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1) $A + B \rightarrow C + D$, $p_A + p_B = p_C + p_D$
 $S = (p_A + p_D)^2$, $t = (p_A - p_C)^2$, $u = (p_A - p_D)^2$

a) $S + t + u = p_A^2 + p_B^2 + 2(p_A p_D) + p_A^2 + p_C^2 - 2(p_A p_C) + p_A^2 + p_D^2 - 2(p_A p_D)$
 $= 3m_A^2 + m_B^2 + m_C^2 + m_D^2 + 2p_A \cdot (p_B - p_C - p_D)$
 man. Conv.: $\stackrel{\downarrow}{=} 3m_A^2 + m_B^2 + m_C^2 + m_D^2 - 2p_A \cdot p_A = m_A^2 + m_B^2 + m_C^2 + m_D^2$

b) $p_A = \begin{pmatrix} E_A \\ \vec{p}_A \end{pmatrix}$, $p_B = \begin{pmatrix} E_B \\ \vec{p}_B \end{pmatrix}$, $p_C = \begin{pmatrix} E_C \\ \vec{p}_C \end{pmatrix}$, $p_D = \begin{pmatrix} E_D \\ \vec{p}_D \end{pmatrix}$

CMS: $\vec{p}_B = -\vec{p}_A$ & $\vec{p}_D = -\vec{p}_C$

$\sqrt{S} = \sqrt{(p_A + p_D)^2} = E_A + E_D = \sqrt{(p_C + p_D)^2} = E_C + E_D$

$\sqrt{S} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{A/C}^2} + \sqrt{|\vec{p}_{B/D}|^2 + m_{B/D}^2}$

$\vec{p}_B = -\vec{p}_A$
 $\vec{p}_D = -\vec{p}_C$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{S} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{B/D}^2} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{A/C}^2}$

$\Leftrightarrow S + (|\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{B/D}^2) - 2\sqrt{S} \sqrt{|\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{B/D}^2} = |\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{A/C}^2$

$\Leftrightarrow S + m_{B/D}^2 - m_{A/C}^2 = 2\sqrt{S} \sqrt{|\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 + m_{B/D}^2}$

$\Leftrightarrow |\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 = \frac{(S + m_{B/D}^2 - m_{A/C}^2)^2}{4S} - m_{B/D}^2$

$\Leftrightarrow |\vec{p}_{A/C}|^2 = \frac{S^2 + m_{B/D}^4 + m_{A/C}^4 - 2Sm_{B/D}^2 - 2Sm_{A/C}^2 - 2m_{B/D}^2 m_{A/C}^2}{4S}$

$= \frac{1}{4S} \lambda(S, m_{B/D}^2, m_{A/C}^2)$

with $\lambda(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2xz - 2yz$

$\Rightarrow E_C = \sqrt{S} - E_D = \sqrt{S} - \sqrt{m_D^2 + |\vec{p}_D|^2} = \sqrt{S} - \sqrt{m_D^2 + |\vec{p}_C|^2}$

$= \sqrt{S} - \sqrt{m_D^2 + \frac{1}{4S} (S^2 + m_D^4 + m_C^4 - 2Sm_D^2 - 2Sm_C^2 - 2m_D^2 m_C^2)}$

$= \sqrt{S} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4S} (S^2 + m_D^4 + m_C^4 + 2Sm_D^2 - 2Sm_C^2 - 2m_D^2 m_C^2)}$

No t, u?
 possible?
 Alternative:
 $E_C = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{S}} (m_A^2 + m_B^2 - t - u + 2m_C^2)$

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

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

c) $\vec{p}_A = \begin{pmatrix} E_A \\ p_A \end{pmatrix}, \vec{p}_B = \begin{pmatrix} E_B \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_B \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\hookrightarrow s = (p_A + p_B)^2 = p_A^2 + p_B^2 + 2p_A p_B = m_A^2 + m_B^2 + 2E_A m_B$

Also possible that
 $s = (E_A + m_B)^2 - |p_A|^2$
 \hookrightarrow same in tutorial
 $(E_A^2 = p_A^2 + m_A^2)$
 yields the same

d) $t = (p_A - p_C)^2 = m_A^2 + m_C^2 - 2p_A p_C = m_A^2 + m_C^2 - 2E_A E_C + 2\vec{p}_A \cdot \vec{p}_C$

$$= m_A^2 + m_C^2 - 2\sqrt{p_A^2 + m_A^2} \sqrt{p_C^2 + m_C^2} + 2|\vec{p}_A||\vec{p}_C| \cos \theta$$

(\vec{p}_C fixed)

