

On the Interaction of Elementary Particles. II.

By Hideki Yukawa and Shoichi Sakata.

(Read Sept. 25, 1937)

§1. Introduction and Summary.

In the first part of this paper,¹⁾ one of the present authors introduced a new field, which was responsible both for the short range force between the neutron and the proton and for the β -disintegration. This field turned out to be accompanied by quanta^{each} with the elementary charge either $+e$ or $-e$, the mass about $1/10$ of that of the proton and 0 or integer spin, obeying Bose statistics. It was shown further that such quanta, if they ever existed, could not be emitted by ordinary nuclear reactions, but might be present in the cosmic ray. There had^d been no evidence in favour of the last point, until recent researches of Anderson and Neddermeyer,²⁾ Street and Stevenson,³⁾ and Nishina, Takeuchi and Ichimiya⁴⁾ indicated the existence in the cosmic ray of particles, which^{could} ~~can~~ be identified neither with the electrons nor with the protons, as long as we accept^{ed} the present theory of energy dissipation of high speed particles. Thus it seems^{likely} ~~to be reasonable to identify these particles with heavy quanta above considered.~~⁵⁾ Similar conclusions were

- 1) Yukawa, Proc. Phys.-Math. Soc. Japan 17, 48, 1935. ~~Hereafter~~ Hereafter, this paper will be referred to as I.
- 2) Anderson and Neddermeyer, Phys. Rev. 50, 273, 1936; 51, 884, 1937.
- 3) Street and Stevenson, *ibid.* 51, 1005, 1937.
- 4) According to the preliminary result of Nishina and others, the mass of the new particle is about $1/10$ the protonic mass in fair agreement with the theoretical expectation.
- 5) Yukawa, Proc. Phys.-Math. Soc. Japan 19, 712, 1937.

reached by Oppenheimer and Serber⁶⁾ and by Stueckelberg⁷⁾

In this way, the most serious drawback in our theory is likely to have disappeared, although there are still many points to be completed or improved in course of development of the theory, which will be made in this and subsequent papers. We hope that the whole phenomena of the nuclear transformation, β -disintegration and cosmic ray will be elucidated in the light of the theory of the new field. In this paper, we begin with the problem of quantization of the scalar field, which can be solved in a manner similar to that of Pauli and Weisskopf⁸⁾. The interaction between the heavy particle and the new field can be dealt with as that between the charged particle and the electromagnetic field in the quantum electrodynamics. ⁽²⁾ (§~~4~~²). The interaction between unlike particles, viz. the neutron and the proton, is derived as second order effect, confirming the result in I. ⁽³⁾ (§~~4~~³). Further, the interaction between unlike particles as higher order effect is discussed. ⁽⁴⁾ (§~~4~~⁴). Finally, the problem of passage of high energy heavy quanta through matter is considered in connection with cosmic ray phenomena. ⁽⁵⁾ (§~~4~~⁵). The scalar theory ^{however} has several ^{insufficient} weak points. ~~The development of a more complete theory including the interaction of the heavy quanta with the electromagnetic field and with the light particles will be made in III etc,~~ ^{It will where it will be shown that the necessity of non-scalar field will be shown indicated.}

- 6) Oppenheimer^{mer} and Serber, Phys. Rev. 51, 1113, 1937. ^{the}
7) Stueckelberg, *ibid.* 52, 41, 1937. Stueckelberg arrived at a new field theory independently.
8) Pauli and Weisskopf, *Helv. Phys.* 7, 709, 1934.

§2. Quantization of the ^{Scalar} New Field.

The simplest conceivable form of the new field theory can be obtained by considering the potentials U and \tilde{U} in I as the four dimensional scalars instead of time components of four vectors. Whether such a simplification is legitimate or not will be discussed later.

The wave equation (3) and its complex conjugate for U -field in vacuum can be derived from the Lagrangian

$$\bar{L}_U = \iiint L_U dv, \quad (1)$$

with

$$L_U = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} - \text{grad } \tilde{U} \text{ grad } U \right) - \kappa^2 \tilde{U} U \quad (2)$$

where the constant κ is used in place of λ in I . The variables canonically conjugate to U and \tilde{U} are

$$U^{\dagger} = \frac{\delta \bar{L}_U}{\delta \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}} = \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{U}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$$

respectively, satisfying the commutation relations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} U(\vec{r}, t) U^{\dagger}(\vec{r}', t) - U^{\dagger}(\vec{r}', t) U(\vec{r}, t) &= i\hbar \delta(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \\ \tilde{U}(\vec{r}, t) \tilde{U}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}', t) - \tilde{U}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}', t) \tilde{U}(\vec{r}, t) &= i\hbar \delta(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \\ U(\vec{r}, t) \tilde{U}(\vec{r}', t) - \tilde{U}(\vec{r}', t) U(\vec{r}, t) &= 0 \\ \tilde{U}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}', t) U^{\dagger}(\vec{r}, t) - U^{\dagger}(\vec{r}, t) \tilde{U}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}', t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

