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Elementary Problems on scattering of neutrons
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Elementary Calculations of single and double scatterings of neutrons by thin layer of hydrogenated substance. Details containing hydrogen made and approximate distribution of neutrons transmitted and reflected neutrons are obtained. Preliminary discussion of the equilibrium distribution of neutrons in the plate was also made.

Note on Slowing Down of Neutrons Scattered by Thin Layer Plate

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Elementary Calculations on Neutron Scattering Problem

The scattering of neutrons by thin plate.
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Abstract

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The energy distribution of neutrons after having passed through a layer of hydrogenated substance is calculated.

It is not a very simple problem to find the distribution of neutrons scattered by a thin layer of hydrogenated substance. It is important but not so easy to solve the problem. The first method is to assume that the probability of scattering is independent of the direction of the neutron energy after scattering. This is not correct. The probability of scattering is dependent on the direction of the neutron energy after scattering. It is better to solve the problem by the method of moments.

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for each number of collisions. The probability distribution of neutrons is determined theoretically under special conditions. The equilibrium distribution is homogeneous and isotropic equilibrium distribution found by Fermi's method.

can not easily be extended to inhomogeneous and anisotropic distribution. We are met with mathematical

Of course, no neutrons are
 These No reflected back by single scattering,
 as $\theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

mean free path for
 critical velocity v_c

$$-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} + \frac{h v_0}{\lambda v} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_0} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{h v_0}{\lambda v} \right)^2 = h - \frac{h^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \frac{h v_0}{\lambda v} \right)$$

$$\frac{\lambda v_0}{\lambda v} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0}$$

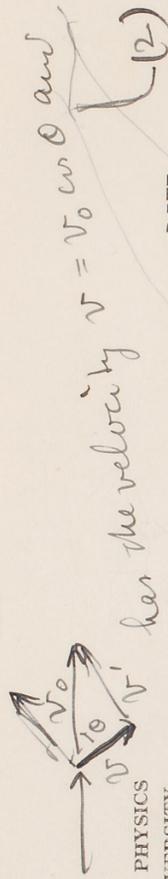
On the contrary, it reduces to

$p_1(v) dv = 2v dv$ for the velocity compared with the critical velocity v_c
 given by $\lambda v_c = h$, where λ_c is the

$$p_1(v) dv = \frac{2v dv}{V_0^2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{h}{2\lambda_0} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \frac{h v_0}{\lambda v} \right) \right\} + \dots (4)$$

$$p_1(v) dv = \frac{2v dv}{V_0^2} \frac{\lambda v_0}{\lambda v} \left\{ 1 - \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \right\} (4')$$

In this case, the neutron deflection nearly equal to $\frac{\pi}{2}$,
 nearly head on collision, and with small energy, and almost out of phase.
 has new small energy, and almost out of phase.
 collision deflected one more before it comes out of phase.



has the velocity $v = v_0 \cos \theta$ and

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θ -axis and θ means the angle between the deflected neutron
 λ_0 is the mean free path of the neutron with velocity
 v_0 . Hence, the probab. The neutron The probability of
 The neutron deflected in this way ~~will~~ pass through the
 plate ~~will~~ without further scattering only with the
 probability $e^{-\frac{h-z}{\lambda_0 \cos \theta}}$ where λ is the mean free

path of the neutron with ~~transmitted~~ velocity v .
~~less that~~ total number of neutrons, with velocity between
 v and $v + dv$ pass ~~which~~ through the plate
 with the angle in the direction between $(\theta, \theta + d\theta)$ after
 single scattering θ becomes

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-\frac{z}{\lambda_0} - \frac{h-z}{\lambda_0 \cos \theta}} \frac{d^2z}{\lambda_0} \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta}{\lambda_0 v_0} e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} - \frac{z}{\lambda_0 \cos \theta}} \quad (3)$$

For the total number of neutrons with the
 velocity between v and $v + dv$ is the fraction

$$p(v)dv = \frac{2v dv}{\lambda_0 v_0} e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} - \frac{z}{\lambda_0 \cos \theta}} \quad (3)'$$

† If the thickness h is small ~~compared~~ that can be neglected compared with the mean free path λ_0 , ΔV except for very small value

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(2) can be reduced to

$$p_1(v) dv = \frac{2v dv}{v_0^2} \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \quad (4)$$

for sufficiently large value of v , for which $\frac{h}{\lambda_0} \gg k$ ~~the~~ ^{the} is large compared with h †

of the number of the incident neutrons.

