ISOLDE Nuclear Reaction and Nuclear Structure Course

An experimental view of elastic and inelastic scattering: kinematics

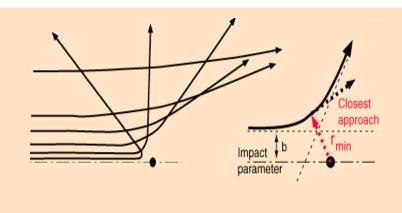
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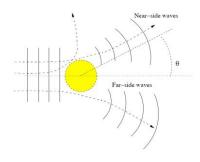


Rutherford scattering: $\eta >>>1$

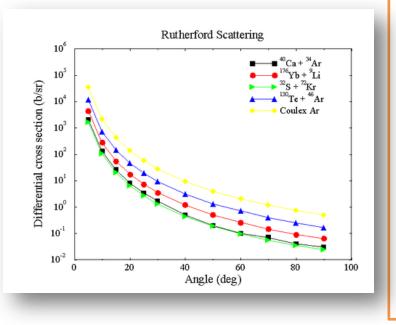
Scattering angle $\theta_{c.m.}$ related to distance of closest approach.

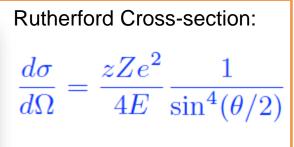
$$d(\theta) = \frac{2b}{\cot\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$





Pure Coulomb potential
E<< Coulomb barrier
No nuclear effects

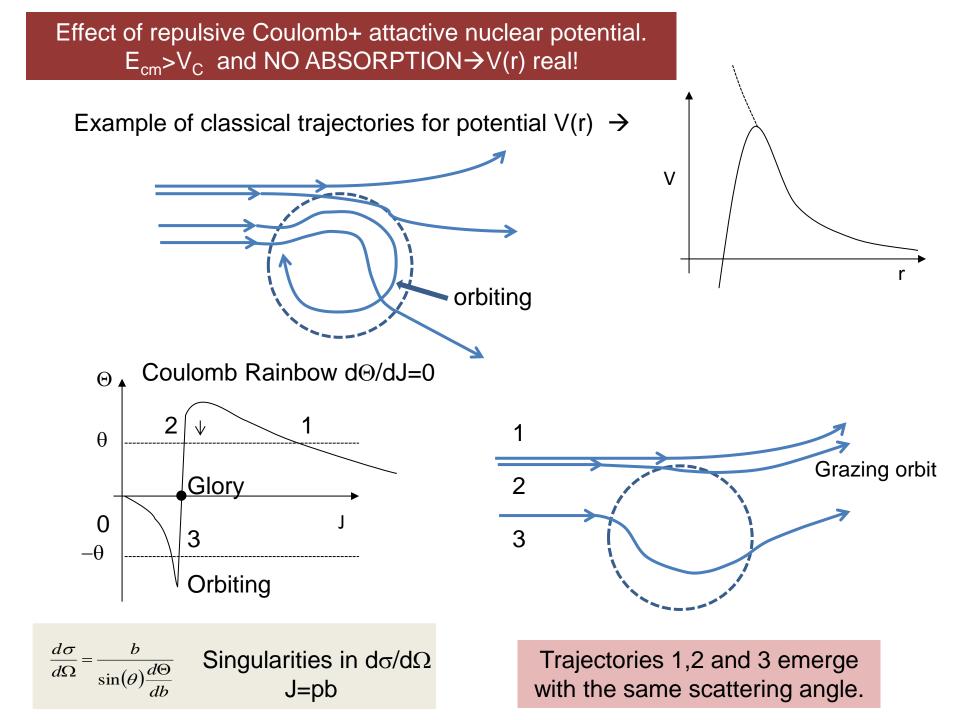




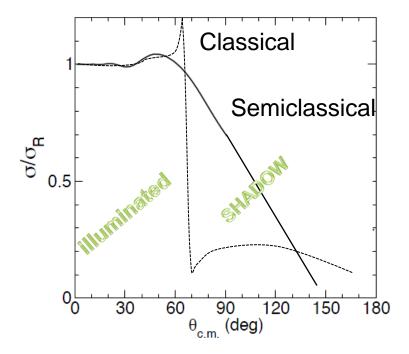
Coulomb or Sommerfeld parameter

$$\eta = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \hbar v}$$

Rutherford scattering very useful to normalise cross-sections and solid angle determination



Angular distribution with respect to Rutherford



The oscillations are caused by interference between the contributions from the various orbits which result in the same scattering angle

Grazing collisions

Semiclassically:

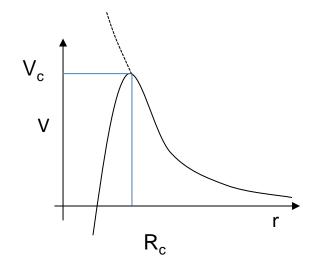
For $b>R_c \rightarrow Coulomb$ trajectories (illuminated region) For $b<R_c \rightarrow Nuclear$ interaction (shadow region)

In the limiting case of grazing collisions (D=R_c) we obtain the corresponding Coulomb scattering angle θ_{gr}

$$\sin \frac{\theta_{gr}}{2} = \frac{\eta}{kR_c - \eta} = \frac{\varepsilon_c}{2\varepsilon - \varepsilon_c}$$

$$\varepsilon_c = \frac{V_c}{\mu} \qquad \mu = \text{reduced mass}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{E_{lab}}{A_1} \qquad \text{Knowing the grazing angle gives an idea} \\ \text{about the angular region good for cross-section normalisation and measurement.}}$$

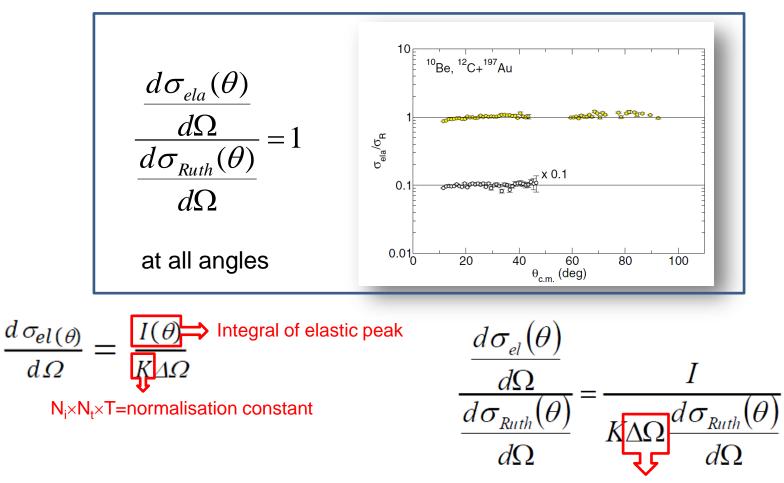


$$V_{c} = \frac{Z_{1}Z_{2}e^{2}}{R_{c}}$$
$$R_{c} = r_{0c}(A_{1}^{1/3} + A_{2}^{1/3})$$

Some reading: R. Bass Nuclear reaction with heavy ions Springer Verlag and G.R. Satchler Introduction to Nuclear reactions Ed. Macmilar

How to use Rutherford cross-section to determine solidangles of detection set-up.

We use elastic scattering on some heavy target (e.g. Au) at sub-barrier energy where the elastic cross-section follows the Rutherford behaviour.



