

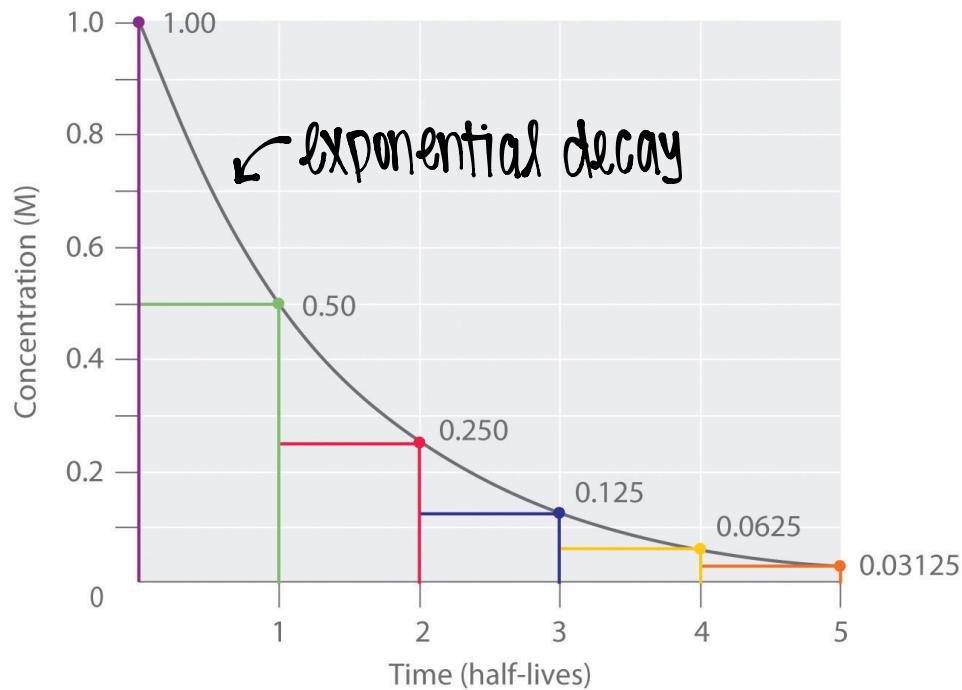
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Half life: ($t_{1/2}$) The time it takes for half of a given amount of a sample to decay

- The longer the half life... the more stable the isotope

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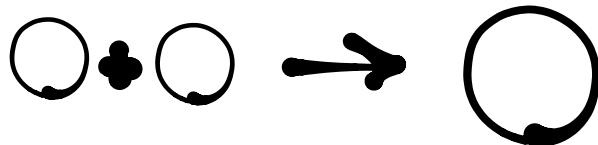


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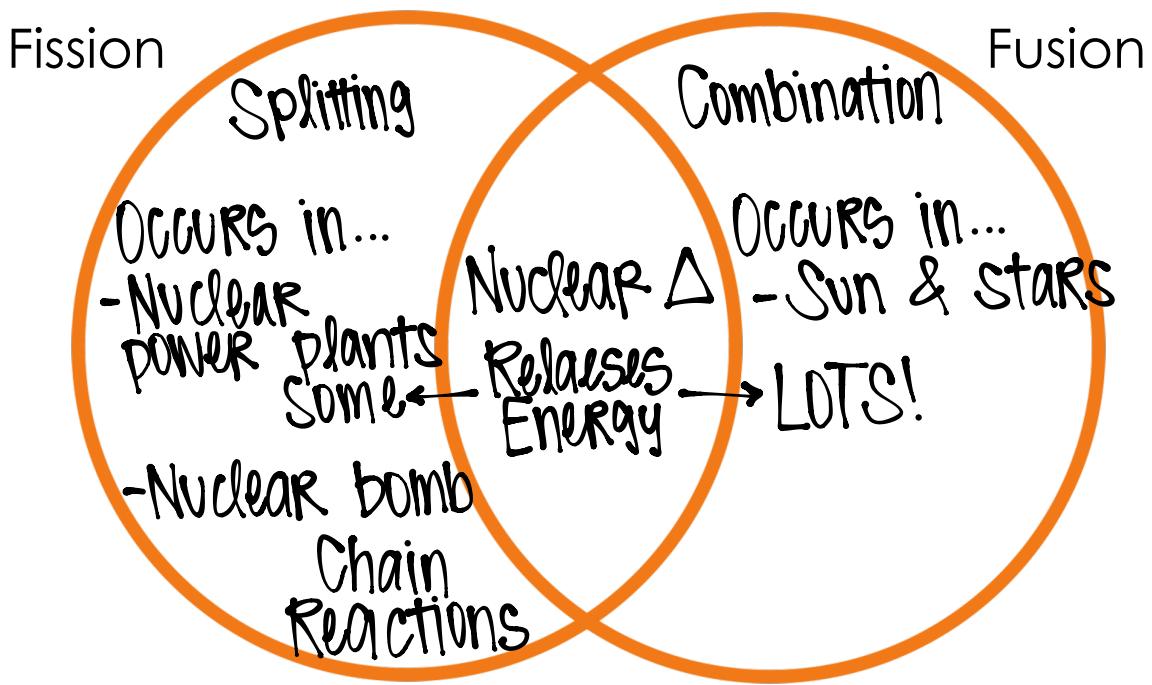
Fission: Splitting a nucleus into smaller nuclei.



Fusion: Combining of nuclei into one larger nucleus



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→ Applies to fission

Chain Reaction: The release of one neutron causes the next reaction to start.

Nuclear power plant is a controlled chain reaction



Nuclear bombs are uncontrolled chain reactions