

Prediction of the analyzing power for $\vec{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ elastic scattering at 200 MeV from $\vec{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ elastic scattering at 200 MeV

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Background: Johnson, Al-Khalili, and Tostevin constructed a theory for one-neutron halo-nucleus scattering, taking (1) the adiabatic approximation and (2) neglecting the interaction between a valence neutron and a target, and yielding a simple relationship between the elastic scattering of a halo nucleus and of its core. The core-target scattering is calculated with the reduced mass between a halo nucleus and a target, and hence is not measured with the experiment.

Purpose: Our first aim is to apply their theory for $\vec{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ elastic scattering as two-neutron halo-nucleus scattering and improve the theory with (3) the eikonal approximation. Our second aim is to investigate how good the improved theory is.

Methods: An improved valence-target-cutting (VTC) theory and cluster-folding (CF) model.

Results: The improved VTC theory shows a new relation between two differential cross sections measured for $\vec{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering. Using the relation, we show that the analyzing power $A_y(q)$ for ${}^6\text{He}$ is the same as for ${}^4\text{He}$. In the improved theory, the ratio of measured differential cross section for ${}^4\text{He}$ to that for ${}^6\text{He}$ determines a radius $r_{\alpha-2n}$ between ${}^4\text{He}$ and the center of mass of two valence neutrons; the value is $r_{\alpha-2n} = 3.54$ fm. Among the approximations (1)–(3), the approximation (2) is essential. In order to investigate the approximation (2), we apply the CF model for $\vec{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV, where the potential between \vec{p} and ${}^4\text{He}$ is fitted to data on $\vec{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV. For $\vec{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV, the CF model reproduces the measured differential cross section with no free parameter. The CF model shows that the approximation (2) is good in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, where $\hbar q$ is the transfer momentum. Using the improved theory, in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, we predict $A_y(q)$ for ${}^6\text{He}$ from measured $A_y(q)$ for ${}^4\text{He}$.

Conclusions: The improved VTC theory shows that $A_y(q)$ for ${}^6\text{He}$ is the same as for ${}^4\text{He}$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the shell model, the central and spin-orbit potentials are important for understanding nuclear structure. The importance was first discovered by Mayer and Jensen. The central and spin-orbit potentials in various stable nuclei are similar to the real part of the optical potential in the \vec{p} elastic scattering on the corresponding stable nuclei. The optical potentials are well determined by measured differential cross sections $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and analyzing powers A_y .

In general, the central and spin-orbit potentials in the scattering of unstable nuclei on a \vec{p} target are different from the case of stable nuclei, since unstable nuclei have larger radii than the stable nuclei with the common mass number [1,2].

For scattering of ${}^6\text{He}$ on a \vec{p} target at an incident energy $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV/nucleon, the A_y was obtained in the inverse measurement [3–5]. In the experiment, the $d\sigma/d\Omega$ is measured in $1.1 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($42^\circ \lesssim \theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 87^\circ$) and the A_y is in $1.0 \lesssim q \lesssim 1.9 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($37^\circ \lesssim \theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 74^\circ$) [3–5], where $\hbar q$

and $\theta_{\text{c.m.}}$ are the transfer momentum and the scattering angle in the center-of-mass (c.m.) frame, respectively. The measured A_y is reproduced by the cluster-folding (CF) model [5]. It is shown in Ref. [5] that the spin-orbit part of the phenomenological optical potential is shallow and long-ranged. This problem is not solved yet.

The same measurement was made for $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon [6], since the nucleon-nucleon (NN) total cross section has a minimum around there. However, the result was shown only for $d\sigma/d\Omega$ in $1.7 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.7 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($36^\circ \lesssim \theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 59^\circ$).

The $\vec{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon were analyzed by the Melbourne g -matrix folding model [1]. The model predicted $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y for ${}^6\text{He}$, but not does account for the data [7] for ${}^4\text{He}$ in $q \gtrsim 3.3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($\theta_{\text{c.m.}} \gtrsim 80^\circ$). *Ab initio* folding potentials based on no-core shell-model [8] were constructed and applied for $\vec{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon. The model reproduces the data on $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for ${}^6\text{He}$, but not $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for ${}^4\text{He}$ in $q \gtrsim 2.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($\theta_{\text{c.m.}} \gtrsim 60^\circ$).

Crespo and Moro calculated $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y for the $\vec{p} + {}^4,6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 297$ MeV/nucleon, using the multiple scattering expansion [9]. Microscopic optical potentials derived from NN t matrix and nonlocal density was applied for the $\vec{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon [10],

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and reproduced the data of Ref. [7] in $q \lesssim 4.1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($\theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 110^\circ$).

Johnson, Al-Khalili, and Tostevin constructed a theory for one-neutron halo-nucleus scattering, using (1) the adiabatic approximation and (2) neglecting the interaction between a valence neutron and a target [11]. They yield a simple relationship between the elastic scattering of a halo nucleus and of its core from a stable target. They applied the theory for $^{11}\text{Be} + ^{12}\text{C}$ and $^{19}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ scattering, since the core mass is much larger than the valence-neutron mass. Nevertheless, they found that the approximation (2) is not negligible. There is no statement on A_y in Ref. [11]. For simplicity, we refer to the theory as valence-target cutting (VTC) theory. The case of multinucleon valence halo systems is described in Ref. [12].

In Ref. [11], the differential cross section of the core-target scattering is calculated with the reduced mass μ between a halo nucleus and a target, and not measured with the experiment.

In this paper, we apply the VTC theory for a two-neutron halo nucleus scattering and improve the extended theory with (3) the eikonal approximation. Among the three approximations used, the approximation (2) is most essential for $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ elastic scattering, since the core mass is comparable with the two-neutron mass. We consider $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 71, 200 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$. As a second aim, we investigate how good the improved VTC theory is for the $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering, that is, how good the approximation (2) is for the $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering.

The improved VTC theory shows that $A_y(q)$ for ^4He is the same as $A_y(q)$ for ^6He . This makes it possible to determine $A_y(q)$ for ^6He from the data on $A_y(q)$ for ^4He . The ratio $F(\mathbf{q}/3)$ of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for ^6He to that for ^4He is related to the wave function of ^6He in the improved VTC theory. This allows us to determine the radius $r_{\alpha-2n}$ between ^4He and the center-of-mass of valence two neutrons from $F(\mathbf{q}/3)$.