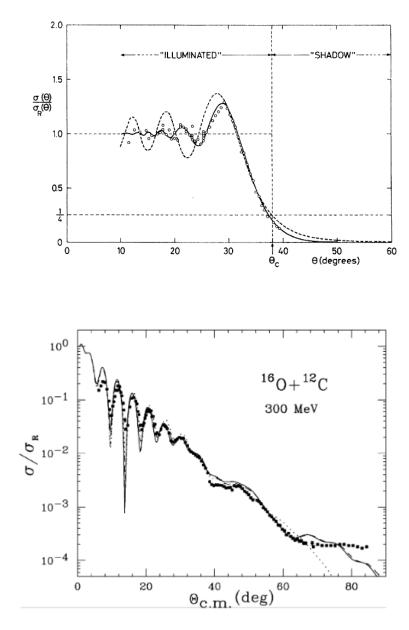
One can simulate the set-up and by equalising K at all angles one gets the correct detector solidangles

If the elastic cross-section is Rutherford only in a very limited angular range by placing detectors at those angles one can get the normalisation constant *K* once the solid-angles are known.

$$\frac{\frac{d\sigma_{ela}(\theta)}{d\Omega}}{\frac{d\sigma_{Ruth}(\theta)}{d\Omega}} = 1 \quad \text{for } \theta < \theta_1 \text{ (an estimate of } \theta_1 \text{ can be done from the grazing angle)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{d\sigma_{el}(\theta)}{d\Omega}}{\frac{d\sigma_{Ruth}(\theta)}{d\Omega}} = \frac{I}{\frac{K}{\Omega}\Omega} \frac{\frac{d\sigma_{Ruth}(\theta)}{d\Omega}}{\frac{d\sigma_{Ruth}(\theta)}{d\Omega}}$$

The only unknown quantity



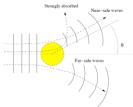
Fresnel scattering: η>>1

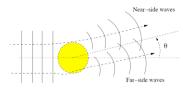
- Strong Coulomb potential
- •E≈ Coulomb barrier
- "Illuminated" region → interference (Coulomb-nuclear)
- •"Shadow region" \rightarrow strong absorption

Fraunhofer scattering: η≤1

- Weak Coulomb
- •E> Coulomb barrier
- Near-side/far-side interference (diffraction)

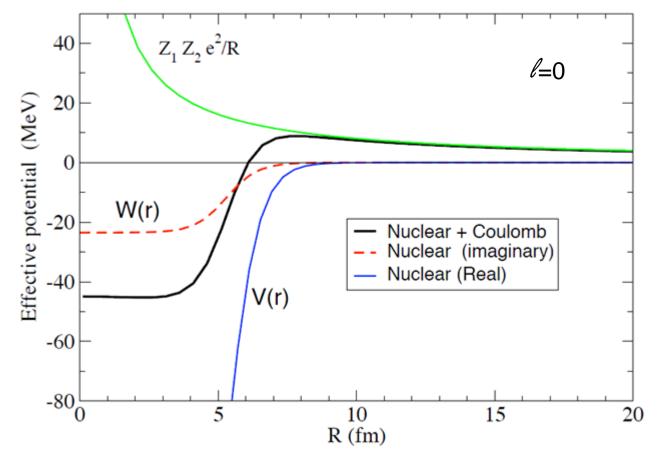
Oscillations in angular distribution→ good angular resolution required





Which information can be gathered from elastic scattering measurement? Simple model: Optical Model→ structureless particles interacting via an effective potential (see A.M.Moro lectures).

Optical potential: $V(r)=V_{C}(r)+V_{N}(r)+iW(r)$



from A.M.Moro

Which information can we obtain from elastic scatting meaasurement?

Total reaction cross-section:

$$\sigma_{abs} = \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \sigma_{\beta} = \pi \lambda_{\alpha}^{2} \sum_{l} (2l+1) \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} (1 - |S_{l\alpha}|^{2})$$

Scattering matrix

for $\theta = 0$

Optical theorem for uncharged particles:

Modified optical theorem for charged particles:

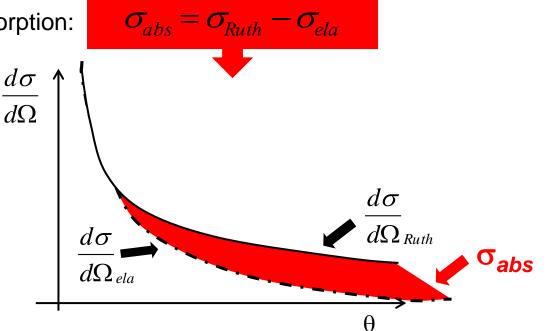
$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{ela} + \sigma_{abs}$$

$$[\sigma_{ela} - \sigma_{Ruth}] + \sigma_{abs} = 4\pi \lambda_{\alpha} \operatorname{Im} f_{N}(\vartheta = 0)$$

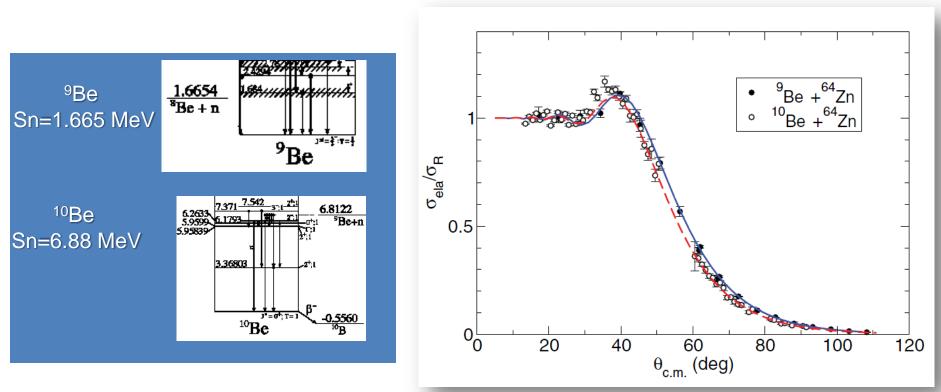
 $\sigma_{tot} \rightarrow \infty$

In the presence of strong absorption:

The difference between elastic and Rutherford cross-section gives the total reaction crosssection.

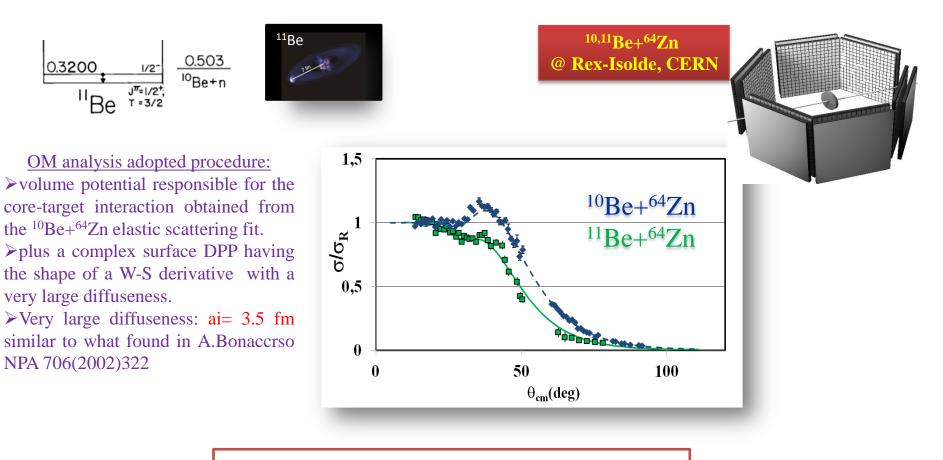


^{9,10}Be+⁶⁴Zn elastic scattering angular distributions @ 29MeV



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Elastic scattering angular distributions @ 29MeV



