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## Ground state static properties of Nuclei

### Masses

Measured with great accuracy with mass spectrograph (First made by Aston in 1919)

They can be expressed in different units

- Kilogram (kg)
- Atomic mass unit (amu) or u (Unified Atomic mass unit)
- Relativistic unit ( $\text{MeV}/c^2$ )

### Relation between various units

#### Atomic mass unit (amu)

Prior to 1961

$1 \text{ amu} = \frac{1}{16}$  times the mass of one Oxygen atom

But after 1961

$1 \text{ amu} = \frac{1}{12}$  times the mass of one carbon atom



We know 1 mole of  $C^{12}$  has mass equal to mass number if expressed in grams

i.e. 1 mole of  $C^{12}$  has mass = 12 gm

Also 1 mole has  $6.02205 \times 10^{23}$  atoms of  $C^{12}$

Thus  $6.02205 \times 10^{23}$  atoms of  $C^{12}$  has mass = 12 gm

$$\text{Thus mass of one carbon } C^{12} = \frac{12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$\text{Thus } 1 \text{ amu} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{12 \times 10^{-3}}{6.022 \times 10^{23}} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$\boxed{1 \text{ amu} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}$$

In energy units

$$\text{Energy} = \text{mass} \times c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ amu} \times c^2 = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \times c^2 \text{ Joule}$$

$$\text{and } 1 \text{ Joule} = \frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-13}} \text{ MeV} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{i.e. } 1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \\ 1 \text{ MeV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ amu} \times c^2 = \frac{1.66 \times 10^{-27} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2}{1.6 \times 10^{-13}} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{1 \text{ amu} \times c^2 = 931.5 \text{ MeV}}$$

1 amu of mass is  
equivalent to 931.5 MeV  
of energy

Rest mass of electron

$$m_e = 9.10953 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_e = \frac{9.1 \times 10^{-31}}{1.66 \times 10^{-27}} \text{ amu}$$

To convert into  $\text{MeV}/c^2$

$$m_e = \frac{9.1 \times 10^{-31}}{1.66 \times 10^{-27}} \times 931.5$$

$$\Rightarrow m_e = 0.511003 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



$$\Rightarrow \left[ \because 1 \text{ amu} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \right]$$
$$m_e = 0.000548 \text{ amu}$$

$$\left[ \because 1 \text{ amu} \times c^2 = 931.5 \text{ MeV} \right]$$

Rest mass of proton

$$m_p = 1.67265 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_p = 1.00727647 \text{ amu}$$

$$m_p = 938.2805 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$m_p = \text{mass of H nucleus}$

mass of H Atom = 1.007825 amu

Mass of neutron

$$m_n = 1.67495 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_n = 1.008665 \text{ amu}$$

$$m_n = 939.57077 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_p \approx m_n \approx 1 \text{ amu}$$



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Atomic mass ( $M_A$ ) and Nuclear mass ( $M_N$ )

Atom has Nucleus + Z electrons

Thus  $M_A = M_N + Z m_e -$  Binding energy of electrons  
(which is negligible  $\rightarrow$  eV)

Thus  $M_A = M_N + Z m_e$

## Atomic Mass and Atomic Weight

- Mass spectrograph data gives Atomic masses.
- ✓ Atomic mass are approximately equal to their mass numbers.
- Each element has various isotopes having different Atomic masses.
- But each isotope has different % of relative abundance in nature.

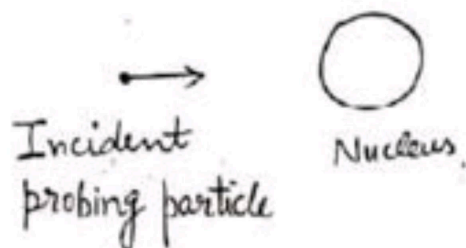
e.g. Relative abundance of H isotopes in %

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Atomic Mass</u>	<u>Relative Abundance (%)</u>	<u>Atomic Weight</u>
${}^1\text{H}$	1.0078 amu	> 99.98	1.0078 amu ( <u>same for all isotopes</u> )
${}^2\text{H}$	2.014 amu	0.0026 to 0.0184	
${}^3\text{H}$	3.016 amu	very small traces	

Atomic weight  $\rightarrow$  Weighted Average of the mass of all atoms of an element in accordance to their relative abundance in nature.

