

2.18) Electron at rest is accelerated across a potential of 5×10^6 volts

a) What is its final kinetic energy?

$$E = 5 \text{ MeV}$$

by definition: 1 eV is the increase in kinetic energy of an electron when it is accelerated by a potential of 1 V

b) total energy?

$$E_T = E + E_{\text{rest}}$$

$$E_T = 5.511 \text{ MeV}$$

and $E_{\text{rest}} = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$
for electron

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this is $8.186 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$

c) what is final mass?

$$E_T = mc^2$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{E_T}{c^2} = \frac{(5.511 \text{ MeV})(1.602 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J/MeV})}{(2.9979 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s})^2} \left(\frac{10^{-9} \text{ kg}}{\text{J}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{g-cm}^2/\text{s}^2}{\text{erg}} \right)$$

$$m = 9.825 \times 10^{-27} \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ amu}}{1.66054 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}} = 5.917 \times 10^{-3} \text{ amu}$$

note that m_0 (rest mass) = $9.10956 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g}$

$$\therefore \frac{m}{m_0} = 10.78$$

mass of electron relative to an observer has increased by more than a factor of 10

alternate formula

see notes

$$\frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{E_{\text{rest}}^2}{E_{\text{Total}}^2}} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{0.511}{5.511} \right)^2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{v}{c} = 0.9957$$

$$\text{and } m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{m}{m_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (0.9957)^2}} = 10.78$$

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Compute the speed and momentum of the following particles:

a. 1 MeV neutron

classical approach

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \quad p = m v$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(1 \text{ MeV}) \left(\frac{1.602 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}}{\text{MeV}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{s}^2}{\text{J}} \right)}{1.674929 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1.9129 \times 10^{14} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}}$$

$$= 1.383 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$$

since $c = 2.997925 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

$$\frac{v}{c} = 0.0461$$

< 5% the speed of light

$$p = m_0 v = (1.6749 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}) (1.383 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s})$$

$$= 2.316 \times 10^{-20} \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}} = 2.316 \times 10^{-20} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

$m = m_0$

relativistic approach

$$E = E_t - E_{\text{rest}} = E_{\text{rest}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{E_{\text{rest}}^2}{E_t^2}}$$

$$E_{\text{rest}} = 939.5656 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_t = E + E_{\text{rest}} = 940.5656 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{939.5656^2}{940.5656^2}}$$

$$\frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - 0.99787} = 0.0461$$

Same as above

∴ classical formula is okay

b. 1 MeV electron

here we will definitely need the relativistic approach

$$\frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{E_{\text{rest}}^2}{E_t^2}}$$

$$E_{\text{rest}} = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_t = 1.511 \text{ MeV}$$

note $m_0 = 9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{0.511^2}{1.511^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - 0.1144} = 0.941$$

$$v = 0.941c$$

∴ 94% the speed of light

$$p = m v = \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{E^2 + 2E E_{\text{rest}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{1 + 2(1)(0.511)}$$

$$= 7.599 \times 10^{-22} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

$$= \frac{1.422 \text{ MeV}}{2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \times \frac{1.602 \times 10^{-13} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{MeV}}$$

c. 1 MeV gamma ray

$$\frac{v}{c} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{v = c}$$

electromagnetic radiation travels at the speed of light

$$p = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{1 \text{ MeV}}{2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \times \frac{1.602 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}\cdot\text{m}}{\text{MeV}}$$

$$\boxed{p = 5.344 \times 10^{-22} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}}$$

Summary

for 1 MeV particles

	v/c	p (N-s)
neutron	0.0461	2.32×10^{-20}
electron	0.941	7.60×10^{-22}
photon	1.000	5.34×10^{-22}

Wave-Particle Duality

We often refer to gamma radiation as a gamma ray particle (as in the previous problem)

Compute the de Broglie wavelength for a 1 MeV gamma ray and discuss whether it behaves more like a particle or an electromagnetic wave. Explain/justify your choice.

