_D^R = \begin{pmatrix} E_D = \sqrt{m_D^2 + |\vec{P}_D|^2} \\ \vec{P}_D \end{pmatrix}$$

Initial



Final



4-momentum conservation  $\Rightarrow P^{INIT} = P_A^R = P^{FINAL} = P_C + P_D$   
in any system

$\Rightarrow$  4 equations

$$(0) \quad E_A = M_A = E_C + E_D = \sqrt{m_C^2 + |\vec{P}_C|^2} + \sqrt{m_D^2 + |\vec{P}_D|^2}$$

$$(1-3) \quad \vec{0} = \vec{P}_C + \vec{P}_D \Rightarrow \vec{P}_C = -\vec{P}_D \Rightarrow C, D \text{ produced back to back}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_D = \theta_C + \pi$$

$\equiv \theta_R \leftarrow \text{Rest frame}$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{P}_C| = |\vec{P}_D| \equiv P_p$$

with Possible to choose  $C, D$  with  $\theta_R > 1$ .

$$M_A = \sqrt{p_j^2 + M_C^2} + \sqrt{p_j^2 + M_D^2} \Rightarrow \text{solvable for } p_j$$

solution

$$p_j = \frac{1}{2M} \sqrt{(M_A^2 - (M_D + M_C)^2)(M_A^2 - (M_D - M_C)^2)}$$

notice that if  $M_B + M_C < M_A \Rightarrow p_j$  imaginary  
 $\Rightarrow$  decay is not possible ( $\equiv$  not kinematically allowed)

$$E_E^R = \sqrt{p_j^2 + M_E^2} = \frac{M_A^2 + M_C^2 - M_D^2}{2M_A}$$

$$E_D^R = \sqrt{p_j^2 + M_D^2} = \frac{M_A^2 + M_D^2 - M_C^2}{2M_A}$$

Totally fixed by masses independent of emission angle  $\theta_R$  which undetermined

Lets look at the same process in a frame in which A is moving at  $\vec{\beta} = \beta \hat{x}$   
 Let us call that the "F" system (Decay in flight)  
 We can obtain  $p_{C,D}^F$  from  $p_{C,D}^R$  using that they are 4 vectors so under the Lorentz transformation changing from A to F

they are

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_c^F \\ P_{c,x}^F \\ P_{c,y}^F \\ P_{c,z}^F \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_c^R \\ P_{c,x}^R = P_j \cos\theta_R \\ P_{c,y}^R = P_j \sin\theta_R \\ P_{c,z}^R = 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_c^F = \gamma (E_c^R + \beta P_j \cos\theta_R)$$

$$P_{c,x}^F = \gamma (P_j \cos\theta_R + \beta E_c^R)$$

$$P_{c,y}^F = P_{c,y}^R = P_j \sin\theta_R$$

$$P_{c,z}^F = P_{c,z}^R = 0$$

For D the expressions are the same with  
 change  $\sin\theta_R \rightarrow -\sin\theta_R$   
 $\cos\theta_R \rightarrow -\cos\theta_R$

So the emission angle of c(D) in the F frame

$$\tan\theta_c^F = \frac{P_{c,y}^F}{P_{c,x}^F} = \frac{P_j \sin\theta_R}{\gamma (P_j \cos\theta_R + \beta E_c^R)}$$

$$\tan\theta_D^F = \frac{P_{D,y}^F}{P_{D,x}^F} = \frac{-P_j \sin\theta_R}{\gamma (-P_j \cos\theta_R + \beta E_D^R)}$$

Take  $\cos\theta_R > 0$  (always possible to choose  $C, D$  that way) (16)

○ if  $\beta \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \gamma$  very large

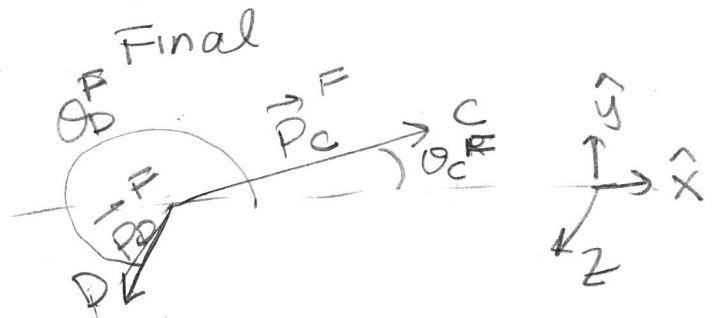
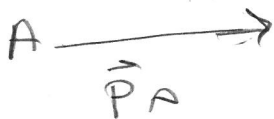
$$\bullet \tan\theta_C^F \approx \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\sin\theta_R}{\left(\cos\theta_R + \beta \frac{E_C^R}{P_\beta}\right)} \ll \tan\theta_R$$