## Nuclear Size (Radius)

Very small size; thus very difficult to measure, various scattering experiments were performed.



✓ The de Broglie wavelength of the probing particle must be less than or equal to the size of the object being studied.

### NOTE

- ①  $e^-$  → The high energy  $e^-$ s ( $\approx 100$  MeV) are suitable to study radius and charge distribution because electrons do not take part in strong interactions.
- ② Proton → Protons would be used and its beam is readily available. Its disadvantage is that both EM and strong interactions are present in p-n scattering and the results are complex to analyse.
- ③ Neutron → Neutron as a probe are better than Proton (No EM force). But it is more difficult to generate high energy neutron (thermally accelerated) and measurements are also difficult (take part in nuclear force)
- ④ Photons → Use of photon as probe is not practical as high energy photons used to interact with nuclei and complicate the problem.

- Atomic dimensions of the order of  $10^{-10}$  m
- Nuclear dimensions of the order of  $10^{-15}$  to  $10^{-14}$  m
- Nuclear dimensions expressed in femtometer (fm) or fermi where  $1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$   
[ mm ( $10^{-3}$ ),  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $10^{-6}$ ), nm ( $10^{-9}$ ), pm ( $10^{-12}$ ), fm ( $10^{-15}$ ) ]

## Nuclear Radius

Since there are no sharp boundaries for the nucleus, therefore to determine the radius we define nuclear density

$$\rho(r) = \begin{cases} \text{Very High} & \text{if } r < R \\ \text{Very Low} & \text{if } r > R \\ \text{(Almost zero)} & \end{cases}$$



Considering spherical shape only, it is experimentally observed that the density inside the nucleus is constant i.e.  $\rho = \text{constant}$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} = \text{constant}$$



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Thus  $\frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} = \text{constant}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Volume} \propto \text{Mass}$  [where Mass = mass of one nucleon  $\times$  total no. of nucleons =  $m \times A$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \propto m A$$

$$\Rightarrow R \propto A^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R = R_0 A^{1/3}}$$

(Let  $m_p \approx m_n \approx m$ )

where  $R_0$  is constant

NOTE  $\rightarrow R_0 = 1.1$  to  $1.5 \text{ fm}$  but for numerical if  $R_0$  is not given use  $R_0 = 1.2 \text{ fm}$

Page 1/Q3  $V \propto A$  (mass number)  $R \propto A^{1/3}$   $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$

Page 2/Q2  $A_1 = 216$   
 $A_2 = 64$   $\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R_0(A_1)^{1/3}}{R_0(A_2)^{1/3}} = \left(\frac{216}{64}\right)^{1/3} = \frac{6}{4} = 1.5$  (b)

Page 16/Q6  $8O^{16}$  Volume  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$

$$V_{Xe} = \frac{4}{3}\pi R_{Xe}^3 \quad \text{divide} \quad \frac{V_{Xe}}{V} = \frac{R_{Xe}^3}{R^3} = \frac{R_0^3 A_{Xe}}{R_0^3 A_0} = \frac{32}{16} = 2$$

$(R_0 A_{Xe}^{1/3})^3$

$$V_{Xe} = 8V \quad (a)$$

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## Nuclear density

Nuclear density is constant (except near the surface of the nuclei)

Mass density, Number density and charge density all three are constant

Mass density ( $\rho_M$ )

$$\rho_M = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$$
$$= \frac{mA}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_M = \frac{mA}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_0^3 A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_M = \frac{3m}{4\pi R_0^3}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27}}{4 \times 3.14 \times (1.2 \times 10^{-15})^3} \cdot (R_0 = 1.2 \text{ fm} = 1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})$$

$$\rho_M = 2.3 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\rho_M \approx 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

If  $m_n \approx m_p = m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Thus mass of nucleus =  $mA$

Volume =  $\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$  (Spherical shape)

and  $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$

(constant  $\rightarrow$  independent of  $A$ )

Magnitude is same for different nuclei and is independent of  $A$ .