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

$$\text{where } h = \text{Planck's constant} \\ = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$$

Thus for a 1 MeV gamma ray, we computed the momentum as $p = 5.344 \times 10^{-22} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}\cdot\text{s}}{5.344 \times 10^{-22} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}}$$

recall
 $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$

$$\text{or } \lambda = 1.240 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

For particle-like behavior, we argued that the wavelength must be much less than the characteristic dimension of an atom, with $R \approx 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

$$\therefore \frac{R}{\lambda} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-10}}{1.24 \times 10^{-12}} \approx 161$$

The atomic radius is about 160 times the wavelength of a 1 MeV gamma

\therefore particle-like interactions are observed

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F-18 is a β^+ emitter and it is one of the primary isotopes used for generating positron emission tomography (PET) images for medical diagnostics.

F-18 is usually produced in a cyclotron by bombarding O-18 with high energy protons. For production of F-18 via the $^{18}\text{O}(p,n)^{18}\text{F}$ reaction, determine the minimum allowable energy of the incident protons.



Note that F-18 on the product side of the reaction eqn has been written with a +1 charge since it has 9 protons but only 8 electrons (since there were only 8 electrons available in the O-18 target).

However, the F-18 ion quickly captures an electron from the surrounding to neutralize itself.

In writing the mass-energy balance eqns, we can conceptually add one electron mass to each side of the equation to produce neutral H-1 on the left side and neutral F-18 on the right side — giving 9 electrons for both the products and reactants.

Thus, for computing the Q value, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{value}} &= \left\{ \left[m({}^{18}_8\text{O}) + m({}^1_1\text{H}) \right] - \left[m({}^{18}_9\text{F}) + m_{\text{n}} \right] \right\} c^2 \\ &= \left[(17.999160 + 1.007825) - (18.000938 + 1.008665) \right] \times 931.5 \\ &= (19.006985 - 19.009603) \times 931.5 \\ &= -(0.002618)(931.5) \\ &= \boxed{-2.439 \text{ MeV}} \quad \text{endothermic (i.e. threshold reaction)} \end{aligned}$$

↖ Thus, the incident proton energy must be greater than $\sim 2.5 \text{ MeV}$ (usually much greater ...)

Neutron Reactions in Al²⁷

Neutron bombardment of Al²⁷ can lead to several different nuclear reactions. In particular, for the following, specify reactions of the form $\alpha(b, c)d$, determine the reaction product d and the Q value for the reaction.

(a) ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}(n, \gamma)?$



$$Q = \left\{ \left[m({}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}) + m_n \right] - \left[m({}_{13}^{28}\text{Al}) \right] \right\} c^2$$

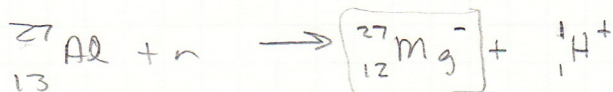
$$= \left\{ \left[26.981538 + 1.008665 \right] - \left[27.981910 \right] \right\} 931.5$$

$$= (0.008293)(931.5) = \boxed{7.72 \text{ MeV}} \quad \text{exothermic}$$

mass of reactants ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al} + n$
= 27.990203 amu

for all cases

(b) ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}(n, p)?$



$$Q = \left\{ \left[m({}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}) + m_n \right] - \left[m({}_{12}^{27}\text{Mg}) + m({}_1^1\text{H}) \right] \right\} c^2$$

$$= \left\{ 27.990203 - \left[26.984341 + 1.007825 \right] \right\} 931.5$$

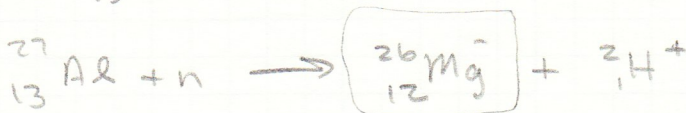
$$= (-0.001963) 931.5$$

$$= \boxed{-1.83 \text{ MeV}} \quad \text{endothermic}$$

\therefore need greater than 1.83 MeV of energy to initiate this reaction

threshold reaction \Rightarrow

(c) ${}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}(n, d)?$

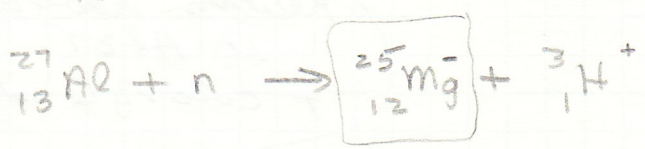


$$Q = \left\{ \left[m({}_{13}^{27}\text{Al}) + m_n \right] - \left[m({}_{12}^{26}\text{Mg}) + m({}_1^2\text{H}) \right] \right\} c^2$$

