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The atom is made of three particles: protons, electrons, and neutrons.



Protons are positively charged.

Electrons are negatively charged.

Neutrons are not charged.



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Determine the Locations of Subatomic Particles

Type the name of the location of each particle.

Particle	Charge	Location	~Mass	A
?	+1	?	?	
?	0	?	?	
?	-1	?	?	



Determine the Locations of Subatomic Particles

Particle	Charge	Location	Approximate mass (amu)
Proton	+1	Nucleus	1
Neutron	0	Nucleus	1
Electron	-1	Orbitals	0





What is the structure of the atom?



How do we distinguish atoms of different elements?

Atomic number



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Every atom of a given element has the same atomic number, and atomic number can be used to identify an element.

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All atoms of an element have the same atomic number, but atoms of the same element can have different mass numbers.





Mass number

Atomic number





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In a neutral atom

number of electrons = number of protons

4. 3 Distinguishing Among Atoms



Determining the Composition of an Atom

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Use the definitions of atomic number and mass number to calculate the numbers of protons, electrons, and neutrons.

Beryllium (Be)Neon (Ne)Sodium (Na)atomic number = 4atomic number = 10atomic number = 11mass number = 9mass number = 20mass number = 23Be has 4 protons, 5 neutrons, and 4 electronsNe has 10 protons, 10 neutrons, and 10 electronsNa has 11 protons, 12 neutrons, and 11 electrons



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are used by scientist as a standard way to represent elements, showing both the **atomic** and **mass numbers** [*Which is which?*]

Hydrogen has ? proton, ? neutrons, and ? electron

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mass number



atomic #

Hydrogen has 1 proton, 0 neutrons, and 1 electron



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Nitrogen has ? protons, ? neutrons, and ? electrons

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Nitrogen has 7 protons, 7 neutrons, and 7 electrons



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> 56 Fe 26

Iron has ? protons, ? neutrons, and ? electrons

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mass number

Fe 26

56

atomic #

Iron has 26 protons, 30 neutrons, and 26 electrons







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Isotopes of Neutral Atoms

- Atoms of the same element with different mass numbers.
 - Number of protons are the same
 - Number of electrons are the same
 - Number of neutrons are different

Isotope	Ζ	n	A
Sn-112	50	62	112
Sn-114	50	64	114
Sn-115	50	65	115
Sn-116	50	66	116
Sn-117	50	67	117
Sn-118	50	68	118
Sn-119	50	69	119

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Atomic Mass

Natural Percent Abundance of Stable Isotopes of Some Elements							
Name	Symbol	Natural percent abundance	Mass (amu)	Atomic mass			
	1 1 H	99.985	1.0078				
Hydrogen	$^{2}_{1}$ H	0.015	2.0141	1.0079			
	³ ₁ H	negligible	3.0160				
Holium	³ ₂ He	0.0001	3.0160	4 0000			
пенит	⁴ ₂ He	99.9999	4.0026	4.0026			
Carbon	¹² C	98.89	12.000	42.044			
Carbon	¹³ C	1.11	13.003	12.011			
	¹⁶ 0	99.759	15.995				
Oxygen	¹⁷ O	0.037	16.995	15.999			
	¹⁸ O	0.204	17.999				
Chloring	³⁵ CI	75.77	34.969	25 452			
Chiorine	³⁷ CI	24.23	36.966	33.433			



Atomic Mass



Chlorine exists as chlorine-35 and chlorine-37.

Chlorine's atomic mass on the Periodic Table is 35.453 amu. (*Notice is it not exactly in-between*.)

Which isotope is more abundant?





4. 3 Distinguishing Among Atoms

Atomic Mass

In nature there is 76% CI-35 than 24% CI-37, therefore, the atomic mass of chlorine, 35.453 amu, is closer to 35 than to 37.



Weighted Average Mass of a Chlorine Atom



Calculating Average Atomic Mass

The **average atomic mass** is the weighted average mass of all isotopes of an element.

Abundance of aluminum isotopes:

- 100% is from AI-27
- Therefore, no isotopes
- AI-26 is radioactive (not natural)





Average Atomic Mass



Abundance of silicon isotopes:

- 92.2297% is from Si-28
- 4.6832% is from Si-29
- 3.0872% is from Si-30



How do you arrive at a mass of 28.09?

The weighted average mass reflects both the mass and the relative abundance (%) of the isotopes as they occur in nature.

- Multiply the mass of each isotope by its natural abundance and add the products.
- 92.2297% (28) + 4.6832% (29) + 3.0872% (30) = **OR**

0.9223(28) + 0.0468(29) + 0.03087(30) = 28.09

25.82 + 1.36 + 0.93

14 Si Silicon 28.09

Atomic Mass



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What is the Average Atomic Mass of C-12?



Atomic Mass



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- The mass of carbon-12 is 12.000 amu; The mass of carbon-13 is 13.003 amu.
- The atomic mass of carbon is calculated as follows:
- = (12.000 amu x 0.9889) + 13.003 amu x 0.0111)
 = (11.867 amu) + (0.144 amu)
 = 12.011 amu