Next, the neutron, ~~scattered~~ which was scattered at angle θ by an angle $(\theta, \theta + d\theta)$ with the probability given by (1) will be scattered at angle θ with the probability of double scattering.

Next, we consider the effect of second scattering, which is all the more important as the deflection becomes of the first scattering draws near approaches to $\frac{\pi}{2}$. The neutron, which was scattered at angle $(\theta, \theta + d\theta)$ by an angle $(\theta, \theta + d\theta)$ with the probability given by (1), will be scattered ~~for~~ ^{once more} at angle $(\theta', \theta' + d\theta')$ by an angle $(\theta', \theta' + d\theta')$ with the probability

$$p_1(v') dv' = \frac{2v' dv'}{v_0^2} \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \cos \theta \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta. \quad (5)$$

The neutron after such double scatterings has the velocity

$$v' = v \cos \theta = v_0 \cos \theta \cos \theta' \quad (6)$$

and its direction is inclined ~~the~~ ^{at} angle θ' between it

† This is evidently the condition which means ~~exactly~~ ^{that} ~~at least~~ the scattered neutron passes through the plate without further scattering. almost certainly

$$\cos \theta \cos \delta = \cos^2 \theta \cos \theta' + \frac{\sin \theta \sin \theta'}{\cos \theta} \cos(\theta - \theta')$$

$$\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \delta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta'} - \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta' \cos^2 \phi$$

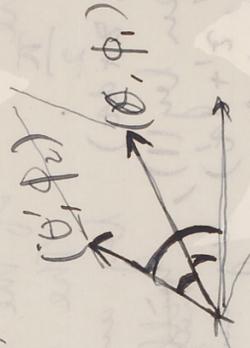
$$\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \delta = -2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \theta' \cos \phi$$

$$\cos \theta' = \cos^2 \theta \cos \theta' + \cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos \phi$$

$$1 - \cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta (\cos \theta \sin \theta' + \sin \theta \sin \theta')$$

$$+ \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta'}$$

$$- 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \theta' \cos \phi$$



$$1 - \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi - 1 + \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi = \sin^2 \phi (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$(\cos \theta - \cos \theta \cos \theta')^2 = \sin^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta') \cos^2 \phi$$

$$\cos \theta' - \cos \theta \cos \theta' = \pm \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos \phi$$

$$\cos \theta' = \frac{\cos \theta \cos \theta \pm \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos \phi}{\cos \theta}$$

$$= \cos \theta \pm \frac{\sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos \phi}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}{1 - \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}$$

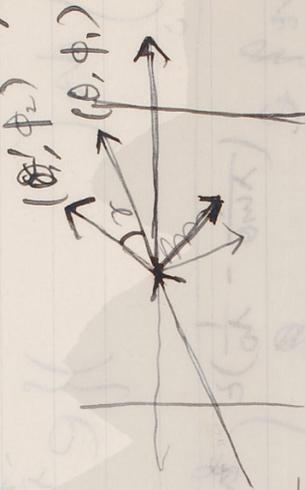
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$$= \frac{v'}{v_0} + \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v'}{v_0}\right)^2} \cos \phi (\eta')$$

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but while θ' is the inclination with respect to z-axis, ~~is not~~ the relative $\cos \theta'$ = ~~is not~~ satisfies

$$\cos \theta' = \cos \theta \cos \delta + \sin \theta \sin \delta \cos \phi,$$



where ϕ is the difference of ~~the~~ δ , ~~is not~~ depends not only on θ, δ , but also on the difference ϕ of the azimuths of the first and second scatterings. ~~Through~~ the relation

$$\cos \theta' = \cos \theta \cos \delta + \sin \theta \sin \delta \cos \phi \quad (67)$$

where ϕ is the azimuth of the velocity vector after second scattering with respect to the new in new polar coordinate, in which the velocity the direction of velocity after first scattering is taken as z-axis and the former z-axis ~~is~~ ~~lies~~ in the direction ~~has~~ ~~zero~~ the azimuth is zero, ~~when~~ ~~as~~ ~~delta~~ is smaller than $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ~~if~~ $\sin \theta > 0$

