

Q Radioactivity

Some elements spontaneously emits some radiations or particles, such elements are called radioactive elements and this property of spontaneous emission of radiations or particles is called radioactivity.

For example: $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ is a radioactive element.

- Radioactive element may be proton or neutron.

→ There are three types of emission by radioactive elements as shown on the figure below:-

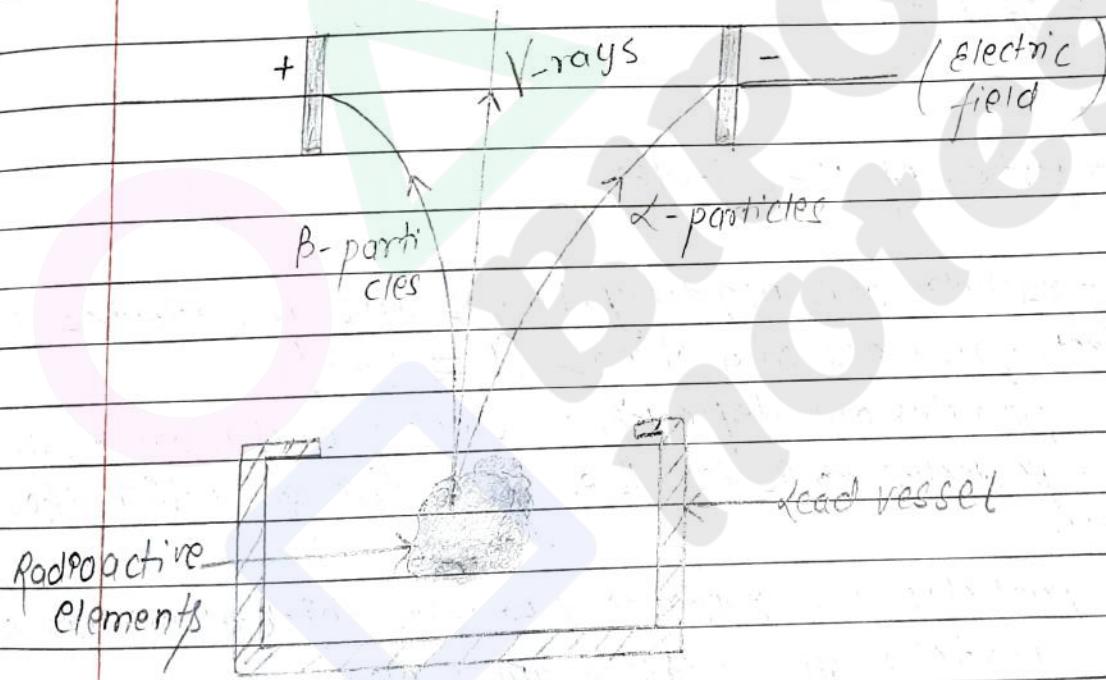


Fig:- Deflection of radioactive emission in electric field.

* properties of α - particles:

- (1) α - particle is equivalent to Helium on mass and charge [$q = 2e$ and $m = 4m_p$] ($\alpha = {}_2^4 \text{He}^4$)
- (2) α - particle being positively charged, is deflected in electric and magnetic fields.
- (3) α - particle ionize the gases through which they pass.
- (4) α - particles have low penetration power and can be stopped by thick sheet of paper.
- (5) α - particles affect photographic plates.
- (6) α - particles produce fluorescence on fluorescent materials like ZnS.
- (7) Velocity: $\left(\frac{1}{100} c \right)$

* properties of β - particles.

- (1) β - particles are negatively charged and are identical to electron on mass and charge [$B = -e^0$]
- (2) β - particles are deflected in electric and magnetic fields.
- (3) β - particles ionize the gases through which they pass.
- (4) β - particles can penetrate few mm thick aluminium sheet.
- (5) β - particles affect photographic plates.
- (6) β - particles produce fluorescence on fluorescent materials like ZnS.
- (7) β - particles have high velocity of the order 10^7 ms^{-1}
 $\left(\frac{1}{10} c \right)$

* Properties of γ -rays.

- ① γ -rays are electro magnetic waves which are electrically neutral.
- ② γ -rays are not deflected by the electric and magnetic fields as they are electrically neutral.
- ③ γ -rays penetrate the gases through which they pass.
- ④ γ -rays have high penetration power and can penetrate 80 cm thick steel wall.
- ⑤ γ -rays affect photographic plates.
- ⑥ γ -rays produce fluorescence on fluorescent materials.
- ⑦ γ -rays move with velocity of light in vacuum (c).

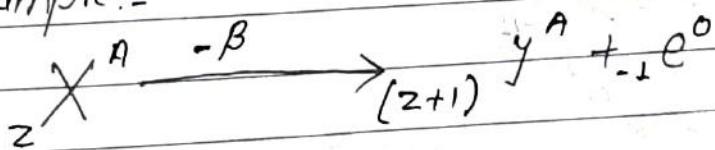
• Notes:-

- ① Ionization power : $\alpha > \beta > \gamma$.
- ② penetration power : $\alpha < \beta < \gamma$.

