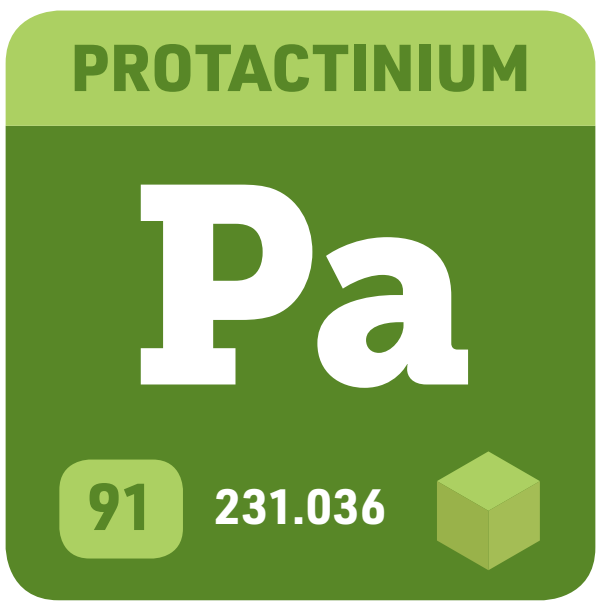
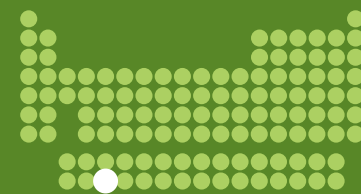


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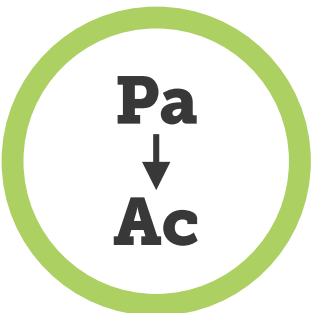
Protactinium is scarce, toxic, and highly radioactive. Consequently, it's used little outside of research.

GEOLOGICAL DATING



Protactinium-231 is used in geology for the radiometric dating of sediments which are up to 175,000 years old.

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Protactinium's name means 'precursor of actinium' – one of its radioactive decay products is actinium.