

Computation of the Scattering Cross-Section for Some Isospin States

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Abstract:- Different isotopes of medium and heavy beams from neutron poor to neutron rich in an energy range 30-100MeV cross section at 0^0 is very important, its position in energy can be determined much more precisely experimentally than the absolute magnitude of the cross section. the energy minimum given by $T_\pi = 45.16 \pm 0.5$ MeV was used in this work, using Fortran programmed KAP19 in this research to calculates the differential and the total scattering cross-section for the scattering of a neutron with energy $E \leq 50$ MeV by a target nucleus with mass number $A \geq 40$. It was observed that in all the system considered there was resonance particle.

I. INTRODUCTION

Heisenberg suggested in 1932 that the proton and neutron could be thought of as different states of the same particle: 'spin up' and 'spin down' nucleon. This was the beginning of isospin (originally isotopic spin and sometimes isobaric spin) [1]. Isospin is a continuous symmetry which the strong interaction does not distinguish between the neutron and proton. For example, the mass difference between the two is very small:

$$(m_n - m_p) / m_n \approx 10^{-3} \tag{1}$$

Heisenberg's thought was that if you could turn off electromagnetism then $m_p = m_n$. We now believe that that isospin symmetry is due the near equality of the up and down quarks ($m_u \approx m_d$) [3]. It was postulate that Isospin is conserved in the strong interaction, but not in the electromagnetic (or weak interaction). The strong interaction does not feel (or "couple") to electric charge so we expect the strong interaction of the proton and neutron to be the same. Thus the isospin operator (I) commutes with the strong Hamiltonian, but not the electromagnetic Hamiltonian [4].

$$[H_s, I] = 0 \text{ but } [H_{EM}, I] \neq 0 \tag{2}$$

When constructing the wavefunction of a system under the strong interaction it is necessary to take isospin into consideration to make sure it has the correct (boson or fermion) symmetry. This generalizes the Pauli Principle. [5-11]. Isospin states are labeled by the total Isospin (I) and the third component of Isospin (I_3). When constructing baryons (3 quark states) and meson (quark anti-quark states) account must be taken into the isospin of the quarks:

$$u - \text{quark} : I = 1/2, d - \text{quark} : I_3 = -1/2, \text{ all other quarks have } I = 0 \tag{3}$$

Mathematically, Isospin is identical to spin, we combine Isospin the same way we combine angular momentum in quantum mechanics (QM). Like angular momentum, Isospin can be integral or half integral:

Particles	Total Isospin value (I)		
Λ^0 or Ω^-	0		
(p, n) or (K^0, K^+)	1/2	$(2I + 1)$ state	4
(π^+, π^0, π^-)	1		
$(\Delta^{++}, \Delta^+, \Delta^0, \Delta^-)$	1/3		

Like the proton and neutron, the three pion states (p^+, p^0, p^-) are really one particle under the strong interaction, but are split by the electromagnetic interaction. Just like ordinary angular momentum states. In this way of labeling we have:

Particles	Isospin state $ I, I_3\rangle$	
L^0 or W^-	$ 0, 0\rangle$	
proton or K^+	$ 1/2, 1/2\rangle$	
neutron or K^0	$ 1/2, -1/2\rangle$	5

$$\begin{array}{ll} p^+ & |1,1\rangle \\ p^0 & |1,0\rangle \\ p^- & |1,-1\rangle \end{array}$$

The development of particle accelerators and the measurement of scattering cross sections revealed new particles in the form of resonances. The first resonance in particle was discovered by H. Anderson, E. Fermi, E. A. Long, and D. E. Nagle, working at the Chicago Cyclotron in 1952 [12]. They observed a striking difference between the π^+p and π^-p total crosssections. The π^-p cross section rose sharply from a few millibarns and came up to a peak of about 60 mb for an incident pion kinetic energy of 180 MeV. The π^+p cross section behaved similarly except that for any given energy, its cross section was about three times as large as that for π^-p . [13]



For a Deuterium is an “iso-singlet”, i.e. it has $I = 0 \rightarrow |1,1\rangle$

The Isospin states of the proton, neutron and pions are listed below. In terms of isospin states:

$$\begin{array}{ll} pp = |1/2, 1/2\rangle |1/2, +1/2\rangle & d\pi^+ = |0,0\rangle |1,1\rangle \\ pn = |1/2, 1/2\rangle |1/2, -1/2\rangle & d\pi^0 = |0,0\rangle |1,0\rangle \end{array} \quad 7$$

If considering the same techniques used to combine angular momentum in QM then we can go from 1/2 basis to the 1 basis. For pp, $d\pi^+$, and $d\pi^0$ there is only one way to combine the spin states:

$$\begin{array}{ll} pp = |1/2, 1/2\rangle |1/2, +1/2\rangle = |1,1\rangle & \\ d\pi^+ = |0,0\rangle |1,1\rangle = |1,1\rangle & 8 \\ d\pi^0 = |0,0\rangle |1,0\rangle = |1,0\rangle & \end{array}$$