* Laws of Radioactive decay:-

- ① When a nucleus radioactive nucleus emits a β -particle then the atomic number of resulting nucleus increases by 1 and the mass number is constant (i.e. it remains same as that of parent nucleus).

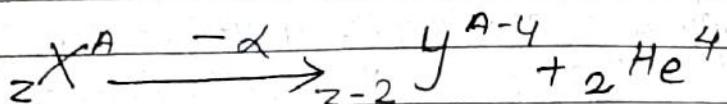
Example:-



Similarly,

When a radioactive nucleus emits an α -particle, the atomic number and mass number of the resulting nucleus is decreased by 2 and 4 respectively.

Example:-



Q) The rate of decay of a radioactive sample at an instant is directly proportional to the number of its atoms present at that instant - thus,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} \propto N$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N ; \left[\begin{array}{l} \lambda = \text{decay (or disintegration} \\ \text{constant} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{dN}{N} = -\lambda t - \lambda dt \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Negative sign on egn (i) indicates the rate of decay decrease when time increases.

Integration of egn (i) from $t=0$ to $t=t$, we get.

$$N_0 \int_{0}^N \frac{dN}{N} = -\lambda \int_{0}^t dt$$

$$\text{or } [\log_e N]_{N_0}^N = -\lambda [t]_0^t$$

$$\text{or, } [\log_e N - \log_e N_0] = -dt$$

$$\text{or, } \log_e \frac{N}{N_0} = -dt$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-dt}$$

$$\therefore N = N_0 \cdot e^{-dt} \quad \text{--- (2) where, } \begin{cases} \log_{10} 1000 & = 3 \leftarrow \text{power} \\ \uparrow \text{base} & \text{power} \\ & = \text{value} \end{cases}$$

N_0 = Initial number of radioactive atoms.

N = Number of atoms remained after time t .

Eqn (2) gives the relation between N_0 and N .

* Half life time ($T_{1/2}$):-

The time taken to decay half of the initial amount of a radioactive substance is called Half life period (or time) of that substance.

Thus, if N_0 is the initial number of radioactive atoms of a substance then after;

$$t = T_{1/2}$$

$$N = \frac{N_0}{2}$$

Therefore, eqn $N = N_0 e^{-dt}$ gives;

$$\frac{N_0}{2} = N_0 \cdot e^{-d \cdot T_{1/2}}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{2} = e^{-d \cdot T_{1/2}}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{e^{dT_{1/2}}}$$

$$\therefore [2 = e^{d \cdot T_{1/2}}]$$

Taking loge on both sides of above eqn;
we get (or ln)

$$\log_e 2 = \log_e \cdot e^{d \cdot T_{1/2}}$$

$$\text{or, } \ln 2 = d \cdot T_{1/2} \cdot \log_e \cdot e \quad (\because \log m^n = n)$$

$$\text{or, } 0.693 = d \cdot T_{1/2} \quad (\because \log 2 \cdot n = 1)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{d}} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

* Alternating relation between N and N_0 :-

If $T_{1/2}$ is half life time and N_0 is the initial number of atom of a radioactive substance.

Then,

Number of atoms remained after 1 half life time
 $= \frac{N_0}{2}$

Similarly .

Number of atoms remained after 3 half lives

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \cdot N_0 \right] = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^3.$$

Number of atoms required after n half life

$$= N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n$$

$$= N$$

$$\text{Then, } \boxed{N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n}$$

where,

$n = \text{number of half lives}$

$$\therefore n = \frac{t}{T_{1/2}}$$

Numerical:

- (1) A radioactive sample has 2×10^{20} atoms. If its half life period is 10 hrs, calculate number of atoms which have decayed in 30 hours. Also calculate total energy released in 30 hours. If energy released per day is 2ev
Also find power.

\Rightarrow Soln:

here;

Initial number of radioactive atoms (N_0) = 2×10^{20} atoms.

Half life time period ($T_{1/2}$) = 10 hrs.

Total time (t) = 30 hrs.

(1) Number of atoms decayed in 30 hrs. $(N_0 - N) = ?$

(2) Total energy released in 30 hrs = ?

(3) Power = ?

