



## Radium in water introduction

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#### **Radium - occurence**

- Discovered by Marie Sklodowska Curie and Pierre Curie in 1898
- Present in uranium and thorium ore

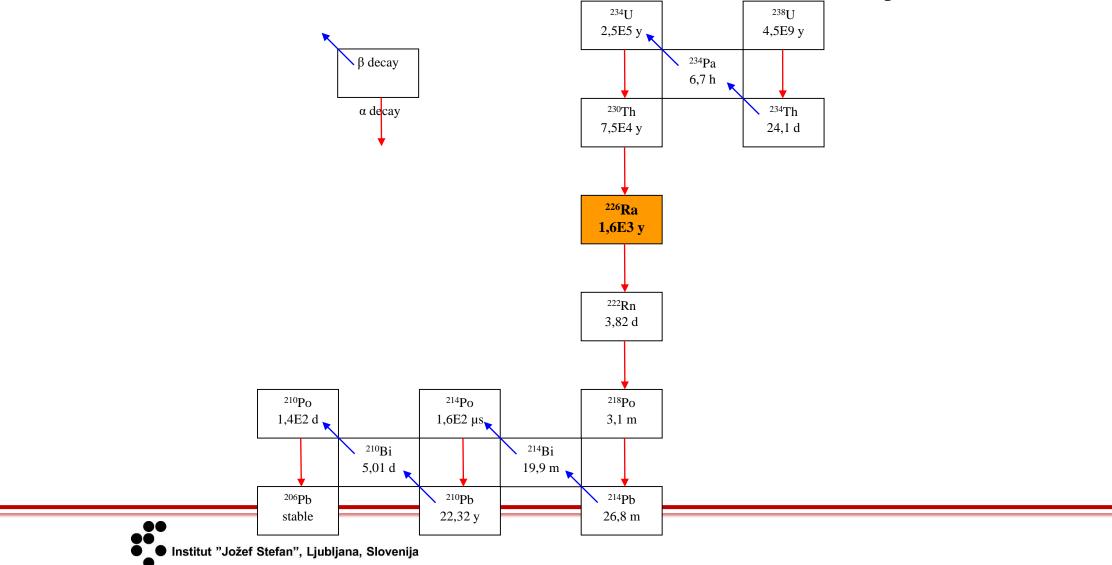


• The name from latin "radius", meaning ray





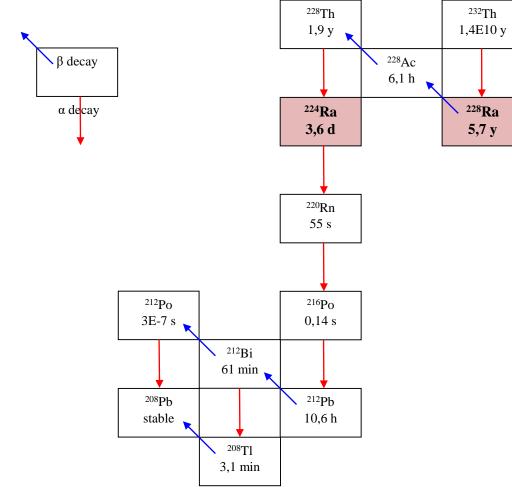
#### Radium – occurence in uranium decay chain







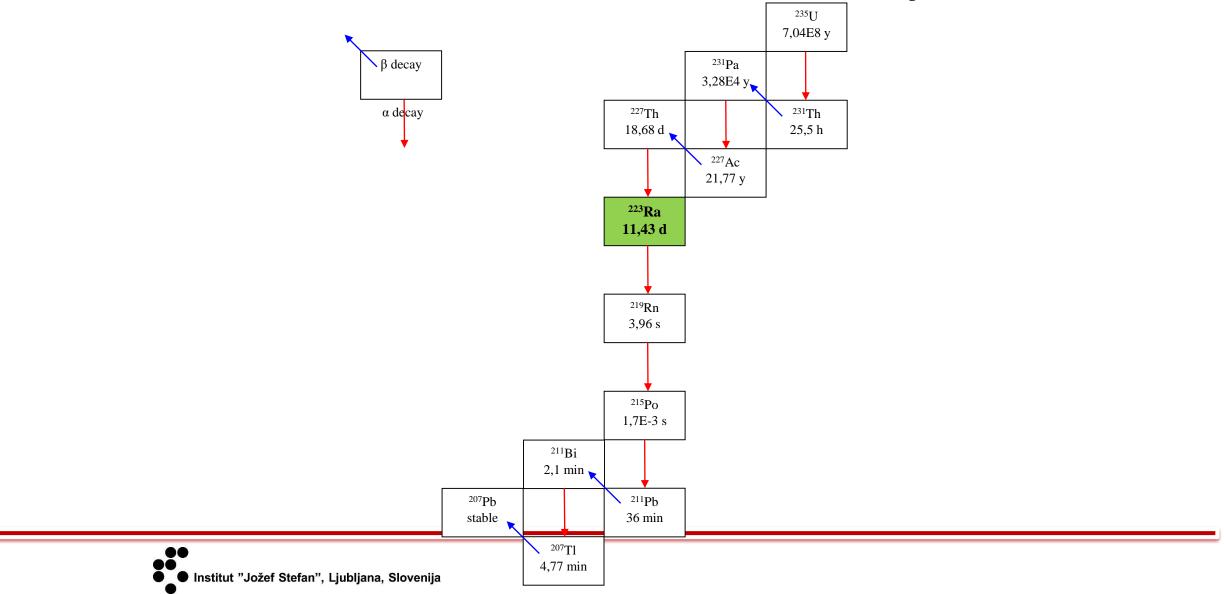
#### Radium – occurence in thorium decay chain







#### Radium – occurence in actinium decay chain







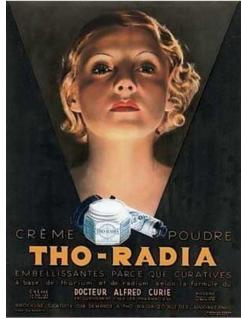
#### Radium - use

Historic
Luminescen paint



Cancer treatment (radium chloride or bromide)

#### toothpastes, powders, food additives







### **Detection of Ra-226**

• Alpha spectrometry

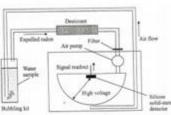


Gamma spectrometry



Radon emanation





Liquid scintillation counting







#### **Detection of Ra-228**

• Proportional counter



Gamma spectrometry

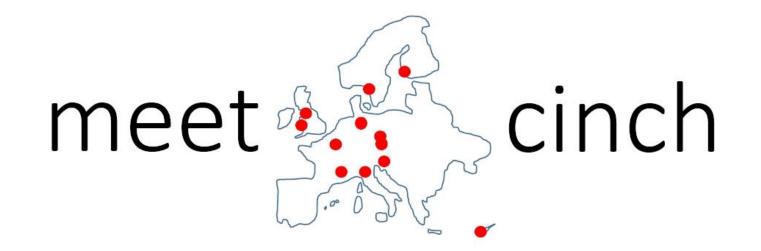


• Liquid scintillation counting









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