Number density ( $\rho_N$ )

$$\rho_N = \frac{\text{No. of nucleons}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{A}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{3A}{4\pi R_0^3 A} = \frac{3}{4\pi R_0^3}$$

Putting values  $\rho_N \approx 10^{44}$  Nucleons/m<sup>3</sup> same for all nuclei.

$$\text{Thus } \rho_M = \frac{3m}{4\pi R_0^3} \quad \& \quad \rho_N = \frac{3}{4\pi R_0^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_M = \rho_N \times m$$

OR Mass density = No. density  $\times$  mass of one nucleon

$$10^{17} \approx 10^{44} \times 10^{-27}$$

Q A nucleus with  $A=235$  splits into two fragments whose mass numbers are in the ratio 3:2. Find the separation between the fragments at the moment of splitting.

Q If earth would consist of only nuclear matter, then what will be its radius if the mass of the earth is  $6 \times 10^{24}$  kg.

Mean square radius- In spherical polar coordinates if density is given

Q Find mean square radius of a nucleus if charge density is given as  
$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \text{ (constant) ; } r \leq R$$
$$= 0 \quad , r > R$$
 where  $R$  is radius &  $r$  is distance from centre of nucleus.

Soln: As In Quantum Root mean square radius

Thus RMS radius =  $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$  ← Move from back to front

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_{r=0}^{\infty} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} r^2 \rho(r) \cdot r^2 \sin\theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi}{\int_{r=0}^{\infty} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \rho(r) \cdot r^2 \sin\theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi}$$

$$= 4\pi \left[ \int_{r=0}^R \rho_0 \cdot r^4 \, dr + \int_{r=R}^{\infty} 0 \times r^4 \, dr \right]$$

$$4\pi \left[ \int_{r=0}^R \rho_0 r^4 \, dr + 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_0} \frac{\int_{r=0}^R r^4 \, dr}{\int_{r=0}^R r^2 \, dr} = \left| \frac{r^5/5}{r^3/3} \right|_0^R = \frac{3}{5} R^2$$

Density = constant

$$\boxed{\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{5} R^2}$$

Q Assuming nuclear radius to be given by  $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$ ,  
find the number of neutron density in the nucleus  
with the number of neutrons equal to number of protons.



