

# 1 NE101 Mid Term 2

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Constants:

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{NA}^{-2} \text{ or } \text{Hm}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon = 8.854187 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\text{eV} = 1.6022 \times 10^{-16} \text{J}$$

$$\text{mass hydrogen} = 1.00794u$$

$$1u = 1.66053 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$$

fine structure constant:

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 1.439976 \text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm}$$

$$\text{Nuclear radius } (\approx): R = 1.25A^{1/3} \text{fm}$$

Shell model:

Intermediate Form: (unlikely on exam):

Magic Numbers: 2, 8, 20, 40, 58, 92, 112

Intermediate form with spin orbit (Extreme independent shell model):

$$1s_{1/2}^2 1p_{3/2}^4 1p_{1/2}^2 1d_{5/2}^6 2s_{1/2}^2 1d_{3/2}^4 1f_{7/2}^8 2p_{3/2}^4$$

$$1f_{5/2}^6 2p_{1/2}^2 1g_{9/2}^{10} 1g_{7/2}^8 2d_{5/2}^6 2d_{3/2}^4$$

Magic Numbers: 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126, 184

Notation: 1(s-0, p-1, d-2, f-3, g-4, h-5)

Even-Odd nuclei:

To calculate parity, find unpaired proton/neutron shell state.  $l$  is the shell (s p d f...) and  $I$  is the subscript. Find parity from  $l$ . For excited states, bump the unpaired neutron up the number of excited states. Example: Give the expected

shell-model spin and parity assignments for the ground states of: (a)  ${}^7\text{Li}$ : 3p, 4n: 1 unpaired proton. Proton shells are:

$$1s_{1/2}^2 1p_{3/2}^1. \ell = 1(p = 1), \pi = -, J_\pi = \frac{3}{2}^-$$

$$(b) {}^{11}\text{B}$$
: 5p, 6n: 1 unpaired proton. Proton shells are:  $1s_{1/2}^2 1p_{3/2}^3. \ell = 1(p = 1),$

$$\pi = -, J_\pi = \frac{3}{2}^- (c) {}^{15}\text{B}$$
: 6p, 9n: 1 unpaired neutron. Neutron shells are:

$$1s_{1/2}^2 1p_{3/2}^4 1p_{1/2}^2 1d_{5/2}^1. \ell = 2(d = 2),$$

$$\pi = +, J_\pi = \frac{5}{2}^+ \text{ Note: } {}^{15}\text{C} \text{ prediction wrong, observed value is } \frac{1}{2}^+$$

ADD EXCITATION EX!

$$\text{For odd-odd nuclei: } \vec{I} = \vec{j}_p + \vec{j}_n$$

In ground state,  $\vec{s}_p$  and  $\vec{s}_n$  are parallel

$$j_p = \ell_p + s_p \text{ and } j_n = \ell_n + s_n$$

Note:  $\ell$  and  $s$  not always parallel!

To calculate  $J_\pi$ , match  $\ell$  to correct orbital for p and n, with spins parallel and multiply parities!

Ex:  ${}^{40}_{19}\text{K}_{21}$ .  $J_\pi$  found by coupling  $J$  from unpaired p and n. P:  $1d_{3/2}$ , N  $1f_{7/2}$ . Put

spins parallel, combine, mult parities. Answer:  $2^-$

EVEN EVEN:

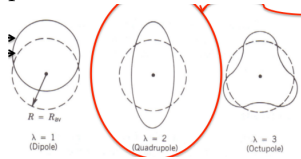
Shell model predicts that even-even nuclei will have a spin of  $0^+$  For excited states (even-even), the SHELL model predicts that the ground state is  $0^+$ , the first excited state is  $2^+$ , second is  $4^+$  and so on.

Example: Calculate  $I^\pi$  assignments of:

$$(a) {}^{26}\text{Na}: 11p, 15n. p: 1d_{5/2}^3, \ell = 2, 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}. n: 2s_{1/2}^1, \ell = 0, 0 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{Total } J^\pi = 3^+ (b) {}^{28}\text{Na}: 11p, 17n. p: 1d_{5/2}^3, \ell = 2, 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}. n: 1d_{3/2}^1, \ell = 2, -2 + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}. \text{ Total } J^\pi = 1^+$$

Unit of EM energy called photon. "Quantum" of vibrational energy called phonon



Vibrational model best for even-even nuclei with  $A \approx 150$ ? (methinks)

