

PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods

10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103

Plan for Lecture 2:

- 1. Comments on Maple software**
- 2. Chapter 1 – scattering theory**
 - a) Rutherford scattering
 - b) Scattering for arbitrary potential

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Course schedule

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Date	F&W Reading	Topic	Assignment
1 Wed, 8/28/2013	Chap. 1	Review of basic principles;Scattering theory	#1
2 Fri, 8/30/2013	Chap. 1	Scattering theory continued	#2
3 Mon, 9/02/2013	Chap. 1	Scattering theory continued	#3



Some additional Maple examples

The screenshot shows the Maple 15 software interface. The title bar reads "D:\Userdata\Userdata\Coursework\f12phy711\Lecturenotes\anothermaple.mw - [Server 1] - Maple 15". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Insert, Format, Table, Drawing, Plot, Spreadsheet, Tools, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations, text styles, and mathematical functions. On the left, there is a palette with buttons for Favorites, MapleCloud (Disabled), Variables, Handwriting, Expression, Units (SI), Units (FPS), Common Symbols, and Matrix. The Matrix section is expanded, showing settings for Rows (2), Columns (2), Type (Custom val...), Shape (Any), Data type (Any), and an "Insert Matrix" button. The main workspace displays the following Maple session:

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> assume(a > 0 and a < 1);
> assume(t > 0);
> Y := (t, a) -> int(sqrt(1 - a^2 * (sin(theta))^2), theta = 0 .. t);
Y := (t, a) -> 
$$\int_0^t \sqrt{1 - a^2 \sin(\theta)^2} d\theta$$
 (1)

> Y(t, a);

$$\frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin(t)^2} \operatorname{EllipticE}(\sin(t), a)}{\cos(t)} + \left( \begin{array}{ll} 2 \operatorname{floor}\left(\frac{1}{4} \frac{2t + \pi}{\pi}\right) \operatorname{EllipticE}(a) & 1 < \frac{1}{4} \frac{2t + \pi}{\pi} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right) + 2 \left( \begin{array}{ll} 2 \left( \operatorname{floor}\left(-\frac{1}{4} \frac{-2t + \pi}{\pi}\right) + 1\right) \operatorname{EllipticE}(a) & 0 < 2t - \pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{ll} 2 \left( \operatorname{floor}\left(-\frac{1}{4} \frac{-2t + 3\pi}{\pi}\right) + 1\right) \operatorname{EllipticE}(a) & 0 < 2t - 3\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right)$$
 (2)

> plot({Y(t, 0.6), Y(t, 0.8), Y(t, 0.99)}, t = 0 .. 5);
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The plot window shows three piecewise functions plotted against t from 0 to 5. The y-axis ranges from 8 to 10. The functions are discontinuous at various points, with vertical jumps occurring at approximately t = 0.785, 1.57, 2.356, and 3.142.

Scattering theory:

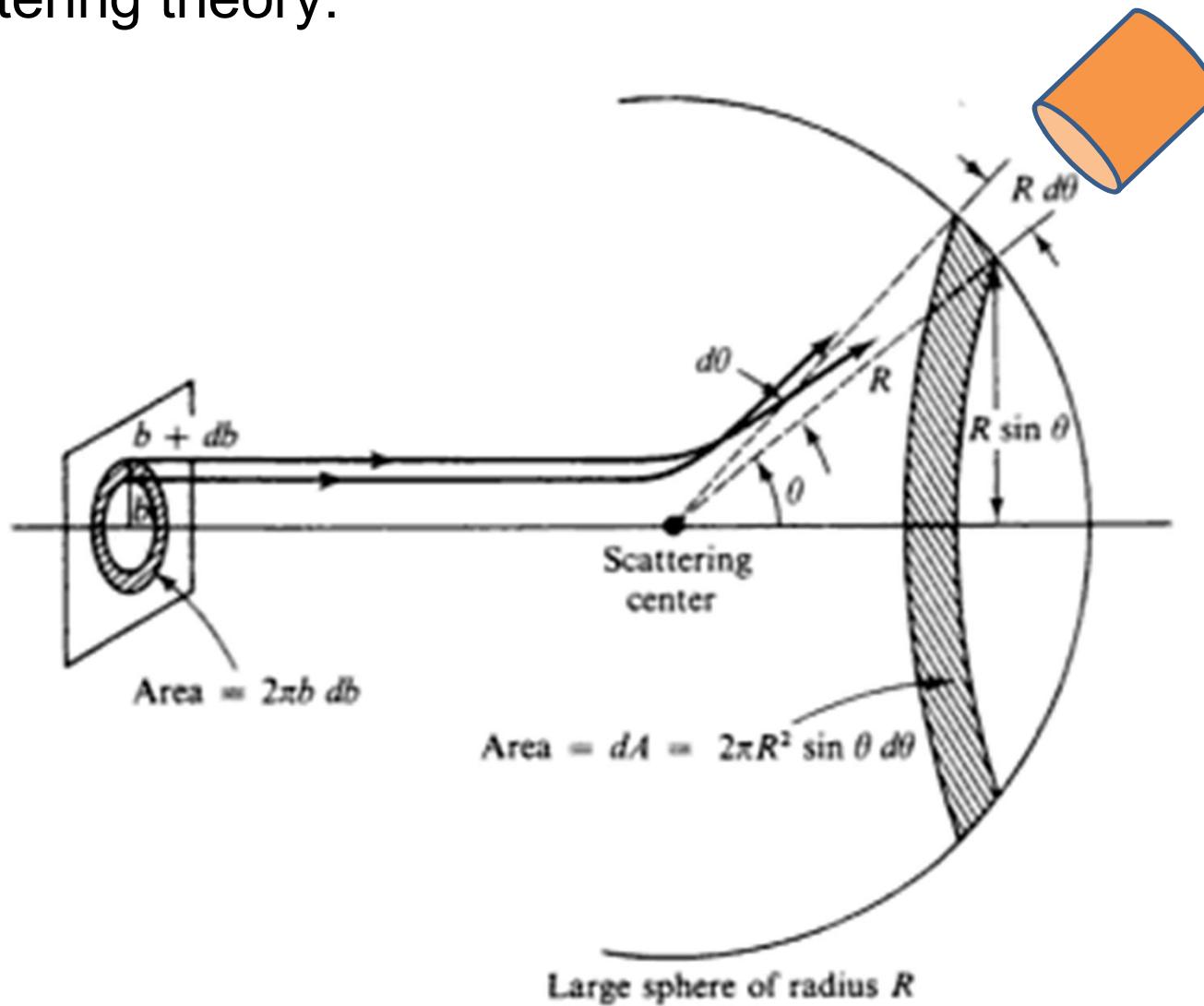
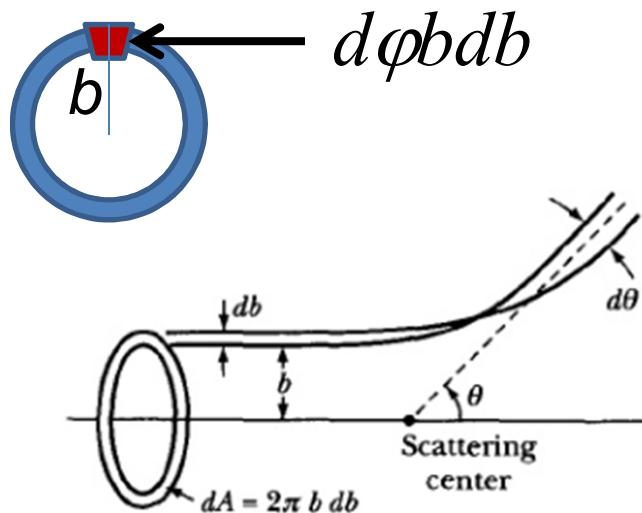


Figure 5.5 The scattering problem and relation of cross section to impact parameter.

Differential cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \frac{\text{Number of detected particles at } \theta \text{ per target particle}}{\text{Number of incident particles per unit area}}$$

