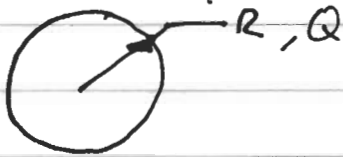


AP 4010 INTRO NUCLEAR SCIENCE
HOME WORK # 4 - SOLUTIONS

PROBLEM 2-1



A SPHERE OF UNIFORM CHARGE DENSITY
RADIUS = R, CHARGE = Q

WHAT IS THE ELECTROSTATIC ENERGY?

TWO WAYS: (#A) INTEGRATE ELECTRIC FIELD ENERGY
(#B) COMPUTE WORK REQUIRED TO ASSEMBLE SPHERE

(#A) ELECTRIC FIELD ENERGY = $\iiint dU \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2}$

GAUSS'S LAW GIVES ELECTRIC FIELD:

$$\iint d\vec{A} \cdot \vec{E} = \iiint dV \rho / \epsilon_0$$

SINCE THE PROBLEM IS SPHERICALLY SYMMETRIC,
THESE INTEGRALS ARE 1-DIMENSIONAL WITH
 \vec{E} IN THE RADIAL DIRECTION

$$\text{ENERGY} = \int_0^{\infty} 4\pi r^2 dr \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2}$$

$$4\pi r^2 E_r = \begin{cases} \frac{r^3}{R^3} \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} & r < R \\ Q / \epsilon_0 & r > R \end{cases}$$

PROBLEM 2.1 (CONT.)

THUS, ENERGY = $\int_0^R 4\pi r^2 dr \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi R^3 \epsilon_0} Q \right)^2$

+ $\int_R^\infty 4\pi r^2 dr \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi r^2 \epsilon_0} \right)^2$

= $\frac{Q^2}{8\pi \epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{R^3} \int_0^R r^4 dr + \int_R^\infty \frac{dr}{r^2} \right]$

= $\frac{Q^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{5R} + \frac{1}{R} \right] = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \frac{3}{5} \frac{1}{R}$

#13 THE METHOD USED TO CALCULATE THE ENERGY OF A SPHERE IN THE TEXT BOOK WAS TO SUM THE ENERGY REQUIRED TO "ASSEMBLE" THE SPHERE!

ENERGY = $\int_0^Q \frac{q dq}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r}$ WHERE $q = \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3 Q$

OR $r = R \left(\frac{q}{Q} \right)^{1/3}$

AS MORE CHARGE IS ADDED, THE RADIUS OF THE SPHERE INCREASES SO THAT THE CHARGE IS UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED WITHIN SPHERE

ENERGY = $\int_0^Q \frac{q dq}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R \left(\frac{q}{Q} \right)^{1/3}} = \frac{Q^{1/3}}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R} \int_0^Q q^{2/3} dq$

= $\frac{3}{5} \frac{Q^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 R}$

PROBLEM # 2.1 (CONT)

NOW, CONSIDER THE ISOBARS ${}^{41}_{20}\text{Ca}$ and ${}^{41}_{21}\text{Sc}$

ENERGY DIFFERENCE \approx DIFFERENCE IN ELECTROSTATIC ENERGY

$$\Delta E = 350.420 - 343.143 = 7.28 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{3}{5} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R} ((21)^2 - (20)^2) = \frac{3}{5} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R} 41$$

But $\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 1.44 \text{ MeV fm}$, so $7.28 \text{ MeV} = \frac{3}{5} 1.44 \frac{41}{R} \text{ MeV}$
 $\therefore R = 4.87 \text{ fm} !!$

PROBLEM # 2.2

SINCE $A=46$ IS EVEN, THERE ARE TWO EVEN-EVEN NUCLEI THAT ARE STABLE TO β -DECAY: ${}^{46}_{20}\text{Ca}$ AND ${}^{46}_{26}\text{Fe}$

PROBLEM # 2.3

$$\text{MASS}(A, Z) = Z m_H + (A-Z) m_N - B(A, Z)$$

WHERE

$$B(A, Z) = A_V A - A_S A^{2/3} - \frac{A_C Z^2}{A^{1/3}} - \frac{A_A (A-2Z)^2}{A}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \text{MASS}}{\partial Z} \right|_{A=\text{CONST}} = m_H - m_N + \left[\frac{2a_C Z}{A^{1/3}} - \frac{4a_A (A-2Z)}{A} \right] \frac{1}{c^2}$$

SOLVE FOR $Z_{\text{min}} \dots$

$$m_N - m_H = \frac{2}{A c^2} \left[(a_C A^{2/3} + 4a_A) Z - 2a_A A \right] \text{ OR}$$

$$Z = \frac{A c^2}{2} \left[\frac{m_N - m_H + 4a_A/c^2}{a_C A^{2/3} + 4a_A} \right] \sim 43.8$$

${}^{101}_{44}\text{Ru}$

PROBLEM #2

SCHRÖDINGER'S EQ WITHIN 1D, 2D, 3D BOXES

1D: $E\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}$
 2D: $E\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial y^2} \right)$
 3D: $E\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial z^2} \right)$

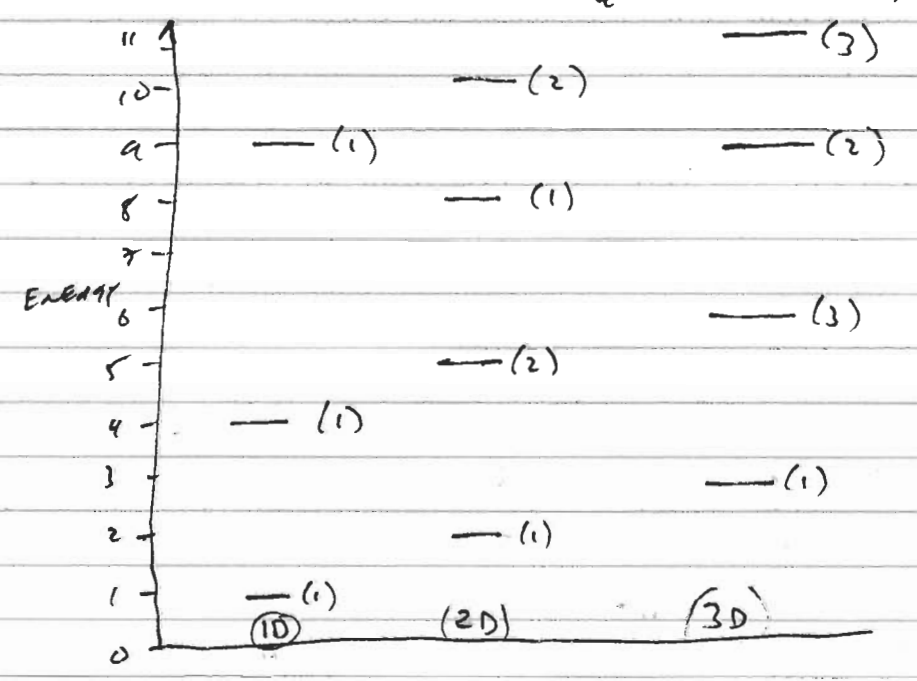
LET EACH BOX SIDE BE OF LENGTH 'a':

$\psi(x) = N \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right)$
 $\psi(x, y) = N \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right)$
 $\psi(x, y, z) = N \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{p\pi}{a} z\right)$

ENERGY = $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\pi^2}{a^2} (m^2)$
 $= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\pi^2}{a^2} (m^2 + n^2)$
 $= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\pi^2}{a^2} (m^2 + n^2 + p^2)$

(EXAMPLE, LET $a = 4 \text{ fm}$, $m = 1 \text{ Amu}$)

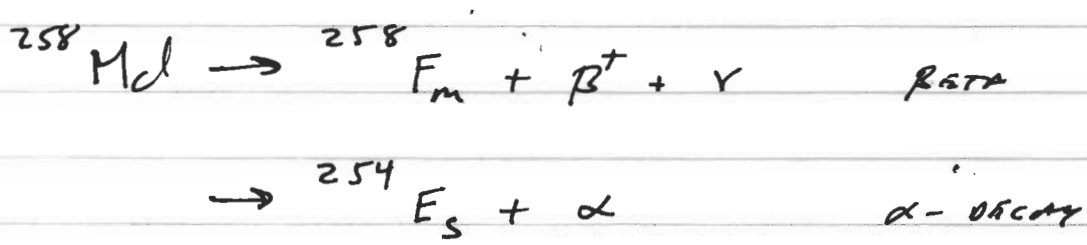
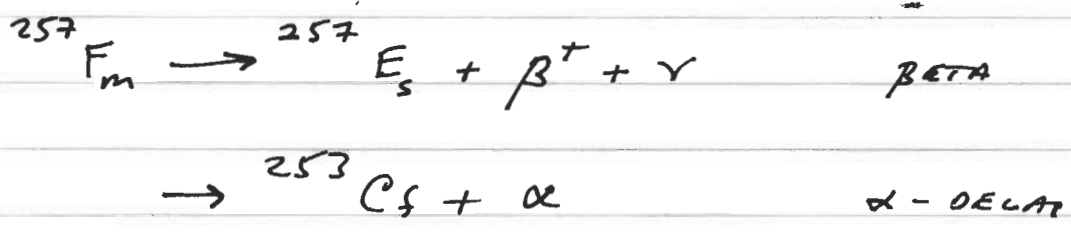
$\hbar^2 = 41.8 \text{ Amu MeV fm}^2 \therefore \frac{\hbar^2}{2m a^2} = 12.9 \text{ MeV} \quad (1)$



(...) = DEGENERATE "EQUAL ENERGY" STATES

PROBLEM #3

CONSIDER TWO "MANUFACTURED" NUCLEI:



WE USE THE SEMF TO SHOW THE ENERGY RELEASED IS ABOUT (0.11, 7.7) FOR ${}^{257}\text{Fm}$ AND (2.7, 8.2) FOR ${}^{258}\text{Md}$. CLEARLY, α -DECAY WILL OCCUR MUCH MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY THAN β^+ DECAY.

${}^{257}\text{Fm}$ IS A KNOWN α EMITTER WITH A 30 MINUTE HALF LIFE

${}^{258}\text{Md}$ HAS A 2 MONTH HALF-LIFE BEFORE IT α -DECAYS

AP 4010 Homework 5 (Solutions)

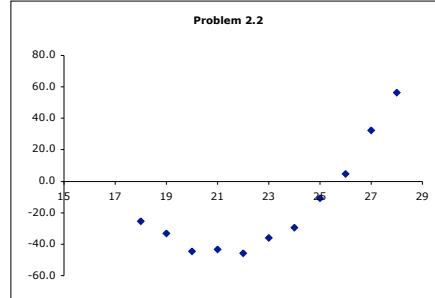
Energy_AMU	931.494 MeV
Mass_Alpha	3727.379 MeV
Mass_Hydrogen	938.783 MeV
Mass_Neutron	939.565 MeV
av	15.56 MeV
as	17.23 MeV
aa	23.28 MeV
ac	0.7 MeV

Formula = $av * A - as * A^{(2/3)} - ac * Z^2 / A^{(1/3)} - aa * (N - Z)^2 / A + 2 * \Delta D$

Problem 2.2

A 46 AMU

Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass
18	28	1	382.7	-25.5
19	27	-1	389.6	-33.2
20	26	1	400.2	-44.6
21	25	-1	398.3	-43.5
22	24	1	400.0	-45.9
23	23	-1	389.2	-35.9
24	22	1	382.0	-29.5
25	21	-1	362.4	-10.6
26	20	1	346.3	4.7
27	19	-1	317.7	32.4
28	18	1	292.8	56.6

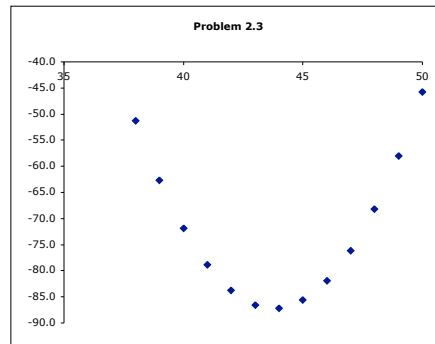


Problem 2.3

A 101 AMU

Z (Min) 43.79

Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass
38	63	0	836.8	-51.3
39	62	0	847.3	-62.7
40	61	0	855.7	-71.8
41	60	0	862.0	-78.9
42	59	0	866.1	-83.8
43	58	0	868.1	-86.5
44	57	0	867.9	-87.2
45	56	0	865.6	-85.6
46	55	0	861.2	-82.0
47	54	0	854.5	-76.1
48	53	0	845.8	-68.2
49	52	0	834.9	-58.1
50	51	0	821.9	-45.8



Problem 3

A	Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass
257	100	157	0	1907.1	88.91
258	101	157	-1	1910.8	92.53

Beta Decay (A = 257)

A	Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass
257	95	162	0	1902.2	97.80
257	96	161	0	1905.0	94.13
257	97	160	0	1907.0	91.41
257	98	159	0	1908.0	89.63
257	99	158	0	1908.0	88.80 (Most Stable= Einsteinium)
257	100	157	0	1907.1	88.91
257	101	156	0	1905.3	89.97
257	102	155	0	1902.5	91.97
257	103	154	0	1898.8	94.92

Beta Decay (A = 258)

A	Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass
258	95	163	-1	1905.8	102.18
258	96	162	1	1910.5	96.72
258	97	161	-1	1911.3	95.20
258	98	160	1	1914.1	91.62
258	99	159	-1	1912.9	91.98
258	100	158	1	1913.8	90.29 (Most Stable= Fermium)
258	101	157	-1	1910.8	92.53
258	102	156	1	1909.8	92.73
258	103	155	-1	1904.9	96.85

Alpha Decay (A = 257)

A	Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass	Total Mass
257	100	157	0	1907.1	88.91	239483
253	98	155	0	1885.5	79.78	235748
Alpha Mass						3727
Difference (Energy Release)						7.7 MeV

Alpha Decay (A = 258)

A	Z	N	Pairing	Binding	Rel Mass	Total Mass
258	101	157	-1	1910.8	92.53	240418
254	99	155	-1	1889.7	82.92	236682
Alpha Mass						3727
Difference (Energy Release)						8.2 MeV