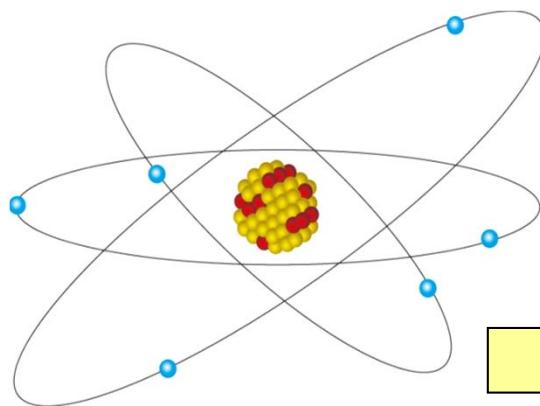


Atomic Structure and Periodic Law



Atom		Charge
Nucleus	Proton	+
	Neutron	0
Electron		-

The number of protons (atomic number) determines the chemical properties.

Periodic Table of Elements

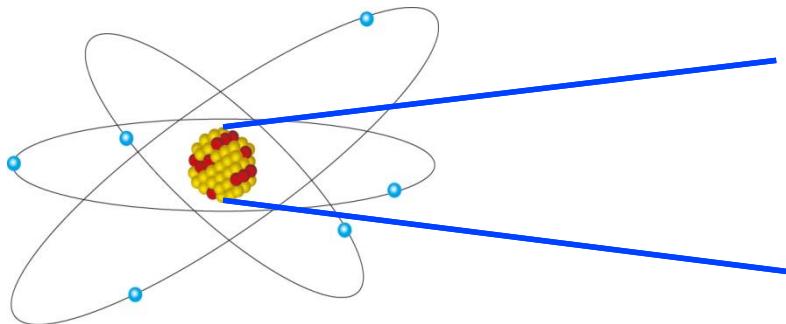
Group																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period	1	H 1.008																He 4.003
2	Li 6.941	Be 9.012																
3	Na 22.99	Mg 24.31																
4	K 39.10	Ca 40.08	Sc 44.96	Ti 47.87	V 50.94	Cr 52.00	Mn 54.94	Fe 55.85	Co 58.93	Ni 58.69	Cu 63.55	Zn 65.38	Ga 69.72	Ge 72.63	As 74.92	Se 78.97	Br 79.90	Kr 83.80
5	Rb 85.47	Sr 87.62	Y 88.91	Zr 91.22	Nb 92.91	Mo 95.95	Tc (99)	Ru 101.1	Rh 102.9	Pd 106.4	Ag 107.9	Cd 112.4	In 114.8	Sn 118.7	Sb 121.8	Te 127.6	I 126.9	Xe 131.3
6	Cs 132.9	Ba 137.3	Lanthanoid 57-71	Hf 178.5	Ta 180.9	W 183.8	Re 186.2	Os 190.2	Ir 192.2	Pt 195.1	Au 197.0	Hg 200.6	Tl 204.4	Pb 207.2	Bi 209.0	Po (210)	At (210)	Rn (222)
7	Fr (223)	Ra (226)	Actinoid 89-103	Rf (267)	Db (268)	Sg (271)	Bh (272)	Hs (277)	Mt (276)	Ds (281)	Rg (280)	Cn (285)	Nh (278)	Fl (289)	Mc (289)	Lv (293)	Ts (293)	Og (294)

57-71 Lanthanoid	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
89-103 Actinoid	89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

The numbers in parentheses are the nuclear numbers of the typical radioisotopes of the elements (IUPAC).

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Nucleus Stability/Instability



Nucleus

Unstable nuclei exist depending on the balance of numbers between protons and neutrons.
 = Radioactive nuclei

	Carbon-11	Carbon-12	Carbon-13	Carbon-14	Cesium-133	Cesium-134	Cesium-137	
Nucleus	Number of protons	6	6	6	6	55	55	55
	Number of neutrons	5	6	7	8	78	79	82
Property	Radioactive	Stable	Stable	Radioactive	Stable	Radioactive	Radioactive	
Description method	^{11}C	^{12}C	^{13}C	^{14}C	^{133}Cs	^{134}Cs	^{137}Cs	
	$^{6\text{ }}\text{ }^{11}\text{C}$	$^{6\text{ }}\text{ }^{12}\text{C}$	$^{6\text{ }}\text{ }^{13}\text{C}$	$^{6\text{ }}\text{ }^{14}\text{C}$	$^{55\text{ }}\text{ }^{133}\text{Cs}$	$^{55\text{ }}\text{ }^{134}\text{Cs}$	$^{55\text{ }}\text{ }^{137}\text{Cs}$	
	C-11	C-12	C-13	C-14	Cs-133	Cs-134	Cs-137	

