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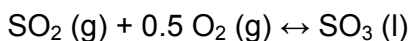
Problem 1 (Lithuania)

Sulfur containing gases (8 points)

PART 1

At 25°C temperature SO₃ is a liquid.

Two reactions occur:

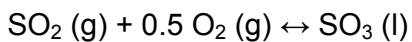


$$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r H - T\Delta_r S$$

$$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$$

$$K = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}}$$

	SO ₂ (g)	O ₂ (g)	SO ₃ (l)	SO ₃ (g)	H ₂ O (l)	H ₂ SO ₄ (aq)
$\Delta_f H^\ominus$, kJ mol ⁻¹	-296.83	0	-441.0	-395.7	-285.83	-909.27
S^\ominus , J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹	248.22	205.138	113.8	256.76	69.91	20.1



$$\Delta_{r1} H^\ominus = \Delta_f H^\ominus(\text{SO}_3, \text{l}) - \Delta_f H^\ominus(\text{SO}_2, \text{g}) - 0.5\Delta_f H^\ominus(\text{O}_2, \text{g}) = -144.2 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_{r1} S^\ominus = S^\ominus(\text{SO}_3, \text{l}) - S^\ominus(\text{SO}_2, \text{g}) - 0.5S^\ominus(\text{O}_2, \text{g}) = -237.0 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_{r1} G = -73.55 \text{ kJ/mol} = -73550 \text{ J/mol}$$

$$K_1 = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}} = e^{\frac{73550}{8.314 \cdot 298.15}} = 7.693 \cdot 10^{12} \rightarrow [\text{reagents}] \ll [\text{products}]$$



$$\Delta_{r2} H^\ominus = \Delta_f H^\ominus(\text{SO}_3, \text{g}) - \Delta_f H^\ominus(\text{SO}_3, \text{l}) = 45.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_{r2} S^\ominus = S^\ominus(\text{SO}_3, \text{g}) - S^\ominus(\text{SO}_3, \text{l}) = 143.0 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_{r2}G = 2.698 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$K_2 = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}} = e^{\frac{2698}{8.314 \cdot 298.15}} = 2.9693885$$

$$K_1 = \frac{a(\text{SO}_3, l)}{a(\text{SO}_2, g) \cdot a(\text{O}_2, g)} = \frac{1}{p_{\text{SO}_2, g} p_{\text{O}_2, g}^{0.5}}$$

There is an excess of SO₂ in a container, after reaction there is unreacted SO₂ :

$$(70 - 30 \cdot 2)\% = 10\% \text{ of initial pressure/volume}$$

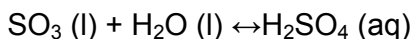
$$p_{\text{O}_2, g} = \frac{1}{(K_1 p_{\text{SO}_2, g})^2} = \frac{1}{(7.693 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot 0.1)^2} = 1.690 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ atm}$$

$$N(\text{O}_2, g) = nN_A = \frac{pVN_A}{RT} = \frac{1.690 \cdot 10^{-24} \cdot 101325 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 6.022 \cdot 10^{23}}{8.314 \cdot 298.15} = 0.208 \text{ molecules}$$

$$0.208 < 1$$

Therefore, the final volume of O₂ equals 0 L.

PART 2

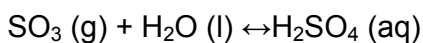


$$\Delta_{r3}H^0 = -182.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_{r3}S^0 = -163.6 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_{r3}G = -133.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$K_3 = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}} = e^{\frac{133700}{8.314 \cdot 298.15}} = 2.705 \cdot 10^{23}$$



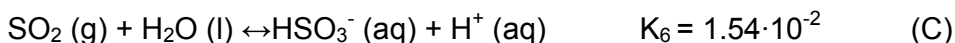
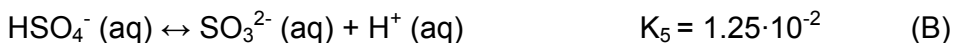
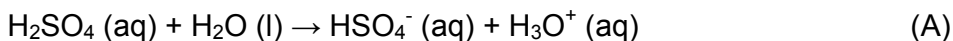
$$\Delta_{r4}H^0 = -227.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_{r4}S^0 = -306.6 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_{r4}G = -136.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$K_4 = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}} = e^{\frac{136400}{8.314 \cdot 298.15}} = 8.036 \cdot 10^{23}$$

$K_3 \gg 1$, $K_4 \gg 1$. So, all SO₃ dissolves into H₂SO₄ (aq).



