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Types of Change:

1. Physical Δ
2. Chemical Δ
3. Nuclear $\Delta \rightarrow$ Radiation
 - Alpha α
 - Beta β
 - Gamma γ

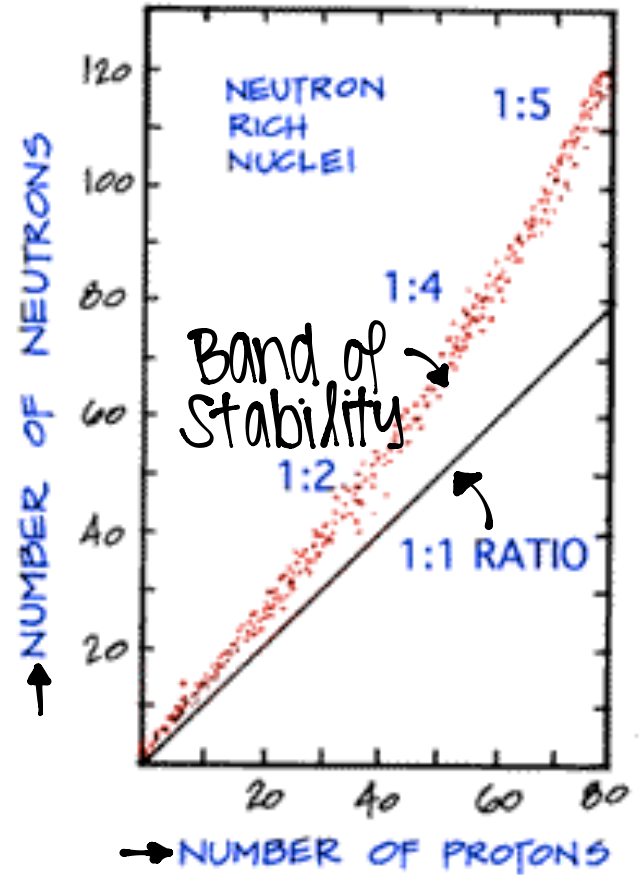
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Nuclear Stability Chart



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Radioisotope: Isotope with an **unstable nucleus**

What makes a nucleus unstable?

1. Too many neutrons
 2. Too few neutrons
 3. An atomic # larger than 83
- Use stability chart

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Identify the isotope as stable or unstable.
If unstable, tell why.

a. Hydrogen-10 ${}^{10}_{1}\text{H}$ unstable, too many neutrons

b. Helium-4 ${}^4_2\text{He}$ stable

c. Calcium-39 ${}^{39}_{20}\text{Ca}$ stable

d. Neon-57 ${}^{57}_{10}\text{Ne}$ unstable, too many neutrons

e. Platinum-138 ${}^{138}_{78}\text{Pt}$ unstable, too few neutrons

f. Radium-226 ${}^{226}_{88}\text{Ra}$ unstable, too many protons