Using the CF model, we confirm that the approximation (2) is good in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for $E_{\text{lab}} = 200 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$, but good only in the vicinity of $q = 0.9 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for $E_{\text{lab}} = 71 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$.

The improved VTC theory and the results are shown in Sec. II. The CF model is explained and its results are shown in Sec. III. Section IV is devoted to a summary.

II. IMPROVED VTC THEORY AND ITS RESULTS

We extend the VTC theory for ^6He elastic scattering on a target \bar{p} at $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ and 200 MeV/nucleon as two-neutron halo-nucleus scattering. For this purpose, we start with the $p + n_1 + n_2 + ^4\text{He}$ four-body model; see Fig. 1 for two sets of coordinates in the four-body system.

The four-body Hamiltonian is

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_6} \nabla_R^2 + U + H_6, \quad (1)$$

$$U = U_{pn_1}(r_{pn_1}) + U_{pn_2}(r_{pn_2}) + U_{p\alpha}(r_{p\alpha}) + V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(r_{p\alpha}), \quad (2)$$

where μ_6 is the reduce mass between \bar{p} and ^6He and the Hamiltonian H_6 of ^6He is described by the $n_1 + n_2 + ^4\text{He}$ three-body model. The coordinates $r_{p\gamma}$ for $\gamma = n_1, n_2, \alpha$ are

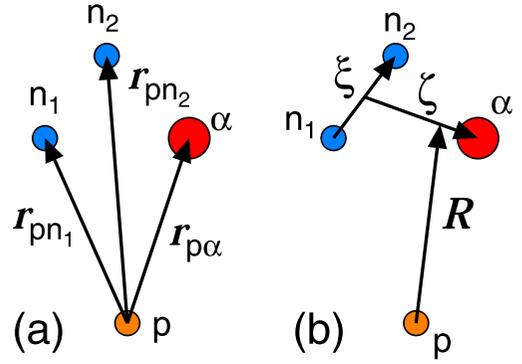


FIG. 1. Two sets of coordinates in four-body model.

shown in Fig. 1 (a). The $U_{p\gamma}$ is the nuclear interaction between \bar{p} and γ .

The exact T matrix of the elastic scattering is

$$T = \langle e^{ik'R} \Phi | U | \Psi \rangle \quad (3)$$

for the total wave function Ψ , the incident and final momenta, $\hbar\mathbf{k}$ and $\hbar\mathbf{k}'$. The ground state $\Phi(\xi, \zeta)$ of ^6He has an energy ε_0 .

We take the adiabatic approximation ($H_6 \approx \varepsilon_0$) for H and neglect the interactions U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} . The resulting Hamiltonian is

$$H_{\text{AD}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_6} \nabla_R^2 + U_{p\alpha}(r_{p\alpha}) + V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(r_{p\alpha}) + \varepsilon_0. \quad (4)$$

In H_{AD} , ζ is a constant, because of no derivative with respect to ζ . We then get $\nabla_R^2 = \nabla_{r_{p\alpha}}^2$ for $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r}_{p\alpha} - \zeta/3$. Eventually, we get

$$H_{\text{AD}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_6} \nabla_{r_{p\alpha}}^2 + U_{p\alpha}(r_{p\alpha}) + V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(r_{p\alpha}) + \varepsilon_0. \quad (5)$$

The solution Ψ_{AD} to the Schrödinger equation [$E_{\text{c.m.}} - H_{\text{AD}}\Psi_{\text{AD}} = 0$]

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\text{AD}} &= \frac{i\varepsilon}{E_{\text{c.m.}} - H_{\text{AD}} + i\varepsilon} e^{ik\cdot\mathbf{R}} \Phi \\ &= \frac{i\varepsilon}{E_{\text{c.m.}} - H_{\text{AD}} + i\varepsilon} e^{ik\cdot\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}} e^{-ik\cdot\zeta/3} \Phi \\ &= e^{-ik\cdot\zeta/3} \Phi \frac{i\varepsilon}{E_{\text{c.m.}} - H_{\text{AD}} + i\varepsilon} e^{ik\cdot\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}} \\ &= e^{-ik\cdot\zeta/3} \Phi \chi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

with the distorting wave function

$$\chi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) = \frac{i\varepsilon}{E_{\text{c.m.}} - H_{\text{AD}} + i\varepsilon} e^{ik\cdot\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}} \quad (7)$$

for infinitesimally small ε and the incident energy $E_{\text{cm}} = \hbar^2 k^2 / (2\mu_6)$ in the center of mass (c.m.) system. Inserting Eq. (6) in Eq. (3), we can obtain an approximate T matrix T_{AD} as

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{AD}} &= \langle e^{ik'\cdot\mathbf{R}} \Phi | U_{p\alpha} + V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(r_{p\alpha}) | e^{-ik\cdot\zeta/3} \Phi \chi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) \rangle \\ &= F((k' - k)/3) \langle e^{ik'\cdot\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}} | U_{p\alpha} + V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}} | \chi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) \rangle_{\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where the subscript $\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}$ shows the integral over $\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}$. The $F(\mathbf{Q})$ as a function of $\mathbf{Q} \equiv (\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{q}/3$ is the form factor defined by

$$F(\mathbf{Q}) \equiv F((\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k})/3) = \langle e^{i(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\zeta}/3} |\Phi|^2 \rangle_{\boldsymbol{\zeta}\xi}, \quad (9)$$

where the subscript $\boldsymbol{\zeta}\xi$ shows the integral over $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ and ξ .

The $\chi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha})$ is the distorting wave function between \bar{p} and ${}^4\text{He}$ with the reduced mass μ_6 , and not the distorting wave function of the $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ elastic scattering with the reduced mass μ_4 between \bar{p} and ${}^4\text{He}$.

Using Eq. (8), we can get the differential cross section of $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering as

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}} = |F(\mathbf{Q})|^2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)^{\text{point}}. \quad (10)$$

In the limit of $F(\mathbf{Q}) = 1$, the distance between ${}^6\text{He}$ and the c.m. of two valence neutrons tends to zero. In this sense, $(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})^{\text{point}}$ is called the point cross section. The equation is a four-body version of Ref. [11].

The $(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})^{\text{point}}$ is calculated in Ref. [11] for one-neutron halo-nucleus scattering, since the $(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})^{\text{point}}$ cannot be measured with experiments.

