workshop in particle physics

fundamental interactions & electromagnetic showers

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1. fundamental interactions & EM showers

2. development of electromagnetic showers

3. hadronic showers

outline workshop in particle physics

particle physics and cosmic rays

electron-photon scattering

bremsstrahlung

electron-positron pair production

simple derivation (virtual photon method)

particle physics collider experiments





- dedicated collider laboratories
- controlled environment
- study particle interactions in great detail

• LHC @ c.m. energy of 7 TeV & 14 TeV

particle physics cosmic rays

Gaisser, Stanev, Tilav: arXiv:1303.3565





cosmic rays a natural laboratory





history of cosmic ray physics penetrating cosmic radiation



Theodor Wulf (1868-1946)



1910: radiation at the bottom and the top of Eiffel Tower. Lower decrease than expected



1910-11: radiation over and below sea surface. Decrease underwater. Seasonal variations.



Victor Francis Hess (1883-1964)



1911-12: balloon measurements up to 5,300 meters. Radiation increased 4 times.





history of cosmic ray physics the nature of cosmic particles



Robert Millikan (1868-1953)



Arthur Compton (1892-1962)



Bruno Rossi (1905-1993)



Pierre Auger (1899-1993)



Louis Leprince-Ringuet (1901-2000)

1932: strong debate between Millikan and Compton on whether cosmic rays are composed of high energy **photons** (Millikan's view) or **charged particles** (Compton's view).

Photons (gamma rays) would be produced in interstellar space by hydrogen fusion into heavier nuclei. **1930**: Bruno Rossi predicts **eastwest** asymmetry effect should cosmic particles be charged **1927**: Clay reports latitude variations of cosmic ray flux (from Amsterdam to Indonesia).

1933: Auger and Leprince-Ringuet measure cosmic ray variations from Le Havre to Buenos Aires and find a minimum at the equator. **Cosmic particles** are predominantly **charged**.

1934: Auger and Leprince-Ringuet measure an excess of particles from West. **Cosmic particles** are predominantly **positively charged**

However, the name **cosmic rays** introduced by Millikan, will remain.

charge of cosmic rays east-west effect

• geomagnetic field effect

 higher cosmic ray flux from west indicate particles are predominantly positive



$$r_L = \frac{p_\perp}{ZeB}$$

$$r_L \sim \frac{3.3 \times 10^4}{Z} \, \frac{E(GeV)}{B(G)} \, m$$

extensive air showers penetrating cosmic radiation

atmospheric air showers of particles are extended

- while measuring "east-west" effect Rossi noticed coincident far apart signals
- Independently Auger (1937) concluded that primary CR interact in upper atmosphere initiating cascade of secondary interactions that reaches ground

- Bhabha & Heitler (1937) explained development of soft
 CR showers as sequence of γ rays and e⁻e⁺ pairs
- evidence of hard penetrating component of hadronic CR showers that can be detected underground

proton-induced shower of 10¹⁹ eV





ELECTROMAGNETIC SHOWERS

electromagnetic showers

- particles involved
 - e[±] and γ

- interactions involved
 - bremsstrahlung
 - ▶ pair production
 - ionization losses



fundamental processes in quantum electrodynamics



COMPTON SCATTERING

ELECTRON-POSITRON CREATION (ANNIHILATION)

ELECTRON-POSITRON SCATTERING





1930: Paul Dirac postulates the existence of positron

Cross Section and differential cross section

 effective area providing the probability of some scattering event or the likelihood of interaction between particles

 $\Phi = \frac{dN_{\text{beam}}}{dA\,dt} [\text{m}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}]$

flux of incident particles

• number of interactions/sec

• number of scattering centers

• the number of interactions/sec/sr

$$\frac{dN_{\rm int}}{dt} = \Phi \, n_{\rm target} \, \sigma$$

$$n_{\text{target}} = \rho_{\text{target}} \, \frac{N_A}{A} \, \text{Area} \, \delta$$

$$\frac{dn}{d\Omega} = \Phi \, n_{\text{target}} \, \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$