= Area of incident beam that is scattered into detector
at angle θ

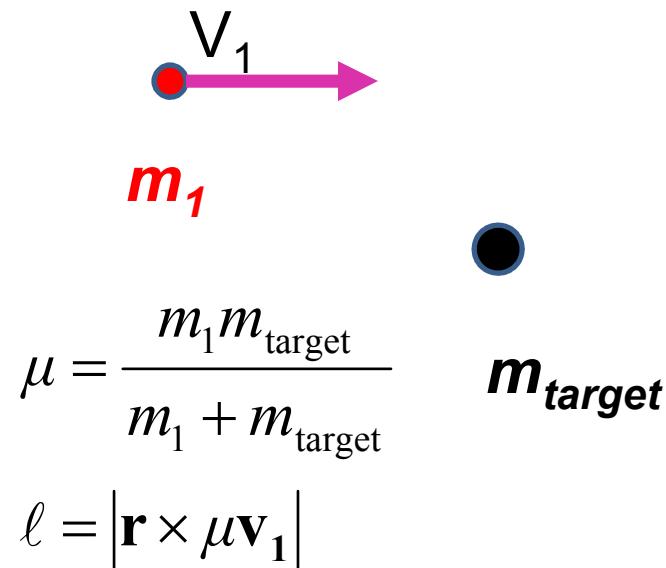


$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \frac{d\varphi b db}{d\varphi \sin\theta d\theta} = \frac{b}{\sin\theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right|$$

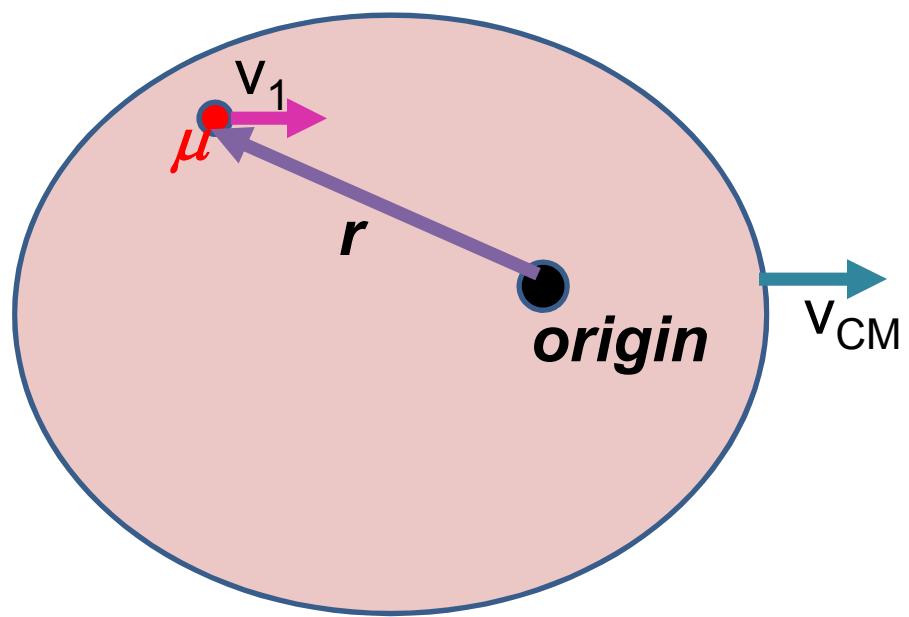
Figure from Marion & Thornton, Classical Dynamics

Note: The following analysis will be carried out in the center of mass frame of reference.

In laboratory frame:

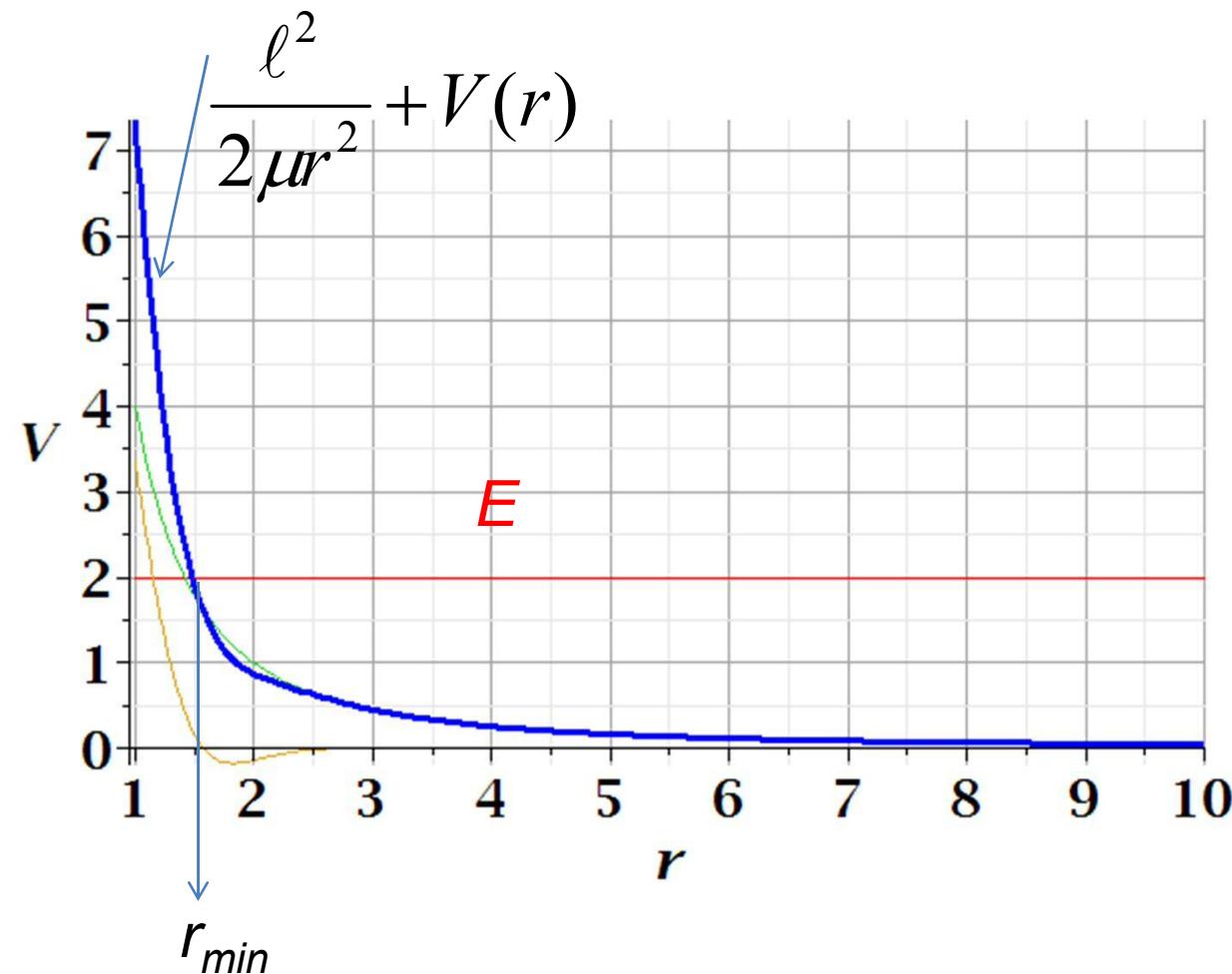


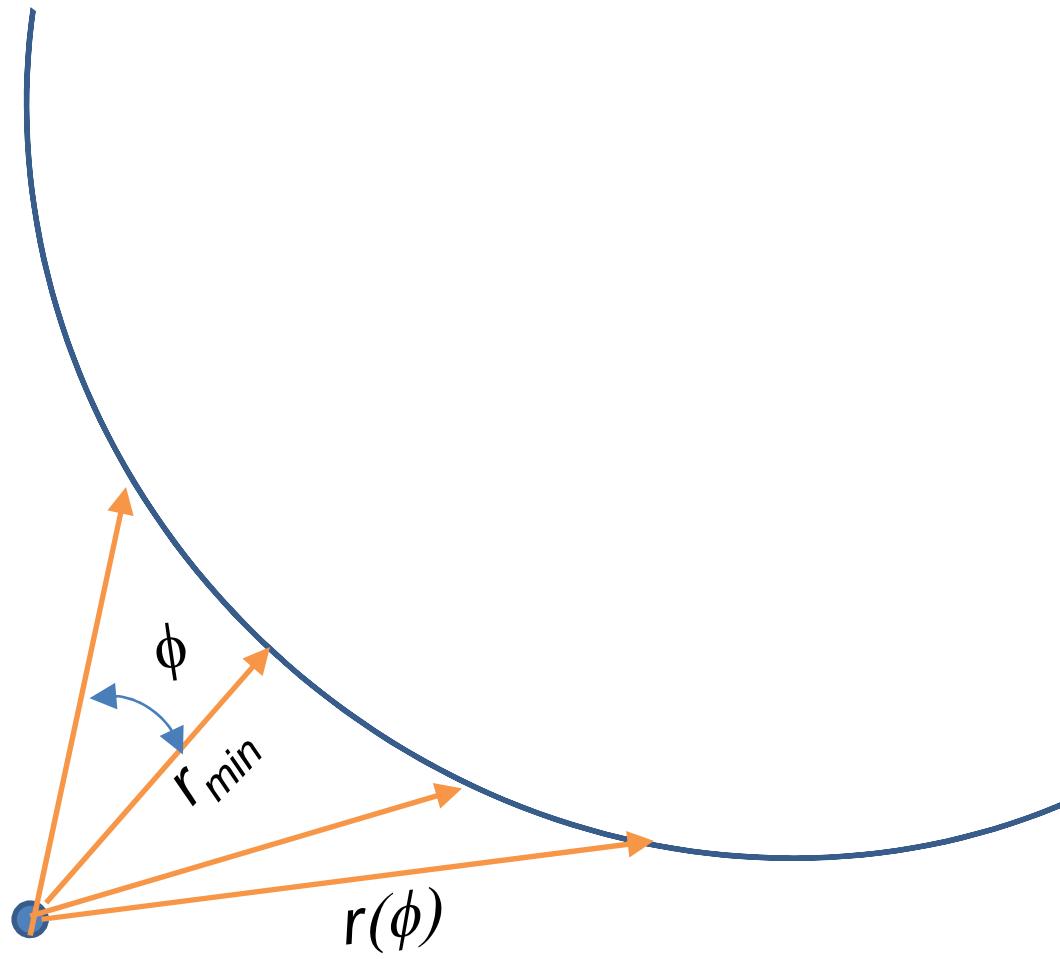
In center-of-mass frame:



Also note: We are assuming that the interaction between particle and target $V(r)$ conserves energy and angular momentum.

In center of mass reference frame:





Conservation of angular momentum:

$$\ell = \mu r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{dt} \right)$$

Transformation of trajectory variables:

$$r(t) \Leftrightarrow r(\phi)$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{\ell}{\mu r^2}$$

Conservation of energy in the center of mass frame:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + V(r) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{\ell}{\mu r^2} \right)^2 + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + V(r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + V(r)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{dr}{d\phi} \frac{\ell}{\mu r^2} \right)^2 + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + V(r)$$

Solving for $r(\phi) \Leftrightarrow \phi(r)$

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\phi} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{2\mu r^4}{\ell^2} \right) \left(E - \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} - V(r) \right)$$

$$d\phi = dr \left(\frac{\ell / r^2}{\sqrt{2\mu \left(E - \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} - V(r) \right)}} \right)$$

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Further simplification at large separation:

$$\ell = \mu v_\infty b$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \mu v_\infty^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = \sqrt{2\mu E} b$$

When the dust clears :

$$d\phi = dr \left(\frac{\ell / r^2}{\sqrt{2\mu \left(E - \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} - V(r) \right)}} \right)$$

$$d\phi = dr \left(\frac{b / r^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - \frac{V(r)}{E}}} \right)$$

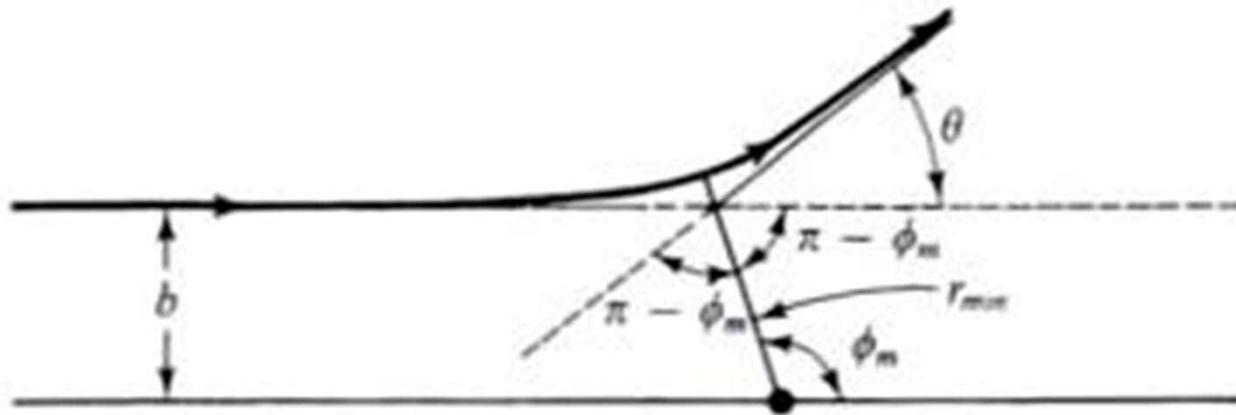
$$\Rightarrow \phi(b, E)$$

$$\int_0^{\phi_{\max}} d\phi = \int_{r_{\min}}^{\infty} dr \left(\frac{b / r^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - \frac{V(r)}{E}}} \right)$$

