

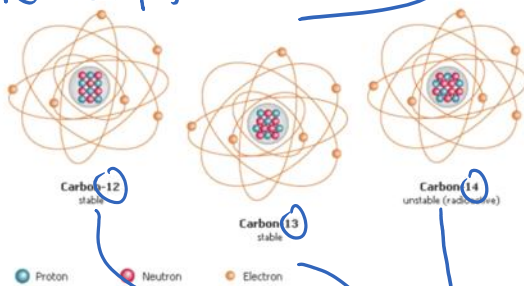
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**Nuclear Physics:**  
Lesson 8 – Isotopes and Radiation

Isotopes

- Isotopes are atoms with different number of neutrons (Therefore different atomic mass)
- Some isotopes are unstable



Remember:

6	(# protons)	Atomic Number
C		Symbol
Carbon		Name
12.011	(Protons + neutrons)	Atomic Mass

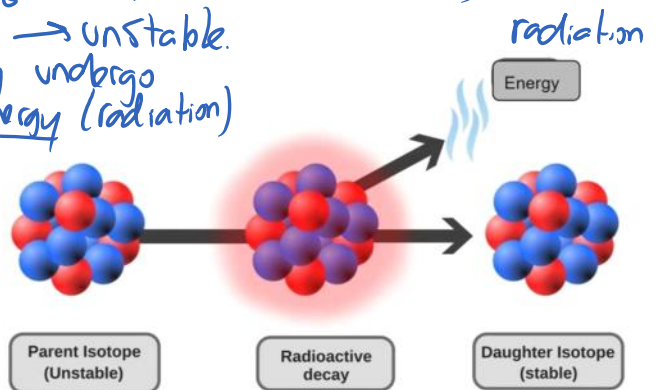
Isotope Notation

**ME**  
**AE**

- (mass #, round ↑)
  - M = Atomic Mass (Neutrons + Protons)
  - A = Atomic Number (Protons)
  - E = Element
- $^{12}_6\text{C}$  (6 protons + 6 neutrons)  
 $^{13}_6\text{C}$  (6 protons + 7 neutrons)  
 $^{14}_6\text{C}$  (6 protons + 8 neutrons) → unstable.

Radioactive Isotopes

- when isotope is unstable, they undergo radioactive decay and release energy (radiation)
- Radioactive isotopes decay at random intervals
- time needed for 1/2 of sample to decay is called: half-life