• ... Rutherford scattering experiment (discovery of the atomic nucleus)

$$b = \left(\frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 E}\right) \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{16\pi \epsilon_0 E}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \\ \text{Rutherford cross section} \end{cases}$$



interaction probability



$$W(X) = \hat{n} \,\sigma \, e^{-\hat{n} \,\sigma \, x}$$

$$\hat{n} = \rho_{\text{target}} \frac{N_A}{A} = \frac{\rho_{\text{target}}}{\langle m_{\text{target}} \rangle}$$

mean free path (interaction length)

$$\lambda[m] = \int_0^\infty W(E) \, x \, dx = \frac{1}{\hat{n}\sigma}$$

$$\lambda_{\rm int}[g/cm^2] = \frac{\rho_{\rm target}}{\hat{n}\,\sigma} = \frac{\langle m_{\rm target} \rangle}{\sigma}$$

Lorentz covariance and Mandelstam variables

- Lorentz covariance is a property of spacetime following from special relativity.
 Physics quantities do not change with reference system
- a physical quantity is Lorentz covariant if it transforms under Lorentz transformations
- in spacetime displacement is represented by 4-vector $X^{\mu} = (ct, x, y, z)$

• velocity by 4-vector
$$U^{\mu} = \frac{dX^{\mu}}{d\tau} = \gamma \left(c, \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right)$$

momentum by 4-vector

$$P^{\mu} = m_0 U^{\mu} = \left(\frac{E}{c}, p_x, p_y, p_z\right)$$

4-momentum is conserved

Lorentz covariance and Mandelstam variables

• Lorentz transformation preserve space-time interval

$$ds^{2} = X^{\mu}X^{\nu}\eta_{\mu\nu} = c^{2}dt^{2} - dx^{2} - dy^{2} - dz^{2}$$

• proper time
$$d\tau^2 = \frac{dt}{\gamma} = \frac{ds^2}{c^2}$$

• rest mass (invariant mass)
$$m_0^2 c^2 = P^{\mu} P^{\nu} \eta_{\mu\nu} = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - p_x^2 - p_y^2 - p_z^2$$

Mandelstam variables

 numerical quantities encoding particles energy, momentum and angles in scattering processes in a Lorentz invariant formalism

• s-process
$$s = (P_1^{\mu} + P_2^{\mu})^2 = (P_3^{\mu} + P_4^{\mu})^2$$

invariant mass $s = (P_1^{\mu} - P_3^{\mu})^2 = (P_2^{\mu} - P_4^{\mu})^2$
• t-process $t = (P_1^{\mu} - P_3^{\mu})^2 = (P_2^{\mu} - P_4^{\mu})^2$
transferred 4-momentum $u = (P_1^{\mu} - P_4^{\mu})^2 = (P_2^{\mu} - P_3^{\mu})^2$
transferred 4-momentum u
• u-process $u = (P_1^{\mu} - P_4^{\mu})^2 = (P_2^{\mu} - P_3^{\mu})^2$

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Mandelstam variables

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• energy @ center of mass E_1

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s}} \left[s + (m_1 c^2)^2 - (m_2 c^2)^2 \right]$$

• scattering angle @ center of mass

• center of mass \rightarrow lab

$$\cos \theta = 1 + \frac{t}{|\vec{p}|^2}$$
$$E_{lab} = \frac{2E_{cm}^2 - (mc^2)^2}{mc^2}$$



P³

p

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$\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e$ scattering photoelectric effect

