

Low-energy theorems in non-Abelian Compton scattering on targets of arbitrary spin

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Abstract The low-energy theorems in non-Abelian Compton scattering previously obtained for spin-1/2 targets are extended to the case of targets of arbitrary spin.

1. Introduction

In a previous paper¹ we have obtained four new isospin-antisymmetric low-energy theorems in nucleon non-Abelian Compton scattering by using a second lemma for the Compton amplitude. In this note we shall use it to discuss the scattering on targets of arbitrary spin. Lin² has considered the case of normal Abelian Compton scattering. We shall then concentrate only in the isospin-antisymmetric part of the amplitude and show that seven new low-energy theorems can be obtained to second order in the frequency of the incoming photon. The basic equation is Eq.(4) of Ref.1, which reads

$$\begin{aligned} k'_m (E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta} - \omega' \Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}) &= -k'_m U_{mn}^{\alpha\beta} + \omega' U_{on}^{\alpha\beta} \\ &+ i (2\pi)^3 \left(\frac{E E'}{M^2} \right)^{1/2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \langle \vec{p}' | J_{\gamma n} | \vec{p}' \rangle . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In this equation $E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ is the space-space component of the excited part of the amplitude tensor and $U_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}$ is the unexcited part. $\vec{k}'(\omega')$ is the momentum (energy) of the outgoing photon, $\vec{k}, (w)$ will designate the corresponding quantities for the incoming photon and $\vec{p}, E(\vec{p}, E')$ are the initial (final) nucleon momentum and

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energy respectively. J_ν^j is the electromagnetic current and $\Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ is a quantity which is odd under crossing in the Breit frame, where

$$\vec{p}' = -\vec{p} = -\frac{\vec{k}' - \vec{k}}{2} \quad E' = E \quad \omega' = \omega. \quad (2)$$

2. Expansion of $E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ in the Breit frame

The Breit frame is the frame where T-reversal invariance achieves its simplest form as used by Pais³ to write down the minimal basics $B_{mn}^{(i)}$ in which $E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ is to be expanded. To order ω^2 we have, for the isospin-antisymmetric part,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{mn}^{[\alpha\beta]} &= [I^\alpha, I^\beta] \sum_i a_i B_{mn}^{(i)} \\ &= [I^\alpha, I^\beta] \{ \omega a_{1,1} \delta_{mn} + a_2(0) + a_{2,1} \vec{k} \vec{k}' + a_{2,2} \omega^2 \epsilon_{mnj} S_j \\ &\quad + \omega a_{3,1} (S_m S_n + S_n S_m - \frac{2}{3} \vec{S}^2 \delta_{mn}) \\ &\quad + a_4(0) [\delta_{mn} \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' \epsilon_{mnj} S_j] \\ &\quad + a_5(0) [k_m (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n - k'_n (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_m] \\ &\quad + a_6(0) [k'_m (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n - k_n (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_m - 2\omega^2 \epsilon_{mnj} S_j] \\ &\quad + a_7(0) [k_m (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n - k'_n (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_m - 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' \epsilon_{mnj} S_j] \\ &\quad + a_8(0) [k'_m (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n - k_n (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_m] \\ &\quad + a_9(0) [\langle S_m, S_n, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \rangle + \langle S_n, S_m, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \rangle - \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{5} (3\vec{S}^2 - 1) \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \delta_{mn}] \\ &\quad + a_{10}(0) \epsilon_{mnj} [\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', S_j \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, S_j \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& + a_{11}(0)\epsilon_{mnj}[\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}^i, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, S_j \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}^i, S_j \rangle - \\
& - \frac{2}{5}(3\vec{S}^2 - 1)\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}^i \times \vec{k})\delta_{mn}] \\
& + a_{12}(0)[\langle S_m, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \rangle - \langle S_{n'}(\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_m, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}^i \rangle] \\
& + a_{13}(0)[\langle S_m, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \rangle - \langle S_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}^i, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_m \rangle] \\
& + a_{14}(0)[\langle S_m, (S \times C)_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}^i \rangle - \langle S_n, (\vec{S} \times L)_m, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \rangle \\
& - (3\vec{S}^2 - 1)(B_{mn}^{(7)} + B_{mn}^{(8)})] \\
& + a_{15}(0)[\langle S_m, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}^i, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \rangle - \langle S_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_m \rangle - \\
& - (3\vec{S}^2 - 1)(B_{mn}^{(7)} + B_{mn}^{(8)})], \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\langle A, B, C \rangle = ABC + CAB + BCA \tag{4}$$