However, the pn state is tricky since it is a combination of $|0,0\rangle$ and $|1,0\rangle$. The amount of each state is given by the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients ($1/\sqrt{2}$ in this cases).

$$|j_1, m_1\rangle |j_2, m_2\rangle = \sum_{j=|j_1-j_2|}^{j_1+j_2} C_{m, m_1, m_2}^{J, J_1, J_2} |j, m\rangle \text{ with } m = m_1 + m_2 \quad 9$$

$$|1/2, +1/2\rangle |1/2, -1/2\rangle = \frac{|0,0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{|1,0\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

to calculate the ratio of scattering cross sections for these two reactions. Fermi’s Golden Rules tells us that a cross section is proportional to the square of a matrix element:

$$\sigma \propto |\langle f | H | i \rangle|^2 \quad 10$$

with i =initial state, f =final state, H =Hamiltonian. If H conserves Isospin (strong interaction) then the initial and final states have to have the same I and I_3 . Therefore assuming Isospin conservation then:

$$\begin{array}{l} |\langle d\pi^+ | H | pp \rangle|^2 = |\langle 1,1 | 1,1 \rangle|^2 = 1 \\ |\langle d\pi^0 | H | pn \rangle|^2 = |\langle 1,0 | (1/2)(|0,0\rangle + |1,0\rangle)|^2 = 1/2 \end{array} \quad 11$$

The ratio of cross section is expected to be:

$$\frac{\sigma_{pp \rightarrow d\pi^+}}{\sigma_{pn \rightarrow d\pi^0}} = \frac{|\langle d\pi^+ | H | pp \rangle|^2}{|\langle d\pi^0 | H | pn \rangle|^2} = \frac{2}{1} \quad 12$$

This ratio is consistent with experimental measurement. The general construction of isospin amplitudes for π system taking into account Bose statistics has been given by Pairs [12] a long time ago but was only recently used for π physics [13].

Another case is the Isospin invariance which can be found in pion nucleon scattering. Consider the following two-body reactions of the eight reactions of the form $\pi N \rightarrow \pi' N'$ the only three directly accessible experimentally are those with charged pion beams and proton targets: $\pi^\pm p$ elastic scattering, with amplitudes f_\pm , and $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 p$ charge-exchange (CEX) scattering, with amplitude f_{CEX} the Isospin conservation gives a relationship among these three amplitudes, the triangle identity

$$f_{CEX} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(f_+ - f_-) \quad 13$$

The study of isospin-breaking effects is favored at low energies for the following reasons.

- Recent measurements of pion-nucleon elastic [14] and charge-exchange [15] scattering for $T_\pi \leq 50$ MeV have yielded data of exceptionally high quality. A new pionic atom measurement has also been recently obtained [16].
- There is a minimum in each of the amplitudes in this energy range. A small value of any one of the amplitudes is useful since Eq. (13) implies that if any of $(f_+, f_-, \sqrt{2}f_{CEX})$ is zero the other two must have equal magnitudes.
- At these low energies the imaginary part of the amplitudes is very small.
- The s- and p-wave amplitudes suffice to describe scattering and have a smooth and gentle energy dependence. [17]

The existence of a minimum in the charge-exchange cross section at 0o is very important, since its position in energy can be determined much more precisely experimentally than the absolute magnitude of the cross section. Fitzgerald et al. [15] determined the energy of the minimum to be $T_\pi = 45.16 \pm 0.5$ MeV.

State Isospin decomposition

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi^+ p & \quad |1,1\rangle |1/2,1/2\rangle = |3/2,3/2\rangle \\
 \pi^- p & \quad |1,-1\rangle |1/2,1/2\rangle = \sqrt{1/3} |3/2,-1/2\rangle - \sqrt{2/3} |1/2,-1/2\rangle \\
 \pi^0 n & \quad |1,0\rangle |1/2,-1/2\rangle = \sqrt{2/3} |3/2,-1/2\rangle + \sqrt{1/3} |1/2,-1/2\rangle
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{14}$$

If at a certain energy the scattering particles form a bound state with $I=3/2$ then only the $I=3/2$ components will contribute to the cross section, i.e.: or very small. Thus we have:

$$\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p = \langle 3/2,3/2 | H | 3/2,3/2 \rangle$$

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow p - \pi = 1/3 \left\langle \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \left| H \right| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + 2/3 \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \left| H \right| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = 1/3 \left\langle \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \left| H \right| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle_{15}$$

$$p - p \rightarrow \pi + p^0 n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left\langle \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \left| H \right| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \left| H \right| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \left\langle \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \left| H \right| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

