

Problems from 30.1 - Radioactive Decay (Use your Isotope reference for this)

1. Find the missing particle or nucleus in these decays: (ignore neutrinos for this)

a.	b.	c.	d.
${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{51}_{22}\text{Ti} + ??$	${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{55}_{23}\text{V} + ??$	${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{55}_{25}\text{Mn} + ??$	${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} + ??$
${}^{43}_{19}\text{K} \rightarrow ?? + \gamma$	${}^{43}_{19}\text{K} \rightarrow ?? + \alpha$	${}^{43}_{19}\text{K} \rightarrow ?? + \beta^-$	${}^{43}_{19}\text{K} \rightarrow ?? + \beta^+$
$?? \rightarrow {}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + \beta^+$	$?? \rightarrow {}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + \alpha$	$?? \rightarrow {}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + \gamma$	$?? \rightarrow {}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + \beta^-$

Alpha Decay - Find the energy released in MeV of these alpha decays:

- ${}^{208}_{82}\text{Po} \text{ (m = 207.981222 u)} \rightarrow {}^{204}_{82}\text{Pb} \text{ (m = 203.973020 u)} + \alpha \text{ (5.216 MeV)}$
- ${}^{152}_{66}\text{Dy} \text{ (m = 151.9247139 u)} \rightarrow {}^{148}_{64}\text{Gd} \text{ (m = 147.9181098 u)} + \alpha \text{ (3.728 MeV)}$
- $\text{No-257 (m = 257.0968528 u)} \rightarrow \text{Fm-253 (m = 253.0851763 u)} + \alpha \text{ (8.452 MeV)}$
- $\text{Pa-226 (m = 226.0279327 u)} \rightarrow \text{Ac-222 (m = 222.0178289 u)} + \alpha \text{ (6.987 MeV)}$
- $\text{Am-234 (m = 234.0477940 u)} \rightarrow \text{Np-230 (m = 230.0378126 u)} + \alpha \text{ (6.873 MeV)}$

Balanced Beta decays

7. Imagine it is possible for the following nuclei to undergo both β^- and β^+ decay. Write the complete decay equation for each:

a. ${}^{19}_9\text{F}$	b. ${}^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$	c. ${}^{44}_{20}\text{Ca}$	d. ${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr}$
${}^{19}_9\text{F} \rightarrow {}^{19}_{10}\text{Ne} + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ${}^{19}_9\text{F} \rightarrow {}^{19}_8\text{O} + \beta^+ + \nu_e$	${}^{23}_{11}\text{Na} \rightarrow {}^{23}_{12}\text{Mg} + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ${}^{23}_{11}\text{Na} \rightarrow {}^{23}_{10}\text{Ne} + \beta^+ + \nu_e$	${}^{44}_{20}\text{Ca} \rightarrow {}^{44}_{21}\text{Sc} + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ${}^{44}_{20}\text{Ca} \rightarrow {}^{44}_{19}\text{K} + \beta^+ + \nu_e$	${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{55}_{25}\text{Mn} + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ${}^{55}_{24}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{55}_{23}\text{V} + \beta^+ + \nu_e$

Half Life and Decay Rates - Integer number of half life

- A radioactive substance has a half life of 13.0 s. If you have an activity of 480. counts per second initially, what is the activity in 65.0 s? (15.0 counts/s)
- A radioactive substance has a half life of 2.50 years. If you have 128. g initially, after what time do you have only 2.00 grams left? (15.0 years)
- A radioactive substance starts off with 3240 atoms, and in 48.0 minutes, is down to 405 atoms. What is its half life? (16.0 minutes)
- A radioactive substance has a half life of 47.0 s. If you have 1920 g initially, how much is left after 329 s? (15.0 grams)
- A radioactive substance has a half life of 12.0 minutes. If you have an activity of 5.12×10^4 counts/sec initially, after what time do you have an activity of 1.28×10^4 counts/sec? (24.0 minutes)
- A radioactive substance starts off with 3.20×10^{20} atoms, and in 85.0 minutes, is down to 1.00×10^{19} atoms. What is its half life? (17.0 minutes)

Half life and Decay Rates:

- You have 45.0 grams initially of a sample with a half-life of 178 seconds. In what time will there be only 13.0 grams left? (319 s)
- You have 78.0 grams of undecayed nuclei initially, and in 68.0 hours you have only 45.0 grams left. What is the half-life in hours? (85.7 hours)
- A sample has a half-life of 13.7 seconds. If its activity is initially 196 counts per second, what will it be in 60.0 seconds? (9.42 counts/sec)
- A sample has a half-life of 34.0 minutes. If after 87.0 minutes the activity is 137 counts per second, what was the activity initially? (807 counts/sec)
- At first the activity of a radioactive sample is 278 counts per minute, and after 17.0 hours the activity is 171 counts per minute. What is the half-life of the sample in hours? (24.2 hours)
- What is the activity of 13.0 g of Co-60 (m = 59.934 u) if it has a half life of 5.2708 years? (5.44×10^{14} counts/sec)
- You have 0.150 g of S-35 (m = 34.969 u), and the activity is 2.37×10^{14} counts/s. What is the half life of S-35? (87.4 days)
- A sample of P-32 (m = 31.974 u) has a half life of 14.262 days. How many grams do you have if it has an activity of 4.20×10^{15} counts/sec? (0.397 g)
- What is the activity of 1.20 μg of Sr-90 (m = 89.908 u) if it has a half life of 28.79 years? (6.13×10^6 counts/s)
- If you have 0.0340 g of O-15 (m = 15.003) and the activity is 7.736×10^{18} counts/sec. What is its half life? (122 s)
- A sample of C-11 (m = 11.0114 u) has a half life of 20.39 minutes. How many grams do you have if it has an activity of 3.10×10^{13} counts/sec? (1.00 μg)