Chapter 42

1. Kinetic energy (we use the classical formula since v is much less than c) is converted into potential energy (see Eq. 24-43). From Appendix F or G, we find Z=3 for lithium and Z=90 for thorium; the charges on those nuclei are therefore 3e and 90e, respectively. We manipulate the terms so that one of the factors of e cancels the "e" in the kinetic energy unit MeV, and the other factor of e is set to be 1.6×10^{-19} C. We note that $k=1/4\pi\varepsilon_0$ can be written as 8.99×10^9 V·m/C. Thus, from energy conservation, we have

$$K = U \Rightarrow r = \frac{kq_1q_2}{K} = \frac{\left(8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{V} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{C}}\right) \left(3 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}\right) \left(90e\right)}{3.00 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}}$$

which yields $r = 1.3 \times 10^{-13}$ m (or about 130 fm).

2. Our calculation is similar to that shown in Sample Problem — "Rutherford scattering of an alpha particle by a gold nucleus." We set

$$K = 5.30 \,\mathrm{MeV} = U = (1/4\pi\varepsilon_0)(q_\alpha q_{\mathrm{Cu}}/r_{\mathrm{min}})$$

and solve for the closest separation, r_{\min} :

$$r_{\min} = \frac{q_{\alpha}q_{\text{Cu}}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}K} = \frac{kq_{\alpha}q_{\text{Cu}}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}K} = \frac{(2e)(29)(1.60\times10^{-19} \text{ C})(8.99\times10^{9} \text{ V}\cdot\text{m/C})}{5.30\times10^{6} \text{ eV}}$$
$$= 1.58\times10^{-14} \text{ m} = 15.8 \text{ fm}.$$

We note that the factor of e in $q_{\alpha} = 2e$ was not set equal to 1.60×10^{-19} C, but was instead allowed to cancel the "e" in the non-SI energy unit, electron-volt.

3. Kinetic energy (we use the classical formula since v is much less than c) is converted into potential energy. From Appendix F or G, we find Z=3 for lithium and Z=110 for Ds; the charges on those nuclei are therefore 3e and 110e, respectively. From energy conservation, we have

$$K = U = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{q_{\rm Li} q_{\rm Ds}}{r}$$

which yields

$$r = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{q_{\text{Li}} q_{\text{Ds}}}{K} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(3 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(110 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}{(10.2 \text{ MeV})(1.60 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J/MeV})}$$
$$= 4.65 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m} = 46.5 \text{ fm}.$$

4. In order for the α particle to penetrate the gold nucleus, the separation between the centers of mass of the two particles must be no greater than

$$r = r_{\text{Cu}} + r_{\alpha} = 6.23 \text{ fm} + 1.80 \text{ fm} = 8.03 \text{ fm}.$$

Thus, the minimum energy K_{α} is given by

$$K_{\alpha} = U = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}} \frac{q_{\alpha}q_{Au}}{r} = \frac{kq_{\alpha}q_{Au}}{r}$$
$$= \frac{\left(8.99 \times 10^{9} \text{ V} \cdot \text{m/C}\right)\left(2e\right)\left(79\right)\left(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}\right)}{8.03 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}} = 28.3 \times 10^{6} \text{ eV}.$$

We note that the factor of e in $q_{\alpha} = 2e$ was not set equal to 1.60×10^{-19} C, but was instead carried through to become part of the final units.

5. The conservation laws of (classical kinetic) energy and (linear) momentum determine the outcome of the collision (see Chapter 9). The final speed of the α particle is

$$v_{\alpha f} = \frac{m_{\alpha} - m_{Au}}{m_{\alpha} + m_{\Delta u}} v_{\alpha i},$$

and that of the recoiling gold nucleus is

$$v_{\mathrm{Au},f} = \frac{2m_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} + m_{\mathrm{Au}}} v_{\alpha i}.$$

(a) Therefore, the kinetic energy of the recoiling nucleus is

$$K_{\text{Au},f} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{Au}} v_{\text{Au},f}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{Au}} \left(\frac{2m_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} + m_{\text{Au}}} \right)^2 v_{\alpha i}^2 = K_{\alpha i} \frac{4m_{\text{Au}} m_{\alpha}}{\left(m_{\alpha} + m_{\text{Au}} \right)^2}$$
$$= (5.00 \text{ MeV}) \frac{4(197 \text{ u})(4.00 \text{ u})}{\left(4.00 \text{ u} + 197 \text{ u} \right)^2}$$
$$= 0.390 \text{ MeV}.$$

(b) The final kinetic energy of the alpha particle is

$$K_{\alpha f} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} v_{\alpha f}^{2} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \left(\frac{m_{\alpha} - m_{Au}}{m_{\alpha} + m_{Au}} \right)^{2} v_{\alpha i}^{2} = K_{\alpha i} \left(\frac{m_{\alpha} - m_{Au}}{m_{\alpha} + m_{Au}} \right)^{2}$$
$$= (5.00 \text{ MeV}) \left(\frac{4.00 \text{ u} - 197 \text{ u}}{4.00 \text{ u} + 197 \text{ u}} \right)^{2}$$
$$= 4.61 \text{ MeV}.$$

We note that $K_{\alpha f} + K_{Au,f} = K_{\alpha i}$ is indeed satisfied.

- 6. (a) The atomic number Z = 39 corresponds to the element yttrium (see Appendix F and/or Appendix G).
- (b) The atomic number Z = 53 corresponds to iodine.
- (c) A detailed listing of stable nuclides (such as the Web site http://nucleardata. nuclear.lu.se/nucleardata) shows that the stable isotope of yttrium has 50 neutrons (this can also be inferred from the Molar Mass values listed in Appendix F).
- (d) Similarly, the stable isotope of iodine has 74 neutrons.
- (e) The number of neutrons left over is 235 127 89 = 19.
- 7. For ⁵⁵Mn the mass density is

$$\rho_m = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{0.055 \text{kg/mol}}{\left(4\pi/3\right) \left[\left(1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}\right) \left(55\right)^{1/3} \right]^3 \left(6.02 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}\right)} = 2.3 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3.$$

(b) For ²⁰⁹Bi,

$$\rho_m = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{0.209 \,\mathrm{kg / mol}}{(4\pi / 3) \left(1.2 \times 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{m}\right) (209)^{1/3} \, ^3 \left(6.02 \times 10^{23} / \mathrm{mol}\right)} = 2.3 \times 10^{17} \,\mathrm{kg / m^3}.$$

- (c) Since $V \propto r^3 = (r_0 A^{1/3})^3 \propto A$, we expect $\rho_m \propto A / V \propto A / A \approx \text{const.}$ for all nuclides.
- (d) For ⁵⁵Mn, the charge density is

$$\rho_q = \frac{Ze}{V} = \frac{(25)(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \,\mathrm{C})}{(4\pi/3) \left[(1.2 \times 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{m})(55)^{1/3} \right]^3} = 1.0 \times 10^{25} \,\mathrm{C/m}^3.$$

(e) For ²⁰⁹Bi, the charge density is

$$\rho_q = \frac{Ze}{V} = \frac{(83)(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}{(4\pi/3)(1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})(209)^{1/3}} = 8.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ C/m}^3.$$

Note that $\rho_q \propto Z/V \propto Z/A$ should gradually decrease since A > 2Z for large nuclides.

- 8. (a) The mass number A is the number of nucleons in an atomic nucleus. Since $m_p \approx m_n$ the mass of the nucleus is approximately Am_p . Also, the mass of the electrons is negligible since it is much less than that of the nucleus. So $M \approx Am_p$.
- (b) For ¹H, the approximate formula gives

$$M \approx Am_p = (1)(1.007276 \text{ u}) = 1.007276 \text{ u}.$$

The actual mass is (see Table 42-1) 1.007825 u. The percentage deviation committed is then

$$\delta = (1.007825 \text{ u} - 1.007276 \text{ u})/1.007825 \text{ u} = 0.054\% \approx 0.05\%.$$

- (c) Similarly, for 31 P, $\delta = 0.81\%$.
- (d) For 120 Sn, $\delta = 0.81\%$.
- (e) For 197 Au, $\delta = 0.74\%$.
- (f) For 239 Pu, $\delta = 0.71\%$.
- (g) No. In a typical nucleus the binding energy per nucleon is several MeV, which is a bit less than 1% of the nucleon mass times c^2 . This is comparable with the percent error calculated in parts (b) (f), so we need to use a more accurate method to calculate the nuclear mass.
- 9. (a) 6 protons, since Z = 6 for carbon (see Appendix F).
- (b) 8 neutrons, since A Z = 14 6 = 8 (see Eq. 42-1).
- 10. (a) Table 42-1 gives the atomic mass of ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}$ as m=1.007825 u. Therefore, the mass excess for ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}$ is

$$\Delta = (1.007825 \text{ u} - 1.000000 \text{ u}) = 0.007825 \text{ u}.$$

(b) In the unit MeV/c^2 ,

$$\Delta = (1.007825 \text{ u} - 1.000000 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \cdot \text{u}) = +7.290 \text{ MeV}/c^2.$$

(c) The mass of the neutron is $m_{\rm n} = 1.008665$ u. Thus, for the neutron,

$$\Delta = (1.008665 \text{ u} - 1.000000 \text{ u}) = 0.008665 \text{ u}.$$

(d) In the unit MeV/c^2 ,

$$\Delta = (1.008665 \text{ u} - 1.000000 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \cdot \text{u}) = +8.071 \text{ MeV}/c^2.$$

(e) Appealing again to Table 42-1, we obtain, for ¹²⁰Sn,

$$\Delta = (119.902199 \text{ u} - 120.000000 \text{ u}) = -0.09780 \text{ u}.$$

(f) In the unit MeV/c^2 ,

$$\Delta = (119.902199 \text{ u} - 120.000000 \text{ u}) (931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \cdot \text{u}) = -91.10 \text{ MeV}/c^2.$$

11. **THINK** To resolve the detail of a nucleus, the de Broglie wavelength of the probe must be smaller than the size of the nucleus.

EXPRESS The de Broglie wavelength is given by $\lambda = h/p$, where p is the magnitude of the momentum. Since the kinetic energy K of the electron is much greater than its rest energy, relativistic formulation must be used. The kinetic energy and the momentum are related by Eq. 37-54:

$$pc = \sqrt{K^2 + 2Kmc^2}.$$

ANALYZE (a) With K = 200 MeV and $mc^2 = 0.511$ MeV, we obtain

$$pc = \sqrt{K^2 + 2Kmc^2} = \sqrt{(200 \,\text{MeV})^2 + 2(200 \,\text{MeV})(0.511 \,\text{MeV})} = 200.5 \,\text{MeV}.$$

Thus,

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{pc} = \frac{1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}}{200.5 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}} = 6.18 \times 10^{-6} \text{ nm} \approx 6.2 \text{ fm}.$$

(b) The diameter of a copper nucleus, for example, is about 8.6 fm, just a little larger than the de Broglie wavelength of a 200-MeV electron. To resolve detail, the wavelength should be smaller than the target, ideally a tenth of the diameter or less. 200-MeV electrons are perhaps at the lower limit in energy for useful probes.

LEARN The more energetic the incident particle, the finer the details of the target that can be probed.