$\Rightarrow C$  emitted closer to  $A$  flight direction

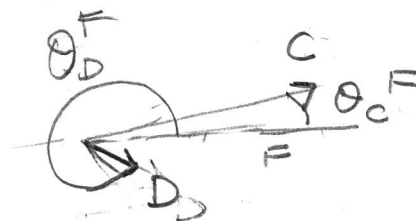
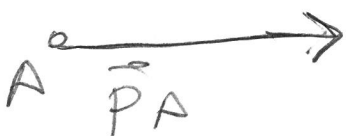
$$\bullet \tan\theta_D^F = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{-\sin\theta_R}{-\cos\theta_R + \beta \frac{E_D^R}{P_\beta}} = \dots$$

○ I - If  $|\cos\theta_R| > \beta \frac{E_D^R}{P_\beta} \Rightarrow P_{D,x}^F < 0 \Rightarrow D$  still emitted backwards w.r.t  $A$ , and  $C$

$\Rightarrow$  Final

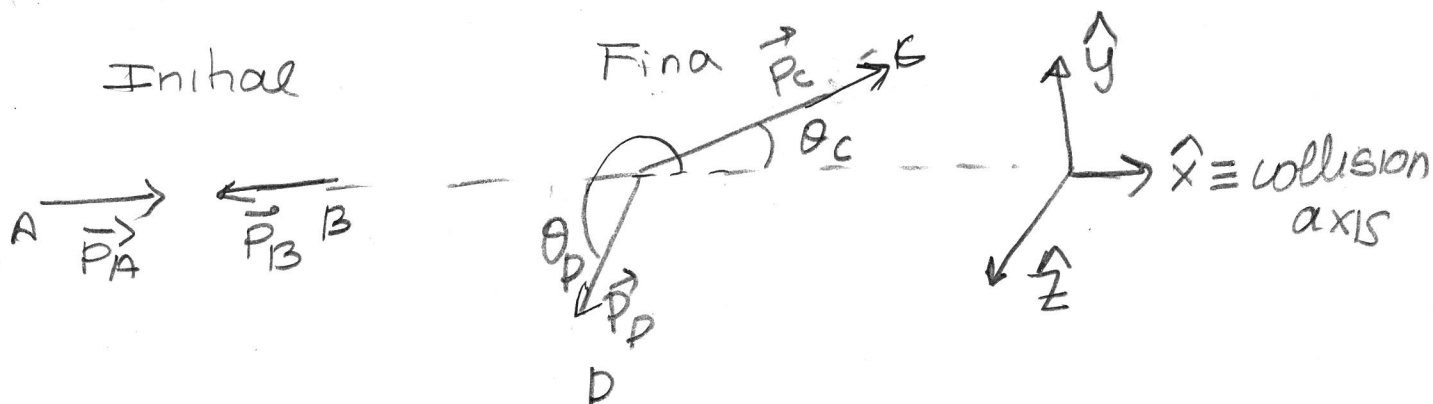


- If  $\cos\theta_R < \beta \frac{E_D^R}{P_\beta} \Rightarrow P_{D,x}^F > 0 \Rightarrow D$  also emitted forward





# Example 2: Scattering $A+B \rightarrow C+D$



In any reference frame  $P_{TOT}^{INIT} = P_{TOT}^{FINAL}$   
 u-momentum  $\rightarrow P_A + P_B = P_C + P_D$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_A = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_A|^2 + M_A^2} \\ \vec{p}_A \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_B = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_B|^2 + M_B^2} \\ \vec{p}_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_C = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_C|^2 + M_C^2} \\ \vec{p}_C \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_D = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_D|^2 + M_D^2} \\ \vec{p}_D \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} E_A + E_B = E_C + E_D \\ \vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B = \vec{p}_C + \vec{p}_D \end{matrix} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ constraints}$$

We define the center of mass system (COM) as that

where  $\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{p}_A| = |\vec{p}_B| \equiv P_{in}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{p}_C + \vec{p}_D = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c, D \text{ come out} \\ \text{back to back} \end{matrix} = \begin{cases} |\vec{p}_C| = |\vec{p}_D| \equiv P_f \\ \theta_D = \theta_C + \pi \end{cases}$$

It is the LAB system for 'symmetric' collisions (Ben LEP etc. colliders)

Let us define the Mandelstam variable  $S$

$$S \equiv (\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B)^2 = (E_A + E_B)^2 - |\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B|^2$$

$$= (\vec{p}_C + \vec{p}_D)^2 = (E_C + E_D)^2 - |\vec{p}_C + \vec{p}_D|^2$$

$S \equiv$  norm of a 4 vector  $\Rightarrow$  same value in any inertial ref.

