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ELASTIC SCATTERING OF 580-MeV PROTONS FROM ³He

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The elastic differential cross section for p -³He scattering has been measured at 580 MeV. The data are compared with a Glauber model calculation.

In the past few years there has been much experimental and theoretical interest in the scattering of medium- and high-energy particles from light nuclei. The observation has been made regarding the scattering of protons^{1,2} and pions³ from deuterons that a diffraction minimum in the differential cross section was absent in contrast to the shape of the cross section for spin-zero nuclei (⁴He, ¹²C, ¹⁶O). A number of explanations for this observation have been given: (1) the momentum dependence of the phases of the π - N or N - N scattering amplitudes, (2) the spin dependences in these amplitudes, and (3) effects due to the D state of the deuteron. Detailed theoretical studies⁴ have then shown that a phase variation cannot explain the p - d and p -⁴He data simultaneously. The spin dependence in the elementary amplitudes can partially account for the difference in shape of the p - d and

p -⁴He cross sections.⁵ The main effect is due, however, to the D -state wave function in the deuteron.⁶ In view of these results proton scattering from ³He is interesting because of the ³He spin and of the fact that the ³He ground state contains components of angular momentum greater than that of the symmetric S state. In the present communication we are reporting our results on p -³He scattering at 580 MeV.

The experimental arrangement was similar to the one used earlier.⁷ A beam of 582-MeV protons was focused to a (1×4)-cm spot on a 15-cm-diam gaseous ³He target (165 lb/in.² for scattering angles greater than 21° and 30 lb/in.² for smaller scattering angles). The walls of the cylindrical targets were 0.0075- and 0.0025-cm Havar, respectively, which was thin enough to permit the penetration of the recoiling ³He for all angles studied. Since the energy spread in

the incident beam was greater than the binding energy of ${}^3\text{He}$, the elastic proton scattering was defined as a coincident event between the scattered proton and the recoiling ${}^3\text{He}$ nucleus, both with the correct mean range. The proton range telescope was identical to the one used in the p - ${}^4\text{He}$ experiments.⁷ For detecting the ${}^3\text{He}$ recoil a two-element conjugate counter telescope was used. During the experiment random events were monitored continuously and corrections were applied to the data. The monitoring of the beam intensity, determination of the number of incident protons, and the beam alignment were done as in Ref. 7. The angular resolution was 0.75° (full width at half-maximum) for angles less than 28° , and 2.0° for larger angles.

The laboratory cross section plotted against the squared momentum transfer $-t$ is shown in Fig. 1. The errors shown for each data point

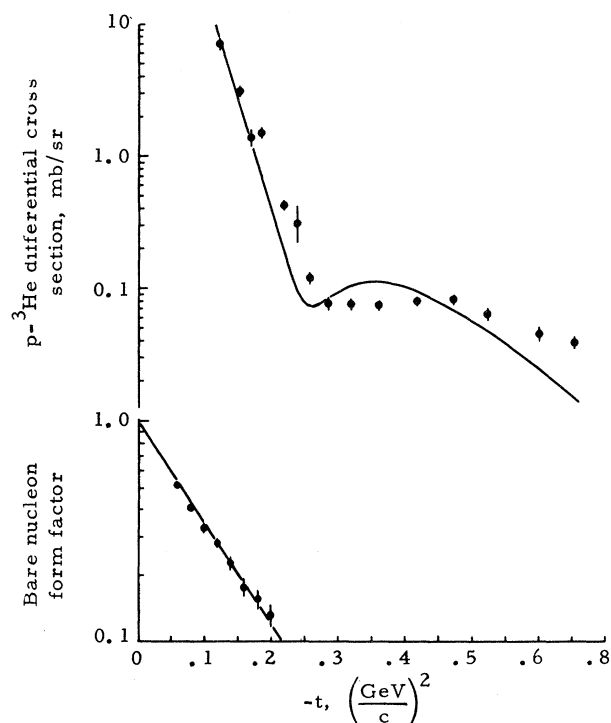


FIG. 1. The upper portion is the differential cross section for p - ${}^3\text{He}$ elastic scattering at 580 MeV. The curve is a Glauber approximation calculation. In the lower portion of the figure the points represent the bare form factor for ${}^3\text{He}$ from Srivastava (Ref. 8), which is defined by

$$F_B = [2F_E({}^3\text{He}) + F_E({}^3\text{H})]/3[F_E(p) + F_E(n)],$$

where the F_E are the experimental electromagnetic form factors. The curve corresponds to the form factor calculated from the wave function used for the p - ${}^3\text{He}$ cross section, $F_B = \exp(tR^2/6)$.

are the standard deviations of the relative cross section. The error in the absolute cross section due to uncertainties in the efficiency of the proton range telescope, the number of incident protons, the pressure in the target vessel, and the solid angle defined by two scintillation counters is estimated to be less than $\pm 10\%$. The principal feature of the data is the shallow minimum near $0.35 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$, whose depth is between those of the break in the 600-MeV p - d cross-section curve at $0.45 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$ and of the pronounced minimum in the p - ${}^4\text{He}$ data at $0.25 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$.

