

radioactive equilibrium

Among the members of a decay chain, the state which prevails when the ratios between the activities of successive members remain constant. (This is not an equilibrium in the strict sense since radioactive decay is an irreversible process).

Source:

PAC, 1994, 66, 2513 (*Nomenclature for radioanalytical chemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 2519