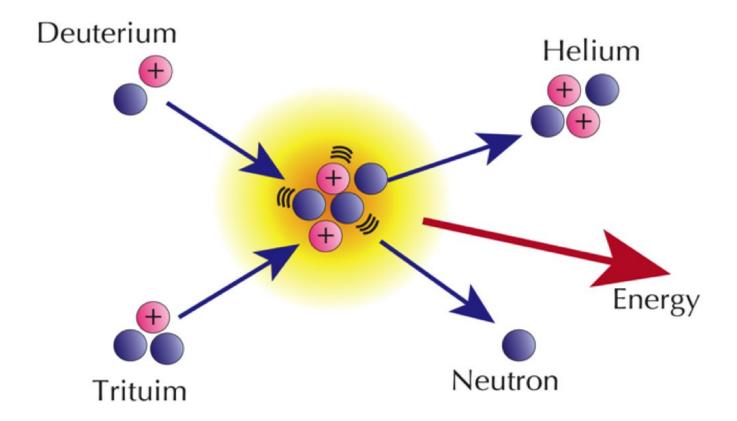
# Nuclear Fusion Picture Vocabulary

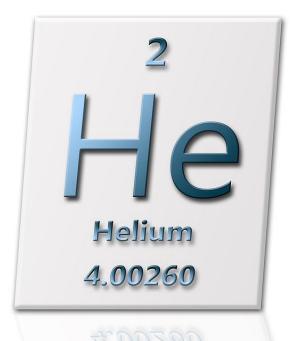
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### **Nuclear fusion**



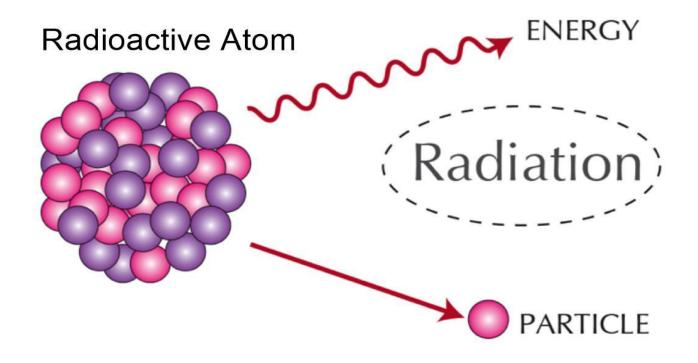
A reaction in which two light nuclei combine to produce a nucleus of heavier mass and results in the release of a large amount of energy

#### Helium



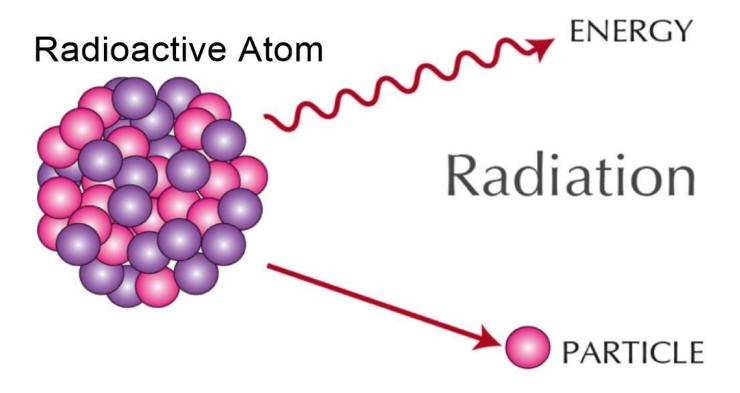
Colorless inert gas that has 2 protons

## Radioactivity



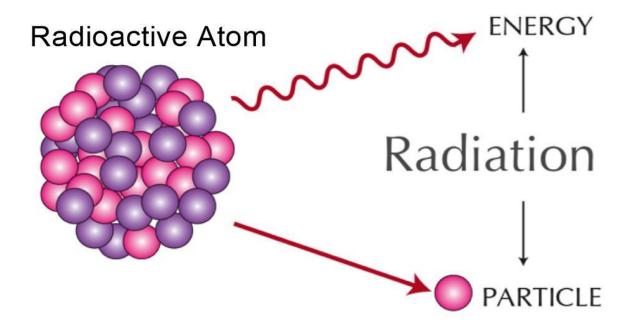
The processes by which unstable atomic nuclei achieve stability

#### Radiation



The complete process in which energy is emitted as particles or waves

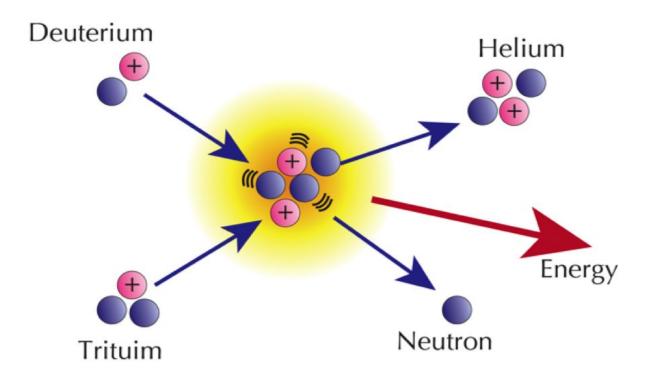
# Radioactive decay



A radioactive atom spontaneously emits particles and energy called radiation.

The spontaneous emission of radiation by an unstable nucleus

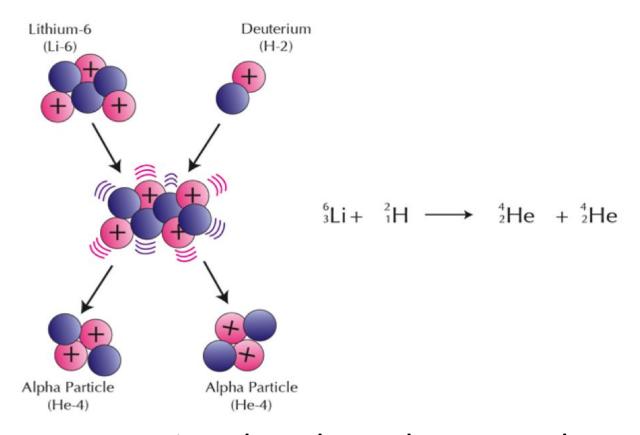
### **Nuclear reaction**



The process in which a nucleus that is stimulated will emit a nucleon without a significant change in its atomic weight

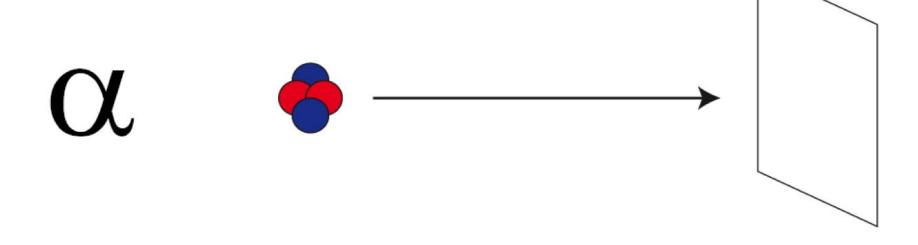
# Nuclear equation

Lithium-6 - Deuterium Reaction



An equation that shows how a nucleus gains or loses subatomic particles

## Alpha particle



A positively-charged particle identical to the helium atom nucleus, with two protons and two neutrons, that is emitted from radioactive decay of a nucleus

# Beta particle



A negatively-charged electron emitted from the radioactive decay of a nucleus