6. ATOMIC AND NUCLEAR PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

Table 6.1. Table revised June 1994. Gases are evaluated at 20°C, 1 atm, (in parentheses) or at STP [square brackets].

Material	Z	A	Nuclear[a] total cross section σ_T [barn]	Nuclear[b] inelastic cross section σ_I [barn]	Nuclear[c] collision length λ_T [g/cm^2]	Nuclear[c] interaction length λ_I [g/cm^2]	$dE/dx\vert_{\min}$[d] $\left[\frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{g/cm}^2}\right]$ () is for gas	Radiation length[e] X_0 [g/cm^2] () is for gas	X_0 [cm]	Density[f] [g/cm^3] () is for gas [g/ℓ]	Refractive index n[f] () is $(n{-}1)\times10^6$ for gas
H_2 gas	1	1.01	0.0387	0.033	43.3	50.8	(4.103)	61.28	865	(0.0838)[0.090]	[140]
H_2 (B.C., 26K)	1	1.01	0.0387	0.033	43.3	50.8	4.045	61.28	865	0.0708	1.112
D_2	1	2.01	0.073	0.061	45.7	54.7	(2.052)	122.6	757	0.162[0.177]	1.128
He	2	4.00	0.133	0.102	49.9	65.1	(1.937)	94.32	755	0.125[0.178]	1.024[35]
Li	3	6.94	0.211	0.157	54.6	73.4	1.639	82.76	155	0.534	—
Be	4	9.01	0.268	0.199	55.8	75.2	1.594	65.19	35.3	1.848	—
C	6	12.01	0.331	0.231	60.2	86.3	1.745	42.70	18.8	2.265[g]	—
N_2	7	14.01	0.379	0.265	61.4	87.8	(1.825)	37.99	47.0	0.808[1.25]	1.205[300]
O_2	8	16.00	0.420	0.292	63.2	91.0	(1.801)	34.24	30.0	1.14[1.43]	1.22[266]
Ne	10	20.18	0.507	0.347	66.1	96.6	(1.724)	28.94	24.0	1.207[0.900]	1.092[67]
Al	13	26.98	0.634	0.421	70.6	106.4	1.615	24.01	8.9	2.70	—
Si	14	28.09	0.660	0.440	70.6	106.0	1.664	21.82	9.36	2.33	—
Ar	18	39.95	0.868	0.566	76.4	117.2	(1.519)	19.55	14.0	1.40[1.782]	1.233[283]
Ti	22	47.88	0.995	0.637	79.9	124.9	1.476	16.17	3.56	4.54	—
Fe	26	55.85	1.120	0.703	82.8	131.9	1.451	13.84	1.76	7.87	—
Cu	29	63.55	1.232	0.782	85.6	134.9	1.403	12.86	1.43	8.96	—
Ge	32	72.59	1.365	0.858	88.3	140.5	1.371	12.25	2.30	5.323	—
Sn	50	118.69	1.967	1.21	100.2	163	1.264	8.82	1.21	7.31	—
Xe	54	131.29	2.120	1.29	102.8	169	(1.255)	8.48	2.77	3.057[5.858]	[705]
W	74	183.85	2.767	1.65	110.3	185	1.145	6.76	0.35	19.3	—
Pt	78	195.08	2.861	1.708	113.3	189.7	1.129	6.54	0.305	21.45	—
Pb	82	207.19	2.960	1.77	116.2	194	1.123	6.37	0.56	11.35	—
U	92	238.03	3.378	1.98	117.0	199	1.082	6.00	≈0.32	≈18.95	—