\hookrightarrow with b)

$$m_A^2 + m_C^2 - 2\sqrt{p_A^2 + m_A^2} \sqrt{p_C^2 + m_C^2} - 2|\vec{p}_A||\vec{p}_C| \leq t$$

$$t \leq m_A^2 + m_C^2 - 2\sqrt{p_A^2 + m_A^2} \sqrt{p_C^2 + m_C^2} + 2|\vec{p}_A||\vec{p}_C|$$

Analogously for u w/ $\vec{p}_C \mapsto \vec{p}_D, m_C \mapsto m_D$

$$2) d\sigma = \frac{1}{4E_1 E_2 |\vec{v}_1|} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_3 + p_4 - p_1 - p_2) \frac{d^3 p_3}{2E_3 (2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_4}{2E_4 (2\pi)^3} |F|^2$$

for $1+2 \rightarrow 3+4$

$$a) 4E_1 E_2 |\vec{v}_1| \stackrel{!}{=} 4[(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2]^{1/2} \stackrel{!}{=} 2\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)$$

for the incident flux factor in CMS and Lab frame.

We first prove the 2nd equality for an arbitrary frame:

$$\text{we will use } s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2p_1 \cdot p_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p_1 \cdot p_2 = \frac{1}{2}(s - m_1^2 - m_2^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4[(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2]^{1/2} &= 4\left[\frac{1}{4}(s - m_1^2 - m_2^2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2\right]^{1/2} \\ &= 2\left[s^2 + m_1^4 + m_2^4 - 2sm_1^2 - 2sm_2^2 + 2m_1^2 m_2^2 - 4m_1^2 m_2^2\right]^{1/2} \\ &= 2\left[s^2 + m_1^4 + m_2^4 - 2sm_1^2 - 2sm_2^2 - 2m_1^2 m_2^2\right]^{1/2} \\ &= 2\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we will prove the first stated equality for a) rest frame of particle 2 and b) the CMS-frame.

$$a) p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ \vec{p}_1 \end{pmatrix}, p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_2 \\ \vec{0} \end{pmatrix}, |\vec{v}_1| = |\vec{v}_1| = \frac{|\vec{p}_1|}{E_1}, \text{ as } p = \gamma m v = E v$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4E_1 E_2 |\vec{v}_1| &= 4E_1 E_2 \frac{|\vec{p}_1|}{E_1} = 4E_2 |\vec{p}_1| = 4E_2 \sqrt{E_1^2 - m_1^2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{E_1^2 E_2^2 - E_2^2 m_1^2} = 4\sqrt{(E_1 E_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{(E_1 m_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2} = 4\sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$b) p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ \vec{p}_1 \end{pmatrix}, p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} E_2 \\ -\vec{p}_1 \end{pmatrix}, p = \gamma m v = E v$$

$$4E_1 E_2 |\vec{v}_1| \stackrel{\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2}{=} 4E_1 E_2 \left| \frac{\vec{p}_1}{E_1} - \frac{-\vec{p}_1}{E_2} \right| = 4E_1 E_2 |\vec{p}_1| \left| \frac{E_1 + E_2}{E_1 E_2} \right| = 4|\vec{p}_1| \sqrt{s}$$

$$\stackrel{b)}{=} 4 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2) \right) \sqrt{s} = 2\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)$$

Do we really have to perform the phase space integrals?

b)
$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{4E_1 E_2 (2\pi)^4} \delta^{(4)}(p_3 + p_4 - p_1 - p_2) \frac{d^3 p_3}{2E_3 (2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_4}{2E_4 (2\pi)^3} |F|^2$$

$$\stackrel{q)}{\downarrow} = \int \frac{d^3 p_3 d^3 p_4}{4E_3 E_4 (2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{2\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \delta^{(4)}(p_3 + p_4 - p_1 - p_2) |F|^2$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 p_3}{16\pi^2 E_3 E_4} \frac{1}{2\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \delta(E_3 + E_4 - E_1 - E_2) |F|^2$$

What for the blob at $|p^*|$?
 → CM S-frame

$$d^3 p_3 \equiv d^3 p^*$$

$$= |p^*| dp^* d\Omega^*$$

$$\sqrt{s} = E_3 + E_4 = \sqrt{|p^*|^2 + m_3^2} + \sqrt{|p^*|^2 + m_4^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\sqrt{s}}{d|p^*|} = \frac{|p^*|}{E_3} + \frac{|p^*|}{E_4} = |p^*| \frac{E_3 + E_4}{E_3 E_4}$$

$$\rightarrow d|p^*| = d\sqrt{s} \frac{E_3 E_4}{|p^*| (E_3 + E_4)} = d\sqrt{s} \frac{E_3 E_4}{|p^*| \sqrt{s}}$$