- 12. (a) Since U > 0, the energy represents a tendency for the sphere to blow apart.
- (b) For 239 Pu, Q = 94e and R = 6.64 fm. Including a conversion factor for $J \rightarrow eV$ we obtain

$$U = \frac{3Q^2}{20\pi\varepsilon_0 r} = \frac{3.94(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2)}{5(6.64 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})} \left(\frac{1 \text{ eV}}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}\right)$$
$$= 1.15 \times 10^9 \text{ eV} = 1.15 \text{ GeV}.$$

- (c) Since Z = 94, the electrostatic potential per proton is 1.15 GeV/94 = 12.2 MeV/proton.
- (d) Since A=239, the electrostatic potential per nucleon is 1.15 GeV/239 = 4.81 MeV/nucleon.
- (e) The strong force that binds the nucleus is very strong.
- 13. We note that the mean density and mean radius for the Sun are given in Appendix C. Since $\rho = M/V$ where $V \propto r^3$, we get $r \propto \rho^{-1/3}$. Thus, the new radius would be

$$r = R_s \left(\frac{\rho_s}{\rho}\right)^{1/3} = (6.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m}) \left(\frac{1410 \text{ kg/m}^3}{2 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3}\right)^{1/3} = 1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ m}.$$

14. The binding energy is given by

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = \left[Z m_H + (A - Z) m_n - M_{\text{Am}} \right] c^2,$$

where Z is the atomic number (number of protons), A is the mass number (number of nucleons), m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom, m_n is the mass of a neutron, and $M_{\rm Am}$ is the mass of a $^{244}_{95}$ Am atom. In principle, nuclear masses should be used, but the mass of the Z electrons included in ZM_H is canceled by the mass of the Z electrons included in $M_{\rm Am}$, so the result is the same. First, we calculate the mass difference in atomic mass units:

$$\Delta m = (95)(1.007825 \text{ u}) + (244 - 95)(1.008665 \text{ u}) - (244.064279 \text{ u}) = 1.970181 \text{ u}.$$

Since 1 u is equivalent to 931.494013 MeV,

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = (1.970181 \text{ u})(931.494013 \text{ MeV/u}) = 1835.212 \text{ MeV}.$$

Since there are 244 nucleons, the binding energy per nucleon is

$$\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = E/A = (1835.212 \text{ MeV})/244 = 7.52 \text{ MeV}.$$

15. (a) Since the nuclear force has a short range, any nucleon interacts only with its nearest neighbors, not with more distant nucleons in the nucleus. Let *N* be the number of neighbors that interact with any nucleon. It is independent of the number *A* of nucleons in the nucleus. The number of interactions in a nucleus is approximately *NA*, so the energy

associated with the strong nuclear force is proportional to NA and, therefore, proportional to A itself.

- (b) Each proton in a nucleus interacts electrically with every other proton. The number of pairs of protons is Z(Z-1)/2, where Z is the number of protons. The Coulomb energy is, therefore, proportional to Z(Z-1).
- (c) As A increases, Z increases at a slightly slower rate but Z^2 increases at a faster rate than A and the energy associated with Coulomb interactions increases faster than the energy associated with strong nuclear interactions.
- 16. The binding energy is given by

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = \left[Z m_H + (A - Z) m_n - M_{\text{Eu}} \right] c^2,$$

where Z is the atomic number (number of protons), A is the mass number (number of nucleons), m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom, m_n is the mass of a neutron, and $M_{\rm Eu}$ is the mass of a $^{152}_{63}$ Eu atom. In principle, nuclear masses should be used, but the mass of the Z electrons included in ZM_H is canceled by the mass of the Z electrons included in $M_{\rm Eu}$, so the result is the same. First, we calculate the mass difference in atomic mass units:

$$\Delta m = (63)(1.007825 \text{ u}) + (152 - 63)(1.008665 \text{ u}) - (151.921742 \text{ u}) = 1.342418 \text{ u}.$$

Since 1 u is equivalent to 931.494013 MeV,

$$\Delta E_{be} = (1.342418 \text{ u})(931.494013 \text{ MeV/u}) = 1250.454 \text{ MeV}.$$

Since there are 152 nucleons, the binding energy per nucleon is

$$\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = E/A = (1250.454 \text{ MeV})/152 = 8.23 \text{ MeV}.$$

17. It should be noted that when the problem statement says the "masses of the proton and the deuteron are ..." they are actually referring to the corresponding atomic masses (given to very high precision). That is, the given masses include the "orbital" electrons. As in many computations in this chapter, this circumstance (of implicitly including electron masses in what should be a purely nuclear calculation) does not cause extra difficulty in the calculation. Setting the gamma ray energy equal to $\Delta E_{\rm be}$, we solve for the neutron mass (with each term understood to be in u units):

$$m_{\rm n} = M_{\rm d} - m_{\rm H} + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{c^2} = 2.013553212 - 1.007276467 + \frac{2.2233}{931.502}$$

= 1.0062769 + 0.0023868

which yields $m_n = 1.0086637 \text{ u} \approx 1.0087 \text{ u}$.

18. The binding energy is given by

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = \left[Z m_H + (A - Z) m_n - M_{\text{Rf}} \right] c^2,$$

where Z is the atomic number (number of protons), A is the mass number (number of nucleons), m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom, m_n is the mass of a neutron, and $M_{\rm Rf}$ is the mass of a $^{259}_{104}{\rm Rf}$ atom. In principle, nuclear masses should be used, but the mass of the Z electrons included in ZM_H is canceled by the mass of the Z electrons included in $M_{\rm Rf}$, so the result is the same. First, we calculate the mass difference in atomic mass units:

$$\Delta m = (104)(1.007825 \text{ u}) + (259 - 104)(1.008665 \text{ u}) - (259.10563 \text{ u}) = 2.051245 \text{ u}.$$

Since 1 u is equivalent to 931.494013 MeV,

$$\Delta E_{be} = (2.051245 \text{ u})(931.494013 \text{ MeV/u}) = 1910.722 \text{ MeV}.$$

Since there are 259 nucleons, the binding energy per nucleon is

$$\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = E/A = (1910.722 \text{ MeV})/259 = 7.38 \text{ MeV}.$$

19. Let f_{24} be the abundance of 24 Mg, let f_{25} be the abundance of 25 Mg, and let f_{26} be the abundance of 26 Mg. Then, the entry in the periodic table for Mg is

$$24.312 = 23.98504f_{24} + 24.98584f_{25} + 25.98259f_{26}$$

Since there are only three isotopes, $f_{24} + f_{25} + f_{26} = 1$. We solve for f_{25} and f_{26} . The second equation gives $f_{26} = 1 - f_{24} - f_{25}$. We substitute this expression and $f_{24} = 0.7899$ into the first equation to obtain

$$24.312 = (23.98504)(0.7899) + 24.98584f_{25} + 25.98259 - (25.98259)(0.7899) - 25.98259f_{25}$$

The solution is $f_{25} = 0.09303$. Then,

$$f_{26} = 1 - 0.7899 - 0.09303 = 0.1171.78.99\%$$

of naturally occurring magnesium is ²⁴Mg.

- (a) Thus, 9.303% is 25 Mg.
- (b) 11.71% is 26 Mg.

20. From Appendix F and/or G, we find Z = 107 for bohrium, so this isotope has N = A - Z = 262 - 107 = 155 neutrons. Thus,

$$\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = \frac{\left(Zm_{\text{H}} + Nm_{n} - m_{\text{Bh}}\right)c^{2}}{A}$$

$$= \frac{\left((107)(1.007825 \,\text{u}) + (155)(1.008665 \,\text{u}) - 262.1231 \,\text{u}\right)(931.5 \,\text{MeV/u})}{262}$$

which yields 7.31 MeV per nucleon.

21. **THINK** Binding energy is the difference in mass energy between a nucleus and its individual nucleons.

EXPRESS If a nucleus contains Z protons and N neutrons, its binding energy is given by Eq. 42-7:

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = \sum (mc^2) - Mc^2 = (Zm_H + Nm_n - M)c^2,$$

where m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom, m_n is the mass of a neutron, and M is the mass of the atom containing the nucleus of interest.

ANALYZE (a) If the masses are given in atomic mass units, then mass excesses are defined by $\Delta_H = (m_H - 1)c^2$, $\Delta_n = (m_n - 1)c^2$, and $\Delta = (M - A)c^2$. This means $m_H c^2 = \Delta_H + c^2$, $m_n c^2 = \Delta_n + c^2$, and $Mc^2 = \Delta + Ac^2$. Thus,

$$\Delta E_{\rm be} = (Z\Delta_H + N\Delta_n - \Delta) + (Z + N - A)c^2 = Z\Delta_H + N\Delta_n - \Delta,$$

where A = Z + N is used.

(b) For $_{79}^{197}$ Au, Z = 79 and N = 197 - 79 = 118. Hence,

$$\Delta E_{be} = (79)(7.29 \,\text{MeV}) + (118)(8.07 \,\text{MeV}) - (-31.2 \,\text{MeV}) = 1560 \,\text{MeV}.$$

This means the binding energy per nucleon is $\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = (1560 \,\text{MeV}) / 197 = 7.92 \,\text{MeV}$.

LEARN Using mass excesses (Δ_H , Δ_n , and Δ) instead of actual masses provides another convenient way of calculating the binding energy of a nucleus.

22. (a) The first step is to add energy to produce ${}^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow p + {}^{3}\text{H}$, which — to make the electrons "balance" — may be rewritten as ${}^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{1}\text{H} + {}^{3}\text{H}$. The energy needed is

$$\Delta E_1 = (m_{^{3}\text{H}} + m_{^{1}\text{H}} - m_{^{4}\text{He}})c^2 = (3.01605 \,\text{u} + 1.00783 \,\text{u} - 4.00260 \,\text{u})(931.5 \,\text{MeV/u})$$

$$= 19.8 \,\text{MeV}.$$

(b) The second step is to add energy to produce ${}^{3}H \rightarrow n+{}^{2}H$. The energy needed is

$$\Delta E_2 = (m_{_{^2\text{H}}} + m_n - m_{_{^3\text{H}}})c^2 = (2.01410\,\text{u} + 1.00867\,\text{u} - 3.01605\,\text{u})(931.5\,\text{MeV/u})$$

= 6.26 MeV.

(c) The third step: ${}^2H \rightarrow p + n$, which — to make the electrons "balance" — may be rewritten as ${}^2H \rightarrow {}^1H + n$. The work required is

$$\Delta E_3 = (m_{1_{\rm H}} + m_n - m_{2_{\rm H}})c^2 = (1.00783\,\mathrm{u} + 1.00867\,\mathrm{u} - 2.01410\,\mathrm{u})(931.5\,\mathrm{MeV/u})$$
$$= 2.23\,\mathrm{MeV}.$$

(d) The total binding energy is

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = \Delta E_1 + \Delta E_2 + \Delta E_3 = 19.8 \text{MeV} + 6.26 \text{MeV} + 2.23 \text{MeV} = 28.3 \text{MeV}.$$

(e) The binding energy per nucleon is

$$\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = \Delta E_{\text{be}} / A = 28.3 \,\text{MeV} / 4 = 7.07 \,\text{MeV}.$$

- (f) No, the answers do not match.
- 23. **THINK** The binding energy is given by

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = Zm_H + (A - Z)m_n - M_{\text{Pu}} c^2,$$

where Z is the atomic number (number of protons), A is the mass number (number of nucleons), m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom, m_n is the mass of a neutron, and M_{Pu} is the mass of a $^{239}_{94}$ Pu atom.

EXPRESS In principle, nuclear masses should be used, but the mass of the Z electrons included in Zm_H is canceled by the mass of the Z electrons included in M_{Pu} , so the result is the same. First, we calculate the mass difference in atomic mass units:

$$\Delta m = (94)(1.00783 \text{ u}) + (239 - 94)(1.00867 \text{ u}) - (239.05216 \text{ u}) = 1.94101 \text{ u}.$$

Since the mass energy of 1 u is equivalent to 931.5 MeV,

$$\Delta E_{be} = (1.94101 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u}) = 1808 \text{ MeV}.$$

ANALYZE With 239 nucleons, the binding energy per nucleon is

$$\Delta E_{\text{ben}} = E/A = (1808 \text{ MeV})/239 = 7.56 \text{ MeV}.$$

The result is the same as that given in Table 42-1.

