

- Topic 7 - Atomic, Nuclear, and Particle Physics

- 7.1 Atomic energy and radiativity

- Equations

- Photon energy - frequency relationship: $E = hf$

- Planck relationship for wavelength: $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$

- Energy levels

- The orbiting electron can't occupy any possible orbit around the nucleus in an atom.

- Different orbits correspond to different amounts of energy, or energy levels, and the electron in each specific orbital will be restricted to that specific energy.

- Electrons change energy so that they can jump from one energy level to another, but they can only occupy allowed energy level.

- Hydrogen atoms are the simplest of atoms and consist of a single electron held by a single proton using electromagnetic force.

- Isotopes are the same atom where the only difference is the number of protons in an atom.

- Chemical properties are the same, as that is affected by the # of protons.

- The number of protons in an atom defines the atom to be a specific atom.

- The energy levels of hydrogen are:

Energy level (n)	Energy (eV)
1	-13.59
2	-3.41
3	-1.51
4	-0.85
5	-0.54

- The electron that occupies an energy level that is above the ground state is said to be "excited".

- 2nd electron in the second energy level is in the first excited level 3 energy level, 4th excited level, etc.

- If you think of energy levels in terms of the Bohr model, then the first energy level (ground state) is the first shell which can hold 2 electrons.

- 1st shell: 2 electrons, 2nd shell: 8 electrons, 3rd shell: 18 electrons, 4th shell: 32 electrons

- Energy levels in atoms are said to be quantised meaning they have discrete finite values.

- The electron in hydrogen can't have -5.82 eV or -10.21 eV or any other value between -13.59 eV to -3.41 eV; it must have one of the energy levels in the table.

- Transitions between energy levels

- When an electron in the hydrogen atom jumps from the ground state to $n=2$, then it'll gain energy, this is an exact amount of energy meaning if the electron is moving from $n=1$ to $n=2$ it must gain 10.19 eV of energy.

- Furthermore, this electron gains that electron all in one movement.

- When the electron moves from one energy level to the other, it won't move in between the space between the two orbits, it'll teleport.

- The energy needed to excite an atom can come from absorption of light by the atom.

- The energy (E), carried by a photon (quantum of a packet) is related to the frequency of the radiation by the equation: $E = hf$ (h = Planck constant = $6.63 \cdot 10^{-34}$ Js), h is frequency in Hz.

- The wave equation ($c = f \cdot \lambda$ where c is the speed of electromagnetic waves in a vacuum), also applies to the photons and, by combining the two equations we get

$$E = h \frac{c}{\lambda} \text{ or } \lambda = h \frac{c}{E}$$

- To find the wavelength of the electromagnetic radiation when an electron moves from one energy level to another is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ground eV to joules: } & 10.19 \text{ eV} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J} & \lambda = h \frac{c}{E} \\ & = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ J} & = \frac{(6.63 \cdot 10^{-34}) (3 \cdot 10^8)}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-18})} \\ & & = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

this radiation is in the ultraviolet part of the spectrum

- When an electron is excited and moves to a higher energy state, it will be very unstable, therefore, it will quickly fall back down.

- It'll fall back down, it must lose the same amount of energy that it gained to move to the higher energy level.

- When an electron is given the full 13.59 eV it is completely removed from the nucleus ($n = \infty$) and the atom is ionised, known as the first ionisation energy.

- Worked example

- The reason that the ground state has a much higher value is because the electromagnetic force that acts on the electron from the two protons is significantly higher compared to the one electron that attracts the one electron in hydrogen.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E &= 10.2 \text{ eV} & E &= hf \\ &= 10.2 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J} & f &= \frac{E}{h} \\ &= 1.632 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ J} & f &= \frac{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-18})}{(6.63 \cdot 10^{-34})} \\ \text{Conversion} & & & = 2.41 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ Hz} \\ \text{between eV and Joules} & & & \end{aligned}$$

- $A \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$

$$\lambda = 7 \cdot 10^8$$

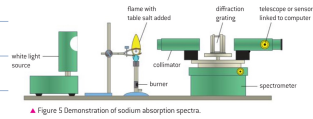
$$= 2.41 \cdot 10^{15}$$

$$= 1.25 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m (ultraviolet region)}$$

Emission spectra (More research)

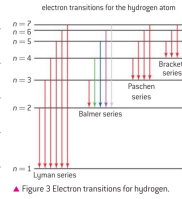
- When energy is supplied to a gas of atoms it causes the atoms emit electromagnetic radiation.
- Energy can be supplied by an electrical discharge (a current passing through the gas when a high voltage is set up between two electrodes across the gas).
- If the radiation emitted by the gas is incident on the slit of a spectrometer, it can then be dispersed by passing it through a diffraction grating or a glass prism.