Energy of vibration:  $E = h\nu$ ,  $\nu$  = frequency in  $\frac{\text{vibrations}}{\text{sec}}$  Magnetic moments for first  $2^+$  states predicted to be  $2(\frac{Z}{A})$

$$\text{and } \frac{E(2^+)}{E(4^+)} \text{ is predicted to } = 2$$

Example: Compute vibrational frequency associated with typical quadrupole vibrations, then compare typical lifetimes of  $2^+$  excited states in vibrational nuclei to their vibrational frequency:  ${}^{120}\text{Te}$  is a good choice (even-even,  $A \approx 150$ ), low lying excited state at  $2^+$ .  $E = h\nu$ ,  $\nu = \frac{E}{h} =$

$$\frac{0.5604 \text{MeV}}{4.135 \times 10^{-21} \frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{s}}} = 1.355 \times 10^{20} \frac{1}{\text{sec}}$$

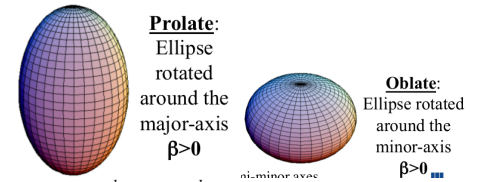
$T$  is much shorter than half life, so vibrates many times before decaying.  $\alpha > 0$ , so we cant observe anything based on it, however  $\langle \alpha^2 \rangle$  does not!

Nuclear Rotations: Can only be observed in nuclei with non-spherical equilibrium shapes

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_{av}[1 + \beta Y_{20}(\theta, \phi)]$$

$$\beta = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} \frac{\Delta R}{R_{av}}, R_{av} = R_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{I}} J(J+1), \mathcal{I} = \text{moment of inertia}$$



$$P = \frac{N_{valence} N_n^{valence}}{N_p^{valence} + N_n^{valence}}, P > 4 \text{ deformed}$$

If the nucleus was rigid:  $\mathcal{I}_{rigid} = \frac{2}{5} M R_{av}^2 (1 + 0.31\beta) \approx 6 \text{kev}$  for  $A = 170$ , but the observed value is 15Kev, so rotation is non rigid.  $\omega_{rotation} \approx 10^{20} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}} \approx 0.002c$  on surface. Nuclear rotation is much slower than motion of nucleons, thus it is a type of collective motion. Deformation lowers energies of states moving inside the nucleus, raises energies of states spending more time outside nucleus

??Add backbending/nissou model??

Collective model magnetic moment:

$$\mu(I) = I \frac{Z}{A} \mu_N$$

Alpha Decay: First type of decay discovered, least penetrating, emitted almost entirely by large nuclei, p conserved

$$(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z-2, A-4) + {}^4_2\text{He}_2$$

$$Q_\alpha = M(Z, A)c^2 - M_{product}c^2 - M({}^4_2\text{He}_2)$$

$$Q_\alpha = K.E.(Z-2, A-4) + K.E.({}^4_2\text{He}_2)$$

$$K.E. = T = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$Q = T_\alpha + T_{Z-2, A-4} = T_\alpha + \frac{p^2}{2M_{Z-2, A-4}}$$

$$Q = T_\alpha + T_\alpha \left( \frac{M_\alpha}{M_{Z-2, A-4}} \right)$$

$$T_\alpha = \frac{Q}{1 + \frac{M_\alpha}{M_{Z-2, A-4}}} = \frac{Q}{1 + \frac{4}{A}}$$

$$T_{\alpha'} = \frac{Q}{1 + \frac{m_{\alpha'}}{m_\alpha}}$$

$$\text{Example: } Q_\alpha = [M({}^{235}\text{U}) - M({}^{231}\text{Th}) - M(\alpha)]c^2 = 4.678 \text{MeV}. T_\alpha =$$

$$4.678 \text{MeV} (1 - \frac{4}{235}) = 4.598 \text{MeV}, T_{231\text{Th}} =$$

$$Q_\alpha - T_\alpha = (4.678 - 4.598) \text{MeV} = 0.080 \text{MeV}$$

Majority of  ${}^4\text{He}$  on earth comes from  $\alpha$  decay of U, Th and their daughters



$$T = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{U_0^2}{E(U_0 - E)} \sinh^2(\alpha L)}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2m_\alpha E_\alpha}{\hbar^2}} \approx 17.5 \text{fm}, T \approx 10^{-29}$$

BAD. Instead, break up barrier into smaller chunks

$$P \approx e^{-2\alpha a} = \exp(-2\sqrt{\frac{2m_\alpha \frac{1}{2}(B-Q)}{\hbar^2}} x \frac{1}{2}(b-a))$$

Coulomb barrier height (usually about 34 MeV for typical heavy nucleus):

$$B = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{zZ'e^2}{a}$$

Probability to penetrate the complete barrier is:

$$P = e^{-2G}$$

$$G = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 Q}} \frac{zZ'e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} [\arccos(\sqrt{x}) - \sqrt{x(1-x)}]$$

Example:  $^{210}\text{Po} \rightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb} + \alpha$ .  $E_\alpha = 5.4\text{MeV}$ . Estimate height of coulomb barrier that  $\alpha$  must tunnel through:

$$r = \frac{1.25(210)^{1/3}}{2} = 3.714\text{fm},$$

$$B = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(2)(82)}{3.714} = 2(31.78)\text{MeV}$$

Estimate the probability that a 5.4MeV alpha particle in a head on collision with a  $^{206}\text{Pb}$  nucleus will penetrate the Coulomb barrier: Use approx that  $[\arccos\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x(x+1)}] \approx \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\sqrt{x}$  with  $x = \frac{Q}{B}$ . Calc G then P.

