

Pseudoscalar-Yukawa Theory

Consider Pseudoscalar-Yukawa Theory with Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \phi(x) \partial^\mu \phi(x) - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2(x) + \bar{\psi}(x) [i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m] \psi(x) - g \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^5 \psi(x) \phi(x) \quad (1)$$

where $\phi(x)$ is a real-valued scalar field of mass μ , $\psi(x)$ is a spinor field of mass m , and g is a dimensionless coupling constant.

(a) Write down the Feynman rules for Pseudoscalar-Yukawa Theory.

(b) Draw all Feynman diagrams for the Møller scattering process

$$\psi + \psi \rightarrow \psi + \psi$$

to tree-level order¹ and calculate the unpolarised spin-averaged sum-over-spins² invariant scattering amplitude³.

(c) Draw all Feynman diagrams for the Bhabha scattering process

$$\psi + \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \psi + \bar{\psi}$$

to tree-level order and calculate the unpolarised spin-averaged sum-over-spins invariant scattering amplitude.

(d) Calculate the differential scattering cross-section⁴ for both scattering processes.

¹ Recall that the usual Mandelstam variables s , t and u are given by

$$s = (p + q)_\mu (p + q)^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad t = (p - p')_\mu (p - p')^\mu \quad \text{while} \quad u = (p - q')_\mu (p - q')^\mu$$

where p and q are the initial-state momenta while p' and q' are the final-state momenta.

² Recall that

$$\sum_s u(p, s) \otimes \bar{u}(p, s) = \gamma^\mu p_\mu + I_4 m \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_r v(q, r) \otimes \bar{v}(q, r) = \gamma^\mu q_\mu - I_4 m$$

³ Recall that we may always write an amplitude A as

$$A = (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}\left(p + q - \sum_f p_f\right) i\mathcal{M}$$

where p and q are the initial-state momenta while p_f are the final-state momenta.

⁴ Recall that in the centre-of-mass frame

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{CM}} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s} |\mathcal{M}|^2$$