In Fig. 1 the upper theoretical curve is a calculation using the Glauber approximation in its simplest form.⁹ The nucleon-nucleon amplitude was approximated by

$$f_{p,n}(p, \delta) = [(i + \alpha_{p,n})/4\pi] p \sigma_{p,n} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\beta\delta^2),$$

where δ is the four-momentum transfer, and the variables $\alpha_{p,n}$, $\sigma_{p,n}$, and β were taken as 0.43 and 3.9 fm^2 , and $4.3 (\text{GeV}/c)^{-2}$, respectively, as in Ref. 7. The wave function for ${}^3\text{He}$ was a simple Gaussian:

$$|\psi|^2 = \rho_0 \prod_{j=1}^3 \exp(-r_j^2/R^2),$$

where R is the rms radius of the nucleon centers in the system where

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \vec{r}_j = 0.$$

The curve is for $R = 1.6 \text{ fm}$, with variations of 0.1 fm not appreciably changing the predicted cross section.¹⁰ The lower curve of Fig. 1 is the corresponding form factor of the nucleon centers which is compared with a representation of electron scattering data due to Srivastava.⁸ Both the cross section and the form factor are reasonably described in these simple approximations. Using very similar parameters, Baier and Samaranyake¹¹ have repeated the above calculation. They have also investigated the effect of adding a small admixture of D state to the ${}^3\text{He}$ wave function, but neglecting the spin-dependent terms in the nucleon-nucleon amplitude. Contrary to the case of p - d scattering, they find that this admixture does not result in a large change in the predicted cross section. In conclusion it would be very useful to include the full spin-dependent N - N amplitude in the theory. The results of such a calculation plus form-factor data at larger momentum transfers should contribute greatly to the understanding of the p - ${}^3\text{He}$ cross section.

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⁴⁹Fe: A NEW $T_Z = -\frac{3}{2}$ DELAYED-PROTON EMITTER*

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Iron-49 with a half-life of 75 ± 10 msec was produced by the reaction $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{12}\text{C}, 3n)^{49}\text{Fe}$ using 65-MeV carbon ions; beta-delayed protons with an energy of 1.96 ± 0.05 MeV probably originating from the lowest $T = \frac{3}{2}$ state in ⁴⁹Mn were observed.

Although the series of $A = 4n + 1$, $T_Z = \frac{1}{2}(N - Z) = -\frac{3}{2}$ beta-delayed proton emitters is known¹ from ⁹C through ⁴¹Ti, no technique for forming higher A nuclei of this type has been demonstrated and, in fact, almost no nuclei with $Z > N$ above the titanium isotopes can be considered as reliably established. We wish herein to report the observation of ⁴⁹Fe following carbon-ion bombardment of ⁴⁰Ca.

A pulsed beam of 65-MeV ¹²C ions (4^+) from the Harwell variable-energy cyclotron was used to irradiate targets of ²⁴Mg, ²⁸Si, and ⁴⁰Ca. Beam intensities incident on the target averaged 0.5 μA . Reactions on these targets produced both the known delayed-proton emitters ³³Ar and ³⁷Ca as well as the new nuclide ⁴⁹Fe; the first two nuclides were studied to investigate the systematics of (¹²C, 3n) reactions on $T_Z = 0$ targets.

As indicated later, relatively low-energy protons (≈ 1.9 or 2.6 MeV) were expected in the decay of ⁴⁹Fe. In order to detect these protons reliably in a high β background, a semiconductor telescope consisting of two surface-barrier detectors—a 23- μ ΔE detector followed by an E detector depleted to 250 μ —was used. The tar-

gets were placed at an angle of 25° to the beam, and the telescope was mounted approximately perpendicular to the targets, subtending a solid angle of 0.13 sr.

Beam pulsing was achieved by modulating the voltage on the cyclotron dees. Signals from a repetitive ramp generator triggered the beam "on" for a chosen interval appropriate to the half-life being studied as well as triggering a shutter which dropped in between the target and the ΔE counter for a period overlapping the "beam-on" interval. Summed coincidence pulses between the ΔE and E detectors, further discriminated by requiring that their product ($\Delta E \times E \cong MZ^2$) be appropriate for a proton, were stored in a two-parameter analyzer as a function of time. Protons between 1.3 and 5.7 MeV could be linearly detected with this system. An ²⁴¹Am α source and a calibrated pulser established the energy scale. Normally 512 energy channels by 8 time channels, the latter covering 2 to 5 half-lives, were recorded.

A proton spectrum from ³³Ar produced via the (¹²C, 3n) reaction on a 2.8-mg/cm² natural Mg target is shown in Fig. 1(a). The overall energy