

Error Analysis

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Penfold-Leiss Cross Section Unfolding

- Measure Yields at: $E = E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$ where,
 $E_i - E_{i-1} = \Delta, i = 2, n$

$$Y(E_i) = \int_{th}^{E_i} n_\gamma(E_i, k) \sigma(k) dk \approx \sum_{j=1}^i N_\gamma(E_i, \Delta, E_j) \sigma(E_j)$$

- The solution can be written in two forms:

$$\sigma_i = \frac{1}{N_{ii}} \left[y_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (N_{ij} \sigma_j) \right]$$

- Or, Matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{\gamma,11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ N_{\gamma,21} & N_{\gamma,22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ N_{\gamma,n1} & N_{\gamma,n2} & \cdots & N_{\gamma,nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[Y] = [N] \bullet [\sigma]$$

$$[\sigma] = [N]^{-1} \bullet [Y]$$

Statistical Error

Statistical Error Propagation (1)

- Note: $\frac{dy_i}{y_i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y_i}}$ $\frac{dN_{ij}}{N_{ij}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{ij}}} \approx 0$

$$dy_i = \sqrt{y_i} \qquad dy_i = \sqrt{y_i + 2y_i^{bg}}$$

In case of
background
Subtraction

- With:

$$[B] = [N]^{-1}$$

$$[\sigma] = [B] \bullet [Y]$$

- Then:

$$[d\sigma^2] = [B] \bullet [dY^2] \bullet [B]^T$$

- Where:

$$[dY^2] = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & y_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{var}(y_i, y_i) = y_i$
 $\text{cov}(y_i, y_j) = 0$

$$[d\sigma^2] = \begin{bmatrix} d\sigma_1^2 & \text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) & \cdots & \text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_n) \\ \text{cov}(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) & d\sigma_2^2 & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{cov}(\sigma_n, \sigma_1) & \cdots & \cdots & d\sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Statistical Error Propagation (2)

$$(d\sigma_i)^2 = \frac{1}{N_{ii}^2} \left[dy_i^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} N_{ij}^2 d\sigma_j^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \sum_{l=1}^{i-1} N_{ik} \text{cov}(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) N_{il} \right]$$

Although,
 $\text{cov}(y_i, y_j) = 0,$
 $\text{cov}(\sigma_i, \sigma_j) \neq 0$

For mono-
chromatic
beam

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{dy_i}{y_i} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{y_i}$$

Statistical Error Propagation (Wrong)

$$[\sigma] = [N]^{-1} \bullet [Y]$$

- Then:

$$[d\sigma^2] = [N^2]^{-1} \bullet [dY^2]$$

Wrong

- This is equivalent to:

$$(d\sigma_i)^2 = \frac{1}{N_{ii}^2} \left[dy_i^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} N_{ij}^2 d\sigma_j^2 \right]$$

Wrong

Systematic Error

Systematic Error Propagation (1)

- For absolute beam energy uncertainty of δE :

$$dy_i = y_i(E + \delta E) - y_i(E) \quad \text{Measured}$$

$$dN_{ij} = N_{ij}(E + \delta E) - N_{ij}(E)$$

Simulated

- With:

$$[B] = [N]^{-1}$$

$$[\sigma] = [B] \bullet [Y]$$

- Then:

$$[d\sigma^2] = [B] \bullet \left([dY^2] + [dN^2] \bullet [\sigma^2] \right) \bullet [B]^T$$

- Where:

$$[dN^2] = \begin{bmatrix} dN_{11}^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ dN_{21}^2 & dN_{22}^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ dN_{n1}^2 & dN_{n1}^2 & \dots & dN_{nn}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma^2] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Systematic Error Propagation (2)

$$(d\sigma_i)^2 = \frac{1}{N_{ii}^2} \left[dy_i^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} N_{ij}^2 d\sigma_j^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \sum_{l=1}^{i-1} N_{ik} \text{cov}(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) N_{il} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} dN_{ij}^2 \sigma_j^2 + dN_{ii}^2 \sigma_i^2 \right]$$