The cross sections depend on the square of the matrix element. If we assume that the strong interaction is independent of I_3 then we get the following relationships:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a) \quad & \frac{\sigma_{\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^+ p}}{\sigma_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n}} : \frac{\sigma_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n}}{\sigma_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p}} = 9 : 2 : 1 \\
 b) \quad & \frac{\sigma_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n}}{\sigma_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p}} = 2 \\
 c) \quad & \text{For the total cross section: } \frac{\sigma_{\pi^+ p}}{\sigma_{\pi^- p}} = 3
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{16}$$

The three predictions are in good agreement with the data (Data from 1952 paper by Fermi's group. They measured the cross section for $\pi^- p$ and $\pi^+ p$ as a function of beam energy [18]) except equation (16c). Modern compilation of data from many experiments giving the cross section for $\pi^- p$ and $\pi^+ p$ as a function of the πp invariant mass.

II. METHODOLOGY

The isotopes of $^{56}Ni \rightarrow ^{58}Ni$, and $^{206}Pb \rightarrow ^{208}Pb$ and determined experimental energy of the $T_\pi = 45.16 - 0.5$ MeV which was used in this work, a Fortran programmed KAP19 [19] was used in this research to calculate the differential and the total scattering cross-section for the scattering of a neutron with energy $E \leq 50$ MeV by a target nucleus with mass number $A \geq 40$.

Parameters used in the programmed are:

LMAX: Maximum angular momentum quantum number (LMAX=18)

IPI: Number of sub-intervals in the interval $[0, \pi]$ (IPI=90)

IB: Number of integration steps for the calculation of the radial wave function (IB=500)

B: Upper integration limit for the calculation of the radial wave function in units of 1 fm (B=20.D0)

M: Mass of the neutron in units of 1 u (M=1.008665D0)

HBAR: PLANCK's constant divided by 2π in units of $1 \text{ fm} \hat{=} (\text{MeV} \cdot \text{u})$

2.1 Input quantities

A: Mass number of the target nucleus (number of nucleons)

Z: Nuclear charge number of the target nucleus (number of protons)

E: Energy of the neutron in units of 1MeV

LP: Angular momentum quantum number; in the calculation of the interaction cross-section all partial waves up to and including LP are taken into account

Lead (Pb) with A=206,207,208, Z= 82 percentage abundance of 24.1, 22.1,52.4 and Nickel (Ni) with A= 56, 57, 58 Z = 28 percentage abundance of 59.930, 68.077, 26.223 [20] Angular momentum quantum number runs from $l = 0$ to 10.