In order to determine $|F(\mathbf{Q})|$ from experimental data on $p + {}^4, {}^6\text{He}$ scattering, we find a relationship between the $(d\sigma/d\Omega)^{\text{point}}$ and the differential cross section $(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}$ for $p + {}^4\text{He}$ elastic scattering with μ_4 .

In the c.m. system, the velocity v_A is defined with $\hbar k_A = v_A \mu_A$ for $A = 4$ or 6 , and hence

$$E_{\text{c.m.}}^A = \frac{(\hbar k_A)^2}{2\mu_A} = \mu_A \frac{v_A^2}{2} = \frac{A}{A+1} M_N \frac{v_A^2}{2} \quad (11)$$

for nucleon mass M_N . In the laboratory system, the energy E_{lab}^A per nucleon is described with the velocity v_{lab}^A as

$$E_{\text{lab}}^A = M_N \frac{(v_{\text{lab}}^A)^2}{2}. \quad (12)$$

The transform from $E_{\text{c.m.}}^A$ to the incident energy $A E_{\text{lab}}^A$ leads to

$$E_{\text{c.m.}}^A = \frac{1}{A+1} A E_{\text{lab}}^A = \frac{A}{A+1} M_N \frac{(v_{\text{lab}}^A)^2}{2}. \quad (13)$$

Comparing Eq. (11) with Eq. (13), we show that

$$v_A = v_{\text{lab}}^A. \quad (14)$$

This means that the velocity v defined with $\hbar k_A = v_A \mu_A$ in the c.m. system is the same as the the velocity v_{lab}^A in the laboratory system.

From now on, we consider the case of $v \equiv v_4 = v_6$. This case corresponds to taking the case of

$$E_{\text{lab}}^4 = E_{\text{lab}}^6 = M_N \frac{v_{\text{lab}}^2}{2} = M_N \frac{v^2}{2}, \quad (15)$$

because of Eqs. (12) and (14).

Now we improve Eq. (10) in order to determine $|F(\mathbf{Q})|$ from experimental data on $\bar{p} + {}^4, {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at the same E_{lab} . Using the eikonal approximation for the $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering in the center-of-mass system, we get the scattering

amplitude $f_{p\alpha}$ as

$$f_{p\alpha} = \frac{i\mu_4 v}{2\pi\hbar} \int d\mathbf{b} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} (1 - e^{i\chi(\mathbf{b})}) \quad (16)$$

with the phase shift function

$$\chi(\mathbf{b}) = -\frac{1}{\hbar v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz [U_{p\alpha}(\mathbf{b}, z) + V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(\mathbf{b}, z) F(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha})], \quad (17)$$

where $\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha} \equiv (\mathbf{b}, z)$ and the screened Coulomb potential $V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(z, \mathbf{b}) F(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha})$ has been used instead of $V_{p\alpha}^{\text{Coul}}(\mathbf{b}, z)$. Glauber shows how to treat the screening function $F(\mathbf{r}_{p\alpha})$ below Eq. (117) in Ref. [13]. The spin-orbit part of $U_{p\alpha}(z, \mathbf{b})$ is approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} U_{p\alpha}^{\text{LS}}(r_{p\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\ell}_{p\alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p &\approx U_{p\alpha}^{\text{LS}}(r_{p\alpha}) (\hbar \mathbf{k}_4 \times \mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p \\ &= U_{p\alpha}^{\text{LS}}(r_{p\alpha}) (\hbar \mathbf{k}_4 \times \mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^{(y)} \\ &= U_{p\alpha}^{\text{LS}}(r_{p\alpha}) (\mu_4 \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}_{p\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^{(y)}, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}_{p\alpha} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{b} = v b \mathbf{e}_y$ since \mathbf{v} is in the z direction and the unit vector \mathbf{e}_y is in the y direction, i.e., the vertical direction of the scattering plane. It is possible to define $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^{(y)}$ as $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p^{(y)} = \text{diag}(1, -1)$; namely, $\boldsymbol{\ell}_{p\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p = \mu_4 v b$ for proton having up-spin and, $\boldsymbol{\ell}_{p\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p = -\mu_4 v b$ for proton having down-spin. The χ^+ for up-spin is decoupled from the χ^- for down-spin. This property is essential for the derivation of Eq. (24), as shown later.

Equation (18) shows that $\chi(\mathbf{b})$ depends on the reduced mass, i.e., $\chi(\mathbf{b}) = \chi(\mathbf{b}, \mu_4)$. Note that the reduced-mass dependence of $\chi(\mathbf{b}, \mu_4)$ comes from the LS potential only. Under the the eikonal approximation, the $(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})^{\text{point}}$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)^{\text{point}} &= \left| \frac{i\mu_6 v}{2\pi\hbar} \int d\mathbf{b} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} (1 - e^{i\chi(\mathbf{b}, \mu_6)}) \right|^2 \\ &\approx \left| \frac{i\mu_6 v}{2\pi\hbar} \int d\mathbf{b} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} (1 - e^{i\chi(\mathbf{b}, \mu_4)}) \right|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The replacement from $\chi(\mathbf{b}, \mu_6)$ to $\chi(\mathbf{b}, \mu_4)$ is good approximation, because of $\mu_6/\mu_4 \approx 1$. The replacement hardly changes the difference cross section and A_y .

This leads to

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)^{\text{point}} = \left(\frac{\mu_6}{\mu_4}\right)^2 \left| f_{p\alpha} \right|^2 = \left(\frac{\mu_6}{\mu_4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}. \quad (20)$$

In the c.m. system, we then obtain

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}} = |F(\mathbf{Q})|^2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}} \left(\frac{\mu_6}{\mu_4}\right)^2 \quad (21)$$

from Eqs. (10) and (20), where the two differential cross sections are for $\bar{p} + {}^4, {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at a common v , i.e., a common E_{lab} . This new relation (21) allows us to determine $|F(\mathbf{Q})|$ from two differential cross sections measured for $\bar{p} + {}^4, {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at a common E_{lab} .

The derivation from Eqs. (5) to (21) is the same for incident proton having up-spin (+) and incident proton down-spin (−), although $U_{p\alpha}$ for incident proton having up-spin (+) is different from that for incident proton having down-spin (−).

Eventually, we can get

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^+ = |F(\mathbf{Q})|^2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^+ \left(\frac{\mu_6}{\mu_4}\right)^2 \quad (22)$$

and

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^- = |F(\mathbf{Q})|^2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^- \left(\frac{\mu_6}{\mu_4}\right)^2, \quad (23)$$

where $F(\mathbf{Q})$ is common between incident proton having up-spin (+) and incident proton down-spin (-) since $F(\mathbf{Q})$ is not related to the spin of incident proton.