LEARN An alternative way to calculate binding energy is to use mass excesses, as discussed in Problem 21. The formula is

$$\Delta E_{\text{be}} = Z\Delta_H + N\Delta_n - \Delta_{239},$$

where
$$\Delta_H = (m_H - 1)c^2$$
, $\Delta_n = (m_n - 1)c^2$, and $\Delta_{239} = (M_{Pu} - 239 \text{ u})c^2$.

24. We first "separate" all the nucleons in one copper nucleus (which amounts to simply calculating the nuclear binding energy) and then figure the number of nuclei in the penny (so that we can multiply the two numbers and obtain the result). To begin, we note that (using Eq. 42-1 with Appendix F and/or G) the copper-63 nucleus has 29 protons and 34 neutrons. Thus,

$$\Delta E_{be} = (29(1.007825 \,\mathrm{u}) + 34(1.008665 \,\mathrm{u}) - 62.92960 \,\mathrm{u})(931.5 \,\mathrm{MeV/u})$$

= 551.4 MeV.

To figure the number of nuclei (or, equivalently, the number of atoms), we adapt Eq. 42-21:

$$N_{\text{Cu}} = \left(\frac{3.0 \text{ g}}{62.92960 \text{ g/mol}}\right) (6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol}) \approx 2.9 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms.}$$

Therefore, the total energy needed is

$$N_{\text{Cu}}\Delta E_{\text{be}} = (551.4 \,\text{MeV})(2.9 \times 10^{22}) = 1.6 \times 10^{25} \,\text{MeV}.$$

25. The rate of decay is given by $R = \lambda N$, where λ is the disintegration constant and N is the number of undecayed nuclei. In terms of the half-life $T_{1/2}$, the disintegration constant is $\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2}$, so

$$N = \frac{R}{\lambda} = \frac{RT_{1/2}}{\ln 2} = \frac{(6000 \,\text{Ci})(3.7 \times 10^{10} \,\text{s}^{-1} / \,\text{Ci})(5.27 \,\text{y})(3.16 \times 10^7 \,\text{s} / \,\text{y})}{\ln 2}$$
$$= 5.33 \times 10^{22} \,\text{nuclei}.$$

26. By the definition of half-life, the same has reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ its initial amount after 140 d. Thus, reducing it to $\frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$ of its initial number requires that two half-lives have passed: $t = 2T_{1/2} = 280$ d.

27. (a) Since 60 y = 2(30 y) =
$$2T_{1/2}$$
, the fraction left is $2^{-2} = 1/4 = 0.250$.

- (b) Since 90 y = 3(30 y) = $3T_{1/2}$, the fraction that remains is $2^{-3} = 1/8 = 0.125$.
- 28. (a) We adapt Eq. 42-21:

$$N_{\text{Pu}} = \left(\frac{0.002 \,\text{g}}{239 \,\text{g/mol}}\right) \left(6.02 \times 10^{23} \,\text{nuclei/mol}\right) \approx 5.04 \times 10^{18} \,\text{nuclei}.$$

(b) Eq. 42-20 leads to

$$R = \frac{N \ln 2}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{5 \times 10^{18} \ln 2}{2.41 \times 10^4 \text{ y}} = 1.4 \times 10^{14} / \text{y}$$

which is equivalent to $4.60 \times 10^6/s = 4.60 \times 10^6$ Bq (the unit becquerel is defined as 1 decay/s).

29. **THINK** Half-life is the time is takes for the number of radioactive nuclei to decrease to half of its initial value.

EXPRESS The half-life $T_{1/2}$ and the disintegration constant λ are related by

$$T_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/\lambda$$
.

ANALYZE (a) With $\lambda = 0.0108 \text{ h}^{-1}$, we obtain

$$T_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/(0.0108 \text{ h}^{-1}) = 64.2 \text{ h}.$$

(b) At time t, the number of undecayed nuclei remaining is given by

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t} = N_0 e^{-(\ln 2)t/T_{1/2}}$$
.

We substitute $t = 3T_{1/2}$ to obtain

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-3\ln 2} = 0.125.$$

In each half-life, the number of undecayed nuclei is reduced by half. At the end of one half-life, $N = N_0/2$, at the end of two half-lives, $N = N_0/4$, and at the end of three half-lives, $N = N_0/8 = 0.125N_0$.

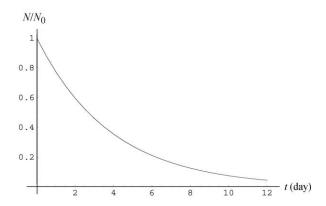
(c) We use

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

Since 10.0 d is 240 h, $\lambda t = (0.0108 \text{ h}^{-1}) (240 \text{ h}) = 2.592 \text{ and}$

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-2.592} = 0.0749.$$

LEARN The fraction of the Hg sample remaining as a function of time (measured in days) is plotted below.



30. We note that t = 24 h is four times $T_{1/2} = 6.5$ h. Thus, it has reduced by half, four-fold:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(48 \times 10^{19}\right) = 3.0 \times 10^{19}.$$

31. (a) The decay rate is given by $R = \lambda N$, where λ is the disintegration constant and N is the number of undecayed nuclei. Initially, $R = R_0 = \lambda N_0$, where N_0 is the number of undecayed nuclei at that time. One must find values for both N_0 and λ . The disintegration constant is related to the half-life $T_{1/2}$ by

$$\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/(78h) = 8.89 \times 10^{-3} h^{-1}$$
.

If M is the mass of the sample and m is the mass of a single atom of gallium, then $N_0 = M/m$. Now,

$$m = (67 \text{ u})(1.661 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/u}) = 1.113 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}$$

and

$$N_0 = (3.4 \text{ g})/(1.113 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}) = 3.05 \times 10^{22}.$$

Thus,

$$R_0 = (8.89 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}) (3.05 \times 10^{22}) = 2.71 \times 10^{20} \text{ h}^{-1} = 7.53 \times 10^{16} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

(b) The decay rate at any time t is given by

$$R = R_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

where R_0 is the decay rate at t = 0. At t = 48 h, $\lambda t = (8.89 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1})$ (48 h) = 0.427 and

$$R = (7.53 \times 10^{16} \text{ s}^{-1})e^{-0.427} = 4.91 \times 10^{16} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

32. Using Eq. 42-15 with Eq. 42-18, we find the fraction remaining:

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-t \ln 2/T_{1/2}} = e^{-30 \ln 2/29} = 0.49.$$

33. We note that 3.82 days is 330048 s, and that a becquerel is a disintegration per second (see Section 42-3). From Eq. 34-19, we have

$$\frac{N}{V} = \frac{R}{V} \frac{T_{1/2}}{\ln 2} = \left(1.55 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{Bq}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \frac{330048 \text{ s}}{\ln 2} = 7.4 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{m}^3}$$

where we have divided by volume v. We estimate v (the volume breathed in 48 h = 2880 min) as follows:

$$\left(2\frac{\text{liters}}{\text{breath}}\right)\left(\frac{1 \,\text{m}^3}{1000 \,\text{L}}\right)\left(40\frac{\text{breaths}}{\text{min}}\right)\left(2880 \,\text{min}\right)$$

which yields $v \approx 200 \text{ m}^3$. Thus, the order of magnitude of N is

$$\left(\frac{N}{V}\right) \left(V\right) \approx \left(7 \times 10^{10} \, \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(200 \, \text{m}^3\right) \approx 1 \times 10^{13} \, \text{atoms}.$$

34. Combining Eqs. 42-20 and 42-21, we obtain

$$M_{\text{sam}} = N \frac{M_{\text{K}}}{M_{\text{A}}} = \left(\frac{RT_{1/2}}{\ln 2}\right) \left(\frac{40 \text{ g/mol}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{/mol}}\right)$$

which gives 0.66 g for the mass of the sample once we plug in 1.7×10^5 /s for the decay rate and 1.28×10^9 y = 4.04×10^{16} s for the half-life.

35. **THINK** We modify Eq. 42-11 to take into consideration the rate of production of the radionuclide.

EXPRESS If N is the number of undecayed nuclei present at time t, then

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = R - \lambda N$$

where R is the rate of production by the cyclotron and λ is the disintegration constant. The second term gives the rate of decay. Note the sign difference between R and λN .

ANALYZE (a) Rearrange the equation slightly and integrate:

$$\int_{N_0}^N \frac{dN}{R - \lambda N} = \int_0^t dt$$

where N_0 is the number of undecayed nuclei present at time t = 0. This yields

$$-\frac{1}{\lambda}\ln\frac{R-\lambda N}{R-\lambda N_0}=t.$$

We solve for *N*:

$$N = \frac{R}{\lambda} + \left(N_0 - \frac{R}{\lambda}\right) e^{-\lambda t}.$$

After many half-lives, the exponential is small and the second term can be neglected. Then, $N = R/\lambda$.

(b) The result $N = R/\lambda$ holds regardless of the initial value N_0 , because the dependence on N_0 shows up only in the second term, which is exponentially suppressed at large t.

LEARN At times that are long compared to the half-life, the rate of production equals the rate of decay and *N* is a constant. The nuclide is in secular equilibrium with its source.

36. We have one alpha particle (helium nucleus) produced for every plutonium nucleus that decays. To find the number that have decayed, we use Eq. 42-15, Eq. 42-18, and adapt Eq. 42-21:

$$N_0 - N = N_0 \left(1 - e^{-t \ln 2/T_{1/2}} \right) = N_A \frac{12.0 \,\mathrm{g/mol}}{239 \,\mathrm{g/mol}} \left(1 - e^{-20000 \ln 2/24100} \right)$$

where N_A is the Avogadro constant. This yields 1.32×10^{22} alpha particles produced. In terms of the amount of helium gas produced (assuming the α particles slow down and capture the appropriate number of electrons), this corresponds to

$$m_{\text{He}} = \left(\frac{1.32 \times 10^{22}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}}\right) (4.0 \text{ g/mol}) = 87.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}.$$

37. Using Eq. 42-15 and Eq. 42-18 (and the fact that mass is proportional to the number of atoms), the amount decayed is

$$\begin{split} |\Delta m| &= m \Big|_{t_f = 16.0 \,\text{h}} - m \Big|_{t_f = 14.0 \,\text{h}} = m_0 \left(1 - e^{-t_i \ln 2/T_{1/2}} \right) - m_0 \left(1 - e^{-t_f \ln 2/T_{1/2}} \right) \\ &= m_0 \left(e^{-t_f \ln 2/T_{1/2}} - e^{-t_i \ln 2/T_{1/2}} \right) = \left(5.50 \,\text{g} \right) \left[e^{-(16.0 \,h/12.7 \,\text{h}) \ln 2} - e^{-(14.0 \,h/12.7 \,\text{h}) \ln 2} \right] \\ &= 0.265 \,\text{g}. \end{split}$$

38. With $T_{1/2} = 3.0 \text{ h} = 1.08 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$, the decay constant is (using Eq. 42-18)

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{1.08 \times 10^4 \text{ s}} = 6.42 \times 10^{-5} / \text{s}.$$

Thus, the number of isotope parents injected is

$$N = \frac{R}{\lambda} = \frac{(8.60 \times 10^{-6} \text{Ci})(3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{Bq/Ci})}{6.42 \times 10^{-5} / \text{s}} = 4.96 \times 10^{9}.$$

- 39. (a) The sample is in secular equilibrium with the source, and the decay rate equals the production rate. Let R be the rate of production of 56 Mn and let λ be the disintegration constant. According to the result of Problem 42-35, $R = \lambda N$ after a long time has passed. Now, $\lambda N = 8.88 \times 10^{10} \, \text{s}^{-1}$, so $R = 8.88 \times 10^{10} \, \text{s}^{-1}$.
- (b) We use $N = R/\lambda$. If $T_{1/2}$ is the half-life, then the disintegration constant is

$$\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/(2.58 \text{ h}) = 0.269 \text{ h}^{-1} = 7.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1},$$

so
$$N = (8.88 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1})/(7.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}) = 1.19 \times 10^{15}.$$

