

Session 3

1. Nuclear Reactions (collisions)

[Harms, Chapter 2, pp. 27-30]

- neutron capture/absorption
- fission
- fissile fuel breeding
- fusion
- Q value, energy release by fission and fusion

2. Nuclear Decay

[Harms, Chapter 3, pp. 34-47, Appendix B]

[Unlocking, Appendix A, pp. 260-266]

- probabilistic approach to decay
- particle accounting concept
- decay constant
- half-life
- mean life
- definition of Becquerel and Curie
- activity and activity calculations
- isotope production calculations
- nuclear decay chains