

Nuclear Physics class

Problem solving session 21st october, 2021.

1. We have a 10 MeV proton beam hitting a ^{63}Cu nucleus and a neutron is ejected in the reaction. In another reaction we use alpha-particle beam on ^{60}Ni target. What should be the kinetic energy of the alpha particles to produce the same excited state of the compound nucleus?

2. We have a sample that contains magnesium, and we try to determine the number of magnesium atoms in the sample using neutron activation analysis. 2.4×10^{11} neutron/cm²/s neutron flux is used to activate the magnesium by the $^{26}\text{Mg}(n,\gamma)^{27}\text{Mg}$ nuclear reaction. The cross section is 0.0372 barn the isotopic abundance of ^{26}Mg is 11%, half live of ^{27}Mg is 9.5 minutes. The ^{26}Mg will emit 843 keV and 1014 keV gamma rays. The abundances of these are 71% and 29%. 4 minutes after of irradiation of 15 minutes, we measure the number of gammas during another 4 minutes with HPGe detector. The number of gammas are N1 and N2. How many magnesium atoms are there in the sample?