The major protons are formed from A, B and C reactions

$$n(\text{SO}_3, l \text{ and } g) = n(\text{SO}_3) = 2 \cdot n(\text{O}_2) = \frac{2p(\text{O}_2)V}{RT} = \frac{2 \cdot 0.3p(\text{total})V}{RT} = \frac{2 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 101325 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}{8.314 \cdot 298.15} = 0.1226 \text{ mol if pressure is 1 atm;}$$

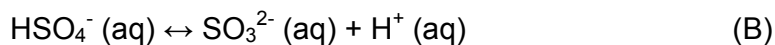
If pressure (Standard) is 1 bar = 100kPa $n(\text{SO}_3) = 0.1210 \text{ mol}$

All SO_3 dissolves in 1.00 L of water, so $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.1210 \text{ M}$

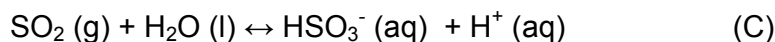
According to the reaction A, $[\text{H}^+]_0 = (\text{SO}_3) = 0.1210 \text{ mol}$

After the addition of water

$$p(\text{SO}_2) = \frac{n(\text{SO}_2)RT}{V} = \frac{0.1n(g, \text{initial})RT}{V} = \frac{\frac{p(\text{initial})V(\text{initial})}{RT} \cdot 0.1RT}{V} = \frac{0.1p(\text{initial})V(\text{initial})}{V} = \frac{0.1 \cdot 100 \text{ kPa} \cdot 5.00 \text{ L}}{4.00 \text{ L}} = 12.5 \text{ kPa} = 0.125 \text{ bar}$$



Initial	0.1210	0	0.1210
Change	-x	+x	+x
Final	0.1210-x	x	0.1210+x



Initial	0.125	0	0.1210
Change	-yRT/V	+y	+y
Final	0.125-yRT/V	y	0.1210+y

Protons are formed from two reactions, so the final $[\text{H}^+] = [\text{H}^+]_0 + x + y$

$$\begin{cases} K_5 = \frac{(0.1210 + x + y)x}{0.1210 - x} = 0.0125 \\ K_6 = \frac{(0.1210 + x + y)y}{0.125 - y \cdot 6.197} = 0.0154 \end{cases}$$

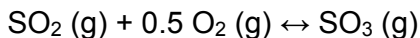
$$x = 0.00997; y = 0.00821$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = [\text{H}^+]_0 + x + y = (0.1210 + 0.00997 + 0.00821) \text{ M} = 0.13918 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\lg[\text{H}^+] = 0.08564$$

PART 3

When $T = 200^\circ\text{C}$, only one significant reaction occur:



$$\Delta_r H^\circ = \Delta_f H^\circ(\text{SO}_3, \text{g}) - \Delta_f H^\circ(\text{SO}_2, \text{g}) - 0.5\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{O}_2, \text{g}) = -98.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_r S^\circ = S^\circ(\text{SO}_3, \text{g}) - S^\circ(\text{SO}_2, \text{g}) - 0.5S^\circ(\text{O}_2, \text{g}) = -196.598 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

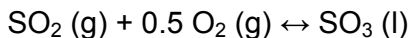
$$\Delta_r G = -73.55 \text{ kJ/mol} = -40114 \text{ J/mol}$$

$$K_7 = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}} = e^{\frac{40114}{8.314 \cdot 473.15}} = 2.68 \cdot 10^4 \rightarrow [\text{reagents}] \ll [\text{products}]$$

