

(5.4) ^{16}N decays through β^- decay to ^{16}O with a half-life of 7.1 s. A number of very energetic gammas follow after the β^- -emission, the dominating one with an energy of 6.14 MeV. What is the ^{16}O recoil energy?

$Mdc2$ stands for $m_d \cdot c^2$ calculated from $E = m c^2$.

$$\text{MeV} := 1.60217733 \cdot 10^{-13} \cdot \text{joule} \quad \text{keV} := 10^{-3} \cdot \text{MeV}$$

$$E_\gamma := 6.14 \cdot \text{MeV} \quad M_d := 16 \quad \text{Because the mass of the daughter is 16.}$$

$$Mdc2 := M_d \cdot 931.5 \cdot \text{MeV} \quad \text{Eqn. (5.28)}$$

$$E_d := \frac{E_\gamma^2}{2 \cdot Mdc2} \quad \text{Eqn. (5.48)}$$

$$E_d = 0.001 \cdot \text{MeV} \quad \text{or} \quad E_d = 1.26 \cdot \text{keV}$$