Thus $\theta' > \frac{\pi}{2}$, i.e. $\frac{v'}{v_0} < \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}$, the neutron thus passed will through the plate with the probability $1 - \frac{v'}{v_0} \cos \theta$ without further scattering (8)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_0} z} - \frac{h}{\lambda_{00}'} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_{00}'} z} dz' \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} dt \left\{ e^{-\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0'}\right) z} - \frac{h}{\lambda_{00}'} e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_{00}'} z} \right\} \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} dt \left\{ e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_0} z} \left(1 - \frac{h}{\lambda_{00}'} e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_0'} z} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_0} z} \left(1 - \frac{h}{\lambda_{00}'} e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_0'} z} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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i.e. $\frac{v'}{v_0} \sqrt{\cos \phi} < 0$
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without further scattering

whereas while if ϕ' is larger than $\frac{\pi}{2}$, the neutron will be reflect back with the probability

$$e^{-\frac{z}{\lambda \cos \phi'}} \quad (8)$$

where λ' is the mean free path of the neutron with velocity v' .

For a given value of v' , $0 < \delta < \pi$ if the right hand side of (7) is positive. In the forward case after scattering at any depth z (between 0 and h) (between 0 and h) and z (between z and h) in scattering is statistically arbitrary (with being arbitrary) and $(\theta, \phi, \delta + d\theta)$ ($\phi, \phi + d\phi$) is given by $\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{z' - z}{\lambda \cos \theta}$ (with the probability being independent of ϕ)

becomes, by using (1), (4) and (8), the fact

$$\int_0^h \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\lambda_0} 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \int_0^z e^{-\frac{(z'-z)}{\lambda \cos \theta} - \frac{(h-z')}{\lambda \cos \theta}} \frac{d\phi'}{4\pi} \times 2 \sin \theta d\theta \times 2 \sin \delta \cos \delta d\delta \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

since the probability of the second scattering is independent of ϕ .

In the similar, we can easily obtain after deflected at first by an angle $(\theta, \theta + d\theta)$ is scattered successively further into direction $(\theta', \theta' + d\theta')$ with the velocity v_0 in the direction $(\theta, \theta + d\theta)$ respectively. The angle θ' is given by $v' = v_0 \cos \theta \cos \theta'$. (6)

$$\lambda_0 \int \frac{d\phi'}{\lambda_0 \cos \theta' - \lambda_0} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_0} z} - e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda_0} z'}}{\lambda_0 \cos \theta' - \lambda_0} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right]$$

where θ' is the angle between 2-axis and the direction of motion after second scattering. The angle between 3-axis and the direction of motion after second scattering is θ' . The angle between 3-axis and the direction of motion after second scattering is θ' . The angle between 3-axis and the direction of motion after second scattering is θ' .

and is given by $\cos \theta' = \cos \theta \cos \delta + \sin \theta \sin \delta \cos \phi$, where ϕ being the azimuth of the velocity vector after second scattering in the new coordinate system, in which the direction of motion after first scattering is taking as $\phi = 0$.

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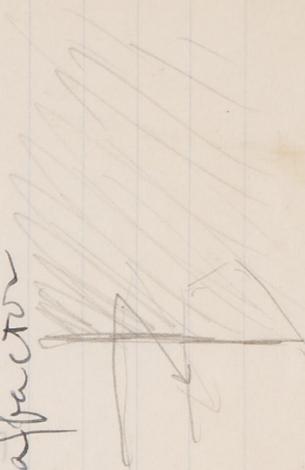
In the latter case, the total probability

$$= 2 \frac{2 \sin \theta d\theta}{\lambda_0} \cdot \frac{2 \sin \omega \delta d\delta d\phi}{2\pi \cdot \lambda} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} - e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_{\omega\delta}}}}}{\frac{1}{\lambda_{\omega\delta}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0}} - \frac{e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_{\omega\delta'}}} - e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0}}}{\frac{1}{\lambda_{\omega\delta'}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0}} \right] \quad (9)$$