where :

$$1 - \frac{b^2}{r_{\min}^2} - \frac{V(r_{\min})}{E} = 0$$

Relationship between ϕ_{\max} and θ :



$$2(\pi - \phi_{\max}) + \theta = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\phi_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} = \int_{r_{\min}}^{\infty} dr \left(\frac{b/r^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - \frac{V(r)}{E}}} \right)$$

$$\theta = \pi - 2b \int_{r_{\min}}^{\infty} dr \left(\frac{1/r^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - \frac{V(r)}{E}}} \right)$$

$$\theta = \pi - 2b \int_0^{1/r_{\min}} du \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - b^2 u^2 - \frac{V(1/u)}{E}}} \right)$$

Scattering angle equation :

$$\theta = \pi - 2b \int_0^{1/r_{\min}} du \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - b^2 u^2 - \frac{V(1/u)}{E}}} \right)$$

Rutherford scattering example :

$$\frac{V(r)}{E} \equiv \frac{\kappa}{r} \quad \frac{1}{r_{\min}} = \frac{1}{b} \left(-\frac{\kappa}{2b} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\kappa}{2b}\right)^2 + 1} \right)$$

$$\theta = \pi - 2b \int_0^{1/r_{\min}} du \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - b^2 u^2 - \kappa u}} \right) = 2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2b/\kappa)^2 + 1}} \right)$$

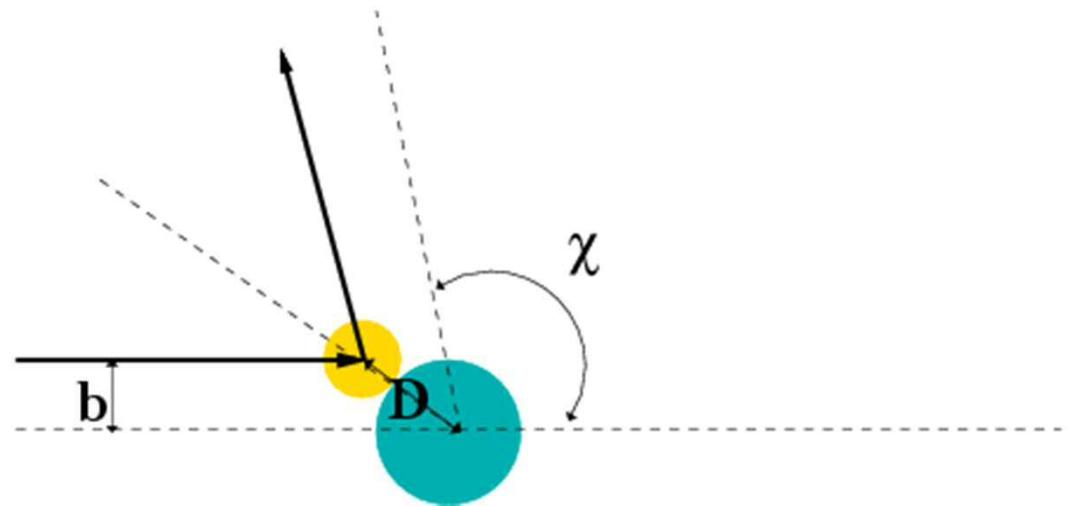
Rutherford scattering continued :

$$\theta = 2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2b/\kappa)^2 + 1}} \right)$$

$$\frac{2b}{\kappa} = \left| \frac{\cos(\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)} \right|$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \frac{b}{\sin\theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right| = \frac{\kappa^2}{16} \frac{1}{\sin^4(\theta/2)}$$

Hard sphere scattering



For your homework you will show that

$$b = D \cos\left(\frac{\chi}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{b}{\sin\chi} \left| \frac{db}{d\chi} \right| = \frac{D^2}{4}$$