## Radial dependence of Nuclear charge density

By scattering experiments we get form factor  $F(q)$  as

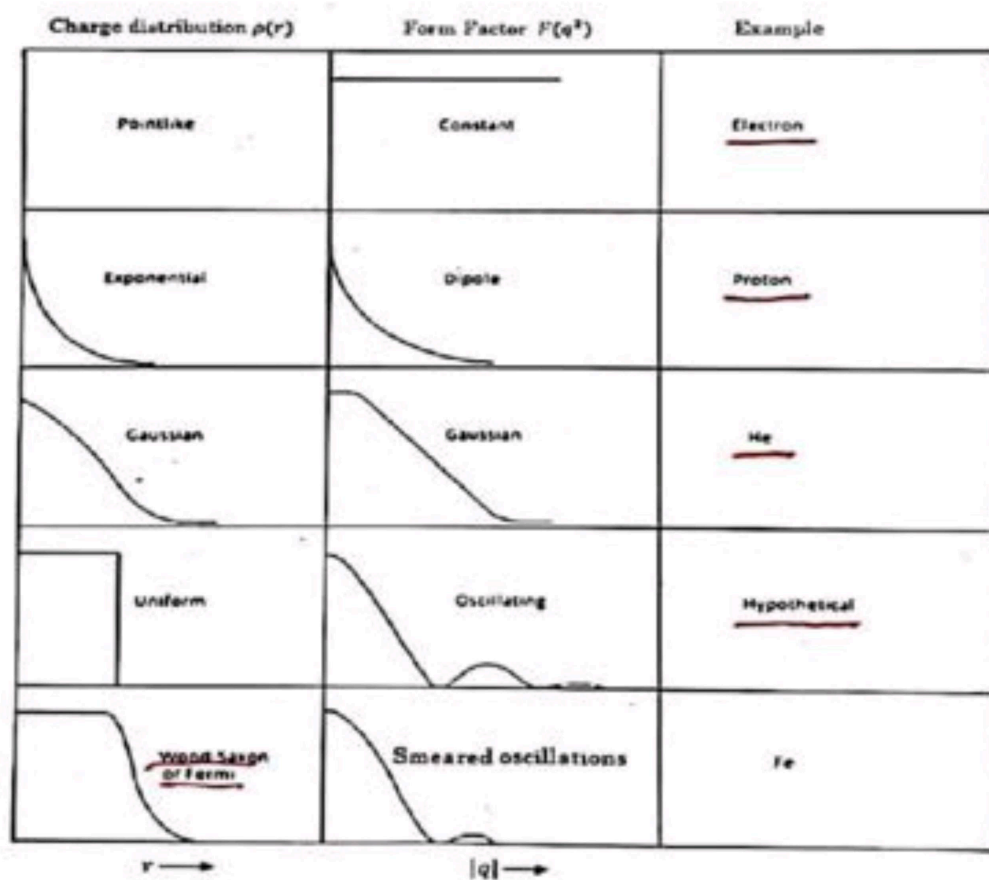
$$|F(q)|^2 = \frac{(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})_{\text{finite size}}}{(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})_{\text{point charge}}}$$

Form factor is Fourier transform of charge distribution  $\rho(r)$ .

We can obtain charge distribution by inverse fourier transform of form factor. This is possible if measurements are made at a sufficiently large number of angles. When this is not possible, a form of density distribution has to be assumed which best fits the experimental data.

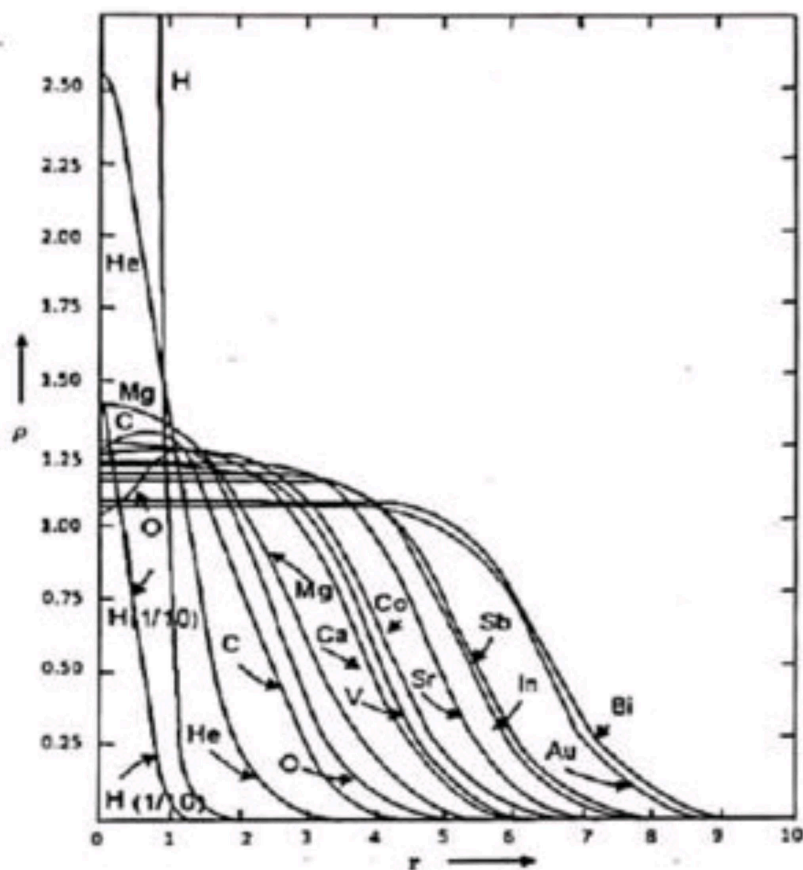
Different types of distributions are Uniform, Exponential, Gaussian, Yukawa, Fermi type (Wood-Saxon), Harmonic well etc.