- $E_{\gamma} \ll m_e c^2$ on electrons bound in atoms
 - photons eject electrons from atoms and is absorbed
 - photoelectric effect (Einstein 1905):

$$E_{\gamma} = E_e^{binding} + E_e^{kinetic}$$

photons behave as particles



$\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e \text{ scattering}$

• $E_{\gamma} \ll m_e c^2$ on **loosely bound** or free electrons

- Thomson (elastic) scattering
- electron accelerated by E plane wave radiating energy (classical/quantistic solution)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_e^2 \, \sin^2 \Theta \qquad \text{polarized wave}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_e^2 \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\theta}{2}\right) = \alpha^2 \hat{r}_c^2 \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\theta}{2}\right) \quad \text{randomly polarized wave}$$
$$\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_e^2 \simeq 6.65 \times 10^{-25} \,\text{cm}^2 \qquad \boxed{r_e = \frac{e^2}{mc^2} \quad \left(r_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)} \quad \text{classic electron radius}$$

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Compton electron wavelength

$\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e$ scattering Compton scattering

- $E_{\gamma} \gtrsim m_e c^2$ on free electrons
- inelastic scattering: photon transfer energy to electron
 - Compton scattering (quantistic)

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$
 $r_c = \frac{h}{m_e}$

• photons *always* loose energy



1923: Arthur Compton measured the change in wavelength of scattered light off electrons

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$\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e$ scattering Compton scattering

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Klein-Nishina Formula

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \alpha^2 \, \hat{r}_c^2 \, P(E_\gamma, \theta)^2 \, \frac{1}{2} \, \left[P(E_\gamma, \theta) + \frac{1}{P(E_\gamma, \theta)} - 1 + \cos^2 \theta \right]$$

$$P(E_{\gamma},\theta) = E_{\gamma}^{final} / E_{\gamma}^{initial}$$

$$P(E_{\gamma}, \theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$





$\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e$ scattering Klein-Nishina formula

- visible light (Thomson scattering)
 - elastic scattering
 - dipolar angular distribution

- X-rays, γ-rays (Compton scattering)
 - inelastic scattering
 - forward angular distribution
 - QED reduction effects





e-pair production electromagnetic shower

- $E_{\gamma} \gg 2m_ec^2$
- electron-positron pair production
 - threshold process

 $s = (\text{center of mass energy})^2 \ge (2m_e)^2$

 $2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \theta_{12}) \ge 4m_e^4$

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bremsstrahlung electromagnetic shower

- breaking radiation
- EM radiation emitted by deceleration of charge in a Coulomb field

- e-ion scattering
- radiation by charge accelerated in nucleus electric field
- astrophysical contribution to X-ray & γ-ray continuum spectra







e-pair production & bremsstrahlung virtual photons



- similarity between the fields of a rapidly moving charged particle and that of a pulse of radiation
- bremsstrahlung emission & pair production as scattering of virtual photons in Coulomb field by the incident particle



• electromagnetic pulse propagating along the z-axis

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$$\frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega,b) = \frac{c}{2\pi} |E_x(\omega)|^2$$
 energy / unit area (b) / unit frequency interval (ω)



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$$rac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega,b)=rac{c}{2\pi}|E_x(\omega)|^2$$
 energy / unit area (b) / unit frequency interval (ω)

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$$E_x(\omega) = \int dt \, e^{i\omega t} E_x(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{q}{bv}\right) \left(\frac{\omega b}{v\gamma}\right) K_1\left(\frac{\omega b}{v\gamma}\right)$$

•
$$\left[\frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega,b) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{b^2} \left(\frac{q^2}{c\beta^2}\right) \left(\frac{\omega b}{v\gamma}\right)^2 K_1^2 \left(\frac{\omega b}{v\gamma}\right)\right]$$

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$$\approx \frac{q^2}{\pi^2 c\beta^2} \frac{1}{b^2} \qquad \qquad \left(\omega \ll \frac{v\gamma}{b}\right)$$



•
$$\frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega,b) \approx \frac{q^2}{\pi^2 c \beta^2} \frac{1}{b^2}$$

• integrate over impact parameters

•
$$\frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega) = 2\pi \int_{b_{min}}^{b_{max}} \frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega, b) \, b \, db$$