$$= \left\{ 27.990203 - \left[25.982593 + 2.014102 \right] \right\} 931.5$$

$$= (-0.006492)(931.5) = \boxed{-6.05 \text{ MeV}} \quad \text{endothermic}$$

d) ${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} (n, t) ?$



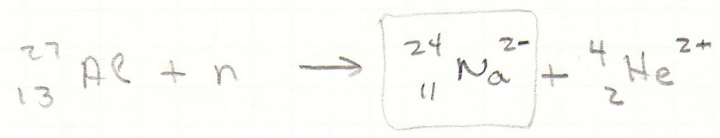
$$Q = \{ [m({}^{27}_{13}\text{Al}) + m_n] - [m({}^{25}_{12}\text{Mg}) + m({}^3_1\text{H})] \} c^2$$

$$= \{ 27.990203 - [24.985837 + 3.016049] \} 931.5$$

$$= (-0.011683)(931.5) = \boxed{-10.88 \text{ MeV}}$$

endothermic

e) ${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} (n, \alpha) ?$



$$Q = \{ [m({}^{27}_{13}\text{Al}) + m_n] - [m({}^{24}_{11}\text{Na}) + m({}^4_2\text{He})] \} c^2$$

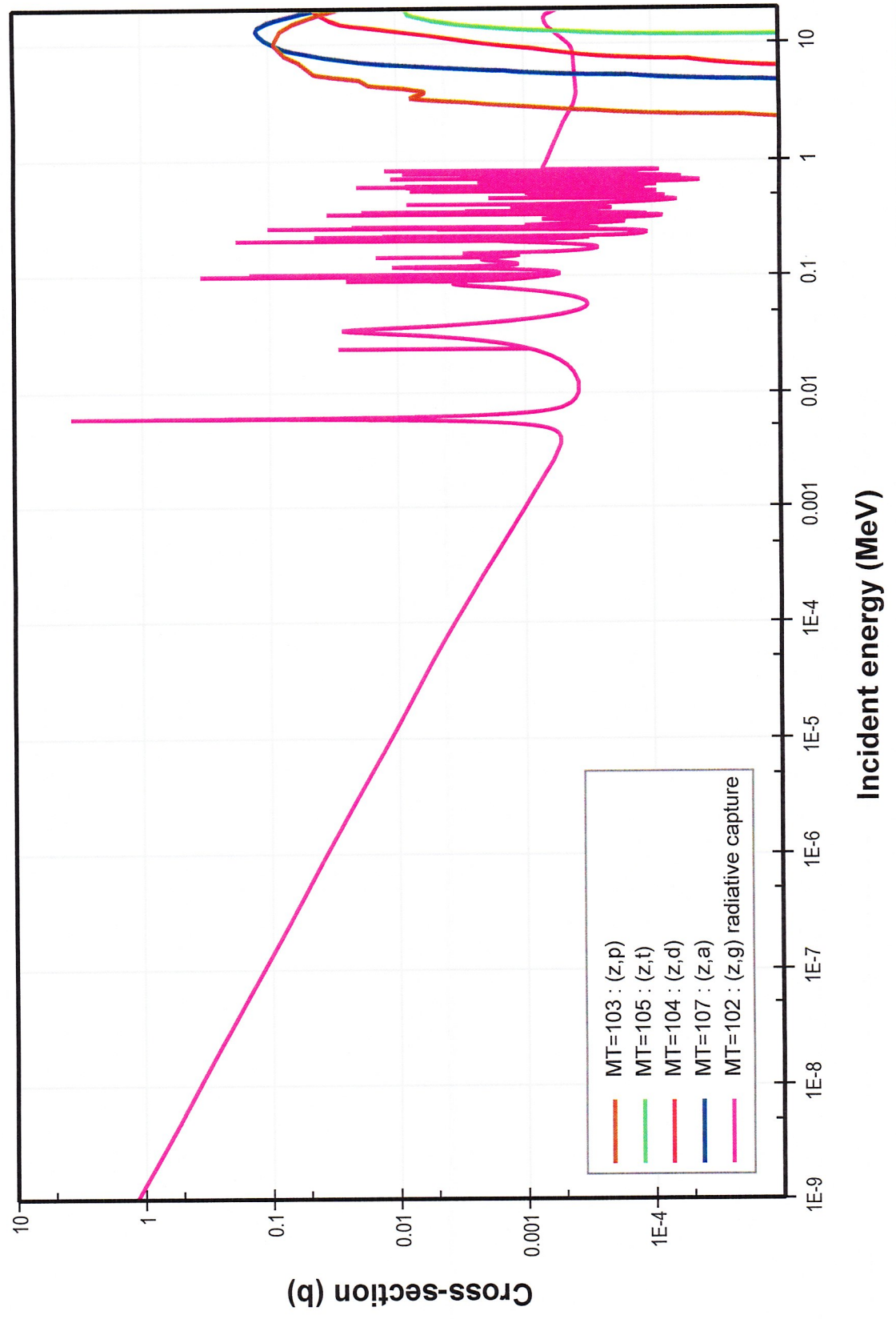
$$= \{ 27.990203 - [23.990963 + 4.002603] \} 931.5$$