- For  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$  best fitted distribution of charge density is Harmonic type.
- For  $\text{He}$  → Gaussian
- For Medium and heavy nuclei → best fitted distribution is Fermi (Wood-Saxon)



**Fig. 4.4** Relation between the radial charge distribution and the corresponding form factor on Born approximation

Fig. 4.5 Nuclear charge density as a function of distance from the center of the nucleus found by electron scattering methods. Ordinate unit:  $10^{19} \text{ Ccm}^{-3}$  [8]



$\rho$  and tends to the limiting value of  $0.17 \text{ nucleon/fm}^3$ .

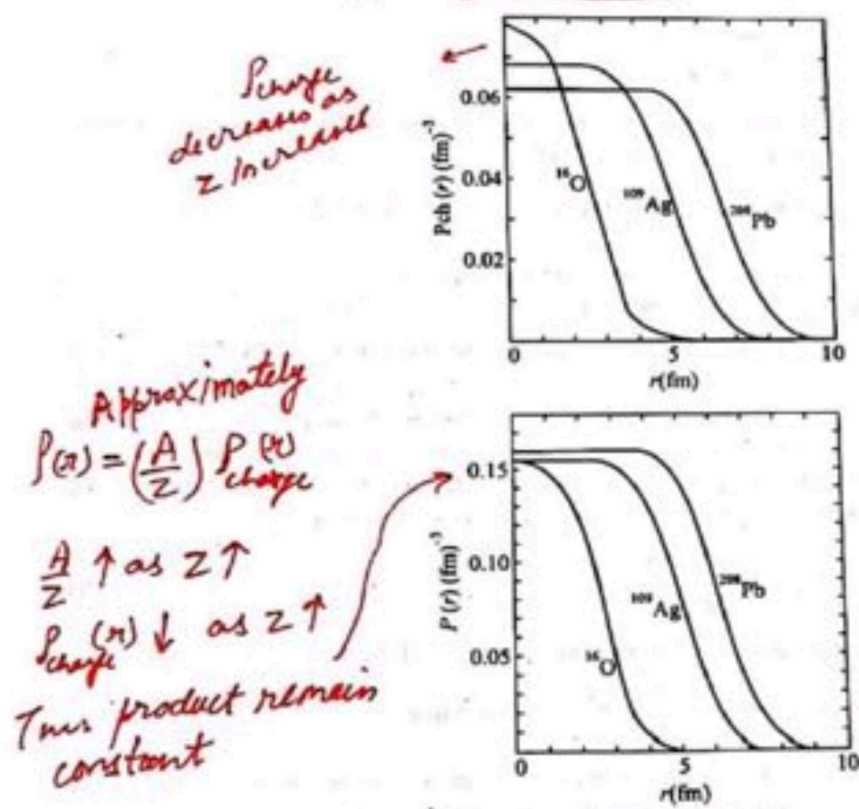


Fig. 2.6. Experimentally determined (a) nuclear charge and (b) nucleon distributions.

Fermi (or Wood-Saxon) distribution - Radial dependence  
Suitable for medium and heavy nuclei. (not for lighter nuclei)

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r-c)/a}}$$



$r$  is distance from centre.

- ① Change density in nuclei is constant within nuclear interior & falls rapidly to zero at nuclear surface.
- ②  $c \rightarrow$  is half way radius, where density falls to half its value that at centre.

