

Atoms, Isotopes, & Ions

Parts of the Atom

	Proton (p^+)	Neutron (n^0)	Electron (e^-)
Location	Nucleus (small, massive, very high density, positive)		Outside the nucleus in orbitals (large area, very low density, negative)
Charge	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Mass	$1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ (1836 times greater than mass of electron)	$1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ (1837 times greater than mass of electron)	$9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Other info	Determines the identity of the element.	Determines different isotopes of the same element	Responsible for chemical properties of the atom

Isotopes

- **Isotopes:** Atoms with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons.
- **Atomic number (Z)** = # of protons
- **Mass number (A)** = # of protons + # of neutrons
 - # of neutrons = $A - Z$
- **Preview Info:** In a neutral atom, number of protons = number of electrons

Isotopes

- Atomic symbol: ${}^A_Z X^{\text{charge}}$ (*X* is the symbol of the element)
- Hyphen name: *name* – mass#
symbol – mass#
- Example:
– ${}^{31}_{15}P$ *Phosphorus-31 (P-31)*

Isotope Practice

	Hyphen	Atomic Number	Mass Number	p ⁺	n ⁰	e ⁻	symbol
protium	H-1	1	1	1	0	1	${}^1_1\text{H}$
deuterium	H-2	1	2	1	1	1	${}^2_1\text{H}$
tritium	H-3	1	3	1	2	1	${}^3_1\text{H}$

Isotopes

- What is the difference between mass number and atomic mass?
 - Mass number: the total number of protons and neutrons of an individual isotope (Found in the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics)
 - Atomic mass: The average mass of all stable isotopes (Found on the periodic table)
- Carbon-14 Dating:
 - When lonely carbon atoms get together at the local mall or movie theatre.
 - A method for determining the date of ancient wood or cloth on the basis of the radioactive decay of the nuclide carbon-14.

Ions

- Ion: An atom that is not neutral [protons (+) \neq electrons (-)]; it has positive or negative charge.
- Cation: A positively charged atom (a positive ion)
- Anion: A negatively charged atom (a negative ion)
- Charge = # of protons - # of electrons

IONS	Atomic Number	Mass Number	# of Protons	# of Neutrons	# of Electrons
$^{16}_8\text{O}^{2+}$	16	16	8	8	6
$^{23}_{11}\text{Na}^{1+}$	23	23	11	12	10
$^{27}_{13}\text{Al}^{3+}$	27	27	13	14	10
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