

# Neutrons

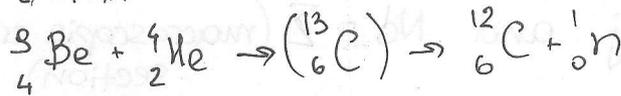
1911 - Rutherford Model

1920 -  $n = [p^+ e^-]$  - neutron

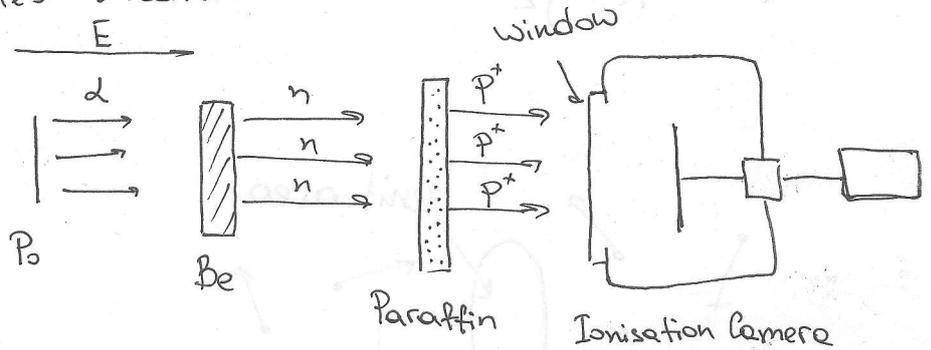
1931 - Walther Bothe + Herbert Becker:

$\alpha + Be, B, Li = ?$  unusually penetrating

~~$\alpha + Be = ?$~~   $\gamma?$

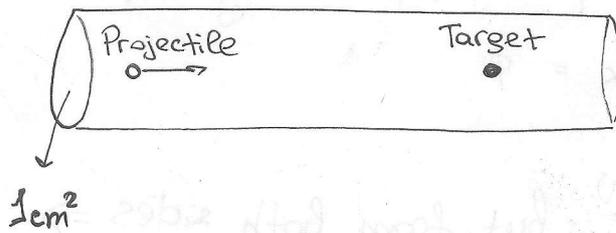


1932 - James Chadwick



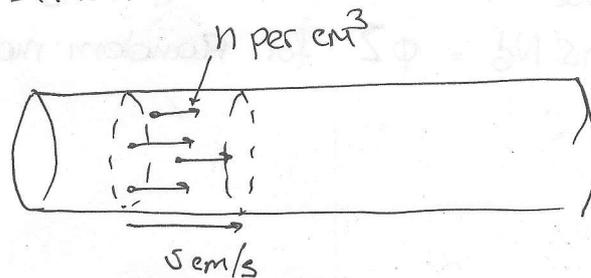
$$m(n) \approx m(p)$$

Chance of collision?

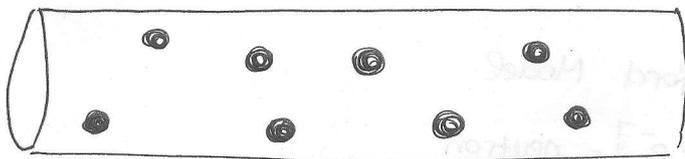


Exact trajectory is not specified...

$$G = \frac{S(\text{target})}{S(\text{tube})} - \text{chance of collision/microscopic cross section}$$



$nV$  - number of molecules that cross square unit each second

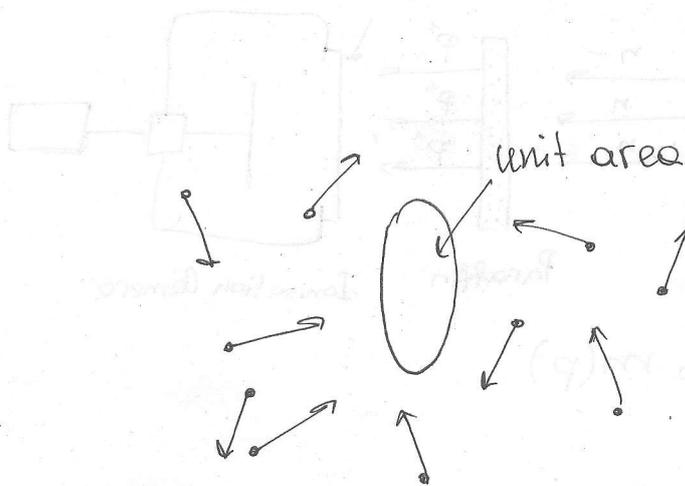


$N$  targets of each

$$R = n v N \sigma - \text{reaction rate per unit volume}$$

Let  $n v = j$  and  $N \sigma = \Sigma$  (macroscopic cross section)

$$R = j \Sigma$$



Take only  $\vec{v}$ -particles, let's say  $n$  per volume

$$n v = \text{flux} = \phi$$

density =  $\frac{n v}{4}$ , but from both sides  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{n v}{2}$$