Energy per decay = 2ev

$$= 2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J.}$$

N_0

$$\Rightarrow 3.2 \times 10^{20} \text{ J.}$$

No. of atoms remained (N):

$$N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{20} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{20}$$

$$= (0.25 \times 10^{20}) \text{ atoms}$$

$$n = t / T_{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{30 \text{ h}}{10 \text{ h}} = 3$$

(i) No. of atoms decayed = $N_0 - N$

$$= 2 \times 10^{20} - 0.25 \times 10^{20}$$

$$= 10^{20} (2 - 0.25)$$

$$= (1.75 \times 10^{20}) \text{ atoms.}$$

(ii) Total energy released per second = $(N_0 - N) \times 3.2 \times 10^{-29}$

$$= 1.75 \times 10^{20} \times 3.2 \times 10^{-29}$$

$$= 56 \text{ Joules.}$$

(iii) Power (P) = $\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{56}{30 \text{ hr}}$

$$= \frac{56}{80 \times 3600 \text{ sec}}$$

$$= \frac{56}{108000} \Rightarrow 5.18 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Watt.}$$

(2) A radioactive sample contains mass 10 gm and has half life 100 yrs. find the mass remained after 131 years.

Soln:

Here;

Initial mass of radioactive sample (M_0) = 10 gm.

Half life time ($T_{1/2}$) = 100 years

Total time (t) = 131 years.

Mass remained after 131 years (M) = ?

We have,

$$M = M_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{or, } M = 10 \times e^{-\left(\frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}}\right) \times t}$$

$$\text{or, } M = 10 \times e^{-\frac{0.693 \times 131}{100}} \text{ yrs}$$

$$\text{or, } M = 10 \times e^{-0.90783} \text{ yrs}$$

$$\therefore M = 4.033 \text{ gm}$$

(3) find the activity of a radioactive sample having $N_0 = 2 \times 10^{20}$ atoms, $T_{1/2} = 5$ hrs after 15 hours.

∴ Soln:

here

$$N_0 = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms}$$

$$\text{Half life time } (T_{1/2}) = 5 \text{ hours} = 5 \times 3600 \text{ sec.}$$

$$\text{Total time } (t) = 15 \text{ hours.}$$

Now,

$$\text{Activity} = \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = 1 \text{ N}$$

$$= \frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} \left[N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right].$$

$$= \frac{0.693}{5 \times 3600 \text{ sec}} \times \left[2 \times 10^{20} \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{7.7 \times 10^{15}}}.$$

$$= \boxed{0.96 \times 10^{15} \text{ decays/sec}}$$

Imp (4) The activity of sodium solution injected onto patient's body was 1200 decay/min. After 30 hrs, the activity of 1 cm^3 blood of a patient was found to be 0.5 decay/min. If $T_{1/2}$ is 15 hr for Na solution then find the total volume of blood in the patient's body.

∴ Soln;

According to the question, while injecting

$$\text{Activity of Na solution} \left(-\frac{dN_0}{dt} \right) = \underline{\underline{1200 \text{ decay min}}}.$$

$$\Rightarrow dN_0 = \frac{12000 \text{ decay}}{\text{min}} - ①$$

And,

after $t = 30 \text{ hrs}$ in 1 cm^3 blood.

$$\text{det}, \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = \frac{0.5 \text{ decay}}{\text{min}} = dN'$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0.5 \text{ decay}}{\text{min}} = \left(\frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} \right) N'$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0.5}{\text{min}} = \frac{0.693 N'}{15 \times 60 \text{ min}} \left(\because T_{1/2} = 15 \text{ hr.} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow N' = \frac{0.5 \times 15 \times 60}{0.693}$$

$$\Rightarrow N' = 649.35 \text{ atoms}$$

Similarly

from ①

$$12000 = dN_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12000}{\text{min}} = \frac{0.693 N_0}{15 \times 60 \text{ min}}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_0 = \frac{12000 \times 15 \times 60}{0.693}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_0 = 15584415.58 \text{ atoms}$$

Now,

$$N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \quad \left[n = t/T_{1/2} = \frac{30 \text{ hr}}{15 \text{ hr}} = 2 \text{ hr} \right]$$

$$= 15584415.58 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 3896103.896 \text{ atoms} \quad (\text{In whole blood})$$

Hence,

$$\text{Total volume of blood } (V) = \frac{N}{N_A}$$

$$= \frac{3896108.896}{649.35}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6000 \text{ cm}^3.$$

OR $\Rightarrow 6 \text{ litre.}$

Therefore, the total volume of blood in patients blood is 6 litre.

Q5 Find the mass of U^{235} which gives activity 1 curie [$T_{1/2} = 2 \times 10^9 \text{ years}$].