Diagram



- Observing the spectrum will show a series of lines.
- Each series of lines is dependent on the energy level that the electrons fall to.
- The Lyman series shows the electrons fall to the ground state ($n=1$).
 - This series is in the ultraviolet region of the electromagnetic spectrum.
- The Balmer series is the series where the electrons fall to the first excited level ($n=2$).
 - The series is in the visible light region.
- The Paschen series falls to the second excited energy level ($n=3$).
 - The series is in the infrared region.

Diagram



Absorption spectra

- Electrons in solids, liquids, & dense gases can also be excited - they tend to glow when heated to a high temp.
- When the emitted light is dispersed it never consists of a spectrum of bands of color rather than lines.
 - Each will give out a continuous spectrum in which the colors are mixed into each other and so aren't discrete.
 - This is due to the fact that in solids the atoms are closely packed, causing the energy levels in atoms to change values.
 - When there are many atoms, the overall energy levels combine to form a series of similar but different energies which make up an energy band.
- The continuous spectrum is "streaked" by a number of dark lines.
 - Eg when a tungsten filament is heated then it will have black lines on its emission spectrum. These black lines correspond to the emission spectrum of hydrogen.
- Absorption occurs when an electron in an atom absorbs a photon. The energy of this photon must be equal to the difference in energy levels (ΔE).
 - The material that is absorbing light will absorb photons of those specific frequencies from the continuous range of energies emitted by the light source.
 - This energy that is absorbed by the atoms in the solid means that the atoms will be more available as they move to a higher energy level. This means that the electrons will emit photons of the same energy that absorbed back so that they can fall back down to a more stable energy level.
 - The energy that they absorbed will be emitted in random direction rather than just in one direction. This will reduce the intensity of those specific frequencies in the original direction giving the black lines in the continuous light spectrum.

Why are there black lines on the emission spectrum? | What determines the number of lines? They represent photon energies absorbed by electrons in form of photons (packets of energy).

The reason that there are black lines on the emission spectrum is because when electrons absorb light they will have to absorb a specific wavelength which are absorbed from the electrons in the material, forming the black lines on the emission spectrum. Since the photons are re-emitted randomly, they won't make up the difference.

Worked example

- Absorption spectrum is a continuous light spectrum that is emitted by substances when they absorb light. The reason that they have black lines is because when the electrons in the atoms fall back down to a more stable level they'll emit the photons in random direction rather than the original one.
 - The lines correspond to the frequency of light that are absorbed by the material.
- This may be observed by having the material while passing white light through it, or the light passes through a diffraction grating you'll be able to see on a monitor that there will be black lines from where the electrons in the material absorbed the light.

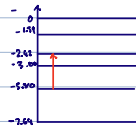
$$E = h \cdot \nu$$

$$= (6.63 \cdot 10^{-34}) (7 \cdot 10^{14})$$

$$\frac{(5.98 \cdot 10^{-7})}{2.99 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ s}}$$

- the electron in the atom could have to absorb the energy from a source such as light. The energy here must be equal to the difference between the levels, as this is an absorption of energy to move electrons to a higher state.

$$= 2.42 \cdot 550 = 2.99 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ J}$$



Radioactive decay

- Radioactive decay is a process where an unstable atom will spontaneously change into different nuclear configurations by the emission of alpha particles, beta particles, and gamma radiation.

- There are fewer than 600 naturally occurring nuclides (nuclide is/ particular # of protons & neutrons) and approx 60 of them are radioactive.

- When an element changes due to radioactive decay, it'll become more stable.

- The nuclide decaying is called the parent and the nuclide is formed is the daughter(s).

- The nucleus of an atom contains protons and neutrons (known as nucleons), and they're held together by the strong nuclear force which must overcome the electrostatic repulsion between the positively charged protons.

- The presence of neutrons moderates this repulsion.

- The strong nuclear force (which has a very short range 10^{-15} m) acts equally on protons & neutrons.

- Nuclei with few nucleons, having an approx equal amount of protons and neutrons will mean that nuclides being more stable and not radioactive.

- Heavier nuclei need a greater proportion of neutrons in order to be stable.

Nuclide nomenclature

- This is the method of describing the composition of a nuclide.



- A is the number of protons and neutrons (mass number)

- Z is the number of protons

- X is the element's symbol.

- Isotopes are nuclides of the same element (w/ same # of protons) but with a different number of neutrons.

Alpha (α) decay (emits ${}^4_2\text{He}$ (2 protons & 2 neutrons))

- In alpha-particle decay, an unstable nuclide will emit a particle of the same configuration of Helium (2 protons, 2 neutrons, 0 electrons).

- Many nuclides of heavy elements decay primarily by alpha-particle emission.



- The equation must be balanced so that there are equal number of protons and neutrons on either side due to the conservation of charge and mass-energy.

