

Unit 4: Introduction to Atomic Structure; Isotopes & Average Atomic Mass

See also pp. 73-80 in the text

• Structure of the Atom (what Dalton got wrong) — Part 1

– 3 Fundamental Particles:

Particle	Symbols	Charge	Mass	Location
proton	p^+ , 1_1p , 1_1H	$1+$	1.0073 amu	} Nucleus
neutron	n^0 , 1_0n	0	1.0087 amu	
electron	e^- , ${}^0_{-1}e$	$1-$	$1/1823 \text{ amu}$	– "cloud"

*amu = atomic mass unit. $1 \text{ amu} \equiv 1/12$ mass of C-12 atom. $1 \text{ g} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ amu}$

• Identity of atom: Atomic Number (Z) — Charge on nucleus

– Number of protons

- Must also be number of electrons since atoms are electrically neutral (No net charge)

- How many protons does C have? 6 electrons? 6

What about gold? Au 79, 79

Uranium? U 92, 92

• Isotopes & Mass Number

– Isotopes are different atoms of same element with different #'s of neutrons

– Mass number A = #p + #n (whole #)

- NOT avg. atomic mass (Can't tell Mass # or # Neutrons from periodic table)

– Two ways of indicating: Element-A or ${}_Z^AX$

- C-12 or ${}^{12}_6C$: # protons? 6 neutrons? 6 Atomic #? 6 Mass #? 12
- C-13 6 7 6 13
- C-14 6 8 6 14

N-14 7 7

Not an isotope of C

- Relative Isotopic Abundance & Average Atomic Mass

- Atomic mass is weighted average of the masses of all of an element's naturally occurring isotopes

- Weighted average takes into account relative percentages of each isotope

- For element, average atomic mass = $\sum_{\text{All Isotopes of Element}} \left(\text{Isotope Mass} \times \frac{\% \text{ Abundance}}{100\%} \right)$

- Example: Chlorine has two natural isotopes: Cl-35 (mass = 34.97 amu; abundance = 75.77%) and Cl-37 (36.97 amu, 24.23%):

- Notice that mass number (A) is approximately mass of that isotope

$$\text{Avg. At. Mass} = \underbrace{(34.97 \text{ amu}) \left(\frac{75.77\%}{100} \right)}_{\text{Cl-35 Contribution}} + \underbrace{(36.97 \text{ amu}) \left(\frac{24.23\%}{100} \right)}_{\text{Cl-37}}$$

$$= 26.50 \text{ amu} + 8.958 \text{ amu} = 35.46 \text{ amu}$$

- Average mass is closer (“weighted”) to more abundant isotope

- Identify the element by calculating the atomic mass from the isotopic mass and abundance:

Isotope	Mass(amu)	% Abundance	Contribution (amu)
X-20	19.9924	90.48 / 100 =	18.09
X-21	20.9938	0.27	0.057
X-22	21.9914	9.25	2.03
			<u>20.18</u>

- At. Mass = 20.18; matches atomic mass of Ne