In the latter case, the total probab. of the neutron ^{corresponding} being reflected back after similar ^{similarity} using (1), (4) and (8')

$$\times \frac{2 \sin \theta d\theta}{\lambda_0 + \frac{h}{\lambda_{\omega\delta'}}} \cdot \frac{2 \sin \omega \delta d\delta d\phi}{2\pi \lambda} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} - e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_{\omega\delta}}}}}{\frac{1}{\lambda_{\omega\delta}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0}} - \frac{e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_{\omega\delta'}}} - e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0}}}{\frac{1}{\lambda_{\omega\delta'}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0}} \right] \quad (9')$$

The same as (9), except the extrafactor $e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_{\omega\delta'}}$



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§4. Number of ~~fast~~ neutrons scattered

Fast $\theta' < \frac{\pi}{2}$ always, i.e.,
~~the~~ θ' is always \neq .

Now, if $v' > \frac{v_0}{2}$, the right-hand side of (7') becomes positive for any values v and ϕ bet in the intervals (v', v_0) and $(0, 2\pi)$ respectively, so that ~~it is possible~~ ^{fast} neutrons with the final velocity v' larger than ~~the~~ half the initial velocity v_0 after second collision ~~passes through the plate~~, v advances forward and the ^{total} number which passes through the plate is the fraction

$$p_2(v')dv' = \int_{v=v'}^{v_0} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{2v dv}{\lambda_0 v_0} \cdot \frac{\lambda_0 v^2 \cdot 2\pi}{\lambda_0 v_0} \cdot \left[e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0 v_0} - \frac{h}{\lambda_0 v}} - e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0 v'}} - e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0 v_0}} \right] \times \frac{v}{\lambda_0 v_0} \cdot \frac{v_0}{\lambda_0 v} \left[e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0 v_0} - \frac{h}{\lambda_0 v}} - \frac{v^2}{\lambda_0 v'} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \right]$$

we assume λ is constant between $\frac{v_0}{2}$ and v_0 (10)
 of the number of the incident neutrons, ~~in this case~~ ^{fast} ~~for the case of~~ $v > \frac{v_0}{2}$ is small compared with λ_0 , ~~so that~~ ^{fast} neutrons after second collision passes through the plate almost certainly,

so that (10) reduces to

$$p_2(v')dv' = \left(\frac{h^2}{\lambda_0^2} \right) \int_{v=v'}^{v_0} 2v dv \cdot \frac{2(v_0 - v/2) dv'}{\lambda_0} \quad (11)$$
 In this case, the number ^{of} neutrons due to the double scattering $p_2(v')$ is proportional to v' larger than $\frac{v_0}{2}$.

If h is ~~not~~ ^{not} small compared with the mean free path for slow neutrons,

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although small compared with that for fast neutrons, ~~such~~ neutrons which

are first deflected nearly at right angle will have ~~appreciable~~ appreciable probability to the square of thickness of the plate and is small compared with $p(v)$ that due to single scattering and ~~that~~ ~~no~~ neutrons of reflected neutrons of velocity above $\frac{v_0}{2}$ to this approximation.

no neutrons of velocity above $\frac{v_0}{2}$ are reflected back no neutrons reflected back have ~~the~~ velocity above $\frac{v_0}{2}$ to this \circ no neutrons are reflected back with velocity above $\frac{v_0}{2}$ to this approximation.

§5. Number of Doubly Scattered Slow Neutrons

For slow neutrons ~~are~~ ~~becomes~~ ^{they} the neutron ~~is~~ ~~retarded~~ ~~be~~ ~~considered~~ ~~small~~ after double scattering is very small, if the deflection angles θ and ϕ is nearly ~~at least~~ ^{at least}, one of ~~is~~ ~~at least~~, equal to $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

The case ~~when~~ $\theta \cong \frac{\pi}{2}$ is ~~most~~ ^{most} important above $\frac{v_0}{2}$ all, since the neutrons ~~scattered~~ ^{reflected} first ~~nearly perpendicular~~ ^{nearly perpendicular} will be scattered ~~once~~ ^{they can} ~~more~~ ^{penetrate the plate} ~~almost~~ ^{only about} certainly before it ~~penetrate~~ ^{penetrate} the plate ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~an~~ ^{an} angle of $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is less important ~~in this case~~ ^{after velocity half} ~~the~~ ^{the} neutrons will be reflected of them will advance forward, ~~other~~ ^{other} half ~~being~~ ^{advancing} reflected backward.