At the centre  $r=0$ , then

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{-c/a}} \quad \text{but } e^{-c/a} \text{ is very small as compared to } 1 \text{ (as } c \gg a)$$

Thus  $\rho(r) \approx \rho_0$  at  $r=0$  (centre of the nucleus)

Now for c

If  $r=c$   
then  $\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1+e^{\dots}} = \frac{\rho_0}{2}$

Thus  $c$  is distance from centre where density falls to half than at centre

This half value radius  $c \propto A^{1/3} \Rightarrow c = 1.07 A^{1/3} \text{ fm}$

Thus  $c$  is different for different nuclei

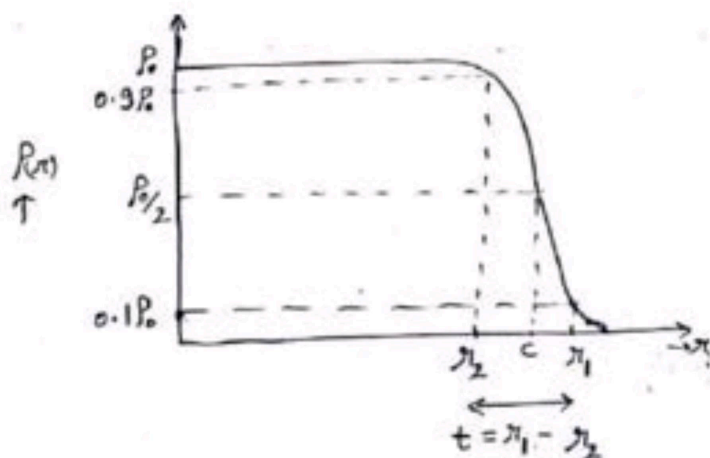
③  $a$  is a constant, and is called diffuseness.

It is same (constant) for all nuclei.  $a$  has a relation with thickness  $t$ .

Thickness  $t$   $\rightarrow$  of a nuclear surface is defined as the distance between the points at 10% and 90% of the maximum density  $\rho_0$  at the centre.

This thickness is also same for all nuclei.

$t \approx 4.4 a$  &  $a = 0.55 \text{ fm} \Rightarrow t = 2.42 \text{ fm}$  for all nuclei



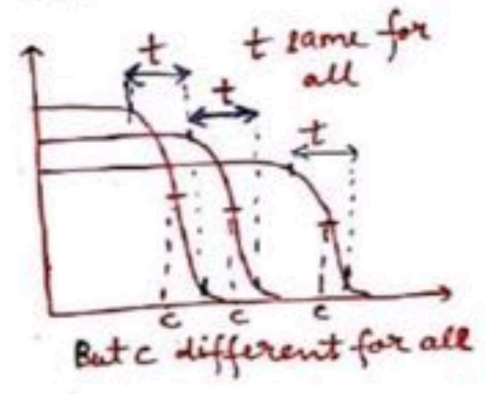
- Note the values of  $a$  &  $t$  calculated here are not for lighter nuclei as their radius is less than 2.4 fm.
- Also Wood Saxon distribution is for medium and heavy nuclei

At  $r = r_1$   $P(r) = 10\%$  of  $P_0 = 0.1P_0$  Putting value in  $P(r)$

$$\Rightarrow P(r) = \frac{P_0}{1 + e^{(r_1 - c)/a}} \Rightarrow 0.1P_0 = \frac{P_0}{1 + e^{(r_1 - c)/a}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + e^{(r_1 - c)/a} = \frac{1}{0.1} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{(r_1 - c)/a} = 9 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



At  $r = r_2$   $P(r) = 90\% \text{ of } P_0 = 0.9 P_0$

Thus  $0.9 P_0 = \frac{P_0}{1 + e^{(r_2 - c)/a}}$

$\Rightarrow 1 + e^{(r_2 - c)/a} = \frac{1}{0.9} = \frac{10}{9} \Rightarrow e^{(r_2 - c)/a} = \frac{1}{9} \quad \text{--- (2)}$

Dividing ① by ②, we get

$\exp\left(\frac{r_1 - r_2}{a}\right) = 9^2$  Taking natural log (base e)

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{r_1 - r_2}{a}\right) = 2 \ln 9 = 2 \ln(3^2) = 4 \ln 3$

Thus thickness  $t = r_1 - r_2 = 4a \ln 3$  ( $\ln 3 = 1.0986$ )

$\Rightarrow t = 4.394a \Rightarrow \boxed{t = 4.4a}$

Experiment value of  $t$  from distribution is  $t = 2.4 \text{ fm}$  for all nuclei.