Using Eqs. (22) and (23), one can get a relation for the analyzing power A_y^6 for ${}^6\text{He}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} A_y^6 &\equiv \frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^+ - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^-}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^+ + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^-} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^+ - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^-}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^+ + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^-} \equiv A_y^4. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

This equation shows that $A_y(q)^6 = A_y(q)^4$ in the improved VTC theory. In fact, Eq. (24) is well satisfied in A_y for 71 MeV; see Fig. 4.

The relation (21) between $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^6\text{He}}^{E_{\text{lab}}}$ and $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{p+{}^4\text{He}}^{E_{\text{lab}}}$ is good, when the eikonal and adiabatic approximations are good and $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$. It is shown in Ref. [14] that the eikonal and adiabatic approximations are good for a few hundred MeV. The approximation $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for 200 MeV as shown in Sec. III B, but good only near $q = 0.9 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for 71 MeV as mentioned in Sec. III C.

A. Determination of $|F|$ from measured differential cross sections for $\bar{p} + {}^4,{}^6\text{He}$ scattering

Using Eq. (21), we can determine $|F(Q)|$ from experimental data on the cross sections of $p + {}^4,{}^6\text{He}$ scattering at the same E_{lab} , when the most essential condition $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good and the angular momentum between n_1 and n_2 is zero.

As for $E_{\text{lab}} = 200 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$, the data are available in Ref. [7] for ${}^4\text{He}$ and in Ref. [6] for ${}^6\text{He}$. As for $E_{\text{lab}} = 71 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$, the data are available in Refs. [5,15] for ${}^6\text{He}$, but not for ${}^4\text{He}$. We then take the data [16] on $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 72 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$. The resulting $|F(Q)|$ is smooth, as shown in Fig. 2. The approximation $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for 200 MeV as shown in Sec. III B, but good only in the vicinity of $q = 0.9 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for 71 MeV as mentioned in Sec. III C. In Fig. 2, the resulting $|F(Q)|$ is thus reliable in $0.3 \lesssim Q \lesssim 0.8 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.

The Fourier transform $|F(\zeta)|$ of $|F(Q)|$ is a function of ζ . We then assume that the potential between ${}^4\text{He}$ and the center of mass of n_1 and n_2 is a one-range Gauss function $V(\zeta)$, and can obtain $|F(Q)|$ by solving the Schrödinger equation with the potential. The solid line denotes a result of $V(\zeta) = -25 \exp[-(\zeta/1.41)^2]$, and reproduces the experimental $|F(Q)|$ for 200 MeV. The resulting radius between ${}^4\text{He}$ and the center of mass of n_1 and n_2 is 3.54 fm. The corresponding binding energy is 0.172 MeV.

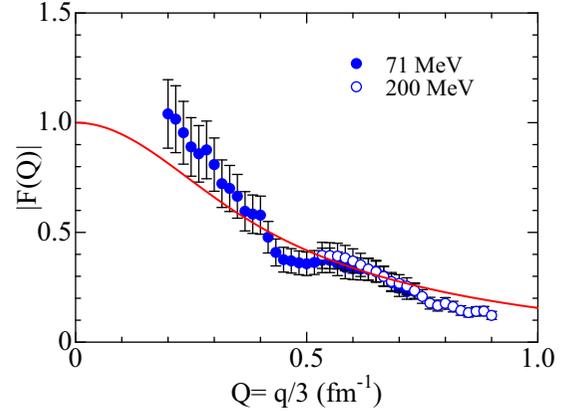


FIG. 2. Q dependence of $|F|$. The solid (open) circles are the result determined from the experimental data at 71 (200) MeV. The solid line is a result of $V(\zeta) = -25 \exp[-(\zeta/1.41)^2]$. Experimental data are taken from Refs. [5,15,16] for 71 MeV and Refs. [6,7] for 200 MeV.

B. Model independent prediction on A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^4,{}^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV

When p is polarized, the factor $|F(\hbar(k' - k))|/3|\mu_6/\mu_4|$ is common between the cross section for the incident proton having up-spin and that for the proton having down-spin. This means that the vector analyzing $A_y(q)$ for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering is the same as $A_y(q)$ for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$, when the condition $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good. As mentioned later in Sec. III B, the condition is well satisfied in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.

We make a model-independent prediction on $A_y(q)$ for ${}^6\text{He}$ by using Eq. (24). The measured $A_y(q)$ of Ref. [7] for ${}^4\text{He}$ is transformed into $A_y(\theta_{\text{c.m.}})$.

Figure 3 shows the predicted $A_y(\theta_{\text{c.m.}})$ for ${}^6\text{He}$. The predicted $A_y(\theta_{\text{c.m.}})$ is reliable in $20^\circ \lesssim \theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 55^\circ$ ($0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$). The reliable prediction in $20^\circ \lesssim \theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 55^\circ$ is denoted by closed circles. It should be noted that our prediction shown by open circles are not good.

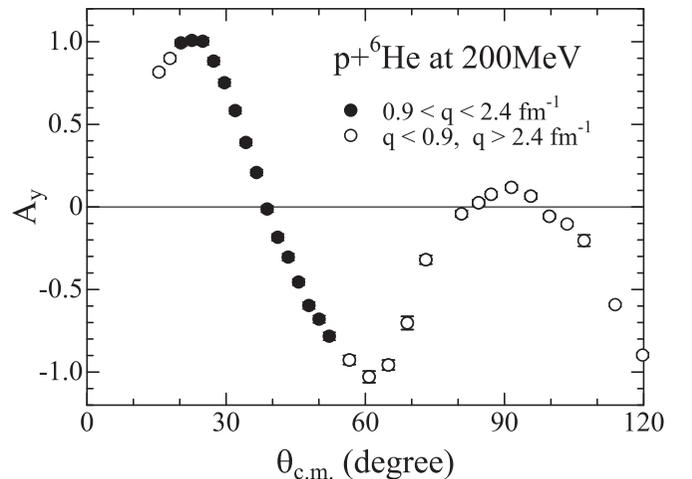


FIG. 3. $\theta_{\text{c.m.}}$ dependence of predicted A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV. See the text for closed and open circles.

