

Nuclear characterization of Quantum Dots

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Abstract:

Quantum dots are a new phase/allotropic form of carbon exhibiting various peculiar properties like photo luminescence, radio activity, laser coherent scattering etc. Typical size of the QDs estimated less than 10nm¹ (ie a subnano particle) such that it can be defined as constituent/sub particle of a nano particle falling in a special range between nuclear and nano regions.

Here is a case study of carbon QDs prepared from organic samples. The QDs show β activity with half life ranging from 141 to 408 secs.

1.Theory

The radioactivity decay law is

$$N_t = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\ln(N_t / N_0) = \ln(e^{-\lambda t})$$

$$\ln N_t - \ln N_0 = -\lambda t$$

$$\ln N_t = -\lambda t + \ln N_0$$

This eqn is of the type

$$Y = m X + C, \quad Y = \ln N_t, \quad \text{slope} = \lambda, \quad \text{intercept} = \ln N_0$$

Thus by plotting $\ln N_t$ vs t decay constant λ can be calculated.

The half life of the sample is given by

$$T_{1/2} = 0.693 / \lambda$$

$$\text{Initial radioactivity} = N_0 = e^{\text{intercept}}$$

Thus by determining λ of the sample, its half life, initial activity can be determined and hence the radioactive isotope can be identified.

2.Methodology

Organic materials are crushed and subjected to carbonization at a high temperature such that carbon sample is extracted. The carbon particles of different sizes are separated out and subjected to radio activity analysis Table 1 shows the β emission of this sample. Various radioactive decaying series can be identified with different decay constants (λ)

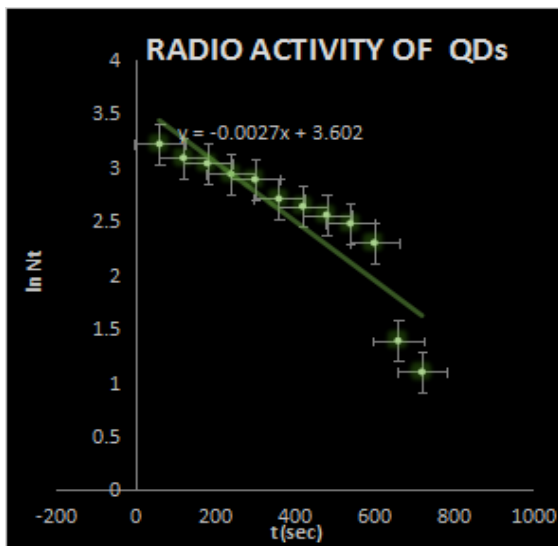
Sample 1:



Fig1,2,3,4

Table I:

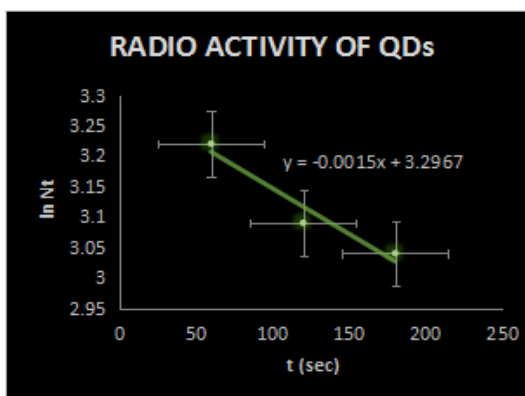
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1	60	25	3.218875825
2	120	22	3.091042453
3	180	21	3.044522438
4	240	19	2.944438979
5	300	18	2.890371758
6	360	15	2.708050201
7	420	14	2.63905733
8	480	13	2.564949357
9	540	12	2.48490665
10	600	10	2.302585093
11	660	4	1.386294361
12	720	3	1.098612289



sno	t(sec)	lnN _t (trunkated)
1	60	3.22
2	120	3.09
3	180	3.04
4	240	2.94
5	300	2.89
6	360	2.71
7	420	2.64
8	480	2.56
9	540	2.48
10	600	2.30
11	660	1.39
12	720	1.099