In this case, the ~~velocity~~ ^{velocity} distribution function will increase more rapidly than () as the velocity approaches to zero.

if $h \gg \lambda_{cm}$.

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 further
 of scattered neutrons
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The exact calculation is difficult. We assume simply that these neutrons ^{proceed} further that those neutrons ~~are~~ suffer no further scattering, so that i.e. h' is ~~large~~ small compared with $\lambda' \cos \theta'$, which can be satisfied ~~not~~ except for a small region of θ' near $\frac{\pi}{2}$, (9)
 to reduce them to

$$\frac{2}{\lambda_0} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta' \cos \theta' d\theta' \cdot \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \quad (12)$$

for $\theta \approx \frac{\pi}{2}$, or

$$\frac{2v dw}{v_0^2} = \frac{2v' dw' d\phi}{2\pi v^2} \cdot \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \quad (12')$$

for $v \ll v_0$ ~~so~~ $v_c = \frac{h v_0}{m_0}$ smaller than the critical velocity $v_c = \frac{h v_0}{m_0} \ll v_0$. Hence the fraction of number of neutrons w' which passes through the plate with the velocity ($v_{v' < v_0}$) ~~is~~ double scattering is approximately

$$p_2(v) dw \approx \frac{2v dw'}{v_0^2} \int_{\lambda_0}^{\infty} \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \frac{dw}{v} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\phi \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{2v dw'}{v_0^2} \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \log \frac{v_c}{v}$$

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increases as $v \cdot \log \frac{1}{v}$ as the velocity tends
to zero.
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reflect back

number
of the number of the incident neutron. The number
of the neutrons with velocity v smaller than v_c
will be ρ nearly ρ (13), ρ noticed above.

Although these estimations are very rough, but we can expect
that more exact the general trend of the neutron
distribution of slow neutrons ~~after~~ produce ~~the~~ ^{double}
scattering can be expressed by (13) except that the
value of v_c may change somewhat $\frac{h\nu_0}{\lambda}$ by
some factor.

If we take ~~the~~ triple and higher scattering
into account, the number of slow neutrons
will increase more rapidly than (13) above, as
the velocity become tends to zero, for it will be
proportional to
 $v \cdot \log^2 \frac{1}{v}$. etc.

§ 6. The Energy distribution of Scattered Neutrons

From the above results in the preceding sections, the distribu-
tion of energy of scattered transmitted and or reflected
neutrons can be ~~obtained~~ because can be easily readily
obtained. Namely, the fraction of the neutrons
by (13),



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$$\frac{e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} - l}}{\frac{h}{\lambda} \left(\frac{E_0}{E}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{h}{\lambda_0}} = \frac{h}{\lambda} \left(\frac{E_0}{E}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{h}{\lambda_0} - l - \alpha} \quad \alpha = \frac{h}{\lambda} \left(\frac{E_0}{E}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{h}{\lambda_0}$$

$$\frac{1 - e^{-\alpha}}{\alpha} = 1 - e^{-1} = 0.63$$

$$\alpha \approx 1.1 \quad \left[\frac{h}{\lambda} \left(\frac{E_0}{E}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 \right]$$

$$\lambda^2 E = h^2 E_0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{E_0 E}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{E_0 E}}{h} = \frac{0.037}{1.81} = \frac{170}{189}$$