Other Systematic Errors

Beam Current, $\delta I/I$	3%
Photon Flux, $\delta N/N$	5%
Radiator Thickness, $\delta R/R$	3%
Bubble Chamber Efficiency, ϵ	5%
Bubble Chamber Thickness, $\delta T/T$	3%

Simulation

- Then:

$$(dy_i)^2 = (dy_i(\delta E))^2 + \left[\left(\frac{\delta T}{T} \right)^2 + \epsilon^2 \right] y_i^2$$

$$(dN_{ij})^2 = (dN_{ij}(\delta E))^2 + \left[\left(\frac{\delta I}{I} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta N}{N} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right)^2 \right] N_{ij}^2$$

Results

- I. Radiator Thickness = 0.02 mm
- II. Bubble Chamber Thickness = 3.0 cm
- III. Background subtraction of $^{18}\text{O}(\gamma, \alpha)^{14}\text{C}$
- IV. $^{17}\text{O}(\gamma, n)^{16}\text{O}$: Still to do

Electron Beam K. E.	Beam Current (μA)	Time (hour)	y_i	dy_i (no bg)	dy_i (with bg)
7.9	100	100	545	23	134
8.0	100	20	581	24	77
8.1	80	10	852	29	60
8.2	20	10	634	25	40
8.3	10	10	812	28	39
8.4	4	10	746	27	36
8.5	2	10	763	28	32

$$[N] = \begin{bmatrix} 3.267e14 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 9.782e13 & 6.439e13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5.013e13 & 3.858e13 & 2.539e13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1.494e13 & 1.236e13 & 9.514e12 & 6.258e12 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8.540e12 & 7.369e12 & 6.097e12 & 4.692e12 & 3.086e12 & 0 & 0 \\ 3.801e12 & 3.370e12 & 2.908e12 & 2.406e12 & 1.852e12 & 1.217e12 & 0 \\ 2.075e12 & 1.875e12 & 1.663e12 & 1.435e12 & 1.187e12 & 9.137e11 & 6.004e11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Electron Beam K. E.	Cross Section (nb)	Stat Error (no bg, %)	Stat Error (with bg, %)
7.9	0.046	4.4	24.5
8.0	0.185	6.0	20.7
8.1	0.58	6.3	14.7
8.2	1.53	8.2	13.8
8.3	3.49	9.1	13.3
8.4	7.2	10.6	13.8
8.5	13.6	12.2	14.8

Electron Beam K. E.	Cross Section (nb)	Sys Error (Energy, %)	Sys Error (Total, %)
7.9	0.046	20.1	21.9
8.0	0.185	19.1	22.0
8.1	0.58	18.8	22.5
8.2	1.53	19.1	23.8
8.3	3.49	19.8	25.5
8.4	7.2	20.6	27.7
8.5	13.6	21.7	30.2

Electron Beam K. E.	Gamma Energy (MeV)	E_{CM} (MeV)	Cross Section (nb)	S_{E1} Factor (keV b)	Stat Error (%)	Sys Error (%)
7.9	7.85	0.69	0.046	62.2	24.5	21.9
8.0	7.95	0.79	0.185	48.7	20.7	22.0
8.1	8.05	0.89	0.58	41.8	14.7	22.5
8.2	8.15	0.99	1.53	35.5	13.8	23.8
8.3	8.25	1.09	3.49	32.0	13.3	25.5
8.4	8.35	1.19	7.2	28.8	13.8	27.7
8.5	8.45	1.29	13.6	26.3	14.8	30.2

$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ S-Factor

- Statistical Error: dominated by background subtraction from $^{18}\text{O}(\gamma, \alpha)^{14}\text{C}$ (depletion = 5,000)
- Systematic Error: dominated by absolute beam energy ($\delta E = 0.1\%$)