(c) The mass of a ⁵⁶Mn nucleus is

$$m = (56 \text{ u}) (1.661 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/u}) = 9.30 \times 10^{-23} \text{ g}$$

and the total mass of $^{56}\mathrm{Mn}$ in the sample at the end of the bombardment is

$$Nm = (1.19 \times 10^{15})(9.30 \times 10^{-23} \text{ g}) = 1.11 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g}.$$

40. We label the two isotopes with subscripts 1 (for 32 P) and 2 (for 33 P). Initially, 10% of the decays come from 33 P, which implies that the initial rate $R_{02} = 9R_{01}$. Using Eq. 42-17, this means

$$R_{01} = \lambda_1 N_{01} = \frac{1}{9} R_{02} = \frac{1}{9} \lambda_2 N_{02}.$$

At time t, we have $R_1 = R_{01}e^{-\lambda_1 t}$ and $R_2 = R_{02}e^{-\lambda_2 t}$. We seek the value of t for which $R_1 = 9R_2$ (which means 90% of the decays arise from ³³P). We divide equations to obtain

$$(R_{01}/R_{02})e^{-(\lambda_1-\lambda_2)t}=9,$$

and solve for *t*:

$$t = \frac{1}{\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2}} \ln \left(\frac{R_{01}}{9R_{02}} \right) = \frac{\ln \left(R_{01} / 9R_{02} \right)}{\ln 2 / T_{1/2_{1}} - \ln 2 / T_{1/2_{2}}} = \frac{\ln \left[\left(1 / 9 \right)^{2} \right]}{\ln 2 \left[\left(14.3 d \right)^{-1} - \left(25.3 d \right)^{-1} \right]}$$

$$= 209 d.$$

41. The number N of undecayed nuclei present at any time and the rate of decay R at that time are related by $R = \lambda N$, where λ is the disintegration constant. The disintegration constant is related to the half-life $T_{1/2}$ by $\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2}$, so $R = (N \ln 2)/T_{1/2}$ and

$$T_{1/2} = (N \ln 2)/R$$
.

Since 15.0% by mass of the sample is ¹⁴⁷Sm, the number of ¹⁴⁷Sm nuclei present in the sample is

$$N = \frac{(0.150)(1.00 \,\mathrm{g})}{(147 \,\mathrm{u})(1.661 \times 10^{-24} \,\mathrm{g/u})} = 6.143 \times 10^{20}.$$

Thus,

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\left(6.143 \times 10^{20}\right) \ln 2}{120 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}} = 3.55 \times 10^{18} \,\mathrm{s} = 1.12 \times 10^{11} \,\mathrm{y}.$$

42. Adapting Eq. 42-21, we have

$$N_{\rm Kr} = \frac{M_{\rm sam}}{M_{\rm Kr}} N_A = \left(\frac{20 \times 10^{-9} \,\mathrm{g}}{92 \,\mathrm{g/mol}}\right) (6.02 \times 10^{23} \,\mathrm{atoms/mol}) = 1.3 \times 10^{14} \,\mathrm{atoms}.$$

Consequently, Eq. 42-20 leads to

$$R = \frac{N \ln 2}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{\left(1.3 \times 10^{14}\right) \ln 2}{1.84 \text{ s}} = 4.9 \times 10^{13} \text{ Bq}.$$

43. Using Eq. 42-16 with Eq. 42-18, we find the initial activity:

$$R_0 = Re^{t \ln 2/T_{1/2}} = (7.4 \times 10^8 \text{ Bq})e^{24 \ln 2/83.61} = 9.0 \times 10^8 \text{ Bq}.$$

44. The number of atoms present initially at t = 0 is $N_0 = 2.00 \times 10^6$. From Fig. 42-19, we see that the number is halved at t = 2.00 s. Thus, using Eq. 42-15, we find the decay constant to be

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{t} \ln \left(\frac{N_0}{N} \right) = \frac{1}{2.00 \text{ s}} \ln \left(\frac{N_0}{N_0 / 2} \right) = \frac{1}{2.00 \text{ s}} \ln 2 = 0.3466 \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

At $t = 27.0 \,\mathrm{s}$, the number of atoms remaining is

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t} = (2.00 \times 10^6) e^{-(0.3466/\text{s})(27.0\,\text{s})} \approx 173.$$

Using Eq. 42-17, the decay rate is

$$R = \lambda N = (0.3466/\text{s})(173) \approx 60/\text{s} = 60 \text{ Bg}$$
.

45. (a) Equation 42-20 leads to

$$R = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} N = \frac{\ln 2}{30.2 \text{y}} \left(\frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{m_{\text{atom}}} \right) = \frac{\ln 2}{9.53 \times 10^8 \text{ s}} \left(\frac{0.0010 \text{kg}}{137 \times 1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}} \right)$$
$$= 3.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ Bq}.$$

- (b) Using the conversion factor $1 \text{ Ci} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ Bq}$, $R = 3.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ Bq} = 86 \text{ Ci}$.
- 46. (a) Molybdenum beta decays into technetium:

$$^{99}_{42}\text{Mo} \rightarrow^{99}_{43}\text{Tc} + e^- + v$$

- (b) Each decay corresponds to a photon produced when the technetium nucleus de-excites (note that the de-excitation half-life is much less than the beta decay half-life). Thus, the gamma rate is the same as the decay rate: $8.2 \times 10^7/s$.
- (c) Equation 42-20 leads to

$$N = \frac{RT_{1/2}}{\ln 2} = \frac{(38/\text{s})(6.0\text{ h})(3600\text{ s/h})}{\ln 2} = 1.2 \times 10^6.$$

47. **THINK** The mass fraction of Ra in RaCl₂ is given by

$$\frac{M_{\rm Ra}}{M_{\rm Ra} + 2M_{\rm Cl}}$$

where M_{Ra} is the molar mass of Ra and M_{Cl} is the molar mass of Cl.

EXPRESS We assume that the chlorine in the sample had the naturally occurring isotopic mixture, so the average molar mass is 35.453 g/mol, as given in Appendix F. Then, the mass of ²²⁶Ra was

$$m = \frac{226}{226 + 2(35.453)}(0.10\,\mathrm{g}) = 76.1 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{g}.$$

ANALYZE (a) The mass of a 226 Ra nucleus is $(226 \text{ u})(1.661 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/u}) = 3.75 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g, so the number of }^{226}$ Ra nuclei present was

$$N = (76.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g})/(3.75 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}) = 2.03 \times 10^{20}.$$

(b) The decay rate is given by

$$R = N\lambda = (N \ln 2)/T_{1/2},$$

where λ is the disintegration constant, $T_{1/2}$ is the half-life, and N is the number of nuclei. The relationship $\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2}$ is used. Thus,

$$R = \frac{(2.03 \times 10^{20}) \ln 2}{(1600 \text{ y})(3.156 \times 10^7 \text{ s/y})} = 2.79 \times 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

LEARN Radium has 33 different known isotopes, four of which naturally occurring. ²²⁶Ra, with a half-life of 1600 years, is the most stable isotope of radium.

48. (a) The nuclear reaction is written as $^{238}U \rightarrow ^{234}Th + ^{4}He$. The energy released is

$$\Delta E_1 = (m_U - m_{He} - m_{Th})c^2$$
= (238.05079 u - 4.00260 u - 234.04363 u)(931.5 MeV / u)
= 4.25 MeV.

(b) The reaction series consists of $^{238}U \rightarrow ^{237}U + n$, followed by

237
U $\rightarrow ^{236}$ Pa + p
 236 Pa $\rightarrow ^{235}$ Pa + n
 235 Pa $\rightarrow ^{234}$ Th + p

The net energy released is then

$$\Delta E_{2} = (m_{238_{\mathrm{U}}} - m_{237_{\mathrm{U}}} - m_{n})c^{2} + (m_{237_{\mathrm{U}}} - m_{236_{\mathrm{Pa}}} - m_{p})c^{2}$$

$$+ (m_{236_{\mathrm{Pa}}} - m_{235_{\mathrm{Pa}}} - m_{n})c^{2} + (m_{235_{\mathrm{Pa}}} - m_{234_{\mathrm{Th}}} - m_{p})c^{2}$$

$$= (m_{238_{\mathrm{U}}} - 2m_{n} - 2m_{p} - m_{234_{\mathrm{Th}}})c^{2}$$

$$= 238.05079 \,\mathrm{u} - 2(1.00867 \,\mathrm{u}) - 2(1.00783 \,\mathrm{u}) - 234.04363 \,\mathrm{u} \, (931.5 \,\mathrm{MeV} / \,\mathrm{u})$$

$$= -24.1 \,\mathrm{MeV}.$$

(c) This leads us to conclude that the binding energy of the α particle is

$$|(2m_n + 2m_p - m_{He})c^2| = |-24.1 \,\text{MeV} - 4.25 \,\text{MeV}| = 28.3 \,\text{MeV}.$$

49. **THINK** The time for half the original 238 U nuclei to decay is equal to 4.5×10^9 y, which is the half-life of 238 U.

EXPRESS The fraction of undecayed nuclei remaining after time t is given by

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-\lambda t} = e^{-(\ln 2)t/T_{1/2}}$$

where λ is the disintegration constant and $T_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/\lambda$ is the half-life.

(a) For 244 Pu at $t = 4.5 \times 10^9$ y,

$$\lambda t = \frac{(\ln 2)t}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{(\ln 2)(4.5 \times 10^9 \,\mathrm{y})}{8.0 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{y}} = 39$$

and the fraction remaining is

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-39.0} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-17}.$$

(b) For 248 Cm at $t = 4.5 \times 10^9$ y,

$$\frac{(\ln 2)t}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{(\ln 2)(4.5 \times 10^9 \text{ y})}{3.4 \times 10^5 \text{ y}} = 9170$$

and the fraction remaining is

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-9170} = 3.31 \times 10^{-3983}.$$

For any reasonably sized sample this is less than one nucleus and may be taken to be zero. A standard calculator probably cannot evaluate e^{-9170} directly. Our recommendation is to treat it as $(e^{-91.70})^{100}$.

LEARN Since $(T_{1/2})_{248_{\text{Cm}}} < (T_{1/2})_{244_{\text{Pu}}} < (T_{1/2})_{238_{\text{U}}}$, with $N/N_0 = e^{-(\ln 2)t/T_{1/2}}$, we have

$$(N/N_0)_{^{248}\text{Cm}} < (N/N_0)_{^{244}\text{Pu}} < (N/N_0)_{^{238}\text{U}}.$$

50. (a) The disintegration energy for uranium-235 "decaying" into thorium-232 is

$$Q_3 = (m_{235_{\mathrm{U}}} - m_{232_{\mathrm{Th}}} - m_{3_{\mathrm{He}}})c^2 = (235.0439 \,\mathrm{u} - 232.0381 \,\mathrm{u} - 3.0160 \,\mathrm{u})(931.5 \,\mathrm{MeV/u})$$
$$= -9.50 \,\mathrm{MeV}.$$

(b) Similarly, the disintegration energy for uranium-235 decaying into thorium-231 is

$$Q_4 = (m_{235_{\text{U}}} - m_{231_{\text{Th}}} - m_{4_{\text{He}}})c^2 = (235.0439 \,\text{u} - 231.0363 \,\text{u} - 4.0026 \,\text{u})(931.5 \,\text{MeV/u})$$
$$= 4.66 \,\text{MeV}.$$

(c) Finally, the considered transmutation of uranium-235 into thorium-230 has a *Q*-value of

$$Q_5 = (m_{235_{\text{U}}} - m_{230_{\text{Th}}} - m_{5_{\text{He}}})c^2 = (235.0439 \text{ u} - 230.0331 \text{ u} - 5.0122 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u})$$
$$= -1.30 \text{ MeV}.$$

Only the second decay process (the α decay) is spontaneous, as it releases energy.