- Alpha particles is written as ${}^4_2\alpha$. - The fact that they don't have any electrons mean that have a positive charge (2+ charge).

Negative beta (β^-) decay (electron emitted, neutron changes to proton, $\bar{\nu}$ released & ν released)

- In negative beta-particle emission, an unstable nuclide emits an electron.

- Since electrons aren't counted towards the nucleon number, the number won't change.

- This decay occurs for those nuclides with too high a neutron-proton ratio. The decay is also accompanied by an electron antineutrino ($\bar{\nu}$).

- $\frac{1}{2}$ neutron is converted to a proton and an electron is ejected.

Why does a neutron convert to a proton when an electron is ejected?

This is in the form of a balanced equation, since β^- radiation is ${}^0_{-1}\text{e}$ an extra number of the bottom is necessary, meaning proton # increases.



- the negative beta particle is written as ${}^0_{-1}\beta$.

- The antineutrino has no protons or nucleon number (${}^0_0\bar{\nu}$).

Positive (β^+) decay (neutron ejected, proton converted to neutron, ν & $\bar{\nu}$ released)

- In positron or positive beta-particle emission, the unstable nuclide emits a positron.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ proton is the antiparticle of an electron, having the same characteristics of an electron but with a positive charge rather than a negative one.

- The emission of the positron doesn't change the nucleon number of the parent nuclide.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ proton is converted to a neutron and this positron is ejected.

- This decay is for nuclides with too high proton-neutron ratio.

- This reaction also releases an electron neutrino.



Gamma ray emission

- Gamma rays are high-energy photons often accompanying other decay mechanisms. They

- Being emitted an alpha or beta particle the daughter nucleus is often left in an excited state.

- Its relaxation by emitting gamma photons then being its own energy.

- Example:



- The stable ^{60}Ni decays by beta emission into an excited stable ^{60}Ni , this decay of Cobalt-60 is accompanied by a gamma photon.

- Another gamma photon is released after the decay of nickel-60 for the nickel atoms to become stable.

- Gamma have no protons or neutrons number, 0.



- Worked example



- Half-life

- The half-life is the time taken for half the total number of nuclei initially in a sample to decay or for the initial activity of a sample to fall by half.

- Eg Uranium-238 has a half-life of $4.5 \cdot 10^9$ years.

- The nucleus of an atom has a diameter of the order 10^{-15} m and is essentially isolated from its surroundings.

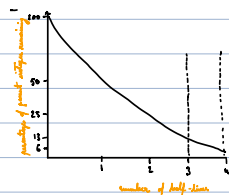
- This means that the decay of a nucleus is independent of the physical state of the nucleus and the physical conditions such as Temp. & pressure.

- Only nuclear interactions such as a collision with a particle in a particle detector can influence the half-life of a nucleus.

- The graphs showing the parent nuclei decay in the case for all radioactive isotopes the slope is a square relationship.

- The same gets very close the x-axis but never intercepts it.

- Parent nuclei decay



- N_0 is the initial amount of radioactive material (unchanged nuclei at $t=0$).

$$\frac{N_0}{2} = \text{Half-life}$$

$$\frac{N_0}{4} = \text{Two half-lives}$$

$$\frac{N_0}{8} = \text{4 half-lives}$$

- Measuring radioactive decay

- To measure beta & gamma radiation you need a Geiger counter.

- Its filled with a low-pressure gas.

- One end of the tube has a thick piece of gas which allows radiation to pass through.

- The radiation ionizes the gas, the ions released will then be attracted to the detector creating a current that can be measured by a counting unit.

- Ionization is when a radioactive particle pulls electrons with it.

- Background count

- Radioactive materials are found everywhere.

- Background count is the naturally occurring radiation in the surroundings.

- The amount (BQ) is a radiation unit that takes the ionizing effect of different radiation into account.

- Absorption of radiation

- Different radioactive emissions interact with materials according to their ionization level.

- Alpha particles ionize gas very strongly, have short range in air, and are absorbed by thin paper.

- Due to massive masses, and have a charge of +2e.

- Beta particles are poorer ionizers but have a range of several centimeters in air and require a few centimeters of aluminum to be absorbed.

- They are much lighter than alpha particles and have a charge of -1e or +1e depending on the type of Beta emission.

- Gamma rays, being electromagnetic waves, barely interact with matter.

- It takes many meters of air or several centimeters of lead to absorb gamma rays.