$\vec{S}^2 = S(S+1)$, I^a is the a th component of isospin, and the expansion of the coefficients, to order w^2 , is in accordance with the even crossing **symmetry** property of $E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$. In Ref.4 the expansion in Eq.(12) has been done in the Lab frame and the last four basis elements $B_{mn}^{12} - B_{mn}^{15}$ are actually missing in that equation. However, the conclusion of that paper continues to be valid because they are based on a relation for $k'_m k_n E_{mn}$ which does not contain $B_{mn}^{12} - B_{mn}^{15}$, since these basis elements are orthogonal to $k'_m k_n$. One can show that the other possible parity- and time-reversal invariant basis elements obtained by interchanging \vec{k} and \vec{k}' in $B_{mn}^{(12)}$ to $B_{mn}^{(15)}$ are not linearly independent, as we discuss in the Appendix. For convenience we have used parity- and time-reversal-invariant amplitudes basis elements B_{mn}^i for $i = 5-8$ of which the corresponding basis elements $E_{mn}^{(i)}$ of Pais,³ there numbered $i = 8-11$, are linear combinations, as given by Eqs.(A.7) to (A.10) of the Appendix.

3 . The Low-Energy Theorems

The usual procedure to obtain low-energy theorems uses a relation involving $k'_m k_n E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ and then it cannot give information on the partial amplitudes for which the corresponding basis elements are orthogonal to $k'_m k_n$ that is, $k'_m k_n B_{mn}^{(i)} = 0$. This is the case for $i = 4-8$ and $i = 12-15$ in Eq.(3), which will now be accessible to us. We shall then concentrate only on this part of the amplitude.

As $\Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ is a three-tensor as is $E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$, it can be expanded in the same minimal basis. To get information about $E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ to order w^2 we see from Eq.(1) that we need to consider $\Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ to order w . As $\Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$ is odd under crossing we have, to order w ,

$$\Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta} = [I^\alpha, I^\beta] \left\{ b_1(0) \delta_{mn} + \omega b_{21} \epsilon_{mnj} S_j + b_3(0) \left(S_m S_n + S_n S_m - \frac{2}{3} \vec{S}^2 \delta_{mn} \right) \right\} \quad (5)$$

Using Eqs. (3) and (5) and the identity (A.15) of the Appendix the isospin - antisymmetric part of the left-hand side of Eq.(3), which contains the terms that are of interest us ($i = 4-8$ and $i = 12-15$), become

$$\begin{aligned} k'_m (E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta} - \omega \Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}) \rightarrow [I^\alpha, I^\beta] \{ & k'_n \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) [a_4(0) + a_7(0) \\ & \frac{2}{5} (3\vec{S}^2 - 1) (a_9(0) + a_{11}(0))] + (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' a_5(0) + \omega^2 a_8(0) \\ & + k_n \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) a_6(0) + \\ & [\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', S_n, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \rangle + \langle S_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \rangle] [a_9(0) - \frac{1}{2} (a_{14}(0) + \\ & a_{15}(0))] + [\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, ((\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n \rangle] a_{10}(0) \\ & + [\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n \rangle] [a_{11}(0) + \frac{1}{2} (a_{14}(0) + \\ & a_{15}(0))] + [\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \rangle a_{12}(0) + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \rangle a_{13}(0) \} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

All the coefficients that are present in this equation will be determined by the right-hand side of Eq.(1), giving rise to nine low-energy theorems. The coefficients $a_{10}(0)$ and the sum $a_9(0) + a_{11}(0)$ have been determined before⁴ by considering a relation for $k'_m k_n E_{mn}^{\alpha\beta}$. The rest constitutes the new seven low-energy theorems and we shall concentrate only on them.