• number spectrum of **virtual photons**

$$=$$
 energy / unit frequency interval (ω)

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega) \approx \frac{2q^2}{\pi c\beta^2} \ln\left(\frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}}\right)$$

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega)d\omega = \hbar\omega N(\hbar\omega)d(\hbar\omega)$$

$$N(\hbar\omega) = \frac{1}{\hbar^2\omega} \frac{dI}{d\omega}(\omega)$$

• number spectrum of virtual photons

$$N(\hbar\omega) \approx rac{2}{\pi\beta^2} \left(rac{q^2}{\hbar c}
ight) \left(rac{1}{\epsilon_{\gamma}}
ight) \ln\left(rac{b_{max}}{b_{min}}
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$$(q \equiv Ze)$$
 $N(\hbar\omega) \approx \frac{2\alpha Z^2}{\pi\beta^2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{\gamma}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}}\right)$

energy of virtual photon

$$\epsilon_{\gamma} = \hbar \omega$$



bremsstrahlung and pair production as scattering of virtual photons

- virtual photons in nuclear Coulomb field are scattered by the incident particle
- at low frequencies $\left(\omega \ll \frac{v\gamma}{b}\right)$ the Thomson cross section / virtual photon

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\epsilon_{\gamma}d\Omega} \approx \frac{r_e^2}{2} (1 + \cos^2\theta) \times N(\hbar\omega)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\epsilon_{\gamma}} \approx \alpha Z^2 r_e^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\gamma}} \ln\left(\frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}}\right)$$

$$b_{min}$$
 $\Delta x \Delta p \lesssim \hbar$ $b \lesssim \frac{\hbar}{m_e c} \equiv b_{min}$
 b_{max} : for fully ionized nucleus $\frac{\epsilon_{\gamma} b}{\hbar c} \lesssim 1$ $b_{max} \approx \frac{\hbar c}{\epsilon_{\gamma}}$

: for nucleus in an atom (screening)

 $b_{max} \lesssim R_{atom}$

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full screening approximation

$$R_{atom} \approx \frac{\hbar}{m_e c} 183 \, Z^{-1/3}$$

atom of Thomas-Fermi

$$R_H \approx a_{Bohr} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e e^2}$$



• bremsstrahlung and pair production as scattering of virtual photons

• integrate over energy range of virtual photons

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\epsilon_{\gamma}} \approx \alpha Z^2 r_e^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\gamma}} \ln\left(\frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}}\right)$$

• full screening approximation

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(brems)

e-pair production & bremsstrahlung electromagnetic showers



PAIR PRODUCTION



high energy limit full screening

e-pair production & bremsstrahlung radiation length

BREMSSTRAHLUNG e^{-} γ^{*} e^{+} e^{-} e^{-} e^{-} e^{-} e^{-} radiation length: distance where the energy of an electron is reduced to E/e

$$\frac{dE_e}{dX}\Big|_{brems} = \frac{N_A}{A} \int d\epsilon_{\gamma} \epsilon_{\gamma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\epsilon_{\gamma}} (\epsilon_{\gamma}, E_e)$$

$$\frac{dE_e}{dX}\Big|_{brems} = \frac{N_A}{A} E_e \int_0^1 dv v \frac{d\sigma}{dv}(v) \equiv \frac{E_e}{\lambda_{rad}}$$

$$\langle E_e(X) \rangle = E_e(0) e^{-X/\lambda_{rad}} \qquad \lambda = \frac{\langle m \rangle}{\sigma}$$

e-pair production & bremsstrahlung radiation length

radiation length: distance where the energy of an electron is reduced to E/e



BREMSSTRAHLUNG

$$\frac{dE_e}{dX}\Big|_{brems} = \frac{N_A}{A} E_e \int_0^1 dv v \frac{d\sigma}{dv}(v) \equiv \frac{E_e}{\lambda_{rad}}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{\lambda_{rad}} = \frac{N_A}{A} 4Z^2 \alpha r_e^2 \left[\ln 183Z^{-1/3} + \frac{1}{18}\right]\right]$$

