

# Cornell Notes

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## Nuclear Reaction

Rxn's :

Change the composition of an atoms nucleus.

Nuclear Stability →

• Protons + neutrons are found in nucleus.

- Only some combinations of # protons and neutrons lead to radioactivity.

Strong Nuclear Force

- Force that holds nucleus together.

- Overcomes the repulsion between protons.

- Presence of neutrons adds a net attractive force to the inside of nucleus.

\*acting as glue.

In book Pg. 112

Copy figure 3-27

In book Pg 115

Figure 3-31 represents radium.

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HOMEWORK : 3-4 Review + Reinforcement #1-20

Take home Quiz → due tomorrow.

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## Radioactivity

- Spontaneous emission of radiation from an element.

- Uranium

- Marie + Pierre Curie discovered Radium + Polonium.

Changes in the nucleus

- chemical properties of radioactive elements change as it gives off radiation.

3 types of Radiation

differ on amount of energy they carry.

• Alpha ( $\alpha$ )

• Beta ( $\beta$ )

• Gamma ( $\gamma$ )

Nuclear Stability  
continued.

Atoms  $p > 20$  need  $n > p$  for nuclei to be stable.

all nuclei  $p > 83$  are radioactive

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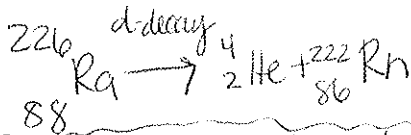
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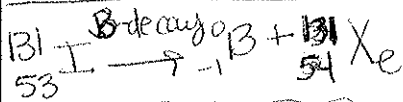
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## Radioactive Decay



Equation to describe  $\alpha$ -decay



Equation to describe  $\beta$ -decay

## Unstable nuclei:

- Too many or few neutrons.

- Excess neutrons result in  $\beta$ -radiation.

Alpha radiation → copy figure 3-31 pg. 116

- the nucleus of Radium-226 has too many protons = unstable  
 - As a result, element is radioactive and undergoes  $\alpha$ -decay.

•  $\alpha$  particle = 2 protons + 2 neutrons →  ${}_2^4\text{He}$

Beta Radiation → copy figure 3-32 pg. 116

- the nucleus of Iodine-131 has too many neutrons = unstable nucleus.

- In  $\beta$  radiation, one neutron splits into a proton and a high energy electron.

- the high energy electron is emitted as radiation + the proton remains in the nucleus of the new nucleus.

Gamma Radiation aka → non-particle radiation

- Rays (similar to light, UV rays, X-rays)
- strongest type of radiation

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IN class - start working on 3-4 Practice Problems  
 1-4 in class  
 5-10 on own.

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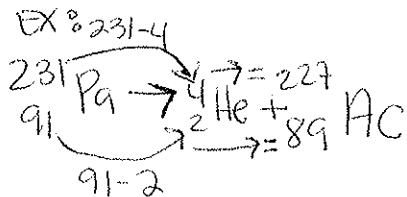
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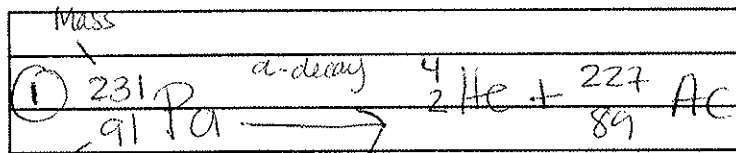
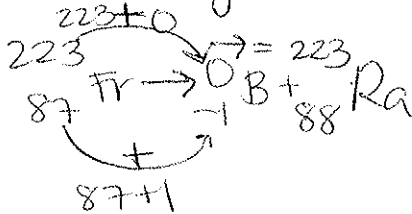
3-4 Practice Prob.  
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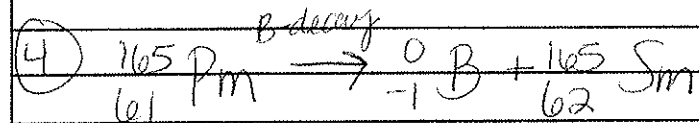
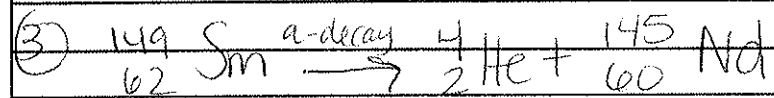
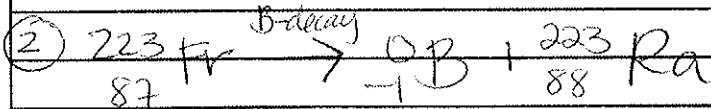
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For  $\beta \rightarrow$  you add