To establish the expression of the new lowenergy theorems we have to calculate the right-hand side of Eq.(1) in the Breit frame. For that purpose we need the

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expression of the current matrix element for arbitrary spin. This has been determined before⁴ to second order in terms of the related form factors and multipole moments, which are the charge and magnetic moment mean square radii $\langle r^2 \rangle^V$ and $\langle R^2 \rangle^V$, respectively, the isovector magnetic dipole moment μ^V (in units of $1/2M$), the electric quadrupole moment Q^V (in units of $1/M^2$) and the magnetic octupole moment Ω^V (in units of $\sqrt{6}/2M^3$), defined by Eqs. (17a-e) of Ref.4. Calculating the right-hand side of Eq.(1) and comparing with Eq.(6) we obtain as new isospin-antisymmetric low-energy theorems,

$$a_4(0) + a_7(0) = \frac{i}{8m^3} \left(\frac{3\mu^V}{2S} - 2 \right) + \frac{i}{4M^3 S(2S-1)} \left[\frac{(2S^2-1)\mu^V Q^V}{2S} - \frac{7(3\bar{S}^2-1)Q^V}{15(S-1)} \right], \quad (7)$$

$$a_5(0) = \frac{1}{i} \left[\frac{\mu^V}{16M^3 S} \left(\frac{\mu^V}{S} - 1 \right) - \frac{\langle R^2 \rangle^V}{5S} + \frac{(3S^2-1)\Omega^V}{30M^3 S(S-1)(2S-1)} \right], \quad (8)$$

$$a_6(0) = \frac{\mu^V}{16iM^3 S} \left(\frac{\mu^V}{S} - 1 \right), \quad (9)$$

$$a_8(0) = \frac{\langle R^2 \rangle^V}{10iS} + \frac{i\mu^V}{2MS} \left(\frac{\langle r^2 \rangle^V}{6} + \frac{1}{8M^2} \right) + \frac{i}{3M^3 S(2S-1)} \left[\frac{(2\bar{S}^2-1)\mu^V Q^V}{4S} - \frac{(3\bar{S}^2-1)\Omega^V}{5(S-1)} \right], \quad (10)$$

$$a_9(0) - \frac{1}{2}(a_{14}(0) + a_{15}(0)) = \frac{i}{24M^3 S(2S-1)} \left(\frac{\Omega^V}{S-1} - \frac{\mu^V Q^V}{S} \right), \quad (11)$$

and

$$a_{12}(0) = a_{13}(0) = \frac{i\Omega^V}{12M^3 S(S-1)(2S-1)}, \quad (12)$$

where use has been made of the identities (A.17) and (A.18) of the Appendix.

For $S = 1/2$ it will be present only the results without the terms proportional to Q^V and Ω^V . It is easy to see that they agree with those already derived for spin-1/2 targets¹ by expressing $\langle r^2 \rangle^V$ and $\langle R^2 \rangle^V$ for $S = 1/2$ in terms of μ^V and the nucleon form factors.

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Appendix

By expanding $\vec{S} \cdot [(\vec{S} \times \vec{k}) \times (\vec{p} \times \vec{q})]$ and $\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times [\vec{q} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})])$ in two different ways one easily establishes the identities

$$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q}) - \vec{S}^2 \vec{k} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q}) = \vec{S} \cdot \vec{p} \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{q}) - \vec{S} \cdot \vec{q} \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{p}) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

and

$$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{q} \vec{k} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) - \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \vec{k} \cdot \vec{q} = \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{a}) \vec{q} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{b}) \vec{q} \cdot \vec{a} . \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Using

$$S_m S_n - S_n S_m = i \epsilon_{m n j} S_j \quad (\text{A.3})$$

we also have, from (A.1) ,

$$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q}) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} - S^2 \vec{k} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q}) = \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{q}) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{p} - \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{p}) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{q} . \quad (\text{A.4})$$