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~~transmitted~~ ~~from (3)~~
 by using (3),

with energy between E and $E+dE$ transmitted after single collision is, given by the fraction

$$P_1(E)dE = \frac{dE}{\lambda_0 E_0} \cdot e^{-\frac{E}{\lambda_0 E_0}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \quad (14)$$

of the number of incident neutrons with velocity energy E_0 . For the energy E large such that $\lambda \frac{E_0}{\lambda_0} \gg h$, it reduces to, by (4), to

$$P_1(E)dE = \frac{dE}{E_0} \cdot \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \left(1 + \frac{E_0}{2\lambda_0 E} + \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \right) \quad (15)$$

The distribution (14)

Thus the number is nearly constant for large E ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~range~~ ~~of~~ ~~energy~~ ~~above~~ ~~0.632h~~

of energy above ~~0.632h~~ ~~for~~ ~~about~~ ~~E_0~~ ~~given~~ ~~by~~ ~~$\frac{E_0}{\lambda_0} \lambda_0$~~ ~~and~~ ~~for~~ ~~small~~ ~~values~~ ~~of~~ ~~$\frac{E_0}{\lambda_0} \lambda_0$~~

$(1-e^{-x})$ ~~and~~ rapidly to zero as the energy tends to zero ~~approximate~~

Neglect the ~~total~~ number of ~~transmitted~~ neutrons with energy ~~between~~ ~~E~~ ~~and~~ ~~$E+dE$~~

after double collisions is given approximately by (11) the fraction

$$P_2(E)dE \approx \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_0} \right)^2 \frac{dE}{E_0} \left\{ \left(\frac{E_0}{E} \right)^2 - 1 \right\} \quad (16)$$

$$\{ P_1(E) + P_2(E) \} dE \approx \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_0} \right) \frac{dE}{E_0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{3E_0}{2\lambda_0} \left(\frac{E_0}{E} \right) - \frac{E_0}{2\lambda_0} \right\}$$



Fig. 1
 by (11),

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best estimate
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$$P'(E)qE = \frac{qE}{k} \frac{1}{k_0} \frac{1}{k_0} \frac{1}{k_0} \dots$$

+ For the reflection P Next, the reflection energy
 neutron can not be reflected back by single
 collision and ~~its~~ energy to it is refl. ~~those~~ which
 are reflected back by double collisions has
 the energy ~~at most~~ ^{not larger than} a quarter
 the energy distribution for the energy ~~multicomponent~~
 with the critical energy E_c are given approximately
 by (17) being the same as those for transmitted
 neutrons ~~remains~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~as~~ ~~those~~ ~~for~~ ~~transmitted~~

$$P_2(E)qE = \left(\frac{qE}{k_0}\right)^2 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^2 - 1$$

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of the number of the incident neutrons, provided that E is larger than $\frac{E_0}{4}$, and \approx by (13)

$$P_2(E) dE \approx \frac{h}{\lambda_0} \frac{dE}{2E_0} \log \frac{E_c}{E} \quad (17)$$

for E smaller than E_c . Although approximate expression for $P_2(E)$ can not be easily ~~to~~ be found for intermediate region, ~~we~~ ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~curve~~ ~~of~~ ~~P_2~~ ~~has~~ ~~the~~ ~~form~~ ~~will~~ ~~perhaps~~ ~~has~~ ~~the~~ ~~form~~ ~~plotted~~ ~~in~~ ~~Fig. 1~~ ~~transmitted~~ ~~approximately~~ ~~due~~ ~~to~~ ~~single~~ ~~and~~ ~~double~~ ~~scattering~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~curve~~ ~~of~~ ~~$P_1 + P_2$~~ ~~in~~ ~~Fig. 1~~, having approximately a minimum ~~at~~ for energy E_m of the order of the critical energy E_c .

The forms of the curves P_1 , P_2 and $P_1 + P_2$ depend, of course, on the thickness h , and ~~the~~ ~~minimum~~ ~~of~~ ~~$P_1 + P_2$~~ ~~increases~~ ~~as~~ ~~h~~ ~~increases~~.