The Hamiltonian for the U -field becomes thus

$$\bar{H}_U = \iiint H_U dv \quad (4)$$

with

$$H_U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} U^\dagger + \dot{U}^\dagger \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} - L_U$$

$$= 4\pi c^2 \dot{U}^\dagger U^\dagger + \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{grad } \dot{U} \text{ grad } U + \frac{\kappa^2}{4\pi} \dot{U} U. \quad (5)$$

In the presence of the heavy particle, the Hamiltonian for the total system is given by

$$\bar{H} = \bar{H}_M + \bar{H}_U + \bar{H}' \quad (6)$$

with

$$\bar{H}_M = c \iiint \bar{\Psi} \left\{ \vec{\alpha} \vec{p} + \beta \left(\frac{1+\tau_3}{2} M_N c + \frac{1-\tau_3}{2} M_P c \right) \right\} \Psi dv$$

$$\bar{H}' = g \iiint \bar{\Psi} (\dot{U} Q^* + U Q) \Psi dv \quad (7)$$

$$\vec{p} = -i\hbar \text{grad}, \quad Q = \frac{\tau_1 + i\tau_2}{2}, \quad Q^* = \frac{\tau_1 - i\tau_2}{2} \quad (8)$$

where $(\vec{\alpha}, \beta)$ and (τ_1, τ_2, τ_3) are Dirac matrices and isotopic spin matrices respectively, assuming the wave equations for the heavy particle to be of Dirac's type. M_N and M_P are the masses of the neutron and the proton respectively. The wave functions Ψ and $\bar{\Psi}$ have each eight components and satisfy the following commutation relations: for $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 8$.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}^{(i)}(\vec{r}, t) \Psi^{(j)}(\vec{r}', t) + \bar{\Psi}^{(j)}(\vec{r}', t) \Psi^{(i)}(\vec{r}, t) &= \delta_{ij} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \\ \Psi^{(i)}(\vec{r}, t) \Psi^{(j)}(\vec{r}', t) + \Psi^{(j)}(\vec{r}', t) \Psi^{(i)}(\vec{r}, t) &= 0 \\ \bar{\Psi}^{(i)}(\vec{r}, t) \bar{\Psi}^{(j)}(\vec{r}', t) + \bar{\Psi}^{(j)}(\vec{r}', t) \bar{\Psi}^{(i)}(\vec{r}, t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

If we change the variables describing the U-field by the Fourier transformation⁹⁾

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{U} &= -i\hbar c \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{V}} \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_k}} (a_{\vec{k}}^* - b_{\vec{k}}) e^{-i(\vec{k}\vec{r})} \\ U &= -i\hbar c \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{V}} \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_k}} (-a_{\vec{k}} + b_{\vec{k}}^*) e^{i(\vec{k}\vec{r})} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$

9) The suffix k is the abbreviation of \vec{k} , the components of which takes 0 or integer values. The volume integral, ~~mean~~ should be performed always ^{throughout} in this unit cube.

$$H_0 = \frac{U_0}{\partial t} + U + \frac{U_0}{\partial t} = H$$

$$(2) \quad U_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U + \frac{U_0}{\partial t} = H$$

* Alternatively, we can ^{when there are n heavy particles are present,}

Next, the variables describing the field of heavy particles can be ~~written~~ changed by

they can be described by the variables $\vec{r}_i, \vec{p}_i, \alpha_i, \beta_i$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, n$) instead of $\Psi, \bar{\Psi}$, and the

Hamiltonian for the system takes the alternative form

$$H_M = e \sum_i \left\{ \alpha_i \beta_i + \beta_i \left(\frac{1+\tau_3^{(i)}}{2} M_N c^2 + \frac{1-\tau_3^{(i)}}{2} M_P c^2 \right) \right\}$$

and the H term interaction term in the Hamiltonian (1)

becomes, at the same time accordingly

$$H' = g \sum_i \left\{ Q_i^* \tilde{U}(\vec{r}_i) + Q_i U(\vec{r}_i) \right\} \beta_i \quad (1)$$

which can be considered as perturbation in actual calculations.

