

# Daily Physics Problem 7-18-2022

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## 1 Today's Problem

A beam of Helium-3 atoms ( $m = 3.016\text{u}$ ) is incident on a target of nitrogen-14 atoms ( $m = 14.003\text{ u}$ ) at rest. During the collision, a proton from the helium-3 nucleus passes to the nitrogen nucleus, so that following the collision there are two atoms: an atom of "heavy hydrogen" (deuterium,  $m = 2.014\text{ u}$ ) and an atom of oxygen-15 ( $m = 15.003\text{ u}$ ). The incident helium atoms are moving at a velocity of  $6.346 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ . After the collision, the deuterium atoms are observed to be moving forward (in the same direction as the initial helium atoms) with a velocity of  $1.531 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ . What is the final velocity of the oxygen-15 atoms?