Thus  $a = 0.55 \text{ fm}$  for all nuclei

- Q The possible isotopes of Boron are  ${}_5\text{B}^{10}$  and  ${}_5\text{B}^{11}$ . The Atomic weight of this mixture is 10.82 amu. The percentage of each isotope present in nature are
- (a) 50% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{10}$ ), 50% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{11}$ )      (b) 18% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{10}$ ), 82% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{11}$ )  
(c) 32% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{10}$ ), 68% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{11}$ )      (d) 26% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{10}$ ), 74% ( ${}_5\text{B}^{11}$ )



1. If the nuclear radius of  $Al^{27}$  is 3.6 fermi, the approximate nuclear radius of  $Cu^{64}$  (in fermi) is  
 (a) 4.8                      (b) 3.6                      (c) 2.4                      (d) 1.2
2. Assuming the nuclear radius  $R$  for an atomic nucleus of mass  $A$ , to be given as  $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$ , where  $R_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-14}$  m. The number of nucleons per unit volume is equal to  
 (a)  $1.38 \times 10^{22}$  nucleons/ $m^3$                       (b)  $1.38 \times 10^{12}$  nucleons/ $m^3$   
 (c)  $1.38 \times 10^{17}$  nucleons/ $m^3$                       (d)  $1.38 \times 10^{14}$  nucleons/ $m^3$
3. If the charge density of the nucleus is given as following:  $P(r) = P_0 e^{-r/a}$ . The r.m.s. charge radius of the nucleus is  
 (a)  $a$                       (b)  $\sqrt{2} a$                       (c)  $\sqrt{3} a$                       (d)  $2\sqrt{3} a$
4. If the radius of the nucleus is 3.46 fm, then the mass number  $A$  of the nucleus is  
 (a) 23                      (b) 24                      (c) 25                      (d) 26
5. The nuclear density of  $U^{238}$  is ( $R_0 = 1.2$  fm, mass of 1 nucleon =  $1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  kg)  
 (a)  $2.29 \times 10^{17}$  kg/ $m^3$                       (b)  $1.29 \times 10^{17}$  kg/ $m^3$   
 (c)  $3.24 \times 10^{17}$  kg/ $m^3$                       (d)  $5.31 \times 10^{17}$  kg/ $m^3$
6. The atomic mass of deuteron is 2.014103 amu. The packing fraction of deuteron is  
 (a) 0.00608                      (b) 0.00705                      (c) -0.00705                      (d) -0.00608

7. The binding energy per nucleon is given by  
 [Here  $f \rightarrow$  packing fraction,  $M_H \rightarrow$  Mass of hydrogen atom,  $M_N \rightarrow$  Mass of neutron]

(a)  $\frac{Z}{A}(M_H - M_N) + M_N + (1 - f) \text{ amu}$  (b)  $\frac{Z}{A}(M_H - M_N) + M_N + (1 + f) \text{ amu}$   
 (c)  $\frac{Z}{A}(M_H - M_N) + M_H - (1 + f) \text{ amu}$  (d)  $\frac{Z}{A}(M_H - M_N) + M_N - (1 + f) \text{ amu}$

8. If the charge density of the nucleus is given as following

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \text{ for } r \leq R$$

$= 0$  for  $r > R$ , where  $R$  is radius of the nucleus. The mean square charge radius of the nucleus is

(a)  $0.4 R^2$  (b)  $0.6 R^2$  (c)  $0.8 R^2$  (d)  $R^2$

9. Consider the following statements

P) If the nucleus radius is doubled, then the mass number is increased by 4 times

Q) The mass number of an element whose radius is 2.71 fm ( $r_0 = 1.3$  fm) is 9

R) If the radius of  $^{169}\text{Ho}$  nucleus is 7.731 fm, the radius of  $^4\text{He}$  is 2.23 fm

Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT?

(a) P and Q (b) Q and R (c) P and R (d) P, Q and R