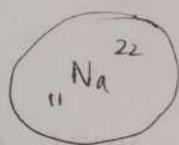


The atomic nucleus first discovered by Rutherford in 1911 by  $\alpha$ -particle scattering experiment.

The atom consists of very small nucleus of the size  $10^{-14}$  surrounded by electrons.

Nuclei consist of protons and neutrons, protons are +ve charged and neutrons are electrically neutral. Protons and neutrons are two different charge state of the same particle called the nucleons.

A nucleus is represented by  ${}^A_Z X$

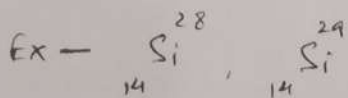


$Z \rightarrow$  atomic no

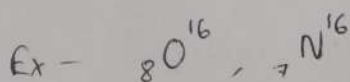
$A \rightarrow$  mass

### \* classification of nucleus

① Isotopes: Nuclei having same atomic no ( $Z$ ) but different ~~at~~ mass no. are called isotopes.



② Isobar: Nuclei having same mass no ( $A$ ) but different atomic no. are called isobars.



Isotons: Nuclei with equal no. of neutrons

are called Isotons. Ex -  ${}^6_{14}\text{C}$ ,  ${}^7_{15}\text{N}$

Isomer: There are atoms which have same

$Z$  and  $A$  but differ from one another in their nuclear energy

state, and exhibit differences in their internal structure.

Such nuclei are called isomeric nuclei / isomer.

Mirror nuclei: Nuclei which have same  $A$

but the no. of protons in (1) is equal to the no. of ~~protons~~ <sup>neutron</sup> in (2) are called mirror

nuclei. Ex -  ${}^4_1\text{Be}^7$ ,  ${}^3_2\text{Li}^7$

### \* Properties of Nucleus

1) charge: If  $Z$  is the <sup>atomic</sup> charge no. of nucleus i.e. no. of protons in it then charge of the

$$\text{nucleus} = +Ze$$

where  $e$  is the +ve charge equal to

$$\text{the charge of the electron} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

② Mass: If  $A$  is the mass no. i.e. the total no. of nucleons in the nucleus i.e.  $Z$  protons and  $(A-Z)$  neutrons, then the mass of the nucleus is very nearly equal to  $A$  amu.

If terms of amu the mass of carbon atom  $^{12}\text{C}$  is taken (12 amu) and  $1$  amu ( $1\text{u}$ )

$$1 \text{ amu} = 1.6604 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \\ = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ eV}}{10^6} \\ = \underline{\underline{931.48 \text{ MeV}}}$$

③ Radius: As the <sup>nucleus</sup> radius is approximately spherical its vol<sup>m</sup> is proportional to total no. of nucleons in it

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \propto A$$

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

$$\Rightarrow r = r_0 A^{1/3}$$

$$r_0 = 1.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 1.8 \text{ Fermi (F)}$$

④ Density: Nuclear density  $\rho_N = \frac{\text{Nuclear Mass}}{\text{Nuclear Vol}^m}$

$$\text{Nuclear mass} = A m_N$$

$A$  = mass no

$m_N$  = mass of nucleon ( $p+n$ )

$$= 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Nuclear Vol}^m = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi (r_0 A^{1/3})^3$$

$$\rho_N = \frac{AM_N}{\frac{4}{3} \pi (r_0 A^{1/3})^3}$$

$$= \frac{1.67 \times 10^{-27}}{\frac{4}{3} (3.14) (1.3 \times 10^{-15})^3}$$

$$= 1.816 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

This shows that the nuclear matter is in a highly compressed state.

Q What are nuclear forces explain the properties of nuclear forces:

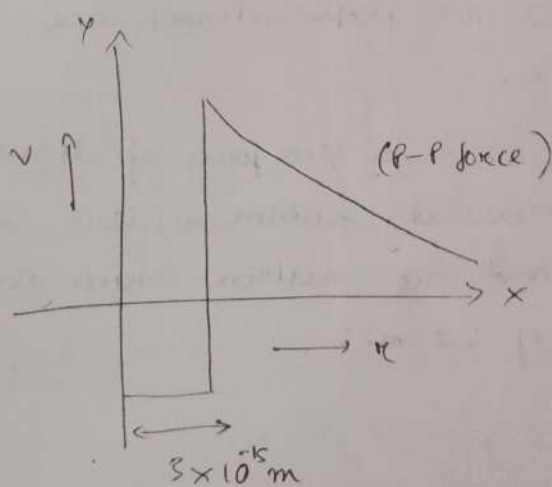
A → A nucleus consist of protons and neutrons. Since the protons are +ve ly charged the electrostatic force of repulsion bet<sup>n</sup> them ~~cost~~ should cost a distribution of the nucleus. The gravitational force of attraction bet<sup>n</sup> the neutrons is too weak to account for the observed binding energy of the nucleus.



