

fications due to additional forces (as in the scattering of π mesons from carbon) or due to the finite extension of the nucleus and the subsequent deviations from Coulomb's law inside the nucleus. We consider only the case where relatively small φ are important so the approximation $\varphi \approx \sin \varphi \approx \tan \varphi$ is appropriate.

There has been a good deal of experimental interest recently^{5,6}

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in the multiple scattering of μ -mesons. Experimental results, after being compared with the results of the Molière² and Olbert³ multiple scattering theories have been interpreted as indicating the existence of an anomolous μ -meson-nuclear interaction. Among the many difficulties arising in the interpretation of these experiments (see Appendix B), one of the most obvious seemed to be the absence of a reliable estimate of the expected multiple scattering distribution from extended nuclei.

In the Moliere multiple scattering theory the nucleus is treated as a point charge. The single scattering cross section is taken to be the Rutherford cross section modified, at small