Since we have many targets

$$R = n v N \sigma = \phi \Sigma \text{ for Random motion}$$



When a particle collides with a target nucleus, there is a certain chance of each of several reactions:

- elastic scattering (light elements)
- inelastic scattering
- absorption

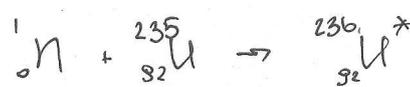
$$G_s + G_a = G \quad - \text{total cross section (chance of collision)}$$

$$\bar{E} = 0,0253 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \text{calculate speed!}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}} = 2200 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{as a gas!}$$

$$\Phi = 2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$n = \frac{\Phi}{v} = \frac{2 \cdot 10^{12}}{2,2 \cdot 10^5} = 9 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



$$G_a = 681 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$N = 0,048 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$(P = 19,05; N = 235)$$

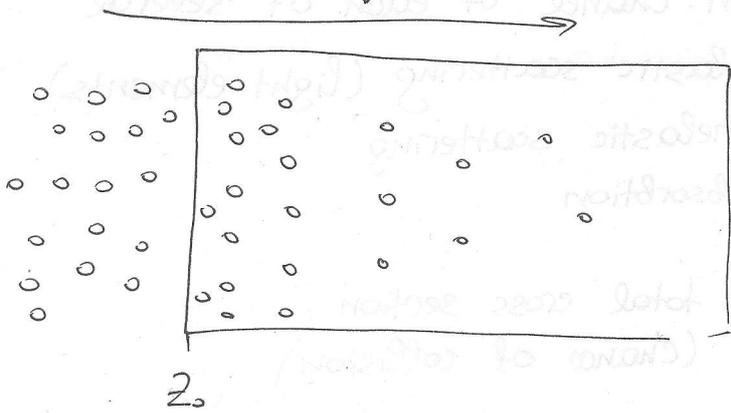
$$\Sigma_a = N G_a = 32,7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$[\text{barn}] = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$R = \Phi \Sigma_a = 2 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot 32,7 = 6,54 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The rate at which  ${}^{235}\text{U}$  atoms are consumed.

# Particle attenuation



density in  $z_0 = j_0$

$$j = j_0 e^{-z/\lambda} \quad - \text{not having collisions}$$

$$z_H = \frac{0.693}{\Sigma} \quad - \text{half-thickness}$$

$$\lambda - \text{free path} = \frac{1}{\Sigma} \quad - \text{average distance before collision}$$

$$E_{(n)} = 1 \text{ eV}$$

$\sigma_s = 20 \text{ barn}$  - dominant process

$$N_H = 0.0688 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$N = \frac{\rho \cdot N_A}{M}$$

$$\sigma_s = 20 \cdot 10^{-24}$$

$$\Sigma_s = 1.372 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Sigma_s = N \sigma_s$$

$$\lambda_s \approx 0.75 \text{ cm}$$

$$\lambda = 1/\Sigma$$

Нет потока как в том раз  
Сам?

$N_H$  не совсем

$$N = \frac{1.6022 \cdot 10^{23}}{18} \approx 0.9$$

$$N_H \approx 0.6 \cdot 10^{23}$$

$$\Sigma_s = N \cdot \sigma_s = 0.6 \cdot 20 \cdot 10^{-24} \cdot 10^{23} = 1.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\lambda_s = \frac{1}{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{1.2} \approx 0.83 \text{ cm}$$

$$z_H = \frac{0.693}{1.2} =$$

# Neutron temperature

0 - 0,025 eV Cold neutrons

0,025 eV Thermal neutrons

0,025 - 0,4 eV Epithermal neutrons

0,4 - 0,6 eV Cadmium neutrons

0,6 - 1 eV Epicadmium

1 - 10 eV Slow

10 - ~~300~~ eV Resonance

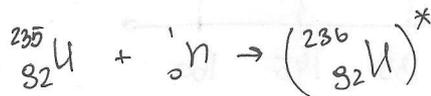
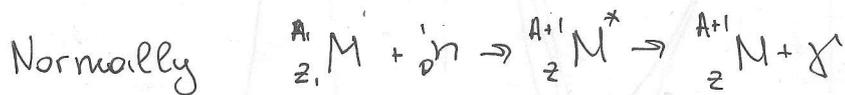
~~10 keV~~ - 1 MeV Intermediate