a. Using these identities one easily shows that the other possible basis elements obtained by interchanging \vec{k} and \vec{k}' in $B_{mn}^{(i)}$ for $i = 12 - 25$ are not linearly independent basis elements. Calling them $A_{mn}^{(i)}$ we have for instance for $i = 12$ and with a convenient contraction with arbitrary vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} ,

$$a_m b_n A_{mn}^{(12)} = \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{a}, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{b}), \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' \rangle - \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{b}, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k} \times \vec{a}), \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k} \rangle . \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Using Eqs. (A.1), (A.3) and (A.4) the first term on the right-hand side of Eq.(A.5) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{a}, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{b}), \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' \rangle = & \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{b}, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{a}), \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}), \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' \rangle \\ & - (3\vec{S}^2 - 1) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' \vec{k}' \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

A similar relation holds for the second term on the right-hand side of Eq.(A.5).

Adding the two terms and making use of (A.2) one obtains

$$A_{mn}^{(12)} = B_{mn}^{(10)} - B_{mn}^{(12)} + (3\vec{S}^2 - 1)(B_{mn}^{(5)} + B_{mn}^{(6)}) . \quad (\text{A.6})$$

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Similar considerations applies to the other cases, $i = 13 - 15$.

b. By contracting $E^{(8)}$ of Pais⁶ with $a_m b_n$ for convenience and using Eq.(A.2) it is easy to see that

$$E_{mn}^{(8)} = -B_{mn}^{(5)} - B_{mn}^{(6)} , \quad (A.7)$$

Also

$$E_{mn}^{(9)} = -B_{mn}^{(7)} - B_{mn}^{(9)} \quad (A.8)$$

As mentioned before¹ the plus and minus signs in both equations for $i = 10$ and $i = 11$ of Pais should be interchanged otherwise they would not be independent basis elements. Correcting these misprints they are related to our elements by the equations

$$E_{mn}^{(10)} = B_{mn}^{(5)} - B_{mn}^{(6)} - (\omega^2 + \omega'^2) B_{mn}^{(2)} \quad (A.9)$$

and

$$E_{mn}^{(11)} = B_{mn}^{(7)} - B_{mn}^{(8)} + 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' B_{mn}^{(2)} . \quad (A.10)$$

c. Callnow

$$X_n = \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n \rangle \quad (A.11)$$

and

$$Y_n = \langle S_n, \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k})_n \rangle + \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', S_n, \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \rangle . \quad (A.12)$$

Using Eqs.(A.1) and (A.3) it follows the relation

$$X_n - Y_n = 2 \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \rangle - 2(3S^2 - 1) \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k})_n . \quad (A.13)$$

From Eq.(A.2) we also have

$$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k})_n = k'_m (B_{mn}^{(8)} + B_{mn}^{(7)}) . \quad (A.14)$$

Therefore,

$$\langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}, (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \rangle - (3\vec{S}^2 - 1) \vec{k}'_m (B_{mn}^{(8)} + B_{mn}^{(7)}) = \frac{1}{2} (X_n - Y_n) . \quad (A.15)$$

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d. Using (A.3) we can write

$$2\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}' = \{(\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n, (\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}')^2\} + \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \vec{k}'_n - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' (S \times \vec{k}')_n. \quad (A.16)$$

From here we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', \vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}', (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n \rangle &= \frac{3}{2} \{(\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n, (\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}')^2\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} (\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \vec{k}'_n - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' (\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n). \end{aligned} \quad (A.17)$$

Using (A.15) in (A.17) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \{(\vec{S} \times \vec{k})_n, (\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}')^2\} &= \frac{1}{3} (X_n - Y_n) + (2\vec{S}^2 - \frac{2}{3}) w^2 (S \times \vec{k})_n \\ &(2S^2 - 1) (\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}' \times \vec{k}) \vec{k}'_n - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' (\vec{S} \times \vec{k}')_n) \end{aligned} \quad (A.18)$$

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Resumo

Os teoremas de baixa energia em espalhamento Compton não-abeliano, previamente obtidos para alvos de spin 1/2, são estendidos para o caso de alvos com spin arbitrário.