

Optical theorem and elastic nucleon scattering

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1. Introduction

Optical theorem:

Elastic collisions (t-dependence)

\implies total cross section
(increase with energy!)

However -

Important difference:

infinite-range Coulomb force

vs.

finite-range nucleon force

(assumption - unphysical)

2. Optical theorem and its derivation

V.Barone, E.Predazzi:

High-Energy Particle Diffraction; Springer 2002

Fraunhofer diffraction ($kR^2 \ll D$):

$\Gamma(\mathbf{b})$ - profile function of hole

Babinet's principle:

hole and obstacle ($S(\mathbf{b})$)

$$U(x, y, z) = -\frac{ik}{2\pi} U_0 \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \int d^2\mathbf{b} S(\mathbf{b}) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}}$$

Huygens-Fresnel principle -

$(S(\mathbf{b}) + \Gamma(\mathbf{b}) = 1) \longrightarrow$ plane wave

Complete amplitude:

$$U_{out}(x, y, z) = U_{unsc} + U_{scatt}$$

$$= U_0 \left(\psi_{unsc} + f(\mathbf{q}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right),$$

$$\psi_{unsc} = \alpha e^{ikz}, \quad |\alpha| < 1$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}, \quad |\mathbf{k}'| = |\mathbf{k}| = k$$

$$U(x, y, z) = U_0 \left(\psi_{unsc} + f(\mathbf{q}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right)$$

$$f(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{ik}{2\pi} \int d^2\mathbf{b} \Gamma(\mathbf{b}) e^{-i(\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b})}$$

$\Gamma(\mathbf{b})$ - profile function

differential cross section - $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\mathbf{q})|^2$

integrated elastic cross section -

(small scattered angles + Parseval's theorem)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{el} &\cong \frac{1}{k^2} \int |f(\mathbf{q})|^2 d^2\mathbf{q} = \int d^2\mathbf{b} |\Gamma(\mathbf{b})|^2 \\ &= \int d^2\mathbf{b} |1 - S(\mathbf{b})|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Further assumptions:

$\psi_{unsc} \equiv f(0)$ and unitarity

absorption cross section -

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{abs} &= \int d^2\mathbf{b} (1 - |S(\mathbf{b})|^2) \\ &= \int d^2\mathbf{b} (2\text{Re}\Gamma(\mathbf{b}) - |\Gamma(\mathbf{b})|^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_{abs} = 2 \int d^2\mathbf{b} \text{Re}\Gamma(\mathbf{b})$$

\Rightarrow total cross section -

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{4\pi}{k} \text{Im} f(\mathbf{q} = 0)$$

3. Hadron force and optical theorem

$$U(x, y, z) = U_0 \left(\psi_{unsc} + f(\mathbf{q}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right)$$

$$U(x, y, z) = U_0 F(\mathbf{q}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$F(0) = f(0) + |\psi_{unsc}| \quad (\text{singular point})$$

However:

$F(\mathbf{q})$ - as continuous

(and decreasing)

$$\implies F(0) = f(0) \quad \text{or} \quad (\psi_{unsc} = 0)$$

Acceptable:

- for Coulomb force

- **not** for finite nucleon force:

$\psi_{unsc} \neq 0$ (in measured beam)

Optical theorem: not generally valid

Questions: actual shape of $f(\mathbf{q})$?
especially - value of $f(0)$?
luminosity estimation?

4. Scattering at very small angles (all at $\approx 53\text{GeV}$)

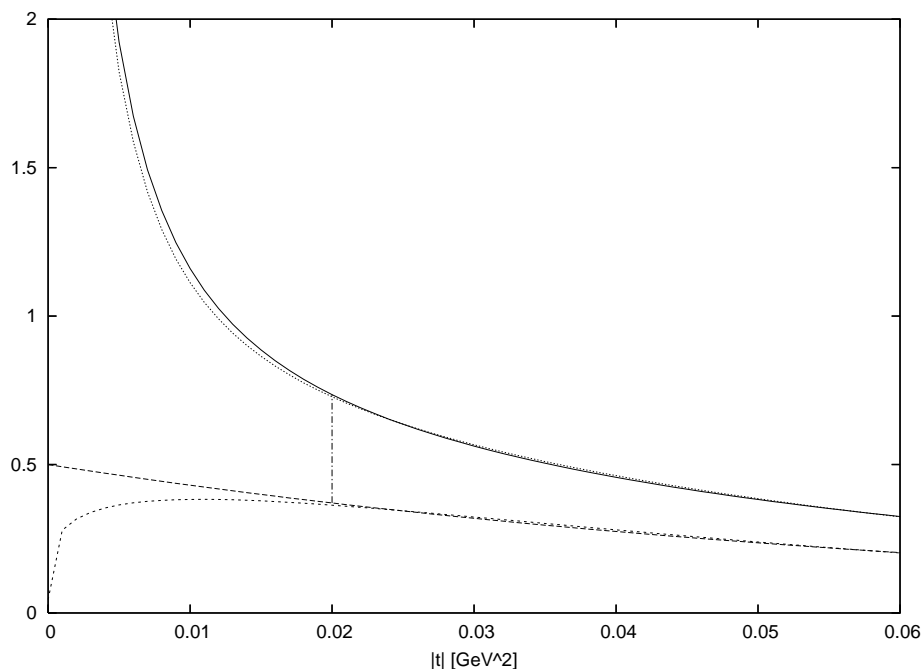
Figure:

Two pairs of lines -
(complete ampl. + hadronic parts)

first pair (vertical line):
standard approach

second pair:
nucleon amplitude rises for small $|t|$
 $[\Gamma(b > b_{max}) = 0]$

Luminosity : $\frac{d\sigma_{el}(t)}{dt} = L|F^{C+N}(t)|^2$
derived at $|t| < 0.02$ - undervalued?



5. Conclusion

see: [/arXiv:0906.3961](#)

Standard approach:

no optical theorem
(for hadron forces)

Phenomenological models:

cross sections and luminosity ??
(practically no possibility)

pessimistic outlook?!

However:

ontological approach?

M.L.: Hidden-variable theory vs. Copenhagen QM;
[/arxiv:0905.0140](#),

will be published in Concepts of Physics

(see also: Conference Proceedings, No. 1018,

American Institute of Physics, 2008, pp. 40–5)

Appendix

Ontological model:

Two assumptions:

- each proton in different internal states (divers maximal dimensions - b_{max});
- for each internal state and any impact parameter: $P_{el}(b) = P_{tot}(b) \cdot P_{rat}(b)$

P_{rat} - ratio of elastic to total probab.,
 P_{tot}, P_{rat} : opposite monotony in $(0, b_{max})$

Preliminary results (53 GeV):

good (comparable) fits - $|t| \in (0, 14) GeV^2$

3 largest internal states: (6 comb.)

b-max: 1.61, 1.4, 0.88 fm (≥ 0.4)

frequency: $\approx 57., 37., 5. \%$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \int_0^{b_{max}} db P_{tot}(b) \cong 34mb, \quad \sigma_{el} = 7.3mb$$

Luminosity undervaluated: $\approx 20\%$

solution - peripheral
(comp.: similar eikonal result)