Various Nuclei

Isotopes: Nuclei having the same number of protons (atom number) but different numbers of neutrons

Element	Symbol	Number of protons	Isotopes	
			Stable	Radioactive
Hydrogen	H	1	H-1, H-2*	H-3*
Carbon	C	6	C-12, C-13	C-11, C-14, ..
Potassium	K	19	K-39, K-41	K-40, K-42, ..
Strontium	Sr	38	Sr-84, Sr-86, Sr-87, Sr-88	Sr-89, Sr-90, ..
Iodine	I	53	I-127	I-125, I-131, ..
Cesium	Cs	55	Cs-133	Cs-134, Cs-137, ..
Uranium	U	92	None	U-235, U-238, ..
Plutonium	Pu	94	None	Pu-238, Pu-239, ..

*: H-2 is called deuterium and H-3 is called tritium.

".." means that there are further more radioactive materials. Naturally occurring radioactive materials are shown in blue letters.

Naturally Occurring or Artificial

Radionuclides	Radiation being emitted	Half-life
Thorium-232 (Th-232)	α , γ	14.1 billion years
Uranium-238 (U-238)	α , γ	4.5 billion years
Potassium-40 (K-40)	β , γ	1.3 billion years
Plutonium-239 (Pu-239)	α , γ	24,000 years
Carbon-14 (C-14)	β	5,730 years
Cesium-137 (Cs-137)	β , γ	30 years
Strontium-90 (Sr-90)	β	29 years
Tritium (H-3)	β	12.3 years
Cesium-134 (Cs-134)	β , γ	2.1 years
Iodine-131 (I-131)	β , γ	8 days
Radon-222 (Rn-222)	α , γ	3.8 days

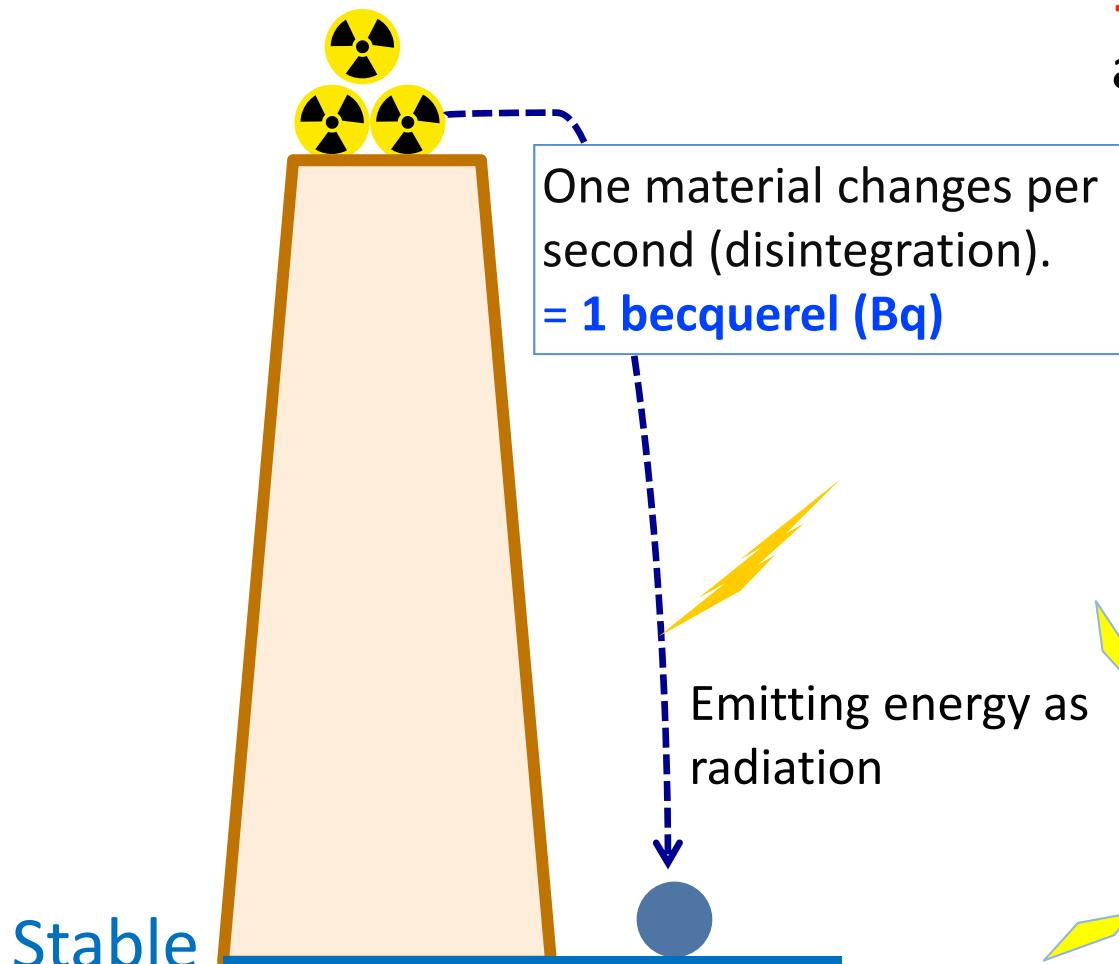
Artificial radionuclides are shown in red letters.