- Table

Emission	Composition	Range	Ionizing ability
α	a helium nucleus (2 protons and 2 neutrons)	low penetration, biggest mass and charge, absorbed by a few centimetres of air, skin or thin sheet of paper	very highly ionizing
β	high energy electrons	moderate penetration, most are absorbed by 25 cm of air, a few centimetres of body tissue or a few millimetres of metals such as aluminium	moderately highly ionizing
γ	very high frequency electromagnetic radiation	highly penetrating, most photons are absorbed by a few cm of lead or several metres of concrete few photons will be absorbed by human bodies	poorly ionizing - usually secondary ionization by electrons that the photons can eject from metals

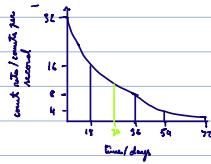
Worked example

- ^{238}U emits in a nucleus of a particular number of protons and electrons

- Half-life is the time when half of the emitted particles have decayed into nuclei of other elements



- 4 days



- Hence Thorium-232 will release β radiation when it decays, you can use a Geiger-Müller counter to measure the amount of radiation emitted

7.2 Nuclear reactions

Equations

- the mass-energy relationship: $E=mc^2$

Patterns for stability in nucleides

- % determines if there are too many neutrons compared to protons, or too many protons compared to neutrons - graphs showing the variation of the number of protons & neutrons in plotted for stable nucleides

- the pattern formed is called the zone of stability

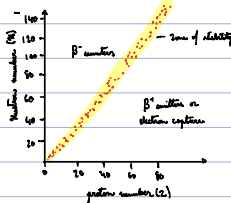
- Nucleides within the zone are stable, but if a nucleide is to the left or the right of the zone of stability will mean that the nucleide is unstable & will decay spontaneously so that it can reach the zone of stability.

- Using the zone of stability and the graphs we can predict the type of α , β , β^+ , or electron capture.

- Nucleides having low proton numbers are most stable when the neutron-proton ratio is approx 1.

- When a nucleide becomes heavier the neutron-proton ratio increases.

Number of against proton- n graph



- Unstable nucleides lying to the left of the zone of stability are neutron rich, and decay with β^- nucleides.

- Unstable nucleides to the right will be proton rich, and will decay with β^+ nucleides or with electron capture.

- Electron capture is when a nucleon captures an electron and changes one of its protons to a neutron.

- The heaviest nucleides are alpha emitters since emission of both two protons & two neutrons decreases mass.

- Neutron factor that affects the stability of a nucleon is whether or not the number of protons and neutrons is even or odd.

- Almost half the heavier nucleides have both even protons & neutrons.

- Only 5 stable nucleides have both odd protons & neutron numbers.

- Whether the number of protons or neutrons is 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, or 126 affects the stability.

The unified atomic mass units & how their mass the weight of a nucleon or proton is calculated?

- The unified atomic mass unit (u) is a convenient unit for masses measured on atomic scale.

- It is one twelfth of the rest mass of an unbound atom of carbon-12 in its nuclear & electronic ground state, having a value of 1.661×10^{-27} kg.

- Hence $12 \text{ u} = 6 \text{ protons} + 6 \text{ neutrons}$, $\frac{1}{12}$ of 12 u will ensure that you can find the weight of both neutrons & protons.

- The density, unified atomic mass is replaced with the "dalton" (Da).

Binding energy (It is the energy required to completely separate a nucleon).

- The strong nuclear force between neighbouring nucleons in many short range, 10^{-10} m or 1 fm.

- To completely dismantle a nucleus into its constituent nucleons would need to be done to separate the nucleons and to overcome the strong nuclear force between them. This is known as the **nuclear binding energy**.

- Forming a nucleus from individual nucleons would mean releasing energy as the strong force pulls them together. This energy is equal to the nuclear binding force needed to separate the nucleons.

- As you know from chemistry, forming bonds requires energy (endothermic) while breaking them is exothermic (releases energy).

- Deuteron

- It's a stable particle composed of a proton & a neutron.

- Process of formation

- A free proton and a free neutron collide: $p \rightarrow n$

- The proton and neutron combine to form a **deuteron** with the binding energy being carried away by a photon. $p + n \rightarrow d + \gamma$

- A photon of energy **greater** than the binding energy of the deuteron is **incident** on the deuteron: $d + \gamma \rightarrow p + n$

Explain this → The photon and neutron separate with their total kinetic energy being the difference between the photon energy and the binding energy needed to separate the proton & neutron.

- The free proton and neutron have a greater total rest mass than the deuteron ← **why?** (2x4)

- Mass defect and nuclear binding energy

- Energy and mass are different aspects of the same quantity & are shown to be interchangeable: $E = mc^2$

- When work is done **on** a system so that its energy increases by an amount ΔE then its mass will increase by an amount Δm given by:

$$\Delta m = \frac{\Delta E}{c^2}$$

- When work is done **by** a system resulting in its energy decreasing by an amount ΔE then its mass will decrease by an amount Δm given by:

$$\Delta m = -\frac{\Delta E}{c^2}$$

- These only work on a **static** scale.