Protons



### 3-4 Explore

#### The Nuclear Dropout

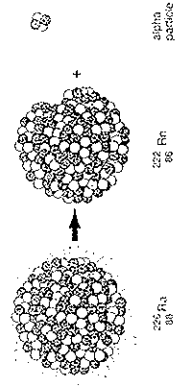
In this activity you will explore the nature of alpha particles.

Materials (per person)

pencil  
periodic table

#### Procedure

1. Examine the diagram of a radium atom undergoing alpha nuclear decay.
2. Use a periodic table to answer each of the questions below.



Alpha Decay

#### Questions

1. What is the new chemical identity of the radium atom after it has emitted an alpha particle?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When the radium atom undergoes nuclear decay, how does the number of protons in the nucleus change? How does the number of neutrons in the nucleus change?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Based on your answer to question 2, describe the composition of an alpha particle.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. An alpha particle is identical to the nucleus of another element in the periodic table. Identify this element.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Create an appropriate symbol for an alpha particle that incorporates your answers to questions 3 and 4 above.  
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6. Can you explain why alpha particles are deflected away from a positively charged plate?  
\_\_\_\_\_

For a → you subtract  
B → you add

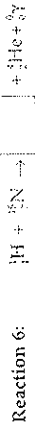
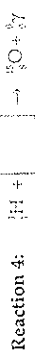
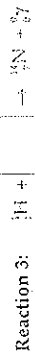
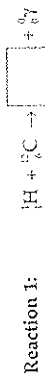
### 3-4 Practice Problems

1. Write a nuclear equation for the alpha decay of  $^{231}_{91}\text{Pa}$ .  
 $^{231}_{91}\text{Pa} \xrightarrow{\alpha\text{-decay}} ^4_2\text{He} + ^{227}_{89}\text{Ac}$
2. Write a nuclear equation for the beta decay of  $^{87}_{37}\text{Rb}$ .  
 $^{87}_{37}\text{Rb} \rightarrow ^0_{-1}\text{B} + ^{87}_{38}\text{Sr}$
3. Write a nuclear equation for the alpha decay of  $^{149}_{62}\text{Sm}$ .  
 $^{149}_{62}\text{Sm} \rightarrow ^4_2\text{He} + ^{145}_{60}\text{Nd}$
4. Write a nuclear equation for the beta decay of  $^{165}_{61}\text{Pm}$ .  
 $^{165}_{61}\text{Pm} \rightarrow ^0_{-1}\text{B} + ^{165}_{62}\text{Sm}$
5. Write a nuclear equation for the alpha decay of  $^{249}_{101}\text{Md}$ .  
 $^{249}_{101}\text{Md} \rightarrow ^4_2\text{He} + ^{245}_{99}\text{Es}$
6. Write a nuclear equation for the alpha decay of  $^{146}_{60}\text{Sm}$ .  
 $^{146}_{60}\text{Sm} \rightarrow ^4_2\text{He} + ^{142}_{58}\text{Nd}$
7. Write a nuclear equation for the beta decay of  $^{198}_{85}\text{At}$ .  
 $^{198}_{85}\text{At} \rightarrow ^0_{-1}\text{B} + ^{198}_{86}\text{Rn}$
8. Write a nuclear equation for the alpha decay of  $^{150}_{64}\text{Gd}$ .  
 $^{150}_{64}\text{Gd} \rightarrow ^4_2\text{He} + ^{146}_{62}\text{Sm}$
9. Write a nuclear equation for the beta decay of  $^{152}_{54}\text{Xe}$ .  
 $^{152}_{54}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^0_{-1}\text{B} + ^{152}_{55}\text{Cs}$
10. Write a nuclear equation for the beta decay of  $^{120}_{55}\text{Cs}$ .  
 $^{120}_{55}\text{Cs} \rightarrow ^0_{-1}\text{B} + ^{120}_{56}\text{Ba}$