involves the product of $Q_i^* \beta_i$ causing the transition of i -th particle from the neutron \downarrow heavy particle states \rightarrow proton states \uparrow or β_i causing the transition of i -th heavy particle from the proton \downarrow heavy particle states \rightarrow neutron \uparrow heavy particle states.

near simultaneous emission or absorption of β or β^+ can

with

$$E_k = \hbar c \sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}$$

the Hamiltonian takes the form

$$\bar{H}_U = (a_k^* a_k + b_k^* b_k + 1) E_k, \quad (11)$$

where a_k , a_k^* , b_k and b_k^* satisfy the commutation relations

$$a_k a_l^* - a_l^* a_k = \delta_{kl}, \quad b_k b_l^* - b_l^* b_k = \delta_{kl}, \quad (12)$$

any other two commuting with each other. The variables $N_k^+ = a_k^* a_k$ with eigenvalues 0, 1, 2, denotes the number of heavy quanta with the charge +e, the momentum $\hbar k$ and the energy E_k , whereas $N_k^- = b_k^* b_k$ denotes the number of those with the charge -e, the momentum $\hbar k$ and the energy E_k .

Similarly, the variables describing the heavy particles can be changed by expanding $\Psi, \tilde{\Psi}$ into series

$$\Psi = \sum_n c_n u_n + \sum_p d_p v_p, \quad \tilde{\Psi} = \sum_n c_n^* \tilde{u}_n + \sum_p d_p^* \tilde{v}_p \quad (13)$$

where u_n is the unquantized wave function with four non-zero components for the neutron state n and v_p is that for the proton state p ($n, p = 1, 2, \dots$). The new variables satisfy the commutation relations

$$c_n c_m^* + c_m^* c_n = \delta_{nm}, \quad d_p d_q^* + d_q^* d_p = \delta_{pq}, \quad (14)$$

or any other two anti-commuting with each other. Thus, we obtain

$$\bar{H}_M = \sum_n N_n W_n + \sum_p N_p W_p, \quad (15)$$

where $N_n = c_n^* c_n$ is the number of neutrons in the state n with the energy W_n and $N_p = d_p^* d_p$ is that of protons in the state p with the energy W_p .

The term

$$\bar{H}' = -i \hbar c g \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{k, n, p} \dots \quad (16)$$

denoting the interaction between the heavy particle and the U-field involves the operators, which change the number of particles and quanta, and can be considered as perturbation in actual calculations.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{H}' = & \sum_i -i\pi g c \sum_k \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{E_k}} \left\{ (a_k^* - b_k) e^{-i(\vec{k}\vec{r})} Q_i^* \beta_i \right. \\
 & \left. + \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{E_k}} (a_k^* - b_k) e^{+i(\vec{k}\vec{r})} Q_i^* \beta_i \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(11)

(12)

(13)

(14)

(15)

(16)

$$\bar{H} = -i\pi g \sum_{\vec{k}} \bar{H}$$

where a_k, b_k and c_k satisfy the commutation relations

any other two commuting with each other. The variables N_k^+ and N_k^- denote the number of heavy quanta with the charge $+e$, the momentum \vec{k} and the energy E_k , whereas N_k^0 denotes the number of those with the charge $-e$, the momentum \vec{k} and the energy E_k .

Similarly, the variables describing the heavy particles can be changed by expanding $\bar{\Psi}$ into series

where u_n is the unperturbed wave function with four non-zero components for the neutron state n and v_p is that for the proton state p ($n, p = 1, 2, \dots$).

The new variables satisfy the commutation relations

any other two anti-commuting with each other. Thus, we obtain

where N_n^+ is the number of neutrons in the state n with the energy W_n and N_p^+ is that of protons in the state p with the energy W_p .

The term

denoting the interaction between the heavy particle and the U-field involves the operators, which change the number of particles and quanta, and can be considered as perturbation in actual calculations.