Angular Momentum in Alpha Decay: Any angular momentum carried away by the  $\alpha$ -particle is purely orbital

Parity change =  $(-1)^\ell$ . If the initial and final parities are the same,  $\ell$  is even. If they are different,  $\ell$  is odd. For a given  $\alpha$  energy Q, the probability of barrier penetration decreases with increasing  $\ell$

Example:  $^{235}\text{U}$  decay:

$$\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2mr^2} = \frac{\ell(\ell+1)(197.3\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{2(4)(931.5\text{MeV})(7.4\text{fm})^2},$$

$\ell(\ell+1)x0.087\text{MeV} \rightarrow 0.174\text{MeV}$  for  $\ell = 1$

Alpha particle spectroscopy: 1. Make source of  $\alpha$ -decaying nuclei. Must be thin for  $\alpha$ 's to escape without losing much energy. 2. Measure the number of  $\alpha$ 's as a function of their energies. You can also measure g-rays emitted from excited states populated by  $\alpha$  decay.

Copy hw 5 problems 8 and 10!!!

Beta Decay:

Neutrinos: No electric charge, interacts 'weakly' with matter (small xs), tiny mass, carries energy and linear momentum, has intrinsic spin of  $\hbar/2$

$$(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z-2, A-4) + ^4\text{He}_2$$

$$(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z \pm 1, A) + e^\mp + \nu_e(\text{or})\bar{\nu}_e$$

$\beta^-$  decay:

$$^{210}_{83}\text{Bi}_{127} \rightarrow ^{210}_{84}\text{Ar}_{126} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$(n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e)$$

$\beta^+$  decay:

$$^{22}_{11}\text{Na}_{11} \rightarrow ^{22}_{10}\text{Ne}_{12} + e^+ + \nu_e$$

$B^+$  decay can occur if  $Q_{ec} > 2m_e c^2$

$$(p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e)$$

Electron Capture:

$$^{22}_{11}\text{Na}_{11} + e^- \rightarrow ^{22}_{10}\text{Ne}_{12} + \nu_e$$

$$(p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e)$$

$$Q_{\beta^-} =$$

$$[M_{\text{atomic}}(^A_Z X_N) - M_{\text{atomic}}(^A_{Z+1} Y_{N-1})]c^2$$

$$Q_{\beta^-} = T_e + T_{\bar{\nu}}, \text{ since } T_{\bar{\nu}} \approx E_{\bar{\nu}}$$

$$T_e^{\text{max}} = E_{\bar{\nu}}^{\text{max}} = Q_{\beta^-}$$

$$Q_{\beta^+} = [M_{\text{atomic}}(^A_Z X_N)$$

$$- M_{\text{atomic}}(^A_{Z-1} Y_{N+1}) + 2m_e]c^2$$

$$\text{EC-Decay: } ^A_Z X_N + e^- \rightarrow ^A_{Z-1} Y_{N+1} + \nu_e$$

$$Q_{ec} = [M_{\text{atomic}}(^A_Z X_N$$

$$- M_{\text{atomic}}(^A_{Z-1} Y_{N+1})]c^2 - B_n$$

$B_n$  = binding energy of captured  $e^-$

Minimum Q value for  $\beta^+$  decay:  $Q_{\beta^+} > 2m_e c^2 = 1.022\text{MeV}$

Observed  $Q_\beta$  values range from  $\approx 2\text{keV}$  to  $\approx 20\text{MeV}$ . (Typical is around 1 MeV).

Allowed Decays:

If electron and neutrino created at  $r = 0$ , they cannot carry any orbital angular momentum. Change in angular momentum of nucleus can only result from their spins.

If spins are antiparallel, it is a Fermi Decay (total S = 0, and  $I_i = |I_i - I_f| = 0$ ).

If spins are parallel, called Gamow-Teller Decay, (total S = 1, and  $I_i = I_f + 1$ ).

Selection rules for allowed  $\beta$  decay:

$$\Delta I = 0, 1; \Delta \pi(\text{parity change}) = \text{no}$$

Ex: Allowed  $\beta$  decay:  $^{14}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{N}^*$  ( $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ ). Fermi Type.