### 3-4 Apply

#### The Carbon-Nitrogen Cycle

Hydrogen nuclei are involved in a process known as the carbon-nitrogen cycle. The six reactions in this decay series are presented below. The net result of the carbon-nitrogen cycle is that four hydrogen atoms are combined to produce one helium atom. Reactions 2 and 5 involve decay particles called positrons ( ${}^0_1e$ ). Positrons are essentially positively charged beta particles.



- Use your knowledge of radioactive decay to fill in the missing parts of each nuclear equation above.
- Which type of radioactive particle was emitted by the following isotopes?
  - ${}^{13}_6\text{N}$
  - ${}^{15}_8\text{N}$
- In the cycle, what happens to the nitrogen-13 nuclei produced in the first reaction? \_\_\_\_\_
- What happens to the atom produced in the sixth reaction? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why is the process called a cycle? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3-4 Review and Reinforcement

#### Changes in the Nucleus

Complete each of the sentences below.

- Nuclear reactions change the composition of an atom's \_\_\_\_\_.
- The attractive force that overcomes the electric repulsion between protons is the \_\_\_\_\_ force.
- Almost all the atoms you encounter have \_\_\_\_\_ nuclei.
- All nuclei with atomic numbers greater than 83 are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Alpha, beta, and gamma radiation are distinguished by their charge, \_\_\_\_\_, and penetrating power.
- When an atom emits alpha, beta, or gamma radiation, it is undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ decay.

Answer each of the following questions in the space provided.

- Why is carbon dating not useful for artifacts made entirely of metal? \_\_\_\_\_
- Compare the penetrating power of alpha, beta, and gamma radiation. \_\_\_\_\_
- Why do nuclei need neutrons to be stable? \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe two types of nuclear reactions other than radioactive decay. \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3-4 Review and Reinforcement (continued)

Complete each of the following nuclear reactions by filling in the blank with the correct particle.

11.  ${}_{88}^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow {}_{86}^{222}\text{Rn} +$  \_\_\_\_\_  
12.  ${}_{6}^{14}\text{C} \rightarrow {}_{7}^{14}\text{N} +$  \_\_\_\_\_  
13.  ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow {}_{90}^{234}\text{Th} +$  \_\_\_\_\_

Write the nuclear equations for the following reactions.

14. alpha decay of polonium-210 ( ${}_{84}^{210}\text{Po}$ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
15. beta decay of tritium ( ${}_{1}^3\text{H}$ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
16. alpha decay of thorium-230 ( ${}_{90}^{230}\text{Th}$ ) \_\_\_\_\_

On the line at the left, write the letter of the answer that best completes each statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. In any radioactive decay, the sum of the mass numbers and atomic numbers must be \_\_\_\_\_ before and after the reaction.  
a. greater  
b. the same  
c. less  
d. unpredictable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The most dangerous form of radiation to the human body is  
a. beta radiation.  
b. gamma radiation.  
c. alpha radiation.  
d. They are all equally dangerous.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. To be stable, atoms with more than 20 protons need increasingly more  
a. neutrons than protons.  
b. electrons than protons.  
c. electrons than neutrons.  
d. protons than neutrons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The sun produces energy by means of  
a. gamma radiation.  
b. beta decay.  
c. alpha decay.  
d. nuclear fusion.

