

(19.12) What amount of tritium (Bq) is produced in the Würgassen nuclear plant assuming that ^3H is only produced through capture in the deuterons of the original cooling water, the amount of which is 50% of the core volume? Data on fluxes, cross sections, and releases are given in Table 19.4. Neglect the tritium decay rate.

Data, constants and units:

$$Bq := \text{sec}^{-1}$$

$$N_A := 6.022137 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

$$\text{barn} := 10^{-28} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$M_H := 1.008 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

$$M_O := 16.00 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

$$M_D := 2.014 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_D := 0.00053 \cdot \text{barn}$$

$$V_w := 38 \cdot \frac{50}{100} \cdot \text{m}^3$$

$$x_D := 0.0155 \cdot \%$$

$$\rho_{H_2O} := 0.742 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$$

From Handbook of Chem. Phys. 62:nd Ed. for water at 285°C (outlet temperature).

$$m_{H_2O} := V_w \cdot \rho_{H_2O}$$

$$t_{halfT} := 12.323 \cdot \text{yr}$$

$$t_{irr} := 1 \cdot \text{yr}$$

Calculations:

$$N_H := \frac{m_{H_2O}}{2 \cdot M_H + M_O} \cdot 2 \cdot N_A$$

$$\lambda_T := \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{halfT}}$$

$$N_D := N_H \cdot x_D$$

$$\phi := 4.4 \cdot 10^{13} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Rate} := \phi \cdot \sigma_D \cdot N_D$$

$$\text{Rate} = 3.41 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$$

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