

Aim: Atomic Mass Unit Nuclear Mass & Energy

1 amu =  $\frac{1}{12}$  the mass of an atom of Carbon 12

$$1 u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$1 \text{ proton} = 1.0073 u$$

$$1 \text{ neutron} = 1.0087 u$$

$$1 \text{ electron} = 0.0005 u$$

Revise Book p.178: Given Helium 2 protons 2 neutrons

mass of helium nucleus = 4.0016 u

$$2 \text{ protons} = 2(1.0073 u) = 2.0146 u$$

$$2(1.0087 u) = 2.0174 u$$

4.0320 u Mass of 4 individual

(overall

nucleus

individual nucleus - Mass of the nucleus = Difference Mass Deficit

$$4.0320 u - 4.0016 u = 0.0304 u \text{ to separate the nucleus}$$

\* Due to energy needed

\* Sum of these <sup>individual</sup> Mass of the nucleus (protons + neutrons <sup>individ.</sup>) must be greater than the overall mass of the nucleus.

MeV Convert ~~the~~ Difference to Energy <sup>1 MeV = 1,000,000 eV</sup>  
1 u = 931 MeV

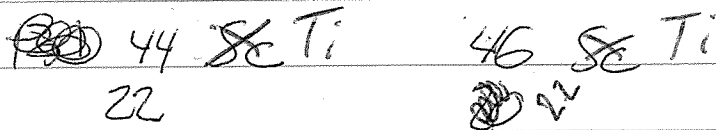
Convert the mass from the above problem to MeV

$$0.0304 u \times \frac{931 \text{ MeV}}{1 u} = 28.3 \text{ MeV}$$

Find the ~~mass~~<sup>energy</sup> in Joules to convert ~~kg~~ into ~~Joules~~<sup>1 Proton Energy (MeV)</sup>  
of energy

$$m_u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

Isotope - Elements that have the same number of protons & electrons, but a different number of neutrons



### Equipment

Particle Accelerator accelerates charged particles (protons)  
- cyclotron - Particle Accelerator

Cloud Chamber - uses water vapor to detect <sup>charged</sup> particles

Van de Graaff Generator - Used to provide <sup>energy</sup> to a positively charged particles to penetrate the nucleus

Geiger Counter - Detect sub-atomic particles that exit the nucleus (Measures radiation)

## 4/30/06 Radioactive Decay

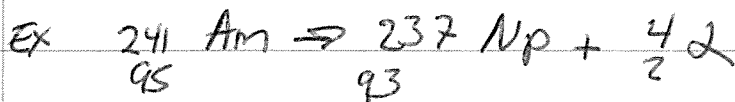
- Process whereby unstable atomic nuclei decay
- \* - Every decay involves the emission of the following radiations

Alpha  $\alpha$       Beta  $\beta$       Gamma  $\gamma$

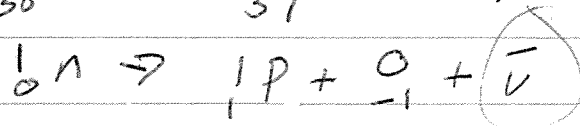
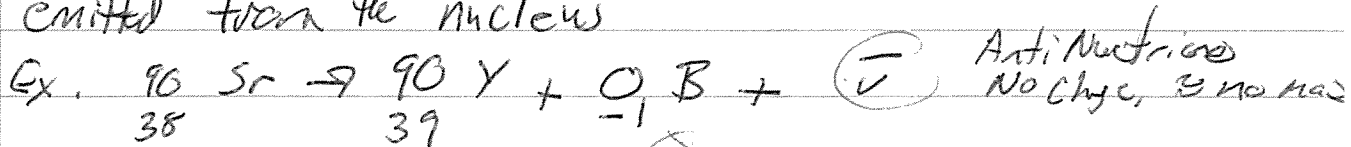
All radiations are ionising - collisions occur & electrons are removed from the atom.