- When energy is supplied to reheat a metal, there will be an increase in the mass of the metal.

- In an exothermic reaction there will be a decrease in the mass of reactants.

- The total mass of the individual nucleons making up a nucleus must be greater than the mass of that nucleus.

- This difference is known as the **mass defect**, which is the **mass equivalent** of the nuclear binding energy.

- Mass and energy units for nuclear changes

- Nuclear changes usually involve $MeV (1.6 \times 10^{-13} J)$.

- The u unit for MeV is MeV/c^2 .

- One unified atomic mass unit is equal to $931.5 MeV/c^2$.

- Worked example

- a) 2_1H deuterium $m = 3.3445 \times 10^{-27} kg - (1.67262 \times 10^{-27} kg + 1.67493 \times 10^{-27} kg) = -0.00188 kg$ Why do we have a negative sign? 2_1H ?

$$E = mc^2 = \frac{5.00160 MeV}{(1.602 \times 10^{-13} J)} = 3.12 \times 10^{-14} J$$

$$m = \frac{E}{c^2} = \frac{3.12 \times 10^{-14} J}{(3 \times 10^8 m/s)^2} = 3.47 \times 10^{-31} kg$$

How are we supposed to find the mass in the atomic mass unit without converting from kg to MeV? (2x5)

- b) 4_2He because the strong force is stronger with more nucleons.

- Variation of nuclear binding energy per nucleon

- The nuclear binding energy is higher for larger nuclei and it tends to be smaller for smaller nuclei.

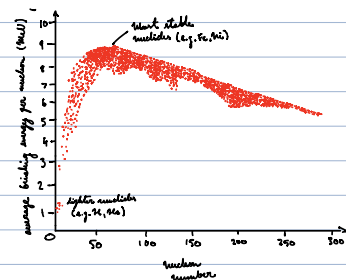
- With a greater number of nucleons there are more opportunities for the strong force to act between nucleons.

- A larger nuclear binding energy means that more energy is needed to dismantle a nucleus into its component nucleons.

- To find the average binding energy per nucleon is found by dividing the total binding energy for a nucleus by the number of nucleons in the nucleus.

- Most nuclei have a binding energy of $\approx 8 MeV$ per nucleon.

- Graph:



- On the left of the plot, the nucleides with low nucleon number, such as ${}^2\text{H}$ & ${}^3\text{He}$, are less tightly bonded than the more massive nucleides.
- At the same binding energy per nucleon the nucleide has the most stable nuclei the nucleide is the most abundant in the universe.
- The furthest to the right are the heaviest nucleides and are less tightly bonded together than the lighter ones.

Nuclear fusion

- The fusion of small nuclei gives out large amount of energy.
- This is because the total nuclear binding energy of the fused nuclei is larger than the sum of total nuclear binding energy of the component nuclei.
- The difference in binding energy is released as kinetic energy of the fusion products.
- The energy released can be thought of as the difference between the energy emitted in constructing the fused nucleus and the energy required in deconstructing the two nuclei.
- When two nuclei of masses m_1 & m_2 fuse to form a nucleus of mass m_3 .

- Mass weight = $m_1 + m_2 > m_3$
 ↳ constituent particles

- The loss of mass is emitted as kinetic energy of the fusion products $\rightarrow \Delta E = (m_1 + m_2 - m_3)c^2$
 $\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$

Examples

- $E = mc^2$ (${}^4\text{He} = 4.002602 \text{ u}$)

- mass of protons $= 2 \times 1.007825 \text{ u}$

- mass of neutrons $= 2 \times 1.01938 \text{ u}$

- $\Delta mc^2 = 0.03828 \text{ u} \times (1.661 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}) \times (3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2 = 4.963408 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ J}$

- $\Delta mc^2 = 4.963408 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ J} = 4.963408 \text{ MeV}$

- $E = mc^2$
 $= (4.963408 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ J}) / (9 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ J/kg}) = 5.514898 \cdot 10^{-29} \text{ kg}$
 $E = 4.963408 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ J} = 4.963408 \text{ MeV}$

- There are energy problems to trying to produce fusion. Initially, the repulsion between the protons means that energy must be supplied to the system in order to allow the strong nuclear force to do its work.

- Trying two protons & two neutrons doesn't work, so earth-based fusion is between the nuclei of deuterium (${}^2\text{H}$) & tritium (${}^3\text{H}$).

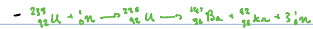
Nuclear fission

- If we were able to take a large nucleus & split it into two smaller ones, the binding energy per nucleon will increase, as we move from the right side to the center.
- This means energy must be given out in form of kinetic energy.
- The energy released is equivalent to the difference between the energy needed to deconstruct a large nucleus and that emitted when two smaller nuclei are constructed from its components.