Graph1

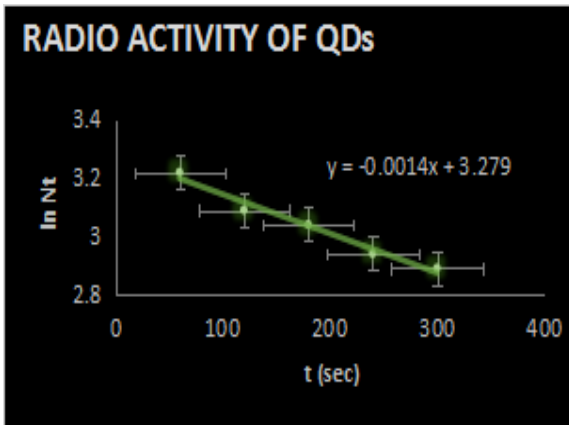
table 1



sno	t(sec)	lnN _t (trunkated)
1	60	3.22
2	120	3.09
3	180	3.04

Graph2

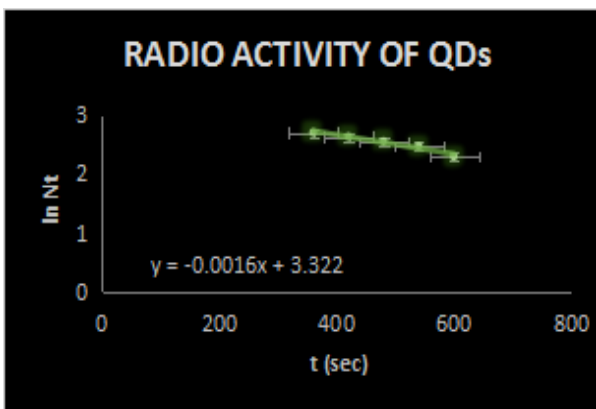
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Graph3

sno	t(sec)	lnNt (trunkated)
1	60	3.22
2	120	3.09
3	180	3.04
4	240	2.94
5	300	2.89

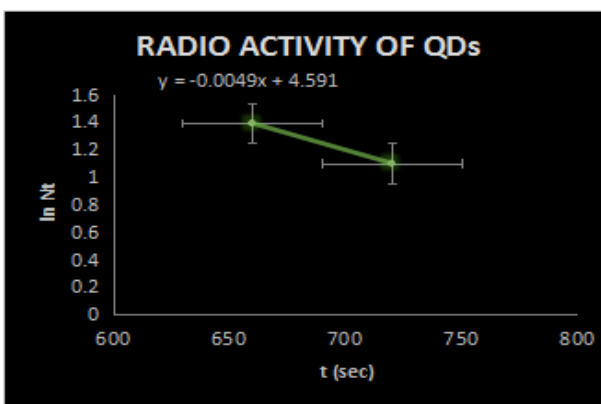
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Graph4

sno	t(sec)	lnNt (trunkated)
6	360	2.71
7	420	2.64
8	480	2.56
9	540	2.48
10	600	2.30

table4

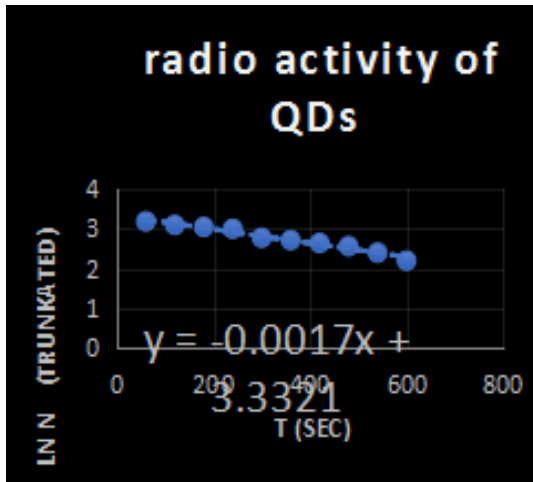


Graph5

sno	t(sec)	lnNt (trunkated)
11	660	1.39
12	720	1.099

table5

Sample 2:



Graph6

sno	t(sec)	N	ln N	ln N trunkated
1	60	24	3.17805383	3.18
2	120	22	3.091042453	3.09
3	180	21	3.044522438	3.04
4	240	20	2.995732274	2.996
5	300	16	2.772588722	2.77
6	360	15	2.708050201	2.71
7	420	14	2.63905733	2.64
8	480	13	2.564949357	2.56
9	540	11	2.397895273	2.398
10	600	9	2.197224577	2.197

table6

3.Result

sno	Sample	Linear fit	Decay constant (λ / sec)	Initial activity (N_0)	$T_{1/2}$ (sec) Radioactive isotope identified	remark	Nuclei identified
1	I	$Y=-0.0049X+4.591$	0.0049	99	141	Agreegate activity	82-Pb-215
2	I	$Y=-0.0027X+ 3.602$	0.0027	37	257	individual	?
3	I	$Y=-0.0014X+3.279$	0.0014	28	173	individual	86-Radon(Rn)-205
4	I	$Y=-0.0015X+3.2967$	0.0015	27	462	individual	83-Bismath(Bi)-215
5	I	$Y=-0.0016X+3.322$	0.0016	28	433	individual	93-Neptunium(Np)-240
6	II	$Y=-0.0017X+3.3321$	0.0017	28	408	individual	96-Curium(Cm)-236

4.Author’s note

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5. Conclusions

Decay series identified as



New isotopes identified are



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