Detection - Geiger-Muller Tube (Gieger Counter) can count the number of ionising radiations that enter the device  
 Cloud/Bubble Chamber - Gas is cooled, Gas molecules condense on any ionized molecules present  
 Photographic Emulsion - Particles ionize atoms along their path, Film dev. path is recorded

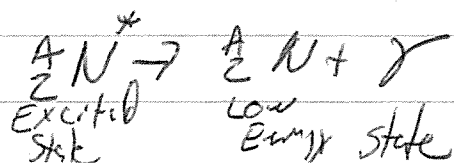
Alpha - Alpha particles are helium nuclei  ${}^4_2\text{He}$ . In alpha decay, a chunk of nucleus is emitted. Part that remains will be a different nuclide

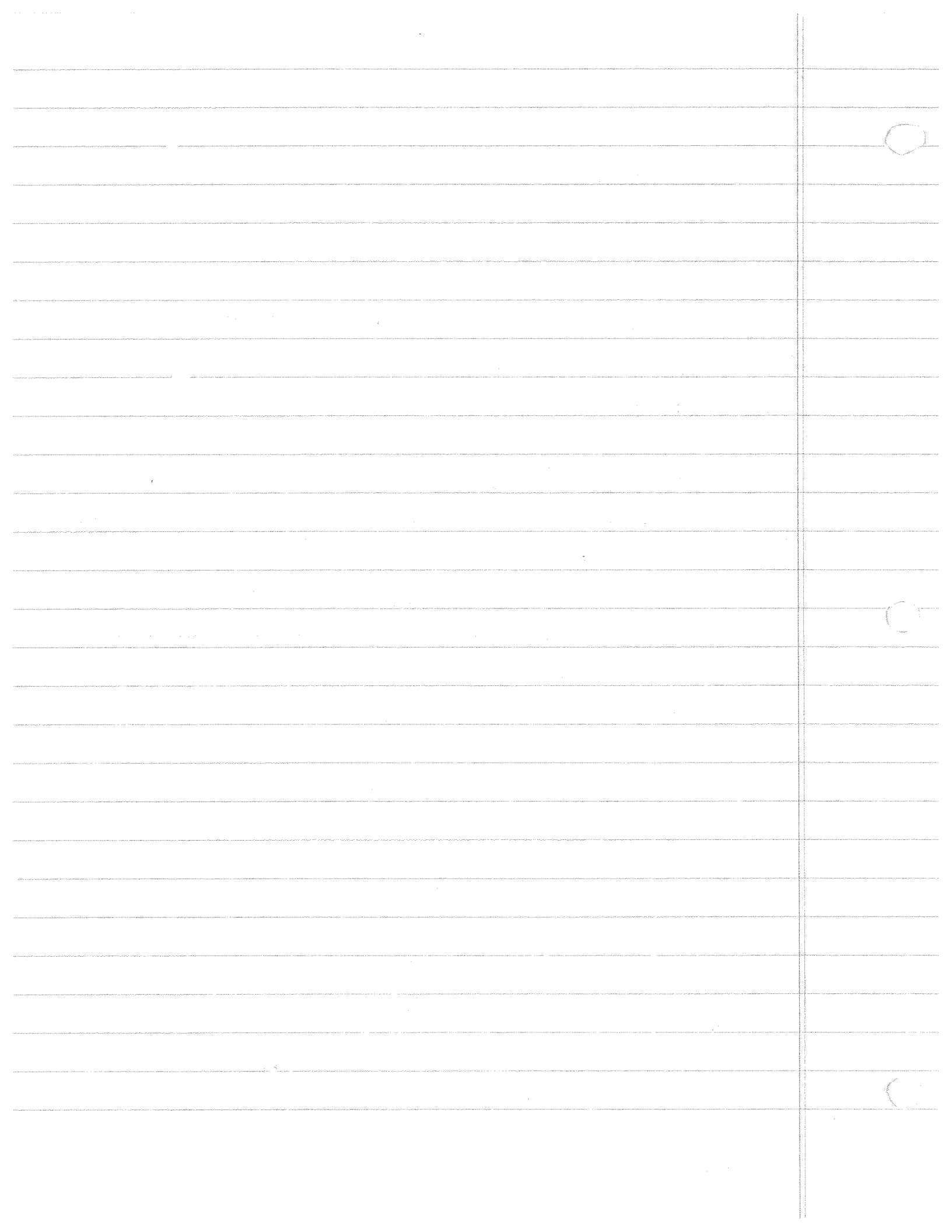


Beta - Beta particles are electrons (ex.  ${}^0_{-1}\text{B} = {}^0_{-1}\text{e}^-$ ) emitted from the nucleus



Gamma - After emission, the nucleus has less energy, but its mass number & atomic number have not changed. Changed from an excited state to a lower energy state





## Radio Active Decay

Beta particles emit less KE than predicted

save energy lost during beta decay

Pauli - New Particle, very hard to detect that was carrying away missing KE & momentum = Neutrinos  
Neutral  $\approx 0$  mass, travel speed of light