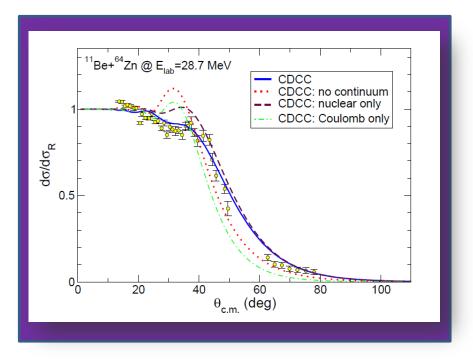
Reaction cross-sections

$$\sigma_{R}^{9}Be\approx 1.1b \sigma_{R}^{10}Be\approx 1.2b \sigma_{R}^{11}Be\approx 2.7b$$

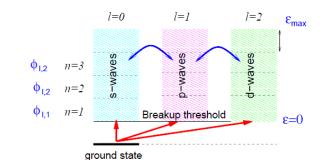
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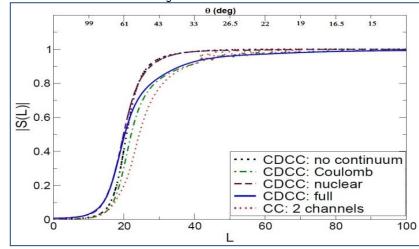
Continuum Discretized Coupled Channel Calculations (CDCC)

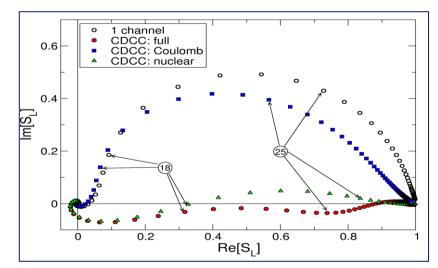
At low bombarding energy coupling between relative motion and intrinsic excitations important. Halo nuclei \rightarrow small binding energy, low break-up thresholds \rightarrow coupling to break-up states (continuum) important \rightarrow CDCC.

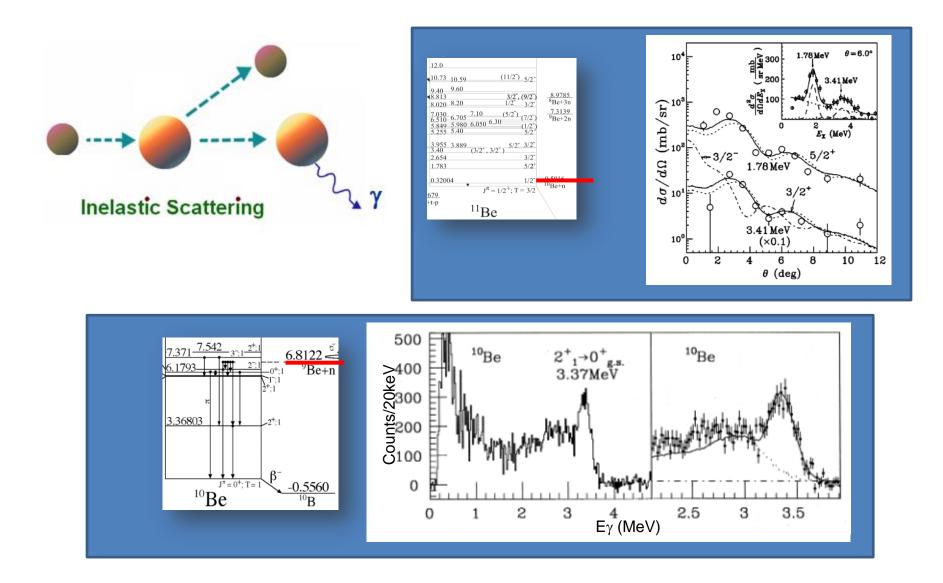


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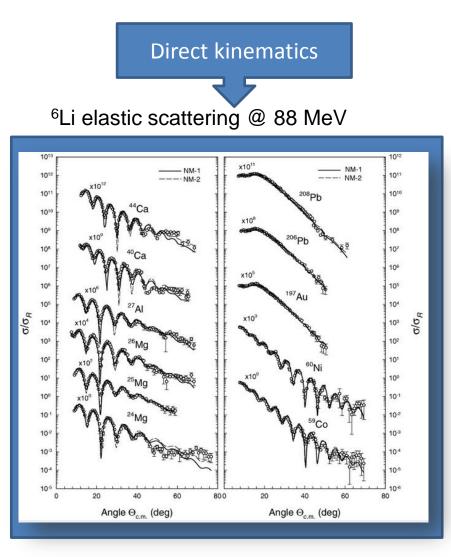
Depending if the excited state is particle bound or unbound may change the way to identify inelastic scattering from other processes. The closer are the states the higher is the energy resolution required to discriminate them.

Supposing we have to measure an angular distribution of a given process, can you answer to the following questions?

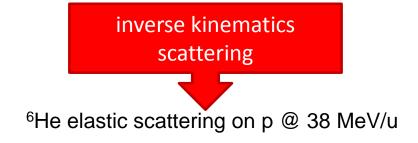
- 1) where to put the detectors?
- 2) which solid angle do you have to cover?
- 3) which angular resolution do you need?
- 4) which energy resolution?

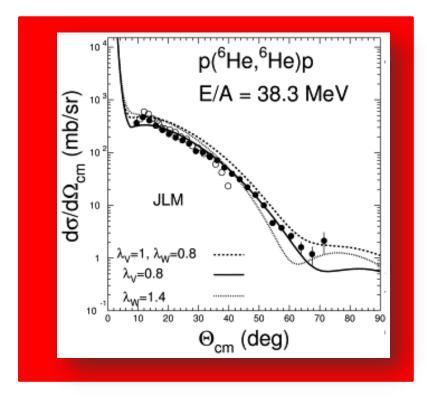
Before answering the following questions, do you have a clear idea about kinematics?

Some example of elastic scattering angular distribution



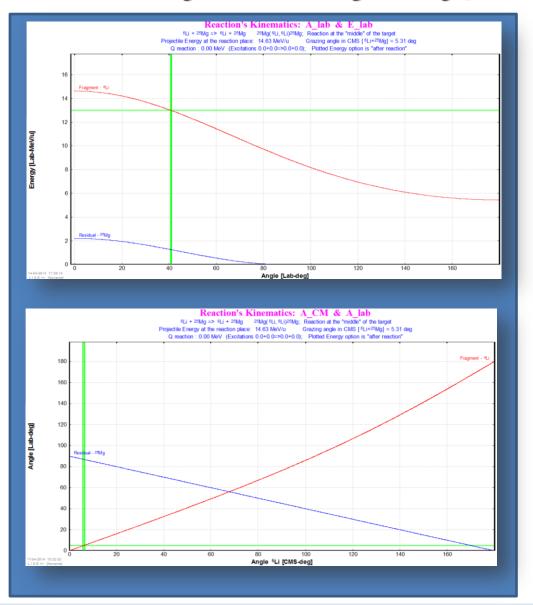
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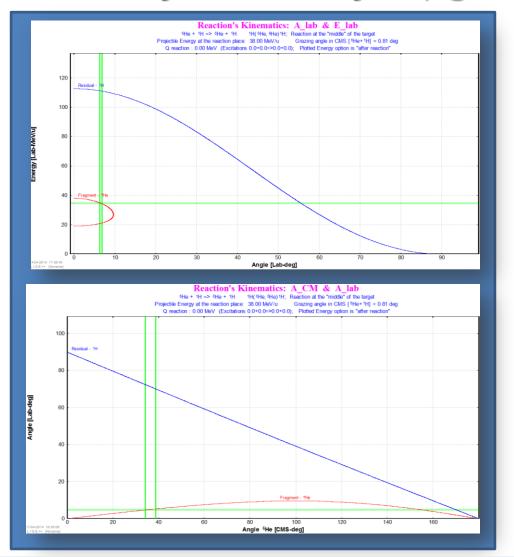
V.Lapoux et al. PLB417(2001)18

Direct kinematics: e.g.elastic scattering ⁶Li+²⁵Mg @ 88MeV



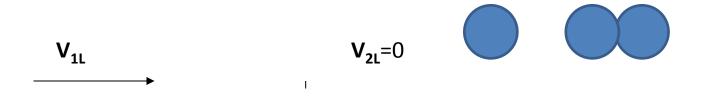
In direct kinematics we detect the projectile particle. The difference between $\theta_{\text{c.m.}}$ and θ_{lab} depends on the mass ratio.

