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RADIATIVE CORRECTIONS FOR \((e,e'N)\) COINCIDENCE EXPERIMENTS

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Résumé : Dans cet article, nous présentons une formule de queue radiative pour l'analyse des expériences \((e,e'N)\) en cohérence. On calcule d'abord en première approximation de Born la section efficace différentielle en énergie et angle pour toutes les particules finales pour le rayonnement de freinage associé avec l'émission d'un nucléon. Cette formule est ensuite intégrée sur tous les angles du photon dans l'approximation de pic.

Abstract : In this paper, a formula for the radiative tail, suitable for use in the analyses of \((ee'N)\) coincidence experiments is derived. We first calculate the cross section differential in the energies and angles of all final particles for bremsstrahlung associated with the emission of a nucleon, in first Born approximation. This cross section is then integrated over the angles of the unobserved photon, using the peaking approximation, to give an expression for the radiative tail in nucleon emission processes.

As in all electron scattering processes, the radiative corrections are expected to be important when a nucleon is detected in coincidence with the final electron. It is true that one thus avoids the considerable difficulties with background that arise from the large radiative tail from the elastic peak. However, the inelastic radiative tail of the continuum levels can still contribute, and the usual radiative correction for inelastic scattering\(^{[1]}\) arising from the emission and absorption of virtual photons, and the emission of real soft photons, must still be applied. This correction is given to lowest order by

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\]

where \(d_{\sigma}^{\text{unc}}\) is the uncorrected cross section and

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\delta = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{m_{e}^{2} + m_{A}^{2}}{m_{A}^{2}} - \frac{m_{n}^{2}}{m_{n}^{2}} \right) \left( \frac{m_{A}^{2}}{m_{n}^{2}} - 1 \right) + \frac{3}{16} \right.

\left. + \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{m_{e}^{2}}{m_{e}^{2}} + \frac{m_{A}^{2}}{m_{e}^{2}} - \right] \left( \cos^{2} \theta + \delta \right)
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The cross section $d\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(E, \gamma, q, p, \Theta_p)$ appears in the formula for the radiative tail. This means that one must know this cross section for all values of the incident energy between threshold for proton emission and $\varepsilon_n$ (this is of course an improvement over needing to know it for all values less than $\varepsilon_n$). Since our theoretical knowledge of the $(e, p)$ process is still somewhat crude, it will be necessary to perform an unfolding of the spectra, using experimental data taken at lower incident energies.

In order to give an idea of the effect of the radiative corrections, missing energy spectra for kinematics similar to those of the Saclay experiment [5]

$$(E, \varepsilon_n, \Theta_p, \Theta_{\gamma\gamma}) \text{ varied with } \varepsilon_n$$

were computed. The results are shown in Figs. 2, 3. In each figure the dashed curve is computed directly from the formulas given in Ref. 3, and the solid curve is obtained by multiplying the computed cross section by $4\pi$ then adding the integral over $k$ from $E_n - \varepsilon_n$ to $E_n + \varepsilon_n$.

Even though the model used is somewhat crude, certain qualitative features exhibited by the curves are probably reproduced in the exact cross sections. Peaks are reduced in height, by about 30%, for emission of a valence shell proton, and the cross section is increased by a factor 3-4 at large missing energy. Peaks corresponding to emission of an inner shell nucleon tend to be washed out (due to a filling in of the “valley” between the peaks) but can still be observed as shoulders if the shell is sufficiently narrow.

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Fig. 2 Missing energy spectrum for $^{12}$C in arbitrary units

Fig. 3 Missing energy spectrum for $^{40}$Ca in arbitrary units