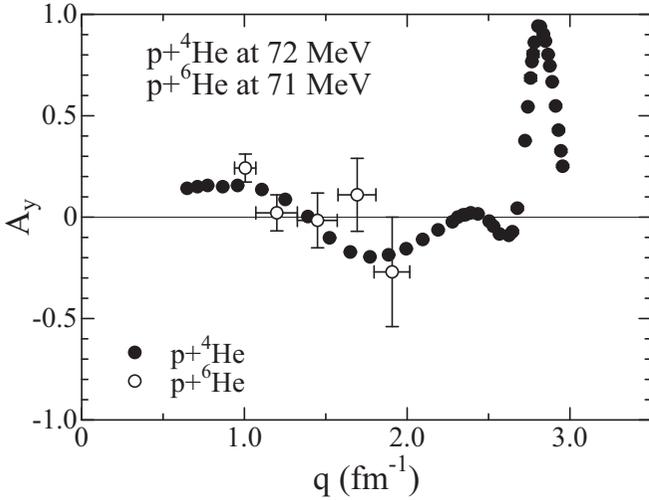


FIG. 4. q dependence of measured A_y (closed circles) for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 72$ MeV and measured A_y (open circles) for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV. Data are taken from Ref. [5] for ${}^6\text{He}$ and Ref. [16] for ${}^4\text{He}$.

C. A_y for 71 MeV

Figure 4 shows q dependence of A_y measured for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 72$ MeV/nucleon and that for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV/nucleon. The A_y for ${}^6\text{He}$ is close to that for ${}^4\text{He}$, except for a data at $q = 1.71 \text{ fm}^{-1}$. The property can be analyzed quantitatively by the Jensen-Shannon (JS) divergence [17]. We show the analysis in the Appendix, since the analysis is new but has recently been used by LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations [18].

III. CLUSTER-FOLDING MODEL

In order to investigate the approximation (2), we use the CF model for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV, where the potential between \bar{p} and ${}^4\text{He}$ is fitted to data on $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV. The CF model reproduces the differential cross section for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering with no free parameter. We then predict A_y .

We consider the cluster folding (CF) model for the $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV. In addition, we recalculate the scattering for $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV in order to obtain F .

In the cluster model, the nuclear potential $U_{\text{CF}}(R)$ between \bar{p} and ${}^6\text{He}$ is defined as

$$U_{\text{CF}}(R) = \int U_{pn_1} \rho_n^{\text{CF}}(r_1) d\mathbf{r}_1 + \int U_{pn_2} \rho_n^{\text{CF}}(r_2) d\mathbf{r}_2 + \int U_{p\alpha} \rho_\alpha^{\text{CF}}(r_\alpha) d\mathbf{r}_\alpha \quad (25)$$

with

$$U_{pn_1} = U_{pn}^0(r_{pn_1}) + U_{pn}^{\text{LS}}(r_{pn_1}) \boldsymbol{\ell}_{pn_1} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{n_1}), \quad (26)$$

$$U_{pn_2} = U_{pn}^0(r_{pn_2}) + U_{pn}^{\text{LS}}(r_{pn_2}) \boldsymbol{\ell}_{pn_2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{n_2}), \quad (27)$$

$$U_{p\alpha} = U_{p\alpha}^0(r_{p\alpha}) + U_{p\alpha}^{\text{LS}}(r_{p\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\ell}_{p\alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p, \quad (28)$$

where the coordinates \mathbf{r}_1 , \mathbf{r}_2 , and \mathbf{r}_α are the position vectors of n_1 , n_2 , and the α core from the center of mass of ${}^6\text{He}$, respectively, and ρ_n^{CF} and ρ_α^{CF} are the neutron and α densities,

respectively. These densities of ${}^6\text{He}$ are calculated with αnn OCM in Refs. [19,20].

Following Ref. [5], we can rewrite the $U_{\text{CF}}(R)$ into

$$U_{\text{CF}} = U_0^{\text{CF}}(R) + U_{\text{LS}}^{\text{CF}}(R) \boldsymbol{L} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p \quad (29)$$

with the central part

$$U_0^{\text{CF}}(R) = 2 \int U_{pn}^0(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}|) \rho_n^{\text{CF}}(r_1) d\mathbf{r}_1 + \int U_{p\alpha}^0(|\mathbf{r}_\alpha - \mathbf{R}|) \rho_\alpha^{\text{CF}}(r_\alpha) d\mathbf{r}_\alpha \quad (30)$$

and the spin-orbit part

$$U_{\text{LS}}^{\text{CF}}(R) = \frac{1}{3} \int U_{pn}^{\text{LS}}(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}|) \left\{ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{R}}{R^2} \right\} \rho_n^{\text{CF}}(r_1) d\mathbf{r}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \int U_{p\alpha}^{\text{LS}}(|\mathbf{r}_\alpha - \mathbf{R}|) \left\{ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{R}}{R^2} \right\} \rho_\alpha^{\text{CF}}(r_\alpha) d\mathbf{r}_\alpha. \quad (31)$$

The $U_{p\alpha}$ is the optical potential (OP), and U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} are the CEG [21–23]. The g matrix, derived from the Hamada-Johnston potential [24], is successful in reproducing the data on \bar{p} elastic scattering from many nuclei in a wide range of incident energies, $E_{\text{lab}} = 20\text{--}200$ MeV [21–23]. For $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ elastic scattering at 71 MeV, the CF model well reproduces the data on differential cross sections and A_y [5].

A. Potential fitting of $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering and results of CF model $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering

We now fit the OP potential $U_{p\alpha}$ to data [7] for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV with a Woods-Saxon form:

$$U_{p\alpha} = -V_0 f_r(r_{p\alpha}) - iW_0 f_i(r_{p\alpha}) + 4i a_{id} W_{id} \frac{d}{dr_{p\alpha}} f_{id}(r_{p\alpha}) + V_s \frac{2}{r_{p\alpha}} \frac{d}{dR} f_s(r_{p\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\ell}_{p\alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p \quad (32)$$

with

$$f_x(r_{p\alpha}) = \left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{r_{p\alpha} - r_x A^{1/3}}{a_x}\right) \right]^{-1} \quad (33)$$

for $x = r, i, id, s$, where $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p$ stands for the Pauli spin operator of an incident proton. The Coulomb potential between the proton and ${}^4\text{He}$ (${}^6\text{He}$) is obtained from the uniformly charged sphere with the radius $1.4A^{1/3}$, where $A = 4$ for ${}^4\text{He}$ and $A = 6$ for ${}^6\text{He}$.