$\sqrt{s} = E_3 + E_4$ or $= E_1 + E_2$?
 Already used the δ -distribution?

$$= \int d\Omega^* d\sqrt{s} |p^*| \frac{1}{E_3 + E_4} \frac{1}{32\pi^2 \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \delta(\sqrt{s} - E_1 - E_2) |F|^2$$

$$= \int d\Omega^* |p^*| \frac{1}{32\pi^2 \sqrt{s} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} |F|^2, \quad \sqrt{s} = E_1 + E_2$$

Now again let $E_3 + E_4 = \sqrt{s}$ after integration?

What if I wanted $s = (E_1 + E_2)^2 = (E_3 + E_4)^2$ etc but δ -distribution has not $\delta(p^*) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \delta(k \cdot a)$

1b)
$$\Rightarrow \int d\Omega^* \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2) |F|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2) |F|^2$$

Just drop the integral $d\Omega^*$ now again? → shouldn't have integrated about it from the beginning...

c)
$$t = (p_1 - p_3)^2 = m_1^2 + m_3^2 - 2p_1 p_3 = m_1^2 + m_3^2 - 2(E_1 E_3 - 2|\vec{p}_1||\vec{p}_3| \cos\theta^*)$$

$$d\Omega^* = d\varphi^* d\cos\theta^*$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dt}{d\cos\theta^*} = 2|\vec{p}_1||\vec{p}_3| \Leftrightarrow d\cos\theta^* = dt \frac{1}{2|\vec{p}_1||\vec{p}_3|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\varphi^* d\cos\theta^*} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2) |F|^2$$

Cylindrical sym about axis for what? $|F|^2$ equally distributed in beam axis

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} = \frac{1}{32\pi s \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2) |F|^2$$

$$= \frac{d\sigma}{dt} 2|\vec{p}_1||\vec{p}_3|$$

$$\mapsto \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{32\pi s \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2) |F|^2 \frac{1}{2|p_1||p_3|}$$

$$|p_1|^2 = \frac{\lambda(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)}{4s} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{64\pi s \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2) |F|^2 \cdot \frac{4s}{\lambda^{1/2}(s, m_1^2, m_2^2) \lambda^{1/2}(s, m_3^2, m_4^2)}$$

$$|p_3|^2 = \frac{\lambda(s, m_3^2, m_4^2)}{4s}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16\pi \lambda(s, m_1^2, m_2^2)} |F|^2$$

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What for $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}$?

↪ dependence of cross section w/ mom. transfer (big momentum transfer in experiment) (big momentum transfer) as cylindrical symmetry → do not really need information

$$3) \cdot \partial_r \delta^r = \frac{1}{2} \partial_r \delta^r + \frac{1}{2} \delta^r \partial_r = \frac{1}{2} g_{jk} \delta^k \delta^r + \frac{1}{2} g_{jk} \delta^r \delta^k$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g_{jk} \{ \delta^k, \delta^r \} = g_{jk} g^{kr} \mathbb{1} = 4 \cdot \mathbb{1}$$

$$\cdot \partial_r \delta^r = \partial_r a_k \delta^k \delta^r = a_k \partial_r (-\delta^r \delta^k + \{ \delta^k, \delta^r \}) = -a_k (4 \mathbb{1}) \delta^k + 2 a_k \delta^r g^{kr}$$

$$= -4a + 2a = -2a$$

$$\cdot \partial_r \delta^b \delta^r = \partial_r a_k \delta^k b_\lambda \delta^\lambda \delta^r = a_k b_\lambda \partial_r \delta^k \delta^\lambda \delta^r = a_k b_\lambda \delta^r \delta^k (-\delta^r \delta^\lambda + \{ \delta^\lambda, \delta^r \})$$

$$= -a_k b_\lambda \delta^r \delta^k \delta^r \delta^\lambda + 2 a_k b_\lambda \delta^r \delta^k g^{r\lambda}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{"d"}}{=} -b_\lambda (-2a) \delta^\lambda + 2 b_\lambda a = 2a b + 2b a$$

$$= 2 a_k \delta^k b_\lambda \delta^\lambda + 2 b_\lambda a = 2 a_k b_\lambda (-\delta^r \delta^k + \{ \delta^k, \delta^r \}) + 2 b_\lambda a$$

$$= -2 b_\lambda a + 4 a_k b_\lambda g^{k\lambda} + 2 b_\lambda a = 4(a \cdot b)$$

