



Low energy nuclear fission dynamics within 3D Langevin model



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Program:

- Fourier over Spheroid parametrization of fissioning nuclei shapes,
- Choosing of an appropriate grid for the Potential Energy Surface calculation,
- Some examples of the 4D macroscopic-microscopic PES's,
- \bullet Mass and Total Kinetic Energy of fragments obtained within the 3D Langevin dissipative dynamics for $^{236}{\rm U_{th}}$,
- Charge equilibration mode at scission configuration,
- Neutron emission from the fragments,
- Transition from the asymmetric to the compact-symmetric fission in Fermium isotopes,
- Fission yields of 250 Cf at E*=46 MeV,
- On existence of a very asymmetric mode in fission of SH nuclei,
- Summary.

New Fourier-over-Spheroid (FoS) shape parametrization *



$$ho^2(z,arphi)=rac{R_0^2}{c}f\left(rac{z-z_{
m sh}}{z_0}
ight)rac{1-\eta^2}{1+\eta^2+2\eta\cos(2arphi)}\;,$$

Function f(u) defines the shape of the nucleus having half-length c=1:

$$f(u)=1{-}u^2{-}\sum_{k=2,4}^\infty\left\{a_k\cos\left[rac{(k-1)\pi}{2}u
ight]+a_{k+1}\sin\left[rac{k\pi}{2}u
ight]
ight\},$$

where $-1 \leq u \leq 1$ and $a_2 = a_4/3 + a_6/5 + a_8/7 + \dots$

The first two terms in f(u) describe a circle, a_2 ensures volume conservation for arbitrary deformation parameters $\{a_3, a_4, \ldots\}$. The parameter c determines the elongation of the nucleus keeping its volume fixed, while a_3 and a_4 describe the reflectional asymmetry and the neck size, respectively, while the higher order terms regulate the deformation of fragments.

The half-length is
$$z_0=cR_0$$
 and $-z_0+z_{
m sh}\leq z\leq z_0+z_{
m sh}$, where the shift $z_{
m sh}=-rac{3}{4\pi}z_0\left(a_3-rac{a_5}{2}+rac{a_7}{3}-\dots
ight)$

places the nuclear center of mass at the origin of the coordinate system.

The parameter $\eta = (b - a)/(b + a)$ describes a possible, here elliptical, non-axial deformation of a nucleus. It is similar, but more general than the γ -deformation of Åge Bohr.

*K. P., B. Nerlo-Pomorska, Acta Phys. Pol. B Sup. 16, 4-A21 (2023).

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Effect of the stretching in *z*-direction



The both figures show the shapes obtained with the same Fourier expansion series but for two different elongations c.

Note: the expansion coefficients a_i are independent on the elongation c, what facilitates an appropriate grid construction in the deformation parameter space.

Extensive macroscopic-microscopic calculations of the PES's in the 4D space $\{\eta, c, a_3, a_4\}$ are performed for even-even nuclei with $90 \leq Z \leq 122$.

Few cross-sections of the potential energy surface of 240 Pu



Potential energies of even-even actinide and SH nuclei are evaluated within the macro-micro method using the LSD formula for the macroscopic part of energy, while the microscopic one is obtained using the Yukawa-folded mean-field potential and the Strutinsky and the BCS methods. The mass of the heavy fragment is $A_h \approx \frac{A}{2}(1 + 1.01 a_3)$, independently on c value.

Potential energy surface of ²³⁶U



Langevin and Master equations are used to describe the fission dynamics and the emission of the post-fission neutrons.

Langevin equations for the fission process*

The dissipative fission dynamics is governed by the Langevin equation which in the generalized coordinates $(\{q_i\}, i = 1, 2, ..., n)$ has the following form:

$$egin{array}{ll} rac{dq_i}{dt} &= \sum\limits_j \ [\mathcal{M}^{-1}(ec{q})]_{i\,j} \ p_j \ friction \ and \ random \ forces \ rac{dp_i}{dt} &= -rac{1}{2} \sum\limits_{j,k} \ rac{\partial [\mathcal{M}^{-1}(ec{q})]_{jk}}{\partial q_i} \ p_j \ p_k - rac{\partial V(ec{q})}{\partial q_i} - \sum\limits_{j,k} \gamma_{ij}(ec{q}) \ [\mathcal{M}^{-1}(ec{q})]_{jk} \ p_k + F_i(t) \ , \end{array}$$