The best-fit potential parameters are obtained by minimizing the χ^2 values of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y . The resulting parameter set is tabulated in Table I, together with the case of $E_{\text{lab}} = 72$ MeV of Ref. [5].

First of all, we briefly shows results of the OP and the CF model in Fig. 5. The left panel shows that our fitting is good for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV. The right panel indicates that the CF model reproduces $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon and that the condition $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good for $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y in $\theta_{\text{c.m.}} \lesssim 52^\circ$. Now we

TABLE I. Parameters of the optical potentials for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon. For 72 MeV/nucleon, the parameter set is taken from Ref. [5].

	(MeV)	V_0 (MeV)	r_r (fm)	a_r (fm)	W_0 (MeV)	r_i (fm)	a_i (fm)	W_{id} (MeV)	r_{id} (fm)	a_{id} (fm)	V_s (MeV)	r_s (fm)	a_s (fm)
$p + {}^4\text{He}$	200	-26.528	0.7839	0.1446	17.098	1.205	0.5268	—	—	—	6.689	0.8215	0.2641
$p + {}^4\text{He}$	72	54.87	0.8566	0.09600	—	—	—	31.97	1.125	0.2811	3.925	0.8563	0.4914

predict A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon, using the CF model.

Further analyses based on the improved VTC theory are made below by using q instead of $\theta_{\text{c.m.}}$.

B. Model-dependent prediction on A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^4,6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon

Figure 6 shows q dependence of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for $\bar{p} + {}^4,6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon in the upper panel and the form factor $|F(Q)|$ in the lower panel. In the upper panel, the CF model (solid line) reproduces the data [6] for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon with no free parameter. In the lower panel, the solid line denotes the $|F(Q)|$ calculated with the CF-folding model, while U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} are switched off in the dashed line. The difference between the two lines shows that effects of U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} are small in the region $0.3 \lesssim Q \lesssim 0.8 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$).

Figure 7 shows q dependence of A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{H}$ scattering. The solid line denotes the A_y calculated with the CF-folding

model, while U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} are switched off in the dashed line. The difference between the solid and dashed lines show that the condition $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good in $q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$. Eventually, the condition is good in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, when we see both $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y .

Now we predict A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon, using the CF model. In $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, open circles are the A_y for ${}^6\text{He}$ derived from the measured A_y of Ref. [7] for ${}^4\text{He}$. The CF model reproduces the derived A_y in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.

C. CF results on $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y for 71 MeV/nucleon

Figure 8 shows the results of the CF-model for $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y of $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV/nucleon in the upper and middle panels. The CF model reproduces the data [4,5] with no free parameter. The upper and middle panels also show the results of the best optical potential for $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y of $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 72$ MeV/nucleon.

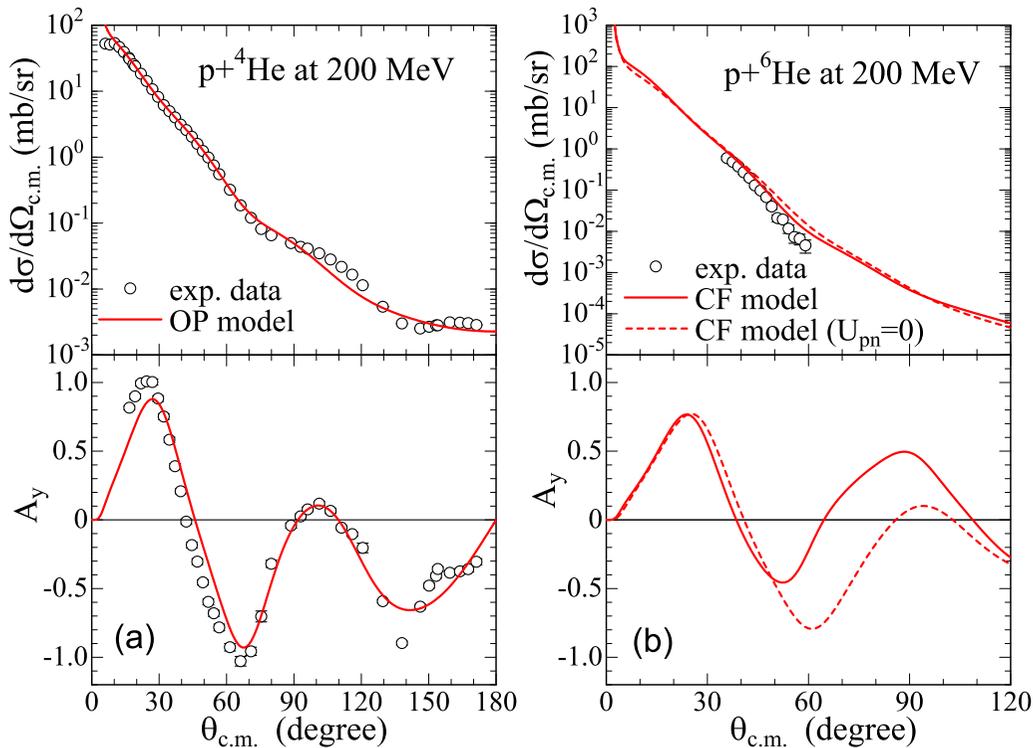


FIG. 5. $\theta_{\text{c.m.}}$ dependence of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^4,6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon. In the left panel, the solid line is a result of our fitting based on the optical potential model (OPM). In the right panel, the solid and dashed lines denote results of CF model (CFM) with and without U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} , respectively. Experimental data are taken from Ref. [7] for ${}^4\text{He}$ and Ref. [6] for ${}^6\text{He}$.

