

Relationship of invariant variables to LAB frame variables

Easy: just insert definition of 4-vectors in LAB frame.

$$S = (P+k)^2 = M^2 + m^2 + 2P \cdot k$$

$$= M^2 + m^2 + 2ME$$

inverse relation:

$$E = \frac{S - M^2 - m^2}{2M}$$

(very simple; independent of other kinematic variables)

$$Q^2 = -2m^2 + 2(E E' - |\vec{k}| |\vec{k}'| \cos \theta)$$

if  $m=0$ , it simplifies:

$$= 4EE' \sin^2(\theta/2) = 2EE'(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$W^2 = (P-q)^2 = M^2 - Q^2 - 2P \cdot q$$

$$= M^2 - 4EE' \sin^2(\theta/2) - 2M(E - E')$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} = \frac{Q^2}{2M(E - E')} = \frac{2EE' \sin^2(\theta/2)}{M(E - E')}$$

$$y = \frac{q \cdot P}{k \cdot P} = \frac{M(E - E')}{ME} = \frac{E - E'}{E}$$

$$U = P \cdot q = M(E - E')$$