correction to the scattering of the nucleon, by an external field, and the scattering of meson by meson. We can easily see that the integral M for the last process converges, since its divergent part is identical with that of the scattering of light by light which has been shown to vanish by cancellation. The conventional perturbation method can now be used again, the only precaution being that the graph should not contain any meson self-energy part of order g^2.

Similar calculations applied to scalar meson with vector coupling shows that the corresponding expression (10) vanishes, since M_s is given only by the first term of (4) owing to the absence of the γ_5 factor; therefore, the divergence cannot be removed in this case by renormalizaion of meson mass and charge. It would be of interest to apply the present theory to investigate the nuclear potential and the nucleon magnetic moments. Further details will be published later.

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Preparation of Co^{58m} by a (γ, n) Reaction*

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RECENTLY Strauch has reported the preparation and identification of a radioactivity, Co^{58m}, with a half-life of 8.8 hr.[1] The identification was based on evidence of its formation from manganese by a (α, n) reaction. It was also produced by bombardment of cobalt and nickel by deuterons and fast neutrons, and by irradiation of copper with deuterons in the 184-in. cyclotron. He showed that the isomer decayed by the emission of a highly converted gamma-ray with an energy of 25 kev to the well-known 72-day Co^{58} activity which undergoes positron emission and K-capture.[2] Counting of the principal radiation, which consists primarily of 17-kev and 24-kev conversion electrons, requires a sample of high specific activity and use of a windowless counter.

We have prepared Co^{58m} by a (γ, n) process in irradiations in the Iowa State College synchrotron. The necessary high specific activity was obtained by a Szilard-Chalmers-type decomposition of a Co^{III} complex induced by the recoil from the nuclear reaction. In this process the radioactive atoms were converted to the Co^{II} oxidation state, which could then be separated chemically from the target material. To accomplish this separation, 5 g of crystals of the complex salt, $K_3Co(C_2O_4)_3\cdot 3H_2O$, were placed in a test tube with a 1-cm diameter. The sample tube was carefully aligned with the 65-Mev beam of the synchrotron and irradiated for one hour. After irradiation the target salt was dissolved in water, and the Co^{II} was separated from the $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{---}$ anion by adsorption on IRC-50 cation exchange resin. The radioactive Co^{II} was eluted from the resin with HCl and samples were prepared for counting by electroplating cobalt metal on platinum disks. The recovery of cobalt appeared to be better than 95 percent. From the weight of the deposits it was estimated that about three percent of the complex decomposed during irradiation, so that the enrichment amounted to a factor of about 30.

The decay was followed with a windowless, gas-flow G-M counter. A half-life of 9.2 ± 0.2 hr. was observed for the short-lived component. This radiation was completely stopped by a 2 mg/cm^2 aluminum absorber. Intensities have not yet been satisfactory for the identification of the Co^{58} daughter activity.

A portion of the target salt was mounted for counting under standard conditions and the decay of the C^{11} was followed. The half-life checked the previously reported value,[2] 20.5 ± 0.5 min. By use of the C^{11} as an "internal standard," a tentative ratio for the cross section for the formation of Co^{58m} to the cross section for C^{11} was estimated to be 2.5. Rather large uncertainties in this value were due to the large correction for the self-absorption in the cobalt sample. It is intended to obtain a more accurate value for this quantity, and if possible to evaluate the cross-section ratio for Co^{58}.

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The Possible Existence of a Constant Third-Order Difference among the Nuclear Magic Numbers

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IT has been called to the writer's attention that the results published in a previous Letter to the Editor under this same title[1] are identical with those given in an earlier note by E. Bagge.[2] Although the writer's considerations were made independently of those of Bagge, it is desired to acknowledge the priority of Bagge's work.

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Evidence Concerning Equality of n-n and p-p Forces

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COULOMB energies of light nuclei offer strong evidence of equality of proton-proton (p-p) and neutron-neutron (n-n) forces. Comparison of neutron-deuteron (n-d) with proton-deuteron (p-d) scattering, which results, respectively, from the work of Wantuch[1] and Rosen[2] leads to similar conclusions. While the observations of Rosen have been made by bombarding ordinary hydrogen with 10.5-Mev deuterons, they are equivalent to the observation of the scattering of 5.25-Mev protons by stationary deuterons. This energy is comparable with neutron energies of 4.5 and 5.5 Mev in Wantuch's work. The interference effect between the Rutherford and the specifically nuclear waves is too high to make the comparison completely quantitative. Upper limits of the effect of the cross-product term between these two waves may be calculated as in Table I.

Here θ is the scattering angle in the center-of-mass system, and the last row in the table gives the ratio of the absolute value of the interference term $2|\psi\psi^c|$ to the square of the absolute value of the wave function ψ. The Coulomb wave is denoted by ψ^c. Rosen's values were used to obtain $|\psi|$.

In Table I no explicit account is taken either of the two independent spin orientations of the colliding particles or of the phase differences between ψ and ψ^c. It is not likely from a statistical viewpoint that the phase relations for both spin orientations are such as to give a maximum possible interference effect and it is not surprising, therefore, that the two sets of data show very similar values, as may be seen from Table II. The agreement is best, on the whole, around the minimum which is close to $\theta=90°$. A 5 percent Coulomb interference effect would remove an appreciable part of the discrepancy at $\theta=160°$. It will be noted

TABLE I. Values of maximum fractional interference with Coulomb wave.

$\theta=$	60°	90°	120°	150°	180°
$2\|\psi^c/\psi\|=$	0.23	0.16	0.12	0.055	0.041