Here $V(\vec{q}) = E_{\text{pot}}(\vec{q}) - a(\vec{q})T^2$ is the free-energy of fissioning nucleus having temperature T and the single-particle level density parameter $a(\vec{q})$ while \mathcal{M}_{ij} and γ_{ij} are the mass and friction tensors. The vector $\vec{F}(t)$ stands for the random Langevin force which couples the collective dynamics to the intrinsic degrees of freedom and is defined as:

$$F_i(t) = \sum_j g_{ij}(\vec{q}) \; G_j(t) \; ,$$

jwhere $\vec{G}(t)$ is a stochastic function which strength $g(\vec{q})$ is given by the diffusion tensor $\mathcal{D}(\vec{q})$ defined by the generalized Einstein relation: $\stackrel{\sim}{\vdash}$

$${\cal D}_{ij}\!\!=\!\!T^*\gamma_{ij}\!\!=\!\!\sum_k g_{ik}\;g_{jk}\;.$$



Here $T^*=E_0/{ anh(E_0/T)}$ and E_0 is the zero-point collective energy, while T is obtained from the energy conservation law: $E^*(\vec{q}\,)=a(\vec{q}\,)T^2=E_{\mathrm{init}}-E_{\mathrm{coll}}$.

* H.J. Krappe and K.P., Nuclear Fission Theory, Lecture Notes in Physics, Vol. 838, Springer Verlag, 2012.

Example of mass-yield obtained by the 3D Langevin calculation*



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Kinetic energy of the fission fragments

Total kinetic energy (TKE) of the fragments $E_{\rm kin}^{\rm frag}$ is given by the sum of the Coulomb repulsion energy ($V_{\rm Coul}$), the nuclear interaction energy of fragments ($V_{\rm nuc}$), and the pre-fission kinetic energy of the relative motion ($E_{\rm kin}^{\rm Coll}$) evaluated at the scission point ($q_{\rm sc}$):

$$E^{
m frag}_{
m kin} = E^{
m rep}_{
m Coul}(q_{
m sc}) + V_{
m nuc}(q_{
m sc}) + E^{
m coll}_{
m kin}(q_{
m sc}) \; .$$

The Coulomb repulsion energy is equal to the difference between the total Coulomb energy of the nucleus at the scission configuration and the Coulomb energies of the both deformed fragments: 7^2 7^2 7^2 7^2

$$E_{
m Coul}^{
m rep} = rac{3e^2}{5r_0} \left[rac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} B_{
m Coul}(
m def_{
m sc}) - rac{Z_1^2}{A_1^{1/3}} B_{
m Coul}(
m def_1) - rac{Z_2^2}{A_2^{1/3}} B_{
m Coul}(
m def_2)
ight] \,.$$

It is a more accurate estimate of the Coulomb energy than the frequently used point-to-point (p-p) approximation: $E_{\text{Coul}}^{\text{p-p}} = e^2 Z_1 Z_2 / R_{12}$, where R_{12} is the distance between the fragment mass-centers, e the elementary charge, and r_0 the charge-radius constant.

The nuclear interaction energy between the fragments at the scission point is approximately equal to the change of the nuclear surface energy when the neck breaks:

$$V_{
m nuc}(q_{
m sc}) = -2 imes E_{
m surf}({
m sph}) rac{\pi r_{
m n}^2({
m sc})}{4\pi R_0^2} = -rac{1}{2} E_{
m surf}({
m sph}) \left(rac{r_{
m n}}{R_0}
ight)^2 \; .$$

Here $E_{\rm surf}({\rm sph}) = b_{\rm surf}A^{2/3}$, where $b_{\rm surf}$ is the surface tension LD coefficient. For the neck-radius $r_{\rm n} = r_0$ and the nucleus radius $R_0 = r_0 A^{1/3}$ one obtains:

$$V_{
m nuc}(q_{
m sc}) = -rac{1}{2} b_{
m surf} \;, \quad {
m i.e.}, \; \; V_{
m nuc}(q_{
m sc}) pprox -9\,{
m MeV} \;.$$

Usually one evaluates this quantity by a folding integral of the nucleon-nucleon interaction with the density distribution of the both fragments, what is rather complicate.