By replacing the summation $\sum_{\vec{k}}$ by the integration in the limit of the ^{infinite} large volume of the enclosure, we obtain

$$\sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{e^{i\vec{k}\vec{r}}}{E_{\vec{k}}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 (\hbar c)^3} \int \frac{e^{i\vec{k}\vec{r}}}{k^2 + \kappa^2} d\vec{k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi (\hbar c)^2} \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r}$$

where $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$, so that (14) reduces to

$$H_{np}^{mg} = -g^2 \int \int \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r} \tilde{\psi}_p(\vec{r}_1) \rho_1 \tilde{u}_n(\vec{r}_1) \cdot \tilde{u}_m(\vec{r}_2) \rho_2 \psi_p(\vec{r}_2) d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 \quad (15)$$

This expression shows that the interaction between the neutron and the proton ~~is~~ can be described by the exchange force of Heisenberg Type with the potential

$$V_{PN} = J(r) P_{12}^H \rho_1 \rho_2, \quad (16)$$

where $J(r) = g^2 e^{-\kappa r} / r$ (17)

and P_{12}^H is Heisenberg's exchange operator. In non-relativistic approximation, ρ_1 and ρ_2 are roughly equal to 1, ^{that} so that (16) becomes the same with the result obtained in I, except for the change of sign. In order to obtain a result with the same sign as that of I, it will be necessary to change the sign of the energy \bar{H}_U of the U-field, which will obviously lead to serious difficulty of negative energy ^{for the U-field}. This difficulty will be removed only by introducing non-scalar field, as will be shown later on.

Exactly the same result can be obtained in the case of two protons, in a similar way.

where $H_0^{(1)}$ is the Hankel function of zero order. This gives a
 attractive force between two neutrons, ~~the range, being only half of that between the~~ For Thus, the short range
 neutron and the proton, as K has an asymptotic form

$$K(r) \approx \frac{g^2}{\hbar c} \frac{e^{-2\kappa r}}{\sqrt{\pi \kappa r^3}} \left\{ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\kappa r}\right) \right\} \quad (22)$$

for large r .

Relative magnitude of the like and unlike particles forces between is given by

$$\frac{|K(r)|}{|J(r)|} = \frac{g^2}{\hbar c} e^{\kappa r} i H_0^{(1)}(2i\kappa r), \quad (23)$$

which varies with distance, as follows¹⁰; if we omit the constant $g^2/\hbar c$.

κr	0.05	0.1	0.25	0.5	1.0	1:5
$e^{\kappa r} i H_0^{(1)}(2i\kappa r)$	1.62	1.23	0.76	0.44	0.2	0.1

If we take $\kappa = 5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $g^2/\hbar c$ becomes about 1/10, so that the like particle force between thus obtained seems to be too small by a factor 10 compared with the unlike particle force. The ratio (23) becomes larger, if we take the range of forces κ smaller, so that it is not certain whether we have to introduce neutral heavy quanta, in order to account for the approximate equality assumed in the current theory. If such neutral quanta ever exist, it can not be detected easily, but may be useful indirectory responsible for the neutro-electric effect discovered recently by Kikuchi, Husimi and Aoki.¹¹ Such speculations on Discussion of these subjects, however, is premature at present.

10) Jahke-Emde, *Tables of Functions*, p.286, 2nd Ed.

11) Kikuchi, Husimi and Aoki, Proc. Phys.-Math. Soc. Japan 18, 727, 1936. and subsequent papers.

Kikuchi and Aoki, ibid. 19, 134, 1937. Takeda, ibid. 19, 835, 1937. But just the charged quanta was considered to be responsible for β -disintegration.

-----10-----

§45. Collision of High Speed Heavy Quanta with Atomic Nuclei.

If we assume that the hard component of the cosmic ray consists mainly of high energy heavy quanta above considered, the problem of collision of them with atoms or molecules becomes of primary importance. Since each quantum has ^{either} positive or negative charge, it will be scattered by the orbital electrons and the atomic nuclei ^{just} as the electron and the proton, resulting in ~~the elastic~~ eventually in excitation or ionization of ^{the} atoms or molecules. The energy loss by radiation is far smaller than that by ionization, as the former is proportional to the square of the specific charge of the heavy quantum, which is about 200^{-2} of that of the electron.