There is an excess of SO₂, so all O₂ is converted into SO₃, and all SO₃ dissolves in water (as in part 2), so pH is the same; **pH = 0.08564**

PART 4

There is an excess of O₂, so all SO₂ is reacted



$$n(\text{SO}_3, \text{l and g}) = n(\text{SO}_3) = n(\text{SO}_2) = \frac{p(\text{SO}_2)V}{RT} = \frac{0.3p(\text{total})V}{RT} = \frac{0.3 \cdot 101325 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}{8.314 \cdot 298.15} = 0.0613 \text{ mol}$$

if pressure is 1 atm;

If pressure (Standard) is 1 bar = 100kPa $n(\text{SO}_3) = 0.0605 \text{ mol}$

All SO₃ dissolves in 1.00 L of water, so $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.0605 \text{ M}$

According to the reaction A, $[\text{H}^+]_0 = (\text{SO}_3) = 0.0605 \text{ mol}$

	$\text{HSO}_4^- (\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow \text{SO}_3^{2-} (\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+ (\text{aq})$	(B)
Initial	0.0605 0 0.0605	
Change	-x +x +x	
Final	0.0605 -x x 0.0605+x	

$$K_5 = \frac{(0.0605 + x)x}{0.0605 - x} = 0.0125$$

$$x = 0.00920$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = [\text{H}^+]_0 + x = (0.0605 + 0.00920) \text{ M} = 0.0697 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = 1.157$$

PART 5

H⁺ concentration two times lower: $[\text{H}^+] = 0.13918 \text{ M} / 2 = 0.06959 \text{ M}$ (similar to part 4).

By changing initial proportion of gases (the increase of O₂, the decrease of SO₂) the two times lower concentration of H⁺ can be reached.

H⁺ concentration two times higher: $[\text{H}^+] = 2 \cdot 0.13918 \text{ M} = 0.2784 \text{ M}$

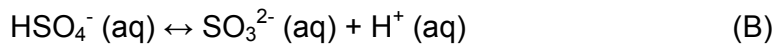
For the most acidic final solution, the initial proportion of gases should be 66.7 % SO₂ and 33.3 % O₂, then reaction $\text{SO}_2 (\text{g}) + 0.5 \text{O}_2 (\text{g}) \leftrightarrow \text{SO}_3 (\text{l})$ occur, and:

$$n(\text{SO}_3, l \text{ and } g) = n(\text{SO}_3) = n(\text{SO}_2) = \frac{p(\text{SO}_2)V}{RT} = \frac{0.667p(\text{total})V}{RT} = \frac{0.3 \cdot 101325 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}{8.314 \cdot 298.15} = 0.1345 \text{ mol}$$

if pressure is 1 bar;

According to the reaction A, $[\text{H}^+]_0 = (\text{SO}_3) = 0.1345 \text{ mol}$

All SO_3 dissolves in 1.00 L of water, so $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.1345 \text{ M}$



Initial	0.1345	0	0.1345
Change	-x	+x	+x
Final	0.1345 - x	x	0.1345 + x

$$K_5 = \frac{(0.1345 + x)x}{0.1345 - x} = 0.0125$$

$$x = 0.01066$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = [\text{H}^+]_0 + x = (0.1345 + 0.01066) \text{ M} = 0.1452 \text{ M} < 0.2784 \text{ M}$$

