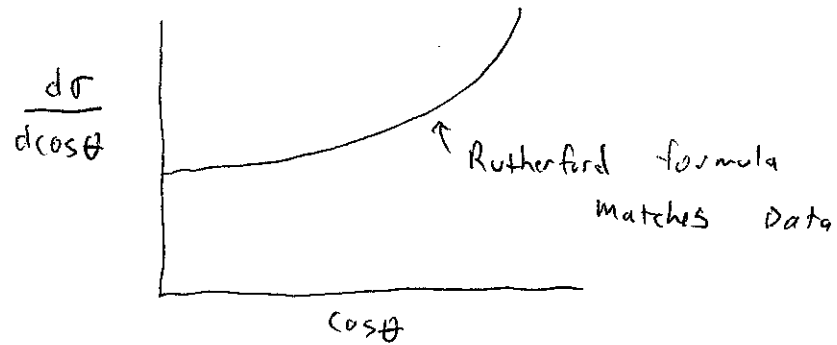


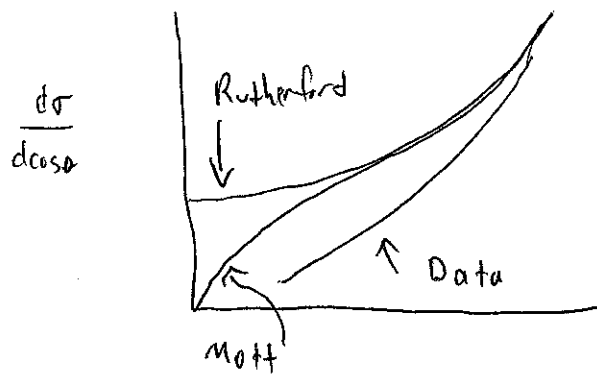
# The Nucleus

~ 10 MeV  $\alpha$ -particles

can't get close enough to nucleus to probe its size



~100 MeV electrons can interact with nucleus



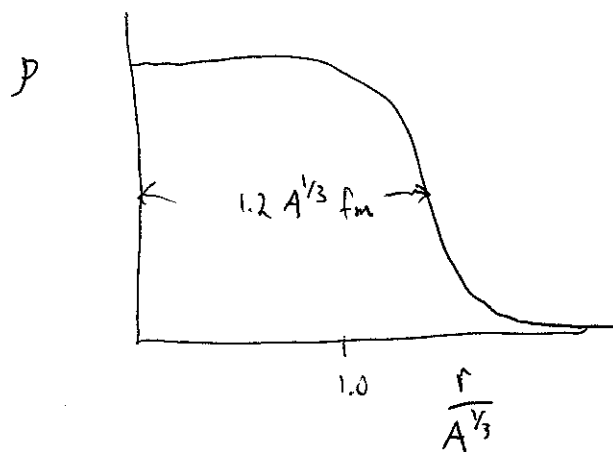
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}\right)_M = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}\right)_R \cdot 2 \left[ \frac{1 + \cos\theta}{1 + \frac{(1 + \cos\theta) E_K}{m_e c^2}} \right]$$

↑ Mott
 ↑ Rutherford

corrections from 'spin' and nuclear re-coil

Nucleus is not pointlike

## Charge Distribution in the nucleus



## Chapter 11

$A$  - nuclear mass

$Z$  - nuclear charge

Observation  $A > Z$  except for single proton

Can nucleus be made up of  $A$  protons

and  $A-Z$  electrons?

An electron trapped ~~in~~ in the nucleus has a minimum wavelength  $\lambda \sim 5 \text{ fm}$

$$E_k = \sqrt{(pc)^2 + (Mc^2)^2} - Mc^2$$

$$pc = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \approx 250 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_k \sim 250 \text{ MeV}$$

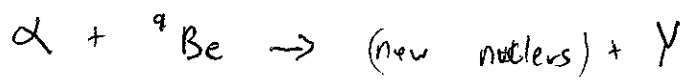
beta decay  $E_k \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$

Coulomb energy

$$V = \frac{Ze^2k}{r} \approx 23 \text{ MeV}$$

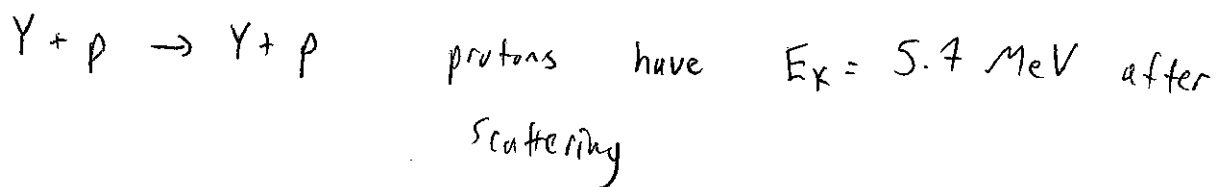
Nucleus isn't made up of protons and electrons

New evidence



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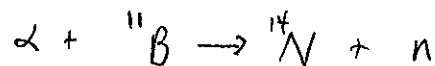
unknown neutral particle



is  $\gamma$  a photon?

Scattering results don't agree with Compton scattering

${}^{11}\text{B}$  and  ${}^{14}\text{N}$  masses well known



$$\frac{1}{2} m_\alpha v_\alpha^2 + m_\alpha c^2 + m_B c^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_N v_N^2 + m_N c^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_n v_n^2 + m_n c^2$$

$$m_\alpha \vec{v} = m_n \vec{v}_n + m_N \vec{v}_N$$

using  $m_n \ll m_N$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_n v_n^2 + m_n c^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_\alpha v_\alpha^2 + m_\alpha c^2 + m_B c^2 - m_N c^2$$

$$m_n c^2 = 938 \text{ MeV} \quad - \text{Chadwick}$$

$$\text{Actual } m_n c^2 = 939.57 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_n c^2 > m_p c^2$$

$$m_n c^2 - m_p c^2 = 1.29 \text{ MeV}$$

protons and neutrons have

$$S = \frac{1}{2}$$

attractive interaction due to 'Strong Force'

range  $\sim 1 \text{ fm}$

The sum of <sup>the masses of</sup> individual protons and neutrons is greater than the mass of a nucleus

a particle

$$m_\alpha = 3727.41 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_p = 938.27 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_n = 939.57 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$E_b = 2m_p c^2 + 2m_n c^2 - m_\alpha c^2 = 28.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{E_b}{A} \approx 7.1 \text{ MeV}$$