Exact and p-p Coulomb repulsion energy at near scission configuration



asymmetric fission

symmetric fission

Note: the nuclear interaction energy $V_{\rm nuc} \approx -9$ MeV for the neck radius equal to the nucleon radius $r_{\rm n} \approx 0.16 R_0$ has to be subtracted from ${\rm E}_{\rm Coul}^{\rm rep}$, while for the alpha-particle radius is $r_{\rm n} = r_{lpha} \approx 0.26 R_0$ this energy is around -23 MeV.

Example of TKE-yield obtained by the 3D Langevin calculation*



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Schematic view of the post-fission process



The maximal energy of a neutron emitted from a fragment (mother) can be obtained from the energy conservation low:

$$\epsilon_{\mathrm{n}}^{\mathrm{max}} = M_{\mathrm{M}} + E_{\mathrm{M}}^{*} - M_{\mathrm{D}} - M_{\mathrm{n}} \; ,$$

where $M_{\rm M}$, $M_{\rm D}$, $M_{\rm n}$ are respectively the mass excesses of mother and daughter nuclei, and of the neutron. These data can be taken from a mass table. The thermal excitation energy of the daughter nucleus is: $E_{\rm D}^* = \epsilon_{\rm n}^{\rm max} - \epsilon_{\rm n}$.

Shapes of the mother and the fragment nuclei at scission



The fission fragments have frequently a pear-like shapes (red line). Omitting this degree of freedom in some parametrizations (e.g. in the quadratic shapes of revolution parametrization) may lead to significant overestimation of the Coulomb repulsion energy of fragments.

Neutron emission from the fission fragments

One assumes that the thermal energy of a fragment E_i^* in the scission point is proportional to its single-particle level density parameter a(Z, A; def):

$$rac{E_1^*}{E_2^*} = rac{a(Z_1,A_1; ext{def}_1)}{a(Z_2,A_2; ext{def}_2)} \quad ext{ and } \quad E^* = a(Z,A; ext{def})T^2 = E_1^* + E_2^* \; .$$

The deformation energy of each fragment can be evaluated in the LD model:

$$E_{\text{def}}^{(i)} \approx E_{\text{LD}}(Z_i, A_i, \text{def}_i) - E_{\text{exp}}(Z_i, A_i, \text{g.s.})$$
.

The total excitation energy of fragment i is then the sum of its thermal and deformation energy:

$$E_{
m exc}^{(i)} = E_{
m def}^{(i)} + E_i^* \; .$$

This energy is converted into heat due to the presence of the friction force, which allows to evaluate the effective temperature T_i of each fragment:

$$E_{\text{exc}}^{(i)} = a(Z_i, A_i; \text{def}_i) T_i^2 ,$$

where i stays for light (l) or heavy (h) fragment. These estimates allow us to evaluate the number of neutrons emitted from each fragment.

Neutron emission width according to Weisskopf *

$$\Gamma_{
m n}(\epsilon_{
m n}) = rac{2\mu}{\pi^2 \hbar^2
ho_{
m M}(E_{
m M}^*)} \int \limits_0^{\epsilon_{
m n}} \sigma_{
m inv}(\epsilon) \, \epsilon \,
ho_{
m D}(E_{
m D}^*) \, d\epsilon \, \, .$$

Here μ is the reduced mass of the neutron, $\sigma_{\rm inv}$ is the neutron inverse cross-section[†]:

$$\sigma_{
m inv}(\epsilon) = \left[0.76 + 1.93/A^{1/3} + rac{1.66/A^{2/3} - 0.050}{\epsilon}
ight] \, \pi \, (1.70A^{1/3})^2 \; ,$$

while ρ_M and ρ_D are respectively the level densities of mother and daughter nucleus: ____

$$ho(E) = rac{\sqrt{\pi}}{12a^{1/4}E^{5/4}}\exp(2\sqrt{aE}) \;,$$

where a is the single-particle level-density parameter[‡]:

$$egin{aligned} a(Z,A) \cdot \mathrm{MeV} &= & 0.0126(1-6.275\,I^2)A + 0.3804(1-1.101\,I^2)A^{2/3} \ &+ & 0.00014rac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} \end{aligned}$$

*Ch. Grégoire, H. Delagrange, K. P., K. Dietrich, Z. Phys. A 329, 497 (1988).