$$= (-0.003363)(931.5) = \boxed{-3.13 \text{ MeV}}$$

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Incident neutron data / ENDF/B-VII.0 / Al27 // Cross section



a. Determine the binding energy per nucleon for O-16 and O-17.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{O-16} \quad BE/A &= \left[8m({}_1^1\text{H}) + 8m_n - M({}_8^{16}\text{O}) \right] c^2 / 16 \\
 &= \left[8(1.007825) + 8(1.008665) - 15.994915 \right] \frac{931.5}{16} \\
 &= (16.131920 - 15.994915) \frac{931.5}{16} \\
 &= \boxed{7.976 \text{ MeV per nucleon}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{O-17} \quad BE/A &= \left[8m({}_1^1\text{H}) + 9m_n - M({}_8^{17}\text{O}) \right] c^2 / 17 \\
 &= \left[8(1.007825) + 9(1.008665) - 16.999132 \right] \frac{931.5}{17} \\
 &= (17.140585 - 16.999132) \frac{931.5}{17} \\
 &= \boxed{7.751 \text{ MeV per nucleon}}
 \end{aligned}$$

BE/A is higher for O-16 than O-17. This implies that O-16 is a more stable isotope. In particular, O-16 has an even number of protons and an even number of neutrons (even Z, even N) but O-17 has an odd neutron number.

In general, the even-even pairing leads to greater stability...

b. Determine the neutron separation energy for O-16 and O-17.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{O-16} \quad {}_8^{15}\text{O} + n &\rightarrow {}_8^{16}\text{O} \\
 E_s = Q_{\text{value}} &= \left\{ \left[m({}_8^{15}\text{O}) + m_n \right] - m({}_8^{16}\text{O}) \right\} c^2 \\
 &= \left[(15.003065 + 1.008665) - 15.994915 \right] 931.5 \\
 &= (16.011730 - 15.994915) (931.5) \\
 &= \boxed{15.66 \text{ MeV}} \quad \leftarrow \text{This is the amount of energy that would be needed to remove a neutron from O-16}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{O-17} \quad {}_8^{16}\text{O} + n &\rightarrow {}_8^{17}\text{O} \\
 E_s = Q_{\text{value}} &= \left\{ \left[m({}_8^{16}\text{O}) + m_n \right] - m({}_8^{17}\text{O}) \right\} c^2 \\
 &= \left[(15.994915 + 1.008665) - 16.999132 \right] 931.5 \\
 &= (17.003580 - 16.999132) 931.5 = \boxed{4.143 \text{ MeV}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, $E_{s \text{ O-16}} > E_{s \text{ O-17}}$ since O-16 is a more stable isotope...