Inverse kinematics: e.g. elastic scattering ⁶He+p @ 38 MeV/u

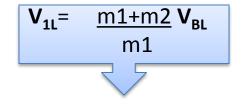


The inverse kinematics is forward focussed in the lab system. For the projectile particle there are two kinematical solutions and small $\Delta \theta_{\text{lab}}$ corresponds to large $\Delta \theta_{\text{c.m.}}$

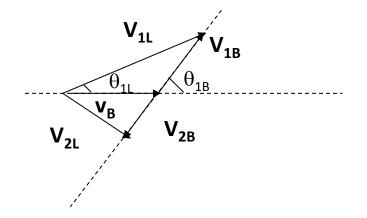
Two body kinematics for elastic scattering



 $V_{BL} = \underbrace{m1V_{1L} + m}_{m1+m2}$ velocity of the c.m. in the Lab system

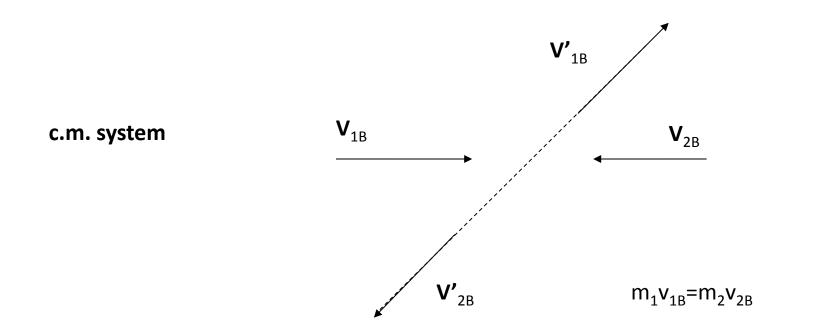


we will use this later



Two body kinematics

Elastic scattering



In the c.m. system before and after the collision the velocities are the same and the c.m. is at rest.

$$m_1 V_{1B} = m_2 V_{2B}$$

Momentum conservation in the c.m.

we will use this
$$\rightarrow V_{2B} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} V_{1B}$$

Energy in the c.m. system

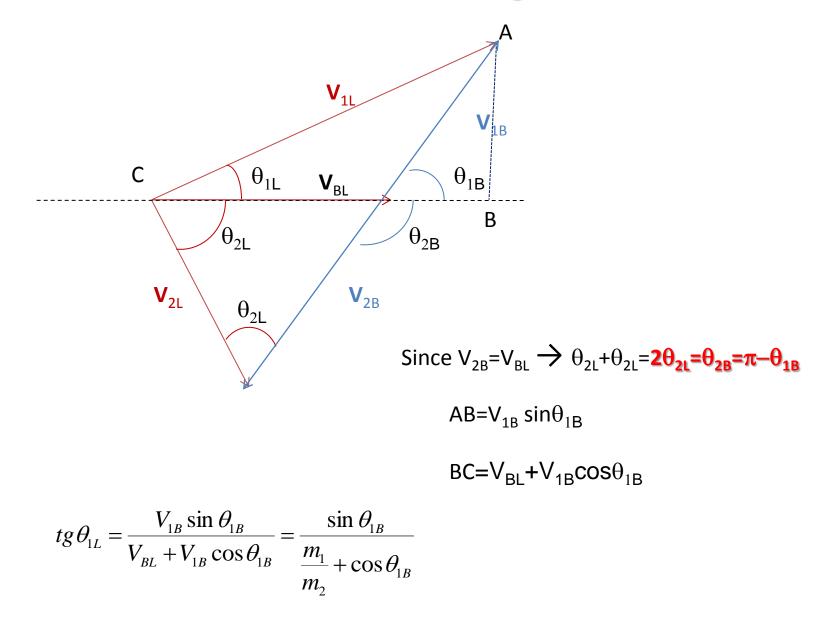
$$E_{cm} = E_{L} - E_{BL} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}V_{1L}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}(m_{1} + m_{2})V_{BL}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}V_{1L}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}(m_{1} + m_{2})\frac{m_{1}^{2}}{(m_{1} + m_{2})^{2}}V_{1L}^{2} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{1}m_{2}V_{1L}^{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}} = \frac{m_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}}E_{1L}$$
We prove this true

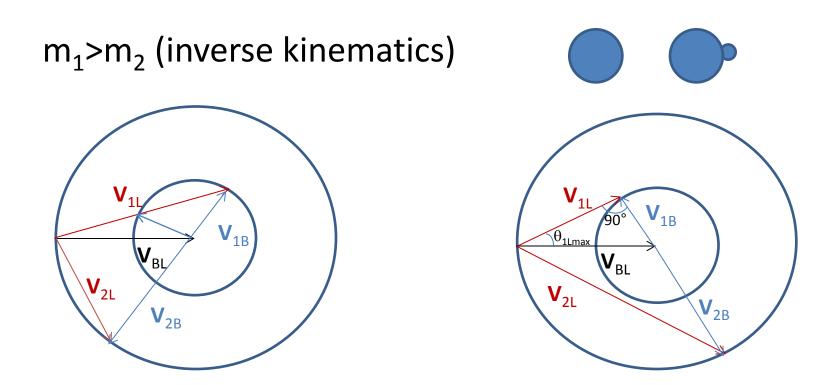
$$E_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{1}m_{2}V_{1L}^{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{1}m_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}}\left(\frac{(m_{1} + m_{2})}{m_{1}}\right)^{2}V_{BL}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}}(m_{1} + m_{2})V_{BL}^{2}$$

$$E_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}V_{1B}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m_{2}V_{2B}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}\left(\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}}\right)^{2}V_{2B}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m_{2}V_{2B}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}}(m_{2} + m_{1})V_{2B}^{2}$$

Some relations between angles



We draw two cyrcles having radii: R₁=V_{1B} and R₂=V_{2B}=V_{BL}



In inverse kinematics there is a maximum angle at which particle m1 and m2 are scattered in the lab system.

 $\theta_{\rm 1Lmax} \rightarrow {\rm V}_{\rm 1L}$ tangent to the inner circle

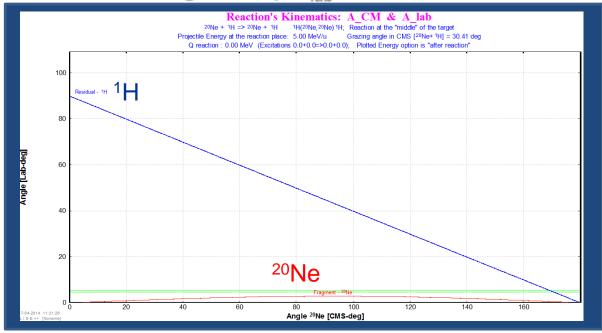
 $\frac{\sin \theta_{1Lmax}}{V_{BL}} = \frac{W_{1B}}{M_{1B}} = \frac{M_2}{M_1}$

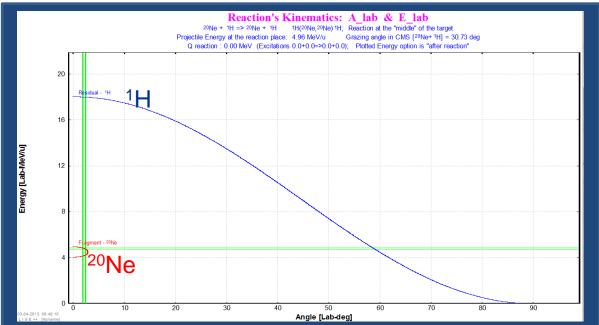
since $\rightarrow 2\theta_{2L} = \theta_{2B} = \pi - \theta_{1B}$