Here: for U^{235}

$$\frac{-dN}{dt} = 1 \text{ curie} (1 \text{ Ci}) = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ decay/sec}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{3.7 \times 10^{10}}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{3.7 \times 10^{10}}{0.693}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{3.7 \times 10^{10} \times 2 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}}{0.693 \times T_{1/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{3.7 \times 10^{10} \times (3.10^9 \times 365 \times 86400) \text{ sec}}{0.693}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 3.36 \times 10^{27} \text{ atoms}.$$

Now

for U^{235}

$$\text{Mass } (m) = \frac{235}{6.023 \times 10^{23}} \times N$$

$$= \frac{235}{6.023 \times 10^{23}} \times 3.36 \times 10^{27}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 789.6 \times 10^{27} \\
 &= 6.023 \times 10^{23} \\
 &= (232.1 \times 10^4) \text{ gm.}
 \end{aligned}$$

* Decay constant (λ):-

We know

$$N = N_0 \cdot e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Putting $t = 1/\lambda$ in eqn (i), we get.

$$N = N_0 \cdot e^{-\lambda t} \times 1/\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow N = N_0 \cdot e^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{N_0}{e} = \frac{N_0}{2.718} \quad \left[\text{standard value of } e = 2.718 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 0.37 N_0$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 37 \frac{N_0}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow [N = 37\% \text{ of } N_0]$$

thus, the decay constant of a radioactive substance or element is defined as the reciprocal of time interval after which number of atoms of radioactive elements fall to nearly 37% of its initial number.

mcg *) Units of radioactivity:-

(i) 1 Bequerel $\Rightarrow 1 \text{ Bq} = 1 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{sec}}$

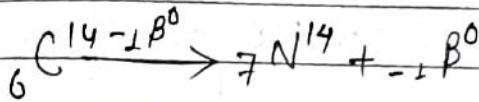
(ii) 1 Rutherford $\Rightarrow 1 \text{ Rd} = 10^6 \frac{\text{decays}}{\text{sec}}$

(iii) 1 Curie $= 1 \text{ Ci} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{decays}}{\text{sec}}$

Note: $[z]$ is equal to activity of radium]

* Radiocarbon dating:-

All the living beings and plants absorb stable (non-radioactive) C^{12} and unstable (radioactive) C^{14} . When they die, the radioactive C^{14} decays by emission of β particle according to the following nuclear reaction:



If N_0 is the total no of C^{14} & C^{12} atoms - Then.

$$N_0 = N^{14} + N^{12}$$

After time t no. of C^{14} atoms remained will be

$$\text{or, } N^{14} = [N^{14} + N^{12}] e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{or, } N^{14} = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{or, } N^{14} = \frac{N^{14} + N^{12}}{e^{\lambda t}}$$

$$\text{or, } e^{\lambda t} = \frac{N^{14} + N^{12}}{N^{14}}$$

$$\text{or, } e^{\lambda t} = \left(1 + \frac{N^{12}}{N^{14}} \right)$$

Taking log e on both sides, we get

$$\log e \cdot e^{\lambda t} = \log e \left(1 + \frac{N^{12}}{N^{14}} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } dt \cdot \log e \cdot e = \ln \left(1 + \frac{N^{12}}{N^{14}} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } dt = \ln \left(1 + \frac{N^{12}}{N^{14}} \right) \quad (\because \log e \cdot e = t)$$

$$\text{or, } \therefore \boxed{t = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left(1 + \frac{N^{12}}{N^{14}} \right)}$$

where, $\alpha = 0.693$ & $T_{1/2} = 5730 \text{ years for } \text{C}^{14}$.

thus, the technique of estimating the age of archaeological sample or rock through radioactive process is called radioactive dating.

* Average life (T_a):

m.c.g The reciprocal of decay constant of a radioactive substance is called Average life of that substance.

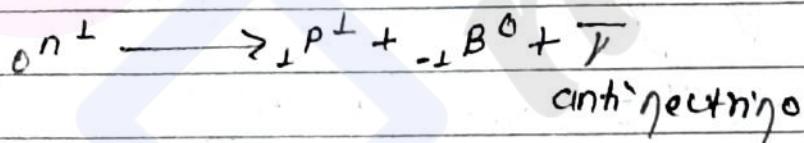
$$\text{thus, } T_a = 1/\alpha = \frac{1}{0.693/T_{1/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_a = \frac{T_{1/2}}{0.693}$$

$$\therefore T_a = 1.44 T_{1/2}$$

Q. A nucleus has no electron yet it emits β -particle. How?

Ans In β -decay, one neutron is converted into proton keeping the no. of nucleons in the nucleus.
thus,



Numericals:-

1. After a certain lapse of time, the fraction of radioactive polonium decayed is found to have 12.5% of initial quantity. What is the duration of this lapse if the half-time of polonium is 189 days?