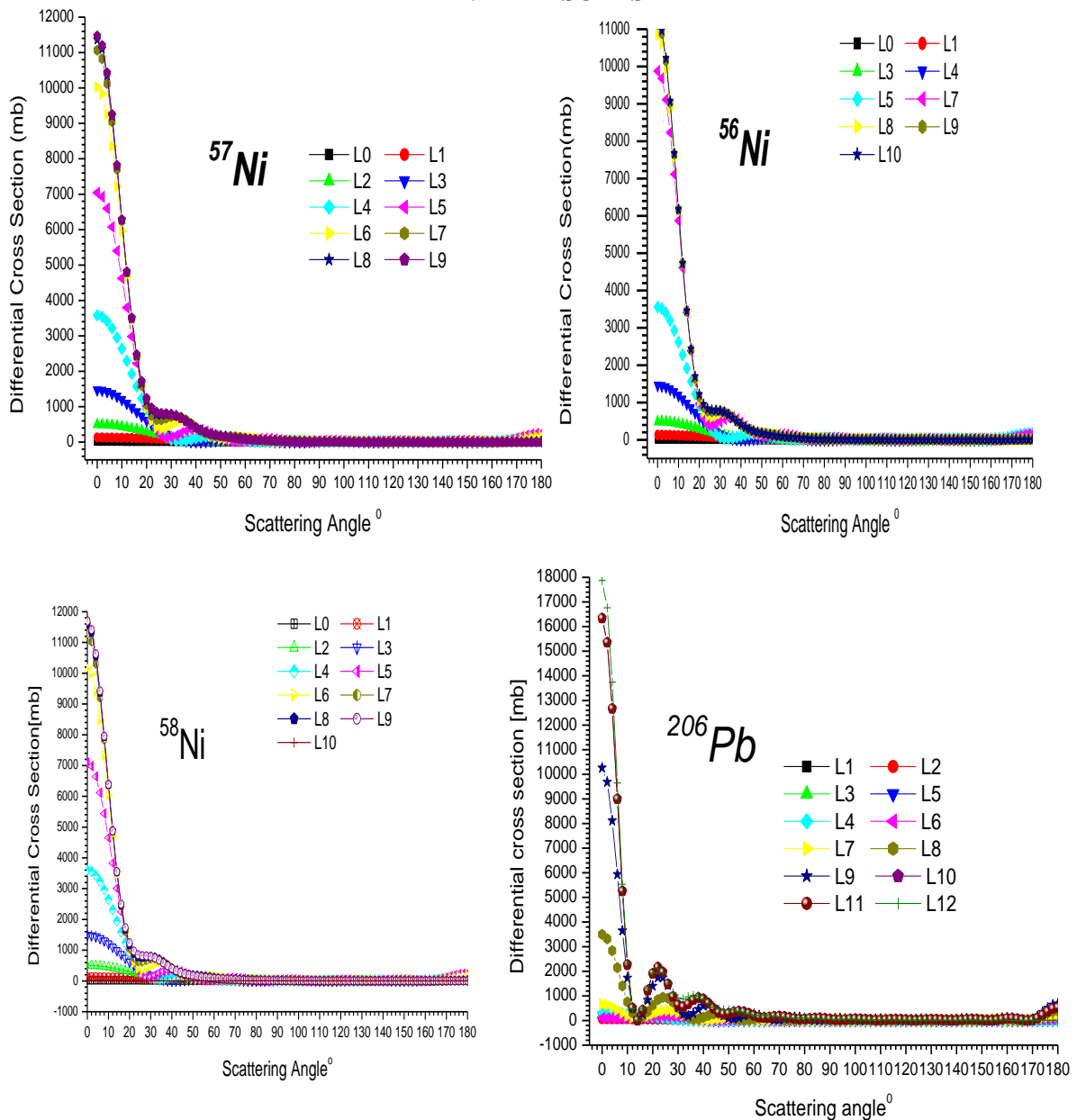
2.2 Output quantities

THEATA: Scattering angle

DSIGMA: Differential scattering cross-section in units of 1mb

SIGMA: Total scattering cross-section in units of 1mb

III. RESULTS



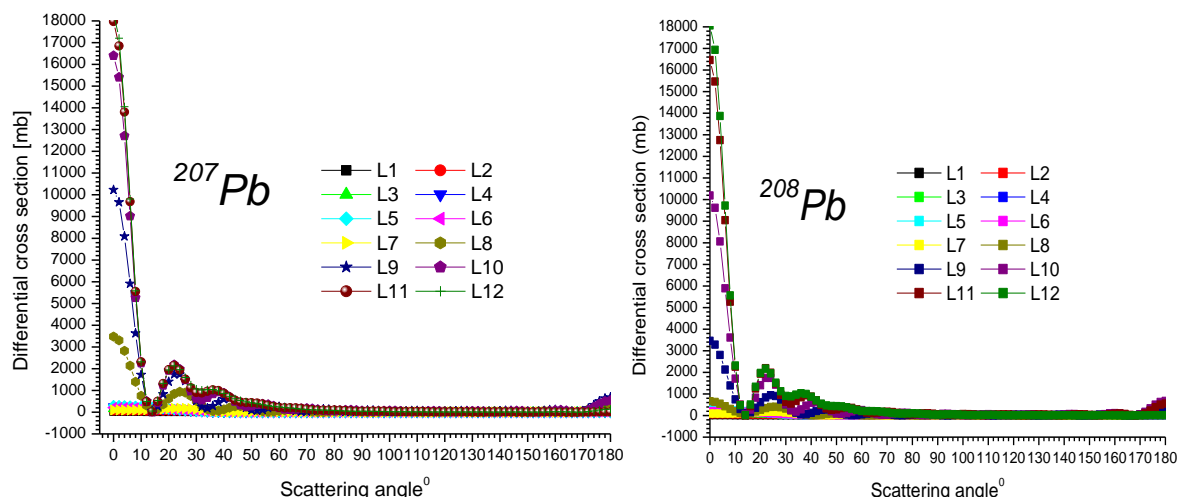


Fig1: plots of Differential cross section against scattering angle for angular momentum 1 to 10, for isotopes of Lead and Nickel.

IV. DISCUSSION

It shows the effect of quasistable/metastable for both the system considered in Ni58, Ni57 and Ni56 the highest pole is at 922.614mb, 721.697mb, 826.508mb at the scattering angle 31.58° , 32° , 32.03° , and 29.05° while for Pb208 Pb207, Pb206, the highest pole is at 2101.273mb, 2269.307mb, 2162.3303mb at the scattering angle 22.626° , 21.974° , 21.802° respectively. It was observed that in both Ni56 and Pb208 there is a phenomenon known as a 'resonance particle,' which means there is a peak in the scattering cross section as a function of center of mass (CM) energy corresponding exactly to a short-lived particle of certain mass.

4.0 Conclusion

It's shown that the phase shift analysis had ambiguities and that the resonant hypothesis was not unique. It took another two years to settle fully the matter with many measurements and phase shift analyses.

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