- Mass of two smaller nuclei is less than parent due to mass lost to kinetic energy.

- $m_1 + m_2 < m_3$ then $\Delta E = (m_3 - m_1 - m_2)c^2$

- Uranium-236 undergoes spontaneous fission to split into two lighter nucleides and at the same time emits two or three further neutrons.



Worked example

- Nuclear fission is the splitting of a large nucleus into smaller ones while nuclear fusion is the joining of smaller nuclei to form a larger one.

- In each case the total nuclear binding energy of products is larger than that of the reactants.

- ΔE is emitted as $h\nu$.

- Mass of products is less than that of reactants due to $h\nu$.



- $4.002603 + 1.008665$ (sum of nucleons) = 5.011268 u

- ${}^{141}_{54}\text{Xe} + {}^{92}_{38}\text{Sr} = 5.010152 \text{ u}$

- Mass lost to $h\nu = 5.011268 - 5.010152 = 0.001116 \text{ u}$

$E = \left(\frac{0.001116}{1.661 \cdot 10^{-27}} \right) \cdot (3 \cdot 10^8)^2$
 $E = 2.82 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ J}$

7.3 The structure of matter

Particle properties

Charge	Quarks			Baryon number	Charge	Leptons		
$\frac{2}{3}e$	u	c	t	$\frac{1}{3}$	-1	e	μ	τ
$-\frac{1}{3}e$	d	s	b	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ
All quarks have a strangeness number of 0 except the strange quark that has a strangeness number of -1					All leptons have a lepton number of 1 and antileptons have a lepton number of -1			
	Gravitational		Weak		Electromagnetic		Strong	
Particles experiencing	All		Quarks, leptons		Charged		Quarks, gluons	
Particles mediating	Graviton		W^+, W^-, Z^0		γ		Gluons	

- Cathode rays are charged

The scattering of alpha particles

- The gold foil experiment was the following

- Alpha particles whose orbits at the gold foil are deflected could have a small (0.0135%) chance. This is because they must have hit a particle with a same charge. Since alpha particles are positively charged (2+ charge), there it will be repelled by the positive in the gold foil where they hit them.

Diagram of apparatus:

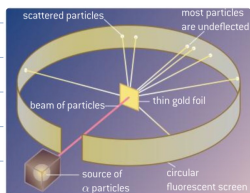


Figure 3 The Rutherford-Geiger-Marsden apparatus.

- This showed that the diameter of a nucleus must be 10^{-14} m, while the whole atom could be 10^{-10} m in diameter.

- The electrons that are accelerating because of circular motion should emit electromagnetic radiation and spiral into the nucleus.

- This would mean that all atoms would collapse, but since that's not the case, the atom model is incomplete.

The particle explosion

- The positron is an antiparticle of electrons.

- The antiparticle is a particle that has the identical rest mass, but has opposite charge, spin, baryon number, lepton number, and strangeness.

- If an electron moves in one direction, a positron will move in the exact opposite way.

- When an electron collides with a positron, they annihilate and their total mass is converted into a pair of photons of identical energy emitted at right angles to each other.

- One of the processes is called pair production. Pair production is when a photon interacts with a nucleus and produces a particle and its antiparticle.

- For this to happen a photon must have a minimum energy equal to the total rest mass of the particle & antiparticle.

- The antiproton is the antiparticle of a proton.

- To form its antiproton must be accelerated to an energy of approx 6.7 MeV ($\frac{6}{6.242 \cdot 10^{12}} \cdot 9.61506 \cdot 10^{-31}$) before colliding with another proton:



- The amount is sufficient to produce another proton & antiproton - using E=mc².

Classification of particles - the standard model

Lepton

- Lepton are members of the electron family & consist of the electron (e⁻), the muon (μ⁻), the tau (τ⁻), their antiparticles plus three neutrinos associated with each of the particles and three neutrinos associated with the antiparticles.

- Electron (e⁻), the muon (μ⁻), the tau (τ⁻) are negatively charged.

- Why don't the strong force apply on leptons?

- Their antiparticles are positively charged.

- Only quarks are affected by the strong nuclear force. Quarks have a property called "color" (it's not really color), and the strong force is a force that acts on colored particles.

- Neutrinos and antineutrinos are electrically uncharged.

Baryon number

- Electron is $\frac{1}{1836}$ the mass of proton.

- Neutrons, protons, and leptons have baryon numbers of 0.

- Muon is 200 times lighter than electron.

- Tau neutrino mass is similar to proton.

- Lepton have a lepton number +1 and antilepton -1.