Given, for polonium

$$T_{1/2} = 189 \text{ days}$$

$t = ?$ time taken

$$N = 12.5\% \text{ of } N_0$$

$$\frac{12.5}{100} N_0$$

Acc to the question

$$N = \frac{12.5}{100} N_0 = \frac{1}{8} N_0$$

$$\text{or } N = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n N_0 \quad \text{--- i)}$$

or $i)$: we know that

$$N = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n N_0 \quad \text{--- ii)}$$

Equating $i)$ and $ii)$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 3 \\ \therefore n &= 3 = t \\ &\quad T_{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

[where, $n = t/T_{1/2}$ = number of half time]

$$\therefore t = 3 \times T_{1/2} = 3 \times 189 = 567 \text{ day}$$

Method-II

$$N = N_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{12.5}{100} N_0 = N_0 \cdot e^{-kt}$$

$$\frac{12.5}{100} = e^{-kt}$$

Taking loge on both sides of above eqn, we get

$$\log e \delta = \log e \cdot e^{dt}$$

$$\therefore \ln \delta = dt \log e \quad (\because \log e = \ln)$$

$$\text{or, } 2.0794 = dt.$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{2.0794}{d}$$

$$= 2.0794$$

$$\left(\frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} \right)$$

$$= T_{1/2} \times \frac{2.0794}{0.693}$$

$$= 417.08 \text{ days } \underline{\underline{}}$$

2. If 15.1% of the radioactive material decays in 5 days what would be the percentage of the material left after 28 days?

Soln

After time (t_1) = 5 days, fraction remained,

$$\frac{N_1}{N_0} = (100 - 15) \cdot 1 = 85\% = \frac{85}{100}$$

$$\text{Now, } N_1 = N_0 e^{-dt_1}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{N_1}{N_0} = e^{-dt_1}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{N_1}{N_0} = \frac{1}{e^{dt_1}}$$

Putting the value of $\frac{N_1}{N_0}$

$$\therefore \frac{85}{100} = \frac{1}{e^{dt_1}}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{100}{85} = e^{dt_1}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{100}{85} = e^{5d}$$

$$\therefore \log_e \left(\frac{100}{85} \right) = \log_e e^{5d}$$

$$\text{or, } \log_e \left(\frac{100}{85} \right) = 5d$$

$$\therefore d = 0.0305.$$

Hence, after time t_2 , we have

$$\frac{N_2}{N_0} = e^{-dt_2}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{N_2}{N_0} = e^{-0.0305 \times 25}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{N_2}{N_0} = 0.443$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{N_2}{N_0} \approx 0.44$$

$$= \frac{44}{100} \text{ nu}$$

$$\therefore \frac{N_2}{N_0} = 44 \text{ %.}$$

3. It is observed that $3.67 \times 10^{10} \alpha$ - particles are emitted per sec from 1 gm of R^{226} . calculate the half life of uranium.

Given,

For 1 gm of R^{226} .

$$\frac{-dN}{dt} = 3.67 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$T_{1/2} = ?$$

Soln:

1 mole (or 226 gm) of Ra^{226} has No atoms

$\therefore N_0 = \text{Number of atoms of 1 gm of } R^{226}$.

$$= N_A = \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23}}{2.26} = 2.665 \times 10^{21} \text{ atoms}$$

Now,

$$\left(\frac{-dN_0}{dt} \right) = 1 \text{ Ato}$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{-dN_0}{dt} \right) = 0.693 \times N_0 / T_{1/2}$$

$$\text{or } T_{1/2} = 0.693 N_0$$

$$\left(\frac{-dN_0}{dt} \right)$$

$$\text{or } T_{1/2} = 0.693 \times 2.665 \times 10^{21} \\ 3.67 \times 10^{10}$$

$$\text{or } T_{1/2} = 5.03 \times 10^{10} \text{ sec.}$$

$$\text{or } T_{1/2} = 5.03 \times 10^{10} \text{ years.} \\ 365 \times 24 \times 3600$$

$$\text{or } T_{1/2} = 1595 \text{ yrs.}$$

4. Measurement show that for certain Protopo decay rate decreases from $8318 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{min}}$ to $8091 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{min}}$ in 4 days. what is the half life of this isotope.

~~so~~

$$R_1 = \left(\frac{-dN}{dt} \right)_1 = 8318 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{min}} = dN_1$$

after 4 days,

$$R_2 = \left(\frac{dN}{dt} \right)_2 = 8091 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{min}} = dN_2$$

$$\therefore \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = e$$

taking \log_e on both sides

$$\log_e \left(\frac{8318}{3091} \right) = \log e \cdot e^{T_{1/2}}$$

$$\text{or } \ln \left(\frac{8318}{3091} \right) = 4$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{8318}{3091} \right) = 4 / 0.693$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{8318}{3091} \right) \times T_{1/2} = 4 \times 0.693$$

$$\text{or, } T_{1/2} = 4 \times 0.693$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{8318}{3091} \right)$$

$$\therefore T_{1/2} = 2.8 \text{ days.}$$

5. At a certain instant a piece of radioactive material contains 10^{12} atoms. calculate the number of disintegrations in the first second ($T_{1/2} = 40 \text{ days}$)

Soln

$$T_{1/2} = 40 \text{ days} = 40 \times 86400 \text{ sec.}$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{40 \times 86400} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

\therefore the disintegration in the first second will be

$$\left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = dN$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-7} \times 10^{12}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{sec}}$$

6. If the half life of a radioactive substance is 2 days, after how many days will $\frac{1}{64}$ th part of substance be left behind?