 θ_{2Lmax} = 90° for θ_{2B} =180°

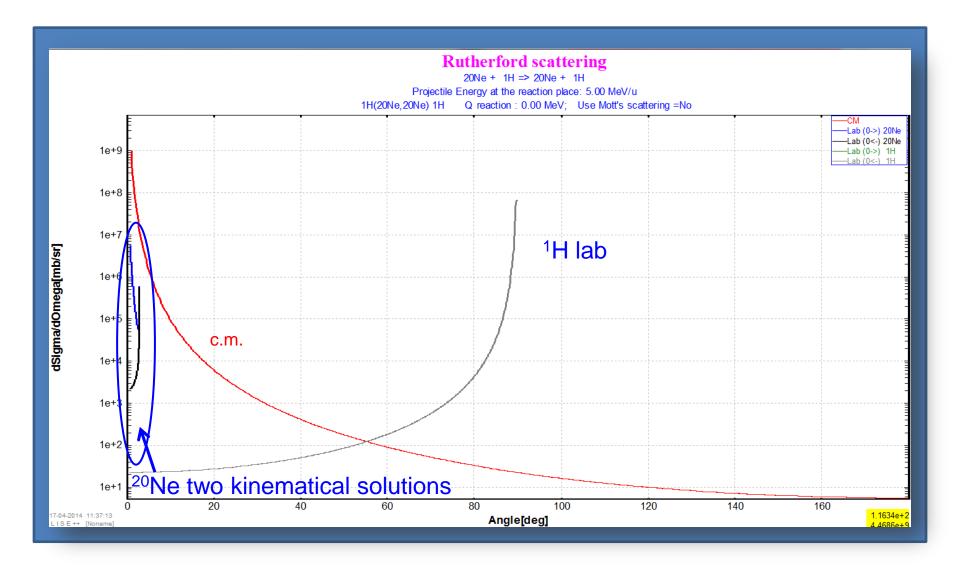
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E.g. ²⁰Ne+p E_{lab}=100 MeV

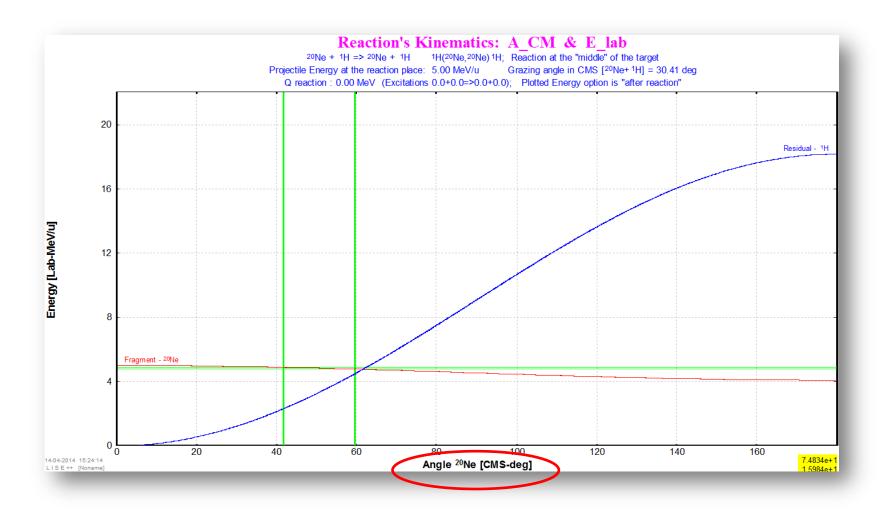




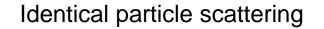
Rutherford cross-section

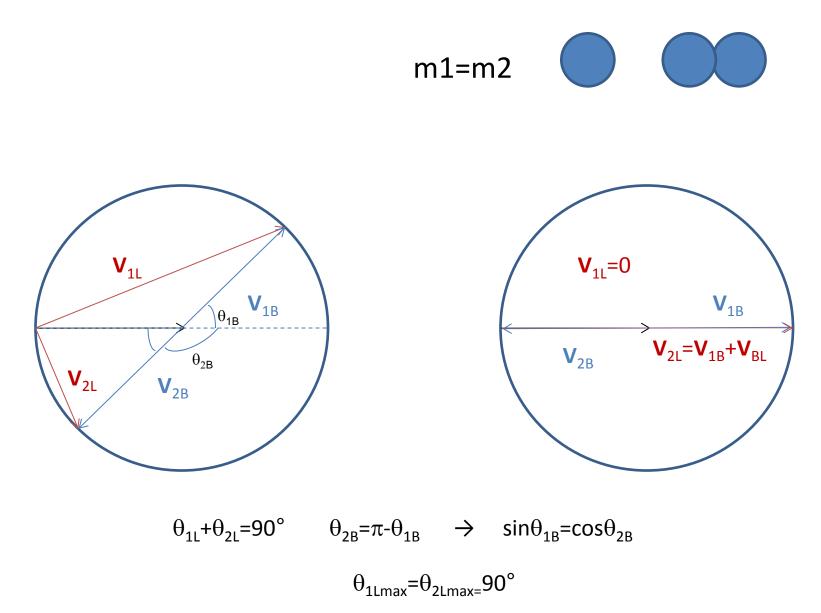


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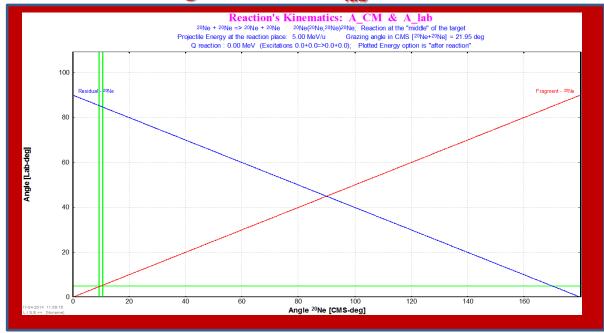
NOTE: In inverse kinematic scattering the c.m. angle is not the one of the light particle that one generally detects.

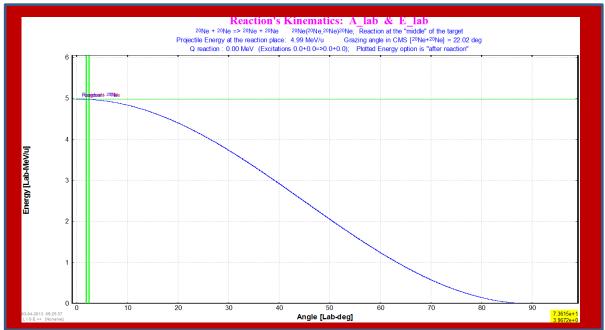




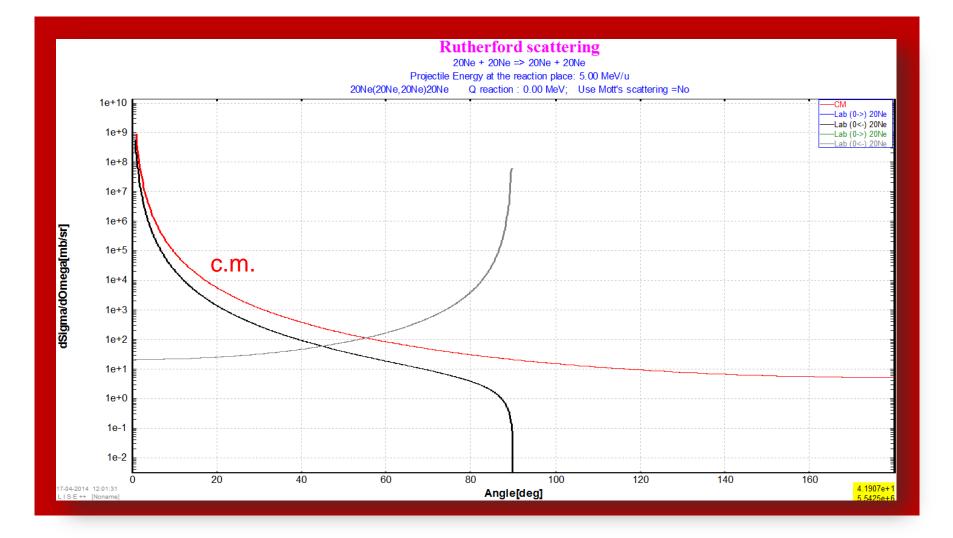
The maximum angle for both, projectile and recoil is 90°

