

^2He

The 1936 paper “The scattering of protons by protons” by Tuve et al. from the Carnegie Institution of Washington, can be considered as the first evidence of a virtual state in ^2He ([1936Tu02](#)). The angular distribution from 15° and 45° of scattered protons were measured for incident proton energies of 600, 700, 800, and 990 keV. “Measurement of the scattering of protons by deuterium, helium, and air, together with “vacuum-scattering” tests which eliminate slit scattering and unknown vapors, have led to the conclusion that the observed anomaly is not due to a contamination and must be ascribed to a proton-proton interaction at close distances (less than $5 \times 10^{-13}\text{cm}$) which involves a marked departure from the ordinary Coulomb forces.” The theoretical interpretation was presented by Breit et al. in an accompanying paper ([1936Br07](#)).

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