## Radio Active Decay Law

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

$N_0$  - Original number of atoms in the sample

$N$  - Number of atoms remaining after time  $t$

$\lambda$  - Decay constant

$e$  - Math constant

## Relationship Between Decay Constant & half life

$$\frac{N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}}{N_0} \rightarrow \frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-\lambda t} \rightarrow \frac{N_0}{N} = e^{\lambda t}$$

When  $t = t_{1/2}$ ,  $N$  will be half of  $N_0$

$$t = T_{1/2} \text{ then } N = \frac{N_0}{2} \rightarrow 2 = \frac{N_0}{N} \text{ So } 2 = e^{\lambda T_{1/2}}$$

Natural log both sides

$$\ln 2 = \ln e^{\lambda T_{1/2}} \quad \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda T_{1/2}}{\lambda}$$

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$$

A sample of radioactive isotope originally contains  $1.0 \times 10^{24}$  atoms  
 & it has a half-life of 6.0 hours. Find

- Decay constant
- Number of atoms remaining after 30 minutes

$$a) \quad T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{6 \times 3600 \text{ s}} = 3.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

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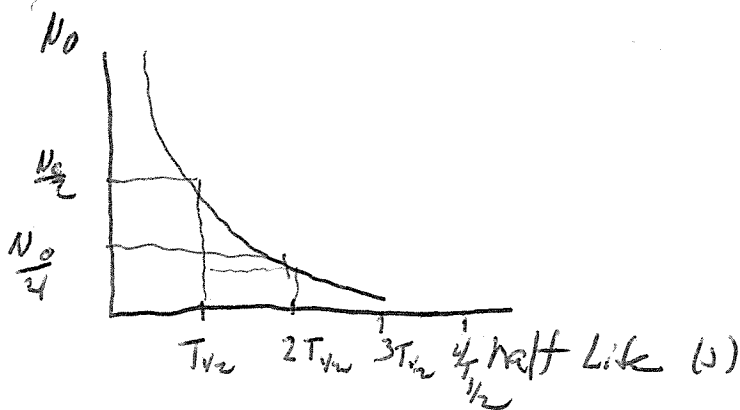
$$T_{1/2} (\text{in Sec}) = 6 \text{ hrs} \times \frac{3600 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

$$b) \quad N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$(1.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ atoms}) e^{-(3.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 1800 \text{ s})}$$

$$t = 30 \text{ min} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = 1800 \text{ s}$$

$$N = 9.4 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$$

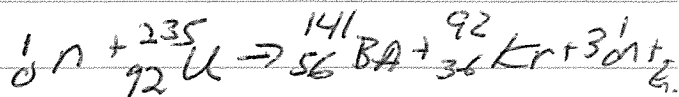


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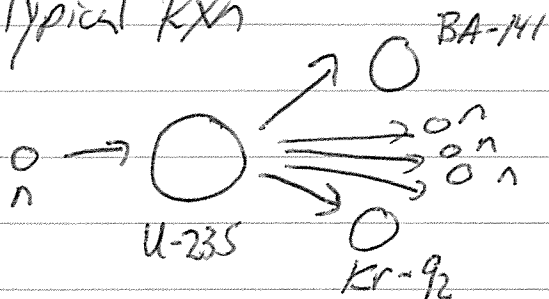
# Nuclear Fission, Fusion, & Antimatter

Fission - Nuclear Rxn whereby large nuclei are induced to break-up into smaller nuclei & release energy in the process (ie. Nuclear Reactor / Atomic Bomb)

- Ex. use  $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$



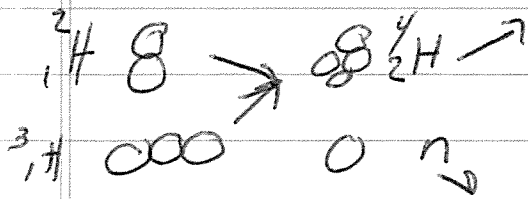
Typical Rxn



Chain Rxn - 3 new neutrons to break apart other  $\text{U-235}$

Fusion - Small nuclei are induced to join together into large nuclei & release energy in the process (ie. Sun)

Ex. - 2 isotopes of hydrogen to produce He



Binding Energy - When a nuclear rxn occurs the products are in a lower energy state than the reactants. Mass loss must be the same of this energy

Antimatter - Every form of matter has its equivalent form of anti-matter. If matter & anti-matter come together, they would annihilate each other. Antimatter is rare but exists