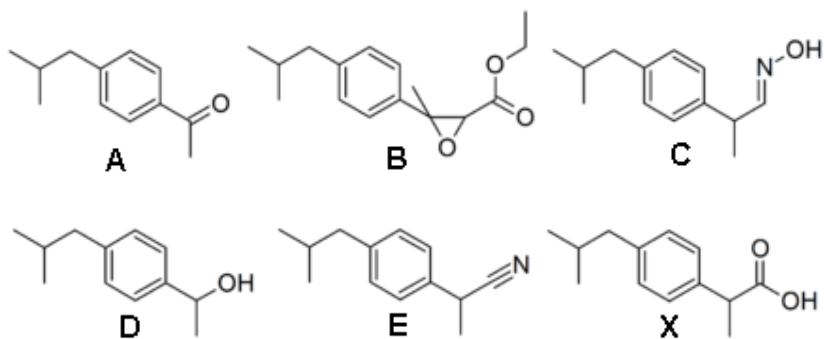
If temperature is bigger than 45°C , reaction $\text{SO}_2 (\text{g}) + 0.5 \text{ O}_2 (\text{g}) \leftrightarrow \text{SO}_3 (\text{g})$ occur (like in part 3). The bigger temperature is, the smaller is K_5 , therefore can't be reached the bigger amount of H^+ ions.

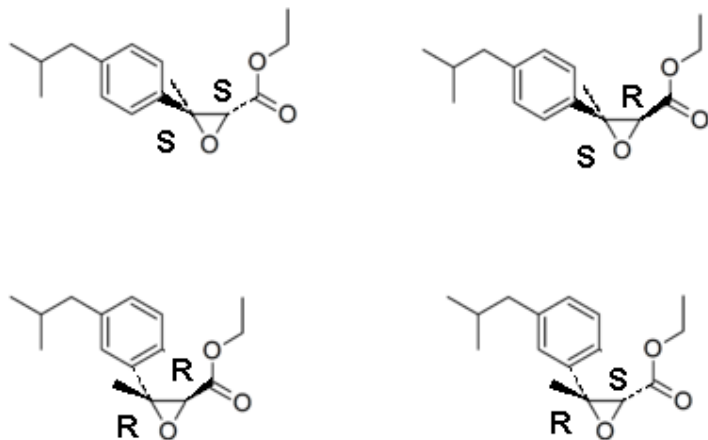
Thus, the hydrogen ions concentration two times bigger than in part 2 can be reached, but lower – can be (by changing initial proportion of gases).

Problem 2 (Estonia)

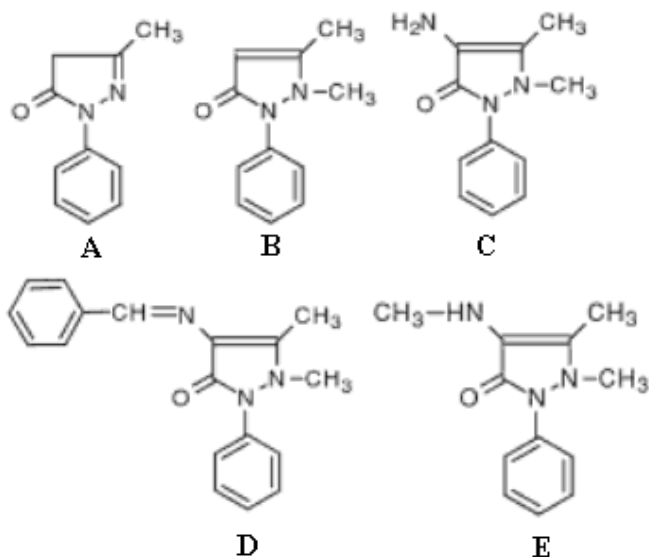
Bless you! (10 points)

Scheme 1





Scheme 2



The question can be answered “no” as well as “yes”. On the one hand, at room temperature, compounds such as the one mentioned in the question interconvert fast enough, so that two different isomers are not observed. On the other hand, two different isomers will exist at low temperatures. Both answers are correct, but no points should be allocated for the answer without proper explanation.

Problem 3 (Latvia)

Quantum organic chemistry (4 points)

Carotene has 22 π electrons . It has 11 HOMO orbitales and 12 LUMO orbitales.

Energy can be calculated from $E = n^2 h^2 / 8mL^2$, where n number of electrons, h –Planc constant 6.63×10^{-34} Js, m – mass of electron 9.1×10^{-31} kg, L – electron distance in one dimensional box 3.17 nm.