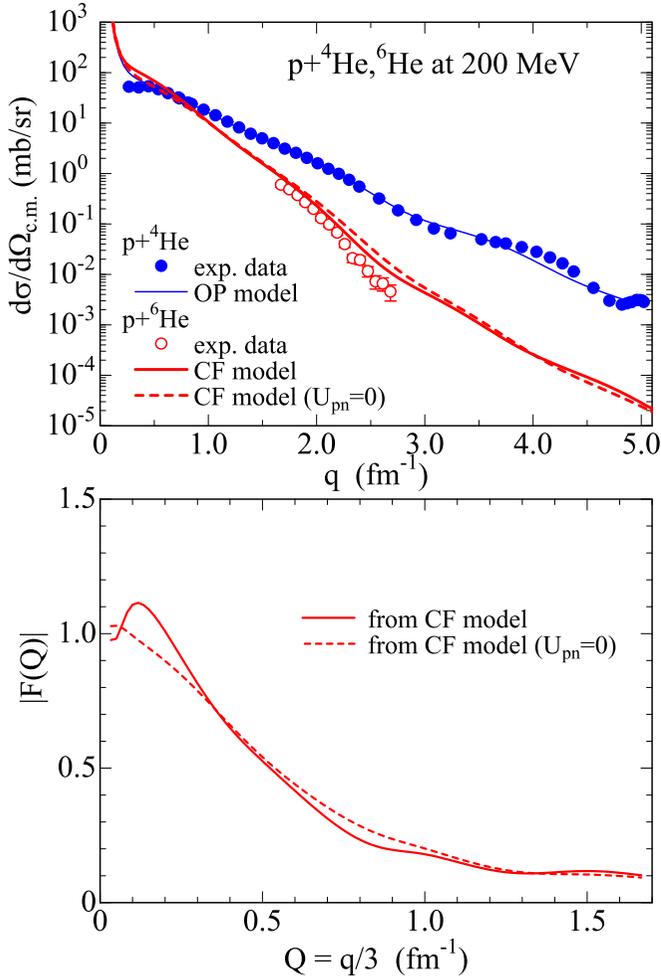


FIG. 6. q dependence of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for $\bar{p} + ^{4,6}\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon in the upper panel and the form factor $|F(Q)|$ in the lower panel. Experimental data are taken from Ref. [7] for $\bar{p} + ^4\text{He}$ scattering and Ref. [6] for $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering.

The lower panel shows the $|F(Q)|$ calculated with the CF model. The difference between the solid and dashed lines indicates that the condition $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ is good only in the vicinity of $Q = 0.3$ fm $^{-1}$.

IV. SUMMARY

In order to make the model-independent prediction for $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV, we improve the VTC theory, using the eikonal approximation in addition to the $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ approximation and the adiabatic approximation. In the improved VTC theory, the A_y for ^6He is the same as that for ^4He . The $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ approximation is most essential among the three approximations. Using the CF model, we have confirmed that the $U_{pn_1} = U_{pn_2} = 0$ approximation is good in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4$ fm $^{-1}$ for 200 MeV/nucleon, but good only near $q = 0.9$ fm $^{-1}$ for 71 MeV/nucleon. In $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4$ fm $^{-1}$, we predict $A_y(q)$ for $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV from measured $A_y(q)$ for $\bar{p} + ^4\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV. This is a model-independent prediction in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4$ fm $^{-1}$ ($20^\circ \lesssim \theta_{c.m.} \lesssim 55^\circ$); see Fig. 3.

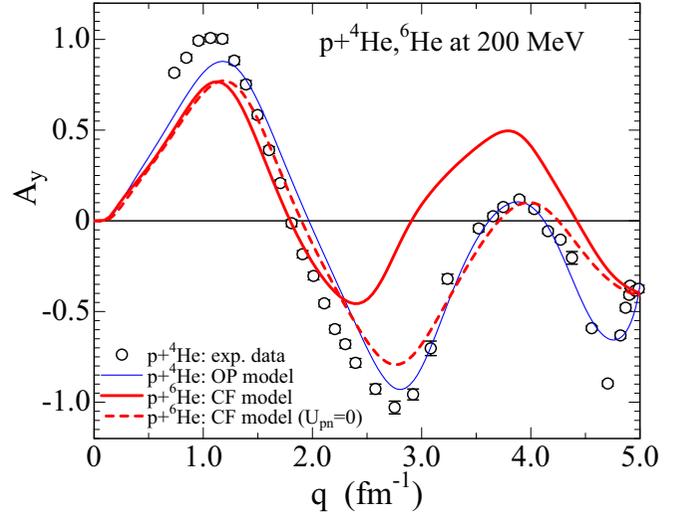


FIG. 7. q dependence of A_y for $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon. The solid line denotes a result of the CF-folding model, while U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} are switched off in the dashed line. The thin solid line is a result of the fitting for $\bar{p} + ^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon. Open circles show the experimental data [7] for $\bar{p} + ^4\text{He}$ scattering. In $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4$ fm $^{-1}$, open circles can be regarded as measured A_y for the $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200$ MeV/nucleon. Experimental data are taken from Ref. [7] for ^4He .

We have applied the cluster-folding (CF) model for $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV, where the optical potential between \bar{p} and ^4He is fitted to data for $\bar{p} + ^4\text{He}$ scattering at 200 MeV/nucleon; see Fig. 5. The CF model reproduces the differential cross section of $\bar{p} + ^6\text{He}$ scattering with no free parameter. We then predict A_y , as shown in Fig. 7. The solid line is our prediction based on the CF model, while the open circles are our model-independent prediction in $0.9 \lesssim q \lesssim 2.4$ fm $^{-1}$.

The ratio $|F(Q)|$ of measured differential cross sections for ^6He to that for ^4He is related to the wave function of ^6He . We have then determined the radius between ^4He and the center of mass of valence two neutrons. The radius is 3.54 fm. This is close to the radius 3.79 fm calculated with the ^6He density.

The Jensen-Shannon (JS) divergence [17] is new data analyses used by LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations [18]. The present work is a first application of JS divergence in nuclear physics. Since the analysis is too new, we show it in Appendix.

We improved the JS divergence and applied two data on A_y for $^{4,6}\text{He}$. As for $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV/nucleon, the improved JS divergence shows that A_y for ^6He is close to that for ^4He , although the approximation (2) is not good. This is an interesting future work. We hope that new measurements will be made for $^6\text{He} + \bar{p}$ scattering at 71 MeV/nucleon.