~~The~~ ~~relative~~ ~~importance~~ ~~of~~ ~~P_2~~ ~~with~~ ~~P_2~~ ~~increasing~~ ~~more~~ ~~rapidly~~ ~~than~~ ~~P_1~~ ~~as~~ ~~h~~ ~~increases~~, ~~For~~ ~~h~~ ~~still~~ ~~more~~ ~~large~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~time~~, ~~the~~ ~~higher~~ ~~order~~ ~~terms~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~expansion~~ ~~of~~ ~~$P_1 + P_2$~~ ~~become~~ ~~more~~ ~~and~~ ~~more~~ ~~important~~, ~~so~~ ~~till~~ ~~the~~ ~~distribution~~ ~~becomes~~ ~~entirely~~ ~~different~~ ~~from~~ ~~that~~ ~~given~~ ~~above~~ ~~for~~ ~~h~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~order~~ ~~of~~ ~~λ_0~~ .

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The atomic cross section being about the order as 10^{-28} cm² all the being scattered by slow neutrons to be small. The effects seems to be small compared with the scattering by protons. NO. 14

Problem of

§ 7. Equilibrium distribution of fast neutrons

of for thick plate, Co, O for example

Presence of Element ~~Carbon and oxygen~~

§ 7. Effect of Protons Hydrogen various due to

Velocity distribution in the presence of atoms. We have neglected the effects of the collisions of the neutrons with the nucleus nuclei, such as other than protons. For fast neutrons, the elastic scattering among nuclei is relatively important. When taking this effect into account, the mean free path of the neutron with velocity v is given by

$$\lambda(v) = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 n_1 + \sigma_2 n_2} = \frac{1}{N \sigma(v)} \quad (18)$$

where σ_1 and σ_2 are the cross sections of the elastic scattering by the proton and the other nuclei (Carbon) respectively and n_1 and n_2 are their numbers respectively in unit volume of the plate. In this case the fraction of the neutrons scattered with the proton velocity between v and $v + dv$ becomes

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$$T_{\theta=0} = 0, i\hbar k$$

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin \theta d\theta}{2\lambda_2(v_0)} \cdot \frac{2 \cos \delta \sin \delta r d\phi}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta} \cdot 2\pi$$

$$\times \left[e^{-\frac{\hbar}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta}} - \frac{1}{\lambda(v_0)} \right] - e^{-\frac{\hbar}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta}} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta} - \frac{1}{\lambda(v_0)} \right]$$

$$+ \int_{\pi+\delta}^{\pi-\delta} \dots \left[\frac{1}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta} - \frac{1}{\lambda(v_0)} \right] - \frac{\hbar}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta} + \frac{\hbar}{\lambda(v_0)}$$

$$\theta = \pi$$

Further, if we neglect the reduction of velocity by elastic scattering with heavy nucleus and assume the uniform angular distribution to be spherically symmetric, the fractions

pass through the plate after having scattered first by proton then by heavy nucleus and in the reverse order respectively, neglecting streams higher than h .

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-\frac{z}{\lambda_1(v_0)}} \frac{\sin \theta d\theta}{2\lambda_2(v_0)} \cdot e^{-\frac{(R-z)}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta}} = \dots$$

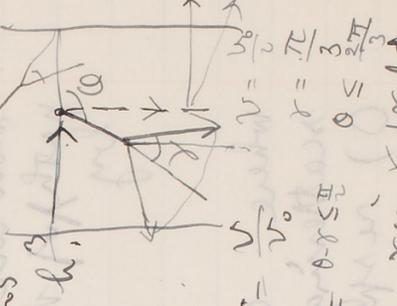
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$$\times e^{-\frac{(R-z)}{\lambda(v_0) \cos \theta}} d\phi$$

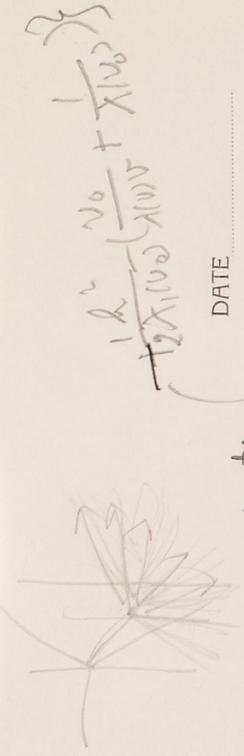
$$\cos \theta = \cos \theta \cos \delta + \sin \theta \sin \delta \cos \phi$$