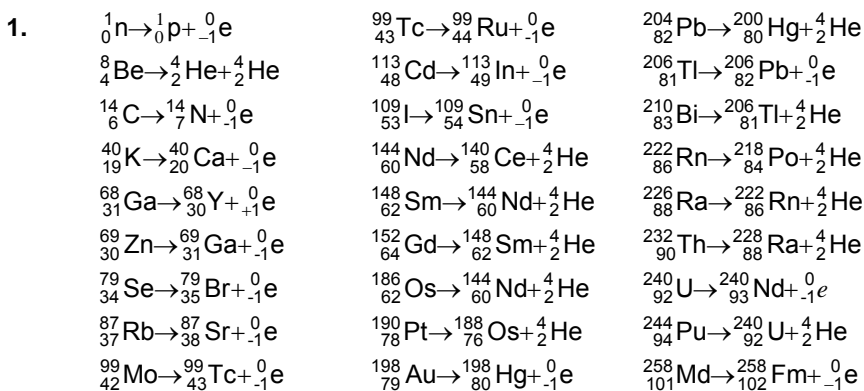
Energy diference from LUMO to HOMO can be calculate $\Delta E = (12^2 - 11^2) h^2 / 8mL^2 = 1.38 \times 10^{-19}$ J.

Wavelength can be calculated from equation $\lambda = hc / \Delta E = 1.44 \times 10^{-6}$ m.

Problem 4 (Estonia)

Chemistry of radioactive particles (8 points)

Unfortunatelly solution is provided in Russian. You may use google translate to understand it.



1. i) Формула для нахождения константы распада:

$$a = -\frac{dN}{dt} = \lambda N \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{a}{N} = \frac{a}{N_A \cdot n} = \frac{a \cdot M}{N_A \cdot m} = \frac{3,70 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ Бк} \cdot 226 \text{ г/моль}}{6,02 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot 1,00 \text{ г}},$$

откуда, значение константы распада равно: $1,389 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ с}^{-1}$.

Период полураспада равен:

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} = \frac{0,693}{1,39 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ с}^{-1}} = 4,99 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ с} = \underline{1580 \text{ лет}},$$

В справочнике можем найти значение: $T_{1/2}({}^{226}_{88}\text{Ra}) = 1620 \text{ лет}$.

ii)
$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} = 1,357 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ с}^{-1}$$

$$N = \frac{3,70 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ с}^{-1}}{1,357 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ с}^{-1}} = 2,727 \cdot 10^{21} \Rightarrow m = 1,024 \text{ г}$$

iii) Формула хлорида радия RaCl_2 . Его молярная масса равна 297 г/моль. Не трудно сосчитать:

$$a = \lambda N = \lambda \frac{m}{M} \cdot N_A =$$

$$= 1,357 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ с}^{-1} \cdot \frac{1,00 \text{ г}}{297 \text{ г/моль}} \cdot 6,02 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot \frac{1000}{1 \text{ кг}} = \underline{2,75 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ Бк}}$$

Или $2,75 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ Бк/кг}$.

iv) Количество радия в начальный момент времени (1907 год):

$$n = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{1,00 \text{ г}}{226 \text{ г/моль}} = 0,00442 \text{ моль},$$

По закону радиоактивного распада:

$$n_t = n_0 e^{-\lambda t} = 0,00442 \cdot e^{-1,39 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{с}^{-1} \cdot \{(2010-1907) \cdot 365 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600 \text{с}\}} = \underline{0,00423 \text{ моль}}$$

v) масса распавшегося радия равна:

$$\Delta m = \Delta n \cdot M = (0,00442 - 0,00423) \text{ моль} \cdot 226 \text{ г/моль} = \underline{0,043 \text{ г}}$$

vi) Произведем следующие математические преобразования:

$$P_t = P_0 e^{-\lambda t} \Rightarrow \frac{P_t}{P_0} = e^{-\lambda t} \Rightarrow \text{логарифмируем} \Rightarrow \ln \frac{P_t}{P_0} = -\lambda t \Rightarrow \ln \frac{P_0}{P_t} = \lambda t,$$

откуда можно выражать λ и t , в нашем случае время:

$$t = \ln \frac{P_0}{P_t} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} = \ln \frac{100\%}{(100 - 99,99)\%} \cdot \frac{1}{1,39 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{с}^{-1}} = 6,63 \cdot 10^{11} \text{с} = \underline{2,10 \cdot 10^4 \text{ лет}},$$

Считается, что нуклид распадается полностью через время, равное 12 периодам полураспада. Радий практически распадется в 23426 году.