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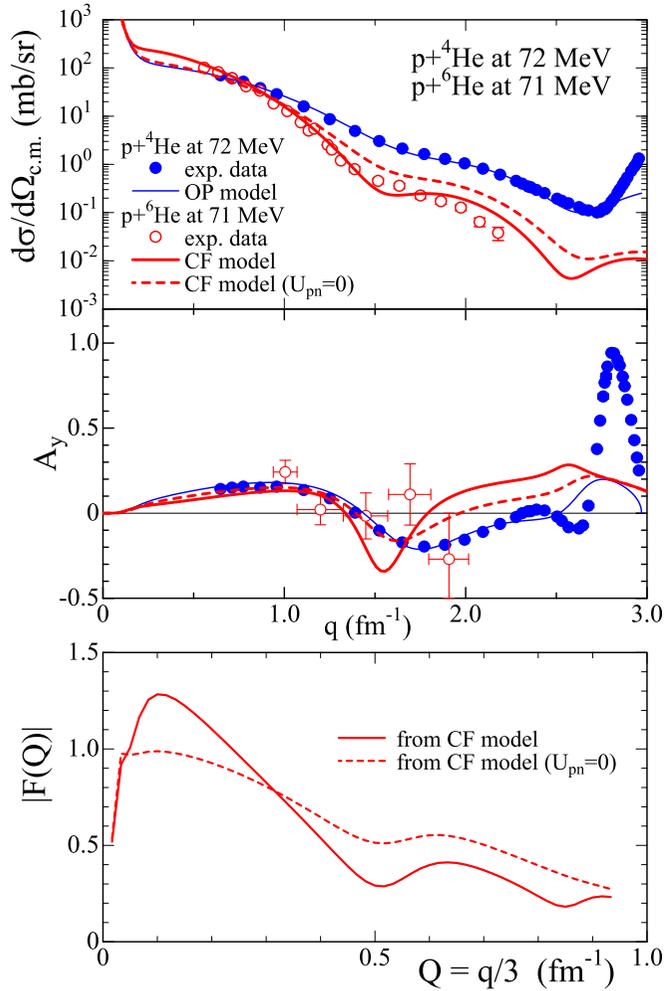


FIG. 8. q dependence of $d\sigma/d\Omega$ and A_y for $\bar{p} + {}^4,6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} \approx 71$ MeV/nucleon in the upper and middle panels and the form factor $|F(Q)|$ in the lower panel. The solid and dashed lines denote results of CF model with and without U_{pn_1} and U_{pn_2} for ${}^6\text{He}$, respectively. The thin solid line denotes the result of fitting for ${}^4\text{He}$. Data are taken from Refs. [5,15] for ${}^6\text{He}$ and from Ref. [16] for ${}^4\text{He}$.

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APPENDIX: JENSEN-SHANNON DIVERGENCE FOR A_y FOR 71 MeV/NUCLEON

The Jensen-Shannon (JS) divergence consider two probabilities and make the comparison between their shapes quantitatively. We apply the JS divergence to A_y measured for $\bar{p} + {}^4\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 72$ MeV/nucleon and that for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at $E_{\text{lab}} = 71$ MeV/nucleon. This is a first application in nuclear physics. For this quantification, we start with two probability distributions, $p(q_i)$ and $q(q_i)$, having $0 \leq p(q_i) \leq 1$ and $0 \leq q(q_i) \leq 1$. The JS divergence

is defined as [17]

$$D_{\text{JS}}(p||q) = \sum_{i=1}^N D_{\text{JS}}(q_i) \quad (\text{A1})$$

with

$$D_{\text{JS}}(q_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left[p(q_i) \ln \left(\frac{p(q_i)}{M(q_i)} \right) + q(q_i) \ln \left(\frac{q(q_i)}{M(q_i)} \right) \right], \quad (\text{A2})$$

for $M(q_i) = (p(q_i) + q(q_i))/2$. The $D_{\text{JS}}(p||q)$ satisfies

$$D_{\text{JS}}(p||q) = D_{\text{JS}}(q||p), \quad 0 \leq D_{\text{JS}}(p||q) \leq \ln 2 = 0.693. \quad (\text{A3})$$

The D_{JS} is finite; note that the word ‘‘divergence’’ is maintained for historical reasons. When the probability distributions are perfectly matched with each other, the D_{JS} becomes exactly zero. The D_{JS} becomes $\ln 2 = 0.693$, when there are no overlap between the probability distributions.

In the present data analysis, the number N of data is 5. The $\{p_i\}$ are a normalized distribution of measured $(A_y + 1)/2$ for ${}^4\text{He}$, while the $\{q_i\}$ are a normalized distribution of measured $(A_y + 1)/2$ for ${}^6\text{He}$. The reason why we take $(A_y + 1)/2$ is that $0 \leq (A_y + 1)/2 \leq 1$.

Our result $D_{\text{JS}} \approx 0.0028$ is much smaller than $\ln 2 = 0.693$. This indicates that the shapes of the two probabilities are closed to each other. The average of $\{p_i\}$ ($\{q_i\}$) describes the magnitude M_4 (M_6) for ${}^4\text{He}$ (${}^6\text{He}$). The results are $M_4 = 2.434$ and $M_6 = 2.539$. The two magnitudes are closed to each other, since the difference $(M_6 - M_4)/M_6$ is 4%.

When the two magnitudes are close to each other, we can improve the JS divergence as

$$D_{\text{JS}}(p||q)M_{\text{av}} = \sum_{i=1}^N D_{\text{JS}}(q_i)M_{\text{av}} \quad (\text{A4})$$

with

$$D_{\text{JS}}(q_i)M_{\text{av}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[A_y^1(q_i) \ln \left(\frac{2A_y^1(q_i)}{A_y^1(p_i) + A_y^1(q_i)} \right) + A_y^1(p_i) \ln \left(\frac{2A_y^1(p_i)}{A_y^1(p_i) + A_y^1(q_i)} \right) \right], \quad (\text{A5})$$

for the average $M_{\text{av}} = (M_4 + M_6)/2$ and $A_y^1(q_i) \equiv (A_y(q_i) + 1)/2$. The $D_{\text{JS}}(p||q)M_{\text{av}}$ describes the magnitude and the shape for two curves. Our result is $D_{\text{JS}}(p||q)M_{\text{av}} = 0.007$ that is much smaller than the maximum $\ln 2 * M_{\text{av}} = 1.7236$. The improved JS divergence thus shows that measured A_y for ${}^4,6\text{He}$ are close to each other.

Now we neglect the data at $q = 1.71$ fm $^{-1}$. The result is $D_{\text{JS}}(p||q)M_{\text{av}} = 0.002$. This value is much smaller than $D_{\text{JS}}(p||q)M_{\text{av}} = 0.007$. The data at $q = 1.71$ fm $^{-1}$ thus make the similarity between data for ${}^4,6\text{He}$ worse. We hope that new measurements will be made for $\bar{p} + {}^6\text{He}$ scattering at 71 MeV/nucleon, particularly around $q = 1.71$ fm $^{-1}$.

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