1 - 20 MeV Fast

> 20 MeV Ultrafast

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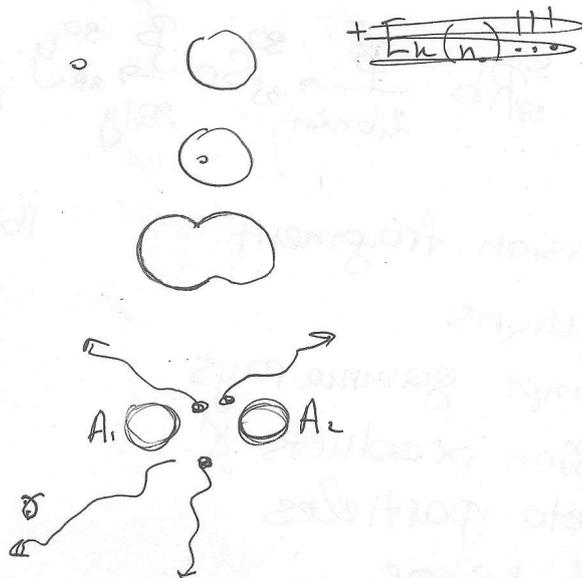
# Fission



$$235,04392 + 1,008665 = 236,052585 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M({}^{236}\text{U}) = 236,045962$$

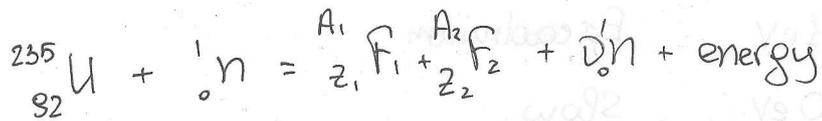
$$\Delta = 0,006623 = 6,54 \text{ MeV}$$



$\bar{\nu}$  - number of released neutrons

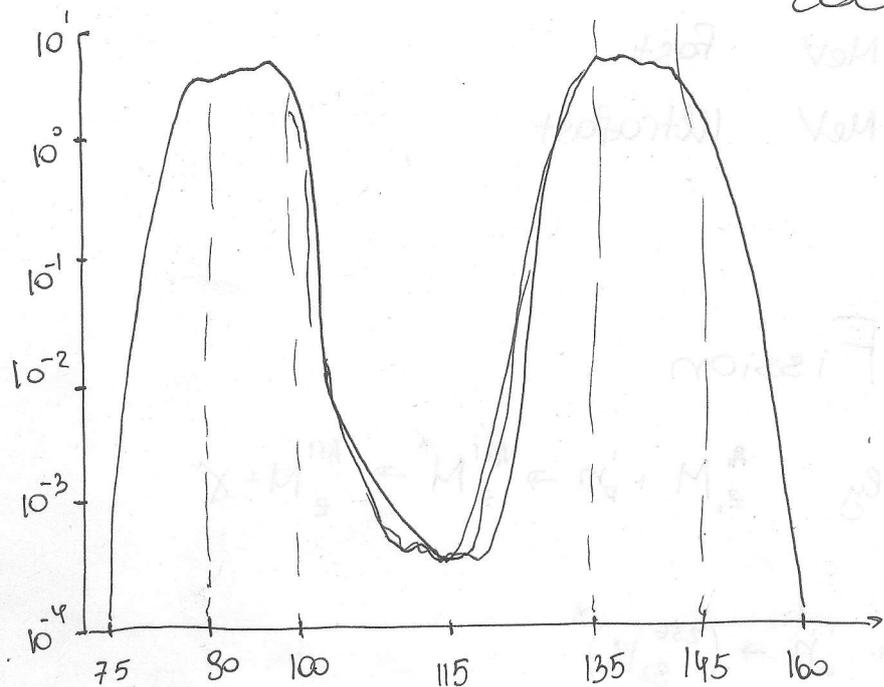
for  $^{235}\text{U}$   $\bar{\nu} = 2.42$

Prompt neutrons - are released instantly  
 delayed neutrons - released by products (0.65%)

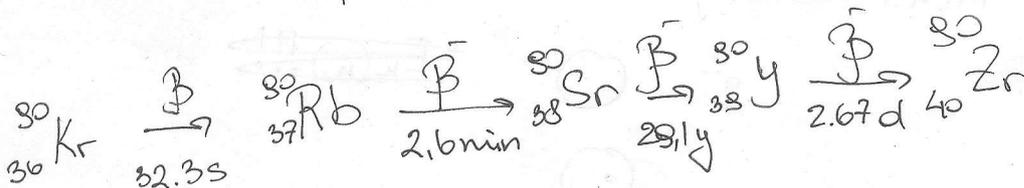


75 - 160 are observed  $^{90}_{36}\text{Kr} + ^{144}_{56}\text{Ba}$

$\sim 200 \text{ MeV}$



fission products



Fission fragment

Neutrons

Prompt gamma rays

Fission products  $\gamma$

Beta particles

Neutrinos

166 MeV

5 MeV

7 MeV

7 MeV

5 MeV

10 MeV