- [†]I. Dostrovsky, Z. Fraenckel, G. Friedlander, Phys. Rev. C **21**, 1261 (1980).
- [‡]B. Nerlo-Pomorska, K. P., J. Bartel, K. Dietrich, Phys. Rev. C **67**, 051302 (2002).

Distribution probability of the neutron energy:



The random number (rnd) related to the distribution probability (l.h.s.) allows to chose the kinetic energy of the emitted neutron (r.h.s.).

Number of neutrons emitted from the fragments:



Experimental data: A. Al-Adili et al., PRC 102, 064610 (2020).

Theory: K. P., B. Nerlo-Pomorska, C. Schmitt, Z.G. Xiao, Y.J. Chen, L.L. Liu, PRC 107, 054616 (2023).

On the charge equilibration at scission

Knowing the fragment deformation at scission, it is relatively easy to find the preferred charge for each fragment. Usually one assumes that the isospin of a fragment is the same as the one of the fissioning nucleus. One obtains a better estimate looking for the proton and neutron microscopic distribution.

A simple estimate of the proton-neutron equilibrium at scission can also be made in the LD model. It is determined by the minimum with respect to Z_h of the following function:

$$egin{aligned} E(Z,A,Z_{
m h};B_{
m f},{
m def}_{
m h},{
m def}_{
m l}) &= E_{
m LD}(Z_{
m h},AB_{
m f};{
m def}_{
m h}) \ &+ E_{
m LD}(Z-Z_{
m h},A(1-B_{
m f});{
m def}_{
m l}) \ &+ rac{e^2Z_{
m h}(Z-Z_{
m h})}{R_{
m 12}} - E_{
m LD}(Z,A;0) \;, \end{aligned}$$

where Z, A and Z_h, A_h are the charge and mass numbers of the mother nucleus and the heavy fragment, respectively. The mass $A_h = A \cdot B_f(\text{def}_{sc})$ is fixed by the shape of the nucleus at scission, while def_h and def_l are the deformations of heavy and light fragment respectively and $B_f = \text{vol}(h)/\text{vol}(\text{total})$.

Total energy as a function of the fragment charge number



The above effect has to be taken into account at the end of each Langevin trajectory, when one fixes the (integer) fragment mass and charge numbers.

Distribution probability of the heavy-fragment charge number

The Wigner function corresponding to the thermal excitation E^* of the fissioning nucleus at the scission point:

$$W(Z_i) = e^{-\left(rac{E_i-E_{\min}}{E_{ ext{W}}}
ight)^2} \ ,$$

gives the distribution probability of the charge of the fragment:



Here E_{\min} is the lowest discrete energy as function of Z_i and a subsequent random number decides about the charge number $Z_{\rm h}$ of the heavy fragment, with $Z_{\rm l} = Z - Z_{\rm h}$. The parameter $E_{\rm W}$ is taken here around the $\hbar\omega_0$ value.

Effect of neutron evaporation on fission fragment yields of 2



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Map of isotopes produced in the fission of $^{236}\text{U}_{ m th}$





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Number of neutrons emitted by the fission fragments of $m ^{236}U_{th}$



Theory: K. P., B. Nerlo-Pomorska, C. Schmitt, Z.G. Xiao, Y.J. Chen, L.L. Liu, PRC **107**, 054616 (2023). Exp. data: A. Göök, F.-J. Hambsch, S. Oberstedt, M. Vidali, PRC **98**, 044615 (2018).

First observation of two modes in the spontaneous fission of 258 Fm*



* E. K. Hulet et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 56, 313 (1986); Phys. Rev. C 40, 770 (1989).

Estimates within the Lund-Kopenhagen-Berkeley-Honolulu 5D model*



* M. Albertsson, B.G. Carlsson, T. Dossing, P. Möller, J. Randrup, S. Åberg, PRC 104, 064616 (2021).