radiation length

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda_{rad}} = \frac{N_A}{A} 4Z^2 \alpha r_e^2 \left[\ln 183Z^{-1/3} + \frac{1}{18} \right]}_{\frac{1}{\lambda_{rad}} = \frac{N_A}{A} 4Z(Z+1)\alpha r_e^2 \ln 183Z^{-1/3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{rad}} = \frac{N_A}{A} 4\alpha r_e^2 \left\{ Z^2 [L_{rad} - f(Z)] + Z L_{rad}' \right\}$$

Table 27.2: Tsai's $L_{\rm rad}$ and $L'_{\rm rad}$, for use in calculating the radiation length in an element using Eq. (27.24).

Element	Z	$L_{ m rad}$	$L'_{ m rad}$
Н	1	5.31	6.144
He	2	4.79	5.621
${ m Li}$	3	4.74	5.805
Be	4	4.71	5.924
Others	>4	$\ln(184.15 Z^{-1/3})$	$\ln(1194 Z^{-2/3})$

PDG

e-pair production & bremsstrahlung splitting function

radiation length: distance where the energy of an electron is reduced to E/e



BREMSSTRAHLUNG

$$\varphi(v) = \left. \frac{d\sigma}{dv}(v) \right|_{brems} \left(\frac{N_a}{A} \lambda_{rad} \right)$$

$$\varphi(v) = \frac{1}{v} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{3} - 2b\right) (1 - v) + (1 - v)^2 \right]$$

$$\int_0^1 dv \, v \, \varphi(v) = 1 + b$$

probability per unit of λ_{rad} that an e[±] of energy E_e emits a photon of energy E_{γ} = vE_e

e-pair production & bremsstrahlung photon mean free path



photon mean free path: 9/7 of the radiation length



$$N_{\gamma}(X) = N_{\gamma}(0) e^{-X/\lambda_{pair}}$$

e-pair production & bremsstrahlung photon mean free path



$$\lambda_{pair} \simeq \frac{9}{7} \lambda_{rad}$$

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photon mean free path: 9/7 of the radiation length

$$\psi(u) = \left. \frac{d\sigma}{du}(u) \right|_{epair} \left(\frac{N_A}{A} \lambda_{rad} \right)$$

b

probability per unit of λ_{rad} that a γ of energy E_{γ} produces a pair with e⁺/e⁻ of energy $E_e = uE_v$

$$\psi(u) = (1-u)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3} - 2b\right)(1-u)u + u^2$$
$$\sigma_0 = \int_0^1 du\,\psi(u) = \frac{7}{9} - \frac{b}{3}$$

electromagnetic showers

$$\begin{array}{l} & \overset{\text{\tiny \mathsf{BREMSSTRAHLUNG}}{\longrightarrow} e^{-} & \varphi(v) = \frac{1}{v} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{3} - 2b \right) (1 - v) + (1 - v)^2 \right] \\ \\ & \frac{1}{\lambda_{rad}} = \frac{N_A}{A} 4Z^2 \alpha r_e^2 \ln 183 Z^{-1/3} & \text{probability per unit of } \lambda_{rad} \text{ that an } e^{\pm} \text{ of energy } \mathbb{E}_e \text{ emits a photon of energy} \\ & \lambda_{rad}^{\text{air}} \simeq 37 \, \text{g/cm}^2 & \mathbb{E}_{\gamma} = v \mathbb{E}_e \end{array}$$

PAIR PRODUCTION

$$\psi(u) = (1-u)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3} - 2b\right)(1-u)u + u^2$$

 $\lambda_{pair}^{\rm air} \simeq 47 \, {\rm g/cm}^2$

probability per unit of λ_{rad} that a γ of energy E_{γ} produces a pair with e⁺/e⁻ of energy $E_e = uE_{\gamma}$

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