Soln

$$\text{Given, } T_{1/2} = 2 \text{ days}$$

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$t = ?$$

Acc to question

$$\frac{N}{N_0} = \frac{1}{64} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 \rightarrow$$

$$\text{Also } N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n.$$

$$\therefore \frac{N}{N_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow$$

Equating L.H.S and R.H.S we get.

$$n = 6$$

$$\text{But } n = \frac{t}{T_{1/2}}$$

$$T_{1/2}$$

$$\text{or } t = n \cdot T_{1/2}$$

$$\text{or } t = 6 \times 2$$

$$\therefore t = 12 \text{ days } \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

7. The initial number of atoms in a radioactive element is 6×10^{20} and its half life is 10 hrs. calculate the number of atoms which have decayed in 30 hrs and the amount of energy liberated per atom decay is $4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$.

\Rightarrow Given,

$$T_{1/2} = 10 \text{ hrs.}$$

$$t = 30 \text{ hrs.}$$

q) Number of decayed atoms ($N_0 - N$) = ?

ii) Pot. energy released in 30 hrs energy per decay = $4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ (E) = ?

Soln i) Number of atom remained P_S

$$N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \quad \text{where, } n = \frac{t}{T_{1/2}}$$

$$= 6 \times 10^{20} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \quad : n = \frac{30}{10} = 3.$$

$$= 0.75 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms}$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of decayed atom } (N_0 - N) = 6 \times 10^{20} - 0.75 \times 10^{20} \\ = 5.25 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms.}$$

$$\text{ii) } E = (N_0 - N) \times 4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J} \\ = 5.25 \times 10^{20} \times 4 \times 10^{-13} \\ = 21 \times 10^7 \text{ joule.}$$

8.

- g. A sample of Ra-226 has half life of 1620 yrs - what is the mass of the sample which undergoes 20000 disintegrations per second? (Avogadro's number = $6 \cdot 02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)

Given,

FOR Ra-226

$$T_{1/2} = 1620 \text{ yrs} = 1620 \times 365 \times 86400 \text{ sec}$$

$$NA = 6 \cdot 02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$m = ? \quad \text{if } \left(\frac{-dN}{dt} \right) = 20000 \text{ decays sec.}$$

Soln

$$\left(\frac{-dN}{dt} \right) = kN$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{-dN}{dt} \right) = \frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} N$$

$$\text{or } N = \left(\frac{-dN}{dt} \right) T_{1/2}$$

$$0.693$$

$$= 20000 \times 1620 \times 365 \times 86400 \\ 0.693$$

$$= 1.47 \times 10^{15} \text{ atom}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{226 \times N}{N_A}$$

$$m = \frac{226 \times 1.47 \times 10^{15}}{6 \cdot 02 \times 10^{23}}$$

$$\therefore m = 5.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ gm}$$

$$\therefore m = 5.5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ kg}$$

20) The C^{14} isotope has half life 5700 yrs. If the sample contains 1×10^{20} atoms of C^{14} , calculate the activity of the sample.

Soln

$$\text{Activity } (R) = \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = 1N - \frac{0.693N}{T_{1/2}}$$

$$\therefore R = 0.693 \times 1 \times 10^{20}$$

$$5700 \times 365 \times 86400$$

$$\therefore T_{1/2} = 5700 \text{ yrs}$$

$$= 3.85 \times 10^{16} \text{ decay}$$

sec

$$= 5700 \times 365 \times 86400$$

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The unstable isotope of K^{40} has half life 2.4×10^8 years. How many decays will occur in a sample having 2×10^{-6} of K^{40} ?

Given,

For radioactive K^{40}

$$m = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ gm}$$

$$T_{1/2} = 2.4 \times 10^8 \text{ yrs}$$

$$= 2.4 \times 10^8 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3600 \text{ sec}$$

$$\left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = ?$$

Soln:

1 mol of K^{40} has mass 40 gm and 6.023×10^{23} atom.

i.e. Number of atoms in the given mass, m will be

$$N = m N_A = 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}$$

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$$= 3.01 \times 10^6 \text{ atoms}$$

$$\therefore \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = dN$$

$$= 0.693 N$$

$$= 0.693 \times 3.01 \times 10^{16}$$

$$2.4 \times 10^8 \times 365 \times 24 \times 36$$

$$= 2.756 \text{ decay}$$

sec

1)

A radioactive source ($T_{1/2} = 130$ days) contains 1×10^{20} atoms and energy released per day is $8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$. Calculate the activity after 260 days and total energy released.