51. Energy and momentum are conserved. We assume the residual thorium nucleus is in its ground state. Let K_{α} be the kinetic energy of the alpha particle and K_{Th} be the kinetic energy of the thorium nucleus. Then, $Q = K_{\alpha} + K_{\text{Th}}$. We assume the uranium nucleus is initially at rest. Then, conservation of momentum yields $0 = p_{\alpha} + p_{\text{Th}}$, where p_{α} is the momentum of the alpha particle and p_{Th} is the momentum of the thorium nucleus. Both particles travel slowly enough that the classical relationship between momentum and energy can be used. Thus $K_{\text{Th}} = p_{\text{Th}}^2 / 2m_{\text{Th}}$, where m_{Th} is the mass of the thorium nucleus. We substitute $p_{\text{Th}} = -p_{\alpha}$ and use $K_{\alpha} = p_{\alpha}^2 / 2m_{\alpha}$ to obtain $K_{\text{Th}} = (m_{\alpha}/m_{\text{Th}})K_{\alpha}$. Consequently,

$$Q = K_{\alpha} + \frac{m_{\alpha}}{m_{\text{Th}}} K_{\alpha} = \left(1 + \frac{m_{\alpha}}{m_{\text{Th}}}\right) K_{\alpha} = \left(1 + \frac{4.00 \text{ u}}{234 \text{ u}}\right) \left(4.196 \text{MeV}\right) = 4.269 \text{MeV}.$$

52. (a) For the first reaction

$$Q_1 = (m_{\text{Ra}} - m_{\text{Pb}} - m_{\text{C}})c^2 = (223.01850\text{u} - 208.98107\text{u} - 14.00324\text{u})(931.5\text{MeV/u})$$

= 31.8MeV.

(b) For the second one

$$Q_2 = (m_{\text{Ra}} - m_{\text{Rn}} - m_{\text{He}})c^2 = (223.01850 \,\text{u} - 219.00948 \,\text{u} - 4.00260 \,\text{u})(931.5 \,\text{MeV/u})$$

= 5.98 MeV.

(c) From $U \propto q_1 q_2/r$, we get

$$U_1 \approx U_2 \left(\frac{q_{\rm Pb} q_C}{q_{\rm Rn} q_{\rm He}}\right) = (30.0 \,{\rm MeV}) \frac{(82e)(6.0e)}{(86e)(2.0e)} = 86 \,{\rm MeV}.$$

53. **THINK** The energy released in the decay is the disintegration energy:

$$Q = M_i c^2 - M_f c^2 = (M_i - M_f)c^2 = -\Delta M c^2$$
,

where $\Delta M = M_f - M_i$ is the change in mass due to the decay.

EXPRESS Let M_{Cs} be the mass of one atom of $^{137}_{55}$ Cs and M_{Ba} be the mass of one atom of $^{137}_{56}$ Ba. The energy released is

$$Q = (M_{\rm Cs} - M_{\rm Ba})c^2.$$

ANALYZE With $M_{Cs} = 136.9071$ u and $M_{Ba} = 136.9058$ u, we obtain

$$Q = [136.9071 \text{u} - 136.9058 \text{u}]c^2 = (0.0013 \text{u})c^2 = (0.0013 \text{u})(931.5 \text{MeV/u})$$

= 1.21 MeV.

LEARN In calculating Q above, we have used the atomic masses instead of nuclear masses. One can readily show that both lead to the same results. To obtain the nuclear masses, we subtract the mass of 55 electrons from $M_{\rm Cs}$ and the mass of 56 electrons from $M_{\rm Ba}$. The energy released is

$$Q = [(M_{Cs} - 55m) - (M_{Ba} - 56m) - m] c^2,$$

where m is the mass of an electron (the last term in the bracket comes from the beta decay). Once cancellations have been made, $Q = (M_{Cs} - M_{Ba})c^2$, which is the same as before.

54. Assuming the neutrino has negligible mass, then

$$\Delta mc^2 = (\mathbf{m}_{\mathrm{Ti}} - \mathbf{m}_{\mathrm{V}} - m_e)c^2.$$

Now, since vanadium has 23 electrons (see Appendix F and/or G) and titanium has 22 electrons, we can add and subtract $22m_e$ to the above expression and obtain

$$\Delta mc^2 = (\mathbf{m}_{Ti} + 22m_e - \mathbf{m}_{V} - 23m_e)c^2 = (m_{Ti} - m_{V})c^2.$$

We note that our final expression for Δmc^2 involves the *atomic* masses, and that this assumes (due to the way they are usually tabulated) the atoms are in the ground states (which is certainly not the case here, as we discuss below). The question now is: do we set $Q = -\Delta mc^2$ as in Sample Problem —"Q value in a beta decay, suing masses?" The answer is "no." The atom is left in an excited (high energy) state due to the fact that an electron was captured from the lowest shell (where the absolute value of the energy, E_K , is quite large for large Z). To a very good approximation, the energy of the K-shell electron in Vanadium is equal to that in Titanium (where there is now a "vacancy" that must be filled by a readjustment of the whole electron cloud), and we write $Q = -\Delta mc^2 - E_K$ so that Eq. 42-26 still holds. Thus,

$$Q = (m_{\rm V} - m_{\rm Ti})c^2 - E_{\rm K}$$

55. The decay scheme is $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \nu$. The electron kinetic energy is a maximum if no neutrino is emitted. Then,

$$K_{\text{max}} = (m_n - m_p - m_e)c^2,$$

where m_n is the mass of a neutron, m_p is the mass of a proton, and m_e is the mass of an electron. Since $m_p + m_e = m_H$, where m_H is the mass of a hydrogen atom, this can be written $K_{\text{max}} = (m_n - m_H)c^2$. Hence,

$$K_{\text{max}} = (840 \times 10^{-6} \text{ u})c^2 = (840 \times 10^{-6} \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u}) = 0.783 \text{ MeV}.$$

56. (a) We recall that $mc^2 = 0.511$ MeV from Table 37-3, and hc = 1240 MeV·fm. Using Eq. 37-54 and Eq. 38-13, we obtain

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{hc}{\sqrt{K^2 + 2Kmc^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1240 \,\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm}}{\sqrt{(1.0 \,\text{MeV})^2 + 2(1.0 \,\text{MeV})(0.511 \,\text{MeV})}} = 9.0 \times 10^2 \,\text{fm}.$$

(b)
$$r = r_0 A^{1/3} = (1.2 \text{ fm})(150)^{1/3} = 6.4 \text{ fm}.$$

- (c) Since $\lambda \gg r$ the electron cannot be confined in the nuclide. We recall that at least $\lambda/2$ was needed in any particular direction, to support a standing wave in an "infinite well." A finite well is able to support *slightly* less than $\lambda/2$ (as one can infer from the ground state wave function in Fig. 39-6), but in the present case λ/r is far too big to be supported.
- (d) A strong case can be made on the basis of the remarks in part (c), above.
- 57. (a) Since the positron has the same mass as an electron, and the neutrino has negligible mass, then

$$\Delta mc^2 = (\mathbf{m}_{\rm B} + m_e - \mathbf{m}_{\rm C})c^2.$$

Now, since carbon has 6 electrons (see Appendix F and/or G) and boron has 5 electrons, we can add and subtract $6m_e$ to the above expression and obtain

$$\Delta m c^2 = (\mathbf{m}_{\rm B} + 7m_{\rm e} - \mathbf{m}_{\rm C} - 6m_{\rm e})c^2 = (m_{\rm B} + 2m_{\rm e} - m_{\rm C})c^2.$$

We note that our final expression for Δmc^2 involves the *atomic* masses, as well an "extra" term corresponding to two electron masses. From Eq. 37-50 and Table 37-3, we obtain

$$Q = (m_{\rm C} - m_{\rm B} - 2m_{\rm e})c^2 = (m_{\rm C} - m_{\rm B})c^2 - 2(0.511 \,\text{MeV}).$$

(b) The disintegration energy for the positron decay of carbon-11 is

$$Q = (11.011434 \text{ u} - 11.009305 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u}) - 1.022 \text{ MeV}$$

= 0.961 MeV.

58. (a) The rate of heat production is

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} R_{i} Q_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \lambda_{1} N_{i} Q_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left(\frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2_{i}}}\right) \frac{(1.00 \text{ kg}) f_{i}}{m_{i}} Q_{i}$$

$$= \frac{(1.00 \text{ kg})(\ln 2)(1.60 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J/MeV})}{(3.15 \times 10^{7} \text{ s/y})(1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg/u})} \left[\frac{(4 \times 10^{-6})(51.7 \text{ MeV})}{(238 \text{ u})(4.47 \times 10^{9} \text{ y})} + \frac{(13 \times 10^{-6})(42.7 \text{ MeV})}{(232 \text{ u})(1.41 \times 10^{10} \text{ y})} + \frac{(4 \times 10^{-6})(1.31 \text{ MeV})}{(40 \text{ u})(1.28 \times 10^{9} \text{ y})}\right]$$

$$= 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ W}.$$

(b) The contribution to heating, due to radioactivity, is

$$P = (2.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg})(1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ W/kg}) = 2.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ W},$$

which is very small compared to what is received from the Sun.

59. **THINK** The beta decay of ³²P is given by

$$^{32}P \rightarrow ^{32}S + e^- + \overline{\nu}$$
.

However, since the electron has the maximum possible kinetic energy, no (anti)neutrino is emitted.

EXPRESS Since momentum is conserved, the momentum of the electron and the momentum of the residual sulfur nucleus are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. If p_e is the momentum of the electron and p_S is the momentum of the sulfur nucleus, then $p_S = -p_e$. The kinetic energy K_S of the sulfur nucleus is

$$K_S = p_S^2 / 2M_S = p_e^2 / 2M_S$$
,

where M_S is the mass of the sulfur nucleus. Now, the electron's kinetic energy K_e is related to its momentum by the relativistic equation $(p_e c)^2 = K_e^2 + 2K_e mc^2$, where m is the mass of an electron.

ANALYZE With $K_e = 1.71$ MeV, the kinetic energy of the recoiling sulfur nucleus is

$$K_{S} = \frac{(p_{e}c)^{2}}{2M_{S}c^{2}} = \frac{K_{e}^{2} + 2K_{e}mc^{2}}{2M_{S}c^{2}} = \frac{(1.71 \text{MeV})^{2} + 2(1.71 \text{MeV})(0.511 \text{MeV})}{2(32 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{MeV} / \text{u})}$$
$$= 7.83 \times 10^{-5} \text{MeV} = 78.3 \text{ eV}$$

where $mc^2 = 0.511$ MeV is used for the electron (see Table 37-3).

LEARN The maximum kinetic energy of the electron is equal to the disintegration energy Q:

$$Q = K_{\text{max}}$$
.

To show this, we use the following data: $M_P = 31.97391$ u and $M_S = 31.97207$ u. The result is

$$Q = [31.97391u - 31.97207u]c^{2} = (0.00184u)c^{2} = (0.00184u)(931.5 \text{MeV/u})$$

= 1.71 MeV.