$$\cdot \partial_r \delta^b \delta^c \delta^r = \partial_r a_k \delta^k b_\lambda \delta^\lambda c_\eta \delta^\eta \delta^r = a_k b_\lambda c_\eta \partial_r \delta^k \delta^\lambda \delta^\eta \delta^r$$

$$= a_k b_\lambda c_\eta \delta^r \delta^k \delta^\lambda (-\delta^r \delta^\eta + \{ \delta^\eta, \delta^r \})$$

$$= -a_k b_\lambda c_\eta \delta^r \delta^k \delta^\lambda \delta^\eta + 2 a_k b_\lambda c_\eta \delta^r \delta^k \delta^\lambda g^{r\eta}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{"d"}}{=} = c_\eta (4(a \cdot b)) \delta^\eta + 2 c_\eta a b = -4(a \cdot b) c + 2 c \cdot a b$$

$$= -4(a \cdot b) c + 2 c_\eta a_\lambda \delta^\lambda b_\eta \delta^\eta$$

$$= -4(a \cdot b) c + 2 c_\eta a_\lambda \delta^k (-\delta^\eta \delta^\lambda + \{ \delta^\lambda, \delta^\eta \})$$

$$= -4(a \cdot b) c - 2 c_\eta b_\lambda \delta^\lambda + 4 c_\eta a_\lambda \delta^k g^{k\eta}$$

$$= -4(a \cdot b) c - 2 c \cdot b a + 4(a \cdot b) c = -2 c \cdot b a$$

$$\cdot \text{Tr}(\underbrace{\delta^r \delta^r}_{\text{odd } k} - \delta^r) = \text{Tr}(\underbrace{(g_{rs})^2}_{\text{Tr}(g_{rs})^2 = \mathbb{1}} \delta^r \delta^r - \delta^r) \stackrel{\text{cyclic}}{=} \text{Tr}(\delta^r \delta^r - \delta^r \delta^r)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{not cyclic}}{=} \text{Tr}((-1) \underbrace{(g_{rs})^2}_{\text{odd } k} \delta^r \delta^r - \delta^r) = (-1) \text{Tr}(\delta^r \delta^r - \delta^r)$$

What for δ
explicitly g_{rs} ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet \operatorname{Tr}(xy) &= \operatorname{Tr}(a_k y^k b_x y^x) = a_k b_x \operatorname{Tr}(y^k y^x) = a_k b_x \operatorname{Tr}(-y^x y^k + \{y^k, y^x\}) \\
 &= -a_k b_x \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^k) + 2a_k b_x \operatorname{Tr}(y^{kx}) \\
 &= -\operatorname{Tr}(yx) + 8(a \cdot b)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Tr}(xy + yx) = 8(a \cdot b) \stackrel{\text{cyclic}}{=} 2\operatorname{Tr}(xy)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Tr}(xy) = 4(a \cdot b)$$

$$\bullet \operatorname{Tr}(xyzd) = \operatorname{Tr}(a_k y^k b_x y^x c_\eta y^\eta d_w y^w) = a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^k y^x y^\eta y^w)$$

$$= a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}([y^x y^k + \{y^k, y^x\}] y^\eta y^w)$$

$$= -a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^k y^\eta y^w) + 2g^{kx} a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^\eta y^w)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{"A"}}{=} -a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x [-y^\eta y^k + \{y^k, y^\eta\}] y^w) + 2(a \cdot b) \cdot 4(c \cdot d)$$

$$= a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^\eta y^k y^w) - 2g^{k\eta} a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^w) + 8(a \cdot b)(c \cdot d)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{"B"}}{=} a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^\eta [-y^w y^k + \{y^k, y^w\}]) - 2(a \cdot c) \cdot 4(b \cdot d) + 8(a \cdot b)(c \cdot d)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^\eta y^w y^k) + 2g^{k\eta} a_k b_x c_\eta d_w \operatorname{Tr}(y^x y^\eta) \\
 &\quad - 8(a \cdot c)(b \cdot d) + 8(a \cdot b)(c \cdot d)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\operatorname{Tr}(zydz) + 8(a \cdot d)(b \cdot c) - 8(a \cdot c)(b \cdot d) + 8(a \cdot b)(c \cdot d)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Tr}(xyzd + zydz) = 8 \left\{ (a \cdot b)(c \cdot d) + (a \cdot d)(b \cdot c) - (a \cdot c)(b \cdot d) \right\}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Trace cyclic}}{\Leftrightarrow} \operatorname{Tr}(xyzd) = 4 \left\{ (a \cdot b)(c \cdot d) + (a \cdot d)(b \cdot c) - (a \cdot c)(b \cdot d) \right\}$$