

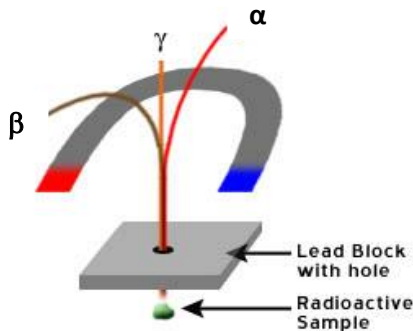
Part I: Matching. Accomplishments of each scientist.

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| _____ 1. Henri Becquerel    | A. Most cited theoretical physicist in last 5 years.              |
| _____ 2. Marie Curie        | B. Derived the equation for converting mass to energy.            |
| _____ 3. Cockcroft & Walton | C. Nobel Prize, 2002, for discovering neutrinos.                  |
| _____ 4. E. O. Lawrence     | D. "Mysterious rock" fogged his photographic plates.              |
| _____ 5. Albert Einstein    | E. Found the "J/Psi" particle, and the gluon.                     |
| _____ 6. Lene Vestergaard   | F. Two Nobel prizes, and discovered several radioactive elements. |
| _____ 7. Sau Lan Wu         | G. Slowed light down to 17m/s in ultra-cold gas.                  |
| _____ 8. Lisa Randall       | H. Gold-foil experiment, bombarded with alpha.                    |
| _____ 9. Davis & Koshiba    | I. Built the first Linear Accelerator.                            |
| _____ 10. Ernest Rutherford | J. Built the first Cyclotron. Element named after him.            |

Part II: Problem-solving. Show all work to get full credit.

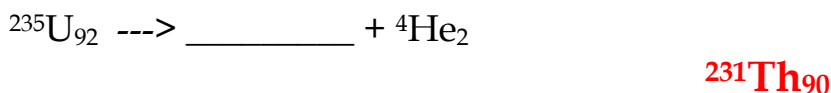
1. Which Is Alpha, Beta, and Gamma?

Label the diagram.



**Solution: Use Right-hand Rule.**

2. What is the missing nucleus from this equation?



3. Calculate the mass defect for Tritium, ( ${}^3_1\text{H}$ ) a radioactive isotope of hydrogen.

Assume:

$$m_p = 1.007825 \text{ u}$$

$$m_n = 1.008665 \text{ u}$$

$$m_T = 3.01605 \text{ u}$$

**Solution:  $1.007825 + 2(1.008665) - 3.01605$**

**$.009105 \text{ u}$**

4. Calculate the binding energy in MeV for the Tritium, in #3.

**Solution:  $.009105 \times 931.5$**

**$8.481 \text{ MeV}$**

5. Calculate the binding energy per nucleon (MeV/nucleon) for Tritium, in #3 and #4.

**Solution:  $8.481/3 \text{ nucleons}$**

**$2.8271 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$**

6. An alpha particle is emitted from a radioactive source with an energy of 10.0 MeV. How fast is it moving (in m/s)?

Solution:  $v = \sqrt{(2 \cdot 10 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}) / (4 \cdot 1.67 \times 10^{-27})}$

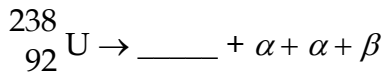
**2.2x10<sup>7</sup> m/s**

7. An isotope has a half-life of 15.3 years. Assume we have 15 kg of the substance. How much will be left after 40 years?

Solution:  $A = 15 \text{ kg} / 2^{(40/15.3)}$

**2.45 kg**

8. What value of Z (atomic number) and A (mass number) result in the following nuclear decay equation?



9. How much Nitrogen-13 is left from an original radioactive amount of 25 g after 45 minutes? The activity constant for this isotope is 1.16x10<sup>-6</sup> /s.

Solution:  $A = 25 \text{ g} \cdot e^{(-1.16 \times 10^{-6} \times 45 \times 60)}$

**24.92 g**

10. Based on the data given in #9, what is the half-life of Nitrogen-13 in minutes?

$T_{1/2} = .693 / 1.16 \times 10^{-6}$

**9959 min.**

11. Name the 5 Particle Detectors.

Draw one of them below.

\_\_\_\_\_ **in your notes** \_\_\_\_\_

(Make sure you can draw one.)

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12. Which one of the following statements is true concerning the proton? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) The proton cannot be further subdivided.
- (b) The proton is composed of two up quarks and a down quark.**
- (c) The proton is composed of two down quarks and an up quark.
- (d) The proton is composed of a down quark and an up quark.
- (e) The proton is composed of an up quark and a down quark.

13. Which one of the following statements is the best explanation as to why *nuclear fusion* is not at present used to generate electric power? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Fusion produces too much radiation.
- (b) Fusion requires isotopes that are scarce.
- (c) Fusion processes can result in nuclear explosions.
- (d) Fusion results in large amounts of radioactive waste.

**(e) Fusion requires very high temperatures that are difficult to contain.**