α : α (alpha) particles, β : β (beta) particles, γ : γ (gamma)-rays

Disintegration and Radiation

Radionuclides are in an unstable condition.

1 becquerel: Disintegrating at a rate of one per second

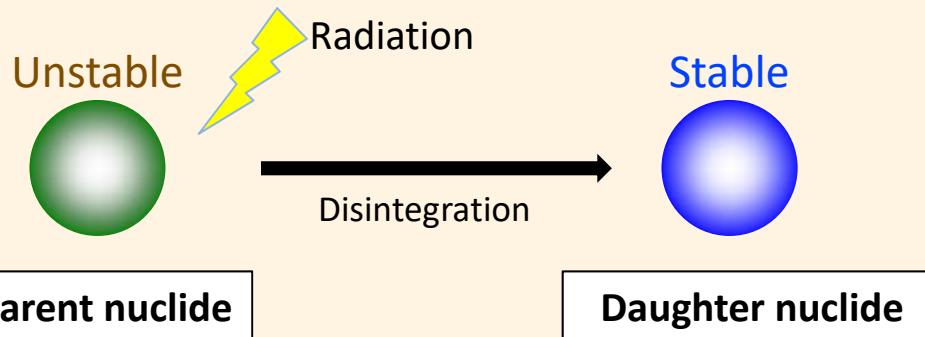


10 becquerel: Disintegrating at a rate of ten per second

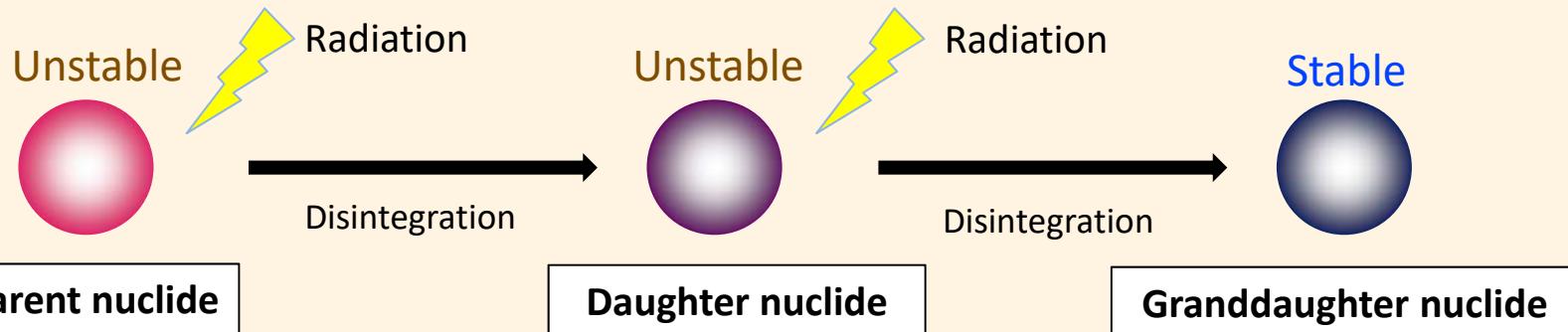


Parent and Daughter Nuclides

Case where a nucleus of a radioactive material becomes energetically stable as a result of a single disintegration