Forbidden Decays (less probable):

First forbidden decays: ( $l = 1$ )

$$\Delta I = 0, 1, 2, \Delta \pi = \text{yes}$$

$$\text{Ex: } ^{17}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{17}\text{O}, (\frac{1}{2}^- \rightarrow \frac{5}{2}^+)$$

Second forbidden decays: ( $l = 2$ )

$$\Delta I = 2, 3, \Delta \pi = \text{no}$$

$$\text{Ex: } ^{22}\text{Na} \rightarrow ^{22}\text{Ne}, (3^+ \rightarrow 0^+)$$

Third forbidden decays: ( $l = 3$ )  $\Delta I = 3, 4, \Delta \pi = \text{yes}$

$$\text{Ex: } ^{87}\text{Rb} \rightarrow ^{87}\text{Sr}, (\frac{3}{2}^- \rightarrow \frac{9}{2}^+)$$

Fourth forbidden decays: ( $l = 4$ )

$$\Delta I = 4, 5, \Delta \pi = \text{no}$$

$$\text{Ex: } ^{115}\text{In} \rightarrow ^{115}\text{Sn}, (\frac{9}{2}^+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+)$$

Cross section for reaction  $\bar{\nu} + p \rightarrow n + e^+$  is  $\sigma$  = probability per target atom for reaction / incident flux of  $\bar{\nu}$

Helicity: All  $\bar{\nu}$  have their spin vectors parallel to their momentum vectors, while all  $\nu$  have spin opposite to momentum. This property is called the helicity and is defined to be:

$$h = \frac{s \cdot p}{|s \cdot p|}. h = 1 \text{ for } \bar{\nu} \text{ and } -1 \text{ for } \nu$$

Example: Using helicity of emitted  $e^-$  and  $\nu^-$ , deduce whether the  $e^-$  and  $\nu^-$  tend to be emitted parallel or anti to one another:  $\Delta L = 0$ , so spin of emitted nuclei must be anti-parallel. Helicity tells us that the momentum is aligned with this for the n and anti-aligned with this for the  $e^-$  thus the particles tend to be emitted parallel to one another. For  $1^+ \rightarrow 0^+ \beta^-$ , using same logic but with  $\Delta L = 1$ , they tend to be emitted anti-parallel.

Gamma Decay: E - electric, M - magnetic, dipole radiation. Parity is:

$$\pi(ML) = (-1)^{L+1}$$

$$\pi(EL) = (-1)^L$$

Weisskopf Estimates:

$$\lambda(E1) = 1.0 \times 10^{14} A^{2/3} E^3$$

$$\lambda(E2) = 7.3 \times 10^7 A^{4/3} E^5$$

$$\lambda(E3) = 34 A^2 E^7$$

$$\lambda(E4) = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} A^{8/3} E^9$$

Note  $\lambda$  is in  $s^{-1}$  and E is in MeV

$$\lambda(M1) = 5.6 \times 10^{13} E^3$$

$$\lambda(M2) = 3.5 \times 10^7 A^{2/3} E^5$$

$$\lambda(M3) = 16 A^{4/3} E^7$$

$$\lambda(M4) = 4.5 \times 10^{-6} A^2 E^9$$

Angular momentum and parity selection rules:

$\Delta \pi = \text{no}$ : even electric, odd magnetic

$\Delta \pi = \text{yes}$ : odd electric, even magnetic

Example: List all permitted multipole modes and which is most likely (most intense) for  $\frac{9}{2}^- \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}^+$ .  $\Delta \pi = \text{yes}$ , so  $L = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$ , or 8.  $\Delta \pi = \text{yes}$ , so Odd electric, even magnetic  $\rightarrow E1, M2, E3, M4, E5, M6, E7, M8$ . Most intense is E1.

$\lambda_t$  = total decay probability

$$\lambda_t = \lambda_\gamma + \lambda_e$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda_e}{\lambda_\gamma}$$

$$\lambda_t = \lambda_\gamma(1 + \alpha)$$

$$\lambda_t = \lambda_\gamma + \lambda_{e,K} + \lambda_{e,L} + \lambda_{e,M} + \dots$$

$$= \lambda_\gamma(1 + \alpha_K + \alpha_L + \alpha_M + \dots)$$

$$\text{Nucleus Recoil: } T_r = \frac{E_\gamma^2}{2m_r c^2}$$

$$\text{Reaction Rate: } R = (\rho R)_{\text{targ}} \cdot I_{\text{beam}} \cdot \sigma_{rxn}$$

Copy quarks and lepton stuff?

Copy forbidden decay problem from hw!!!!

Schrodingers Equation:

$$-\frac{\hbar}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$\text{Parity: } |L| = \sqrt{l(l+1)}$$