60. We solve for *t* from $R = R_0 e^{-\lambda t}$:

$$t = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{R_0}{R} = \left(\frac{5730 \text{ y}}{\ln 2}\right) \ln \left[\left(\frac{15.3}{63.0}\right) \left(\frac{5.00}{1.00}\right)\right] = 1.61 \times 10^3 \text{ y}.$$

61. (a) The mass of a 238 U atom is $(238 \text{ u})(1.661 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/u}) = 3.95 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}$, so the number of uranium atoms in the rock is

$$N_{\rm H} = (4.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g})/(3.95 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}) = 1.06 \times 10^{19}.$$

(b) The mass of a ^{206}Pb atom is $(206 \text{ u})(1.661 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}) = 3.42 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}$, so the number of lead atoms in the rock is

$$N_{\rm Pb} = (2.135 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g})/(3.42 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}) = 6.24 \times 10^{18}.$$

(c) If no lead was lost, there was originally one uranium atom for each lead atom formed by decay, in addition to the uranium atoms that did not yet decay. Thus, the original number of uranium atoms was

$$N_{\text{U0}} = N_{\text{U}} + N_{\text{Pb}} = 1.06 \times 10^{19} + 6.24 \times 10^{18} = 1.68 \times 10^{19}.$$

(d) We use

$$N_{\rm U} = N_{\rm U0} e^{-\lambda t}$$

where λ is the disintegration constant for the decay. It is related to the half-life $T_{1/2}$ by $\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2}$. Thus,

$$t = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{N_{\text{U}}}{N_{\text{U0}}} \right) = -\frac{T_{1/2}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(\frac{N_{\text{U}}}{N_{\text{U0}}} \right) = -\frac{4.47 \times 10^9 \text{ y}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(\frac{1.06 \times 10^{19}}{1.68 \times 10^{19}} \right) = 2.97 \times 10^9 \text{ y}.$$

62. The original amount of ²³⁸U the rock contains is given by

$$m_0 = me^{\lambda t} = (3.70 \,\text{mg})e^{(\ln 2)(260 \times 10^6 \,\text{y})/(4.47 \times 10^9 \,\text{y})} = 3.85 \,\text{mg}.$$

Thus, the amount of lead produced is

$$m' = (m_0 - m) \left(\frac{m_{206}}{m_{238}}\right) = (3.85 \,\text{mg} - 3.70 \,\text{mg}) \left(\frac{206}{238}\right) = 0.132 \,\text{mg}.$$

63. We can find the age t of the rock from the masses of 238 U and 206 Pb. The initial mass of 238 U is

$$m_{\rm U_0} = m_{\rm U} + \frac{238}{206} m_{\rm Pb}.$$

Therefore,

$$m_{\rm U} = m_{\rm U_0} e^{-\lambda_{\rm U} t} = (m_{\rm U} + m_{\rm ^{238}Pb} / 206) e^{-(t \ln 2)/T_{\rm I/2U}}.$$

We solve for *t*:

$$t = \frac{T_{1/2_{\text{U}}}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(\frac{m_{\text{U}} + (238/206)m_{\text{Pb}}}{m_{\text{U}}} \right) = \frac{4.47 \times 10^9 \,\text{y}}{\ln 2} \ln \left[1 + \left(\frac{238}{206} \right) \left(\frac{0.15 \,\text{mg}}{0.86 \,\text{mg}} \right) \right]$$
$$= 1.18 \times 10^9 \,\text{y}.$$

For the β decay of 40 K, the initial mass of 40 K is

$$m_{K_0} = m_{K} + (40/40)m_{Ar} = m_{K} + m_{Ar},$$

so

$$m_{\mathrm{K}} = m_{\mathrm{K}_0} e^{-\lambda_{\mathrm{K}} t} = (m_{\mathrm{K}} + m_{\mathrm{Ar}}) e^{-\lambda_{\mathrm{K}} t}.$$

We solve for m_K :

$$m_{\rm K} = \frac{m_{\rm Ar}e^{-\lambda_{\rm K}t}}{1 - e^{-\lambda_{\rm K}t}} = \frac{m_{\rm Ar}}{e^{\lambda_{\rm K}t} - 1} = \frac{1.6 \,\text{mg}}{e^{(\ln 2)(1.18 \times 10^9 \,\text{y})/(1.25 \times 10^9 \,\text{y})} - 1} = 1.7 \,\text{mg}.$$

64. We note that every calcium-40 atom and krypton-40 atom found now in the sample was once one of the original numbers of potassium atoms. Thus, using Eq. 42-14 and Eq. 42-18, we find

$$\ln\left(\frac{N_{\rm K}}{N_{\rm K} + N_{\rm Ar} + N_{\rm Ca}}\right) = -\lambda t \implies \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 + 1 + 8.54}\right) = -\frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}}t$$

which (with $T_{1/2} = 1.26 \times 10^9$ y) yields $t = 4.28 \times 10^9$ y.

65. **THINK** The activity of a radioactive sample expressed in curie (Ci) can be converted to SI units (Bq) as

1 curie =
$$1 \text{ Ci} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ Bq} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ disintegrations/s}.$$

EXPRESS The decay rate R is related to the number of nuclei N by $R = \lambda N$, where λ is the disintegration constant. The disintegration constant is related to the half-life $T_{1/2}$ by

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} \implies N = \frac{R}{\lambda} = \frac{RT_{1/2}}{\ln 2}$$
.

Since 1 Ci = 3.7×10^{10} disintegrations/s,

$$N = \frac{(250 \,\text{Ci})(3.7 \times 10^{10} \,\text{s}^{-1} / \,\text{Ci})(2.7 \,\text{d})(8.64 \times 10^4 \,\text{s} / \,\text{d})}{\ln 2} = 3.11 \times 10^{18}.$$

ANALYZE The mass of a ¹⁹⁸Au atom is

$$M_0 = (198 \text{ u})(1.661 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/u}) = 3.29 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g},$$

so the mass required is

$$M = N M_0 = (3.11 \times 10^{18})(3.29 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}) = 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g} = 1.02 \text{ mg}.$$

LEARN The ¹⁹⁸Au atom undergoes beta decay and emit an electron:

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Au $\rightarrow ^{198}$ Hg + e^- + $\overline{\nu}$.

66. The becquerel (Bq) and curie (Ci) are defined in Section 42-3.

(a)
$$R = 8700/60 = 145$$
 Bq.

(b)
$$R = \frac{145 \text{Bq}}{3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{Bq/Ci}} = 3.92 \times 10^{-9} \text{Ci}.$$

67. The absorbed dose is

absorbed dose =
$$\frac{2.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}}{4.00 \text{ kg}} = 5.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J/kg} = 5.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Gy}$$

where 1 J/kg = 1 Gy. With RBE = 5, the dose equivalent is

dose equivalent = RBE
$$\cdot$$
 (5.00×10⁻⁴ Gy) = 5(5.00×10⁻⁴ Gy) = 2.50×10⁻³ Sv = 2.50 mSv.

68. (a) Using Eq. 42-32, the energy absorbed is

$$(2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Gy})(75 \text{ kg}) = 18 \text{ mJ}.$$

(b) The dose equivalent is

$$(2.4\times10^{-4} \text{ Gy})(12) = 2.9\times10^{-3} \text{ Sv}.$$

- (c) Using Eq. 42-33, we have 2.9×10^{-3} Sv = 0.29 rem.
- 69. (a) Adapting Eq. 42-21, we find

$$N_0 = \frac{(2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g})(6.02 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol})}{239 \text{ g} / \text{mol}} = 6.3 \times 10^{18}.$$

(b) From Eq. 42-15 and Eq. 42-18,

$$|\Delta N| = N_0 \left[1 - e^{-t \ln 2/T_{1/2}} \right] = \left(6.3 \times 10^{18} \right) \left[1 - e^{-(12 \, \text{h}) \ln 2/(24,100 \, \text{y})(8760 \, \text{h/y})} \right] = 2.5 \times 10^{11}.$$

(c) The energy absorbed by the body is

$$(0.95)E_{\alpha}|\Delta N| = (0.95)(5.2 \text{ MeV})(2.5 \times 10^{11})(1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J/MeV}) = 0.20 \text{ J}.$$

(d) On a per unit mass basis, the previous result becomes (according to Eq. 42-32)

$$\frac{0.20 \,\text{mJ}}{85 \,\text{kg}} = 2.3 \times 10^{-3} \,\text{J} \,/\,\text{kg} = 2.3 \,\text{mGy}.$$

(e) Using Eq. 42-31, (2.3 mGy)(13) = 30 mSv.

70. From Eq. 19-24, we obtain

$$T = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{K_{\text{avg}}}{\text{k}} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{5.00 \times 10^6 \,\text{eV}}{8.62 \times 10^{-5} \,\text{eV/K}} \right) = 3.87 \times 10^{10} \,\text{K}.$$

71. (a) Following Sample Problem — "Lifetime of a compound nucleus made by neutron capture," we compute

$$\Delta E \approx \frac{\hbar}{t_{\text{avg}}} = \frac{\left(4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{fs}\right) / 2\pi}{1.0 \times 10^{-22} \text{ s}} = 6.6 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}.$$

- (b) In order to fully distribute the energy in a fairly large nucleus, and create a "compound nucleus" equilibrium configuration, about 10^{-15} s is typically required. A reaction state that exists no more than about 10^{-22} s does not qualify as a compound nucleus.
- 72. (a) We compare both the proton numbers (atomic numbers, which can be found in Appendix F and/or G) and the neutron numbers (see Eq. 42-1) with the magic nucleon numbers (special values of either Z or N) listed in Section 42-8. We find that 18 O, 60 Ni, 92 Mo, 144 Sm, and 207 Pb each have a filled shell for either the protons or the neutrons (two of these, 18 O and 92 Mo, are explicitly discussed in that section).
- (b) Consider 40 K, which has Z = 19 protons (which is one less than the magic number 20). It has N = 21 neutrons, so it has one neutron outside a closed shell for neutrons, and thus qualifies for this list. Others in this list include 91 Zr, 121 Sb, and 143 Nd.
- (c) Consider 13 C, which has Z=6 and N=13-6=7 neutrons. Since 8 is a magic number, then 13 C has a vacancy in an otherwise filled shell for neutrons. Similar arguments lead to inclusion of 40 K, 49 Ti, 205 Tl, and 207 Pb in this list.
- 73. **THINK**A generalized formation reaction can be written $X + x \rightarrow Y$, where X is the target nucleus, x is the incident light particle, and Y is the excited compound nucleus (20 Ne).

EXPRESS We assume X is initially at rest. Then, conservation of energy yields

$$m_{x}c^{2} + m_{x}c^{2} + K_{x} = m_{y}c^{2} + K_{y} + E_{y}$$

where m_X , m_x , and m_Y are masses, K_x and K_Y are kinetic energies, and E_Y is the excitation energy of Y. Conservation of momentum yields $p_x = p_Y$. Now,

$$K_{Y} = \frac{p_{Y}^{2}}{2m_{Y}} = \frac{p_{x}^{2}}{2m_{Y}} = \left(\frac{m_{x}}{m_{Y}}\right)K_{x}$$

$$m_X c^2 + m_x c^2 + K_x = m_Y c^2 + (m_x / m_Y) K_x + E_Y$$

and

$$K_{x} = \frac{m_{Y}}{m_{Y} - m_{x}} (m_{Y} - m_{X} - m_{x})c^{2} + E_{Y}$$
.