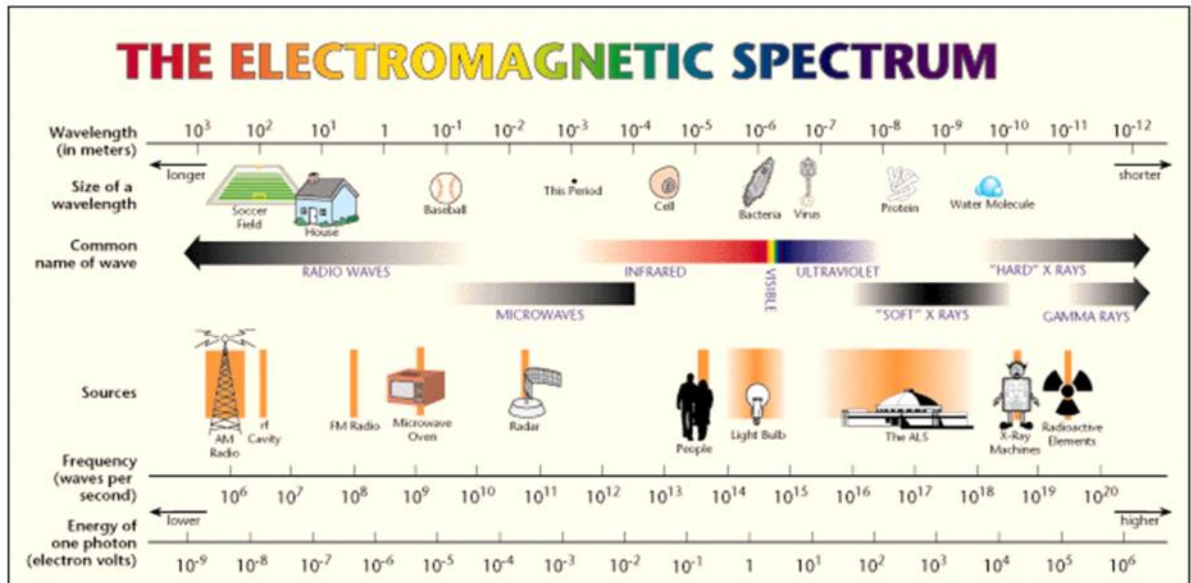


Applications of Radioactive Isotopes

Carbon dating: Carbon-14 (unstable) in living organisms, that decay (half life)  
How much carbon-14 depends on how old something is.

Medical imaging: Ex X rays, isotope markers for imaging

## Radiation



- Shorter the wavelength, the higher the energy (Ex X rays, Gamma rays)
- Radiation that causes damage to cells = ionizing radiation (UV rays, X rays, gamma ray)
- Radiation that does not cause damage to cells = non-ionizing radiation (colour, radio waves)

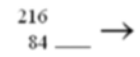
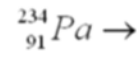
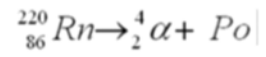
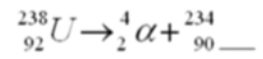
## Nuclear Physics:

### Lesson 9 – Radioactive Decay

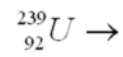
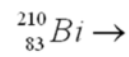
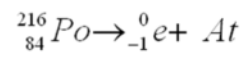
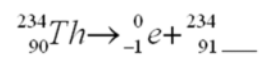
Decay:

Transmutation:

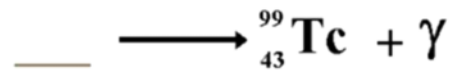
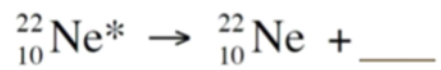
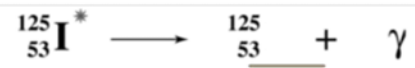
Alpha Decay



Beta Decay



Gamma Decay



**Nuclear Physics:**  
Lesson 10 – Nuclear Reactions

**Nuclear Energy**

Reactions that involve the \_\_\_\_\_ (rather than its electrons) are known as \_\_\_\_\_

These reactions are able to release massive amounts of \_\_\_\_\_

Nuclear reactions are described as either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

**Fission Reactions**

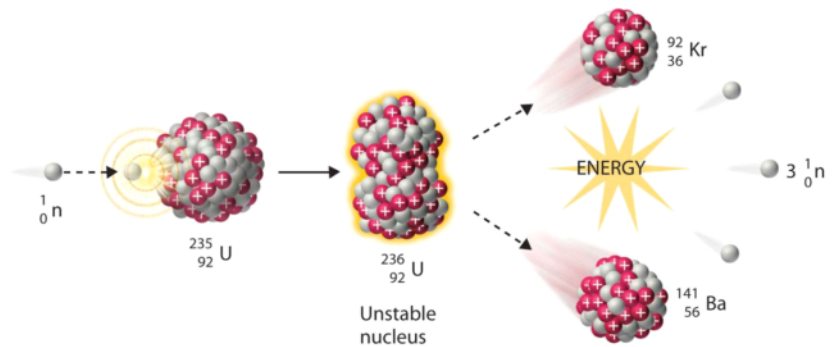
Fission reactions split a \_\_\_\_\_ into two or more \_\_\_\_\_