Potential energy surfaces of ^{248–254}Fm





Our model with the same parameter-set as for 236 U is used to describe fission of Fermium isotopes. Only a single 2nd saddle is visible in each of the ${}^{248-254}$ Fm isotopes.

Potential energy surfaces of ^{256–262}Fm





²⁶⁰Fm

0.27

0.18-

0.09-

0.00

262

fission barrier are visible in the PES for $^{256-258}$ Fm isotopes.

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0.27-

0.18-

0.09-

0.00-

-0.09

Different paths to fission in the PES of 258 Fm



Barrier heights and mass-yields corresponding to the asymmetric and the compact-symmetric paths*



The weighted mass-yield $Y_{
m th}$ is given by: $Y_{
m th}(A_f) = P_a \cdot Y_a(A_f) + P_s \cdot Y_s(A_f) \;,$ where $P_a + P_s = 1$ and $P_i = \exp(-S_i) / [\exp(-S_a) + \exp(-S_s)]$



is the relative fission barrier penetration probability and S_i is the WKB action-integral[†] along the path i.

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Fission fragment total kinetic energy yield of 258 Fm $_{ m sf}$



The TKE as a function of the fragments mass A_f corresponding to the asymmetric (a) and the compactsymmetric (s) modes.

Experimental data by Hulet et al. \longrightarrow





Fission of 250 Cf nucleus at E*=46 MeV and L=20 \hbar

Partial fusion cross-section for synthesis of 250 Cf:



 238 U + 12 C at E_{lab}=1461 MeV

The above estimate was done using the 1D Langevin code for fusion of Peter Fröbrich*.

* See, e.g., P. Fröbrich, Nucl. Phys. A545 (1992) 87c.

Cross-section (c, a_4) of the 4D PES of 250 Cf at T=0



The effect of temperature and rotation is taken into account in our dynamical calculations.

Fission fragment mass yield of 250 Cf at E*=46 MeV



All parameters of the calculation are the same as those used to describe fission of $^{236}U_{th}$ and $^{246-262}Fm_{sf}$ isotopes. Nothing is adjusted.

Exp. data: D. Ramos et al. Phys. Rev. c 99, 024615 (2019).

Fission fragment yield of 250 Cf at E*=46 MeV



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Effect of high-order deformations around the scission*



An asymmetric fission mode in some SHN with the heavy fragment mass $A \approx 208$ is predicted. * P.V. Kostryukov, A. Dobrowolski, B. Nerlo-Pomorska, M. Warda, Z.G. Xiao, Y.J. Chen, L.L. Liu, J.L. Tian, K. P., Chin. Phys. C **45**, 124108 (2021).

Summary:

- Rapidly convergent Fourier expansion of nuclear shape offers a very effective way of describing shapes of fissioning nuclei both in the vicinity of the ground-state and the scission point,
- Potential energy surfaces are evaluated in the macro-micro model using the LSD formula for the macroscopic part of energy and the Yukawa-folded single-particle potential to obtain the microscopic energy correction,
- The irrotational flow model and the Świątecki wall-formula are used to evaluate the mass and friction tensors,
- It was shown that a 3D Langevin model which couples the fission, neck and mass asymmetry modes describes well the main features of the fragment mass and kinetic energy yields.
- Multiplicity of neutrons emitted by the fission fragments is well reproduced by our model,
- Inclusion of the charge equilibration mode at scission allows to reproduce the measured isotopic yields,
- \bullet A very asymmetric fission mode with $A_h \approx 208$ is predicted in some superheavy nuclei.

FISSION FRAGMENT MASS AND KINETIC ENERGY YIELDS OF FERMIUM ISOTOPES

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Few (c, a_3) cross-sections of the PES of 258 Fm









Pre-fission fragment kinetic energy of 258 Fm $_{ m sf}$



Fission fragment mass-yield of 258 Fm $_{ m sf}$ *



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Fragment TKE of 258 Fm_{sf}



Average elongation of $^{258}\mathrm{Fm}_{\mathrm{sf}}$ at scission



Post-fission neutron multiplicity of 258 Fm $_{ m sf}$



Fragment excitation energy of 258 Fm_{sf}



An example of a grid on the (β, γ) plane and its projection on the (c, η)