Next, we consider the process ^{es,} due to the non-electric interaction of the heavy ^{quantum} particle with the heavy particles, while we can neglect altogether those due to the ^{small} non-electric interaction with the light particles. Among various processes, by which ^{any number of, one or} heavy particles, heavy quanta or photons ^{are} can be emitted after collision, ^{with the nucleus, will be} two simplest cases ~~is~~ considered in detail. The first ^{is the} elastic scattering of the heavy quantum of ^{very high} kinetic energy E_0 by the ^{the heavy free} neutron, initially at rest. The cross section for this process can be calculated in a manner similar to that for Compton scattering of the light quantum by the free electron. The differential cross section ~~for~~ that the heavy quantum is scattered into the solid angle $d\Omega$ in the direction θ, ϕ is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi} = \frac{q^4}{4M^2c^4} \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\hbar c} \right)^4 \frac{E}{64\pi^2 M^2 c^4 (\hbar c)^4} \left(\frac{E}{E_0} \right)^2 \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{2Mc^2}{E_0} \right)^2 + \frac{E}{E_0} \right\} d\Omega$$

(24)

$\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right)^2$

* when we ^{assume} consider the whole mass of its mass to be originated energy of the ^{surrounding it,} just as the mass of the electron is mc , when $\frac{E_0}{mc}$ is called γ .

©2022 YUAI-KITP Kyoto University
 京都大学基礎物理学研究所 湯川記念館史料室

for E_0 large compared with Mc^2 , where E_0 is the energy of the ^{heavy} scattered quantum after scattering and M is the mass of the ^{heavy particle,} neutron. Integrating (24) with respect to angles, we have for the total cross section

$$\sigma = \pi \left(\frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right)^2 \left[\frac{(2+\gamma)^2}{\gamma} \frac{1}{1+2\gamma} + \frac{1+\gamma}{(1+2\gamma)^2} \right] \quad (25)$$

where $\gamma = E_0/Mc^2$. The factor before the bracket in (25) is about $2 \times 10^{-29} \text{ cm}^2$, which is so small that contribution to the absorption of the high energy quantum is negligible compared with that due to the electric interaction between the of it with matter. The cross section increases as E_0 decreases, but is ^{always} still negligible compared with other processes.

The second ^{process} is the emission of a heavy particle, e.g. a neutron, when the heavy quantum is absorbed by the nucleus the absorption of the heavy quantum by the nucleus with subsequent emission of a ^{with the negative charge} neutron heavy particle, e.g. a neutron. The calculation of the ^{made in a similar} cross section can be calculated in a manner similar to that for the photoelectric effect and comes out to be

$$\sigma = 64\pi \left(\frac{h e}{m_s c} \right) \left(\frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right) \left(\frac{c}{v} \right) \left(\frac{M c^2}{E_0} \right)^2 \left(\frac{I}{E_0} \right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{I}{E_0} \right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{4I}{E_0} \right)^2 \quad (26)$$

if we assume the ^{kinetic} energy E_0 of the heavy quantum to be small compared with Mc^2 , where v is the velocity of the heavy quantum and I is the energy necessary for taking the neutron out of the nucleus.

Now, the factor before the bracket has a value about

$$64\pi \left(\frac{h e}{m_s c} \right) \left(\frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right) \approx 0.75 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2$$

so that and the remaining factors increases rapidly with as E_0 decreases, so that the cross section becomes fairly large for small E_0 . The coefficient of absorption of the heavy quantum due to this process alone is given approximately by $NZ \sigma$, where $\tau =$

-----12-----

those of the interaction of the heavy quanta with the light particles are that with matter.

Z is the atomic number and N is the number of atoms per unit volume of the absorber. Thus, ~~we have~~ The absorption coefficient τ in Pb, for example, is 0.02 cm^{-1} for E_0 of the order of 10^6 eV and 4 cm^{-1} for E_0 about 10^7 eV .

For still smaller values of E_0 , τ is so large that the heavy quanta slowed down by ionization will soon be absorbed into matter. The comparison of these results with the experiment is difficult at present, but they ~~do not~~ *are probably* ~~at least, not to be~~ *seem to contradict* with each other.

In this paper, the problems of β -disintegration, the spin and the magnetic moment. There are many problems which ~~were~~ *are* not dealt with in this paper, such as ~~the~~ *another problem of* ~~the~~ *letter* which will be important in relation to the spin and the magnetic moment of the heavy quanta, which will in turn have a close connection with the anomalous magnetic moment of the heavy particle. All these subjects will be considered successively in subsequent papers.

The power is responsible for the β -disintegration as shown in I,

Physics Department,
Osaka Imperial University,
Osaka, Japan.

In conclusion the authors wish to express heartfelt thanks to Dr. Y. Nishina and Prof. S. Kikuchi for their continued interests and valuable discussions.

Note added in Proof.

- i) Recent experiment result of Street and Stevenson ()
- ii) Landau and Rumer ()

Kobayashi
U.I.