ANALYZE (a) Let x represent the alpha particle and X represent the ¹⁶O nucleus. Then,

$$(m_Y - m_X - m_x)c^2 = (19.99244 \text{ u} - 15.99491 \text{ u} - 4.00260 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u})$$

= -4.722 MeV

and

$$K_{\alpha} = \frac{19.99244 \text{u}}{19.99244 \text{u} - 4.00260 \text{u}} \left(-4.722 \text{MeV} + 25.0 \text{MeV} \right) = 25.35 \text{MeV} \approx 25.4 \text{ MeV}.$$

(b) Let x represent the proton and X represent the 19 F nucleus. Then,

$$(m_Y - m_X - m_x)c^2 = (19.99244 \text{ u} - 18.99841 \text{ u} - 1.00783 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u})$$

= -12.85 MeV

and

$$K_{\alpha} = \frac{19.99244 \text{ u}}{19.99244 \text{ u} - 1.00783 \text{ u}} (-12.85 \text{ MeV} + 25.0 \text{ MeV}) = 12.80 \text{ MeV}.$$

(c) Let x represent the photon and X represent the 20 Ne nucleus. Since the mass of the photon is zero, we must rewrite the conservation of energy equation: if E_{γ} is the energy of the photon, then

$$E_{\gamma} + m_X c^2 = m_Y c^2 + K_Y + E_Y.$$

Since $m_X = m_Y$, this equation becomes $E_{\gamma} = K_Y + E_Y$. Since the momentum and energy of a photon are related by $p_{\gamma} = E_{\gamma}/c$, the conservation of momentum equation becomes $E_{\gamma}/c = p_Y$. The kinetic energy of the compound nucleus is

$$K_{Y} = \frac{p_{Y}^{2}}{2m_{Y}} = \frac{E_{\gamma}^{2}}{2m_{Y}c^{2}}.$$

We substitute this result into the conservation of energy equation to obtain

$$E_{\gamma} = \frac{E_{\gamma}^2}{2m_{\nu}c^2} + E_{\gamma}.$$

This quadratic equation has the solutions

$$E_{\gamma} = m_{\gamma}c^2 \pm \sqrt{(m_{\gamma}c^2)^2 - 2m_{\gamma}c^2 E_{\gamma}}.$$

If the problem is solved using the relativistic relationship between the energy and momentum of the compound nucleus, only one solution would be obtained, the one corresponding to the negative sign above. Since

$$m_V c^2 = (19.99244 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV/u}) = 1.862 \times 10^4 \text{ MeV},$$

we have

$$E_{\gamma} = (1.862 \times 10^4 \text{ MeV}) - \sqrt{(1.862 \times 10^4 \text{ MeV})^2 - 2(1.862 \times 10^4 \text{ MeV})(25.0 \text{ MeV})}$$

= 25.0 MeV.

LEARN In part (c), the kinetic energy of the compound nucleus is

$$K_{Y} = \frac{E_{\gamma}^{2}}{2m_{v}c^{2}} = \frac{(25.0 \text{ MeV})^{2}}{2(1.862 \times 10^{4} \text{ MeV})} = 0.0168 \text{ MeV}$$

which is very small compared to $E_Y = 25.0$ MeV. Essentially all of the photon energy goes to excite the nucleus.

74. Using Eq. 42-15, the amount of uranium atoms and lead atoms present in the rock at time *t* is

$$N_{\rm U} = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

 $N_{\rm Pb} = N_0 - N_{\rm U} = N_0 - N_0 e^{-\lambda t} = N_0 (1 - e^{-\lambda t})$

and their ratio is

$$\frac{N_{\text{Pb}}}{N_{\text{II}}} = \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda t}}{e^{-\lambda t}} = e^{\lambda t} - 1.$$

The age of the rock is

$$t = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left(1 + \frac{N_{\text{Pb}}}{N_{\text{U}}} \right) = \frac{T_{\text{I/2}}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(1 + \frac{N_{\text{Pb}}}{N_{\text{U}}} \right) = \frac{4.47 \times 10^9 \,\text{y}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(1 + 0.30 \right) = 1.69 \times 10^9 \,\text{y}.$$

75. **THINK** We represent the unknown nuclide as $_{Z}^{A}X$, where A and Z are its mass number and atomic number, respectively.

EXPRESS The reaction equation can be written as

$$_{Z}^{A}X +_{0}^{1}n \rightarrow_{-1}^{0}e + 2_{2}^{4}He.$$

Conservation of charge yields Z + 0 = -1 + 4 or Z = 3. Conservation of mass number yields A + 1 = 0 + 8 or A = 7.

ANALYZE According to the periodic table in Appendix G (also see Appendix F), lithium has atomic number 3, so the nuclide must be ${}_{3}^{7}$ Li.

LEARN Charge and mass number are conserved in the neutron-capture process. The intermediate nuclide is 8 Li, which is unstable and decays (via α and β^{-} modes) into two 4 He's and an electron.

76. The dose equivalent is the product of the absorbed dose and the RBE factor, so the absorbed dose is

(dose equivalent)/(RBE) =
$$(250 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Sy})/(0.85) = 2.94 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Gy}$$
.

But 1 Gy = 1 J/kg, so the absorbed dose is

$$(2.94 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Gy}) \left(1 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{Gy}} \right) = 2.94 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J/kg.}$$

To obtain the total energy received, we multiply this by the mass receiving the energy:

$$E = (2.94 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J/kg})(44 \text{ kg}) = 1.29 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}.$$

77. **THINK** The decay rate *R* is proportional to *N*, the number of radioactive nuclei.

EXPRESS According to Eq. 42-17, $R = \lambda N$, where λ is the decay constant. Since R is proportional to N, then $N/N_0 = R/R_0 = e^{-\lambda t}$. Since $\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2}$, the solution for t is

$$t = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{R}{R_0} \right) = -\frac{T_{1/2}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(\frac{R}{R_0} \right).$$

ANALYZE With $T_{1/2} = 5730$ y and $R/R_0 = 0.020$, we obtain

$$t = -\frac{T_{1/2}}{\ln 2} \ln \left(\frac{R}{R_0} \right) = -\frac{5730 \,\mathrm{y}}{\ln 2} \ln (0.020) = 3.2 \times 10^4 \,\mathrm{y}.$$

LEARN Radiocarbon dating based on the decay of ¹⁴C is one of the most widely used dating method in estimating the age of organic remains.

78. Let $N_{\rm AA0}$ be the number of element AA at t=0. At a later time t, due to radioactive decay, we have

$$N_{\rm AA0} = N_{\rm AA} + N_{\rm BB} + N_{\rm CC}.$$

The decay constant is

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{8.00 \,\mathrm{d}} = 0.0866 / \mathrm{d}$$
.

Since $N_{\rm BB}/N_{\rm CC}=2$, when $N_{\rm CC}/N_{\rm AA}=1.50$, $N_{\rm BB}/N_{\rm AA}=3.00$. Therefore, at time t,

$$N_{\rm AA0} = N_{\rm AA} + N_{\rm BB} + N_{\rm CC} = N_{\rm AA} + 3.00 N_{\rm AA} + 1.50 N_{\rm AA} = 5.50 N_{\rm AA}$$
 .

Since $N_{AA} = N_{AA0}e^{-\lambda t}$, combining the two expressions leads to

$$\frac{N_{\text{AA0}}}{N_{\text{AA}}} = e^{\lambda t} = 5.50$$

which can be solved to give

$$t = \frac{\ln(5.50)}{\lambda} = \frac{\ln(5.50)}{0.0866/d} = 19.7 \text{ d}.$$

79. **THINK** The count rate in the area in question is given by $R = \lambda N$, where λ is the decay constant and N is the number of radioactive nuclei.

EXPRESS Since the spreading is assumed uniform, the count rate R = 74,000/s is given by

$$R = \lambda N = \lambda (M/m)(a/A),$$

where M is the mass of 90 Sr produced, m is the mass of a single 90 Sr nucleus, A is the area over which fall out occurs, and a is the area in question. Since $\lambda = (\ln 2)/T_{1/2}$, the solution for a is

$$a = A \left(\frac{m}{M}\right) \left(\frac{R}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{AmRT_{1/2}}{M \ln 2}.$$

ANALYZE The molar mass of 90 Sr is 90g/mol. With M = 400 g and A = 2000 km², we find the area to be

$$a = \frac{AmRT_{1/2}}{M \ln 2} = \frac{\left(2000 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2\right) \left(90 \text{ g/mol}\right) \left(74,000/\text{s}\right) \left(29 \text{ y}\right) \left(3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s/y}\right)}{\left(400 \text{ g}\right) \left(6.02 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}\right) \left(\ln 2\right)}$$
$$= 7.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^{-2} = 730 \text{ cm}^2.$$

LEARN The Chernobyl nuclear accident in 1986 contaminated a very large area with 90 Sr.

80. (a) Assuming a "target" area of one square meter, we establish a ratio:

$$\frac{\text{rate through you}}{\text{total rate upward}} = \frac{1 \, \text{m}^2}{\left(2.6 \times 10^5 \, \text{km}^2\right) \left(1000 \, \text{m/km}\right)^2} = 3.8 \times 10^{-12}.$$

The SI unit becquerel is equivalent to a disintegration per second. With half the betadecay electrons moving upward, we find

rate through you =
$$\frac{1}{2} (1 \times 10^{16} / s) (3.8 \times 10^{-12}) = 1.9 \times 10^4 / s$$

which implies (converting s \rightarrow h) that the rate of electrons you would intercept is $R_0 = 7 \times 10^7$ /h. So in one hour, 7×10^7 electrons would be intercepted.

(b) Let D indicate the current year (2003, 2004, etc.). Combining Eq. 42-16 and Eq. 42-18, we find

$$R = R_0 e^{-t \ln 2/T_{1/2}} = (7 \times 10^7/\text{h}) e^{-(D-1996)\ln 2/(30.2 \text{ y})}.$$

81. The lines that lead toward the lower left are alpha decays, involving an atomic number change of $\Delta Z_{\alpha} = -2$ and a mass number change of $\Delta A_{\alpha} = -4$. The short horizontal lines toward the right are beta decays (involving electrons, not positrons) in which case A stays the same but the change in atomic number is $\Delta Z_{\beta} = +1$. Figure 42-20 shows three alpha decays and two beta decays; thus,

$$Z_f = Z_i + 3\Delta Z_{\alpha} + 2\Delta Z_{\beta}$$
 and $A_f = A_i + 3\Delta A_{\alpha}$.

Referring to Appendix F or G, we find $Z_i = 93$ for neptunium, so

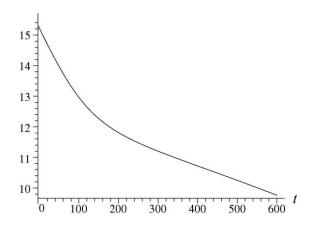
$$Z_f = 93 + 3(-2) + 2(1) = 89,$$

which indicates the element actinium. We are given $A_i = 237$, so $A_f = 237 + 3(-4) = 225$. Therefore, the final isotope is ²²⁵Ac.

82. We note that 2.42 min = 145.2 s. We are asked to plot (with SI units understood)

$$\ln R = \ln \left(R_0 e^{-\lambda t} + R_0' e^{-\lambda' t} \right)$$

where $R_0 = 3.1 \times 10^5$, $R_0' = 4.1 \times 10^6$, $\lambda = \ln 2/145.2$, and $\lambda' = \ln 2/24.6$. Our plot is shown below.



We note that the magnitude of the slope for small t is λ' (the disintegration constant for 110 Ag), and for large t is λ (the disintegration constant for 108 Ag).

83. We note that $hc = 1240 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm}$, and that the classical kinetic energy $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ can be written directly in terms of the classical momentum p = mv (see below). Letting

$$p \simeq \Delta p \simeq \Delta h / \Delta x \simeq h / r$$
,

we get

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} \simeq \frac{(hc)^2}{2(mc^2)r^2} = \frac{(1240 \,\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{2(938 \,\text{MeV}) \left[(1.2 \,\text{fm}) (100)^{1/3} \right]^2} \simeq 30 \,\text{MeV}.$$

84. (a) The rate at which radium-226 is decaying is

$$R = \lambda N = \left(\frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}}\right) \left(\frac{M}{m}\right) = \frac{(\ln 2)(1.00 \,\mathrm{mg})(6.02 \times 10^{23} \,/\,\mathrm{mol})}{(1600 \,\mathrm{y})(3.15 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{s} \,/\,\mathrm{y})(226 \,\mathrm{g} \,/\,\mathrm{mol})} = 3.66 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}.$$

The activity is 3.66×10^7 Bq.

