

Solution to Problem 12.35

* it's just as simple to work this for an arbitrary opening angle so I will

Initial 4-Momentum

* $e^- \rightarrow p_-^\mu = \left(\frac{E}{c}, \vec{p}_e \right)$ where $E = \sqrt{m^2 c^4 + p_e^2 c^2}$ (unless the string theorists...)

* $e^+ \rightarrow p_+^\mu = (mc, \vec{0})$

* NB the initial 4-momentum is $p^\mu = p_+^\mu + p_-^\mu$

$\sum p_\mu p^\mu = 2m(E + mc^2) \neq 0 \rightarrow$ the e^+e^- cannot give a single photon.

Final 4-Momentum

* $k_1^\mu = \frac{\omega_1}{c} (1, \hat{n}_1) \rightarrow k_1^2 = 0$ (photons are massless)

* $k_2^\mu = \frac{\omega_2}{c} (1, \hat{n}_2) \rightarrow k_2^2 = 0$

4-Momentum Conservation

* $p_+^\mu + p_-^\mu = k_1^\mu + k_2^\mu \rightarrow k_2^\mu = p_+^\mu + p_-^\mu - k_1^\mu$

* $k_2^2 = 0 = (p_+ + p_-)^2 - 2(p_+ + p_-) \cdot k_1 + k_1^2 \rightarrow 0$

* $(p_+ + p_-)^2 = \left(\frac{E}{c} + mc \right)^2 - p_e^2 = \frac{1}{c^2} [m^2 c^4 + p_e^2 c^2] + 2mE + m^2 c^2 - p_e^2$
 $= 2m(E + mc^2)$

* $2(p_+ + p_-) \cdot k_1 = 2 \frac{\omega_1}{c} \left[\frac{E}{c} + mc - \vec{p}_e \cdot \hat{n}_1 \right]$

$\therefore \omega_1 = \frac{mc^2(E + mc^2)}{E + mc^2 - \hat{n}_1 \cdot c\vec{p}_e} \xrightarrow{60^\circ} \frac{mc^2(E + mc^2)}{E + mc^2 - \frac{1}{2} p_e c}$