

Nuclear Fission chain fission yield

describe mass distribution b/w the fragments.

It is defined as -

$$Y(A) = \frac{\text{No. of product nuclei of mass no. (A)}}{\text{Total No. of nuclei fissioned}} \times 100$$

Nuclear fission splits a heavy nucleus such as uranium or plutonium into two lighter nuclei, which are called products. Yield refers to fraction of a fission products produced per fission. Yield can be broken down by nuclei of given mass no. regardless of atomic no.

e.g. fission fragment yield as a function of mass no. in the fission of ^{235}U by neutron

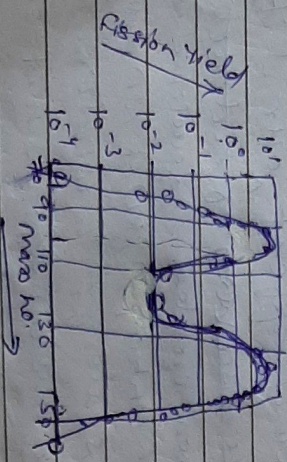


Fig. 01

In above curve shows mass & fission yield. So this mass no. of the fission fragments. So when ^{235}U bombarded with neutron that U -nucleus get

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony" - Mahatma Gandhi

excited. After excitation, it starts fission. This primary fission fragments are also excited.

These primary fission fragments unstable. They know that they are having excess neutrons. They give off neutrons through β -emission than stable product while in a radioactive product of primary fission fragment. So β -emission takes place stable product.

Now consider stable mass no A_1 & A_2 and fission yield from graph curve -

lighter fragments	mass no. A_1	mass no. A_2	heavier fragments
Fission yield $\geq 1\%$	85-105	130-150	
(10% max)	90-110	134-144	
$\geq 7\%$			
= 0.05%	117	117	

If fission yield is shown at left side in curve. It is greater than or equal to 1%, then it is mass shown that 10% (i.e. $10^1 = 1$). At this mass no. is lighter fragments. So range mass no. A_1 being 85-105. So from plot it is lighter fragment & at that same time mass no. A_2 in curve shown at range 130-150. So it is mass of heavier fragment. You can see which is $\geq 1\%$, i.e. 10^1 more of lighter

consider $\geq 7\%$. So some thing lighter mass fragment 90-110 and same time heavier mass no. A_2 134-144 and part see fission yield having

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= 0.05% i.e. 10^{-2} from above graph.

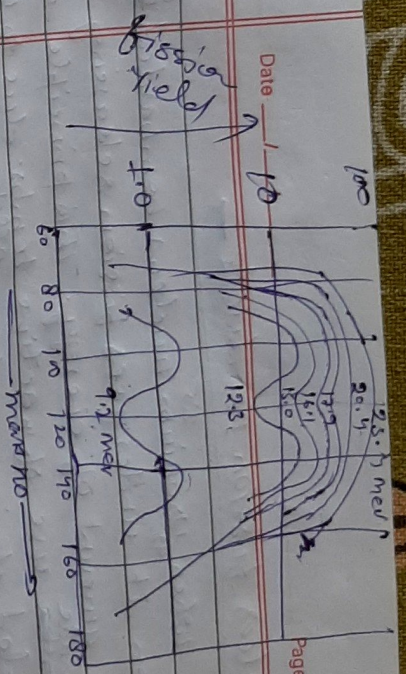
Observation that shows lighter fragments have mass no 117 & heavier also have 117. So they have similar mass no.

Observations from the plot -

- ① Majority of fission are asymmetric i.e. A, \neq A₂ - both cases difference the mass no. of lighter and heavier mass no.
- ② The yield of symmetrical fission is lowest. (0.05%)

Main observation -
Along we can say that this is true for fission by thermal or low energy neutrons.

However, as the energy of the particle affecting fission increases, the depth of the valley b/w the two peaks diminishes and two peaks approach till there is a single peak of symmetric fission.
e.g., fission fragment yield as a function of mass no. in the fission of ²³⁹Pu by deuterons of varying energy -



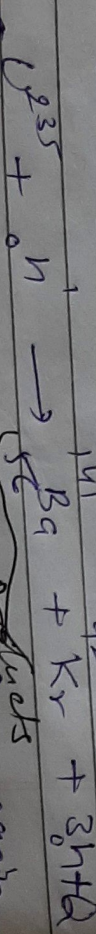
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from above example graph we can observe that the time energy is 9.2mev. It is initially appeared at 12.5 mev and then it becomes 12.8 so of little increase energy of valley start to depth. ~~the~~ top diminishes. when it becomes the 15.0 mev, 16.1, 17.9, 20.4 mev like shown valley. Usually it will reach at 23.4 mev, there is no valley & we get a single peak a symmetric fission. So at the high energetic radiation and we have apply the particle of high energy at a time, we get take 10 fragments which having same mass no.

like b7 (a)

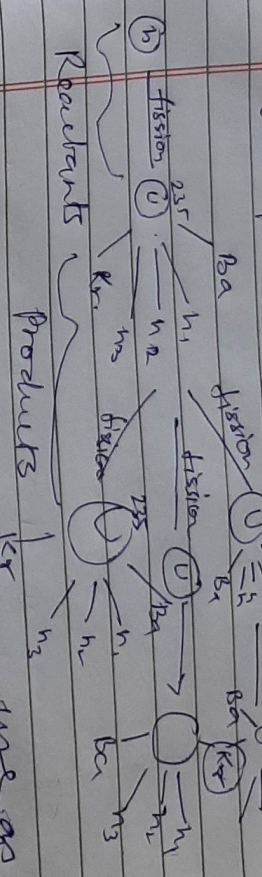
Nuclear fission products

When Uranium nucleus bombarded by neutrons it undergoes fission releasing a huge amount of energy. The principle is that we use inactive bomb due to uncontrolled chain reaction. All the nuclear material go fission in a v. short in fractional time, result in a v. short in time explosion. the liberation of energy of ant. of energy. It a chain reaction of a lump of $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ is allowed to proceed with out control, the in about one microsecond, there will be a release of enormous quantity of energy of the order 2×10^{13} joules. Thus uncontrolled chain reaction can cause violent explosion. By slowing down the fast moving neutrons or by absorbing unwanted excess can control the rate of chain rxn. Any material can slow down the fast moving particles is called a moderator. Graphite blocks and heavy water are the moderators used in rxns. Metals like cadmium and Boron are efficient absorbers of neutrons.



Reactions: this is chain reaction again & again repeating of this will give us a kind

Final product which



atoms/bonds.

This principle is fission & product is called fission products. and

$$\text{Energy} \propto \text{always as} = \text{mass of reactants} - \text{mass of products}$$

$$E = (m_{\text{reactants}} - m_{\text{products}}) \times c^2$$

(Jamu = 931 MeV)