($z, R-z$ are functions of (z, h) , $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ are $(0, \pi)$)

$$\cos \phi > \cot \theta \cot \delta$$



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$$\left. \frac{1}{2} \frac{h^2}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \left(\frac{v_0}{\lambda_1 v_0} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2 v_0} \right) \right\}$$

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which reduces to for large v to

$$p_1(v) dv = \frac{2v dv}{v_0^2 \lambda_1(v_0)} \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)$$

and (4) ^{scattered} by two

instead of (3), while that after double scattering with protons successively $\frac{h}{\lambda_1}$ beams approximately for

$$p_2(v) dv \approx \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} \right)^2 \frac{2(v_0 - v)^2 dv}{v_0^2} \quad (24)$$

instead of (1) for the velocity v larger than $\frac{v_0}{2}$, while $\frac{v_0}{2} < v < v_0$ becomes

$$p_2(v) dv \approx \frac{2v dv}{v_0^2} \frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} \log \left(\frac{v_0}{v} \right) \quad (22)$$

instead of (13) for v smaller than the critical velocity given by

$\frac{h v_0}{\lambda_1(v_0)}$, provided that $\frac{v_0}{\lambda_1(v_0)}$ is small ^{the path} compared ^{mean free path} with $\frac{h v_0}{\lambda_1(v_0)}$.

Next, the fraction of ^{the neutrons} transmitted with velocity v between v and $v+dv$ after having scattered by a heavy nucleus and a proton successively is given approximately by

$$p_2'(v) dv \approx \frac{v dv}{v_0^2} \frac{h^2}{\lambda_1(v_0) \lambda_2(v_0)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_1(v_0)}{h} (1 - \frac{v^2}{v_0^2}) \right) \right\} \quad (27)$$

for velocity v smaller than $v_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_2(v_0)} \right)^2}$. Finally, the fraction of the neutrons transmitted with velocity between v and $v+dv$ after having scattered by a proton and a heavy nucleus successively

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is given approximately by

$$p_2''(v)dv = \frac{dv}{h} \frac{v_0}{\lambda_1(v_0)\lambda_2(v)} \quad (25)$$

for velocity v small compared with large compared with v_c and v_c compared with the critical velocity $v_c = \frac{h v_0}{\lambda(v_0)}$,

$$p_2''(v)dv = \frac{v dv}{v_0} \frac{h \lambda(v)}{\lambda_1(v_0)\lambda_2(v)} \quad (26)$$

for v smaller than the critical velocity v_c .
 Summing up all these contributions, the fraction of transmitted neutrons with the velocity between v and $v+dv$ becomes, by using (20), (21), (24) and (25),

$$\begin{aligned} P(v)dv &= (p_1(v) + p_2(v) + p_2'(v) + p_2''(v))dv \\ &\approx \frac{2v dv}{v_0} \frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} + \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} \right)^2 \left(\frac{v_0}{v} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2h}{\lambda_1(v_0) + \lambda_2(v_0)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} \left(\frac{v_0}{v} - 1 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \log \left\{ \frac{\lambda_1(v_0)}{h} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{v_0^2} \right) \right\} \right) \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{2v_0}{h} \frac{h}{\lambda_2(v_0)} \frac{v_0}{2v} \quad (27) \end{aligned}$$

for velocity larger than $\frac{v_0}{2}$.

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It becomes, by whereas, by using (19), (22), (24) and (25), it becomes

$$P(v)dv \cong \frac{2v dv}{v_0^2} \left(\frac{h}{\lambda_1(v_0)} \left\{ \frac{100v}{h} + \log\left(\frac{v}{v_0}\right) \right\} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{h}{\lambda_2(v_0)} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{\lambda(v_0)}{h} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda(v)}{\lambda_2(v)} \right) \quad (28)$$

for velocity smaller than v_c .

ii) Reflection

Next the number of neutrons reflected back with the velocity nearly equal to v_0 after scattering by ~~an~~ heavy nuclei once or twice, is given by appx. by the fraction

$$R_R(v_0) = \frac{h}{2\lambda_{20}''} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2\lambda_{20}'} \log \frac{\lambda_0}{h} \right)$$

of the number of incident neutrons.
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