Soln:

i) Number of atoms remained after 260 day.

$$N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$= 1 \times 10^{20} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{where } n = \frac{t}{T_{1/2}} \\ = \frac{268}{130} = 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 0.25 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Activity} = \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = \frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} N$$

$$= 0.693 \times 0.25 \times 10^{20}$$

$$130 \times 24 \times 3600$$

$$= 1.54 \times 10^{12} \text{ decay sec}$$

ii) Total energy released

$$= (N_0 - N) \times \text{energy released per decay}$$

$$= (1 \times 10^{20} - 0.25 \times 10^{20}) \times 8 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$= (6 \times 10^7) \text{ Joule.}$$

3)

A radioactive source has decayed to one-tenth of one percent of initial activity in 100 days. what is the half life?

Given,

$$\left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{100} \left(-\frac{dN_0}{dt} \right) \text{ on } t = 100 \text{ day}$$

$$T_{1/2} = ?$$

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$$\left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{100} \left(-\frac{dN_0}{dt} \right)$$

$$\therefore \Delta N = \frac{L}{1000} \Delta N_0$$

$$\text{or, } N = \frac{1}{1000} N_0 - \gamma t$$

Also,

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t} \quad \dots \text{--- (9)}$$

equating γt and λt

$$\frac{N_0}{1000} = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{t}{1000} = \frac{1}{\lambda e^{\lambda t}}$$

taking loge on both side

$$\log_e e^{\lambda t} = \log_e 1000$$

$$\text{or } \lambda t \cdot \log_e = \ln 1000$$

$$\text{or } \lambda t = \ln 1000$$

$$\text{or } 0.693 \times 100 = \ln 1000$$

$$T_{1/2}$$

$$\text{or, } T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693 \times 100}{\ln 1000}$$

$$\therefore T_{1/2} = 10 \text{ days.}$$

- 14) 4 gm of radioactive material of half life period 10 yrs decays. Find out the mean life of given sample.

Soln

$$\text{Mean life} = T_{av} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{T} + \frac{1}{T_{1/2}}} = \frac{T_{1/2}}{\frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}}} = \frac{10}{0.693} = 14.43 \text{ yrs.}$$

15. Find the half life of U^{238} if 1 gm of Pt emits $1.24 \times 10^4 \alpha$ particles per sec ($N_A = 6.025 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)

Soln,

$N = \text{Number of atoms in 1 gm of } \text{U}^{238}$

$$= \frac{1 \text{ gm}}{238 \text{ gm}} \times N_A = \frac{6.025 \times 10^{23}}{238} = 2.53 \times 10^{21}$$

$$\therefore \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = 1N = 0.693 N$$

$$T_{1/2} = 0.693 N = \frac{0.693 \times 2.53 \times 10^{21}}{1.24 \times 10^4}$$

$$\left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right)$$

$$= 1.41 \times 10^{17} \text{ sec}$$

$$= 1.41 \times 10^{17}$$

$$(365 \times 24 \times 3600) \text{ yrs}$$

$$= 4.49 \times 10^9 \text{ yrs.}$$

16. The isotope Ra^{226} undergoes α -decay with a half life of 1620 yrs. What is the activity of 1 gm of Ra^{226} ? ($N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23}$)

Soln,

Number of atoms of Ra^{226} in 1 gm

$$= \frac{1 \text{ gm}}{226 \text{ gm}} N_A$$

$$= \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23}}{226}$$

$$= 2.67 \times 10^{21}$$

$$\therefore \text{Activity} = \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right) = 1N = 0.693 N$$

$$T_{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{0.693 \times 2.67 \times 10^{21}}{1620}$$

$$= 1.32 \times 10^{13} \text{ decay}$$

sec

17. calculate the mass $\mu\text{g/mole}$ of a radioactive sample Pb^{214} having an activity of 3.7×10^4 decay/sec and half life 26.8 minutes [$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$]

Soln

$$\frac{-dN}{dt} = \text{activity} = 3.7 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{decay}}{\text{sec}} = dN$$

$$\text{or, } N = 3.7 \times 10^4 = 3.7 \times 10^4$$

$$\frac{1}{(0.693)} \\ T_{1/2}$$

$$= T_{1/2} \times 3.7 \times 10^4 \\ 0.693$$

$$\text{or, } N = \frac{26.8 \times 60 \times 3.7 \times 10^4}{0.693}$$

$$= 8.58 \times 10^7 \text{ atoms}$$

$$T_{1/2} = 26.8 \text{ min}$$

$$= 26.8 \times 60 \text{ sec}$$

$$1. m = 214 \times N$$

$$N_A \quad \therefore \text{mass of 1 mole of } \text{Pb}^{214} \text{ is } 214 \text{ gm}$$

$$= 214 \times 8.58 \times 10^7 \quad N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$6.02 \times 10^{23}$$

$$= 215 \times 10^{-8} \text{ gm}$$

$$= 2.15 \times 10^{-11} \text{ kg.}$$

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Gyger Muller counter (G.M. counter) (In 1928 A.D.)

