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# LARGE ANGLE $p-p$ ELASTIC SCATTERING AT $30 \mathrm{BeV}^{\dagger}$ 

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In a previous Letter ${ }^{1}$ our group presented 18 elastic $p-p$ differential cross sections ranging in four-momentum-transfer squared from $-t=2.28$ to $19.65(\mathrm{BeV} / c)^{2}$. The highest momentum transfers were at beam energies of about 20 BeV and scattering angles up to $90^{\circ}$ in the center of mass. In a subsequent run at the Brookhaven AGS we have attempted to detect the elastic scattering of $30-\mathrm{BeV}$ protons in the $90^{\circ}$ region which would then be the highest momentum transfer currently obtainable. In this new run we succeeded in measuring 11 additional cross sections, two of which involved $30-\mathrm{BeV}$ protons at center-of-mass angles near $90^{\circ}$. The highest momentum transfer achieved was $-t=24.4(\mathrm{BeV} / c)^{2}$ using a beam momentum of $30.9 \mathrm{BeV} / c$ and center-of-mass scattering angle of $82.4^{\circ}$. In units of inverse fermi squared, this momentum transfer is $q^{2}=630 \mathrm{~F}^{-2}$ or an interaction distance of $\hbar / q=4.0 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~cm}$. The center-of-mass cross section was found to
be $1.1 \times 10^{-36} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{sr}$.
As in the previous run, ${ }^{1}$ both scattered protons were magnetically analyzed and detected in coincidence. However, in the case of the two most difficult measurements, it was necessary to use quadrupole doublets with 8 -inch diameter apertures in each telescope in order to increase the solid angle of acceptance without increasing counter sizes. This permitted an increase in coincidence rate without a corresponding increase in background due to accidental coincidences. Even so, with a laboratory solid angle of $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$ sr , the coincidence rate for elastic $p-p$ scatterings was about 2 per hour. Both the accidental coincidence rate and the background rate from the carbon in the polyethylene were measured to be about $10 \%$ of the effect.

The 11 cross sections corrected for carbon background and other systematics such as proton absorption in the scintillators are given in Ta-

Table I. The $11 p-p$ elastic cross sections measured in this experiment.

| $\begin{gathered} -t \\ (\mathrm{BeV} / c)^{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} P_{0} \\ (\mathrm{BeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | $\theta$ c.m. (deg) | $\begin{gathered} (d \sigma / d \omega) \mathrm{c} \cdot \mathrm{~m} \\ \left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{sr}\right) \end{gathered}$ | X | Percent error in $d \sigma / d \omega$ and $X$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2.25{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $18.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $29.9{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $1.61 \times 10^{-30}$ | $7.31 \times 10^{-6}$ | +25, -20 |
| 3.80 | 24.9 | 33.8 | $1.16 \times 10^{-31}$ | $3.96 \times 10^{-7}$ | +25, -20 |
| 6.00 | 31.5 | 37.7 | $3.53 \times 10^{-33}$ | $9.42 \times 10^{-9}$ | +25, -20 |
| 11.56 | 19.6 | 70.2 | $2.82 \times 10^{-34}$ | $1.23 \times 10^{-9}$ | +30, -25 |
| 12.46 | 23.8 | 65.2 | $8.41 \times 10^{-35}$ | $3.01 \times 10^{-10}$ | +30, -25 |
| 13.94 | 21.9 | 73.1 | $6.90 \times 10^{-35}$ | $2.69 \times 10^{-10}$ | +30, -25 |
| 14.50 | 18.0 | 86.0 | $3.65 \times 10^{-34}$ | $1.74 \times 10^{-9}$ | +25, -20 |
| 15.06 | 26.6 | 68.1 | $1.46 \times 10^{-35}$ | $4.64 \times 10^{-11}$ | +30, -25 |
| 18.77 | 26.2 | 77.9 | $5.18 \times 10^{-36}$ | $1.67 \times 10^{-11}$ | +35, -30 |
| 20.38 | 31.8 | 72.8 | $9.20 \times 10^{-37}$ | $2.41 \times 10^{-12}$ | +100, -50 |
| 24.39 | 30.9 | 82.4 | $1.10 \times 10^{-36}$ | $3.00 \times 10^{-12}$ | +100, -50 |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ All squared four-momentum transfers, $t$, have an error of $\pm 1 \%$.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ All internal beam momenta, $P_{0}$, have an error of $\pm 1 \%$.
${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ All center-of-mass scattering angles have an error of $\pm 0.2^{\circ}$.
ble I. The errors are the combined statistical and systematic errors. Further discussion of the corrections and experimental details are contained in our previous Letter. ${ }^{1}$

In Fig. 1 the resulting values of $X$ are plotted vs $t$ where

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X=\frac{d \sigma / d \omega}{(d \sigma / d \omega)_{0}}
$$

and the optical theorem is used to obtain

$$
(d \sigma / d \omega)_{0}=(k \sigma T / 4 \pi)^{2}
$$

Since $t / t_{\max }=1-\cos \theta_{\mathrm{c} . \mathrm{m}}$, the dashed curves in Fig. 1 also serve as the angular distributions at fixed energy plotted against $\cos \theta$ c.m. We note that the $30-\mathrm{BeV}$ angular distribution appears similar in shape to the lower energy angular distributions. In the large angle region the $30-\mathrm{BeV}$ points appear to be about a factor of 100 lower than the $20-\mathrm{BeV}$ points.
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FIG. 1. Elastic differential cross section normalized to the forward scattering cross section, as a function of the squared four-momentum transfer $-t$. The 11 cross sections of this experiment are indicated by squares and the 18 cross sections of reference 1 by circles. Dashed lines describe the behavior of $X$ at fixed beam momenta of $11,16,20$, and $30 \mathrm{BeV} / c$; each line ends at $t_{\text {max }}$ which corresponds to $\theta_{\mathrm{c} . \mathrm{m} .}=90^{\circ}$.
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