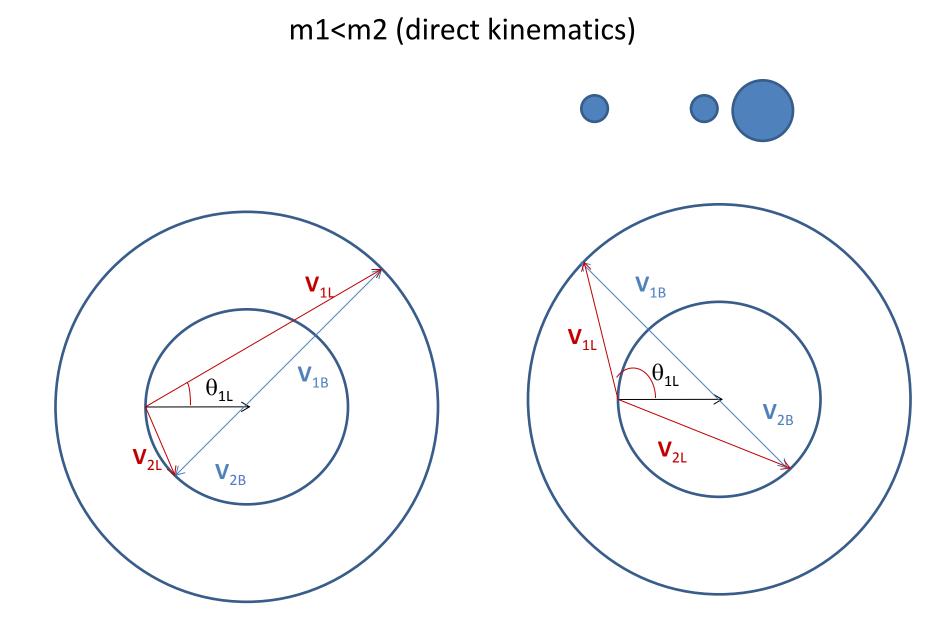
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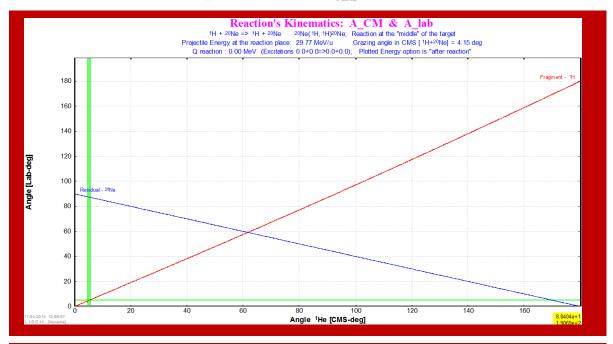
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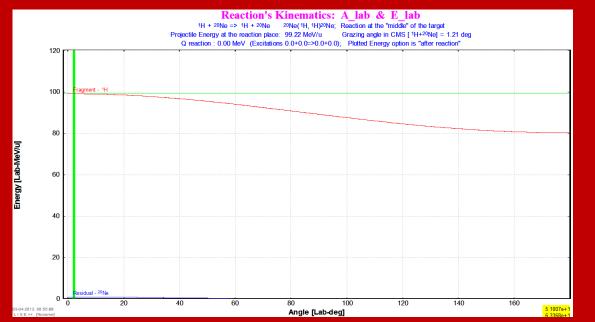




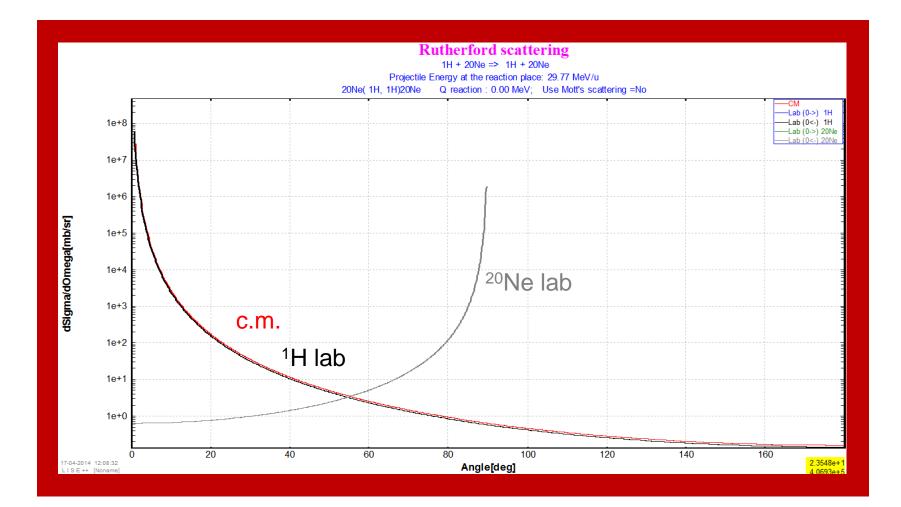
For the projectile particle all angles are allowed both in the c.m. and laboratory system.