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G.M. counter is an instrument to detect the presence of radioactive substance and to find out the rate of radiation. Fig. ① below shows the basic diagram of a G.M. counter.

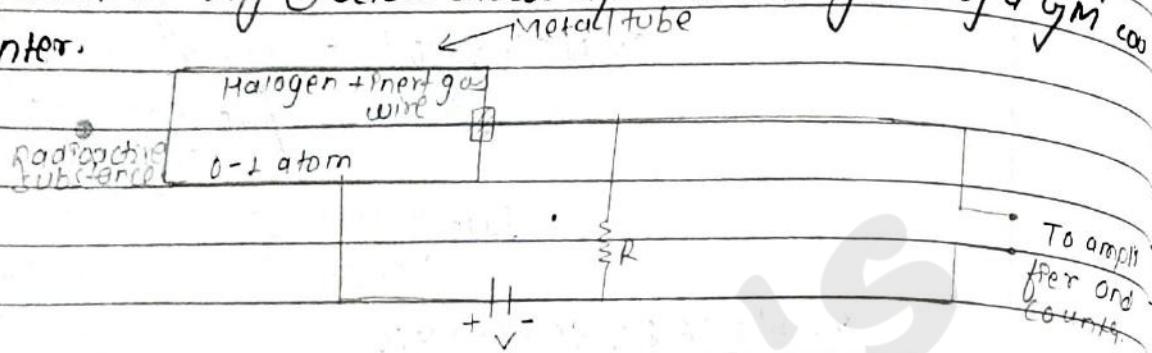
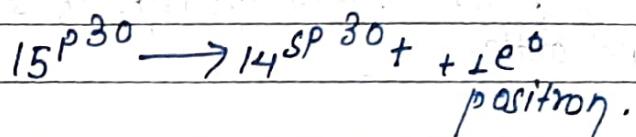


Fig: - ①

It has a metal tube having a metal wire along its axis insulated from the tube. The tube contains a mixture of halogen gas and some inert gas at very low pressure (about 0.1 atm). If inert gas at very potential difference V is established between metal tube and wire. Value of potential difference V is slightly less than the ionization potential (I.P) of halogen gas in the tube. The radioactive substance is placed in front of the window of the tube. The radiation from radioactive substance ionize the halogen gas in the tube by collision and the negative and positive ions drift (diffuse) toward the opposite electrodes. In their path they ionize more and more gas molecules by collision due to this current flows through the wire which creates the potential difference ($I \times R$) in the resistance. This potential difference is amplified and fed to the counter which reads the number of radiation entering the tube in the given time.

Radio Isotopes:-

The unstable isotopes of an element are called radio isotopes. For example phosphorous is a radioactive isotope having half-life 8.5 minutes. It is converted to silicon ^{14}Si



Medical uses of nuclear radioactive

(A) In diagnosis:-

1. Some radio isotopes are used to determine the volume of blood in patient's body.
2. X-rays scanning is used to detect brain tumours.
3. Radioactive ($\text{Hg}-203$) is used to check the functioning of liver and kidney.
4. Similarly, radioactive iodine ($\text{I}-131$) is used to study of functioning of thyroid gland.
5. Radio isotopes ($\text{Cr}-51$) is used to find the location of haemorrhage in the body.

(B) In therapy:-

1. Control exposure of X-rays emitted from ($\text{Co}-60$) are used to destroy the cancer cells.
2. Iodine ($\text{I}-131$) is used to destroy over active thyroid gland.
3. Leukemia (blood cancer) can be cured or controlled by radioactive phosphorous and radiogold.
4. Radioactive ($\text{Br}-83$) is used to treat general diseases.

Radiation hazard

Radiation like α , β and beam of neutrons caused harm by ionizing complex organic molecules of living matter and animals. The danger exposure of these radiations is called radiation hazard. These radiations are so dangerous that even they can produce soil pollution and the crops in such soil may harm the people and cattle.

Safety precaution from radiation hazard.

The effect of radiation health hazard can be minimized by.

- i) By placing radioactive materials in thick walled called lead vessels which absorbs radiations.
- ii) Radioactive substances are controlled by remote control system.
- iii) Sheet of lead is fixed at the doors of room where X-ray some machine or cobalt plant is established.
- iv) Radioactive contamination inside the working area should be avoided.
- v) The workers and doctors must wear lead aprons and gloves.

Comparison betⁿ Natural radioactivity & Artificial radioactivity

Natural radioactivity

- It is spontaneous process occurs in naturally found radioactive elements.

Artificial radioactivity

- It is usually shown by heavy nuclei.

- In natural radioactivity radioactive substances decay either by α and β -emission.

- In artificial radioactivity the radioactive substances elements decay by the emission of positron.

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