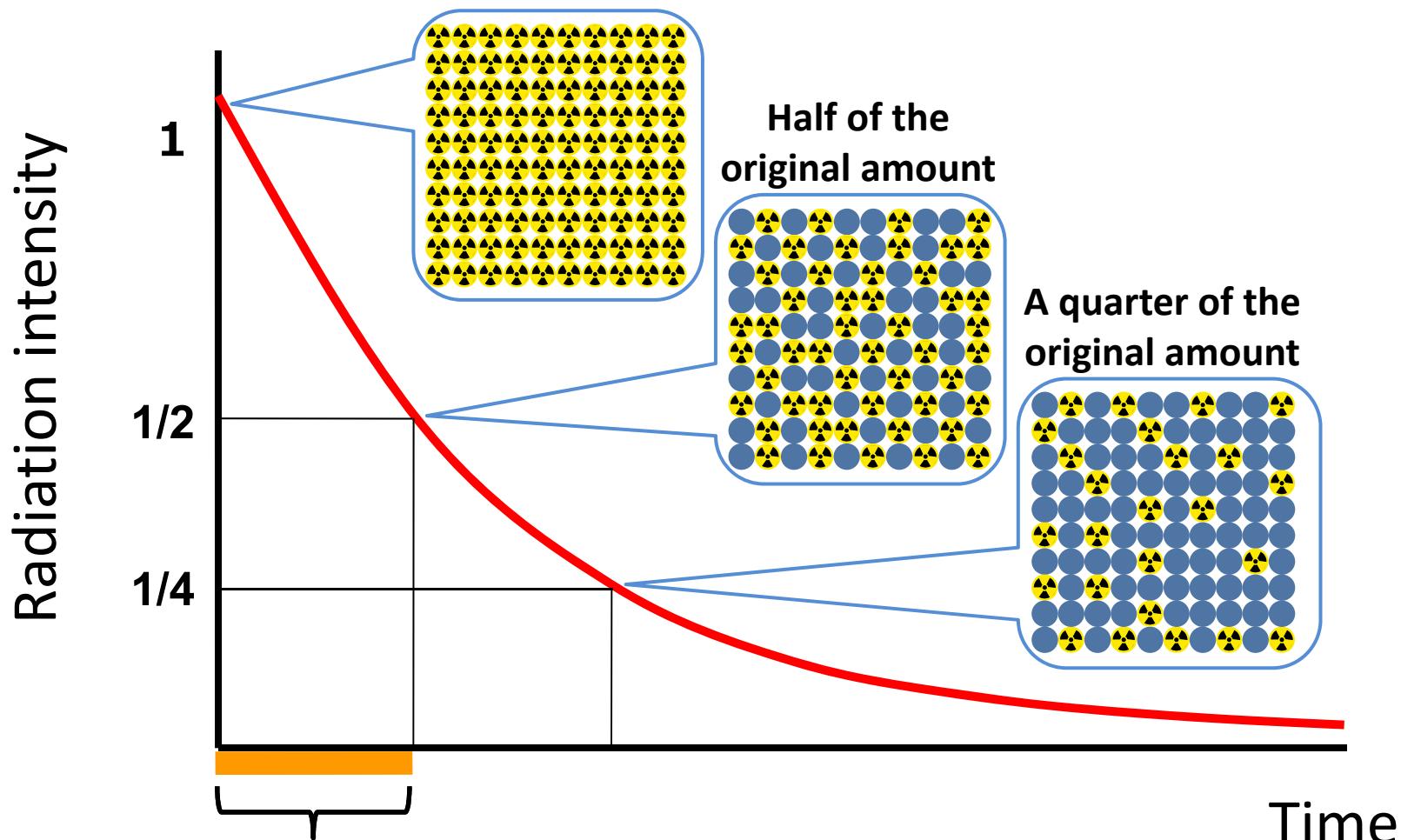


Case where a nucleus of a radioactive material becomes energetically stable as a result of the second disintegration



A nuclide before disintegration is called a parent nuclide and that after disintegration is called a daughter nuclide. A nuclide whose daughter nuclide is energetically unstable repeats disintegration until becoming energetically stable.

Half-lives and Radioactive Decay



Time required for the amount of the radionuclides to reduce to half = (physical) half-life

Nuclei with Long Half-lives

Example

Radioactive materials that had existed in the universe since before the birth of the earth and were taken into the earth upon its birth



Series

A radioactive nucleus repeats disintegration until becoming stable, accompanying changes in nuclides each time.

- **Uranium-238**
- **Thorium-232**
- **Uranium-235**

Half-life: 4.5 billion years

Non-series

A radioactive nucleus directly disintegrates into a stable nucleus.

- **Potassium-40**
- **Rubidium-87, etc.**

Half-life: 1.3 billion years