- (b) The activity of 222 Rn is also 3.66×10^7 Bq.
- (c) From $R_{\text{Ra}} = R_{\text{Rn}}$ and $R = \lambda N = (\ln 2/T_{1/2})(M/m)$, we get

$$M_{\rm Rn} = \left(\frac{T_{1/2_{\rm Rn}}}{T_{1/2_{\rm Ra}}}\right) \left(\frac{m_{\rm Rn}}{m_{\rm Ra}}\right) M_{\rm Ra} = \frac{(3.82 \,\mathrm{d}) (1.00 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{g}) (222 \,\mathrm{u})}{(1600 \,\mathrm{y}) (365 \,\mathrm{d/y}) (226 \,\mathrm{u})} = 6.42 \times 10^{-9} \,\mathrm{g}.$$

85. Although we haven't drawn the requested lines in the following table, we can indicate their slopes: lines of constant A would have -45° slopes, and those of constant N-Z would have 45° . As an example of the latter, the N-Z=20 line (which is one of "eighteen-neutron excess") would pass through Cd-114 at the lower left corner up through Te-122 at the upper right corner. The first column corresponds to N=66, and the

bottom row to Z = 48. The last column corresponds to N = 70, and the top row to Z = 52. Much of the information below (regarding values of $T_{1/2}$ particularly) was obtained from the Web sites http://nucleardata.nuclear.lu.se/nucleardata and http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nndc/ensdf.

¹¹⁸ Te	¹¹⁹ Te	¹²⁰ Te	¹²¹ Te	¹²² Te
6.0 days	16.0 h	0.1%	19.4 days	2.6%
¹¹⁷ Sb	¹¹⁸ Sb	¹¹⁹ Sb	¹²⁰ Sb	¹²¹ Sb
2.8 h	3.6 min	38.2 s	15.9 min	57.2%
¹¹⁶ Sn	¹¹⁷ Sn	¹¹⁸ Sn	¹¹⁹ Sn	¹²⁰ Sn
14.5%	7.7%	24.2%	8.6%	32.6%
¹¹⁵ In	¹¹⁶ In	¹¹⁷ In	¹¹⁸ In	¹¹⁹ In
95.7%	14.1 s	43.2 min	5.0 s	2.4 min
¹¹⁴ Cd	¹¹⁵ Cd	¹¹⁶ Cd	¹¹⁷ Cd	¹¹⁸ Cd
28.7%	53.5 h	7.5%	2.5 h	50.3 min

86. Using Eq. 42-3 ($r = r_0 A^{1/3}$), we estimate the nuclear radii of the alpha particle and Al to be

$$r_{\alpha} = (1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})(4)^{1/3} = 1.90 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

 $r_{Al} = (1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})(27)^{1/3} = 3.60 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}.$

The distance between the centers of the nuclei when their surfaces touch is

$$r = r_{\alpha} + r_{AI} = 1.90 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} + 3.60 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 5.50 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}.$$

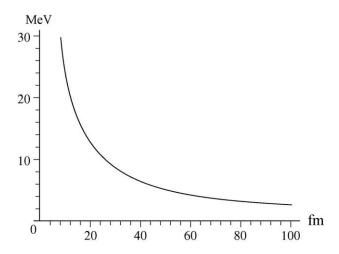
From energy conservation, the amount of energy required is

$$K = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{q_{\alpha}q_{A1}}{r} = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(13 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}{5.50 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}}$$
$$= 1.09 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J} = 6.79 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$$

87. Equation 24-43 gives the electrostatic potential energy between two uniformly charged spherical charges (in this case $q_1 = 2e$ and $q_2 = 90e$) with r being the distance between their centers. Assuming the "uniformly charged spheres" condition is met in this instance, we write the equation in such a way that we can make use of $k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0$ and the electronvolt unit:

$$U = k \frac{(2e)(90e)}{r} = \left(8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{V} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{C}}\right) \frac{(3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(90e)}{r} = \frac{2.59 \times 10^{-7}}{r} \text{ eV}$$

with r understood to be in meters. It is convenient to write this for r in femtometers, in which case U = 259/r MeV. This is shown plotted below.



88. We take the speed to be constant, and apply the classical kinetic energy formula:

$$t = \frac{d}{v} = \frac{d}{\sqrt{2K/m}} = 2r\sqrt{\frac{m_n}{2K}} = \frac{r}{c}\sqrt{\frac{2mc^2}{K}}$$
$$\approx \frac{\left(1.2 \times 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{m}\right) \left(100\right)^{1/3}}{3.0 \times 10^8 \,\mathrm{m/s}} \sqrt{\frac{2(938 \,\mathrm{MeV})}{5 \,\mathrm{MeV}}}$$
$$\approx 4 \times 10^{-22} \,\mathrm{s}.$$

89. We solve for *A* from Eq. 42-3:

$$A = \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{3.6 \,\text{fm}}{1.2 \,\text{fm}}\right)^3 = 27.$$

90. The problem with Web-based services is that there are no guarantees of accuracy or that the Web page addresses will not change from the time this solution is written to the time someone reads this. Still, it is worth mentioning that a very accessible Web site for a wide variety of periodic table and isotope-related information is http://www.webelements.com. Two sites, http://nucleardata.nuclear.lu.se/nucleardata and http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nndc/ensdf, are aimed more toward the nuclear professional. These are the sites where some of the information mentioned below was obtained.

(a) According to Appendix F, the atomic number 60 corresponds to the element neodymium (Nd). The first Web site mentioned above gives ¹⁴²Nd, ¹⁴³Nd, ¹⁴⁴Nd, ¹⁴⁵Nd, ¹⁴⁶Nd, ¹⁴⁶Nd, and ¹⁵⁰Nd in its list of naturally occurring isotopes. Two of these, ¹⁴⁴Nd and ¹⁵⁰Nd, are not perfectly stable, but their half-lives are much longer than the age of the universe (detailed information on their half-lives, modes of decay, etc. are available at the last two Web sites referred to, above).

- (b) In this list, we are asked to put the nuclides that contain 60 neutrons and that are recognized to exist but not stable nuclei (this is why, for example, ^{108}Cd is not included here). Although the problem does not ask for it, we include the half-lives of the nuclides in our list, though it must be admitted that not all reference sources agree on those values (we picked ones we regarded as "most reliable"). Thus, we have ^{97}Rb (0.2 s), ^{98}Sr (0.7 s), ^{99}Y (2 s), ^{100}Zr (7 s), ^{101}Nb (7 s), ^{102}Mo (11 minutes), ^{103}Tc (54 s), ^{105}Rh (35 hours), ^{109}In (4 hours), ^{110}Sn (4 hours), ^{111}Sb (75 s), ^{112}Te (2 minutes), ^{113}I (7 s), ^{114}Xe (10 s), ^{115}Cs (1.4 s), and ^{116}Ba (1.4 s).
- (c) We would include in this list: ⁶⁰Zn, ⁶⁰Cu, ⁶⁰Ni, ⁶⁰Co, ⁶⁰Fe, ⁶⁰Mn, ⁶⁰Cr, and ⁶⁰V.
- 91. (a) In terms of the original value of u, the newly defined u is greater by a factor of 1.007825. So the mass of ^{1}H would be 1.000000 u, the mass of ^{12}C would be

$$(12.000000/1.007825) u = 11.90683 u.$$

- (b) The mass of 238 U would be (238.050785/ 1.007825) u = 236.2025 u.
- 92. (a) The mass number A of a radionuclide changes by 4 in an α decay and is unchanged in a β decay. If the mass numbers of two radionuclides are given by 4n + k and 4n' + k (where k = 0, 1, 2, 3), then the heavier one can decay into the lighter one by a series of α (and β) decays, as their mass numbers differ by only an integer times 4. If A = 4n + k, then after α -decaying for m times, its mass number becomes

$$A = 4n + k - 4m = 4(n - m) + k$$

still in the same chain.

(b) For
235
U, $235 = 58 \times 4 + 3 = 4n + 3$.

(c) For
236
U, $236 = 59 \times 4 = 4n$.

(d) For
238
U, $238 = 59 \times 4 + 2 = 4n + 2$.

(e) For
239
Pu, $239 = 59 \times 4 + 3 = 4n + 3$.

(f) For
240
Pu, $240 = 60 \times 4 = 4n$.

(g) For
245
Cm, $245 = 61 \times 4 + 1 = 4n + 1$.

(h) For
246
Cm, $246 = 61 \times 4 + 2 = 4n + 2$.

(i) For
249
Cf, $249 = 62 \times 4 + 1 = 4n + 1$.

(j) For
253
Fm, $253 = 63 \times 4 + 1 = 4n + 1$.

93. The disintegration energy is

$$Q = (m_{\text{v}} - m_{\text{Ti}})c^2 - E_K$$

= $(48.94852 \text{ u} - 48.94787 \text{ u})(931.5 \text{ MeV} / \text{u}) - 0.00547 \text{ MeV}$
= 0.600 MeV .

- 94. We locate a nuclide from Table 42-1 by finding the coordinate (N, Z) of the corresponding point in Fig. 42-4. It is clear that all the nuclides listed in Table 42-1 are stable except the last two, 227 Ac and 239 Pu.
- 95. (a) We use $R = R_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ to find t:

$$t = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{R_0}{R} = \frac{T_{1/2}}{\ln 2} \ln \frac{R_0}{R} = \frac{14.28 \,\mathrm{d}}{\ln 2} \ln \frac{3050}{170} = 59.5 \,\mathrm{d}.$$

(b) The required factor is

$$\frac{R_0}{R} = e^{\lambda t} = e^{t \ln 2/T_{1/2}} = e^{(3.48d/14.28d) \ln 2} = 1.18.$$

96. (a) From the decay series, we know that N_{210} , the amount of ^{210}Pb nuclei, changes because of two decays: the decay from ^{226}Ra into ^{210}Pb at the rate $R_{226} = \lambda_{226}N_{226}$, and the decay from ^{210}Pb into ^{206}Pb at the rate $R_{210} = \lambda_{210}N_{210}$. The first of these decays causes N_{210} to increase while the second one causes it to decrease. Thus,

$$\frac{dN_{210}}{dt} = R_{226} - R_{210} = \lambda_{226} N_{226} - \lambda_{210} N_{210}.$$

- (b) We set $dN_{210}/dt = R_{226} R_{210} = 0$ to obtain $R_{226}/R_{210} = 1.00$.
- (c) From $R_{226} = \lambda_{226} N_{226} = R_{210} = \lambda_{210} N_{210}$, we obtain

$$\frac{N_{226}}{N_{210}} = \frac{\lambda_{210}}{\lambda_{226}} = \frac{T_{1/2226}}{T_{1/2210}} = \frac{1.60 \times 10^3 \text{ y}}{22.6 \text{ y}} = 70.8.$$

(d) Since only 1.00% of the 226 Ra remains, the ratio R_{226}/R_{210} is 0.00100 of that of the equilibrium state computed in part (b). Thus the ratio is (0.0100)(1) = 0.0100.

(e) This is similar to part (d) above. Since only 1.00% of the 226 Ra remains, the ratio N_{226}/N_{210} is 1.00% of that of the equilibrium state computed in part (c), or (0.0100)(70.8) = 0.708.

- (f) Since the actual value of N_{226}/N_{210} is 0.09, which much closer to 0.0100 than to 1, the sample of the lead pigment cannot be 300 years old. So *Emmaus* is not a *Vermeer*.
- 97. (a) Replacing differentials with deltas in Eq. 42-12, we use the fact that $\Delta N = -12$ during $\Delta t = 1.0$ s to obtain

$$\frac{\Delta N}{N} = -\lambda \Delta t$$
 \Rightarrow $\lambda = 4.8 \times 10^{-18} / \text{s}$

where $N = 2.5 \times 10^{18}$, mentioned at the second paragraph of Section 42-3, is used.

(b) Equation 42-18 yields $T_{1/2} = \ln 2/\lambda = 1.4 \times 10^{17}$ s, or about 4.6 billion years.