E.g. p+ ²⁰Ne E_{lab}=100 MeV

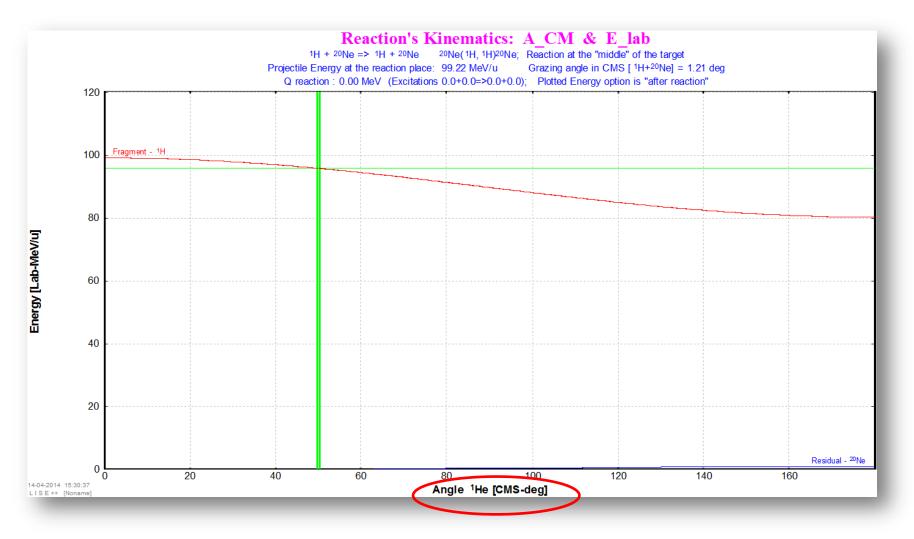




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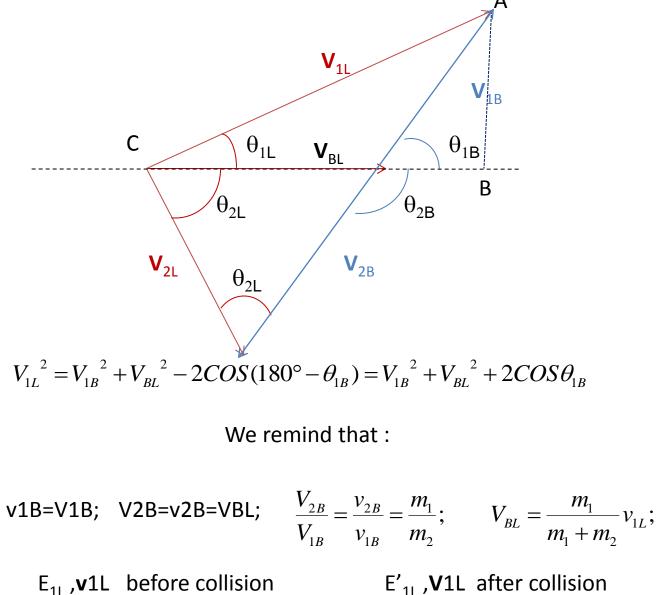


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NOTE: In direct kinematics the c.m. angle is the one of the light particle which is also the projectile particle.

Relation between variables before and after the collision



By combining these equations we can express the energy after the collision as a function of the energy before:

$$E_{1L} = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1L}^{2}$$

$$E_{1L} = \frac{1}{2}m_1V_{1L}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left[v_{1L}^{2}\frac{m_1^{2}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{2}} + v_{1L}^{2}\frac{m_2^{2}}{(m_1 + m_2)} + v_{1L}^{2}\frac{2m_1m_2\cos\theta_{1B}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{2}}\right] = E_{1L}\left[\frac{m_1^{2} + m_2^{2} + 2m_1m_2\cos\theta_{1B}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{2}}\right]$$

For particles having the same masses **m1=m2=m**:

$$E_{1L} = E_{1L} \left[\frac{2m^2 + 2m^2 \cos \theta_{1B}}{(2m)^2} \right] = E_{1L} \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta_{1B}}{2} \right) = E_{1L} \cos^2 \theta_{1L}$$

$$E_{1L} = E_{1L} + E_{2L}$$

$$E_{1L} = E_{1L} (\cos^2 \theta_{1L} + \sin^2 \theta_{1L}) = E_{1L} + E_{2L}$$

$$E_{2L} = E_{1L} \sin^2 \theta_{1L} = E_{1L} \cos^2 \theta_{2L}$$
We know that $\theta_{1L} + \theta_{2L} = 90^{\circ}$

By measuring energy and angle of one particle we can completely reconstruct the kinematics.

Now we calculate the relative energy trasferred in one collision:

$$\frac{\Delta E_{1L}}{E_{1L}} = \frac{E_{1L} - E_{1L}}{E_{1L}} 1 - \frac{E_{1L}}{E_{1L}} = 1 - \left[\frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1m_2\cos\theta_{1B}}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}\right] = \frac{2m_1m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} (1 - \cos\theta_{1B})$$

The maximum energy is transferred in a collision between two identicle particles

$$\left(\frac{\Delta E_{1L}}{E_{1L}}\right)_{\text{max}} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dm_1} \left[\frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}\right] = \frac{m_2 (m_1 + m_2)^2 - 2(m_1 + m_2)m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^4}$$
$$m_2 (m_1 + m_2)^2 - 2(m_1 + m_2)m_1 m_2 = 0 \quad \text{If m1=m2}$$

Relative energies.

$$E_{1B} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}V_{1B}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}\left(\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}+m_{2}}\right)^{2}V_{1L}^{2}$$

$$E_{2B} = \frac{1}{2}m_{2}V_{2B}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}m_{2}\left(\frac{m_{1}}{m_{1}+m_{2}}\right)^{2}V_{1L}^{2}$$

$$E_{1B} + E_{2B} = \frac{1}{2}V_{1L}^{2}\left(\frac{m_{1}m_{2}}{m_{1}+m_{2}}\right)^{2}\left[\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}+m_{2}} + \frac{m_{1}}{m_{1}+m_{2}}\right] = \frac{1}{2}\mu V_{1L}^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}m_{1}V_{1L}^{2} = E_{1L}V_{1L}^{2}\right)^{2}$$

The total energy in the cm is less than the incident energy in the lab system owing to the kinetic energy used for the cm motion in the lab.

$$E_{1B}+E_{2B}+E_{BL}=E_{1L}=E'_{1L}+E'_{2L}$$

 $\underline{1}\mu V_{1L}^{2}+E_{BL}=E_{1L}$
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$$V_{rel} = V_{1B} - V_{2B} = V_{1L} - V_{2L}$$

$$V_{rel}^{2} = V_{1B}^{2} + V_{2B}^{2} + 2V_{1B}V_{2B} = V_{1L}^{2} + V_{2L}^{2} + 2V_{1L}V_{2L}\cos\theta_{rel}$$

$$m_{1}V_{1B} - m_{2}V_{2B} = 0 \quad \text{From momentum conservation}$$

$$(m_{1}V_{1B} - m_{2}V_{2B})^{2} = 0 = m_{1}^{2}V_{1B}^{2} + m_{2}^{2}V_{2B}^{2} - 2m_{1}V_{1B}m_{2}V_{2B}$$

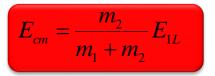
$$2V_{1B}V_{2B} = \frac{m_{1}^{2}V_{1B}^{2} + m_{2}^{2}V_{2B}^{2}}{m_{1}m_{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu V_{rel}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{1}m_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}} \left[V_{1B}^{2} + V_{2B}^{2} + 2V_{1B}V_{2B}\right] =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{1}m_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}} \left[V_{1B}^{2}(1 + \frac{m_{1}}{m_{2}}) + V_{2B}^{2}(1 + \frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}})\right] =$$

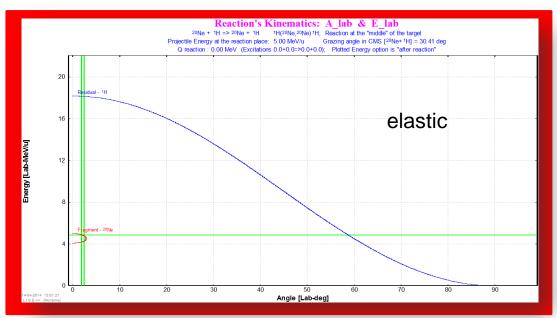
$$= \frac{1}{2}m_{1}V_{1B}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m_{2}V_{2B}^{2} = E_{cm}$$

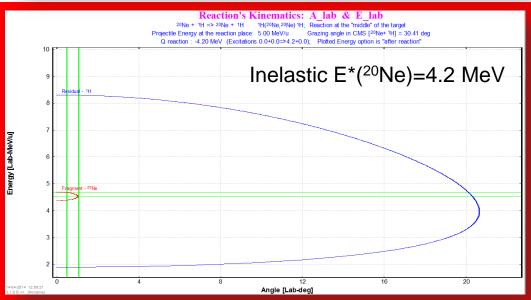
 $\frac{1}{2}\mu V_{1L}^{2} = E_{1B} + E_{2B} = E_{cm}$



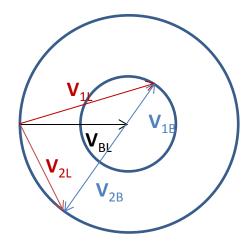
For $m_1 \ll m_2$ $E_{cm} \approx E_{1L}$