3. i) Через двести дней активность будет равна:

$$a_t = a_0 e^{-\lambda t} = a_0 e^{\frac{-\ln 2 \cdot t}{T_{1/2}}} = 0,0100 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 3,7 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ Бк} \cdot e^{\frac{-0,693 \cdot 200 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600}{87,9 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600}} = \underline{76,5 \text{ Бк}}$$
 ii) Следует обратить внимание, что активность установленная прибором измеряется в расп./мин.

Чувствительность прибора равна:

$$\%(\Pi) = \frac{2600 \text{ dpm}}{76,5 \cdot 60 \text{ dpm}} \cdot 100\% = \underline{56,6\%}$$

iii) По закону радиоактивного распада, масса оставшегося в образце ${}_{24}^{51}\text{Cr}$ будет равна:

$$m_t = m_0 e^{-\lambda t} = 100 \text{мг} \cdot e^{\frac{-0,693 \cdot 7 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600}{27,8 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600}} = 84,0 \text{ мг}$$

активность ${}_{24}^{51}\text{Cr}$ массой 84,0 мг будет равна:

$$a = \lambda N = \lambda \frac{m}{M} \cdot N_A = \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} \cdot \frac{m}{M} \cdot N_A = \frac{0,693}{27,8 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600 \text{с}} \cdot \frac{0,0840 \text{ г}}{51,0 \text{ г/моль}} \cdot 6,02 \cdot 10^{23} = \\ = 2,86 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Бк}$$

Счетчик покажет активность, равную:

$$a_{\Pi} = a \cdot \%(\Pi) = 2,86 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Бк} \cdot 0,566 = \underline{1,62 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Бк}}$$

iv) Распадаясь, хром испускает бета-частицы – электроны, масса которых пренебрежительно мала, поэтому будем считать, что масса образца остается равной 100 мг. Масса оставшегося хрома – 84,0 г.

$$\omega = \frac{84,0 \text{мг}}{100 \text{мг}} \cdot 100\% = \underline{84,0\%},$$

процентное содержание хрома равно 84,0%.

3. i) Количество радиоактивного калия-40 в 20 г калия, равно:

$$N = \frac{m(\text{калия}) \cdot \omega}{M} \cdot N_A = \frac{20 \text{ г} \cdot 0,000117}{40,0 \text{ г/моль}} \cdot 6,02 \cdot 10^{23} = 3,52 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ атомов},$$

Активность такого количества калия-40 равна:

$$a = \lambda N = \frac{1}{\tau} \cdot N = 3,52 \cdot 10^{19} \cdot \frac{1}{1,843 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 365 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600 \text{ с}} = \underline{606 \text{ Бк}}.$$

ii) **Students answer: there is about 140 g of potassium in human body of an average weight, 98% in cells, where the radioactive potassium potassium-40 decomposes and release harmful particles, but cells have adaptations to prevent the damage of DNA or to repair it, so that mutations wouldn't occur. The amount of potassium in a body is 7 times higher than that is given in the problem. It is also isolated in oil and put in glass, so that released beta-particles are consumed by the environment. Also abundance of potassium-40 is low and it's half-life is long giving us very low radioactivity overall.**

iii) **Strontium-90 is a radioactive isotope that emits harmful beta particles with hight energy. Due to the similarity with calcium in chemical behaviour, ⁹⁰Sr replaces calcium in teeth, bone surface and marrow. This may cause cancer of bone and nearby tissues, as well as leukemia.**

iii) $t = 5,04 \text{ years}.$