

On the Covariant Description of the Elastic Scattering of Longitudinally Polarized Leptons by Half-Integer Spin Nuclei

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In [1], in the framework of a general approach to the covariant description of the structure of half-integer spin nuclei, analytical expressions were found for the multipole expansion of the structure functions, entering into the differential cross section for elastic scattering of longitudinally polarized leptons

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{Mott} \left\{ W_1 + 2tg^2 \frac{\theta}{2} W_2 - \zeta \tau \left[\frac{M}{E} + \left(1 + \frac{M}{E} \right) tg^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] W_4 \right\}.$$

In the effective current approximation, valid for high energies $E \gg m_l$ of the scattered lepton, structure functions W_k depend upon $\tau = -q^2/4M^2$, lepton helicity ζ , and electromagnetic and weak nucleus form factors, and lepton electroweak constants.

In this work using Rarita-Schwinger formalism to describe [2] nuclei with half-integer spin $J \leq 7/2$, we construct explicit expressions for covariant

electromagnetic and weak vertex functions $\Gamma_{em, weak}^{\mu(\alpha)_j(\beta)_j}$ ($j = J - 1/2$),

as well as for the density matrix $\Lambda_{(\alpha)_j(\beta)_j}$ of an unpolarized nucleus state. Then, using multipole expansion technique in the Breit zero energy transfer system, we

consider traditional multipole form factors – vector $F_{Cl}(\tau)$ ($l = 0, 2, \dots, 2J - 1$) and $F_{Ml}(\tau)$ ($l = 1, 3, \dots, 2J$), as well as axial $F_{5El}(\tau)$ and $F_{5Ll}(\tau)$ ($l = 1, 3, \dots, 2J$) – and get expressions for them through the covariant form factors of the vertex functions $F_E^{(n)}(\tau)$, $F_M^{(n)}(\tau)$, $G_1^{(n)}(\tau)$ and $g_E^{(n)}(\tau)$, $g_M^{(n)}(\tau)$, $g_A^{(n)}(\tau)$.

Then we obtain and discuss expressions for the right-left asymmetry A_{RL} , as well as the spin correlations of transversely polarized incident and scattered leptons. We show, that elastic scattering is helicity conserving due to smallness of the lepton mass, and right-left asymmetry contains contribution from anapole moment of the target, whereas transverse correlations arise only with simultaneous polarization of incident and scattered leptons.

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