We now consider the case of Q≠0 a) Inelastic scattering ²⁰Ne+p

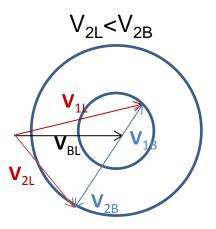




Two solutions for projectile fragment



Two solutions for both fragments depending upon excitation energy

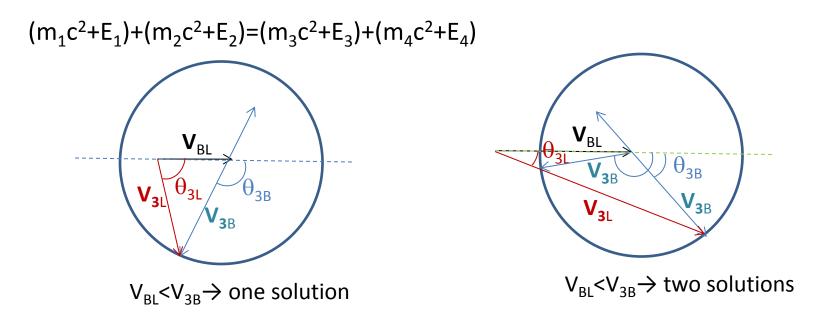


b) reaction

 $1+2\rightarrow 3+4$ 3=light 4=heavy

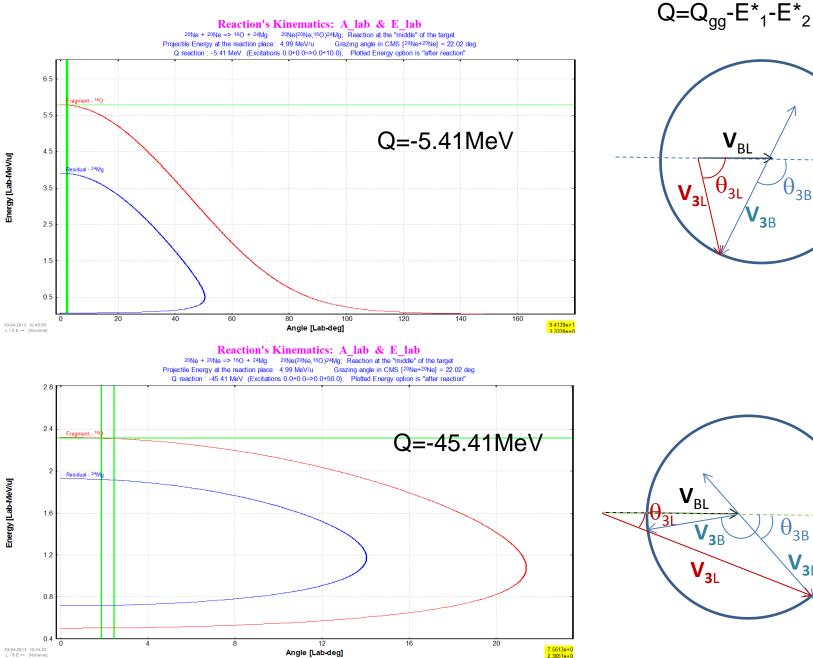
 $Q=(E_{3L}+E_{4L})-(E_{1L}+E_{2L})=[(m_1+m_2)-(m_3+m_4)]c^2$

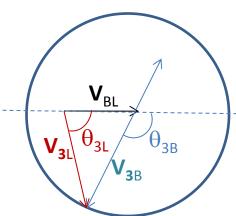
The total energy $\sum mc^2 + E$ is conserved: $E_T = E_{1L} + Q = E_{3L} + E_{4L}$

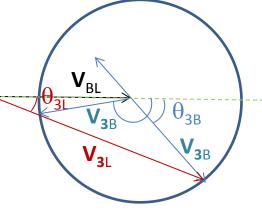


The number of solutions depends upon Q

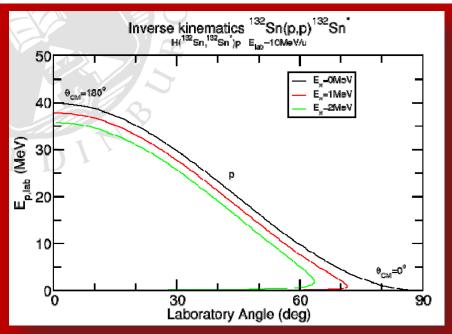
²⁰Ne+²⁰Ne→¹⁶O*+²⁴Mg





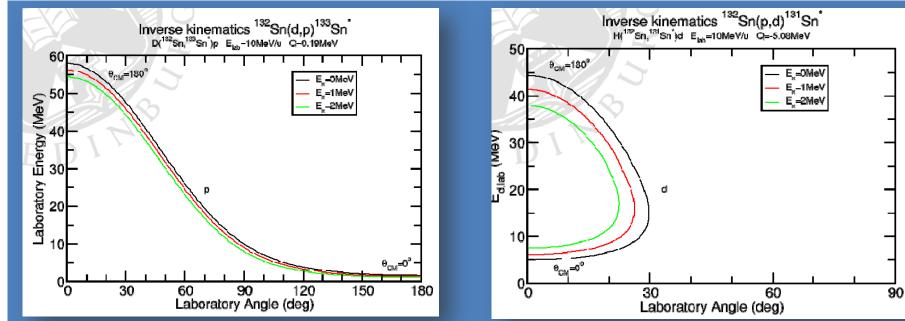


Inelastic scattering



From T.Davinson

Transfer reactions



Threshold energy for a reaction to occur:

$$Eth = \left|Q\right| \left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_2}\right)$$

$$A = \frac{m_1 m_4 (E_{1L} / E_T)}{(m_1 + m_2)(m_3 + m_4)}$$

$$B = \frac{m_1 m_3 (E_{1L} / E_T)}{(m_1 + m_2)(m_3 + m_4)}$$

$$C = \frac{m_2 m_3}{(m_1 + m_2)(m_3 + m_4)} (1 + \frac{m_1 Q}{m_1 E_T}) = \frac{E_{4B}}{E_T}$$

$$D = \frac{m_2 m_4}{(m_1 + m_2)(m_3 + m_4)} (1 + \frac{m_1 Q}{m_1 E_T}) = \frac{E_{3B}}{E_T}$$

A+B+C+D=1 AC=BD

If one or both the emitted particles are excited the $Q=Q_{gg}-E_{1}^{*}-E_{2}^{*}$

$$\frac{E_{3L}}{E_T} = B + D + 2\sqrt{AC}\cos\theta_{3B} = B\left[\left(\cos\theta_{3L}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(D/B - \sin^2\theta_{3L}\right)}\right]^2$$

Use only sign + (one solution) unless B>D (two solutions), in this case there is a maximum angle for the heavy particle in the Lab: $\theta_{Lmax} = \sin^{-1}(D/B)^{1/2}$

$$\frac{E_{4L}}{E_T} = A + C + 2\sqrt{AC}\cos\theta_{4B} = A\left[\left(\cos\theta_{4L}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(C/A - \sin^2\theta_{4L}\right)}\right]^2$$

Use only sign + (one solution) unless A>C (two solutions), in this case there is a maximum angle for the heavy particle in the Lab: θ_{4Lmax} =sin-1(C/A)^{1/2}

$$\sin \theta_{4B} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_3 E_{3L}}{m_2 E_{2L}}\right)} \sin \theta_{3L}$$
$$\sin \theta_{3B} = \left(\frac{E_{3L} / E_T}{D}\right) \sin \theta_{3L}$$

We suppose now that the two particles form a compound system S. The velocity of S equals the cm velocity after the collision: $V_s = V_{BL}$

If from S is emitting a particle with velocity Vp in the cm system, we have:

