

Prefixes

z=10⁻²¹, a=10⁻¹⁸, f=10⁻¹⁵, p=10⁻¹², n=10⁻⁹, μ=10⁻⁶, m=10⁻³, c=10⁻², k=10³, M=10⁶, G=10⁹, T=10¹², P=10¹⁵, E=10¹⁸, Z=10²¹
zepto, atto, femto, pico, nano, micro, milli, centi, kilo, mega, giga, tera, peta, exa, zeta

Physical Constants

$$k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 8.988 \text{ GNm}^2/\text{C}^2 \text{ (Coulomb's Law)}$$

$$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C (proton charge)}$$

$$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s (speed of light)}$$

$$m_e = 9.1094 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg (electron mass)}$$

$$m_n = 1.67493 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg = (neutron mass)}$$

$$h = 6.62607 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s (Planck's constant)}$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}^4) \text{ (Stefan-Boltzmann const.)}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 1/4\pi k = 8.854 \text{ pF/m (permittivity of space)}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A (permeability of space)}$$

$$c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s (exact value in vacuum)}$$

$$m_p = 1.67262 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg (proton mass)}$$

$$hc = 1239.84 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm (photon energy = } hc/\lambda)$$

$$\hbar = 1.05457 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s (Planck's constant}/2\pi)$$

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Units

$$N_A = 6.02214 \times 10^{23}/\text{mole (Avogadro's \#)}$$

$$1.0 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J (electron-volt)}$$

$$1 \text{ F} = 1 \text{ C/V} = 1 \text{ farad} = 1 \text{ C}^2/\text{J}$$

$$1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s} = 1 \text{ ampere} = 1 \text{ coulomb/second}$$

$$1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ N/A}\cdot\text{m} = 1 \text{ tesla} = 1 \text{ newton/ampere}\cdot\text{meter}$$

$$1 \text{ Bq} = 1 \text{ becquerel} = 1 \text{ decay/s}$$

$$1 \text{ u} = 1 \text{ g}/N_A = 1.66054 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ J/C} = 1 \text{ volt} = 1 \text{ joule/coulomb}$$

$$1 \text{ H} = 1 \text{ V}\cdot\text{s/A} = 1 \text{ henry} = 1 \text{ J/A}^2$$

$$1 \Omega = 1 \text{ V/A} = 1 \text{ ohm} = 1 \text{ J}\cdot\text{s/C}^2$$

$$1 \text{ G} = 10^{-4} \text{ T} = 1 \text{ gauss} = 10^{-4} \text{ tesla}$$

$$1 \text{ Ci} = 1 \text{ curie} = 3.70 \times 10^{10} \text{ decays/s} = 37.0 \text{ GBq}$$

Some Masses (for neutral atoms)

$$\text{electron} = {}_0^1e = 0.00054858 \text{ u} = 0.51100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{neutron} = {}_0^1n = n = 1.008665 \text{ u} = 939.57 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{deuterium} = {}_1^2\text{H} = d = 2.014102 \text{ u}$$

$$\text{helium-3} = {}_2^3\text{He} = 3.016029 \text{ u}$$

$$\text{proton} = {}_1^1p = p = 1.007276 \text{ u} = 938.27 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{hydrogen} = {}_1^1\text{H} = 1.007825 \text{ u} = 938.78 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\text{tritium} = {}_1^3\text{H} = t = 3.016049 \text{ u}$$

$$\text{helium-4} = {}_2^4\text{He} = \alpha = 4.002603 \text{ u}$$

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Nuclides:

$$A = N + Z, \quad (\text{mass, neutron, proton numbers}) \quad r = (1.2 \text{ fm}) A^{1/3} \quad (\text{nuclear radius})$$

$$\Delta E = [(\text{mass of parts}) - (\text{mass of nuclide})]c^2 \quad \leftarrow (\text{binding energy})$$

$$Q = [M_{\text{parent}} - M_{\text{products}}]c^2 \quad \leftarrow (\text{disintegration energy})$$

$$1 \text{ u} = 1 \text{ gram} / 6.02214 \times 10^{23} \quad (\text{atomic mass unit}) \quad 1 \text{ u} \cdot c^2 = 931.5 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{energy unit})$$

Half-life $T_{1/2}$ and decay constant λ

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t} \quad (\text{decay of parent nuclei}) \quad N = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/T_{1/2}} \quad (\text{decay by half-lives})$$

$$t = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(N/N_0) \quad (\text{time when } N \text{ nuclei remain}) \quad R = \left|\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t}\right| = N\lambda \quad (\text{radio-activity})$$

$$\lambda T_{1/2} = \ln 2 \quad (\text{decay constant, half-life}) \quad M = Nm = \text{mass} = (\# \text{ of nuclei}) \times (\text{nuclear mass})$$

$$\#(^{14}_6\text{C})/\#(^{12}_6\text{C}) = 1.3 \times 10^{-12} \quad (\text{live carbon ratio}) \quad 1 \text{ year} = 3.156 \times 10^7 \text{ seconds}$$

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Radiation doses:

$$\text{absorbed dose} = \text{energy absorbed} / \text{mass affected} \quad \leftarrow \text{SI unit} = 1 \text{ gray} = 1 \text{ Gy} = 1 \text{ J/kg} = 100 \text{ rad.}$$

$$\text{effective dose} = \text{absorbed dose} \times \text{RBE} \quad \leftarrow \text{SI unit} = 1 \text{ sievert} = 1 \text{ Sv} = 1 \text{ J/kg} = 100 \text{ rem.}$$

$$\text{RBE} = \text{relative biological effectiveness} \quad \text{RBE} = \text{QF} = \text{quality factor} \quad (\text{units} = \text{Sv/Gy}).$$

radiation:	γ -rays	slow β 's	fast β 's	slow neutrons	fast neutrons	protons	α 's	heavy ions
RBE =	1	1.7	1	2-5	10	10	10-20	10-20

Reactions:

$$Q = [M_{\text{reactants}} - M_{\text{products}}]c^2 \quad (\text{reaction energy})$$

$$Q > 0 \quad (Q = \text{mass converted to energy}) \quad Q < 0 \quad (|Q| = \text{threshold energy})$$

Energy, power and mass in nuclear reactors:

$$E = mc^2 \quad (\text{Einstein's mass-energy equivalence}) \quad P = E/t \quad (\text{power})$$

$$E = NQ \quad [\text{energy} = (\# \text{ of reactions}) \times (\text{reaction energy})] \quad 1 \text{ u} \cdot c^2 = 931.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M = Nm \quad [\text{mass used} = (\# \text{ of reactions}) \times (\text{reaction mass})]$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = eE_{\text{in}} \quad [\text{output energy} = (\text{efficiency}) \times (\text{input energy})]$$

