

# Griffiths

6.8. For two particles with extremely uneven balance between their mass, the CM frame is essentially the rest frame of the heavier particle. In CM, the cross section is given by.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\hbar c}{8\pi}\right)^2 \frac{S |\mathcal{M}|^2}{(E_1 + E_2)^2 |\vec{P}_i|} |\vec{P}_f|$$

we take the limit of  $\frac{m_A}{m_B} \ll 1$ , the process

being elastic with no recoil implies  $\frac{|\vec{P}_f|}{|\vec{P}_i|} = 1$ .

Since the particles are distinguishable,  $S = 1$ .

Then

$$\boxed{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\hbar c}{8\pi}\right)^2 \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2}{m_B^2 c^4}}$$