Fission reactions do not often \_\_\_\_\_

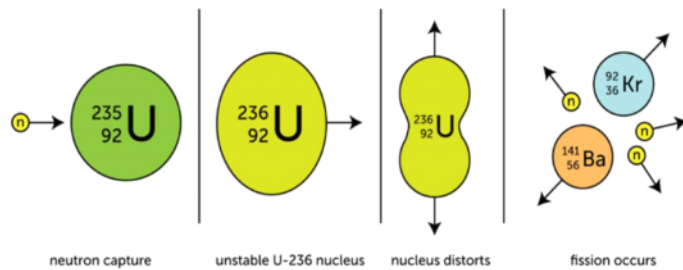
A large relatively unstable isotope has fission \_\_\_\_\_ by absorbing \_\_\_\_\_

The addition of a neutron creates an \_\_\_\_\_ which quickly breaks apart \_\_\_\_\_

The resulting isotopes may still undergo further decay (Radioactive)

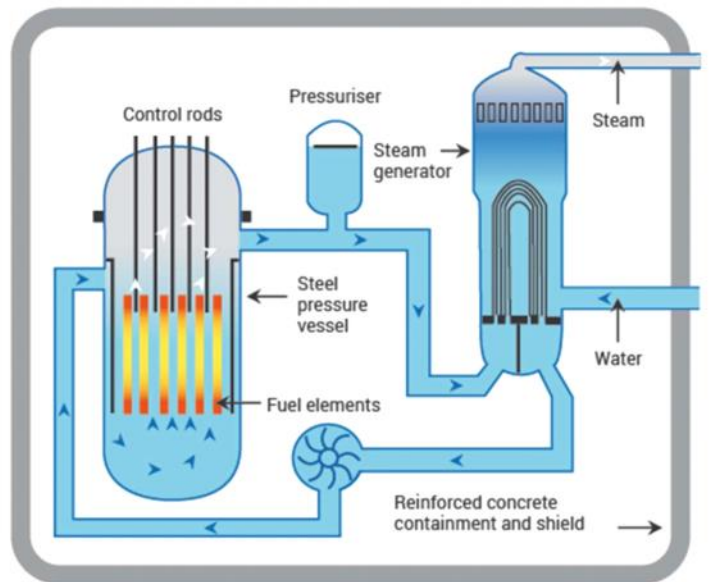


**Uranium-235 Fission**



## Chain Reactions

## Nuclear Power Plants



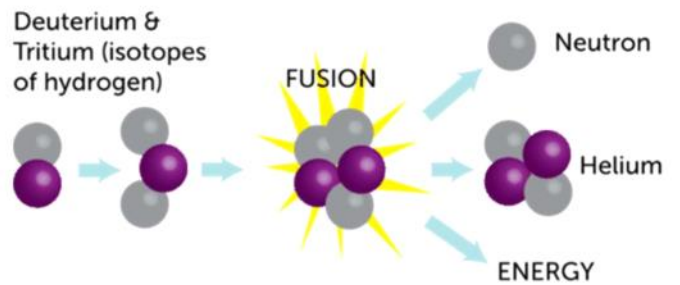
## Fusion Reactions

Fusion reactions occur when \_\_\_\_\_ combine to form a \_\_\_\_\_ and releasing \_\_\_\_\_

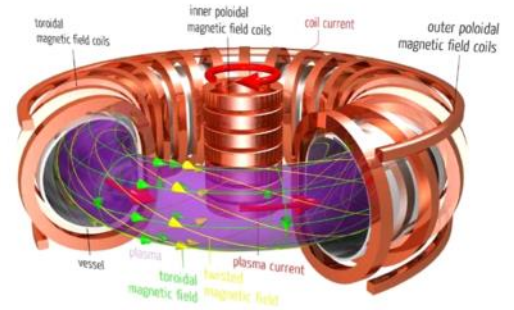
Fusion reactions occur in \_\_\_\_\_

Extreme \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to bring nuclei together with enough \_\_\_\_\_ to cause fusion

Isotopes of \_\_\_\_\_ are fused to form \_\_\_\_\_



## Fusion Power



Complete the following fission and fusion nuclear equations. Indicate if the equation represents fission or fusion (**circle one**)