Particle	Leptons			Charge/e	Lepton number (L)
	e	μ	τ		
Antiparticles	e ⁻	μ ⁻	τ ⁻	-1	+1
Neutrinos	e ⁺	μ ⁺	τ ⁺	+1	-1
Neutrinos	ν _e	ν _μ	ν _τ	0	+1
Antineutrinos	ν̄ _e	ν̄ _μ	ν̄ _τ	0	-1

Quarks

- Quarks within nucleons are grouped in three called quarks.

- There are 6 quarks & 6 antiquarks.

- Labeled by "flavor": up (u), down (d), strange (s), charm (c), bottom (b), and top (t).

- They carry a charge of $+\frac{2}{3}e$ or $-\frac{1}{3}e$, and antiquarks carry $-\frac{2}{3}e$ or $+\frac{1}{3}e$.

- Up and down quarks are the lightest quarks, followed by strange & charm, and then bottom & top quarks (heaviest).

Quarks with charge $+\frac{2}{3}e$	Quarks with charge $-\frac{1}{3}e$
u	d
c	s
t	b

Antiquarks carry the opposite charge and are denoted by \bar{u} , \bar{d} , \bar{c} , etc.

Quark confinement

- Quarks only exist in groups called hadrons.
 - Mesons are formed from a combination of two or three quarks (called meson and baryon) this is known as quark confinement.
- To hold the quarks in place they exchange gluons.
 - Gluons are an exchange particles that act as the exchange particles for the strong force between quarks.

Please, teacher \rightarrow Moving a quark away from its neighbors in the baryon or meson stores more energy in the interaction between the quarks, and therefore requires increasing amounts of energy to increase their separation.

- Adding more & more energy in the system won't break the force between quarks, it'll form more quarks instead.
 - This lesser original quark exchanged, but creates new meson or baryon by E=mc².

Hadrons

- Hadrons are particles composed of quarks, and include baryons (made up of three quarks) or mesons (comprise of quark-antiquark pairs).
 - Protons are hadronic subatomic particles composed of 3 quarks, neutrons are composed of a Baryon.
- The strong interaction acts on all hadrons but not on leptons.
- Weak interaction acts on both leptons and hadrons.
 - Leptons are a subatomic particle which consists of an electron, a muon, and a tau with 3 neutrinos.
- Some particles are theorized to be "pentaquarks" consisting of four quarks and one antiquark.
- Baryon number is assigned to quarks to explain the outcome of observed interactions between particles.
 - The quark is given a baryon number of $\frac{1}{3}$ and
- "Strangeness" (S) was defined to explain the behavior of massive particles such as kaons and hyperons.
 - Strange quarks have a charge of $-\frac{1}{3}e$.
 - These particles are created in pairs in collisions.
 - It has a lifetime of 10^{-10} s, instead of normal 10^{-23} s. What they mean by strangeness is that the lifetimes of quarks such as kaons or hyperons are no long compared to normal one.
 - The strange quark has a strangeness of -1 while a strange antiquark has a strangeness of +1.
 - The property of strangeness is conserved when strange particles are created, but it's not conserved when they decay.
 - Ask about the Eightfold Way with baryons and mesons.

Examples of baryons

- Both proton and neutron are baryons, they consist of 3 quarks and have a baryon number of +1.
 - The proton consists of two up quarks and a down quark. Its configuration is used which means its baryon # is $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1$.
 - The neutron consists of two down quarks and one up quark (udd) which give charge: $-\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$.
 - When only antiquarks, the opposite charge is used, therefore, an antiquark will have a baryon number of -1, and it consists of two antiquarks and one antiquark: total with charge configuration: $-\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = -1$.
 - anti-proton (\bar{p}) = $\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{d} = -1$ charge. Baryon (3 quarks).
 - Lambda (Λ) = $uud = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 0$ charge. Baryon (3 quarks).
 - Omega (Ω^-) = $sss = -\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = -1$ charge.
 - Consists of 3 strange quarks. Furthermore, this is a baryon since it consists of 3 quarks.

Examples of mesons

- Kaon (K^+) consists of $u\bar{s}$ (strange and anti quark) with charge: $+\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = +1$. It's a meson or it's a quark with antiquark. Strangeness of -1.
- η_c ($c\bar{c}$) consists of $c\bar{c}$ (charm quark and anti-charm quark). Charge = $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = 0$ charge. Meson.
- π^+ ($u\bar{d}$) consists of an up quark and an anti-down quark: $u\bar{d}$, charge $+\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = +1$. π^+ is meson or it only consists of a quark and antiquark.
- Positive kaon (K^+) consists of $u\bar{s}$ (up quark and anti strange quark). With charge: $+\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = +1$. Hence $K = \text{strangeness} = -1$, then $\bar{K} = \text{strangeness} = +1$.

Conservation rules

- The previously mentioned a change in mass due to interaction between particles or decay will be released in form of energy.
- No interaction that violates the conservation of charge has ever been observed; the same is true for baryon number (B) and lepton number (L).
 - All leptons have a lepton number of +1 and antileptons have a lepton number of -1.

- Worked example

- Charge

- Proton = +1, $\pi^- = -1$, neutron = 0, $\pi^0 = 0$

- Baryon number

- Proton = 1, $\pi^- = 0$, neutron = 0, $\pi^0 = 0$

- $p + \pi^- \rightarrow 1 - 1 \rightarrow 0 + 0 \rightarrow n + \pi^0$

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- π^0 will annihilate as they're a quark and its antiquark

- \therefore No, there wouldn't be enough quarks to form a neutron, as well as this defies the laws of thermodynamics where it says that mass can't be created or destroyed.

- Fundamental forces

- Gravitational force

- This force is weak.

- Has an infinite range and acts on all particles.

- It's always attractive, and over large distances it's the dominant force.

- On atomic & sub-atomic scales it's negligible.

- Electromagnetic force

- This is the force between electrical charges or bar magnets.

- This causes electric and magnetic effect between electrical charges or bar magnets.

- Infinite range, although unlike the gravitational force, it has a much shorter distance.

- This force holds atoms and molecules together.

- It acts on all charged particles, and it can either be attractive or repulsive depending on the particles.

- The strong nuclear force or strong interaction

- This is an extremely strong force but it has a very short range.

- Only 10^{-15} m, and acts between hadrons but not leptons.

- At 10^{-17} m the force is attractive but it becomes strongly repulsive at distances any smaller than that.

- Weak nuclear force or weak interaction

- This is responsible for radioactive decay and neutrino interactions.

- Strong, electromagnetic, and weak interactions all cause particles to decay. However, only weak force causes decay of fundamental particles.

- Without this weak interaction fusion couldn't occur, and living animals could not be built.

- Range $\approx 10^{-18}$ m and acts between all particles.

- Exchange particles (Review)

- The force between a pair of particles is transmitted by particles called gauge bosons.

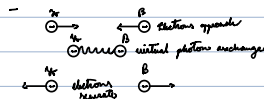
- Gauge boson is a force carrier

- A different boson is responsible for a different force.

- The mass of boson establishes range of force.

- The boson carries the force between particles.

- As seen in the figure below, two electrons approach one another, this will result in a photon exchange leading to electromagnetic repulsion.



- The reason the exchange particles is said to be virtual is because it's not detected during the exchange.

- It can't be detected because detection would ensure that it would no longer be acting on the transmitter of the force between the particles.

- They can't be detected because they would become real particles if they could be detected.

- The longer the rest mass of the exchange particle is, the longer the time it can be in flight without it being detected, therefore, the longer the range of the force.

- The method of understanding how a repulsive force is produced by the transfer of a virtual particle is by thinking of two people in two different boats, and what effect a heavy ball that they could throw at one another.

- As the ball is thrown at one another the change in momentum as the people throw & catch the ball will push them back to someone who doesn't see the ball will think that there is a repulsive force between the two particles.

- An attractive force between oppositely charged particles can be thought of two people with a hammer, throwing it at one another with their hands to one another.

- In this case D_p will result in the book being attracted to one another.

- Exchange particles of 4 fundamental forces

Force	Exchange particle	Mass
Gravitational	gravitons (undiscovered)	0 kg
Weak nuclear	W^+ , W^- , and Z^0 bosons	Quarks and leptons
Electromagnetic	photons	Electrically charged particles
Strong force	gluons (and mesons)	Quarks and gluons (and hadrons)

- Feynman Diagram

- Represent interaction between particles

- The time axis goes upwards, and the space or position axis to the right.

- Some diagrams are drawn with the space or position axis on going up, while the time axis is going to the right.

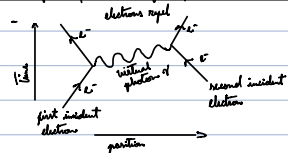
- Straight lines represent particles and squiggly curves show particles moving forwards in time (downward arrows represent antiparticles also in the forward direction).

- Wavy or broken lines that have no arrows represent exchange particles.

- Points at which lines come together are called vertices and, at each vertex, conservation of charge, baryon number, and lepton number needs to be applied.

- Example diagram

- Feynman diagram of the electromagnetic force between two electrons



- Feynman diagram of the strong force between a proton and a neutron



- Virtual pions (π^0) is exchanged between a proton (p) and a neutron (n) mediating the strong nuclear force between these particles in the nucleus. (transmission)

- The electromagnetic force

- As seen in the diagram of the electromagnetic force between two electrons, the exchange particle that gives rise to the force is the photon.

- Photons have zero mass and this equates to the force having an infinite range.

- The diagram shows two electrons moving closer and interacting by the exchange of a virtual photon.