In COM

$S = (E_A + E_B)^2 \equiv$  energy available in the collision  
(usually a known property of the experiment)

$$= [\sqrt{p_C^2 + m_A^2} + \sqrt{p_C^2 + m_B^2}]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_C = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} \sqrt{[S - (m_A + m_B)^2][S - (m_A - m_B)^2]} \xrightarrow{S \gg m_A^2, m_B^2} \frac{\sqrt{S}}{2}$$

$$E_A = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} (S + m_A^2 - m_B^2) \longrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{S}}{2}$$

$$E_B = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} (S - m_B^2 + m_A^2) \longrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{S}}{2}$$

In most experiments  $\sqrt{S} \gg$  mass of colliding particles

Knowing  $S$  we can solve for  $p_f$

$$S = (E_C + E_D)^2 = (\sqrt{p_f^2 + m_C^2} + \sqrt{p_f^2 + m_D^2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_f = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} \sqrt{[S - (m_C + m_D)^2][S - (m_C - m_D)^2]} \xrightarrow{\sqrt{S} \gg m_C, m_D} \frac{\sqrt{S}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_C = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} (S + m_C^2 - m_D^2) \longrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{S}}{2}$$

$$E_D = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} (S + m_D^2 - m_C^2) \longrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{S}}{2}$$

Notice that if  $\sqrt{s} < (M_C + M_D) \Rightarrow P_C$  imaginary  
 $\Rightarrow$  collision  $A+B \rightarrow C+D$  not kinematically allowed

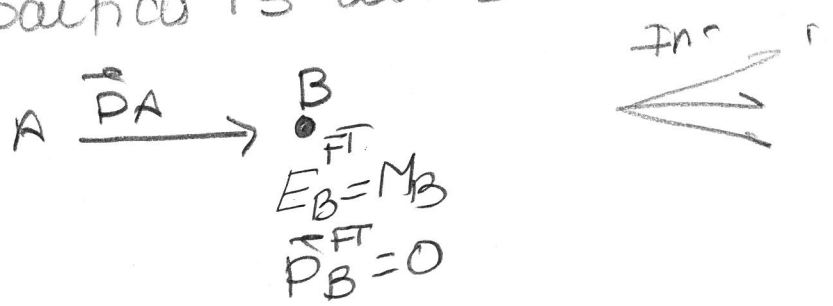
Notice expressions of  $E_C, E_D, P_C$  in COM similar to  
 $A \rightarrow C+D$  in A rest frame with  $M_A \rightarrow \sqrt{s}$

In general if we want to produce some state 1  
with total mass  $M_{FIN} = \sum_i M_{F_i}$  ← set of final particles

In a collision  $A+B \rightarrow F_1 \dots F_N$

one needs  $\sqrt{s} \gg M_{FIN}$  in any reference frame  
In a collider experiment with beam-beam collisions  
(so LAB frame is COM frame) this condition implies  
that the beam energies (take  $\sqrt{s} \gg M_{beam\ particles}$ )  
 $E_A^{beam} = E_B^{beam} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \gg \frac{M_{FIN}}{2}$

In a FIX target experiment one of the initial  
particles is at rest (take B)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_{FT} &= (E_A^{FT} + E_B^{FT})^2 - |\vec{p}_A^{FT} + \vec{p}_B^{FT}|^2 = E_A^2 + 2M_B E_A + M_B^2 - |\vec{p}_A|^2 \\
 &= M_A^2 + M_B^2 + 2M_B E_A \approx 2M_B E_A \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad E_{beam} = E_A^{FT} \gg M_A M_B
 \end{aligned}$$

So the condition to produce an state with  $M_{FIN}$

$$\sqrt{s} \gg M_{FIN} \Rightarrow E^{beam} = \frac{s_{FT}}{2M_B} \gg \frac{M_{FIN}^2}{2M_B} \gg \frac{M_{FIN}}{2}$$

So to produce new heavy particles we are better off with a collider experiment because we need less acceleration of the beams.

Ex.  $M_H \approx 126 \text{ GeV}$

• in  $e^+e^-$  collider with  $E_{beam} = E_{e^+} = E_{e^-} > 63 \text{ GeV}$

• in a  $e^-p$  FT  
 $\uparrow$   
 at rest

$$E_{e^+}^{beam} \Rightarrow \frac{(126 \text{ GeV})^2}{2 \times 1 \text{ GeV}} = \approx 8000 \text{ GeV}$$

$\uparrow$   $m_{proton}$