So, there must be some other forces which binds the nucleons. There are ~~two~~ three types of attraction forces -

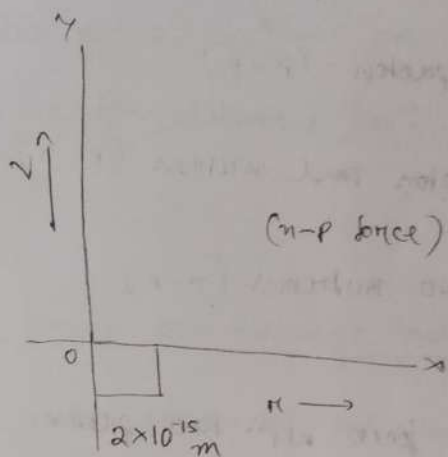
- ① force bet<sup>n</sup> two proton (P-P)
- ② force bet<sup>n</sup> proton and neutron (P-n)
- ③ force bet<sup>n</sup> two neutrons (n-n)

① P-P force : The force bet<sup>n</sup> two protons has been examine by P-P scattering experiment. This experiment shows that the force can be represented by the potential curves shown in fig.



At large distance of separation the protons repel each other by coulomb electrostatic force. At a distance of approximately  $3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ , the protons strongly attract each other. And this strong attractive force is the nuclear force bet<sup>n</sup> the pair of protons.

② p-n force: The force bet<sup>n</sup> a proton and neutron has been examine by n-p scattering experiment. This experiment shows that the neutron-proton force can be represented by potential curve



At large distance of separation bet<sup>n</sup> a neutron and a proton, there is no force bet<sup>n</sup> the two particles. But at a distance about  $2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$  the neutron and the proton attract one another by a nuclear force.

The existence of p-n force of attraction is proved by the stability deuteron nucleus consisting of one proton and one neutron which has a binding energy of 2.2 MeV.

③ n-n force:

The neutron excess in heavily nuclei confirm that n-n forces are attractive but not sufficiently large to let to a stable di-neutron just as a di-proton doesn't exist. The scattering length of n-n interaction approach to have the same chains as the p-p interaction.

## Properties of nuclear forces:

① Nuclear forces are short ranged: Nuclear forces exist only when the distance bet<sup>n</sup> the nucleon the order of  $2.2 \times 10^{-15}$  m or 2.2 fm. The force vanishes if the distance bet<sup>n</sup> is greater than  $4.2 \times 10^{-15}$  m.

② Nuclear forces are charge independent:

From the study of the mirror nuclei we have found that there are three types of forces (p-p, p-n, n-n) are almost equal magnitude. It is found that the total binding energy depends only on the total number of nucleons and not on their nature. In other words the nuclear forces are charge independent.

③ Nuclear forces are the strongest known forces in nature: The magnitude of nuclear forces is many times the electrostatic repulsive force bet<sup>n</sup> the protons and about  $10^{38}$  times the gravitational force bet<sup>n</sup> the neutrons.



#### 4) Nuclear forces are spin dependent

It has been observed that the force of bet<sup>n</sup> two nucleons having parallel spin ( $\uparrow\uparrow$ ) is stronger than the force bet<sup>n</sup> two nucleons having antiparallel spin ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ ).

#### 5) Nuclear forces have property of saturation

Nuclear forces are limited in range. Each nucleon interact only with a limited number of nucleon nearest to it.

This effect is known as saturation of nucleon.

#### 6) Nuclear forces are non-central

The force existing bet<sup>n</sup> two nucleons has a non-central component that doesn't point along the line joining the two nucleons.

This non-central component depends upon how the nucleons spin are oriented relative to the line joining the nucleons.

#### 7) Nuclear forces exchange forces

Nuclear forces come into existence due to the exchange of  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^0$  meson (pions) bet<sup>n</sup> the nucleons.



At too close distance of approach bet<sup>n</sup> the

nucleons nuclear force become force of repulsion.